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# Reservoir Monitoring Consortium (RMC)

**Semi- Annual Project Review Meeting**

**An Update on RMC**

Fred Aminzadeh,

Los Angeles, CA  
July 22, 2015



# RMC Annual Review Meeting Agenda

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<b>8:00</b>	<b>Registration-Breakfast</b>	
<b>8:15</b>	<b>An Update on Reservoir Monitoring Consortium (RMC)</b>	<b>Aminzadeh</b>
<b>8:35</b>	<b>Reservoir Monitoring with 4D Seismic- Three Case Histories</b>	<b>HajNasser</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Advanced Tracer Analysis for EOR and Reservoir Monitoring</b>	<b>Najem (Kuwait Oil)</b>
<b>9:25</b>	<b>Use of production geology data to monitor water influx</b>	<b>Zhao, Ershaghi</b>
<b>9:50</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	



# RMC Annual Review Agenda, Cont.

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| <b>10:05</b> | <b>Wellbore Monitoring for Kick Detection and Field Testing in a Saudi Aramco Field</b> | <b>Otaibi, Bubsheit</b><br>(Aramco)           |
| <b>10:30</b> | <b>Modeling Field Development Strategies and Their Associated Resource Requirements</b> | <b>Prohaska</b><br>(U of Leoben, Austria)     |
| <b>10:55</b> | <b>Permanent seismic source for continuous reservoir monitoring</b>                     | <b>Kurosawa, Kato</b><br>(Japan National Oil) |
| <b>11:20</b> | <b>Research Directions for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Applications</b>                          | <b>Metin Karakas,</b>                         |
| <b>11:40</b> | <b>A New Method to Analyze Displacement of Fluids in EOR</b>                            | <b>Temizel</b><br>(Aera Energy)               |
| <b>12:00</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |   |



# RMC Annual Review Agenda, Cont.

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<b>1:00</b>	<b>Fracture Zone Identification and Permeability Prediction</b>	<b>Maity,</b> (Gas Technology Inst.)
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Analysis of In-Situ Stress in Hydraulic Fracturing ISH Project</b>	<b>Bubsheit</b> (Aramco/USC )
<b>2:00</b>	<b>Early Time Analysis of Hydraulic Fracturing Using Extended Finite Element Method</b>	<b>K. Nejad</b>
<b>2:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	



# RMC Annual Review Agenda, Cont.

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<b>2:45</b>	<b>A Geomechanical Approach for Microseismic Fracture Mapping</b>	<b>Hosseini</b>
<b>3:15</b>	<b>Microseismic/Electromagnetics for reservoir monitoring</b>	<b>Kurt Strack (KMS Technology)</b>
<b>3:45</b>	<b>Experimenting with Microseismic monitoring</b>	<b>Martin Karrenbach. (SR2020)</b>
<b>4:15</b>	<b>Discussion/ Q&amp;A</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>4:45</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>	<b>Fred Aminzadeh</b>



# RMC Objectives

**RMC**

- Identify the current key technology gaps
- Focus on interfaces between different disciplines
- Integrate data, information, expertise and workflows
- Maintain a balance between the short term high impact research and long term needs
- Develop dynamic reservoir monitoring (DRM) workflow
- Focus areas of reservoir types:
  - Shale,
  - Carbonate,
  - Deep water



# RMC Hybrid Structure

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- **RMC Base Project**
  - Member's Access to general results of Base RMC
  - Prioritization of Base Project Mix
  - Partial Access to ISP projects (with ISP member concurrence)
  
- **Individually Sponsored Projects (ISP)**
  - Access to RMC Base Project Results
  - ISP Member focused project
  - Limited distribution of data and results
  - Increased interaction between ISP member and USC



# PhD Students

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1. Magdalene Ante (Nigeria)
2. Abdulrahman Bubshait (Saudi Aramco)
3. Ahmed Bubshait (Saudi Aramco)
4. Rayan Dablul (Saudi Aramco)
5. Mehran Hosseini
6. Nima Jabbari (Intern at CSL)
7. Metin Karakas (Chevron Fellowship)
8. Debotyam Maity (now with Gas Technology Institute)
9. Noha Najem (Kuwait Oil Company)
10. Arman Nejad (Intern at FracGeo)
11. Mahshad Samnejad
12. Tayeb Tafti (now with Aera Energy)
13. Robert Walker (Chevron Fellowship)
14. Xiaoxi Zhao

Incoming   Current   Graduating   Graduated





# Other Members of RMC Team

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## Some of the Collaborating Faculty

- Felipe De Barros
- Iraj Ershaghi
- Behnam Jafarpour
- Roger Ghanem
- Donald Hill (adjunct)
- Kristian Jessen
- Birendra Jha (Coming from MIT)
- Martin Karrenbach (adjunct)
- Donald Paul
- Charles Sammis
- Mohammad Sahimi

## Post doctoral Fellows

- Thomas Gobel (part time- CalTech)
- Yesser HajNasser, (formerly ConocoPhillips)

## Staff

- Joe Ivonetti (advisor)
- Jason Ordonez (business analyst)



## RMC Base Projects

Optimize Hydraulic  
fracturing for shale

Physical Models to  
monitor reservoir  
fluid **(with CUP)**

MEQ to Map  
Reservoir Structure

Time lapse  
Petrophysics for RM

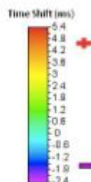
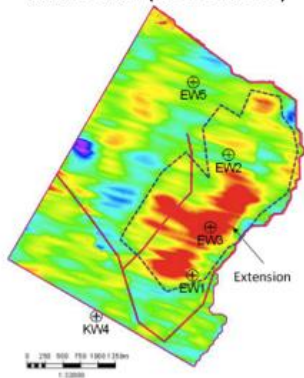
MEQ & Seismic  
Integration for Shale  
Reservoirs

