

# Evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration potential in deep saline Ozark Plateau Aquifer System (OPAS) in south-central KS - *depleted oil fields and the deep saline Arbuckle aquifer*

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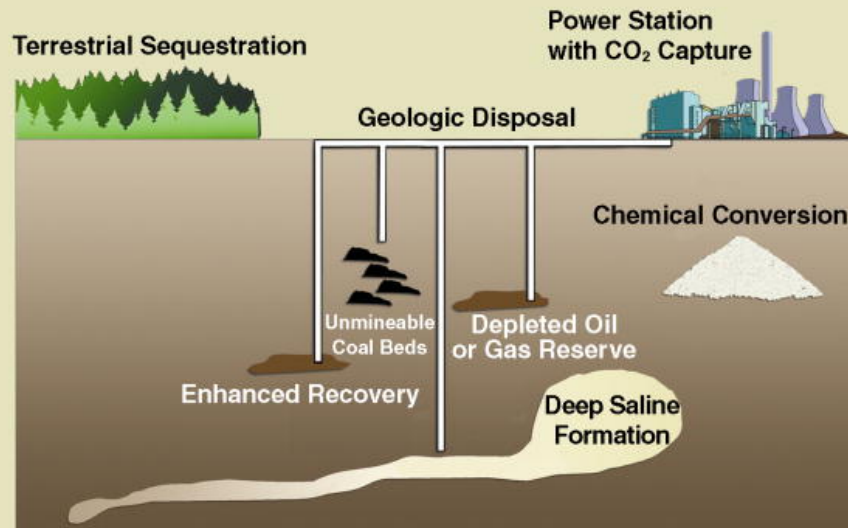
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# Relevance of CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration in Kansas

- Coal-fired power plants to produce for years
  - Need to address problem of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- DOE efforts to develop carbon capture and storage (CCS) infrastructure
- Initiatives of the *Midwestern Governors Association*
- CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR – proven & reliable technology
  - Potential applications in many depleted KS fields
- Deep saline aquifers – has potential to sequester large volumes of CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Arbuckle saline aquifer in KS
    - Is deep and thick
    - Underlies a large area in south-central KS
- Kansas centrally located to major CO<sub>2</sub> emitting states and cities
- With right incentives and government support CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration has the potential of becoming a major industry in KS

# Geologic Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>

## Carbon Sequestration Options



Industry participation in infrastructure development possible if CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is viable

*Global annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  $\approx 8 * 10^9$  tons*

*Earth Policy Institute*

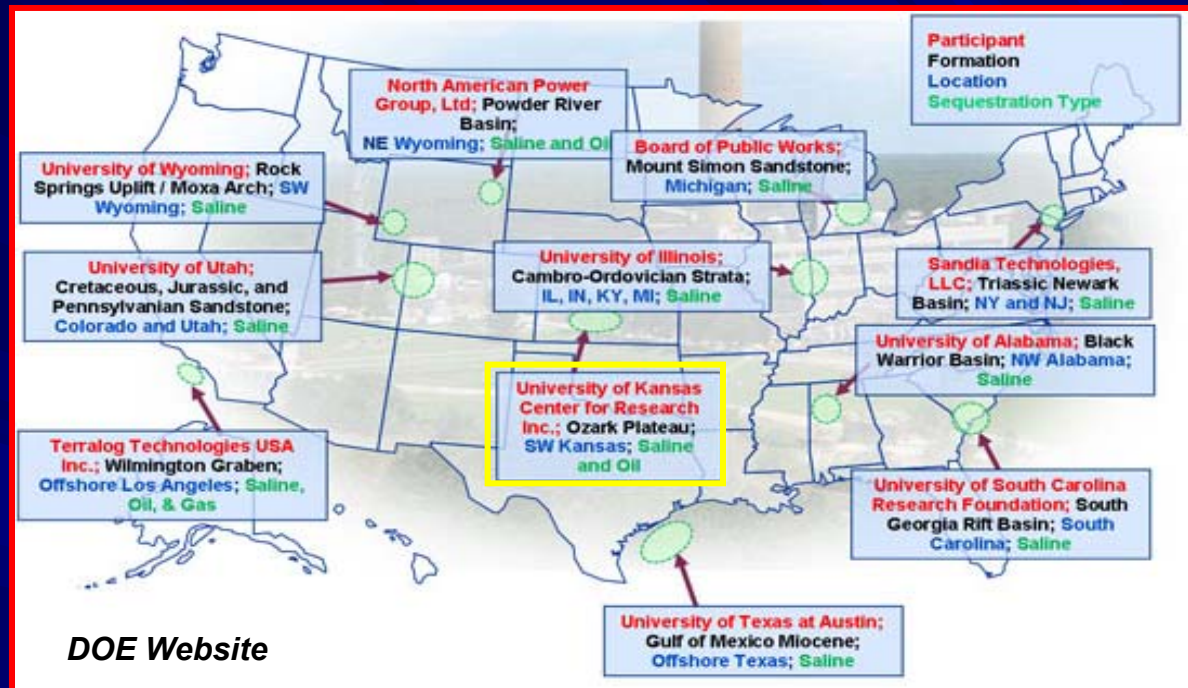
| <i>Formation Type</i>       | <i>10<sup>9</sup> Metric Tons</i> | <i>%</i>    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Saline Aquifers             | 3,297 – 12,618                    | 91.8 – 97.5 |
| Unmineable Coal Seams       | 157 – 178                         | 4.4 – 1.4   |
| Mature Oil & Gas Reservoirs | 138                               | 3.8 – 1.1   |
| Total Capacity              | 3,592 – 12,934                    | 100.0       |

# Potential Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> in Saline Aquifers



[www.natcarb.org/Atlas/ims\\_map](http://www.natcarb.org/Atlas/ims_map)

# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act



**DOE share:** \$4,974,352

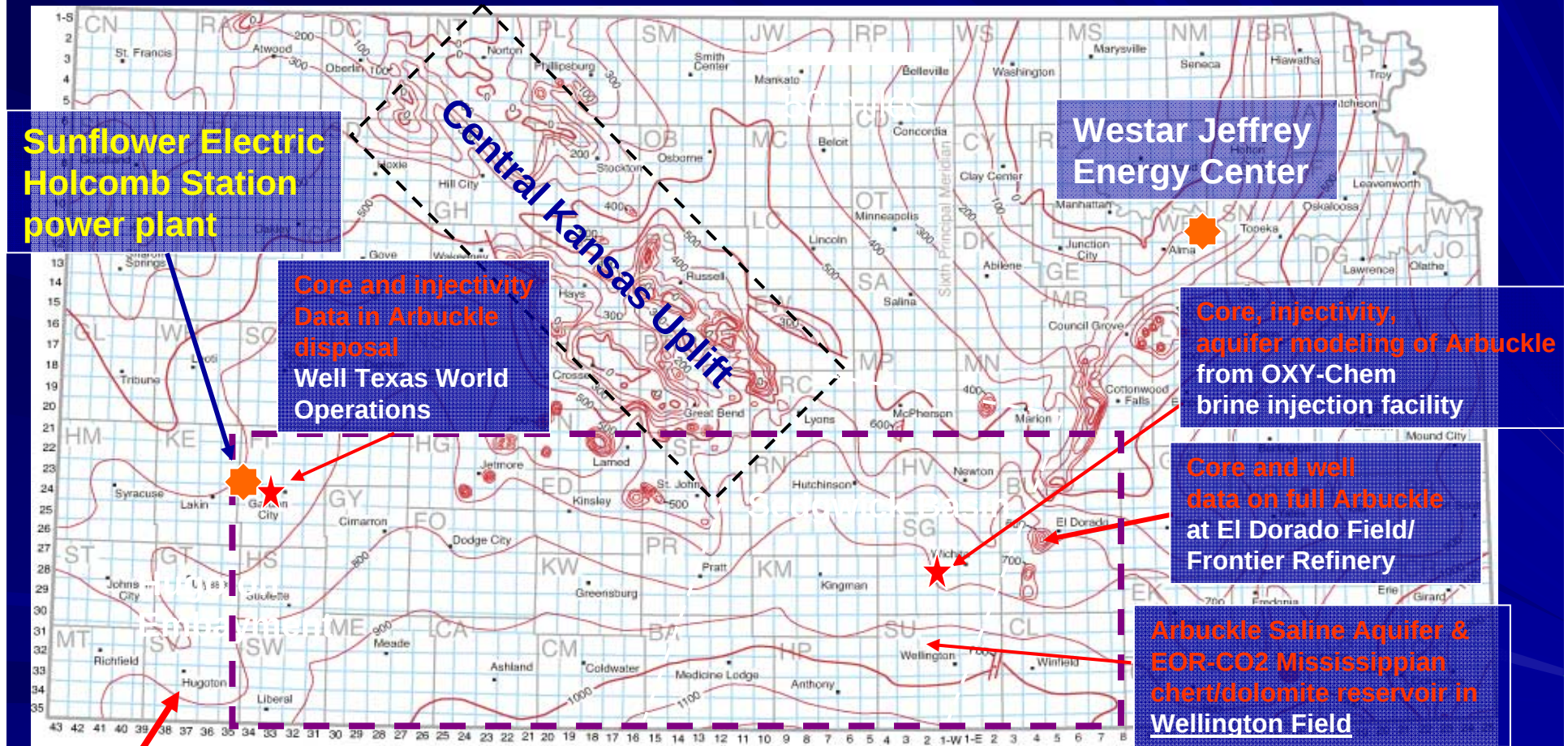
**Cost match by KGS and partners:** \$1,251,422

**Principal Investigators:** Lynn Watney & Saibal Bhattacharya

**Duration:** December 8, 2009 to December 7, 2012

# DOE-CO<sub>2</sub> Project Study Area

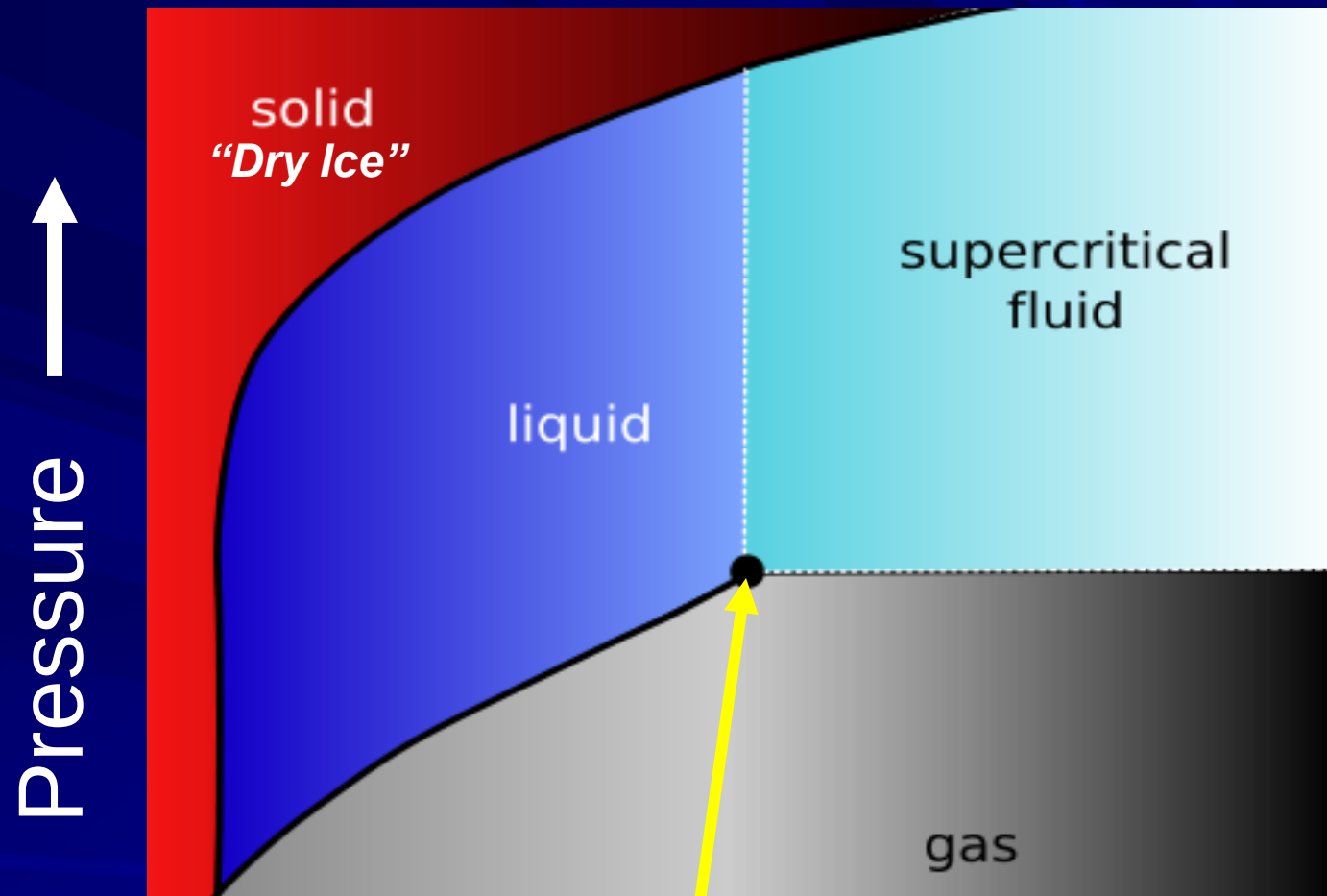
## Wellington Field (Sumner County) + 17 Counties



**Hugoton**

**Contours = thickness of Arbuckle Group  
thickest in southern Kansas**

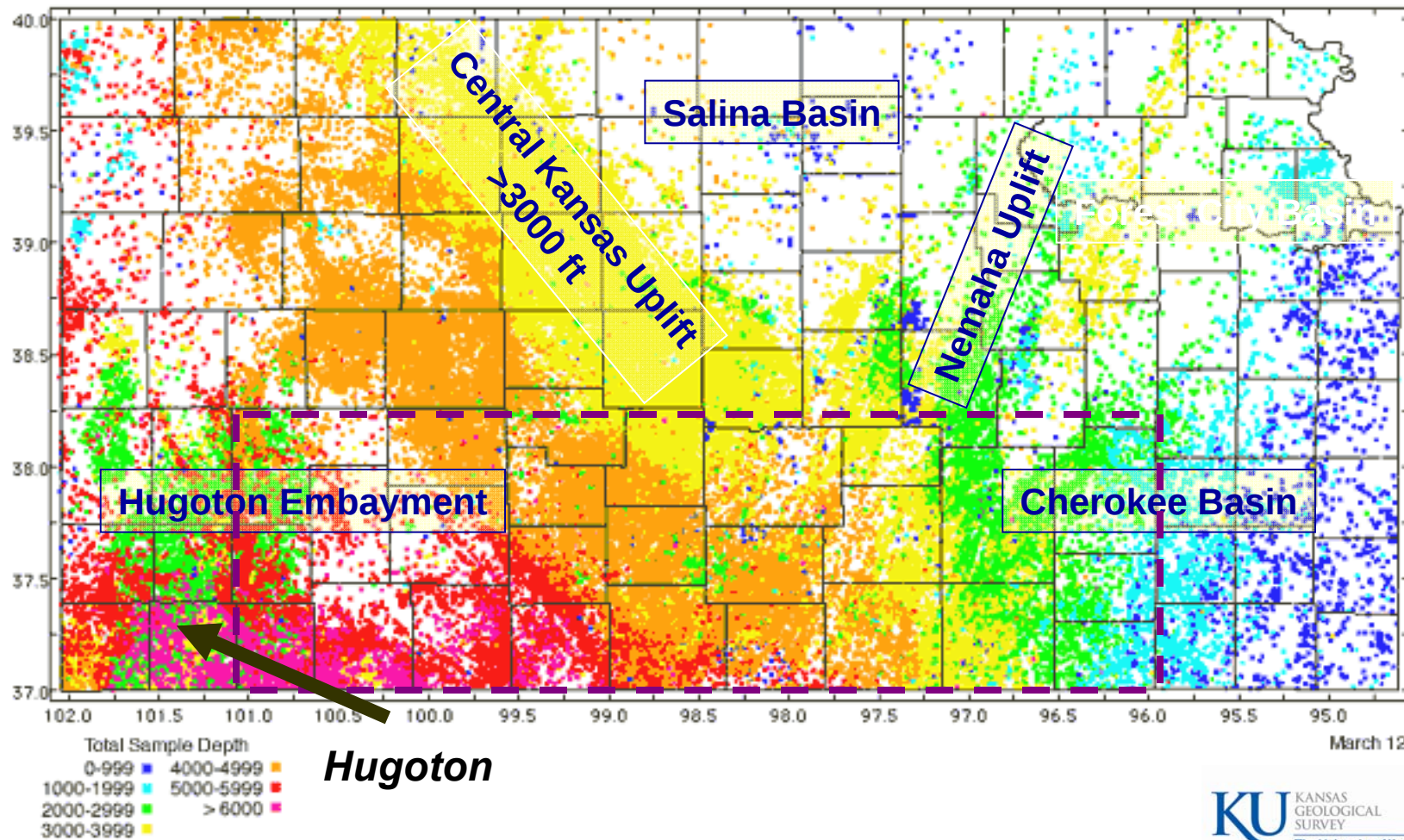
# Saline Aquifer CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration



@ depths >2200 ft (>1071 psi and 87.8°F) CO<sub>2</sub> becomes a supercritical fluid (**3.6% volume of gas phase**)

Temperature →

Figure 1.--Map showing distribution of oil or gas well samples preserved in Kansas by total sample depth



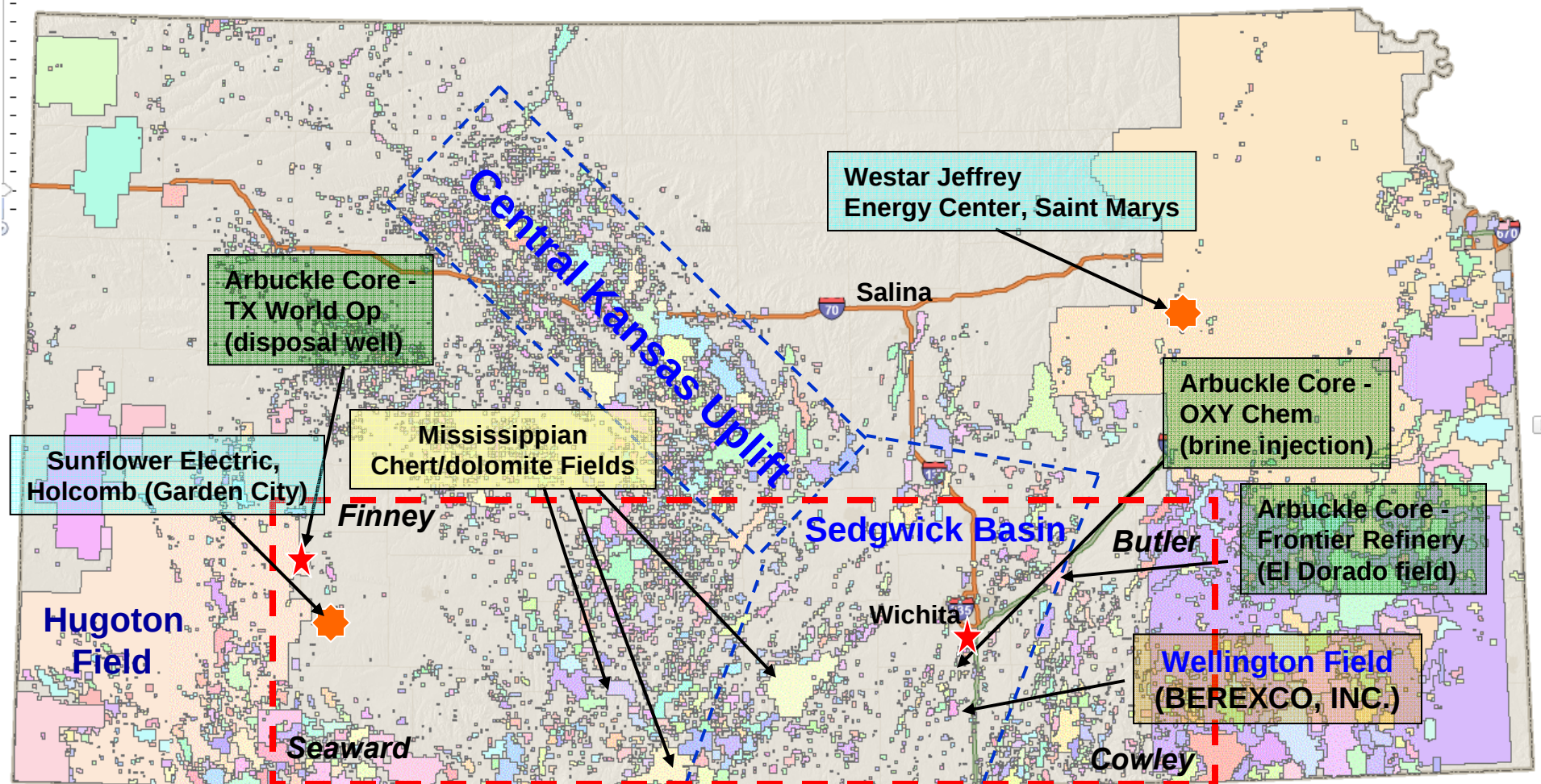
**Miscible displacement** of oil by CO<sub>2</sub> at depths greater than 2000 to 3000 ft (~950 to 1400 psi)

### Minimum Miscibility Pressure

- \* LKC oil @ Hall-Gurney = 1230 psi
- \* Arbuckle @ Bemis-Shutts ~ 1400 psi

# Project Study Area

## Wellington Field (Sumner County) + 17 Counties



Regional study -> ~20,000 sq. miles

50 miles

# Project Objectives

- **Build 3 geomodels**
  - *Mississippian oil reservoir at Wellington field (Sumner County) - depleted*
  - *Arbuckle saline aquifer underlying Wellington field*
  - *Regional Arbuckle saline aquifer system over 17+ counties*
- **Conduct simulation studies to estimate CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration potential in**
  - *Arbuckle saline aquifer underlying Wellington field*
  - *Miscible CO<sub>2</sub> flood in Wellington field (along with incremental oil recovery)*
- **Identify potential sites for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration in Arbuckle saline aquifer - 17+ county area**
- **Estimated CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration potential of Arbuckle saline aquifer – 17+ county area**
- **Risk analysis related to CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration**
- **Technology transfer**

