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# **Big Sky Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership – Kevin Dome Carbon Storage FC26-05NT42587**

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# Presentation Outline

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- Program Goals / Scope of Work / Goals & Objectives
- Project Overview
  - Geology of Kevin Dome / Regional Significance
  - Site Characteristics – Scientific Opportunities
- Site Characterization
- Modeling
- Monitoring
- Results to Date and Accomplishments
- Summary

# Benefit to the Program

- **Support industries' ability to predict CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity in geologic formations to within  $\pm 30\%$** 
  - The project will correlate logs, core studies, seismic and modeling efforts with multiple iterations through all stages of the project to determine actual storage compared to predicted. The project also tests storage in a regionally significant formation and in regionally significant structural closures that should refine regional capacity estimates.
- **Develop and validate technologies to ensure 99 percent storage permanence.**
  - The project will use 3D, 9C surface seismic, VSP, in zone and above zone geochemical sampling, repeat pulsed neutron logging, tracers, distributed T and P sensors and assurance monitoring techniques to verify location that the CO<sub>2</sub> remains in the storage complex.

# Benefit to the Program

- **Develop technologies to improve reservoir storage efficiency while ensuring containment effectiveness.**
  - Pulsed neutron logging and heat pulses to the reservoir combined with distributed temperature sensing should provide saturation information which can be studied as a function of injection rate. We will also measure rock physics properties as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> saturation to try to improve understanding of seismic response to S<sub>CO2</sub>.
- **Develop Best Practice Manuals for monitoring, verification, accounting, and assessment; site screening, selection and initial characterization; public outreach; well management activities; and risk analysis and simulation.**
  - BSCSP will use information from this project to contribute to best practices manuals.

# Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

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**Primary objective** - 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 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

*Success Criteria – Project safely injects CO<sub>2</sub> into the storage formation and models and monitoring indicate permanence of storage in the reservoir.*

Other objectives include improving the understanding of injectivity, capacity, and storativity in a regionally significant formation.

*Success Criteria – Site characterization, laboratory core studies, well tests, models coupled with operational data deepen understanding of use of site characterization data for predicting geologic system performance. Comparison of natural analog data with laboratory studies and geochemical sampling in the injection region improve understanding of injected CO<sub>2</sub> behavior in reactive rock.*

# Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

**Operational objectives** - Safely procure, transport, inject and monitor up to one million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the target formation; understand the behavior of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> within the formation; verify and improve predictive models of CO<sub>2</sub> behavior; test and validate monitoring, verification and accounting (MVA) methodology.

*Success Criteria – Safe and successful injection; good history matching of multi-phase flow and reactive transport models; monitoring techniques detect CO<sub>2</sub> when present and provide information of plume development.*

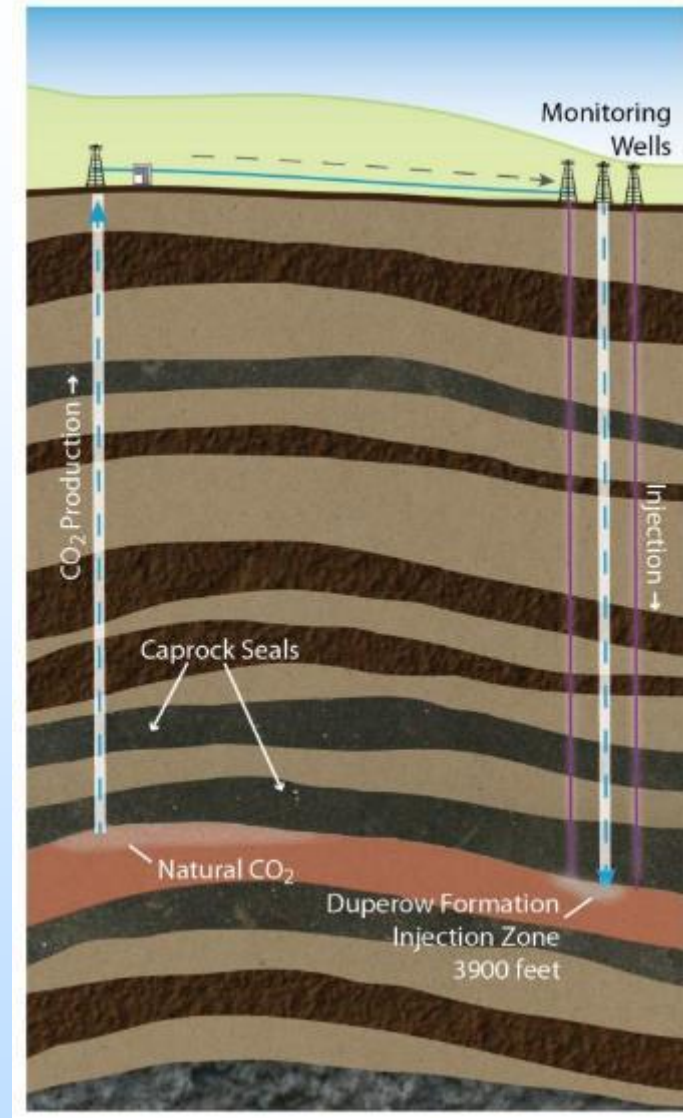
**Post-injection phase objective** - Assess any resultant changes from the CO<sub>2</sub> injection and to continue to monitor the CO<sub>2</sub> plume.

*Success Criteria – Continued detection of plume evolution and models showing predictive capability.*

**Regional characterization objectives** - Understand the costs of carbon sequestration; determine the best management practices to sequester carbon in the soil of agricultural systems; and refine regional assessments of CO<sub>2</sub> sources and capacity estimates.

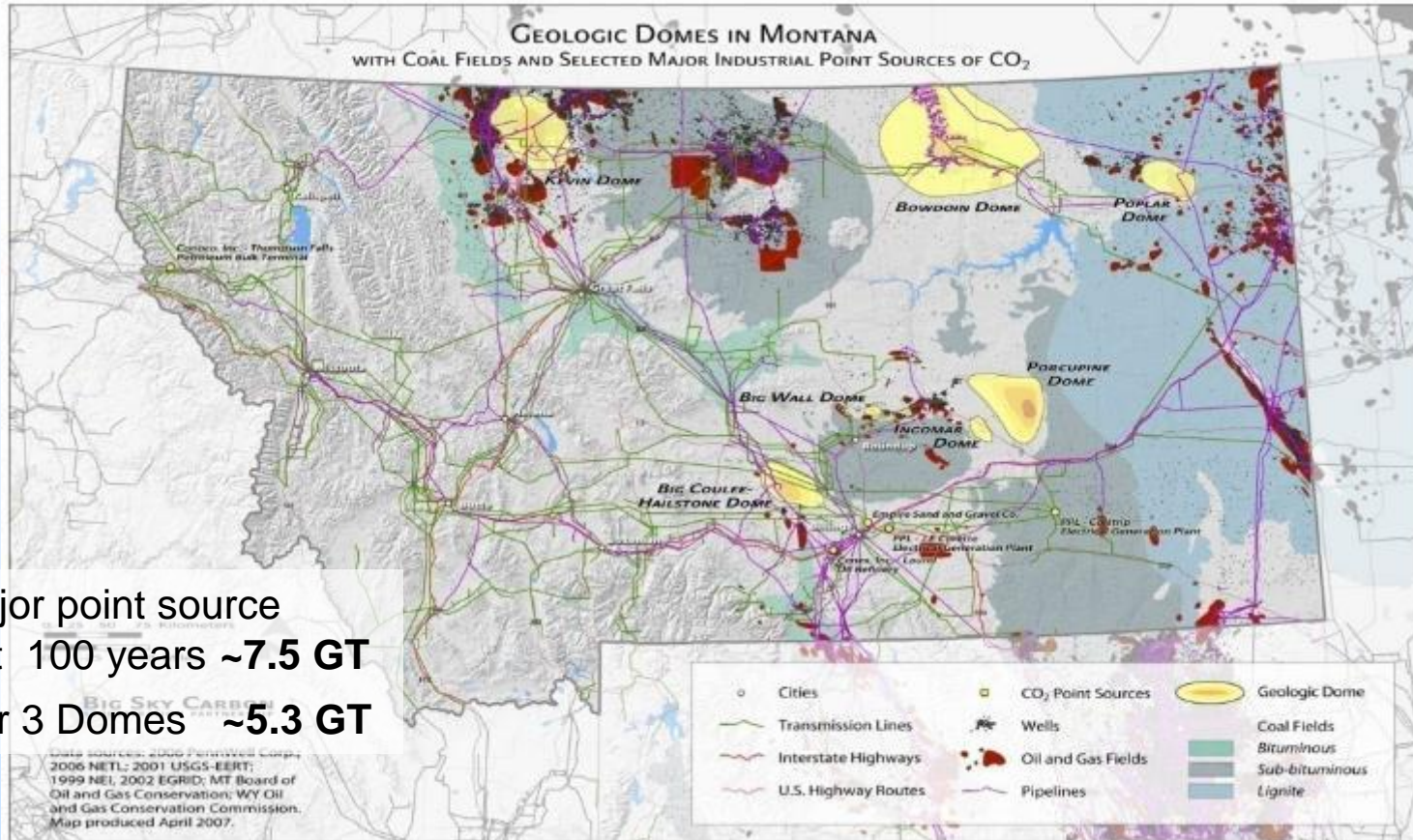
# Project Overview

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





# Domes Are Attractive Early Storage Target



Half of the current major point source emissions for the next 100 years **~7.5 GT**  
Resource Estimate for 3 Domes **~5.3 GT**

- Prevent trespass issues – buoyancy flow will take CO<sub>2</sub> to top of dome
- Potential use as carbon warehouse – decouple anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> rate from utilization rate

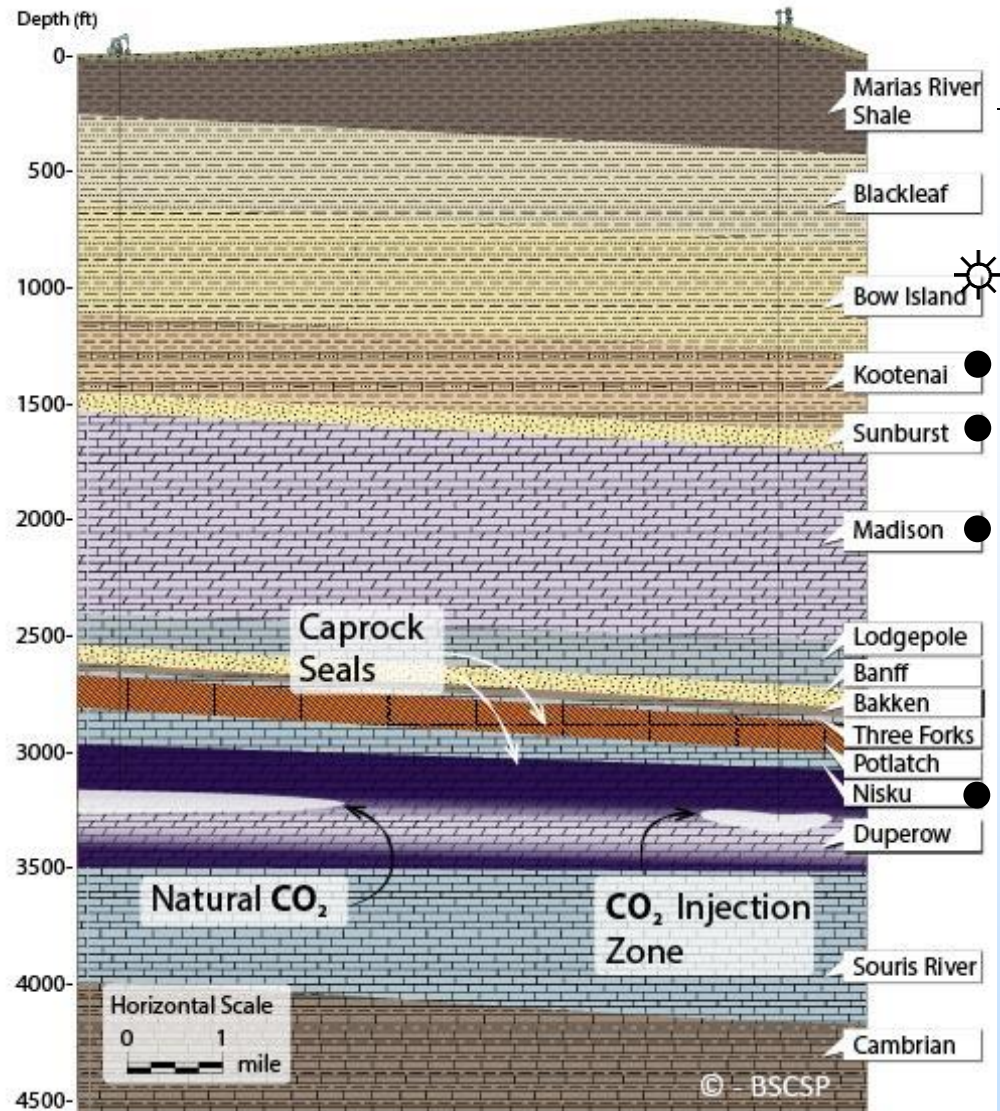
# Kevin Dome

## CO<sub>2</sub> in middle Duperow

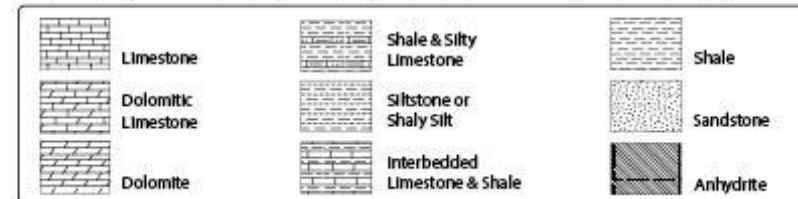
## Two “gold standard” seals

- Upper Duperow  
~200' tight carbonates and interbedded anhydrites
- Caprock ~ 150'  
Anhydrite

## Multiple tertiary seals

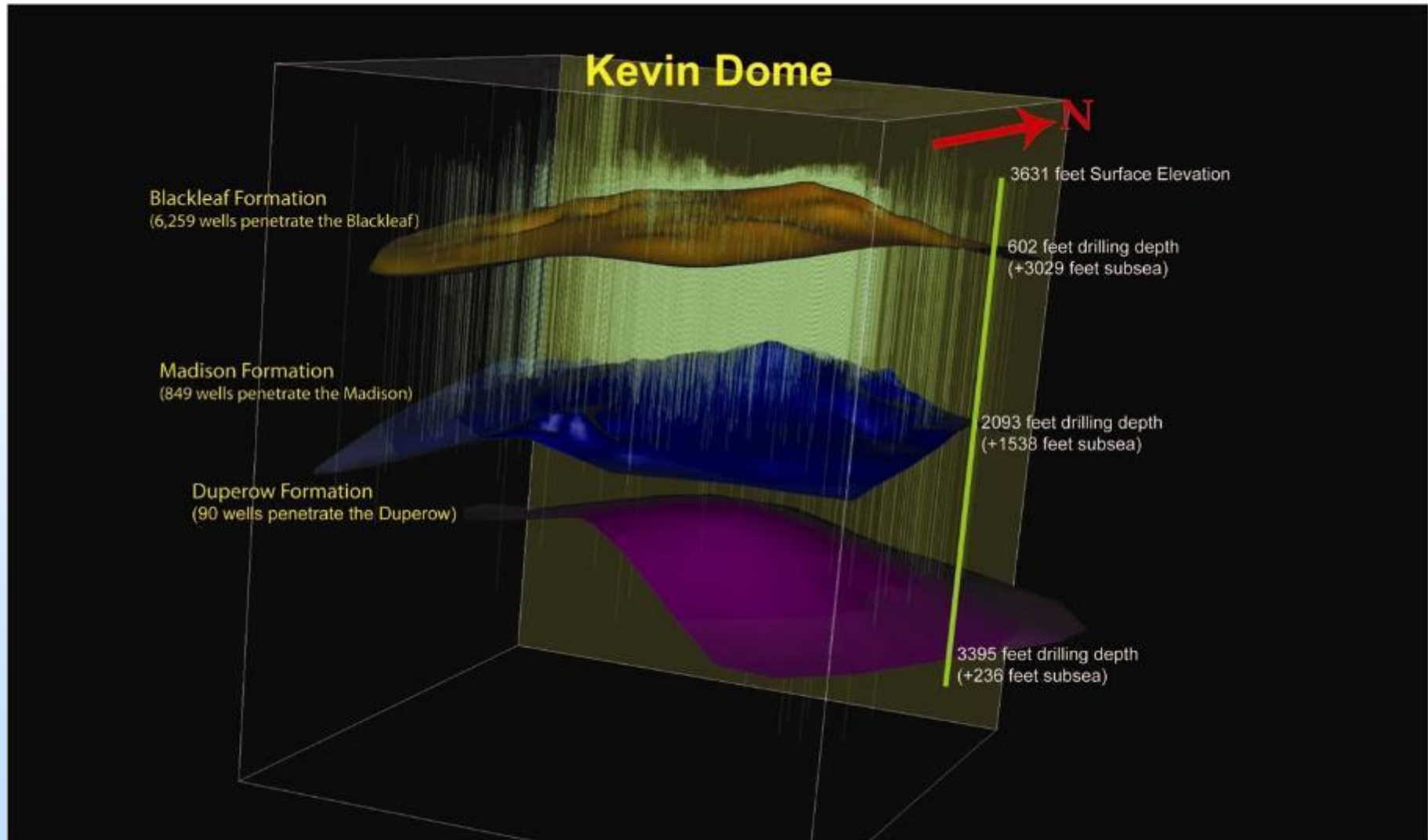


Disclaimer: This graphic is a generalized representation of the subsurface at Kevin Dome. The horizontal and vertical scale are independent of one another to fit view on a single page. Surface infrastructure not to scale.

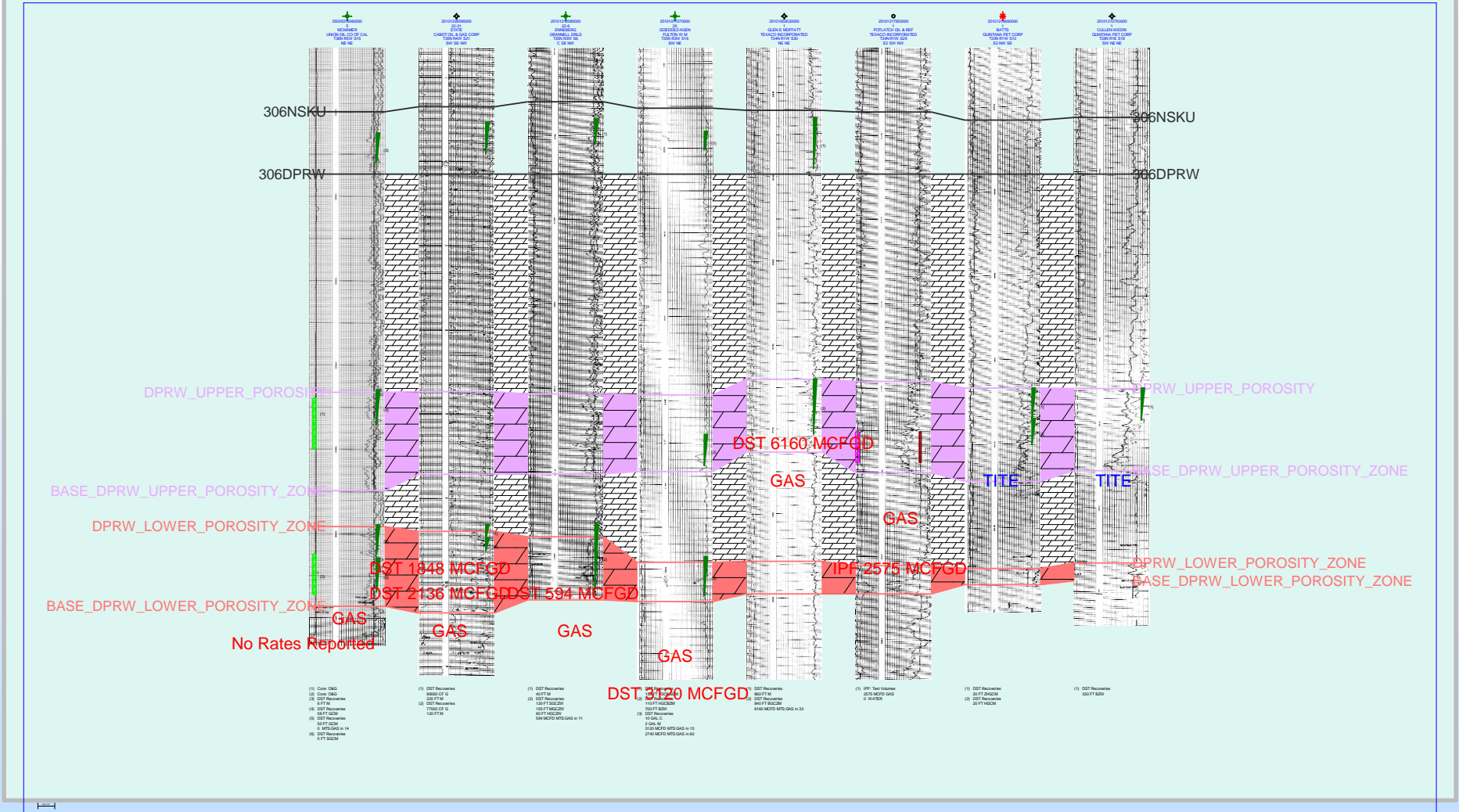




# Kevin Structure Tops & Well Penetrations



# NW - SE Cross Section Kevin Dome



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# Site Characteristics – Scientific Opportunities

## Natural CO<sub>2</sub> production

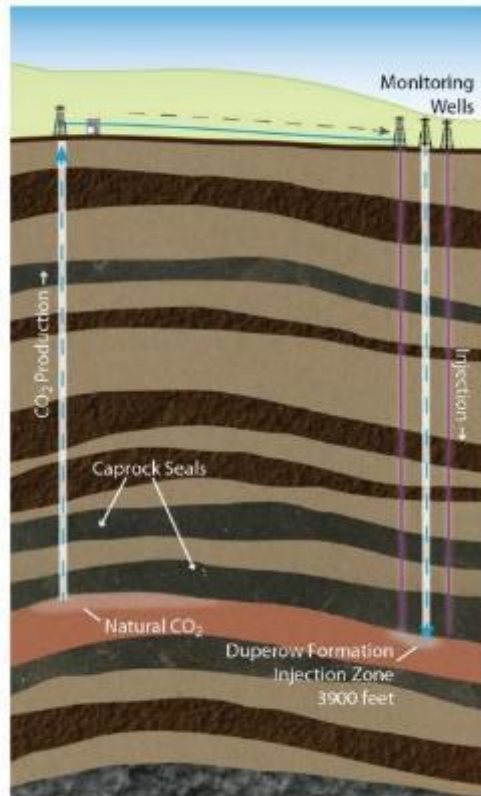
- Opportunity to study the natural accumulation and long term effects

## CO<sub>2</sub> in a reactive rock

- Opportunity to study geochemical effects on both reservoir rock (long term fate of CO<sub>2</sub>) 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.

