

**SMALL SCALE FIELD TEST  
DEMONSTRATING CO<sub>2</sub> SEQUESTRATION IN  
ARBUCKLE SALINE AQUIFER AND BY CO<sub>2</sub>-  
EOR AT WELLINGTON FIELD,  
SUMNER COUNTY, KANSAS  
DE-FE0006821**

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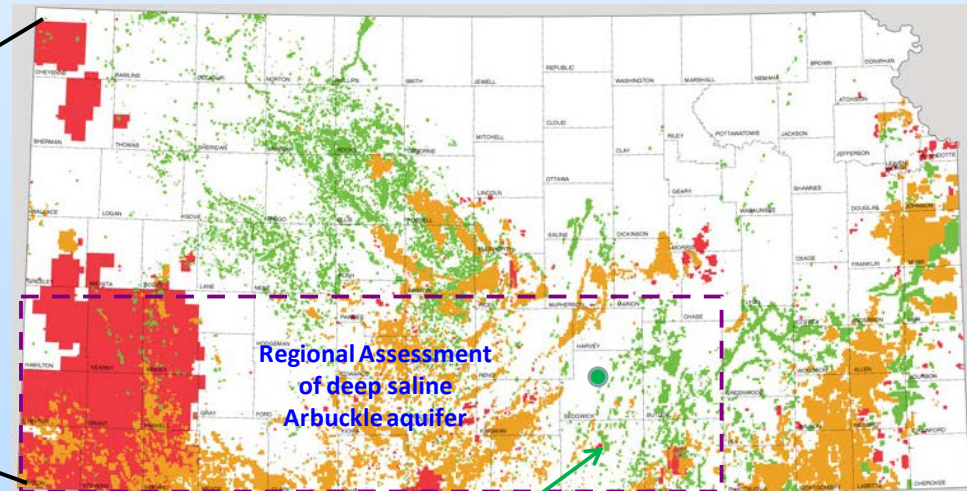
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# Presentation Outline

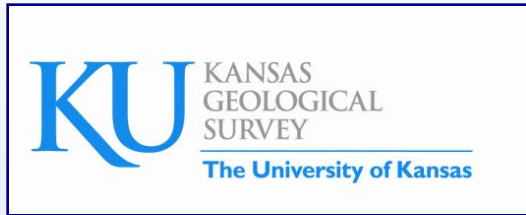
- Benefit to the Program
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- Technical Status
- Accomplishments to Date
- Summary



Small Scale Field Test  
Wellington Field

# Project Team

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# Benefit to the Program

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- **Program goals being addressed –**
  - Demonstrate that 99 percent of injected CO<sub>2</sub> remains in the injection zone
  - Conduct small field test to support characterization, site operations, monitoring, and closure practices for Class VI geosequestration Permit , Region 7 EPA, Kansas City
- **Project benefits of this small scale field test:**
  - Advance the science and practice of carbon sequestration in the Midcontinent
  - Evaluate reliable, cost effective MVA tailored to the geologic setting
  - Optimize methods for remediation and risk management
  - Provide technical information to local petroleum industry for implementation of CCUS
  - Enable additional projects and facilitate discussions on regulations and policy

# Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

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1. Negotiate cost of CO<sub>2</sub> with new source and commence field activities in Fall 2013.
2. Begin injection of 30,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into Mississippian oil reservoir mid year 2014 using 5-spot pattern to demonstrate optimization for carbon sequestration.
3. Obtain Class VI permit by late 2014.
4. *Pending approval of Class VI injection application* -- Inject under supercritical conditions up to 40,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the underlying Arbuckle saline aquifer.
5. Demonstrate state-of-the-art MVA (monitoring, verification, and accounting) tools and techniques
6. Integrate MVA data and analysis with reservoir modeling studies to demonstrate and insure 99% CO<sub>2</sub> storage permanence.

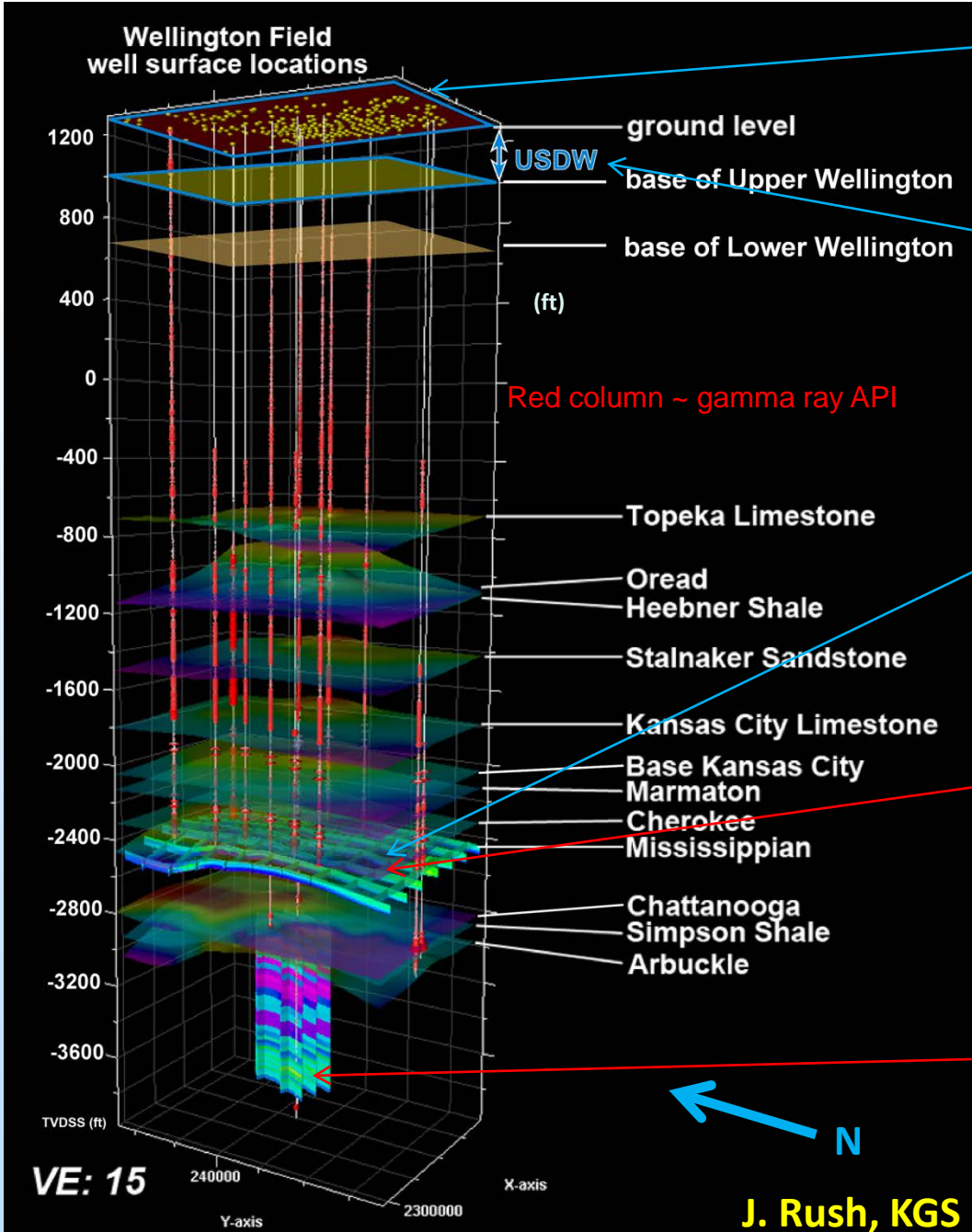
# Technical Status

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- **Replacing CO<sub>2</sub> source** – Colwich ethanol plant near Wellington remains closed
- **Negotiations continuing** with 2 compressed CO<sub>2</sub> sources to maximize CO<sub>2</sub> for project , delivering at least 40,000 tonnes.
- **Begin field activities** as soon as CO<sub>2</sub> source is secured with Mississippian CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR injection beginning in mid 2014.
- **File Class VI permit** for Arbuckle saline injection with EPA by in Fall 2013.
- **Saline injection** potentially begin by July 2015 immediately following test in the Mississippian oil reservoir.



# CO2-EOR, saline injection , Class VI, MVA - Wellington Field



- InSAR, CGPS surface deformation/IRIS seismometers
- Measure soil gas flux

- Monitor for tracers, CO<sub>2</sub>, aqueous geochemistry in shallow freshwater wells
- Monitor ~600 ft deep well below shallow evaporite cap rock

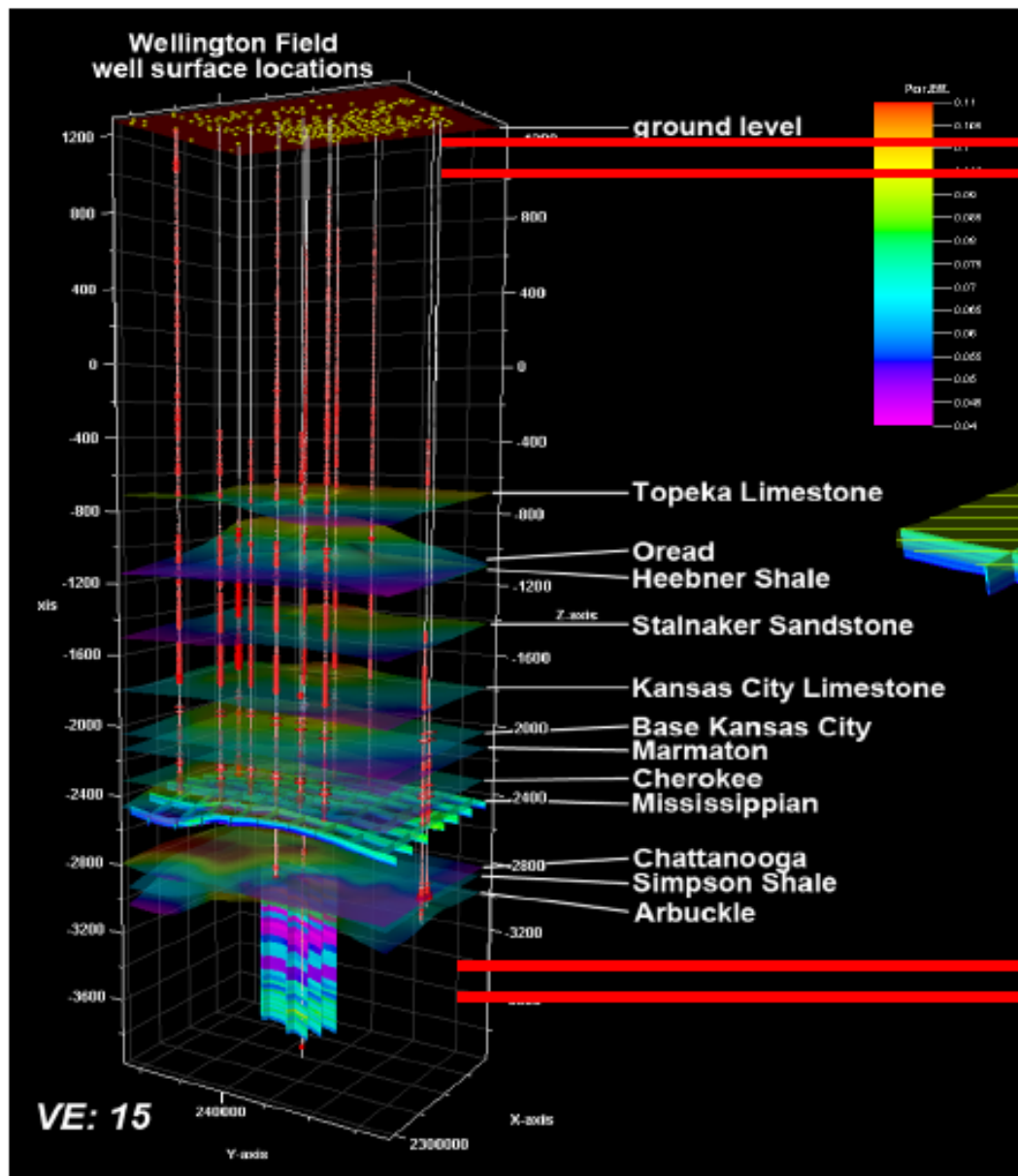
- Test for CO<sub>2</sub> and analyze fluid samples from Mississippian wells (if positive, run 2D seismic)
- (Underpressured oil reservoir should trap any vertically migrating CO<sub>2</sub>)*

**Inject 30,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> into Mississippian oil reservoir to demonstrate CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and 99% assurance of storage with MVA**

**Pending Class VI permit and DOE funding -- Inject up to 40,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> with tracers into lower Arbuckle saline aquifer and seismically image and sample in situ CO<sub>2</sub> plume to validate geomodel and simulations - U-Tube, CASSM and cross hole seismic with DTS & acoustic fiber optics (long string fiber pending)**