***No CO<sub>2</sub> will be injected in this project***

# Subjects Outside the Purview of this Project

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture from point sources
- CO<sub>2</sub> transmission – from source to injection sites
- Who owns the pore space?
- CO<sub>2</sub> injection regulations
- Leakage monitoring
- Liability

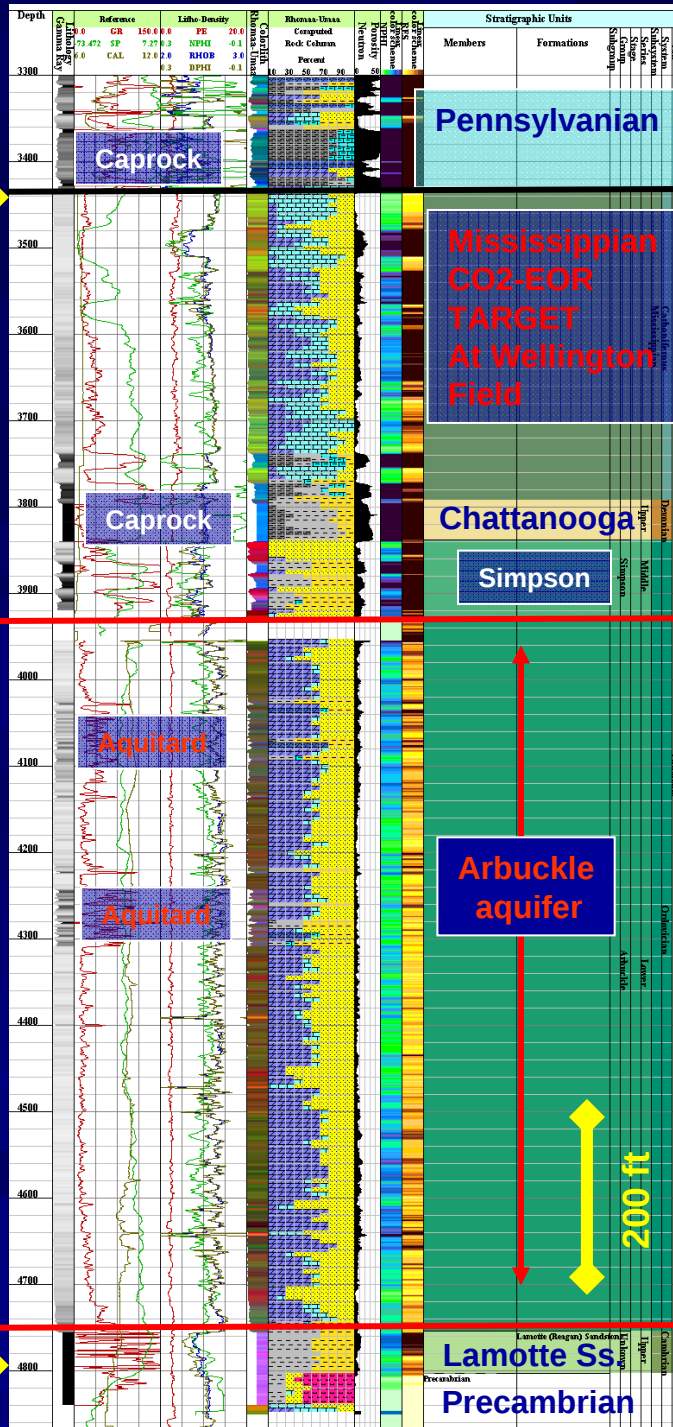
*Other DOE projects, ongoing and future, relate to CO<sub>2</sub> capture and transportation.*

*KS companies are working on proposals including demonstration projects related to CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration by CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and injection into underlying saline aquifers.*

3300 ft

Ozark Plateau Aquifer System (OPAS)

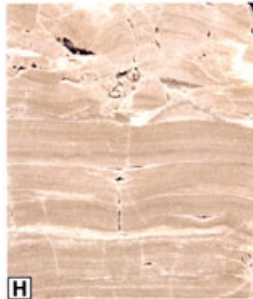
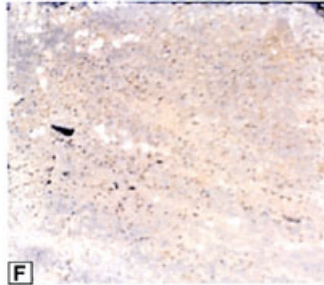
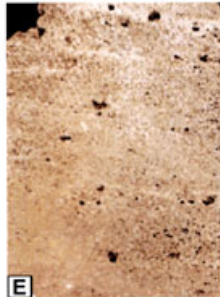
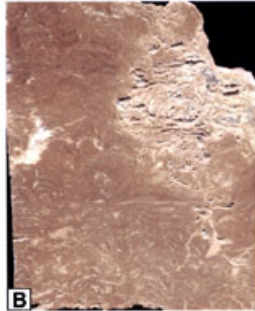
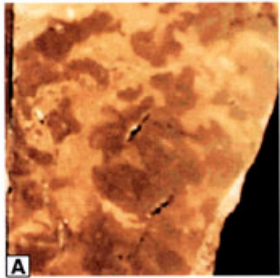
4800 ft



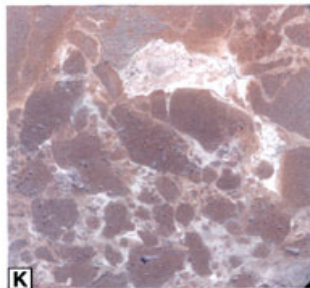
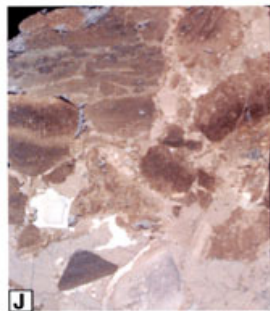
# Color imaging log of deep Class 1 Arbuckle injection well #10 at the Occidental Chemical brine injection site south of Wichita

- High-volume injector (10's 1000's barrels/day, open hole completion in Arbuckle)
- Safe Injection since '50s
- Internal stratigraphic variation
- Role of fractures and compartments to be addressed
- Chattanooga Shale, serve as caprock/seal
- Mississippian chat reservoir interval

# Flow units and seals/caprock



~ 3 inches

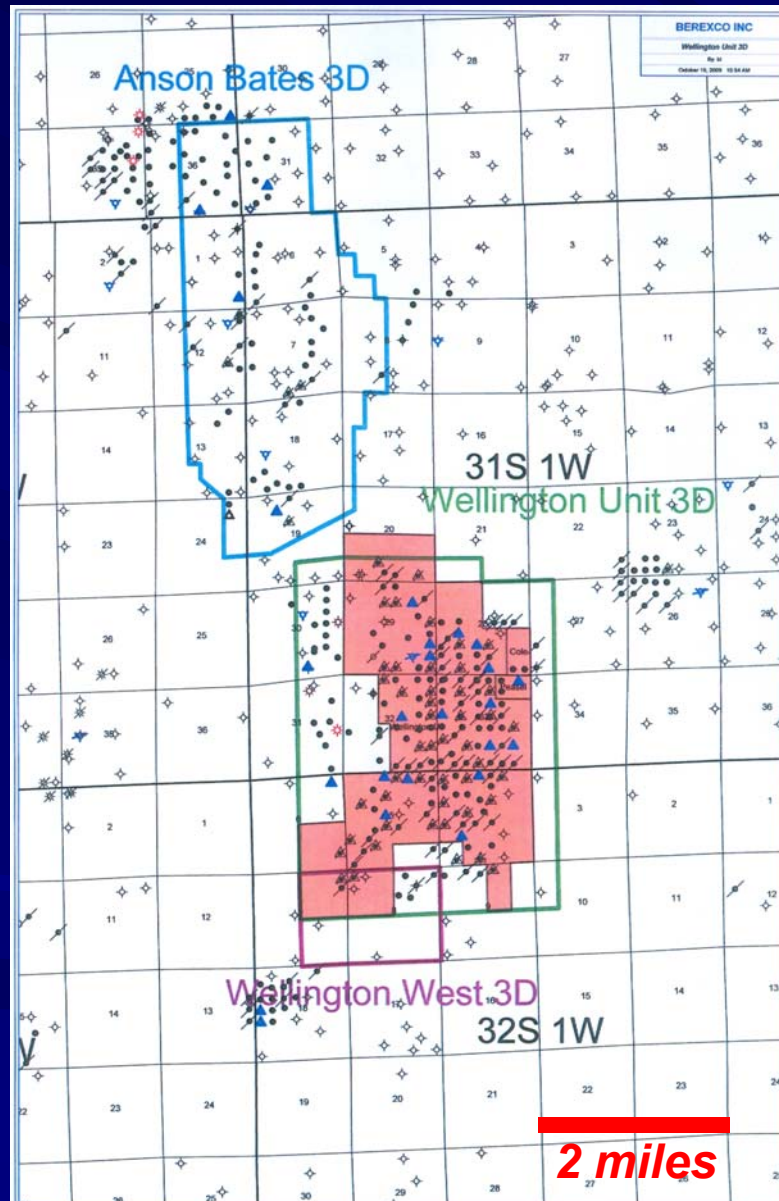


*Some layers in Arbuckle are porous and act as flow units/aquifers while others have very low permeability and serve as retardants to flow (aquitards)*

*Caprock = thicker shales e.g., Chattanooga Shale*

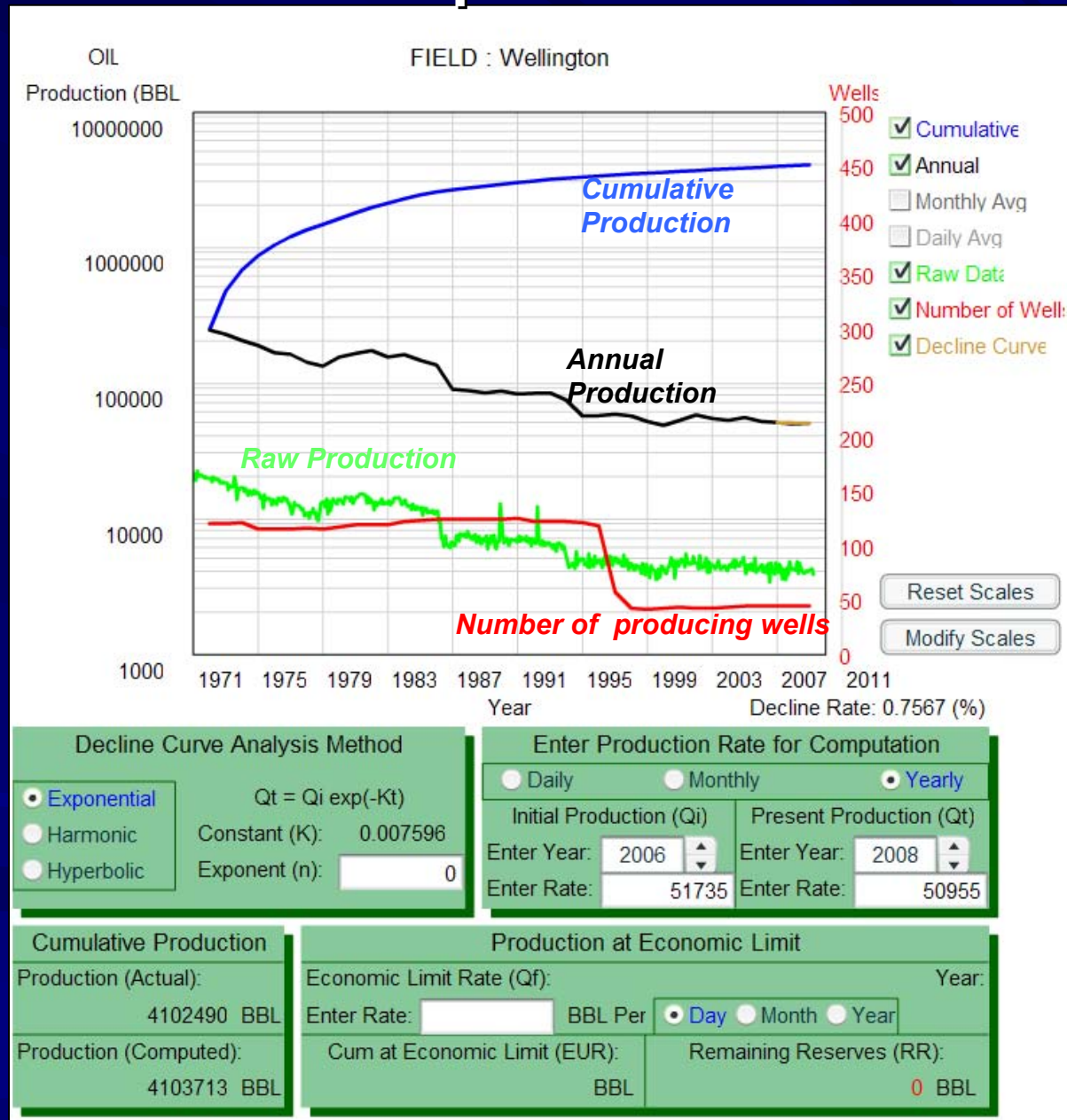


# Wellington field, Sumner County, KS



- Discovered in 1922 (134+ total wells)
- 44 active wells, 20.5 MM bbls (oil)
- Field owned by BEREXCO – unitized
- Excellent waterflood performance (no gas) – great CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR candidate
- Arbuckle aquifer – ~1000 ft thick (Mississippian top ~ 3650 ft, Arbuckle top ~ 4150 ft, Granite wash ~ 5100 ft)
- Considered for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR using CO<sub>2</sub> from Coffeyville plant
- **Adjacent field - Anson and Bates** – 6 MM bbls oil (Mississippian Chat), 3D seismic donated by Noble Energy Corp
- All three fields together could sequester ~ 30 MM tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

# Survey website – lease and field production for Kansas



## WELLINGTON FIELD

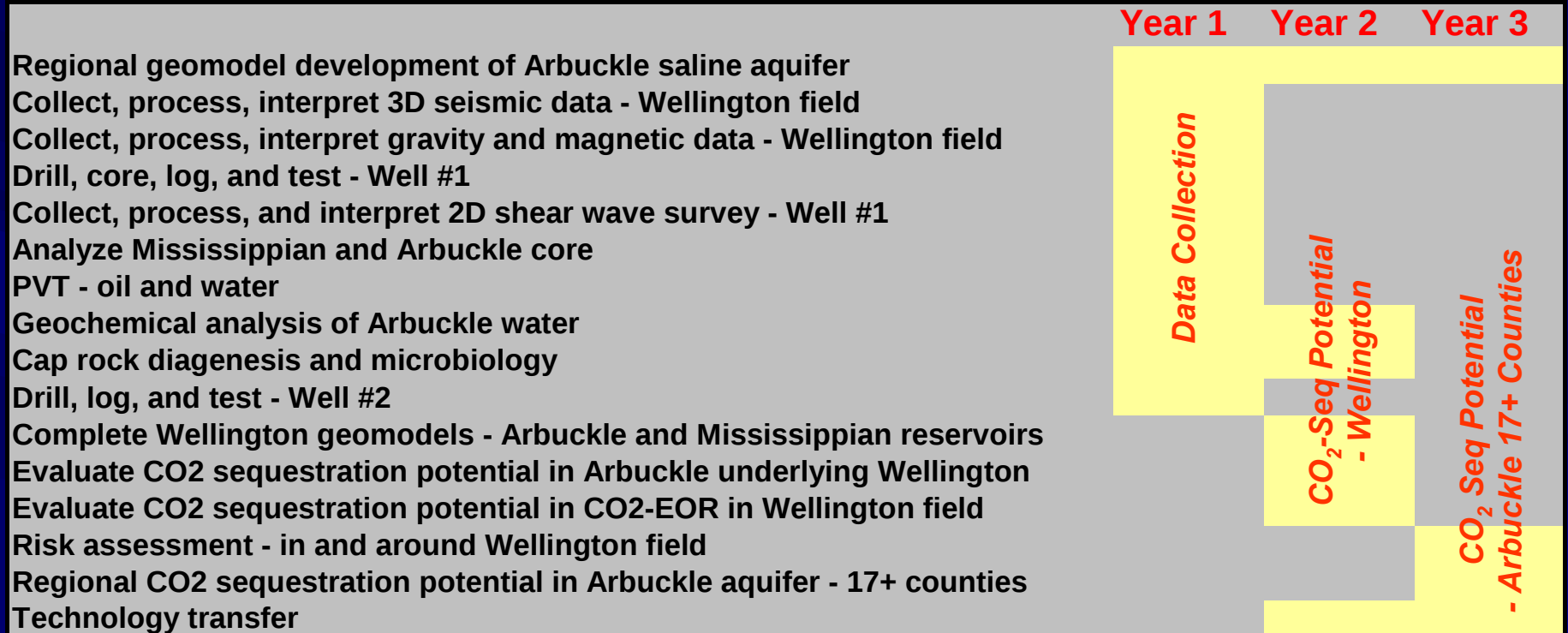
Total cumulative is 20.5 million bbls. – BEREXCO

Single pay – Mississippian chert and dolomite

# Data Collection & Analysis

- Geophysical surveys at Wellington field
  - *3D multicomponent seismic, 2D shear seismic, & High Res. Gravity/Magnetic*
- Drill, core, log, and test Well #1 to basement – Wellington field
  - *Collect and analyze water samples from different Arbuckle intervals*
- Drill, log, and test Well #2 to basement – Wellington field
  - *Collect water samples from different Arbuckle intervals*
- Analyze Mississippian and Arbuckle core (Well #1) & PVT
  - *Integrate core data with previously taken cores*
- Geochemical studies on Arbuckle water – **KSU Geology Dept.**
- Analysis over 17 county area – Regional geomodel of Arbuckle system
  - *Satellite imagery*
  - *Gravity and magnetic*
- Cap rock integrity and micro-biological studies – **KU Geology Dept.**

# Project Time Line

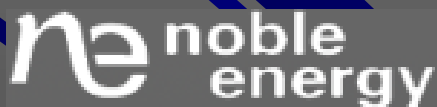


**No CO<sub>2</sub> injection will take place in this project**



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# Participants



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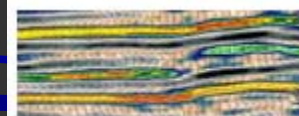
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*Bittersweet Energy Inc.*



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# Participants

## Kansas Geological Survey, Univ. of KS, & KS. State Univ.

- **Project Manager & PI – Dr. Lynn Watney**
  - Geologist - 33 yrs experience in KS geology
- **2nd PI – Saibal Bhattacharya**
  - Reservoir Engineer – 12 yrs reservoir simulation experience in KS fields
- **Other KGS Co-PIs**
  - Dr. D. Newell – Structure & diagenesis
  - J. Rush – Petrel geomodeling and data integration
  - Dr. R. Miller – Seismic interpretation
  - Dr. J. Doveton – Log petrophysics and core modeling
  - Dr. J. Xia – Gravity-magnetic modeling and interpretation
  - Dr. M. Sophocleous – Aquifer modeling and well testing
  - **Others**
    - J. Victorine – Java web application
    - D. Laflen – core curation
    - M. Killion – ESRI GIS
    - K. Look, G. Gagnon, D. Suchy, D. Stewart – manage data
- **Department of Geology – University of KS**
  - Dr. E. Franseen – Stratigraphy & diagenesis
  - Dr. R. Goldstein – Cap rock integrity (Fluid inclusions and diagenesis)
  - Drs. Roberts & Fowle – experiments in microbial-CO<sub>2</sub> interactions
- **Department of Geology – Kansas State University**
  - Dr. S. Datta – Aquifer geochemistry
  - Dr. A. Raef – Seismic analysis and modeling

# Participants

## Industry & Consulting Partners

### ■ **BEREXCO INC. – owner/operator of Wellington field**

- Dana Wreath – Divisional Engr – Supervise all field operations
- Randy Koudele – Reservoir Engr
- Bill Lamb – Petra database management and data transfer
- Evan Mayhew – Operations Engr – drilling, completion, and well testing
- Robert Hefner – Geophysicist – 3D acquisition, processing, and interpretation
- Phyllis Shahin – Landman – landowner negotiations and contracts
- Charles Spradlin – VP and Land Manager
- Adam Beren – President

### ■ **Hedke-Saenger Geosciences Ltd. – Seismic acquisition & initial interpretation**

- Paragon Geophysical, Lockhart Geophysical, Fairfield, Echo, Geotextures & Susan Nissen

### ■ **Bittersweet Energy Inc. – Geological Consultants (17+ county regional geomodel)**

- Tom Hansen – Supervise regional study, Arbuckle aquifer geomodeling
- Ken Cooper – Arbuckle aquifer simulation and coring
- John Lorenz – Fracture characterization
- Paul Gerlach - Arbuckle aquifer geomodeling
- Larry Nicholson - Arbuckle aquifer geomodeling

### ■ **Weatherford Laboratories - Routine & Special core, Rock Mechanics, PVT**

### ■ **Computer Modeling Group**

- Bob Brugman – Simulation Engineer – CMG WINPROP & GEM-IMEX simulation

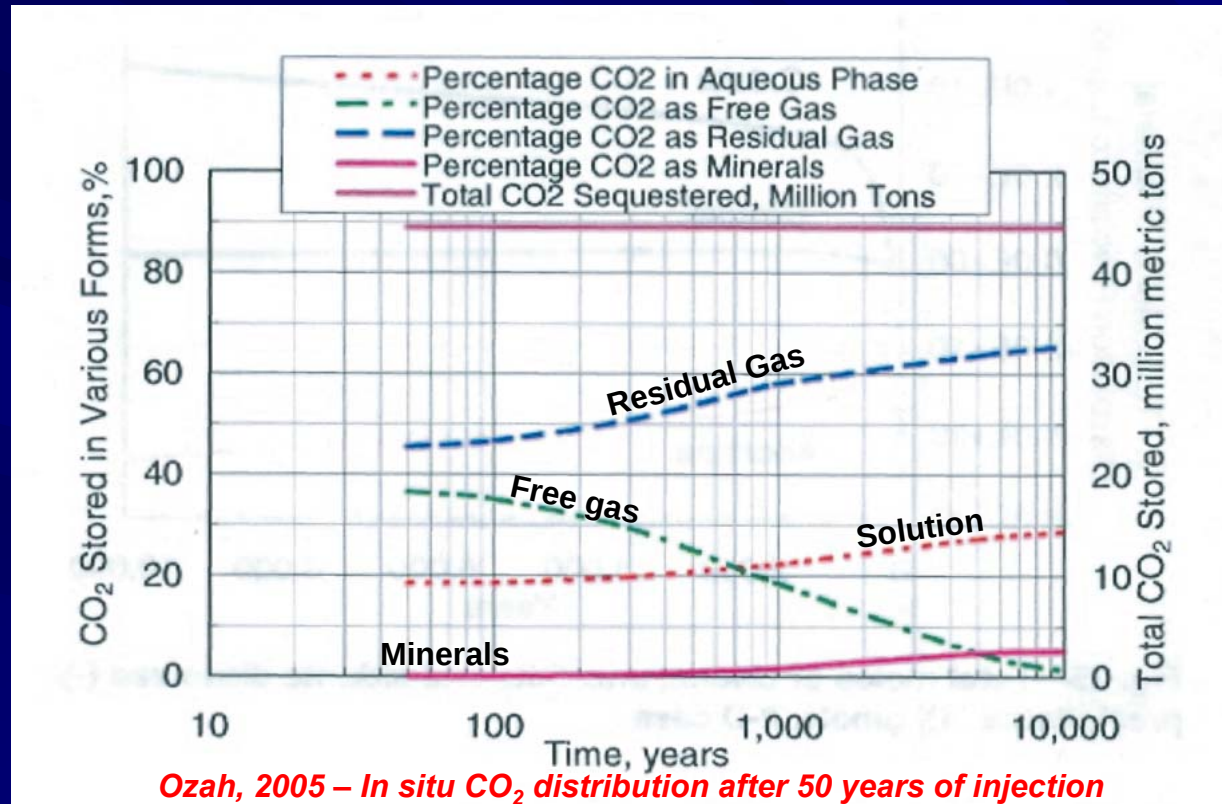
### ■ **David Koger – Satellite imagery analysis – surface lineaments and fractures**