Tomography Based  
Reservoir Modeling

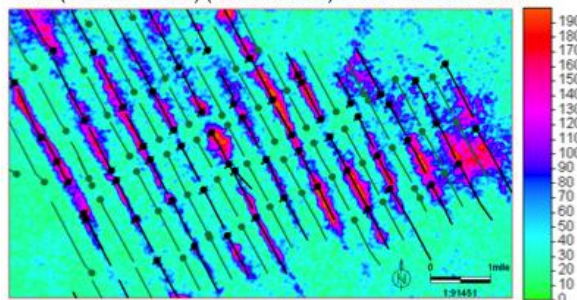


# 4D Reservoir Monitoring

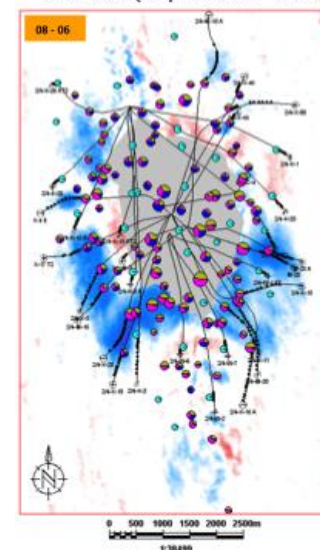
Time Shift (2001-1989)



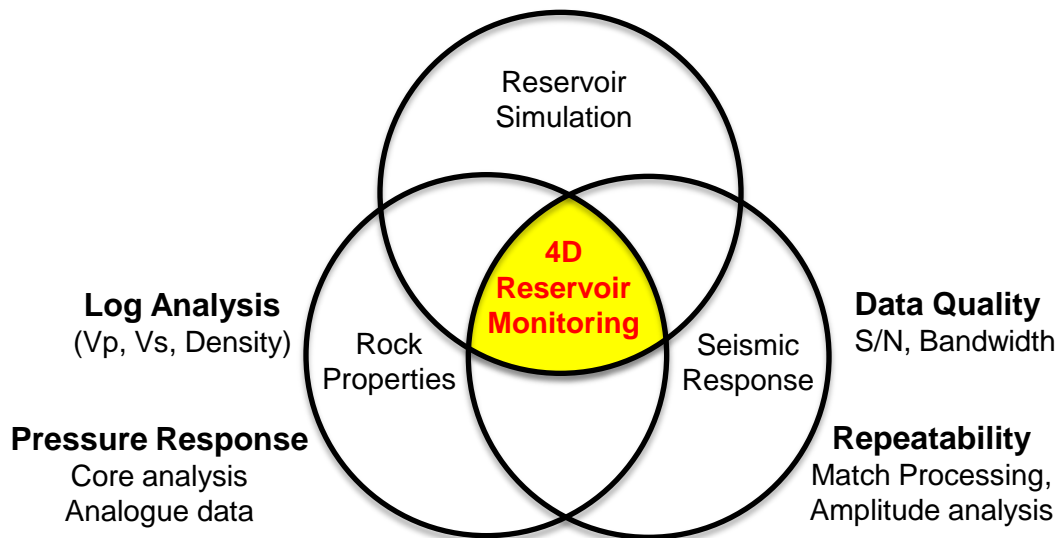
RMS (Monitor – Base) (20ms window) over reservoir interval



Time Shift ( Top reservoir -20 ms)



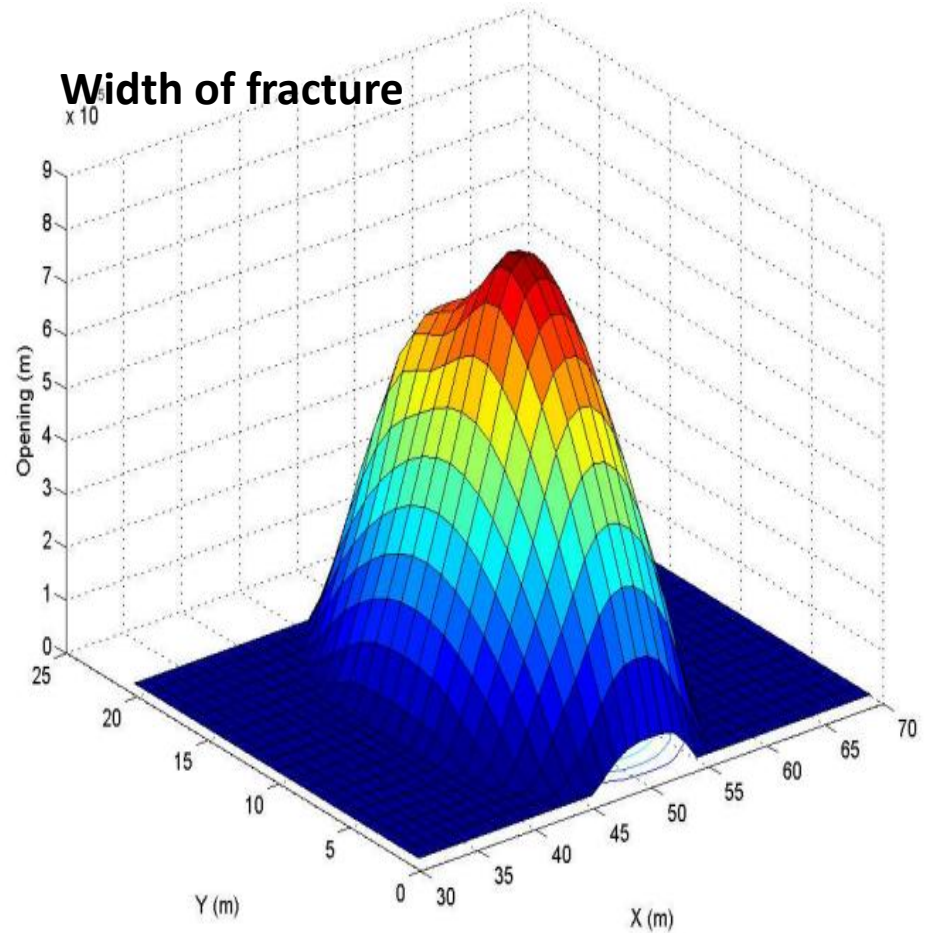
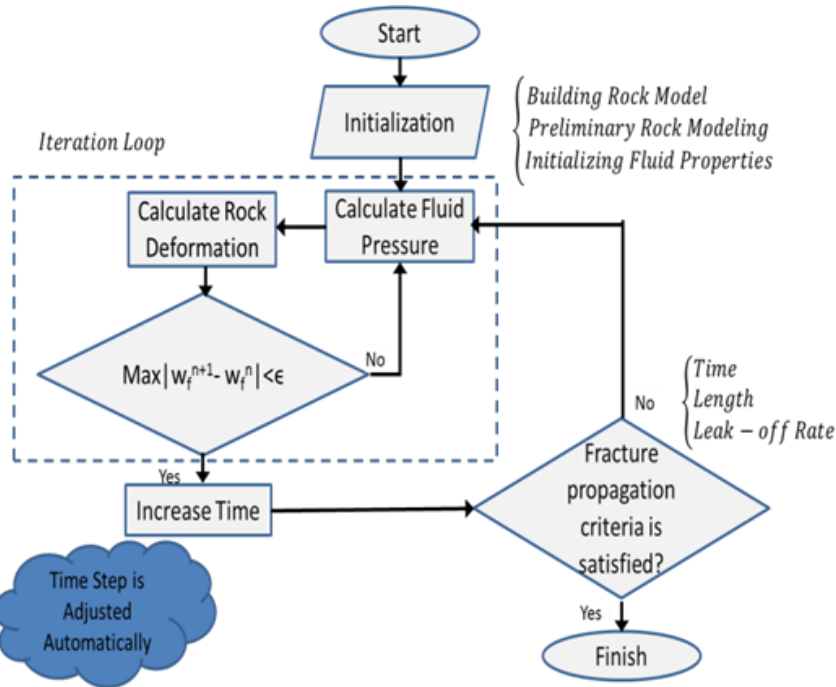
**Full-field model**  
prediction pressure,  
saturation, Geomechanics



