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# Pilot Scale CO<sub>2</sub> EOR at Wellington Field in South-Central Kansas

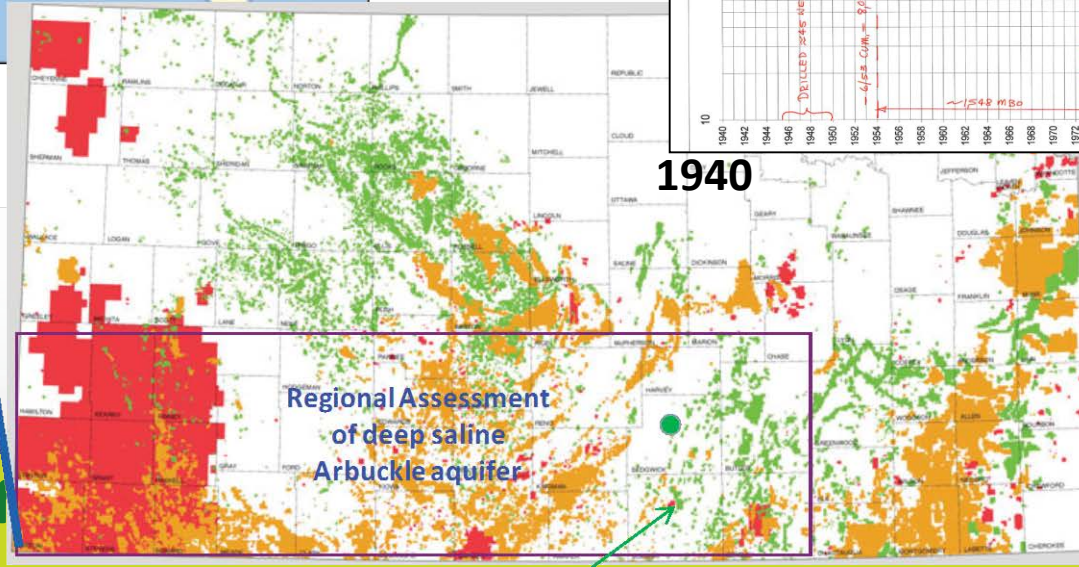
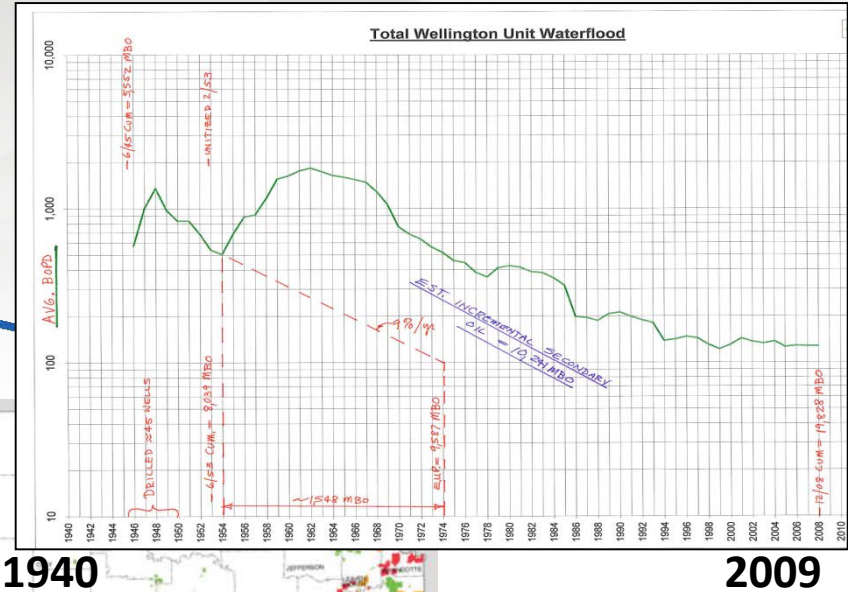
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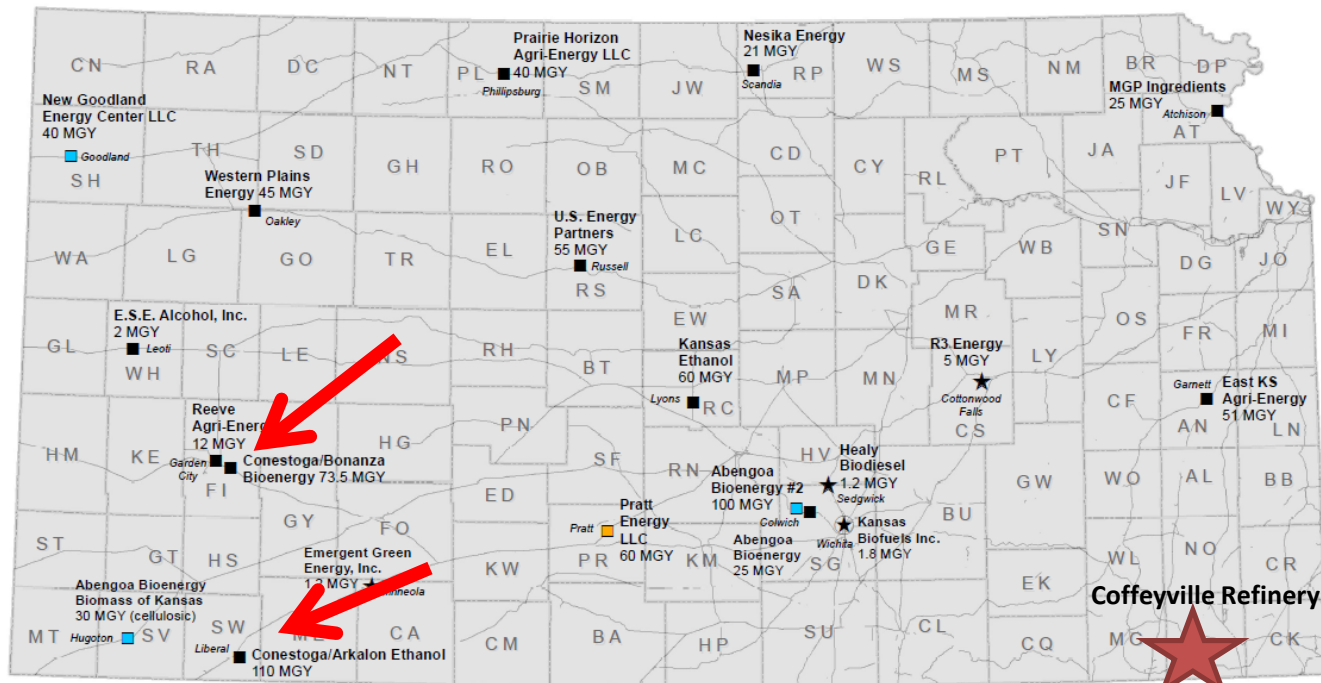
# Participants



# Wellington Field, South KS



## Ethanol and Biodiesel Plant Activity in Kansas September 2012



MGY = Millions of gallons per year of permitted capacity.  
Capacities courtesy of Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Revenue.

\* Permitted and Permit Pending codes refer to KDHE Bureau of Air and Radiation – Air Construction permits.

