

**Basalt Well**

**Boise Cascade**

**4 mile seismic line**

**Soil Gas Wells**

**Port of Walla Walla Attalia Property**

# Seismic Survey

- **Four mile- 3C reflection seismic survey completed 12/07/2007**
- **Two large Vibroseis trucks, activated together**
- **Five line swath of three-component geophones to capture both shear and compressional wave data**



# Innovative Seismic Acquisition Design

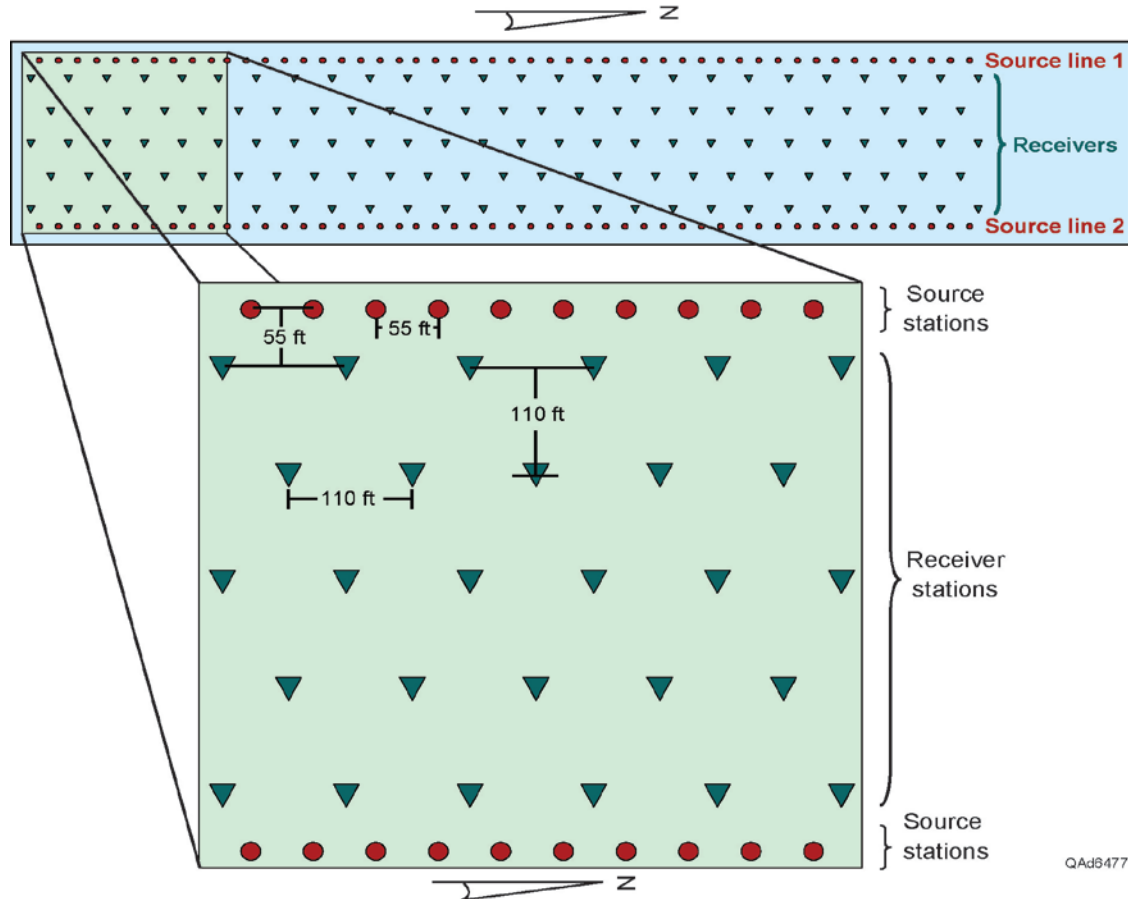


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## Three Component Geophones: Arranged in a 5-Line Swath

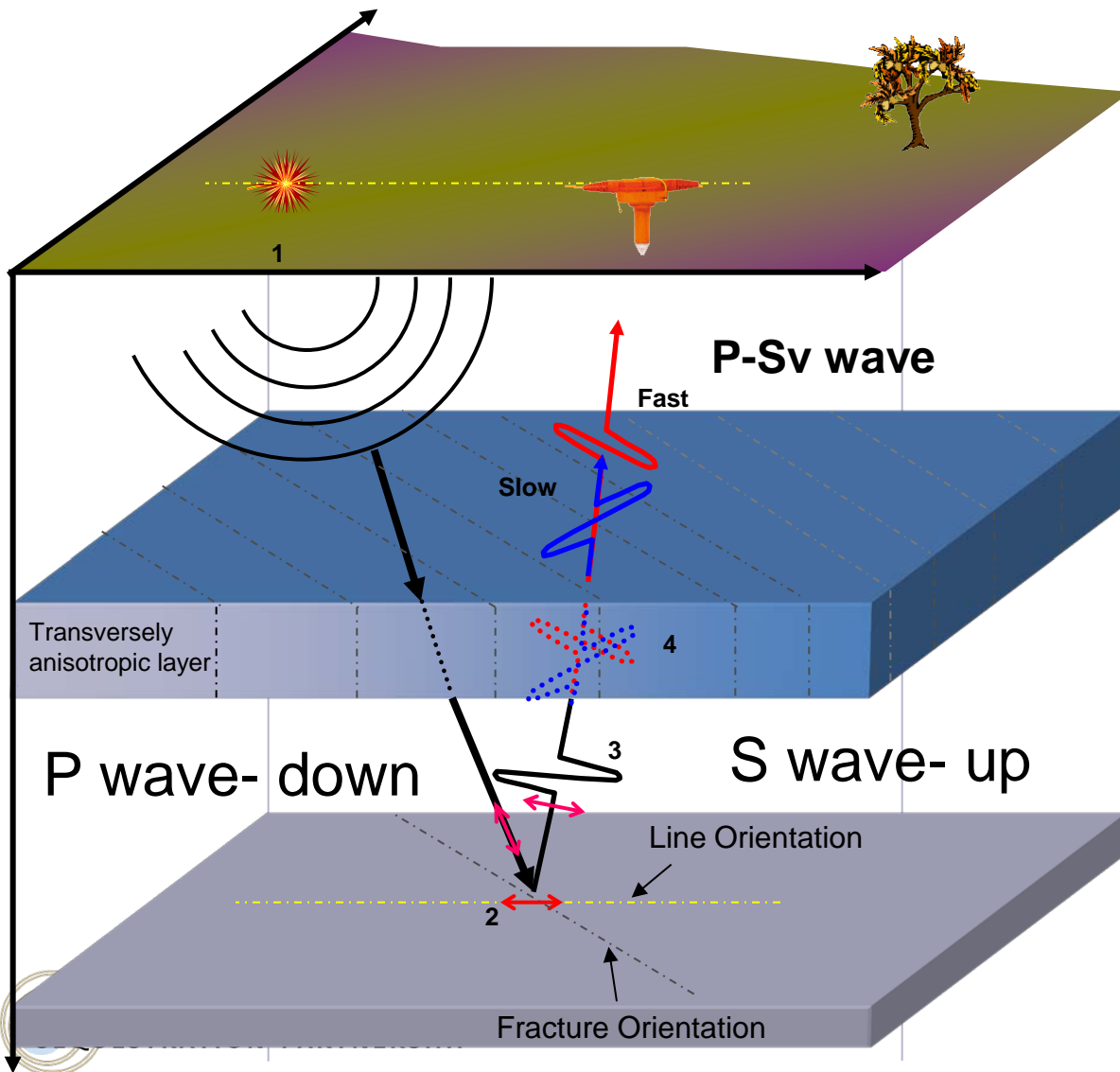
### Swath design:

- Five 3C receiver lines flanked by two source lines
- Frequency 12-120 Hz, 8 sec sweep
- Two vibroseis sweeps per station.
- Recording time 4 sec.



QAd8477

# Result: For the first time, able to separate shear-wave noise from the P-wave signal



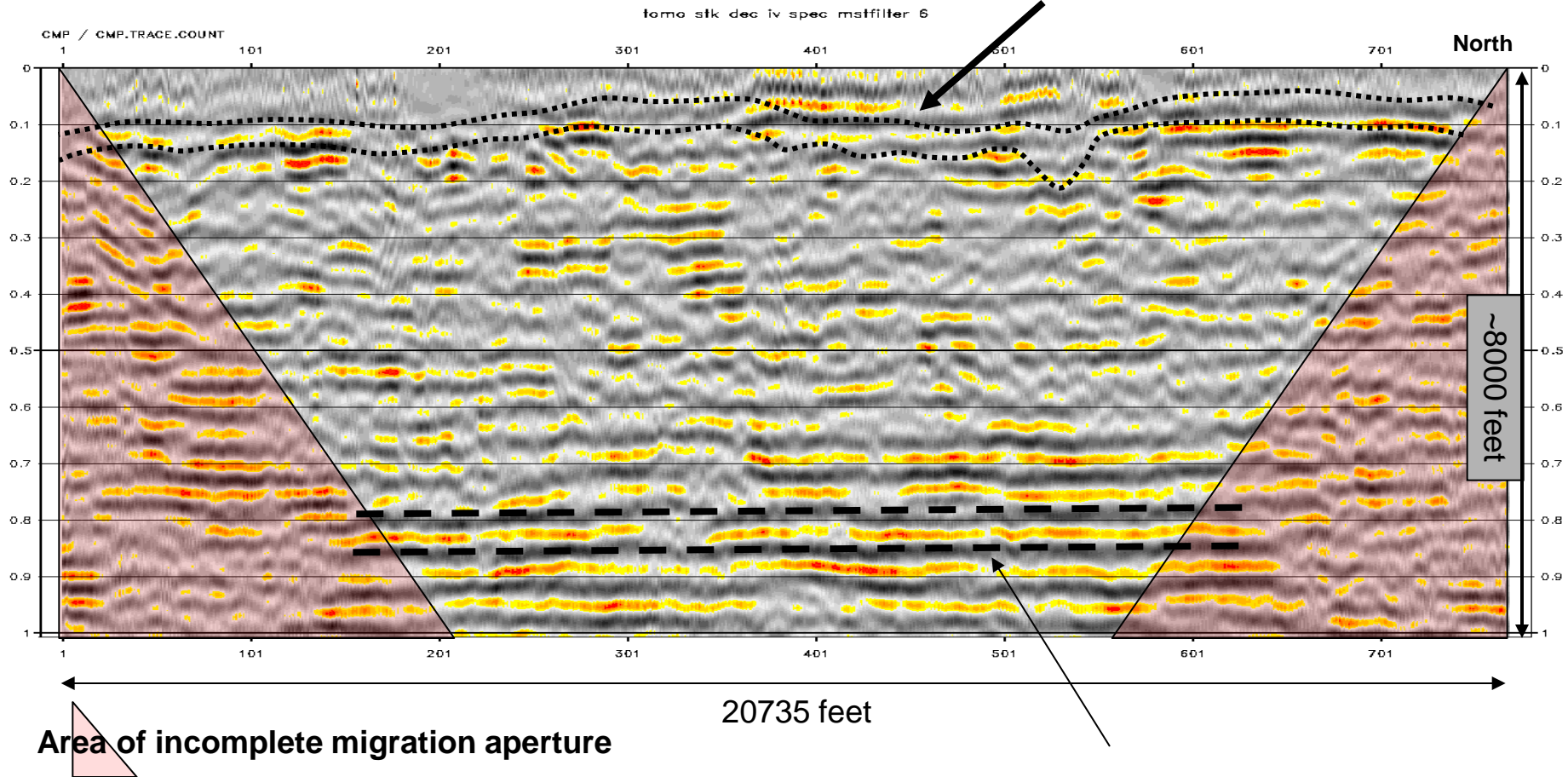
**The surface source generates P-Sv and S-Sv noise that swamps all 3 geophone receivers**



