



# USM – Unified Simulation Module

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

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# Outline of the talk

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- Overview: The Role of USM in SMART
- USM tool – Features and Workflow
  - Data Management
  - Forward ML Models Execution
- Example Usage - Illinois Basin Decatur Projects (IBDP)
- Next Steps
- Impact – How will the USM help the CCS industry?

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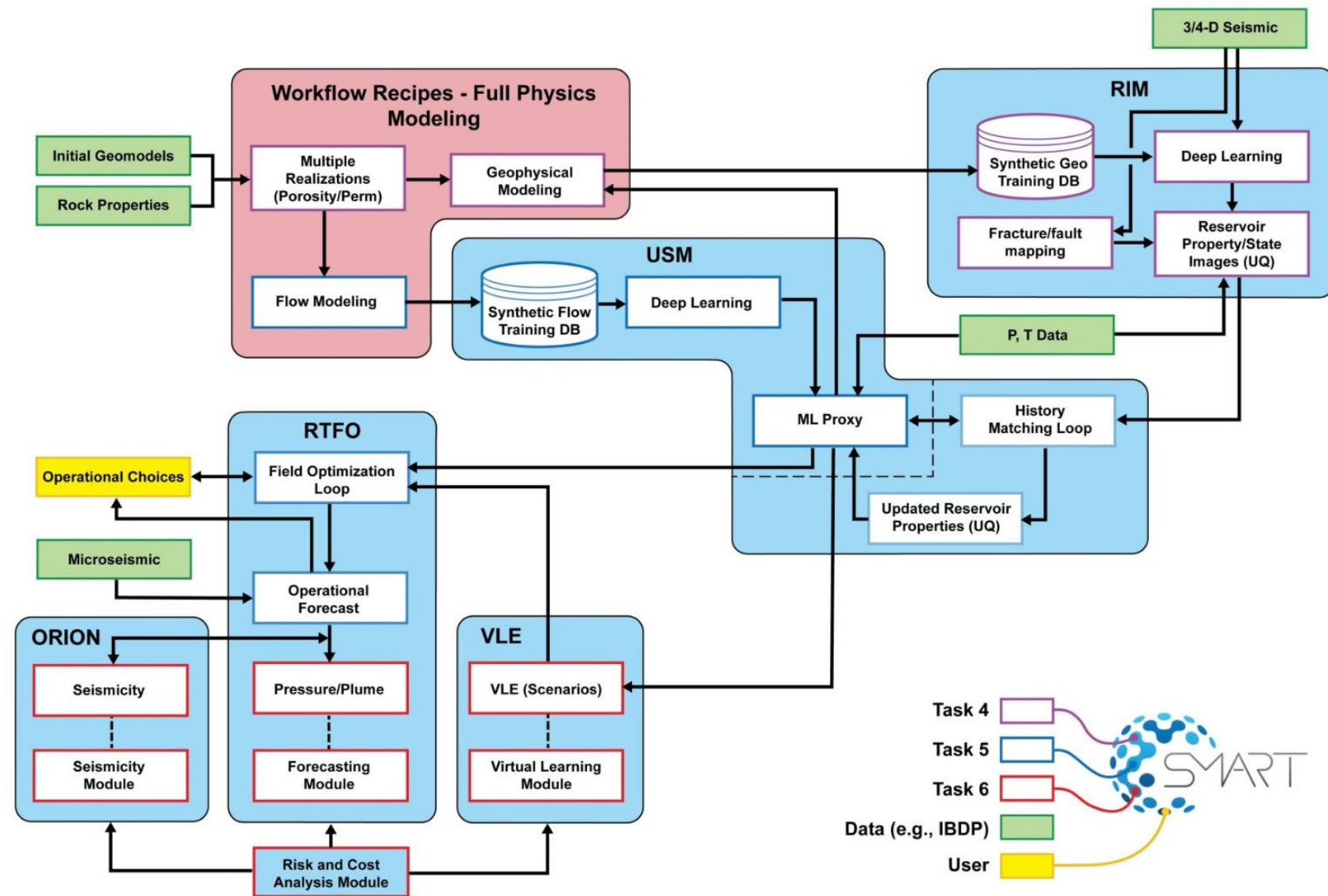
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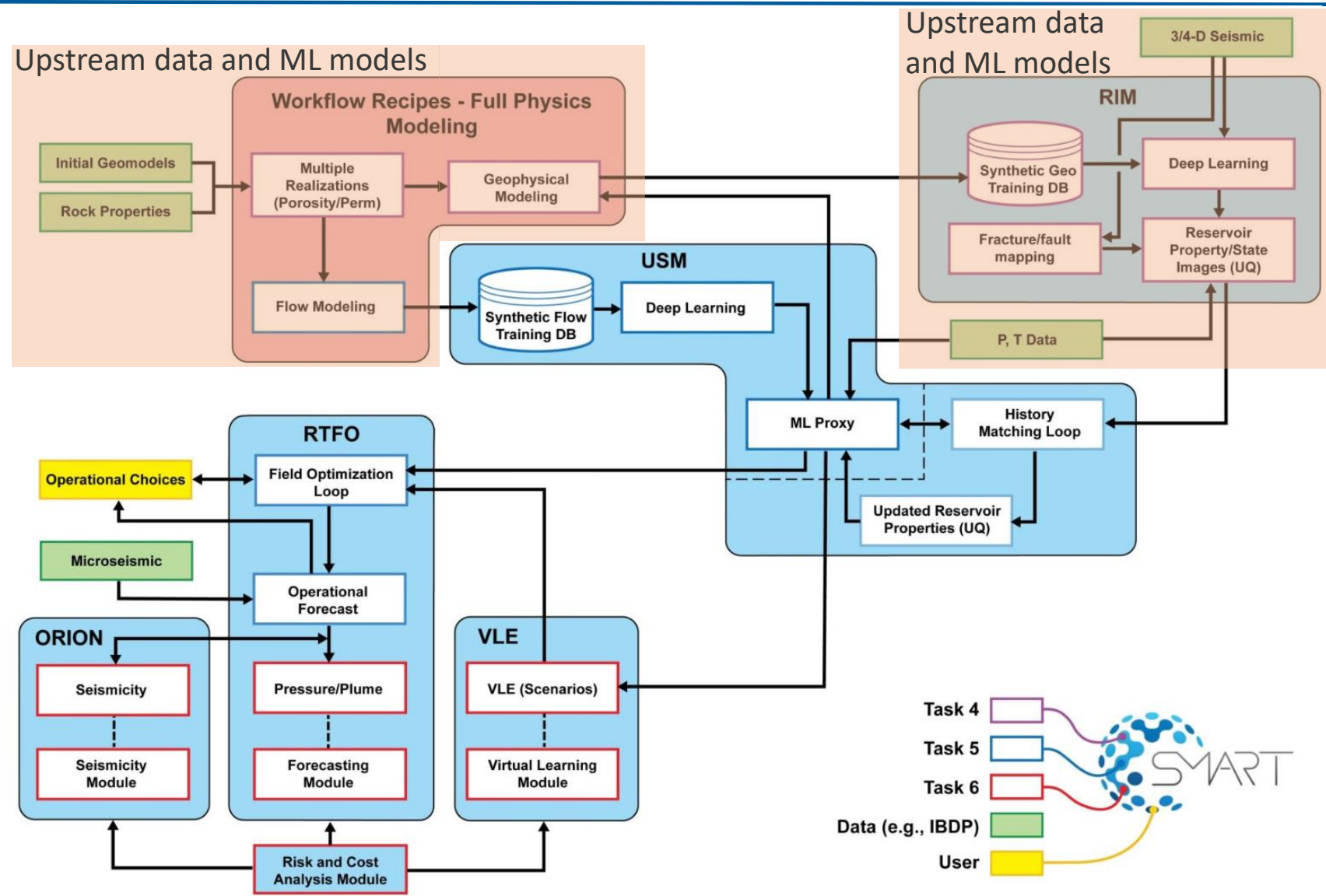
# USM's Role in SMART

