





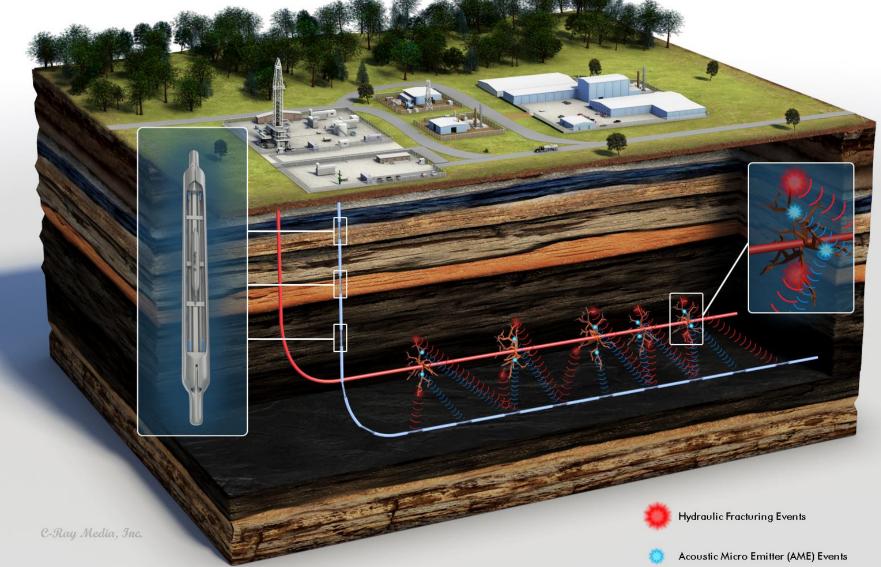


## Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensor (FOSVS) tracking of **Acoustic Micro Emitters (AME)** to Optimize **Unconventional Oil and Gas (UOG) Development**

August 1-3, 2017



## **Effective & Accurate Monitoring of UOG**

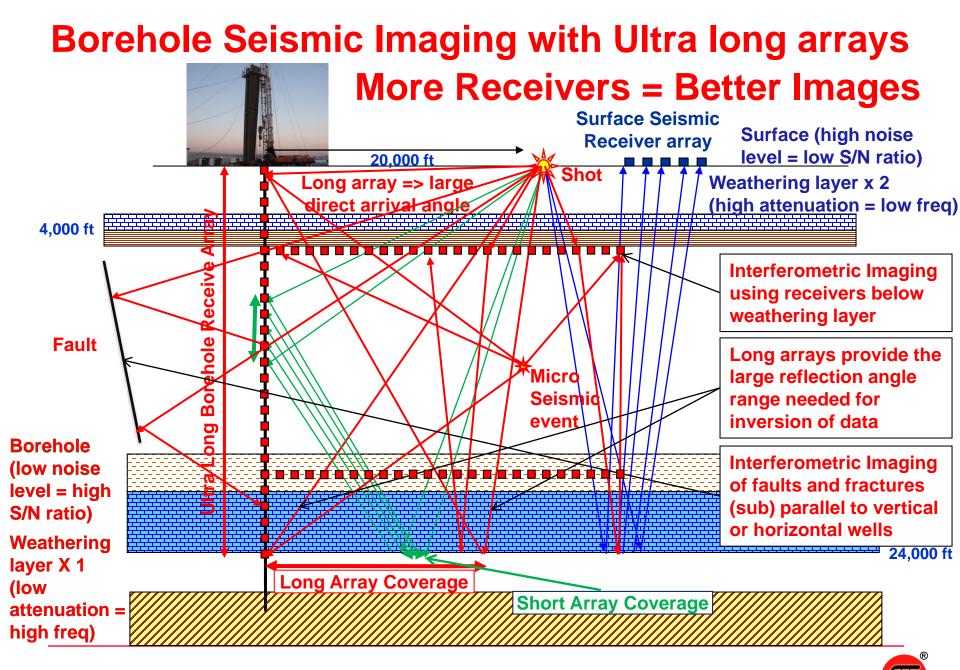




# **Key Technologies Presented**

- Large Seismic Array Technology
  - Key to Record and Track small Seismic Events
- Fiber Optic Seismic Sensors
- Acoustic Micro Emitters





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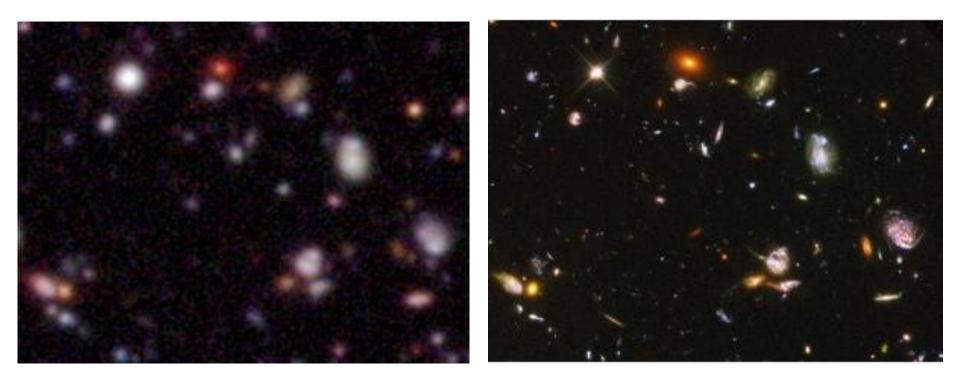
# Focus: **Develop Better Sensors** and **Deployed The Sensors Below The Noise!**



## **Example From Space Exploration: Images From Same Region in Space**

#### **Earth Telescope**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope**



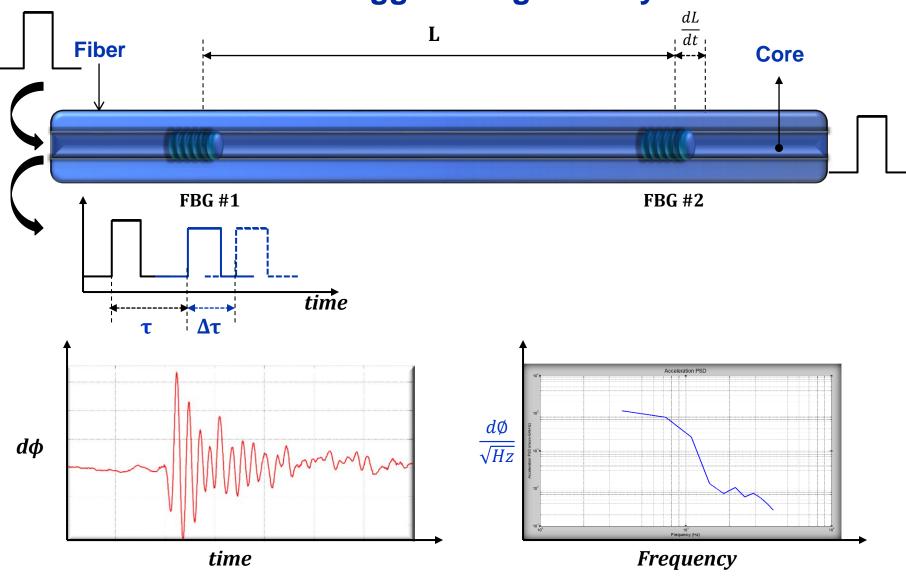


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#### **Fiber Bragg Grating: Theory**





