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# **Big Sky Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership – Kevin Dome Carbon Storage FC26-05NT42587**

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# Presentation Outline

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- Project Overview
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  - Site Characteristics – Scientific Opportunities
- Site Characterization
- Modeling
- Monitoring
- Results to Date and Accomplishments
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# Benefit to the Program

- **Support industries' ability to predict CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity in geologic formations to within  $\pm 30\%$** 
  - The project will correlate logs, core studies, seismic and modeling efforts with multiple iterations through all stages of the project to determine actual storage compared to predicted. The project also tests storage in a regionally significant formation and in regionally significant structural closures that should refine regional capacity estimates.
- **Develop and validate technologies to ensure 99 percent storage permanence.**
  - The project will use 3D, 9C surface seismic, VSP, in zone and above zone geochemical sampling, repeat pulsed neutron logging, tracers, distributed T and P sensors and assurance monitoring techniques to verify location that the CO<sub>2</sub> remains in the storage complex.

# Benefit to the Program

- **Develop technologies to improve reservoir storage efficiency while ensuring containment effectiveness.**
  - Pulsed neutron logging and heat pulses to the reservoir combined with distributed temperature sensing should provide saturation information which can be studied as a function of injection rate. We will also measure rock physics properties as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> saturation to try to improve understanding of seismic response to S<sub>CO2</sub>.
- **Develop Best Practice Manuals for monitoring, verification, accounting, and assessment; site screening, selection and initial characterization; public outreach; well management activities; and risk analysis and simulation.**
  - BSCSP will use information from this project to contribute to best practices manuals.

# Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

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**Primary objective** - Demonstrate that the target formation and other analogous formations are a viable and safe target for sequestration of a large fraction of the region's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

*Success Criteria – Project safely injects CO<sub>2</sub> into the storage formation and models and monitoring indicate permanence of storage in the reservoir.*

Other objectives include improving the understanding of injectivity, capacity, and storativity in a regionally significant formation.

*Success Criteria – Site characterization, laboratory core studies, well tests, models coupled with operational data deepen understanding of use of site characterization data for predicting geologic system performance. Comparison of natural analog data with laboratory studies and geochemical sampling in the injection region improve understanding of injected CO<sub>2</sub> behavior in reactive rock.*

# Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

**Operational objectives** - Safely procure, transport, inject and monitor up to one million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the target formation; understand the behavior of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> within the formation; verify and improve predictive models of CO<sub>2</sub> behavior; test and validate monitoring, verification and accounting (MVA) methodology.

*Success Criteria – Safe and successful injection; good history matching of multi-phase flow and reactive transport models; monitoring techniques detect CO<sub>2</sub> when present and provide information of plume development.*

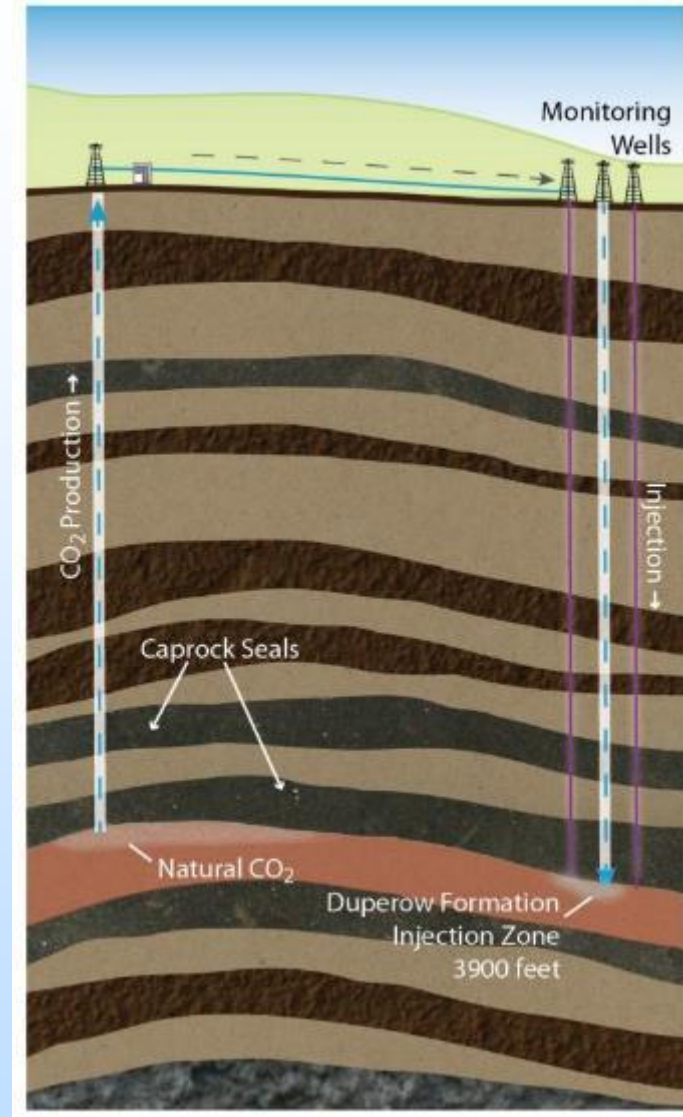
**Post-injection phase objective** - Assess any resultant changes from the CO<sub>2</sub> injection and to continue to monitor the CO<sub>2</sub> plume.

*Success Criteria – Continued detection of plume evolution and models showing predictive capability.*

**Regional characterization objectives** - Understand the costs of carbon sequestration; determine the best management practices to sequester carbon in the soil of agricultural systems; and refine regional assessments of CO<sub>2</sub> sources and capacity estimates.

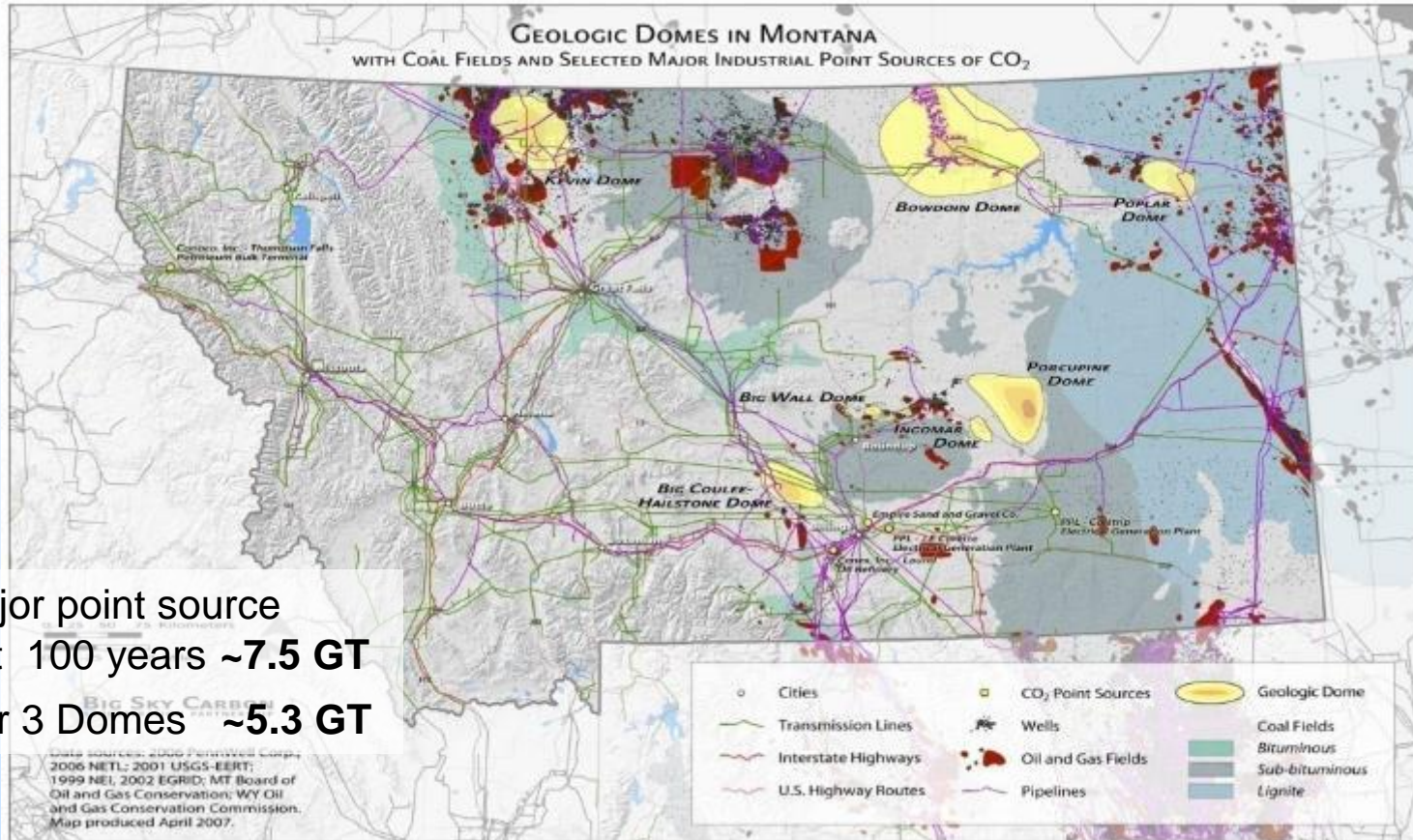
# Project Overview

- Permitting & Public Outreach
- Site Characterization
- Infrastructure Development
  - Characterization wells
  - 1 Injection Well
  - Monitoring Wells, Pipelines Compressor
- Injection Operations
  - 4 years
- Monitoring & Modeling
- Site Closure





# Domes Are Attractive Early Storage Target



Half of the current major point source emissions for the next 100 years ~7.5 GT  
Resource Estimate for 3 Domes ~5.3 GT

- Prevent trespass issues – buoyancy flow will take CO<sub>2</sub> to top of dome
- Potential use as carbon warehouse – decouple anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> rate from utilization rate

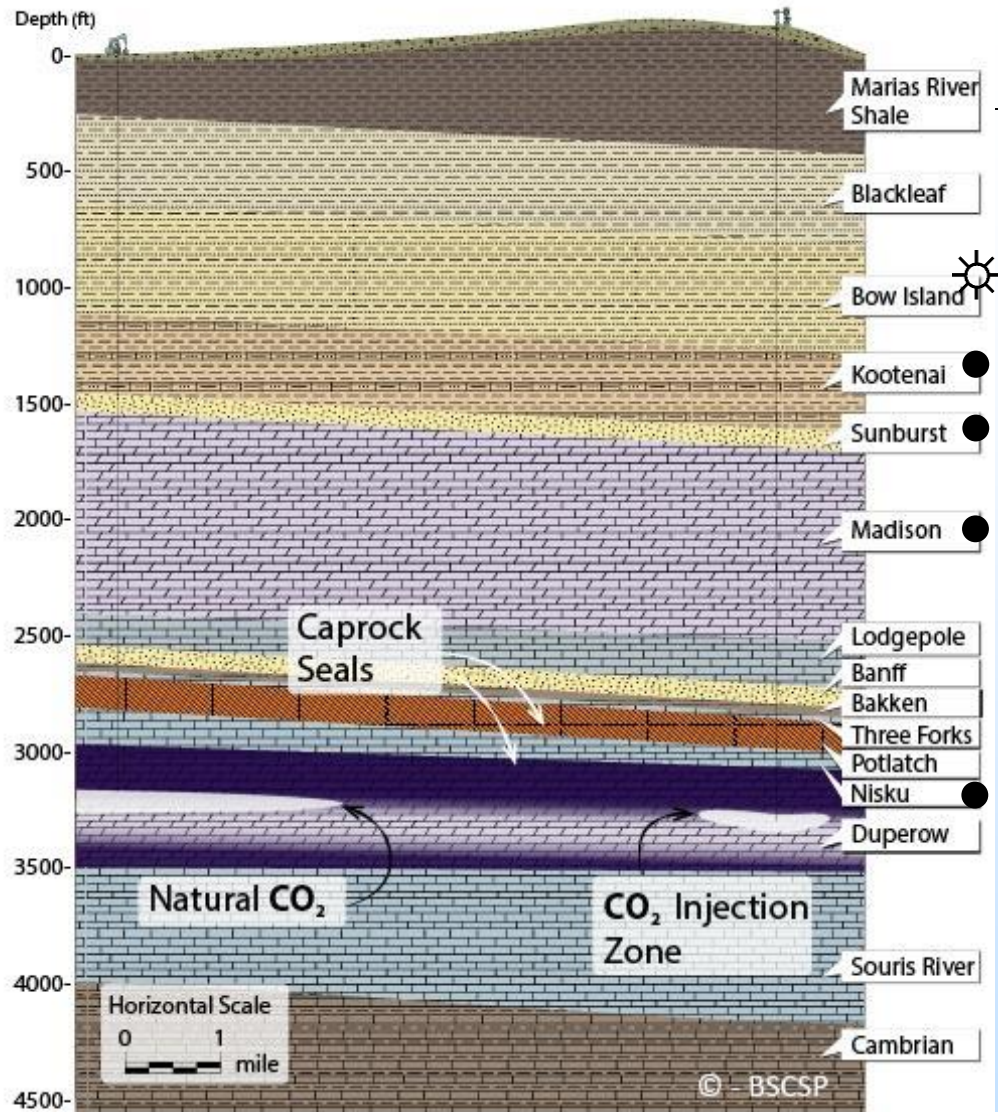
# Kevin Dome

## CO<sub>2</sub> in middle Duperow

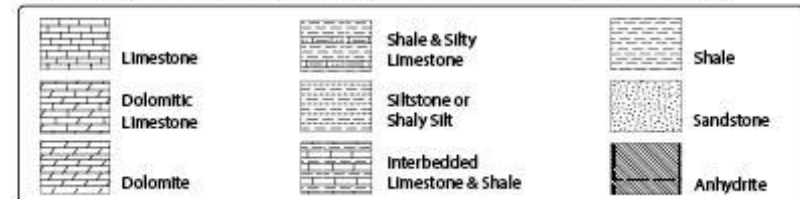
## Two “gold standard” seals

- Upper Duperow  
~200’ tight carbonates and interbedded anhydrites
- Caprock~ 150’ Anhydrite

## Multiple tertiary seals

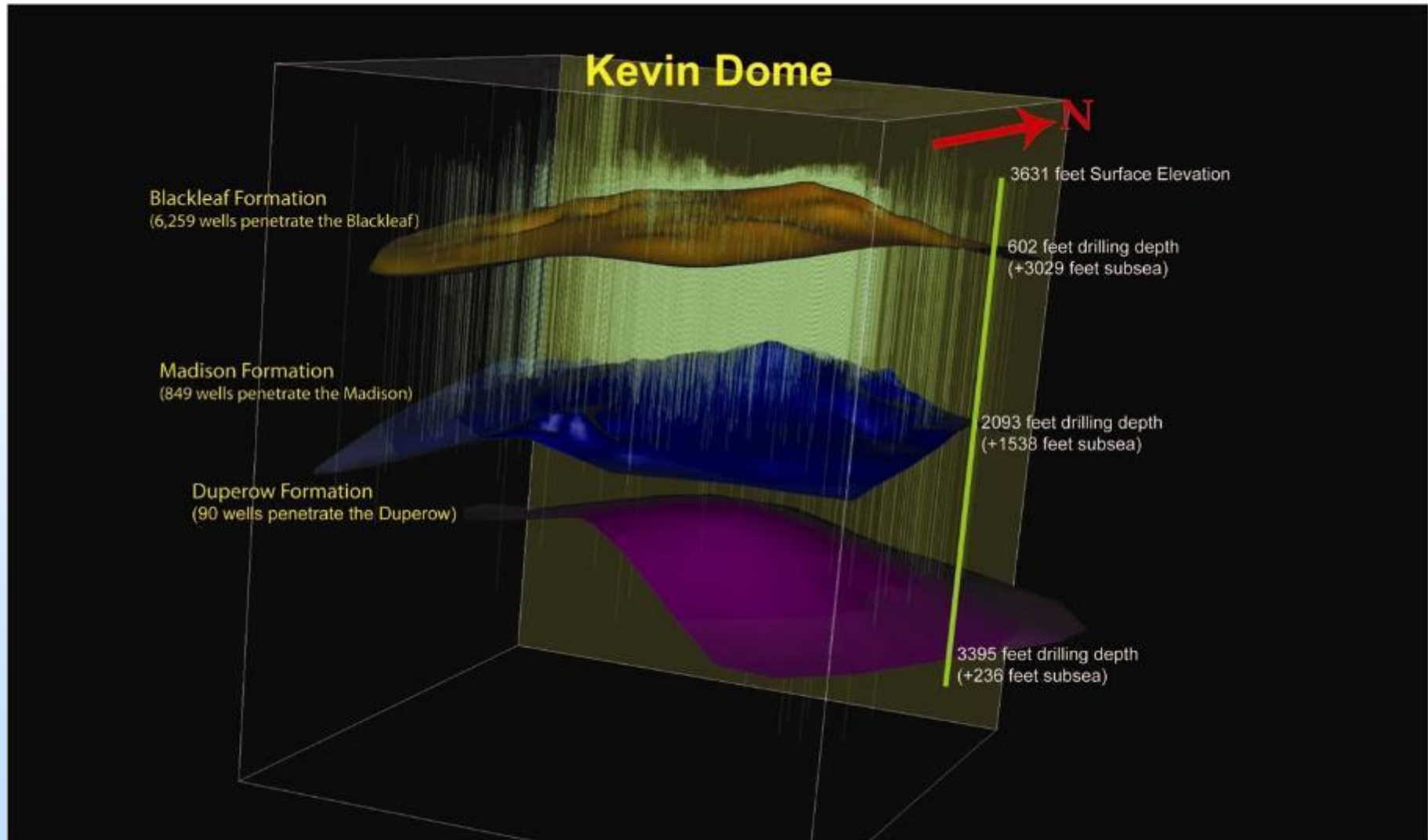


Disclaimer: This graphic is a generalized representation of the subsurface at Kevin Dome. The horizontal and vertical scale are independent of one another to fit view on a single page. Surface infrastructure not to scale.

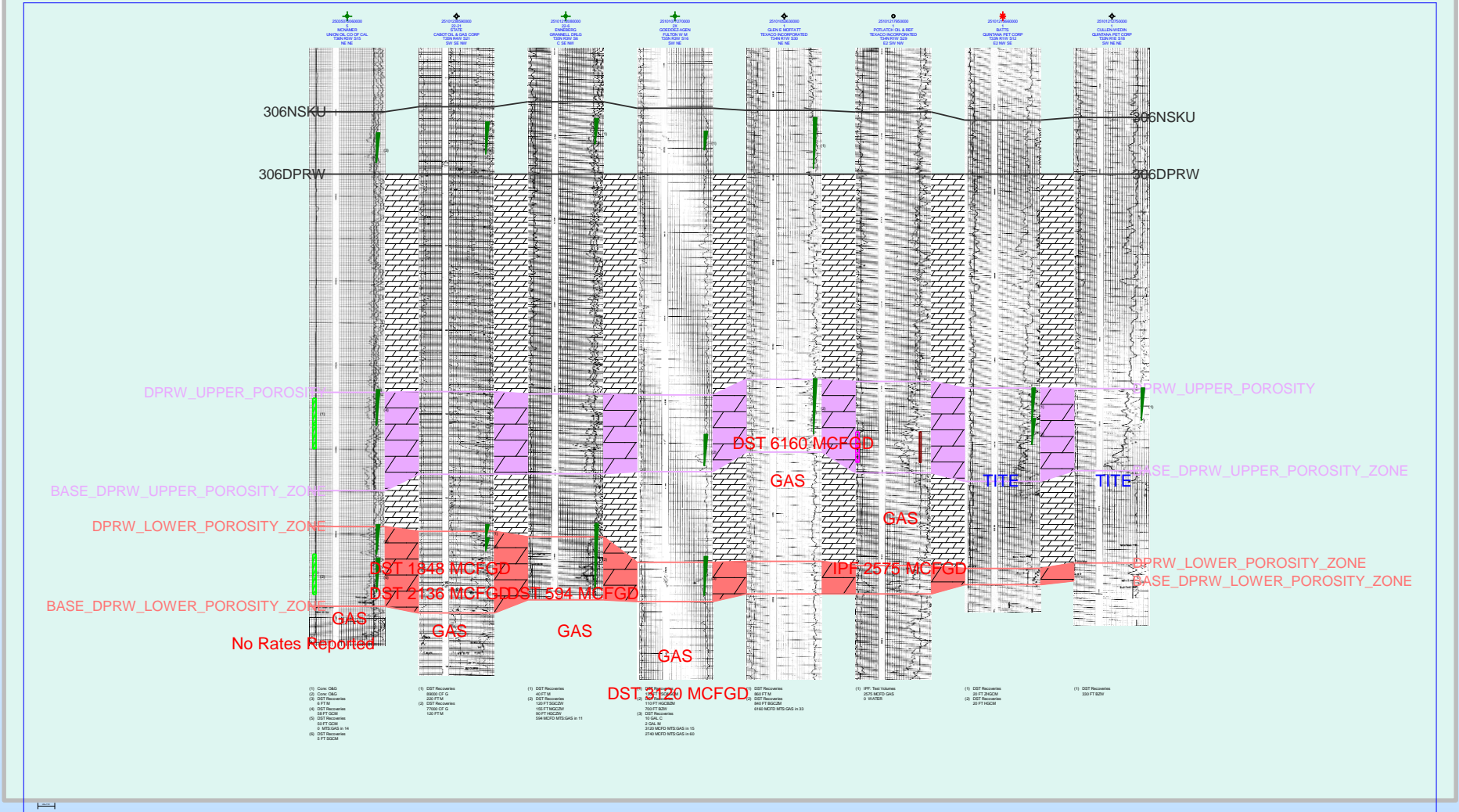




# Kevin Structure Tops & Well Penetrations



# NW - SE Cross Section Kevin Dome



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# Site Characteristics – Scientific Opportunities

## Natural CO<sub>2</sub> production

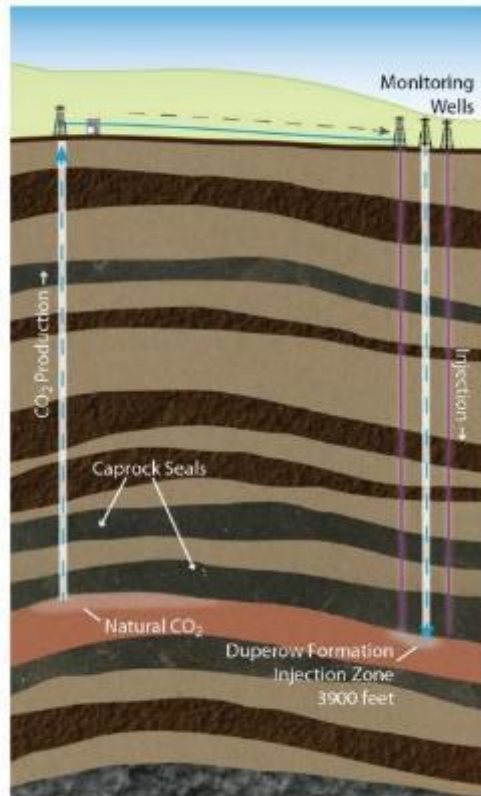
- Opportunity to study the natural accumulation and long term effects

## CO<sub>2</sub> in a reactive rock

- Opportunity to study geochemical effects on both reservoir rock (long term fate of CO<sub>2</sub>) and caprock (storage security)
- To accomplish this, injection should be in water leg of the same formation
- Still retain engineered system learnings on injection, transport, capacity, etc.