USM is a common framework for sharing data & ML models across SMART tools.



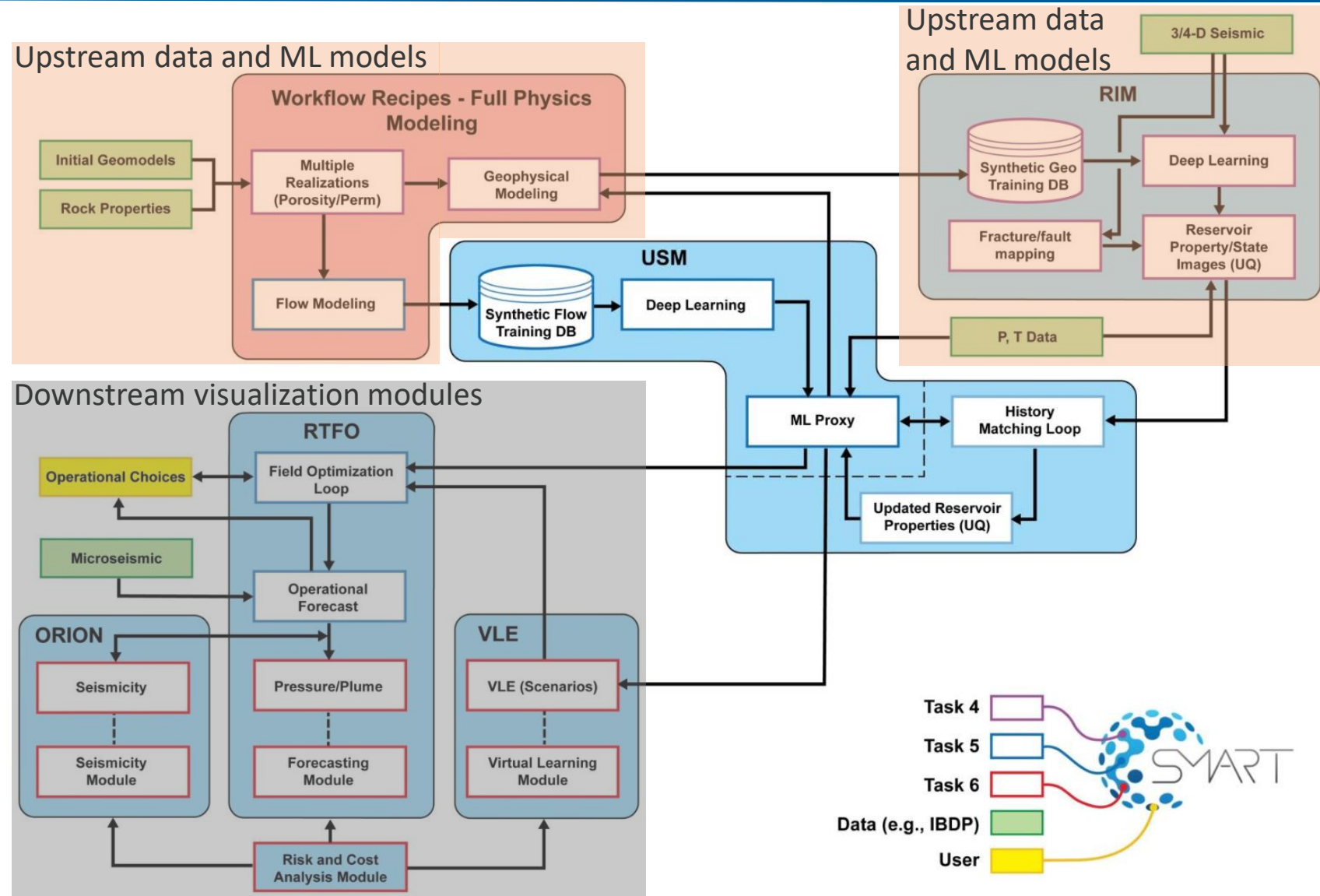
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# Tool Features

