

# Berkeley Lab: National Lab with a Global Mission

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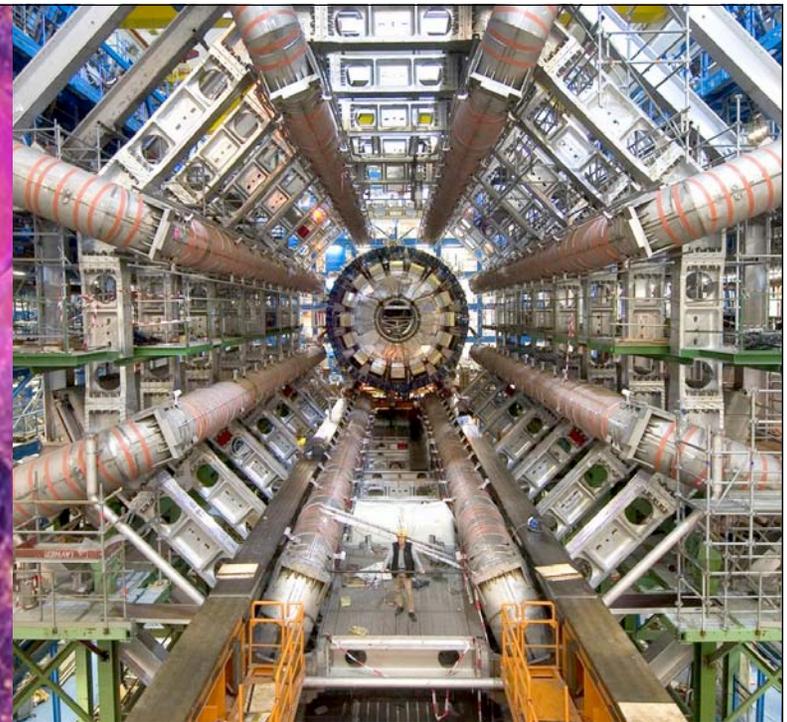
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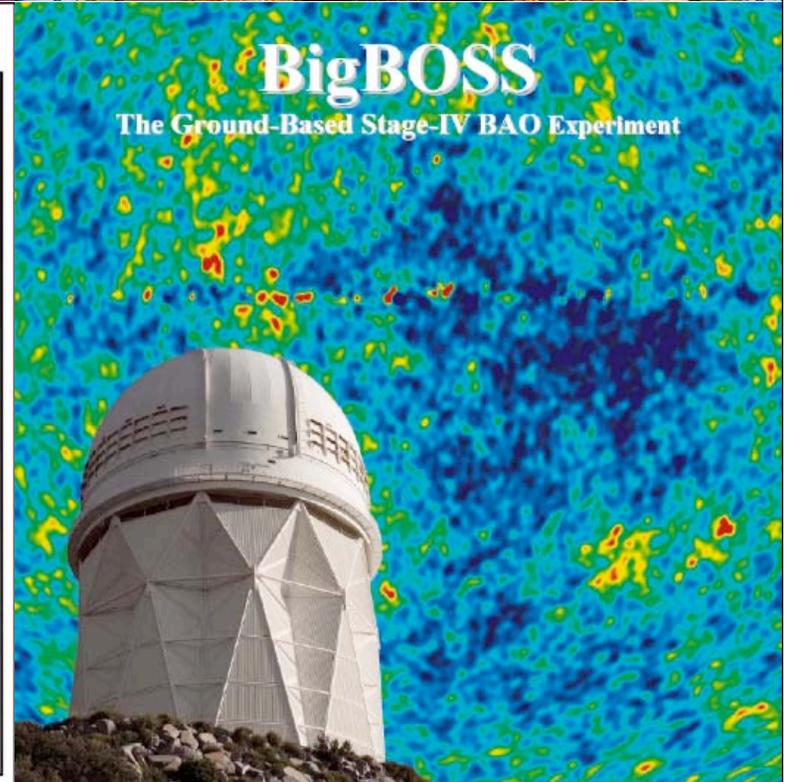
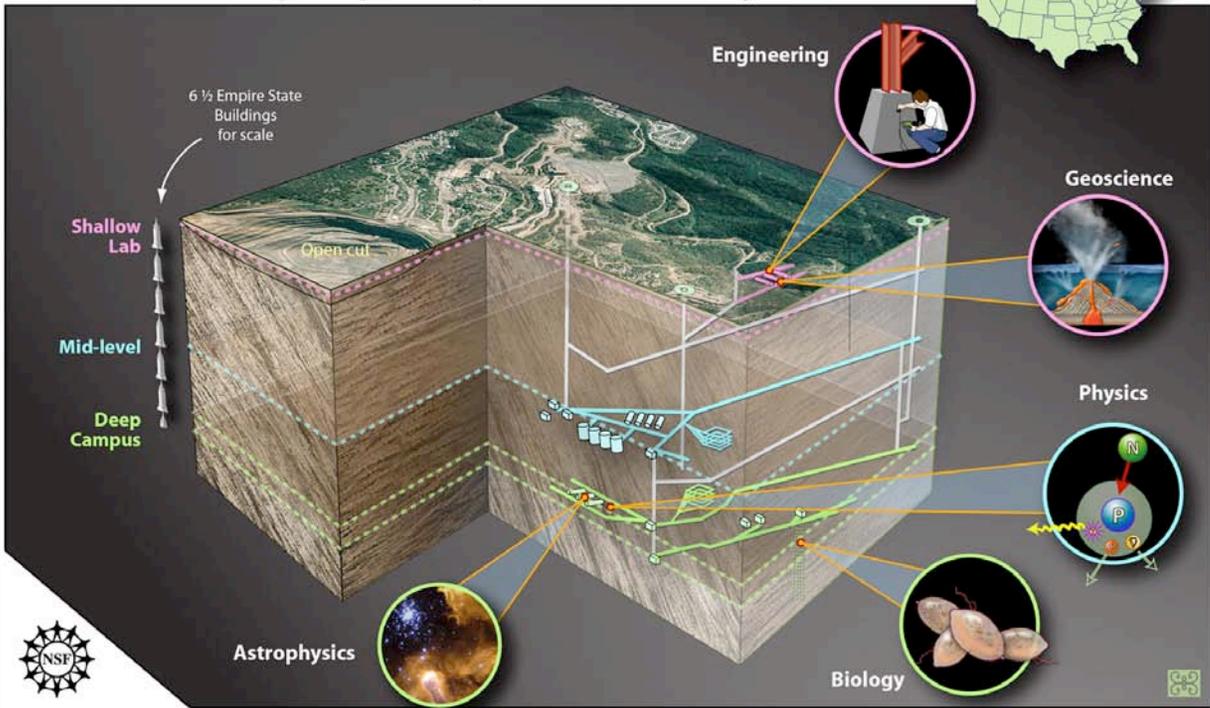
**Berkeley Lab has won 11 Nobel Prizes**



