



2024 Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Peer Review Panel Workshop

Elizabeth Caneja, Lead Project Manager
July 10, 2024

Welcome/Workshop Logistics

- **Welcome/Meeting Purpose and Objectives**
- **Introductions**
 - Panel members
 - ASR team members
- **Workshop/Meeting Format**
 - July 9th, 9am - 3pm (Site Visit for Panelists and Project Team)
 - July 10th, 8:30am – 4:15pm (Zoom Meeting for Panelists, Project Team, and Members of the Public)
 - Panel discussion throughout the day
 - Public comment period prior to lunch and prior to closing remarks

Workshop Agenda

2024 AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY (ASR) SCIENCE PLAN PEER REVIEW PANEL

AGENDA

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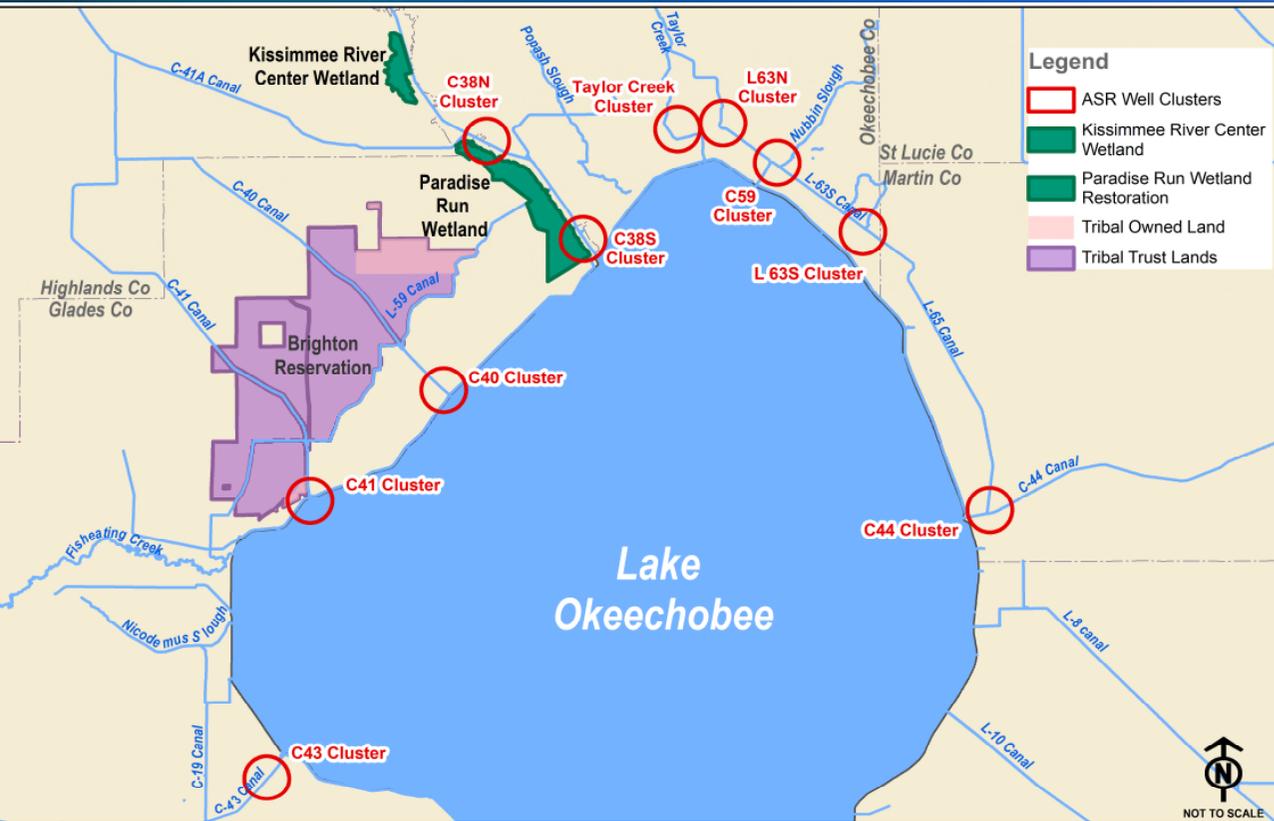
8:30 AM

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use

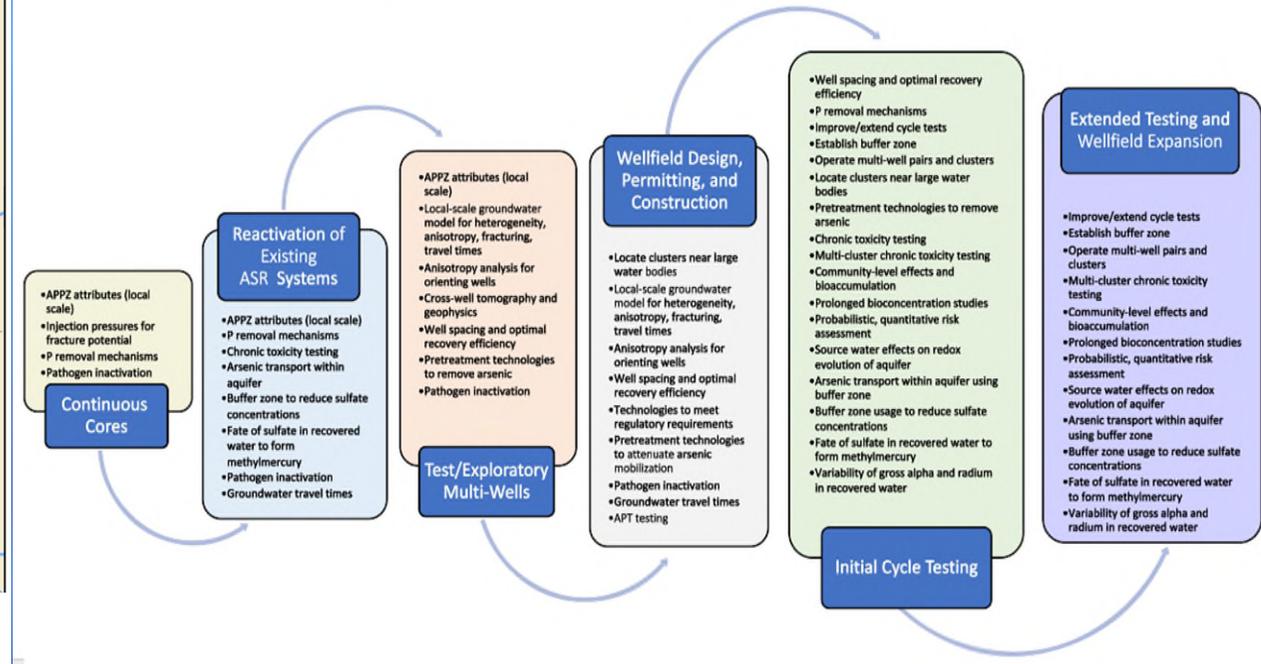
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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks - Liz Caneja, Lead Project Manager, SFWMD
2. Continuous Core and Aquifer Pump Test Results - Rick Cowles, P.G., Principal Senior Hydrogeologist, Stantec
3. Geochemistry of C38s, L63N, and L63 Continuous Cores - Jamie MacDonald, Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Florida Gulf Coast University
4. Break
5. SFWMD Okeechobee 2D Seismic Program Overview - John Jansen, P.G., P.Gp., Ph.D., Principal Geophysicist/Hydrogeologist, Collier Geophysics, LLC
6. Multi-Well Assessment of Fracture Porosity of the Floridian Aquifer System in Support of Future ASR Wells in Northern Lake Okeechobee - Kevin Cunningham, Ph.D., and Victor Flores, Research Hydrogeologists, United States Geological Survey (USGS) - Caribbean - Florida Water Science Center
7. Characterization of Microbial and Geochemical Processes that Contribute to Nutrient Reduction and Potential Clogging - John Lisle, Ph.D., Microbial Ecologist, USGS - St. Petersburg Coastal and Marine Science Center
8. Panel Discussion
9. Public Comment
10. Quantitative Ecological Risk Assessment Plan - Next Steps - Joseph Allen, Senior Wildlife Biologist/Ecological Risk Assessor, Formation Environmental
11. ASR Ecological Risk Assessment Pre-Operational Ecological Monitoring Year 1 Results - Jennifer Mathia, Principal Scientist, Environmental Consulting and Technology
12. Break
13. Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project (LOWRP) ASR Treatment Technology - Treatment System Update - Heath Wintz, P.E., Project Technical Lead, Stantec
14. Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) and LOWRP-ASR Studies Update - Matthew Farthing, Ph.D. (Project Lead), Mandy Michalsen, Ph.D. (Task A Lead), and Martin Page, Ph.D. (Task E Lead), USACE-ERDC
17. Panel Discussion
16. Public Comment
17. Closing Remarks and Expected Progress Over the Next Two Years - Anna Wachnicka, Ph.D., Principal Scientist/ASR Science Plan Project Manager, SFWMD
18. Adjourn

LOWRP Revised Recommended Plan (Alt ASR)



ASR Phased Implementation as Recommended by the National Research Council



Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)

- 55 ASR wells
- 308,000 acre-feet of storage per year

Wetland Restoration

- Kissimmee River Center: ~1,200 acres
- Paradise Run: ~4,700 acres

ASR Science Plan

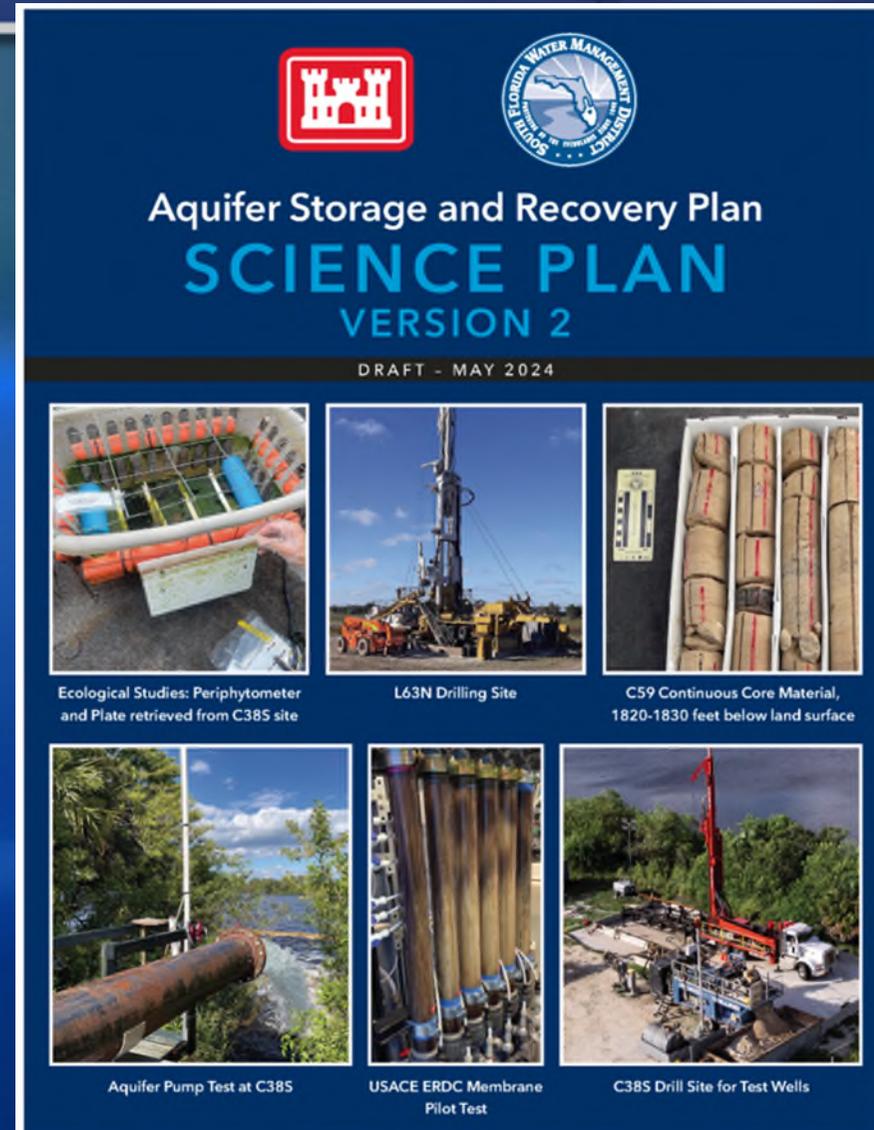
➤ Purpose:

- Address the NRC uncertainties with ASR
- Guide the ASR phased implementation with science
- Provide annual or as needed update on the work progress
 - Workshops held annually to biannually to discuss the studies and findings
 - Update prepared with guidance from an independent peer review panel

➤ Status:

- Draft 2022 ASR Science Plan was posted for public review in October 2022
- The next version of the plan will be referred to as ASR Science Plan Update Version 2

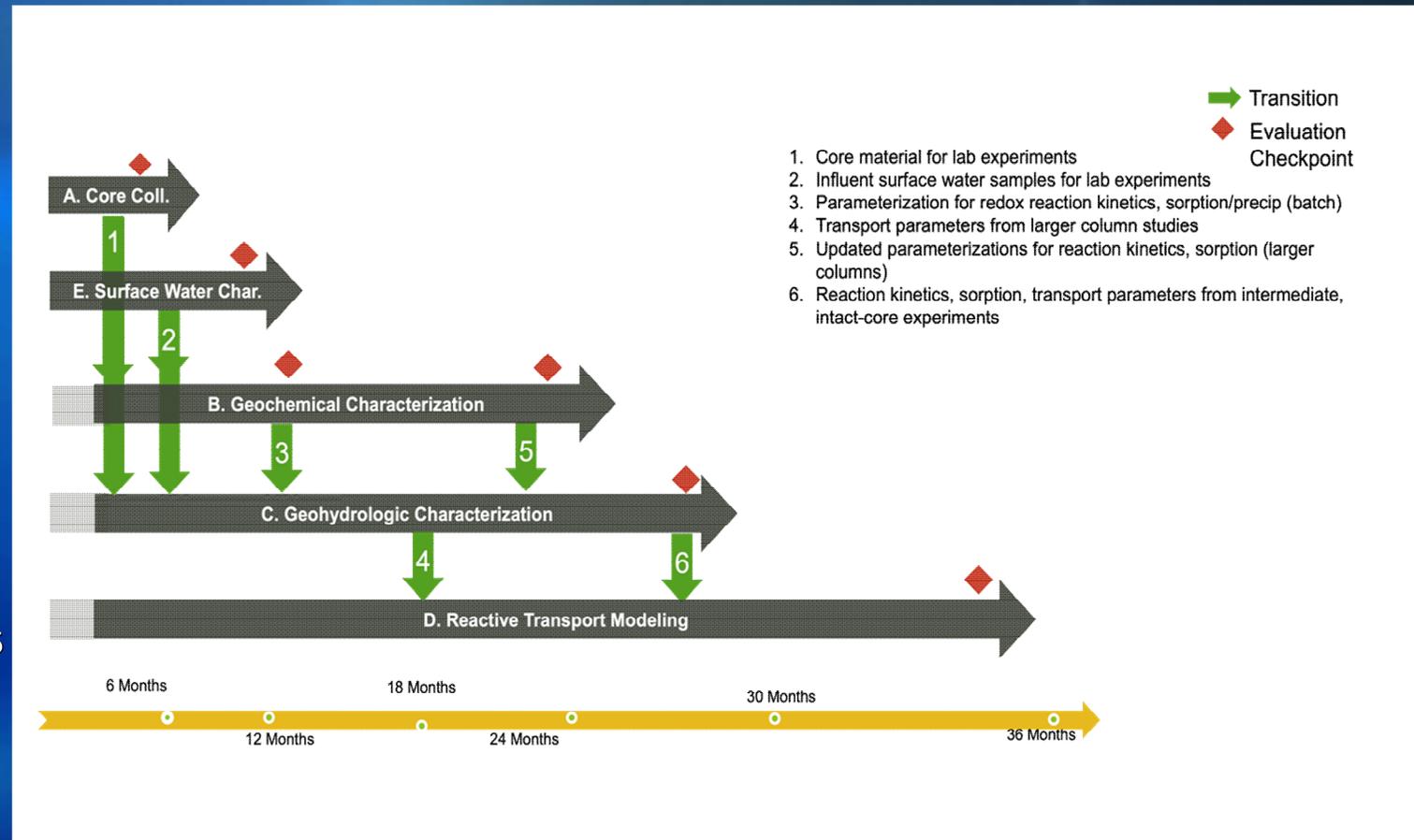
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USACE Identified Uncertainties with ASR

- Water Quality Uncertainty
- Construction Cost Uncertainty
- O&M Cost Uncertainty

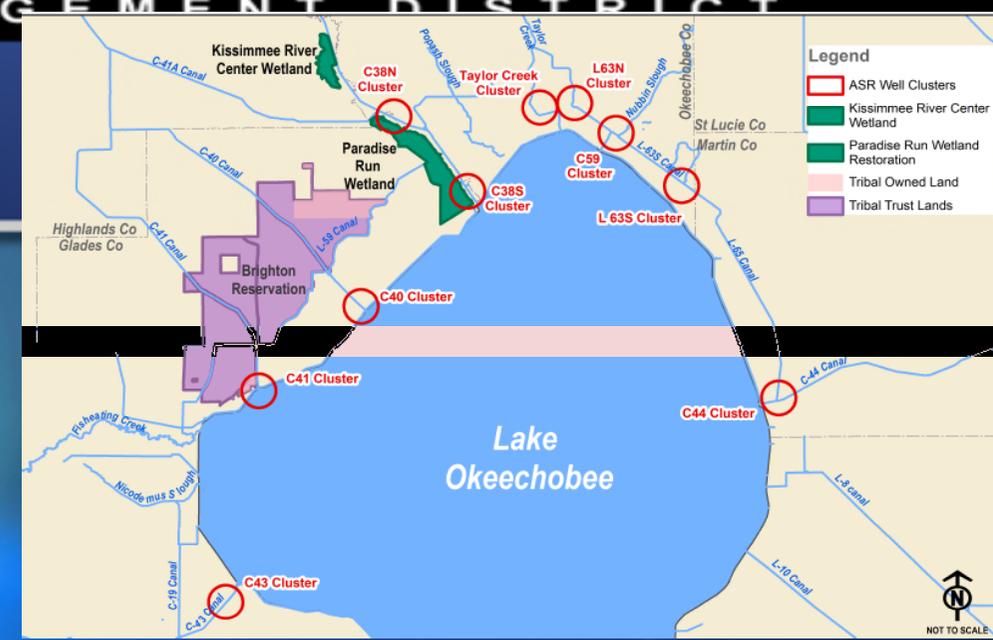
- USACE ERDC Research:
 - Executed agreement to prepare a SOW to begin addressing the identified major uncertainties
 - ERDC Staff has collected cores for water quality studies
 - Various studies will take several months to years to complete



ASR Construction Progress

➤ ASR Construction Progress from 2020-2024:

- Completed Continuous Cores at C38S, L63N, L63S and C59
- Completed Test Wells 1 & 2 at C38S and C38N
- Completed Aquifer Pump Tests for Test Wells at C38S and C38N
- Currently Drilling Test Wells 1 & 2 at L63N
- Design is underway for Demonstration Facility

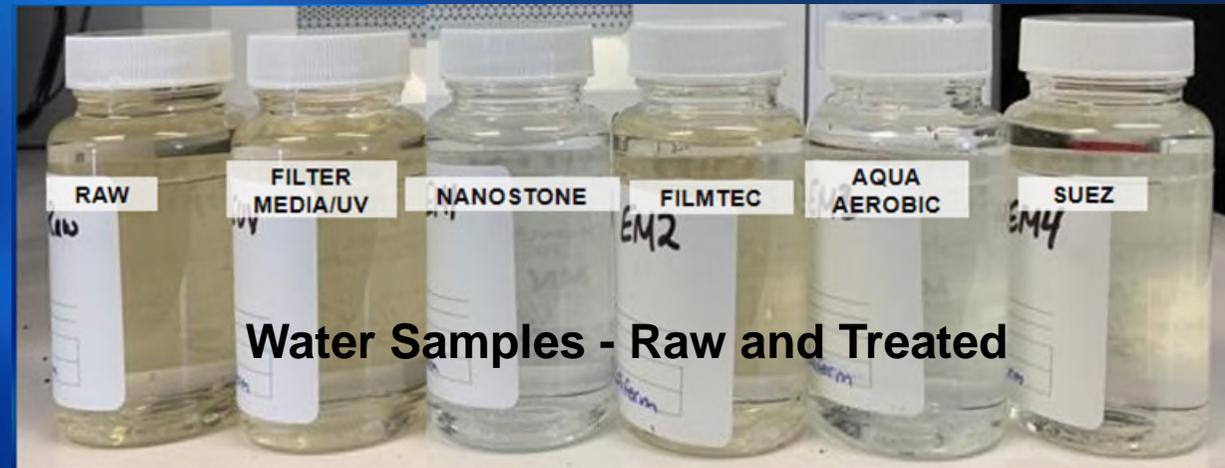


Treatment Technology Evaluation to Meet Drinking Water Standards

Proof of Concept Testing



- Water treated to meet primary and secondary drinking water criteria
- Proof-of-Concept was conducted to determine suitable technology to meet permitting requirements
- Several technologies were tested including ceramic membranes, polymeric membranes, and mediation filtration + UV



Schedule to Update the ASR Science Plan

Studies	2023												2024											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
USGS Fracture Porosity Analysis														■										
USGS Biologging Research																			■					
FGCU Geochemistry																			■					
Collier Geophysics – Seismic Surveys								■																
Regional Fracture Analysis (Stantec)																			■					
ECO Monitoring - C-38 Canal/N Lake O.																■								
ERA Work Plan		■																						
ERDC Studies																				■				
Groundwater Modeling																				■				
Surface Water Mixing Zone Modeling																				■				
Radium in Groundwater Survey																				■				
ASR Science Plan Updates, and Internal and Inter-Agency Reviews													■	■	■	■	■	■						
Public ASR Panel Workshop																			■					
Panel Report Development																				■	■			
Panel Report Reviews																					■	■		
ASR Science Plan Final Revisions, Reviews & Publication																							■	■

July 9 and 10, 2024 Field Trip and Public Workshop

- Annual or final report included in ASR Science Plan
- ASR Science Plan Work in Progress
- No Report/Update Only at the Public Workshop

Status: April, 2024

2024 ASR Science Plan Report Card

National Research Council Uncertainties and ASR Peer Review Panel Recommendations	% Progress Towards Addressing the Topic									
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	
2015 National Research Council Uncertainties										
Local scale information on attributes of APPZ										
Research phosphorus removal mechanisms										
Research pathogen inactivation in the aquifer										
Couple pathogen inactivation with groundwater travel times	*									
Establish buffer zone										
Arsenic transport within aquifer using buffer zone										
Buffer zone usage to reduce sulfate concentrations										
Fate of sulfate in recovered water to form methylmercury										
Local scale model for heterogeneity/anisotropy/fracturing/travel times										
Pretreatment technologies to attenuate arsenic mobilization										
Analysis of wellfield cluster for spacing and optimal recovery efficiency										
Anisotropy analysis used for orienting wells										
Cross-well tomography and geophysics										
Locate clusters near large water bodies										
Examine technologies to meet regulatory requirements										
Variability of gross alpha and radium in recovered water										
Examine source water effects on redox evolution of aquifer										
Improve/extend cycle tests										
Operate multi-well pairs and clusters										
Continue chronic toxicity testing at multiple ASR locations										
Long-term ecological monitoring and bioconcentration studies, community-level effects										
Probabilistic, quantitative ecological risk assessment										
2021 ASR Peer Review Panel Recommendations										
Develop ASR Programmatic Quality Assurance Plan										
Data Storage, Management, and Public Access										
2022 ASR Peer Review Panel Recommendations										
Spacers in core storage										
Core geochemical analysis										
Local-scale groundwater model layers development										
Hydrologic modeling to include fracture and faulting patterns to determine optimal well spacing										
Add new Panel member with strong background in water treatment and economics of water treatment										
Revisit point-of-compliance and reduced pretreatment options with regulatory agencies										
Implement incremental approach to design, construction, and operation of the pretreatment of water to be stored										
Test other coagulants (e.g. ferrate) with media filtration as a potential pretreatment method										
Develop detailed plan of arsenic monitoring during all portions of the ASR operations										
Develop detailed water quality monitoring plan for cycle testing										
Develop recovered water monitoring including arsenic, molybdenum and other ions that may be leached from the aquifers during storage										
Expand ichthyoplankton monitoring to the early dry season; characterize ichthyoplankton risk when impingement and entrainment most possible										
Establish a system to implement and update the ERA; use Bayesian networks in a risk assessment framework; use separate but interconnected conceptual models; develop tiered assessments for focusing data collection efforts and needs from conservative to more realistic assumptions										

Draft ASR Report Card ASR Science Plan V2

➤ NRC Uncertainties and Peer Review Panel Recommendations addressed :

- Research of Pathogens
- Completion of PQAP
- Addition of ASR Peer Review Panel Member with expertise in Water Treatment
- Testing of Coagulants for Water Treatment

*Yellow indicates progress in 2020-2022

*Green indicates progress in 2022-2024



Thank you!

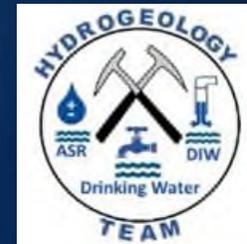
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Continuous Core and Aquifer Pump Test Results



Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project
(LOWRP): Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well
Program

July 10, 2024



Generalized Hydrogeologic Section Review: Targeted Storage Zones

- Confinement above and below each storage zone – Hawthorn 450 to 500 feet thick.
- UFA upper flow zone is about 80 to 150 feet thick and contains the Suwannee LS and the upper most Ocala LS. The UFA flow zone can be highly productive
- Middle Confining Unit (MCU 1) approximately 500 to 600 feet thick
- Upper Avon Park Permeable Zone (APPZ) upper flow zone is approximately 80 to 120 feet thick – highly productive
- Confinement below the lower APPZ

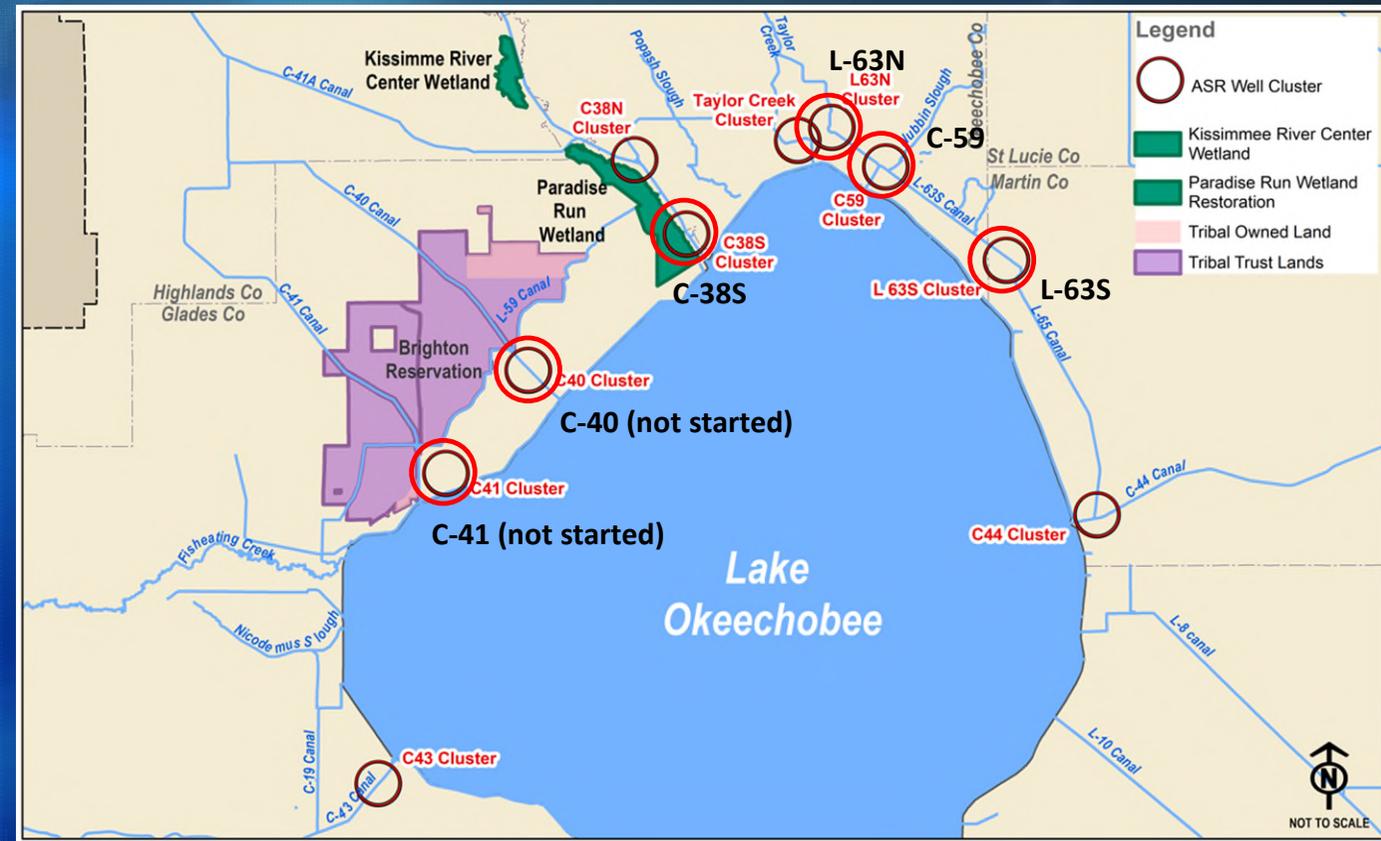
Series		Geologic Unit		Lithology	Hydrogeologic Unit	Approximate Thickness (feet bls)	
NEOGENE	HOLOCENE AND PLEISTOCENE		Undifferentiated Sediments	Quartz sand; silt; clay; shell; limestone; sandy shelly limestone	Surficial Aquifer System (0 ft to 150 ft bls)	0 – 150	
	EARLY PLIOCENE AND MIOCENE	Hawthorn	Peace River Formation	Unconsolidated sand; silt; clay; carbonates; phosphatic sand	Intermediate Aquifer Confining Unit (Base of the Hawthorn varies as much as 150 feet between sites)	150 – 520	
			Arcadia Formation	Limestone; sandy limestone; sand; interbedded clay; phosphate			
PALEOGENE	EARLY OLIGOCENE		Suwannee Limestone	Fossiliferous; calcarenitic; limestone; trace phosphate, abundant Oster shell Index Fossil: <i>Rhyncholampas gouldii</i> , <i>Gagarla mossomi</i> , <i>Dictyoconus cookei</i> , <i>Discorinopsis gunteri</i>	Floridan Aquifer Upper Flow Zone (40 to 80 feet thick)	520 – 800	
	LATE	Ocala Limestone	Avon Park Formation	Fossiliferous limestone; foraminiferous limestone; trace phosphate Index Fossil: <i>Lepidocyclus ocalana</i> ; <i>Amphistegina</i> sp., <i>Oligopygus wetherbyi</i>	Upper Floridan Aquifer System	800 – 1,350	
							MCU I (800 to 900 feet thick)
	EOCENE	MIDDLE	Avon Park Formation	Dolostone with evaporites	Fine grained, micritic to sucrosic limestone; dolomitic limestone; dolostone Index Fossil: <i>Dictyoconus americanus</i>	Avon Park FM	1,350 – 1,430
Middle Semiconfining Unit (MSCU) (65 to 75 feet thick)							
Lower Floridan Aquifer		Oldsmar	Evaporates with dolostone			1,495 – 1,650	
						APPZ Lower Flow Zone (50 to 155 feet thick)	
						1,650 – 1,900	
						1,900 – >2,000	
					Lower Floridan Aquifer	Lower Floridan Aquifer (LFA) Flow Zone	



Continuous Coring Program

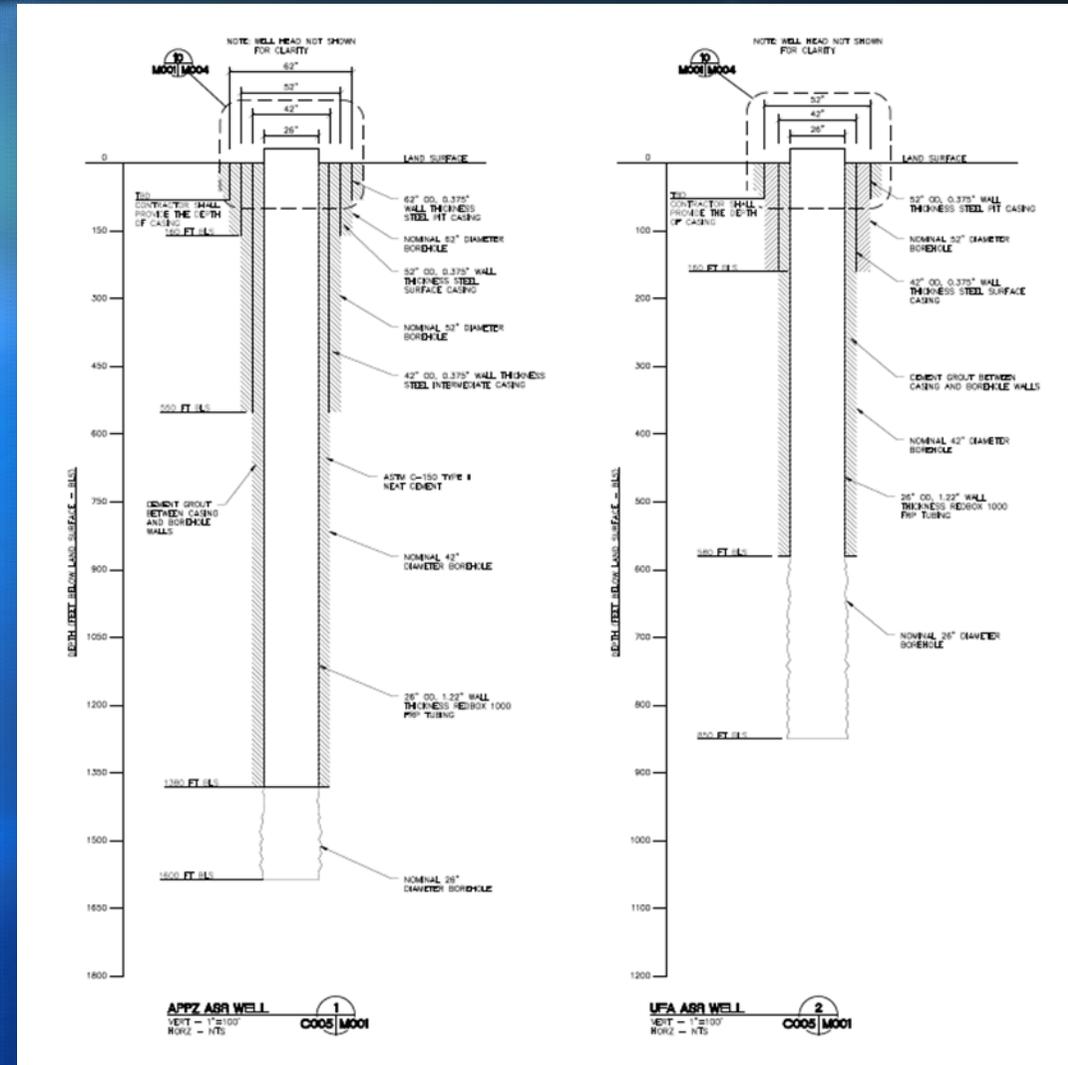
Continuous Core Program

- Advance continuous core hole to 2,000 feet bls – start coring at 500 feet bls. Approximately 6,100 feet of core collected so far.
- Conduct packer tests every 30 feet from the top of the Suwannee LS to the total depth – WQ, Isotopes, SC
- Run geophysical logs including OBI logs from the top of the Suwannee LS to total depth
- Core samples submitted for SEM, thin section, x-ray detracton analysis, and isotope analysis



Purpose of Continuous Core Program

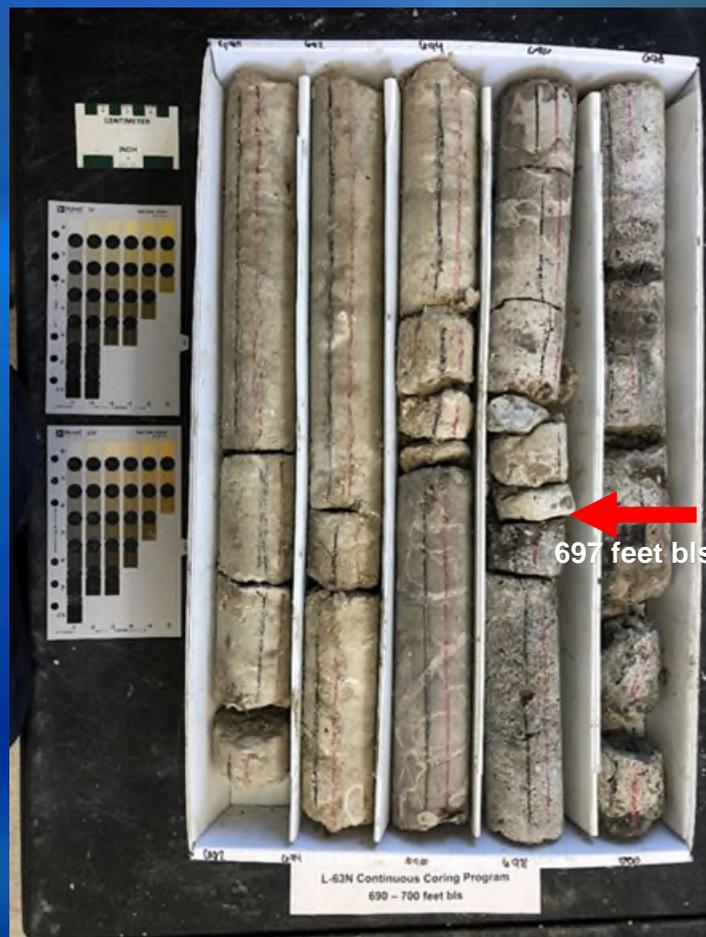
- Determine subsurface geologic and hydrogeologic conditions
- Determine water quality and specific capacity data every 30 feet
- Develop cores described in the field and detailed analysis -
 - Cores sent to Mineralogy Inc., Florida Gulf Coast University and USGS for detailed analysis
- Data used to determine if the site would support UFA and APPZ ASR wells and to develop ASR design documents



Continuous Cores



Hawthorn Group
(Confining Unit)



Top of Suwannee LS
(Upper Storage Zone)



Top of Ocala LS
(Upper Storage Zone)

Continuous Cores



Ocala Limestone
(Middle Confining Unit 1)

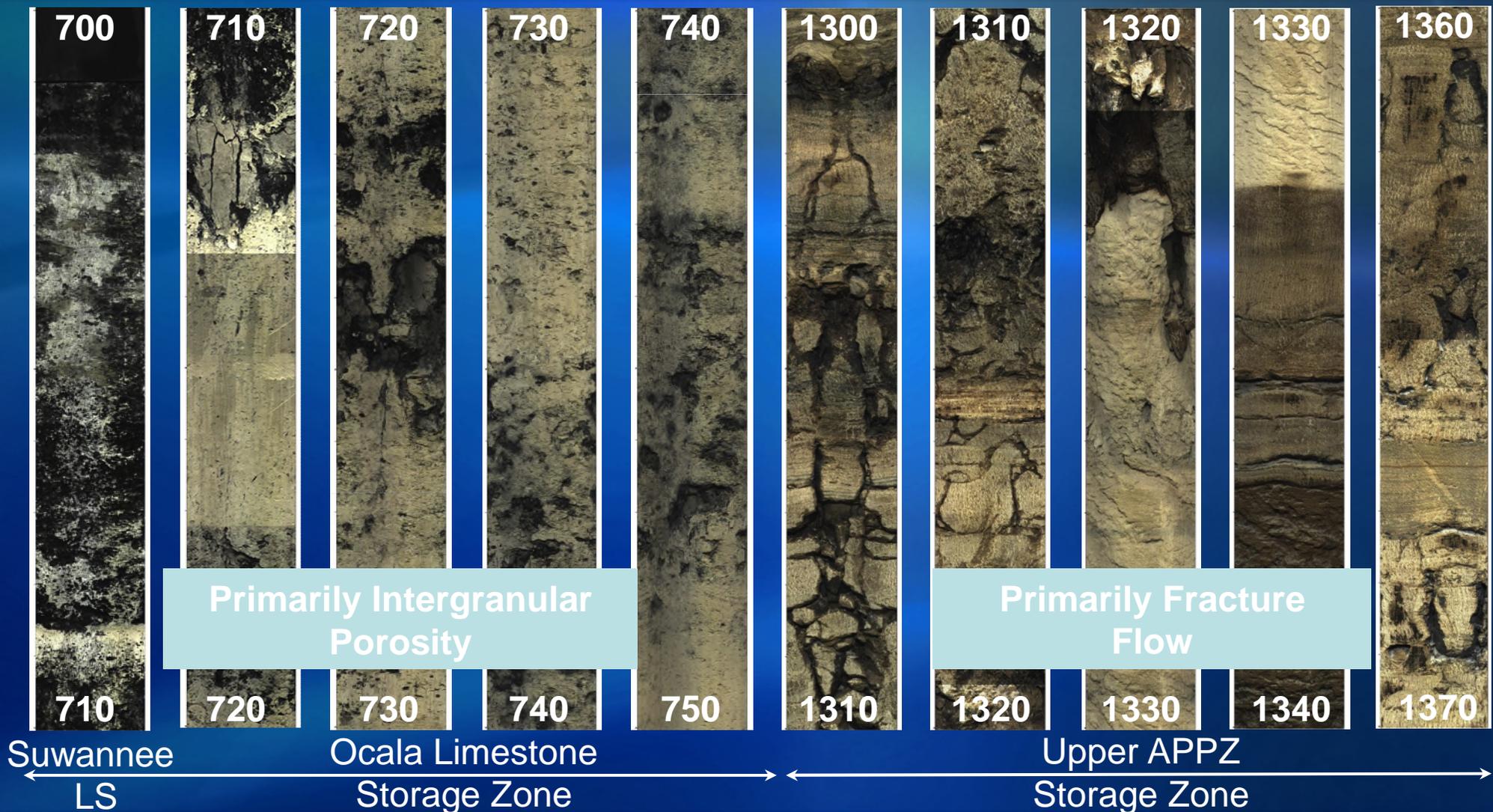


Top of Upper APPZ
(Storage Zone)

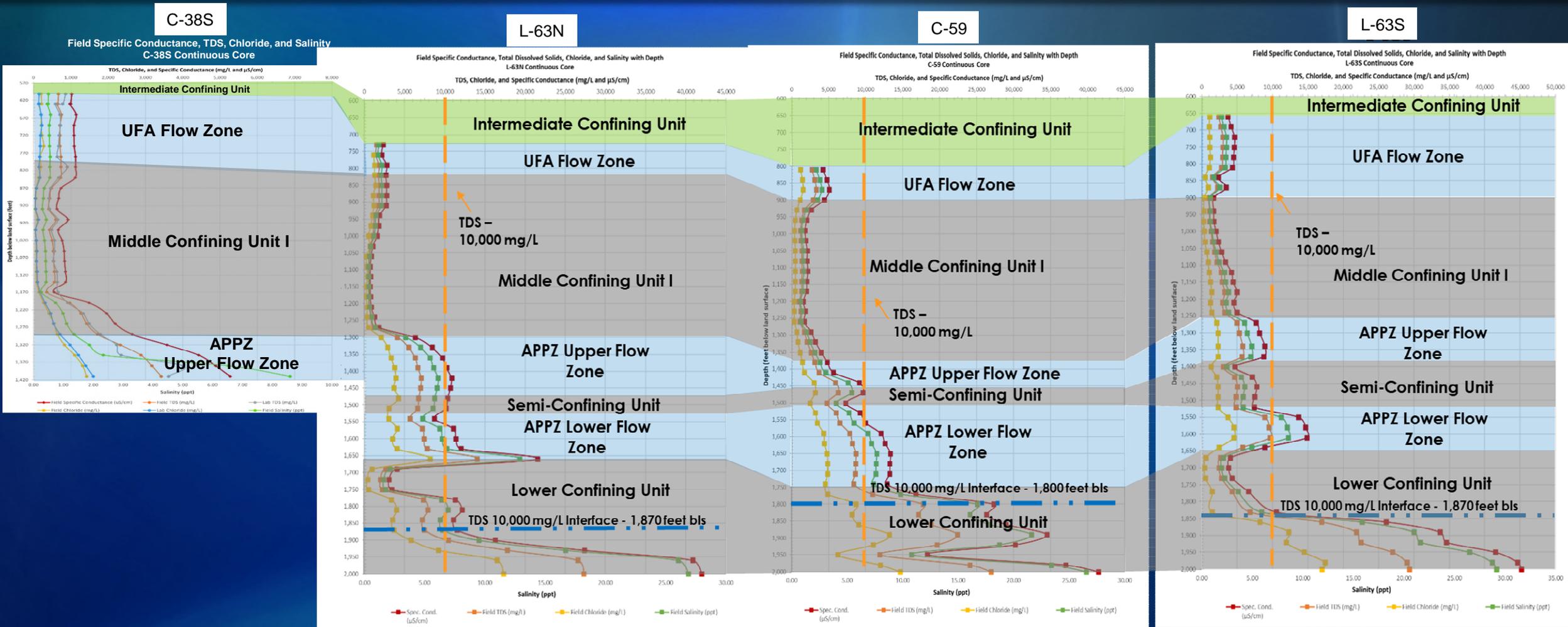


Top of Oldsmar Fm
~1,750 feet

Optical Borehole Imager (OBI)

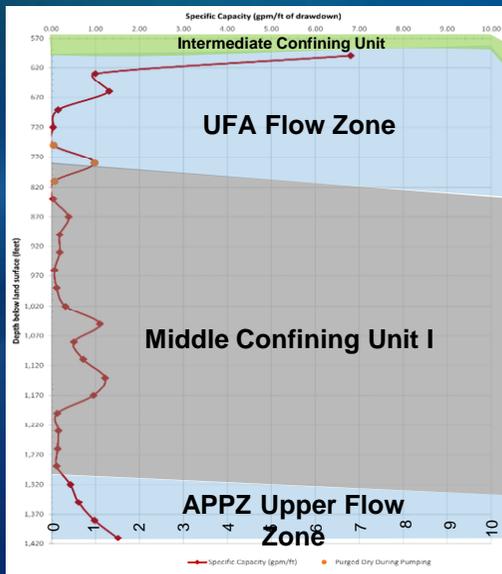


Continuous Core Field Water Quality



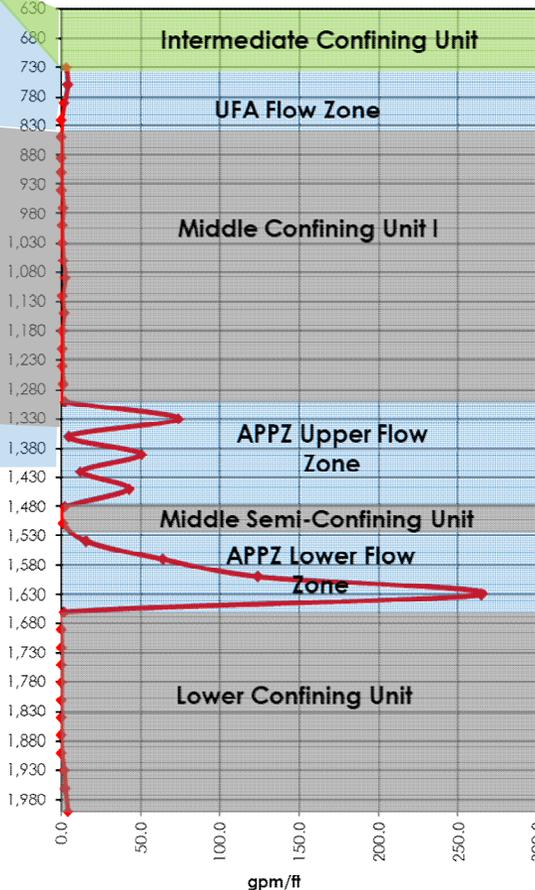
Continuous Core Specific Capacity

Specific Capacity w/ Depth
C-38S Continuous Core



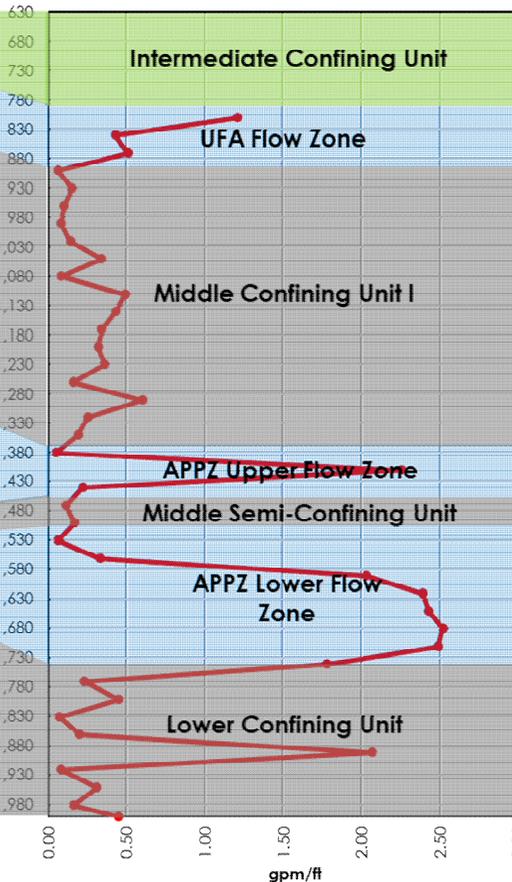
gpm/ft

Specific Capacity w/ Depth
L-63N Continuous Core



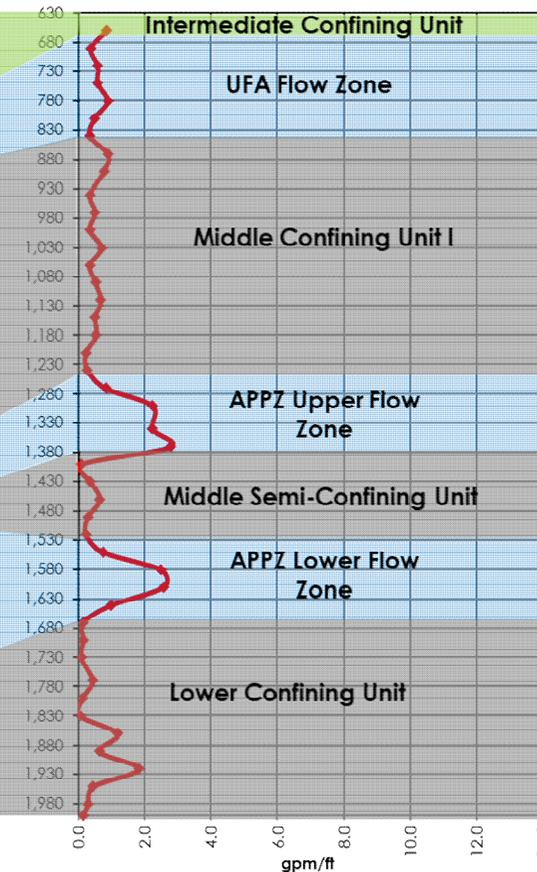
gpm/ft

Specific Capacity w/ Depth
C-59 Continuous Core



gpm/ft

Specific Capacity w/ Depth
L-63S Continuous Core



gpm/ft

USACE – Engineering Research and Development Center (ERDC) Low Oxygen Core Extraction

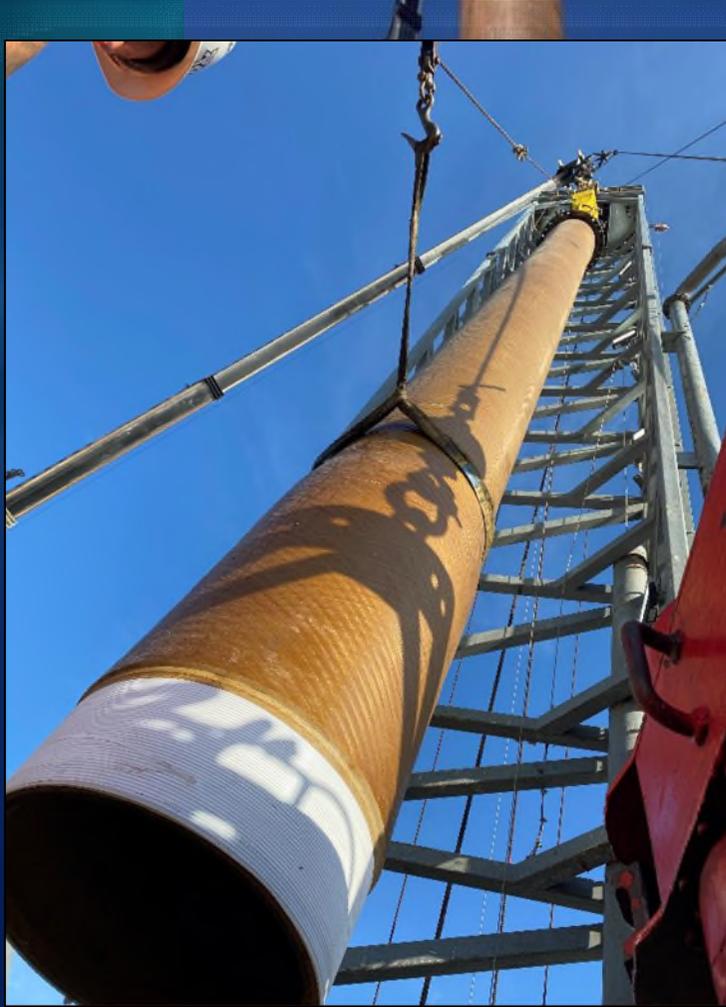




Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)



ASR Test Well Construction - Casing Sizes



steel
steel
steel
fiber
steel
steel
fiber

Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)

C-38S Aquifer Performance Testing

- September 18 – 23 (combined artesian)
- October 9 – 14 (APPZ pumping)
- October 16 – 21 (UFA pumping)
- October 23 – 28 (combined APPZ and UFA Pumping)
- 48-hour Recovery between tests

30 Day Pre- APT Water Level Monitoring

Adding a 5-day APPZ Variable Rate Test to Evaluate Upconing in the APPZ

C-38N Aquifer Performance Testing

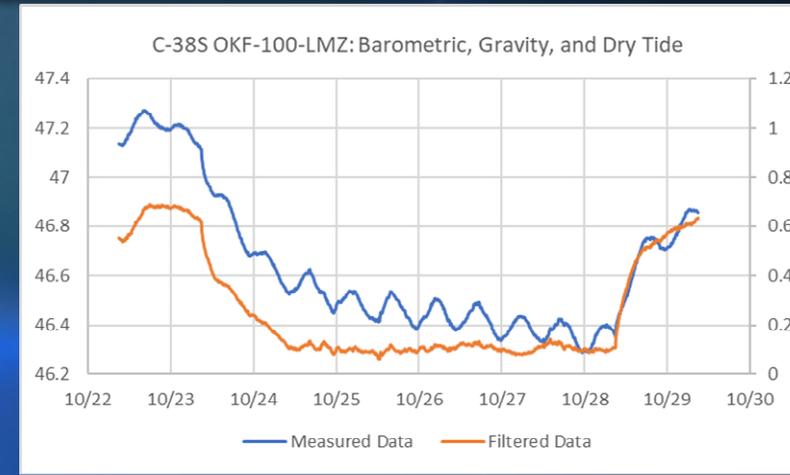
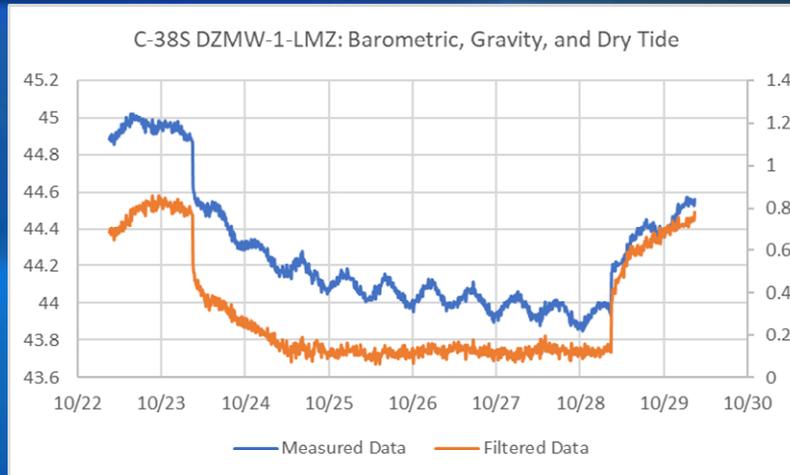
- November 6 – 11 (combined artesian)
- November 27 – December 2 (APPZ pumping)
- December 4 – 9 (UFA pumping)
- December 11 – 13 (combined APPZ and UFA Pumping test #1)
- December 18 – 23 (combined APPZ and UFA Pumping test #2)
- 48-hour Recovery between tests

Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)

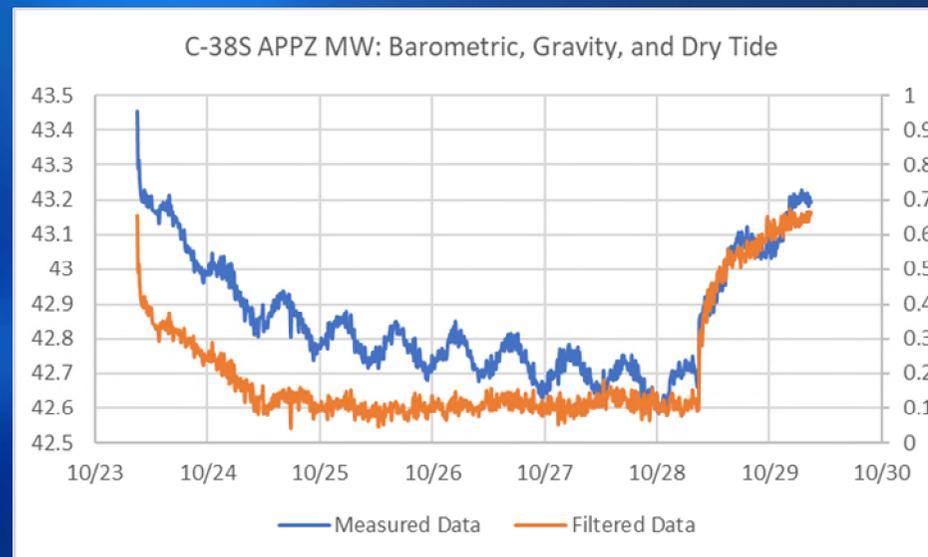
Aquifer Performance Testing - Analysis Methods

- Cooper-Jacob
 - Straight Line Solution (time and distance DD graphs)
- Theis
 - Confined, homogenous, isotropic
- Hantush-Jacob
 - Leaky confined aquifers
- Recovery – Theis
- Data correction (APPZ)
 - USGS SeriesSEE Excel Add-in
- The purpose of the APTs is to determine hydraulic characteristics of the aquifers.
- The APT results are being used in the groundwater model to aid in predicative scenarios associated with the injection bubble geometry, recovery efficiency, and to identify potential upconing between aquifers.

Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)



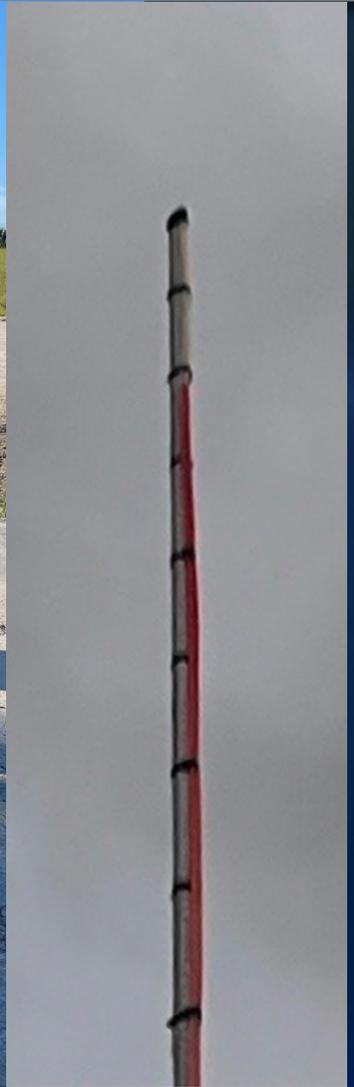
Examples of Corrected Data



Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)



C-38S APT Results



Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)

Test	Pipe and Orifice Diameter (inch)	Height on Manometer (inch)	Pumping Rate from Orifice (gpm)	Pumping rate from Flow Meter (gpm)
Artesian APPZ ASR	16 x 12	16	2,522	2,510
Artesian UFA ASR	16 x 10.5	12	1,528	1,510
Pumping APPZ ASR	16 x 12	67.5	5,180	5,270
Pumping UFA ASR	16 x 12	51.5	4,524	4,620
Combined Pumping APPZ ASR	16 x 12	68	5,199	5,295
Combined Pumping UFA ASR	16 x 12	51.5	4,524	4,620

Orifice Calculation

$16 \times 12 = 630.47 \sqrt{h} = \text{gpm}$

$16 \times 10.5 = 441.03 \sqrt{h} = \text{gpm}$

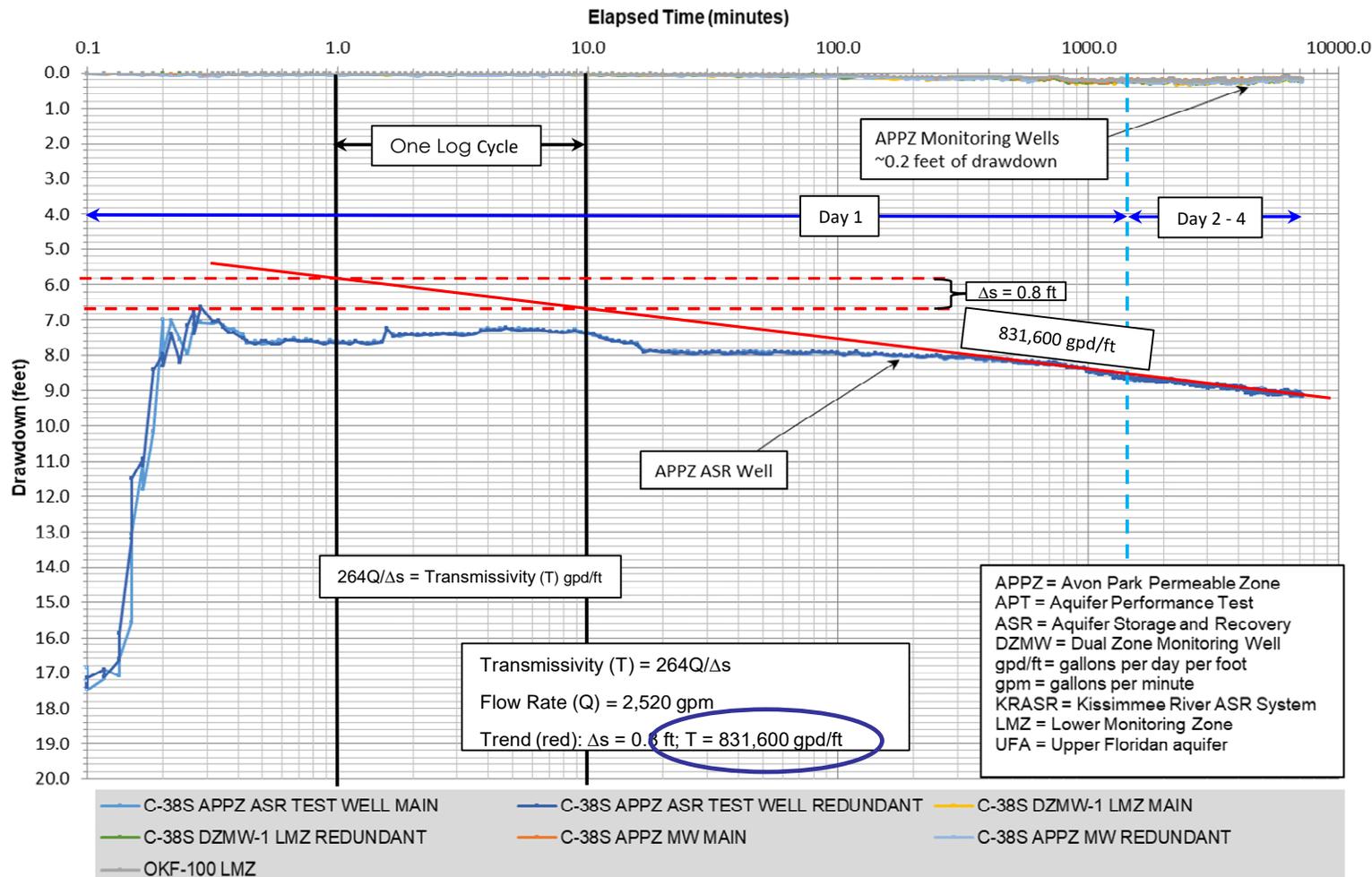
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Pumping Rates

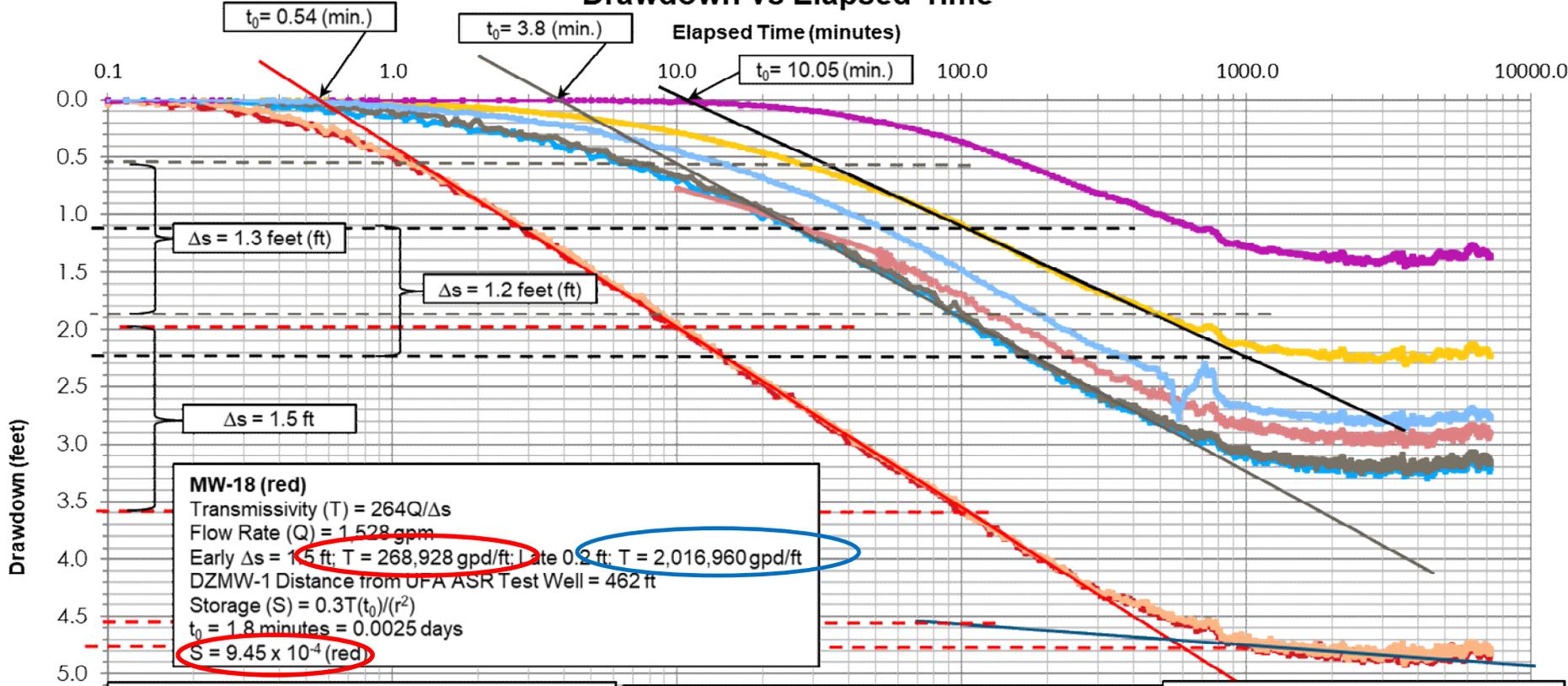
Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)

Cooper-Jacob Straight Line Method

C-38S 5-Day UFA and APPZ Artesian APT
C-38S and KRASR APPZ Wells
Drawdown vs Elapsed Time



C-38S 5-Day UFA and APPZ Artesian APT C-38S and KRASR UFA Monitoring Wells Drawdown vs Elapsed Time



MW-18 (red)
 Transmissivity (T) = 264Q/Δs
 Flow Rate (Q) = 1,528 gpm
 Early Δs = 1.5 ft; T = 268,928 gpd/ft; Late Δs = 0.2 ft; T = 2,016,960 gpd/ft
 DZMW-1 Distance from UFA ASR Test Well = 462 ft
 Storage (S) = 0.3T(t₀)/(r²)
 t₀ = 1.8 minutes = 0.0025 days
 S = 9.45 x 10⁻⁴ (red)

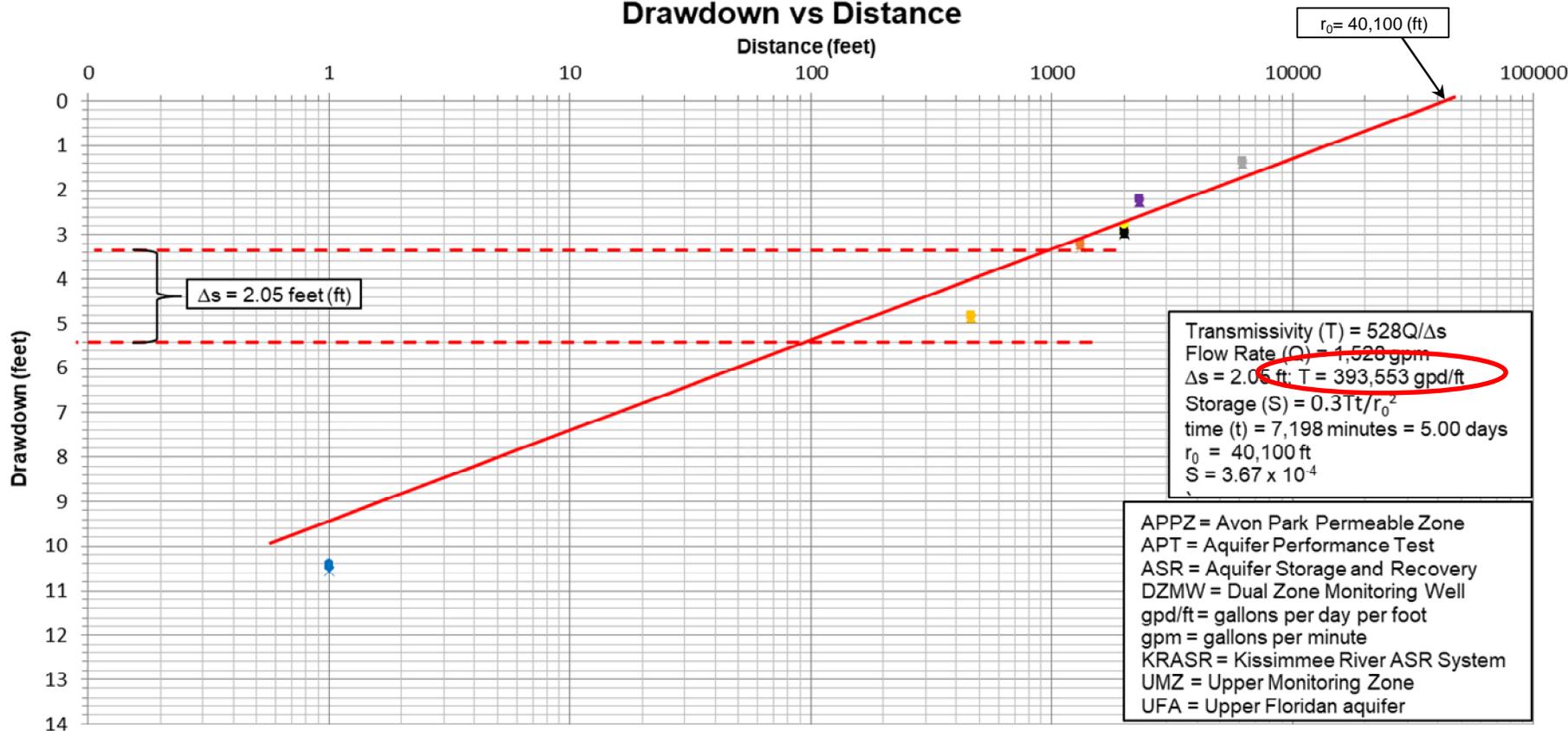
DZMW-1 UMZ (green)
 Transmissivity (T) = 264Q/Δs
 Flow Rate (Q) = 1,528 gpm
 Δs = 1.3 ft; T = 310,302 gpd/ft
 DZMW-1 Distance from UFA ASR Test Well = 1,175 ft
 Storage (S) = 0.3T(t₀)/(r²)
 t₀ = 3.8 minutes = 0.0026 days
 S = 1.75 x 10⁻⁴ (green line)

