

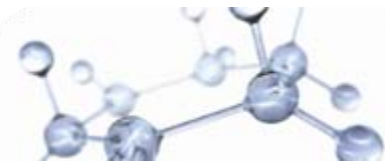


# ***Developing Sour Gas Resources with Controlled Freeze Zone™ Technology***

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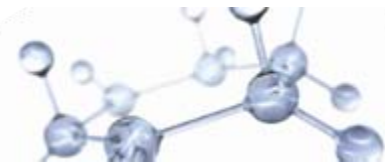
# *Outlook for Natural Gas Supply/Demand*



- Natural gas expected to be the fastest growing fuel source for the next 20 years
- Demand growth expected in power generation sector because of lower emissions and greater efficiency with natural gas fired units
- Domestic and imported supplies will be needed to meet regional gas demands via pipeline and LNG deliveries

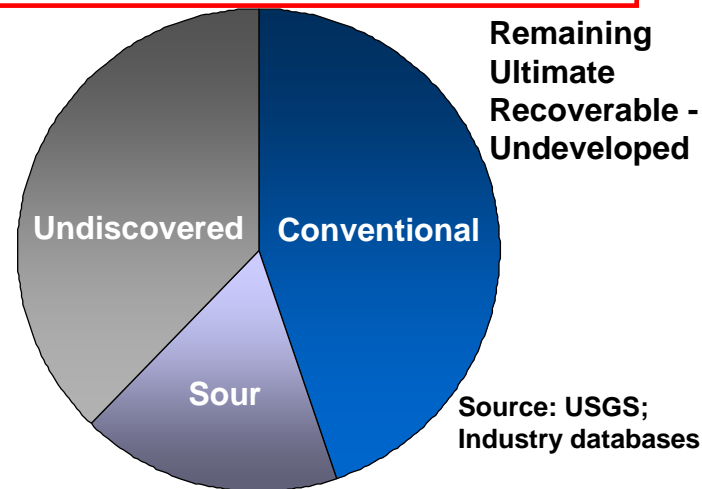


# Challenges with Sour Natural Gas Resources

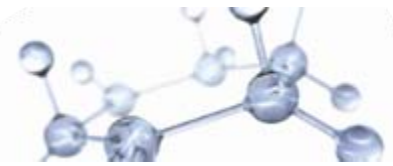


- Provide clean-burning natural gas from increasingly sour gas resources
  - As much as 1/3 of global conventional resources have significant amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S
  - Fields with CO<sub>2</sub> contents greater than 30% and H<sub>2</sub>S content greater than 10% are encountered more frequently
- Management of contaminants
  - Increased focus on CO<sub>2</sub> removal and disposition
  - Alternatives to sulfur production
  - Geosequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Challenging economics for developing sour gas reserves
  - Smaller amounts of valuable hydrocarbon
  - Remote gas developments

