



# Global Opportunities for Offshore CCS : Assessing Offshore Storage on Continental Shelves

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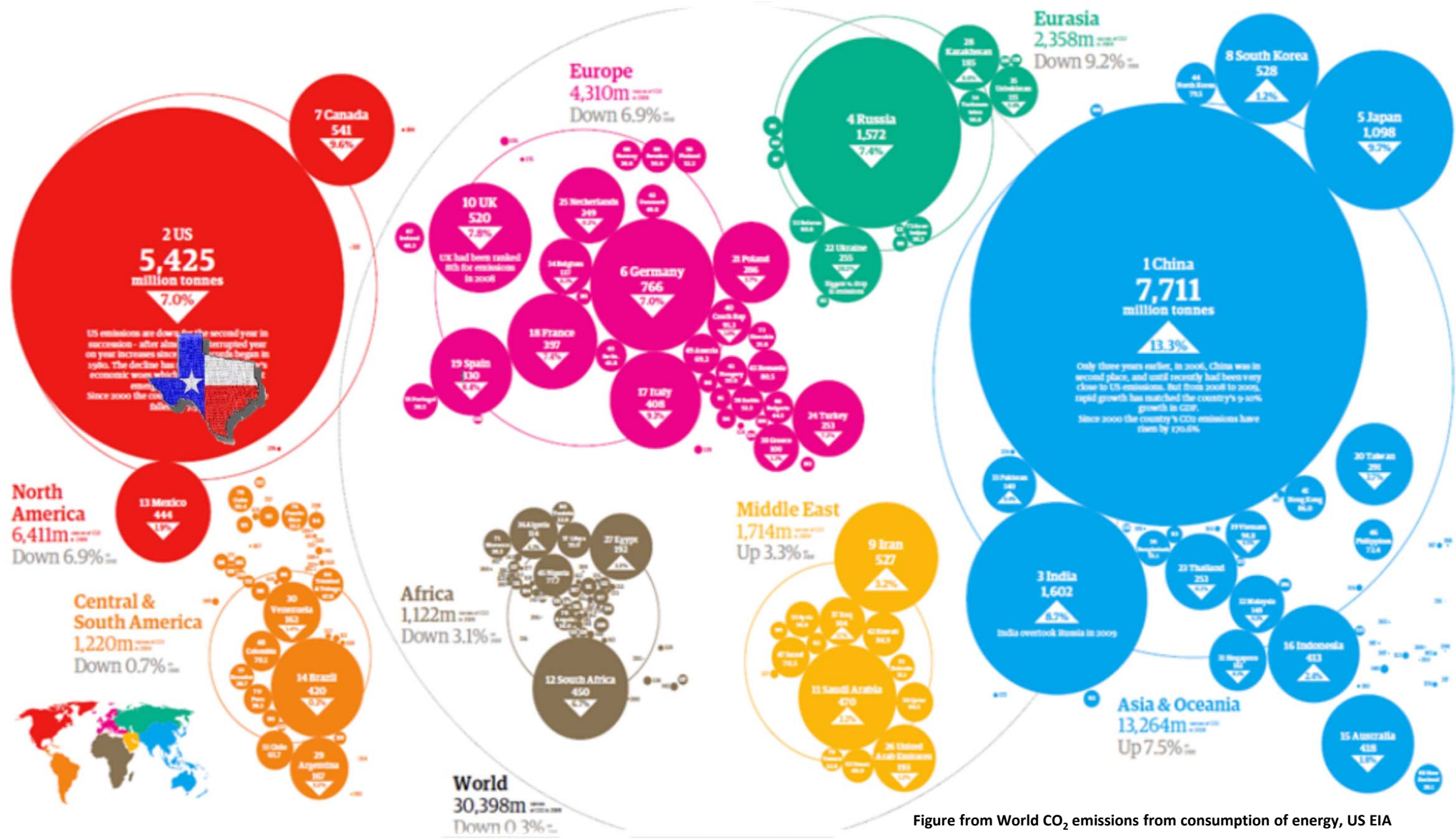
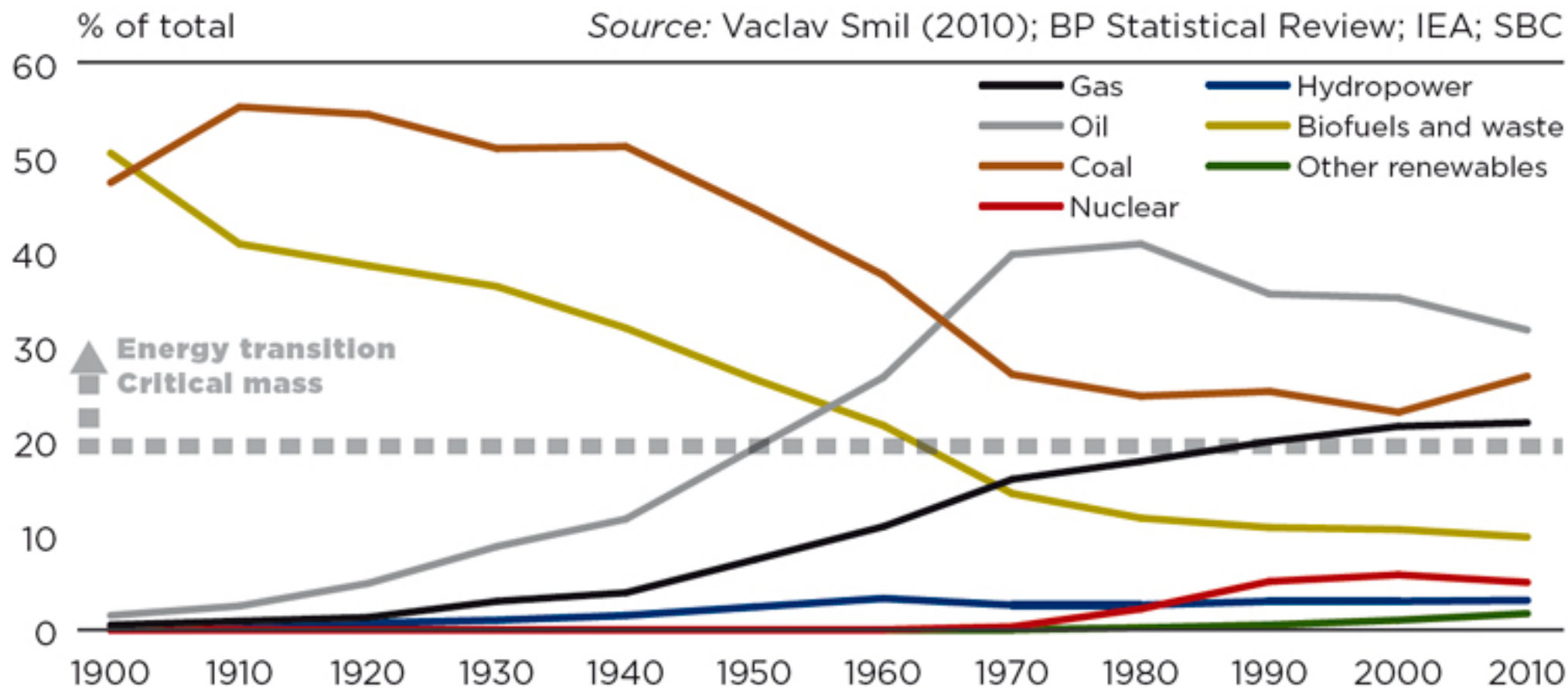


Figure from World CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from consumption of energy, US EIA

# Figure 1: Global primary-energy demand by fuel type

Source: Vaclav Smil (2010); BP Statistical Review; IEA; SBC





# Select Industrial CCS Projects

GAS PROJECTS!

- Sleipner, Snohvit – North Sea
- In-Salah - Algeria
- Gorgon, NW Shelf Australia (15% CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Lula – CO<sub>2</sub>/EOR

# World Gas Reserves

~2% production growth annually (IEA); international market  
Gas quality problems are holding back investment

Approximately 40% (2600 Tcf) are estimated to be sour

To the degree that our energy future includes large gas fields, it includes CO<sub>2</sub> management.

