

# Update on Results of SECARB Test of Monitoring Large Volume Injection at Cranfield

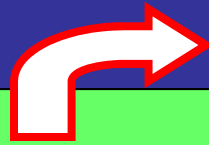


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# SECARB Cranfield Research: Theoretical Approaches Through Commercialization



Commercial Deployment by Southern Co.

Toward commercialization	Contingency plan Parsimonious public assurance monitoring	Subsurface perturbation predicted	
Hypotheses tested	CO <sub>2</sub> retained in-zone-document no leakage to air-no damage to water	CO <sub>2</sub> saturation correctly predicted by flow modeling	Pressure (flow plus deformation) correctly predicted by model
Field experiments	<p>Surface monitoring: instrument verification Groundwater program CO<sub>2</sub> variation over time</p> <p>Above-zone acoustic monitoring (CASSM) &amp; pressure monitoring</p>	<p>CO<sub>2</sub> saturation measured through time – acoustic impedance + resistivity Tomography and change through time</p> <p>3- D time lapse surface/ VSP seismic</p> <p>Dissolution and saturation measured via tracer breakthrough and chromatography</p>	<p>Microseismic test, pressure mapping</p> <p>Acoustic response to pressure change over time</p>
Theory and lab	Sensitivity of tools; saturated-vadose modeling of flux and tracers	Lab-based core response to EM and acoustic under various saturations, tracer behavior	Advanced simulation of reservoir pressure field

# Cranfield "Early" Field Test Collaboration



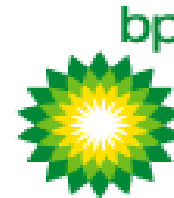
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# SECARB Deep Saline Formations With CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Potential

## Saline Formations

- |  |   |
|--|---|
|  Cedar Keys, Lawson Fms |  unit90                      |
|  Gulf Coast             |  unit120                     |
|  Mt Simon Ss            |  Woodbine Fm & Paluxy Ss     |
|  Potomac Group          |  Poor Storage Potential Area |
|  Pottsville Fm          |   |
|  South Carolina-Georgia |   |
|  Tuscaloosa Group       |   |

Jackson Dome  
Natural CO<sub>2</sub> source

Cranfield  
Phase III  
early

Completed Phase II  
EOR/brine Storage tests

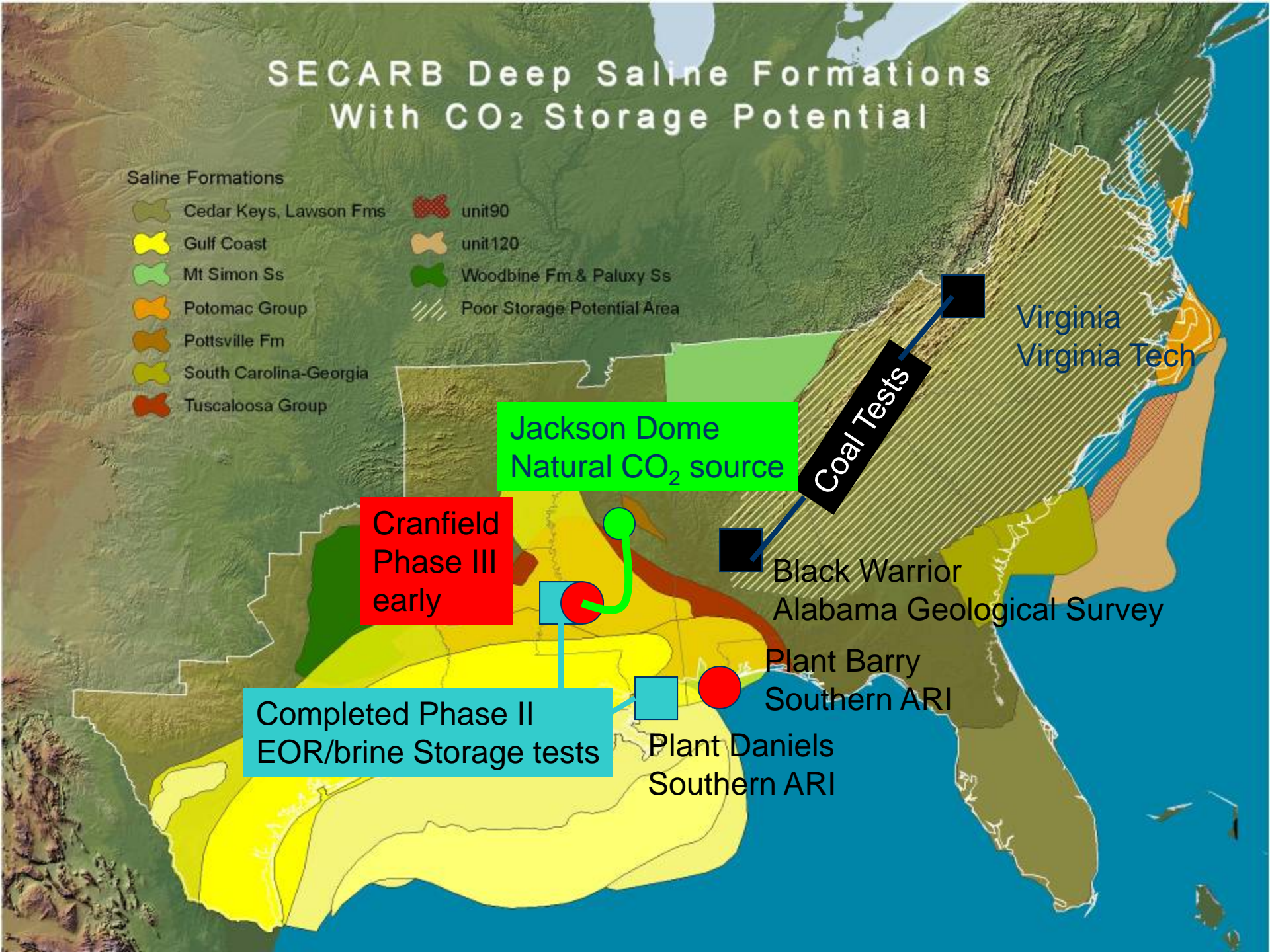
Coal Tests

Black Warrior  
Alabama Geological Survey

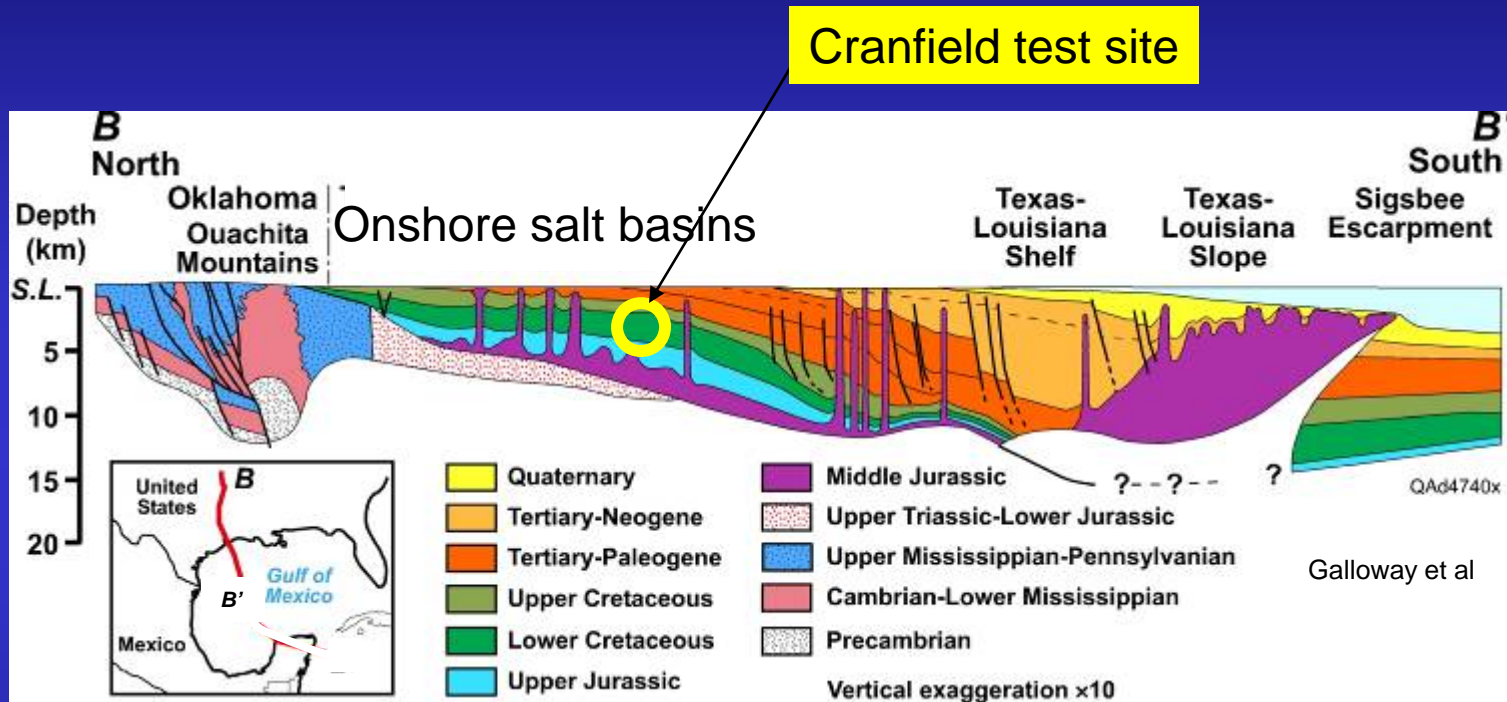
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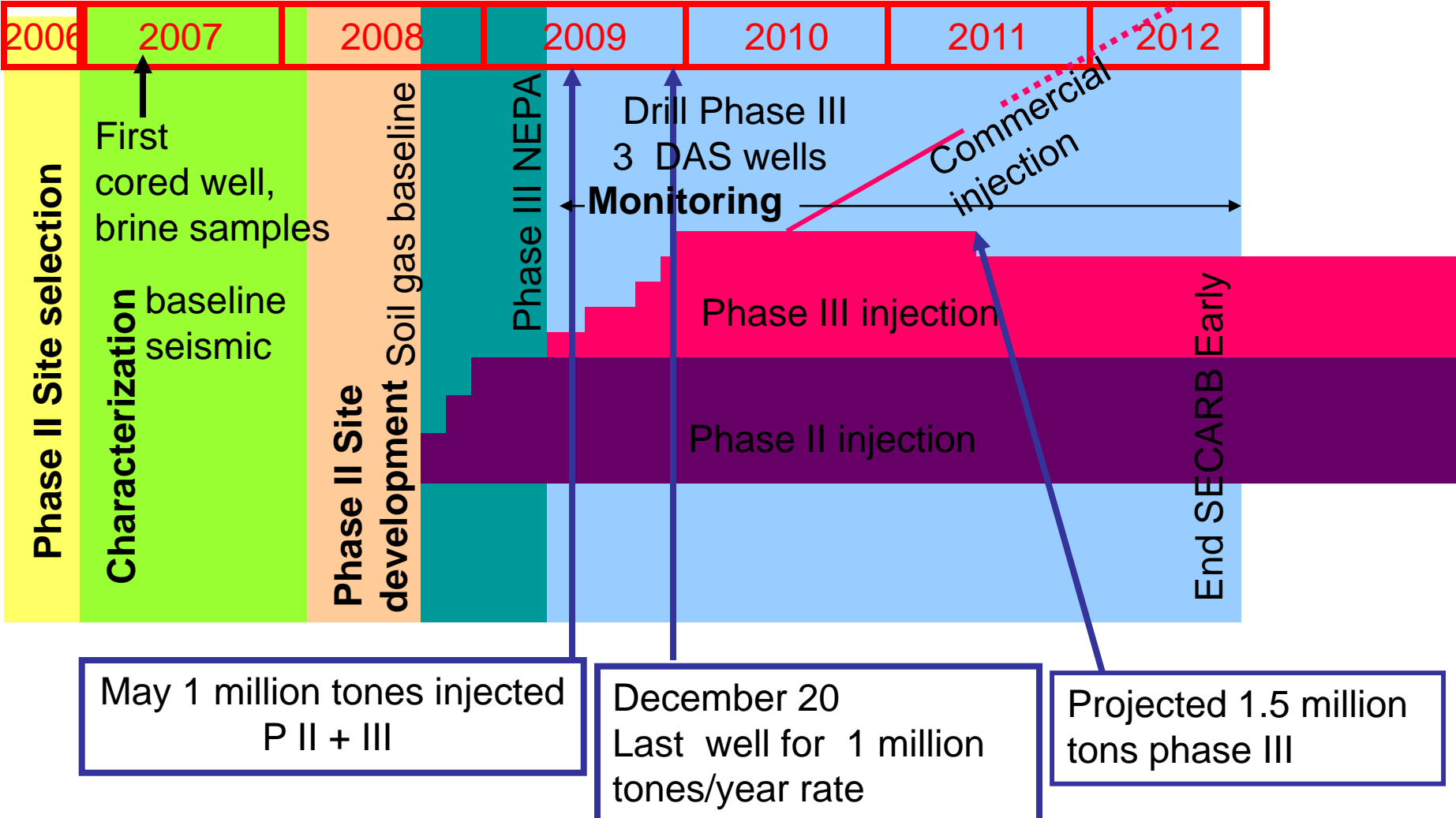
# Natural CO<sub>2</sub> Available Now in large Volumes Shipped via Sonant Pipeline to Test Lower Part of the Gulf Coast Wedge