**Berkeley Lab currently has  
~ 3% of the members of National Academy of Sciences**



**DUSEL** Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory **at Homestake, SD**

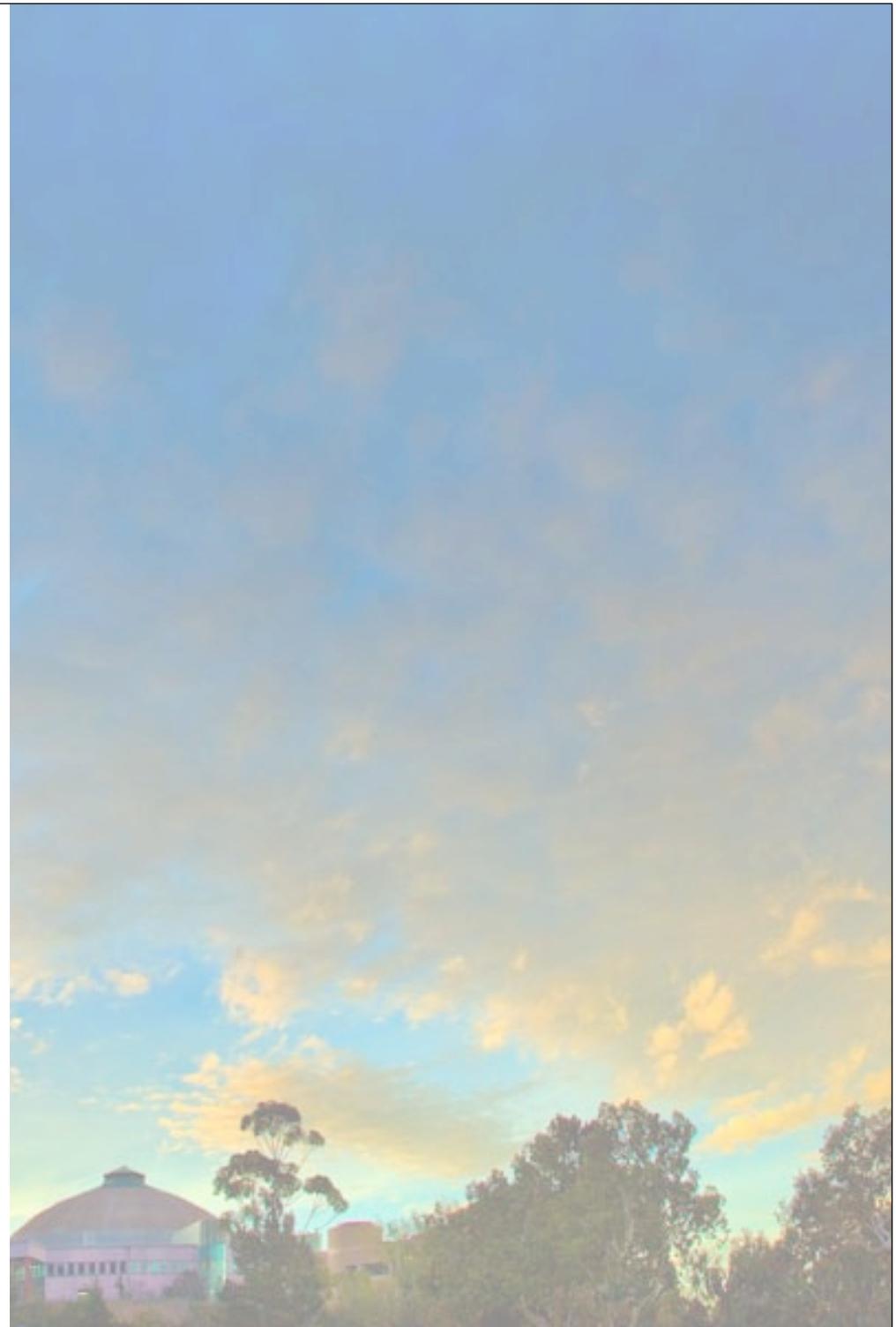


# Berkeley Lab Today

- Engage the Lab in the greatest scientific and technical challenges of our times
- Foster and harness the creativity of outstanding individuals
- Work collectively across disciplines and boundaries to find solutions
- Create and share unique tools for science
- Initiatives with scale and urgency
- This is the “Berkeley style” that created LBNL and put UCB on the world science map

# Mission Areas of Berkeley Lab Today

- Global energy and environment issues
- Biological sciences for energy, environment and health
- Energy and Matter in the Universe
- Computational science
- Provide world-class **infrastructure and team environment** for researchers...



