



# Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership

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## Outline

This presentation will provide a technical summary

- Project Overview
- Technical Status
  - Injection Test
  - Modeling
  - Monitoring
  - Regional Assessment
  - Outreach
- Accomplishments
- Synergy Opportunities
- Project Summary





## Benefit to the Program

MRCSP supports DOE Program Goals

DOE Program Goal	MRCSP Approach/Benefit
Predict CO <sub>2</sub> storage capacity in geologic formations to within ±30%	Correlate geologic characterization and reservoir models with monitoring and regional mapping.
Demonstrate that 99% of CO <sub>2</sub> remains in the injection zones	Account for CO <sub>2</sub> during EOR operations Assess monitoring options for tracking and imaging CO <sub>2</sub> plume, storage and retention
Improve reservoir storage efficiency while ensuring containment effectiveness	Test in EOR fields in various life cycle stages and examine strategies for utilizing the pore space created by the oil and water production
Development of Best Practices Manuals (BPMs)	Contribute to BPMs through large-scale test and regional analysis across MRCSP

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## Project Overview

Michigan Basin Large-Scale Test Goals and Objectives

RCSP Goal	MRCSP Approach and Success Criteria
<i>Goal 1 – Prove Adequate Injectivity and Available Capacity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Injecting 1 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR fields within permitted reservoir pressures</li> <li>Pressure analysis and modeling used to evaluate capacity</li> </ul>
<i>Goal 2 – Prove Storage Permanence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site selection to include impermeable caprock, geologic structure</li> <li>Seismic and well data used to evaluate storage mechanisms and containment</li> <li>Monitoring wells used to measure containment over time within the reef and immediate caprock</li> </ul>
<i>Goal 3 – Determine Aerial Extent of Plume and Potential Leakage Pathways</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring portfolio employed to understand migration</li> <li>Using monitoring data to compare to and validate plume models</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Goal 4 – Develop Risk Assessment Strategies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk assessment for events, pathways, and mitigation planning</li> <li>Comparing predicted to actual field experience for all stages of the project</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 5 – Develop Best Practices</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase III builds on Phase II best practices in siting, risk management, modeling, monitoring, etc.</li> <li>Key emphasis is on operation and monitoring and scale-up to commercial-scale</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goal 6 – Engage in Public Outreach and Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate outreach efforts for both Phase II and Phase III sites as well as technology transfer and information sharing with stakeholders</li> </ul>

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## Project Overview

### MRCSP scope of work is structured around six tasks

<b>Task 1</b>	Regional Characterization: Develop a detailed actionable picture of the region's geologic sequestration resource base
<b>Task 2</b>	Outreach: Raise awareness of regional sequestration opportunities and provide stakeholders with information about CO <sub>2</sub> storage
<b>Task 3</b>	Field Laboratory Using Depleted EOR Field: Pressurize a late-stage EOR field with CO <sub>2</sub> injection to test monitoring technologies and demonstrate storage potential
<b>Task 4</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> Storage Potential in Active EOR Fields: Monitor CO <sub>2</sub> Injection and recycling in active EOR operations with different scenarios
<b>Task 5</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> Injection in New EOR Field(s): Monitor CO <sub>2</sub> injection into an oil field that has not undergone any CO <sub>2</sub> EOR to test monitoring technologies and demonstrate storage potential
<b>Task 6</b>	Program Management

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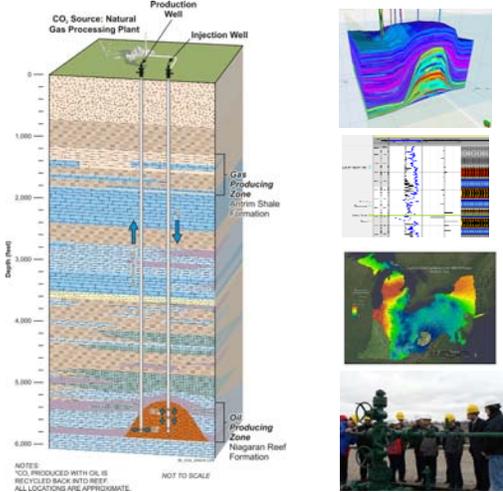
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## Technical Status

Technical updates grouped into five categories

1. Injection Test
2. Modeling
3. Monitoring
4. Regional Characterization
5. Outreach



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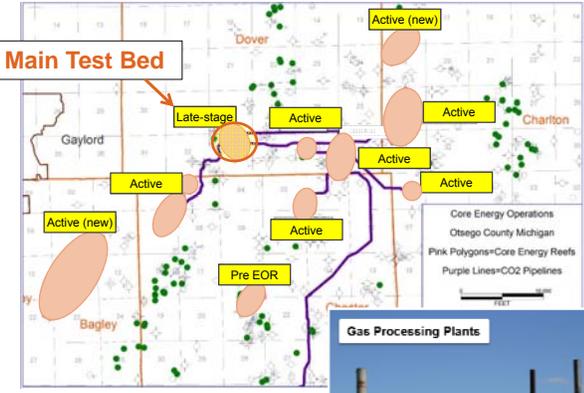


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## Injection Test Status – EOR Life-Cycle

Large-scale test site leverages industrial EOR operations





Central Processing Facility



Compressor

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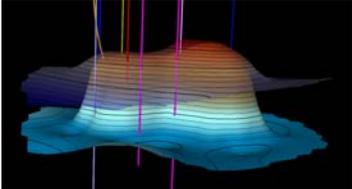
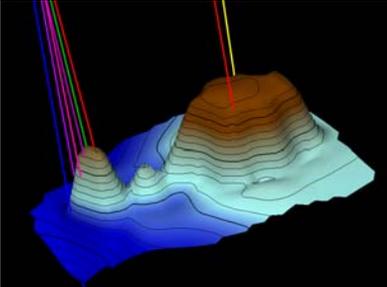
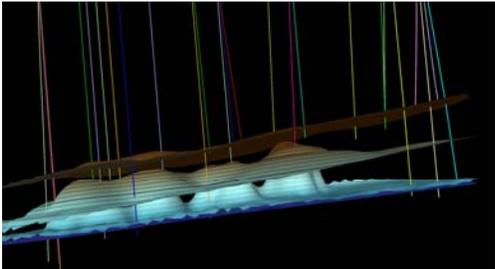


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## Variations in reef characteristics

- # of compartments, compartmentalization
- Lithology – dolomite vs limestone, Anhydrite
- Availability of core, seismic, well log data
- Presence of salt plugging