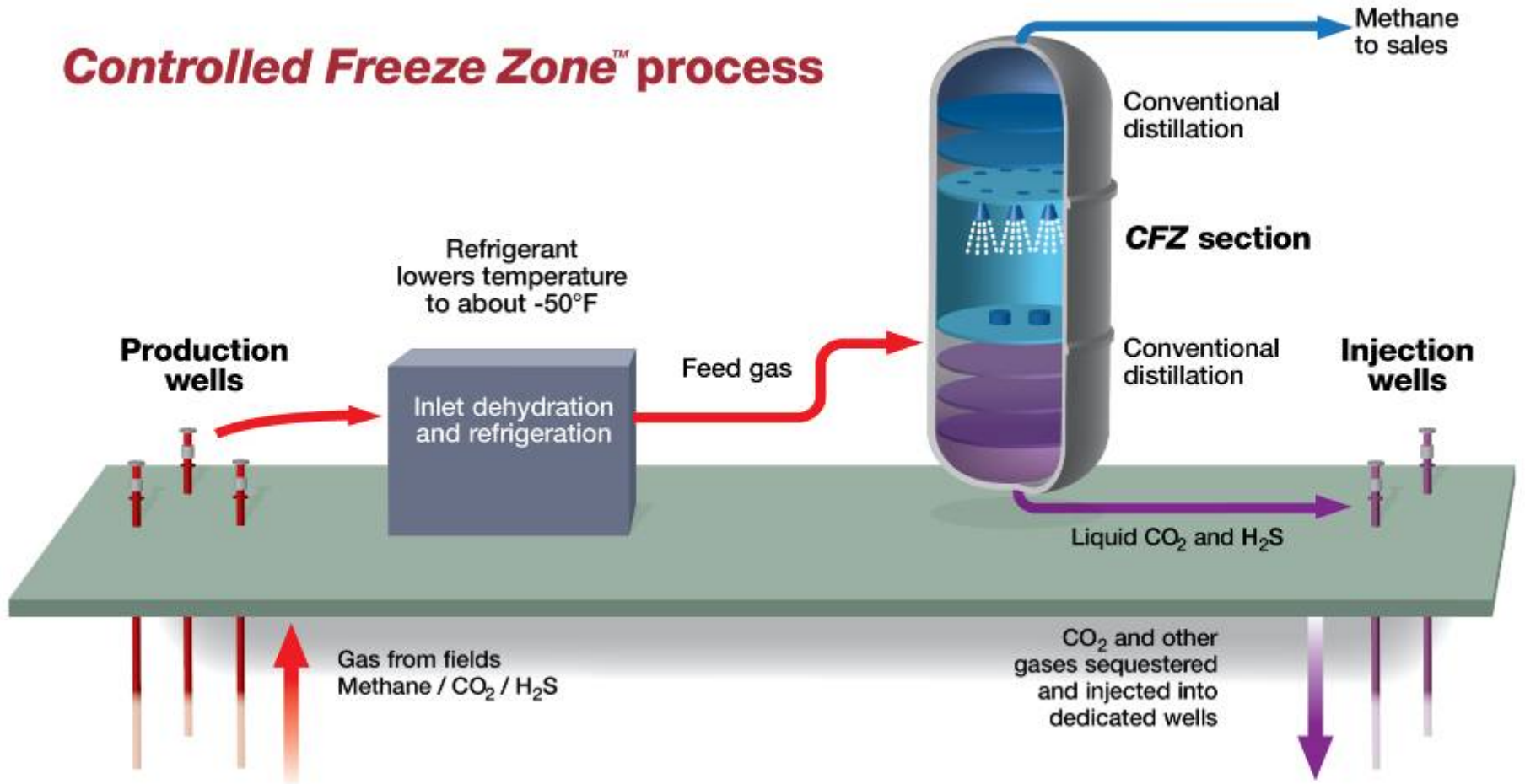
## Global Gas Resource Distribution



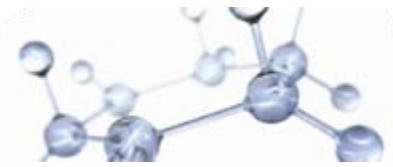
# Controlled Freeze Zone™



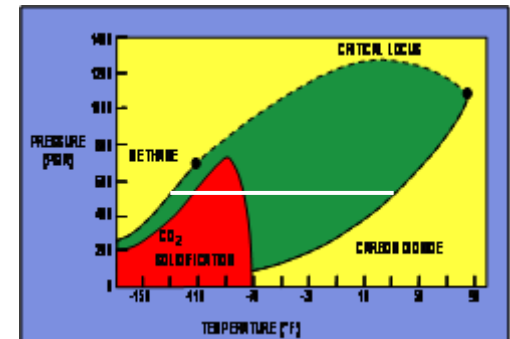
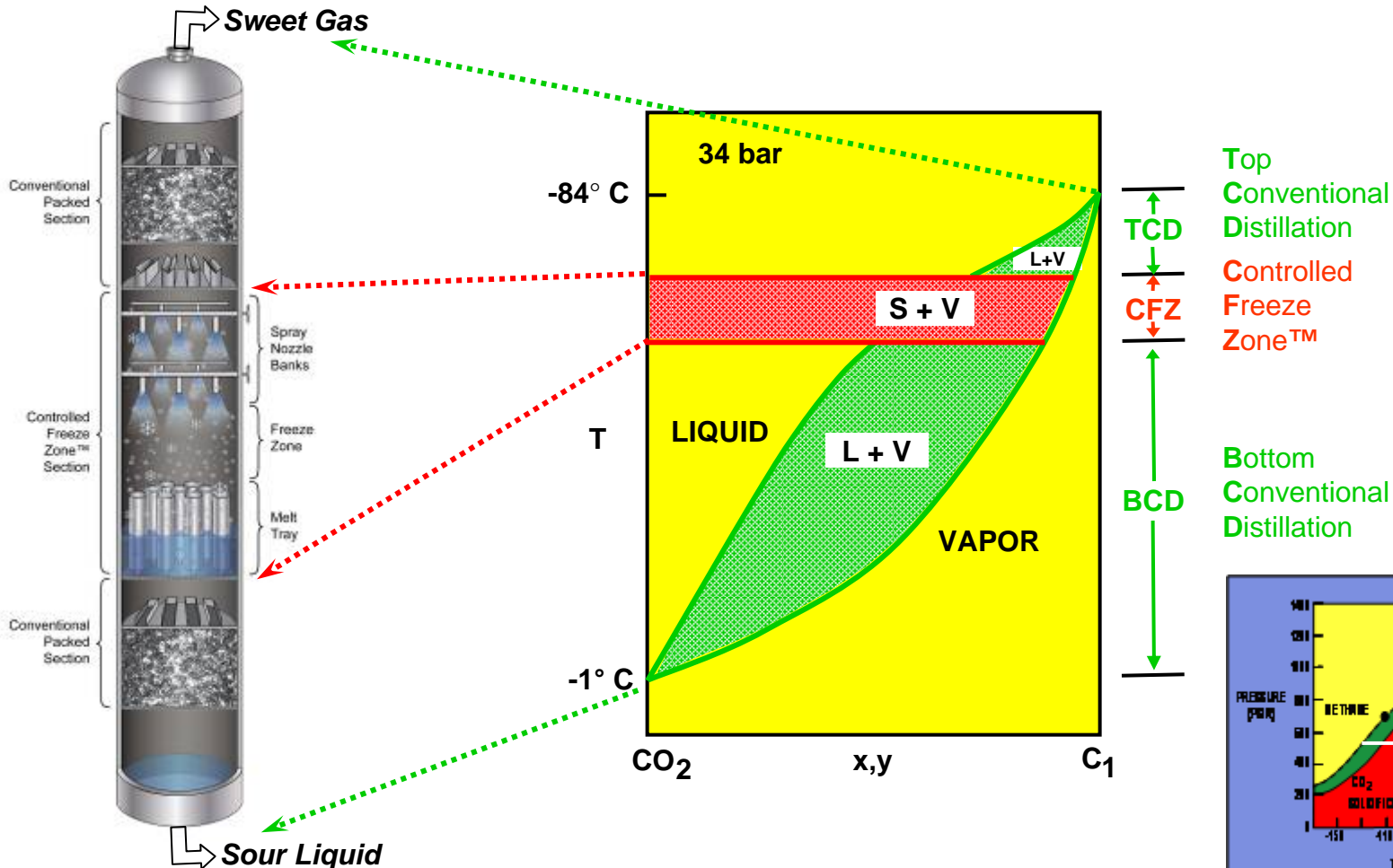
## Controlled Freeze Zone™ process



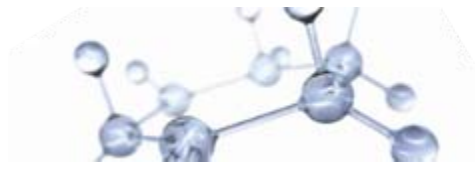
