



# WESTCARB Phase III Project Overview

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# Outline

- Phase III objectives
- Project overview
- Geologic setting
- Preliminary reservoir modeling results
- Managing risk
- Initial risk assessment results
- Monitoring approach
- Regulatory and public outreach issues

# Phase III WESTCARB Objectives

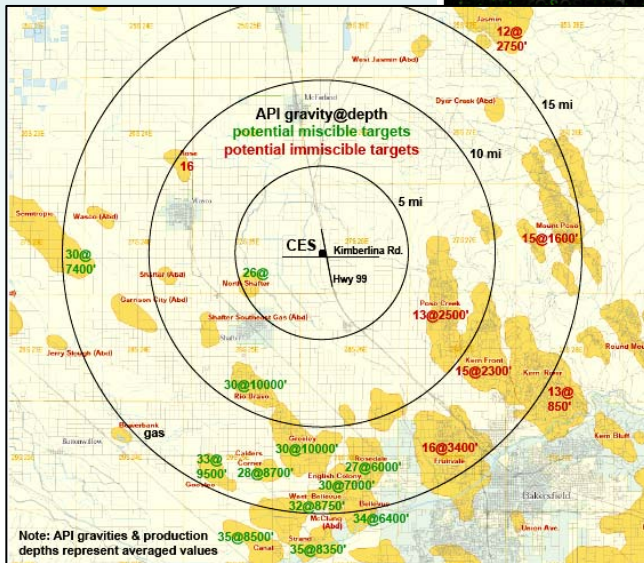
- Conduct a commercial-scale CCS test (1 million tons CO<sub>2</sub>); nominal 10-year project
  - Access the best geologic target in California
- Co-locate project with advanced, commercial “sequestration friendly” oxy-combustion technology – Clean Energy Systems
  - Planned as first commercial-scale facility of its type in U.S.
- Demonstrate commercial-scale injection site characterization, operations, maintenance, and monitoring (Schlumberger)
- Conduct research to improve technologies for reservoir modeling/simulation and engineering, risk assessment, and measurement/monitoring (LBNL, LLNL, Stanford)
- ***Establish in the public mind—via direct proof—that emission-free fossil power is possible and geologic sequestration is safe***

# Project Is Representative of Major California Sequestration/EOR Potential; Provides Underpinnings for Commercialization

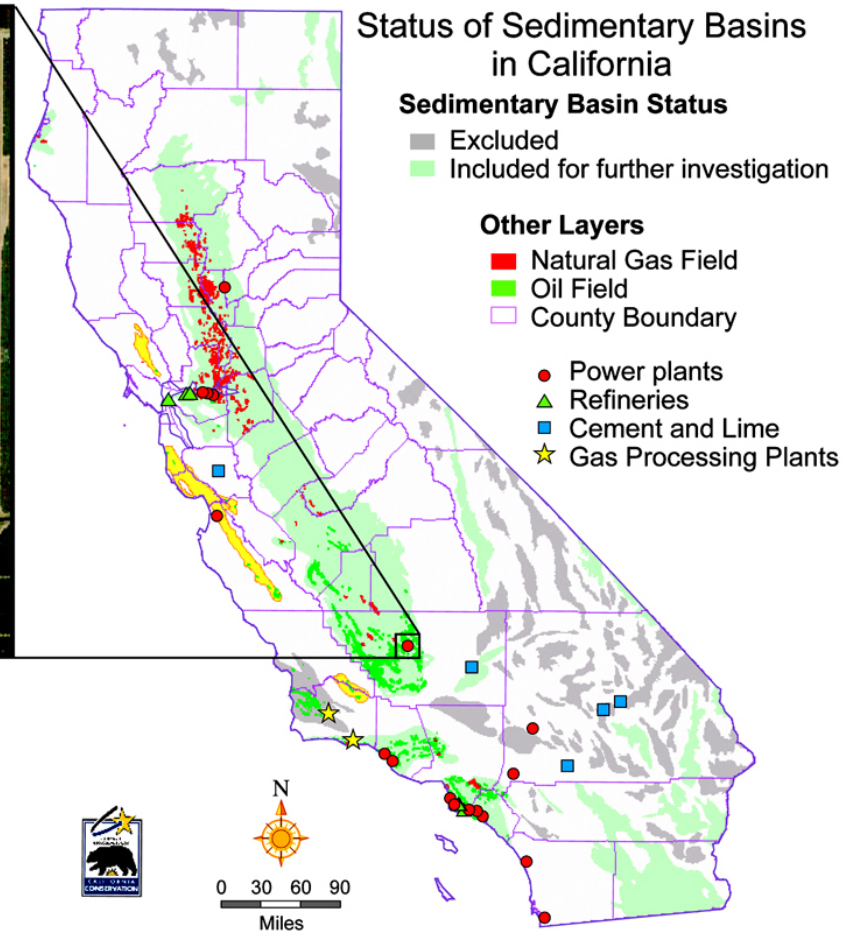
Many nearby oilfields are EOR-suitable



Kimberlina Power Plant →



(J. Johnson, LLNL)

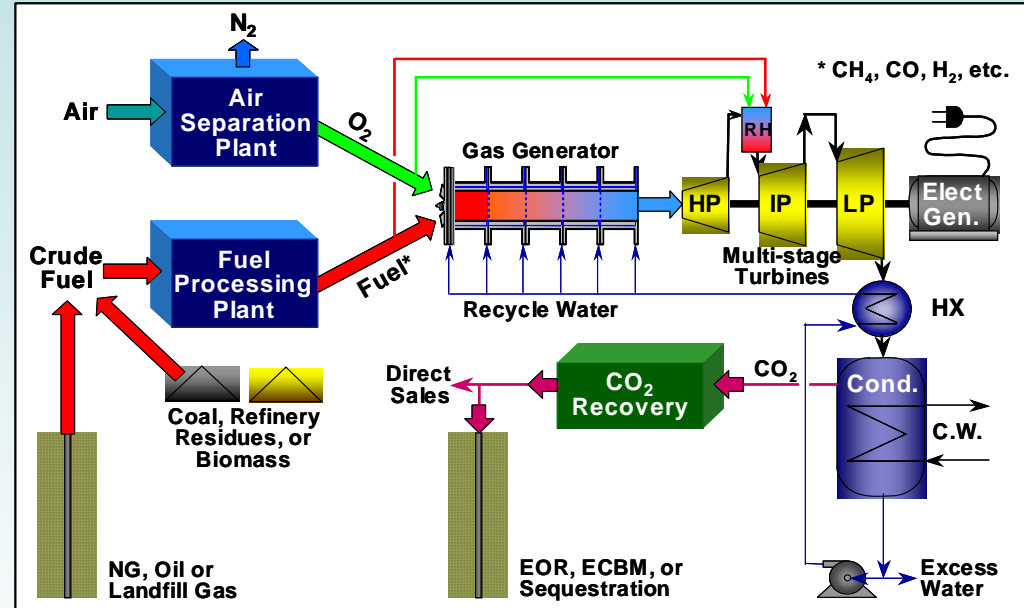


Source: California Geological Survey

# Kimberlina Project Overview

- Lead industrial partners: Clean Energy Systems (CES), Schlumberger
- CES is planning ~50 MW power plant at Kimberlina, California (on CES property)
- Plant will provide ~250,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year for four years
- Initial CO<sub>2</sub> injectivity; full exhaust stream injection to begin in 2011, one injection and one monitoring well
- Initial geologic modeling, reservoir simulation, and risk assessment completed
- Mineral rights and initial permitting issues seem workable; long-term liability for CO<sub>2</sub> unresolved