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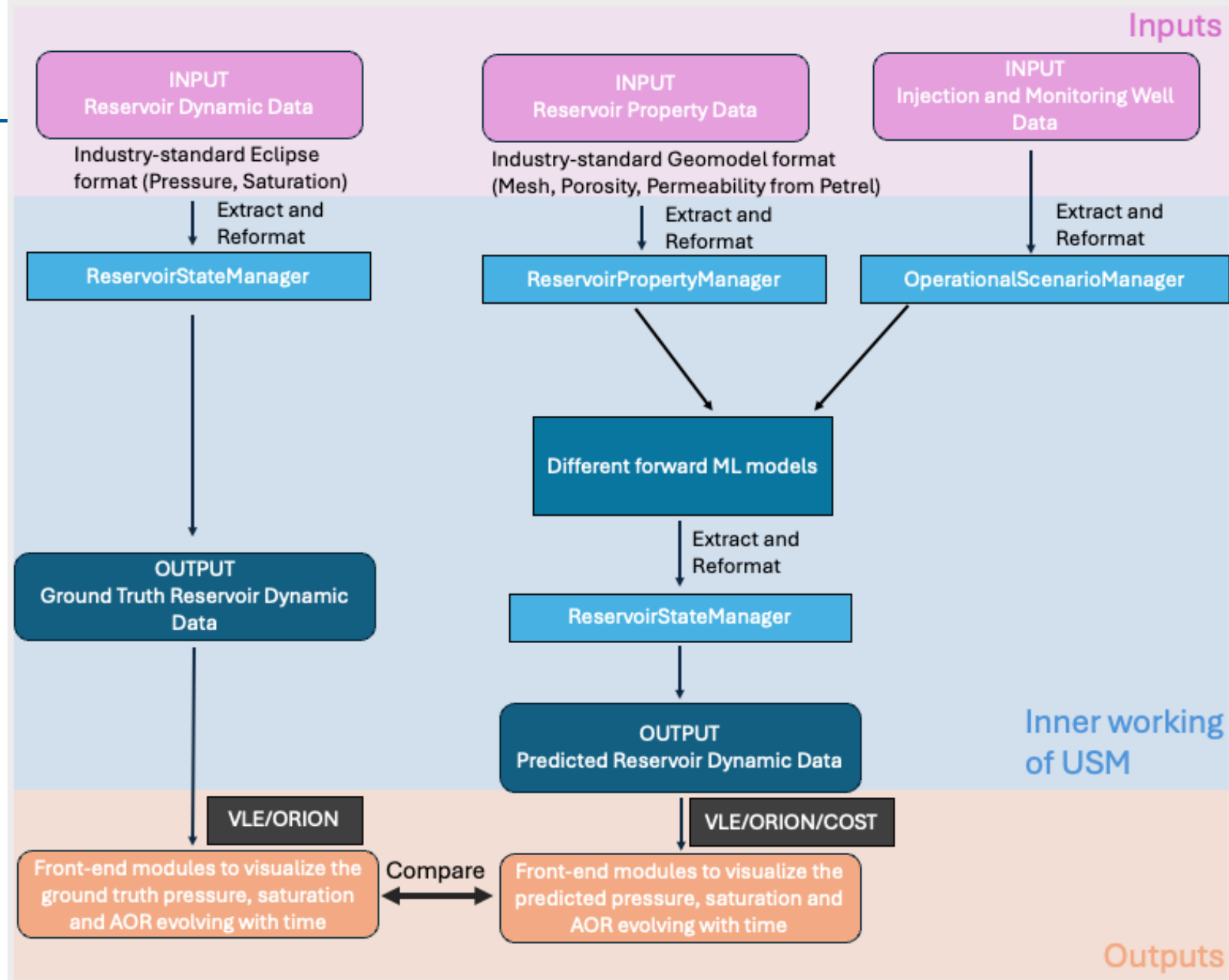
- **Data Managers – data extraction and management from industry-standard geologic and reservoir model data formats**
  - (1) **Reservoir Property Manager**
    - Static reservoir property data: e.g. porosity and permeability
  - (2) **Reservoir State Manager**
    - Dynamic reservoir data: e.g. pressure and CO<sub>2</sub> saturation
  - (3) **Operational Scenario Manager**
    - Injection & monitoring wells: e.g. injection rate and bottomhole pressure
- **Organizes ML-based surrogated models into a centralized platform**

Reservoir flow simulator for rapid prediction of reservoir responses

# Tool Workflows

## Status

- Data extraction from industry-standard format
- Data sharing for visualization modules
- ML-based reservoir flow simulator

