

### **Quest CCS Project** Learnings from the First Year of Operations

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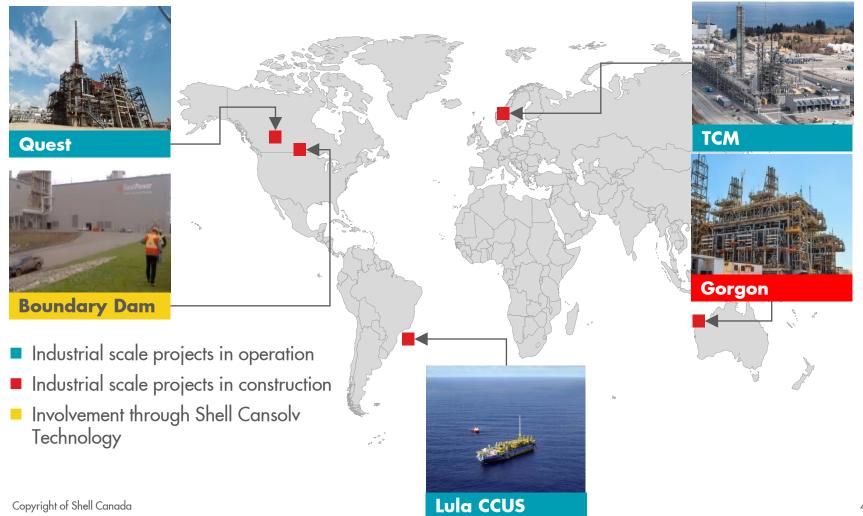
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### Shell's Response to the CO<sub>2</sub> Challenge



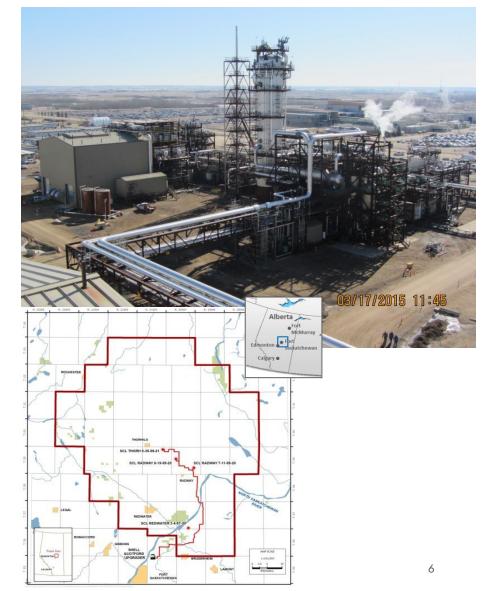
### Shell's CCS/CCUS Project Portfolio



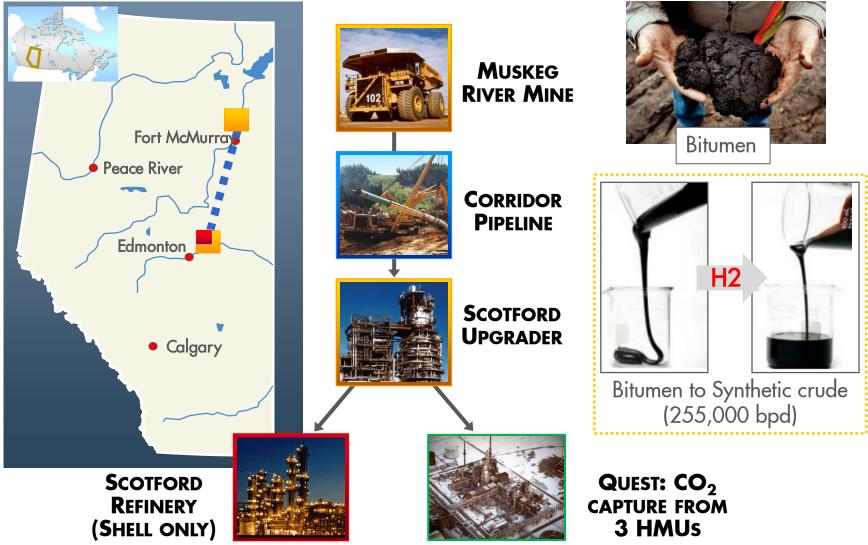


### **Quest Project at a Glance**

- World First the first full-scale CCS project for oil sands
- Who joint venture between Shell, Chevron and Marathon
- Where capture at Scotford Upgrader; storage in saline aquifer: the Basal Cambrian Sands (at a depth of 2000m)
- Impact 25 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> captured over a 25 year period (1/3 of CO<sub>2</sub> from the Upgrader) – equivalent to the emissions of 250,000 cars
- Technology syngas capture using amines