*CES power generating system*





# Who Is Clean Energy Systems?

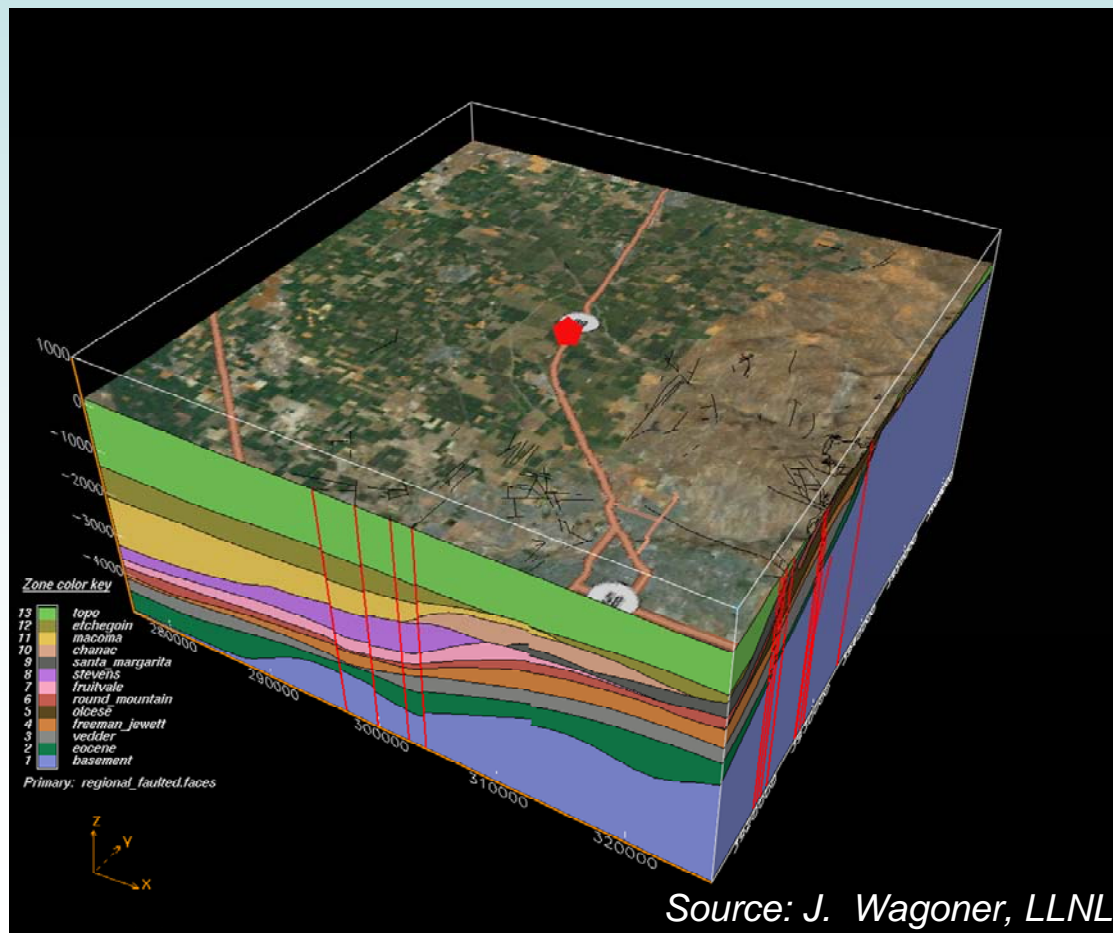
- Technology developer for “rocket engine” oxy-combustion power systems; supported by DOE and CEC
- Owner of its demo plants



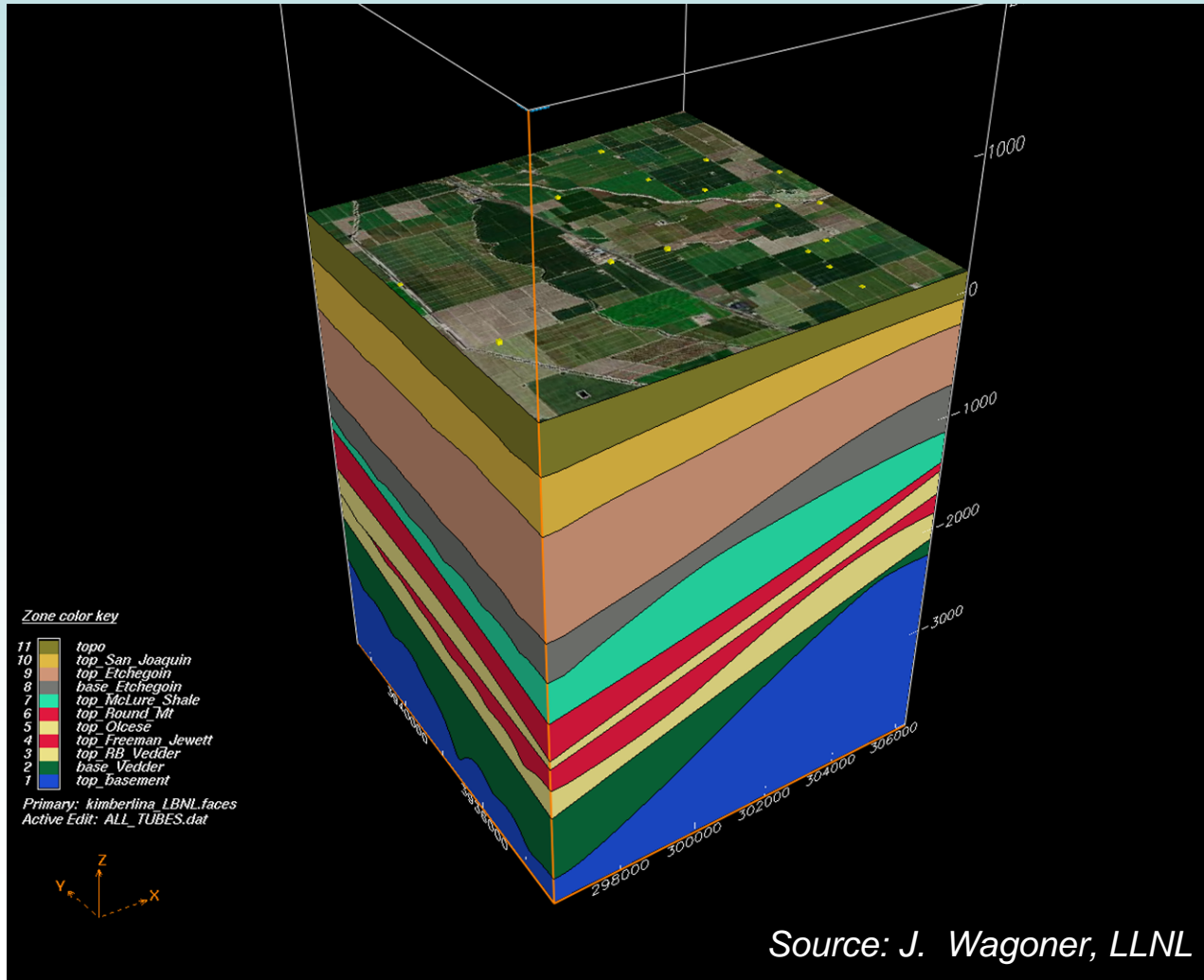
- Partners/investors from power and oil industries
- Currently scaling up and testing core component—gas generator
- Plants proposed for U.S. and Europe (Netherlands, Norway)