## Duperow is a fractured reservoir with very secure caprock

- Opportunity to investigate impact of fracture permeability



# Site Characterization Approach / Accomplishments

## Approach

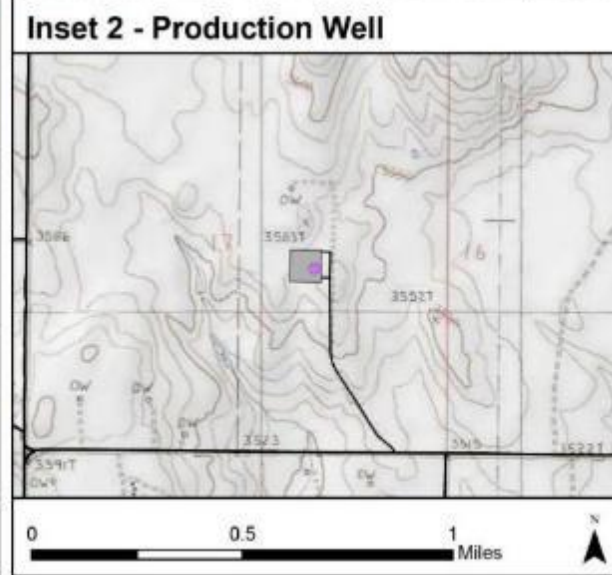
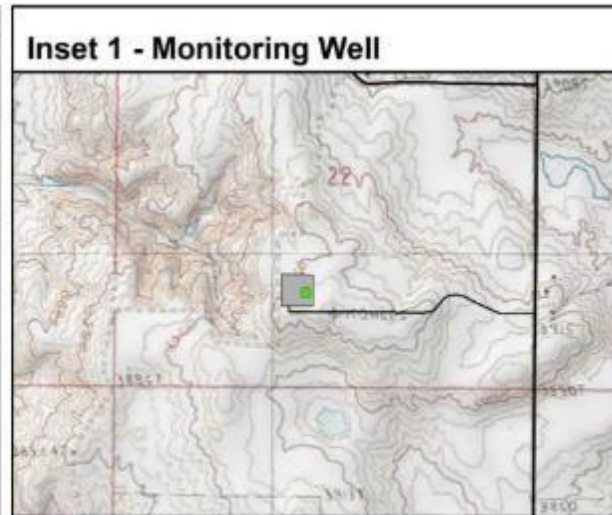
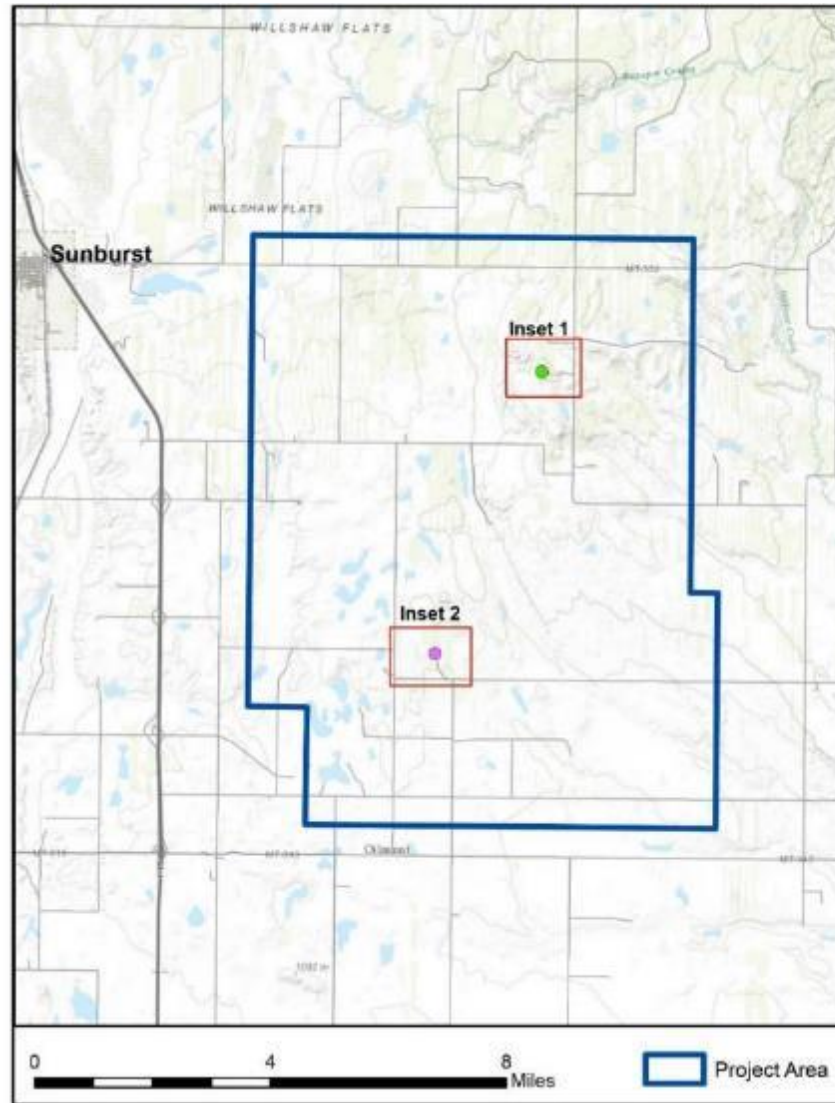
- Assimilate surface data
  - Topography, water features, viewsheds, infrastructure, cultural resources, biological resources, etc.
- Create GIS products for surface features
- Perform baseline monitoring
- Assimilate subsurface data
  - Wells, tops, logs, 2D seismic, produced water, drilling records
- Create database
- Create static model
- Shoot 3D, 9C seismic
- Drill, log and core 2 wells
  - Perform well tests and core analysis

## Key Accomplishments

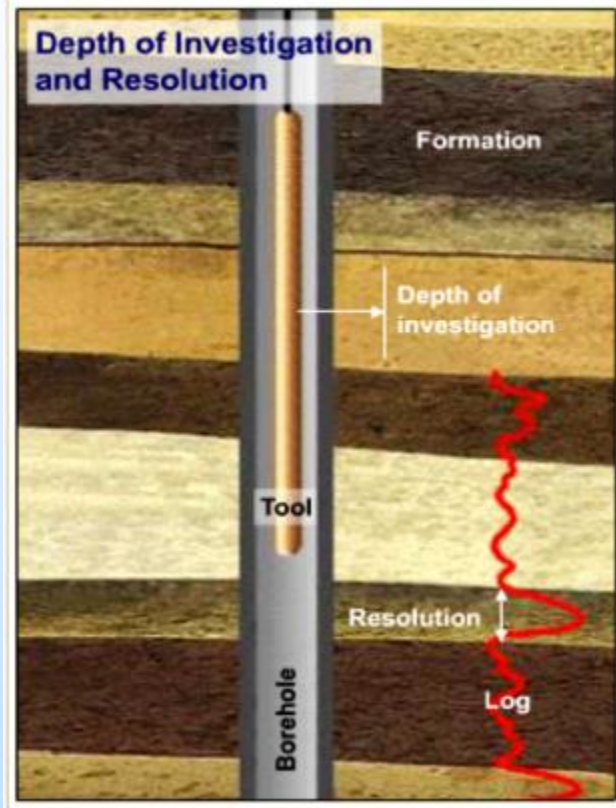
- Kevin Atlas created with surface and subsurface data incorporated
- ~ 36 sq. mi. 3D, 9C seismic shot, processed and being interpreted
- Static geologic model created
  - Hundreds of wells for tops, 32 logs digitized for geophysical parameters, 2D seismic, 3D, 9C seismic
- Initial flow modeling performed
  - Injection & production regions
  - Sensitivity analysis
  - Reactive transport
- Cores and logs acquired / analyzed
- Well tests performed
- Second flow modeling performed



# Well Locations



# Geophysical Characterization & Monitoring: Well Logging



Logs	Wells			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Prod	Inj	Mon	All
Downhole P & T	Cont.	Cont.	Cont.	Cont.
Gamma Ray	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Resistivity	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Porosity	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Density	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Caliper	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
P&S Sonic	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Sonic Scanner	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Isolation Scan	Initial	Initial	Initial	
FMI	Initial	Initial	Initial	
NMR	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Natural Gamma	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Elemental Spec	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Cement Eval	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Pulsed Neutron	Initial	Annual	Annual/ 2 Annual	Initial



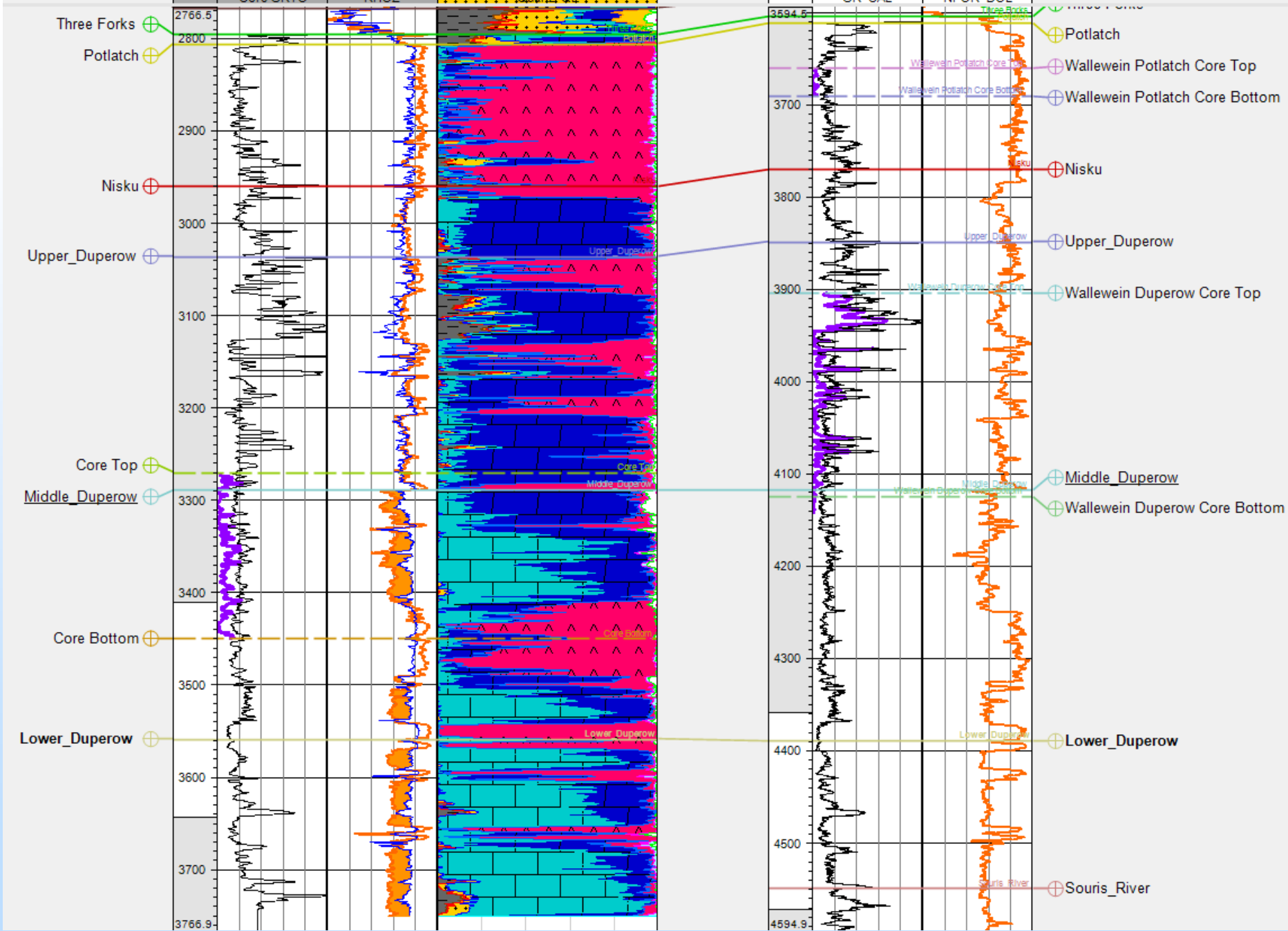
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WALLEWEIN 22-1 [MD]

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	Core GRTO	RHOZ	Quartz_OE

MD	GR	RHOZ
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	GR CAL	NPOR_DOL



Three Forks

Potlatch

Nisku

Upper\_Duperow

Core Top

Middle\_Duperow

Core Bottom

Lower\_Duperow

3594.5

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Three Forks

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Wallewein Potlatch Core Top

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Upper\_Duperow

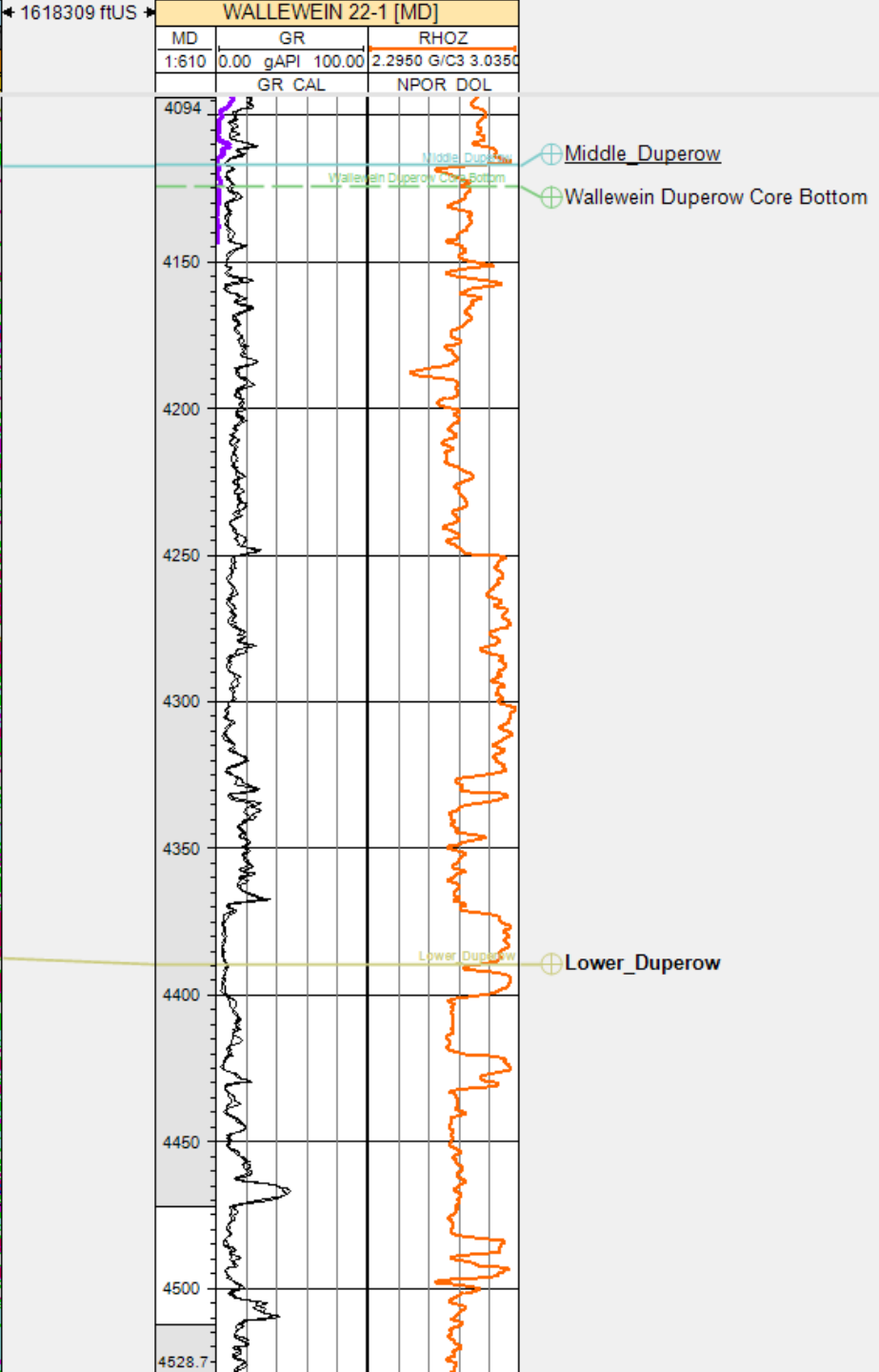
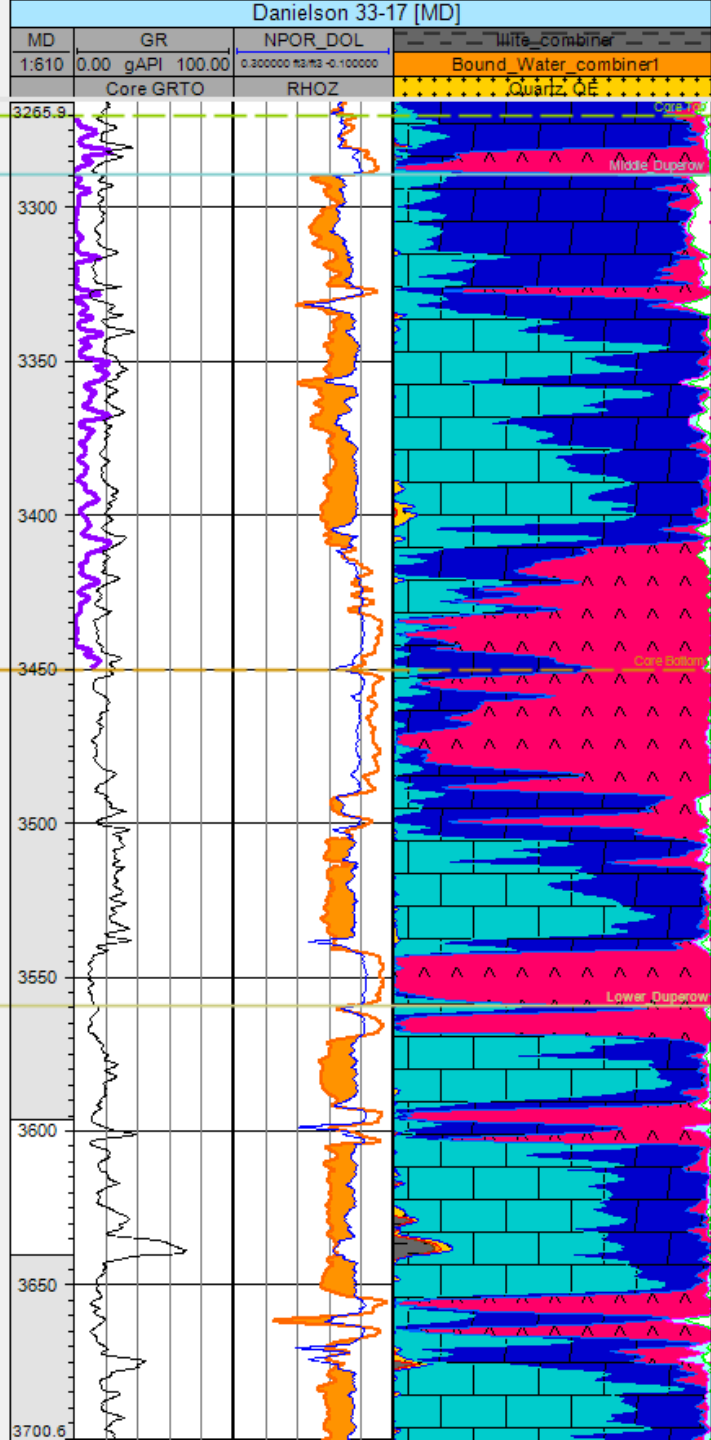
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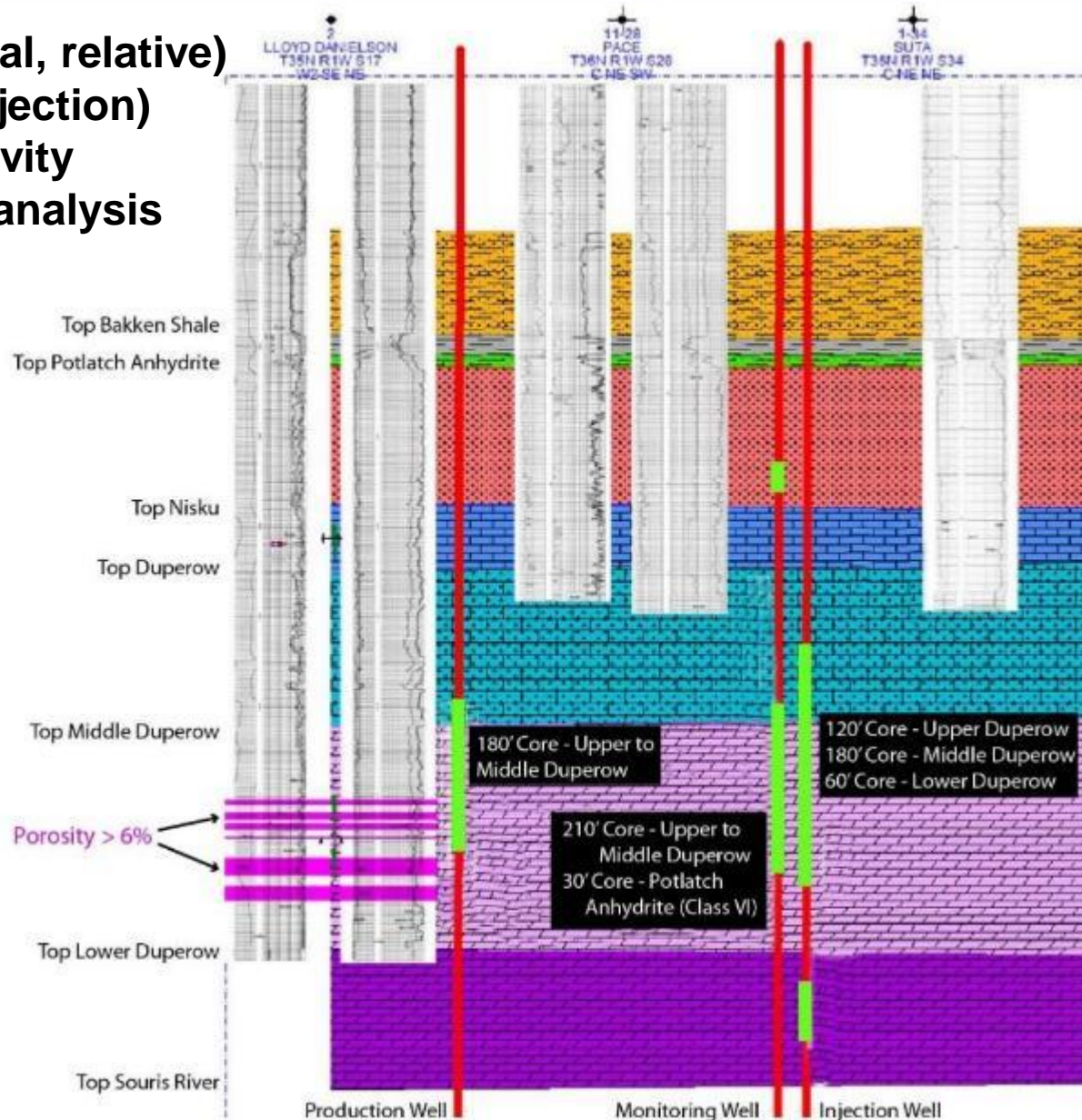
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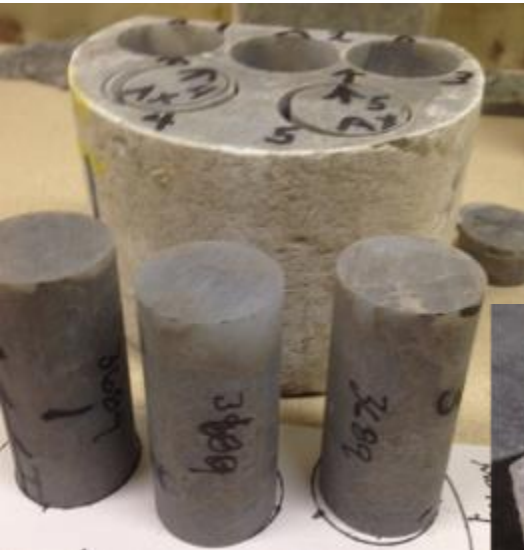
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# Core Plan – Intervals and Analyses

