

A Large Volume Injection of CO₂ to Assess Commercial Scale Geological Sequestration in Saline Formations in the Big Sky Region

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Presentation Outline

- Goals and Objectives
- Project overview
- Kevin Dome characteristics
- Project design philosophy
- Infrastructure
- Modeling
- Monitoring
- Project Opportunities

Benefit to the Program

Program goals being addressed.

- Develop technologies that will support industries' ability to predict CO₂ storage capacity in geologic formations to within ± 30 percent.
- Develop technologies to demonstrate that 99 percent of injected CO₂ remains in the injection zones.
- Conduct field tests through 2030 to support the development of BPMs for site selection, characterization, site operations, and closure practices.

Project benefits statement.

BSCSP supports Storage Program goals by 1) Testing storage capacity at a site including study of a natural analog and comparing actual storage to estimates. 2) Applying and refining computational tools to assess storage and subsurface CO₂ behavior 3) Applying RST logging, geochemical monitoring, and 4D, 9C seismic to CO₂ detection 4) Performic reservoir and cap rock analysis 5) Conducting a large scale field test and contributing learnings to best practices manuals.

Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

The primary objective of the large volume sequestration test is to demonstrate that the target formation and other analogous formations are a viable and safe target for sequestration of a large fraction of the region's CO₂ emissions. Other objectives include improving the understanding of injectivity, capacity, and storativity in a regionally significant formation. The primary operational objectives are to safely procure, transport, inject and monitor up to one million tons of CO₂ into the target formation. Other operational objectives include understanding the behavior of the injected CO₂ within the formation, verifying and improving predictive models of CO₂ behavior and monitoring, verification and accounting (MVA) methodology. The objective of the post-injection phase is to assess any resultant changes from the CO₂ injection and to continue to monitor the CO₂

Task 1.0 – Regional Characterization

Success will be demonstrated by the addition of data to the BSCSP Partnership databases that are critical to the implementation of large-scale carbon, capture, and storage (CCS) activities throughout the region.

Task 2.0 – Public Outreach

Success will be demonstrated by frequent engagement of multiple stakeholder groups.

Task 3.0 – Permitting and NEPA Compliance

Success will be demonstrated by acquisition of all required permits

Task 4.0 – Site Characterization and Modeling

Success will be demonstrated by completion of risk assessment, acquisition, processing and interpretation of 3D, 9C Siesmic, acquisition and analysis of well logs and cores, development of a static geologic model and initial flow modeling.

Task 5.0 – Well Drilling and Completion

Success will be demonstrated by drilling and completion of wells

Task 6.0 – Infrastructure Development

Success will be demonstrated by installation of the pipeline, compression station, well shacks, monitoring equipment, and remaining infrastructure 4

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Task 7.0 – CO₂ Procurement

Success will be demonstrated by demonstrating adequate production of CO₂ from the production wells

Task 8.0 – Transportation and Injection Operations

Success will be demonstrated by establishment of appropriate flow rates, injection pressure, and flow continuity from the production well, compressor, pipeline, injection well system.

Task 9.0 – Operational Monitoring and Modeling

Success will be demonstrated by ability to directly or indirectly detect subsurface CO₂ via RST logging, geochemical analysis of formation fluids, and seismic. Additionally, success will be demonstrated by deployment and successful operation of assurance monitoring techniques.

Task 10.0 – Site Closure

Success will be demonstrated by transfer of the well to private sector partner and completion of site closure activities.

Task 11.0 – Post Injection Monitoring and Modeling

Success will be demonstrated by the same criteria of Task 9

Task 12.0 – Project Assessment

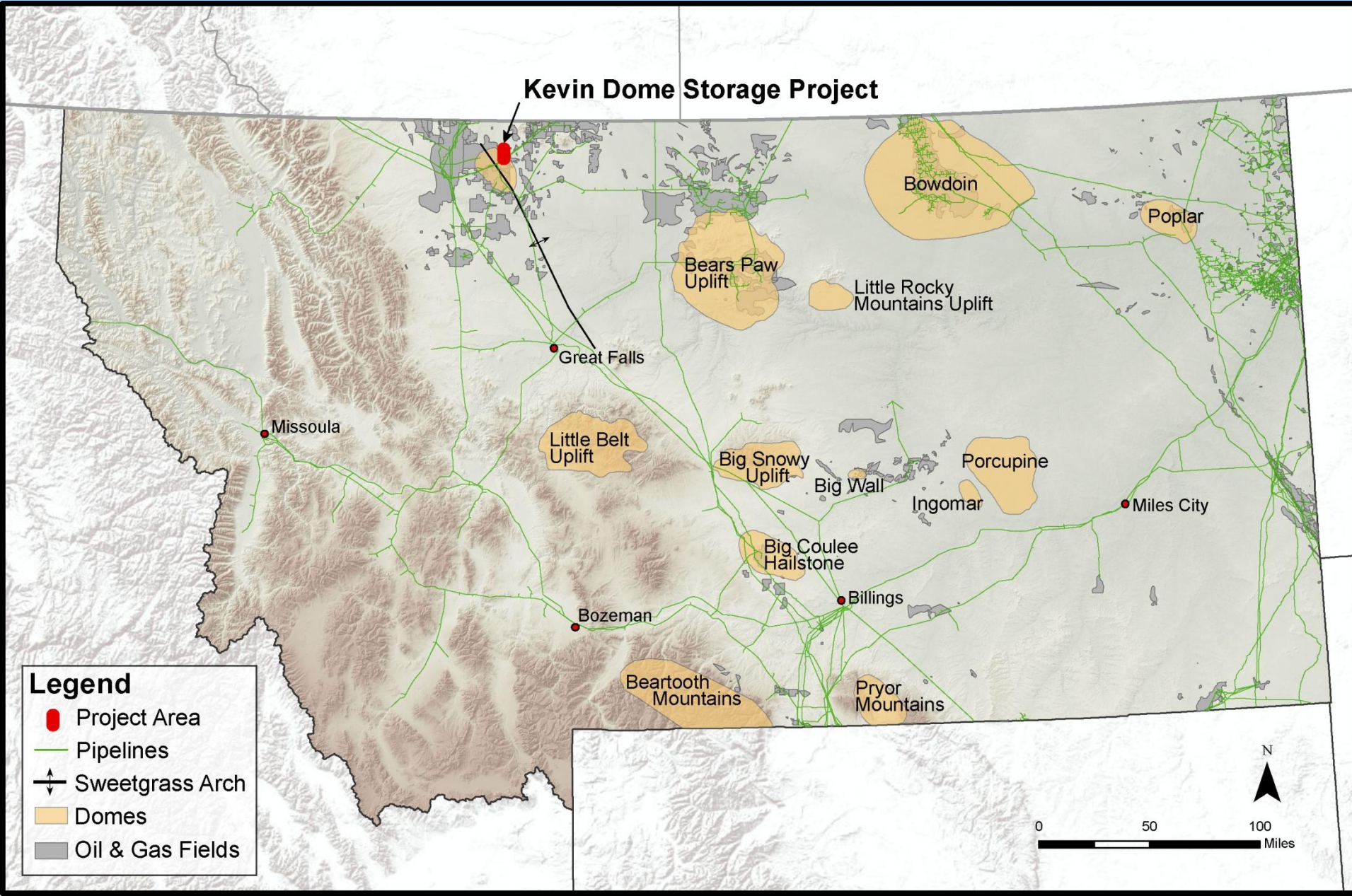
Success will be demonstrated by completion and submittal of quality annual assessment reports

Task 13.0 – Project Management

Success will be demonstrated by coordination of project activities, ability to adjust to new issues, completion of tasks, milestones, and deliverables

Technical Status

Kevin Dome Storage Project



Partners



- Infrastructure development
- Multi-component seismic
- Geophysical measurements
- Modeling
- Geochemical monitoring
- Assurance monitoring
- Safety assurance

Universities	Private Companies	National Laboratories
Montana State University	Vecta Oil and Gas	Los Alamos National Laboratory
Oregon State University	Altamont	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Washington State University	Schlumberger Carbon Services	Idaho National Laboratory
Columbia University		
Barnard College		

Large Scale Test - Pragmatic Issues

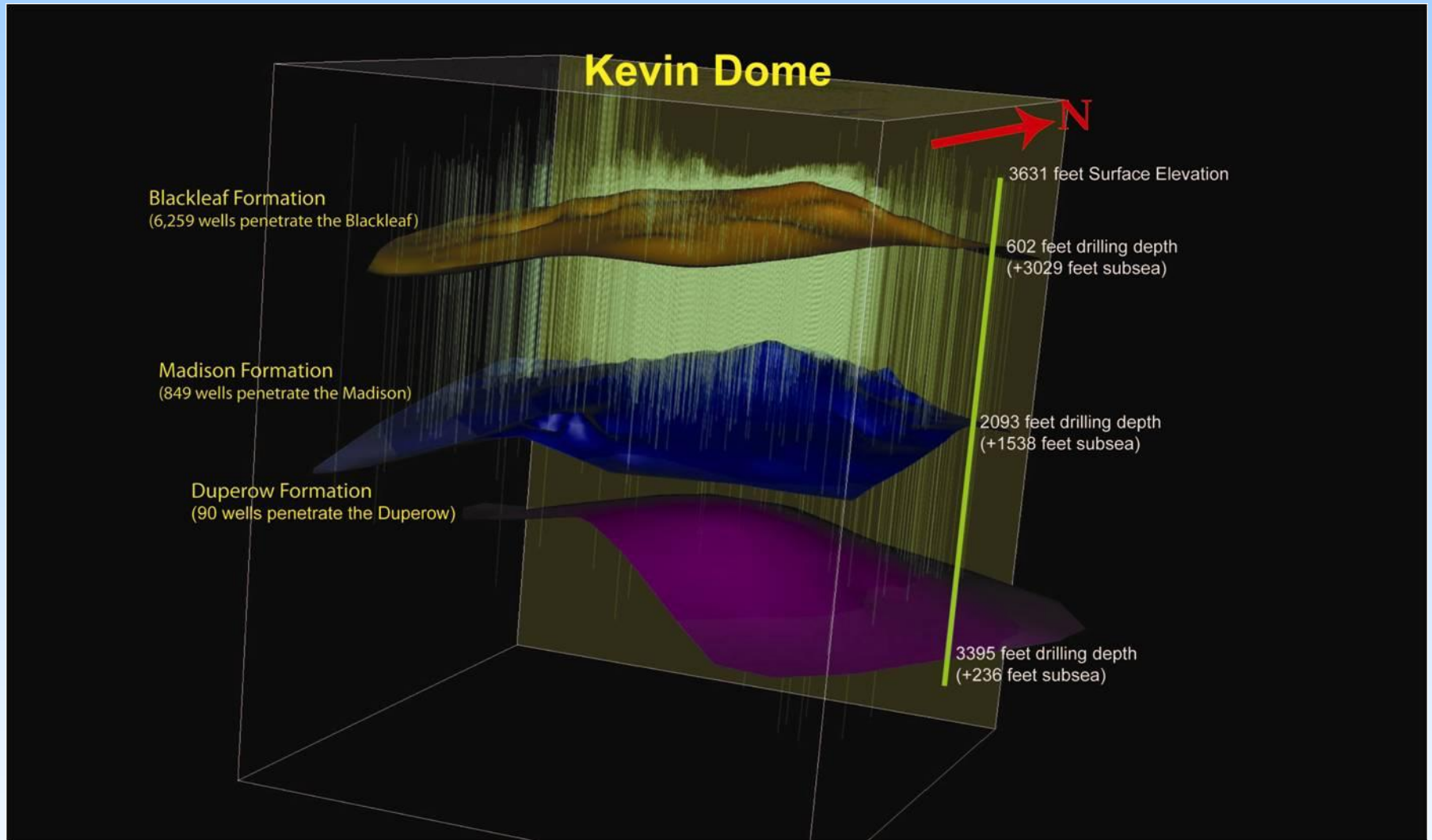
- **Reasonably large quantity source of CO2**
 - No pure anthropogenic sources
 - Capture facility costs do not fit budget
 - Commercial CO2 used for EOR - \$35- \$40 per Tonne – not affordable unless doing EOR
 - Need pre-commercial source that is inexpensive to develop
- A good quality storage reservoir
- Good quality seals
- All in close proximity

Kevin Dome Project

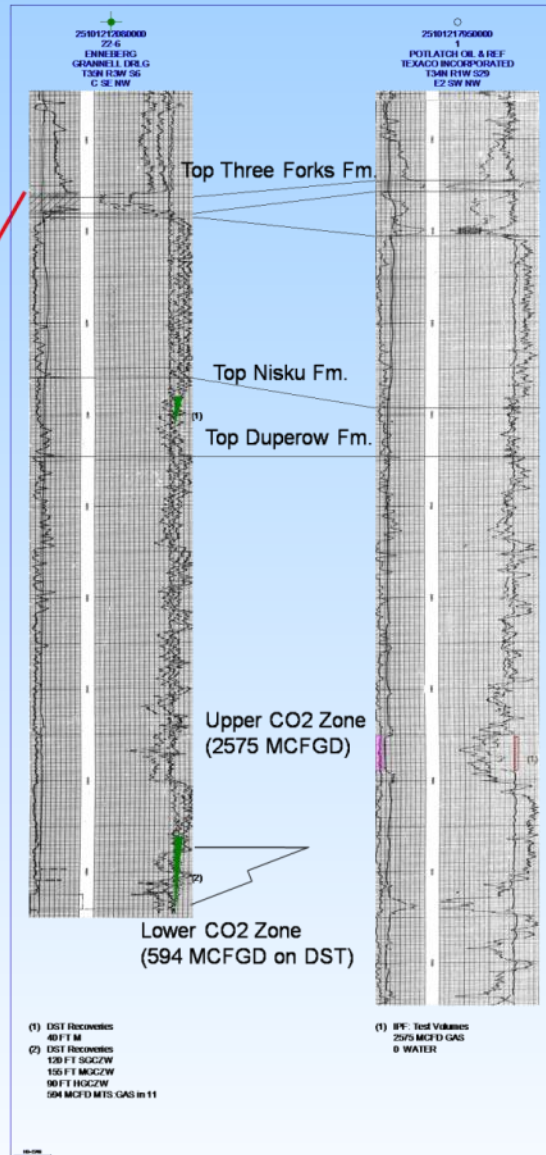
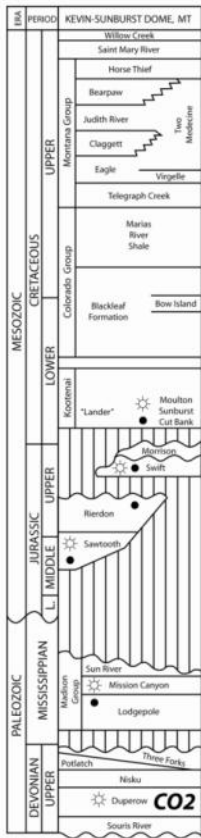


- Kevin Dome is a naturally occurring CO₂ reservoir in north central Montana (estimated 600,000 tonnes CO₂)
- BSCSP is proposing to produce 1 million tonnes of CO₂ from the dome and then inject it into the Duperow Formation.
- After a post-injection monitoring period, Vecta plans to re-produce the injected CO₂ for EOR tests

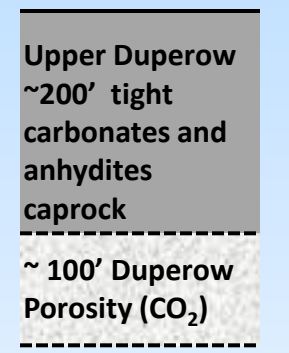
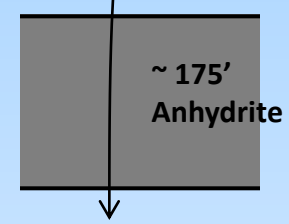
Kevin Structure Tops & Well Penetrations



Stratigraphy



Nisku Limestone ~ 50 – 75 ft total thickness with a 10 – 25 ft thick porosity zone