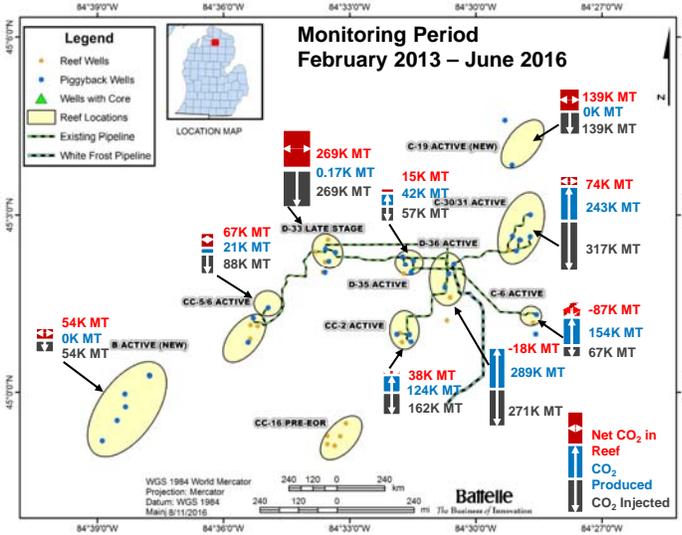






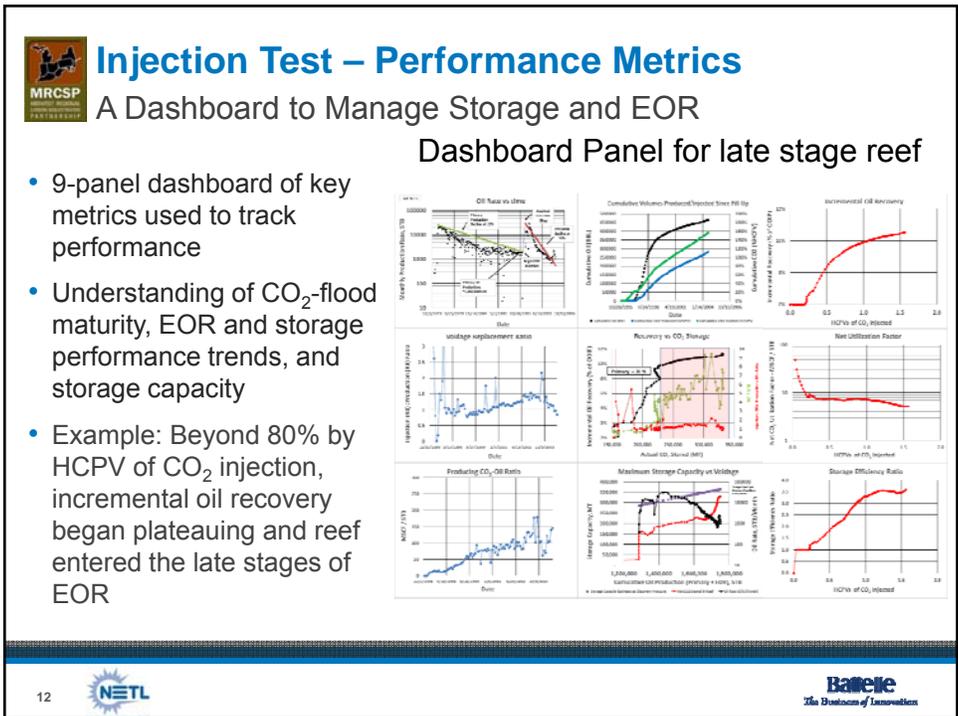
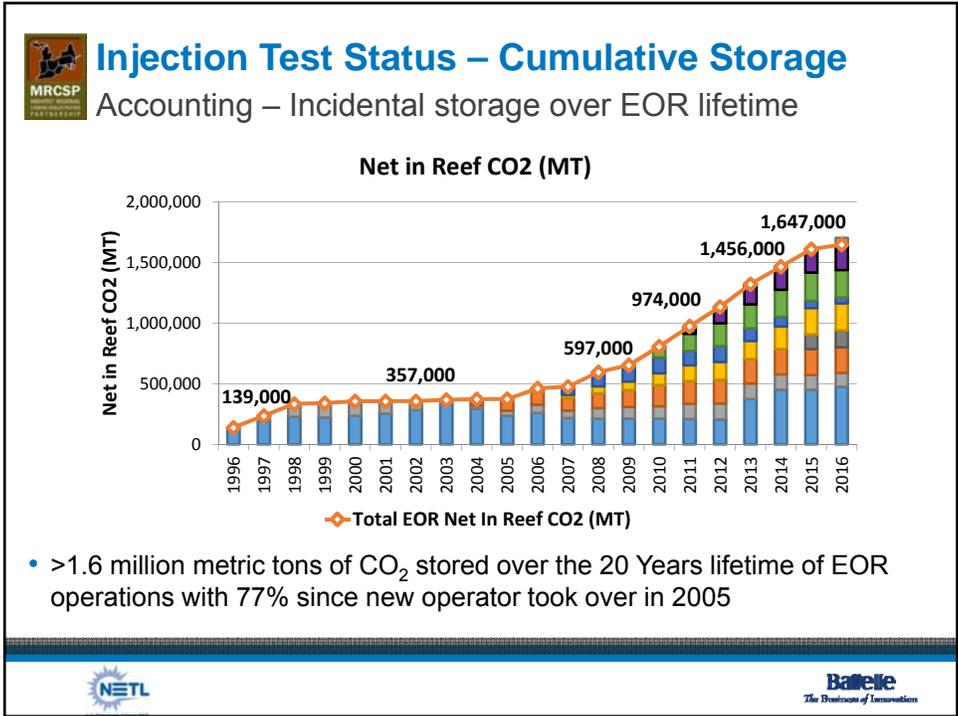
## Injection Test Status – Accounting for CO<sub>2</sub>

- Nine reefs in Northern Michigan [Otsego County]
- All in various stages of EOR
- ~570K MT net injection in nine reefs during monitoring period (Feb. '13 – July '16)
- EOR still ongoing, with a new reef (CC-16) being added









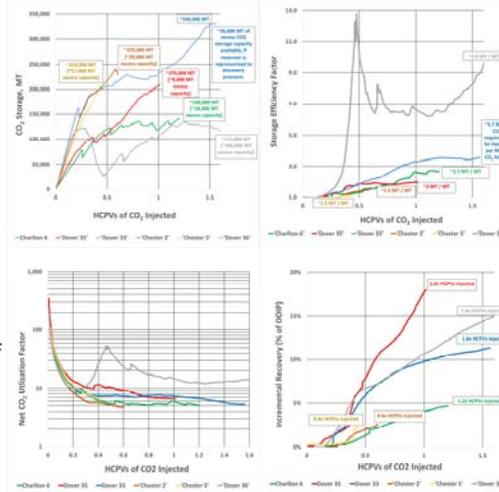


## Injection Test – Performance Metrics

### Comparison Across Fields

- 4-panel dashboard used to compare storage and recovery performance across all reefs
- Normalized to %HCPV (hydrocarbon pore volume) injected
- After CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, around ~45% of oil still remains unrecovered in the reservoirs
- D-35 is the best performing reef by oil recovery performance, and likely will have most incidental CO<sub>2</sub>-storage at the end of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR

### Example of Inter-Reef Dashboard

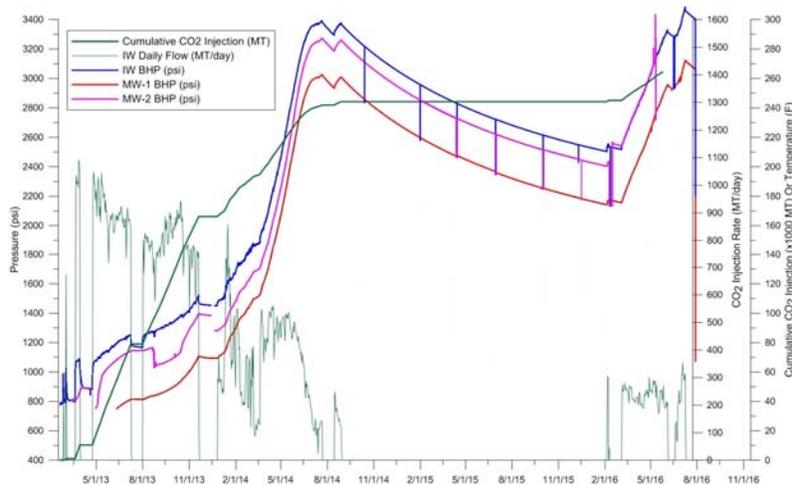


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## Injection Test – Storage Capacity Limits

### Pressure response in Late-Stage during injection



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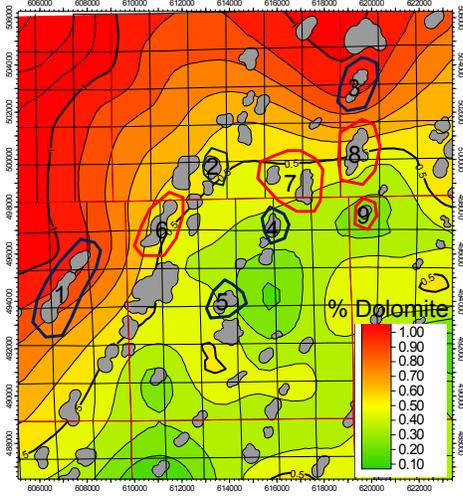




## Geologic Modeling - Static Earth Models

### Characterization of Diverse Michigan Niagaran Reefs

- Niagaran reefs effectively used for EOR
- Diverse geology of reefs makes characterization and SEMs challenging
- Key issues include:
  - Limestone vs dolomite
  - Salt plugging
  - Multi-pods
  - Diagenesis
  - Data availability
  - Geologic heterogeneity









## Geologic Modeling - Static Earth Models

### Development of Efficient Workflow

- Formations and facies
- Define zones
- Calculate petrophysical properties
- Analyze whole core
- Depositional model

Geologic Interpretation

Geostatistics

Static Earth Model

- Geometry and structure
- Build segments
- Property model
- Calculate volumetrics