# Laboratory Test of Acoustic Micro Emitters using

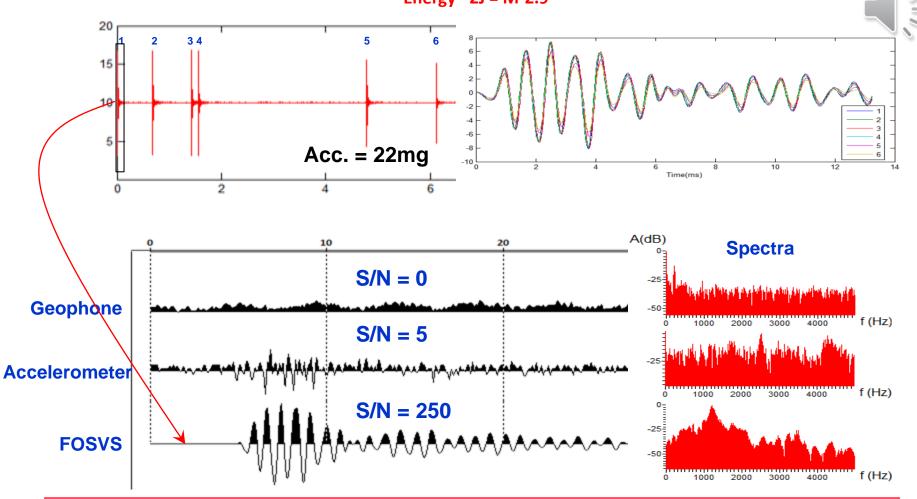
# **Fiber Optic Seismic Sensors**



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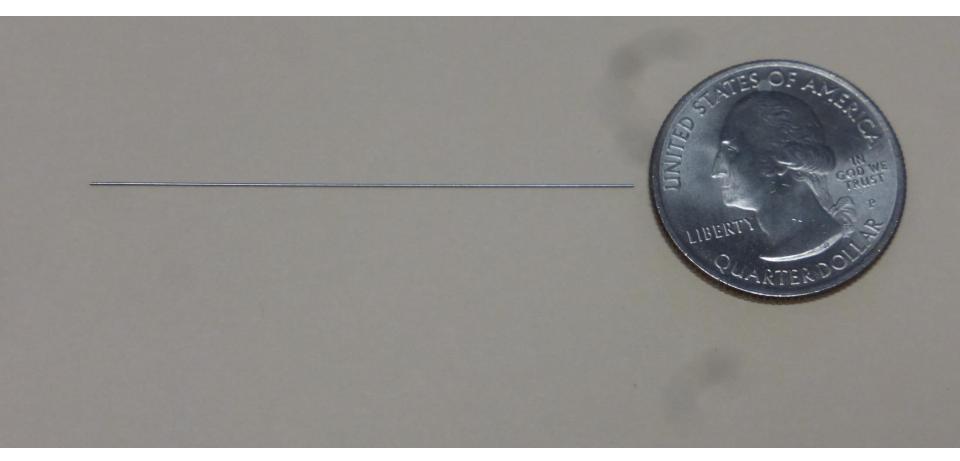
#### AME Test using Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS)

Pressure cell and sensor plate placed on a metal plate sitting on a foam mat on a metal table Fiber sensor, geophone and accelerometer are placed approximately 20 cm (8 inches) from the pressure vessel with AMEs Repeatability Test: 6 AME's recorded on FOSVS: Outstanding Repeatability. Allow extraction of arrivals in high noise environ Energy ~2J = M-2.9





## Can You Hear a Pin Drop? Test Object: OD: 0.011", 2" long, 24.8 mg





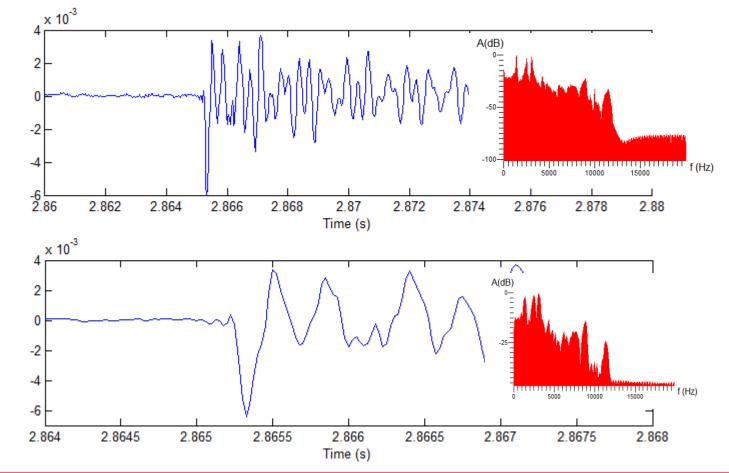
#### FOSVS Test: OD: 0.011", 24.8 mg Pin Drop 1 cm: 2.5 µJ kinetic energy (M-7) x 10<sup>-3</sup> Acceleration (g) 2 0 -2 -4 0.5 1.5 2.5 3 3.5 2

Time (s)



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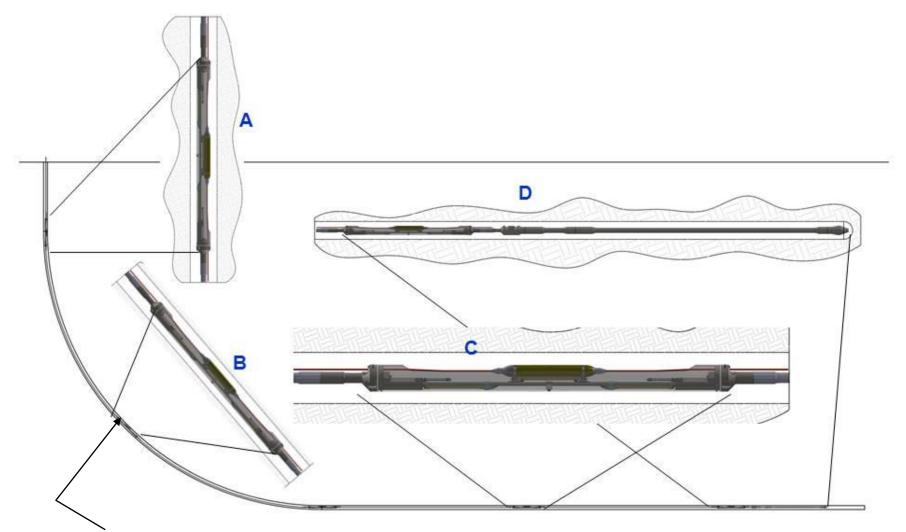
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Acceleration (g)

