



# CCS in Australia

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# Overview

- Drivers for CCS in Australia
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage in Australia
- Towards safe CO<sub>2</sub> storage demonstration
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Demonstration
- CCS R&D funding support
- Activities CO2CRC
- Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture at CSIRO

# Drivers for CCS in Australia



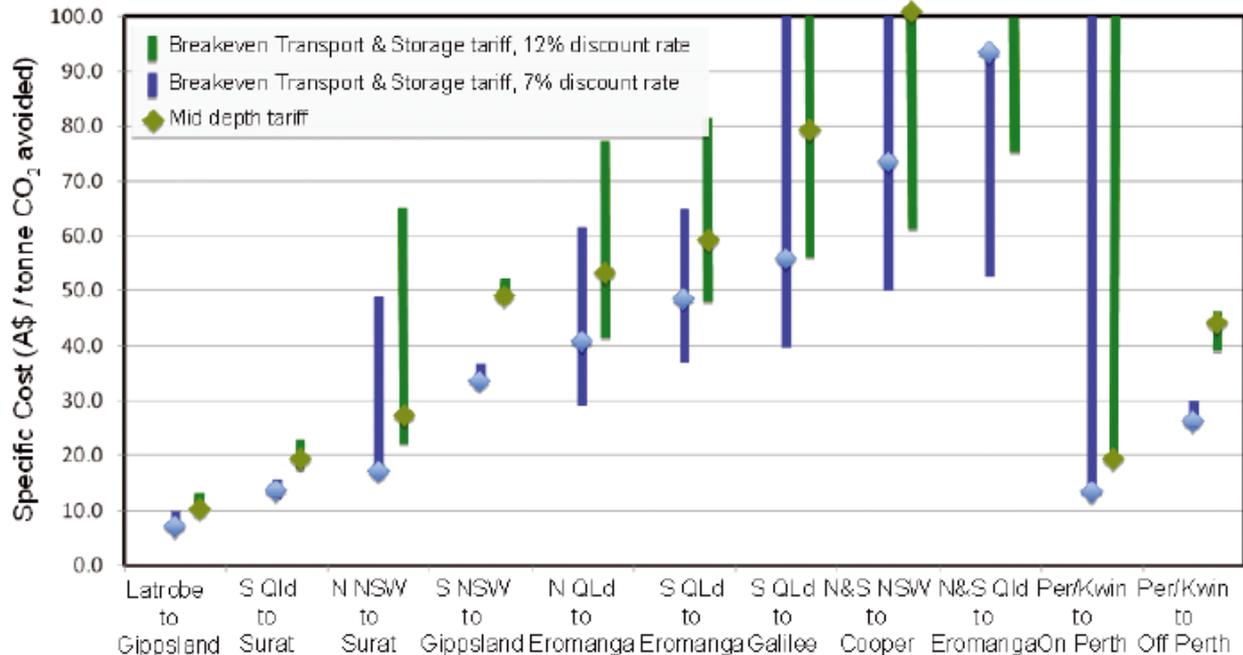
# Coal is important for Australia

- Australia is the world's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest coal exporter
- Coal is Australia's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest export earner (\$ 45B in 2010-11)
- Most of Australia's electricity is produced from pulverised coal fired boilers (52% black coal, 23% brown coal in 2009-10)
  - Generation capacity ~ 28 GW
  - Electricity production ~ 170 TWh/a
  - CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions ~ 170 Mtonne CO<sub>2</sub>/a from ~ 60 flue gas streams