**J. Rush, KGS**

# Head Difference Between Arbuckle and USDW



~ 500 ft

**Maximum  
Injection  
Pressure  
= 325 ft**

**Regional  
Arbuckle an open  
hydrogeologic  
system, not  
vertically  
connected**



# Technical Status

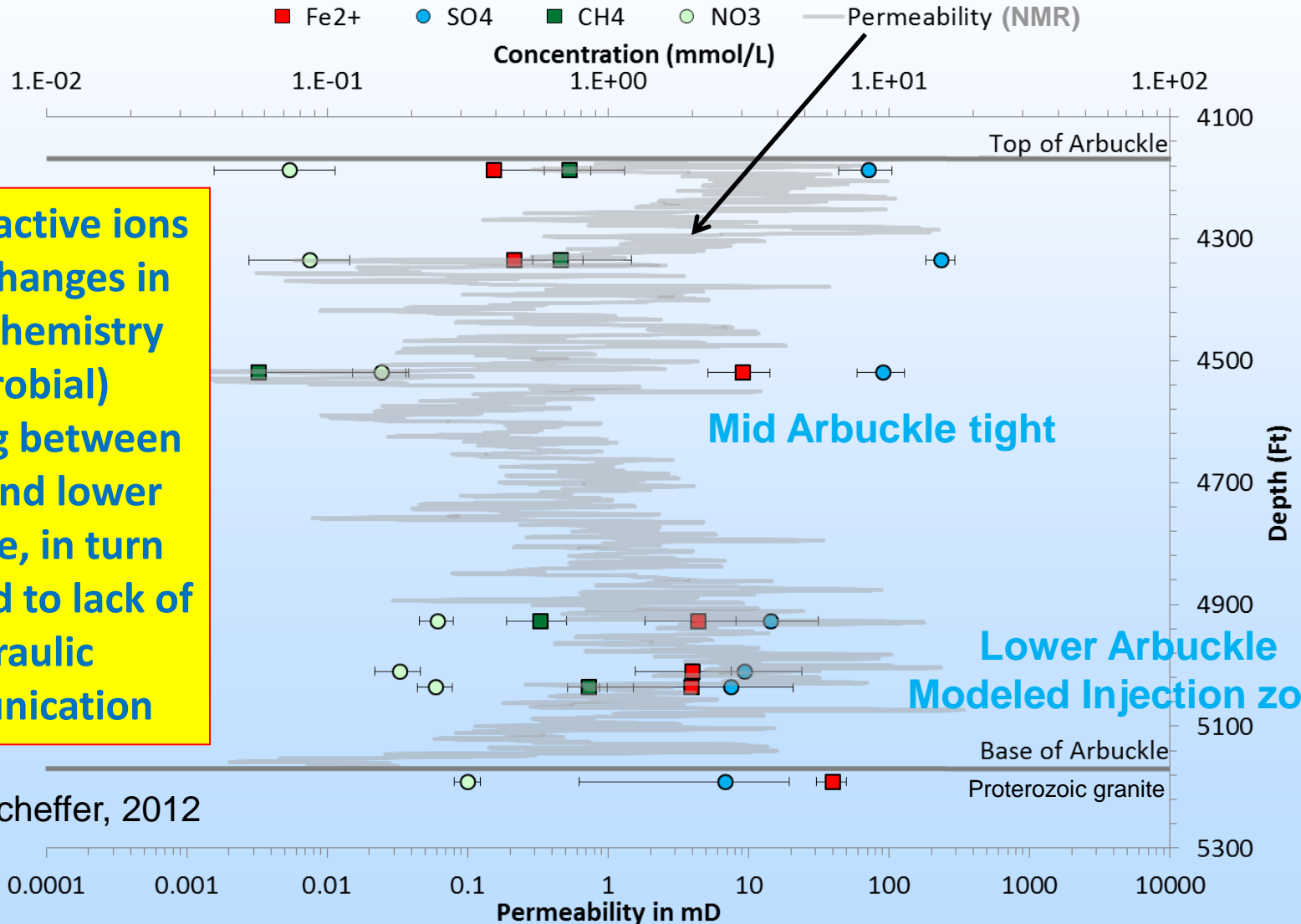
## Class VI Geosequestration Injection Permit

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- **Submittal of Class VI application:**
  - Late Fall 2013
- **Static and coupled dynamic modeling of saline aquifer** for up to 40 kton CO<sub>2</sub> injection
- **Injection zone** –
  - Highly permeable 150+ ft thick lower Lower Ordovician Arbuckle (Gasconade Dolomite, 100s of md to >1 D)
  - Multiple flow units decreasing thickness of buoyant supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> plume
- **Baffle and trapping of CO<sub>2</sub> plume (final model)** –
  - Multilayer plume under a ~400 ft thick shaly, low perm middle Arbuckle (lower Jefferson City-Cotter & Roubidoux formations)
  - Low pressure (<325 psi) and multi-layer plume (1800 ft radius) within lower Arbuckle (Gasconade) presents very low risk for caprock
- **Primary caprock interval** – ~230 ft gross thickness including Lower Mississippian argillaceous, organic dolosiltstone (Pierson/St. Joe Limestone), Chattanooga Shale and shales in the Simpson Group
- **USDW and interaction with subsurface brines** –
  - Marginal surface aquifer, its potentiometric surface ~500 ft above that of saline aquifer
  - Multiple secondary caprock/seals – 1000's feet of shale, and 200 ft shallow evaporites

# Permeability profile of Arbuckle in cored well - #1-32 with concentrations of redox reactive ions ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , $\text{CH}_4$ , $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) from KGS #1-32 & #1-28

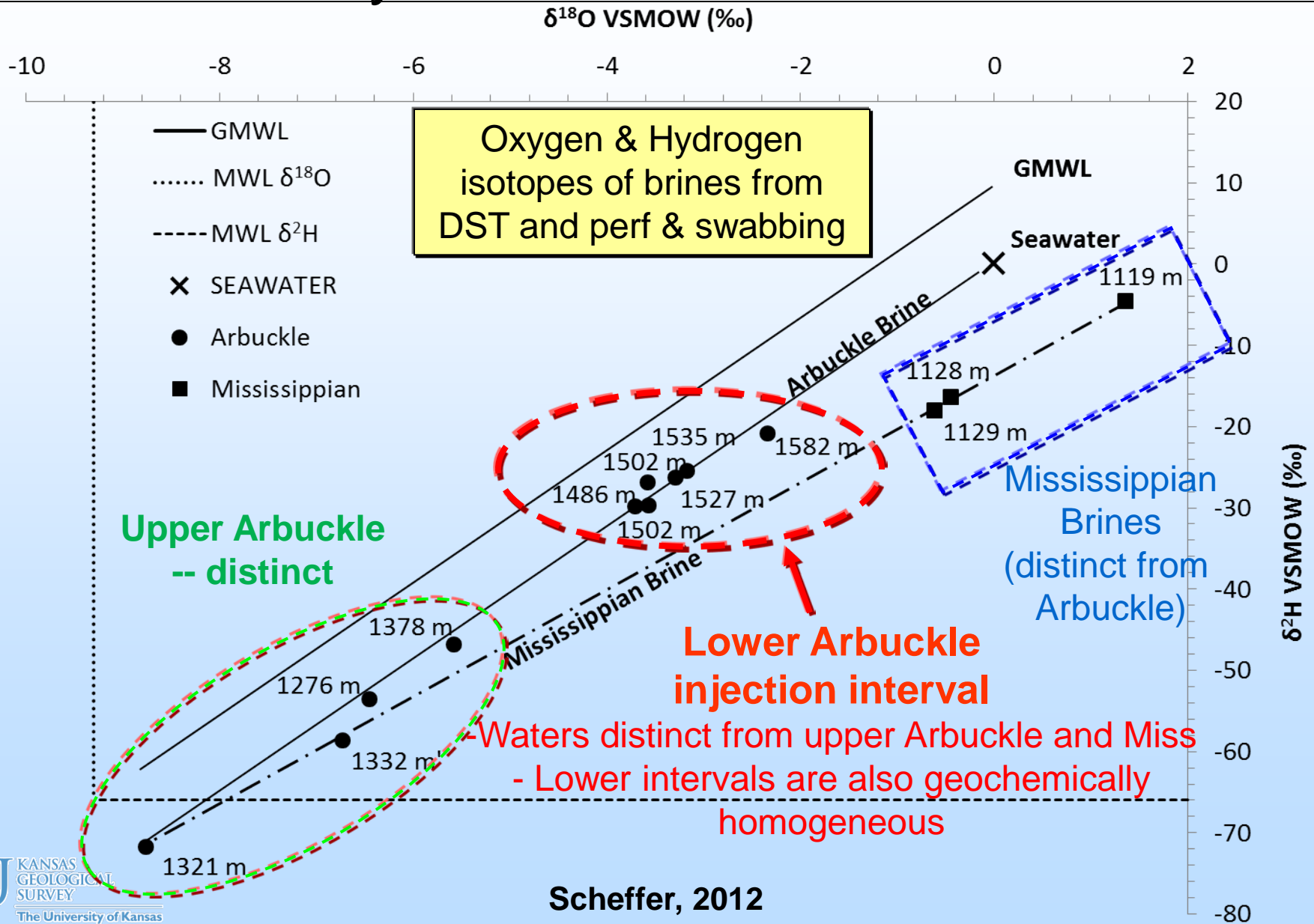
## TEAs vs. Permeability and Depth



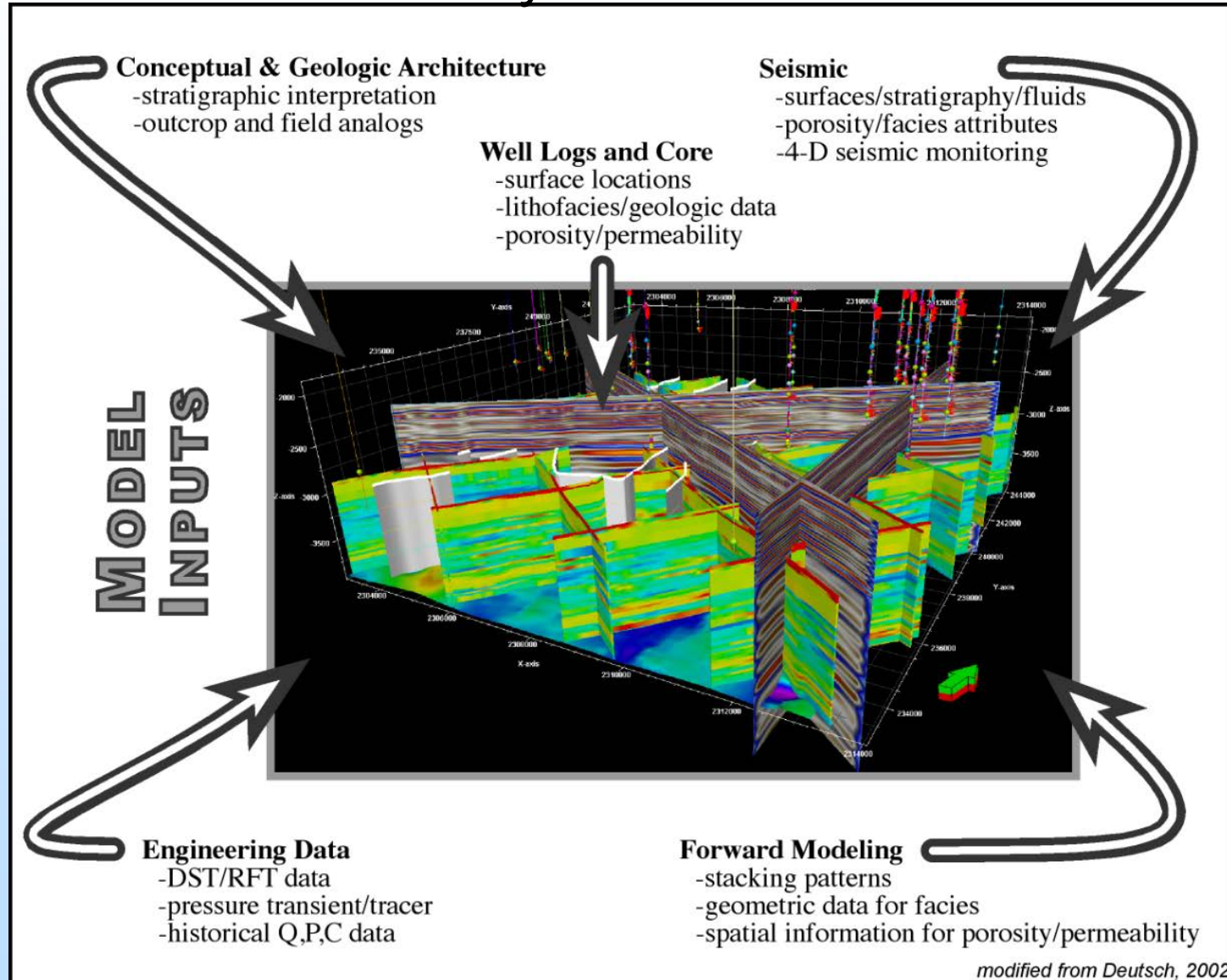
Redox reactive ions reflect changes in biogeochemistry (microbial) occurring between upper and lower Arbuckle, in turn attributed to lack of hydraulic communication