## **Deployment System Development**



#### **Drill Pipe Deployed System – Housing and Clamping**



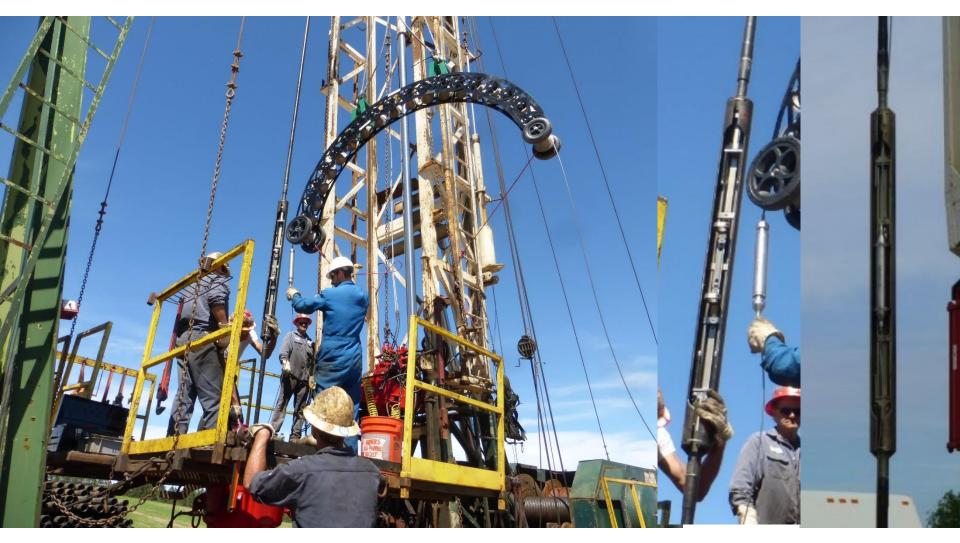
Clamping system operates by increasing the pressure inside the drill pipe and manifolds and uses the bore hole fluid as a medium



## Field Tests of Fiber Optic Seismic Sensor (FOSVS)™ System



### Fiber Optic Seismic Sensor System Deployment



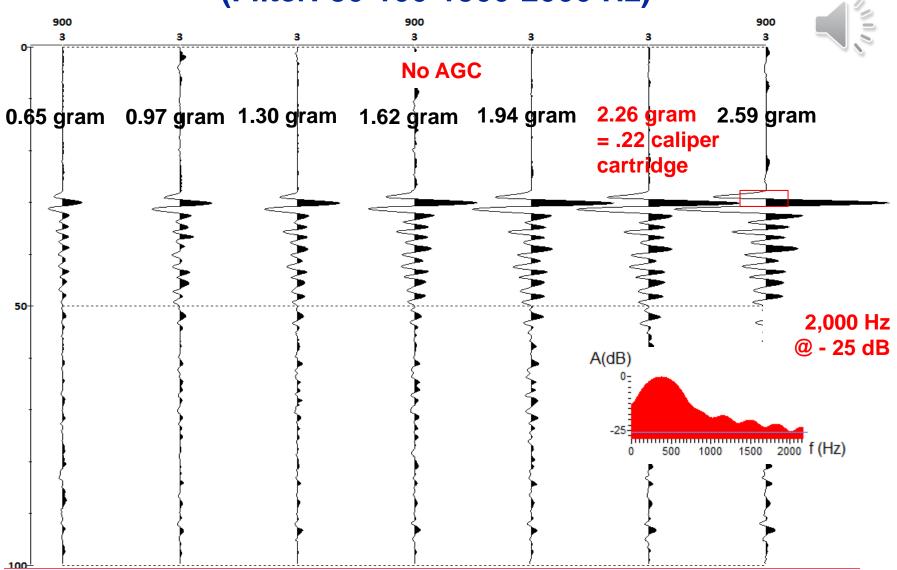


# Field Test Data Recorded with Fiber Optic Seismic Sensor (FOSVS)™ System

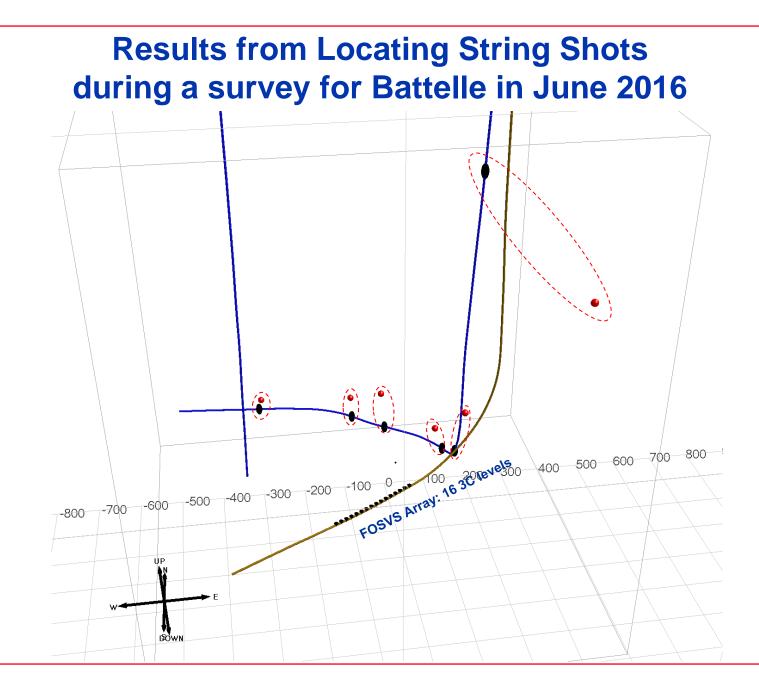


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#### Shots Recorded by Principle Component @ 1,200 ft (400 m) (Filter: 80-100-1500-2000 Hz)