# Regional Geologic Model Is Centered on CES Kimberlina Power Plant

25 km Northwest of Bakersfield, CA

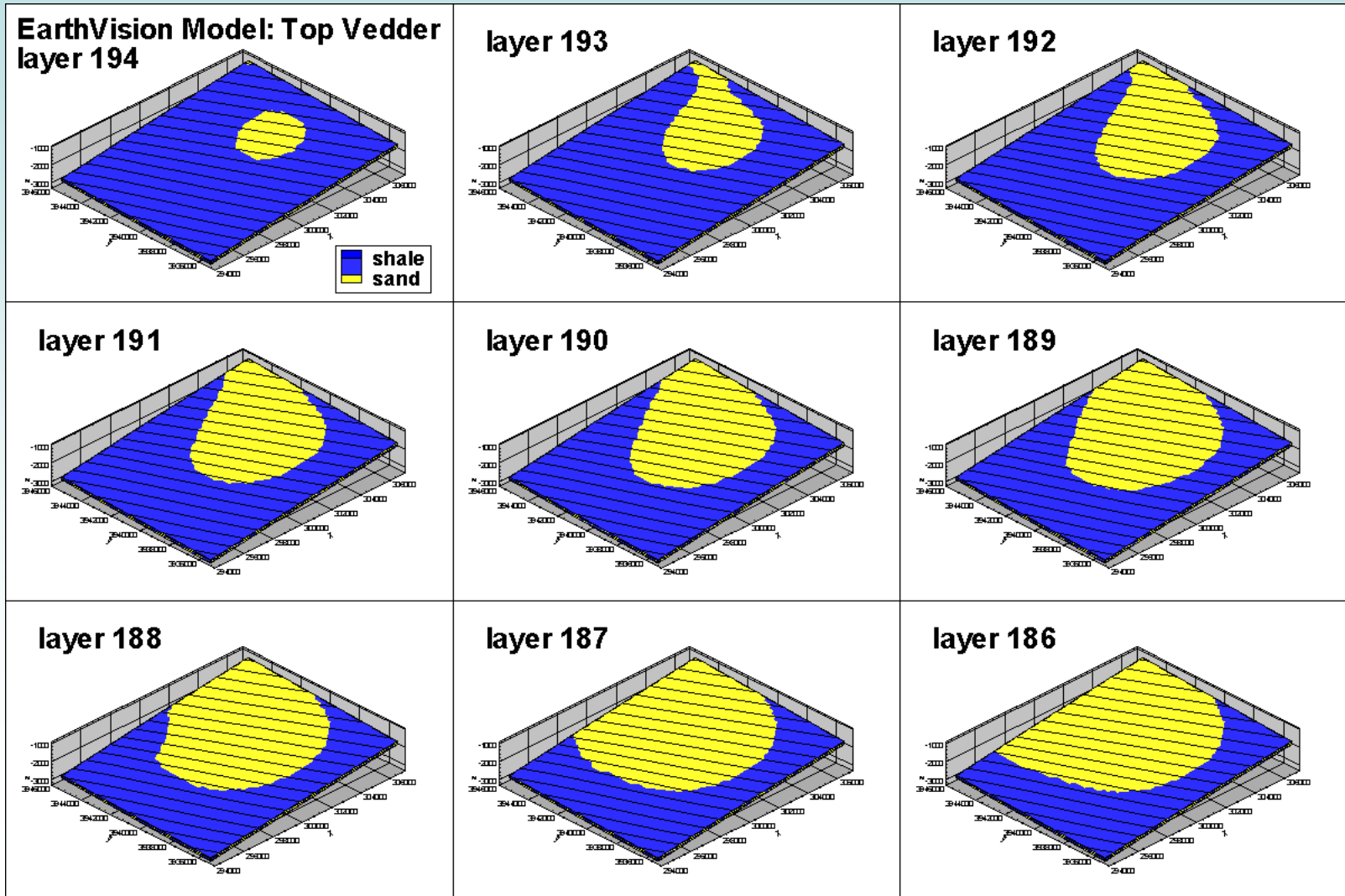


# Initial Geologic Model for Kimberlina Site Based on Available Well Data



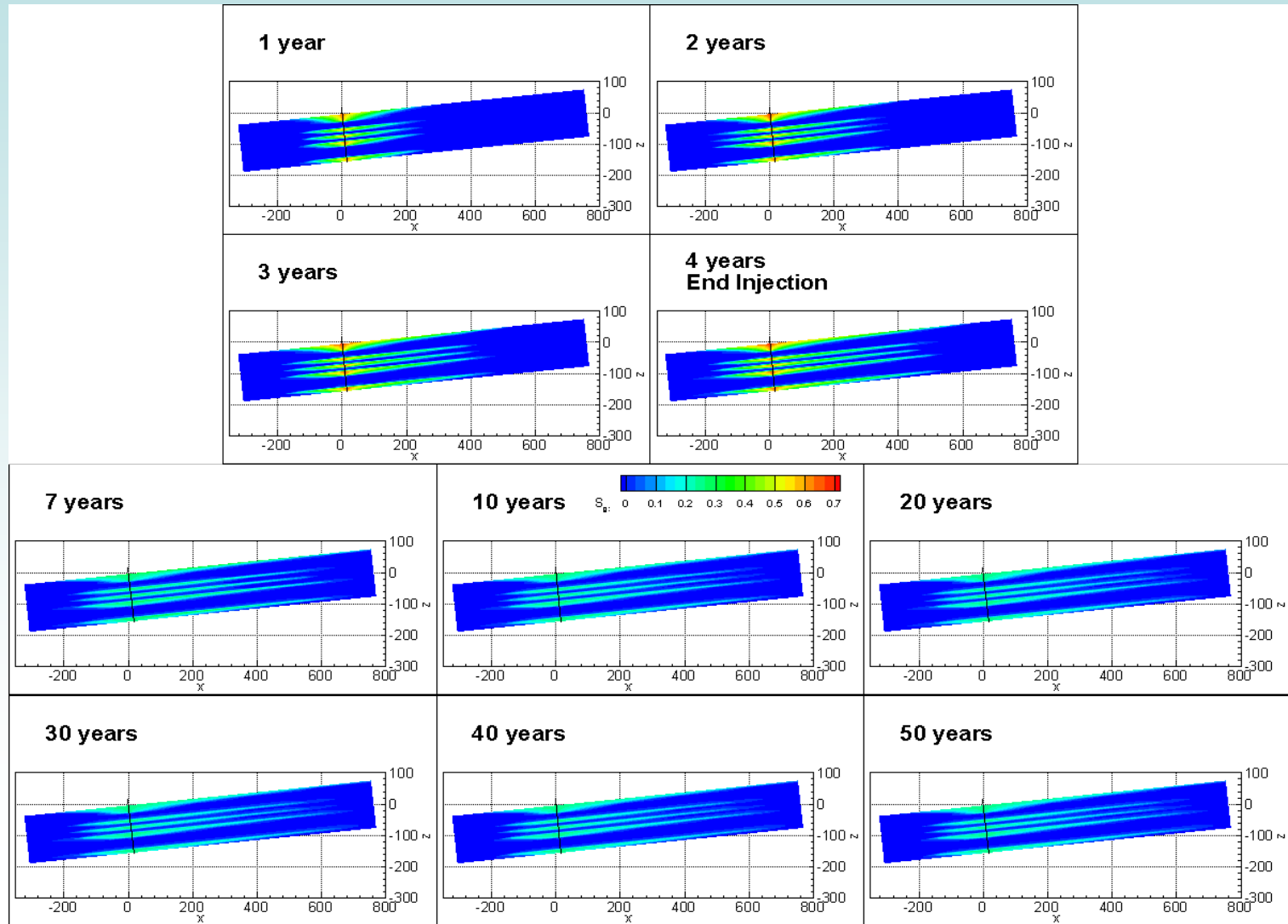


# Reservoir Model Based on 600-Layer Sand-Shale Model for Olcese and Vedder



Source: J. Waggoner, LLNL

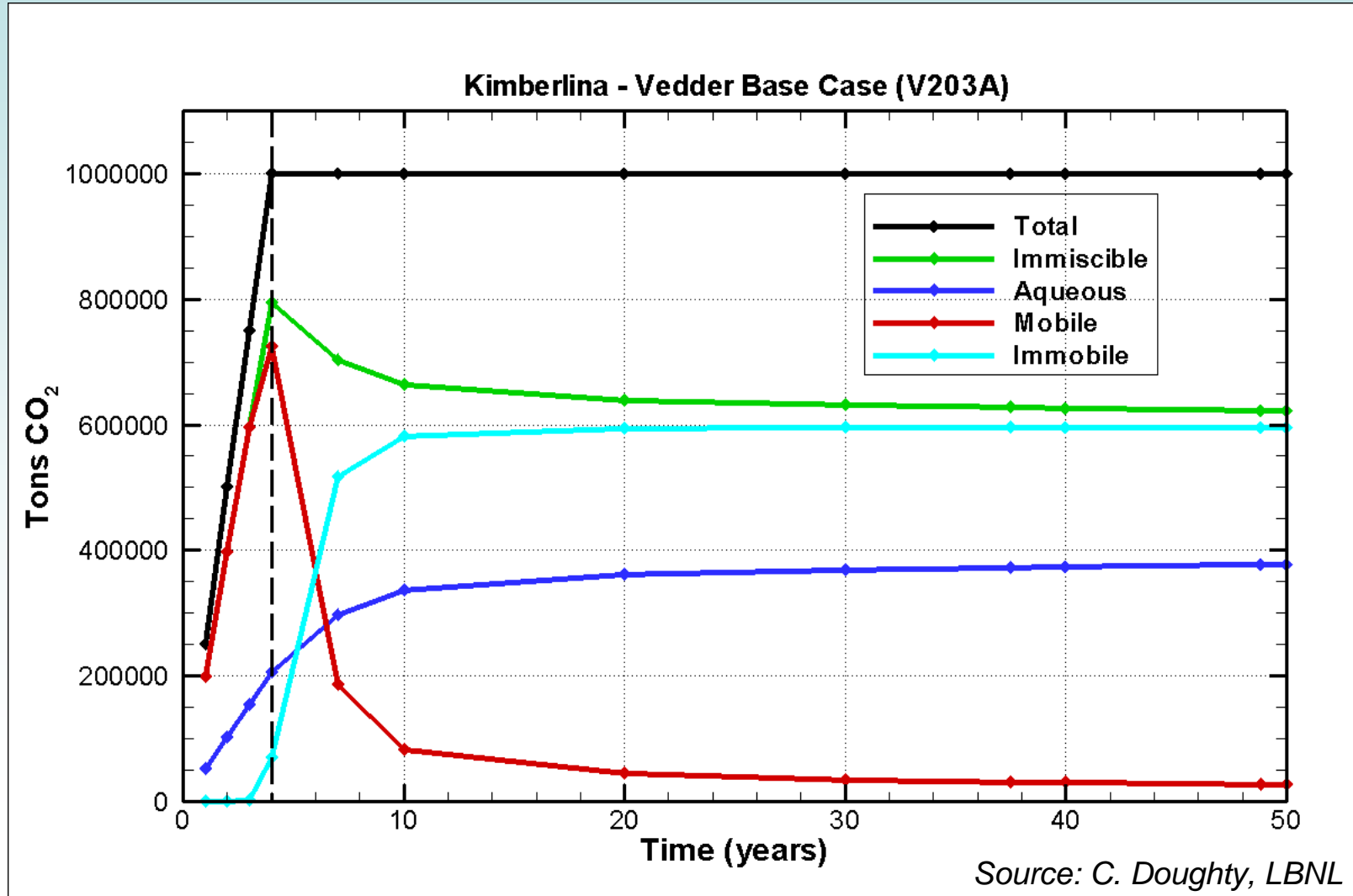
# Simulations Show Plume Extent and Immobilization Over Time