### ■ **Noble Energy – 3D seismic donation (Anson Bates field), David DesAutels, contact**

### ■ **LogDigi – Log digitization**

### ■ **Halliburton – Well logging**

# *In situ* entrapment of injected CO<sub>2</sub>

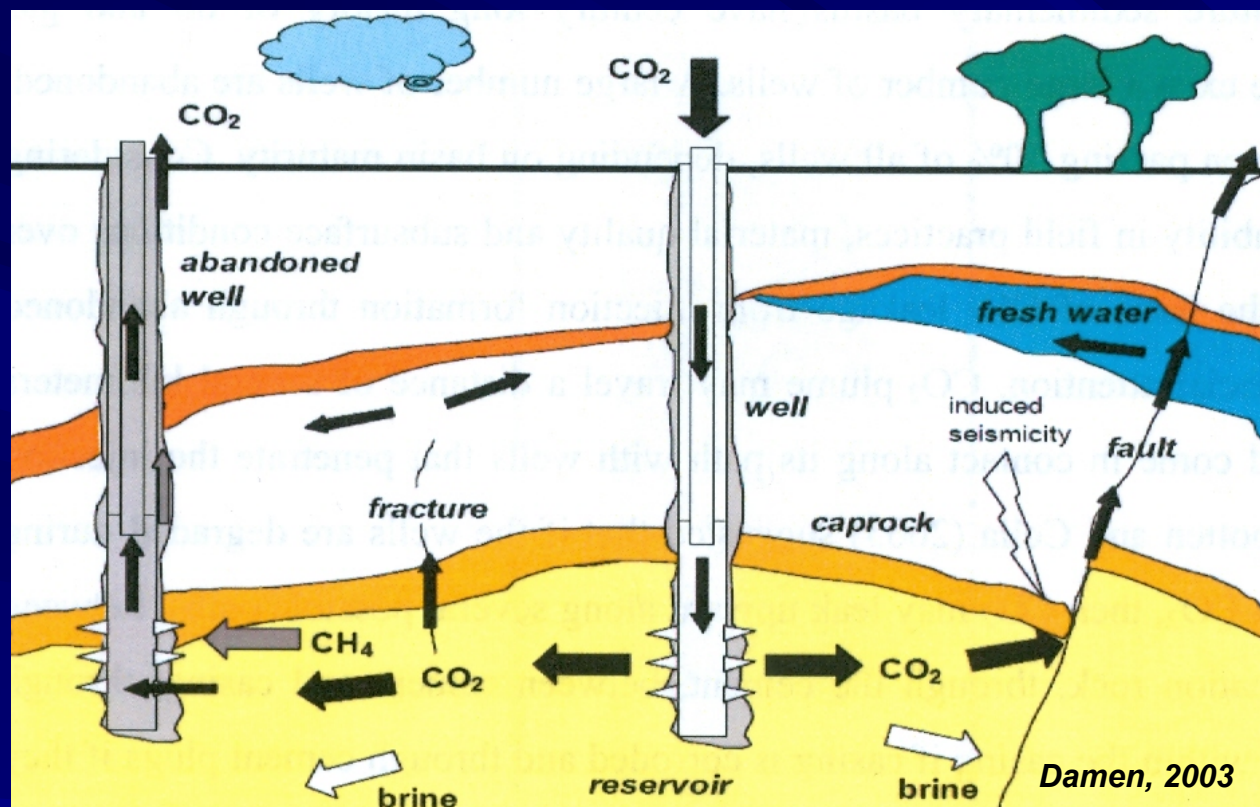


Our study will estimate the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> (tons) that will be sequestered in various states using **site-specific geology, rock, and water properties**

Majority of injected CO<sub>2</sub> gets trapped as residual gas saturation followed by CO<sub>2</sub> dissolved in brine solution.

CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization is a slow process.

## Risk Analysis – Potential leakage pathways



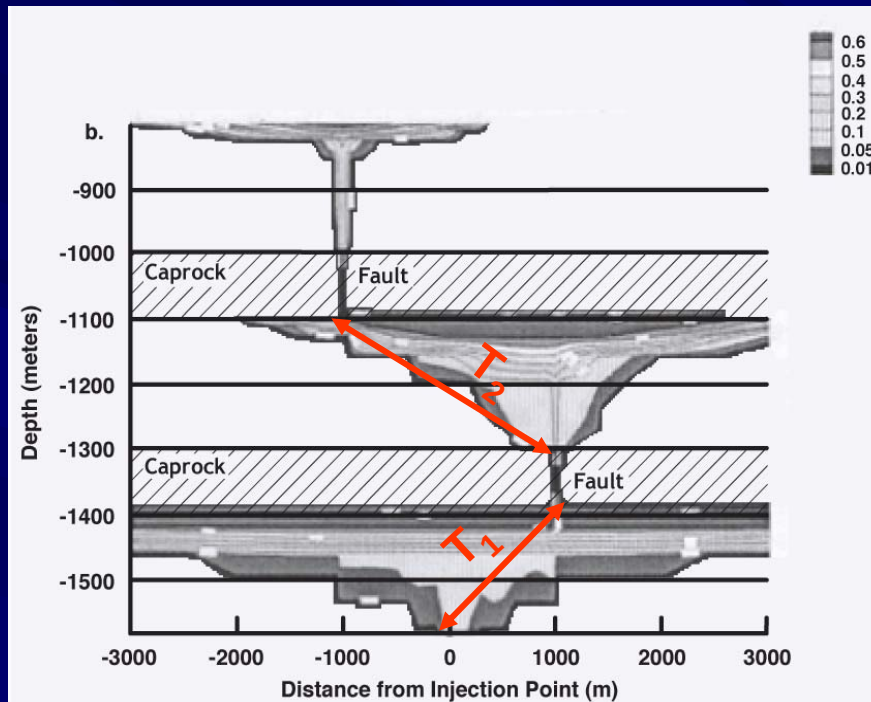
**Faults and fractures will be mapped in the 17+ county study area:**

1. Satellite imagery
2. Gravity/Magnetic
3. Structure maps

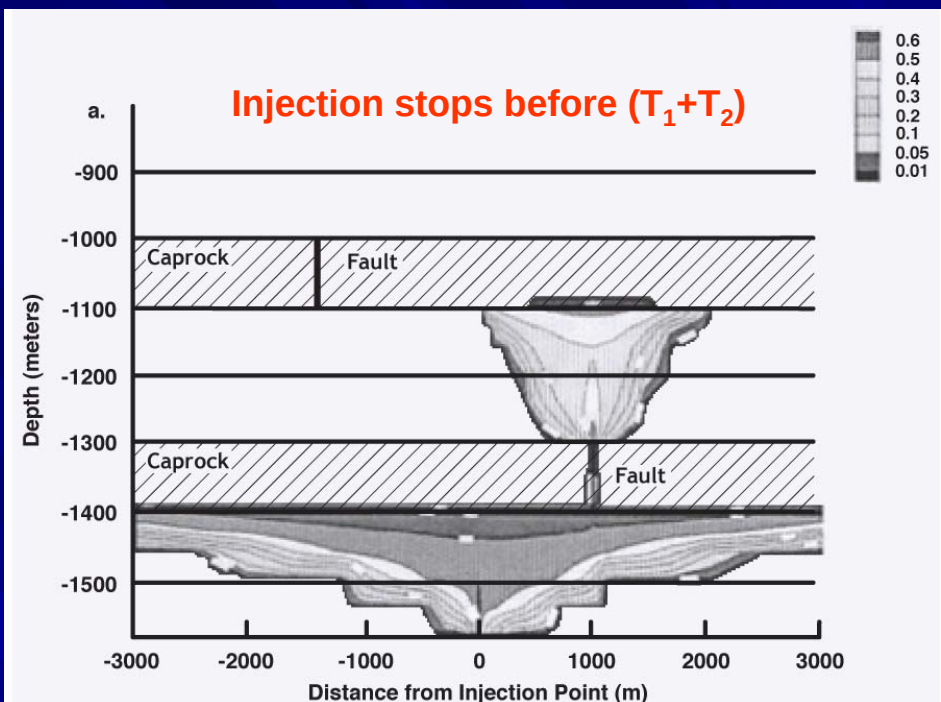
**Site selection critical to minimize risks associated with CO<sub>2</sub> injection**  
**Not all fractures/faults reach the surface – some do and need to be identified**  
**Inventory of all plugged wells critical – REPLUG if needed.**

# Risk Analysis

## Plume Breaches Cap Rock via Fault/Weak zone



*Tsang et al., 2008*



Simulated plume after breach smaller and has lower pressure.

If injection stops before plume reaches fault – then no leakage occurs.

What are the chances that the plume will breach successive cap rocks?

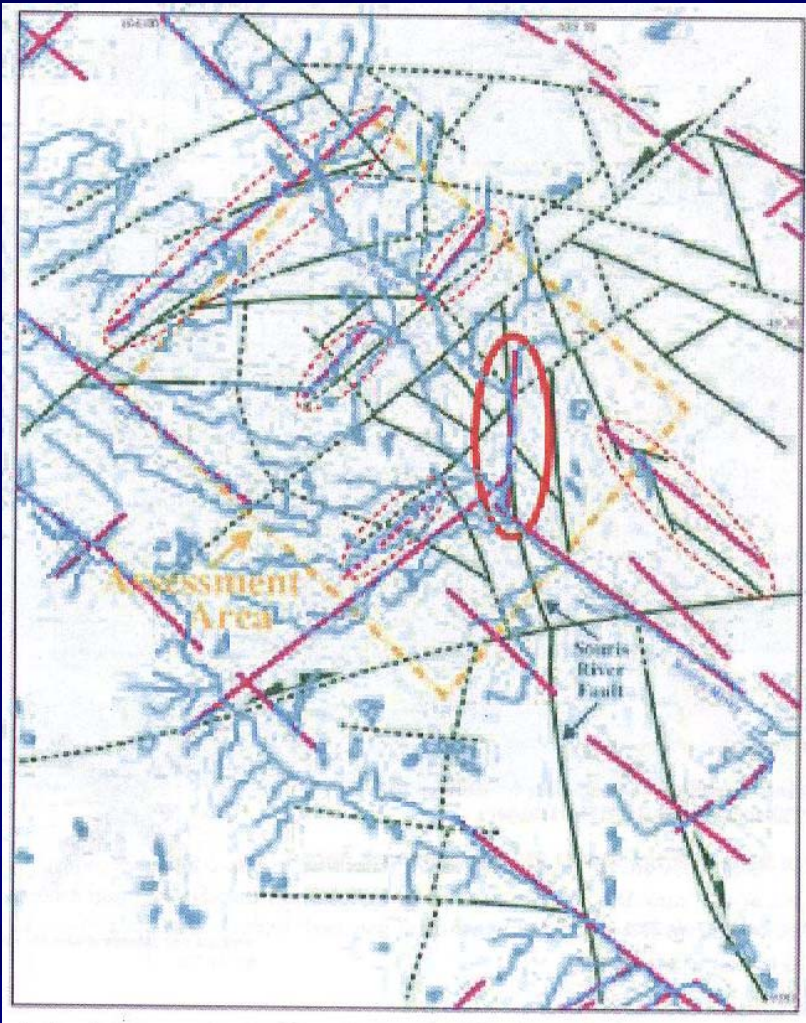
Is CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration tonnage economic before plume reaches fault?

# Weyburn CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR - Canada

- **September 2000** – CO<sub>2</sub> from coal gasification plant (N. Dakota) transported by 350 km pipeline & injected into Weyburn oilfield (Saskatchewan, Canada)
  - Weyburn – 50 yr old depleted oil field
- **Expected performance of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR by 2035**
  - 155 million gross barrels of incremental oil recovery
  - Sequestration of 30 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>
- **October 2005** – CO<sub>2</sub> injection began at adjacent Midale oilfield
  - Expect 45-60 million barrels of incremental oil recovery



# Weyburn CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR - Canada



## Analysis of Natural Faults and Fractures

**Solid Green** – fault trends from seismic & HRAM (high resolution aeromagnetic)

**Broken Green** – trends from HRAM

**Purple** – surface lineaments

**Red oval** – Souris Valley fault (fault identified by seismic and HRAM coincide)

**Broken Red** – weak correlations between data sets

**Not all sub-surface faults/fractures reach the surface**

IEA GHG Weyburn Summary Report 2000-04  
~20 miles across base of map

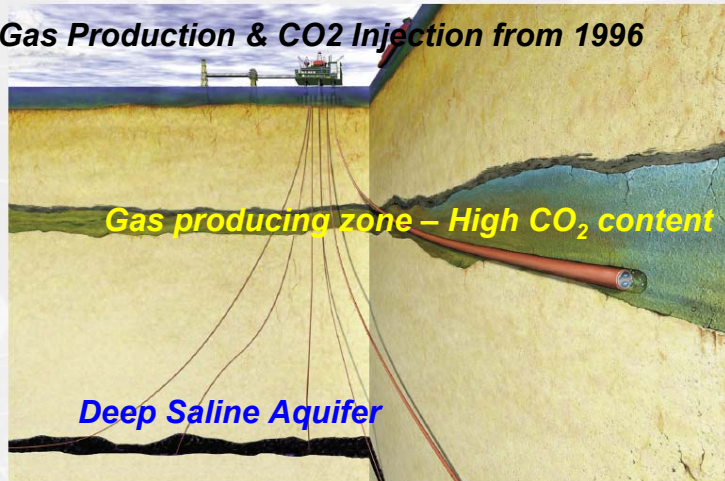
# Risk Analysis

## Seismic Monitoring Results - Sleipner field (North Sea)

The Sleipner CO<sub>2</sub>-injection into the Utsira Formation at 1000 Meters Below Sea Bottom  
- About 1 million tons/yr -



**Gas Production & CO<sub>2</sub> Injection from 1996**

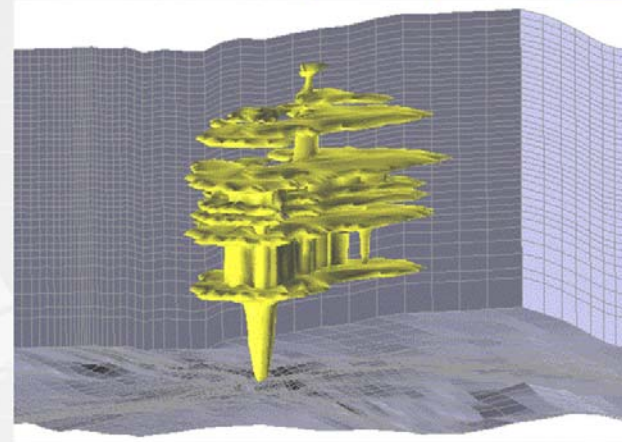


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Every time the CO<sub>2</sub> plume meets a thin shale layer, it spread out laterally. This lateral dispersion results in additional sequestration and plume degradation - CO<sub>2</sub> dissolving into fresh brine and getting trapped in fine pores of the rock. *Torp & Gale, 2003*

Shale layers (stratification) and aquitards - present in the Arbuckle aquifer system.

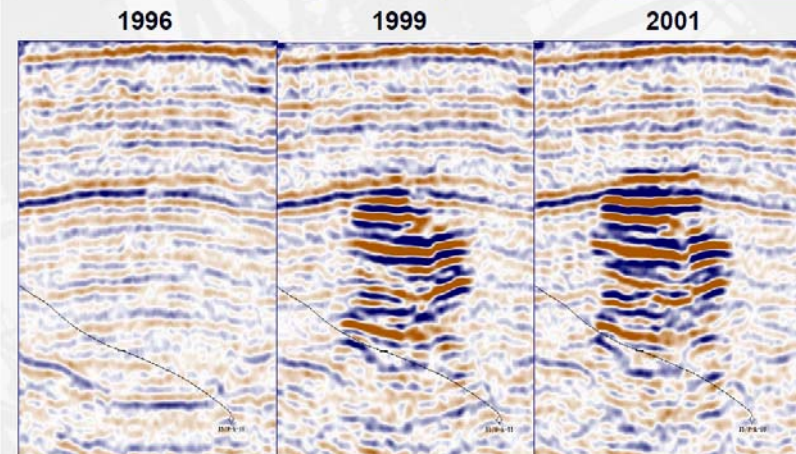
Reservoir model of CO<sub>2</sub> after 3 years



Source: SACS, Best Practise manual 2003

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3D Seismic survey at Sleipner

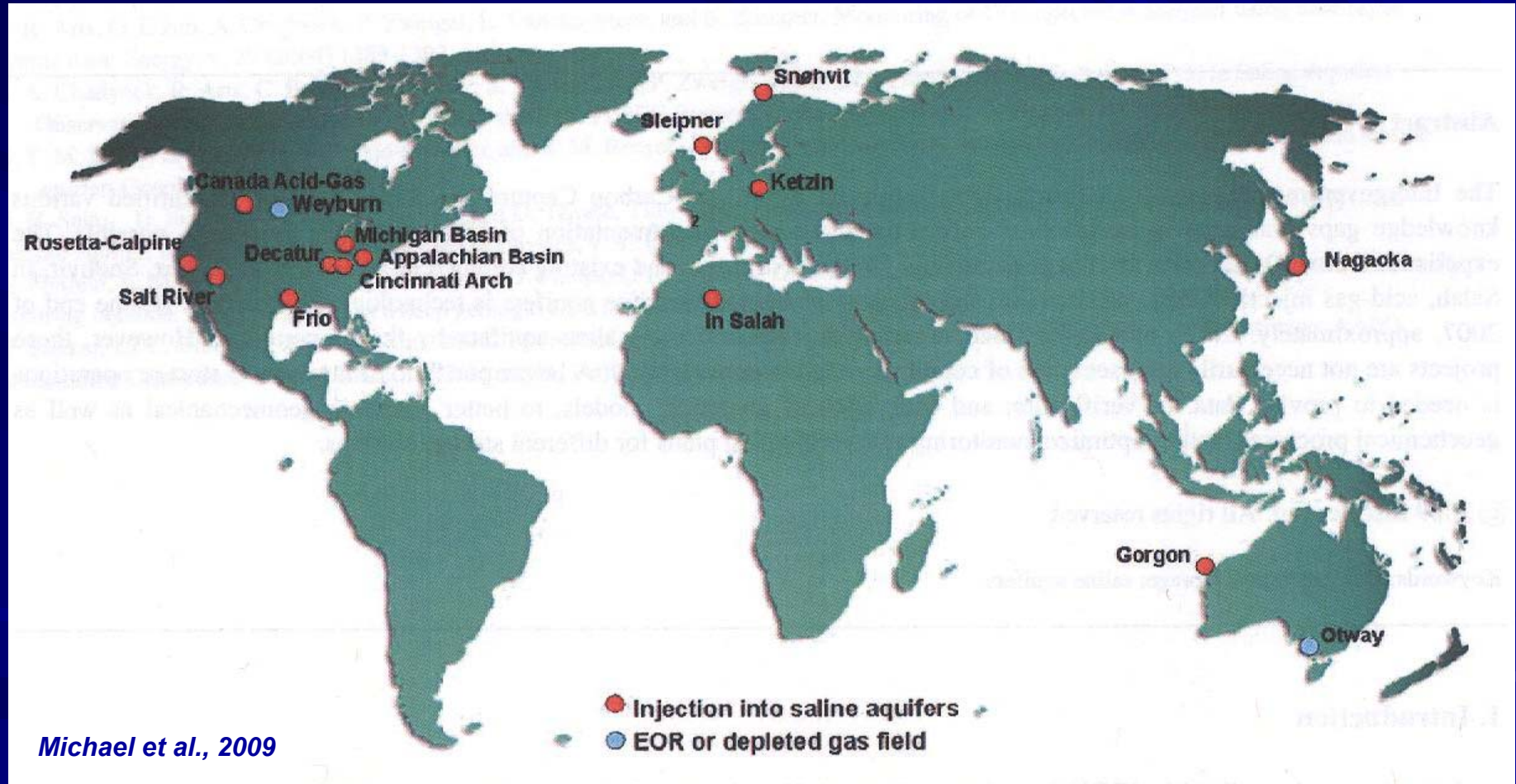


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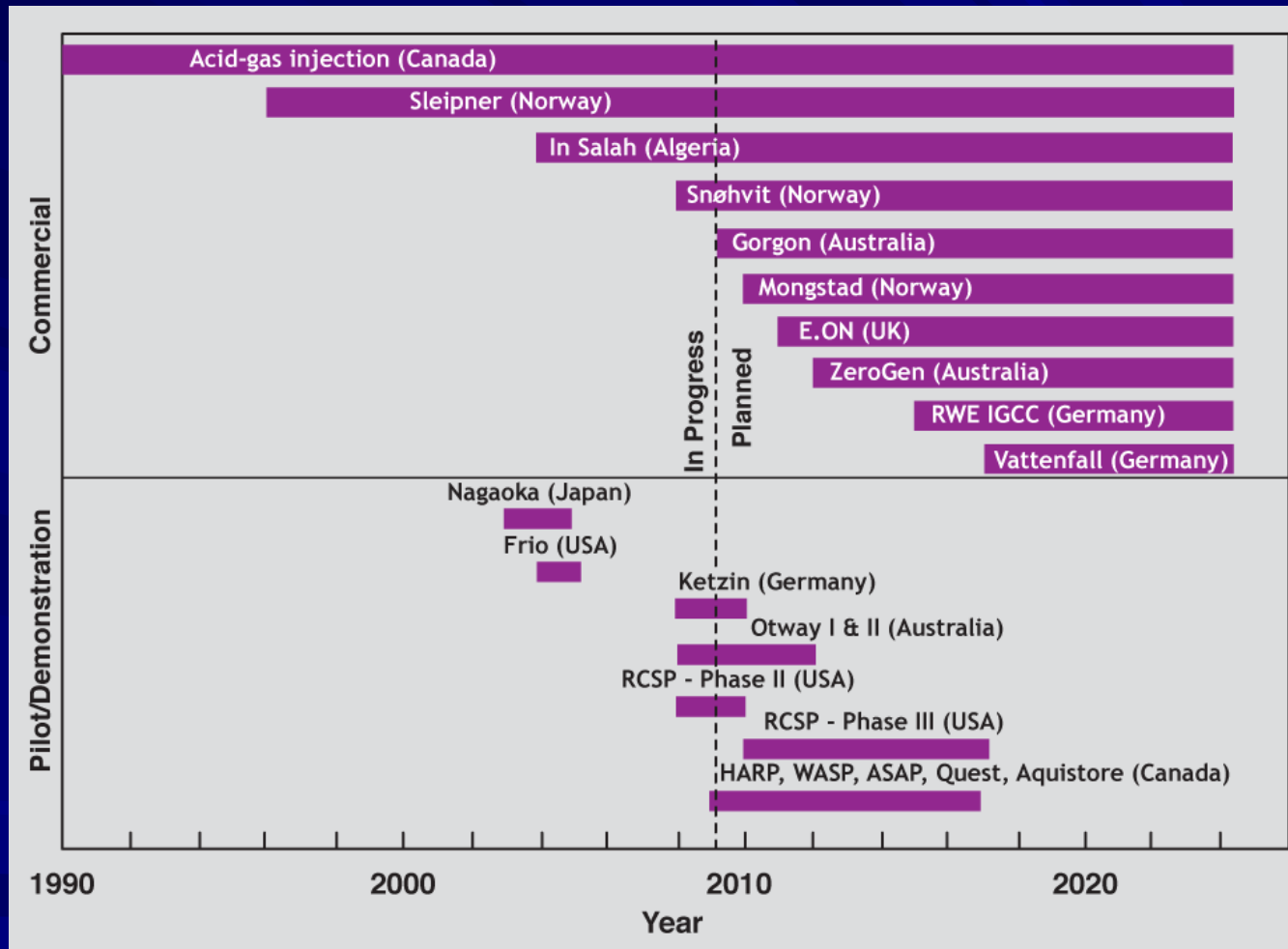
# CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Projects Worldwide