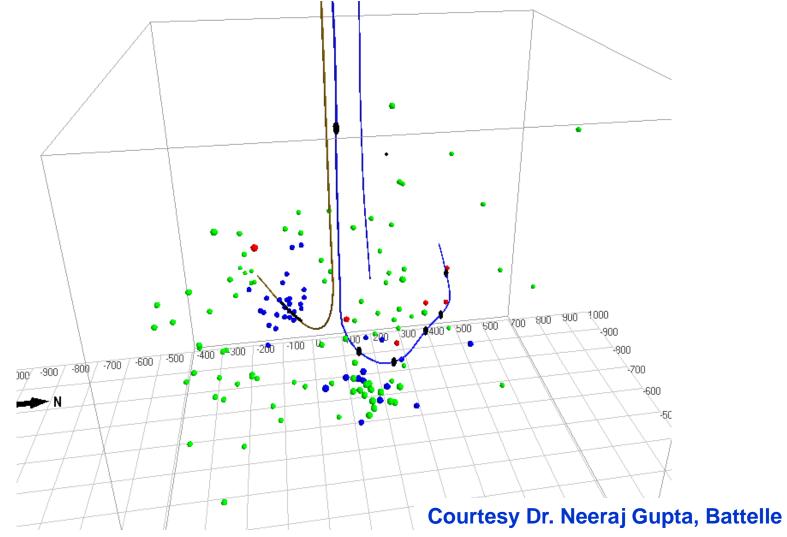






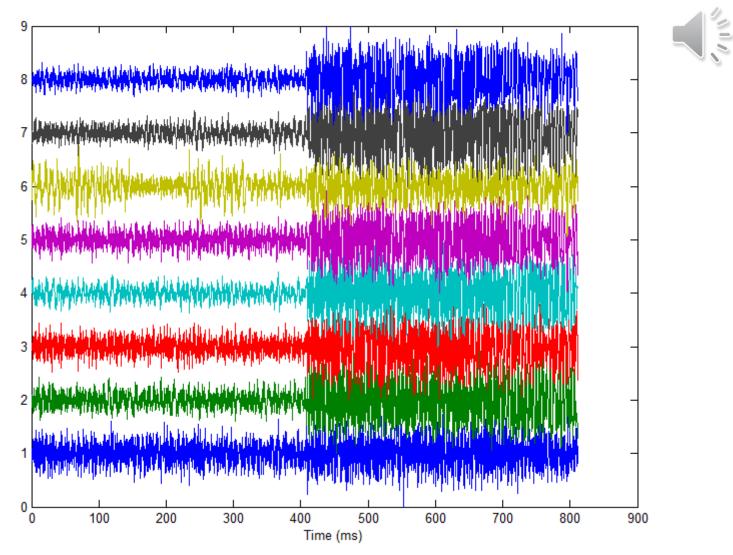
#### Locating String Shots and Micro Seismic Events – Work in Progress Recorded 11,000 events in four weeks. Displayed here are 130 events.

