



# Characterization of a World Class Carbon Dioxide Storage Complex in Kemper County, Mississippi, USA

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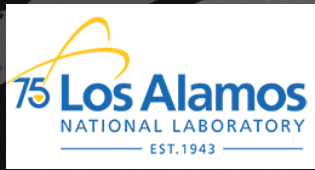
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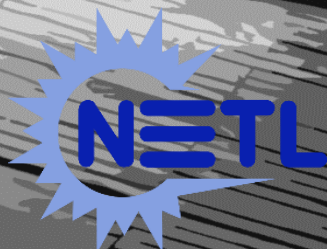
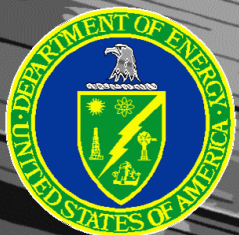
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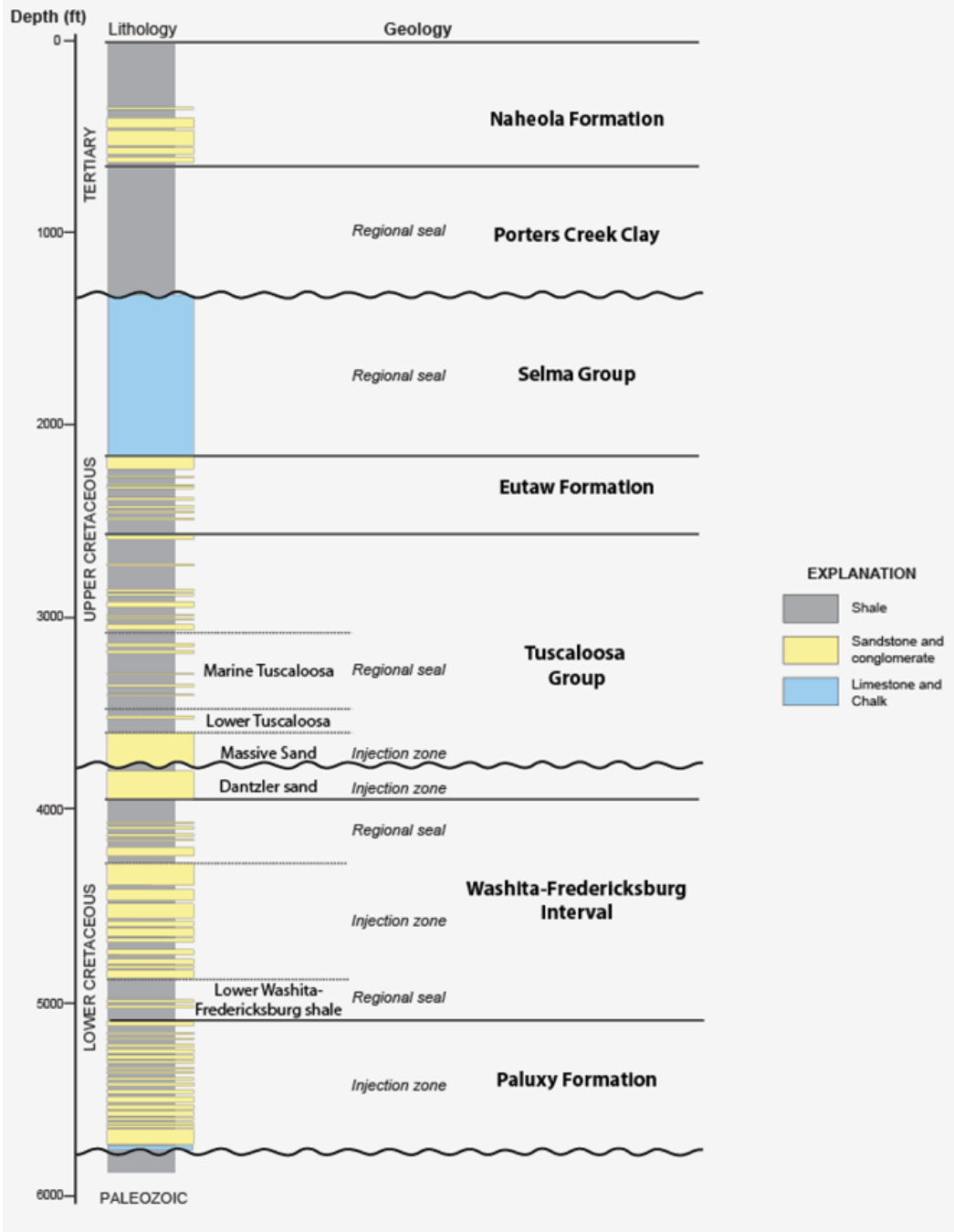
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# Kemper Storage Complex Stratigraphy