Source: C. Doughty, LBNL

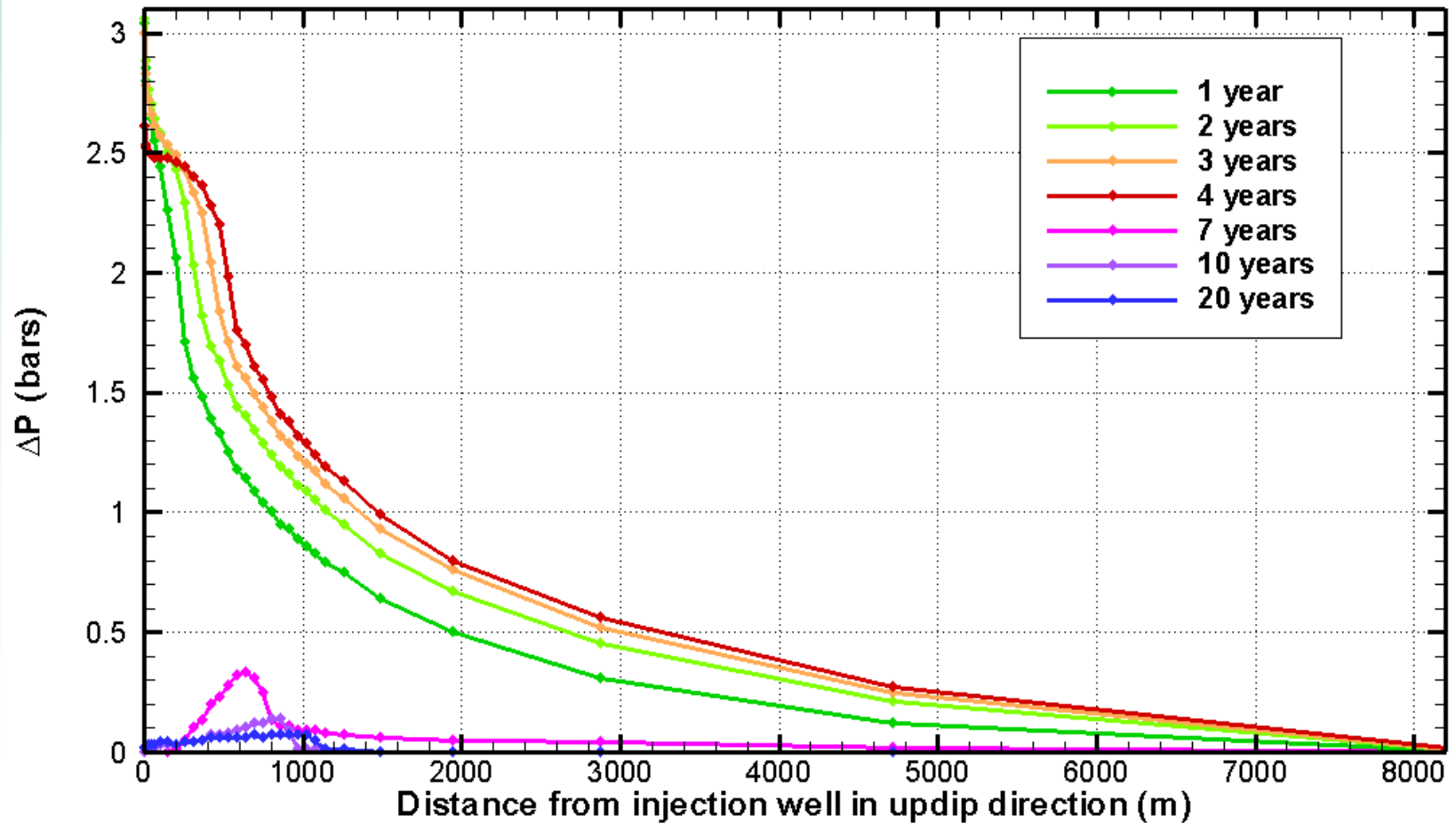


# Initial Simulation Shows Plume Approaches Immobility 5 Years After Conclusion of Injection



# Pressures Increases Over Large Area But Dissipates Quickly

Kimberlina - Vedder with all open lateral boundaries

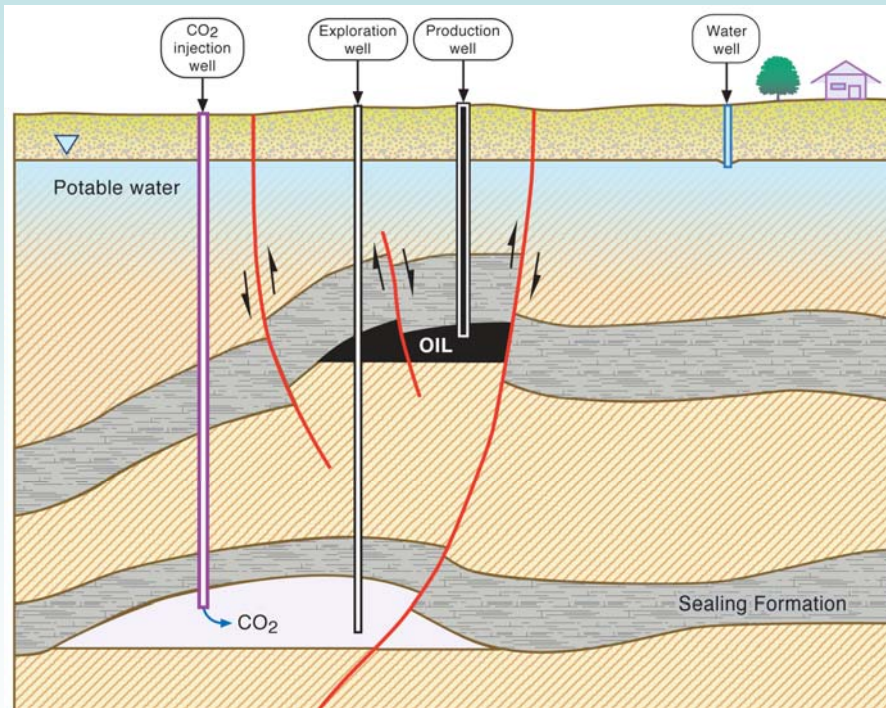




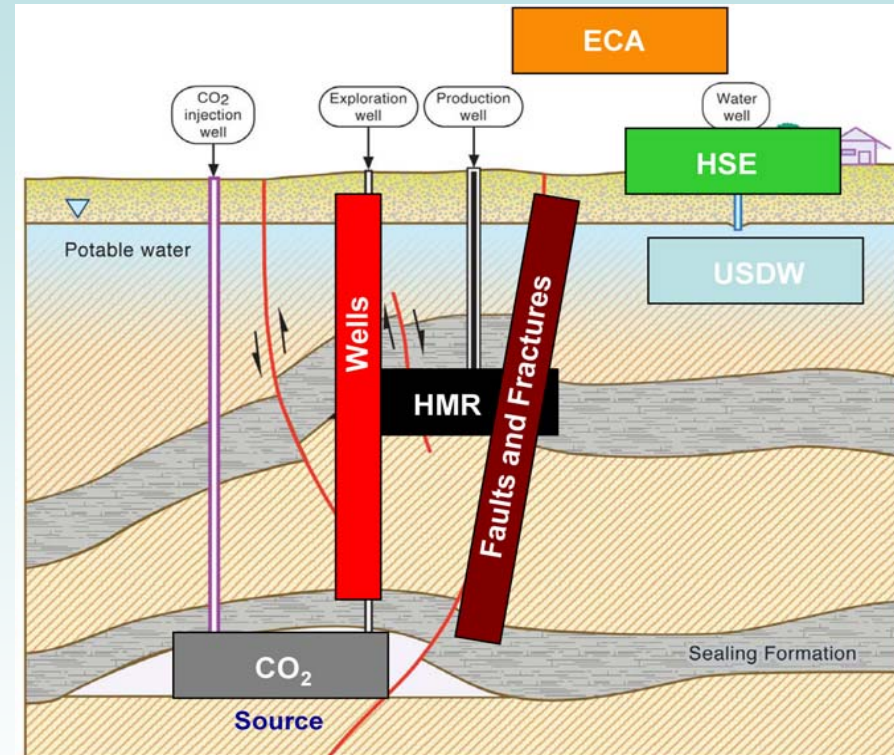
# Managing Risk

- Risk assessment program
  - CF assessment of leakage risk
  - Overall project risk assessment
- Project management plan
  - Contracts/legal agreements
- Comprehensive site safety plan
- Careful site characterization
  - Old wells
  - Subsurface geology
- Careful well construction and injection
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- Prediction of plume behavior