Scheffer, 2012

# Lower and upper Arbuckle are not in hydraulic communication



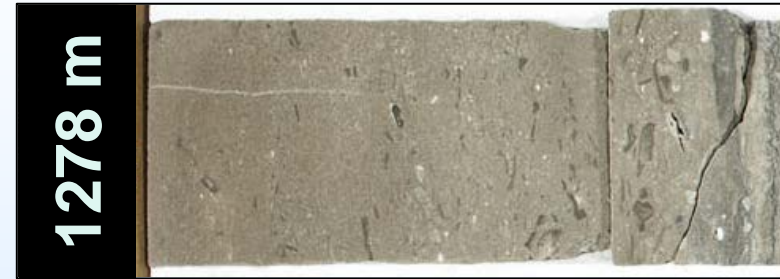
# Ideal Input for Static and Dynamic Modeling with Characterization Being Accomplished Under Concurrently Funded DE-FE0002056



# Aquifer Characterization

## Arbuckle Saline Aquifer

- Dominantly cherty dolomite
- **Permeable** - Upper 70 m: very porous medium pelleted dolomitic pack-stones and grain-stones
- **Baffle** - Middle 110 m: tight, dense, micritic dolomite
- **Permeable** - Lower 110 m: thin dolomitic strataform breccias created by dissolution of evaporites, packstones and grainstones with discontinuous solution enhanced fractures



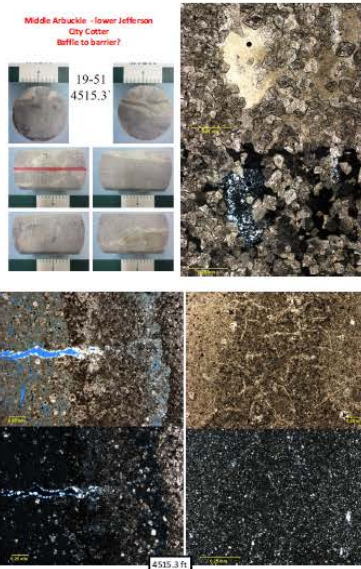


# Aquifer Characterization

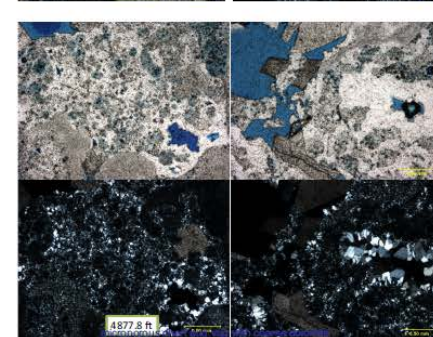
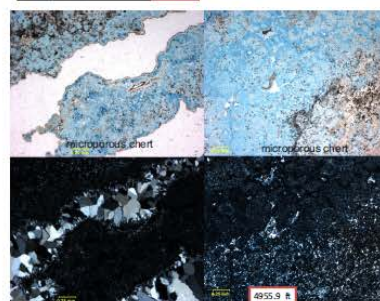
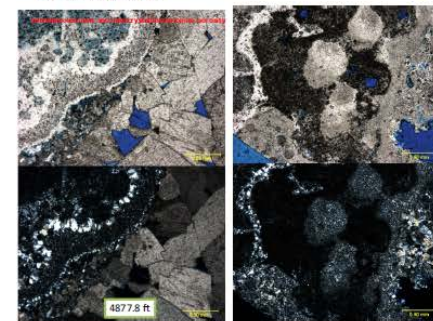
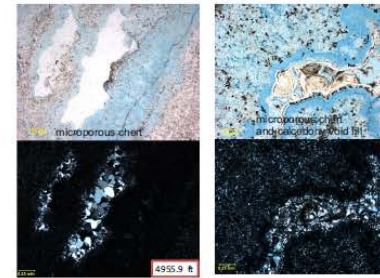
Mid Arbuckle baffle = tight rock

Lower Arbuckle Injection interval = include abundant micropores (microporous chert)

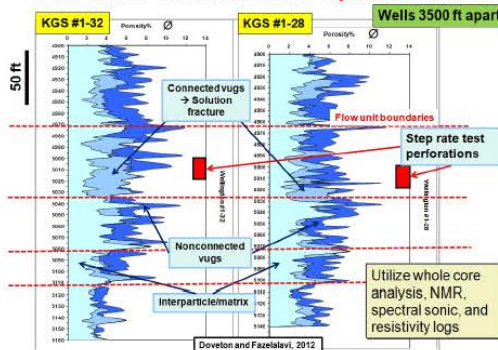
## Thin Sections – Baffle Zone (Mid Arb.)



## Lower Arbuckle Injection Zone



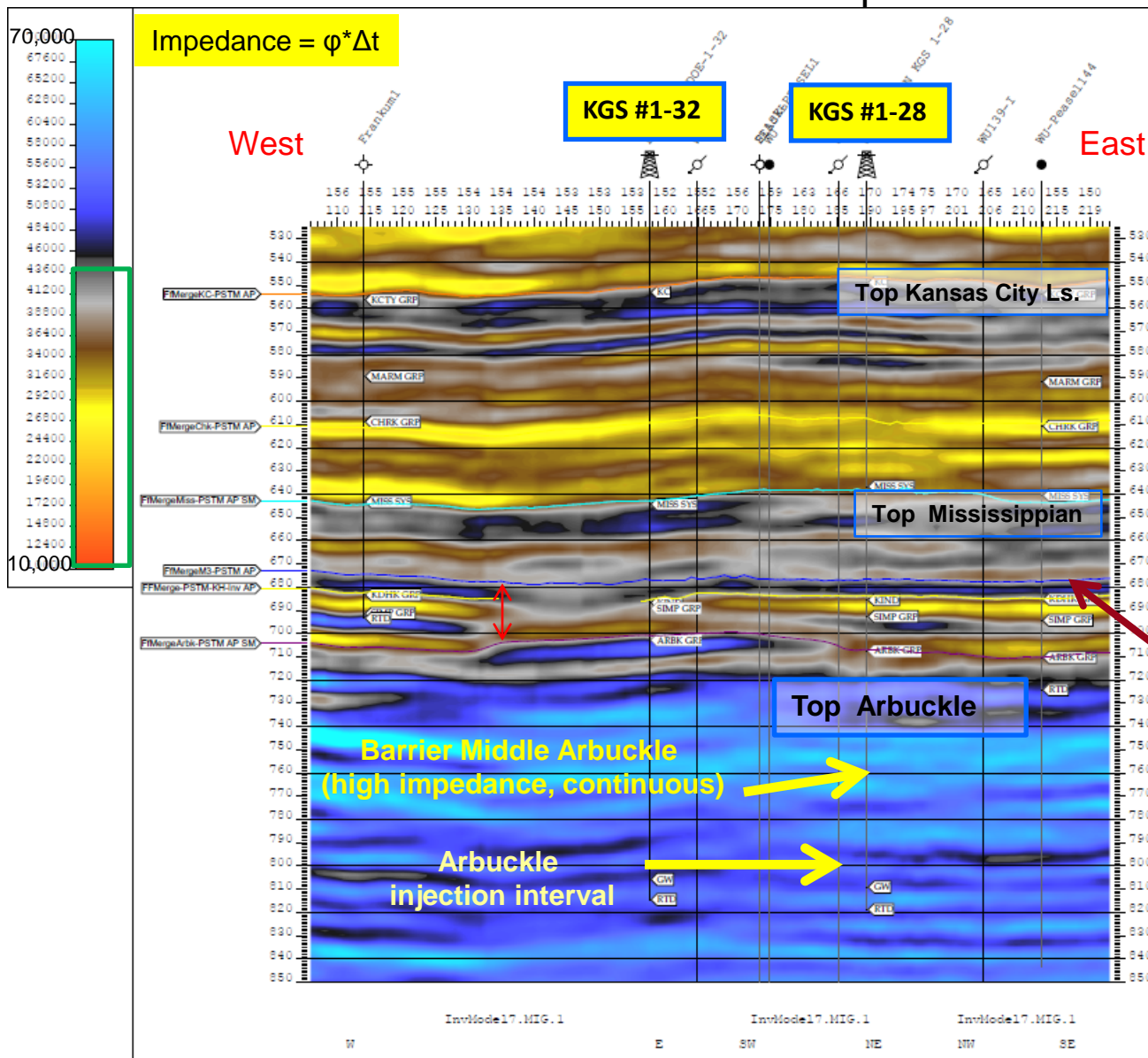
## Flow units in the lower Arbuckle injection zone



Pairs of photomicrographs  
Plane light and crossed nichols



# Primary Confining Zone Continuous in the Wellington Area (Lower Mississippian Pierson fm.+Chattanooga Sh+Simpson Group) West-East Seismic Impedance PSTM



Impedance =  $\phi * \Delta t$

KGS #1-32

KGS #1-28

West

East

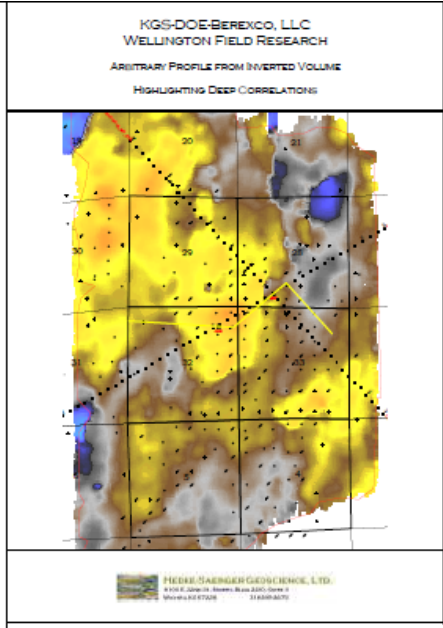
Top Kansas City Ls.

Top Mississippian

Top Arbuckle

Barrier Middle Arbuckle  
(high impedance, continuous)

Arbuckle  
injection interval



Mississippian  
Pierson/St. Joe Ls.  
Member, uppermost  
part of confining zone

# Boreholes penetrating the Arbuckle saline aquifer in Wellington Field

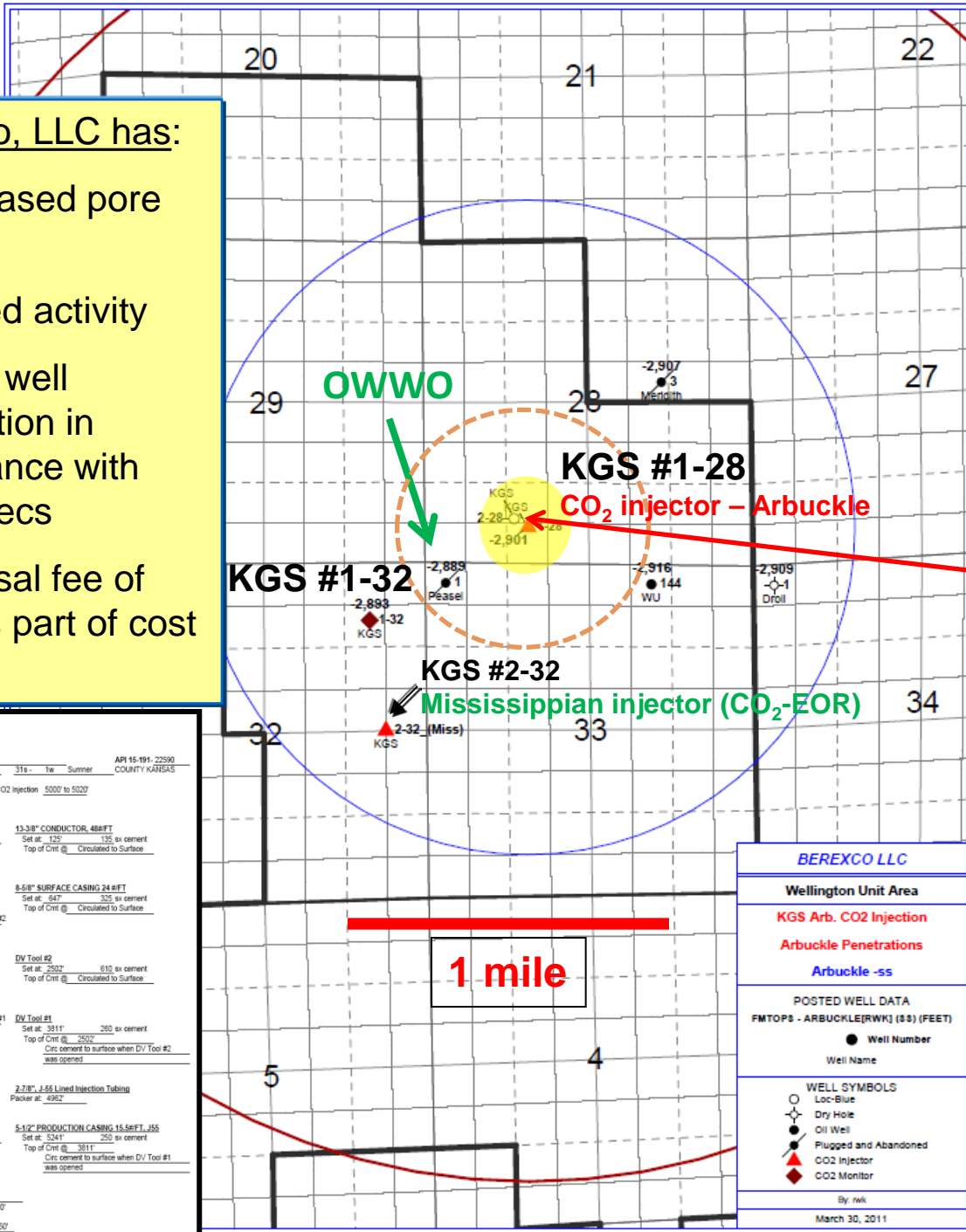
- Proposed monitoring borehole (#2-28) within 600 ft of the existing #1-28 CO<sub>2</sub> injector into Arbuckle