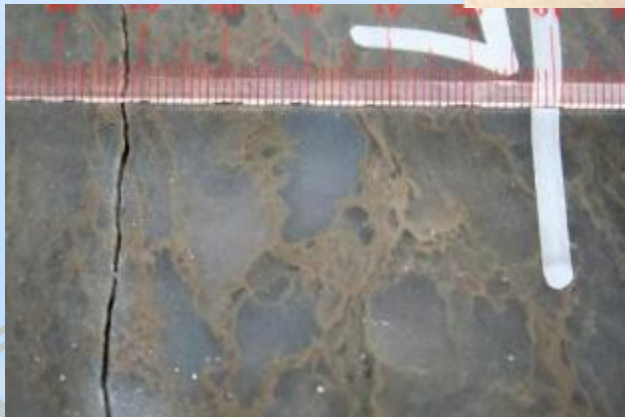
Porosity  
Permeability (horizontal, vertical, relative)  
Capillary pressure (mercury injection)  
Core flood, geochemical reactivity  
Seismic properties, anisotropy analysis  
Tight rock analysis)  
Petrology/Petrography  
Bulk XRD  
Powder XRD  
NMR calibration  
SEM/EDS  
Micro-CT imaging  
Ductility and rock strength  
Bulk composition XRF  
BET surface area  
Core spectral gamma ray  
Whole rock analysis, REE  
XrF, ERD  
Thin section analysis  
Carbon isotopes



# Caprock Geomechanical Tests

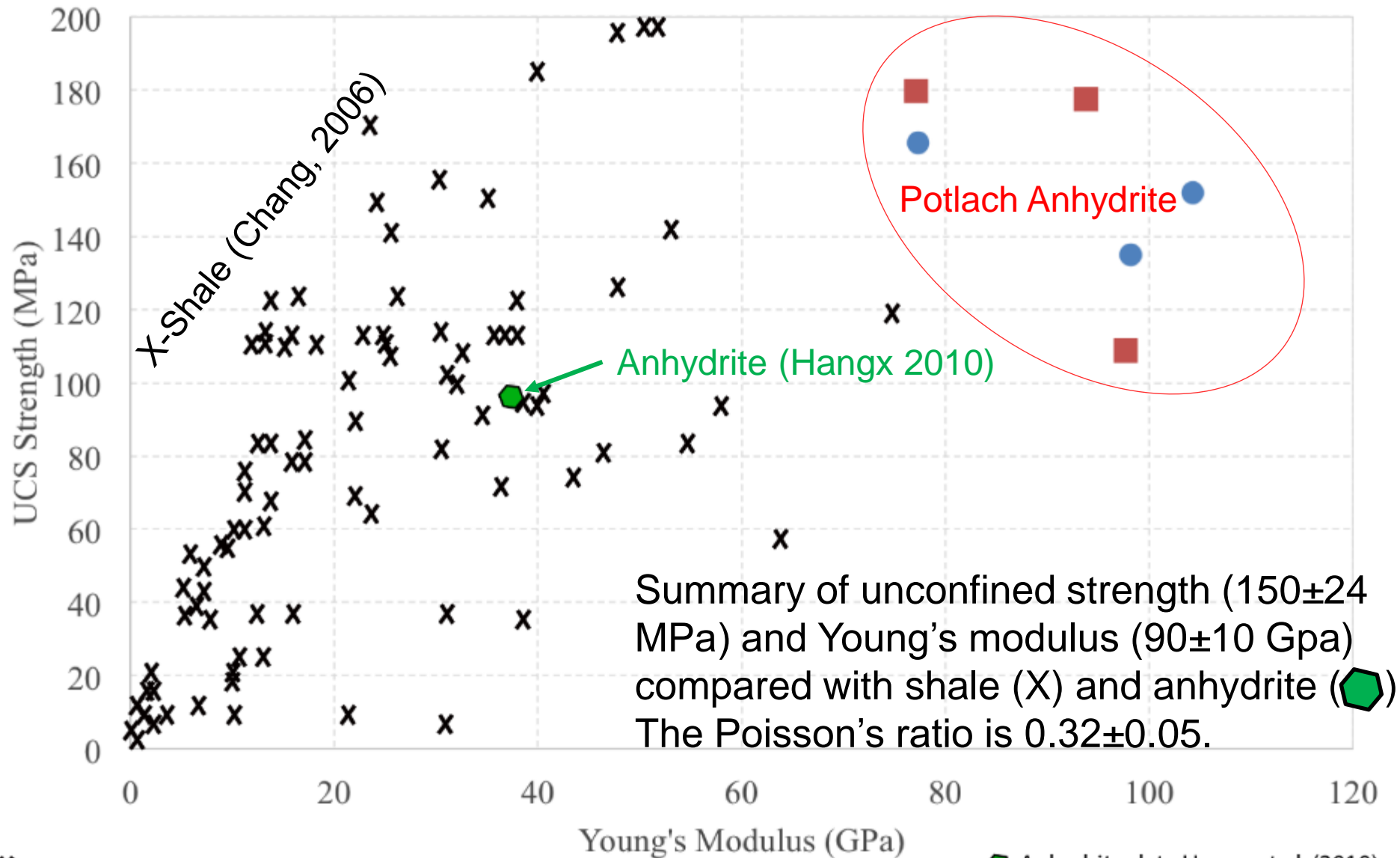


- **Potlatch Anhydrite**
- **3687'-depth of the Wallawein well**
- **Sample density 2.5 - 2.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>(close to the theoretical density of anhydrite (2.97 g/cm<sup>3</sup> indicating nearly pure anhydrite with very little porosity.)**
- **Single crystals of anhydrite appear to be as large as 1-3 cm**





# Caprock Geomechanical Tests



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● Anhydrite data Hangx et al. (2010)

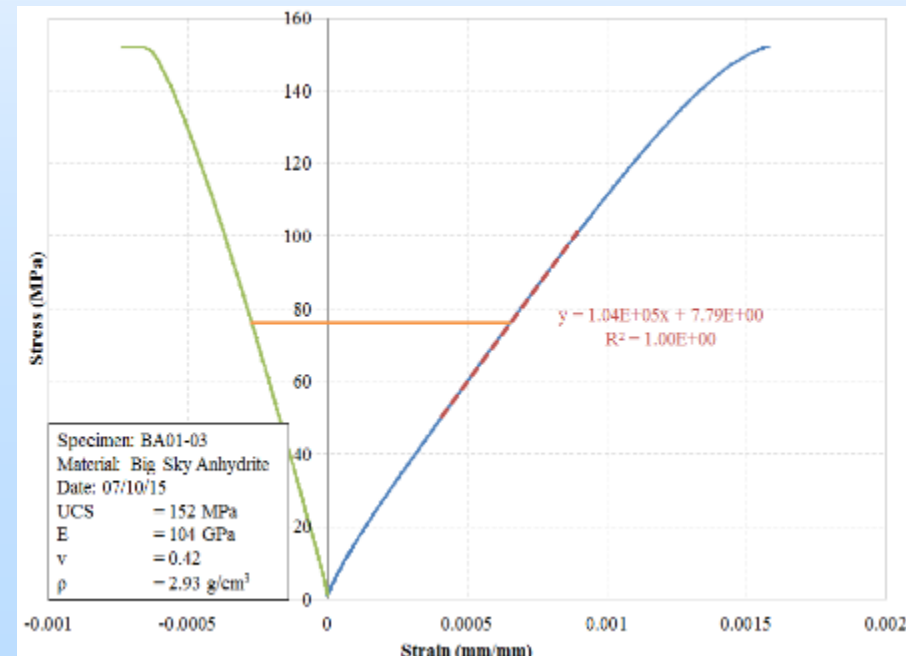
● BA01 - Vertical - 3687 ft

■ BA02 - Horizontal - 3687 ft

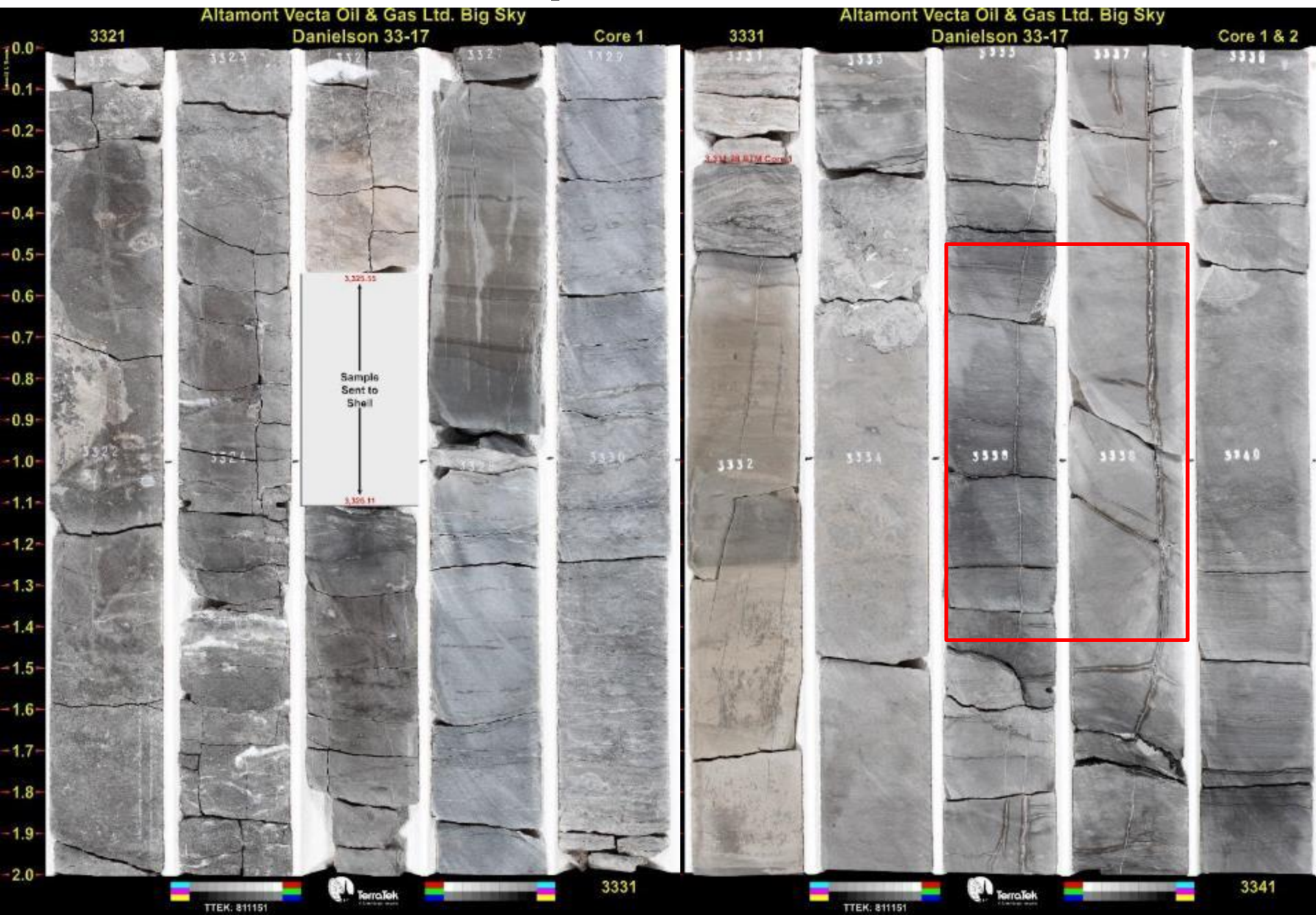
# Caprock Geomechanical Tests

	UCS (MPa)			Young's (GPa)			Poisson		
	All	Vert	Horiz	All	Vert	Horiz	All	Vert	Horiz
Mean	153.1	150.8	155.4	91.42	93.29	89.55	0.32	0.35	0.30
StdDev	27.47	15.30	40.46	11.49	14.15	10.94	0.06	0.07	0.04

- The Potlatch Anhydrite is very strong in both orientations
- The average Young's modulus (91 Gpa) reflects a very stiff material
- Samples dilated strongly at peak strength before failing indicating significant plasticity even under unconfined conditions



# Middle Duperow – Fractures





# Middle Duperow – Fractures Propped by Precipitates





# Core Analyses

**Table 1: Powder XRD whole rock mineralogy for MSU core plugs and analogue outcrop test samples (semi-quantitative weight %)**

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PDF #'s listed for MDI Jade 9.0 Database

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24243_3296_40_A	68	Danielson 33-17	3296.4	93.4	97-008-7088	0	n/a	3.5	98-000-0090	3.1	98-000-0234	0	n/a
24243_3358_25_A	69	Danielson 33-17	3358.25	92.5	97-017-1513	5.6	97-004-0106	0	n/a	0	n/a	1.9	97-006-7124
24243_3308_40_A	70	Danielson 33-17	3308.4	98.1	97-017-1512	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	1.9	97-006-7124
24242_4120_50_A	44	Wallewein 22-1	4120.5	92.2	97-018-5046	0.7	97-004-0548	0.7	97-001-5876	6.4	97-015-1692	0	n/a
24242_4131_40_A	46	Wallewein 22-1	4131.4	98.6	97-003-1210	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	1.4	97-064-7410

**Table 2: Porosity and permeability for MSU whole core plugs**

Sample ID	Plug ID	Well	Depth (ft.)	Plug length (cm)	Plug diam. (cm)	Confining pressure (psi)	Porosity (%)	Permeability (mD)	Klinkenberg permeability (mD)
24243_3296_40_A	68	Danielson 33-17	3296.40	5.53	2.51	500	6.36	3.66	3.26
						1100	6.12	2.89	2.55
24243_3358_25_A	69	Danielson 33-17	3358.25	4.74	2.52	500	14.92	56.00	54.10
						1100	14.80	55.00	53.10
24243_3308_40_A	70	Danielson 33-17	3308.40	6.05	2.52	500	8.99	27.20	25.90
						1100	8.81	22.40	21.30
24242_4120_50_A	44	Wallewein 22-1	4120.50	5.36	2.51	500	9.57	3.15	2.78
						1100	9.51	3.12	2.75
24242_4131_40_A	46	Wallewein 22-1	4131.40	4.94	2.52	500	9.27	8.66	7.99
						1100	9.14	8.00	7.36