- **Storage zones**

- Lower Tuscaloosa Grp ('Massive' sand)
- Washita-Fredericksburg interval
- Paluxy Formation

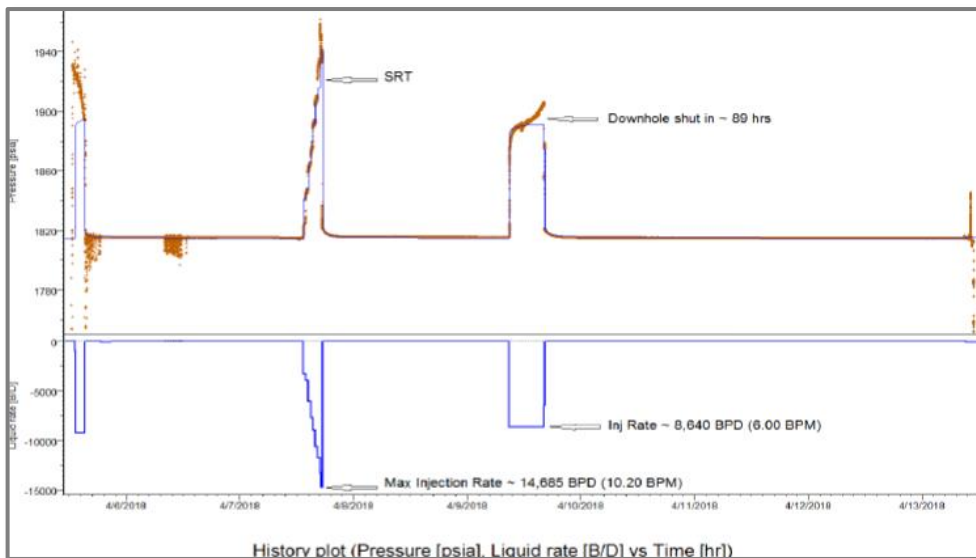
- **Confinement**

- Tuscaloosa marine shale
- Shale interval at top of the Washita-Fredericksburg
- Shale interval at base of Washita-Fredericksburg
- Shallower seals in the Selma and Midway Groups



# Data Collection

- Three characterization/monitoring wells were drilled in 2017 to test and characterize geologic properties
- 200 ft of hole core was taken from the Paluxy and Washita-Fredericksburg reservoirs and the Marine Tuscaloosa shale confining unit
- Reservoir fluid sampling
- Injection tests confirm porosity/permeability

