IEAGHG Weyburn-Midale Project

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Presentation Outline

- Brief summary of IEAGHG Weyburn-Midale Project, 2000 – 2012
- Benefits to US DOE Program
- Recent publications
- Moving forward: focused research

IEAGHG Weyburn-Midale CO₂ Monitoring & Storage Project (WMP) since 2000



Commercial EOR operations in Weyburn and Midale oilfields utilise anthropogenic CO₂



Over 25Mt of CO₂ injected and stored since 2000

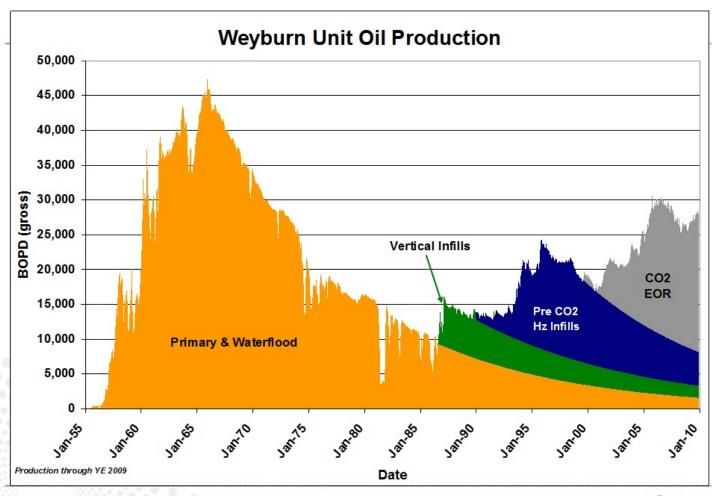


WMP has used these sites to study technical aspects of CO₂ geological storage









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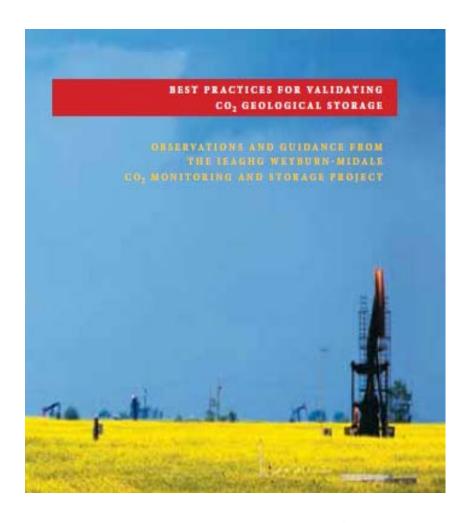






Best Practice Manual (BPM)

- Characterisation
- Performance Predictions
- Geochemical Monitoring
- Geophysical Monitoring
- Performance Validation
- Well Integrity
- Risk Assessment
- Community Outreach



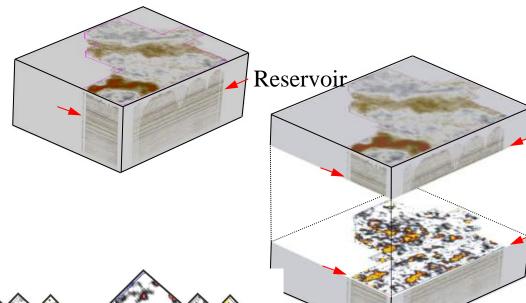


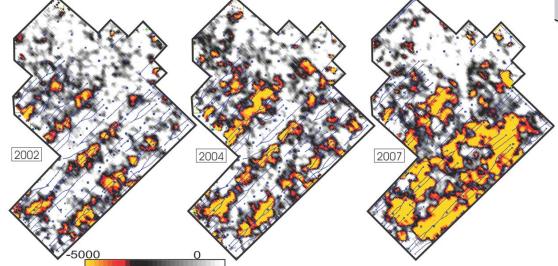


3D Time-Lapse Seismic: CO₂ Distribution

Monitoring regional subsurface distribution of CO_2 :