### Ethanol Plants

- Existing: 12 plants, 519.5 MGY
- Under Construction: 3 plants, 170 MGY
- Permitted\*: 0 plants, 0 MGY
- Permit Pending\*: 1 plants, 60 MGY
- Idle: 0 plants, 0 MGY

### Biodiesel Plants

- ★ Existing: 3 plants, 7.4 MGY
- ★ Under Construction: 0 plants, 0 MGY
- ★ Permitted\*: 0 plants, 0 MGY
- ★ Permit Pending\*: 0 plants, 0 MGY
- ★ Idle: 1 plant, 1.8 MGY

Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Administrative Services, GIS  
September 12, 2012



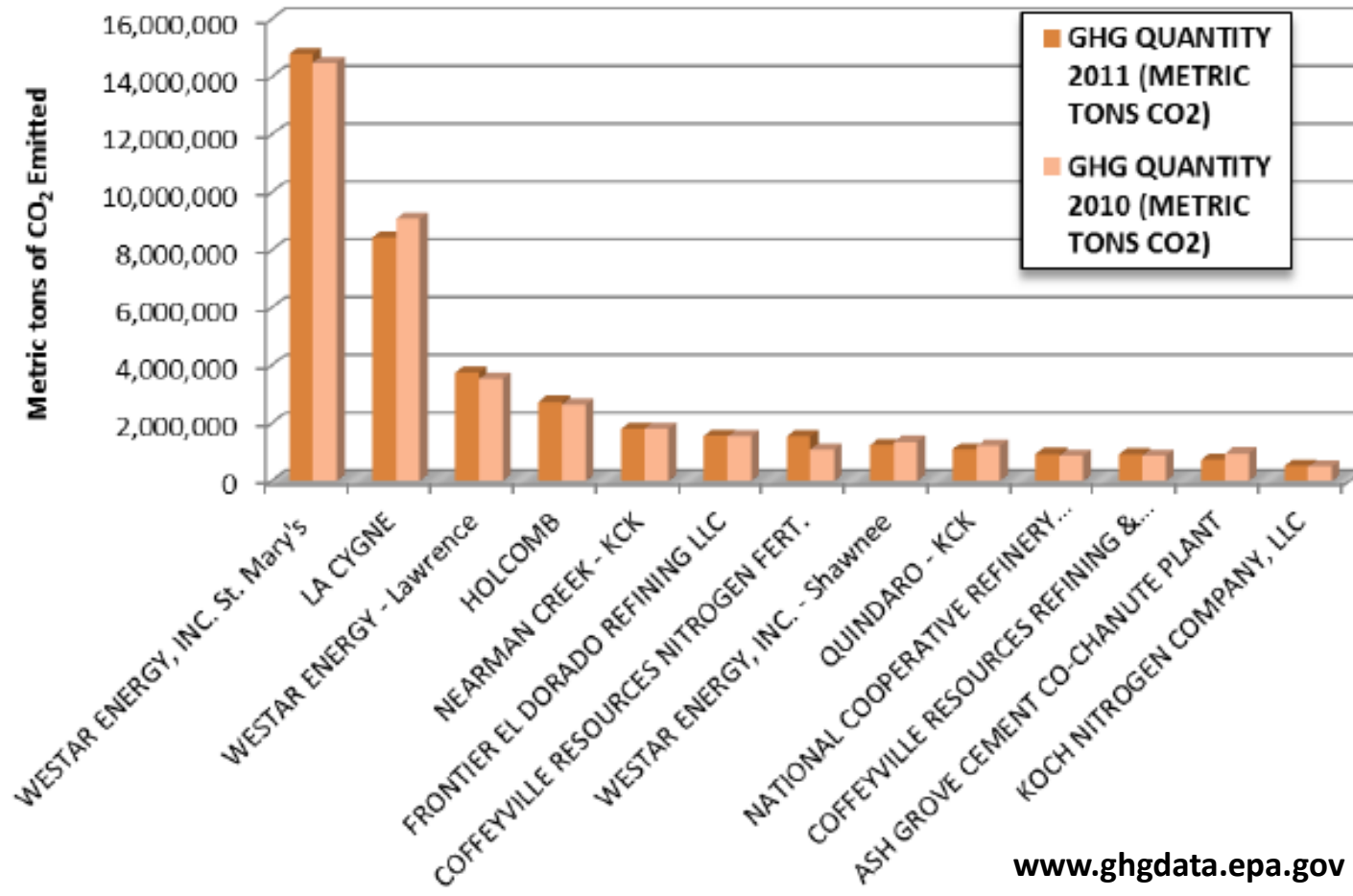
## CO<sub>2</sub> Sources Suitable for EOR

- Kansas holds more than **750 million barrels** of technical CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR potential and **~240-370M** metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> is required for recovery
- Economic results based on Hall Gurney field suggest an after-tax project IRR of about 20%
- Access to the significant volumes of ethanol-based CO<sub>2</sub> in Nebraska

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# Kansas CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

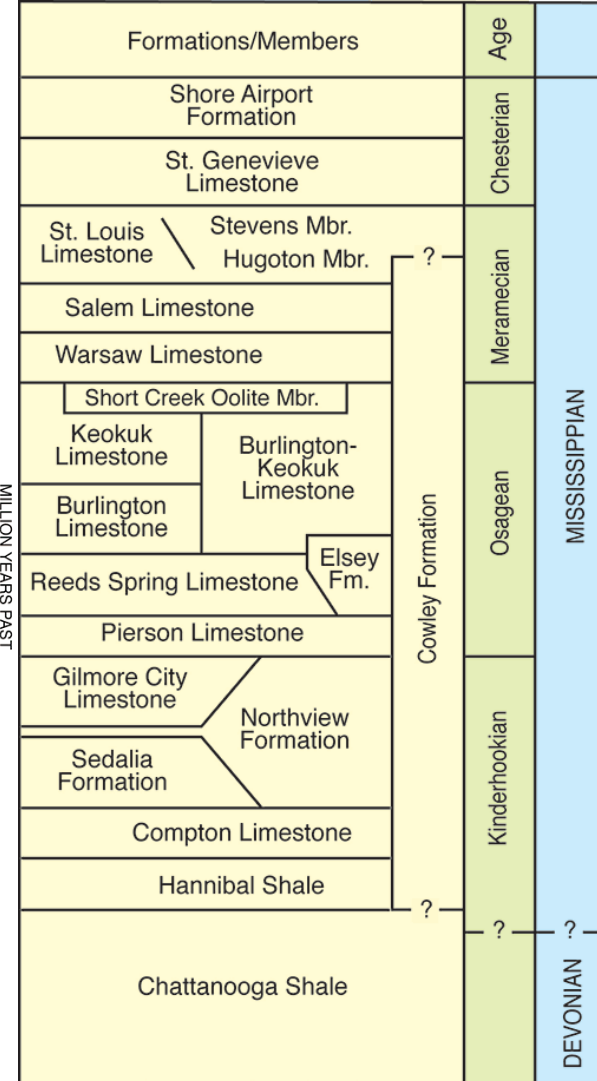
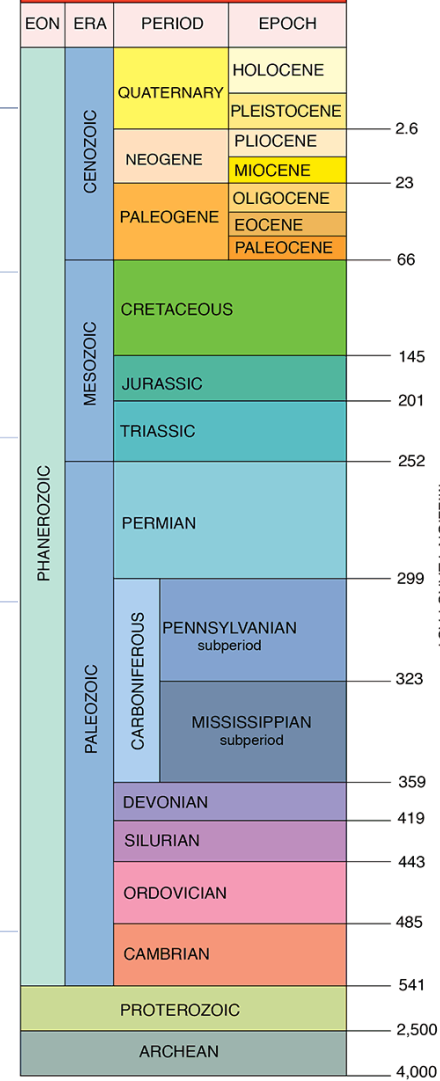
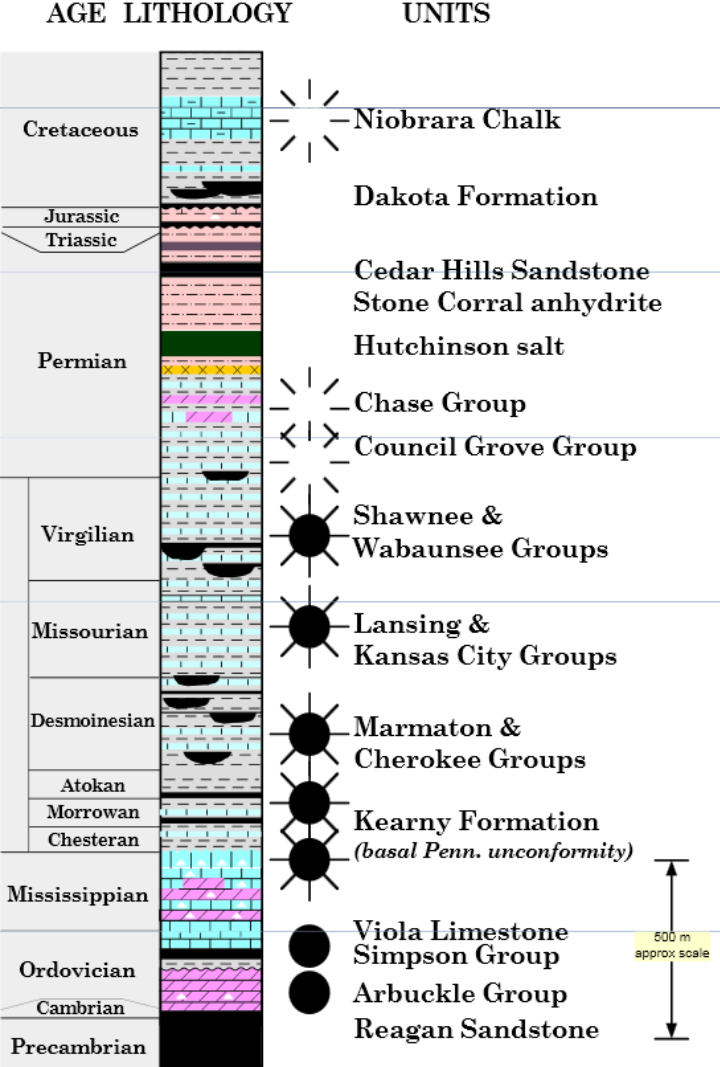
(From sources greater than 500,000 metric tons annually)