OKF-100 UMZ (black)
 Transmissivity (T) = 264Q/Δs
 Flow Rate (Q) = 1,528 gpm
 Δs = 1.12 ft; T = 360,171 gpd/ft
 DZMW-1 Distance from UFA ASR Test Well = 2,300 ft
 Storage (S) = 0.3T(t₀)/(r²)
 t₀ = 10.05 minutes = 0.007 days
 S = 1.43 x 10⁻³ (black)

APPZ = Avon Park Permeable Zone
 APT = Aquifer Performance Test
 ASR = Aquifer Storage and Recovery
 DZMW = Dual Zone Monitoring Well
 gpd/ft = gallons per day per foot
 gpm = gallons per minute
 KRASR = Kissimmee River ASR System
 UFA = Upper Floridan aquifer
 UMZ = Upper Monitoring Zone

- C-38S DZMW-1 UMZ MAIN
- C-38S DZMW-1 UMZ REDUNDANT
- MW-18 MAIN
- MW-18 REDUNDANT
- OKF-100 UMZ
- EXKR-1
- MW-19
- MW-10

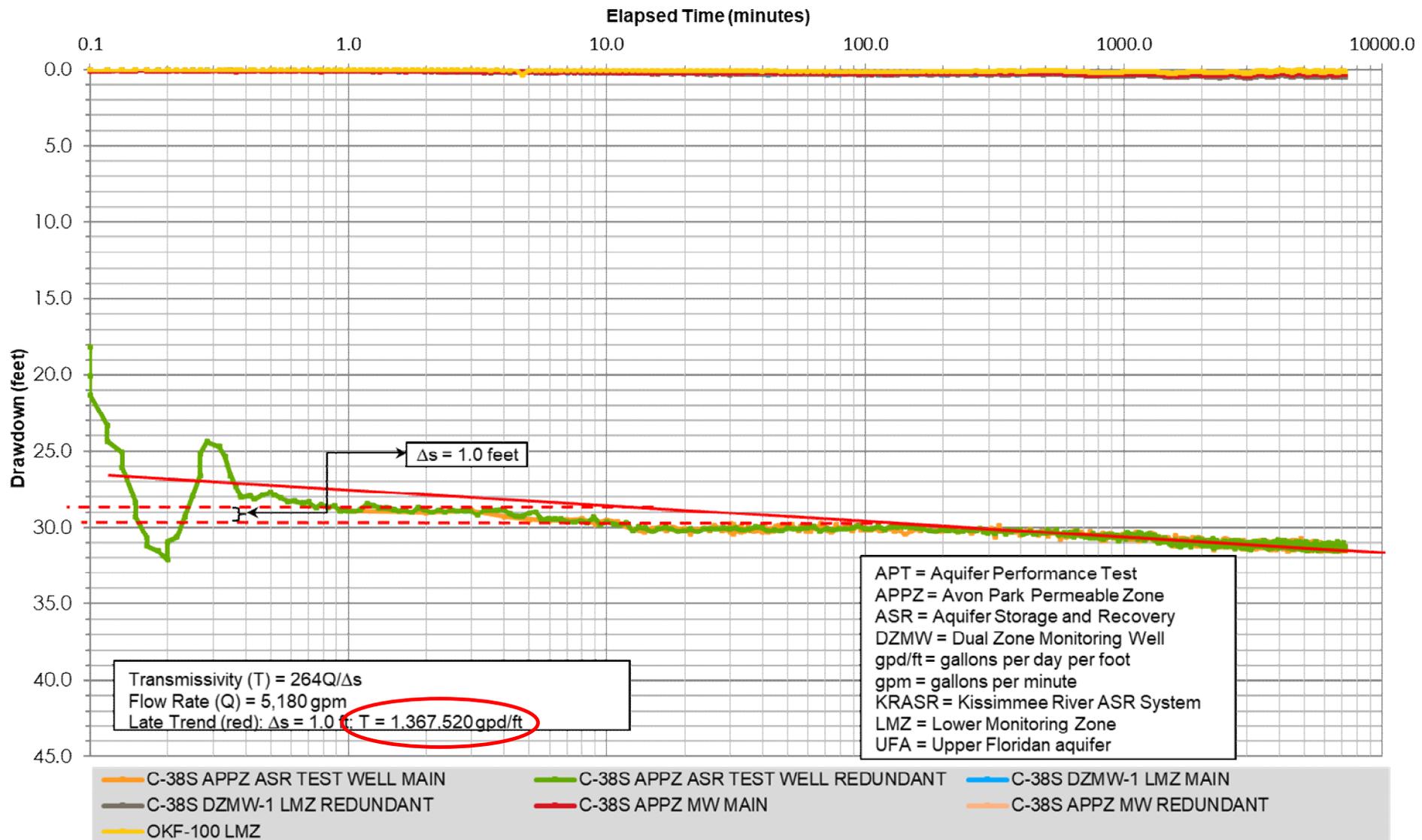
C-38S 5-Day UFA and APPZ Artesian APT C-38S and KRASR UFA Wells Drawdown vs Distance



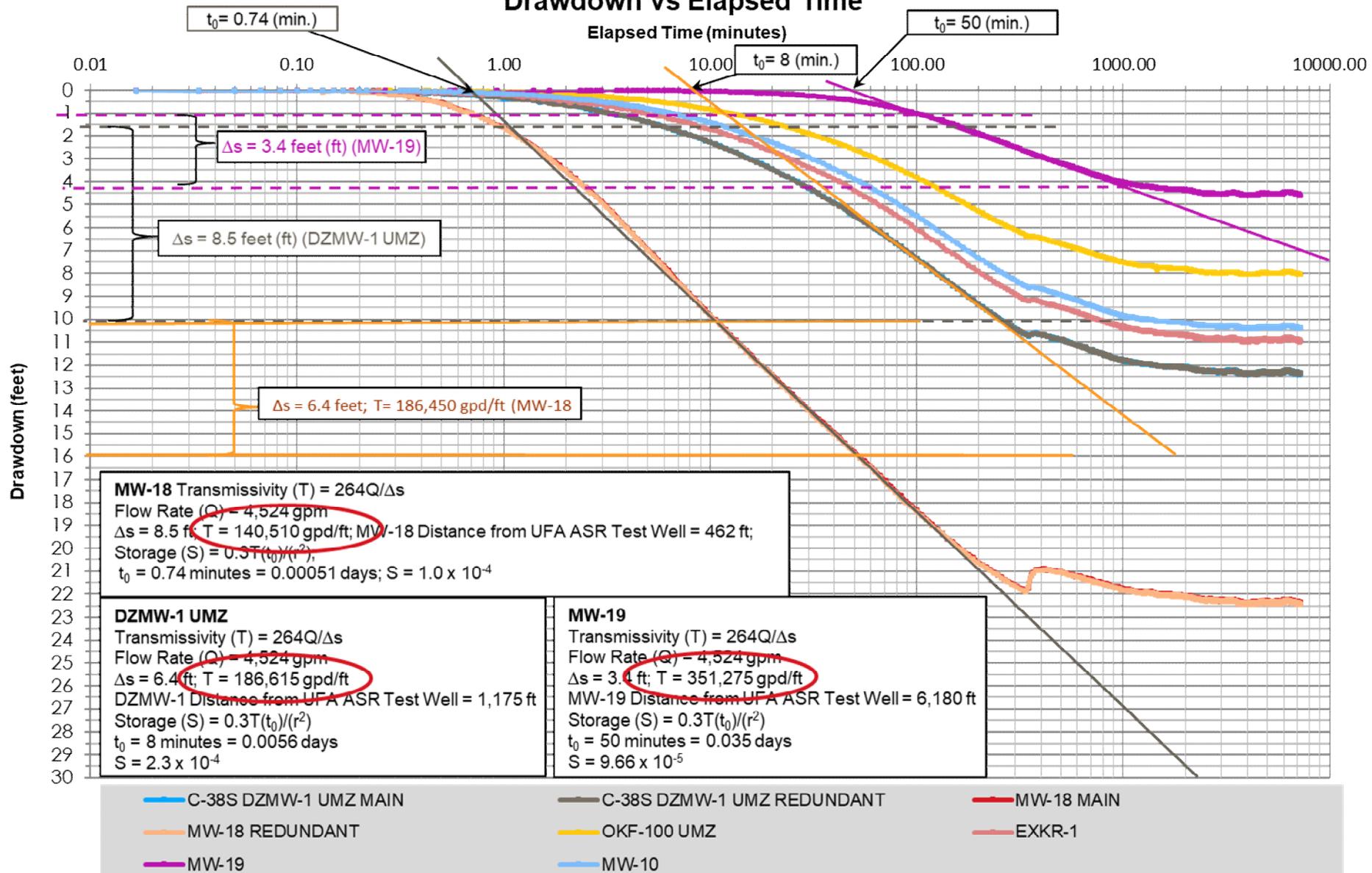
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| ■ C-38S UFA ASR Test Well - 9/19/2023 | ■ C-38S DZMW-1 UMZ - 9/19/2023 | ■ C-38S MW-18 - 9/19/2023 | ■ OKF-100 UMZ - 9/19/2023 |
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C-38S 5-Day APPZ Pumping APT C-38S and KRASR APPZ Wells Drawdown vs Elapsed Time



C-38S 5-Day UFA Pumping APT C-38S and KRASR UFA Monitoring Wells Drawdown vs Elapsed Time



Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)

C-38S APT Summary Table

Aquifer Performance Test	Aquifer	Transmissivity (gpd/ft)	Transmissivity (ft ² /day)	Storage
Combined Artesian - APPZ	APPZ	831,600	111,176	*1.4 x 10 ⁻⁴
APPZ Constant Rate APT	APPZ	1,538,760	205,717	*1.4 x 10 ⁻⁴
Combined Constant Rate - APT	APPZ	784,306	104,854	*1.4 x 10 ⁻⁴
	Average	1,051,555	140,582	*1.4 x 10 ⁻⁴
Combined Artesian - UFA	UFA	302,445	40,434	1.38 x 10 ⁻⁴
UFA Constant Rate APT	UFA	219,024	29,281	2.87 x 10 ⁻⁴
Combined Constant Rate - UFA	UFA	227,280	30,385	6.49 x 10 ⁻⁴
	Average	249,583	33,367	3.58 x 10 ⁻⁴



C-38N Aquifer Performance Testing

Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)

C-38N Flow and Pumping Rates

Test	Pipe and Orifice Diameter (inch)	Height on Manometer (inch)	*Pumping Rate from Orifice (gpm)	Pumping rate from Flow Meter (gpm)
Artesian APPZ ASR	16 x 12	17.5	2,637	2,510
Artesian UFA ASR	10 x 2	7.375	40	1,510
Pumping APPZ ASR	16 x 12	71.5	5,331	5,550
Pumping UFA ASR	10 x 5	11.5	318	303
Combined Pumping APPZ ASR (1)	16 x 12	71.5	5,331	5,550
Combined Pumping UFA ASR (1)	10 x 5	11.5	318	303
**Combined Pumping APPZ ASR (2)	16 x 12	71.5	5,331	5,550
**Combined Pumping UFA ASR (2)	10 x 5	11.5	318	303

*Pumping rate used in test analysis

**Combined pumping test rerun because the generator failed approximately 72 hours into the test

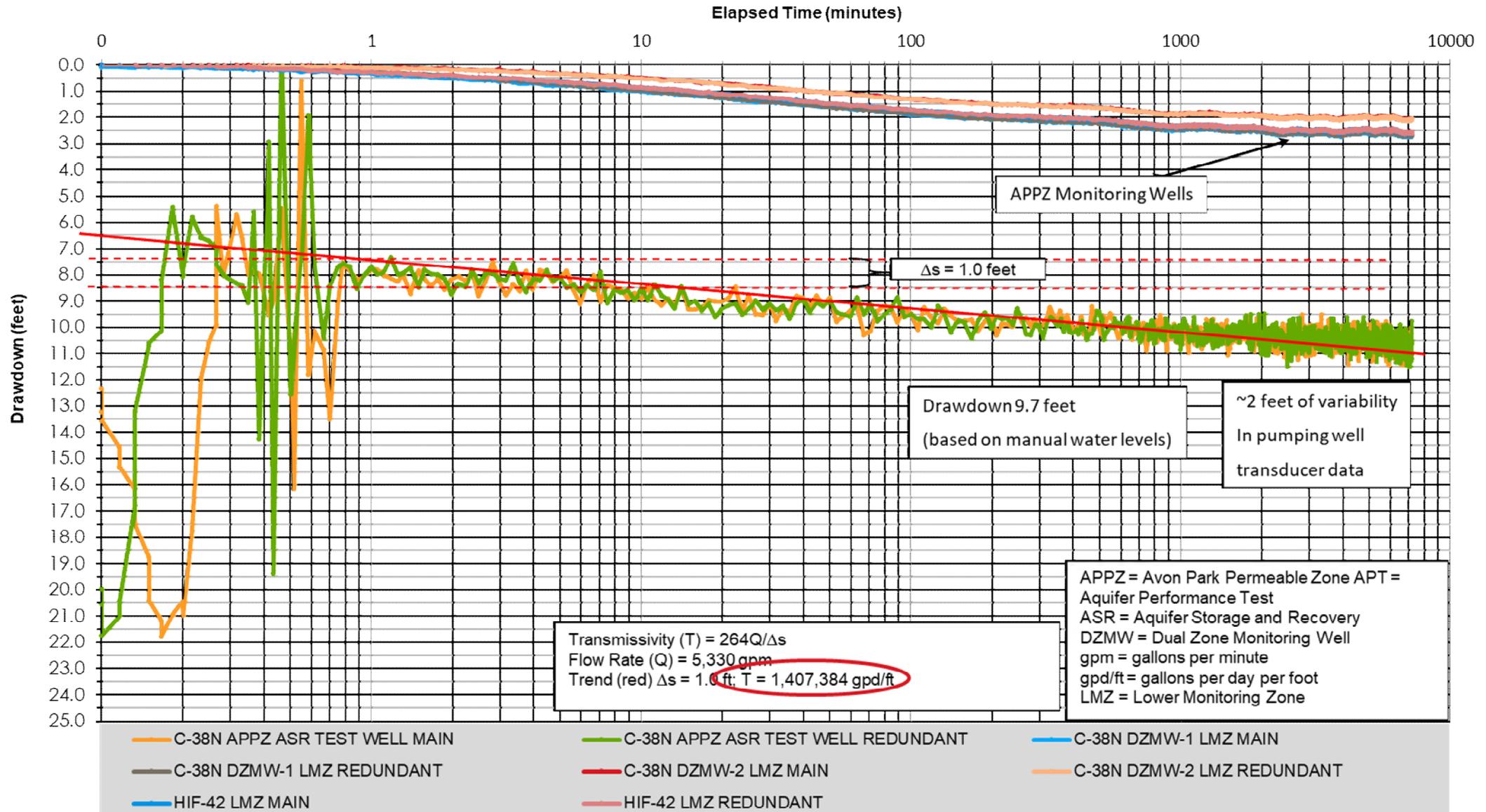
Orifice Calculation

16 x 12 = 630.47 \sqrt{h} = gpm

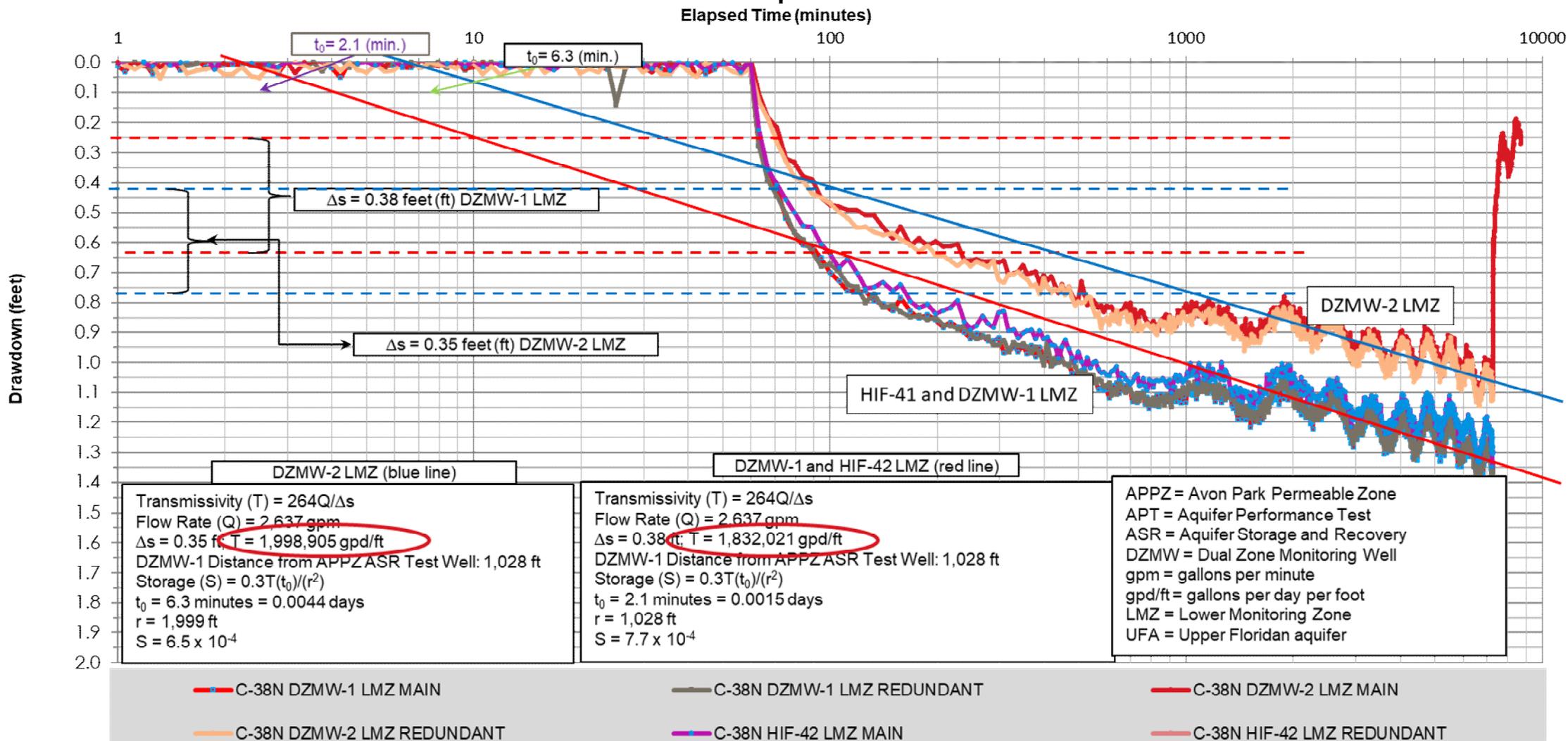
10 x 2 = 14.55 \sqrt{h} = gpm

10 x 5 = 93.9 \sqrt{h} = gpm

C-38N 5-Day APPZ Pumping APT
APPZ Wells
Drawdown vs Elapsed Time



C-38N 5-Day UFA and APPZ Artesian APT APPZ Monitoring Wells Drawdown vs Elapsed Time



C-38N Preliminary APT Test Results

C-38N APT Summary Table

Well/Test	*Distance (ft)	Flow or Pumping Rate (gpm)	Pre-Test Water Level (ft als)	Drawdown (ft)	Specific Capacity (gpm/ft dd)	Transmissivity (gpd/ft)	Transmissivity (ft ² /day)	Storage	Estimated Well Efficiency (percent)
APPZ ASR Artesian	1	2,637	20.65	4.0	664.23	1,989,051	265,916	--	84
HIF-42 LMZ (APPZ)	678	2,637	20.50	1.3	--	1,832,021	244,923	7.7 x 10 ⁻⁴	
DZMW-1 LMZ (APPZ)	1,028	2,637	22.50	1.4	--	1,832,021	244,923	7.7 x 10 ⁻⁴	
DZMW-2 LMZ (APPZ)		2,637	22.90	0.1		1,998,905	267,233	6.5 x 10 ⁻⁴	
Distance Drawdown	--	2,637	--	--		1,856,448	248,188	1.12 x 10 ⁻³	
UFA ASR Artesian		40	21.08	9.8	4.08	25,756	3,443	--	32
HIF-42 UMZ (UFA)	678	40	23.15	1.2	--	24,558	3,283	1.28 x 10 ⁻⁴	--
DZMW-1 (UMZ UFA)	1,028	40	22.33	1.1	--	14,667	1,961	5.79 x 10 ⁻⁴	--
DZMW-2 (UMZ UFA)	1,999	40	23.50	0.9	--	14,667	1,961	3.06 x 10 ⁻⁴	--
Distance Drawdown	--	40	--	--	--	26,400	3,529	4.4 x 10 ⁻⁵	--
APPZ Pumping	1	5,331	20.35	11.0	483.76	1,407,384	188,153	--	69
HIF-42 LMZ (APPZ)	678	5,331	20.50	2.6		1,655,745	221,356	2.34 x 10 ⁻⁴	
DZMW-1 LMZ (APPZ)	1,028	5,331	22.60	2.7		1,655,745	221,356	4.43 x 10 ⁻⁴	
DZMW-2 LMZ (APPZ)	678	5,331	20.50	2.1		1,759,230	235,191		
Distance Drawdown	--	5,331	--	--		1,941,219	259,521	1.81 x 10 ⁻³	
UFA ASR Pumping	1	318	21.08	83.9	3.79	19,989	2,672	--	38
HIF-42 UMZ (UFA) Early	678	318	23.15	1.9		34,980	4,676	7.99 x 10 ⁻⁴	
DZMW-1 (UMZ UFA) Early	1,028	318	22.33	4.0	--	25,831	3,453	5.73 x 10 ⁻⁴	--
DZMW-2 (UMZ UFA)	1,999	318	23.50	0.0				--	
Distance Drawdown	--	318	--	--	--	16,790	2,245	7.77 x 10 ⁻³	--
APPZ Pumping	1	5,331	20.35	11.6	459.67	2,345,640	313,588	--	39
HIF-42 LMZ (APPZ)	678	5,331	20.50	2.5		2,165,206	289,466	--	
DZMW-1 LMZ (APPZ)	1,028	5,331	22.60	2.6		2,165,206	289,466	4.67 x 10 ⁻⁵	
DZMW-2 LMZ (APPZ)	678	5,331	20.50	209.0		2,069,682	276,695	1.18 x 10 ⁻⁴	
Distance Drawdown	--	5,331	--	--		3,518,460	470,382	1.47 x 10 ⁻³	
UFA ASR Pumping	1	318	21.08	86.6	3.67	27,984	3,741	--	26
HIF-42 UMZ (UFA) Early	678	318	23.15	3.7		26,235	3,507	7.53 x 10 ⁻⁴	
DZMW-1 (UMZ UFA)	1,028	318	22.50	5.0	--	31,680	4,235	2.52 x 10 ⁻⁴	--
DZMW-2 (UMZ UFA)	1,999	318	23.50	2.3		34,980	4,676	3.94 x 10 ⁻⁴	
Distance Drawdown	--	318	--	--	--	31,093	4,157	5.18 x 10 ⁻³	--
Average Transmissivity UFA ASR Well (Artesian)						21,210	2,836	2.64 x 10 ⁻⁴	
Average Transmissivity UFA ASR Well (Pumping)						24,398	3,262	3.05 x 10 ⁻³	
Average Transmissivity UFA ASR Well (Combined Pumping)						30,394	4,063	1.65 x 10 ⁻³	
Average Transmissivity APPZ ASR Well (Artesian)						1,901,689	254,237	8.3 x 10 ⁻⁴	
Average Transmissivity APPZ ASR Well (Pumping)						1,683,865	225,116	8.29 x 10 ⁻⁴	
Average Transmissivity APPZ ASR Well (Combined Pumping)						2,452,839		5.45 x 10 ⁻⁴	
Average Transmissivity UFA						25,334	3,387	1.65 x 10 ⁻³	
Average Transmissivity APPZ						2,012,798	269,091	7.35 x 10 ⁻⁴	

* = Distance for pumping wells is casing diameter approximately 1 ft.
 The combined pumping APT was rerun because of generator failure after three days of pumping.

Aquifer Performance Testing (APT)

C-38S and C-38N Comparison Table

Aquifer	C-38S APT			C-38N APT		
	Transmissivity (gpd/ft)	Transmissivity (ft ² /day)	Storage	Transmissivity (gpd/ft)	Transmissivity (ft ² /day)	Storage
Average Transmissivity UFA	249,583	34,761	3.58×10^{-4}	24,334	24,327	1.65×10^{-3}
Average Transmissivity APPZ	1,051,555	146,456	$*1.4 \times 10^{-4}$	2,012,798	2,012,791	7.35×10^{-4}

* Storage Values are Estimated

Questions?



GEOCHEMISTRY OF C38S, L63N, AND L63 CONTINUOUS CORES

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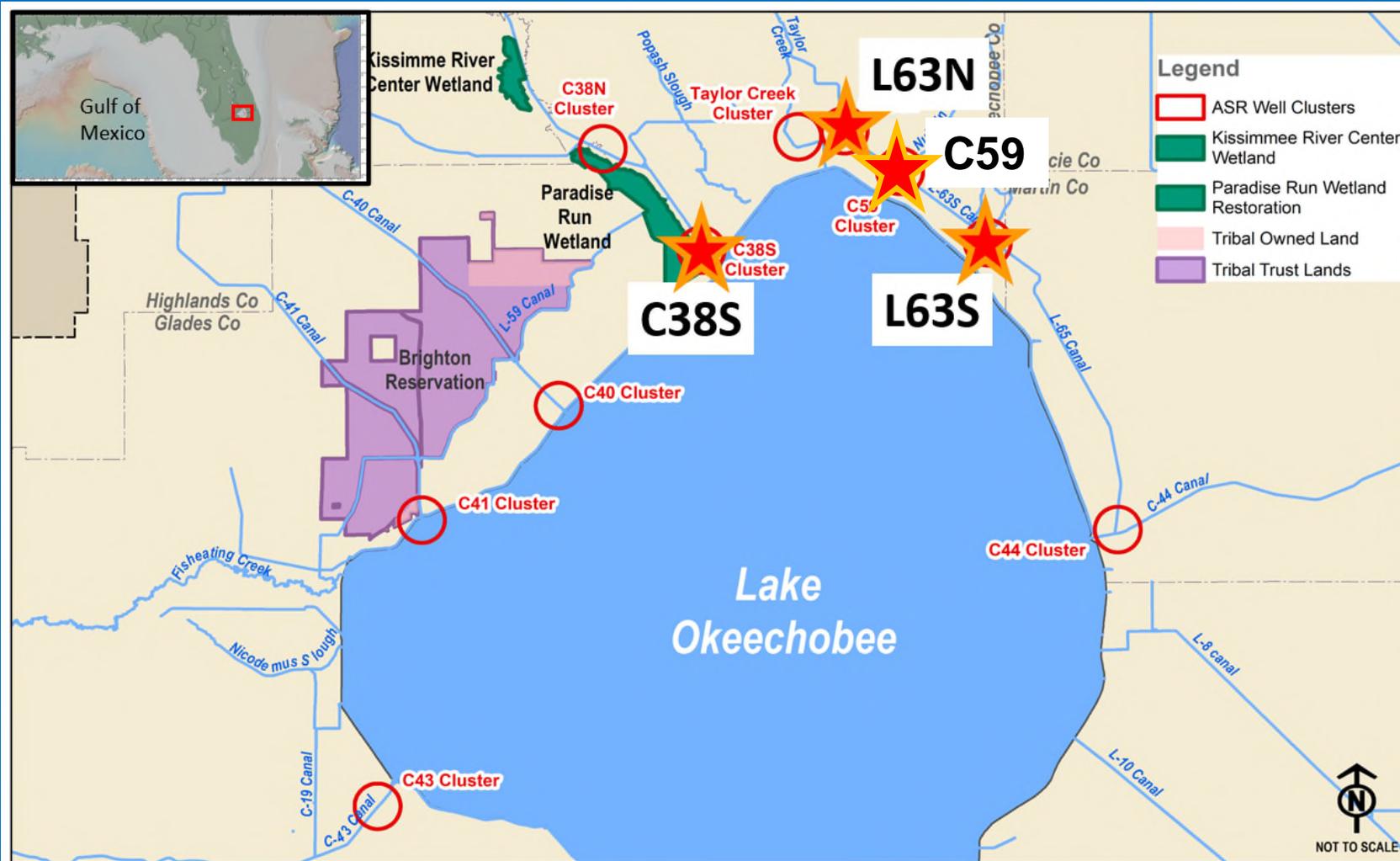
**Work completed by: Dr. Jamie MacDonald, Zoie Kassis, BeeJay
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Location Of Continuous Coreholes



Continuous cores from the C38S, L63N, C59 and L63 coreholes were geochemically analyzed by FGCU.

These four coreholes are located along the northern shore of Lake Okeechobee.

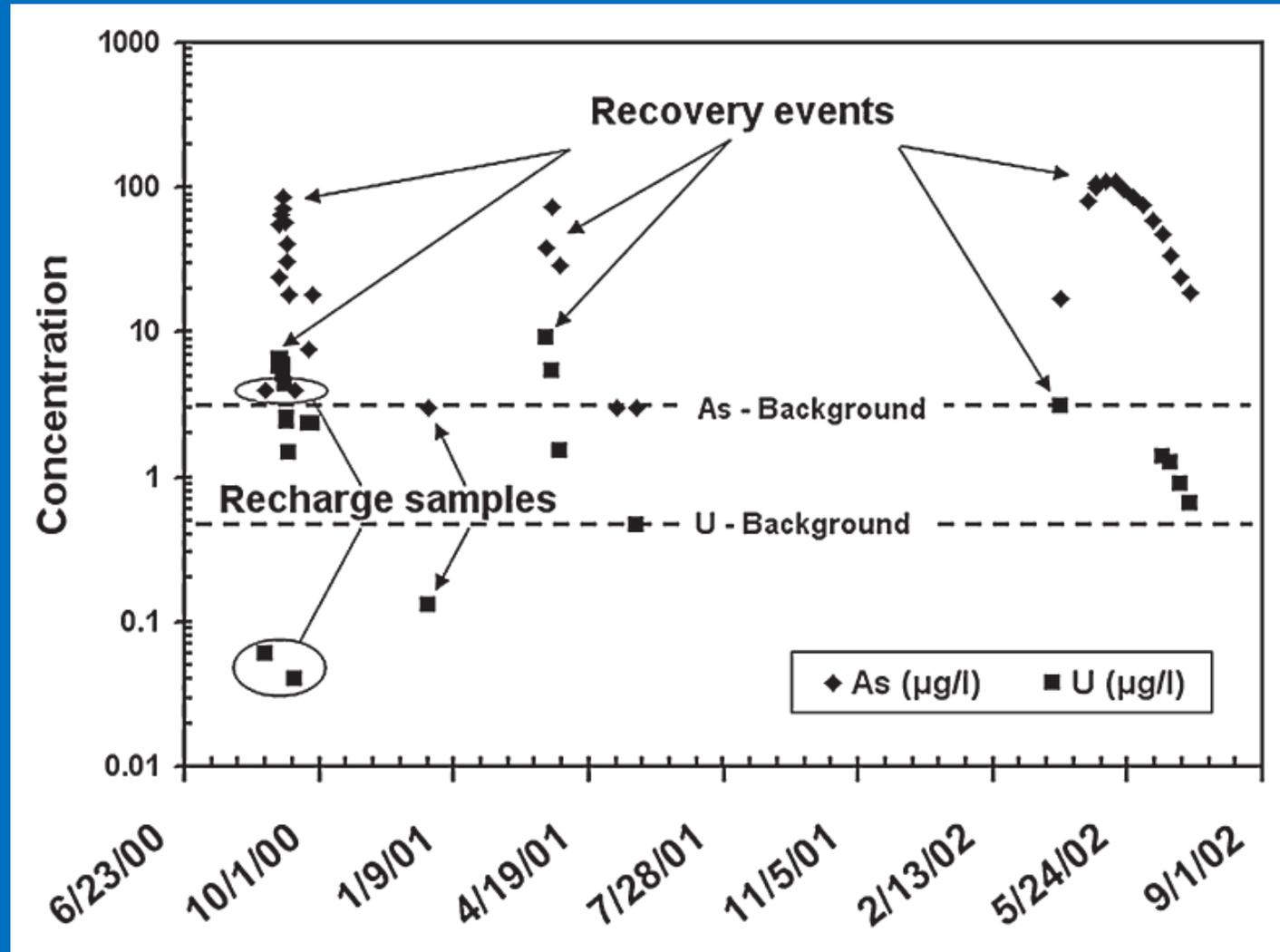
Regional Hydrostratigraphy

Series	Geologic formation or lithostratigraphic unit		Lithology	Hydrogeologic unit	Approximate thickness, in feet		
Holocene to Pliocene	Holocene-age undifferentiated and Pleistocene-age formations ¹		Quartz sand; silt; clay; shell; limestone; sandy shelly limestone	Surficial aquifer system	Water-table/ Biscayne aquifer	90–250	
	Tamiami Formation		Silt; sandy clay; sandy, shelly limestone; calcareous sandstone; and quartz sand		Confining beds Gray limestone aquifer		
Miocene to possibly Late Oligocene	Hawthorn Group	Peace River Formation	Interbedded silt, quartz sand, gravel, clay, carbonate, and phosphatic sand	Intermediate confining unit or intermediate aquifer system	Confining unit	270–800	
		Arcadia Formation	Upper		Carbonate mudstone to grainstone; claystone; shell beds; dolomite; phosphatic and quartz sand; silt; and clay		Sandstone aquifer Confining unit
	Lower		Sandy, molluscan limestone; phosphatic quartz sand, sandstone, and limestone		Mid-Hawthorn aquifer		
					Confining unit		
Early Oligocene	Suwannee Limestone ²		Molluscan, carbonate packstone to grainstone with minor quartz sand and no phosphate	Floridan aquifer system	Upper Floridan aquifer	25–480	
Eocene	Late	Ocala Limestone ²			Chalky carbonate mudstone, skeletal packstone to grainstone, and coquinoid limestone with no siliciclastic and phosphatic content	Middle semiconfining unit 1	100–860
	Middle	Avon Park Formation	Upper		Fossiliferous, lime mudstone to packstone and grainstone; dolomitic limestone; and dolostone; abundant cone-shaped benthic foraminifera	Avon Park permeable zone	25–420
			Lower			Middle semiconfining unit 2	60–750
	?	?	?	Uppermost permeable zone	30–220		
	Early	Oldsmar Formation		Micritic limestone, dolomitic limestone, and dolostone	Floridan aquifer (includes Boulder Zone permeable zones and confining units)	1,700–2,000 ³ 400–650 ³	
Paleocene	Cedar Keys Formation		Dolostone and dolomitic limestone		Sub-Floridan confining unit	1,200?	
			Massive anhydrite beds				

The analyzed cores all start within the Hawthorn Group of the Intermediate confining unit (ICU) and extend as deep as the upper part of the Lower Floridan aquifer (LFA).

Hydrostrat column from (Reese, 2014)

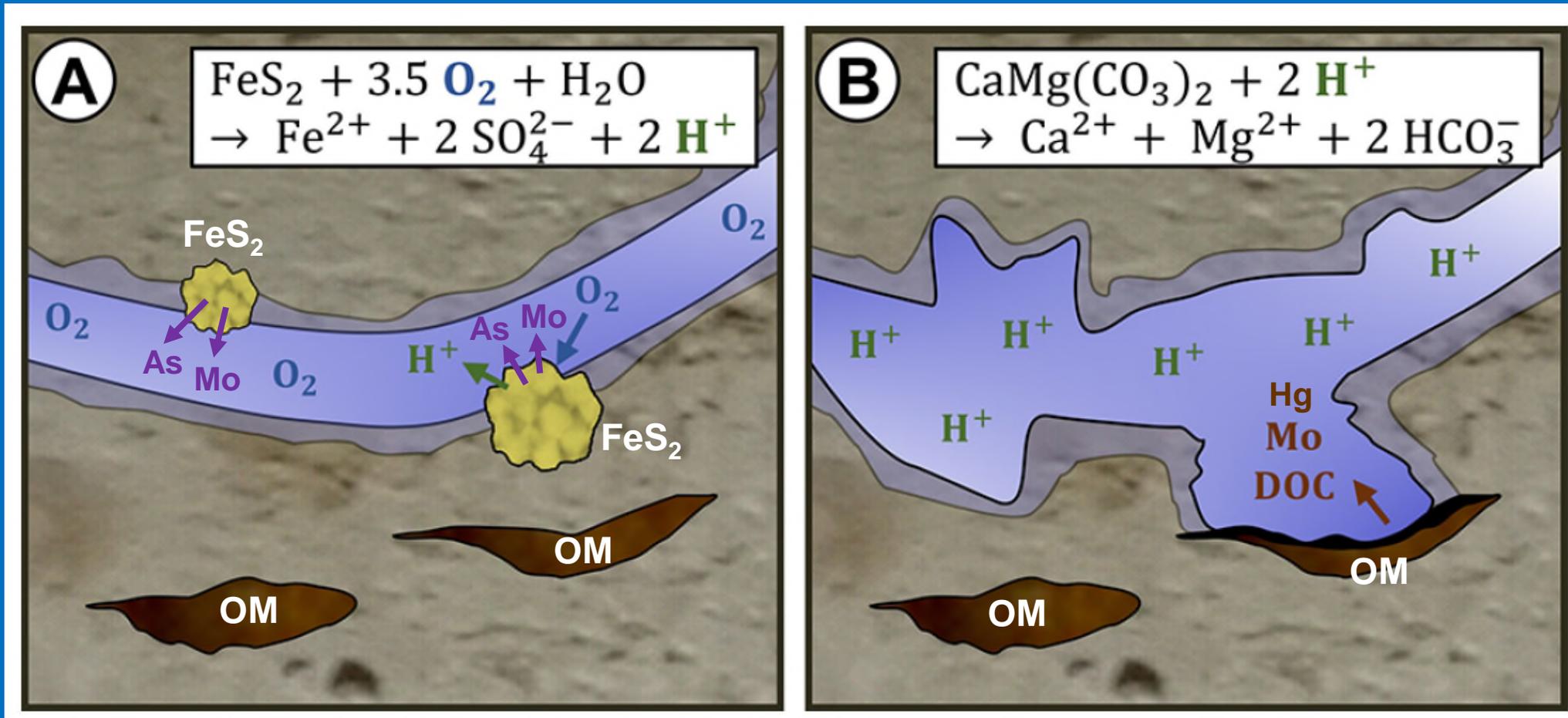
Why Perform These Geochemical Analyses?



Because ASR can cause mobilization of metals into solution from the carbonate rocks of the FAS.

Characterizing the concentrations of metals along the entire length of the recovered continuous cores provides critical information that can be used to assess the viability of specific storage zones and to assist with well design.

Mobilization Of Metals From Pyrite Dissolution



DOC =
dissolved
organic
carbon

Dissolution of pyrite (FeS₂) is a major cause of mobilization of metals such as As into solution. Pyrite dissolution lowers the pH of groundwater. This acidic environment can then dissolve additional metals from organic matter (OM) (Koopmann et al., 2022).

Methodology

A hand-held portable X-Ray fluorescence unit (pXRF) was used to analyze the continuous cores at approximate one-foot intervals.

Additional pXRF analyses were performed in the flow zones and organic-rich intervals.

Cores from C38S, L63N, and L63S are completely analyzed and the cores from C59 are currently being analyzed.

The pXRF analyzes 31 elements including key metals (As, Hg, and Mo).



Quality Control



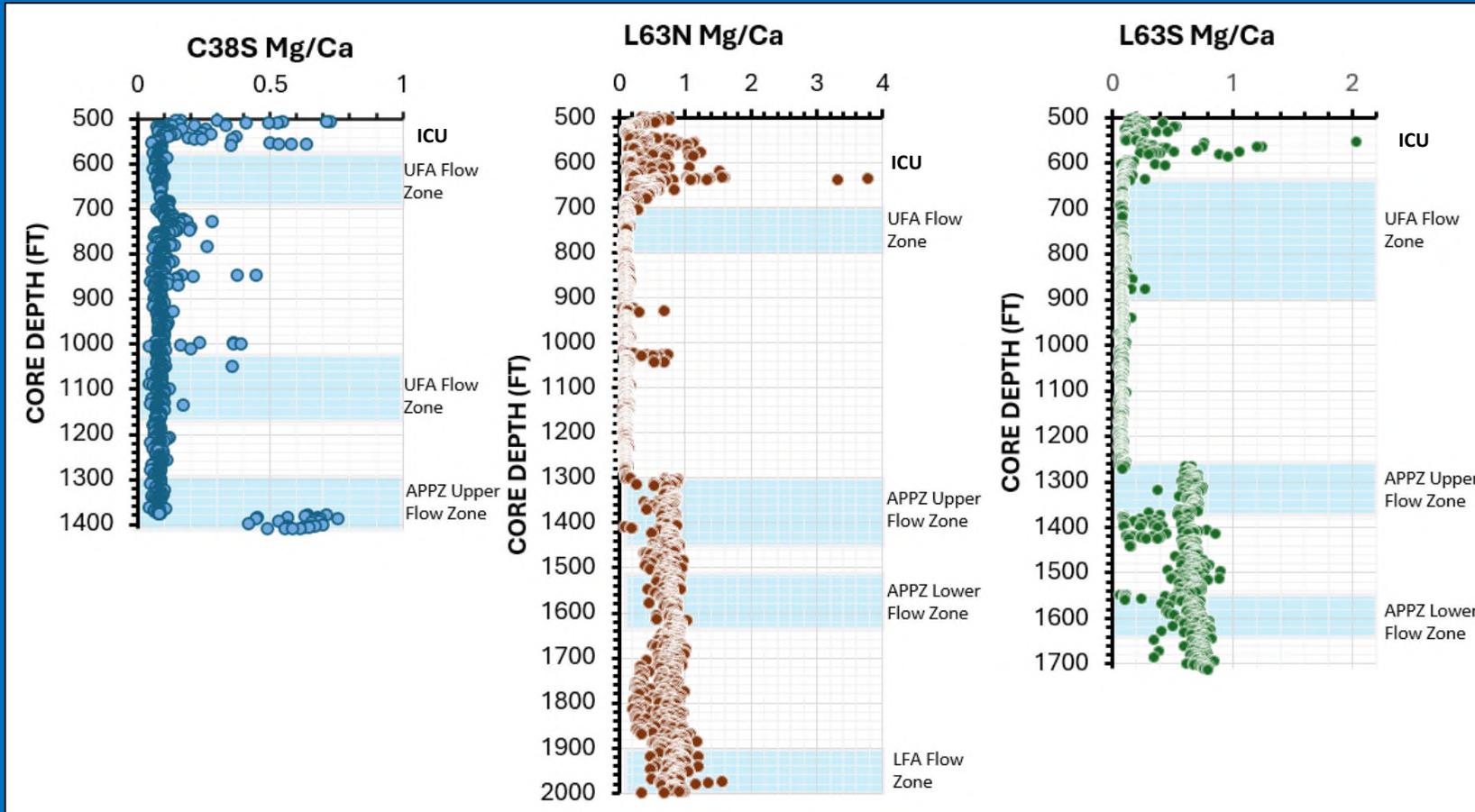
We analyzed 5 standards as knowns to test the data quality produced by the pXRF

Multiple measurements were collected at 20 depths from the C38S core to test for pXRF reproducibility.

Elemental totals were used to check for the quality of the analyses, and several results were removed due to poor totals.

Total number of analyses after quality control: 814 from C38S; 1,339 from L63N, and (currently) 1,116 from L63S.

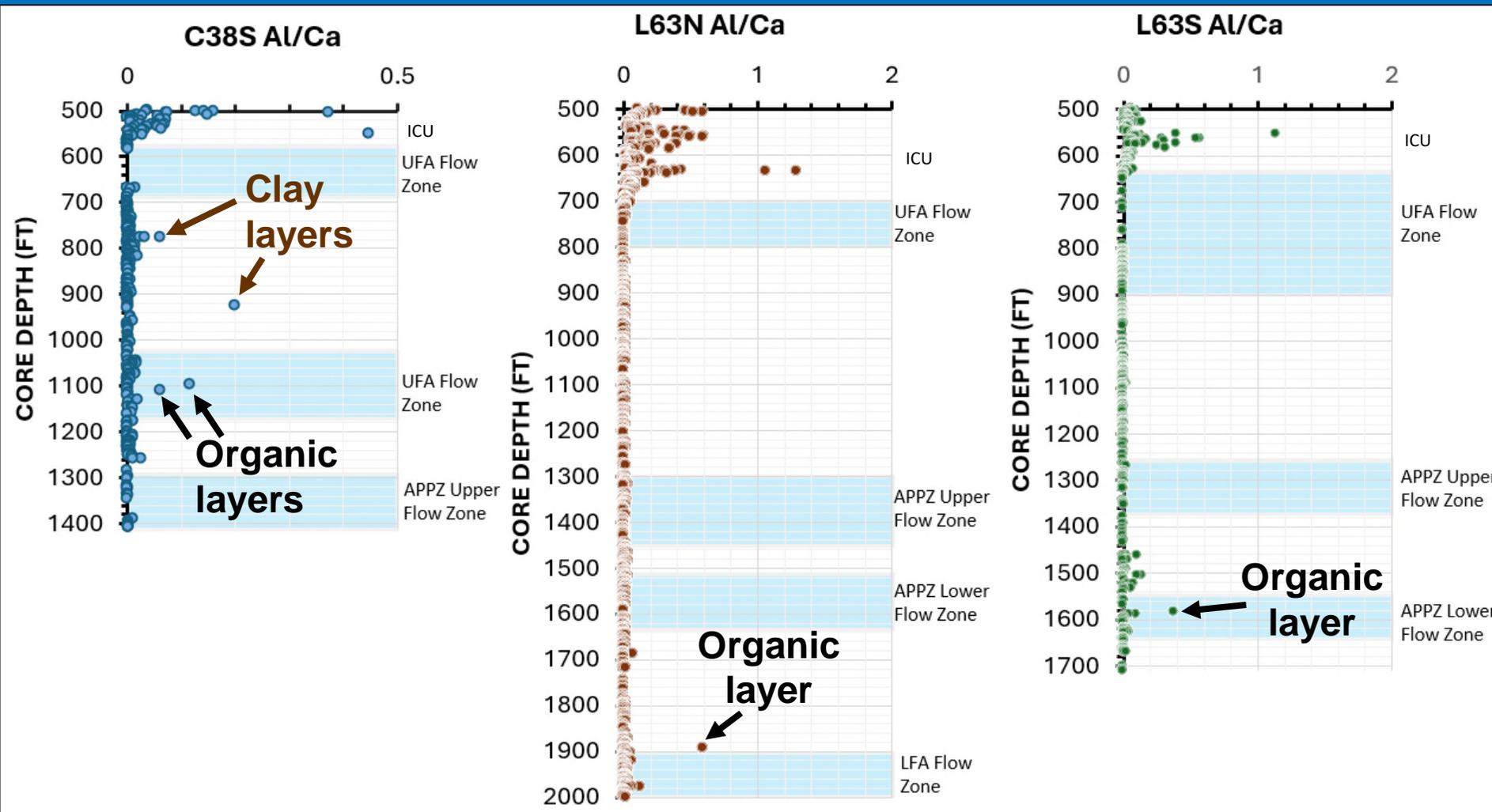
Mg/Ca ratios



Clay in the ICU causes high Mg/Ca ratios, while the underlying Ocala Limestone in the UFA has lower Mg/Ca ratios.

At about 1,300 ft bls in cores L63N and L63S the Mg/Ca ratio increases to dolostone levels of 0.8 (Prothero and Schwab, 2014) suggesting a lithologic change from limestone to dolostone.

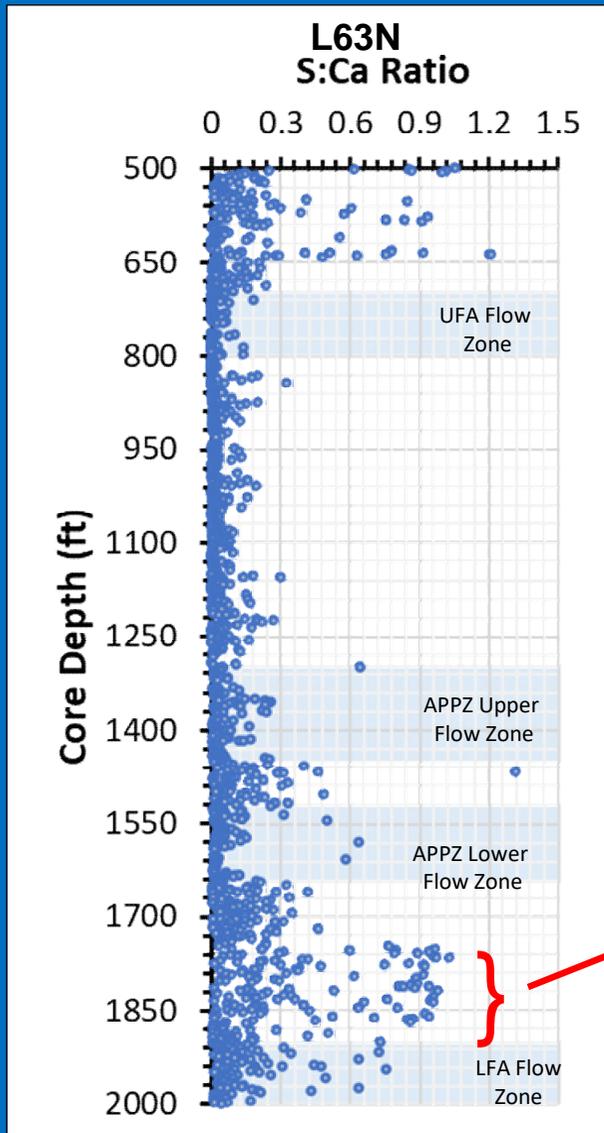
Al/Ca ratios



Clay in core C38S and organic-rich layers in all three cores have high Al/Ca ratios.

This supports a terrestrial (dry land) origin for these layers – which will be supported by other geochemical data.

Massive and Nodular Gypsum in MCU_II

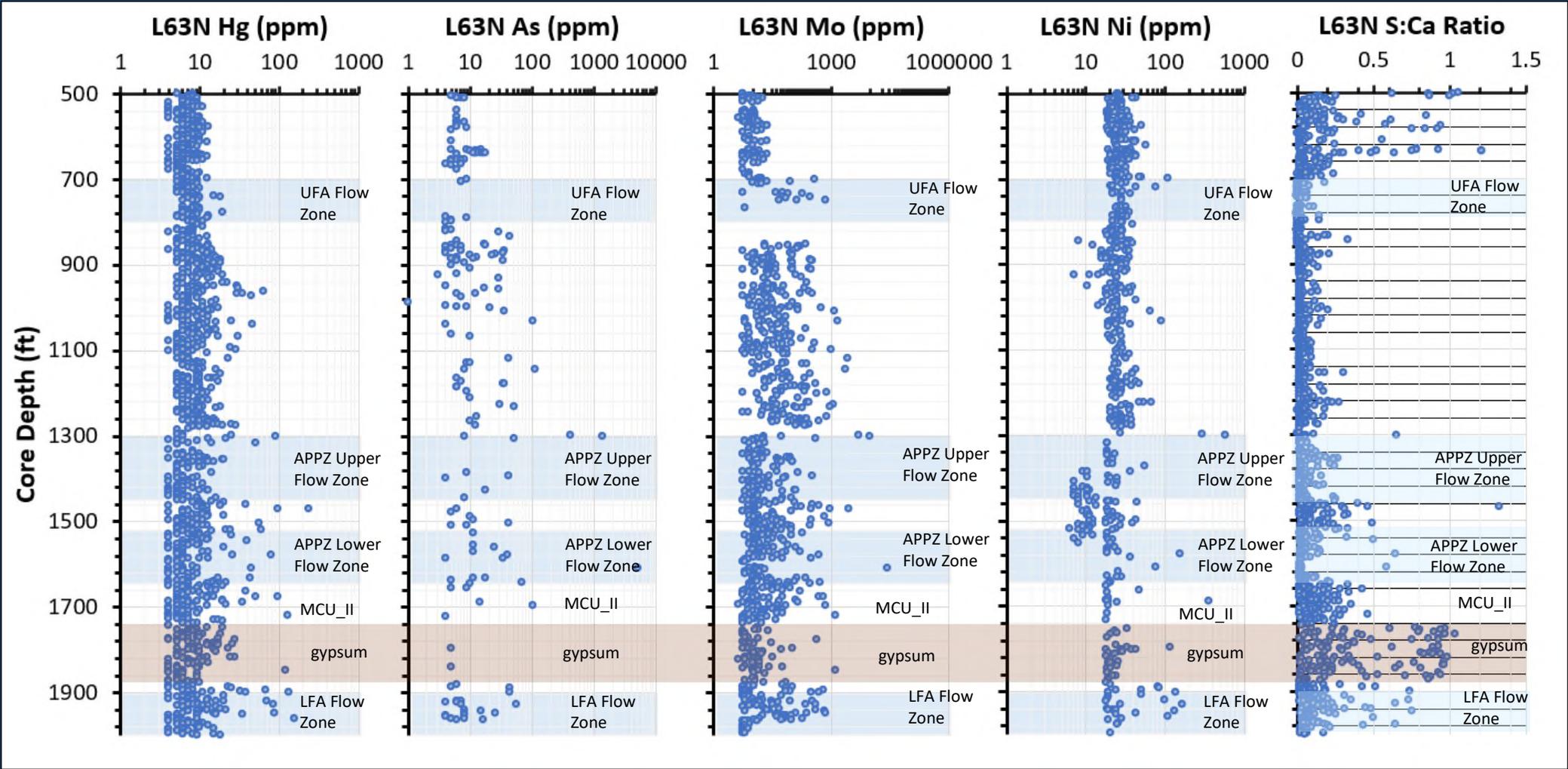


L63N 1,750-1,760 ft bls.



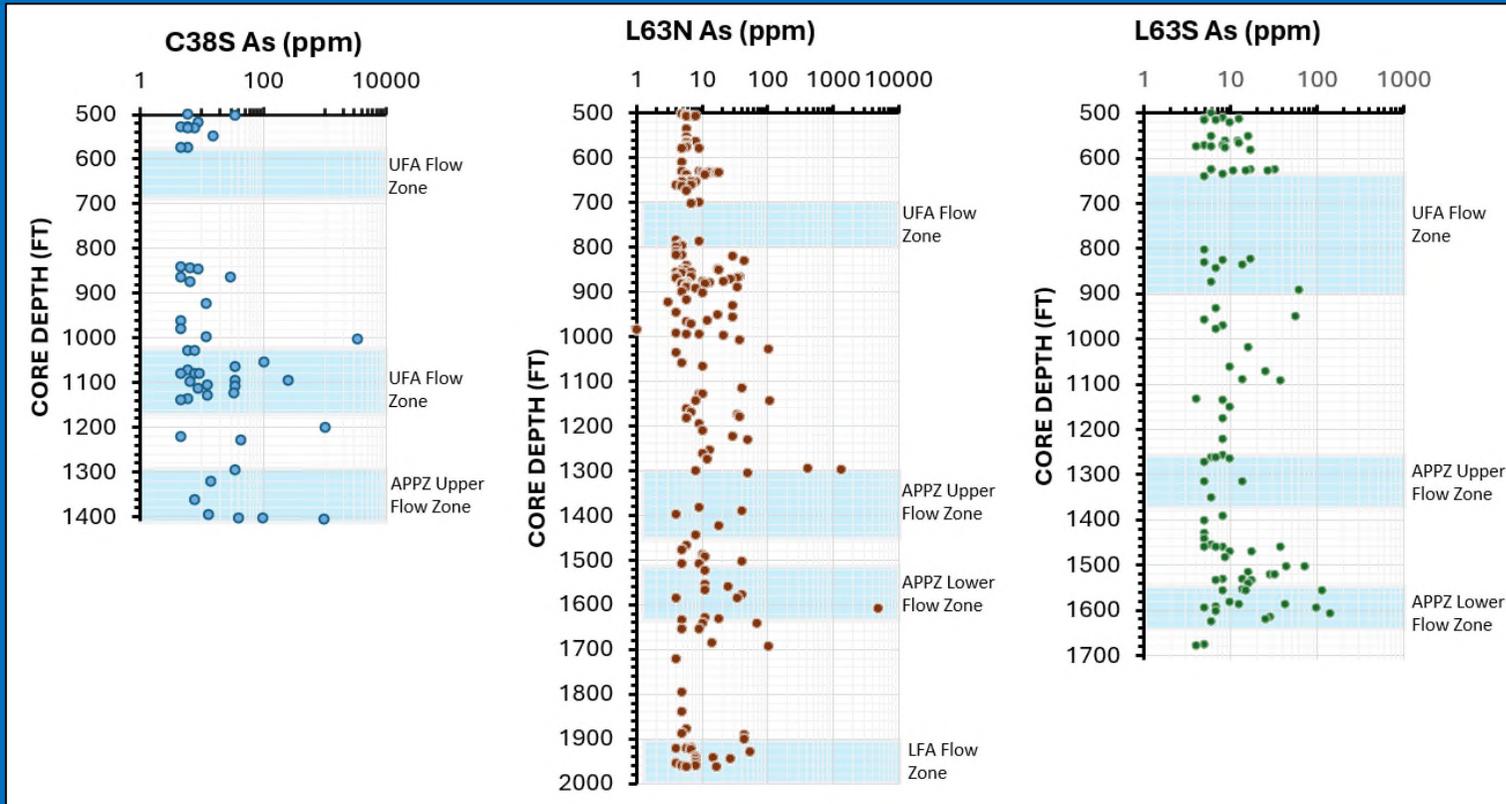
L63S 1,730-1,740 ft bls.

Chemistry of Massive and Nodular Gypsum in MCU_II at L63N



The gypsum in the Middle Confining Unit II at L63N. Metal concentrations in MCU_II tend to be lower than the in the rock directly above and below the gypsum and have elevated S:Ca ratios.

Arsenic Concentrations



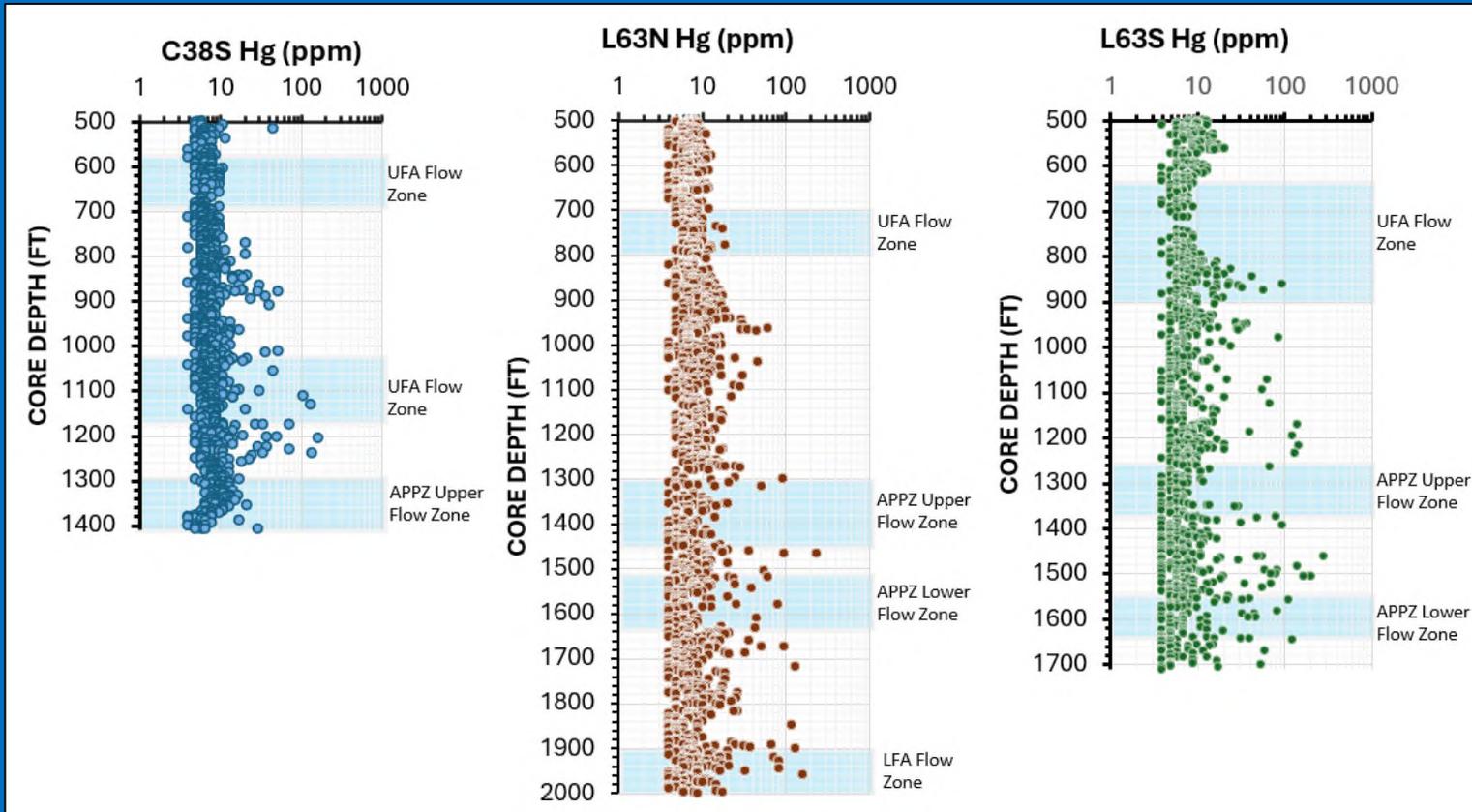
The gaps in data on the plots are areas where As was below the pXRF detection limit of 1 ppm (1 mg/kg).

Arsenic (As) is elevated in the lower UFA flow zone and in the APPZ upper flow zone at C38S.

As is elevated at the top of the upper APPZ flow zone, the bottom of the lower APPZ flow zone, and in approximately the upper 100 ft of the underlying confining unit in L63N. Arsenic becomes elevated in the upper portion of the LFA flow zone.

As is elevated in the UFA flow zone, in the confining units, and in the lower APPZ flow zone in L63S.

Mercury Concentrations

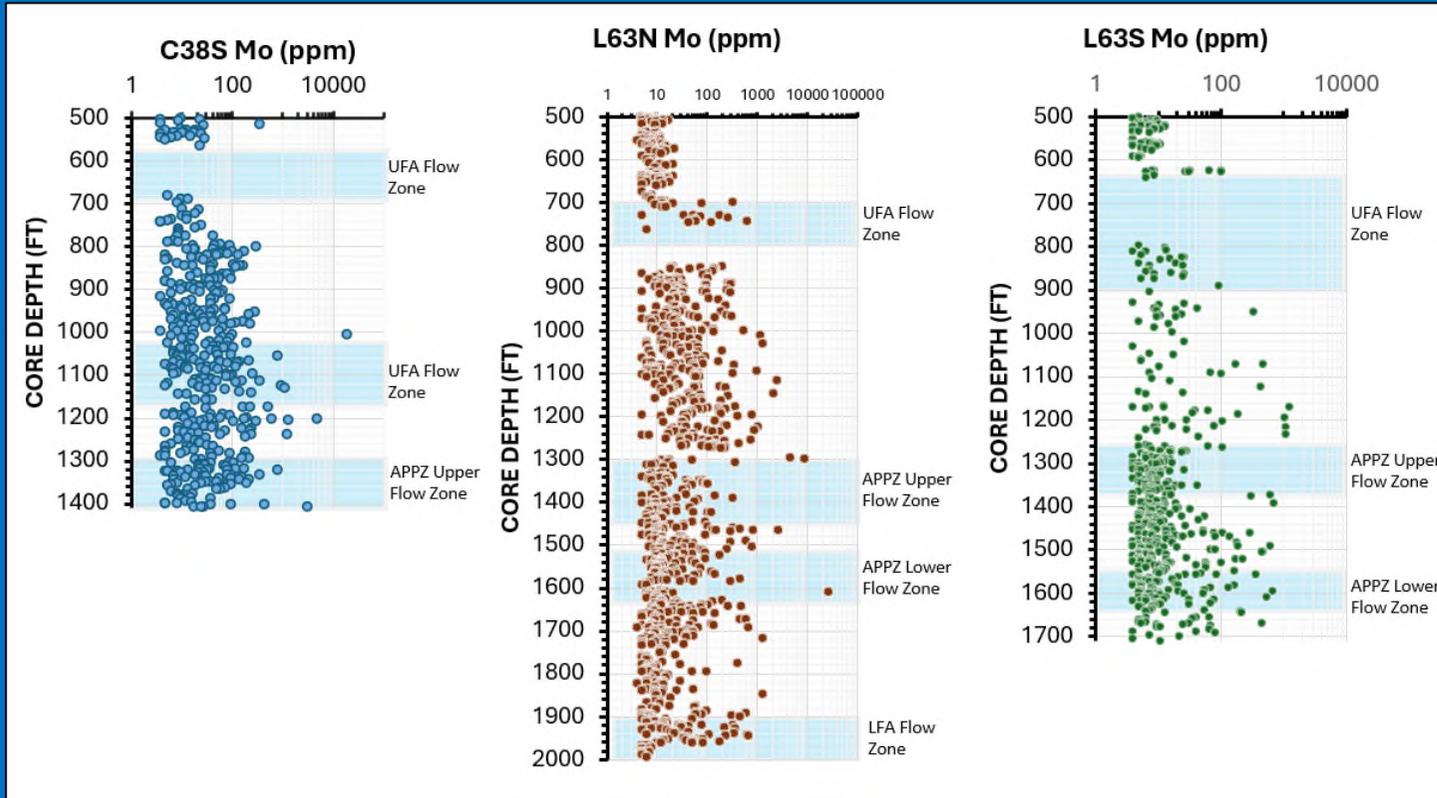


Mercury (Hg) concentrations are elevated in the confining unit between the two UFA flow zones, within the lower UFA flow zone, and in the underlying confining unit in C38S.

Hg concentrations are elevated at the top and bottom contacts of the upper APPZ flow zone, within the lower APPZ flow zone, and the upper part of the LFA flow zone in L63N.

Hg is elevated at the bottom part of the UFA flow zone, within the confining units, and the lower APPZ flow zone in L63S.

Molybdenum Concentrations

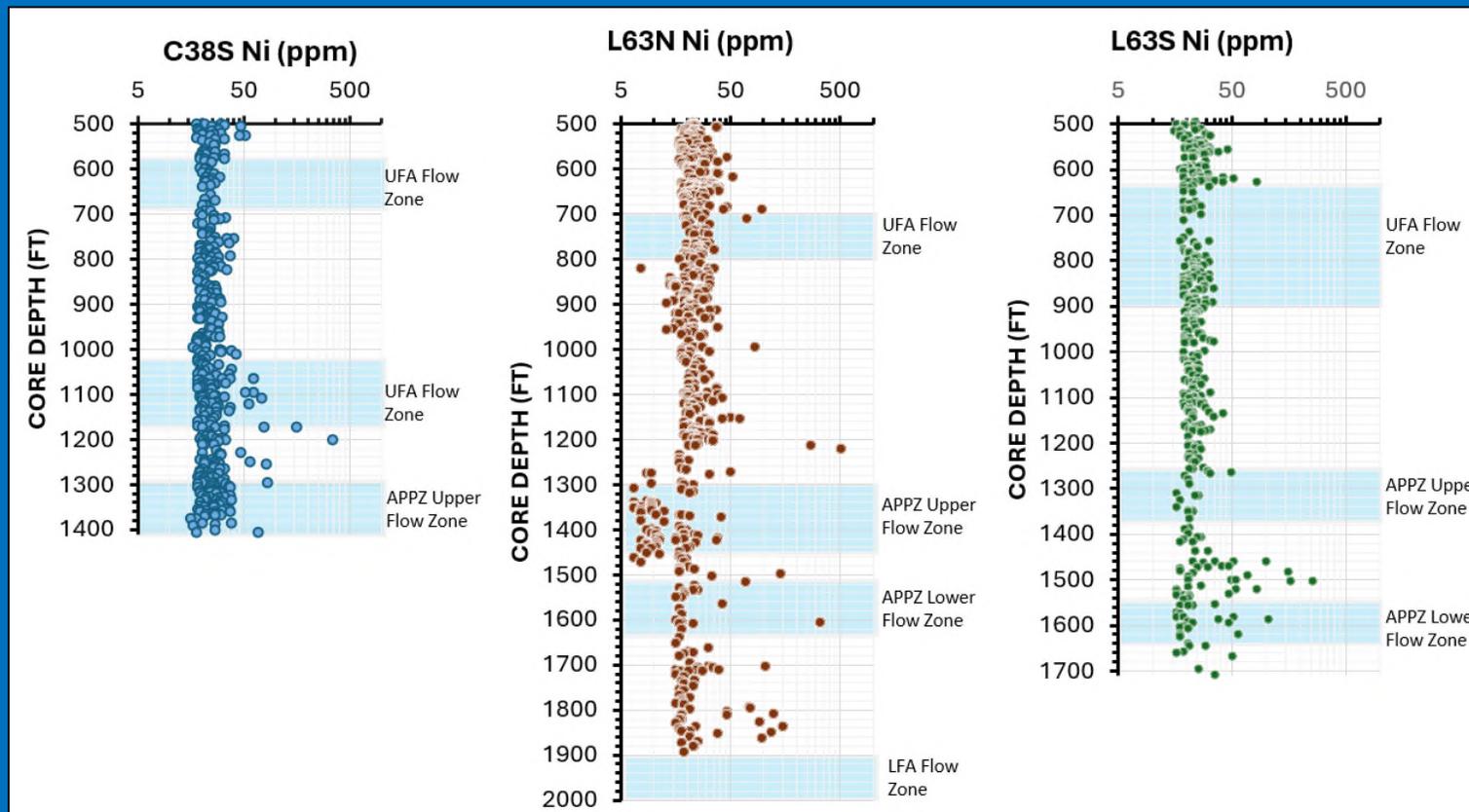


Molybdenum (Mo) concentrations were generally highest in the L63N cores.

Although Mo shows a range of several orders of magnitude, it was measured at slightly lower concentrations in the upper APPZ flow zone in L63N and L63S. Relatively elevated Mo concentrations were measured in the lower APPZ flow zone in L63S

The gaps in data are areas where Mo was below the pXRF detection limit of 1 ppm (mg/kg).