### The Athabasca Oil Sands Project (AOSP)



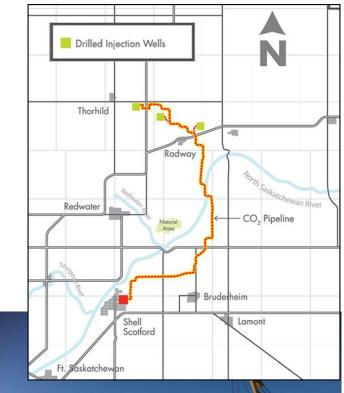




- The Hydrogen Unit combines steam and natural gas to produce high pressure steam and H<sub>2</sub> for use in the upgrader
- The Amine Unit uses Shell technology to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> directly from the process
- The process produces a 99% pure CO<sub>2</sub> output
- Award winning integrated, modular construction (Fluor)

### **Transport**

- $CO_2$  dehydrated and compressed to >10 MPa to keep the  $CO_2$  in dense phase through entire pipeline
- 65 km pipeline with 6 block valves (every 4-15 km)
- Pipeline construction Oct 2013 Aug 2014, with considerable stakeholder interaction
- Cleaning and preserved with nitrogen by October 2014
- First CO<sub>2</sub> into pipeline August 2015



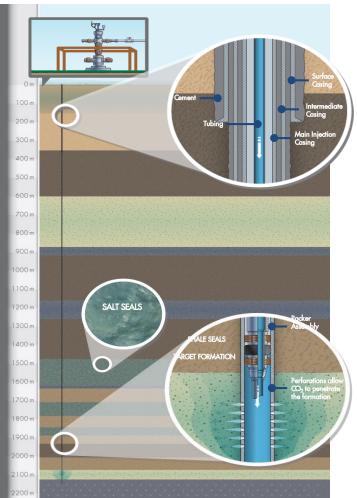


### Storage

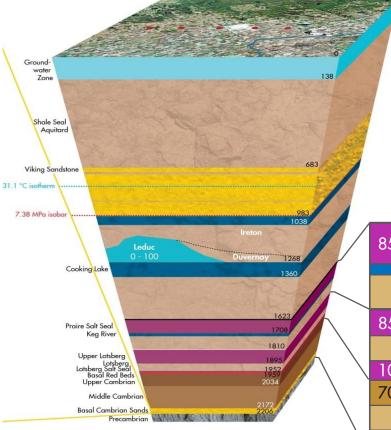
#### 3 well pads:

- Each pad has 1 injection well, 1 deep monitoring well and multiple shallow ground water wells
- Conventional drilling methods
- Multiple steel casings for injection wells, 3 in freshwater zone, all cemented to surface
- Comprehensive Measurement, Monitoring and Verification program





### The Storage Complex



#### **BCS Storage Complex**

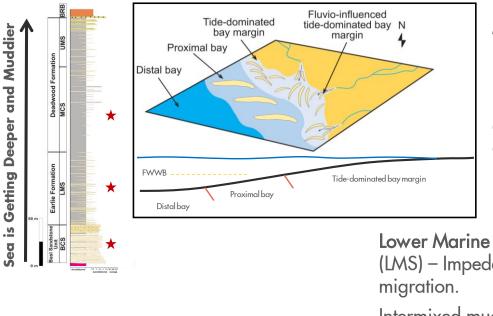
- Deep (~2km) saline aquifer
- Below potable water zones, zones with hydrocarbon potential
- Multiple thick, continuous seals (>150m within the complex)
- High quality (~17% porosity) sandstone reservoir
- Excellent permeability (~1000mD)