**Table 12.2 • World proven sour gas reserves, end- 2006**

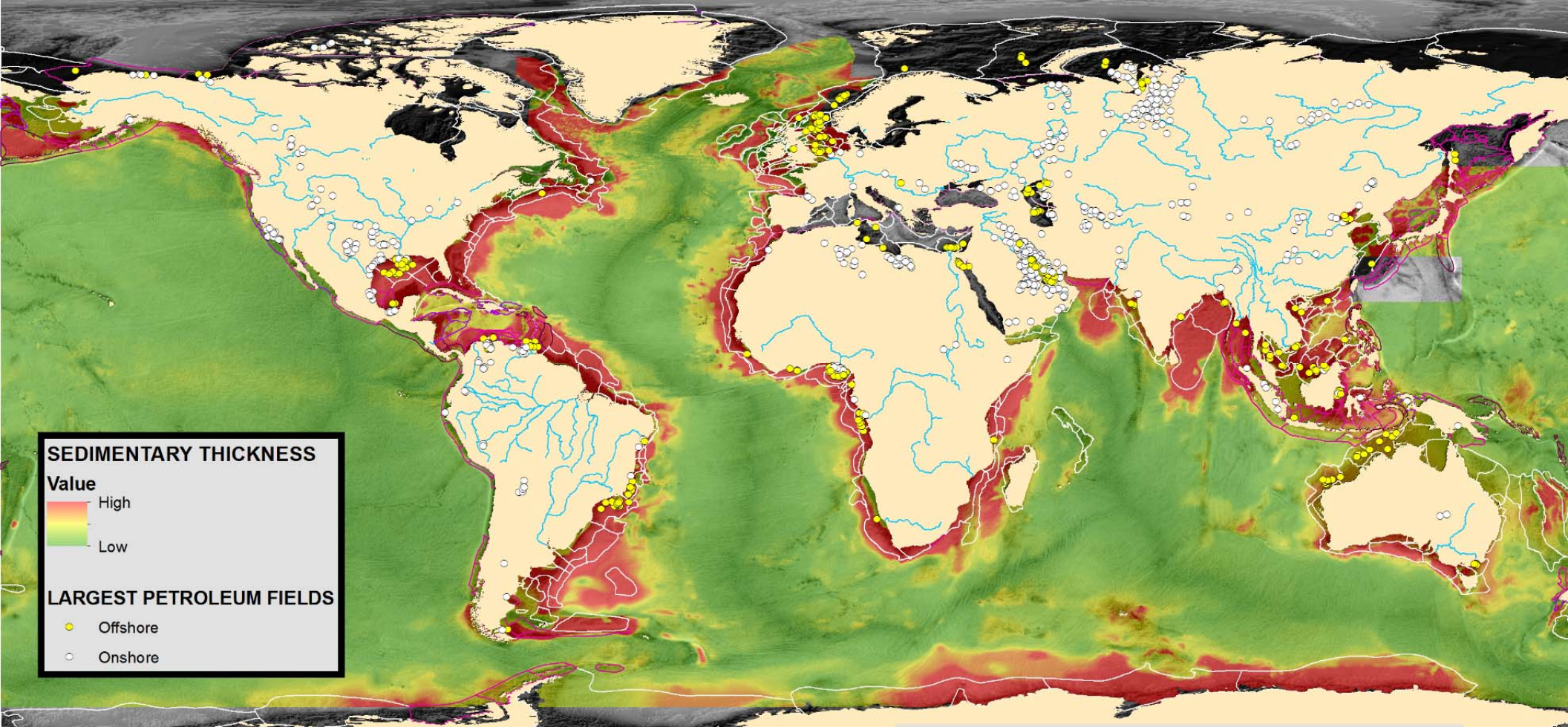
	High H <sub>2</sub> S only (tcm)	High CO <sub>2</sub> only (tcm)	High H <sub>2</sub> S and CO <sub>2</sub> (tcm)	Total (tcm)	% of total reserves
Mexico & Latin America	0.3	1.1	0.3	1.7	21
Europe	0.1	0.7	0.3	1.1	19
Former Soviet Union	0.8	10.1	7.3	18.2	34
Africa	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	8
Middle East	2.6	0.4	40.9	44.0	60
Asia-Pacific	0.3	4.4	2.3	7.1	46
<b>World</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>43</b>

Note: Excludes North America. High H<sub>2</sub>S is more than 100 parts per million; high CO<sub>2</sub> is more than 2%.

Source: Bourdarot (2007).

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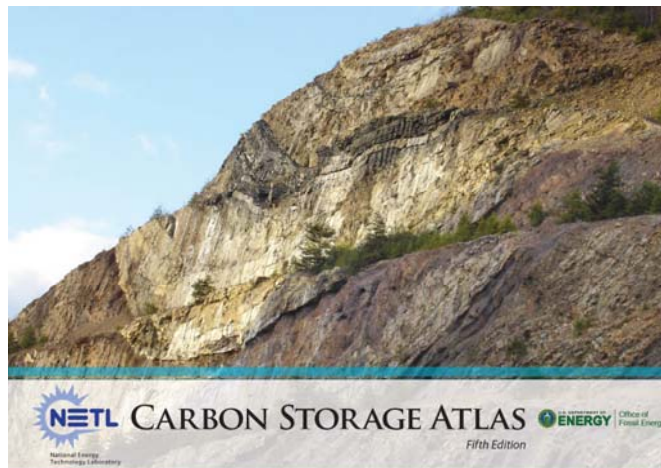
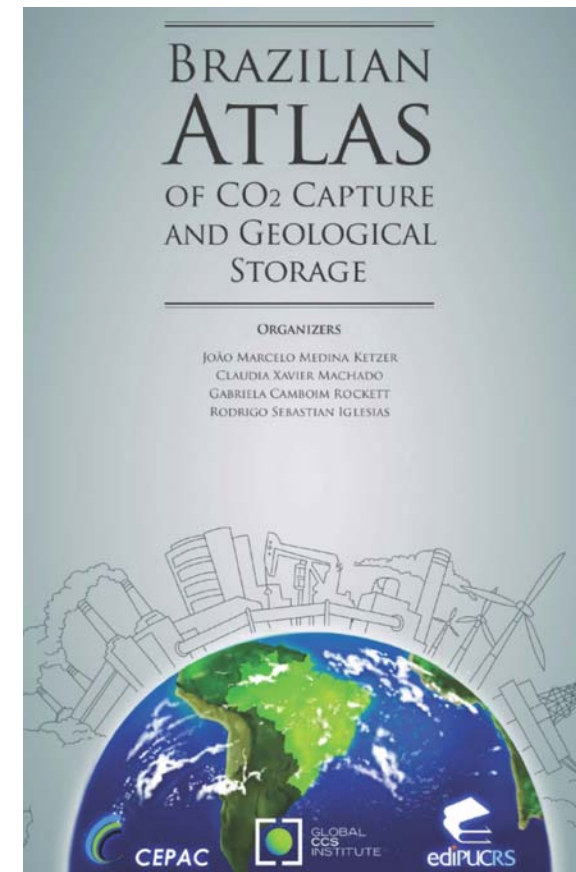




\*Only Porous Media Studies –  
excludes coal-bed and basalts



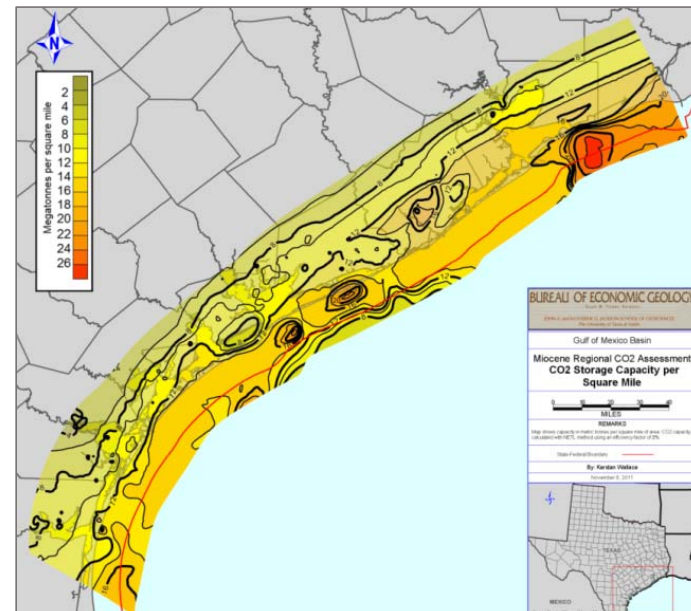
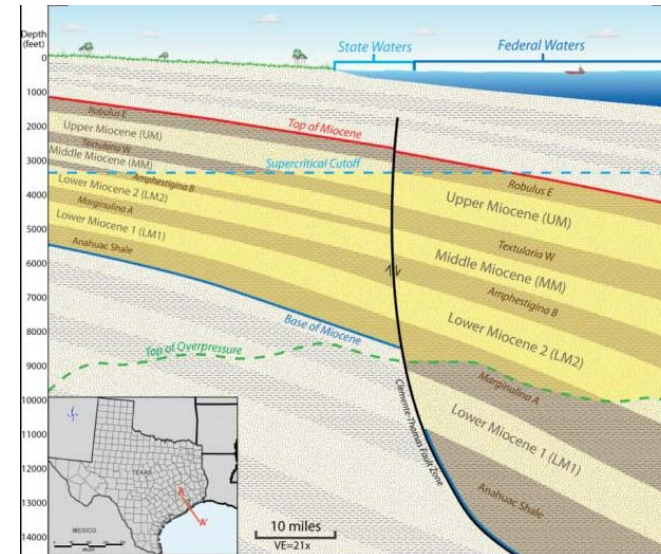
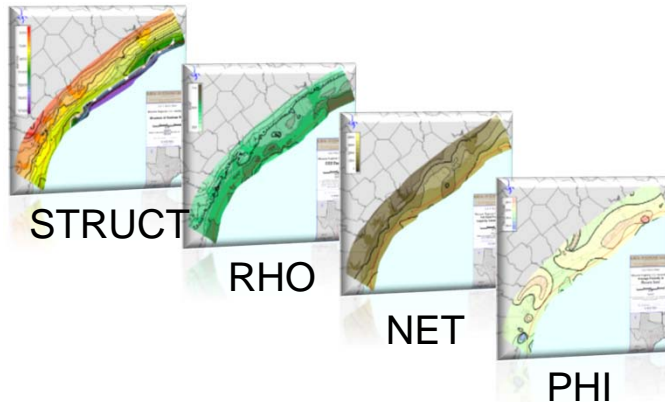
## Very large regional static capacity estimates



