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# Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensor Arrays by Paulsson, Inc.

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# Injectable Micro Emitters by Terves LLC

# Support by Department of Energy (DOE) June 25, 2020

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# Paulsson, Inc. – The Company

- **Paulsson, Inc. is located in Van Nuys, CA**
- **The Paulsson Team is 10 strong = Our Success Key!**
  - 3 Ph.D.'s, 3 M.S. Eng., 3 Machinists, 1 Administrator/Support
- **Three Ph.D. Scientists**
  - Dr. Björn Paulsson: >40 years borehole seismic acquisition
  - Dr. Ruiqing He: >15 years borehole seismic software dev.
  - Dr. Michael Wylie: >10 year optical sensing development
- **Three M.S. Electrical and Mechanical Engineers**
- **Three Machine Shop Staff. Two from a local college that trains machinists on the autistic spectrum.**
- **One Administrator/Support Staff**



# Paulsson, Inc. – The Company

12,000 sq. ft. Facility in Van Nuys, CA



**Machine Shop: Five state-of-art CNC Machines**



**ISO 1,000 Clean Room to Build Sensors**



**Fiber Optic Cable Deployment Spools**



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# Applications for Borehole Seismic Technology (BST)



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# Paulsson Commercial Applications Made Possible by DOE Support

**The Surveys Below were Recorded by Gen 1, 2 & 3 which Provided Data to Build the 4<sup>th</sup> Gen System**

- Recorded over 65 3D VSPs around the world
- Recorded the largest 3D VSP in the world using a 960 channel system (4 wells x 80 x 3C)
- Recorded VSP's with the largest number of 3C clamped stations: 160 3C levels & 8,000 ft long
- Recorded the first multi-well (8 wells) 3D VSP
- Recorded 3D VSP data in the USA, Canada, China, Oman and Abu Dhabi

# 3D VSP Surveys Recorded with Our Pipe Deployed Seismic Arrays

2018 – Large geotechnical survey in Florida to detect & map developing sinkholes.

2017 – MS survey in the COSO field.

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2016 – VSP and MS survey for Battelle in a carbonate reef in Michigan to track CO<sub>2</sub>. **World Record. 1: Optical 3C sensors. 2: Mapped fluid flow.**

2015 – MS survey in the Geysers Geothermal Field. XSP test for S. Cal operator.

2014 – Extensive Operational and Performance Tests of Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS)<sup>®</sup>

2013 – VSP & XSP Operational and Performance Tests of Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS)<sup>®</sup> for ConocoPhillips in Pearland, TX

2012 – First Test of Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS)<sup>®</sup>

**4<sup>th</sup> Gen FOSVS Array introduced**

2011 – 100 Level 3D VSP for Gold prospecting

2011 – 100 level 2D VSP for Gold prospecting

2008 – 80 level array survey for BGP in the Daqing Oil field, China.

2007 – 160 level array survey for BGP in the Daqing Oil field, China.

2007 – 80 level array survey for Gas Storage Reservoir characterization in Santa Barbara, CA.

2007 – 160 level array surveys for ADCO in two wells. In 2007 **World Record: 9 million traces.**

2007 – 80 level arrays in two wells time lapse survey for Shell Canada.

2007 – 80 level array in one well for ConocoPhillips to characterize a fractured reservoir.

2007 – 80 level array survey for ExxonMobil to characterize a fractured reservoir.

2006 – 160 level array survey for BP. Largest onshore survey in the US as of 2006: 3 million traces. **World Record.**

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**2005 – 80 level array: Passive Seismic Survey: 1,000 earthquakes/3TB/0.25 ms sampling rate for 2 weeks. Several World Records: M-3.5 @1,000 Hz.**

2005 – 80 level arrays in two wells time lapse survey for Shell Canada.

2004 – 80 level array survey for CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring for US Dep. of Energy.

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2004 – 40 level tools - 1.8 million trace three well 3D VSP survey in Oman in the Middle East.

2004 – 80 level tool, 25' spacing - 285,000 trace VSP in AK to map methane hydrate deposits.

2003 – 80 level tool - 400,000 trace 4D (Time lapse) VSP in WY.

2003 – 160 level tool - 800,000 trace 3D VSP in TX.

2002 - 80 level tool - a 9C 576,000 trace 3D VSP in NM.

2002 – 80 level tool - 3.0 million trace 4 well 3D VSP survey at the Milne Point field on the North Slope, AK. **World Record # 3C sensors in four wells**

2002 – 80 level tool - 7.5 million trace five well marine 3D VSP survey in Long Beach, CA. **World Record**

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2001 – 80 level tool - 400,000 trace 3D VSP in the Weyburn Field SK, Canada.

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2001 – 80 level tool - 360,000 trace 3D VSP In TX.

2001 – 80 level tool - 372,000 trace 3D VSP in TX.

2000 – 80 level tool - 350,000 trace 3D VSP in the North Coyote Field AB, Canada.

2000 – 40 level tool - 1,040,000 trace eight Well 3D VSP in the Edison Field CA.

1999 – 80 level tool - 152,000 trace 3D VSP in the Weyburn field SK, Canada.

1998 – 40 level tool - 100,000 trace VSP the Lost Hills Oil field in CA.

1998 – 40 level tool - 600,000 trace VSP at the Vinton Dome in LA. **World Record**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Array introduced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Array introduced**



**A Large 3D VSP Survey for Anadarko/DOE using an 80 level 3C  
borehole seismic array on the North Slope, Alaska February 2004  
Successfully Mapped Methane Hydrate during the Hot Ice Project!**





# **A Large 125 level array 3D VSP Survey for ADCO in Abu Dhabi, February – April 2007**



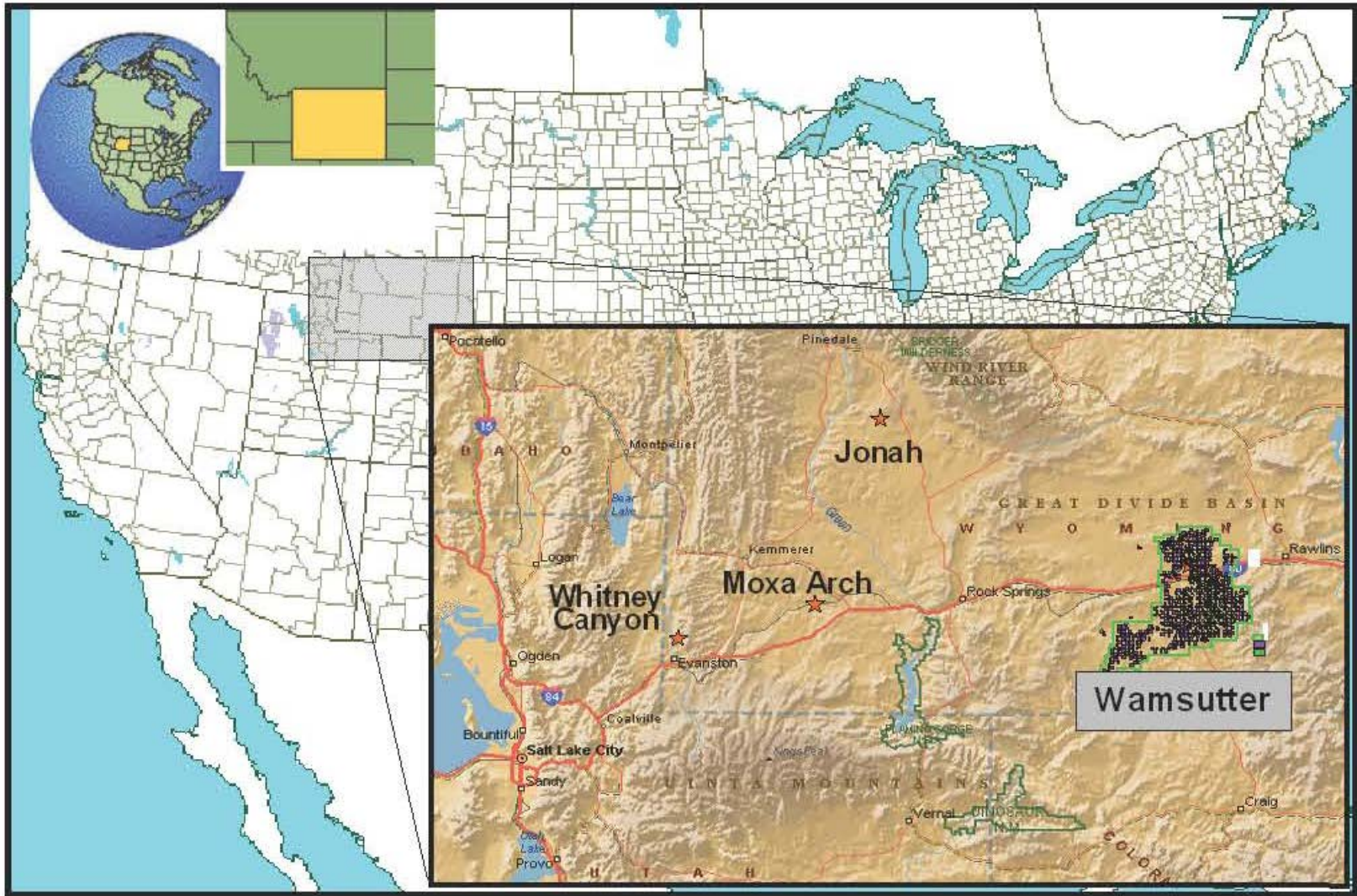
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# **3D/4D Imaging Results Using a 160 level 3C array In the BP Wamsutter Field**



# Location of the Wamsutter Field, WY, USA

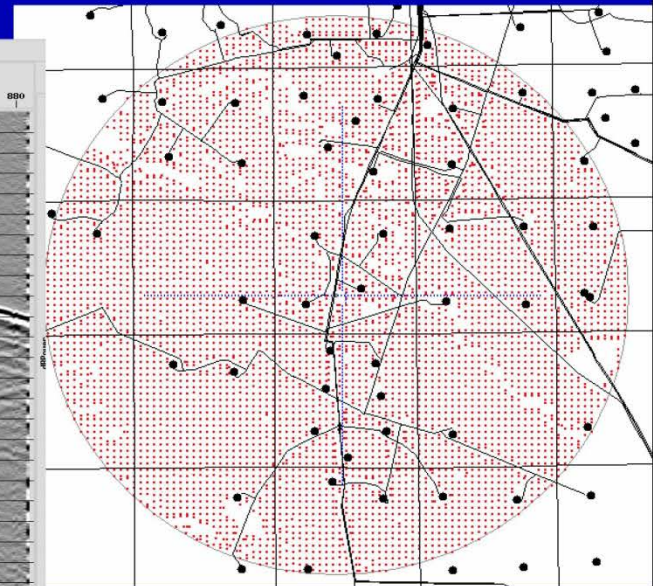
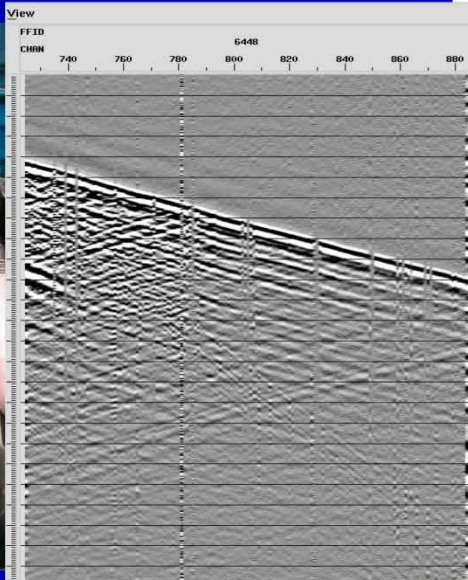
## Test of Surface Seismic & 3D VSP Technologies





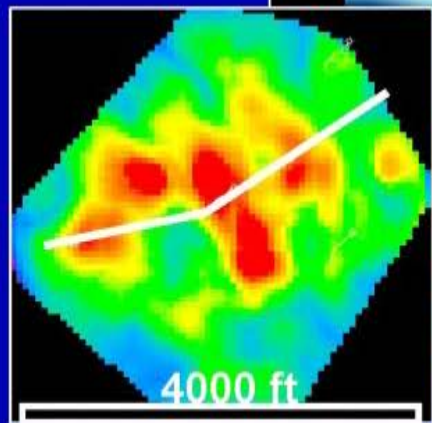
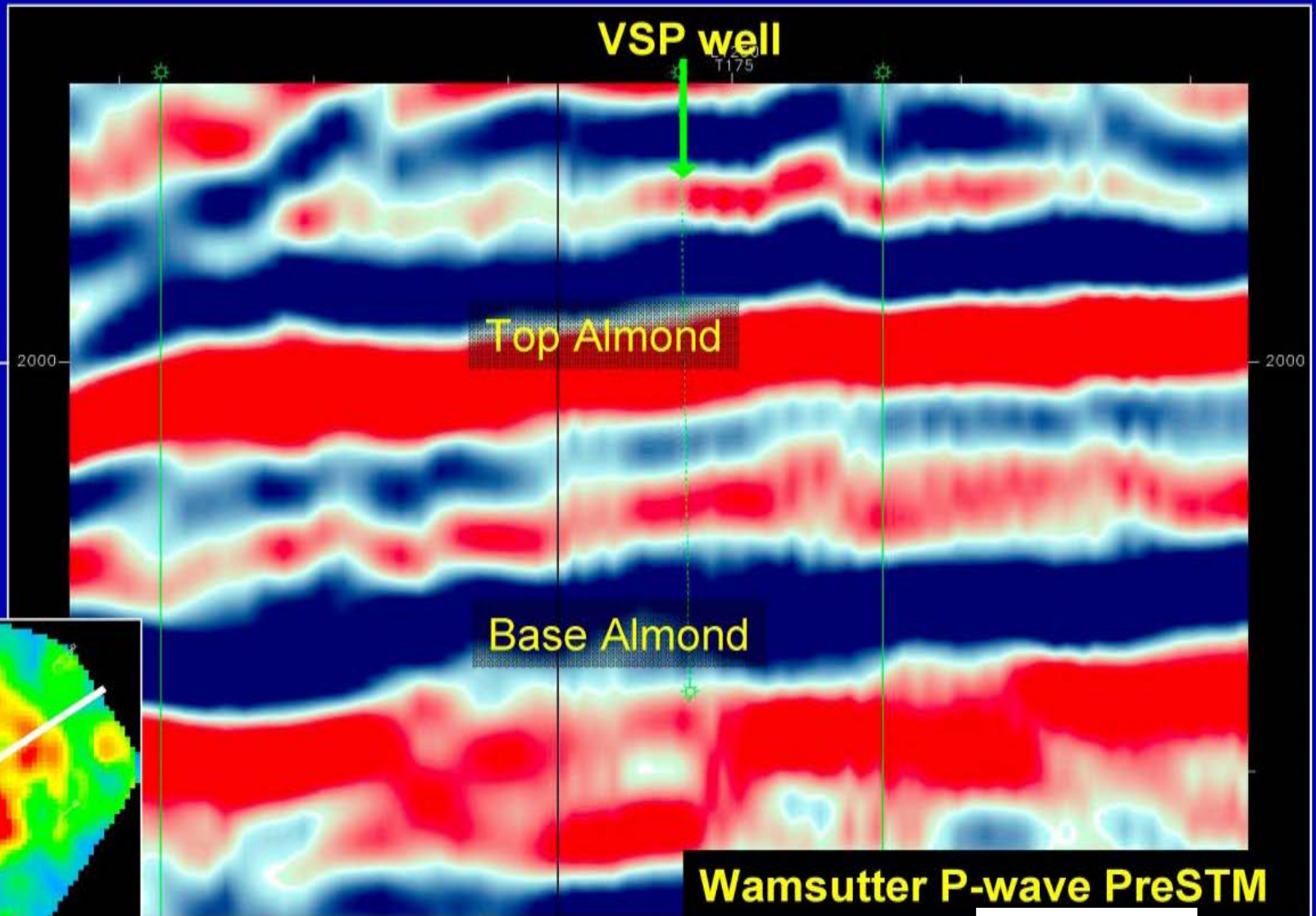
# Massive 160 level 3D VSP Survey at Wamsutter, Wy

3<sup>rd</sup> Generation  
Borehole Seismic  
Array



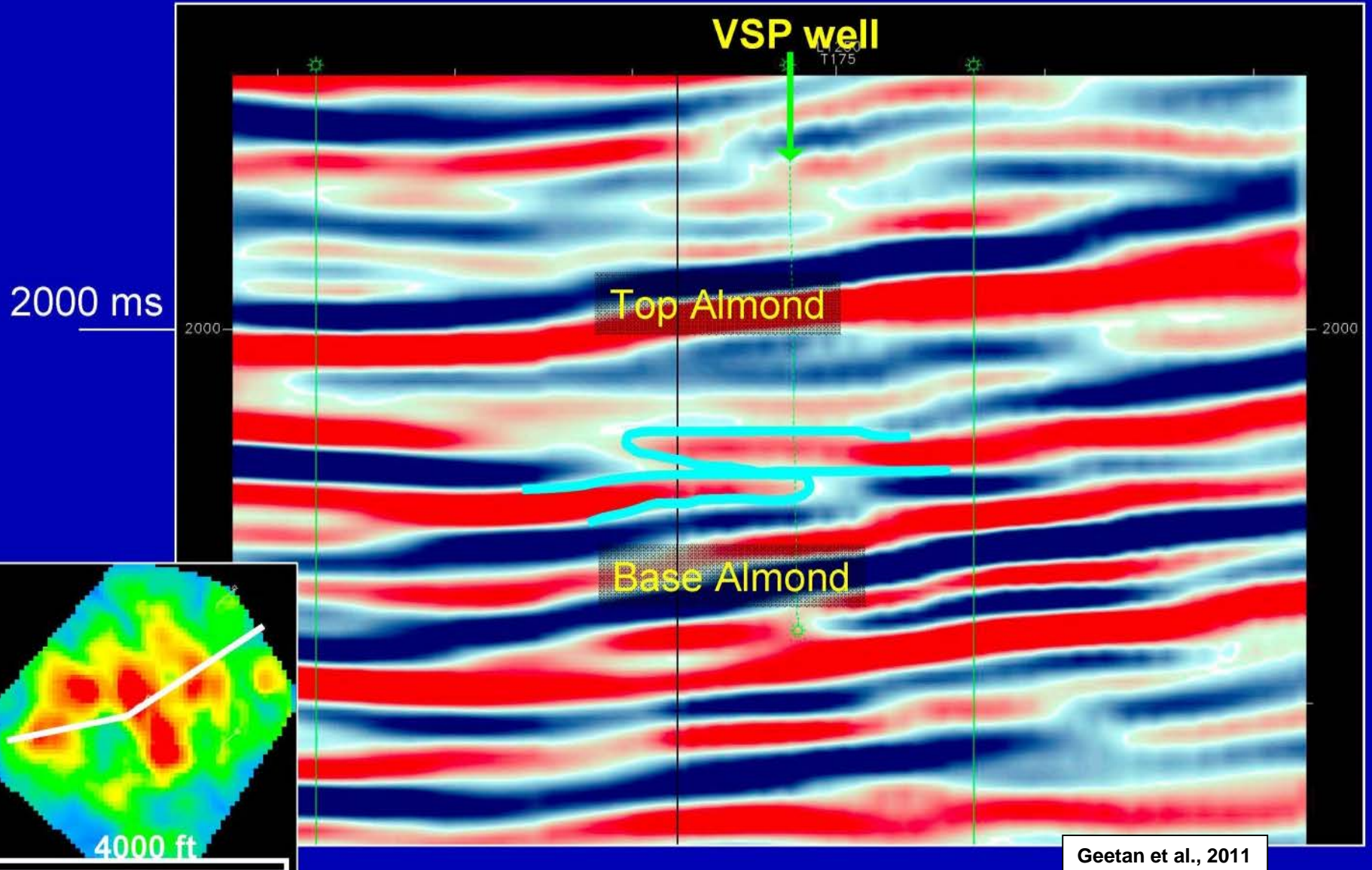


# A look at the data-comparison to surface seismic data



# VSP Data

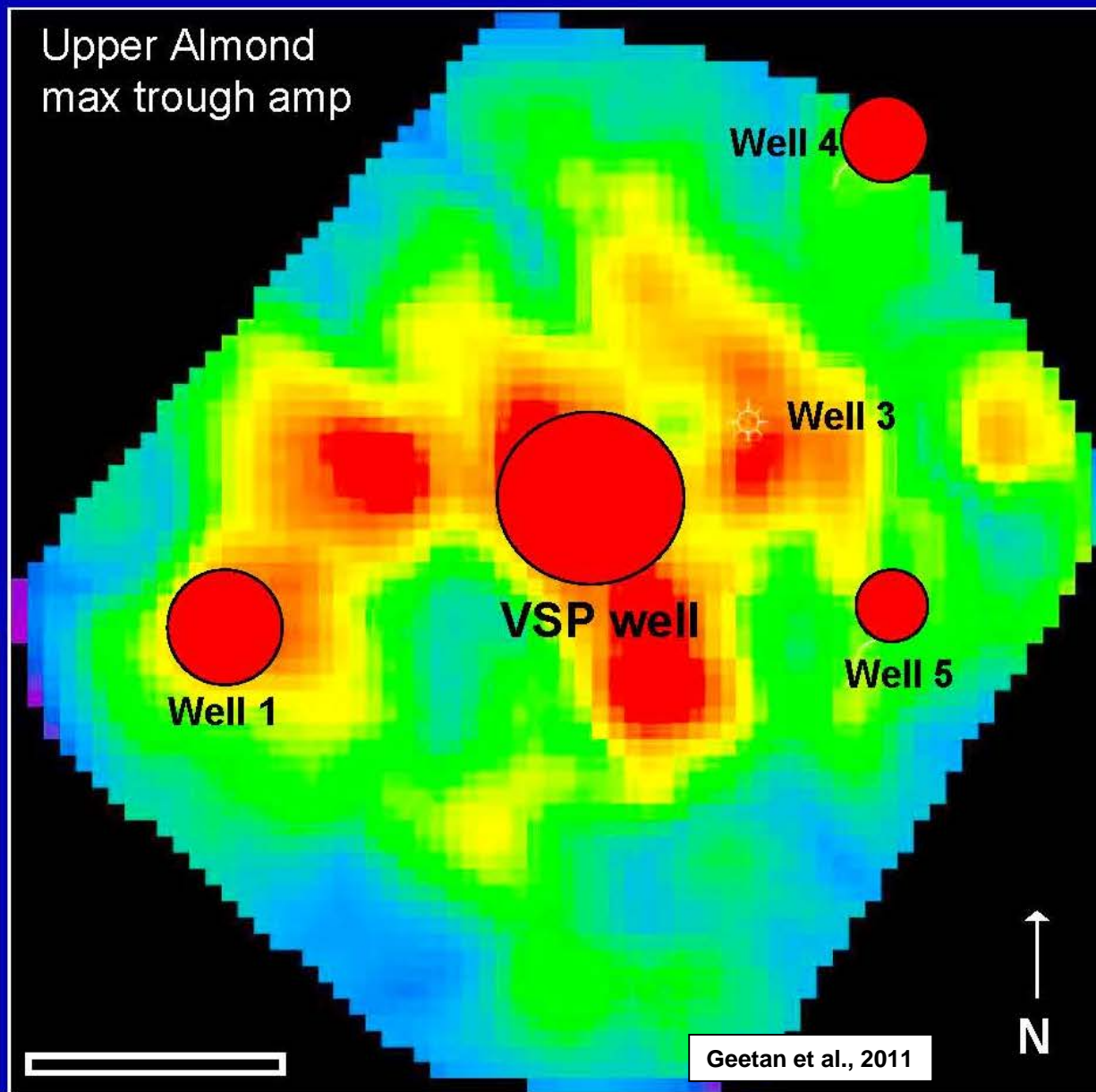
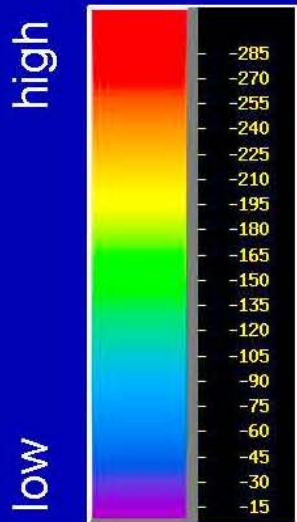
clearly visible terminations that tie into the depositional framework





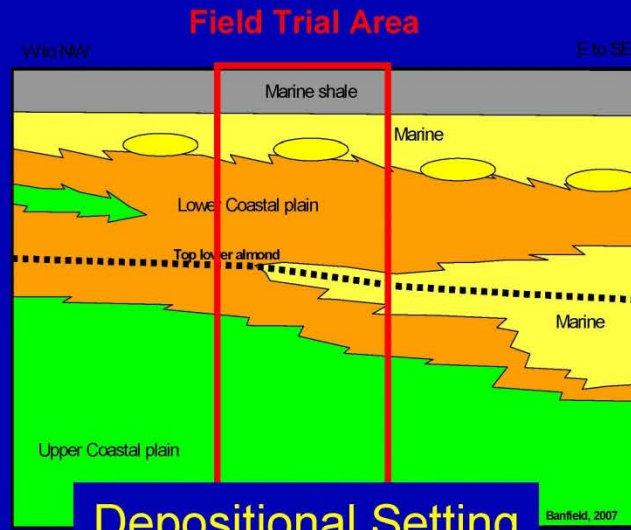
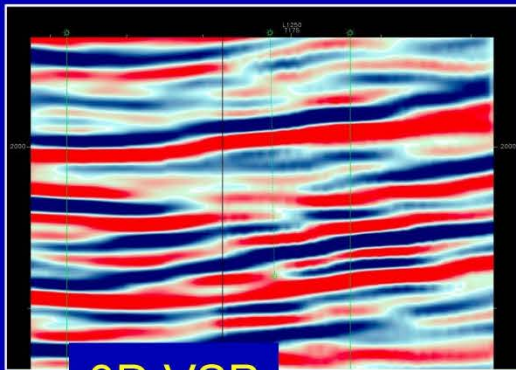
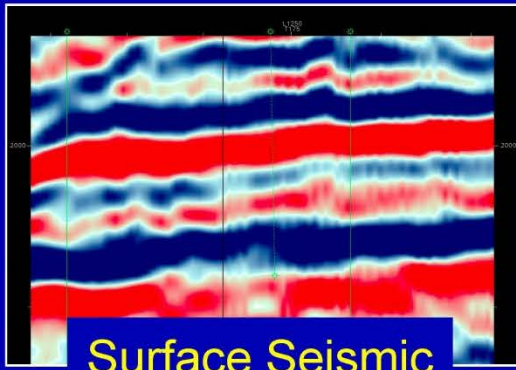
# Almond reservoir 3D VSP and Production overlay

Areas of Large Gas Concentrations Mapped with 3D VSP technology - Not seen on Surface Seismic Images

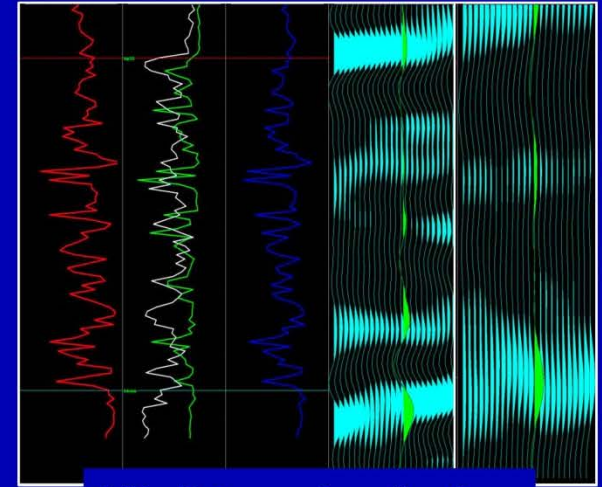




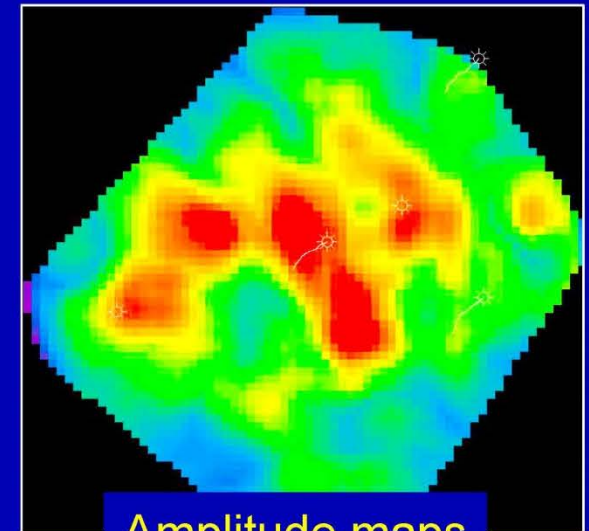
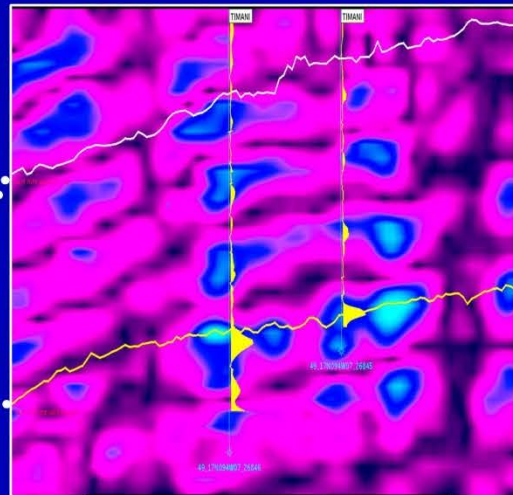
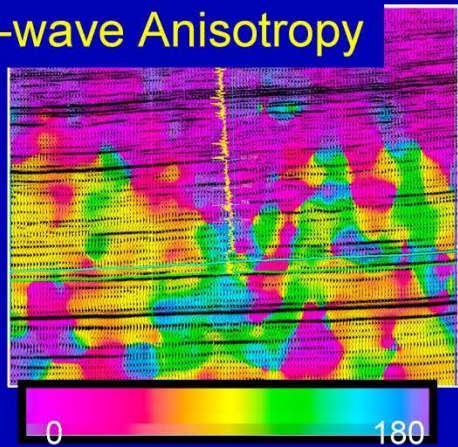
# Integration



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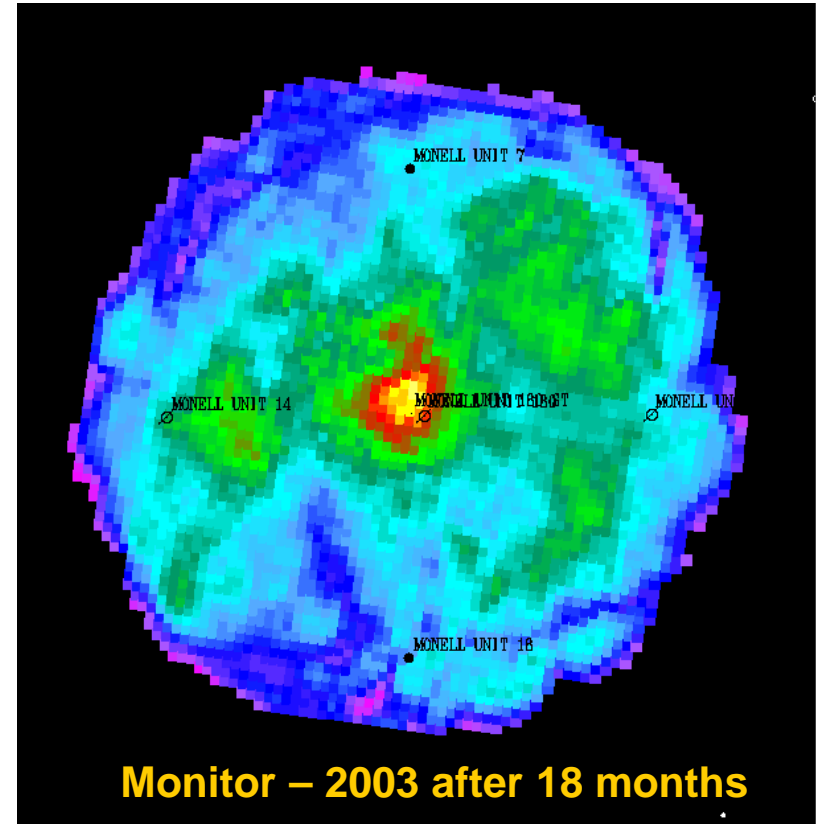
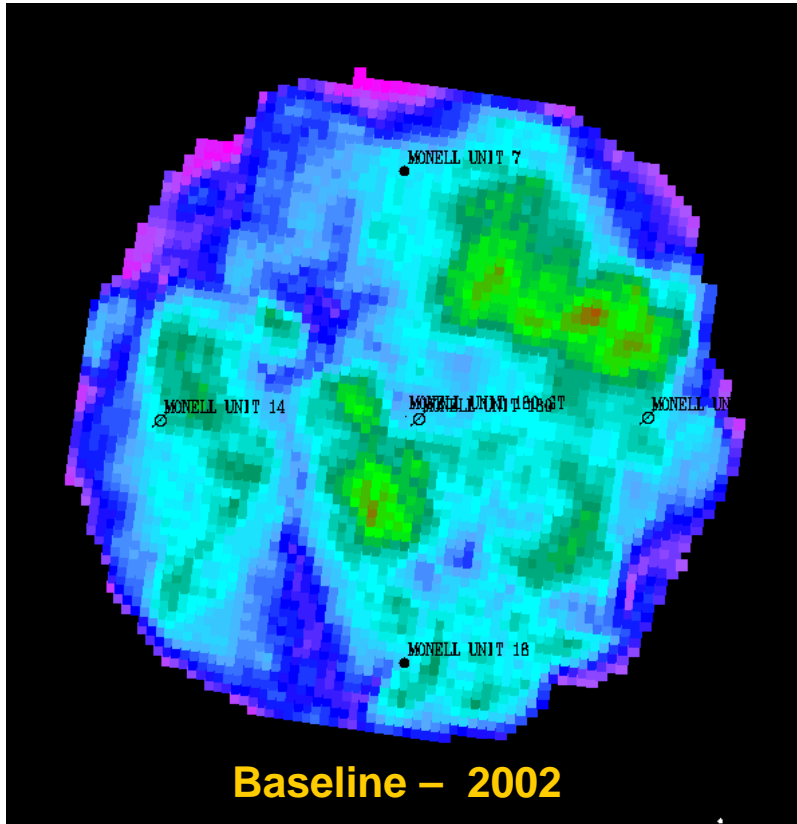


P-wave Anisotropy



# Time lapse surveys to monitor CO2 Injection for EOR Depth Amplitude Maps at 4,800 ft showing the CO2 Plume

Simultaneous imaging and monitoring possible  
using FOSVS and AME in combination.



