



CO₂ Plume Monitoring Without Breaking the Bank

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 a 20-year-old Houston based oil field service company
 that is the industry leader in surface based
 passive seismic monitoring technologies.
- We have developed a turnkey, fit for purpose seismic monitoring service for carbon sequestration projects under a *DOE/SBIR* grant.







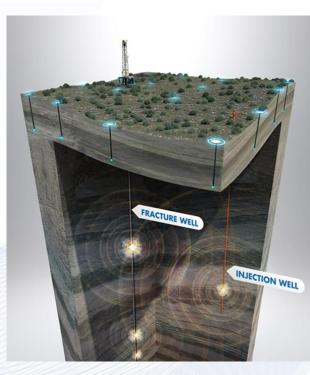








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 - Mitigating induced seismic hazard
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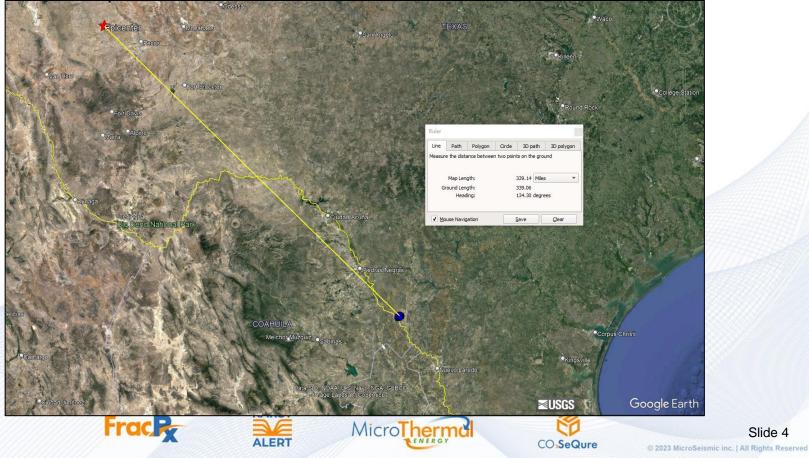








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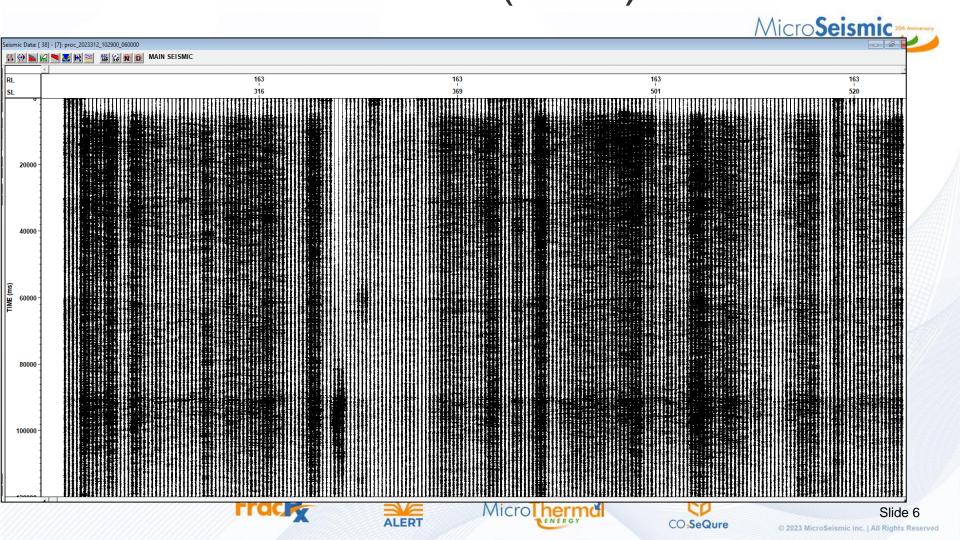








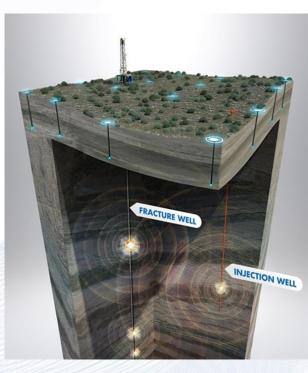








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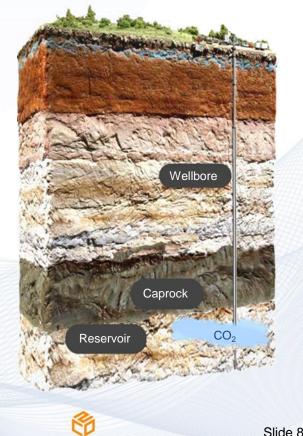


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Why Track the Plume?