Nickel Concentrations



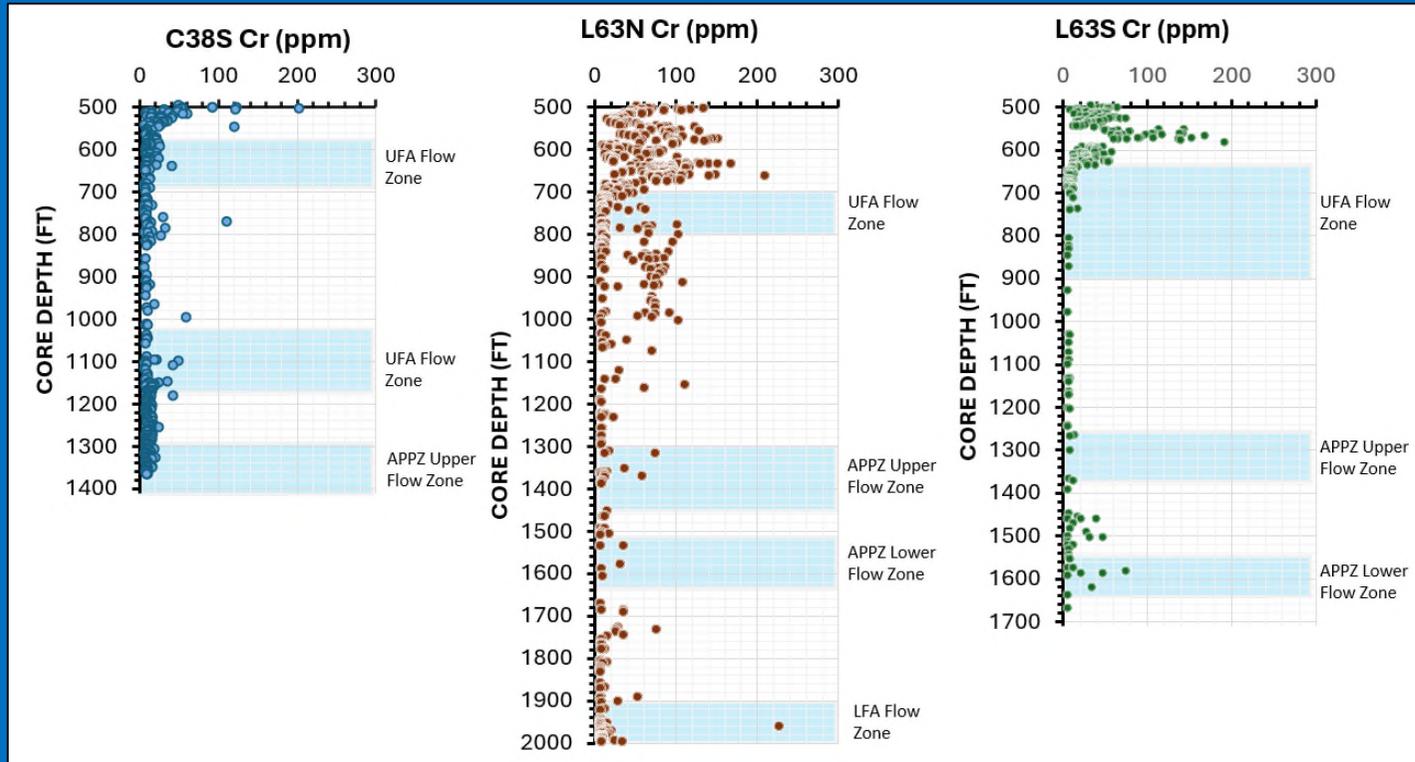
The gaps in data are areas where Ni was below the pXRF detection limit of 5 ppm (mg/kg).

Nickel (Ni) is elevated in the lower UFA Flow Zone and the confining unit beneath the UFA flow zone in C38S.

In L63N and L63S, elevated Ni concentrations were measured at the upper contact of the UFA flow zone.

At L63N, elevated Ni concentrations were measured in the confining unit between the upper and lower APPZ flow zones, sporadically in the APPZ lower flow zone, and within MCU_II above the LFA flow zone.

Chromium Concentrations



The gaps in data are areas where Cr was below the pXRF detection limit of 2 ppm (mg/kg).

Chromium (Cr) concentrations are relatively low throughout the FAS in C38S and L63S, except for a few elevated concentrations within the UFA flow zone at C38, the confining unit between the APPZ flow zones and the APPZ lower flow zone in L63S.

Cr concentrations in L63S are highest in the ICU, the bottom half of the UFA flow zone and upper half of MCU_I and sporadically in the APPZ upper flow zone and LFA flow zone. It is also elevated in the UFA flow zones at L63N, and within the middle semiconfining unit and APPZ lower flow zone at L63S.

Organic-rich Layers



Organic-rich layer

Organics at 1007 ft.
depth in core
C38S



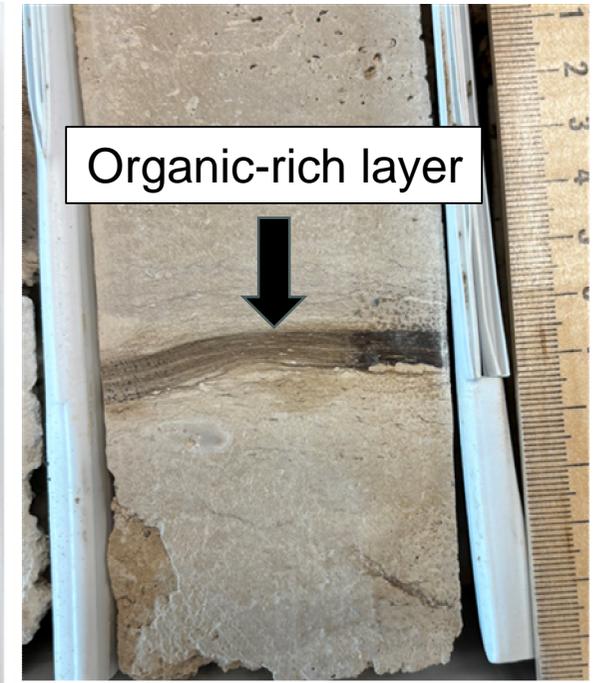
Organic-rich layer

Organics at 1607
ft. depth in core
L63N



Organic-rich layer

Organics at 1795.5
ft. depth in core
L63N



Organic-rich layer

Organics at 1619.7
ft. depth in core
L63S

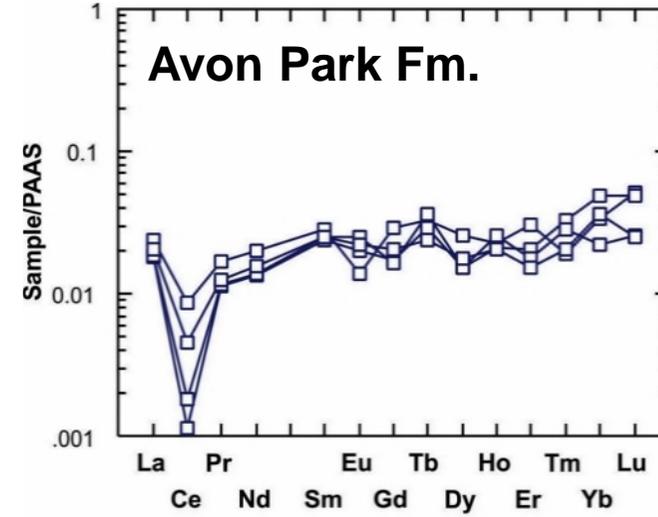
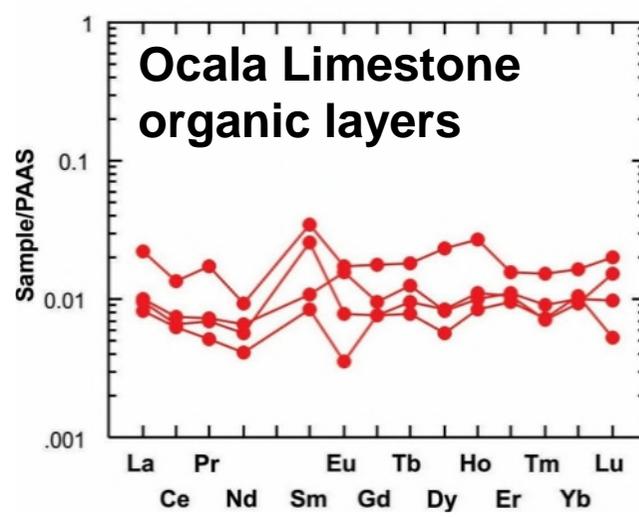
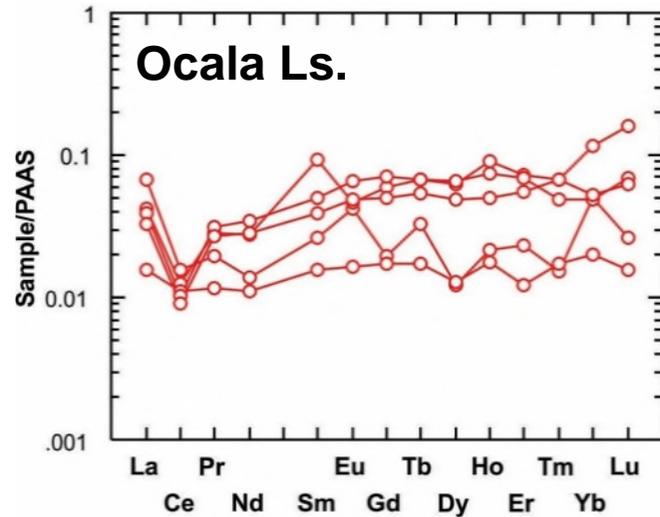
Summary of Organic-rich Layers

Core	C38S	L63N	L63S
Number of organic layers in UFA Flow Zone	UFA Flow Zone 1 = 0 UFA Flow Zone 2 = 6	0	1
Number of organic layers in APPZ Upper Flow Zone	2	1	0
Number of organic layers in APPZ Lower Flow Zone	Core not recovered	4	6
Number of organic layers in LFA Flow Zone	Core not recovered	7	28

Effects Of Organic Layers On Metals Concentrations

		As (ppm)	Hg (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Ni (ppm)
C38S	Average Metal Concentration in Non-Organic Sections of Core	63	9	81	26
	Average Metal Concentration in Organic Layers	741	46	2209	101
L63N	Average Metal Concentration in Non-Organic Sections of Core	16	9	65	26
	Average Metal Concentration in Organic Layers	605	48	1666	102
L63S	Average Metal Concentration in Non-Organic Sections of Core	15	10	31	25
	Average Metal Concentration in Organic Layers	25	49	142	57

ICP-MS Analysis



PAAS values from Pourmand et al. (2012)

- Ocala Limestone
- Ocala organic layer
- Avon Park Fm.

Portions of the cores, like zones of broken rock, were sampled and sent out for external ICP-MS analysis at Hamilton Analytical Laboratory, Hamilton College.

Post-Archean average sediment (PAAS)-normalized diagrams for samples from C38S and L63N shown here.

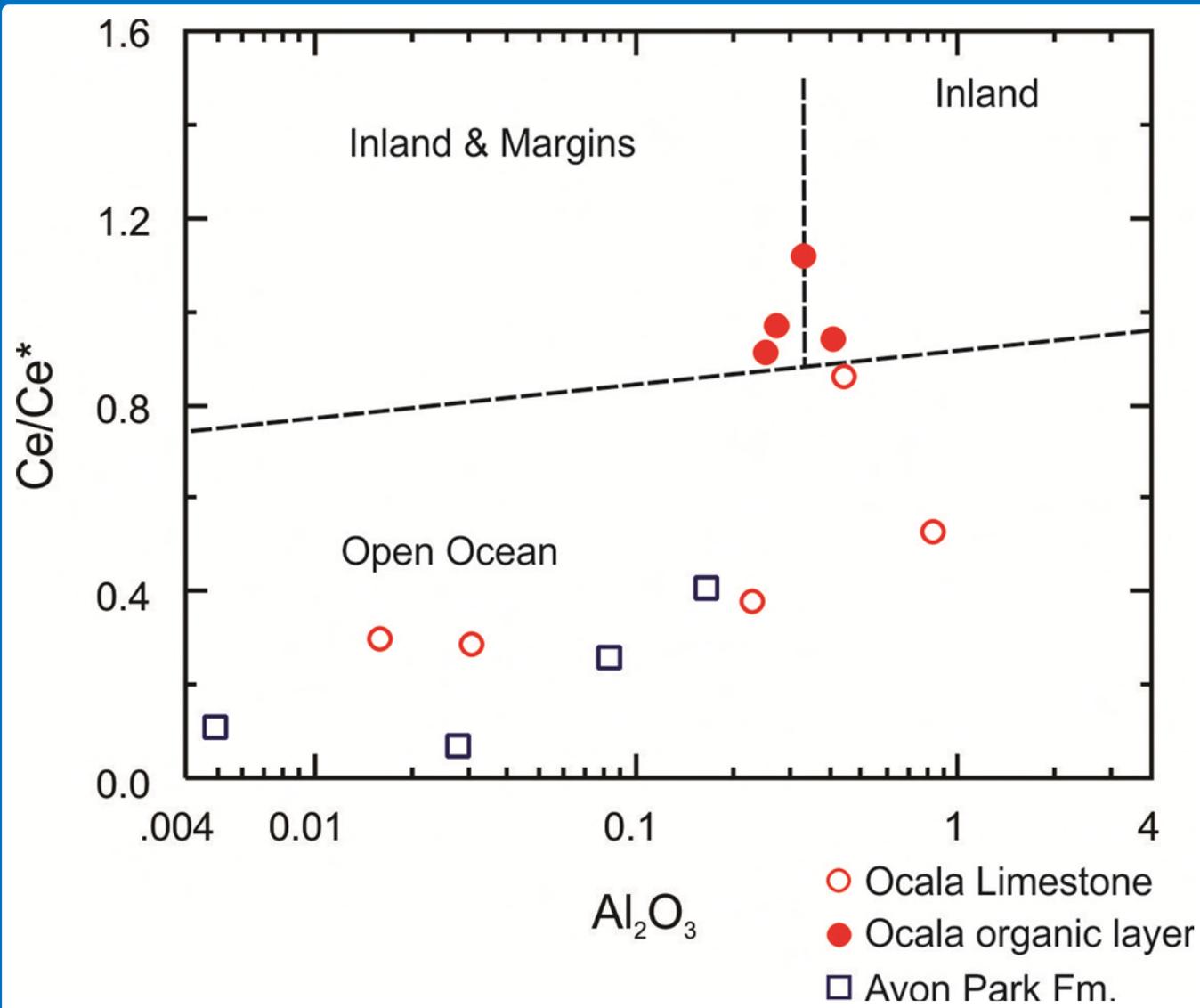
Note that the cerium (Ce) anomaly is not pronounced in the organic-rich layers.

Origins Of Organic-rich Layers

This cerium anomaly can be represented by normalizing Ce to post-Archean average sediment compositions from Australia to create a Ce/Ce^* .

This suggests the organic-layers have a stronger terrestrial component than the limestones and dolostones from the Ocala Limestone and Avon Park Formation.

Ce/Ce^* vs. Al_2O_3 diagram from Zhang et al. (2017).



Origins Of Organic-rich Layers

Mo, As, U, and Zr correlate to a higher Ce/Ce*.

Generally, the higher Mo, As, U, and other metal values are in the organic layers.

The correlation between the elevated metals concentrations and the high Ce/Ce* suggests terrestrial origin for these metals in the organic-rich layers is possible.

- Ocala Limestone
- Ocala organic layer
- Avon Park Fm.

Conclusions

The limestones of the UFA flow zones have relatively lower As, Hg, Ni, and Cr concentrations than the deeper flow zones in the dolostone-dominated APPZ and LFA-upper. Mo, however, can be elevated in the UFA Flow Zone.

Metals in the analyzed cores are elevated in organic-rich layers, clay layers, and, locally, along unit boundaries and disconformities.

Organic-rich layers have a terrestrial source and contain very high metal concentrations, high Al concentrations, and high Ce/Ce*. These organic layers are found within flow zones and should be considered when selecting injection and recovery zones and during well design. Of the 3 continuous cores analyzed so far, L63S had the lowest As and Mo concentrations in the organic layers and the lowest overall concentrations of As, Hg, and Mo.

Rock, mineral, and elemental solubility as well as aquifer parameters from aquifer testing should be combined with the metal concentrations obtained from this study when considering future ASR well design and planning/modeling efforts.



Break (15 min)





LAKE OKEECHOBEE WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT (LOWRP)



AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY (ASR) TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY

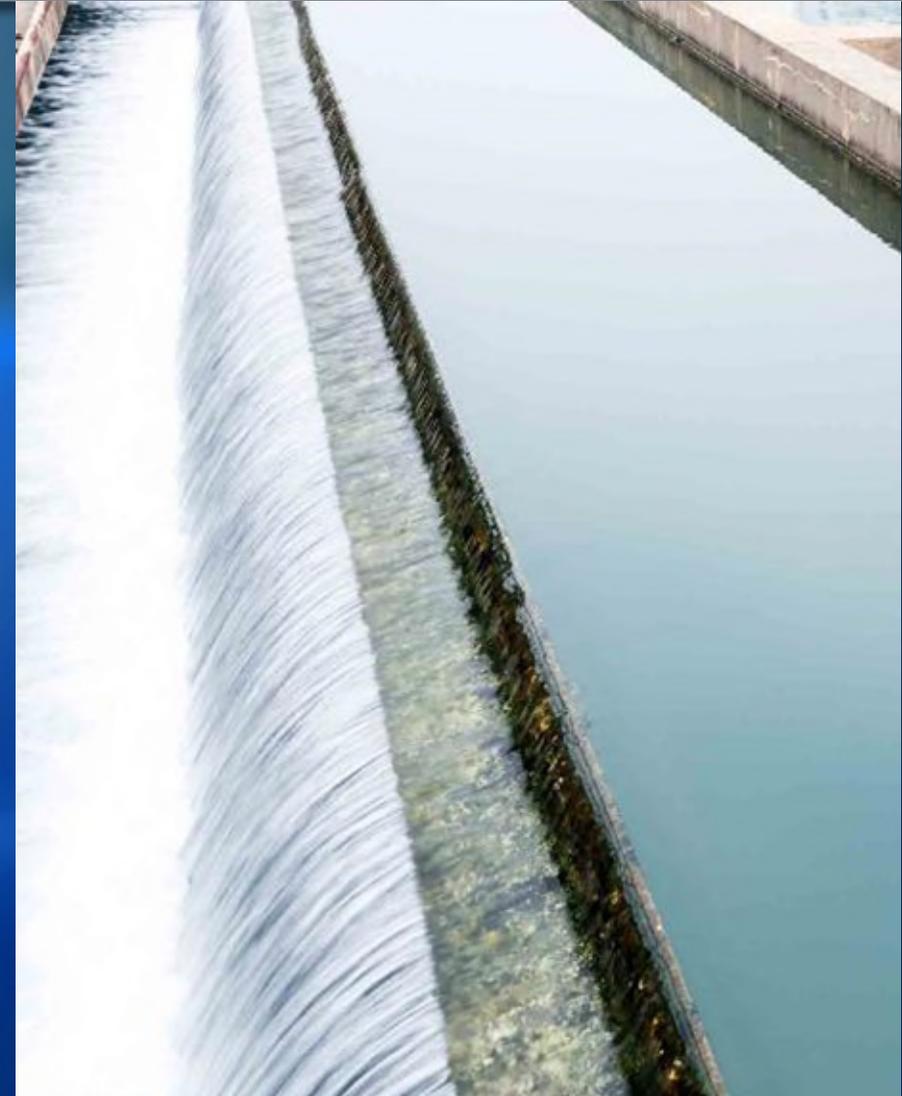
TREATMENT SYSTEM UPDATE



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OVERVIEW

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SUMMARY OF WORK TO DATE

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- Conceptual Discipline Design (2022)
- Preliminary Design (2023-2024)
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- DO Reduction Bench-Scale Testing (2024)*
- DO Reduction Process Alternative Evaluation (2024)
- Backwash Thickening Bench-Scale Testing (2024)*

*in coordination with USACE Engineering Research & Development Center (ERDC)

TECHNOLOGY SELECTION & TESTING

➤ POC Testing (Stantec, 2021-2022) demonstrated:

➤ MEDIA FILTRATION + UV:

- Low filtration rate for media filters translates to a **large facility footprint**. Backwash ponds require significant land.
- Even at low filtration rate, media filters **minimally reduce turbidity/solids**, resulting in high UV dose requirement.
- UV can reliably disinfect but requires up to a **30 mJ dose** during poor water quality events (as opposed to 21 mJ dosed at KRASR previously)
- Clean water source strongly recommended for backwashing, but utility water may not be available from OUA.

➤ MEMBRANE FILTRATION:

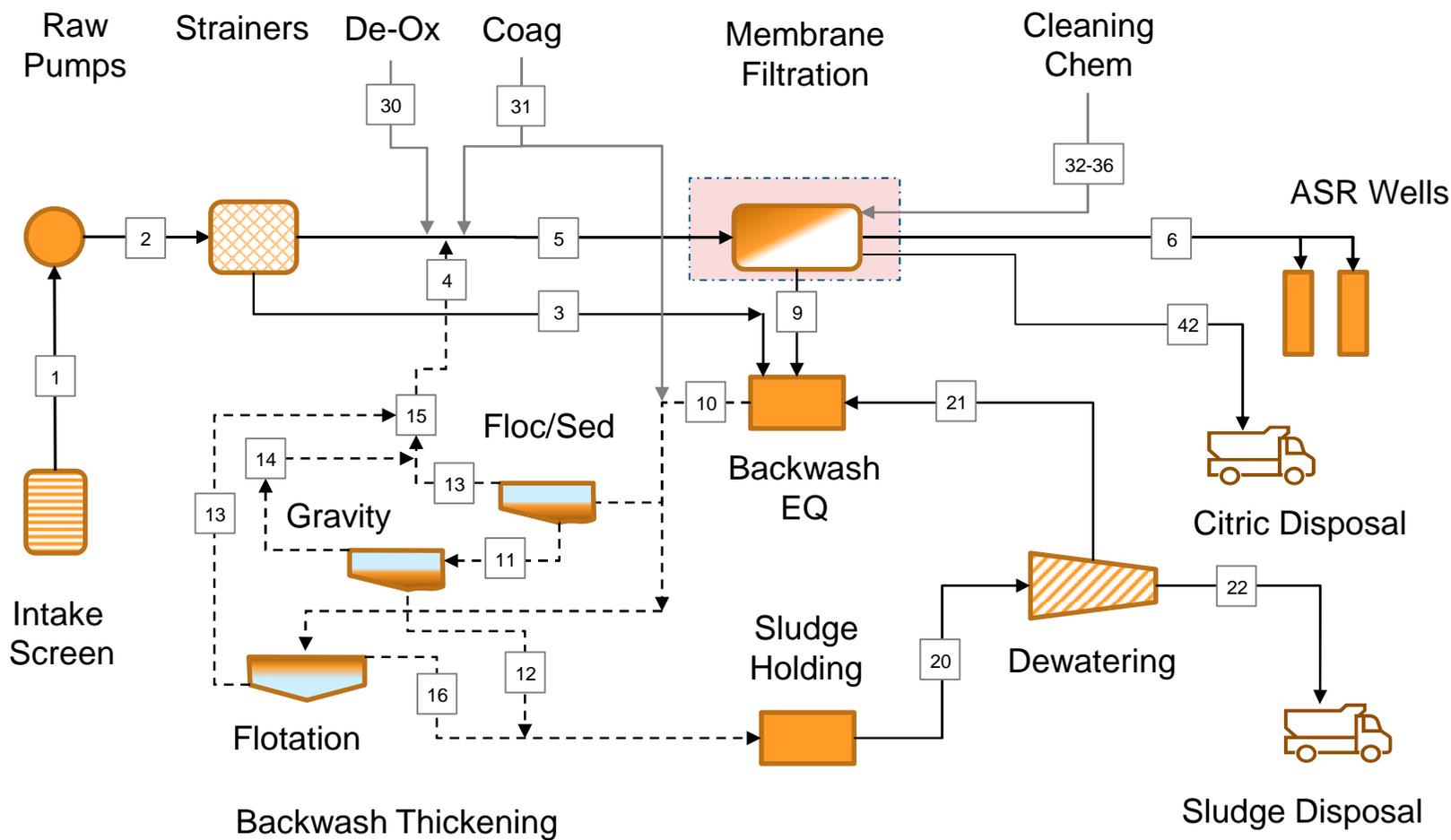
- **Coliform was reliably removed** by size exclusion without additional disinfection technology.
- **Excellent removal of solids** and turbidity results in greater solids content in backwash.
- Operations vary significantly by vendor:
 - Coagulant dose (color removal)
 - Cleaning chemical requirements
 - Membrane life
- Settleability and dewaterability of **backwash waste differs significantly**



TREATMENT SYSTEMS

How do we produce water suitable
for aquifer recharge?

TREATMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW



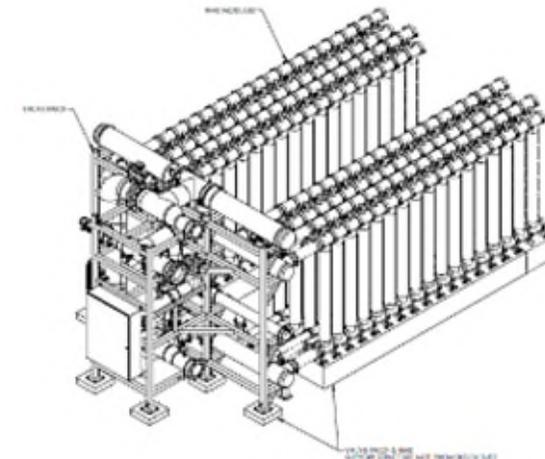
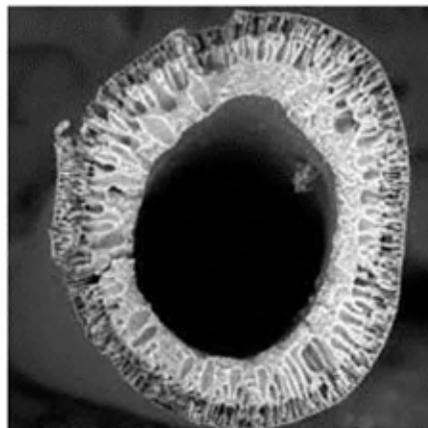
TREATMENT PROCESS: MF/UF MEMBRANES

➤ Membrane

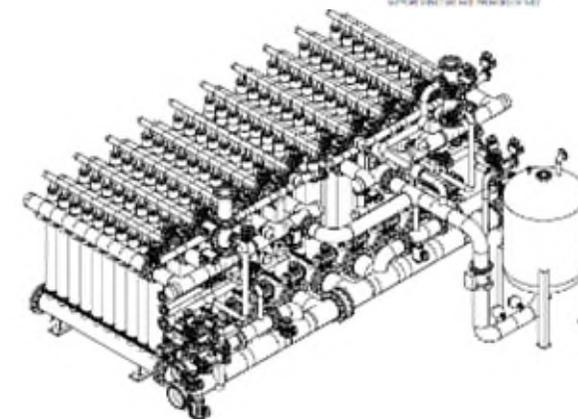
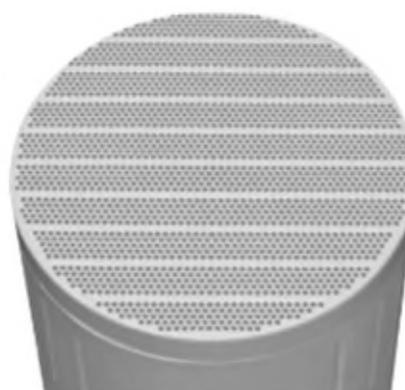
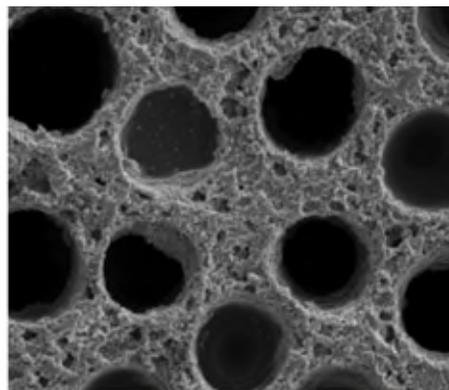
← Elements ← Vessels

← Racks ← Trains

➤ Veolia & FilmTec
(polymeric)



➤ Aqua Aerobic
(ceramic)



MF/UF MEMBRANES – DEMONSTRATION TESTING

➤ 3 Participating Membrane Suppliers

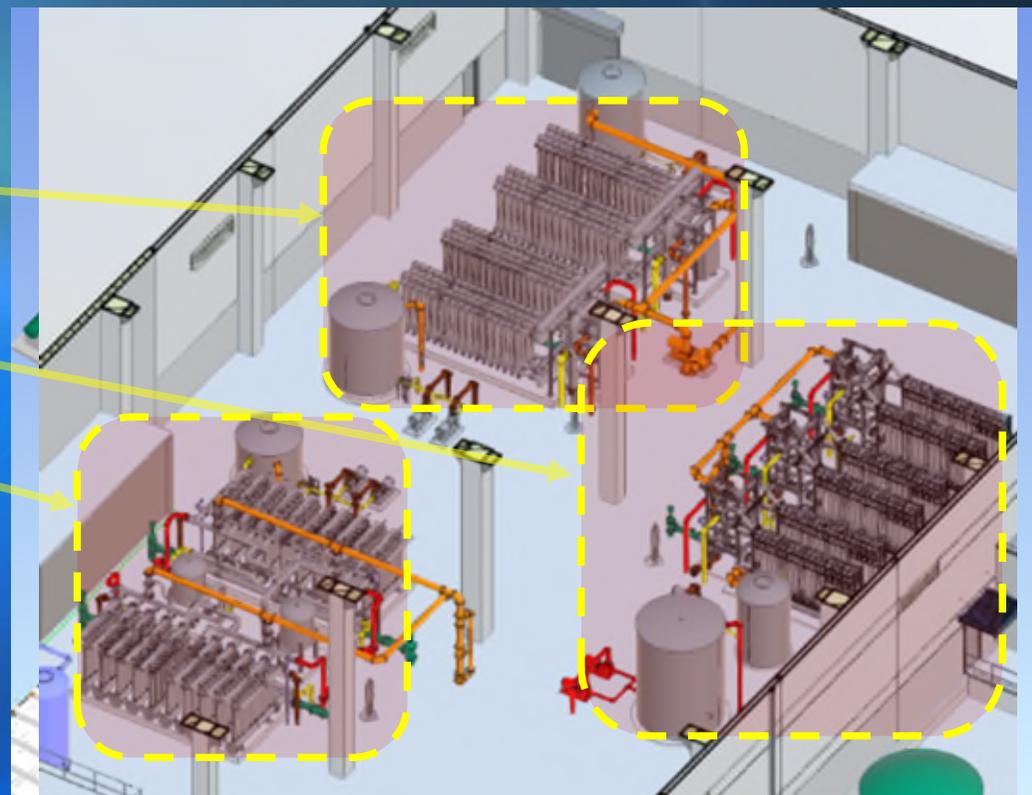
➤ Veolia (polymeric)

➤ FilmTec (polymeric)

➤ Aqua Aerobic (ceramic)

➤ All membranes remove coliform bacteria reliably

➤ However, filtrate color differs between polymeric and ceramic membranes



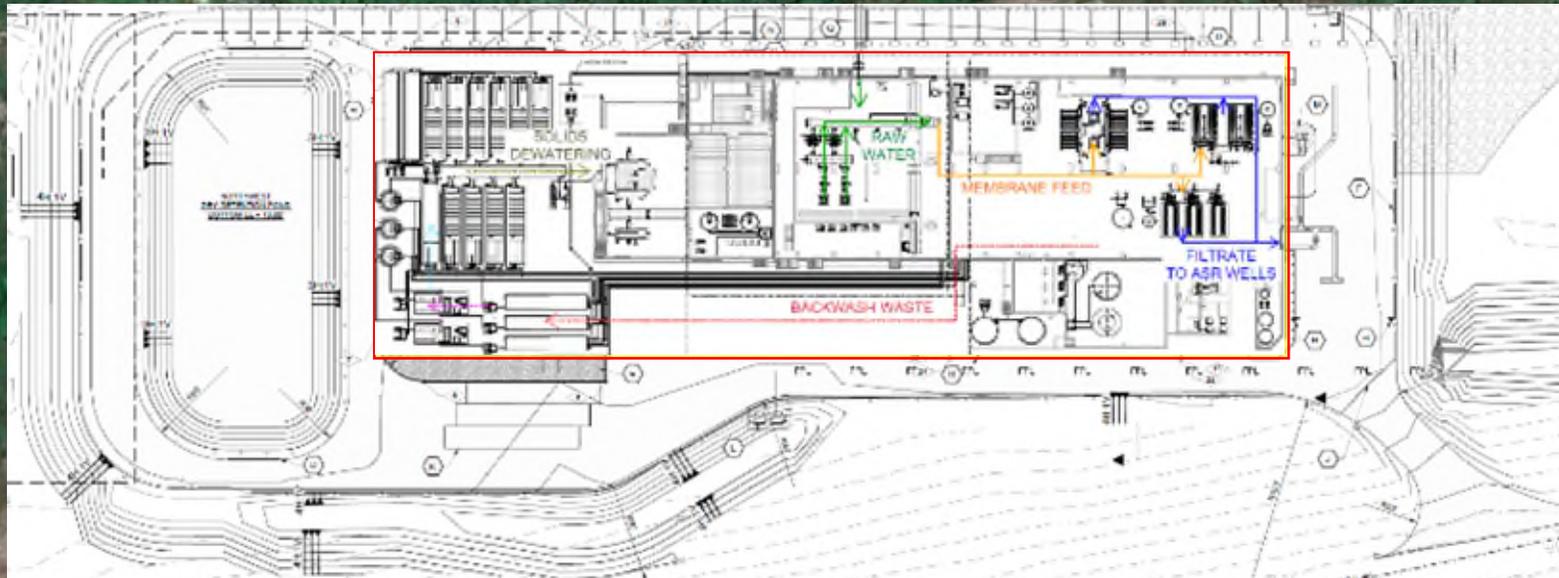
TREATMENT: C-38S LOCATION



TREATMENT – PHASED DESIGN

- **Design of the C38-S treatment facility has been developed with a phased approach.**
 - **Phase 1 – 10 MGD**
 - Construct facilities necessary to enable demonstration testing of membrane filtration technology and cycle testing of one well pair at a capacity of 10 MGD.
 - Membrane treatment capacity will be split evenly between 3 suppliers (3.3 MGD, each).
 - Collect operating data to quantify consumables, energy and OPEX costs, which will set the stage for a competitive Net Present Value (NPV)-based selection of membrane filtration supplier for expansion in Phase 2.
 - **Phase 2 – Expansion to 50 MGD**
 - Competitive NPV-based selection of membrane supplier for full-scale facility.
 - Design and expand facility from 10 to 50 MGD, based on the lowest NPV option for the District
 - Connect to 4 additional well pairs at C-38S site

TREATMENT FACILITY: SITE PLAN



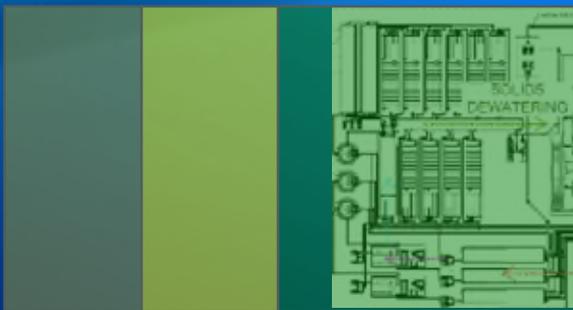
TREATMENT FACILITY - PHASING

Phase 1
(10 MGD Temp)

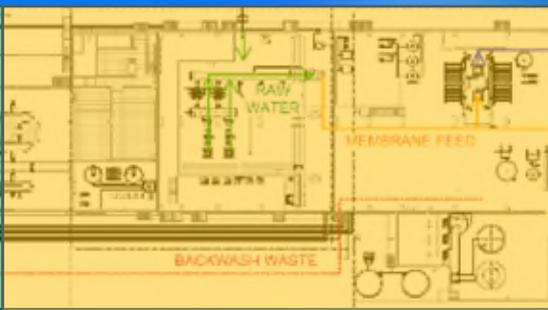


Phase 2
(50 MGD Expansion)

Phase 1
(50 MGD Full-scale)

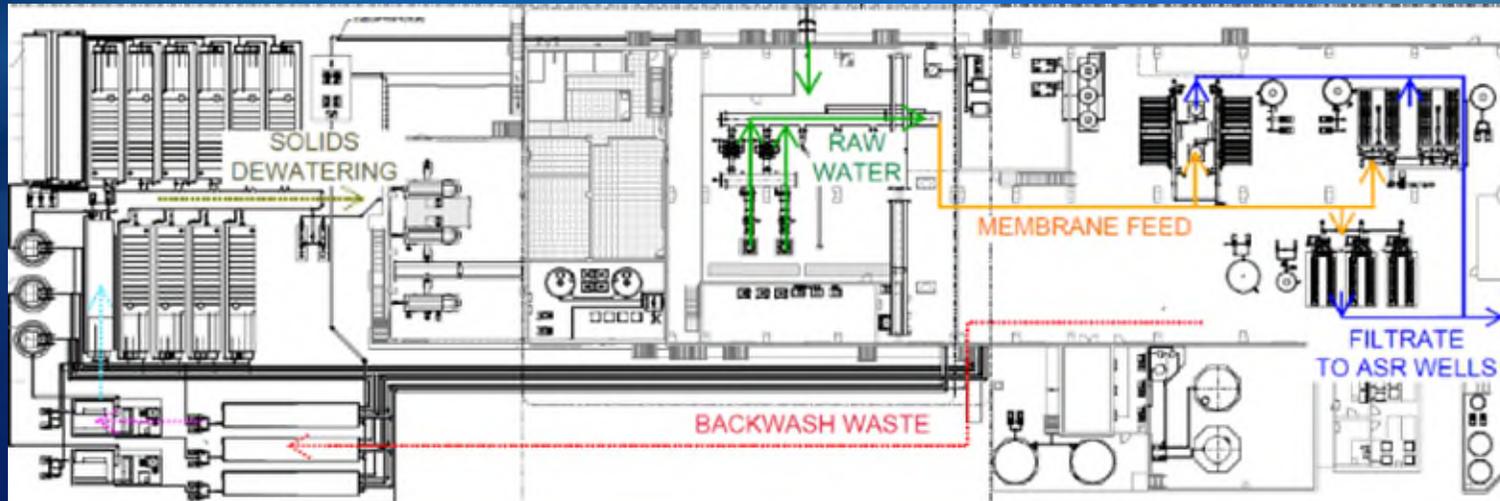


Phase 1
(10 MGD Demonstration)



Phase 2
(50 MGD Expansion)



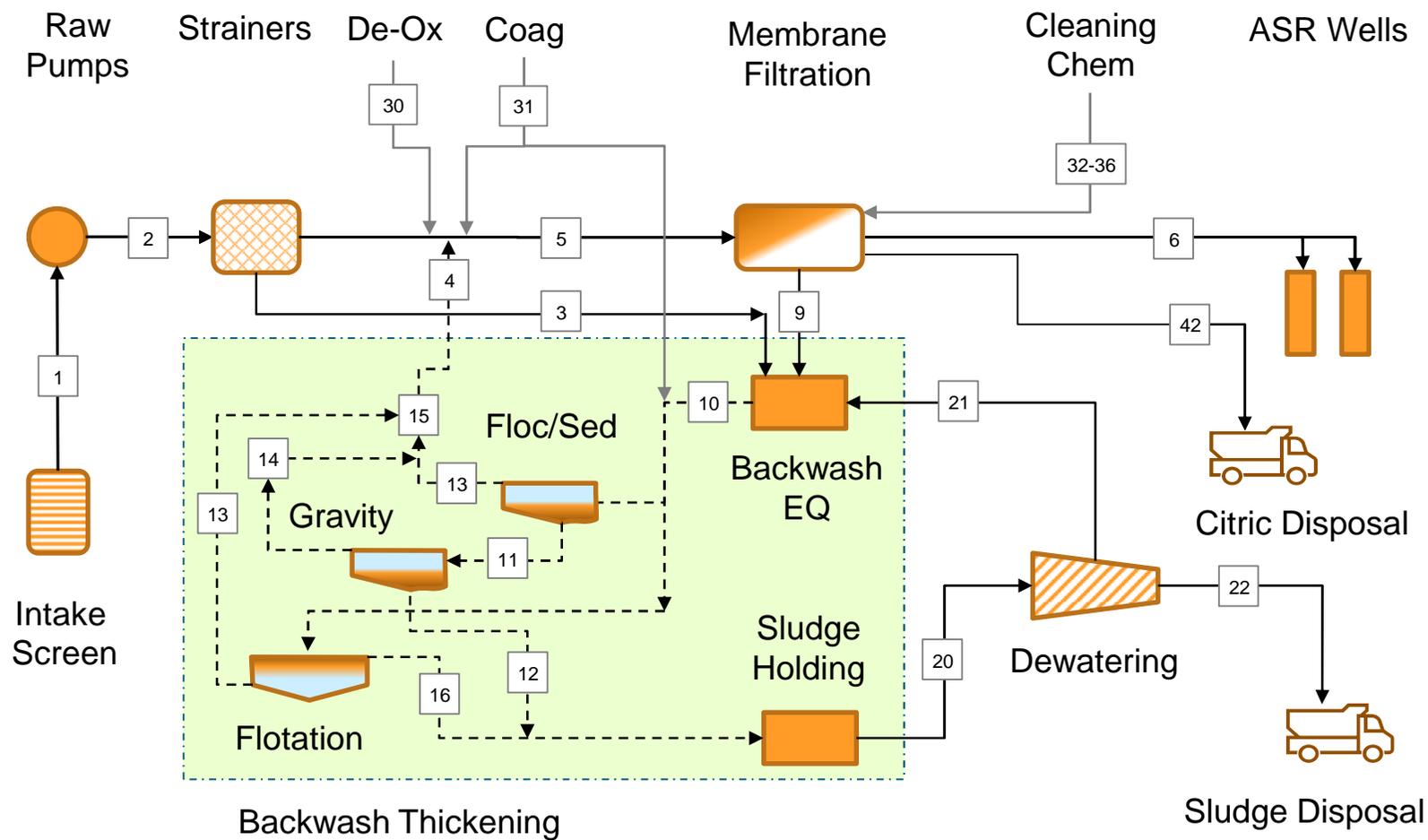




BACKWASH THICKENING AND DEWATERING

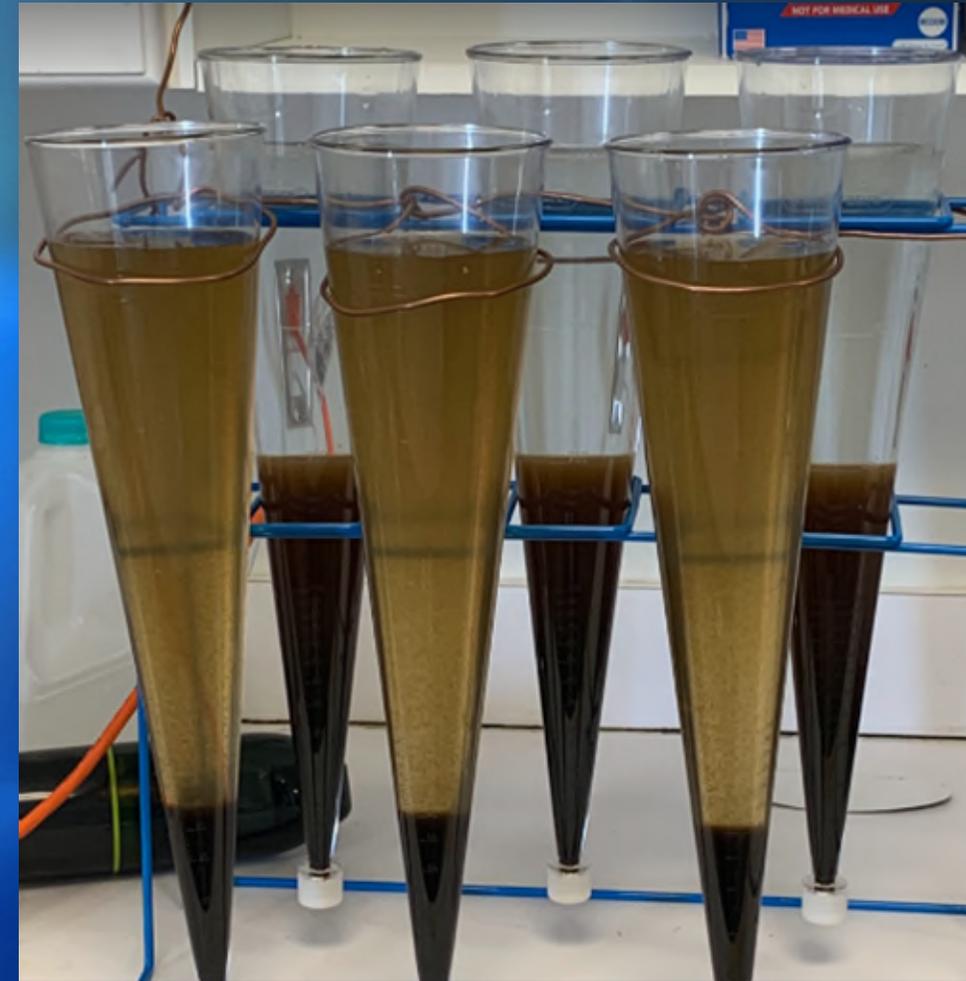
How do we treat backwash and residual solids
from the treatment process?

BACKWASH TREATMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW



BACKWASH THICKENING

- Thickening of BWW is needed to minimize sludge storage volume prior to dewatering.
 - Backwash waste water (BWW) from ceramic and polymeric membrane systems differ significantly.
 - **Bench scale** testing conducted to thicken backwash waste (BWW) from ERDC pilot membrane filtration systems.
 - **Pilot scale** thickening trials conducted for gravity settling and flotation processes
- Results of testing used to inform preliminary design criteria



BACKWASH THICKENING PILOT

➤ Gravity Settling



➤ Suspended Air Flotation (SAF)



- Effective for larger particle sizes
- Thickened solids analyzed by centrifuge and screw press manufacturers for initial concentration, polymer requirements, and dewatered cake solids%.
- Effective for smaller particle sizes

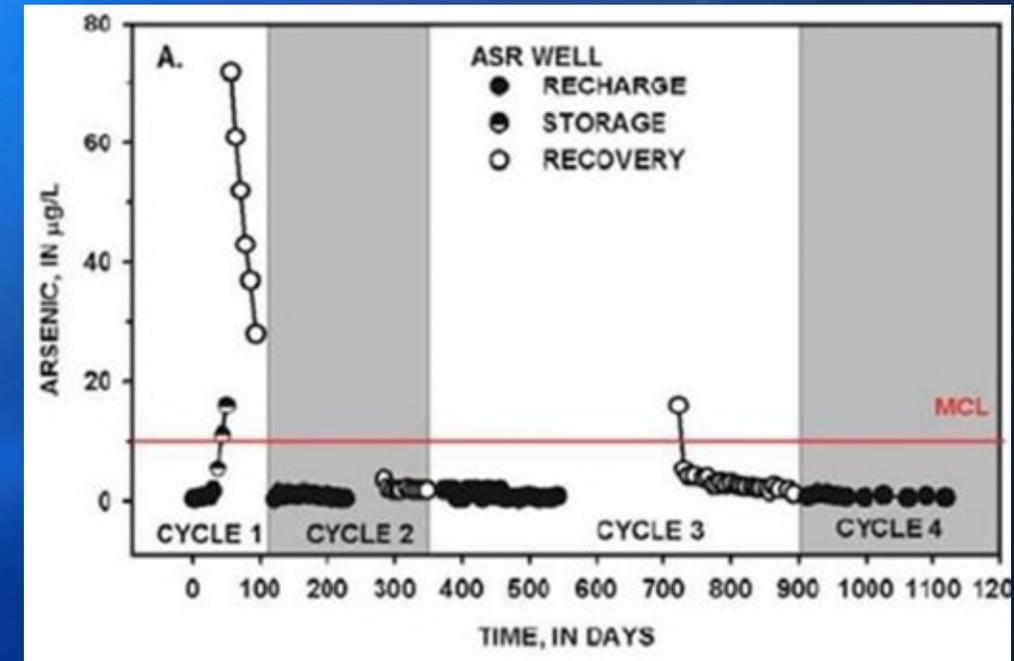


RECOVERED WATER CONSIDERATIONS

How do we handle potential arsenic issues
during recovery?

RECOVERED WATER: ARSENIC

- Arsenic is stable as a sulfide solid (pyrite and arsenopyrite) under native conditions (reducing).
 - Storing surface water with even low concentrations of dissolved oxygen (DO) will temporarily disrupt this redox environment.
- During cycle testing at KRASR, Arsenic was present in recovered water. Arsenic was 7x the MCL during cycle 1.
- Based on data from the 2013 CERP report, this situation appears to be short-term (commissioning) in nature rather than long-term.



2013 CERP ASR Final Tech Data Report

RECOVERED WATER: ARSENIC

➤ 3 Options for Arsenic Management:

1. Mixing Zone

- A regulatory approach to establishing a mixing zone could achieve compliance with 50 ppt surface water MCL, depending on initial recovered concentration.

2. Re-treatment

- A re-treatment approach using membrane filters could remove arsenic from recovered water.
- Treatment facility is designed with flexibility to add hypochlorite to oxidize Arsenite (III) to Arsenate (V), to precipitate as a solid, which would be captured with coagulant and removed by membrane filters.

3. Sequestration

- Reduce dissolve oxygen (DO) from surface water before aquifer recharge to reduce risk of arsenic mobilization.

ARSENIC SEQUESTRATION: DO REDUCTION

➤ DO Reduction

- Evaluation of 6 technologies conducted:
 - Conceptual treatment processes developed & evaluated on economic and non-economic criteria
 - Chemical DO reduction bench tested
- Utility ASR DO Reduction Survey conducted

Type	Process
Physical	Membrane Degasification (MDG)
	Vacuum Stripping
	Minox Deoxygenation
	Gas Displacement Technology (GDT)
Chemical	Sodium bisulfite
	Sodium hydrosulfide

Municipality	Source	Capacity (MGD)	DO Reduction Technology	Type	Starting DO (ppm)	Ending DO (ppm)	Status
City of Bradenton (ASR-1)	Potable	1.0	Physical	Membrane Degasification	8.0	< 0.4	Operational
City of Bradenton (ASR-2)	Potable	2.0	Physical	Vacuum Stripping	8.0	< 0.5	Operational
City of North Port	Partially Treated Surface Water	1.5	Chemical	Sodium Hydrosulfide	4.0	0.75*	Inactive
City of Deland	Potable	0.4	Chemical	Sodium Hydrosulfide	5.5	0.75*	Inactive
City of Venice	Reclaimed	3.0	Chemical	Sodium Bisulfite	not yet commissioned		Operational
City of Palmetto	Reclaimed	1.2	Chemical	Sodium Bisulfite	4.0	< 2.0	Under construction
Flatford Swamp	Potable	0.5	Chemical	Sodium Bisulfite	8.3	< 2.0	Operational

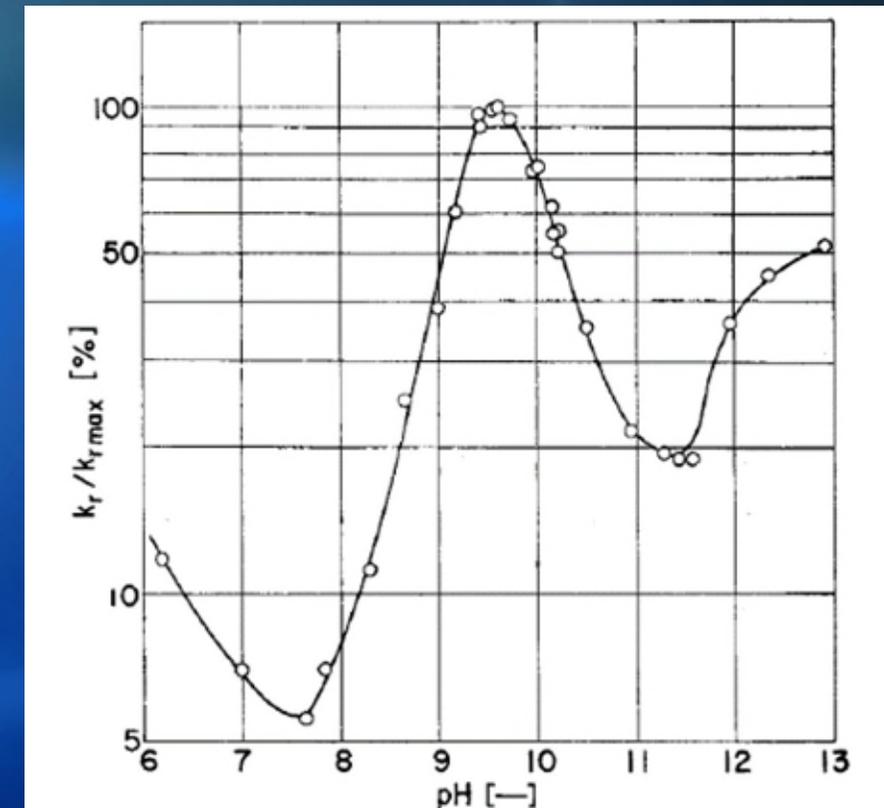
DO REDUCTION: BENCH SCALE TESTING

➤ Testing conducted at KRASR laboratory

- Testing conducted in parallel with USACE ERDC researchers (March 2024)



- Chemical DO reduction trials conducted using sodium hydrosulfide (NaHS)
 - Chemical DO reduction proved to be pH dependent
- Physical DO reduction trials conducted by ERDC using membrane deoxygenation
 - Physical DO reduction to be evaluated further and technology selected for next design phase



Effect of pH value on Reaction Rate Constant (Yasunishi, 1976)



SCHEDULE



What are our milestones for Design, Bidding and Construction

CONCEPTUAL SCHEDULE – DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

➤ Projected Design and Construction Milestones

- Preliminary Design

- 10/24

- Final Design

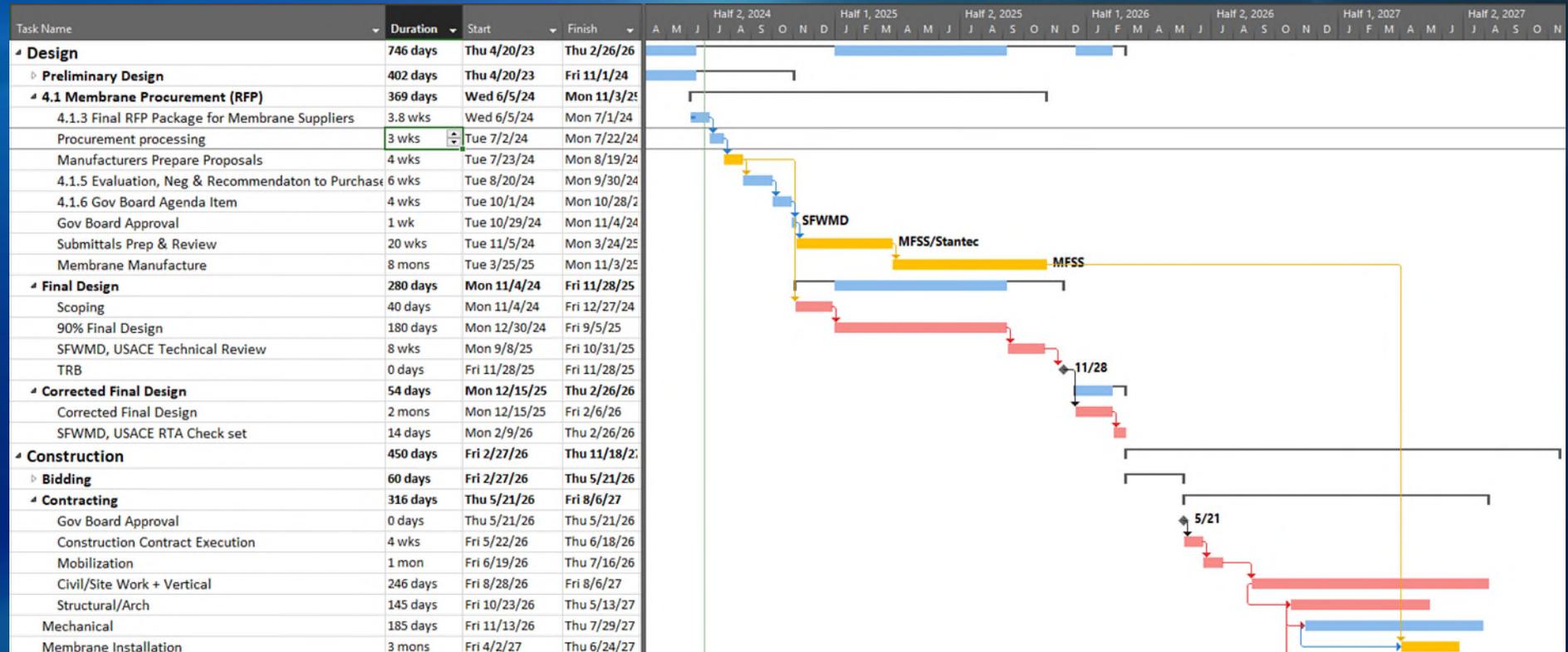
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- Construction

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- Cycle Testing

- 6/29





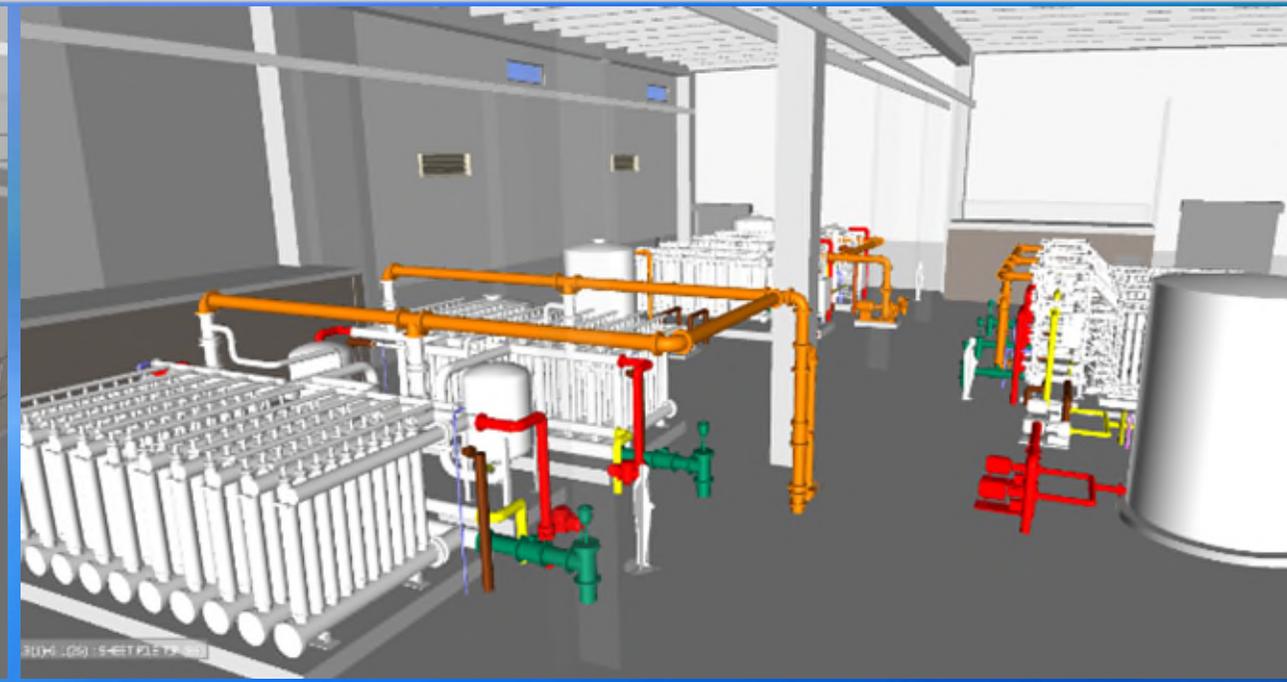
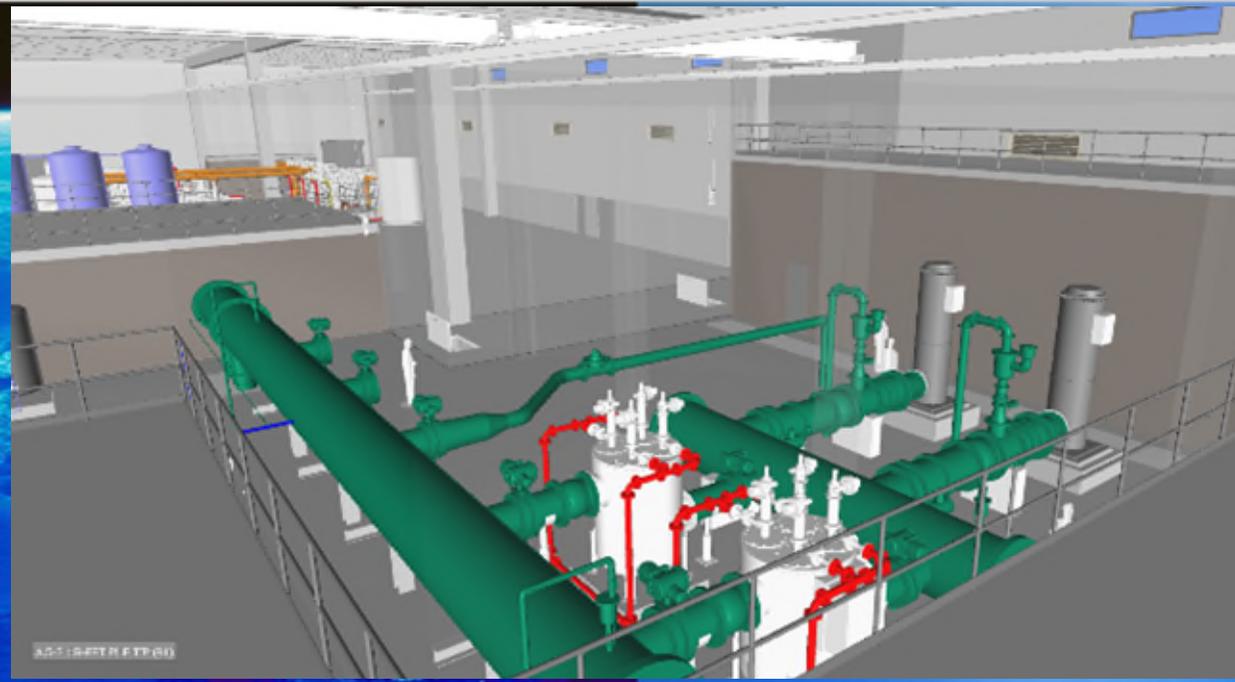
NEXT STEPS



How do we advance ASR thoughtfully
and efficiently?

NEXT STEPS

- Issue Membrane RFP package to suppliers
- Integrate thickening and dewaterability results into preliminary design
- Submit Preliminary Design
- Prepare and submit FDEP permit application package
- Integrate membrane supplier equipment into next design phase
- Integrate most appropriate DO Reduction technology into next design phase



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION?

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2024 ASR Science Plan
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Multi-Well Assessment of Fracture Porosity of the Floridian Aquifer System
in Support of Future ASR Wells in Northern Lake Okeechobee

07/10/2024

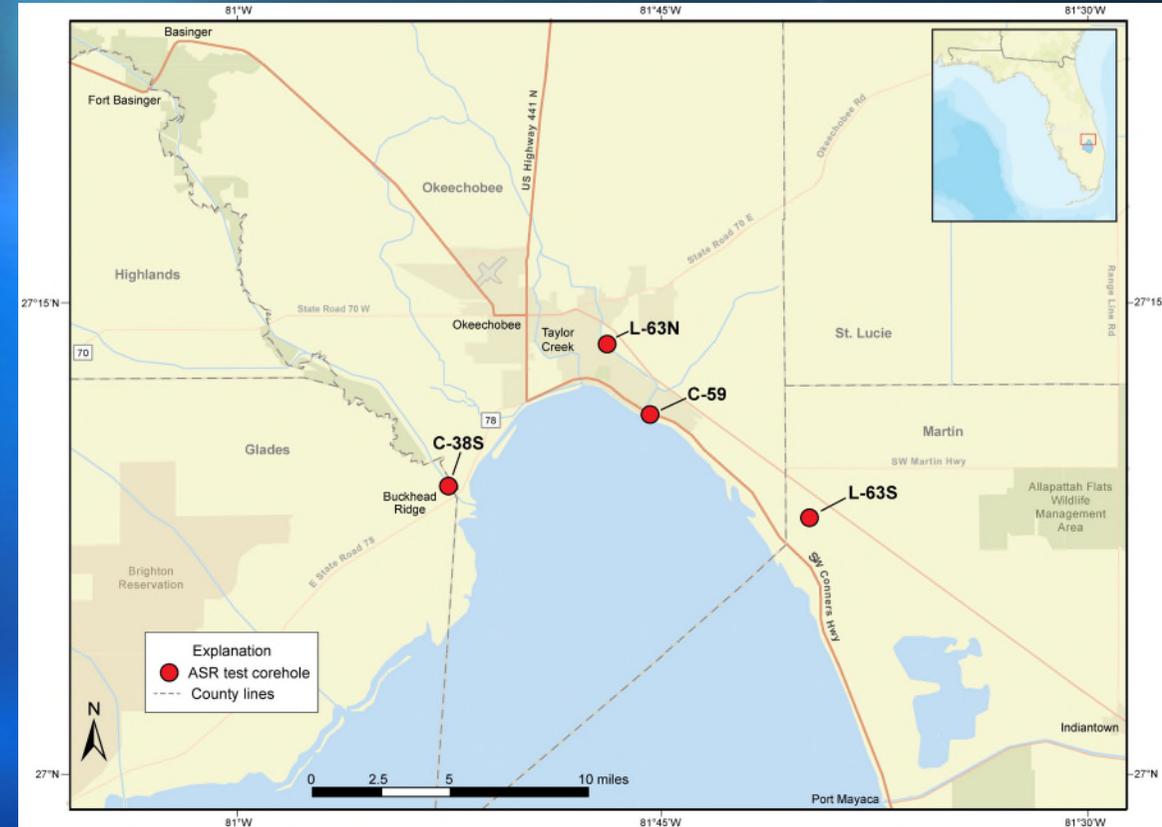
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Floridan Aquifer System Fracture Study

Objectives

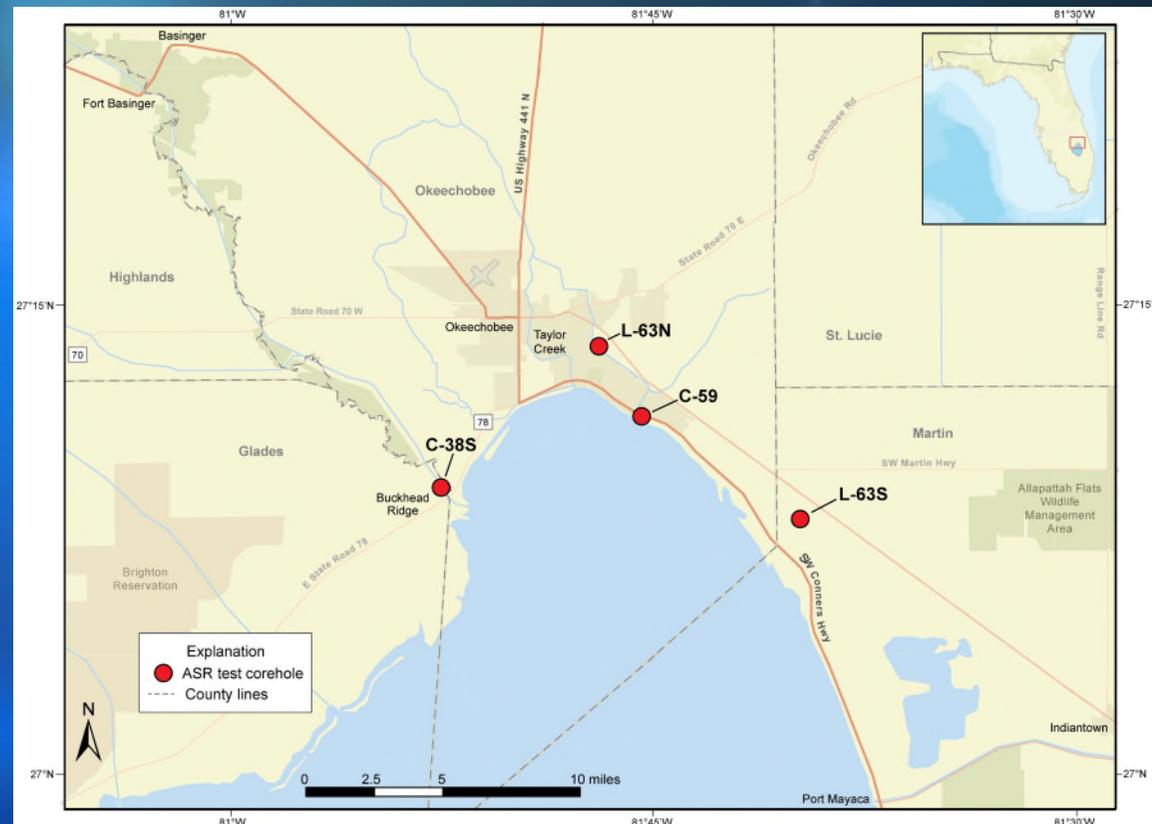
- 1) **Enhance and refine Regional Hydrogeologic Framework:** To contribute to the understanding of the Floridan aquifer system's fracture geometry and flow-system characteristics to support future drilling and construction of ASR wells and regional hydrogeologic framework projects.
- 2) **Inform Well Design and Groundwater Movement Controls:** To inform well design and assessment of controls on groundwater movement in support ASR utility projects and drinking water resource protection.
- 3) **Support Water Supply via ASR:** To provide information on aquifer zone suitability for ASR water supply at four corehole sites.



Floridan Aquifer System Fracture Study

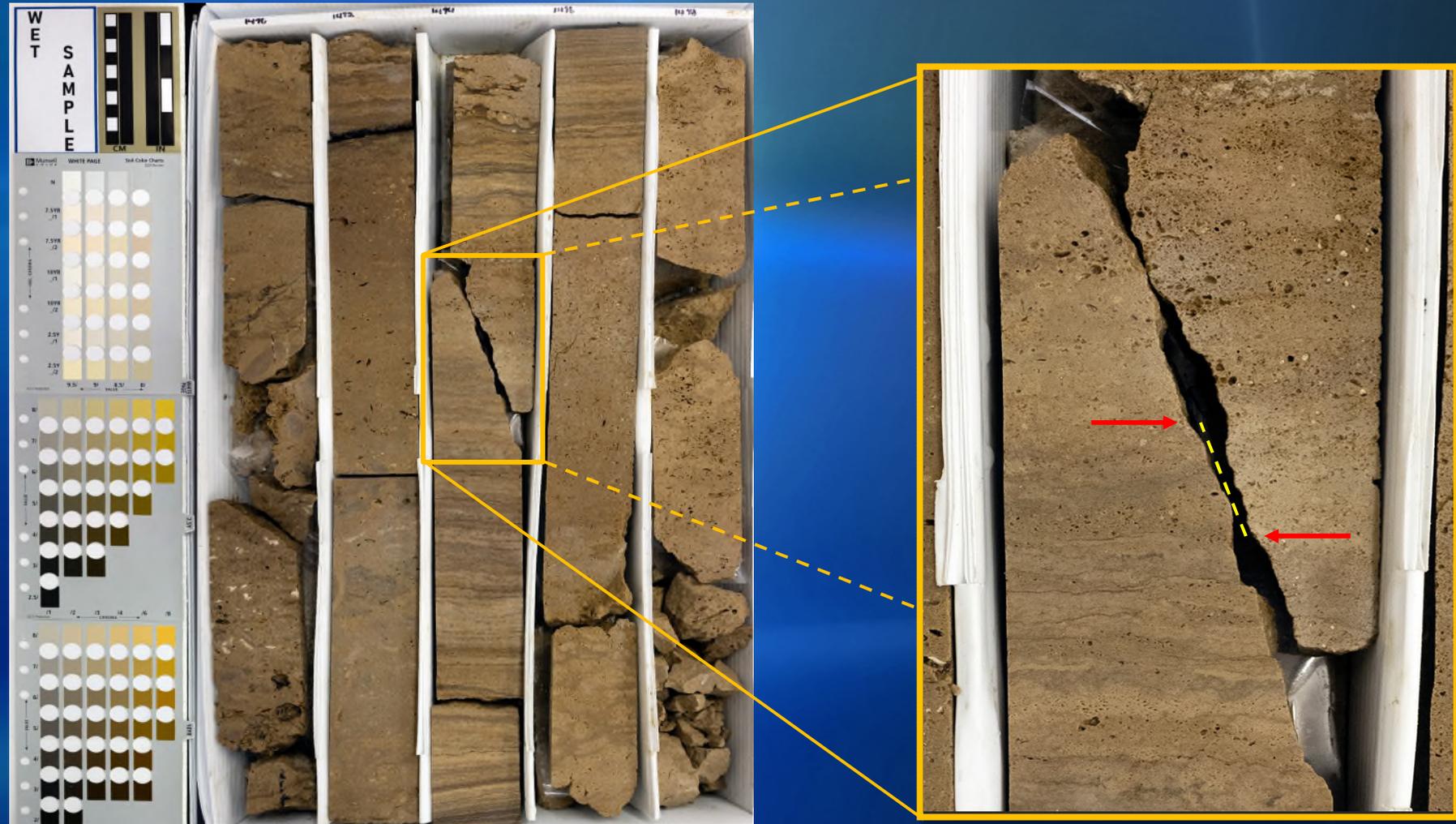
Key Findings

- 1) Fractures are much more prominent in brittle dolomitized rock as compared to limestone intervals
- 2) Natural fractures related to karst collapse zones and tectonics are commonly present in dolomite
- 3) Acoustic borehole image (ABI) logging should be considered for future projects. ABI logs can quantify aperture width, which is related to hydraulic conductivity
- 4) Packer-test specific capacity is highest at vertical intervals with a high concentration of natural fractures



Core Photography

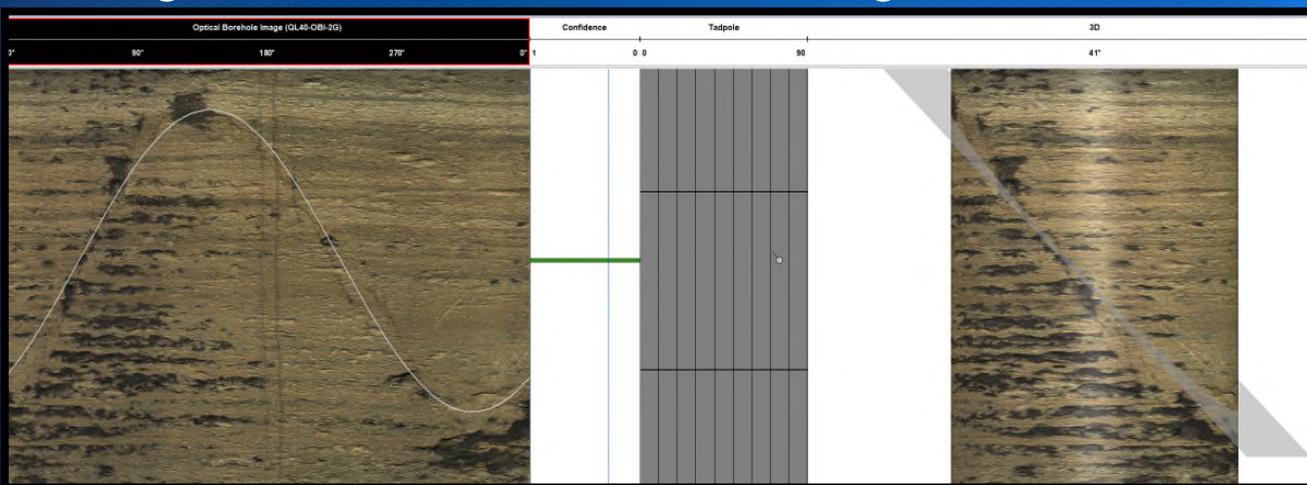
L-63S Core



Fracture Classification

- Vuggy Bedding Plane: Caused by dissolution
- Natural Fracture: Created by geologic forces and processes
- Induced Fracture: Created by drilling, coring, and handling processes

Fractures or bedding planes can be identified by outlining the sinusoid features on the OBI image.