Relatively young sandstones with shale seals  
 Heterogeneous, high porosity sediments  
 Salt tectonics and growth faults  
 Heavy industry

Characteristics of the Gulf Coast wedge

# Cranfield Progress



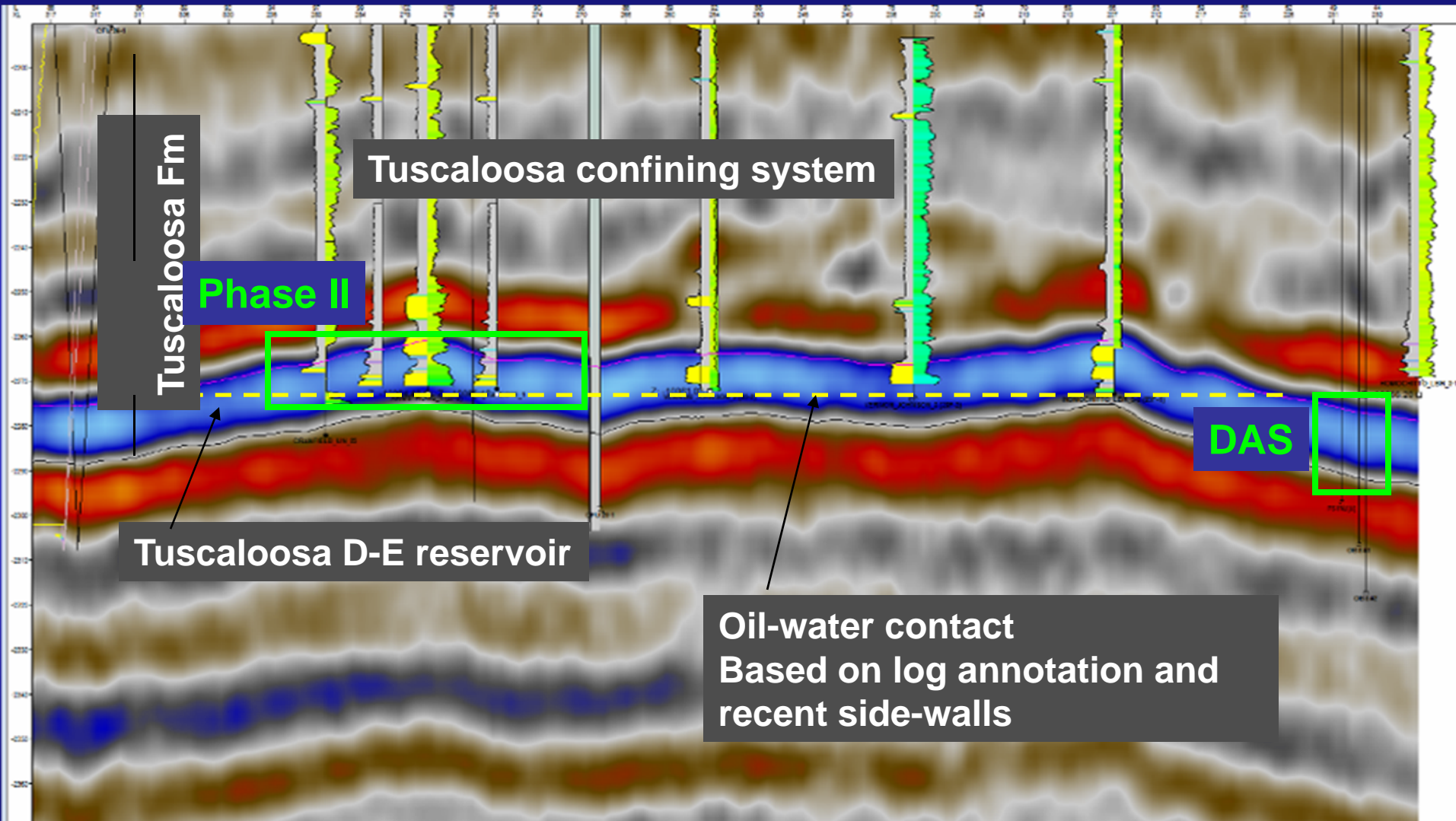
# Assuring Permanent Storage

- Know the geology of the reservoir
  - Characteristics that will accept and retain CO<sub>2</sub>
- Predict the area and magnitude of pressure increase at planned injection rate
  - Required for any injection in US by Safe Drinking Water Act, 1974
- Predict the distribution of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Make measurements that document that these predictions are correct.

# Characterization of the Reservoir

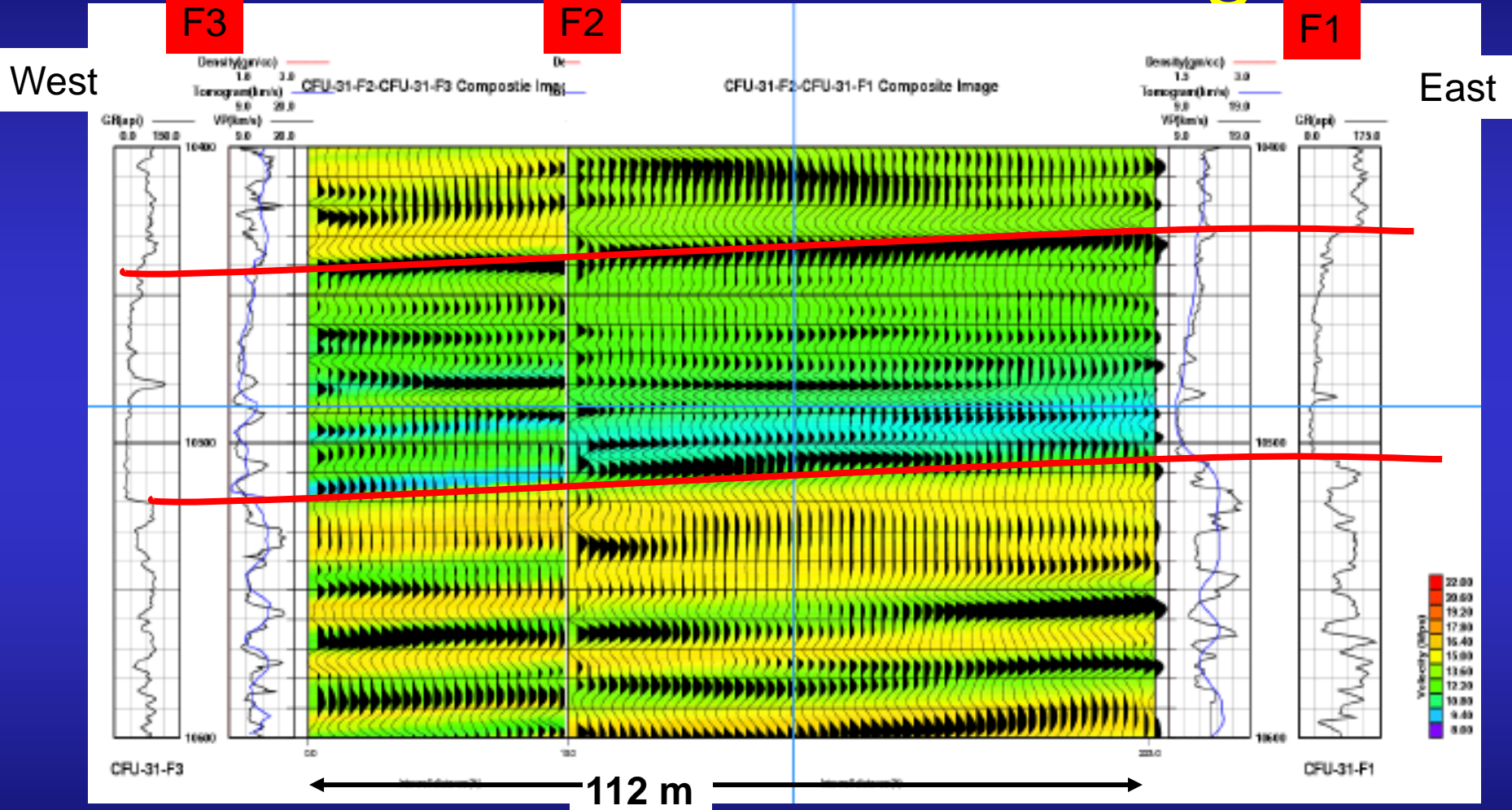
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B



