

What it All Means: CO₂-EOR Greenhouse Gas Life-Cycle Analysis of 22 Years of Class II UIC Field Operations and Monitoring



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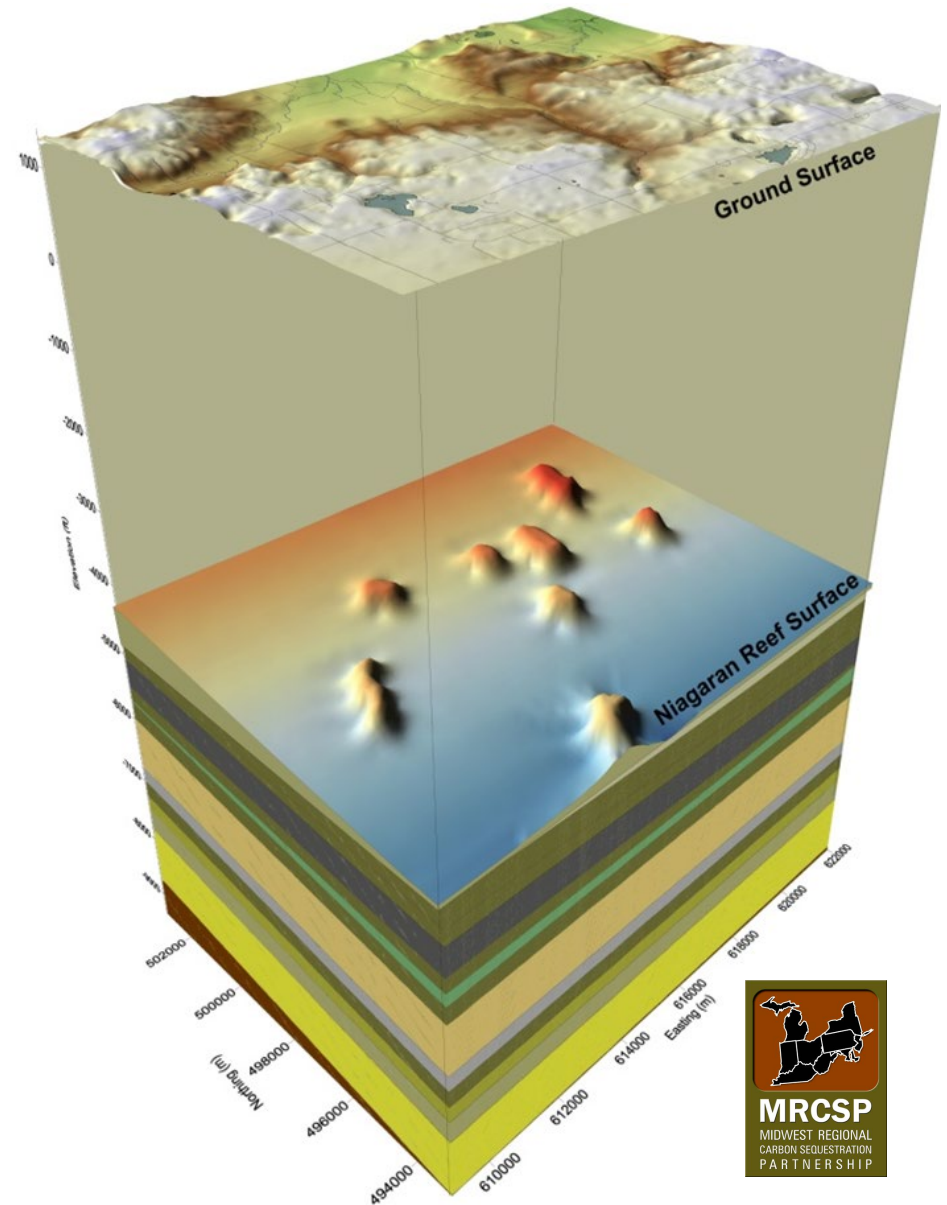
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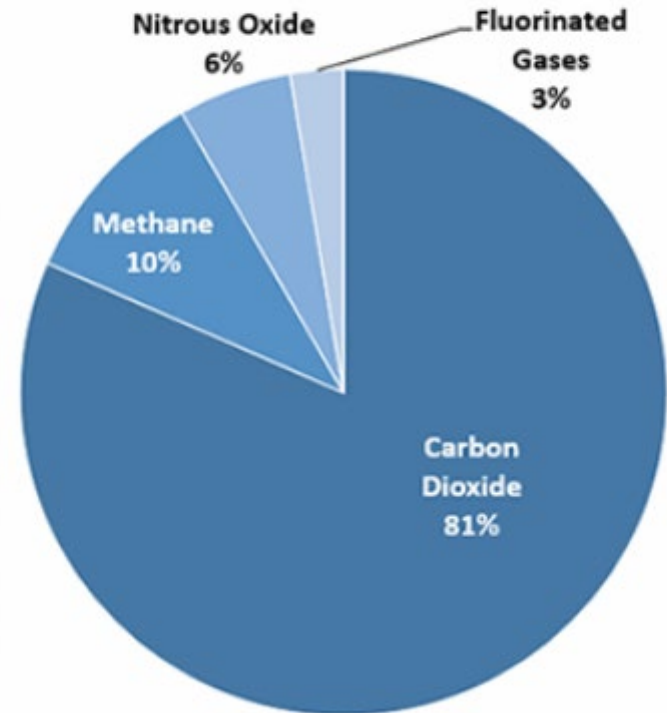
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1. Background

- Life cycle analysis for greenhouse gas emissions accounts for all emissions generated for a process.
- Emissions expressed as CO₂ equivalent (**kg CO₂e**).
- Combustion of fuel products from 1 barrel (42 gallon) of oil has ~430 kg CO₂e/bbl emission factor.
- LCA helps understand the net benefit of carbon capture and storage projects.

U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2016



**6,511 Million Metric tons
of CO₂ Equivalent**

USEPA- Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990–2016.
<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/overview-greenhouse-gases>

2. Carbon Storage LCA Objectives

- How much greenhouse gas emissions were emitted through Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage operations?
 - capture, compression, pipeline transport, drilling, injection fugitive emissions, embodied emissions, etc.
- How CO₂ much was left in the ground?
- What is the net carbon balance?

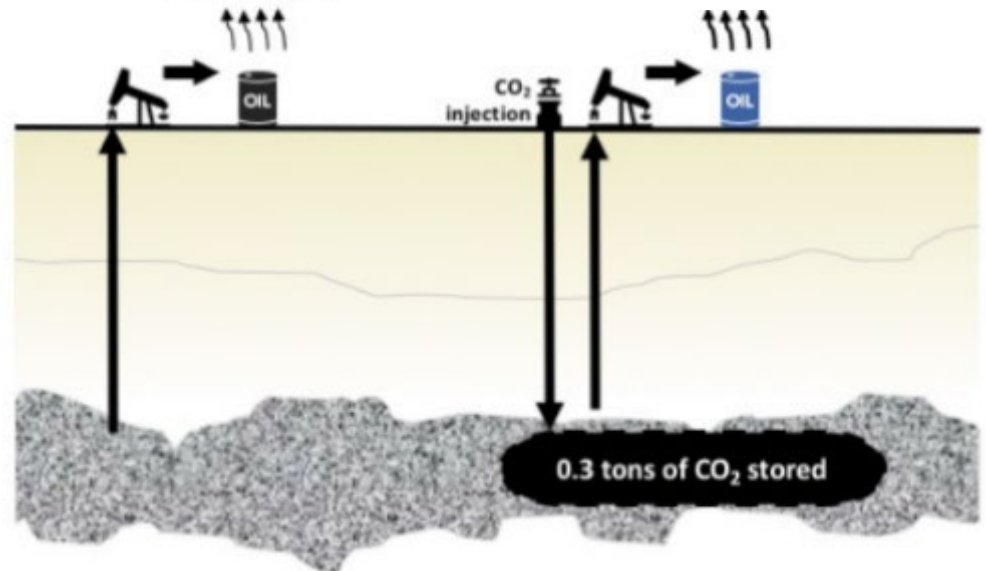
Example: CO₂ EOR GHG Emissions

Conventional oil production emits 0.51 tons of CO₂ per barrel

Enhanced Oil Recovery emits 0.54 tons per barrel. But, it also stores 0.30 metric tons of CO₂ underground. Thus, net emissions are 0.24 tons per barrel.