- Yellow dot – modeled maximum size of CO<sub>2</sub> plume, ~1400 ft radius

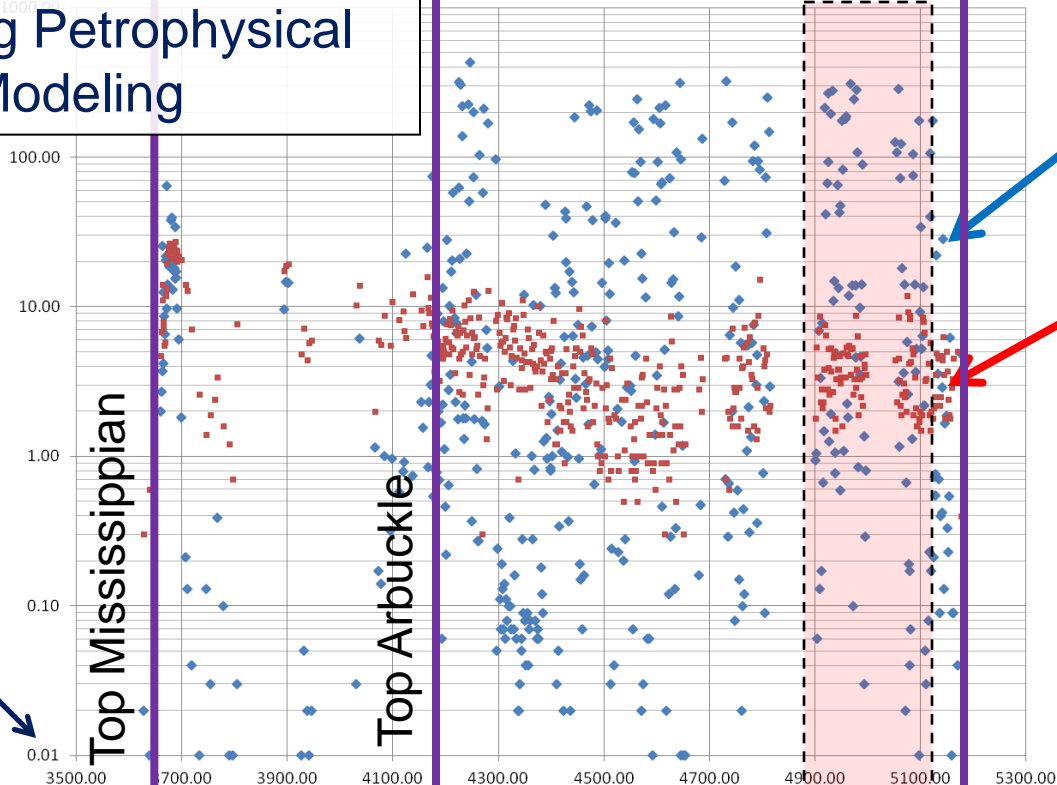
- Orange circle – extent of pressure field, 2500 radius, 325 psi max (0.485 psi/ft)

**Berexco, LLC has:**

- Purchased pore space
- Insured activity
- #1-28 well completion in compliance with EPA specs
- Disposal fee of CO<sub>2</sub> as part of cost share



# Core/Log Petrophysical Modeling

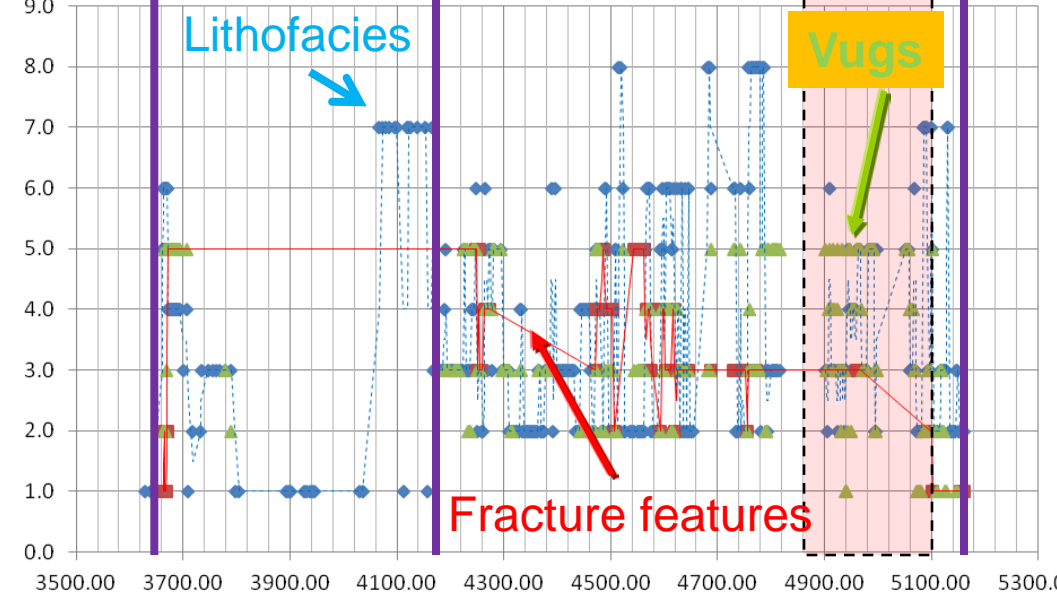


**Kmax**  
Ranges from 0.01 to 425 md (whole core)

**Porosity –**  
predominately between 1-10%

- Shale = 1
- Mudstone = 2
- Packstone = 3
- Grainstone = 4
- Incipient breccia = 5
- Breccia = 6
- Sandstone = 7
- Microbialite = 8

Minimum k reported as <0.01 md, but accuracy of measurement down to 0.005 md (Weatherford)



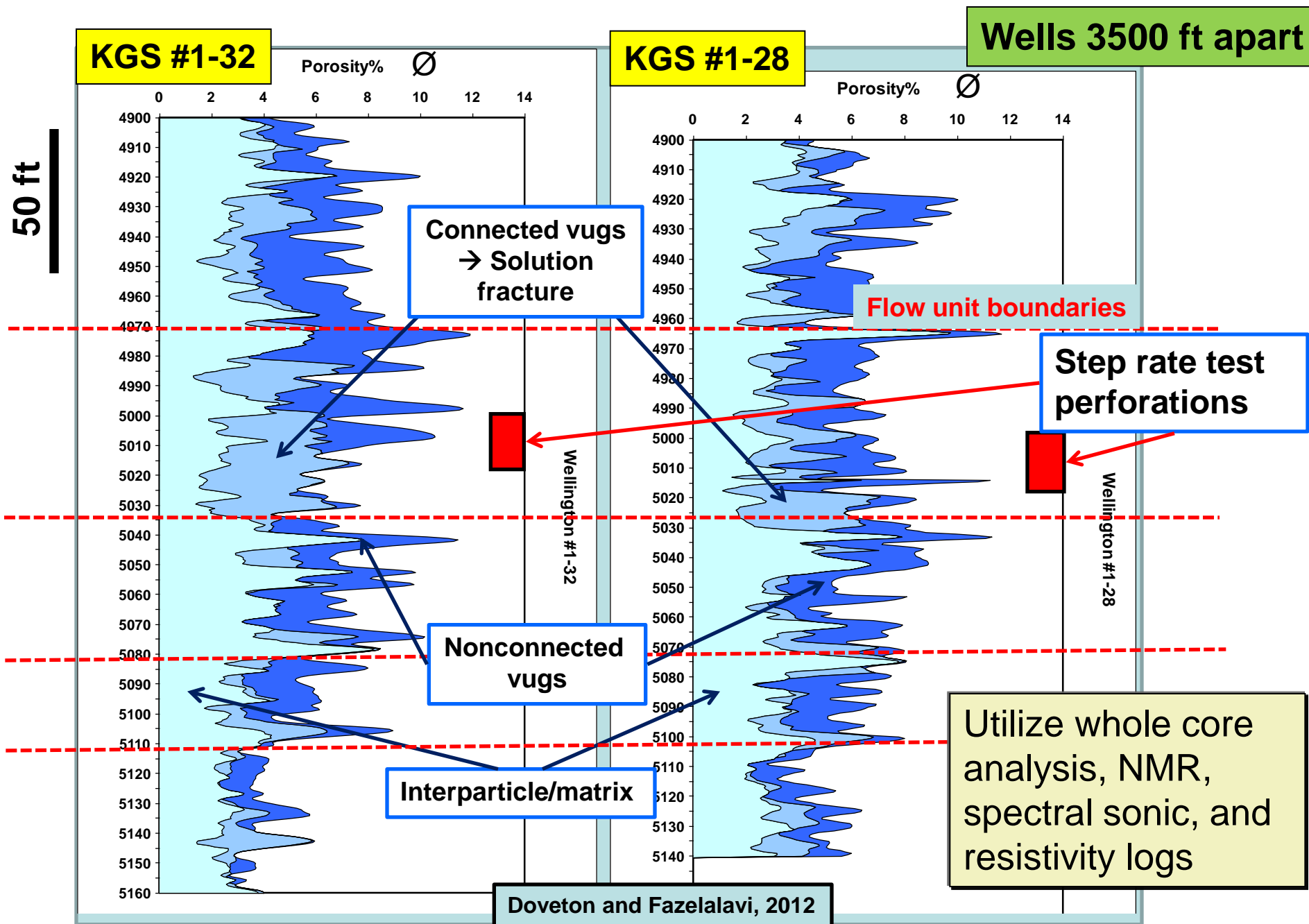
fractures (1-5, highest; 0, none)

Vugs (small to large, 1-5)

- ◆ Lithofacies
- Fractures
- ▲ Vugs
- ..... 2 per. Mov. Avg. (Lithofacies)
- ..... 2 per. Mov. Avg. (Fractures)

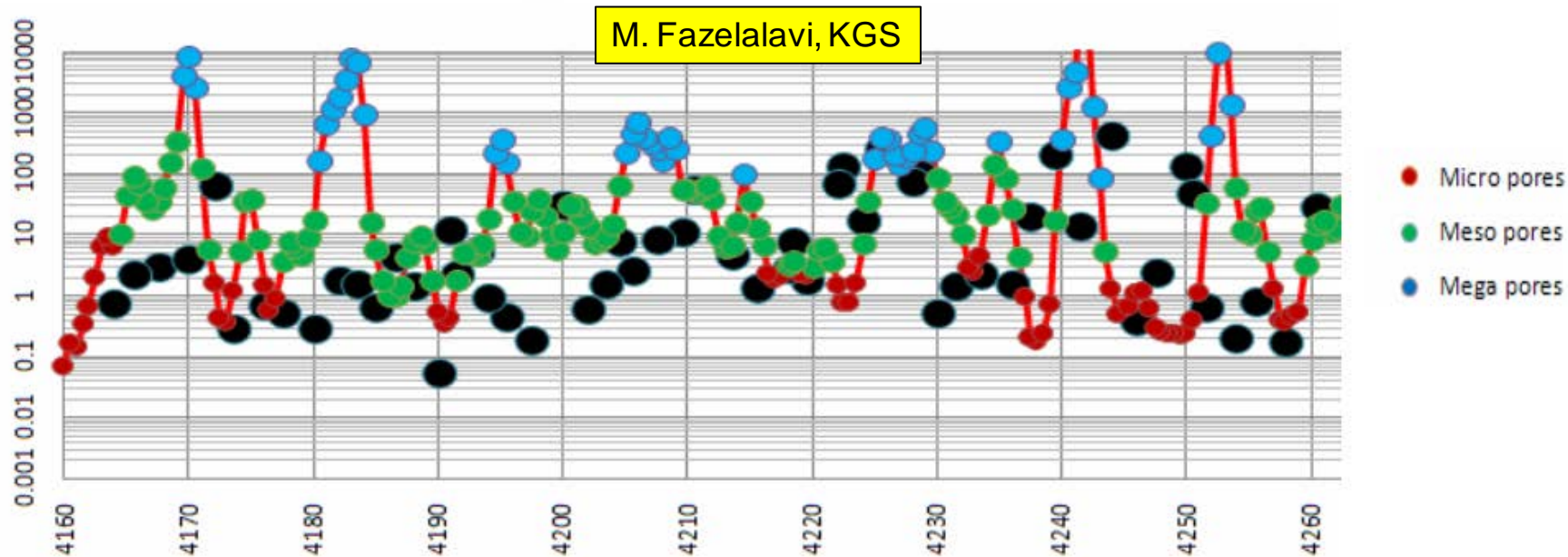
**KGS #1-32 whole core analysis** compared to core derived lithofacies **N = 480**

# Flow units in the lower Arbuckle injection zone



# Improved permeability estimation in Wellington KGS #1-32 and correlation to Wellington KGS #1-28

- micro, meso, and mega groups defined
- core FZI and irreducible water saturation (from MRIL log)
- permeability computed from FZI value (Fazelalavi method)



**Black points = core measured permeability**



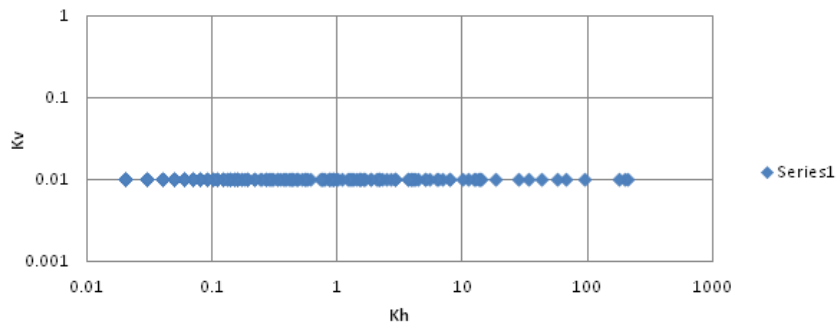
# Correlations Between Kv and Kh from Whole Core Analysis & 5 Petrofacies Groups Derived from Techlog

## Group 1

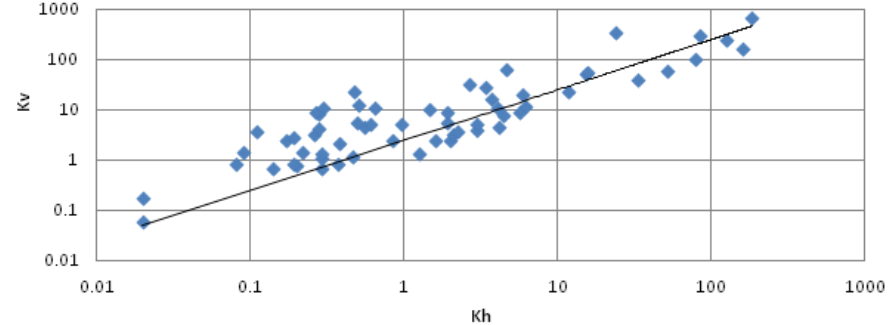
There are 15 whole core samples in this group; both vertical and horizontal permeability are less 0.01 mD.