Red: String Shots; Blue: Focused Micro Seismic; Green: "Distributed" Events



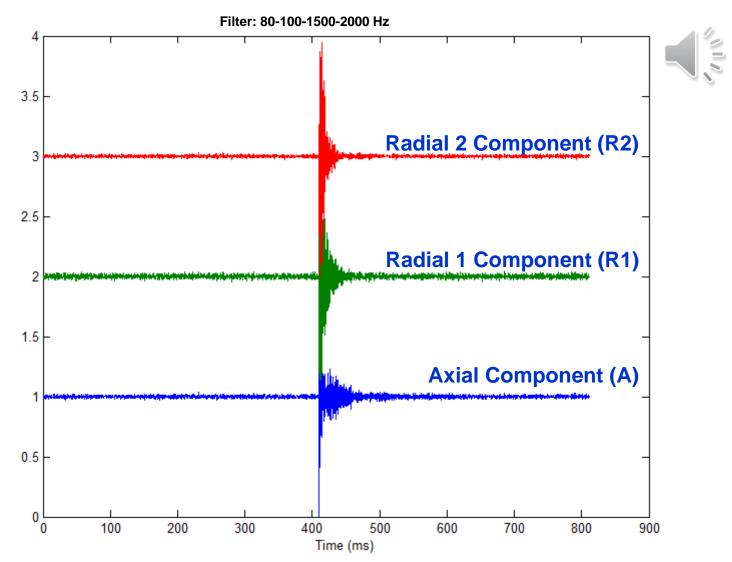


#### **Sound of A Distributed Event**



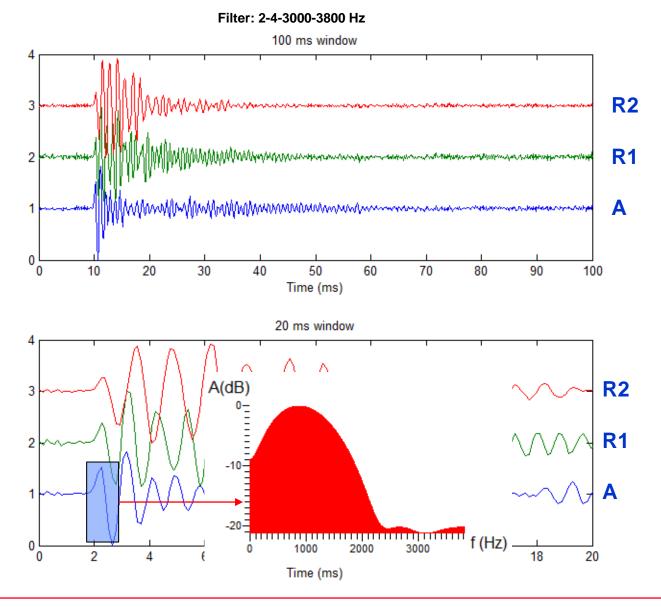


#### Sound of A Focused MS in 3C, Survey for Battelle, June 2016



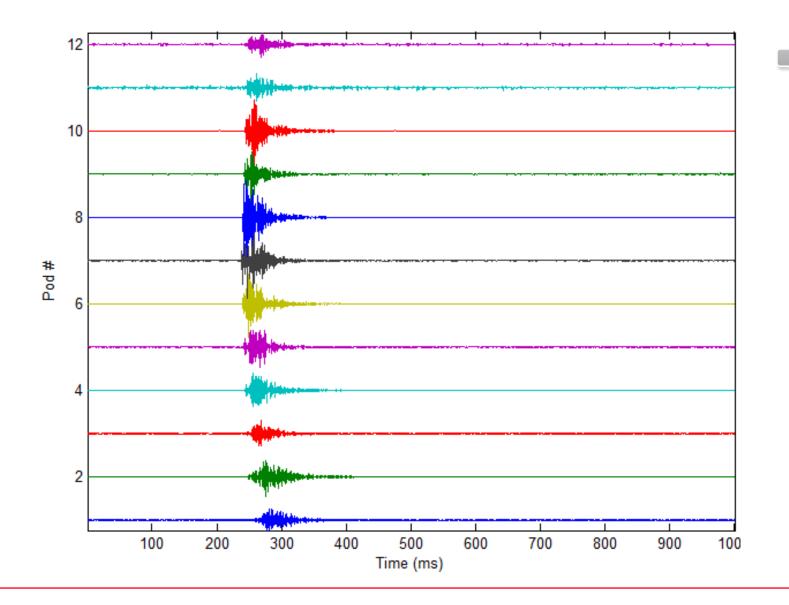


#### Zoomed-In Focused MS in 3C- Filter: 2-4-3000-3800 Hz





#### A Microseismic Data (Axial) – Magnitude < M-2.9





# **Borehole Seismology**

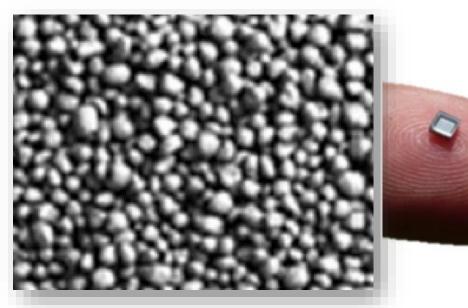
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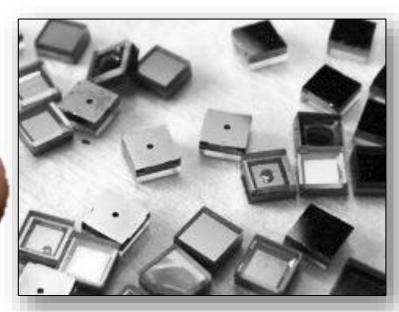
## **Getting most out of fracture monitoring**

Problem: Need to know where fractures are propagating, their number, width, extent.

Answer: Injecting SMART microsystems along with proppant



Typical ceramic proppant 20/40

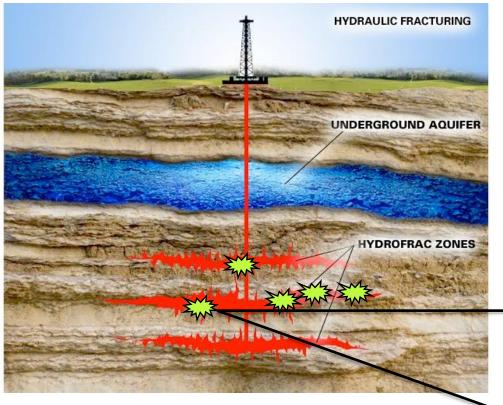


fluidion smart micro-emitter (prototype stage)



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## Using smart Acoustic Micro Emitters (AME)



#### **Simple logistics:**

- 1. Injected in well along with proppant
- 2. Detected using fiber optic sensor array

#### High added value:

Delayed acoustic emission – high S/N Guaranteed in-fracture signal Specific acoustic signature Various sizes – mapping fracture width

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#### **AME Simulation Flow Setup**



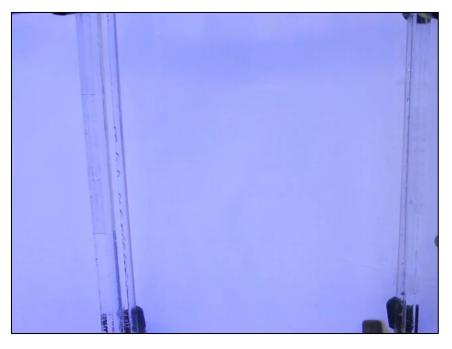
Dynamic visualization of proppant and AME positioning



#### **Previous work**

# fluidic intelligence

#### Lateral fracture view



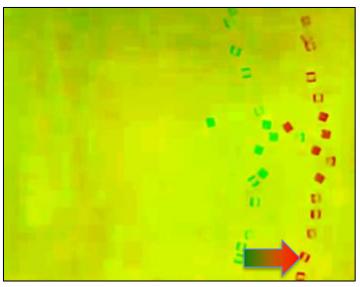
4mm

**2**mm

#### **Top fracture view**

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Fracture proppant transport Dynamic fracture opening tracking Multiple-size proppant: wedge angle



#### **Increasing pressure**



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#### **500 psi AME – to FOSVS: Experimental Parameters**

#### 1. Receivers

- a. 3C Fiber Optic Seismic Sensor (FOSVS)
- **b. Fiber Optic Hydrophone**
- c. Optical sampling rate: 152,439.03 Hz
- d. 3C Geophones
- e. Geophone sampling rate: 40,000 Hz
- 2. Sources: 4 x 4 mm Acoustic Micro Emitters (AME), 500 psi collapse version. Estimated energy 2J.
- 3. Offset: 20 feet
- 4. Processing a. Filter: 400-500-4000-5000 Hz

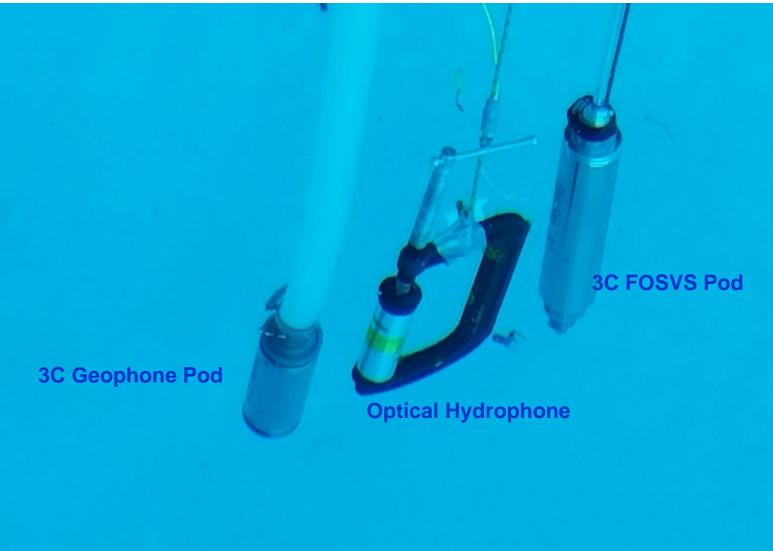


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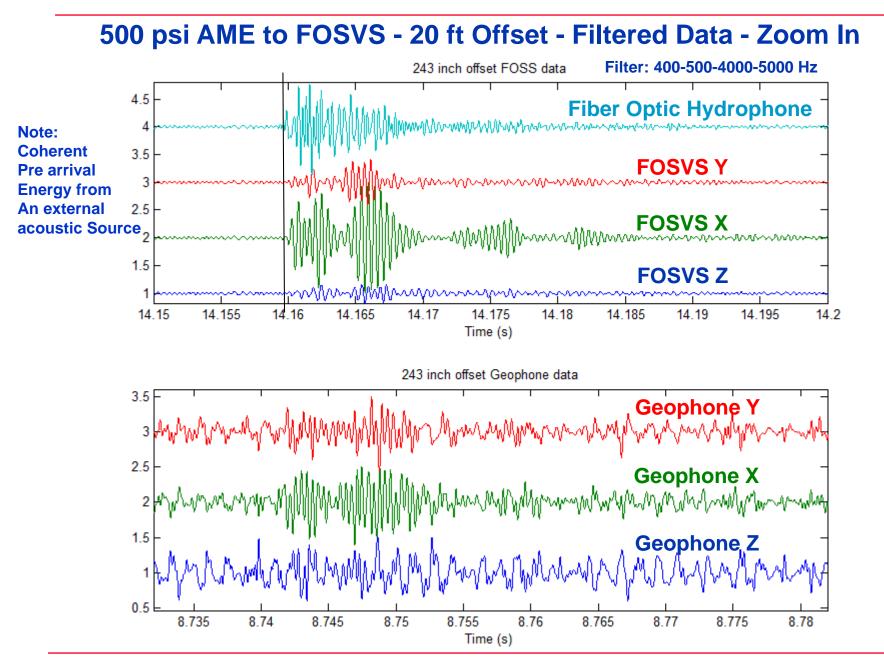
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## Small Pressure Vessel used for the AME's AME's collapse at 500 psi