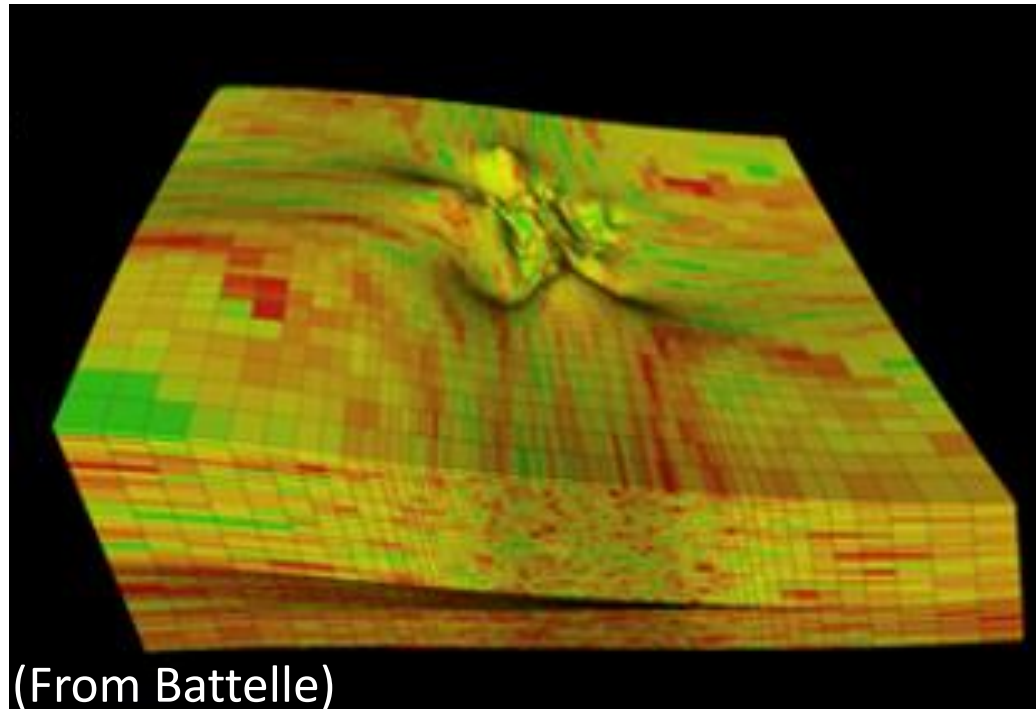




# Example Usage – Illinois Basin Decatur Projects (IBDP)

Reservoir property manager

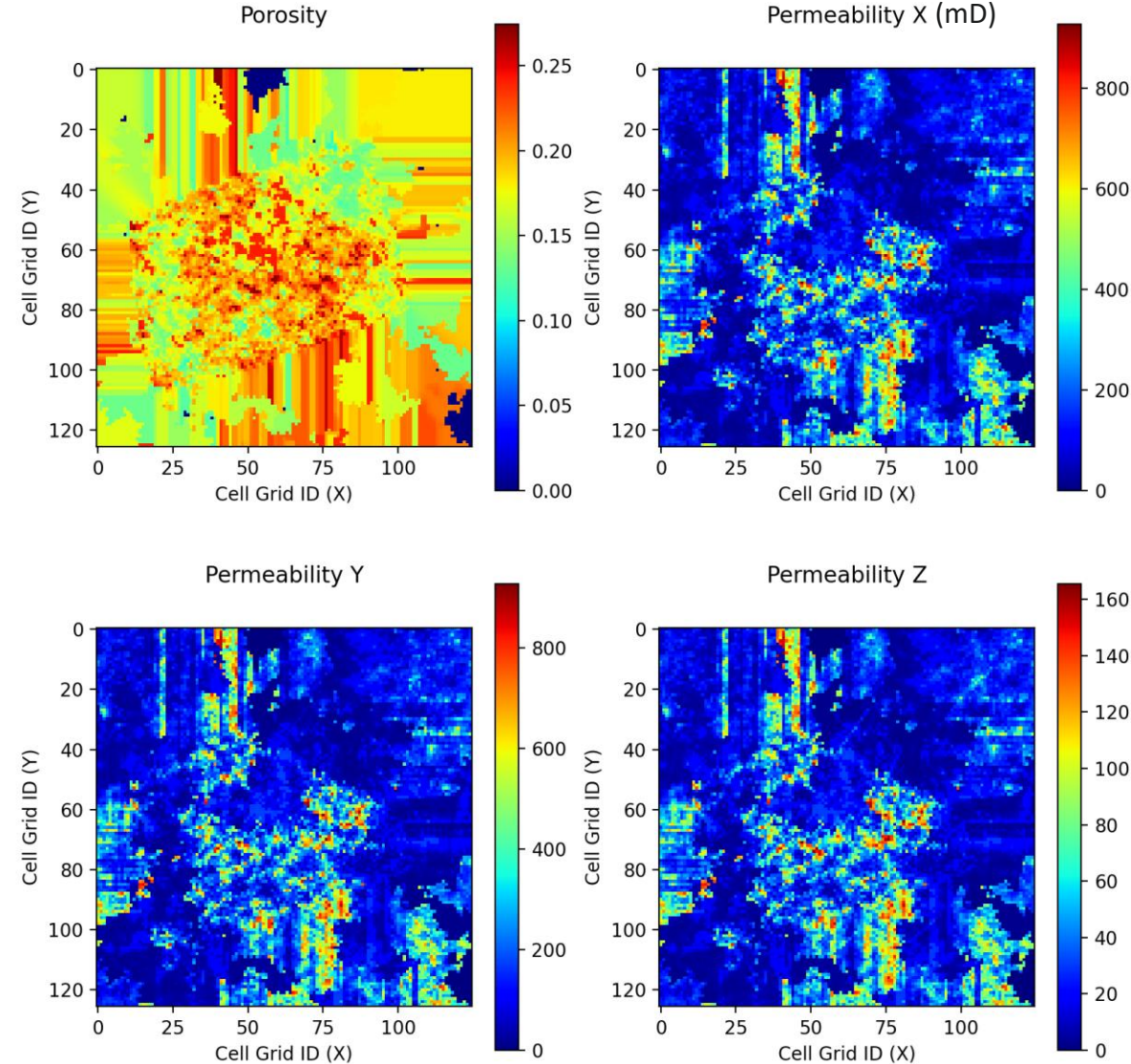
USM reads geomodels (GRDECL file format from Petrel)



(From Battelle)

$nx=126, ny=125, nz=110$   
(1.73 M cells)