# Intermediate Processing Stage

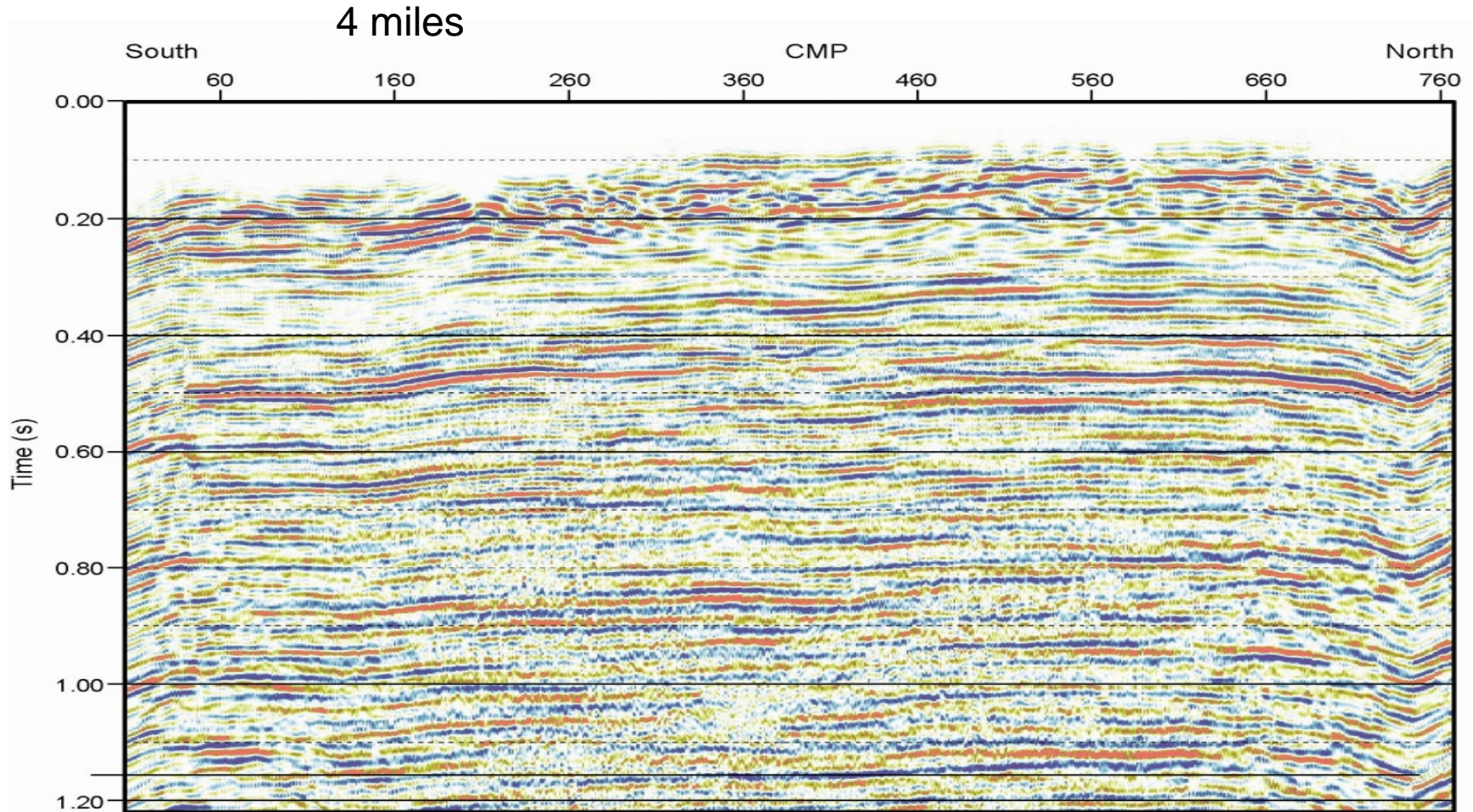
## Migrated P-wave section

Approximate shapes of isovels from tomographic near-surface velocity model





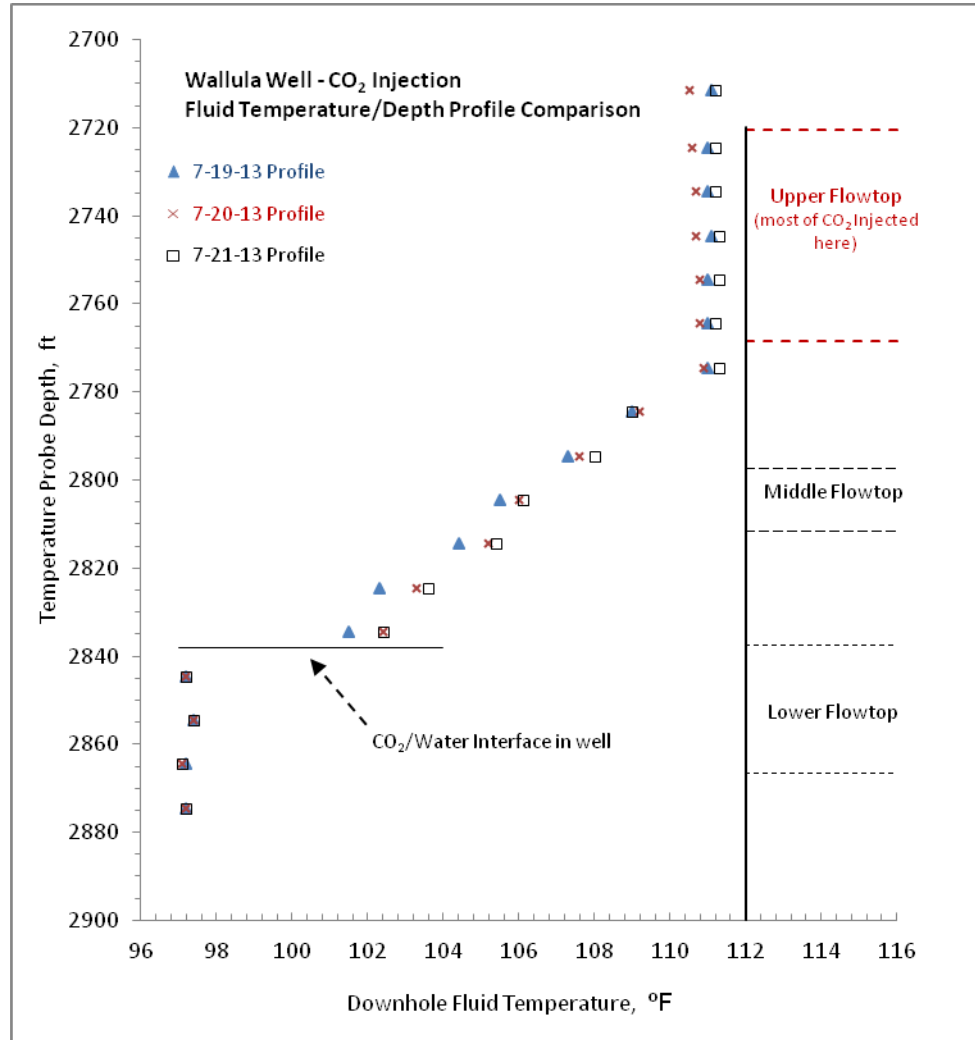
# Final Velocity-Filtered Image



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Two-way time, 1.0 Sec approximately = to 8,000 ft depth

# Interpretive Fluid Temperature /Depth Profile Comparison for the Wallula Basalt Pilot CO<sub>2</sub> Injection





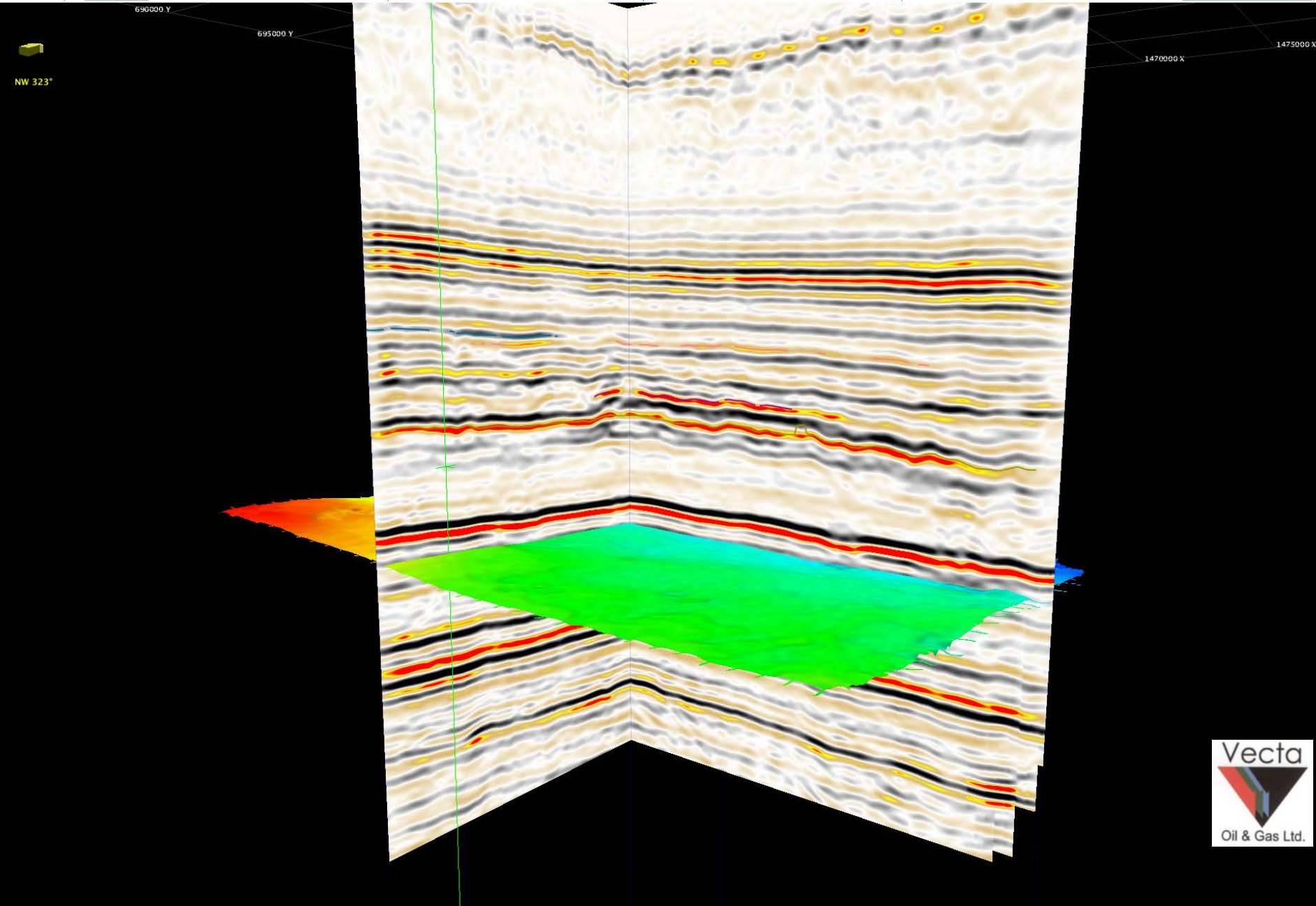
# Kevin Dome CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Demonstration Project



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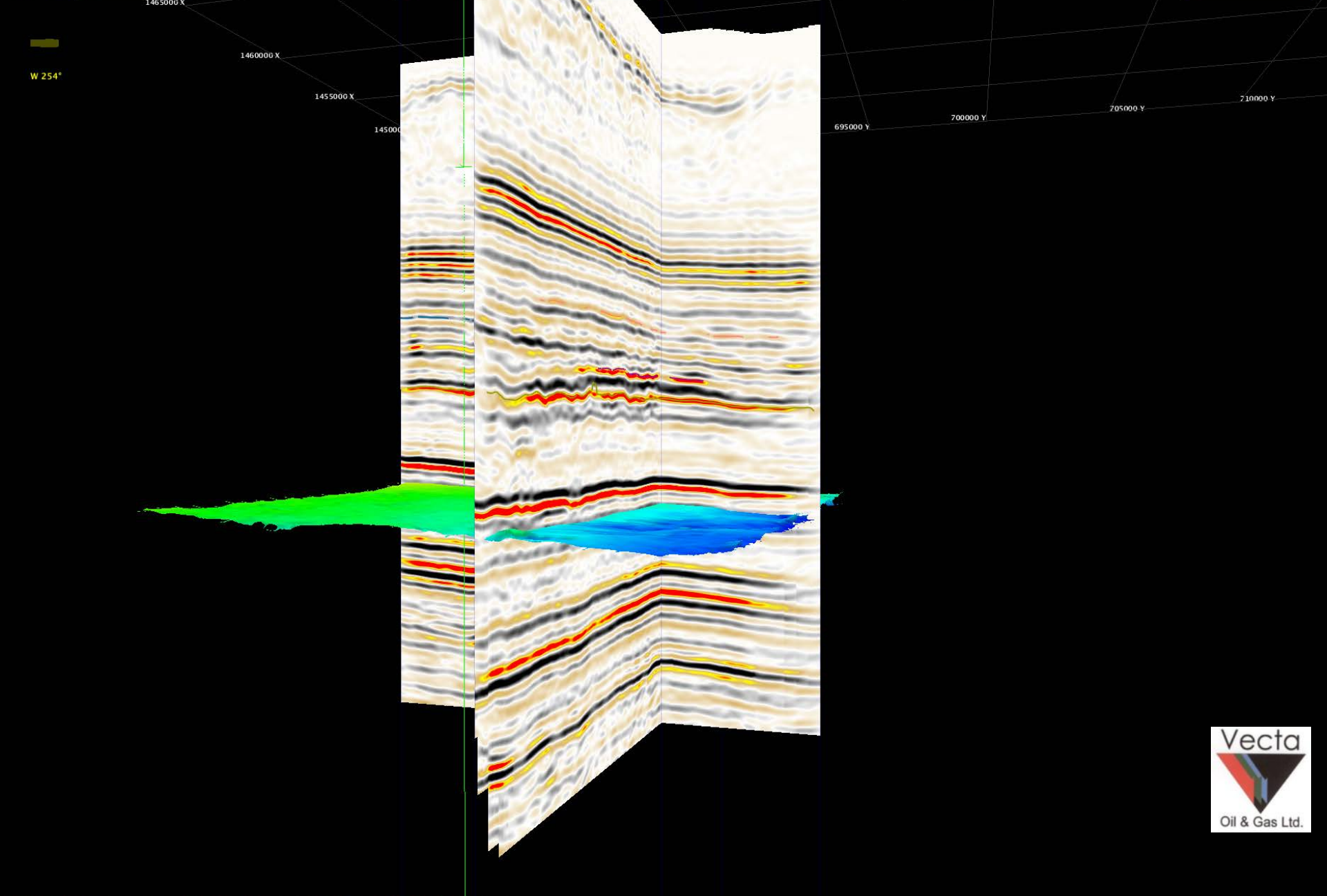