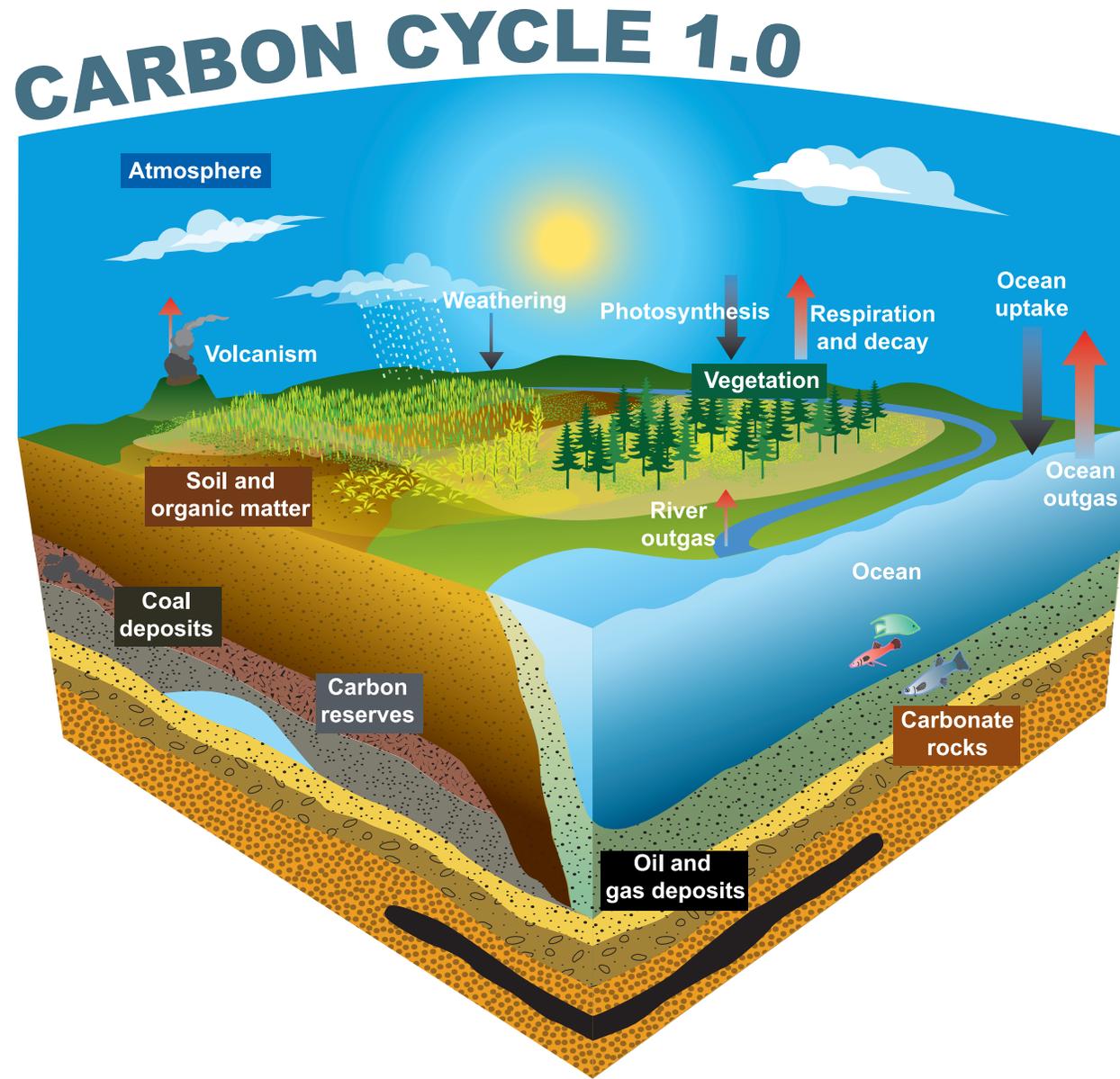
# World-Class User Facilities and Research Institutes Underpin Today's LBNL



**Societal needs in energy and environment challenge basic science to rise to a new level**

For a new sustainable energy system to emerge we will need new observational tools capable of probing still-hidden realms of science

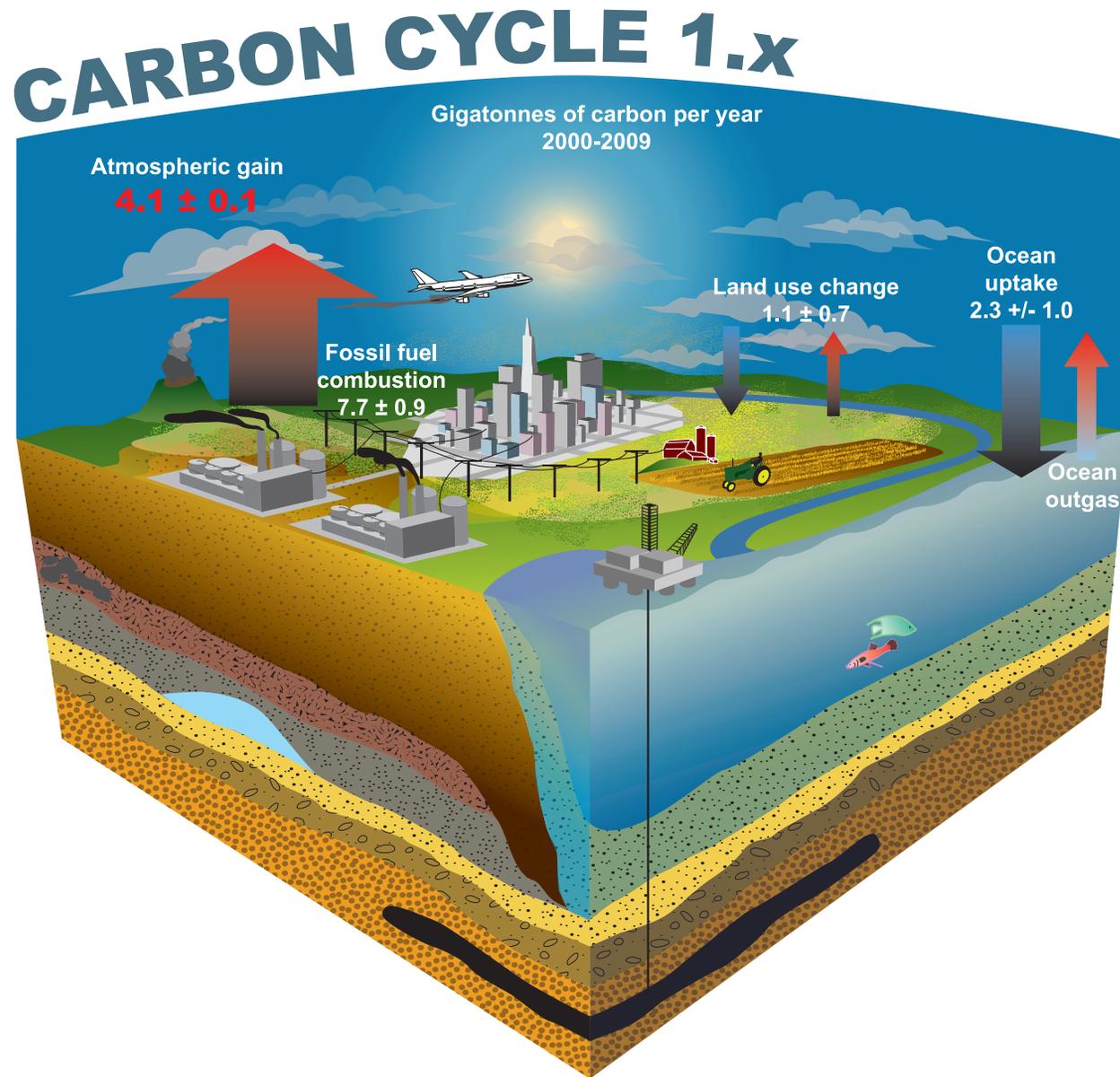
# Carbon Cycle 1.0: relatively stable geochemical cycles



