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Topics of Discussion

- 1. Citronelle Field Project Overview
- 2. Surface and Shallow MVA
- 3. Deep MVA
- 4. Experimental MVA
- 5. Questions, Answers, Discussion



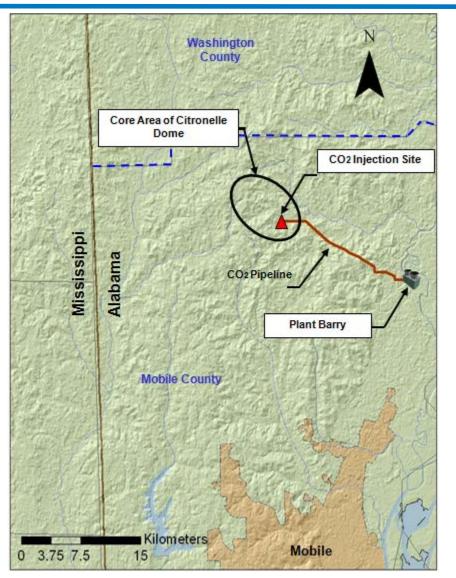


Project Objectives



- 1. Support the United States' largest prototype CO₂ capture and transportation demonstration with injection, monitoring and storage activities;
- 2. Test the CO_2 flow, trapping and storage mechanisms of the Paluxy;
- 3. Demonstrate how a saline reservoir's architecture can be used to maximize CO_2 storage and minimize the areal extent of the CO_2 plume;
- 4. Test the adaptation of commercially available oil field tools and techniques for monitoring CO₂ storage
- 5. Test experimental CO₂ monitoring activities, where such technologies hold promise for future commercialization;
- 6. Begin to understand the coordination required to successfully integrate all four components (capture, transport, injection and monitoring) of the project; and
- 7. Document the permitting process for all aspects of a CCS project.

Citronelle Storage Overview



Project Schedule and Milestones

The CO₂ capture unit at Alabama Power's (Southern Co.) Plant Barry became **operational in 3Q 2011.**

A newly built 12 mile CO₂ pipeline from Plant Barry to the Citronelle Dome **completed in 4Q 2011.**

A characterization well was drilled in **1Q 2011** to confirm geology.

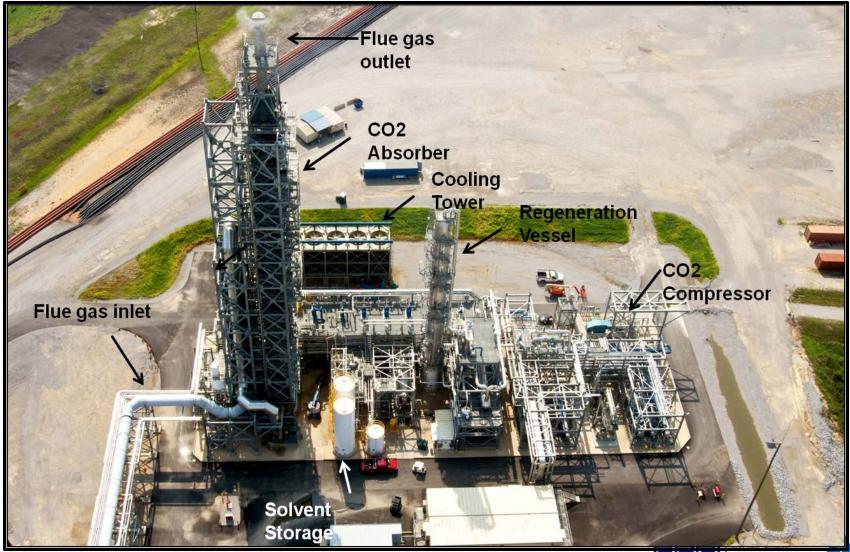
Injection wells were drilled in 4Q 2011.

100k - 150k metric tons of CO₂ will be injected into a saline formation **beginning 3Q 2012.**

3 years of post-injection monitoring.