# Technology Uses a Different Approach



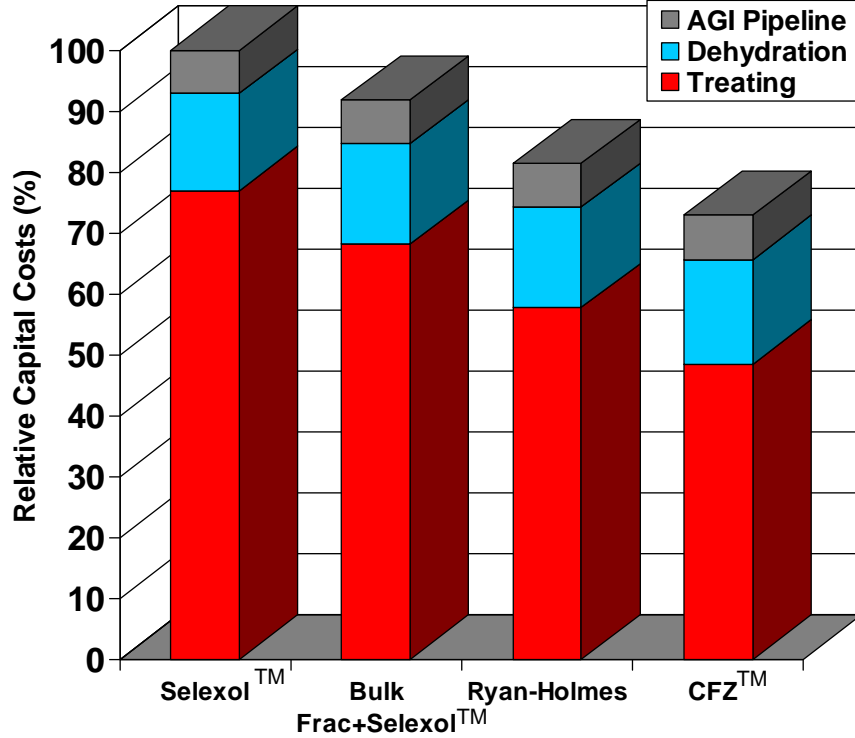
Rather than **avoiding** solidification of CO<sub>2</sub>,  
**control** it and **confine** it to specially designed section in distillation column