50,000 BC - 1750 CE

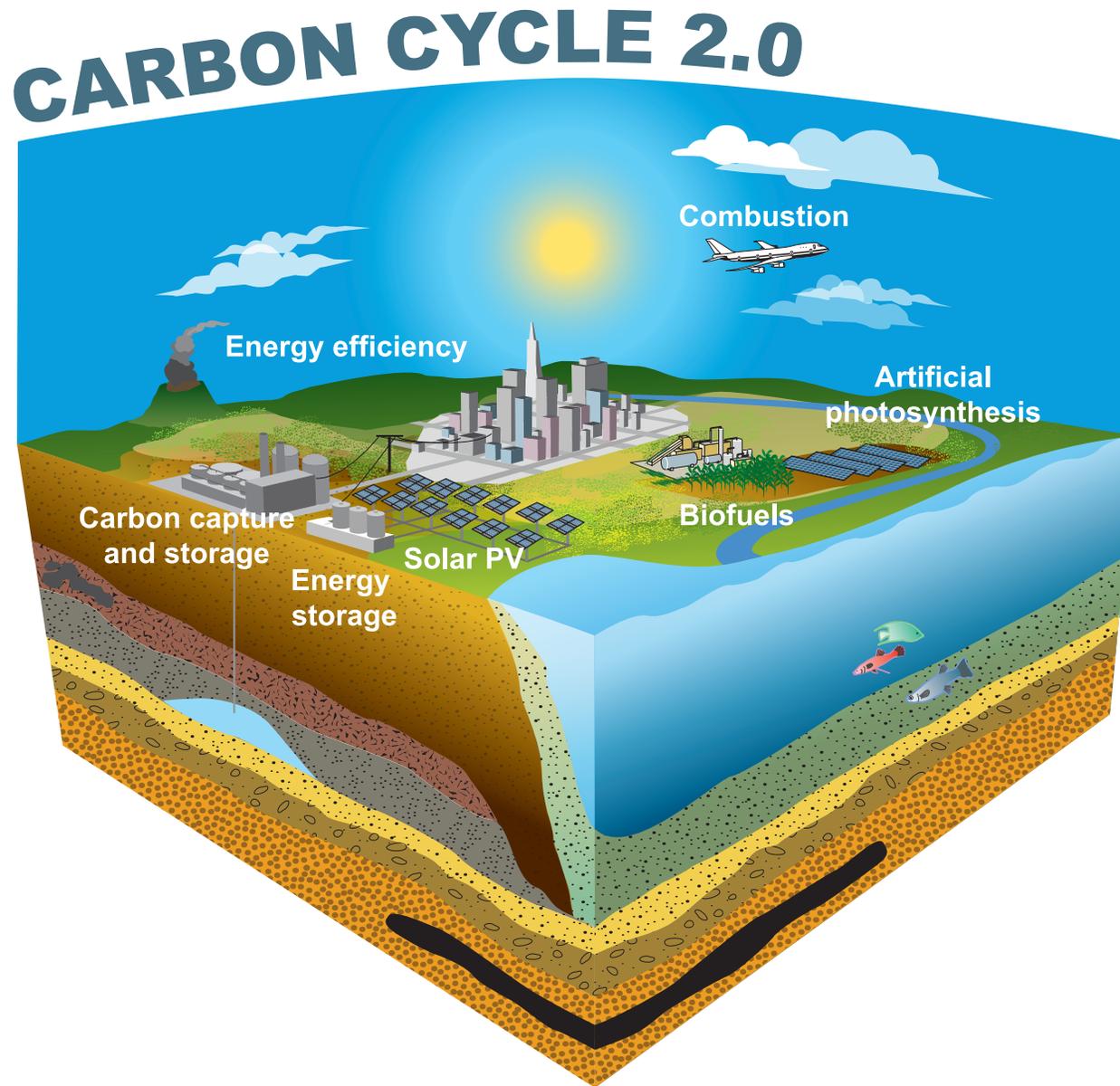
average net atmospheric gain:  $0.0 \pm 0.02$  gigatons carbon per year

# Carbon Cycle 1.x: An increasingly perturbed system



Net flux of C due to human activity  $\sim 100X$  natural geological flux

# Carbon Cycle 2.0: Restoring balance to the carbon cycle



Balance can be restored while allowing for growth in population and well being

A technical presentation by me summarizing our knowledge of climate impacts of CO2 emissions is available at:  
[carboncycle2.lbl.gov](http://carboncycle2.lbl.gov)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing `carboncycle2.lbl.gov/2011-01-31.html`. The browser's address bar also shows icons for Apple, Wikipedia, and Open in Papers. The website header is green and features the Berkeley Lab logo (a stylized building) and the text "BERKELEY LAB LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY". To the right of the logo is a small circular seal and the text "A-Z INDEX | PHONE BOOK | J".

The main content area has a green and yellow header with the "Carbon Cycle 2.0" logo and the tagline "Pioneering science for sustainable energy solutions". Below this is a section titled "Director Alivisatos's 1/31/11 Climate Change Presentation".

On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with the following items:

- Home
- Horst Simon's 2/18 CC2.0/LDRD Brown Bag
- Director Alivisatos's 1/31/11 Climate Change Presentation
- What is the carbon cycle?
- Carbon Cycle 2.0 Seminar Series Schedule
- Get Involved

The video player shows a presentation slide titled "CC 2.0 Update" by Director Paul Alivisatos. The slide content includes the "ePresence" logo and the URL `http://epresence.tv`. The video player interface includes a play button, a progress bar, and a timestamp of 09:09 / 01:19:12.

Does an increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>  
influence the Earth's temperature? **Yes.**

Is CO<sub>2</sub> increasing, and is that increase due to human activity? **Yes.**

Can't we simply adapt to any changes  
that might arise from changes in CO<sub>2</sub>?

**We don't know, but there are substantial risks...**

Gasoline and diesel-like **biofuels** generated from lumber waste, crop wastes, solid waste, and non-food crops;

**Automobile batteries** with three times today's energy density that can survive 15 years of deep discharges;

**Photovoltaic solar power** with a fully installed cost four times cheaper than today's technology;

Computer design tools for commercial and residential **buildings** that enable reductions in energy consumption of up to 80 percent with investments that will pay for themselves in less than 10 years;

**Utility-scale energy storage systems** so that variable renewable energy sources such as wind or solar power can become base-load power generators.