Increased reflectivity in the Monitor Survey 2003 at a depth of 4,800 ft at the well is due to the injected CO2. Also seen is the increased reflectivity around the water injector wells.

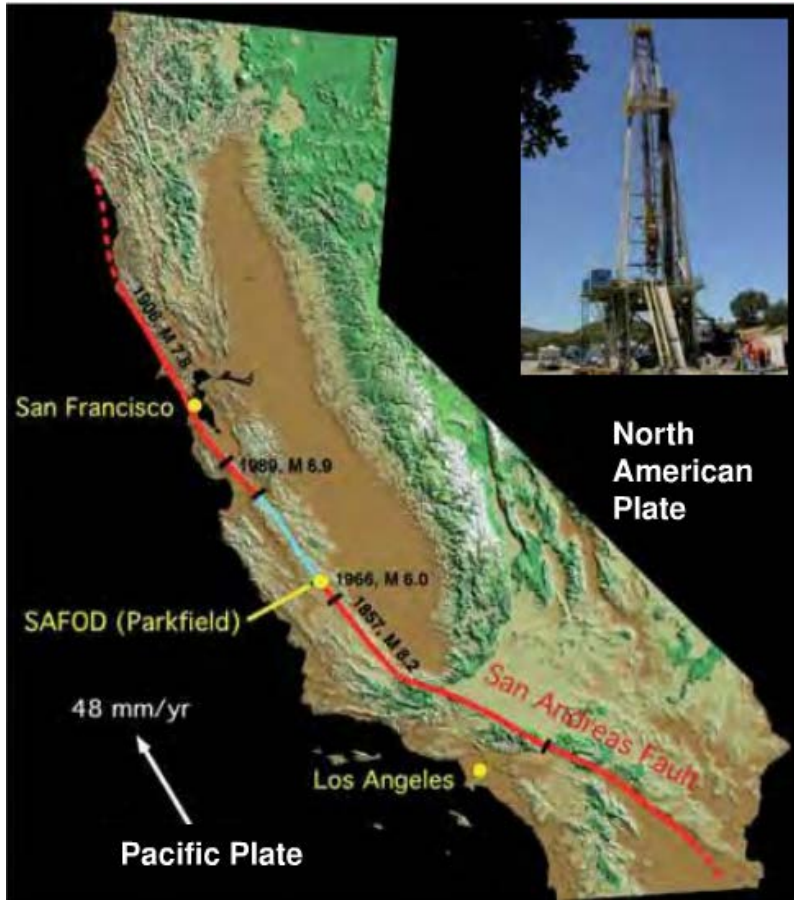
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# Earthquake Monitoring



# SAFOD Survey Area

## SAFOD: San Andreas Fault Observatory at Depth

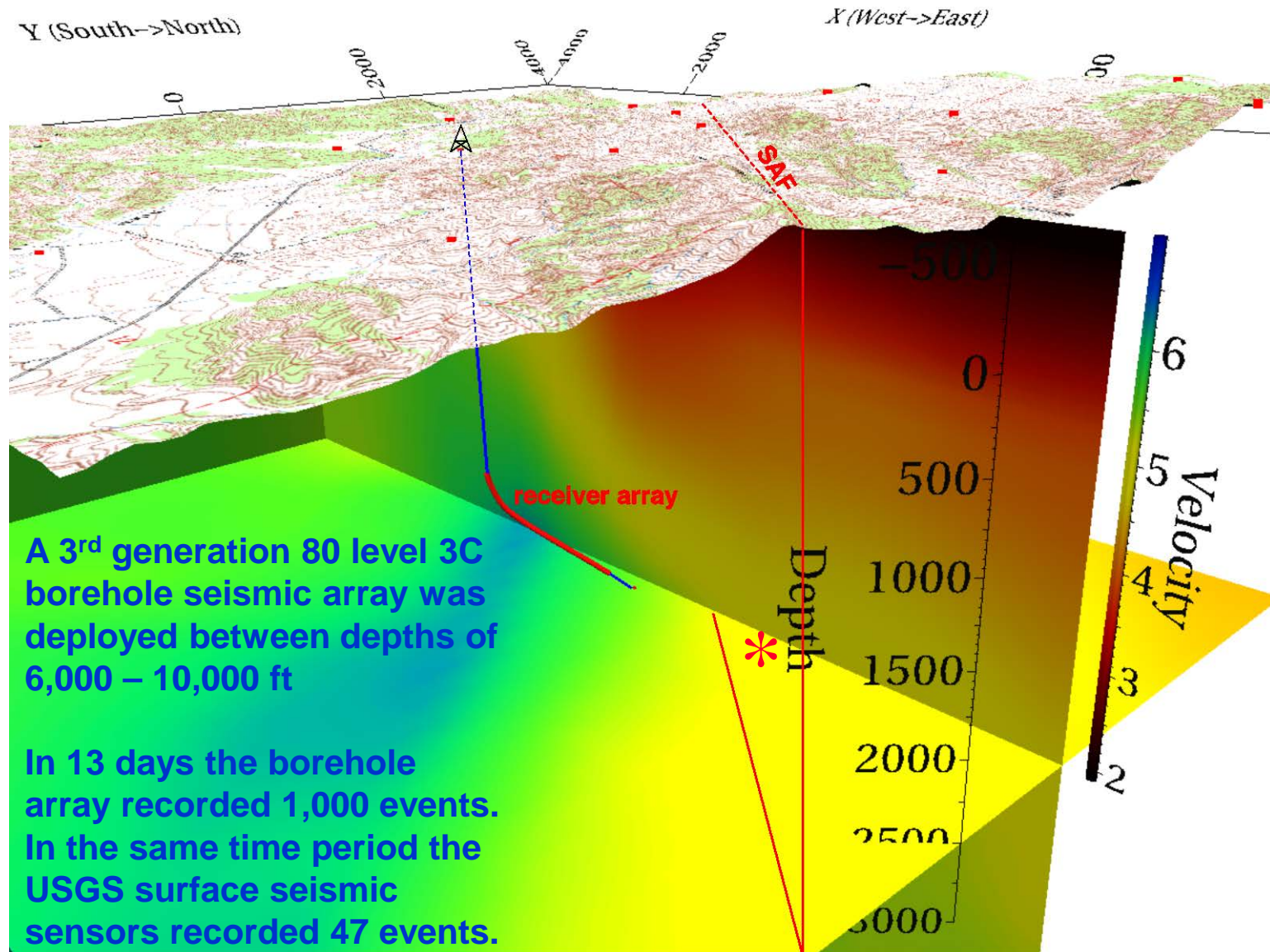


At this rate Los Angeles will be next to San Francisco in 11.3 million years (543 km @ 48 mm/year (LAX – SFO))



Zoback (2006)

# San Andreas Fault Survey Site – Parkfield, California

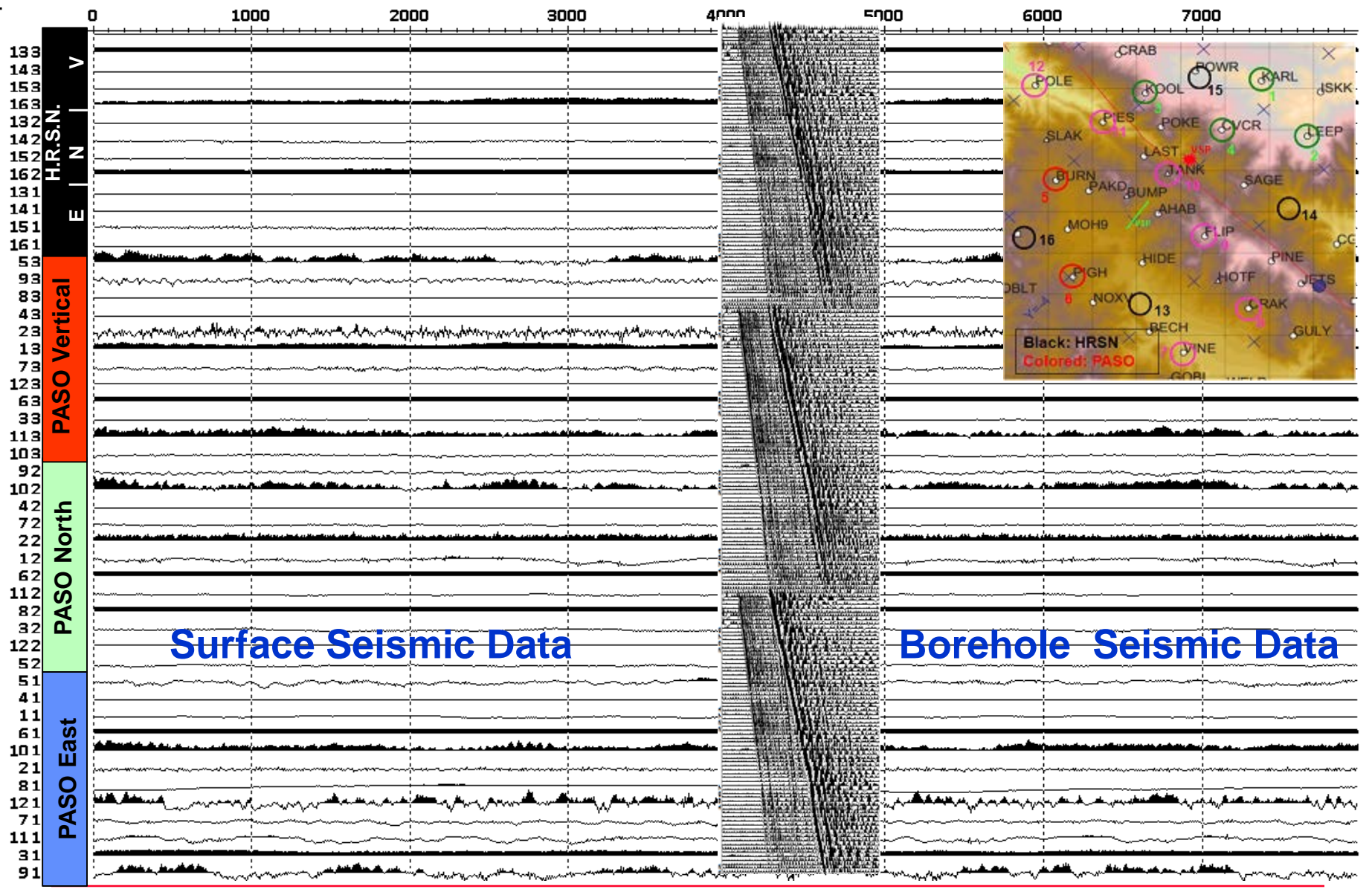


A 3<sup>rd</sup> generation 80 level 3C borehole seismic array was deployed between depths of 6,000 – 10,000 ft

In 13 days the borehole array recorded 1,000 events. In the same time period the USGS surface seismic sensors recorded 47 events.



PI: M-1.3 **Micro-earthquake Event at SAFOD (4/30/2005 18:49:59)**



Surface Seismic Data

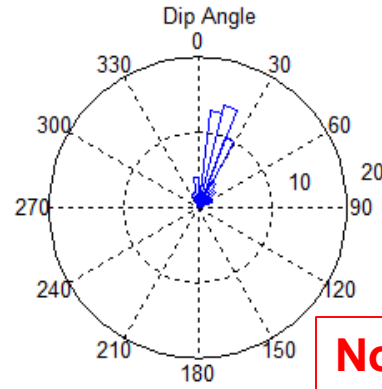
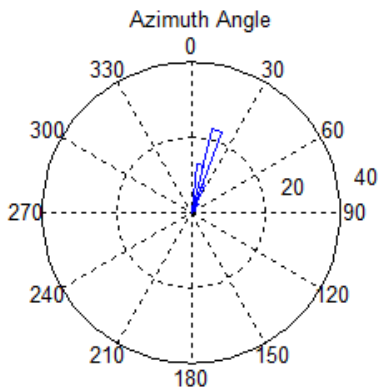
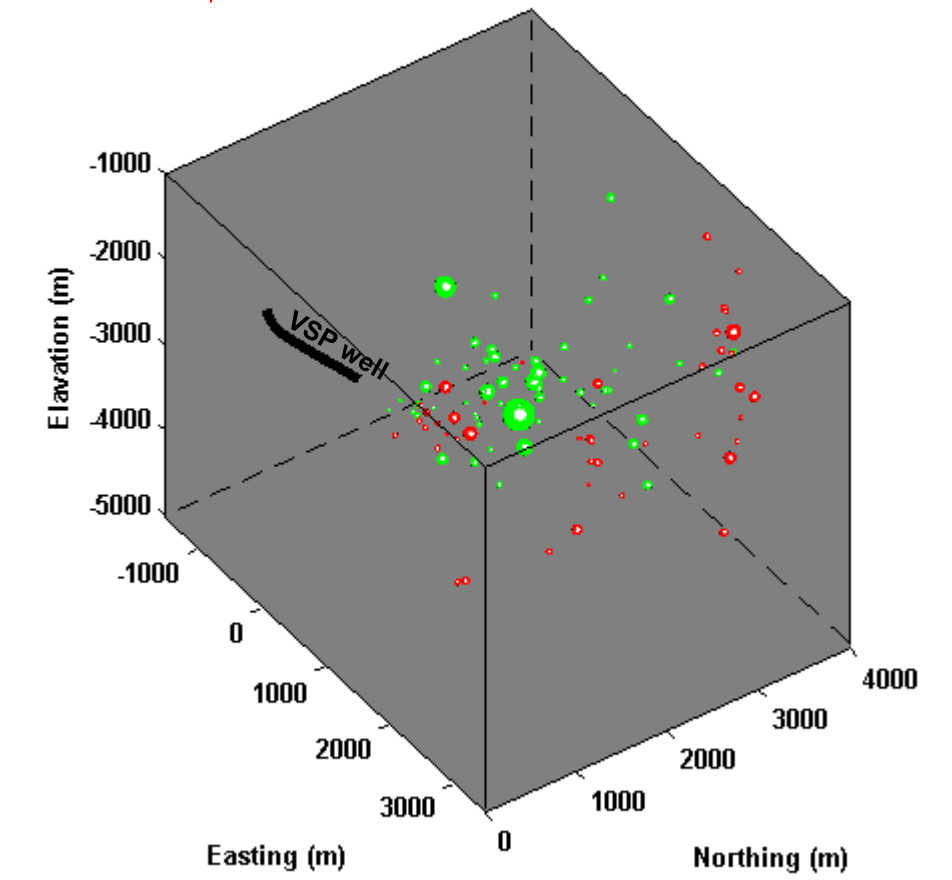
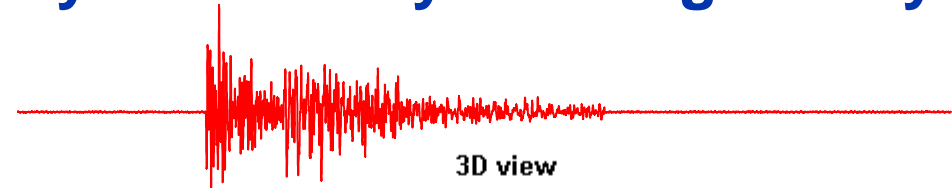
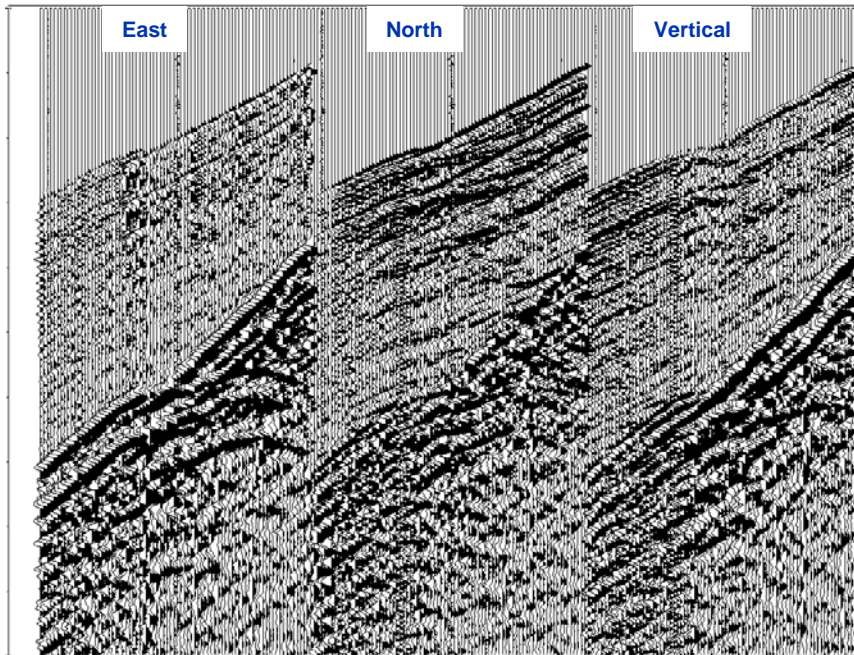
Borehole Seismic Data



# A Micro-Seismic Event Precisely Located by the Large Array

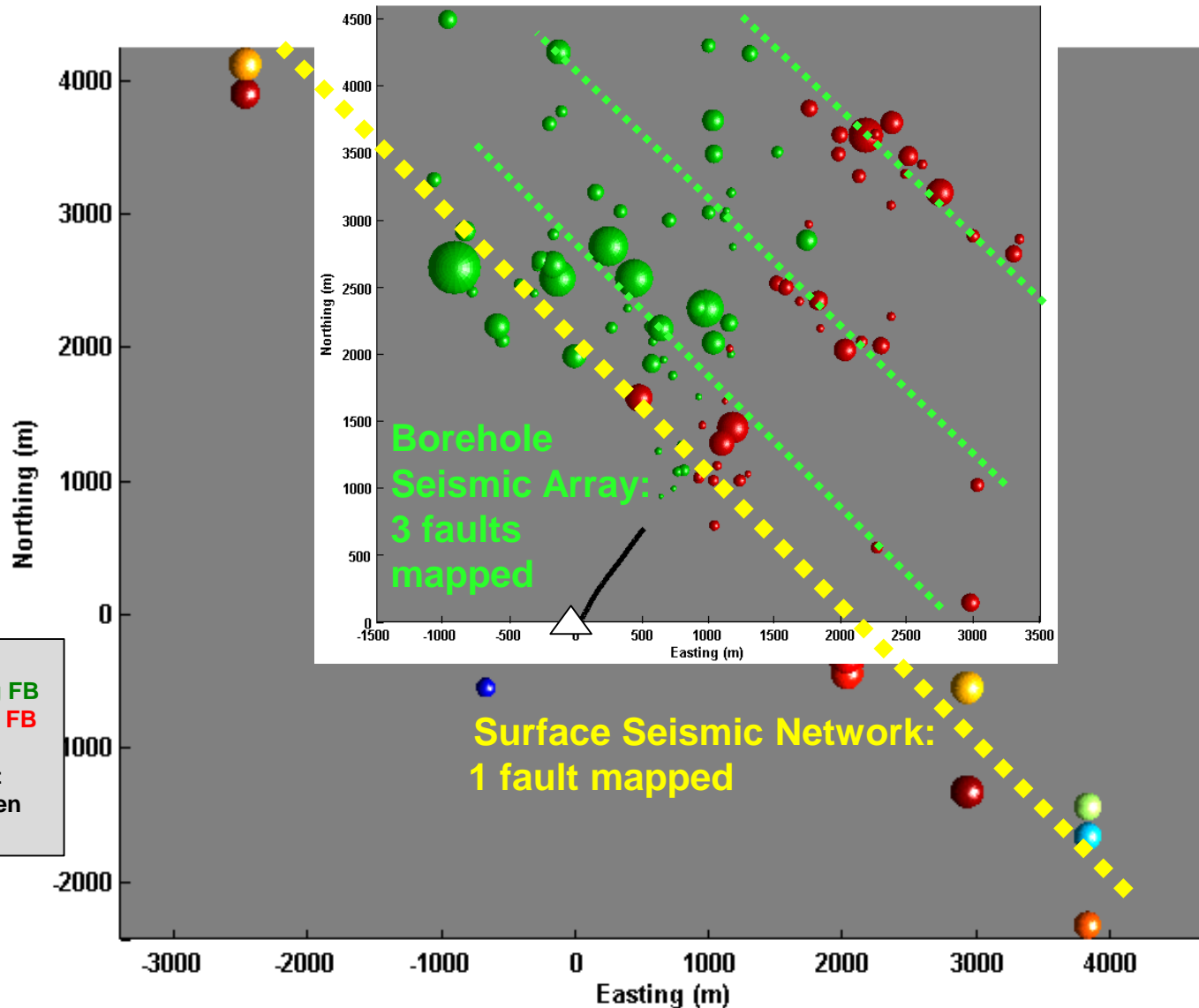
5/10/2005 8:10

USGS: M0.99



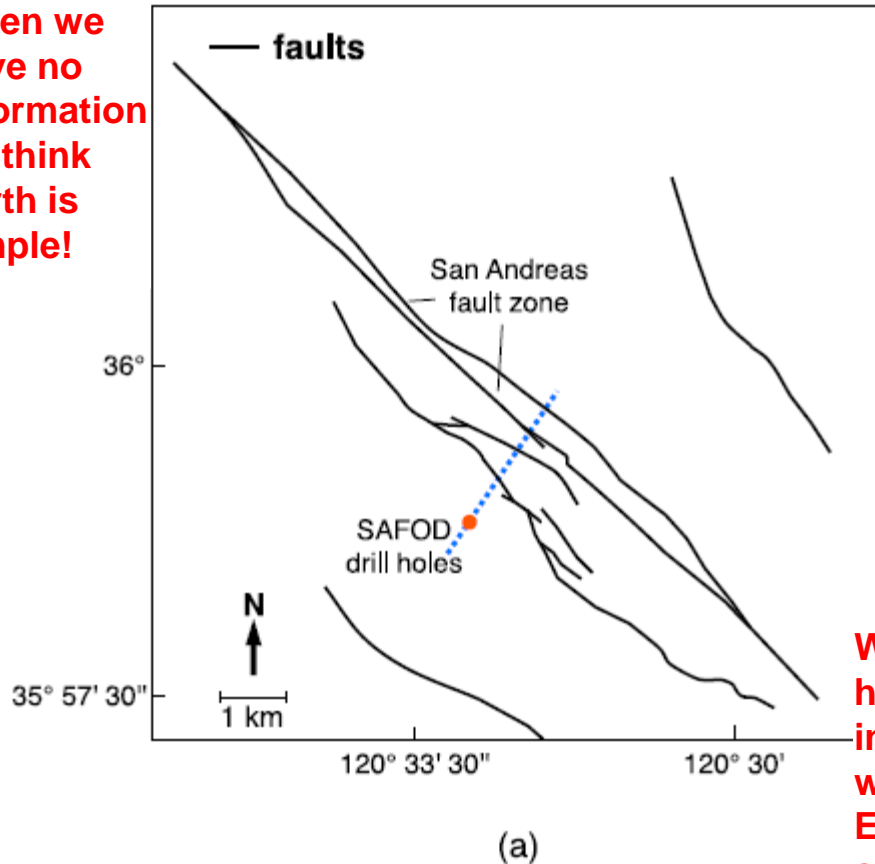
Note the Vector Fidelity of the 80 3C Sensors

# Surface Monitoring vs Borehole Monitoring

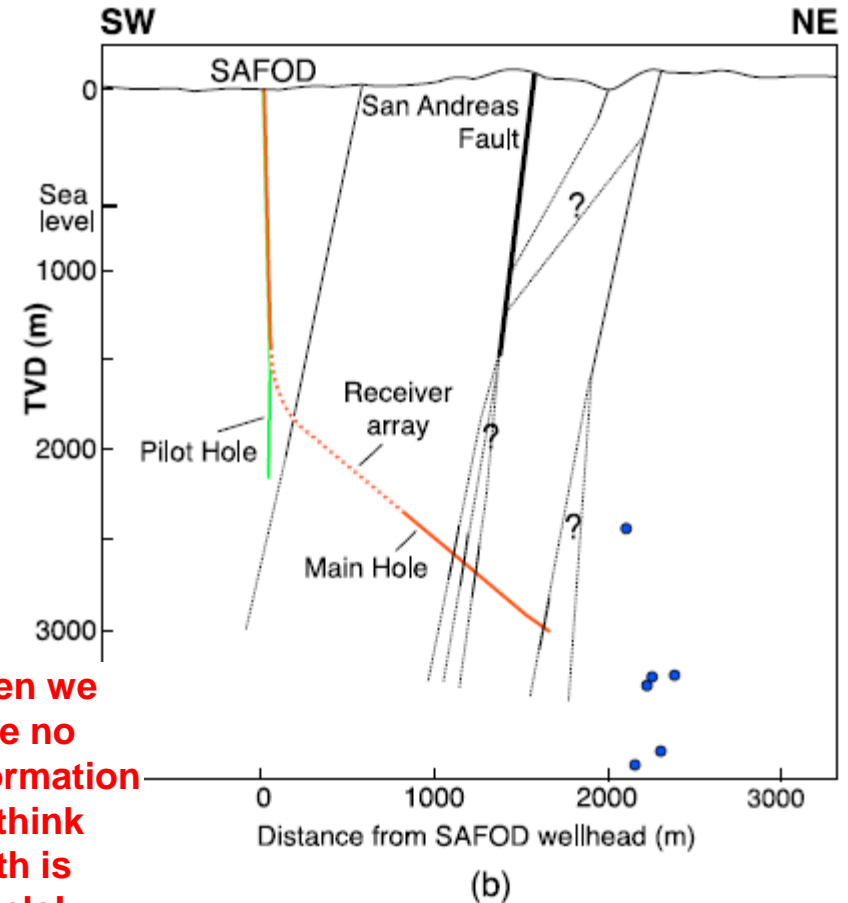


# The Multiple Faults Mapped in SAF Where Verified by Drilling

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**Figure 1.** (a) Faults map of the area in the vicinity of the SAFOD drill holes (the geometry of the faults is taken from *Bradbury et al.* [2007]); the blue dotted line represents the direction of the cross section. (b) Fault perpendicular cross section around SAFOD boreholes (geologic interpretation is taken from *Zoback et al.* [2010]) and location of the six earthquakes analyzed further.