0.51 tons CO₂

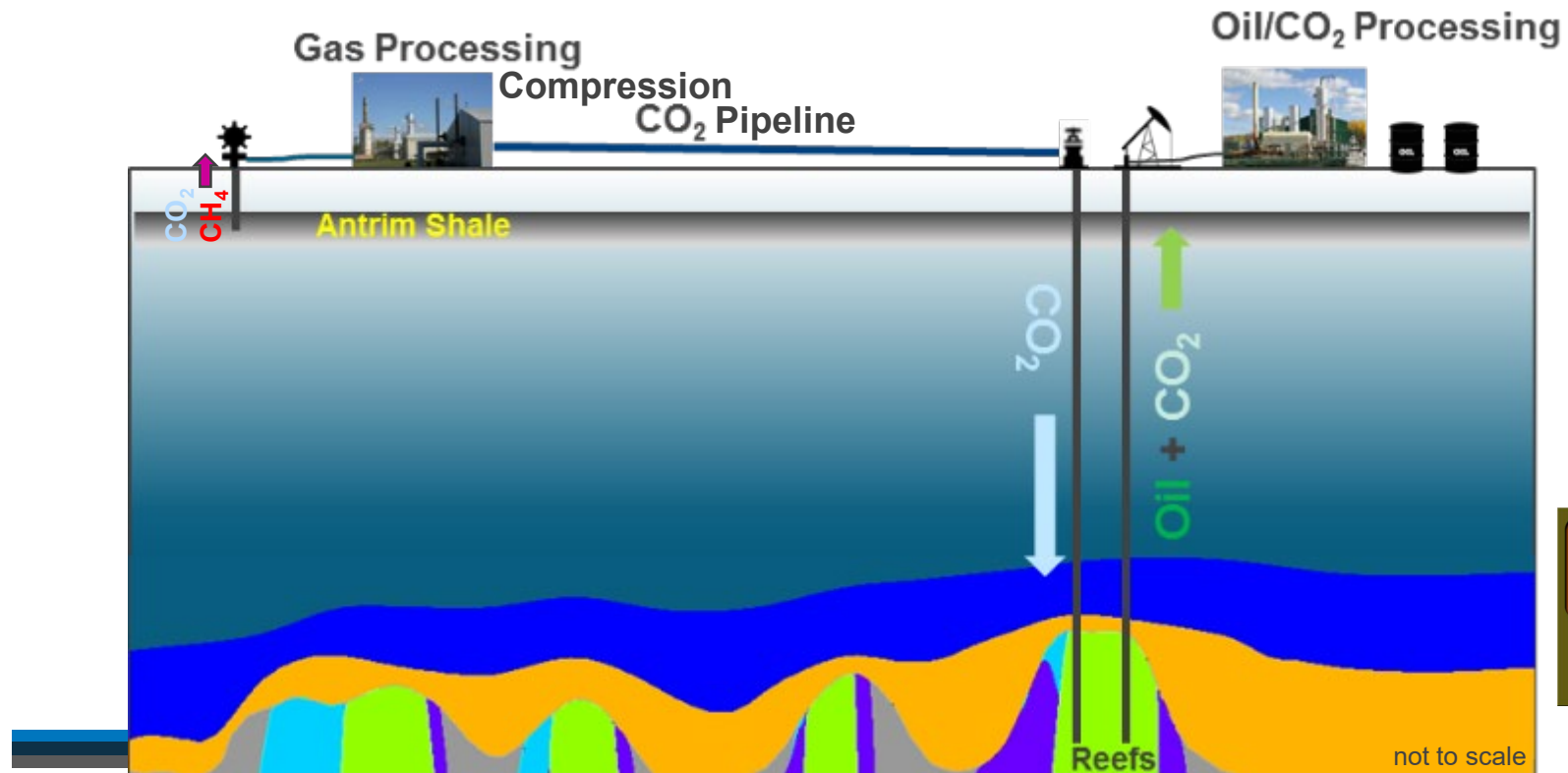
**0.54 – 0.30 =
net 0.24 tons CO₂**



Nagabhushan and Waltzer, 2016, The emission reduction benefits of carbon capture utilization and Storage using CO₂ EOR, clean air task force fact sheet.

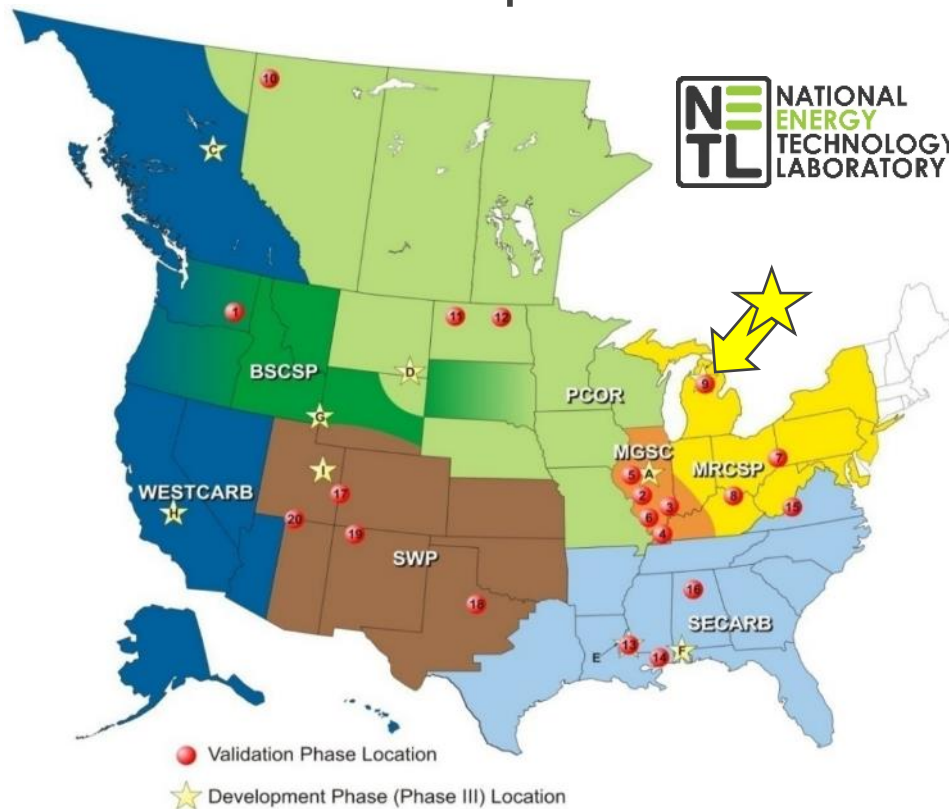
2. MRCSP Carbon Storage LCA Objectives

- Bottom-up analysis to determine the net greenhouse gas emission footprint of CO₂ EOR for this specific operation.
- Base on site specific data on CO₂ metering, fuel, electricity, construction/wells, fugitive emissions.

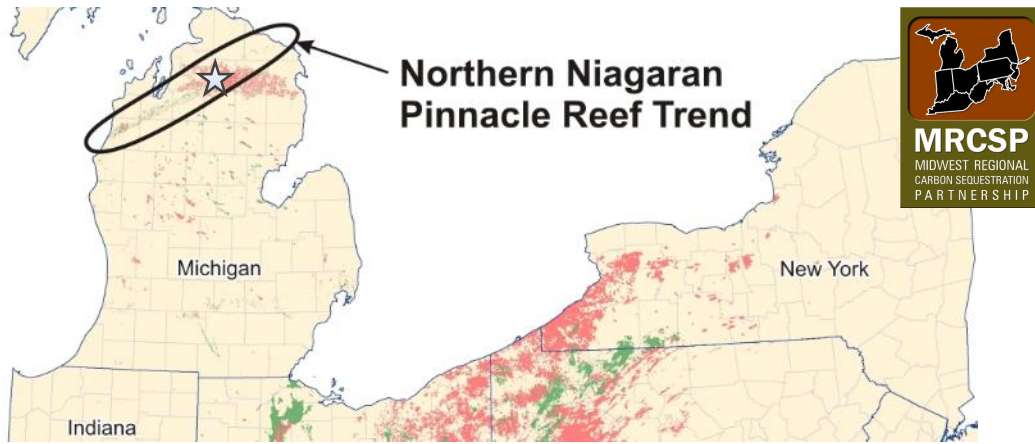


3. Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership Phase III Demonstration

