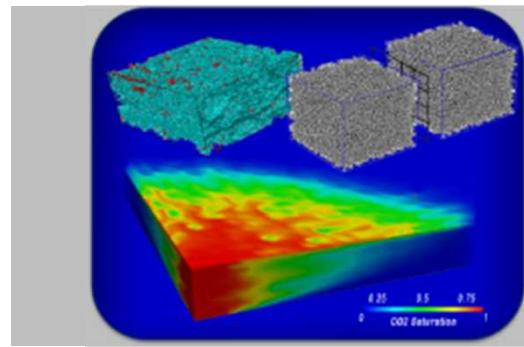
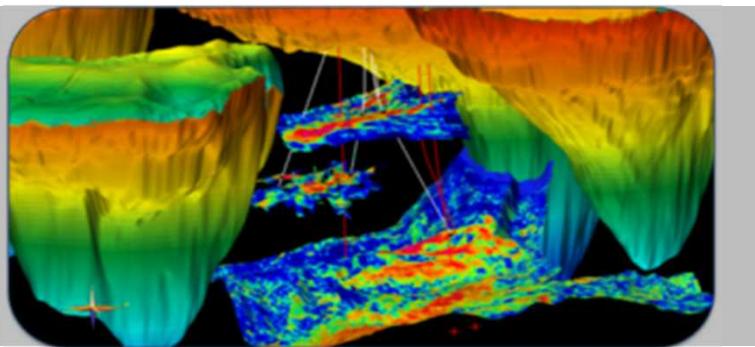


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Opportunity for Earth Sciences at National Laboratories: DOE Crosscut Subsurface Technology “Tech Team” and National Laboratory Big Idea Summit: Subsurface Technologies

Marianne Walck
August 29, 2014

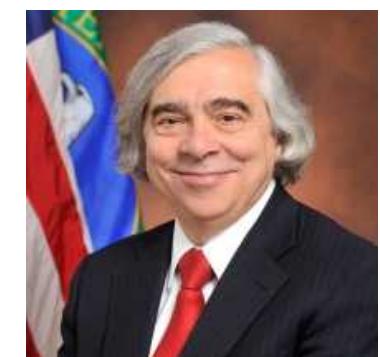


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DOE Secretary Moniz has made a difference!

- **Secretary Moniz created:**

- Undersecretary for Science and Energy to better integrate Energy Technology Programs with basic research
- 6 crosscutting “Tech Teams” : Goal – Large FY16 programs
 - Grid
 - Water-Energy (WETT)
 - Supercritical CO₂ Brayton Cycle
 - Advanced Computing
 - Manufacturing
 - Subsurface Technology and Engineering RD&D (SubTER)



Subsurface Tech Team is in a leading position with DOE

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BENEFITS

The subsurface provides hundreds of years of safe storage capacity for carbon dioxide (CO₂), and opportunities for environmentally responsible management and disposal of hazardous materials and other energy waste streams. The subsurface can also serve as a reservoir for energy storage for power produced from intermittent generation sources.

These opportunities have immediate connection to societal needs and administration priorities. Clean energy deployment and CO₂ storage are critical components of the President's Climate Action Plan, necessary to meet the 2050 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction target. Increasing domestic energy supply from greater hydrocarbon resource recovery, in a sustainable and environmentally sound manner, are also Administration goals that enhance national security and fuel economic growth.

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National Laboratory “Big Idea” Summit: March, 2014

- DOE asked the NL Chief Research Officers to develop a set of “Big Ideas” for DOE to consider for large FY16 investments
- Laboratories developed multi-lab teams for 8 ideas:
 - Advanced Manufacturing
 - Nuclear Energy
 - Climate
 - Energy/Water
 - Subsurface
 - Grid
 - Energy Systems Integration
 - Transportation

Department of Energy National Laboratory Ideas Summit March 12-13, 2014 Crystal City Gateway Hotel		
March 12, 2014		
Time	Topics	Speakers & Location
7:45 am	Registration	
8:30 am	Opening remarks	Mike Kostek Deputy Under Secretary for Science & Energy Plenary room
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Sustainable and secure water management: A sustainable and secure energy/water nexus through superior decision tools and technologies	Speakers TBD Plenary room
11:25 am	Climate change science and adaptation: Ensuring resiliency and water resilience to climate change	Speakers TBD Plenary room
12:05 pm	Break	
12:05 pm	Dell lunch (Provided)	Plenary room
1:05 pm	Accelerating materials to manufacture: Breakthrough: Taking Materials from Lab to Market Twice as Fast	Speakers TBD Plenary room
1:45 pm	Systems Integration: The optimal energy systems access multiple pathways (electricity, thermal, fuel, water, communications) and time and space to meet energy needs. This includes climate change, eliminates large-scale and long-term blackouts and keeps electricity bills affordable.	Speakers TBD Plenary room
2:25 pm	Creating an adaptive and intelligent U.S. electric grid: Evolve the electric grid so that it incorporates clean and distributed energy resources and is robust to climate change, eliminates large-scale and long-term blackouts and keeps electricity bills affordable.	Speakers TBD Plenary room
3:05 pm	Sustainable transportation: A sustainable, low-carbon neutral ground transportation fleet that is fueled by renewable domestic sources	Speakers TBD Plenary room
3:45 pm	Break	
4:00 pm	Subsurface: Control of subsurface fractures and fluid flow	Speakers TBD Plenary room