85m	Prairie Evaporite – Additional Seal	
85m	Upper Lotsberg Salt – Ultimate Seal	BCS
10m	Lower Lotsberg Salt – Secondary Seal	Storage
70m	Middle Cambrian Shale – Primary Seal	Complex
40m	Basal Cambrian Sand – Storage Reservoir	
	PreCambrian Shield	



**Geology and Wells** 

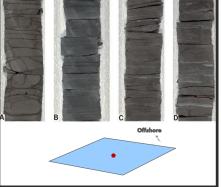
## **Storage Complex Geology**



Middle Cambrian Shale (MCS) – The Primary Seal Predominantly shale.

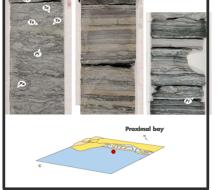
Deposited in an offshore environment as sea got deeper

#### Schematic of the Core



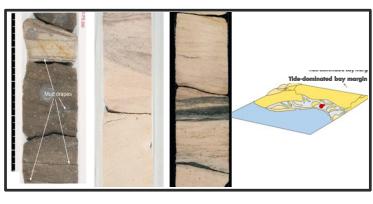
Lower Marine Siltstone  $(LMS) - Impedes CO_2$ 

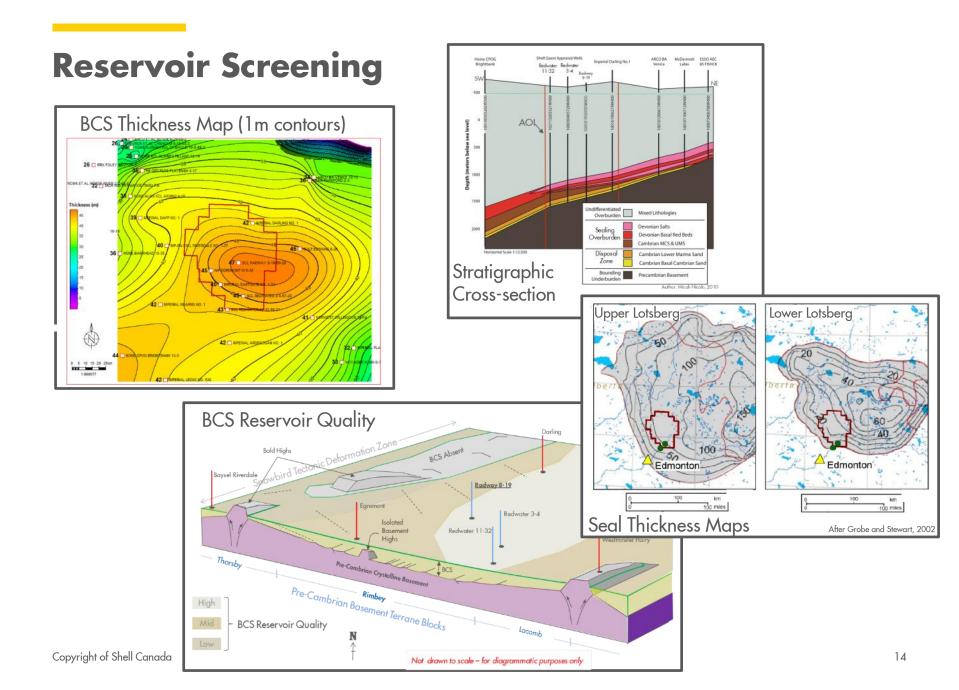
Intermixed mudstones and sandstones

