

Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium

### Illinois Basin – Decatur Project

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# CCS in Decatur, IL USA

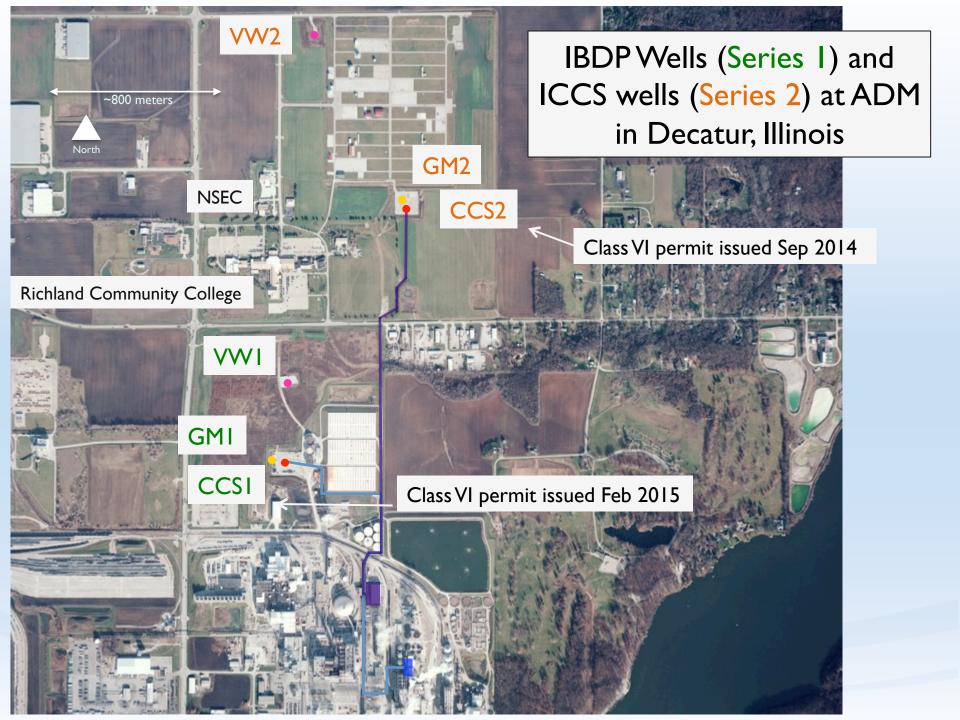


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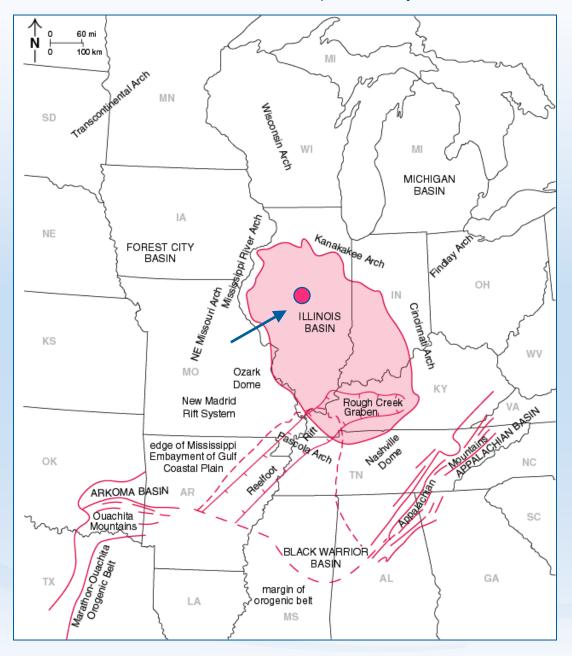
- Large-scale demonstration
- Volume: I million tonnes
- Injection period: 3 years
- Injection rate: 1,000 tonnes/d
- Compression capacity: 1,100 tonnes/day
- Status: Post-injection monitoring

### Illinois Industrial CCS Project

- Industrial-scale
- Volume: 5 million tonnes
- Injection period: 3 years
- Injection rate: 3,000 tons/d
- Compression capacity: 2,200 tonnes/day
- Status: Pre-injection monitoring

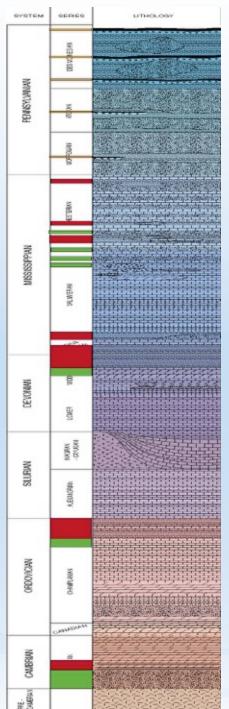


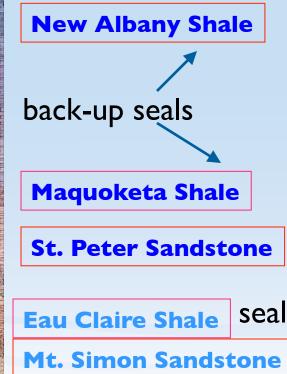
#### Illinois Basin – Decatur Project Scope