- Comprehensive monitoring program
  - Operational EH&S
  - Assurance monitoring
  - Storage security monitoring
- Mitigation plan
- Public outreach program
- Plan for site stewardship after Phase III

# Risk Assessment Methods Developed in Carbon Capture Project 2 Being Applied



Four compartments vulnerable to impacts:  
 ECA = Emission credits and atmosphere  
 HSE = Health, safety, and environment  
 USDW = Underground sources of drinking water  
 HMR = Hydrocarbon and mineral resources

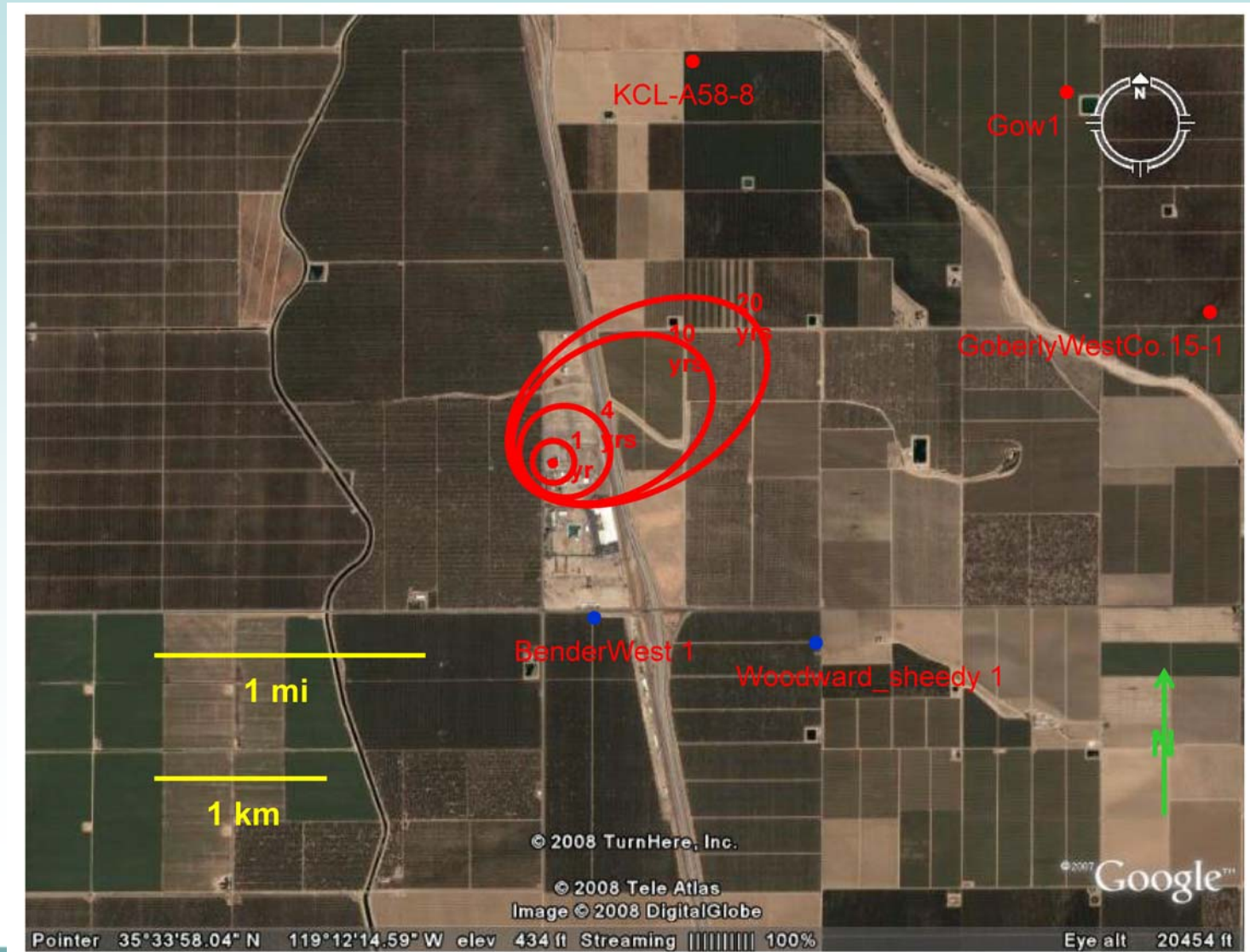


Two conduits with potential for leakage:  
 Wells, Faults and Fractures  
*CO<sub>2</sub> Leakage Risk is probability that negative impacts will occur to HMR, USDW, HSE, or ECA due to CO<sub>2</sub> migration*

