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Science-informed Machine Learning to Accelerate  
Real Time (SMART) Decisions in Subsurface Applications

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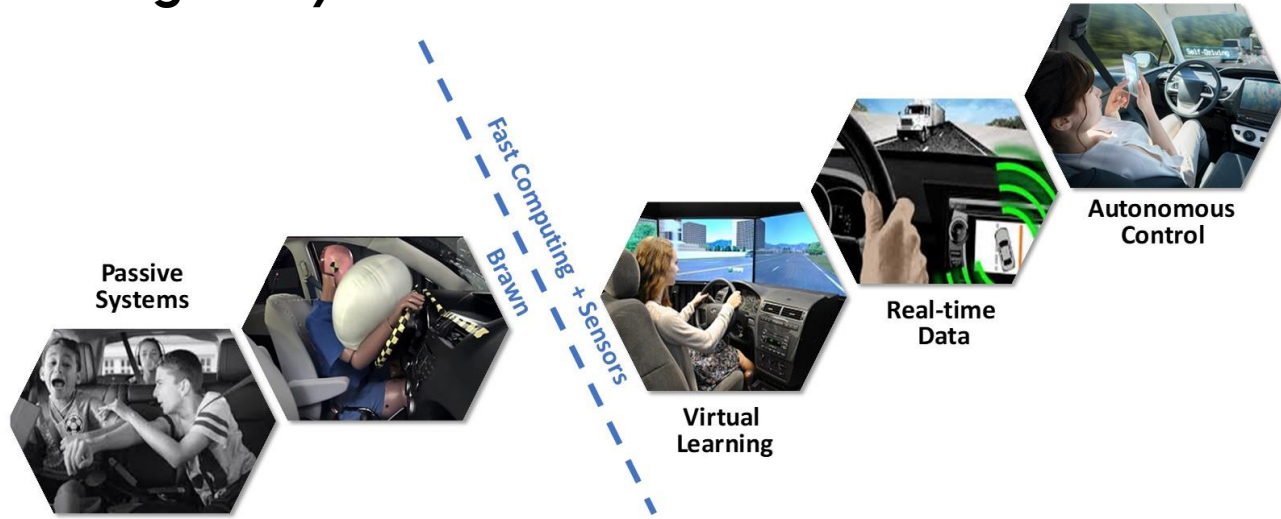
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# Transformational Experience

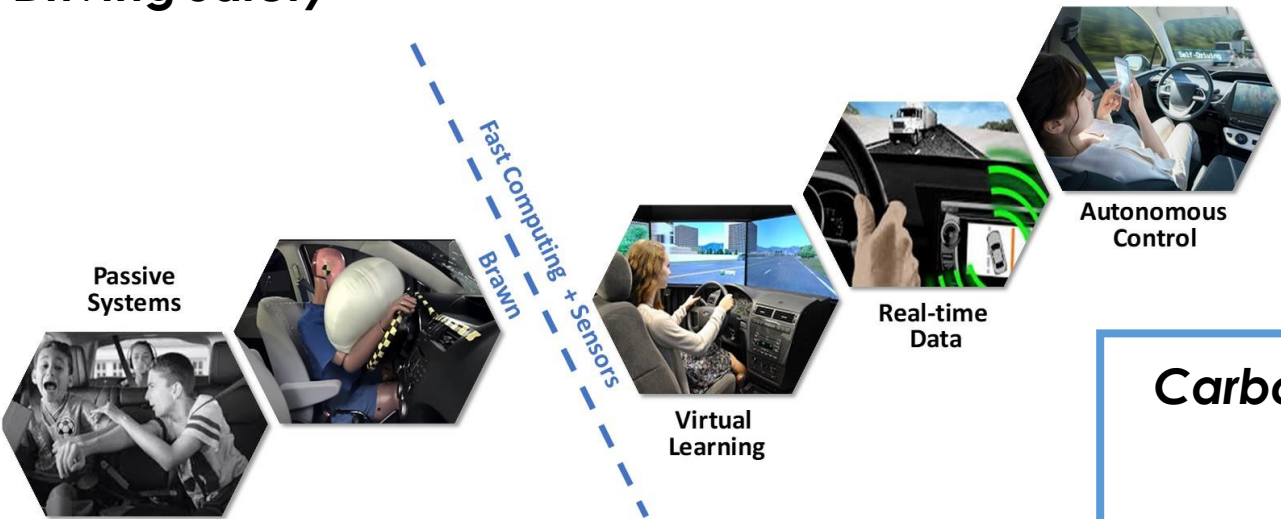
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# Transformational Capability