## CO<sub>2</sub> Sources Suitable for EOR

- Total Kansas 2012 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from point sources = 44.5M metric tons (846 BCF)/yr.

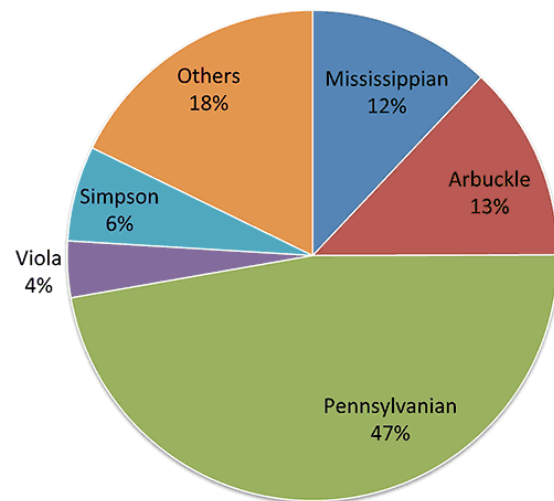




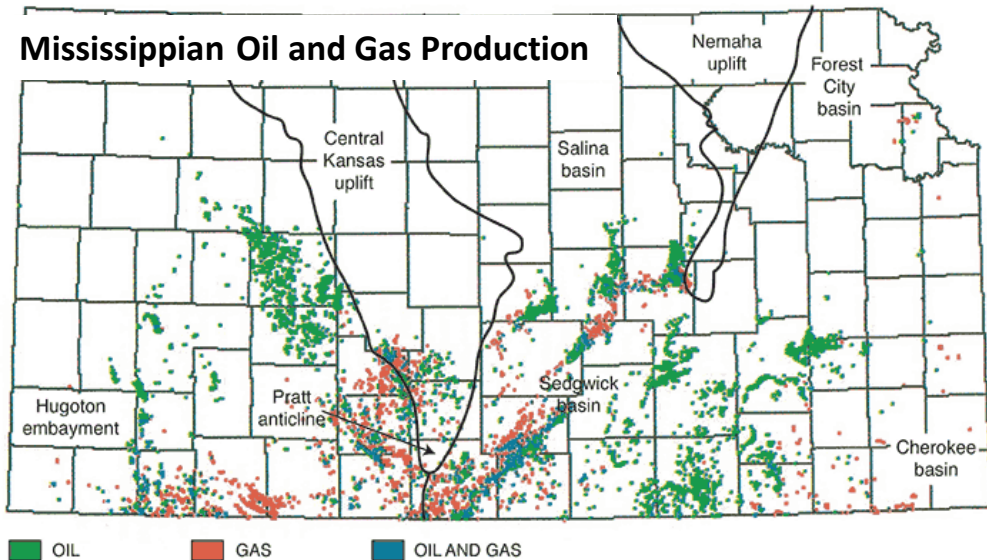
## Mississippian Lime Play



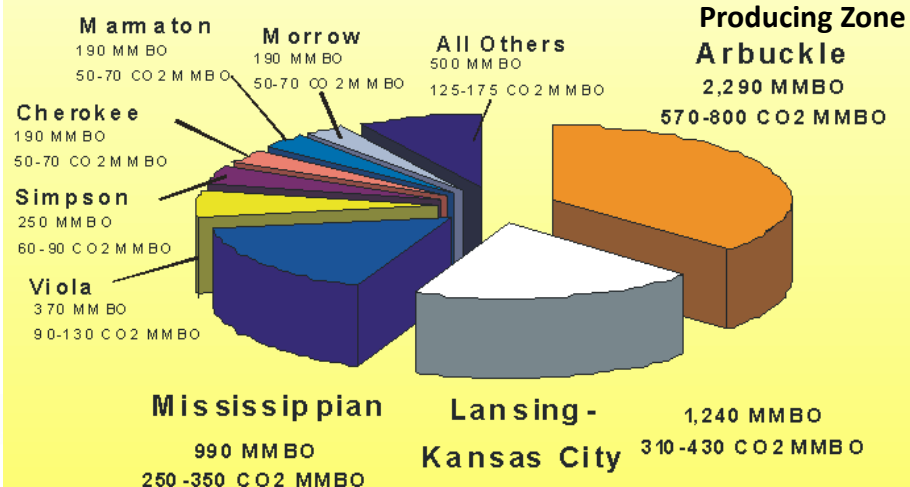
## Oil Production since 1970



## Mississippian Oil and Gas Production



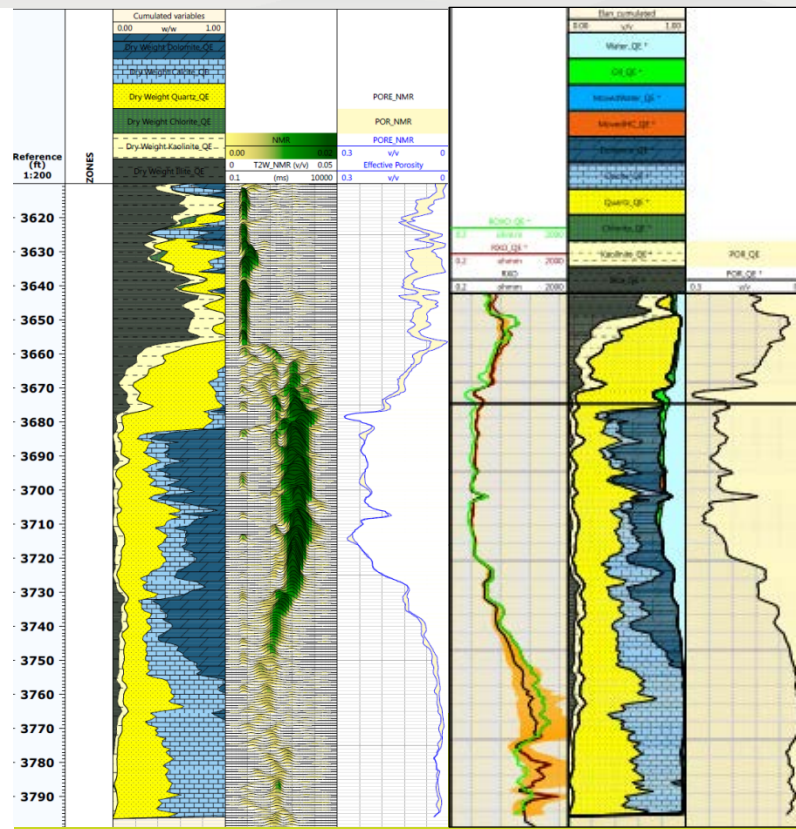
## CO<sub>2</sub> Potential oil Production by Producing Zone