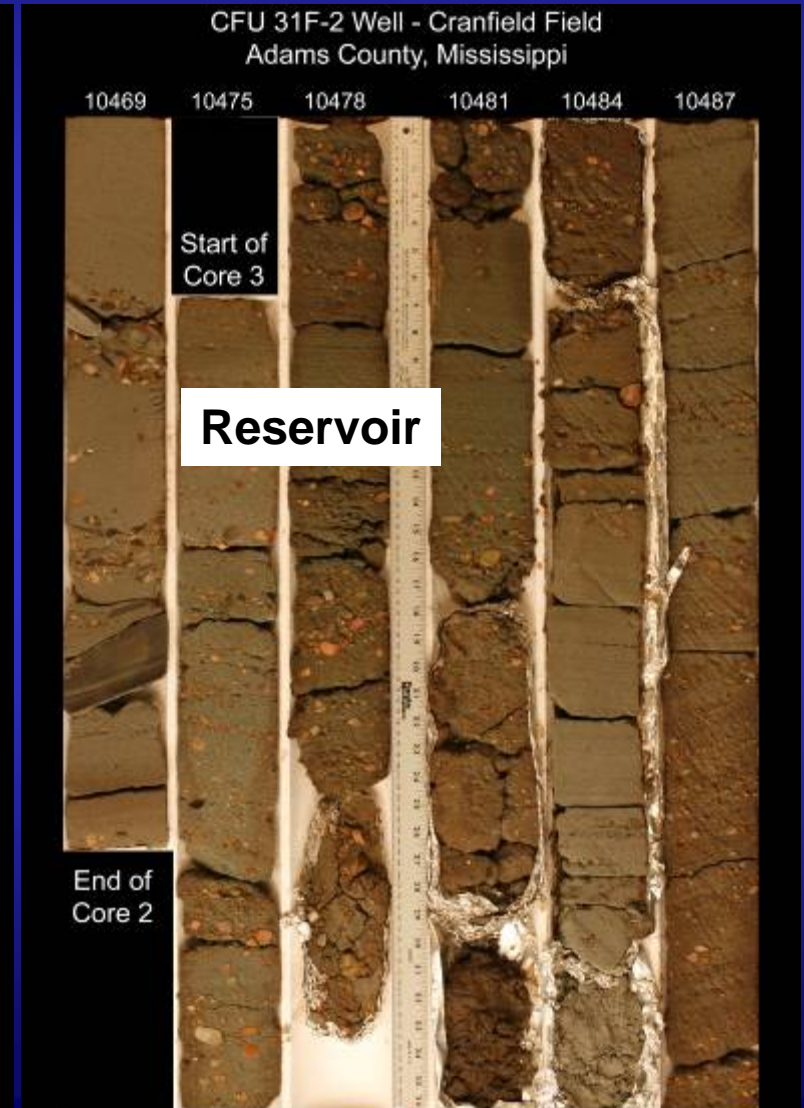


# Baseline Cross Well tomogram

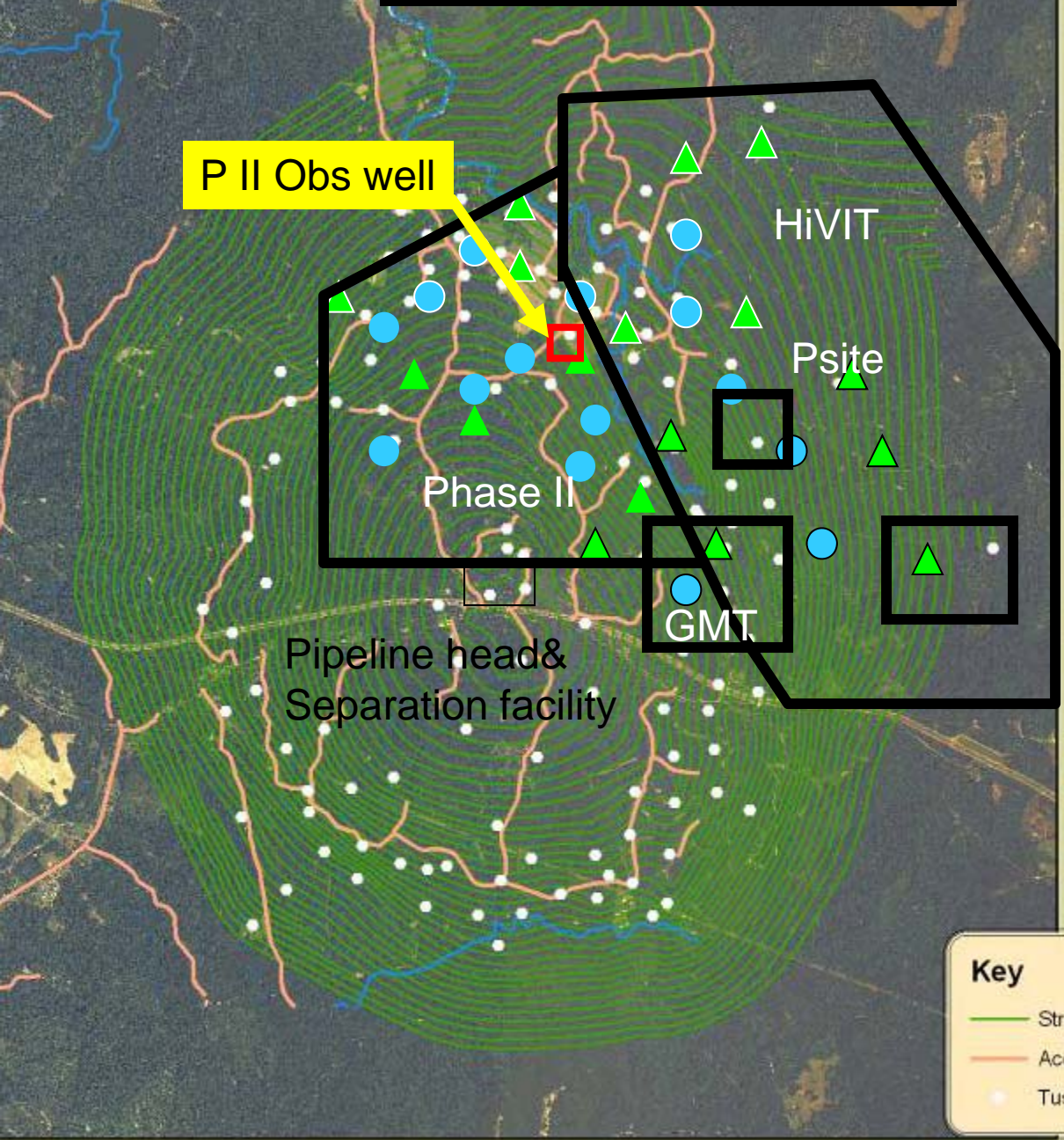


Z-Seis & Tom Daley Jonathan Franklin in review at LBNL

# Upward fining fluvial sandstone and conglomerates of the lower Tuscaloosa Fm



# Go to the field to test

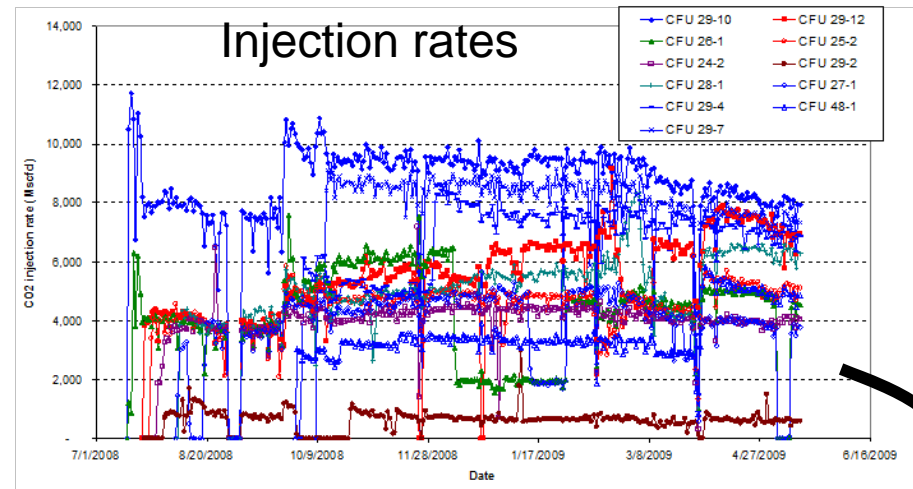
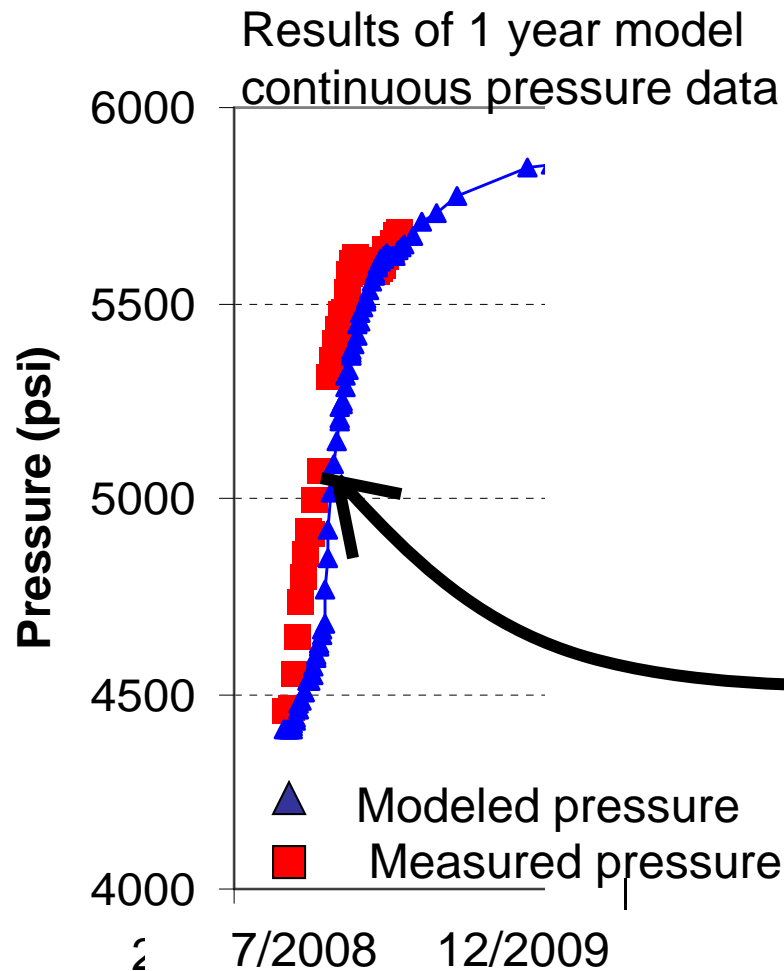