- Organize log data and correlate to formations and facies
- Determine components
- Use descriptive statistics
- Apply geologic concepts
- Define modeling rules

- Workflows are repeatable and efficient
- Collaboration with WMU and Core Energy, LLC

- Developed approach to integrate data and to simplify SEMs



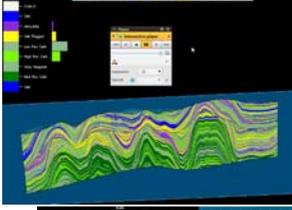
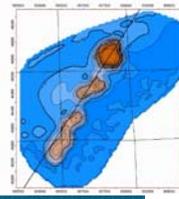


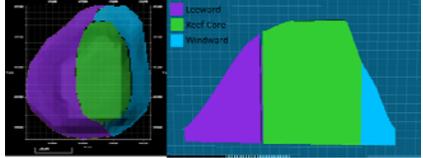
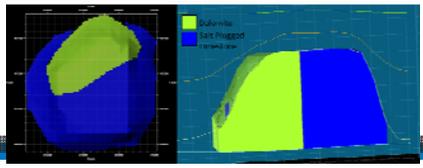


## Geologic Modeling - Static Earth Models

### New Insights into Michigan Niagaran Reefs

- Salt plugging can be extensive and traceable
- Definition of reef geometry with 3D seismic is critical
- Geostatistics can assist with modeling decisions and be used to predict electrofacies
- Increased dolomitization often leads to better quality reservoirs

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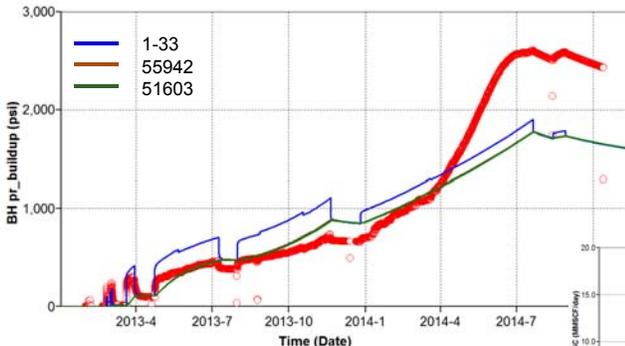


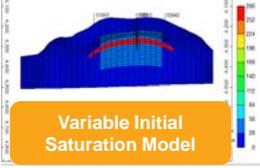
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## Dynamic Modeling - Injection Response Validation

### Equivalent Homogeneous Compositional Reservoir Model

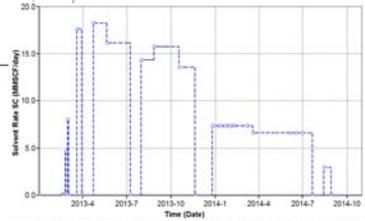




Variable Initial Saturation Model

- Reasonable match except near the end of injection
- Further model calibration is in progress

#### Injection Schedule



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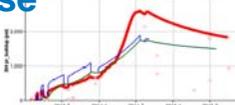


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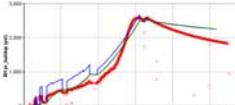


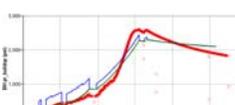
## Dynamic Modeling - Injection Phase Pressure Buildup

### Scenarios to explain pressure response



- Tighter Rock:
  - Lower rock compressibility
  - Tighter (i.e. less permeable flanks)
- Smaller pore volume for HC fluids-in-place and CO<sub>2</sub>:
  - Lower model pore volume
  - Higher water saturation outside the core reservoir in the flanks
  - Amount of CO<sub>2</sub> present in the system













## Dynamic Modeling – Fundamental Approaches

### Using Synthetic Models

- Use numerical model representing typical depleted reef reservoir with simulated primary production followed by CO<sub>2</sub> injection (but no production)
- Create synthetic datasets for analyzing pressure fall-off response and injectivity at injection well:
  - Pressure falloff data ⇒ Horner analysis to estimate reservoir properties and identify boundaries
  - Injectivity index (injection rate normalized by pressure buildup) ⇒ commonly-used oil-field metric of well performance
- [Q] What to expect in a multiphase environment?



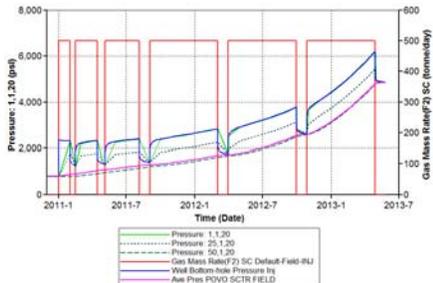




**Dynamic Modeling - Synthetic Models**

## Fall-off Pressure Response

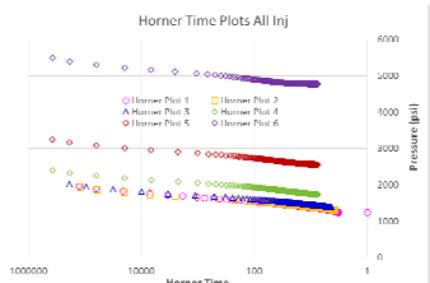
- Upward shift in time-lapse Horner plots confirms evidence of boundary effects



Pressure: 1, 1,20 (psi)  
Gas Mass Rate(F) SC (normal)

Time (Date)

- Pressure: 1, 1,20
- Pressure: 25, 1,20
- Pressure: 50, 1,20
- Gas Mass Rate(F) SC Default Field #U
- Well Bottom Hole Pressure Inj
- Ave Prop PVDV SCTR FIELD



Horner Time Plots All Inj

Pressure (psi)

Horner Time

- Horner Plot 1
- Horner Plot 2
- Horner Plot 3
- Horner Plot 4
- Horner Plot 5
- Horner Plot 6

- Pressurization in closed reservoir evident in falloffs after injection periods 4-6

[Q] Does CO<sub>2</sub> injection into an oil-gas system create a multi-bank (composite) system with different near-field and far-field characteristics?

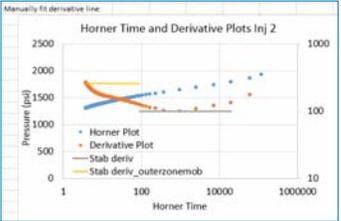





**Dynamic Modeling - Synthetic Models**

## Pressure Derivative Analysis

*Inner zone response*



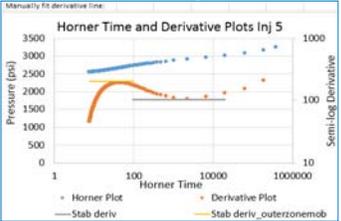
Horner Time and Derivative Plots Inj 2

Pressure (psi)

Horner Time

- Horner Plot
- Derivative Plot
- Stab deriv
- Stab deriv\_outertonezomb

*Inner and outer zone responses with boundary effect*



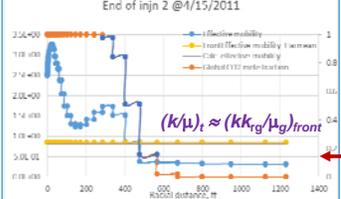
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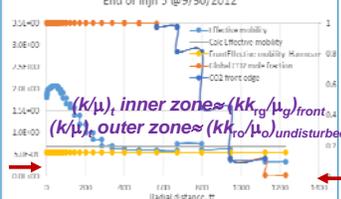


Relative permeability

Radial distance, ft

$(k/\mu)_t \approx (kk_{rg}/\mu_g)_{front}$

End of injn 5 @9/30/2012



Relative permeability

Radial distance, ft

$(k/\mu)_t \text{ inner zone} \approx (kk_{rg}/\mu_g)_{front}$

$(k/\mu)_t \text{ outer zone} \approx (kk_{ro}/\mu_o)_{undisturbed}$

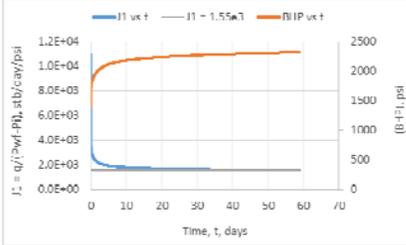


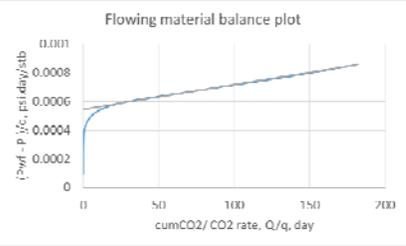



## Dynamic Modeling - Synthetic Model

### Injectivity Index for Well Performance:

- $[J]$  = Ratio of injection rate  $[q]$  to pressure buildup  $[P_{wf} - P_i]$
- Useful metric for comparing well performance over time or comparing formations
- Transient period  $\Rightarrow$  plot of  $[J]$  versus  $[time]$  shows stabilization
- Pseudo-steady-state period  $\Rightarrow$  plot of  $[1/J]$  versus  $[Q/q]$ :
  - Intercept  $\Rightarrow 1/J$
  - Slope  $\Rightarrow 1/(V_p c_i)$