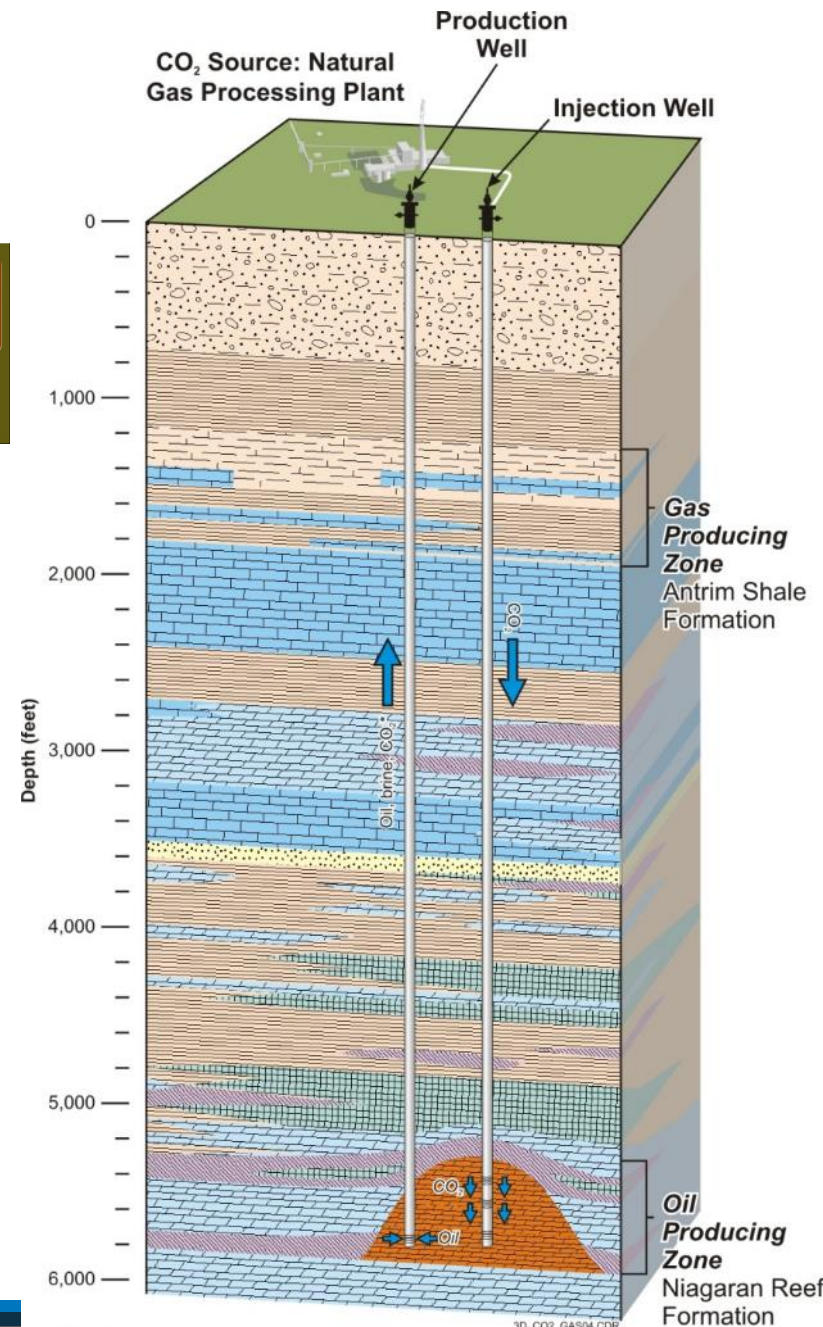
Primary goal: To execute a large-scale scale CO₂ injection test to evaluate best practices and technologies required to implement carbon sequestration.



3. MRCSP Phase III Large Scale CCUS Demonstration



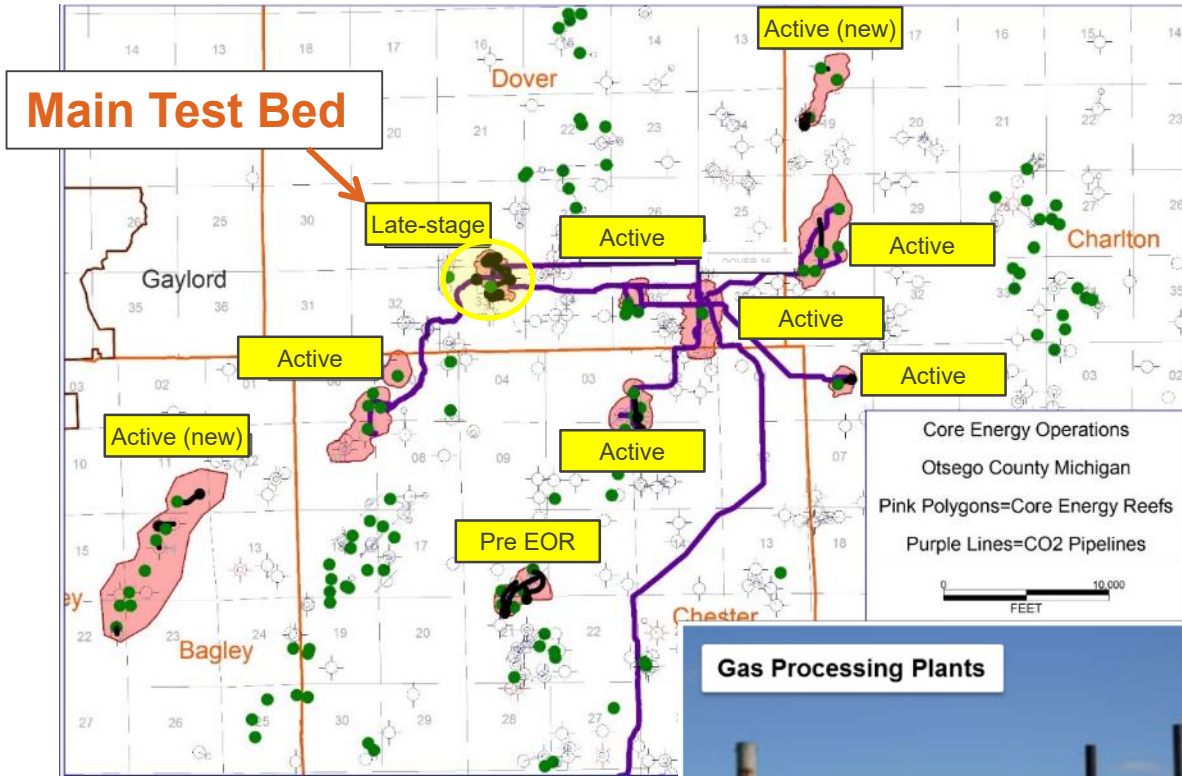
- **Location:** Otsego County, Michigan
- **Source of CO₂:** Local Natural Gas Processing Plant (Antrim Shale Gas ~15% CO₂ content)
- **Reservoir Type:** Closely-spaced, highly compartmentalized oil & gas fields located in the Northern Michigan's Niagaran Reef Trend
- **Injection Goal:** 1,000,000 metric tons (U.S. emissions per person = 15-20 metric tons per year)



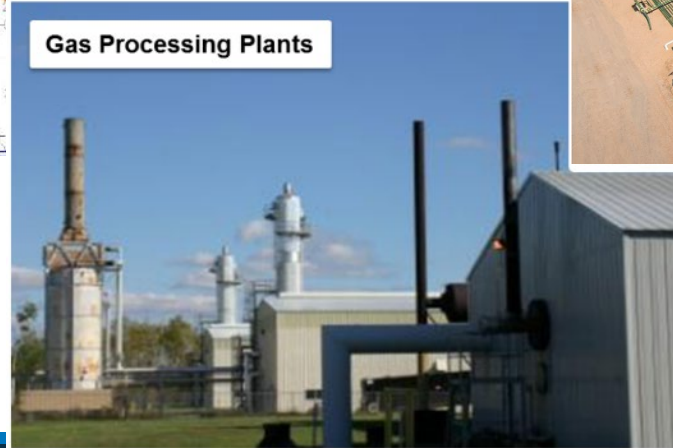
NOTES:
*CO₂ PRODUCED WITH OIL IS RECYCLED BACK INTO REEF.
ALL LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.

NOT TO SCALE

3. The MRCSP site included 10 reefs in different stages of the oil production life cycle

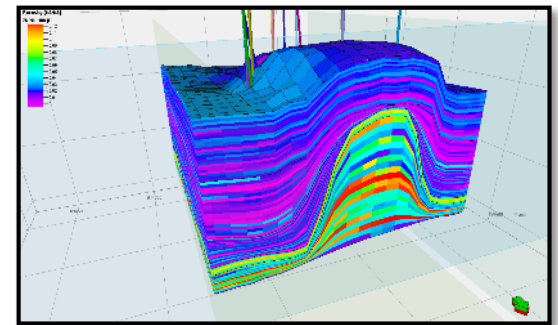
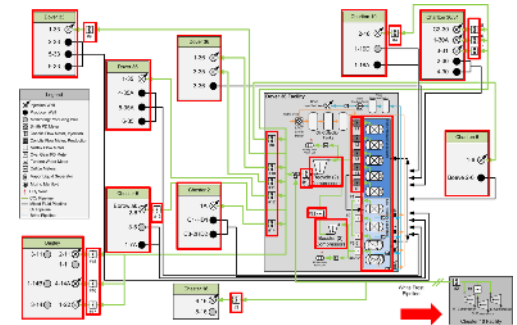