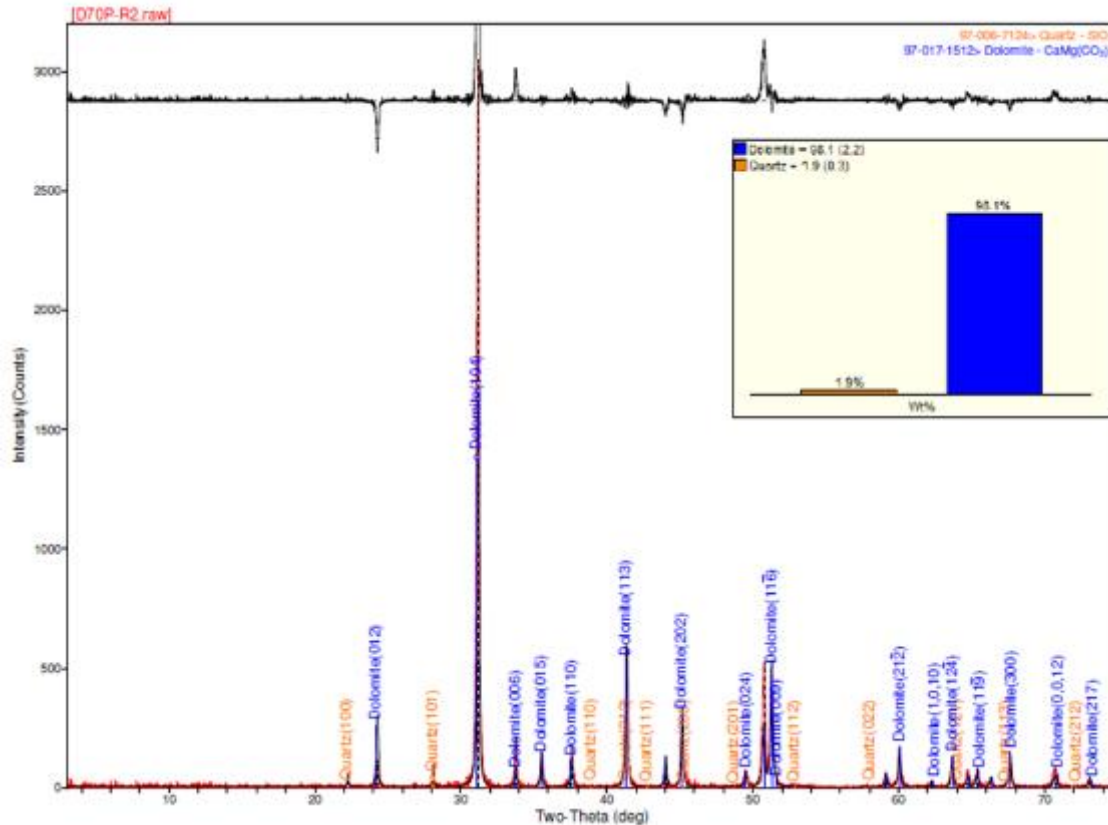
# XRD of Core Plugs (Permeable Zones)

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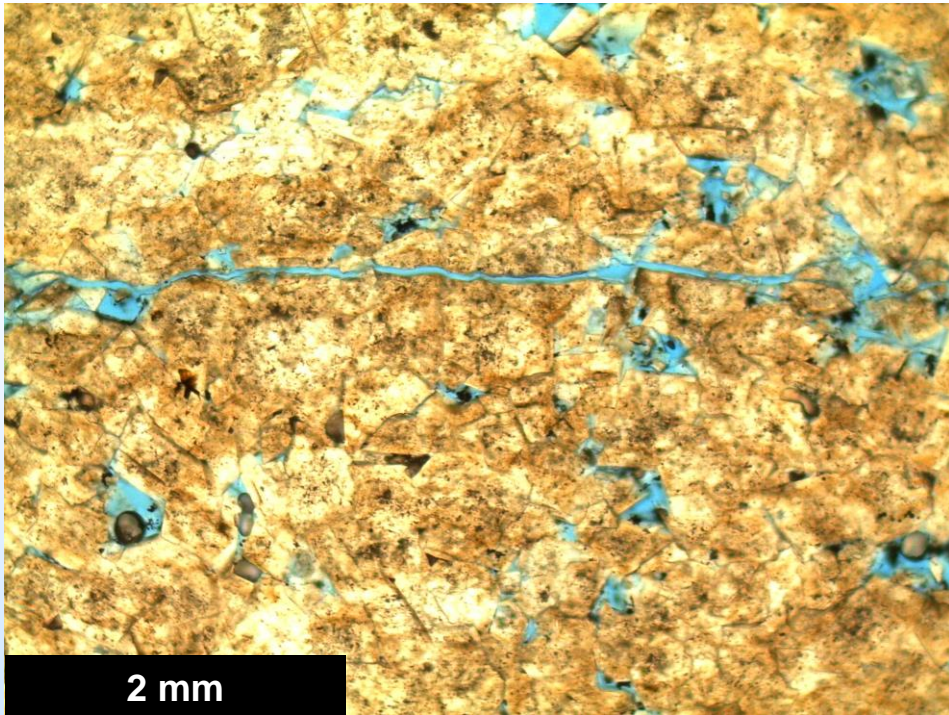
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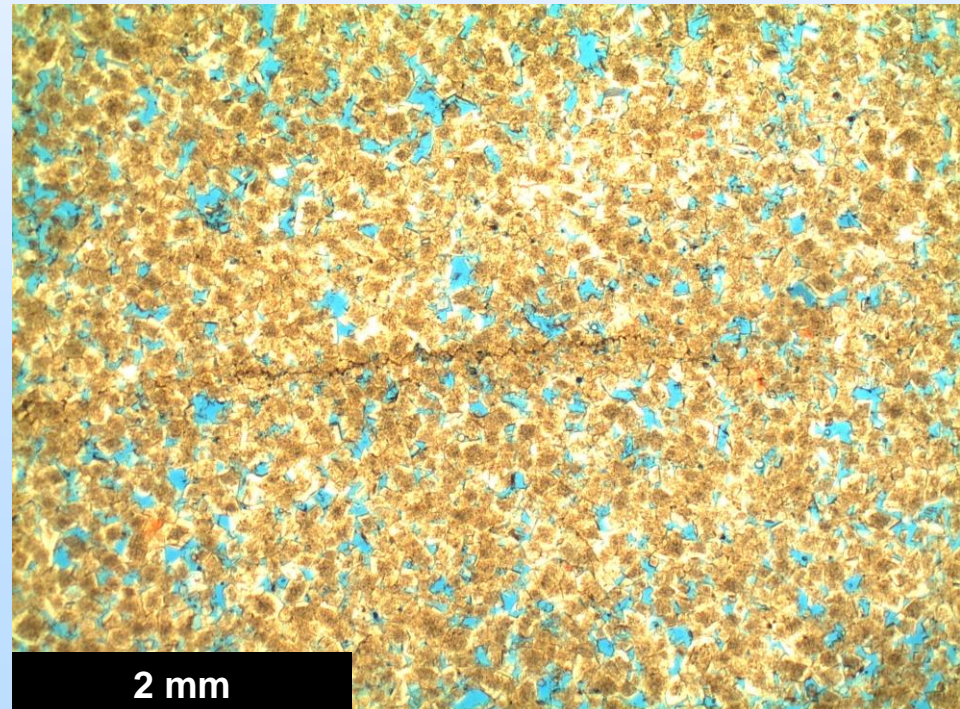
92 – 98% Dolomite  
 0 – 5.6% Calcite  
 0 – 2% Quartz  
 0 – 3.5% Anhydrite  
 0 – 6.4 % Gypsum



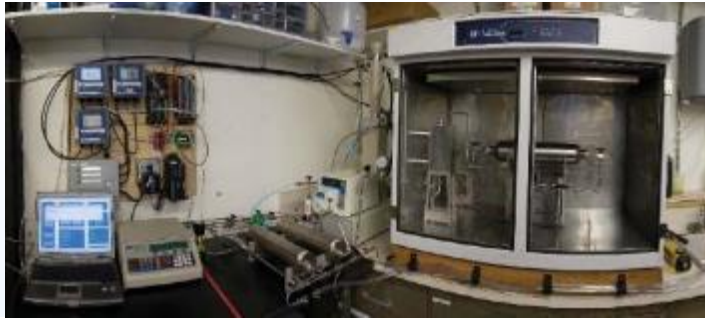
# Thin Sections – Dual Porosity



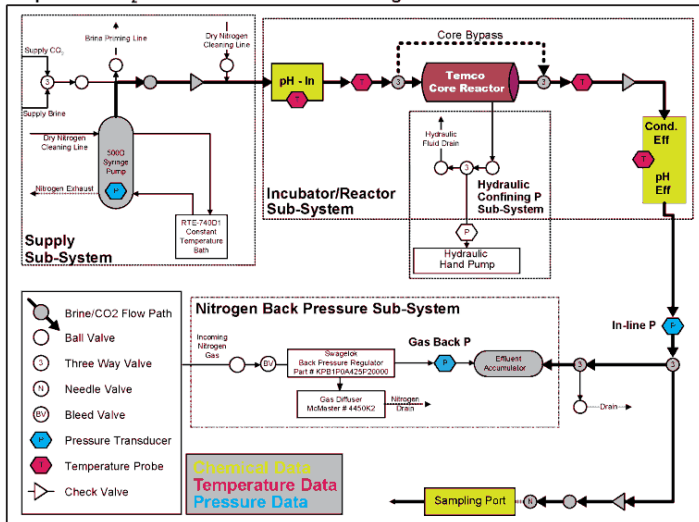
Thin sections show both intergrain matrix porosity and microfracture porosity resulting in good permeability



# Core Testing: Reactive Transport Experiments

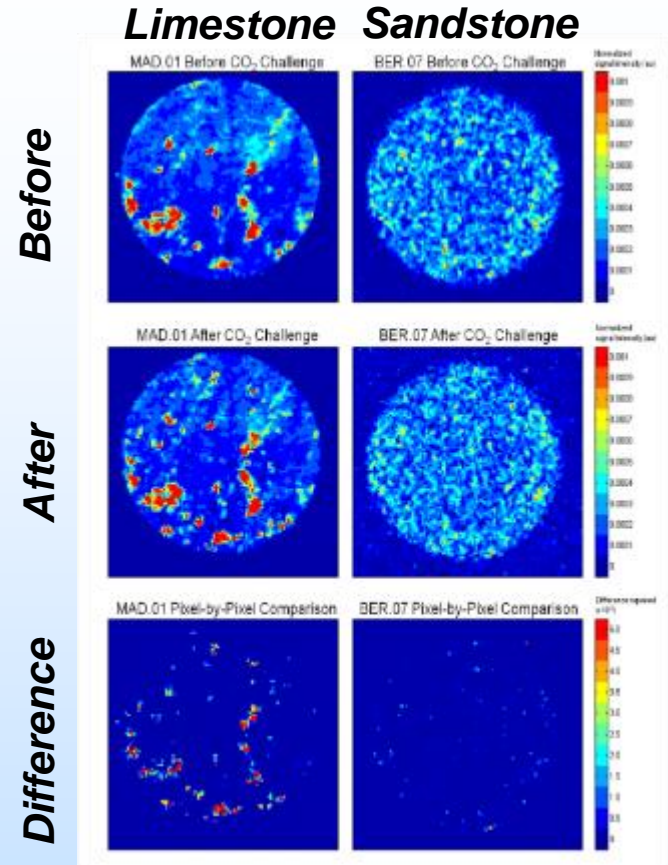


Super Crit. CO<sub>2</sub> + Brine Reactor: Fluid Plumbing Schematic



## Experimental Design

- Flow-through Reactor
- Real-time P, T, pH, Cond.
- Sampling of Brine Chemistry

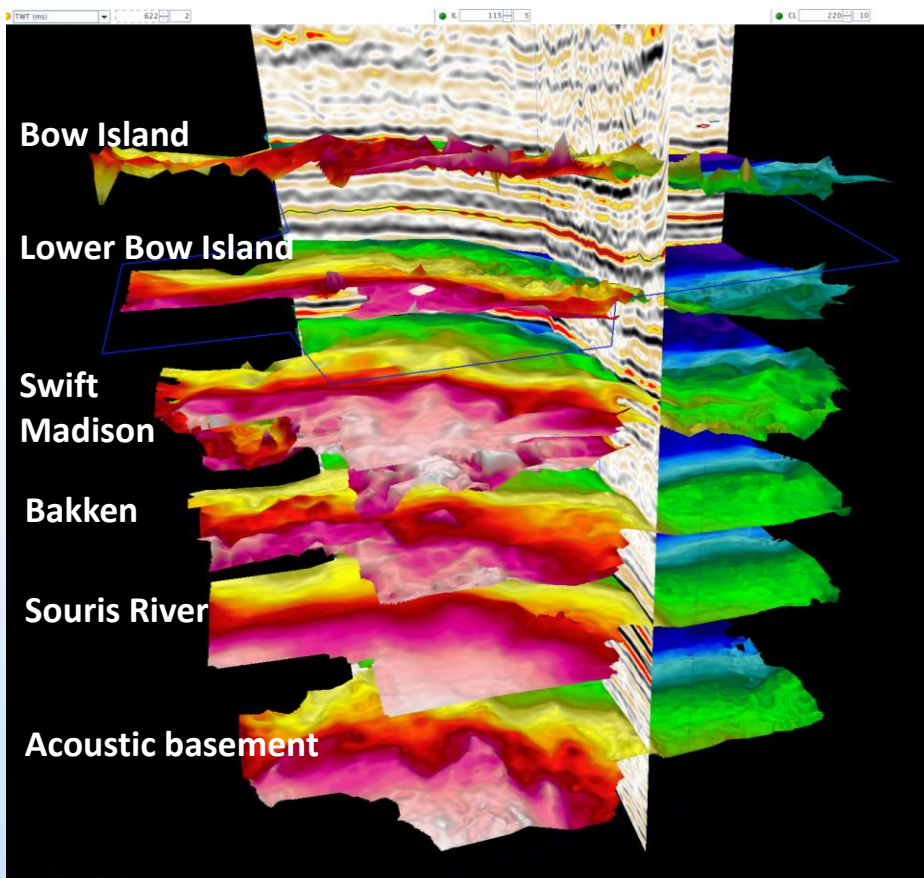


## Physical Changes in Rock Core

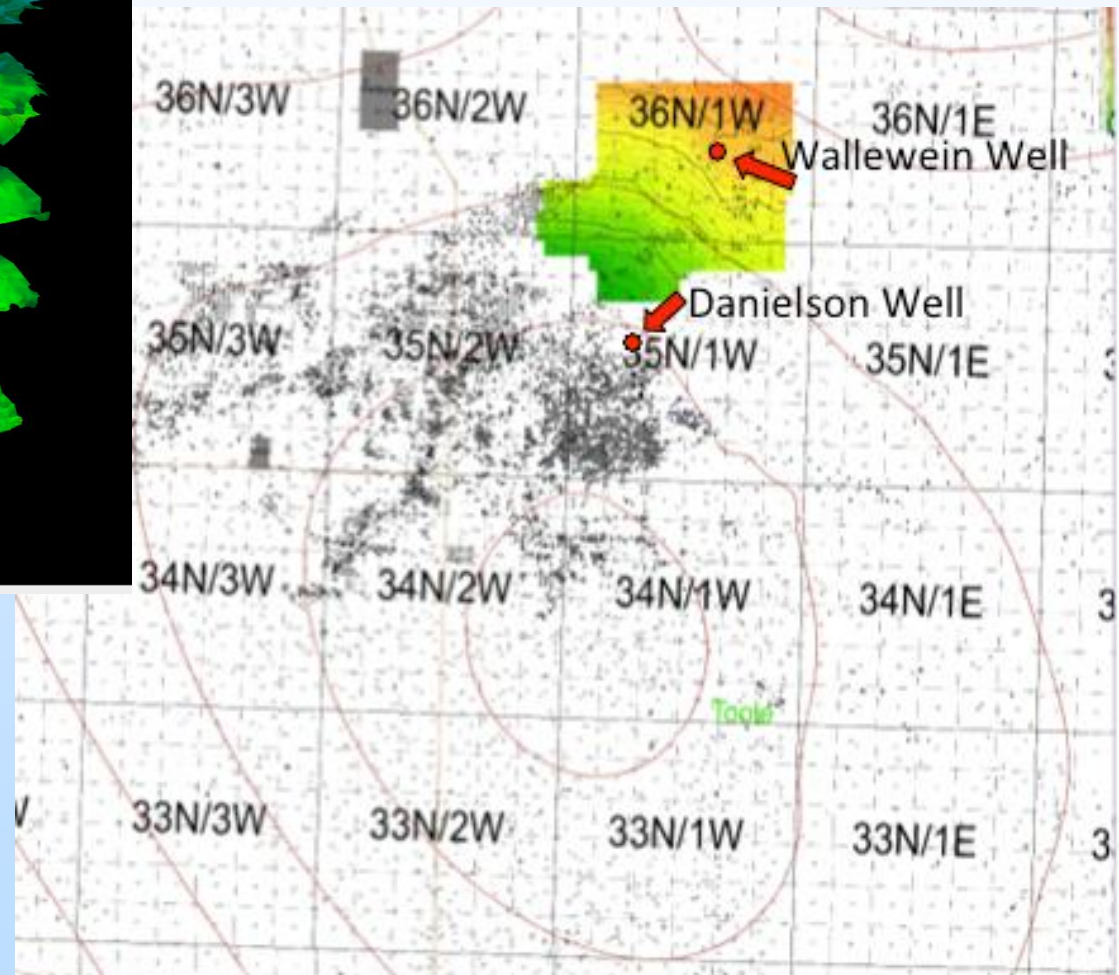
- Microstructure: Optical & SEM
- Porosity: CT & NMR
- Permeability