A collaboration of the Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium, the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), Schlumberger Carbon Services, and other subcontractors to inject I million metric tons of anthropogenic carbon dioxide at a depth of 7,000 +/- ft (2,000 +/- m) to test geological carbon sequestration in a saline reservoir at a site in Decatur, IL

- Prove injectivity and capacity
- Demonstrate security of injection zone
- Contribution to best practices





**Pennsylvanian coal seams** 

# Illinois Basin Stratigraphic Column

Mount Simon Storage Capacity: 11 (E=0.4%) to 150 (E=5.5%) billion metric tons

reservoir



Illinois Basin – Decatur Project Site (on ADM industrial site)

- A Dehydration/ compression facility location
- B Pipeline route (1.9 km)
- C Injection well site
- D Verification/ monitoring well site
- E Geophone well





# Operational Injection: 17 November 2011

- IBDP is the first 1 million tonne carbon capture and storage project from a biofuel facility in the US
- Injection completed November 2014
- Intensive post-injection monitoring under MGSC through 2017

Total Injection (26 November 2014 ): 999, 215 tonnes

# **Current Affairs**

- MGSC undergoing transition:
  - Shift in leadership
  - Shift in project personnel
  - Shift from operations to post-injection monitoring
  - Shift to knowledge and data sharing
  - Preparations for final activities
- MGSC BP5 focus:
  - Outreach (integrate STEP)
  - Post-injection monitoring and modeling
  - Project Assessment
    - Evaluation, data analysis, knowledge sharing, capacity building
    - Participate in national and international technology transfer
  - Post-test Site Planning

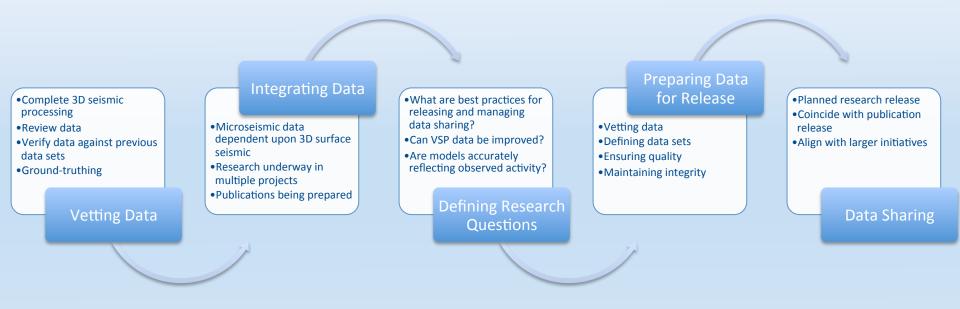
## **Post-Injection Activities**

- 3D Surface Seismic Survey January 2015
  - Processing nearly complete
- Post-injection VSP, permit interim period January 2015
  - Working to improve comparisons between repeat VSPs
- Post-injection near surface monitoring
  - Moving from injection monitoring to reduced program
- Knowledge and data sharing best practices
  - Publications
  - National and international research collaborations
  - Collective data sets
  - Teaching data sets

## Aligning Knowledge and Data Sharing Opportunities



# Working to Align Data Sharing Goals and Achieve Success



#### **Data Sharing as Best Practices**

# **Outcome:** Stakeholder engagement strategy that resonates with the Public

- Began public engagement early
- Made public engagement a priority
- Created, evaluated, and refined communications plan
- Integrated public engagement into project management
- Made sufficient investment in time and resources
- Understood and consulted community
- Maintained flexibility and diligence