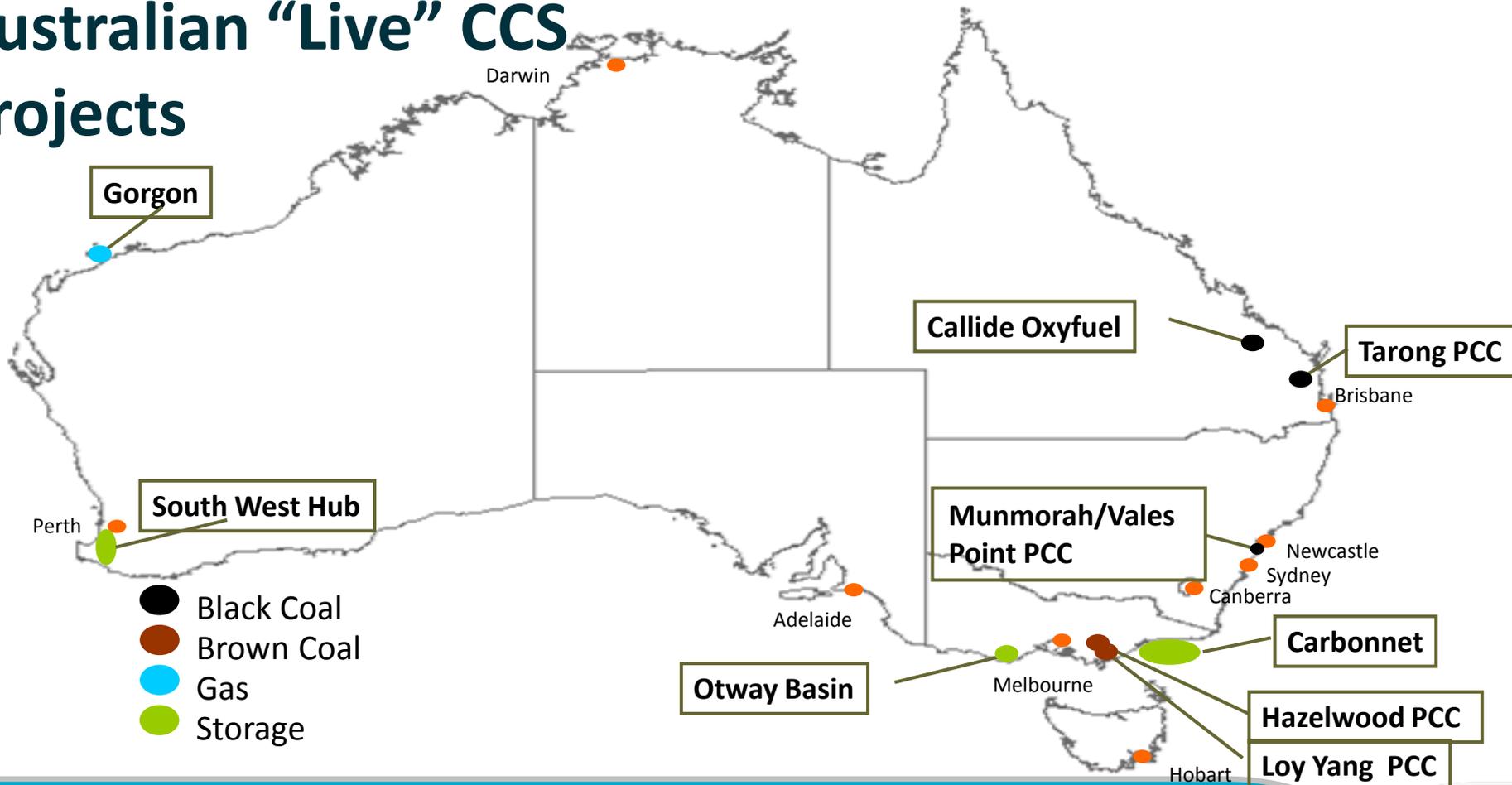


# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage (CCS) in Australia

# National Carbon Mapping and Infrastructure plan - 2009



# Australian "Live" CCS projects



# Towards safe CO<sub>2</sub> storage demonstration

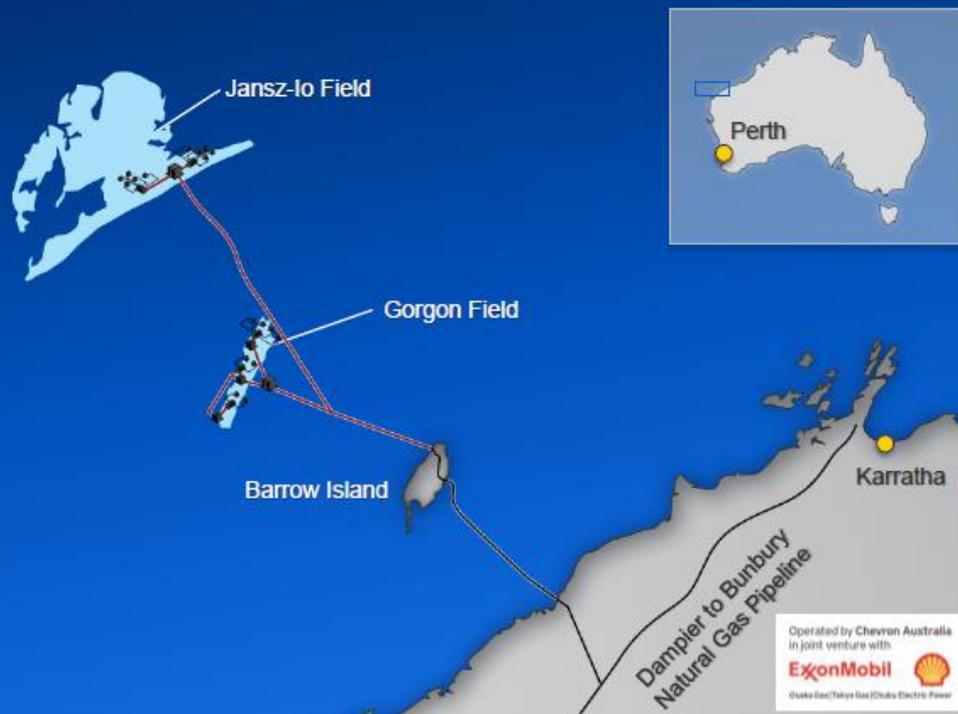
# Gorgon Project Overview



- AUD \$55 billion investment
- 3 x 5.2 MTPA LNG trains
- A domestic gas plant with capacity of 300 terajoules per day
- Carbon Dioxide Injection Project

## Joint Venture Participants

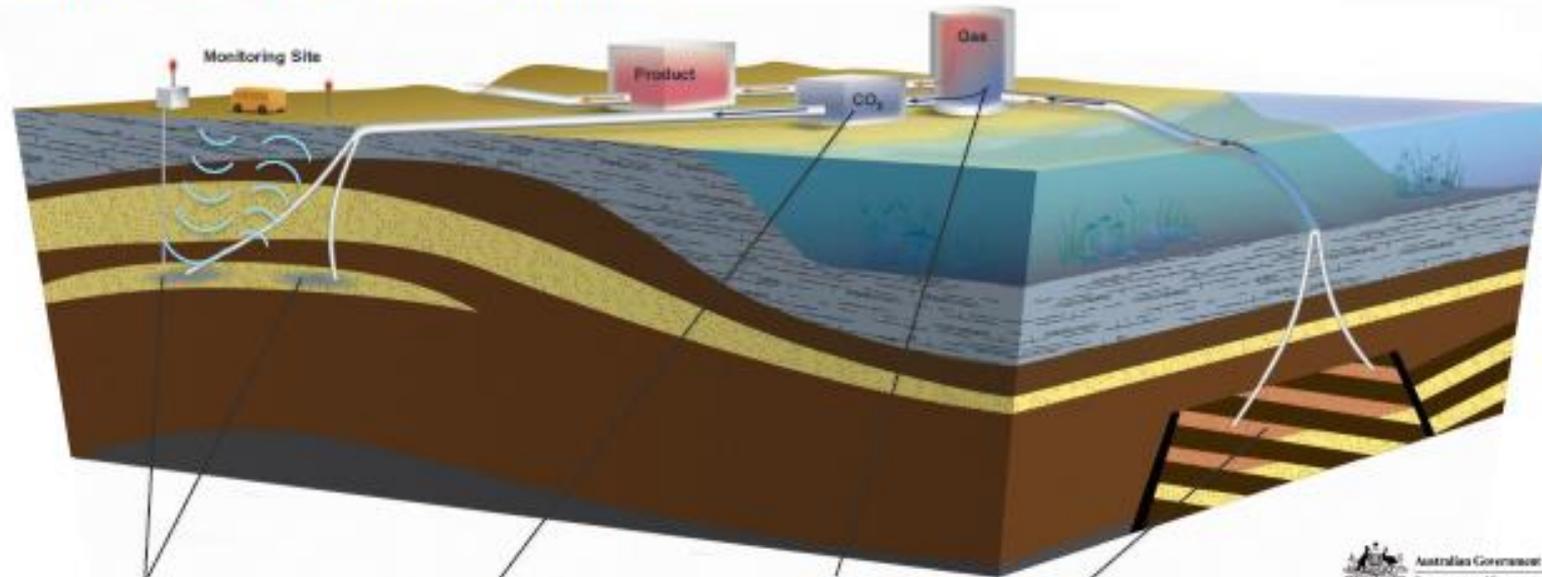
- Chevron (47.3%)
- ExxonMobil (25%)
- Shell (25%)
- Osaka Gas (1.25%)
- Tokyo Gas (1%)
- Chubu Electric Power (0.417%)



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# Chevron-operated Gorgon Project Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Injection Project

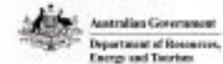


Movement of the CO<sub>2</sub> underground is monitored by repeated seismic surveys and surveillance wells.