# Seismic Structural Data



**Structure Top Duperow from Well Control and Structure Top Bakken Shale from Seismic**

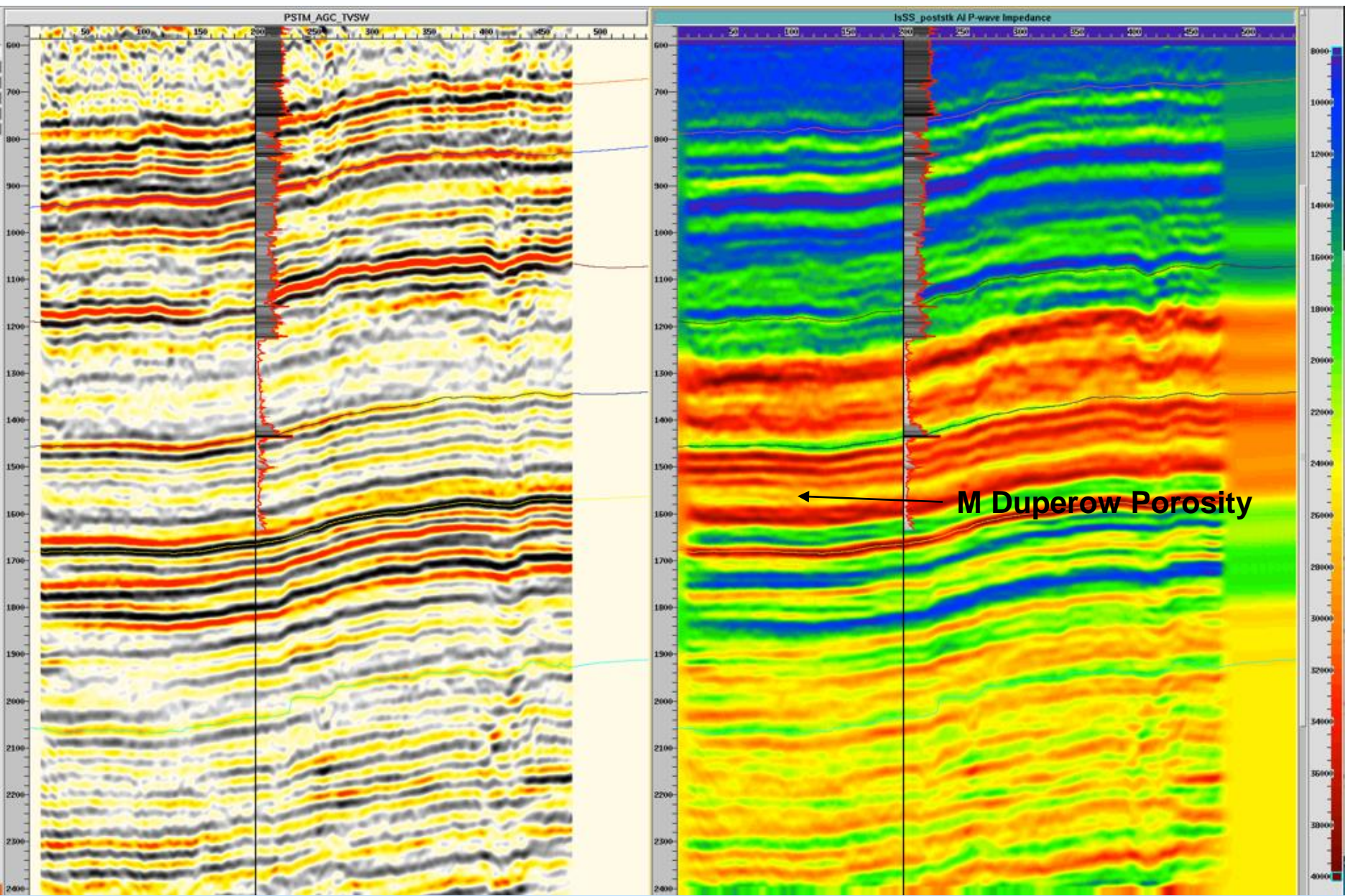


**Structural surfaces from Shear Wave (SH) Seismic BSCSP Kevin Dome**



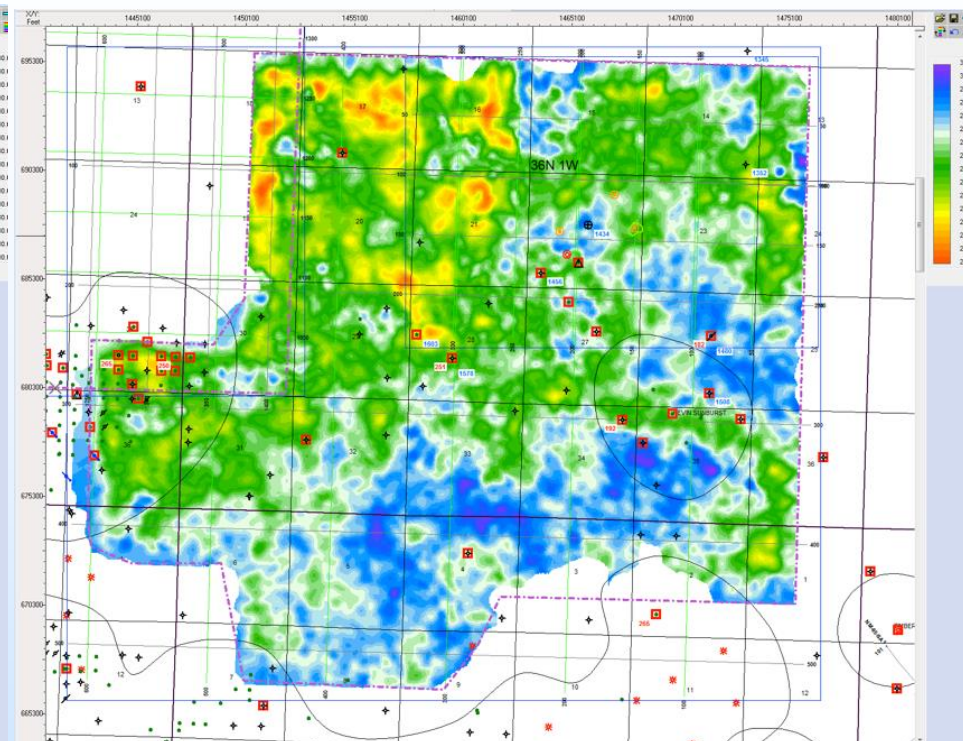
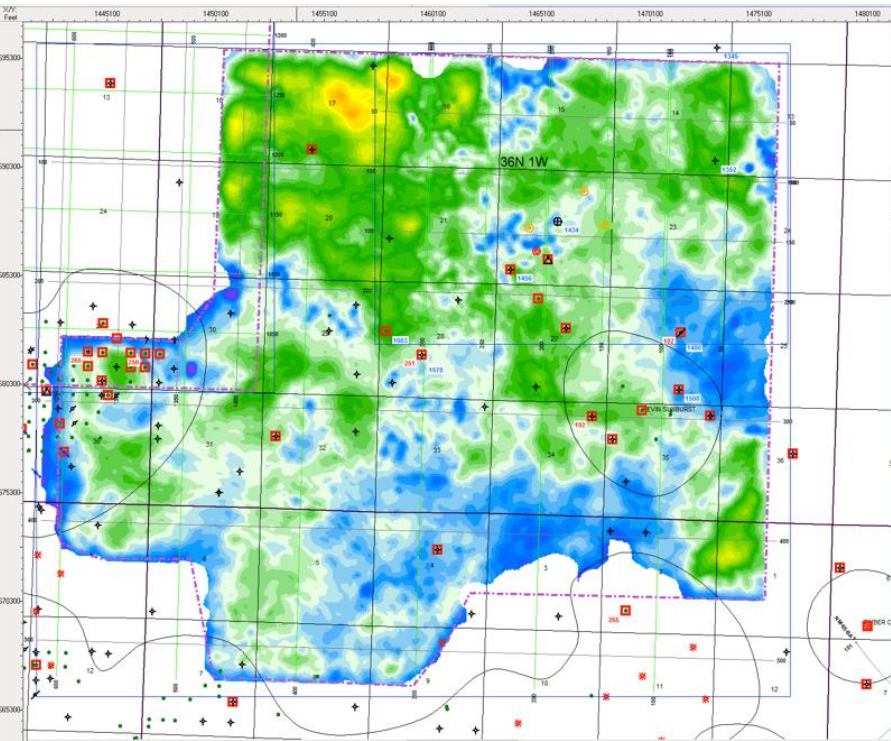
# BSCSP Seismic Monitoring Program

## Poststack P and SH inversion IsSS with Wallewein GR





# BSCSP Seismic Monitoring Program



**Ip at Middle Duperow  
porosity zone**

**Joint inversion IsPP shows  
larger variation at Duperow**

# BSCSP Seismic Monitoring Program

9C dataset has good to excellent P and SH signal useful for characterizing Middle Duperow porosity zones

- Well to seismic matches, particularly in paleozoic, are excellent on P and SH datasets
- Subtle NE-SW structural fabric points back at crest of Kevin dome throughout paleozoic section
- Joint inversion performance was good, as expected, and middle Duperow porosity zone is readily visible on both impedances
- Meaningful impedance variations are visible on joint inversion output at middle Duperow level



# Dynamic reservoir characterization of Vacuum Field

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Time-lapse multicomponent seismic surveying enables dynamic reservoir characterization and the production of a dynamic reservoir model. This, in turn, assists in producing structured economic and technical decisions that will extend reservoir life and improve recovery while reducing risk and environmental impact.

This article briefly describes the

S-waves enable the discrimination of rock and fluid properties, their characteristics, and their changes over time.

When combined into time-lapse multicomponent (4-D, 3-C) seismology, the resulting method is a tool for volume resolution: i.e., it provides the ability to sense changes in the bulk rock/fluid properties of the

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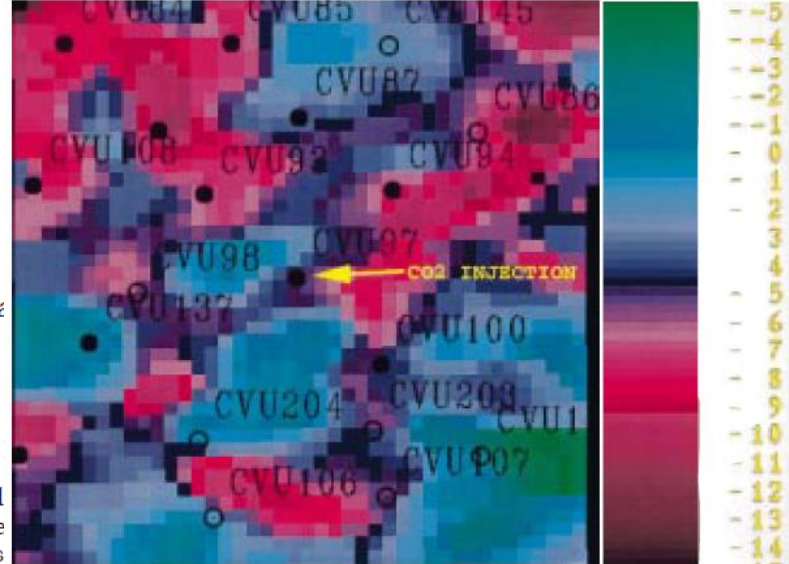


Figure 5. Velocity anisotropy map from the base 3-D, 3-C survey. The area south of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection shows values of near zero percent anisotropy, indicating vertical open fractures both parallel and perpendicular to the maximum horizontal stress field.

“The shear-waves responded to a change in pore aspect ratio or preferential opening of microfractures resulting from the injection of CO<sub>2</sub>. The faster shear-wave (S1) velocity was attenuated less with the resulting change in low-aspect ratio crack porosity.”

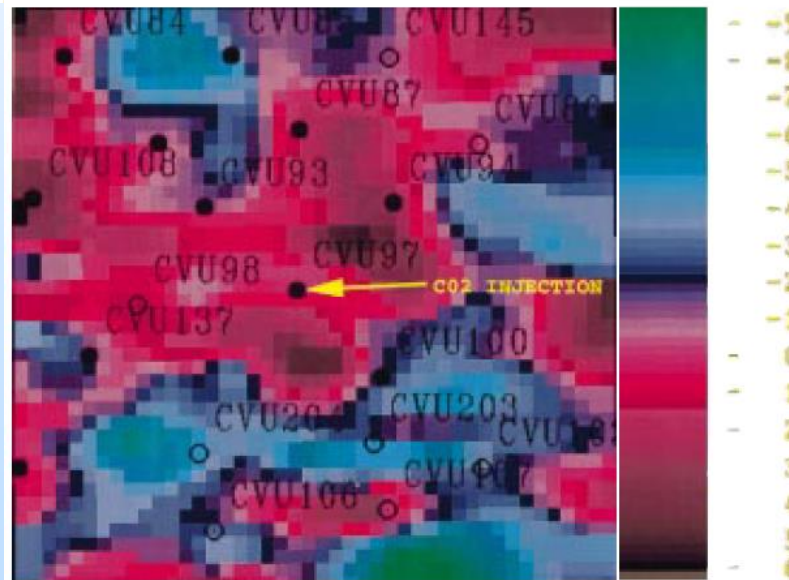


Figure 6. Velocity anisotropy map from the repeat 3-D, 3-C survey. The zone of zero percent anisotropy from the base survey is now showing 6% positive anisotropy, indicating a higher density of vertical open fractures parallel to the maximum horizontal stress direction or stiffening of the frame due to viscosity and/or saturation change of the fluid and a reduction in bulk density.

# Modeling

## Static Geologic Model

- Three domain sizes (Regional, Dome, Production / Injection)

## Multiphase Flow Modeling For CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

- Sensitivity Analysis
  - Three rock parameters (different  $k$ ,  $\Phi$ )
  - Two injection rates (constant, stepped)
- Multiple Interacting Continua modeling to account for both fracture and matrix permeability

## Multiphase Flow – Production

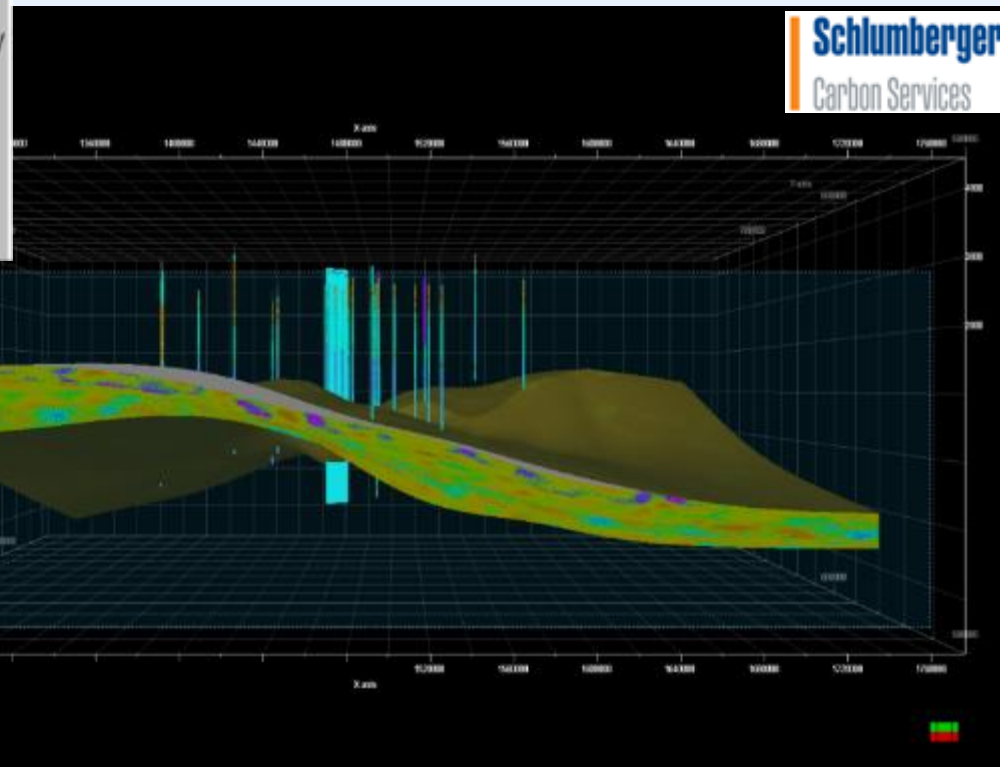
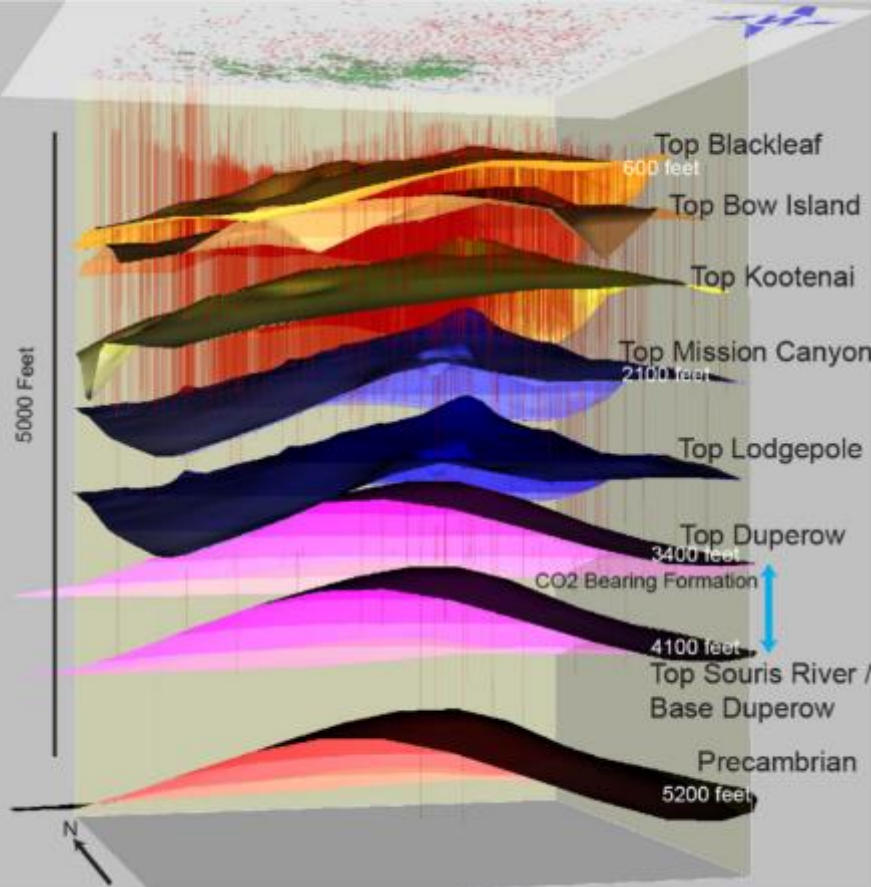
- Sensitivity Analysis
  - Three Gas-water contact heights
  - Pressure effects at multiple distances as a function of production rate / duration

## Geochemical & Reactive Transport Modeling

## Risk Modeling

# Static Model

Petra – Works with IHS well log database. Use ~1000 wells to pick formation tops. Good for structural information. Export info to Petrel.



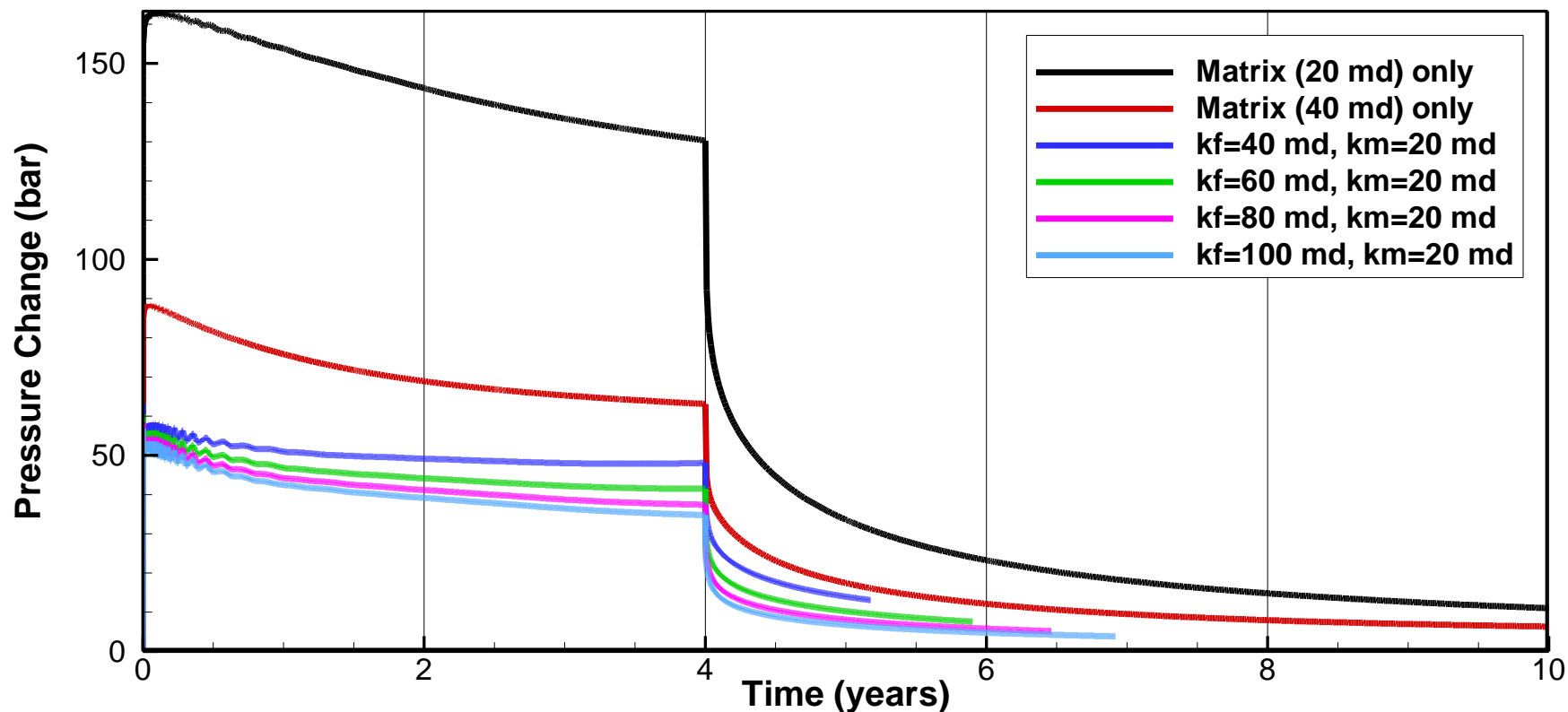
Petrel – Incorporate logs, petrophysical properties (18 wells in injection zone), existing 2D seismic and BSCSP acquired 3D seismic. Export cellular model info for flow modeling.



The cores extracted from both wells and the step-rate injection tests at the monitoring well showed that the target production/injection formation, the Middle Duperow, is highly fractured in its high-porosity zone.