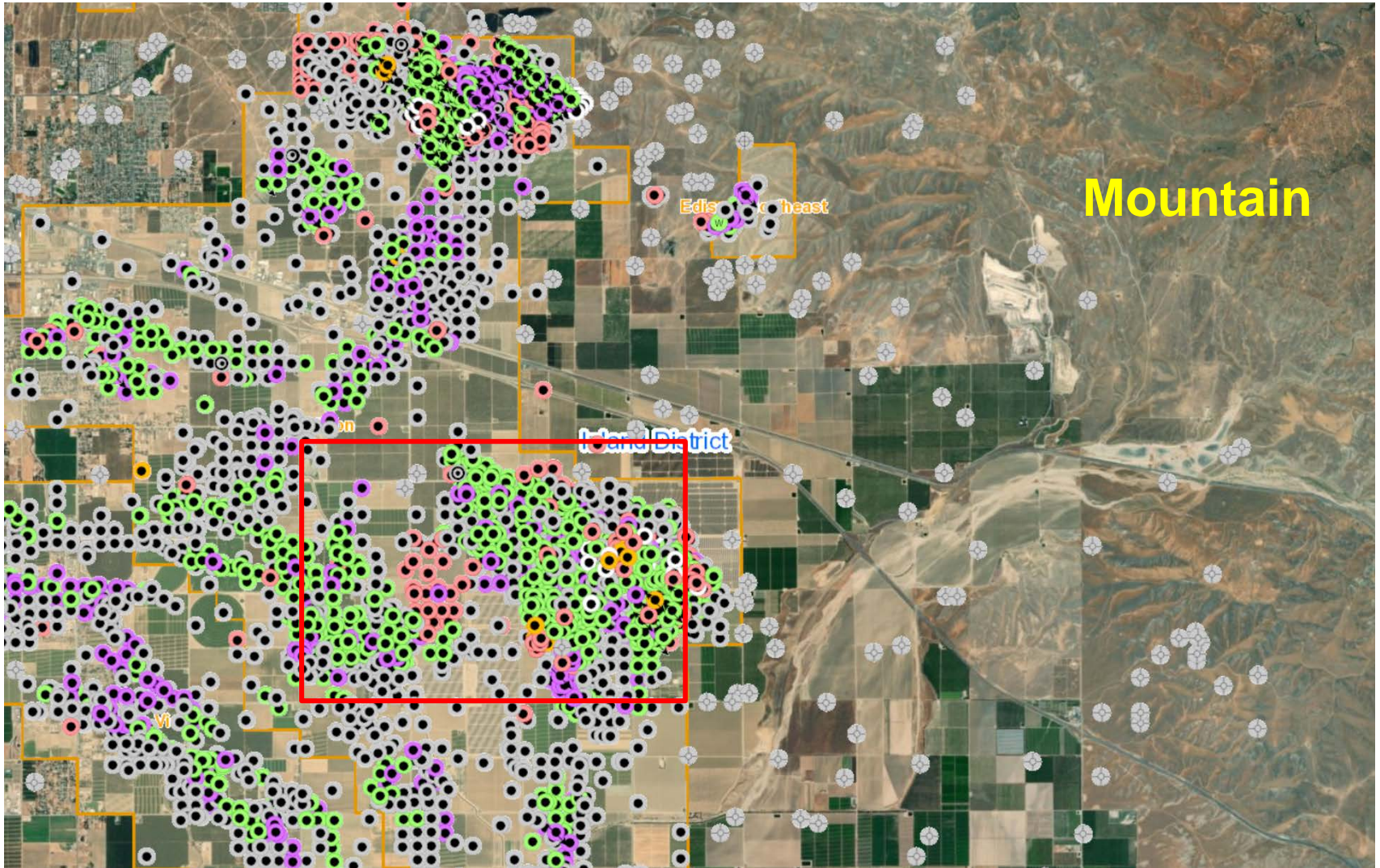
A. Reshetnikov, et al., (2010)

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# **Drilling a deviated well in the Edison Field, California Using a 3D image from a Massive 3D VSP**



# Edison Field. Discovered in 1927.

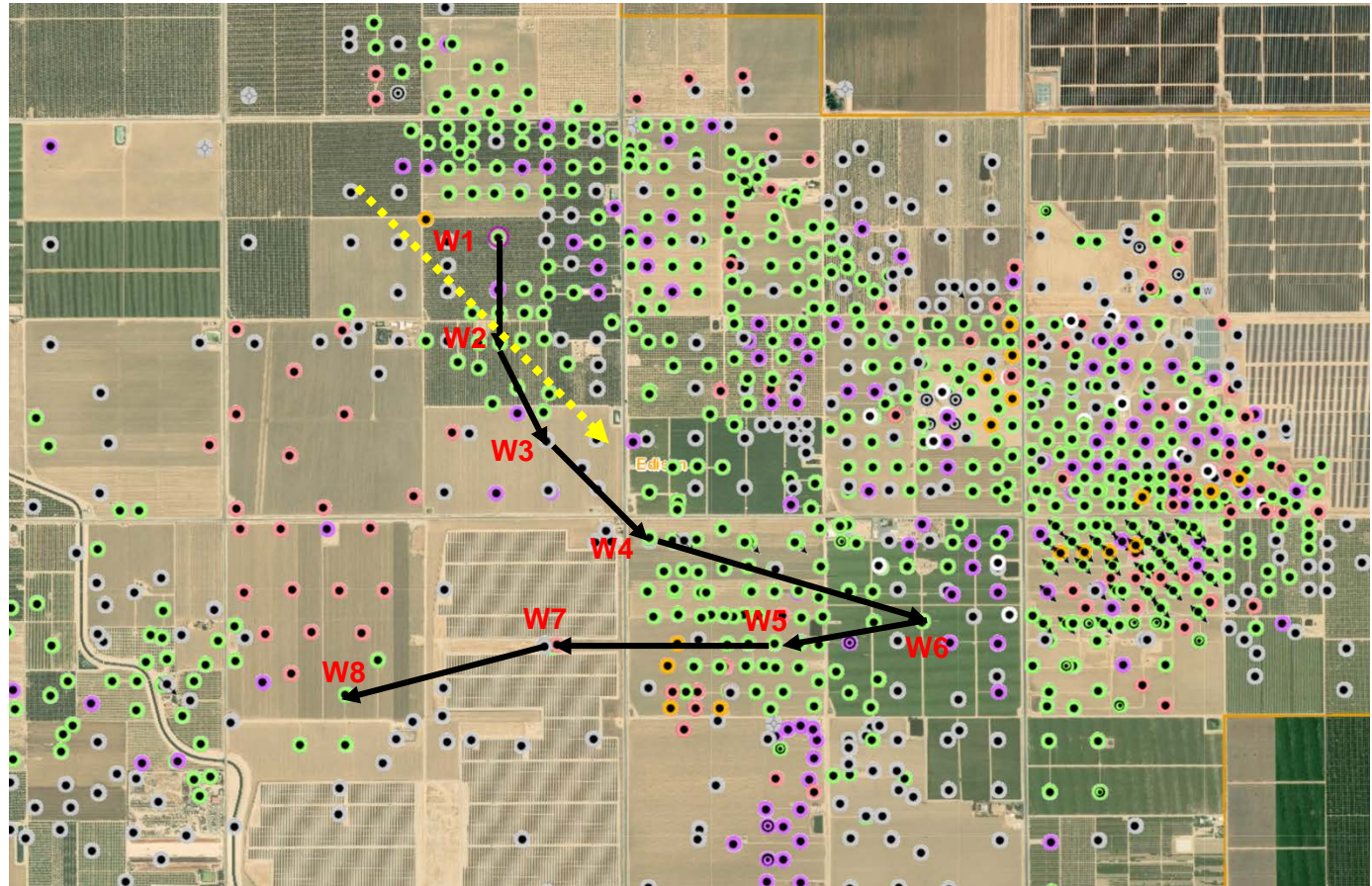




# Edison Field. Discovered 1927. Wells in The Field

## 8 well 3D VSP (BST)

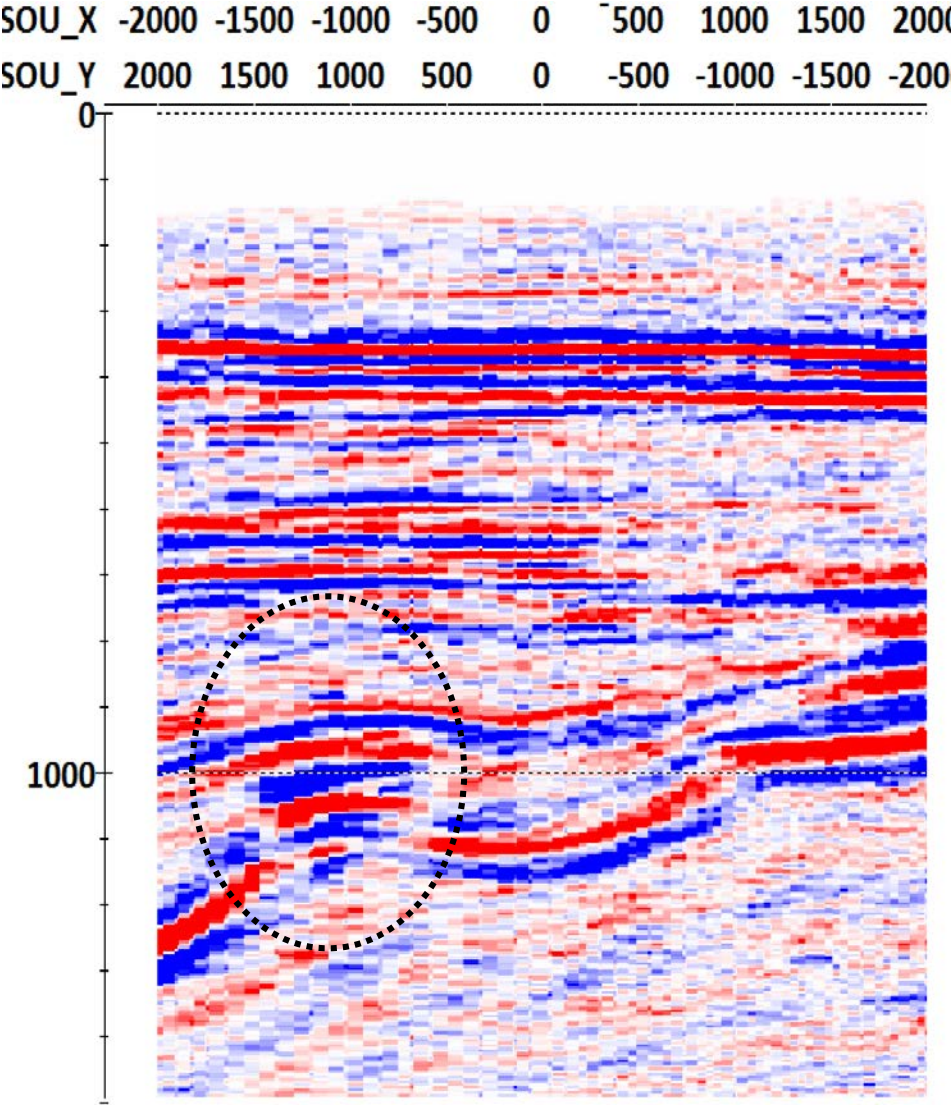
Green: active  
Gray: plugged  
Empty center: dry  
Purple: idle  
Gold: new  
Red: cancelled  
Arrow: steaming



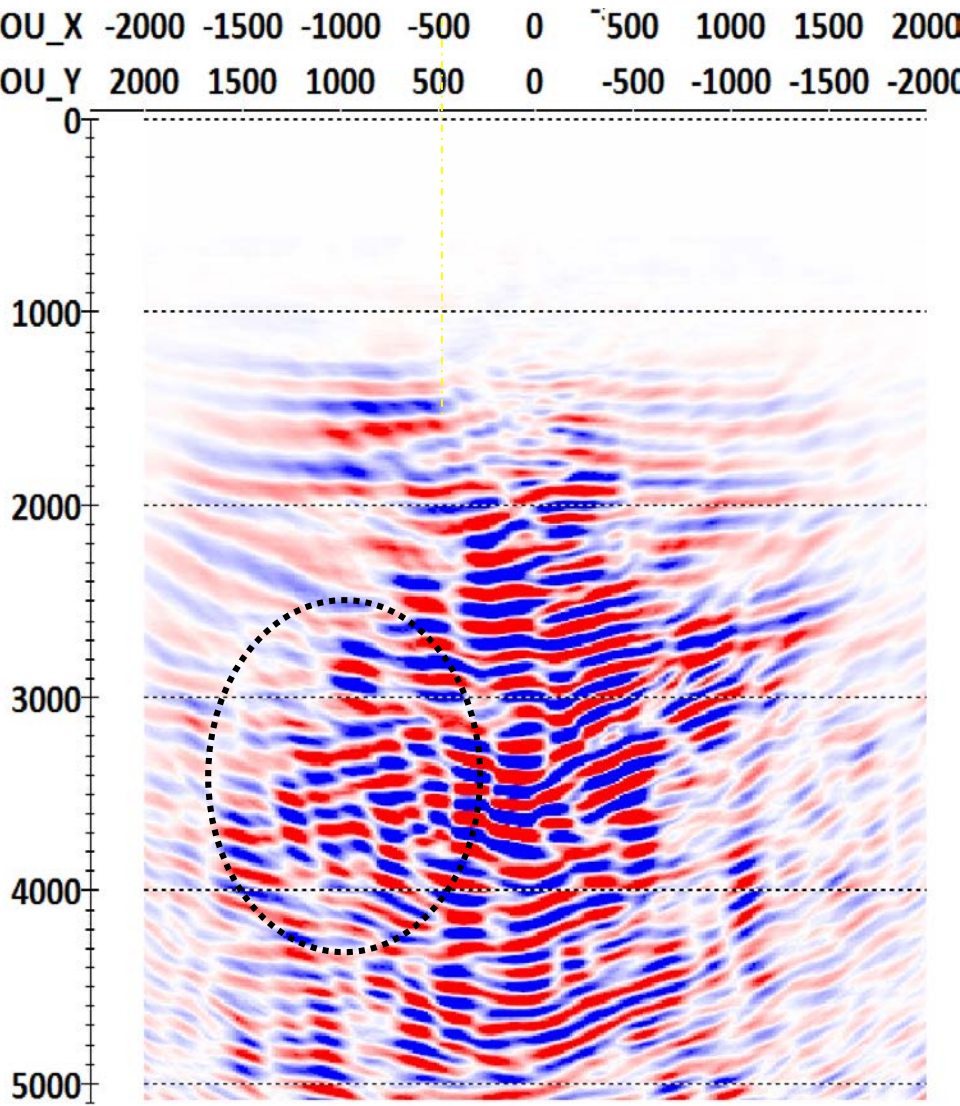


# Well 2: NW-SE Section. The second of 8 wells used for the 3D VSP

Surface Seismic (PSTM)



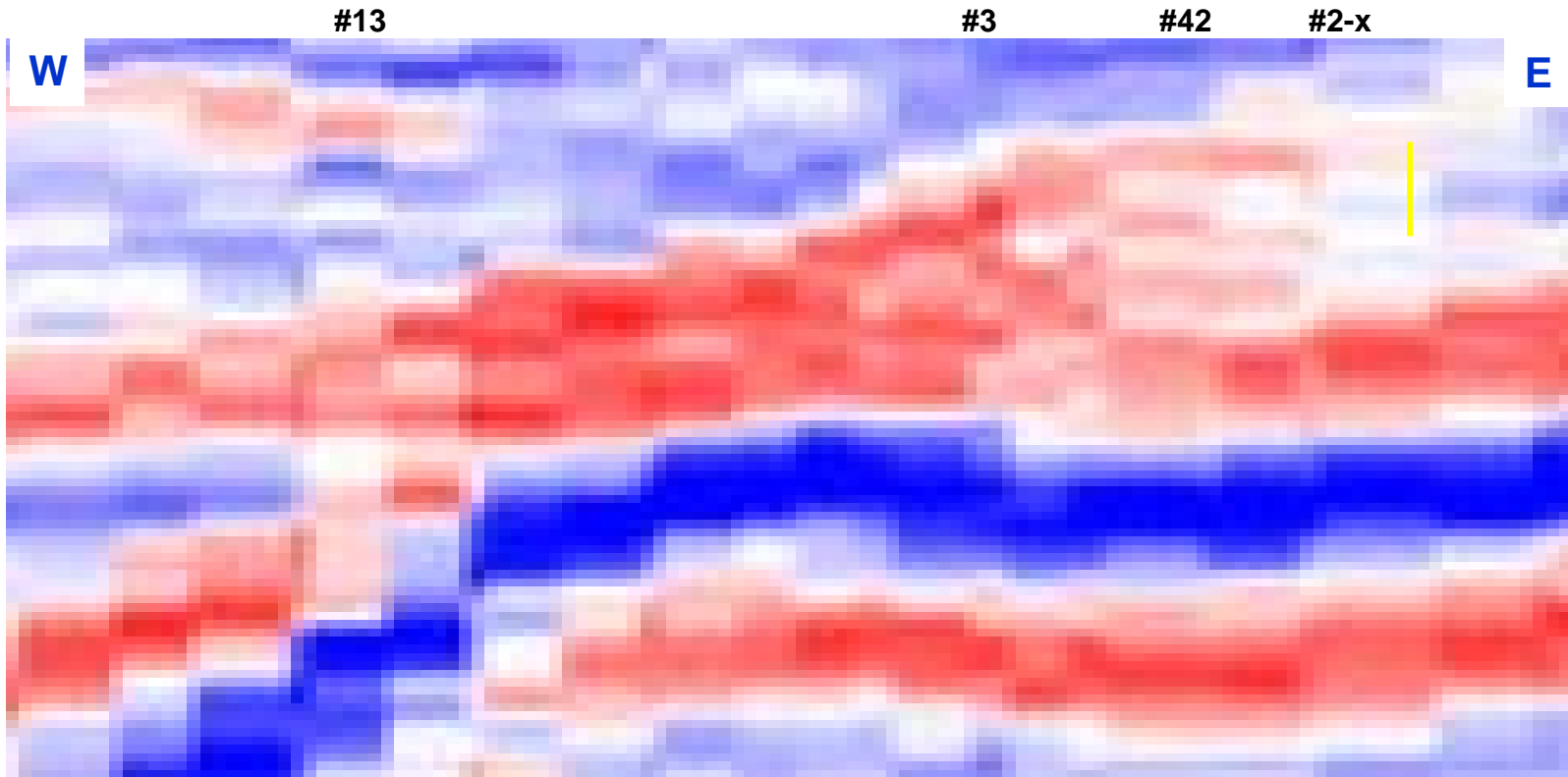
Paulsson 3D VSP



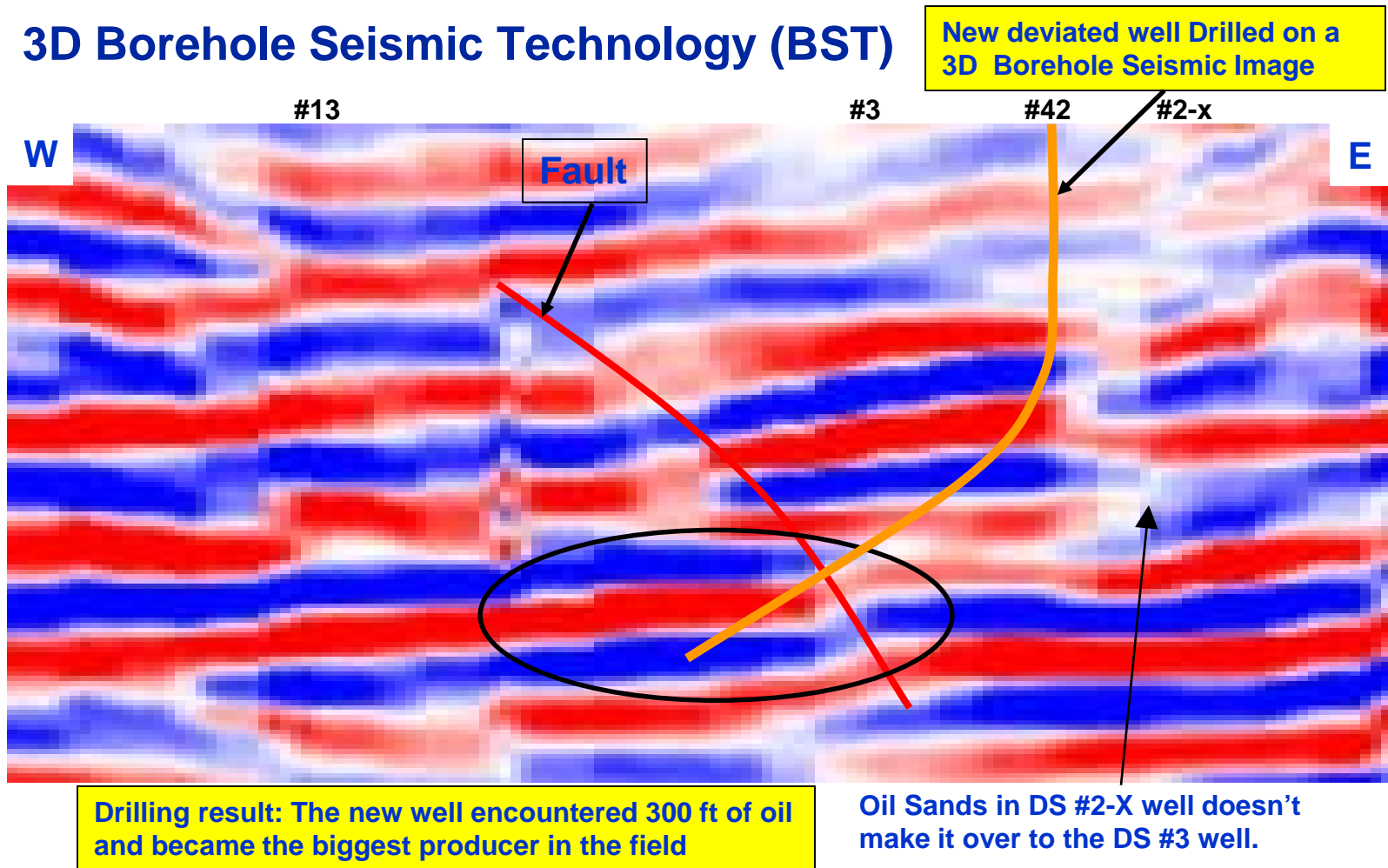


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## 3D Surface Seismic Technology (SST)

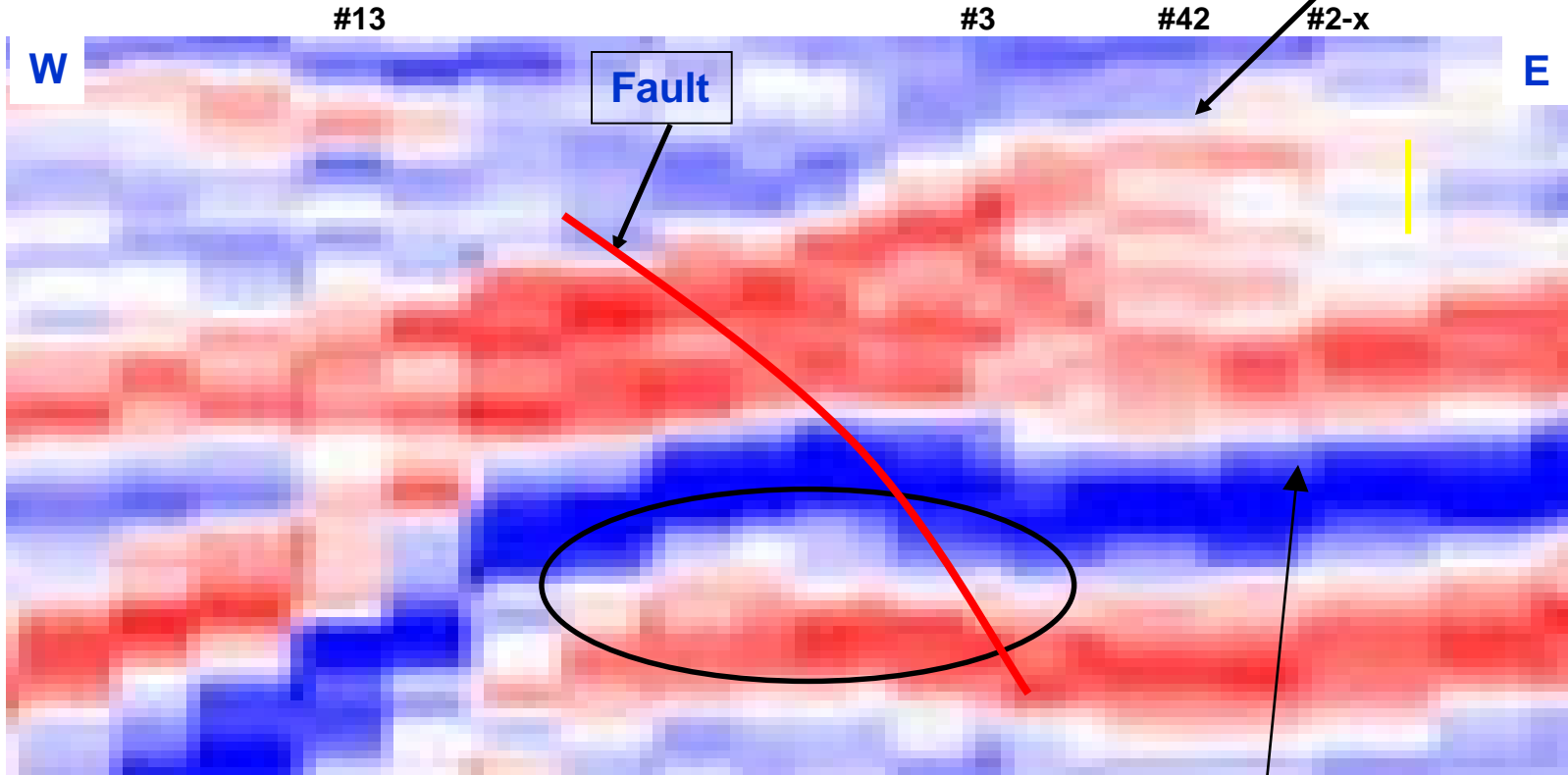


# 3D Borehole Seismic Technology (BST)



# 3D Surface Seismic Technology (SST)

New deviated well Drilled on a 3D Borehole Seismic Image



Drilling result: The new well encountered 300 ft of oil and became the biggest producer in the field

Oil Sands in DS #2-X well doesn't make it over to the DS #3 well.



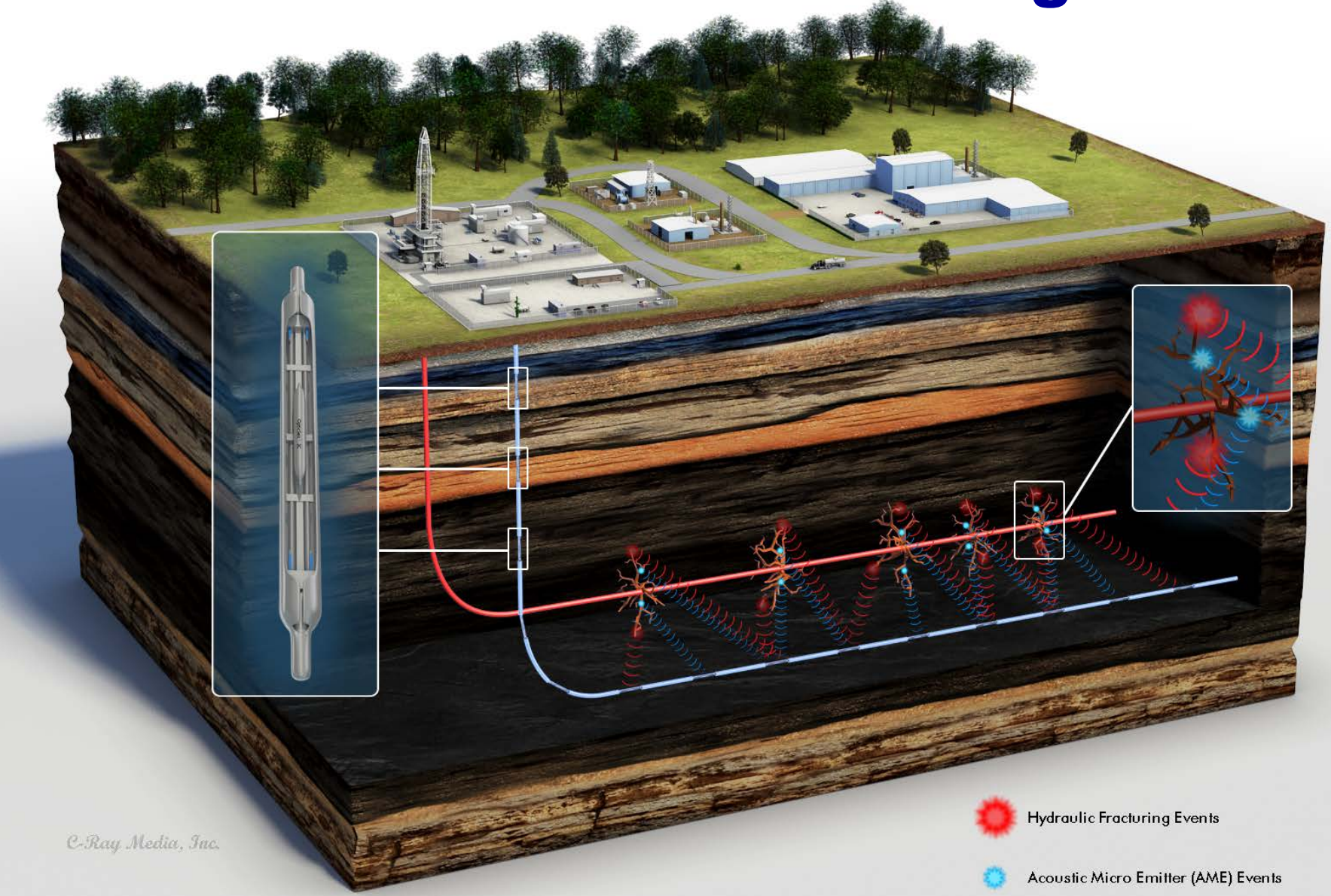
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# Technology

## Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensor (FOSVS)

Field System Funded under  
DE-FE00024360

# Effective & Accurate Monitoring of UOG



-  Hydraulic Fracturing Events
-  Acoustic Micro Emitter (AME) Events

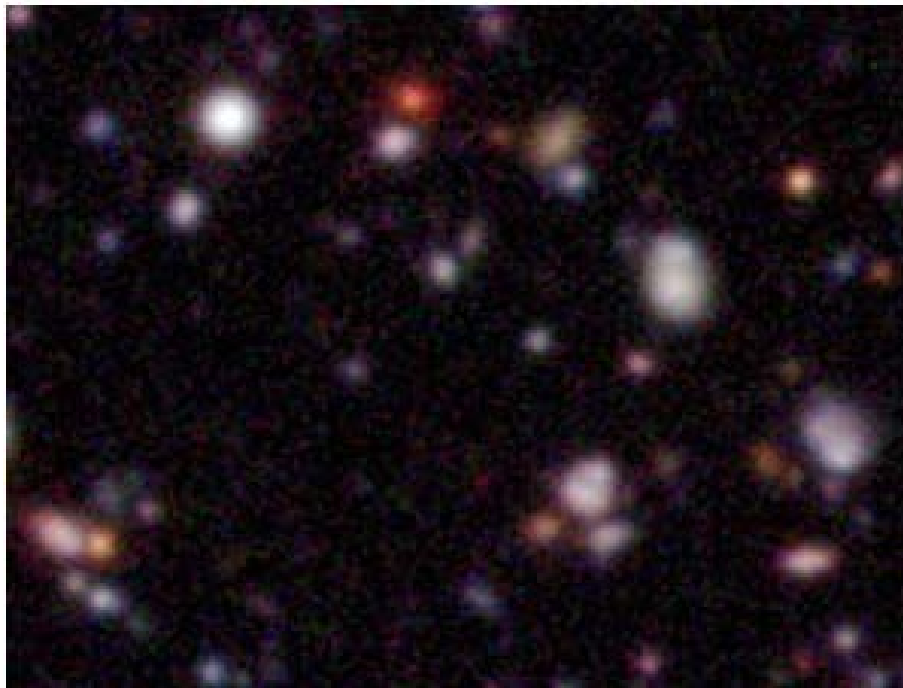
C-Ray Media, Inc.