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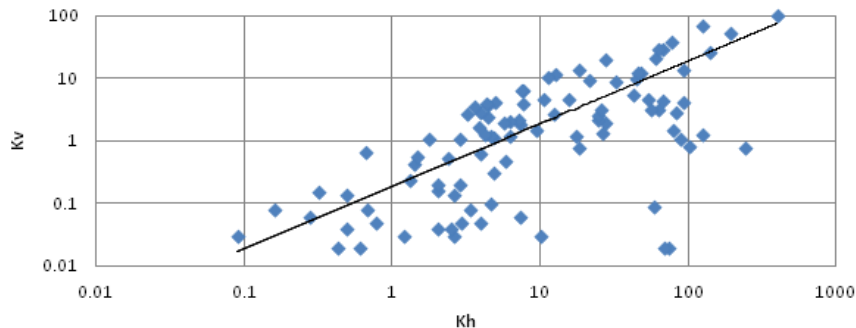
### Kv less than 0.01 - Group 2



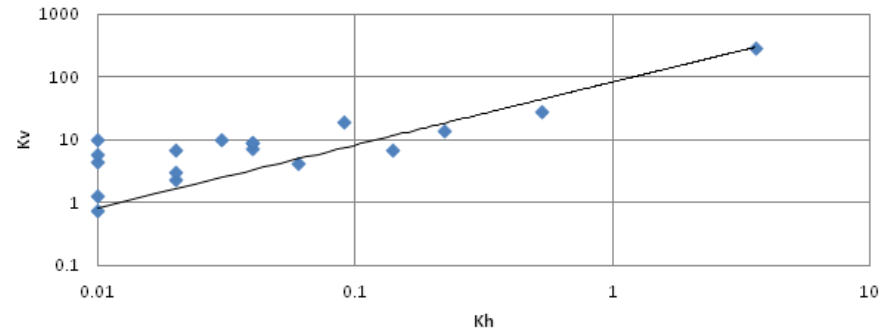
### Kv > Kh - Group 4



### Kv less than Kh - Group 3



### Kv >> Kh - Group 5





Project: Wellington2

Scale: 1:50

# K<sub>v</sub> Calibration and Correlation Using Techlog Derived Petrofacies in Mid Arbuckle

Well: WELLINGTON KGS #1-32

Well: WELLINGTON KGS #1-28

UWI: 15-191-22591  
Short name:  
Long name:

Elevation:  
Elevation datum:  
Total depth:  
Coordinate system:

X:  
Y:  
Longitude:  
Latitude:

SPUD date:  
Completion date:  
Status:  
Operator:

**Petrofacies  
Group 1-5  
(low to high k)**

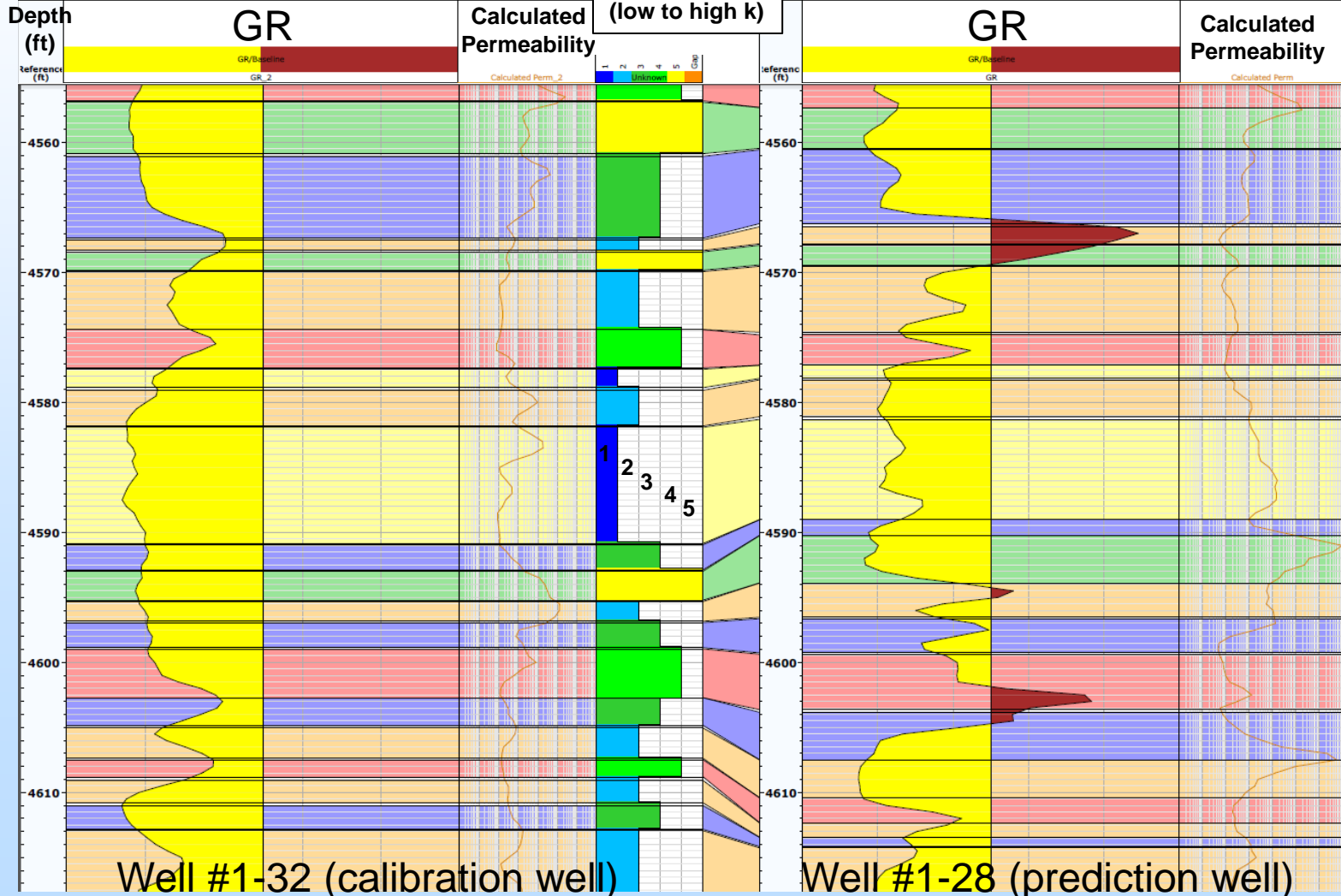
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baffle zone mid-Arbuckle