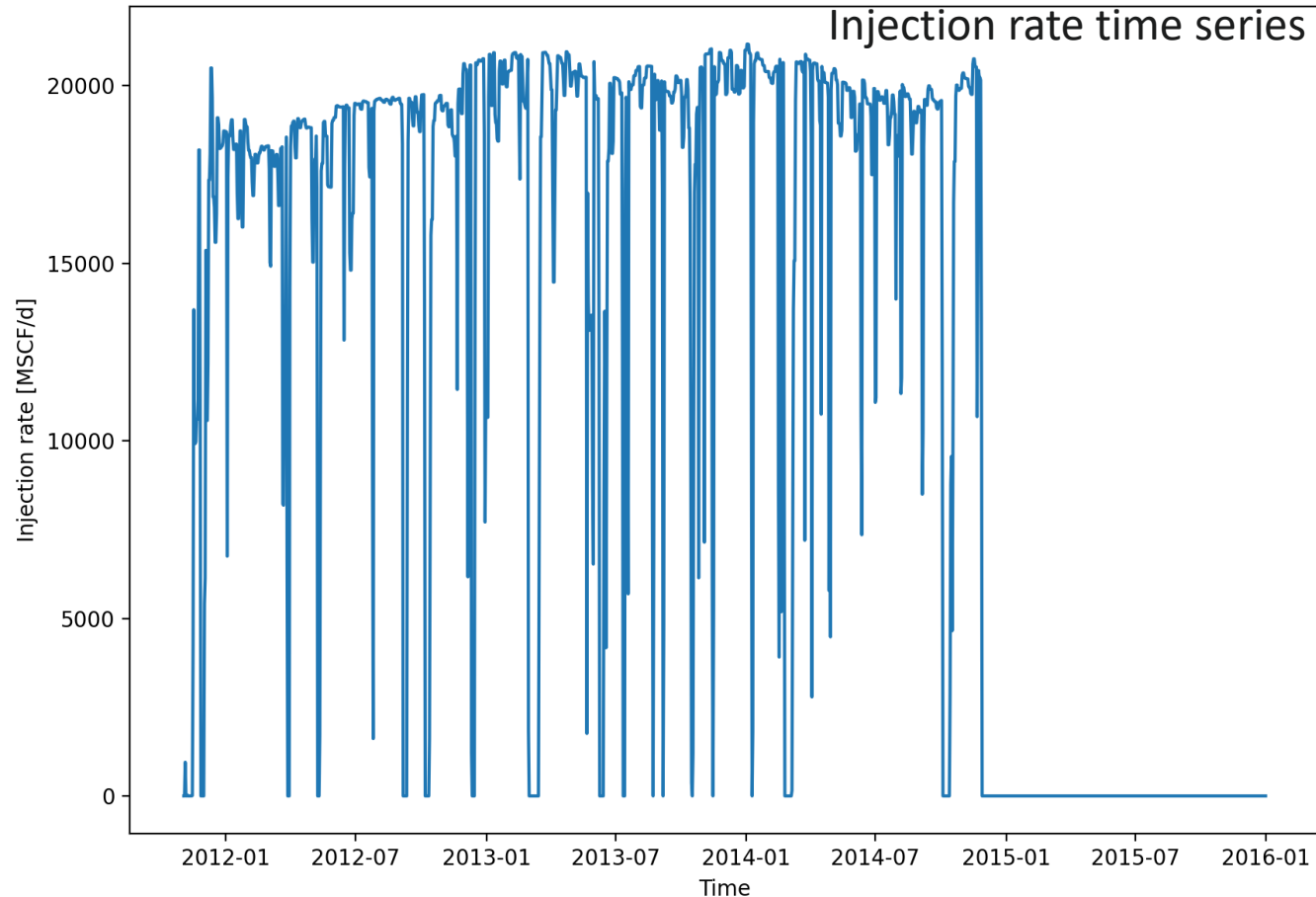
At a certain  
depth



# Example Usage – Illinois Basin Decatur Projects (IBDP)

Operational scenario manager

## USM reads injection-related files



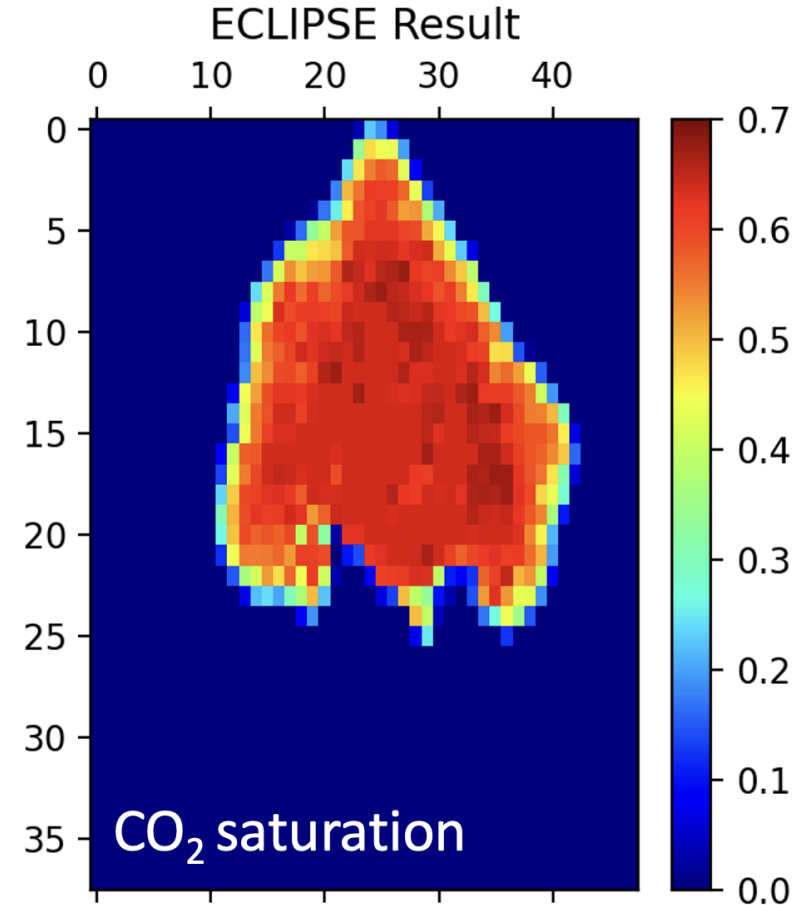
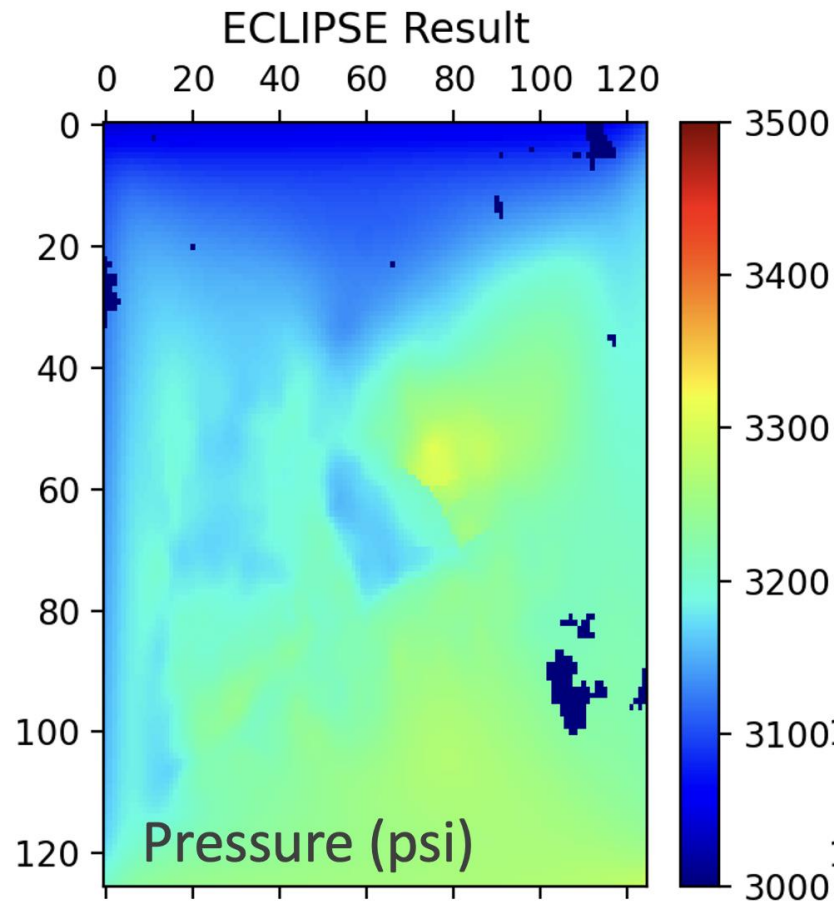
Operational injection started on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and was completed successfully on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with a total volume of 999,231 tons.

# Example Usage – Illinois Basin Decatur Projects (IBDP)

Reservoir state manager

## USM reads dynamic models (GRDECL file format from Eclipse)

Visualized at a certain time and a certain depth



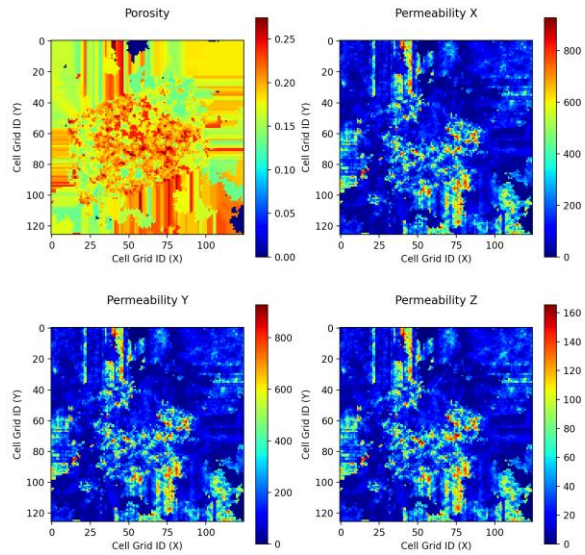


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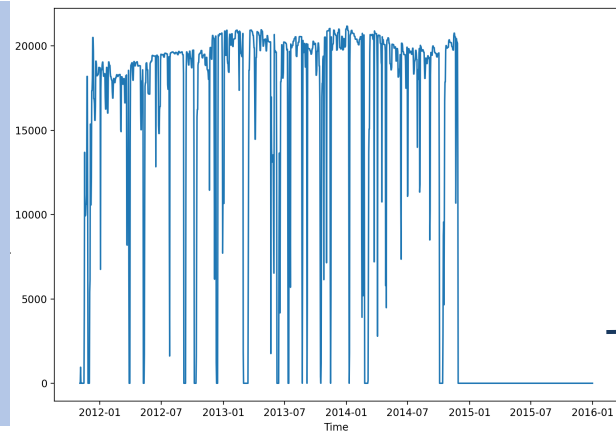
Reservoir flow simulator