Barry Carbon Capture Project Overview



Geologic Overview

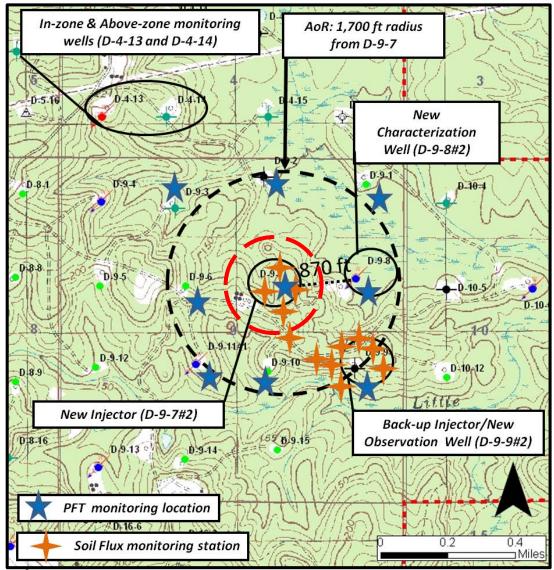
System	Series	Stratigraphic Unit	Major Sub Units		Potential Reservoirs and Confining Zones	
Tertiary	Plio- Pliocene		Citronelle Formation		Freshwater Aquifer	
	Miocene	Undifferentiated			Freshwater Aquifer	
	⊇		Chickasawhay Fm.		Base of USDW	
	Oligocene	Vicksburg Group		catunna Clay	Local Confining Unit	
~	Eocene	Jackson Group			Minor Saline Reservoir	
		Claiborne Group	Talahatta Fm.		Saline Reservoir	
		Wilcox Group	Hatchetigbee Sand			
	Pa		Bashi Marl		Saline Reservoir	
	Paleocene		Salt Mountain LS			
		Midway Group	Porters Creek Clay		Confining Unit	
	Upper	Selma Group			Confining Unit	
		Eutaw Formation			Minor Saline Reservoir	
		Tuscaloosa Group	Upper Tusc.		Minor Saline Reservoir	
			Mid. Tusc	Marine Shale	Confining Unit	
			Lower Tusc.	Pilot Sand Massive sand	Saline Reservoir	
0	Lower	Washita-	Dantzler sand		Saline Reservoir	
Cretaceous		Fredericksburg	Basal Shale		Primary Confining Unit	
		Paluxy Formation	'Upper' 'Middle' 'Lower'		Injection Zone	
		Mooringsport Formation			Confining Unit	
		Ferry Lake Anhydrite			Confining Unit	
		Donovan Sand	Rodessa Fm. Upper'		Oil Reservoir	
			'Middle' 'Lower'		Minor Saline Reservoir	
					Oil Reservoir	

- Proven four-way closure at Citronelle Dome
- Injection site located within Citronelle oilfield where existing well logs are available
- Deep injection interval (9,400 ft)
- Numerous confining units
- Base of USDWs ~1,400 feet
- Existing wells cemented through primary confining unit
- No evidence of faulting or fracturing, based on oilfield experience, new geologic mapping and reinterpretation of existing 2D seismic lines.



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Field Overview

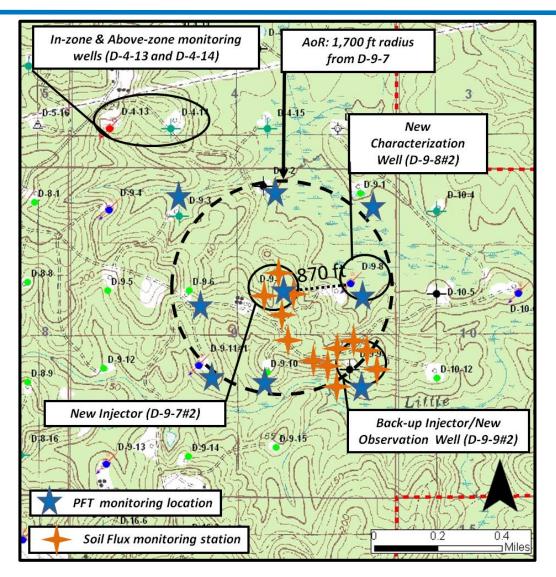


- One Injector (D-9-7 #2)
- Two deep Observation wells (D-9-8 #2 & D-9-9 #2)
- Two in-zone & above zone Monitoring wells (D-4-13 & D-4-14)
- One PNC logging well (D-9-11)
- Four shallow groundwater monitoring wells
- Twelve soil flux monitoring stations