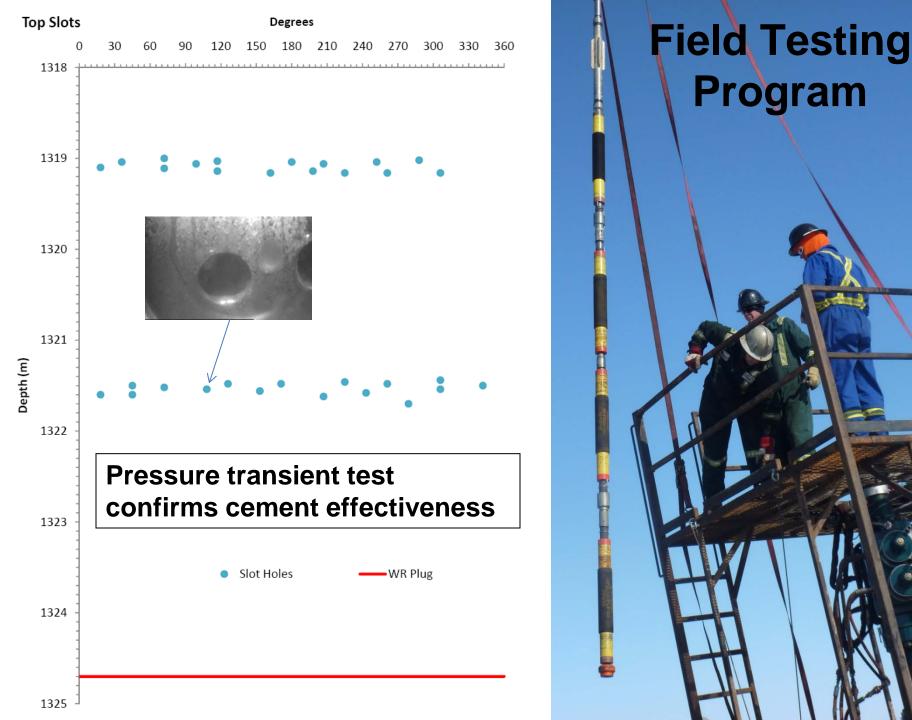
- •Verifying storage conformance
- •A primary input for updating reservoir models
- •Optimal resolving capability
- •Sensitive to low CO₂ saturations
- •Data repeatability is fundamental



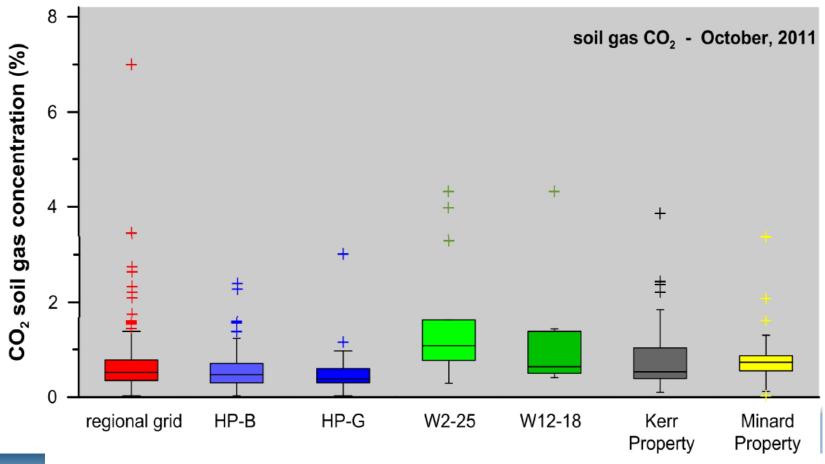








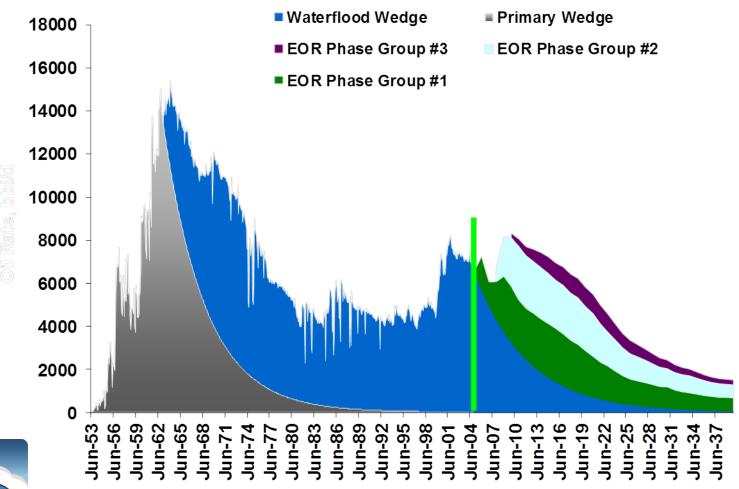
Soil Gas: Disproving Leakage Allegations