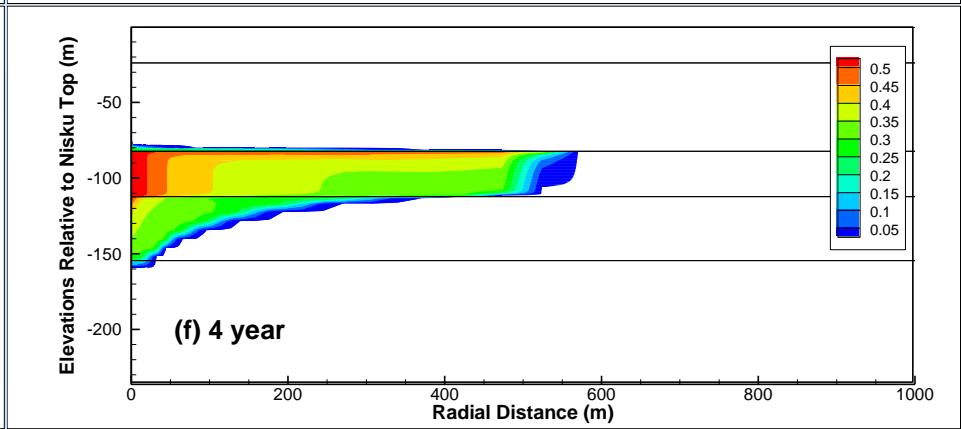
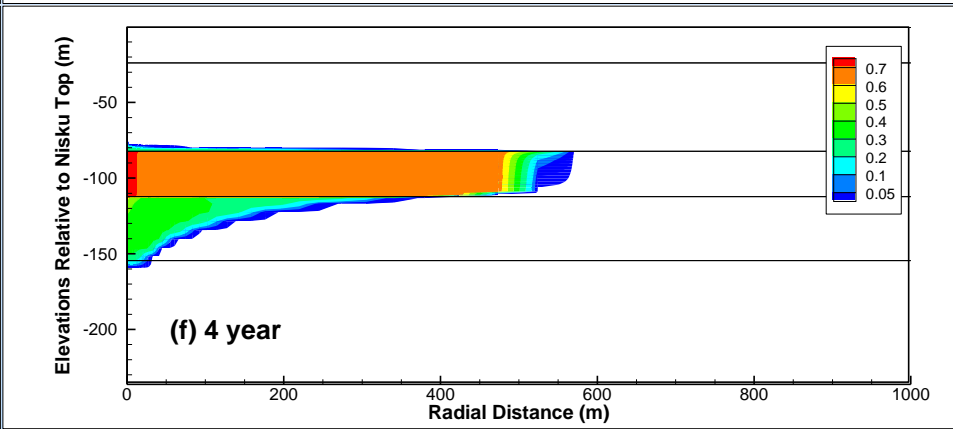
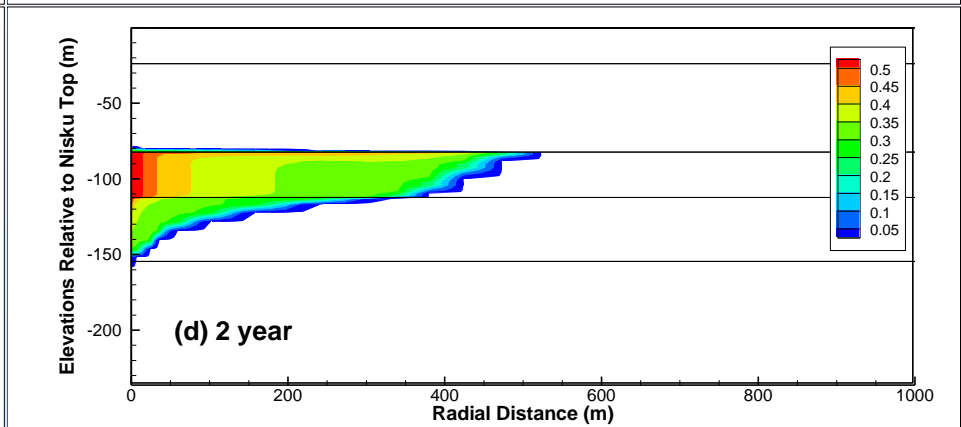
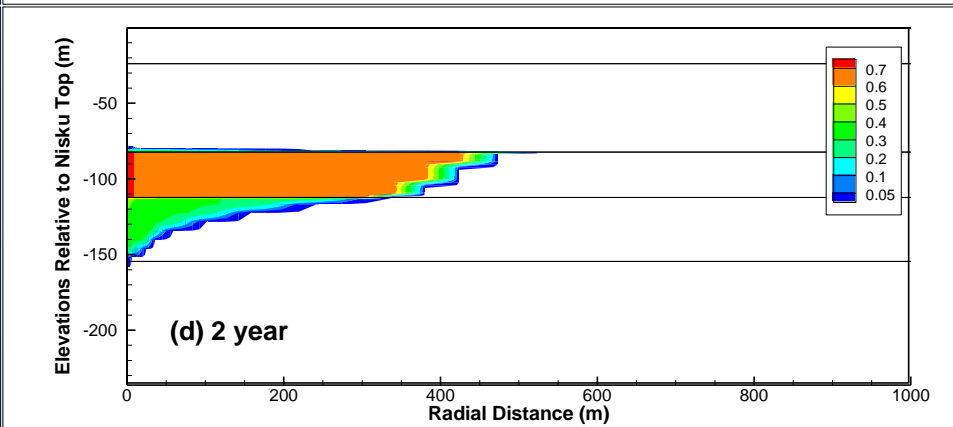
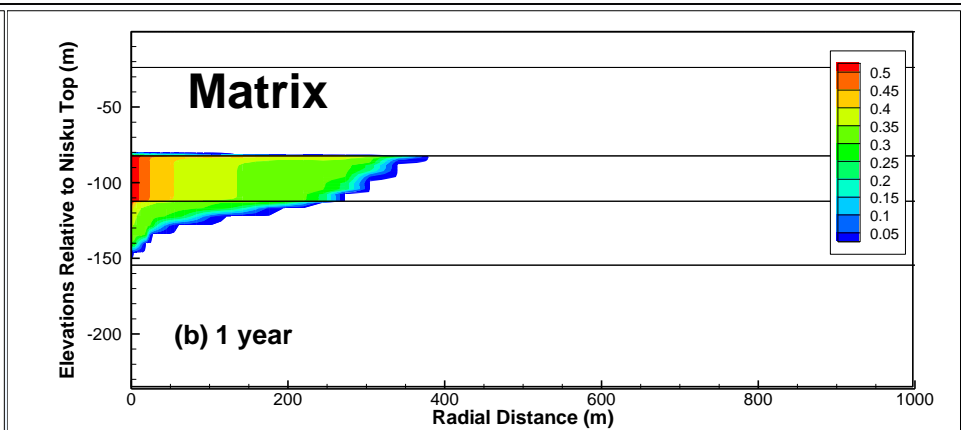
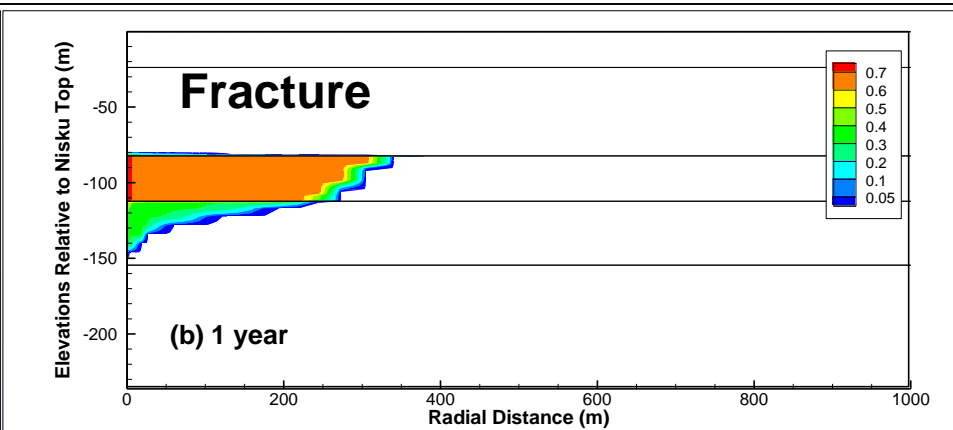
- 2D radial MINC TOUGH2 model, with one fracture continuum and four matrix continua, with volumetric fraction of 0.01, 0.05, 0.20, 0.34, and 0.40, and porosity of 1.0, 0.15, 0.10, 0.10, and 0.08, respectively;
- In this model, global fracture-fracture connections, global matrix-matrix connections, and local fracture-matrix connections are considered;
- Four fracture permeability ( $K_f$ ) parameters are considered;
- Fracture spacing of the high-porosity layer of the Middle Duperow is based on core fracture mapping and FMI logging, and fracture aperture or fracture permeability is based on the step-rate injection test analysis and sensitivity analysis;
- The matrix permeability ( $K_m$ ) is based on the effective permeability derived from the step-rate injection tests, while matrix porosity is based on core measurements;

# MINC Simulated Pressure Buildup ( $\Delta P$ )



Simulated bottomhole injection  $\Delta P$ , as a function of time in 6 cases

# MINC Simulated CO<sub>2</sub> Plumes

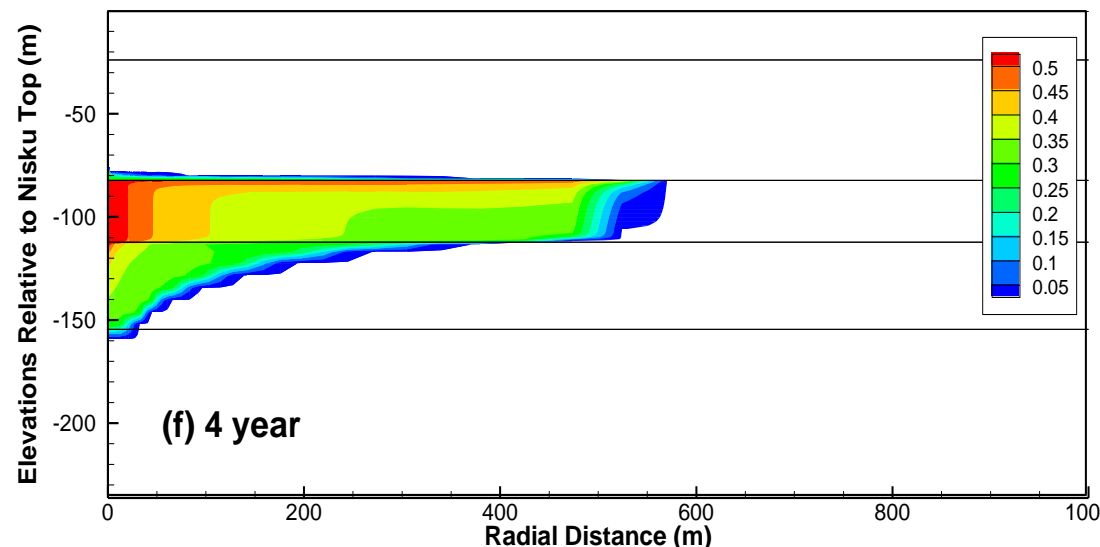
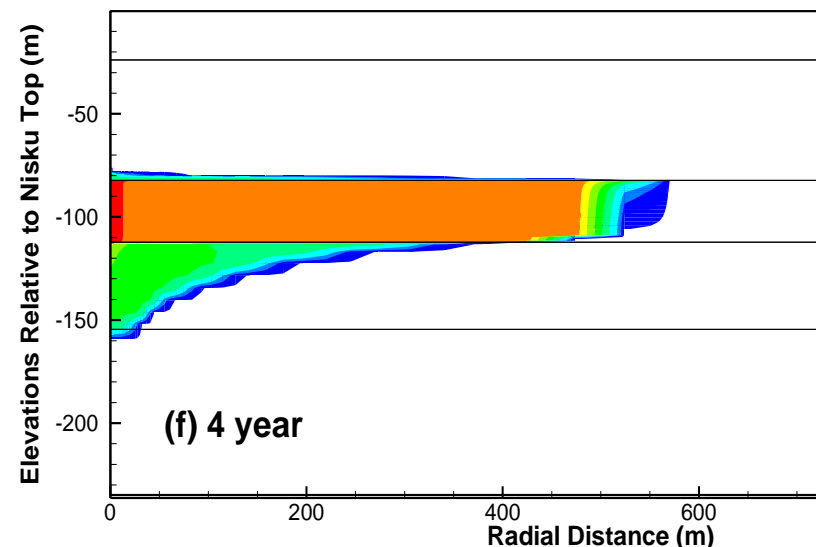
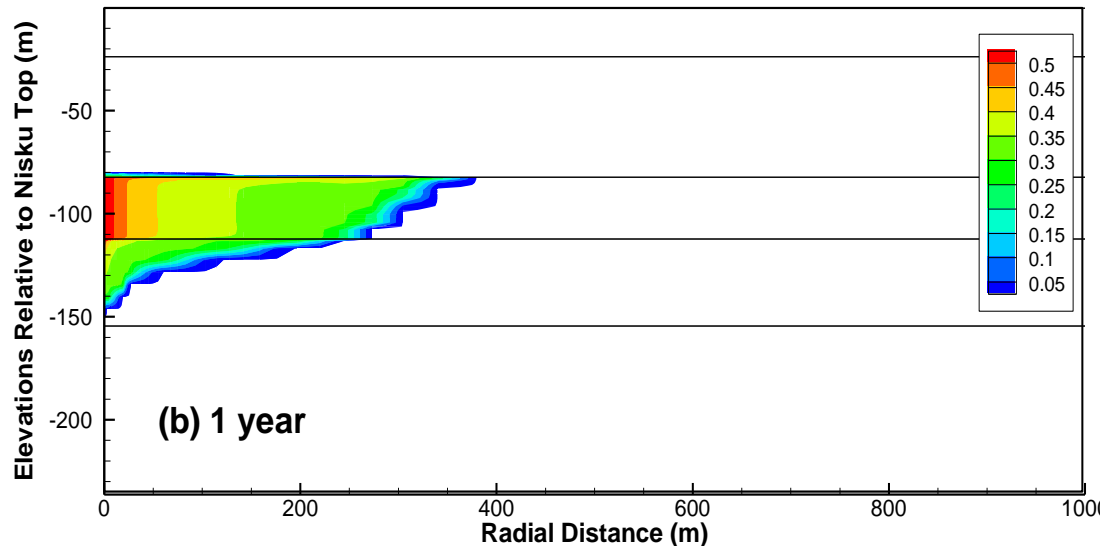
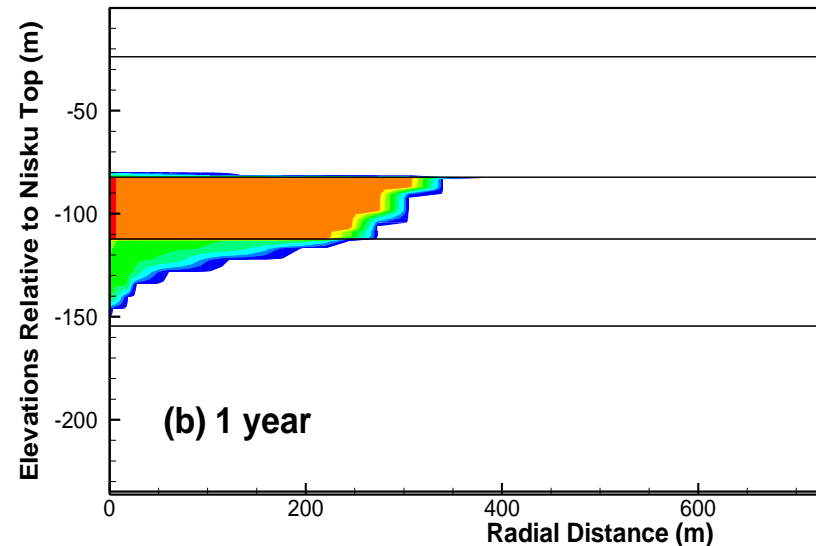


# MINC Simulated CO<sub>2</sub> Plumes



## Fracture

## Matrix



# MINC Simulation results



Site-specific data show the Middle Duperow injection target is highly fractured. We developed a MINC model for a 2D radial TOUGH2 model, with one fracture continuum and four matrix continua.

- The site-specific data used in the model includes matrix porosity from core measurements, matrix permeability from the step-rate injection test, fracture spacing from core images, and fracture permeability through different sensitivity cases;
- The injection rate is constant at 250,000 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> /yr over four years;
- The simulated bottomhole injection pressure indicates that the fractured Middle Duperow has sufficient injectivity because fractures significantly lower injection pressure in comparison to matrix only cases;
- The majority of injected CO<sub>2</sub> is stored in the rock matrix because of the strong fracture-matrix interactions of CO<sub>2</sub> flow;
- The benefits of enhanced injectivity and sufficient storage efficiency in fractured rock can be attributed to the high mobility of CO<sub>2</sub> flow in fractures, with high CO<sub>2</sub> saturation and thus relative permeability, and to the strong fracture-matrix interaction of CO<sub>2</sub> flow.



# Key Points

- Seismic indicates that structure conforms to the original mapping and no major faults are present in the injection area.
- Modern log suites from the production area and injection area demonstrate rock units in the reservoir intervals are very continuous and correlate extremely well over 7 miles.
- Core and log data indicate very good reservoir properties consistent over large regions.
- Natural fracturing is present but is bedding constrained and confined to the reservoir interval.
- Core from the Potlatch Anhydrite and the Upper Duperow caprock demonstrate the mechanical integrity of both intervals.

# BSCSP Baseline, Operational & Post – Injection Monitoring

## Near Surface

Atmosphere/  
Remote

Differential  
Absorption  
LIDAR  
Hyperspectral  
Imaging  
Eddy  
Covariance

Soil

Soil Gas  
Composition  
CO<sub>2</sub> Soil Flux  
Wide Surveys  
CO<sub>2</sub> Soil Flux  
Fixed  
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Surface &  
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Geochemistry

## Deep Subsurface

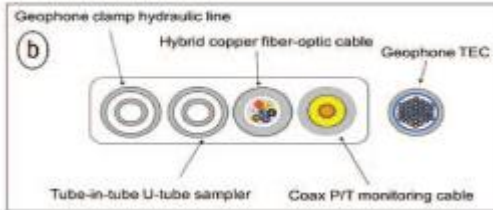
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X-Well, VSP &  
3D-9C Surface  
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inc. Tracers,  
REEs

# BSCSP Monitoring Program



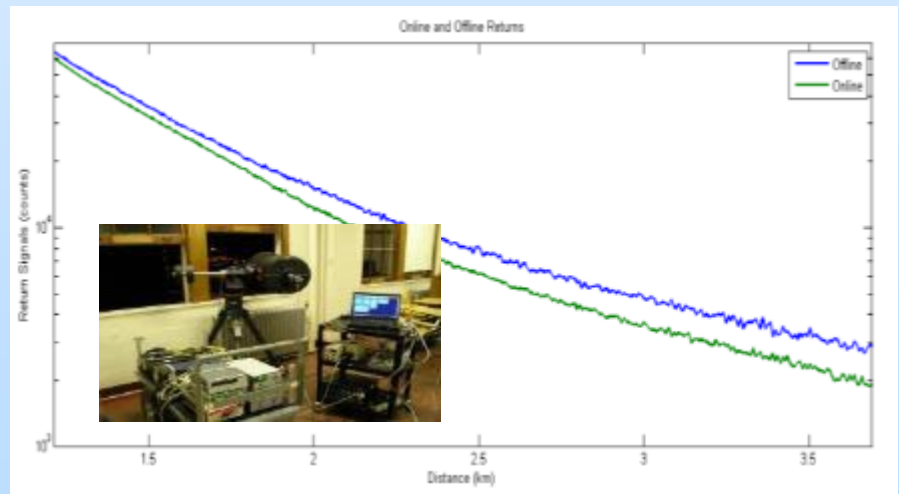
In addition to standard geochemical fluid analysis, we will use introduced phase partitioning tracers and Rare Earth Elements as a natural tracer. REEs are detectable at the parts per trillion level and are extremely sensitive to chemical changes imparted to brine chemistry during mineralization reactions, dissolution and transport reactions (Nelson D.T., 2005, Stetzenbach et al 2004, Wood et al 2006, McLing et al 2002, Roback and McLing 2001)

**Integrated well instrumentation developed by LBNL capable of including DTS/DAS, u-tube fluid sampling, P/T, & geophysical cabling**

**Field – rugged, pulsed Differential Absorption LIDAR developed by MSU with scanning and ranging capabilities and a 3.5 km radius**



**UAV capable hyperspectral imaging system developed and tested by MSU and Resonon**



# Geochemical Monitoring

## Fluid Sampling

- Monthly Via U-tube in all monitoring wells until

## Tracers

- Phase partitioning tracers
- SF<sub>6</sub>
- <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>
- Rare earth element

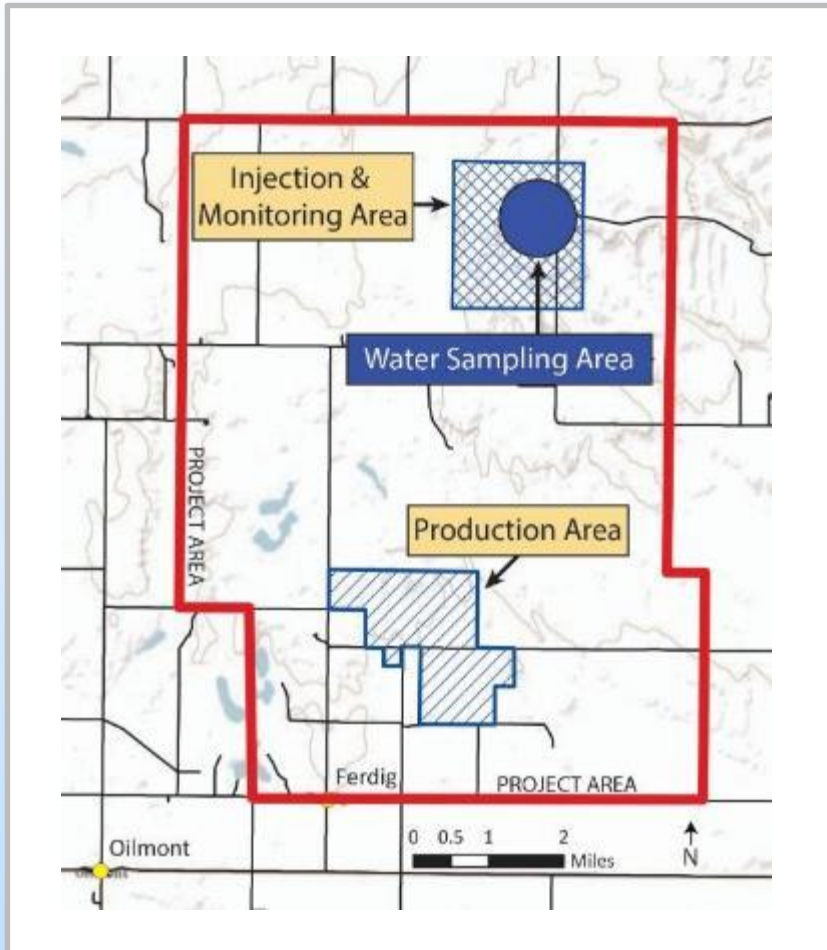
## Core Testing & Analysis

- CO<sub>2</sub> flood and flow experiments
- Comparison of cores from gas cap with cores from injection zone pre- and post- injection

Analyte	Method	Purpose
Cations (aq)	ICP-MS	Basic water chemistry
Cations (s)	Microprobe, ICP-MS (whole rock digestion)	Whole rock chemistry
Anions (aq)	Ion Chromatography	Basic water chemistry
Anions (s)	Ion Chromatography (whole rock digestion)	Changes in rock chemistry throughout experiments
Mineralogy	XrD	Rock phase determination pre and post experiment
REE (s)	ICP-MS, XRF	Water chemistry mineral dissolution ppt
Trace elements) (aq)	ICP-MS	Water chemistry evolution
Trace elements, including REE	ICP-MS LASER ablation, Microprobe, XRF	Evolution of minerals phase during experiment
pH, alkalinity, temp	P-T electrode	Water chemistry



# Assurance Monitoring - Establishing a Baseline Before CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

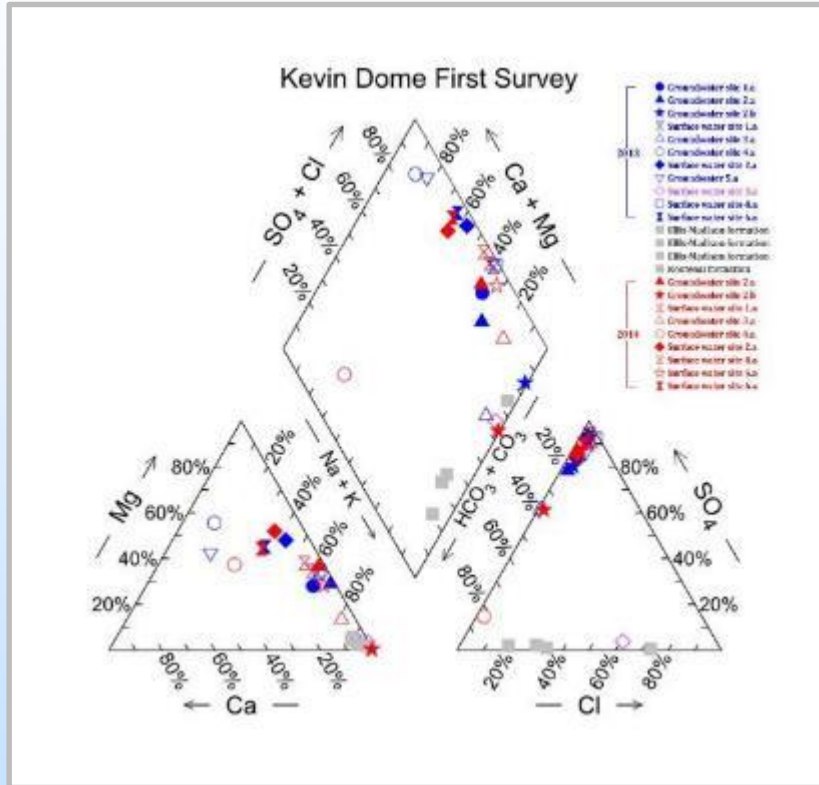


- Water chemistry
- Water quality
- CO<sub>2</sub> soil flux
- Imaging of vegetation
- Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>

# SAMPLING OF SHALLOW WELLS AND SURFACE WATERS

Samples collected Oct. 2013 and May 2014 from 6 wells and 6 surface waters in a 1.5 mile radius of the proposed injection well site.

