

# Enjeux socio-économiques et défis techniques du stockage souterrain aux Etats-Unis

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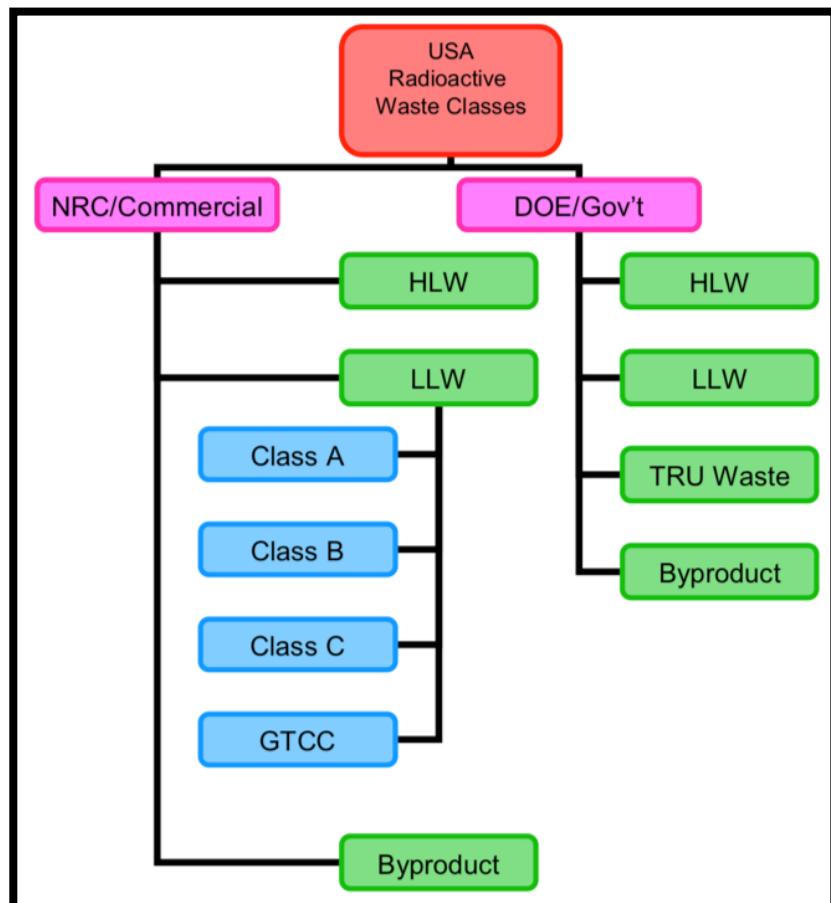
# **Enjeux socio-économiques et défis techniques du stockage souterrain aux Etats-Unis**

- 1. Stockage de déchets**
  - Déchets radioactifs
  - Capture et Séquestration du CO<sub>2</sub> (CCS)
- 2. Stockage d'énergie**
  - Gaz naturel
  - Stockage d'air comprimé (CAES)
- 3. Recherche sur le stockage géologique**

# Déchets radioactifs – Contrôle des sites

- 1954: ‘Atomic Energy Act’ – Le gouvernement américain du développement de l’énergie atomique à des fins commerciales.
- Les entités commerciales gèrent les exploitations privées et certaines exploitations qui sont propriété des Etats, pour les déchets à « faible » radioactivité (Low-Level Waste, LLW).
- Les sites de stockage seront administrés par les Etats ou par le gouvernement fédéral.  
*33 des 50 Etats sont des ‘Agreement States’.*
- Chaque site de traitement des déchets est assujetti à des lois fédérales et étatiques spécifiques.  
*Ex: procédures de suivi des déchets: ‘Waste Inventory Records Keeping Systems’ (WIRKS)*

# Déchets radioactifs – Contrôle des déchets



HLW: High Level Waste

LLW: Low Level Waste

TRU Waste: Transuranic Waste

GTCC: 'Greater-Than-Class-C'

La 'Nuclear Regulatory Commission' (NRC) réglemente:

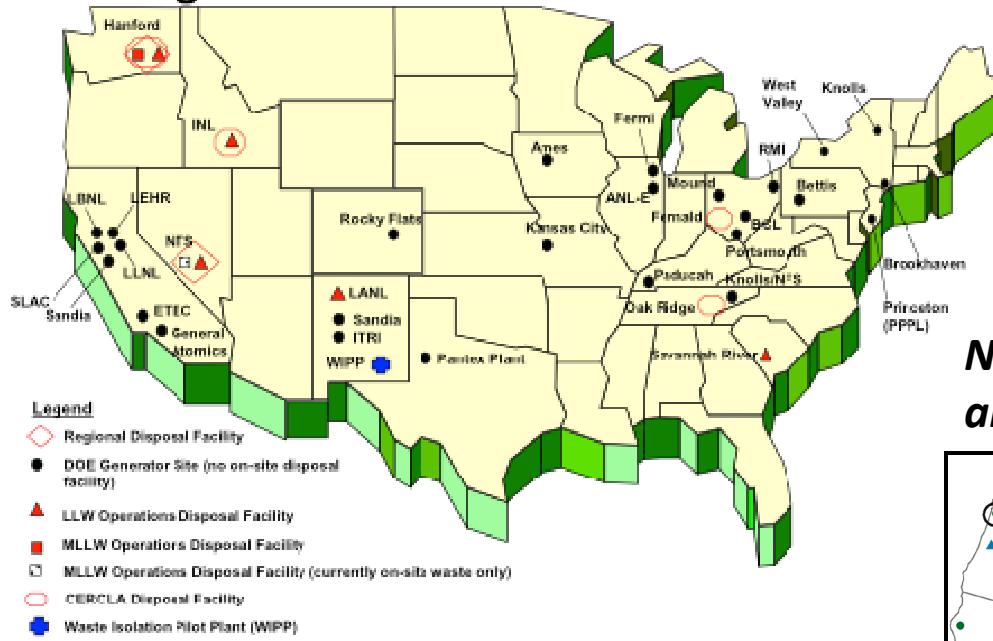
- Types de déchets: à faible radioactivité (LLW) et à forte radioactivité (HLW)
- Utilisation et stockage permanent des minéraux (uranium, thorium)
- Techniques d'enrichissement
- Recyclage des déchets

Les Agreement States réglementent les sources de radioactivité (e.g., radium, radon).

Le Ministère de l'Energie (Department of Energy, DoE) contrôle les activités des sites de stockage (e.g. recherche, développements technologiques, défense).

# Déchets radioactifs – Cartographie

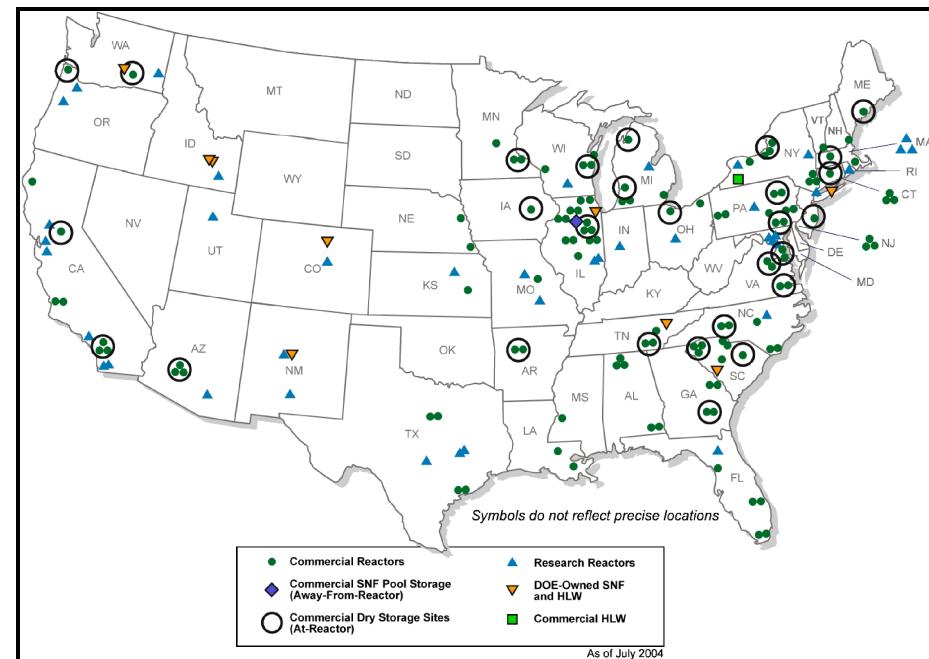
## *DOE's Waste Disposal Facility Configuration*



Note: ‘Spent fuel’ (carburant d’occasion)