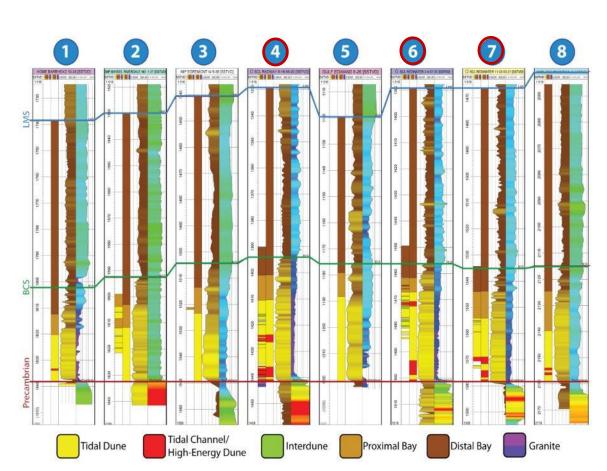


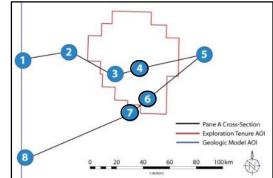
**Basal Cambrian Sandstone** (BCS) – The injection zone.

Dominantly sandstones, with local thin - to very thin-bedded mudstones







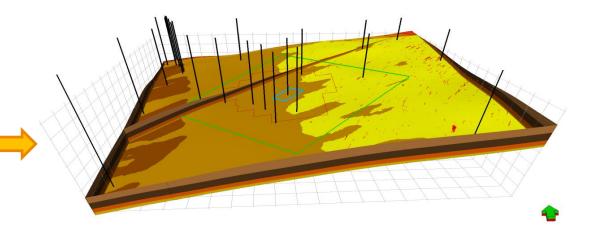


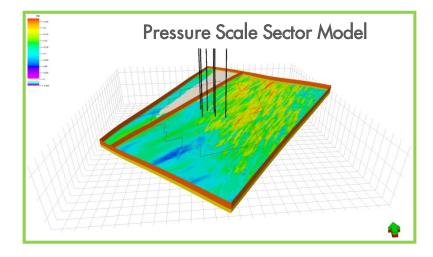
Regional correlation of well data provides confidence in our depositional model and helps us predict how the reservoir will respond to CO<sub>2</sub>

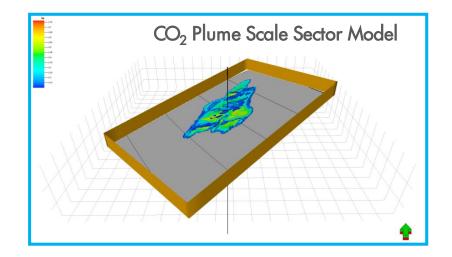
# **Regional Correlations**

### Reservoir Modeling (Static, Dynamic)

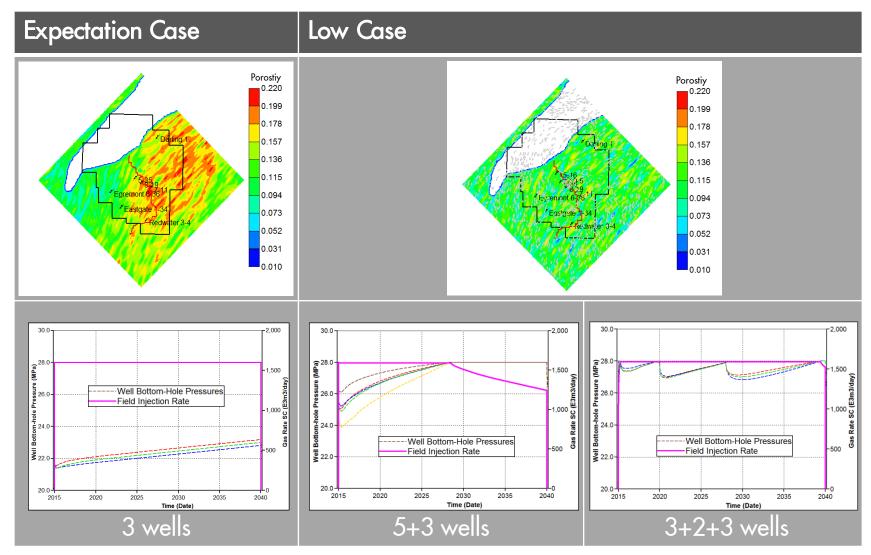
- Well Correlations
- Structural Framework
- Facies Interpretation
- Regional Property Trends
- Upscaled Well Logs