## Duperow is a fractured reservoir with very secure caprock

- Opportunity to investigate impact of fracture permeability



# Site Characterization Approach / Accomplishments

## Approach

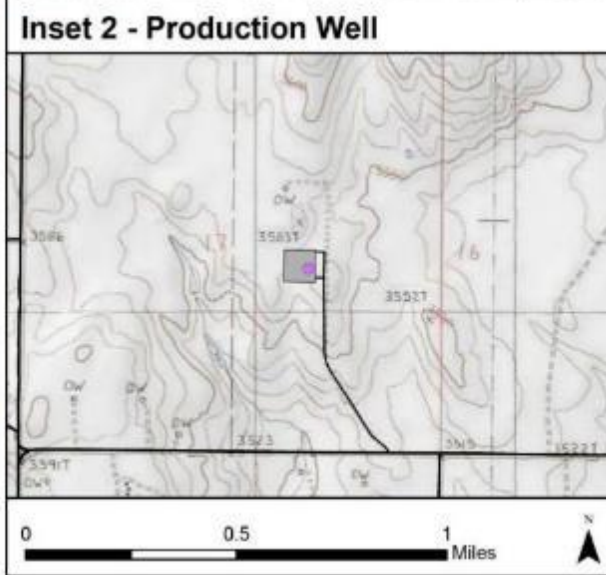
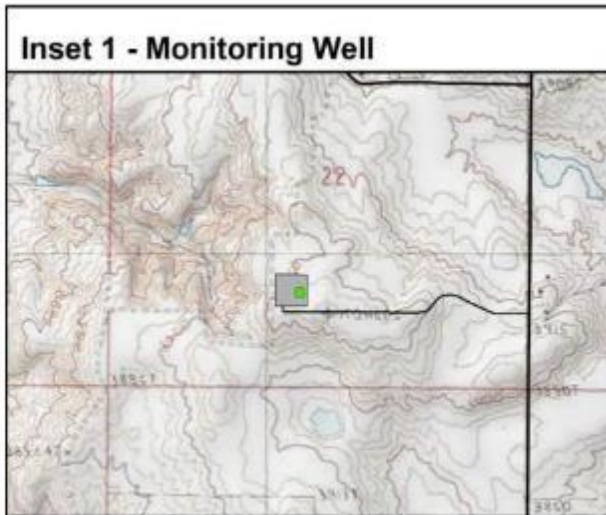
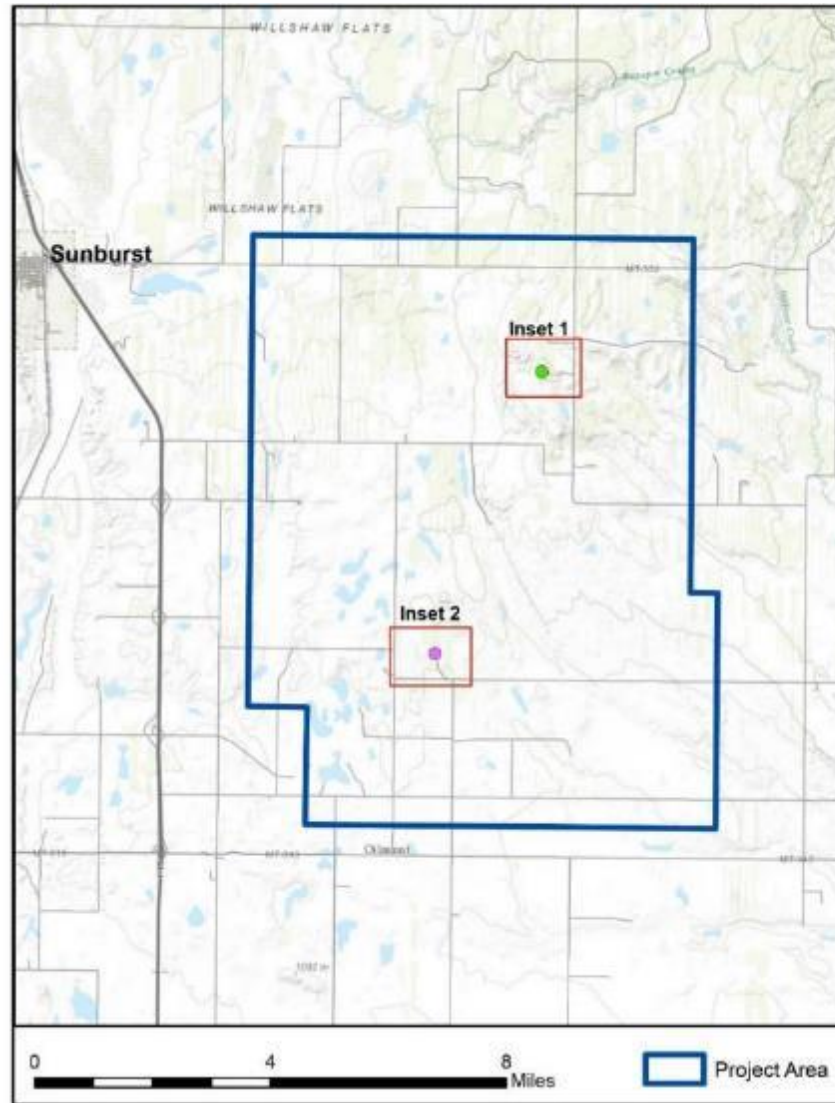
- Assimilate surface data
  - Topography, water features, viewsheds, infrastructure, cultural resources, biological resources, etc.
- Create GIS products for surface features
- Perform baseline monitoring
- Assimilate subsurface data
  - Wells, tops, logs, 2D seismic, produced water, drilling records
- Create database
- Create static model
- Shoot 3D, 9C seismic
- Drill, log and core 2 wells
  - Perform well tests and core analysis

## Key Accomplishments

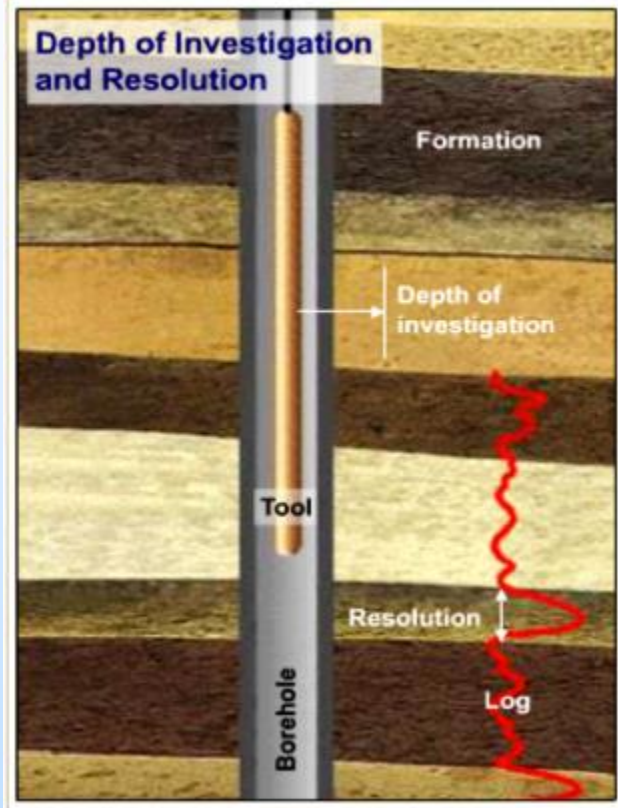
- Kevin Atlas created with surface and subsurface data incorporated
- ~ 36 sq. mi. 3D, 9C seismic shot, processed and being interpreted
- Static geologic model created
  - Hundreds of wells for tops, 32 logs digitized for geophysical parameters, 2D seismic, 3D, 9C seismic
- Initial flow modeling performed
  - Injection & production regions
  - Sensitivity analysis
  - Reactive transport
- Cores and logs acquired / analyzed
- Well tests performed
- Second flow modeling performed



# Well Locations



# Geophysical Characterization & Monitoring: Well Logging



Logs	Wells			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Prod	Inj	Mon	All
Downhole P & T	Cont.	Cont.	Cont.	Cont.
Gamma Ray	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Resistivity	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Porosity	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Density	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Caliper	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
P&S Sonic	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Sonic Scanner	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Isolation Scan	Initial	Initial	Initial	
FMI	Initial	Initial	Initial	
NMR	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Natural Gamma	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Elemental Spec	Initial	Initial	Initial	
Cement Eval	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial
Pulsed Neutron	Initial	Annual	Annual/ 2 Annual	Initial



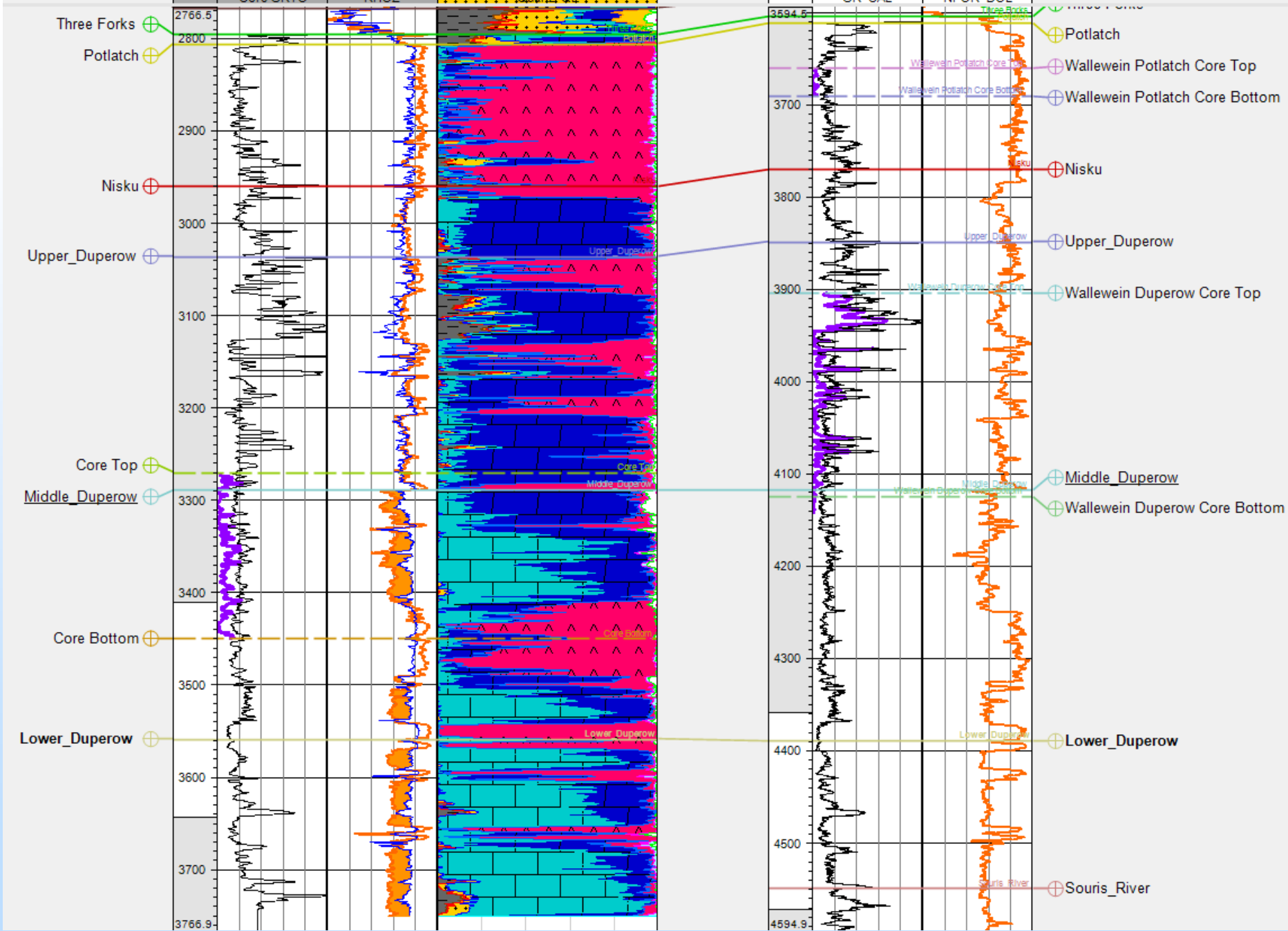
Danielson 33-17 [MD]

1618309 ftUS

WALLEWEIN 22-1 [MD]

MD	GR	NPOR_DOL	UnitCombiner
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	Core GRTO	RHOZ	Quartz_OE

MD	GR	RHOZ
1:1404	0.00 gAPI 100.00	2.2950 G/C3 3.0350
	GR CAL	NPOR_DOL



Three Forks

Potlatch

Nisku

Upper\_Duperow

Core Top

Middle\_Duperow

Core Bottom

Lower\_Duperow

Three Forks

Potlatch

Wallewein Potlatch Core Top

Wallewein Potlatch Core Bottom

Nisku

Upper\_Duperow

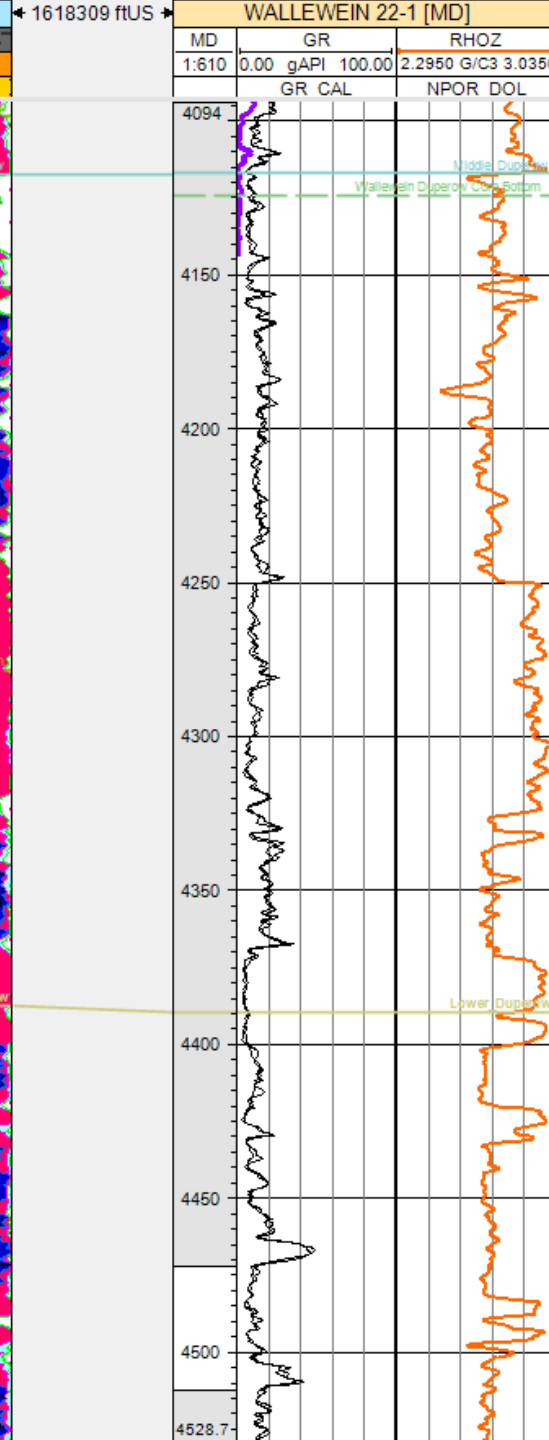
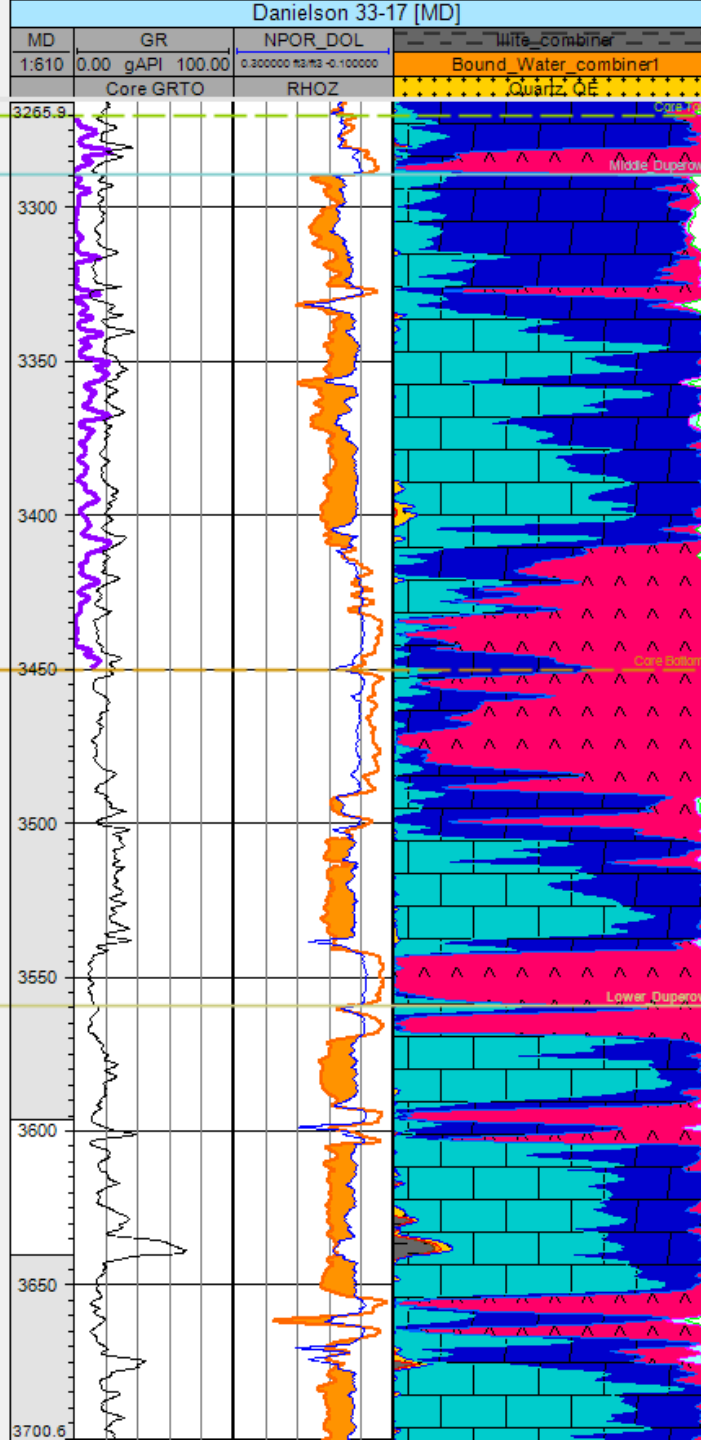
Wallewein Duperow Core Top