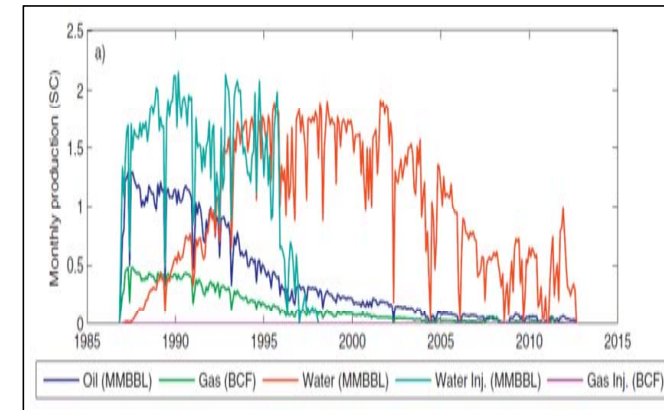
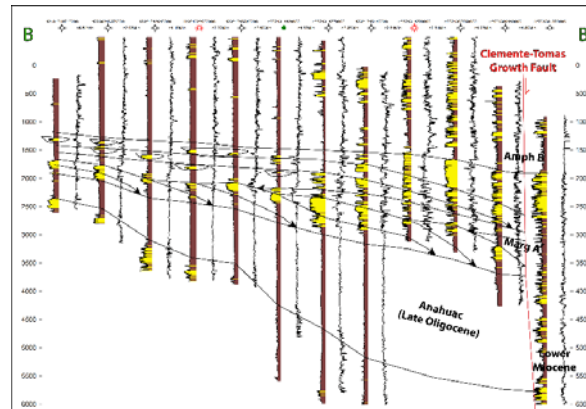
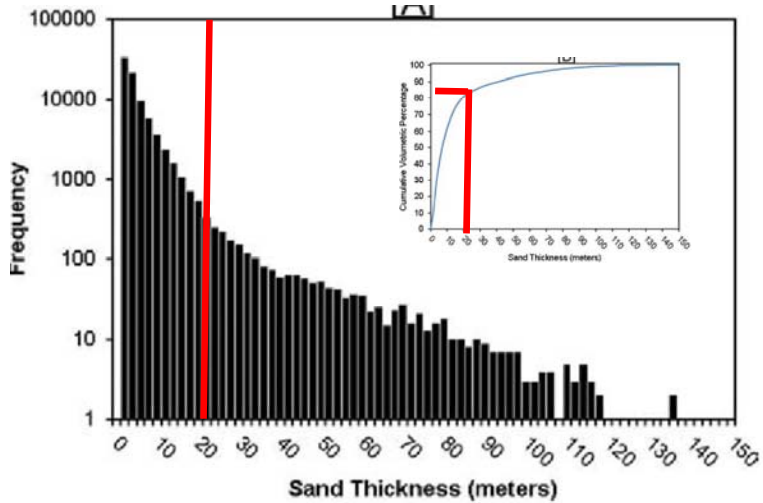
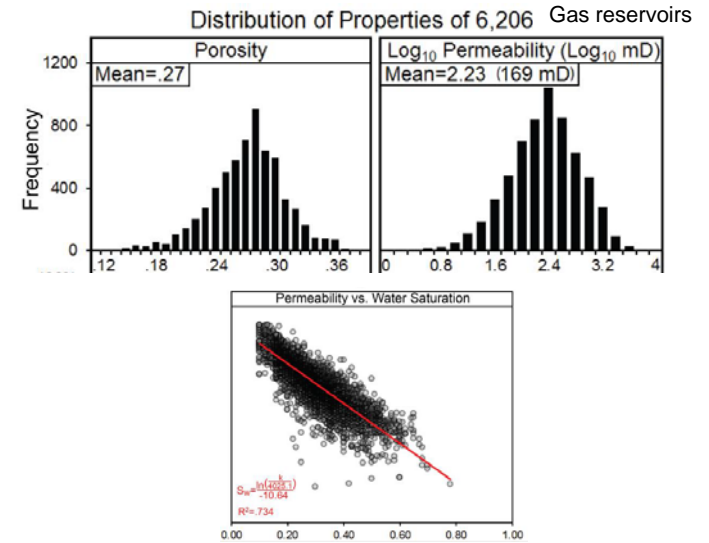
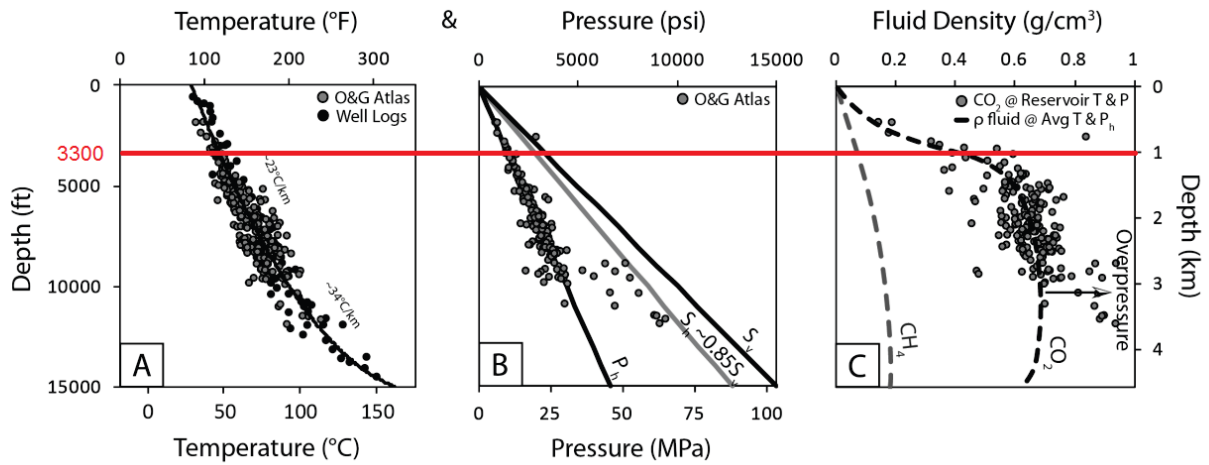


# Static Regional Capacity Texas Example

- NETL Methodology
- 40,000 sq. km.
- 3,300 logs
  - Tops, net sand, porosity
- 172 Gt total (TX State Waters)