# Steve Chu's List

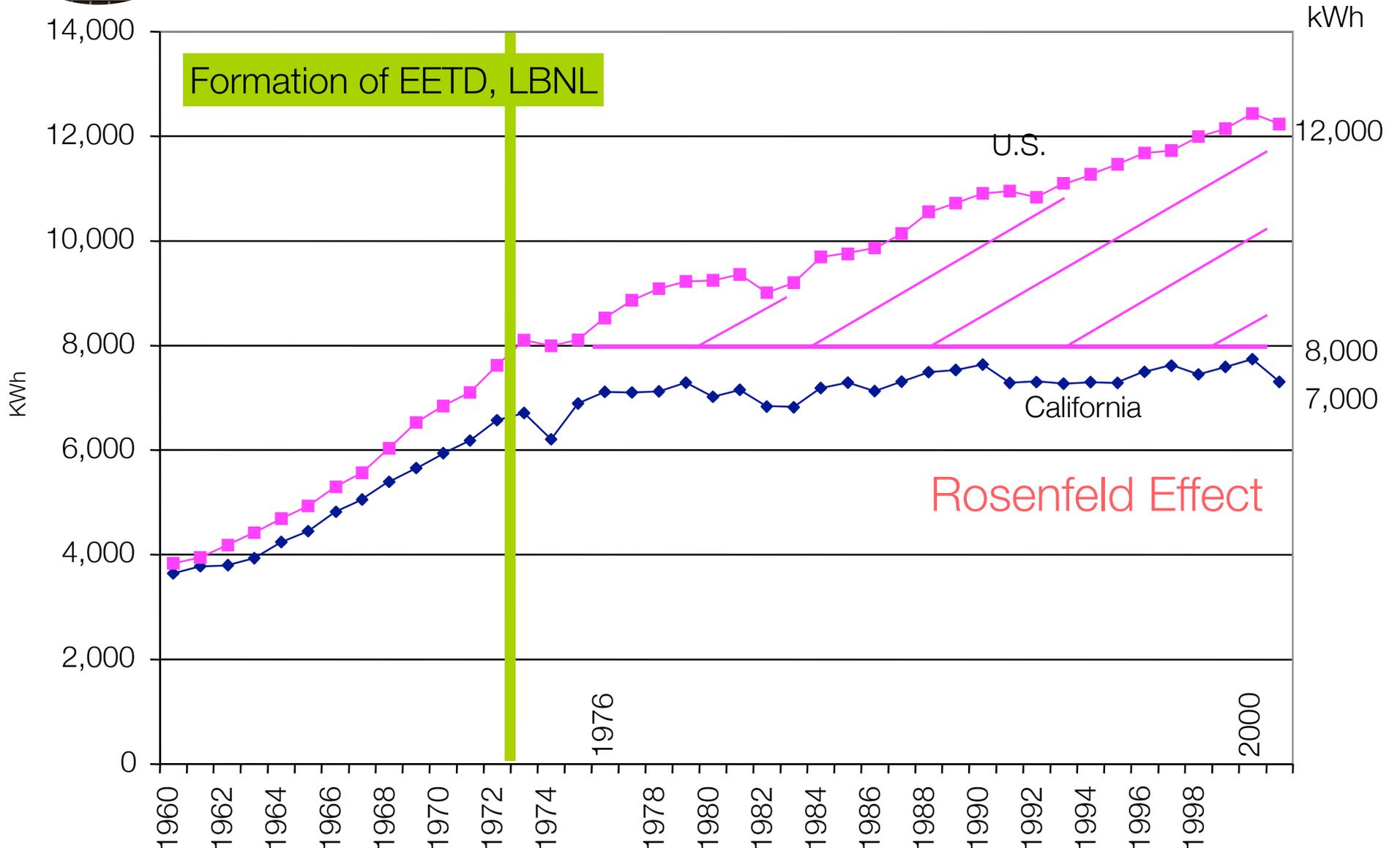


# The Carbon Cycle 2.0 Initiative at Berkeley Lab

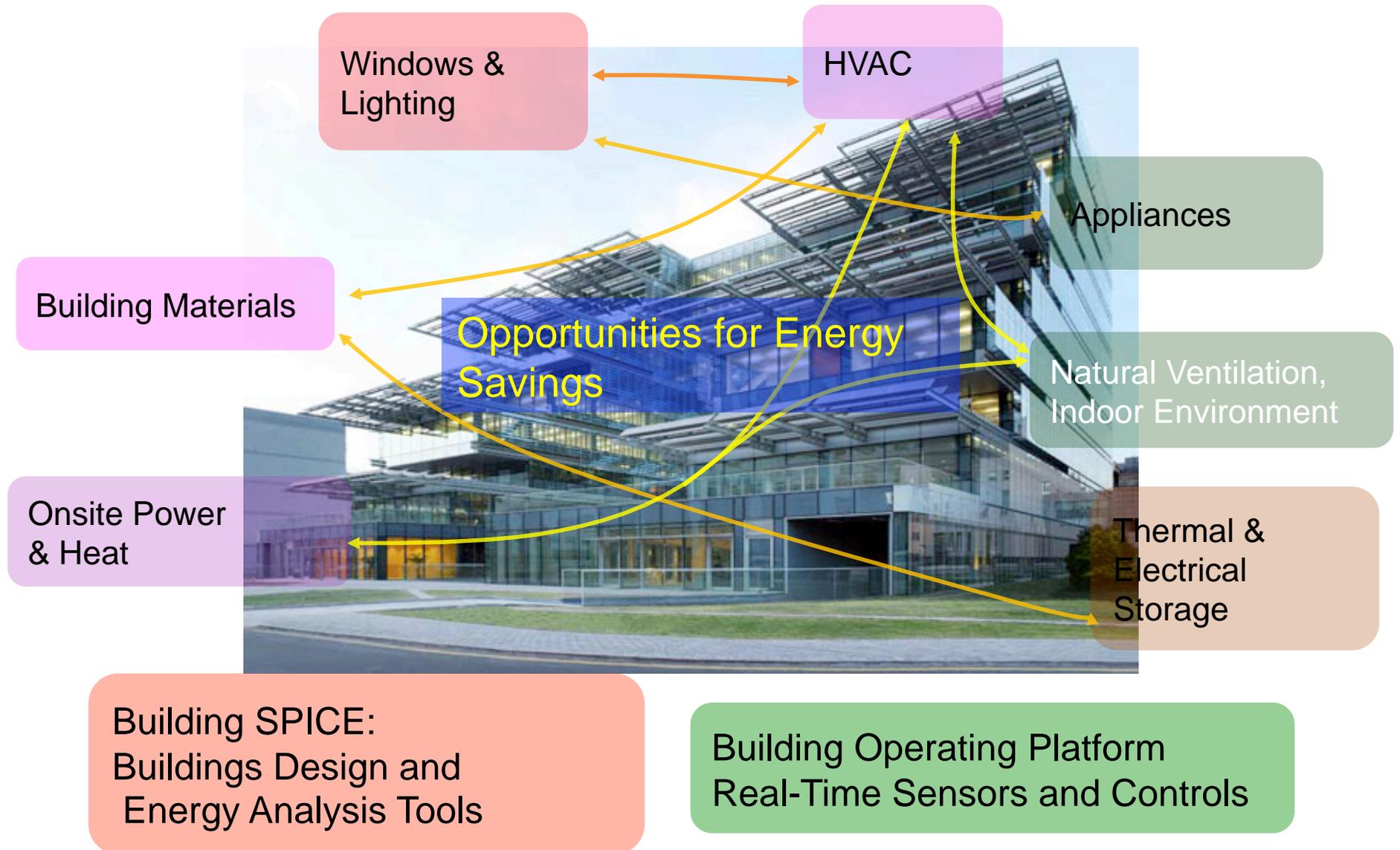


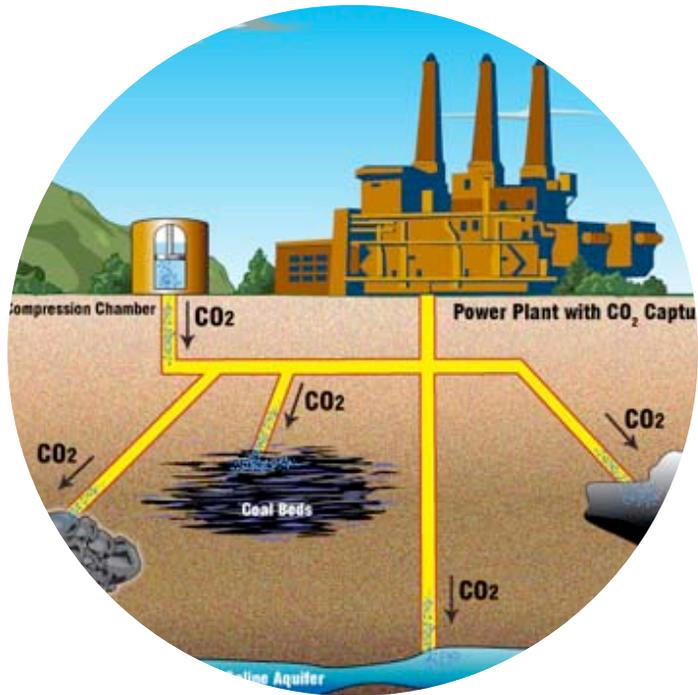


energy efficiency R&D and policy  
has held CA electricity consumption  
relatively flat vs. the US