Surface and Shallow MVA



Goal #1: Operational monitoring

- Injection rate and wellhead pressure
- CO₂ stream composition

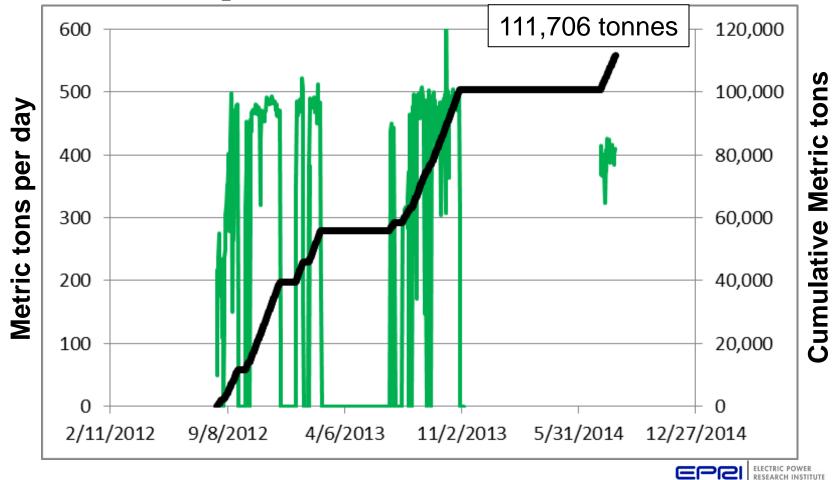
Goal #2: Identification of fastflow pathways (nearby abandoned well)

- Perfluorocarbon tracers
- Soil CO₂ flux measurements
- Groundwater sampling

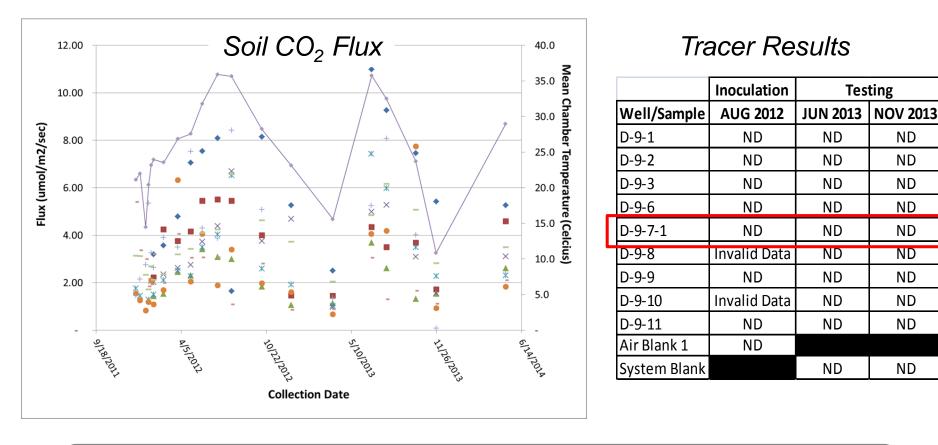


Injection Rate and CO₂ Composition Summary

 Average quality of the captured gas is 99.933% CO₂, 0.015% O₂ and 0.052% N₂.



Shallow MVA-CO₂ Flux and Tracer Sampling



Soil CO₂ results appear to vary as a function of mean temperature and PFT have been non-detect





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Shallow MVA - USDW Monitoring

3 - Background Monitoring Events:

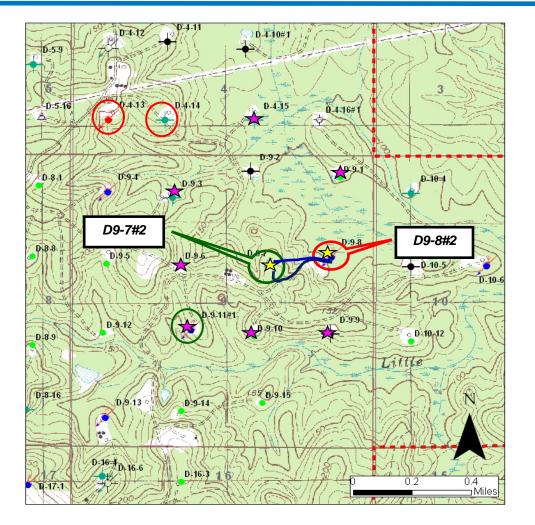
- January 2012 (N=1) through July 2012 (N=3)
- 7 Injection Period Monitoring Events:
- November 2012 (N=4) through May 2014 (N=10)

Background anomalies of Manganese, Iron, and Chloride above UIC permit. To evaluate the potential exceedance of regulatory standard (*e.g.*, UIC permit discharge limit), the EPA GW Unified Guidance recommends the collection of >4 data points before performing statistical comparisons (*e.g.* confidence limit determinations)