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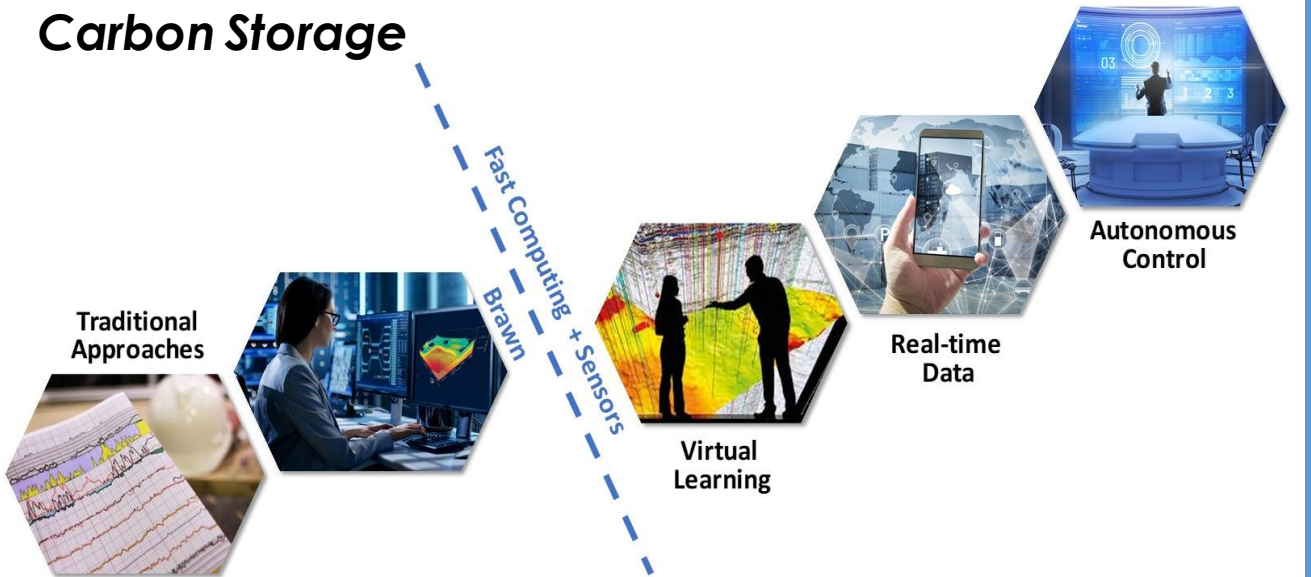
Pattern Recognition

Autonomous Monitoring

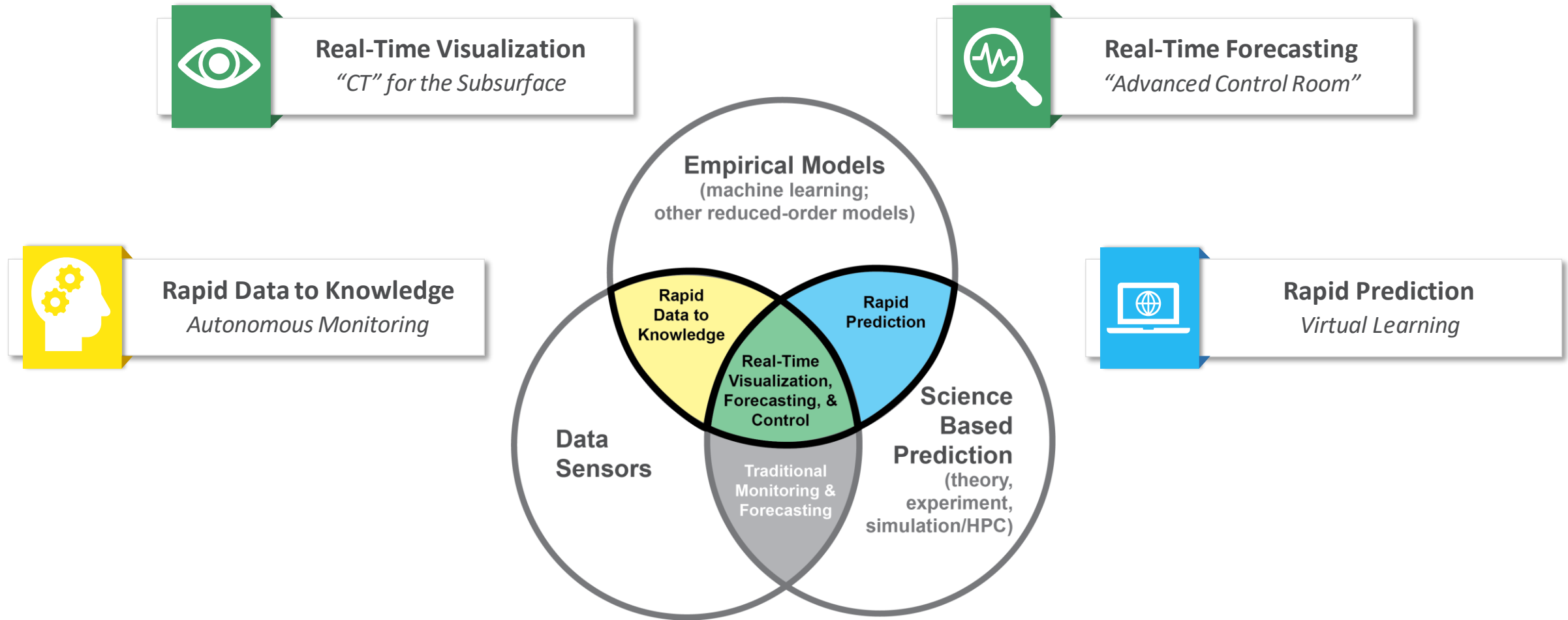
Virtual Reality Learning

Autonomous Control

## Carbon Storage



# Confluence of Data, Computational Capability, and Machine Learning



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“Proof of Concept”



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“Development and Validation”