Potlach Top

Nisku Top

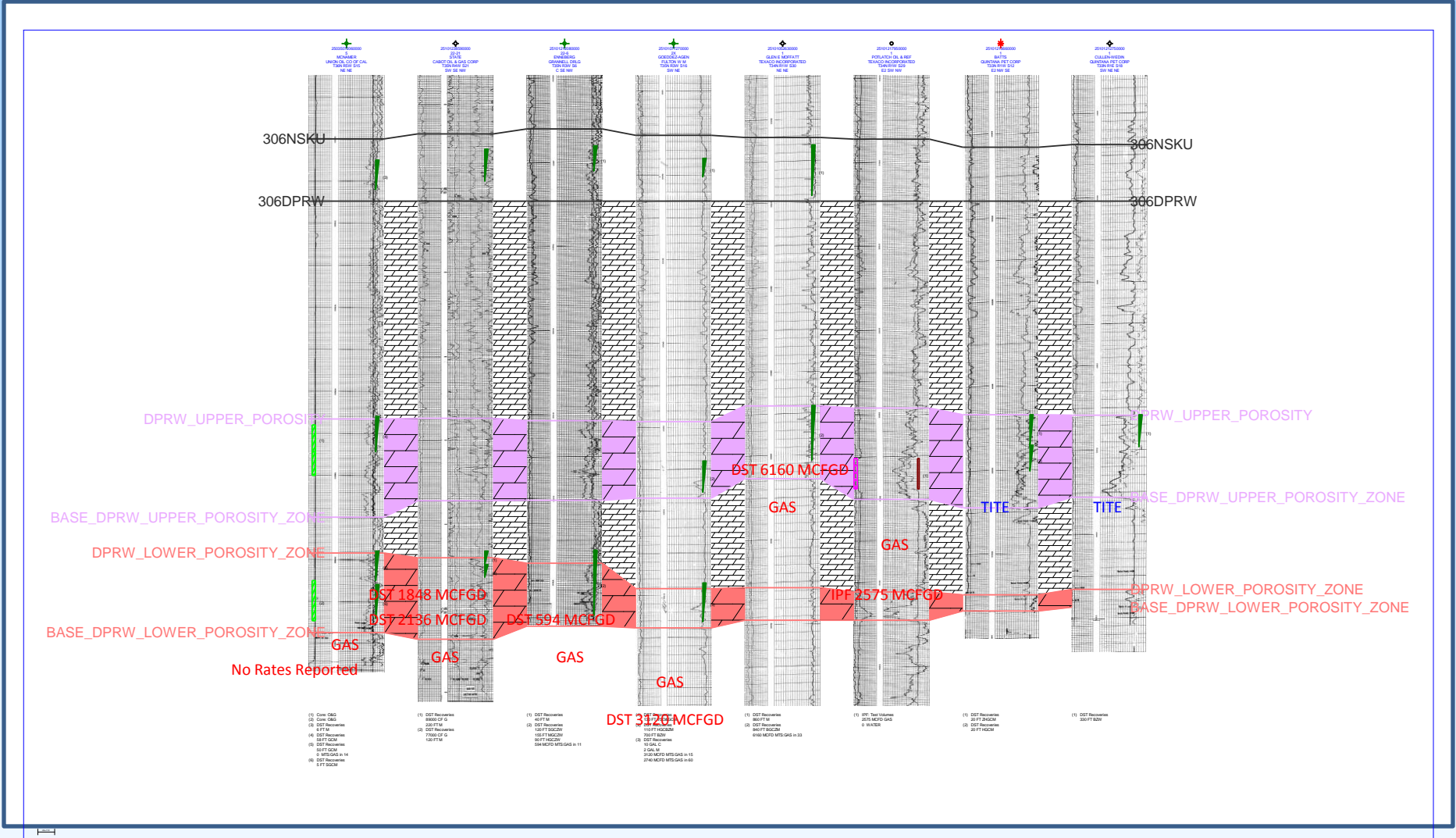
Duperow Top

Caprock
Upper Duperow
Anhydrites

100 feet

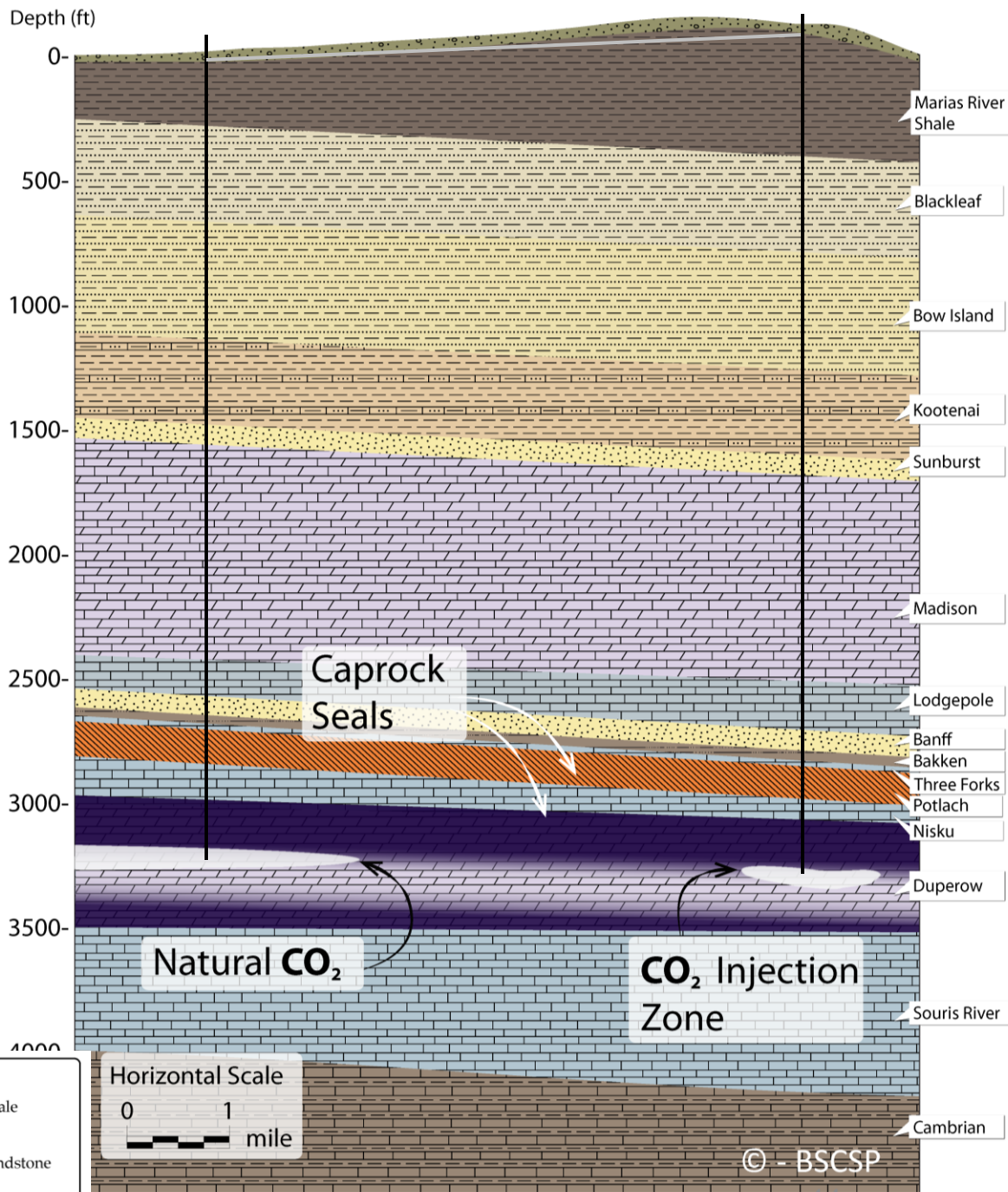
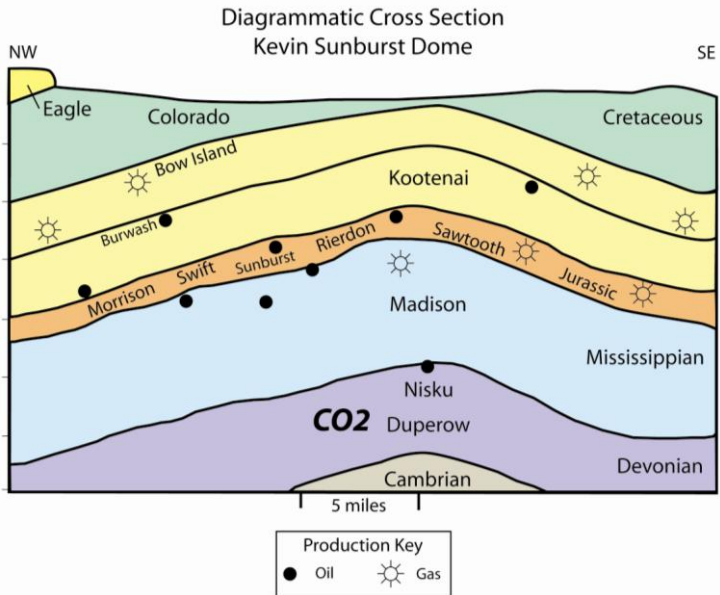
Souris River Top

NW - SE Cross Section Kevin Dome



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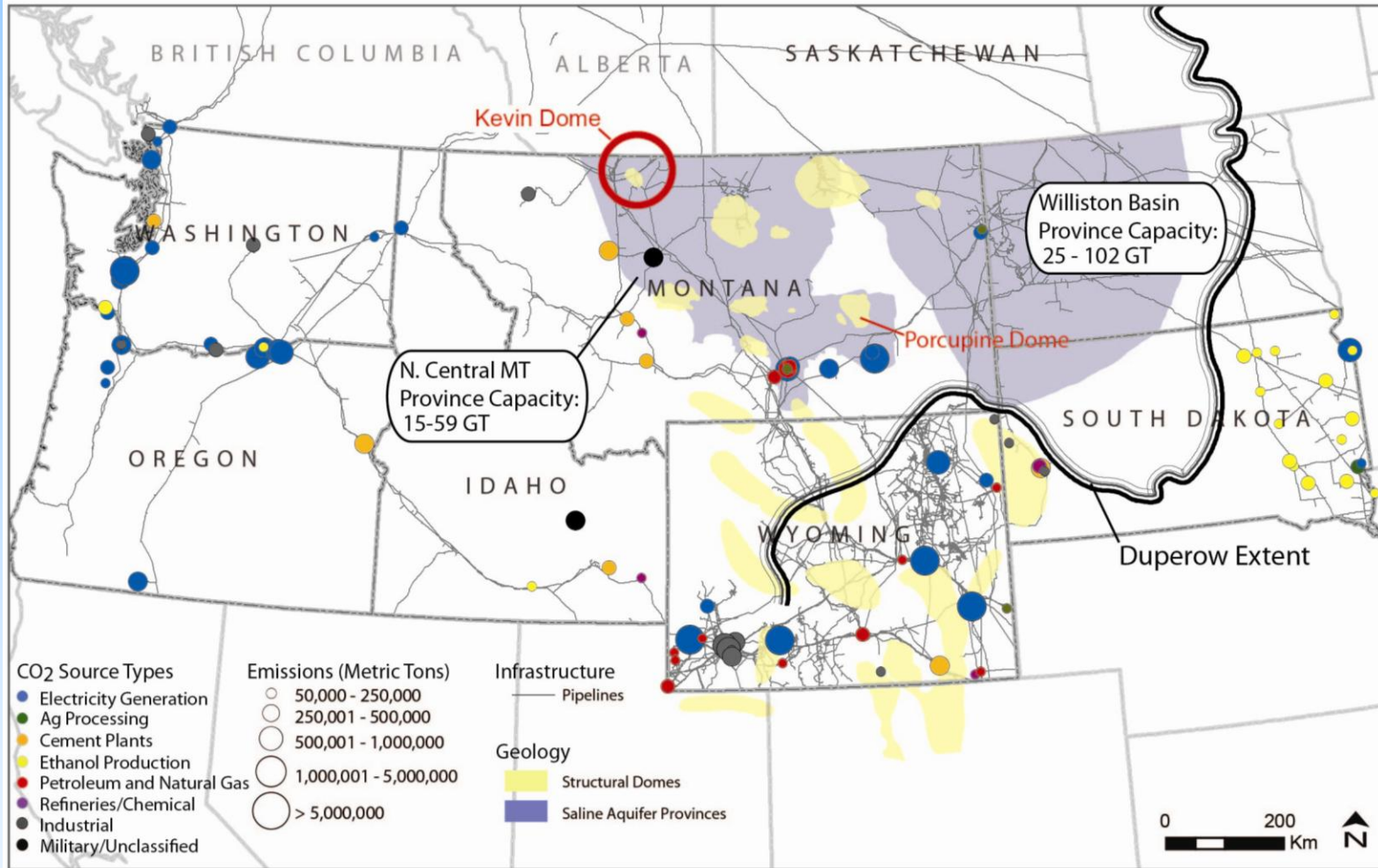
Kevin Dome



Limestone	Shale & Silty Limestone	Shale
Dolomitic Limestone	Siltstone or Shaly Silt	Sandstone
Dolomite	Interbedded Limestone & Shale	Anhydrite

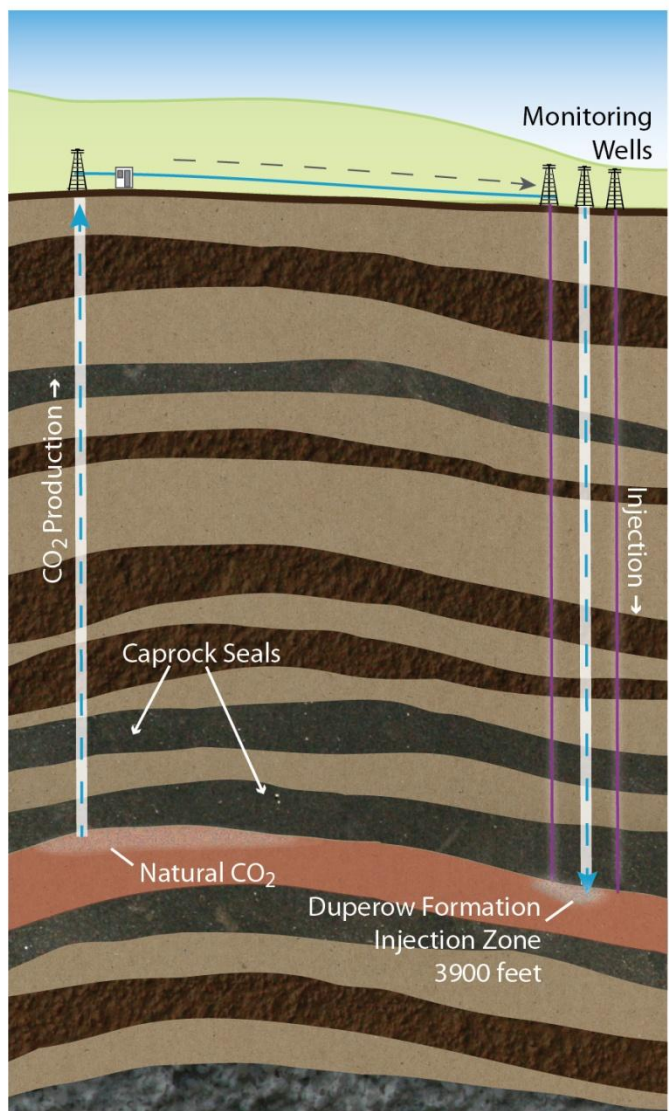
Disclaimer: This graphic is a generalized representation of the subsurface at Kevin Dome. The horizontal and vertical scale are independent of one another to fit view on a single page. Surface infrastructure not to scale.

Regional Significance



- The Duperow has large potential capacity in central Montana and the Williston Basin
- Large structural closures, and in particular, domes, represent an attractive early sequestration target in the Big Sky region.