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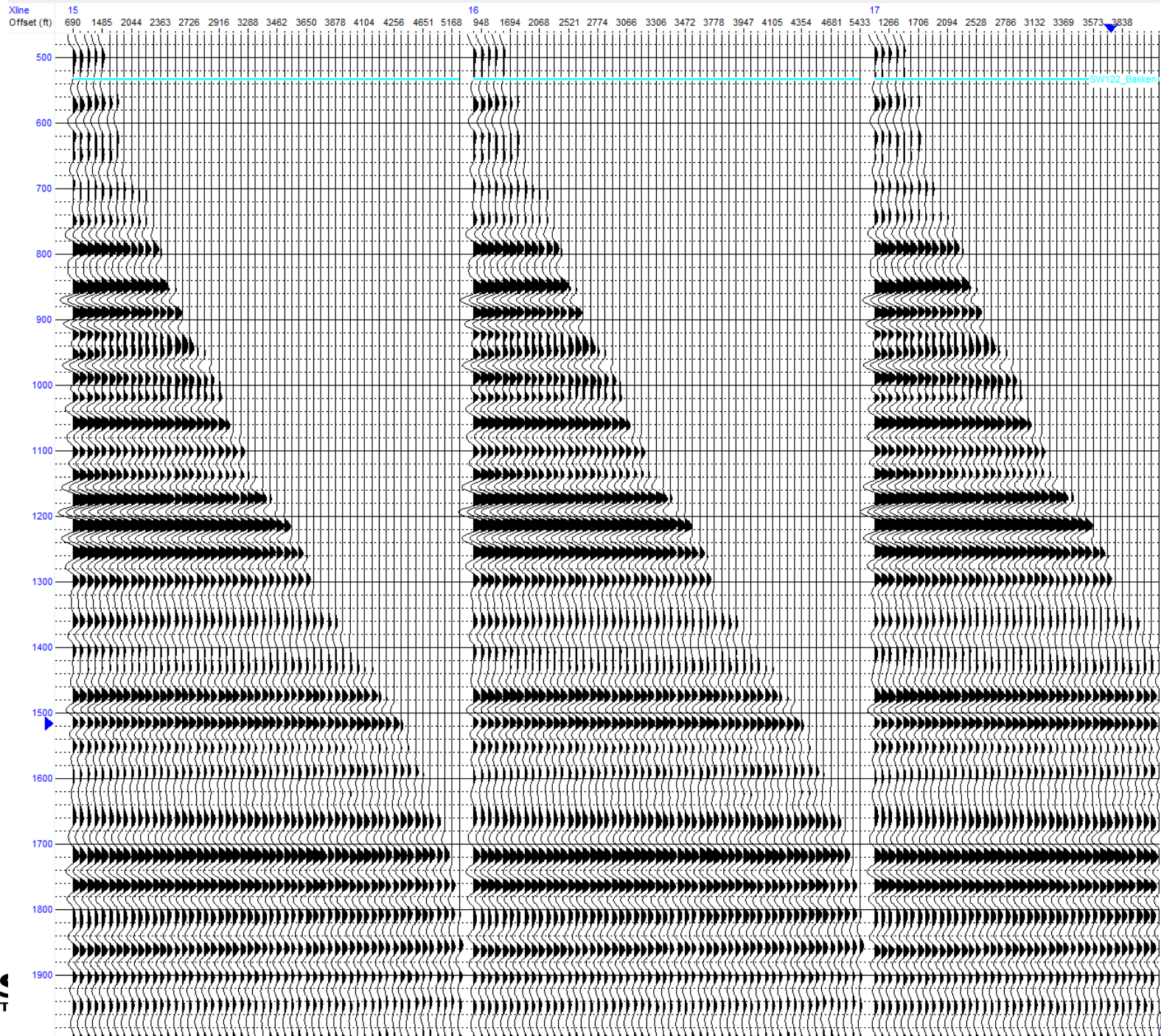
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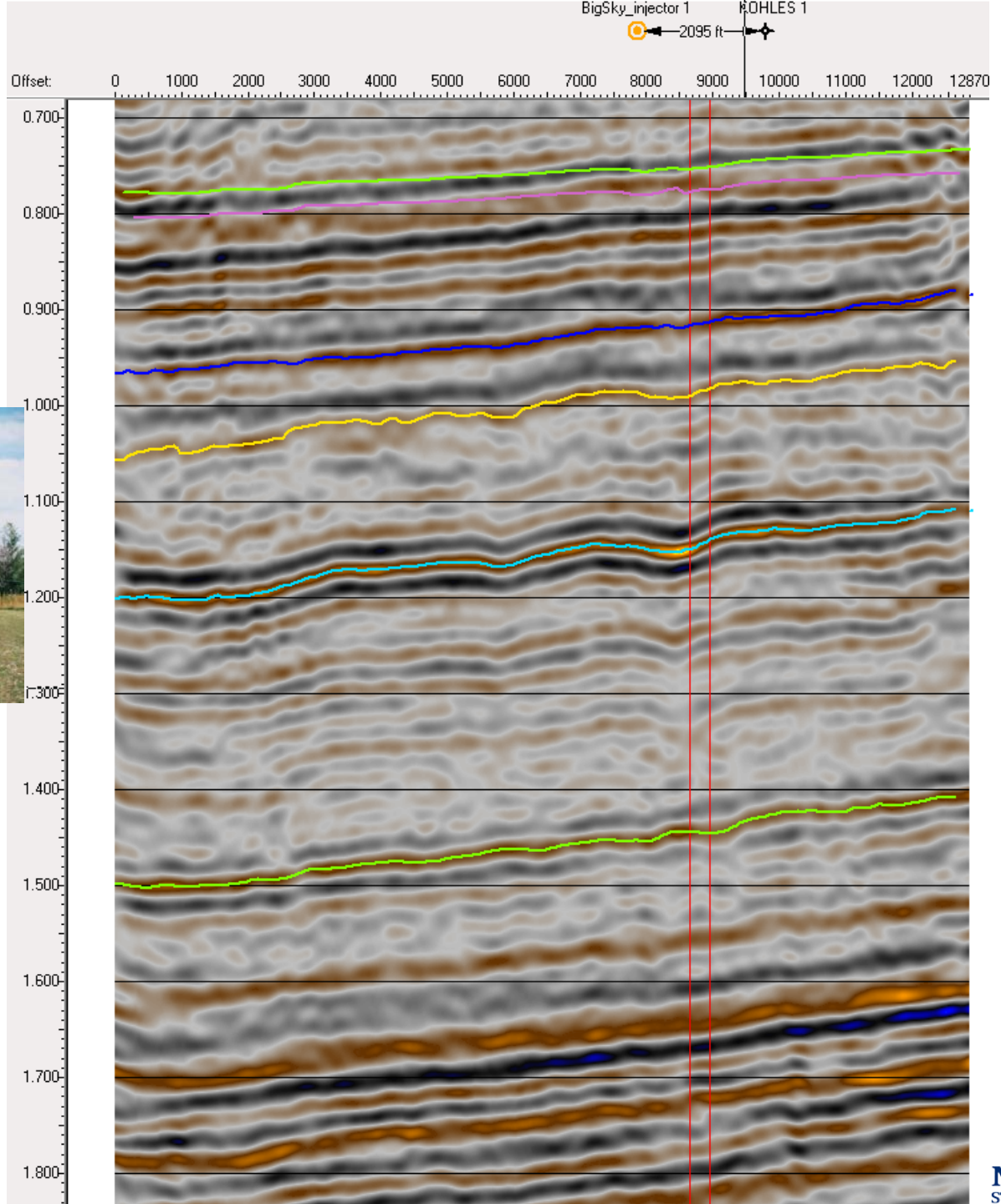






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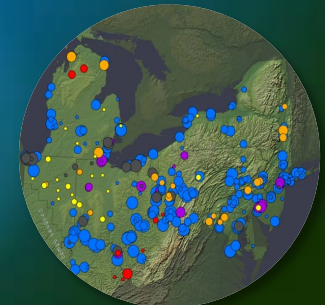
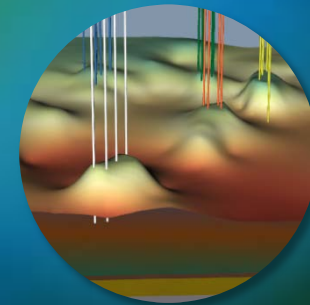
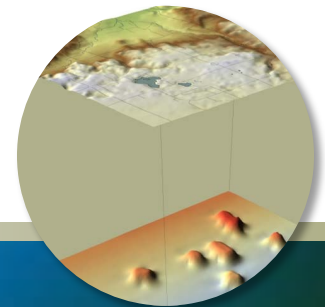




# MRCSP Onshore Monitoring Experience

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# Site specific monitoring has been conducted at four MRCSP projects



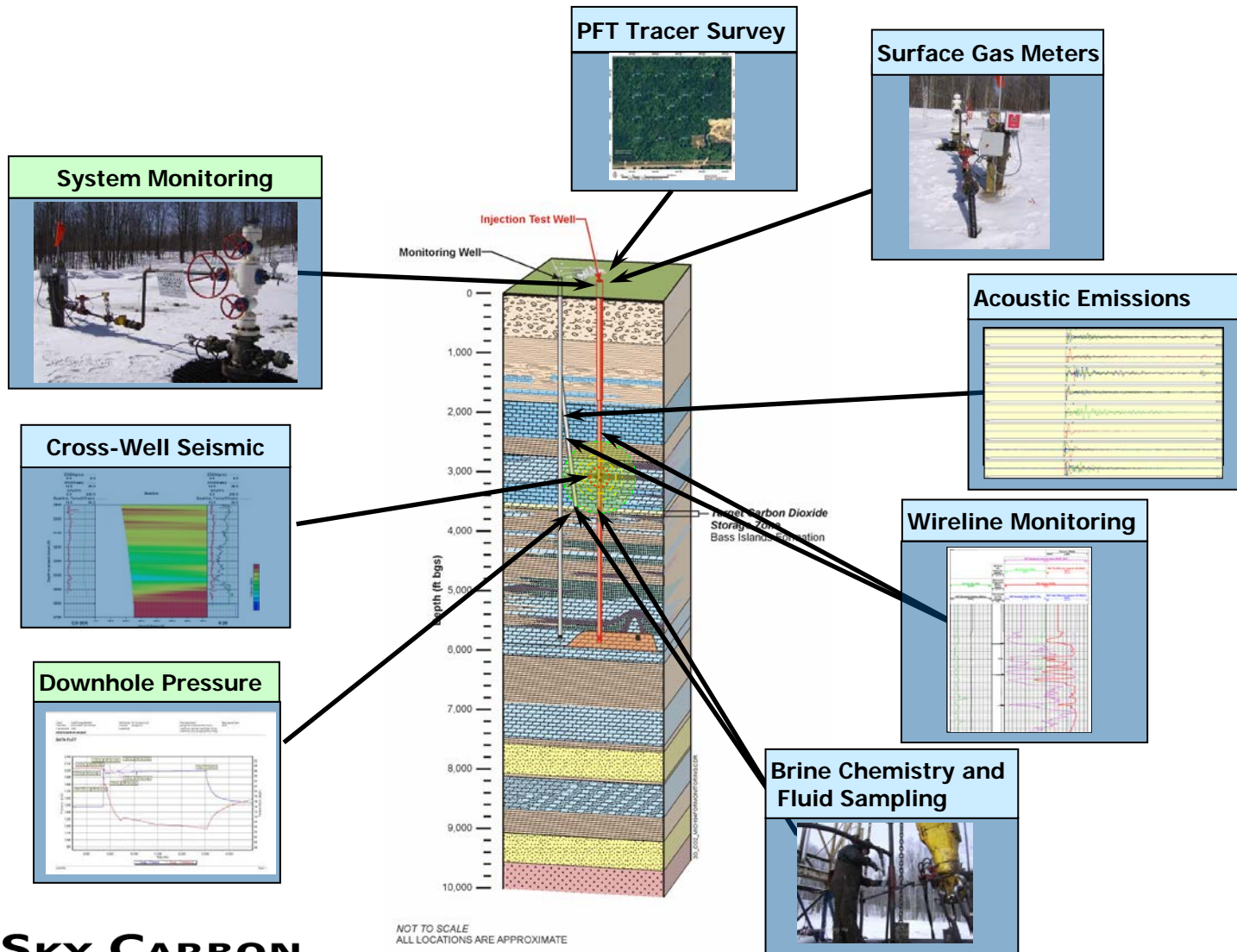
## Phase II (Michigan Basin, Appalachian Basin and Cincinnati Arch)

- Class V Permits
- Deep saline reservoir targets (3500 to 8000 ft)
  - Carbonates and sandstones
- Plans developed based on target depth, available existing wells, total injection amount, and regulatory requirements
- Injection is completed and all sites are closed