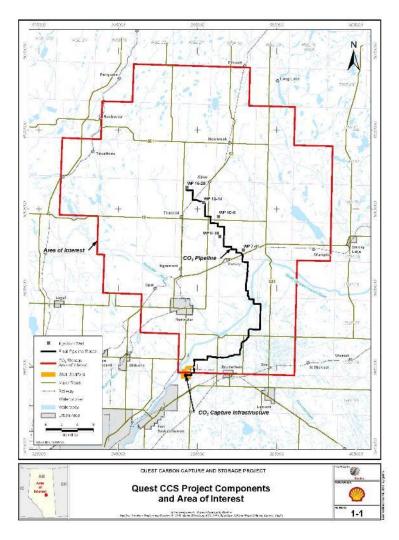


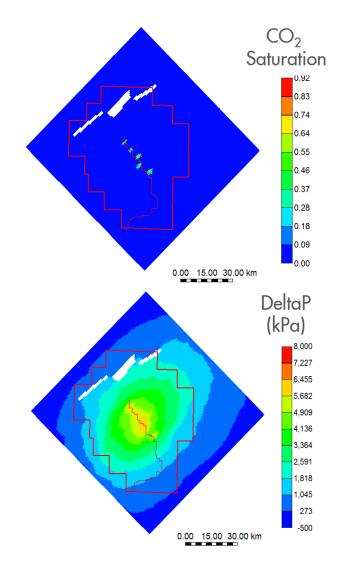
### **Development Scenario Modelling**



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### **Conceptual Storage Plan**

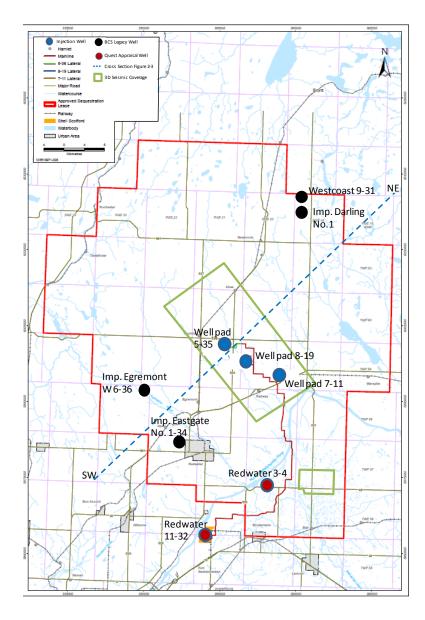




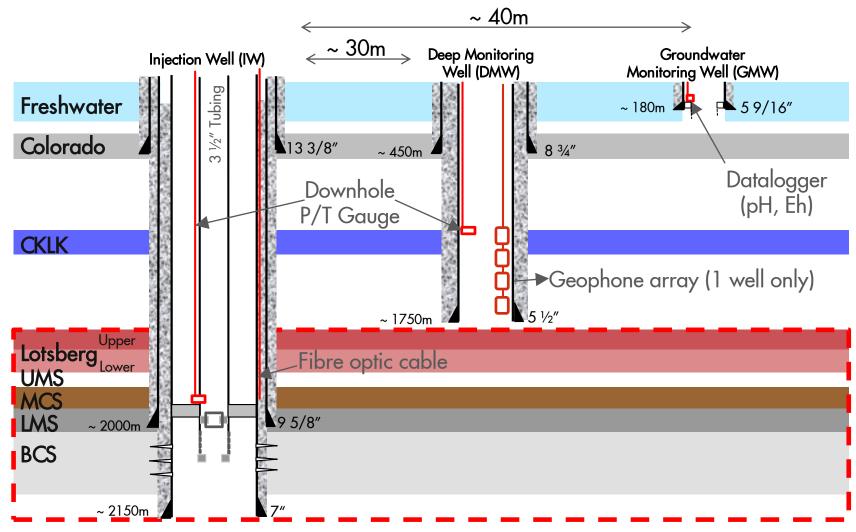
# **Drilling Campaign**

- 2 appraisal wells
   (~ 2 km MD, to BCS)
- 3 injection wells
   (~ 2 km MD, to BCS)
- 3 deep monitoring wells
   (~ 1.7 km MD, to top of seal)
- 9 groundwater monitoring wells (< 0.2 km MD, in GWP zone)</li>