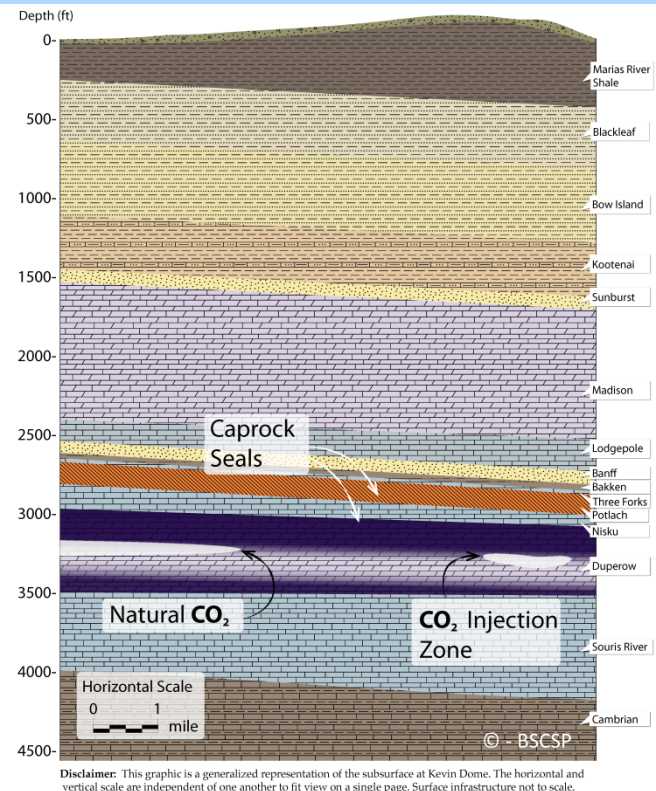
Project Design Philosophy



- Drill into natural accumulation, Product it, Pipe CO2 laterally, re-inject it
- Decisions on how to do this affects the amount of science that results from the project
- We can leverage
 - Site Properties and Characteristics,
 - Team Capabilities and Expertise,
 - Existing Collaborations
- We considered what research issues can be addressed by this project while still meeting DOE program requirements (these are well aligned anyway)
- Not many large scale demonstration projects are pursued world wide – we should do everything we can to maximize what we learn from them and share knowledge and opportunities

Site Properties and Characteristics

- We must drill our own producing wells
 - Opportunity to study the natural accumulation
 - Opportunity to study long term effects
 - Turns CO₂ procurement cost into scientific opportunity
- CO₂ is in a reactive rock
 - Opportunity to study geochemical effects on both reservoir rock (long term fate of CO₂) and caprock (storage security)
 - To accomplish this, injection should be in water leg of the same formation
 - Still retain engineered system learnings on injection, transport, capacity, etc.
- Wells are shallow and relatively inexpensive
 - Potential to have more monitoring wells
 - Can afford cores, logs (rig costs lower)
- Duperow has two porosity zones
 - Opportunity to perform stacked storage or detection limit test depending on the fluid fill in second porosity zone

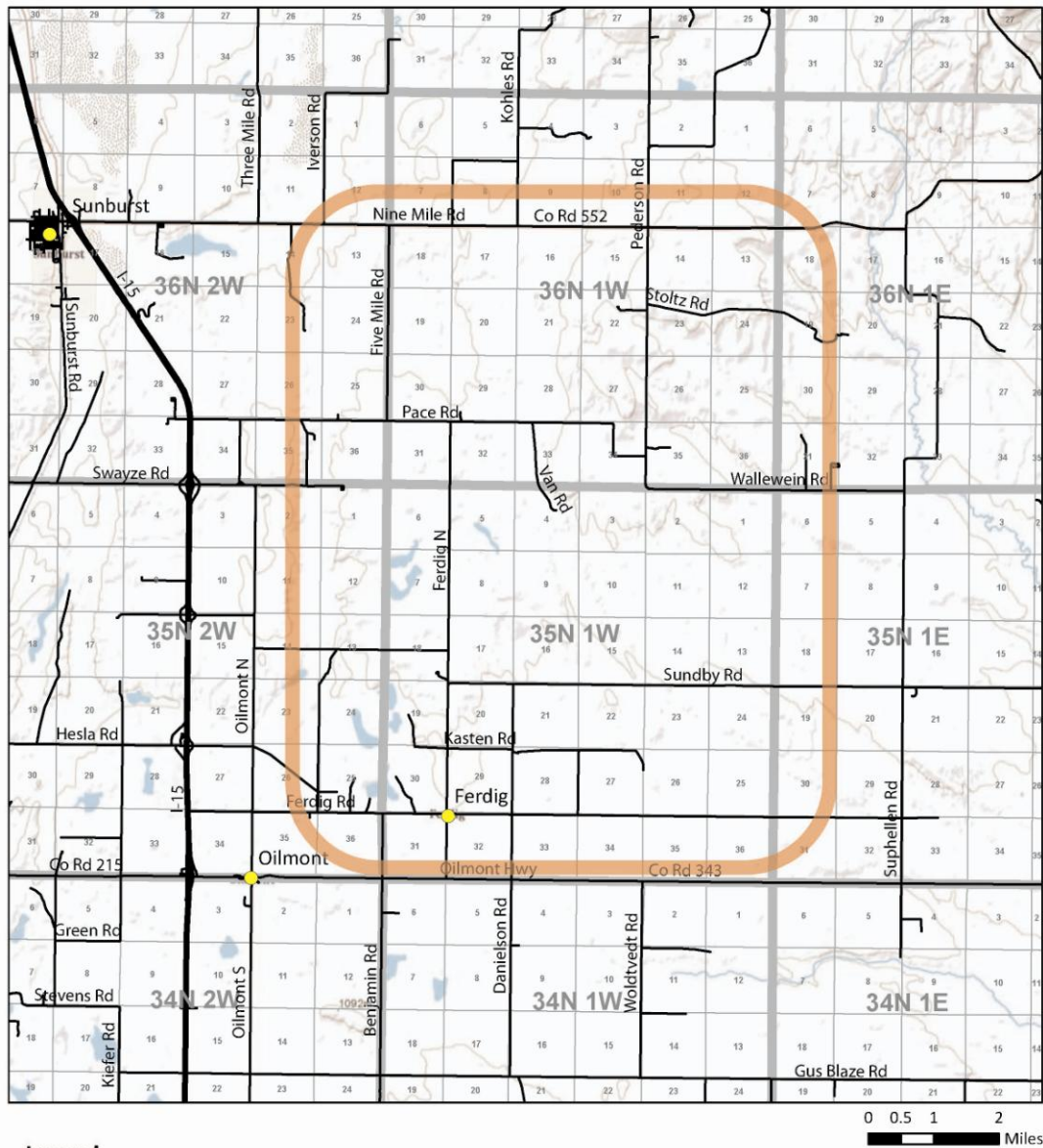


Team Capabilities and Expertise

- Strong Geophysical Partners (Vecta, SR2020, Schlumberger)
 - Sophisticated logging, downhole measurements
 - Multi-component seismic
 - Main cost share partners so every DOE dollar spent on geophysics returns \$1.25 - \$2.00
 - Coupled with cheaper monitoring wells
- Excellent core flood & flow facilities
 - Parallel studies for geochemical rates, induced permeability changes, etc.
 - Data to inform coupled model efforts
- Strong Geochemical partners
 - Natural and introduced tracers
 - U-tube technology, monitoring wells
- Strong Modeling team
 - Comprehensive suite of codes
- Development of near surface monitoring
 - Opportunity to learn about deployment

General Location

- East of I-15
- South of Nine Mile Road
- North of Oilmont Road



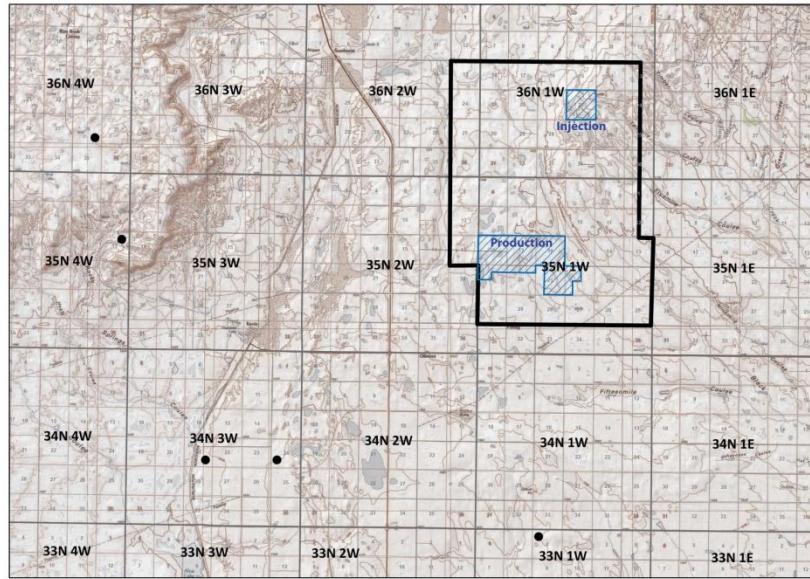
Legend

 General Project Area

Note: the exact extent of the project area is subject to landowner agreements, permitting requirements, and local terrain characteristics.

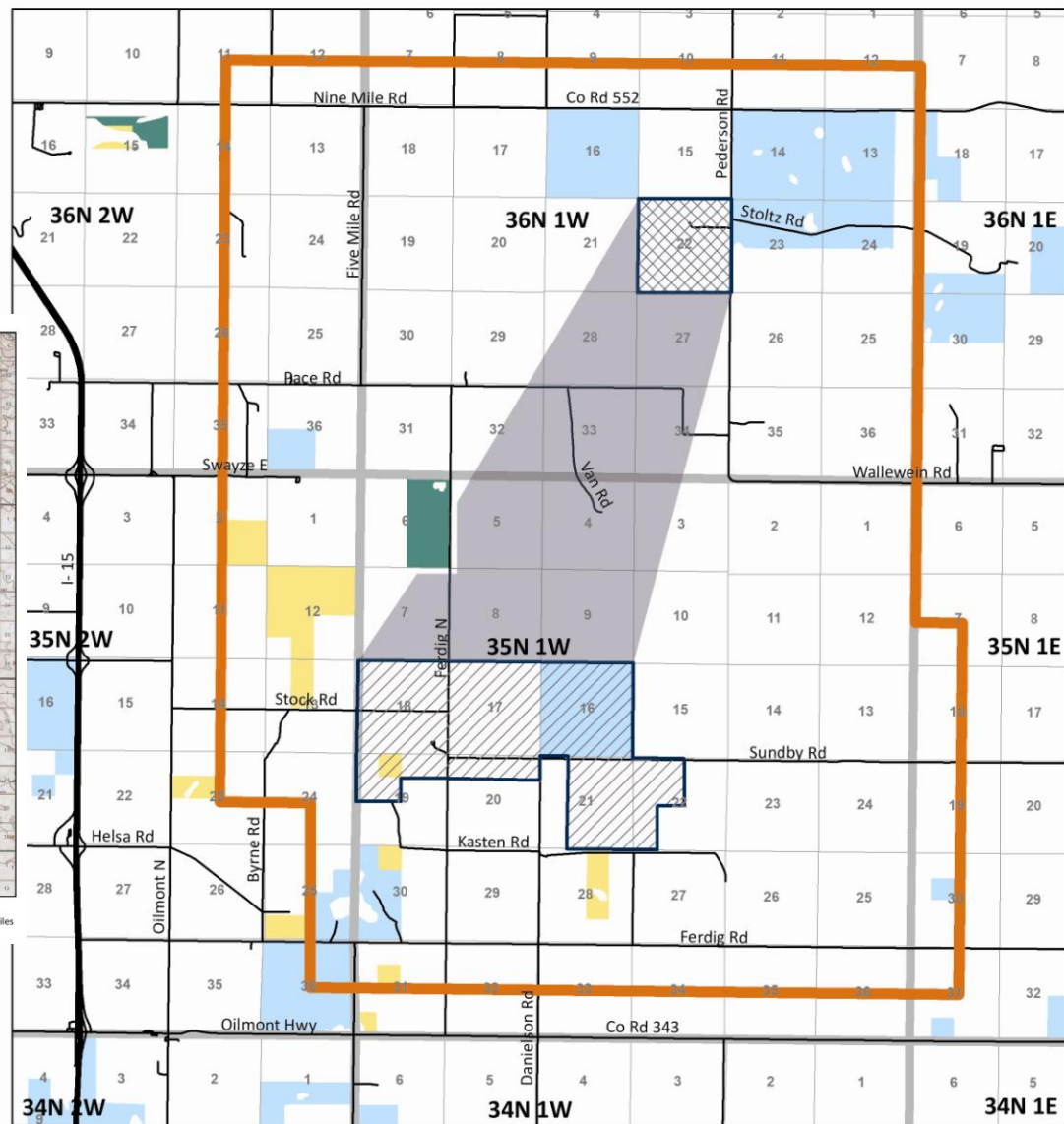


Seismic Area, Production and Injection Zones







Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership
Sept. 28, 2011

0 1 2 4 Miles



Legend

Infrastructure

-  Injection Area
-  Production Area
(including the gathering system and compressor station)
-  Pipeline Area
-  Seismic Survey Area

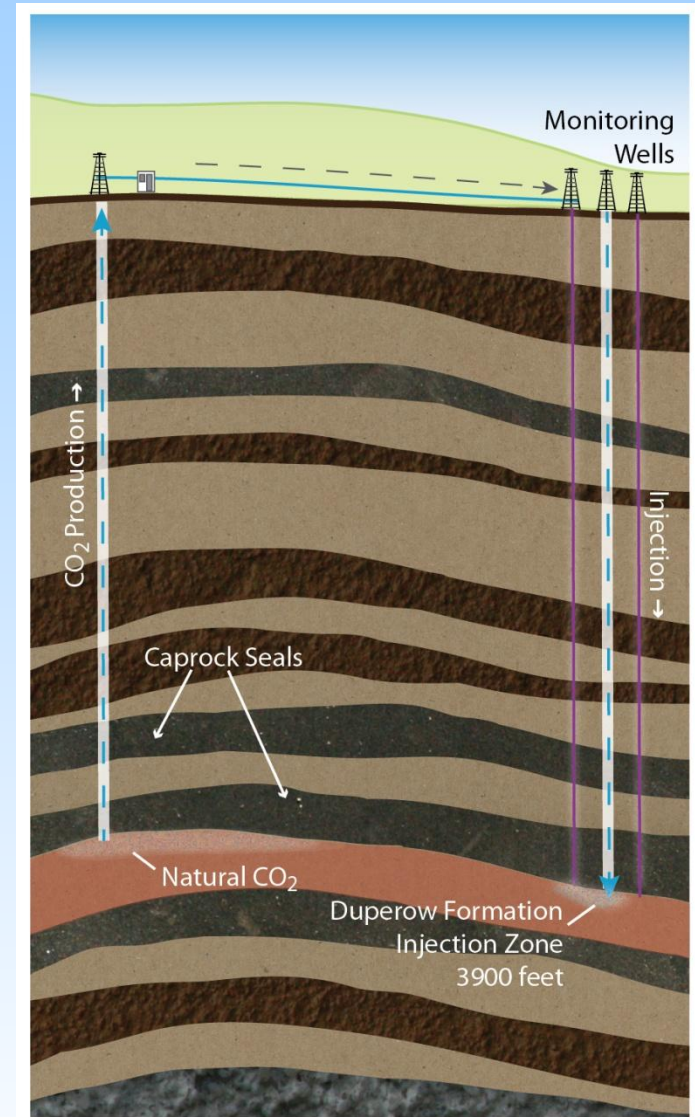
Land Ownership

-  B.L.M.
-  Bureau of Indian Affairs
-  State of Montana
-  U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
-  Private Land