# Building Efficiency- science and engineering drivers

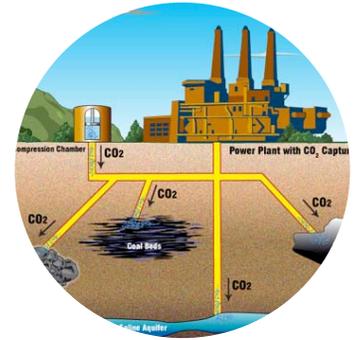




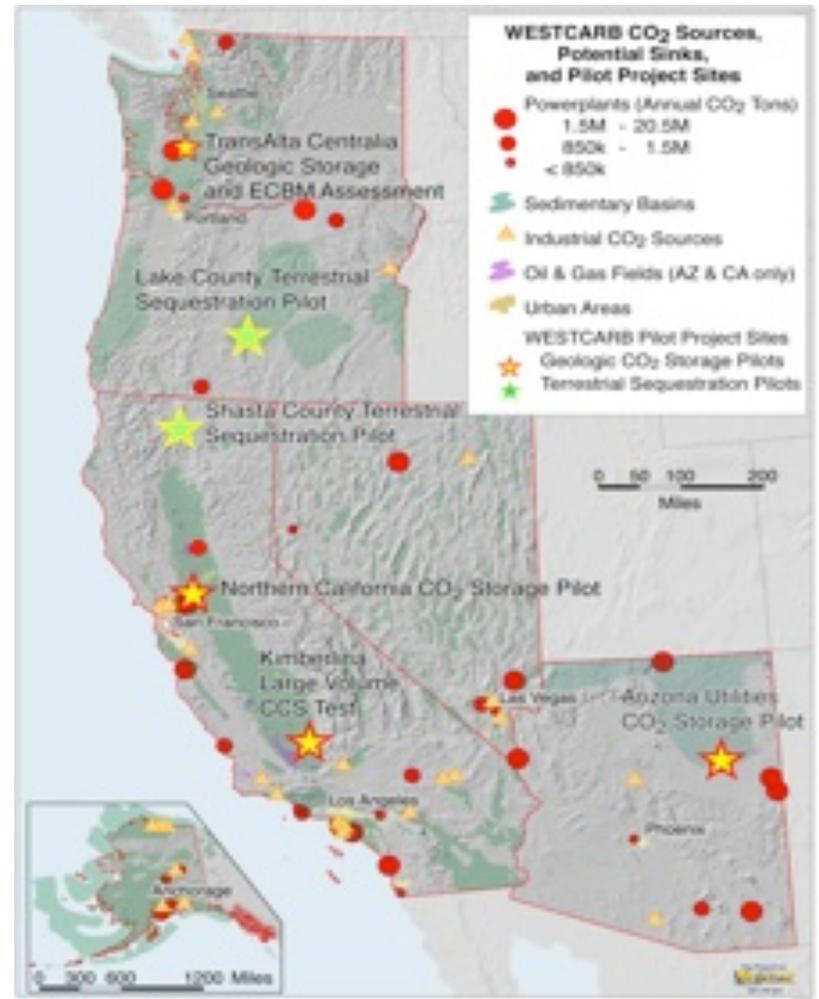
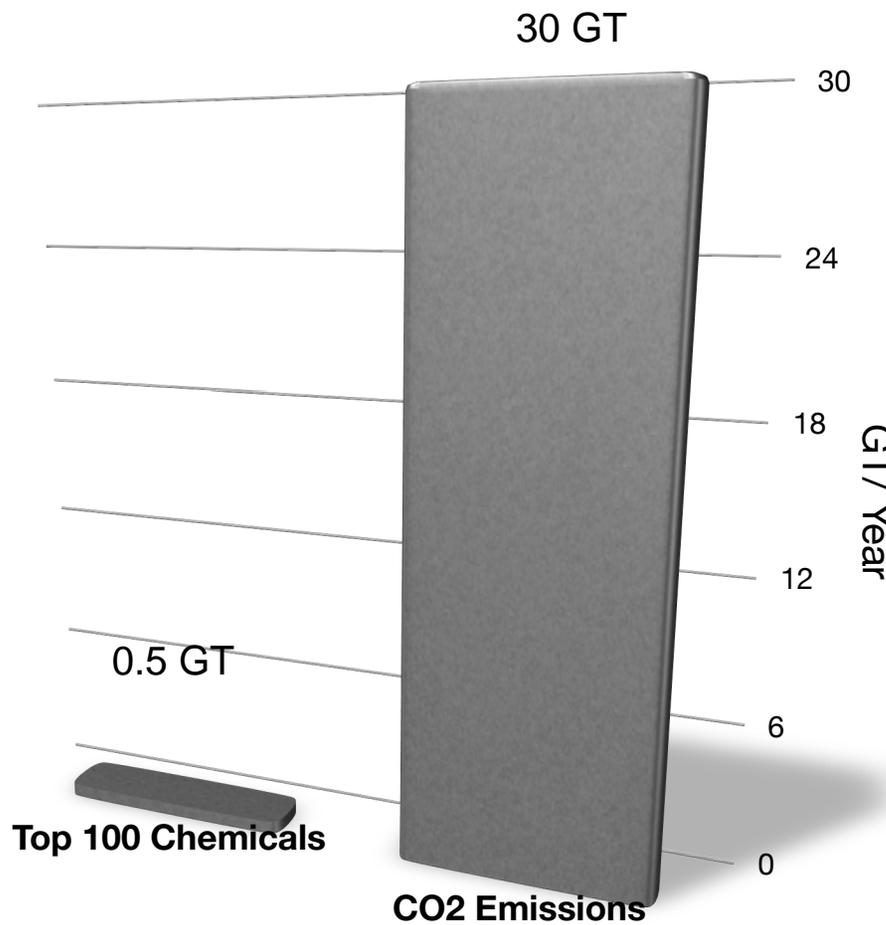
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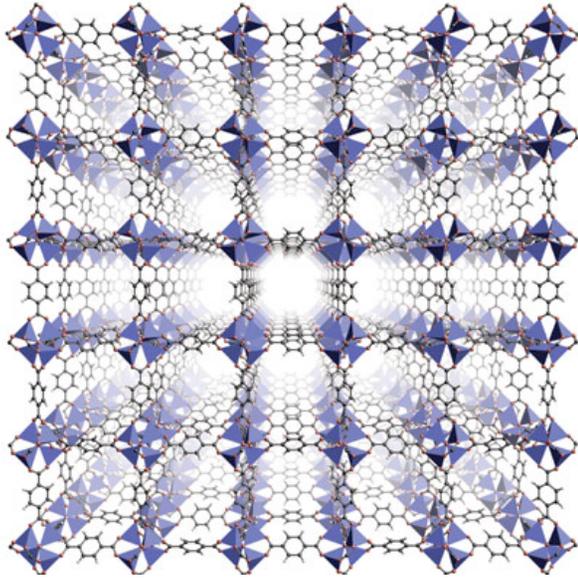
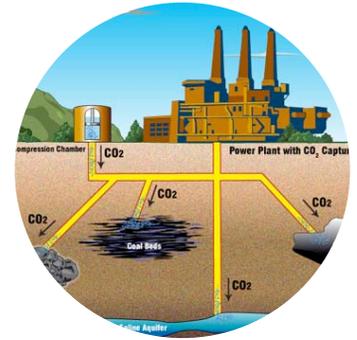
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**WESTCARB Pilot Sites**