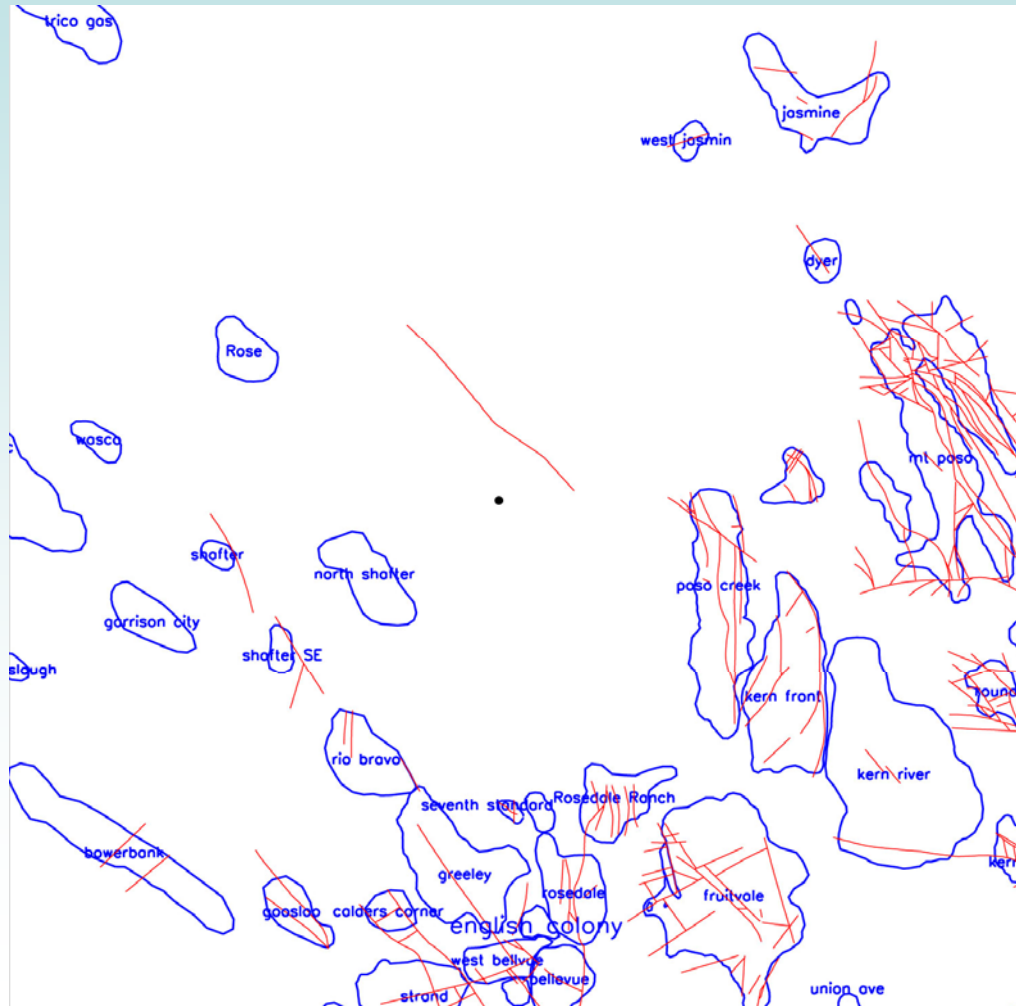
Source: C. Oldenburg, LBNL



# Plume Won't Intersect Known Wells



# Faults Are Common in Oil/Gas Fields in Region

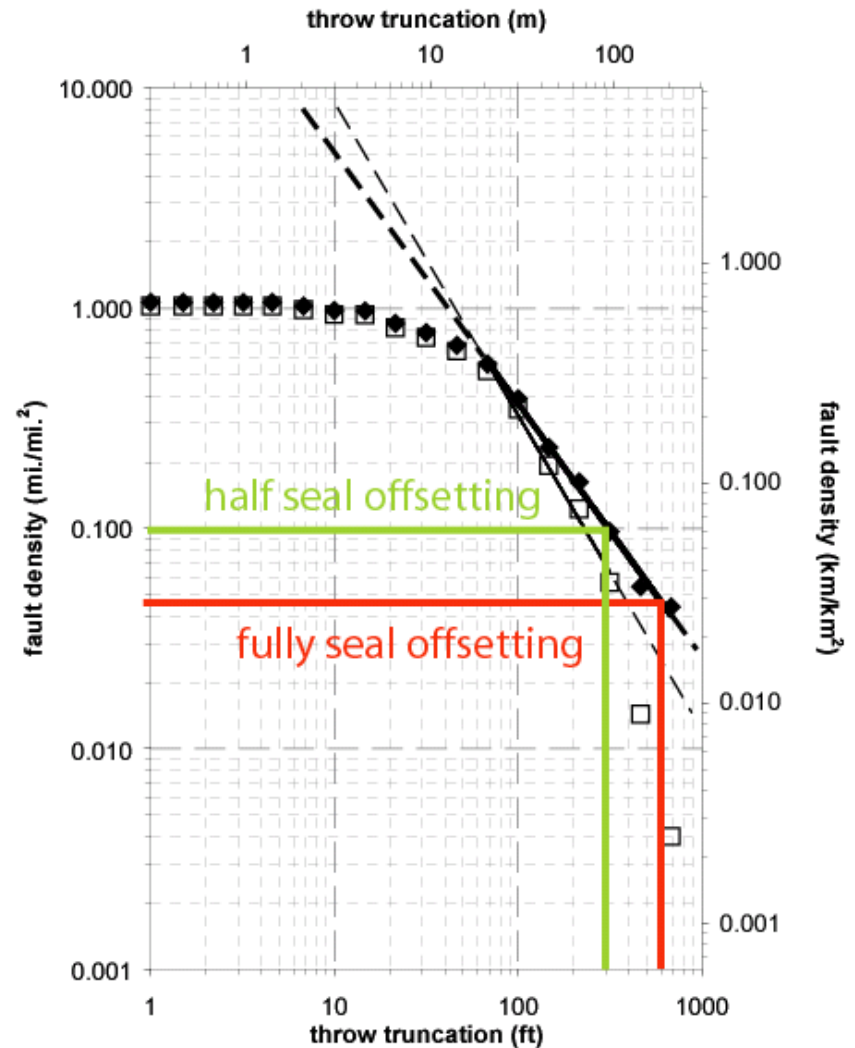


Most faults do not project to the land surface. Most known faults are located in oil and gas fields, where data are available. There are >140 faults in regional model; general trend is southeast to northwest. None intersect project site.



# Initial Kimberlina Fault Density Prediction

- Length and orientation measured of 956 fault segments in surrounding fields
- Faults likely are sealing
- 3.3% chance of plume intersecting full seal offsetting fault
- Site characterization, monitoring to address faulting