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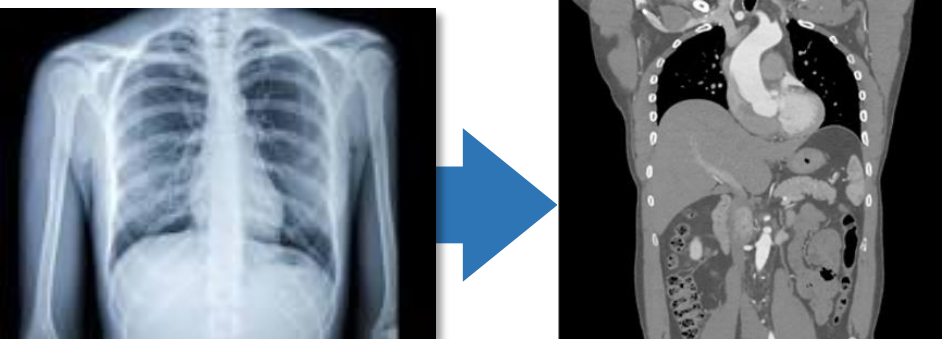
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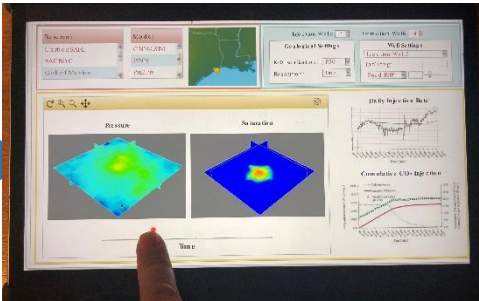
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# Making Better Decisions

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## Decision-makers

Project Engineers

Regulators

High-level Executives

Landowners/Public

## Phases

Site/Field Selection

Permitting

Development

Operations

Closure

## Questions

Is the project safe?

- Will it leak, and if so, where?
- Will it cause induced seismicity?

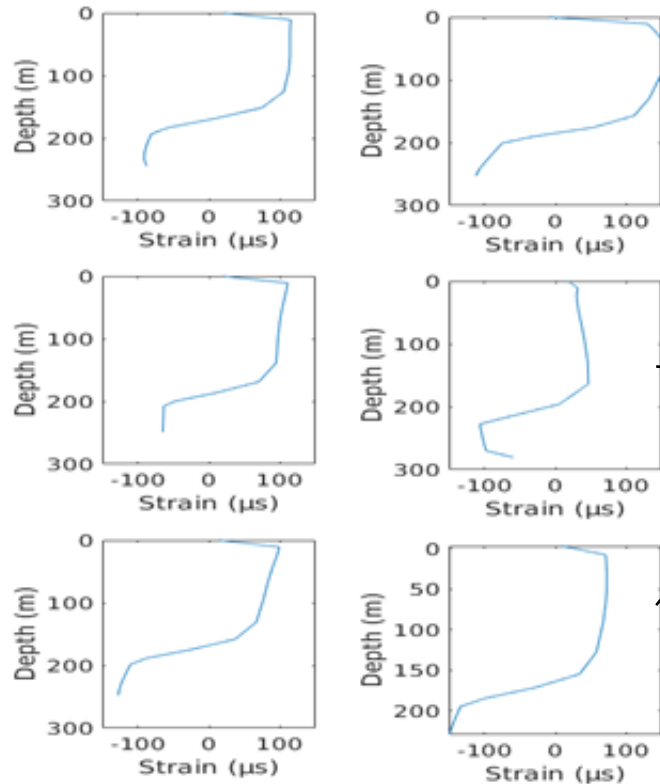
Where is the CO<sub>2</sub> now?

Where should I locate the wells?

# Is the project safe?

Rapid detection of possible hazards reduces project risk

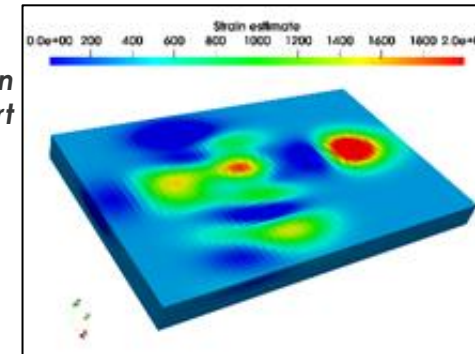
Input: Field data in near real-time



Trained  
ML  
models

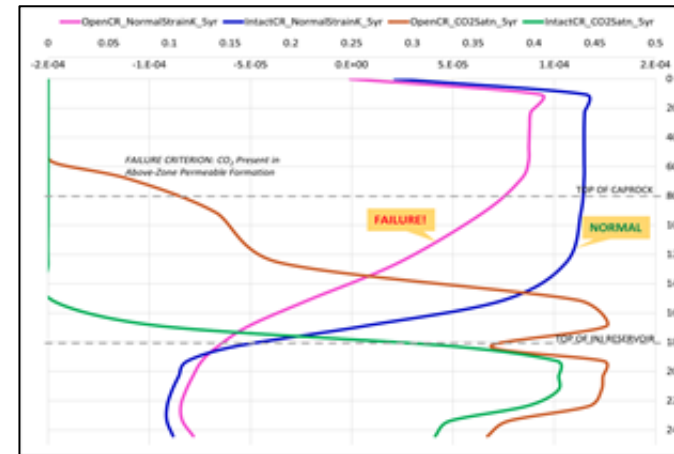
Strain distribution  
X days after start  
of injection