## Phase III Michigan Basin (Core Energy's EOR Fields)

- Class II EOR permits
- Target includes multiple Niagaran reef oil fields
- Operational since early 2013
- Extensive monitoring suite in multiple fields

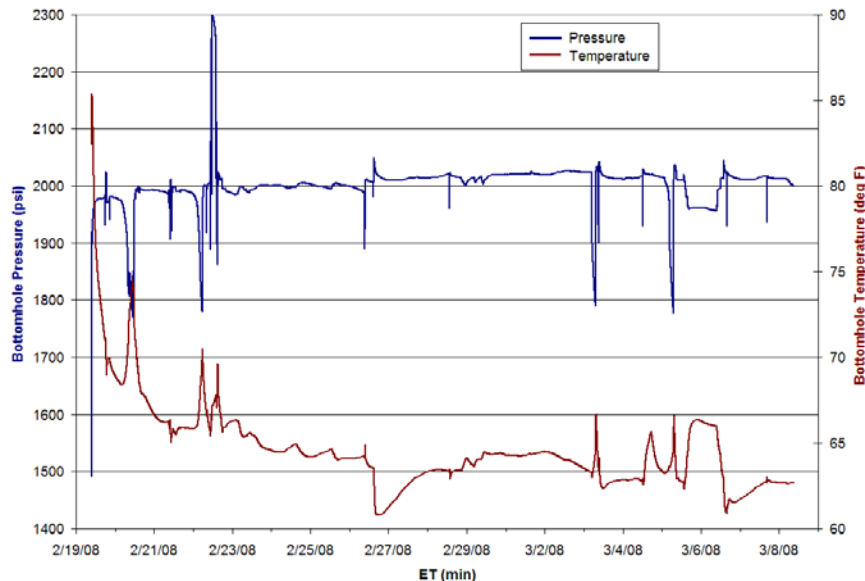
# Phase II Michigan MVA Program allowed for small scale testing of multiple technologies



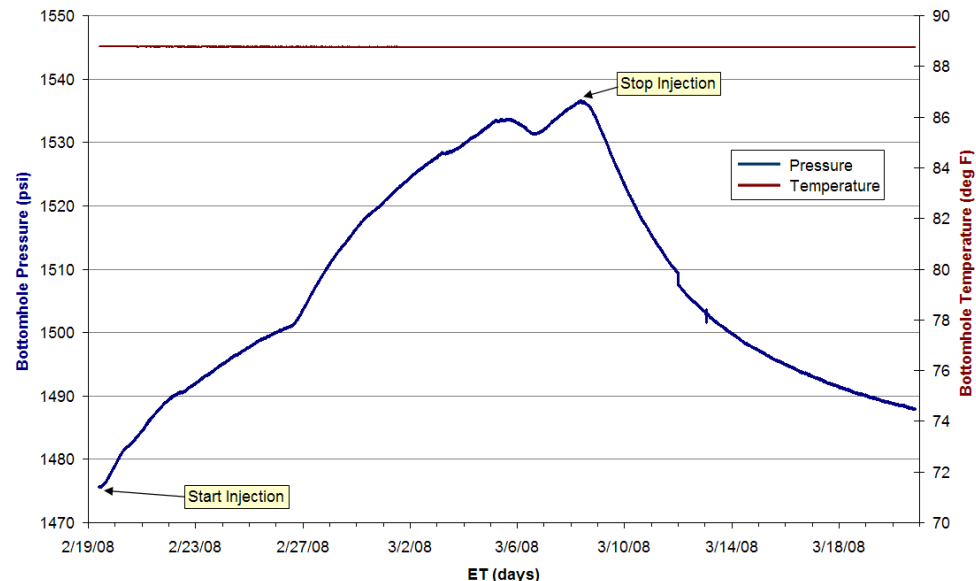


# Pressure data analysis provides most valuable information for geologic storage

- Pressure testing and monitoring key to every stage of storage projects – characterization, selection, design, safe operations, modeling, monitoring, compliance, risk management, site closure
- Essential for appropriate site conceptualization
- Relatively low cost and simple for surface or downhole gauges
- Used effectively at every site, including Phase III closed reservoirs



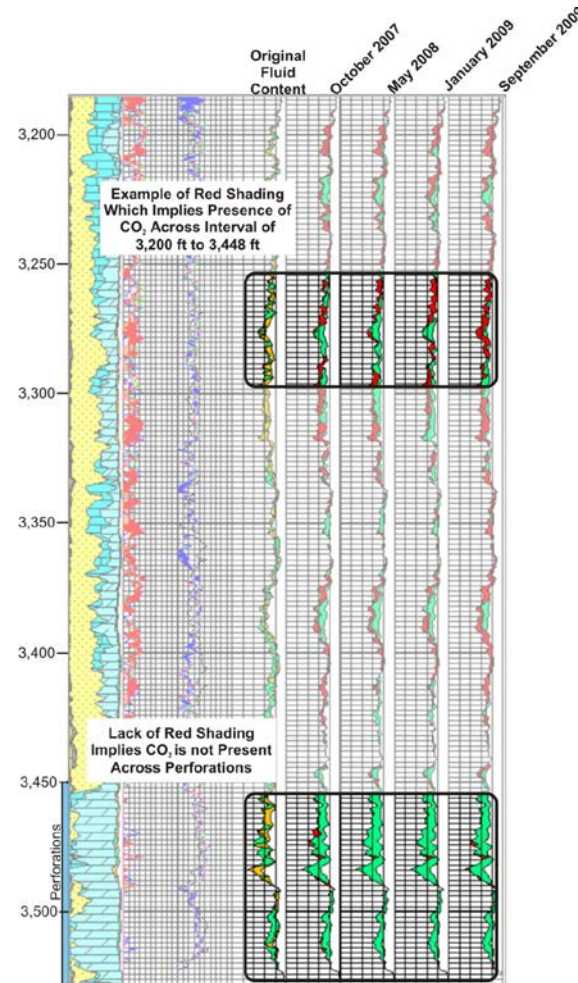
**MRCSP Phase II Michigan C4-30 Injection Well  
Bottomhole Pressure and Temperature**



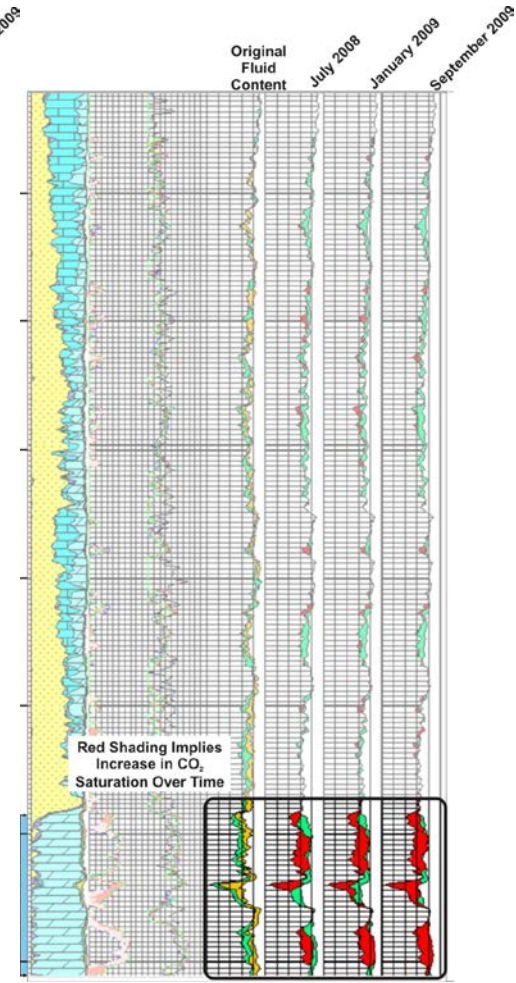
**MRCSP Phase II Michigan C3-30 Monitoring Well  
Bottomhole Pressure and Temperature**

# PNC logs found to be a useful monitoring tool

- Useful for vertical mapping of fluids and subsurface migration
- Helped validated seismic (VSP) observations
- Complexities
  - CO<sub>2</sub> vs. methane
  - Oil vs. CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Well workover, pressure control can affect observations by changing saturations



Phase II Michigan  
Monitoring Well PNC Logs



Phase II Michigan  
Injection Well PNC Logs

# Cross well seismic used to image CO<sub>2</sub> plume before and after both injection episodes

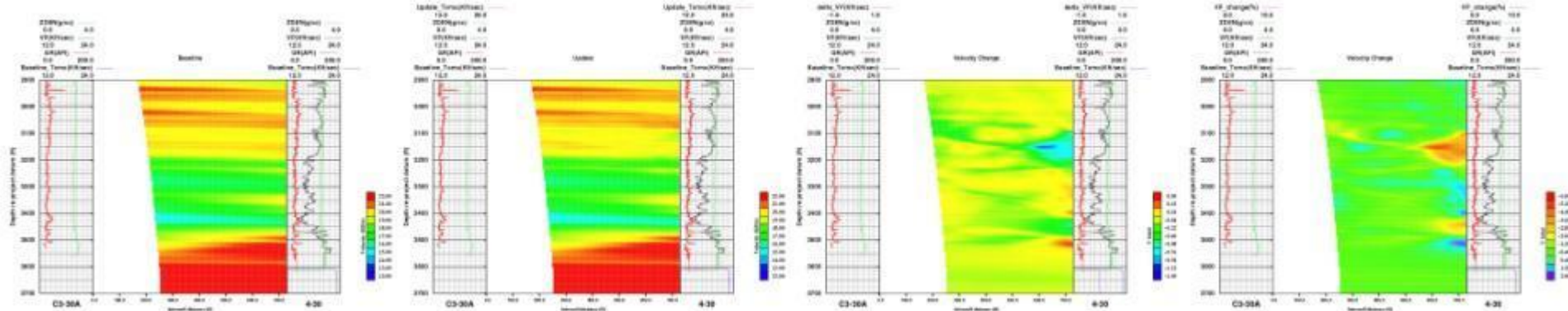
- Useful for evaluating CO<sub>2</sub> migration in complex setting
- Data validated through PNC logs, cased-hole sampling, cement evaluation etc.
- However, seismic technologies challenging for large-scale due cost, size, permitting, uncertainties

Baseline Survey

Repeat Survey

Straight Difference

% change from baseline to repeat



Reds-yellows indicate decreases in velocity

# MRCSP large-scale test site is the only CO<sub>2</sub> – EOR site in the Midwest

## Location:

Otsego County, Michigan

## Host Company:

Core Energy LLC

## Reservoir Type:

Closely-spaced, highly compartmentalized oil & gas fields located in the Northern Michigan Niagaran Reef Trend

## Source of CO<sub>2</sub>:

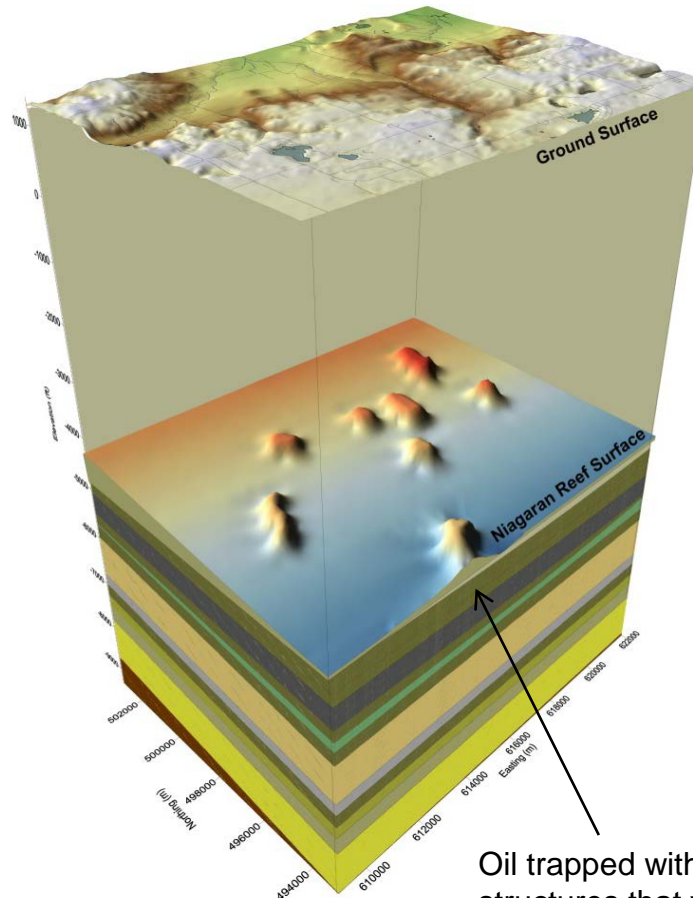
Natural Gas Processing Plant

## Injection Goal:

At least 1 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over ~four years

## Status:

Injection and monitoring started during Spring 2013

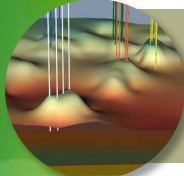


Oil trapped within ancient buried reef structures that were formed millions of years ago when oceans covered this part of the world.