## USM executes ML-based reservoir simulators

Reservoir Property



Operational Scenario



ML models in USM:  
(1) UNet-MLP (developed by UTBEG)  
(2) DeepONet, CNN-LSTM (developed by SNL)

Predicted Reservoir State Manager (stores pressure, saturation) in USM

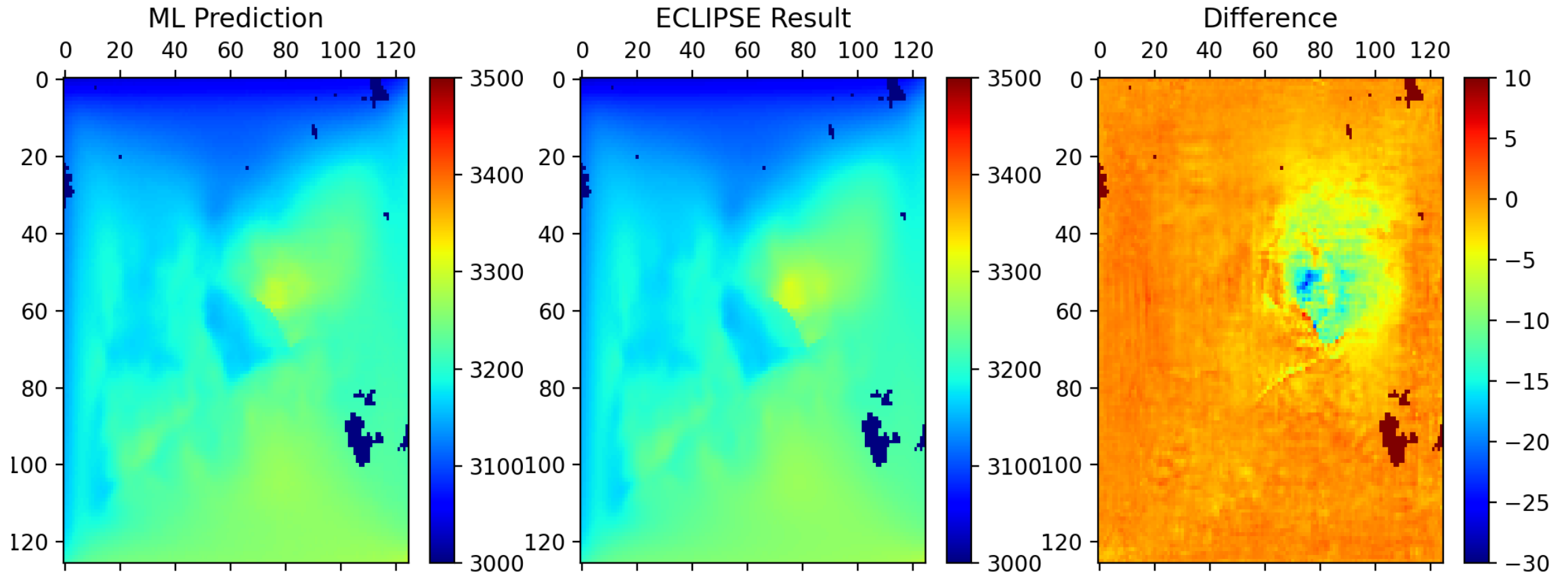
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Ground Truth Reservoir State Manager in USM extracted from Eclipse exports

# Example Usage – Illinois Basin Decatur Projects (IBDP)

Reservoir flow simulator

## Comparisons between reservoir responses (Pressure in psi)



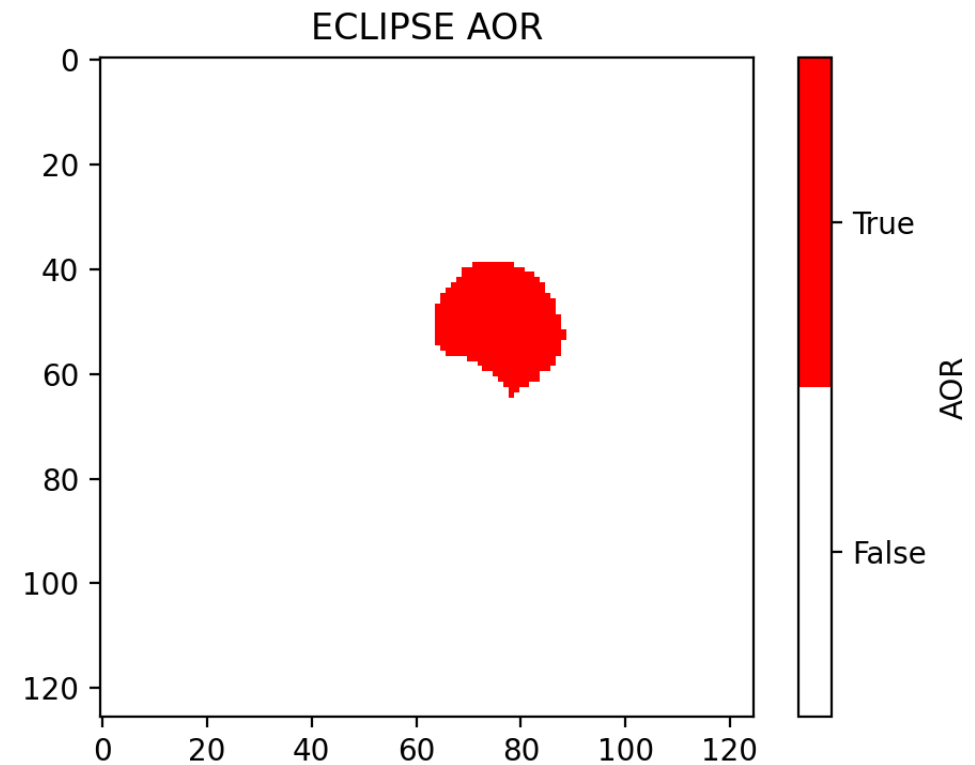
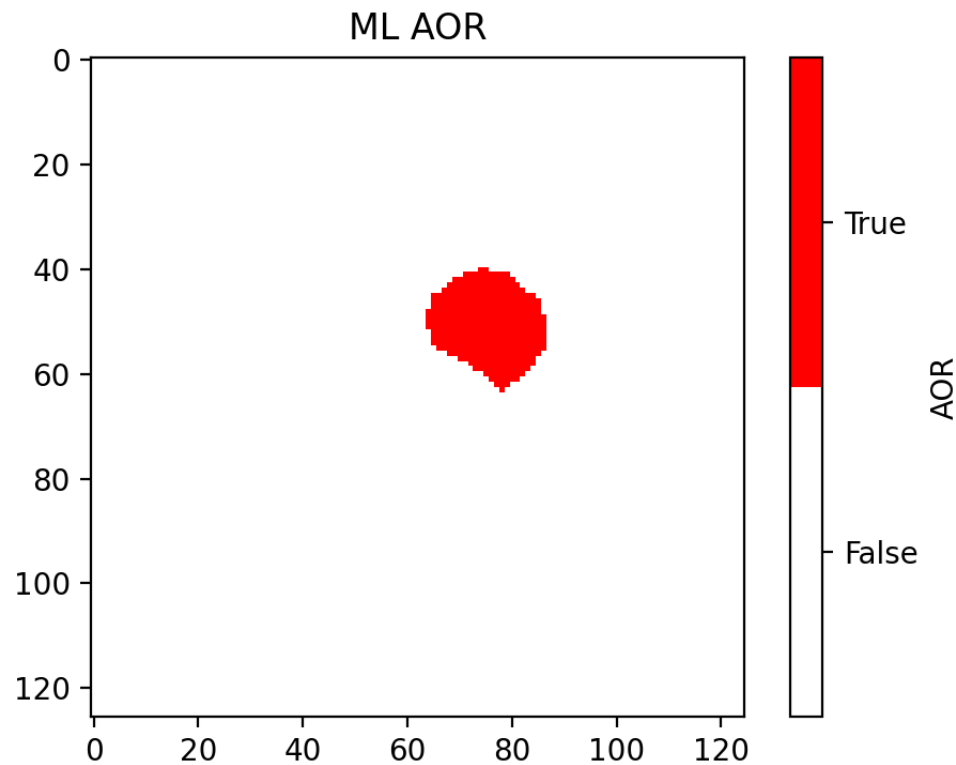
Visualized at a certain time and a certain depth