# Research Q&A for Science & Society

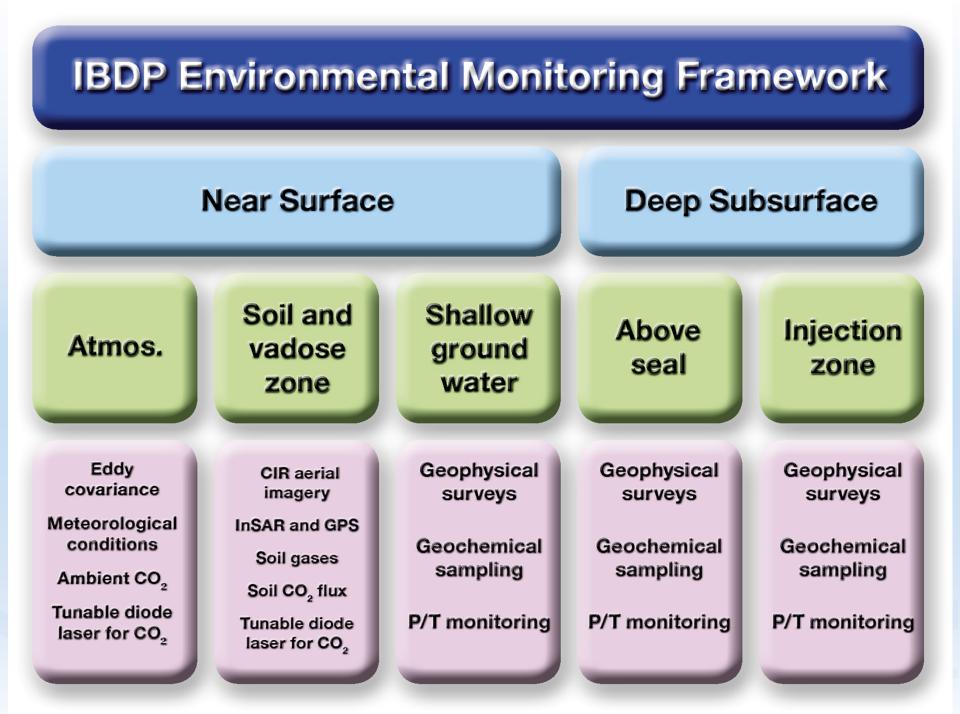
- How do you know the CO<sub>2</sub> is staying where you put it?
- What happens in the event of earthquakes?
  - Induced seismicity
  - Fracture and catastrophic release of stored CO<sub>2</sub>
- Where does formation water go when CO<sub>2</sub> is injected?
  - Increased pressure
- Does CO<sub>2</sub> injection fracture rocks during injection?
- What are long-term implications of project?
- Who is liable if something goes wrong with the project?
- How do you know it is safe?

# **Outcome:** We Better Understand Longitudinal Risk Profile of Carbon Capture and Storage Workflow

- Discussion and evaluation in plenary sessions preferable to breakout sessions. Led to fully involving experts, wider range of views and, greater discussion.
- Risk profile can change significantly over time and must be continually reviewed.
- Self-rating of expertise level led greater understanding of where expert views diverged from well-informed non-experts.
- Scenarios with very high worst-case severities must be treated differently from scenarios whose high risk results from higher likelihood.

# Illinois Basin – Decatur Project Workflow

- Regional Characterization
- Site assessment
- Outreach and public engagement
- Permitting and building the IBDP test site
- Collect and analyze key monitoring baseline data
- Injection, monitoring, and modeling
- Post-injection monitoring, modeling, and analysis
- Research collaborations, knowledge sharing



### **IBDP** Risk Assessment and Project Uncertainties



Geologic Uncertainty Operational Uncertainty Regulatory Uncertainty Social Uncertainty

Regulatory Uncertainty

Change in Scope Long-term Funding Challenges in Knowledge Sharing Complacency Potential Institutional Memory Loss

# **Outcome:** We Better Understand Depositional and Diagenetic History of a Major Storage Resource

- At 500 m in total thickness at Decatur, the Mount Simon Sandstone has been shown to be a substantial storage resource meeting criteria of injectability and storage capacity
- Storage capacity of I I ( $P_{90}$ ) to I 50 ( $P_{10}$ ) billion metric tons have been assessed for the entire Illinois Basin
- Intervals of tens of meters of exceptional reservoir quality in the Lower Mount Simon show a combination of primary and secondary porosity in a sand-rich fluvial system
- Original depositional units are well-connected as flow units based on pressure response in the injection and verification wells





# Lower Mt. Simon Fluvial Deposits

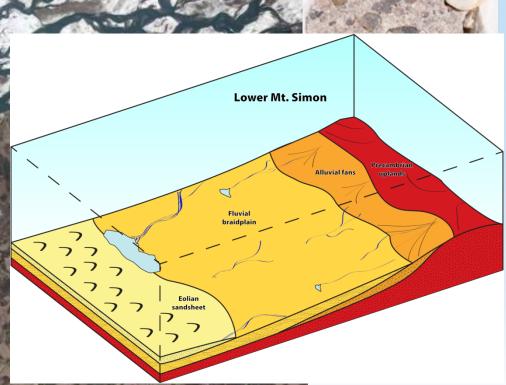
- Braid Plain and alluvial fan deposits; poorly to mod. sorted, cross-bedded sandstone to pebble conglomerate. Porosity up to 30% and 500mD permeability
- Fluvial flood plain and playa deposits; planar and ripple laminated mudstones and siltstones. Tight and impermeable