Middle\_Duperow

Wallewein Duperow Core Bottom

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Souris\_River



Core Top ⊕

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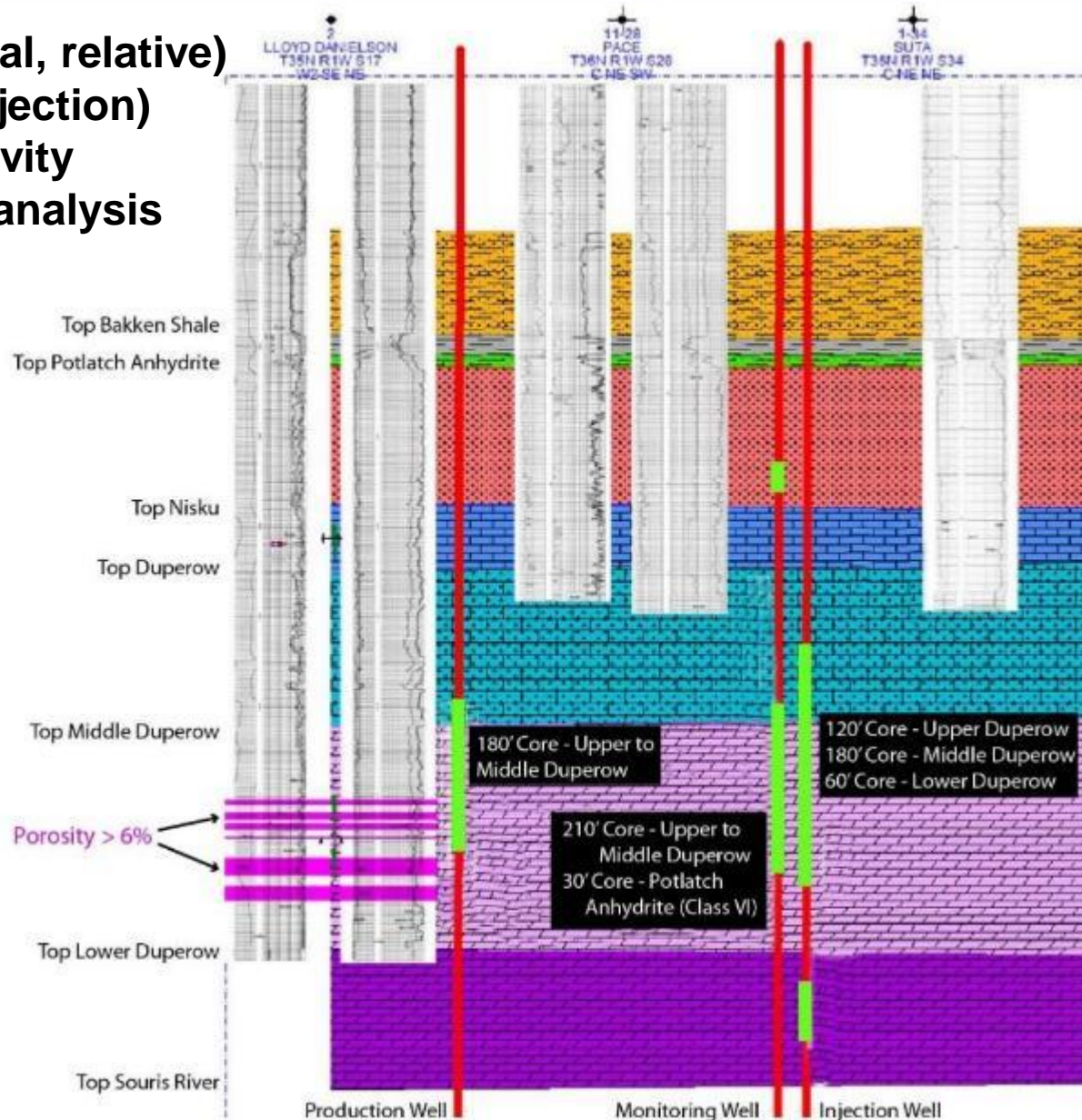
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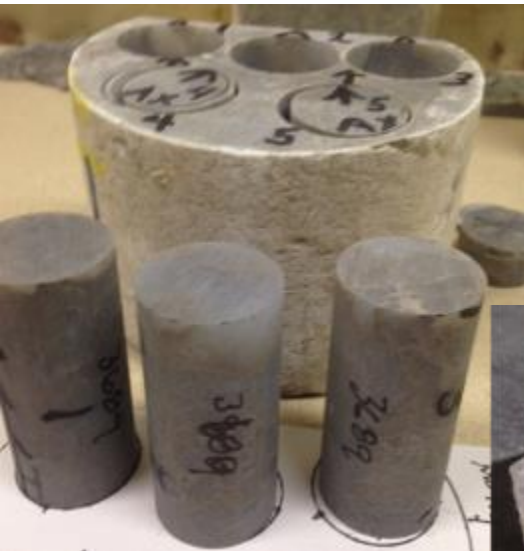
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# Core Plan – Intervals and Analyses

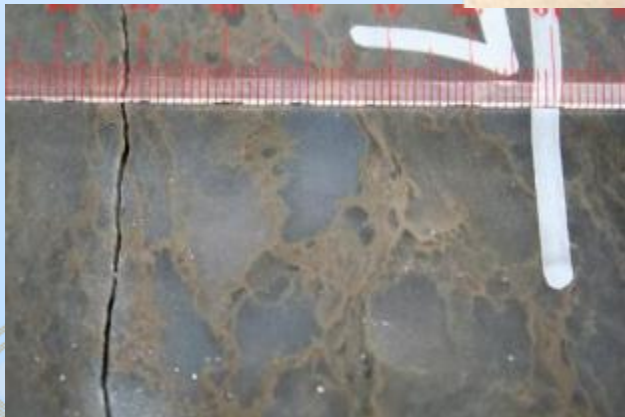
- Porosity
- Permeability (horizontal, vertical, relative)
- Capillary pressure (mercury injection)
- Core flood, geochemical reactivity
- Seismic properties, anisotropy analysis
- Tight rock analysis)
- Petrology/Petrography
- Bulk XRD
- Powder XRD
- NMR calibration
- SEM/EDS
- Micro-CT imaging
- Ductility and rock strength
- Bulk composition XRF
- BET surface area
- Core spectral gamma ray
- Whole rock analysis, REE
- XrF, ERD
- Thin section analysis
- Carbon isotopes



# Caprock Geomechanical Tests

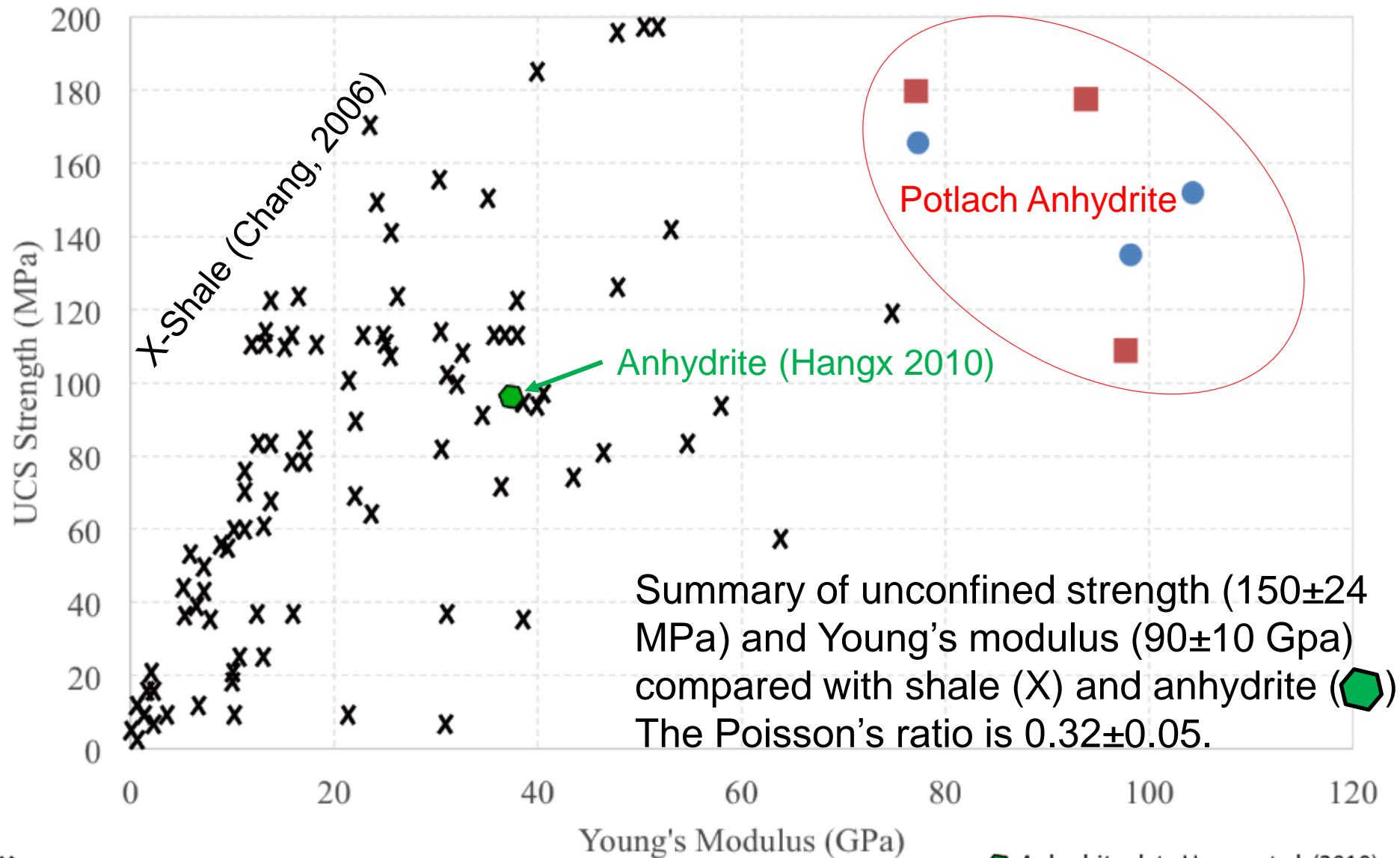


- **Potlatch Anhydrite**
- **3687'-depth of the Wallawein well**
- **Sample density 2.5 - 2.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>(close to the theoretical density of anhydrite (2.97 g/cm<sup>3</sup> indicating nearly pure anhydrite with very little porosity.)**
- **Single crystals of anhydrite appear to be as large as 1-3 cm**





# Caprock Geomechanical Tests



X Shale data Chang et al. (2006)

● Anhydrite data Hangx et al. (2010)

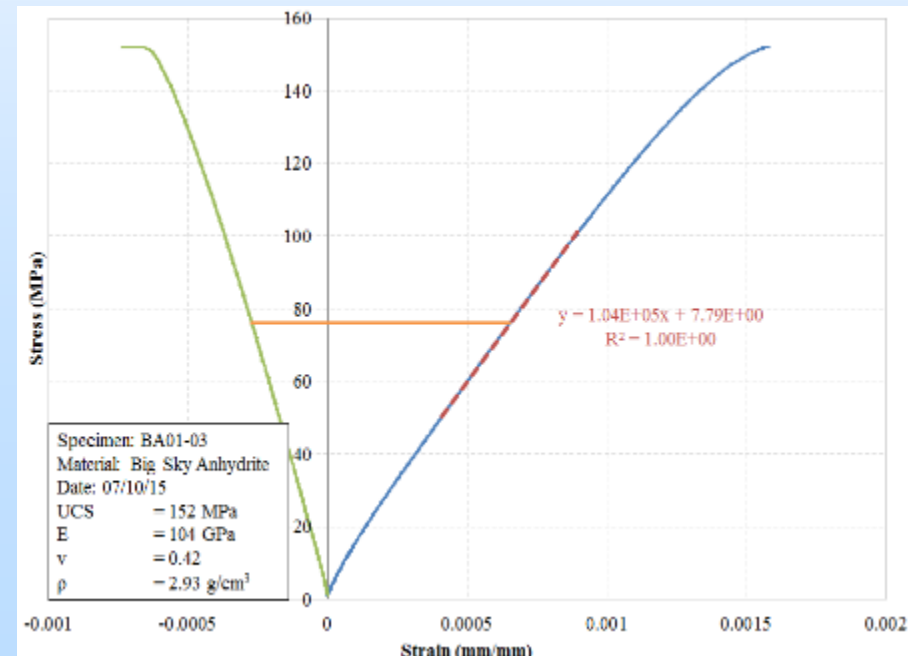
● BA01 - Vertical - 3687 ft

■ BA02 - Horizontal - 3687 ft

# Caprock Geomechanical Tests

	UCS (MPa)			Young's (GPa)			Poisson		
	All	Vert	Horiz	All	Vert	Horiz	All	Vert	Horiz
Mean	153.1	150.8	155.4	91.42	93.29	89.55	0.32	0.35	0.30
StdDev	27.47	15.30	40.46	11.49	14.15	10.94	0.06	0.07	0.04

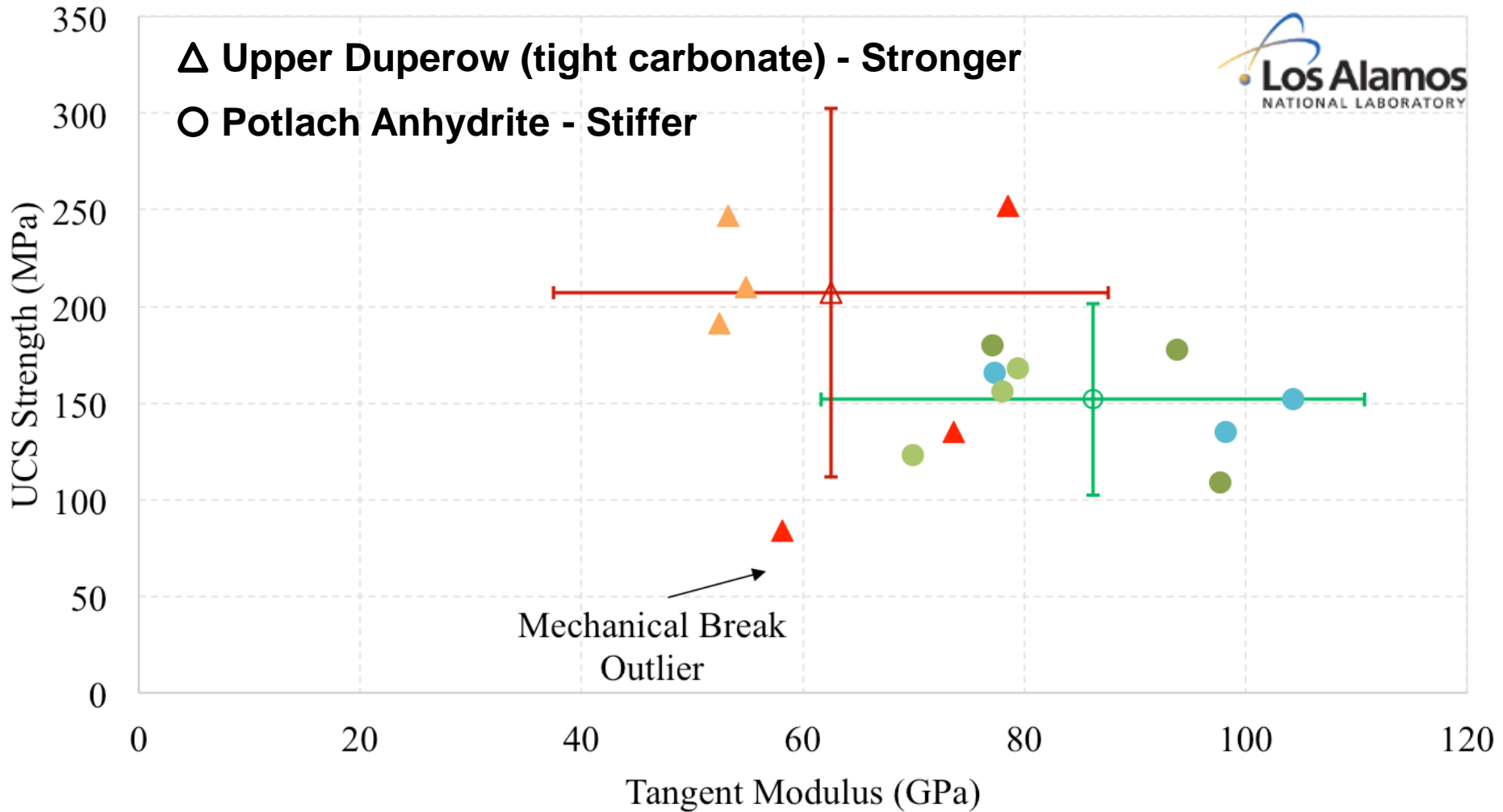
- The Potlatch Anhydrite is very strong in both orientations
- The average Young's modulus (91 Gpa) reflects a very stiff material
- Samples dilated strongly at peak strength before failing indicating significant plasticity even under unconfined conditions



# Caprock Geomechanical Analysis

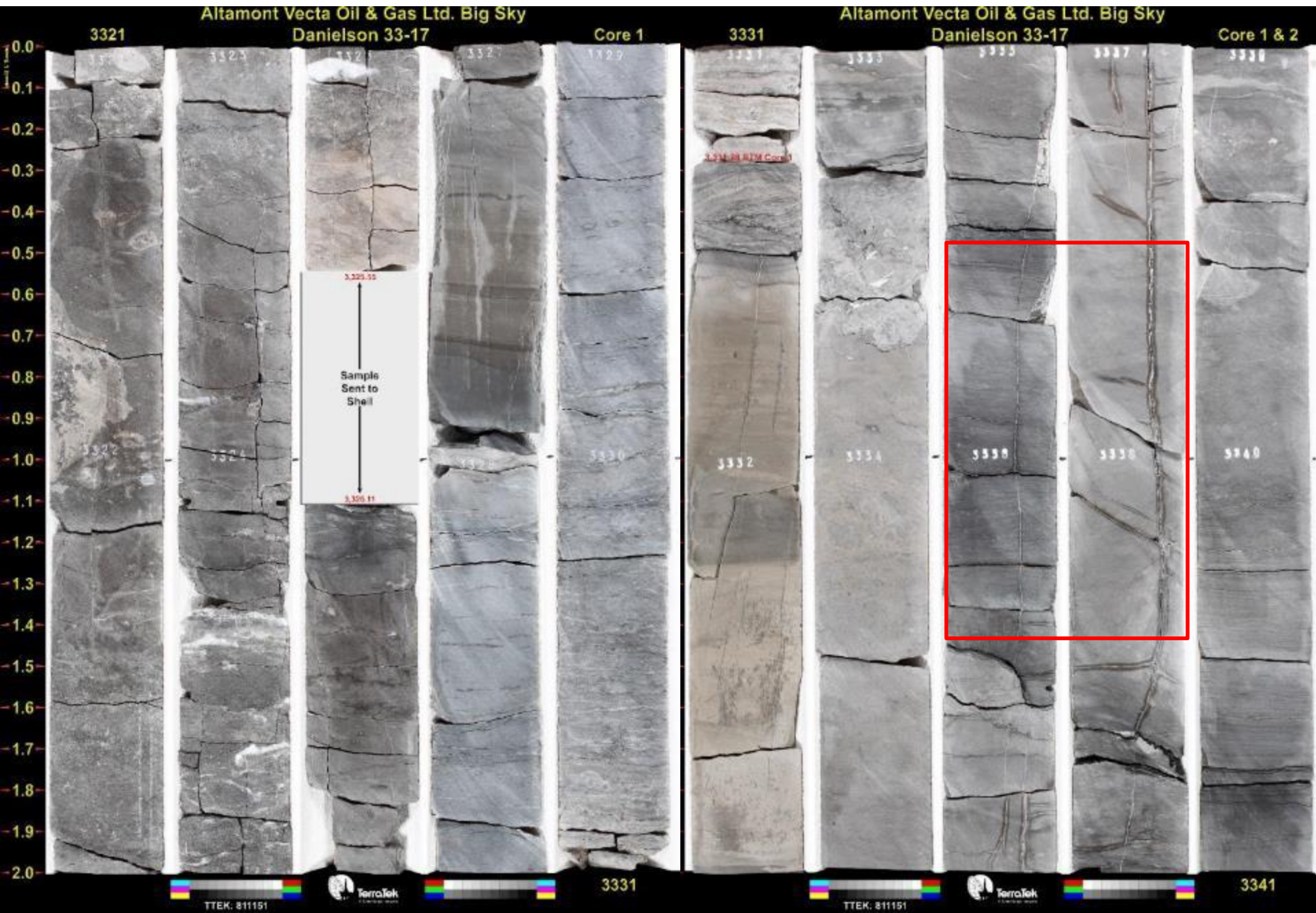


△ Upper Duperow (tight carbonate) - Stronger  
 ○ Potlach Anhydrite - Stiffer



- BA01 - Vertical - 3687 ft
- BA02 - Horizontal - 3687 ft
- BA03 - Vertical - 3689 ft
- BA Mean
- ▲ BD01 - Horizontal - 3940 ft
- ▲ BD02 - Vertical - 3940 ft
- △ BD Mean