# Geologic Characterization: What is typical? What is notable?



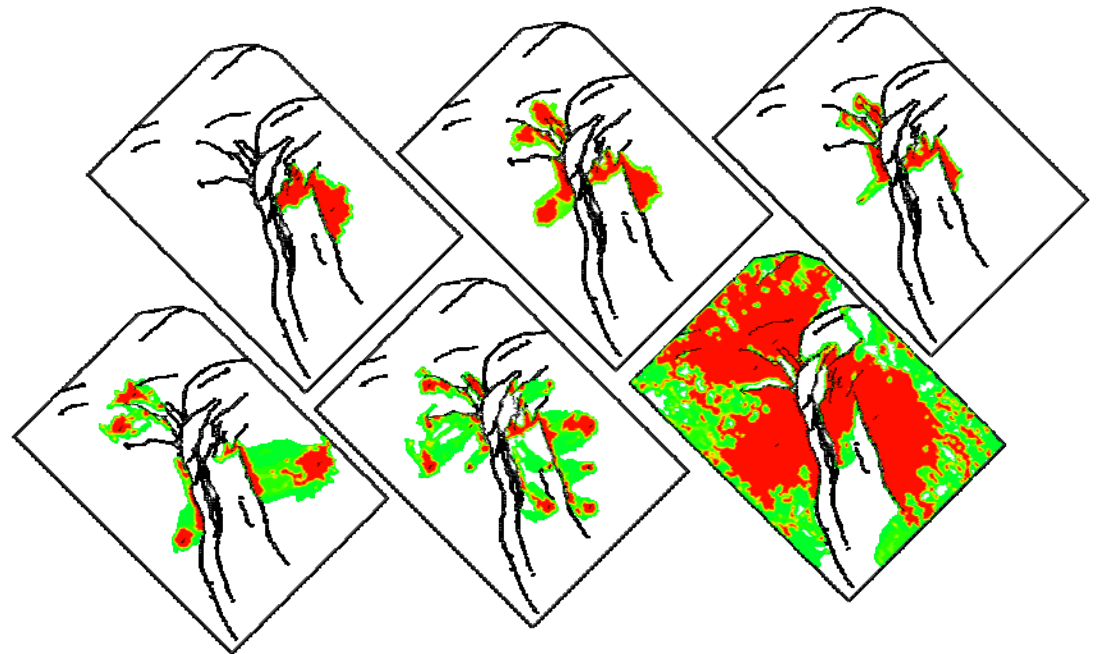
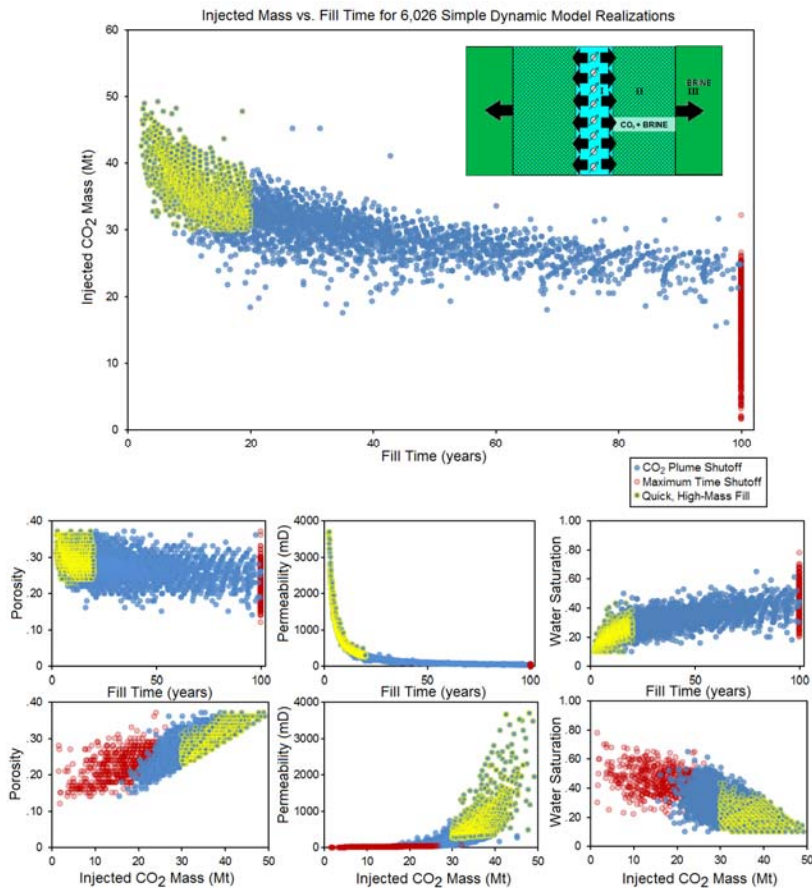