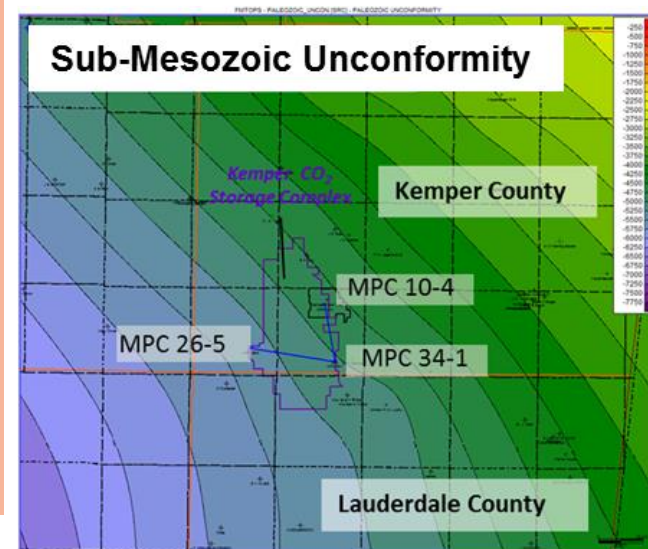
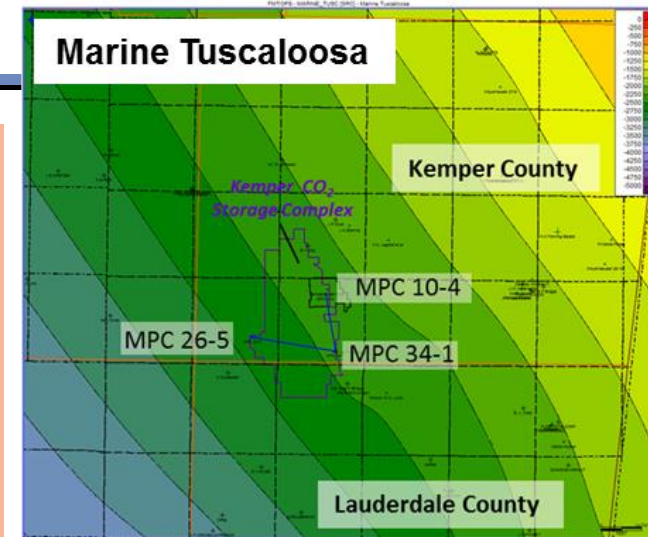
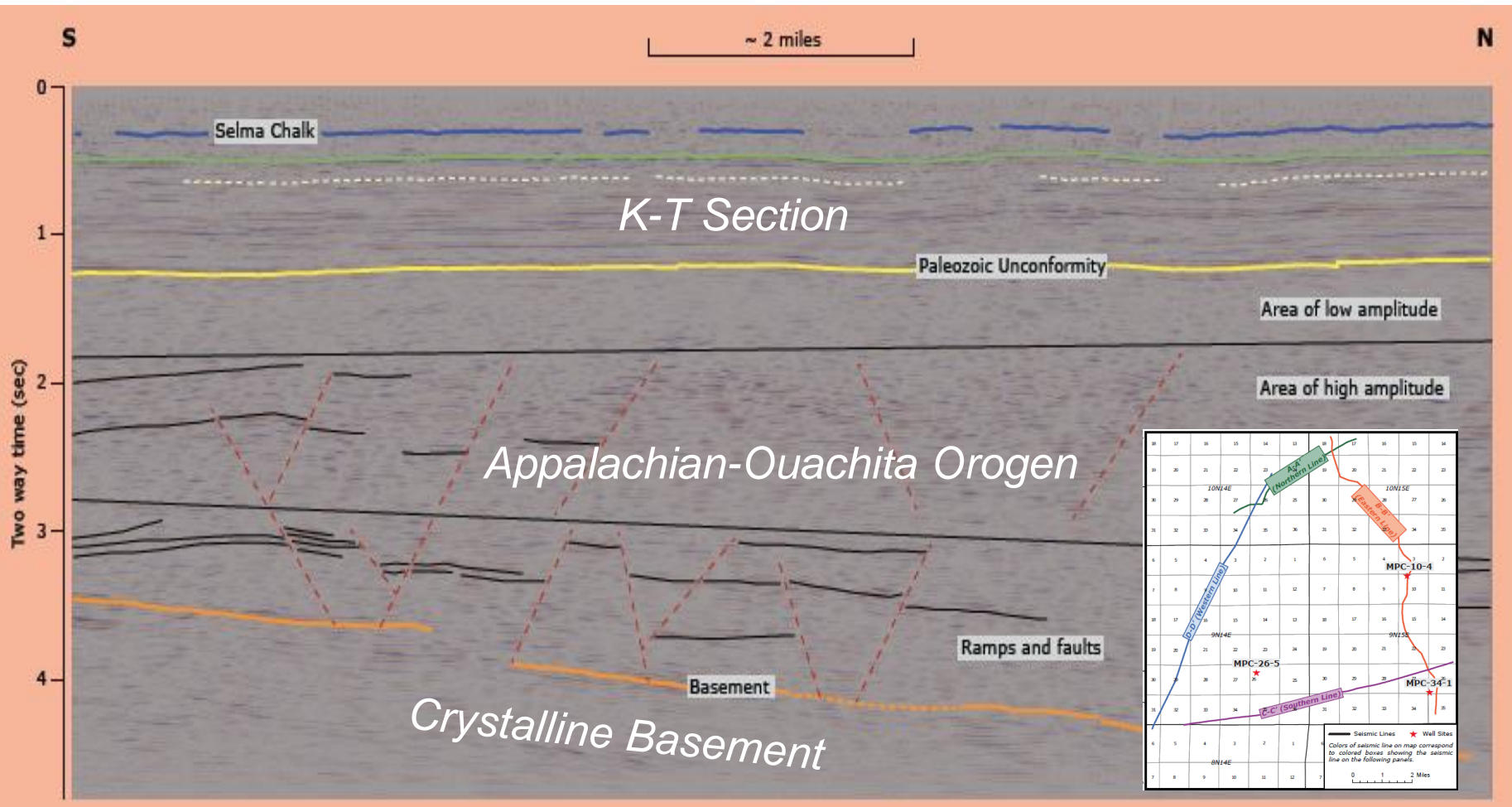