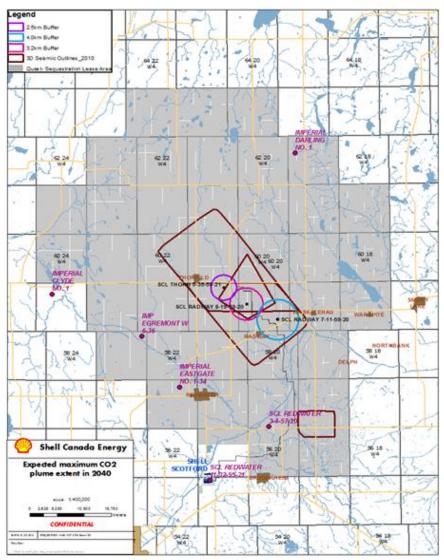




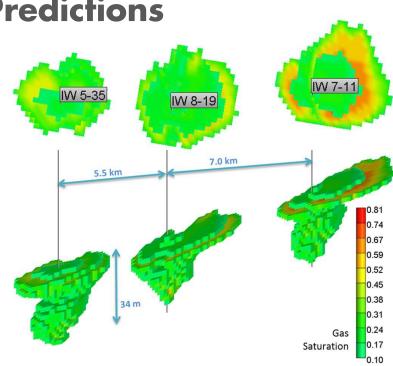
### **Well Pad Schematic**



### **Reservoir Model – Plume Predictions**



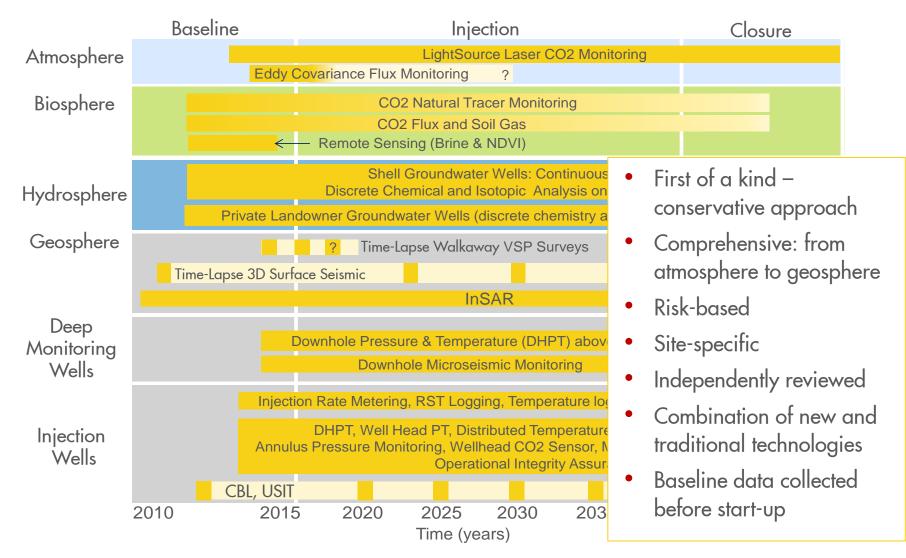
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- Based on pre-injection model
- Remaining uncertainty on relative permeability of CO<sub>2</sub> reduced in 2016 with model update and tuning to performance data.
- Current estimate of max plume lengths:
  2.5 to 4.2 km

### Measure, Monitor and Verify (MMV)

### Quest MMV Plan 2015

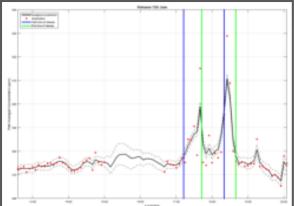


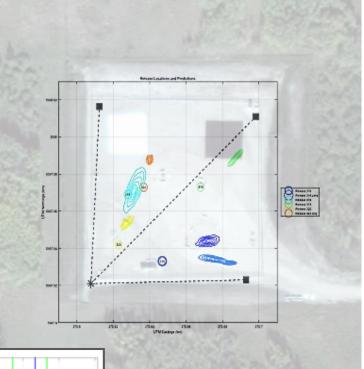
### **Atmosphere: LightSource**



from Hirst et al. 2015

- LightSource system installed and functional at all injection sites prior to CO<sub>2</sub> injection
- Release testing very successful all releases detected, quantified and located
- Confirmed as the technology for atmospheric monitoring at Quest

