

Quantitative Assessments of Subsurface Energy Transition Opportunities in Nova Scotia

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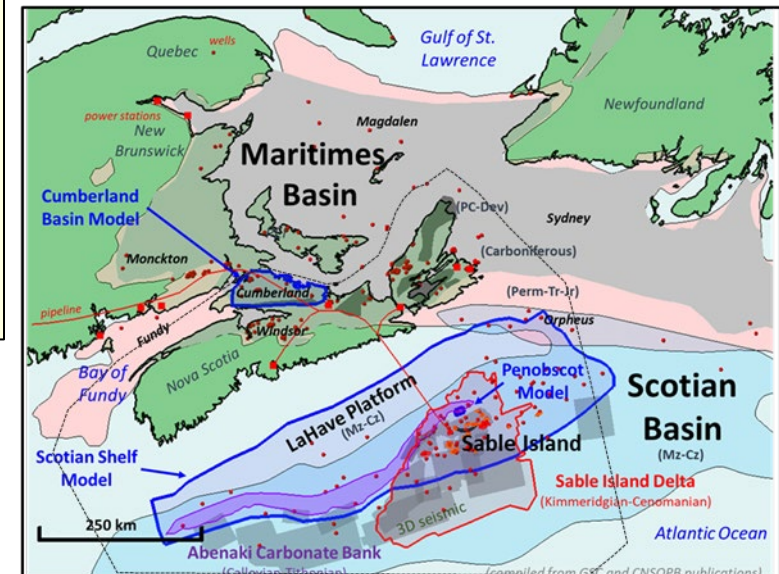
IPCC Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage (2005).

8,000-55,000 Gt capacity in deep saline aquifers (IEA, 2021) ~ 923 Gt capacity in depleted hydrocarbon fields (GCCSI, 2009)

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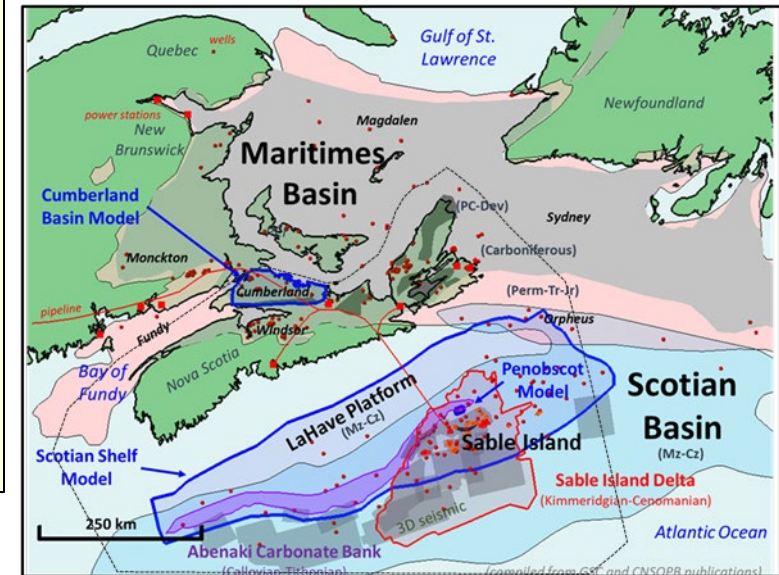
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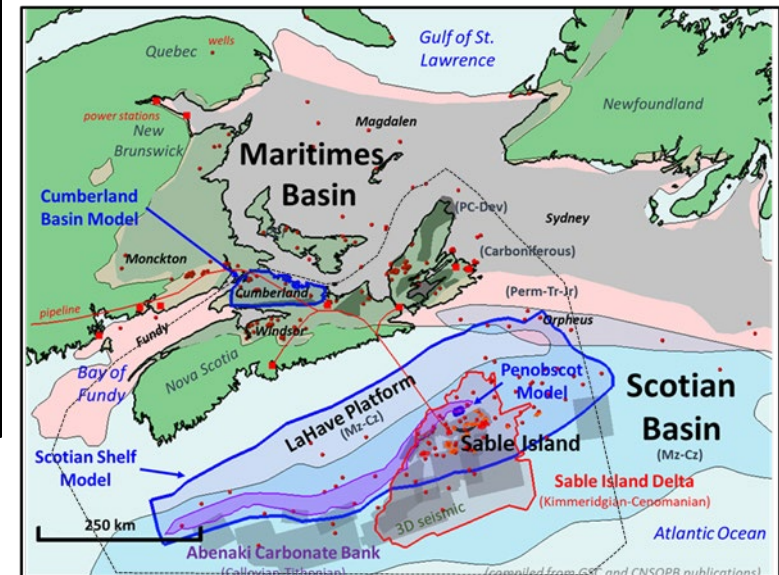
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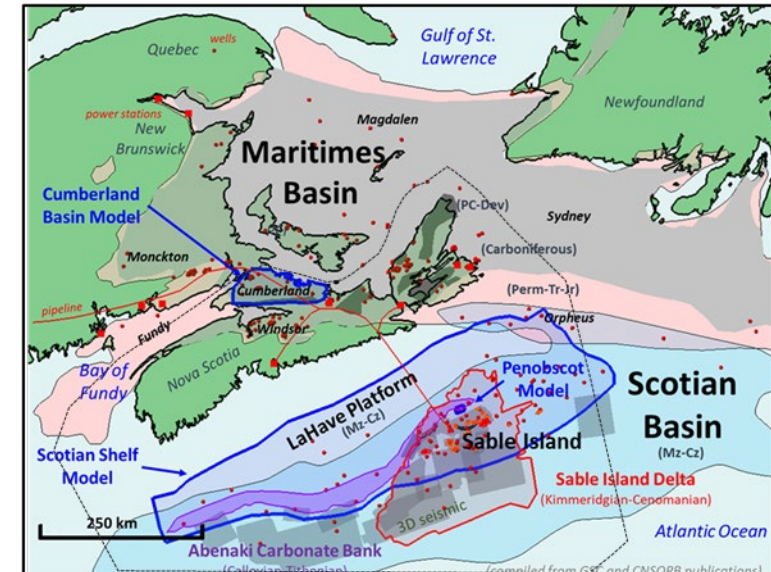
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3. Compressed Air & Hydrogen Storage in Salt Caverns

- **CUMBERLAND BASIN: Outstanding opportunities load balancing wind power**
- **SCOTIAN SHELF: Significant potential – as part of “Mega-wind” Project**
 - CAES = Compressed Air Energy Storage; UHS = Underground Hydrogen Storage



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- **Where are we operationally?**
- **What are our best opportunities?**
- **Where are we technically?**
- **What's needed?**
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Systematic Progressive Studies:

Conceptual → Qualitative → Quantitative → Economic → Policy & Regs → Commercial

Play & Prospect Inventory:

Play → Lead → Prospect → Drillable Prospect → Success / Failure

Resource Inventory:

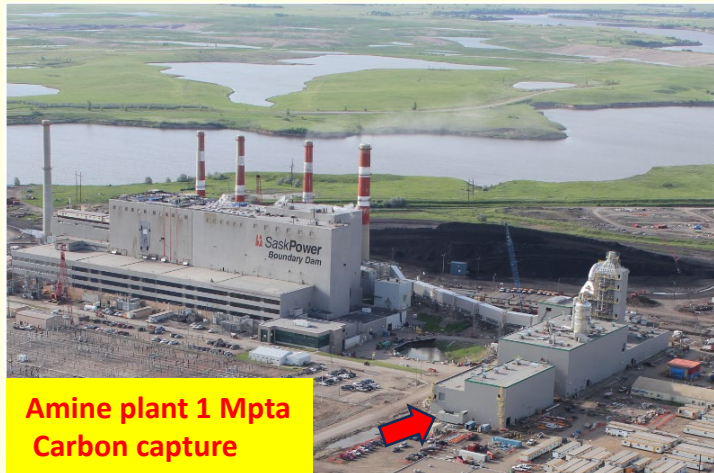
"Prospective" → "Contingent" → "Commercial" → "Stored"

High-Level View: GCS Globally & in Canada

- **Global GHG Emissions ~ 46 Gtpa* CO₂e** Canada ~672 Mtpa; NS ~14.9 Mtpa (Gov. Canada; CER, 2020)
- **Current Global CO₂ Storage 43 Mtpa** (~30,000 tonnes CO₂ & H₂S stored at Deep Panuke)
- **Need ~7.5 Gtpa storage by 2050* to meet international obligations**

- **1 Mtpa*** is the capacity of **1 world-class carbon storage well** (Sleipner, offshore Norway)
- **1 Mtpa** is also the capacity of a **major carbon capture plant** (Boundary Dam ~\$500 million)*

Boundary Dam, Saskatchewan, 750 MW



Amine plant 1 Mtpa
Carbon capture

Tuft's Cove, Halifax, 500 MW



No Amine plant

- * 10⁹ tonnes per annum
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- * MIT factsheet, 2016
- * GCCSI, 2022
- * IEA / GCCSI, 2023

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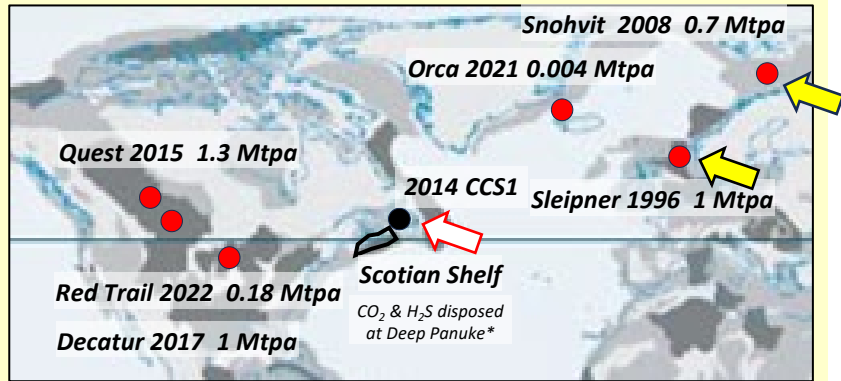
- **7.5 Gtpa would require ~ 15,000 wells worldwide at ~0.5 Mtpa per well**
- **Pro-rated: ~220 wells in Canada (5 in Nova Scotia).**
 - **Capture & Storage would be expensive: ~\$110 Billion capture. ~120 Billion infrastructure & wells.**
 - **Revenues could be higher ~ \$420 Billion – at \$125 per tonne for 30 years (Carbon Price C\$170 in 2030)**
 - **Canada used 42.5 billion litres of gasoline in 2022**
 - 220 capture facilities at \$500m each
 - 220 wells at \$50m each
 - \$10 billion infrastructure every 20 wells

	2020	Storage	Storage	Rate	Wells	CAPEX						CAPEX	Revenue
	Emissions	7.6/46		per well		Capture		Wells		Infrastructure		Total	30y - \$125/t
	Mtpa		Mtpa	Mtpa		\$B / Mtpa	\$ Billion	\$m/well	\$ Billion	\$B/20wells	\$ Billion		\$ Billion
Canada	672	0.165	111	0.5	222	0.5	111	50	11	10	111	233	416
Nova Scotia	15	0.165	2.5	0.5	5	0.5	3	50	0	10	3	5	9

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- 30 CCS plants worldwide (43 Mtpa¹)
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*estimated 50,000 tonnes CO₂ stored

DPA: 0.18% of produced gas is H₂S

DPA: 3.44% is CO₂ (but <3% is sales spec.)

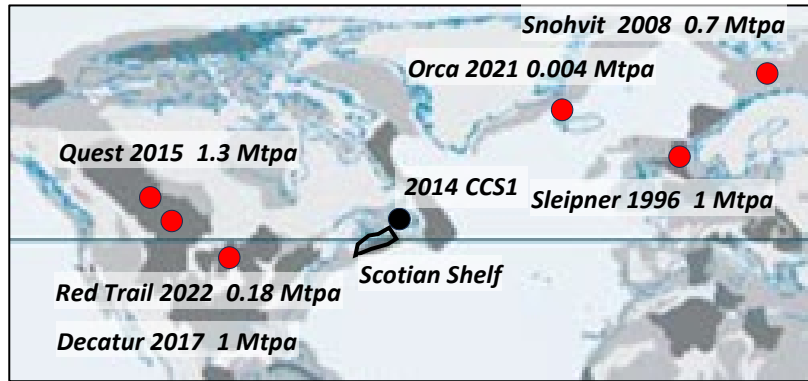
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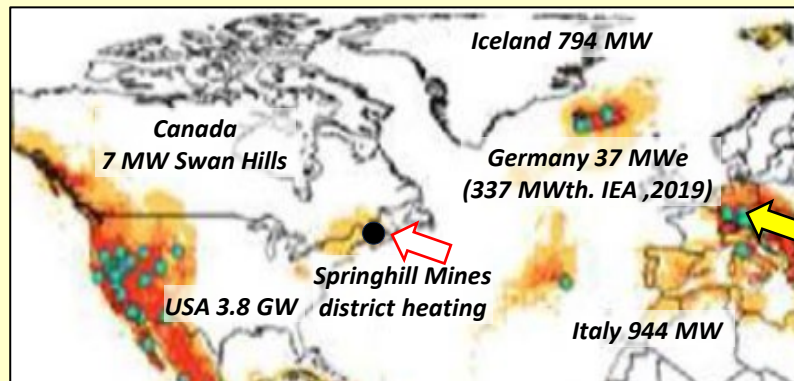


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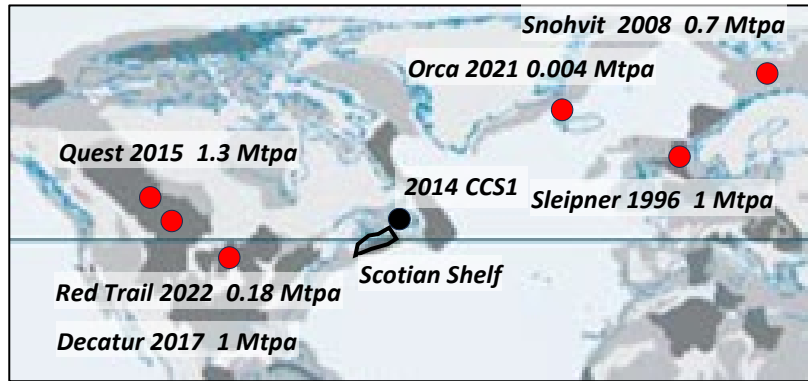
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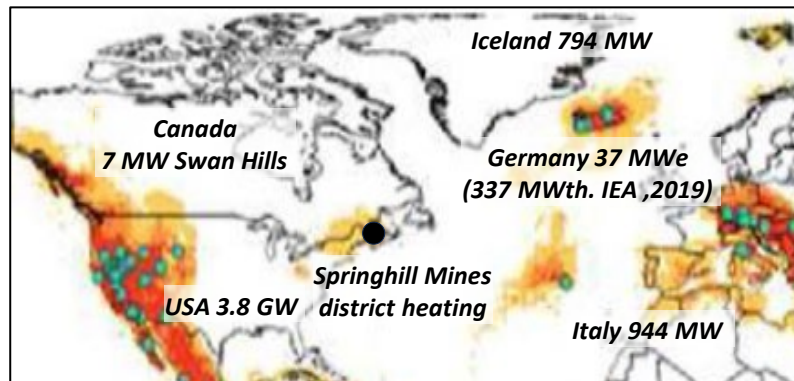