Natural gas processing is the source of the CO₂ →



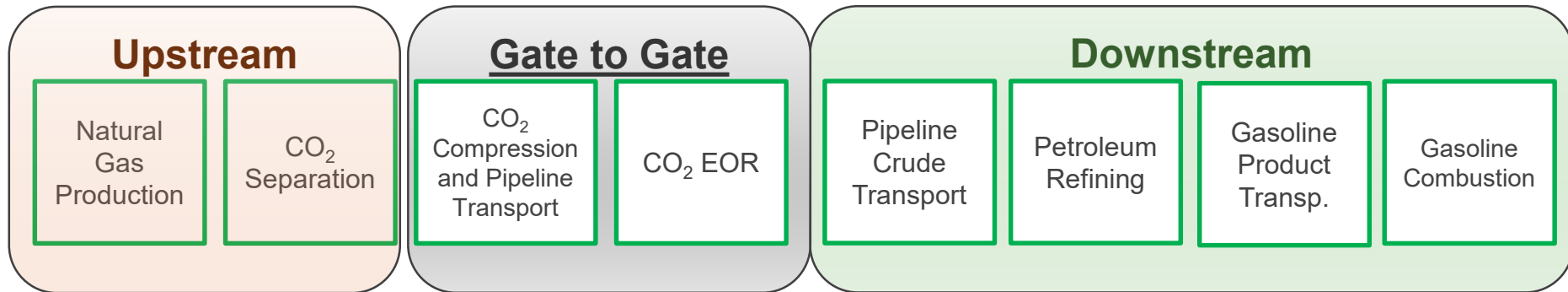
4. Integration with UIC

- CO₂ injection wells were permitted through USEPA Class II regulations Region 5/Michigan EGLE (more than 10 Class II wells over 22 years).
- EPA Monitoring Reporting & Verification plan prepared for CO₂ accounting and metering for 45Q credits (monitoring, leakage, mass balance calculations).
- EPA Greenhouse Gas Report, subpart W, calculations for petroleum and natural gas systems fixed systems.
- EPA Greenhouse Gas Report, subpart C, General Stationary Fuel Combustion.



5. LCA: Establishing Boundary Conditions

- CO₂ EOR is part of a bigger hydrocarbon life cycle, including upstream, gate to gate, and downstream components (i.e. “Cradle to Grave.”)
- This analysis focused on **Gate to Gate** portion of LCA.
- Time Period = 1996-2017.



5. LCA: Establishing Boundary Conditions

UPSTREAM



Methane + CO₂

Chester 10 Gas Processing CO₂ Capture

Methane to market



Chester 10 CO₂ Compression

White Frost CO₂ Pipeline



GATE to GATE

Dover 36 Hydrocarbon Processing Facility



Oil/CO₂ separation, Dehydration, Compression



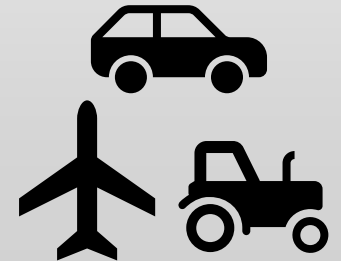
Produced Water

Oil



DOWNSTREAM

Transport
Refining
POS Transport
Combustion



Niagaran Reefs

Injection-Production

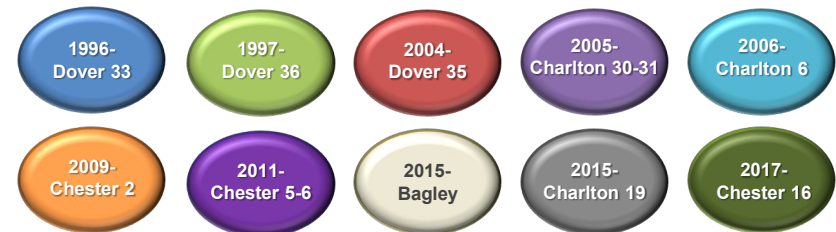
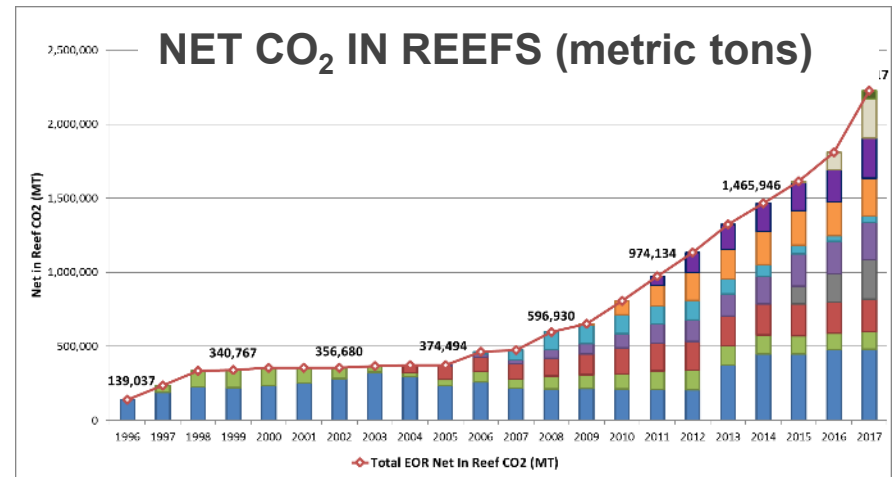
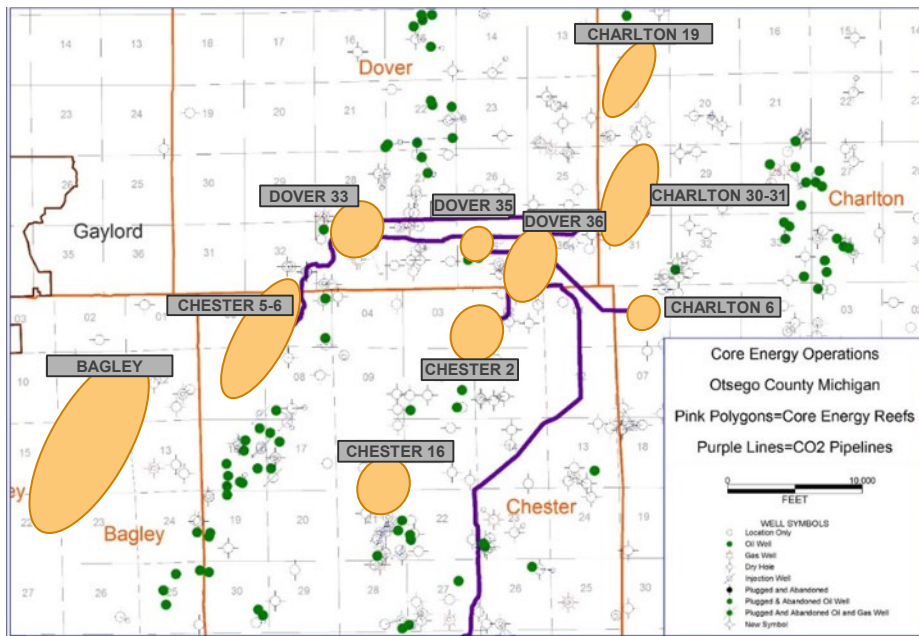


5. Life Cycle Assessment of CO₂-EOR

- Niagaran Reefs CO₂ EOR operations in place since 1996.
- CO₂ EOR expanded to 10 reefs over ~22 years.
- 2.2 million metric tons net CO₂ in reefs thru 2018.
- 2.3 million barrels oil produced (294,326 metric tons).