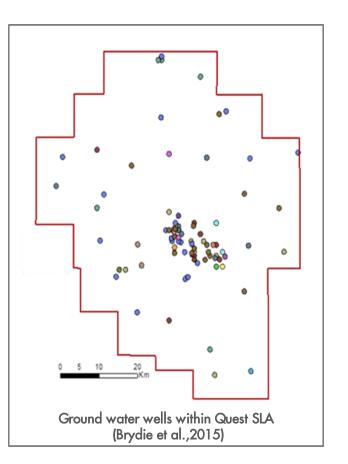




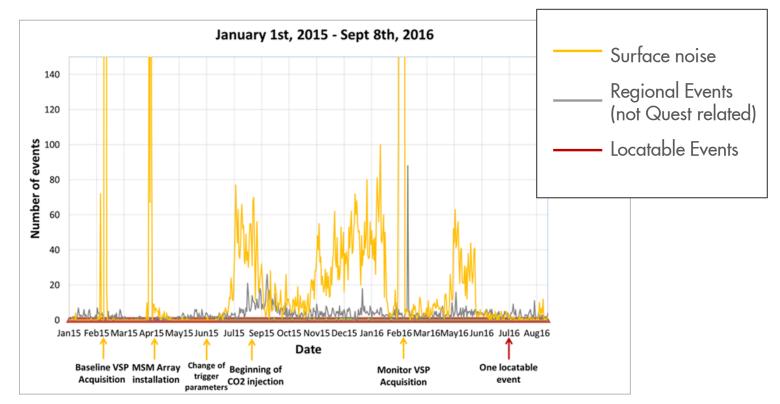
### Hydrosphere: Groundwater Monitoring



- Continuous monitoring of Shell project wells (on well pads) – recently changed sensors to improve reliability
- Extensive field sampling campaign of landowner wells, many measurements taken
- Comprehensive baseline data



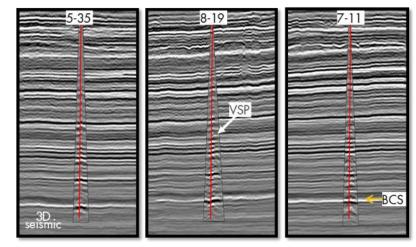
### **Geosphere:** Microseismic

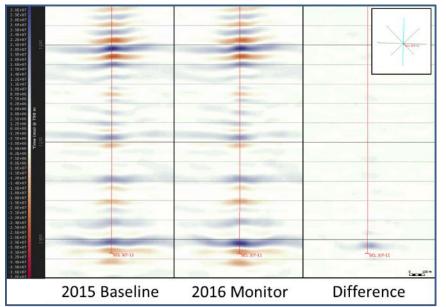


- Microseismic array installed in DMW 8-19 recording baseline MS activity in November 2014 – re-installed in April 2015.
- Three small (M < -1) locatable events have been detected through the end of 2016

### **Geosphere: Time Lapse VSPs**

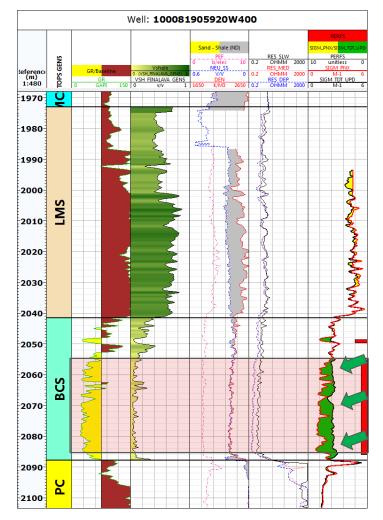






- Baseline VSP acquired preinjection in April, 2015 (no CO<sub>2</sub> is present in the reservoir).
- The first monitor VSP was recorded in March, 2016.
- Time lapse signal quite strong, consistent with modelled plume