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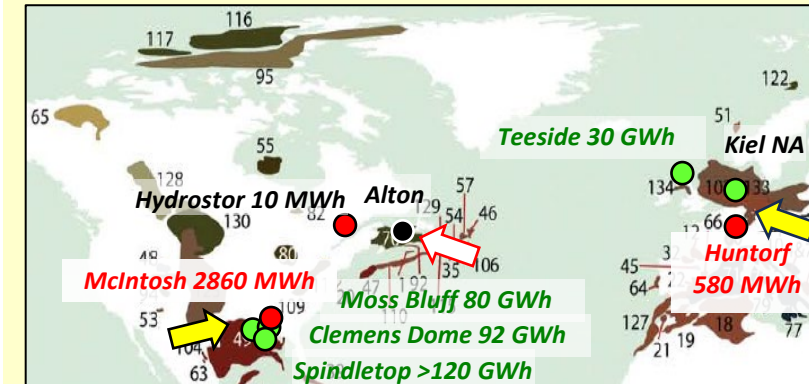


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Salt Storage

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 - Alton CH4 storage (community objections)
- 2 large-scale analogues for compressed air and 5 hydrogen in Europe & USA Gulf Coast:
 - UHS much larger energy storage capacity than CAES



CAES & UHS Energy Storage in Salt Caverns
Halite-entraining Basins (Warren, 2010)

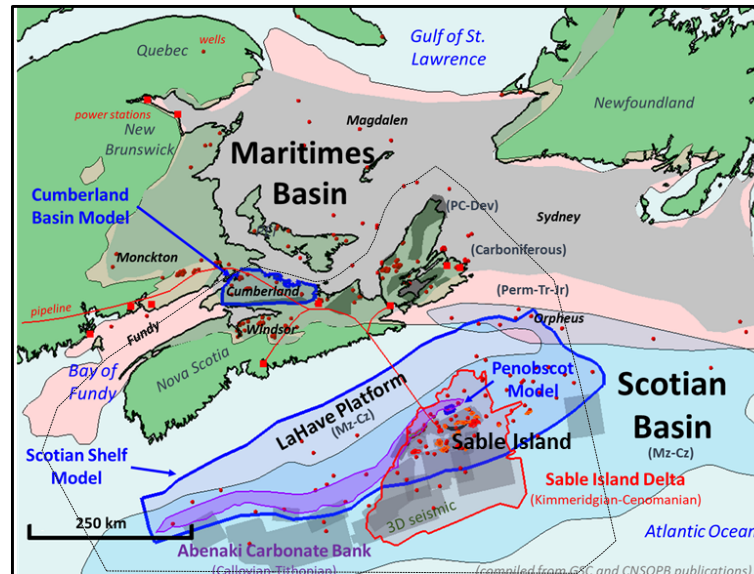
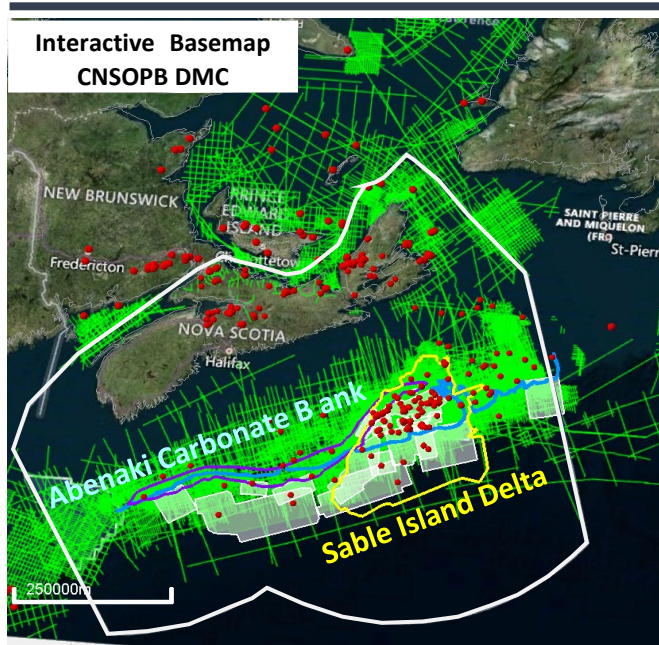
- 2 major CAES salt plants worldwide (3.4 GWh)³
- Plus Hydrostor in Ontario (10 MWh)³
- 4 UHS salt plants worldwide (>202 GWh).⁵
- + 3 in aquifers, + 2 in depleted gas reservoirs⁵
- ~750 Total Underground Storage facilities (2017⁶)
- 104 salt caverns, 75 aquifers. 492 depleted fields

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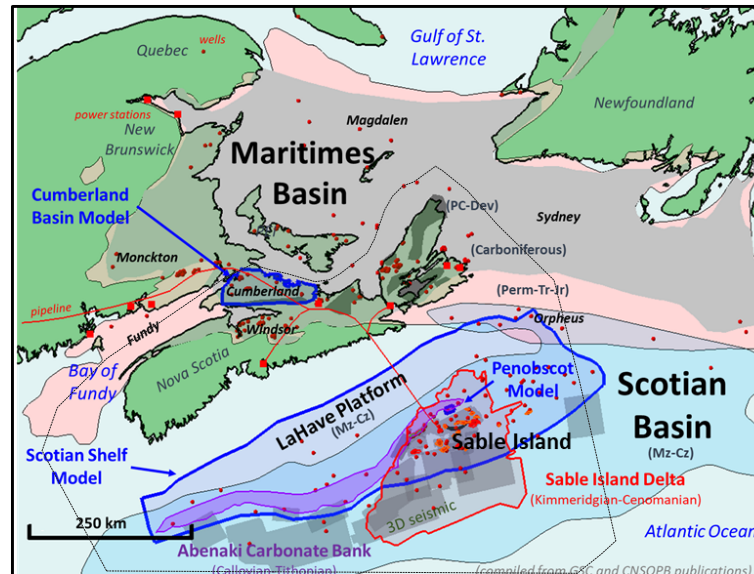
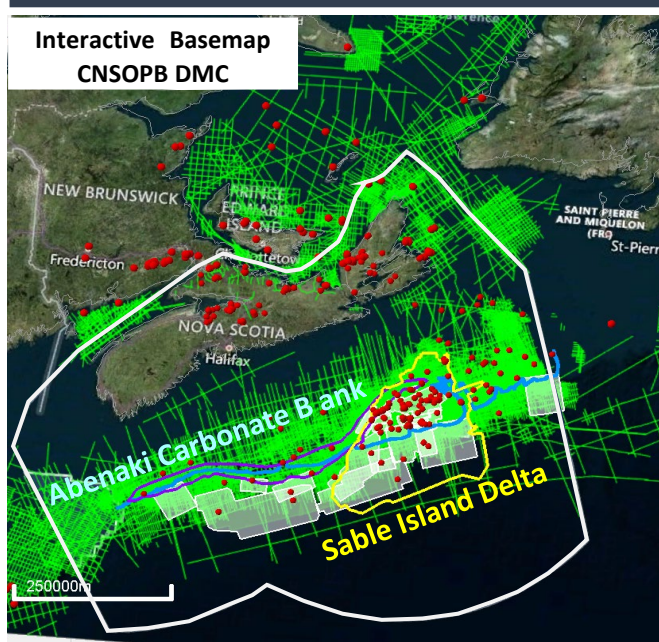
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- 26 HC fields, seeps, salt mines, coal mines
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Excellent legacy studies and modern studies

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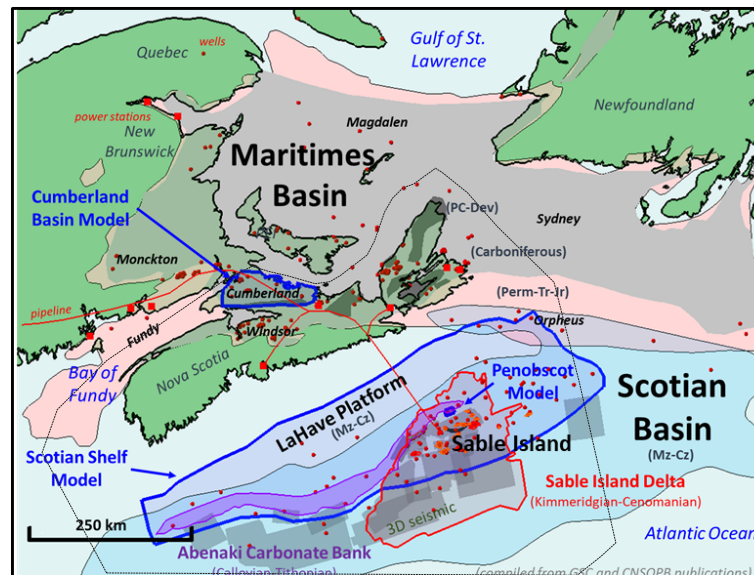
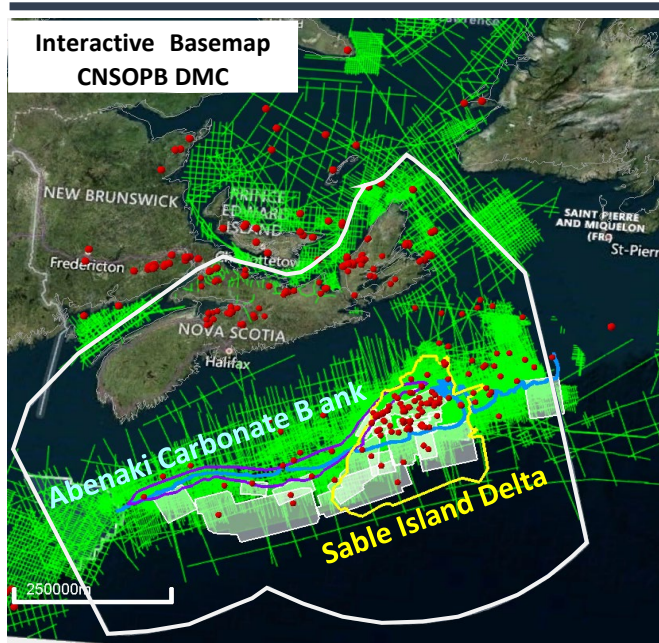
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Key Online Data Bases

- CNSOPB Data Management Centre
- GSC BASIN DATA BASE
- Rock Quality Maritimes Basin: GSC Bibby & Shimeld, 2000
- Rock Quality Scotian Basin: Beicip PFAs 2011, 16,17,23

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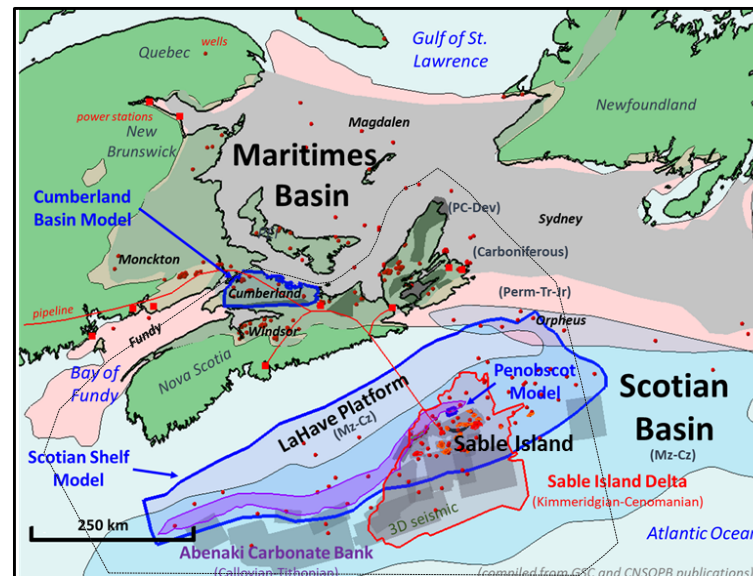
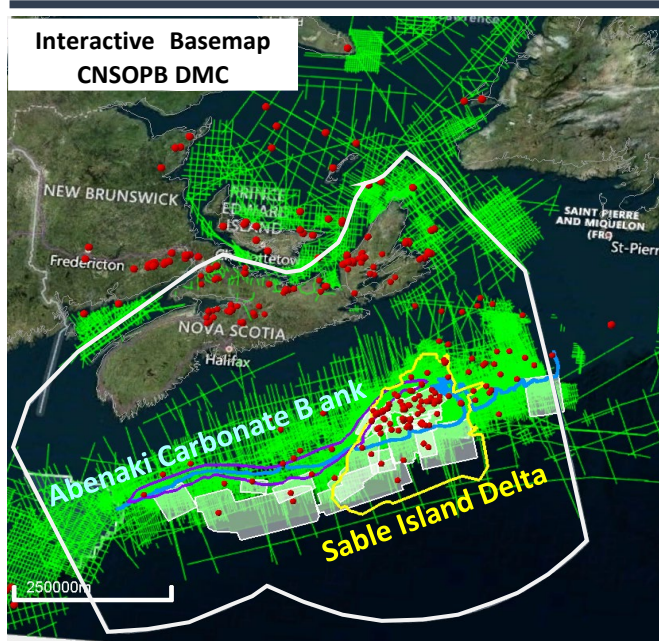
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- **Carbon Storage Studies: mostly Qualitative**
 - Bachu, 2003, IPCC, 2005; Wach et al, 2010, GSC 2023,
 - **Exceptions: dynamic modeling pre-CCS1 & O'Connor, 2019; 2021 DNRR, Dal., EAGE static models**
- **Geothermal Studies: mostly Quantitative**
 - Grasby et al, 2012; INRS, 2020; Dunskey 2023 (GSHP)
- **Onshore Salt:** Bohner, 1986;
- **Offshore Salt:** CNSOPB SCOPE & PFAs
- **Load-balancing idea:** Dusseault & Wach (2020)
- **Maritimes Basin:**
 - e.g., Gibling et al, 2019. 2016 Sydney Basin PFA
 - DNRR well & seismic schedules, geol. mapping
- **Magdalen Basin:**
 - e.g., GSC (Atkinson et al), 2023
- **Sydney Basin:**
 - e.g., OERA Beicip-Franlab PFA, 2016
- **Fundy Basin:**
 - e.g., Wade et al, 1996
- **Cumberland Basin:**
 - e.g., Waldron et al, 2005 & 2013
- **Scotian Basin:**
 - **Awesome 1991 GSC Atlas & 2011 Beicip-Franlab PFA**
 - **Almost all shelf exploration wells drilled before 1991**

What's Needed?