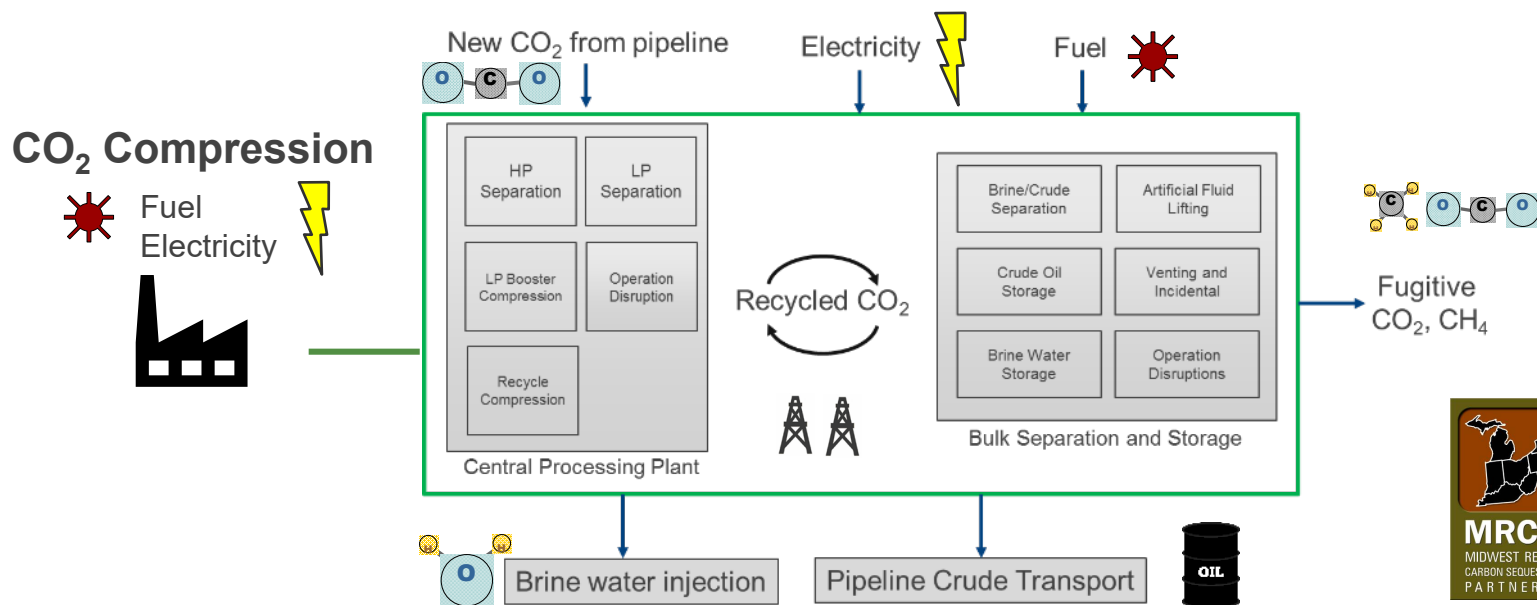


INDEX MAP OF REEFS



5. LCA: Gate-to-Gate Operations Data

- Detailed Gate-to-Gate data from MRCSP, Core Energy
 - CO₂ injected, CO₂ recycle, new CO₂, oil produced, brine produced
- Emission Sources
 - Compression natural gas use (MCF), facility electricity use (kWhr), fugitive emissions (CO₂ & methane), venting/flaring, facility construction, new wells, produced water/brine injection, land use.

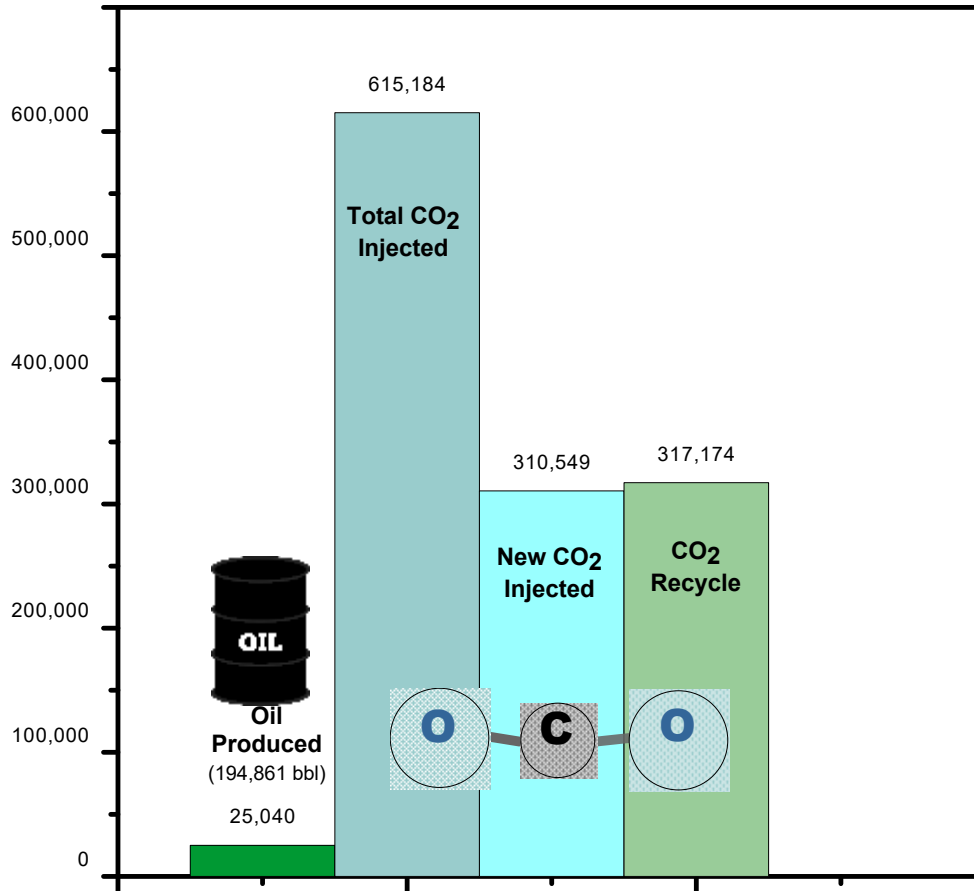


5. LCA: Gate-to-Gate Operations Key Input

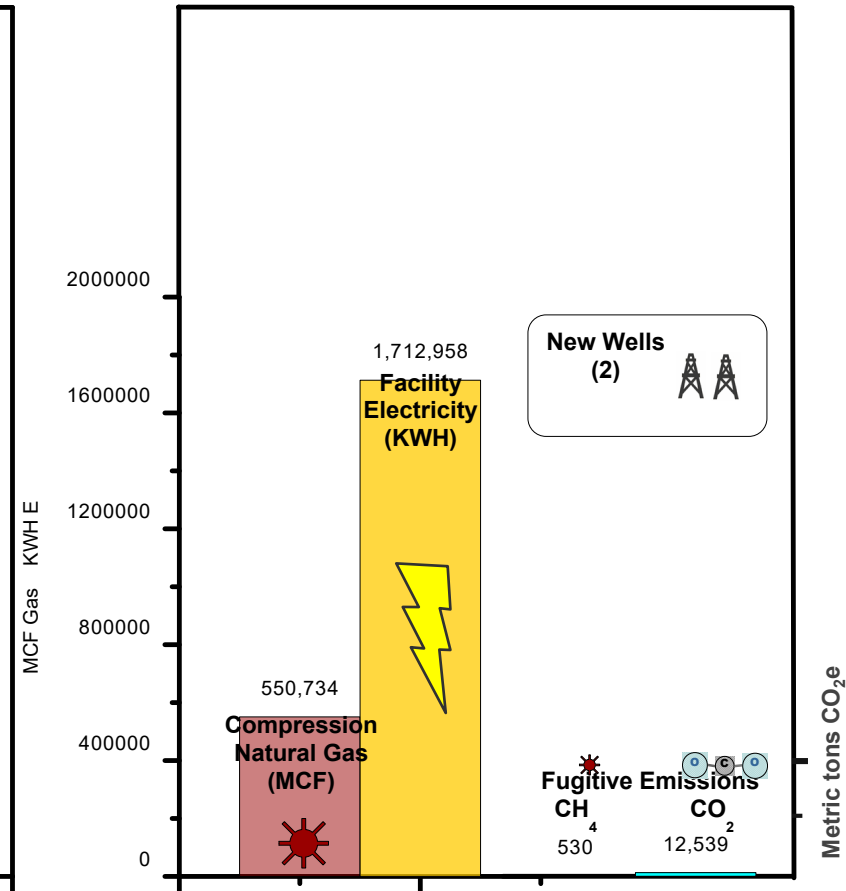


- Example- snapshot of 2017 key input.