## Deep Saline Aquifers



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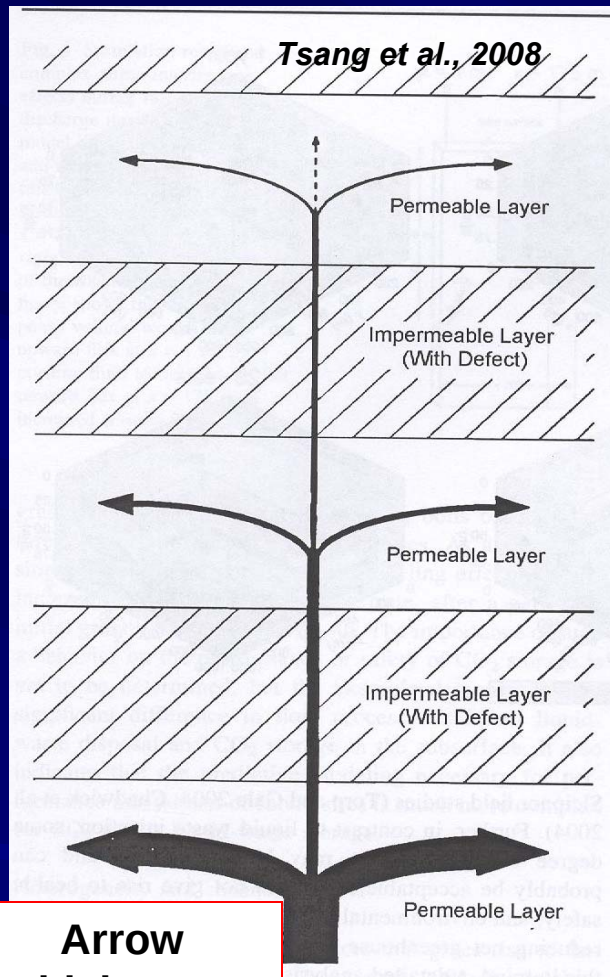
## Deep Saline Aquifers



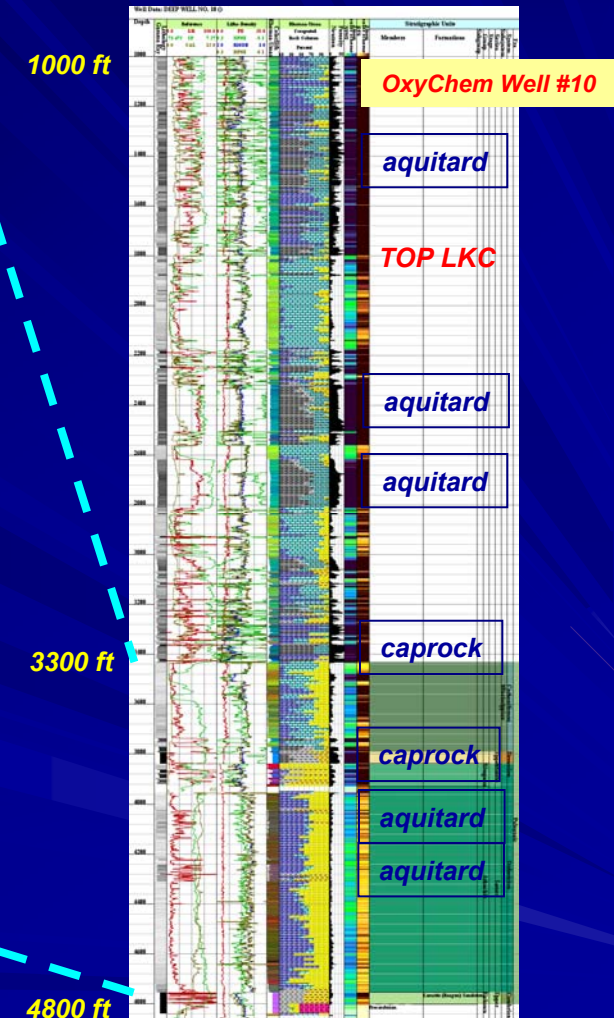
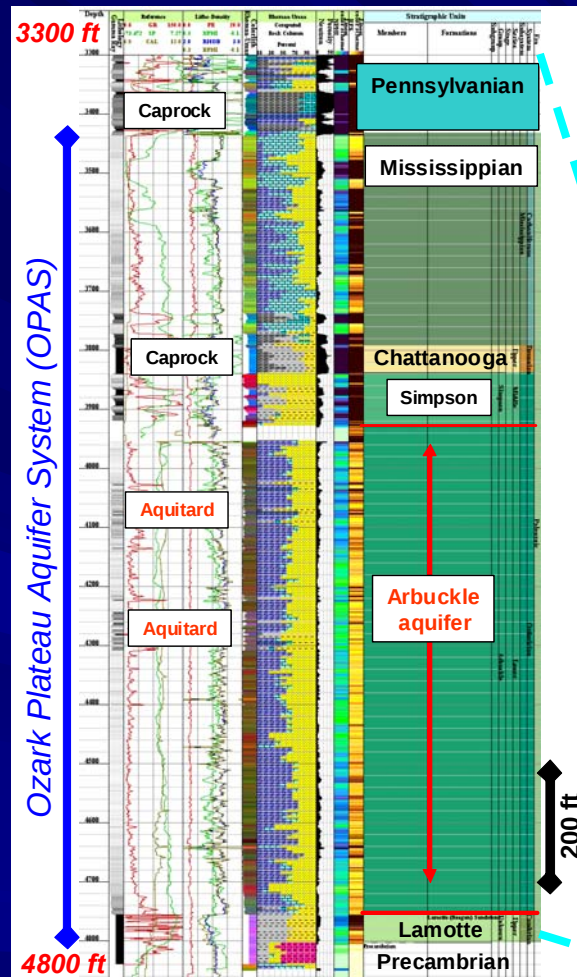
Univ. of Utah (*SW Regional Sequestration Partnership*) & Cap CO<sub>2</sub> have submitted a proposal to DOE for field scale CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR on Apr 15 2010 - **KGS is a partner**

# Risk Analysis

## Leakage Retardation – Multiple Caprocks & Aquitards

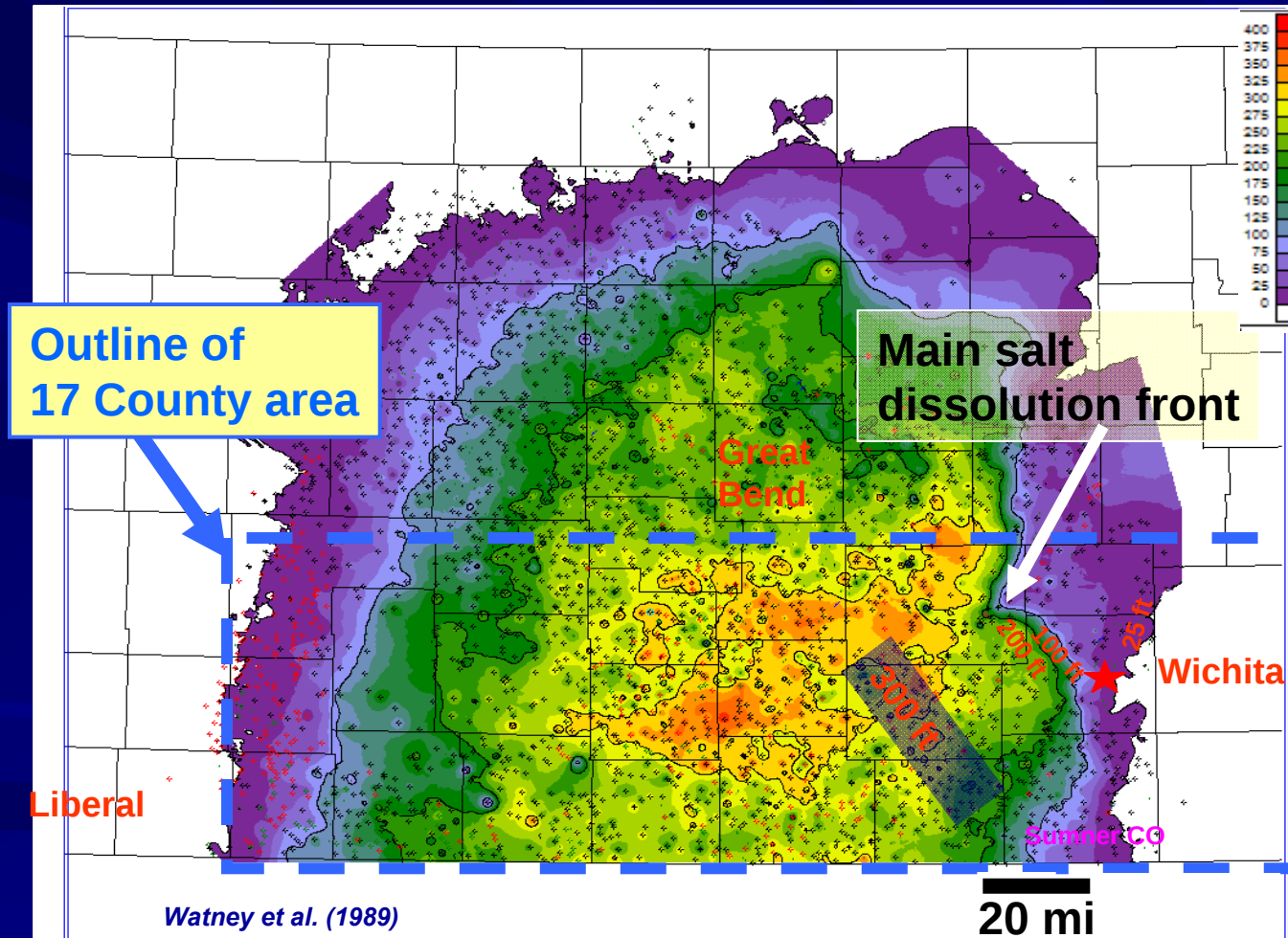


Arrow  
thickness  
-Relative  
amount  
of flow



CO<sub>2</sub> plume undergoes pressure reduction upon breaching cap rock. Also additional CO<sub>2</sub> gets trapped in the fine pores of aquitards.

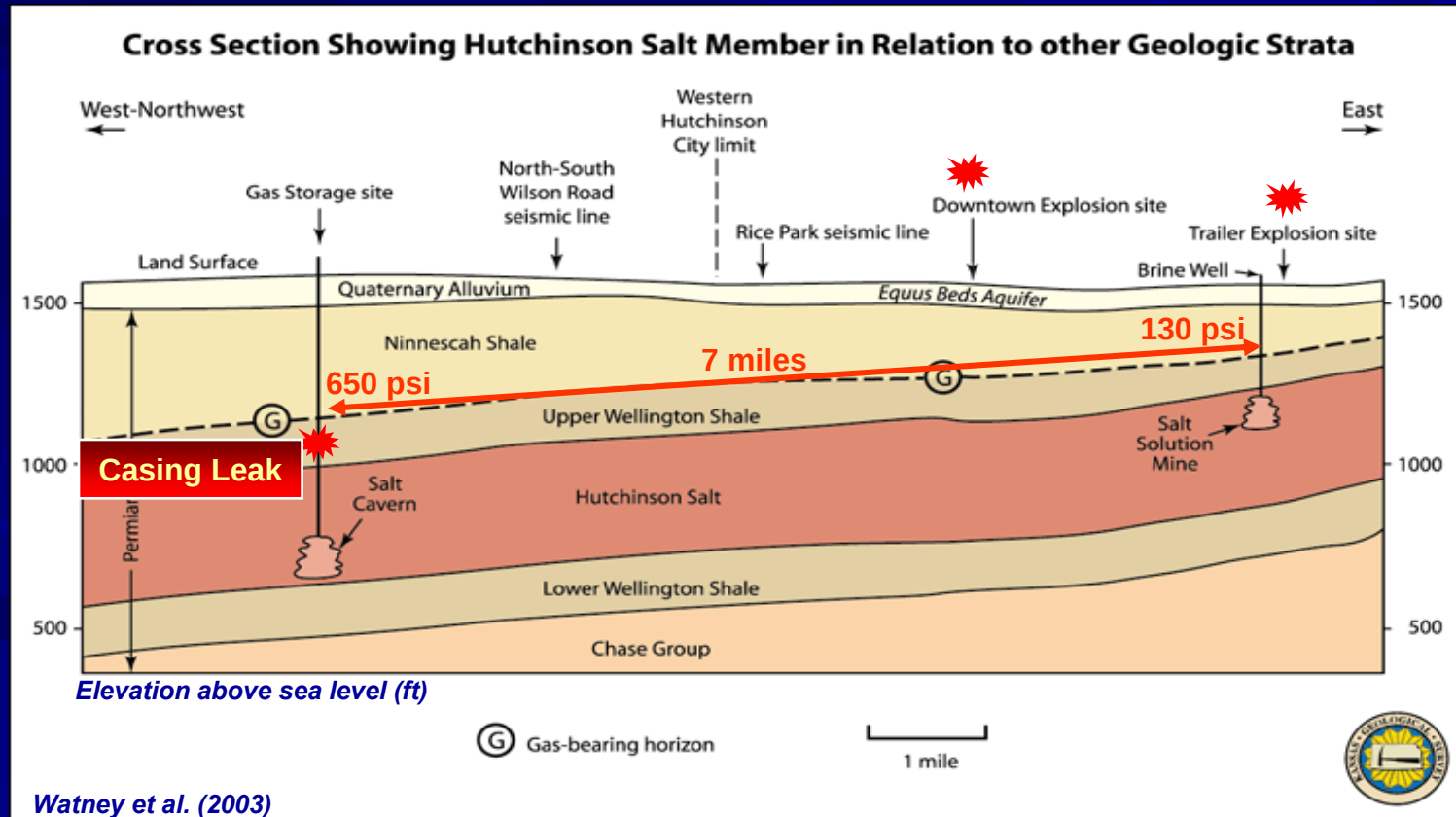
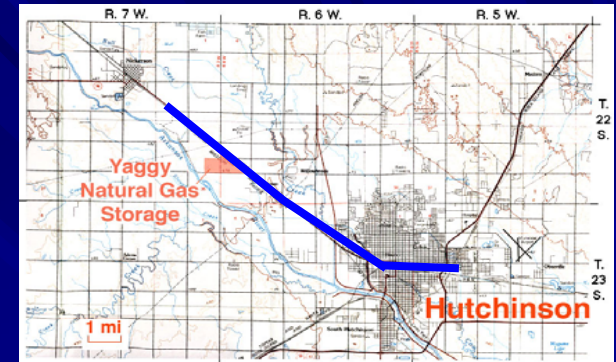
# Net Halite (salt) Isopach (thickness)



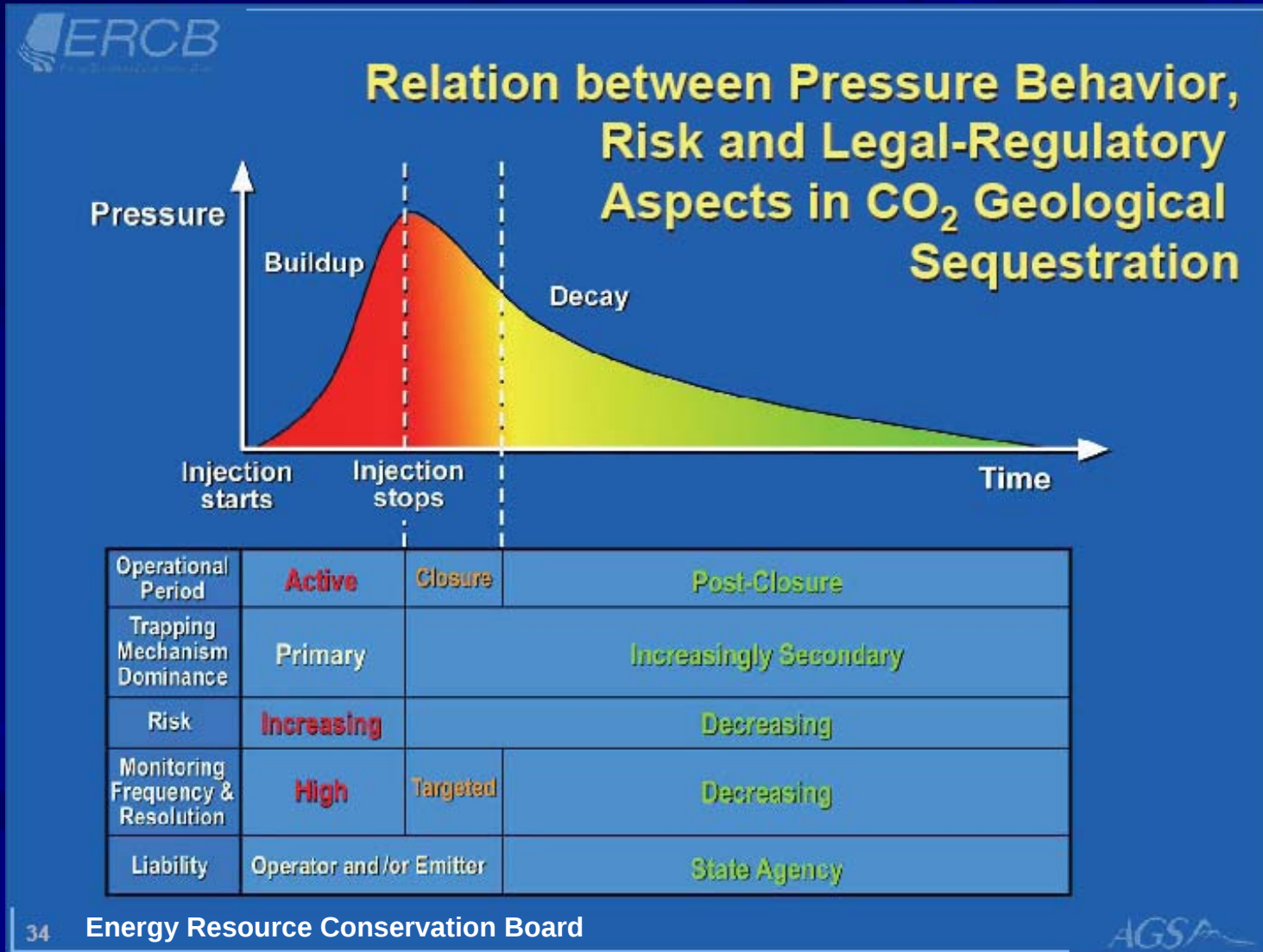
Additionally, KGS maps show that total evaporite thicknesses range from 400 to 2000 ft in south-central KS. These evaporites serve as ideal cap rocks.

# Yaggy Gas Storage Leak - 2001

Site selection for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration **CRITICAL**, because all wells drilled in the area have to be accounted for and properly completed before onset of CO<sub>2</sub> injection.



# Saline aquifer CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration



**2 x 750 MW coal-fired power plant → 10 million tons CO<sub>2</sub> per year**

## South-central Kansas CO<sub>2</sub> Project

Kansas Geological Survey



### Project Overview

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About...

#### Abstract

The proposed study will focus on the Wellington Field, with evaluation of the CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR potential of its Mississippian chert ("chat") reservoir and the sequestration potential in the underlying Cambro-Ordovician Arbuckle Group saline aquifer. A larger geomodel study of the Arbuckle Group saline aquifer will then be undertaken for a 17+-county area in south-central Kansas to evaluate regional CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration. This study will demonstrate the integration of seismic, geologic, and engineering approaches to evaluate CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration potential.