## General Water Chemistry



Idaho National Laboratory

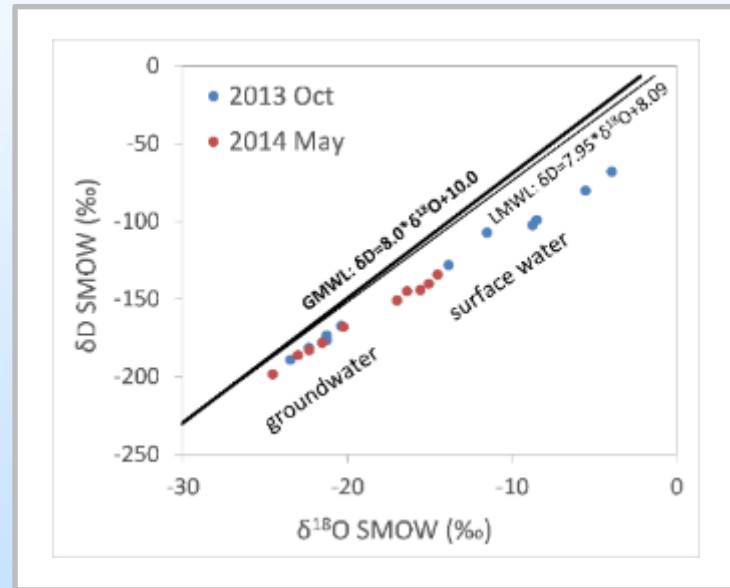
- Most common ions are sodium (Na), sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>), and chloride (Cl)
- Chemically consistent with geology of the area
- Significant seasonal variability

## Tracers

Establish a baseline for introduced (SF<sub>6</sub>, SF<sub>5</sub>CF<sub>5</sub>, PFC's, <sup>14</sup>C) and natural (noble gases, H and O isotopes, <sup>13</sup>C) tracers.

RESULTS: Very low levels of SF<sub>6</sub>, SF<sub>5</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, PFC's measured (mostly below the detection limit)

## H and O Isotopic Data

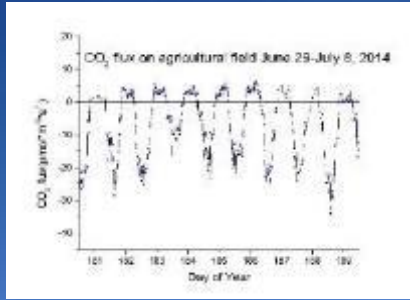
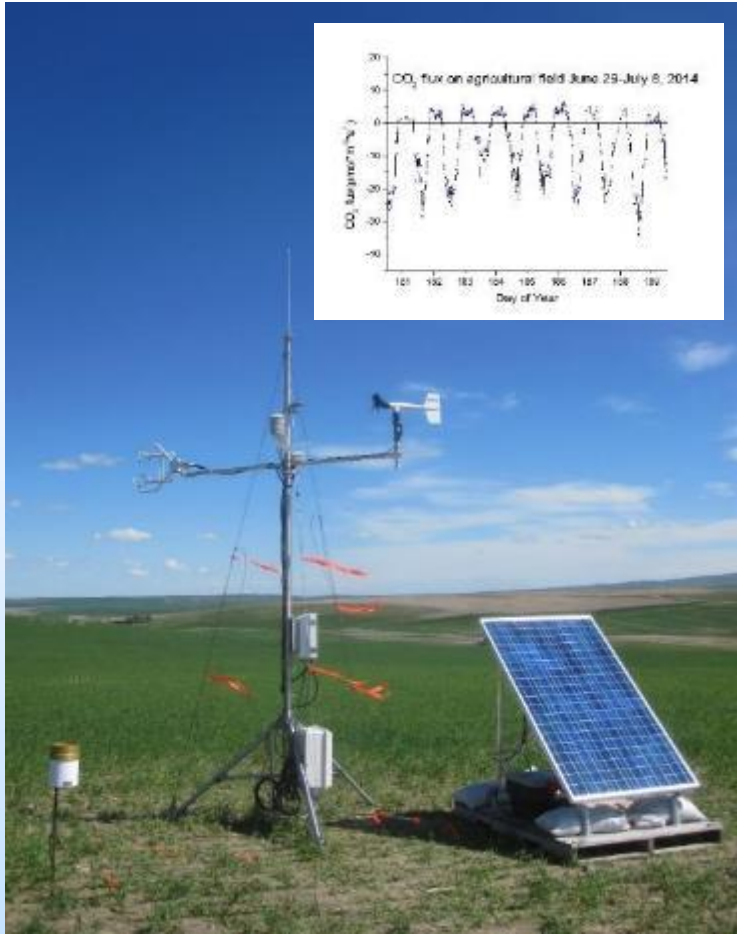


Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

$\delta^2\text{H}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values are slightly below the global meteoric water line (GMWL) and the local meteoric water line (LMWL)

# EDDY COVARIANCE

# SOIL CO<sub>2</sub> FLUX SURVEY



MSU

- Installed June 2014
- Data so far consistent with field in agricultural use

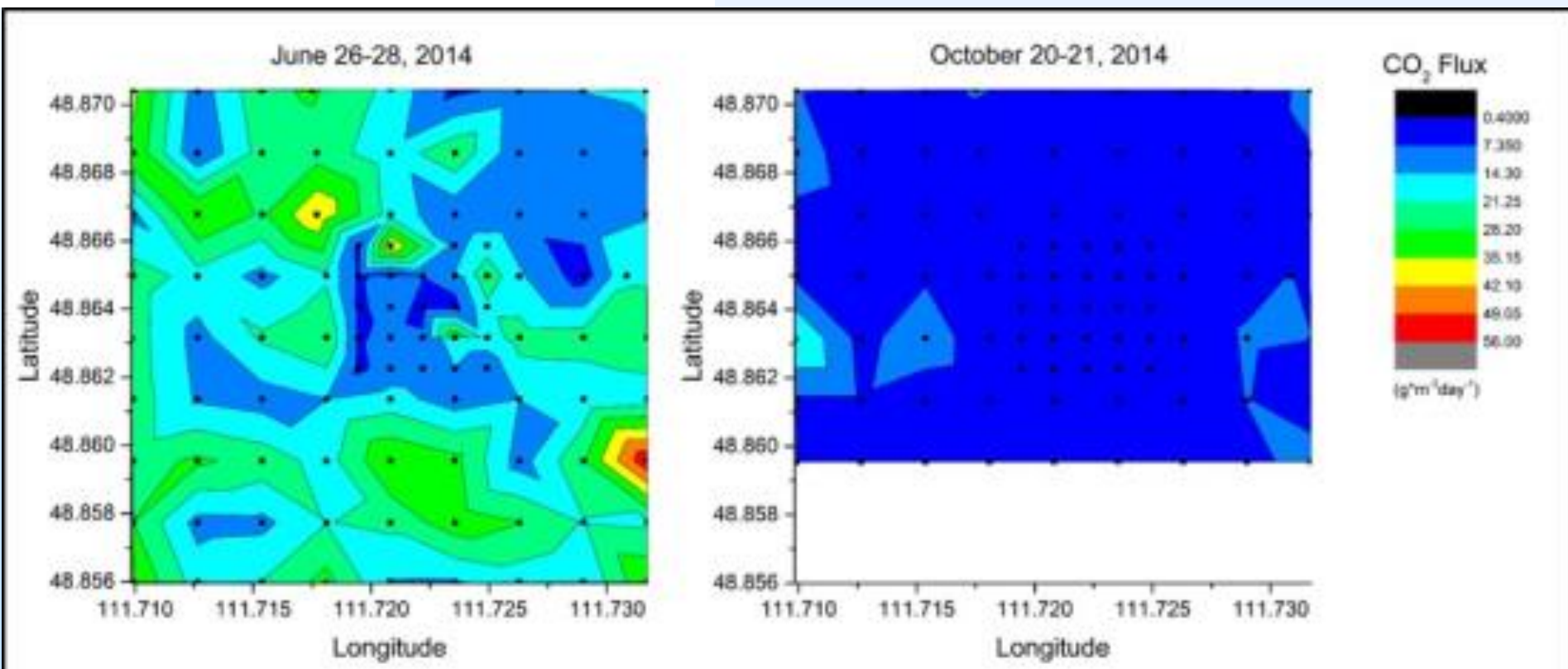
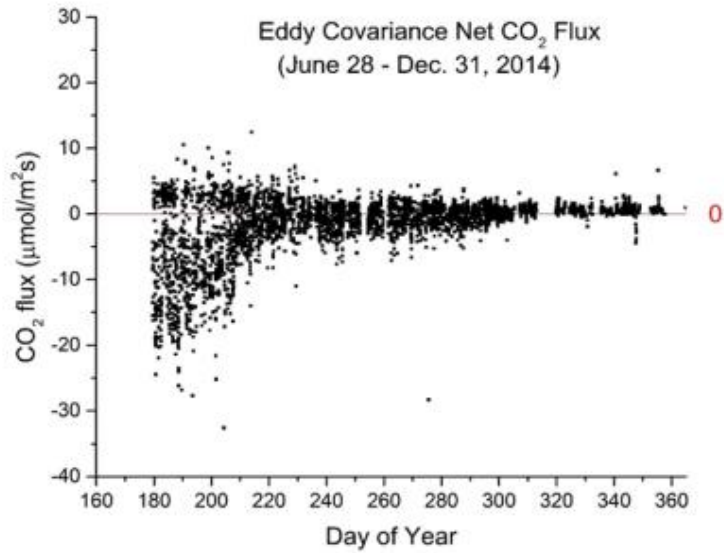


MSU

- Portable accumulation chamber
- Survey done June 26-28, 2014
- 102-point grid covering 1 square mile centered on proposed injection site
- Values typical of soil under this type of land use



# Eddy Covariance & Soil Flux



# HYPERSPECTRAL IMAGING



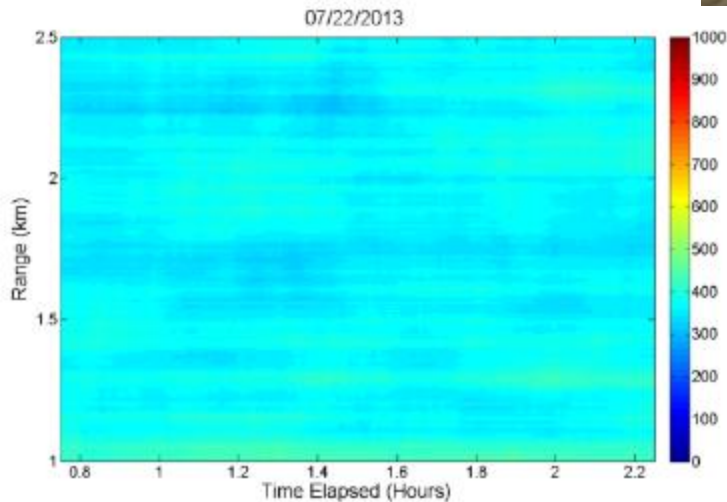
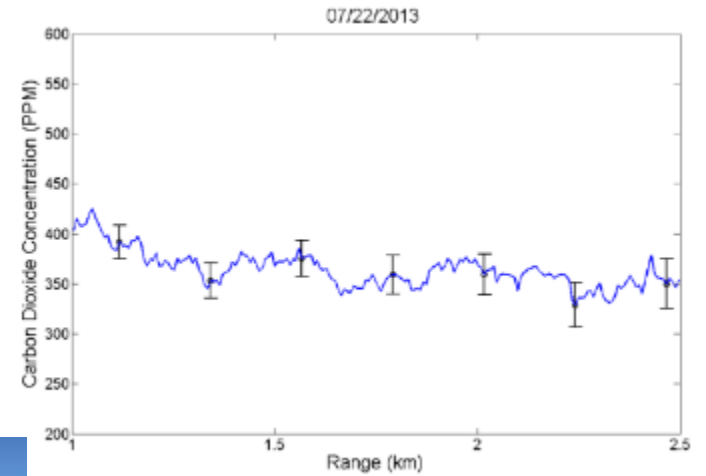
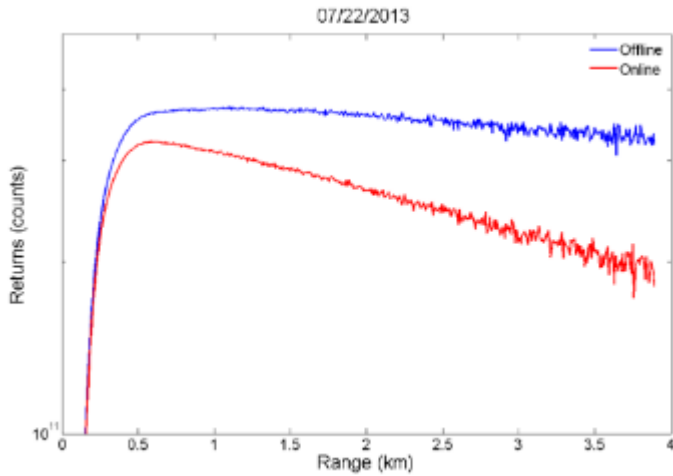
The hyperspectral imaging system mounted in a Cessna 172 for flight based monitoring. Spectral reflectance between 400 and 1100 nm for each pixel of a digital image is collected.



The flight plan for monitoring the production well area, pipeline area, and injection well area.

Three color images of two flight paths on June 24, 2014. Initial geo-rectification using the Inertial Measurement Unit was conducted and further improvements to the geo-rectification will utilize ground based GPS data.

# LIDAR (TESTED IN 2013 IN PRODUCTION AREA)

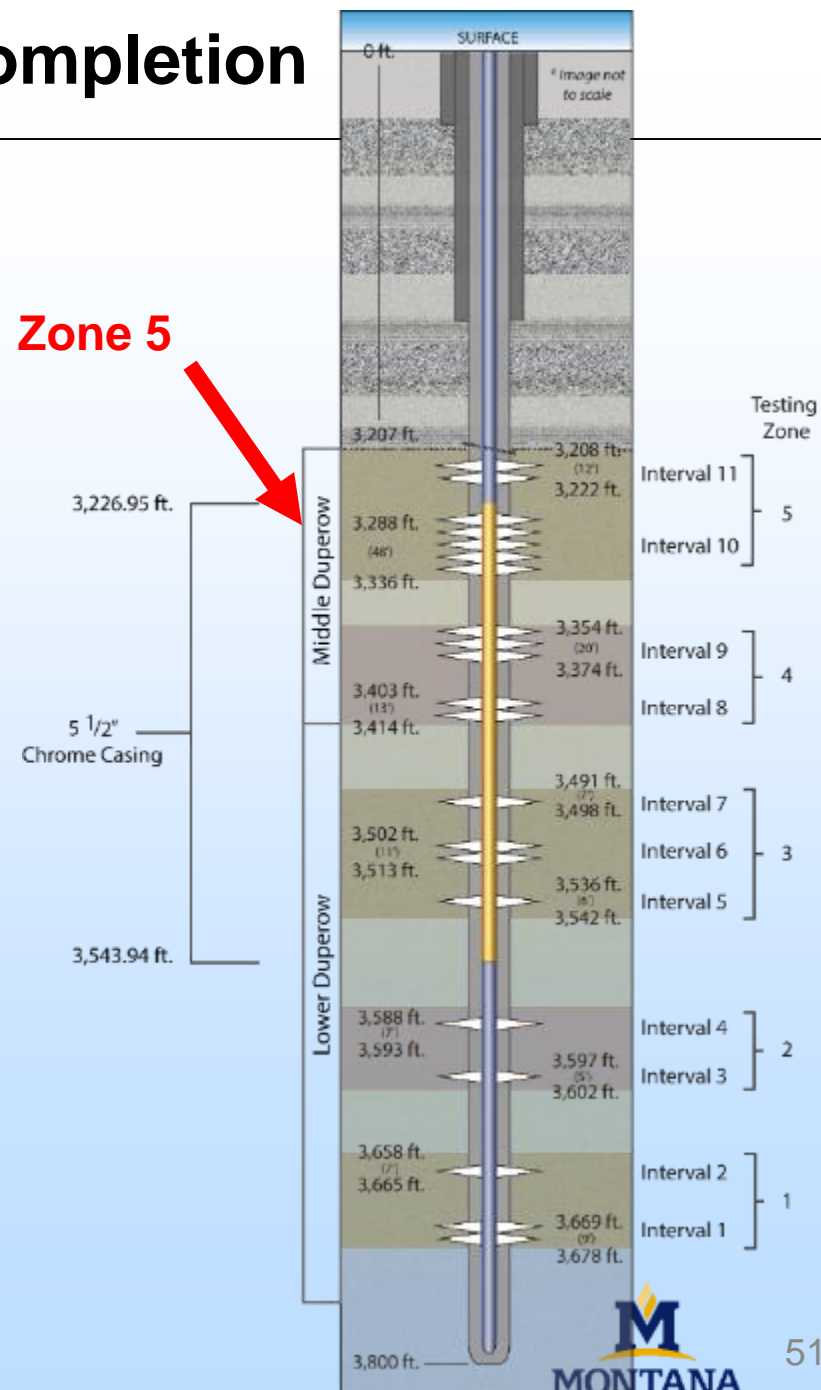




# CO<sub>2</sub> Source - Danielson Well Completion

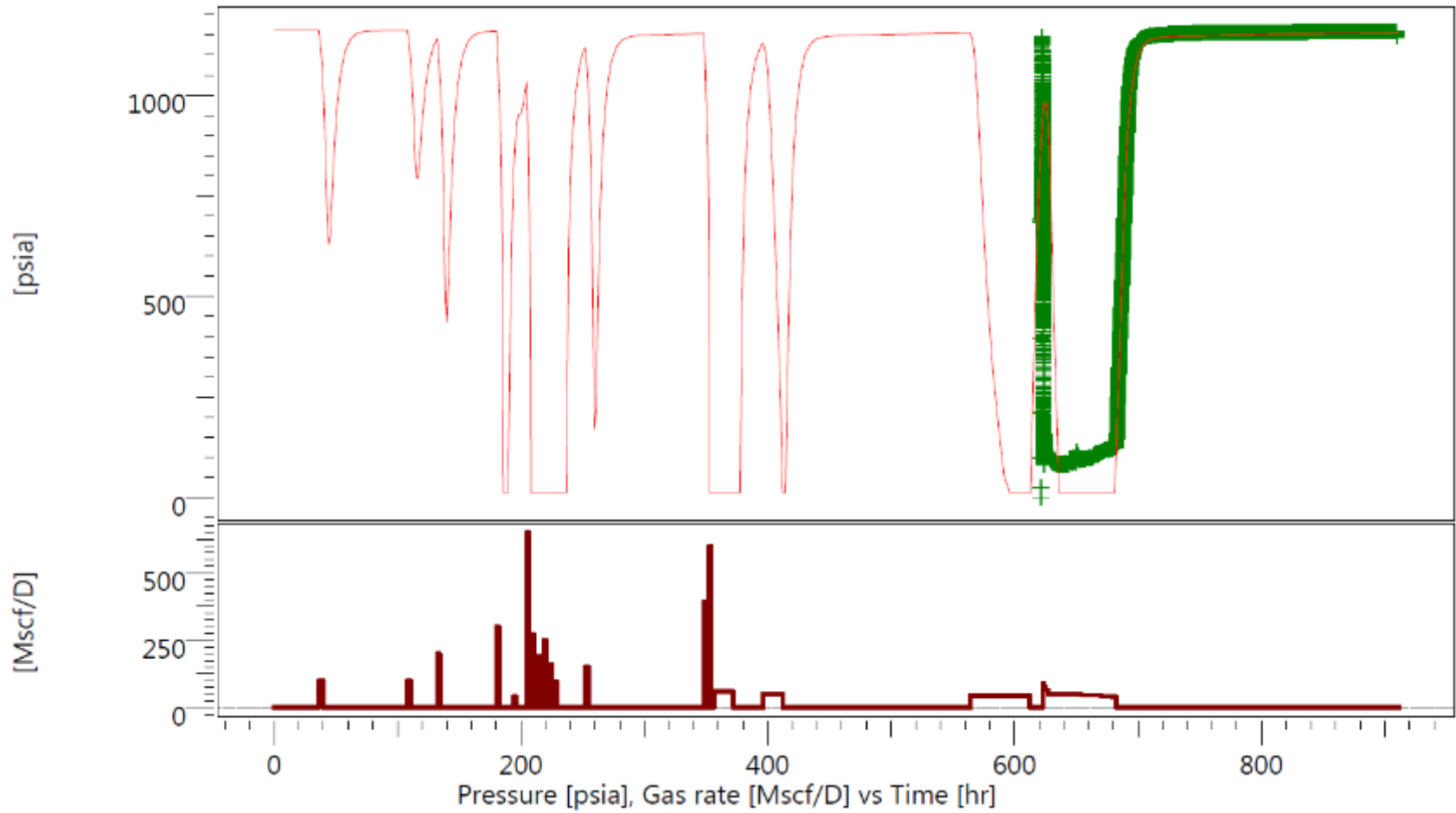
- Logs indicated multiple potential porosity / permeability intervals.
- We grouped these intervals into 5 zones with Zone 5 looking the most promising
- In a stepwise fashion working from bottom to top we:
  1. Perforated the zone
  2. Attempted to flow the zone
  3. Acidized the zone, attempted flow
  4. Packed off zone
- We took liquid and gas samples in zones where we could
- Zone 5 would show some flow then stop. We performed a nitrogen acid job to try to get better flow but still got intermittent flow.