2017 CO₂ Inventory

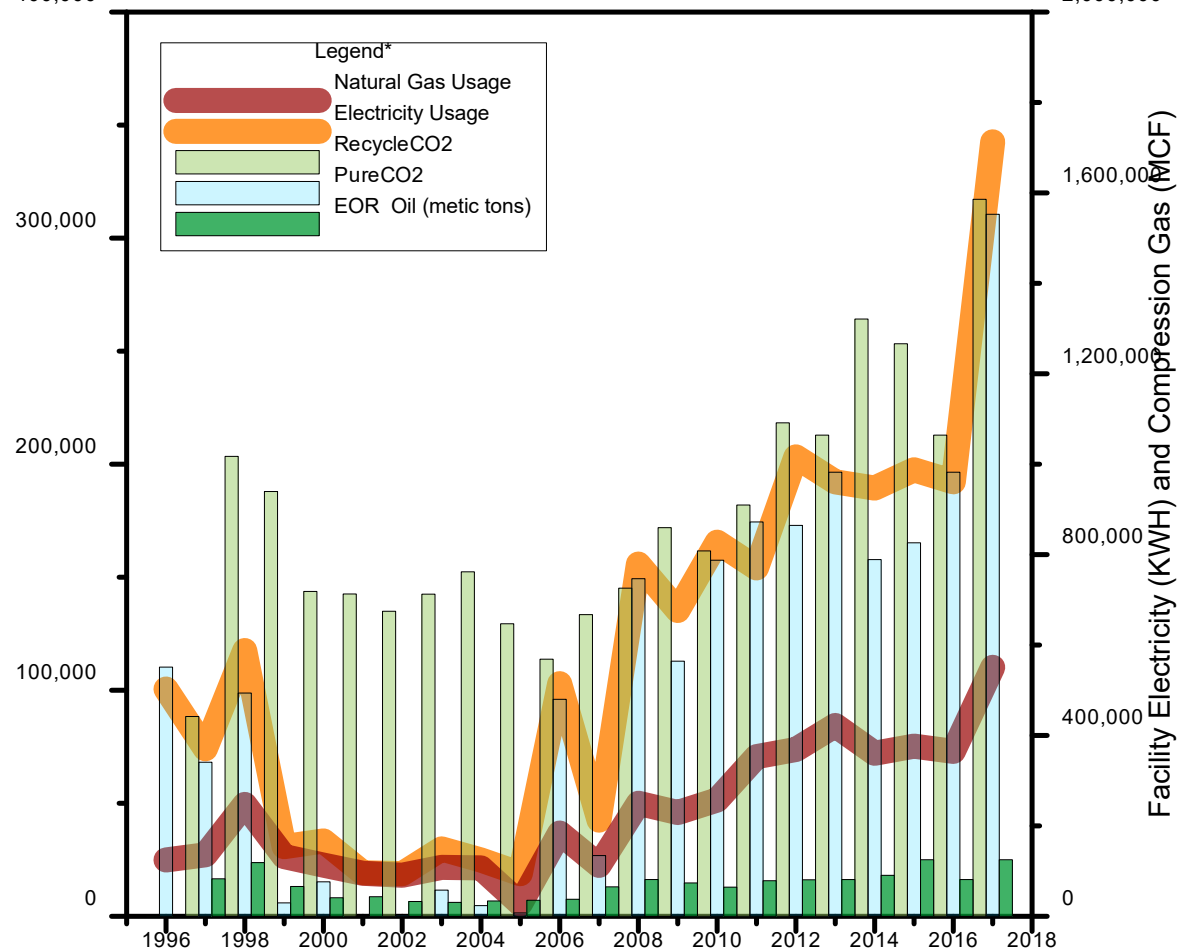


2017 Operations



5. LCA: Gate-to-Gate Operations Data

- Operations trends reflect CO₂-EOR cycles and additional reefs.



*Chester 10 Fuel estimated 1996-2009 based on pure CO2
 Chester 10 electricity estimated 1996-2010 based on pure CO2
 Dover 36 fuel usage estimated 1996-2004 based on CO2 Recycle
 Dover 36 electricity usage estimated 1996-2010 based on CO2 Recycle
 Pure CO2 estimated for 1998-2011 based on mass balance

5. CO₂ EOR LCA Model

- Modified version of Azzolina/EERC (2016) CO₂ EOR LCA model framework used to calculate GHG emissions factors
- Direct measurements entered from CO₂ EOR system monitoring, operations, and new reef developments.

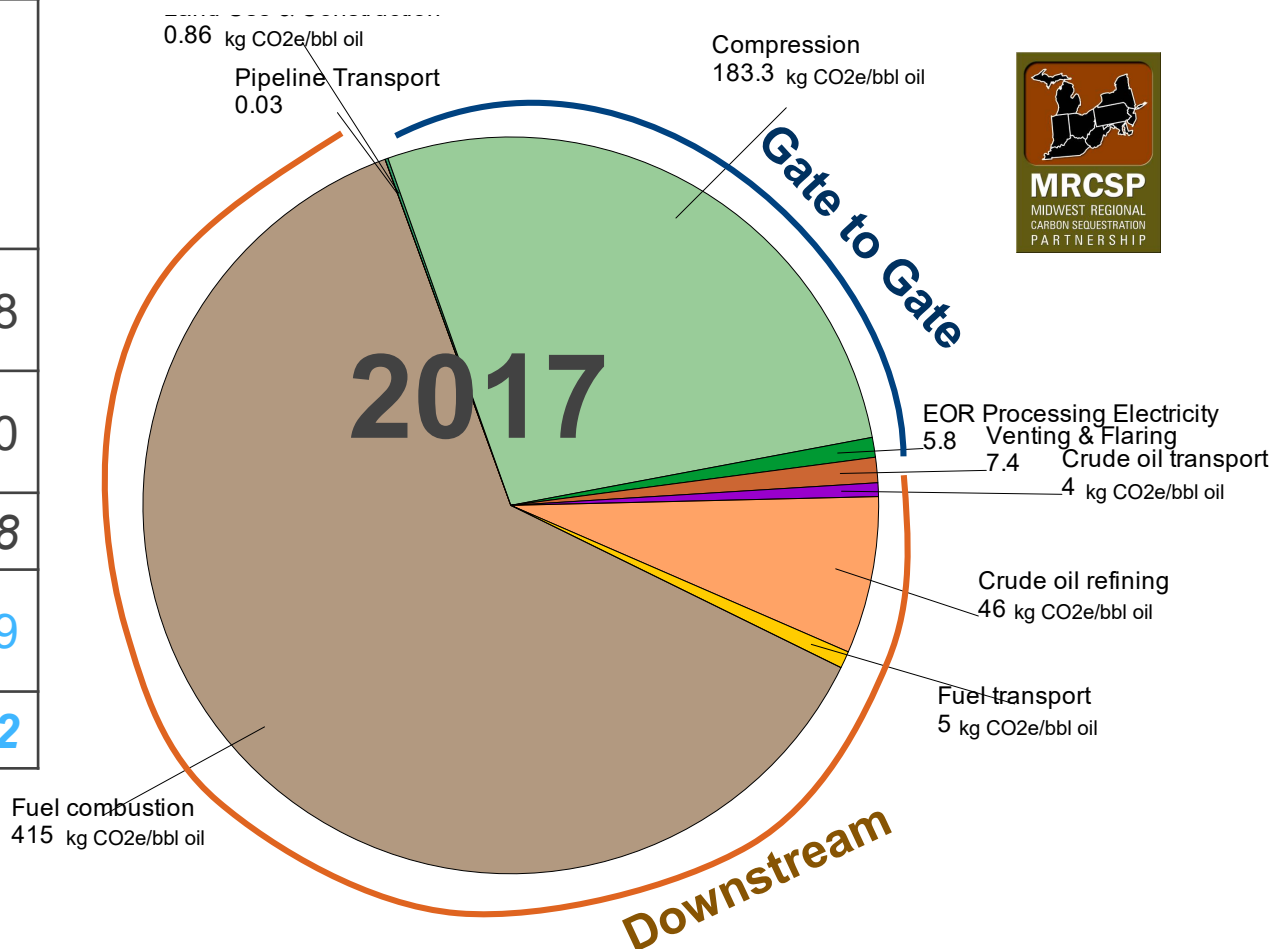
SEGMENT	SUB-SEGMENT	PARAMETER DESCRIPTION	UNITS	LOW VALUE	EXPECTED	HIGH VALUE	SOURCE	NOTES	BASE CASE
Gate-to-Gate	All Operations – Artificial L	Crude artificial lift pump electricity rate	kWh / kg crude		1.00E-03		System Data	Assume minor artificial lift p	1.00E-03
Gate-to-Gate	All Operations – Artificial L	Crude artificial lift pump electricity	kWh				Derived	Derived from the artificial lif	25,040
Gate-to-Gate	All Operations – Artificial L	Crude artificial lift pump electricity	MWh				Derived	Unit conversion from kWh to	25
Gate-to-Gate	All Operations – Artificial L	CO ₂ emissions	kg CO ₂ e				Derived	Derived from the MWh and t	16,526
Gate-to-Gate	All Operations – Artificial L	CO ₂ emissions factor	kg CO ₂ e / bbl				Derived	Derived from the CO ₂ emissi	0.1
GATE-TO-GATE: WELL OPERATIONS – CO₂ COMPRESSION AND INJECTION ELECTRICITY									
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	Compressor power factor	MW/[tonne recycled CO ₂ /day]		2.70E-03		Literature	NA, Cooney et al. (2015)	2.70E-03
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	Compressor power	MW				Derived	NA, Derived from the compr	2.35E+00
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	Compressor energy	MWh				Derived	NA, Derived from the compr	20,553
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ emissions	kg CO ₂ e	29136000	29136000	29136000	System Data	Combustion data from Core E	29,136,000
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ emissions factor	kg CO ₂ e / bbl				Derived	Derived from the CO ₂ emissi	149.5
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ pump power factor	MW/[tonne injected CO ₂ /day]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	System Data	See Line 115	0.00E+00
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ pump power	MW				Derived	Derived from the pump pow	0.000
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ pump energy	MWh				Derived	Derived from the pump pow	0
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ emissions	kg CO ₂ e	6591500	6591500	6591500	System Data	Gas Processing data from Cor	6,591,500
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ emissions factor	kg CO ₂ e / bbl				Derived	Derived from the CO ₂ emissi	33.8
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ emissions (total)	kg CO ₂ e				Derived	Derived from the sum of com	35,727,500
Gate-to-Gate	–CO ₂ Compression and In	CO ₂ emissions factor (total)	kg CO ₂ e / bbl				Derived	Derived from the CO ₂ emissi	183.3
GATE-TO-GATE: WELL OPERATIONS – CO₂ COMPRESSOR FUGITIVE EMISSIONS									
Gate-to-Gate	rations – CO ₂ Compressor	Compressor CO ₂ emissions rate (direct to atmosphere)	kg CO ₂ e / MW-day		63.6		Literature	NA, Cooney et al. (2015)	63.6
Gate-to-Gate	rations – CO ₂ Compressor	Compressor CO ₂ emissions (direct to atmosphere)	kg CO ₂ e	549	549	549	System Data	Subpart C Core forms	549

Azzolina, N.A., Peck, W.D., Hamling, J.A., Gorecki, C.D., Ayash, S.C., Doll, T.E., Nakles, D.V., and Melzer, L.S., 2016, How green is my oil? A detailed look at greenhouse gas accounting for CO₂-enhanced oil recovery (CO₂-EOR) sites: International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, v. 51, p. 369–379.