Deep MVA

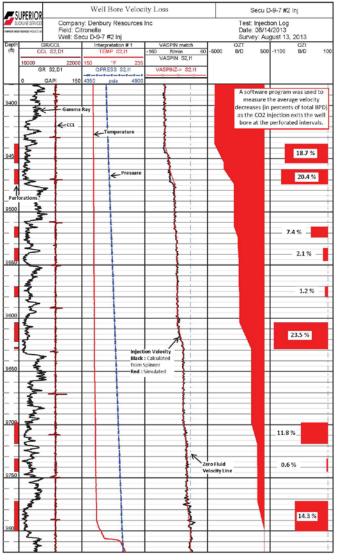


VSP source offset locations (stars), receiver locations (D9-7#2 and D9-8#2), and walk-away lines (blue and red lines)

- Goal #1: Operational monitoring
 - Well logging (PNC and spinner surveys)
- Goal #2: In-zone CO₂ migration, leak detection and pressure monitoring
 - Downhole pressure monitoring
 - Cross-well seismic surveys
 - Offset vertical seismic profile (VSP) surveys
 - Walkaway VSP



Deep MVA-Spinner Surveys



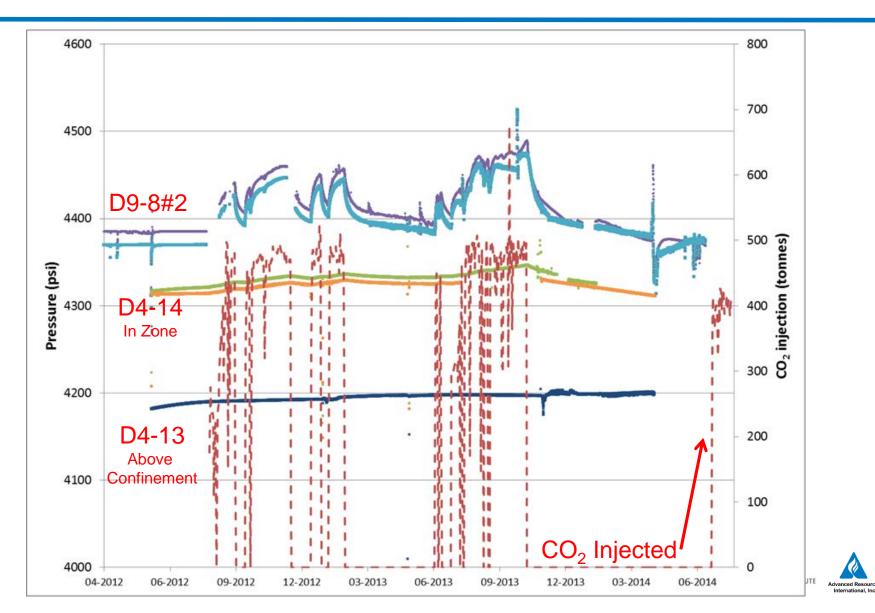
Sand	Sand Unit Properties (ft)			Nov 2012	Aug 2013	Oct 2013
Unit	Bottom	Тор	Thickness	Flow %	Flow %	Flow %
J	9,454	9,436	18	14.8	18.7	16.7
I	9,474	9,460	14	8.2	20.4	19.6
Н	9,524	9,514	10	2.8	7.4	7.7
G	9,546	9,534	12	2.7	2.1	0.9
F	9,580	9,570	10	0.0	1.2	1.2
Е	9,622	9,604	18	26.8	23.5	30.8
D	9,629	9,627	2	0.0	0.0	0.0
С	9,718	9,698	20	16.5	11.8	10.3
В	9,744	9,732	12	4.9	0.6	0.4
А	9,800	9,772	28	23.3	14.3	12.4

Caged Fullbore Flowmeter (6 arm CFBM)