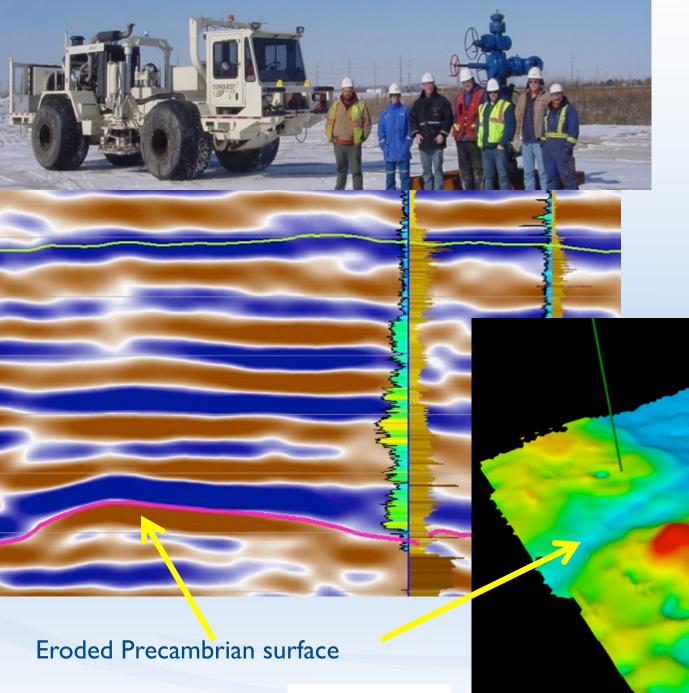
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Mount Simon Depositional Analogue: Brahmaputra River System

3.5 miles

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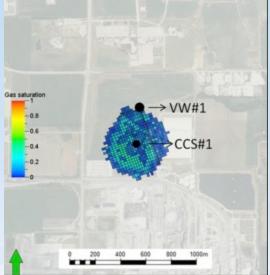


# 3D Seismic Defines Reservoir

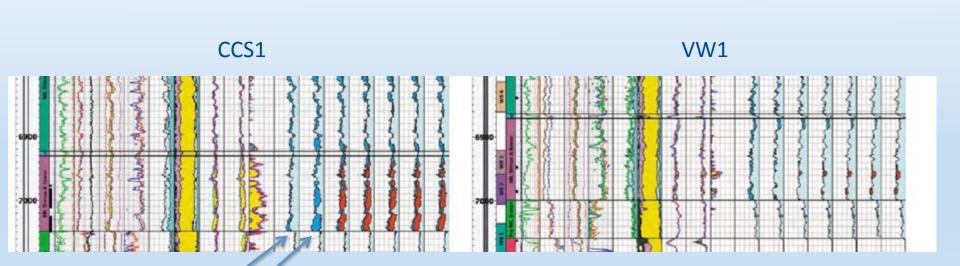
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# **Outcome:** We Better Understand Reservoir Fluid Distribution and Impacts of Heterogeneity on Pressure

- Pulsed neutron logs (Schlumberger RST\* Log) help estimate the depth, thickness and saturation of CO<sub>2</sub> around injection and verification wells and arrival time at verification well
- CO<sub>2</sub> reached verification well in March 2012 in Zone 3 and July 2012 in Zone 2, much sooner than expected
- Revised reservoir simulation, including permeability distribution, was calibrated to CO<sub>2</sub> arrival at VWI
- Pressure distribution in lower Mt. Simon shows rapid in-zone response to injection variations