# Injection Simulation: Theoretical/analytical, Numerical

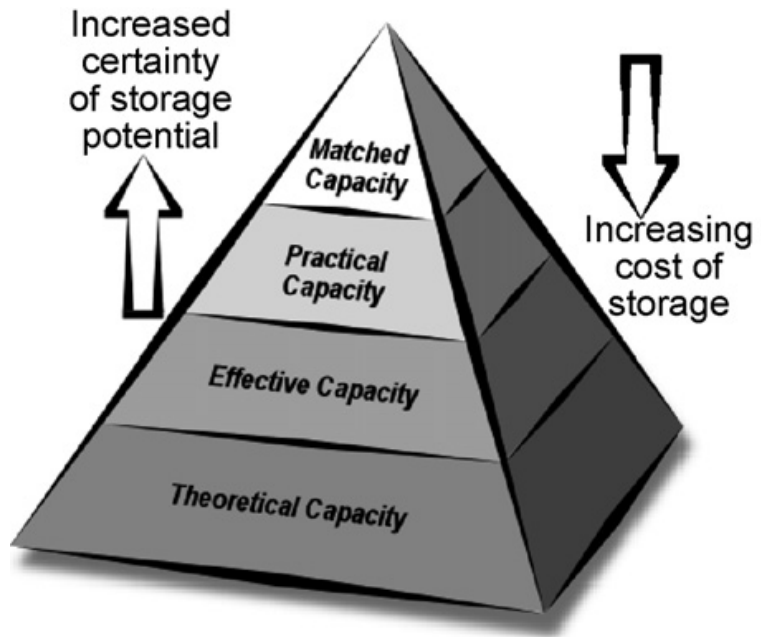
Analytical = Expectations

Numerical = Sensitivity

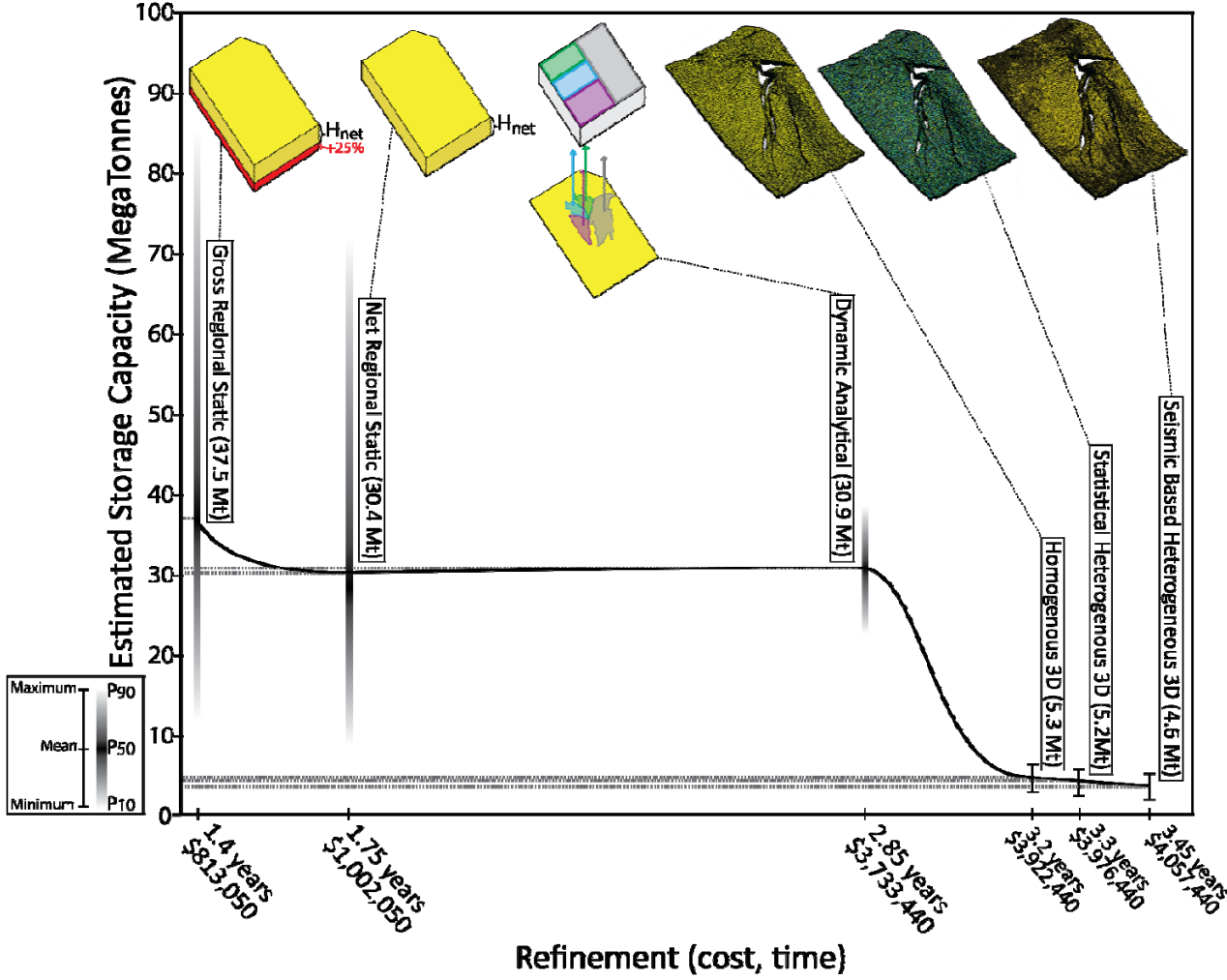


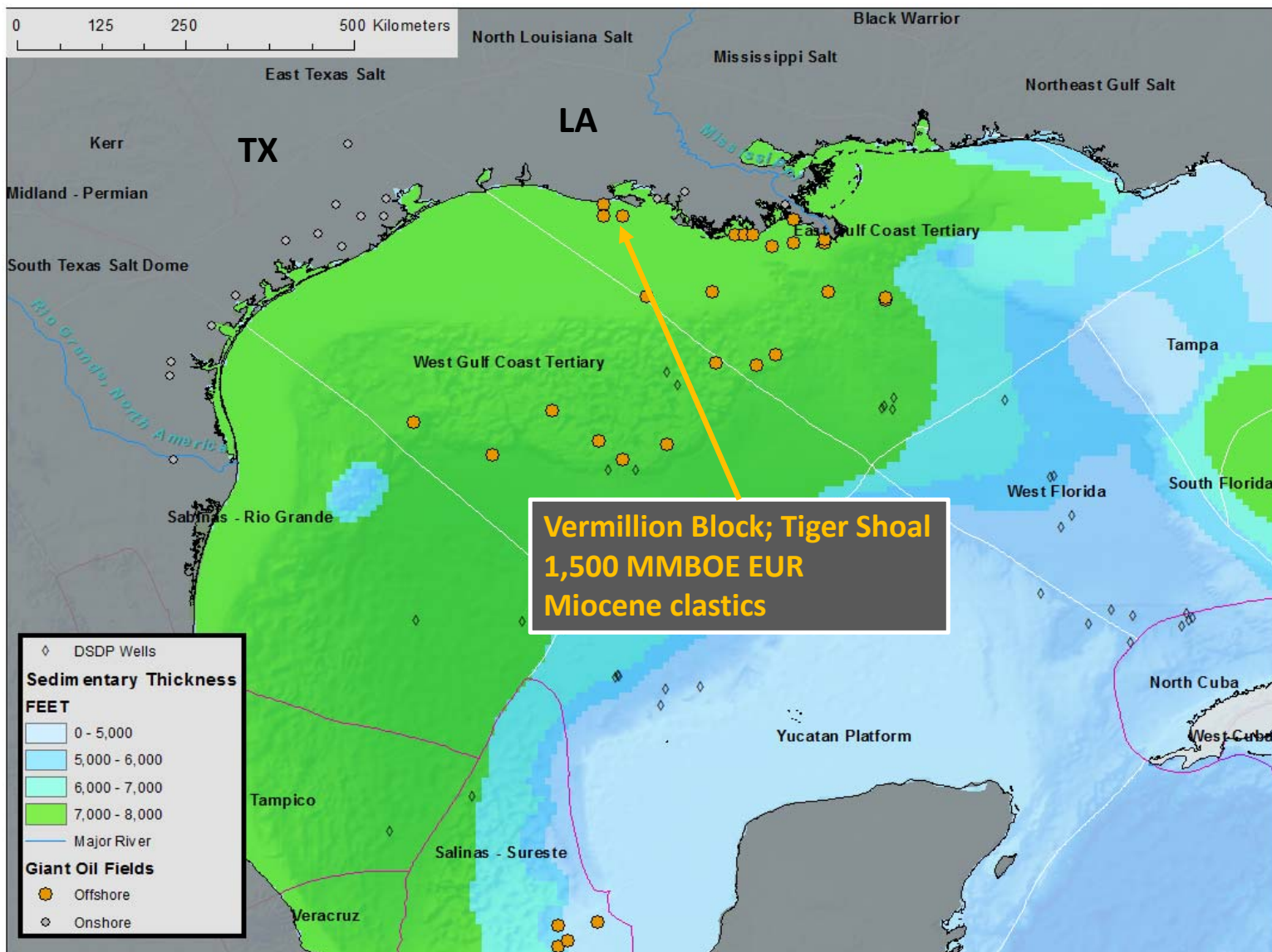
Which models lead to **undesirable** outcomes?  
How can you avoid those scenarios?