March 13, 2014		
Topics	Speakers	
Day 2		
Remarks		
Ernest Moniz: Secretary of Energy		
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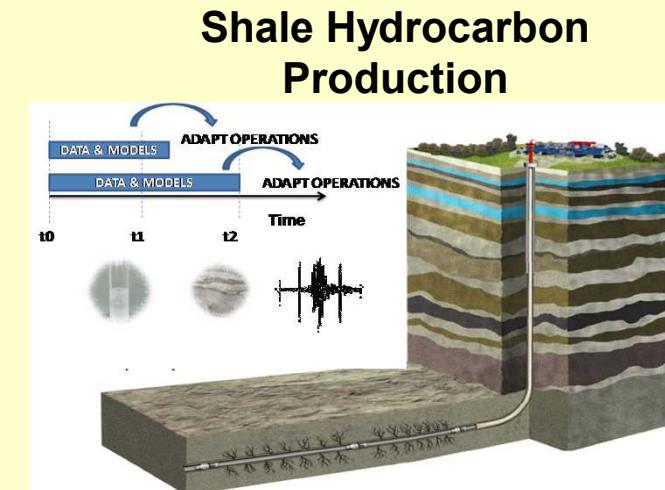
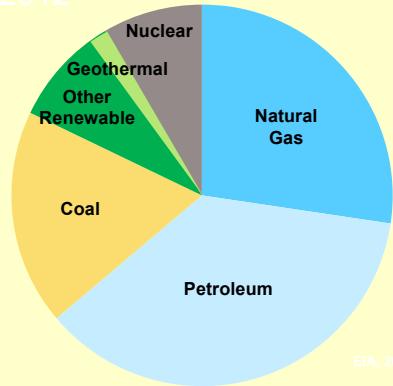
- SNL Leadership in Subsurface, Energy/Water, Transportation
- Summit meeting: **March 12-13, 2014**

The National Labs Subsurface Big Idea: Adaptive Control of Subsurface Fractures and Flow

FRACTURE CONTROL IS CRITICAL FOR MANY SUBSURFACE ENERGY STRATEGIES

shale hydrocarbon, geologic carbon sequestration, enhanced geothermal energy, nuclear waste disposal, compressed air energy storage

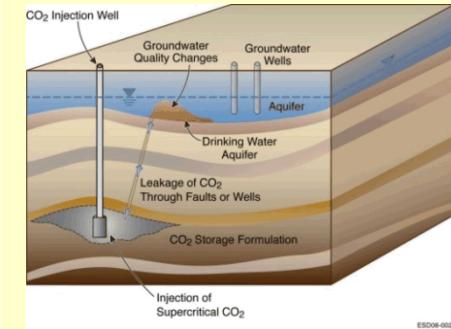
EIA, 2012



The subsurface supplies >80% of US Energy

Control fracture length & branching patterns, and flow

Safe Subsurface Storage of CO₂



Enhance injectivity, optimize storage, plug leakage pathways

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Doubling of recovery efficiency from tight hydrocarbon reservoirs
- Order-of-magnitude increase in geothermal production
- Technical basis for safe and secure carbon sequestration and geologic nuclear waste disposal
- Increased public confidence
- Sustained US leadership in subsurface technologies

Subsurface Working Team: 13 Laboratories



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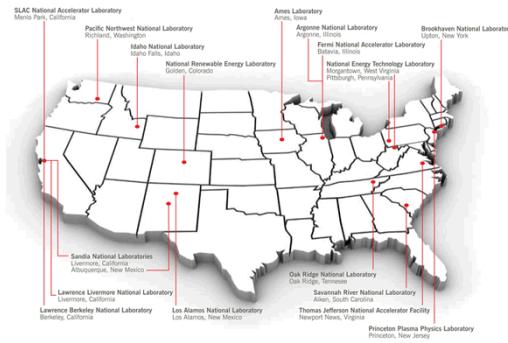
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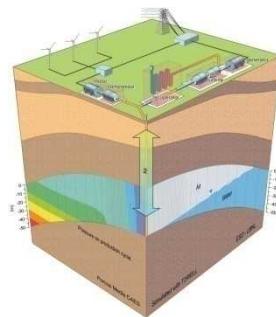
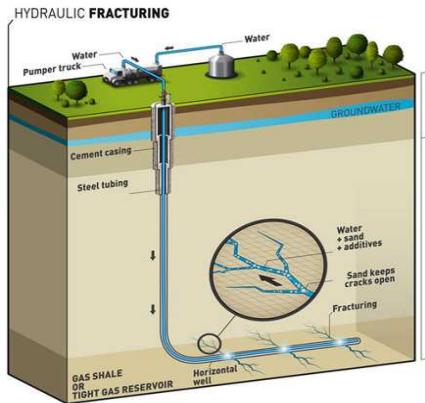
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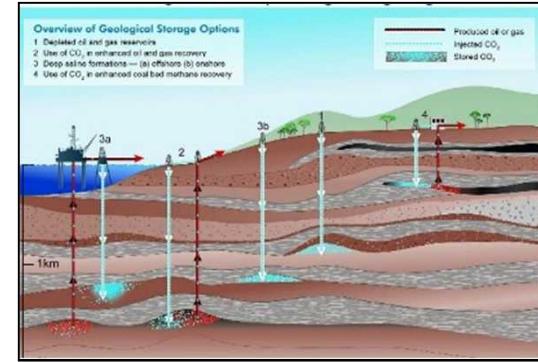


“Adaptive Control” of subsurface fractures and flow

Ability to adaptively manipulate – rapidly and with confidence – subsurface fracture length, aperture, branching, connectivity and associated reactions and fluid flow.