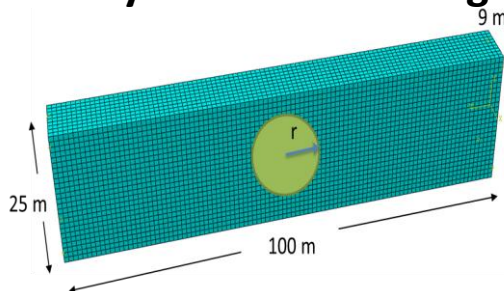


# Analysis of Hydraulic Fracturing

## Modeling of Fracture Initiation and Propagation



Hydraulic Fracturing Simulation



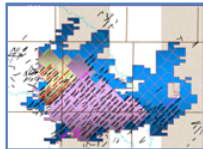
Cross section view of discretized reservoir



# CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR

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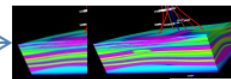
## Target Areas for CO<sub>2</sub> Pilot



Saturation & Pressure Distributions  
Fractures, Risks & Opportunities

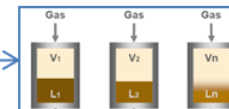
## Screening Studies

## Reservoir Uncertainties



Differential Fluid Movement,  
Facies, Vertical Barriers,  
High-Perm Streaks, Fracture Corridors

## CO<sub>2</sub> Fluid Characterization



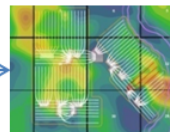
Representative Fluid Sample  
Multi-Contact Miscibility,  
Asphaltine Deposition during  
production

## CO<sub>2</sub> Core Tests



CO<sub>2</sub> SCAL, Residual Oil  
Saturation

## Sensitivity Studies

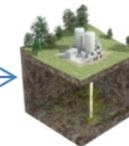


Well and Completion  
Types, Injection Schemes,  
Mobility Control Agents

## Site Selection

Key Success Factors  
Conformance, Residual  
Oil Saturation, Risks &  
Opportunities

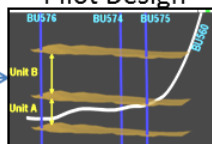
## Tests under reservoir conditions



Residual Oil, Miscibility  
CO<sub>2</sub> SCAL, Asphaltine, Foam  
Fluid & Rock Interactions

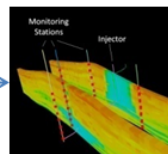
Technical  
Success?

## Pilot Design



Observation Wells  
Completion Types & Control,  
Reservoir and Well Monitoring,  
Mitigation Plans

## Pilot Execution



Reservoir & Well Monitoring  
Injection & Production Control  
Mobility Reduction  
Real-time Model Update

## Pilot Evaluation

Lessons Learned  
Data Integration &  
Production Forecasting

Key Success  
Factors Met?