CO<sub>2</sub> is compressed and transported by pipeline to one of three drill centres where it is injected more than 2 kilometres into the Dupuy Formation beneath Barrow Island.

Naturally occurring CO<sub>2</sub> is separated from the inlet gas.

Natural gas is fed from the reservoir to the plant

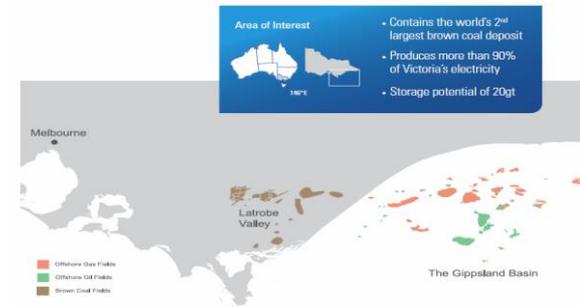
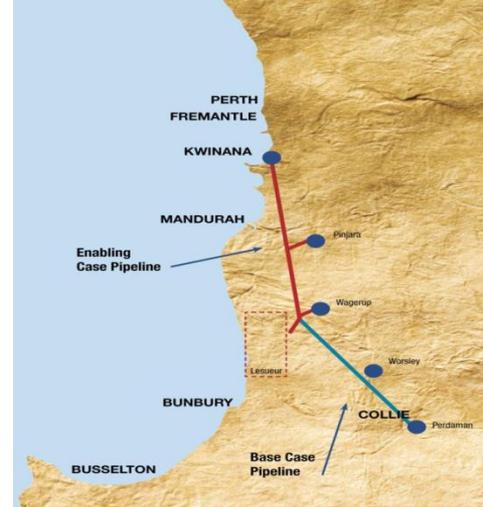


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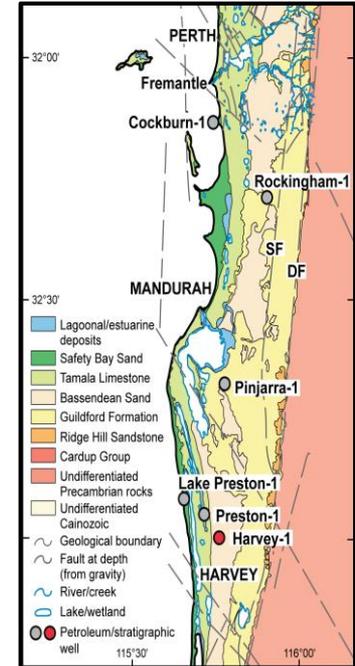
# Australian CCS Flagships

1. South West Hub project, Western Australia (from June 2011)
  2. CarbonNet project, Victoria (from February 2012)
- The initial focus on proving up geological storage at each of these locations
  - \$ 820 M investment in CCS deployment
  - \$100 M from Education Investment Fund



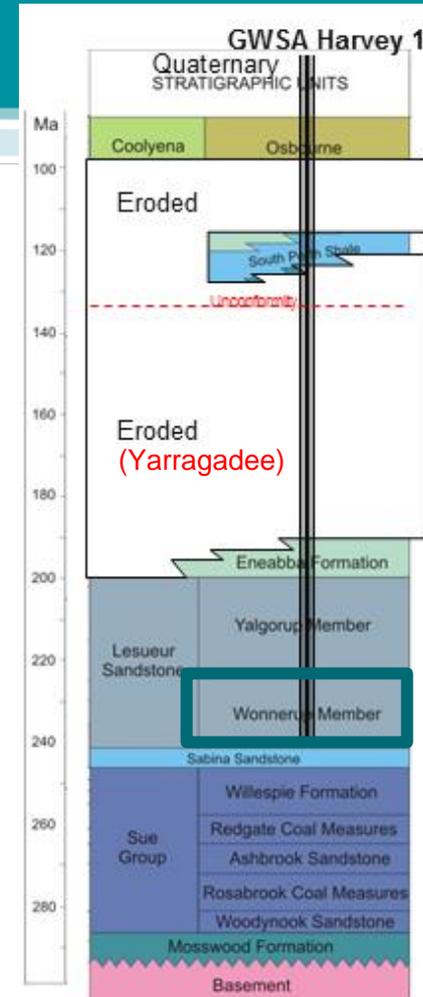
# Supporting Commercial Scale Storage

- South West Hub CCS
  - Location: 110km south of Perth, WA
  - WA DMP pre-competitive data acquisition
  - Stage gated approach
  - Greenfield site with little pre-existing data
- NGL
  - Supporting data acquisition, synthesis and interpretation for Site Characterisation
  - Deployment of dedicated equipment



# SWH Site Characterisation

- Harvey-1 (2012)
  - Drilled to 2945m, 217 m cored intervals, logs etc
  - R&D Project outcomes on ANLEC R&D website
- Harvey-2, -3 & -4 drilling now (2015)
  - Shallow wells, 2 are mineral rigs, with continuous core through confining layers
- Harvey-5 (late 2015/early 2016)
  - Deeper well to characterise target injection interval in different fault block
- Seismic Activities
  - 2D survey on roads (2011); 2D shallow survey (2013); 3D survey over 115km<sup>2</sup> (2014); nested high resolution survey (2015)
- Future activities
  - Data integration across the area and updated models
  - Testing, testing.....!