Vuggy Porosity

Natural Fracture

Induced Fracture

Fracture Class

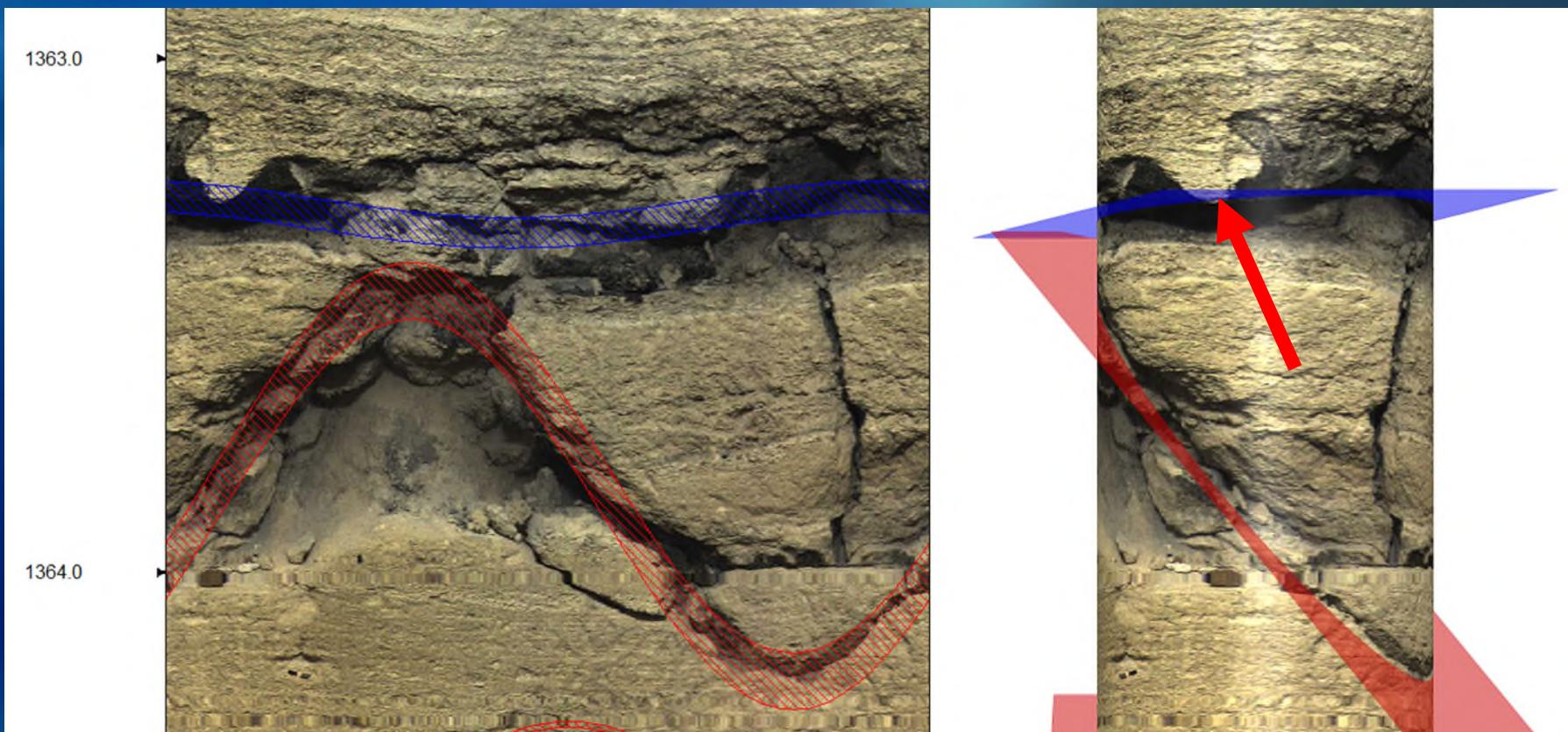
Attribute: Fracture Class

- Bedding Plane Vug
- Cavemous Pore Space
- Ichnologic Pore Space
- Separate Vug Pore Space
- Extension
- Shear
- Tension (Karst Breccia)
- Tension (Desiccation Cracks)
- Pedogenic Breccia
- Stylolites
- Petal
- Disc
- Centerline/Curved Strike
- Saddle
- Torque/Helical Twist
- Core Bending
- Scribe-Knife

Vuggy Bedding Plane (blue) + Natural Fracture (red)

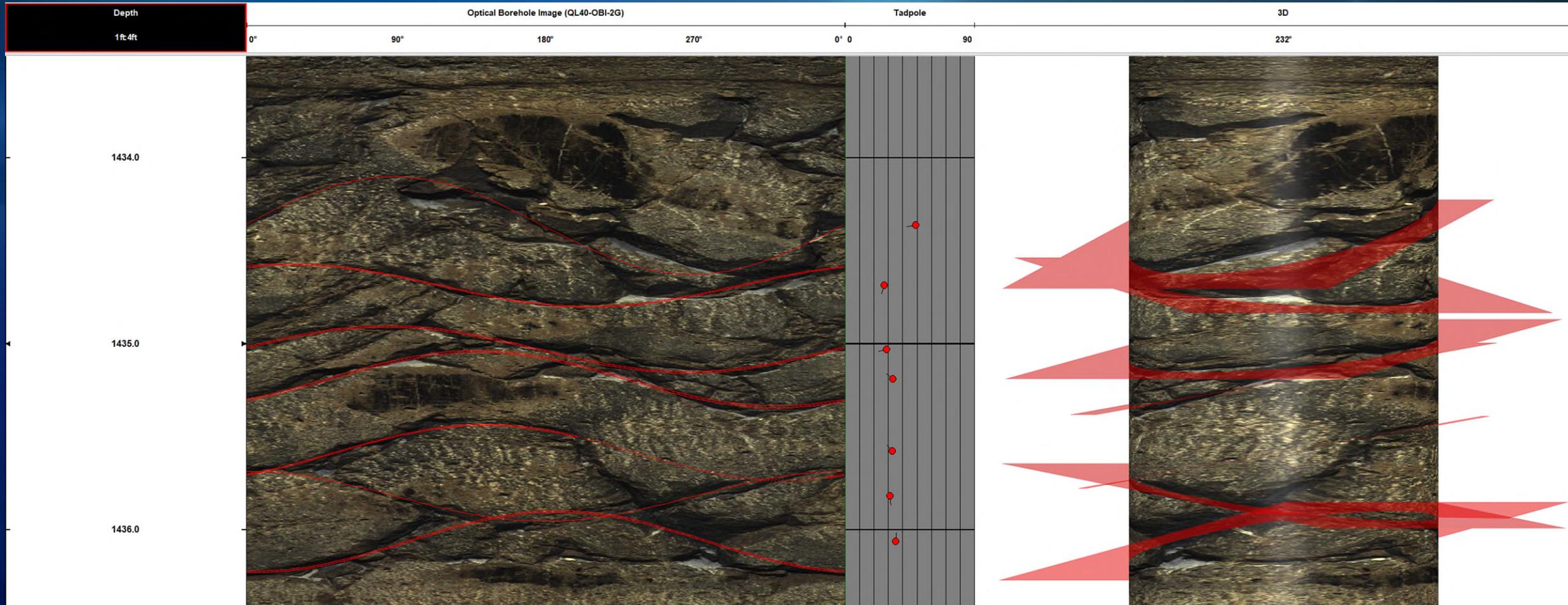
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Upper Avon Park Permeable Zone



Natural Fracture in Brittle Dolomite

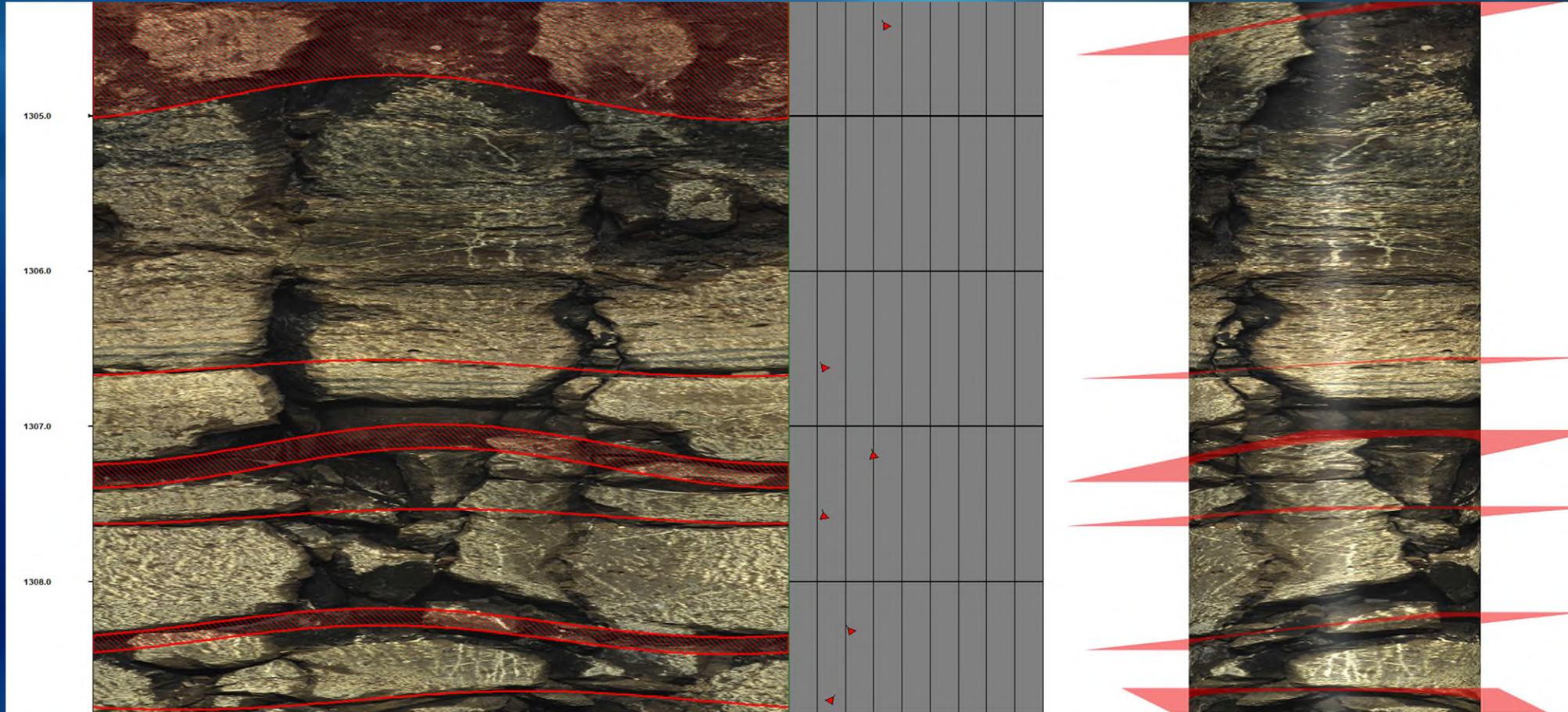
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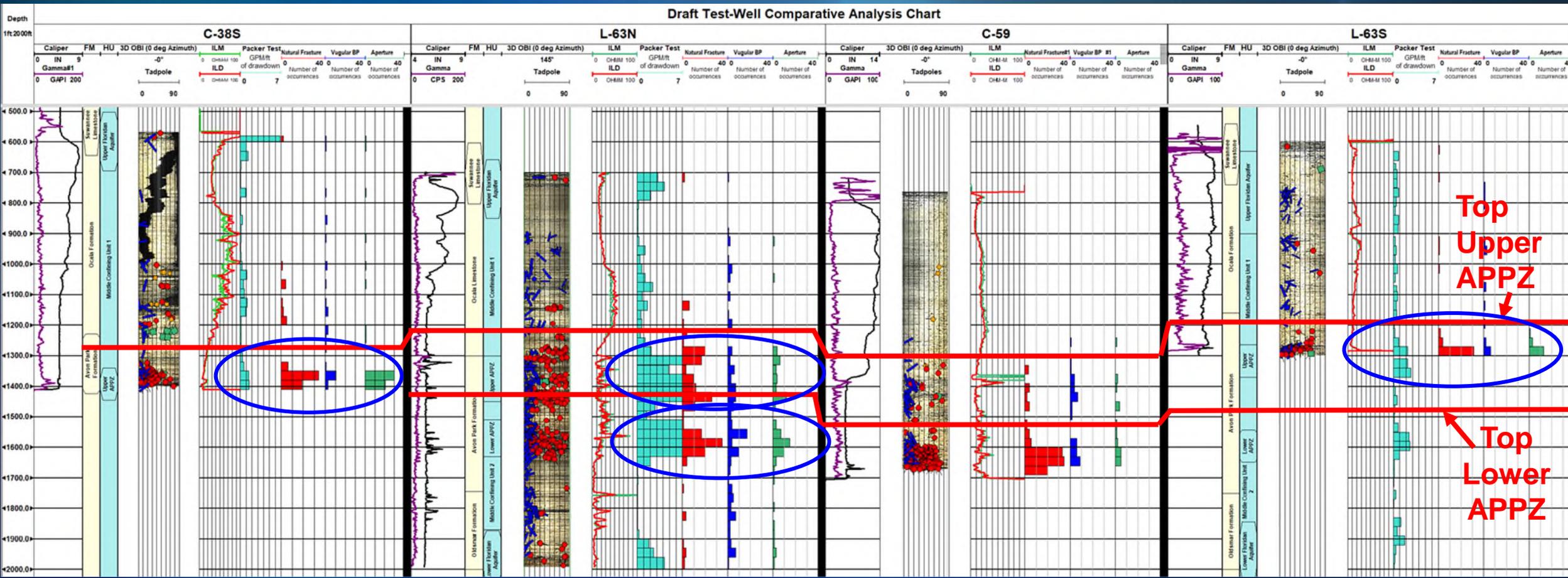
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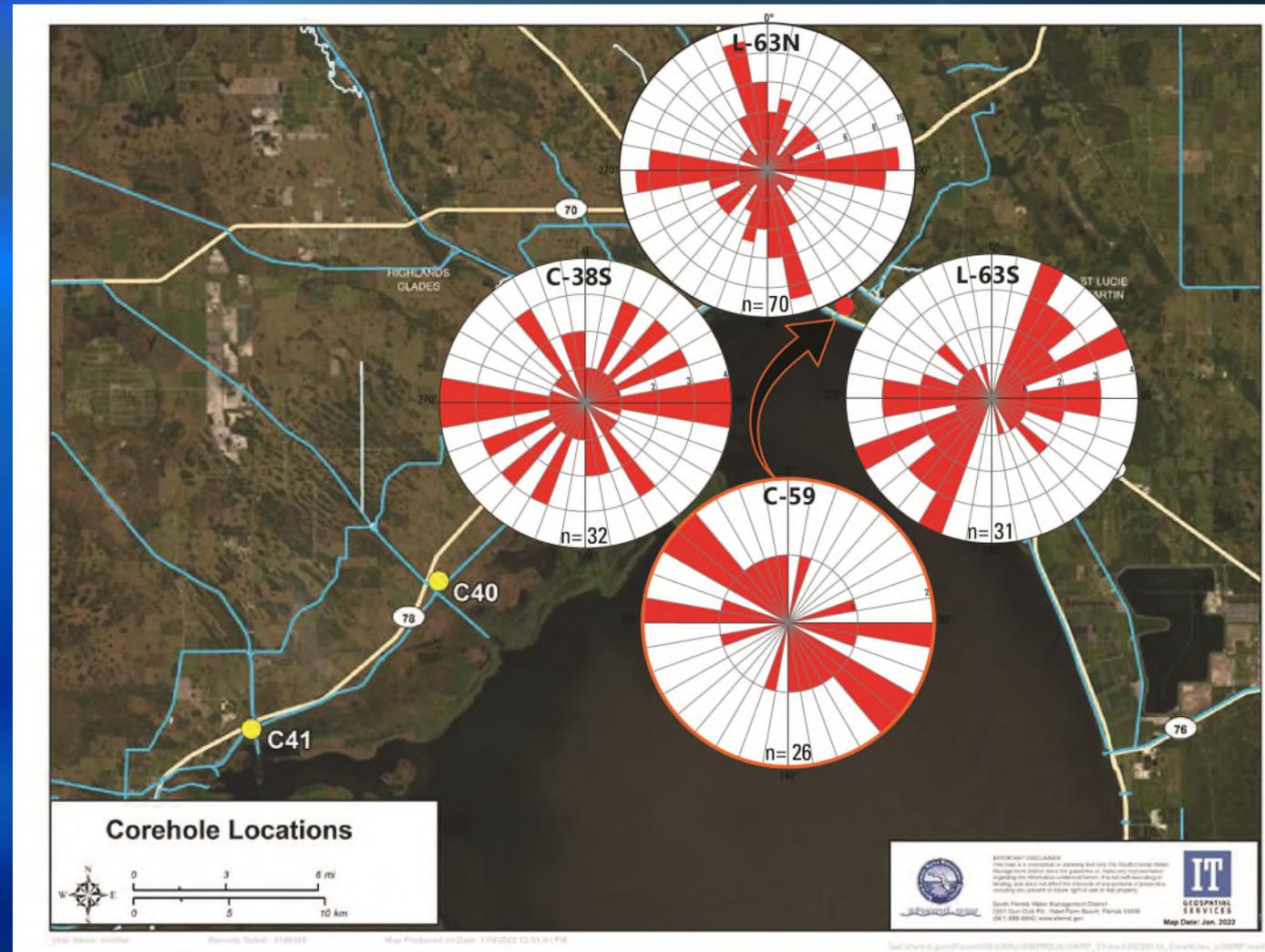


Fracture Data Analysis



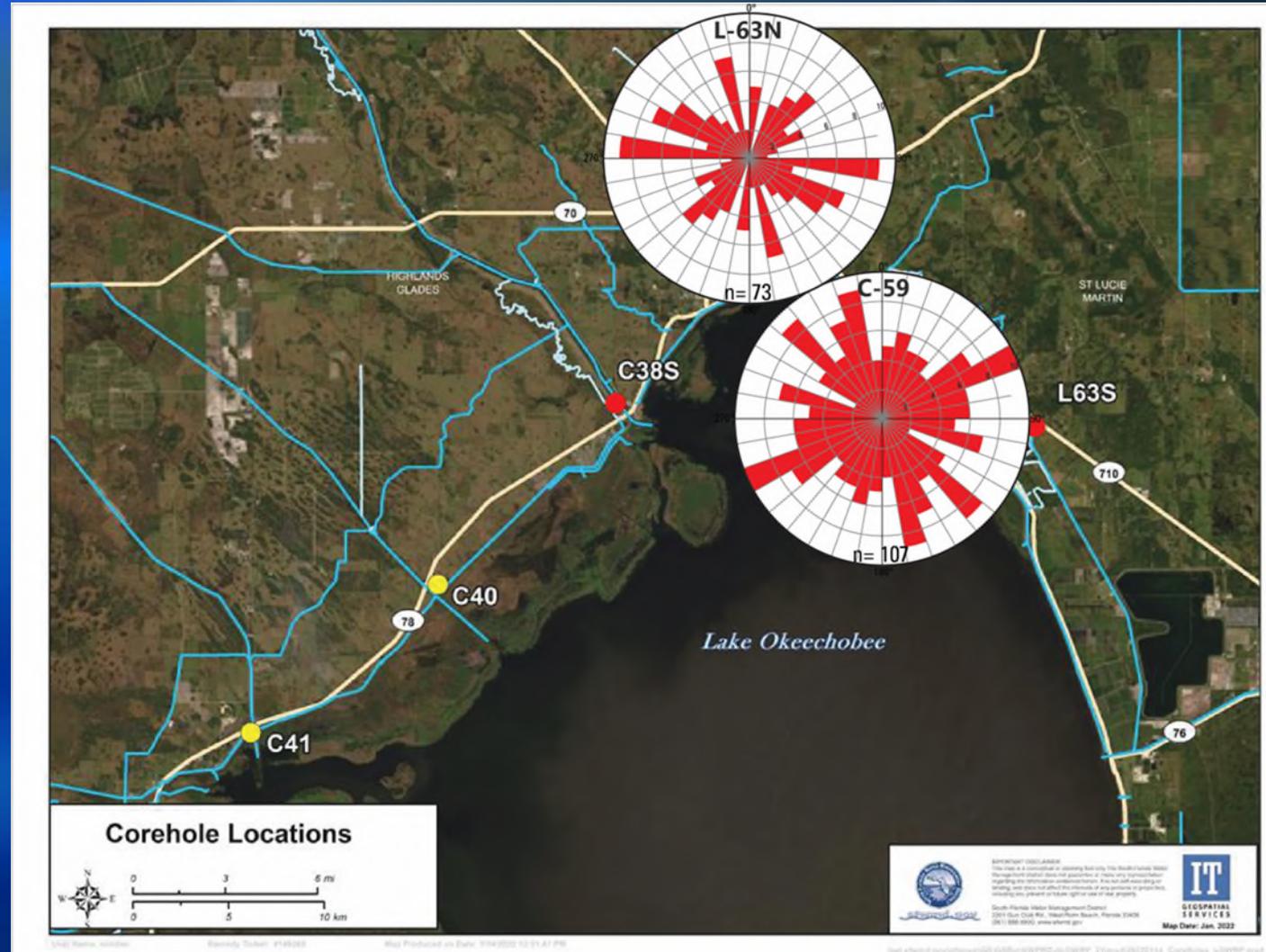
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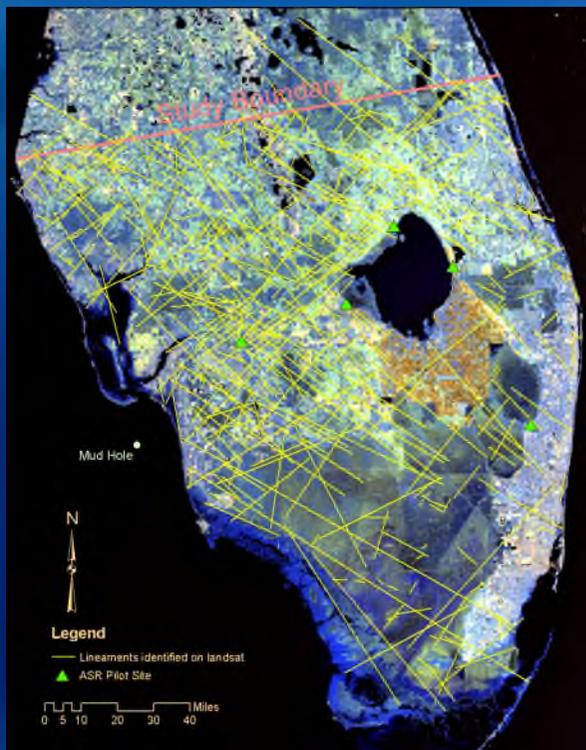
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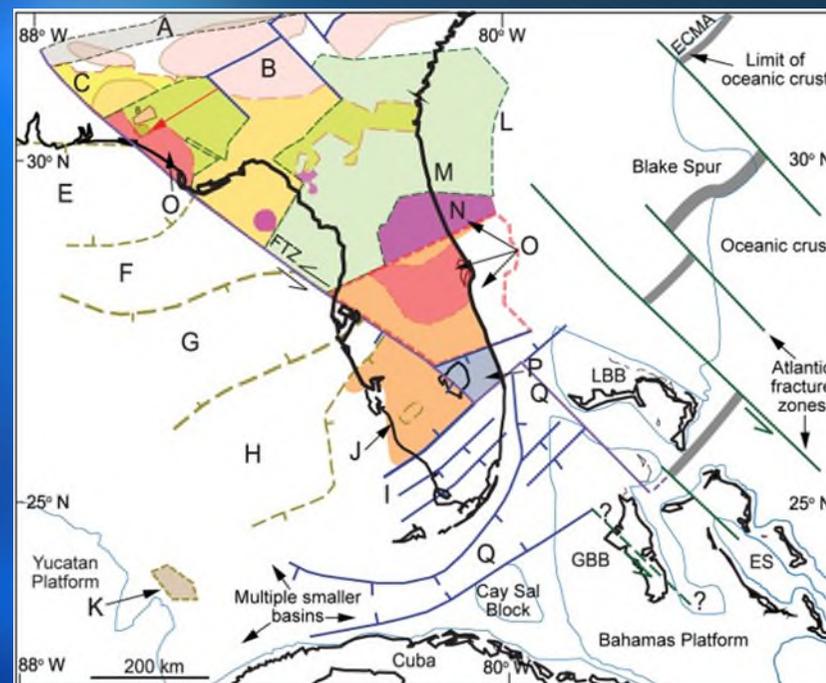


Future Tasks

- Use natural fractures with open apertures to investigate anisotropic groundwater flow
- Investigate relationship between regional geologic features & fracture orientations



Lineaments identified on Landsat
Fees (2004)



Tectonic elements & crustal features of Florida
Erlich & Pindell (2021)



**Questions or
Comments?**

Thank You!

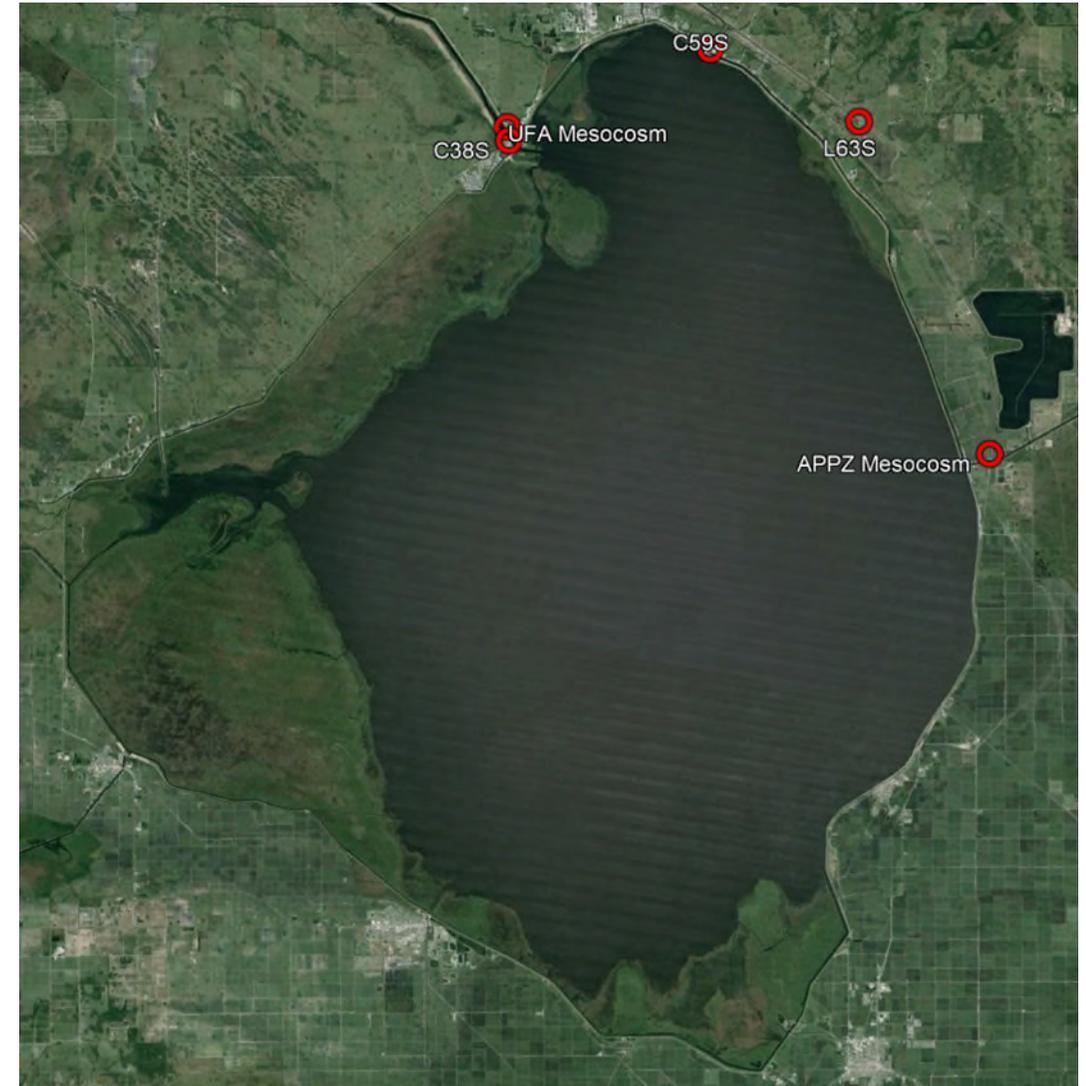
Characterization Of Microbial & Geochemical Processes That Contribute To Nutrient Reduction & Potential Clogging

John Lisle, PhD
US Geological Survey
St. Petersburg, FL

ASR Science Plan Peer Review Panel Virtual Workshop
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Well, Groundwater, Surface Water & Above Ground Mesocosm Sites

Site	Sample Types	Sample Source
C38S	Native Groundwater	UFA APPZ
L63S	Native Groundwater	UFA APPZ
C59	Native Groundwater	UFA APPZ
Kissimmee River	Recharge Water	KRASR Intake



Collection & Processing Aquifer Cores for Packing Laboratory Columns



#20 sieve size



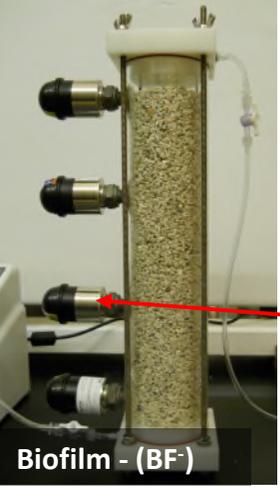
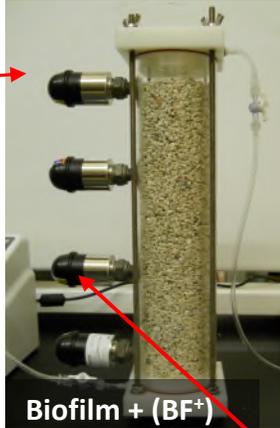
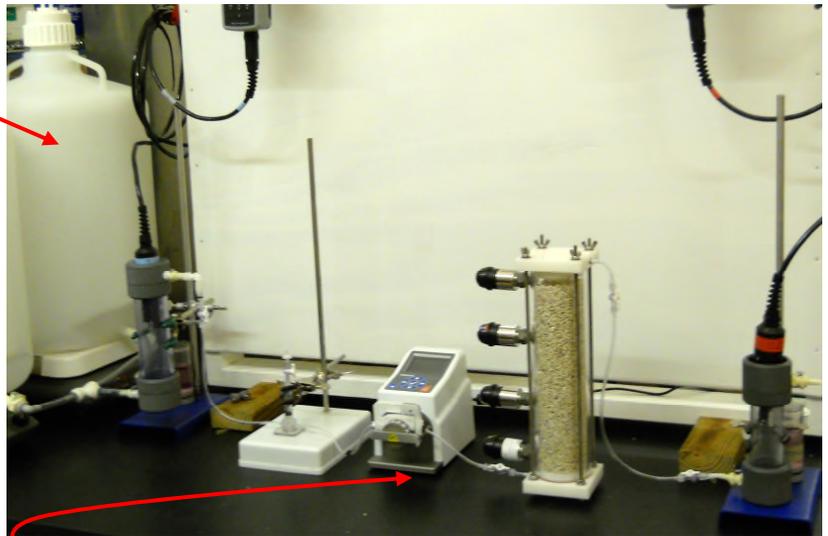
Biofilm⁺



Biofilm⁻

Bioclogging Column Preparation & System Set Up

Collection of Source Water from Kissimmee River



Pressure sensors installed at laboratory

Wet packed on site when collecting BF⁺

Experimental Design

- **Conditioning Phase:**

- Uses filtered sterilized groundwater from either the UFA or APPZ
- Pumped for ~14 days through:
 - BF+ and BF- columns
 - Biofilm development rate column

- **Recharge Phase (Primary)**

- Uses filtered (300 μ m) Kissimmee River water
- Pumped for ~21 days through:
 - BF+ and BF- columns
 - Biofilm development rate column

- **Storage Phase**

- All columns valved off and allowed to sit static for 4 weeks

- **Recovery Phase**

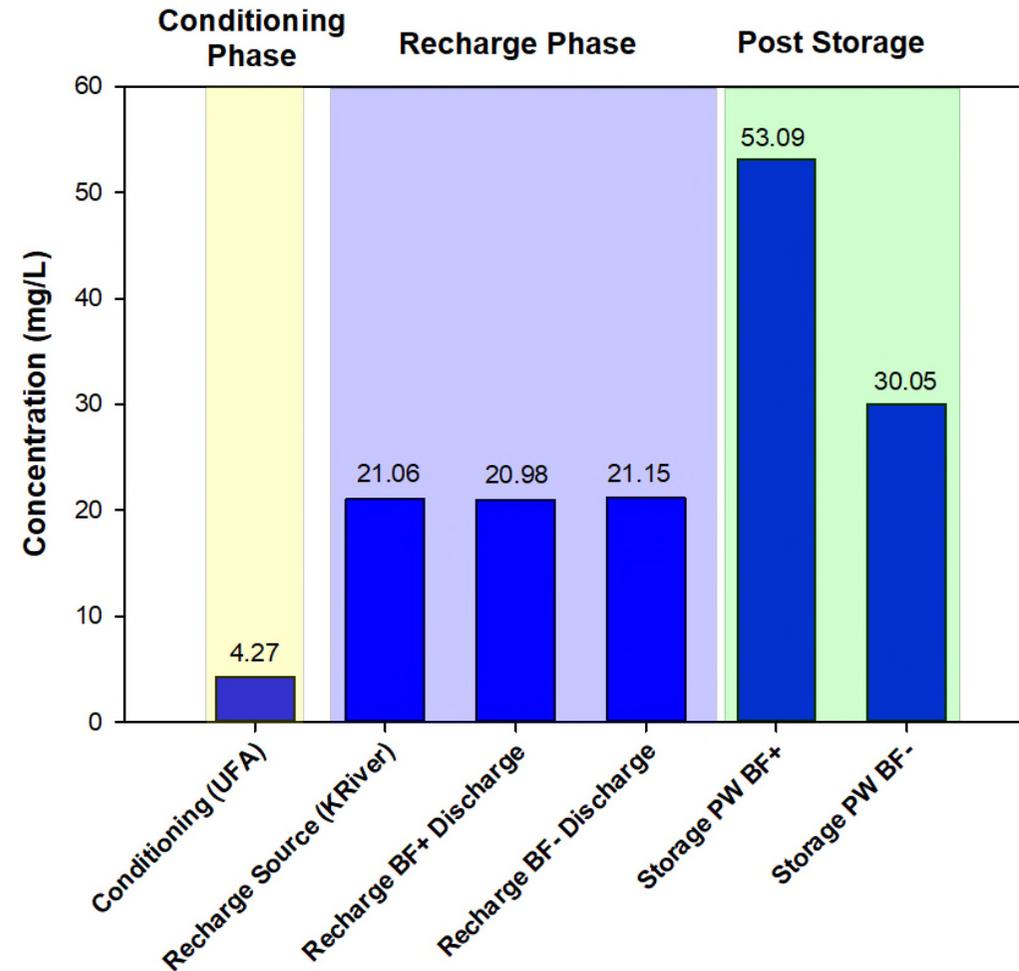
- Porewater volume from BF+ and BF- columns collected for analyses

- **Recharge Phase (Secondary)**

- Uses filtered (300 μ m) Kissimmee River water
- Pumped up to 21 days or until a significant trend in pressure increase within the columns and/or reduction in column discharge rates.

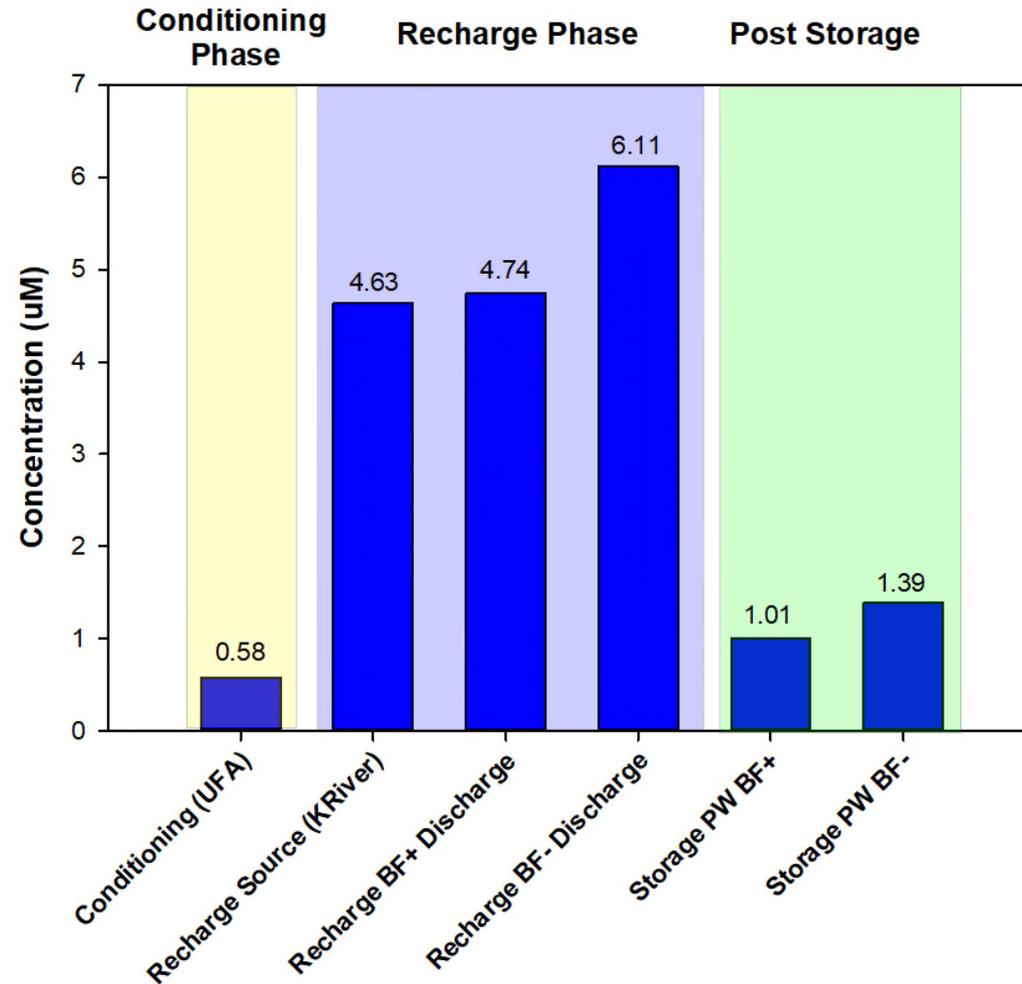
Geochemical Changes in Recharged Water During Storage

C38S/UFA: DOC



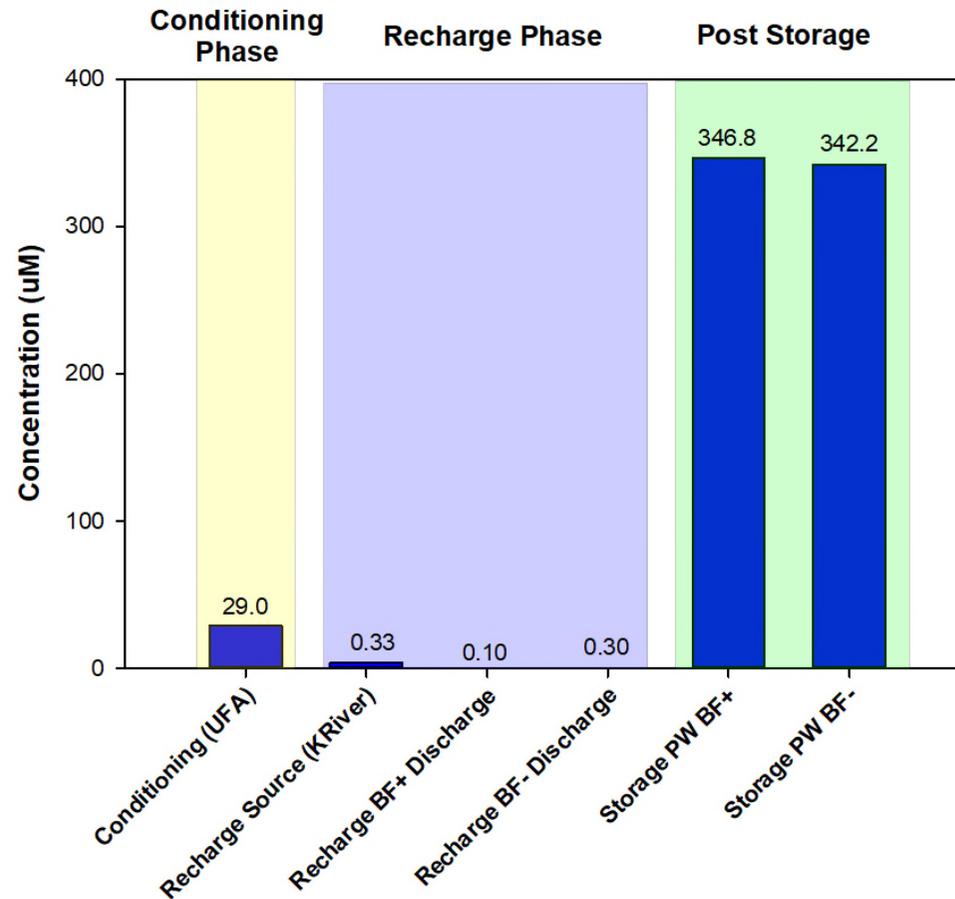
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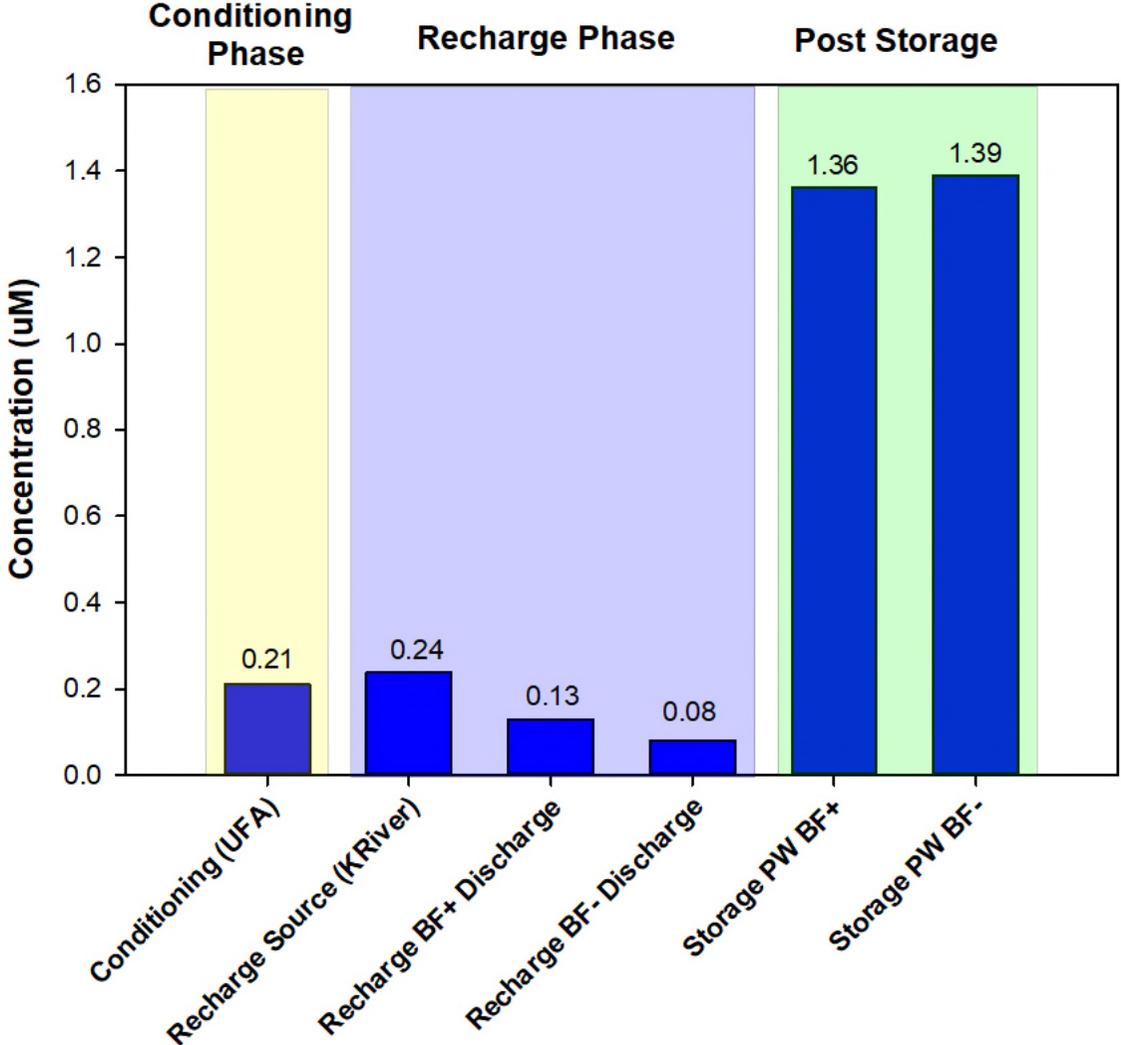
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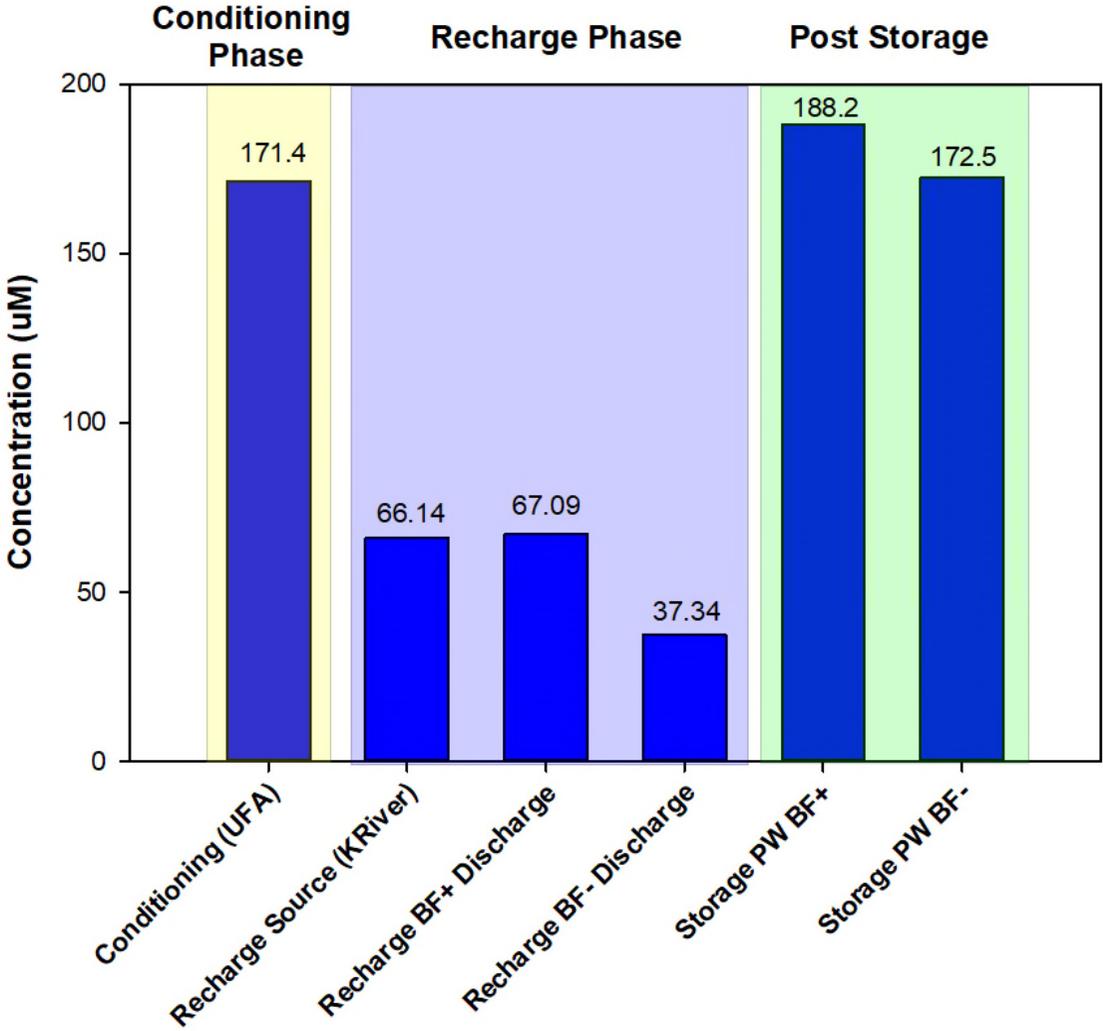
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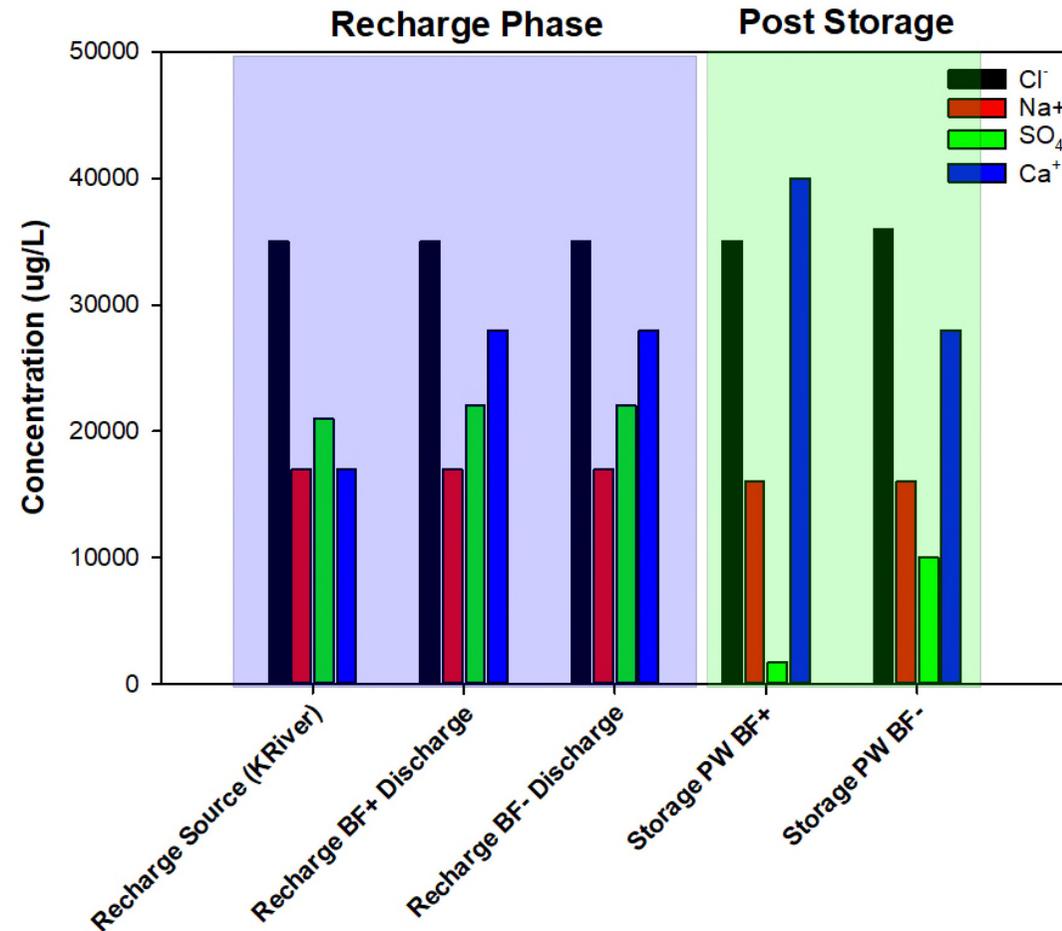
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Silicates (SiO₄)



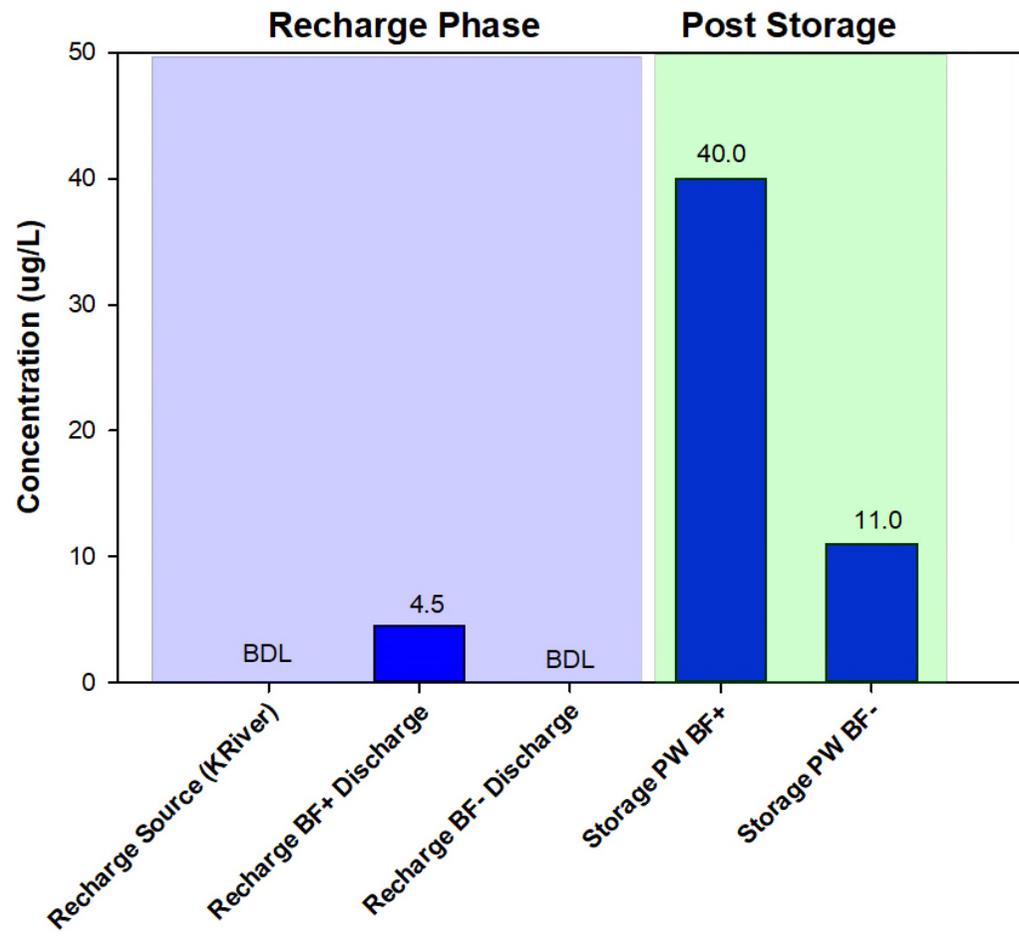
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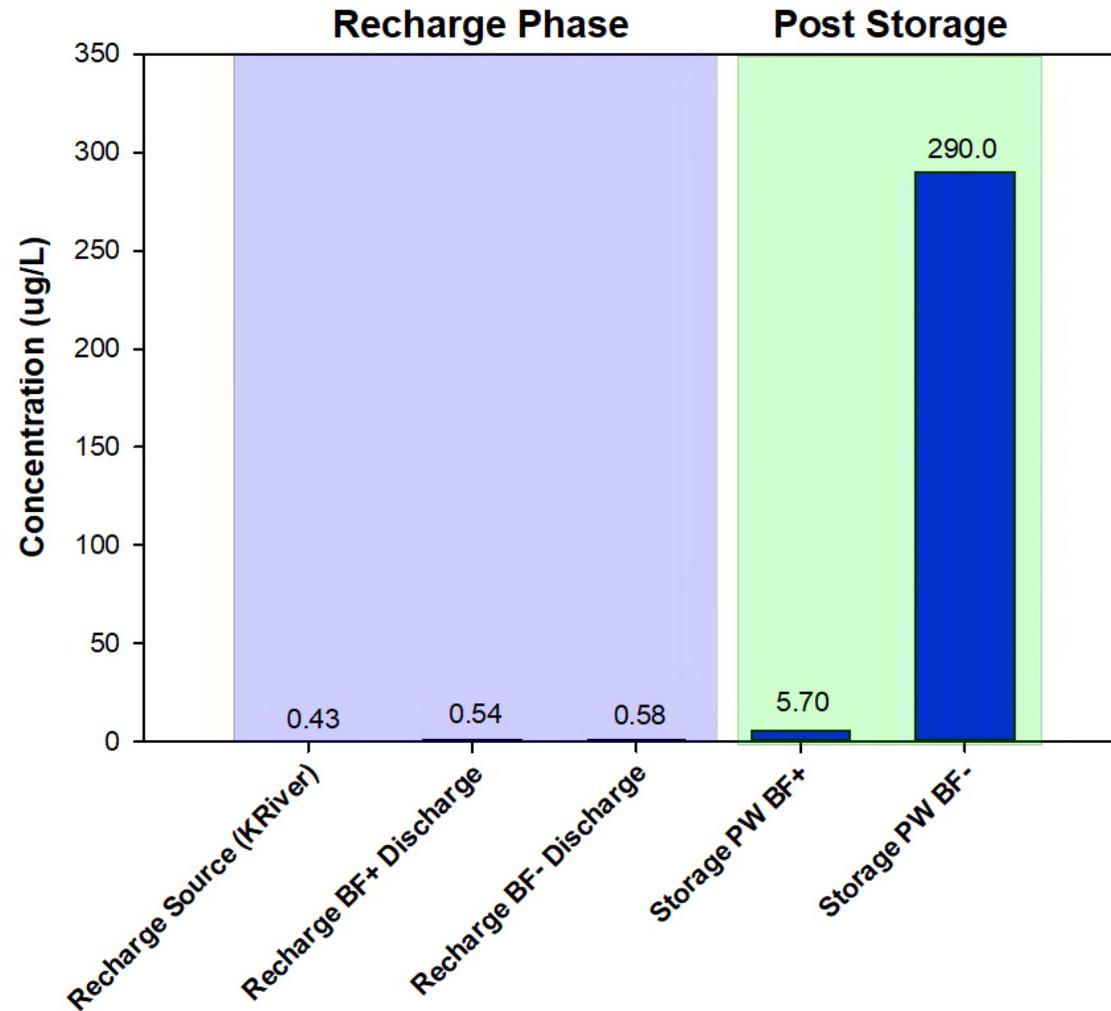
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C38S/UFA: *Manganese*



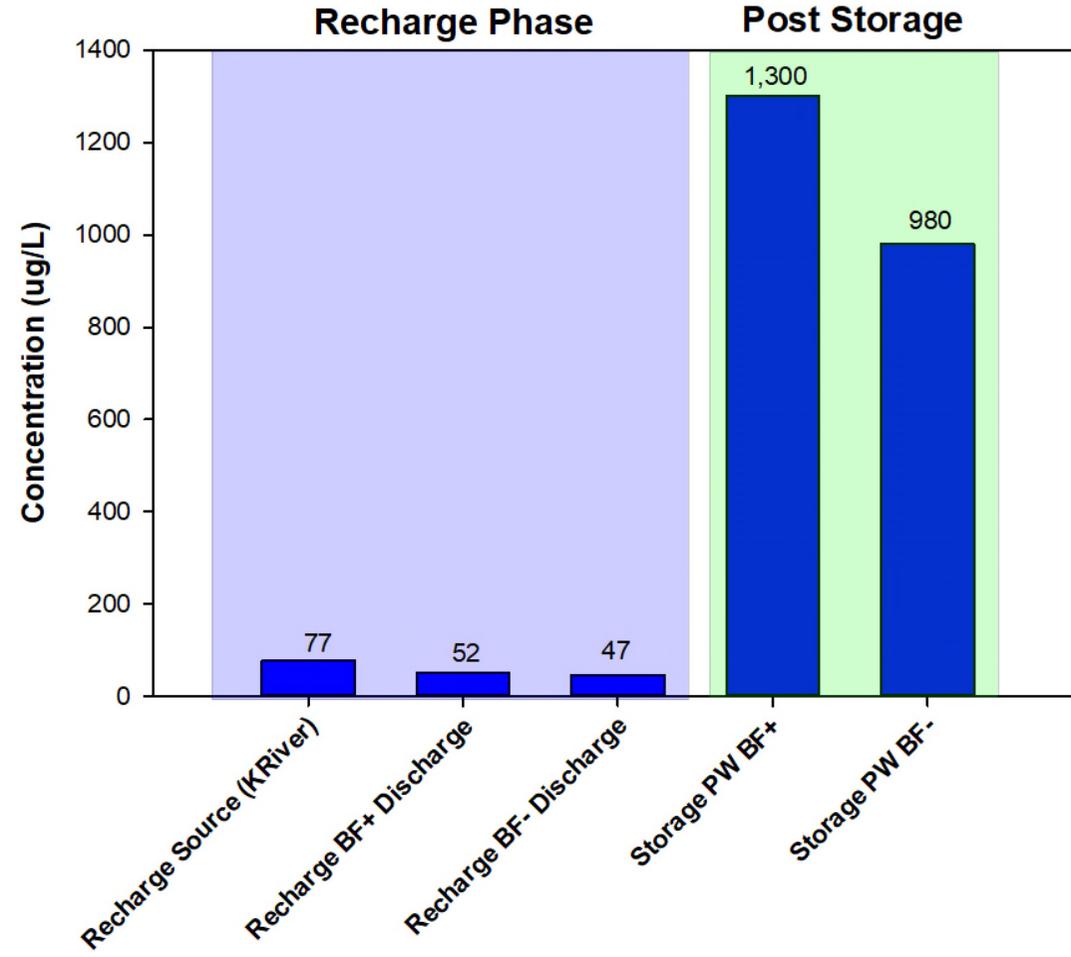
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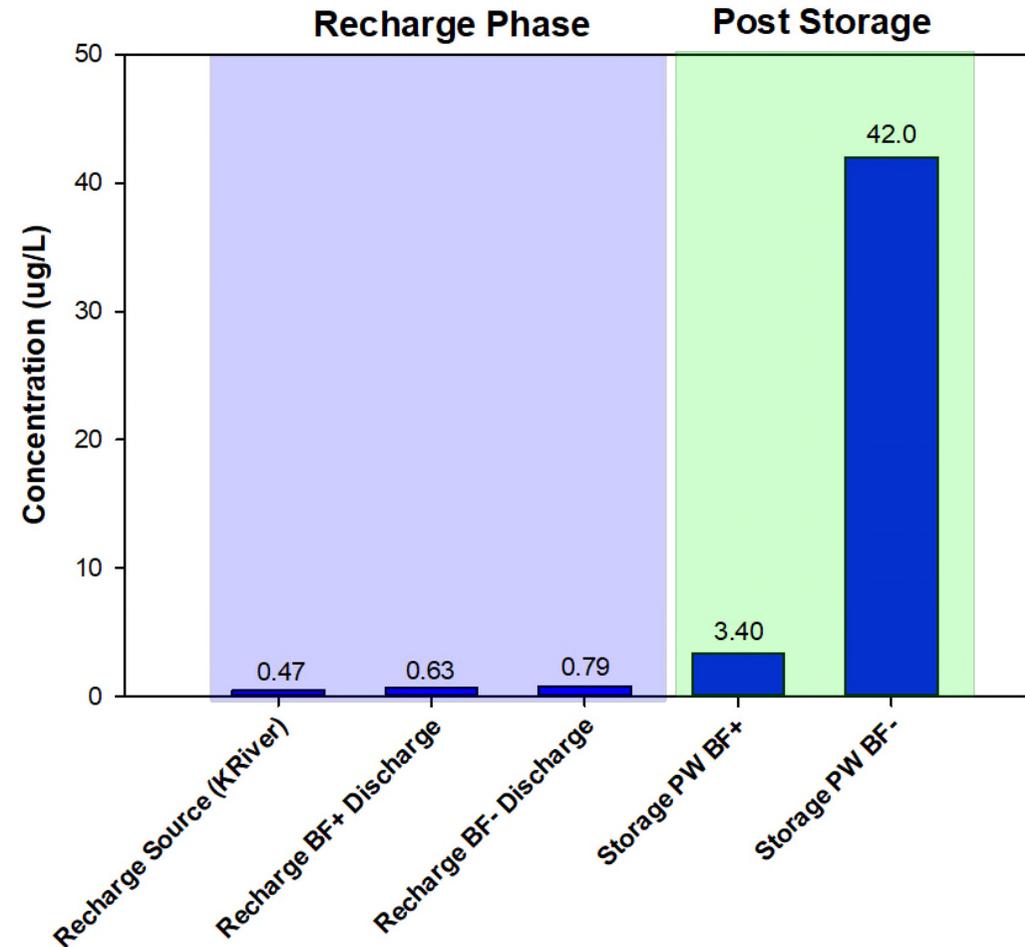
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C38S/UFA: *Iron*



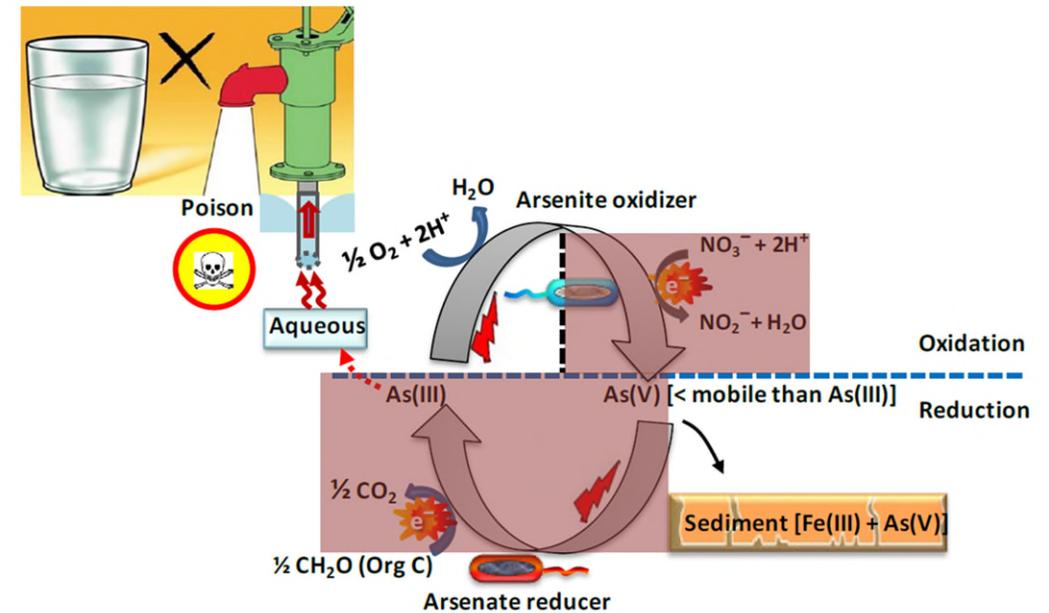
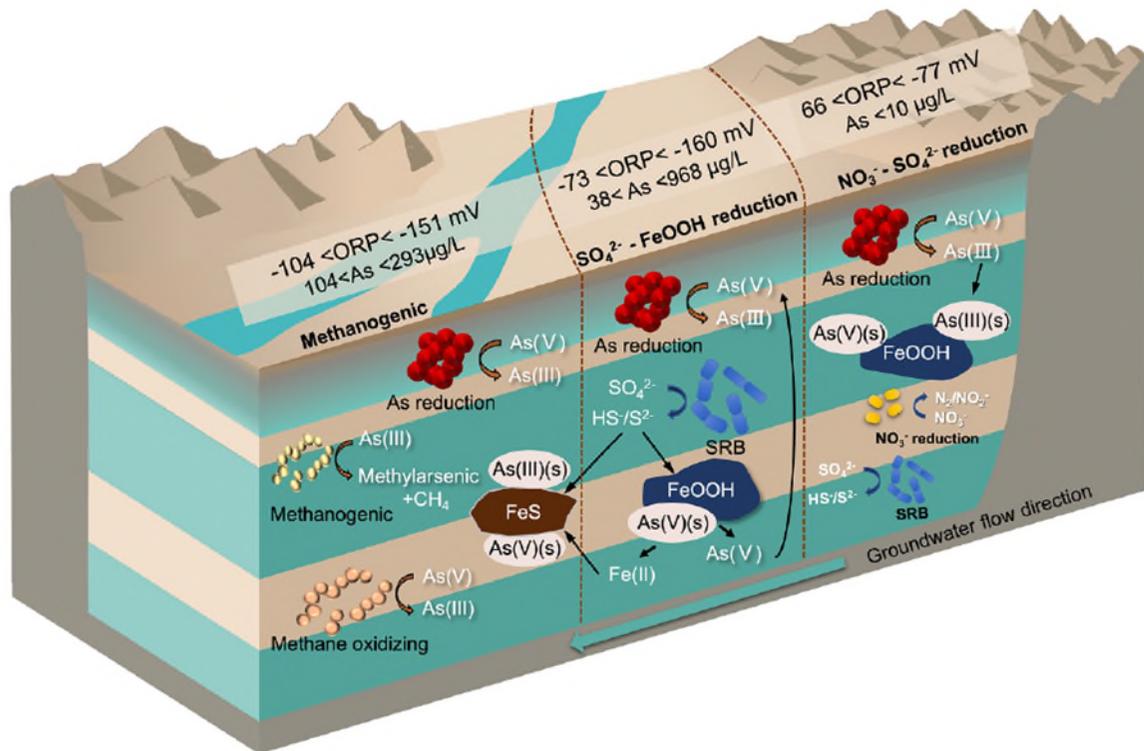
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C38S/UFA: *Arsenic*

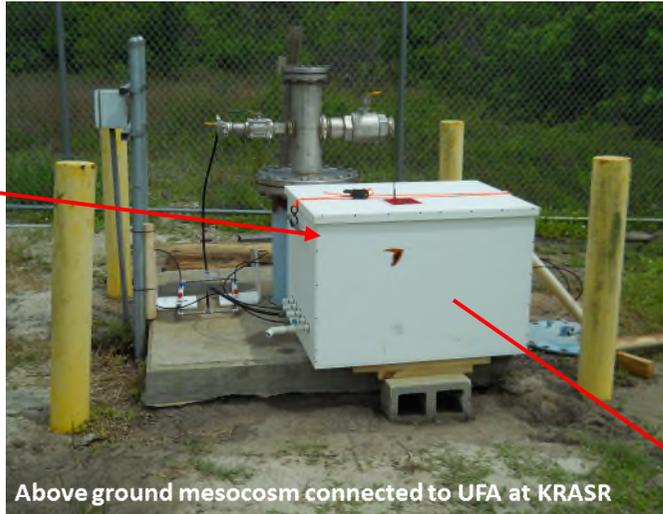


What Is Driving The Increases In Arsenic & Iron During the Storage Phase?