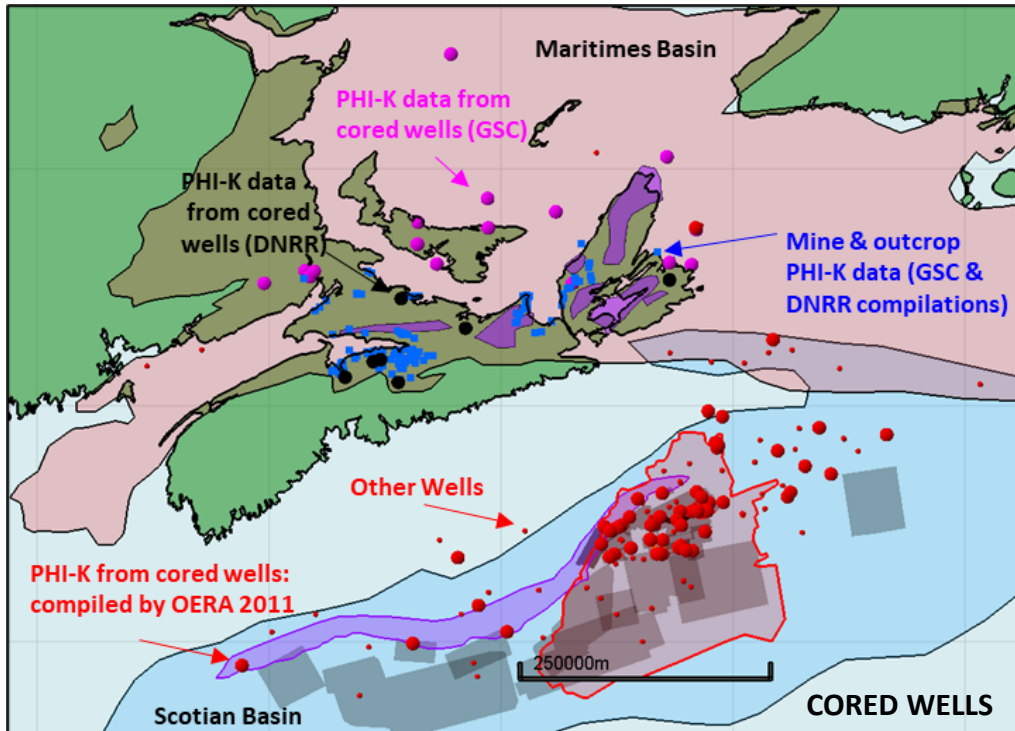
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Static & Dynamic Geocellular Models, Maps & Quantitative Assessments Energy Transition “Play Elements”

- Rock Quality: **Reservoirs / Aquifers**: effective porosity–permeability (PHI-K),
- Rock Quality: **Seals / Fractures**
- Structure
- **Temperature**
- **Pressure** (+ need pressure management regulations in addition to pore-volume regs.)

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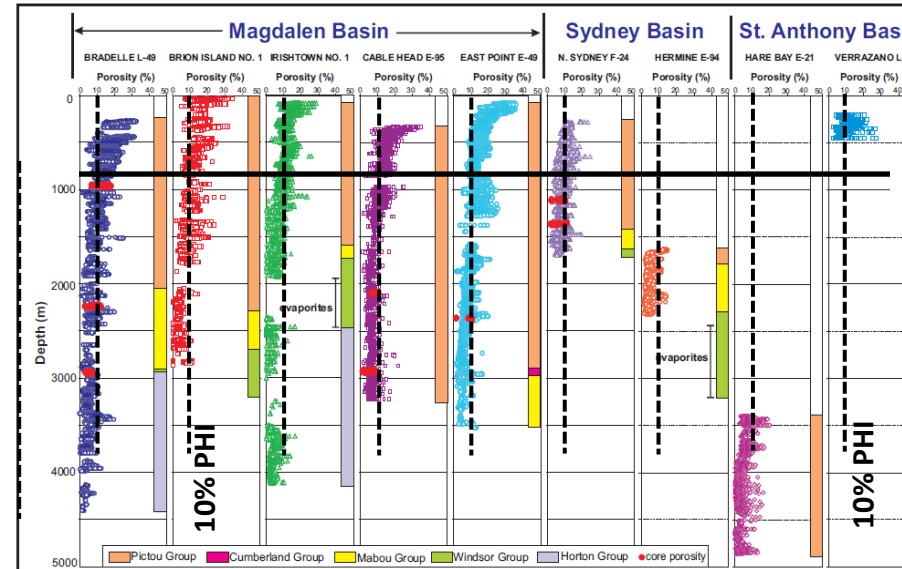
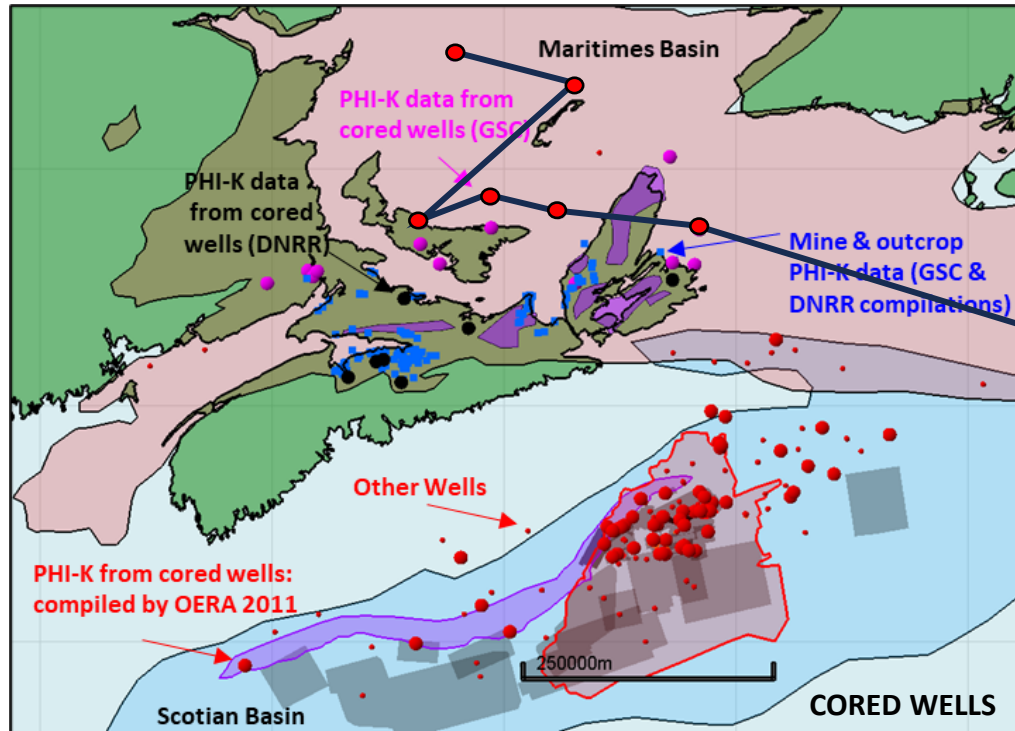


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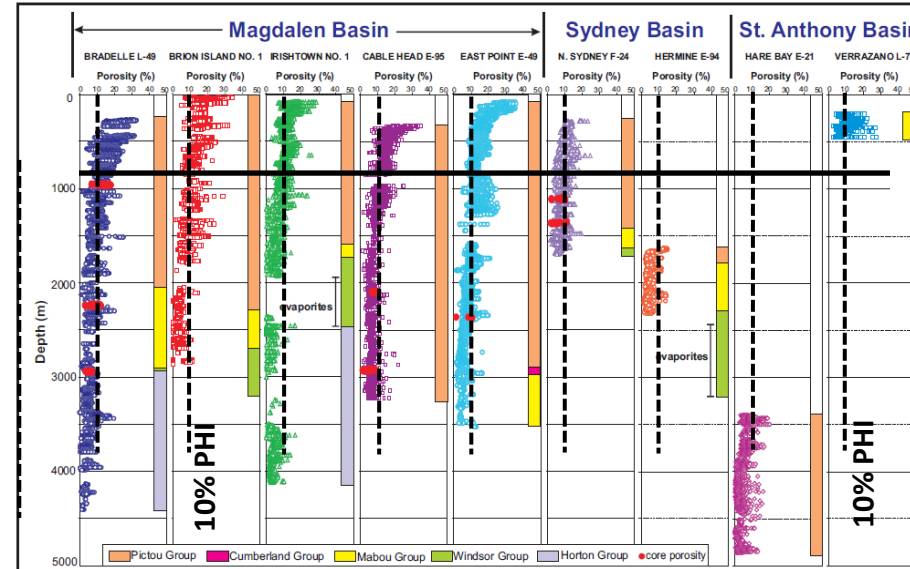
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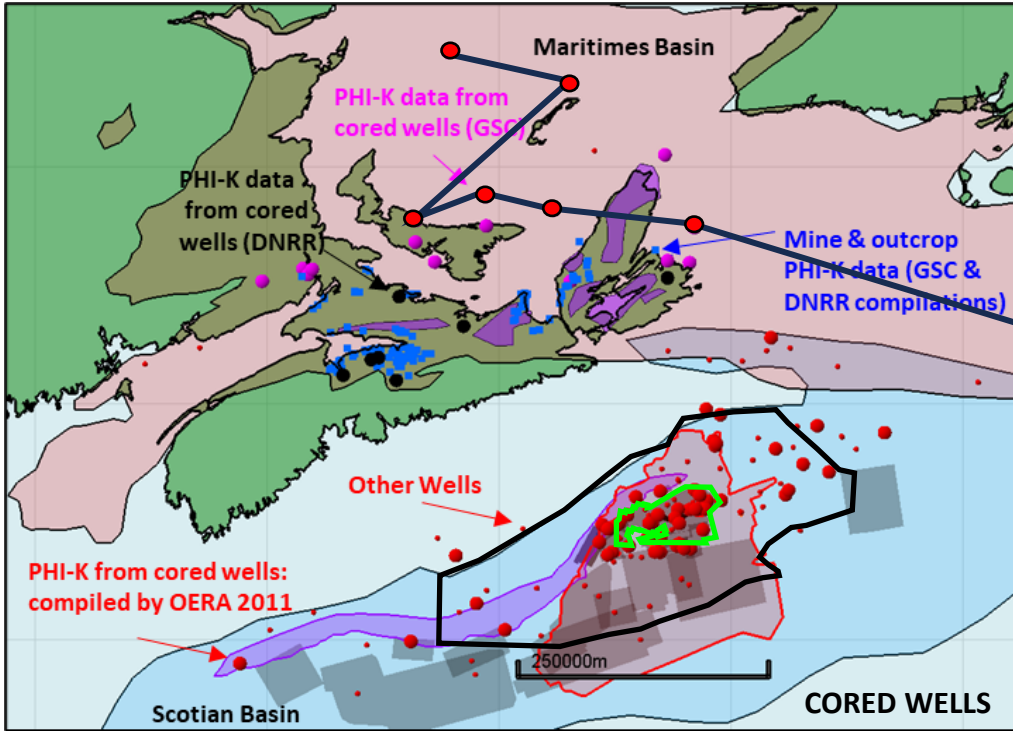
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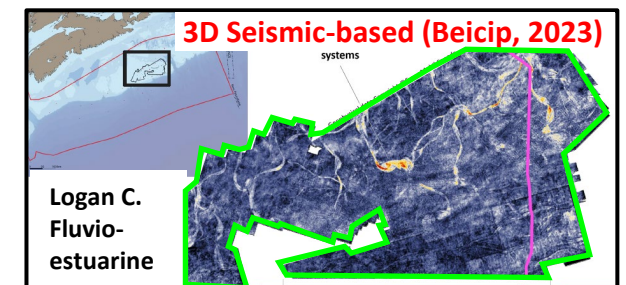
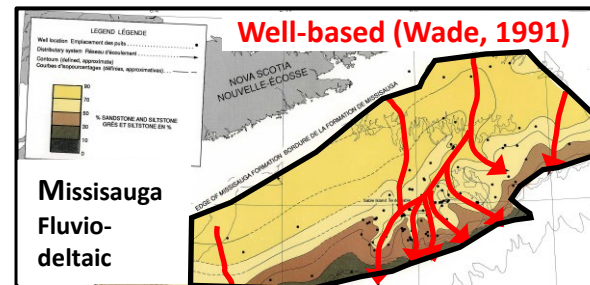