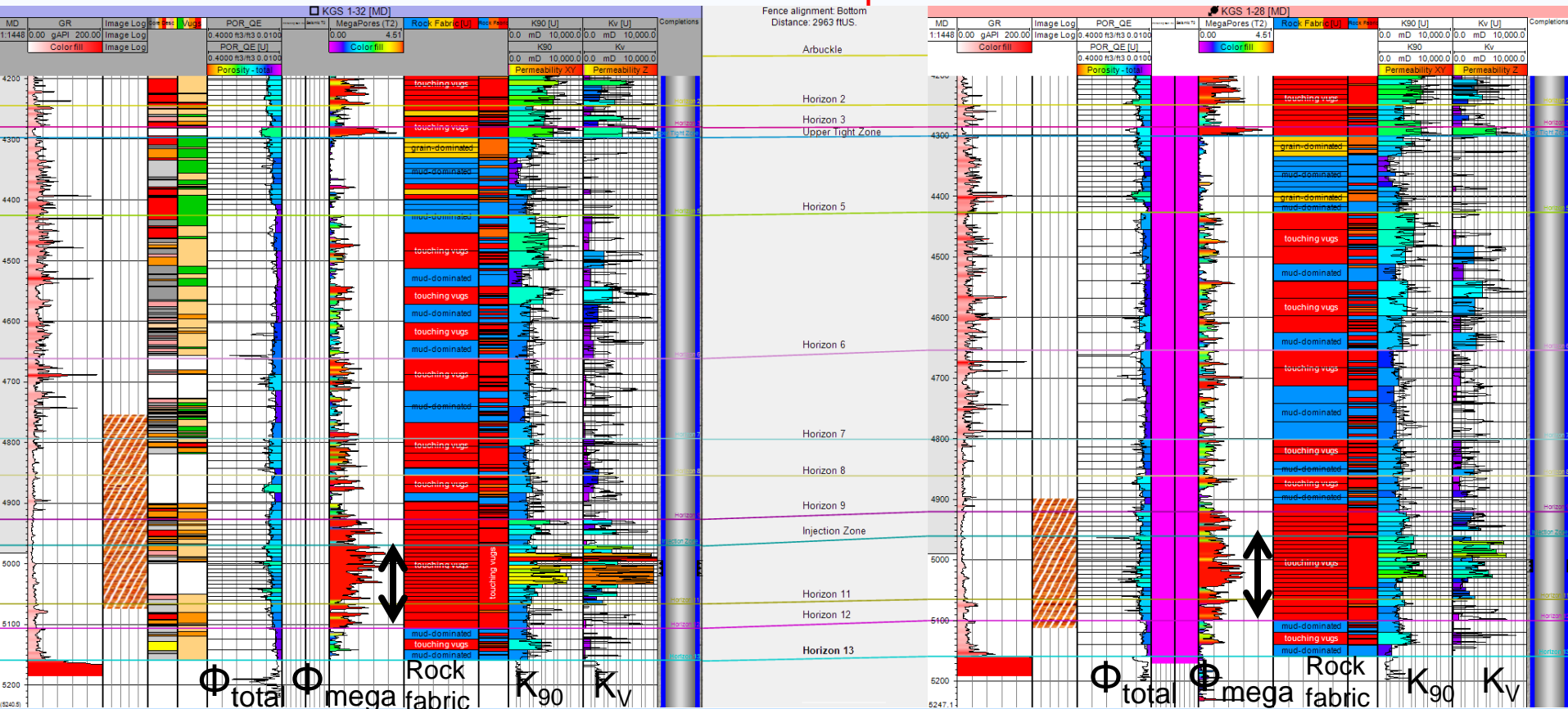


# Whole Core C/A - Log Integration Arbuckle Saline Aquifer – Petrel™

Core well #1-32

3500 ft apart

#1-28

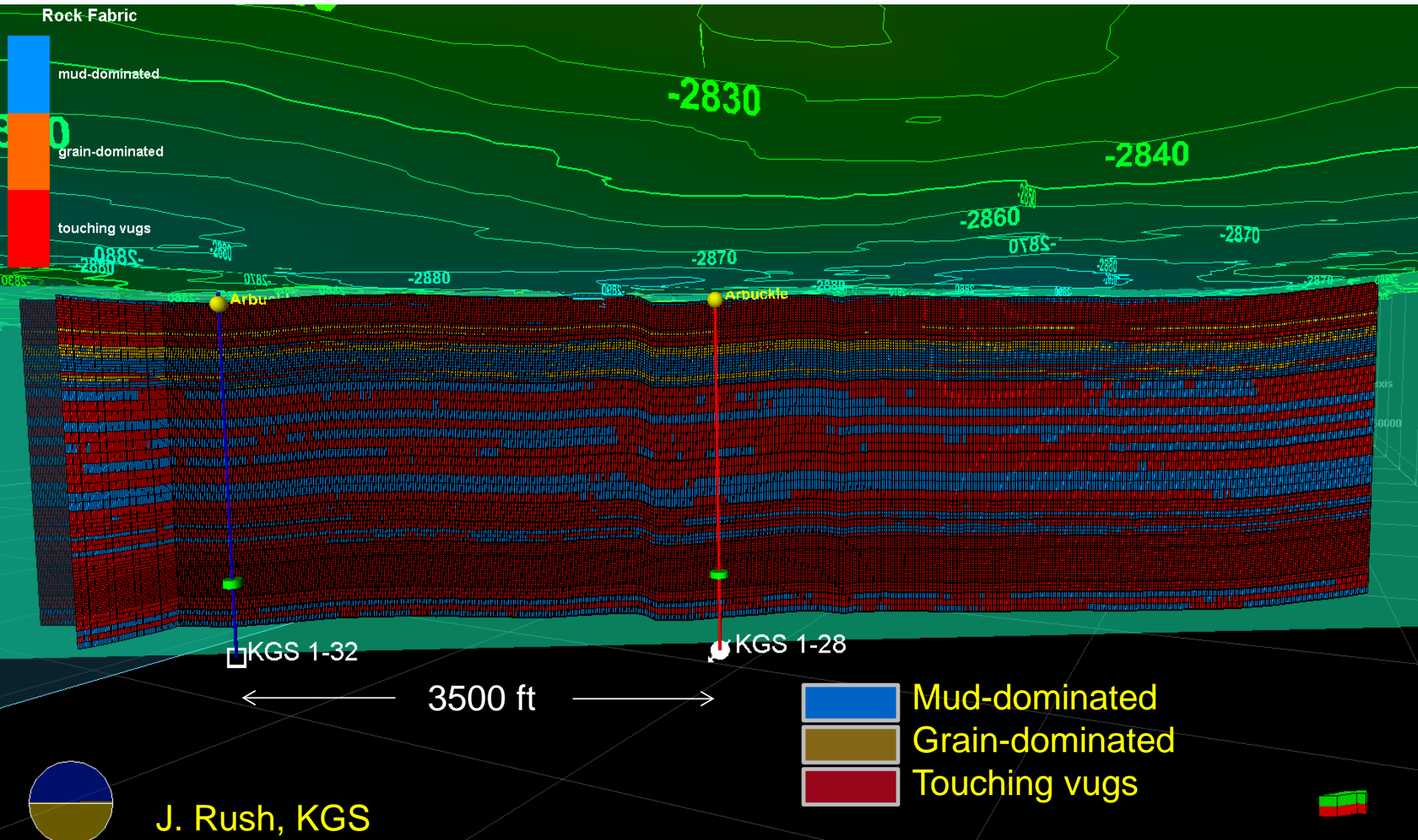


- Mud-dominated
- Grain-dominated
- Touching vugs

Stratigraphic cross section  
KGS #1-32 to KGS #1-28

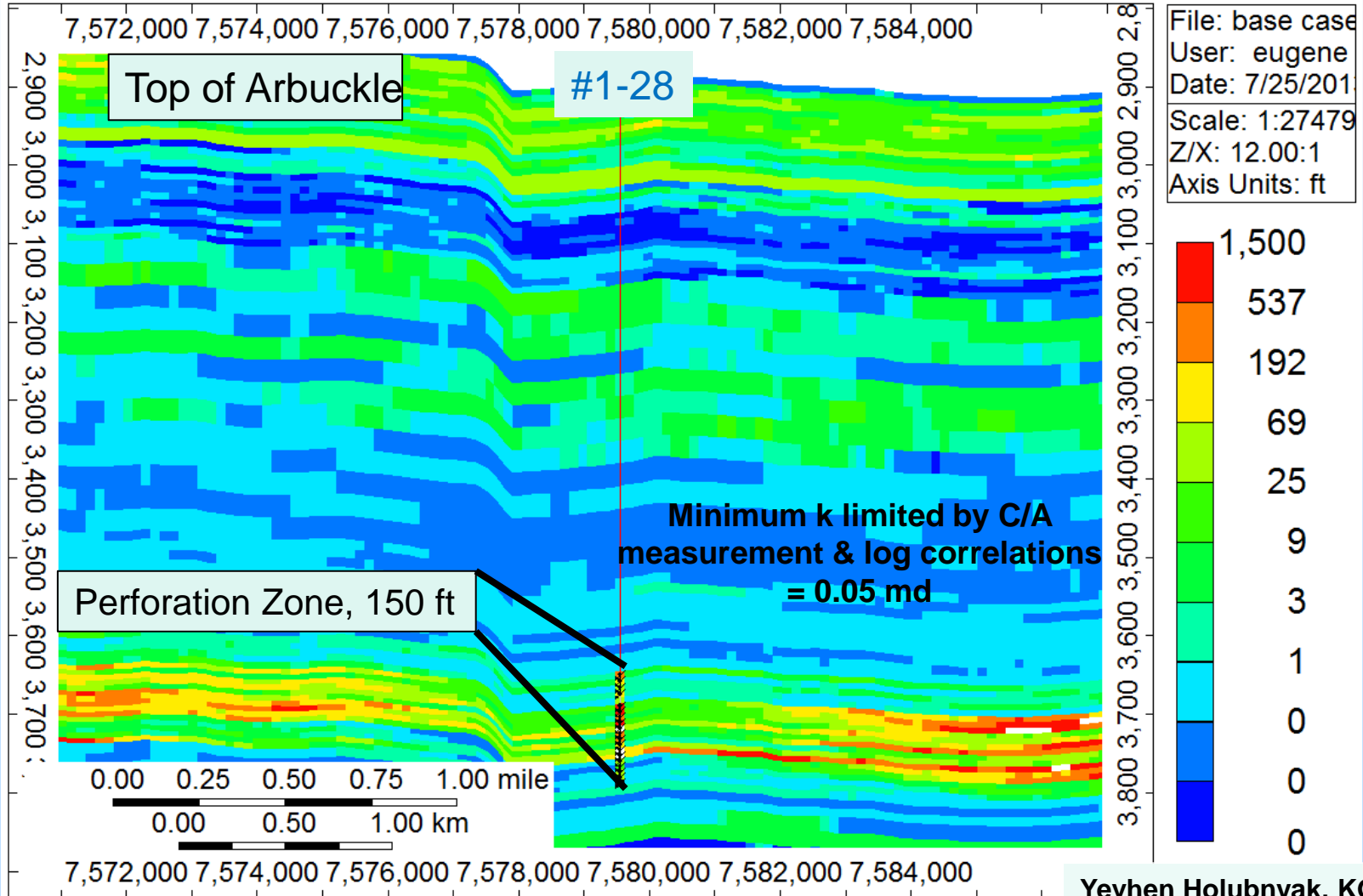
# Rock Fabric From Core and Logs correlated to Seismic Depth Volume Using Petrel™

(W-E profile between KGS #1-32 and #1-28)



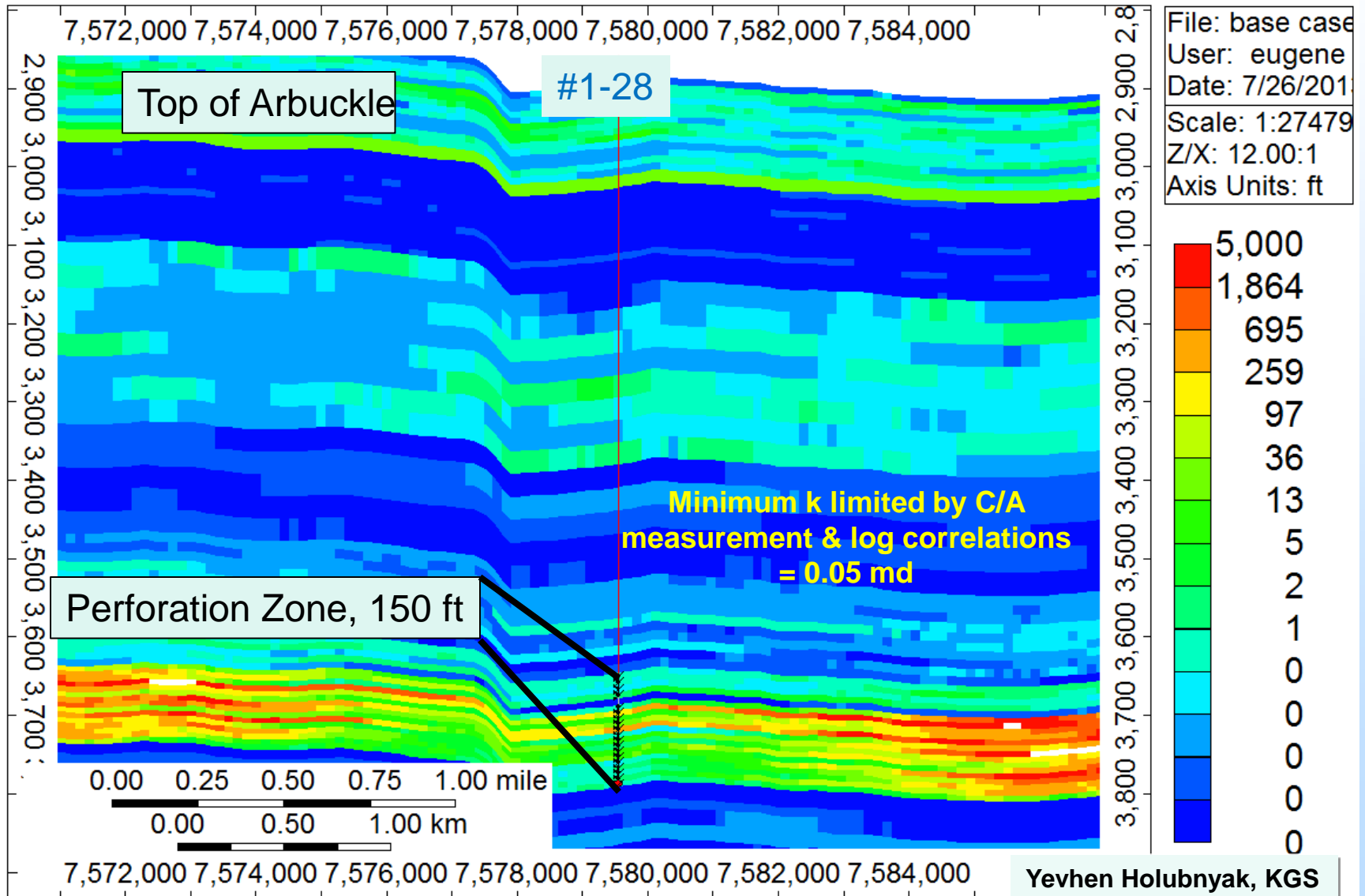
# Upscaled Horizontal Permeability in CMG Dynamic Model

Permeability I (md) 2014-01-01 J layer: 66



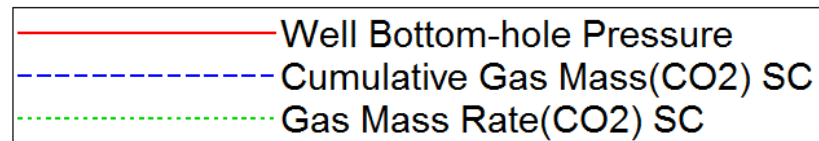
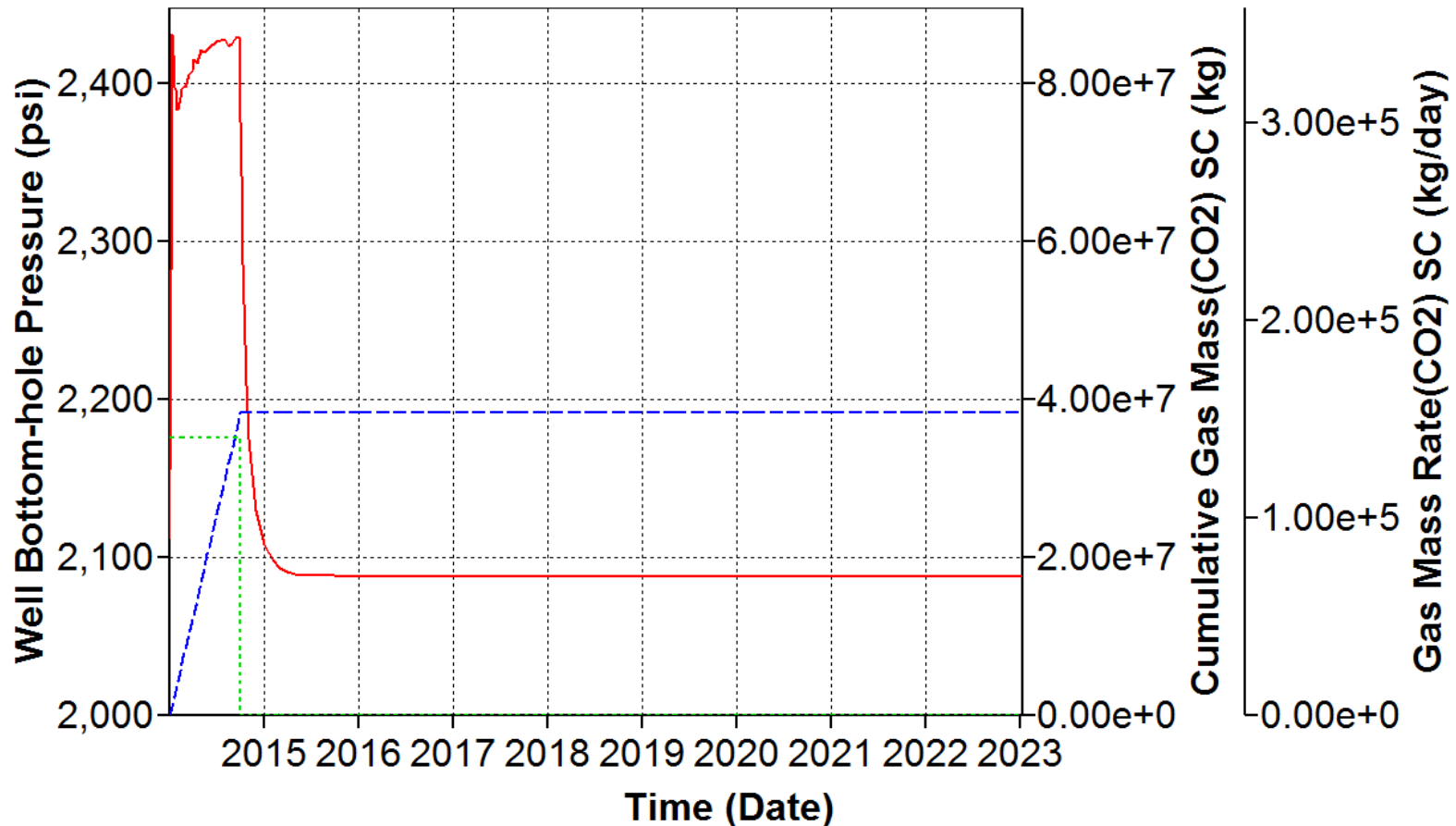
# Upscaled Vertical Permeability in CMG Dynamic Model