*South-central Kansas CO<sub>2</sub> Project* is a DOE-funded project of the Kansas Geological Survey. [More ...](#)

### Topics...

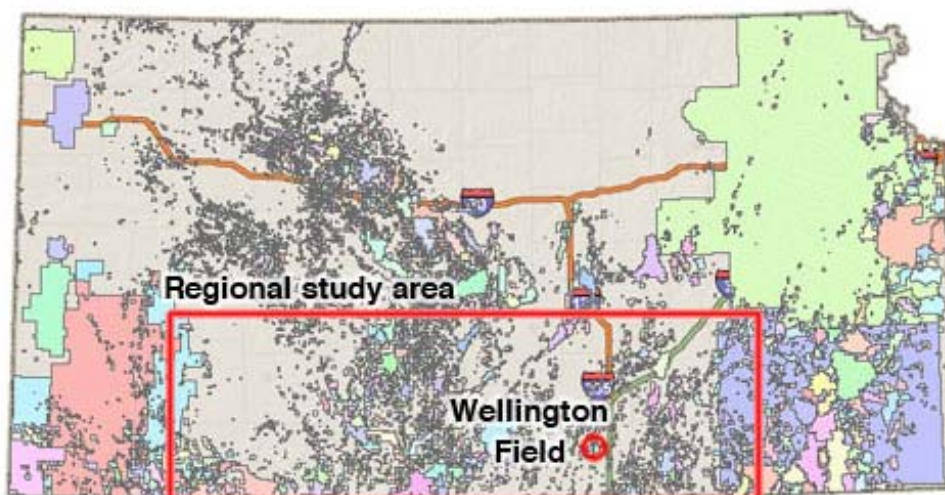
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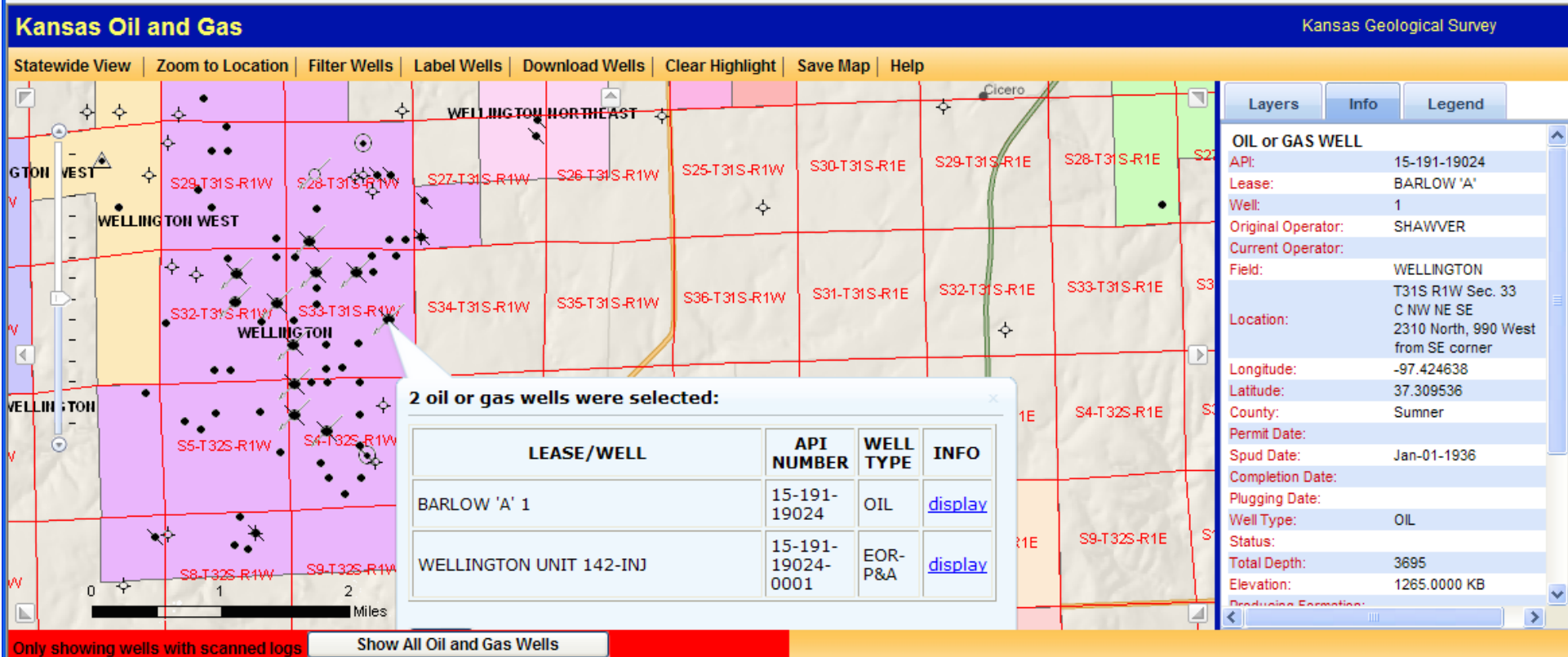
### Project Area

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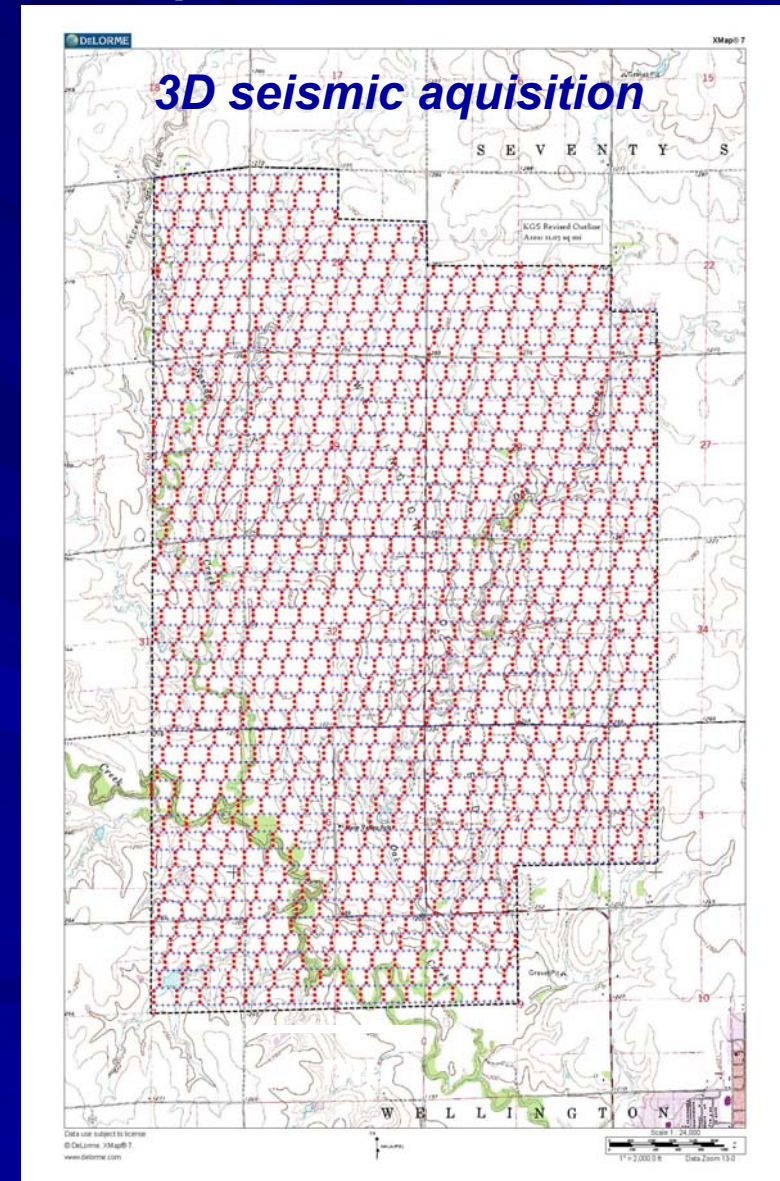
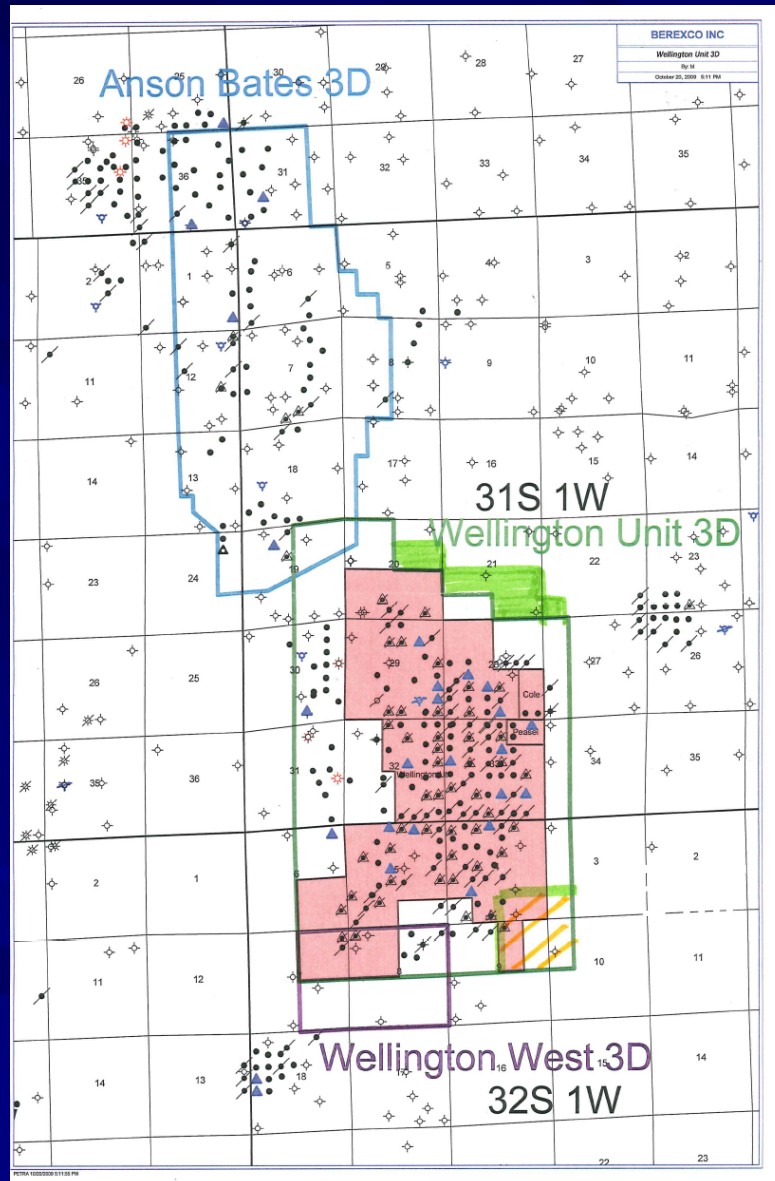
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## Interface for public to access data and interpretations obtained from project

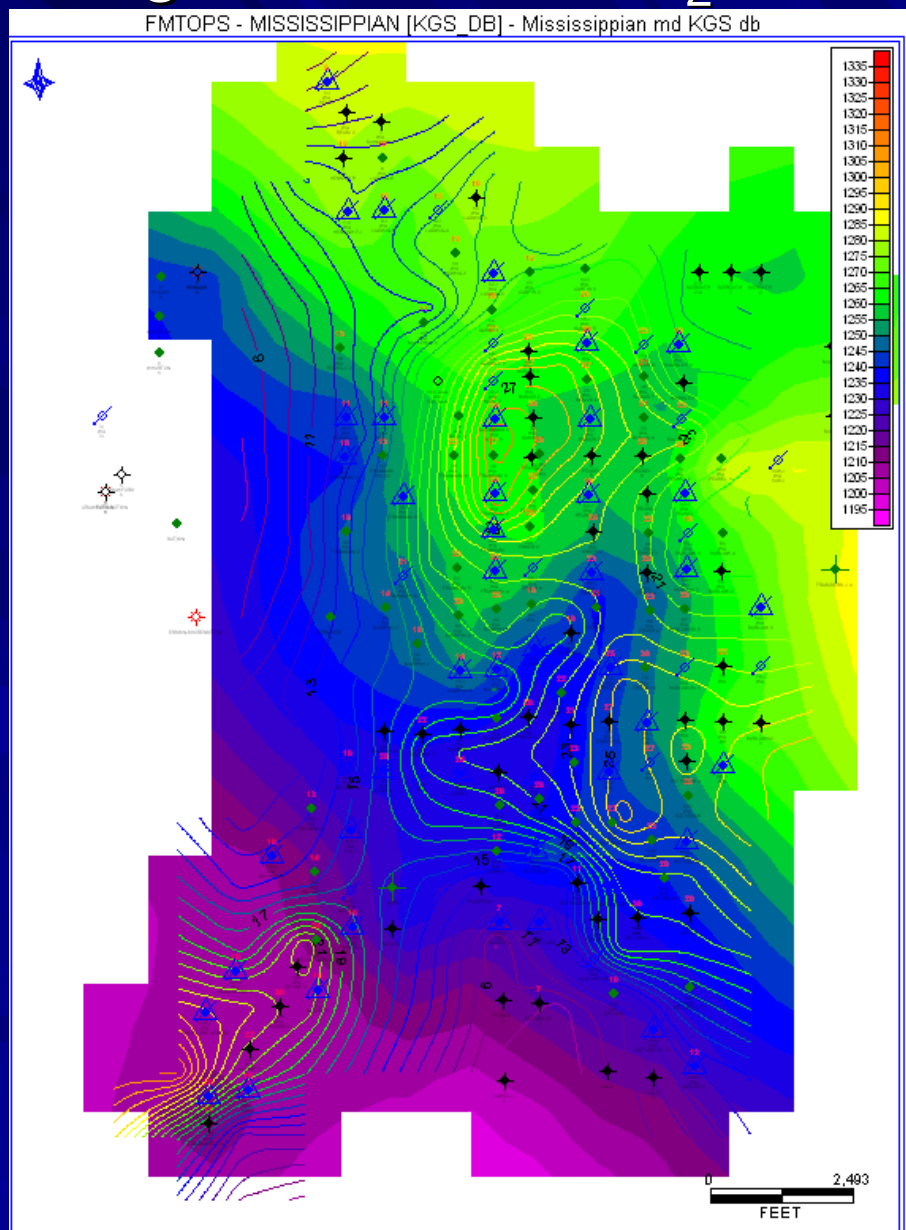
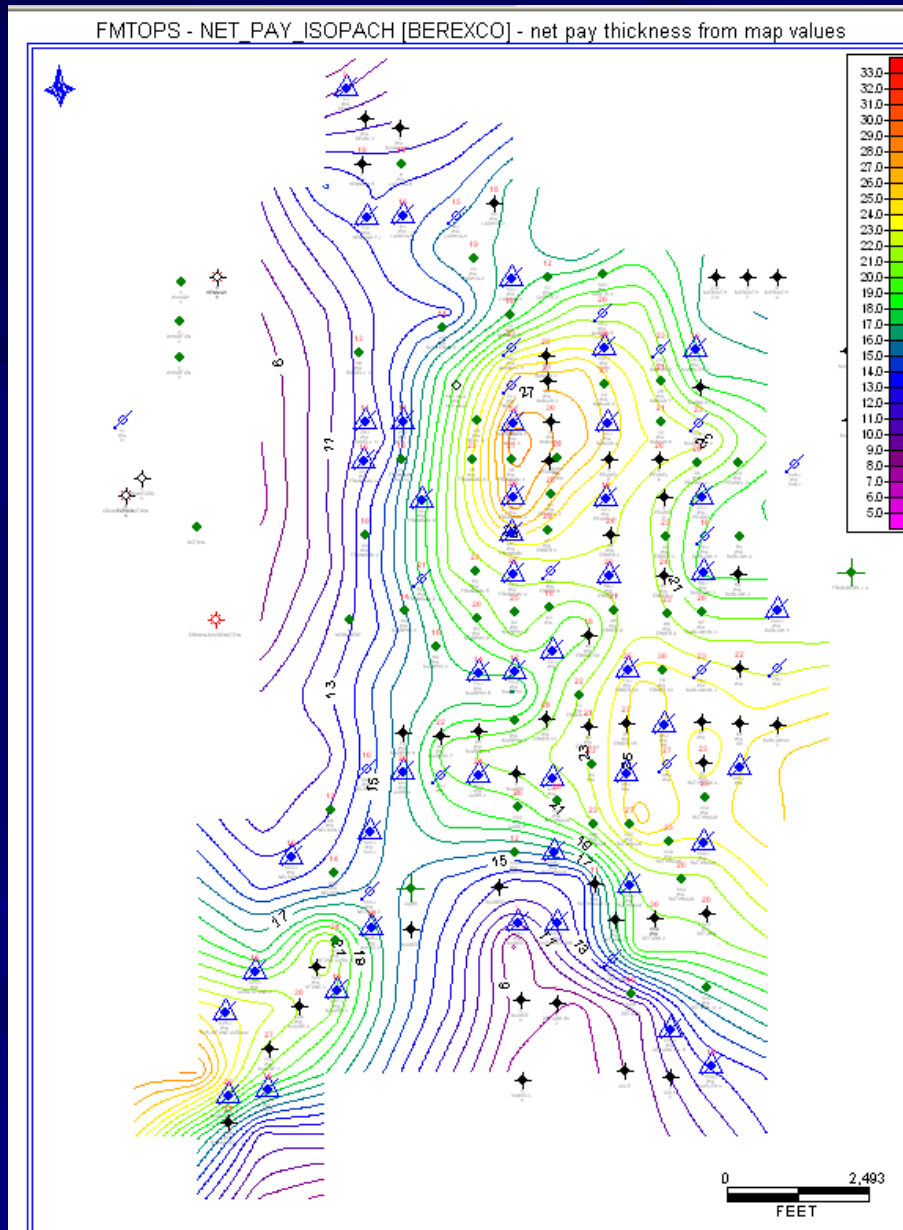


- Identify wells (click and link to complete information including lease production)
- Filter wells (e.g. wells with scanned logs)
- Overlay aerial photos & topographic maps

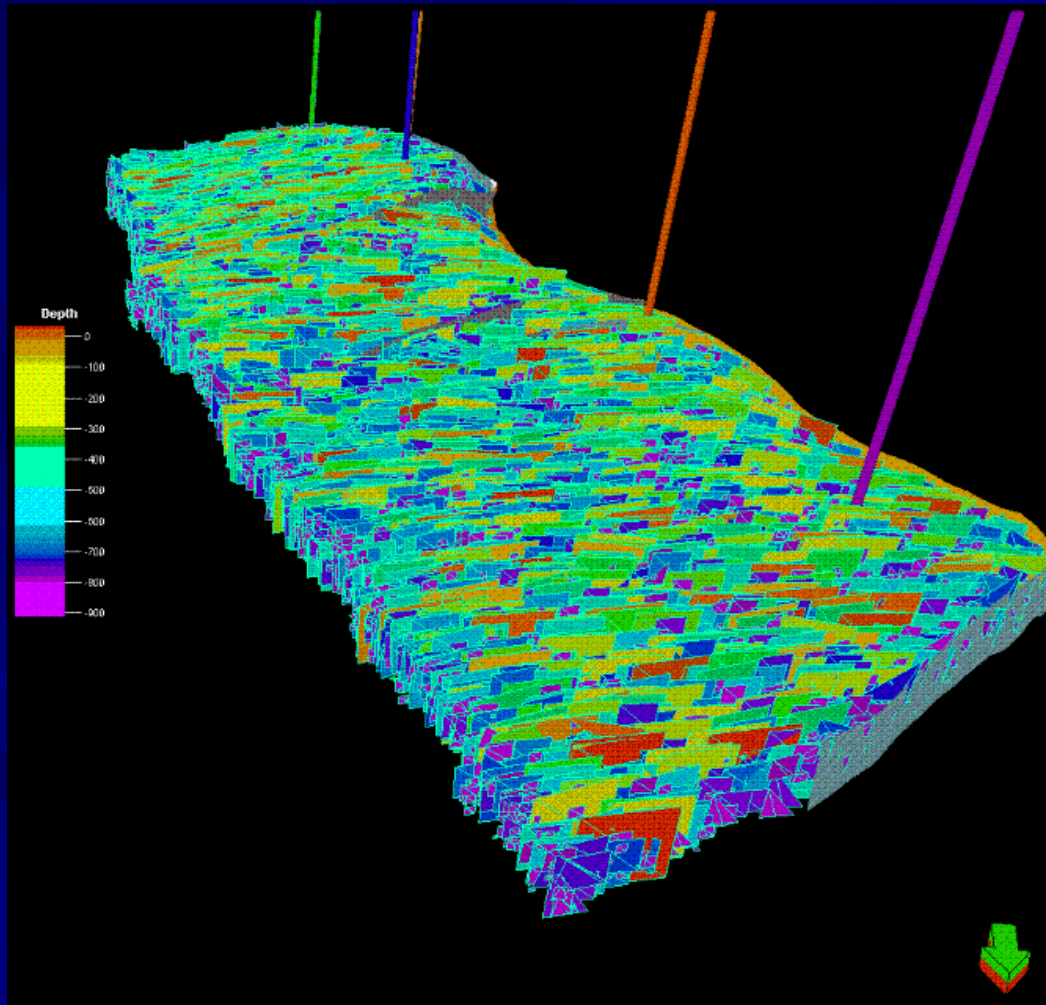
**3D seismic acquisition complete (Paragon) – April 10, 2010**  
**High Resolution Gravity/Magnetic acquisition (Lockart) - by June, 2010**  
**2D shear wave seismic (Lockhart) – June, 2010**



# Initial Wellington mapping of Mississippian chert/dolomite oil reservoir being studied for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR



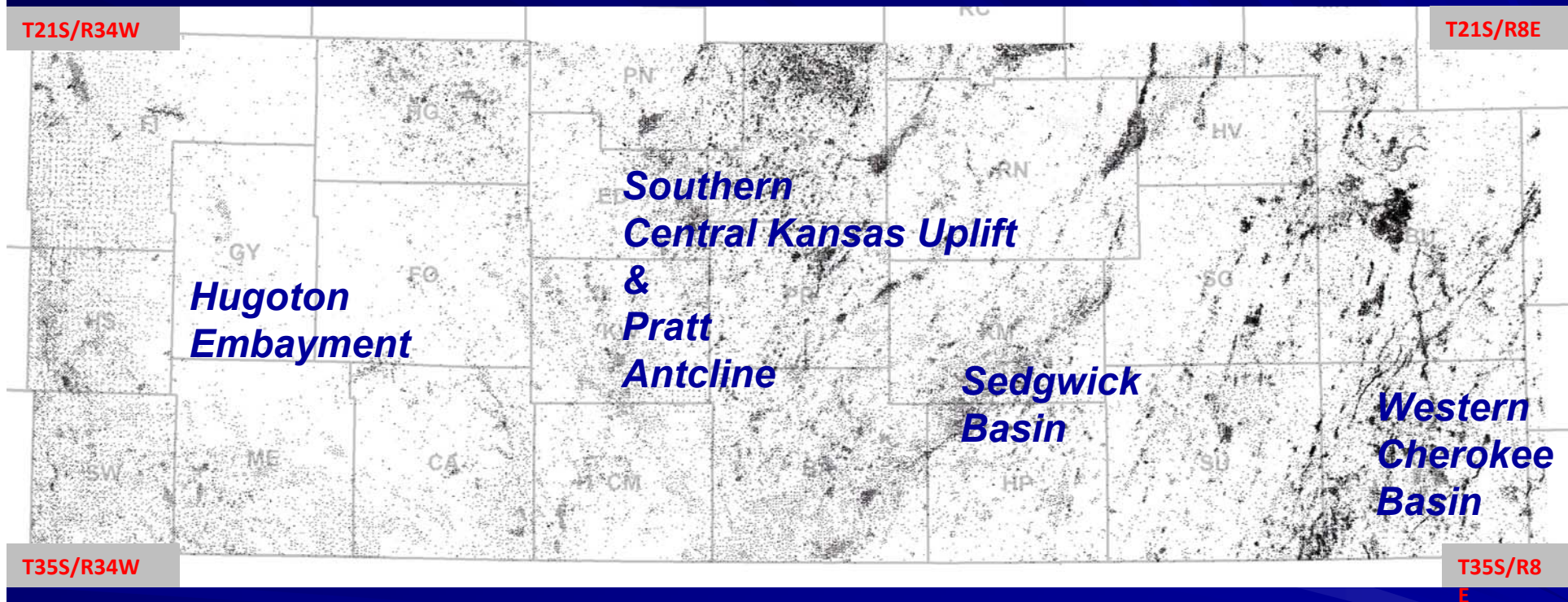
***Eventually*** – build 3D geomodel using *Petrel* for Wellington field and compartments at regional scale, which will be input into CMG-GEM simulator



*Discrete fracture network showing fracture size as an attribute.*

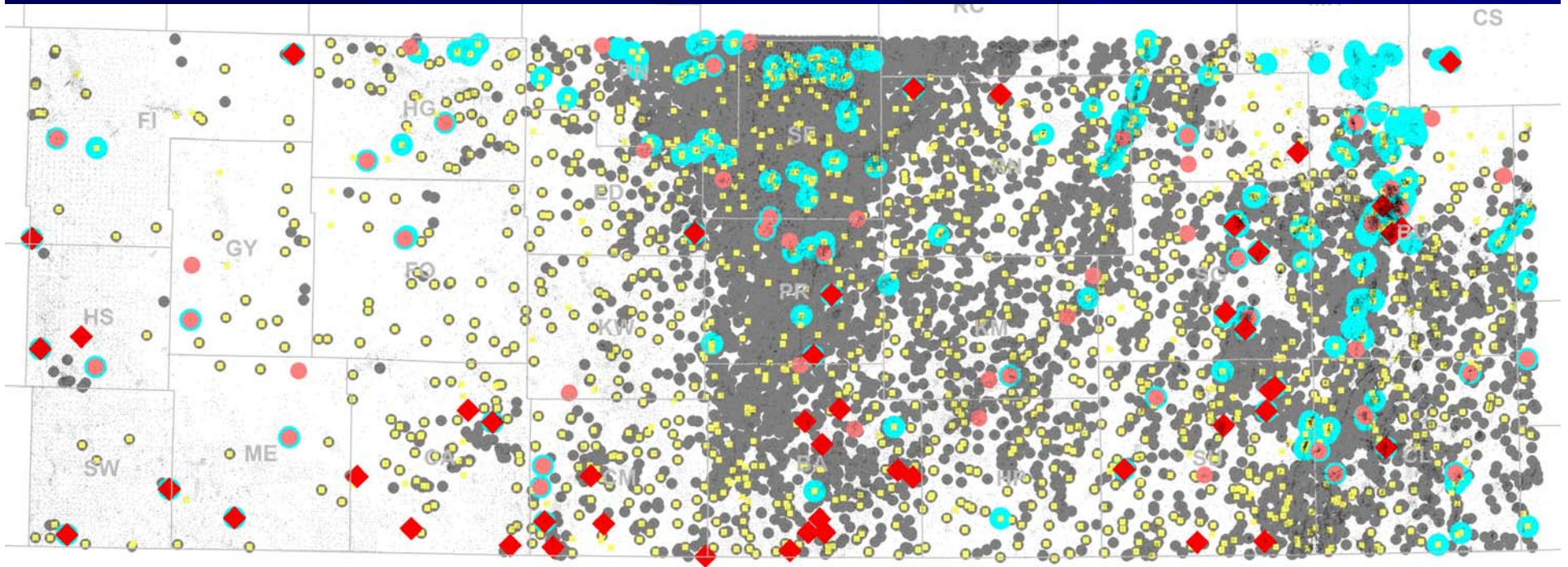
*Courtesy - Schlumberger*

# Well Count – Regional 17+ County Area



All Wells / All Counties  
95,117 wells

# Current Well Distribution Regional Mapping & Log Analysis



● Pre-Cambrian Wells = 292

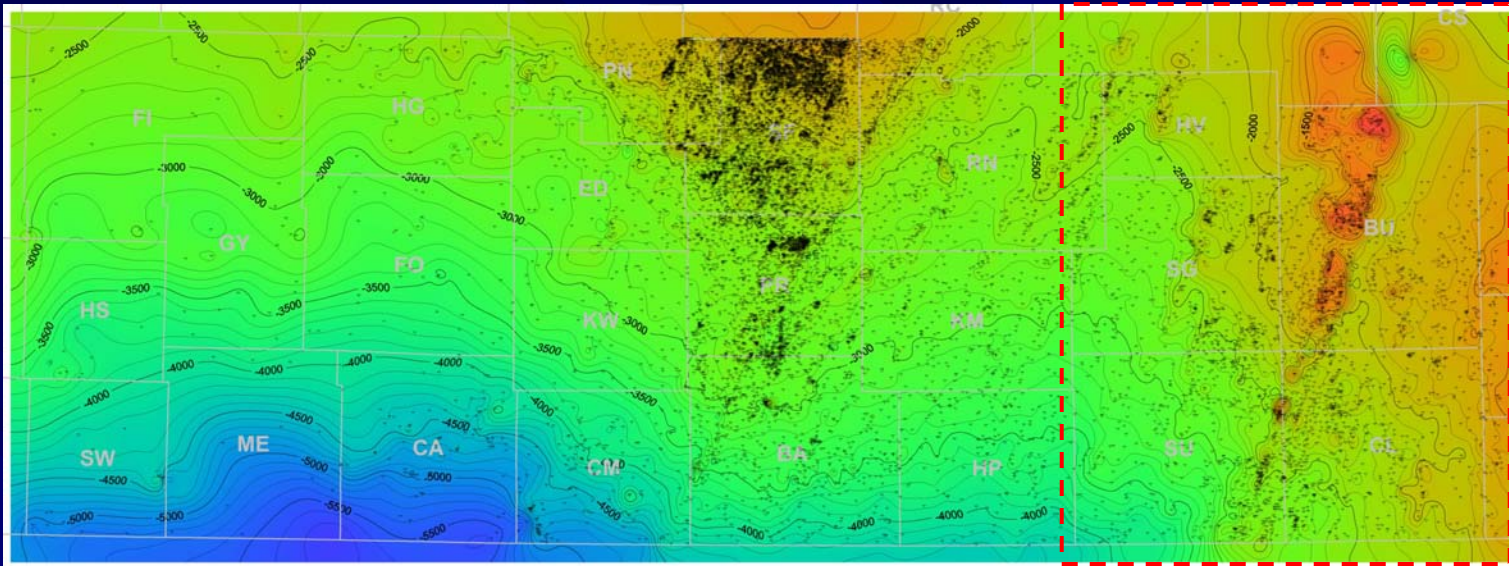
● Arbuckle Wells = 14,105

■ Type Wells (>200' into Arbuckle) = 1,417

● Super Type Wells (>400' into Arbuckle, 1980 or later) = 91

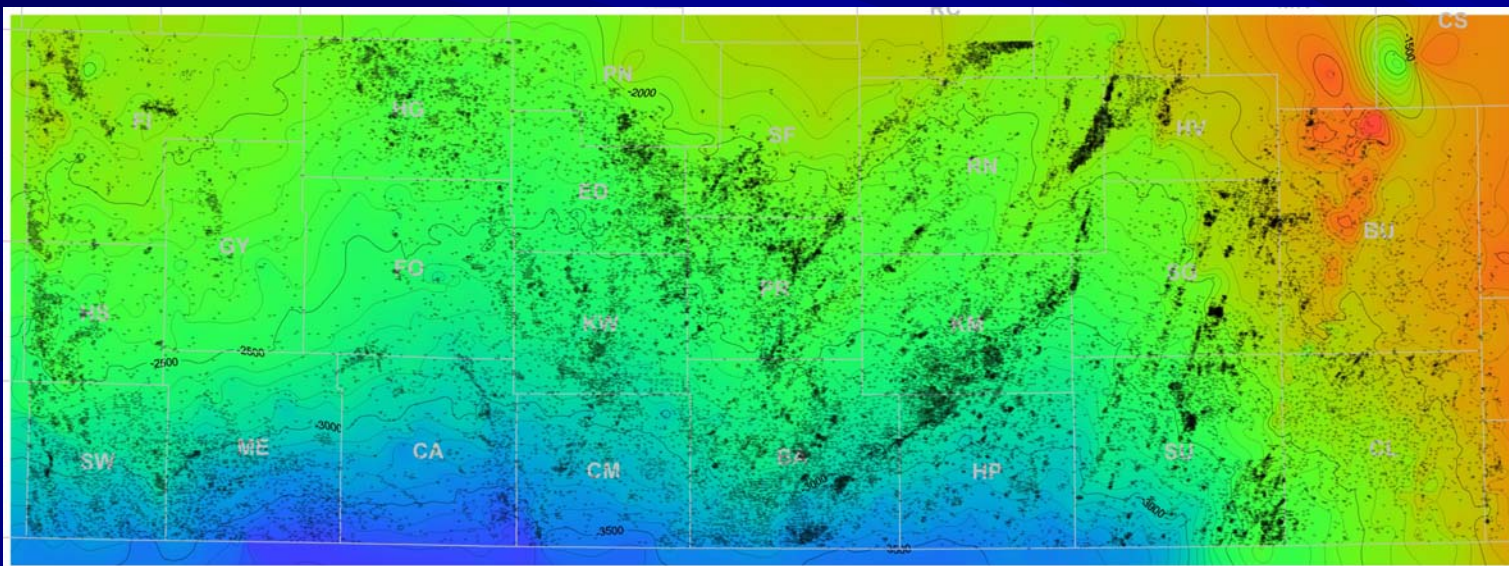
◆ LAS Files 48 wells (to date)

## Top of Arbuckle Structure



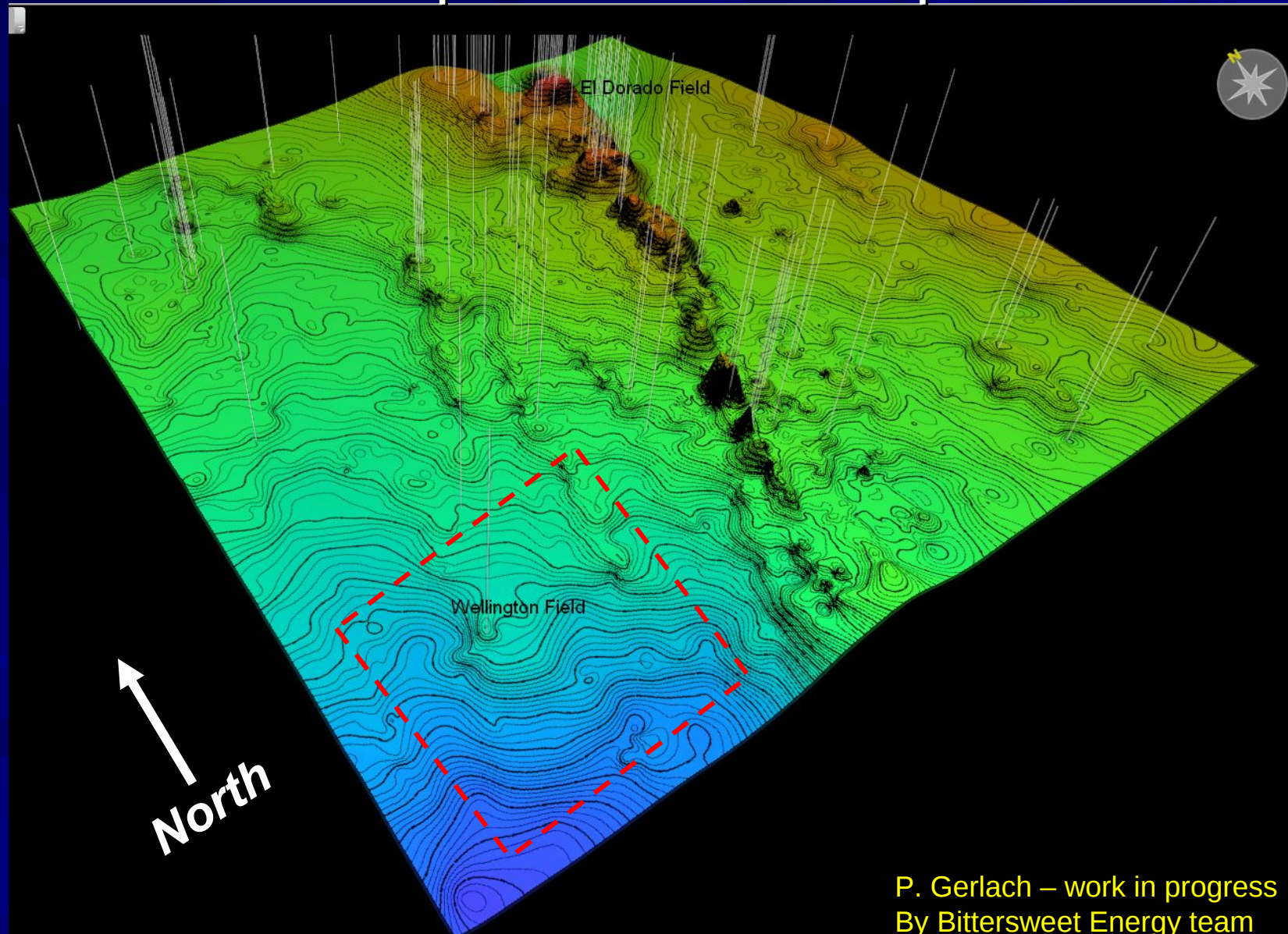
14,105 wells

## Top of Mississippian Structure



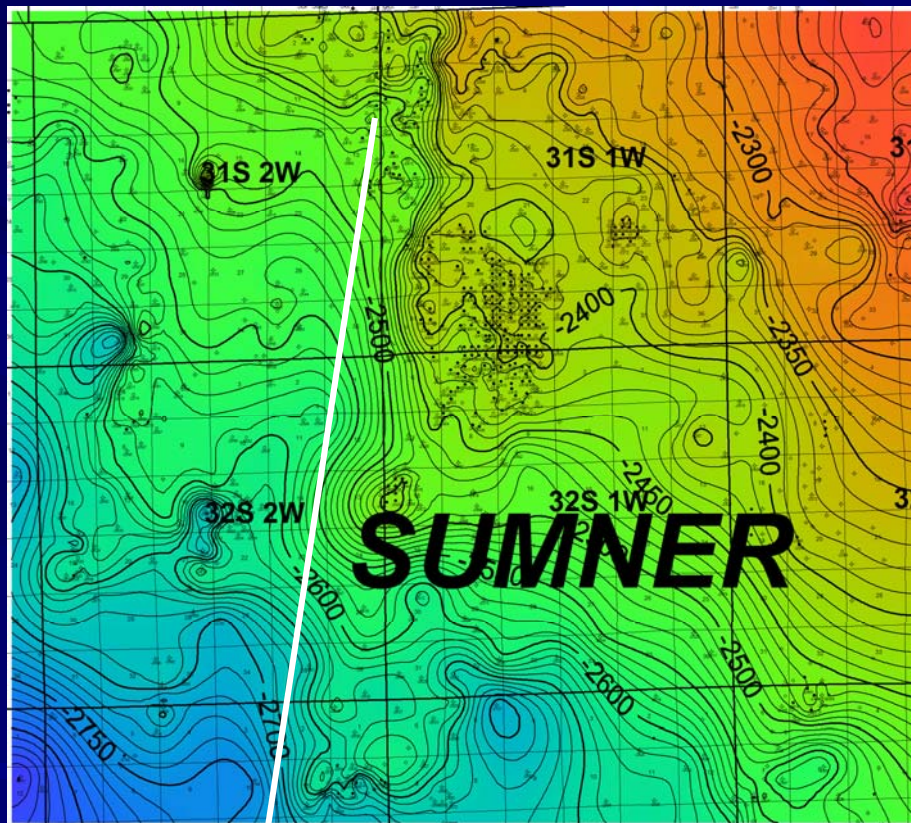
35,415 wells

# East side of regional study area Top Arbuckle Group



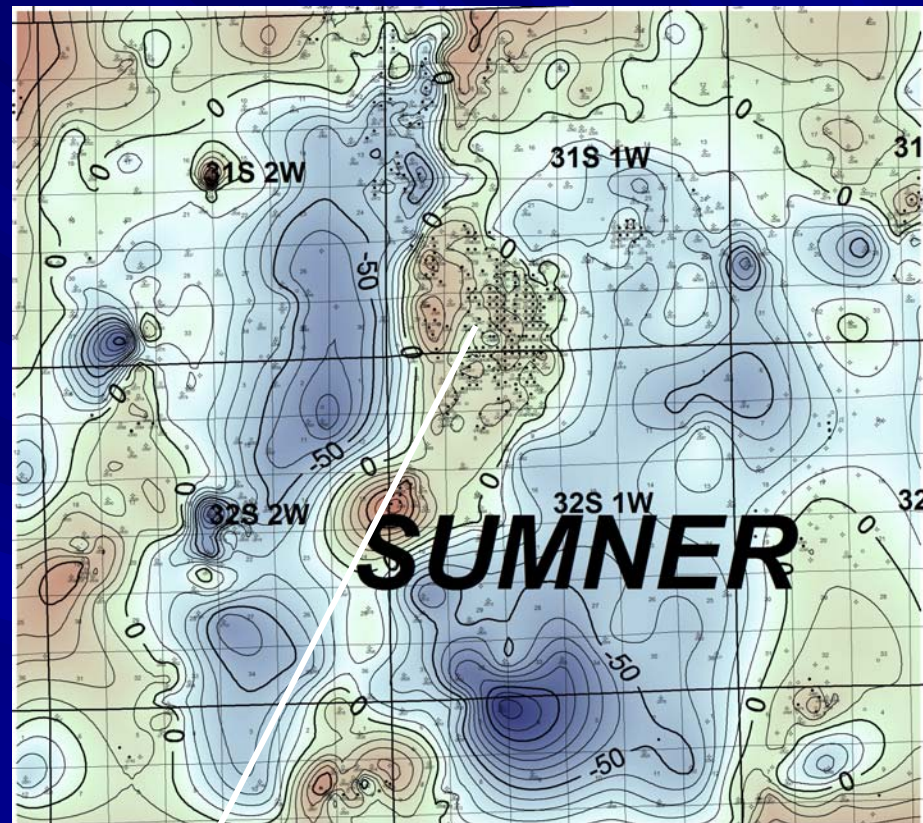
P. Gerlach – work in progress  
By Bittersweet Energy team

**Mississippian Subsea  
25 ft C.I.**



***Southern part of  
Anson-Bates field***

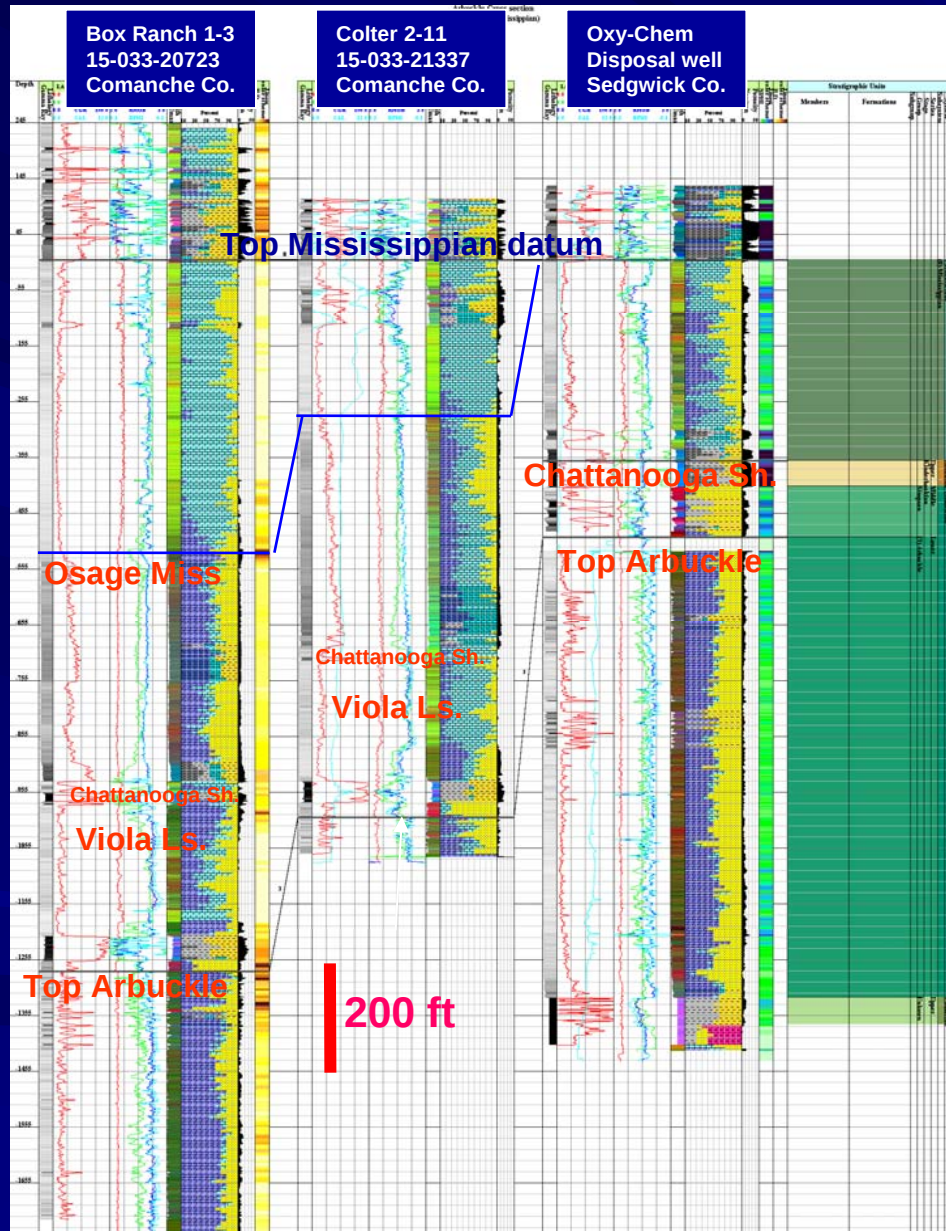
**3rd Order Residual of  
Mississippian Subsea  
25 ft C.I.**



***Wellington field***

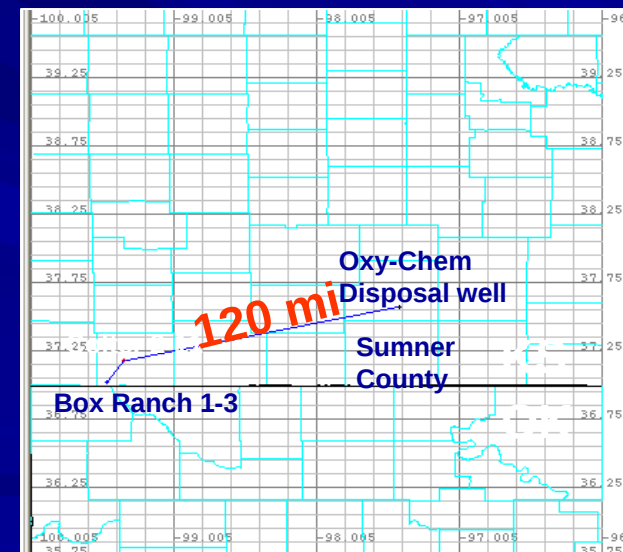
# KGS Developed Web-Tool - Well Profile & Cross Section

## Input Data – LAS files & Digitized



Three well stratigraphic cross section with datum on top of the Mississippian carbonates showing color images of gamma ray (gray scale), lithology track (multicolor image column), and color lithology percentage.