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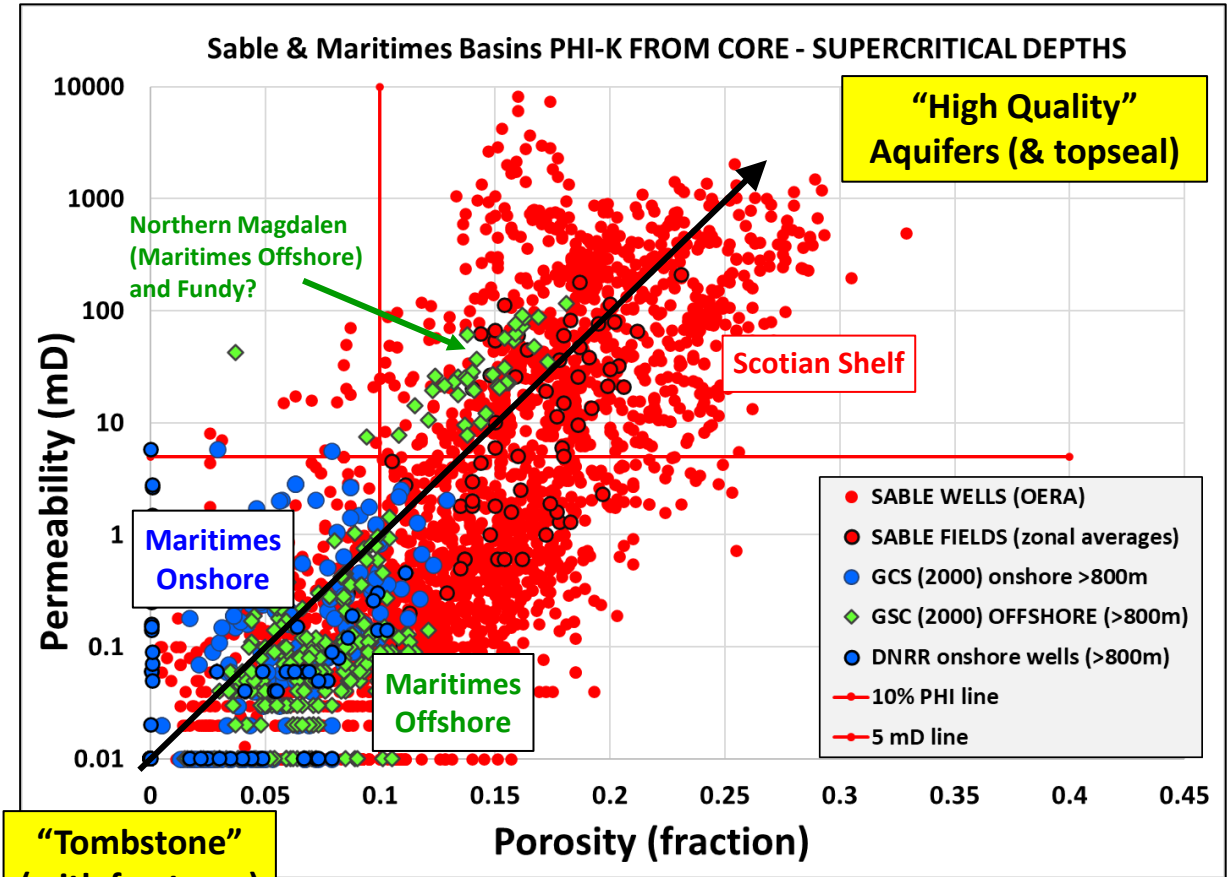
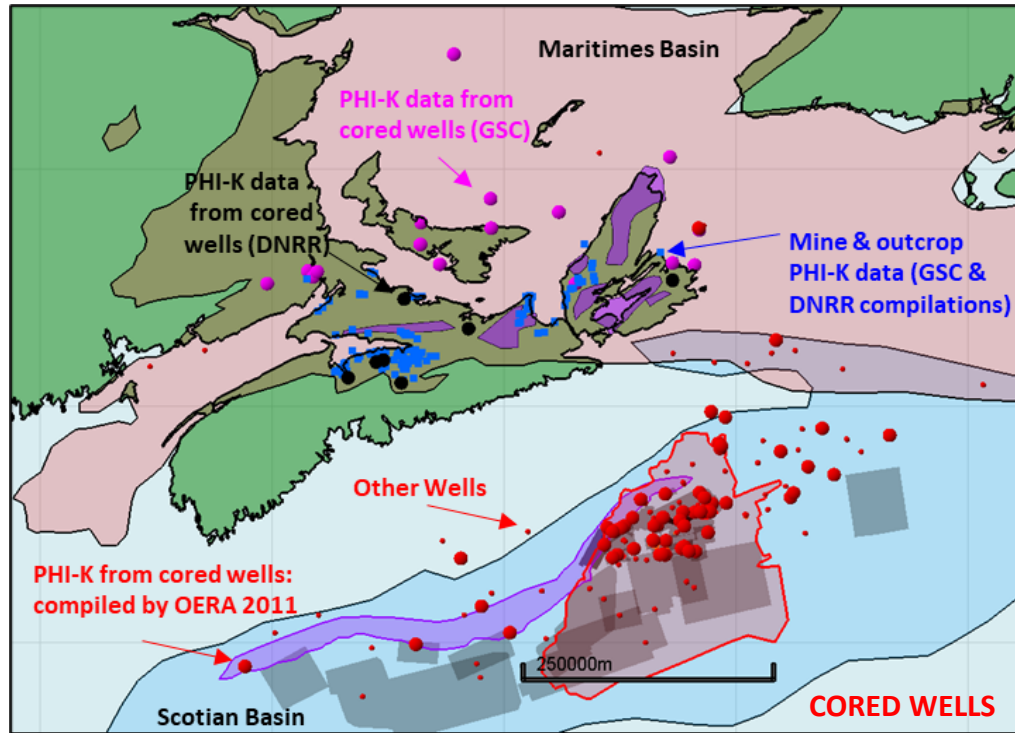
Scotian Shelf Examples: 1991 GSC Atlas & 2023 Beicip-ranaia

- Excellent regional structure & depositional patterns
- Channel systems might provide updip leakage conduits for CO₂**



Reservoirs / Aquifers (DNRR & Dalhousie) – PHI-K Data from Cores

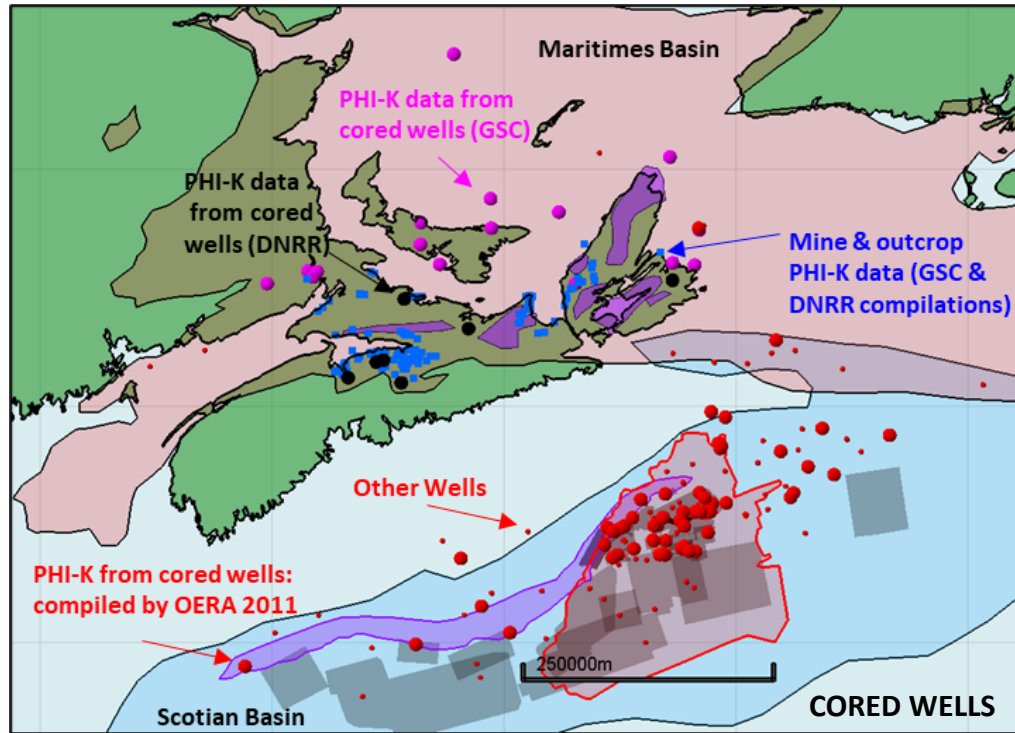
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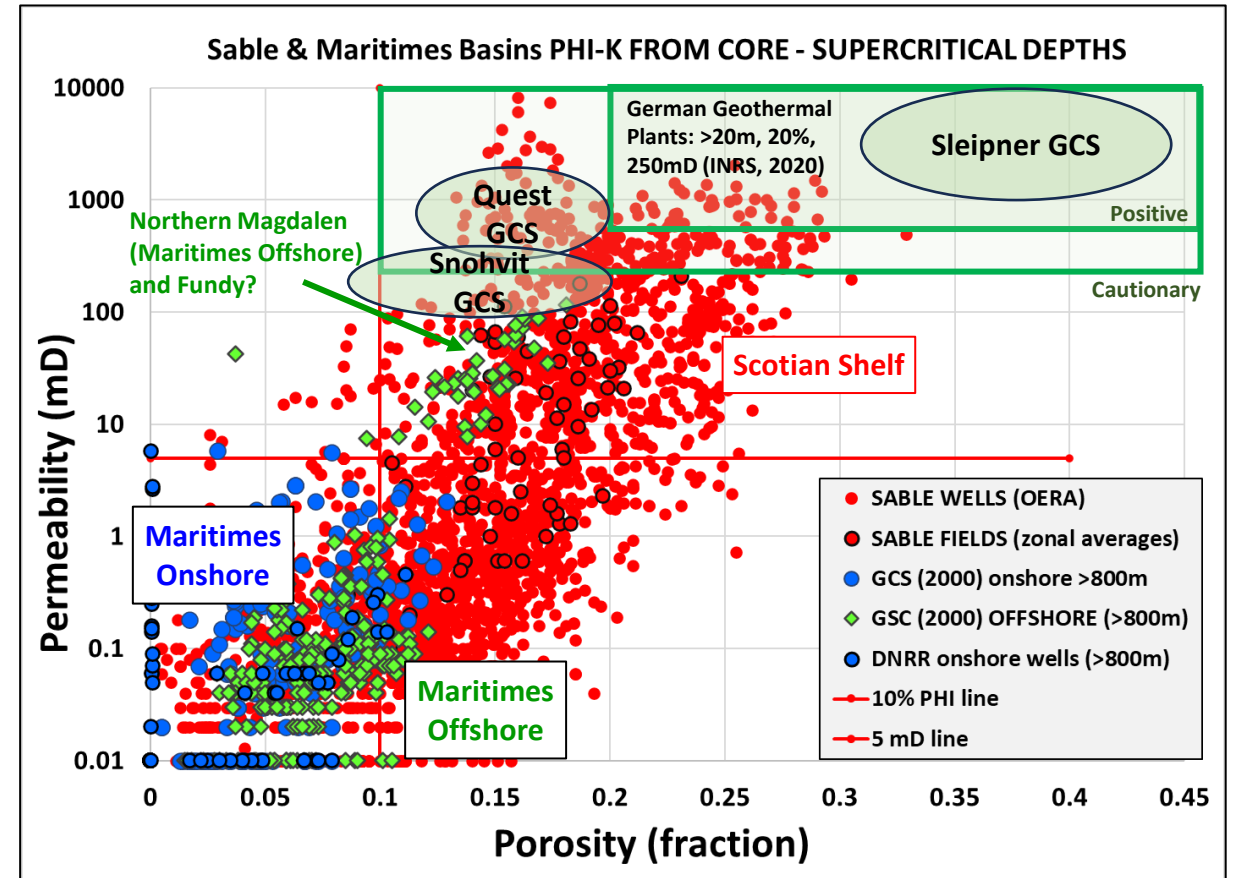


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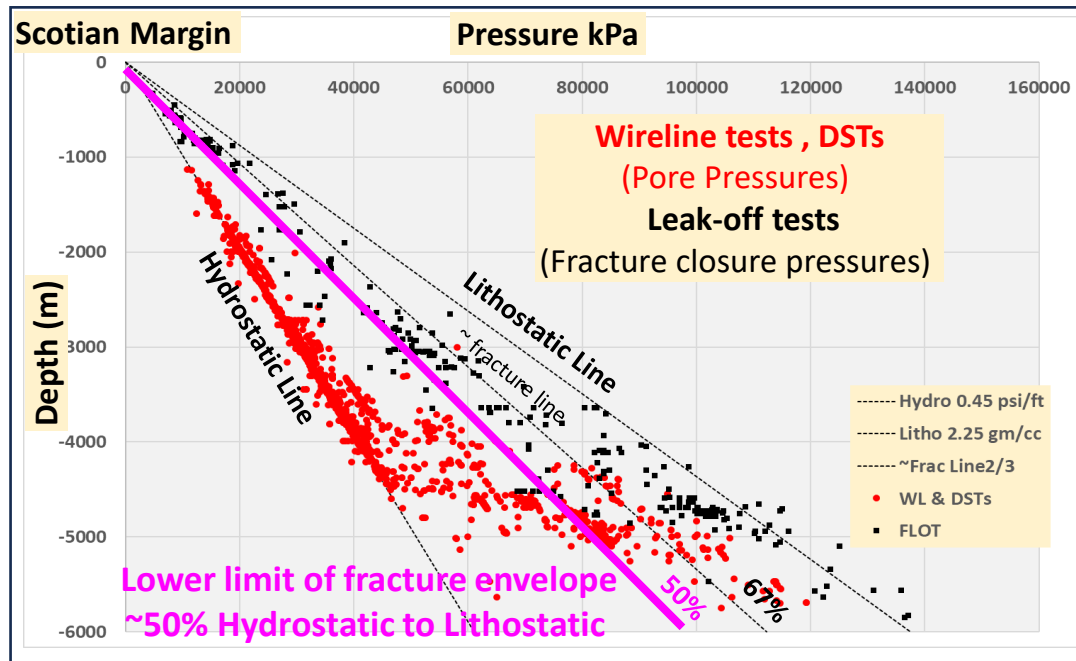
BEST PRACTICE FOR THE STORAGE OF CO₂ IN SALINE AQUIFERS

Chadwick et al, 2008. (BGS & NERC & multiple organizations)