- Confirm compliance with submitted and approved sequestration plan
- Confirm reservoir conformance
- Deny leakage concerns both shallow and deep
- Deny any pore space trespass
- Allocate royalties
- Verify tax credit qualification













Active 4-D Seismic is the Best Available Tool



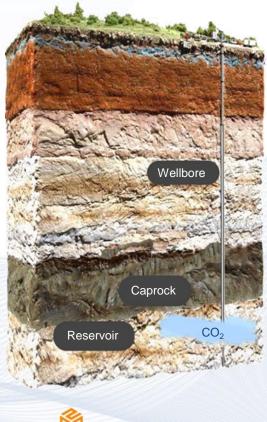


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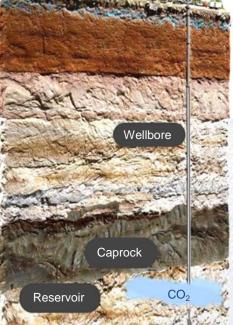


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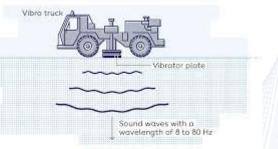
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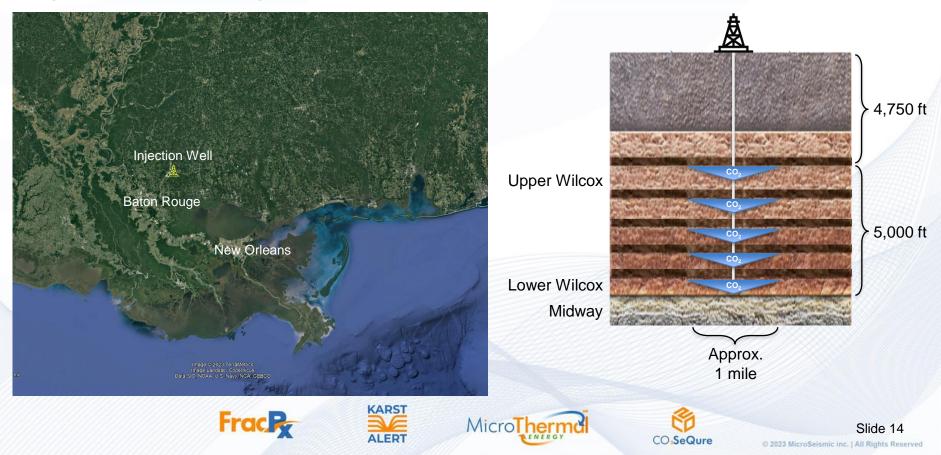
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ENERGY





Hypothetical Injection Site – Stacked Wilcox Sands





Design – Conventional 3-D Seismic













Economics – Conventional 3-D Seismic

Personnel

- Survey Crew 1 person
- Recording Crew (Observers and Layout) 20 people
- Vibroseis Operators and Technicians (4 Vibs) 10 people
- Approx 4,800 man-hrs HSE Exposure

<u>Cost</u>

- Approx. \$50,000 / sq mi including \$25/acre permit
- Permitting in active commercial forestry acreage likely much higher











BuriedArray® Microseismic Monitoring System

This system includes:

- Permanent array of shallow borehole geophones
- Autonomous data collection and telemetry
- Automated event detection and location
 - Events posted within 10 minutes of occurrence.
 - Automated alerts for critical events.
- Real-time results reviewed and screened by an analyst to ensure data consistency