- ▲ Injector
- Producer (monitoring point)
- ◻ Observation Well

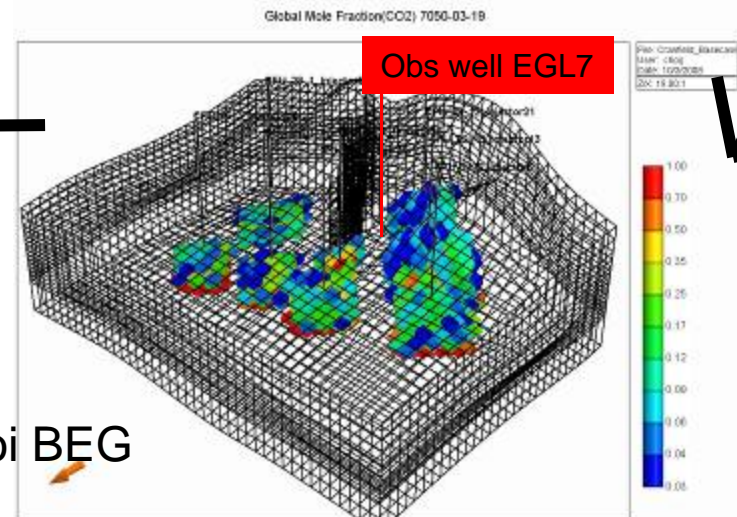
**Key**

- Structure Contour
- Access roads
- Tuscaloosa Wells

# Model – history match pressure at real-time monitoring well

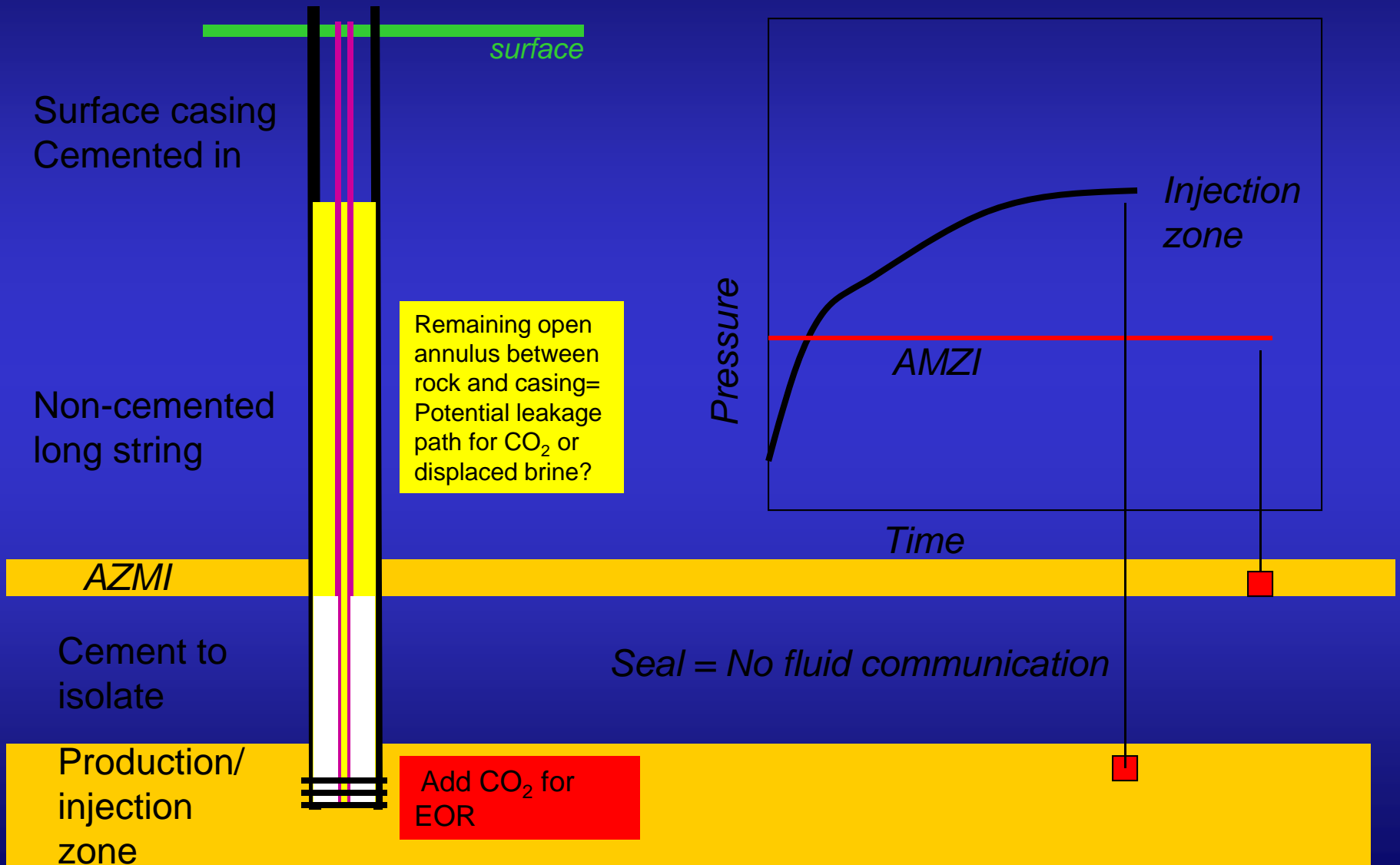


Rock and fluid properties in simulator

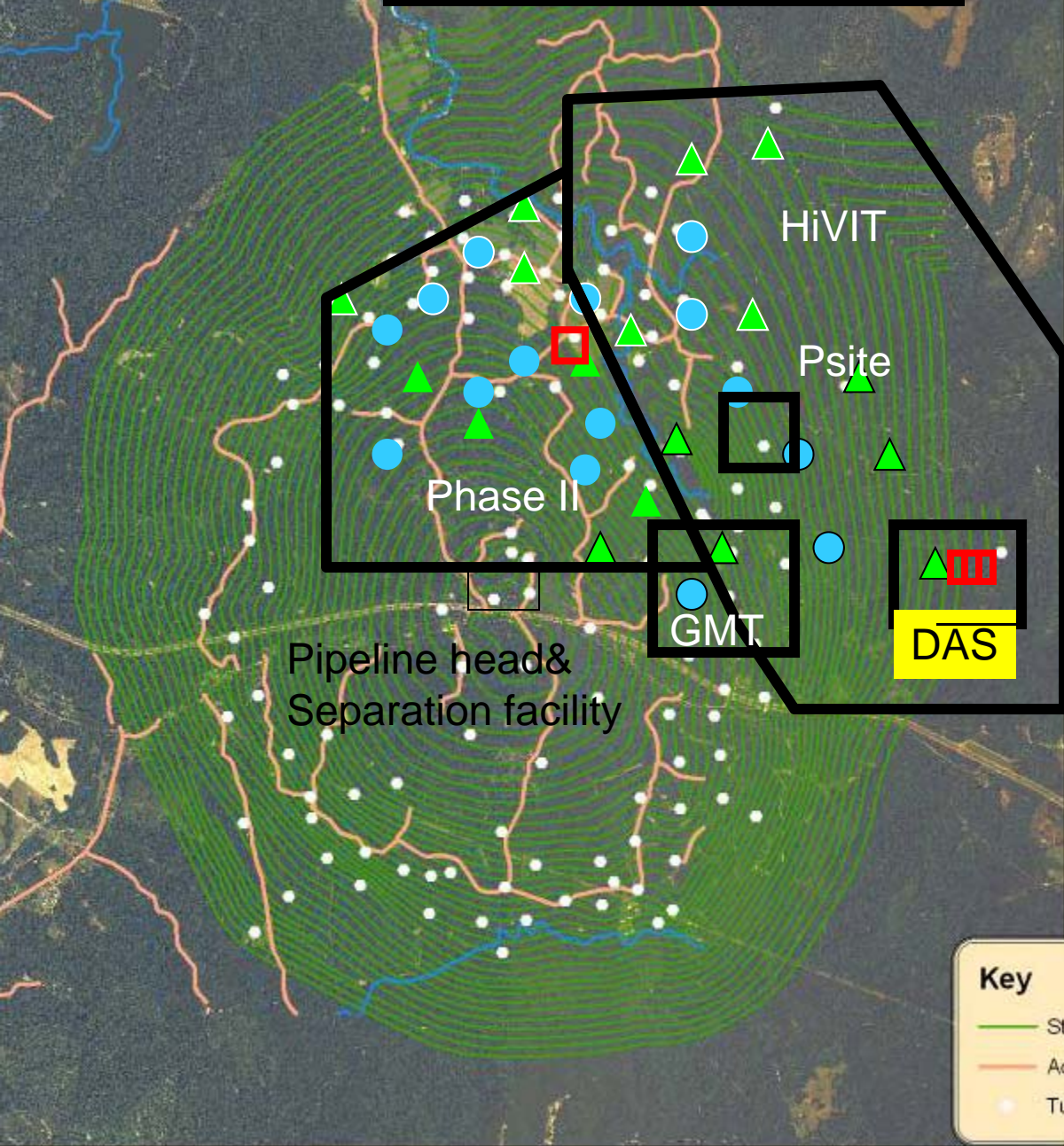


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# Using pressure to show no leakage



# Look in Detail at Flow Detailed Study Area (DAS)



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# DAS Monitoring

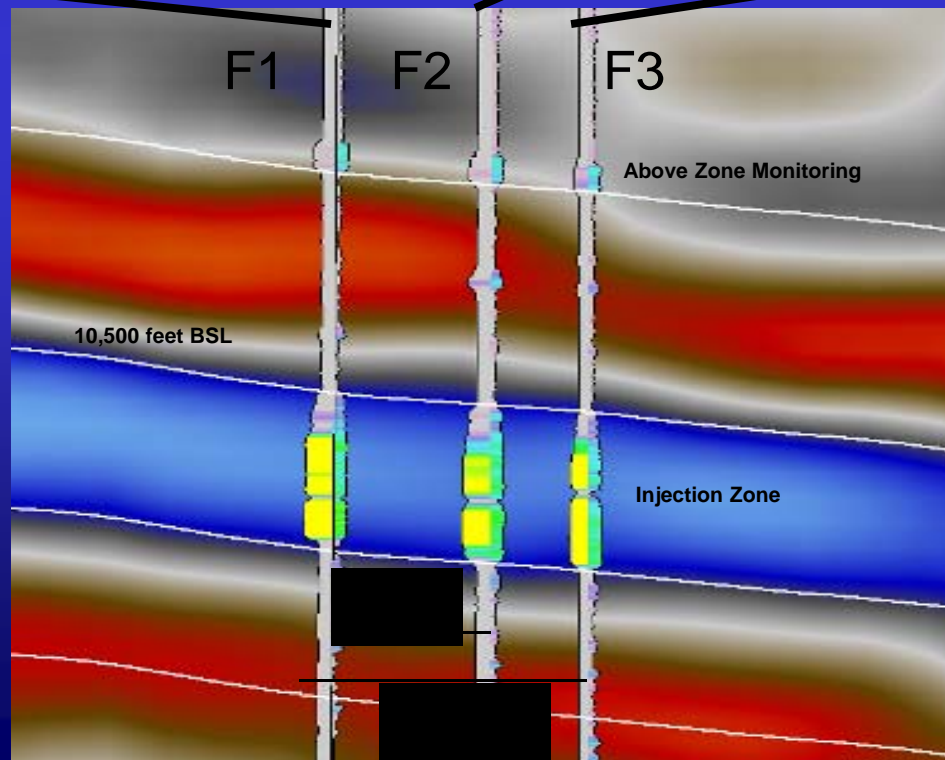
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CFU 31F1