Positive Indicators : >50m, >20% phi, > 500mD

Cautionary Indicators: <20m; <10% phi, <200mD

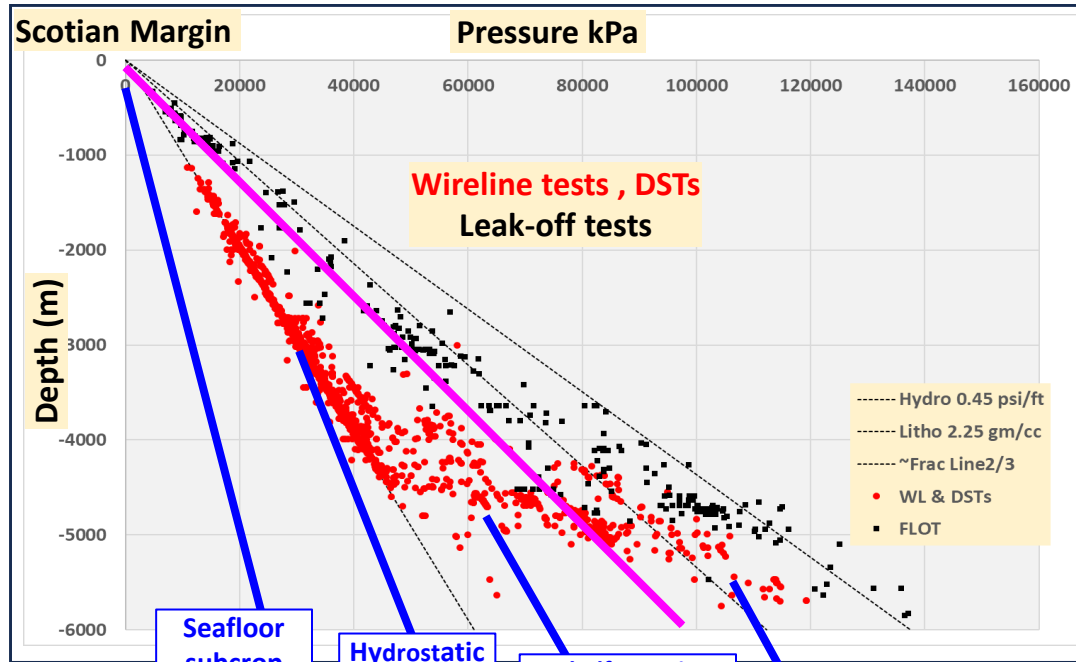
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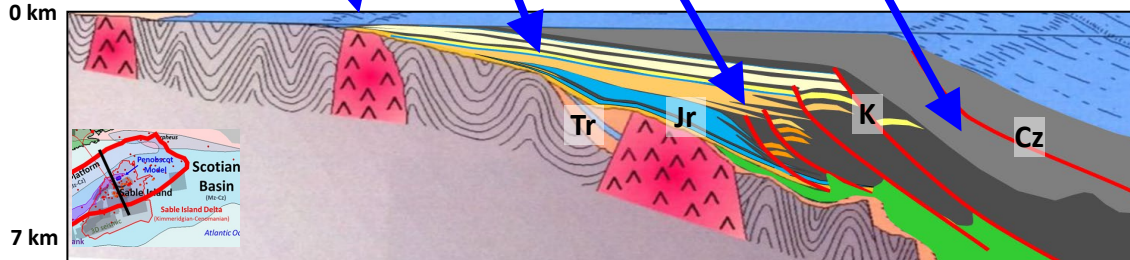
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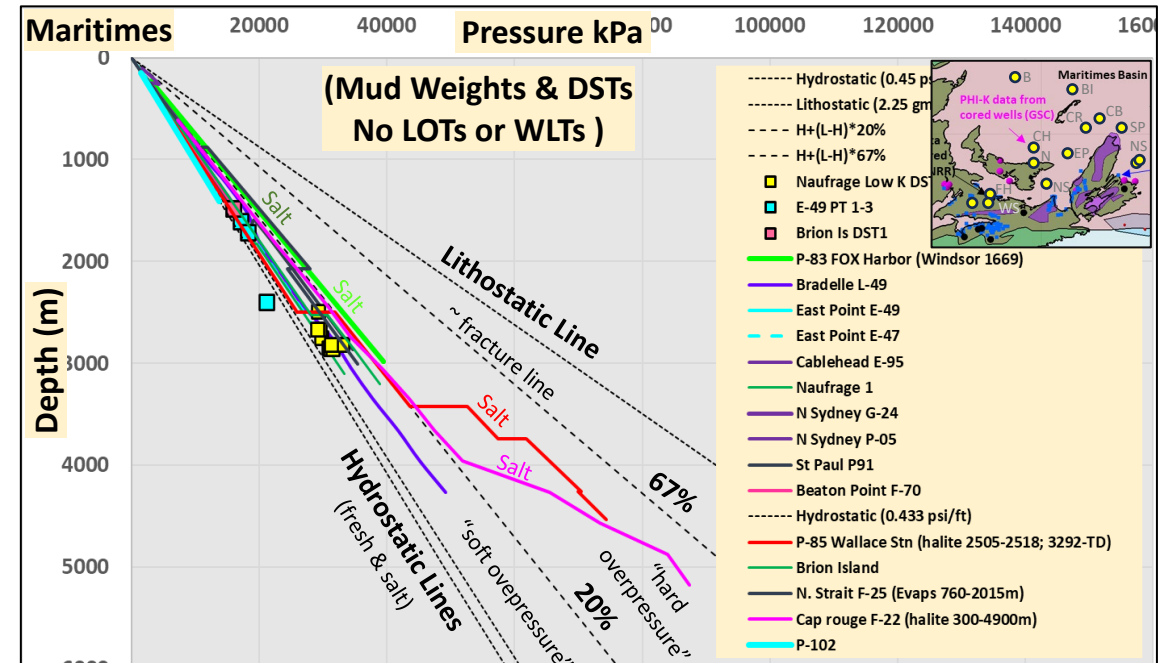
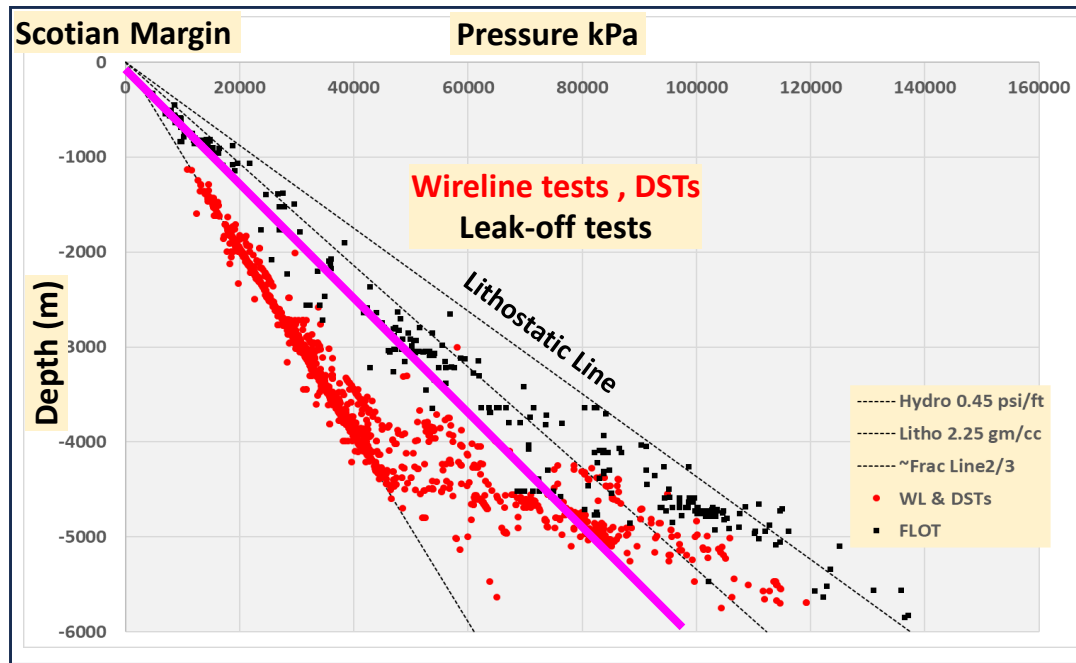
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Seafloor subcrop
Hydrostatic Shelf
Shelf-Margin Transitions (expansion trends)
Overpressured Slope HC gen. & dewatering



Pressure Data - Scotian Margin & Maritimes Basin



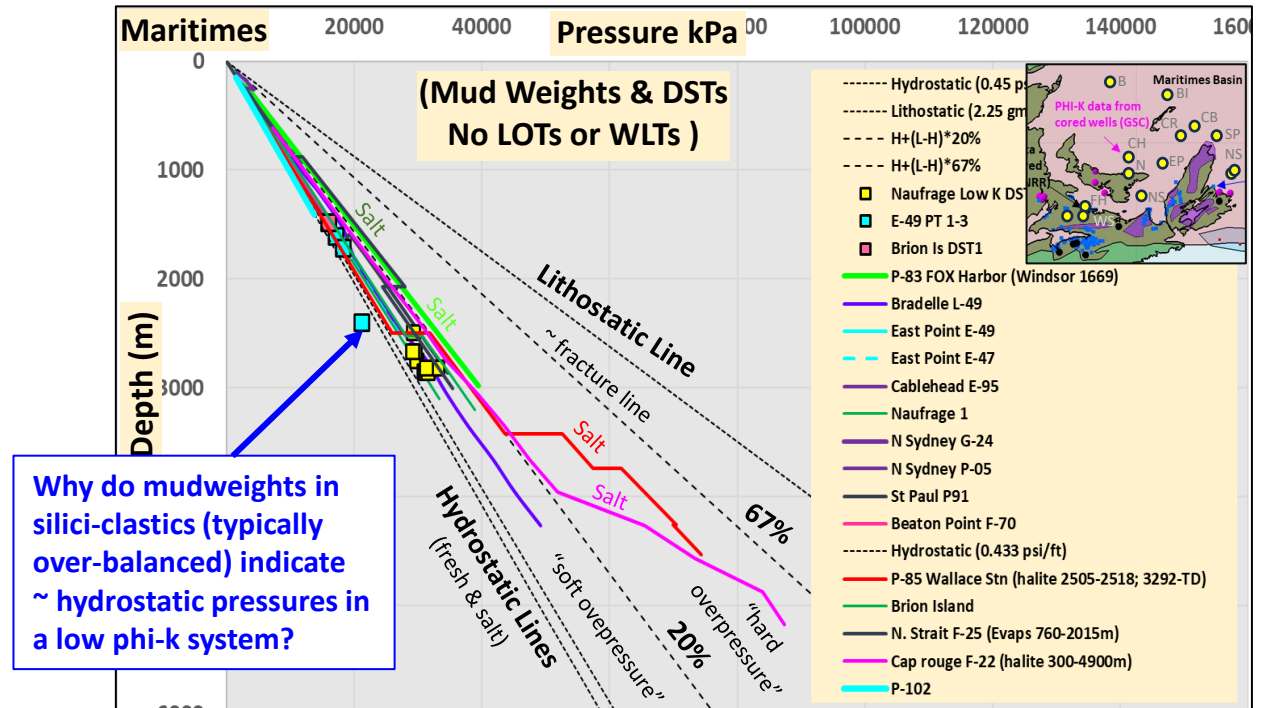
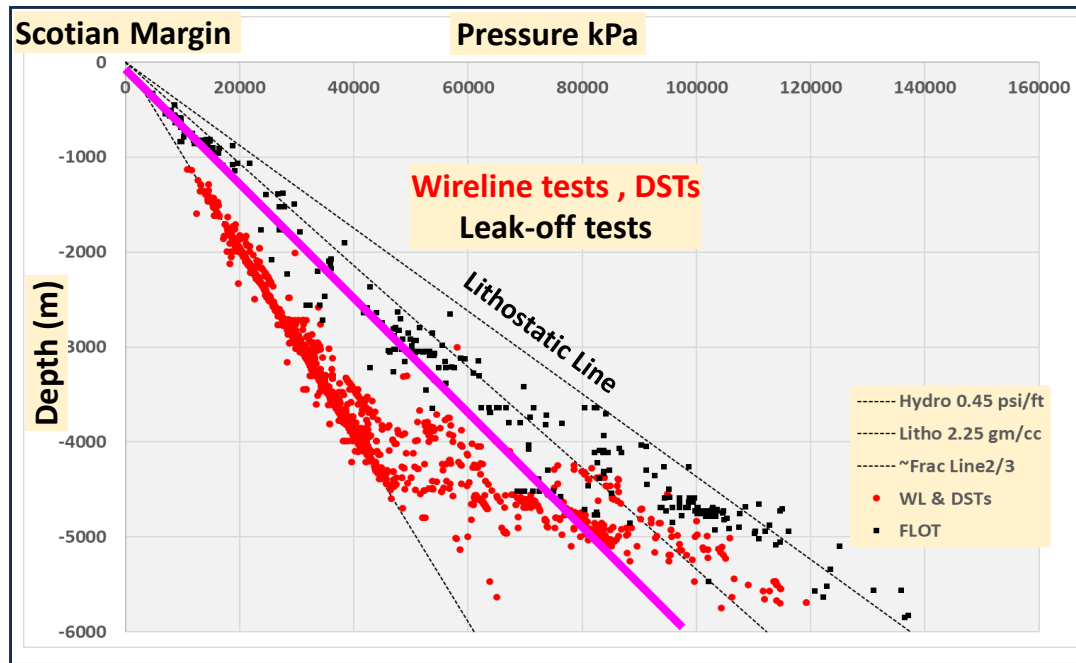
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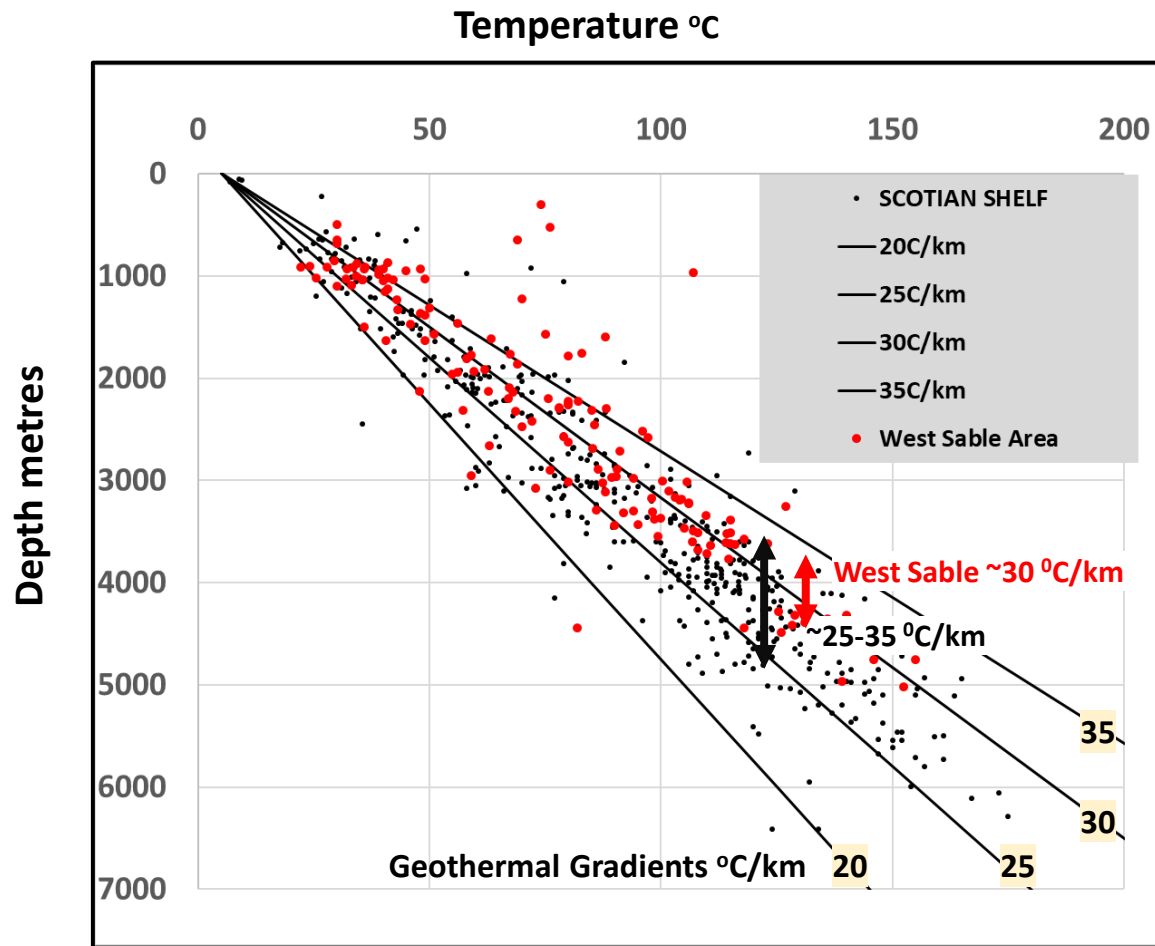
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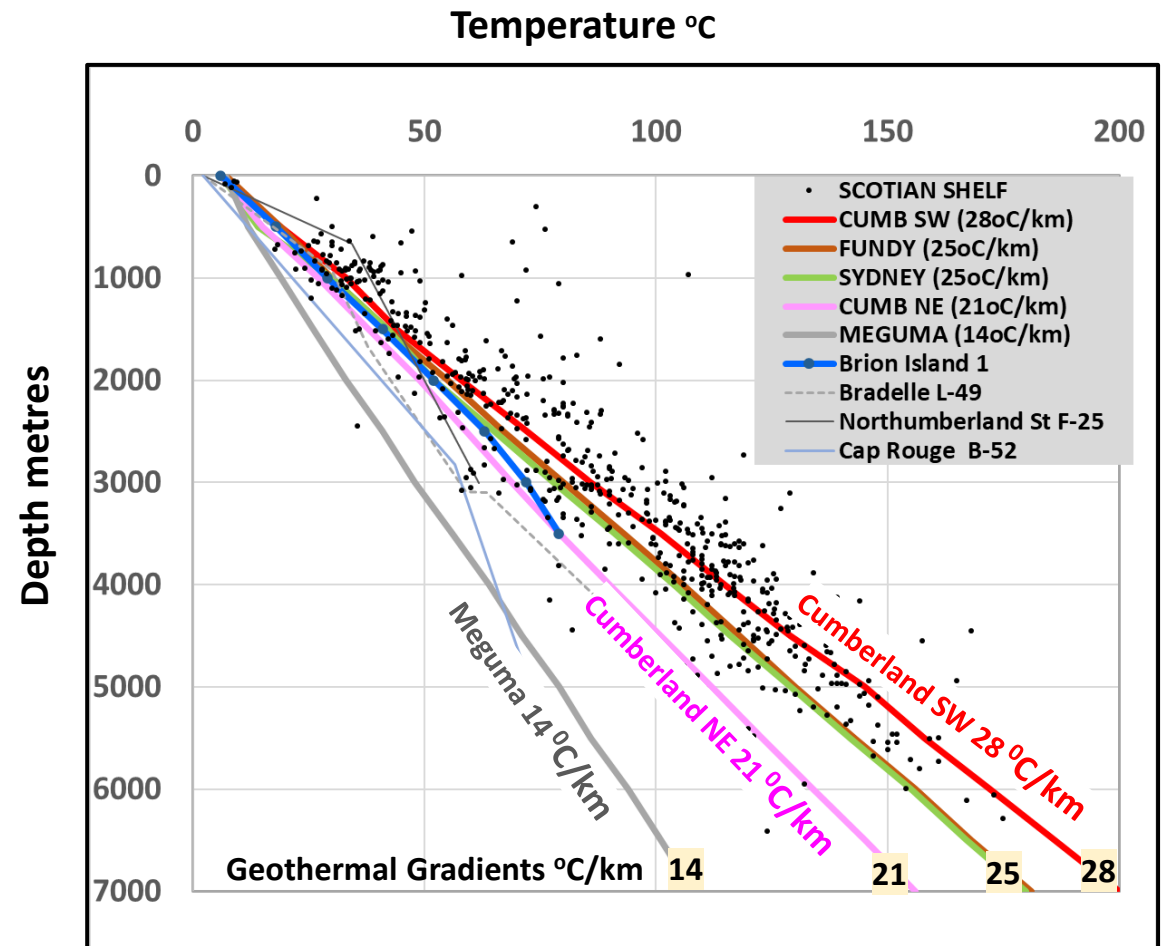
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- Long-term Darcy equilibration following structural inversion (200 m.y. +)?
- Pervasive or local open fractures?
- Trans-tensional segments in strike-slip regime – or salt-related extension
- Risk - too fractured for GCS containment?
- not enough fracturing for open-loop geothermal recharge?