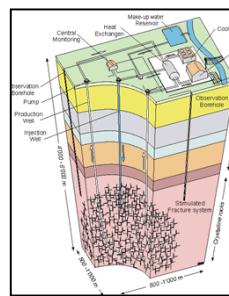
Compressed Air Energy Storage



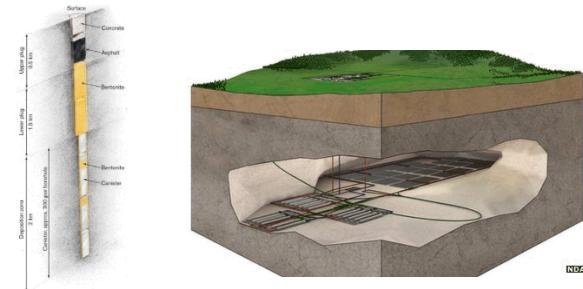
Enhance injectivity, optimize storage, plug leakage pathways

Safe subsurface storage of nuclear waste

Fractures by Design: Control fracture length & branching patterns in real-time



Enhanced geothermal energy

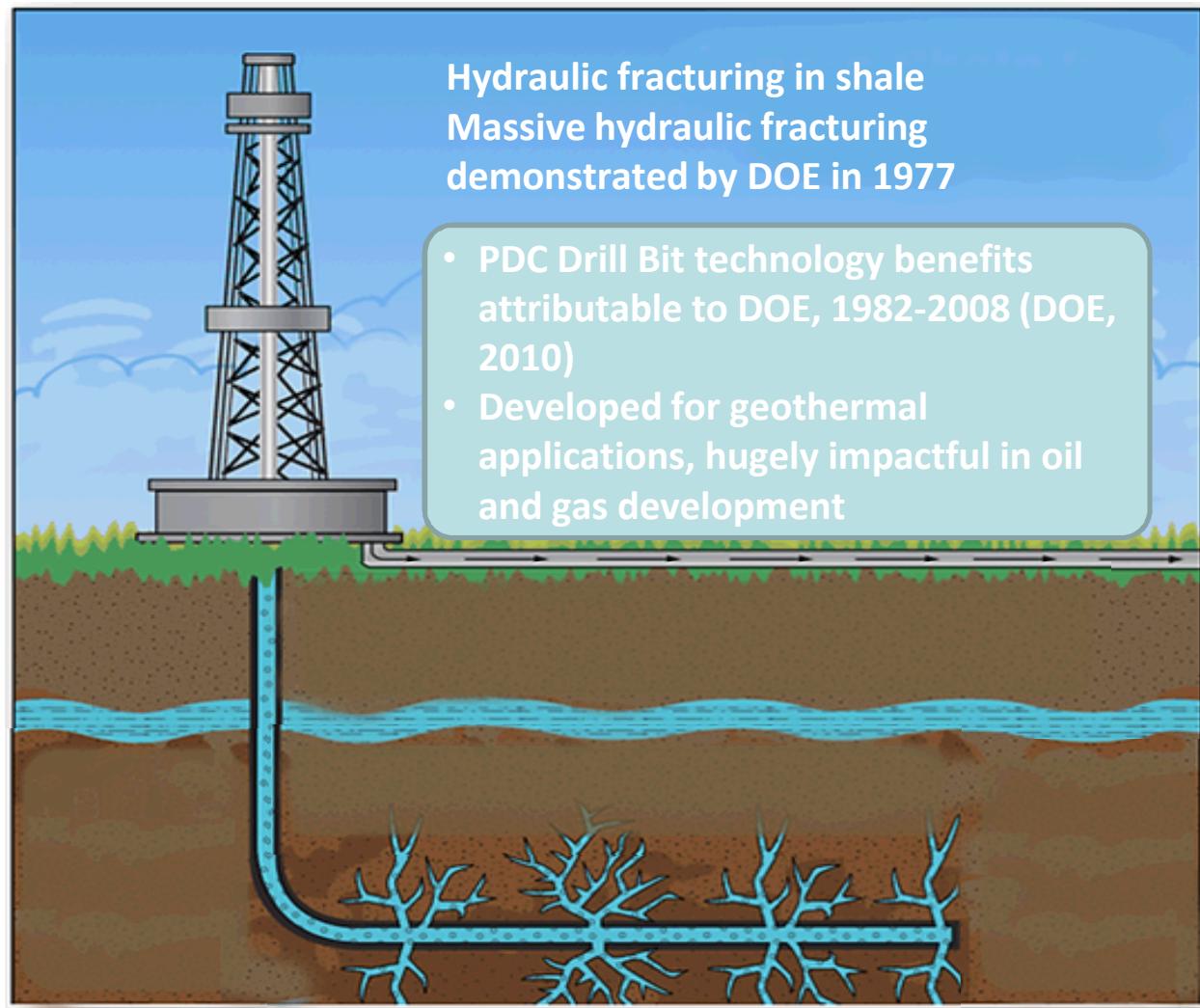


Advances in Subsurface R&D led the way

Government funded R&D

- Drill bit improvement
- Horizontal drilling
- Multiple massive fractures
- Hydraulic fracture mapping