### Repeat Pulsed Neutron\* Logging has Defined CO<sub>2</sub> Distribution at the Injection and Observation Wells

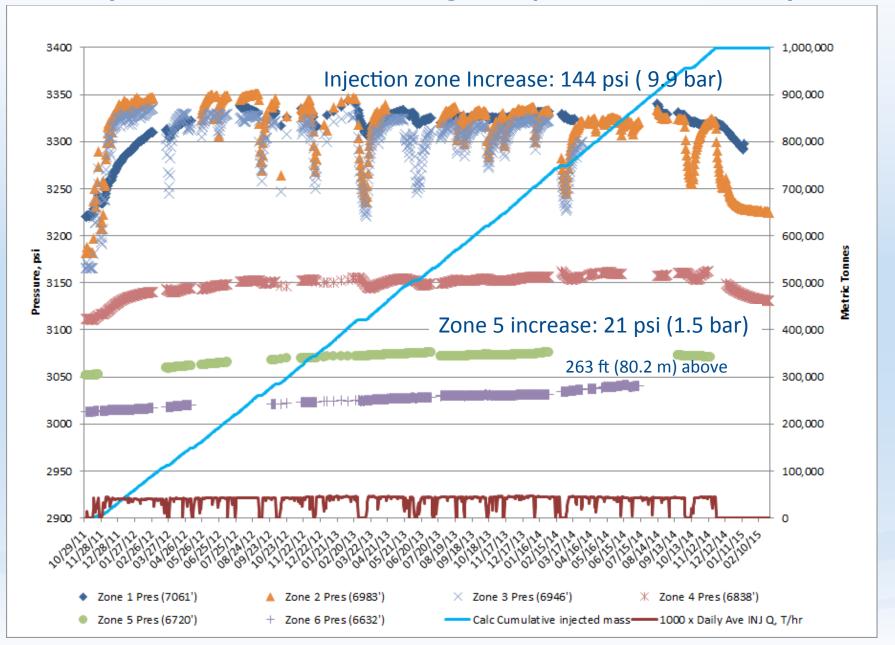


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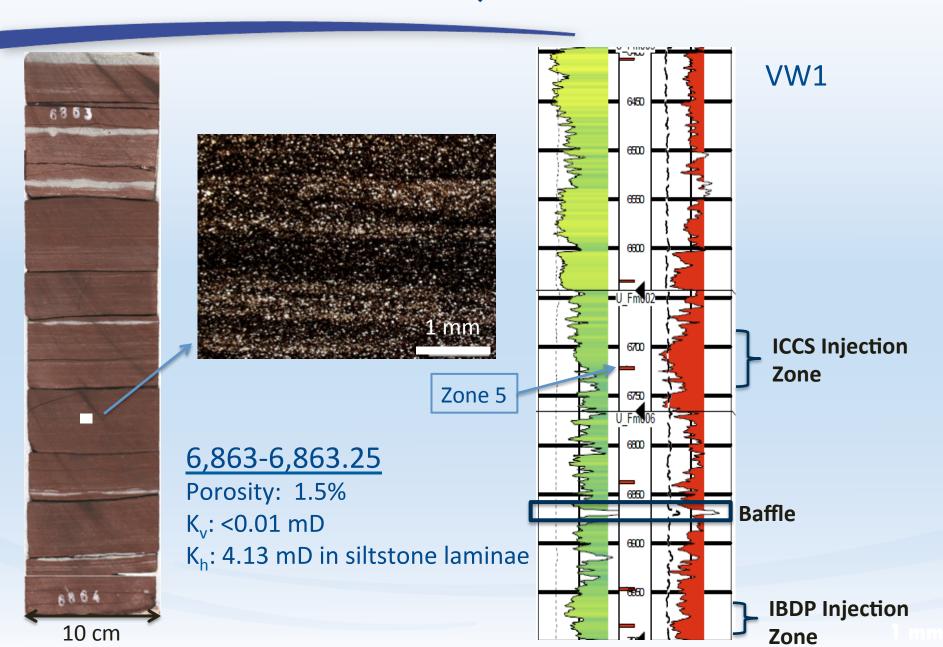
Five post-injection logging runs: March, July, and November 2012; July 2013; July 2014

\*Schlumberger Reservoir Saturation Tool (RST)