Temperature Data - Scotian Shelf, Maritimes Basin and Meguma



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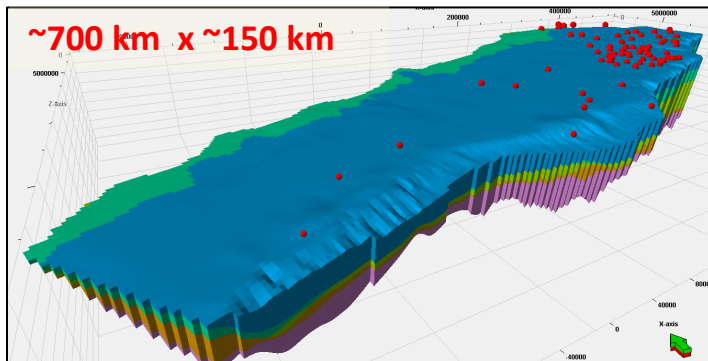
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Scotian Shelf: 3D Modeling

Scotian Shelf Model

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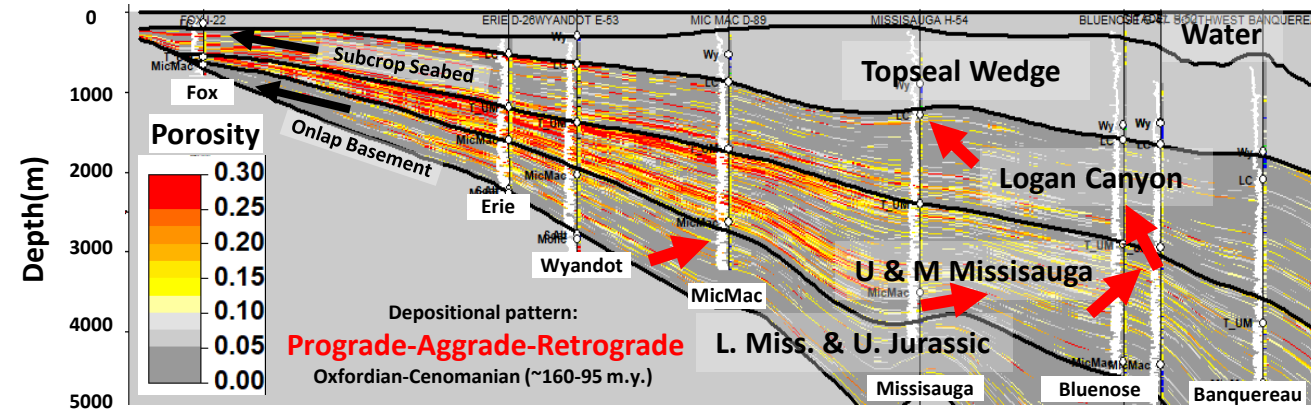
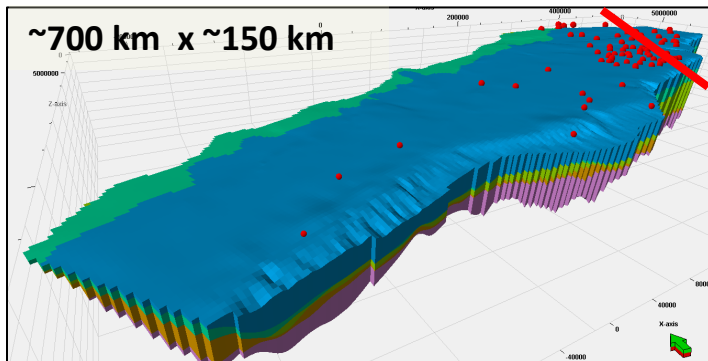
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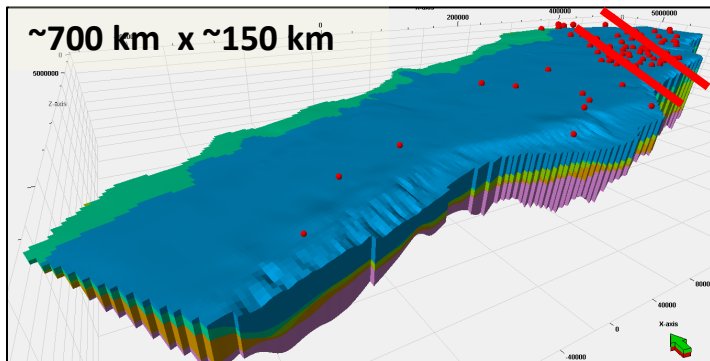
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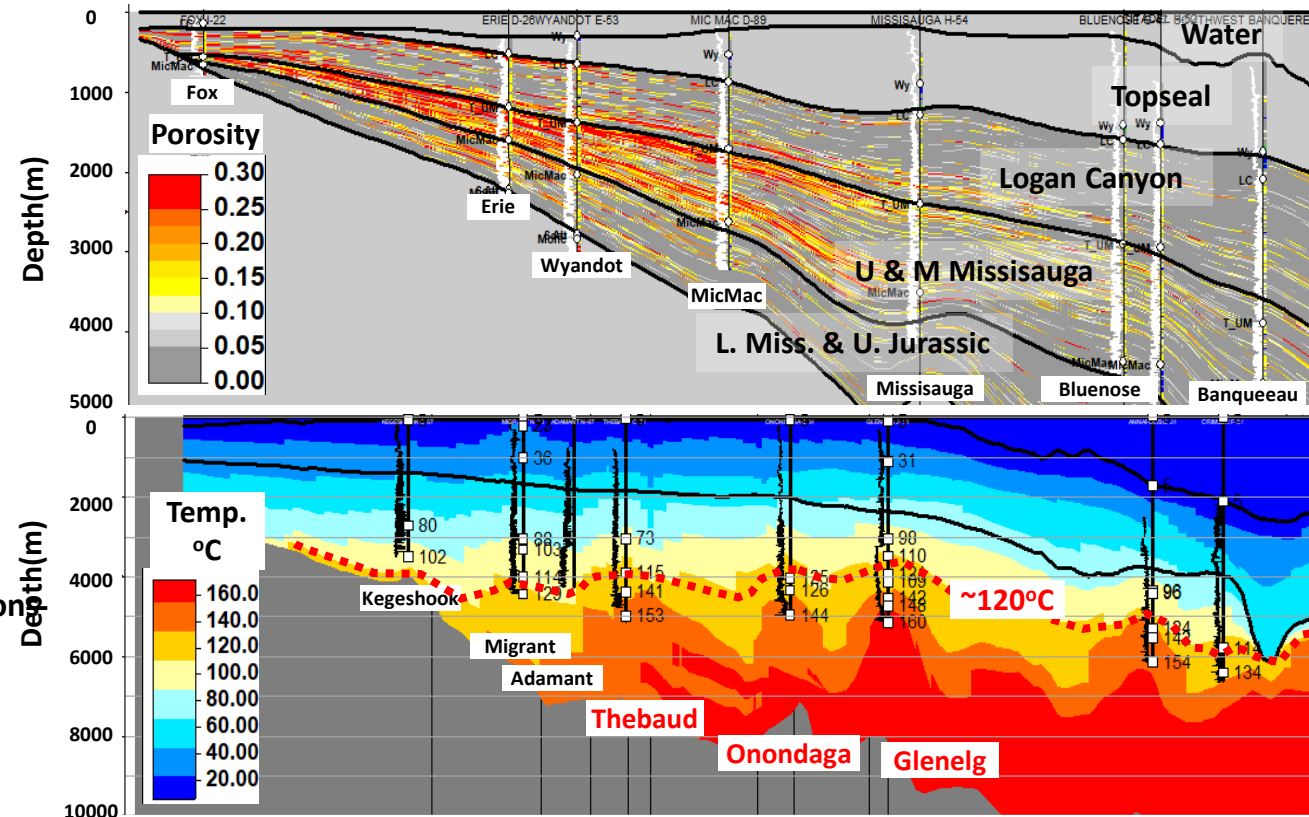
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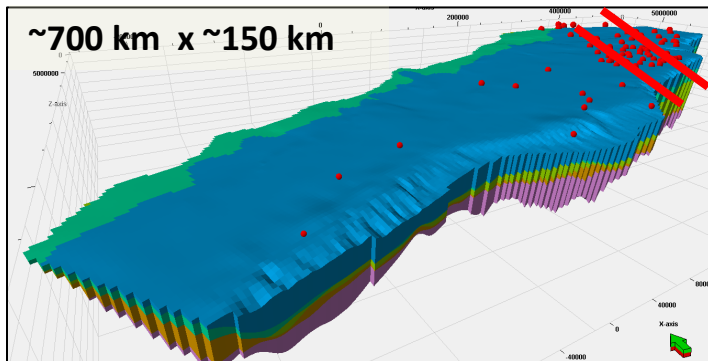
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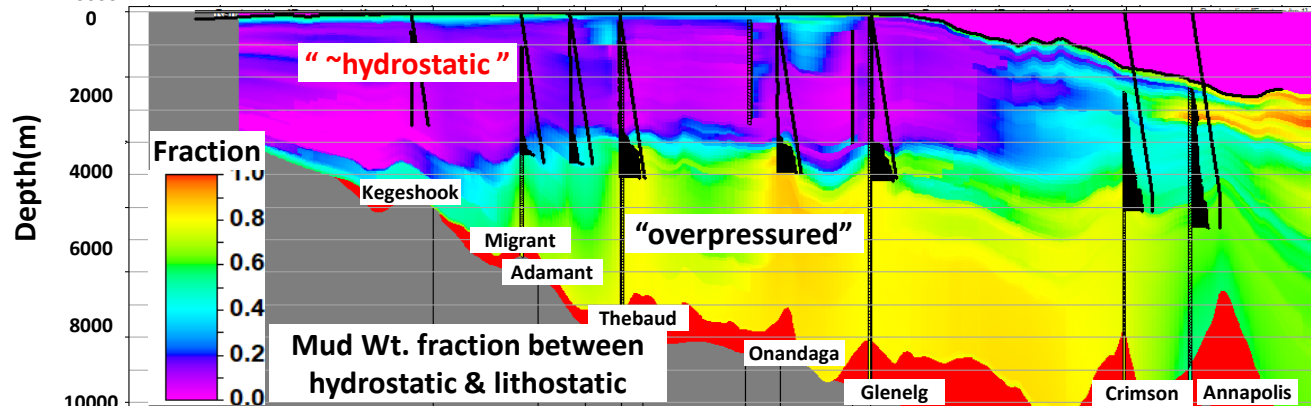
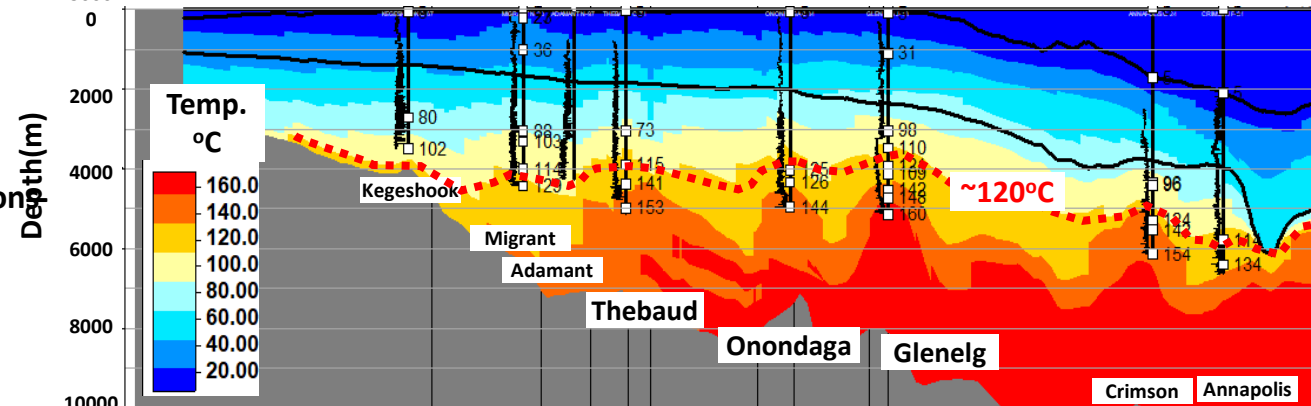
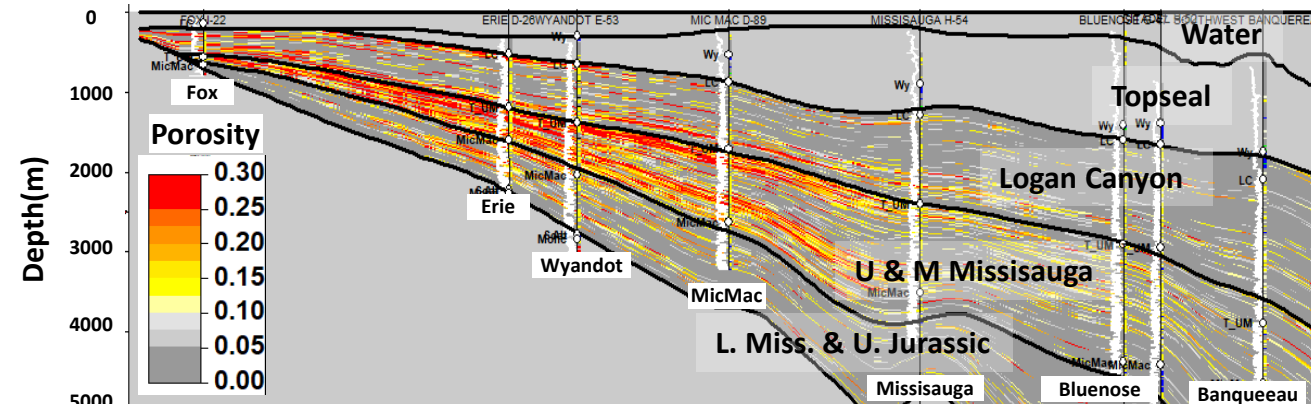
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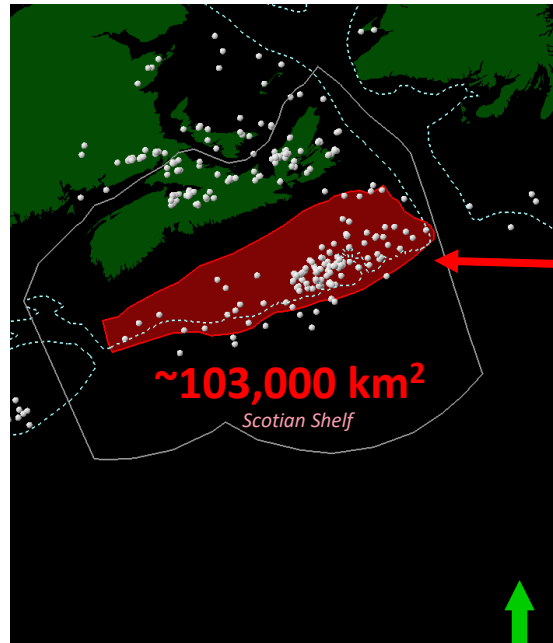
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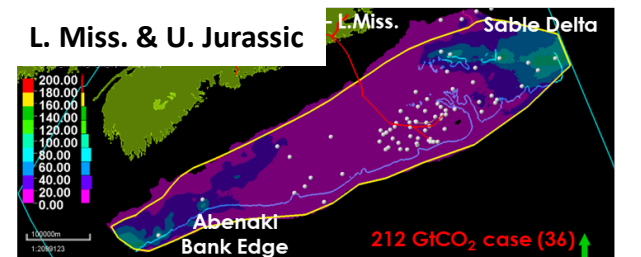
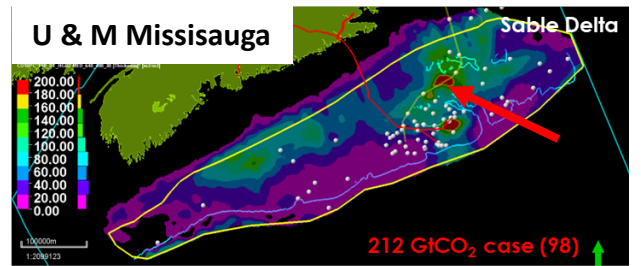
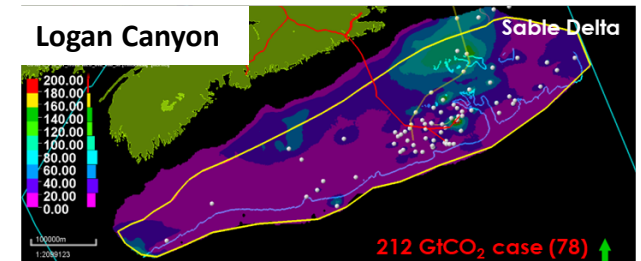
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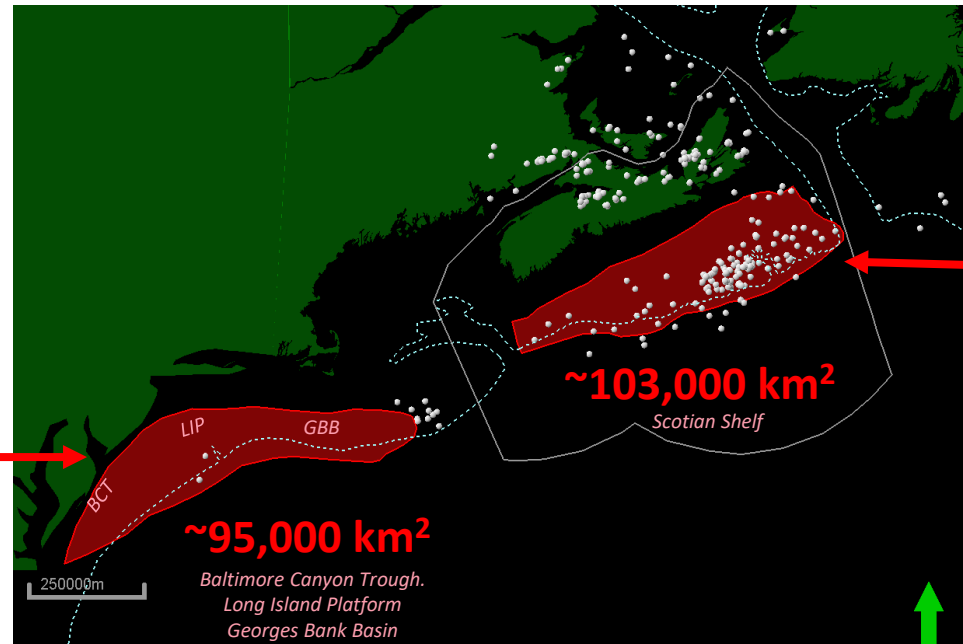
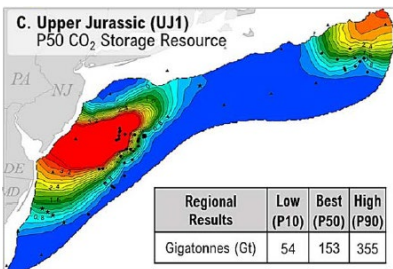
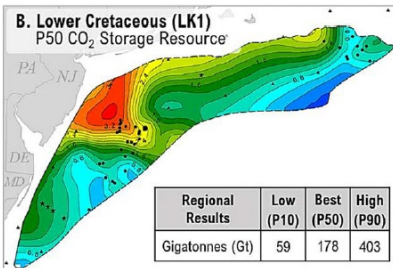
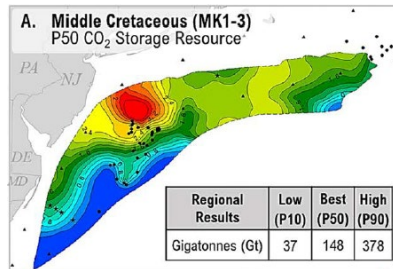
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Scotian Shelf: compared to “Doppelganger” NE USA Study