# Middle Duperow – Fractures

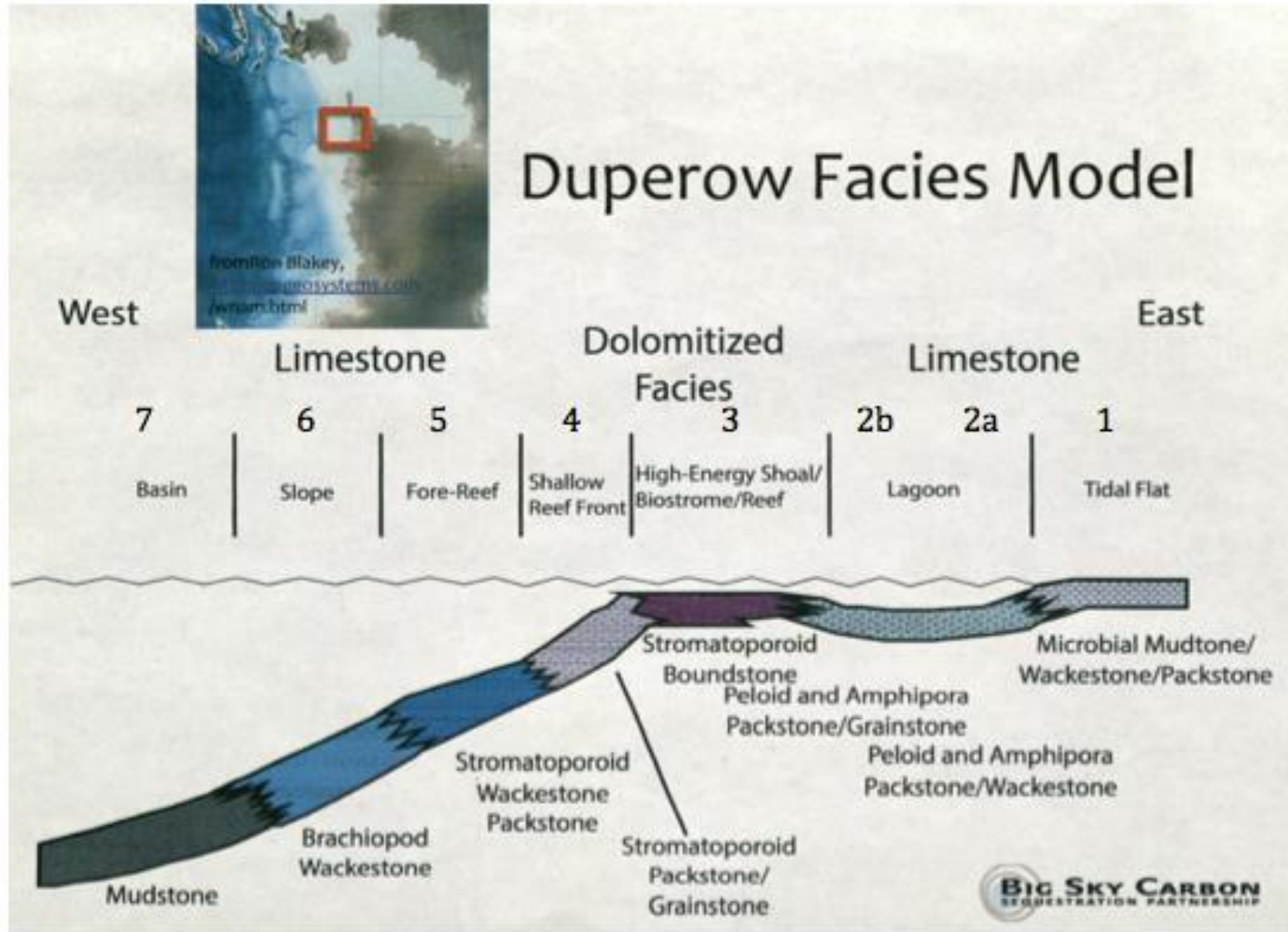




# Middle Duperow – Fractures Propped by Precipitates

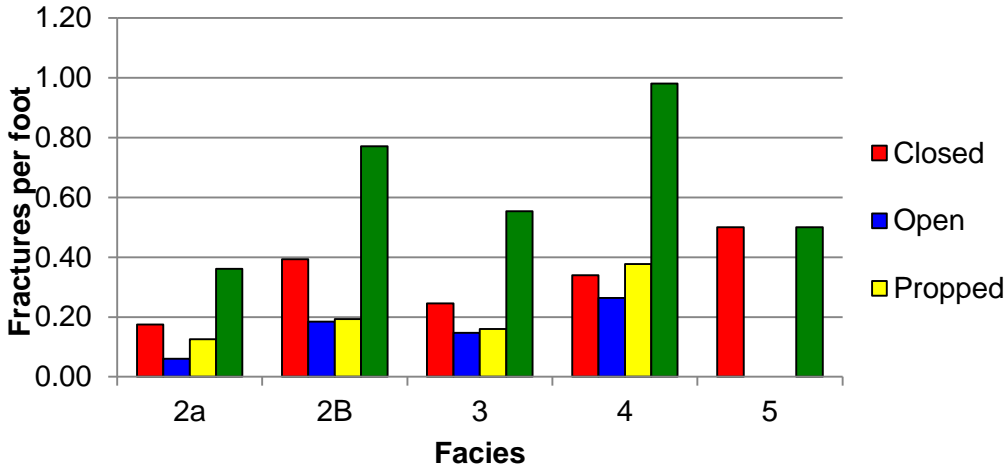


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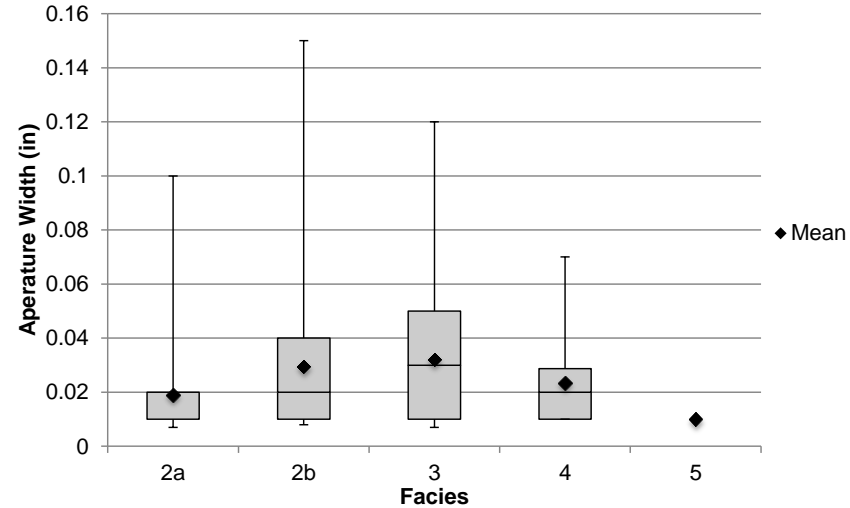


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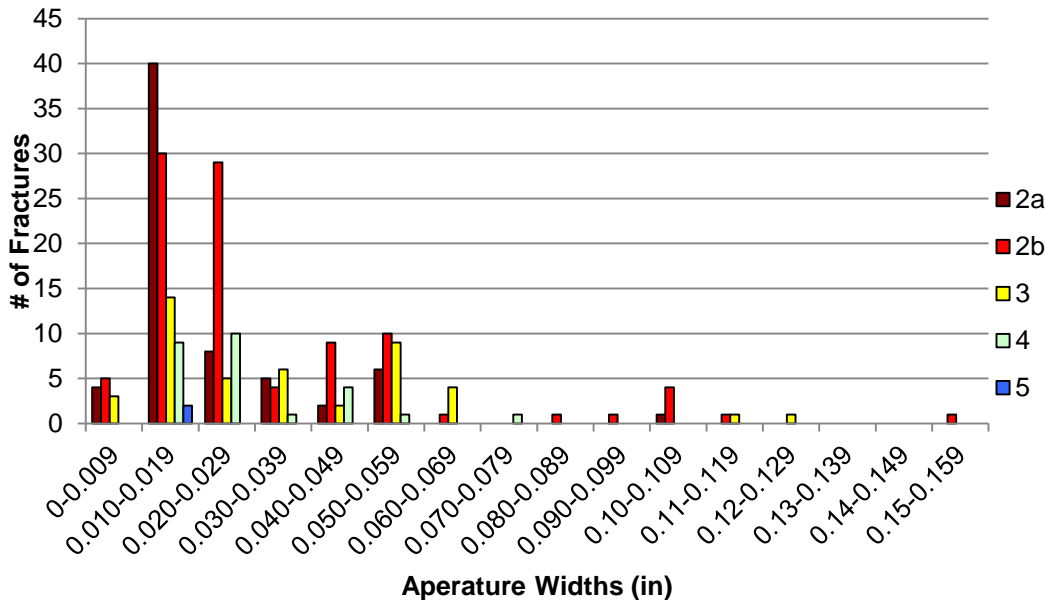
## Facies vs. Fracture Type (Normalized)



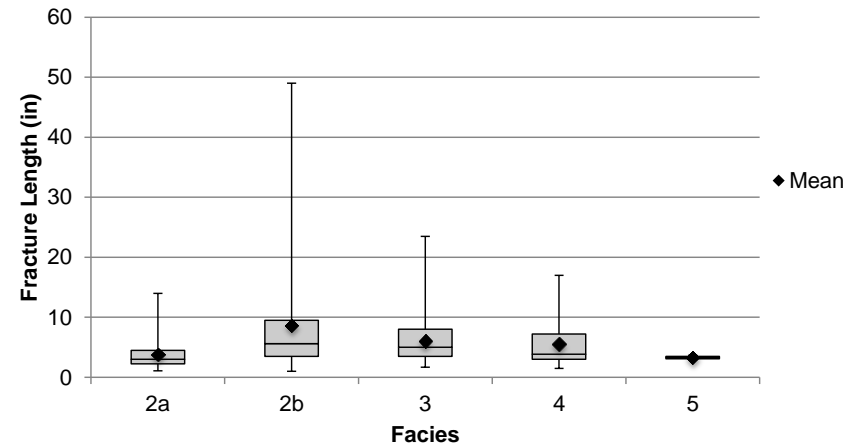
## Box Plot: Facies vs. Aperture Width



## Aperture Width Frequency per Facies



## Box Plot: Facies vs. Fracture Length



# Core Analyses

**Table 1: Powder XRD whole rock mineralogy for MSU core plugs and analogue outcrop test samples (semi-quantitative weight %)**

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PDF #'s listed for MDI Jade 9.0 Database

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24243_3296_40_A	68	Danielson 33-17	3296.4	93.4	97-008-7088	0	n/a	3.5	98-000-0090	3.1	98-000-0234	0	n/a
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24242_4120_50_A	44	Wallewein 22-1	4120.5	92.2	97-018-5046	0.7	97-004-0548	0.7	97-001-5876	6.4	97-015-1692	0	n/a
24242_4131_40_A	46	Wallewein 22-1	4131.4	98.6	97-003-1210	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	1.4	97-064-7410

**Table 2: Porosity and permeability for MSU whole core plugs**

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24243_3296_40_A	68	Danielson 33-17	3296.40	5.53	2.51	500	6.36	3.66	3.26
						1100	6.12	2.89	2.55
24243_3358_25_A	69	Danielson 33-17	3358.25	4.74	2.52	500	14.92	56.00	54.10
						1100	14.80	55.00	53.10
24243_3308_40_A	70	Danielson 33-17	3308.40	6.05	2.52	500	8.99	27.20	25.90
						1100	8.81	22.40	21.30
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						1100	9.51	3.12	2.75
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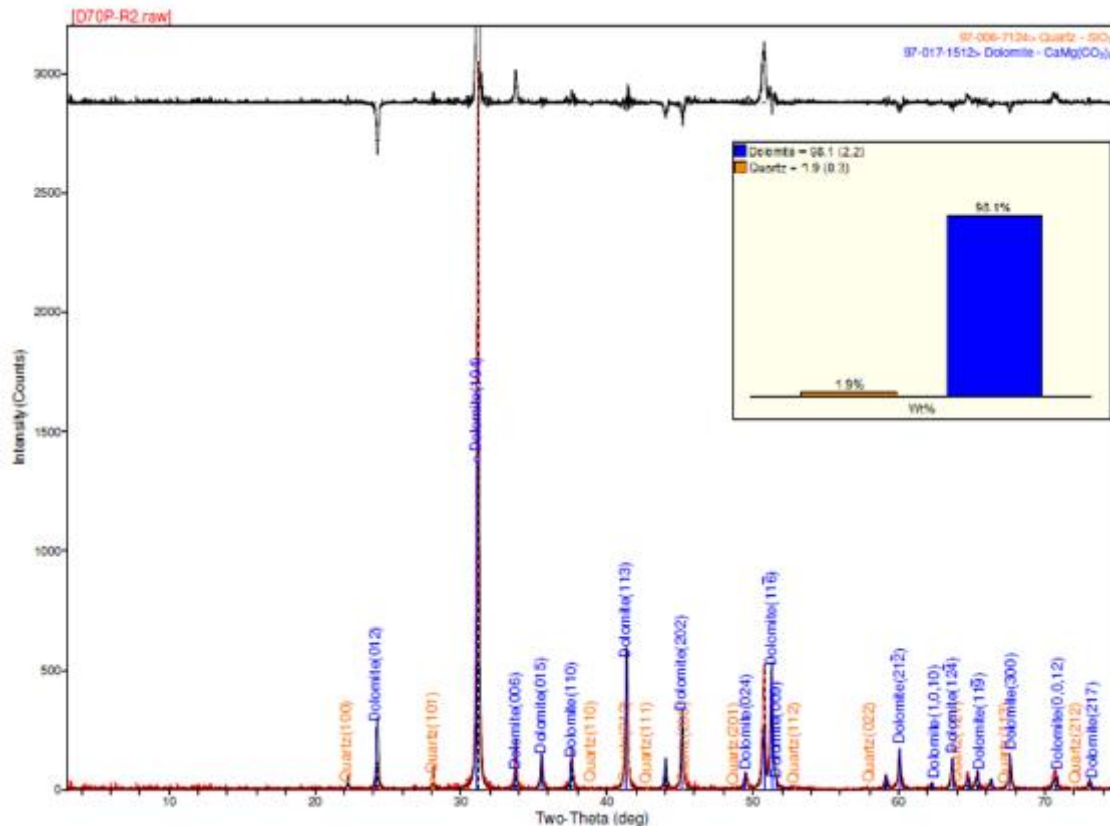
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92 – 98% Dolomite  
 0 – 5.6% Calcite  
 0 – 2% Quartz  
 0 – 3.5% Anhydrite  
 0 – 6.4 % Gypsum

# Heterogeneity and Porosity Characteristics of the Middle Duperow

Porosity

Permeability

Pore Type

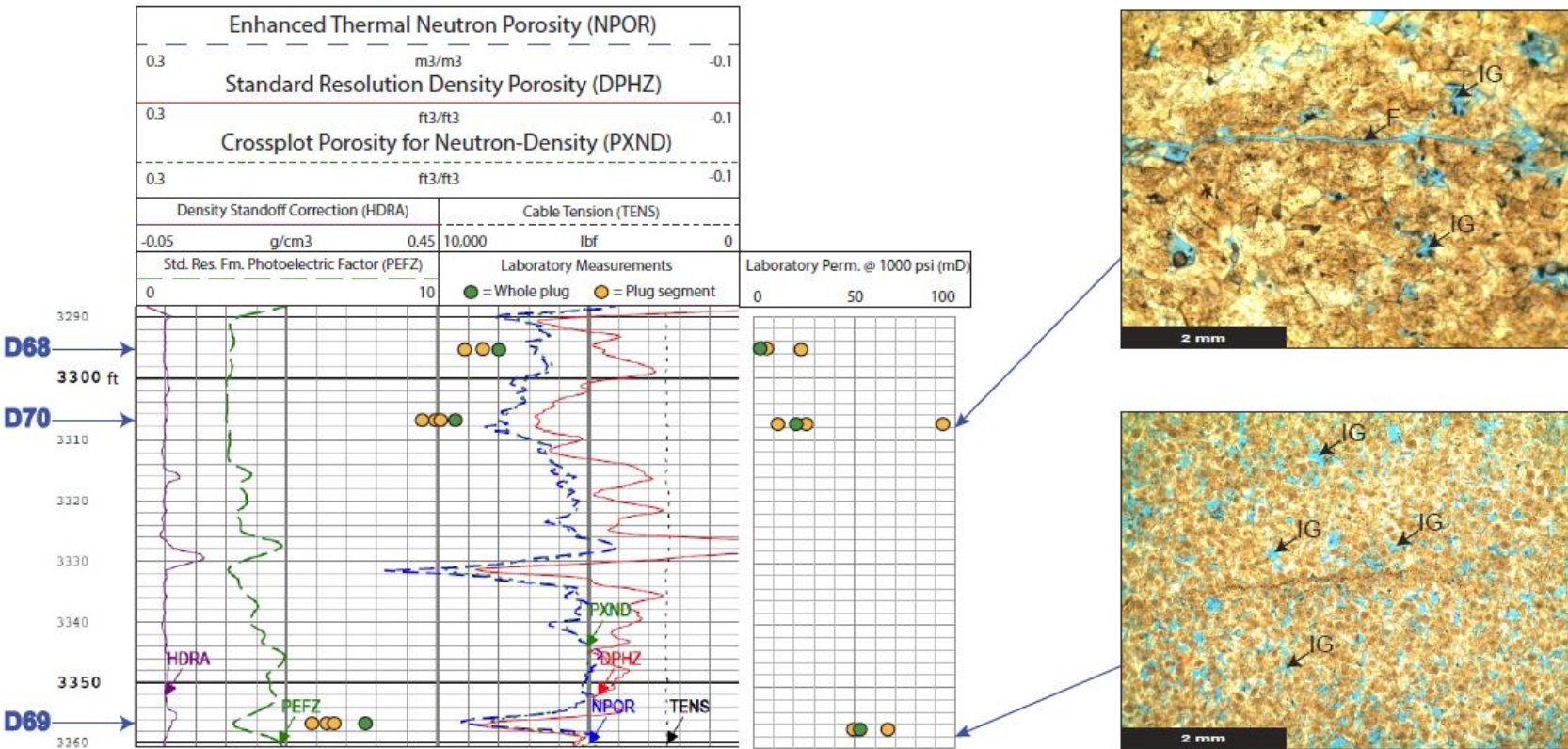
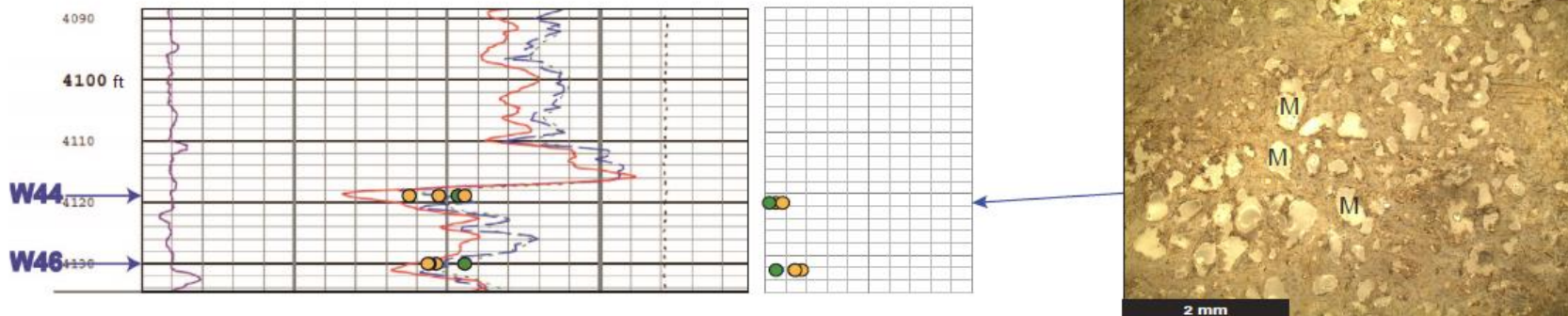