# Reservoir Characterization

- Very old Neutron logs with or without resistivity logs for all wells
- 16 wells with complete suites of resistivity and porosity logs
- New wells drilled by KGS have a full set of modern logs
- Core is available from KGS #1-32
  - Porosity/permeability
  - Geochemistry
  - Geomechanical data
- 3D Seismic
- Formation fluids analysis





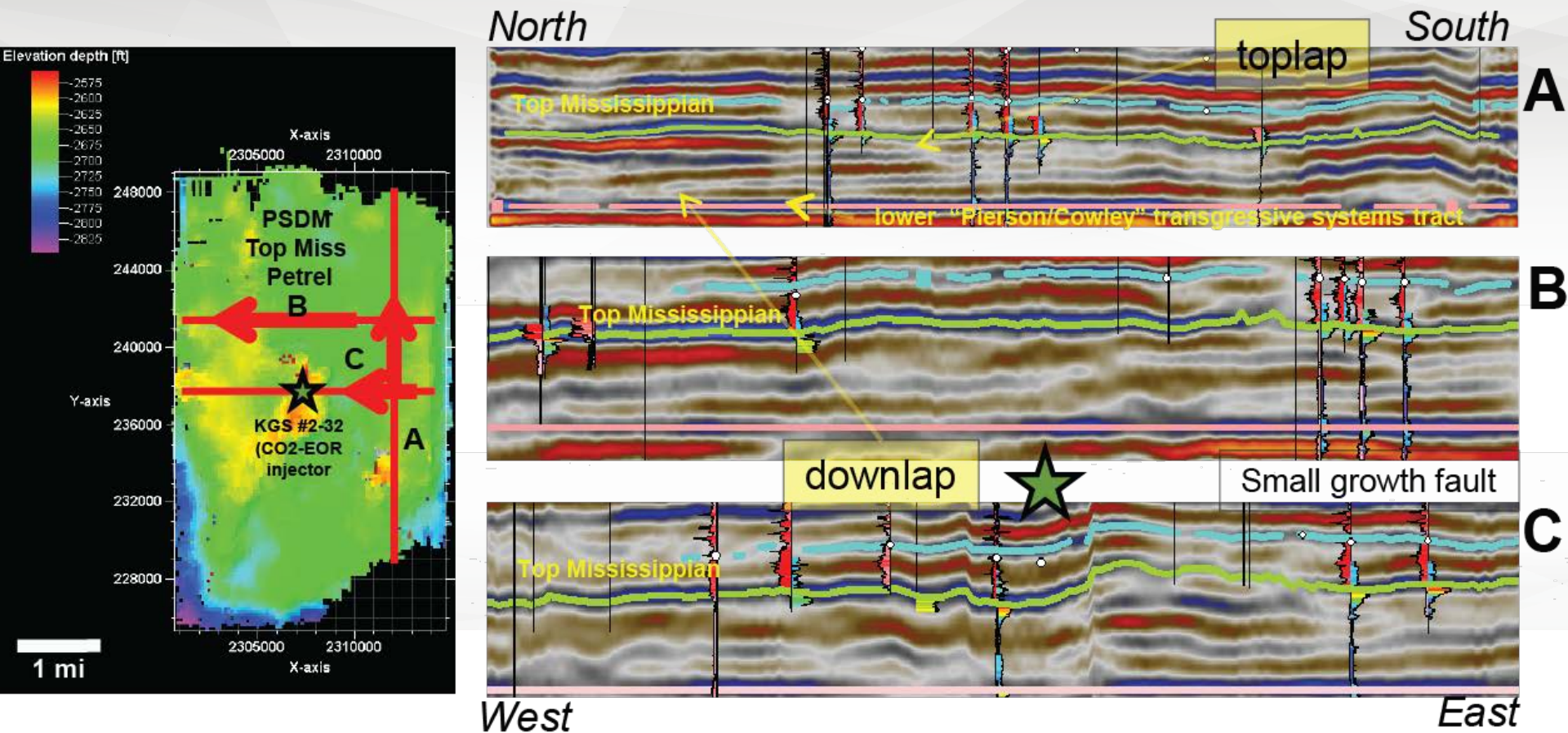


# Well Testing

- Drill stem test
- Step rate test
- Interference test

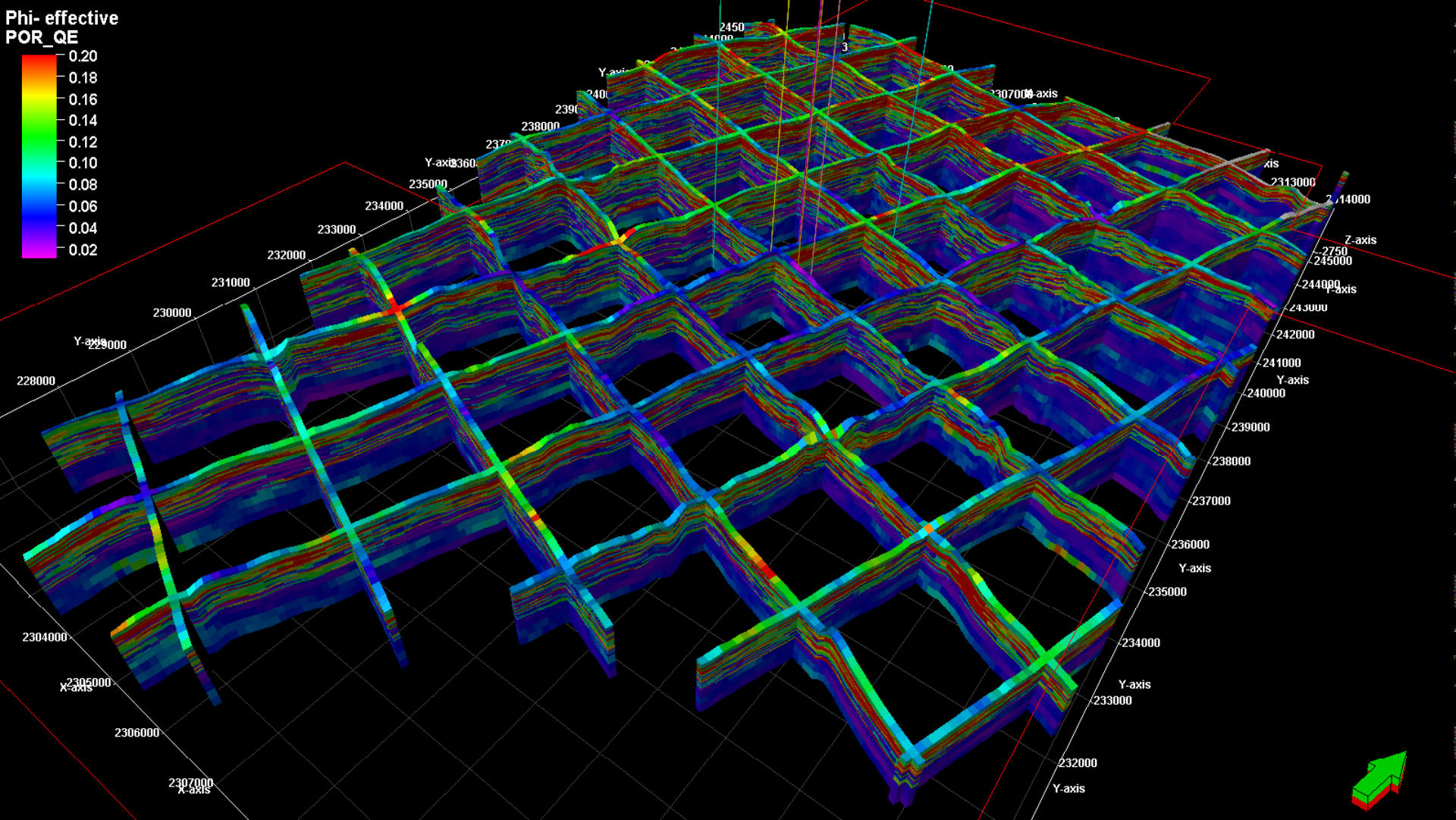
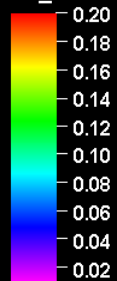