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Project Overview

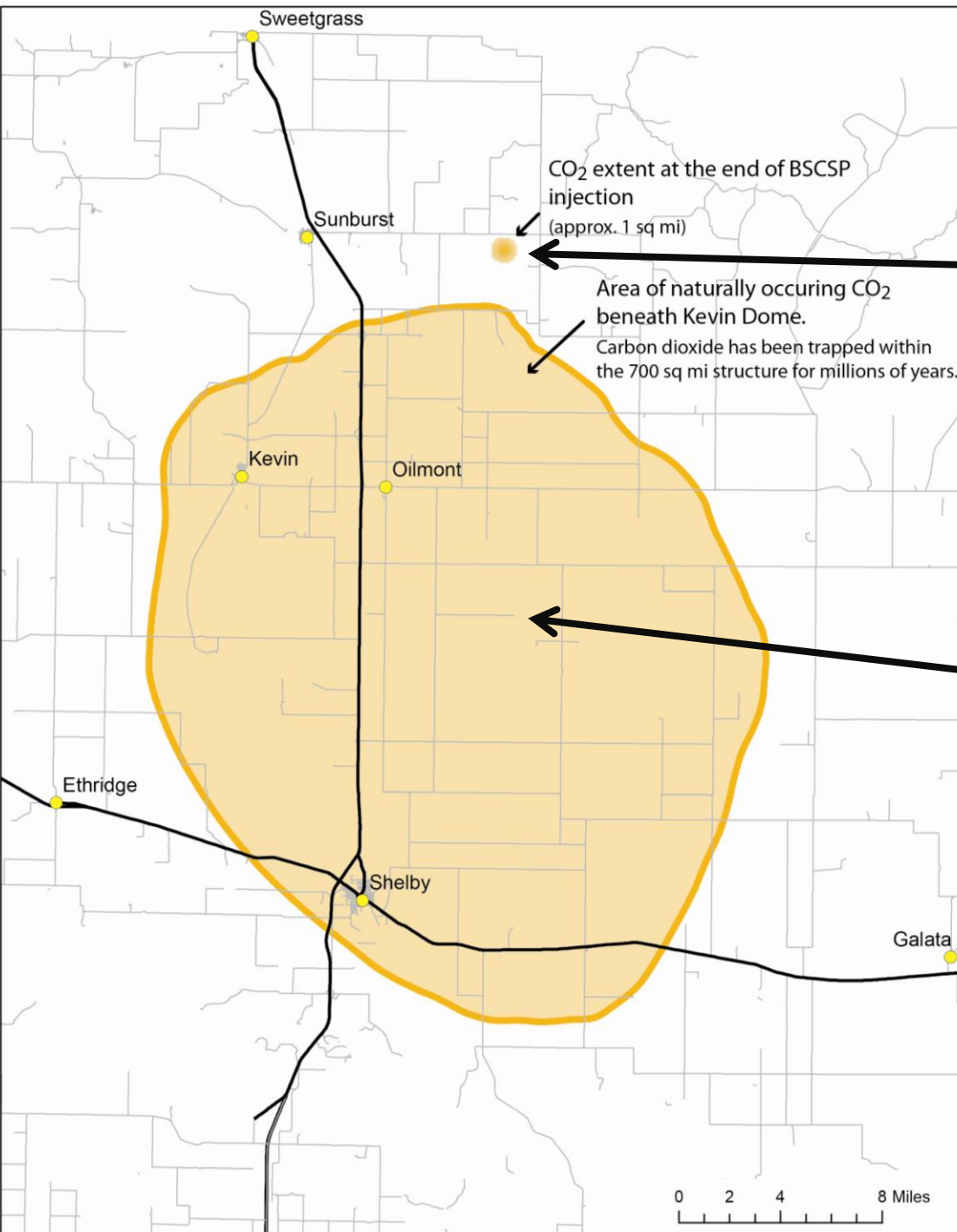
- Permitting & Public Outreach
- Site Characterization
- Infrastructure Development
 - 5 Production Wells,
 - 1 Injection Well,
 - 4 Monitoring Wells,Pipelines Compressor
- Injection Operations – 4 years
- Monitoring & Modeling
- Site Closure



Kevin Dome CO₂

Estimated Area of Big Sky Storage Test (Approx. 1 sq. mi.)

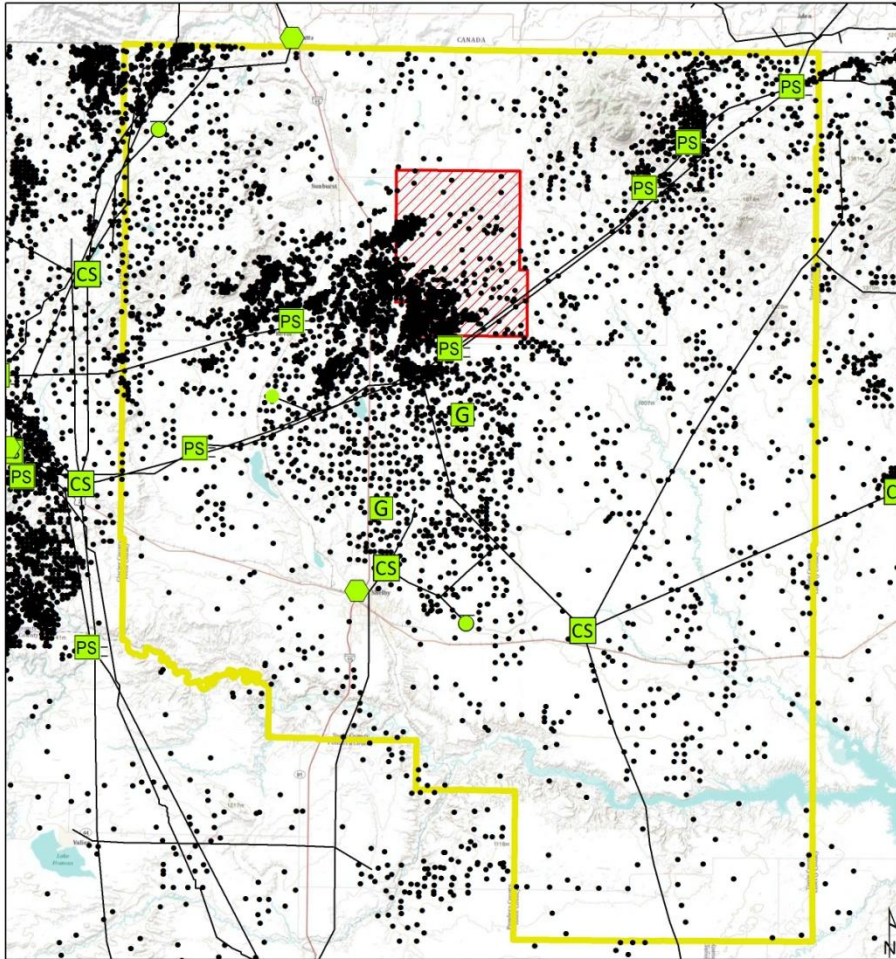
Estimated Area of Natural CO₂ Already in Kevin Dome (Approx. 500 sq. mi.)



Wells

Existing Infrastructure

Toole County oil and gas infrastructure, existing wells only.



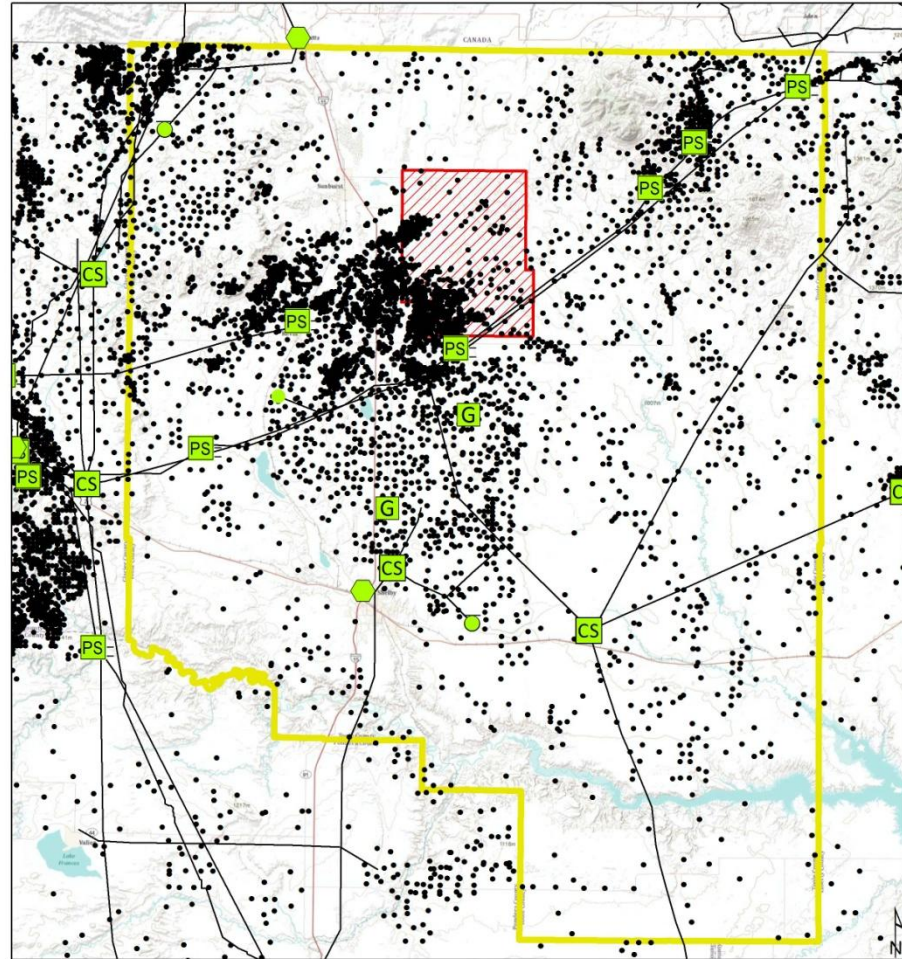
Infrastructure

- CS Compressor station
- PS Pump station
- Pipelines
- Delivery point to industrial plant
- Storage/tank farm/terminal
- Project Area
- G Gas processing plant
- Underground storage
- Meter station
- Oil and gas wells



Big Sky Infrastructure Added

Toole County oil and gas infrastructure, existing and including the 10 wells planned for the BSCSP Phase III project.



Infrastructure

- CS Compressor station
- PS Pump station
- Pipelines
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- Storage/tank farm/terminal
- Project Area
- G Gas processing plant
- Underground storage
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- Oil and gas wells, Phase III project wells

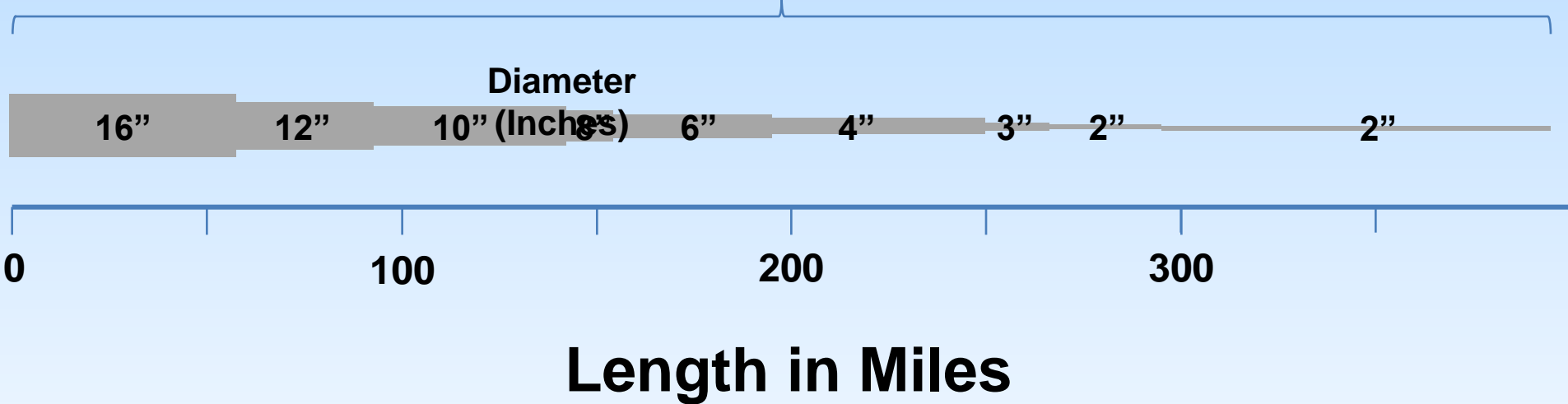


Miles of Pipeline in Toole County

Source: PennWell Database + Local Company Website

BSCSP 2"
Pipeline

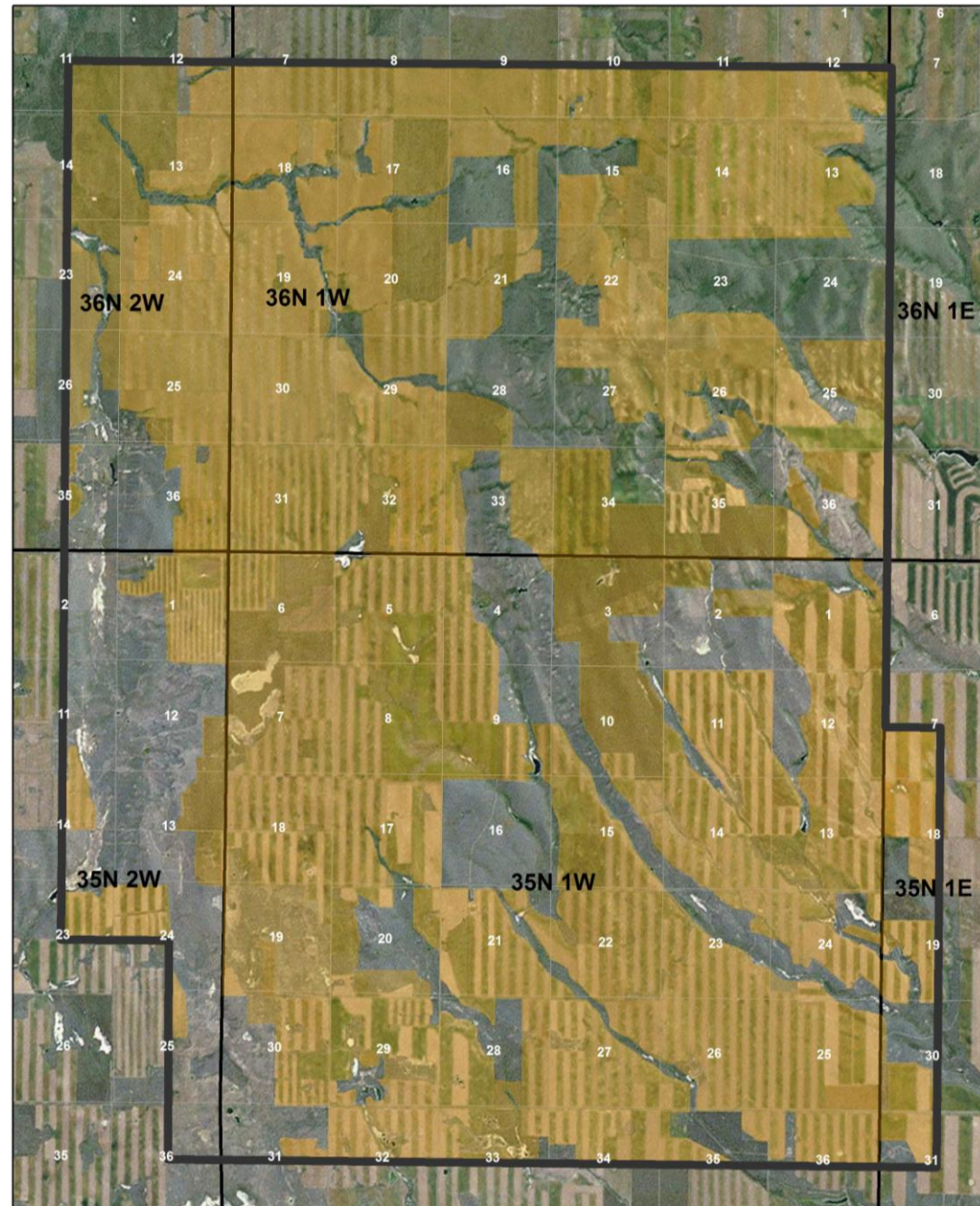
Existing Pipelines



Population Centers

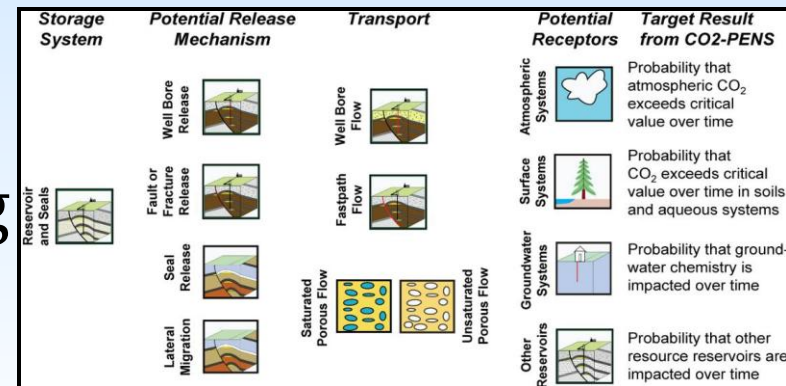
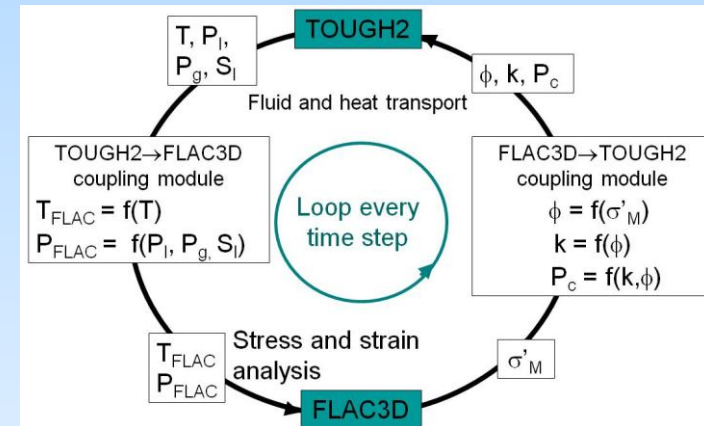
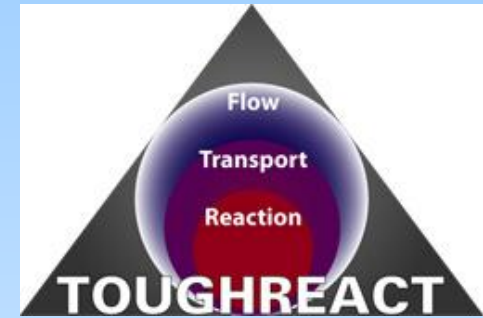