Implementation



1. Deep Learning + Kriging for rapid spatiotemporal prediction and visualization

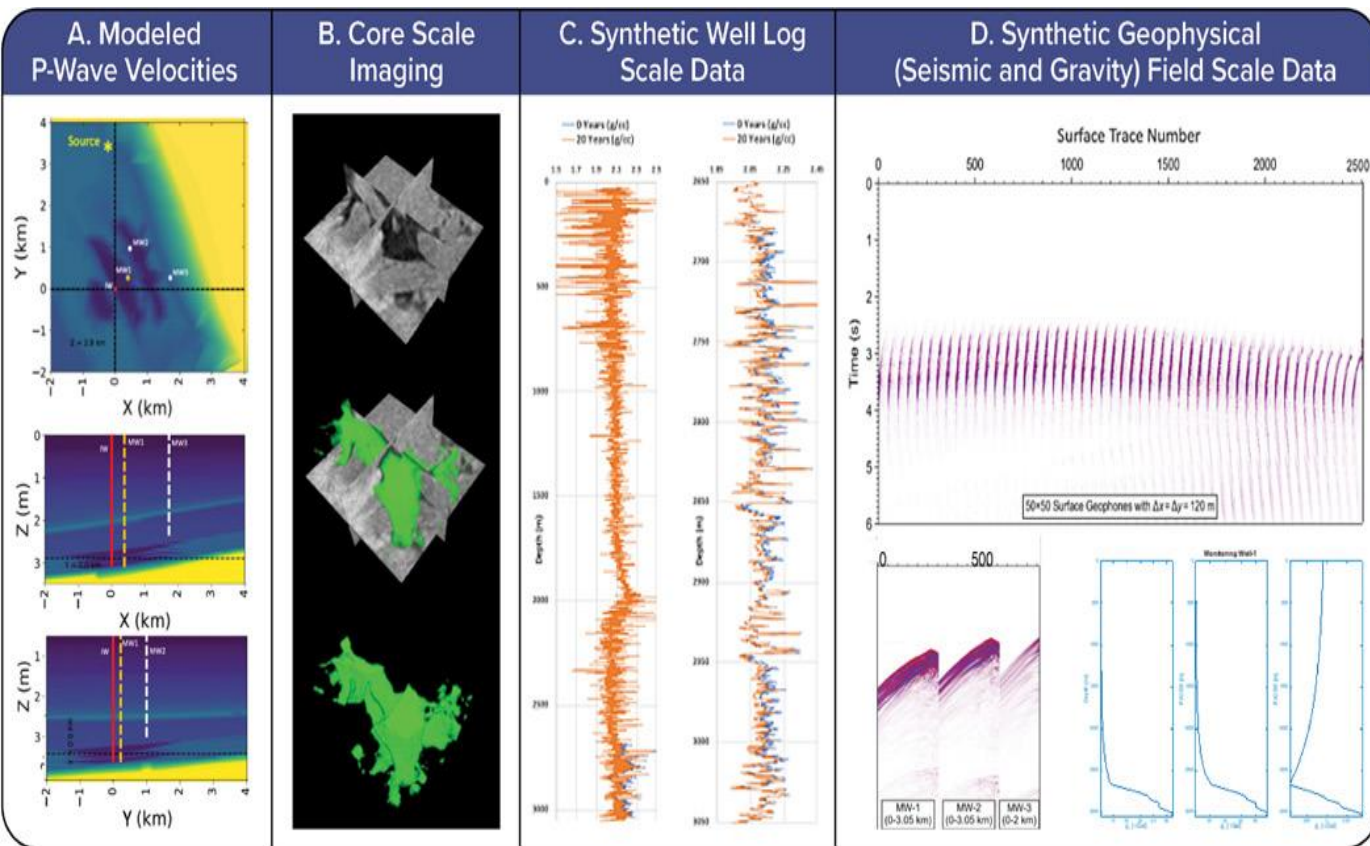
Normal vs.  
abnormal  
behaviour  
detection