# Carbon Capture - New materials

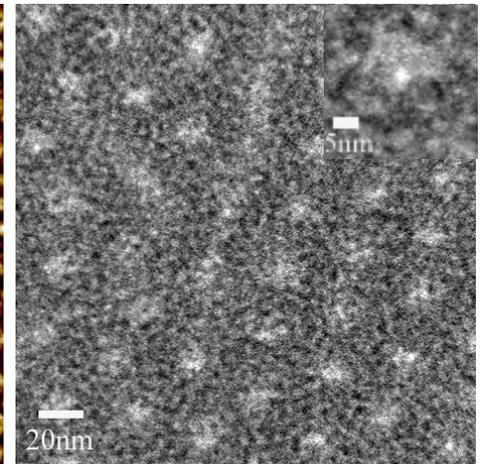
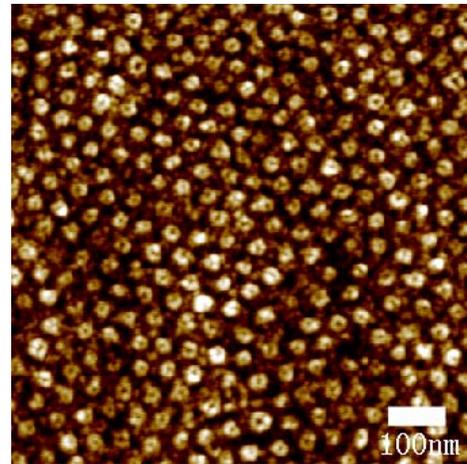
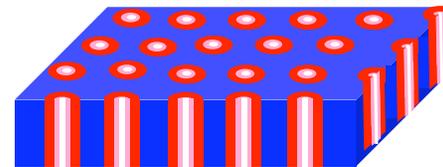
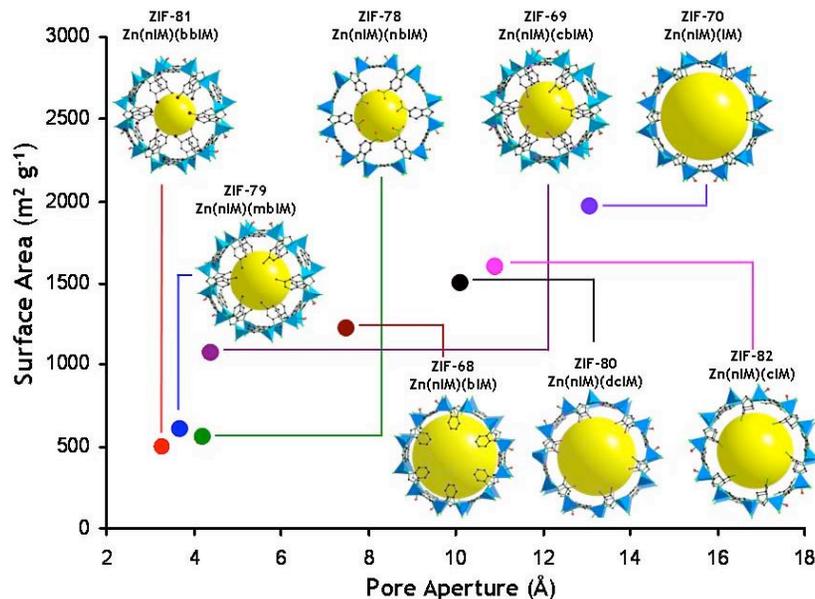