Figure b: Wallawein 22-1

M=moldic, IG= intergranular, F= fracture

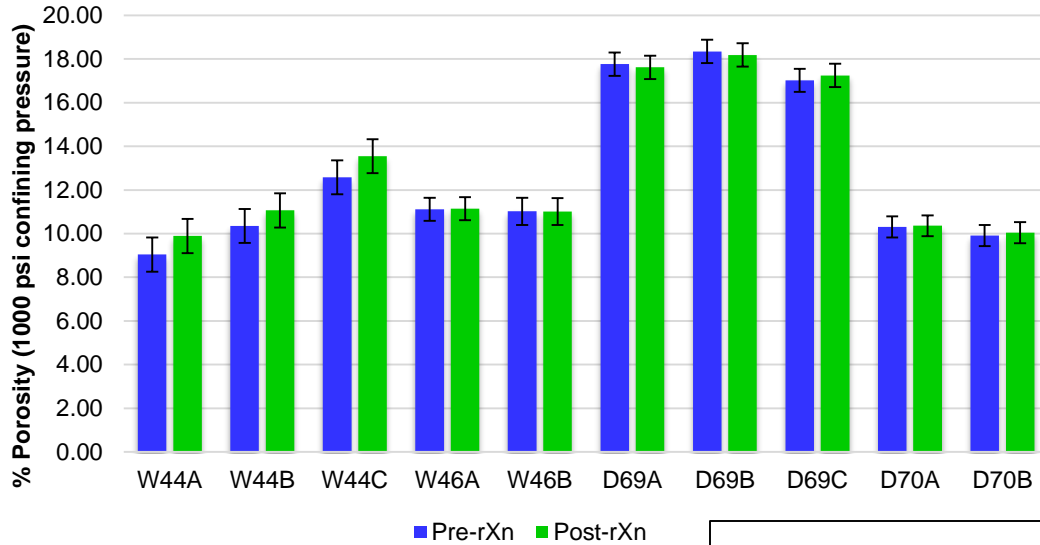


# Core Flood Experiments

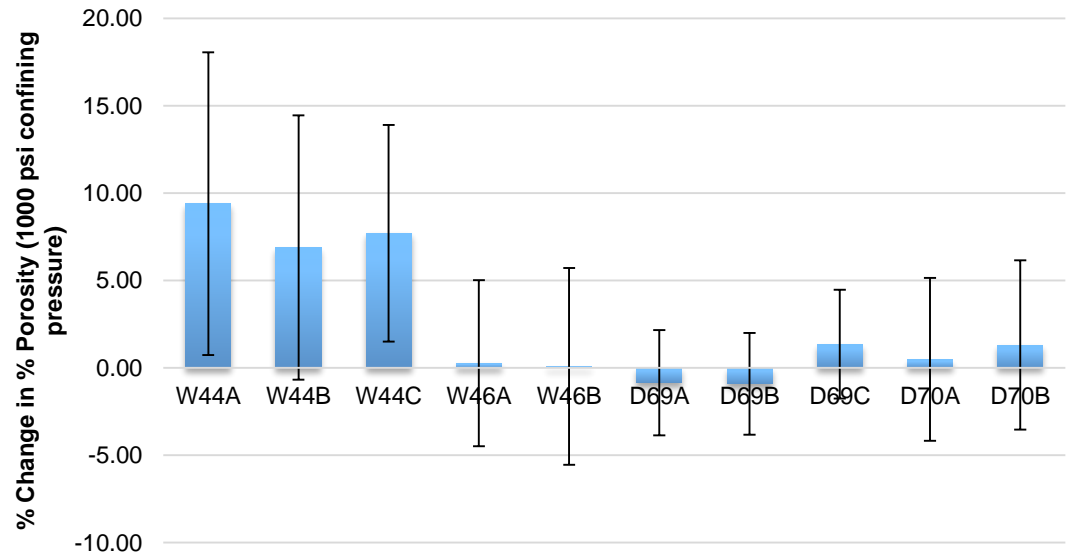
	Sample ID	Avg. pressure (psi)	Temperature (°C)	Brine/DI	Duration of N <sub>2</sub> exposure (days)	Duration of CO <sub>2</sub> exposure (days)
<b>Set 1</b>	D69A	1400	60	Brine	5	28
	D69B	1400	60	Brine	5	28
	D69C	1400	60	Brine	33	0
	W44A	1400	60	Brine	5	28
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	W46B	1400	60	Brine	5	28
	W46C	1400	60	Brine	33	0
<b>Set 2</b>	D70A	1400	60	DI	5	28
	D70B	1400	60	DI	5	28
	D70C	1400	60	DI	5+28 (not consecutive)	0
	D68A	1400	60	Brine	5	0

# Core Flood Experiments

## Segments A, B, and C Porosity



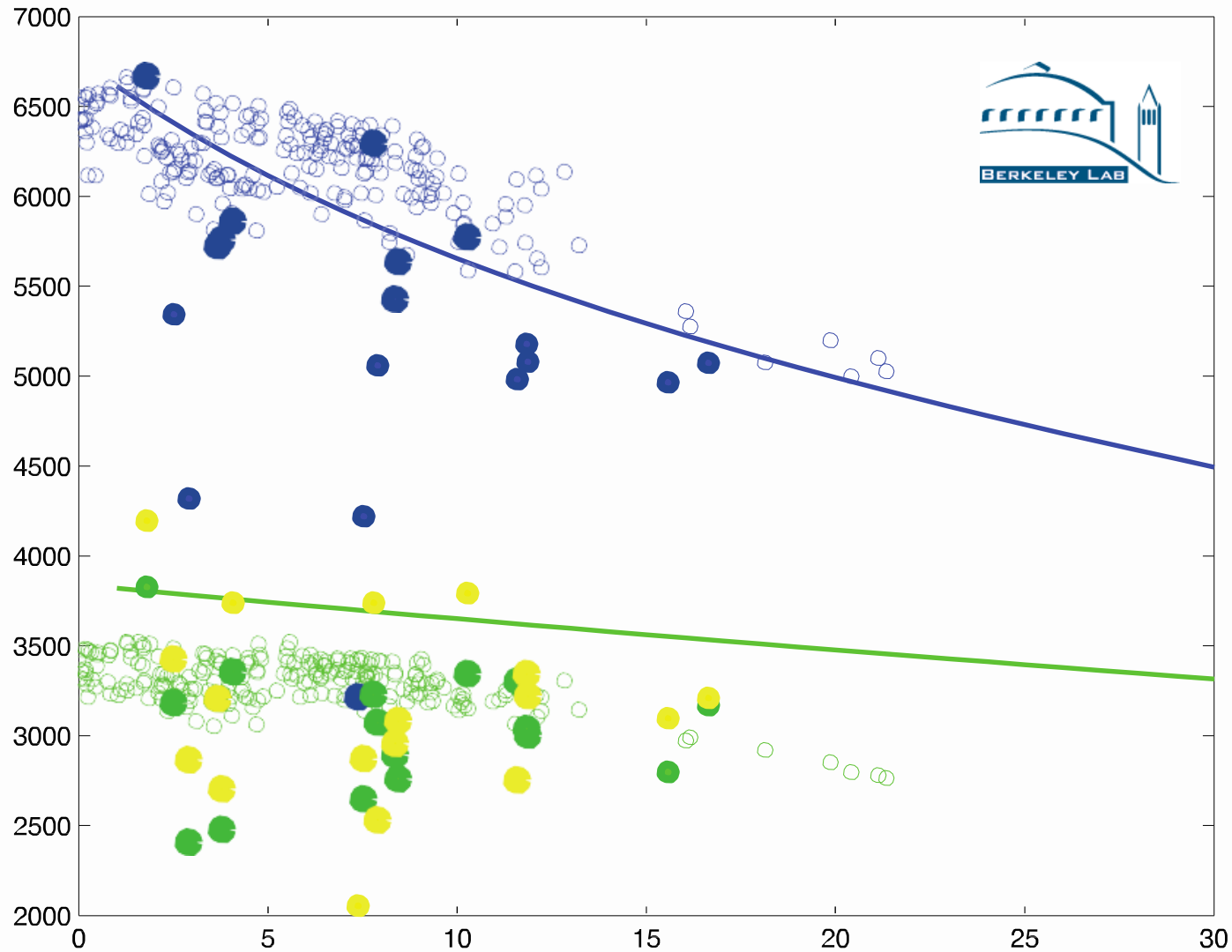
## Segments A, B, and C Porosity Change



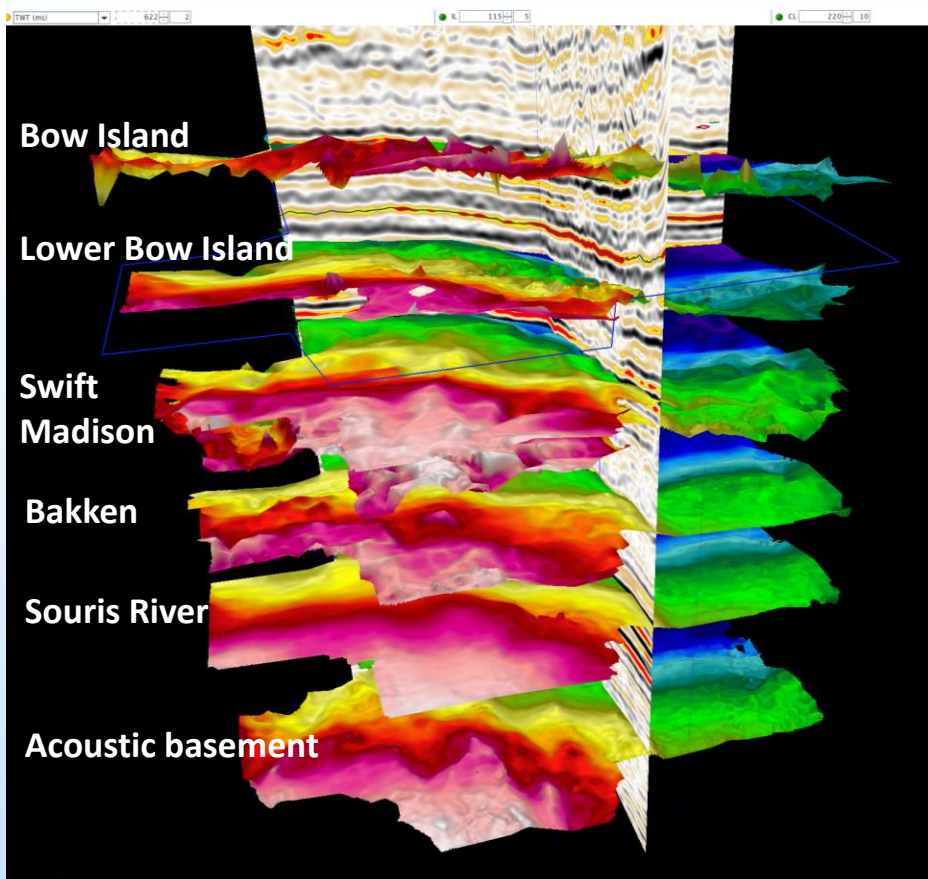


# Porosity Dependence of Ambient $V_p$ & $V_s$ for the Duperow Formation:

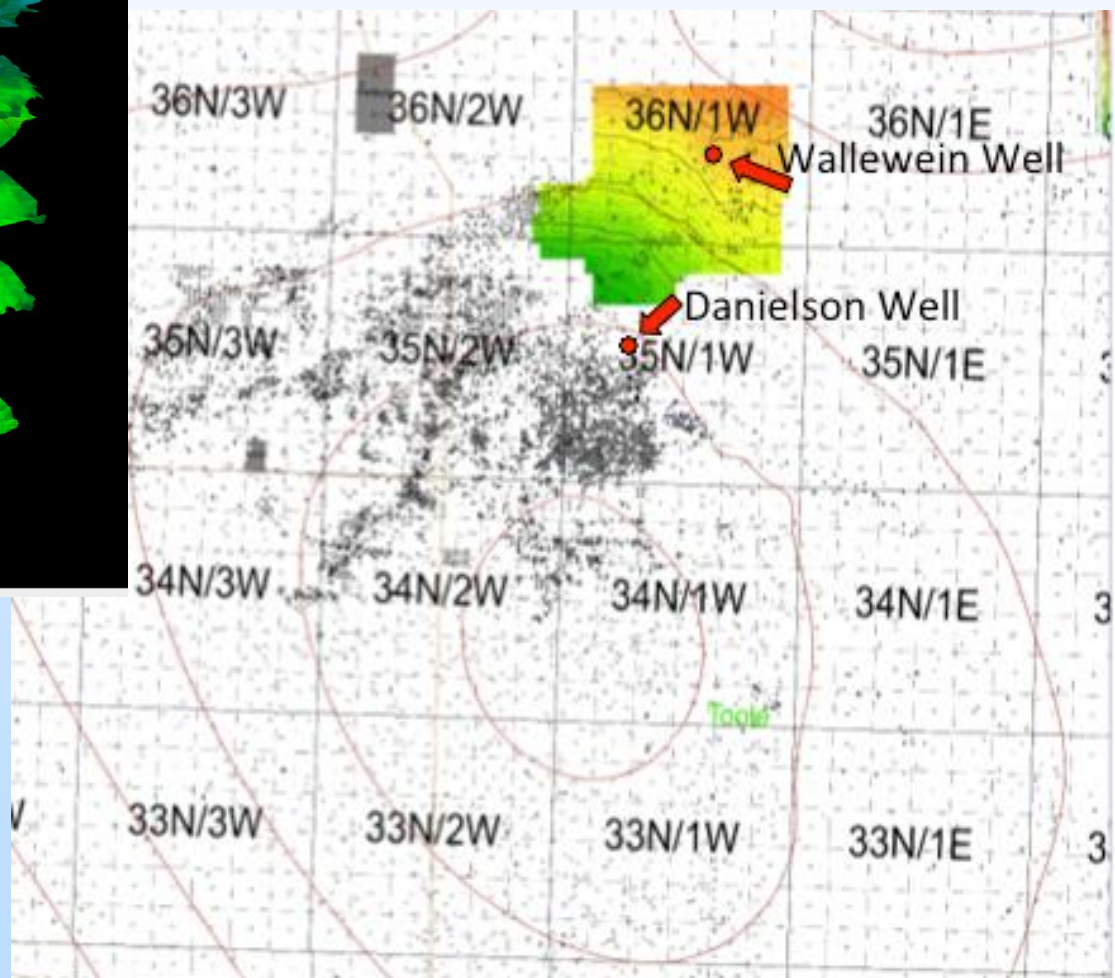
Ambient pressure  $V_p$  (solid blue) as well as  $V_s$  (solid yellow/green) compared to sonic log/neutron porosity crossplot (open symbols) and a carbonate effective medium theory based on a modified Kuster-Toksoz relation



# Seismic Structural Data



**Structure Top Duperow from Well Control and Structure Top Bakken Shale from Seismic**

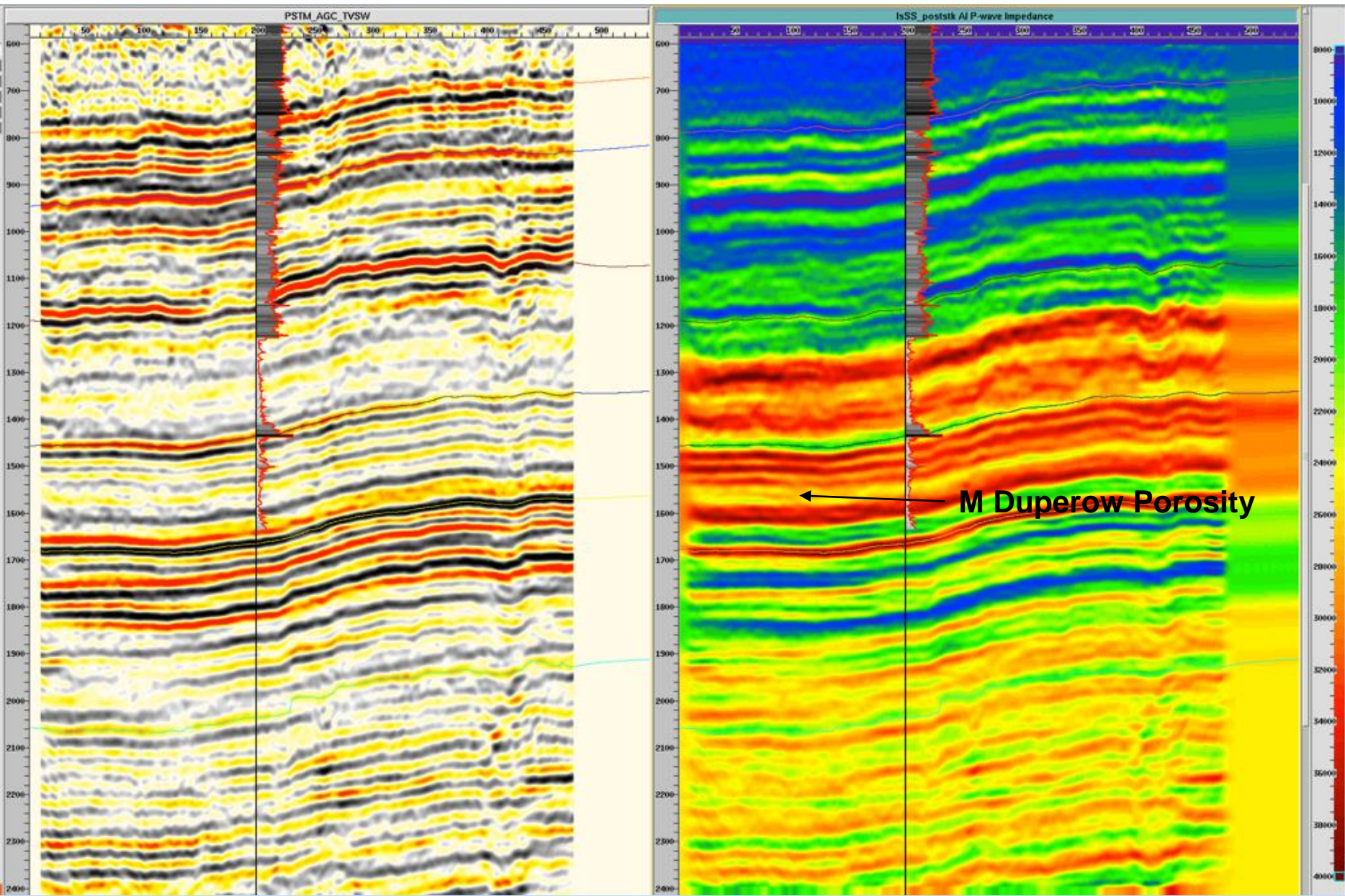


**Structural surfaces from Shear Wave (SH) Seismic BSCSP Kevin Dome**



# BSCSP Seismic Monitoring Program

## Poststack P and SH inversion IsSS with Wallewein GR



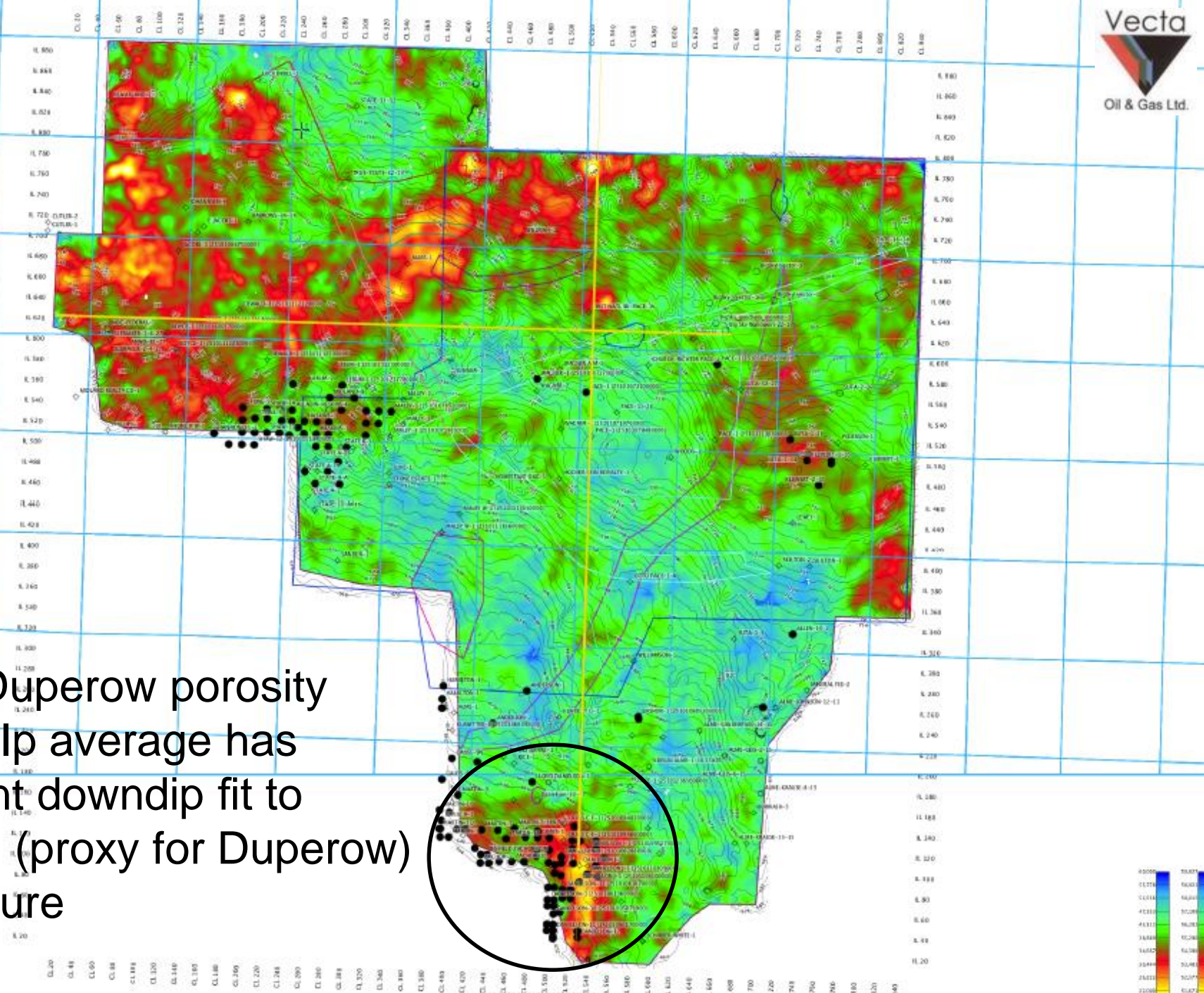
# BSCSP Seismic Monitoring Program

9C dataset has good to excellent P and SH signal useful for characterizing Middle Duperow porosity zones