# Capacity Refinement

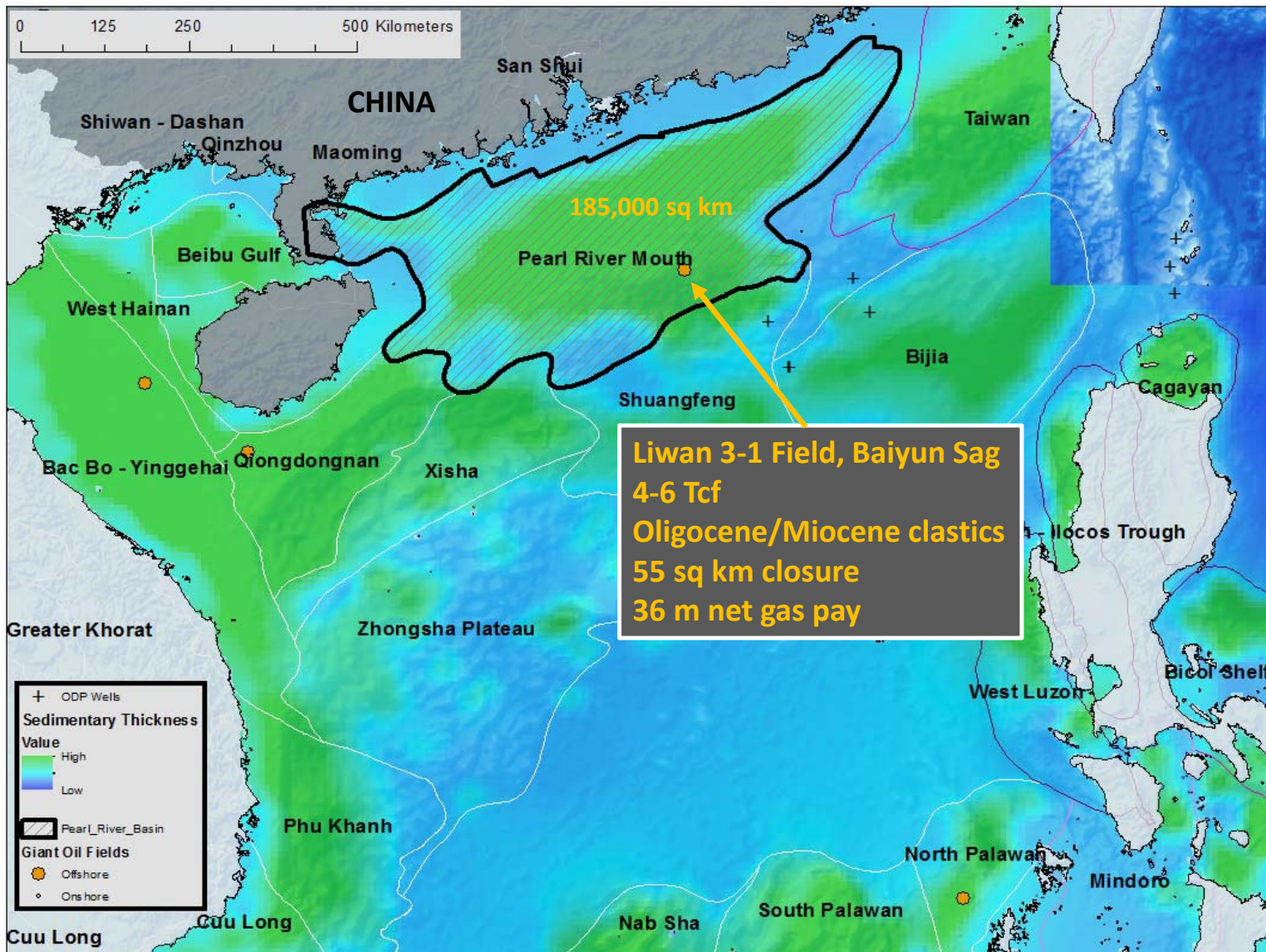


## Estimated CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Capacity vs. Refinement







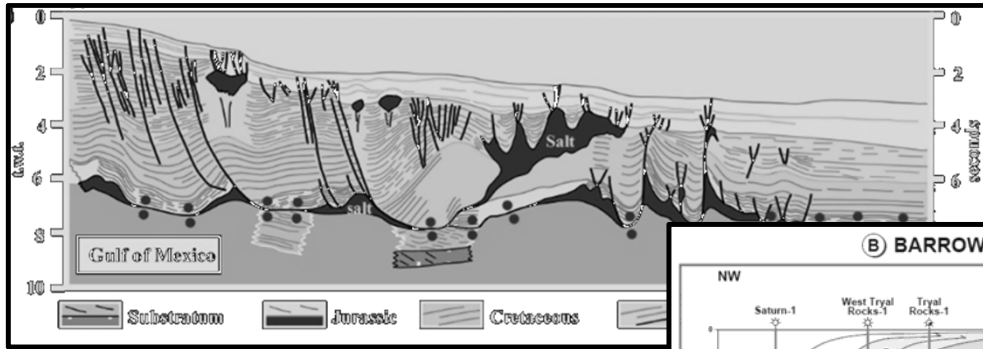




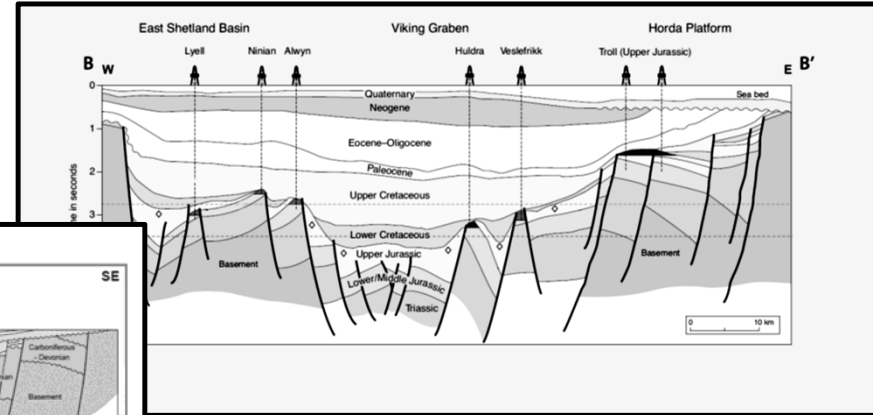




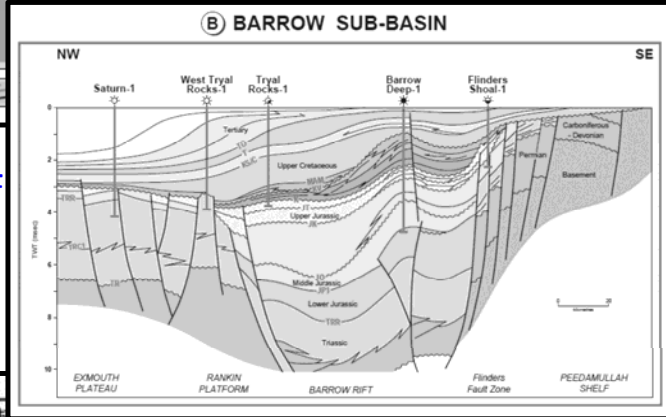
USA: GULF OF MEXICO



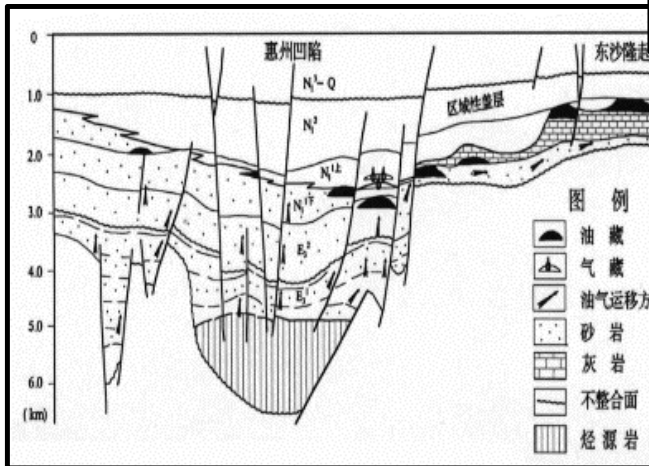
EUROPE: NORTH SEA



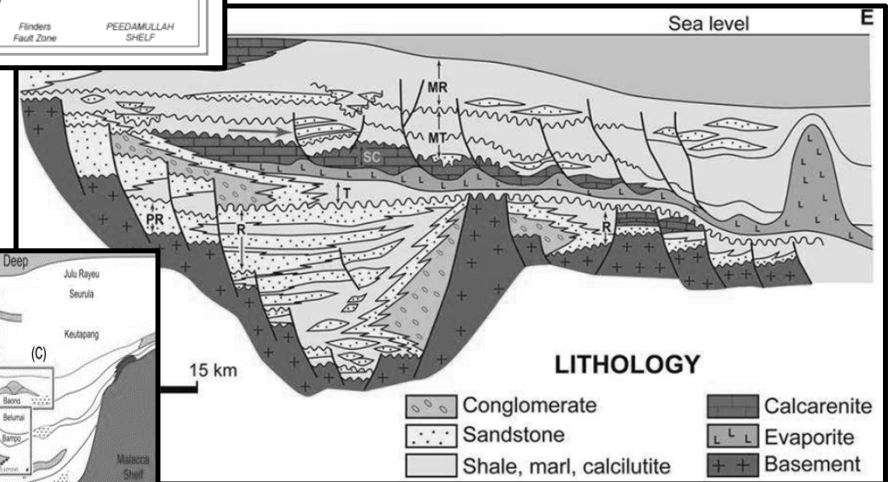
AUSTRALIA: NW SHELF



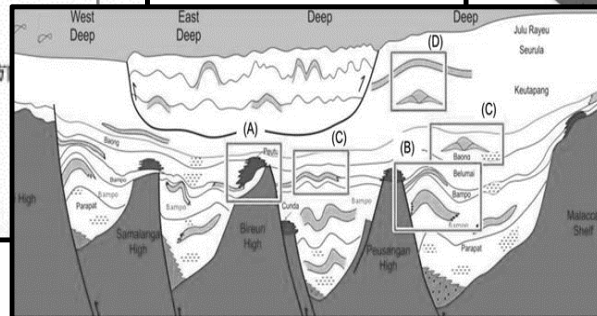
CHINA: PEARL RIVER MOUTH BASIN



BRASIL: CAMPOS BASIN



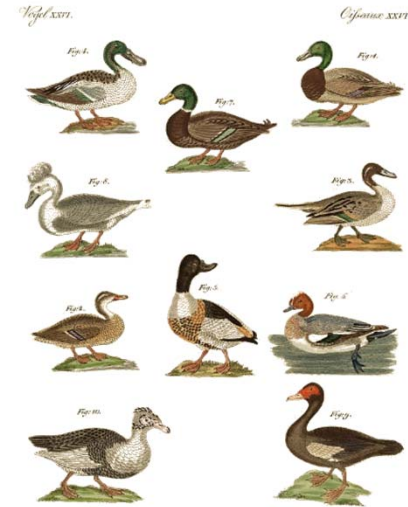
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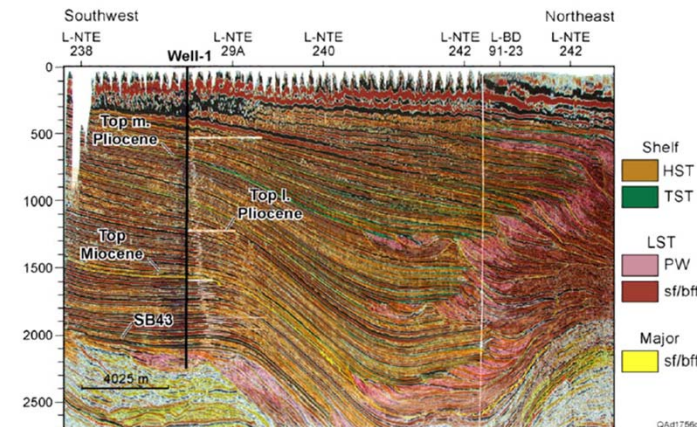
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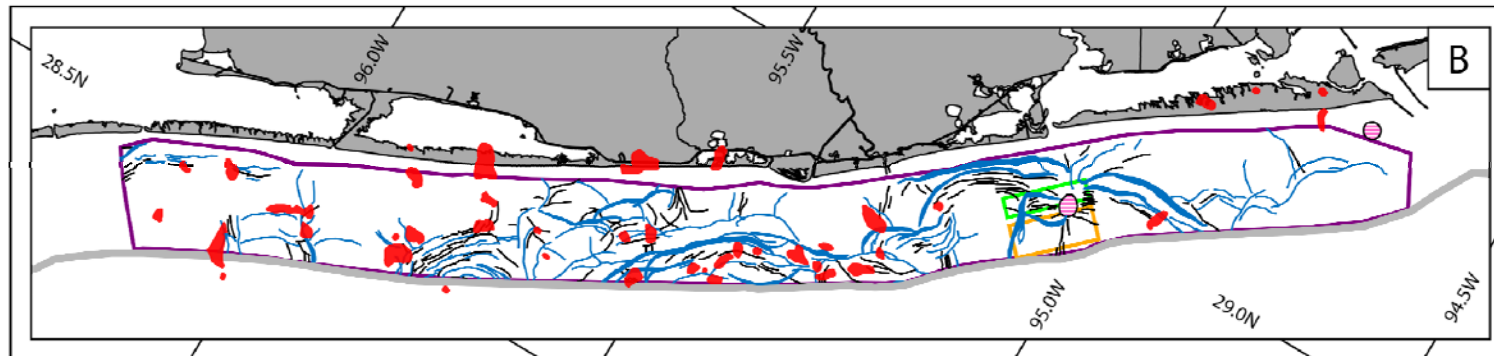
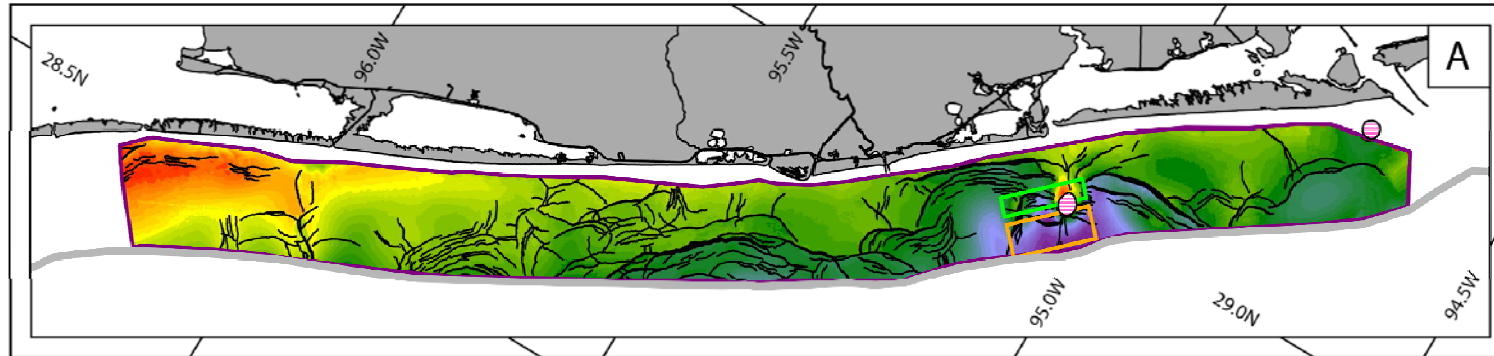
- Deeper rift sequence ('CCS Basement') overlain by prograding fluvial/deltaic/shelf systems.