# Seismic Stratigraphy Using PSDM

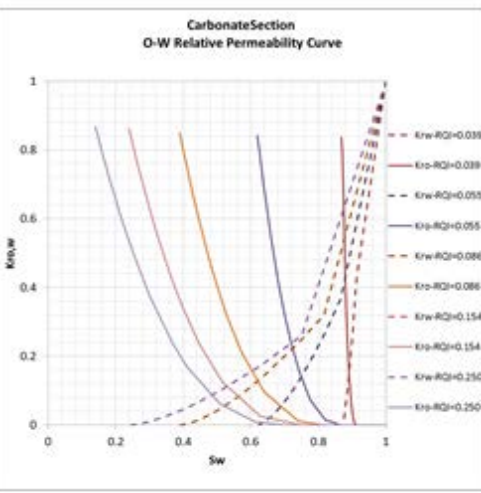
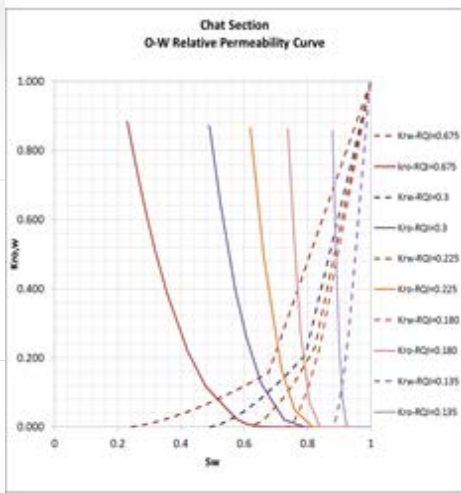
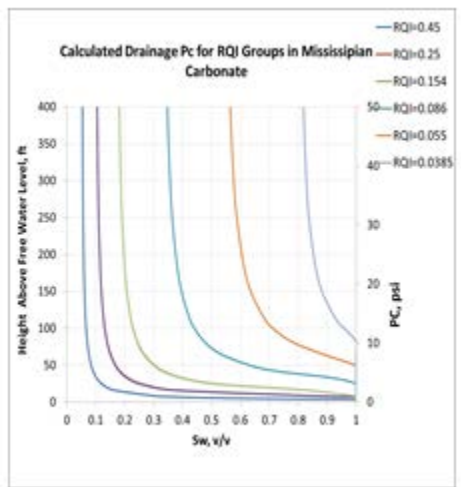
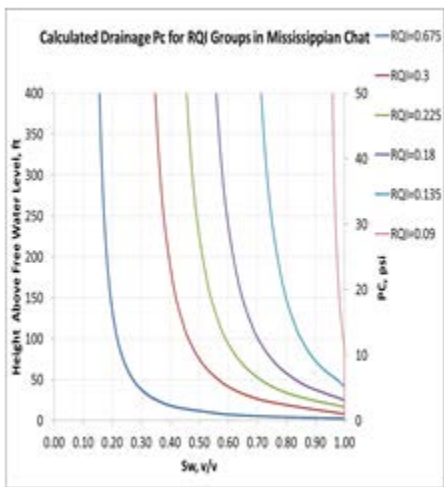




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# Capillary Pressure and Relative Permeability

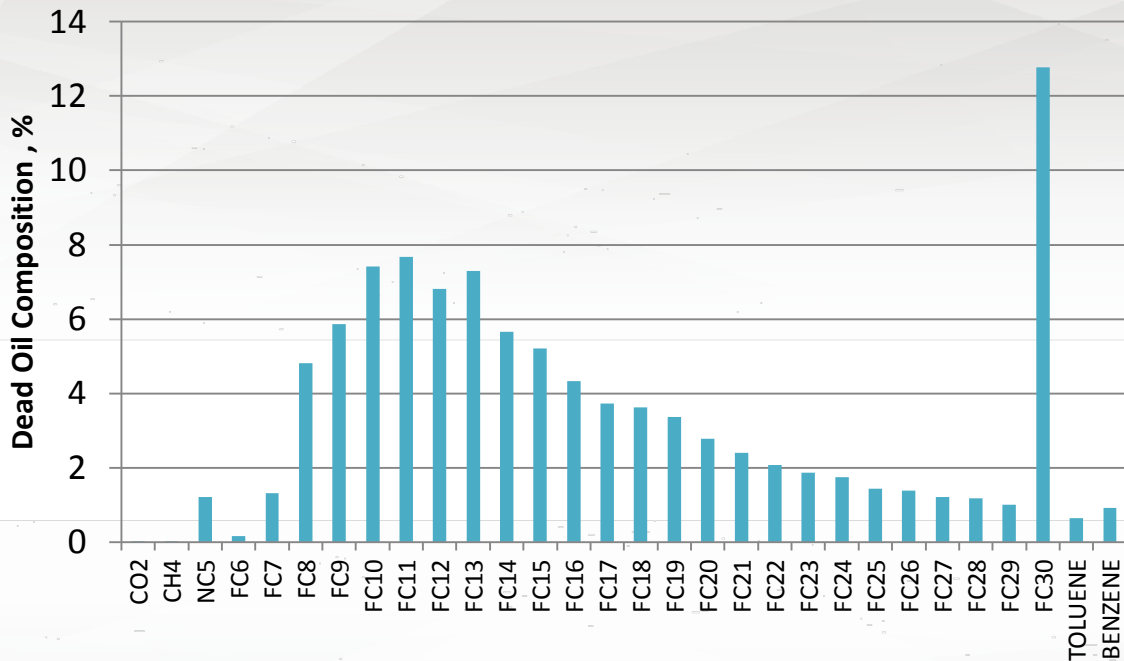






# Fluid Analysis

- CO<sub>2</sub> Miscibility pressure is ~1650 psi
- Oil API gravity is 30°
- Oil composition
- Water composition
- PVT



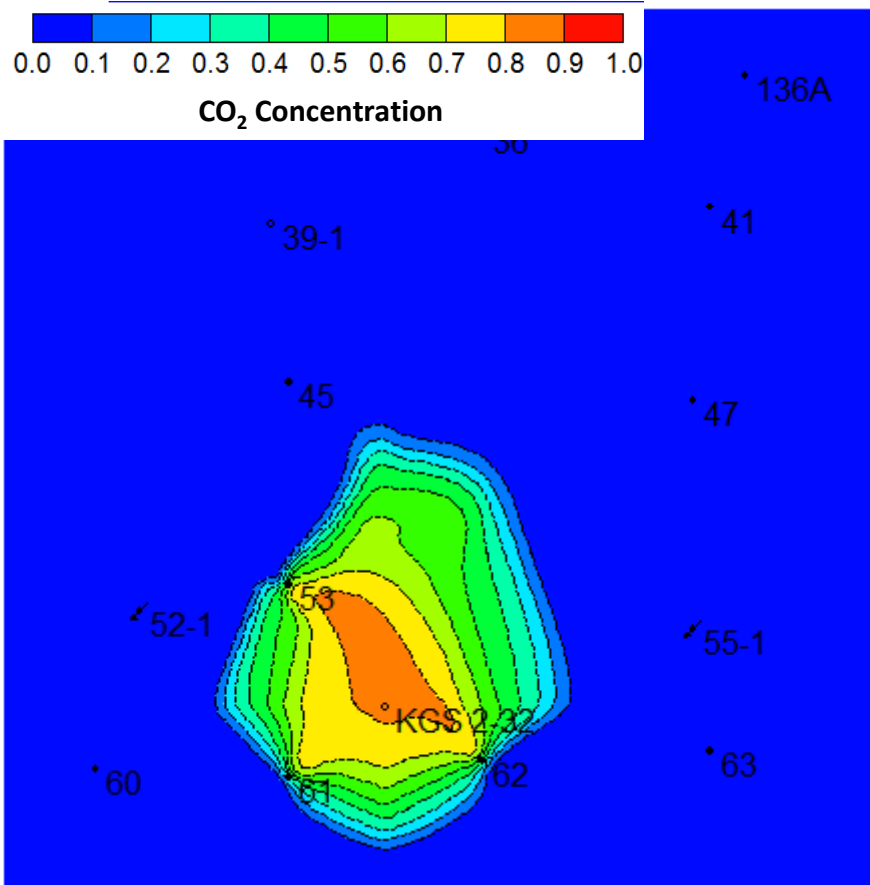
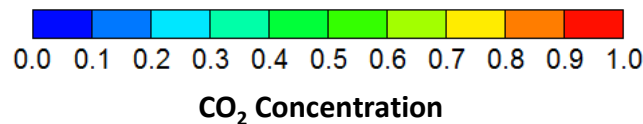