Anaerobic Nitrogen Reduction with Iron Oxidation?



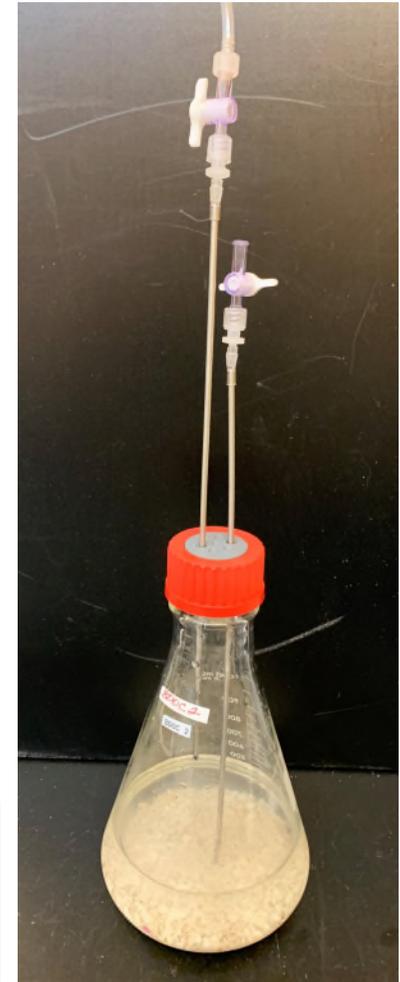
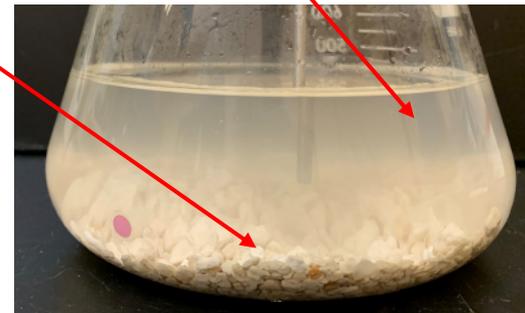
Biodegradable DOC (BDOC) Setup for Native Groundwater Microbe Colonization



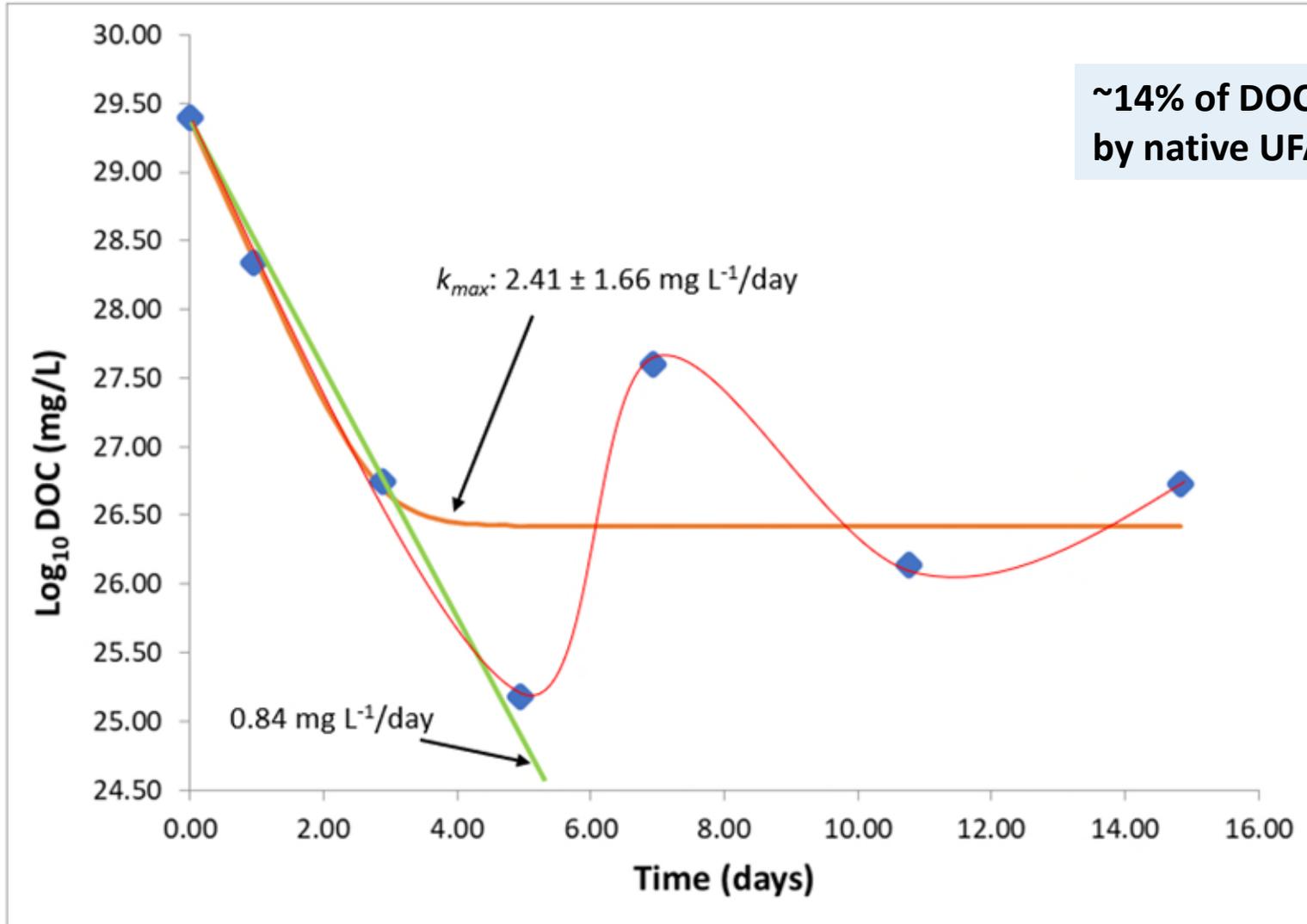
Above ground mesocosm connected to UFA at KRASR



Kissimmee River source water

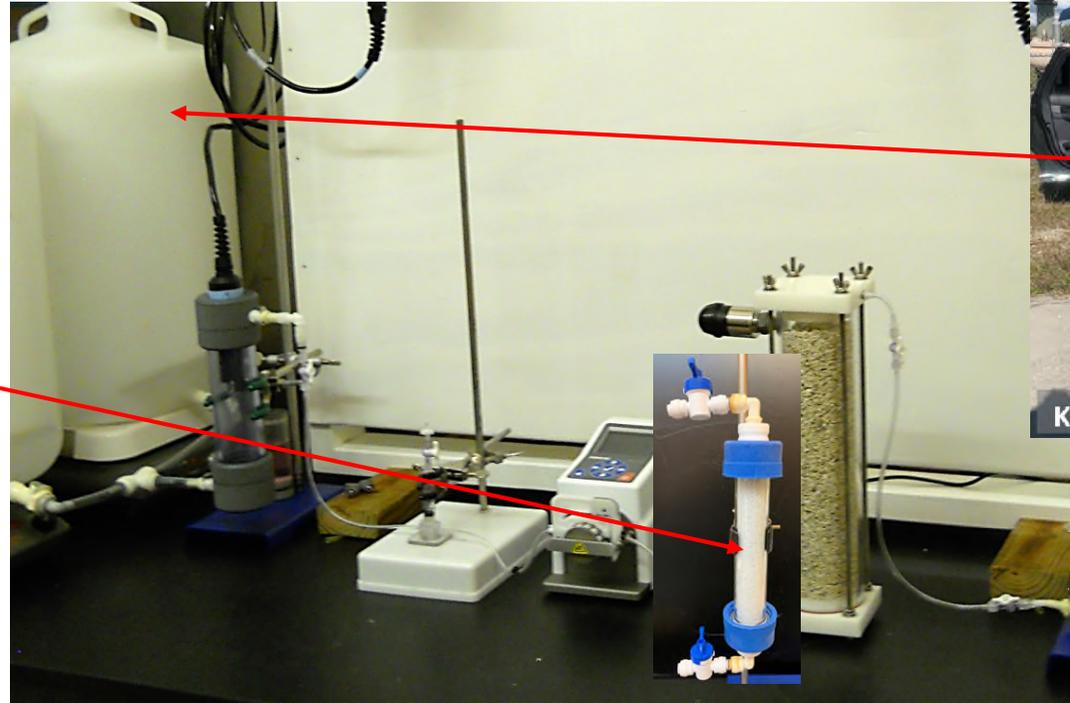
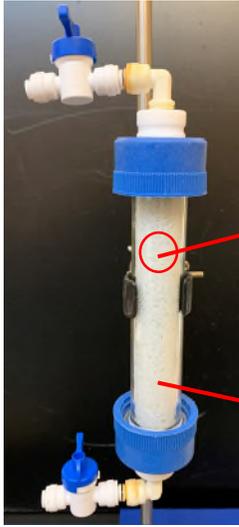


Biodegradable DOC (BDOC) In Recharged Water By Native Groundwater Microbial Communities



~14% of DOC in Kissimmee River water is assimilable by native UFA microbial communities

Biofilm Growth Rate Potential Of Recharged Water



Kissimmee River source water

Glass beads (2.0mm) are exposed to native groundwater during the Conditioning Phase in parallel to the BF+ and BF- columns.

Recharged Water Source	Total Protein	Total Carbohydrate	Total Biofilm	Biofilm Growth Rate
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg biofilm/m ² /d)
Kissimmee River	1.370	1.965	3.335	0.213

Biogenic Gas Production

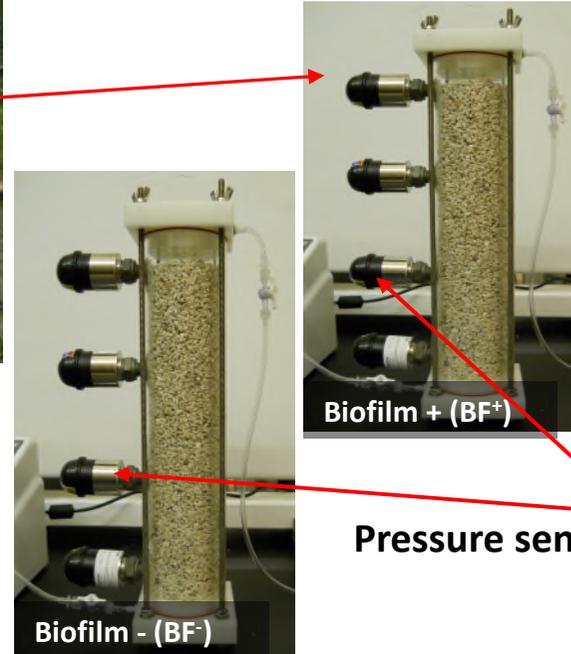
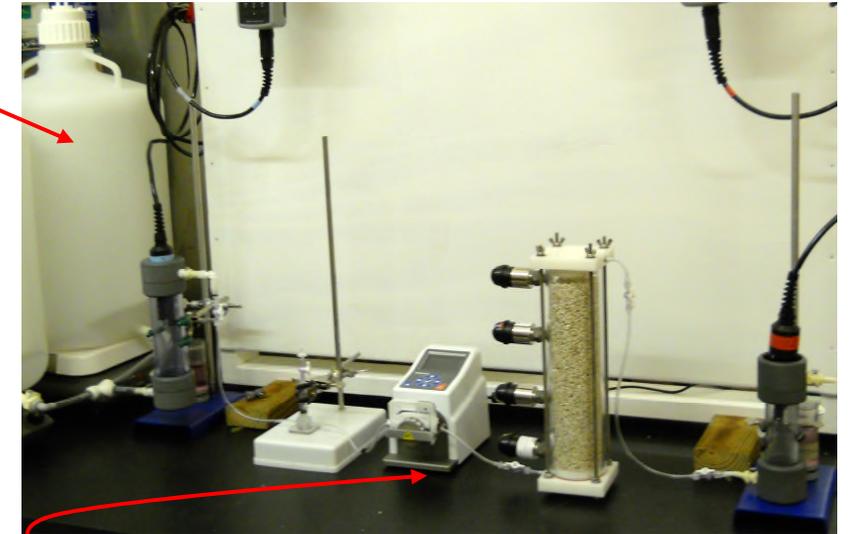
Post Storage Pore Water BF⁺ Column

C38S/UFA

Gas	Units	Air	Column Porewater
CO ₂	%	0.04	1.80
N ₂	%	78	69.78
CH ₄	mg/L	1.7	8.1
C ₂ H ₄	mg/L	BDL	0.0002

Hydraulic Conductivity

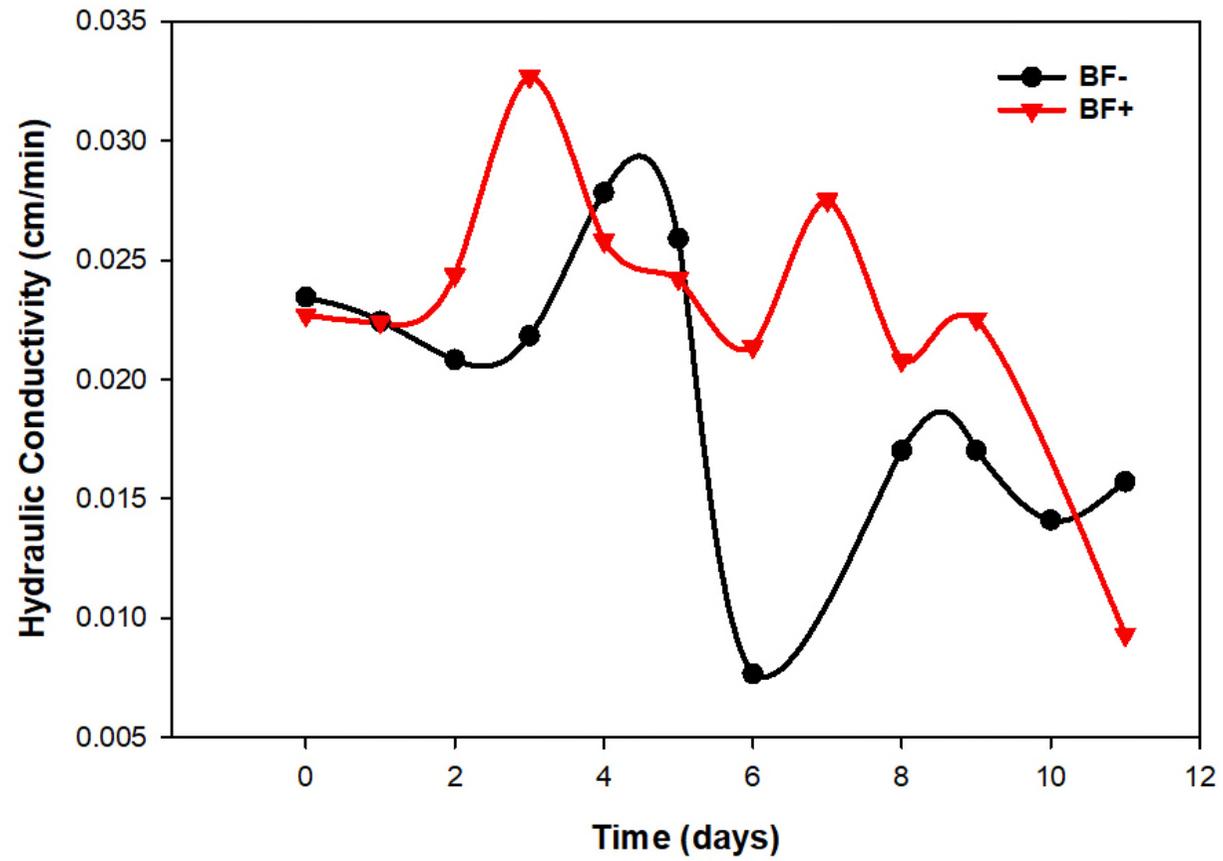
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Hydraulic Conductivity C38S/UFA



First 10 days of data not shown due to issues with pressure sensors

Next Steps

- **Completion of the C38S/APPZ crushed core column experiment**
 - Will be completed by end of July 2024
- **Initiation and completion of the L63S/UFA and L63S/APPZ crushed core column experiments and data analyses**
- **Initiation and completion of the C59/UFA and C59/APPZ crushed core column experiments and data analyses**



Panel Discussion (15 min)



Public Comment (15 min)



Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:00 pm



Quantitative Ecological Risk Assessment Workplan and Next Steps

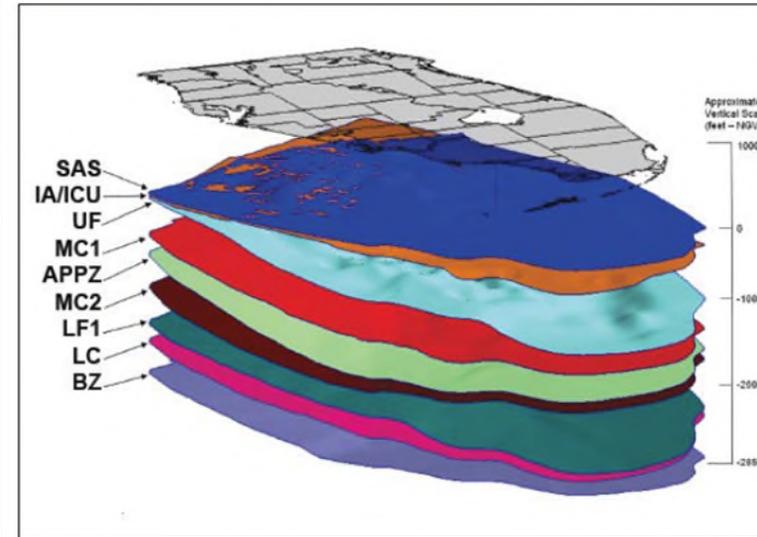
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ASR Ecological Risk Assessment History

- Original ERA completed in 2015 as part of the ASR Regional Study
- Utilized data from 2 ASR Pilot Facilities
 - Kissimmee River ASR (KRASR)
 - Hillsborough ASR (HASR)

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FINAL TECHNICAL DATA REPORT
AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY REGIONAL STUDY
MAY 2015



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COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES
RESTORATION PLAN

Regional Ecological Risk Assessment of
CERP Aquifer Storage and Recovery
Implementation in South Florida

ASR Ecological Risk Assessment History

➤ ASR ERA Conclusions

- Low likelihood of risk to Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades.
 - Highest - Larval fish due to impingement/entrainment.
 - Low – Hg methylation.
 - Limited toxicity.
 - Minimal bioconcentration.
- ASR systems should be constructed where sufficient dilution can occur.



Photograph 3.1. Kissimmee River ASR Pilot Facility.



Photograph 3.2. Hillsboro ASR Pilot Facility.

ASR Ecological Risk Assessment History

➤ Comments received from NRC and PRP.

- Look at longer storage times and larger recovery volumes.
- Toxicity testing with adjustments to water parameters.
- Look at effects of hardness adjustments.
- Additional *in situ* bioaccumulation studies.
- More quantitative risk assessment.

Review of the Everglades Aquifer Storage and Recovery Regional Study

Committee to Review the Florida Aquifer Storage and Recovery Regional Study
Technical Data Report

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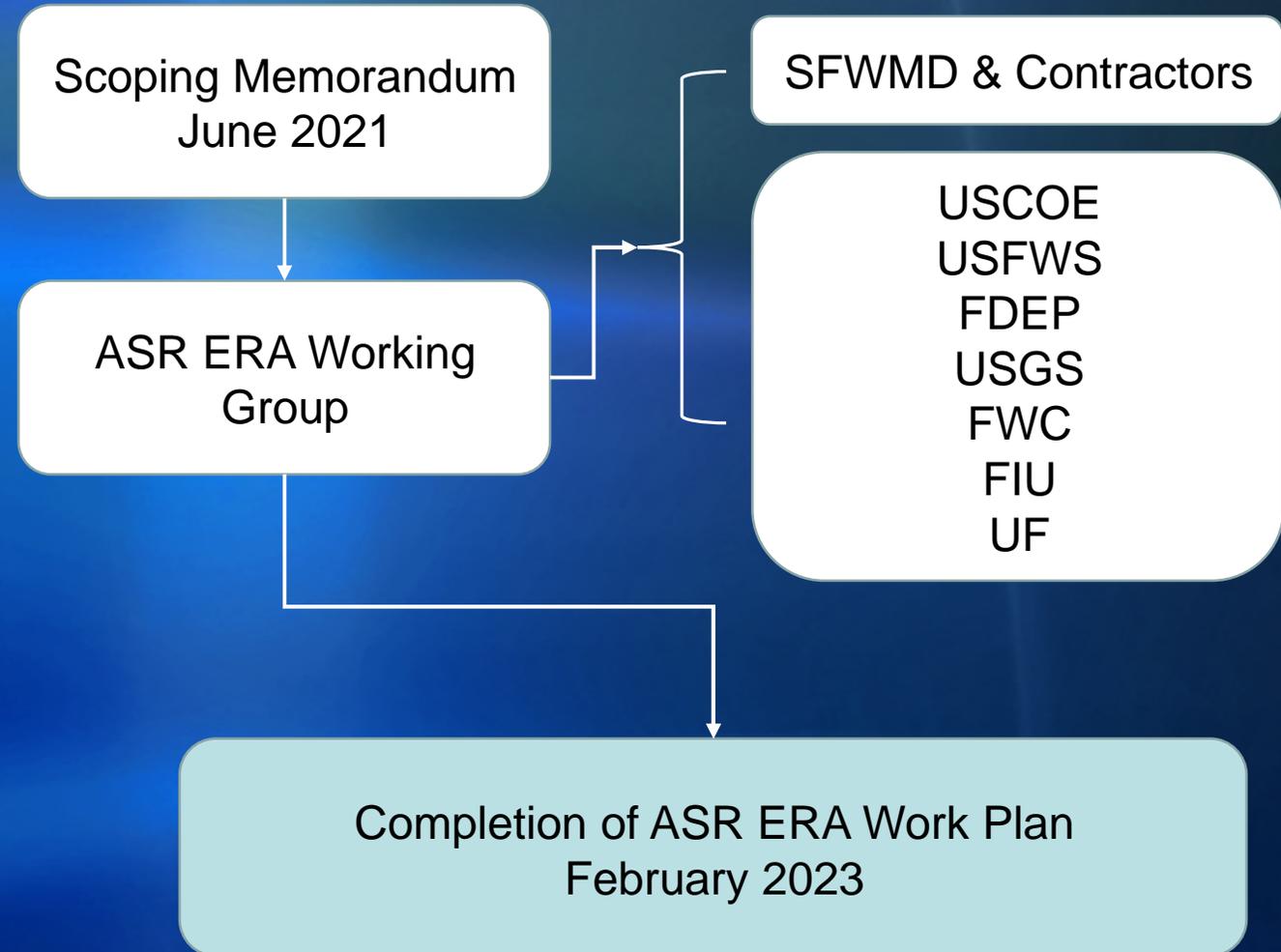
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ASR Ecological Risk Assessment Path Forward

➤ Public process with multiple stakeholders.

- Many different approaches for analyses and data needs.
- Responsive to stakeholders, but as efficient and cost-effective as possible.
- Utilize comments from NRC and from 2022 PRP meeting.



ASR ERA Process

Compile Existing Data

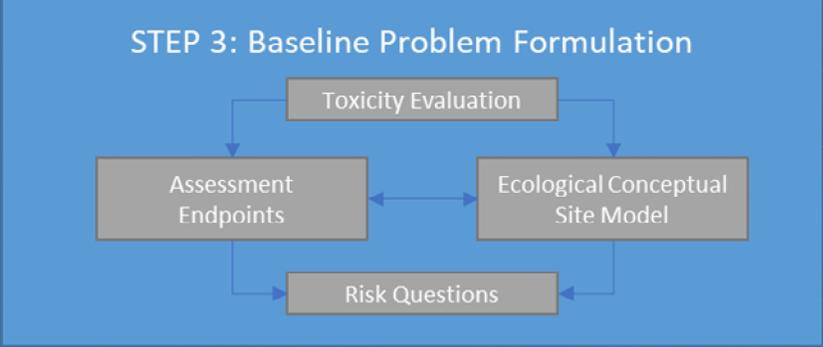
Data Collection

STEP 1: Screening Level

- Problem Formulation
- Toxicity Evaluation

STEP 2: Screening Level

- Exposure Estimation
- Risk Calculation



STEP 4: Study Design

- Lines of evidence
- Measurement endpoints
- Workplan and sampling plans

STEP 5: Verification of Sampling Design

STEP 6: Site Investigation and Data Analysis

STEP 7: Risk Characterization

STEP 8: Risk Management

Working Group Coordination on Completion of ASR ERA Workplan

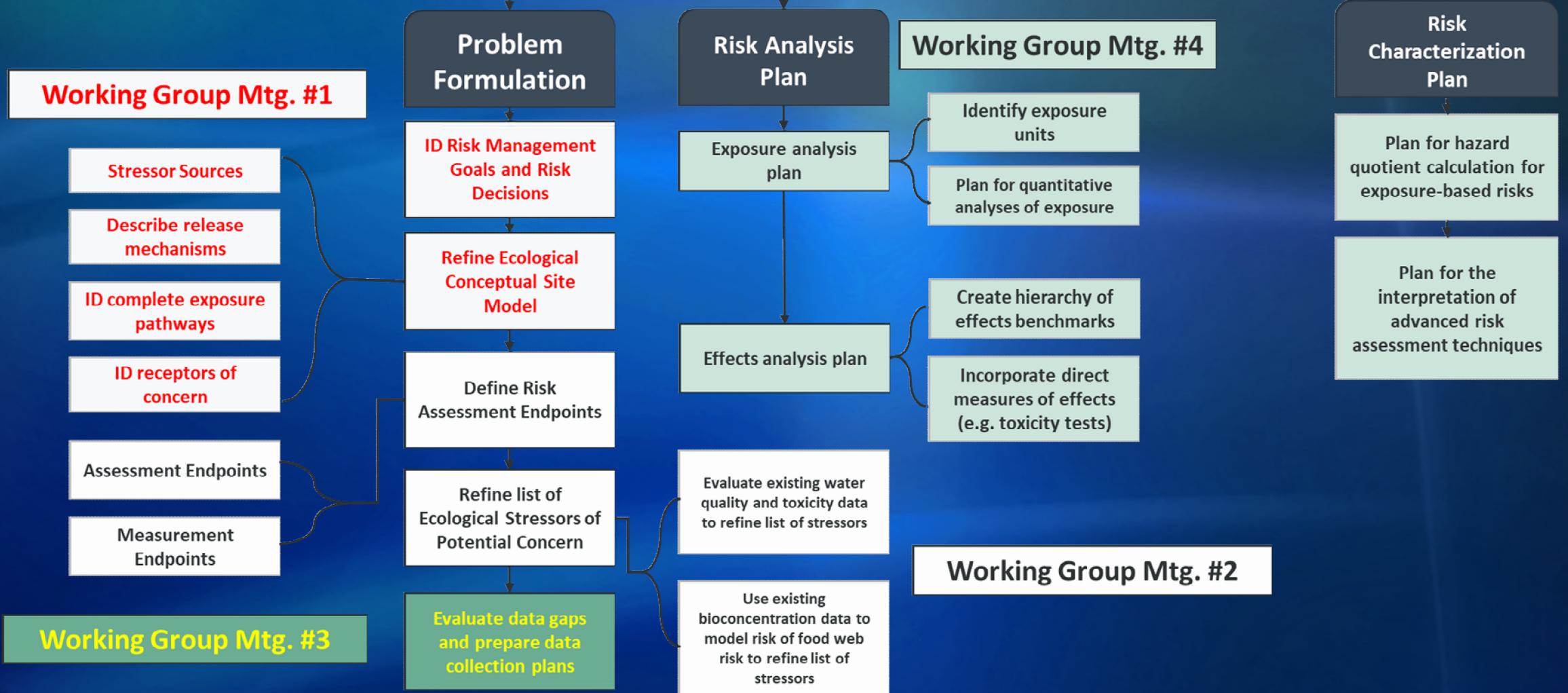
- ERA based on USEPA guidance
- Work Plan comprises Steps 3 - 5.
- Step-wise process to build the Work Plan with input from the Working Group

Working Group Review

ERA Work Plan

ERA Work Plan
Comprehensive plan for completing the ERA (2022)

Working Group Meeting #5



Risk Management Goals

- Risk management goals provide the overarching basis for the ERA.
 - Guide sampling design.
 - Determine data needs.
 - Decision support structure.

ASR ERA Risk Management Goal

Site conditions due to operation of the planned ASR Wells should not cause significant risk of adverse ecological effects to receptors from exposure to stressors directly related to the operation of the ASR Wells.

Risk Management Goals

- **Effects considered on a tiered basis**
 - Tier 1. Localized effects to sub-populations of ecological receptors in the vicinity of ASR Well discharges. Tier 1 ERA is defined in the 2023 Work Plan.
 - Tier 2. Population- and community- level effects to ecological receptors potentially due to changes in the ecosystem from to the operation of the ASR Wells.
 - Tier 3. Regional effects to ecological receptor populations downstream of the ASR Well discharges.
- **Work Plan provides a tool for streamlining the assessment of risk at future ASR Well clusters.**
 - If conditions are similar at other Sites, potential risks are also similar.
 - Focus risk assessment at other sites on where conditions are significantly different from C-38.

Risk Questions

Primary questions to be answered by the ERA

1. What stressors to ecological receptors are directly related to the operation of the ASR Wells within the Lake Okeechobee drainage?
2. What groups of ecological receptors have the potential to be impacted by the stressors associated with the operation of the ASR Wells?
3. Are the potential risks for adverse effects to ecological receptors potentially impacted by the stressors associated with the operation of the ASR Wells significant and do they warrant changes to ASR implementation plans?
4. Can the conclusions of the ASR ERA for the initial ASR Well clusters (e.g., C-38) be applied to ASR Well clusters constructed in the future? How can the conclusions of this risk assessment be used as a tool to streamline future risk assessments?

Stressors/Exposure Routes/ Pathways

Regional ASR Implementation

Stressor Category

Physical Stressors

Physio-Chemical Stressors

Chemical Stressors

Stressor/Release Mechanism

Groundwater Recharge

ASR Discharge

ASR Discharge

ASR Discharge

Stressor

Localized Pumping Operations to Store Water in ASR Wells

Localized and Regional Changes to Water Temperature

Localized and Regional Changes to Water Quality (DO, pH, TDS, etc.)

Localized and Regional Effects on Water Quality

Exposure Route

Physical Interaction with Intake Mechanism

Direct Exposure to Released Water

Direct Exposure to Released Water

Direct Exposure (Contact with or ingestion of water)

Food Web Exposure via Bioconcentration and/or Bioaccumulation

Potentially Complete Exposure Pathways and Receptor Groups

Impingement and Entrainment of Ichthyoplankton

Potential Effects to Fish and Non-Fish Populations Temperature Dependent Wildlife Populations

Potential Effects to Fish and Non-Fish Aquatic Populations

Potential Effects to Fish and Non-Fish Populations Due to Direct Contact with Surface Water

Ingestion of Surface Water by Fish and Wildlife Populations

Exposure via Food Ingestion to Fish and Wildlife Populations

Ecological Risk Assessment Stressors

Table 4-1
Stressors to be Evaluated in the ASR ERA
Regional ASR Implementation Ecological Risk Assessment Work Plan

Physical Stressors	Physicochemical Stressors	Potentially Toxic Chemical Stressors ¹
Impingement/Entrainment Temperature	Nitrogen Phosphorous Alkalinity Hardness (from Ca/Mg) Dissolved Oxygen pH Individual Cations/Anions ³ Turbidity	Aluminum Antimony Arsenic Cadmium Chromium Mercury ² Methyl Mercury ² Molybdenum Nickel Selenium ² Zinc

¹ - Formation 2021 (Historical Data Analysis) indicated that risks due to chemical stressors are unlikely via direct toxicity or bioaccumulation. They will, however, be assessed in the ASR ERA to address NRC comments on the effect of longer storage times and/or higher storage volumes.

² - Potentially bioaccumulative chemicals to be the focus of the wildlife ROCs.

³ - Individual cations and anions include Ca, Mg, Na, K, Cl⁻, S²⁻ and SO₄²⁻

Receptors of Concern

Population Level Receptors

- Aquatic-Dependent Birds
 - Wood and Mottled Ducks (herbivores)
 - Little Blue Heron and Great Blue Heron (omnivores)
 - Osprey (piscivore)
- Aquatic Reptiles
 - Florida Soft Shelled Turtle (omnivore)
 - American Alligator (carnivore)



Assessment Endpoint

Survival, growth, and reproduction downstream of the ASR discharge adequate to sustain populations.

Receptors of Concern

Population Level Receptors

- Species representative of feeding guilds.
 - Fish
 - Fathead Minnow (Trophic Level 2)
 - Black Crappie and Bluegill (Trophic Level 3)
 - Largemouth Bass (Trophic Level 4)
 - Aquatic or Semi-Aquatic Mammals
 - Raccoon (omnivore)
 - River Otter (piscivore)



Receptors of Concern

Community Level Receptors

- Primary Producers
 - Periphyton Community
 - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Community
- Primary Consumers
 - Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Community
 - Ichthyoplankton Community
- Amphibians
 - Amphibian Community



Assessment Endpoint

Maintenance of community composition and function downstream of the ASR discharge.

Receptors of Concern

Individual Level Receptors (i.e. species with special regulatory status)

- Aquatic-Dependent Birds
 - Wood Stork (omnivore)
 - Everglade Snail Kite (invertivore)
- Aquatic Mammal
 - West Indian Manatee (herbivore)



Assessment Endpoint

Survival, growth, and reproduction of individuals downstream of the ASR discharge.

Ecological Risk Measurement Endpoints

Measures of Exposure

- Describe the location and magnitude of stressors in abiotic and biotic media.
- Used to estimate the exposure of receptors to the stressors.
 - Measured water quality data.
 - Measured and estimated tissue data for use in food chain exposure modeling.



Ecological Risk Measurement Endpoints

Measures of Effects

- Changes in an attribute of the assessment endpoint in response to exposure.
 - Direct toxicity testing.
 - Direct measures of tissue data compared to effect-based benchmarks.
 - Literature-based exposure measures.
 - Measures of tolerance of thermal and/or physicochemical changes.
 - Direct measures of effects via *in-situ* or mesocosm testing.
 - Modeled effects data related to intake structure operation.



Ecological Risk Measurement Endpoints

Measures of Ecosystem and Receptor Characteristics

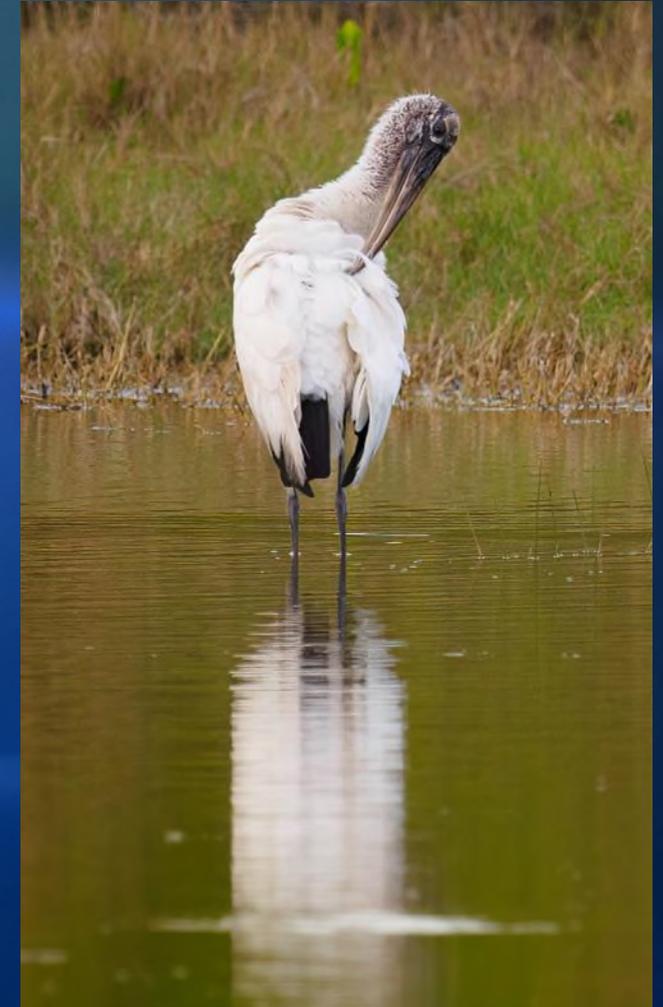
- Measurements of aquatic community and population characteristics before and after ASR operations.
- Modeling ecosystem parameters (e.g. modeled changes to Lake Okeechobee algal communities or SAV biomass due to modeled water quality changes) based on water quality changes due to ASR Well discharge.



Figure 5.27-- Periphytometers during initial deployment (left), and after a 28-day deployment (right)

Tier 1 Risk Assessment Data Needs

- Three types of data needed to meet the needs of the assessment and measurement endpoints
 - Field/Laboratory Data (in process)
 - Risk Assessment Data (included in the Work Plan)
 - Modeling Data (in process)
- Both spatial and temporal data are needed
 - Spatial – Upstream, mixing zone and downstream of the mixing zone
 - Temporal – Before and after ASR well operation



Risk Analysis

- **Exposure Analysis**

- Quantify the degree of exposure to receptors from stressors
 - Exposure Units (EUs)
 - Exposure Point Concentrations (EPCs)

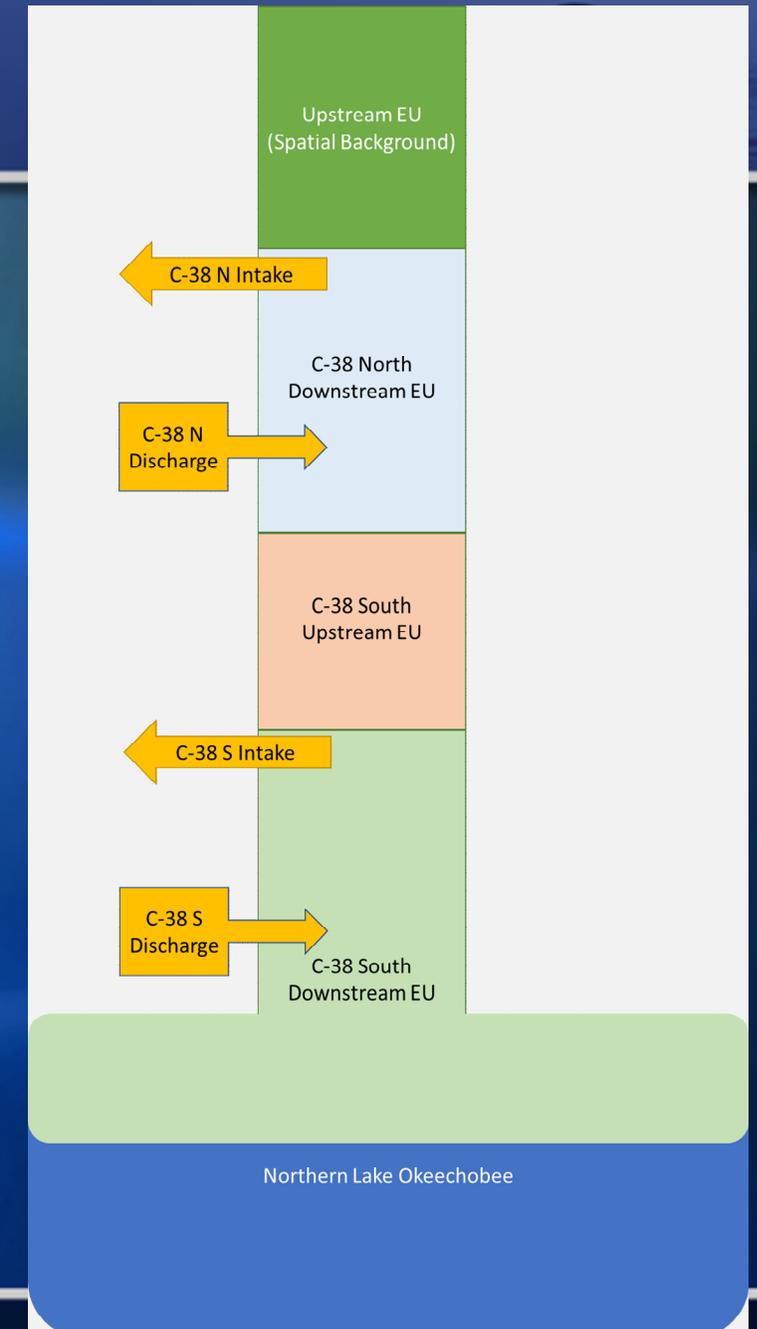
- **Effects Analysis**

- Determine the relationship between exposure and effects
 - Toxicity Reference Values
 - Direct measures (toxicity testing, bioconcentration testing and community measures)



Exposure Units (EUs)

- Upstream EU
 - Provides data about anthropogenic background stressors
- C-38 North Downstream EU
 - Area of highest potential impact from C-38 N Well
- C-38 South Upstream EU
- C-38 South Downstream EU
 - Area of highest potential impact from C-38 S Well
- Sitewide EU
 - Overall estimate of potential risk from the C-38 Well Clusters
- Final locations of the EUs provided following finalization of construction plans and mixing zone modeling.



Exposure Analysis

Exposure Point Concentrations (EPCs)

- Maximum EPC (Max EPC)
 - Maximum exposure to stressors
 - Conservative screening tool
- Upper Bound EPC (UBEPC)
 - 95% Upper Confidence Limit on the Mean (95UCL)
- Central Tendency EPC (CT EPC)
 - Geometric mean
 - Estimates 'average' risk

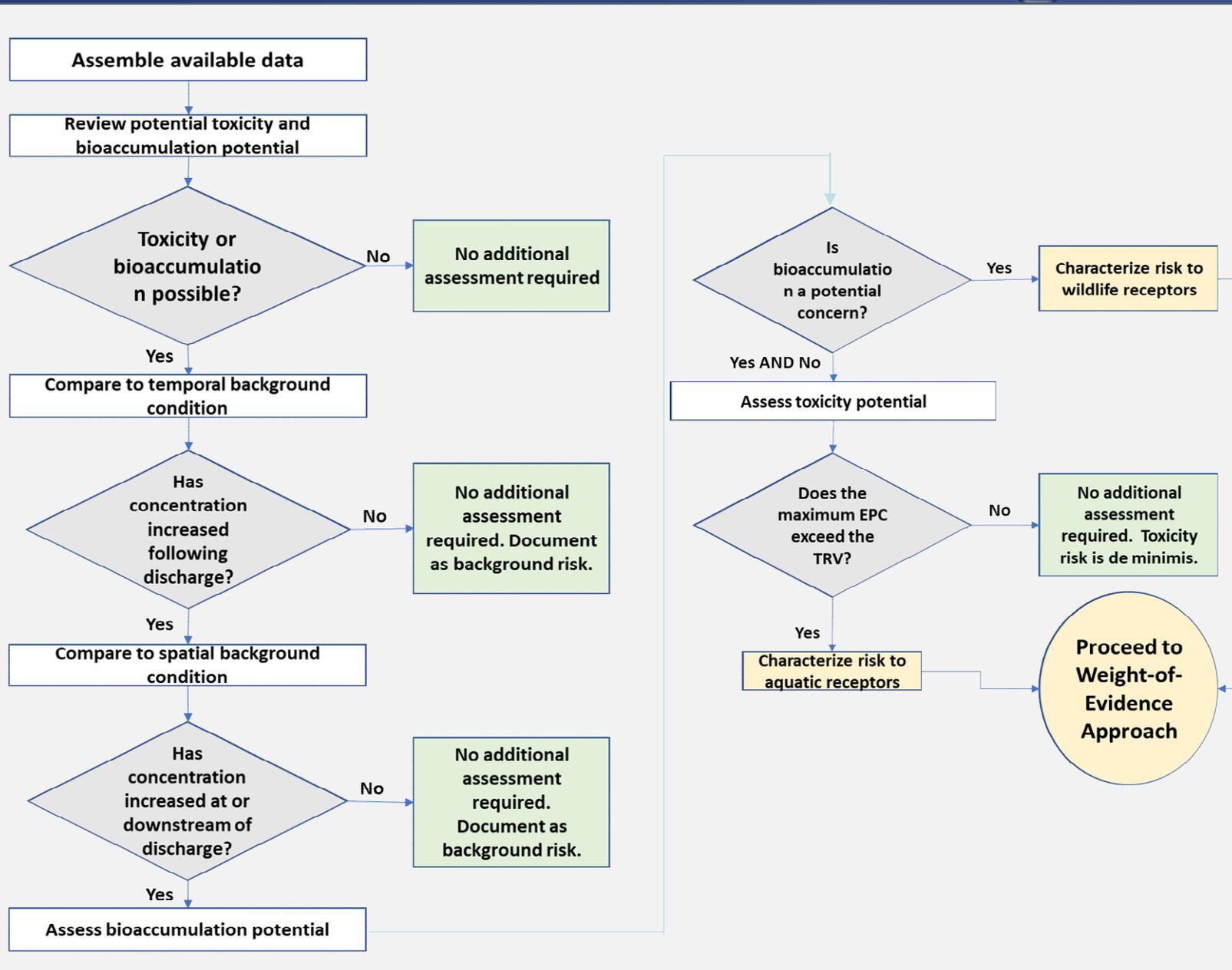


Risk Characterization

- **Risk Estimation**
 - Comparison of EPCs to TRVs
 - Analysis of direct measures of effects (i.e. toxicity tests and community studies)
- **Risk Description**
 - Quantitative and qualitative discussion
 - Risk estimation results
 - Hazard Quotients
 - Results of direct measures
 - Uncertainty
 - Weight-of-Evidence (WOE) approach (USEPA 2016)
- **Provide Defensible Conclusions**
 - Defines quantitative likelihood of risk for each endpoint in each EU

Risk Estimation

- Decision Making Framework
 - Repeatable and consistent process
 - Describe which stressors and receptors are carried forward into the detailed Risk Characterization



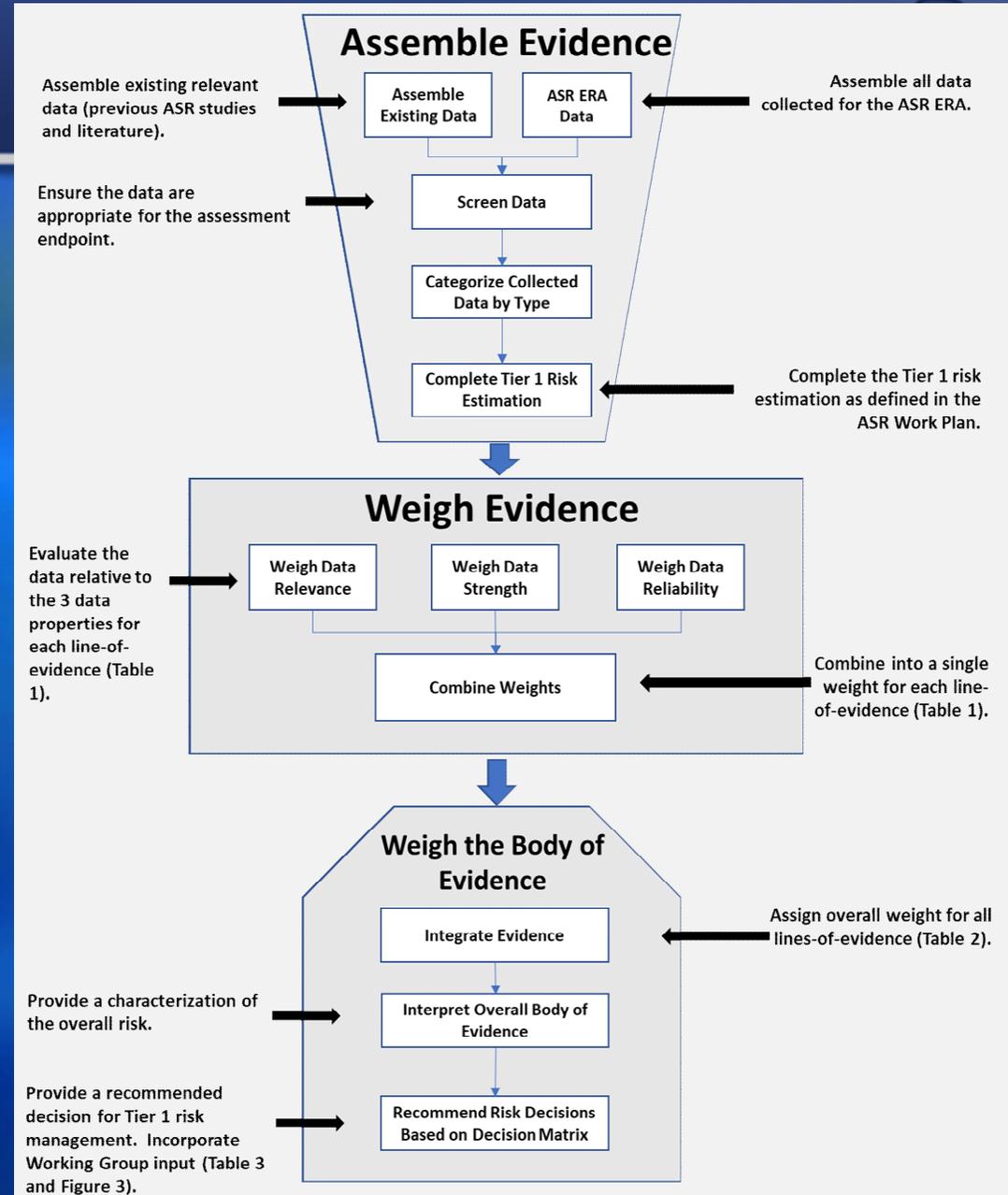
Risk Description, Weight-of-Evidence (WOE) Approach

- Stressors/Receptors ID'd in the Decision Framework
- USEPA (2016) guidance
- Provides a mechanism for weighting the range of data available
 - Not all lines-of-evidence (LOEs) have same strength or reliability
 - Incorporates uncertainty inherent in each LOE
 - Provides an overall estimate of the strength and reliability of the Risk Characterization



Weight-of-Evidence Approach

- Low Risk
 - When the WOE scores for all LOEs indicate low risk potential.
 - Where only the LOEs with the lowest weight have potentially elevated risk.
- Recommend Tier 2 Assessment
 - Where WOE scores indicate that risks cannot be determined to be low in Tier 1
- Additional Assessment of Uncertainty
 - Where the potential for risks is equivocal and additional data may be helpful
- Consider Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Tier 1
 - Where additional analyses could significantly aid in reducing uncertainty



Recommended Additional Assessment

- **Tier 2 Assessment**
 - Localized effects near ASR Wells and downstream
 - More detailed assessment of individual assessment endpoints and interconnected nature of endpoints
 - Probabilistic Risk Assessment
 - Interconnected exposure models
- **Tier 3 Assessment**
 - Regional effects from ASR Well discharge

Tiers 2 and 3 will be data intensive and determined based on results of Tier 1. Procedures not defined in the Work Plan

Adaptive Management

- ERA Work Plan will be completed in advance of the full design and implementation of the ASR Wells

- Abundant data will be available between the completion of the Work Plan and the ERA
- Flexibility is key
 - Incorporate new data into the ERA
 - Periodic review of data and data collection
 - Incorporate into appendix in ERA Work Plan
 - Modify Work Plan if needed
 - Decision tools for determining use of new data
 - *Adaptive management of future well clusters based on data ASR ERA data/results*



ASR Ecological Risk Assessment

Thank you.
Questions?

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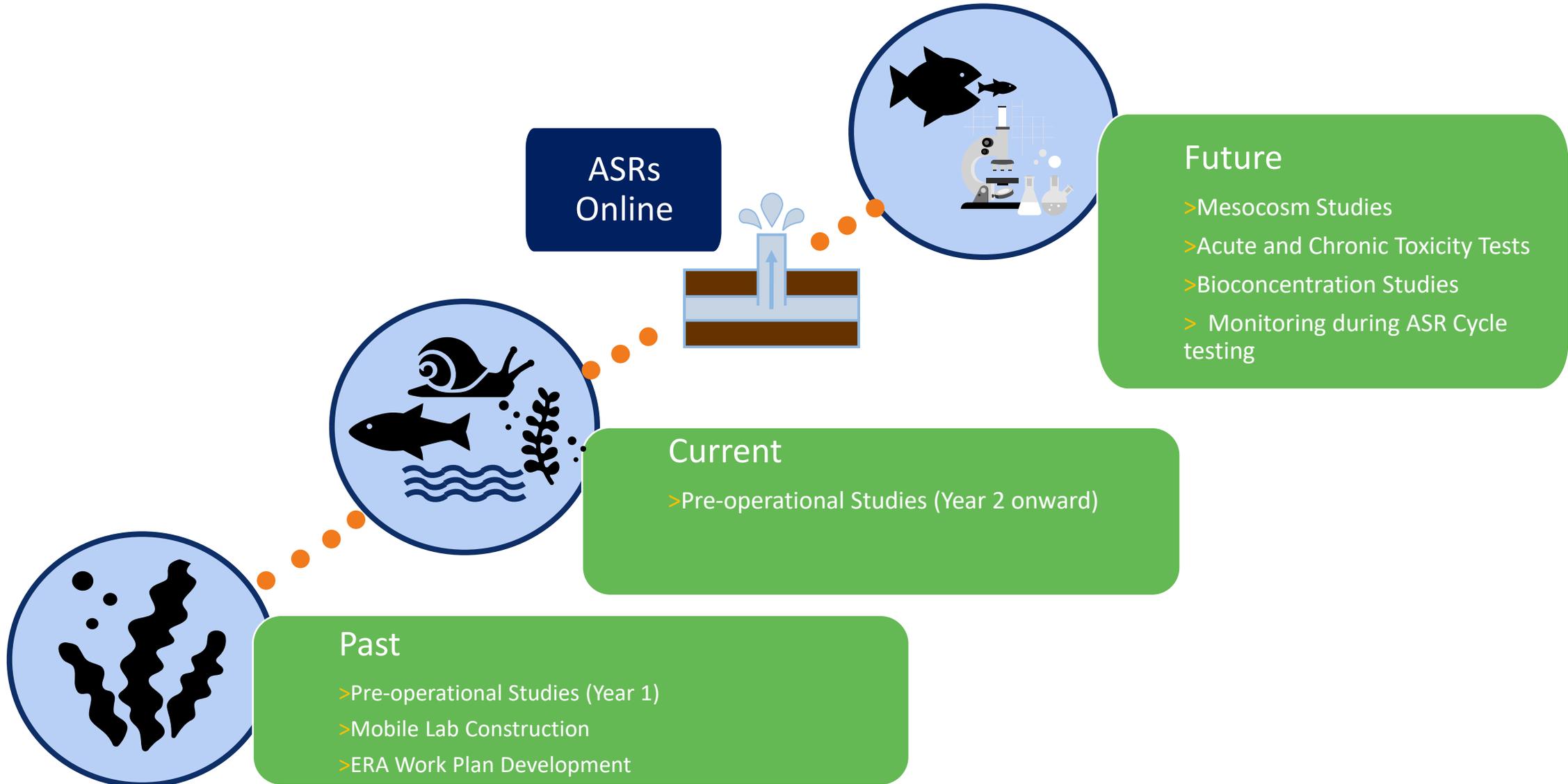




Aquifer Storage and Recovery
Ecological Risk Assessment
Pre-Operational Ecological Monitoring Along the C-
38 Canal and N Lake Okeechobee
Year 1 Results

Jen Mathia-ECT

> Estimated Timeline



> Study Purpose

- The ERA Work Plan defined specific measurement endpoints:
 - Data needed to assess the potential risk of ASR to ecological receptors (e.g., ASR ERA Risk Management Goal)
- Program designed to monitor ecological receptors within vicinity of:
 - C38 canal ASRs well clusters (C38N and C38S)
 - Kissimmee River ASR (KRASR)
 - C38 canal mixing zone at mouth of the canal in N Lake Okeechobee
- Monitoring designed based on:
 - Studies designed based on NRC (2015) uncertainties
 - Panel recommendations included in 2022 Science Plan
 - Specific needs of ERA Work Plan to fill data gaps for quantitative risk assessment identified by inter-agency ERA Working Group in 2021

> Monitoring Program Overview

ASR ERA Data Collection Needs

- Surface water data (physicochemical and biological water quality parameters)
- Sediment and tissue chemical data
- Aquatic community and population characteristics

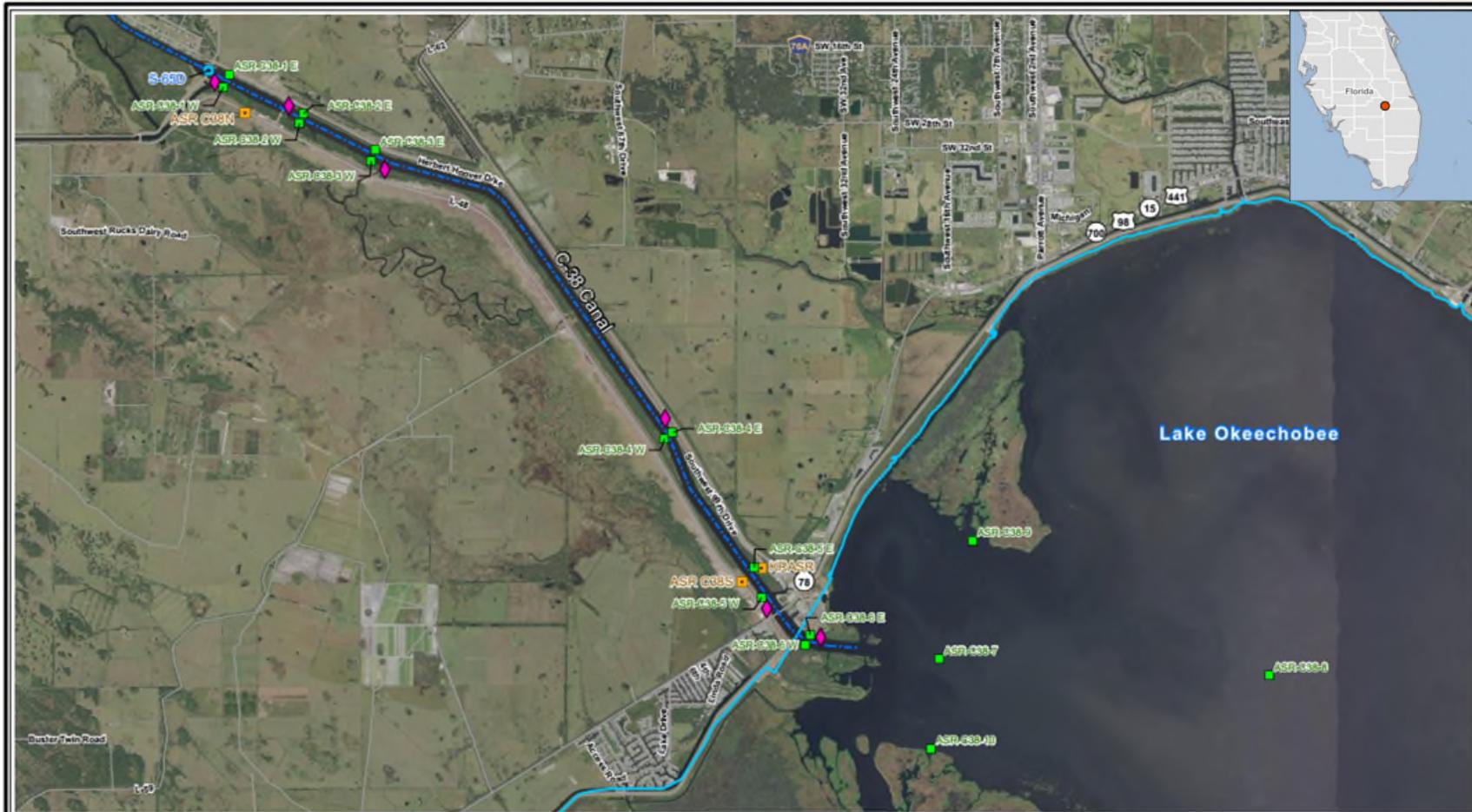
Monitored Environmental Matrices and Receptors	Metal Concentrations	Nutrient Concentrations	Diversity Indices
Surface Water	✓	✓	x
Periphyton	✓	✓	✓
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	x	x	✓
Benthic Macroinvertebrates	x	x	✓
Sediment	✓	✓	x
Apple Snails	✓	x	x
Mussels	✓	x	x
Fish	✓	x	✓
Ichthyoplankton	x	x	✓

> Year 1 Schedule

Year	2022						2023						
Season	Wet			Dry							Wet		
Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Sampling Event		Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6						
Media													
Surface Water		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Periphyton			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation			x										
Benthic Macroinvertebrates			✓						✓				
Sediment			✓						✓				
Apple Snails		x								✓			
Mussels			✓					✓					
Fish Population			✓			✓		✓				✓	
Fish Tissue			✓					✓					
Ichthyoplankton							✓	✓			✓	✓	

> Pre-Operational Studies

Study Area



- ▭ Lake Okeechobee (AHED)
 - - - C-38 Canal
 - ASR ERA Sample Station
 - ◆ Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Stations
 - ASR Well Clusters
 - Control Structure
- Canal Stations**
E = East
W = West

> Work Plans Development

- Develop for each component in collaboration with Formation Environmental to support ASR ERA
- Utilize FDEP SOPs to the extent possible
- Complement PQAP and QASR
- Reviewed and approved through District DrChecks process
- Modified following onset of monitoring studies to better suite conditions encountered in the field (e.g., wildlife interactions, vandalism, water levels)



> Project Team

- Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc (ECT)
 - Project management
 - Subcontractor coordination
 - Data analysis and reporting
- Ecological Associates, Inc. (EAI)
 - Field collections
 - Benthic taxonomy
 - Fish and ichthyoplankton taxonomy
- Florida International University (FIU)
 - Periphyton taxonomy
 - Periphyton nutrient analysis
- Eurofins Laboratory
 - Periphyton metals analysis
 - Chemical analysis of surface water, sediments, apple snails, mussels, fish



> Monitored Components

Periphyton

- Tissue metal concentrations
- Tissue nutrient concentrations
- Community structure and biomass dynamics
- Floating periphytometers



Benthic Macroinvertebrates

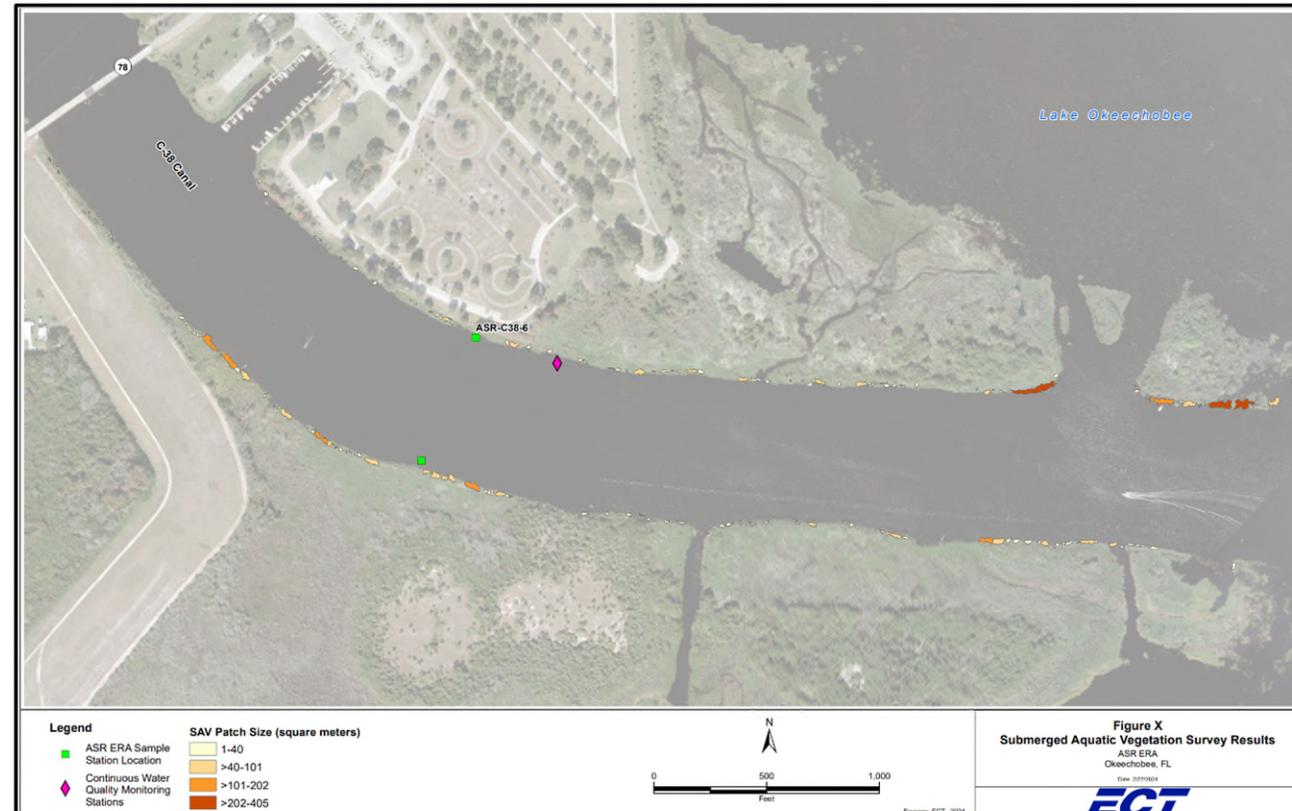
- Community structure dynamics
- Suspended Hester Dendy Samplers



> Monitored Components

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

- SAV monitoring attempted
- Incomplete due to high water levels post Hurricane Ian



> Monitored Components

Surface Water

- Metal, nutrient, additional parameter concentrations
- Ambient water quality (grabs)
- Grabs during all monitoring events
- Continuous monitoring with YSI EXO2

Sediment

- Metal and nutrient concentrations
- Petite ponar sampler
- Three grab composite



> Monitored Components

Mussels

- Tissue metal concentrations
- Flea rake
- Three replicates per station

Apple Snails

- Tissue metals concentrations
- Baited minnow traps
- Three replicates per station



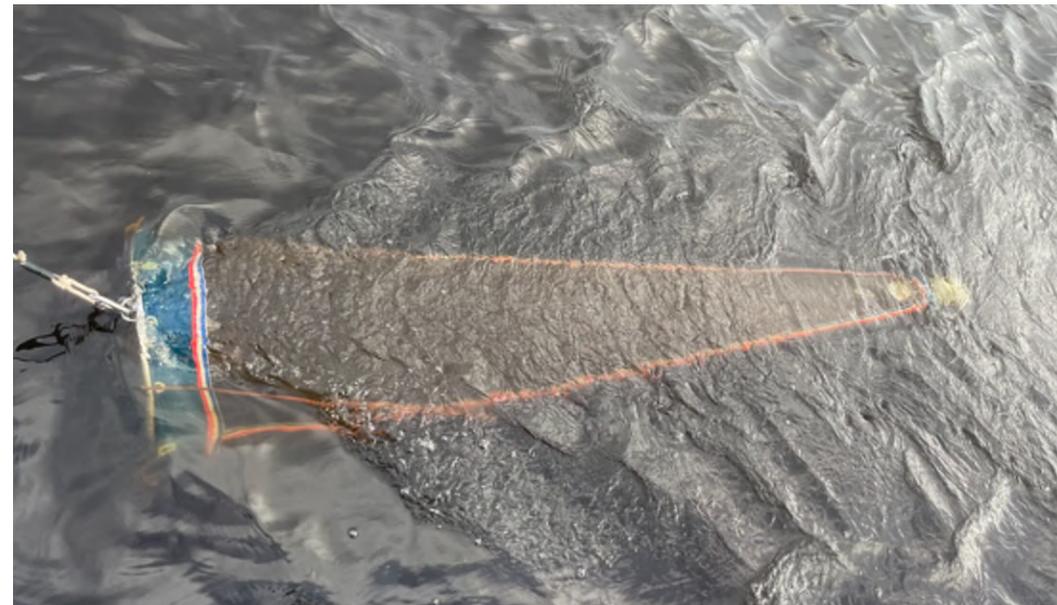
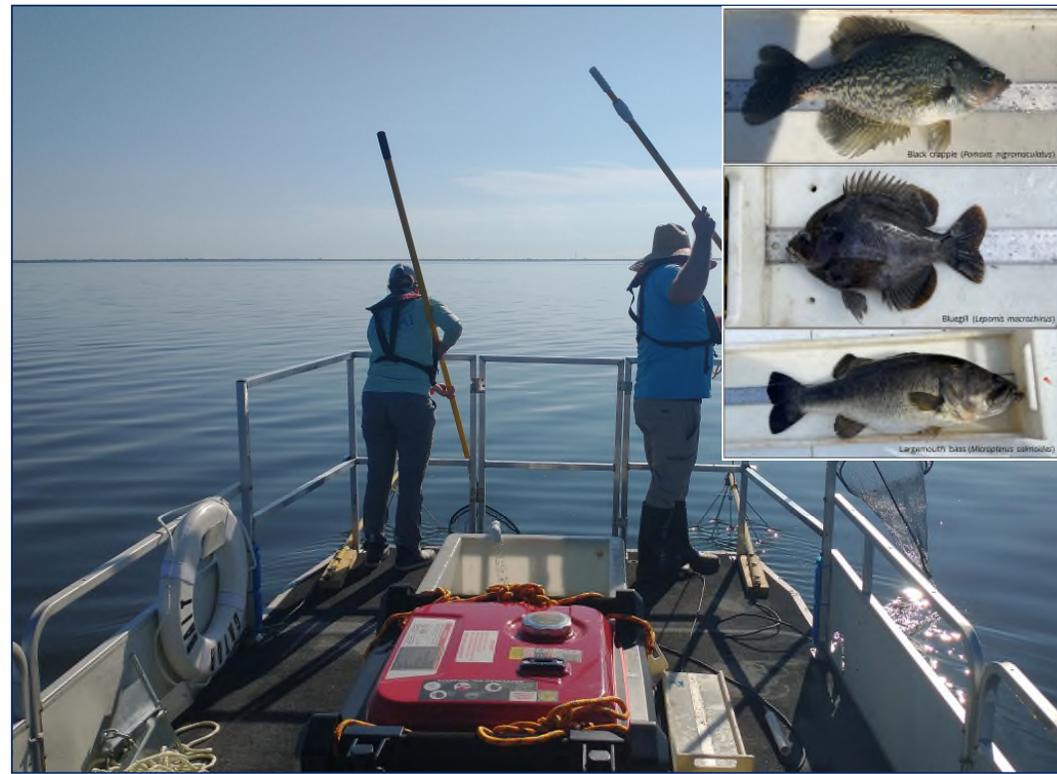
> Monitored Components

Fish

- Tissue metals concentrations
- Community
- Electrofishing
- Dip netting nearshore