Obs  
CFU 31 F2

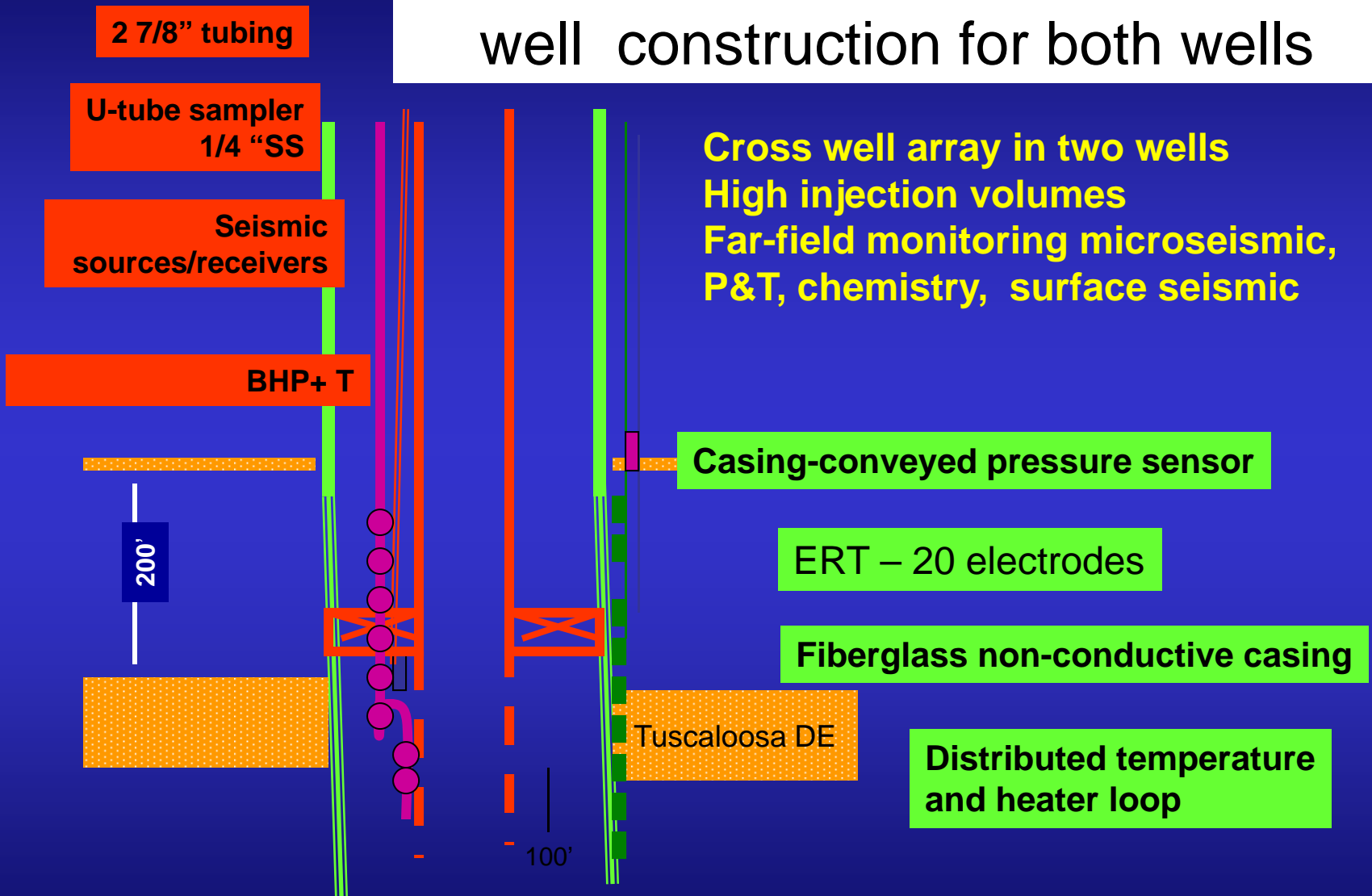
Obs  
CFU 31 F3



Closely spaced well array to examine flow in complex reservoir



# Phase III Research Observation well construction for both wells



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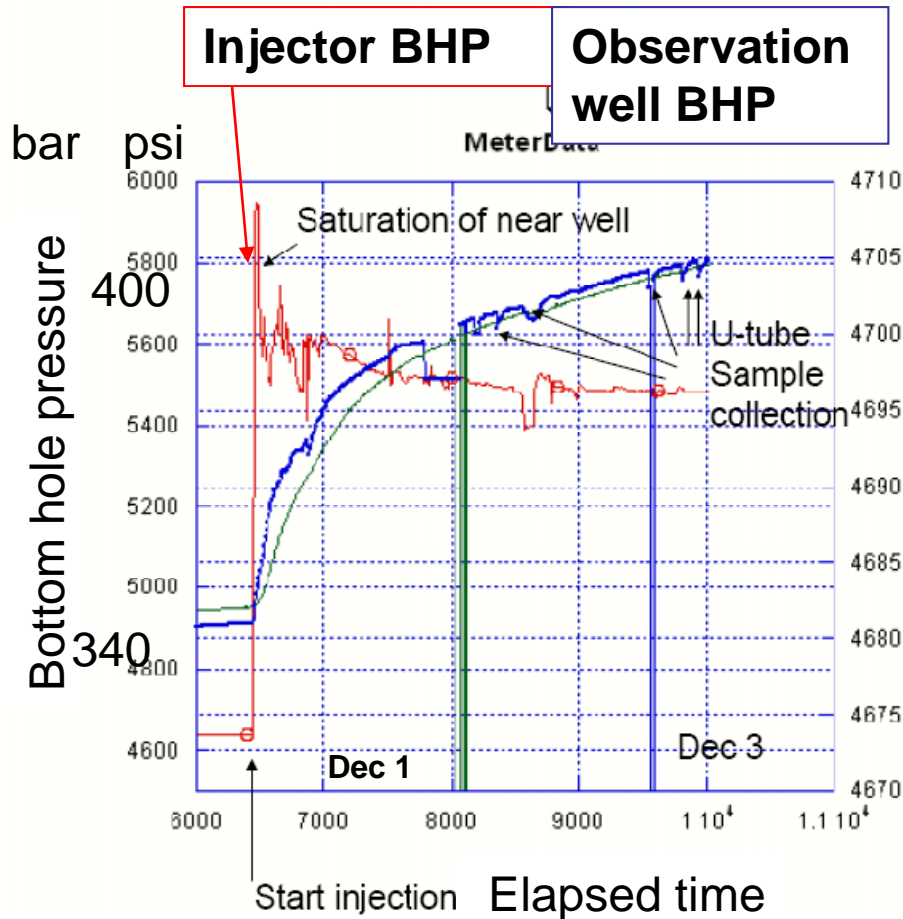
# Start injection at DAS Dec 1, 2009

175 kg/min step up to 350kg/min



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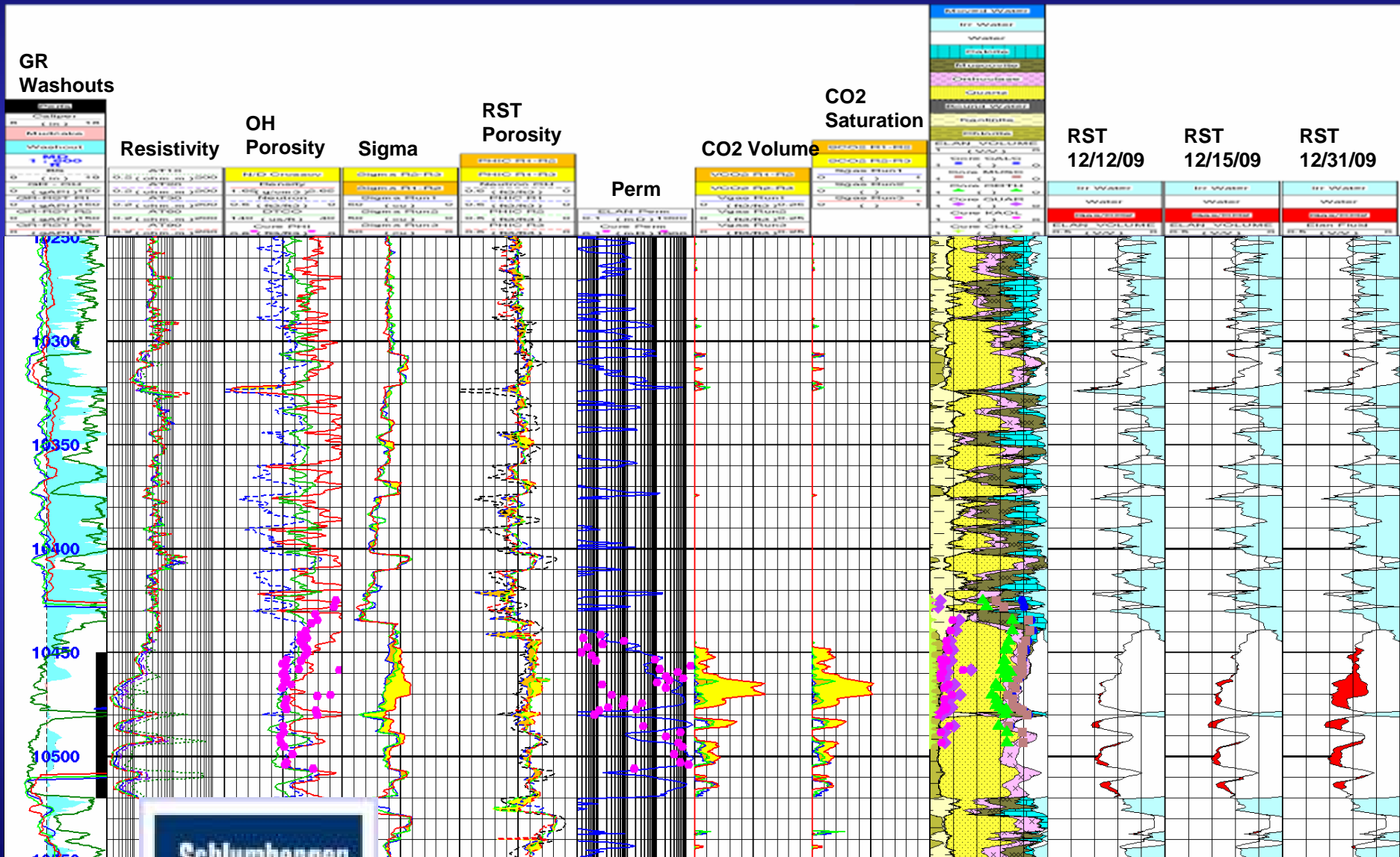