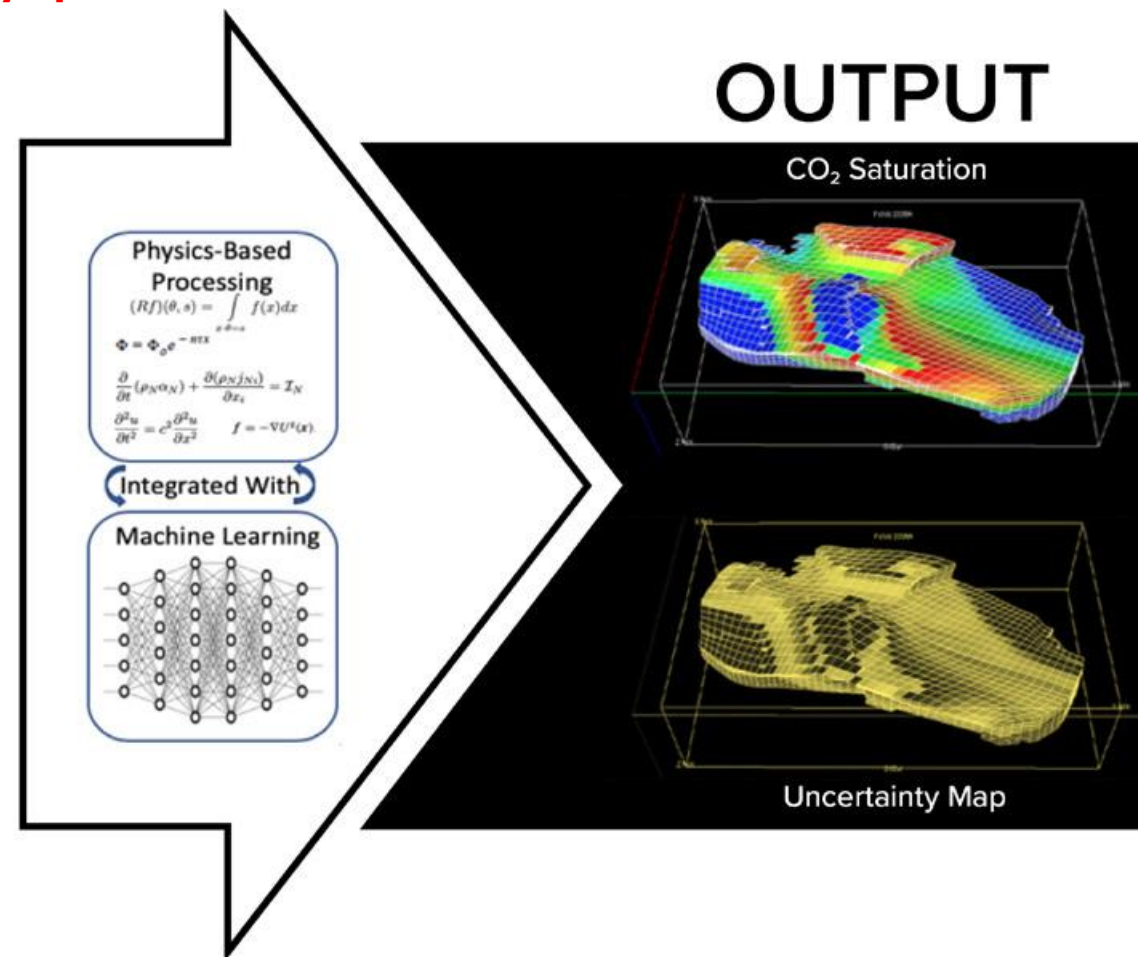
2. ML-based feature recognition and anomaly detection

# Where is the CO<sub>2</sub> now?

Quick updating of CO<sub>2</sub> plume location addresses many questions



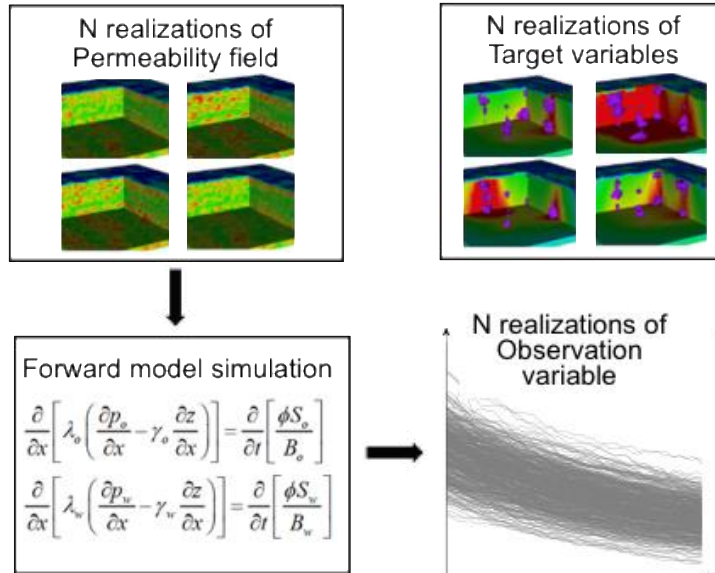
Comprehensive synthetic data sets for realistic site across several scales