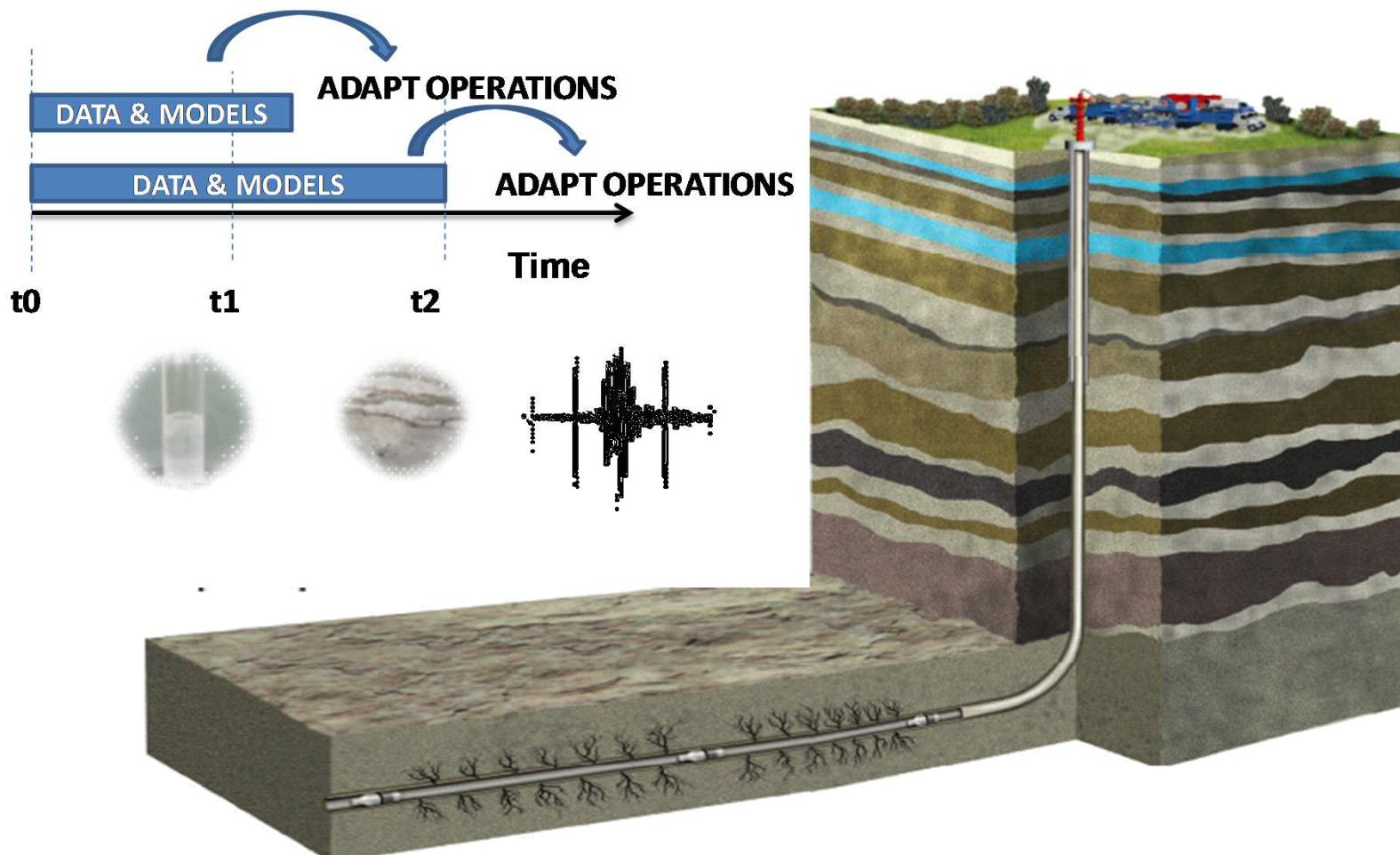
Technology advances deployed by independent producers



DOE Energy 100 Award for Synthetic Diamond Drill Bits (2000)