Index map, South-Central KS & North-Central OK



All well data saved in LAS 3.0 format

# KGS's Geomodel will utilize data from USGS's Anadarko Basin Resource Assessment



National Oil and  
Gas  
Assessment  
Project

## Geologic Review of the Anadarko Basin

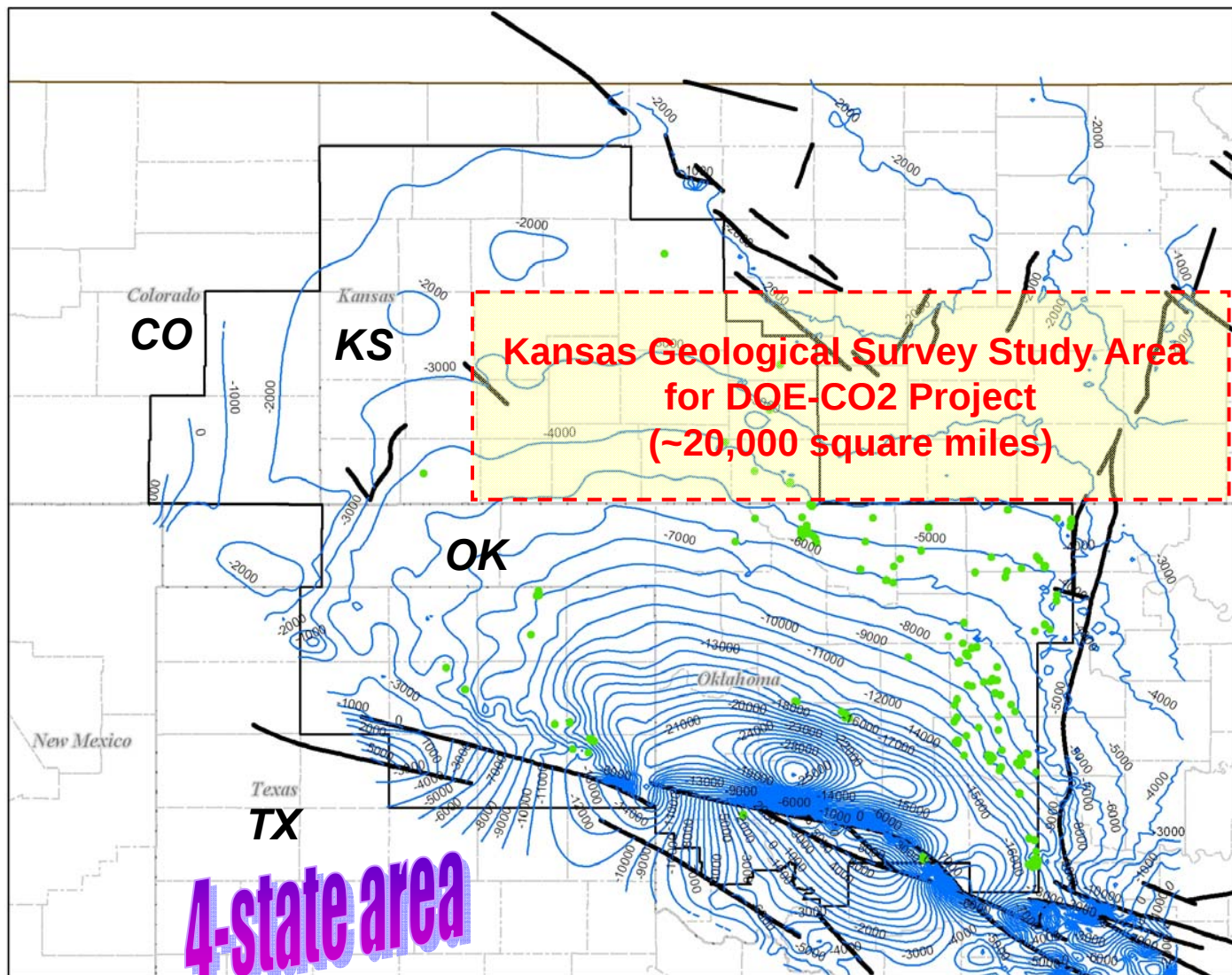
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Energy Resources Science Center -- Denver  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey

***USGS Project – Completion mid-2010***

# Top Simpson Group Structure Map

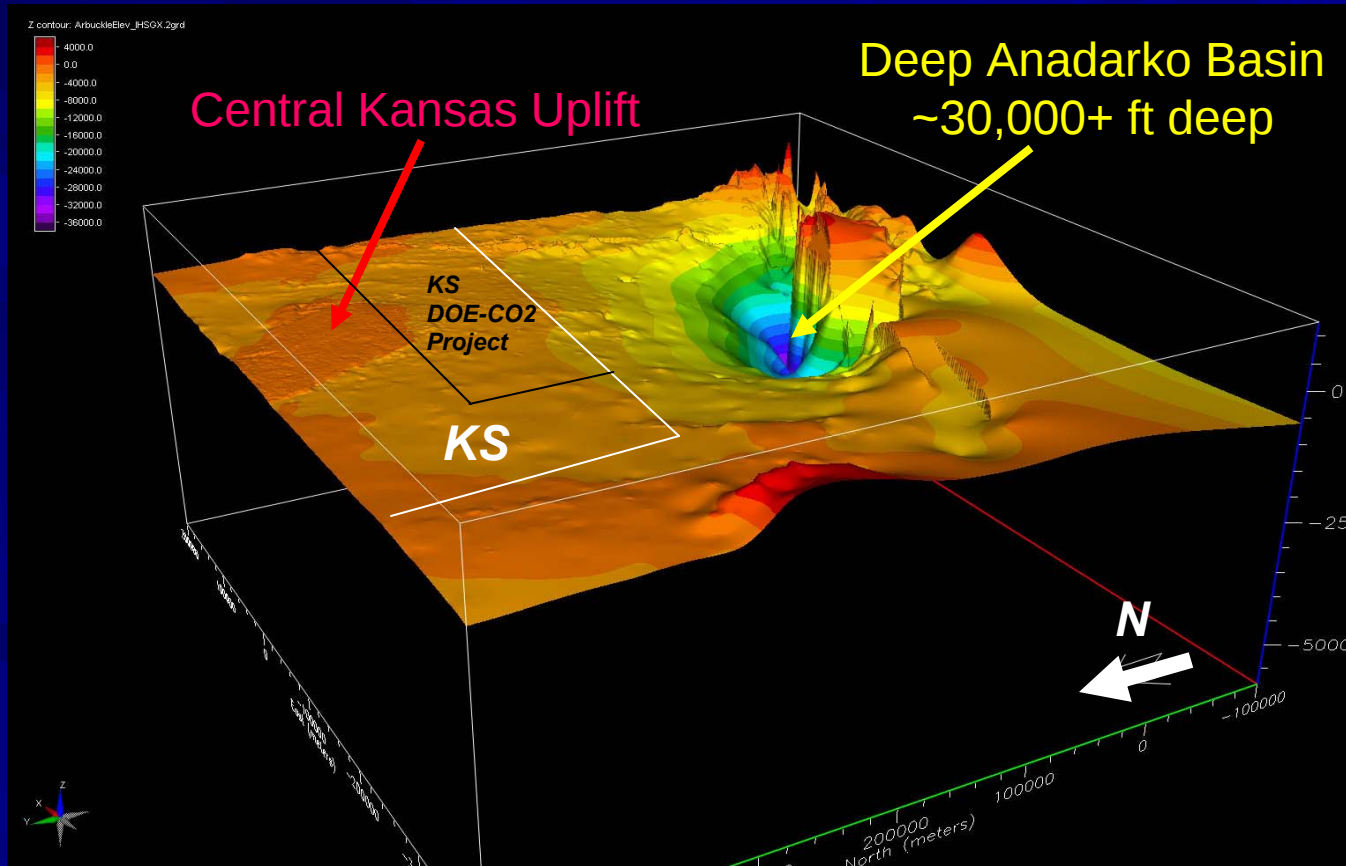
*From USGS Anadarko Basin Resource Assessment Project*





# USGS's Anadarko Basin Project

## Top of Arbuckle Group



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## About the KGS



### Office Locations

- [Lawrence office](#)
  - [Data Resources Library](#)
- [Wichita Well Sample Library](#)



Geology by  
William C. Johnson,  
Terri L. Woodburn,  
and Lisa G. Messinger

2009

Computer compilation and cartography by  
Christopher R. Barker, Gerald W. Wright II,  
Ian J. Farnsworth, Jürgen A. Fries,  
Eileen J. Hays, and John W. Coakley

**Explanation**

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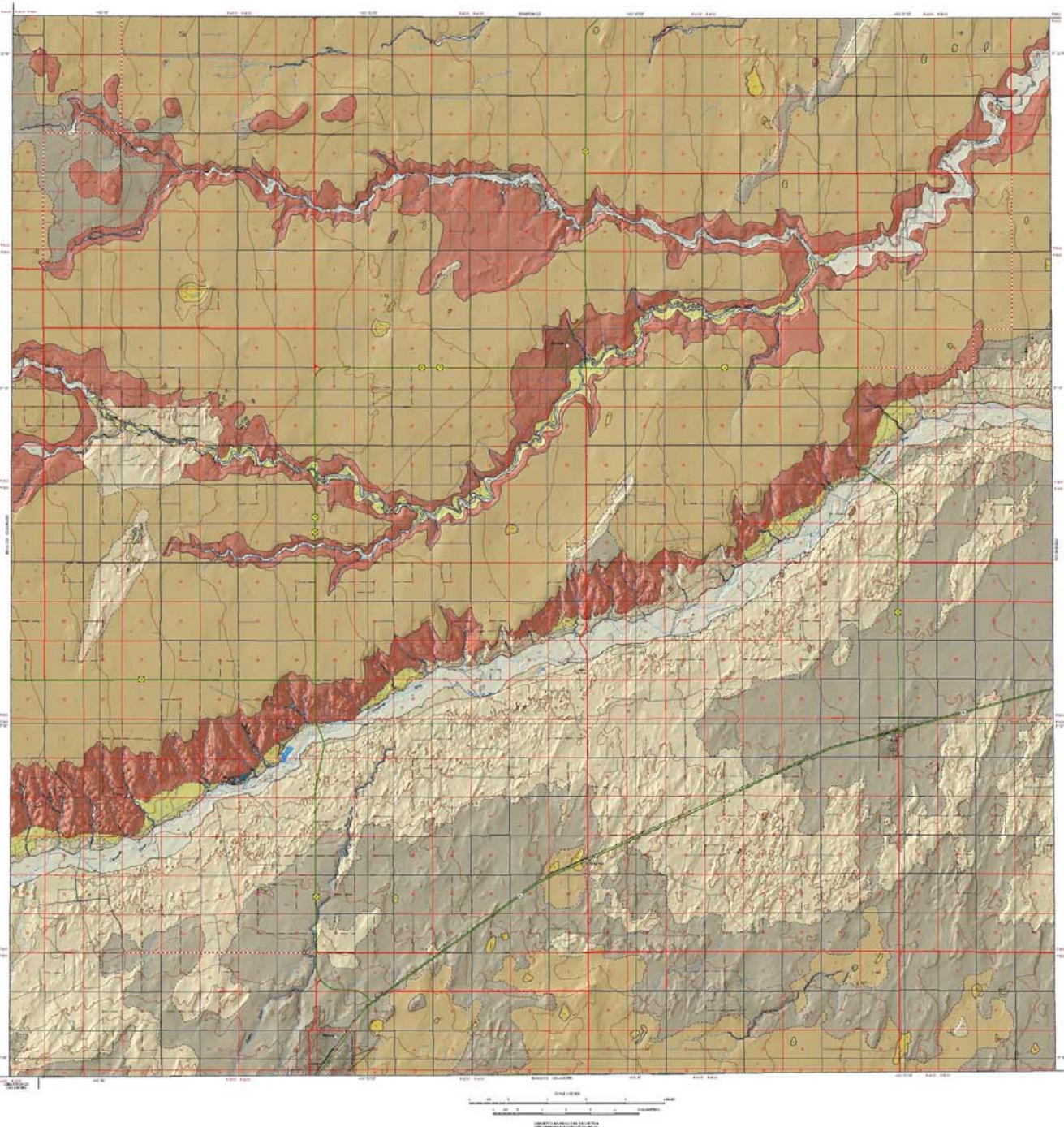
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Results compare to *in situ* data in general well. The un-  
derground from U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) data  
(Barnett 1980) (right) shows similar results with 10% of  
the data points, which are in this general area of high  
crustal thickness, but not along the 1000 km line. It is  
possible that the data may be more precise than the lower  
and for completion of geologic survey points. Data  
points in the map may reflect different geological  
structures than the present crustal map. The  
thickness of an entire line across a center line (Barnett  
1980) is not a problem. But the mapped only may be  
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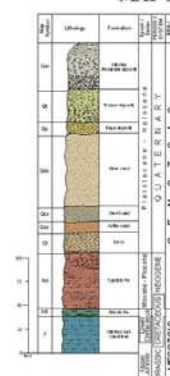
Results and findings are described in the next step as extracted from data from the National Department of Transportation (DOT) and other sources (U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Service Agency (2012) & U.S. National Geographic Imagery (2012)). Imagery data are the most direct road to data.

**Suggested references to this map:**

2008  
Korean Veterinary Society  
University of Seoul  
Lantern, August 2008  
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MAP M-116



## CENOZOIC ROCKS

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## MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

- Dakota Formations.** The Cretaceous Dakota Formation lies above the Eocene Fort Union and crops out in small exposures along a tributary of the North Fork of the Cheyenne River. It consists of light-colored to brown, well-sorted, fine-grained sandstones with pebbles from coarse sandstone to boulders. The sandstone beds range from 10 ft. to 100 ft. in thickness. In quantitative analysis, 70% of the rock and gravel is either fine to medium sand or light to light gray, gray-buff sandstone. The sandstone is highly permeable to the surface sandstone beds. Thinness, determined from test logs, suggest a maximum of 130 feet (954-954) (Laughlin, 1942).
- Shinarump and Pinedale.** These two beds are the oldest local cropping out in the country and are exposed at only one locality - below the Pecos of Kanab, situated on the Colorado Formation north side. A second outcrop was found by 954-954 (Laughlin in 1942) but, based on a study of a typical sandstone photograph, was considered by most desert geologists during the 1940s and 1950s as a Pinedale sandstone. The beds also contain a few small pebbles of quartzite and mudstone, and minor amounts of gravel. The sandstone occurs as thin and

McLaughlin, T. O., 1941. Geology and ground-water resources of Madison County, Kansas, with sections on the oil and gas resources of the county. Kansas Geological Survey Bulletin 42, 136 p.

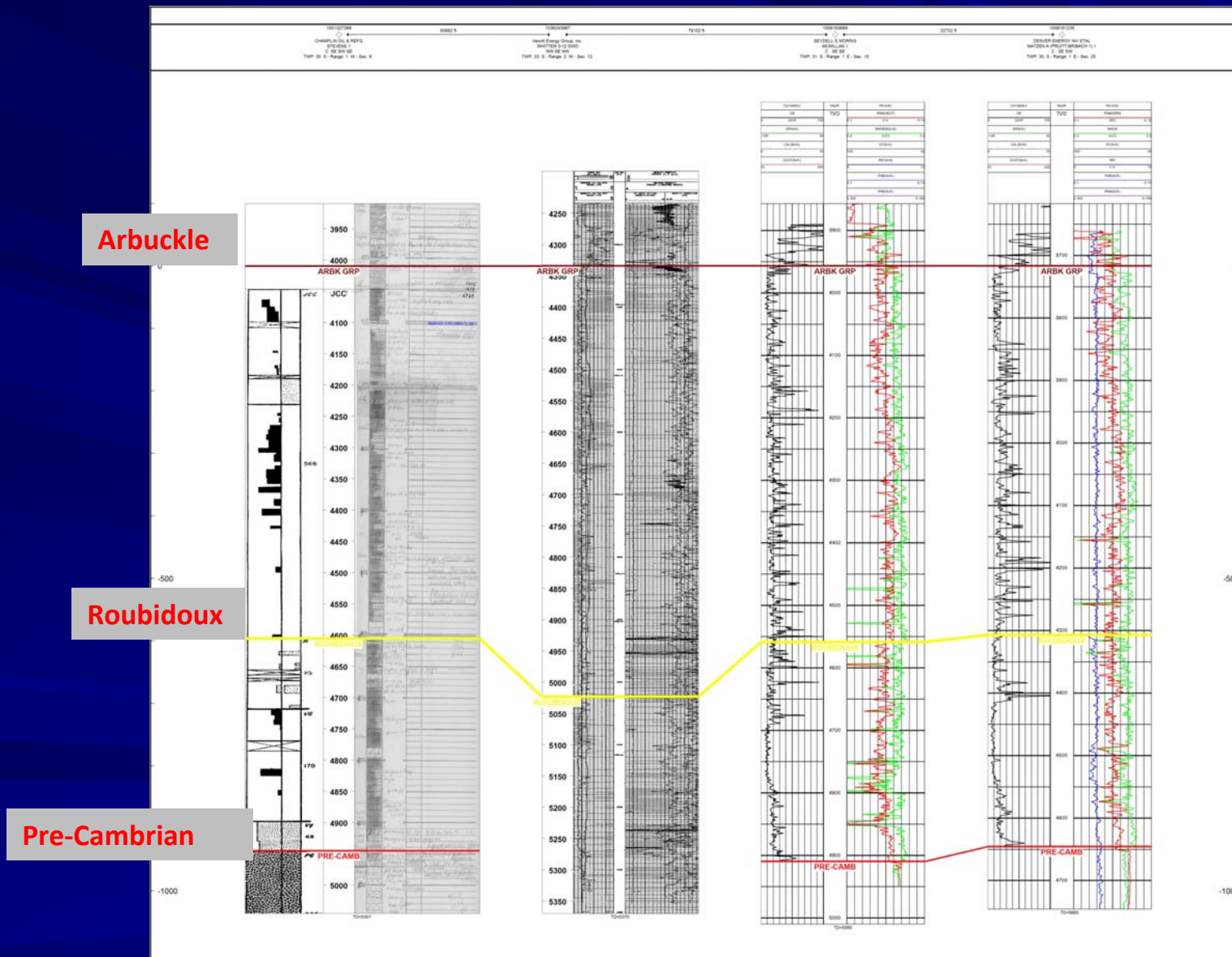


- | ORGANISMAL ABILITY OF BARNES |                      |                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| GOVERNANCE SYSTEM            | MODERATE SYSTEM      | GOVERNANCE SYSTEM        |
| Reference: Politician Refer  | Planner: Mission Set |                          |
| Low and intermediate inputs  | Spills In            | Perpetrator: Subsequent  |
| Self-Defense                 | CRIMINALITY SYSTEM   | Microscopic: Microscopic |
| Overhead: Self-Defense       | ATTACK SYSTEM        |                          |
| Under of: Glaciers in: River | DEFENSE SYSTEM       |                          |