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Reservoir flow simulator

## Comparisons between reservoir responses (Pressure in psi)

Pressure Front ( > 96 psi)



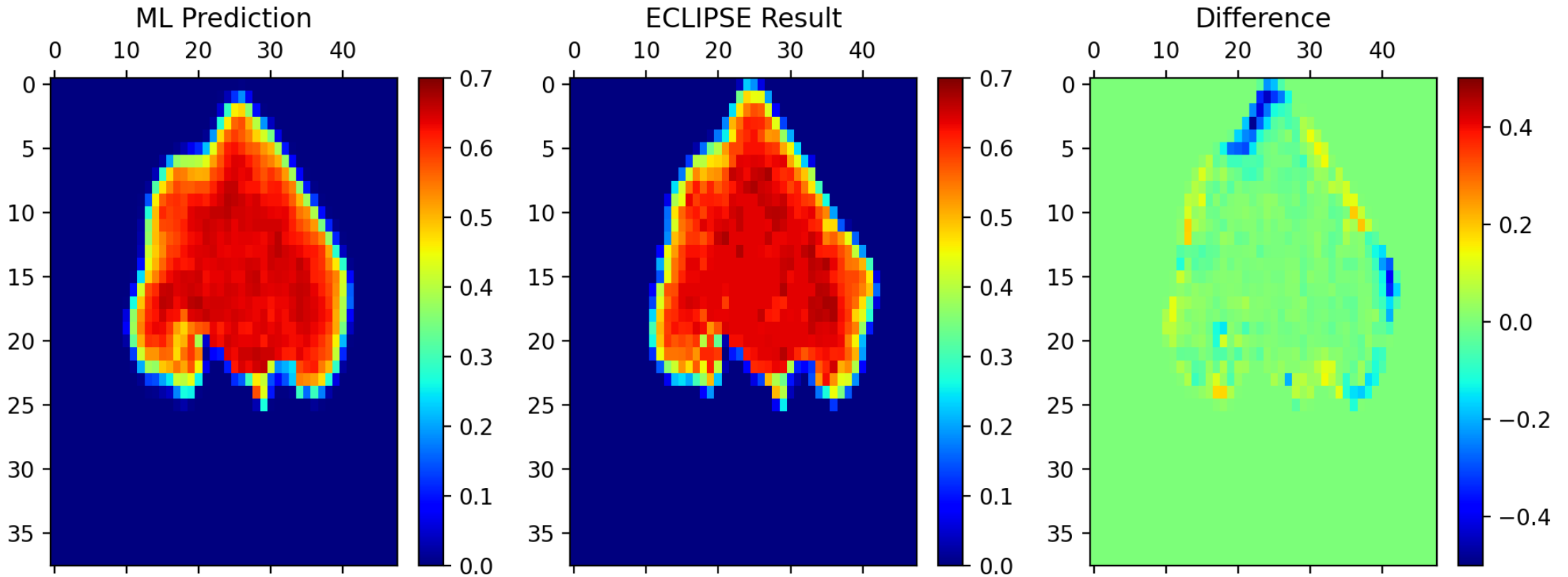
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Reservoir flow simulator