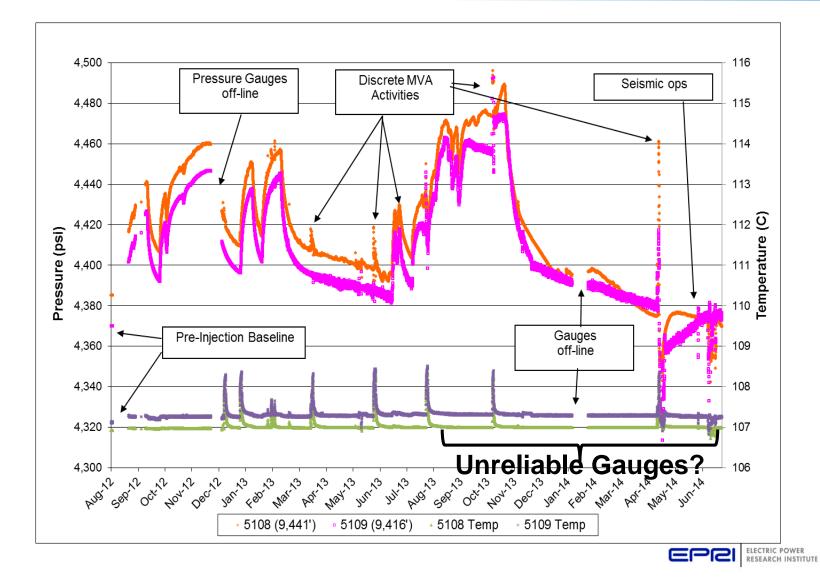




Deep MVA - Pressure Response

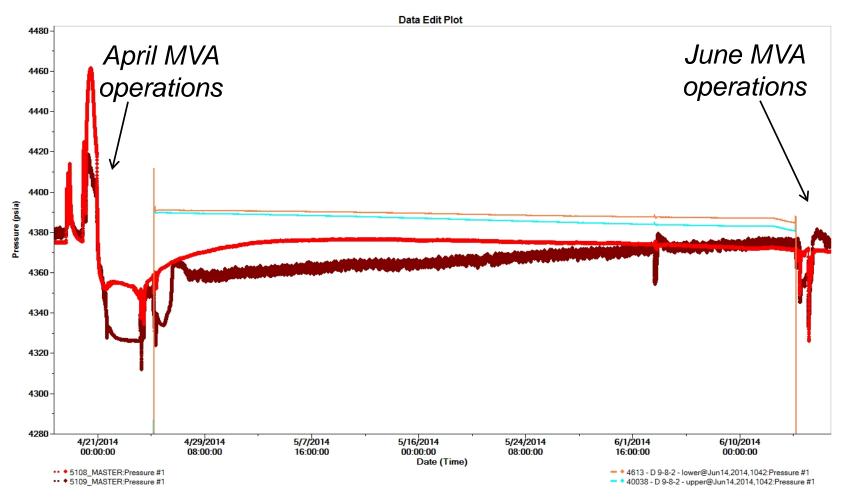


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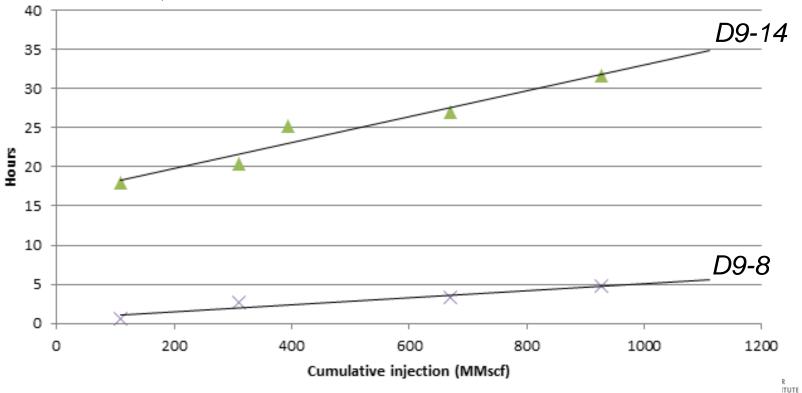
Permanent MBM vs Removable Memory Gauge