# Monitoring plan is designed to achieve the objectives of the Phase III field test

Site  
Characterization



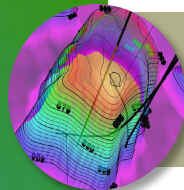
Assess the variability among adjacent reefs

Reservoir  
Models



Validate using injection and production volumes

Operational  
Models



Predict CO<sub>2</sub> storage and oil production;  
suggest approaches to optimize both

Monitoring  
Techniques and  
Equipment



Identify cost effective and useful techniques  
and methods

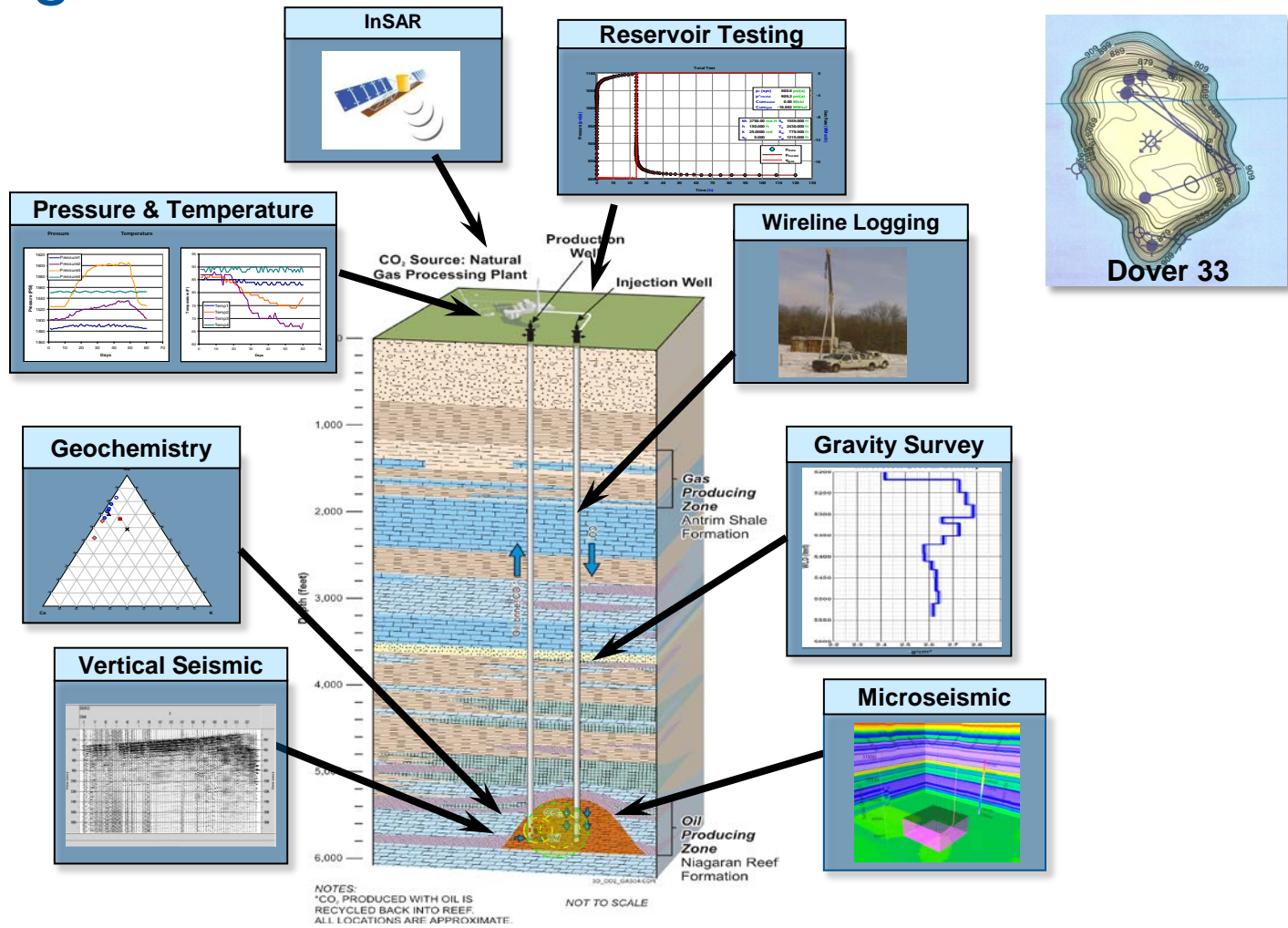
Reef Capacity  
and Injectivity



Identify key parameters and variability;  
address uncertainty



# Dover 33, a late stage field, is our test bed for identifying cost effective and useful monitoring methods



**Monitoring options under testing at Dover 33 field**

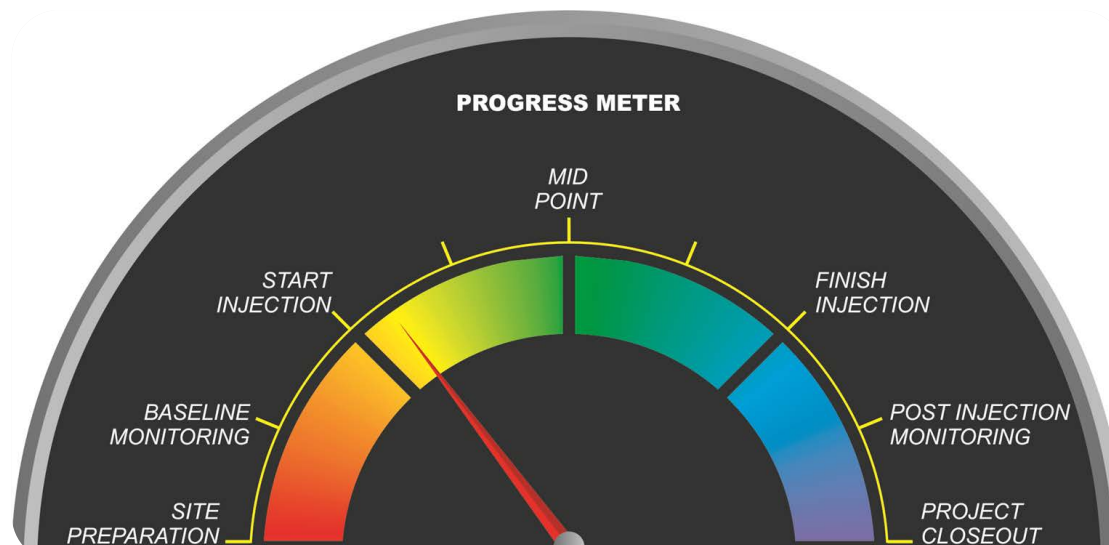
# Monitoring schedule for Dover 33

Activity	Before Injection	Early Injection	Mid Injection	Late Injection	After Injection
CO <sub>2</sub> Injection		X	X	X	
Pressure and temperature	X	X	X	X	X
Wireline Logging	X		X		X
Fluid Sampling	X		X		X
Borehole Gravity	X				X
VSP	X				X
Microseismic	X			Maybe	
InSAR	X	X	X	X	X



# MRCSP will continue to monitor reef after injection

- Late-stage reef injection began April 2013 (~80K tCO<sub>2</sub> by July 2013)
- Up to 500,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over the next 2 to 3 years
- Additional fields will be selected for new CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR tests
- More than 125,000 tonnes injection/recycling monitored in active reefs by July 2013
- Wells returned for normal operations by Core Energy at the end



# MVA technologies need to be tested more extensively to increase robustness, reliability, and confidence

- Small-scale tests have been very useful for testing technologies
- Monitoring experience also builds credibility for large-scale tests
- No substitute for actual field deployment
- This calls for more small-scale demonstrations along with the larger-scale projects and collaboration with oil industry
- Pressure monitoring is fundamental technique for storage life-cycle
- Seismic technologies appear useful but could be challenging at commercial-scale for some geologic settings and due to cost, logistics, area of investigation, and data uncertainty







# World-Class Centers of Excellence Environmental Technologies to Protect and Clean Our Air, Water, and Soil Partnership for Applied Energy Technology Do MVA for CO<sub>2</sub>

## Carbon Storage R&D Project Review Meeting Developing the Technologies and Infrastructure for CCS

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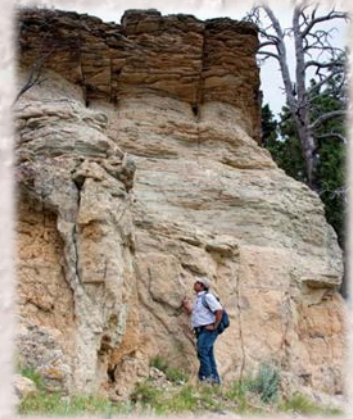
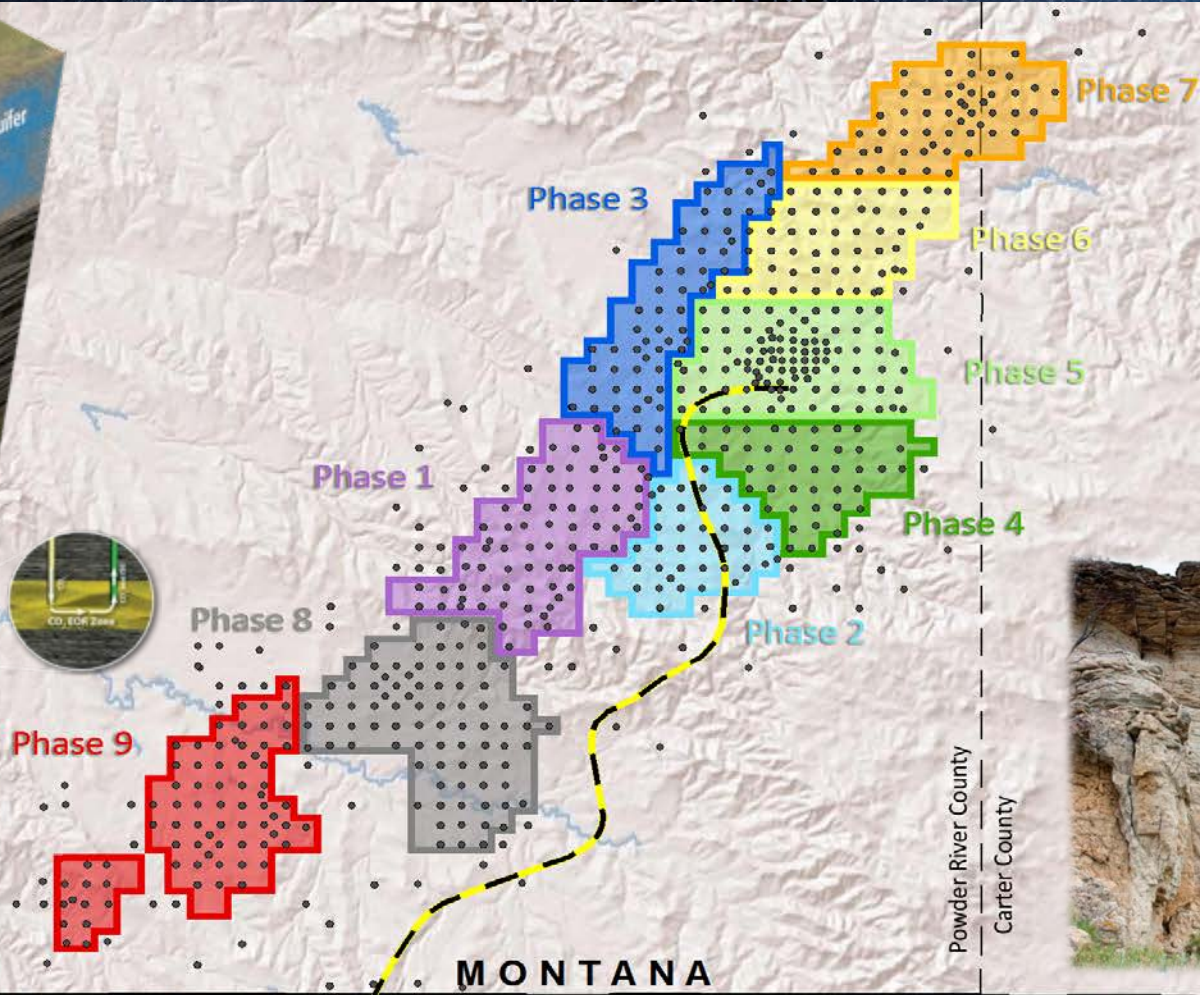
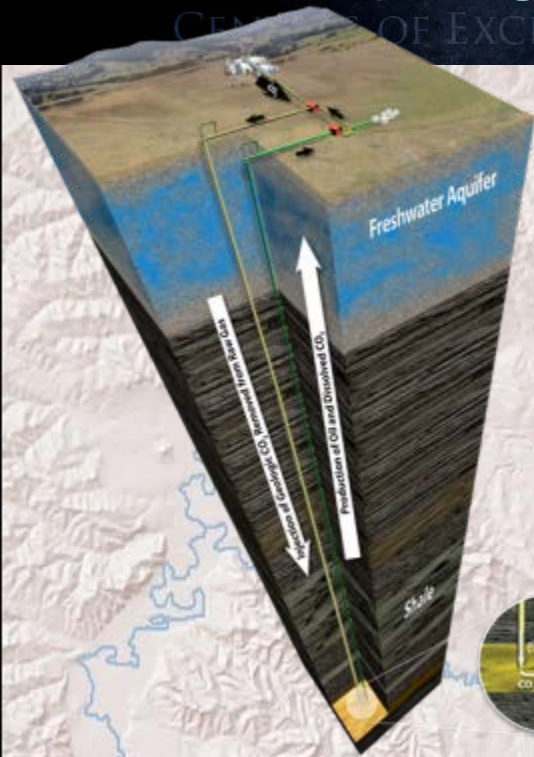


# PCOR Partnership Objectives

- Safely and permanently achieve carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) storage on a commercial scale in conjunction with enhanced oil recovery (EOR).
- Demonstrate that oil-bearing formations are viable sinks with significant storage capacity to help meet near-term U.S. objectives.
- Establish monitoring, verification, and accounting (MVA) methods to safely and effectively monitor commercial-scale simultaneous CO<sub>2</sub> EOR and CO<sub>2</sub> storage projects.
- Utilize the commercial practices as the backbone of the MVA strategy and augment with additional cost-effective techniques.
- Share lessons learned for the benefit of similar projects across the region.
- Establish relationship between the CO<sub>2</sub> EOR process and long-term storage of CO<sub>2</sub>.