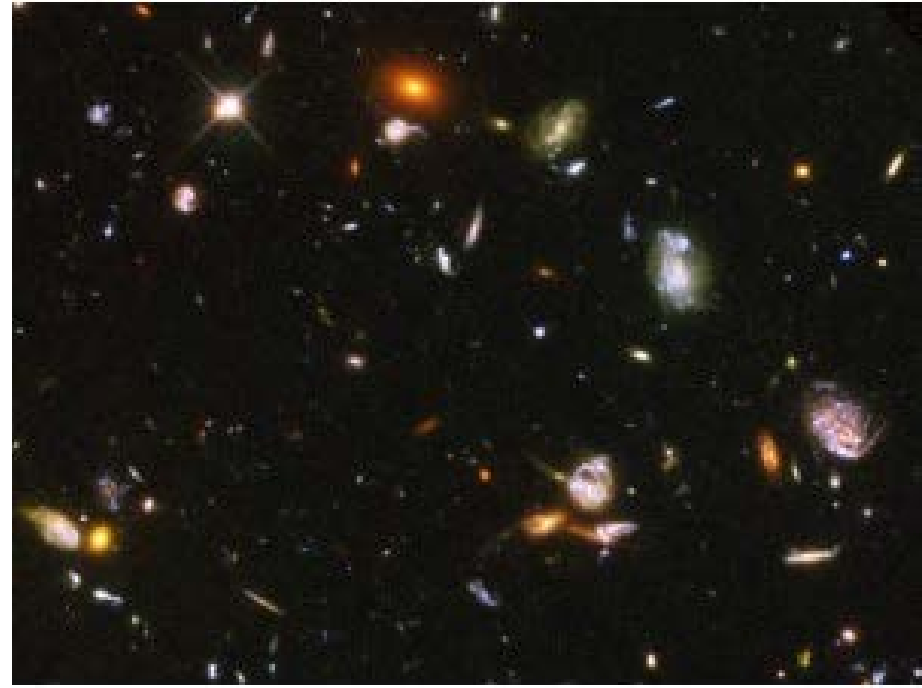
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# Example From Space Exploration: Images From Same Region in Space **Technology Allow Us to See the Stars**

Earth Telescopes  
Show Blurry Imprecise Images

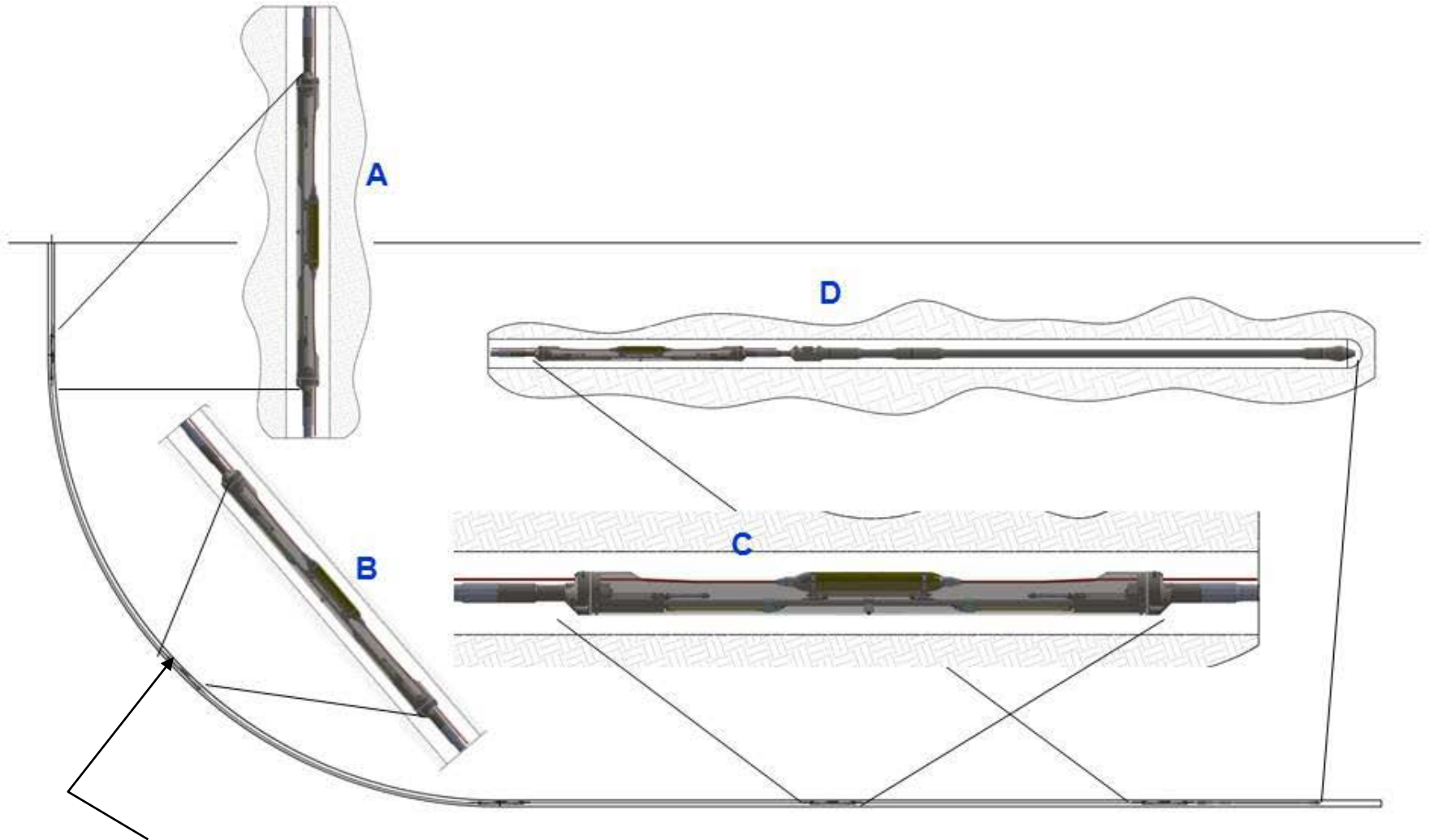


The Hubble Space Telescope  
Shows Sharp Precise Images



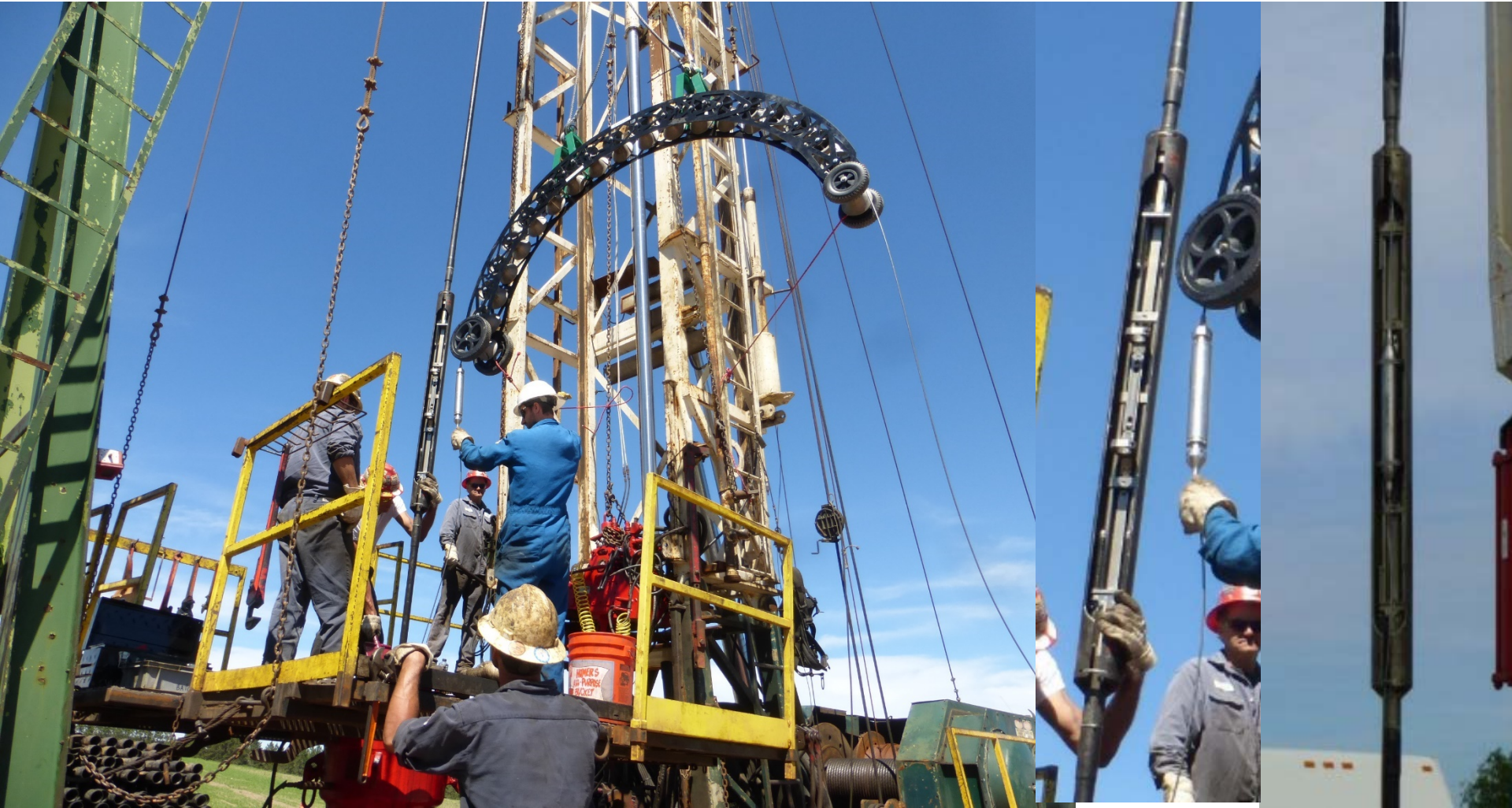


# Drill Pipe Deployed System – Housing and Clamping



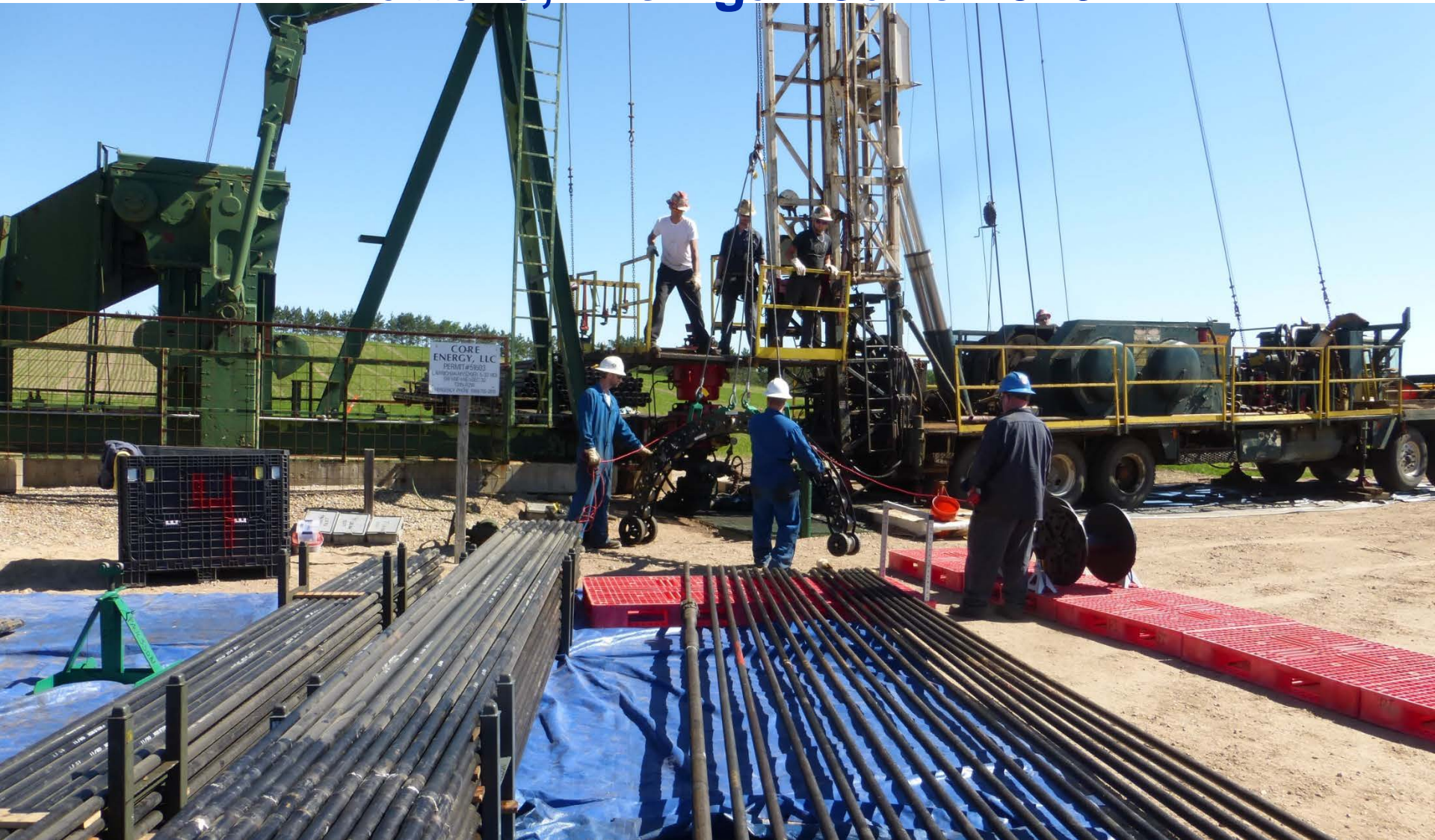
Clamping system operates by increasing the pressure inside the drill pipe and manifolds using the borehole fluid as the pressurized medium

# Fiber Optic Seismic Sensor System Deployment Battelle, Michigan June 2016





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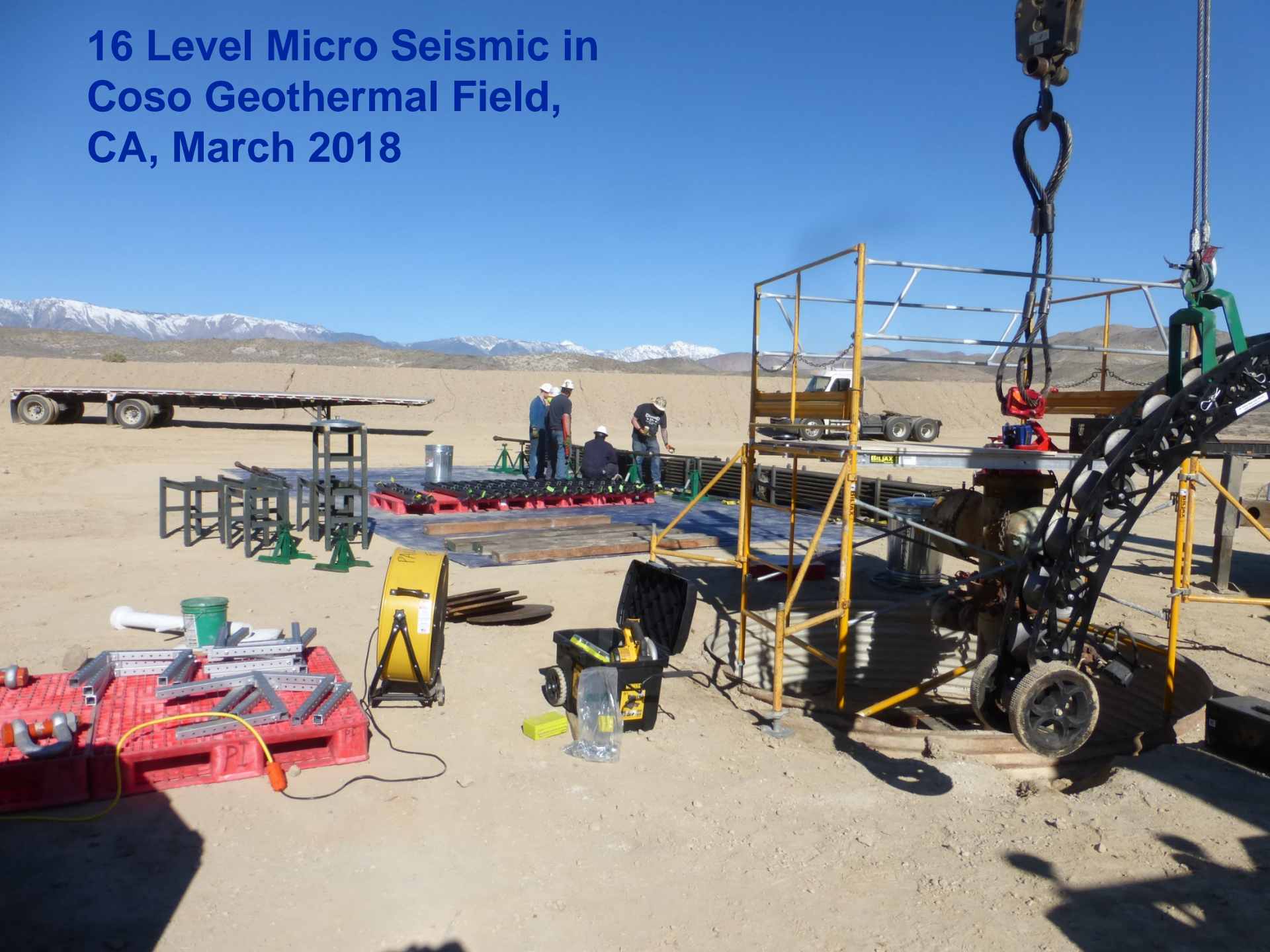
# Fiber Optic Seismic Sensor System Deployment for Battelle in Michigan June 2016

Containerized Spool for Fiber Optic Seismic 3C Sensors





# 16 Level Micro Seismic in Coso Geothermal Field, CA, March 2018



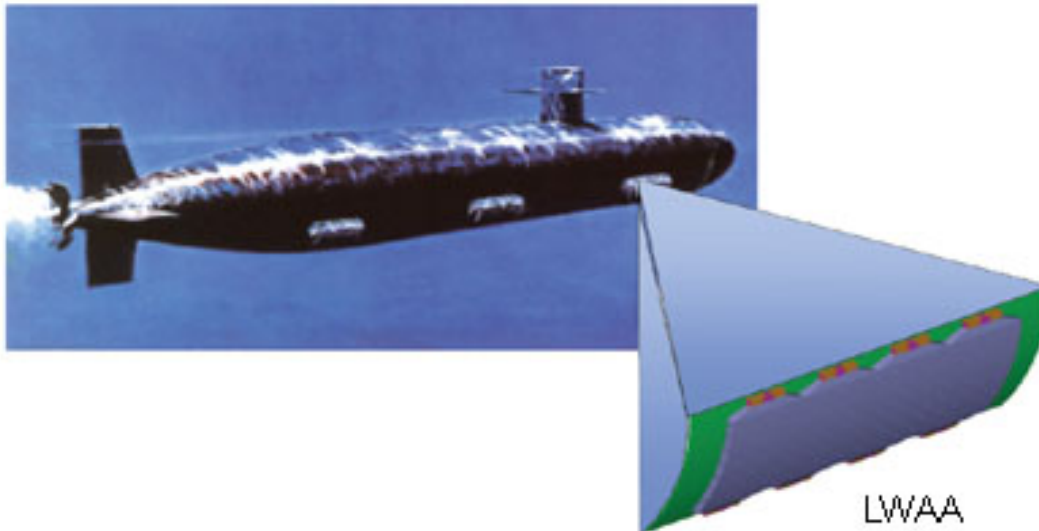
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# Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors



# The Paulsson Fiber Optic Technology Started at the NAVY NRL

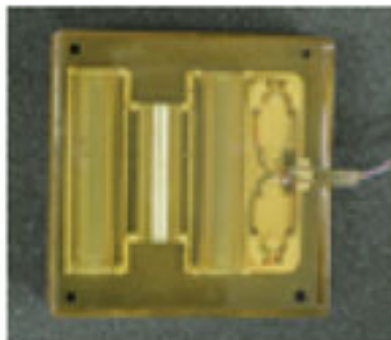
- NNSN (New Attach Submarine (nuclear Propulsion)) Virginia Class Attack submarine FOAS array
- Light Weight Wide Aperture Array (LWAA) is a passive ASW sonar system which consists of three large array panels mounted on either side of the submarine's hull.
- NRL developed and demonstrated fiber optic methods based on the Michelson interferometry technique which measure the strain in fiber from dynamic signals (acoustic).



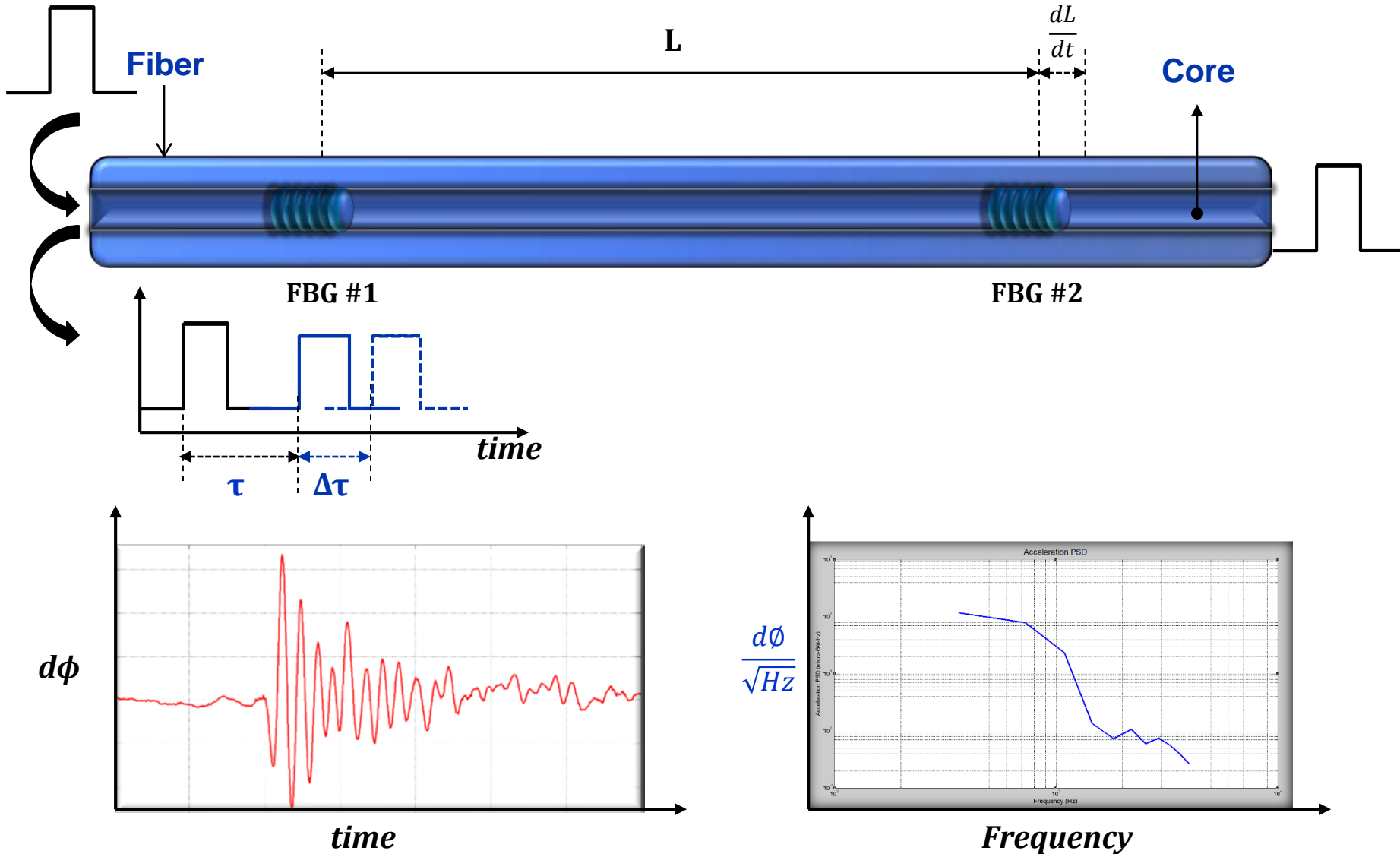
## Fiber Optic LWAA

- 6 arrays (three per side)
- -450 hydrophones per array
- Provides ranging capability without maneuvers
- Passive acoustics

## All-Optical Hydrophones



# Fiber Bragg Grating: Theory



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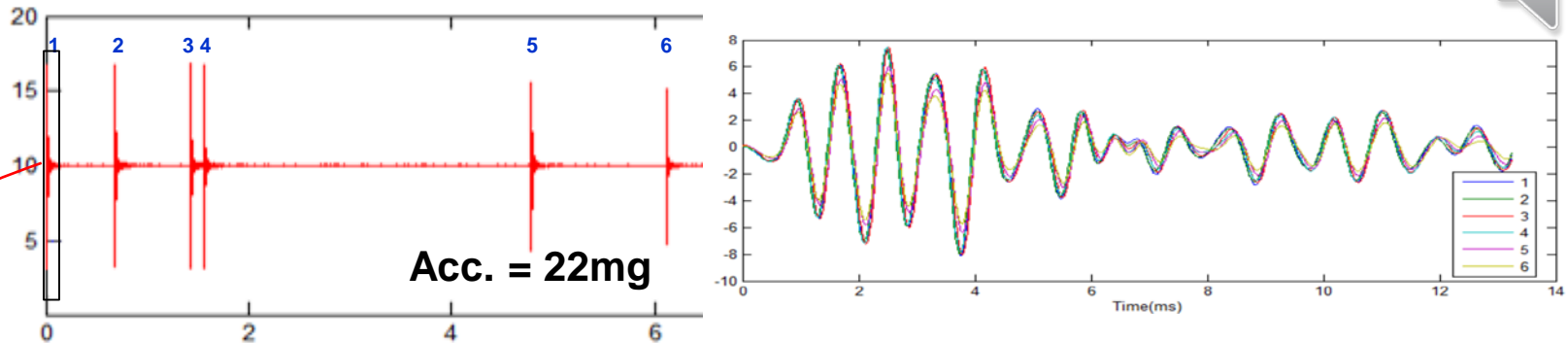
# Laboratory Test of Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors



# Test of Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS) & AME

Fiber sensor, geophone and accelerometer are placed approximately 20 cm (8 inches) from the pressure vessel with AMEs

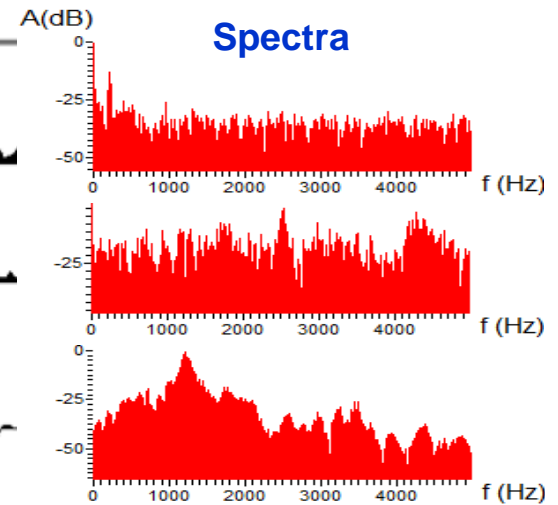
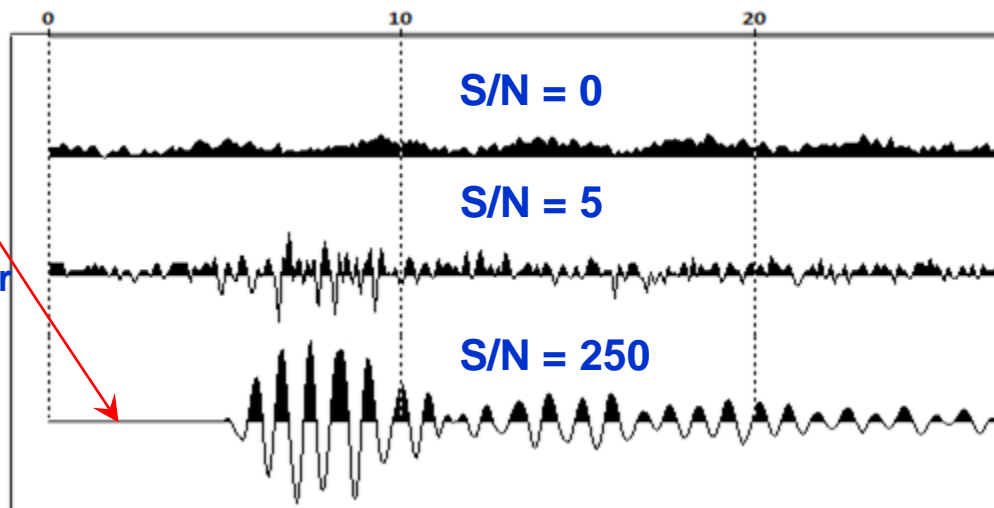
**Repeatability Test: 6 AME's recorded on FOSVS: Outstanding Repeatability.**  
**Allow extraction of arrivals in high noise environment. AME Energy Released:  $\sim 0.1 \text{ J} = \text{M-3.5}$**



Geophone

Accelerometer

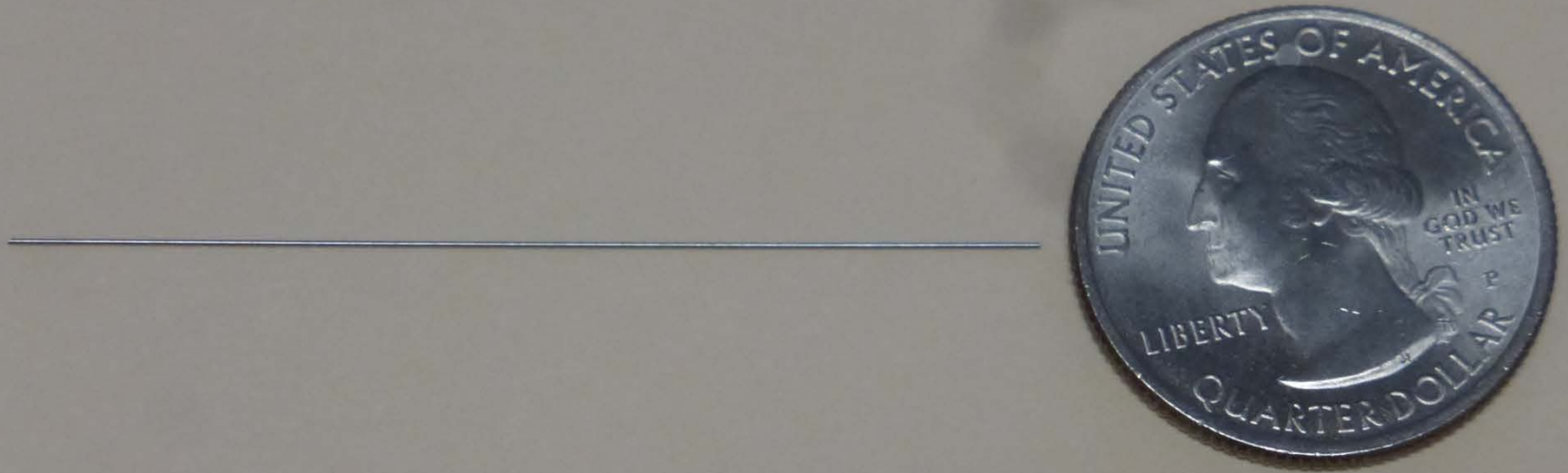
FOSVS



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# Can You Hear a Pin Drop?