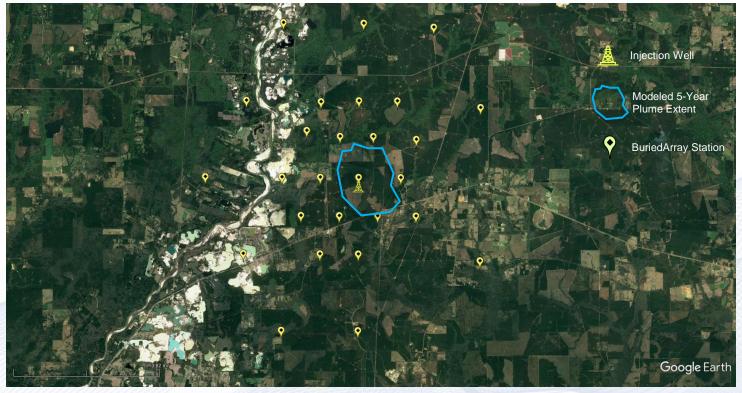


The BuriedArray





BuriedArray® for MRV





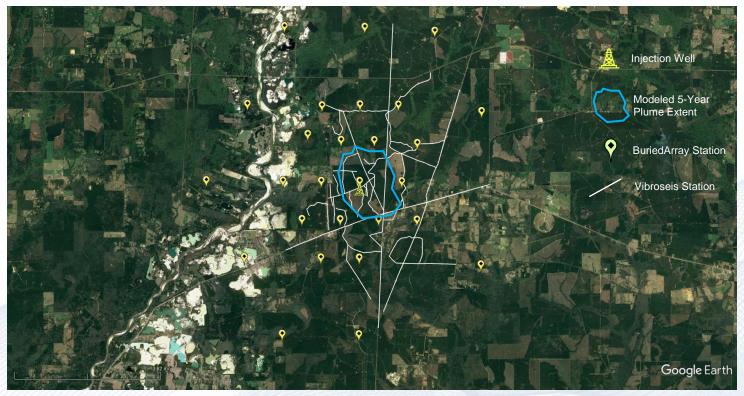








BuriedArray for Active 4-D Seismic





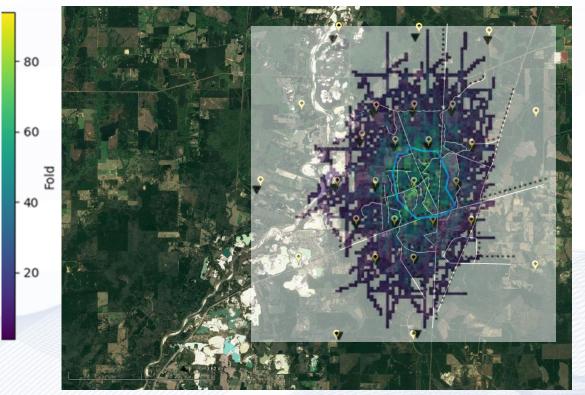








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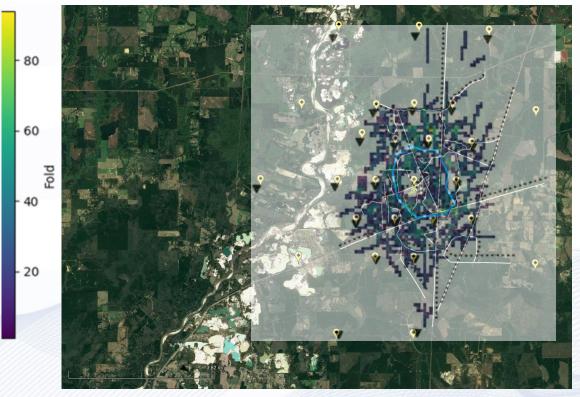






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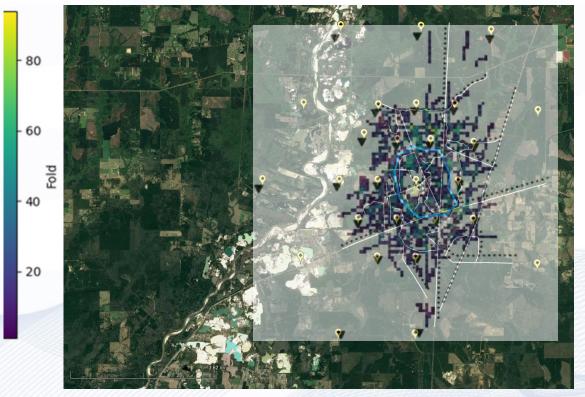








Fold-of-Coverage – 532 Vib Points (Offsets < 8,000 ft)



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Economics – 3-D Seismic with Sparse BuriedArray

Personnel

- Survey Crew 0 people (GPS Navigation on Vibroseis Trucks)
- Recording Crew (Observers) 2 people
- Vibroseis Operators and Technicians (2 Vibs) 3 people
- Approx. 240 man-hrs HSE Exposure (cf 4,800 man-hrs for conventional seismic)

<u>COST</u>

- Approx. \$10,000 / sq mi, including permitting
- No impact on commercial logging operations









Conclusions

- The sparse BuriedArray satisfies the requirements of a life of project injection monitoring plan.
- The BuriedArray is ideally suited for highly repeatable monitor 3-D (4-D) surveys.
- The use of existing roadways for Vibroseis source points significantly reduces the effort and time required to record a 3-D seismic image of the injected CO₂ plume.
- The cost reduction will be as much as 80%.
- HSE exposure and landowner intrusion are dramatically reduced.











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