# Capital Costs and Energy Efficiency



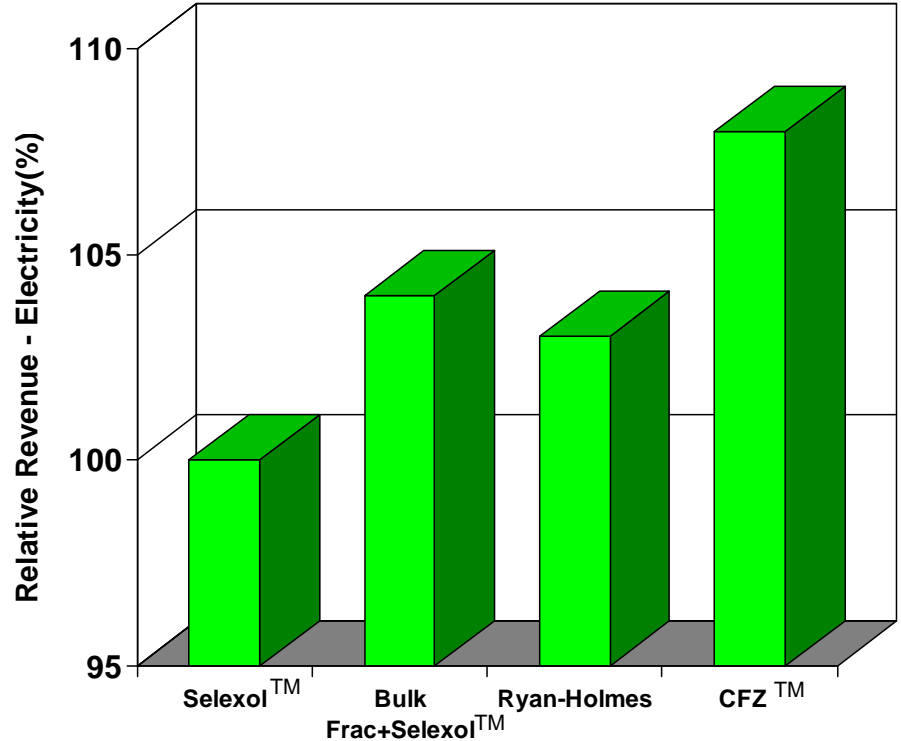
**Overall Costs**



- 10 - 27% lower overall capital costs
- 12 - 37% cost savings for treating

**Less Equipment  
Lower Costs**

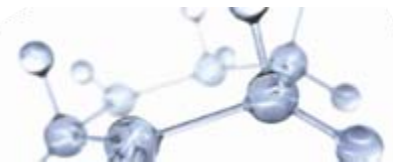
**Sales Revenue**



- 5 - 16% more energy efficient
- 4 - 8% greater sales

**Lower Emissions  
More Gas Supply**

# **History of Technology Development**

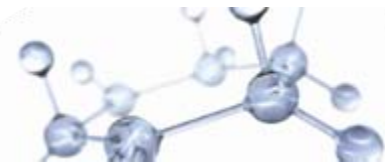


- **Invented at Exxon Production Research Co. in 1983**
  - Original patent granted in 1985
- **Pilot plant operated in 1986**
  - Proved CFZ™ concept for CO<sub>2</sub> removal
- **Engineering studies and process improvements 1987+**
  - Six additional patents
  - Nine pending patent applications



- **Commercial Demonstration Plant operation to begin in 2010**
  - Test wide range of compositions, with CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S
  - Integrate with acid gas injection
  - Provide design basis for world-scale plant

## Summary of CFZ™ Incentives



- Significant capital and operating expense savings
  - Fewer processing steps and less equipment for all applications
  - Reduction or elimination of solvents and additives
  - Lower acid gas injection costs
    - + High pressure separation
    - + Liquid acid gas stream can be pumped for reinjection vs. costly compression
  - Provides alternative for sulfur plants
- Higher efficiency provides more clean gas supply
- Environmental benefits
  - Allows economic CO<sub>2</sub> injection for geosequestration or EOR



Equipment Not Needed by CFZ™

*The Higher the Sour Gas Content, the Greater the Benefits*