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# Kemper Storage Complex Geologic Structure





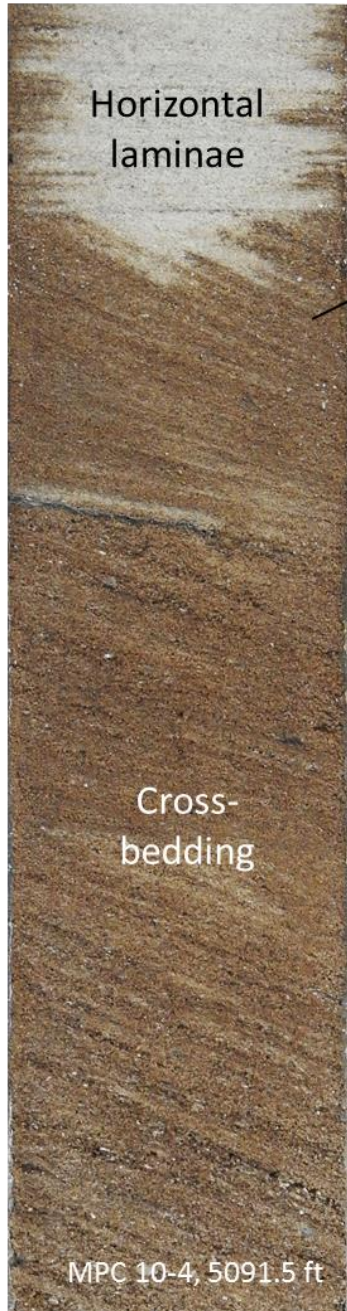
## Paluxy sandstone

# Rock Properties

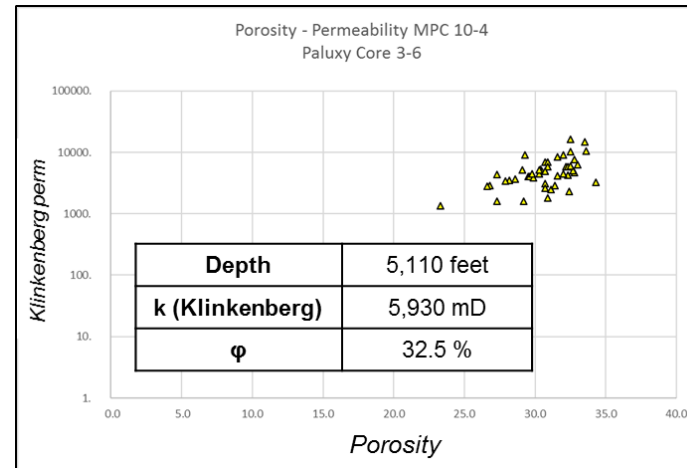
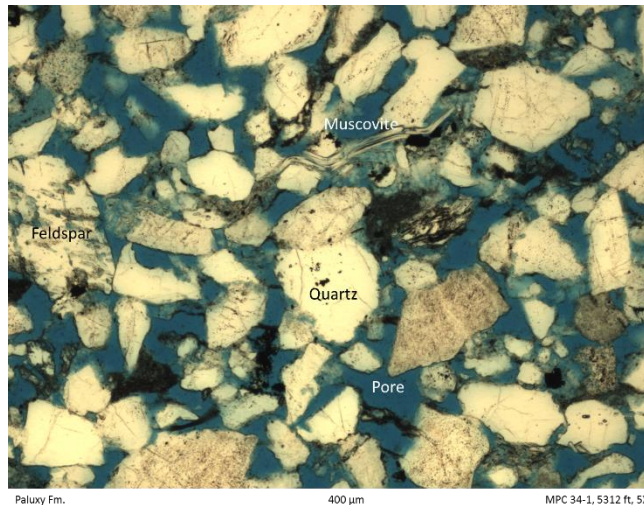
## Paluxy mudstone

- 350 meters of net sand. Logs and core show sandstone average porosity of 30%(!!)
- Darcy-class permeability common (up to 16 Darcies)
- Mudrock units are likely effective seals; slow permeation of the mudrock pore systems makes significant migration of injected CO<sub>2</sub> out of the storage complex unlikely.