# Reservoir Modeling

- Strategy for a flood
  - Monitoring optimization
  - Re-pressurization strategy for miscibility
  - CO<sub>2</sub> movement
- Economic forecast
  - Sweep efficiency
  - Oil production
  - CO<sub>2</sub> production

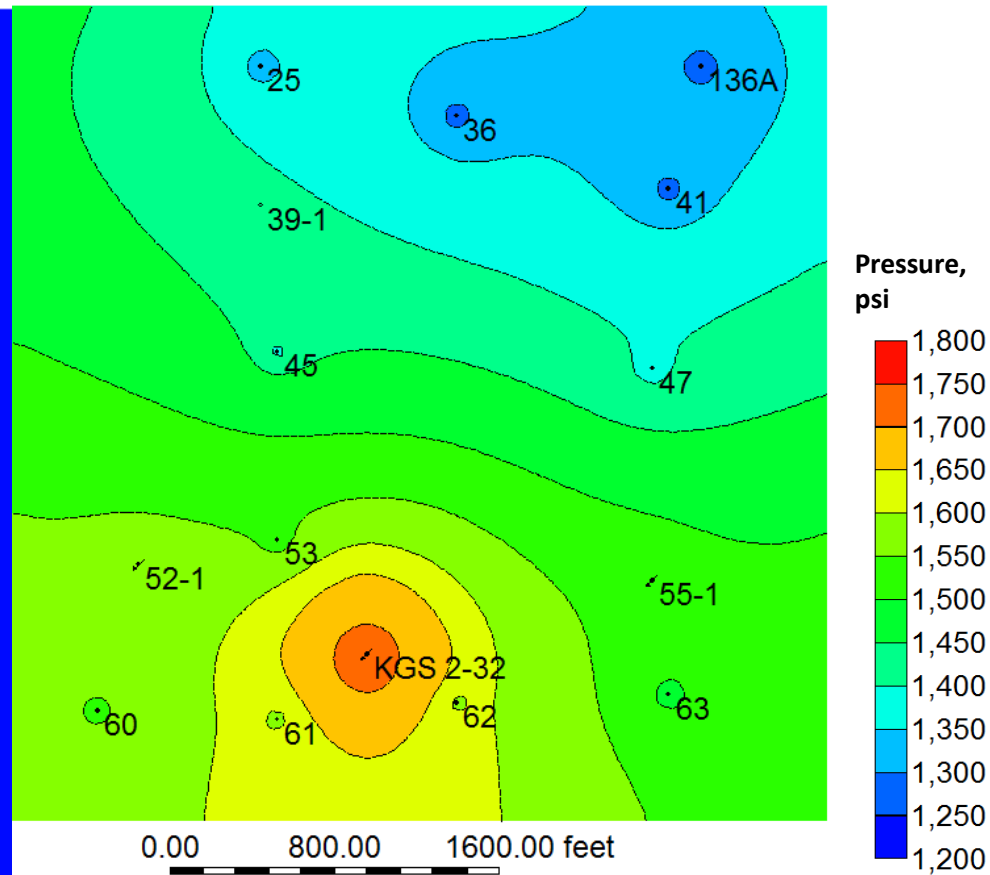


## Forecasted CO<sub>2</sub> Movement in Reservoir



## Forecasted Pore-Pressure Distribution at the Start of CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

Required miscibility pressure is ~1650



# Forecasted Oil Production Rates and Cumulative Production for Wells 53, 61, & 62

Oil Production Rate, bbls/day

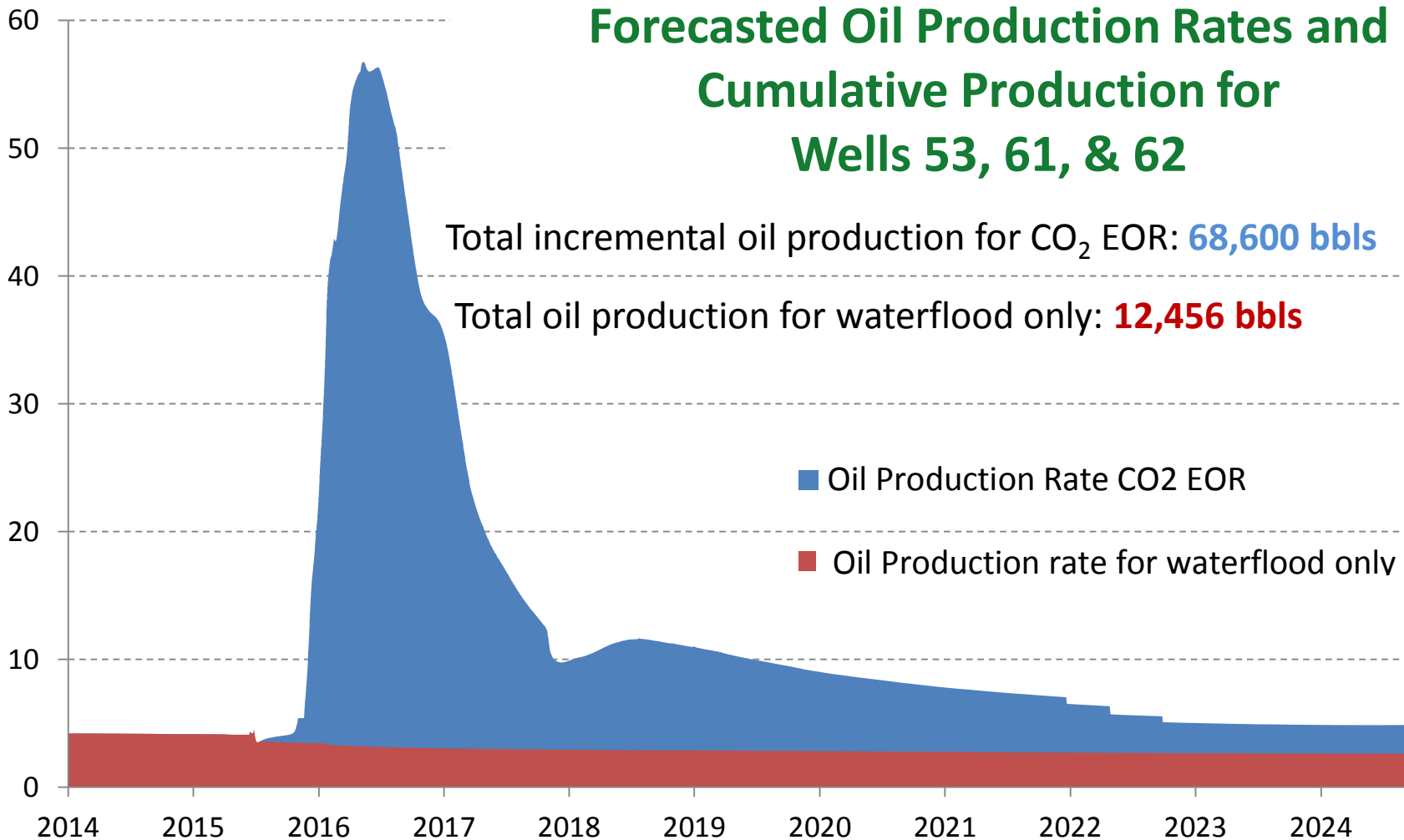
Total incremental oil production for CO<sub>2</sub> EOR: **68,600 bbls**

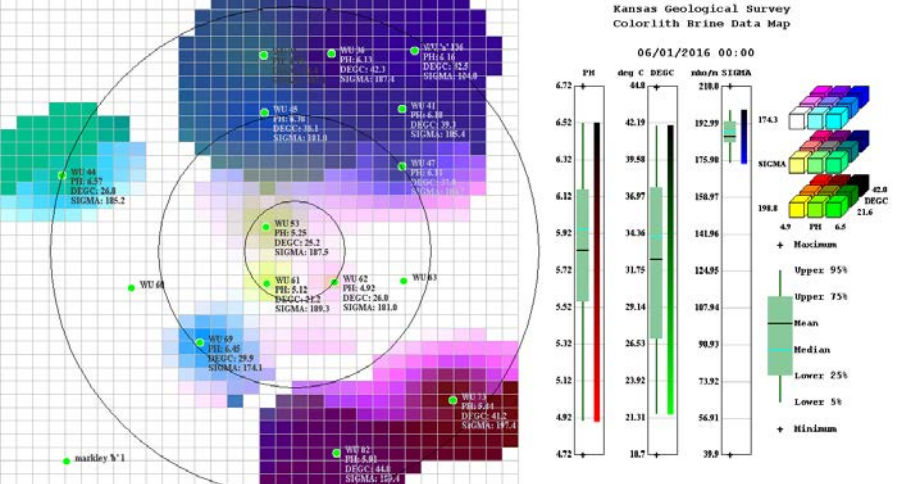
Total oil production for waterflood only: **12,456 bbls**