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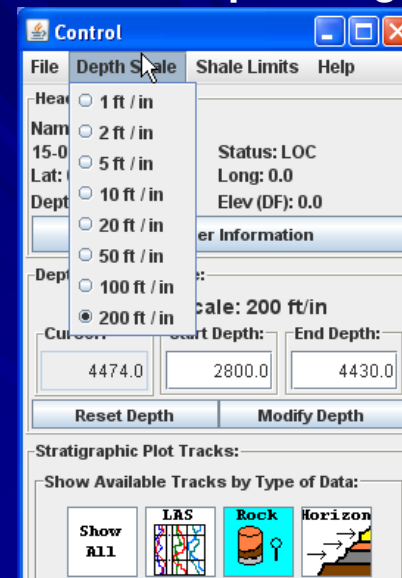
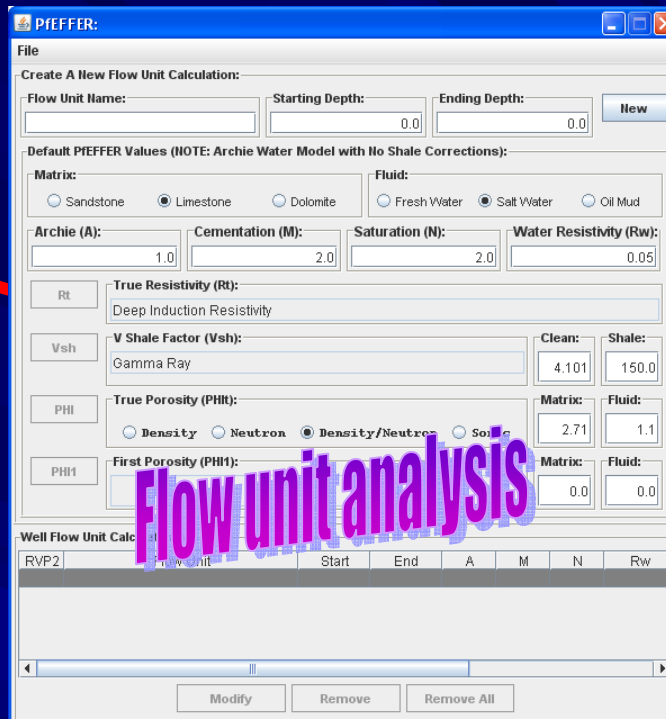
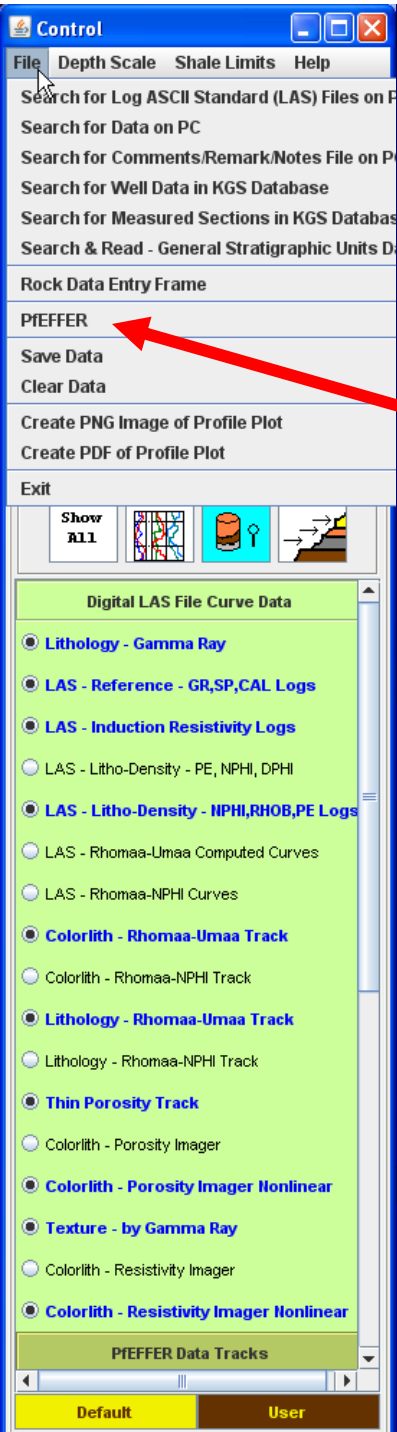
# Integration of Well data – different vintages

## Detailed Stratigraphic Analysis



# KGS's – Web-based Log Analysis Tool

## Scales & depth ranges

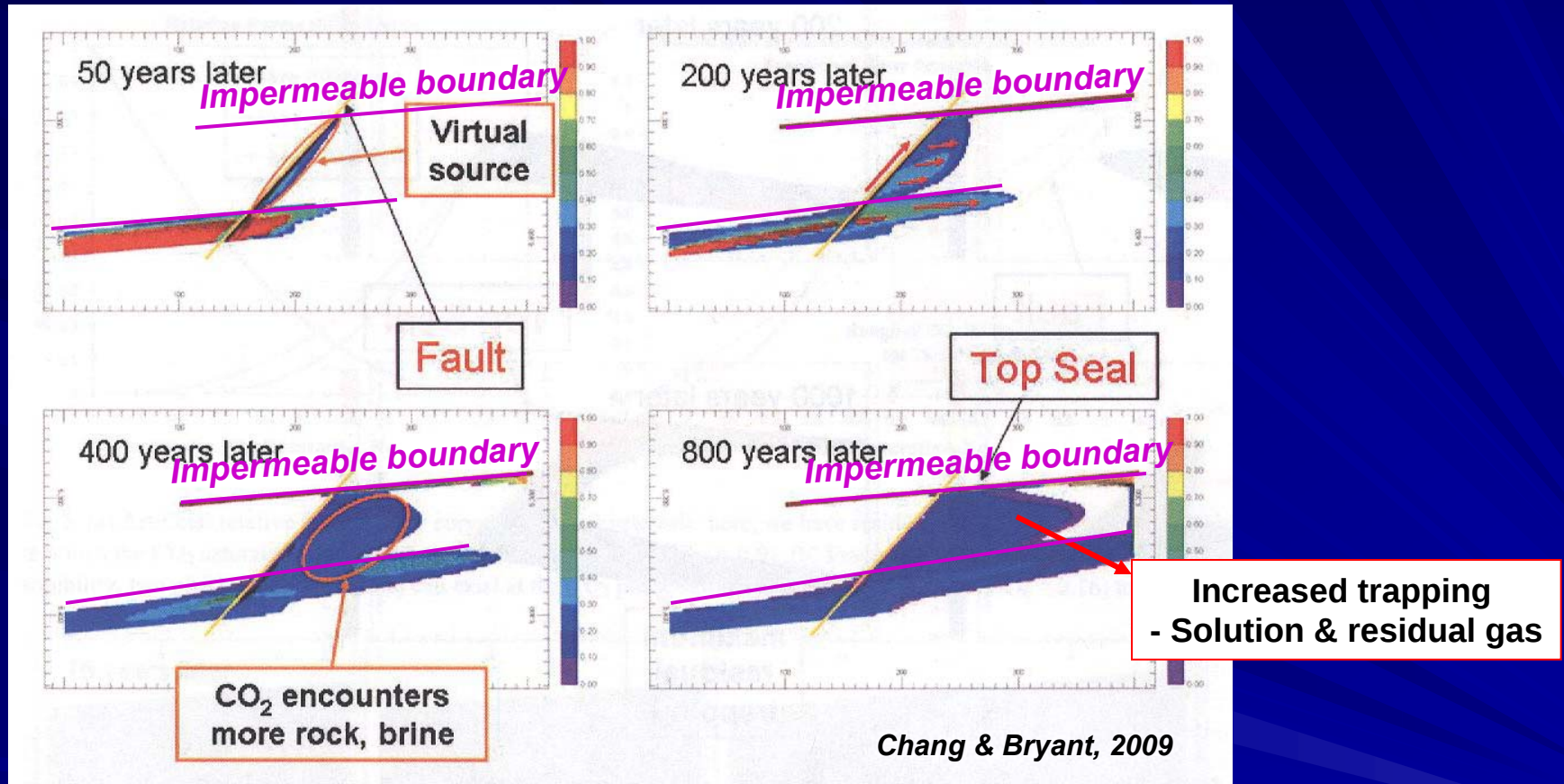


## Handling un-scaled GR



# Risk Analysis

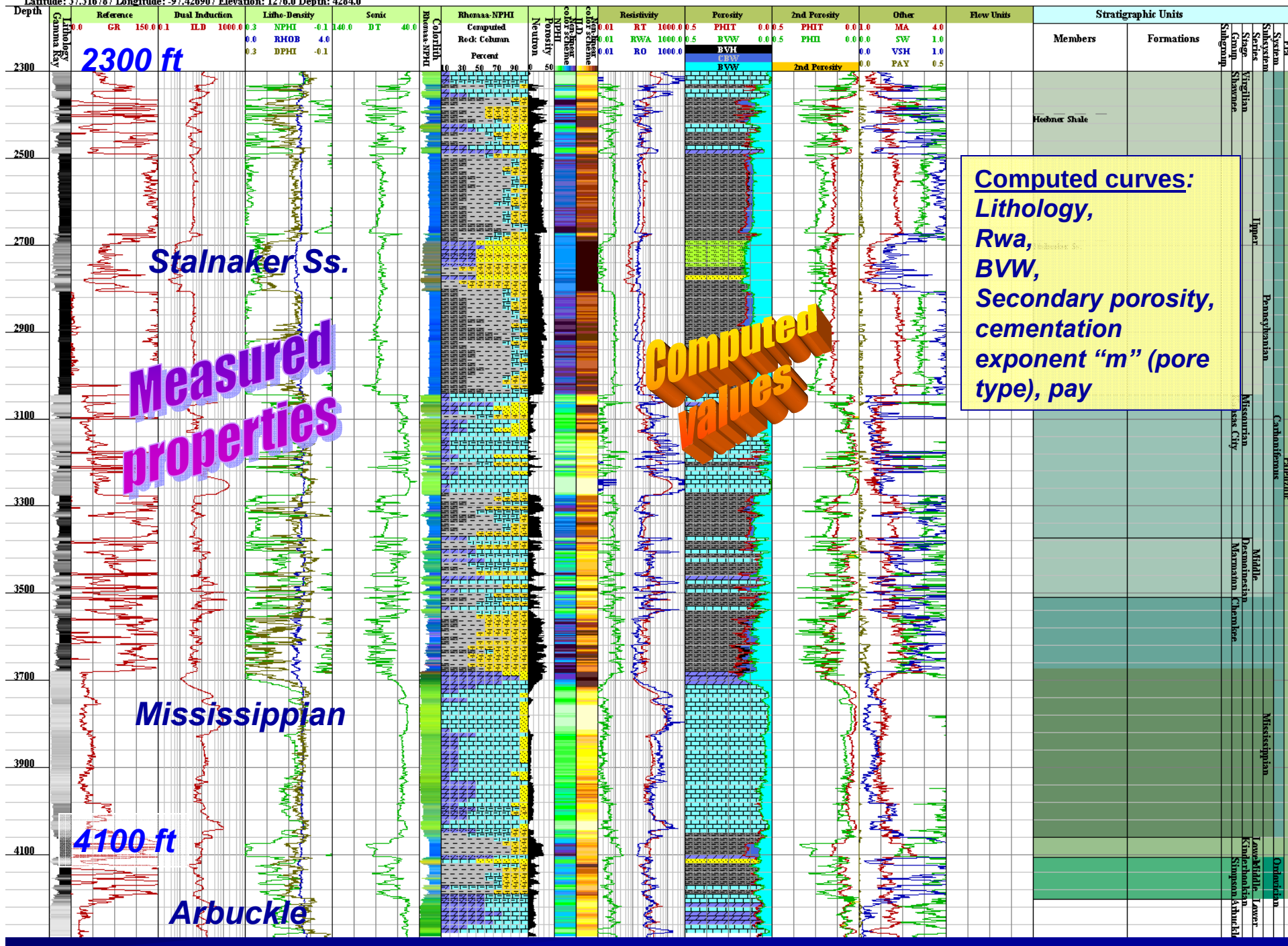
## Plume Intersects Inclined Fault – does not extend to surface



CO<sub>2</sub> leaks into fault and creates a “virtual CO<sub>2</sub> source”.

CO<sub>2</sub> migrates updip and gets attenuated – additional trapping in solution and as residual gas

WELLINGTON UNIT, was PEASEL 1 144 (15-191-20789) T: 31S R: 1W S: 33  
 Latitude: 37.316787 Longitude: -97.426907 Elevation: 1276.0 Depth: 4284.0



# Budget

**\$ 4,974,299.00    \$ 1,359,020.00    \$ 6,333,319.00**

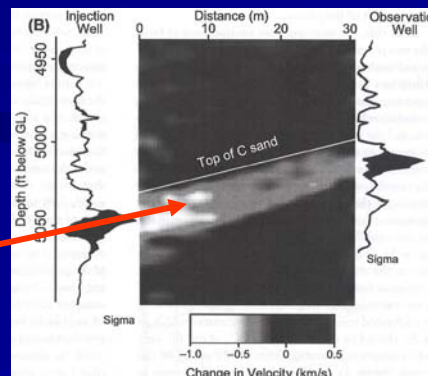
|                              | Budget - DOE    | Match         | Total           |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Berexco - Drilling (2 wells) | \$ 1,659,895.00 | \$ 288,000.00 | \$ 1,947,895.00 |
| Berexco - Geophysics         | \$ 624,687.00   | \$ 175,305.00 | \$ 799,992.00   |
| Berexco - Logging (2 wells)  | \$ 207,240.00   | \$ -          | \$ 207,240.00   |
| Berexco - Coring (1 well)    | \$ 272,000.00   | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 282,000.00   |
| Weatherford - Core Analysis  | \$ 365,873.00   | \$ 105,015.00 | \$ 470,888.00   |
| KS State                     | \$ 225,167.00   | \$ 82,966.00  | \$ 308,133.00   |
| CMG                          | \$ 212,432.00   | \$ 152,108.00 | \$ 364,540.00   |
| Bittersweet                  | \$ 703,900.00   | \$ 70,096.00  | \$ 773,996.00   |
| Log Digi                     | \$ 38,000.00    | \$ -          | \$ 38,000.00    |
| Noble Energy                 | \$ -            | \$ 274,856.00 | \$ 274,856.00   |
| Remote Sensing               | \$ 41,000.00    | \$ -          | \$ 41,000.00    |
| KGS                          | \$ 383,490.00   | \$ 159,265.00 | \$ 542,755.00   |
| Others - Supplies & Travel   | \$ 55,470.00    | \$ -          | \$ 55,470.00    |
| GRA Tuition                  | \$ 21,355.00    | \$ -          | \$ 21,355.00    |
| KU - F&A                     | \$ 163,790.00   | \$ 41,409.00  | \$ 205,199.00   |

# What happens when super-critical CO<sub>2</sub> is injected into a saline aquifer?

1. Part of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in the surrounding brine under pressure – **solution (20 to 30% over time)** - Ozah, 2005
2. Part of injected CO<sub>2</sub> remains as **free-phase (gas) CO<sub>2</sub> (35 to < 5% over time)**
  - *Free-phase (gas) CO<sub>2</sub> rises to the top of the flow unit (being lighter)*
3. As free-phase (gas) CO<sub>2</sub> rises, additional CO<sub>2</sub> gets trapped in fine pores in the rock – **residual gas saturation (45 to 65% over time)**
4. Natural movement of water in the aquifer **dilutes** CO<sub>2</sub> in solution and in free phase
5. Over long term (100s and 1000s of years), some of the injected CO<sub>2</sub> gets trapped as **mineral precipitates** in the aquifer (**< 5%**)

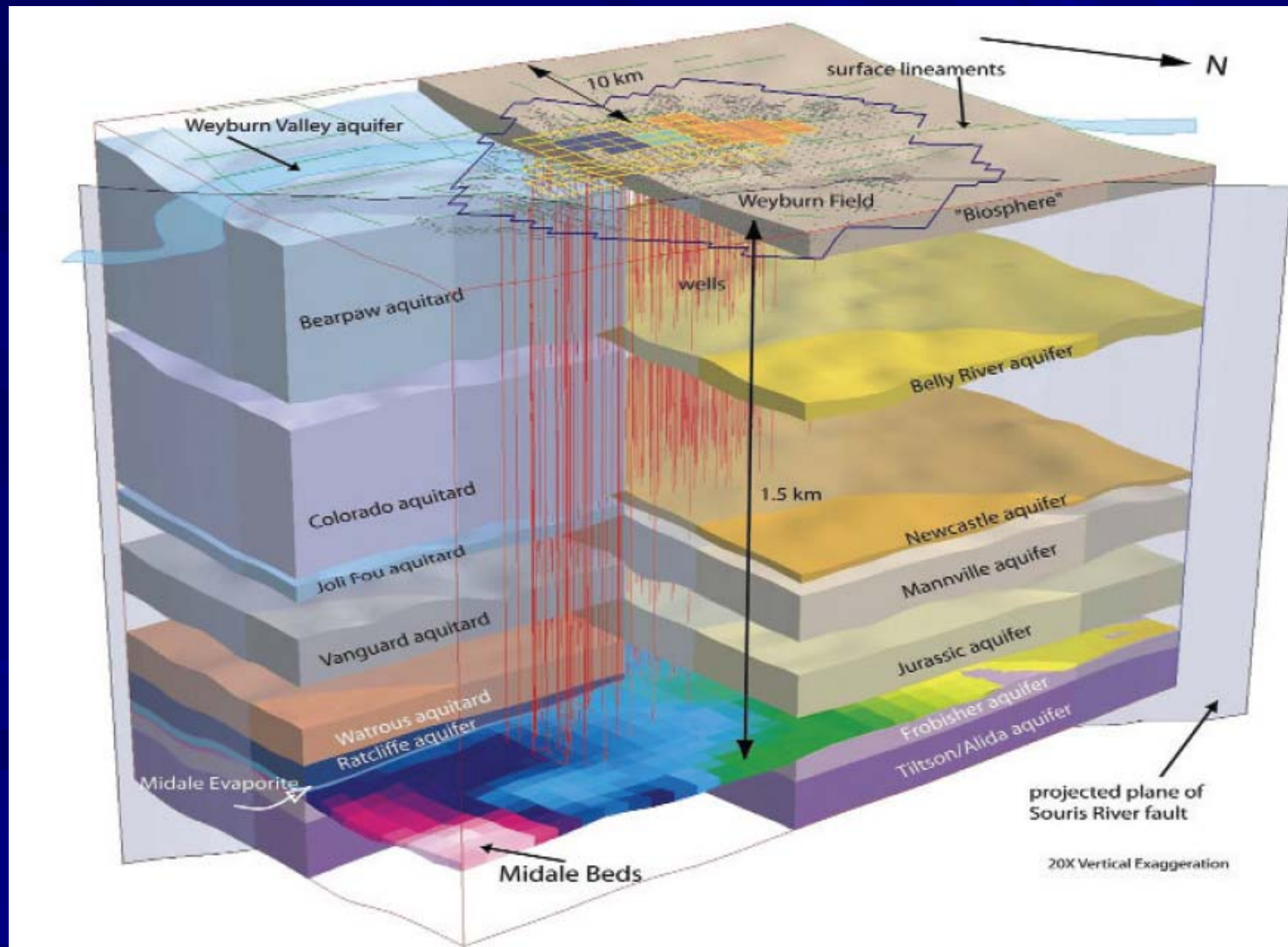
## Frio Pilot CO<sub>2</sub> injection Project, Texas

CO<sub>2</sub> plume visualized by cross-well seismic tomogram



*Because of heterogeneity, not all injected CO<sub>2</sub> ends up as free (gas) phase in the saline aquifer.*

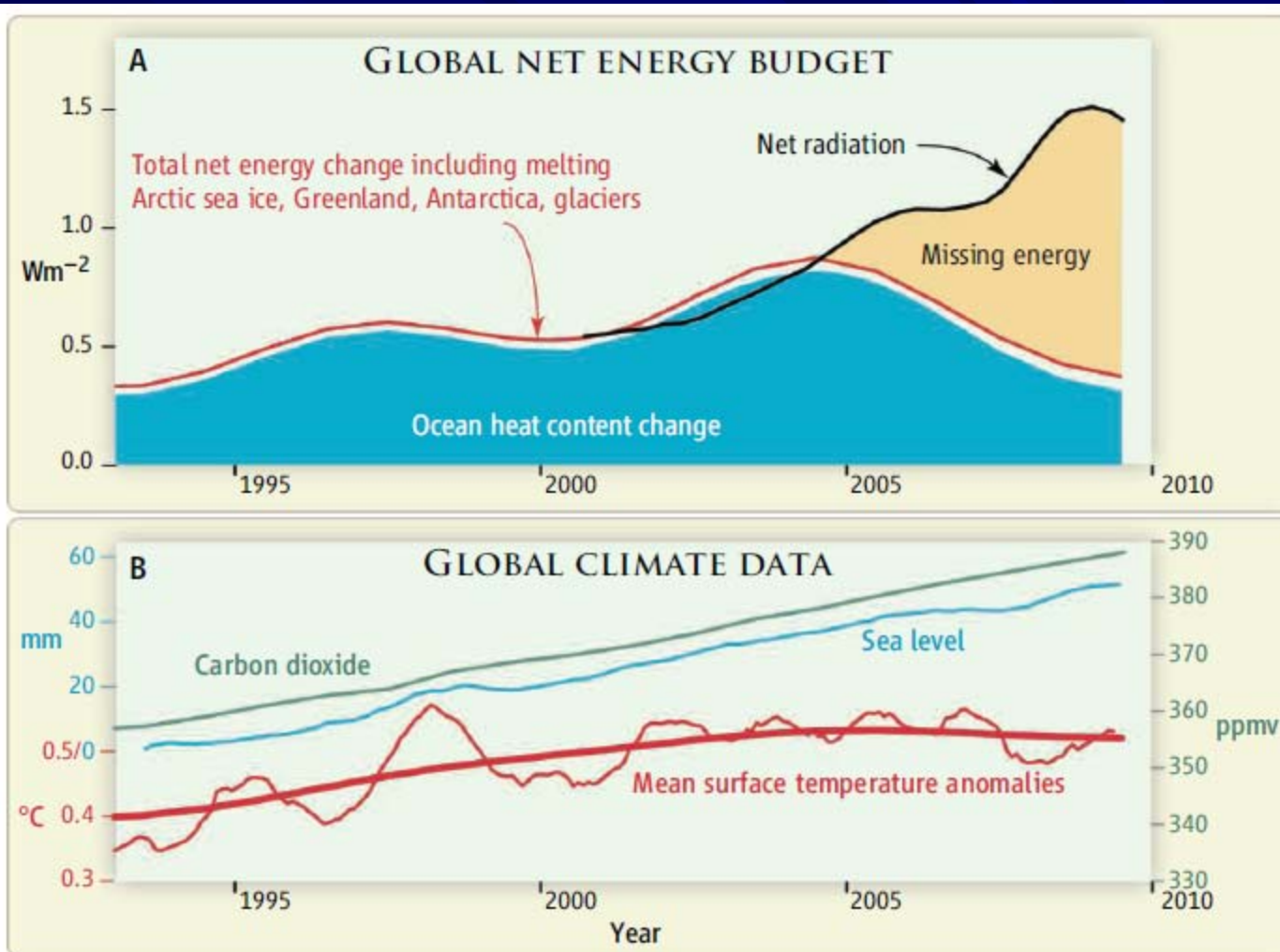
# Weyburn



# Tracking Earth's Energy

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Kevin E. Trenberth and John T. Fasullo  
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**Where does the energy go?** (A) Estimated rates of change of global energy. The curves are heavily smoothed and somewhat simplified. From 1992 to 2003, the decadal ocean heat content changes (10) (blue), along with the contributions from melting glaciers, ice sheets, and sea ice and small contributions from land and atmosphere warming (7), suggest a total warming (red) for the planet of  $0.6 \pm 0.2 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  (95% error bars).