  - Thick, sand-prone (+/- CO<sub>3</sub>), young (limited diagenesis?)
- Regional unconformities, flooding surfaces (Global vs. relative SL change)
- Basement faults, overburden growth structures.
  - Fault seal, migration routes.
- Subsidence history: monotonic, punctuated, uplift?
  - Compaction, fluid pressure
- Provenance (sediment composition)



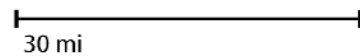
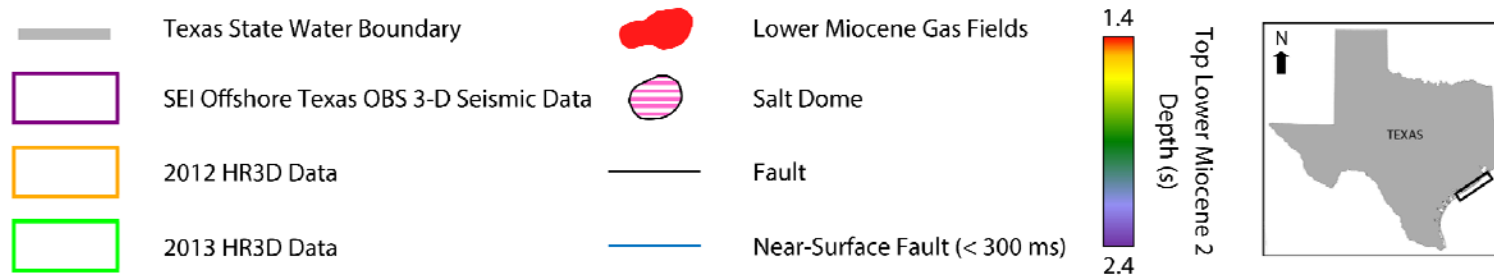
# Basin Petroleum Systems and CCS

- Broad indication of basin fluid performance (if charged)
  - Reservoirs, faults, topseals, migration routes.
- Sequence Stratigraphy effective 'tool' for understanding basin geology.
- The question of rates: geologic vs. engineered.
  - North Sumatra Basin or Gulf of Mexico?
- Engineering: Re-commissioning of infrastructure
  - Best for HC = best for CCS?
- Hazards of generalizing
- Reservoirs vs. Overburden





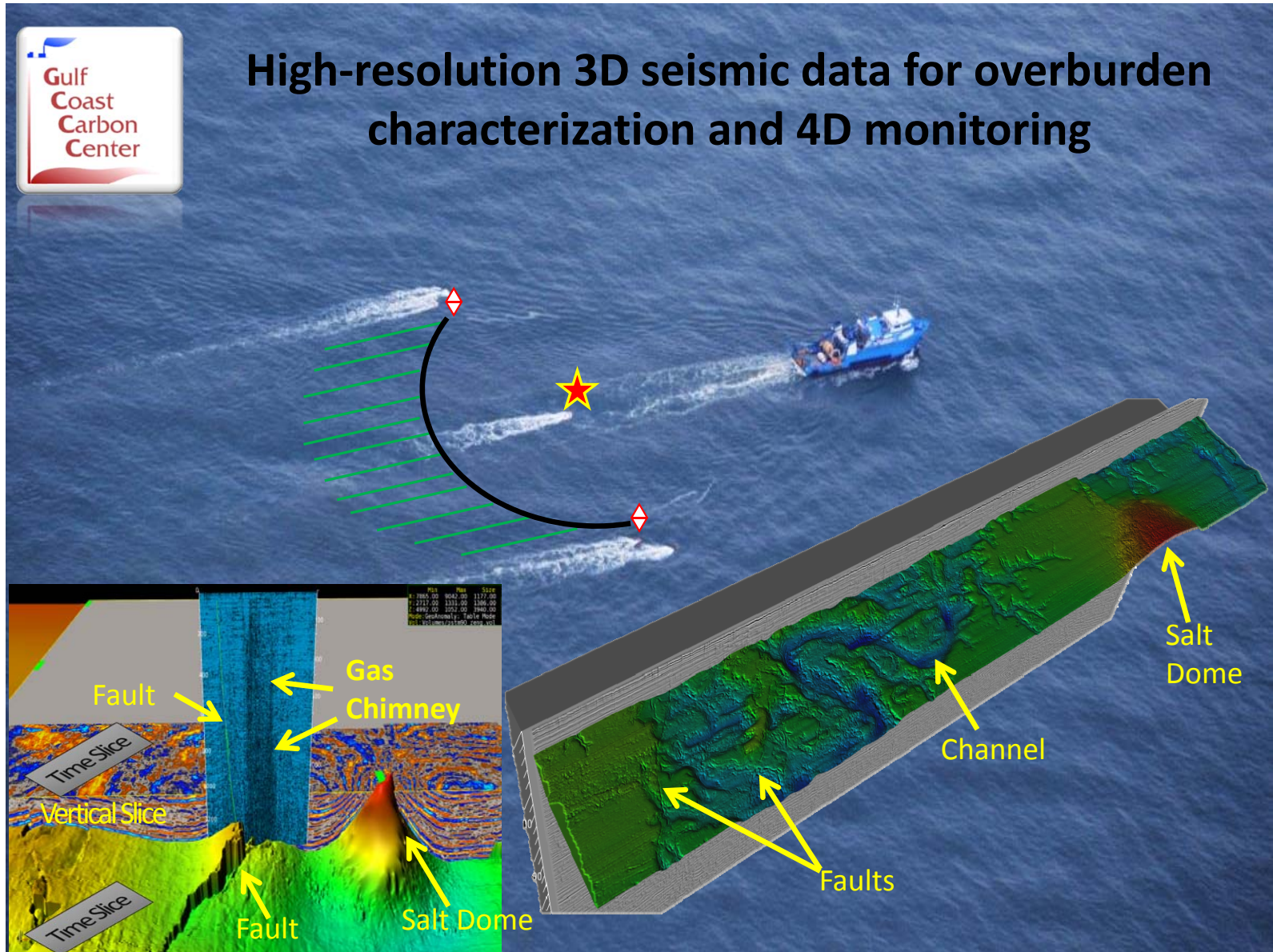
### Key to Geologic Features and Symbols