### Westbay\* Pressure Monitoring Output – 28 February 2015

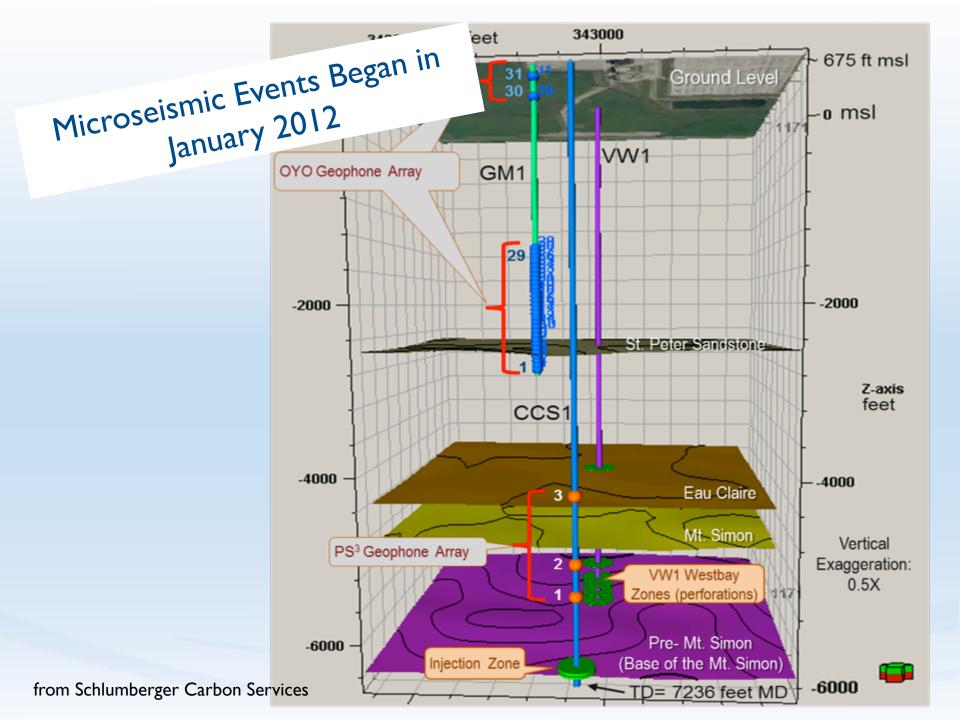


### Mudstone Baffle Between Injection Zones

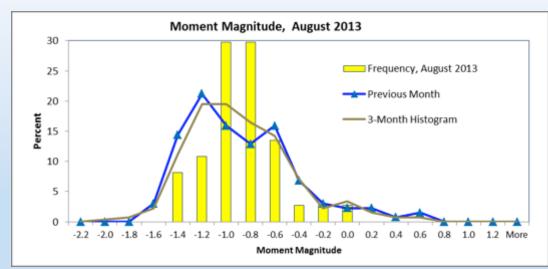


# **Outcome:** Microseismic Activity Has Supported Insight Into Reservoir Pressure Distribution

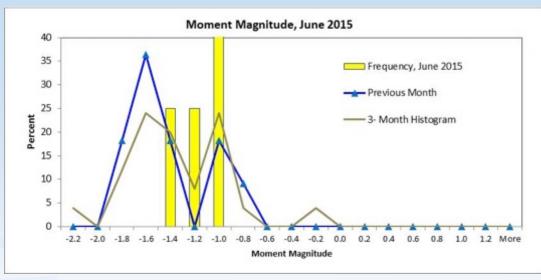
- Microseismic activity started only after injection began at site
- Clusters north of injection well first to occur and lie over Precambrian topography that may have localized planes of weakness due to compaction
- Cluster orientation consistent with northeast principal stress direction
- No pre-existing fault planes seen in 3D seismic
- Timing of events ties to pressure propagation
- Most events are in the pre-Mt. Simon and Precambrian basement; none are above the lower Mt. Simon



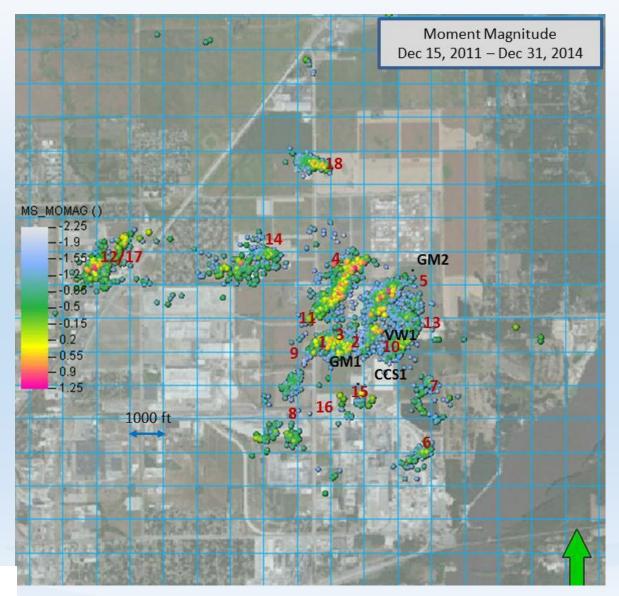
- Jun-Aug 2013 (avg) = 89 located events/month
- Mean moment magnitude: -0.98
- Max. event for three months: +0.25



- Jun 2015: 12 detected events 4 located events
- Mean moment magnitude: -1.23
- Max. event for three months: -0.2

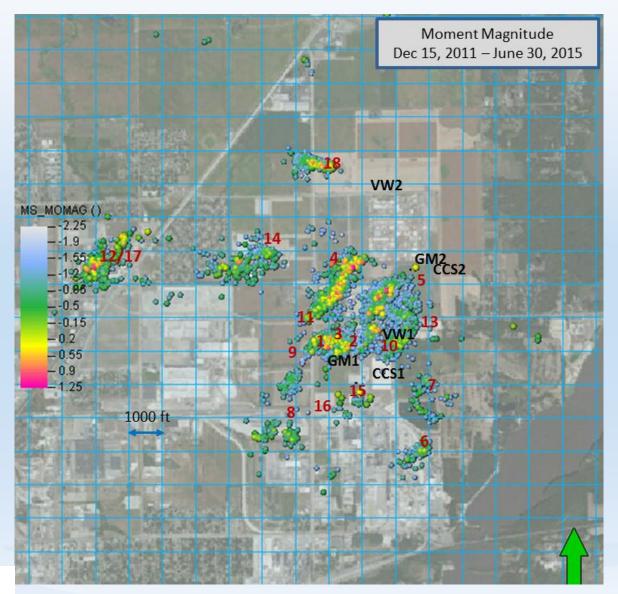


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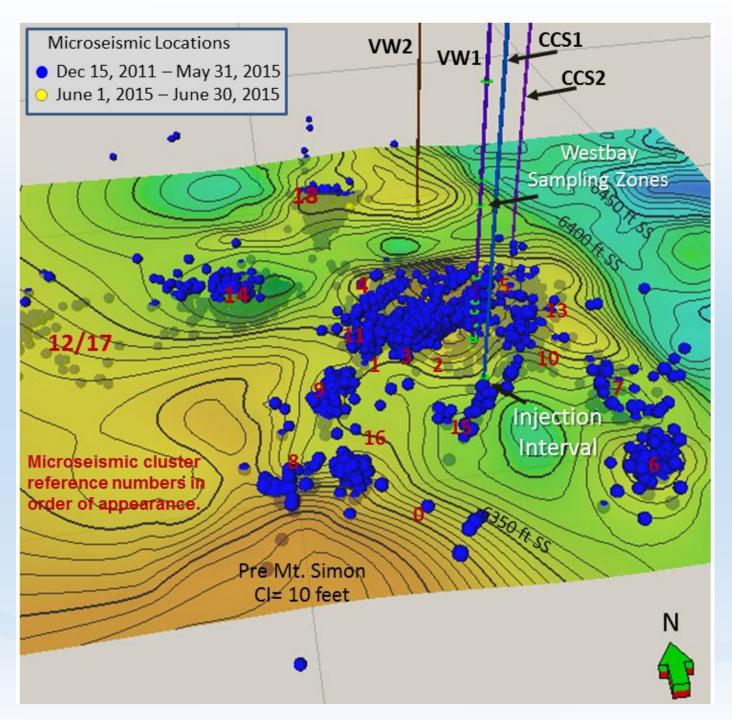