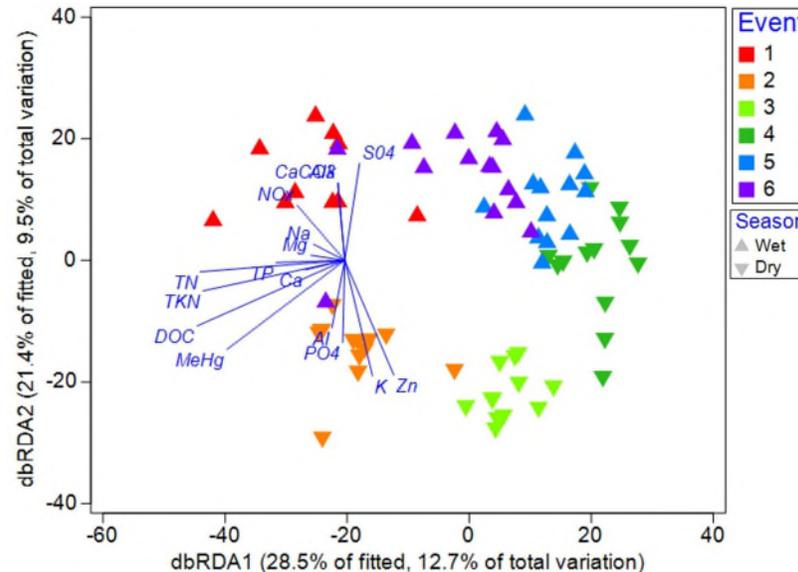
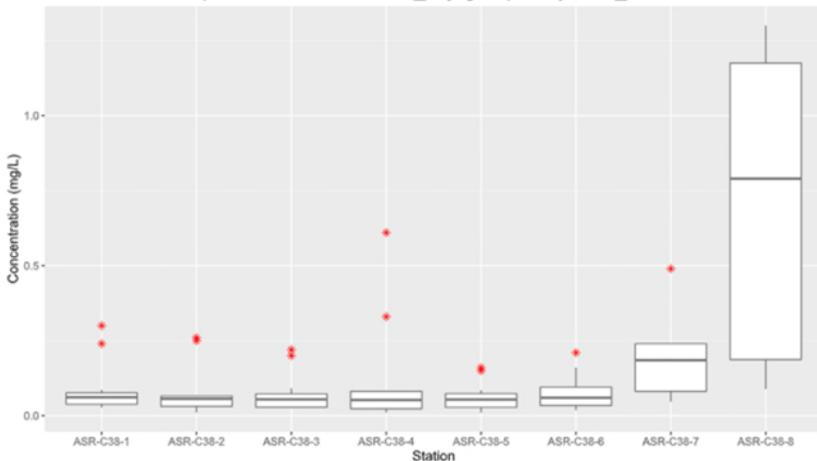
Ichthyoplankton

- Community
- Plankton tows
- Three depths



> Data Analysis

- Basic summary stats and univariate statistical testing
 - Differences in concentrations and communities by station, season, side
- Data visualizations and multivariate analysis to visualize patterns and examine groupings



Sample Type	Descriptive Statistics and Box Plots	Univariate Comparisons	Data Visualizations	Multivariate Comparisons
Metal and Nutrient Concentrations				
Water Quality	Station, season, canal side	Station, season, canal side	PCA	ANOSIM, SIMPER
Periphyton	Station, season, canal side	Station, season, canal side	PCA	ANOSIM, SIMPER, dbLM
Sediment	Station, season, canal side	Station, season, canal side	PCA	ANOSIM, SIMPER
Apple Snail Tissue	Data to enable analysis not available; metal tissue concentrations from single sampling event are included.			
Mussel Tissue	Station, season, canal side	Station, season, canal side	PCA	ANOSIM, SIMPER
Fish Tissue	Species, station, season	Summarized patterns in station and season	PCA	ANOSIM, SIMPER
Taxonomy Data				
Periphyton	Station, season, canal side	Summarized patterns in station and season	PCA	ANOSIM
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	Data to enable analysis not available; map of SAV included.			
Benthic macroinvertebrate	Diversity indices across station and season	Diversity indices across station and season	nMDS	ANOSIM, SIMPER
Fish	Diversity indices across station and season	Diversity indices across station and season	nMDS	ANOSIM, SIMPER
Ichthyoplankton	Diversity indices across depth, time of day, station, and season	Diversity indices across depth, time of day, station, and season	nMDS	ANOSIM, SIMPER

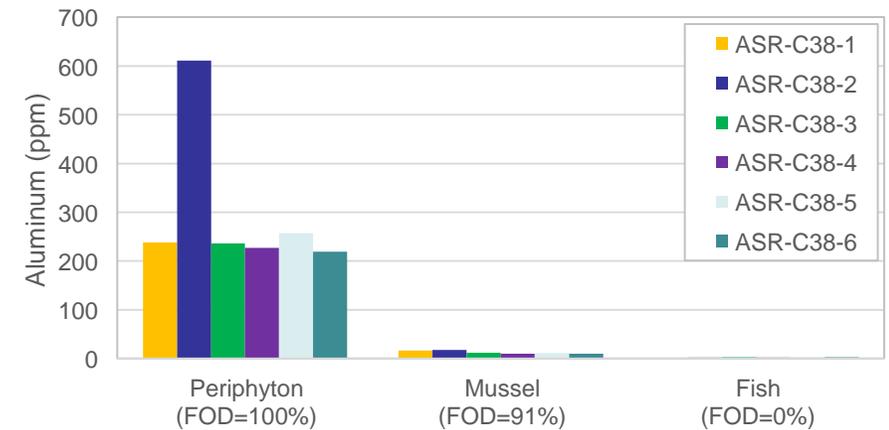
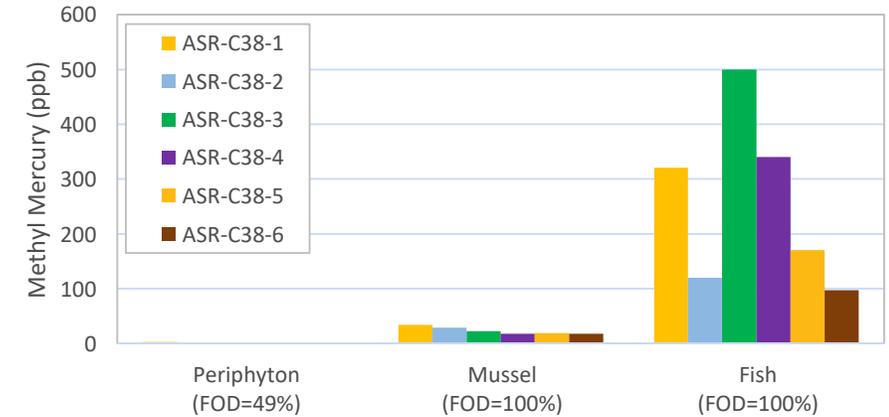
> Year 1 Results

General Overview

- Nutrients measured in water, periphyton, and sediment samples and were frequently detected
- Detections of metals were more variable across both analytes and monitored components
- Observed some expected patterns of biomagnification
- Also observed spatial and seasonal variation

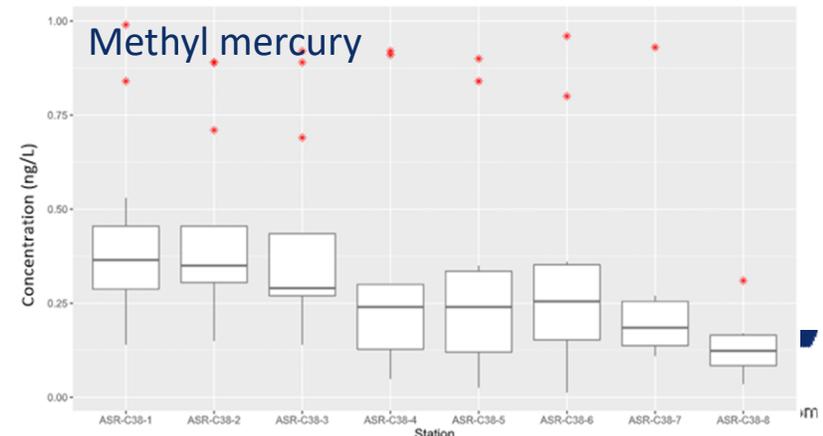
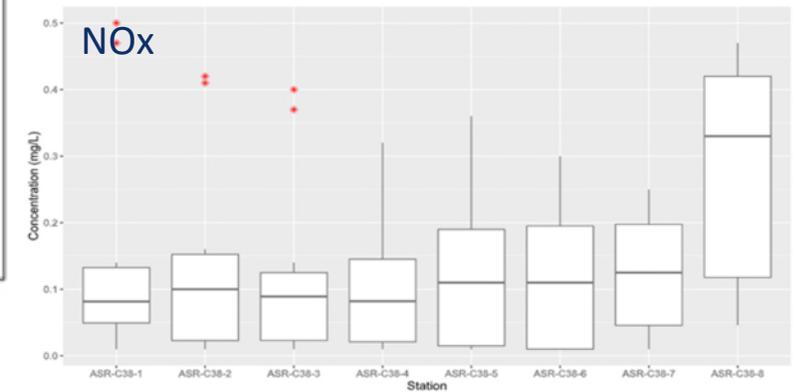
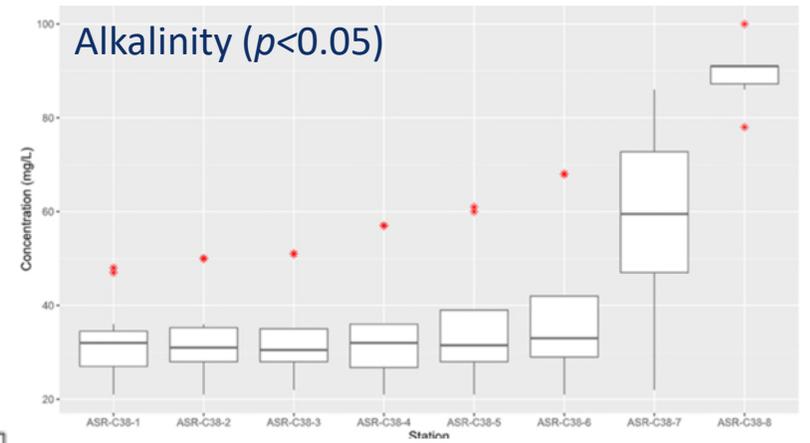
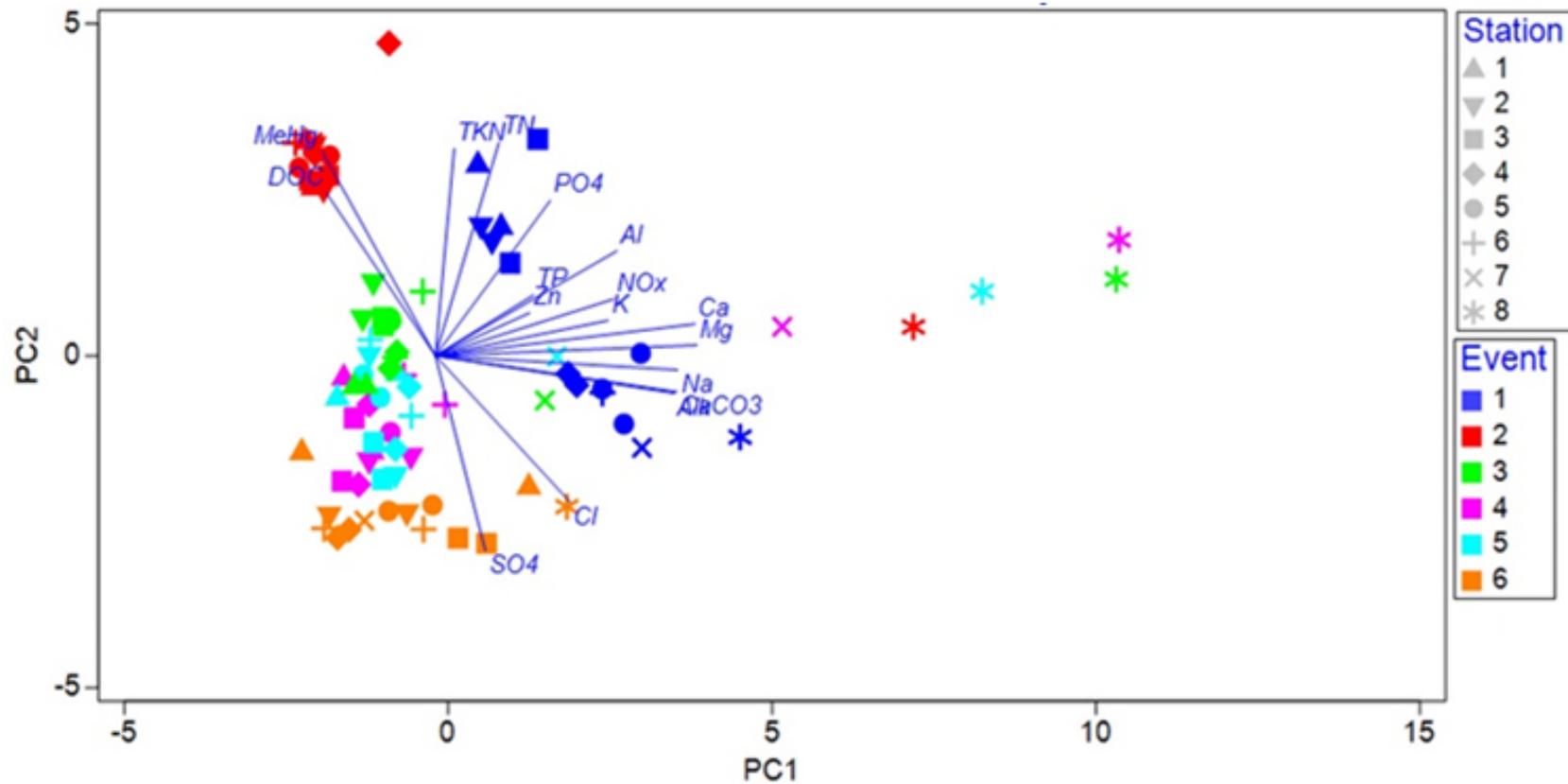
Sample Type	Metal										
	Aluminum	Antimony	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Mercury	Methyl Mercury	Molybdenum	Nickel	Selenium	Zinc
Water	96%	0%	15%	0%	24%	0%	99%	0%	0%	0%	19%
Sediment	100%	0%	11%	0%	68%	43%	89%	0%	21%	7%	4%
Periphyton	100%	0%	98%	0%	98%	32%	49%	55%	70%	24%	97%
Apple Snail	100%	0%	90%	0%	100%	50%	100%	90%	100%	20%	100%
Mussel	91%	0%	100%	99%	87%	100%	100%	91%	96%	77%	100%
Fish	0%	0%	29%	0%	52%	100%	100%	0%	0%	71%	100%

% = Frequency of detection of 0%
 % = Frequency of detection <50%
 % = Frequency of detection ≥50%



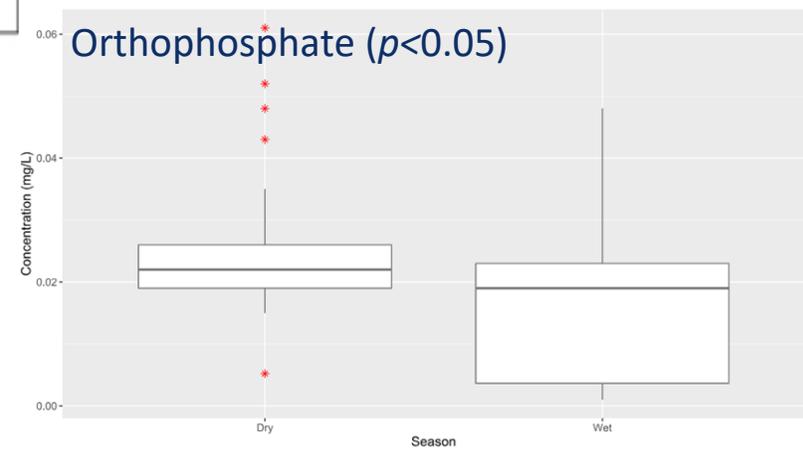
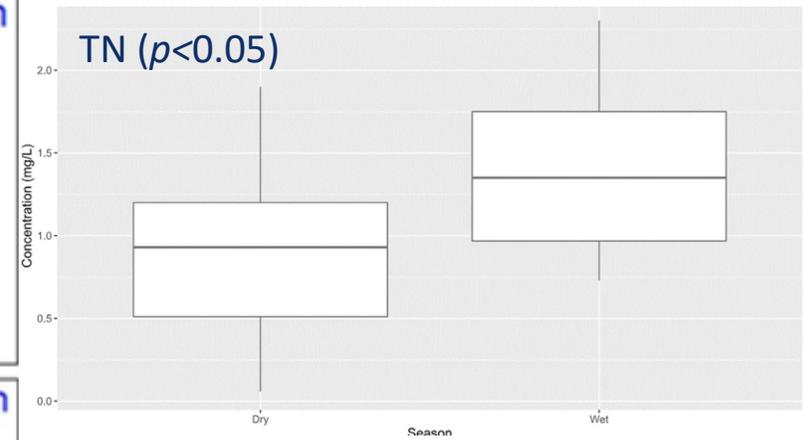
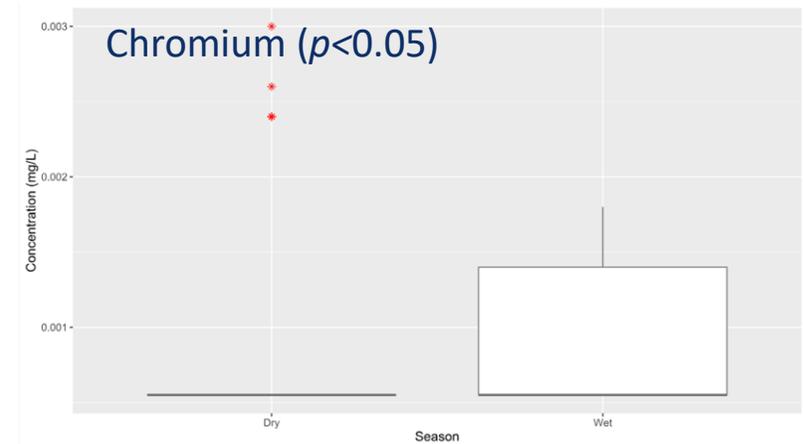
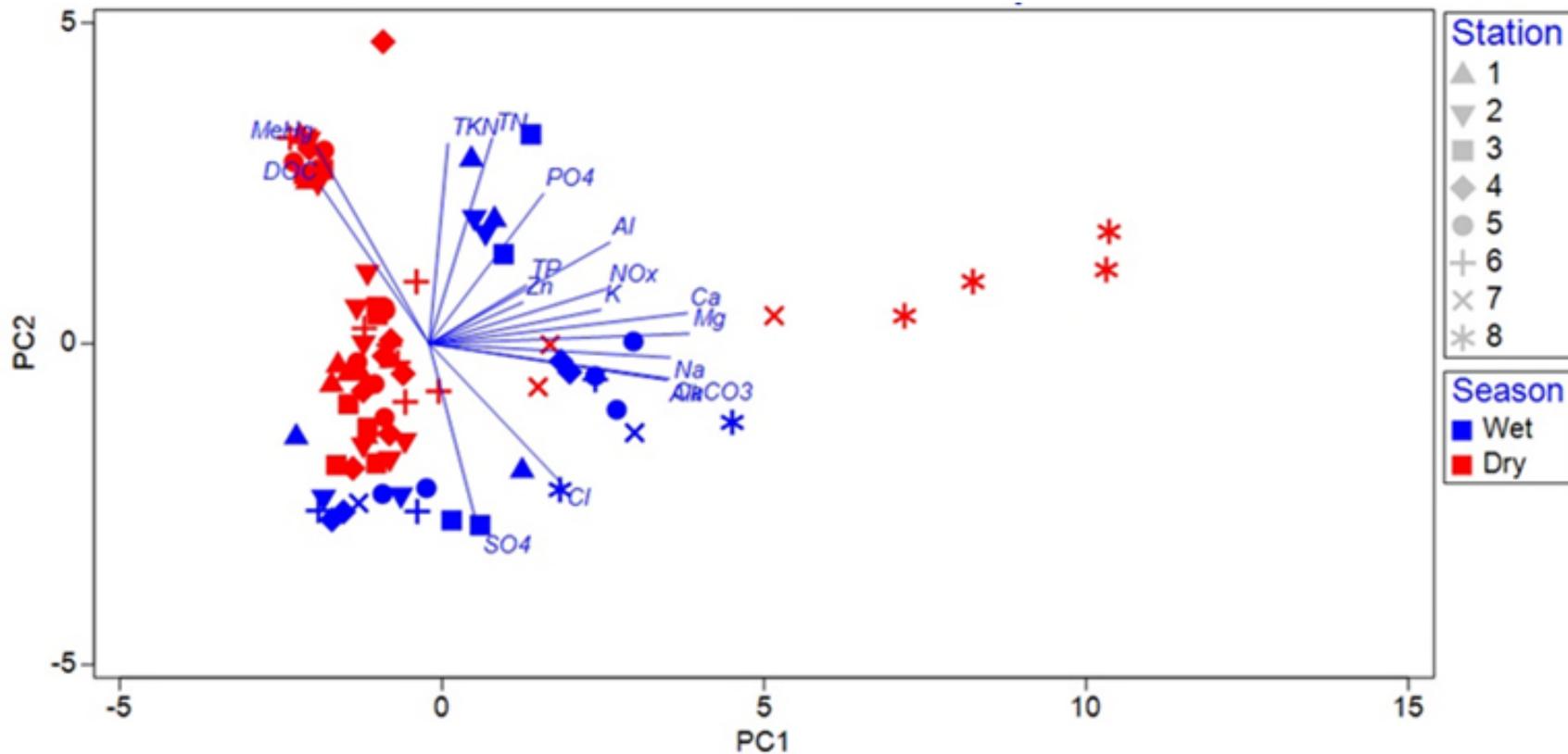
Surface Water

Spatial Differences



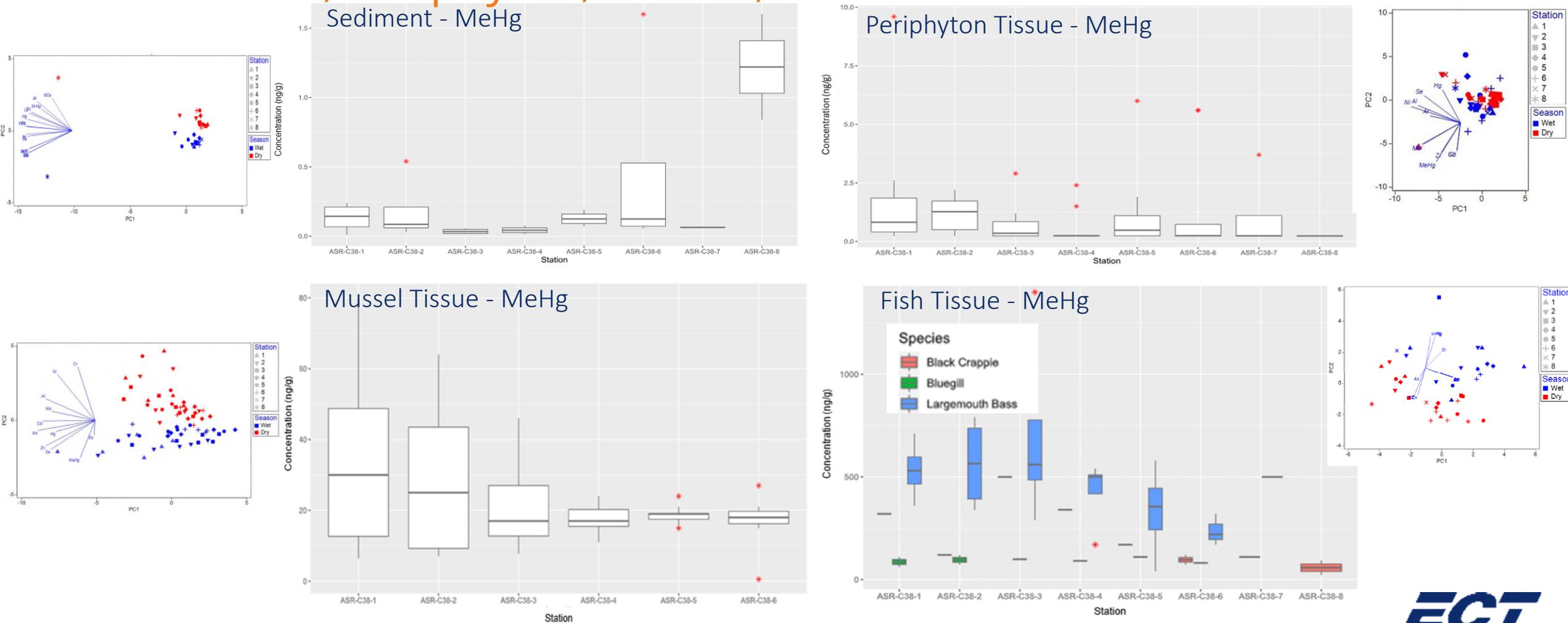
Surface Water

Seasonal Differences



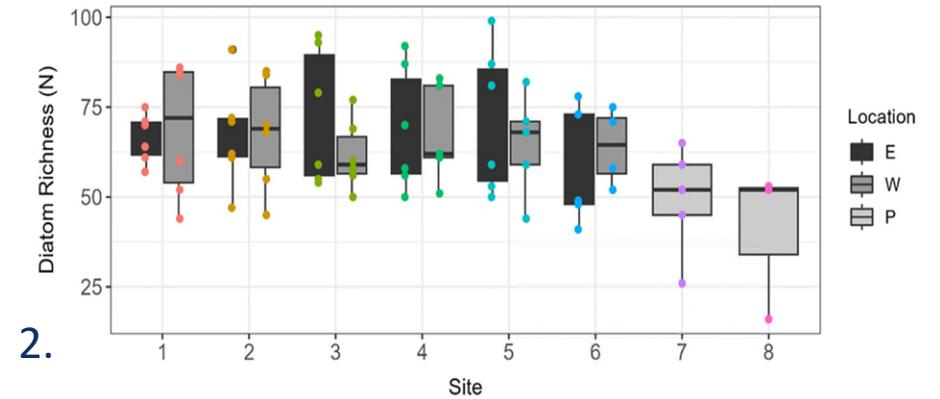
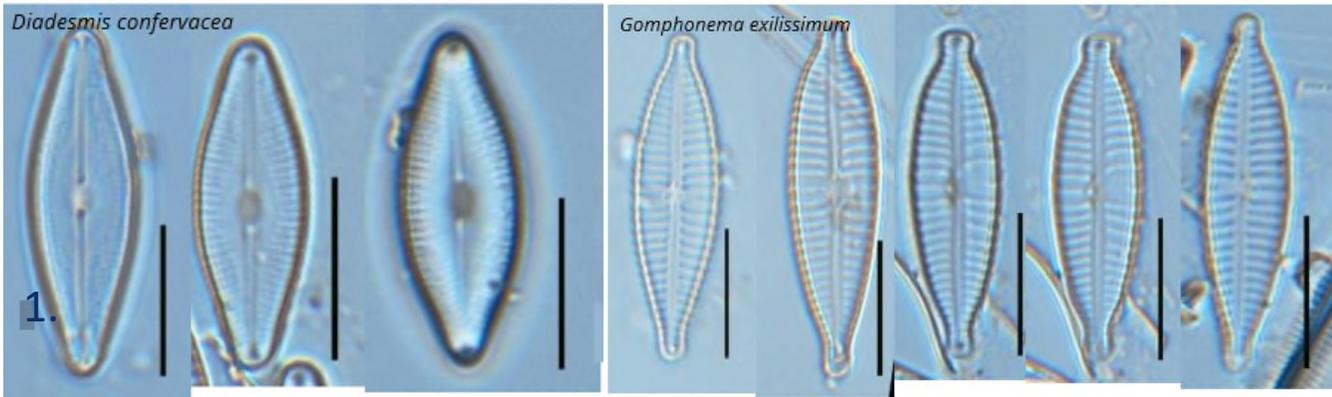
Methyl Mercury Example

Sediment, Periphyton, Mussel, and Fish Tissue Concentrations

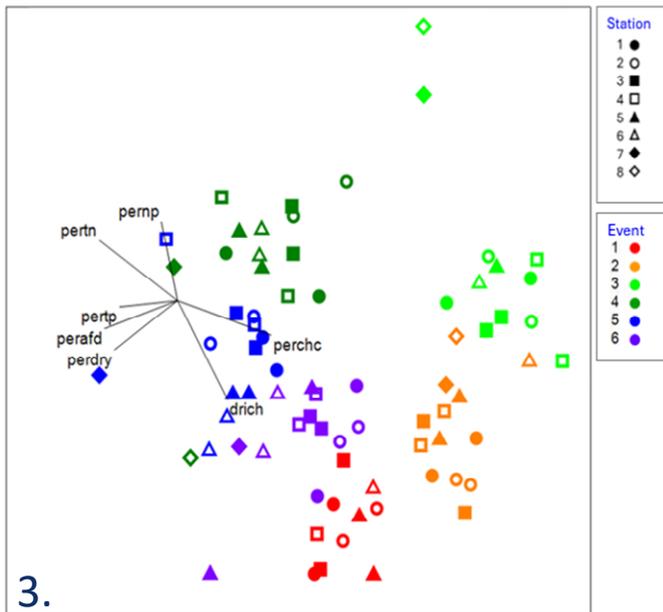


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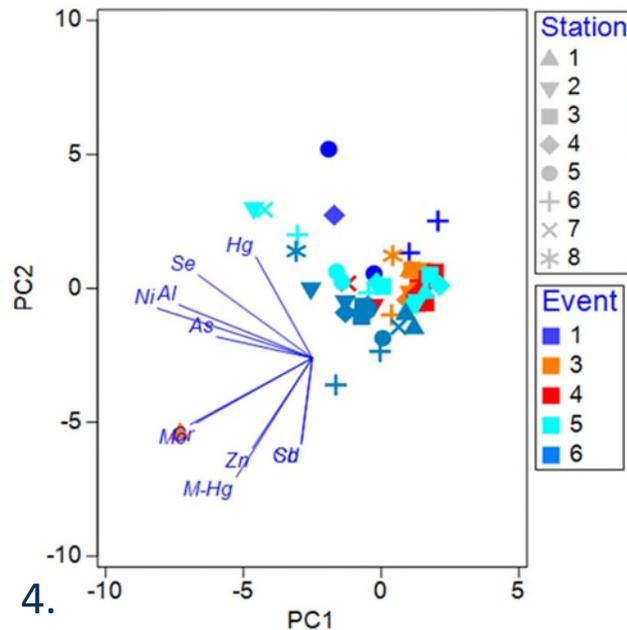
Seasonal and spatial differences in diatom community structure



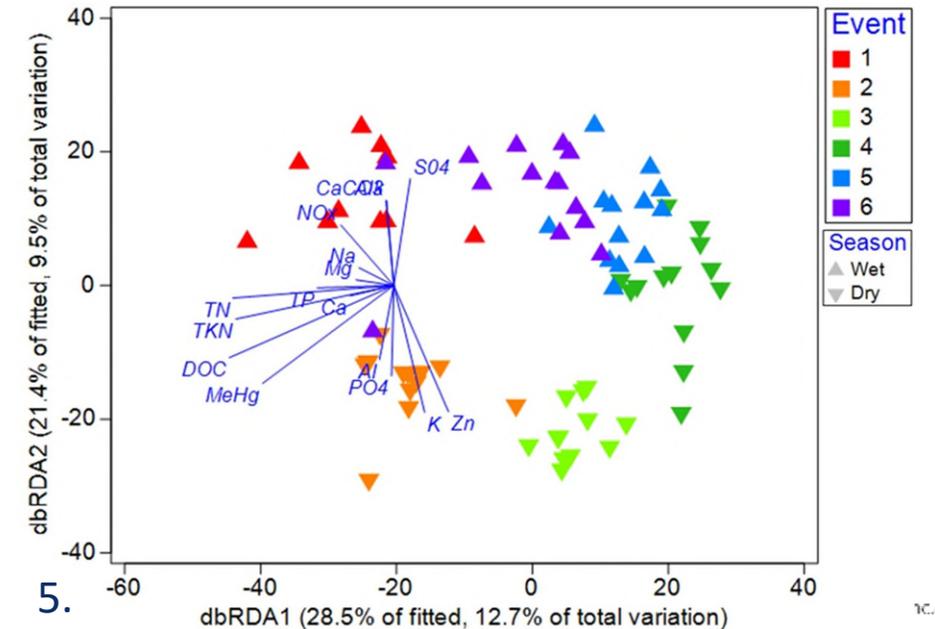
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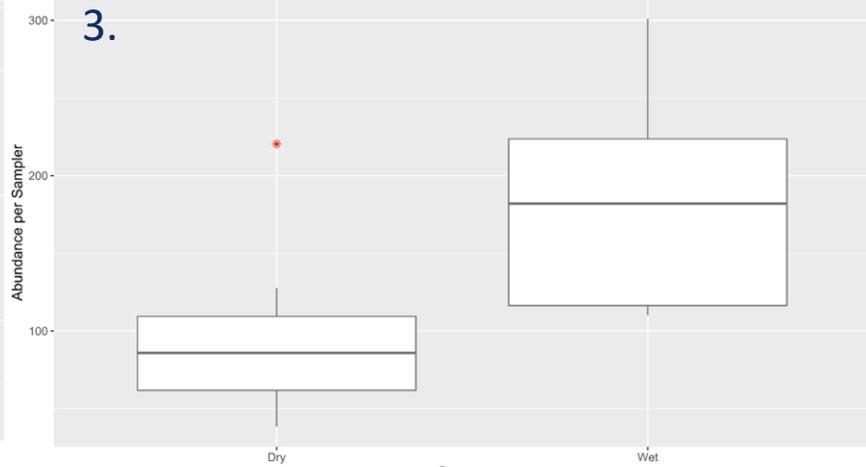
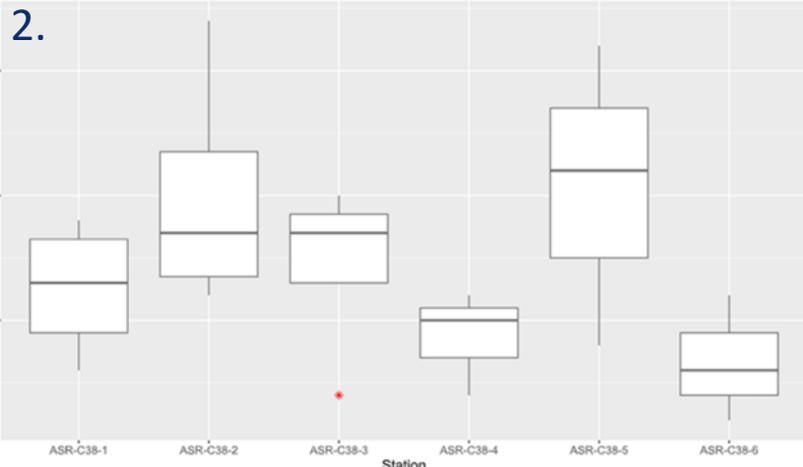
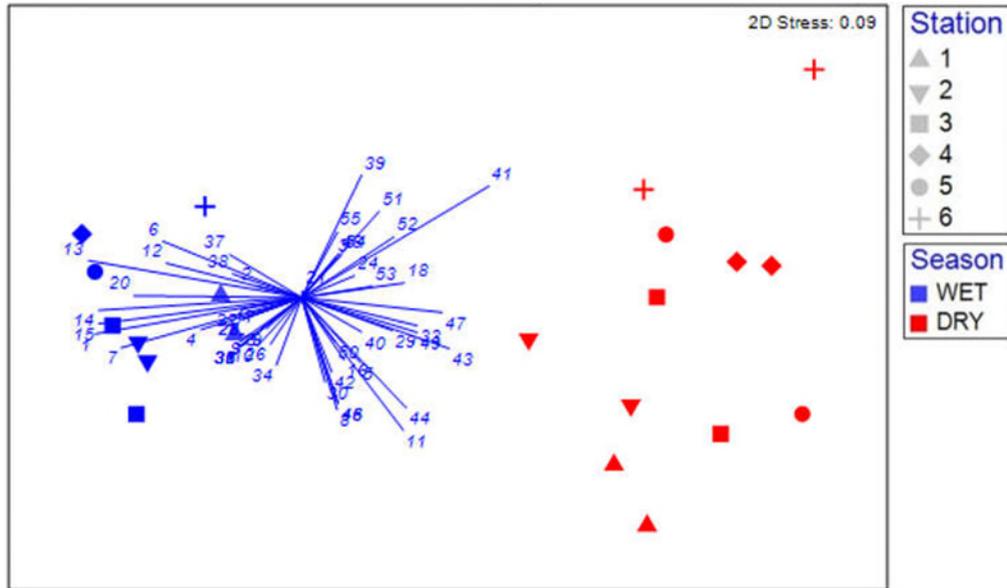
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> Benthic Macroinvertebrates

Seasonal and spatial differences in community structure



1	<i>Gammarus</i> spp	29	<i>Amphichaeta</i> spp
2	<i>Glyptotendipes</i> sp. F	30	Planariidae
3	<i>Goeldichironomus carus</i>	31	<i>Oecetis cinerascens</i>
4	<i>Ischnura</i> spp	32	<i>Pseudochironomus</i> spp
5	<i>Caenis</i> spp	33	Tubificinae
6	<i>Glyptotendipes</i> sp. B	34	<i>Orthocladus</i> spp
7	<i>Pristina</i> spp	35	<i>Pyrgophorus</i> spp
8	<i>Stylaria lacustris</i>	36	<i>Nanocladius</i> spp
9	<i>Polypedilum beckae</i>		<i>Planorbella (Seminola) scalaris</i>
10	<i>Nais</i> spp	38	<i>Goeldichironomus holoprasinus</i>
11	<i>Dicrotendipes simpsoni</i>	39	Melanoides
12	<i>Cyrenellus fraternus</i>	40	<i>Chaetogaster</i> spp
13	<i>Hyalella azteca</i>	41	<i>Microspectra</i> spp
14	<i>Desserobdella phalera</i>	42	<i>Tribelos fuscicorne</i>
15	<i>Dero</i> spp	43	<i>Elliptio jayensis</i>
16	<i>Helobdella stagnalis</i> complex	44	<i>Argia</i> spp
17	<i>Ablabesmyia ramphe</i> group	45	<i>Labiobaetis</i> spp
18	Ancyliidae	46	<i>Dineutus</i> spp
19	Autobranchia	47	<i>Rhithrogena</i> spp
20	<i>Parachironomus</i> spp	48	<i>Elimia</i> spp
21	<i>Orthotrichia</i> spp	49	Hydrobiidae
22	<i>Micromenetus</i> spp	50	<i>Coelotanypus</i> spp
23	<i>Viviparus georgianus</i>	51	<i>Chironomus decorus</i> group
24	<i>Physa</i> spp	52	<i>Littoridinops monroensis</i>
25	<i>Ischnura</i> spp	53	<i>Palpomyia</i> complex
26	<i>Chironomus crassicaudatus</i>	54	<i>Tanytarsus</i> spp
27	<i>Cassidinidea ovalis</i>	55	<i>Procladius</i> spp
28	<i>Enallagma</i> spp		

> Fish

Seasonal and spatial differences in community structure



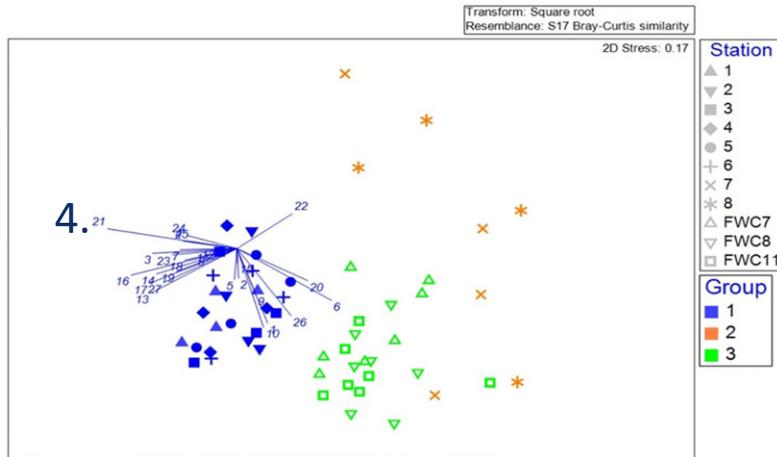
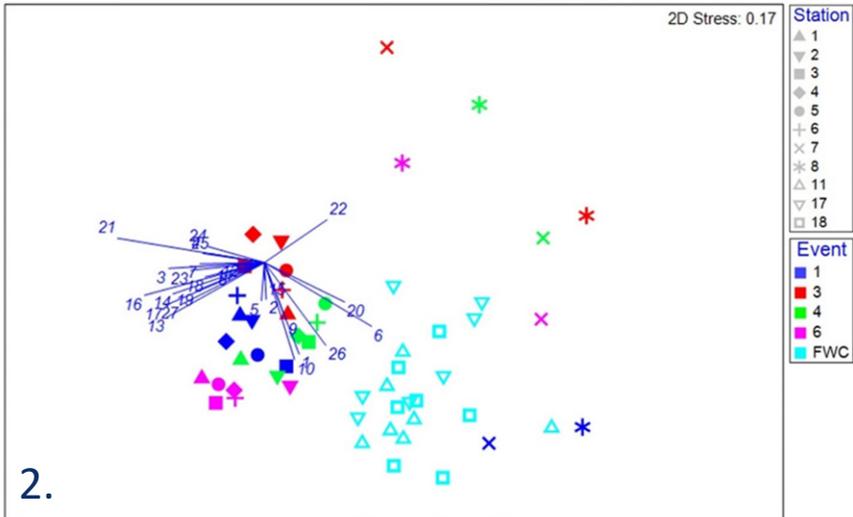
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ASR-C38-1											
ASR-C38-2	45.04										
ASR-C38-3	45.38	45.52									
ASR-C38-4	47.62	48.23	45.82								
ASR-C38-5	45.68	45.35	47.04	46.32							
ASR-C38-6	49.61	50.46	49.77	51.42	48.03						
ASR-C38-7	90.47	84.25	85.54	87.3	85.28	90.09					
ASR-C38-8	93.52	88.52	90.1	90.2	88.4	91.99	72.06				
FWC 7	71.95	68.03	68.42	72.16	67.91	65.13	76.66	80.09			
FWC 8	74.55	70.1	69.93	74.14	71.98	73.16	75.92	79.16	55.66		
FWC 11	74.19	70.28	70.35	73.33	71.59	72.04	77.42	80.23	56.11	43.56	

Group 1 (ASR-C38-1 to ASR-C38-6)

Group 2 (ASR-C38-7 to ASR-C38-8)

Group 3 (FWC 7 to FWC 11)

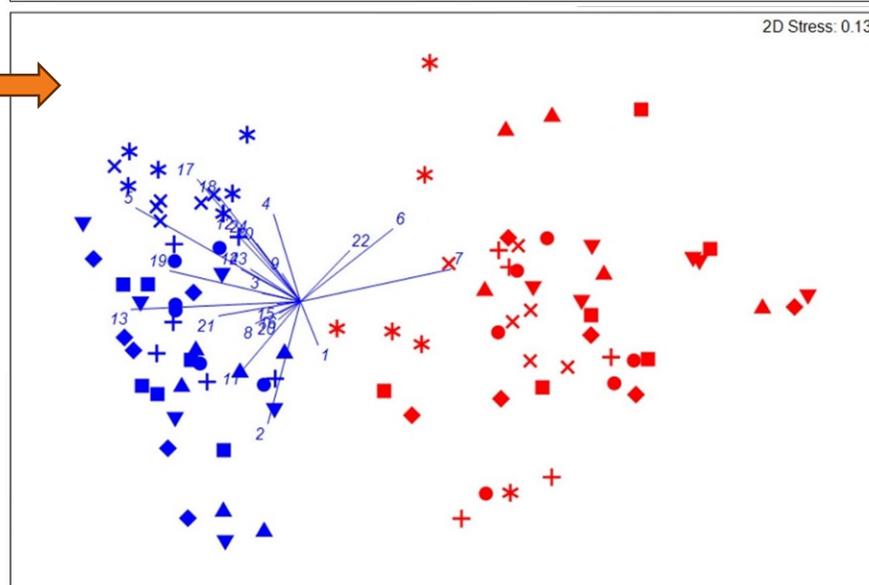
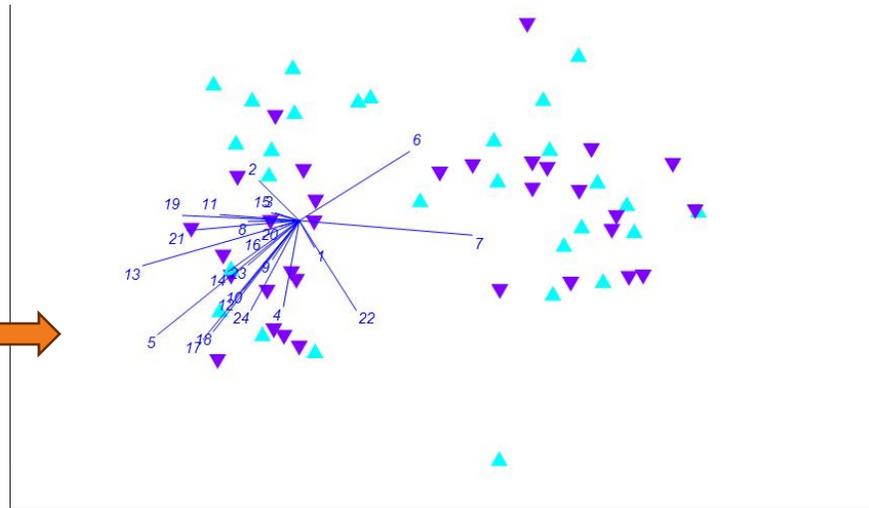


Group	Fish Species	Scientific Name
Group 1	Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
	Florida gar	<i>Lepistosteus platyhincus</i>
	Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
Group 2	Shad spp.	<i>Dorosoma</i> spp.
	Black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>
Group 3	Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
	Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
	Black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>
	Florida gar	<i>Lepistosteus platyhincus</i>
	Threadfin shad	<i>Dorosoma petense</i>
	White catfish	<i>Ameiurus catus</i>
	Channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>

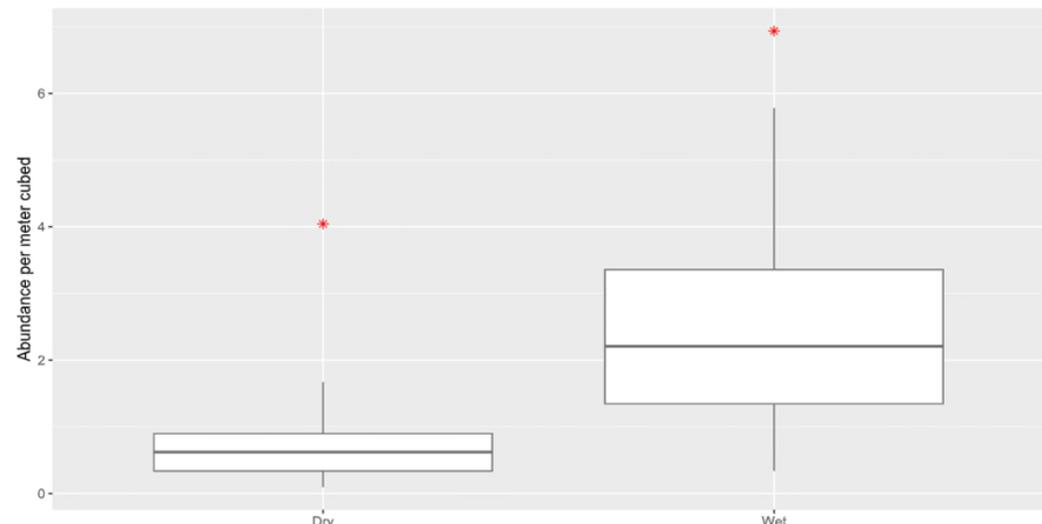
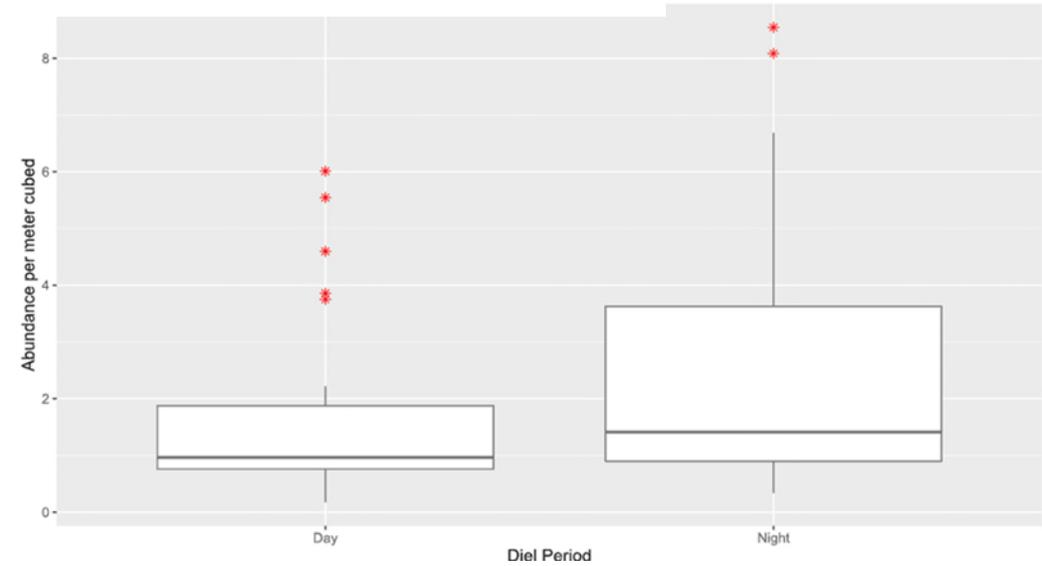
> Ichthyoplankton

Season and diurnal differences in community structure

- 1 *Actinopterygii*
- 2 *Ameiurus catus*
- 3 *Cyprinidae*
- 4 *Dorosoma cepedianum*
- 5 *Dorosoma petenense*
- 6 *Dorosoma* spp.
- 7 *Etheostoma fusiforme*
- 8 *Fundulus seminolis*
- 9 *Gambusia holbrooki*
- 10 *Gobiosoma bosc*
- 11 *Ictalurus punctatus*
- 12 *Labidesthes vanhyningi*
- 13 *Lepomis macrochirus*
- 14 *Lepomis microlophus*
- 15 *Lepomis* spp.
- 16 *Lucania goodei*
- 17 *Menidia beryllina*
- 18 *Microgobius gulosus*
- 19 *Microphis lineatus*
- 20 *Noturus gyrinus*
- 21 *Oreochromis aureus*
- 22 *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*
- 23 *Pterygoplichthys* spp.
- 24 *Strongylura marina*



- Station**
- ▲ 1
 - ▼ 2
 - 3
 - ◆ 4
 - 5
 - + 6
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 - * 8
- Season**
- Wet
 - Dry



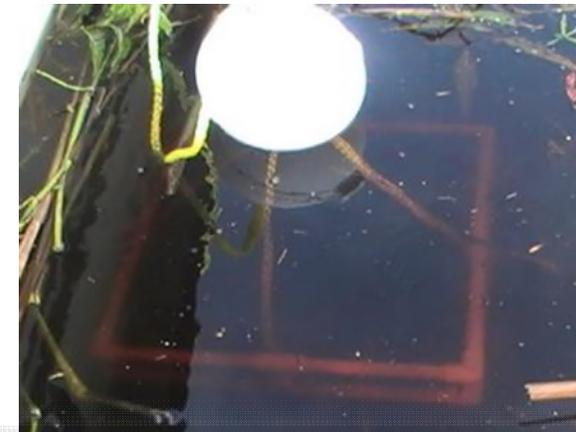
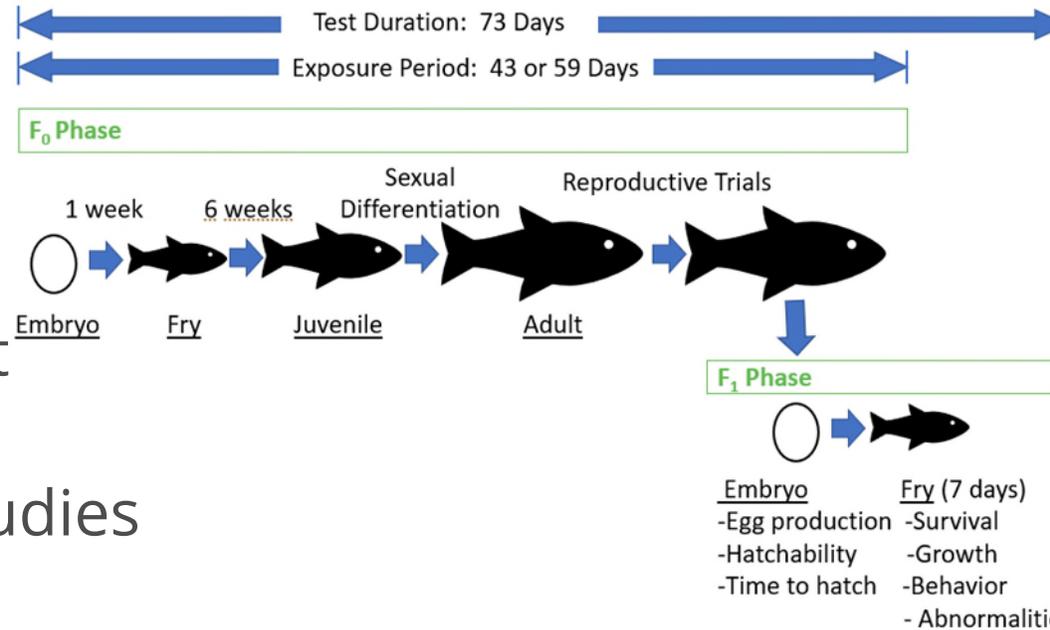
> Year 1 Results

Take-Aways

- Variable detections of parameters within the matrices studied
- Mussels showed high frequency of detections of metals supporting their use as an indicator of potential impacts from ASR operations
- Periphyton results suggest individual stations may oscillate between nitrogen- and phosphorus-limitation over time
- Taxonomic data suggest communities differ between canal and lake stations as well as seasonally
- Periphyton abundance appeared to be strongly moderated by time of year
- Surface water quality predicts approximately 45% of periphyton community structure and is a poor predictor of periphyton tissue metal concentrations.
- Variability suggests potential influence from additional sources other than in-lake processes (e.g., stormwater runoff, other canal inflows to Lake Okeechobee)
- As data collection continues, more robust inferences on seasonal and spatial relationships and response to surface water quality will be possible
- Additional data collection needed under pre-operational conditions to establish stronger relationships between parameters measured to help inform potential effects of ASR operations and support the ERA.

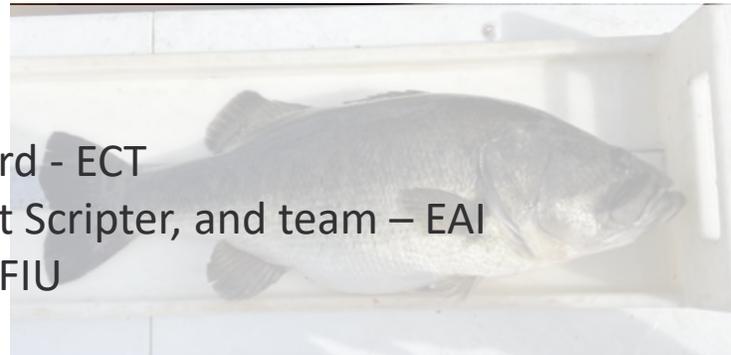
> Next Steps

- Year 2 annual report
- Year 3 monitoring
- Bioconcentration studies
 - Mobile laboratory
 - Fish and mussels
 - Tissue testing
 - Concurrent water quality monitoring
- In-situ bioaccumulation studies
 - Mussels and periphyton
- Toxicity Testing
 - Ecotoxicity tests
 - NDPES and CERP permits
 - Longer-term chronic toxicity study





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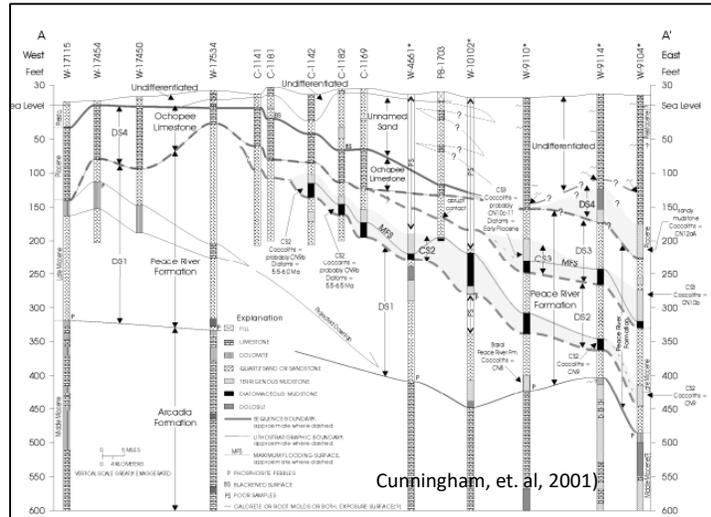
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SFWMD ASR Science Plan Workshop Presentation
(July 10, 2024)

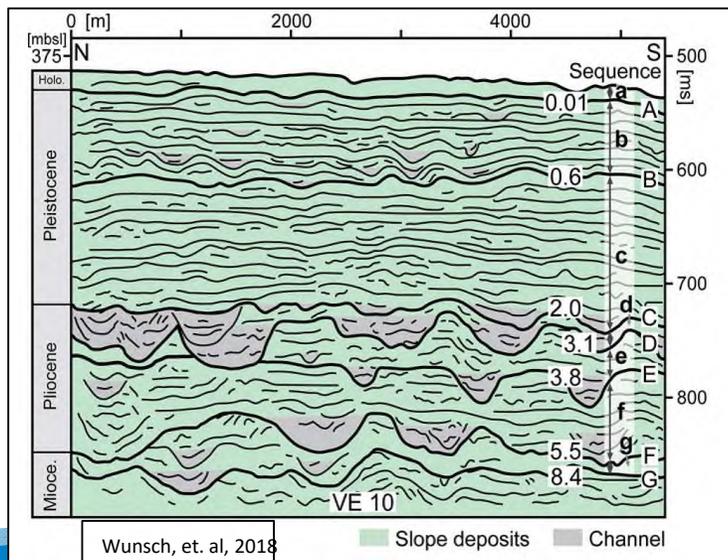
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The Need for Seismic Reflection Data

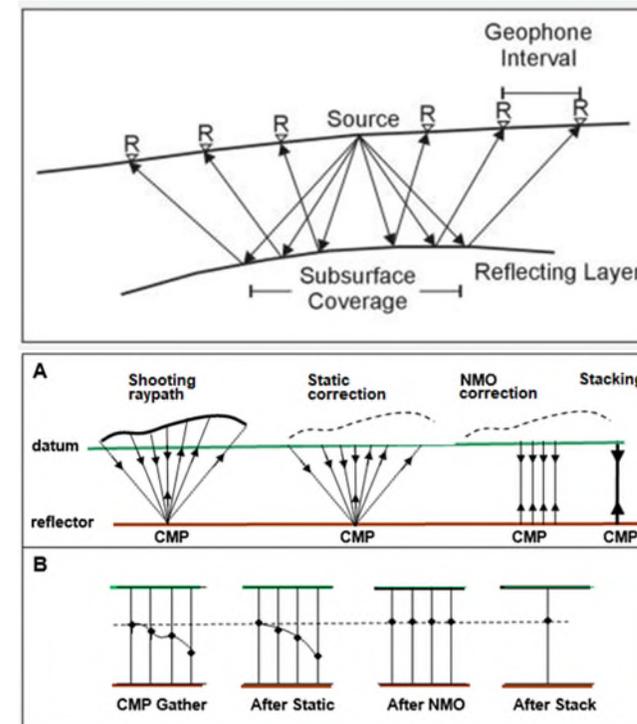
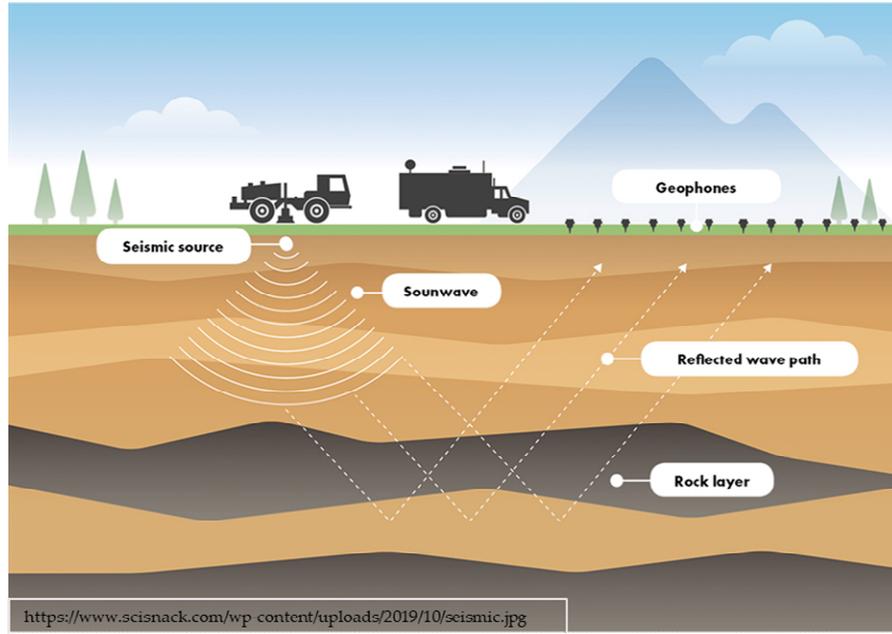


- We tend to work with site conceptual models that look like this



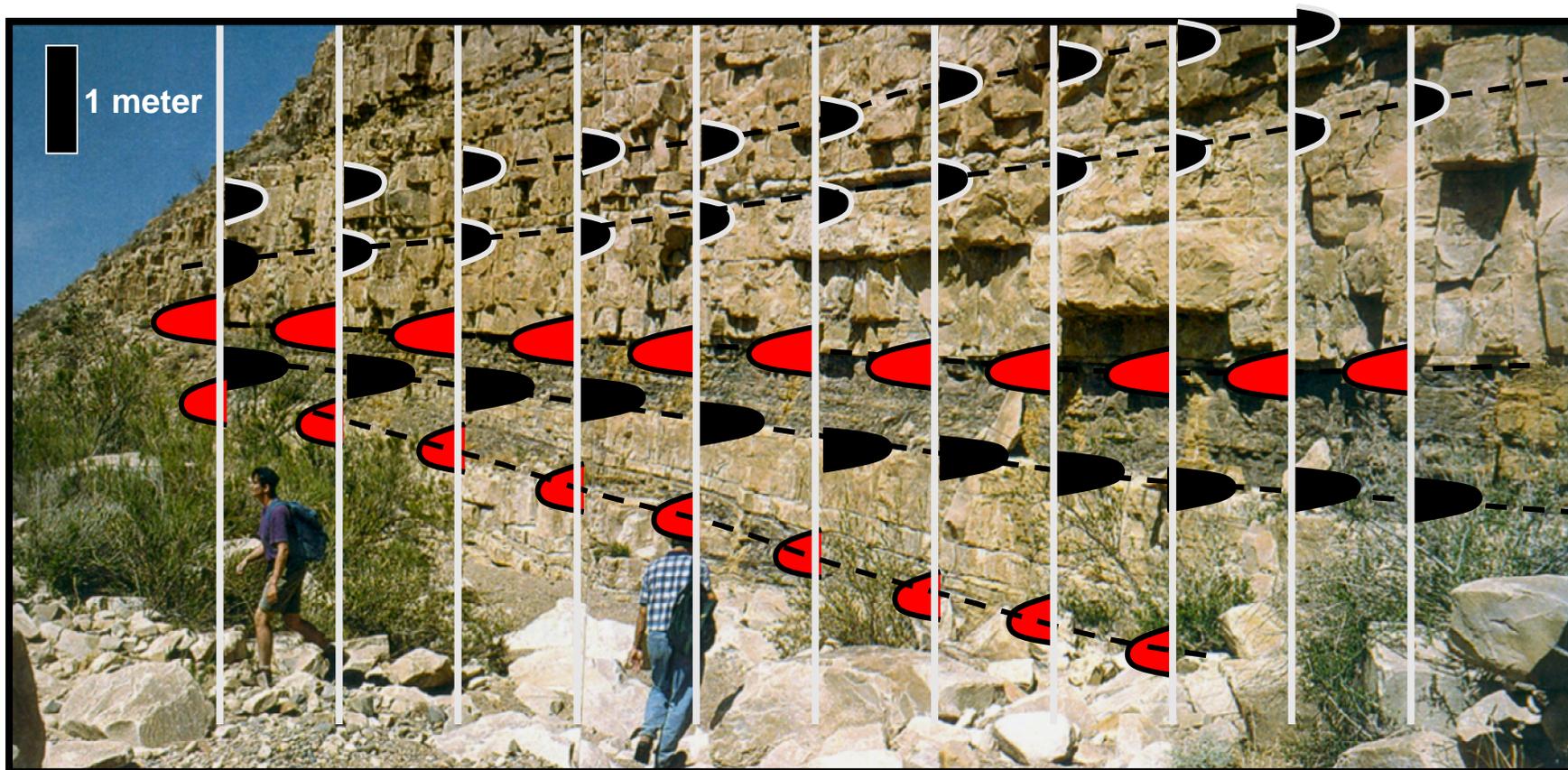
- As Geologists, we know the subsurface looks more like this
- The differences are important for well yield, contaminant transport, recharge,.....
- How do we get closer to reality? **(Geophysics)**

Seismic Reflection: Map Structure and Stratigraphy



- Seismic reflection provides high-resolution images of the subsurface to screen optimal production well and ASR well locations
- Map major faults, fracture zones and other structure
- Map target zone depth and thickness, lithology and porosity (and permeability?)