- Well to seismic matches, particularly in paleozoic, are excellent on P and SH datasets
- Subtle NE-SW structural fabric points back at crest of Kevin dome throughout paleozoic section
- Joint inversion performance was good, as expected, and middle Duperow porosity zone is readily visible on both impedances
- Meaningful impedance variations are visible on joint inversion output at middle Duperow level



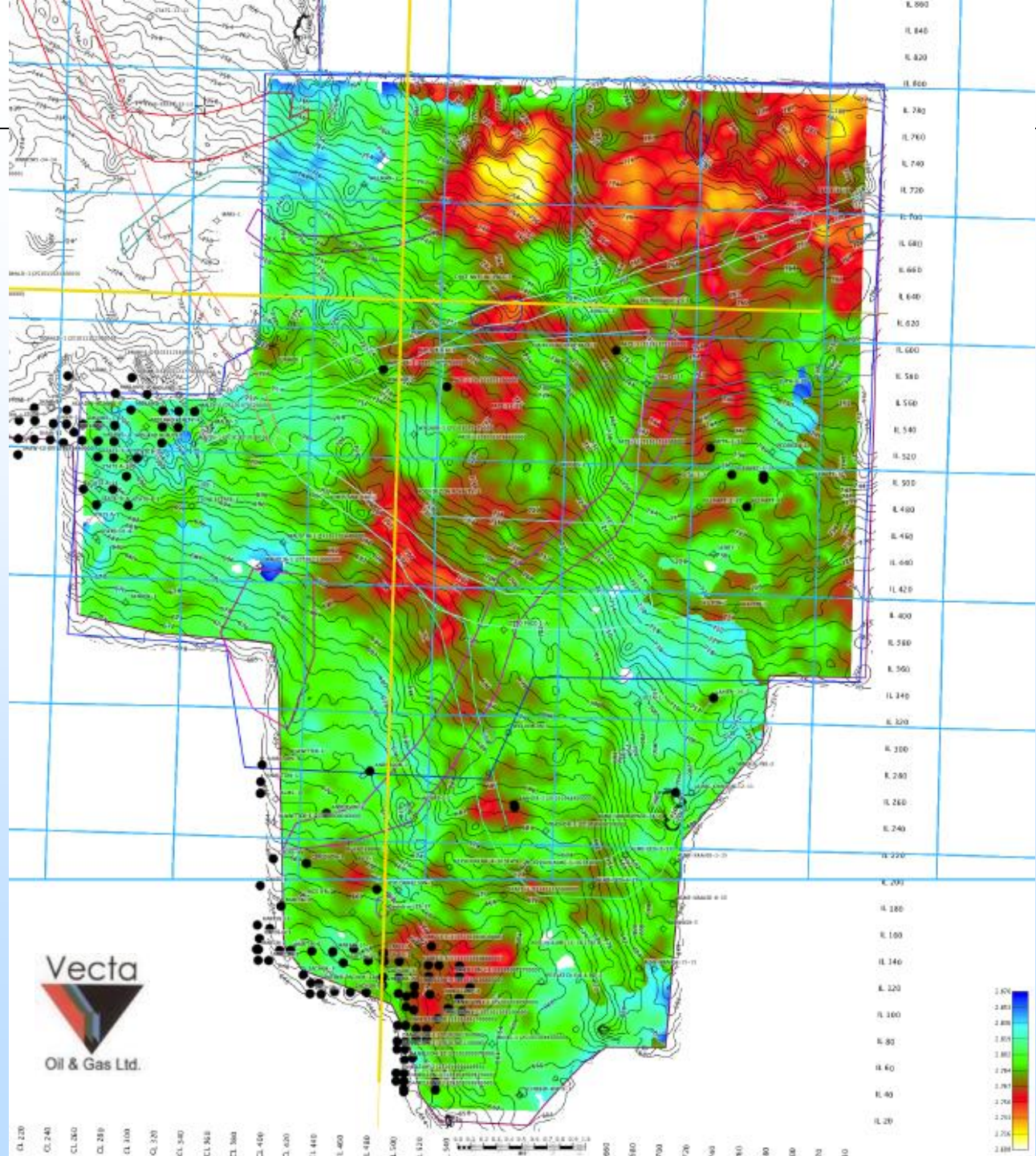
mid-Duperow porosity zone Ip average has decent downdip fit to Nisku (proxy for Duperow) structure



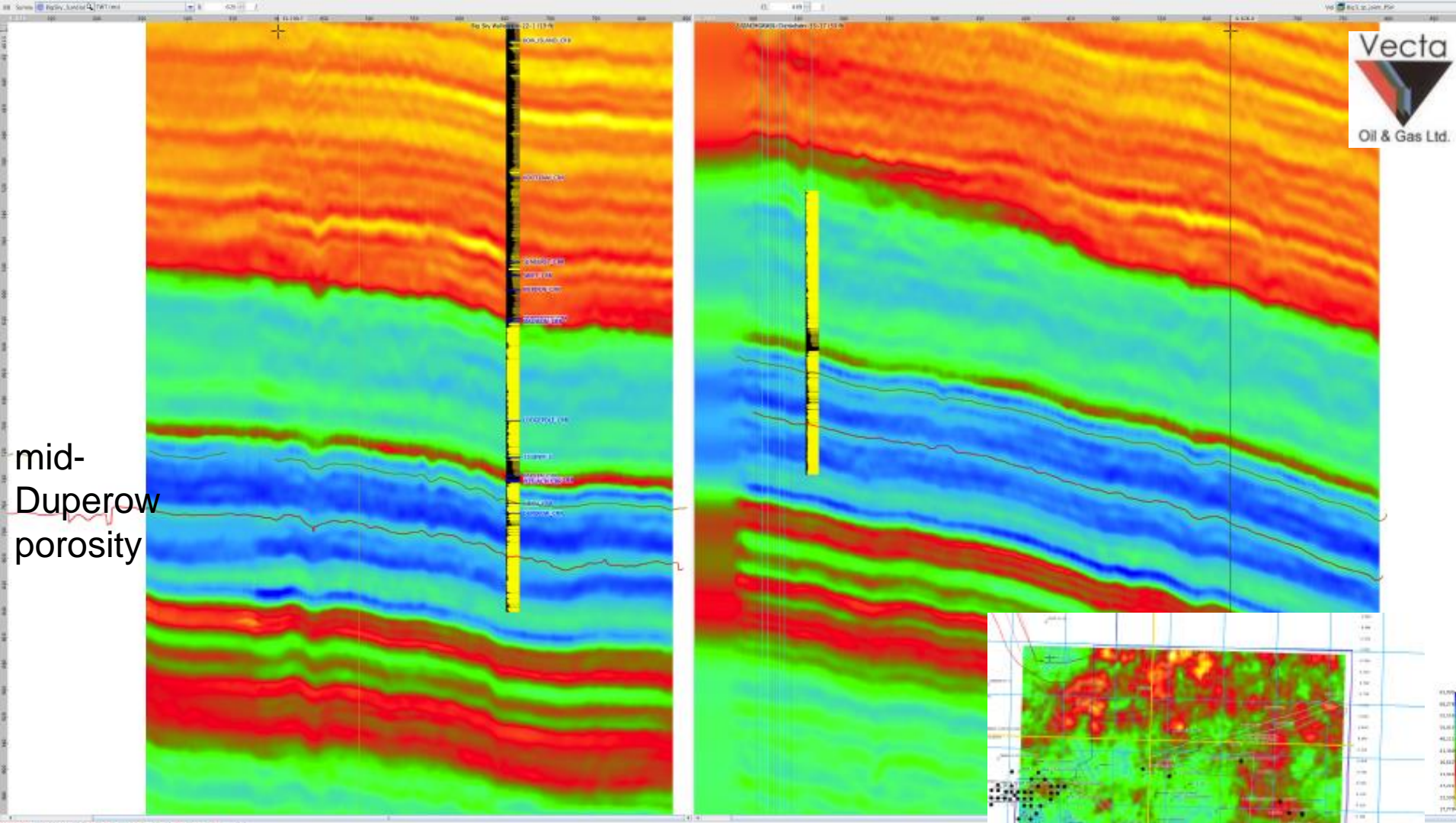


Mid-Duperow  $\rho$   
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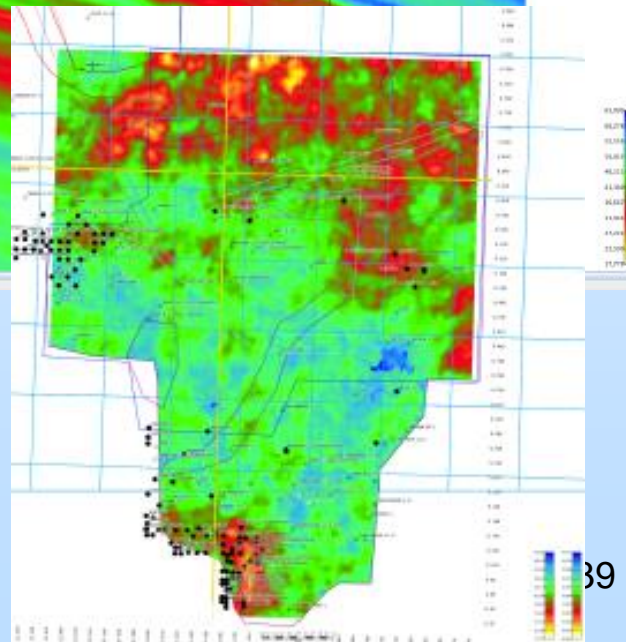






mid-Duperow porosity

Inline (left) and crossline (right) through Wallewein and Danielson wells; seismic is  $I_p$  from Vecta joint P/SH inversion; line locations shown on index map on left





# Dynamic reservoir characterization of Vacuum Field

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Time-lapse multicomponent seismic surveying enables dynamic reservoir characterization and the production of a dynamic reservoir model. This, in turn, assists in producing structured economic and technical decisions that will extend reservoir life and improve recovery while reducing risk and environmental impact.

This article briefly describes the

S-waves enable the discrimination of rock and fluid properties, their characteristics, and their changes over time.

When combined into time-lapse multicomponent (4-D, 3-C) seismology, the resulting method is a tool for volume resolution: i.e., it provides the ability to sense changes in the bulk rock/fluid properties of the

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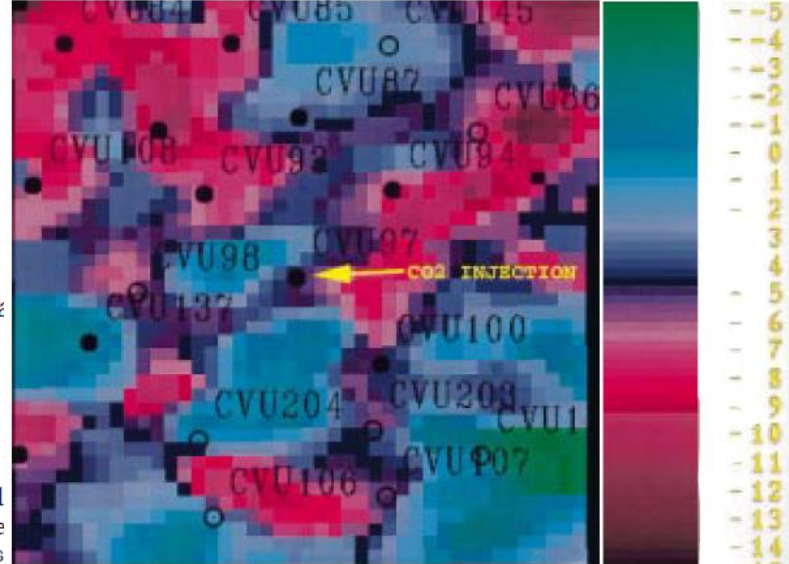


Figure 5. Velocity anisotropy map from the base 3-D, 3-C survey. The area and is a p south of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection shows values of near zero percent anisotropy, indicating vertical open fractures both parallel and perpendicular to the maximum horizontal stress field.

“The shear-waves responded to a change in pore aspect ratio or preferential opening of microfractures resulting from the injection of CO<sub>2</sub>. The faster shear-wave (S1) velocity was attenuated less with the resulting change in low-aspect ratio crack porosity.”

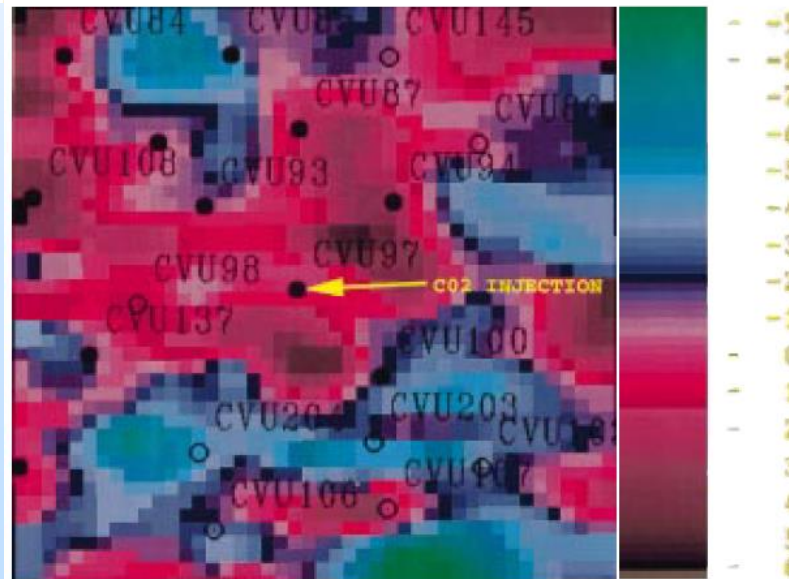


Figure 6. Velocity anisotropy map from the repeat 3-D, 3-C survey. The zone of zero percent anisotropy from the base survey is now showing 6% positive anisotropy, indicating a higher density of vertical open fractures parallel to the maximum horizontal stress direction or stiffening of the frame due to viscosity and/or saturation change of the fluid and a reduction in bulk density.



# Modeling

## Static Geologic Model

- Three domain sizes (Regional, Dome, Production / Injection)

## Multiphase Flow Modeling For CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

- Sensitivity Analysis
  - Three rock parameters (different  $k$ ,  $\Phi$ )
  - Two injection rates (constant, stepped)
- Multiple Interacting Continua modeling to account for both fracture and matrix permeability

## Multiphase Flow – Production

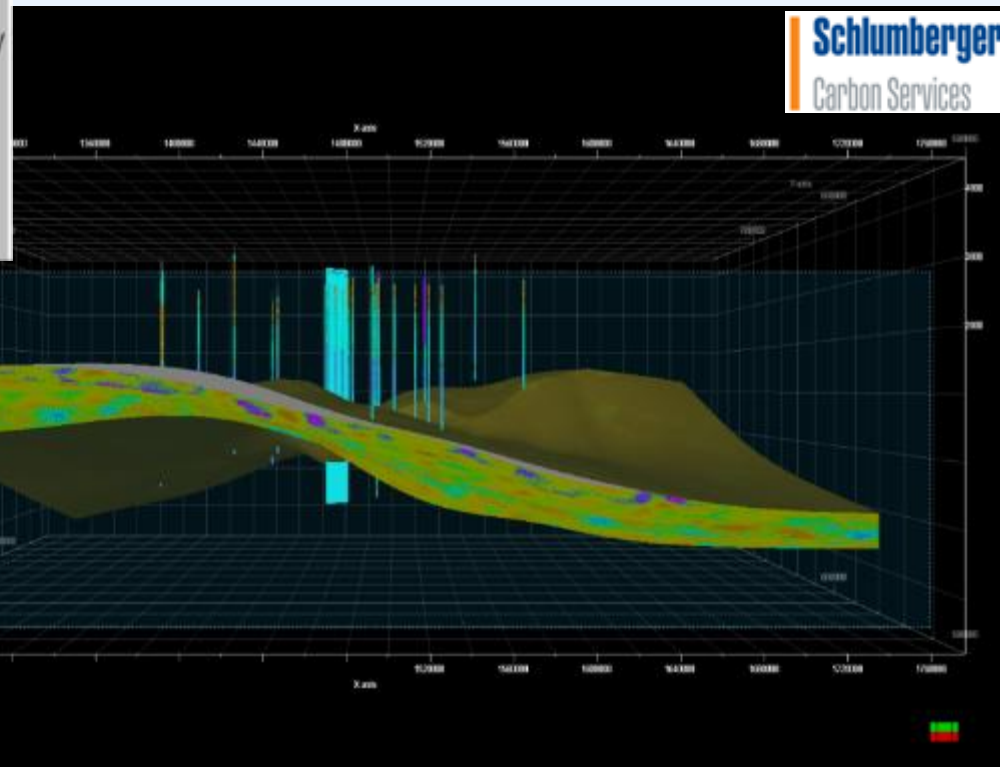
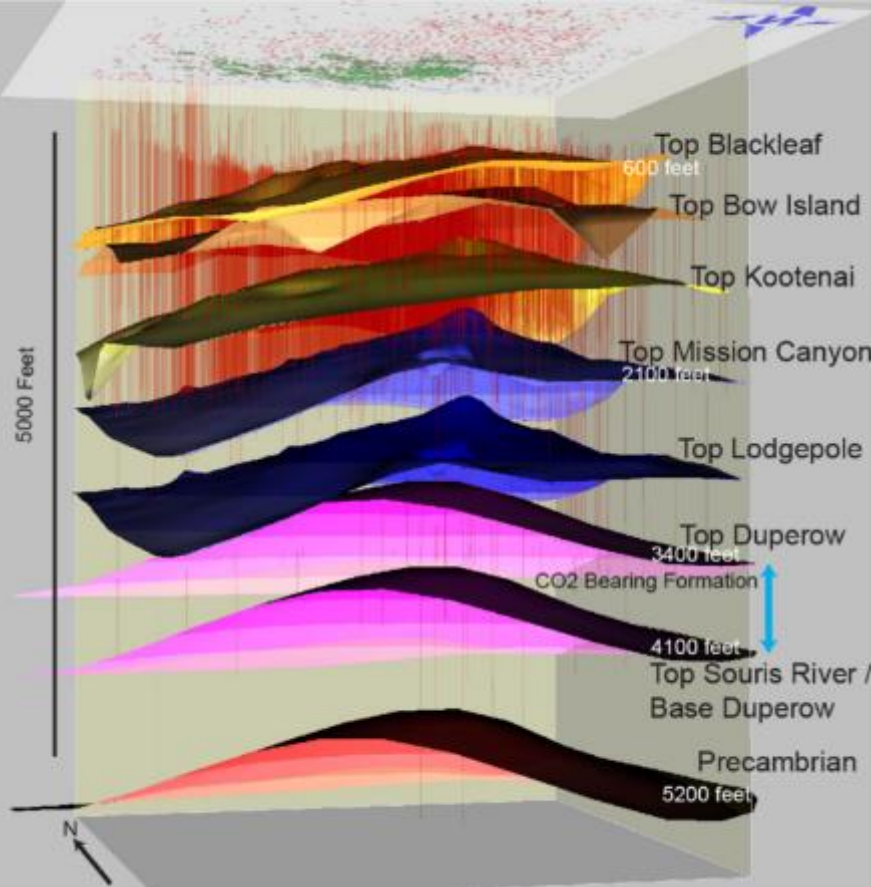
- Sensitivity Analysis
  - Three Gas-water contact heights
  - Pressure effects at multiple distances as a function of production rate / duration

## Geochemical & Reactive Transport Modeling

## Risk Modeling

# Static Model

Petra – Works with IHS well log database. Use ~1000 wells to pick formation tops. Good for structural information. Export info to Petrel.