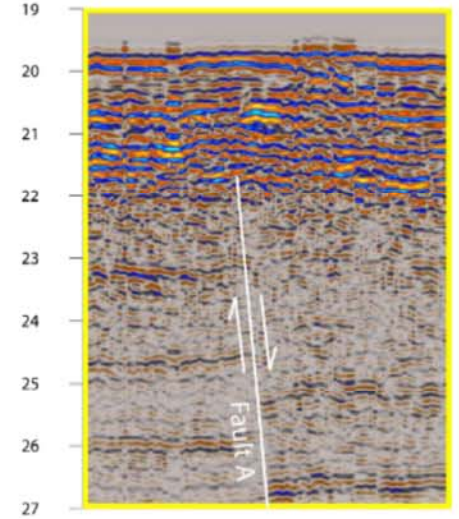
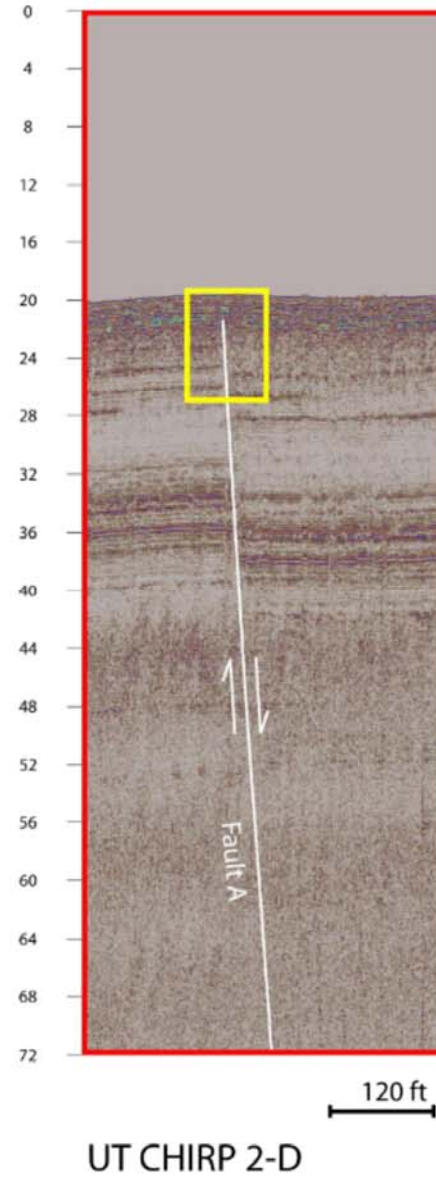
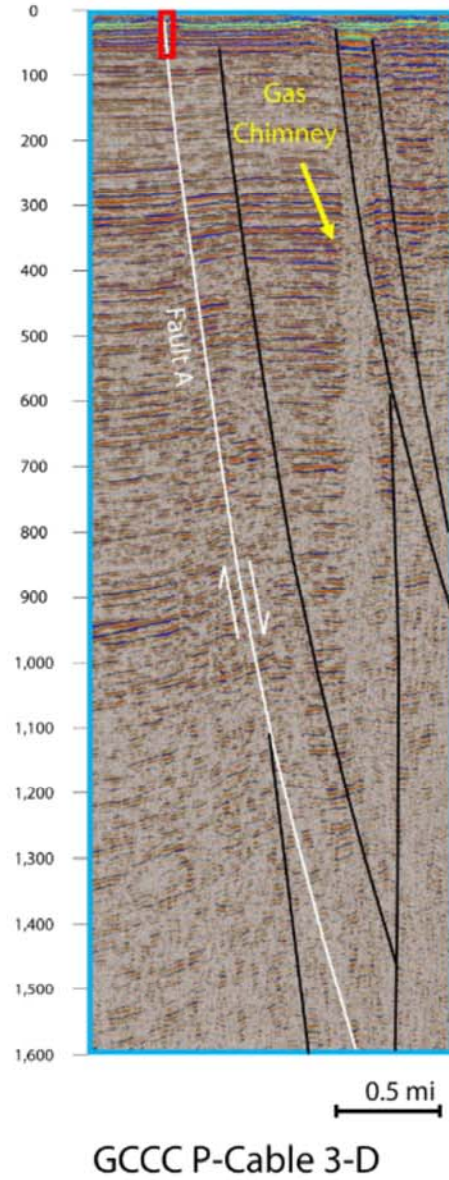
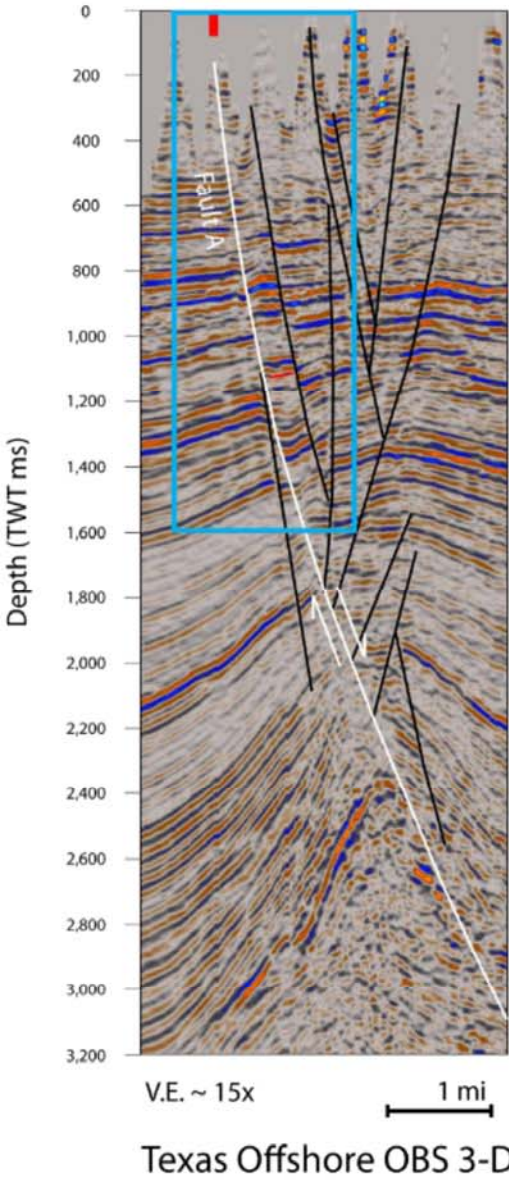




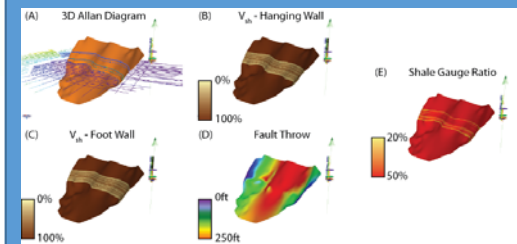
# High-resolution 3D seismic data for overburden characterization and 4D monitoring







Data forces us to think very hard about things like faults





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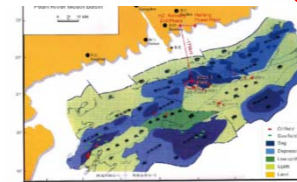
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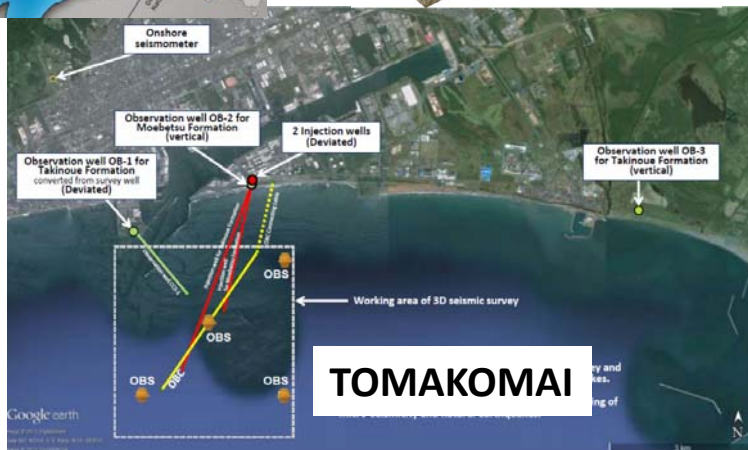
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