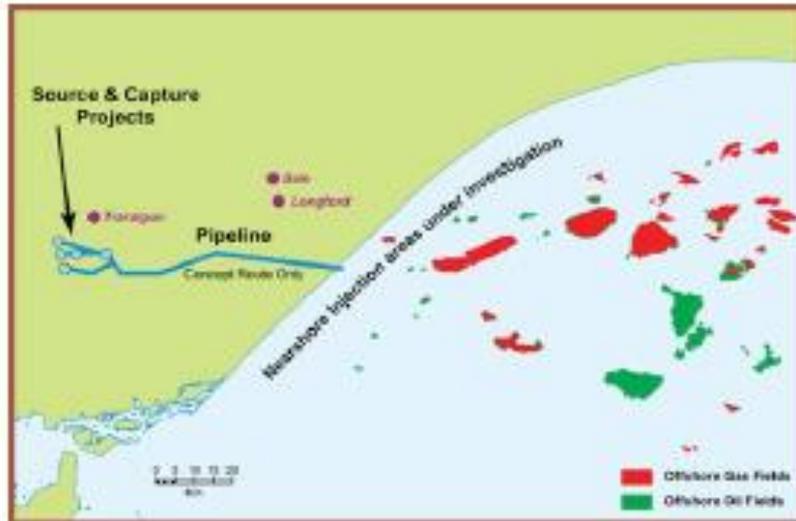
# NGL Facilities

- **Organic and inorganic geochemistry laboratories**
- **Sensors laboratory**
- **Rock mechanics, including petrophysics, core flooding and computer tomography**
- **CO<sub>2</sub> processing and sequestration laboratory (UWA)**
- **Mobile (containerised) geophysical and geochemical laboratories**
- **3D immersive visualisation**
- **Surface and down-hole seismic sources**
- **Seismic recording and geophysical data acquisition**
- **Environmental (shallow groundwater, soil and atmospheric) monitoring**
- **Calibration and training facilities, including a 900m borehole (Curtin)**
- **“In situ” laboratory (SWH)**



# The CarbonNet Project

- Investigating the potential for a commercial-scale, multi-user CCS network in Gippsland, Victoria, Australia
- Funded by the Australian Government & the State of Victoria
- Capturing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industrial sources and injecting it for storage in rock formations deep below the sea bed
- Working collaboratively with industry



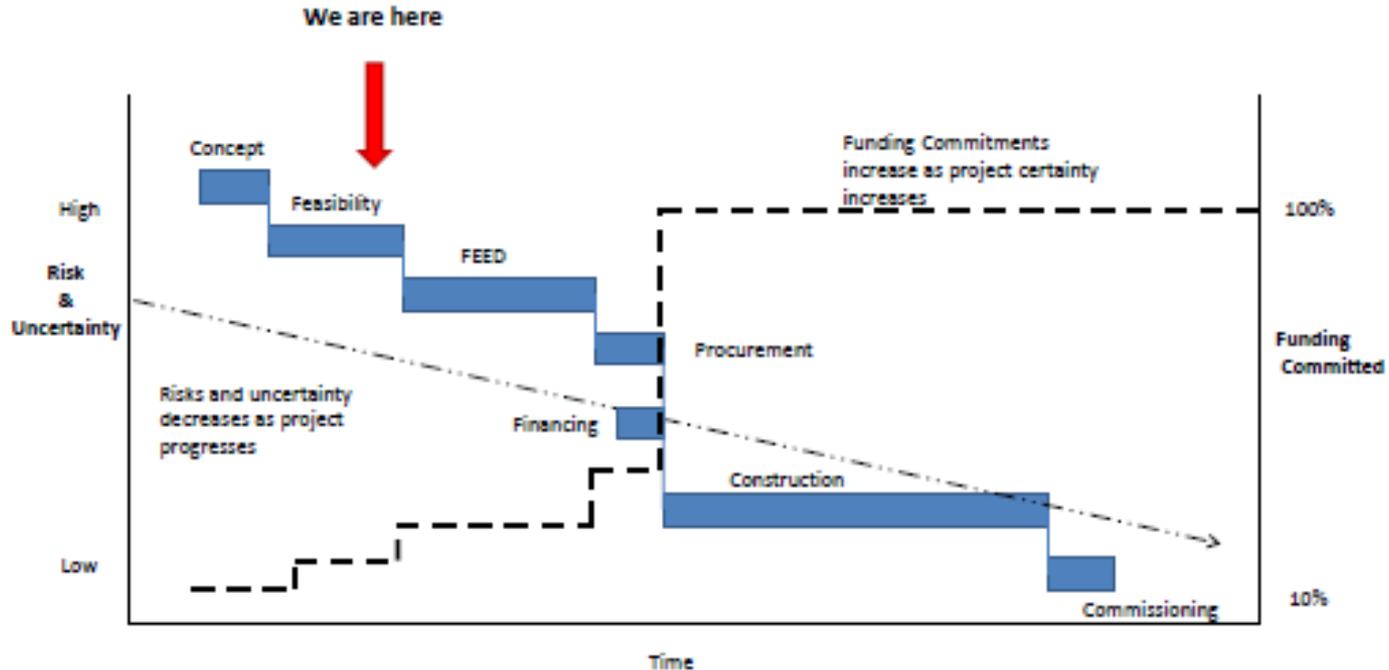
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# The CarbonNet Project

- Provide scalable infrastructure to underpin growth and development of a commercial scale CCS network
  - Foundation project: 1 to 5 mt of CO<sub>2</sub> pa for 25 years
  - Expansion phase: up to 20 mt of CO<sub>2</sub> pa
- Common user pipeline and storage infrastructure
  - Hub based concept
- Minimise conflicts with petroleum activities
  - Foundation storage sites focused on near shore zone
  - Over the longer term there is potential to use depleted oil and gas fields as production ceases

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# A gated approach



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# CTSCo's Surat Basin integrated CCS project

Surat Basin has significant potential

However, part of the Great Artesian Basin



Source: Queensland Government GHG Storage Atlas 2009

- Almost 3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> theoretical storage potential
- Precipice Sandstone accounts for 1.3 billion tonnes of theoretical storage potential
- Identified as a key geostorage area under the 2009 National Carbon Storage Taskforce report and the Qld Govt GHG Storage Atlas
- Coal fired power stations closer to Surat Basin