# Integrating simulations and data to inform decisions

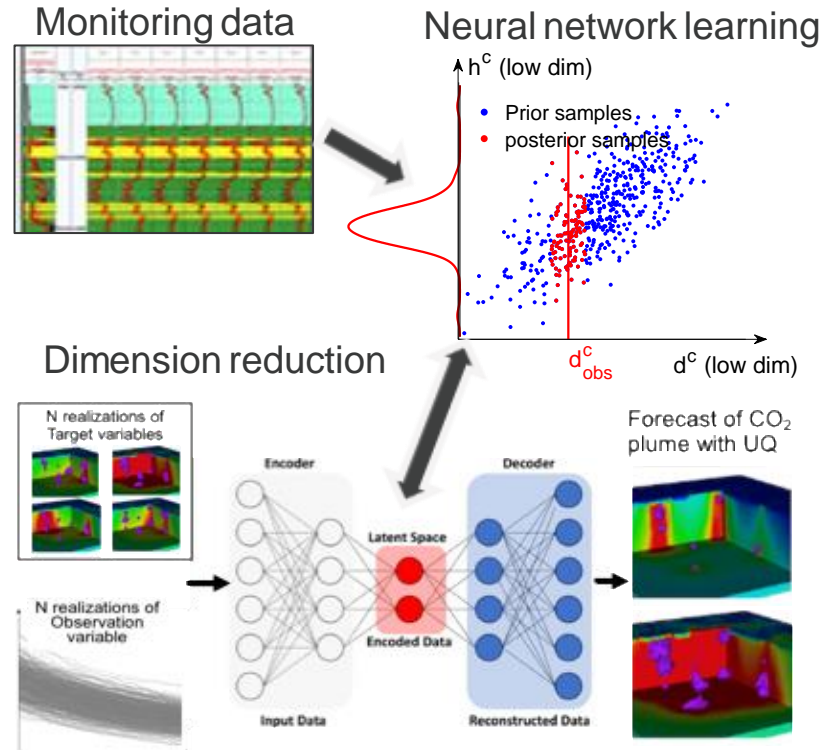
## Reservoir simulations



### Offline simulation

- Fully parallel
- Time: one forward model run
- Considers various uncertainty

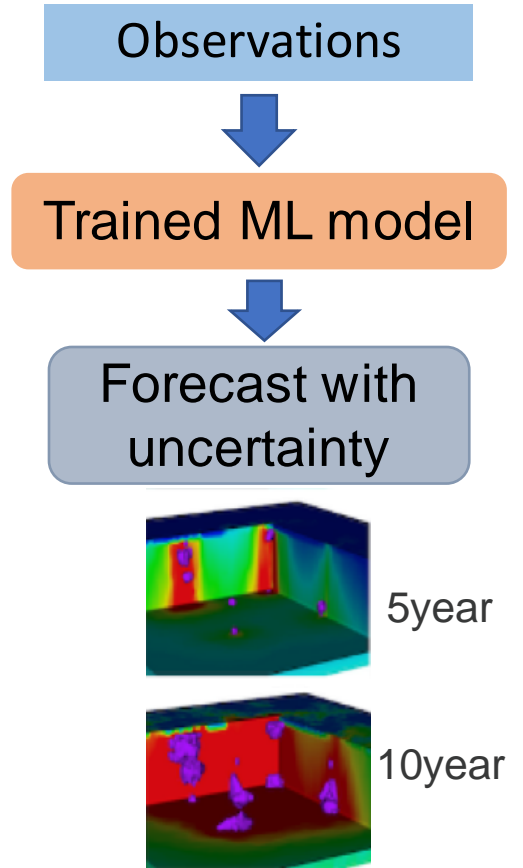
## Machine Learning (ML)



### Online learning

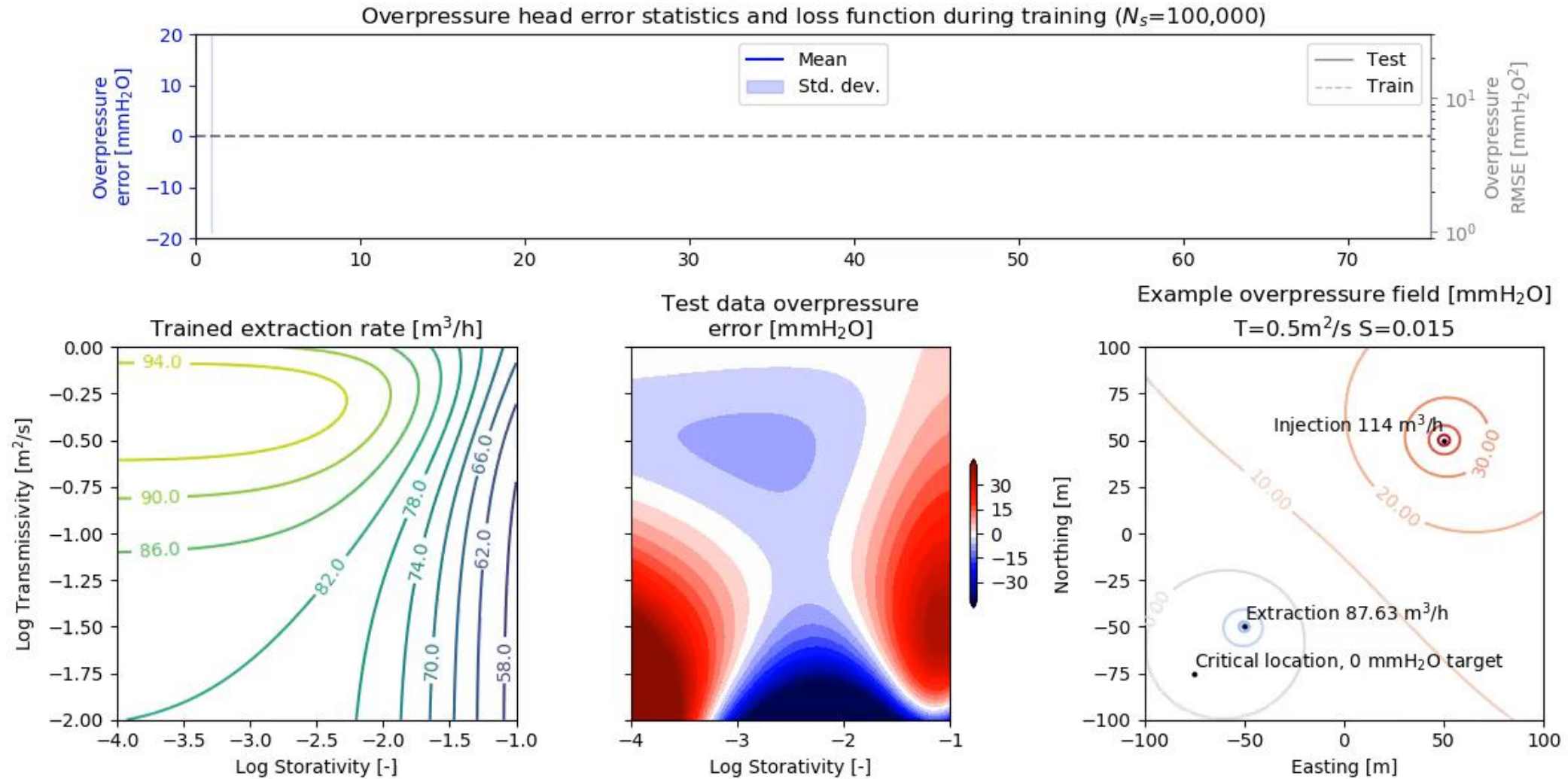
- ML techniques (dimension reduction and BNN learning)
- Time: mins and robust solution