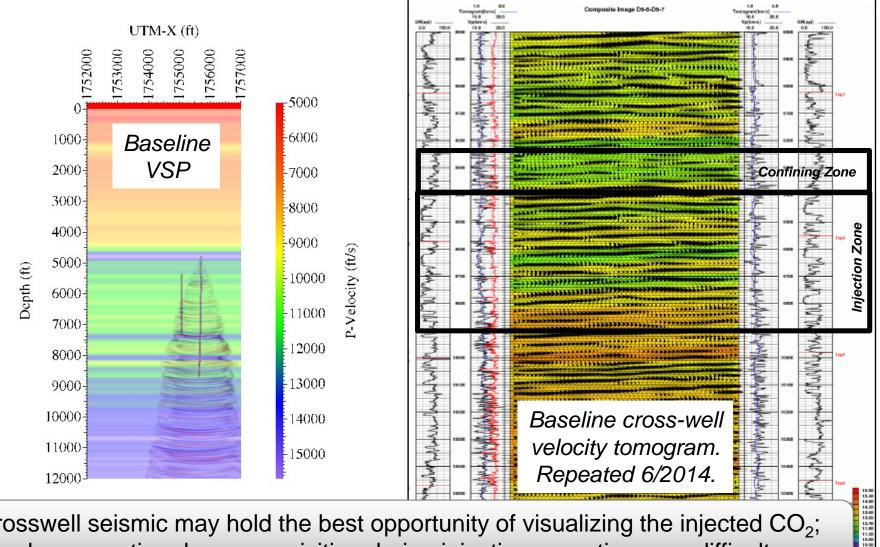


Deep MVA – Pressure Response

The system, as expected, is getting more compressible with continued injection. As a result, the response time (observed initiation of injection) at the offset observation wells continues to grow. This tells us something about the saturation between the wells, when calibrated to reservoir models.

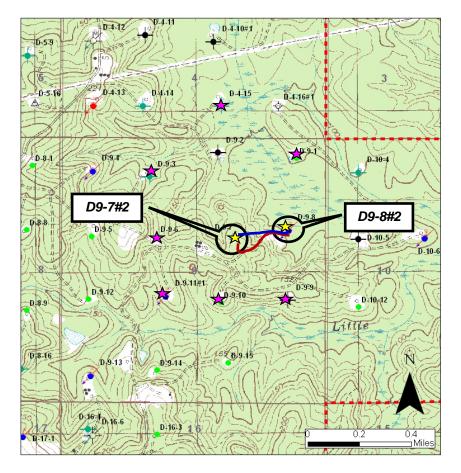


Deep MVA - Seismic Operations



Crosswell seismic may hold the best opportunity of visualizing the injected CO₂; however, time-lapse acquisition during injection operations are difficult

Experimental MVA-Modular Borehole Monitoring (MBM) System



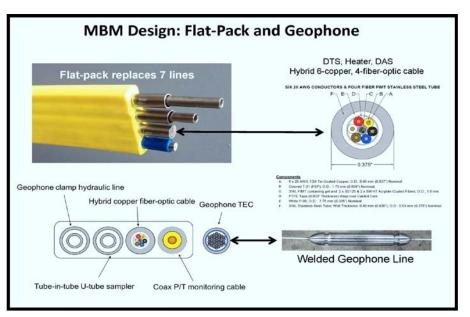
VSP source offset locations (stars), receiver locations (D9-7#2 and D9-8#2), and walk-away lines (blue and red lines)

- Motivation: Deep monitoring wells are expensive to drill and complete and have limited space available for instrumentation
- ✓ Monitor CO_2 plume location
- Reservoir pressure and temperature
- ✓ Fluid sampling
- ✓Leak detection
- \checkmark CO₂ saturations
- An experimental, semi-permanent geophone deployment was desired to act as a "fence-post" during time-lapse VSP acquisition



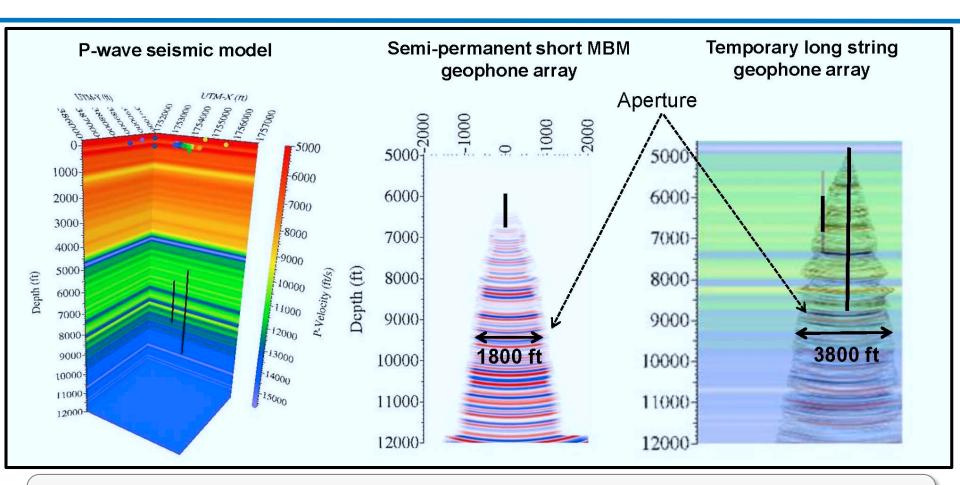
MBM Design and Monitoring Capabilities

- 18 Level, tubing deployed, clamping geophone array (6,000-6,850 ft)
- Two in-zone quartz pressure/ temperature gauges for reservoir diagnostics
- U-tube for high frequency, in-zone fluid sampling (tube-in-tube design)
- Fiber optic cable for distributed temperature and acoustic measurements
 - Heat-pulse monitoring for CO₂ leak detection
 - Acoustic array for CO₂
- 2 7/8" production tubing open for logging