1. Known geology for trial injection of CO<sub>2</sub> at 60 ktpa for three years to permit the option of 120ktpa injection for many years after that
2. Deploys currently available, 'industrially scalable' modular PCC technology to minimise technology risk – several choices available
3. Industry funded (ACALET) Glencore hosted project
4. Test injection on Glencore land with no overlapping CSG rights delivers lower social licence risk
5. Sensitive Social Licence environment
6. Supportive Greenhouse Gas legislation in Queensland



Alan Dumeé, Perth, Feb 2015



# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Demonstration

# Callide Oxyfuel Project

- 30 MW<sub>e</sub> Oxyfuel boiler,
- 2 x 330 TPD ASU's
- 75 TPD CO<sub>2</sub> Capture
- CAPEX \$180M; OPEX \$65M

1. > 10,000 hours overall boiler operation
2. > 7,500 hours of actual oxy-firing operation
3. > 3,700 hours of CO<sub>2</sub> capture plant operation
4. Demonstrated sustained operation under oxy-firing conditions
5. Demonstrated boiler turn-down to 50% Load Factor
6. Demonstrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture rates > 85%
7. Demonstrated high purity of CO<sub>2</sub> product



Oxy-firing  
flame

Chris Spero – National CCS Conference 2014

# CCS R&D funding support

# R&D Funding organisations

## ➤ ANLEC R&D - \$150 M



- Accelerate the technology development cycle by making accessible the knowledge and skills that reduce the risk and/or cost of developing and deploying Low Emissions Coal Technology (LECT) in Australia.
- 50/50 Commonwealth – Coal Industry
- Targeted research - Alternatives/Fundamentals (\$ 35 M)

## ➤ Brown Coal Innovation - \$16 M R&D funding

- Developing research, technologies and people to reduce the environmental impact - and deliver social and economic benefits - from sustainable use of brown coal
- Membership based organisation including international members



# Activities CO<sub>2</sub>CRC

# CO2CRC: one of the world's leading CCS research organisations

- R&D across the CCS value chain
- Brings industry sectors together (coal, gas, power, etc) to provide an exceptional stakeholder base
- Brings together Commonwealth, States, local government and the community in the Otway Project
- Includes major research institutions - CSIRO, Geoscience Australia, Universities, major overseas institutions eg. LBNL( USA) , KIGAM(Korea)
- Over 150 leading researchers in CCS
- Broad international perspective and experience
- Successful track record in running major CCS facilities

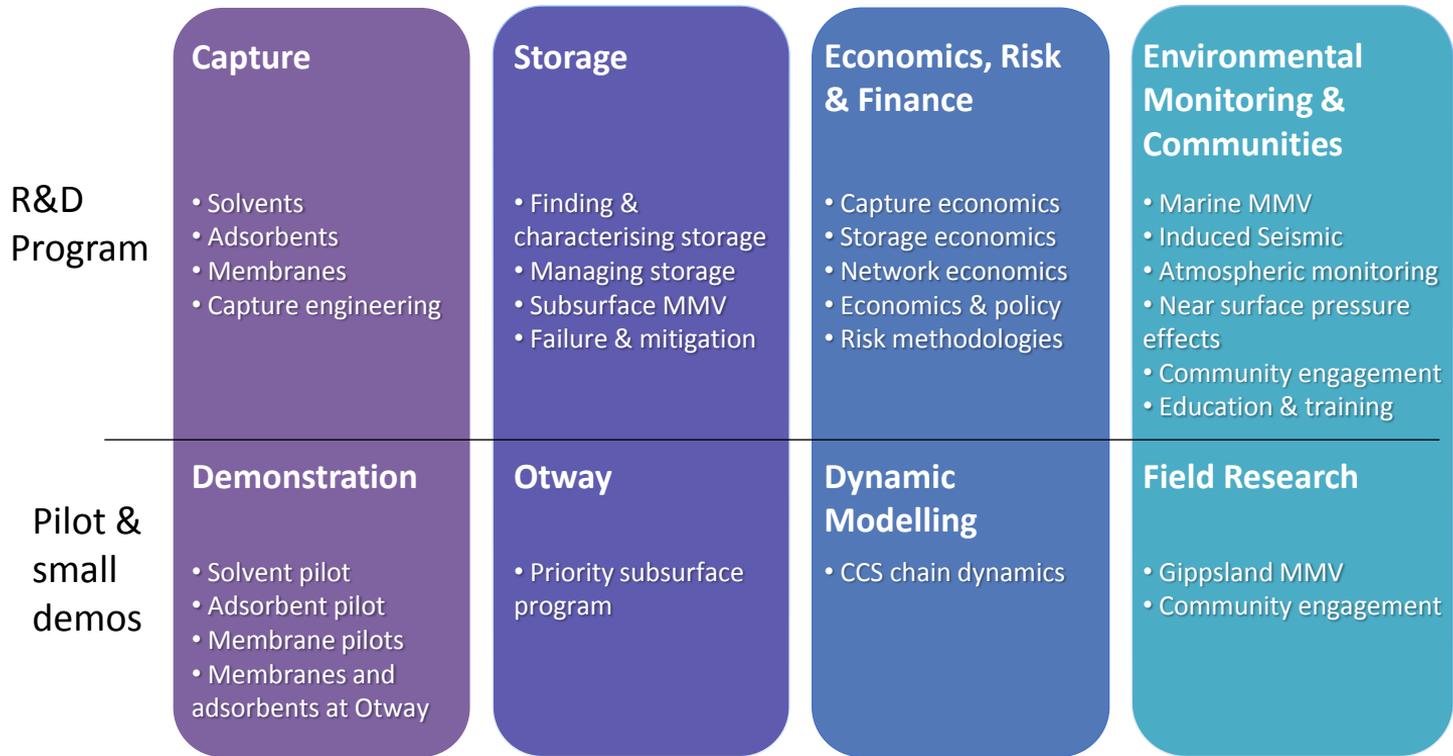
# Participants



## Supporting Partners



# CO2CRC research portfolio



# CO2CRC Otway Project

The CO2CRC Otway Project is Australia's first demonstration of the deep geological storage or geosequestration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the most common greenhouse gas.