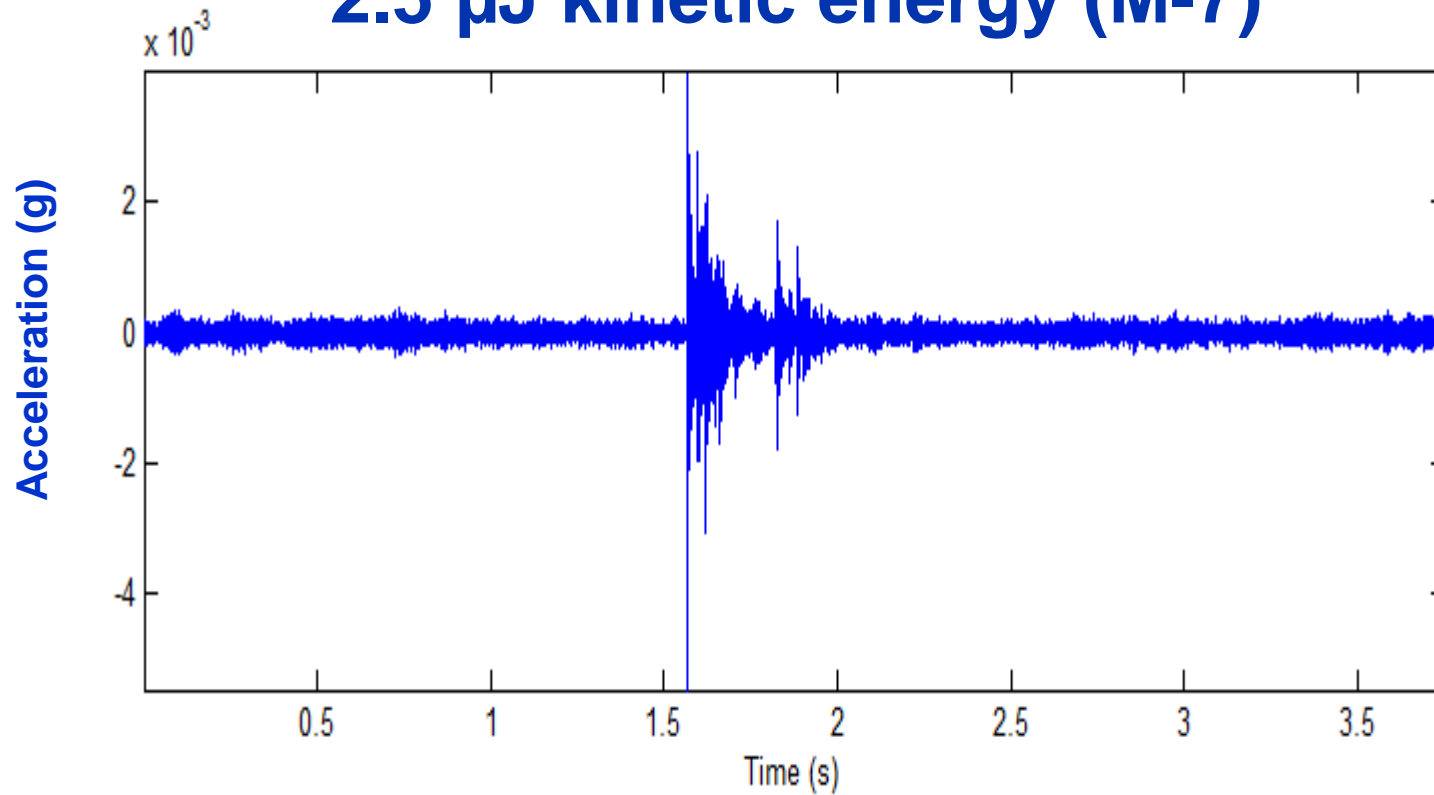
**Test Object: OD: 0.011", 2" long, 24.8 mg**



# FOSVS Test: OD: 0.011", 24.8 mg Pin Drop 1 cm:



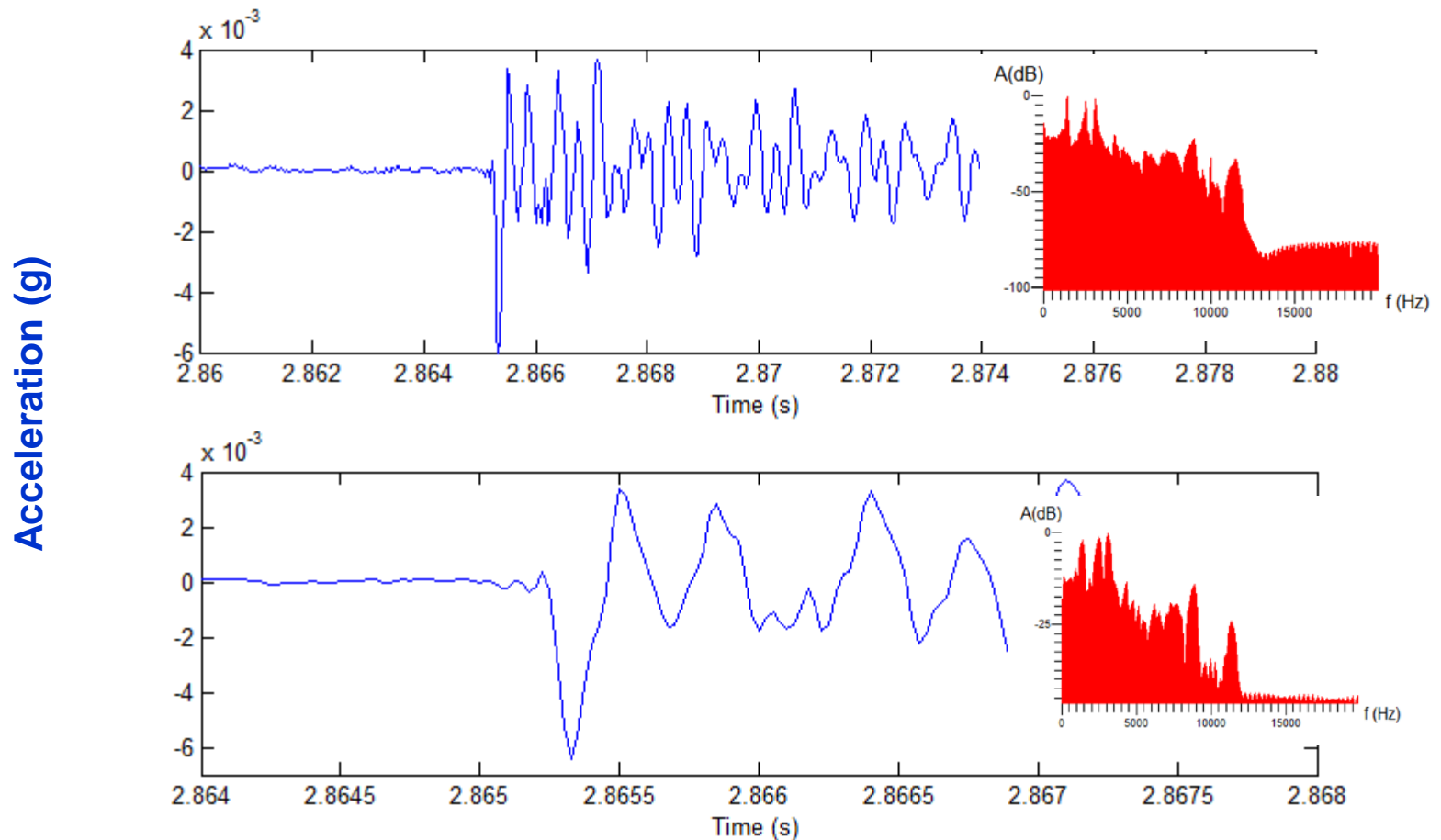
## 2.5 $\mu\text{J}$ kinetic energy (M-7)





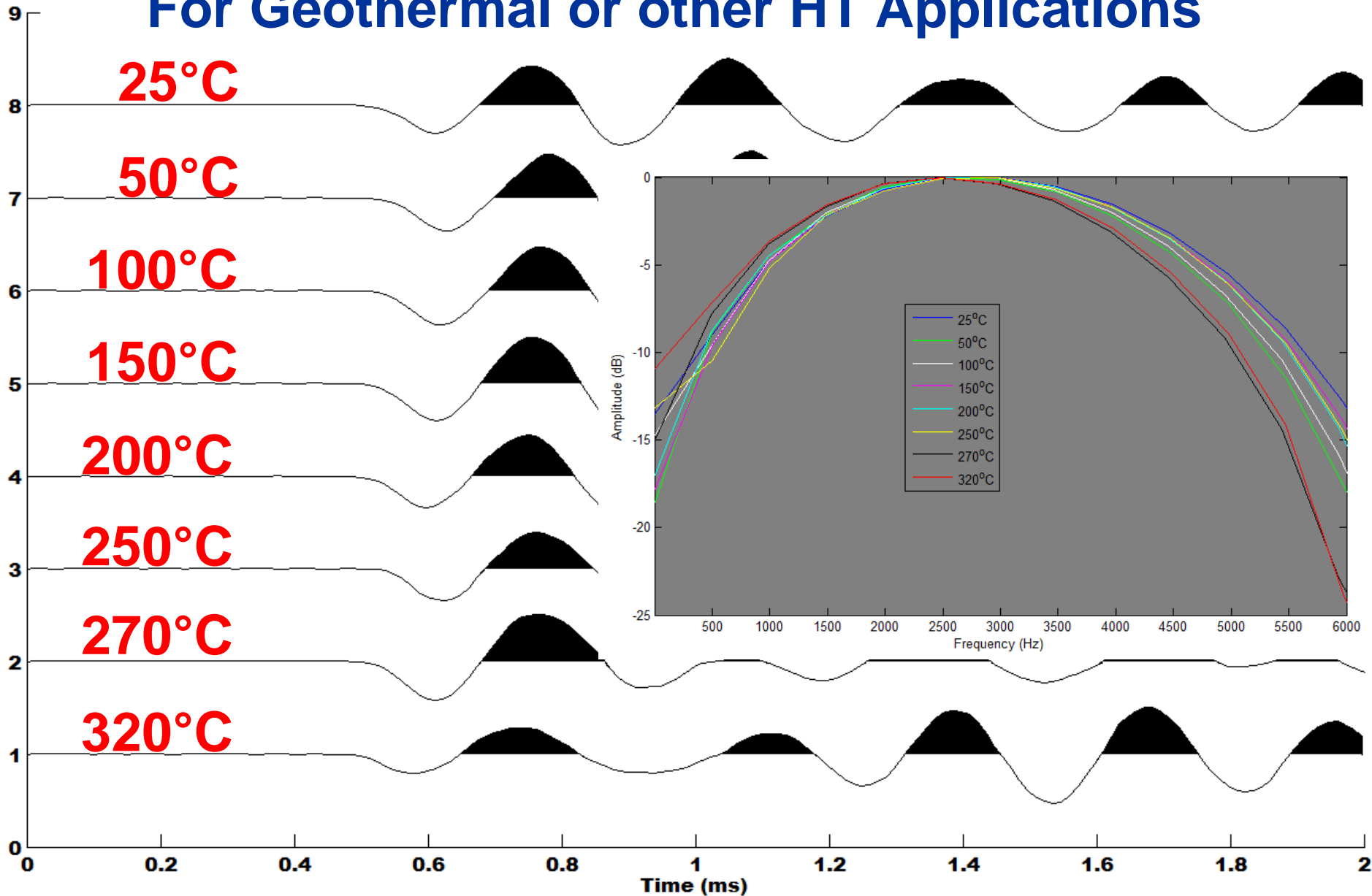
# FOSVS Test: OD: 0.011", 24.8 mg Pin Drop 1 cm:

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# FOSVS: Optical Radial Component @ 25°C - 320°C

## For Geothermal or other HT Applications

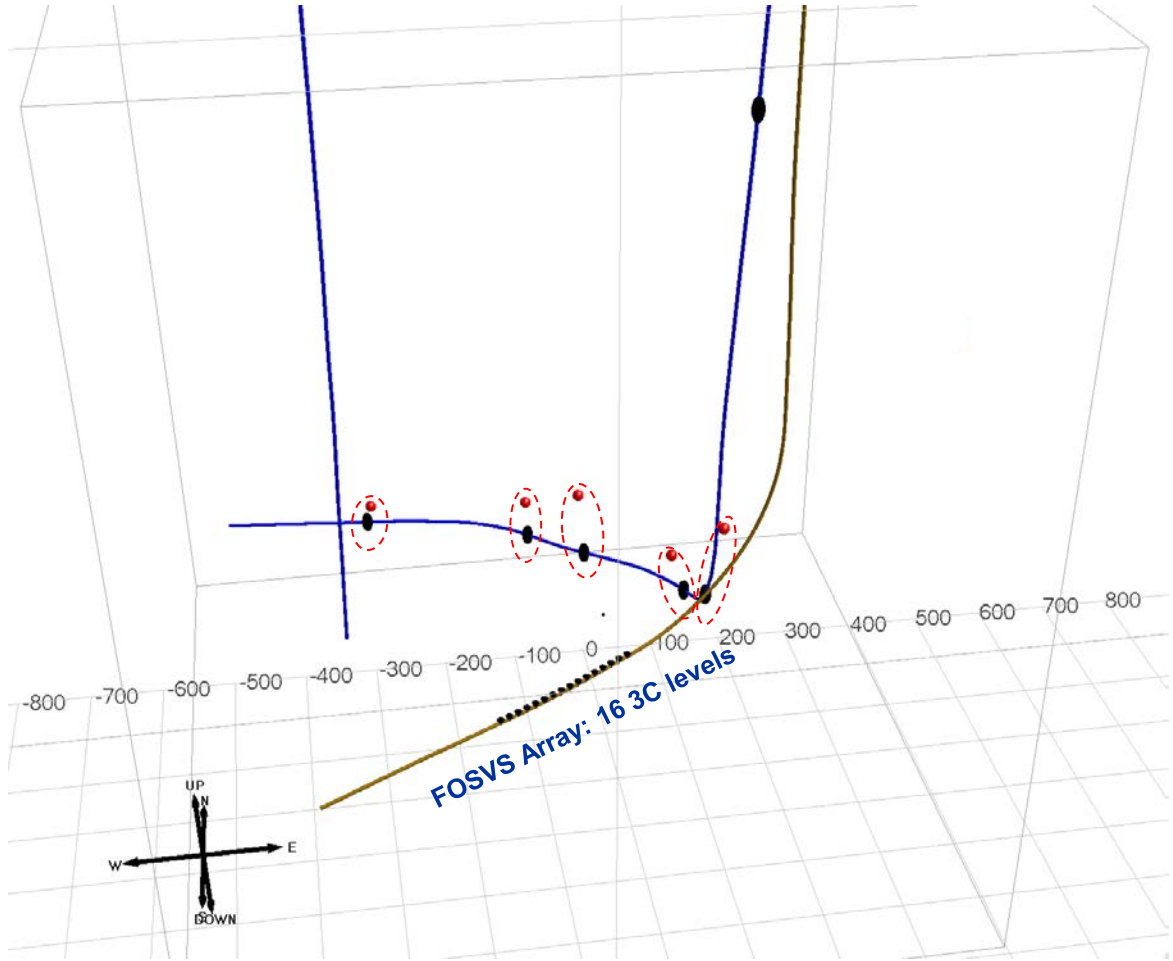


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# Field Test Data Recorded with Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensor (FOSVS)<sup>TM</sup> System



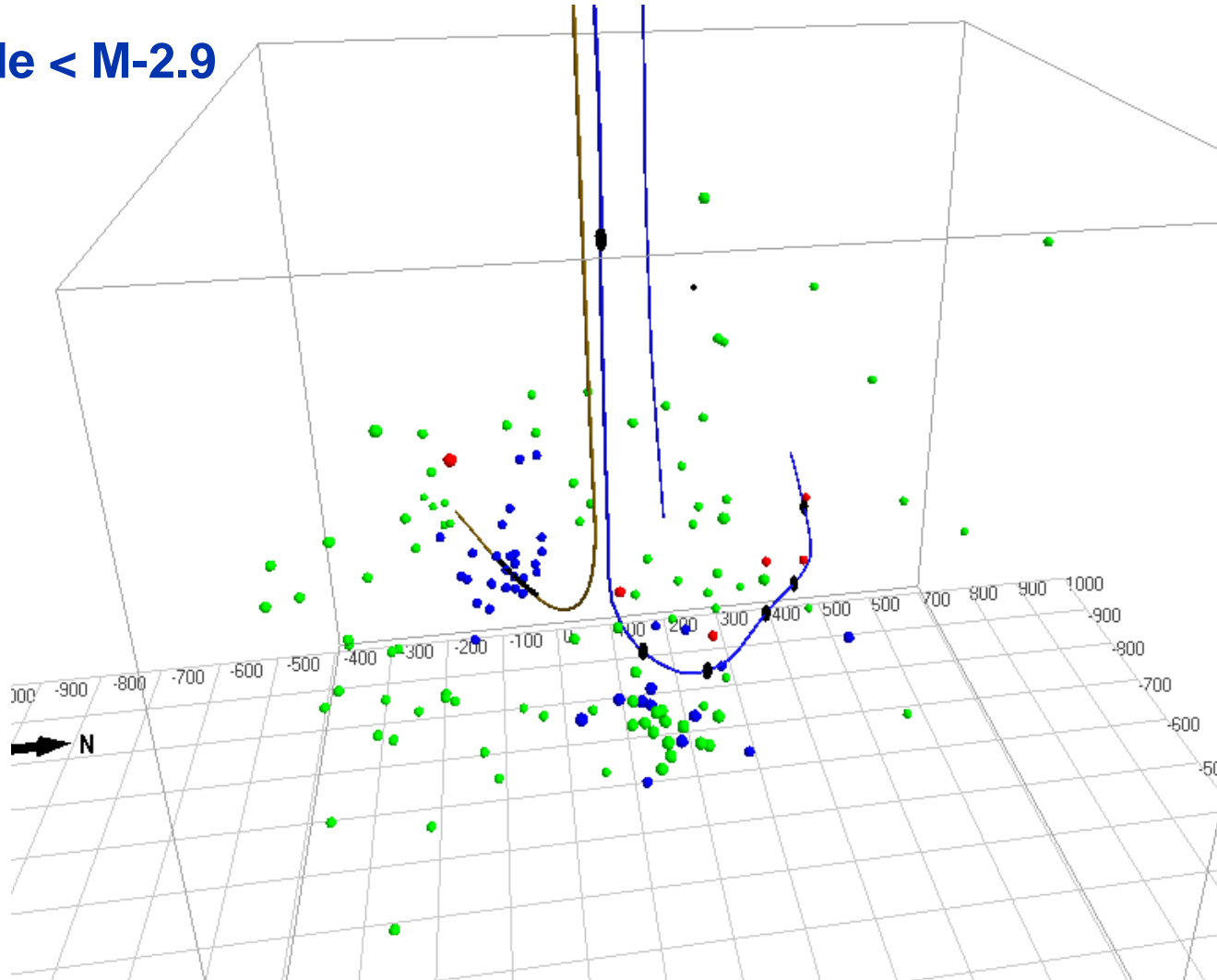
# Results from Locating 0.5 gram String Shots During a Survey Recorded for Battelle in June 2016



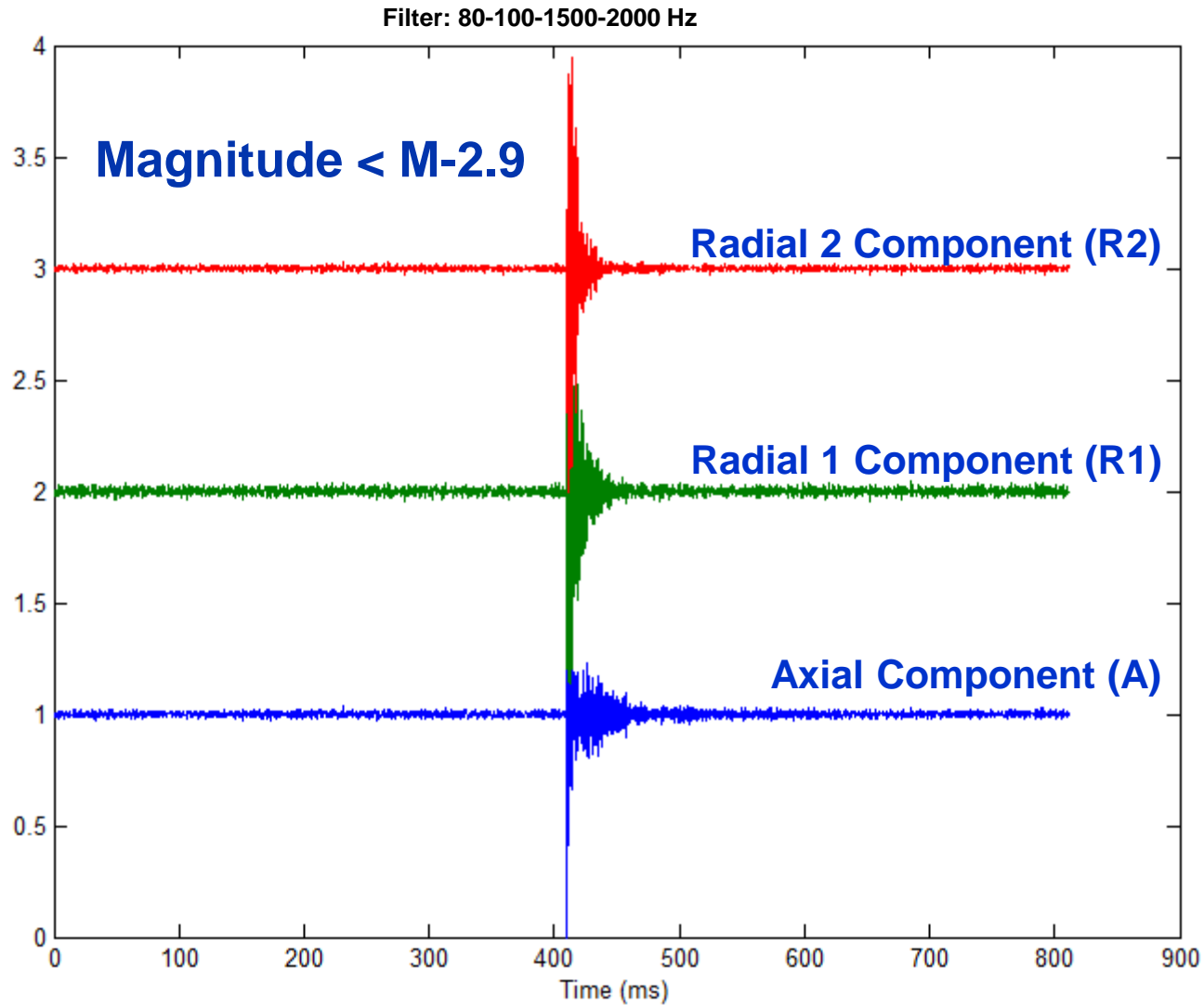
# Survey for Battelle - Locating String Shots and Micro Seismic Events Recorded >20,000 events in four weeks. Displayed here are 130 events.

Red: String Shots; Blue: Focused Micro Seismic; Green: "Long Duration" Events

Magnitude < M-2.9

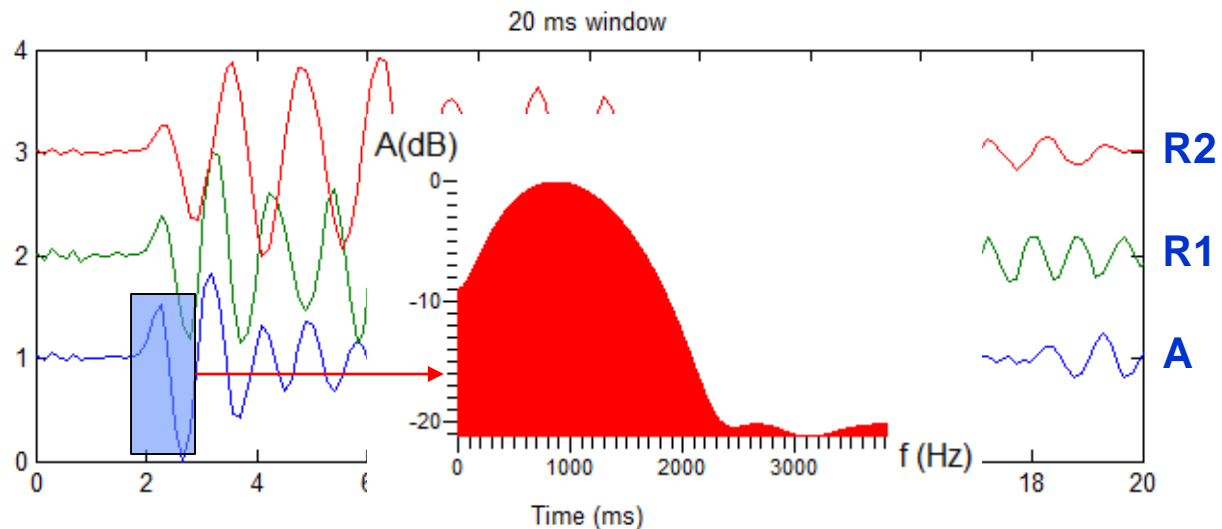
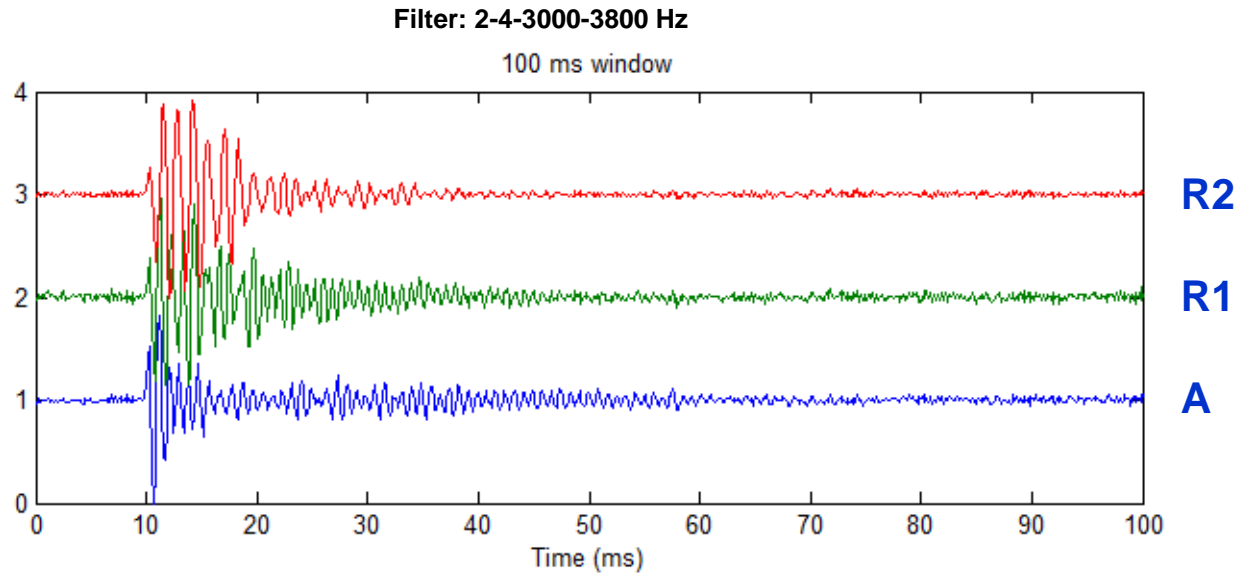