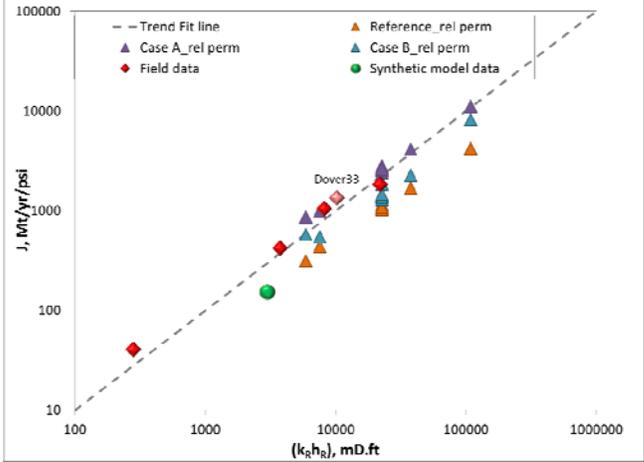







## Dynamic Modeling - Injectivity Index

### MRCSP and other field and model data show correlation of injectivity index with transmissivity








## Modeling Status: Synthetic modeling

### Key Points

- Inner zone total mobility (permeability divided by viscosity) related to gas-phase mobility in the vicinity of CO<sub>2</sub> front
- Outer zone total mobility related to oil-phase mobility in the undisturbed reservoir
- Cannot determine absolute permeability from mobility, due to unknown multiphase viscosity
- Injectivity index behavior during transient and boundary dominated periods different
- Empirical correlation found between injectivity and permeability-thickness product (helpful for screening analysis and quick-look estimation of absolute permeability)



## Monitoring Status – Late Stage Reef

Currently in After Injection Monitoring Stage

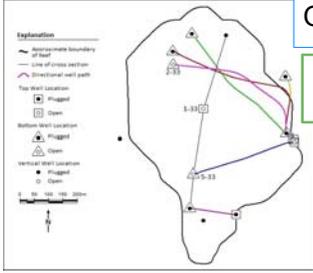
Activity	Before Injection	Early Injection	Mid Injection	Late Injection	After Injection
CO <sub>2</sub> flow accounting		X	X	X	X
Pressure and temperature		X	X	X	X
PNC logging	X		X		Aug 2016
Borehole gravity	X				Aug 2016
Fluid sampling	X		X		X
Vertical seismic profile	X				Sep 2016
Microseismic	X			X	
InSAR (Satellite radar)	X	X	X	Complete	
Characterization Well Drilling					Sep 2016



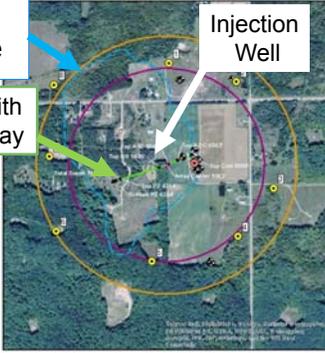


**Monitoring – Microseismic**

Microseismic performed during final injection at Late-Stage Reef above discovery pressure



Well Map



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**Explanation**

- Injection Well
- Well Trace
- Reef Boundary
- 1100 feet
- 2000 feet

**Shot Location and Type**

- 2016 Zero Offset VSP
- Orientation Shot Location
- Shot Location

Scale: 1:10,000  
NAD 83 datum, UTM Zone 18N  
Units: Meter, Feet, US Feet

Monitoring performed by Paulsson Geophysical, Inc.