Midale Field CO2-EOR







Benefit to the Program

- Develop and validate technologies to ensure 99% storage permanence
- Focused research at Apache's Midale field offers unique opportunities:
 - Access to angled wellbores already exposed to injected CO2, for integrity and abandonment studies
 - Monitoring: analysis and interpretation of legacy and forthcoming 3D seismic datasets
 - Feasibility study for micro-sensor mote investigations

Benefit to the Program

- Develop technologies to improve reservoir storage efficiency while ensuring containment effectiveness
- Research into injection strategies using coupled geomechanical-flow simulation studies of the reservoir and surrounding storage complex, building on characterization and monitoring work

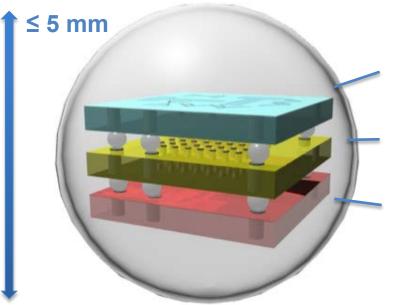
Project Overview:

Goals and Objectives

- Expand upon BPM research results and lessons learned, by deploying applied research to commercial operations in Saskatchewan
- Conformance, monitoring, wellbore integrity
- Scope of Work for 2 year project:
 - Task 7: Work Plan
 - Task 8: Implementation of Applied Research
 - Task 9: Research for Improved Operations
 - Success criteria: feedback from operator



Nanotechnology Based Micro Sensor Motes



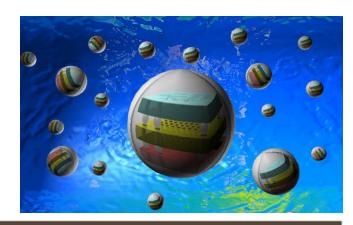
transducers & actuators

energy storage

processing, storage communications

TU Eindhoven, RWTH Aachen, KU Leuven, INCAS³

Application going to FP7 EU program: January 2013



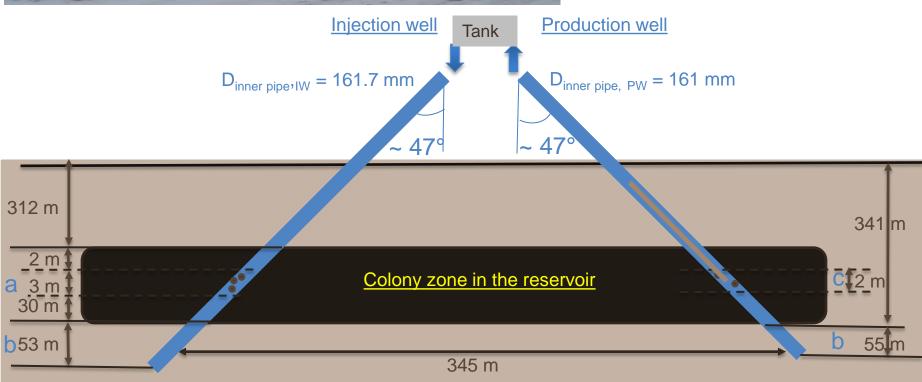






Proof of principle @ Bonnyville Site





Accomplishments to Date

- WMP final phase (2005 2012) completed on time and within budget
- Reporting completed with BPM and supplementary issue of IJGGC journal
- Final phase (extension option) MOU with Apache Canada
- Contract extension and SOPO agreed with DOE

Summary

- WMP Final Phase (2000 2012) completed
- Reporting completed
- Project proposals for focused research at Midale with Apache Canada over 2 year period
- Opportunities for applied research relevant to commercial operator: conformance, monitoring, wellbore integrity
- Funding discussions and work plan in progress

Appendix

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Organization Chart

- Project manager: PTRC
- Project Host: Apache Canada
- Potential sponsors: US DOE, NRCan, Saskatchewan and Alberta provincial governments, industry
- Technical steering committee: Apache,
 PTRC, independent theme advisors

Proposed Timelines



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