# Sound of A Focused MS in 3C, Survey for Battelle, June 2016



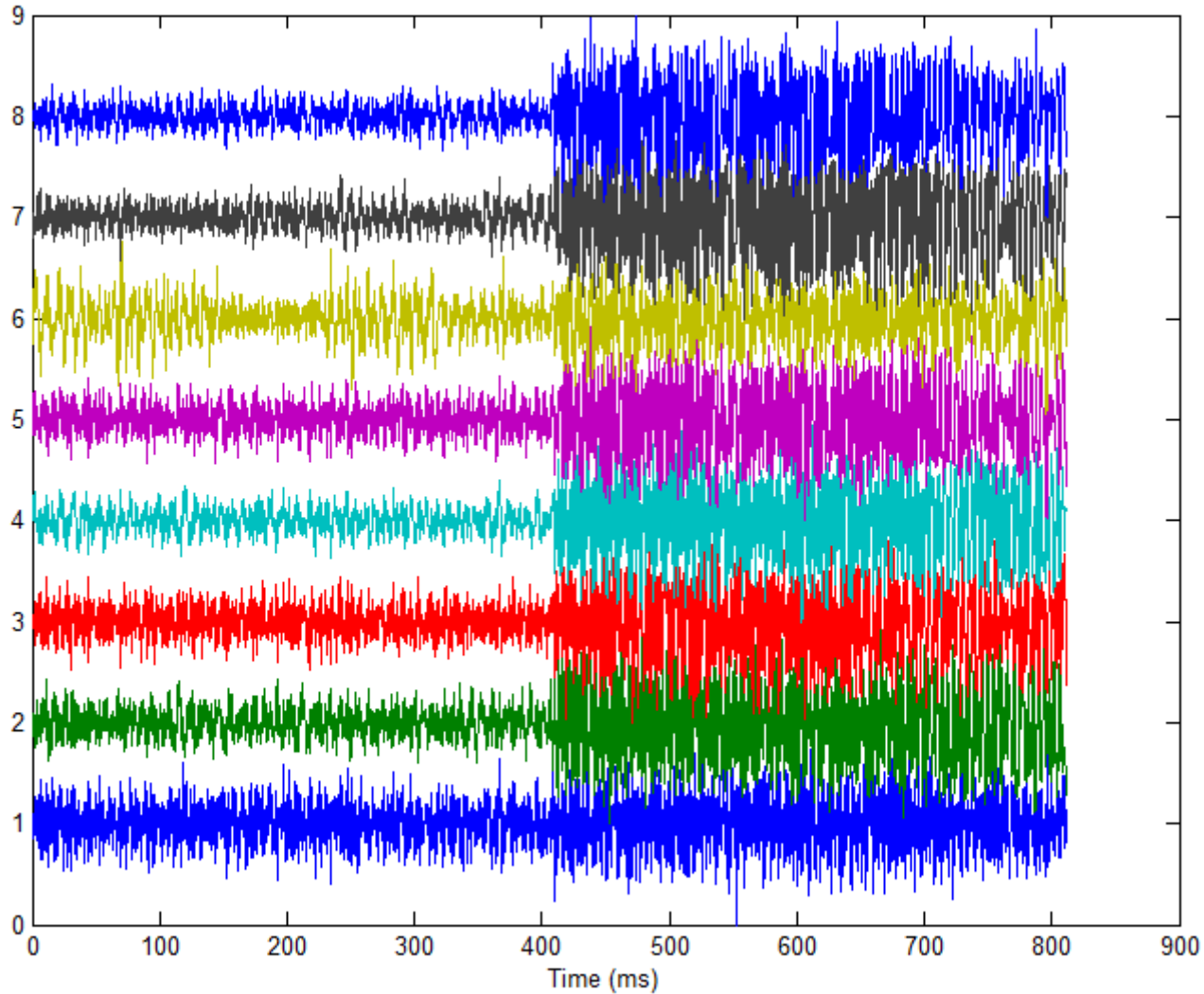


# Zoomed-In Focused MS in 3C- Filter: 2-4-3000-3800 Hz

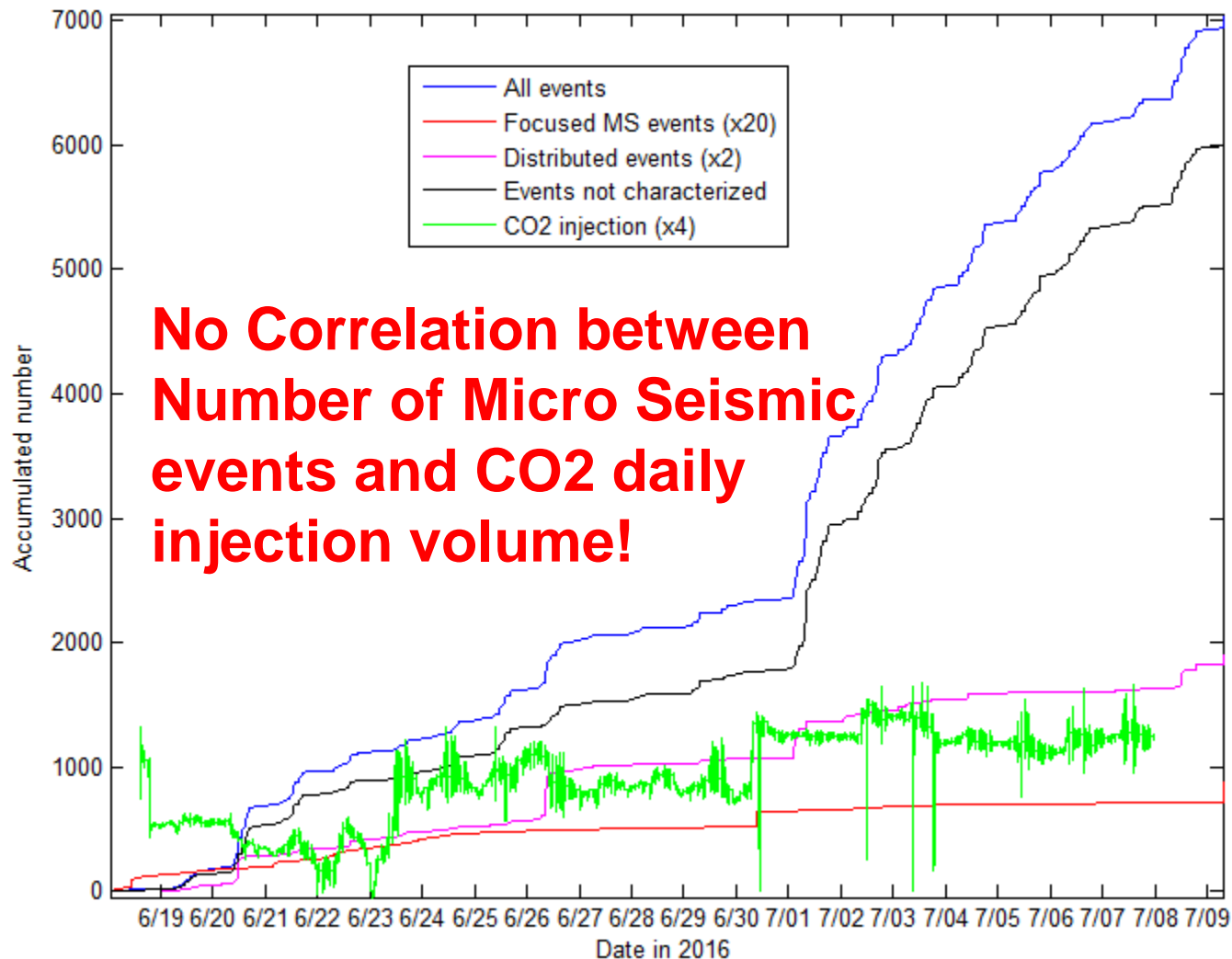


# Sound of A Long Duration Event (<M-5.0) – Maybe Fluid Flow

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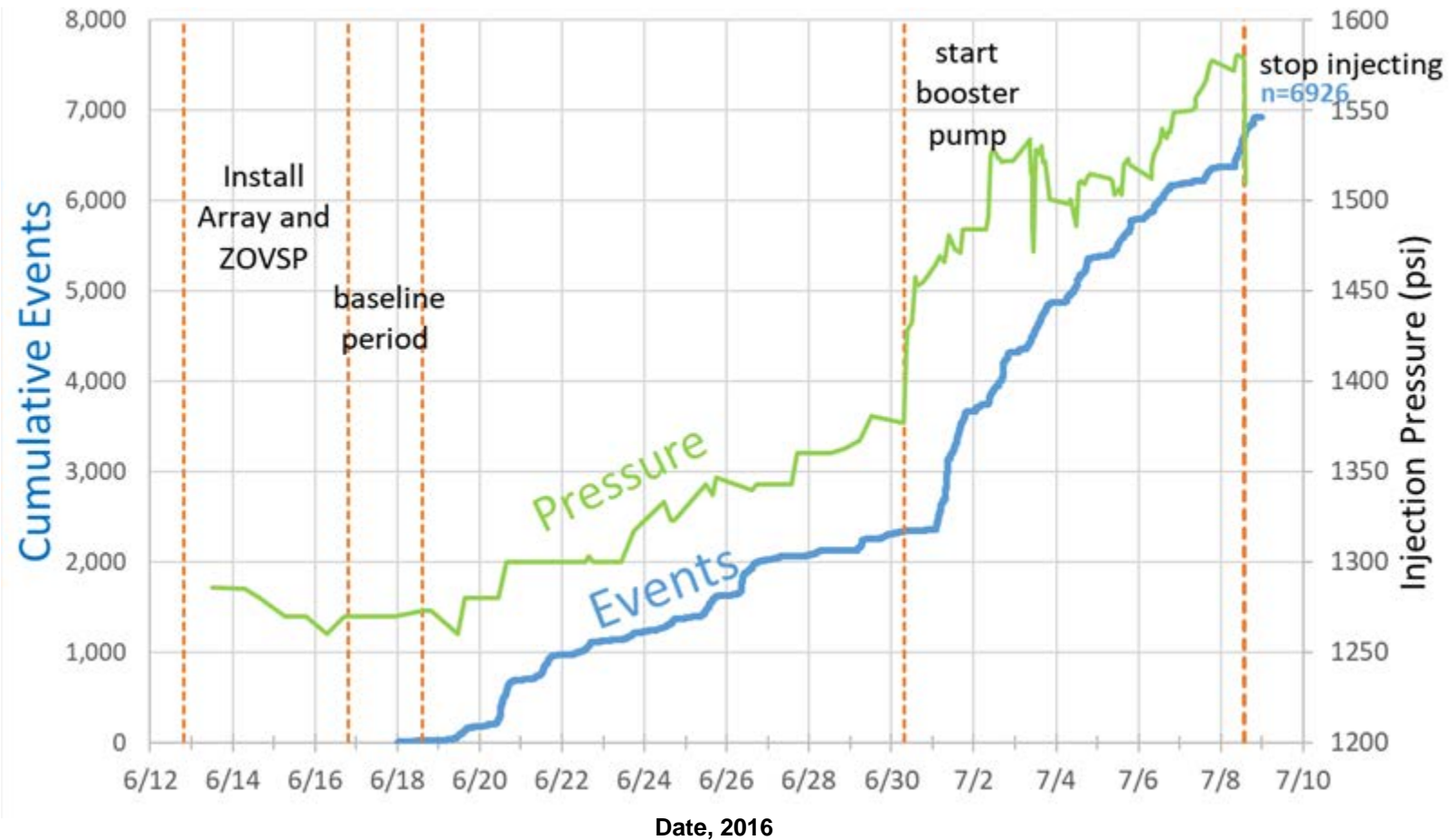


# Updated Search: Distribution of Different Events during CO2 Injection (6/18/2016 – 7/8/2016)





# Micro Seismic Events and Pressure of Injected CO2



**Great Correlation between Micro Seismic and CO2 Pressure!**

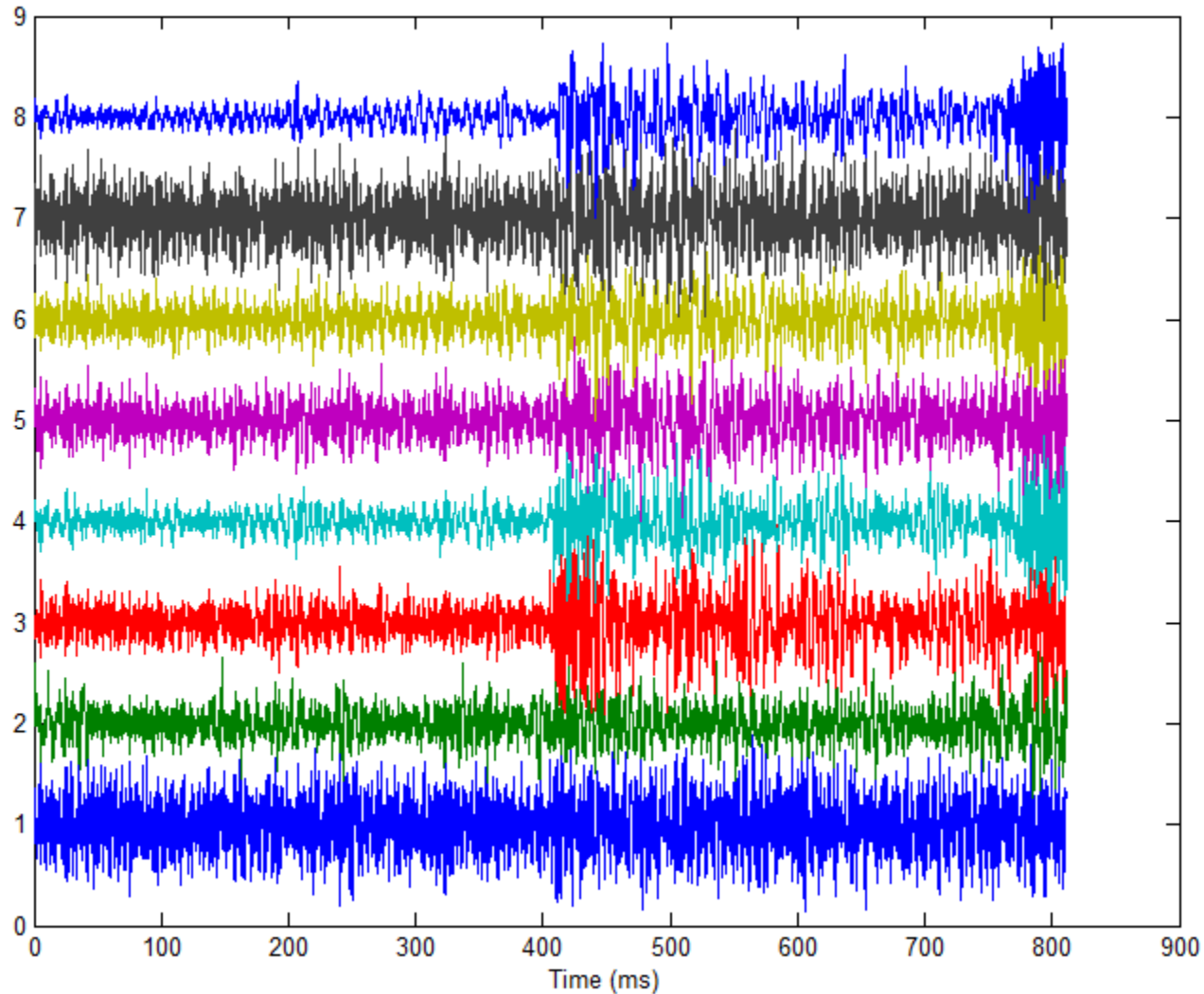
**2019 Discovery by Mark Kelley, Battelle**

Courtesy Mark Kelley, Battelle, 2019



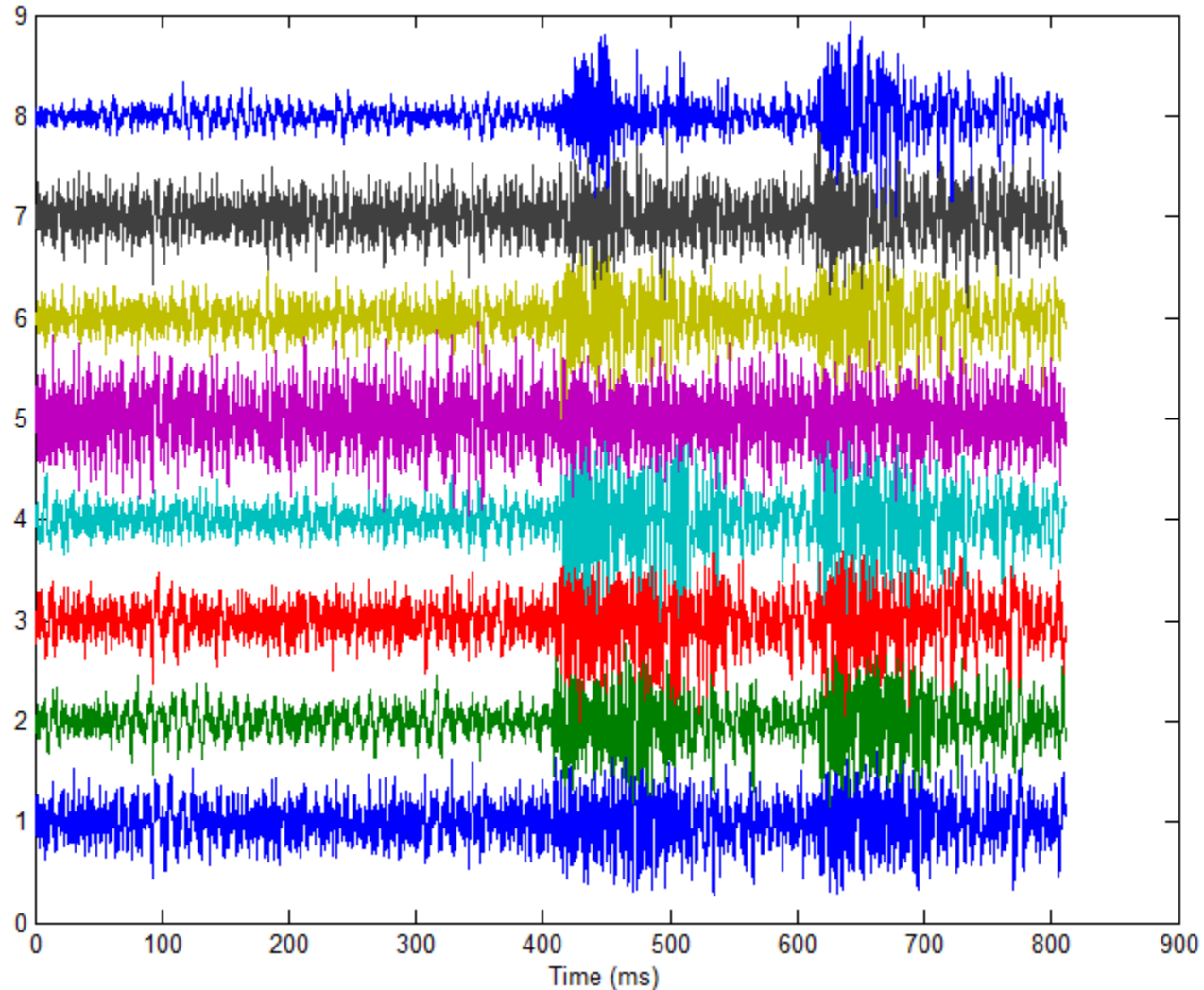
# The Sound of a Long Duration Event on many Sensors

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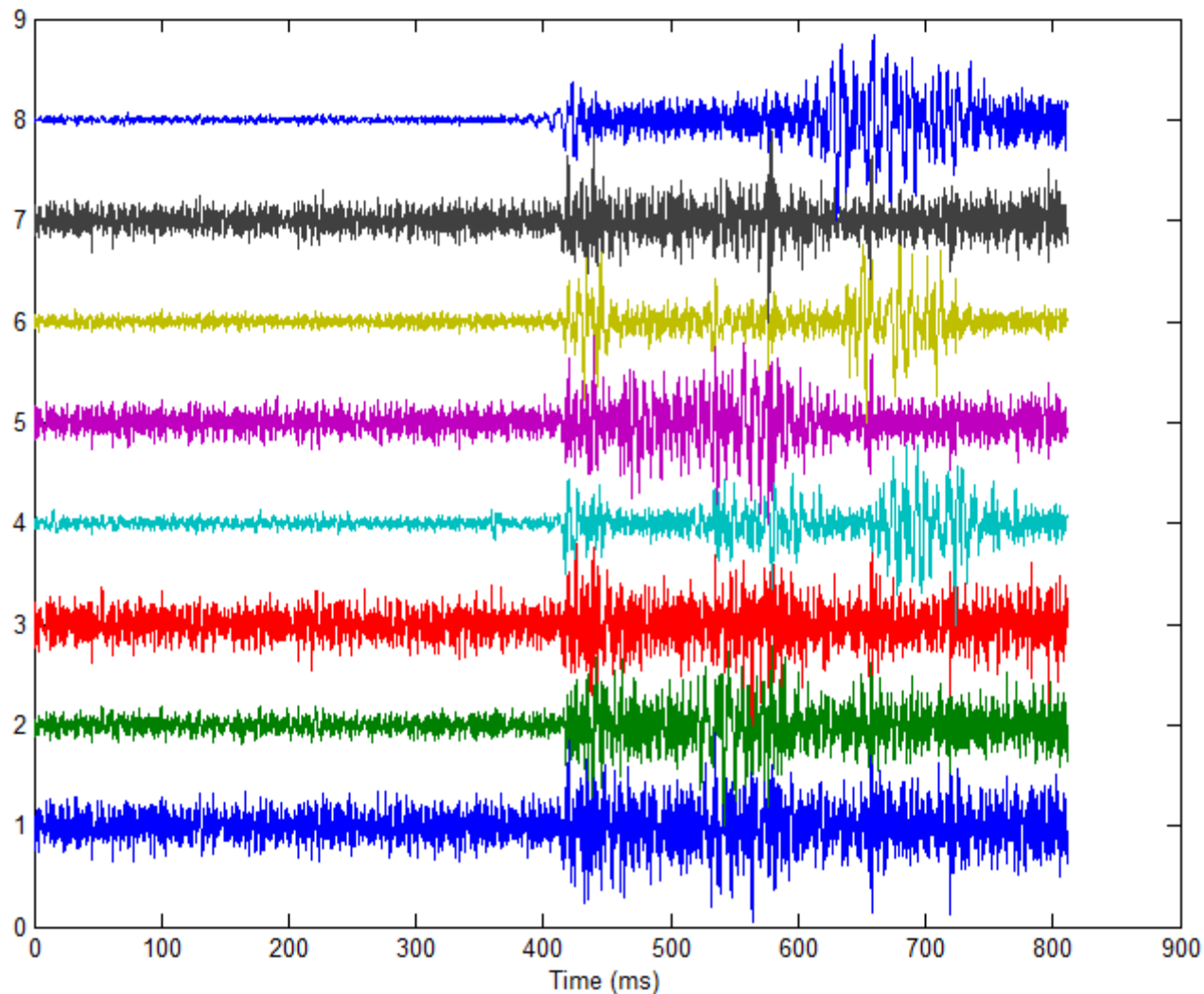
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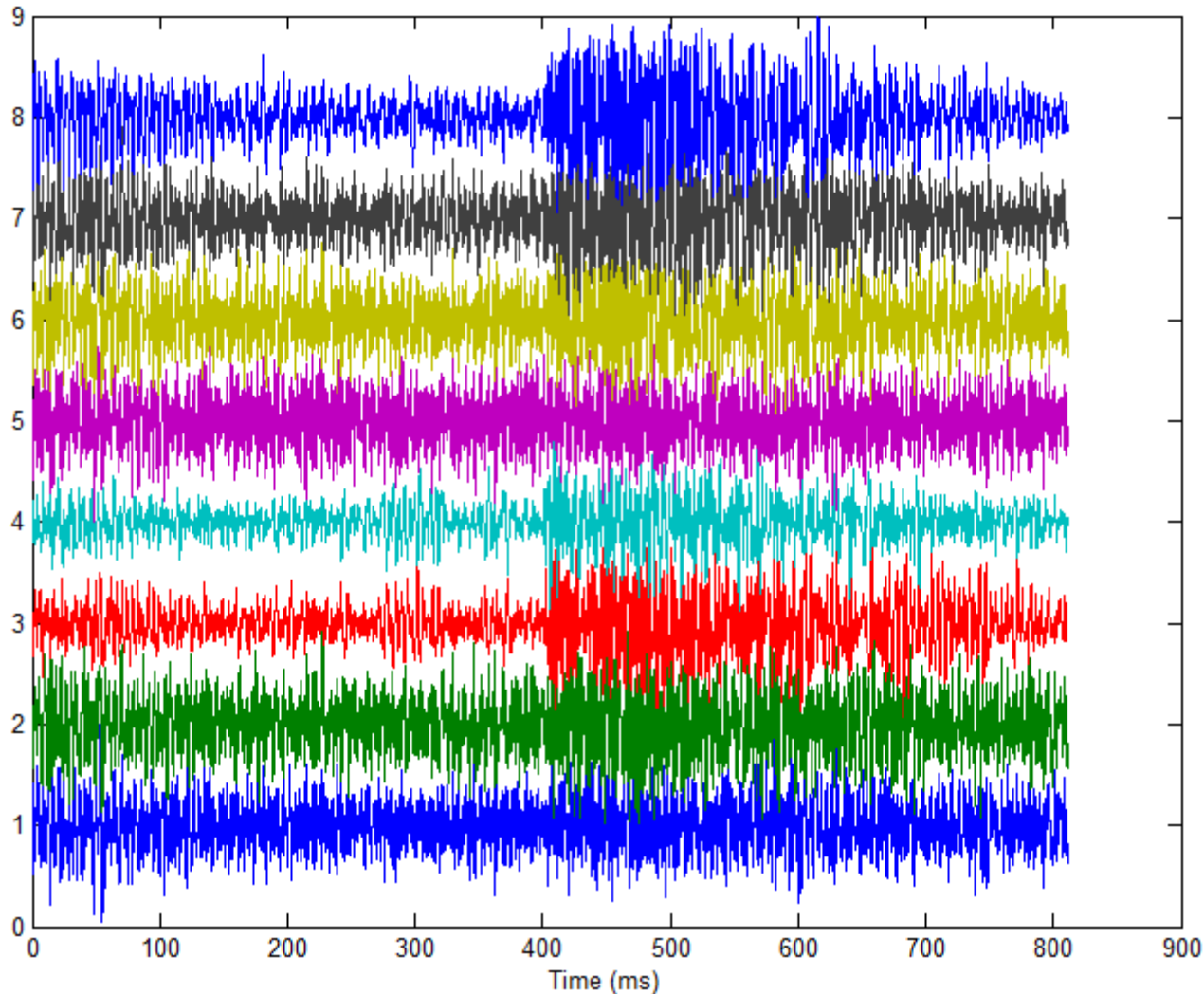
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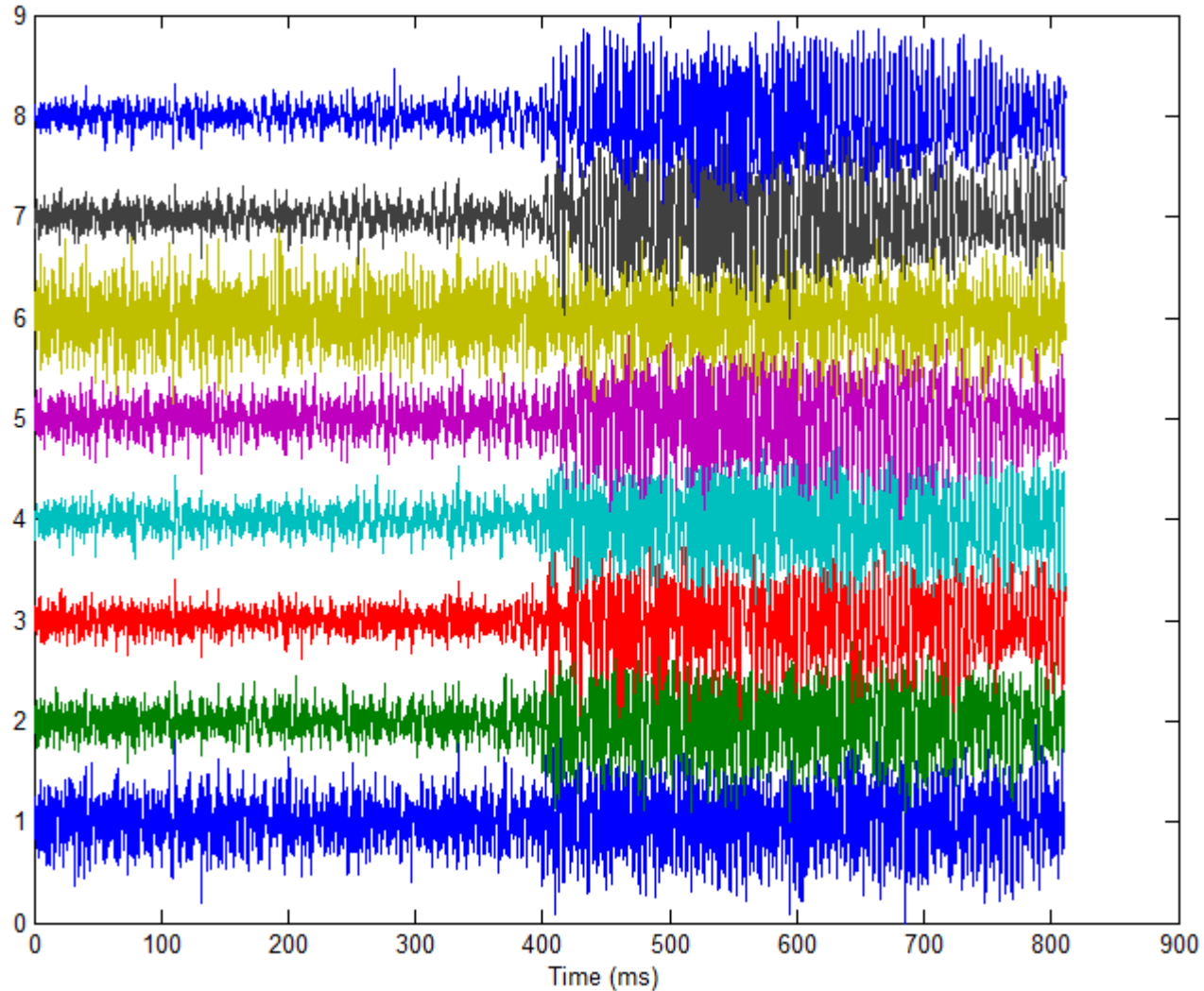
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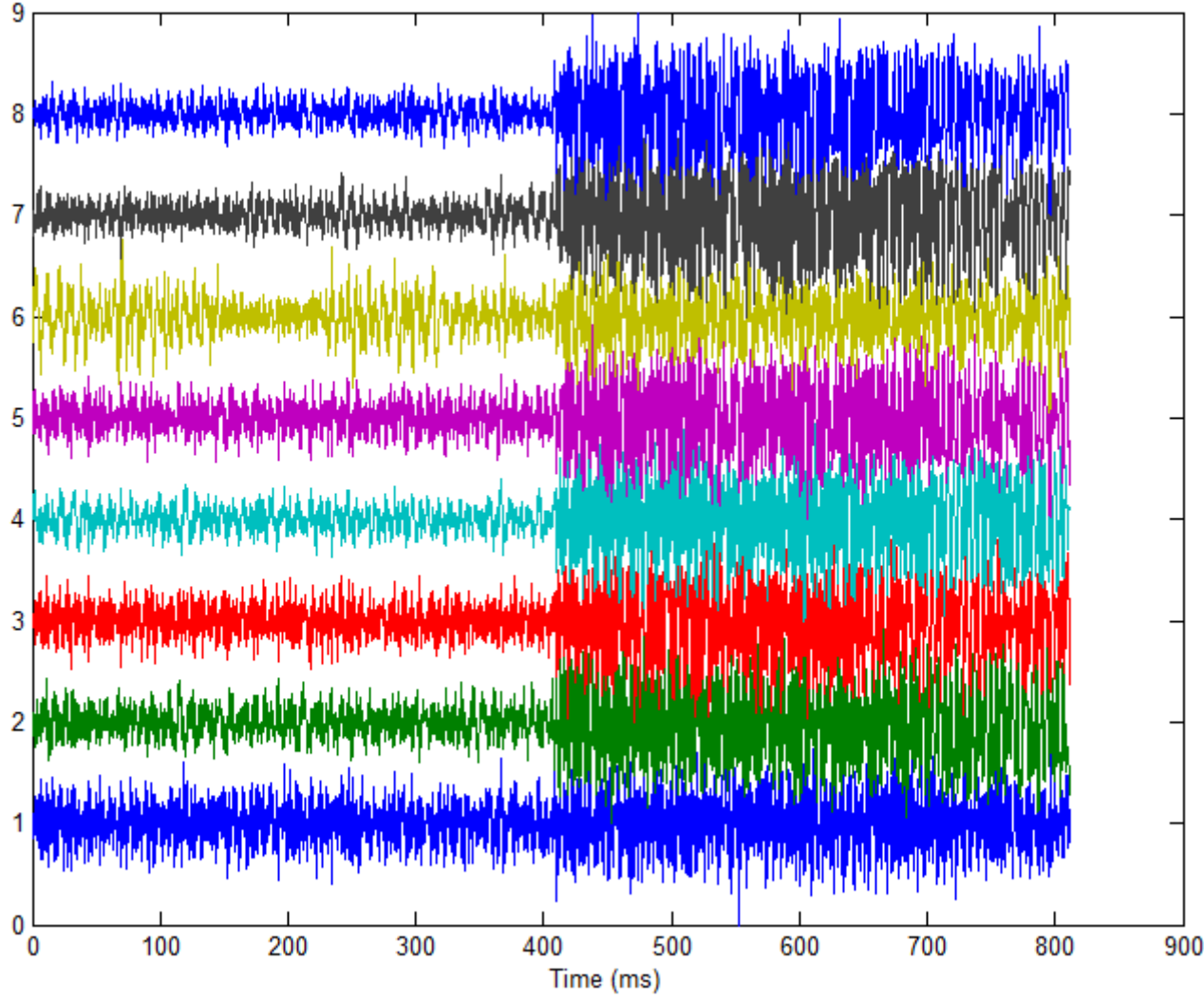
# Sounds of Long Duration Events Consistent between Sensors

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# Sound of A Long Duration Event (<M-5.0) Definitely Fluid Flow

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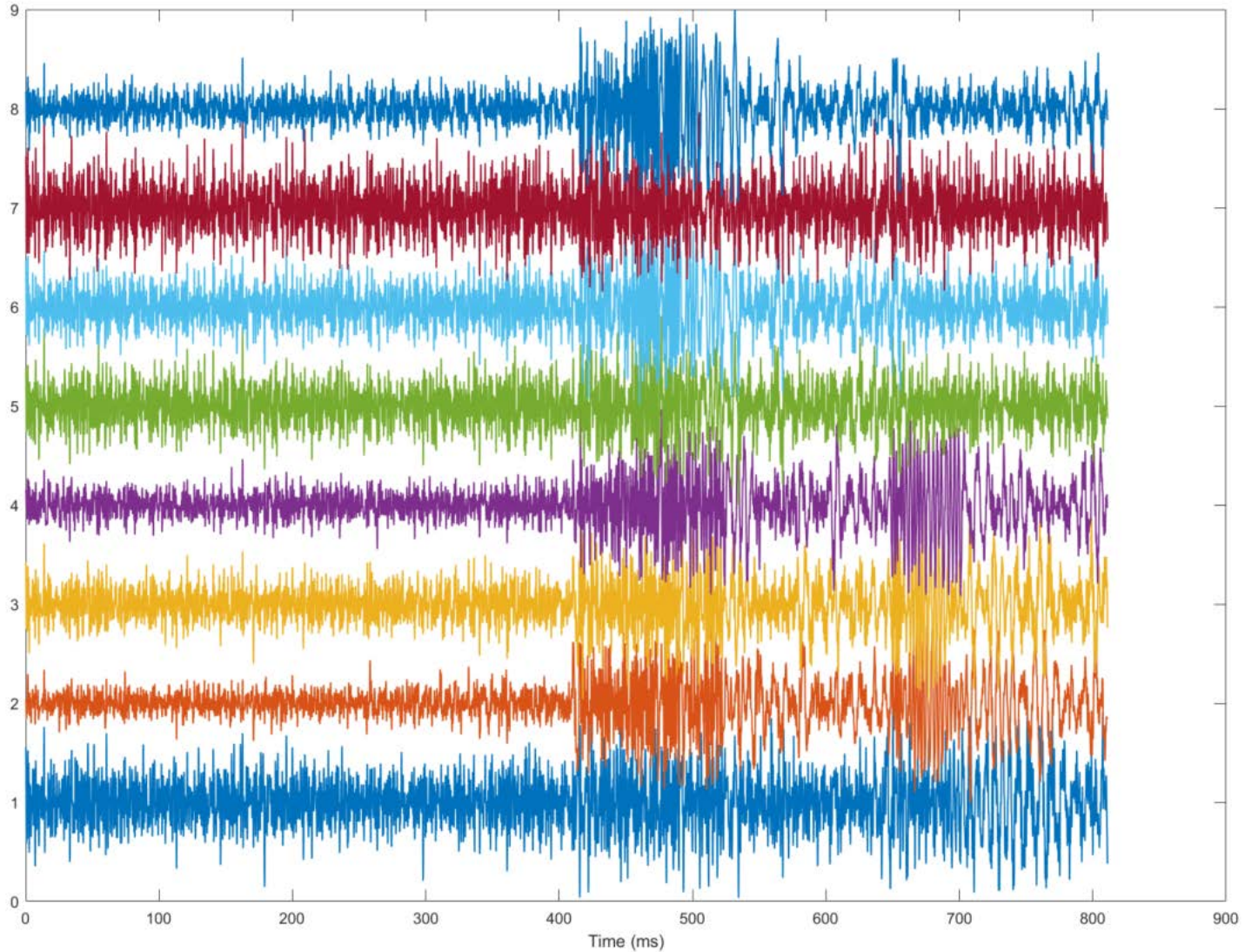