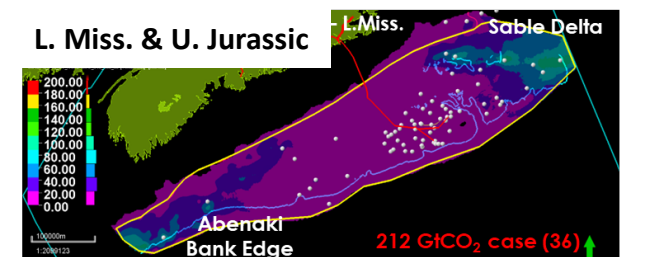
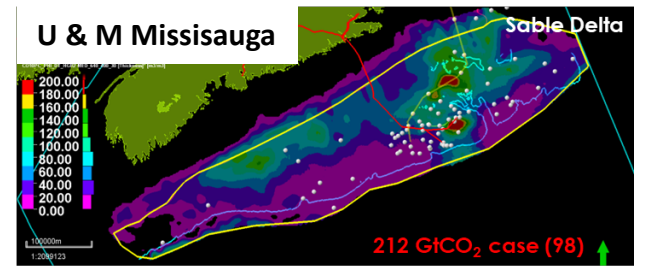
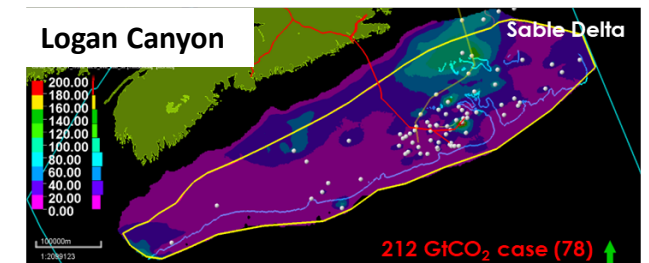
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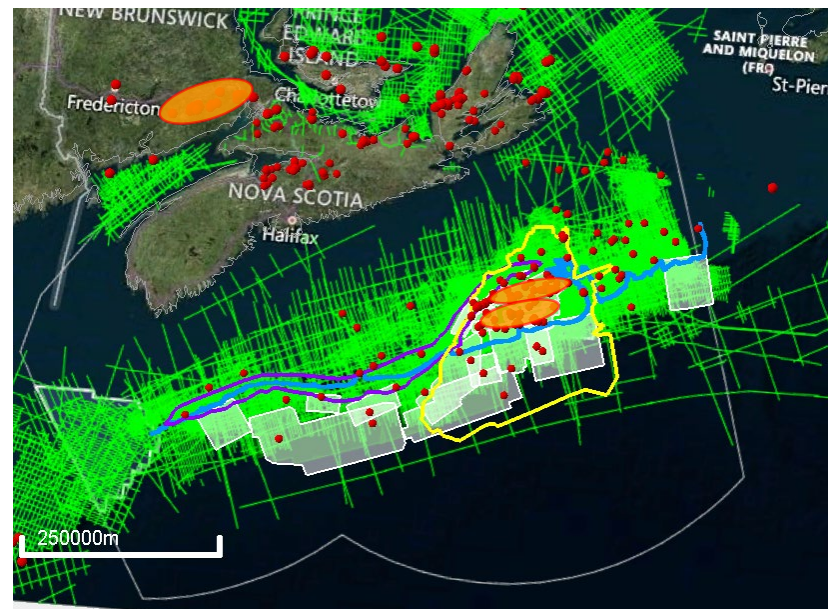
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- Same geology, same methodology, similar results
 - Higher storage efficiency factors & less stringent depth-porosity cutoffs