## Deploy



**Deploy an automated and real-time forecast framework**

# Addressing risk and uncertainty

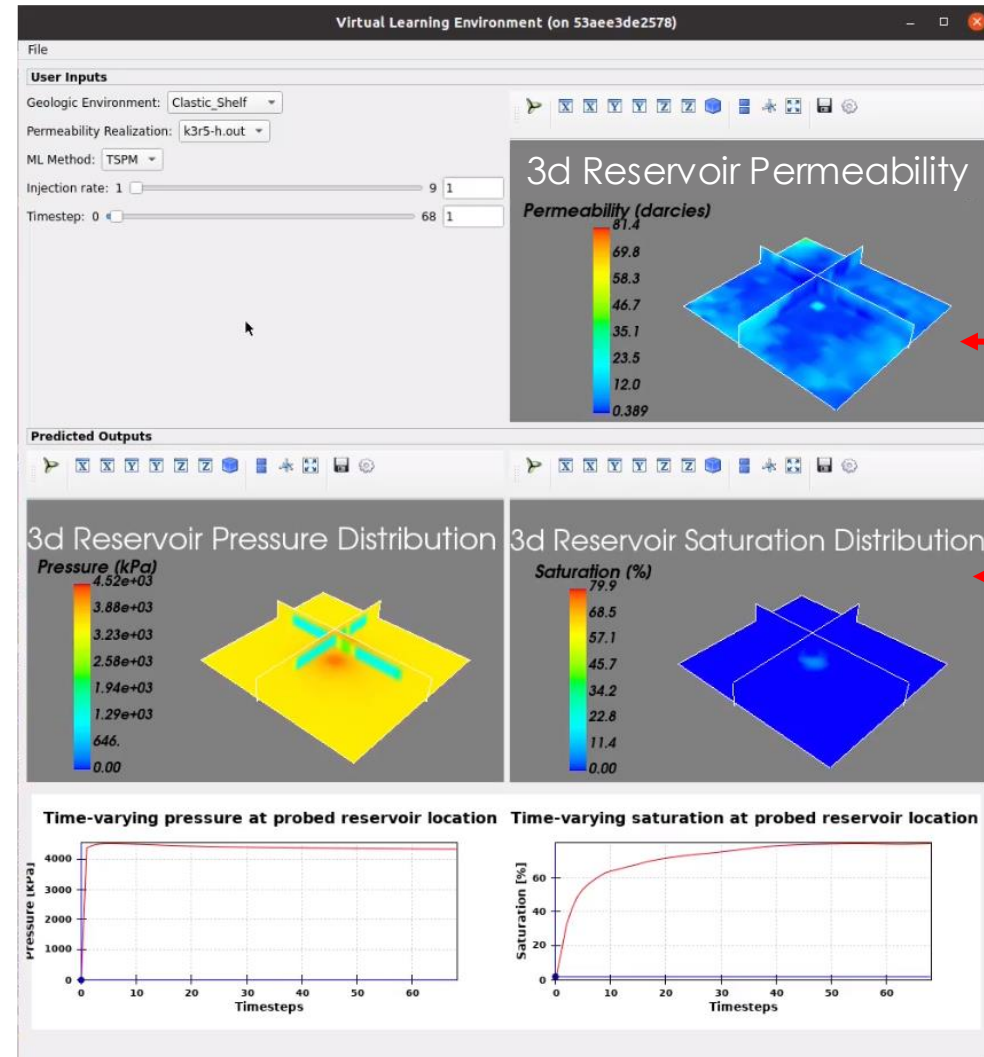


# Virtual Learning Tool

Can we rapidly develop experience among CCS stakeholders to facilitate rapid & safe deployment of large-scale geologic CO<sub>2</sub> storage?

Enable a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE):

- for **testing strategies** to optimize reservoir development
- to evaluate management & monitoring options **prior to field activities**
- enabling **non-experts to explore and learn** how the systems work



Interactively gain intuitive understanding of CO<sub>2</sub> storage site behavior by:

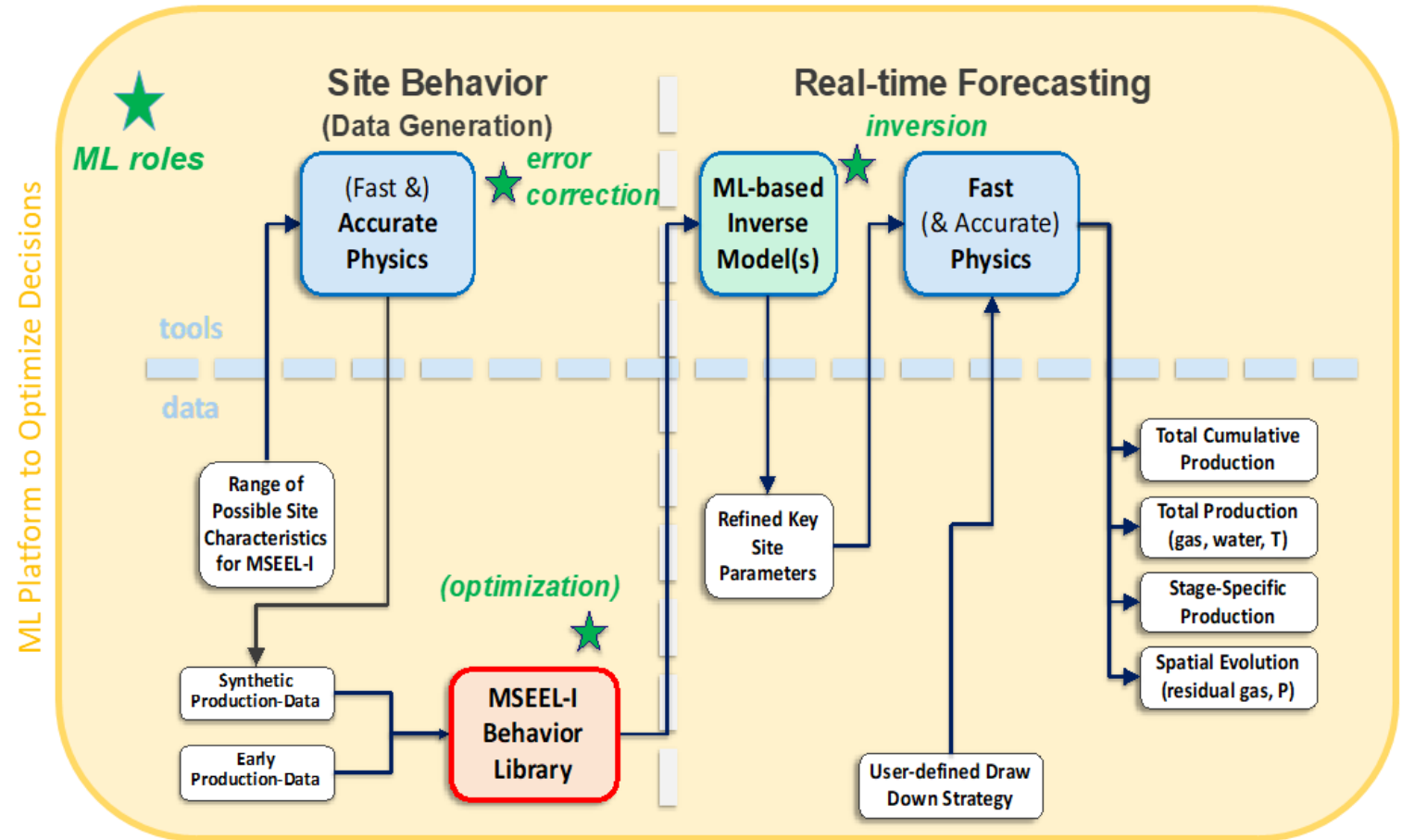
• Manipulating inputs &

• Exploring Outputs



# Work with operators to enable real-time predictions

## MSEEL DOE Field Site





# DOE NAMES PHASE 1 WINNERS IN SMART VISUALIZATION PLATFORM PRIZE CHALLENGE

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- ▶ **Red Volta Visualization Platform.** Submitted by Charles Tanzini and Trevor Nicholson of Raleigh, North Carolina. The developers report that the design and architecture of their platform enables a scalable, multi-user and cross-platform solution. Red Volta's design allows it to be deployed in standalone mode on a dedicated workstation or as a web application that can be used remotely by operators in the field.
- ▶ **Subsurface XR.** Submitted by Alexander Zimmerman, an American student studying geo-resources and materials engineering in Germany. Subsurface XR will apply state-of-the-art game engine and mixed reality technology to provide users with an app they can run on any device to visualize and intuitively interact with geoscientific datasets and models in 3D.
- ▶ **GeoDeck.** Submitted by PetroLern LLC of Brookhaven, Georgia. GeoDeck is a web-based application. GeoDeck will make the interaction between scientific variables and their spatial and temporal dimensions straightforward and intuitive, using virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). Developers claim the ultimate immersive experience is only possible by means of VR and AR. The software is designed to accommodate extended reality integration on the web.
- ▶ **RocVision.** Submitted by Illinois Rocstar LLC of Champaign, Illinois. The RocVision subsurface visualization system is an advanced 3D platform for exploring subsurface data. RocVision allows a user to explore 3D spatial and temporal data with methods used by geoscientists. The final RocVision product will support geoscience workflows in subsurface science while providing advanced 3D, 2D and data processing features, using VR and AR.

# Summary

- **Proof of Concept Phase nearly complete (December)**
- **Developing transformational approaches to enable real-time visualization, real-time forecasting, and virtual learning**
- **Focus is NOT on building new models to replace reservoir simulators at early project stages, but rather to create tools that use existing models/knowledge with data to enable better decisions**
- **Addressing issues:**
  - data formatting and standardization,
  - integrating multiple data streams,
  - testing and training new algorithms for specific use
- **Phase II will focus on site-specific development and validation of SMART tools and approaches, in partnership with operators and other users**

# Upcoming presentations

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- **August Carbon Management and Oil and Gas Program Review Meetings**

- Four presentations on SMART Carbon Management (Tasks 2-5) on the afternoon of Friday, August 6, from 1:40-3:10 pm ET
- Two presentations on SMART Oil and Gas (Tasks 6-7) on Monday, August 23 at 4:20-5:00 pm ET.

# Thank You!

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