5. CO₂ EOR LCA Model Results

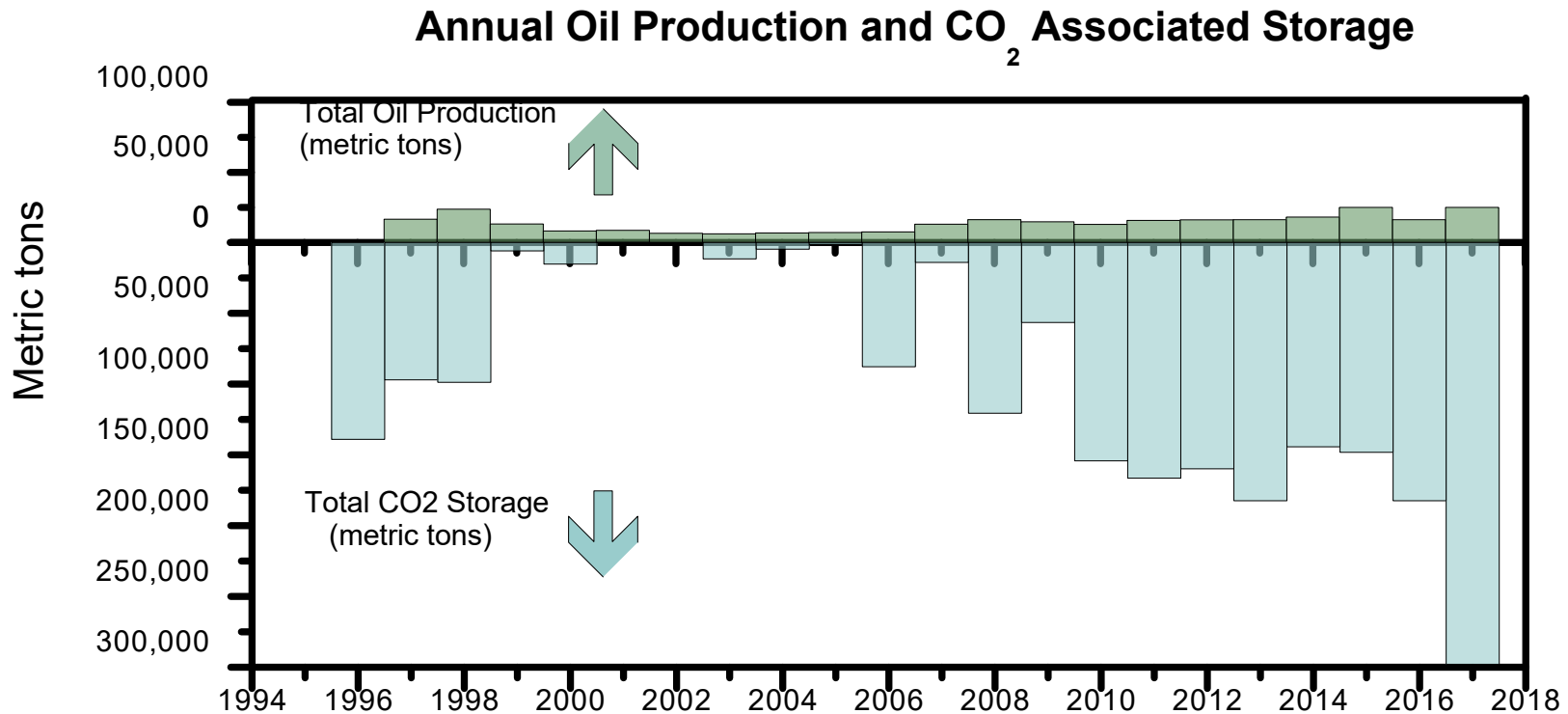
- Highest emission factors from compression & downstream.

Category	2017 Emission Factor kgCO ₂ e/bbl
Gate to Gate	198
Downstream	470
<i>Total</i>	668
CO ₂ Storage	-1529
<i>Net</i>	-862



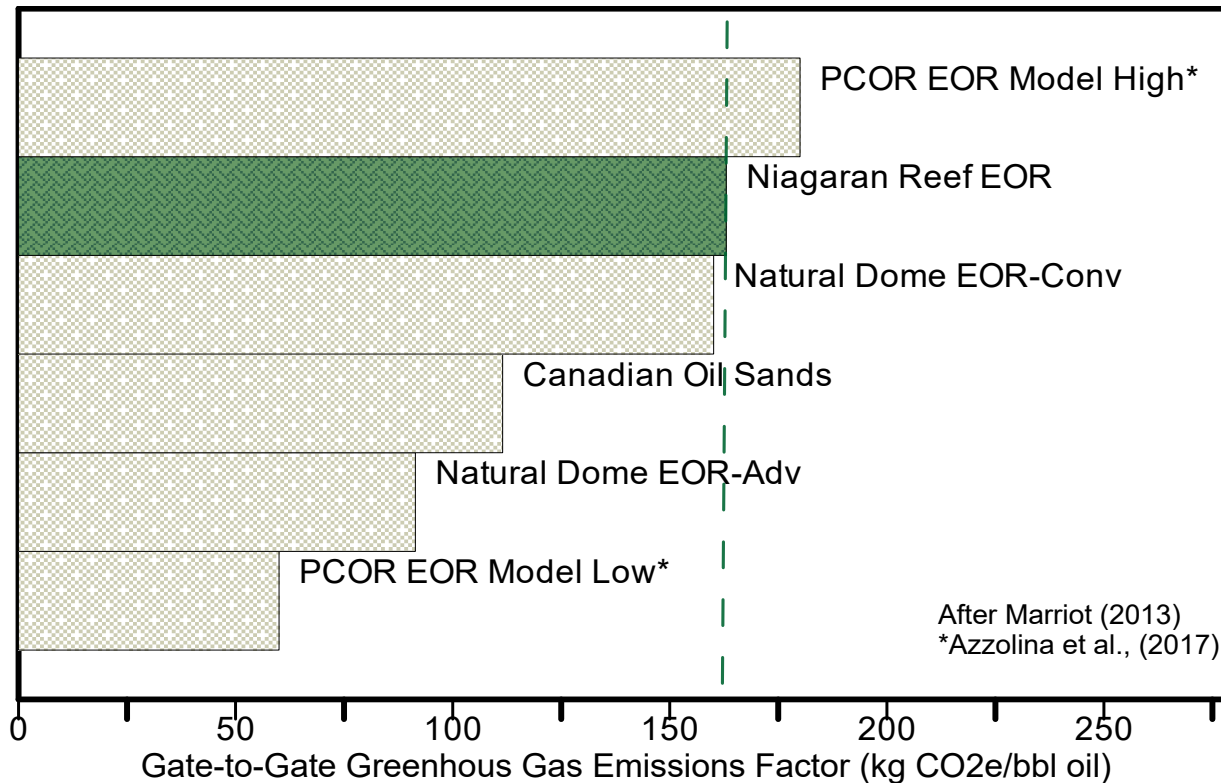
5. LCA Model Output- “Gate to Gate”

- Large amount of variability in gate to gate EF over 20 years.