### **Geosphere: Pulsed Neutron Logging**

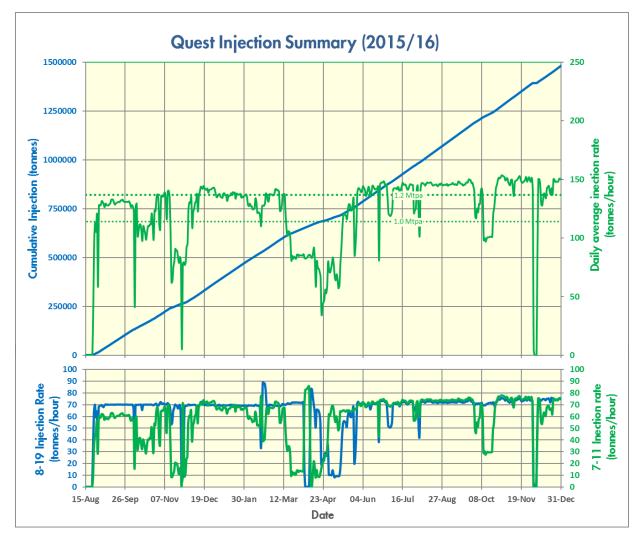


- Pulsed Neutron log was run in May 2015 prior to injection (Black line), and a repeat was run after 6 months of CO<sub>2</sub> injection. (Red line)
- Initial Observations
  - Change in the pulsed neutron response over the perforated (Red rectangle).
  - No change in log response above or below the perforated interval or through the LMS member.
- Conclusions:
  - CO<sub>2</sub> is contained within the perforated interval and the BCS reservoir. (Red rectangle).
  - The injected CO<sub>2</sub> is mainly within the high permeability streaks (Green Arrows).

### **Storage Operations**

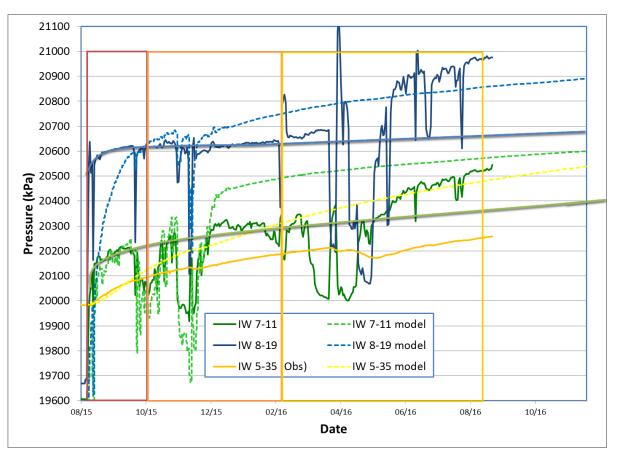
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### Quest – First 16 Months' Performance



- Kept 8-19 steady initially to simplify pressure data at 5-35
- Capacity testing in February
- Well logging runs during Turn Around
- First million tonnes captured and stored by August, 2016
- Wells have not been a limiting factor

### **Reservoir Model - Pressure Forecasting**



- Still too early for reliable history matching
- Reservoir properties looking more like our modelled high case scenarios
- (Far field) data from 5-35 considerably better than expected
- Pressure build-up in the BCS is still forecast to be less than 2 MPa (△P) by the end of the project life

### **Quest Storage Learnings**

MMV:

- MMV systems working well no triggers
- Microseismic array has been very quiet
- VSPs can image CO<sub>2</sub> in the BCS, DAS working very well

Wells:

- Only 2 wells active contributing to significant wells and MMV savings
- Pulse neutron logging confirmed that CO<sub>2</sub> is where it is supposed to be
- Important to keep water out of the wells, even the small amounts routinely used during logging

Reservoir:

- Excellent injectivity comparable to high case scenarios
- After 25 years, we expect to use 5-7% of the available pore space
- Current estimate is that the  $\Delta P$  at the end of the project may only be 2 MPa.



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