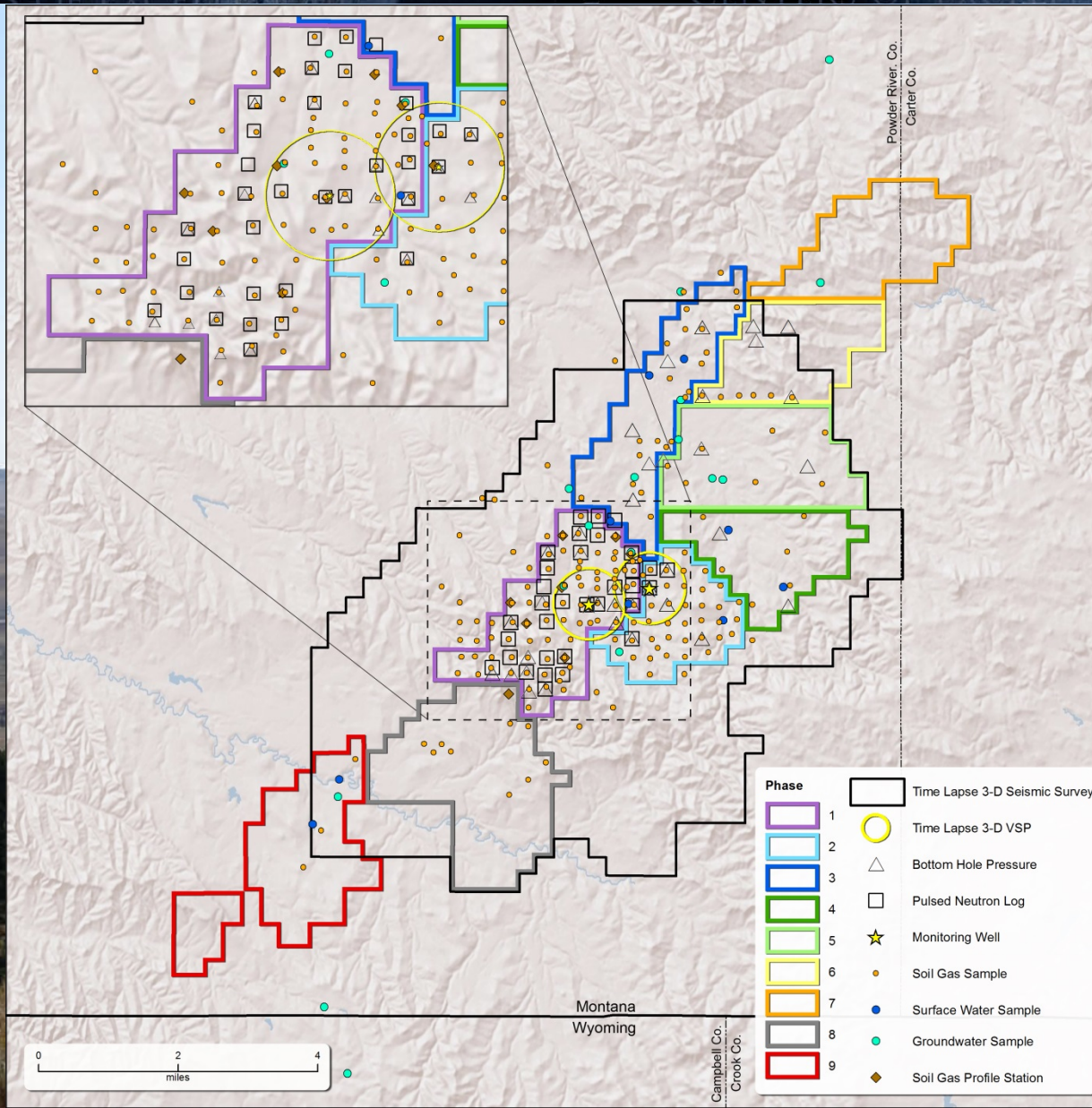


# Bell Creek CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Study

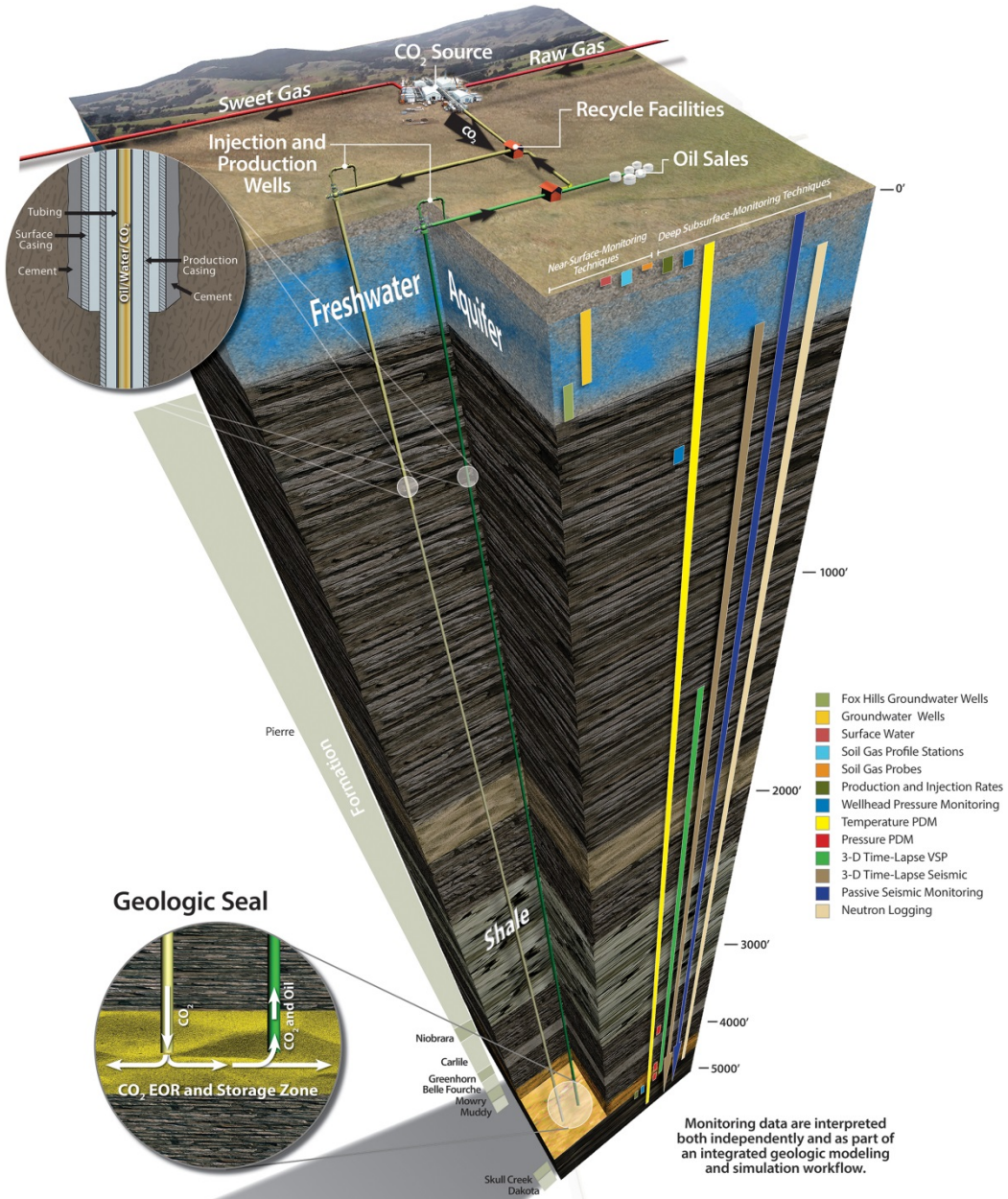




# Monitoring Locations

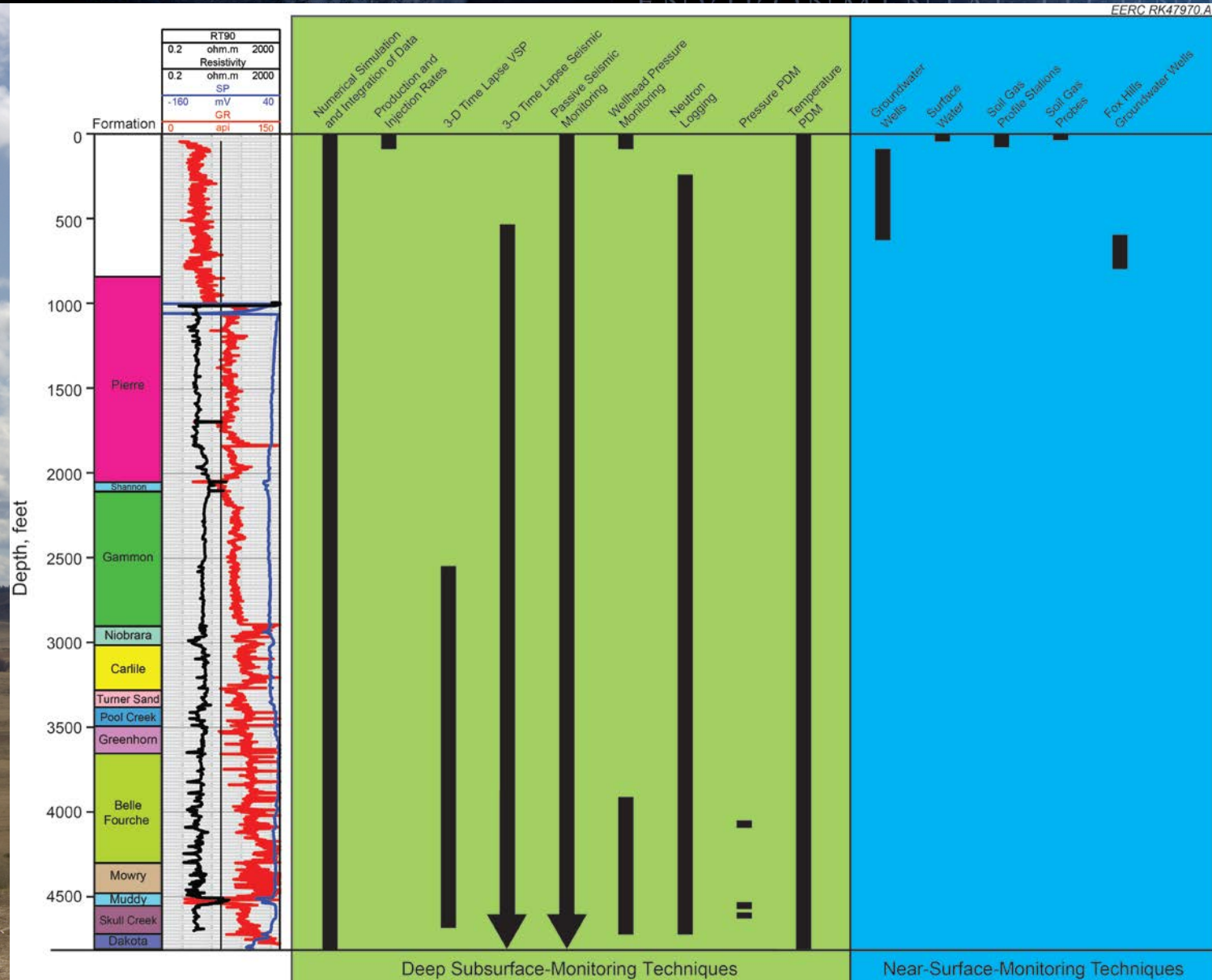








# Monitoring Techniques





# Deep Subsurface MVA Goals

*The goal of the deep subsurface MVA program is to effectively monitor and track the movement of injected CO<sub>2</sub> and reservoir fluids in the deep subsurface in order to evaluate storage efficiency, demonstrate safe and effective storage, identify fluid migration pathways, and determine the fate of injected CO<sub>2</sub>.*

**“Utilize economical technologies which provide high value to both the CO<sub>2</sub> storage and EOR components of the project where possible and have minimal impact to commercial EOR operations.”**







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# Near-Surface MVA Goals

The purpose of the near-surface-monitoring program is twofold:

- 1) To establish baseline conditions for naturally occurring CO<sub>2</sub> levels present in surface water, soil, and shallow groundwater aquifers in the vicinity of the carbon storage formation.
- 2) To provide a source of data to show that surface environments remain unaffected by fluid or gas migration and to identify the source and quantify the impact of an out-of-zone migration event should it occur.