**It's all about pressure**

# Measuring distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> in the reservoir

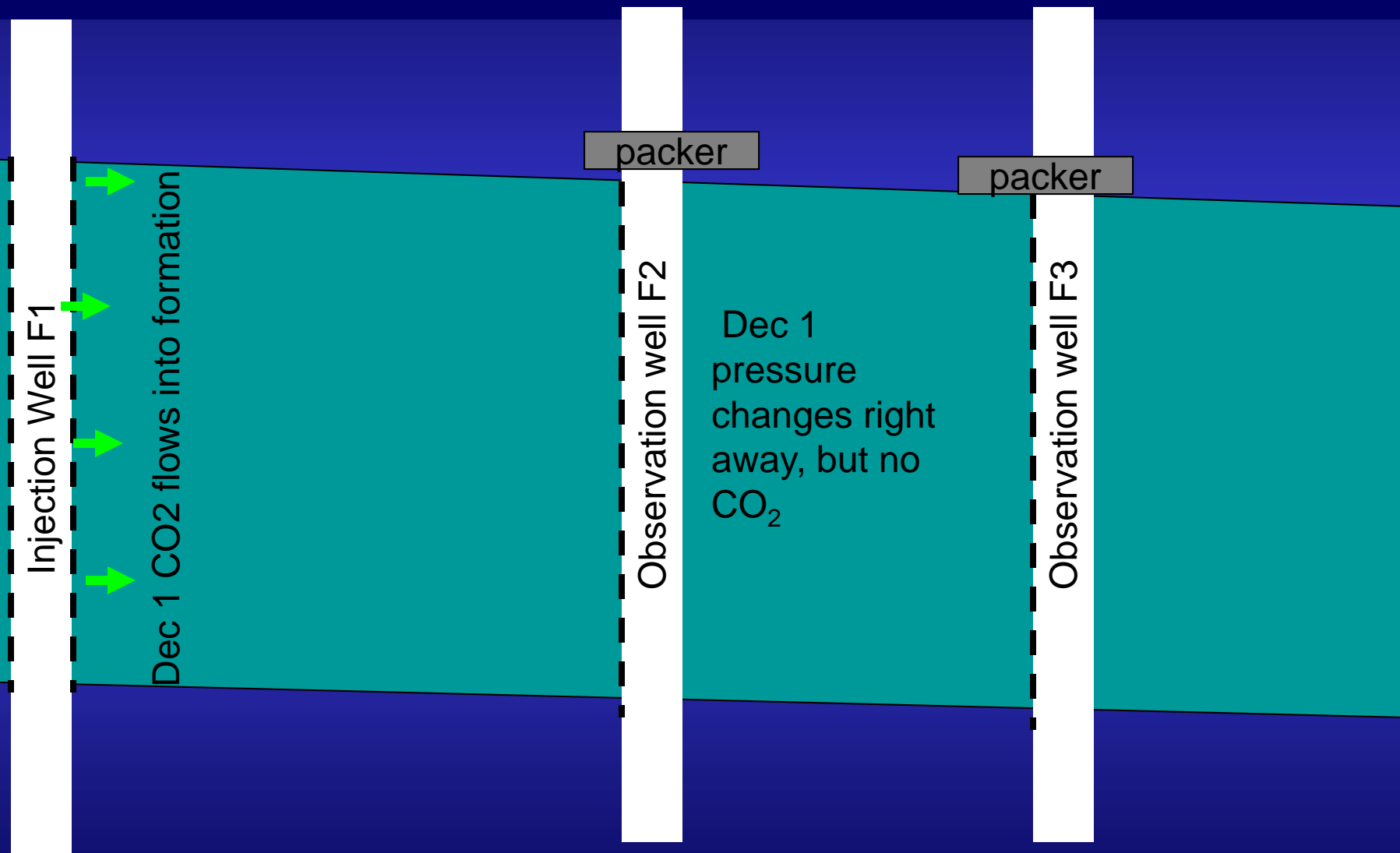
- Well-based methods
  - Wireline logs in time lapse -RST
  - Temperature
- Cross well methods
  - Time- lapse ERT
  - Time – lapse acoustic (seismic)

# Wireline Formation Evaluation - ELAN – RST CFU 31 – F#3

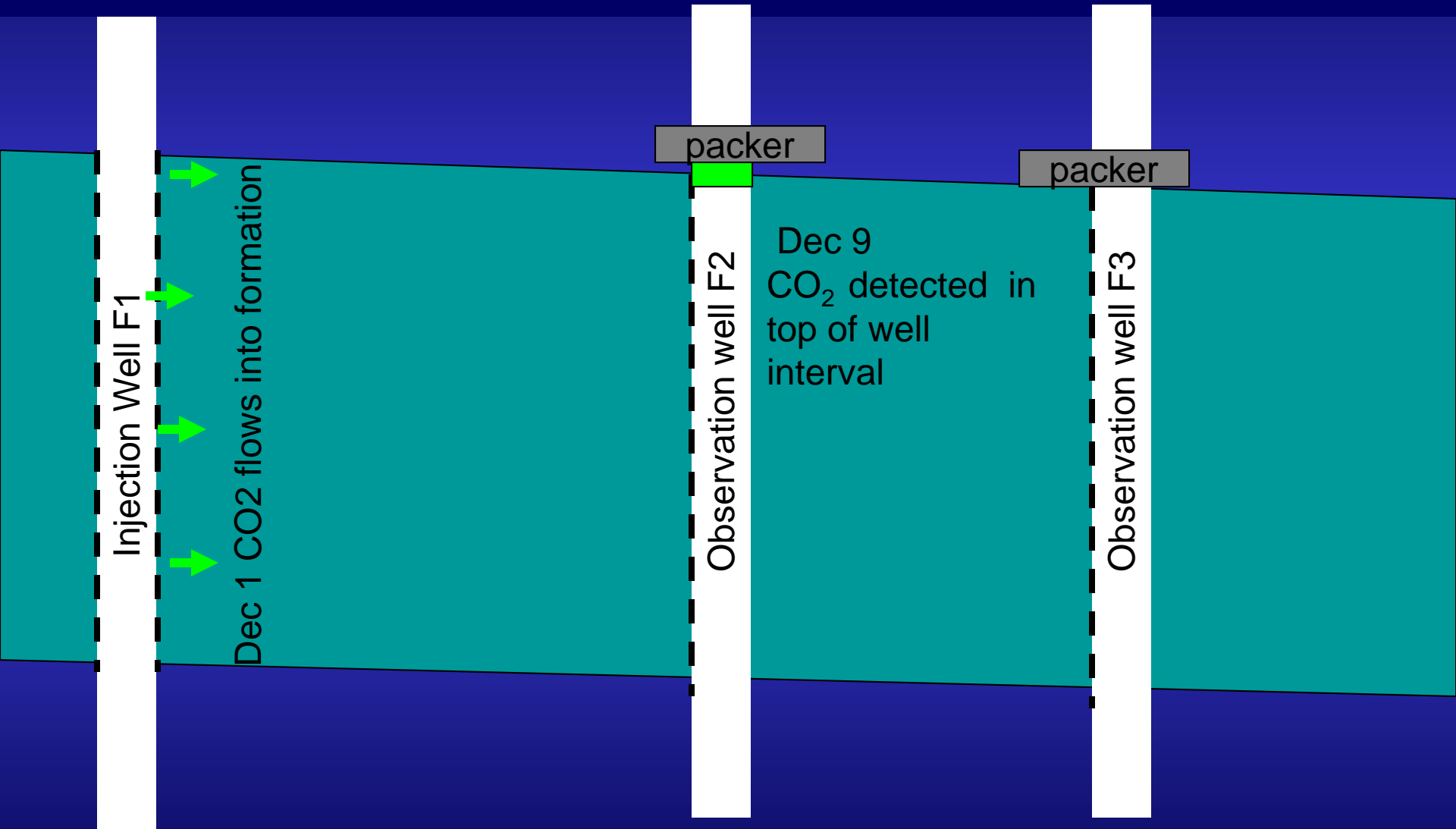


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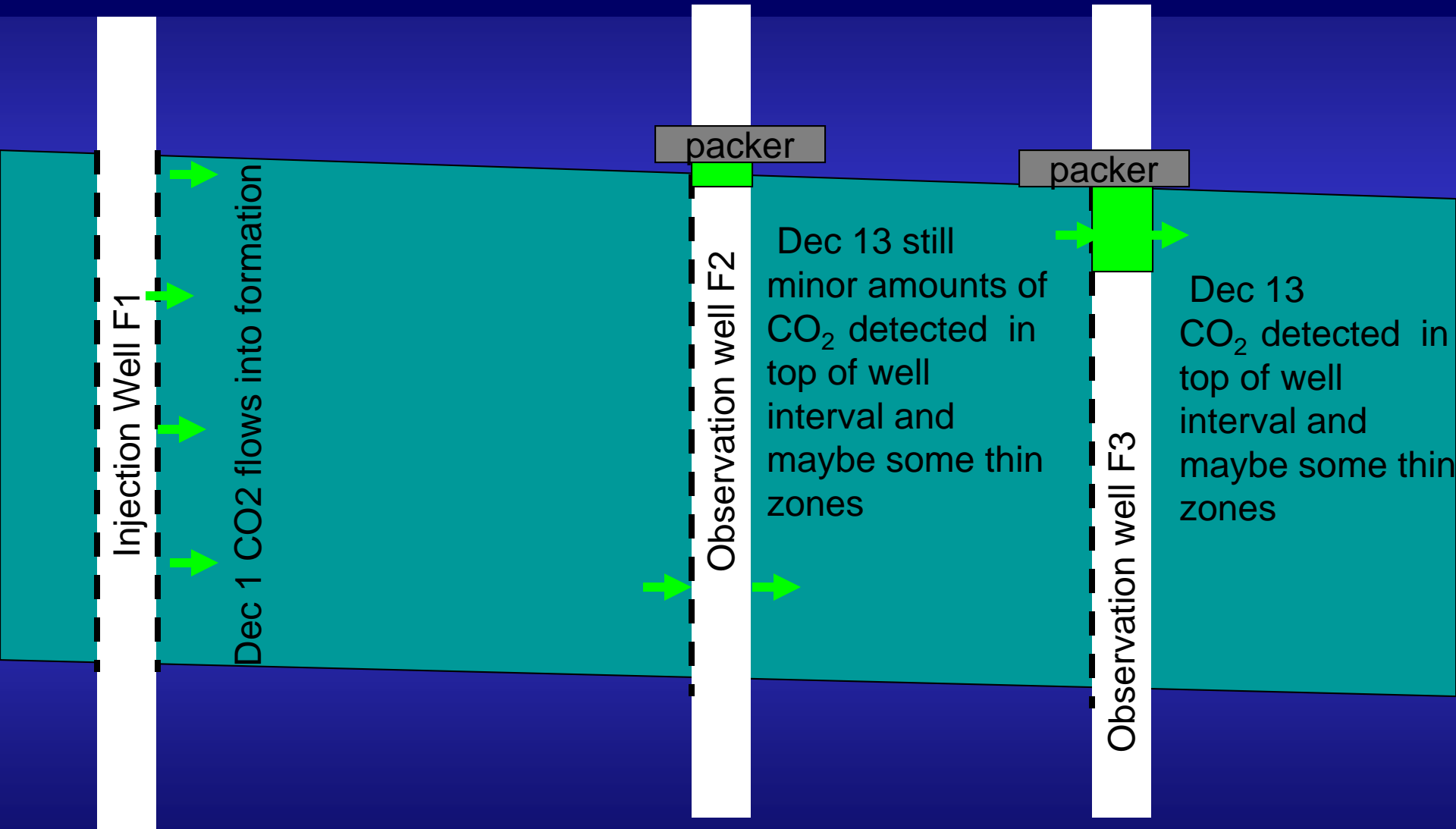
# What happened at the wells?