## Sector / Field Development

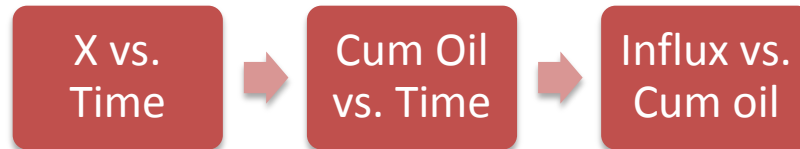


Sector Model  
Remaining Uncertainties  
Risk Mitigation,  
Opportunities



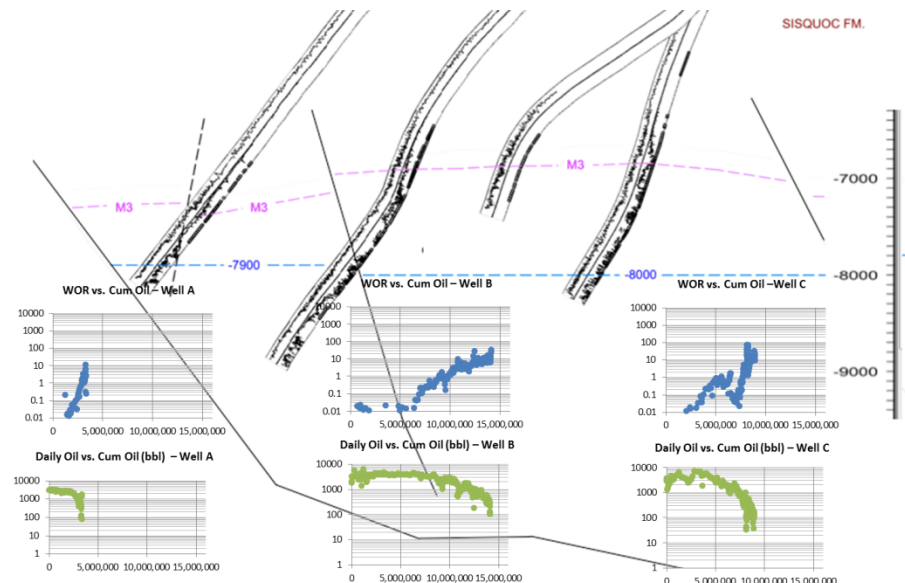
# Monitoring Water Influx in Compartmentalized Fractured Reservoirs

- Methodology is effective in dynamic monitoring
- Production data provides excellent opportunities to monitor water movement



- Need for more frequent well tests
- Need for the development of a response library

## Evidence of Compartmentalization WOR

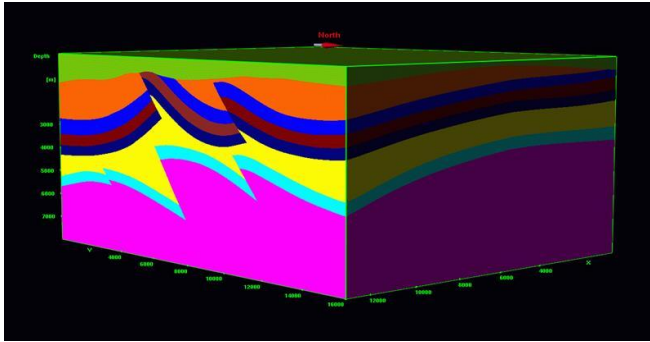






# Physical Models

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**3-D geological structure**



**A shale reservoir model in a water tank to simulate seismic response**

**1- Complex geological structures**  
The model has the complex structure: large-scale thrust-structure, the formation of large dip angle, high angle fault, high and steep structure characteristics.

## **2- Shale Reservoir Model**

The model would simulate different fracture networks for different types of shale

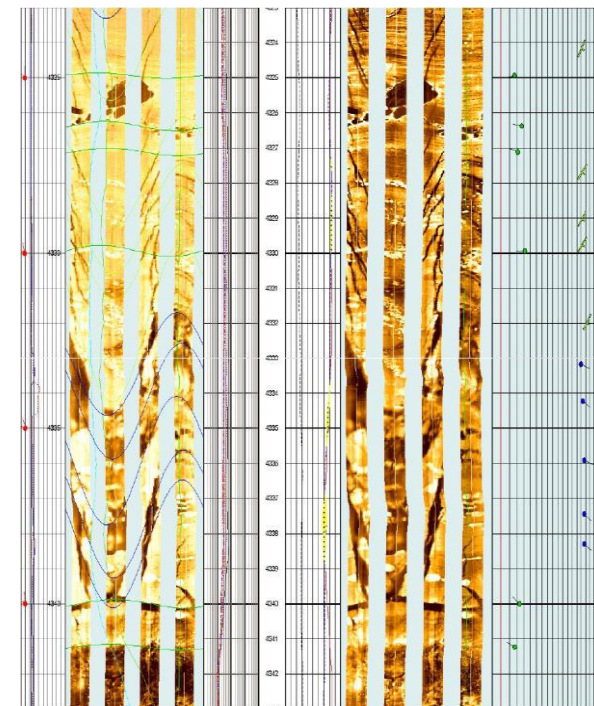
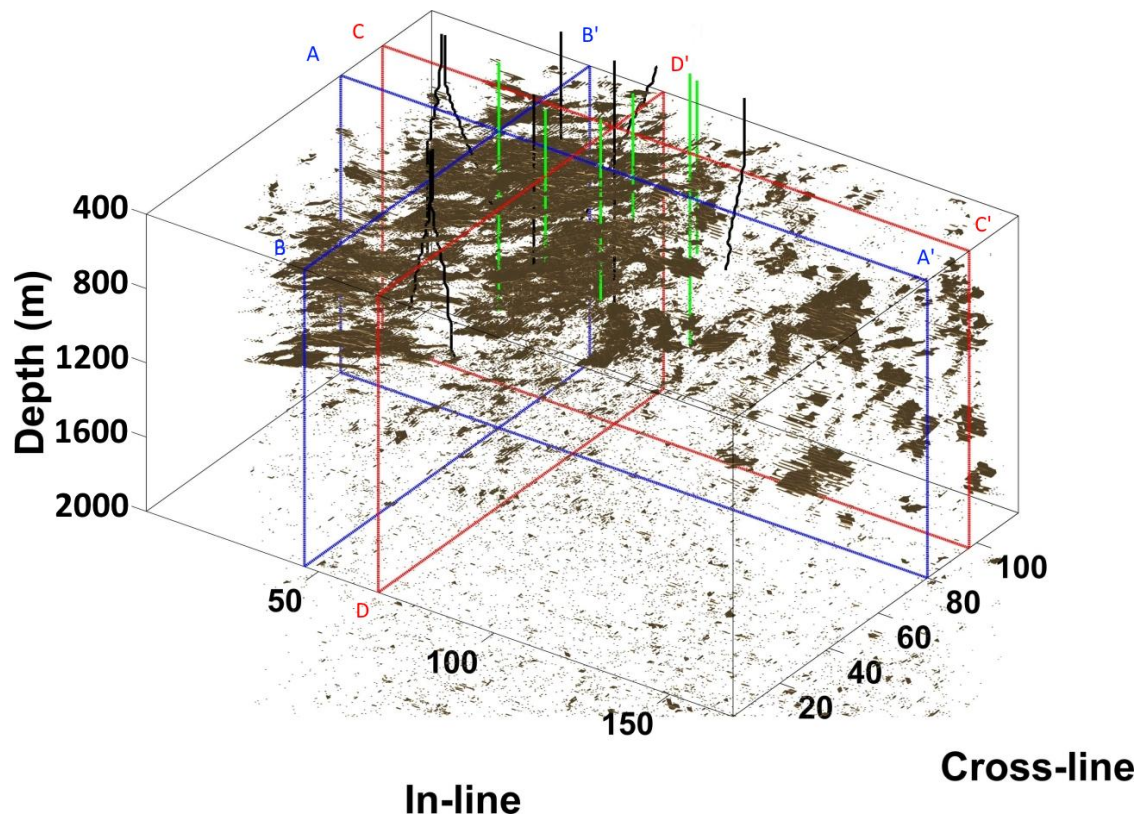
With **Chinese University of Petroleum**