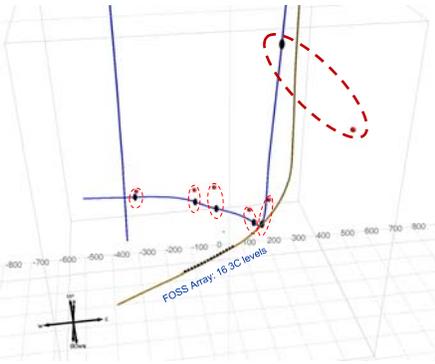




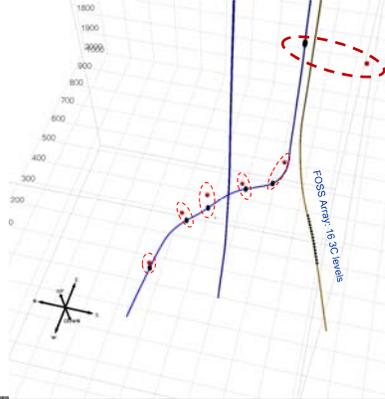
**Monitoring Status**

String shots in off-set well used to “calibrate” microseismic

- 5 of 6 string shots located with “good” accuracy



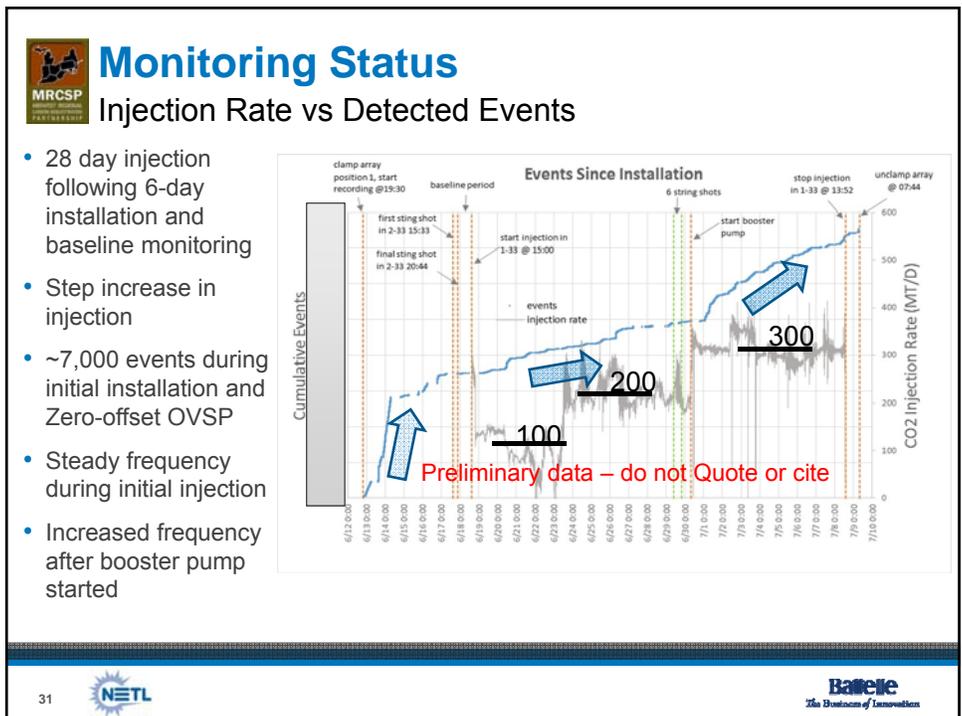
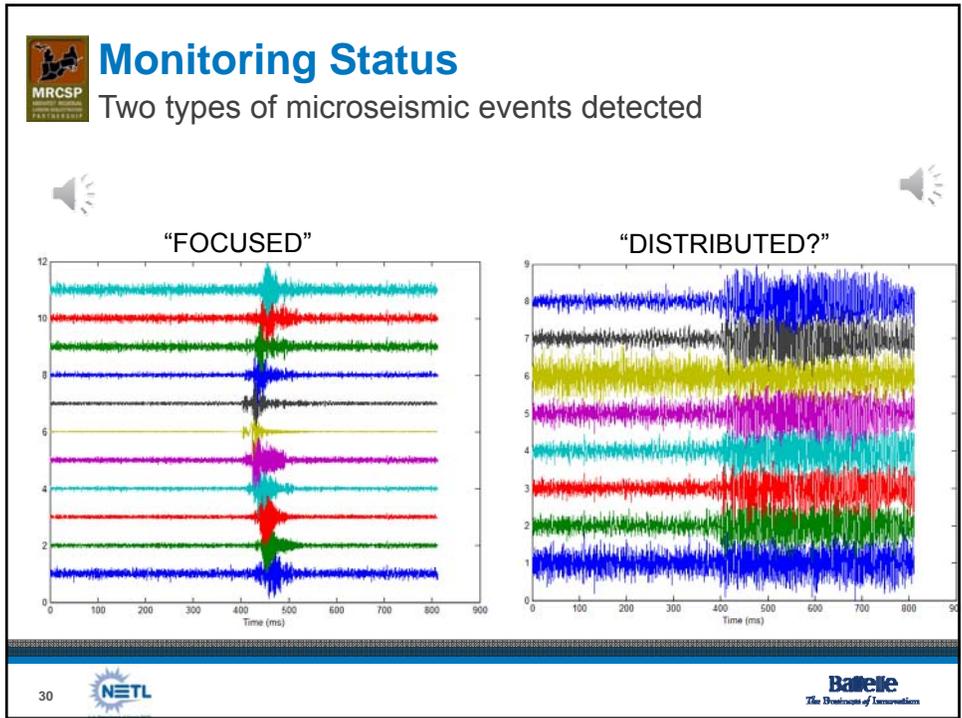
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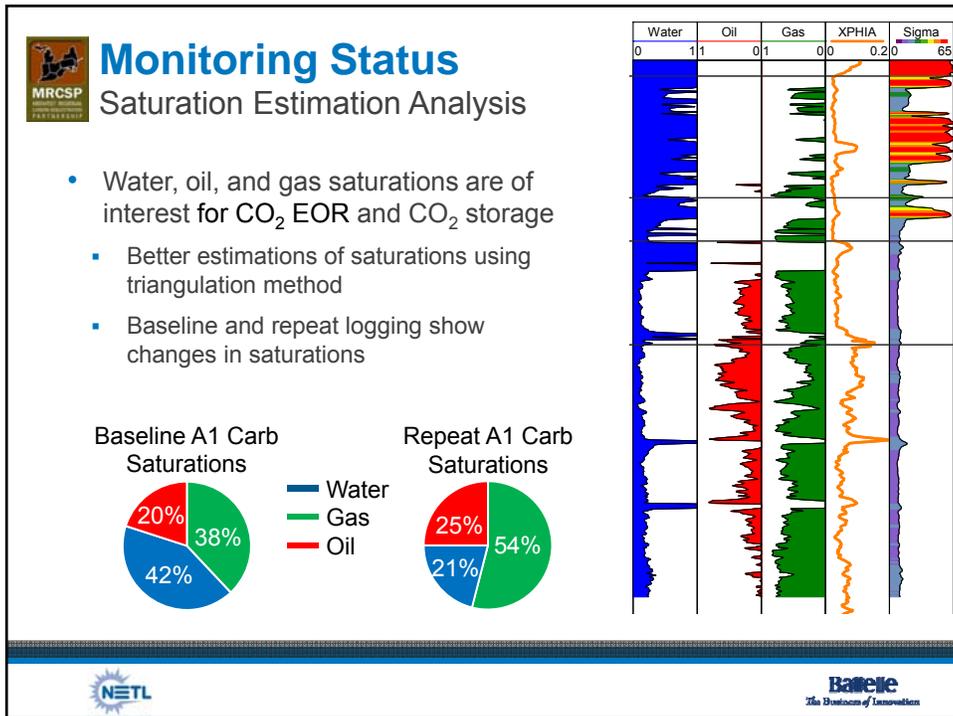
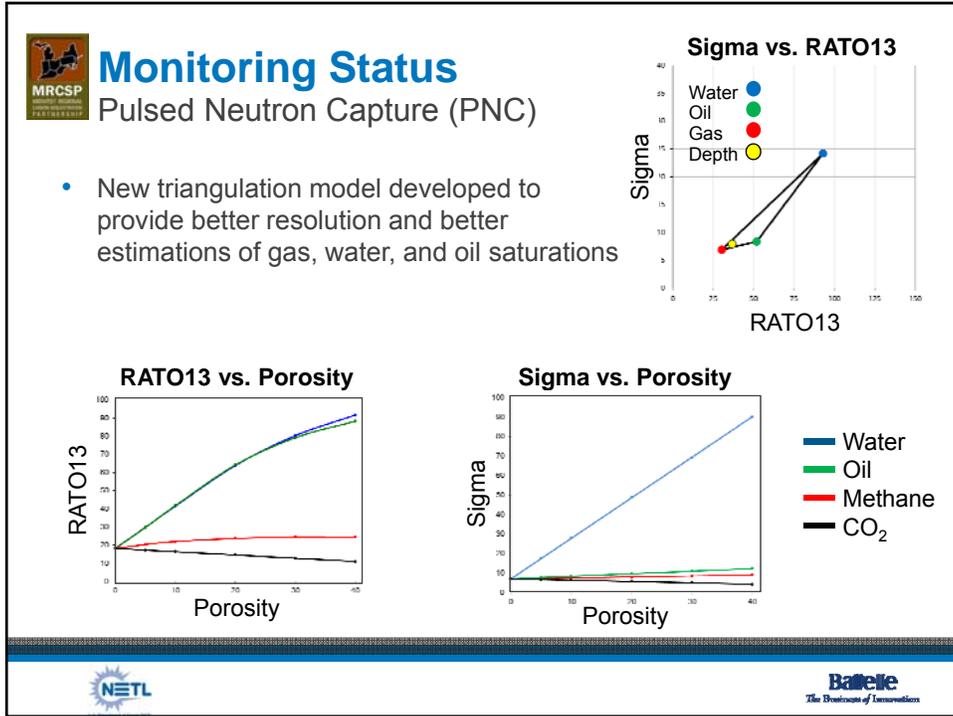