Seismic Reflection Images Vertical and Lateral Lithologic Contacts



Increase in Impedance



Decrease in Impedance

Able to resolve boundaries of beds a few feet thick

http://archives.aapg.org/slide_resources/schroeder/13/index.cfm



Traditional Cable Seismic System



Stringing geophone cables



Group of geophones at each take out

Common Seismic Sources



Vibrosies Source



Accelerated Impact Seismic Source
No explosives, minimal disturbance

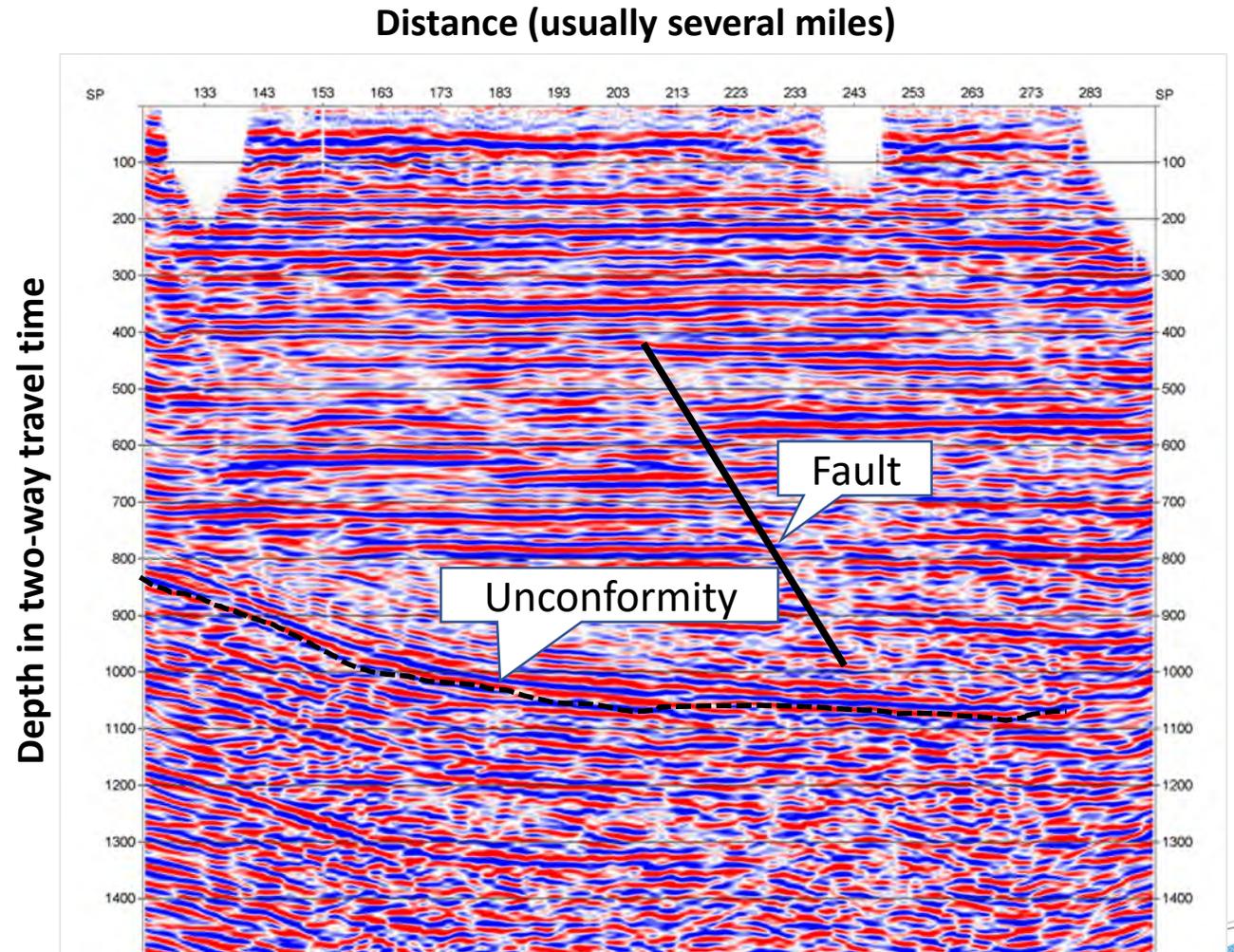
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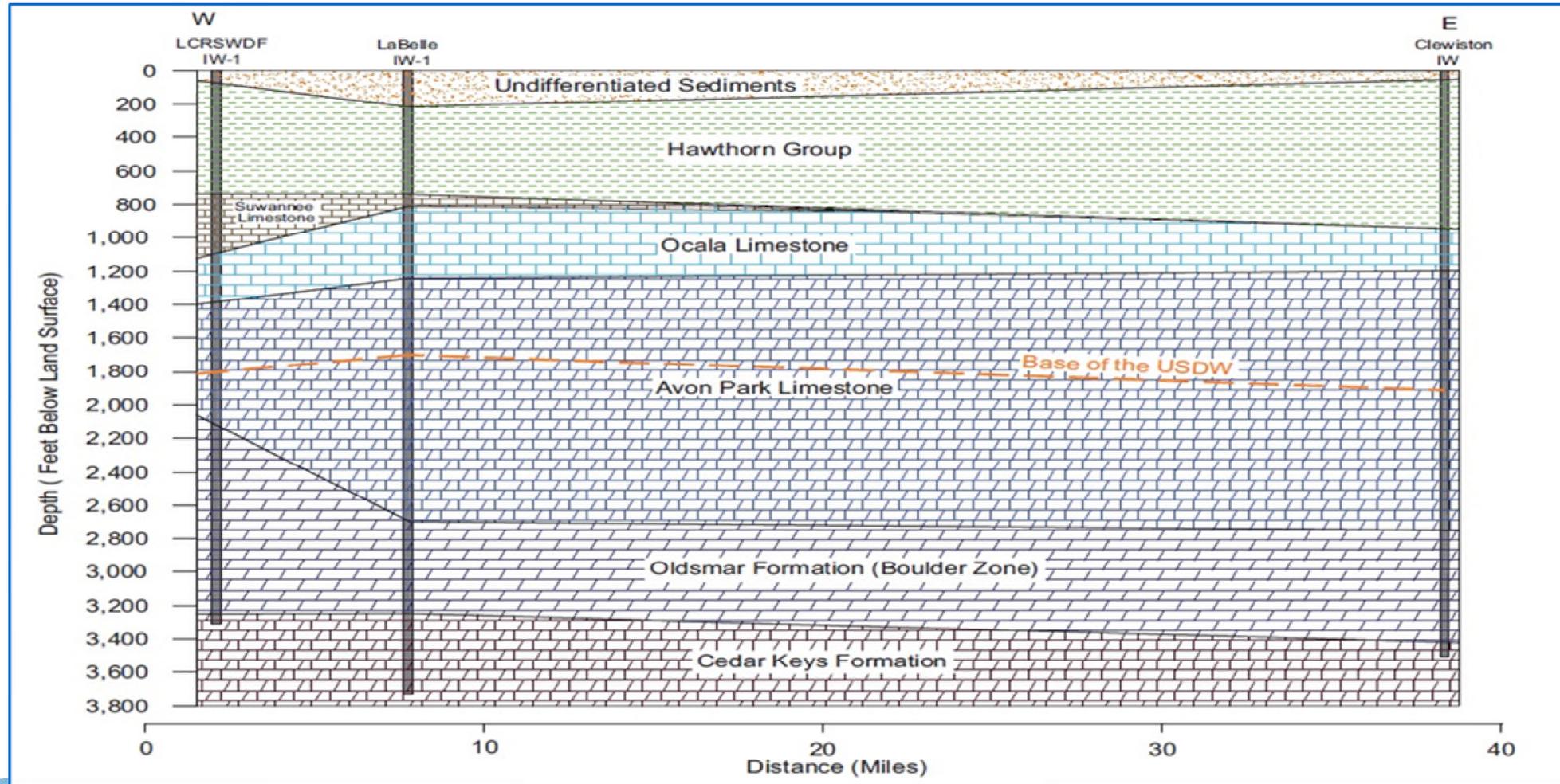
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Typical 2D Seismic Section

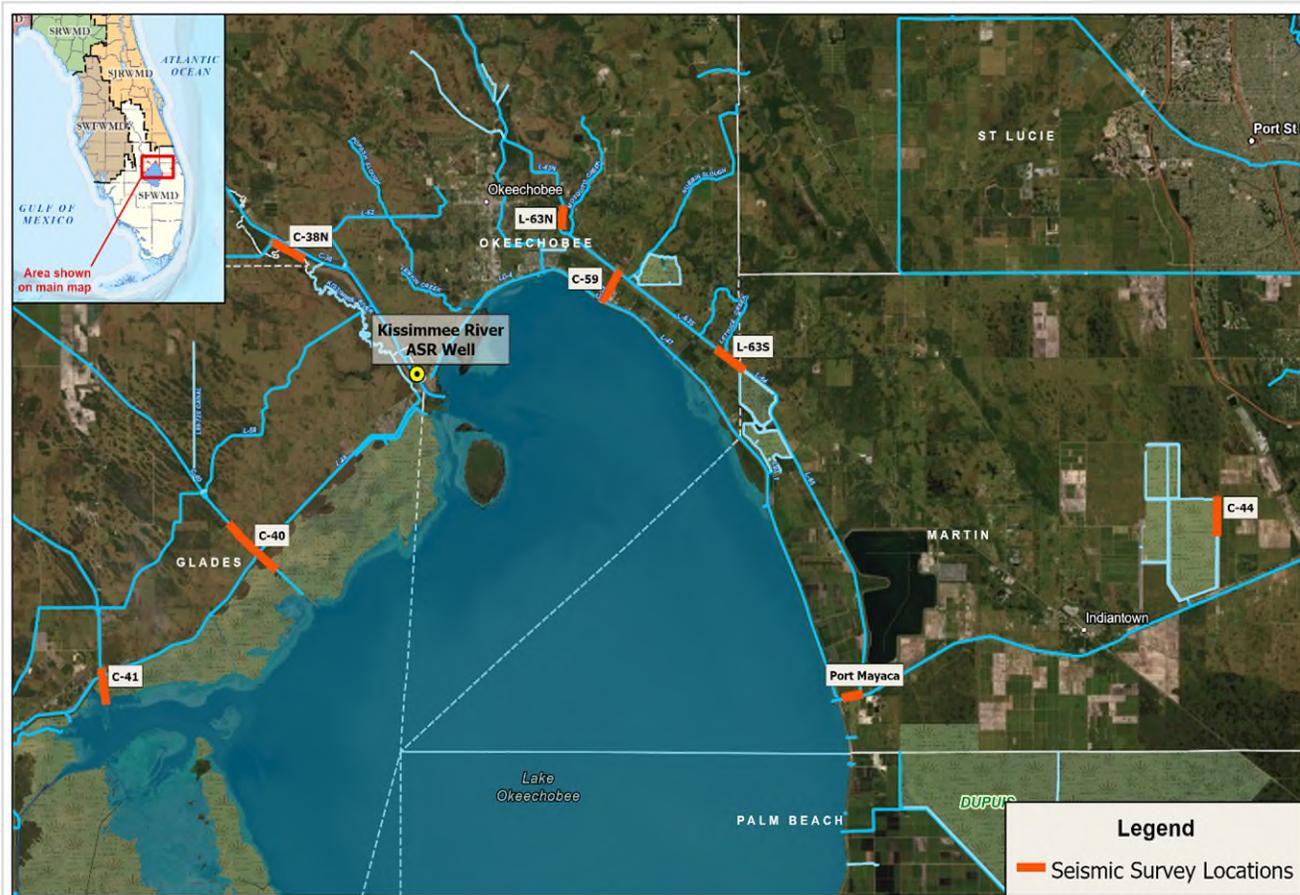
- Data processed into seismic section
- Plots combined seismic traces at common depth points
- Each reflector (peak and trough) is a geologic layer
- Depth in two-way travel time
- Need velocity measurement to convert time to depth



2018 Lithological Well Log Cross-Section



2022 SFWMD 2D Seismic Program & Parameters



SFWMD 2022 2D Seismic Program

- Line C-38N (1 Mile)
- Line C-40 (2 Miles)
- Line C-41 (1 Mile)
- Line C-44 (1 Mile)
- Line C-59 (1 Mile)
- Line L-63N (1/2 Mile)
- Line L-63S (1 Mile)
- Port Mayaca Line (1/2 Mile)

Data Acquisition Parameters

- RCVR Interval : 50ft
- SRC Interval : 100ft
- Seismic Sampling : 0.5 ms
- Record Length : 3 seconds
- PreAmp Gain : 24dB

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Lake Okeechobee Seismic Surveys: All Locations

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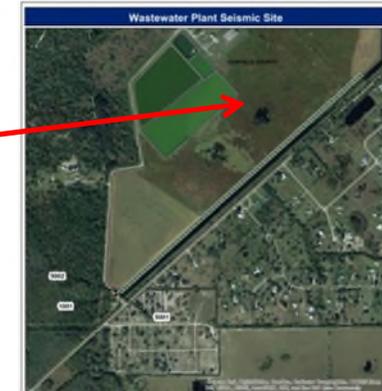
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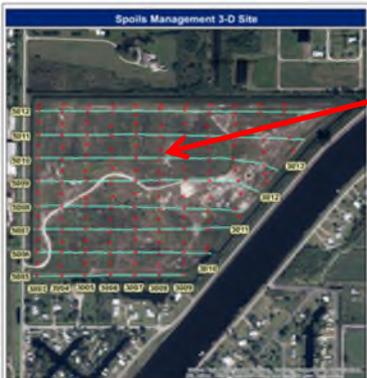
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2D swath survey



2D swath survey

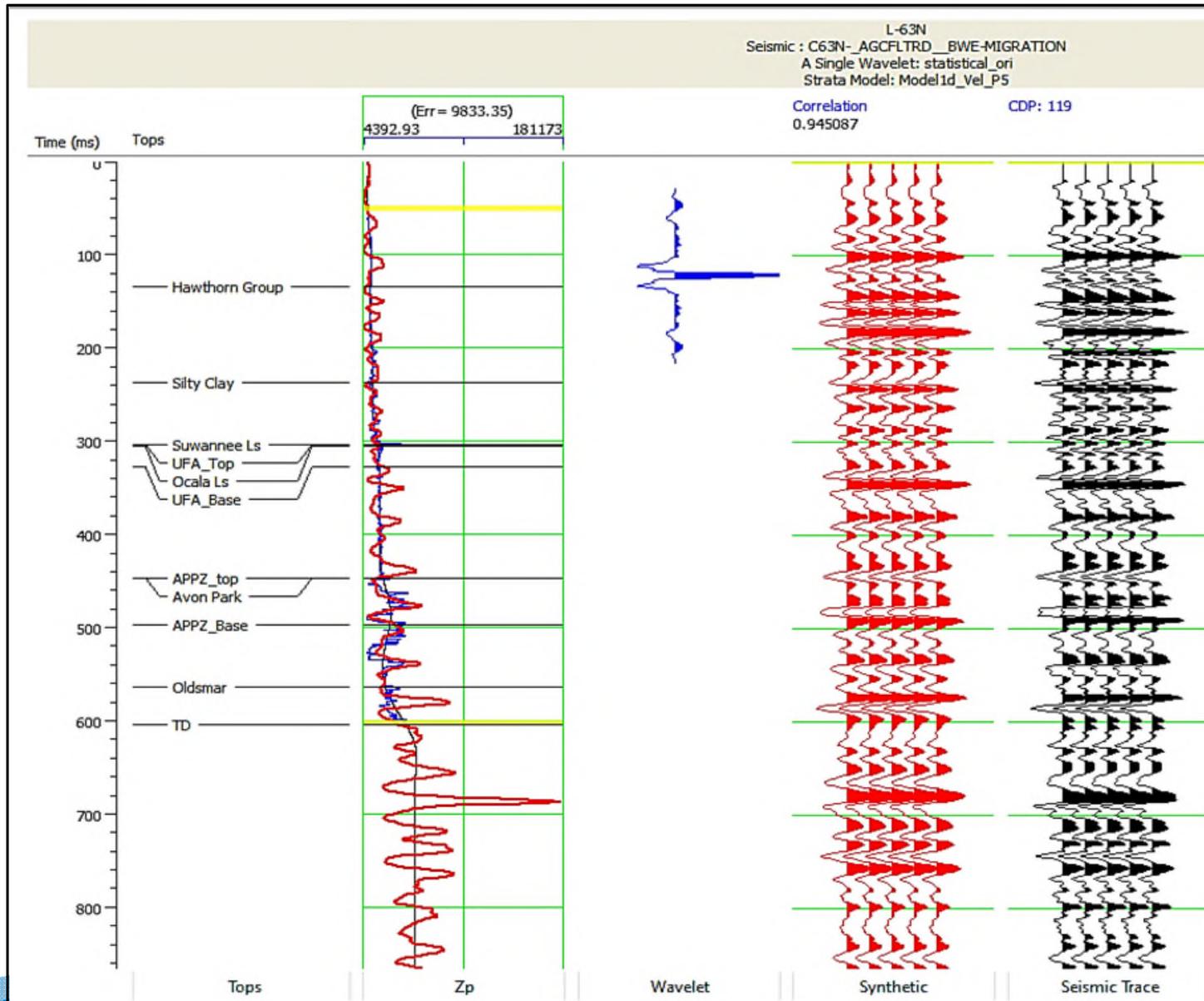


3D survey:
8 receiver lines with 11
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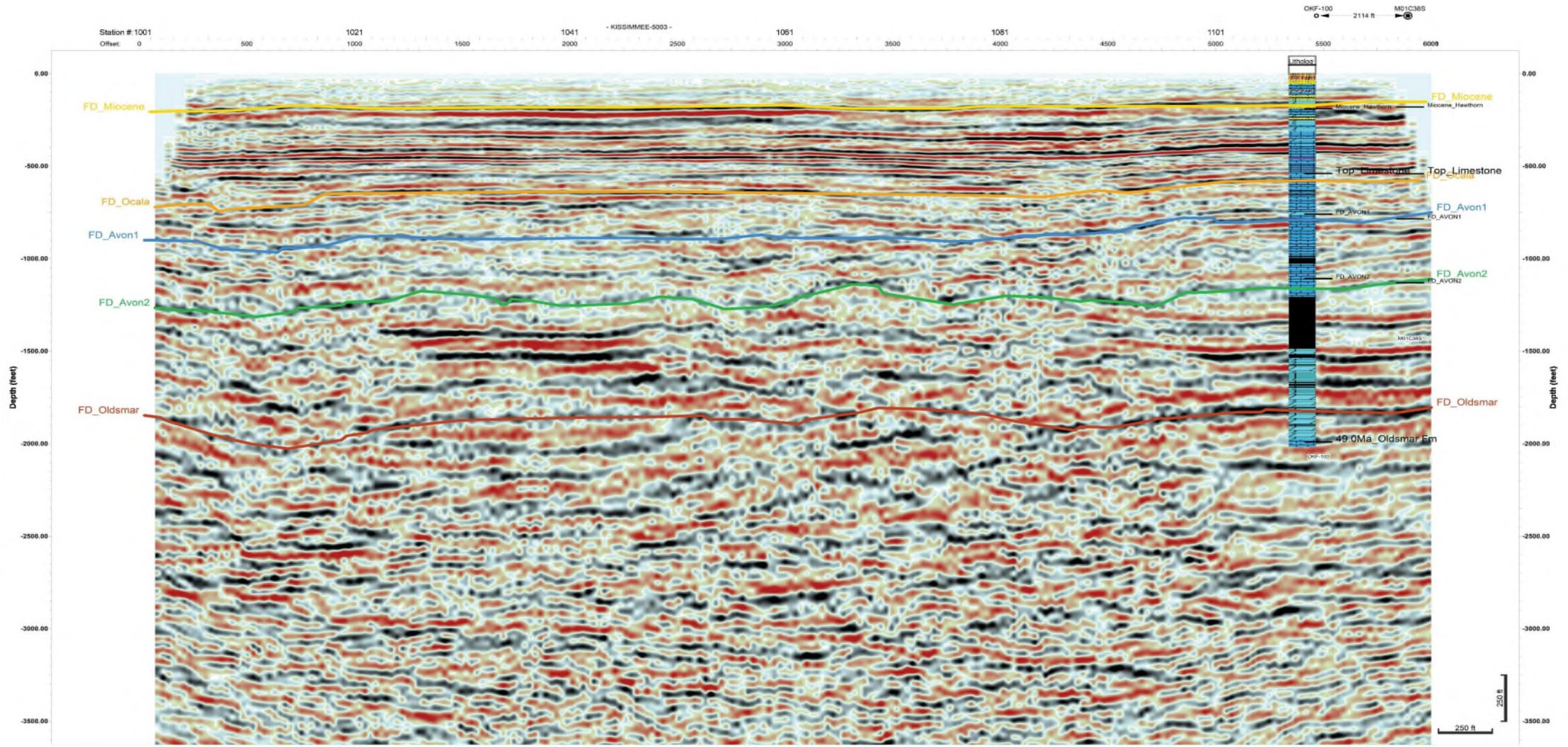


**2 Orthogonal 2D
Survey Segments**

Synthetic Seismogram and Seismic Inversion Results



- Using the Acoustic Impedance from the well log data (blue curve), along with the seismic wavelet derived from the seismic data, a new Acoustic Impedance curve is generated (red curve).
- Using “recursive” seismic inversion, a more precise synthetic seismogram is generated. Correlation of the synthetic seismogram with traces at CDP 119 have a 94% fit.
- The next step is to generate the seismic attributes sections, co-blending Acoustic Impedance, Variance Attribute, Well Log Porosity and Permeability data, with the seismic data inversion process.

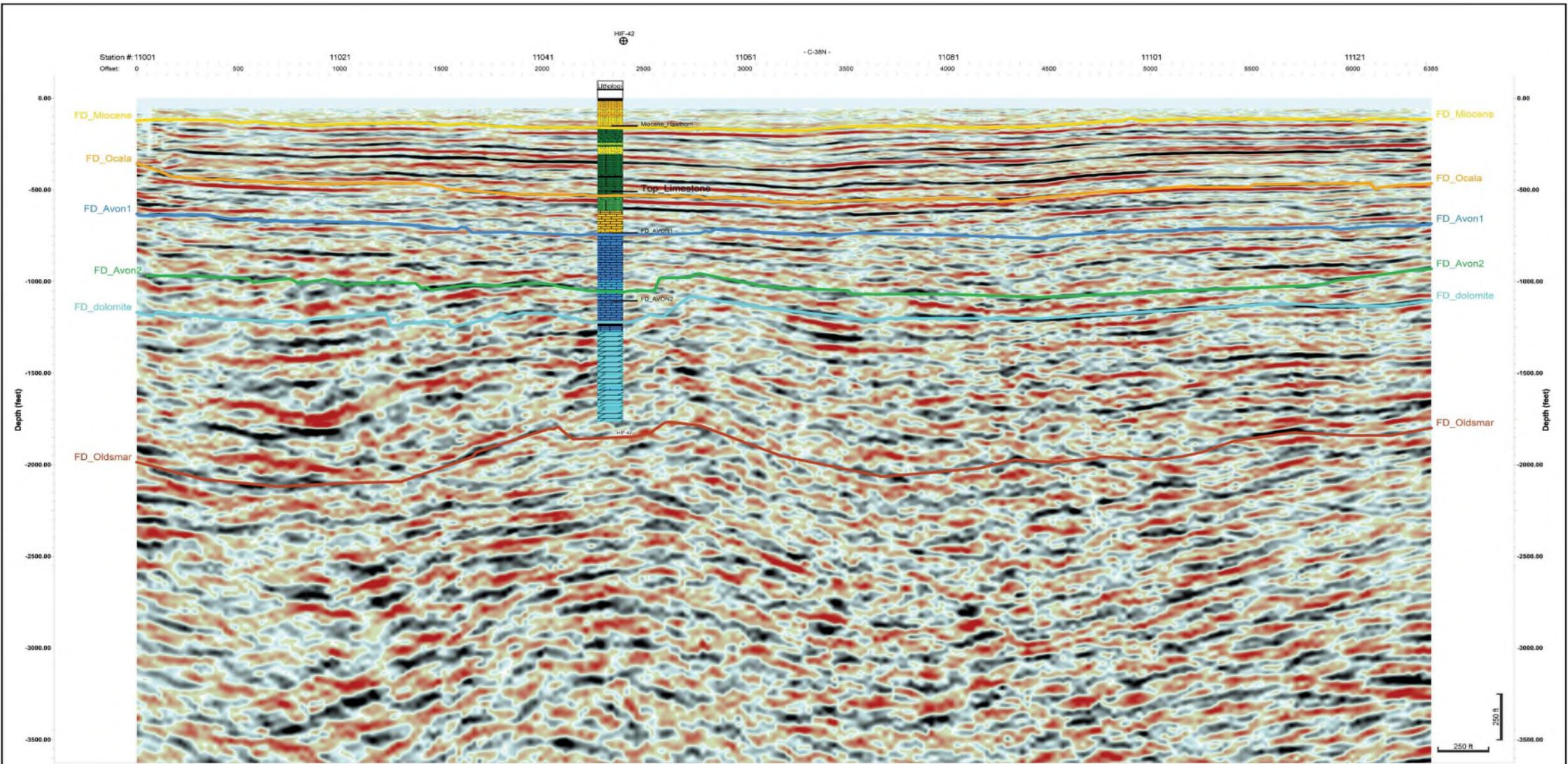


Seismic Depth Image of Line C-38S with Interpretation

Figure 21

Locator Map Datum/Projection:
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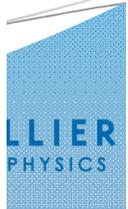
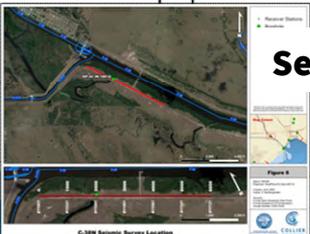


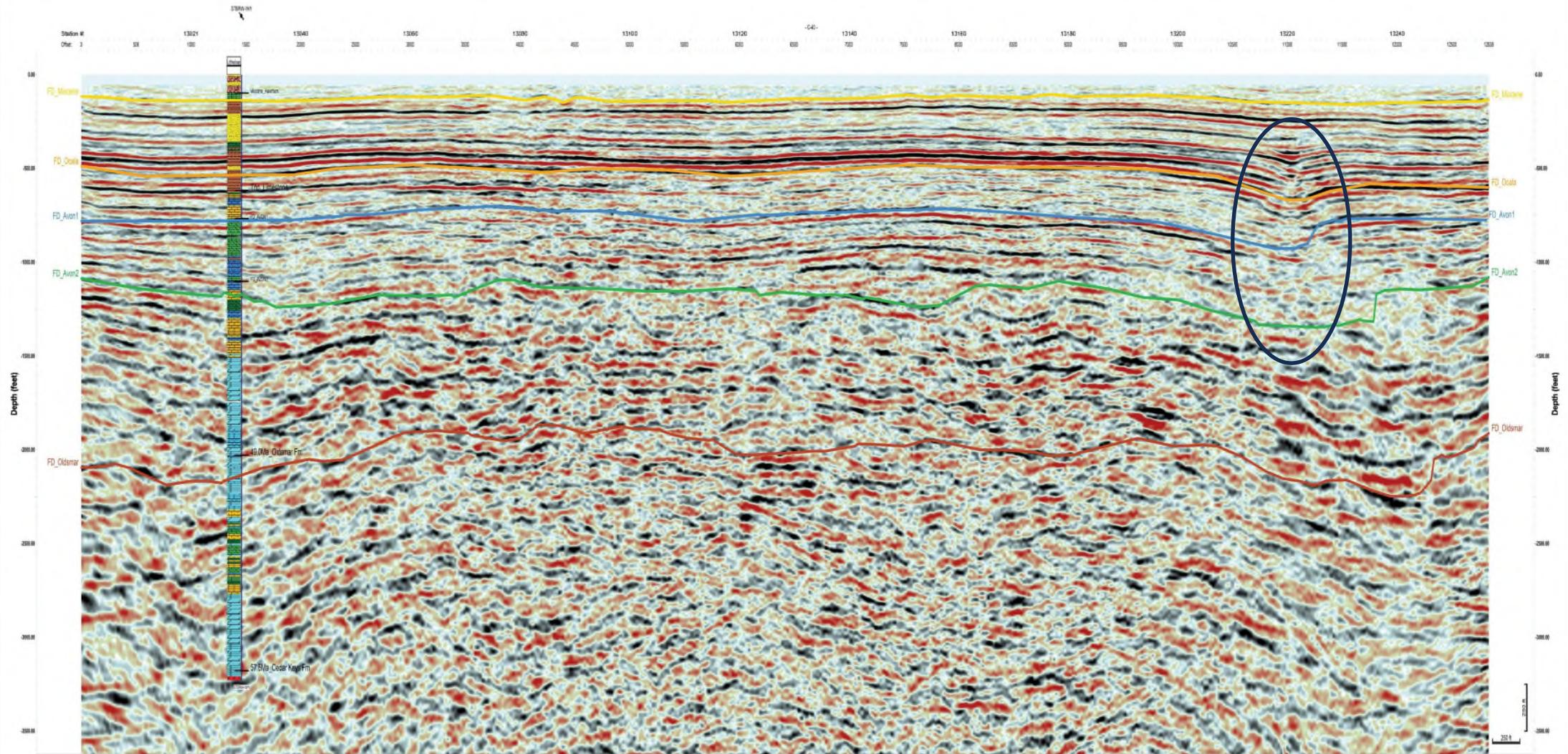


Seismic Depth Image of Line C-38N with Interpretation

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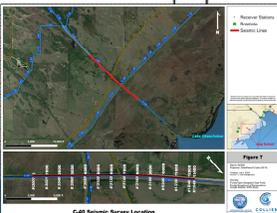
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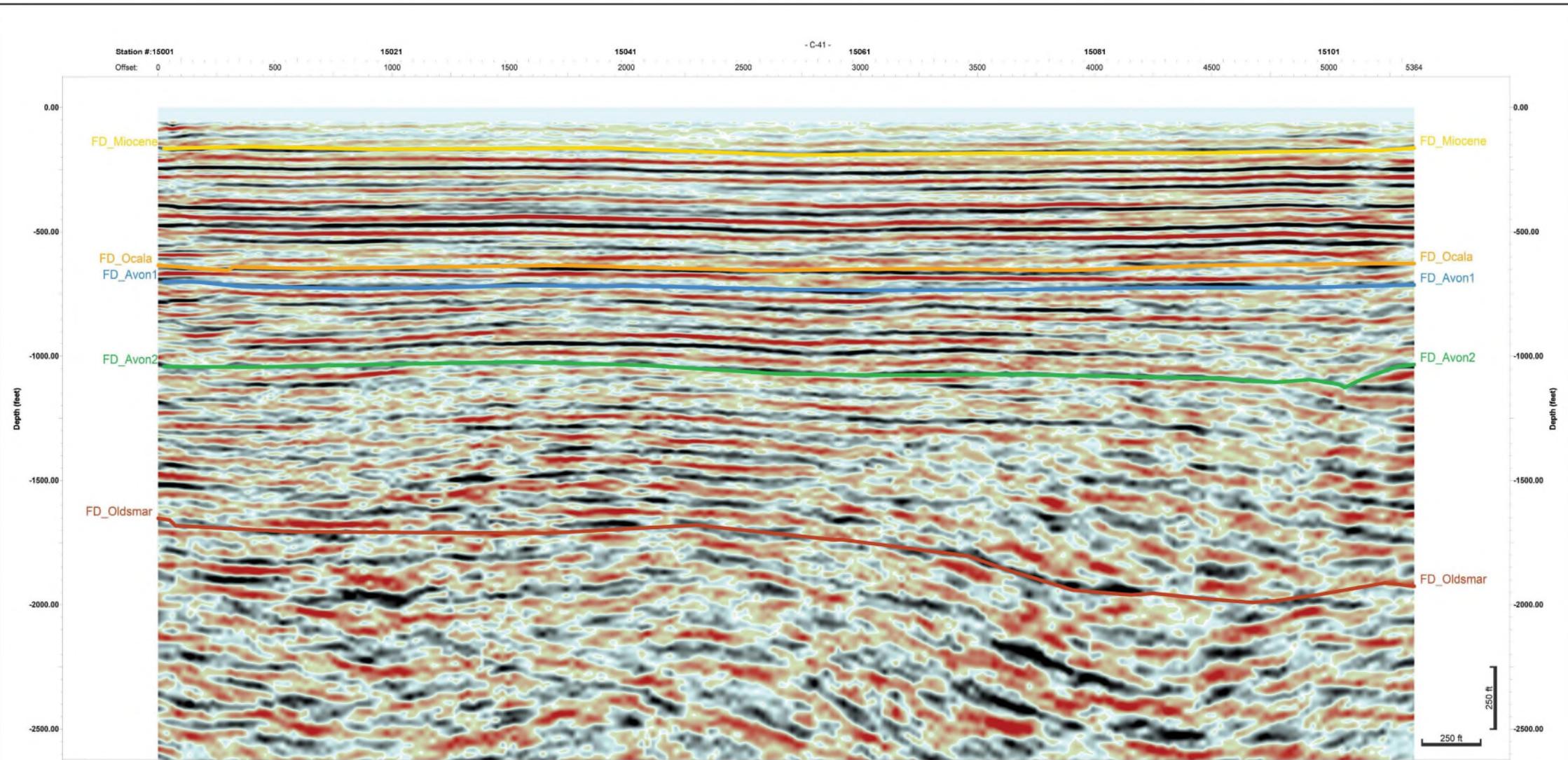
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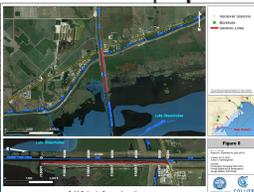


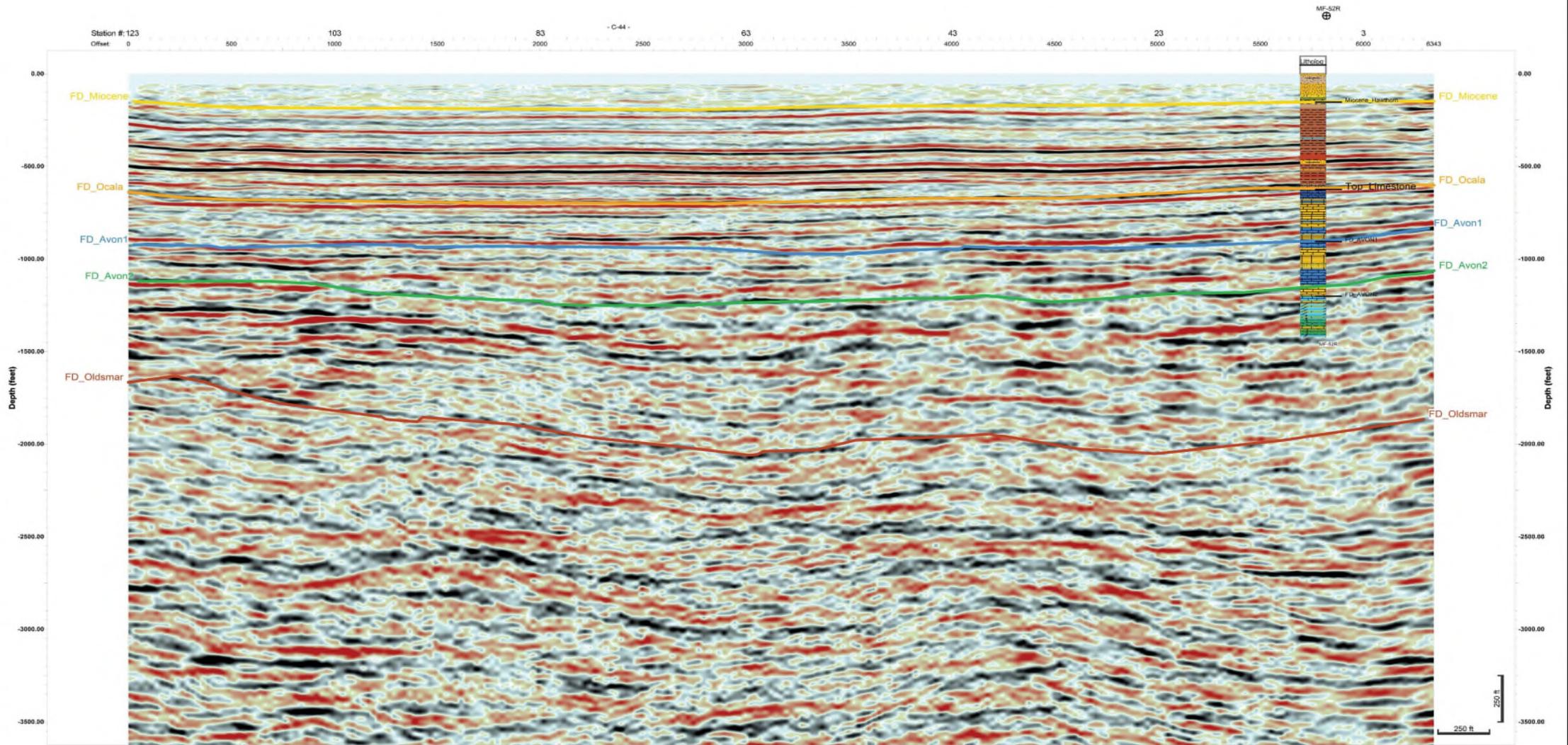


Seismic Depth Image of Line C-41 with Interpretation

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Seismic Depth Image of Line C-44 with Interpretation

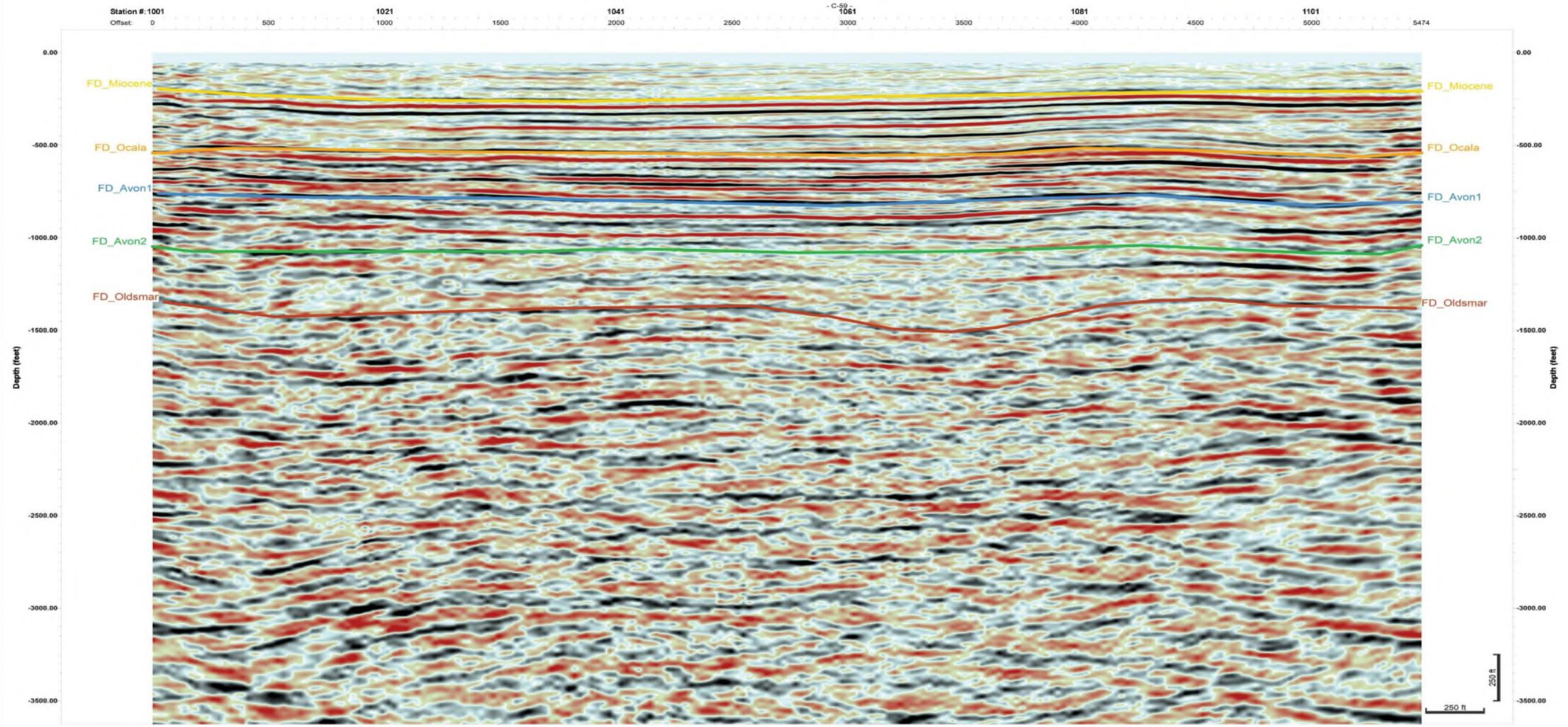
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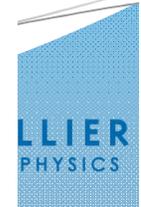


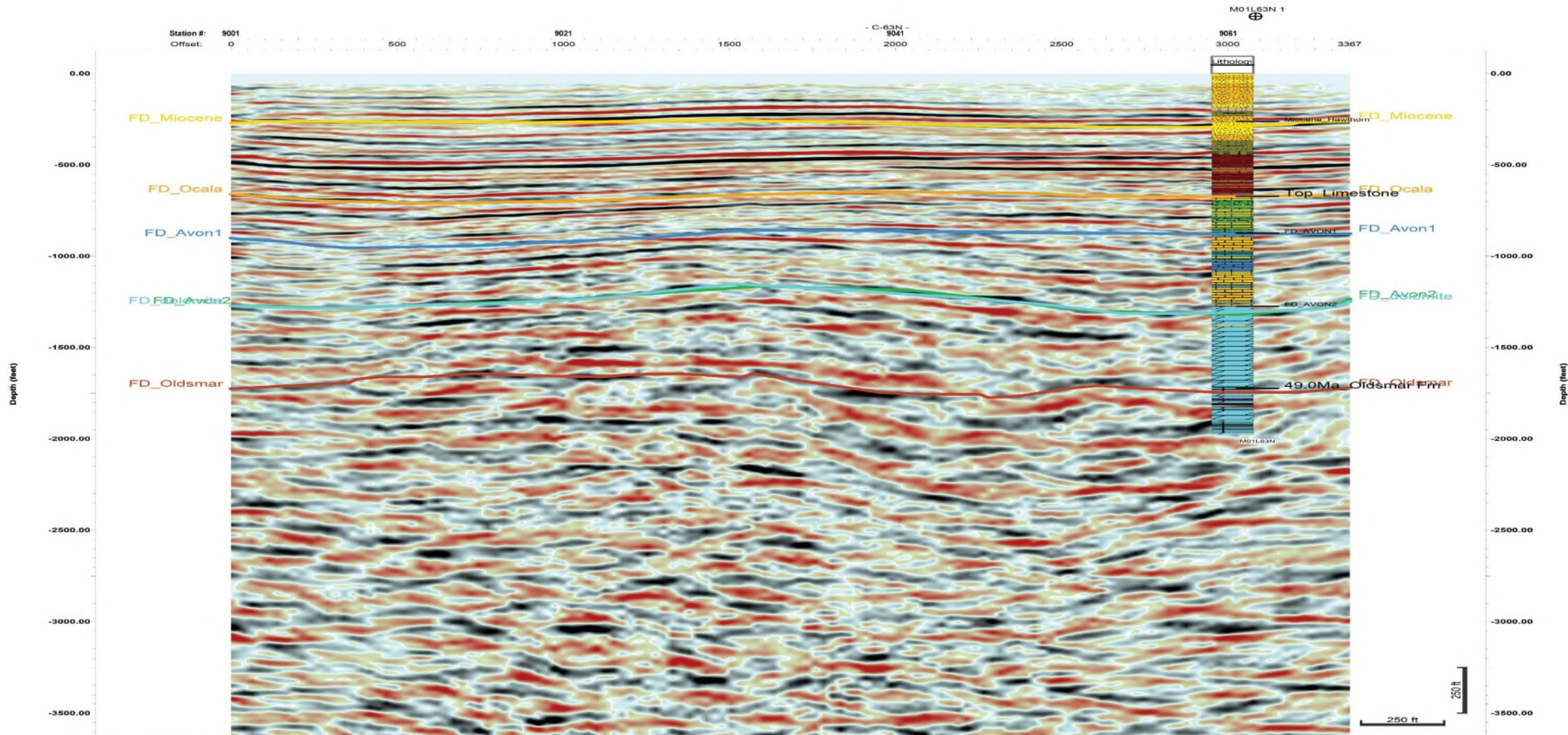


Seismic Depth Image of Line C-59 with Interpretation

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Seismic Depth Image of Line L-63N with Interpretation

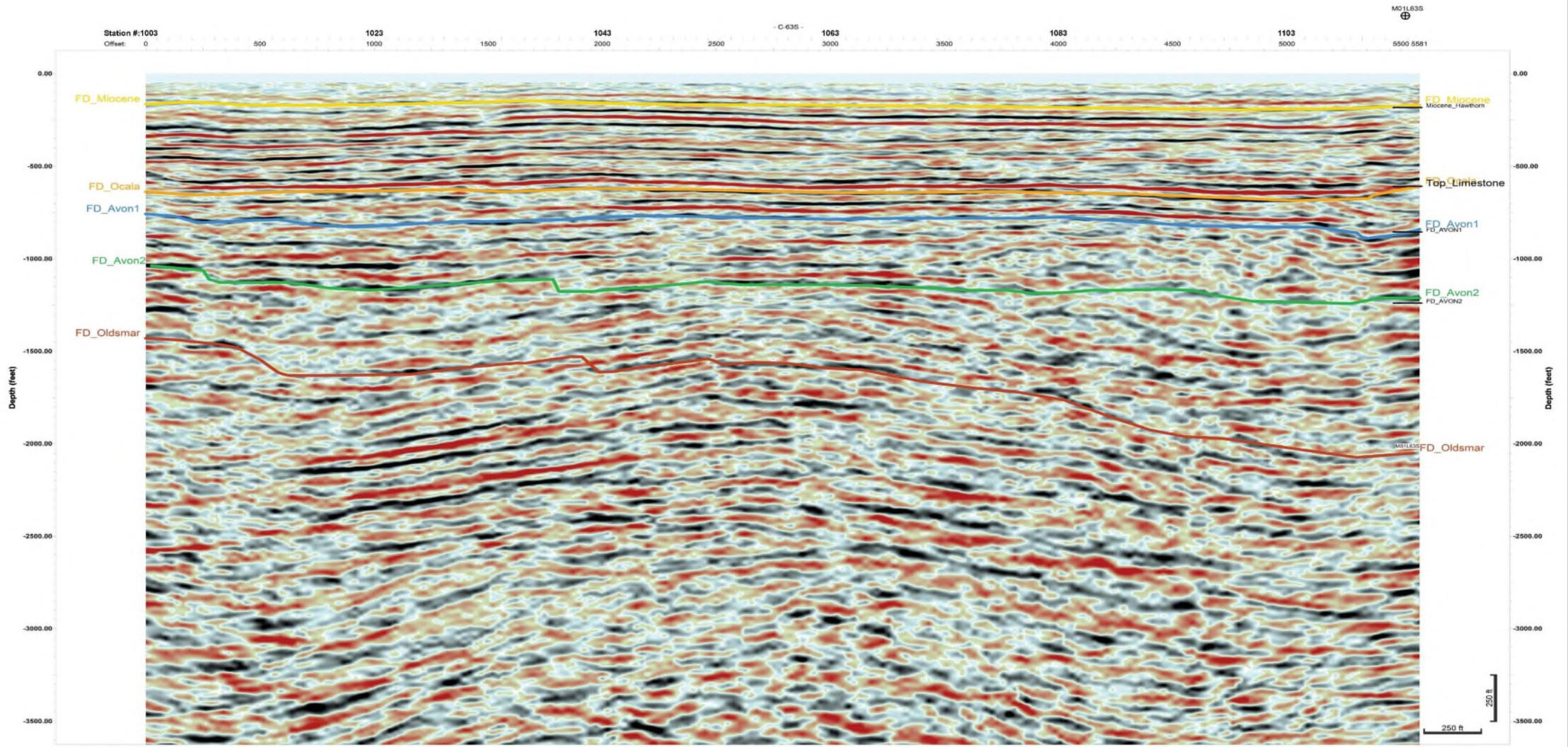
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Seismic Depth Image of Line L-63S with Interpretation

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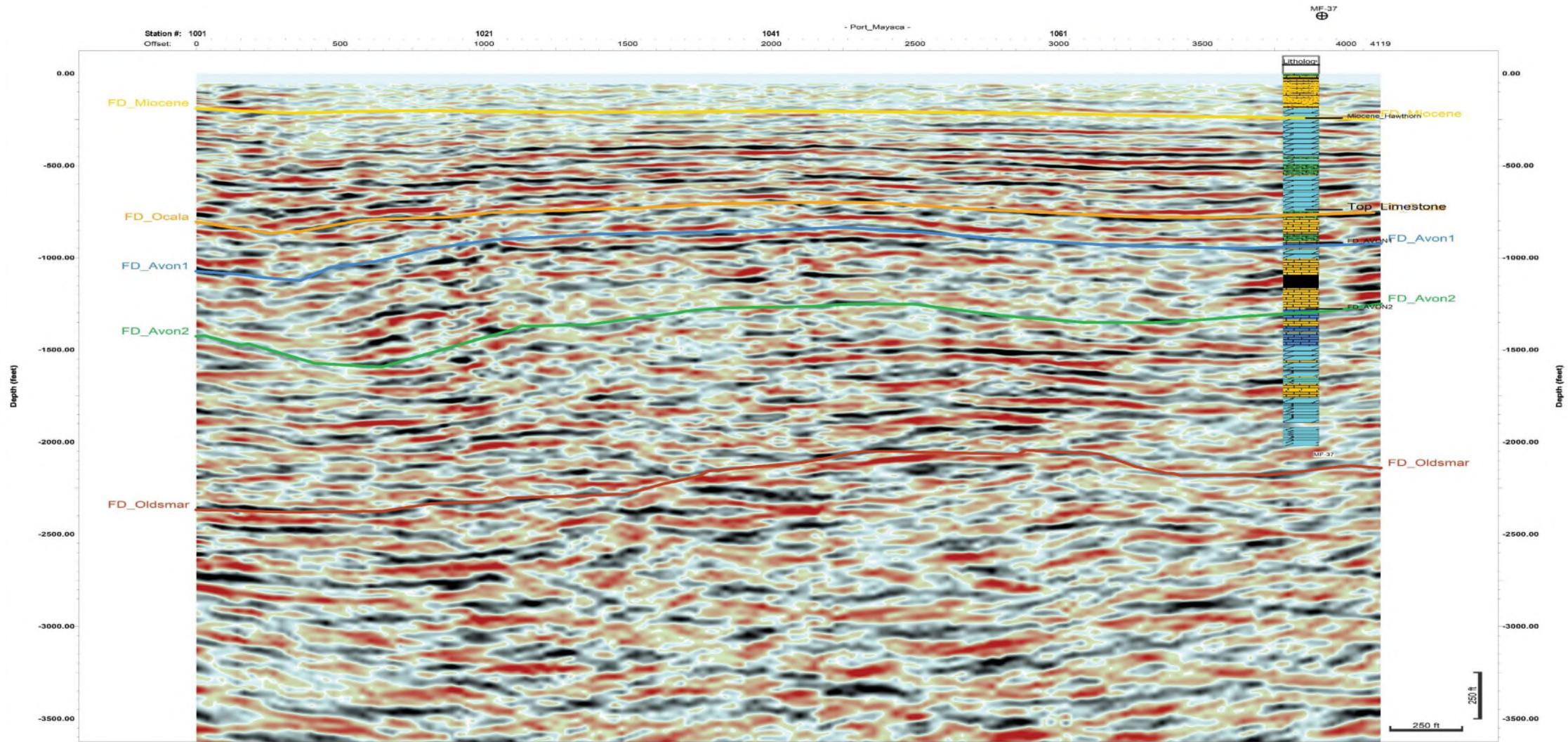


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Seismic Depth Image of Line Port Mayaca with Interpretation

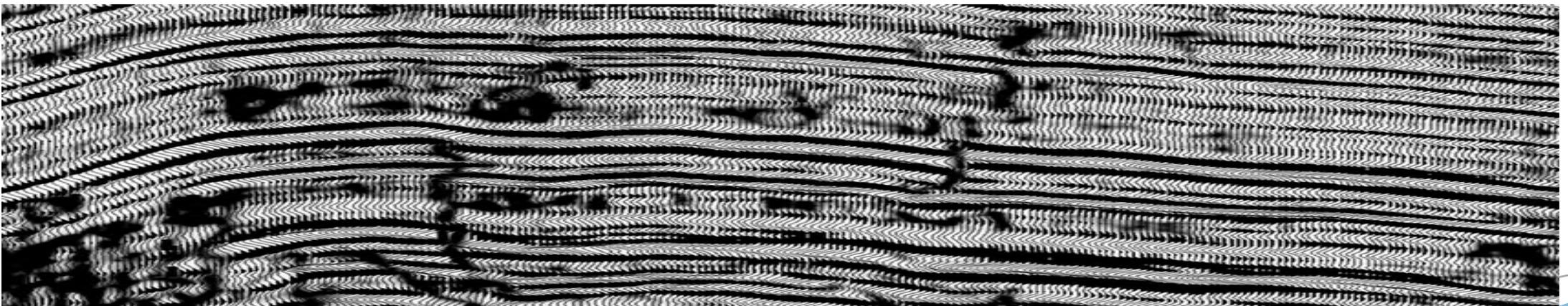
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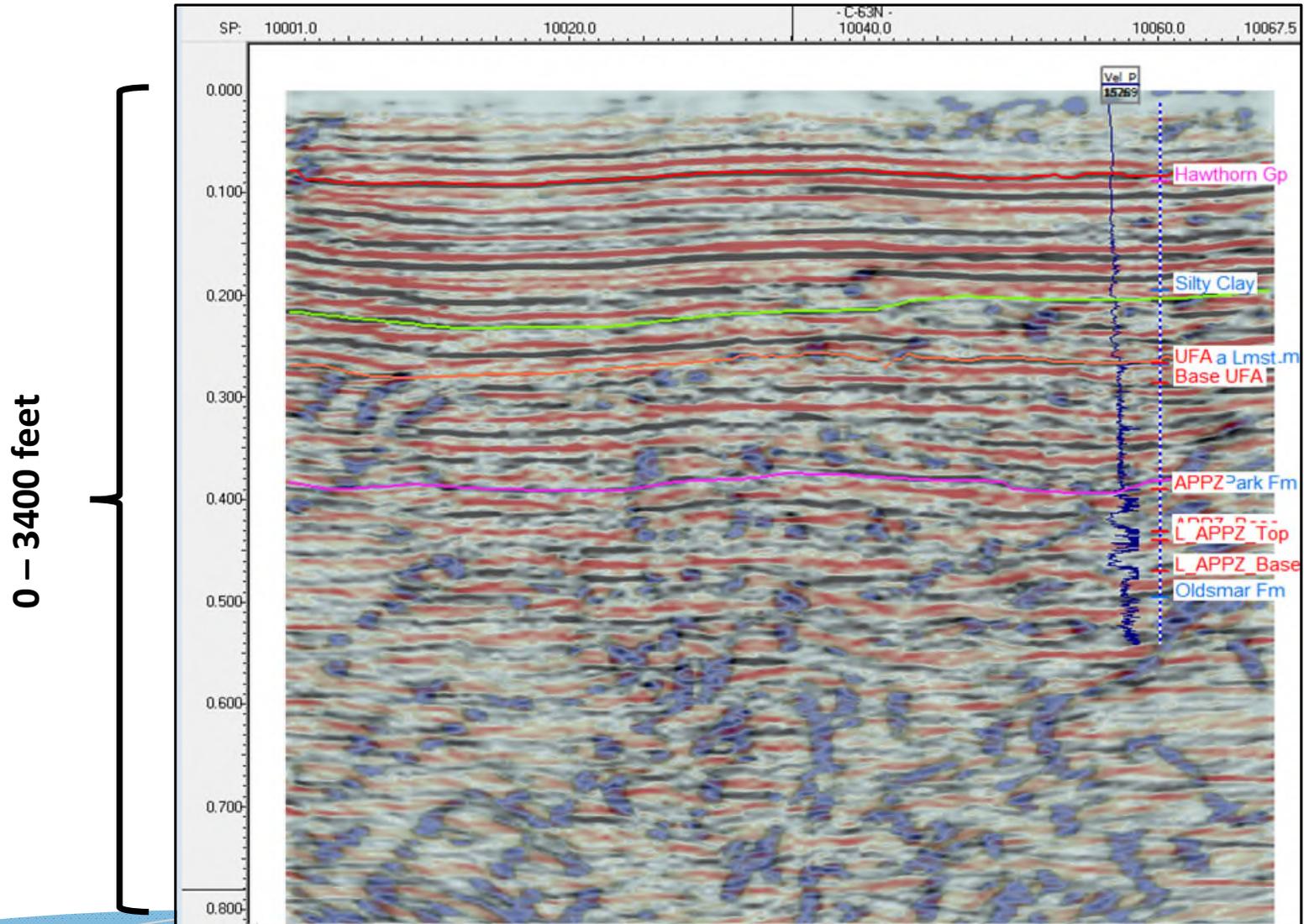


What is a Seismic Attribute?

- In reflection seismology, a seismic attribute is a quantity and/or quality extracted or derived from seismic data that can be analyzed or processed in order to enhance information that might be more subtle in a traditional seismic image, providing a better geological or geophysical interpretation of the data.
- For aquifer delineation projects, the integration of seismic and well log information can be used to expand and extend understanding of the hydro-stratigraphic structure, porosity and permeability zones, general flow patterns.....and more!

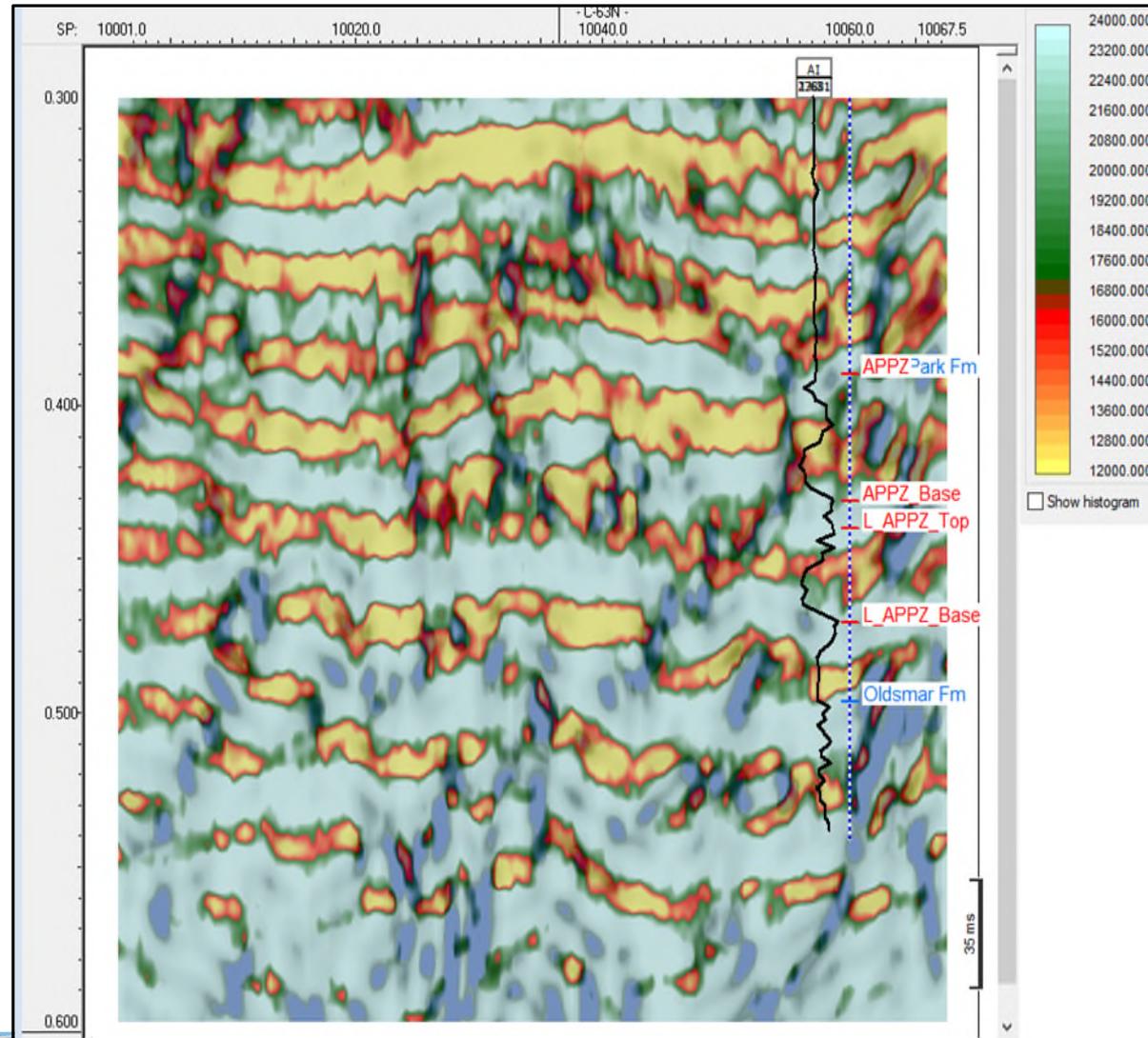


L-63N 2D Seismic Data Co-Blended with Variance Attribute



Acoustic Impedance Co-Blended with Variance Attribute

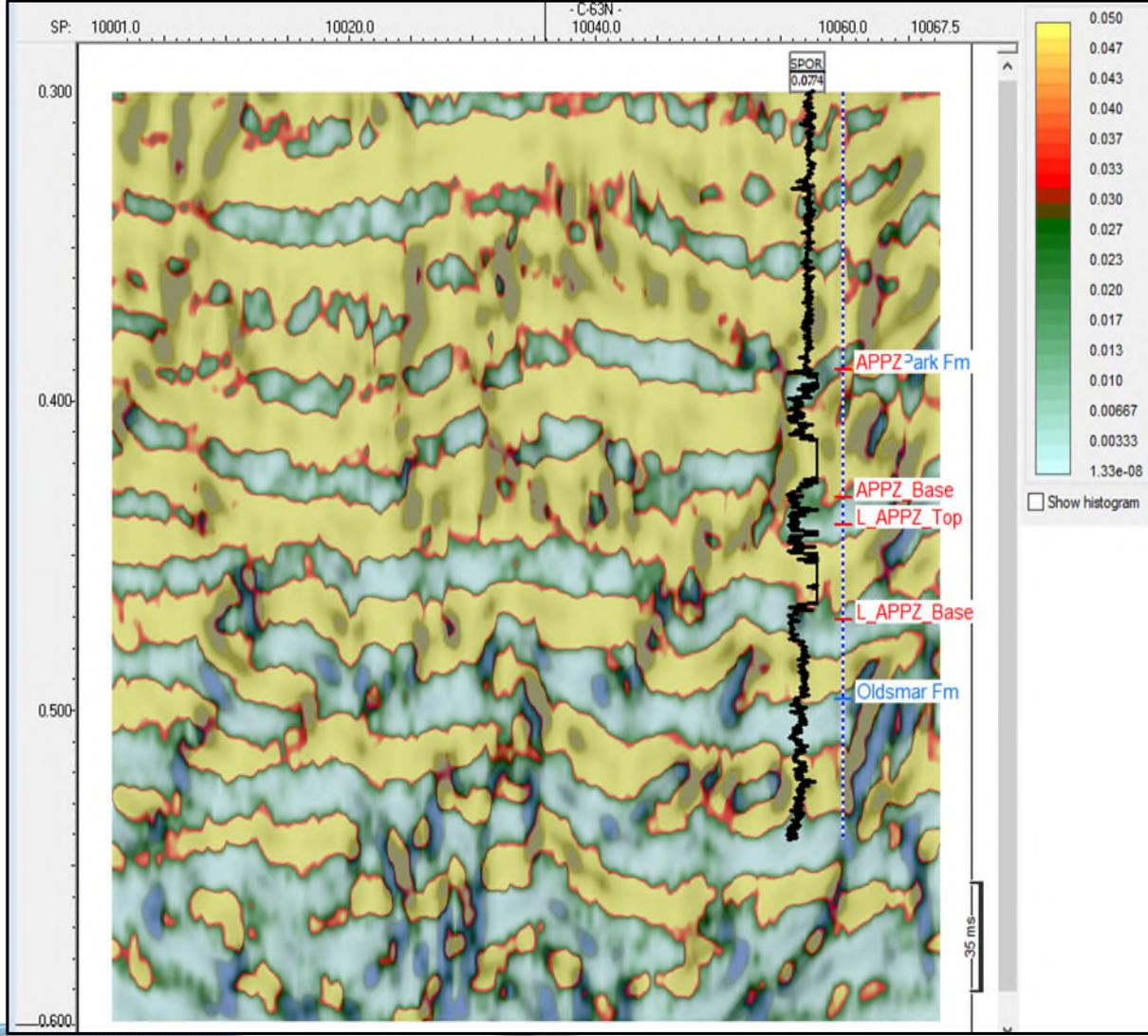
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Acoustic Impedance Section

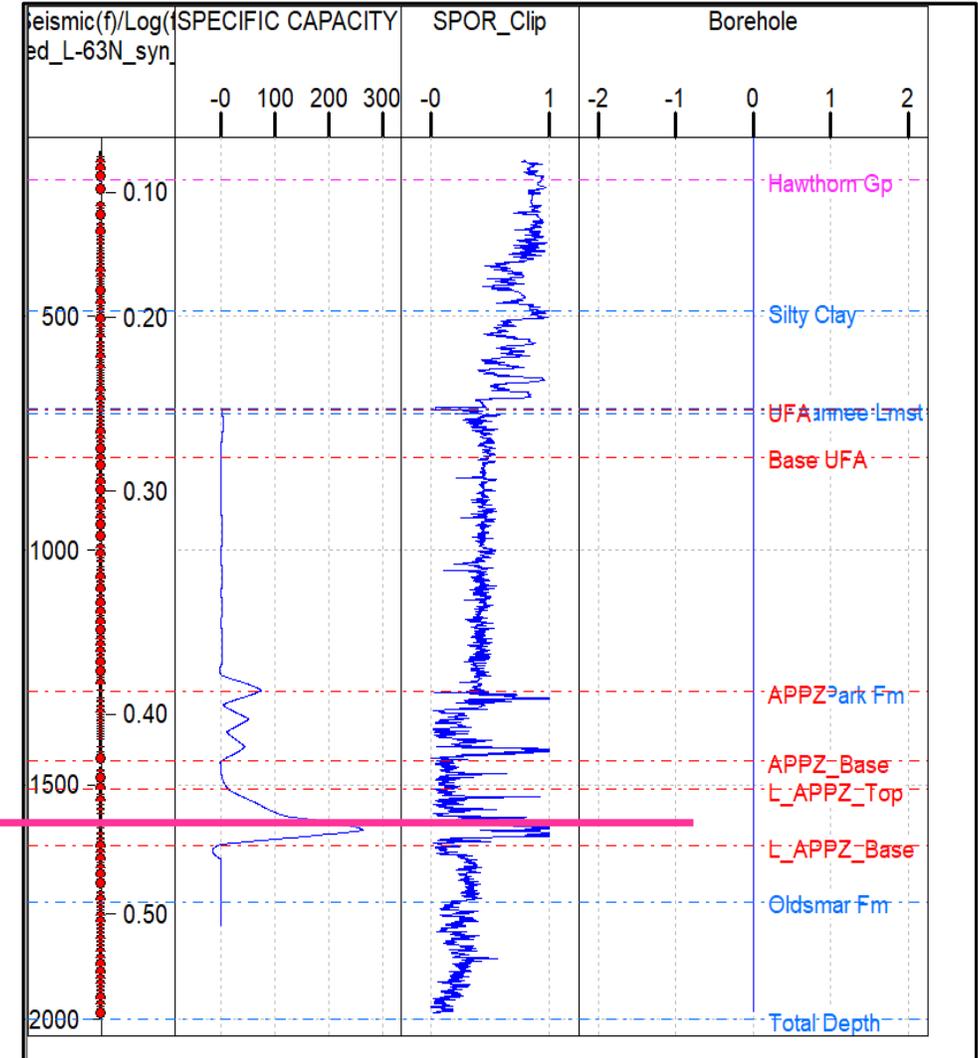
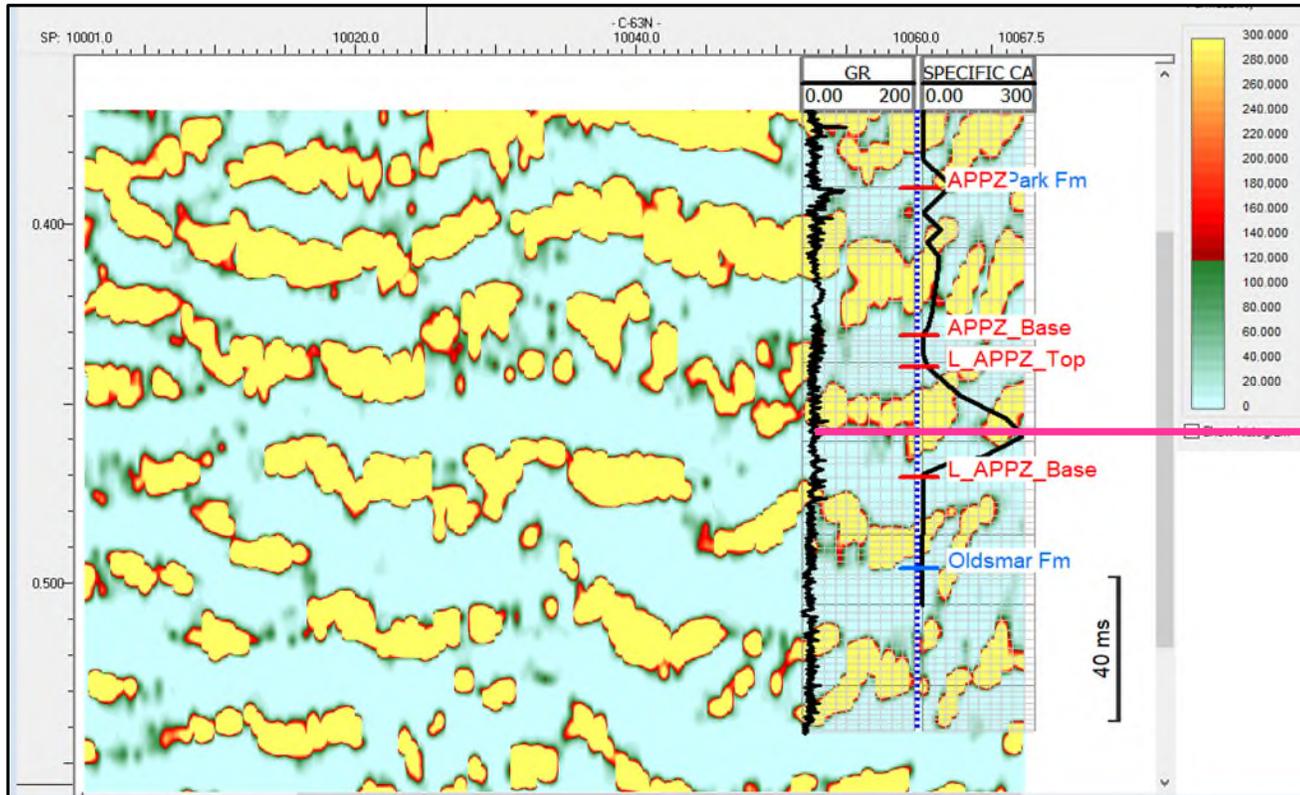
Porosity Section from Converting AI using Well Log Crossplot Data

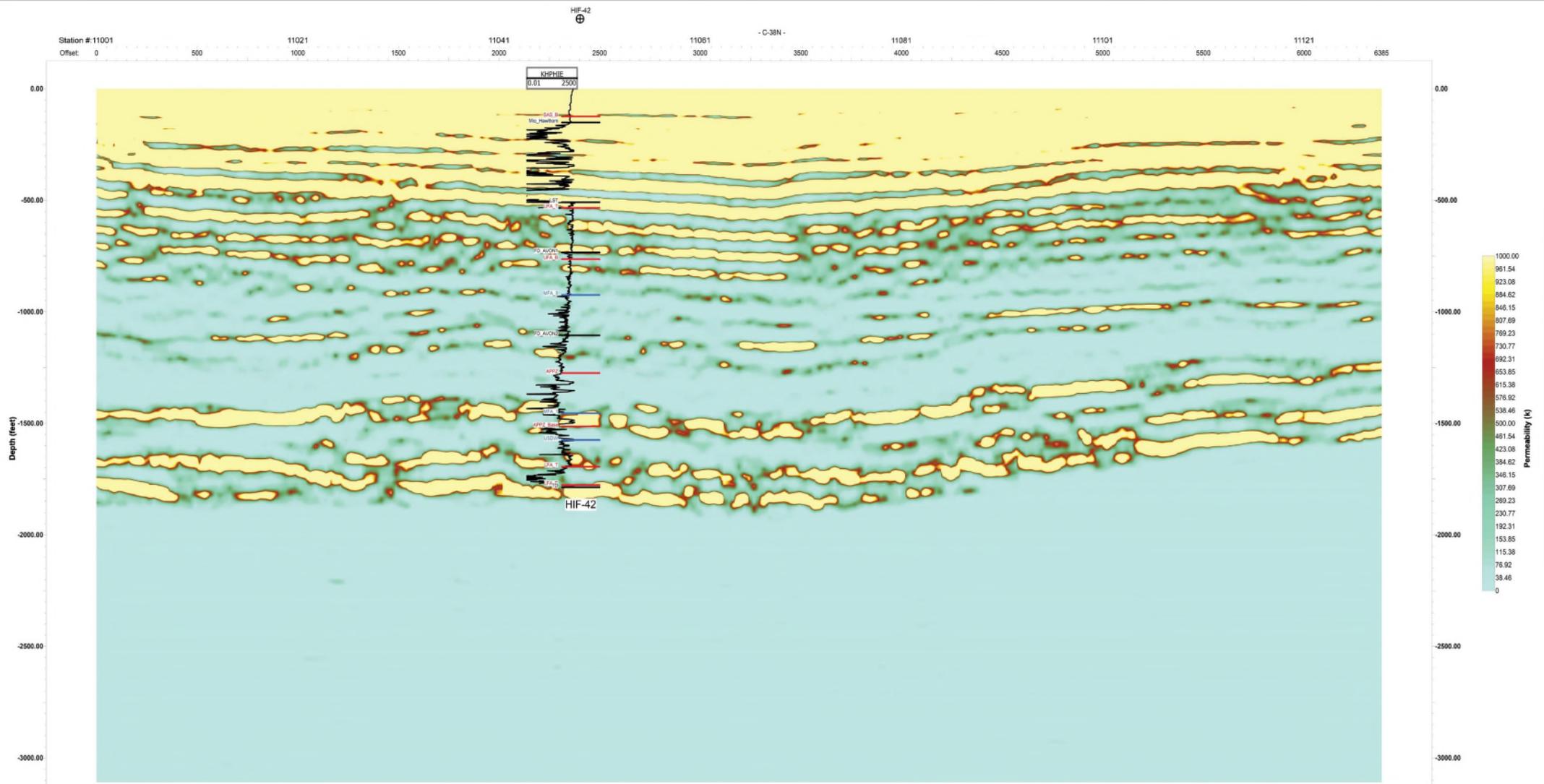
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Porosity Section

Permeability Section Derived from Sonic Porosity vs Permeability Well Log Crossplot Data

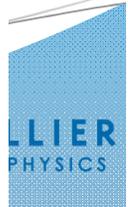




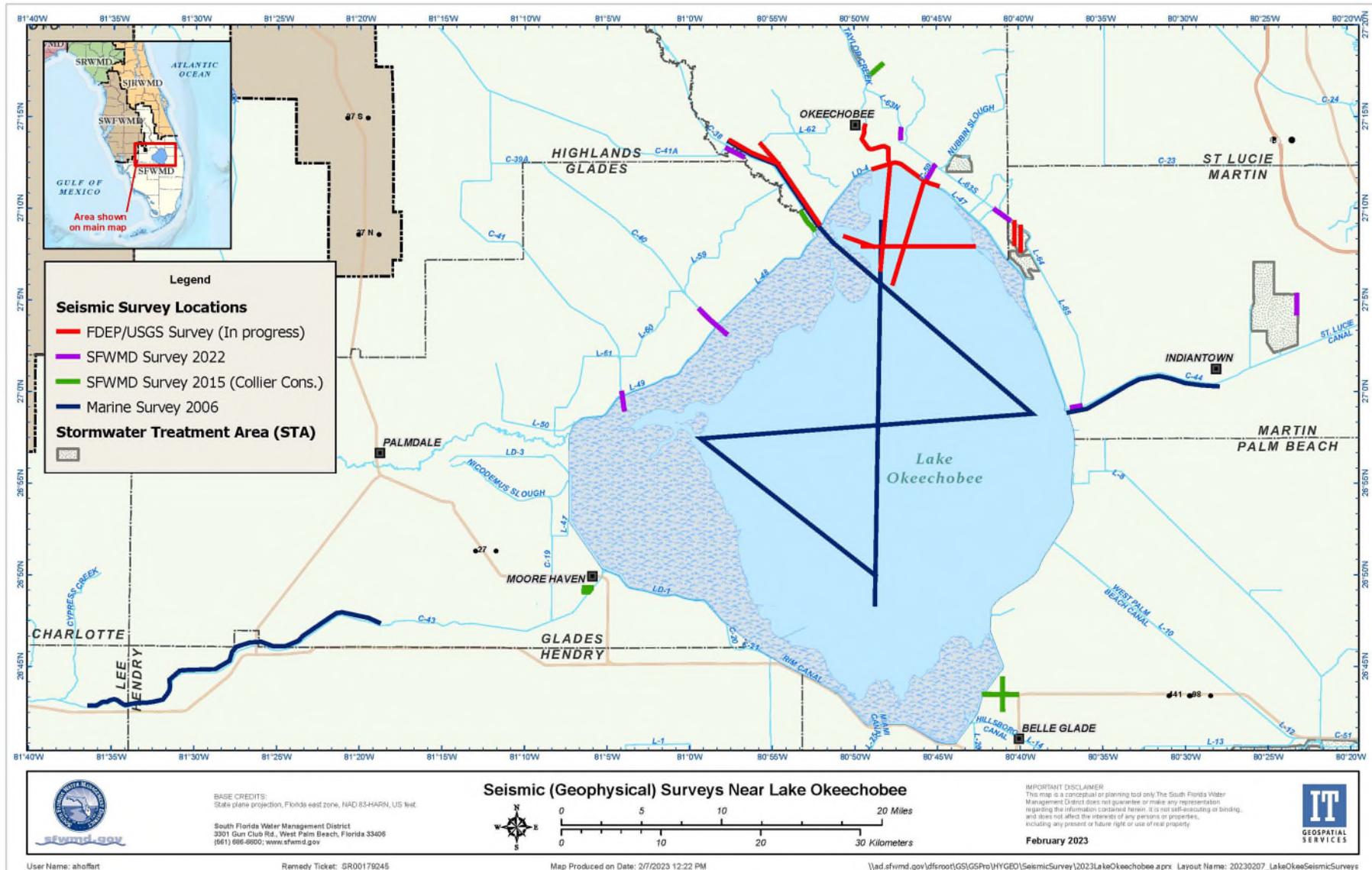
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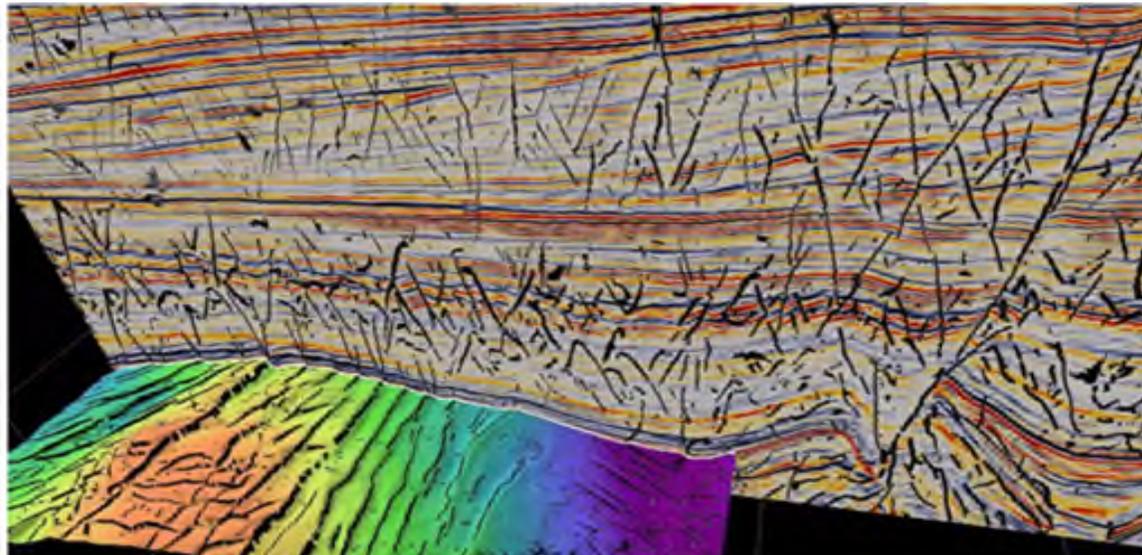
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Bringing Together the Multiple Data sets into a Single Data Set With Common Processing



Questions & Discussion



ERDC LOWRP ASR STUDIES

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BACKGROUND

Background: Three categories of engineering considerations associated with Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) element of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project (LOWRP):

- Mobilization and release of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous substance, and hazardous, toxic, and radioactive wastes (HTRW) constituents;
- First-cost construction; and
- Long-term O&M cost.

