## CO<sub>2</sub> Storage in Saline Reservoirs – MRCI Perspective

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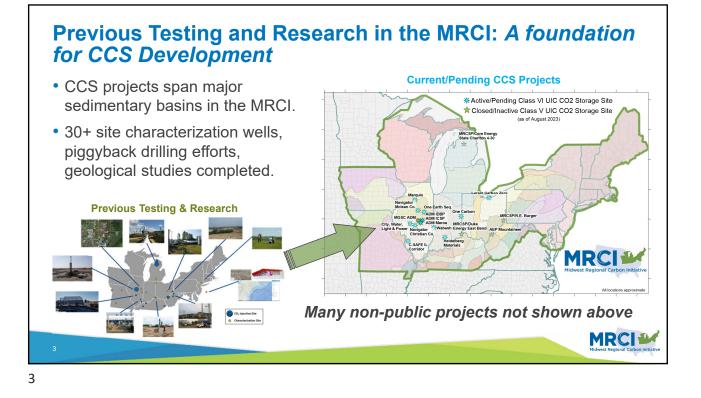


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## **Storage Uncertainties and Cost Considerations**

- Significant uncertainty exists in CO<sub>2</sub> storage resources and resulting deployment cost ranges
- Low hanging fruit options are limited and highly localized
- Scale-up to larger projects and regional multi-site hubs will require advanced design and configurations:
  - · Lateral and multilateral wells (similar to shale gas); multi-well pads
  - Larger wellfields (10s to hundreds of wells) advanced modeling, area permits
  - Controlled stimulation to achieve injectivity
  - Stacked storage, complex permitting
- · Enhanced regional exploration and analysis programs, focus on carbonates
- Uncertainty also driven by 3D seismic and pore-space procurement over large plume areas
- · In addition to EPA requirements, need for business certainty drives up cost
- · DOE and other cost models need more validation and advanced design options

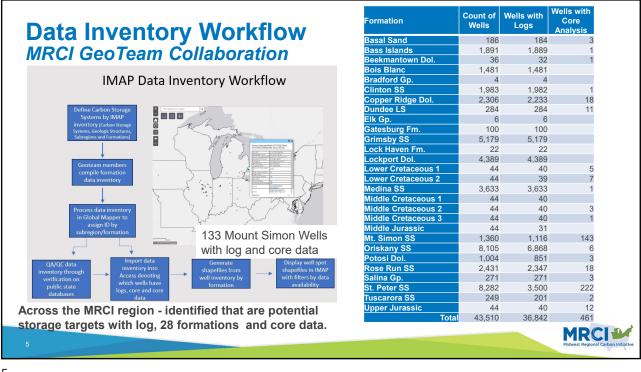
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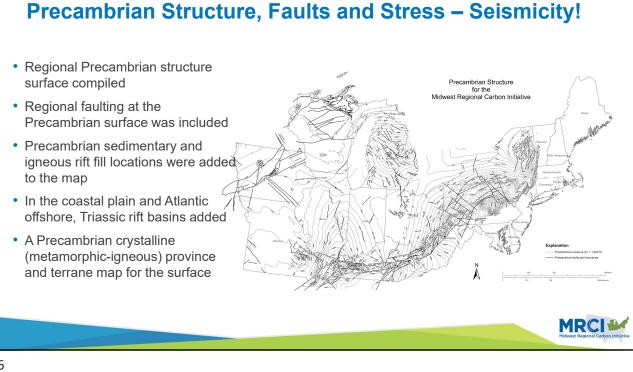


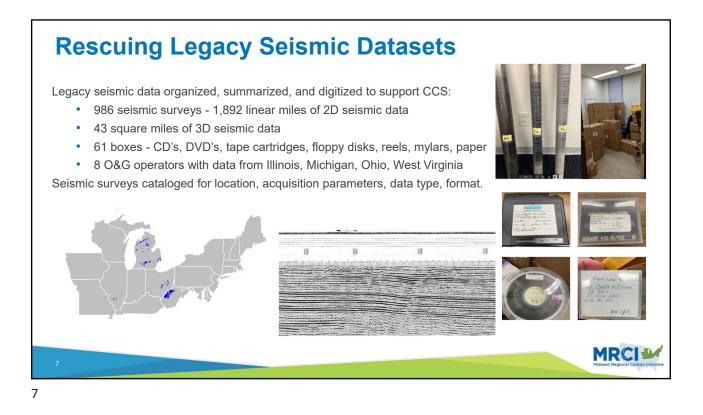
## CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Reservoirs in the MRCI Region

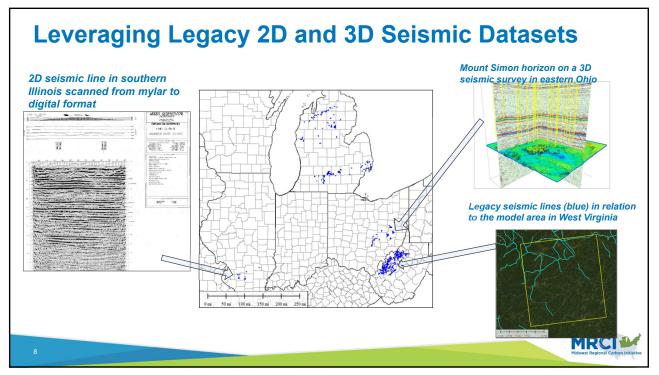
This map identifies the 28 key storage formations within each of the 48 onshore sub-regions and the 4 offshore subregions.





