"Wellington Field, Sumner County, Kansas as a calibration site for CO₂-EOR in Mississippian chert and dolomite reservoirs and deep saline aquifer CO₂ sequestration

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Mississippian Oil and Gas Fields in Kansas

Approximate outline of southern Kansas Mississippian Oil Play & cumulative oil and gas production (BOE)



Spivey-Grabs Basil is the largest Mississippian oil field in Kansas with 69 MM BO & 841 BCFG Produces from the tripolite and could benefit from horizontal drilling and, in later maturity, by CO₂-EOR

Ozark Plateau Aquifer System (OPAS) lies ~3500 feet below the surface in southern Kansas

Multiple Caprocks & Aquitards above the Mississippian –

serve as barriers to migration of fractures and fluids above the Mississippian



Regional Study – Structure, isopach, and property mapping to determine CO₂ sequestration capacity

Structure top of Arbuckle Group



Quantitative Characterization of Arbuckle in southern Kansas

Quantitative Reservoir Characteristics

Correlated to

Internal Arbuckle Stratigraphy



Example stratigraphic cross section of lower Arbuckle from top Roubidoux (datum) to basement including new and old well data (*insoluble residue logs, georeports, and modern suite of logs managed as LAS files*) – Gerlach et al.

Lower porous zone in Arbuckle at Wellington Field **ISOPACH GASCONADE to GUNTER SS**



Gerlach et al.



Early Ordovician (approx Gasconade time) Paleogeography, Chenoweth, 68

C - Van Buren-Gasconade dolomites



Van Buren Gasconade Isopach, Franseen et al., 2004

Tilt angle map of the total magnetic field intensity overlain with isopach Gasconade to Gunter Sandstone interval



Snapshot from project's interactive mapper -- http://maps.kgs.ku.edu/co2/?pass=project

Illustration of tilt angle computation to locate discontinuities and ~depth to gravity and magnetic anomalies as an aid to identifying possible basement faults



Wellington Field Area

Landsat lineaments and gravity tilt angle map

Northeast trending surface lineament bisecting Wellington Field



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<u>Gravity Tilt Angle</u> = arctangent of the ratio of the 1st-order vertical derivative by the 1st-order horizontal derivative of the Bouguer anomaly.



Paleozoic structures closely tied to basement faults deformation as flexure and later faulting (reactivation)





- 1) Mississippian tripolitic chert/dolomite reservoir
- 2) Arbuckle saline aquifer
- 3) Intervening caprocks

• New core and logs from KGS #1-32 and logs from #1-28 obtained in Jan-Feb. 2011

- Using to assess --
 - Integrity of caprocks
 - Porosity types, injectivity, and storage
 - Model potential for CO₂-EOR in Mississippian saline aquifer
 - Sequestration in Arbuckle

New Small Scale Field Test (70k tonnes CO₂) awarded by DOE 10-1-11

 Surface <u>MVA</u> -- LiDAR/InSAR, shallow groundwater and soil monitoring

 <u>Mississippian reservoir</u> - pressure, geochemistry, strategic 2D seismic

 <u>Arbuckle</u> - *in situ* cross hole tomography, U-tube plume sampling, CASM (continuous seismic imaging), cross hole seismic, repeat 3D seismic

Porosity Fence Diagram

Mississippian Tripolitic Chert Oil Reservoir & Arbuckle Saline Aquifer





Initial P-Wave Interpretation of 3D Seismic with Location of Test Boreholes

structure



Area of **Mississippian** dual reflector identifying buildup of uppermost tripolitic chert reservoir (exhumed topography?)

Hedke (2010)



Index map, Isochron between base Lecompton Ls and top Oread Is. delimiting carbonate bank margin of Oread Limestone



Hedke, 2011



Porosity Fence Diagram Mississippian Tripolitic Chert Oil Reservoir





Initial geomodel of Arbuckle (porosity & structure) Cored well (#1-32) & (#1-28), latter to be used to as CO₂ injector



Step rate test and preliminary perforate & swab intervals in Arbuckle and Simpson Groups



Cross section (east to west) between KGS #1-28 and #1-32 in Wellington Field and upscaled hydrostratigraphic units in Arbuckle Group

ZONAL FRACTURES AND AUTOCLASTIC BRECCIAS IN THE POROUS INTERVALS OF THE ARBUCKLE





4609 ft.



Mississippian

Gros Isopach Late Devonian- Early Mississippian Chattanooga Shale & Kinderhook Shale



Watney, Guy, Byrnes (2001)



• Late Devonian to Early Mississippian, NW-trending sag basin overlying Midcontinent Rift System

 During late Kinderhookian - abrupt change to shelf margin in southern Kansas, bordering early Anadarko and Arkoma basins

Tripolitic chert cycles developed along shelf margin







Mississippian (Osage-Kinderhook)

Cored Well, KGS #1-32 – Well log and initial core description (uncut, whole core)



Reservoir-Quality Mississippian Lithologies Osagean Tripolitic Chert and Dolosiltite (P&M #12, Cherokee County, KS)



Photos of thin section/slice of reservoir quality rock showing blue epoxy-filled pores in <u>tripolitic chert</u>

Thin section - blue-epoxy filled pores in porous dolosiltite





4020-4022.9 ft

4022.9-4025.85

4025.85-4028.8



CT Scans of Lower Oil Show Mississippian

[inch]

36-

18-

Q.



<u>Prognosis</u> -- Arbuckle appears to be a candidate for CO₂ saline aquifer sequestration



Autoclastic Breccia Ø



Discontinuous fracturing, karst overprinting, lithofacies control porosity & permeability in persistent stratal packages

Wellington Field and Regional Mapping

- Mississippian tripolite reservoir is likely an excellent candidate for CO₂-EOR
 - Succession of distinct, mappable porous stratigraphic packages below main tripolite reservoir
 - Promising deep saline Arbuckle aquifer as an asset for anthropogenic CO2 sequestration
 - Analogous Miss fields in southern Kansas with underlying thick Arbuckle



Gerlach, Sept. 2011

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Paleozoic structures closely tied to basement faults deformation as faulting at depth and flexure above (reactivation)