- Stored over 65,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>
- World first residual trapping study



Slides from Dianne Wiley/Matthias Raab

# CO2CRC Storage Research Highlights

## Exceptional Datasets

- Atmospheric (continuous monitoring)
- Soil Gas
- Seismic
- Reservoir fluids



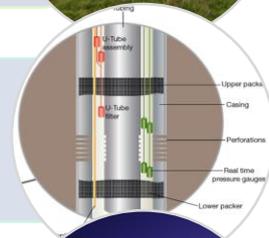
## Field Validation

- Validation of models in actual field tests
- Fully permitted and operational site
- Availability of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Globally unique advantage



## Developing Novel & Innovative Concepts & Technology

- Single Well Test for reservoir characterisation
- Several generations of U-Tube systems deployed
- Innovative well instrumentation



## First of its kind experiments

- First CO<sub>2</sub> storage demonstration project in Australia
- Reducing risk and uncertainty
- Advising regulators and project proponents in Australia and world wide
- A go-to project



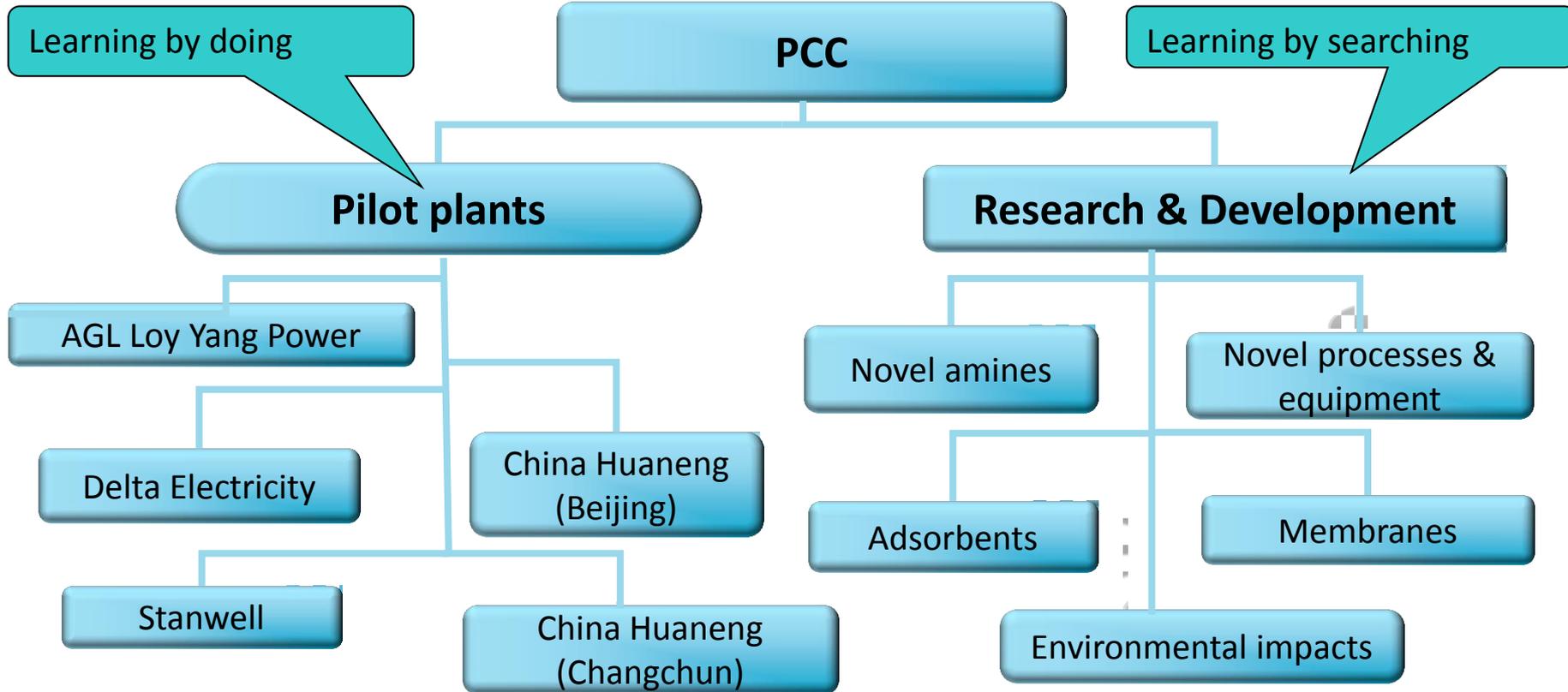
# CO<sub>2</sub>CRC Capture Research Achievements

- Post-combustion field facilities for solvents, adsorbents and membranes.
- Patented potassium carbonate solvent.
- Testing of nanofiltration and electrodialysis for heat stable salt removal.
- Patented pelletization technique for PEI adsorbents.
- Identified trapdoor mechanisms of chabazite adsorbent for CH<sub>4</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> separation.
- Rapid screening and process cycle tools for adsorbents.
- Patented flat sheet CAP gas membrane fabrication process.
- Fabrication and testing of high performance hollow fibres for post-combustion capture.
- Fabrication of inorganic metal oxide silica membrane for CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub> separation.