## Comparisons between reservoir responses (Saturation)



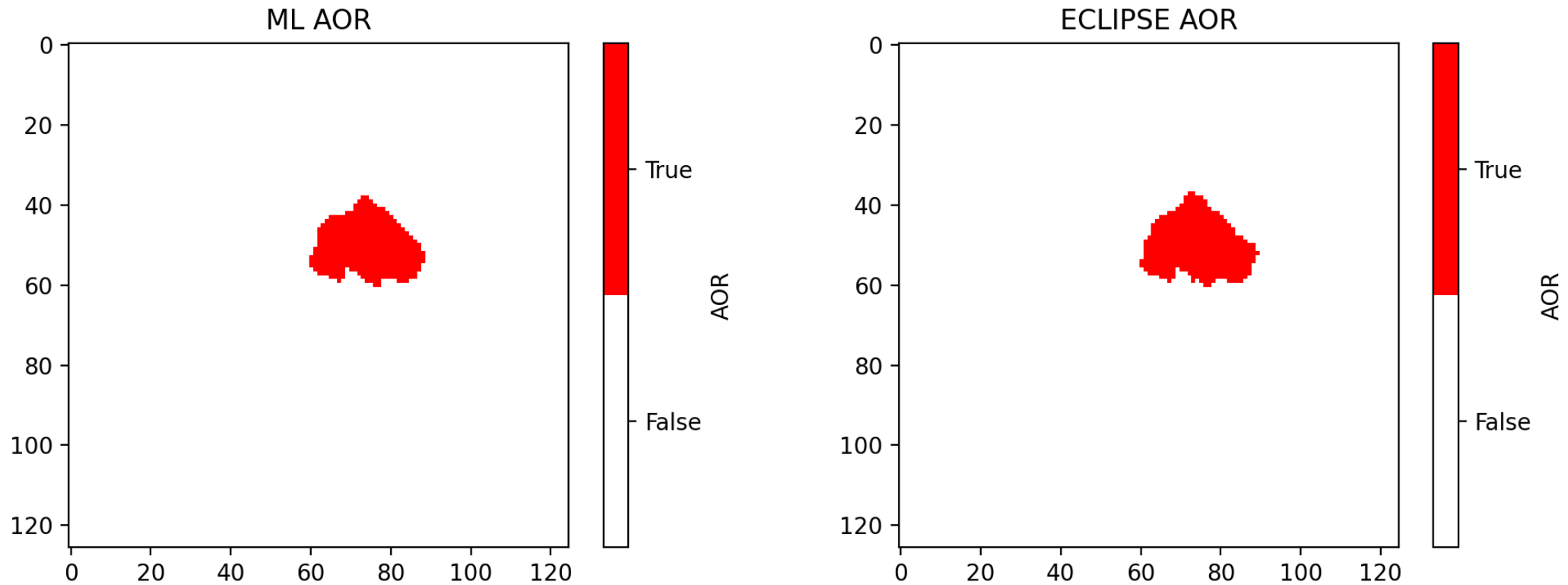
Visualized at a certain time and a certain depth

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Reservoir flow simulator

## Comparisons between reservoir responses (Saturation)

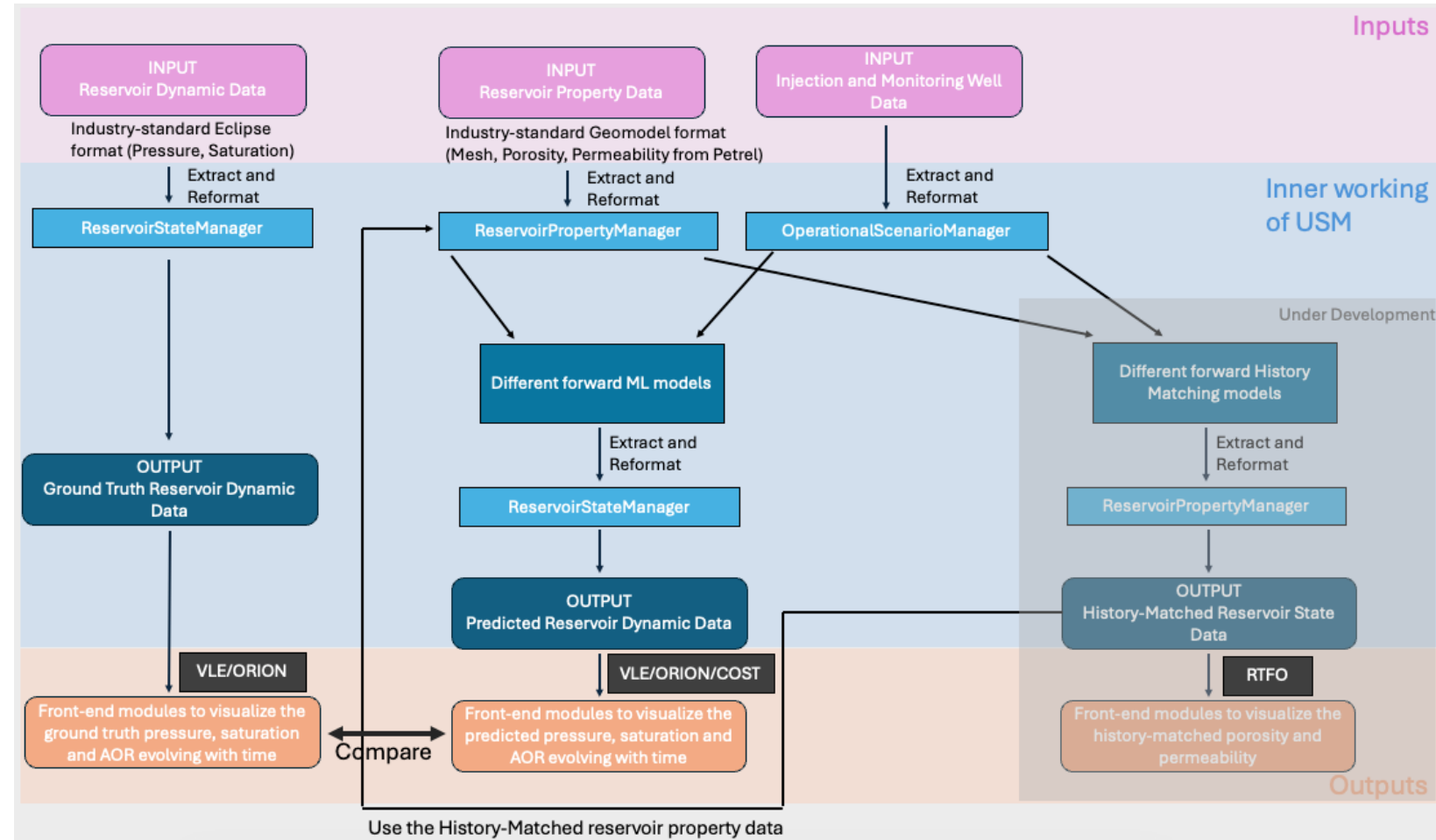
Saturation Front ( $> 0.2$ )



Visualized at a certain time

# Data and model infrastructure – Next Steps/Scale-up Potential

- Update data managers to extract data from RESQML file formats that exported from popular industry software
- Improve ML-based reservoir flow simulators
- Design and incorporate efficient history matching workflows to update geomodels





# Conclusions – SMART-USM

## Contributions to commercial-scale CCS deployment

- Enhancing a capability to consolidate site-specific characterization information and manage data for exported industrial geomodel files to ensure seamless integration with other SMART visualization tools
- Establishing an ability for “real-time” forecasting of carbon storage reservoir behavior
- Facilitating a “real-time” tracking of pressure and CO<sub>2</sub> saturation fronts
- Improving the class VI well process and accelerating the deployment of field-scale carbon storage

# Thank you!

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