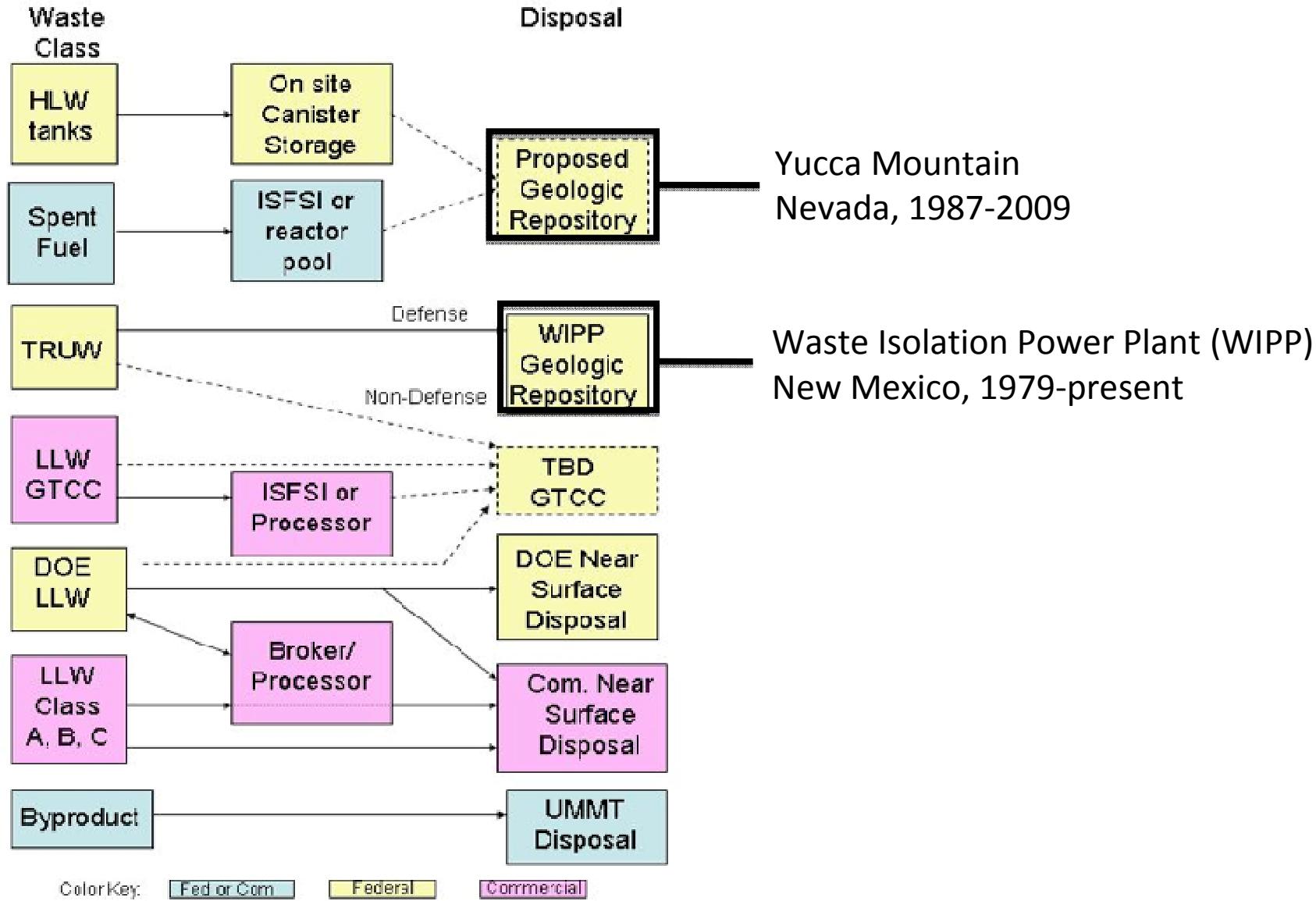
- Matériau extrait des réacteurs après l’irradiation, et avant traitement pour recyclage
- Pas considéré comme un déchet
- Mais... matériau radioactif qui doit être stocké temporairement...

## *Nuclear Power Plants, Research Reactors, and Spent Fuel Storage Facilities*



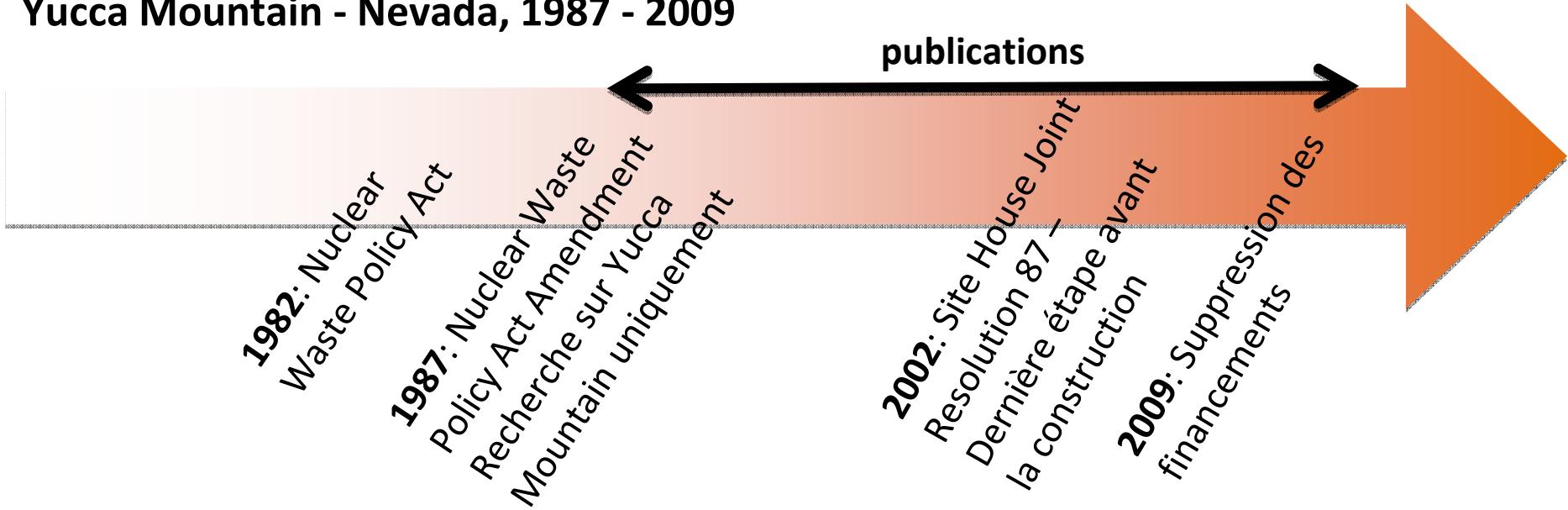
# Déchets radioactifs – Gestion

Waste Management Schematic - USA

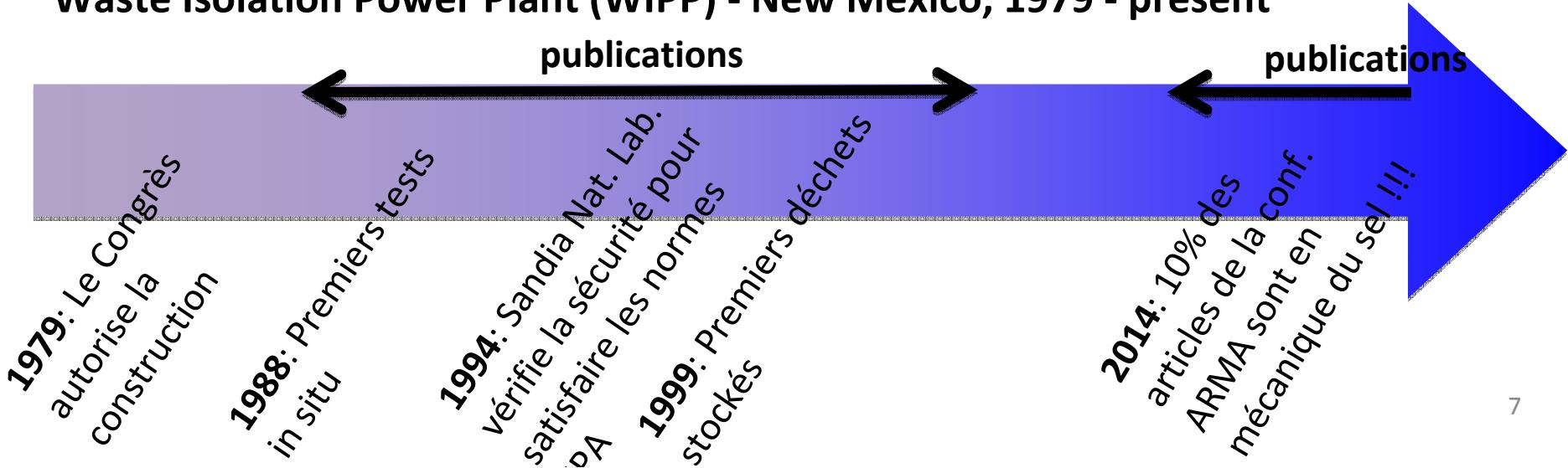


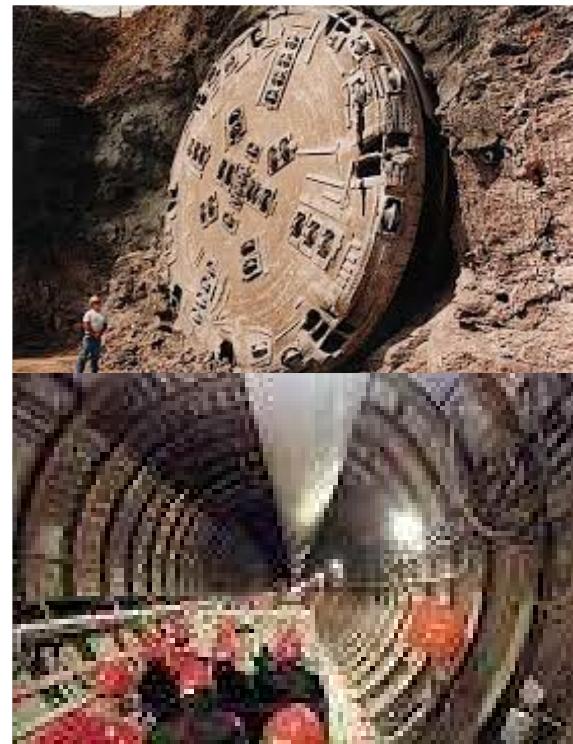
# Déchets radioactifs – Histoire des sites profonds