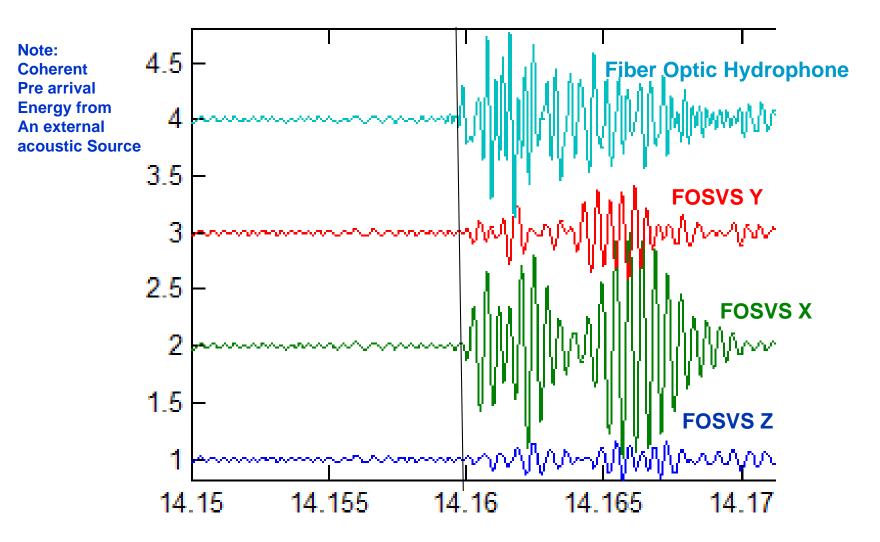






#### 500 psi AME to FOSVS - 20 ft Offset - Filtered Data - Zoom In

Filter: 400-500-4000-5000 Hz



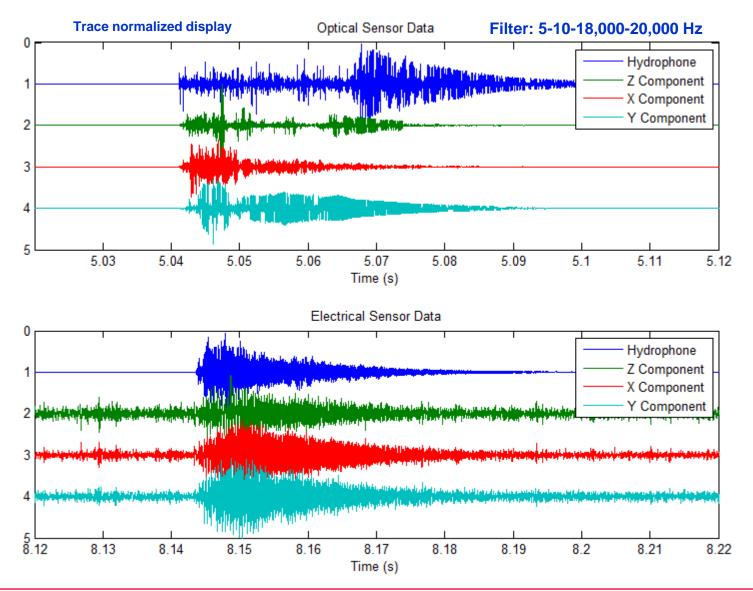


### 4,000 and 8,000 psi AMEs Test Summary

- Date: Dec. 9, 2016
- Location: Pool
- Source-Receiver Distance: 20 ft
- Receivers:
  - Optical: FOSVS and optical Hydrophone
    - Sampling rate: 152,439.03 Hz
  - Electrical: Geophone and Hydrophone
    - Geophone: Omni-2400
    - Hydrophone: Aquarian Scientific AS-1
    - Sampling rate: 40,000 Hz
- Sources:
  - AME, 4,000 psi and 8,000 psi



### Test 1: Two AMEs at 4,000 & 8,000 psi





### **Observations**

- 1. From the same AME the Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS) generate much higher signal to noise (S/N) ratio than the electronic geophones.
- 2. The Fiber Optic Hydrophone (FOH) generate much higher S/N ratio than the electronic geophones.

3. A second test using 4,000 and 8,000 psi AME's generated much higher S/N than the 500 psi AME's



# **Other Projects and Applications where the** FOSVS and AME Combination **Can be Applied**

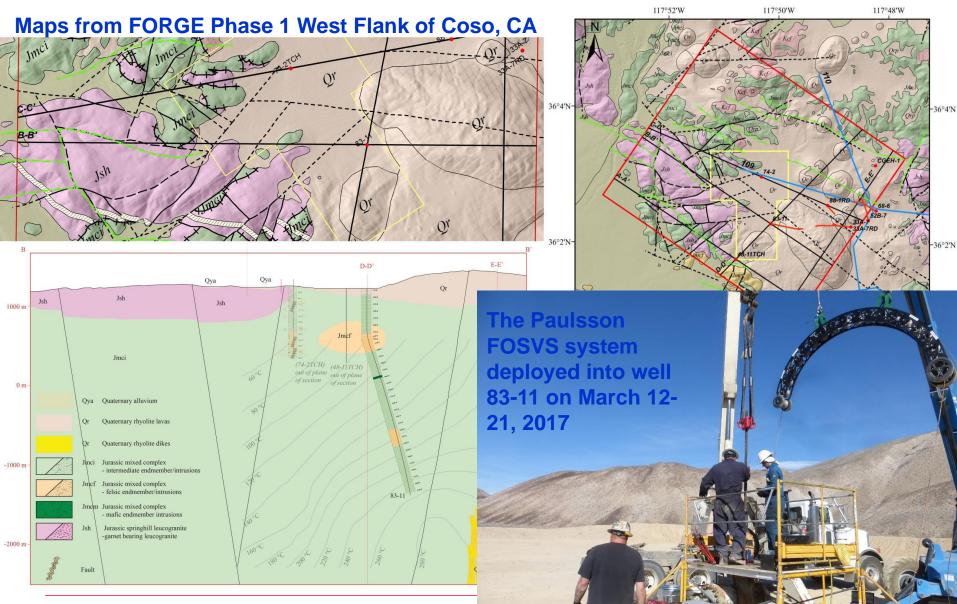


# **FORGE Applications**

- Inject AME's into EGS fractures
- Use FOSVS to monitor the location of the AME's to map the fractures to improve productivity through guided drilling