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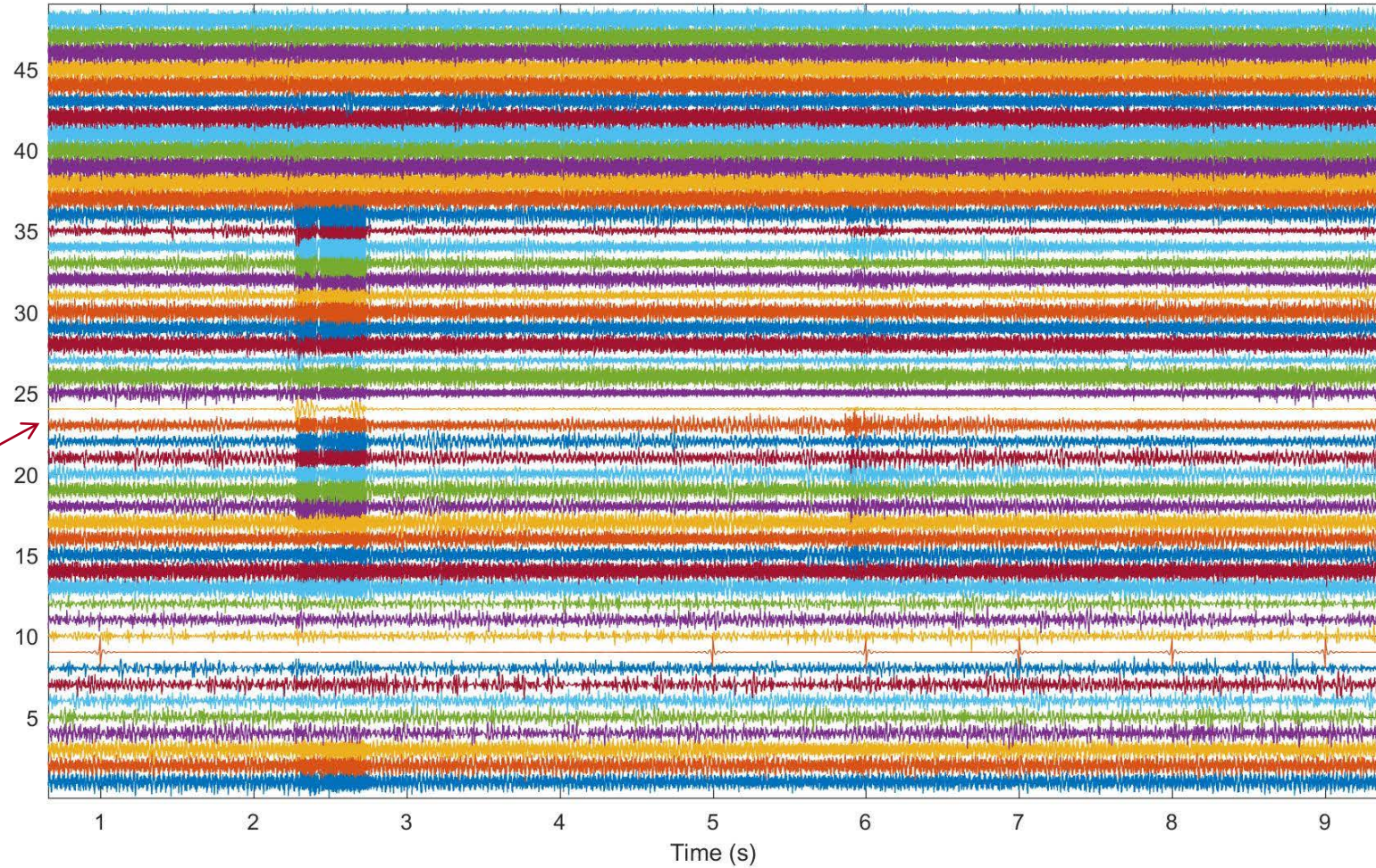
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# The Sound of a Long Duration Flow Event on many Sensors

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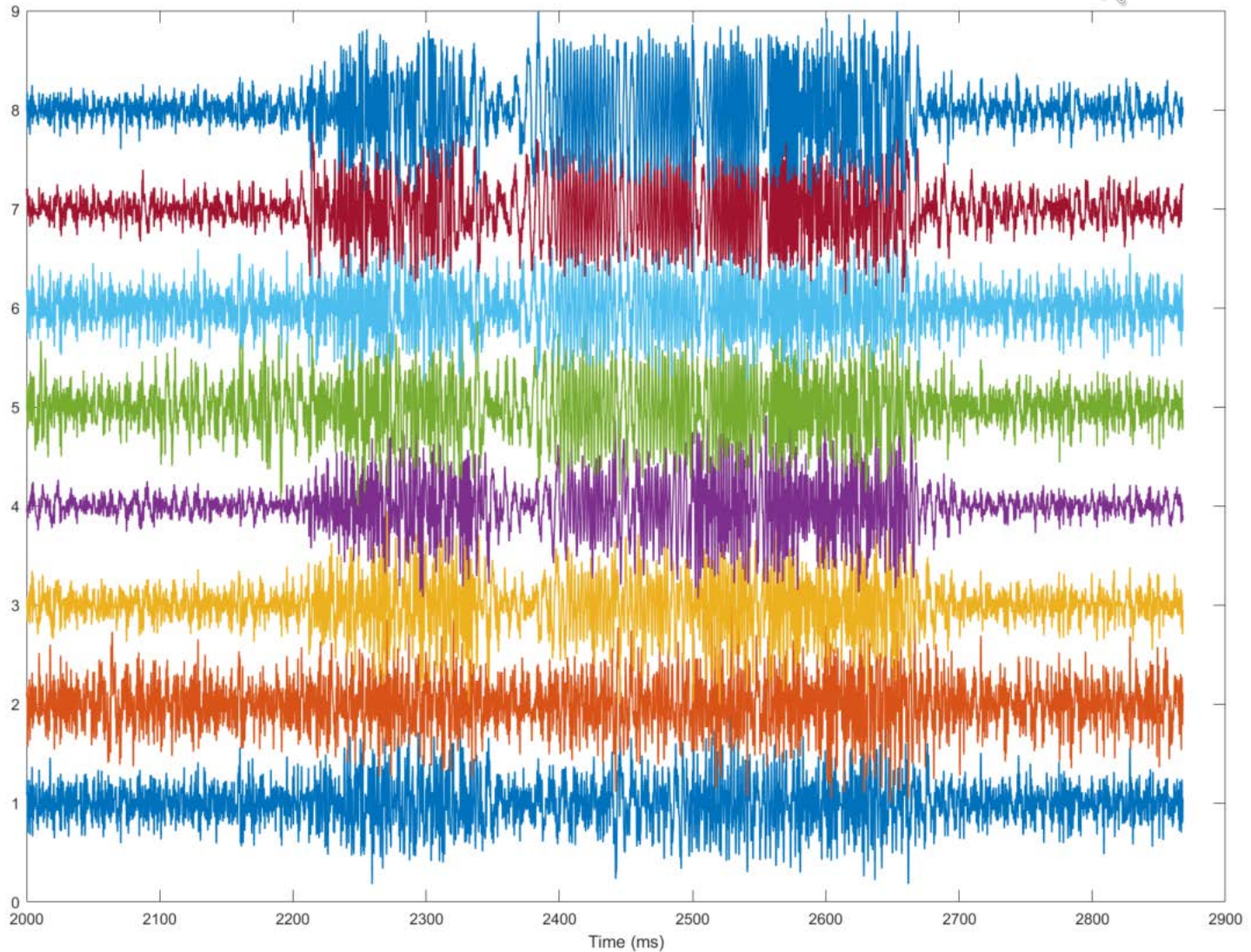
Trace 23 sound





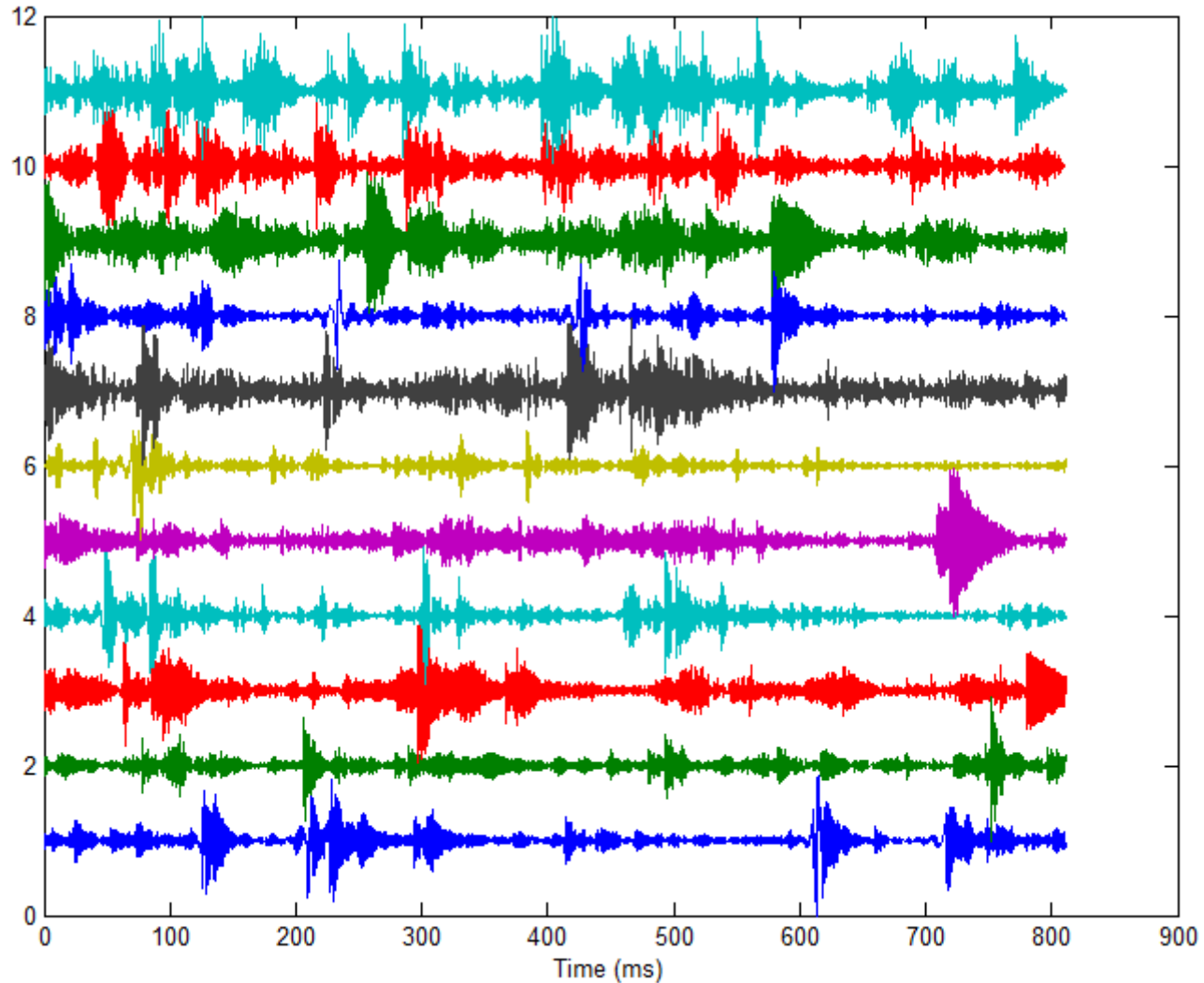
# Sound of A Long Duration Event Zoomed In

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# Sound of Building Up Pressure

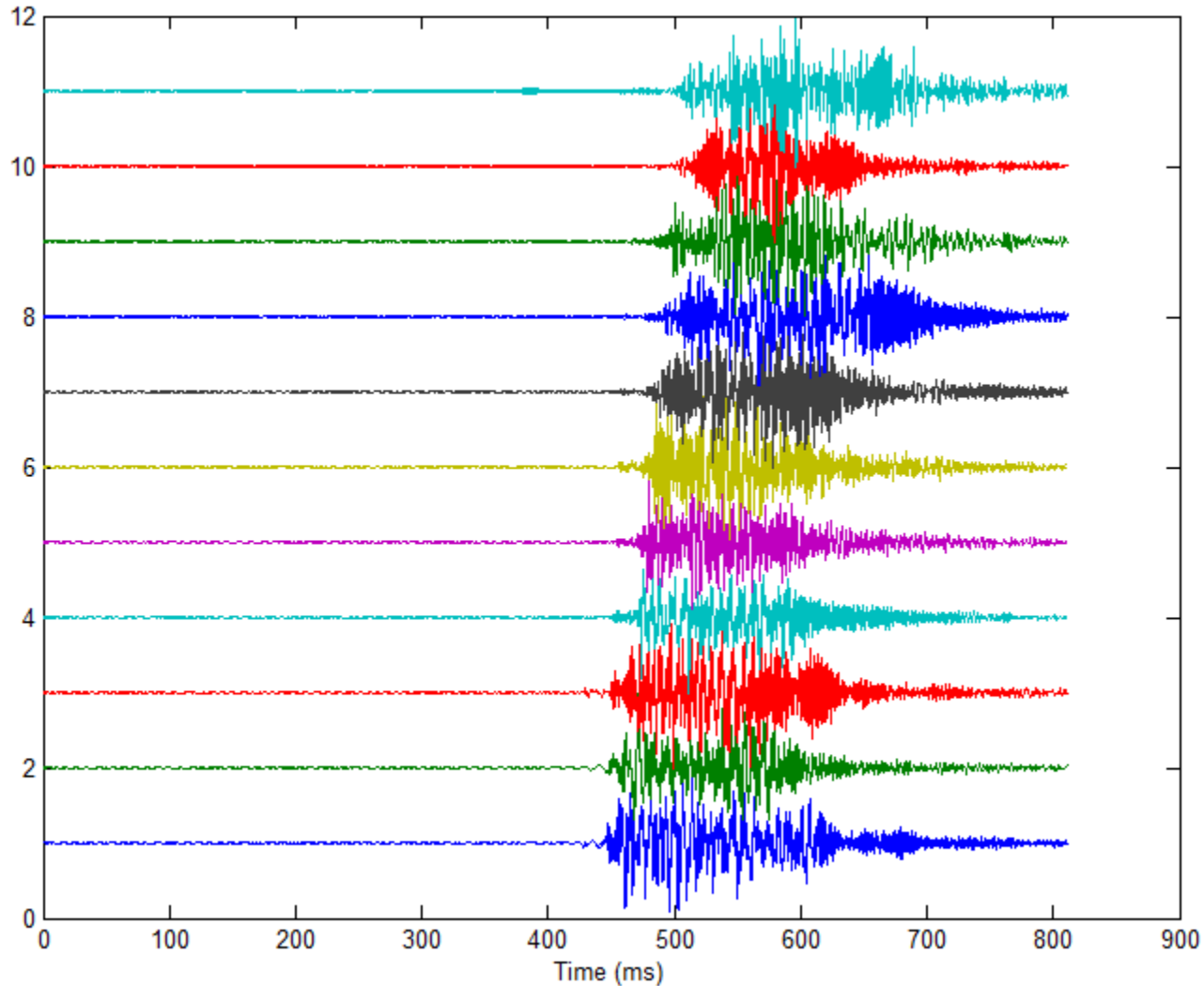
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# Sound of Unclamping after breaking the Burst Disk

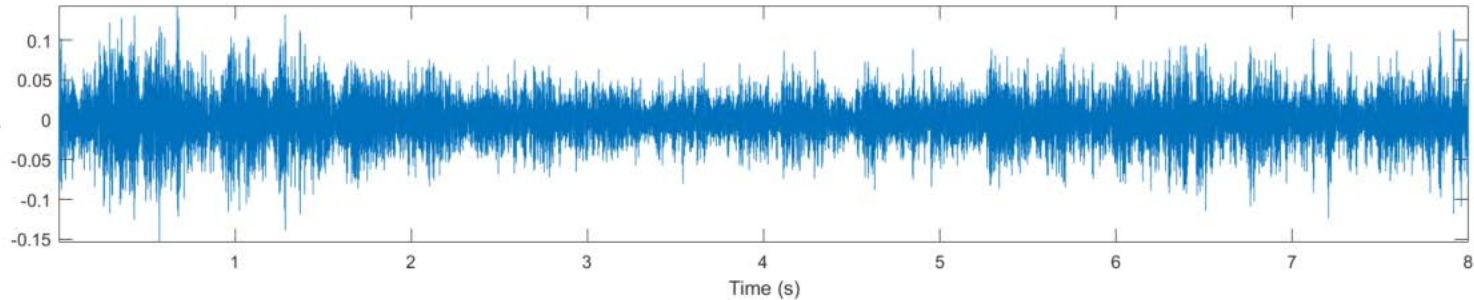
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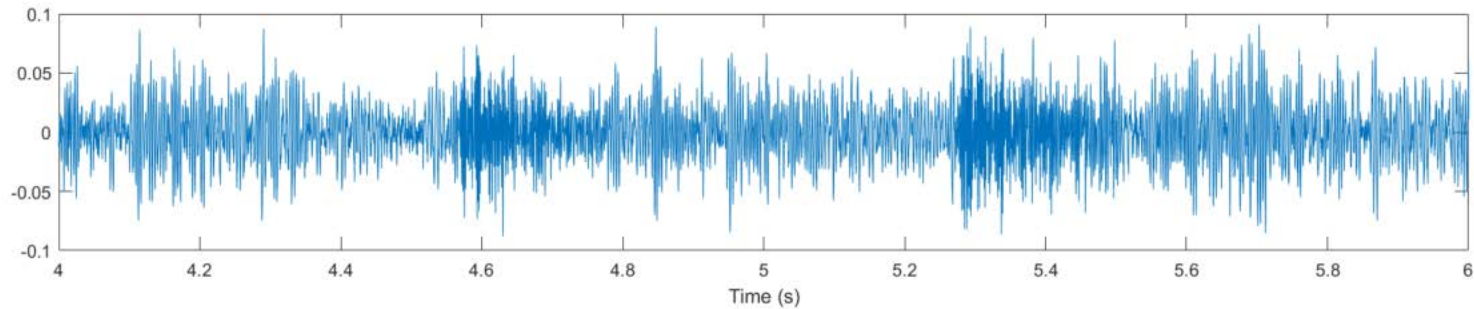


# We looked for Analogs: Cardiac Blood Flow

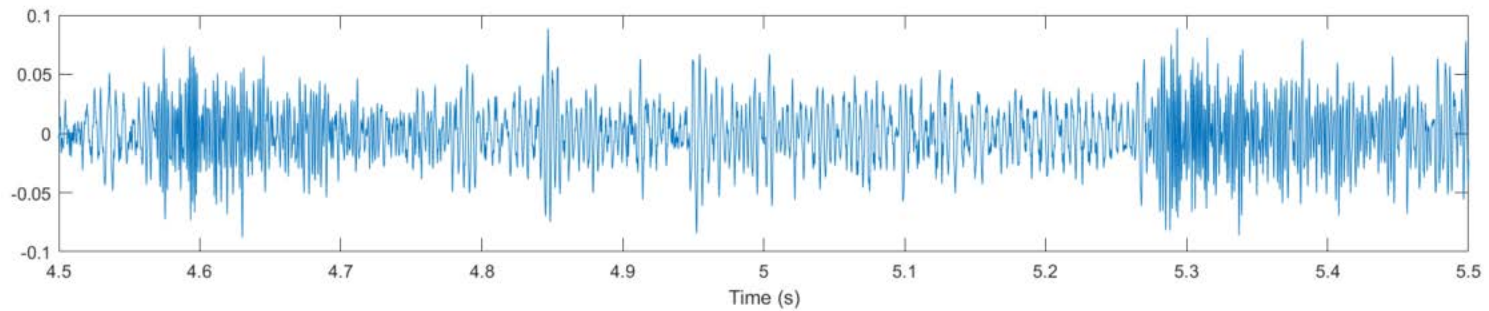
8 seconds



Zoomed in  
2 seconds



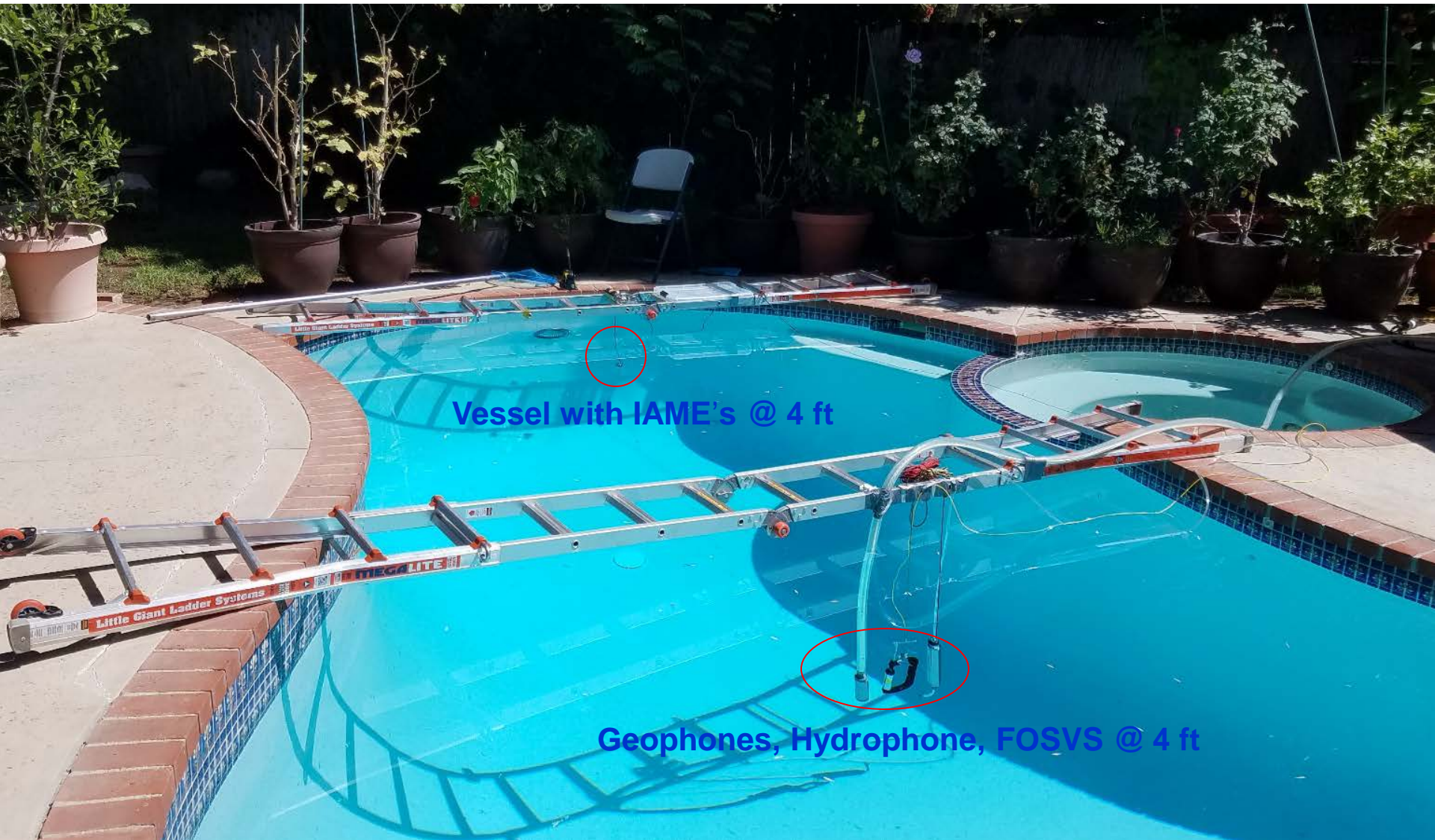
Zoomed in  
1 second



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**Pool Test of Micro Spheres – IAME's  
Size: 60  $\mu\text{m}$   
Matches 40/70 proppant**