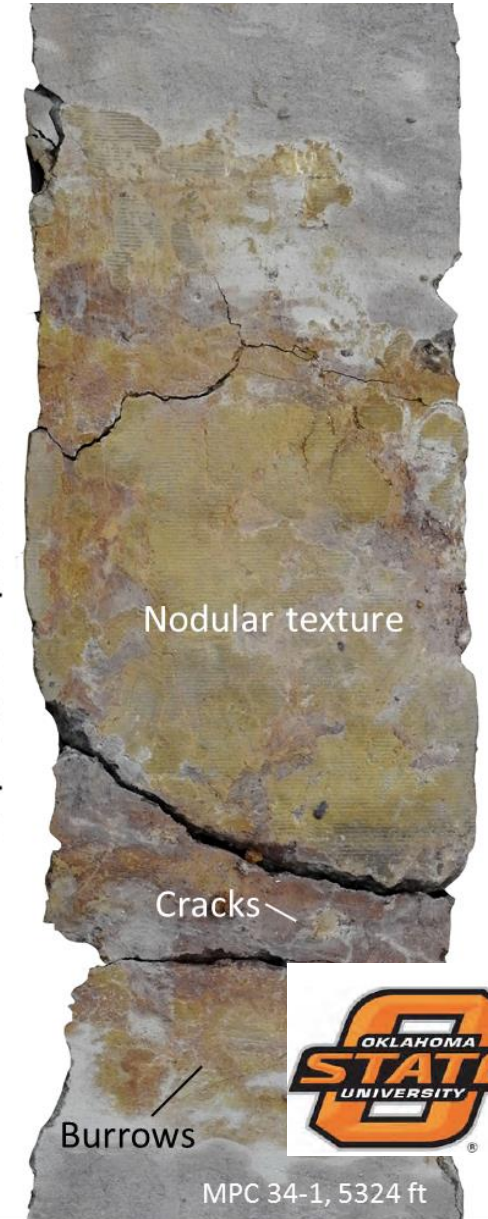
Interpretation: sandy braided stream deposit



### High-porosity sandstone in Paluxy Formation



Interpretation: paleosol

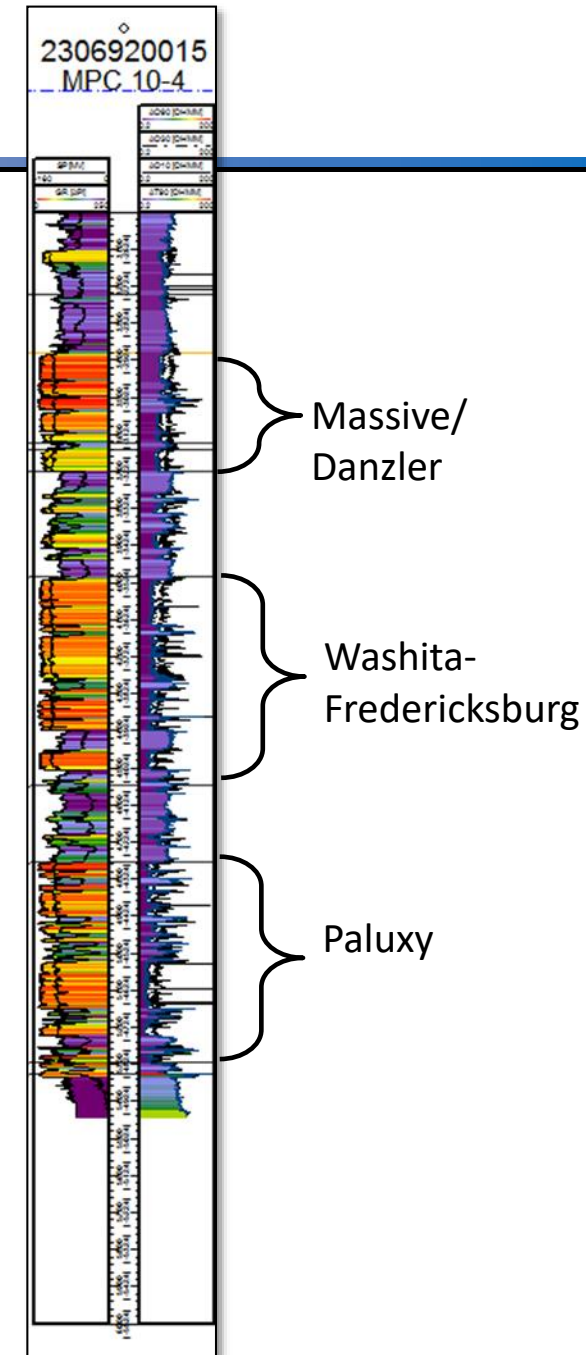


# Storage Complex Capacity

- Each of the three potential storage zones have commercial capacity
- Together the three storage zones result in a gigatonne capacity storage complex that has the potential to act as a regional hub