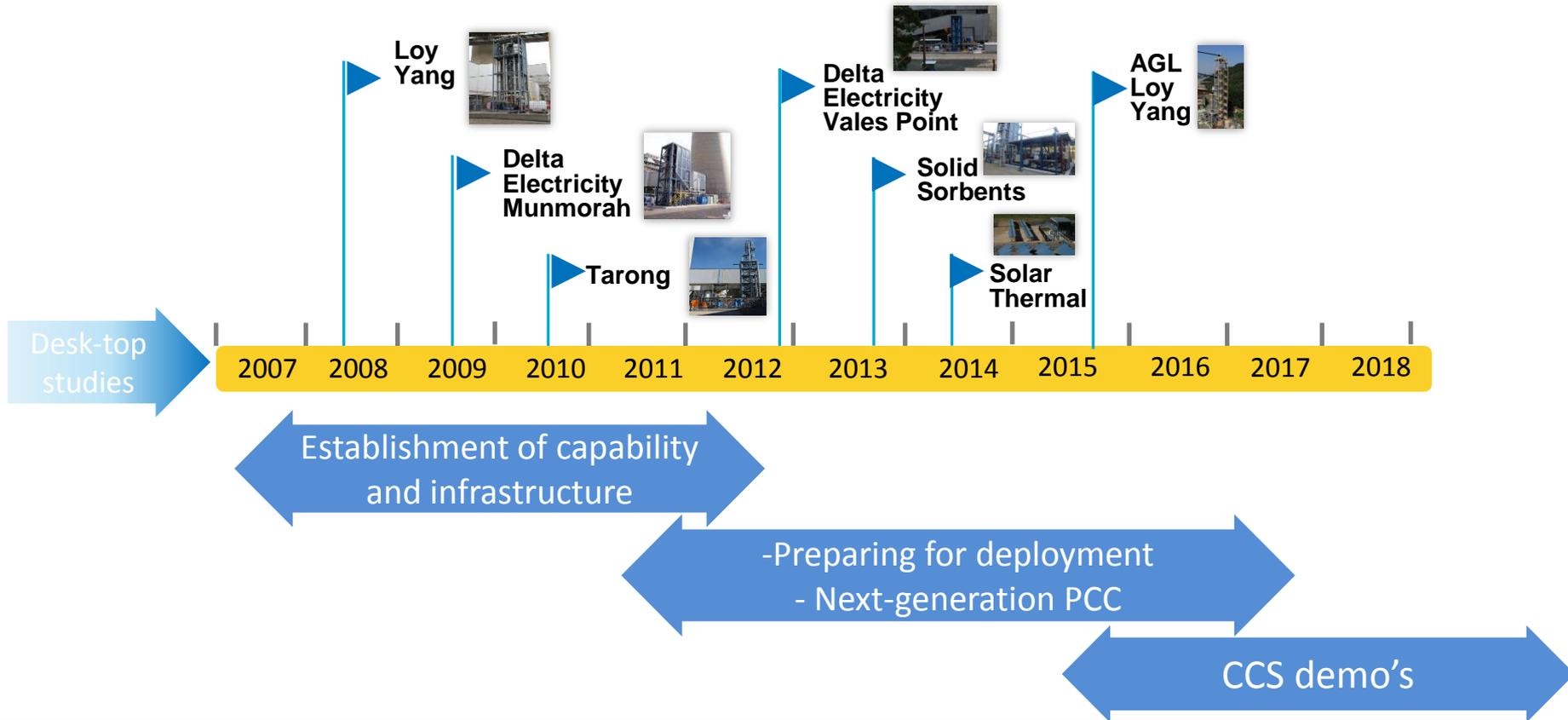


# Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture at CSIRO

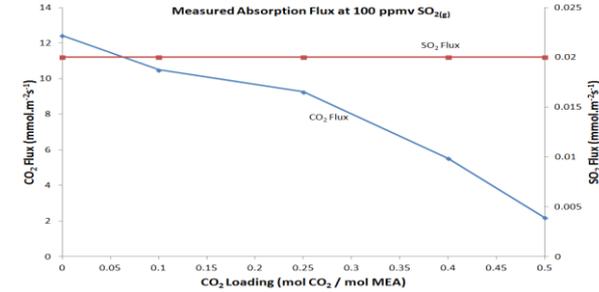
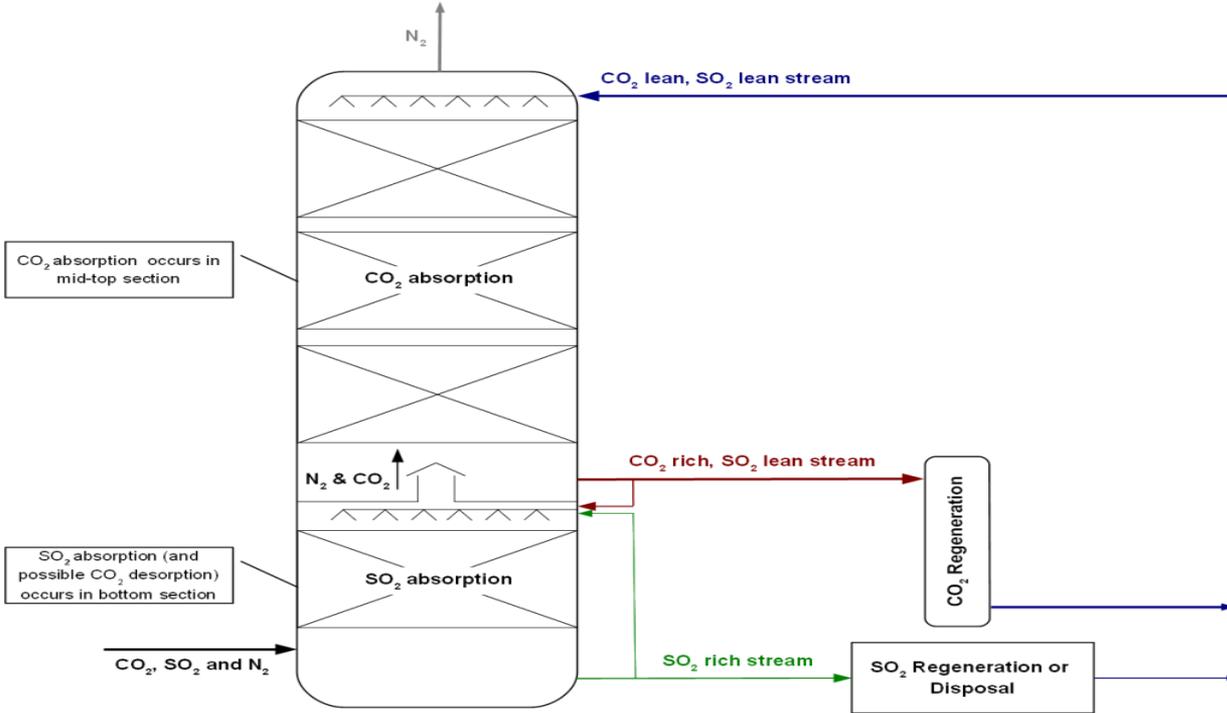
# CSIRO's PCC program 2014