Metal Organic Frameworks

Zeolitic Imidizolate Frameworks

Engineered Polymer Membranes

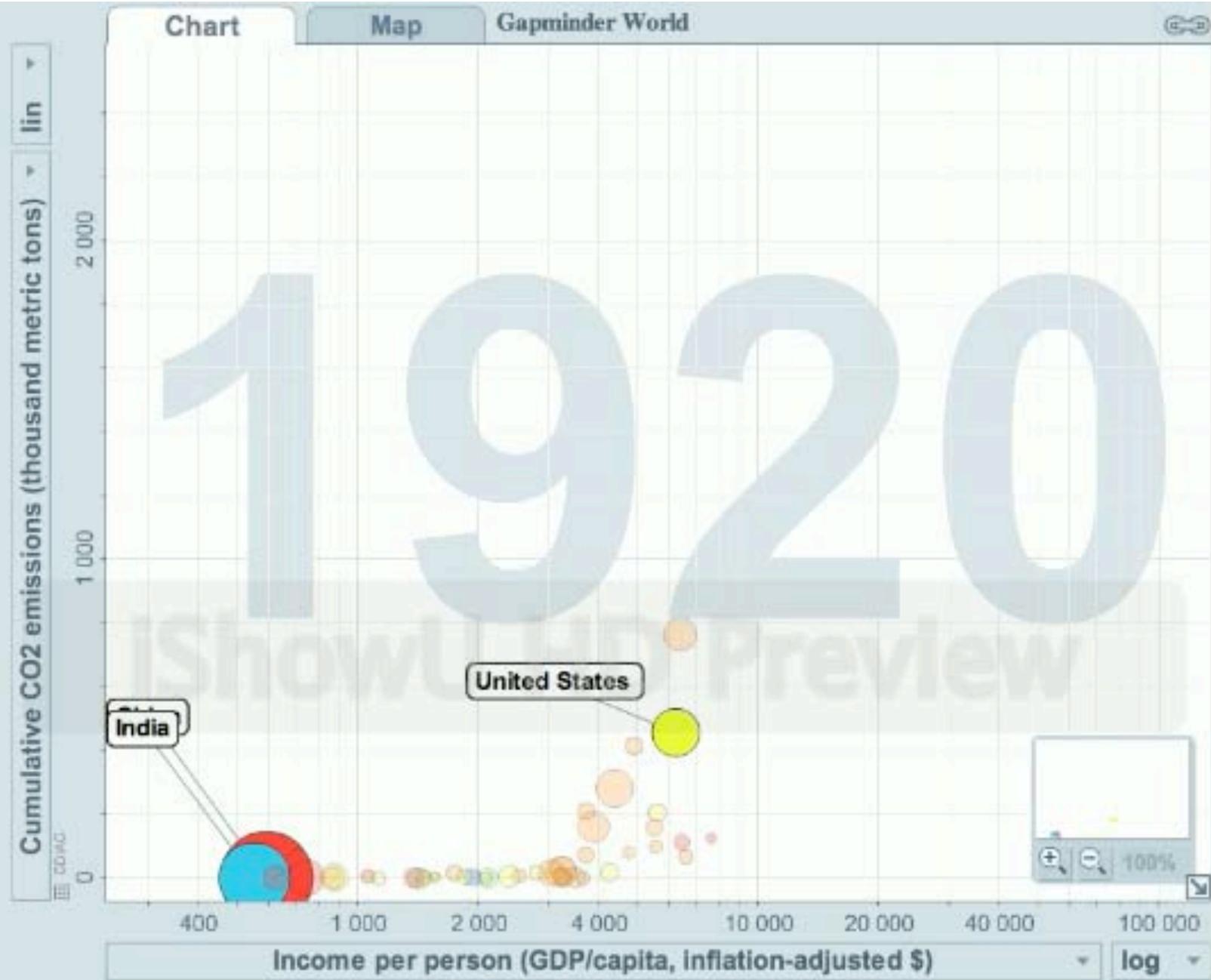
Advanced Computation



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# Developing World - Future in the Balance

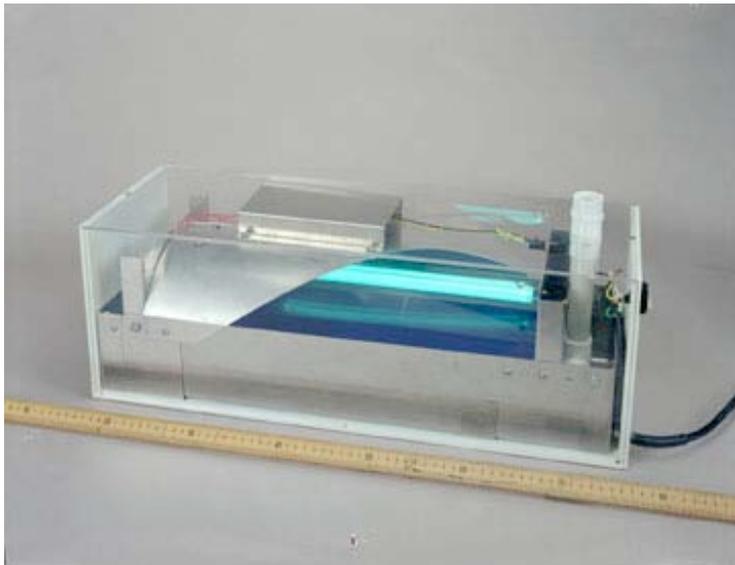


source: [gapminder.org](http://gapminder.org)

# Developing world success stories for LBNL



**Berkeley  
Darfur  
Stove**



**UV  
Waterworks**

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# Second Campus Vision

some (but not all) potential second campus communities

Alameda

Oakland

Emeryville

Berkeley

Albany

Richmond



- Consolidate programs from leased facilities at a new second campus and provide space for future growth
- Locate the campus in the San Francisco East Bay to benefit from an unmatched concentration of technology companies, world-class universities, and venture capital
- Increase cooperation with industry to speed up the innovation cycle in energy
- Accelerate the pace of innovation, technology transfer, and deployment



## Community Outreach

- Science workshops and Lab visits for over 2,100 K-16 students from local communities
- Mentored research internships for 160 high school and undergraduate students
- Mentored internships for elementary and high school science teachers
- Partner Communities – Berkeley, Oakland, West Contra Costa
- Partnerships with educational, scientific, and economic development organizations



Special Campaign: early planning now underway for lab-wide volunteer effort “Cool your school” to boost science curricula in local schools