# Lessons Learned

- Keys to success
  - Integrated approach to MVA, risk assessment, characterization, modeling, and simulation.
  - Strong industry partnerships.
  - Public engagement and landowner relations.
  - Adequate planning and contingency plans during drilling and monitoring operations.
  - Communication
    - ◆ Providing clear objectives to service providers and stakeholders.





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# ***Commercial & Experimental Monitoring at SECARB's Anthropogenic Test Site***

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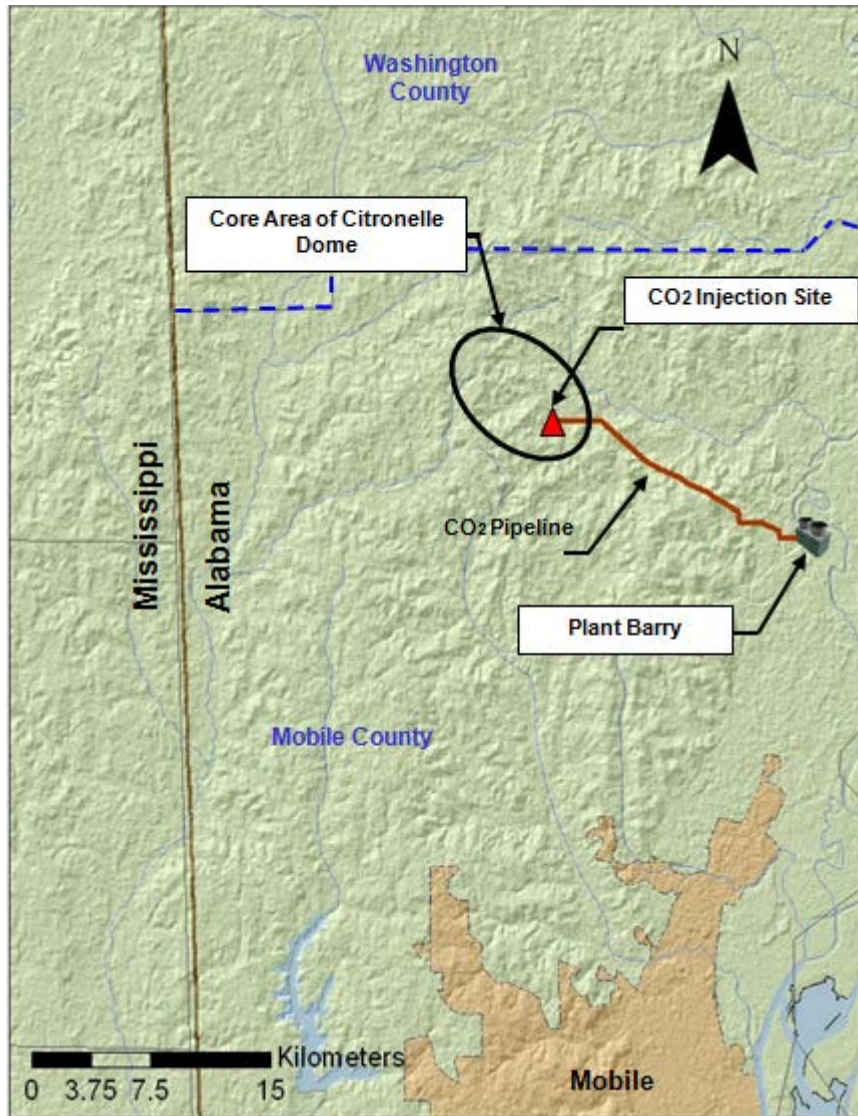
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# Storage Overview



## Project Schedule and Milestones

The CO<sub>2</sub> capture unit at Alabama Power's (Southern Co.) Plant Barry became **operational in 3Q 2011**.

A newly built 12 mile CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline from Plant Barry to the Citronelle Dome **completed in 4Q 2011**.

A characterization well was drilled in **1Q 2011 to confirmed geology**.

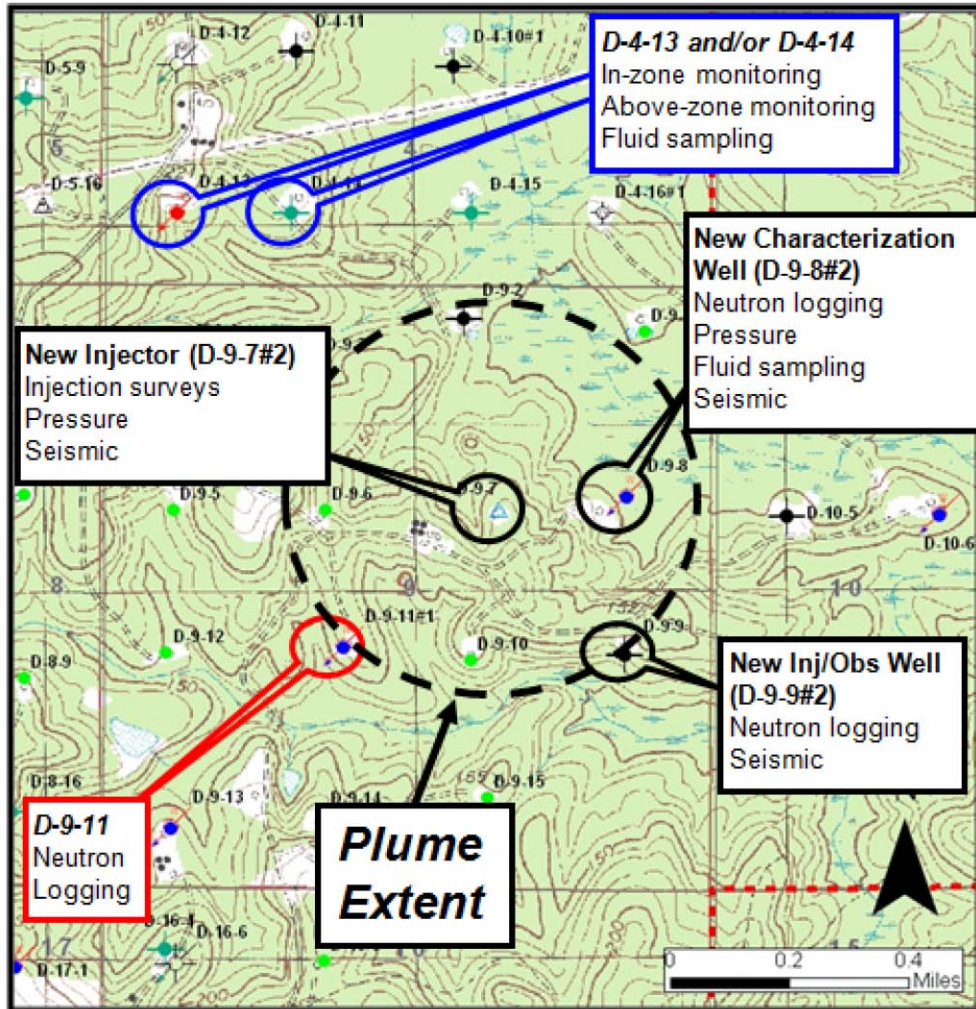
Injection wells were drilled in **3Q 2011**.

100k – 300k metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> will be injected into a saline formation **began 3Q 2012**.

**3 years of post-injection monitoring.**



# MVA Sample Locations



- One Injector (D-9-7 #2)
- Two deep Observation wells (D-9-8 #2 & D-9-9 #2)
- Two in-zone & above zone Monitoring wells (D-4-13 & D-4-14)
- One PNC logging well (D-9-11)
- Twelve soil flux monitoring stations





# Design of MBM for Citronelle

## Tools Deployed with MBM:

- Discrete Pressure & Temperature (2 Quartz Gauges)
- Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) with Heater (Heat-Pulse)
- Fluid Sampling (U-tube)
- Seismic monitoring 18 clamping geophones
- Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)

The Citronelle MBM Improvement over Cranfield = Flatpack and Geophone Cable (one line deployment vs. 7)



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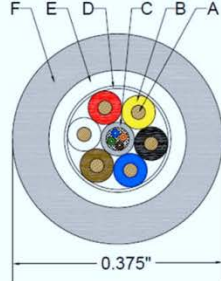
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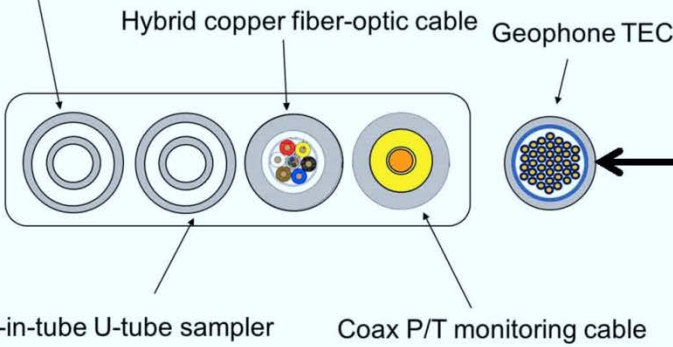
DTS, Heater, DAS  
Hybrid 6-copper, 4-fiber-optic cable

SIX 20 AWG CONDUCTORS & FOUR FIBER FIMT STAINLESS STEEL TUBE



- Components**
- A: 6 x 20 AWG 7/28 Tin Coated Copper; O.D.: 0.96 mm (0.037") Nominal
  - B: Colored T-01 (FEP); O.D.: 1.73 mm (0.068") Nominal;
  - C: 316L FIMT containing gel and 2 x 50/125 & 2 x SM HT Acrylate Coated Fibers; O.D.: 1.8 mm
  - D: PTFE Tape (0.003" Thickness) Wrap over Cabled Core
  - E: White P-06; O.D.: 7.75 mm (0.305") Nominal
  - F: 316L Stainless Steel Tube; Wall Thickness: 0.89 mm (0.035"); O.D.: 9.53 mm (0.375") Nominal

Geophone clamp hydraulic line

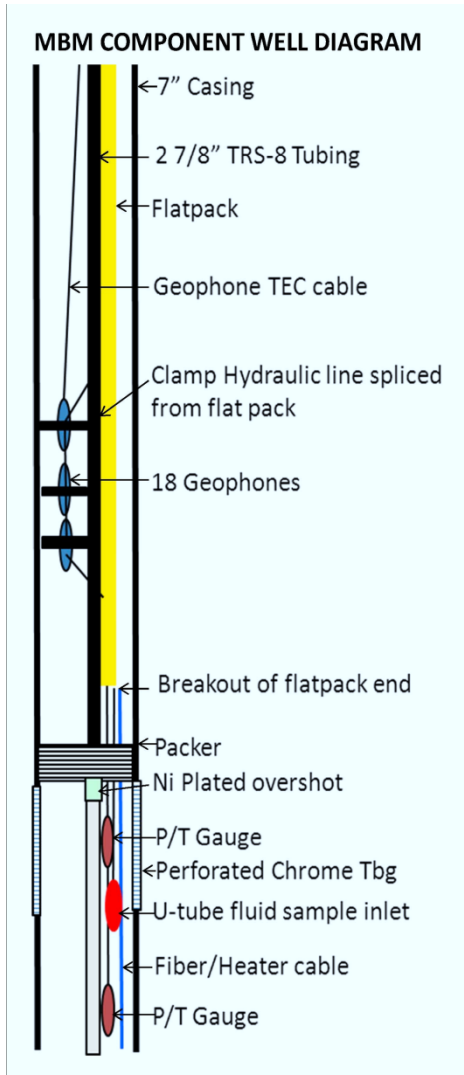


Welded Geophone Line





# Deployment of MBM



## Tubing Deployment allows for wireline access:

- 4-element flatpack
- 18-level Geophone cable
  - ✓ Hydraulic clamps for Geophones
  - ✓ Clamp in tubing/casing annulus
- Dual mandrel hydraulic packer
- Non-rotating overshot connection for coupling to 450' bottom assembly
- Avoids splices at packer