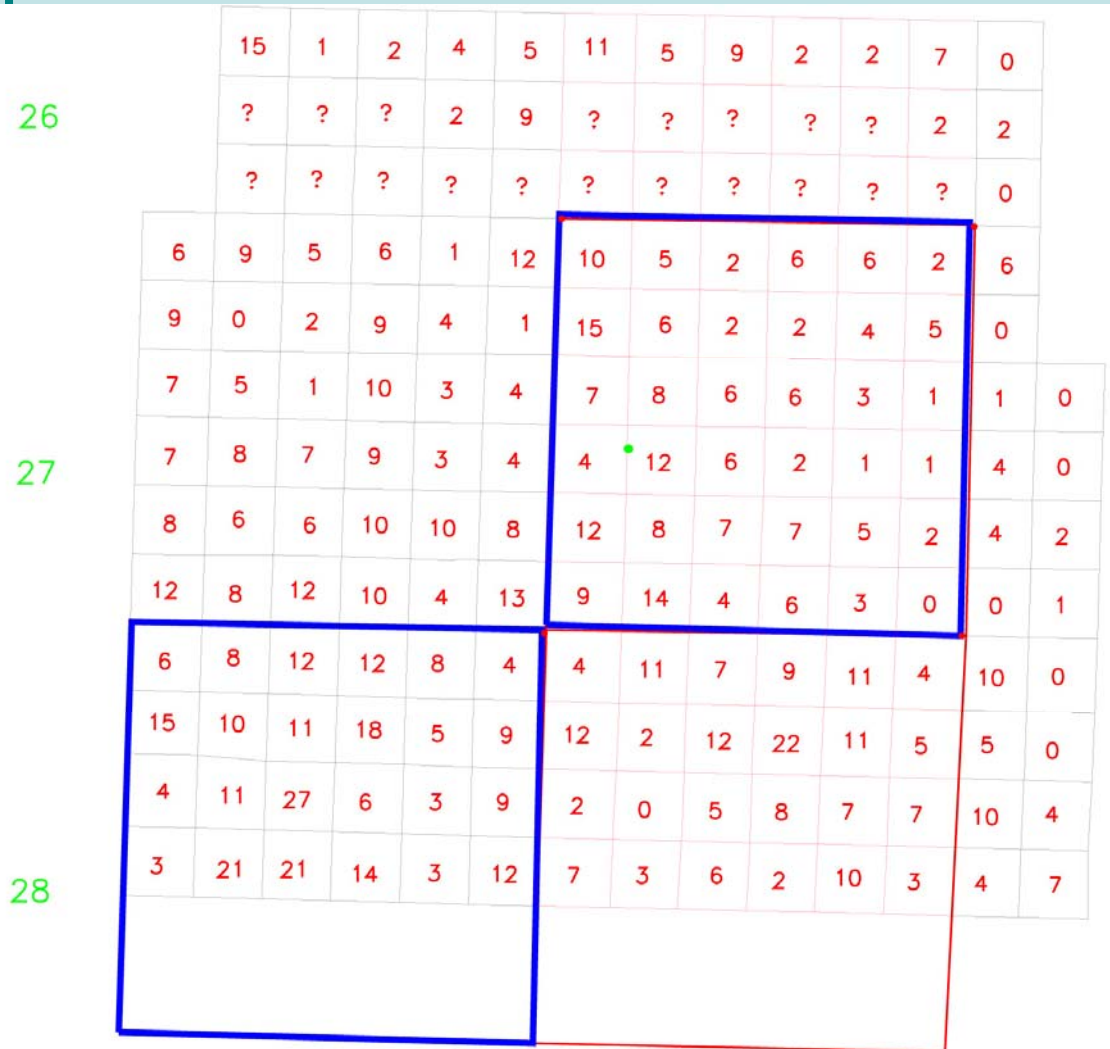


# Multiple Methods Provide Data Monitoring Needs

- Worker EH&S
- Assurance monitoring – shallow groundwater; atmospheric levels; seismicity
- Storage security – seal and wellbore integrity; plume movement; brine movement; capacity/trapping

	Wellhead pressure, temperature	Annulus pressure	CO2 surface sensors	Eddy covariance tower	Flux chamber	Groundwater sampling	Well logs	Seismic survey, 3D/VSP	Measurements on core	Formation pressure	Formation pressure, temperature	Overburden fluid sampling	Overburden fluid pressure	Tracers	Electrical / Electromagnetic	Active source thermal	Synthetic Aperture Radar
Worker Health Safety	X	X	X														
Shallow groundwater					X						X						
Atmospheric CO2			X	X	X												
Seismicity							X	X									
Seal and wellbore integrity	X					X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
CO2 plume						X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	
Formation pressure / brine movement						X	X		X								X
Storage capacity / trapping mechanism						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			

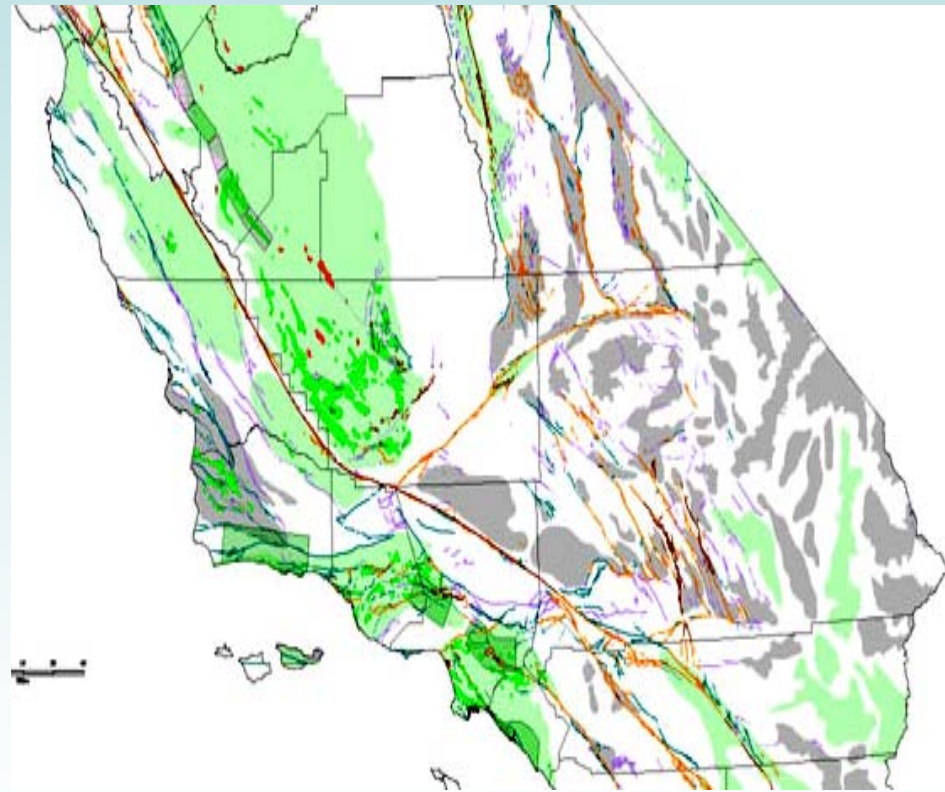
# Monitoring of Groundwater Wells for Public Assurance



Large number of groundwater wells in region of Kimberlina site (green dot). Number of wells per square mile shown in red.

# Potential for Seismicity Will Be Assessed

- Active fault mapping
- 3D seismic for structure
- Geomechanical analyses
  - In situ stress state assessment
  - Modeling of effect of pore pressure increase
- Passive seismic monitoring
  - Analysis of micro-seismicity



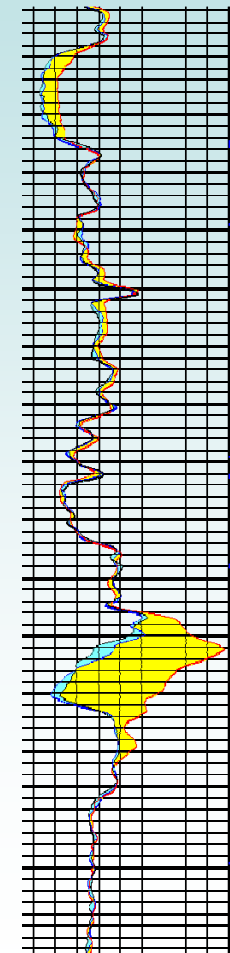
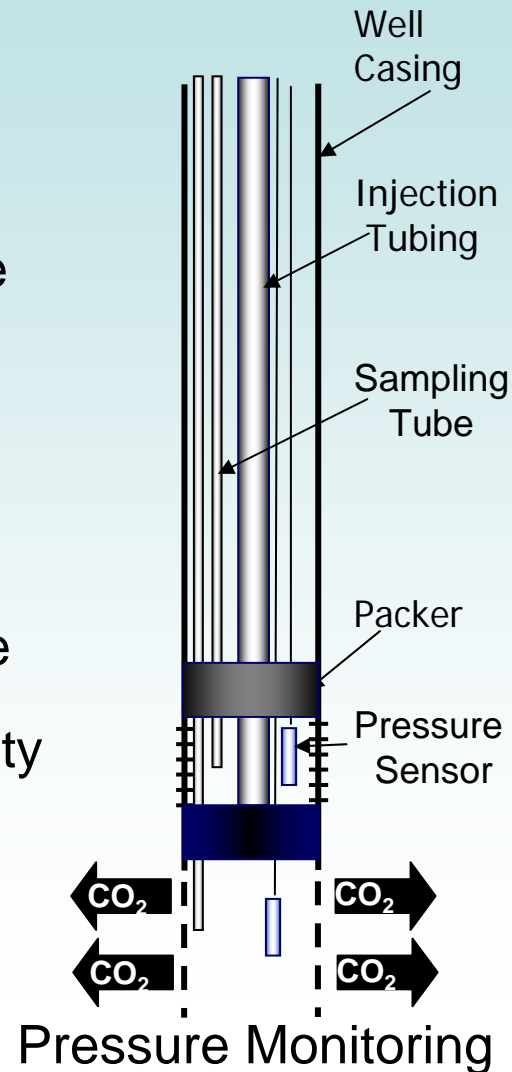
**Map of quaternary faulting in Southern California**