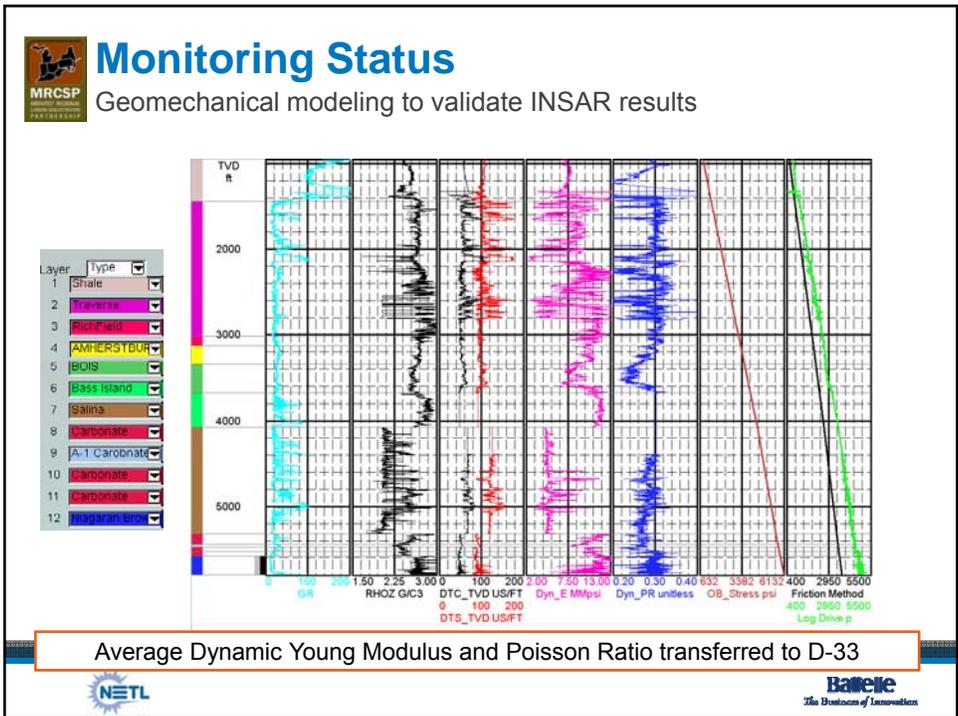
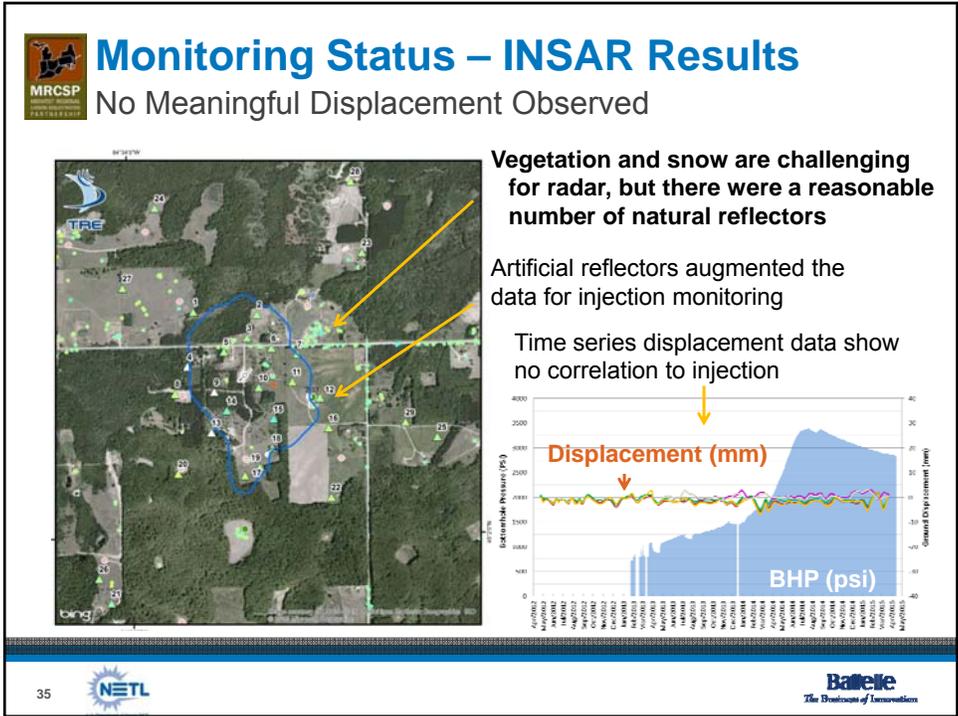
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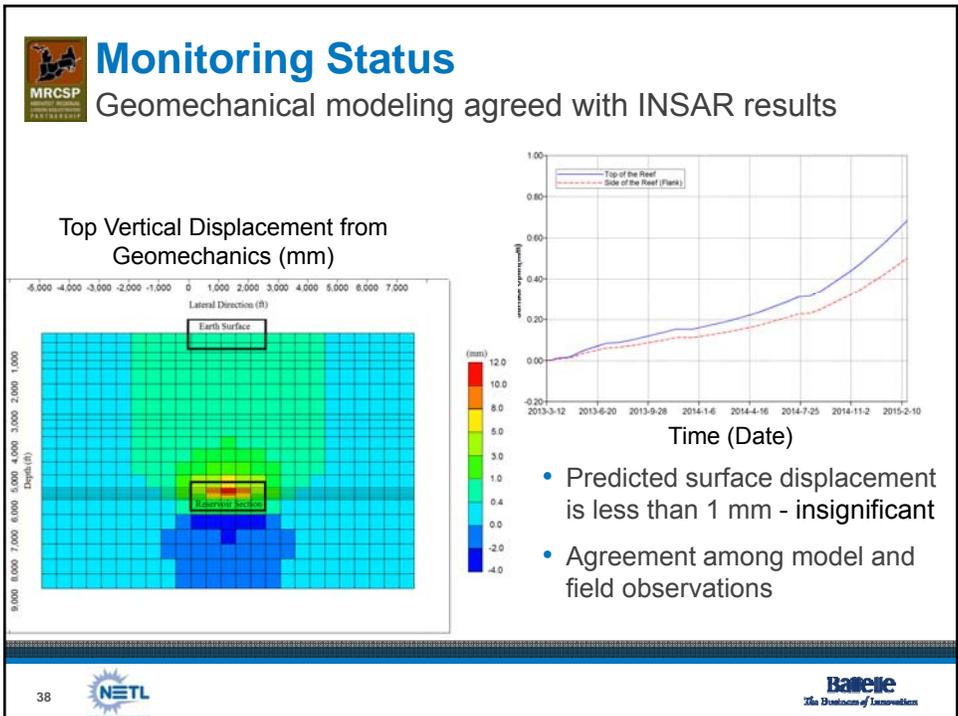
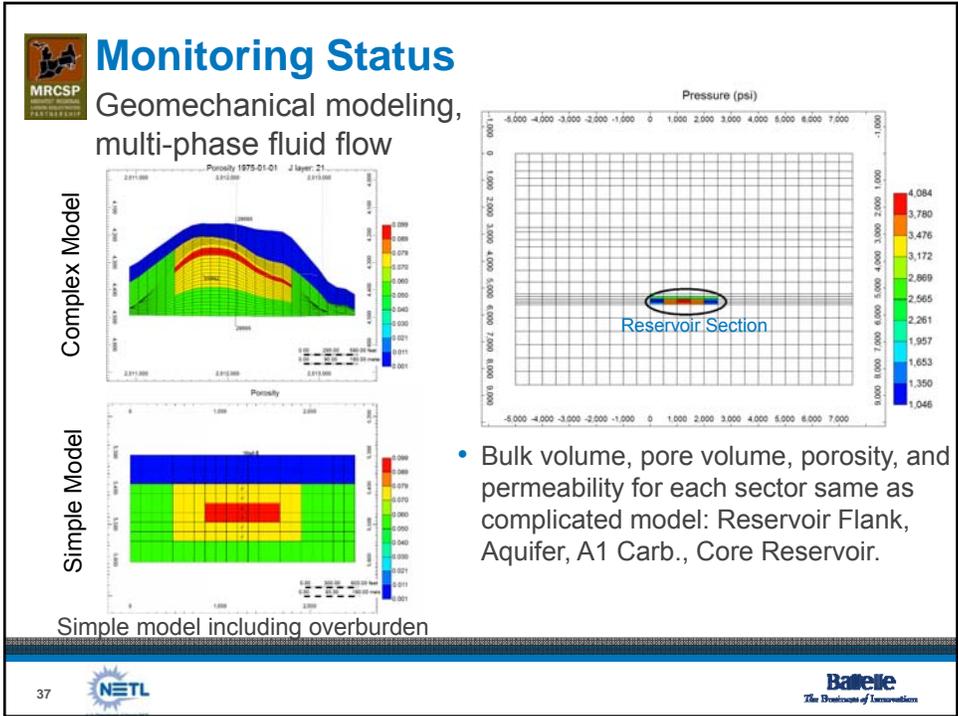