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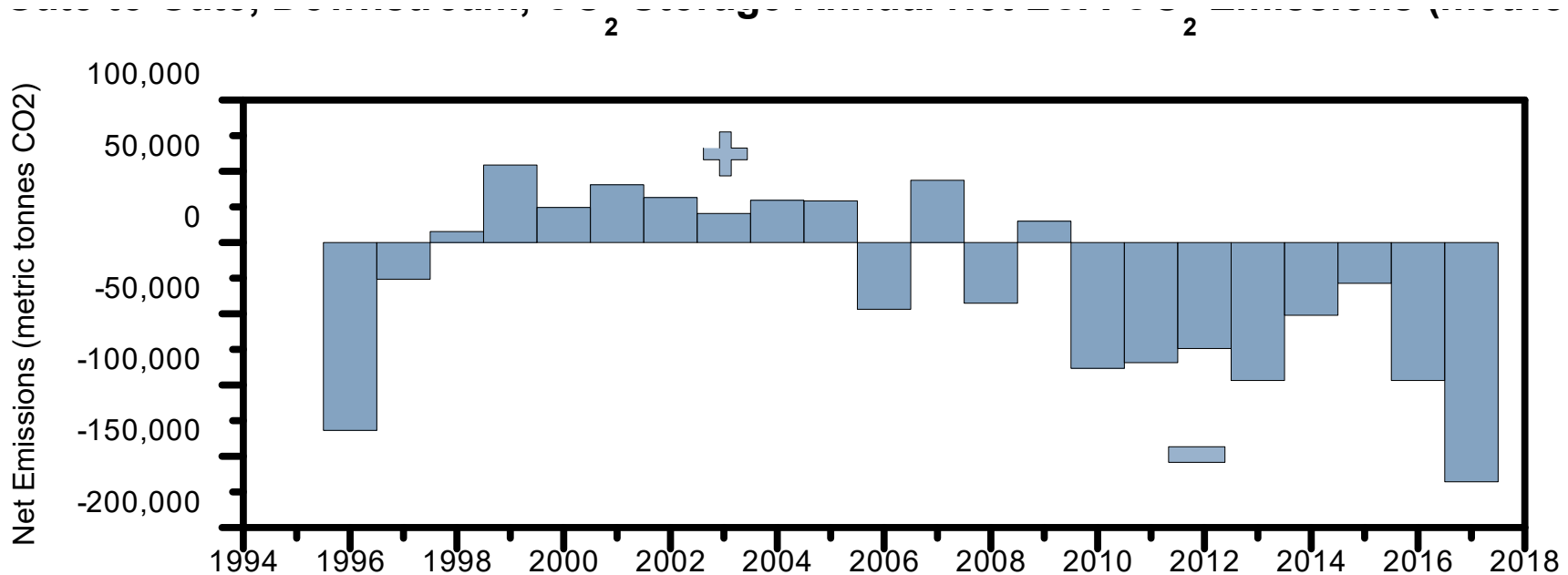
- “Gate to Gate” EOR EF = 163 kgCO₂e/bbl GHG life cycle emissions factor (371,576,000 kg CO₂ / 2,290,473 BBL).



5. LCA Model Output-“Gate to Grave”



- “Gate to Grave” net emissions accounts for CO₂ stored.
- Analysis reflects ups and downs of operations.

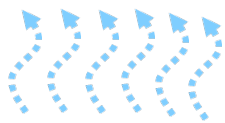


5. LCA Model Output- “Cradle to Grave”

- “Cradle to Grave” results suggest there is a net negative CO₂ emissions of -159,860 metric tons.

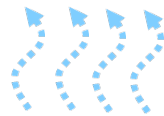
Year	Upstream Capture Emissions* (metric tonnes)	Gate to Gate total Emissions (metric tons)	Downstream Total Emissions (Metric tons)	Total CO2 Associated Storage (metric tonnes)	Net CO2e Emissions (metric tonnes)
1996	22,872	7,166	47	139,037	-108,952
1997	14,142	10,511	60,767	97,026	-11,606
1998	38,543	19,554	86,924	98,763	46,257
1999	1,289	12,025	48,312	5,941	55,684
2000	2,061	9,786	30,084	15,259	26,673
2001	-	8,759	31,757	-12	40,529
2002	72	8,237	24,005	665	31,649
2003	1,174	9,397	22,580	11,585	21,566
2004	528	9,521	24,859	4,728	30,180
2005	175	4,697	26,011	1,500	29,383
2006	19,916	13,308	27,620	87,763	-26,918
2007	5,574	10,042	47,732	14,079	49,269
2008	30,986	18,472	59,543	120,595	-11,594
2009	23,417	17,449	54,040	56,505	38,402
2010	32,682	18,740	47,226	154,237	-55,589
2011	36,195	24,530	57,638	166,463	-48,100
2012	35,879	26,342	59,147	159,857	-38,489
2013	40,759	26,118	59,495	182,417	-56,045
2014	32,740	26,908	66,357	144,313	-18,309
2015	34,280	27,971	91,614	148,202	5,664
2016	40,759	26,118	59,495	182,417	-56,045
2017	64,433	38,495	91,614	298,010	-103,468
Total	478,476	374,147	1,076,867	2,089,350	-159,860

6. Results- Total LCA results 1996-2017



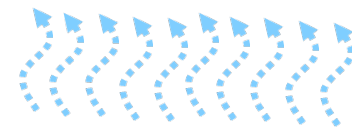
Upstream

CO₂ Capture Plant Operations
478,476 tonnes
CO₂e Generated



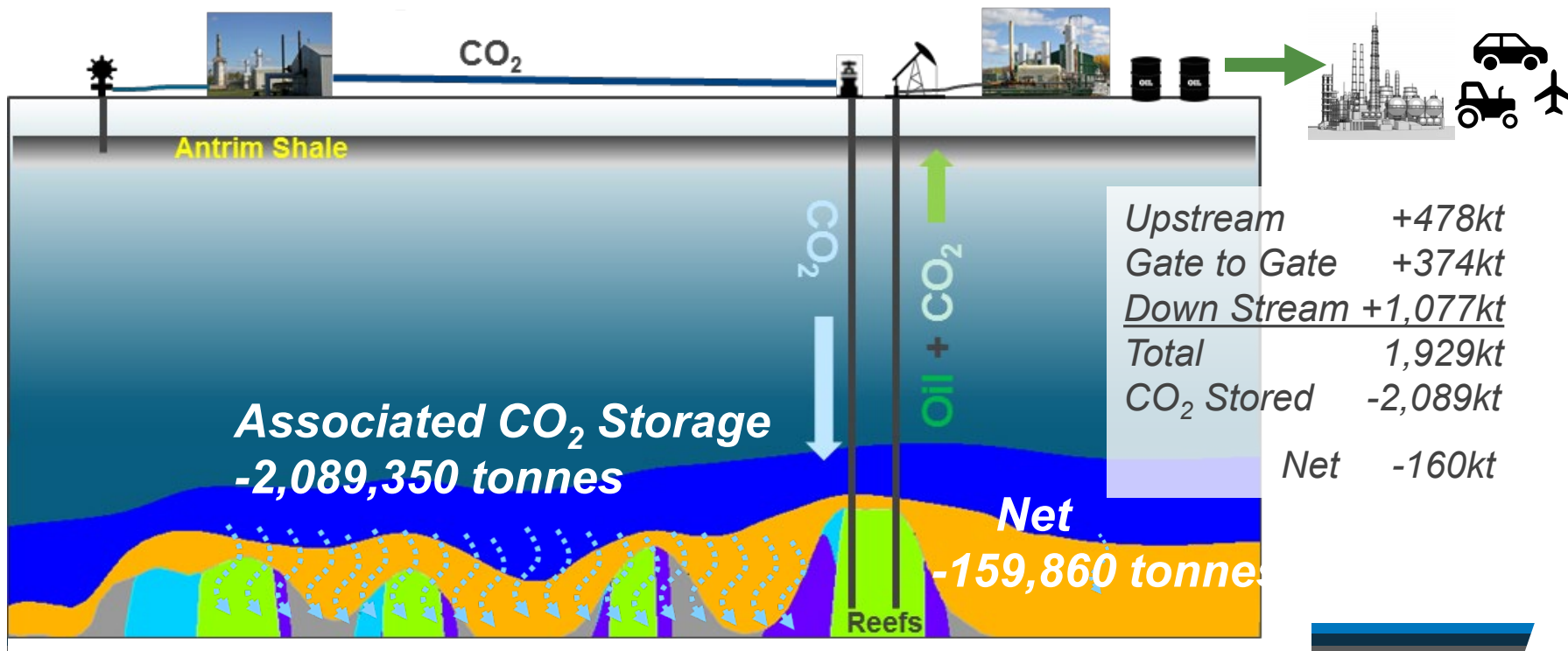
Gate to Gate

(compression, EOR, & gas processing)
374,147 tonnes
CO₂e Generated



Downstream

1,076,867
tonnes CO₂e
Generated



6. Conclusions

- Greenhouse gas emissions life cycle analysis helps us understand the benefits of carbon capture and storage.
- The greenhouse gas life cycle analysis highlights the value of integrating Class II UIC operations and site-specific data over a long period of CO₂-EOR operations.
- The system benefited from a ready source of CO₂, short pipeline system, natural gas fueled compression, highly contained reservoir, and basic oil processing system.
- Analysis of 22 years of CO₂-EOR operations and monitoring shows it is possible to have negative net emissions if you store a large amount of CO₂ in association with EOR operations.

(Marriot/DOE-NETL, 2013)

Thanks!

Questions?