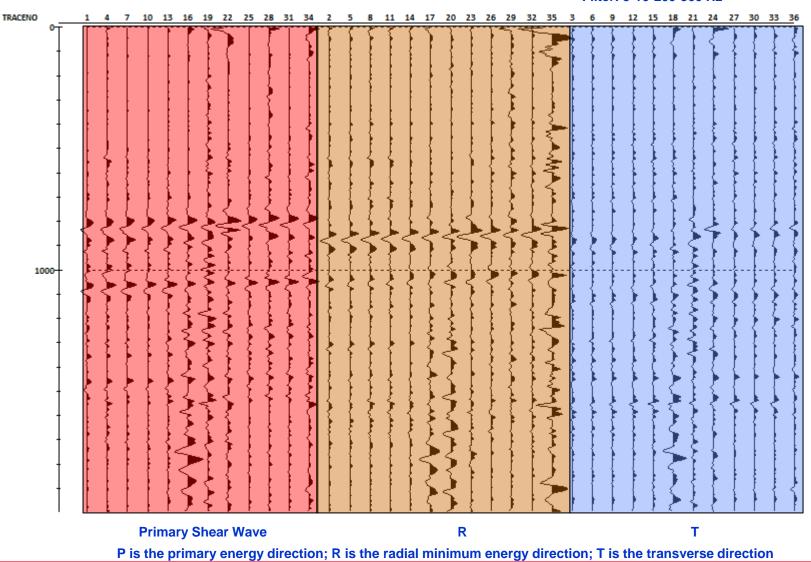
#### **The West Flank FORGE Site**



#### An Earthquake 3.4 Miles Away M1.9

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Filter: 5-10-200-300 Hz





**3C Rotated** 

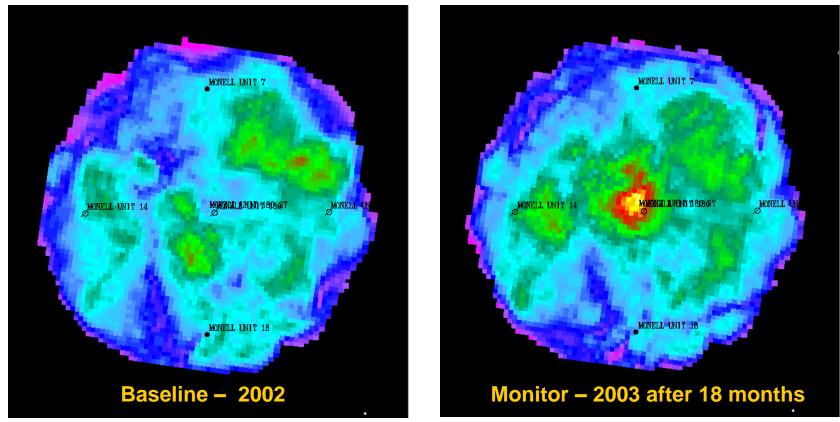
## Time Lapse Data Monitoring of CO2 injection for Enhanced Oil Recovery in 2002 - 2003



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#### Time lapse surveys to monitor CO2 Injection Depth Amplitude Maps at 4,800 ft showing the CO2 Plume

Simultaneous imaging and monitoring possible using FOSVS and AME in combination.



Increased reflectivity in the Monitor Survey 2003 at a depth of 4,800 ft at the well is due to the injected CO2. Also seen is the increased reflectivity around the water injector wells.



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- Field Testing & Calibration
- Offshore Applications

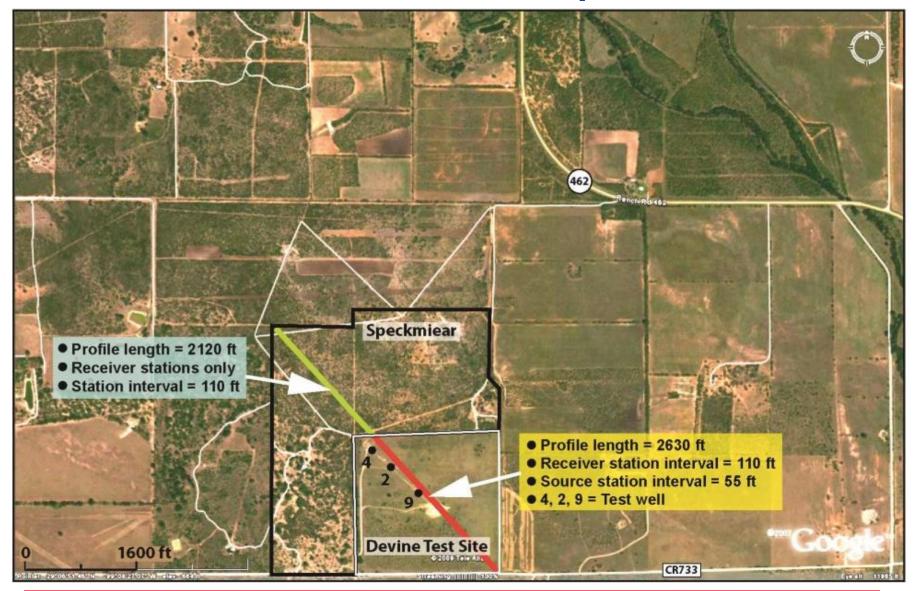


## **Devine Test Objectives**

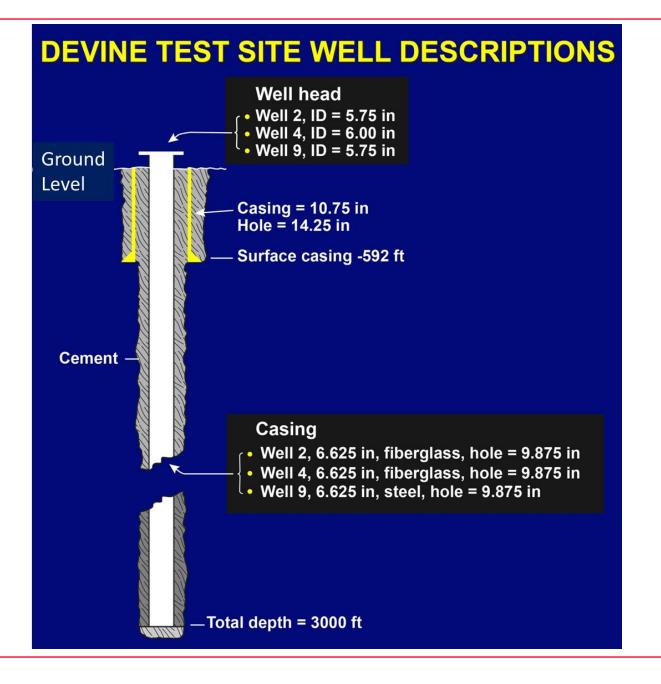
- Perform a test at a known field laboratory
- Calibrate and document the FOSVS ability to record data from the AME under controlled conditions