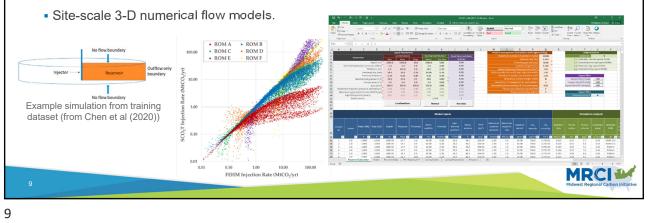




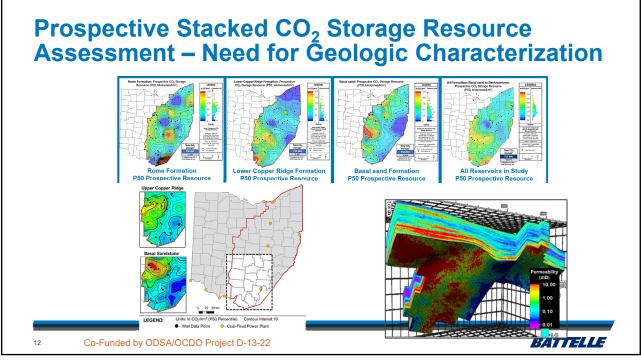


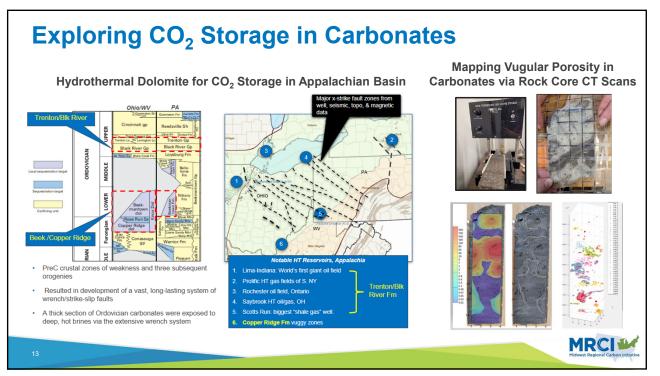
# **Regional CO<sub>2</sub> Injectivity Assessment - Lack of Data is a Major Issue**

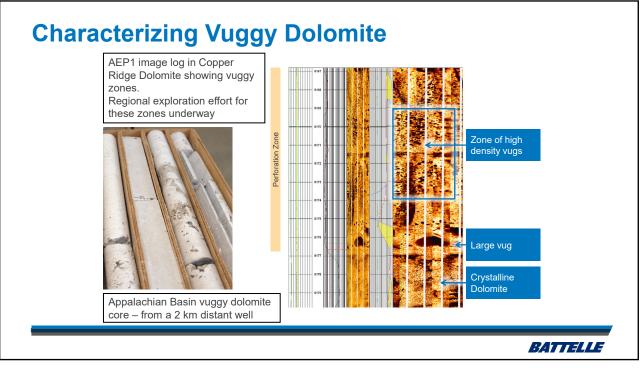
- Evaluated the feasibility of commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> injection (≥1 MMT for 30 yrs) in 5 storage systems region using 3D models to simulate CO<sub>2</sub> injection
- Expanded the feasibility to additional formations using:
  - Reduced order injectivity model (ROM) trained to synthetic data from a 3-D models; and



#### CO<sub>2</sub> Injectivity from Site-Scale Models Injectivity comparison based Feasibility of select on number of formations showing injection wells and AOR for an injection number of injection wells rate of 1 MMT/yr and Area of Review (CO<sub>2</sub> MRCI plume and pressure) required to accommodate the target injection rate. Best sites with sufficient data are in the Illinois Basin and Michigan Basin Potosi Fm Mt Simon Fm Marysville Fm **Oriskany Fm** Deeper basins require Illinois (1 well) Mich (1 well) Ohio (3 wells) only, WV (8 wells) more wells and exploration MRCI







## AEP Mountaineer program – full life-cycle CCS spanning 15 years with Battelle as CO<sub>2</sub> storage service provider

### Feasibility – Exploration Well

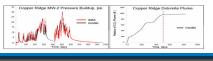
- Seismic survey conducted and AEP-1 test well was drilled in 2002
- Included extensive data collection and community outreach

• DOE and industry funded



### **Injection and Operations Monitoring**

- ~37,000 tonnes of  $\rm CO_2$  was injected and stored over 18 months from 2009 to 2011
- Included monitoring of reservoir pressure, groundwater chemistry,  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  injectate, and soil gas



## **Pilot Construction & Commissioning**

- Network of five wells, two injection and three monitoring, constructed (drilling and completion) in 2008-2009
- Integrated with the capture system on site
- Pressure maintenance and manitaring
- Pressure maintenance and monitoring system was installed

#### **Post-Injection and Site Closure**

- Post-injection pressure, groundwater monitoring, plume modeling
- Well plugging and site closure within 5 years by working with regulators and meeting all permit requirements
- Scale-up design for 235 MWe facility completed