**Zone 5**





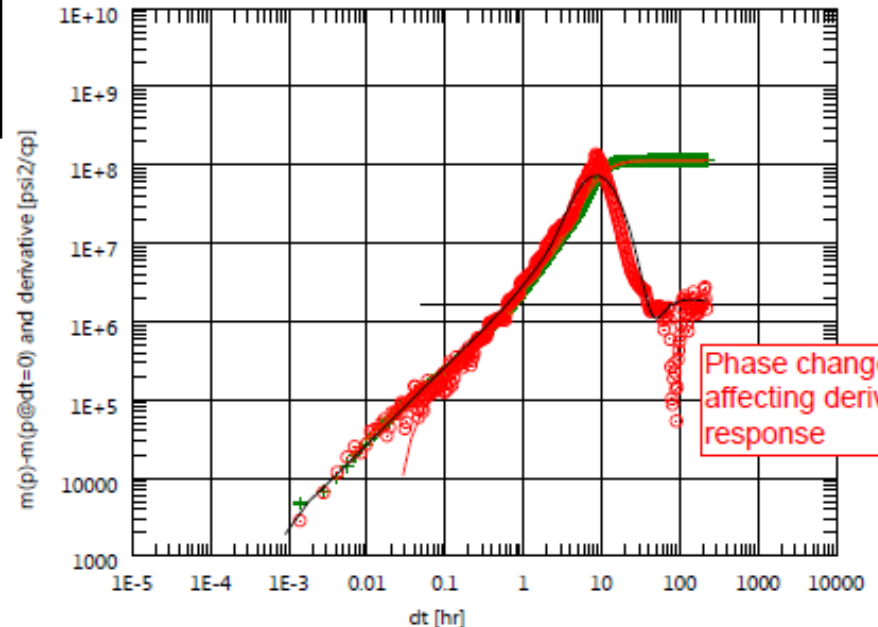
# CO<sub>2</sub> Production Test



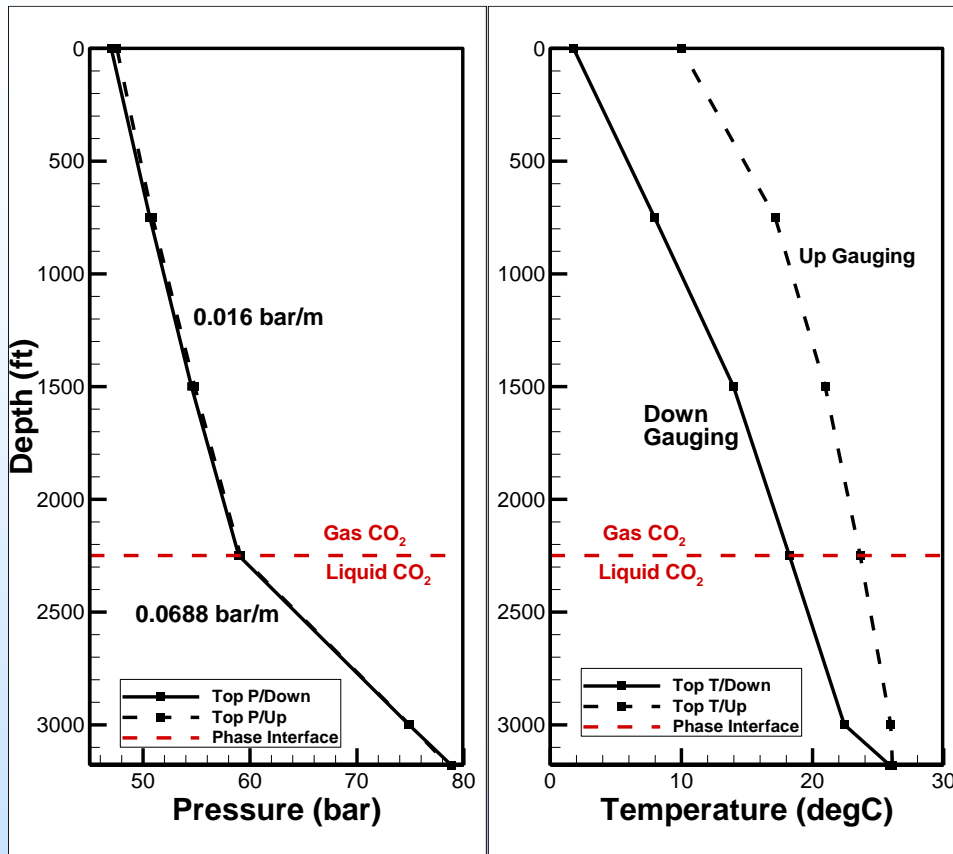
Production test Dec 26 through 28, 2014, (2.5 days)  
followed by a shut-in test of 10 days.

# Shut-In Test

Input Parameters	
Porosity (PU)	6
Temperature (degF)	74
Wellbore radius (ft)	0.3
Viscosity (cP)	0.064
Total FormVolFractor (cf/scf)	0.00246
Thickness (ft)	58
Final Rate (Mscfd)	40
Results	
Reservoir Model	Homogeneous
Permeability-Thickness (md-ft)	9.41
Permeability (mD)	0.162
Skin	26.40
Dpskin	524.80
Radius of Investigation (ft)	224.00
Reservoir Pressure (psia)	1161.80



# Shut –In P/T Profiles



- Data 1 (Down) was acquired from 9 am to 11 am, Dec 26, 2014 before the production test Dec 26-28;
- Data 2 (Up) was acquired from 10:04 to 10:39 am, Jan 7, 2015;
- Pressure profiles in both datasets show phase transition from liquid in the deep to gaseous CO<sub>2</sub> in the shallower segment of the well;

# Danielson Well Test

## Well Test Results

- Strong flow never established
- Measured formation temperature (74°F) is lower than expected
- CO<sub>2</sub> may be liquid in the formation
- Phase change impacts on near wellbore behavior with possible hydrate formation (large skin)
- Possible presence of other of fluids may cause a Relative Permeability issue (observed 2 phases after fluid samples sat for a while. Tests are being run
- Permeability away from skin to 225 ft radius is low

## Other Data

- Historical well in same section blew out
- Geothermal gradient should be higher. Historical wells ~90°F. Log temp in this well was > 90°F
- Might be supercritical at higher temp
- Permeability measured in well test is lower than expected given presence of fractures



# Rationale for Moving Up-Dip

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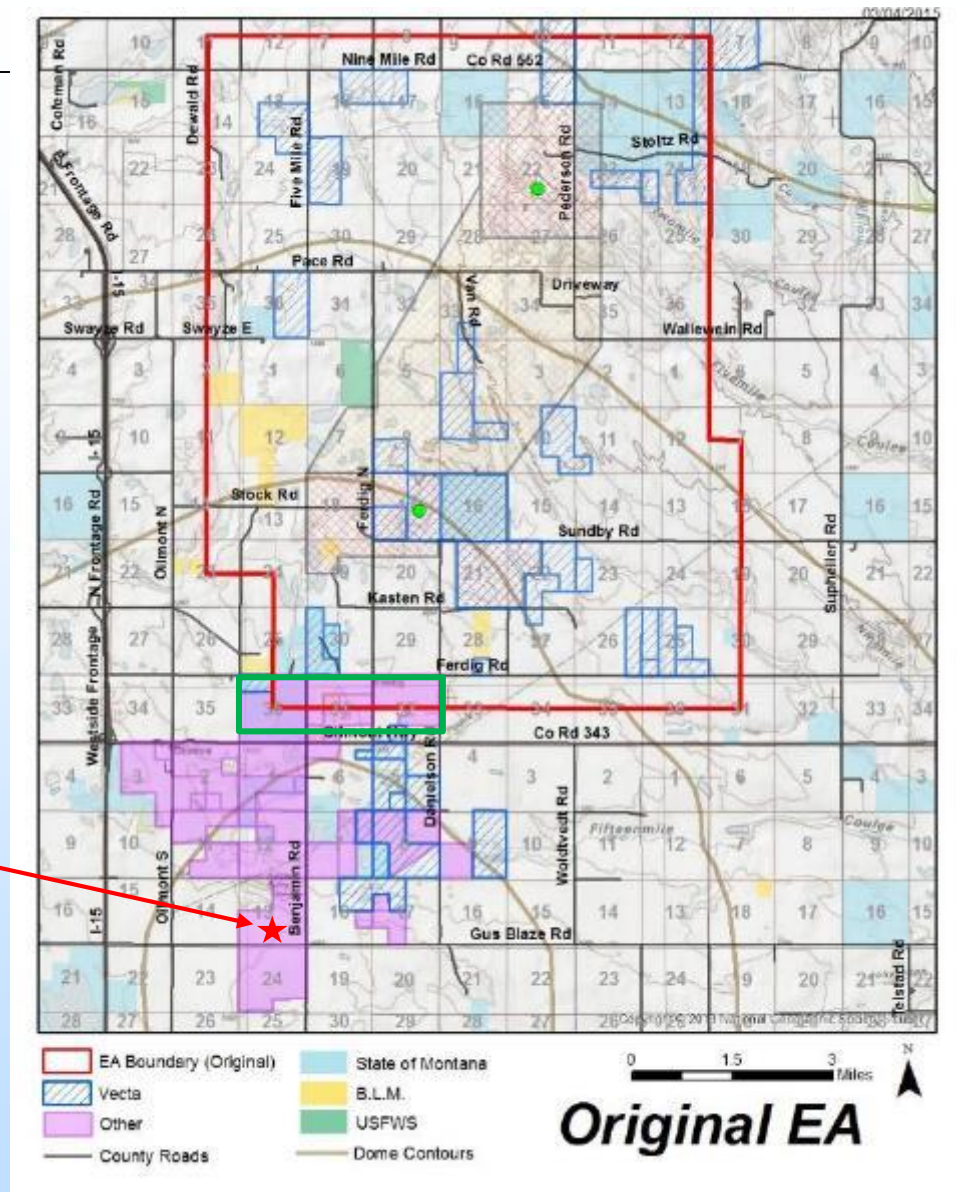
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Future  
Production

Gas – Water Contact

# Partner with 3rd Party

- Well drilled, cased but not perforated or tested.
- Showed CO<sub>2</sub> “kick” in drilling log, but no drill stem test
- Significantly higher on Kevin Dome structure than Danielson well
- May be possible to perform initial activities under Interim Action
  - Well and pad already exist
  - Major disturbances have already taken place
- Would provide additional data at relatively lower cost to test whether moving up-dip helps production
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party may be willing to provide CO<sub>2</sub> production to BSCSP
  - Potentially other favorable terms



# Accomplishments to Date

## Regional Characterization

- Contributions to Carbon Atlas
- Evaluating EOR opportunities

## Outreach

- Multiple community meetings, individual landowner meetings, website, newsletters, etc.
- Significant interest in collaboration

## Permitting

- NEPA EA complete
- Landowner permits in place
- Permit database tool

## Risk Management

- FEPS & Scenarios complete
- Database created
- Preliminary probabilistic modeling performed

## Site Characterization

- Kevin Atlas created with surface and subsurface data incorporated
- Over 32 sq. mi. 3D, 9C seismic shot
- Static geologic model created
  - Hundreds of wells for tops, 32 logs digitized for geophysical parameters, 2D seismic, 3D, 9C seismic
- Initial flow modeling performed
  - Injection & production regions, sensitivity analysis, reactive transport
- First two wells drilled
  - Core acquired, analyzed
  - Logs acquired
  - Seismic being tied to wells
  - Well tests performed
- Baseline assurance monitoring initiated
  - Three water sampling campaigns
  - Soil flux (chambers, eddy covariance)
  - Hyperspectral Imaging flight
  - LIDAR

# Synergy Opportunities

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- Stiff, thin reservoir zone could be good for studying geomechanical effects
- Danielson well has CO<sub>2</sub> and water present – an opportunity to investigate corrosion issues, wellbore sealing with both fluids present
- GroundMetrics has performed background EM measurements at site



# Summary

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- Well tests and core indicate dual permeability
- Modeling and well tests indicate fractures contribute strongly to overall permeability
- Modeling suggests very good injectivity
- Tests indicate very good mechanical properties for the caprock
- Joint inversion using shear wave seismic looks promising for imaging the Duperow porosity zone

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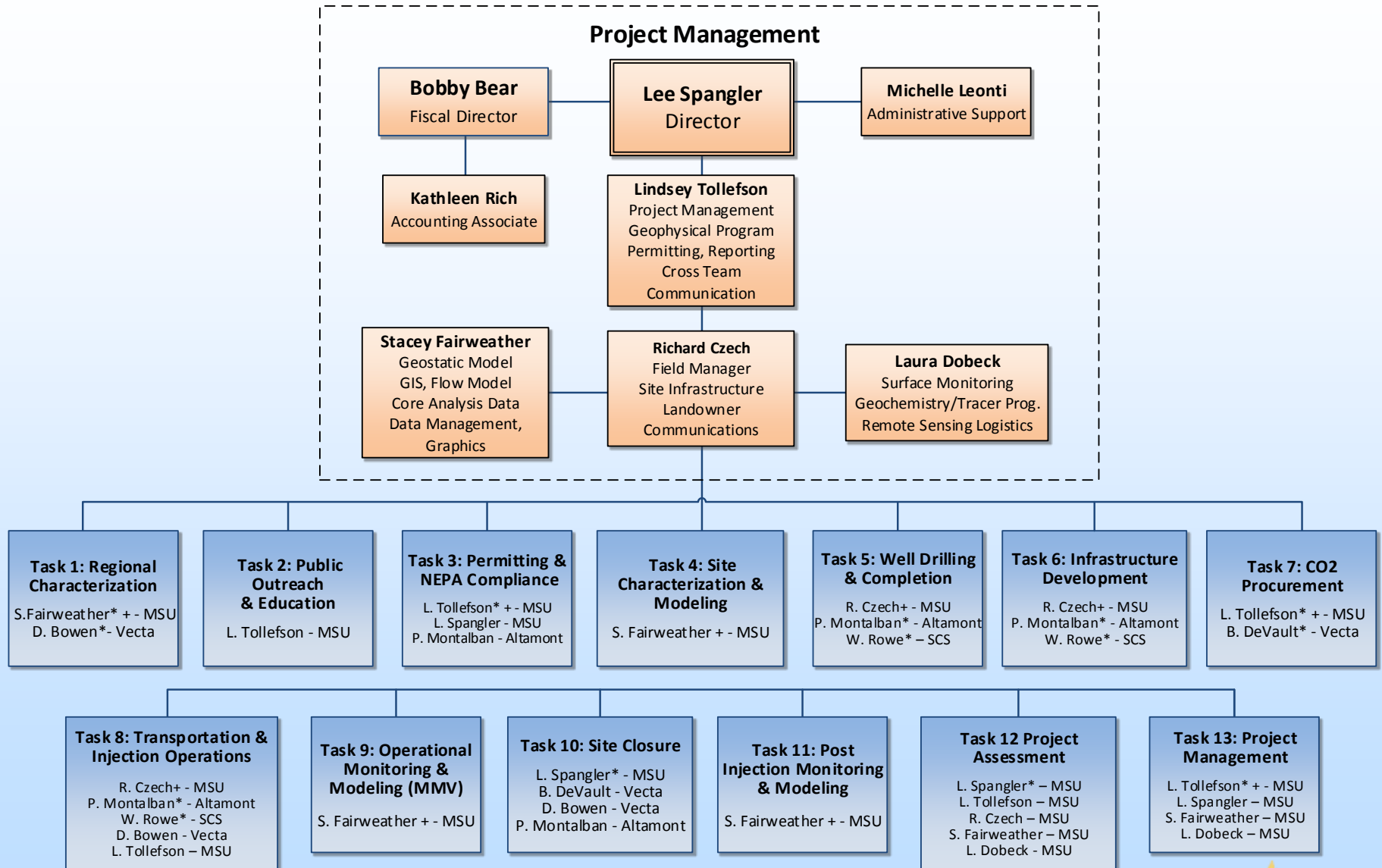
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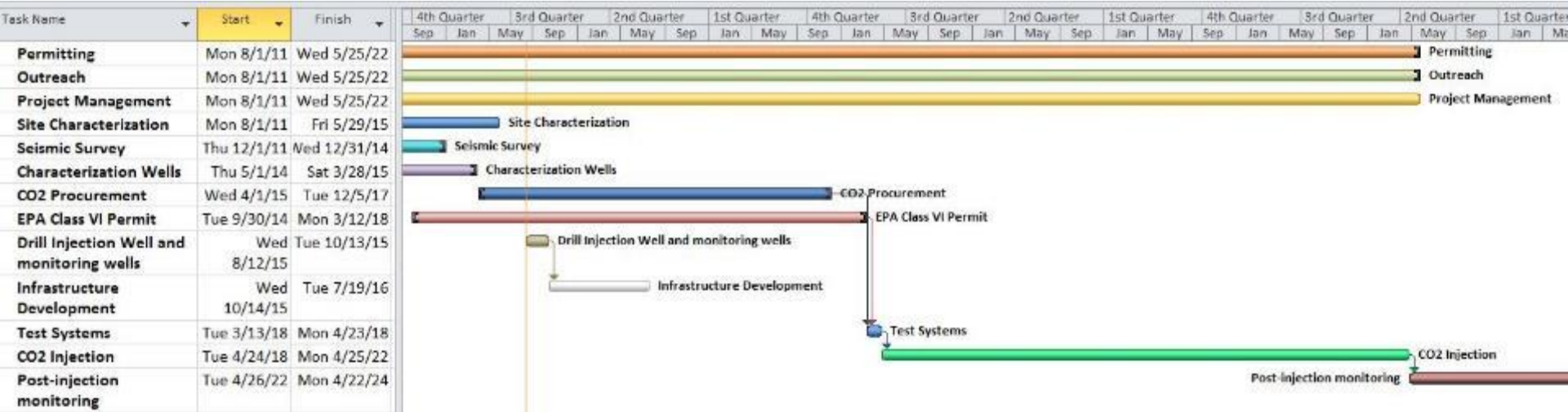
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# Organization Chart: Management





# Gantt Chart



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