Approach: Five interrelated tasks, primarily focused on water quality concerns around arsenic mobilization.

Key requirements:

- ERDC work will pursue only *ex situ* (i.e., lab and modeling) investigations
- ERDC will collaborate and coordinate with on-going and planned SAJ and SFWMD LOWRP investigations
- Science-based consensus on acceptable risk-levels

Key partners: Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL)

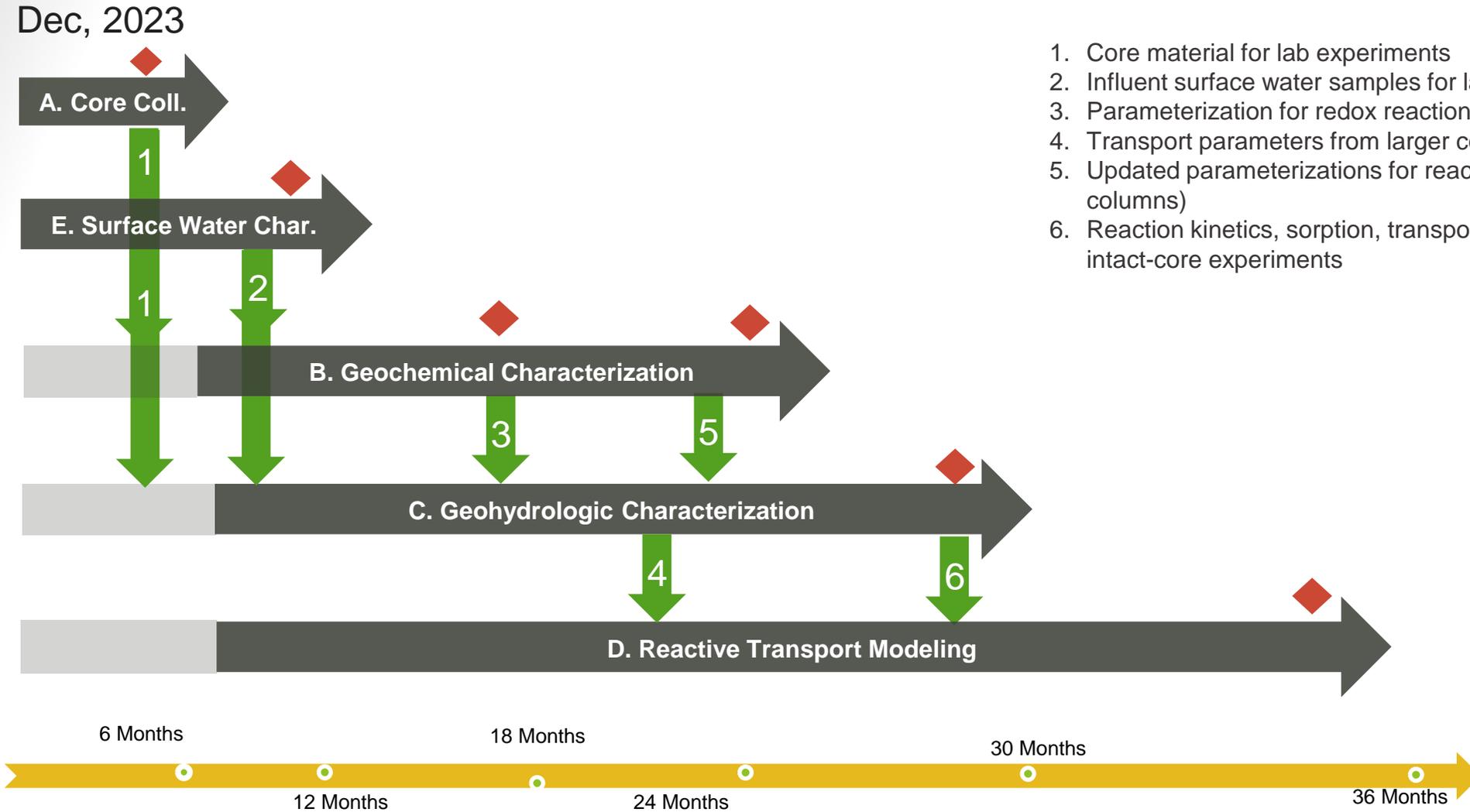
Tasks

1. Core collection: Michalsen (EL), Bednar (EL)
2. Geochemical Characterization: Clausen (CRREL), Bednar (EL)
3. Geohydrologic Characterization: Michalsen (EL), Day-Lewis (PNNL), Szecsody (PNNL)
4. Reactive Transport Modeling: Chuck Downer (CHL)
5. Surface Water Characterization: Martin Page (EL)



PROPOSED TASKS

 Transition
 Go/No-Go



1. Core material for lab experiments
2. Influent surface water samples for lab experiments
3. Parameterization for redox reaction kinetics, sorption/precip (batch)
4. Transport parameters from larger column studies
5. Updated parameterizations for reaction kinetics, sorption (larger columns)
6. Reaction kinetics, sorption, transport parameters from intermediate, intact-core experiments



TASK A: CORE COLLECTION FIELD ACTIVITIES

Team Members

ERDC: Mandy Michalsen, Jay Clausen, Stephen Turnbull,
Tony Bednar, Matthew Farthing

PNNL: Fred Day-Lewis, James Szecsody

SFWMD: Jennifer Gent

Stantec: Caroline Smith, John Wu, Rick Cowles





Objectives



Obtain subsurface core material and groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer (UFA) and Avon Park Permeable Zone (APPZ)

- Required for laboratory experiments planned during Tasks B & C
- Preserve anoxic/suboxic conditions

Transport materials to participating organizations to perform subsequent project tasks

- ERDC-EL, Vicksburg, MS
- ERDC-CRREL, Hanover, NH
- PNNL, Richland, WA



Core sample collected by Stantec/All Webbs Drilling



Approach

Leverage drilling of APPZ Aquifer Storage Recovery wells at L63-N for core collection

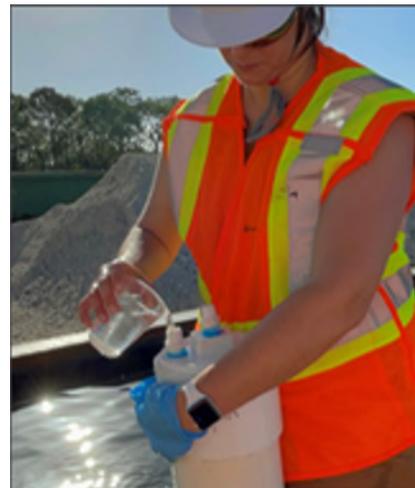
- Cores extruded while submersed in tank filled with UFA water
- Core sections placed in 6-inch diameter PVC tubes while submersed
- Sodium dithionite (1 g/tube) added to consume trace oxygen, and cores sealed with minimal headspace

Maintain sample integrity and chain-of-custody in transport

- ERDC personnel drove core samples to each organization

Assess initial core sample storage water for Arsenic; suitability screening

- Analyzed core sample storage water by GFAAS as first-order assessment of equilibrated arsenic levels in UFA water in core chambers
- Screened select core chamber contents for suitability at PNNL



Core sample collection and preservation



Results



Twelve samples collected from nine cores

- 10 from the UFA (694–754 feet bls)
- 2 from the APPZ (1301–1311 feet bls)
- Each 4-feet long and 4-inch diameter

All core materials delivered to labs

- 6 cores delivered to PNNL, in storage (arrive 28-Mar)
- 6 cores delivered to CRREL, in storage (arrive 26-Mar)

Highly variable As in core storage water

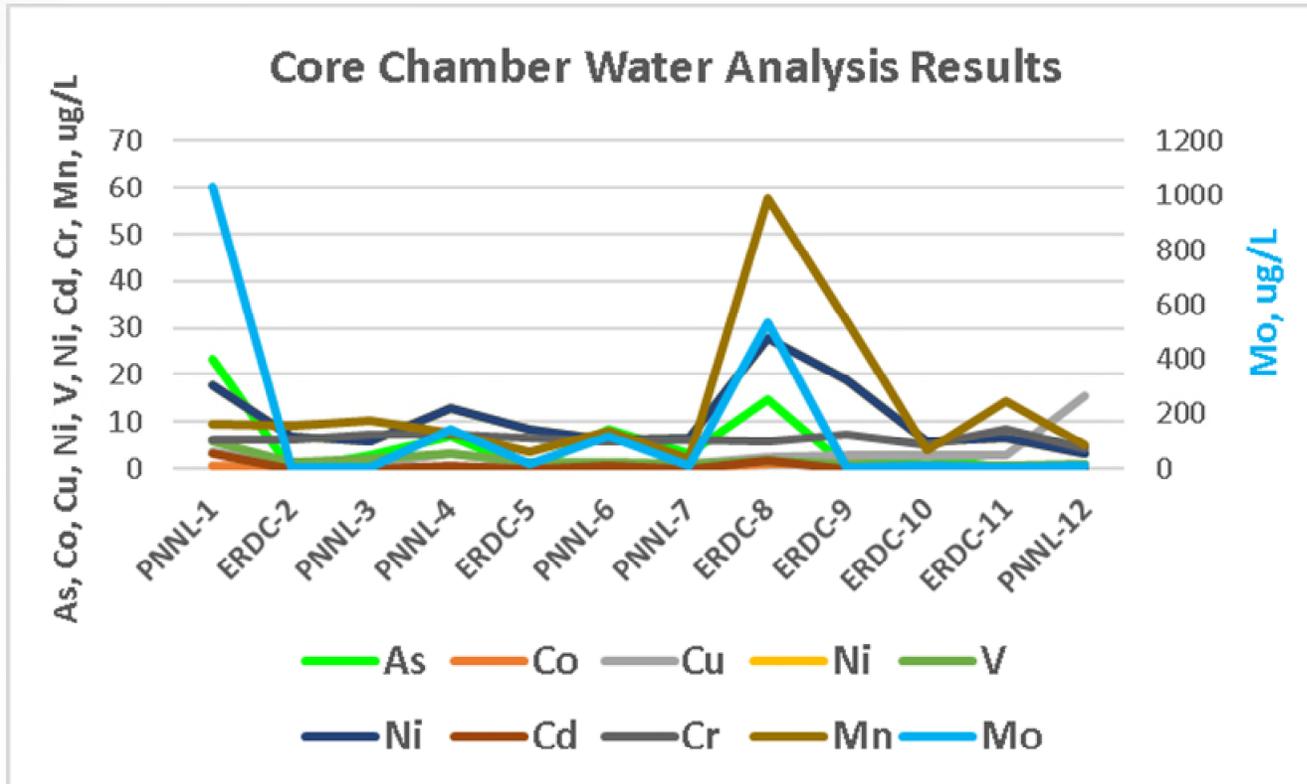
- Measured Arsenic concentration in adjacent samples varied from below the method detection limit (1 ppb) to 23 ppb

Sample ID	Zone	Storage Water As (µg/L)
PNNL-1	UFA ¹	23.3
ERDC-2	UFA ¹	<1
PNNL-3	UFA ¹	2.9
PNNL-4	UFA ¹	6.9
ERDC-5	UFA ¹	<1
PNNL-6	UFA ²	8.5
PNNL-7	UFA ²	3.3
ERDC-8	APPZ	14.9
ERDC-9	APPZ	0.7 J
ERDC-10	UFA ¹	2.7
ERDC-11	UFA ¹	<1
PNNL-12	UFA ¹	0.5 J

Initial assessment of Arsenic in core sample storage water. ¹Swanee ²Ocala



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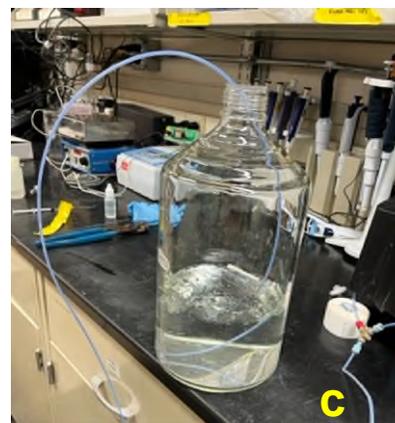
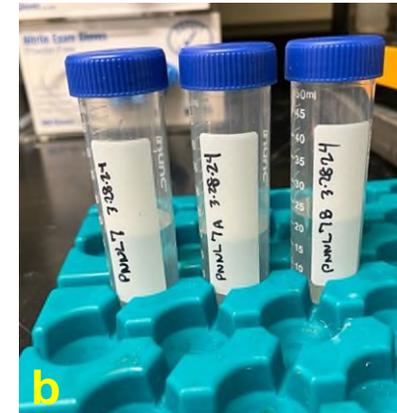
Initial Core Processing at PNNL

Are core materials suitable for planned tests?
Are samples properly preserved? Do solids contain arsenopyrite?

- Selected single core chamber, PNNL-7, for initial analysis to assess suitability of core materials for Task B and C tests planned
- Collected core chamber water samples (~20 mL in triplicate) for analysis of total As, Ca, Fe, Mg, S

Notes and observations

- Notable sulfide odor present in PNNL-7 chamber upon opening.
- Water samples were collected into falcon tubes under N₂ headspace with clean tygon tubing (PNNL-7, PNNL-7A, PNNL-7B). N₂ atmosphere was maintained when core chamber was open.
- Dissolved O₂ was measured in PNNL-7 core chamber water via electrode at < 1% O₂ saturation.
- Prepared 144 mg Na₂CO₃/L solution to replace sampled PNNL-7 water volume and to ensure minimal headspace during storage. Added Na₂CO₃ to 18.2 MΩ water on stir plate with N₂ sparge for ~ 1 hr then filtered with 0.2 μm filter. Confirmed < 1.3% O₂ saturation prior in Na₂CO₃ solution, added it to replenish headspace, then resealed chamber PNNL-7 for storage.



Collecting water samples (a,b), preparing and replacing headspace in core chamber prior to resealing PNNL-7 (c,d) at PNNL lab facility, Richland, WA on 28-Mar-2024.



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- Solids were removed from the core chamber and placed in CO₃ saturated water, which was sparged overnight with N₂ (a). Water contained O₂ < 1% saturation prior to use on 28-Mar-2024.
- Core material accessible by hand was removed from PNNL-7 core chamber and placed in container (a) below water surface on parafilm for imaging (b).
- Samples with and without black staining (PNNL-7 black, PNNL- noblack, (c)) were collected in plastic containers and transferred to an anaerobic chamber pending geochemical analysis.



Arrows note potential arsenopyrite observed; inset shows flip side of segment with staining.



Initial Core Analysis

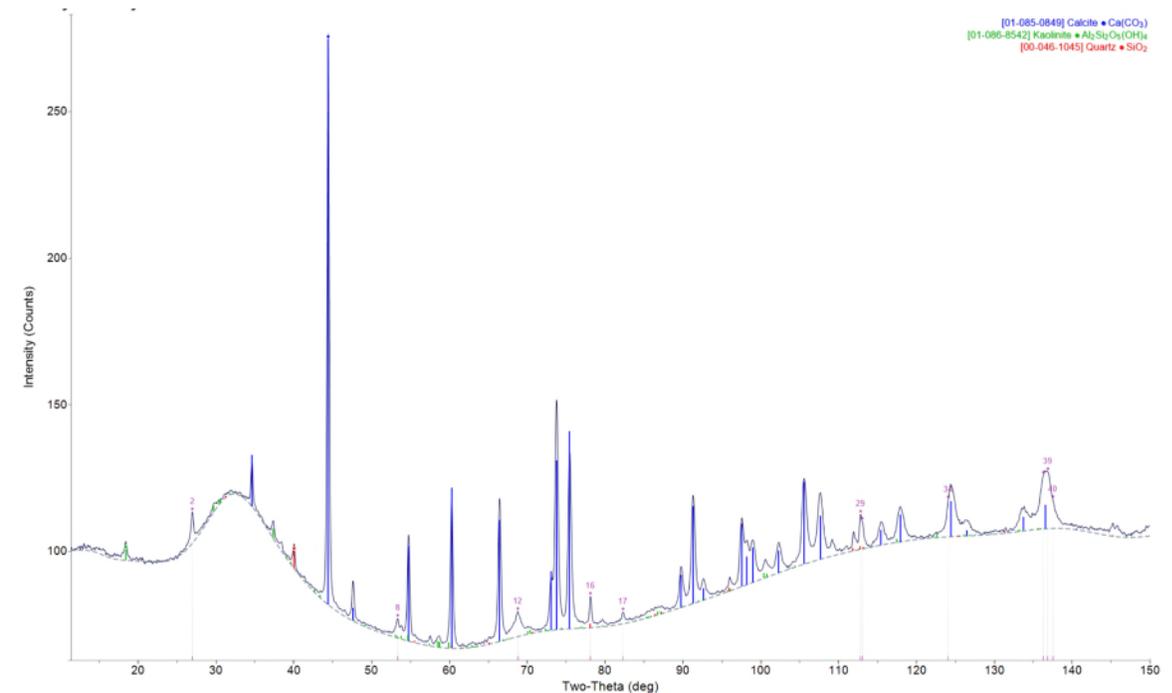


Solids Identification by X-Ray Diffraction

- matrix rock: >99% calcite
 - black spots: >90% calcite (blue peaks on XRD)
<5% kaolinite (green peaks on XRD)
<2% quartz (red peaks on XRD)
metallic iron (broad peak #12 at 68 degrees)
no Fe sulfides, no Fe oxides, no MnO₂
- interpretation: black spots may be material introduced by drilling (kaolinite from drilling mud, iron from core barrel)*
- XRD detection limit ~0.5% (5,000 ug/g), but dependent on minerals and crystallinity (i.e., broad peaks generally indicate amorphous structure)

Solids Identification by Acid Dissolution and Metals Analysis

- fraction of pyrite and arsenopyrite from molar ratio of Ca to Fe and S
 - fraction of arsenopyrite in pyrite from molar ratio of Fe to As
 - additional analysis of trace metals to identify substitution fraction
- aqueous metals analysis by ICP-OES and ICP-MS varies with metal but typically 0.01 to 1 ppb (10⁻⁵ to 10⁻³ ug/g) so presence of metals is much lower than XRD, although minerals are not identified





Challenges, Corrective Actions, Next Steps

Challenge: Leakage

- Some core storage tubes leaked small amounts of aquifer water, This appeared not to have impacted the redox status of PNNL-7. Excess dithionite added at time of collection likely minimized any impact to geochemistry of cores in chambers that leaked.
- No corrective action required.

Challenge: Core breakage

- Some cores broke or otherwise had pieces detach during ~3,500 mile road transport. However, substantial core material remains intact for column experiments. No impact on Task B. No impact to Task C either because Task C columns will be prepared by drilling subcores through intact segments.
- No corrective action required.

Next steps

- Collect groundwater samples and distribute to partner organizations
- Submit Task A technical memo documenting methods and results of core collection and screening-level analysis of PNNL-7 water and core material samples.



**Suwannee Limestone - Ocala
Limestone Contact (Stantec)**



TASK E: SOURCE WATER TREATMENT



Team Members

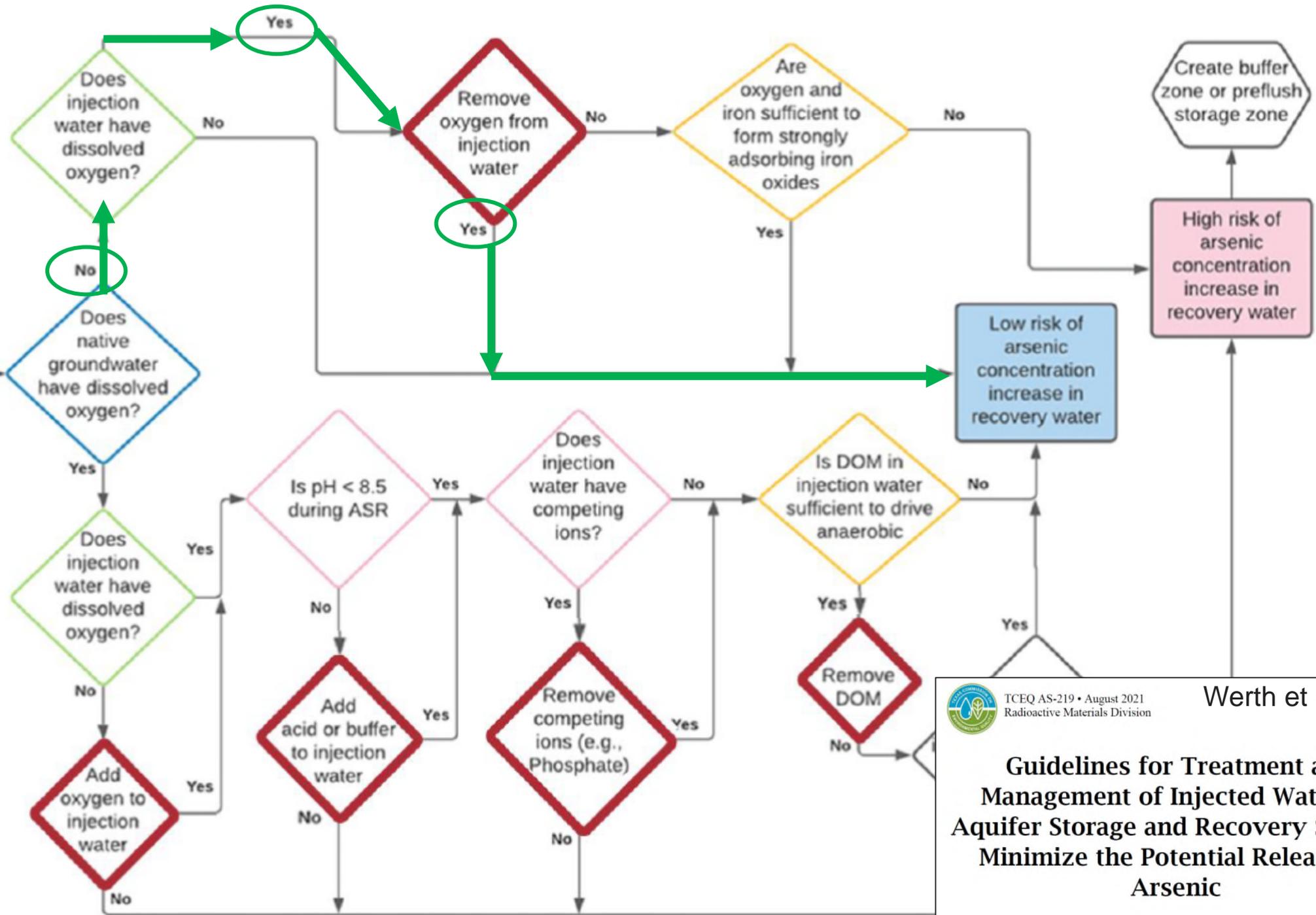
Dr. Martin Page, Dr. Andy Hur, Yongkyu An, Bruce MacAllister, Kathryn Gunderson, Eric Strigotte, Cody Sloat, Dr. Sam Beal, Jenifer Netchaev, and Dr. Jay Clausen



Source Water Treatment Approach

Surface Water Treated to ASR Water Quality Standards

START



TCEQ AS-219 • August 2021
Radioactive Materials Division

Werth et al., 2021

Guidelines for Treatment and Management of Injected Water at Aquifer Storage and Recovery Sites to Minimize the Potential Release of Arsenic



Objectives

1. Generate baseline ‘treated source water’ samples for use in batch and column studies on potential contaminant mobilization during storage.

- Achieve water quality standards and match Proof-of-Concept pilot results previously achieved by Stantec/SFWMD.
- Generate sufficient sample volumes during representative environmental conditions for ASR operations.

2. Assess candidate deoxygenation and water stabilization methods and generate test samples.

- Assess physical and chemical deoxygenation methods.
- Assess chemical stabilization methods.

3. Generate representative membrane backwash water samples

- Support ongoing solids management design and optimization by Stantec for SFWMD.

Membrane	Deoxygenation	Stabilization
Ceramic	None	None
	Chemical reductant	None
		pH and alkalinity adjustment
	Membrane degassing	None
Hardness and pH adjustment		
Polymeric	None	None
	Chemical reductant	None
		Hardness and pH adjustment
	Membrane degassing	None
Hardness and pH adjustment		

Matrix of source water treatment designs to support arsenic mobilization studies and ongoing design optimization efforts.



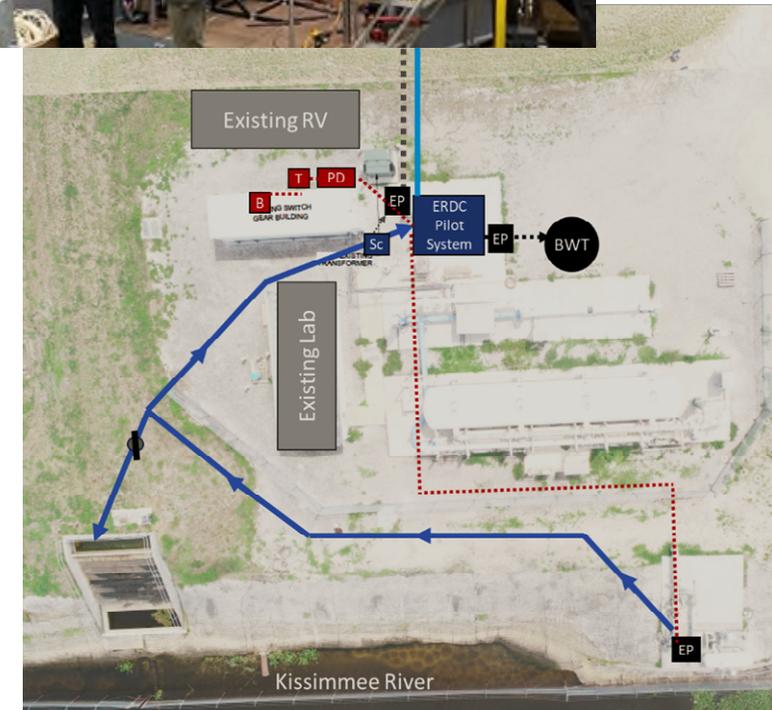
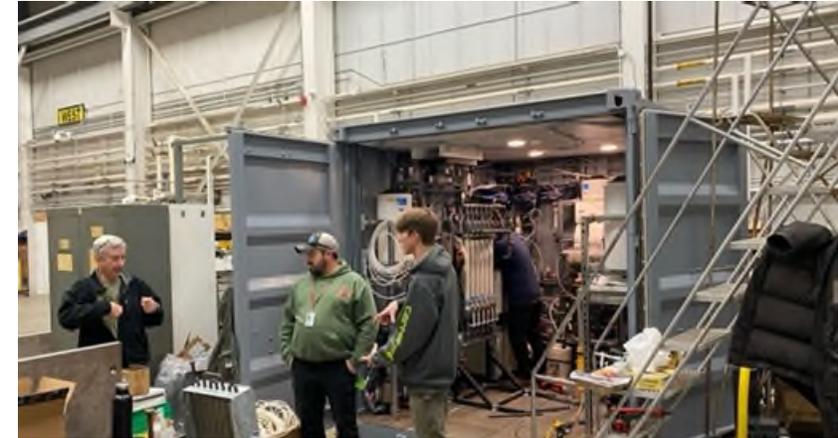
Approach

Design & build a new ASR source water treatment pilot system

- Sufficient flow to generate samples
- Representative of full-scale operations
- Allow head-to-head comparison of polymeric and ceramic membranes
- Includes new physical and chemical deoxygenation capabilities

Generate representative water samples and assess design performance at Kissimmee River ASR pilot site

- Baseline testing without deoxygenation or stabilization
- Physical deoxygenation testing with and without stabilization
- Chemical deoxygenation testing with and without stabilization



ERDC pilot assembly (December 2023, Champaign, IL) and KRASR site test plan schematic.



Results (Design/Assembly of Pilot Treatment System)



Drafted design and acquired components

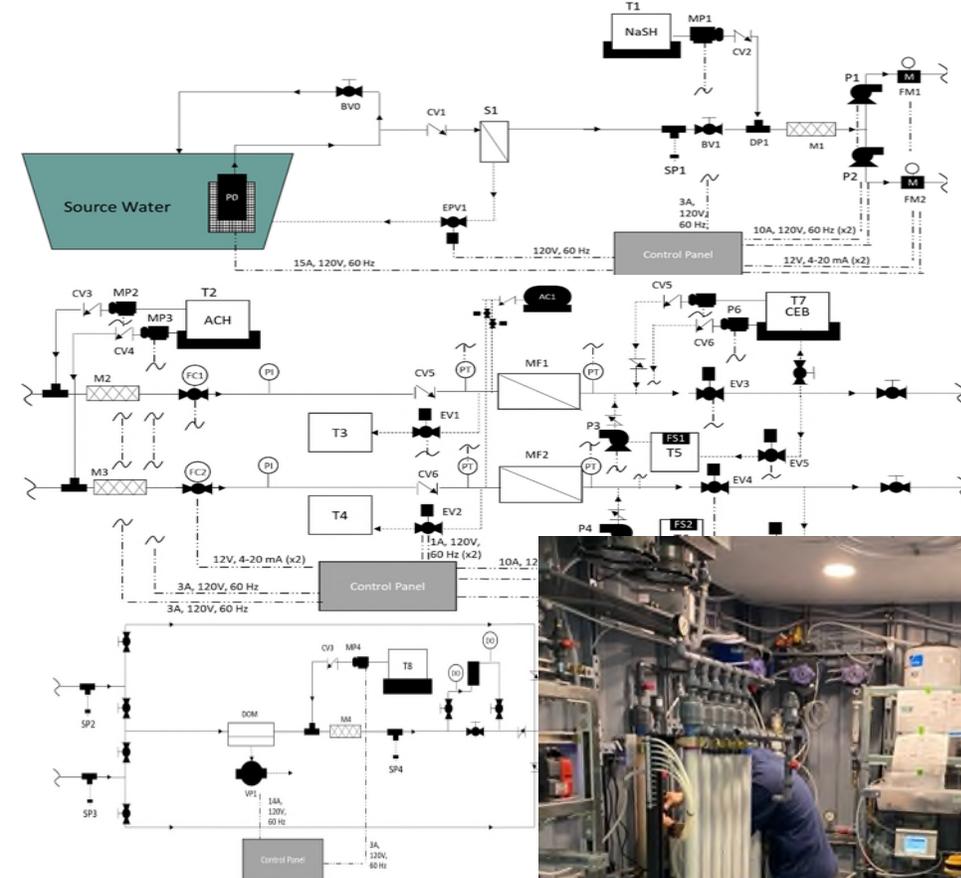
- Capable of testing polymeric and ceramic membranes plus deoxygenation systems
- Matched coagulant dosing and membrane loading rates (flux) to full scale design parameters from previous Stantec/SFWMD study

Assembled framing, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and controls

- Adjustable pump speeds to maintain target flows
- Automated system with digital controls

Design reviews and input from Stantec, Hazen & Sawyer, SFWMD, and membrane manufacturers

- Updated design to parallel membrane operation to facilitate head-to-head operation
- Increased polymeric membrane capacity to 1.25 gpm for backwash water generation
- Added and automated chemically-enhanced backwash process based on manufacturer guidelines



Process & Instrumentation Diagram and assembly of pilot treatment system





Results (Objective 1- Baseline Field Samples)



Kissimmee river water treated by the new pilot system was consistent with previous POC study (Stantec, SFWMD)

- Removal of organic matter (color, DOC) was higher with the ceramic membrane approach (attributable to higher ACH dose).
- Removal of particulates (turbidity) was high with both membrane approaches.

Observations

- Feed pressure and fouling rates were higher with the ceramic membranes
- The difference in ACH coagulant dosing for the two membrane types is the likely cause of the treated WQ differences and fouling rates.
 - Large flocs and high turbidity in ceramic feed water
 - Not an apples-to-apples comparison
 - Potential implications for arsenic mobilization potential due to residual dissolved organic carbon in polymeric membrane treated water

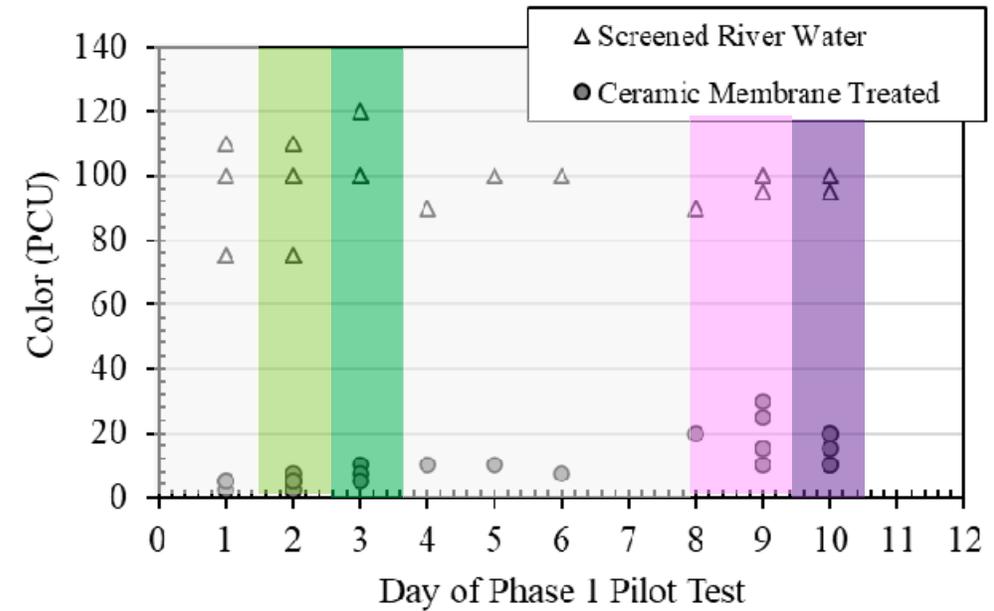
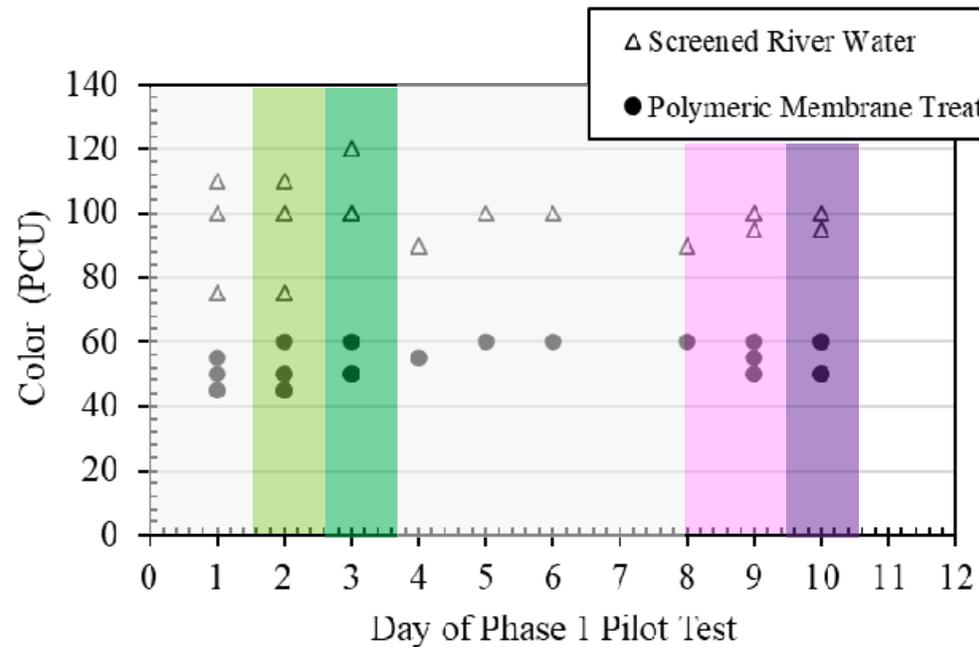


Water Sample	WQ Parameter	POC Study	Current Study
Kissimmee River Raw Water	Turbidity	3.4	2.13
	DOC	18.7	15.8
	Color	100	103
	pH	7.14	7.19
Polymeric Membrane Filtered (Zeeweed)	Turbidity	0.028	< 0.1
	DOC	14.9	12.8
	Color	50	48
	pH	7.03	7.18
Ceramic Membrane Filtered (AquaAerobic)	Turbidity	0.018	< 0.1
	DOC	7.7	6.3
	Color	7.5	7.9
	pH	7.05	7.28



SELECT WATER QUALITY DATA

COLOR

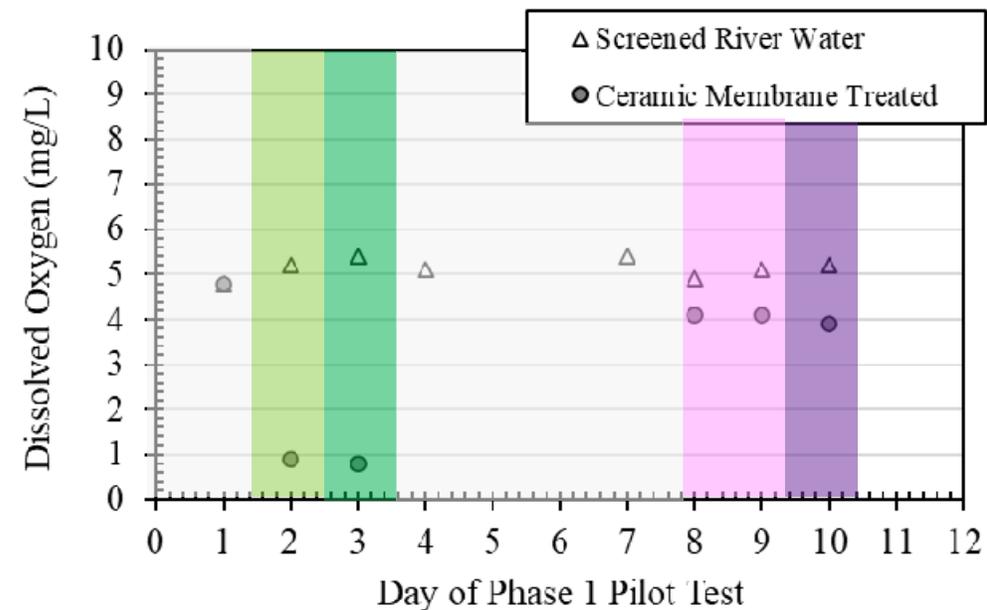
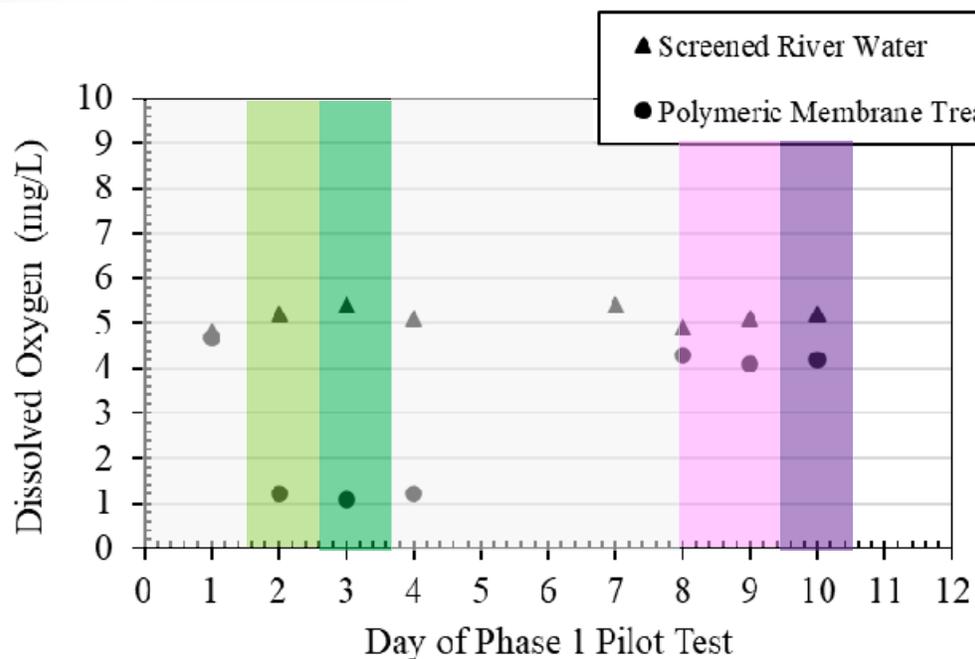


Baseline
Phys Deox
Phys Deox + $\text{CaCl}_2/\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
NaSH Deox
NaSH Deox + $\text{CaCl}_2/\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$



SELECT WATER QUALITY DATA

DISSOLVED OXYGEN



Baseline
Phys Deox
Phys Deox + CaCl ₂ /Ca(OH) ₂
NaSH Deox
NaSH Deox + CaCl ₂ /Ca(OH) ₂



Results (Objective 2- Deoxygenation & Stabilization)



Physical deoxygenation approached but did not meet target of < 0.5 ppm dissolved oxygen level

Vacuum pressure of -11 psi applied through a hollow fiber gas permeable membrane to removed dissolved oxygen

- 1.1-1.4 ppm DO levels at higher flow rate (1.25 gpm)
- 0.7-0.9 ppm DO levels at lower flow rate (0.25 gpm)
- Need to assess water quality impacts, fouling impacts, cleanability, and scalability of the membrane degassing approach

Chemical deoxygenation with NaSH did not approach target DO levels

NaSH dosed at 10 ppm (in excess of the stoichiometric DO demand)

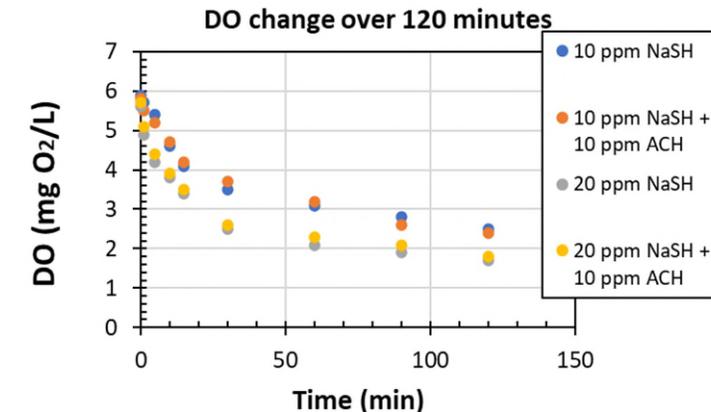
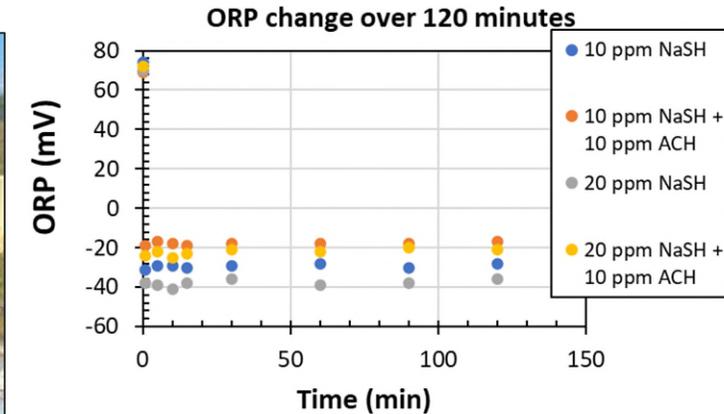
- While ORP reduction was rapid, DO removal required > 90 minutes to achieve < 2.0 ppm.
- Bench scale studies indicate potential interaction with ACH, but this interaction did not appear to impact DO removal rates significantly or floc formation.
- Caution needed for future bench scale studies of arsenic mobilization- need to consider kinetic effects.

Chemical stabilization with CaCl_2 and $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ as tested had limited impacts on pH and alkalinity.

- Need to split stock solutions and consider NaOH.



Purging and displacement anoxic water sample collection system



Results of NaSH jar tests explaining why effluent DO levels were high in pilot studies



Results (Objective 3- Generate backwash water samples)



System operated continuously for 21 days in May 2024 to generate enough water for Stantec/SFWMD

- Turbidity ~30 NTU for several days after intense rains
- Sustained product water quality; membrane fouling did not change significantly

Continuous physical deoxygenation testing

- -26 inHg sustained vacuum pressure over 3-week operation
- Achieved 0.6-0.8 ppm DO @ 0.25 gpm (ceramic membrane effluent)
- Design optimization studies recommended

Membrane backwash samples

- ~90% recovery rate for both polymeric and ceramic membranes
- Adjusted solids content by proportionally decanting settled solids to represent filter water recovery rates of full scale design (95% for polymeric, 93% for ceramic)
- Transferred to Stantec for dewatering studies.



Stantec engineers and ERDC researchers collaborating and leveraging resources to support broader project objectives



Algae along shoreline near KRASR intake structure after intense rains (May 2024)



Next Steps for Task E Team

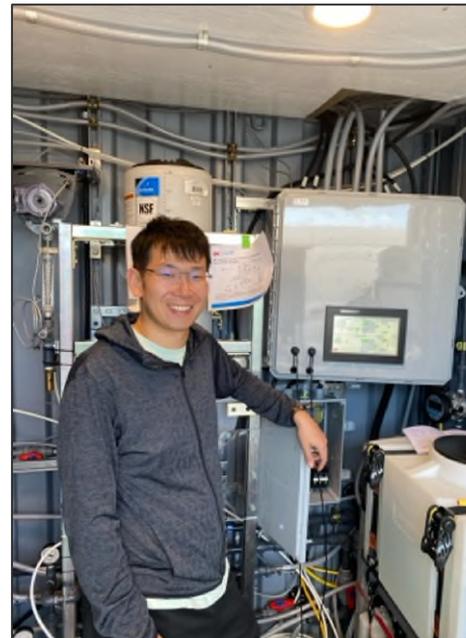


Provide technical support for Task B

- Advise on water quality control to achieve representative testing conditions in bench scale batch studies of potential contaminant mobilization during aquifer storage of the treated source water.

Future Pilot Field Studies

- Support generation of water samples for batch arsenic mobilization studies during rainy season
- Generation of water samples for aquifer core column testing (Task C)
- Support potential additional studies needed by SFWMD to inform future design work (pending approvals, funding).



Yongkyu An (controls engineer) after completing automation of pilot system operations.



Sam Beal (ERDC CRREL) will be performing batch studies on arsenic mobilization as part of Task B.



QUESTIONS





Panel Discussion - Q/A with Presenters
(30 min)



Public Comment Period
(15 min)



ASR Science Plan Panel Workshop
June 10, 2024



Closing Remarks and Expected Progress Over The Next Two Years

Presenter: Anna Wachnicka, Ph.D.
Principal Scientist/ASR Science Plan Project Manager, SFWMD

Contributors: June Mirecki, PhD (Geochemist, USACE-JAX)
Rick Cowles, P.G. (Principal Hydrogeologist, Stantec)

Quantitative ASR Ecological Risk Assessment – Next Steps

Completed

Phase 1:

Project Scoping & Working Group Formulation

- **Goal:** Develop scoping document outlining a path forward for planning and implementation of the revised Quantitative ASR ERA & assemble a Working Group composed of subject matter experts

Phase 2:

Eco Risk Assessment Planning

- **Goal:** Identify data gaps and develop a Work Plan for completion of the Quantitative Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)

Phase 3:

Data Collection

- **Goal:** Collect the data identified in the ERA Work Plan to complete the ERA

Phase 4:

Performing Ecological Risk Assessment

- **Goal:** Provide a technically defensible assessment of ecological risks from the operation of the planned ASR wells

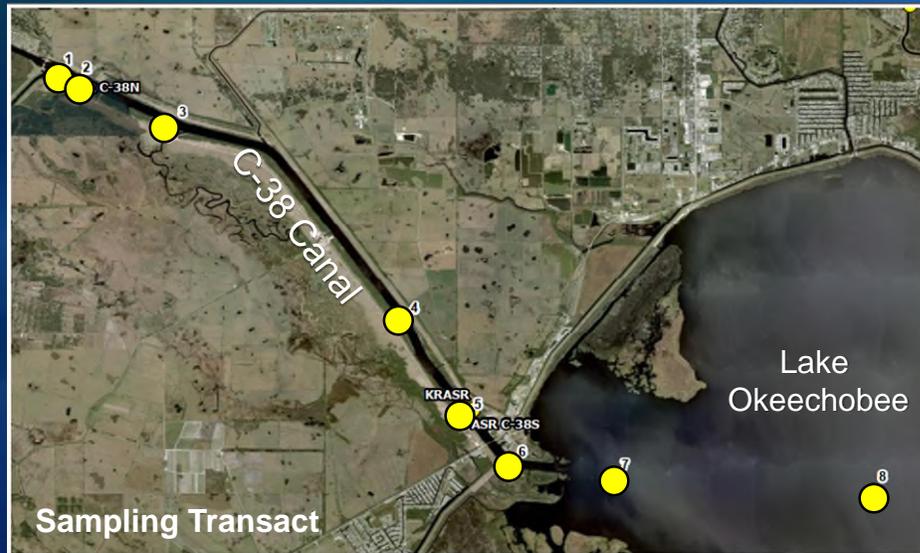
Current Work

Planned for ~2026

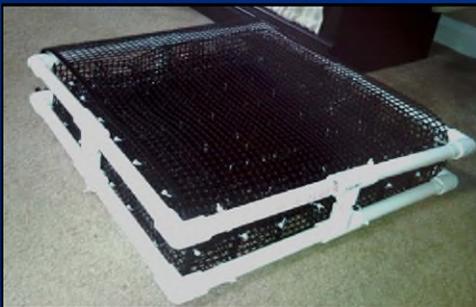
Long-Term Eco Monitoring- C-38 Canal and N Lake O.

- Current Status and Next Steps

Study Area



- Goal: Evaluation of long-term bioaccumulation and community-level responses at different temporal and spatial scales
 - Pre-Operational monitoring (2022 - 2026)
 - 2 – 3 years monitoring once cycling begins (2026 - 2029)
- Monitoring Eco Components: periphyton, mussels, invertebrates, fish/ichthyoplankton
- If significant accumulation of chemical compounds found, monitoring of upper trophic level organisms may be added

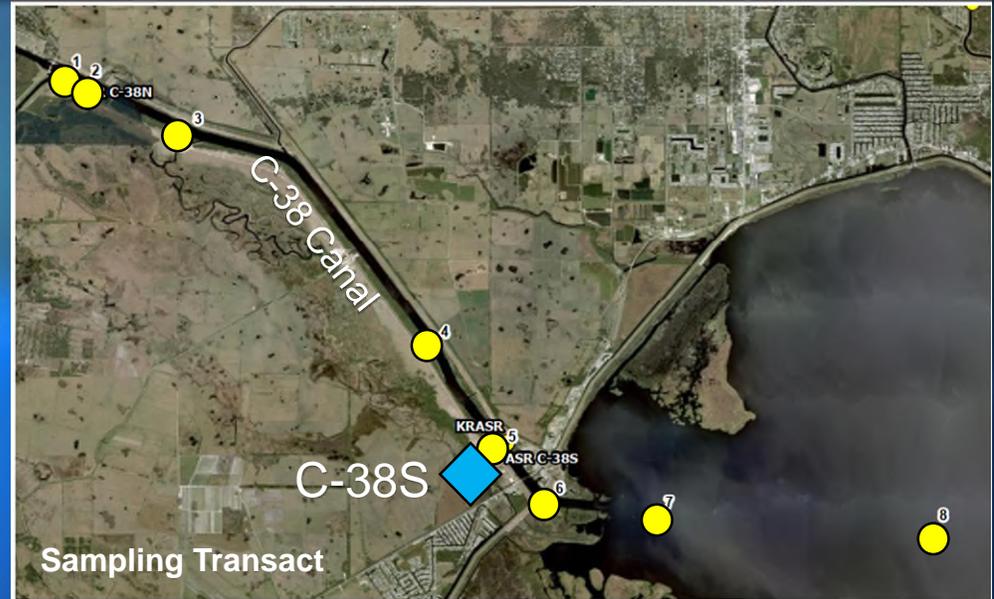




Bench-Scale Chronic and Acute Toxicity Tests - Forthcoming



- Goal: Evaluation of responses of selected organisms to varying phys-chem. water quality conditions using source, recovered and mixed water
- Completed and Planned Activities
 - Mobile temperature-controlled flow-through laboratory constructed in 2023
 - Test of Survival, Growth, Reproduction under varying conditions of interest planned for ~2025-2027



Mixing Zone Modeling

– Current Status and Next Steps

➤ Modeling Goals

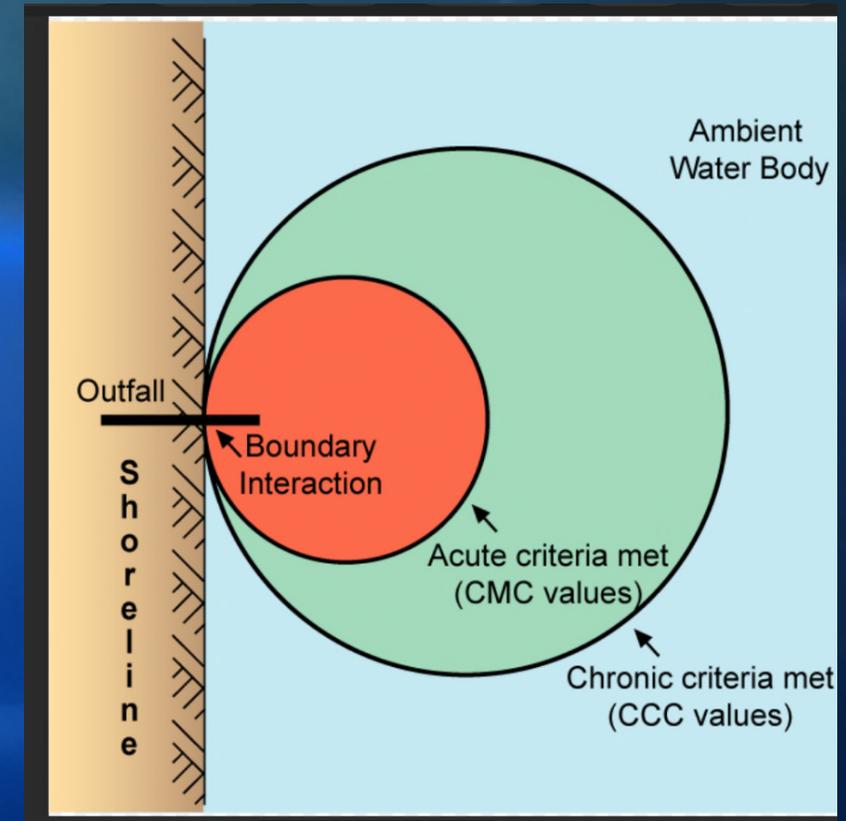
- Support SFWMD ASR permitting
- Support ASR Ecological Risk Assessment
- Support ASR outfall design/blending/pre-treatment and engineering specifications

➤ Work Completed in 2023-2024

- Modeling completed for C-38S
 - ✓ Establishment of initial conditions (WQ info w/ bathometric surveys)
 - ✓ Impacts analysis
 - ✓ Multi-beam survey of one-mile C38S - C38N section

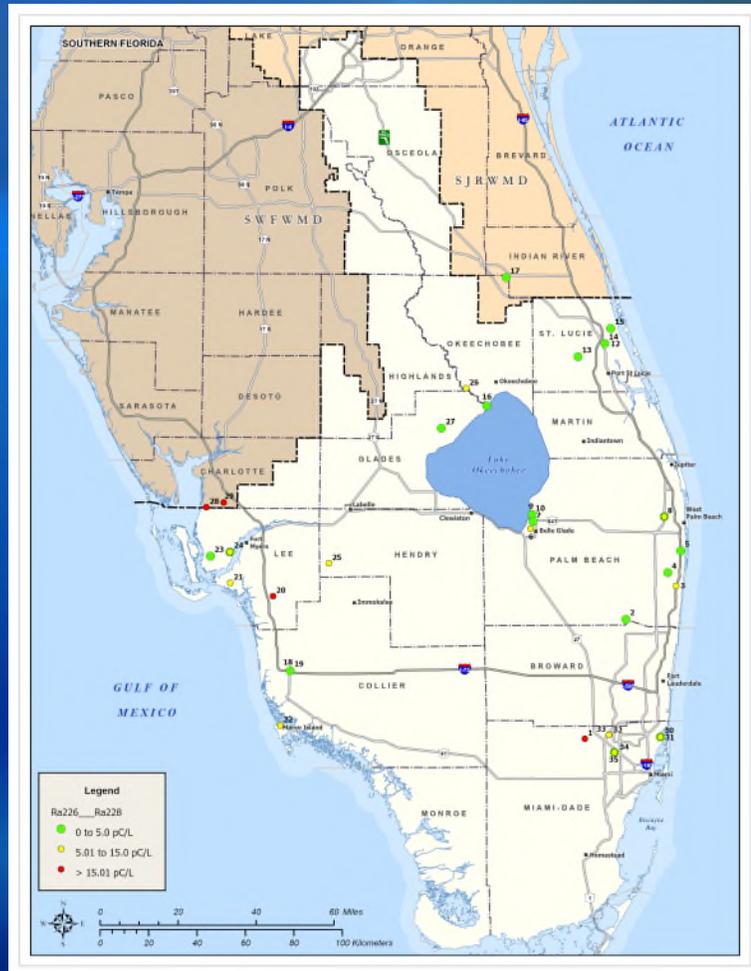
➤ Next Steps

- Modeling may be conducted at other ASR locations e.g., L-63N
- More detailed mixing zone modeling may be implemented

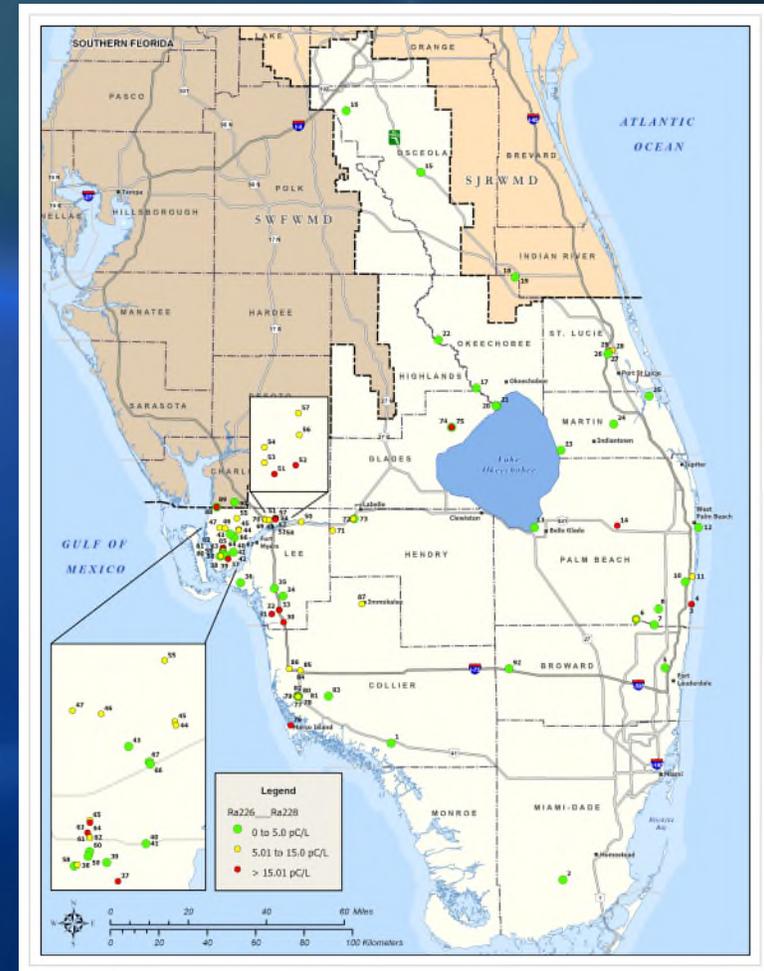


Survey of Radium Occurrence in Native UFA and APPZ - Current Status and Next Steps

- Radium isotope and Gross Alpha data were compiled from 85 well construction reports throughout South Florida
- Data obtained from UFA, APPZ, Hawthorn, and Boulder Zone aquifers
- Radium isotope exceedances found mostly in native groundwater in Lee County and Collier County wells
- Tech memo summarizing results is forthcoming in 2024



Ra226 + Ra228 in APPZ wells



Ra226 + Ra228 in UFA wells

Local Scale Groundwater Model C-38N and C-38S

- Current Status and Next Steps

Modeling Setup

- MODFLOW (USGS Groundwater Model Code)
- SEAWAT Density and Viscosity Dependent Flow to Evaluate Upconing Potential and Recovery Efficiency
- 50 MGD - Each ASR Well Field (100 MGD combined)
 - 25 MGD Stored and Recovered in the UFA and APPZ Aquifers (5 MGD each ASR well)
- Model Domain – 40 miles on each side
- Variable Grid – 50-foot grid size around each ASR well
- Model consists of 22 Layers

Modeling Goals

- Determine ASR Well Spacing
- Evaluate Upconing Potential
- Determine Storage Zone Bubble Geometry
- Estimate Recovery Efficiently
- Evaluate Effects on Legal User

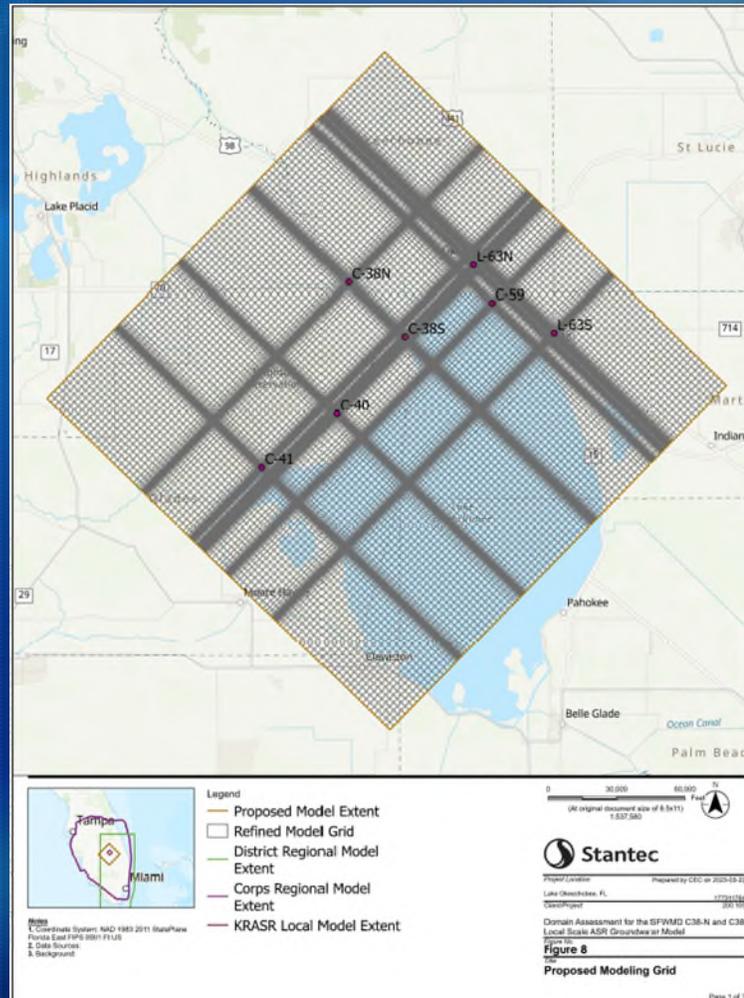
Groundwater Model Layers

Hydrogeologic Unit	Number of Model Layers
Surficial Aquifer System (SAS)	1
Intermediate Confining Unit (ICU)	2
Upper Floridan (UFA)	5
Upper Middle Confining Unit (MC1)	2
Avon Park Permeable Zone (APPZ)	5
Lower Middle Confining Unit (MC2)	2
Lower Floridan (LF)	2
Lower Confining Unit (LC)	2
Boulder Zone (BZ)	1

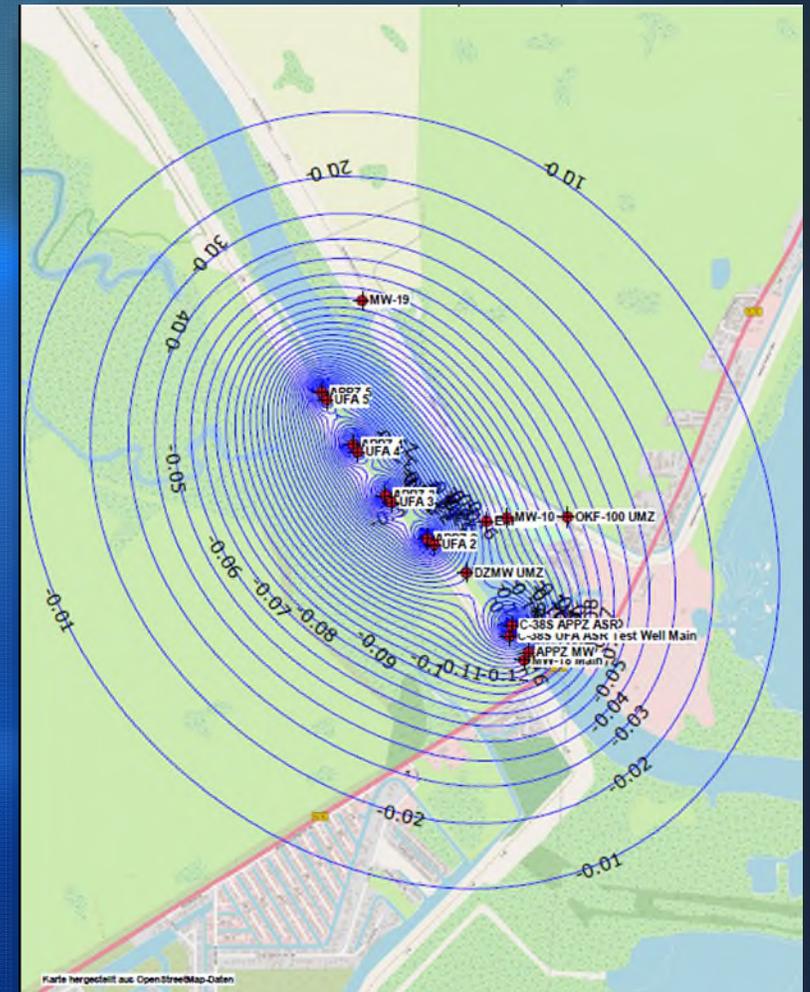
Local Scale Groundwater Model C-38N and C-38S - Current Status and Next Steps

- Model Domain Includes Future ASR Wellfields for future model development
- Modeling Confirms 1,000 feet between ASR Well Pairs
- Modeling is Expected to be Complete by the end of July 2024

Model Domain and Grid



ASR Well Spacing Evaluation



Borehole Fracture Interpretation and Analysis

- Current Status and Next Steps

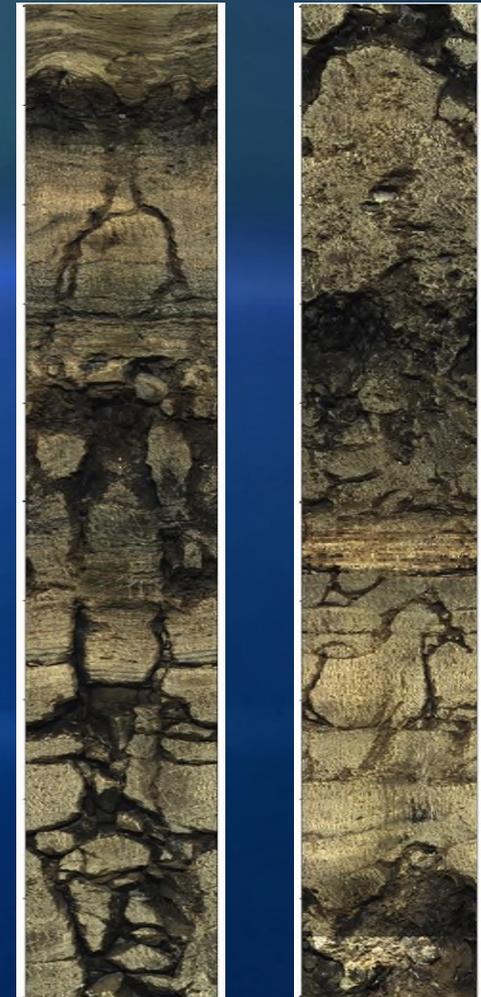
Modeling Setup

- Utilizing WellDAD (RockWare software)
- Raw OBI data – C-38N, C-38S, L-63N, C-59, L-63S
- Raw geophysical log (.las) files and Video Logs - C-38N, C-38S, L-63N, C-59, L-63S
- E. Richardson data
- Lineament study data
- Stantec, SFWMD, and USGS cross-sections
- Seismic Attribute Processing for Fracture Mapping (both 2D and 3D)

Modeling Goals

- Identify Regional and Local Fracture Trends
Including location, apparent dip, and aperture of the fractures
- Determine General Flow and Non-Flowing Fractures
- Identify Voids vs Fractures where Possible
- Determine Preferential Groundwater Flow Direction

Fracture in APPZ



Expectations from Peer Review Panel and 2024 ASR Science Plan (Version 2.0) Next Steps

- Each panelist to prepare a memorandum – August 12th
- Chair to compile memos into the 2024 Peer Review Panel Report – September 9th
- SFWMD/USACE to revise the Draft 2024 ASR Science Plan Report – September 23rd
- Reconvene with the Peer Review Panel – late September
- Release Draft Report for 30-day public review – early-October
- Finalize Comment/Response Matrix and release Final 2024 ASR Science Plan in November-December 2024

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Ecological Studies: Periphytometer and Plate retrieved from C385 site

L63N Drilling Site

C59 Continuous Core Material, 1820-1830 feet below land surface

Aquifer Pump Test at C385

USACE ERDC Membrane Pilot Test

C385 Drill Site for Test Wells



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