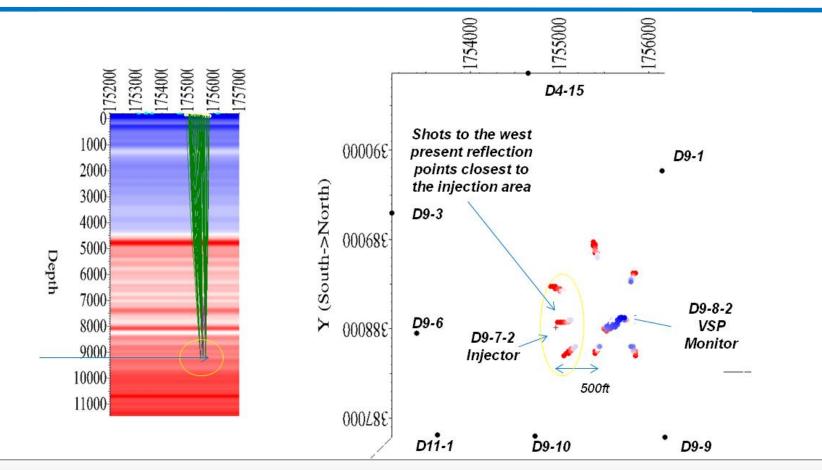
Time-Lapse Difference, MBM, VSP



Shorter MBM array has an lateral image area that is smaller, but it should be able to see changes in the gather response and images over time due to CO_2 injection



DEEP MVA – MBM VSP



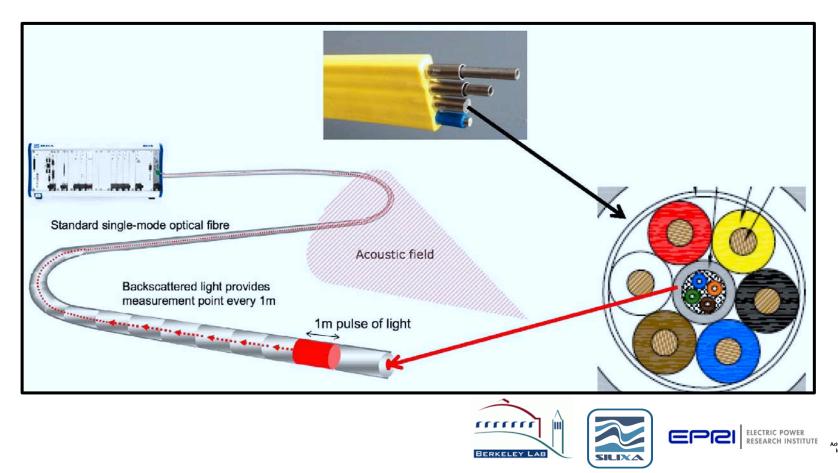
Difference between the monitor and baseline surveys reveal subtle changes in the amplitudes at depth; however the changes may not be significant because of noise



Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)

DAS allows seismic monitoring with fiber optics

- Sensitivity less than standard geophone, but 3000 sensors versus 18
- Spatial sampling and ease of deployment much greater



Citronelle DAS-Geophone Comparison from Walkaway

DAS Data 0.5 SP 2021; Combined Deconvolved stack of 152 sweeps; RMS normalized 4500 10 MAY HAMMAAAMAN LA MAAMAA O har anon and a solution of the solution of t 0.8 5000 -0.5 0.6 5500 -1.5 0.4 6000 400 0.2 600 800 1000 1200 6500 (msec) Depth (ft) 0002 Geophone Data n 7500 -0 -0.4 8000 -0.6 8500 -0.8 9000 9500 -500 1300 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 (msec) Processed by D. Miller, Silixa

Acquisition of stacked source sweeps improved DAS data signal to noise ratio, producing traces that match those from more sensitive geophones