## Yucca Mountain - Nevada, 1987 - 2009



## Waste Isolation Power Plant (WIPP) - New Mexico, 1979 - present



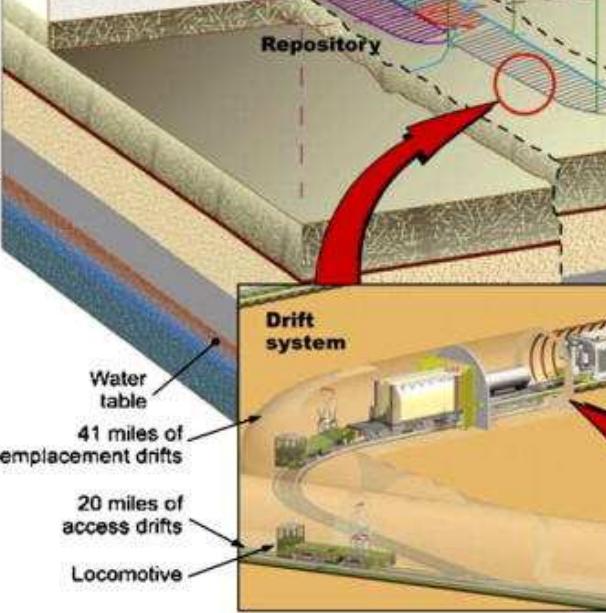


- Tuff fracturé - roche volcanique
- Profondeur: 660m
- Capacité: 770,000 tonnes de déchets
- Recherche (ex): Berkeley Nat. Lab., USGS, Univ. Nevada Reno

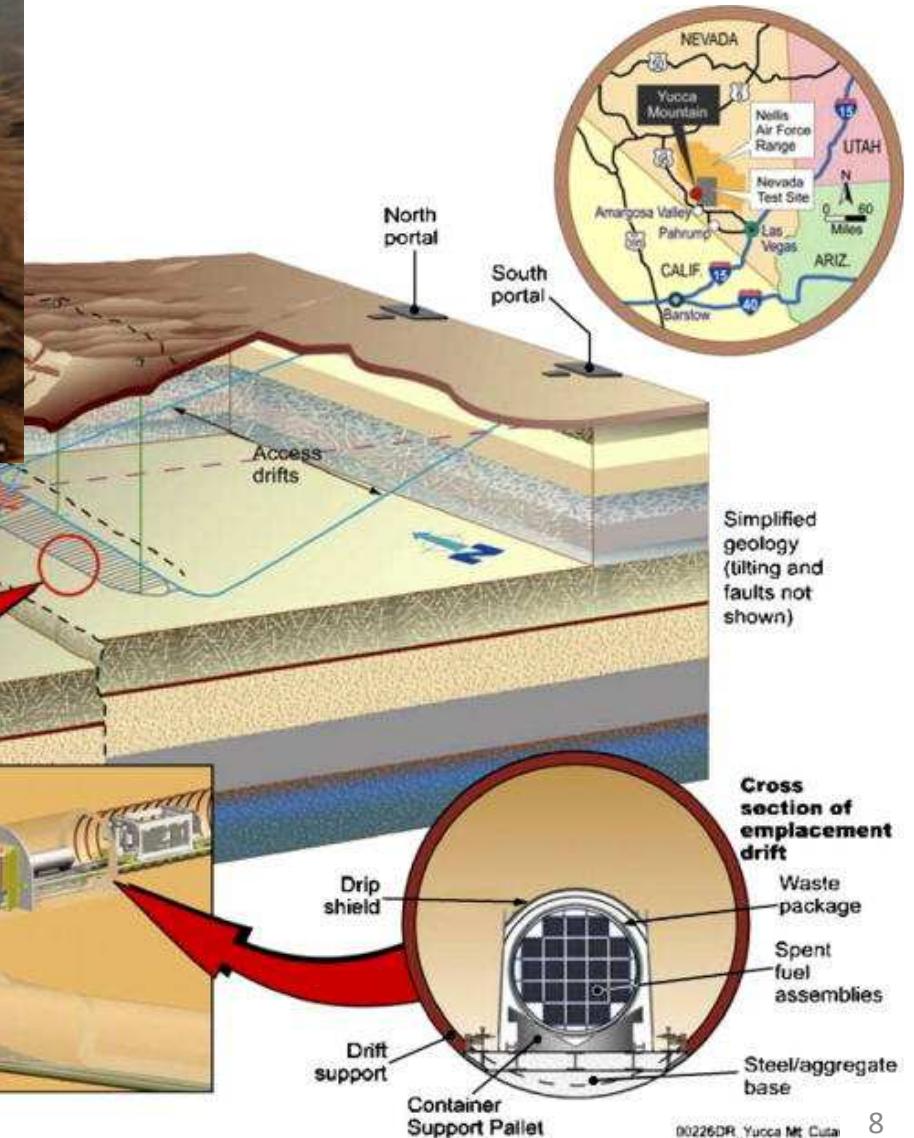
~1,000 ft.  
(about  
300 meters)

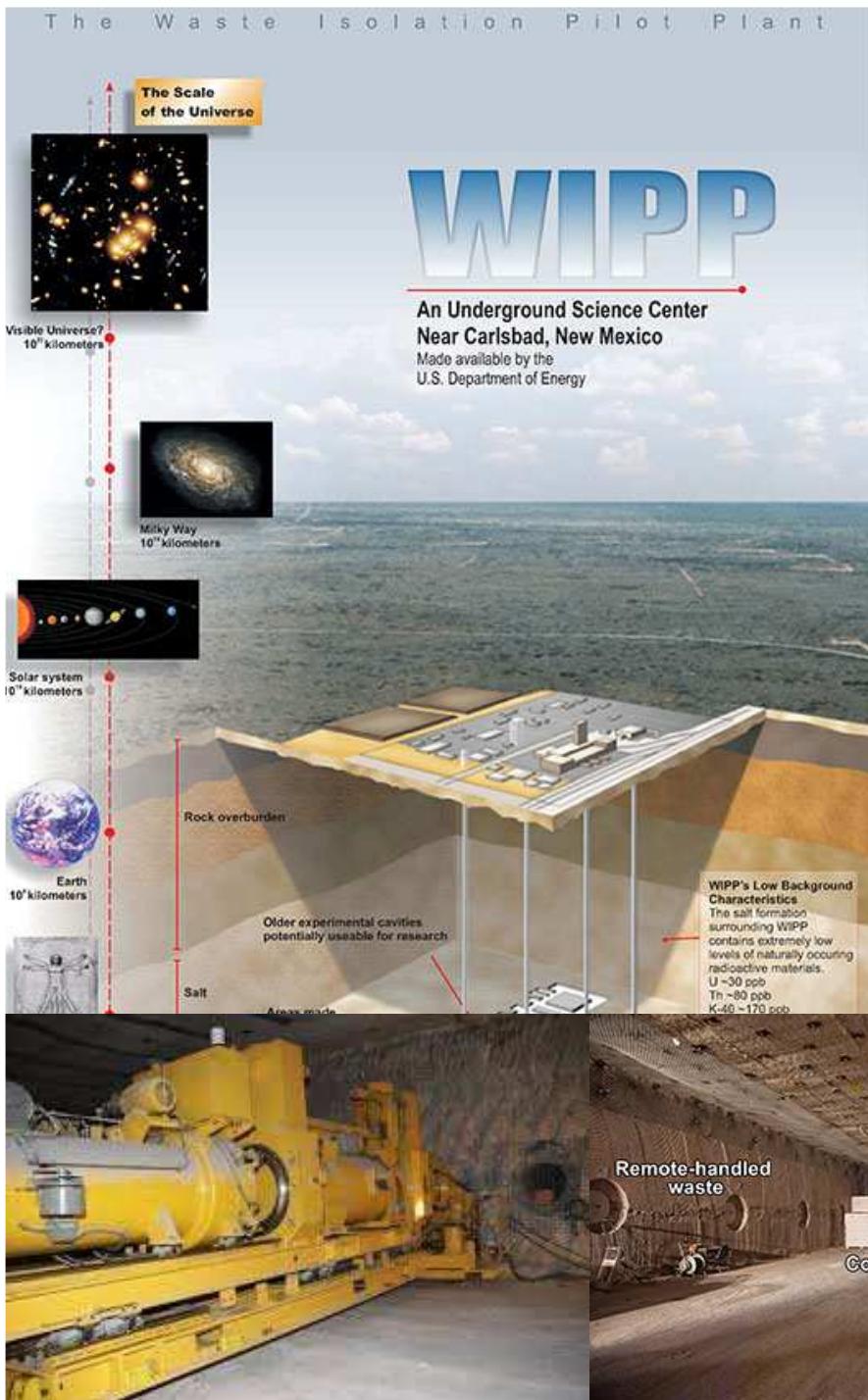


Repository  
Water table  
41 miles of emplacement drifts  
20 miles of access drifts  
Locomotive



# Déchets radioactifs Yucca Mountain Technologie





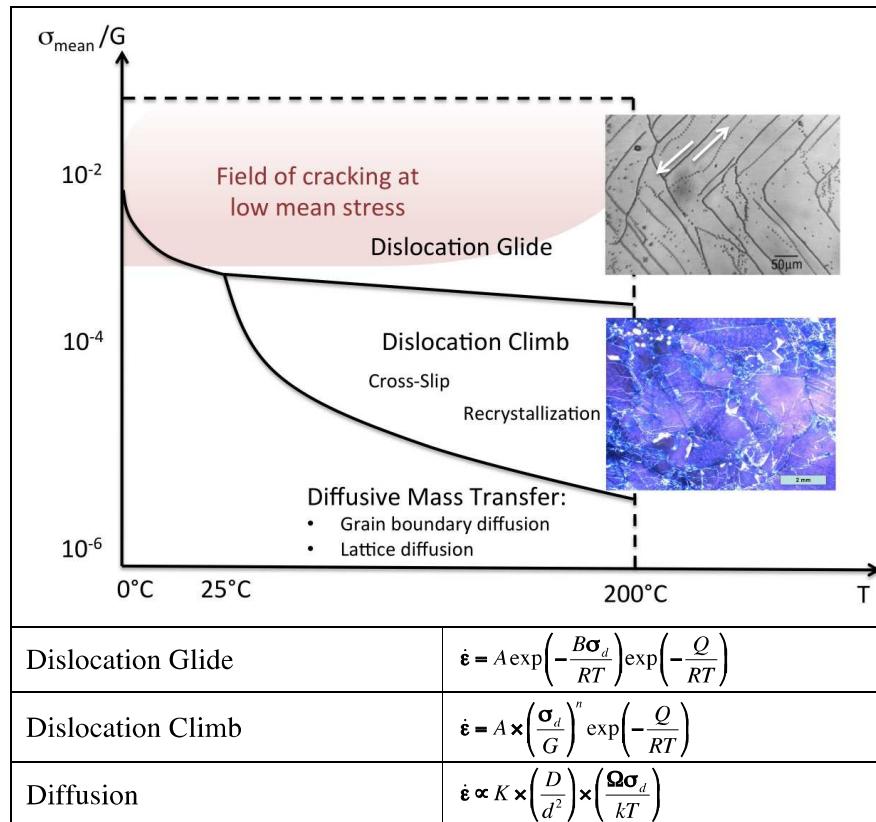
# Déchets radioactifs – WIPP Technologie

- Sel gemme
- Profondeur: 600m
- Volume de déchets stockés jusqu'en décembre 2010: 72,422 m<sup>3</sup>
- Recherche (ex): Sandia Nat. Lab., Los Alamos Nat. Lab., South Western Research Institute



# Déchets radioactifs – WIPP

## Recherche associée: mécanique du sel gemme



**Figure 1:** Micro-mechanism map for halite at repository conditions (dashed box).

Diagram and data from (Hunsche, 1981; Senseny et al., 1992; Fam et al., 1998). Photos from (Schleider & Urai, 2005; Barber et al., 2010).