#### **Devine Test Site Map**





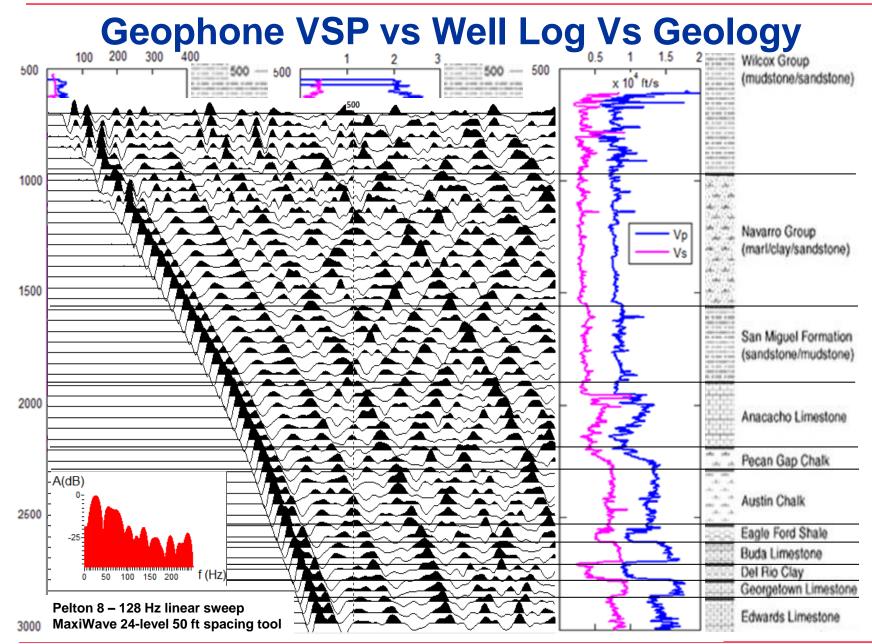




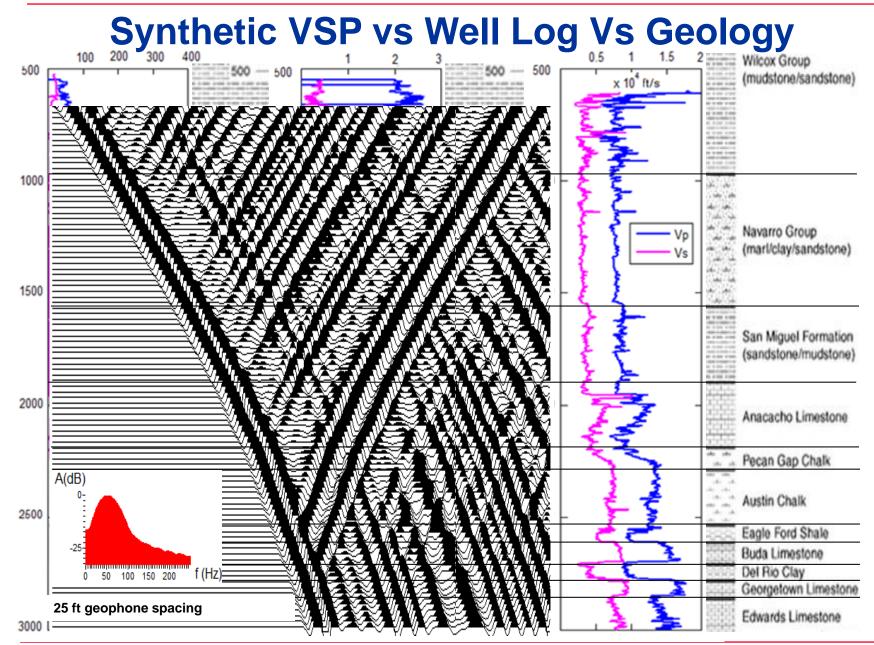
### **Geology Profile** @ the Devine test site

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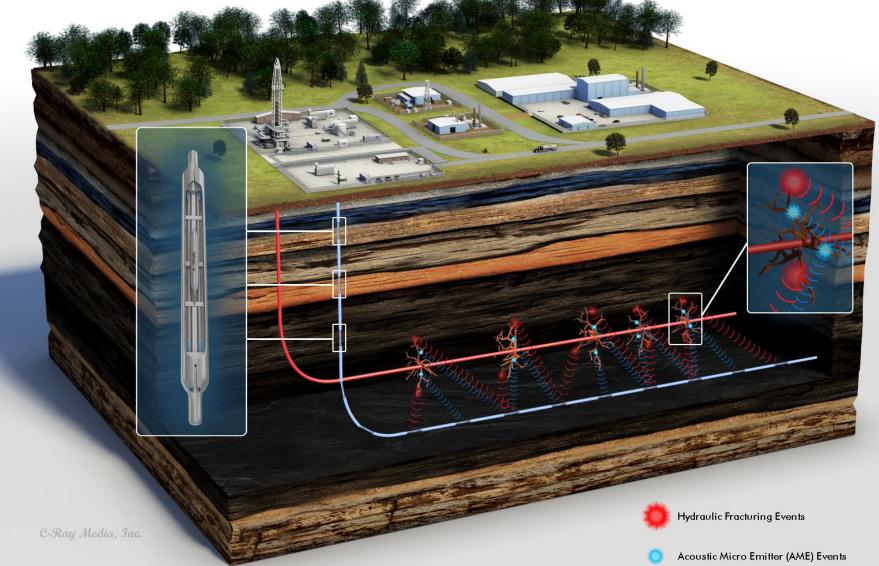








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### What can we learn from the "New Signals"

- High Resolution images much better than surface seismic
- Large volume images much larger volumes than well logs
- 3D Velocity model to be used for surface seismic processing
- Anisotropic velocity information to focus imaging
- Outstanding structural/stratigraphic images
- Volumetric rock-mass stress distribution not just at the well
- 3D Maps of Faults & Fracture distribution and directions
- Type of fluids in the reservoirs:
  - Gas vs Oil vs Water vs CO2 vs Steam
- Map fluid flow and fluid boundaries
- Map permeability in reservoirs
- Temperature distribution
- With AME's Monitor Hydro Fracturing (Fracking) Operations including mapping the location of the proppant – game changer
- Much better understanding of the dynamic processes of producing and injecting liquids and gases



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