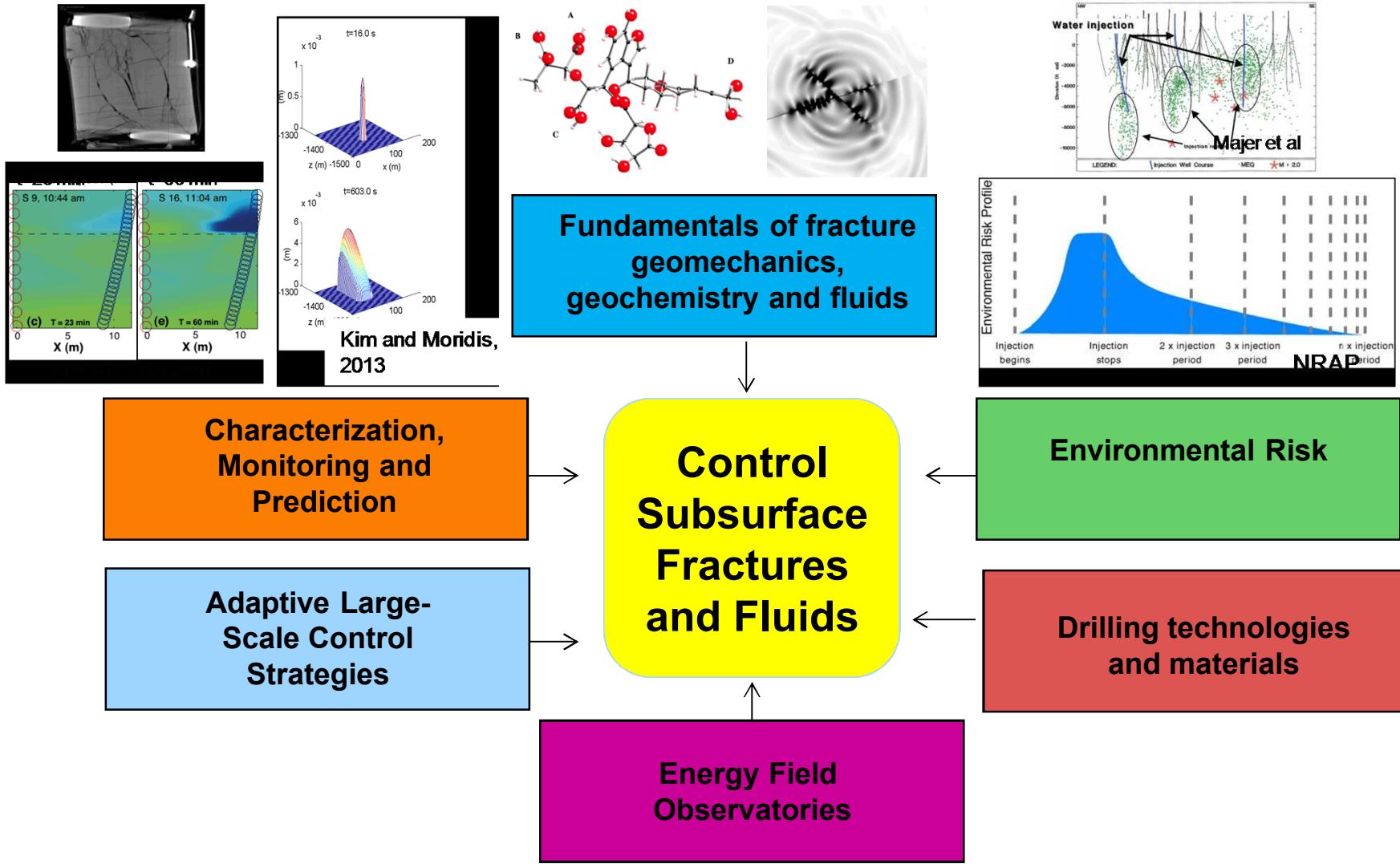
Real-Time ('ADAPTIVE') Control

Numerous Challenging Scientific and Technical Issues



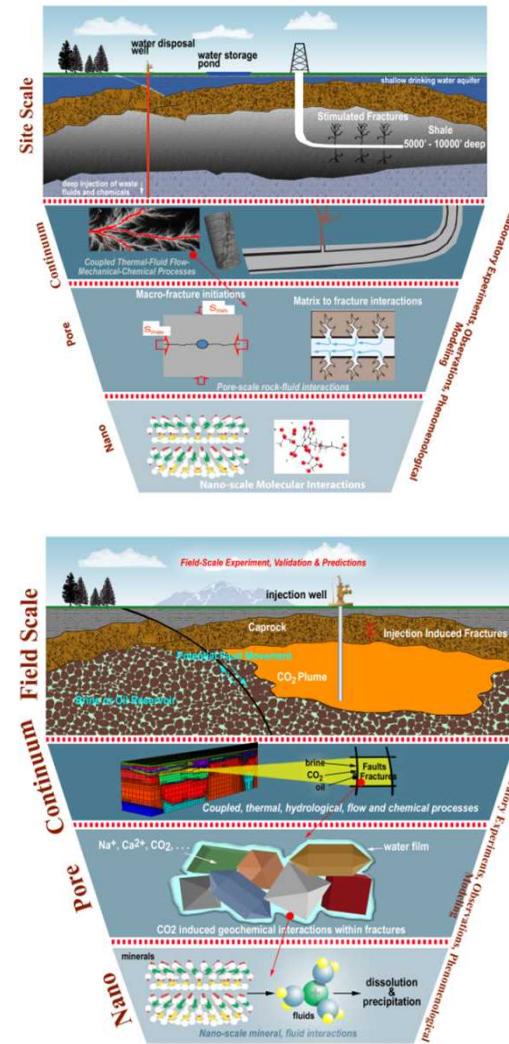
DOE National Laboratories have the multi-disciplinary expertise and unique facilities to meet this challenge, and will partner with industry, academia and regulators to develop transformational solutions