Archeology

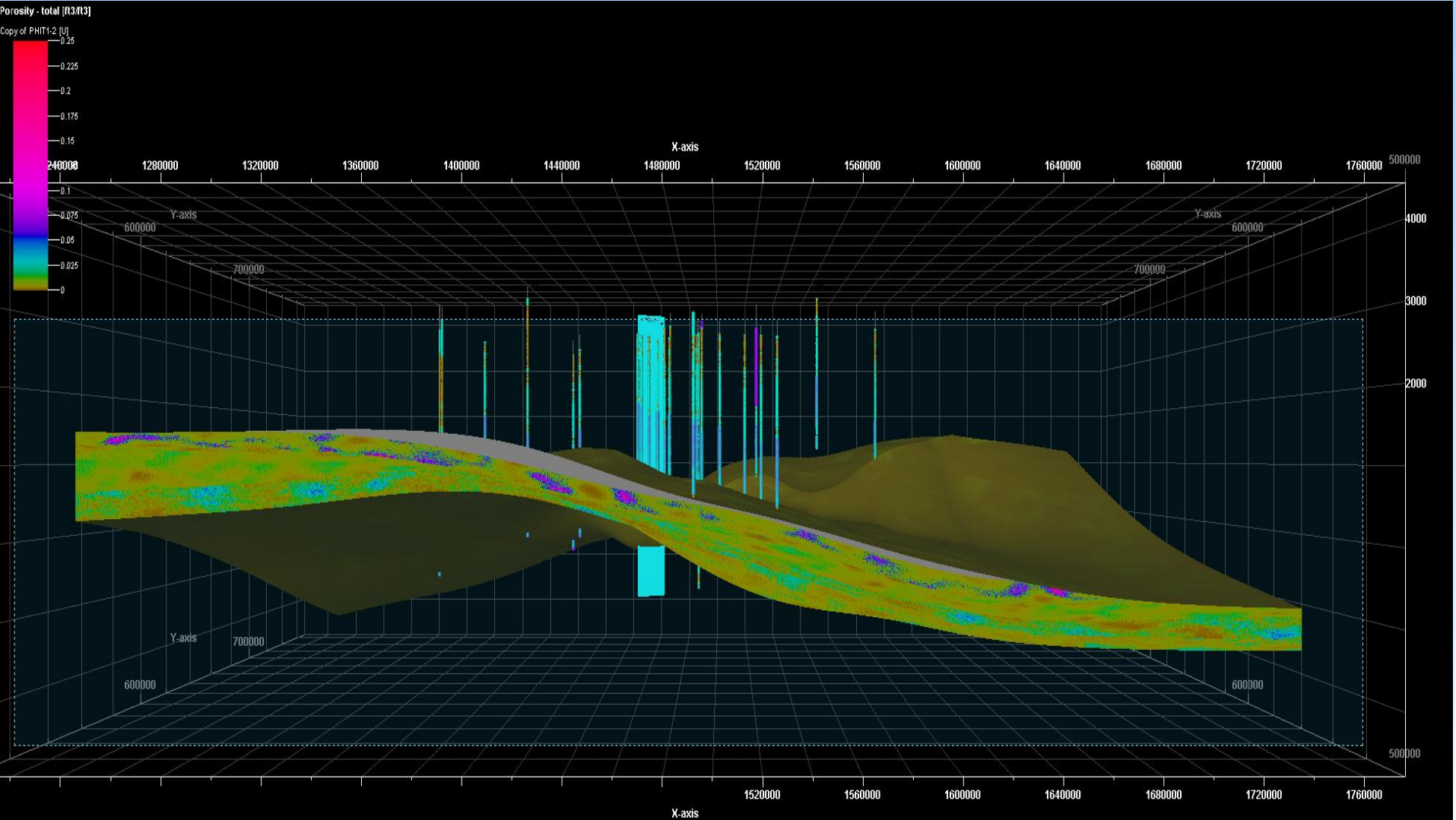


Modeling

- Geostatic Model (Petrel)
- Multiphase Flow and Reactive Transport Modeling (Eclipse, TOUGH2 and TOUGHREACT)
- Modeling of Geomechanics and Caprock Sealing Performance (TOUGH-FLAC)
- Coupled Reactive Transport - Geomechanical Modeling (TOUGHREACT-FLAC)
- Geochemical Modeling
- Risk Management and Modeling (CO2-PENS)



3-D Reservoir Model



Geophysical Program

Drill, log 2 RST, DTS, Fluid Monitoring Wells

Drill, core, log 1 CO₂ Injection Well

Drill, log 2 Geophysical Monitoring Wells, Core 1

150 km² 3D 9- component surface seismic over production, Injection & CO₂ brine interface

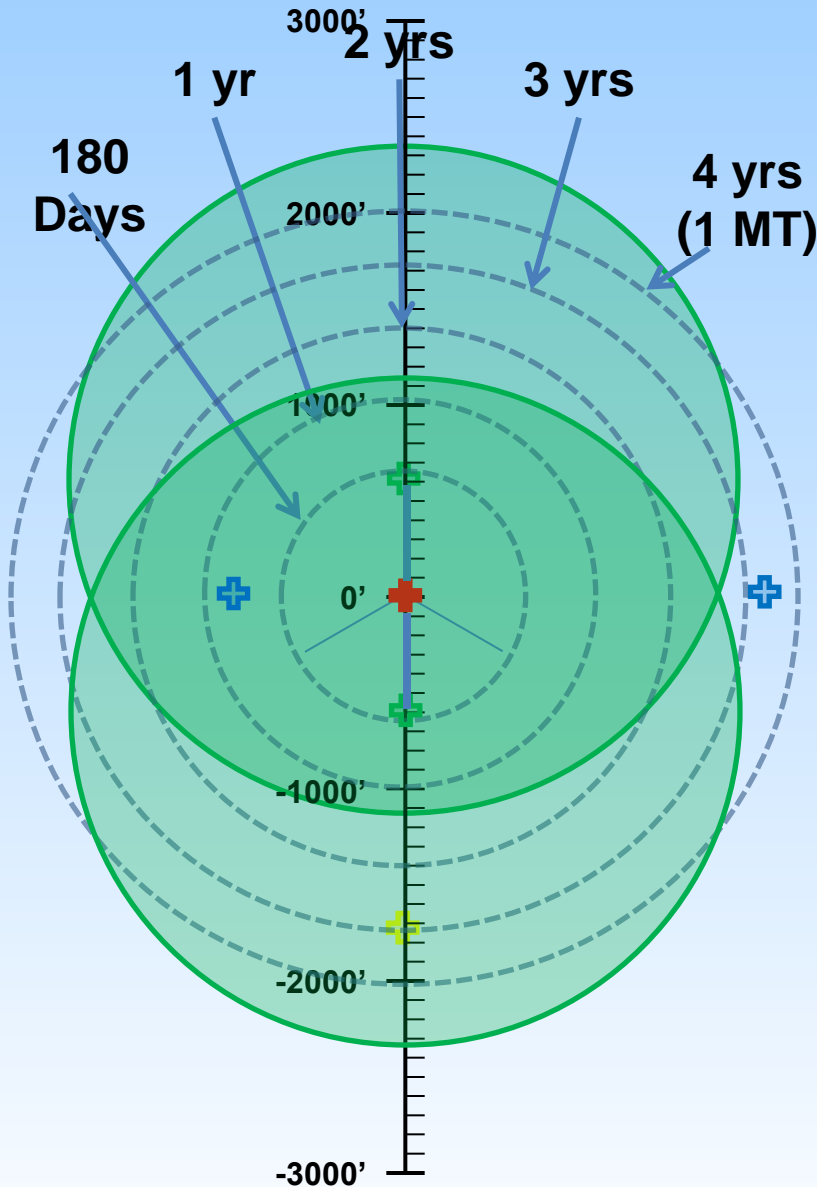
4D 9C surface seismic over injection

9C Crosswell

4D 9C VSP

Drill up to 5 CO₂ production wells. Log all, Core 1

Monitoring Wells



Preliminary Simulation

Tough2, LBNL

12% porosity

50 mD permeability

700 tonnes / day

- + Geochemical monitoring wells
- + Injection Well & X-well Sources
- + Geophone Wells
- Crosswell Lines
- VSP Areal Coverage at Duperow
- Calculated Plume Boundary

Seismic program

- Specialty is multi-component seismic,
 - shear-wave seismic data is a powerful tool for CO₂ monitoring and fracture detection in hard rocks
 - Vecta has been successful at imaging stratigraphically complex clastic and carbonate traps in environments similar to Kevin Dome
- Vecta owns its own shear-wave sources and receivers, allowing us to cost-effectively acquire multi-component data

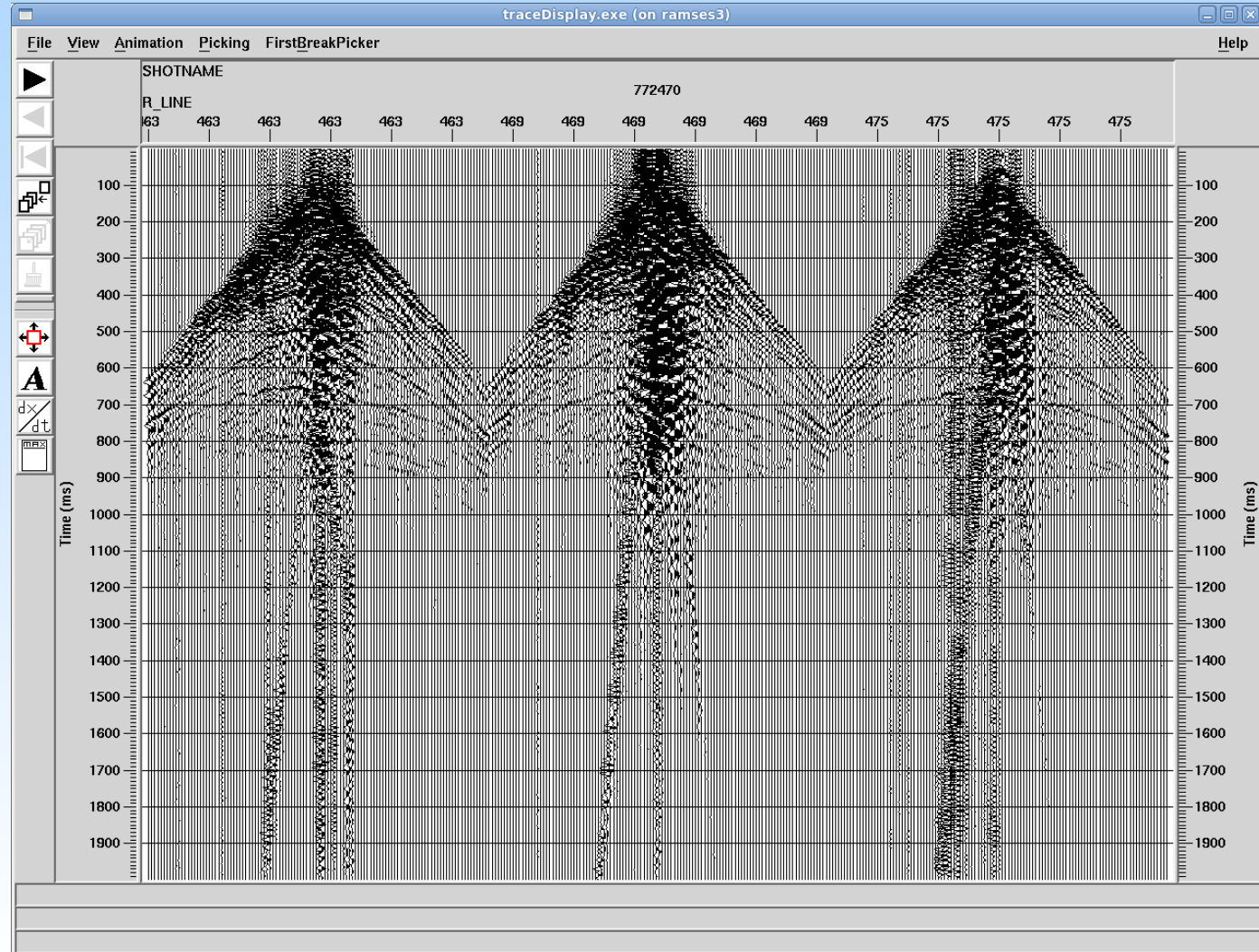


	Cross Well	VSP (3D, 9C) (Months)	Surface (3D, 9C) (Months)
Seismic Survey Timing (Months)	0	0	0
		12	
		24	
		36	36
	50		84

Initial Seismic

- 10 sq mi shot
- 3D, 9C
- Initial processing underway
- Good reflections

Raw Shot Records S-LINE : 772 STN: 470



Post Stack Migration

traceDisplay.exe (on ramses3)

File View Animation Picking

Help

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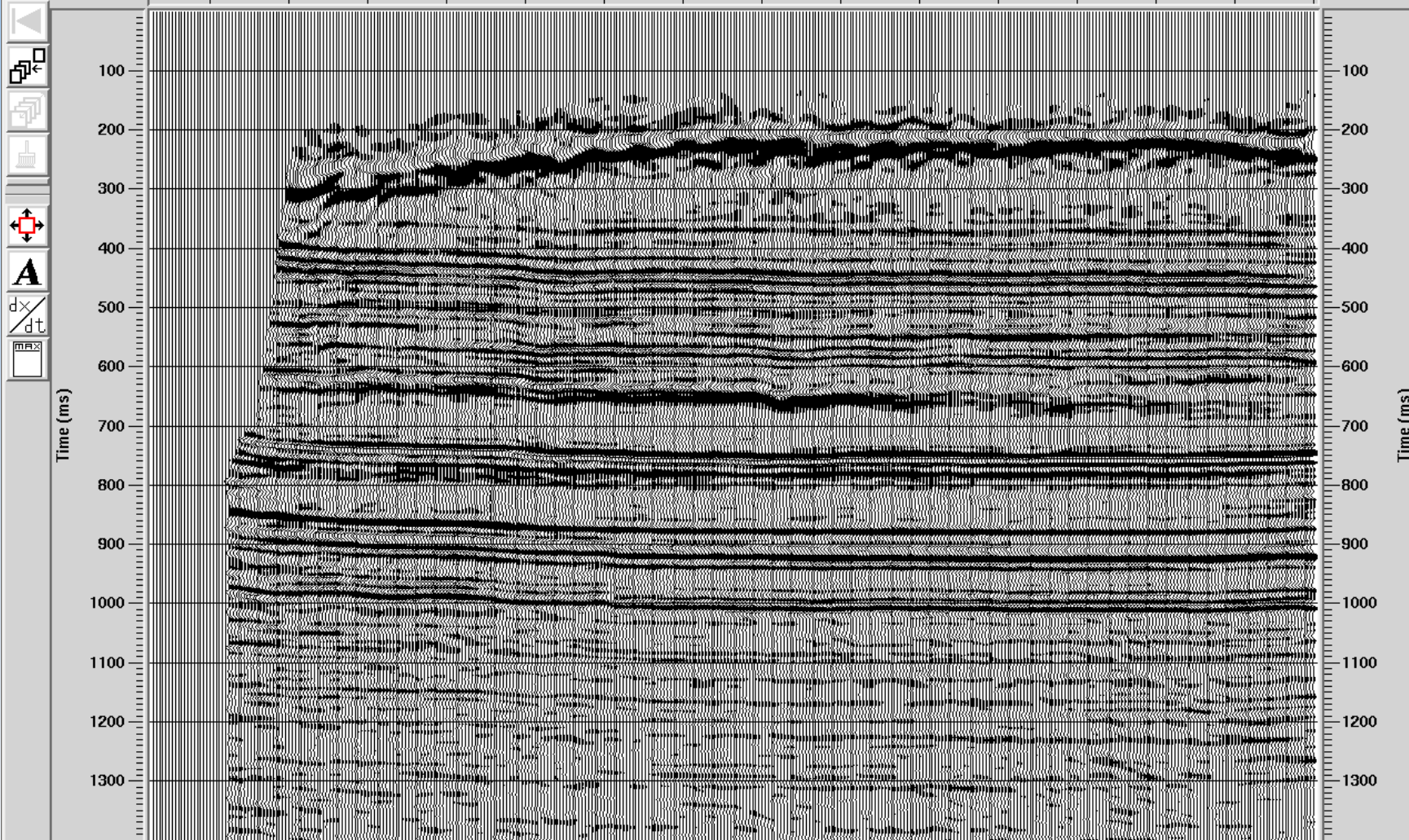
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Geophysical Characterization & Monitoring