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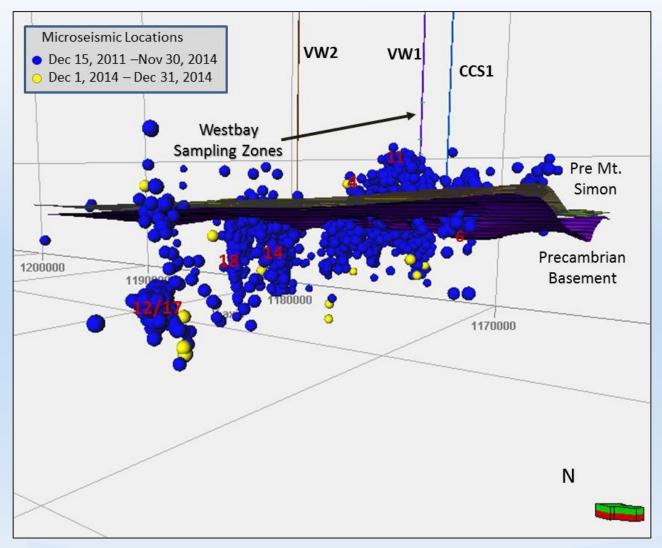
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Microseismic Cluster Activity: Relationship to Basement Structure



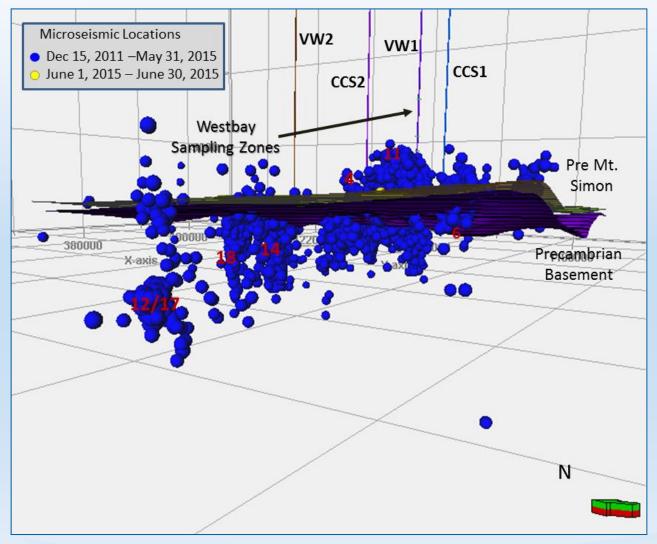
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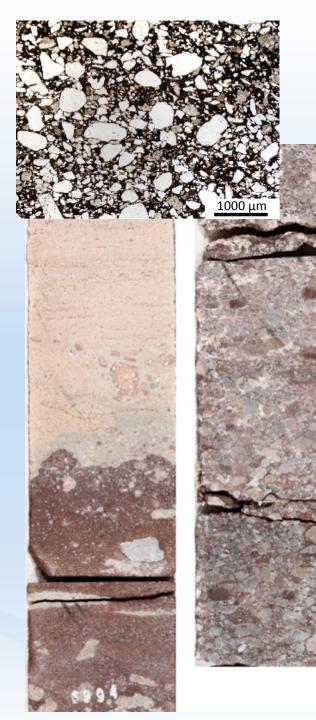
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# Pre-Mt. Simon Sandstone

- Unconformable contact
  with Mt. Simon
- Sandstones and pebble conglomerates.
   Porosity <8% and perm.</li>
   <1 md.</li>
- Bioturbation throughout suggesting marine environment and dating Pre-Mt. Simon at Cambrian

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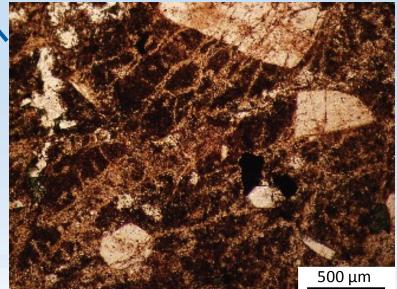




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### Precambrian Basement

- Upper Basement is Rhyolite
- Distinct Weathering Profile. Fractured
- Dated at 1.45 Ga