■ Oil Production Rate CO2 EOR

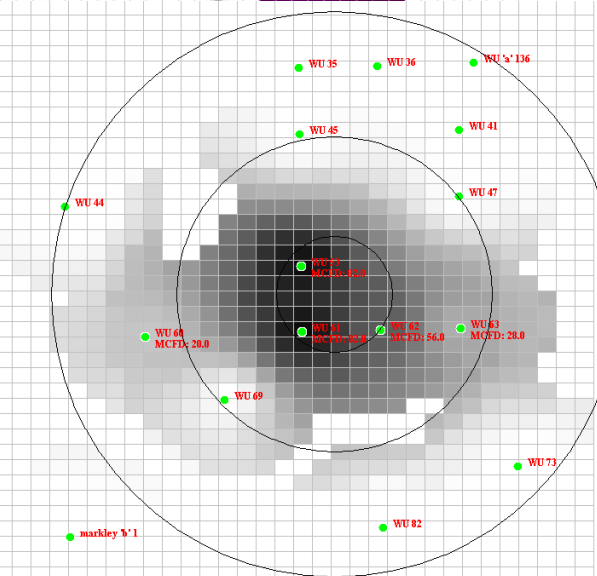
■ Oil Production rate for waterflood only

Time, years

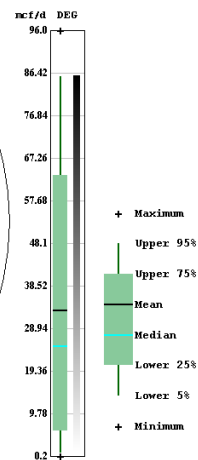




Kansas Geological Survey  
Colorlith Brine Data Map



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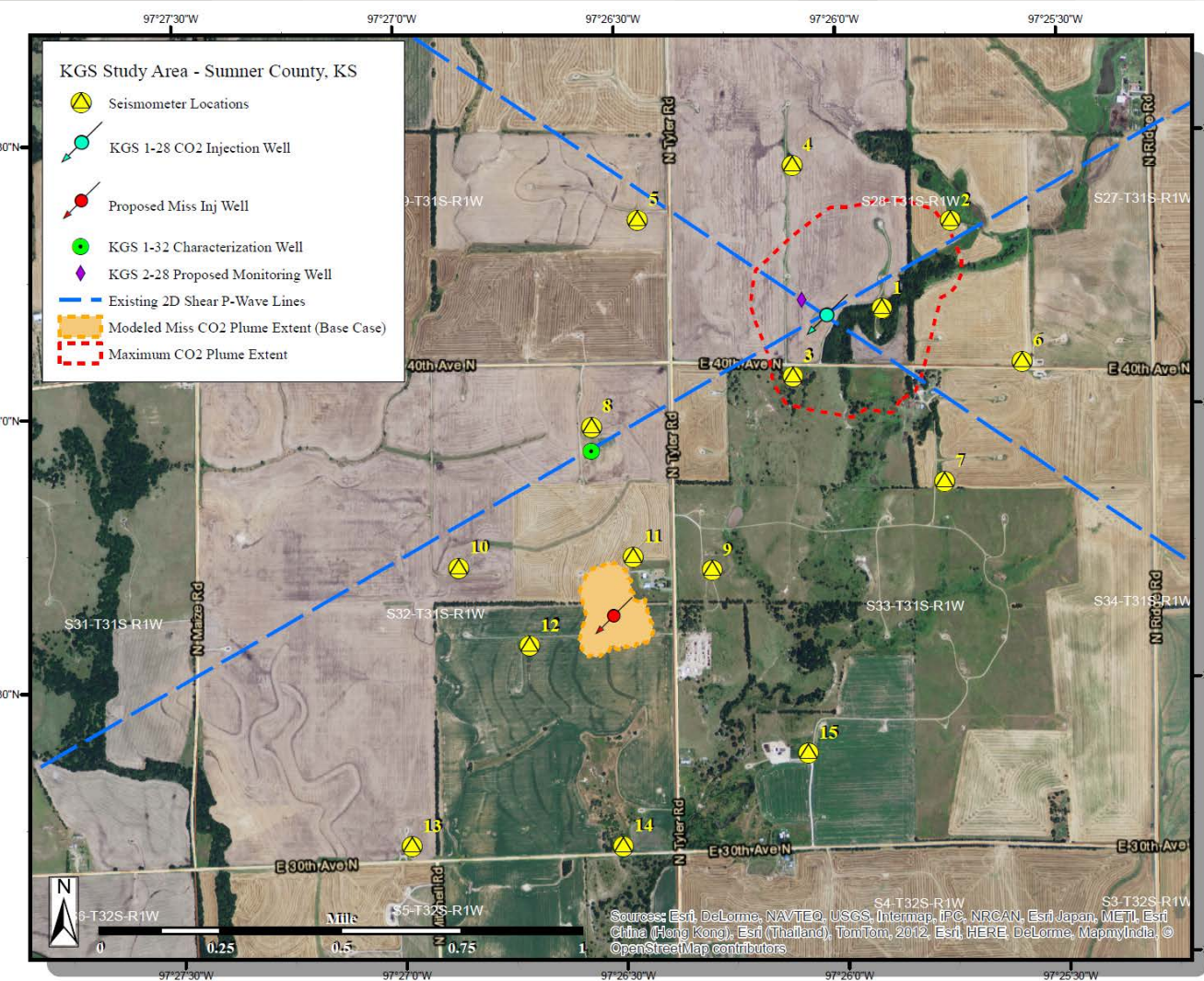


# Fluid Monitoring

- Water chemistry
  - Alkalinity
  - pH
  - Cations/anions
  - Microbial
- Production history
  - Oil/water
  - CO<sub>2</sub> account



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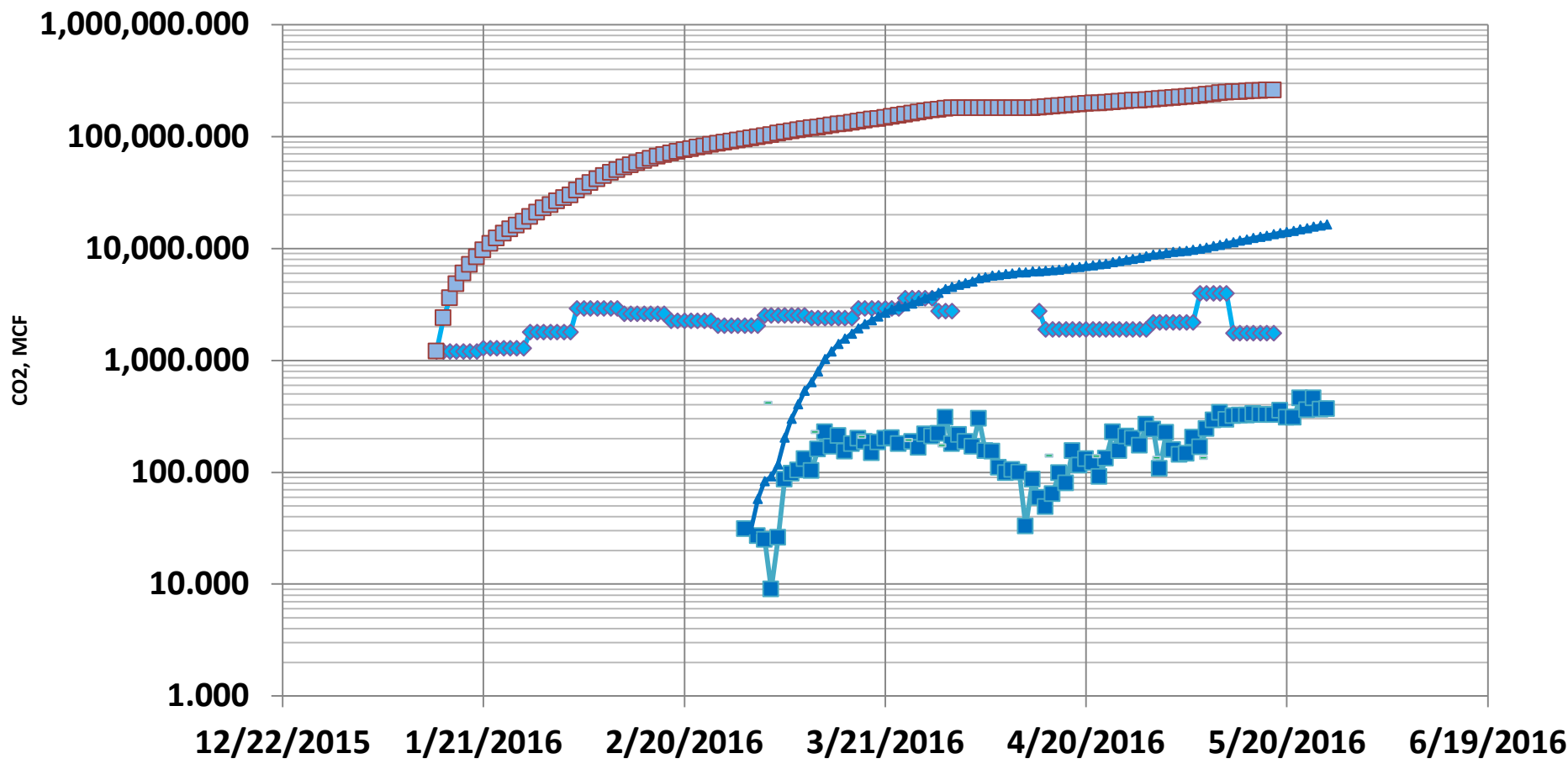