Technical Elements



Technical baseline: State of knowledge & practice

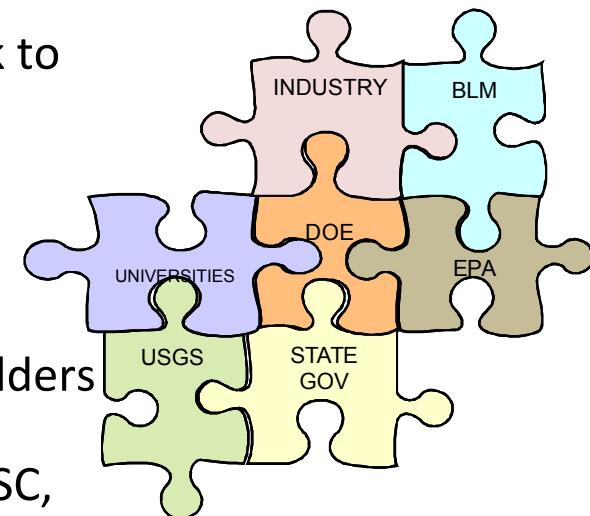
- Reservoir stress distribution and material properties are highly heterogeneous and largely unknown
- Mechanistic understanding of multi-scale processes that influence fracture formation and flow is lacking - limits both production and subsurface storage
- Industry is developing approaches to improve fracture creation, commonly guided by empirical field evidence. Industry not attempting 'real time' control
- Petroleum industry has been approaching National Laboratories for assistance: DOE is a leading sponsor of subsurface R&D
- Significant public concern and uncertainty associated with environmental risks



Today we cannot accurately image, predict, or control fractures with confidence or in real-time.

Federal Role & key stakeholders

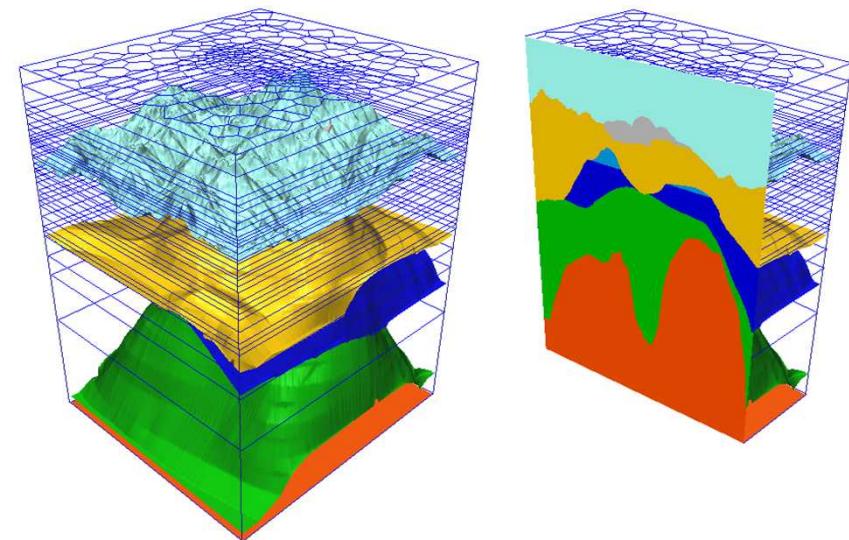
- DOE: address energy and environment challenges through transformative science and technology – nuclear waste is a federal responsibility
- Develop next-generation technologies that industry will not: regulatory drivers lacking or cost-prohibitive
- Benefit for all: many sectors, super-majors to independents
- Provide independent technical basis of environmental risk to inform policy/regulatory decisions
- Employ unique measurement and computational facilities
- Integrate National Laboratory resources with key stakeholders & partners to meet National challenge
- Well-aligned with DOE SubTER Tech Team: FE, NE, EERE, SC, EM, OE, EPSA, ARPA-E, EIA



Integration of Big Idea and CrossCut Team

- Integration began before Idea Summit – March 4 conference call
- March 14 workshop (post-summit)
- Further development of themes (pillars)

- Fossil Energy-Oil and Gas
- Fossil Energy-CO₂ Storage
- EERE-Geothermal Technologies Office
- Nuclear Energy
- Environmental Management
- Office of Science
- ARPA-E
- Office of Electricity
- Energy Policy & Systems Analysis
- Congressional & Inter-governmental Affairs
- Energy Information Administration



Common Challenges: Solvable or “Chasms”?

Discovering, Characterizing, and Predicting

Efficiently and accurately locate target geophysical and geochemical responses, finding more viable and low-risk resource, and quantitatively infer their evolution under future engineered conditions

Accessing

Safe and cost-effective drilling, with reservoir integrity

Engineering

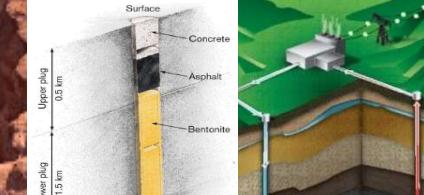
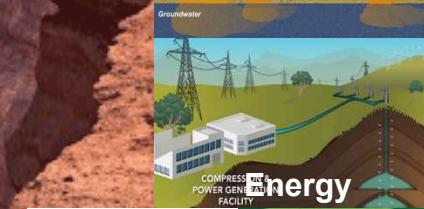
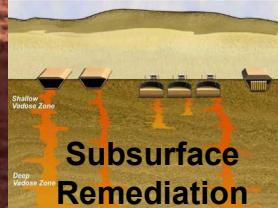
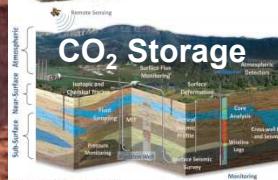
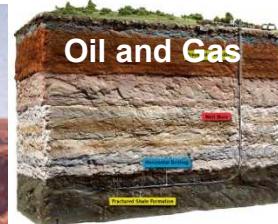
Create/construct desired subsurface conditions in challenging high-pressure/high-temperature environments