Permeability K (md) 2014-01-01 J layer: 66



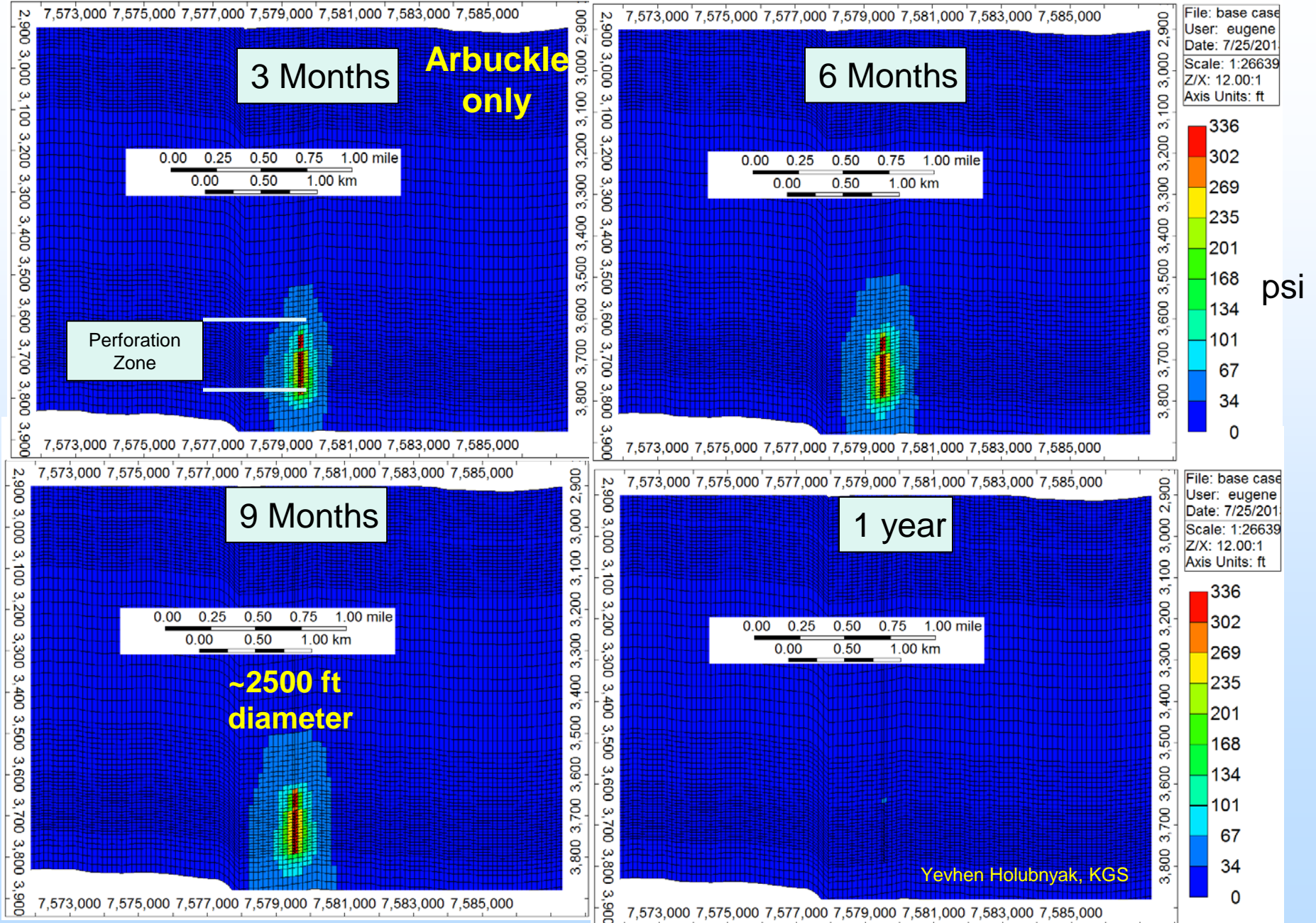
# Bottom Hole Pressure, 325 psi max. (0.485 psi/ft) 120 tonne/day, 40,000 tonne total CO<sub>2</sub>

KGS 1-28 base case 4 aq t.irf

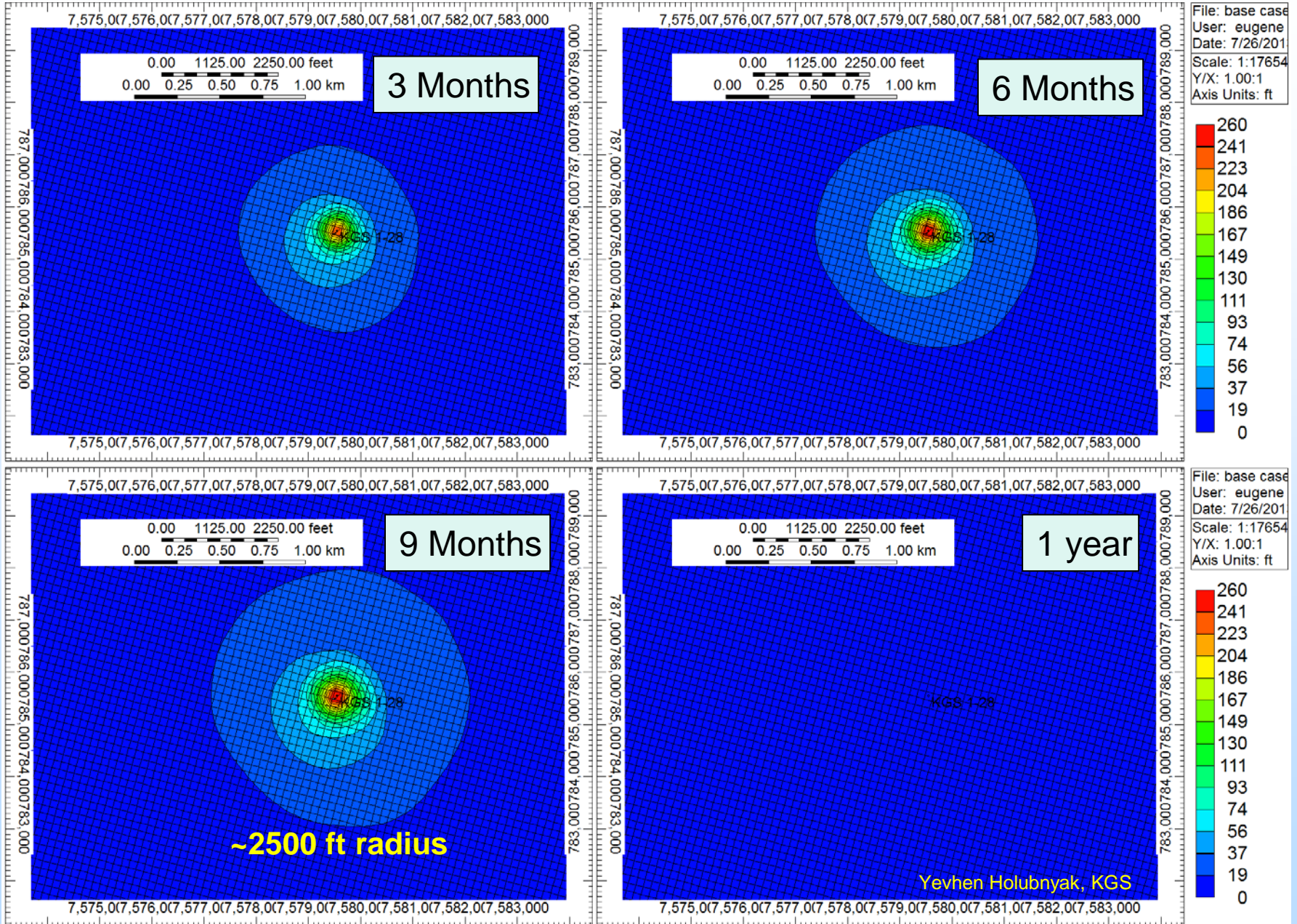




# Vertical Delta Pressure Distribution

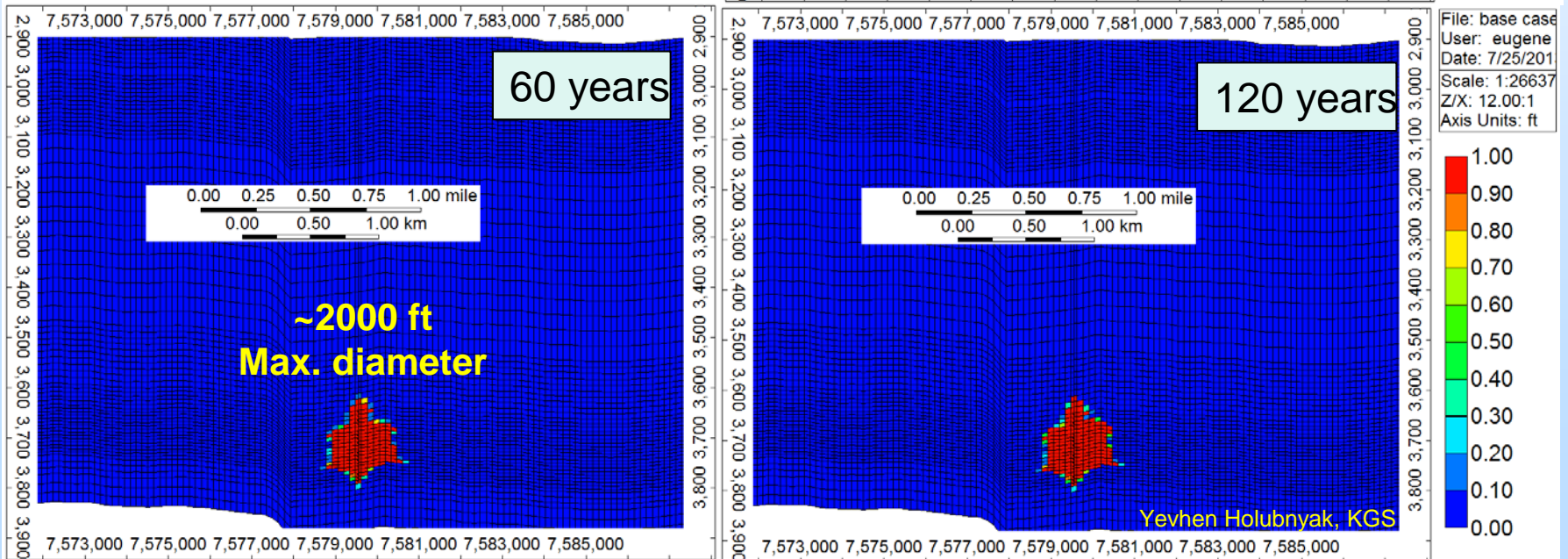
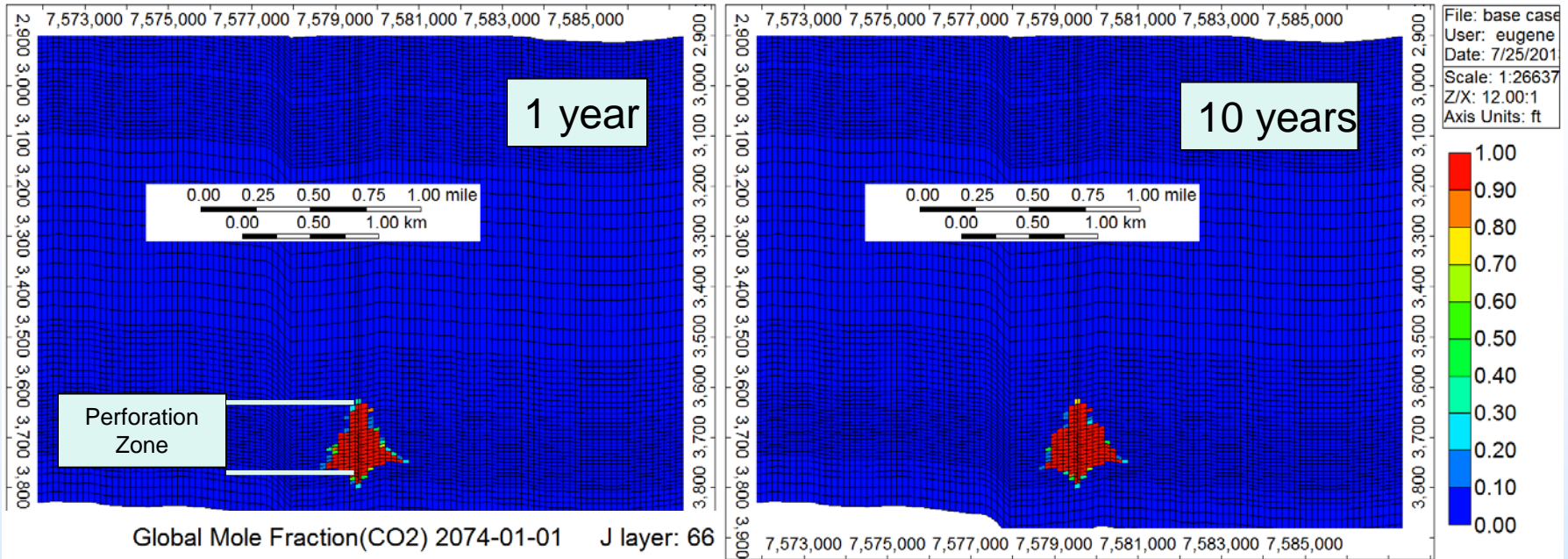