CO <sub>2</sub> Storage Reservoir	P <sub>10</sub> Capacity (MMmt)	P <sub>50</sub> Capacity (MMmt)	P <sub>90</sub> Capacity (MMmt)
Massive/Dantzler	60	120	200
Wash.-Fred.	280	540	920
Paluxy	160	310	530
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>1,660</b>

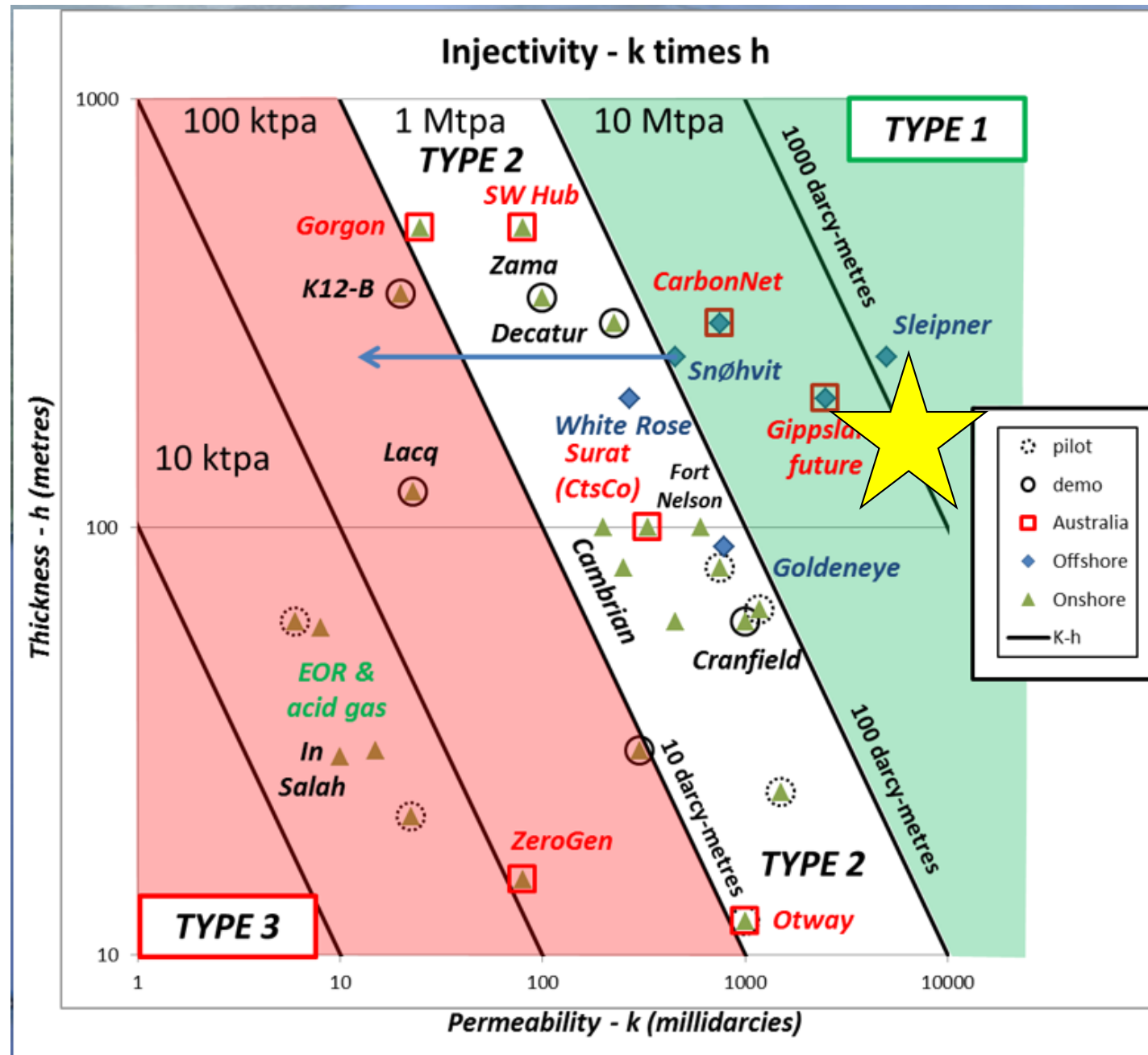
DOE methodology for site-specific saline storage efficiency calculation based on fluid displacement factors for clastic reservoirs where net pay, net thickness and net porosity are known of 7.4% (P<sub>10</sub>), 14% (P<sub>50</sub>) and 24% (P<sub>90</sub>) (Goodman et al., 2011)