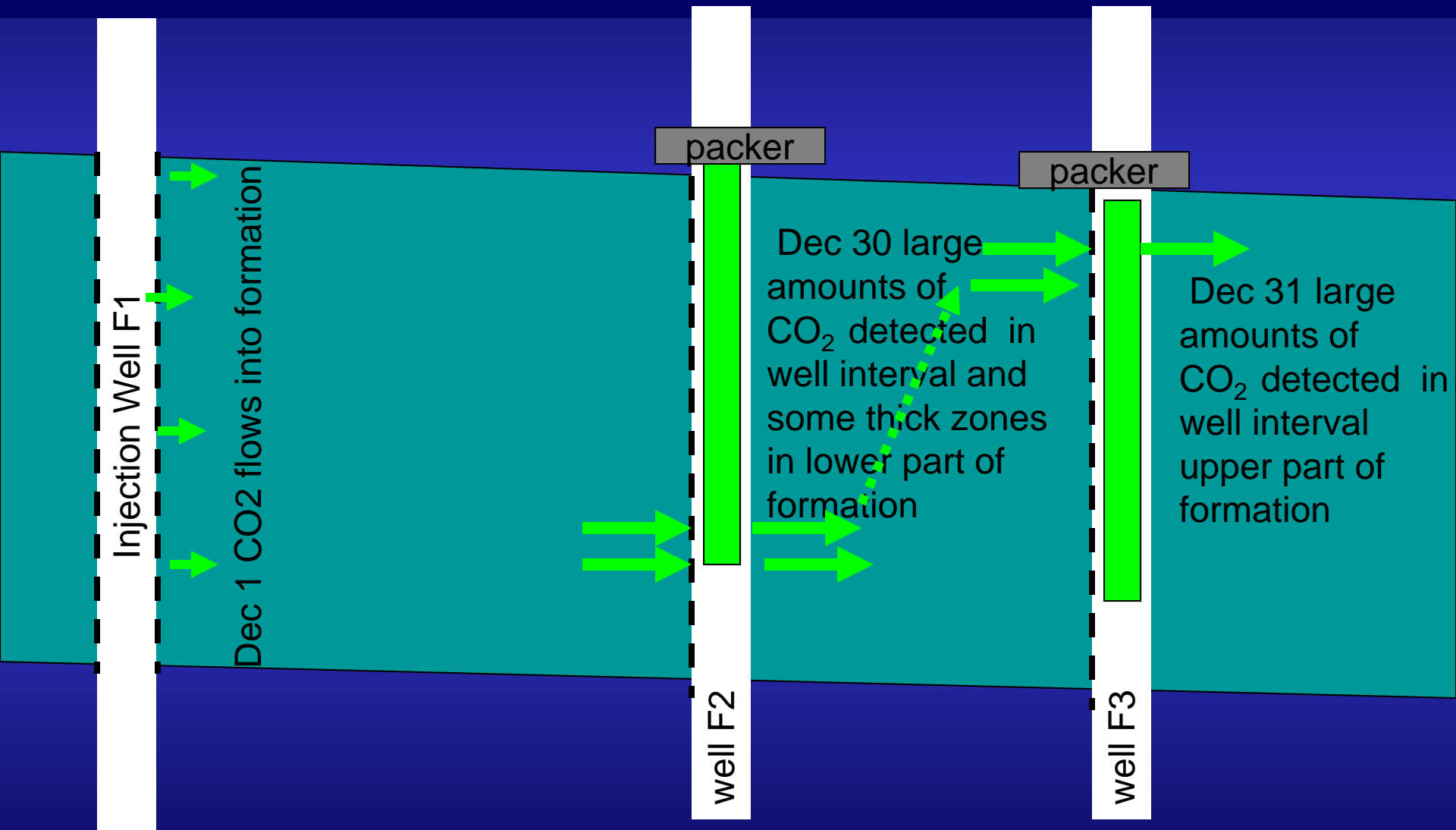
# Day 9



# Day 13

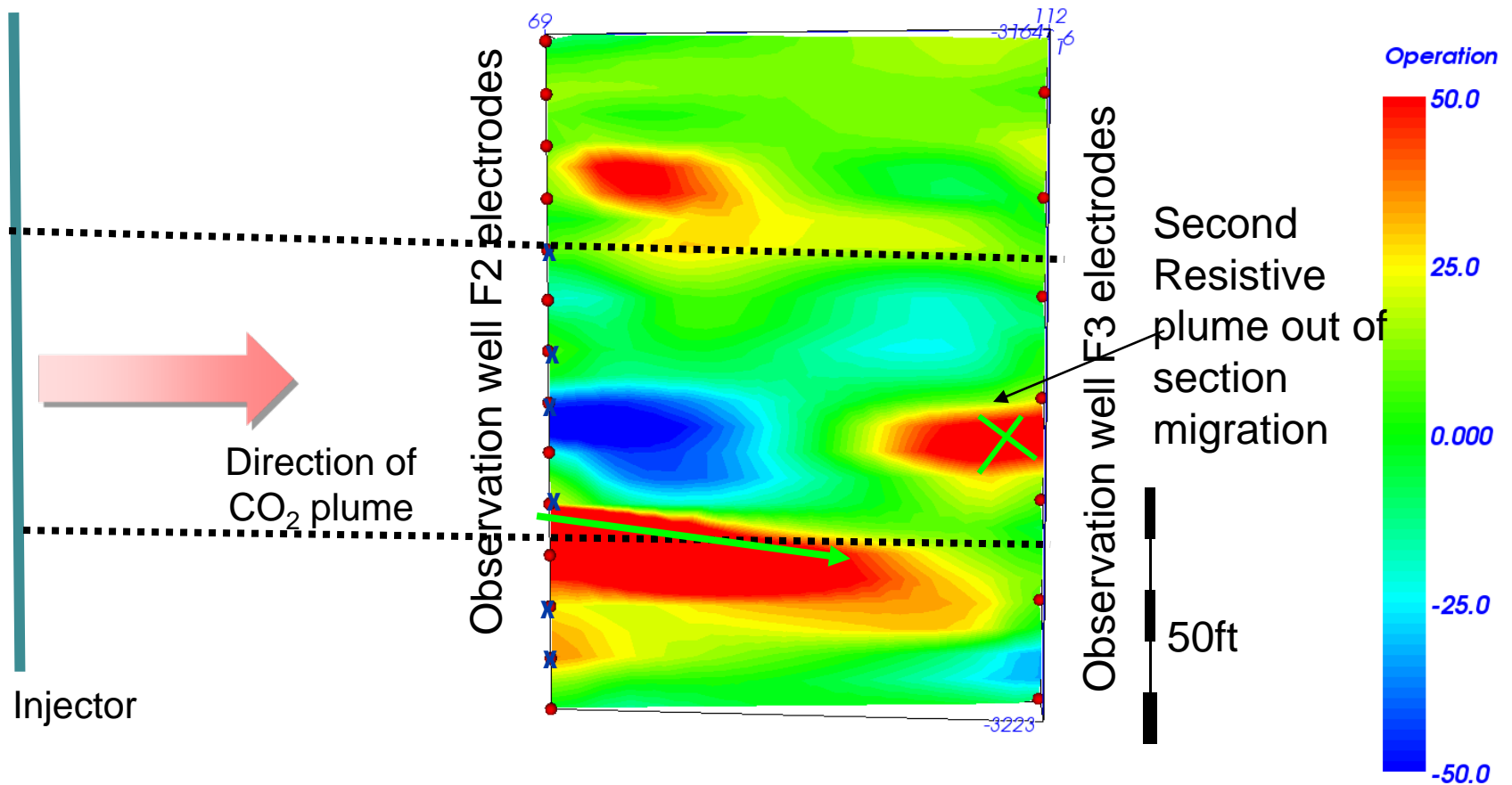


# Day 31





# Cross Well ERT tells us how flow occurred



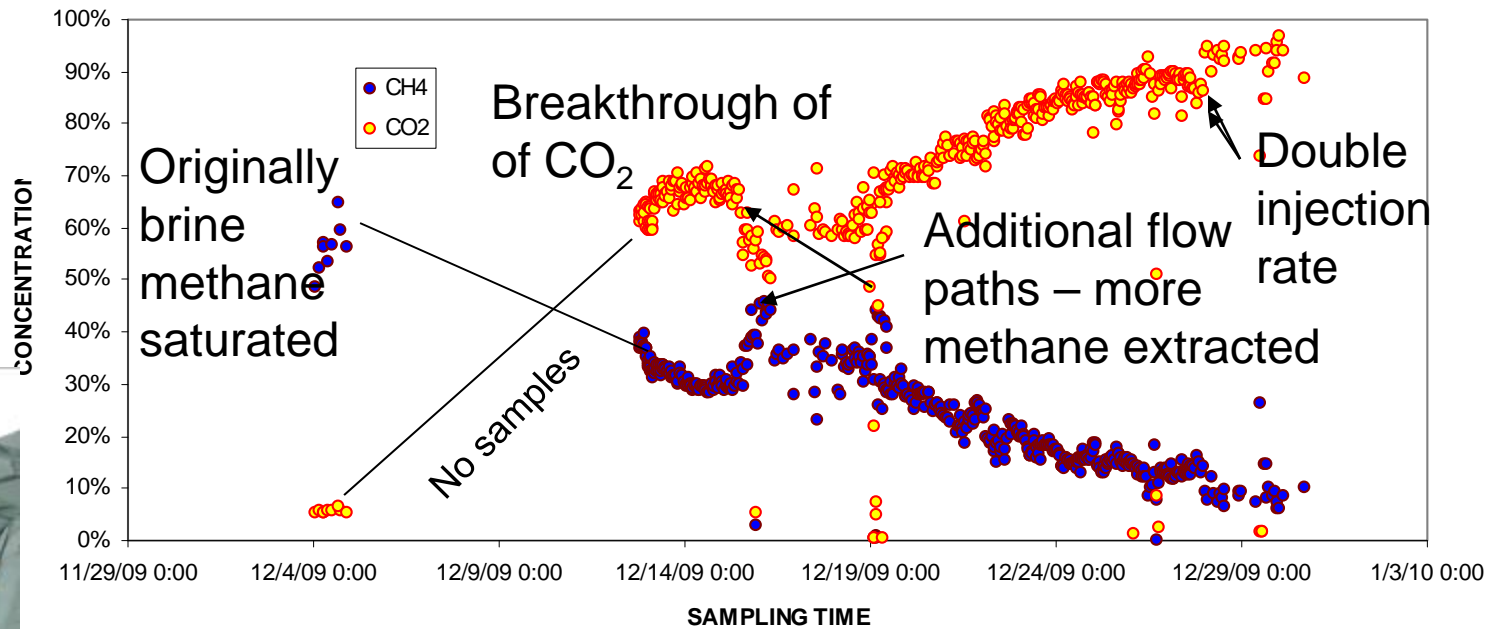
Resistive plume = CO<sub>2</sub> in reservoir

Conductive plume = workover fluids?