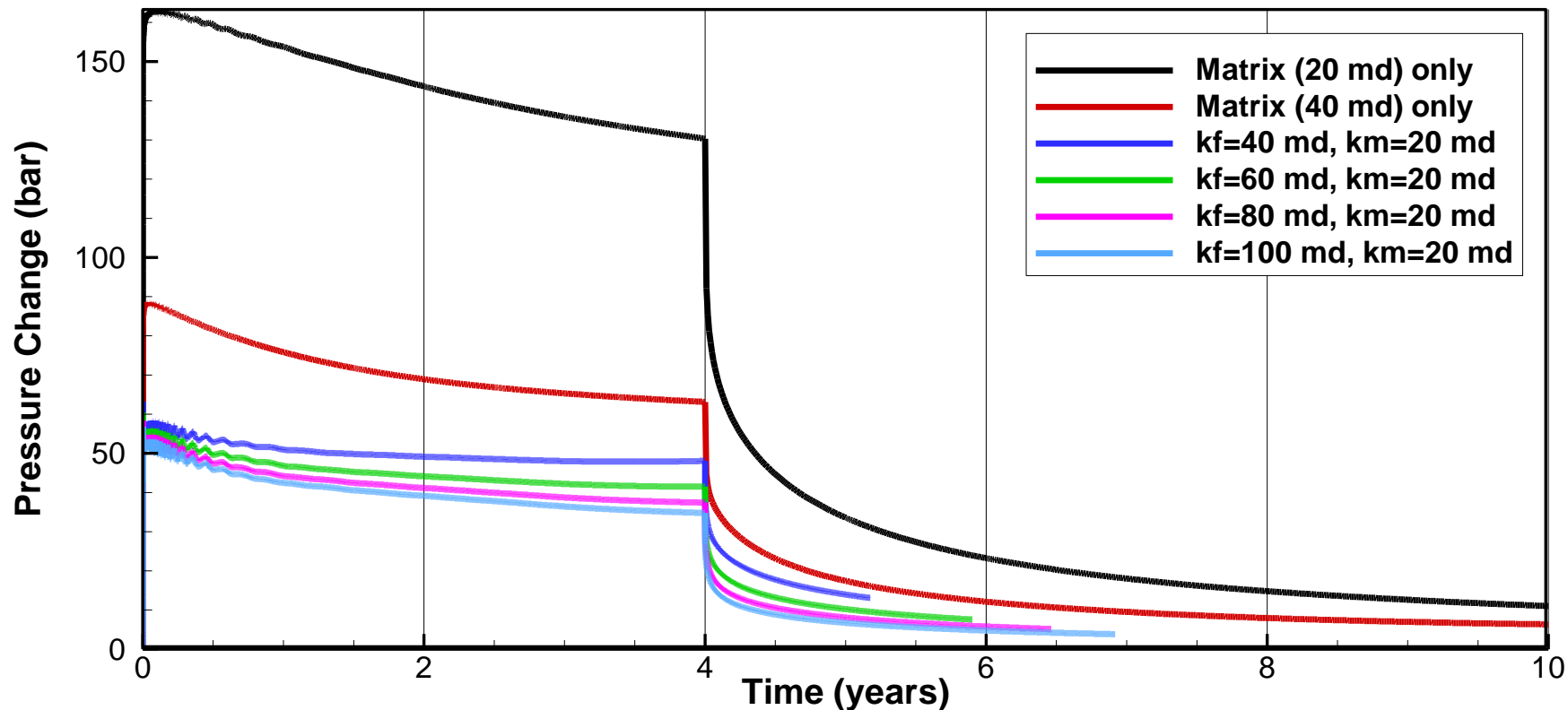


Petrel – Incorporate logs, petrophysical properties (18 wells in injection zone), existing 2D seismic and BSCSP acquired 3D seismic. Export cellular model info for flow modeling.

The cores extracted from both wells and the step-rate injection tests at the monitoring well showed that the target production/injection formation, the Middle Duperow, is highly fractured in its high-porosity zone.

- 2D radial MINC TOUGH2 model, with one fracture continuum and four matrix continua, with volumetric fraction of 0.01, 0.05, 0.20, 0.34, and 0.40, and porosity of 1.0, 0.15, 0.10, 0.10, and 0.08, respectively;
- In this model, global fracture-fracture connections, global matrix-matrix connections, and local fracture-matrix connections are considered;
- Four fracture permeability ( $K_f$ ) parameters are considered;
- Fracture spacing of the high-porosity layer of the Middle Duperow is based on core fracture mapping and FMI logging, and fracture aperture or fracture permeability is based on the step-rate injection test analysis and sensitivity analysis;
- The matrix permeability ( $K_m$ ) is based on the effective permeability derived from the step-rate injection tests, while matrix porosity is based on core measurements;

# MINC Simulated Pressure Buildup ( $\Delta P$ )



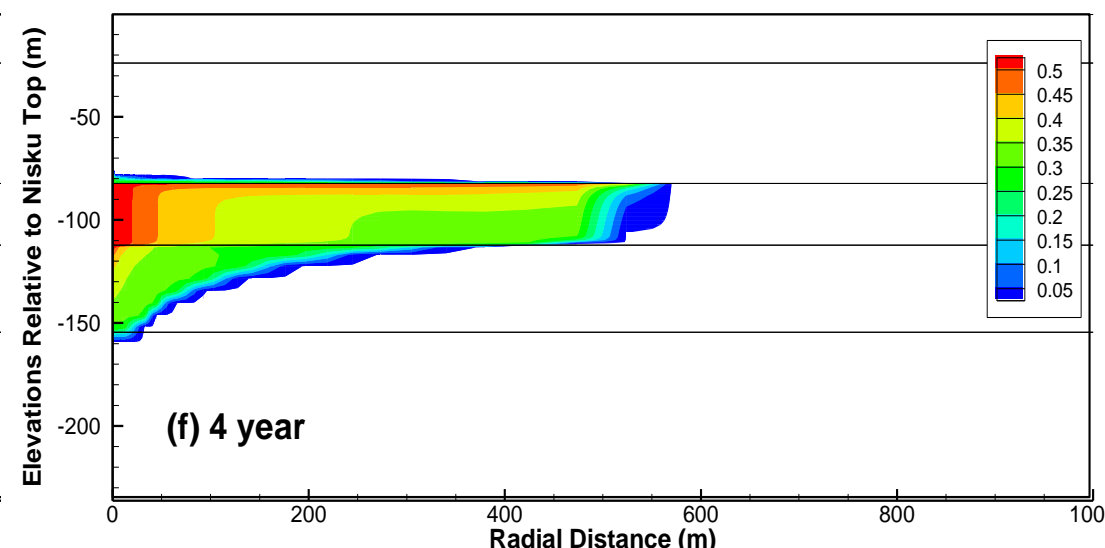
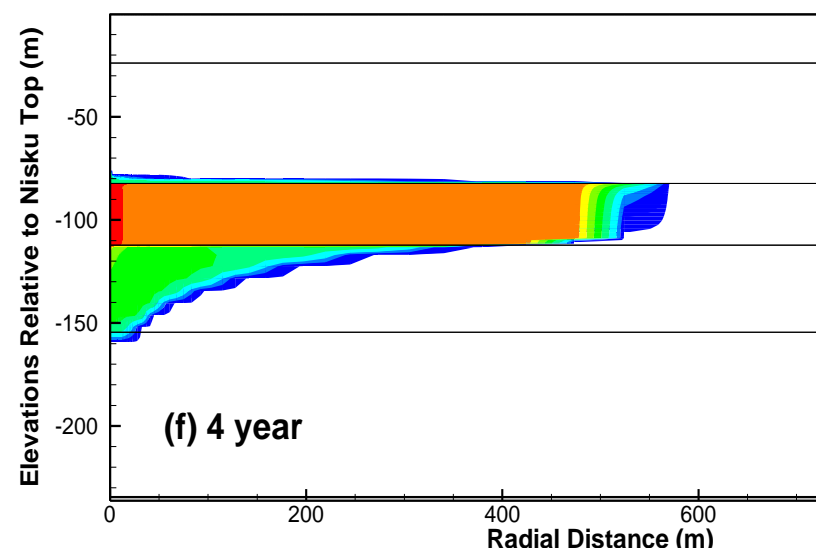
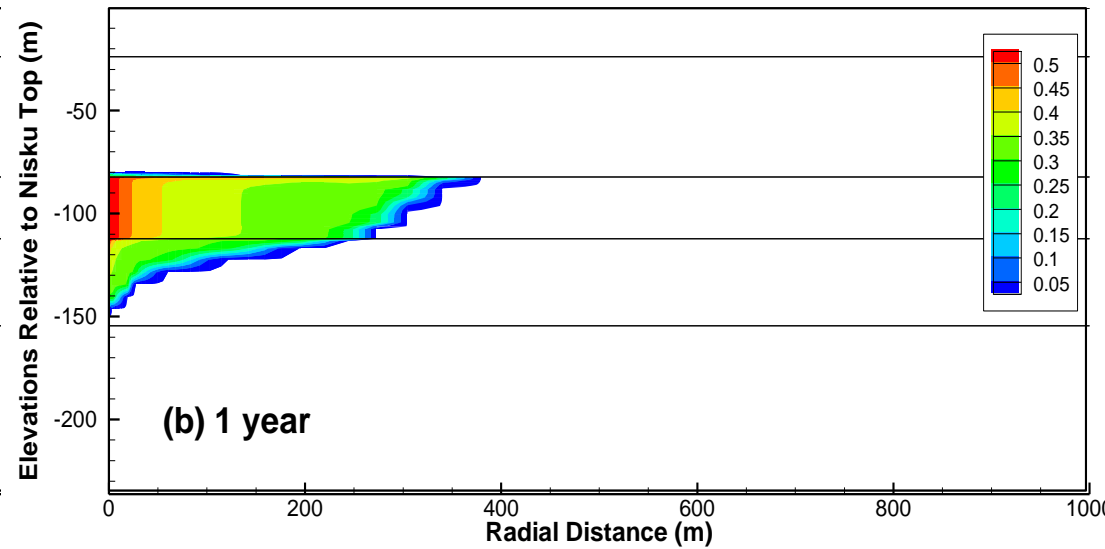
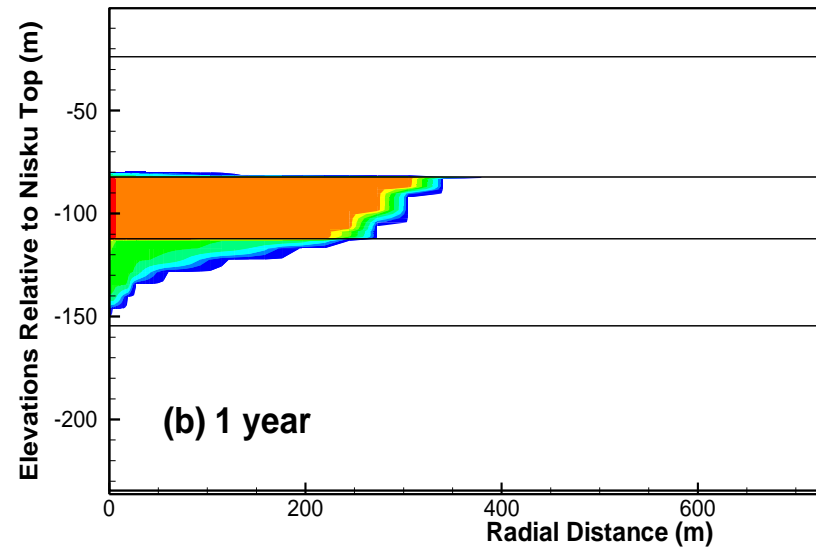
Simulated bottomhole injection  $\Delta P$ , as a function of time in 6 cases

# MINC Simulated CO<sub>2</sub> Plumes



## Fracture

## Matrix





# MINC Simulation results



Site-specific data show the Middle Duperow injection target is highly fractured. We developed a MINC model for a 2D radial TOUGH2 model, with one fracture continuum and four matrix continua.

- The site-specific data used in the model includes matrix porosity from core measurements, matrix permeability from the step-rate injection test, fracture spacing from core images, and fracture permeability through different sensitivity cases;
- The injection rate is constant at 250,000 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> /yr over four years;
- The simulated bottomhole injection pressure indicates that the fractured Middle Duperow has sufficient injectivity because fractures significantly lower injection pressure in comparison to matrix only cases;
- The majority of injected CO<sub>2</sub> is stored in the rock matrix because of the strong fracture-matrix interactions of CO<sub>2</sub> flow;
- The benefits of **enhanced injectivity** and sufficient **storage efficiency** in fractured rock can be attributed to the high mobility of CO<sub>2</sub> flow in fractures, with high CO<sub>2</sub> saturation and thus relative permeability, and to the strong fracture-matrix interaction of CO<sub>2</sub> flow.

# Key Points

- Seismic indicates that structure conforms to the original mapping and no major faults are present in the injection area.
- Modern log suites from the production area and injection area demonstrate rock units in the reservoir intervals are very continuous and correlate extremely well over 7 miles.
- Core and log data indicate very good reservoir properties consistent over large regions.
- Natural fracturing is present but is bedding constrained and confined to the reservoir interval.
- Core from the Potlatch Anhydrite and the Upper Duperow caprock demonstrate the mechanical integrity of both intervals.

# Wallewein (Injection Region) Well Data

## Wallewein 22-1 Duperow Samples

### Sample Info

Well ID	MSU Sample ID	Depth Range	Date Collected	TDS (ppm)
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 3, Sample 1	4185-4190	December 22, 2014	<b>6420</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 3, Sample 2	4185-4190	December 22, 2014	<b>6120</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 3, Sample 4	4185-4190	December 22, 2014	<b>2815</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 3, Sample 5	4185-4190	December 22, 2014	<b>5350</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 3, Sample 6	4185-4190	December 22, 2014	<b>7010</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 1	4040-4057	January 9, 2015	<b>11000</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 2	4040-4057	January 9, 2015	<b>6692</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 3	4040-4057	January 9, 2015	<b>9200</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 4	4040-4057	October 15, 2015	<b>8510</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 4a	4040-4057	October 15, 2015	<b>10200</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 5	4040-4057	October 22, 2015	<b>7250</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 5a	4040-4057	October 22, 2015	<b>8750</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 6	4040-4057	October 27, 2015	<b>7160</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 6a	4040-4057	October 27, 2015	<b>8780</b>
Wallewein 22-1	Zone 5, Sample 7	4040-4057	October 27, 2015	<b>7190</b>

# Synergy Opportunities

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- We want to maximize benefit of work done to date
- We are willing to share data and samples for studies different than what our partners already have planned
- Contact us if you are interested in collaborating
- Stacey Fairweather 406-994-5742
- There may be a brief vetting process

# Summary

- Well tests and core indicate dual permeability
- Modeling and well tests indicate fractures contribute strongly to overall permeability
- Modeling suggests very good injectivity
- Tests indicate very good mechanical properties for the caprock
- Joint inversion using shear wave seismic looks promising for imaging the Duperow porosity zone
- TDS in the middle Duperow is too low to get a UIC Class VI permit (even though high levels of H<sub>2</sub>S are present)



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- SWCA Environmental Consultants
- Vecta Oil and Gas, Ltd.
- Washington State University

# Accomplishments to Date

## Regional Characterization

- Contributions to Carbon Atlas
- Evaluating EOR opportunities

## Outreach

- Multiple community meetings, individual landowner meetings, website, newsletters, etc.
- Significant interest in collaboration

## Permitting

- NEPA EA complete
- Landowner permits in place
- Permit database tool

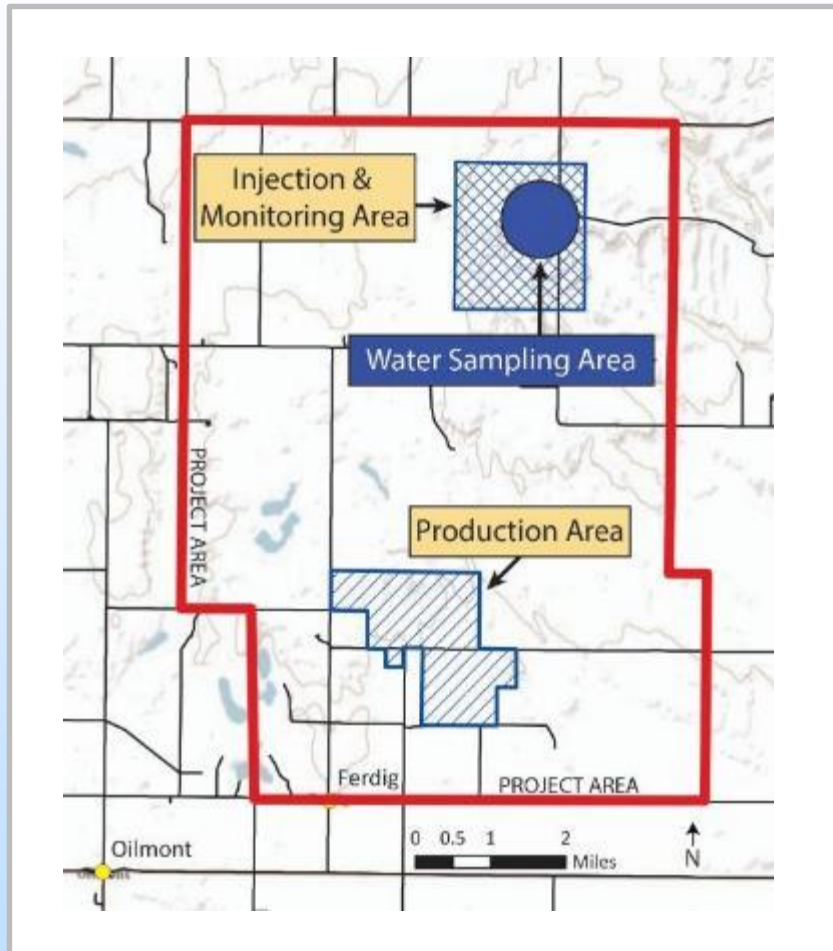
## Risk Management

- FEPS & Scenarios complete
- Database created
- Preliminary probabilistic modeling performed

## Site Characterization

- Kevin Atlas created with surface and subsurface data incorporated
- Over 32 sq. mi. 3D, 9C seismic shot
- Static geologic model created
  - Hundreds of wells for tops, 32 logs digitized for geophysical parameters, 2D seismic, 3D, 9C seismic
- Initial flow modeling performed
  - Injection & production regions, sensitivity analysis, reactive transport
- First two wells drilled
  - Core acquired, analyzed
  - Logs acquired
  - Seismic being tied to wells
  - Well tests performed
- Baseline assurance monitoring initiated
  - Three water sampling campaigns
  - Soil flux (chambers, eddy covariance)
  - Hyperspectral Imaging flight
  - LIDAR

# Assurance Monitoring - Establishing a Baseline Before CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

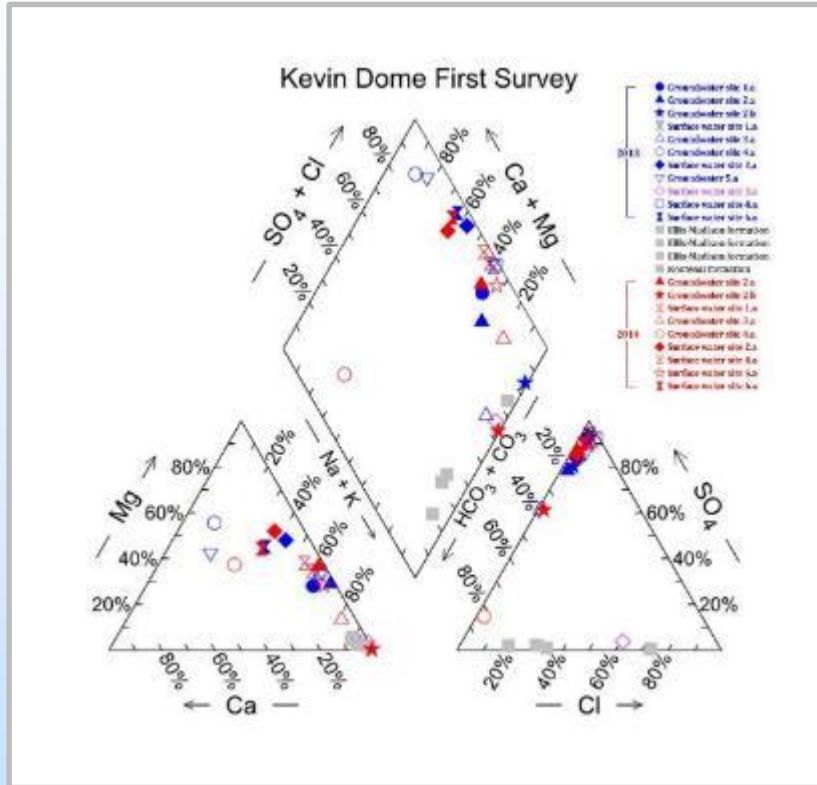


- Water chemistry
- Water quality
- CO<sub>2</sub> soil flux
- Imaging of vegetation
- Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>

# SAMPLING OF SHALLOW WELLS AND SURFACE WATERS

Samples collected Oct. 2013 and May 2014 from 6 wells and 6 surface waters in a 1.5 mile radius of the proposed injection well site.

## General Water Chemistry



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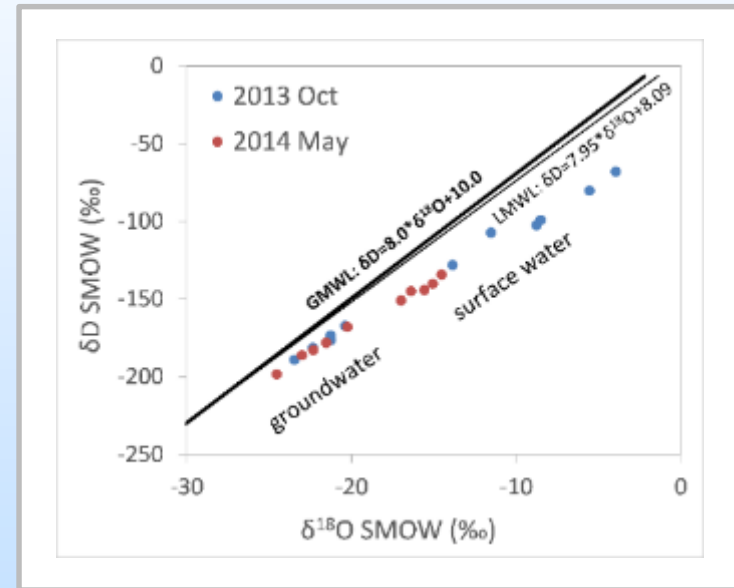
- Most common ions are sodium (Na), sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>), and chloride (Cl)
- Chemically consistent with geology of the area
- Significant seasonal variability

## Tracers

Establish a baseline for introduced (SF<sub>6</sub>, SF<sub>5</sub>CF<sub>5</sub>, PFC's, <sup>14</sup>C) and natural (noble gases, H and O isotopes, <sup>13</sup>C) tracers.