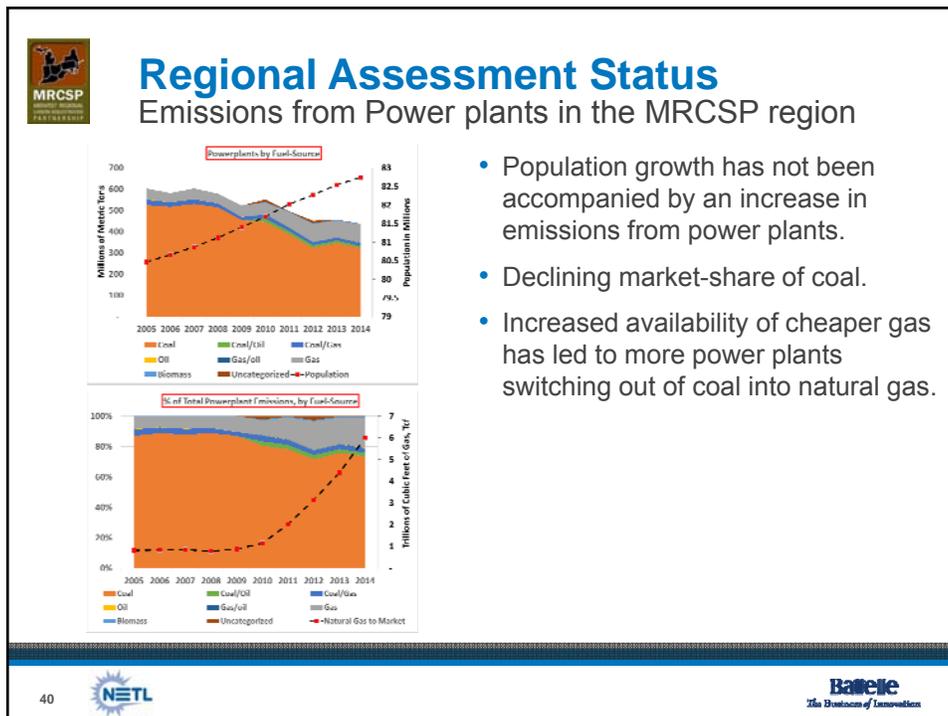
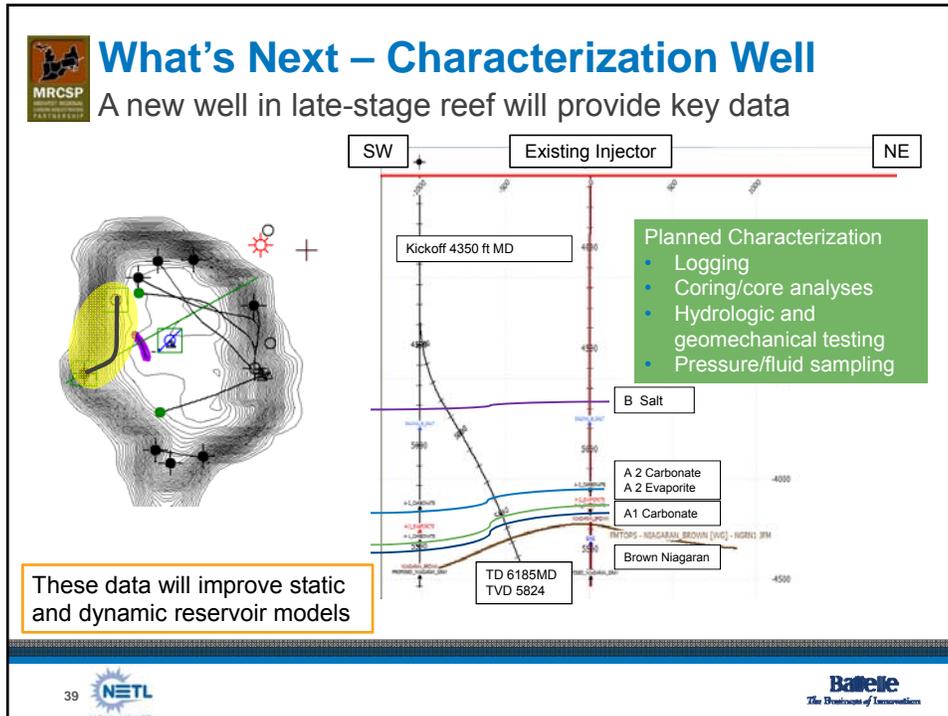






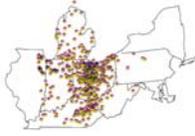






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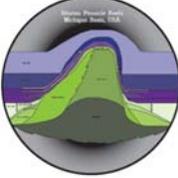
MRCSP 10-State team conducting regional studies



**Cambro-Ordovician Storage Potential**  
*Led by Indiana*



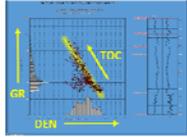
**East Coast Offshore and Onshore Storage Targets**  
*Led by Rutgers*



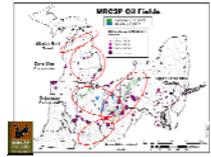
**Silurian Pinnacle Reef Reservoirs**  
*Led by W. Michigan University*



**CCUS Opportunities in Appalachian Basin**  
*Led by Pennsylvania*



**Storage and Enhanced Gas Recovery for Organic Shale**  
*Led by Kentucky*



**Reservoirs for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, EGR, and other Commercial Uses**  
*Led by West Virginia*

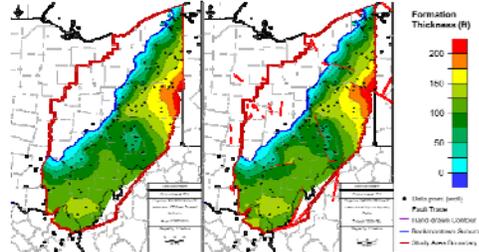
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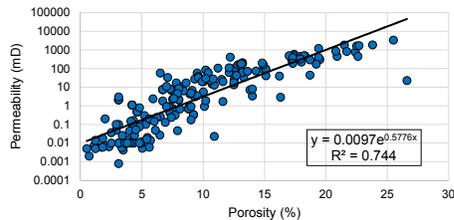
## Regional Assessment – Upper Ohio Valley

### Use of Multiple Datasets for Regional Analysis

- Dataset varies throughout the region, formation by formation:
  - Basic and advanced wireline data synthesis
  - Core analysis for geomechanical, petrophysical, and porosity-permeability assessment
  - Facies analysis using petrophysical and statistical methods
  - Depth, structure, isopach, thickness, and porosity map generation by formation
  - Regional formation assessment for storage potential



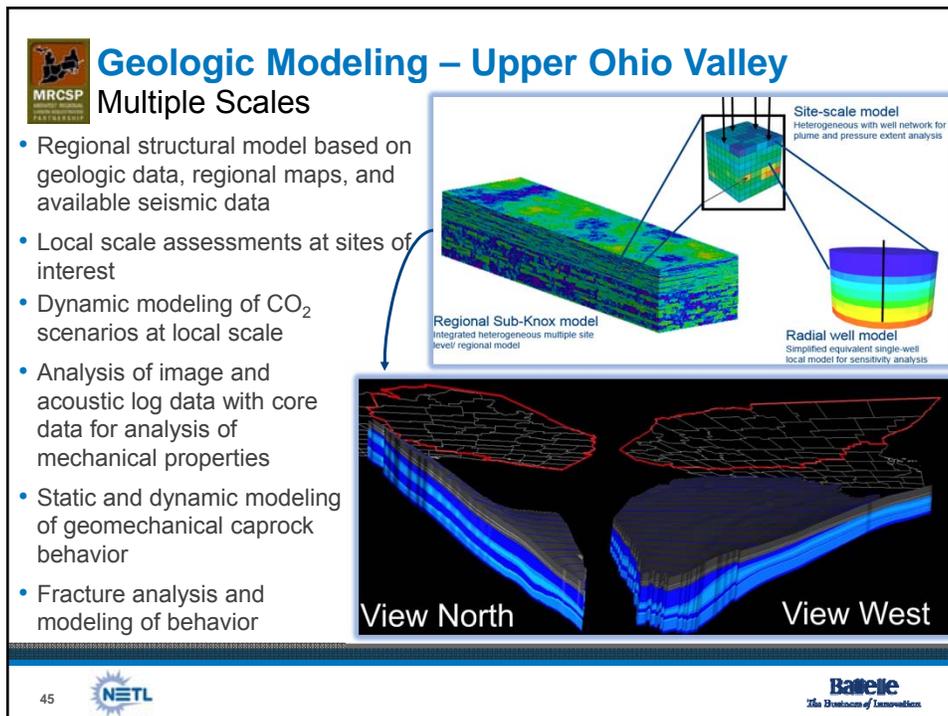
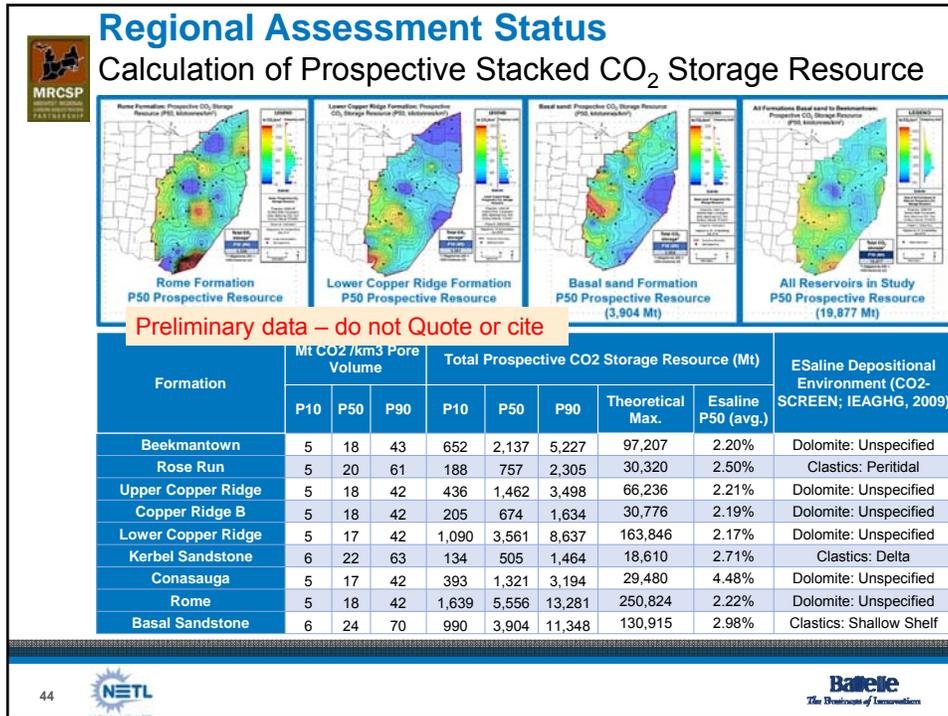
**Rose Run Porosity Permeability Transform**