T temperature

$\sigma_{\text{mean}}$  mean stress

$\sigma_d$  deviatoric stress

G rock shear modulus

$R=8.3142 \cdot 10^{-3}$  kJ/K.mol

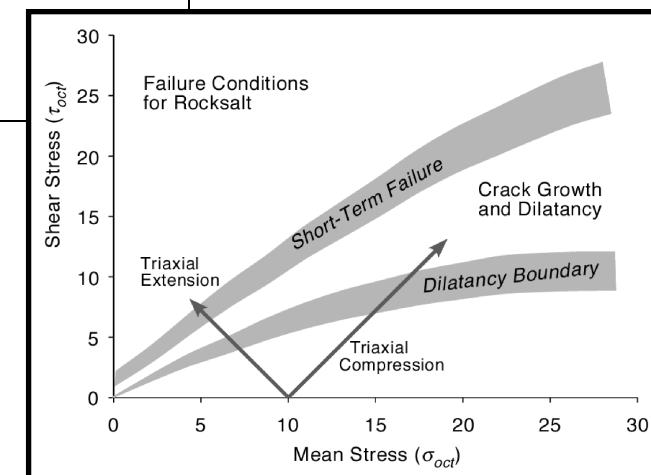
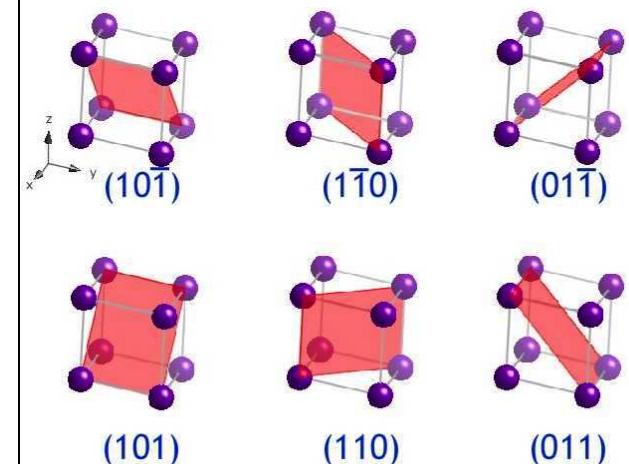
K Boltzman constant

Q activation energy

D diffusion coefficient

d grain diameter

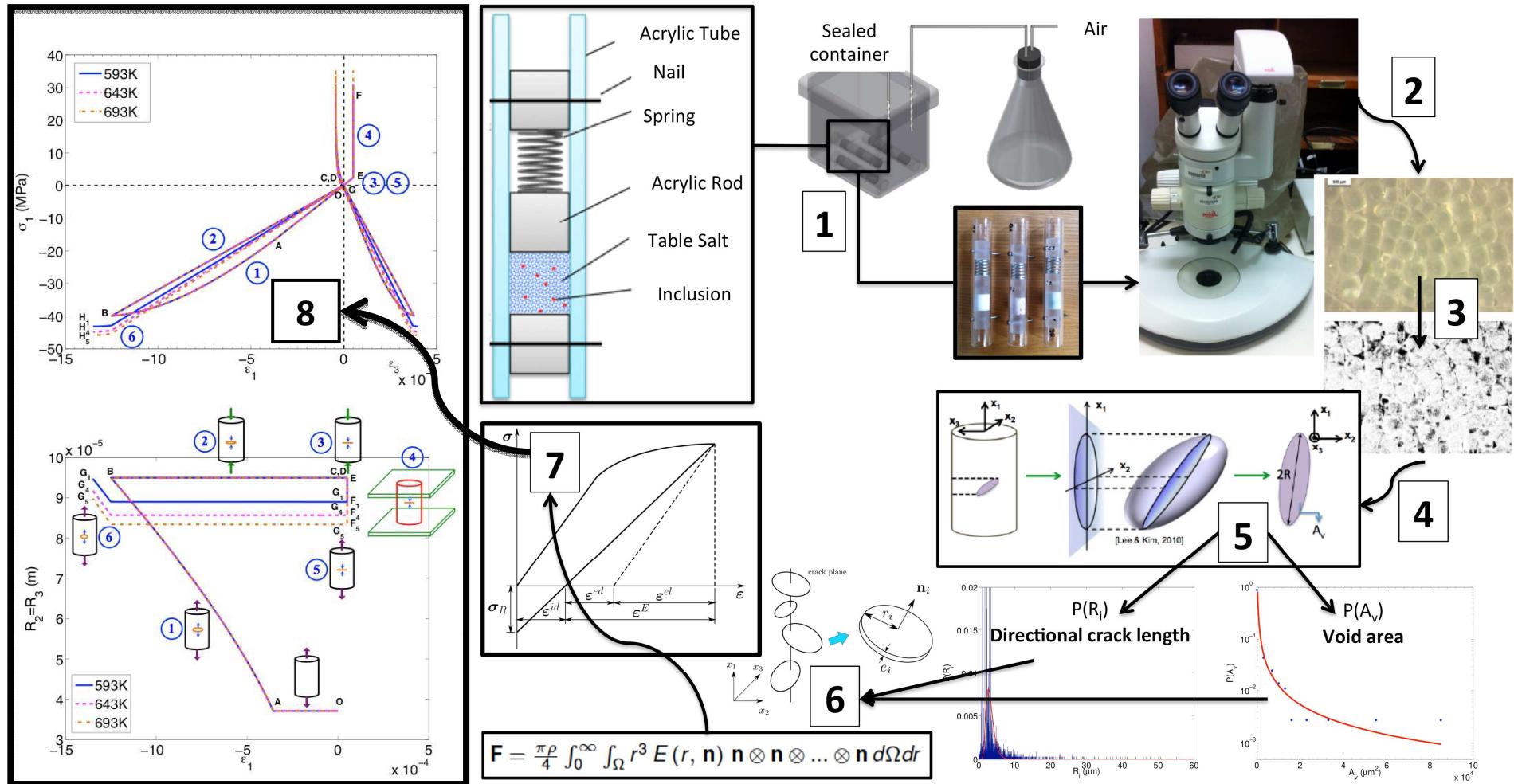
$\Omega$  microstructure volume



- USA: Hansen, Chan, ...
- Allemagne: Hou, Lux, Hunsche, Urai ...
- France: Bérest, Pouya, ...

# Déchets radioactifs – WIPP

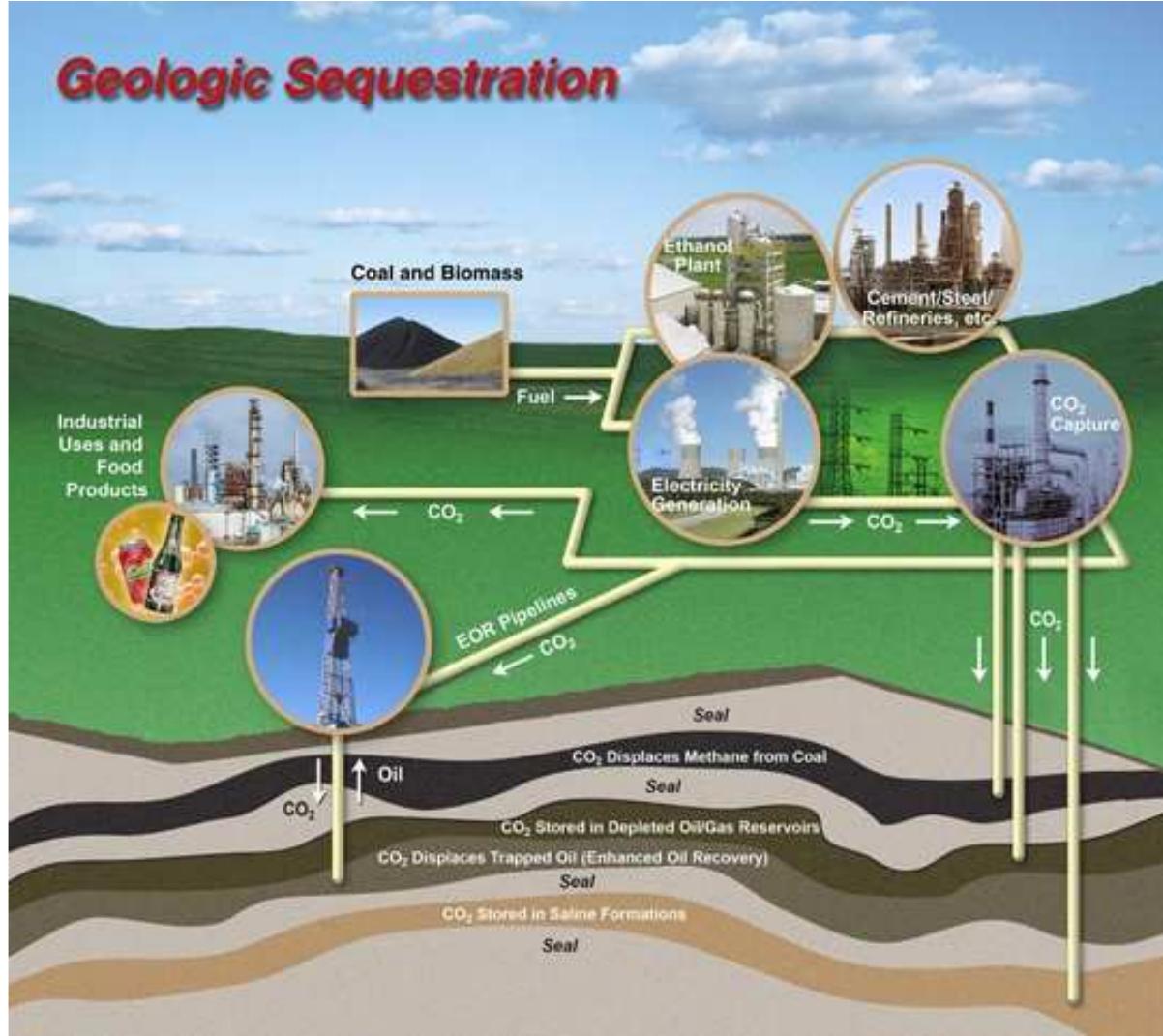
## Recherche – Endommagement et cicatrisation