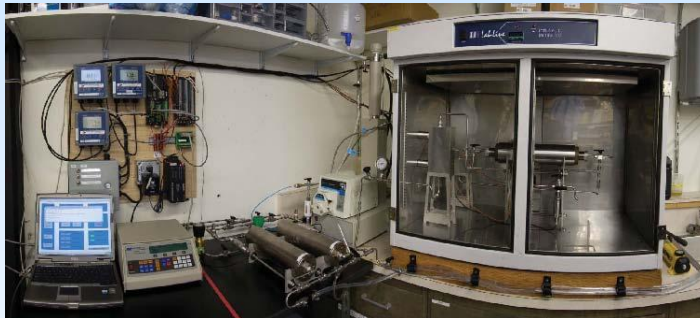
Well Logging

- All wells
 - Cement bond, Gamma / Density-Neutron, Resistivity, Sonic
- 1 Producer, Injector 4 Monitoring Wells
 - FMI, RST, MDT
- Annual Logging
 - Injector - MIT
 - Mon. Well – RST

Logs	Wells			
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Gamma / Neutron	Init			
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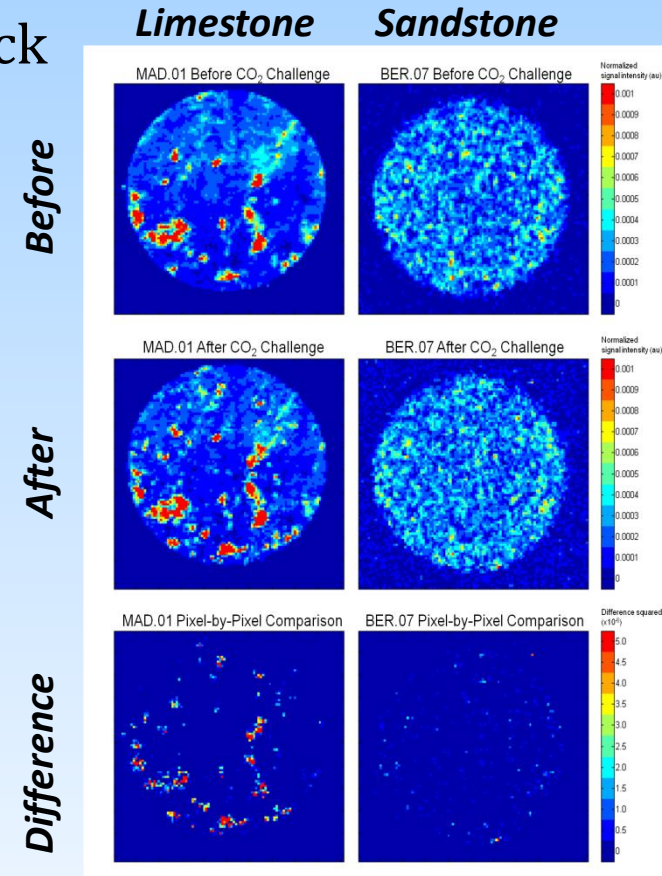
Cores

- 540 ft of cores to be cut from 1 producing well, the injector and 1 monitoring well
- Coring will include reservoir rock and cap rock
- Side Wall Cores from injector & 1 monitoring well post injection
- Core Testing & Analysis
 - Relative Permeability
 - Rock physics properties
 - Geochemical behavior



Experimental Design

- Flow-through Reactor
- Real-time P, T, pH, Cond.
- Sampling of Brine Chemistry



Physical Changes in Rock Core

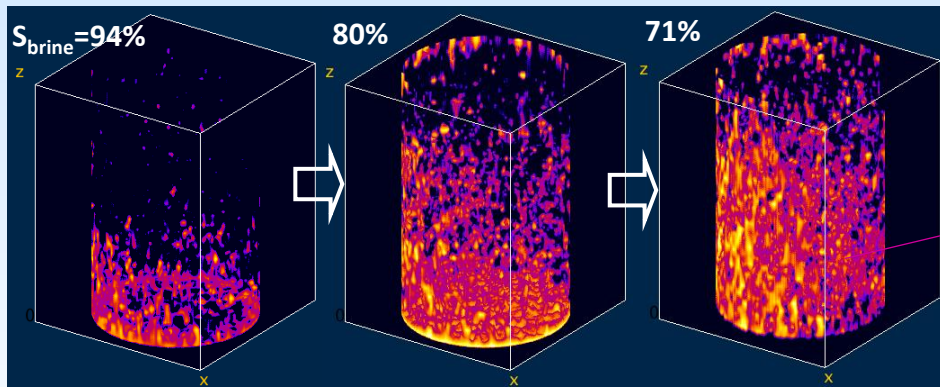
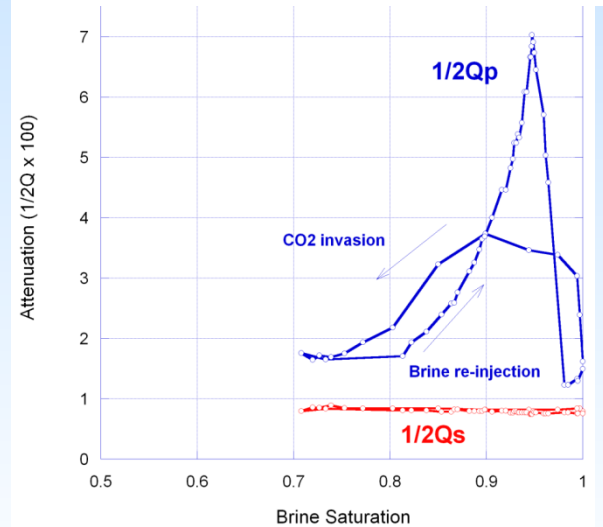
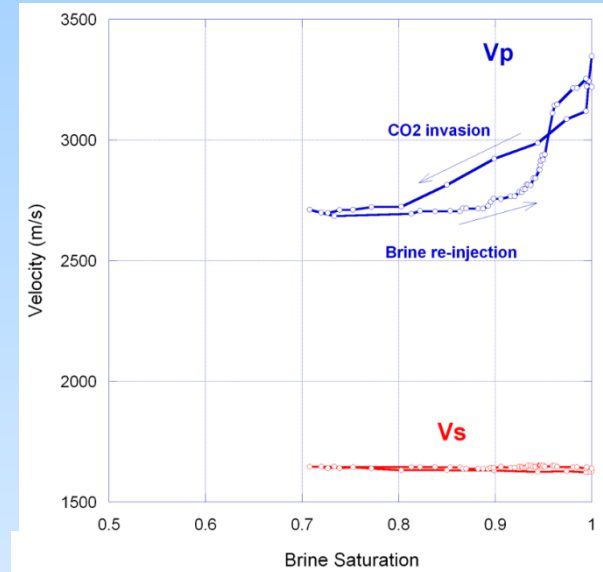
- Microstructure: Optical & SEM
- Porosity: CT & NMR
- Permeability

CO₂ Impact on Seismic Properties – LBNL’s Split Hopkinson Resonant Bar Apparatus



Resonant Bar Inner Chamber and housing

X-ray CT imaging of resonant bar enclosed in thermal jacket



X-ray images of CO₂ core flood

Courtesy S. Nakagawa and T. Kneafsey, LBNL

Seismic properties as $f(S_{CO_2})$

Geochemical Monitoring

- Fluid Sampling

- Monthly Via U-tube in all monitoring wells until

- Tracers

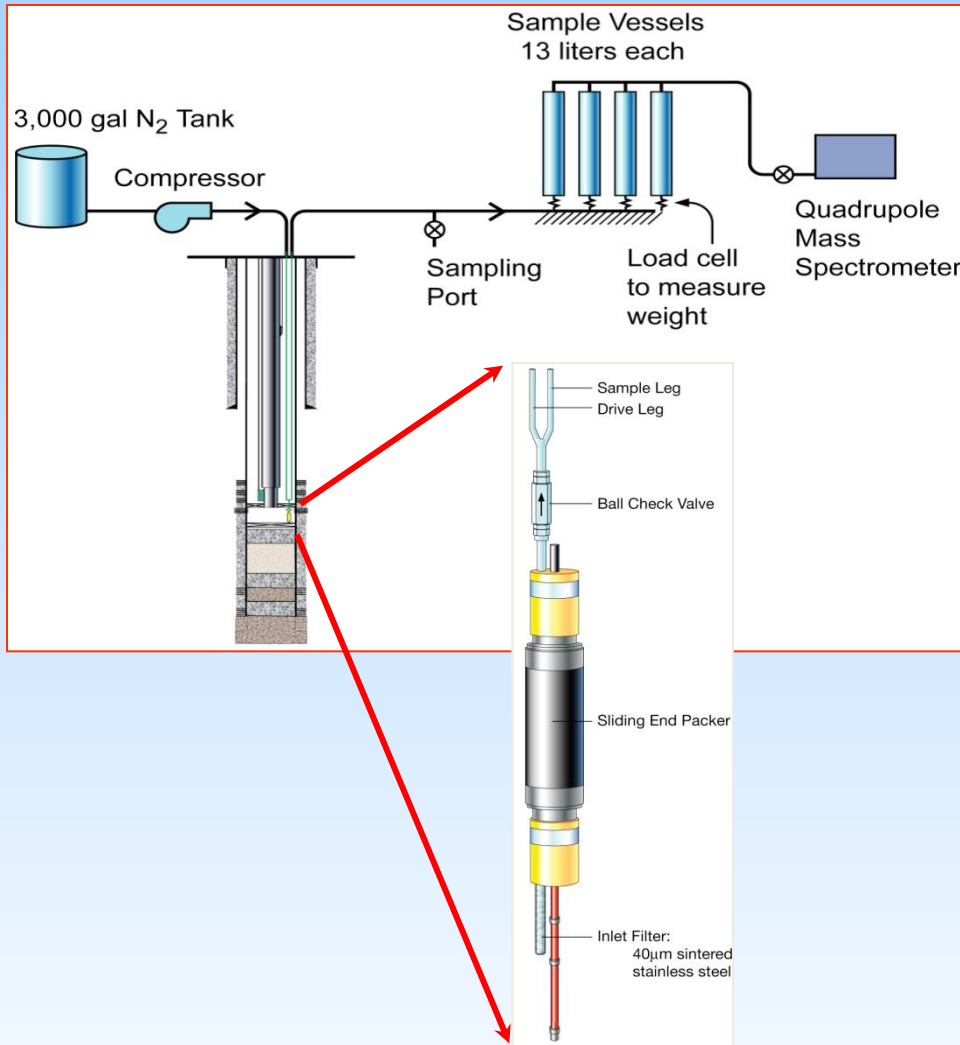
- Phase partitioning tracers
- SF₆
- ¹⁴CO₂
- Rare earth element

Analyte	Method	Purpose
Cations (aq)	ICP-MS	Basic water chemistry
Cations (s)	Microprobe, ICP-MS (whole rock digestion)	Whole rock chemistry
Anions (aq)	Ion Chromatography	Basic water chemistry
Anions (s)	Ion Chromatography (whole rock digestion)	Changes in rock chemistry throughout experiments
Mineralogy	XrD	Rock phase determination pre and post experiment
REE (s)	ICP-MS, XRF	Water chemistry mineral dissolution ppt
Trace elements) (aq)	ICP-MS	Water chemistry evolution
Trace elements, including REE	ICP-MS LASER ablation, Microprobe, XRF	Evolution of minerals phase during experiment
pH, alkalinity, temp	P-T electrode	Water chemistry

- Core Testing & Analysis

- CO₂ flood and flow experiments
- Comparison of cores from gas cap with cores from injection zone pre- and post- injection

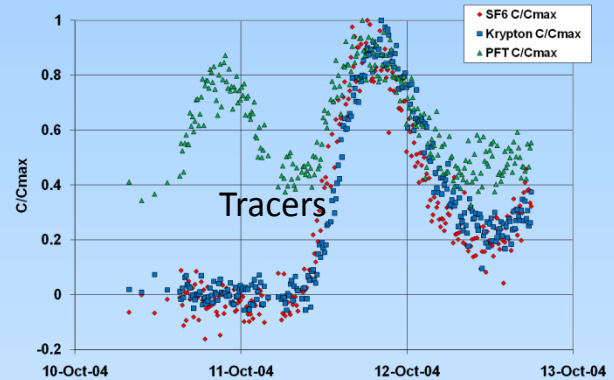
U-Tube Fluid Sampling – Multiphase samples provide insights into reservoir processes



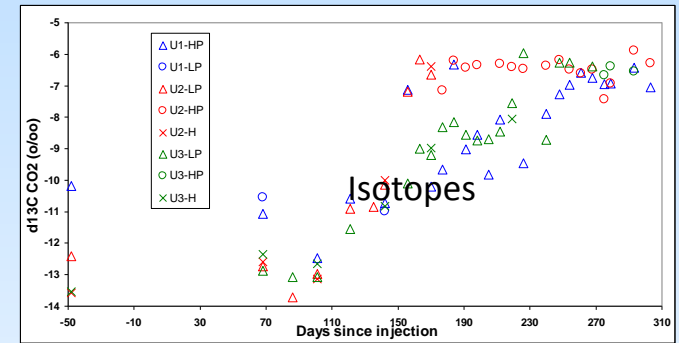
Schematic of initial U-tube System at Frio Brine Pilot