# IAME Sources Recorded on FOSVS - Experimental Set Up

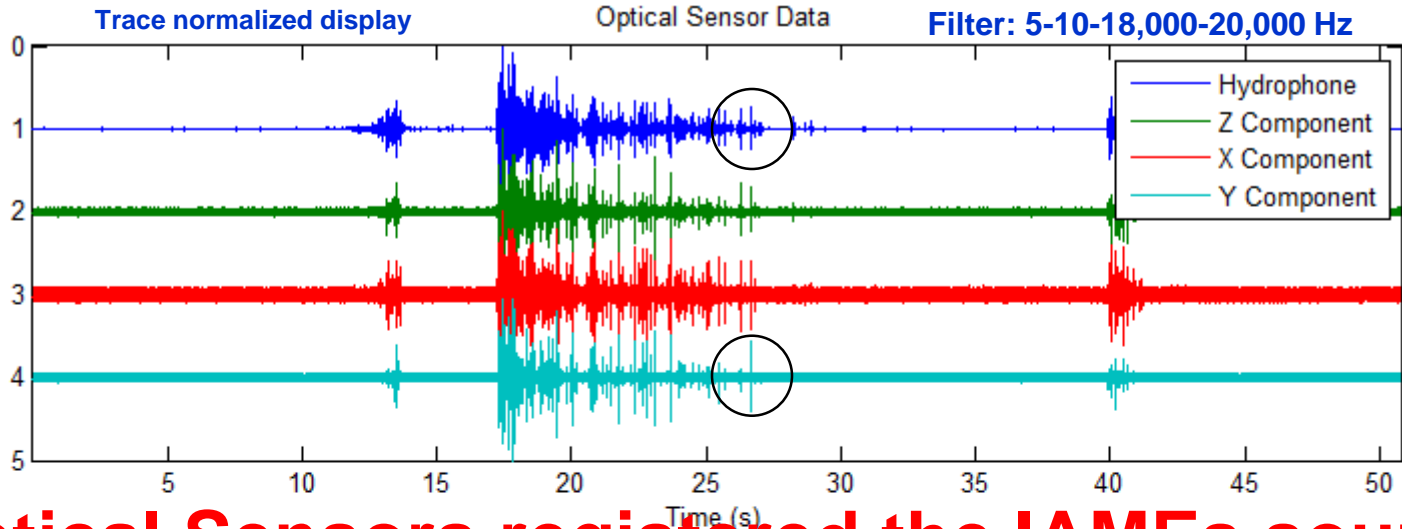


Vessel with IAME's @ 4 ft

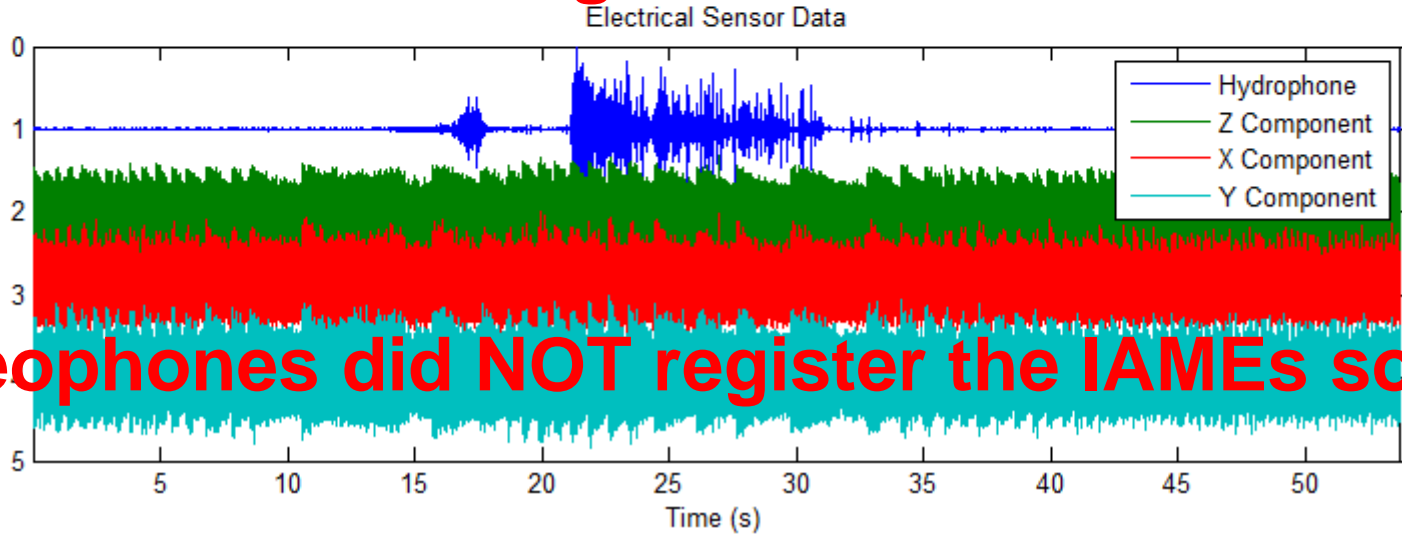
Geophones, Hydrophone, FOSVS @ 4 ft



# Pool Test 8: ~ 4gm Micro-Spheres (IAME) at 4,000 psi



**The Optical Sensors registered the IAMEs sounds**



**The Geophones did NOT register the IAMEs sounds**

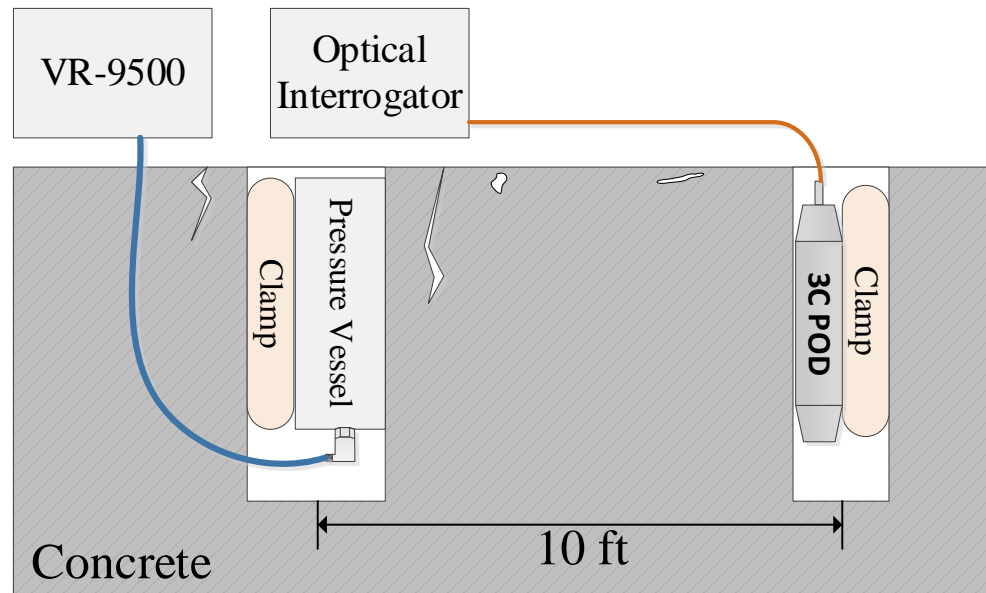


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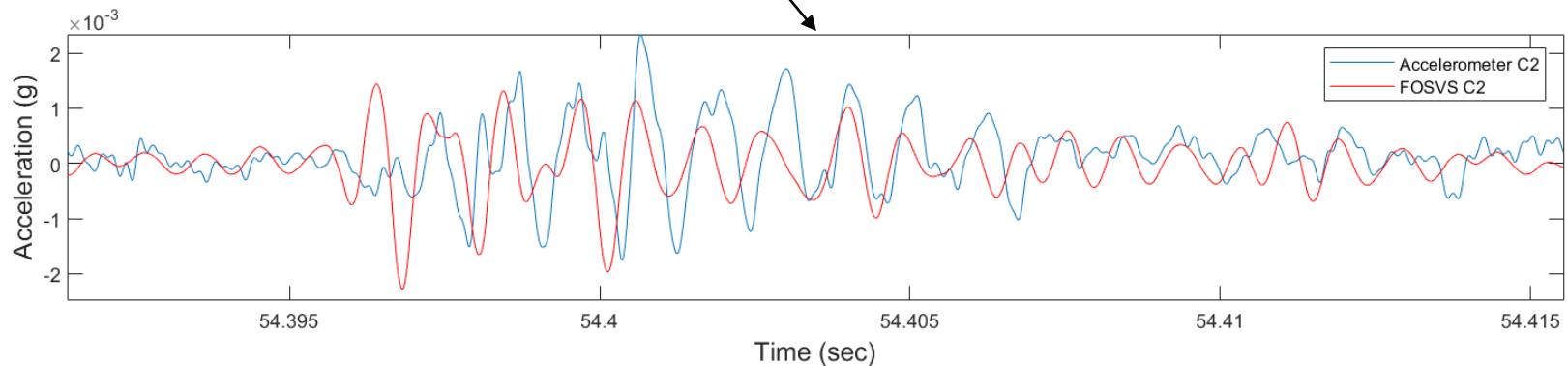
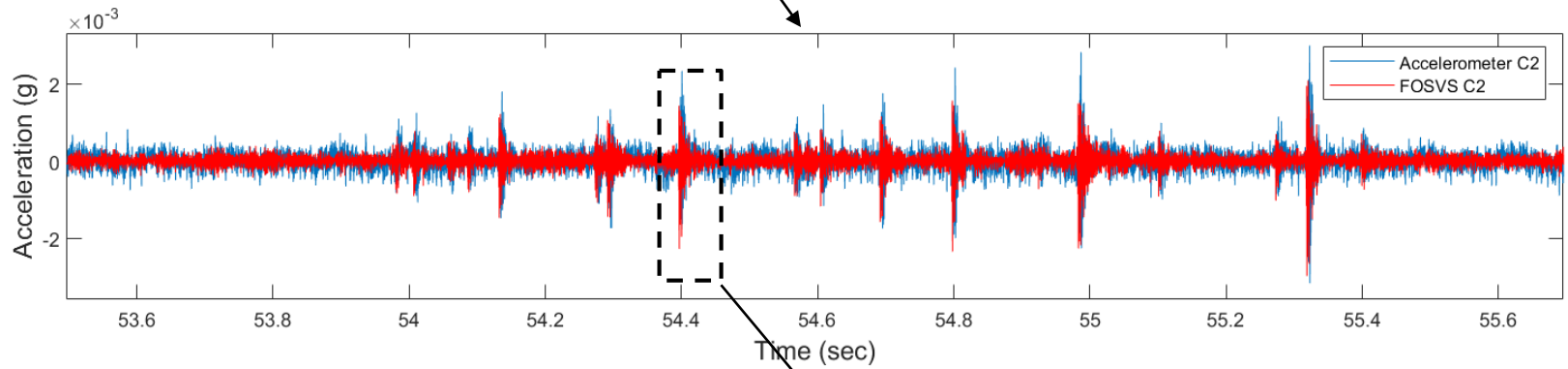
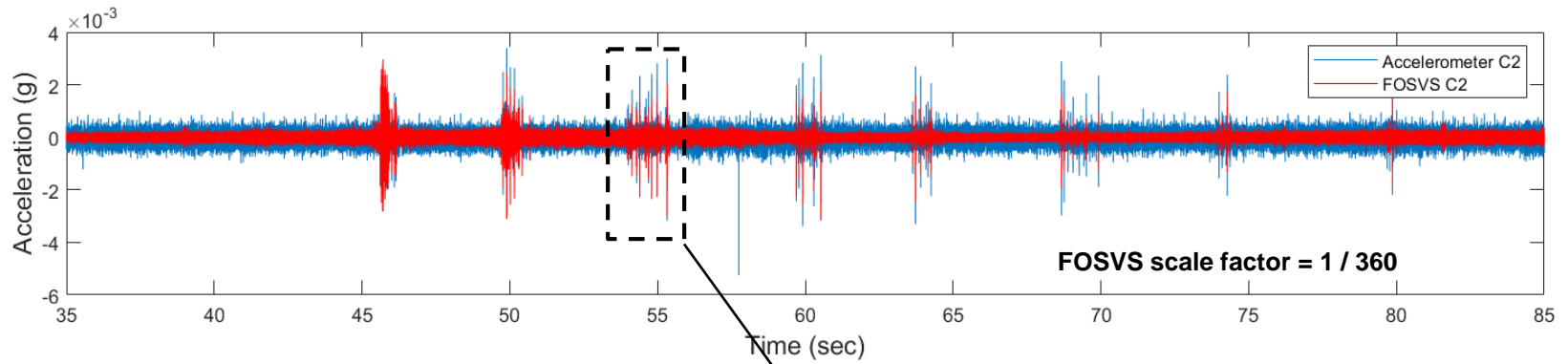
**2019 Laboratory Tests of  
Micro Spheres as IME  
Size: 60  $\mu\text{m}$   
Matches 40/70 proppant**

# Terves Micro Emitters/ VisionFrax Lab Test Setup

- Date: July 15 2019
- Mixture: 10% of poppers
- Offset: 10 ft through dry fractured concrete
- Receivers:
  - 1C accelerometer on the bottom of the pressure vessel
  - 3C FOSVS and 3C accelerometers in the same pod in concrete 10 ft away



# FOSVS Filtered R1 VisionFrax Data ([5-10-5k-6k] Hz)



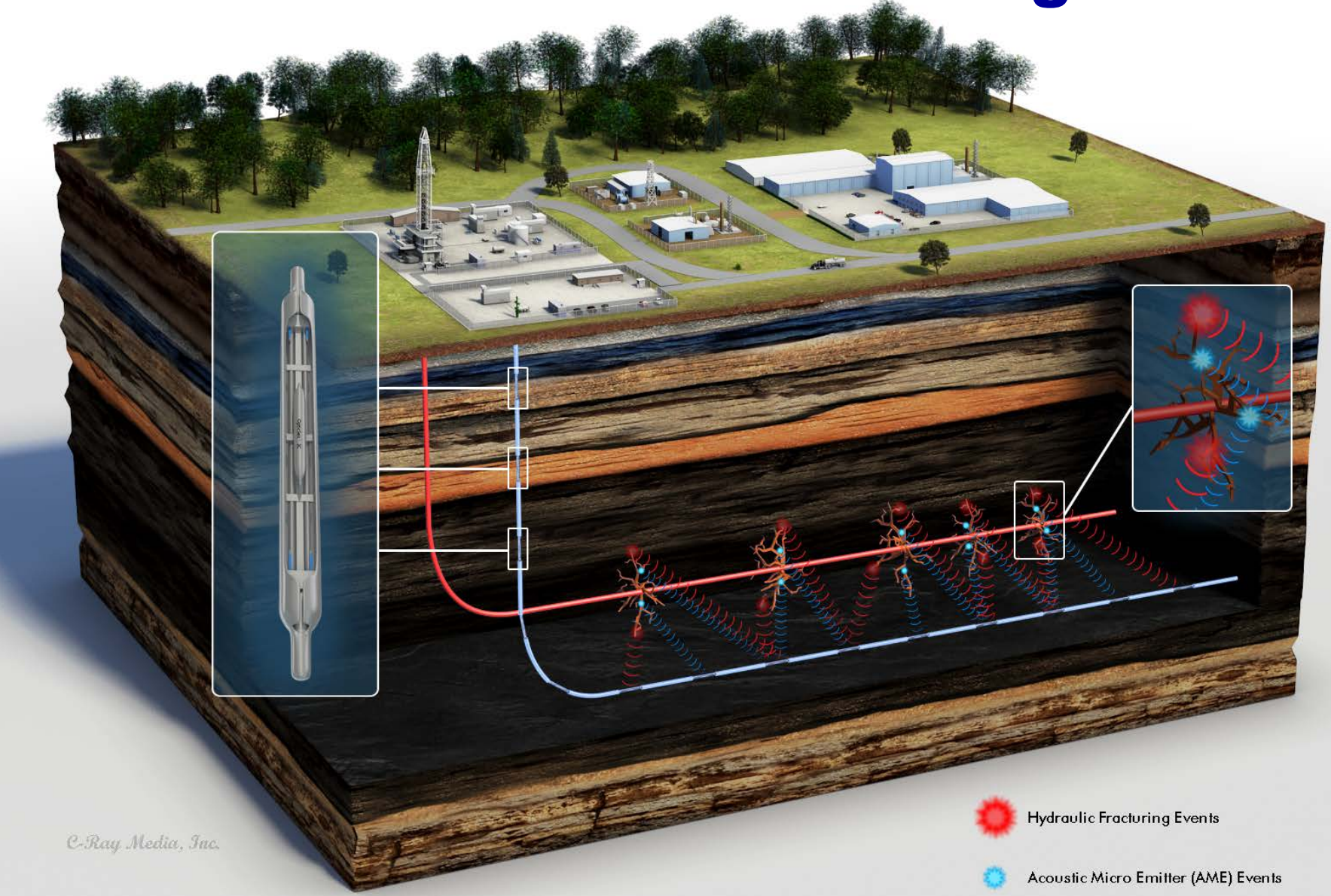


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**So far we have tested  
VisionFrax Prototypes**

**Next Step is to Test the  
Actual VisionFrax to be Injected**

# Effective & Accurate Monitoring of UOG



C-Ray Media, Inc.

-  Hydraulic Fracturing Events
-  Acoustic Micro Emitter (AME) Events



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# Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors (FOSVS): Applications Include

- **Monitor UOG Fracturing & Proppant Injection Operations to Increase Production from Current 5 – 8 %, thus leaving 92-95% behind, to a much higher oil recovery**
- **Monitor Water, Steam, CO2 Injection**
- **Monitor Production of Conventional Oil&Gas**
- **Monitor Geothermal EGS Production**

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# **We will Address the Need to Monitor & Map:**

- **The Primary Fracturing for UOG and EGS**
- **The Injection of the Proppant in UOG**
- **Accurately Locate the fluid and proppant flow Micro Seismic events using Large Aperture FOSVS Arrays**
- **The location of the Delayed Events from the Injectable Micro Emitters (IME's) that are mixed with the Proppant**
- **Very small micro seismic events – to M-5.0 and smaller. The IME energy output is about M-3.5.**

## **Also:**

- **Key to Successfully Apply the IAME Technology is Large Borehole Seismic Arrays Deployed in Horizontal Wells.**



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# Injectable Micro Emitters (IME) for UOG & EGS

- Compliments standard micro seismic monitoring
- Find if there is fluid flows in fractures
- Find the location of fluid flows in fractures
- Find the location of proppant in the fractures
- Can produce valuable information on
  - fracture position and orientation
  - fracture width and opening
  - number of fractures per fracking zone
- Thus - In combination with effective monitoring technology the IAME technology has the potential to provide effective fracturing optimization thereby improving UOG and EGS production

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# **Single Well Seismic Technology Made possible by Fiber Optic Seismic Vector Sensors**

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# **FOSVS + Borehole Seismic Source**

## **Creates an Extreme-Resolution Seismic System**

- By placing only the Seismic Receivers in boreholes we get 2 – 10 times the resolution as compared with surface seismic!**
- By placing both the Seismic Receivers and the Seismic Source we will get much better than 10 times the resolution as compared with surface seismic!**

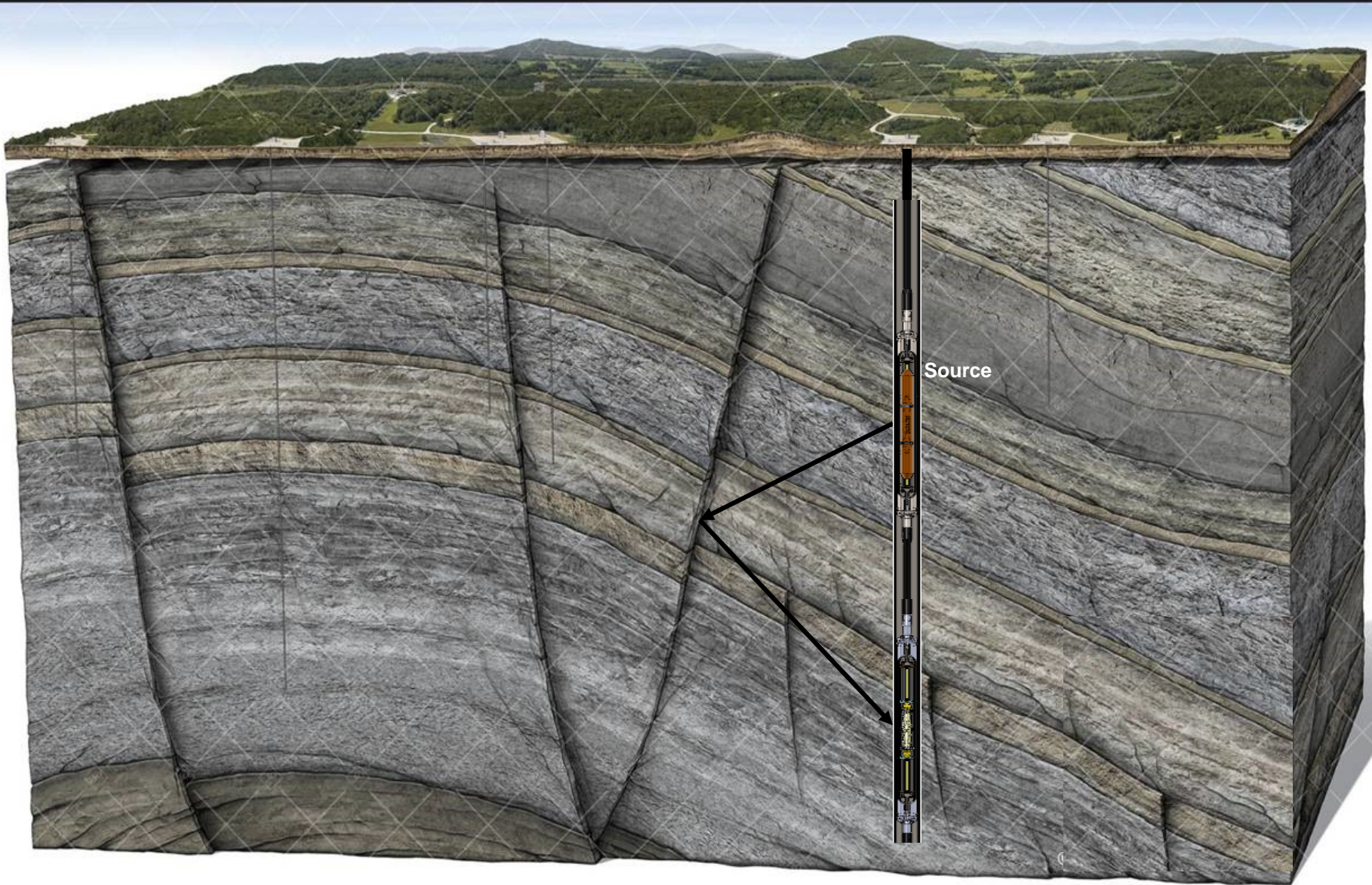
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# Single Well Seismic Made Possible by FOSVS Sensors

- **Much ( >10x) Higher Frequencies than Surface Seismic**
- **Different View Perspective – Radial to Borehole**
  - **Horizontal Perspective in Vertical Boreholes**
  - **Image high angle faults not visible from surface**
- **Closer to the imaging targets**
  - **Avoid the Near Surface Noise and Attenuation**
- **P and S waves**
  - **Multi Component S waves**

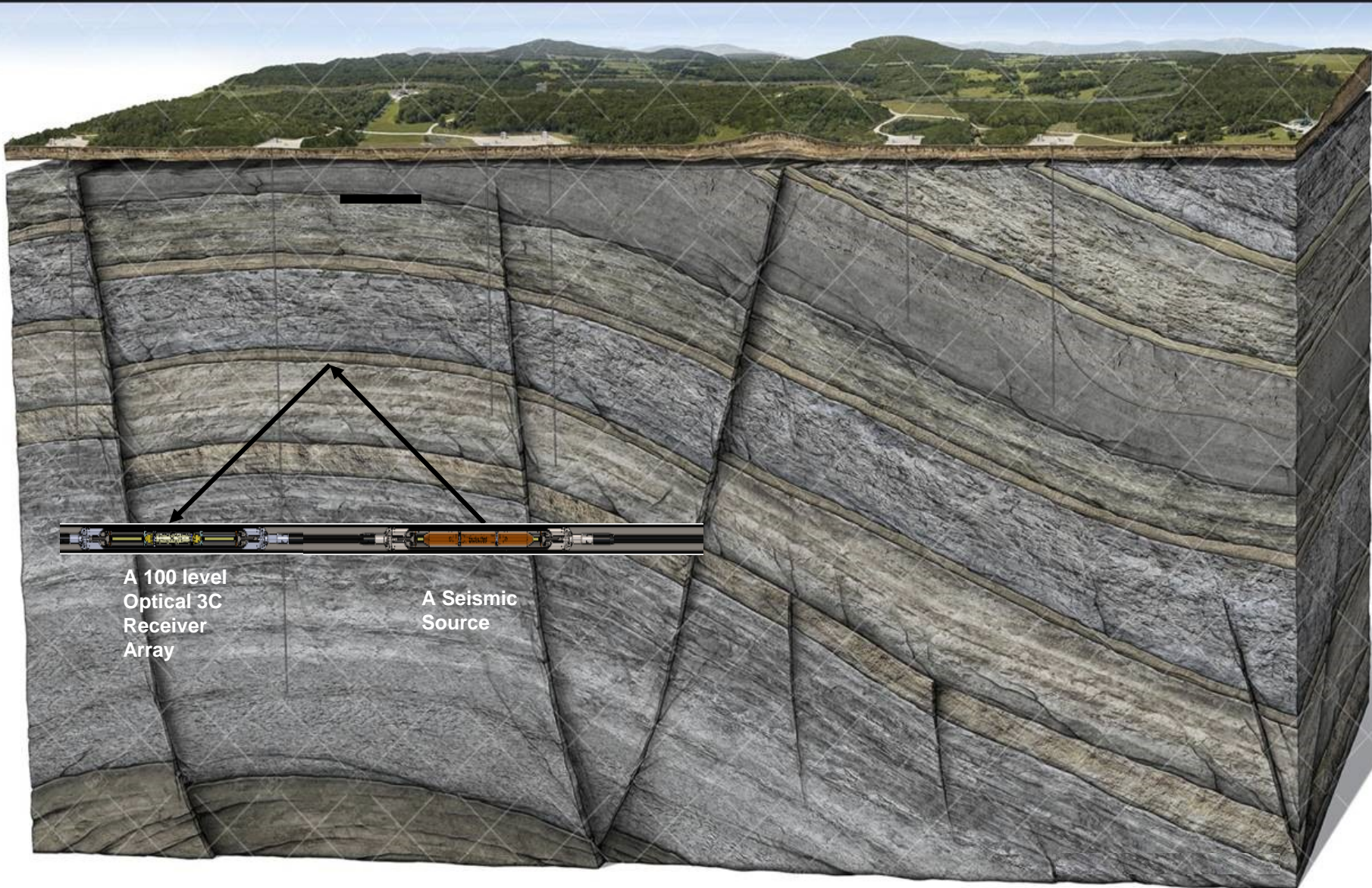


# Single Well Seismic Imaging of a Fault





# Subsurface Geothermal Geology Imaging





# Laboratory test of a Downhole Seismic Vibrator

## Source Test Setup





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## Test Fixture for a Downhole Seismic Vibrator

10-410hz, 10sec, 10vpp  
(**200Vpp**), 3.2kg

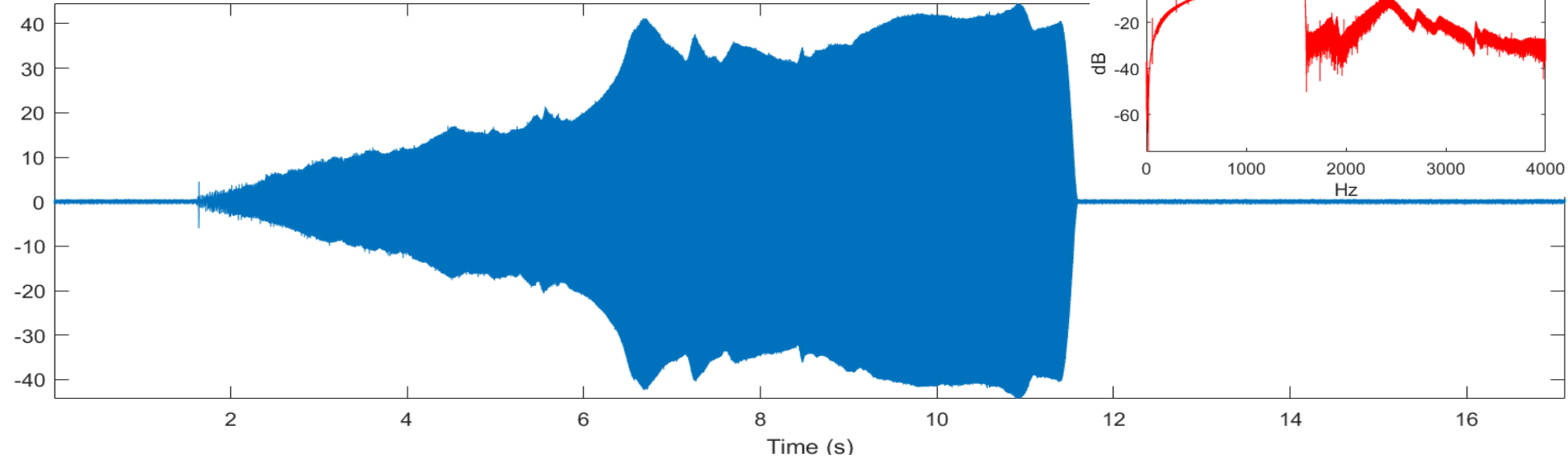
Custom Sweep w/  $A=e^{x/8}$



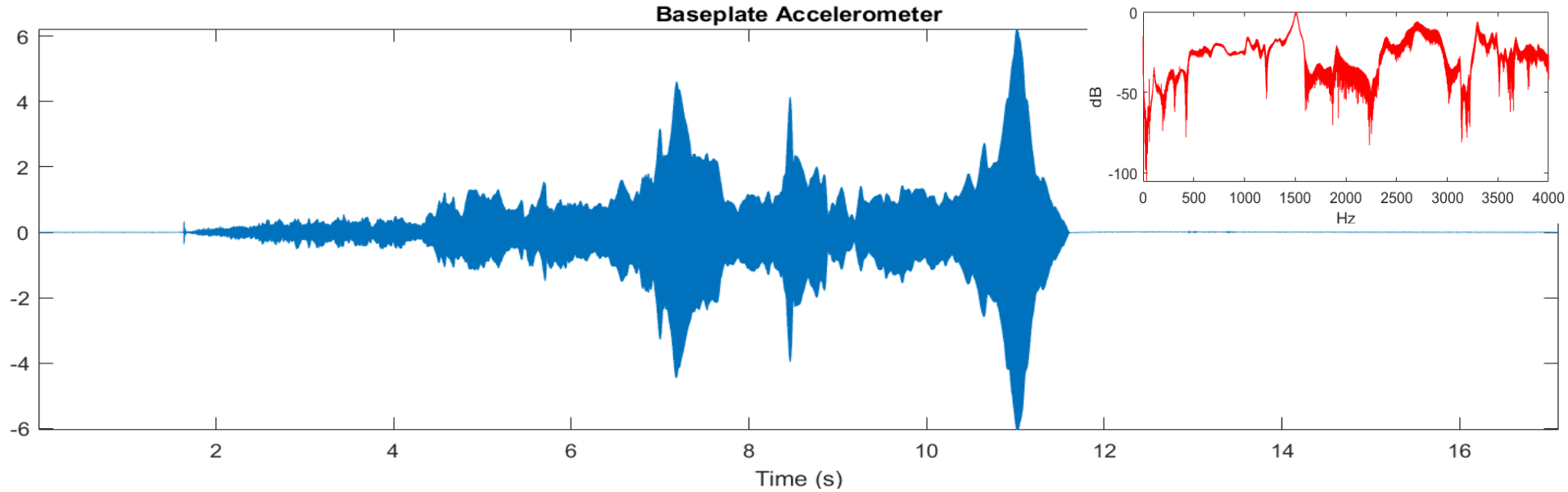
# Uncorrelated Data: 10 – 1,610 Hz, 10 sec sweep, 5 Vpp drive (7.5 Octaves)

unfiltered

Mass Accelerometer

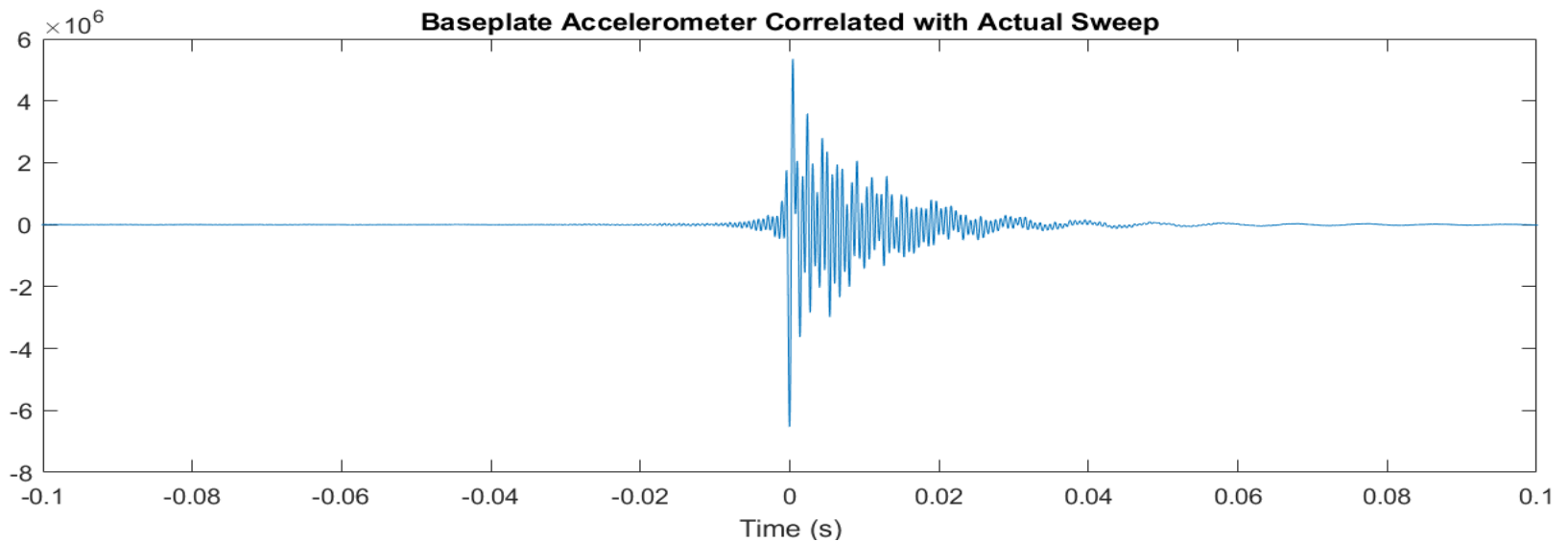
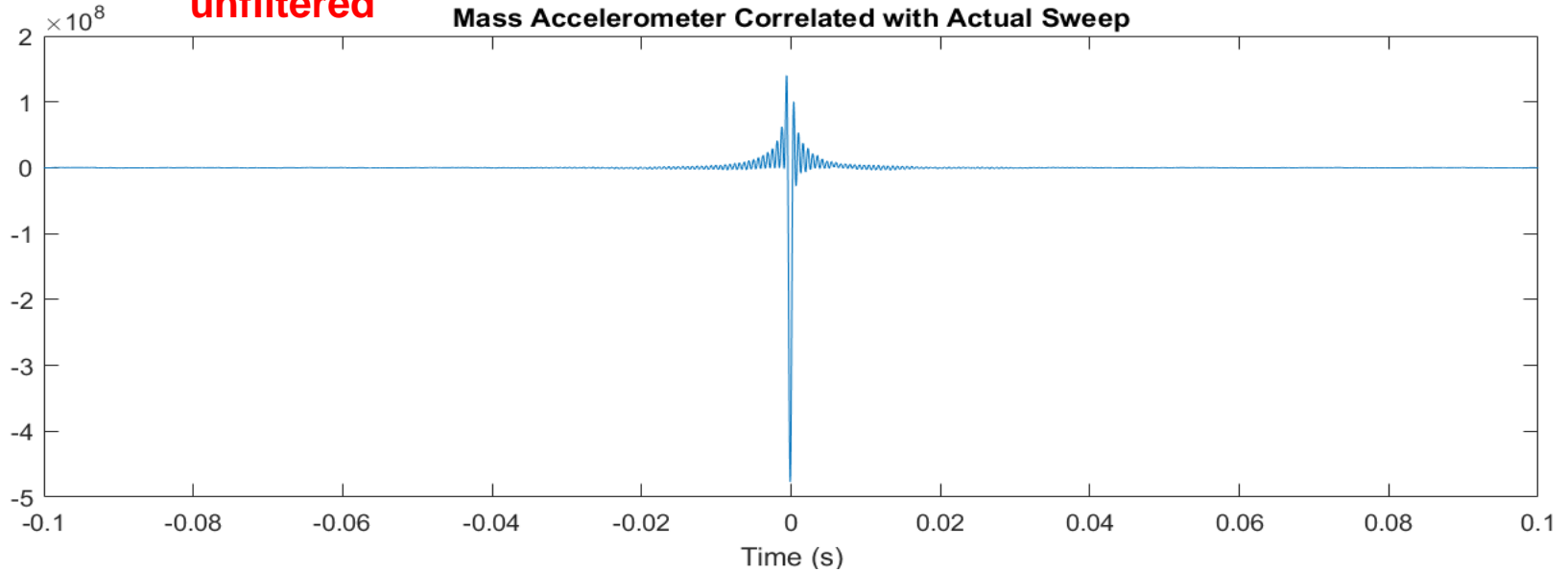


Baseplate Accelerometer



# Correlated Data: 10-1610 Hz, 10 sec sweep, 5 Vpp drive

**unfiltered**



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# Final Thoughts

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# Next Step in Building More Effective Borehole Seismic Arrays:

## Combine FOSVS with DAS

Precise Vector Data from FOSVS  
Combined with  
Large Aperture Data from DAS



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# FOSVS + DAS

Both FOSVS and DAS are optical sensors

- **DAS are Rayleigh Scattering Based**
  - Not Very Sensitive
  - Depth mapping not precise -> low res images
  - Nor a true Acoustic Receiver. Z-Sensitive
  - **Supports Large Aperture Arrays**
- **FOSVS is Interferometric Based:  $10^3 - 10^4$  more sensitive than DAS. Has recorded <M-5 field events.**
- **FOSVS are vector sensors with an 80 dB cross axis rejection – Calibrates DAS data**

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**Our Big Challenge is to  
Commercially Demonstrate our  
New Reservoir Survey & Monitor  
Technologies!**

**DOE is a Key Partner to Provide  
Opportunities to Demonstrate our  
New Technologies used to secure  
our National Energy Resources**

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