# **Outcome:** Successful permitting of UIC wells for two projects provides precedent for future projects

- Proactively engage regulators
  - Engage early
  - Familiarize yourself with regulatory time clock
- Expect technical collaboration between USEPA and applicant
- USEPA focused on making technical, risk-based permitting decisions
- Modeling should be discussed in detail with USEPA prior to development and verification
- Start early
- Seek out examples (publicly available)
- Provide balance of information detail important, but can distract
- Remain flexible

# Plume Monitoring

Target Formation	Monitoring Activity	Monitoring Location	Frequency: Interim Period	Frequency: CCS2 Injection Phase	Frequency: CCS2 Post-Injection Phase				
Direct Plume Monitoring									
Mt. Simon	Fluid Sampling	VWI	Once	Year I-3:Annual Year 4-5: None	None				
Mt. Simon	Fluid Sampling	VW2	None	Annual	Annual				
Indirect Plume Monitoring									
Mt. Simon	Pulse Neutron logging/ RST	VWI VW2	Once	Year 2, Year 4	Year 1, 3, 5, 7, 10				
Mt. Simon	Pulse Neutron logging/ RST	CCSI CCS2	Once	Year 2, Year 4	Year 1, 3, 5, 7, 10				

# Seismic Monitoring

Timing		Survey	Extent/Coverage/Resolution		
CCSI Injection Phase	2009	Baseline 3D Surface Seismic Survey	Extent = 2,600 Acres Fold Coverage = 2,000 Acres		
	2011	Baseline 3D Surface Seismic Survey	Extent = 2,600 Acres Fold Coverage = 2,000 Acres		
	2011	Baseline GMI 3DVSP	Resolution = 30 Acres		
	2012	GMI 3D VSP	Resolution = 30 Acres		
	2013	GMI 3D VSP	Resolution = 30 Acres		
	2014	GMI 3D VSP	Resolution = 30 Acres		
CCSI Post- Injection Phase	2015	Expanded 3D Surface Seismic Survey	Extent = 3,000 Acres Fold Coverage = 2,200 Acres		
	2020	Time Lapse Surface Seismic Survey	Extent = 2,000 Acres Fold Coverage = 600 Acres		
	2030	Time Lapse Surface Seismic Survey	Extent = 2,000 Acres Fold Coverage = 600 Acres		

# Pressure-Front Monitoring

Target Formation	Monitoring Activity	Monitoring Location	Frequency: Interim Period	Frequency: CCS2 Injection Phase	Frequency: CCS2 Post-Injection Phase
Mt. Simon	Pressure/ temperature monitoring	VWI	Continuous	YI-3: Continuous Y 4-5: None	None
		VW2	None	Continuous	Continuous
		CCSI	Continuous	Continuous	Y I-3: Continuous Y 4-10: Annual
		CCS2	None	Continuous	Y I-3: Continuous Y 4-10: Annual
Mt. Simon	DTS	CCSI	Continuous	Continuous	Y I: Continuous Y 2-10: None
		CCS2	None	Continuous	Y I: Continuous Y 2-10: Annual
Multiple	Passive seismic (detect M 1.0 events)	Borehole & surface seismic stations within AoR	None	Continuous	Continuous

## Key Operational Results – IBDP at Completion of Injection

- Mount Simon Sandstone reservoir accepted  $CO_2$  more easily than expected resulting in quicker detection at verification well
- Upward plume growth limited by reservoir permeability stratification, as modeled, and confirmed by pressure observations
- Resulting plume believed thinner than expected and was not detected with a 3D vertical seismic profile until April 2013
- Mt. Simon 200,000 ppm brine is more corrosive than expected
- With 999,215 tonnes injected, CO<sub>2</sub> remains in lowermost Mt. Simon; internal reservoir heterogeneity affecting CO<sub>2</sub> distribution
- No CO<sub>2</sub> leakage or adverse impacts detected to date
- Second project (ICCS) will add opportunity to monitor two plumes



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# Publication Plan – 2015 to 2016 (subject to change)

- International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control:
  - Special Volume
  - 4 papers on microseismic research at IBDP
  - Publish QI or Q2 of 2016
- American Geophysical Union:
  - Geophysical Monitoring for Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide
  - 2 book chapters
    - Microseismic Monitoring, Event Location, and Focal Mechanisms: A Case Study of the Illinois Basin – Decatur Project
    - Seismic Data Integration for Site Characterization and Monitoring.
- Pre-Cambrian Basin Geology
- Illinois Basin Tectonic Regime
- Open file reports

# Final Steps: Demonstration of Non-Endangerment

#### At end of PISC period:

- Operator submits a demonstration of non-endangerment of USDW to UIC Program Director (40 CFR 146.93(b)(2) or (3)
- Based on evaluation of site monitoring data in conjunction with computational model
- Uses site-specific conditions to confirm and demonstrate non-endangerment
- Includes:
  - Summary of existing monitoring data
  - Comparison of monitoring data and model predictions and model documentation
  - Evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub> plume
  - Evaluation of mobilized fluids
  - Evaluation of reservoir pressure
  - Evaluation of potential conduits for fluid movement
  - Evaluation of passive seismic data