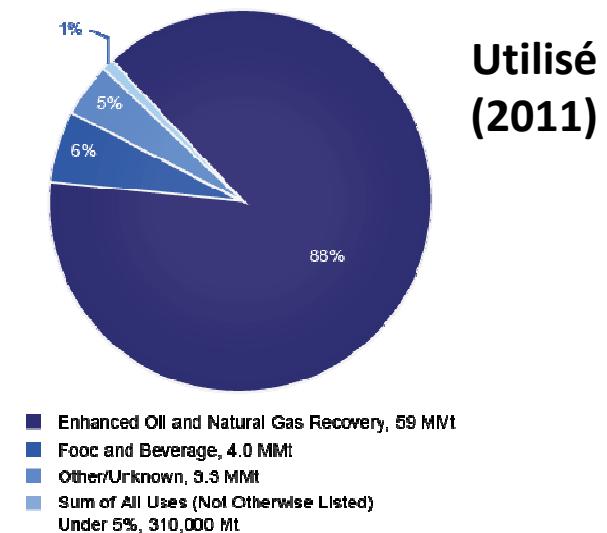
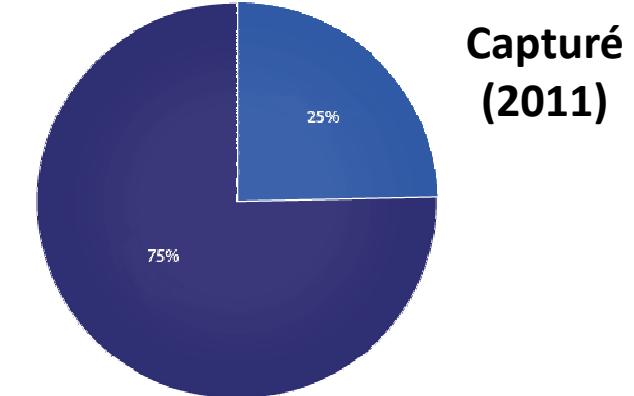
Fabric-Based Thermodynamic Models of Damage and Healing Mechanics (Arson et al.)

# Capture et Séquestration du CO<sub>2</sub> – Principe et Applications

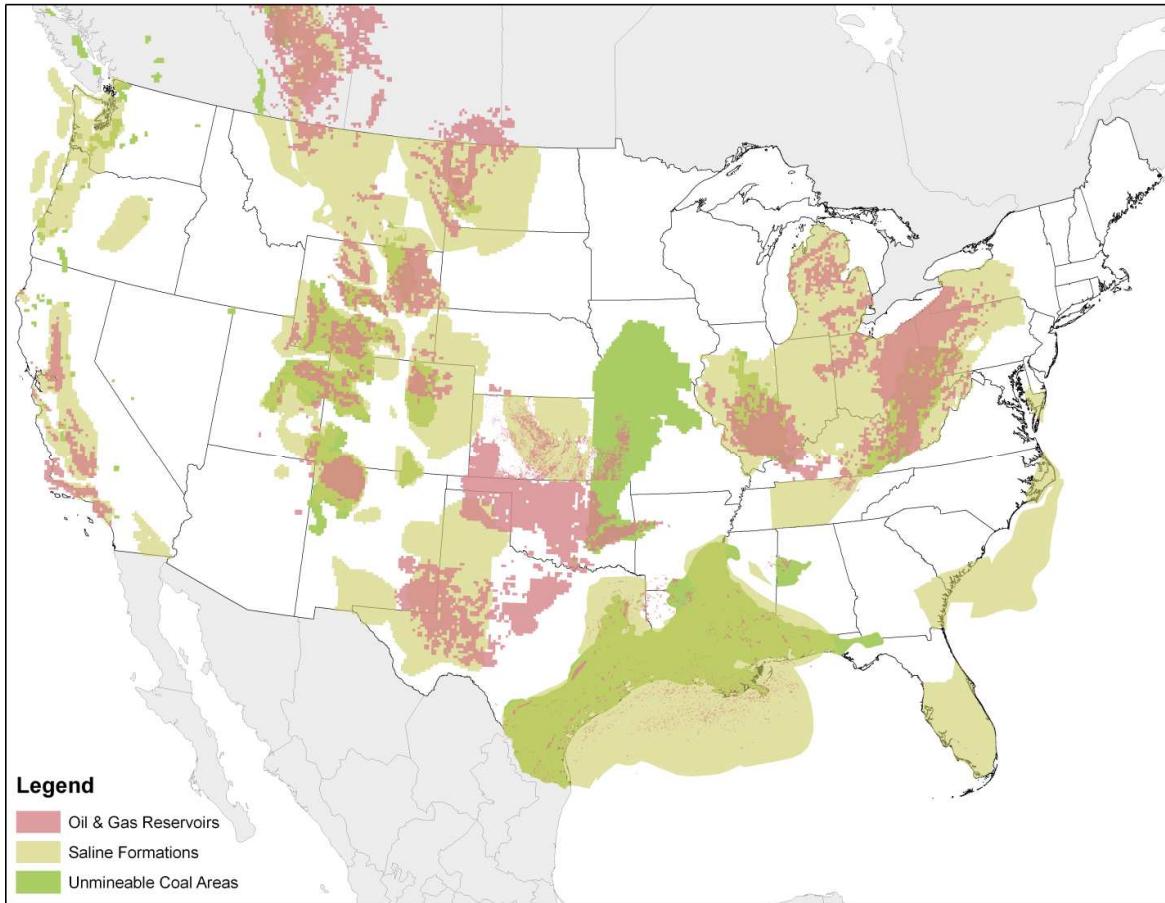
## Carbon dioxide Capture and Sequestration (CCS)



\* Source: EPA Greenhouse Gas Reporting Data - Subpart PP - Suppliers of Carbon Dioxide. Based on 2011 data. MMT = million metric tons



# Capture et Séquestration du CO<sub>2</sub> (CCS) – Potentiel aux USA

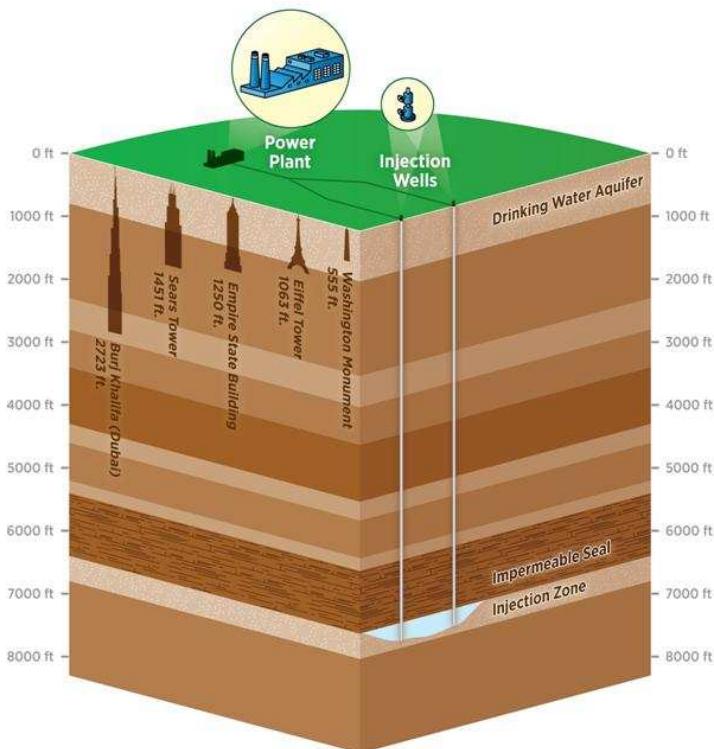


Le CO<sub>2</sub> comprimé est injecté dans une roche poreuse, e.g. grès, schiste, dolomite, basalt, veines de charbon.