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DAS vs. Geophone

SP 2003; iDAS setting D30; channel at 6450 ft

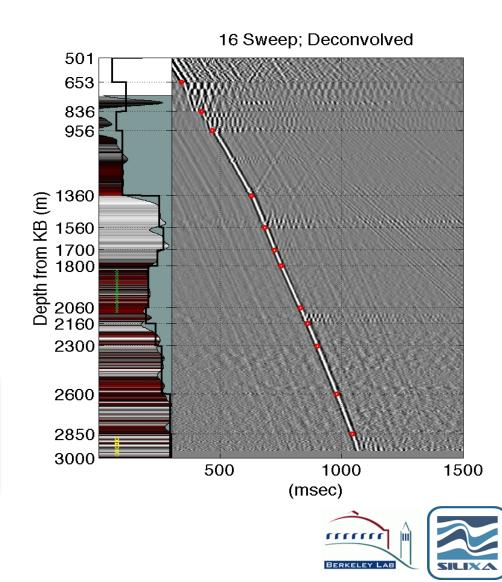
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geophone: divstack of 24 sweeps

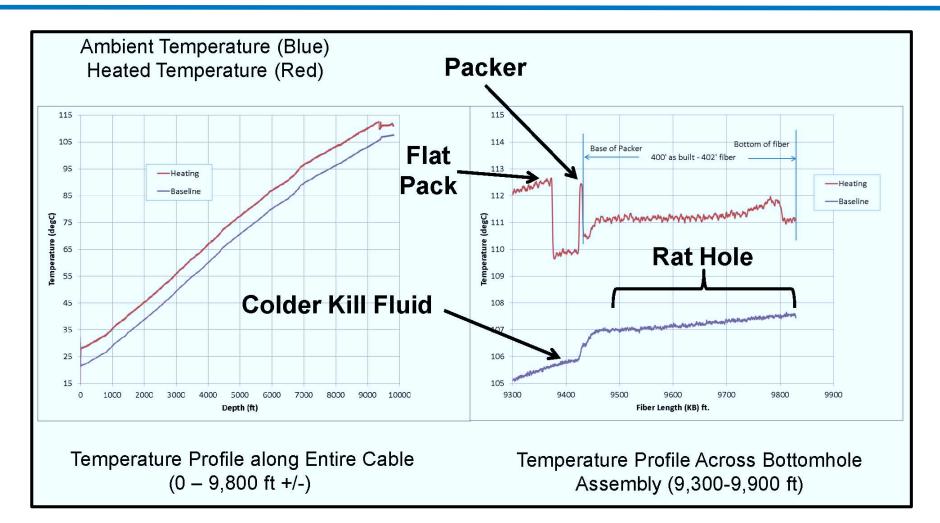
iDAS: divstack of 64 sweeps

Improved DAS VSP Processing

- Downgoing
 Deconvolution
- Travel Time Picks
- Velocity Model
- Comparison to Well Logs (Sonic, Gamma)
- Good tie to logs
- Reflections clear
- Strong 'ringing' in some zones



Heat Pulse Testing and Fiber Optic Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS)





Deep Groundwater Sampling

- In- and above-zone monitoring may be used as a compliance tool to detect CO₂ leakage
- Samples undergo geochemical transformation when collected from deep wells, e.g.,
 - Exsolution of dissolved gases



USGS photo: Fluid Sampling during Pumping at D9-8#2

- Changes in dissolved CO₂ concentrations that control pH and alkalinity
- Exposure to the atmosphere causes changes in redox conditions



Testing & Monitoring: In-zone Comparison Deep Groundwater Sampling Methodologies

- A. Gas-lift
 - Samples had the highest pH indicating possible loss of dissolved gas
 - Sampling method should be limited to major and unreactive solutes
- B. Pumping
 - Relatively high Fe concentrations compared to other methods, showing evidence of contamination or geochemical changes in samples
 - Sampling method should be limited to major and unreactive solutes
- C. Kuster sampler:
 - Field measurements of initial pH had the lowest value
 - Geochemical data consistent in repeated sampling
- D. U-tube:
 - In general, sample results are comparable to the Kuster method



USGS collecting in-zone groundwater samples using: A. gas-lift; B. electric submersible pump; C. Kuster sampler; and D. u-tube sampler



Accomplishments

- Injected over 110,000 metric tons to date from the world's largest CO₂ capture system using advanced amines on a coal-fired unit
- Fully integrated carbon capture, transportation and storage project
- Demonstrating monitoring technologies at a commercial-scale (i.e., oil field setting) within the regionally extensive Paluxy saline formation
- Unique opportunity to evaluate performance of different seismic survey configurations and sensors
- Research effort is focused on developing, testing and validating borehole-based monitoring technologies and methods



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