Courtesy B. Freifeld, LBNL

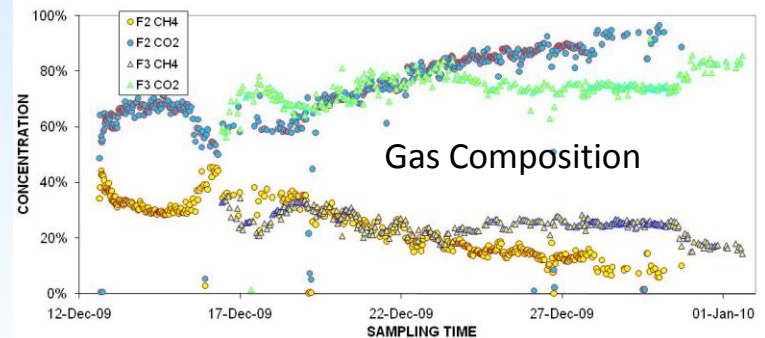
Frio Brine Pilot



Otway Project



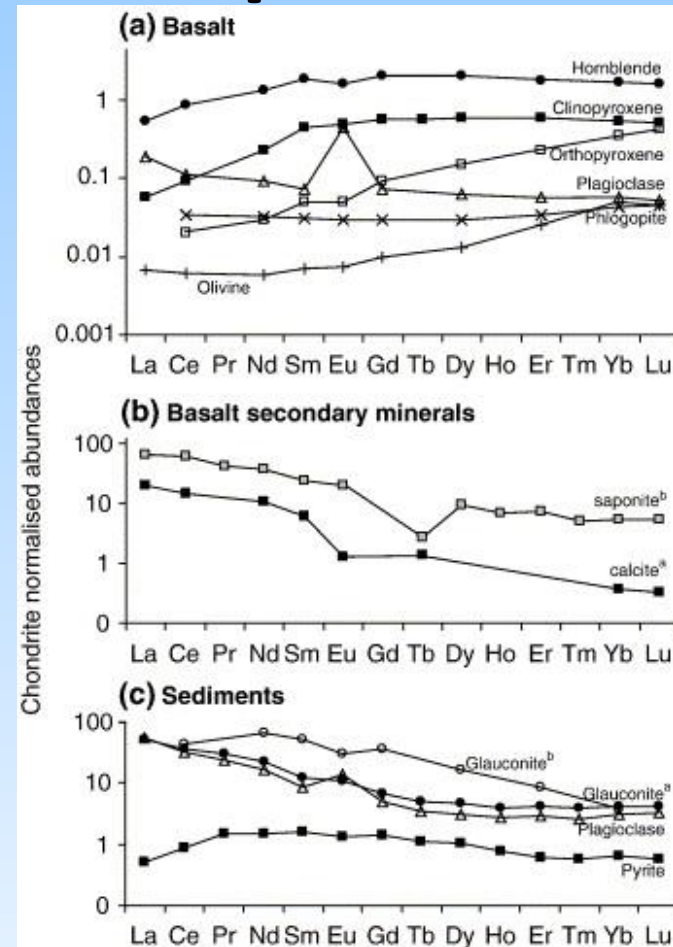
SECARB Cranfield



REE Tracer Development

REE (La-Lu) are effective Natural Tracers in geologic systems

- Long history of use in characterizing geologic systems and *sedimentary basin evolution*.
- REE are extremely sensitive to chemical changes imparted to brine chemistry during mineralization reactions, dissolution and transport reactions (Nelson D.T., 2005, Stetzenbach et al 2004, Wood et al 2006, McLing et al 2002, Roback and McLing 2001)
- Use as in-situ tracer for reservoir water displacement and leakage (Johannesson et al 2000).
- REE very sensitive to mineral dissolution and precipitation, parts per trillion detection with minimal sample prep
 - Samples will be collected during routine water sampling, no special tools required at Basalt and Kevin Dome Pilot.
 - Tracking CO₂ mass balance in CCS applications
- Laboratory Experiments useful in characterizing field collected data
 - Experiments will be carried out at INL Laboratories on reservoir rocks from both pilots



Assurance Monitoring

- **Eddy covariance**

- Measure net CO₂ flux by calculating turbulent fluxes within the atmospheric boundary layer
- Spatial scale: m²-km²



- **Soil flux surveys**

- Measures soil CO₂ flux
- Spatial scale: point measurements, establish a grid to cover larger areas



- **Drinking water monitoring**

- pH
- Conductivity
- anions
- carbonates
- metals
- inorganic, organic, and total carbon
- temperature
- alkalinity
- cations
- nutrients
- tracers

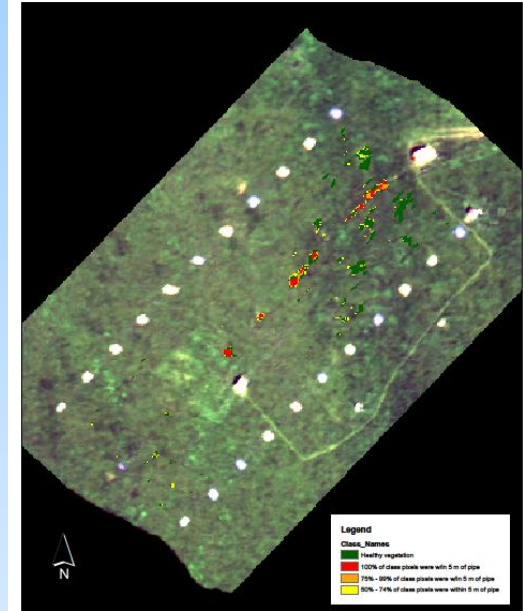


Assurance Monitoring

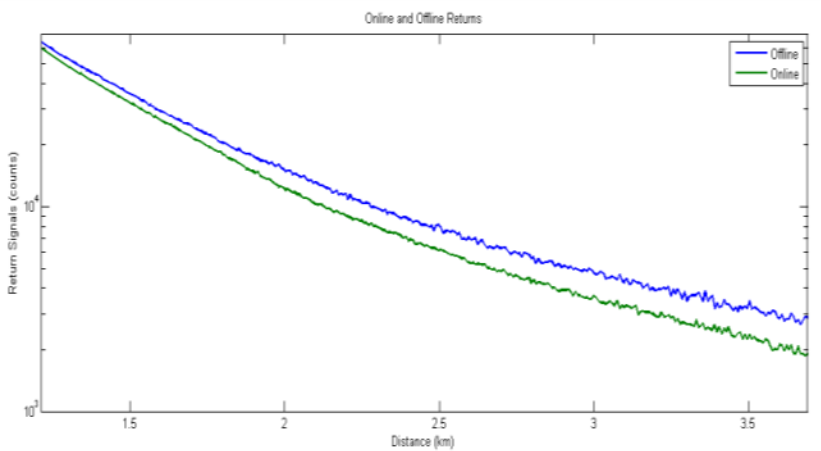
- Hyperspectral imaging



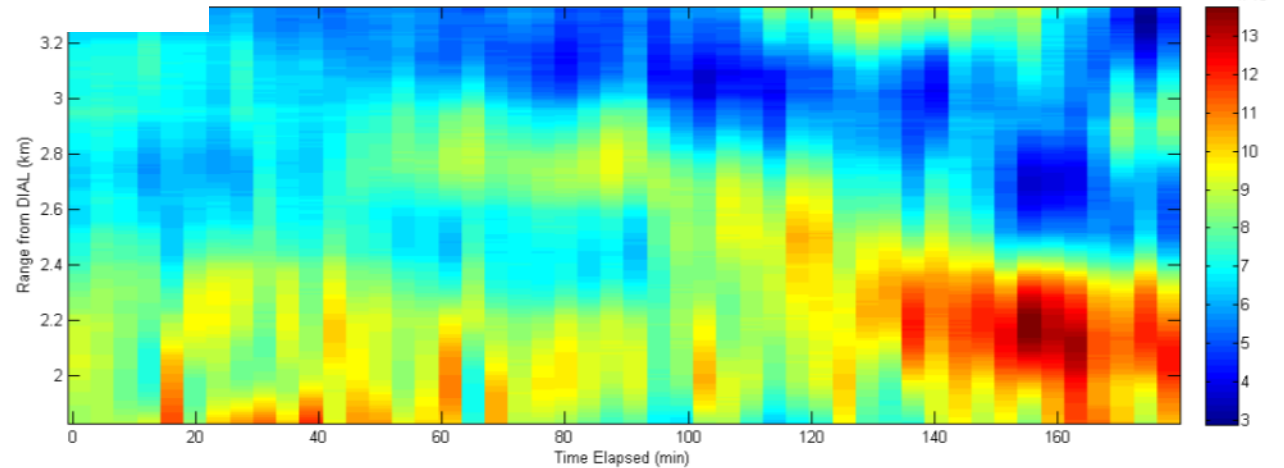
2010 ZERT Release Experiment
July 1 Unsupervised Classification



- Differential Absorption Lidar



1/5/2010 Carbon Dioxide Number Density Time Series (mol/cm^3)



Accomplishments to Date

- Multiple community outreach meetings held
- Draft EA complete, under final review
- Initial Risk Assessment performed
- Archeology survey mostly complete
- Static geologic model based on existing data complete
 - Grid exported to flow modelers
- Approximately 10 sq mi of 3D-9C seismic shot
 - P-wave processing underway
 - Data quality is good

Kevin Dome Project Opportunities

- Coupling the natural analog with the new injection allows comparison of long-term geochemical effects to short term in the new injection. Multiple approaches to investigate geochemistry are being deployed including new techniques that are under development
- Storage and withdrawal on the flank of a natural CO₂ dome mimics issues relevant to using domes as CO₂ hubs or warehouses for emplacement of anthropogenic CO₂ and withdrawal for EOR
- The natural analog allows us to look at changes in the rock matrix as a function of long exposure and how this might change seismic response
 - This also represents an unusual opportunity for coupled model studies
- The thin storage reservoir and relatively large number of project wells may allow study of pressure effects in both the storage and production regions
- The existence of multiple sampling wells, unique rock physics property measurements, and multicomponent seismic combined with plans to reproduce the CO₂ represent a unique opportunity to study mitigation methods and understand signals as $f(S_{CO_2})$

Kevin Dome Project Opportunities

- We are using 3-dimensional -9 component seismic over 58 square miles including the CO₂ – brine interface. This will test to see if CO₂ fluid fill of pore space is detectable using multicomponent seismic without time lapse.
- Use of cores, well logs, crosswell seismic, VSP, and surface seismic will give us data at four different resolutions which can help us learn to scale computer simulations to different sizes.
- Both surface seismic and VSP are nine component. Nine component seismic using shear wave vibroseis trucks is not a common technique - Vecta has the only 3 operational shear wave vibroseis sources in North America.
- There are two porosity zones in the target formation. If both exist at the injection site we plan to inject in both testing stacked storage and detection of stacked storage.



Kevin Dome Project Opportunities

- Newly developed near surface techniques tested at the ZERT site will be deployed
 - Differential Absorption Lidar (DIAL)
 - Low cost, airborne hyperspectral imaging
 - Laser and hollow core fiber optic based distributed soil CO₂ concentration detection (possible)
- Newly developed geochemical monitoring techniques will be applied
 - Rare Earth Element natural tracers

Summary

Project is very early stage but has the potential for providing valuable information to the CCUS effort.



Questions?











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Scope of Work

Task 1.0 – Regional Characterization

Includes regional geologic resource studies, contribution to carbon atlas, terrestrial sequestration, & economic analysis

Task 2.0 - Outreach and Education

Project specific community engagement, development of outreach materials, legislative outreach, surveys

Task 3.0 – Permitting and NEPA Compliance

Permitting action plan, Permitting for seismic, drilling, pipeline, injection

Task 4.0 – Site Characterization & Modeling

Use of existing and acquired cores and cuttings, wireline well logs, petrographic analyses and initial seismic to develop geostatic model, initial multiphase flow and reactive transport modeling, background assurance monitoring, risk modeling

Task 5.0 – Well Drilling and Completion

Well design, drilling of 5 production wells, 1 injection well and 4 monitoring wells, logging and coring

Task 6.0 – Infrastructure Development

Well pads, wells, pipeline, compressor, MVA infrastructure

Task 7.0 – CO₂ Procurement

Task 8.0 – Transportation & Injection Operations

Site operations & Injection will occur for 4 years, Closure Plan

Task 9.0 – Operational Monitoring & Modeling

Crosswell seismic , 3D-9C VSP, tracers, fluid sampling,

Task 10.0 – Site Closure

Well reclassification and transfer of responsibility to Vecta

Task 11.0 – Post Injection Monitoring & Modeling

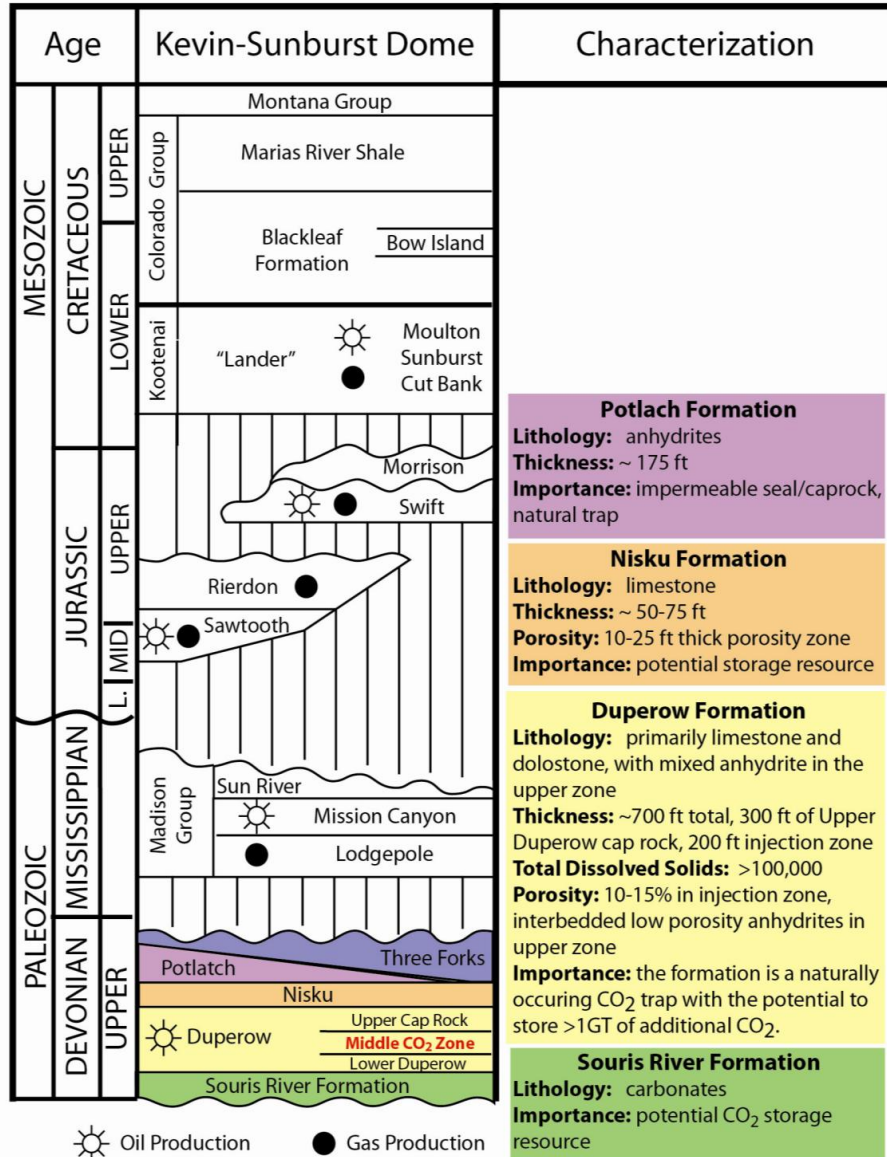
3D-9C surface seismic to create a 4D model, tracers, fluid sampling

Task 12.0 – Project Assessment

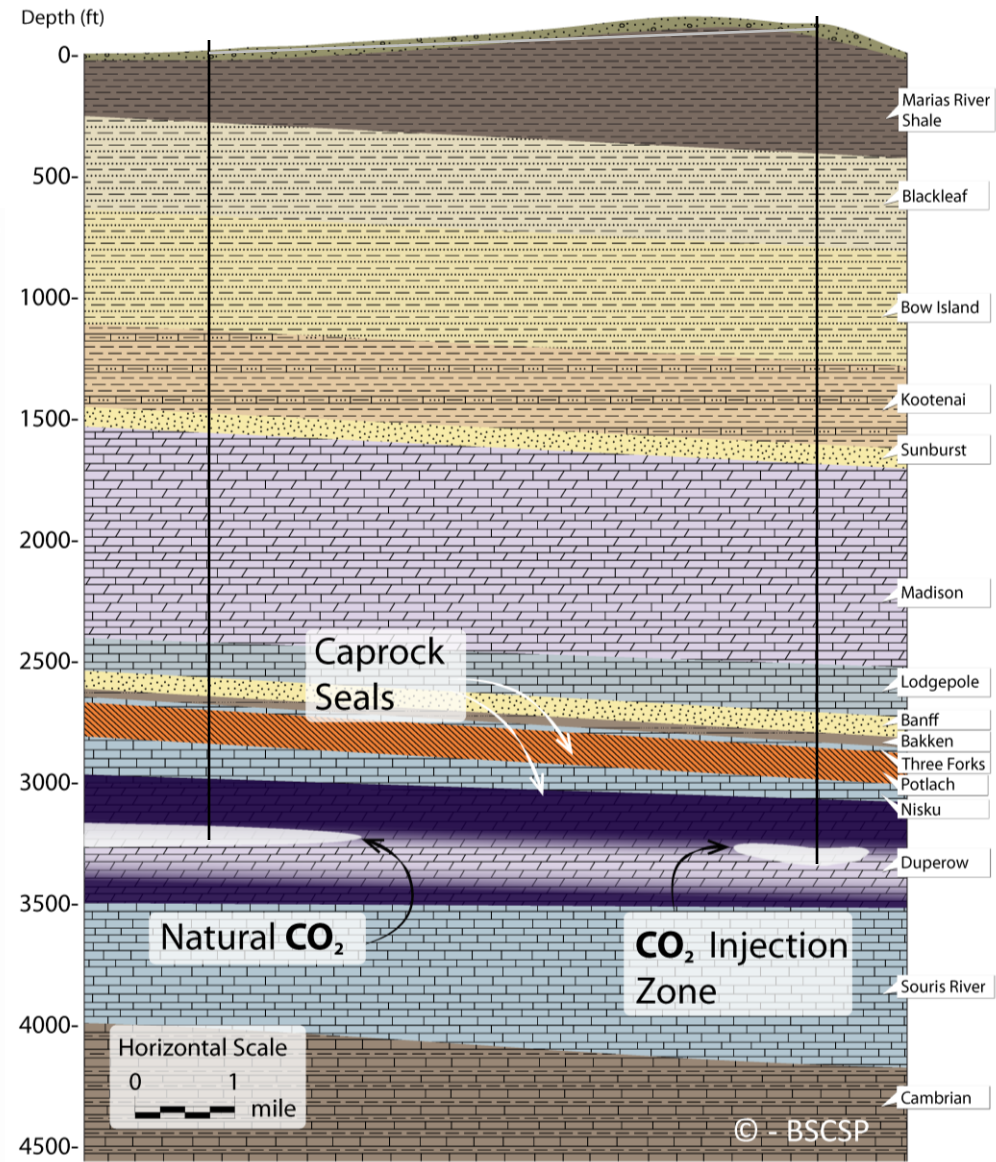
Annual assessment of all project components