Les formations géologiques doivent être situées sous des couches imperméable

Les sites de stockage de CO<sub>2</sub> comprimé sont régulés par l'Agence de Protection pour l'Environnement (*Environmental Protection Agency, EPA*)

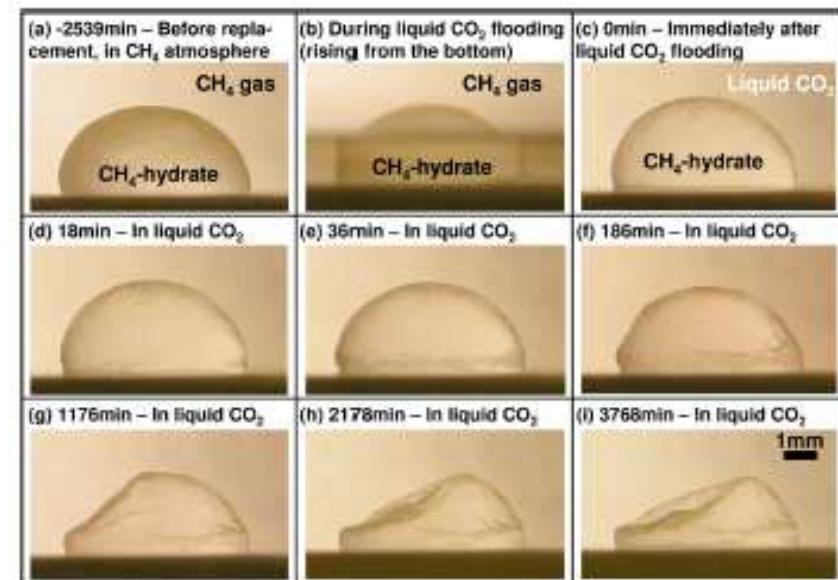
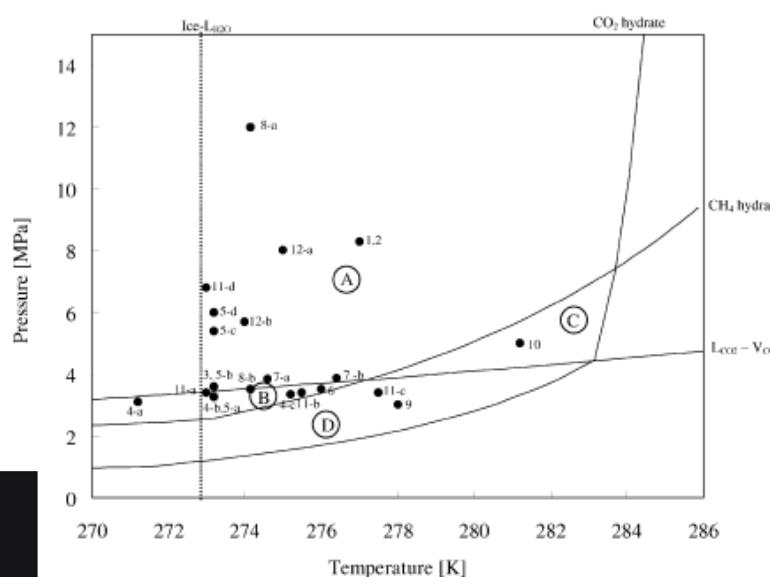
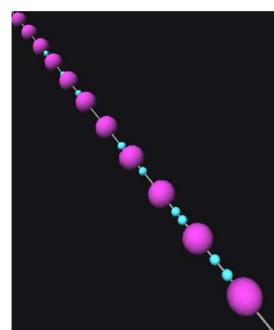
# CCS et stimulation de réservoirs d'hydrocarbures (Enhanced Oil Recovery, EOR)



- Injection de CO<sub>2</sub> dans les réservoirs pour expulser les hydrocarbures  
*Extraction d'hydrocarbures + stockage de CO<sub>2</sub>*
- Aux USA, 32 millions de tonnes de CO<sub>2</sub> sont utilisées pour l'EOR
- La pression du CO<sub>2</sub> doit être maintenue (basse) pour garantir l'intégrité du CO<sub>2</sub>
- Applicabilité: lorsque le site de production du CO<sub>2</sub> est proche du site d'extraction d'hydrocarbures

# CCS et extraction de méthane

- Injection de  $\text{CO}_2$  dans des veines de charbon pour en extraire le méthane ( $\text{CH}_4$ )
- Le taux d'adsorption du  $\text{CO}_2$  est deux fois supérieur à celui du  $\text{CH}_4$
- Ressources en charbon aux USA: 6,000 milliards de tonnes; 90% impossible à exploiter par des techniques minières traditionnelles



Recherches en pormécanique: Vandamme, Brochard, Santamarina...

# CCS – Projets associés aux USA (extraits de textes)

- **Methodology development and assessment of national CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery and associated CO<sub>2</sub> storage potential**  
The objective of the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR research effort is to develop a geologic- and reservoir engineering-based, probabilistic assessment methodology that can be used to estimate the potential volumes of technically recoverable oil using CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and associated CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration in the onshore and state waters oil fields of the United States. After the methodology has been carefully reviewed by experts from industry, academia, and government, USGS plans to use the assessment methodology to conduct a national assessment of recoverable oil using CO<sub>2</sub>. The resulting storage of CO<sub>2</sub> associated with enhanced oil recovery will also be assessed.
- **Geological studies of reservoirs and seals in selected basins with high potential for CO<sub>2</sub> storage**  
The objective of this research effort is to reevaluate selected regions of the country and selected SAUs to better define the distribution of the geologic storage resources for anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>. Since reservoir pressure directly impacts CO<sub>2</sub> storage potential, regional models need to be developed to help understand the controls on over- and under-pressure development in basins. Geochemical models are needed to better understand the character of ground water and the subsurface geochemical environments in selected SAUs, which are important to assess the feasibility and potential environmental impacts of CO<sub>2</sub> storage projects. As the opportunities develop, task members, in coordination with the USGS Produced Waters project, may also work cooperatively with other organizations to better characterize the local and regional geologic and ground water controls on potential CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- **Natural CO<sub>2</sub> reservoirs as analogues for CO<sub>2</sub> storage and resources for enhanced oil recovery**  
The primary aim of the research is to determine the origin of CO<sub>2</sub> that is in natural gas reservoirs by using geochemical and isotopic analyses of gas and reservoir rocks. Field and rock core investigations will help determine the degree and rate of CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization that has occurred in the reservoir rocks. Natural surface leaks associated with CO<sub>2</sub> reservoirs will be investigated to determine the potential leakage pathways and time of leakage development. help to determine the geochemical effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on reservoir fluids, and the rate of CO<sub>2</sub> dissolution into the reservoir formation waters. Another objective of this research is to build the geologic CO<sub>2</sub>-system models needed to assess the nation for naturally occurring CO<sub>2</sub> gas resources.
- **Economics of CO<sub>2</sub> storage and enhanced oil recovery**
- **Storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in unconventional geologic reservoirs**  
The objectives of this research are to compile relevant information summarizing the state of knowledge concerning the use of coal beds, shale, and mafic/ultramafic rocks as potential reservoirs for the long-term storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, and to use this information to prepare preliminary methodologies to assess the potential for CO<sub>2</sub> storage in these reservoirs. Initial products will be national maps showing the location and other available data (thickness for example) for deep (>3,000 ft; >914 m) coal beds and organic-rich shale that may be available for CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- **Induced seismicity associated with CO<sub>2</sub> geologic storage**  
The primary objectives of this research are to develop a better understanding of the physical processes responsible for seismicity induced by deep CO<sub>2</sub> injection, develop procedures to quantify the resulting seismic hazards, and help design appropriate mitigation strategies.

# Stockage de gaz naturel

## Acteurs:

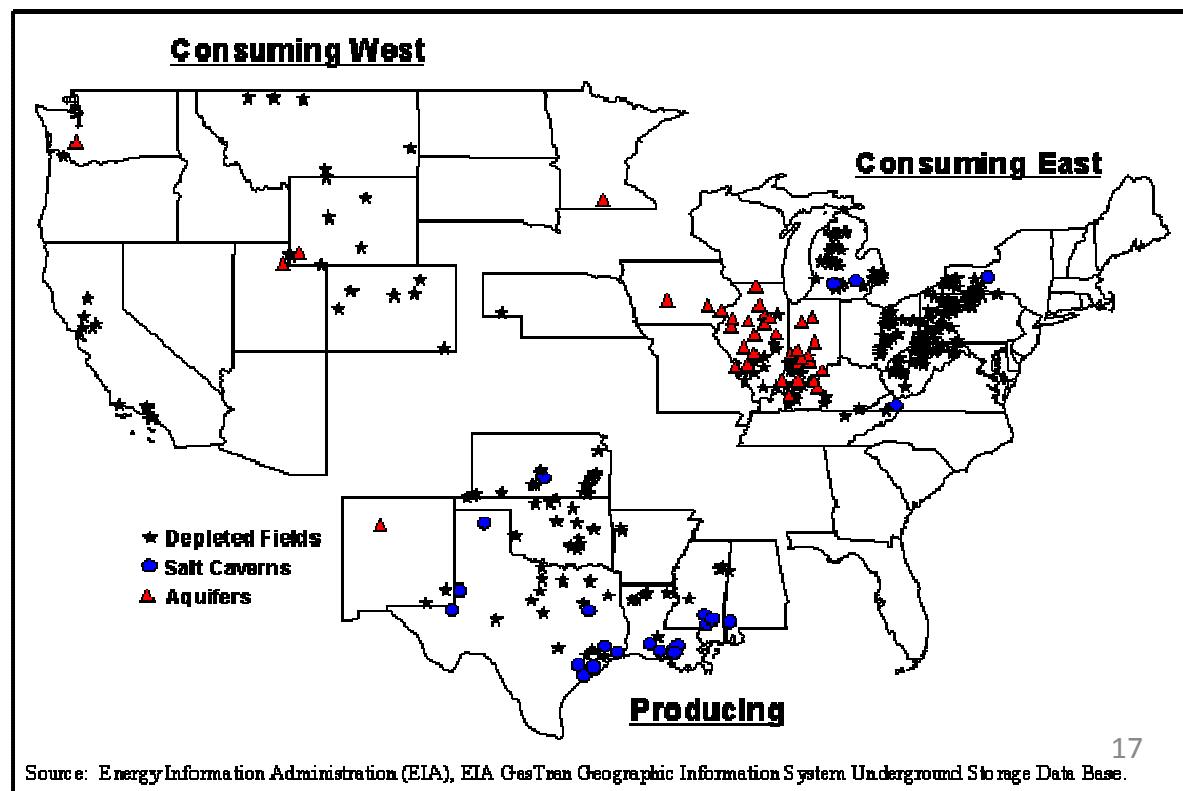
- Industries qui possèdent des pipelines
- Industries qui produisent de l'énergie
- Industries qui fournissent du stockage