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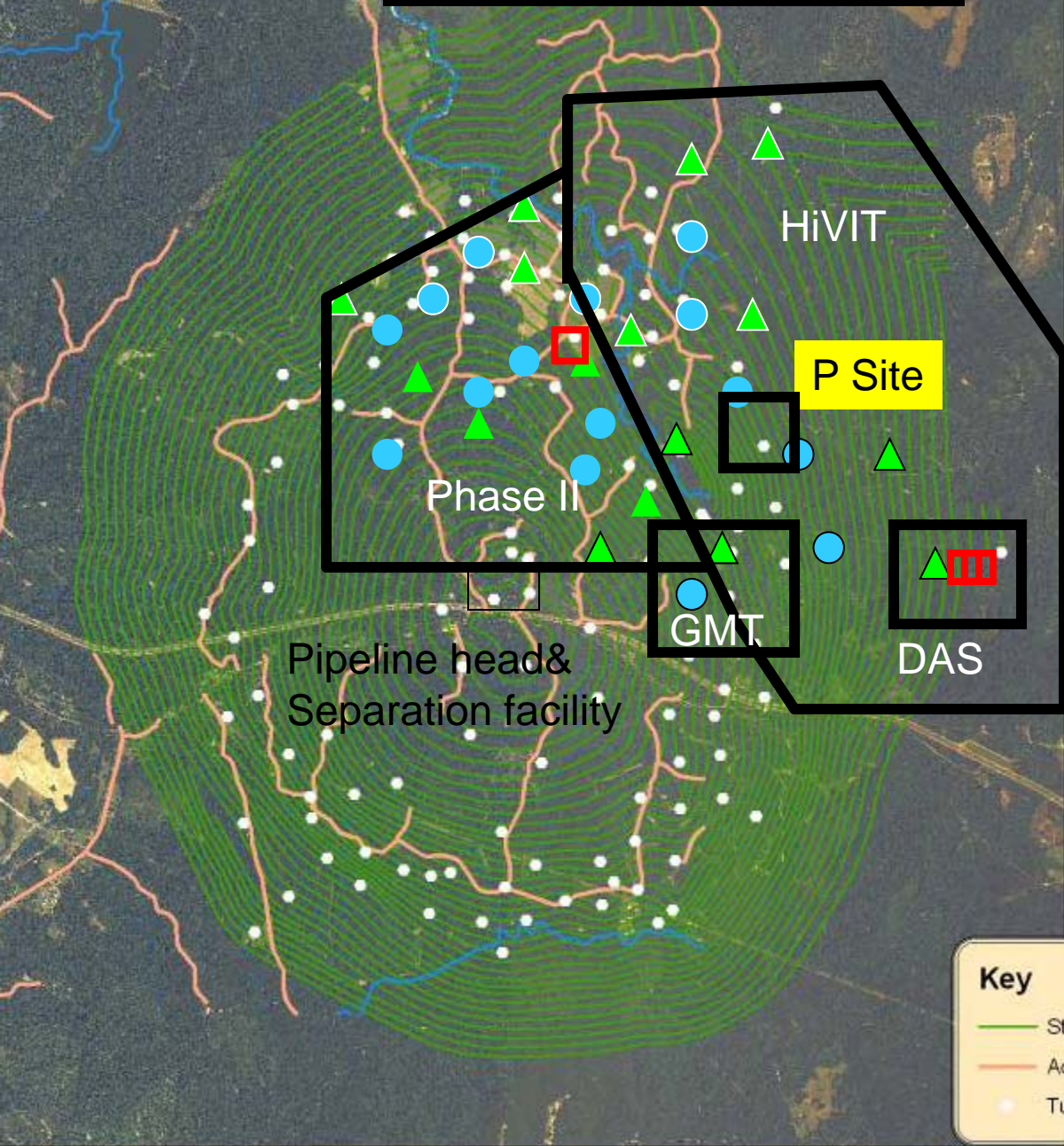
# High frequency fluid sampling via U-tube yields data on flow processes



Small diameter sampler with N<sub>2</sub> drive brings fluids quickly to surface with tracers intact

CO<sub>2</sub> dissolution into brine liberates dissolved CH<sub>4</sub>

BEG, LBNL, USGS, ORNL, UTDōG,  
data compiled by Changbing Yang BEG



Is it possible to find leakage at surface ? P-Site tests

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# Assessment of near surface techniques "P Site"

Pit  
Pad  
Plants  
P&A well

Clear-cut right-of-way for empty pipe

1950's pit

road

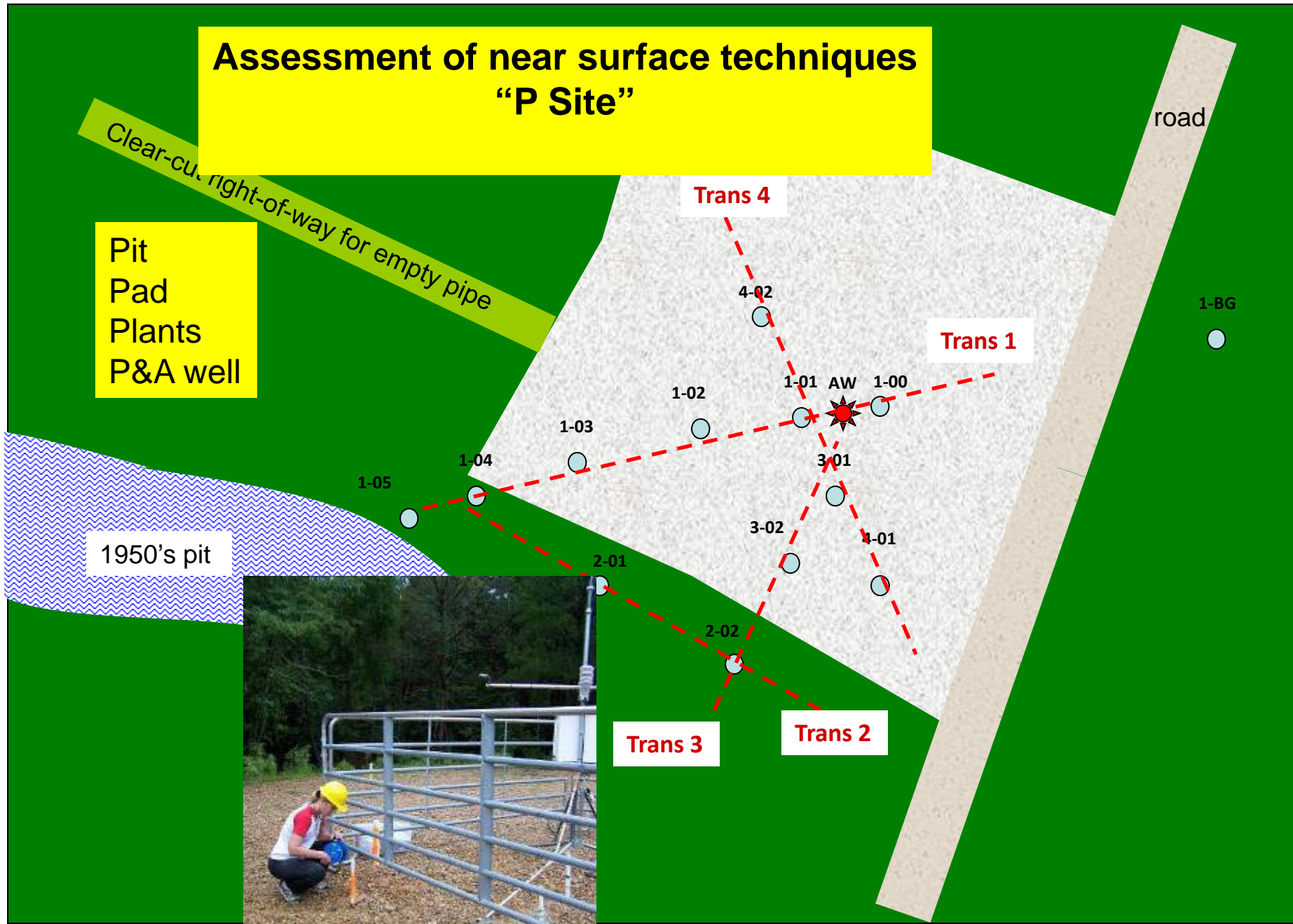
1-BG

Trans 4

Trans 1

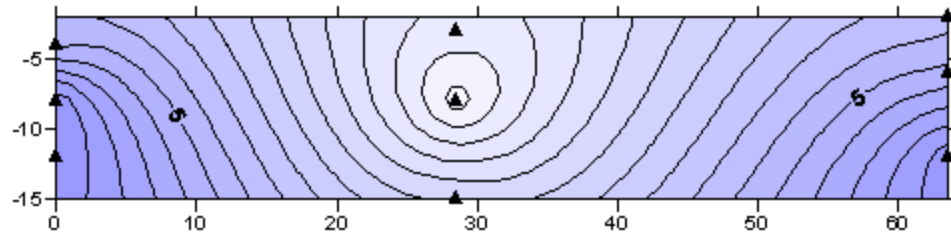
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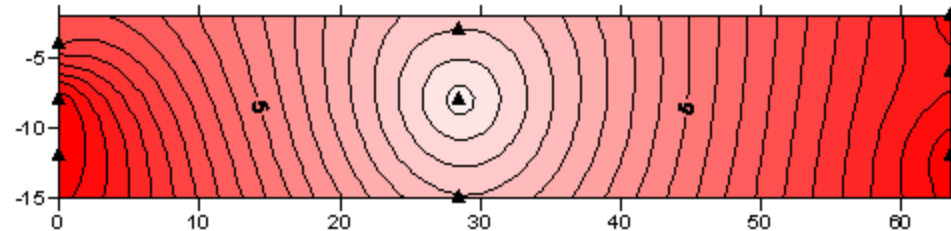


# Preliminary Soil Gas data

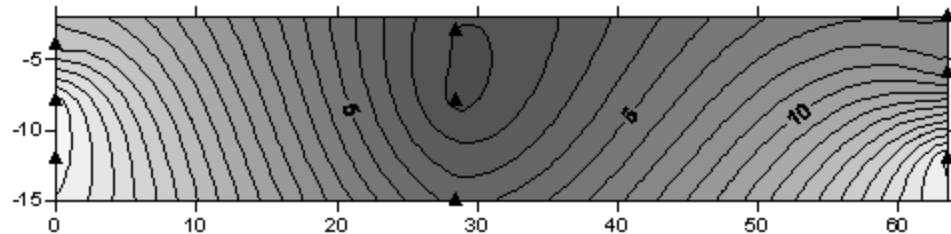
CO<sub>2</sub> (vol %)



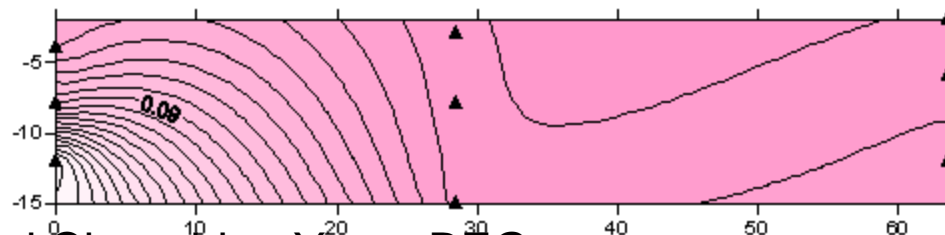
CH<sub>4</sub> (vol %)



O<sub>2</sub> (vol %)



Pressure  
(inches H<sub>2</sub>O)



Katherine Romanak and Changbing Yang, BEG

# Interim Conclusions of Study at Cranfield

- Phase III 1 million ton/year rate achieved Dec 20, 2009, 2 Million tones monitored since July 2008
- Rate to be maintained >15 months
- Monitored with standard and novel approaches
  - History match pressure response
  - No leakage into Above-Zone Monitoring Interval
  - Fluid flow measured/monitored with multiple tools in complex flow field
  - First US use of Electrical Resistance Tomography (ERT) for sequestration
  - Quantification of dissolution
- Export to commercial EOR/sequestration projects

# Goals of monitoring at a long term, full scale commercial project

- Confirm that the predictions of storage security based on site characterization are valid
- Confidence to continue injection is gained from monitoring observations that are reasonably close to model predictions
- Confirm that no unacceptable consequences (risks or liabilities) result from injection.
- Monitoring during injection should be designed to prove-up sequestration so that monitoring frequency could be diminished through the life of the project and eventually stopped, allowing the project to be closed.

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