# Operations

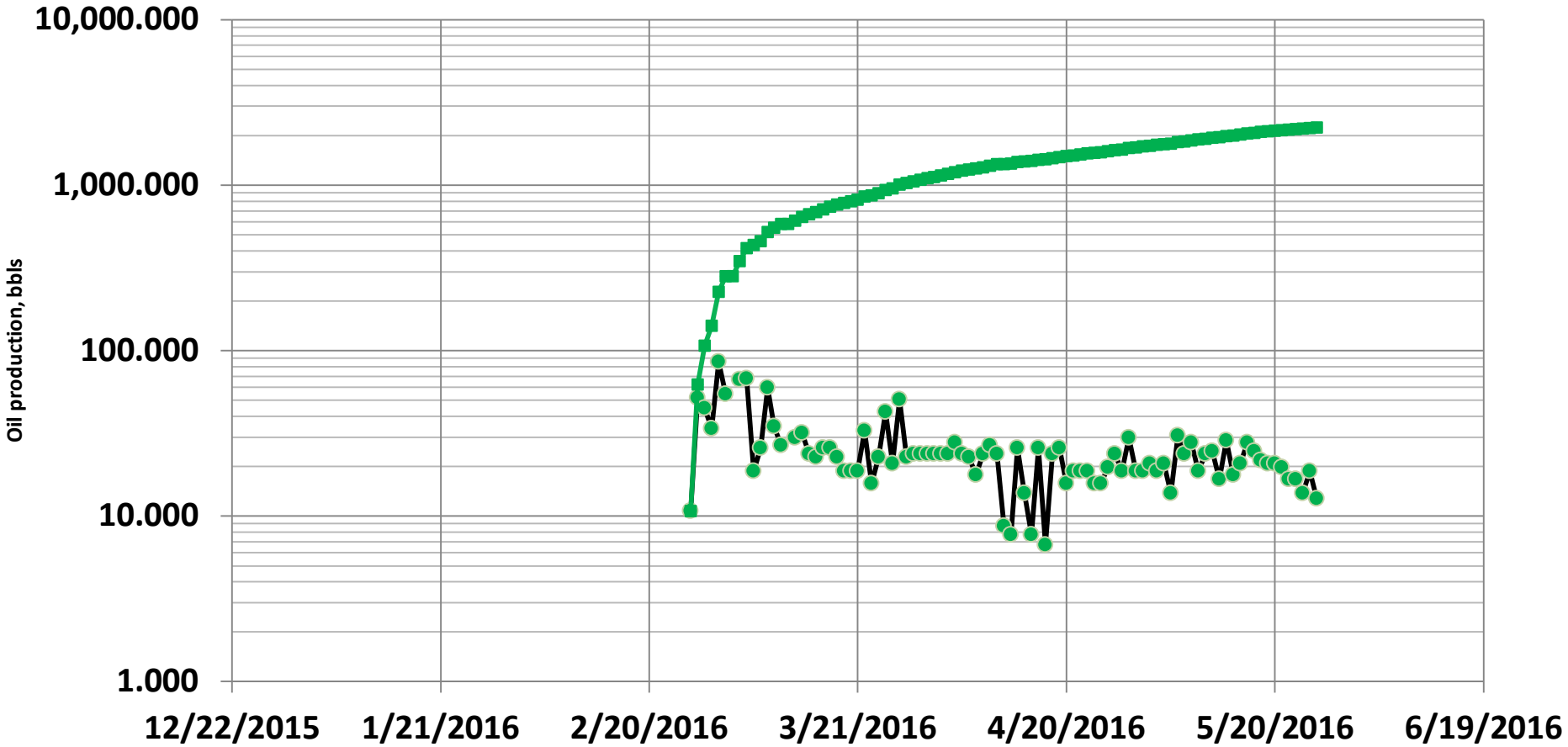


# Injected vs. Produced CO<sub>2</sub>



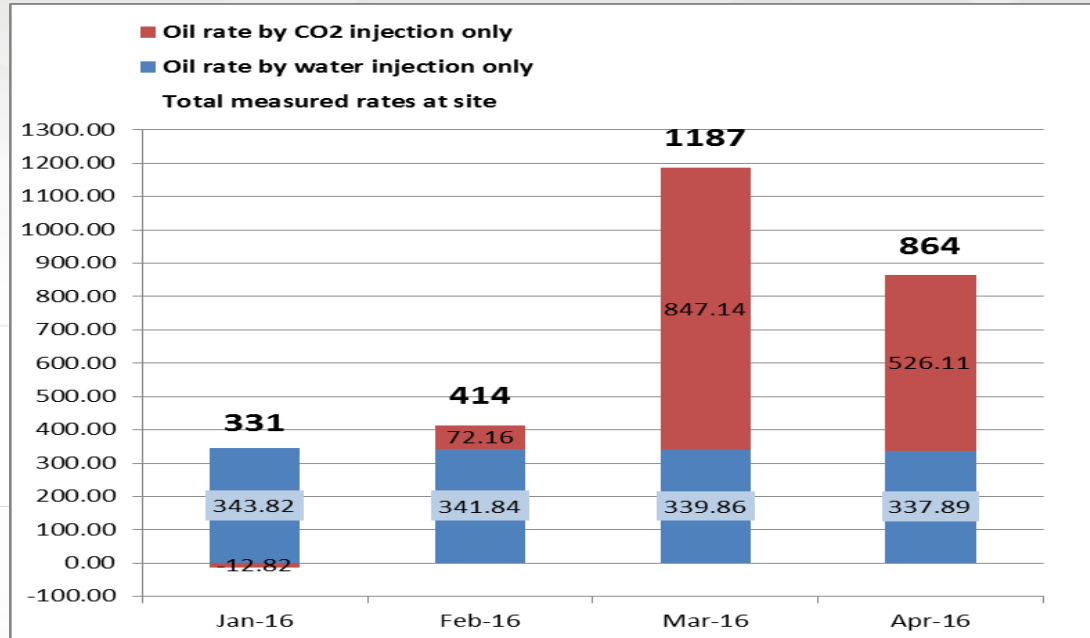


# Produced Oil



# Decline Curve Analysis

- One battery production - East Nelson
- The exponential function, where  $D_i$  is the decline rate
- Using the exponential function, oil rates by water injection only are forecast for Jan, Feb, March and April 2016 .





# Summary and Future Work

- No substantial deviations due to unforeseen circumstances (carbonate fracturing, temperature, pressure, etc.)
- Successful oil recovery
- Low CO<sub>2</sub> losses due to venting or reservoir properties
- Manage CO<sub>2</sub> plume and finalize CO<sub>2</sub> injection
- 2D seismic to confirm CO<sub>2</sub> plume



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