# Lateral Delta Pressure Distribution



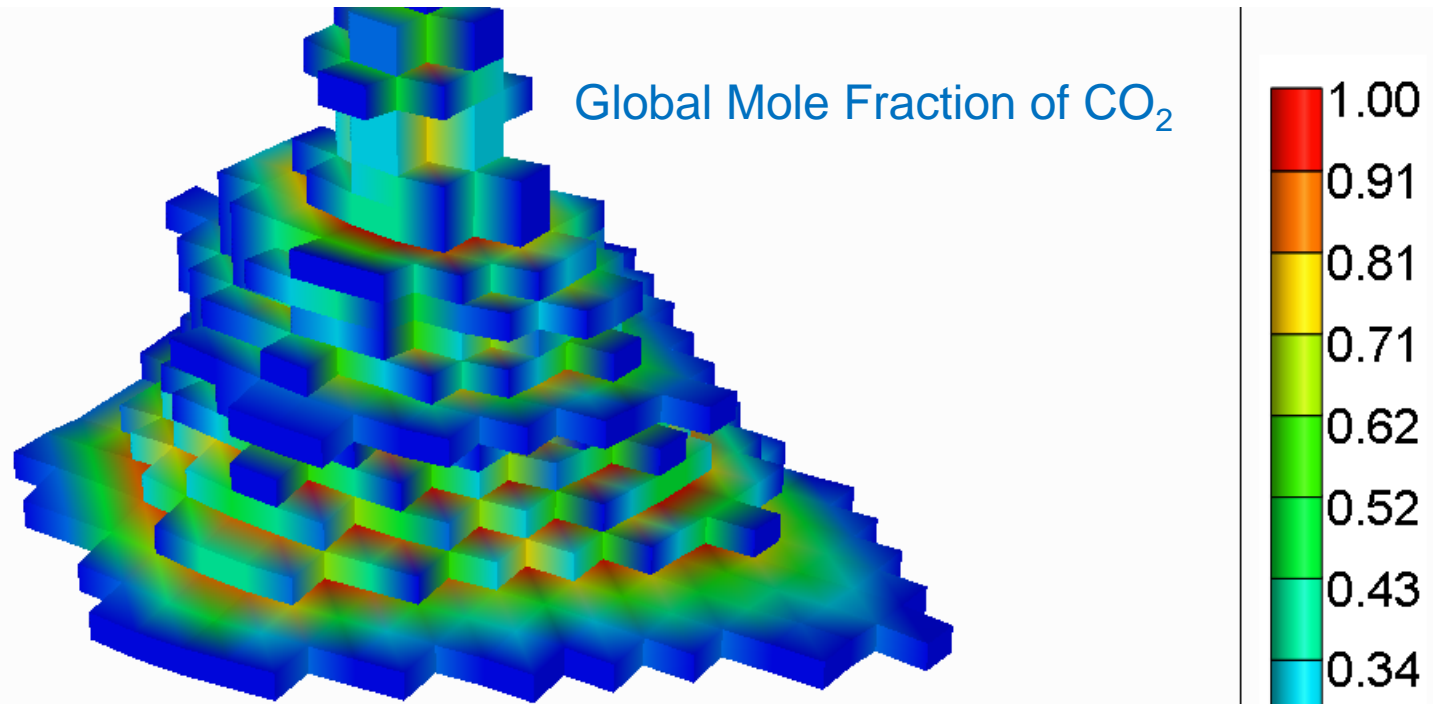


# CO<sub>2</sub> Plume Vertical Extent in the Arbuckle

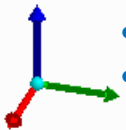


# Free Phase CO<sub>2</sub> Extends Out Along Flow Units of Injection Zone

40,000 tonnes confined to Arbuckle injection interval  
1 year after injection



- Maximum diameter <2000 ft; layered aquifer in 150 ft injection interval
- Utilize seismic, whole core, and Techlog™ for Petrel™ static model
- CMG compositional dynamic model



# Accomplishments to Date

- **Multiple static and dynamic models of injection zone and caprock**
- **Class VI Injection Permit – completing internal review**
- **Latest modeling results for Class VI application**
  - Transmissibility of the Arbuckle saline aquifer – new  $k_{v,h}$ , injection below conservative fracture gradient
  - Capacity of Arbuckle – adequate continuity and thickness
  - Fate of the CO<sub>2</sub> – solution, dissolution, and capillary entrapment
  - Caprock integrity – fully cored and analyzed, phi-k, clay, continuity, mechanical properties
- **Kansas Class VI application directed to facilitate the review process and enable discussions with EPA on appropriate financial assurance and an early closure of this small scale test.**

## Key Findings

- Suitable injection zones, caprock, and isolation from USDW
  - Arbuckle highly stratified three distinct hydrostratigraphic units
  - Even if mid-Arbuckle zone is considered as a permeable medium, significant amount of the CO<sub>2</sub> is predicted to be trapped in or near the injection zone due to decreased velocity of CO<sub>2</sub> travel through less permeable medium -- residual and solubility trapping
  - Pressure increase (325 psi) is insignificant and caprock/shales will not experience dangerous stress levels.

## Lessons Learned

- Water geochemistry and biogeochemistry have proved extremely useful in evaluating interaction of hydrostratigraphic units
- Establishing magnitude and distribution of permeability in complex carbonate aquifer system requires multiple independent means to assess.

## Future Plans

- Submit application for Class VI injection permit late 2013
- Begin field work for Class II EOR activities after negotiations with new source of CO<sub>2</sub> are completed
- Inject CO<sub>2</sub> into Mississippian oil reservoir first (mid 2014), followed by saline aquifer (mid 2015)
- Incorporate continuous and surface fiber optic acoustic recording  
(recently funded proposal, FOA 798 – Rob Trautz, PI, EPRI)



# Appendix

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## ORGANIZATION CHART

### Kansas Geological Survey

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project Job Title</u>	<u>Primary Responsibility</u>
Lynn Watnev	Project Leader. Joint Principal Investigator	Geology, information synthesis, point of contact
Tiraz Birdie	Consulting Engineer	Reservoir engineer, dynamic modeling, synthesis
Jason Rush	Joint Principal Investigator	Geology, static modeling, data integration, synthesis
John Doveton	Co-Principal Investigator	Log petrophysics, geostatistics
Dave Newell	Co-Principal Investigator	Fluid geochemistry
Rick Miller	Geophysicist	2D seismic acquire & interpretation
TBN	Geology Technician	LiDAR support, water well drilling/completion
TBN	Engineering Technician	Assemble and analyze data, report writing

### KU Department of Geology

Michael Taylor	Co-Principal Investigator	Structural Geology, analysis of InSAR and LiDAR
TBN	Graduate Research Assistant	Structural Geology, analysis of InSAR and LiDAR

### Kansas State University

Saugata Datta	Principal Investigator	
TBN	Graduate Research Assistant	Aqueous geochemistry
TBN	3- Undergraduate Research Assistants	

### Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Tom Daley	Co-Principal Investigator	Geophysicist, analysis of crosshole and CASSM data
Jennifer Lewicki	Co-Principal Investigator	Hydrogeology, analysis of soil gas measurements
Barry Freifeld	Co-Principal Investigator	Mechanical Engineer, analysis of U-Tube sampler

### Sandia Technologies, Houston

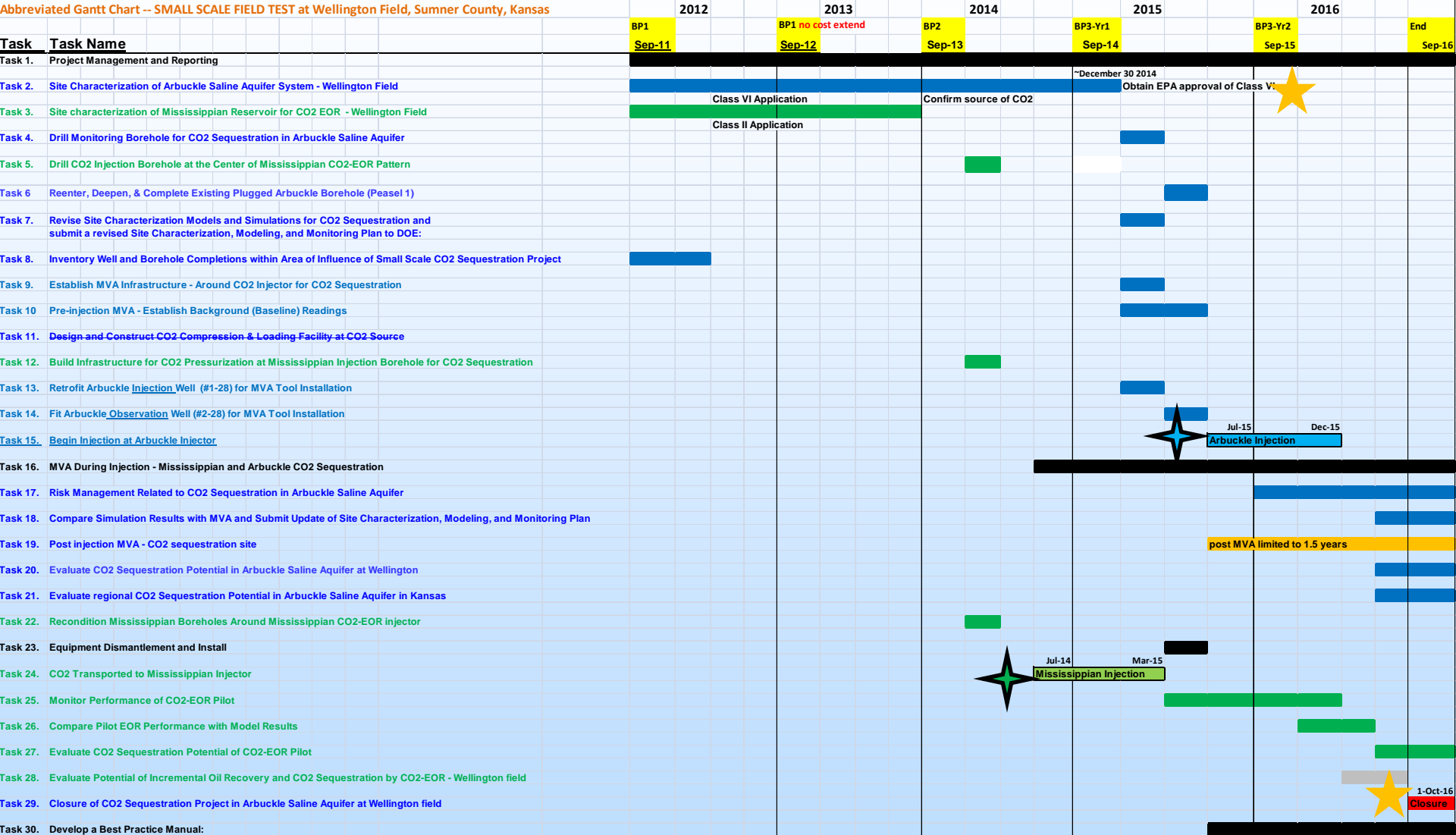
Dan Collins	Geologist	Manage CASSM and U-Tube operation
David Freeman	Field Engineer	Manage field install of CASSM and U-Tube

### Berexco, LLC

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Randy Kouedele	Reservoir engineer	Engineering
Staff of Wellington Field		field operations
Beredco Drilling team		Mississippian and Arbuckle drilling operations

# Gantt Chart – DE-FE0006821

Abbreviated Gantt Chart -- SMALL SCALE FIELD TEST at Wellington Field, Sumner County, Kansas



Project ends 9/30/16

# Bibliography

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List peer reviewed publications generated from project per the format of the examples below

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- Publication:

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