# Piloting PCC Technologies in Australia



# Integrated Single Stream SO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> Capture (Dr. Erik Meuleman)



Puxty *et al.*, 2012, WO2012\_097406

# Rotating Liquid Sheet contactor (Dr. Leigh Wardhaugh)

## Basic principles

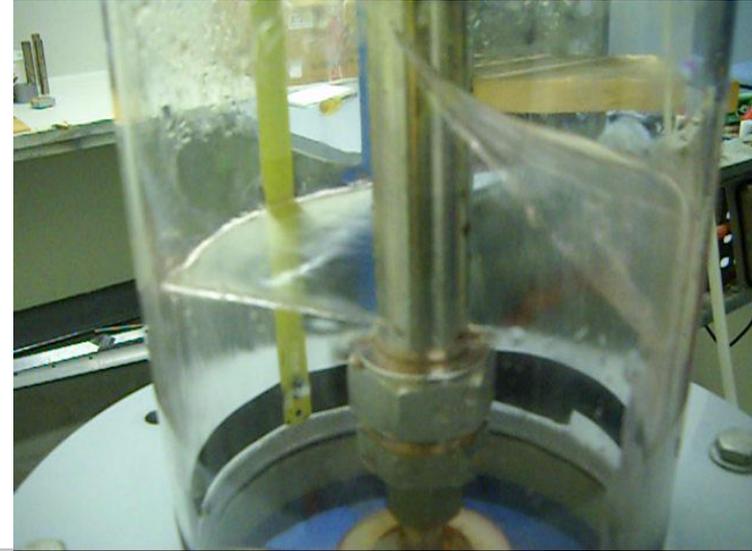
- Surface area of stabilized liquid sheet greater than that resulting droplets.
- Rotating liquid surface proven experimentally to pump gas .
- Centrifugal + liquid pumping force creates interfacial area.

## Advantages

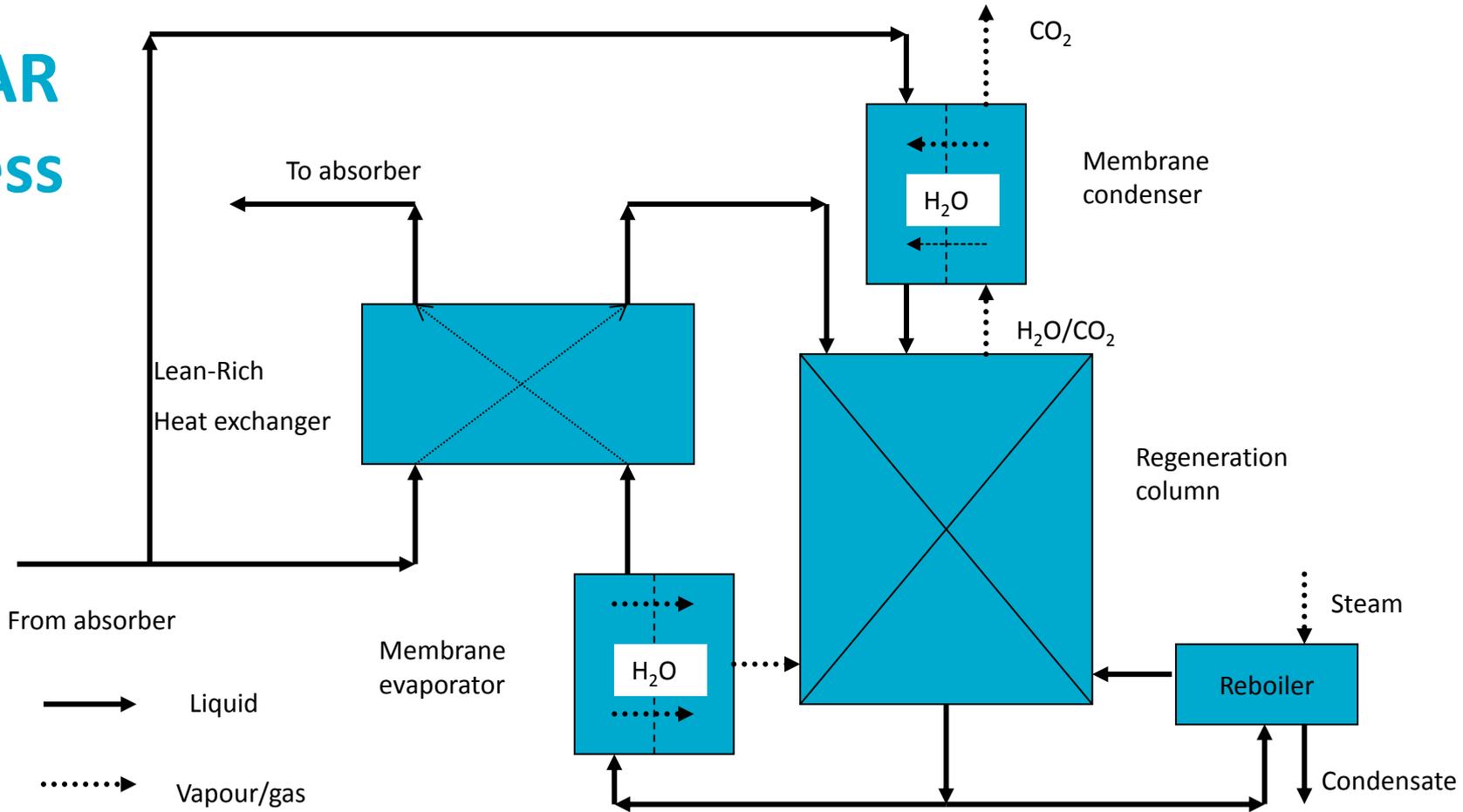
- Higher gas velocities possible.
- Liquid entrainment significantly reduced
- Suitable for viscous solvents

## Challenges

- Scale-up to commercial scale
- Liquid residence time low



# MALAR Process



# Emission issues addressed via integrated approach (Dr. Merched Azzi)

## 1. Formation of potentially harmful components

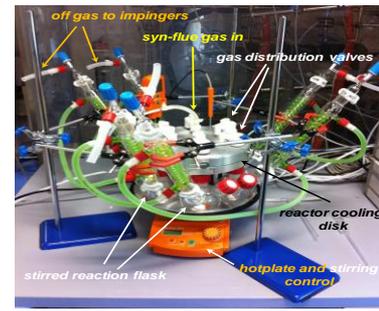
- Absorbent degradation in absorber
- Absorbent degradation in desorber

## 2. Emission analysis

- Estimation of concentrations using process models
- Actual measurements in pilot plants

## 3. Dispersion

- Smog chamber to investigate atmospheric degradation
- Updating dispersion models with atmospheric chemistry





# Key research and engagement partners in PCC



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Positioning brown coal for a brighter future



MONASH University



Zhejiang University

# Thank you

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