Sustaining

Maintain optimal subsurface conditions over multi-decadal or longer time frames through complex system evolution

Monitoring

Improve observational methods and advance understanding of multi-scale complexities through system lifetimes



Adaptive Control of Subsurface Fractures and Fluid Flow

Intelligent Wellbore Systems

Materials: adaptive cements, muds, casing

Real time, in-situ data acquisition and transmission system

Diagnostics tools, remediation tools and techniques

Quantification of material/seal fatigue and failure

Advanced drilling and completion tools (e.g., anticipative drilling & centralizers)

Well abandonment analysis/ R&D

Subsurface Stress & Induced Seismicity

Stress state beyond the borehole

Signal acquisition and processing and inversion

Localized manipulation of subsurface stress

Risk assessment

Permeability Manipulation

Physicochemical rock physics, including fluid-rock interactions

New approaches to remotely characterize in-situ fractures and to monitor fracture initiation/branching and fluid flow

Manipulating (enhancing, reducing and eliminating) flow paths

Novel stimulation methods

New Subsurface Signals

Diagnostic signatures of system behavior and critical thresholds

Autonomous acquisition, processing and assimilation approaches

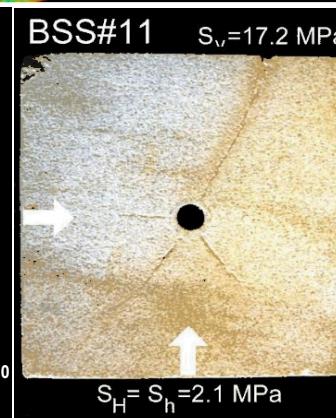
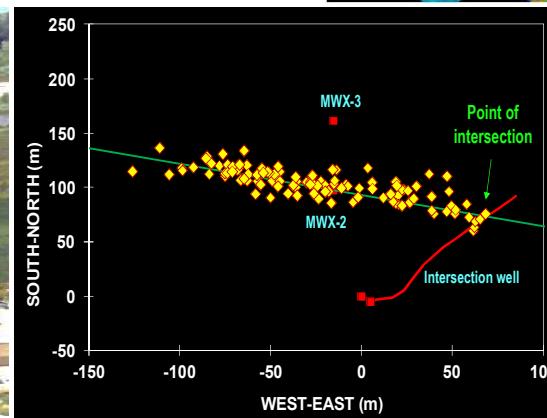
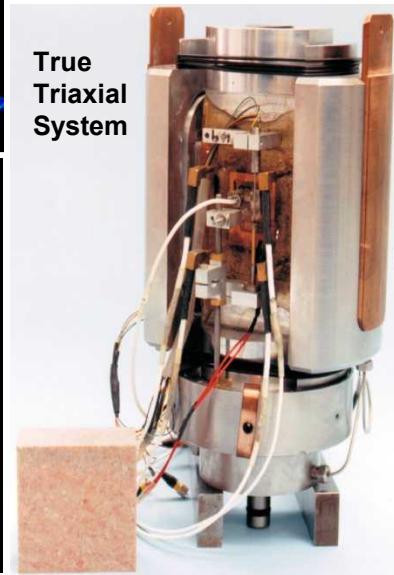
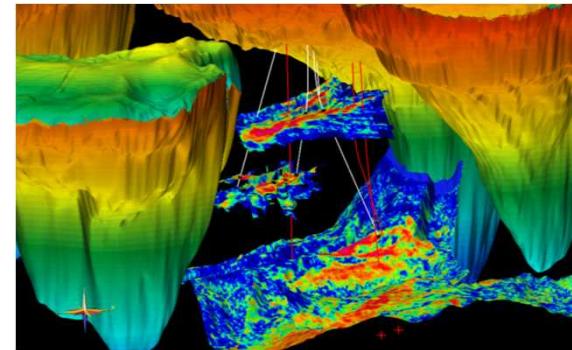
Integration of different measurements collected over different scales to quantify critical parameters and improve spatial and temporal resolutions

Energy Field Observatories (Wells, Ops and Logistics)