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Co-Funded by **Ohio** Development Services Agency



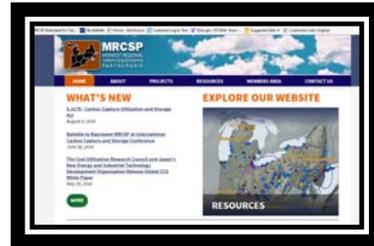




## Outreach Status

Technology transfer is a growing focus

- Convening/participating in the Outreach Working Group
- Communicating results to a broad audience via site visits, fact sheets, conference and meetings, and the website
- Topical highlights:
  - CO<sub>2</sub> accounting in closed reservoirs
  - Performance Measures
  - Numerical Modeling
  - Monitoring-Modeling Loop
  - Regional Storage Opportunities
- MRCSP website moving to a mobile friendly platform (transitioning in August)



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## Accomplishments

MRCSP positioned for developing its storage potential

- ~575,000 metric tons injected across all reefs (ongoing)
- Completed injection at main test bed
  - Performed microseismic monitoring in final injection stage
  - Post-injection PNC, microgravity, and VSP underway
- Developed performance metrics to assess storage capacity
- Advancements in static and numeric modeling processes
- Collaborative team for regional assessments across ten states
- Technology transfer is focus of outreach

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## Synergy Opportunities

Research is complementary to the RCSP projects

- Knowledge share with Plains CO<sub>2</sub> Partnership on closed reservoirs modeling and monitoring
- Knowledge share with other RCSPs on monitoring technologies and depleted oilfield modeling
- Testing NRAP models and CO<sub>2</sub>Screen tools
- Collaboration with international projects on modeling and CO<sub>2</sub> EOR to Storage transitions
- IEAGHG monitoring/Modeling Network
- Input to DOE Best Practices Manuals

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Key Findings and Lessons Learned

- MRCSP Large-Scale Test ~60% completed with diverse EOR field setting and variety of monitoring options
- Multiple monitoring options are being tested
- Both monitoring and modeling are essential for understanding performance – imperative to be able to do much with limited data
- Regional characterization helping identify new storage zones and estimate storage resources – setting stage for commercial scale CCUS
- Results will contribute to developing standards and best practices, NRAP tools, CO<sub>2</sub> capacity estimate tools

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### Future Plans

- Completing post-injection monitoring and data analysis for late-stage field
- Drilling a new characterization well in late-stage field post-injection, applying results to validate/improve models
- Implementing metering improvements for MVA
- Applying methodologies and lessons to new EOR reefs
- Extending findings to the entire Michigan reef trend
- Expanded technical outreach

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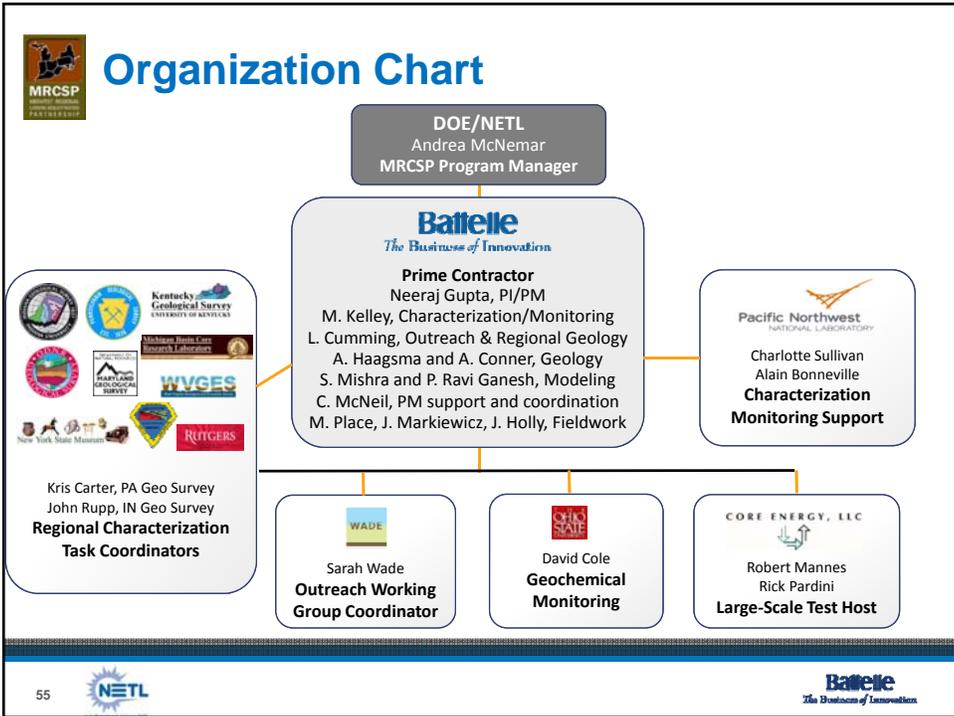
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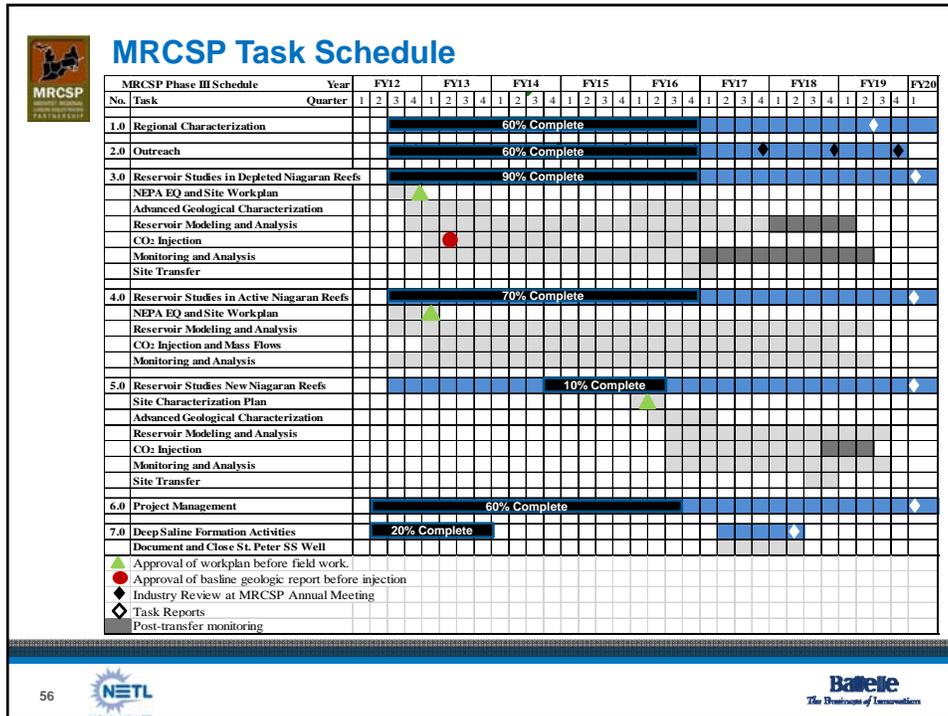
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