## Régulation:

- Lois de l'Etat (local)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

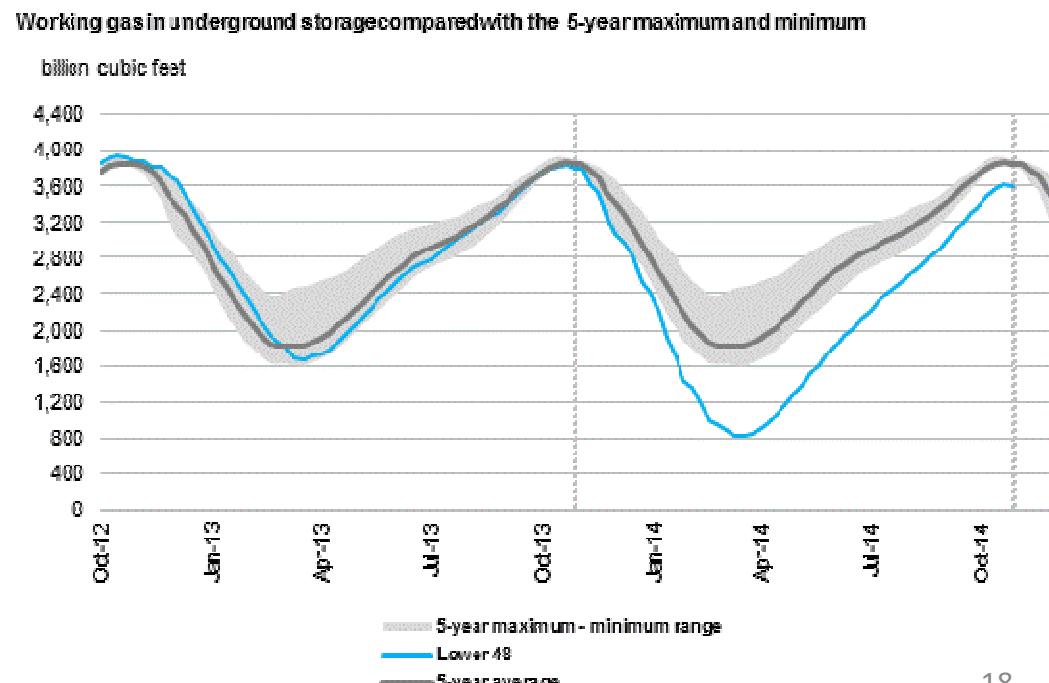
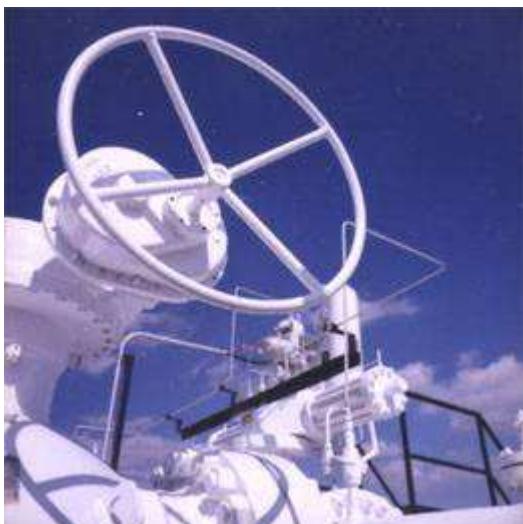
**Figure 2. Underground Natural Gas Storage Facilities in the Lower 48 States**

- Cavernes de sel
- Aquifères
- Mines abandonnées
- Anciens réservoirs de gaz naturel
- Cavités en roche dure



# Stockage de gaz naturel - Technologies

- “Base Load Requirements”
  - Besoins saisonniers
  - Cycles annuels: injection Avril-Oct, retrait Nov-Mars
  - Typiquement: anciens réservoirs d'hydrocarbures
- “Peak Load Requirements”
  - Besoins extrêmes, ponctuels, pour ajuster l'offre à la demande (imprévus)
  - Typiquement, dans des cavernes de sel ou dans des aquifères

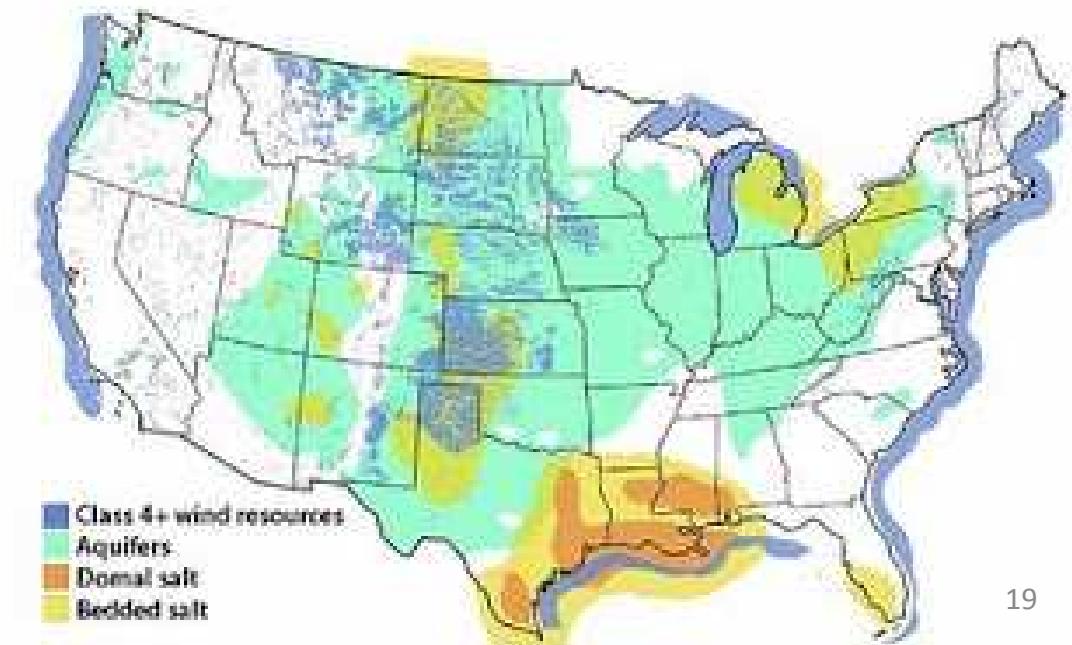


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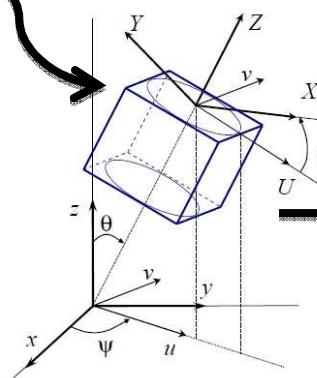
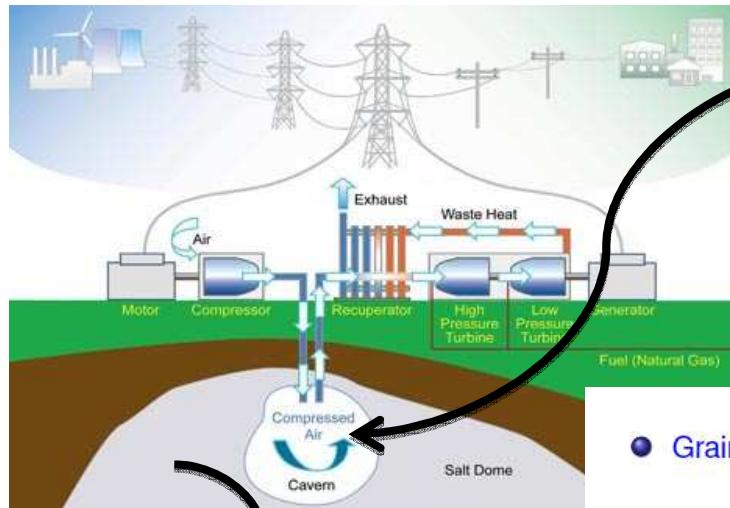
- Cavernes de sel  
*Propriétés de cicatrisation, faible perméabilité*
- Aquifères  
*Majorité du potentiel de stockage aux USA, e.g. Iowa Stored Energy Park*
- Mines abandonnées  
*e.g. projet Norton (Ohio)*
- Anciens réservoirs de gaz naturel



Sandia Nat. Lab. – research on domal salt

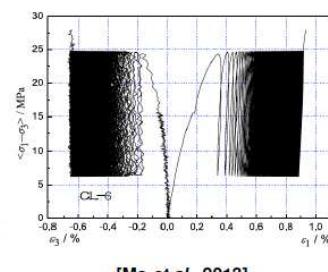
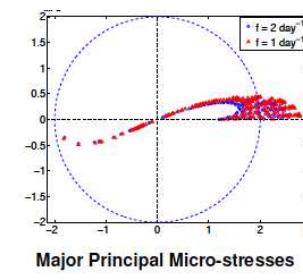
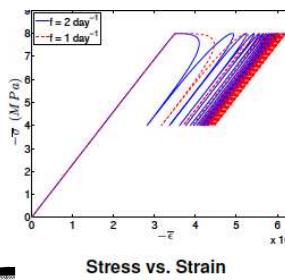


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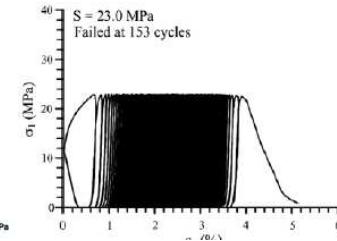
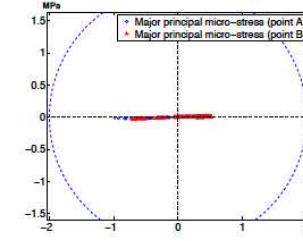
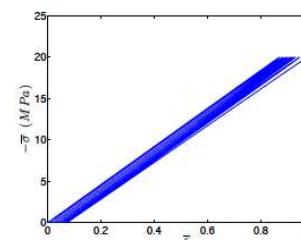


Micro-macro modeling of damage induced by fatigue under cyclic loading

(Pouya et al.)