# What in the World is a “World Class” Storage Complex?

- High permeability x net thickness
- Lower geomechanical risk
- Cheaper injection/storage costs
- Capacity to take a LOT of CO<sub>2</sub>



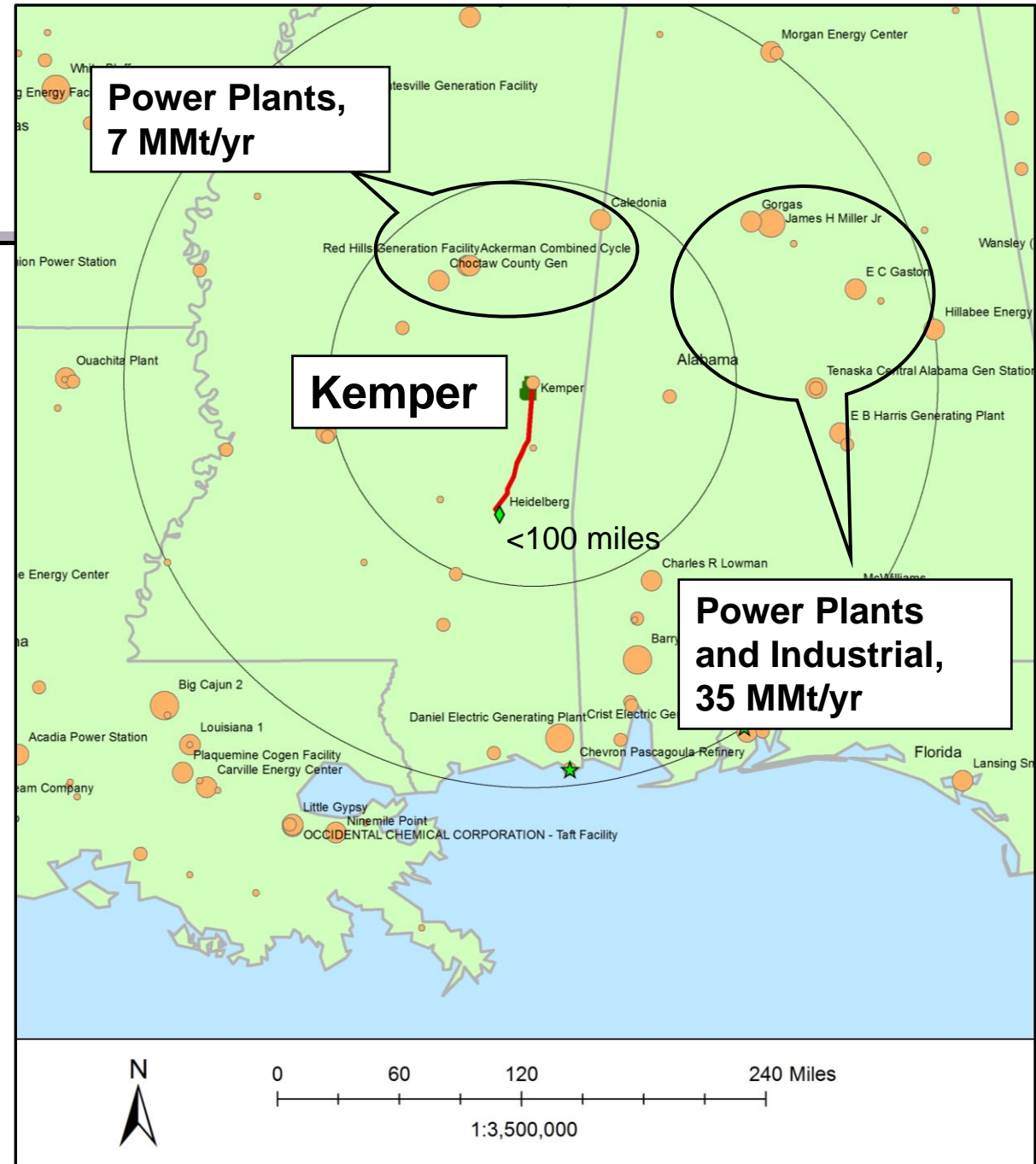
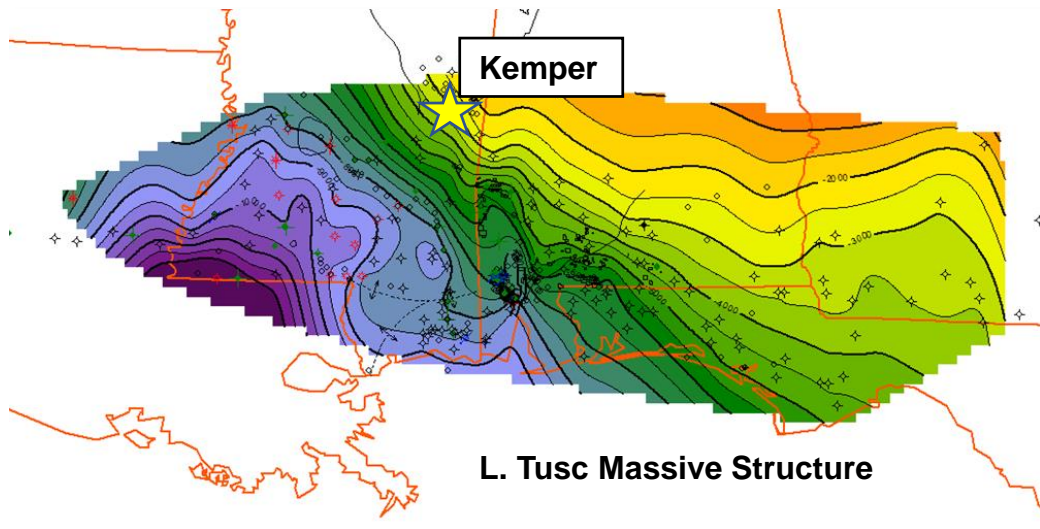
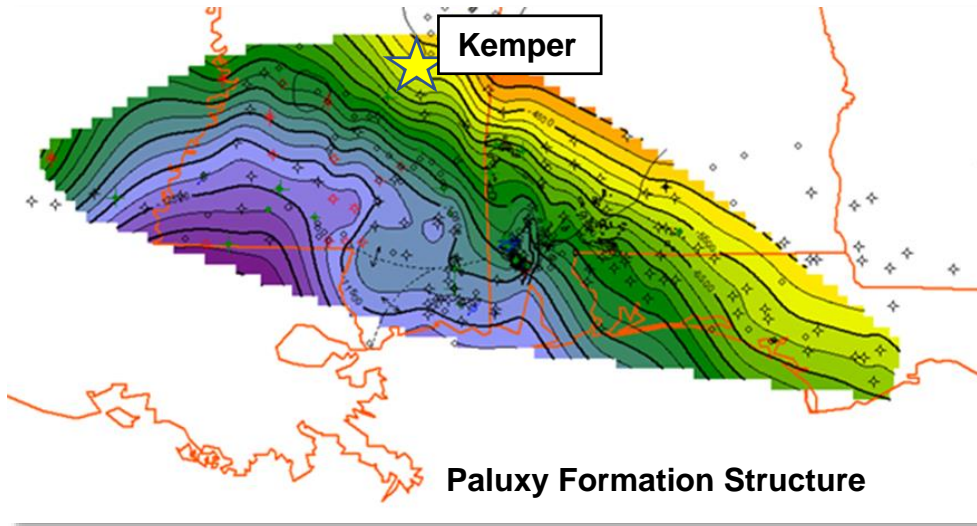
Hoffman et al., 2016. CarbonNet Storage Site Characterisation

# Storage Costs

- Low-cost storage options occur beneath the energy facility
  - \$2.00 - \$4.00 USD per metric ton
- This drives the value proposition where existing Kemper infrastructure could be utilized for CO<sub>2</sub> capture, compression, transportation and storage
- Given the expanded U.S. 45Q tax credit for CO<sub>2</sub> storage, having geologic storage data and cost estimates drives ongoing:
  - Applying data to internal resource planning and modeling
  - Improving internal transportation, storage and monitoring cost information
- Evaluation of Kemper site as a regional storage hub



# Regional CO<sub>2</sub> Sources



# Summary

## A low risk CO<sub>2</sub> storage prospect

- Storage zones have exceptional capacity
- Caprocks are laterally continuous, confining properties are encouraging
- No structural “show stoppers”

**Low storage costs drive commercial storage potential**

**Large point sources of CO<sub>2</sub> within a 100 to 200-mile radius**