**Prof. Wang , Prof. Yong**



# Fracture Mapping using MEQ, Seismic & Petrophysical Data

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**Identify fractures & generate  
fracture logs**

**HYBRID FZI ATTRIBUTE MAPPING (ANN)**

$$FZI_n = F\{\phi_w, Z_n, V_{Pn}, V_{Sn}, \rho_w, V_{En}\}$$

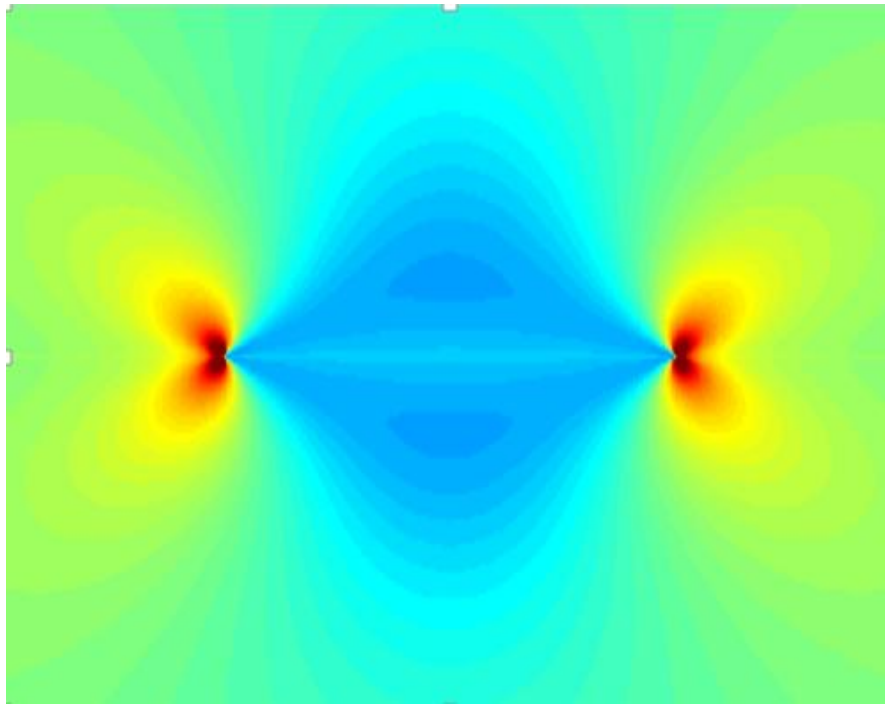
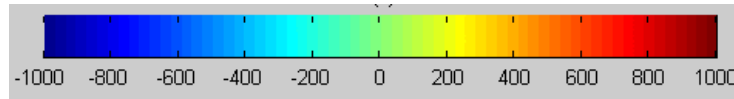
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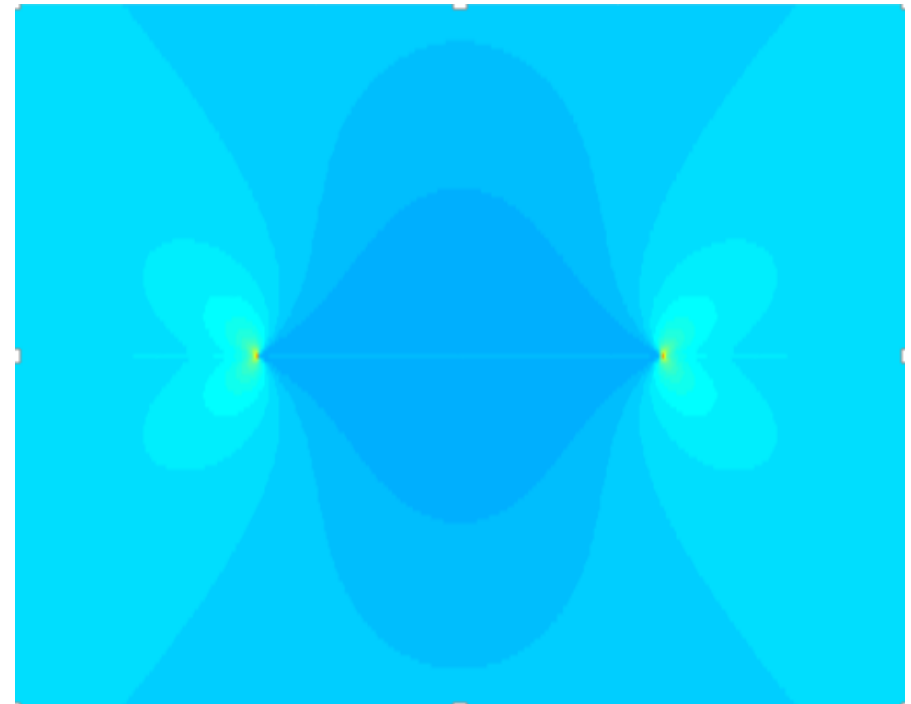