*Source: California Geologic Society*



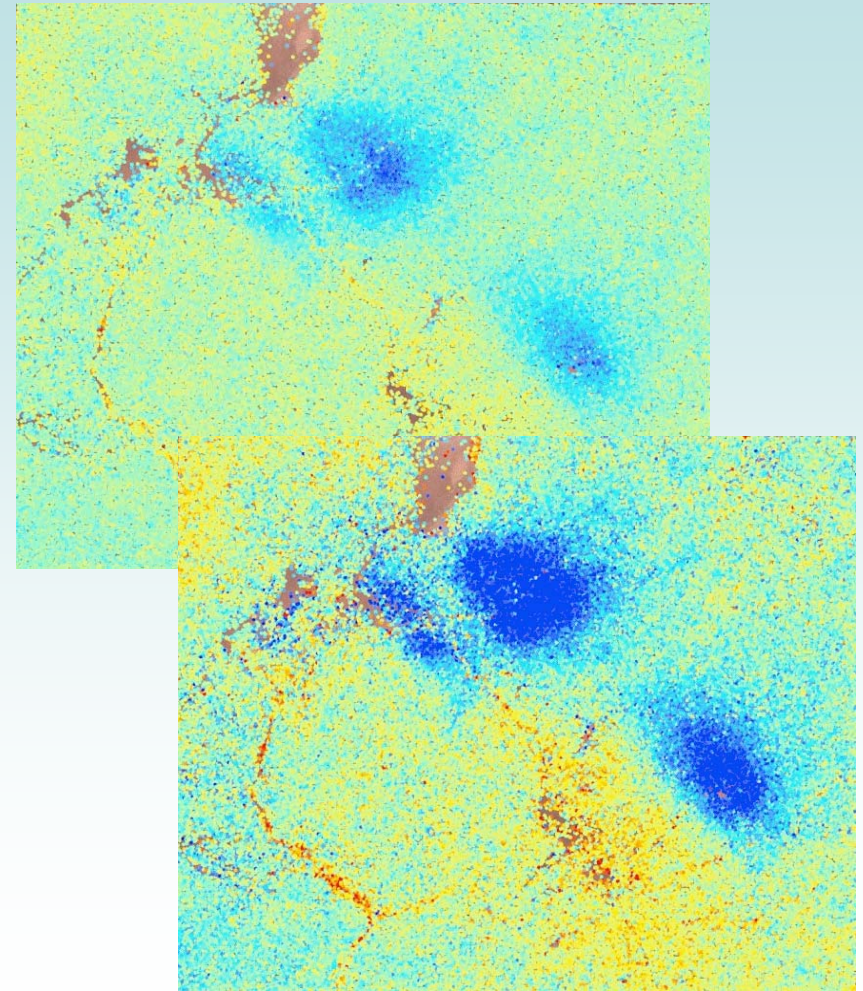
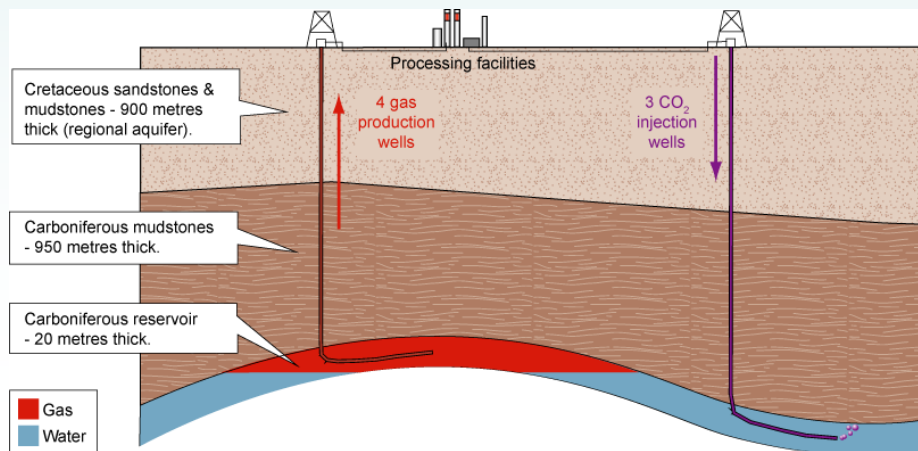
# Assessing Seal and Wellbore Integrity

- 3D seismic interpretation for seal continuity and vertical migration
- Seal properties confirmed in core
- Compare pressure and fluid chemistry above seal and in reservoir
- Geo-mechanical analysis to determine safe injection pressure
- Monitor pressure and water quality above seal
- Wire-line logs



# Research-Stage MMV Methods Will Be Explored

- PSInSAR could provide inexpensive picture of pressure distribution
- Novel deployment and analysis of surface seismic for plume boundary monitoring
- Possible application of EM
- Thermal perturbation sensing



Time lapse PSInSAR data showing surface displacement due to CO<sub>2</sub> injection at In Salah

Source: D. Vasco, LBNL

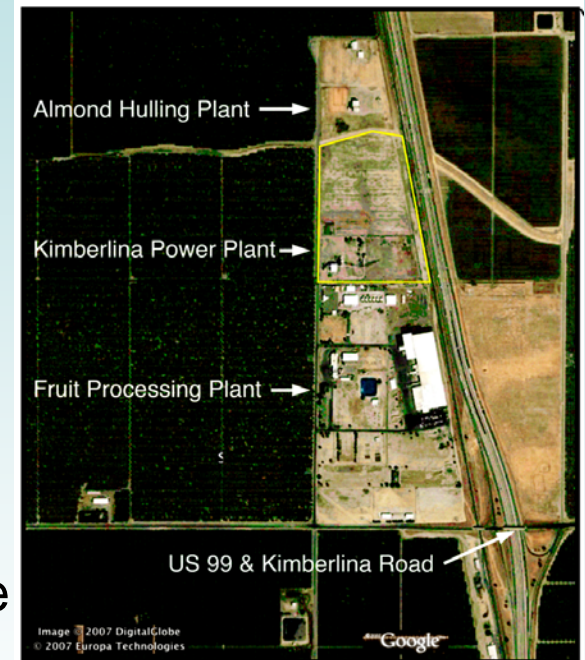
# Basic Requirements for Siting and Permitting Must First be Met

- CEQA and other permit work to build and operate ~ 50 MW power plant is underway
- California is an underground injection control (UIC) “mixed primacy” state, meaning federal and state regulators have a say
  - Working relationships with regulators established through Phase II pilots
- Drilling and other CEQA permits for injection of carbon dioxide is getting started
  - Development of materials for the UIC permit application is underway
  - University of Hawaii, through an interagency agreement, will develop an RFP and contract for the surface injection facilities CEQA permit
- Sub-surface ownership and other potential impact issues



# WESTCARB Phase III Project Provides Significant Public Outreach Opportunity

- Clean Energy Systems' oxy-combustion technology among lowest emitting fossil power systems; full exhaust stream being injected during WESTCARB project
- CES technology has received positive local press
- Site may also host concentrating solar power demo, furthering clean energy image
- Plans for visitor center under discussion with Clean Energy Systems and its partners; excellent leverage opportunity for WESTCARB outreach
- Possible opportunity for educational outreach program in groundwater quality monitoring





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