Task 13.0 – Project Management

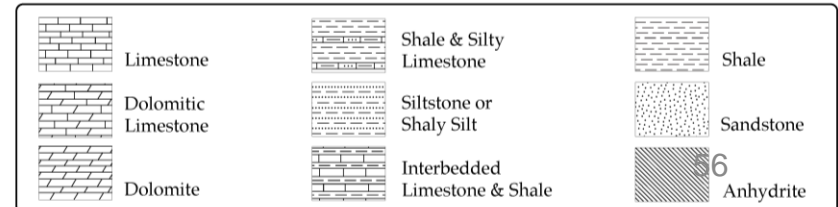
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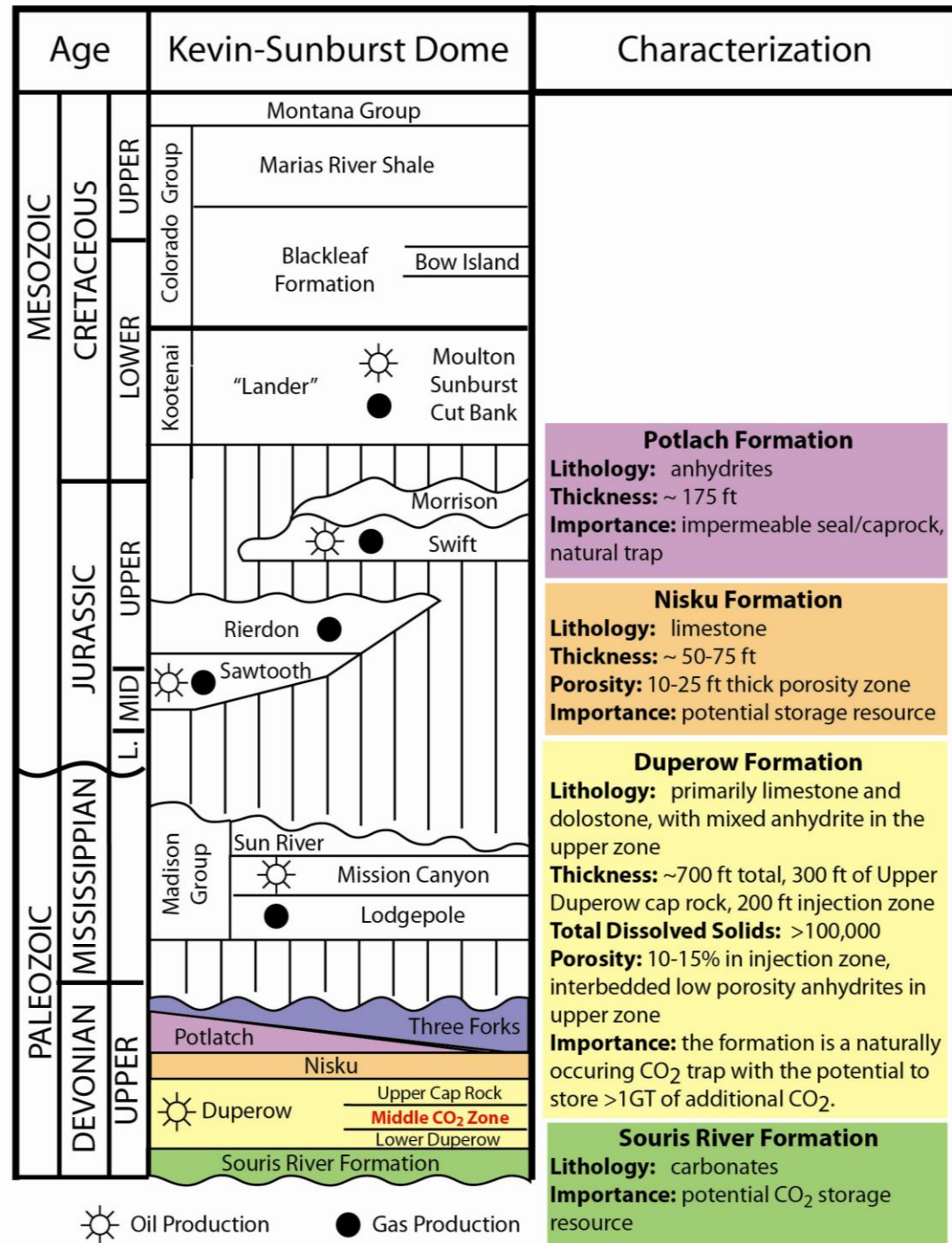
Oil Production Gas Production



Disclaimer: This graphic is a generalized representation of the subsurface at Kevin Dome. The horizontal and vertical scale are independent of one another to fit view on a single page. Surface infrastructure not to scale.



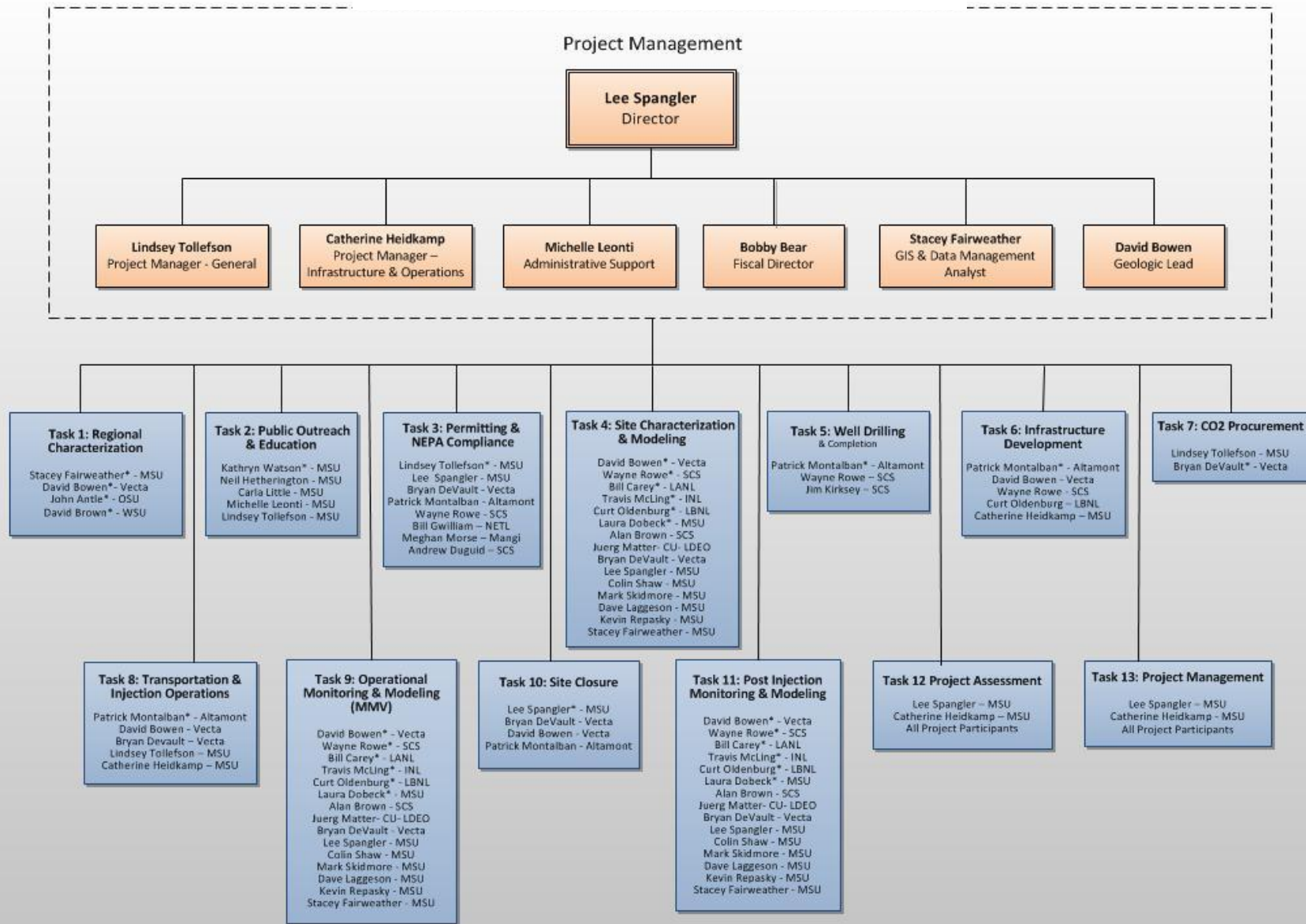
Stratigraphy



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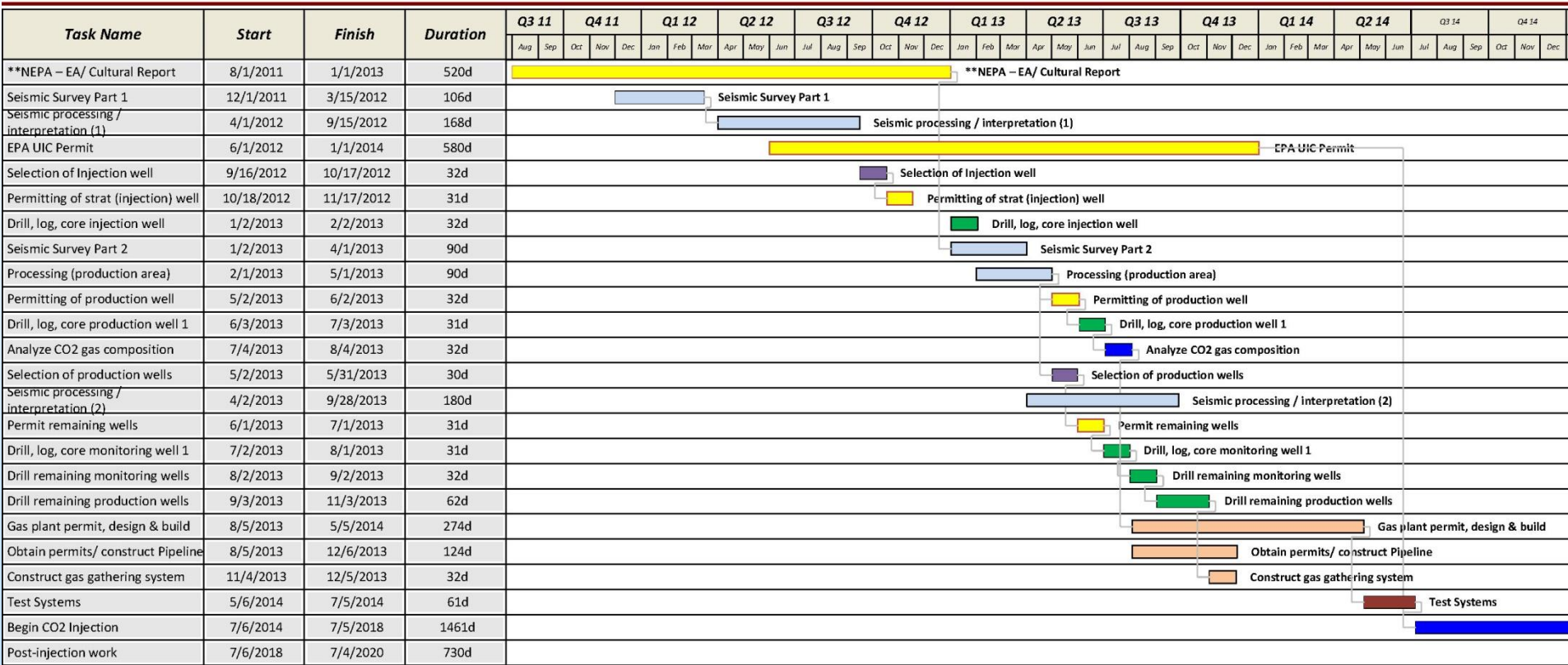
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Organization Chart

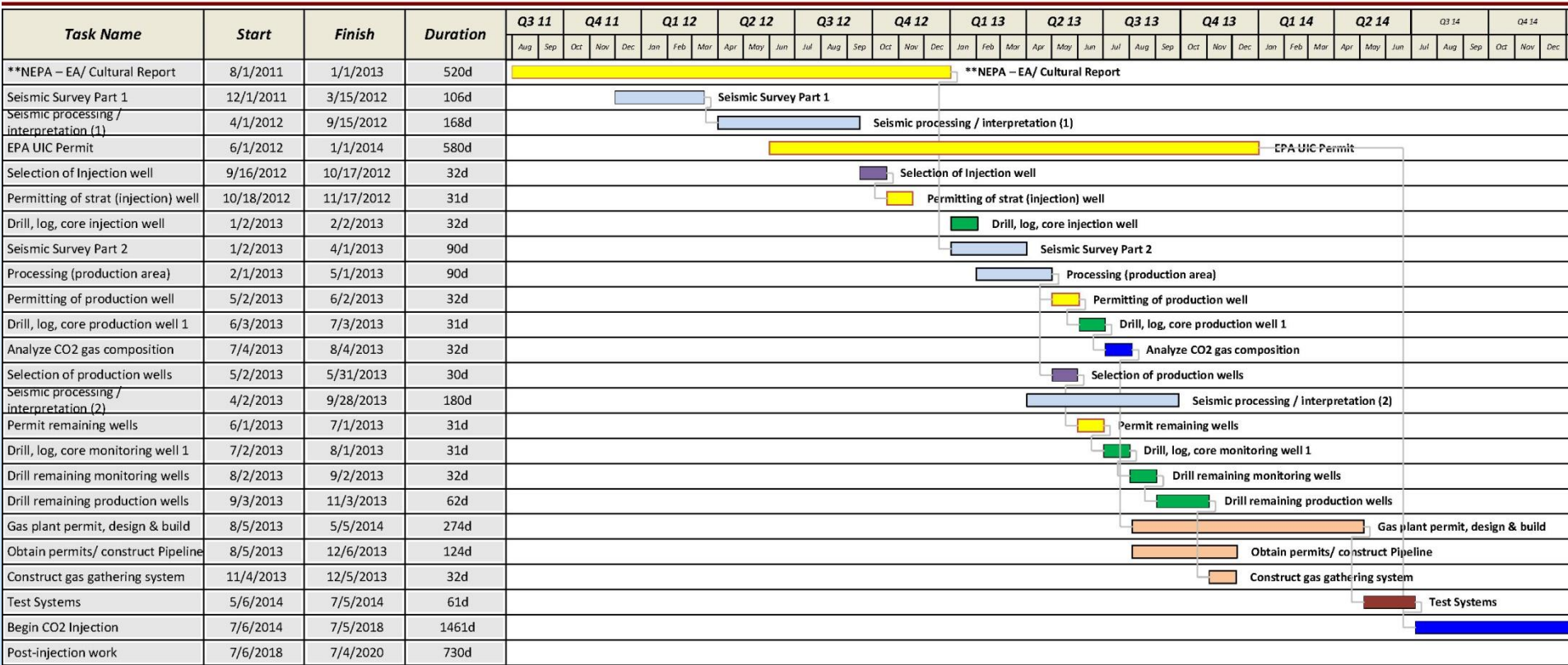


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Gantt Chart



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