RESULTS: Very low levels of SF<sub>6</sub>, SF<sub>5</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, PFC's measured (mostly below the detection limit)

## H and O Isotopic Data



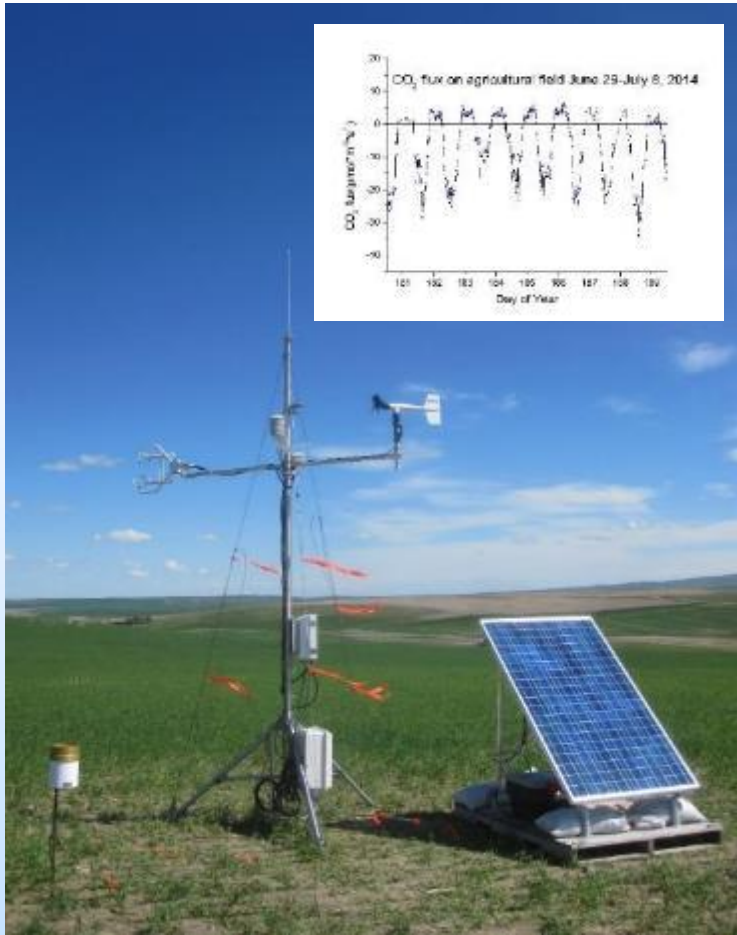
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

$\delta^2\text{H}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values are slightly below the global meteoric water line (GMWL) and the local meteoric water line (LMWL)



# EDDY COVARIANCE

# SOIL CO<sub>2</sub> FLUX SURVEY



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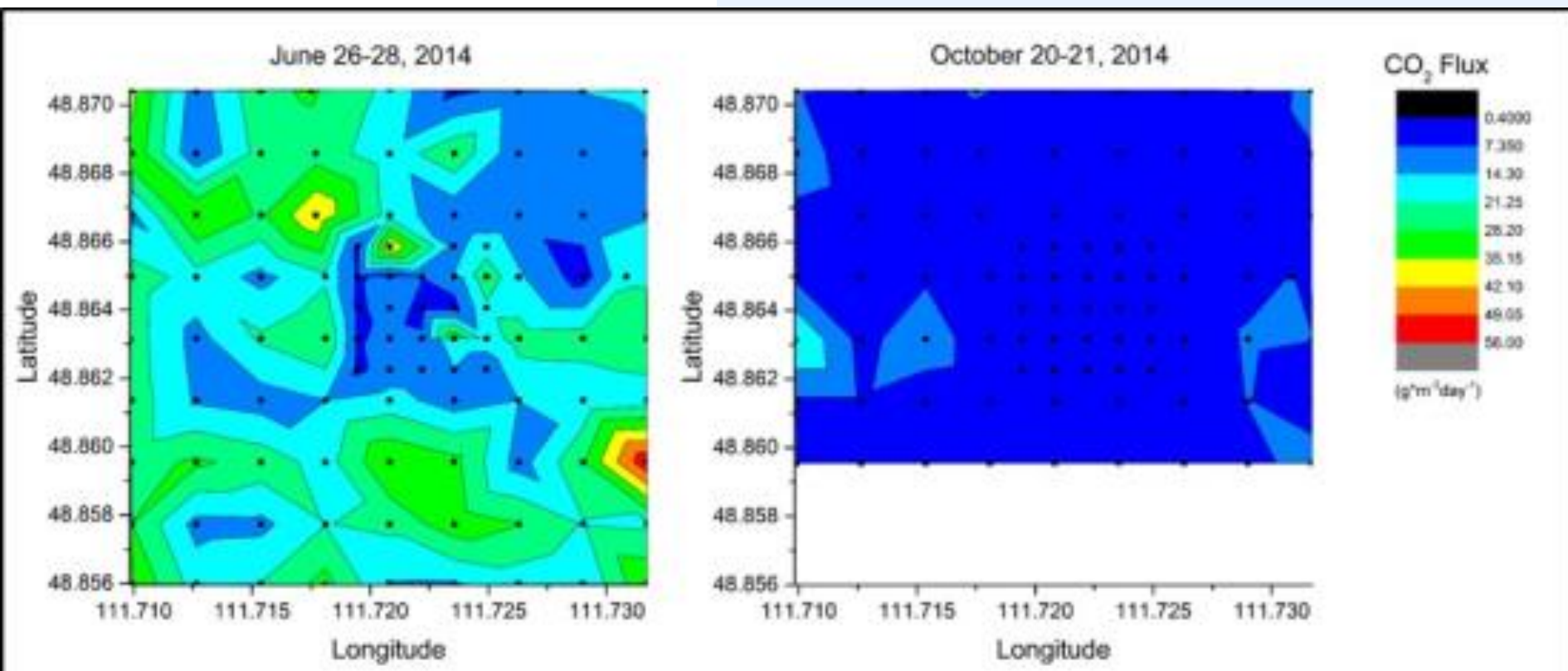
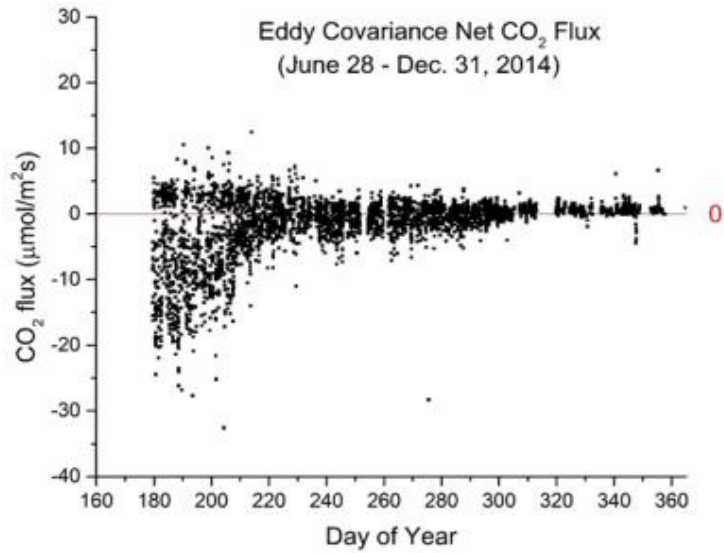
- Installed June 2014
- Data so far consistent with field in agricultural use



MSU

- Portable accumulation chamber
- Survey done June 26-28, 2014
- 102-point grid covering 1 square mile centered on proposed injection site
- Values typical of soil under this type of land use

# Eddy Covariance & Soil Flux





# HYPERSPECTRAL IMAGING



The hyperspectral imaging system mounted in a Cessna 172 for flight based monitoring. Spectral reflectance between 400 and 1100 nm for each pixel of a digital image is collected.



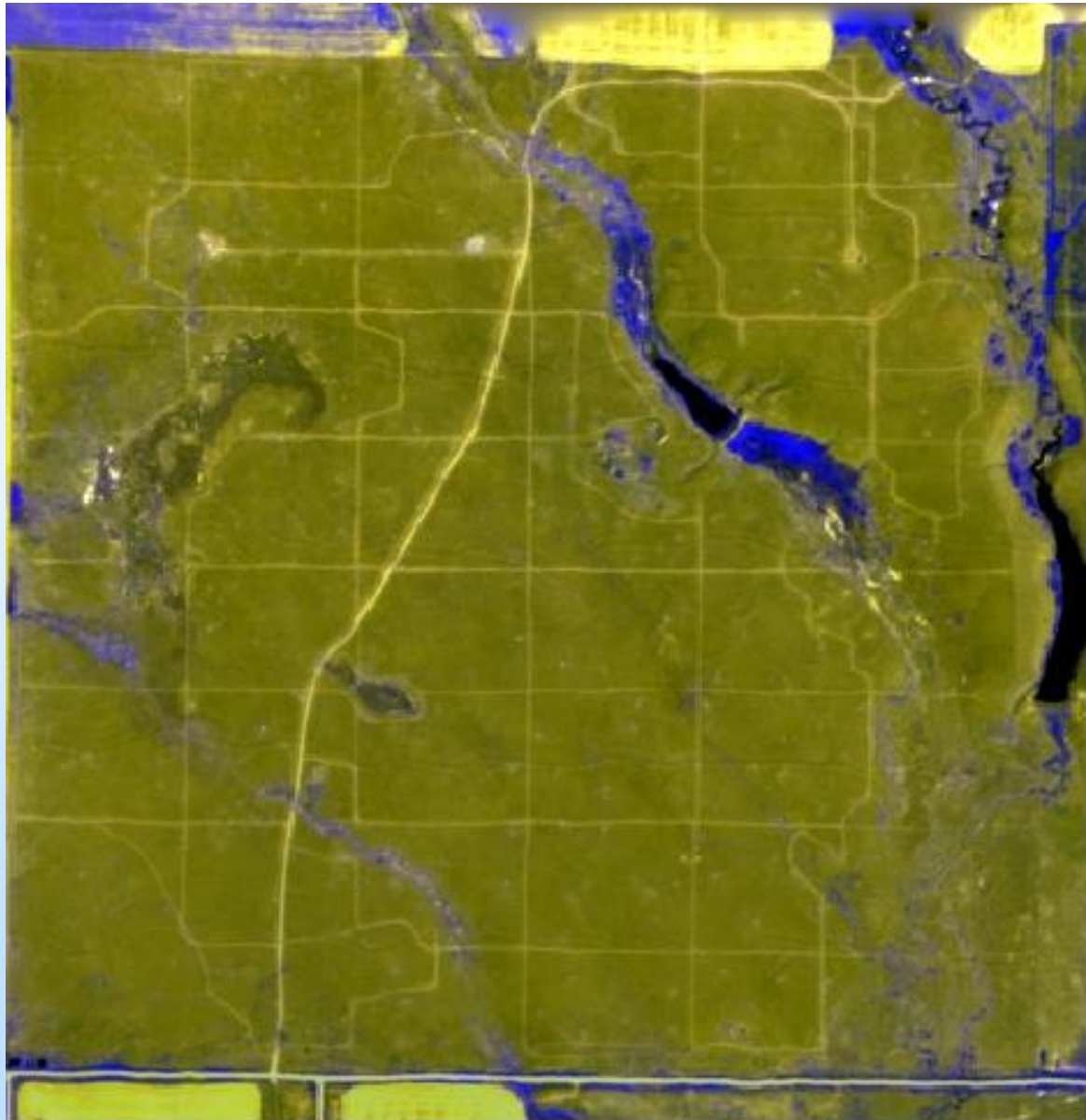
The flight plan for monitoring the production well area, pipeline area, and injection well area.

Three color images of two flight paths on June 24, 2014. Initial geo-rectification using the Inertial Measurement Unit was conducted and further improvements to the geo-rectification will utilize ground based GPS data.

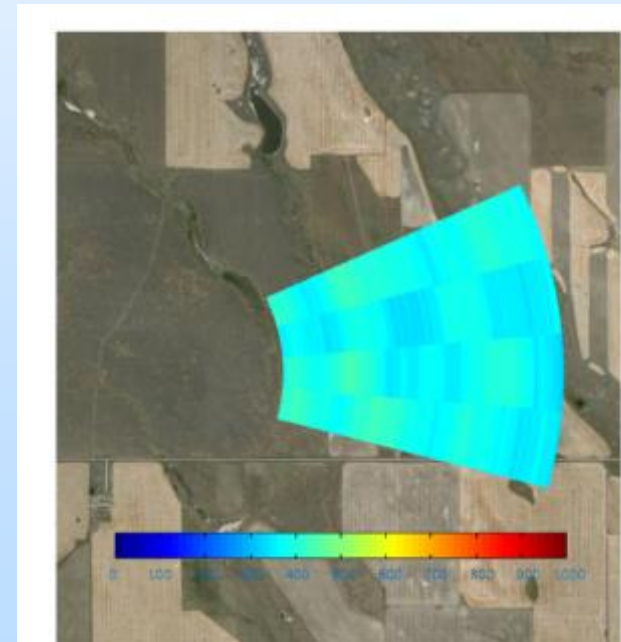
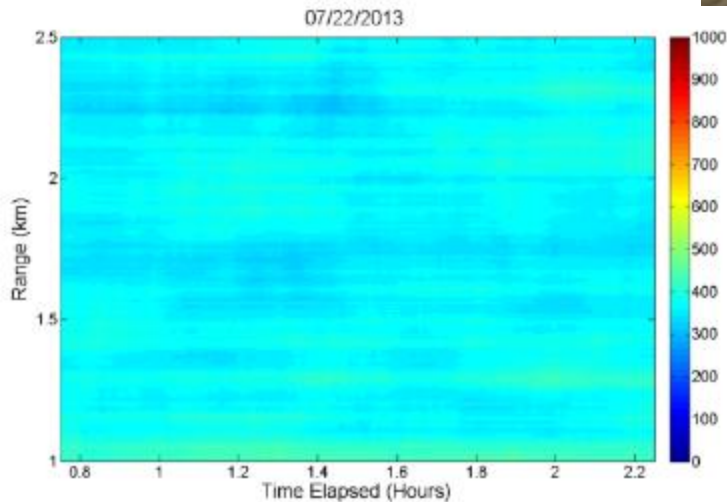
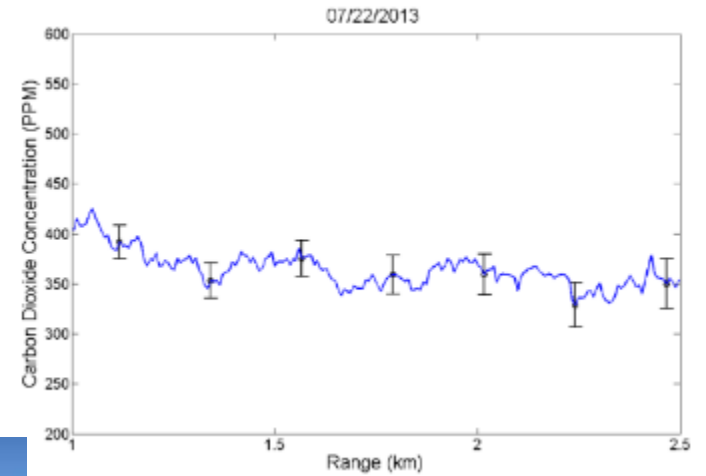
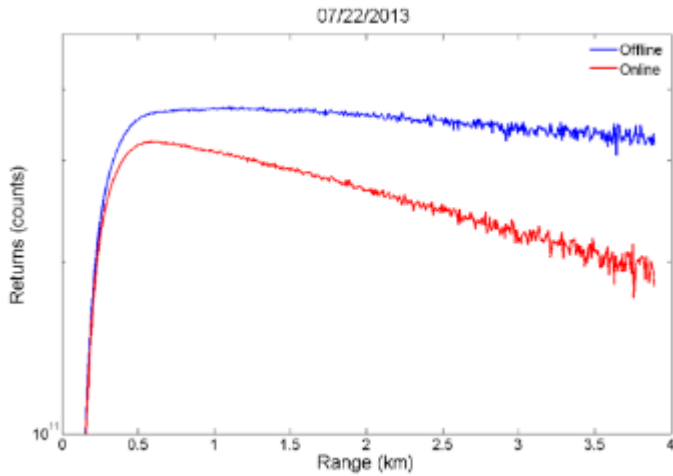


# Hyperspectral Imaging

**Seismic tracks  
evident in  
hyperspectral  
data when no  
evidence on  
the ground  
was visible**



# LIDAR (TESTED IN 2013 IN PRODUCTION AREA)



# Synergy Opportunities

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- Stiff, thin reservoir zone could be good for studying geomechanical effects
- Danielson well has CO<sub>2</sub> and water present – an opportunity to investigate corrosion issues, wellbore sealing with both fluids present
- GroundMetrics has performed background EM measurements at site

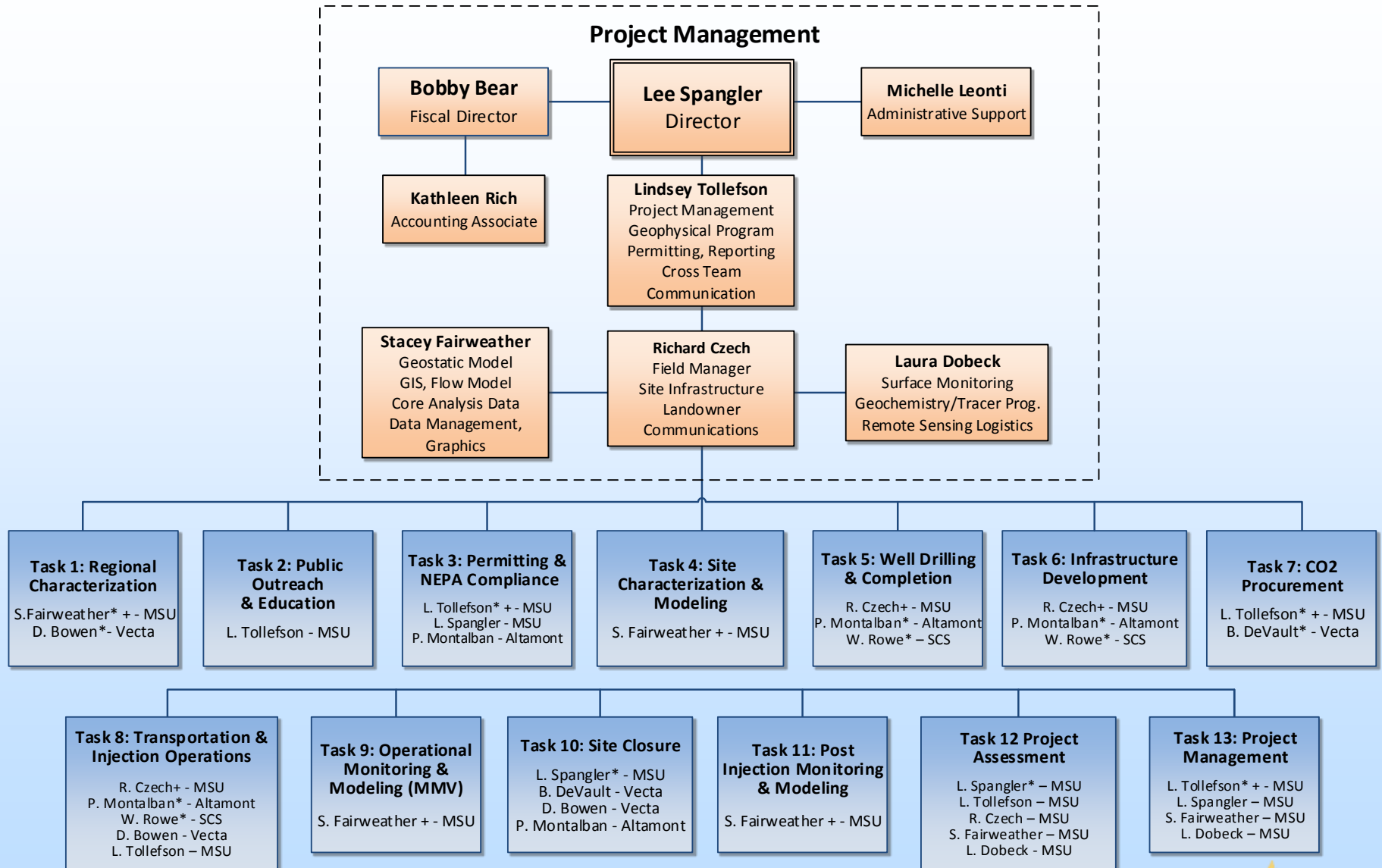
# Appendix

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- These slides will not be discussed during the presentation, **but are mandatory**



# Organization Chart: Management



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