# Shear Potential in Different Reservoir Conditions

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High Reservoir and Injection Pressure (psi)



High Reservoir Pressure (psi)



## RMC Individually Sponsored Projects (ISP)

### RMC -ISP

Next Generation  
Visualization **X**

Tracer Analysis for EOR/  
Reservoir Monitoring  
**KOC**

Monitoring kick and  
overpressure  
**NETL/Aramco**

In-situ Stresses for  
hydrofracture (ISH)  
**Saudi Aramco**

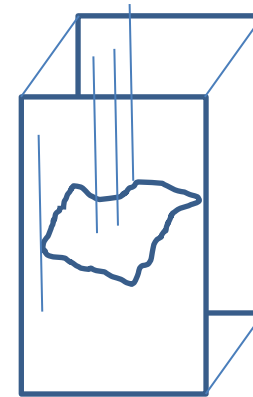
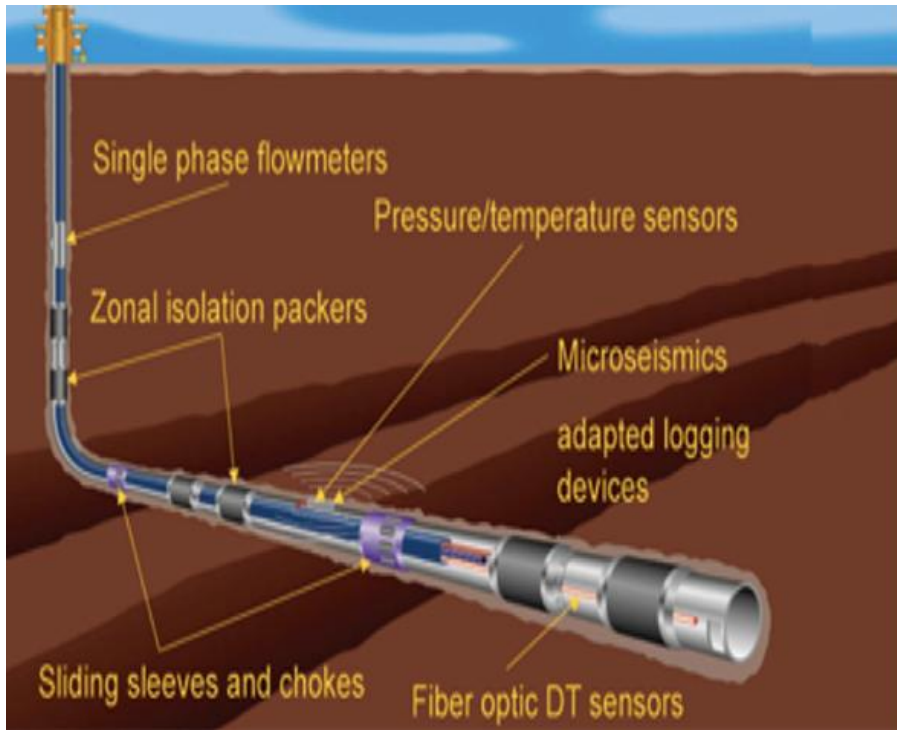
Advanced Hydraulic  
Fracturing Test Bed  
**DOGGR?**

HCl with Absorption and  
Anisotropic AVO  
**X**

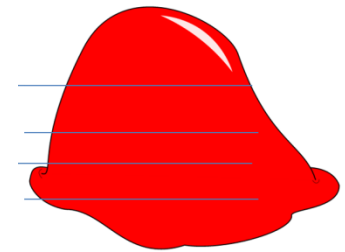


# Individually Sponsored Project (ISP) **RMC**

## Smart Tracer Technology



**Data Response & Interpretation**



**Blob- EOR/IOR  
3D Geomodel**

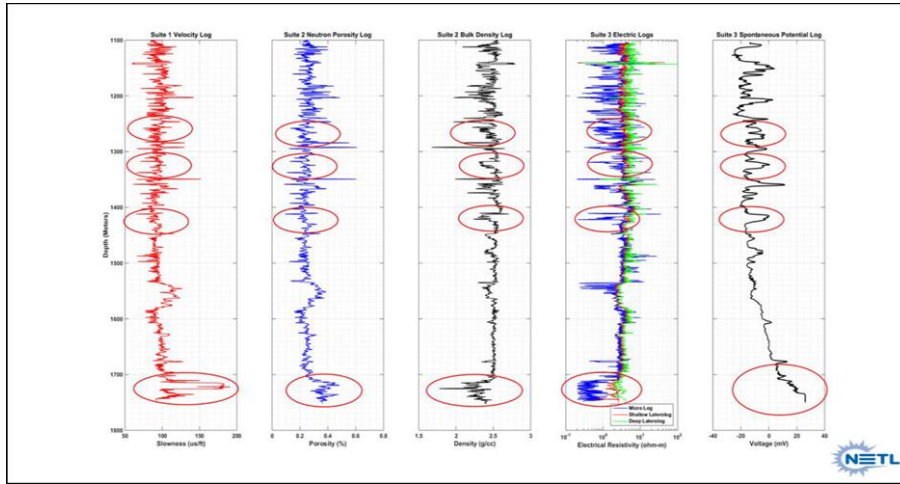


A novel approach using downhole sensing and dynamic simulation is now being developed to address \challenges and aid in the identification of pathways, improve sweep efficiency and indicate Sor.