Fit For Purpose Simulation Capabilities

Sandia Capabilities – SubTER themes

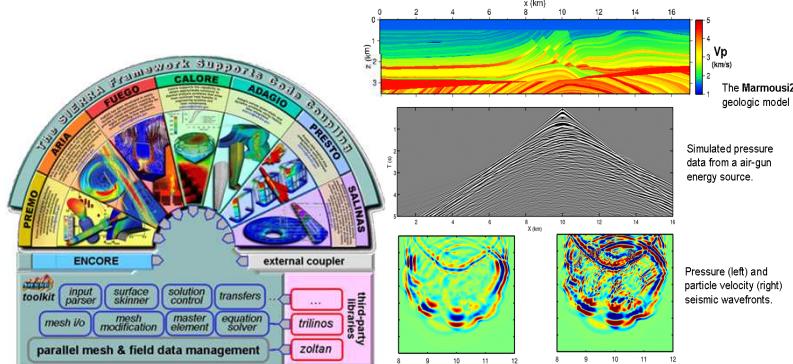
- **Wellbore Integrity and Drilling Technology**
 - Rock reduction and HT/HP Drilling Technologies
 - Drilling vibration mitigation using active cancellation of drill-string dysfunctions
 - Lost circulation control in harsh environments
 - Casing centralization
 - Field studies
- **Subsurface Stress and Induced Seismicity**
 - Hydraulic fracturing research for *in situ* stress Determination
 - Microseismic Monitoring of Reservoir Stimulation
 - Computational Modeling of Hydraulic Fracturing
 - Development of Core Based Stress Measurements (Anelastic Strain Recovery)
 - Computational Geomechanics



Sandia Capabilities – SubTER Themes

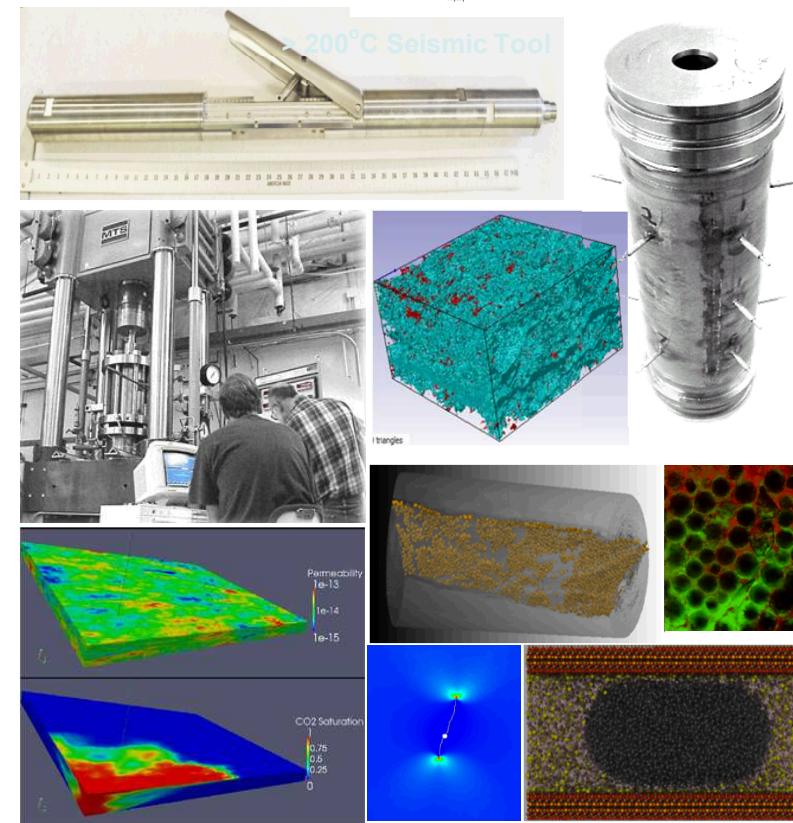
■ New Subsurface Signals

- High temperature, high pressure monitoring tools
- Design, implementation, and interpretation of geophysical experiments: seismic, acoustic, EM
- Finite difference geophysical modeling: data processing, analysis and interpretation
- Natural tracer experiments
- Proppant studies
- Wide band gap devices for instrumentation (CINT/MESA)



■ Permeability Manipulation

- High pressure and multiphase fluid delivery system for pore-scale flow experiments
- Advanced “Waterless” Stimulation Technologies with Controlled Energetic Materials
- Geomechanical testing: uniaxial, triaxial, creep, hydrostatic
- Porescale and nanoscale experiment and modeling; reactive transport
- Flow, Imaging and Coupled Constitutive Behavior of Porous Media
- Risk Analysis methodologies: WIPP, YMP



■ Fit for Purpose Simulation Capabilities

- Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator (LAMMPS)
- Sierra Mechanics engineering analysis codes
- Constitutive models, e.g., Kayenta
- Simulating fluid-induced discrete-fracture propagation using random finite-element meshes
- Peridynamics fracture modeling

The Big Idea is now incorporated into SubTER

- **Labs (SNL, LBNL) weekly conference call with DOE SubTER**
- **Labs: \$1.4M of FY14 funds deployed (6 projects)**
- **Stakeholder engagements (DOE/Labs)**
 - NAS/NRC COGGE Capability Presentation: April 29, 2014
 - JASON kickoff: June 20, 2014
 - USEA: July 22, 2014
- **Laboratory Interactions – SNL**
 - Exchange visits with both LANL and LLNL, summer 2014
 - Continual interactions with LBNL
 - Numerous new contacts made with other 11 labs
- **Upcoming events**
 - Shell Rock and Fluid Physics Conference (Amsterdam)
 - AGU: special sessions (2), Town Hall (proposed)
 - Lab Workshop
 - Example Projects
 - Governance
 - Industry engagement
- **SNL response: \$500K of Mission Integration Program Management funds provided to support SNL leadership of Subsurface Initiative**
- **DOE: FY15 projects; FY16 roll-out**

DOE Interest/Intent – SNL Leadership – The Future is Promising

Thank You!