[Ma et al., 2013]



- Grain breakage (if  $\sigma_n^{\max} \geq 2 \text{ MPa}$ )

$$\sigma = \dot{\sigma} = \dot{\epsilon}^{vp} = 0, \quad \dot{\epsilon}^{el} \neq 0$$

- Grain viscoplastic deformation

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{vp} = \sum_{l=1}^L \dot{\gamma}^l a_{ij}^l$$

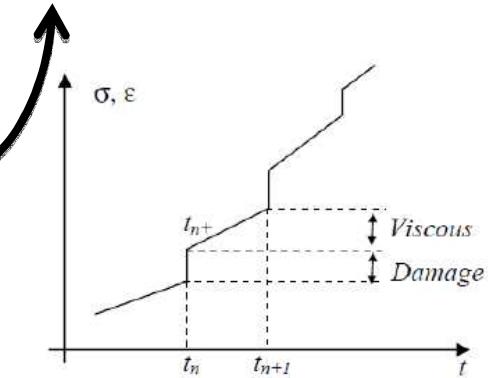
For each time step :

- 1 Damage phase ( $D = \frac{N_b}{N} = 1 - \frac{N_g}{N}$ )

$$\sigma(t_n) \rightarrow \begin{cases} < 2 \text{ MPa} : \text{grain is non-broken} \\ \geq 2 \text{ MPa} : \text{grain is breaking} \\ \text{broken grains remain broken} \end{cases} \rightarrow \frac{N_g(t_n)}{N_b(t_n)} \rightarrow \tilde{\mu}(t_n) \xrightarrow{\sigma(t_n)} \delta\bar{\epsilon}(t_n) \rightarrow \delta\epsilon(t_n) \rightarrow \delta\sigma(t_n) \rightarrow \sigma(t_n^+)$$

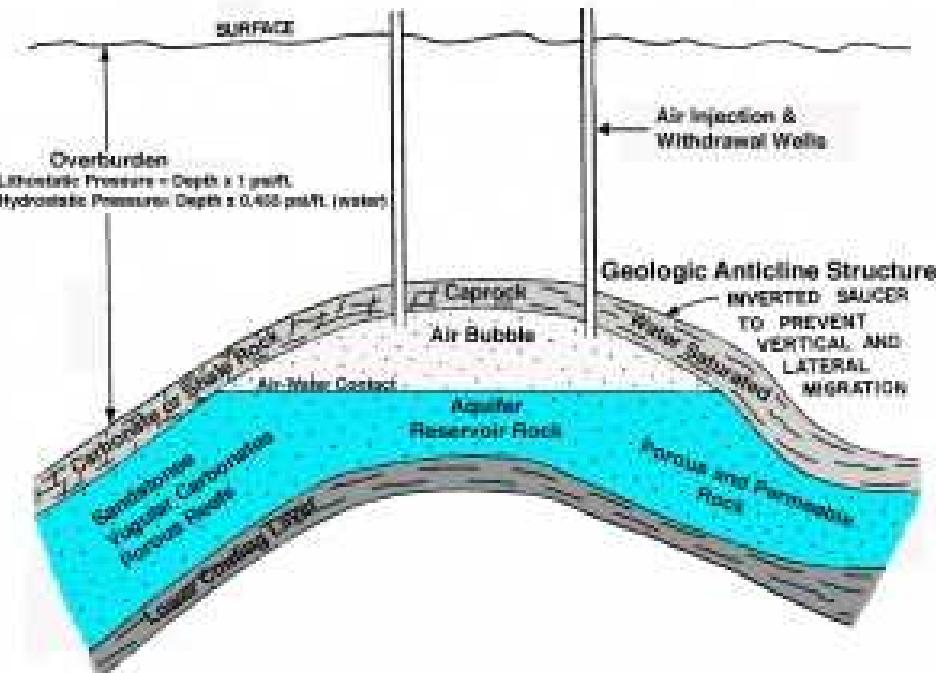
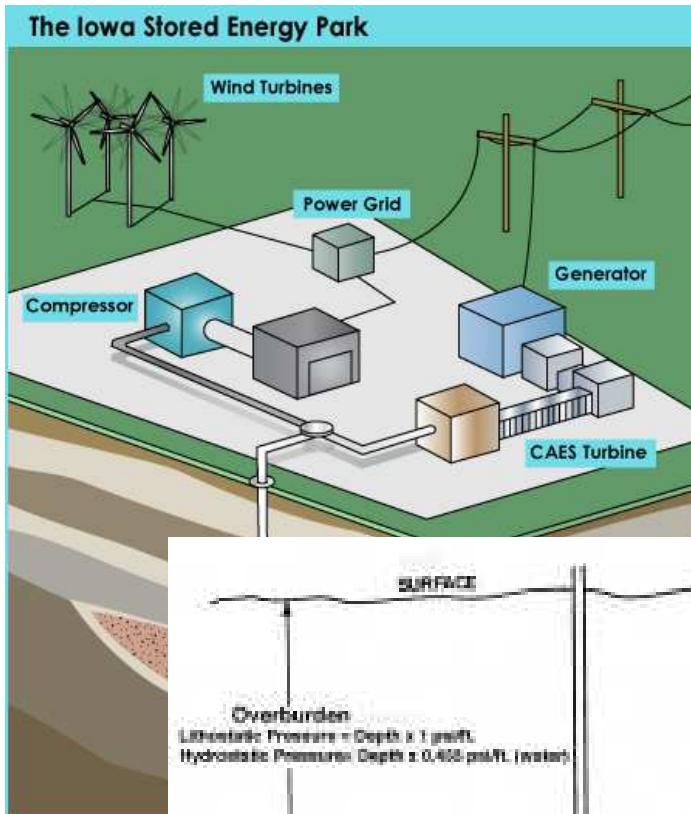
- 2 Viscous phase

$$\tilde{\mu}(t_n^+) = \tilde{\mu}(t_n) \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\sigma}(t_n^+) \rightarrow \dot{\epsilon}^{vp}(t_n^+) \\ \dot{\gamma}^l(t_n^+) \rightarrow \dot{\epsilon}^{vp}(t_n^+) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \dot{\sigma}(t_n^+) \xrightarrow{\sigma(t_n^+)} \sigma(t_{n+1})$$



Damage and Viscous Phases  
[Pouya, Zhu & Arson, JMPS, under review]

# Stockage d'air comprimé – Aquifères



## Principaux défis géomécaniques

- Synchronisation des cycles de pressurisation avec les cycles des turbines
- Résistance mécanique du massif rocheux
- Résistance aux séismes

- Circulation de l'eau
- Mobilité des bulles d'air
- Déplétion d'oxygène
- Oxydation

# Recherche sur le stockage géologique – Qui?

## Agences de Financement:

- National Science Foundation (NSF)  
*Géomécanique, comportement des matériaux*  
*Pas de problèmes d'hydrocarbures!*



- Department of Energy (DoE)
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)  
*Hydrologie*
- Industrie



## Organes de recherche:

- Universités
- Laboratoires Nationaux
- Entreprises de conseil (e.g., RESPEC)
- Département R&D dans l'industrie (e.g., Schlumberger)



# Recherche sur le stockage géologique – Comment?

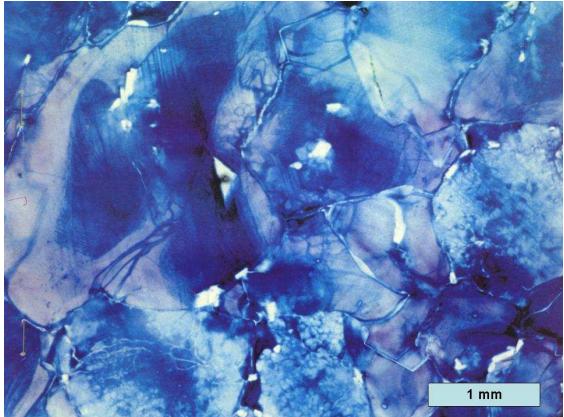
## Opportunités de financement:

- Barrières géologiques (déchets radioactifs)  
>> appels DoE pour les carburants, moins en géomécanique
- CCS >> très courtisé! (appels à propositions DoE, USGS)
- Stockage de gaz naturel  
>> semble suffisamment maîtrisé au niveau technologique
- CAES >> financement industriel prometteur

## Opportunités de collaborations Etats-Unis / Europe

- Projets blancs NSF/ANR >> très ciblé, généralement en physique, chimie, science des matériaux; gros projets (lourd à préparer!)
  - DoE >> collaborations très ciblées, e.g. USA/UK pour les déchets radioactifs
  - USGS >> rien à ma connaissance
- >>> **Suggestion: financement industriel avec le soutien financier et administratif de nos instituts de recherche**

# Merci....



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## WIPP

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waste\\_Isolation\\_Pilot\\_Plant](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waste_Isolation_Pilot_Plant)

## Stockage de gaz dans les cavités salines et les réservoirs

[http://www.eia.gov/pub/oil\\_gas/natural\\_gas/analysis\\_publications/storagebasics/storagebasics.html](http://www.eia.gov/pub/oil_gas/natural_gas/analysis_publications/storagebasics/storagebasics.html)

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## CCS

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