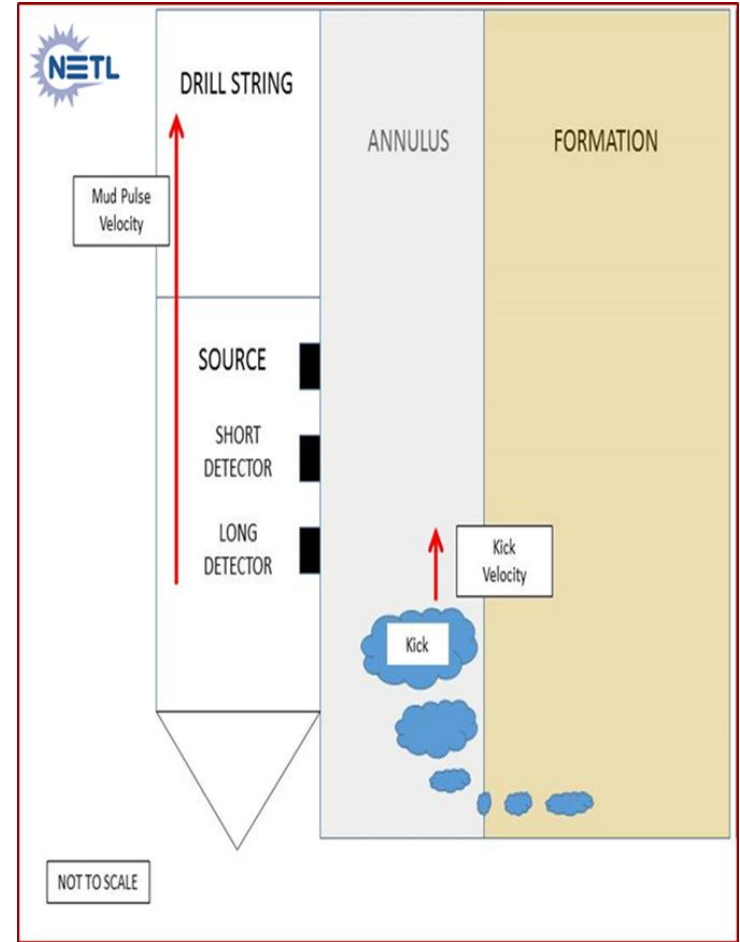
# Individually Sponsored Project (ISP) **RMC**

## Real Time Kick Detection at the Bit



In collaboration with NETL and Saudi Aramco, the algorithms will be validated and tested by using historical well log measurements of wells that encountered number of kick events.

After the validation phase to ensure working under field conditions, the algorithms will be trail tested with real time wellbore data.





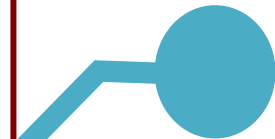
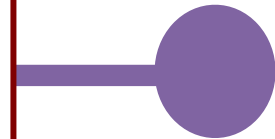
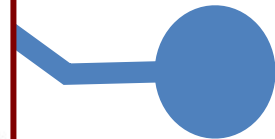
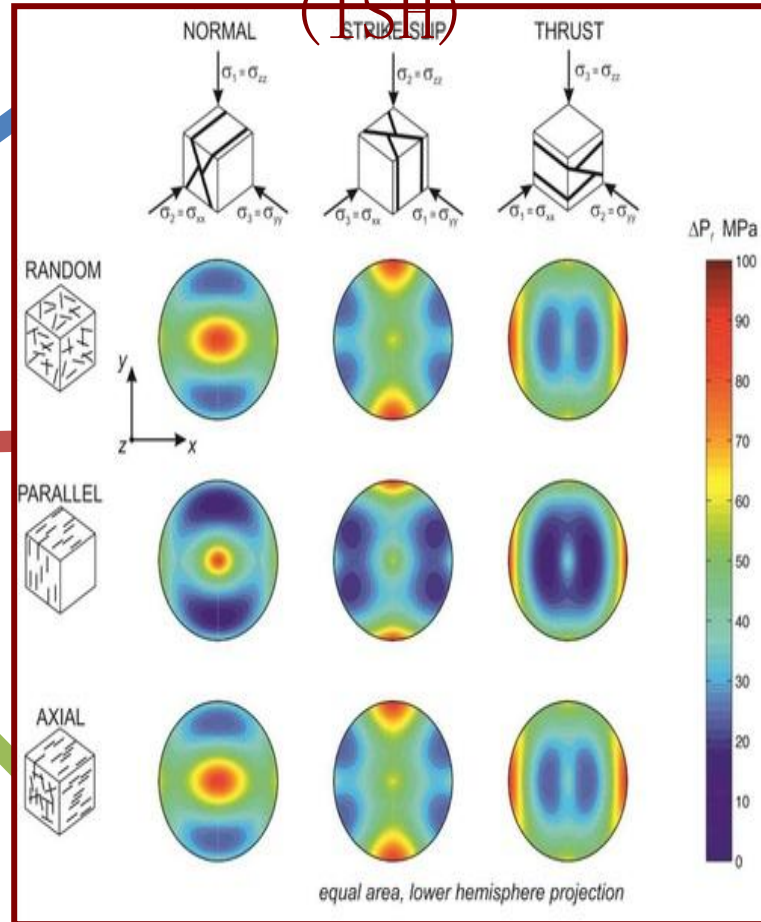
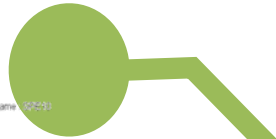
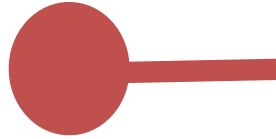
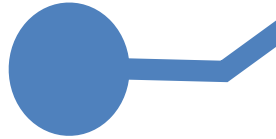
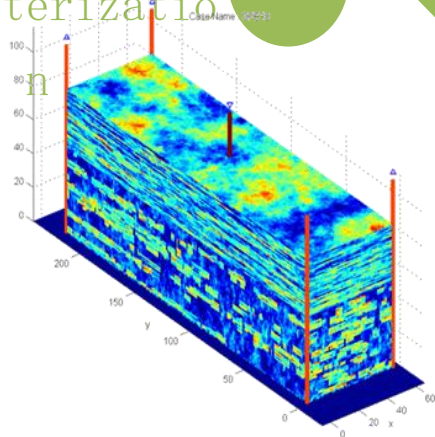
# Individually Sponsored Project (ISP) **RMC** In-situ Stress in Hydraulic Fracturing