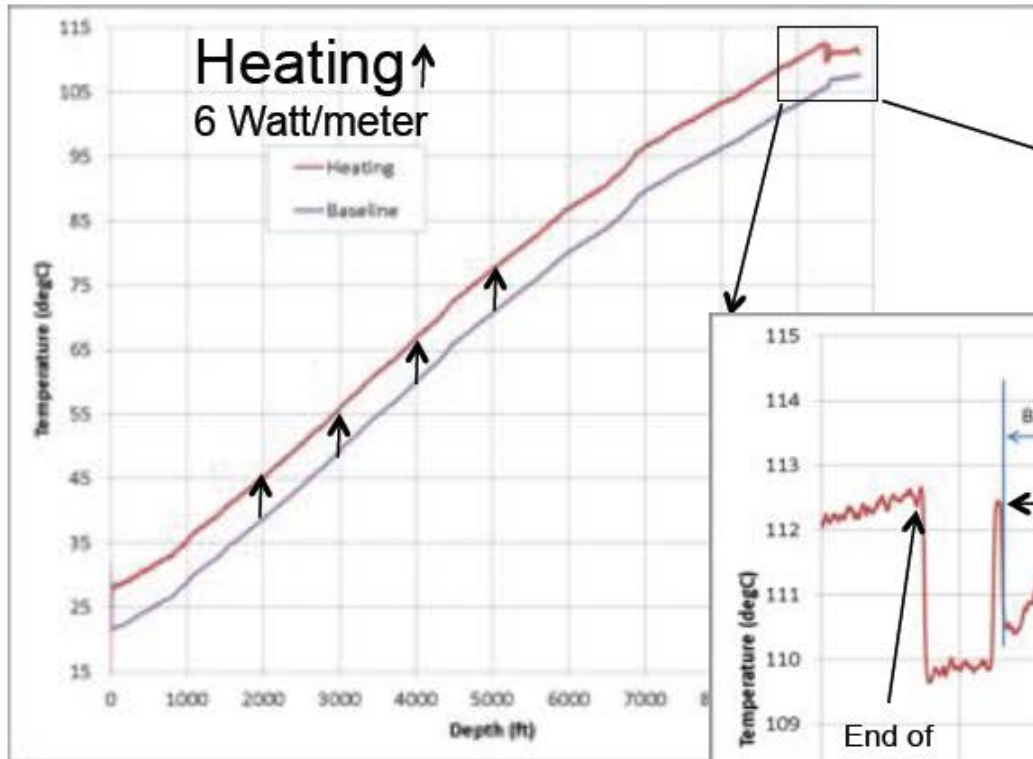
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## RUN-IN DATA

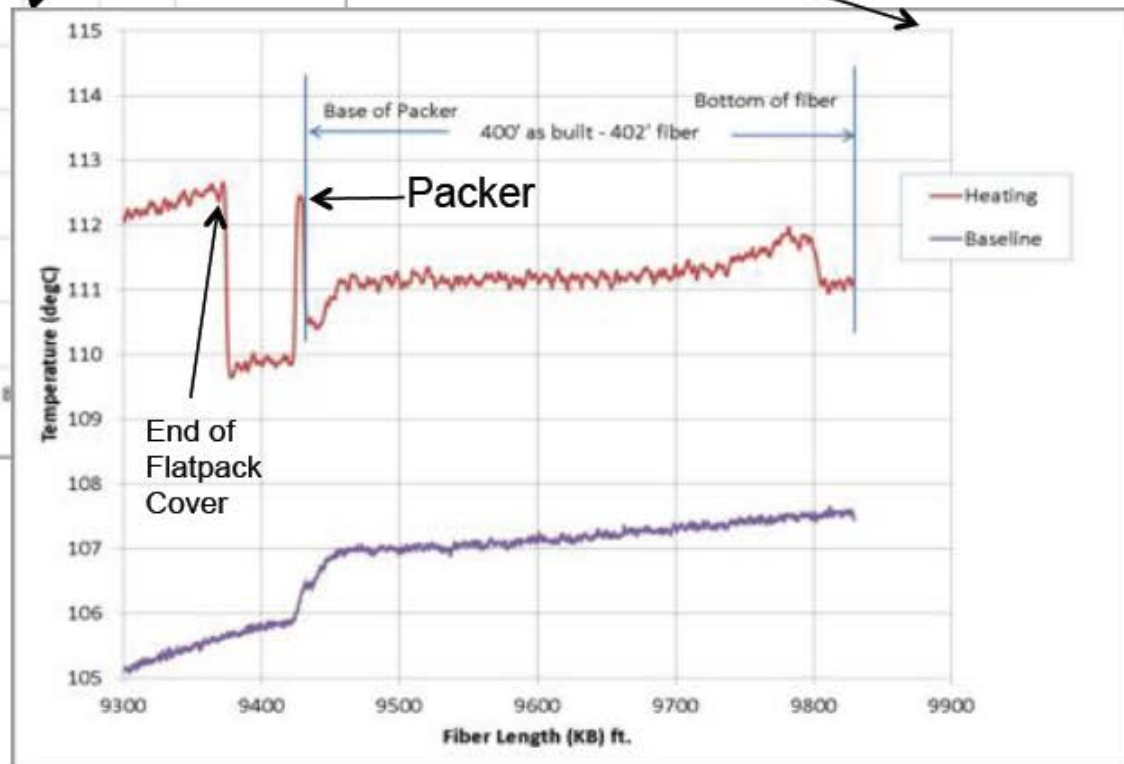
- Bundling 7 control lines in a polypropylene-jacketed flatpack
- Non-rotating off-center overshoot to couple the uphole, dual-mandrel hydroset packer assembly
- Packer landed at ~9,400 feet (2,865 m)
- Completion depth was 9,850 feet (3,002 m)
- Required four – 24 hour-a-day operations to install.



# Diagnostic Testing – Heat Pulse



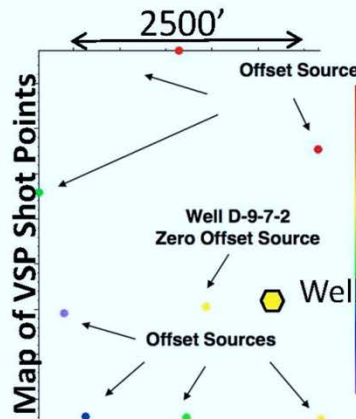
- Initial completion of well included use of MBM for diagnostic testing



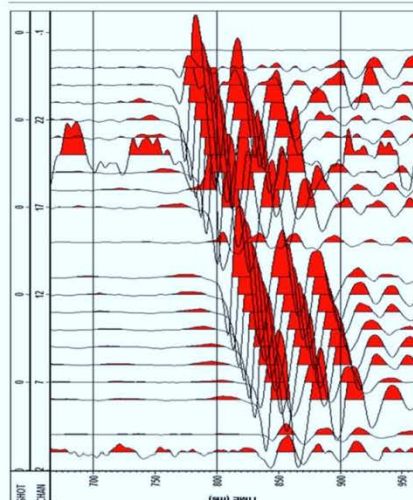
- Heat Pulse located perforation w.r.t packer
- Information used in regulatory assessment of completion



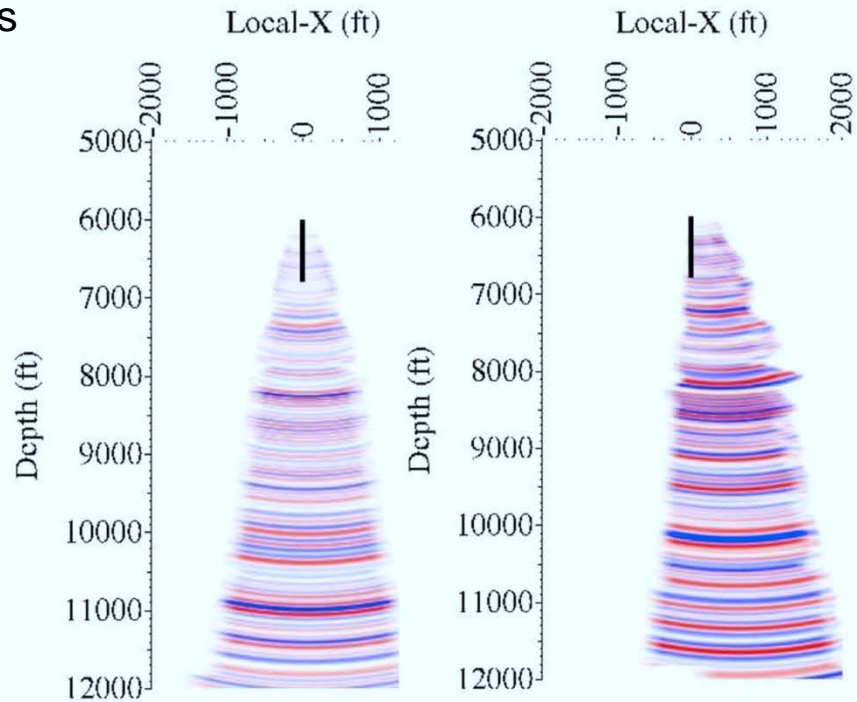
# MBM Geophone Array: Baseline VSP, OVSP and Walkaway



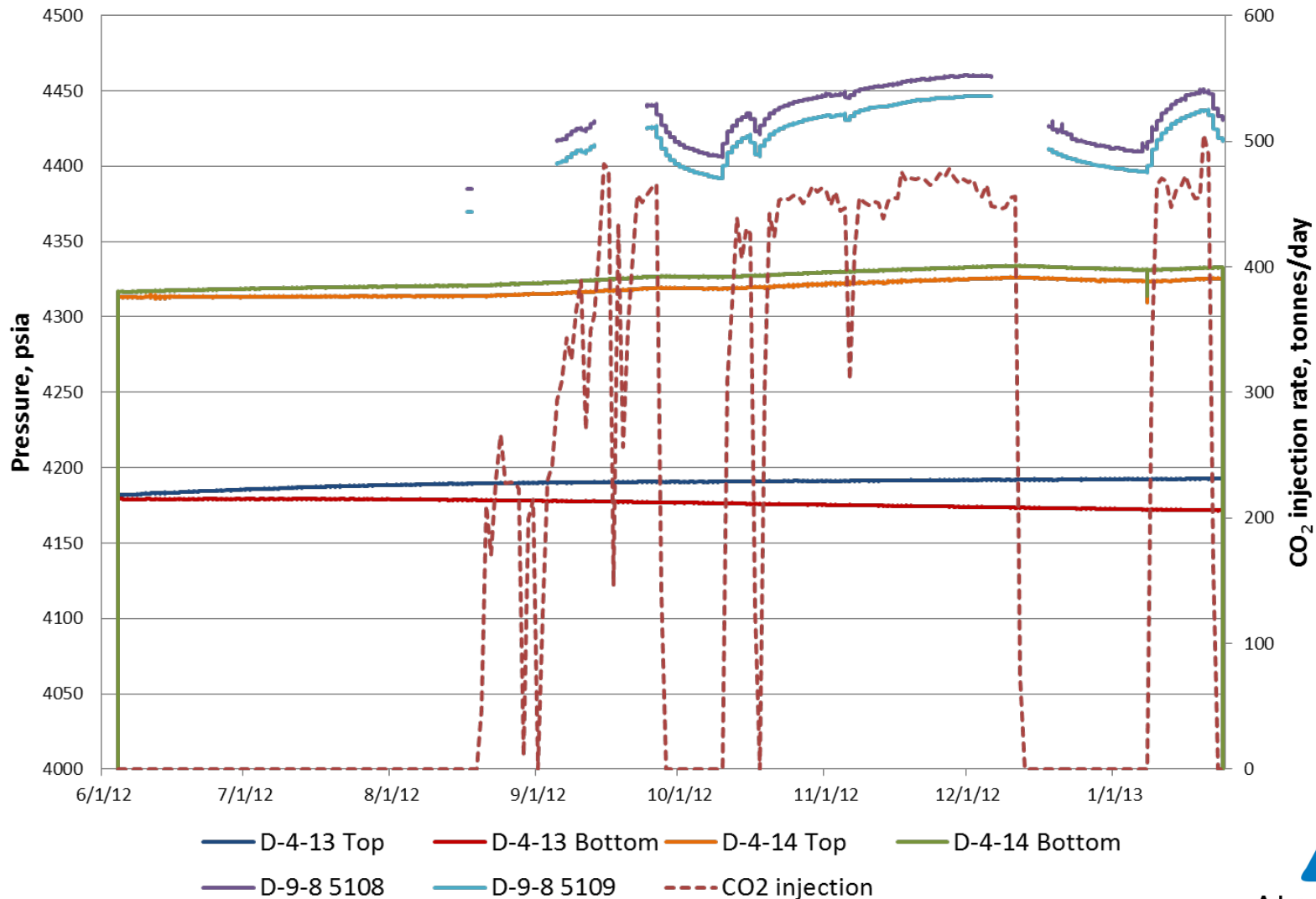
Map of VSP shot points



Migrated OVSP Reflection



# Pressure & Injection Rate Response



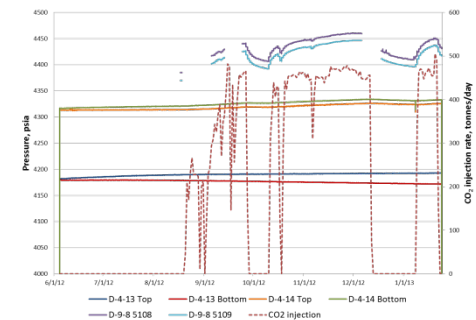
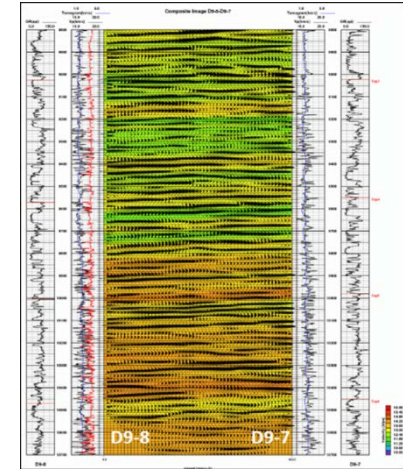
# CO<sub>2</sub> Injection





# Lessons Learned

- Time and cost reductions, but not yet commercial
- Data, data, and more data
- MVA systems can impact injection and vice versa
- We have a good capacity, injectivity, and no apparent formation damage



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