(ISH)

Determine regional fracture

Seismic attribute

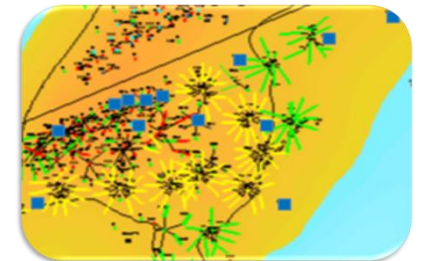
Fracture characterization



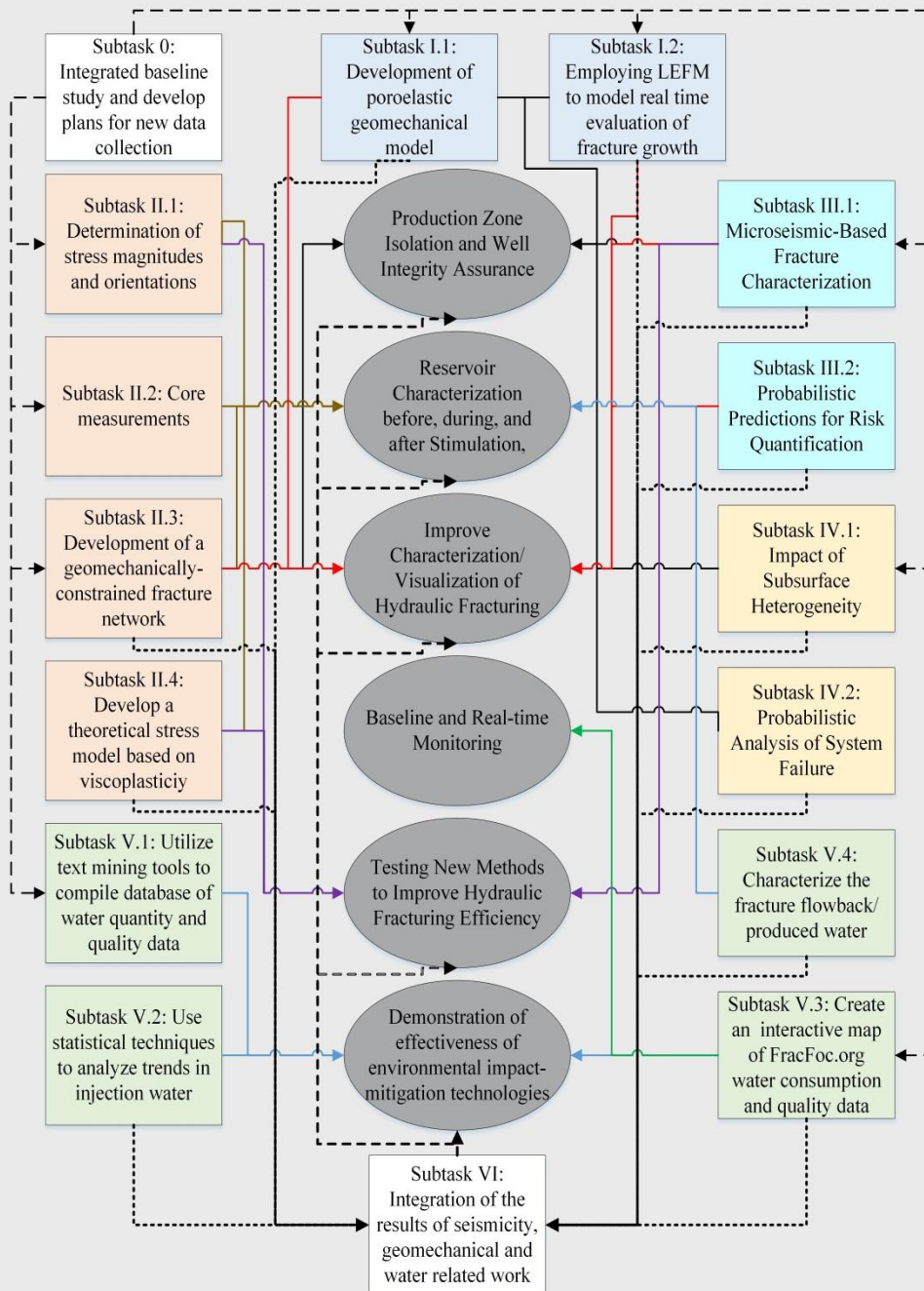
Well logs

Velocity models

Cores analysis







**Enhance  
efficiency and  
safety of shale  
production**



# Conclusions

**RMC**

- Reservoir Monitoring is a truly multi-disciplinary problem
- RMS offers the expertise and know how from different USC entities
- RMC base provides a platform for low cost technology development and application with leveraging opportunities
- RMC ISP offers a focused R&D with the priorities of different companies and other organizations
- Leveraging Opportunities with ISC and other programs