Nova Scotia & New Brunswick GCS in “Depleted” Fields

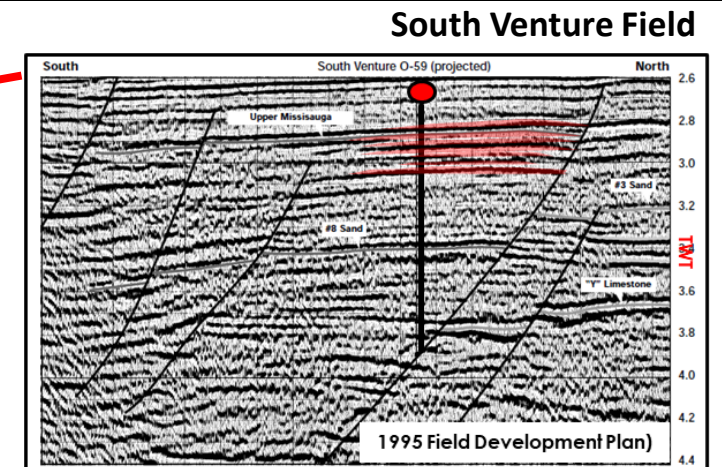
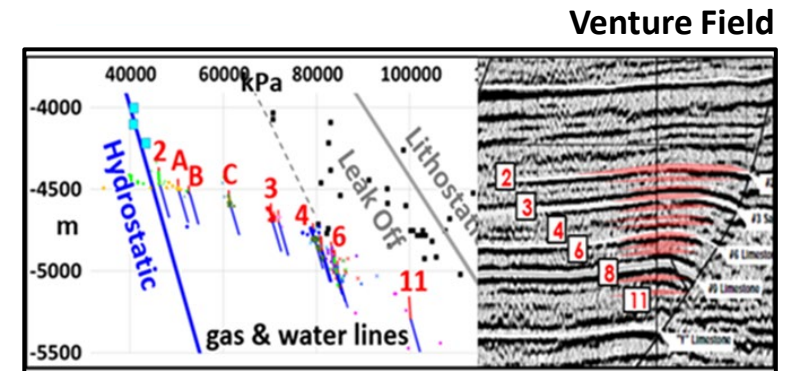
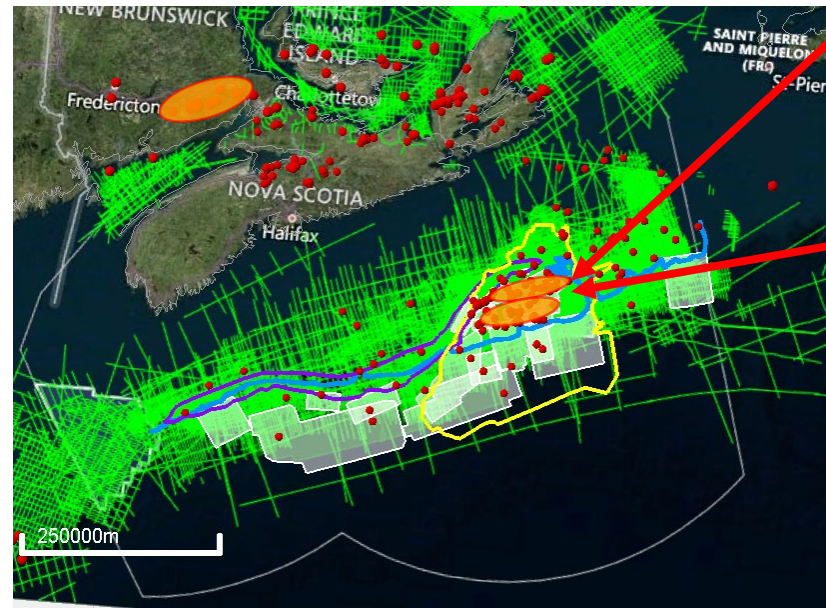
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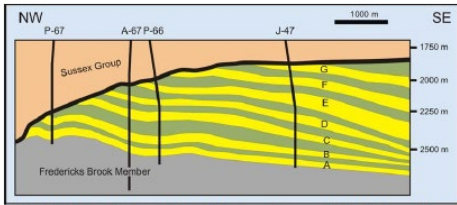
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New Brunswick Tight Oil and Gas fields

- McCully, Stoney Creek, Dover
- Nitroglycerine & propane fracking

McCully Field



LeBlanc et al, 2011

Log PHI 4-8%. Air K .01-4 mD
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Stoney Creek



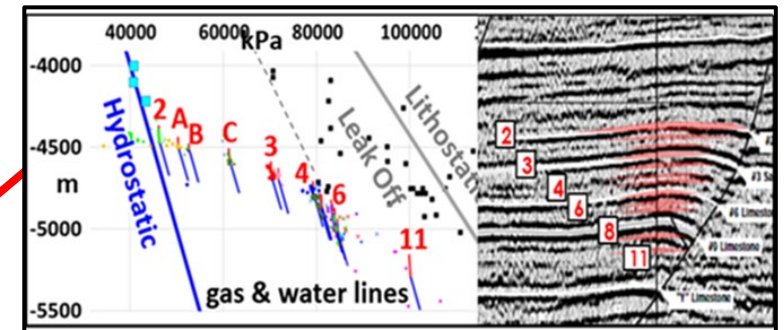
(~ 1940, St. Peter, 2020)

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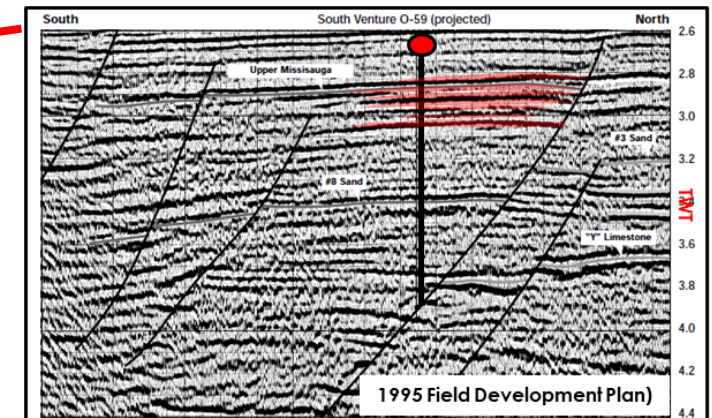
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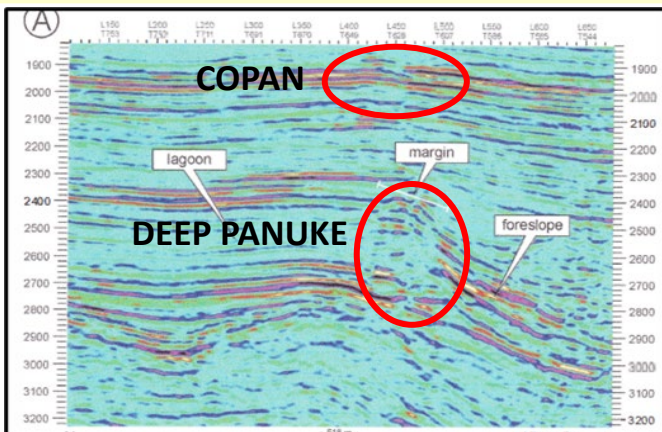
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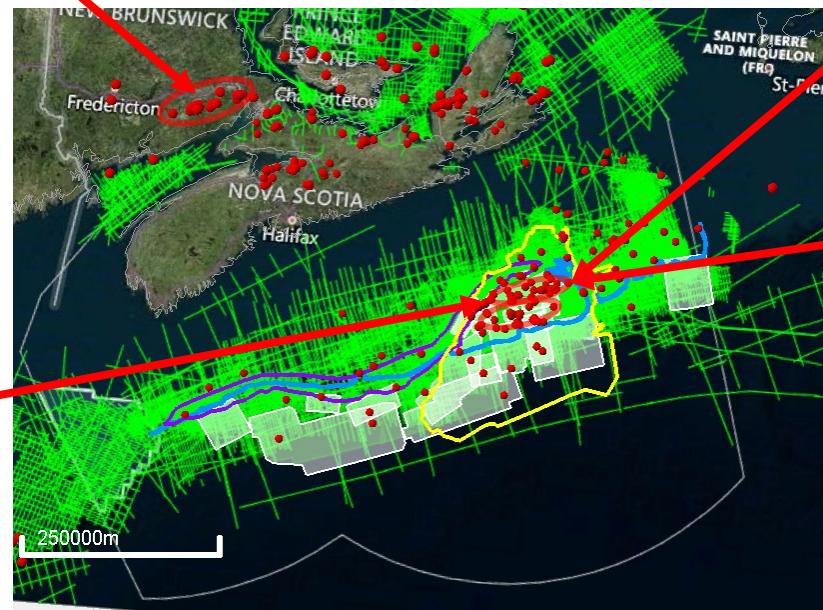
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CoPan (4.6 Mt) & Deep Panuke (5.5 Mt)

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- Small silici-clastic drapes
- Minor production from carbonate bank margin



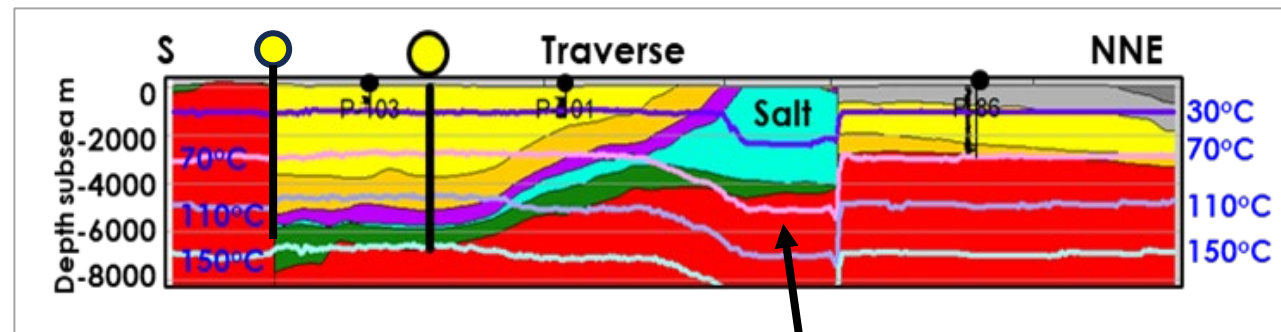
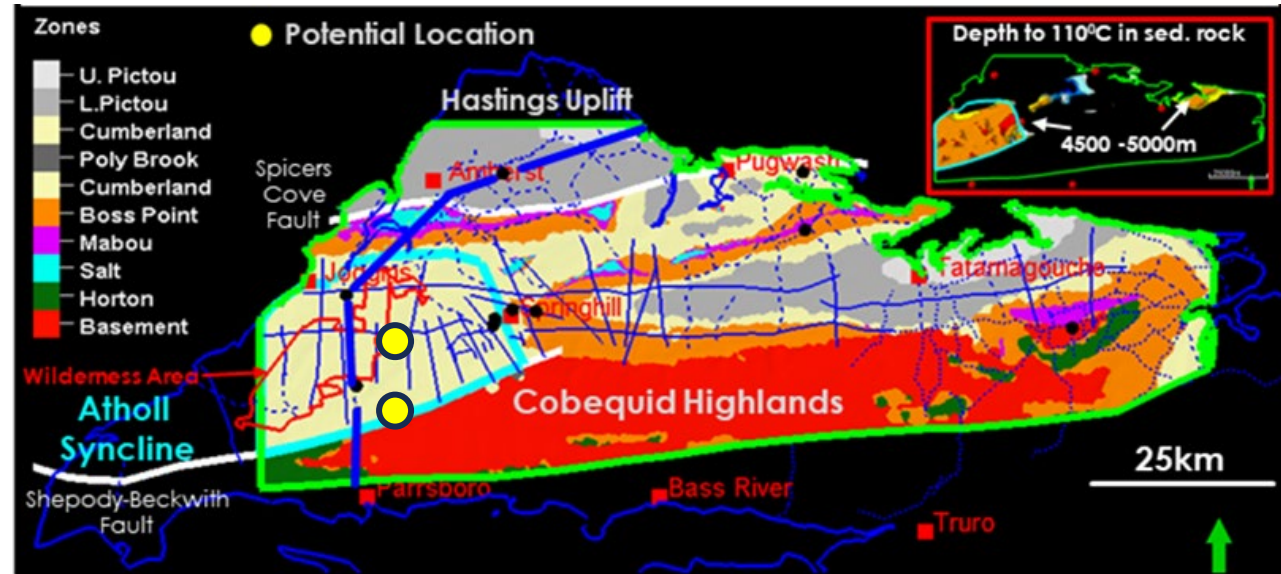
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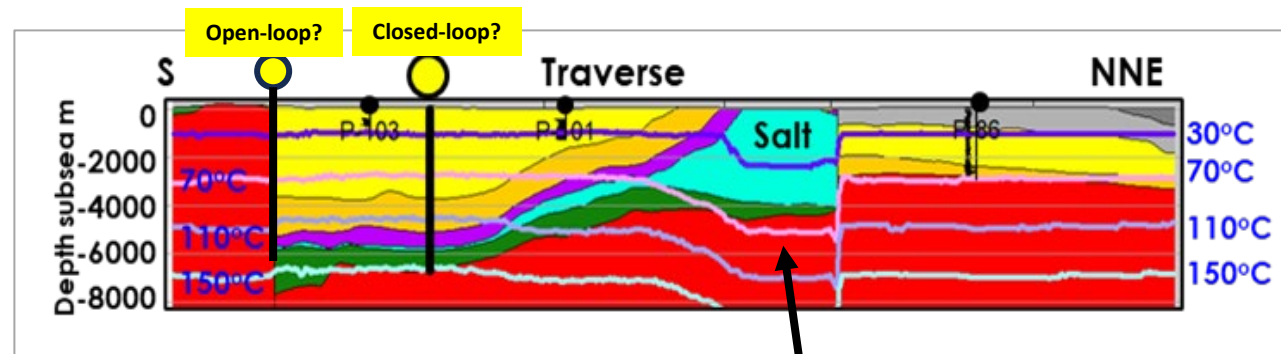
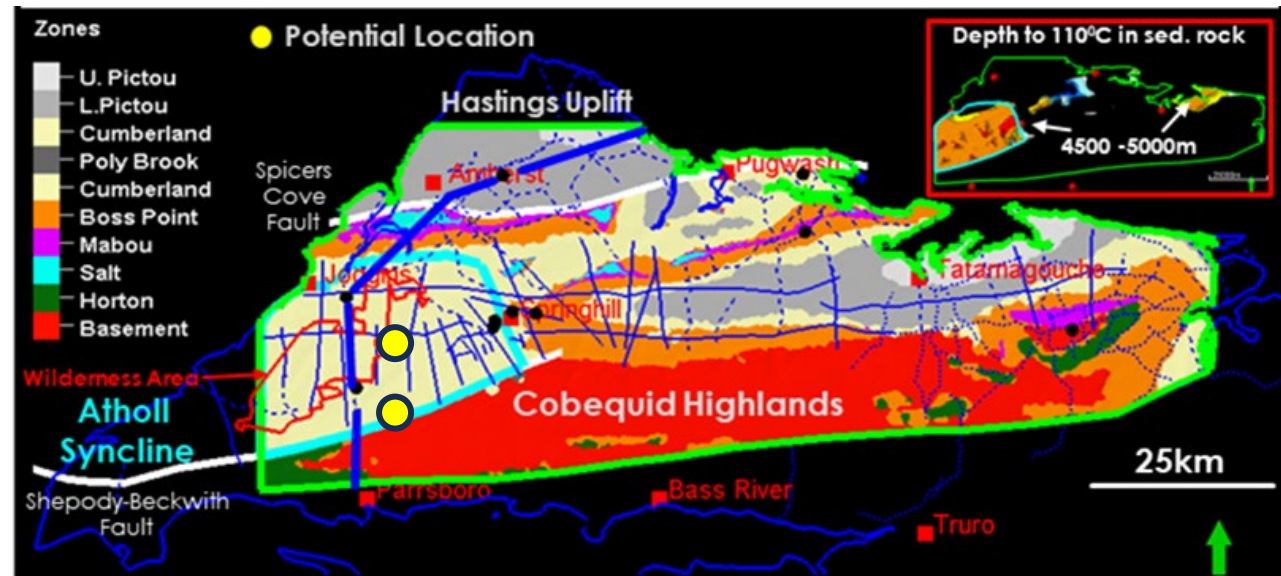
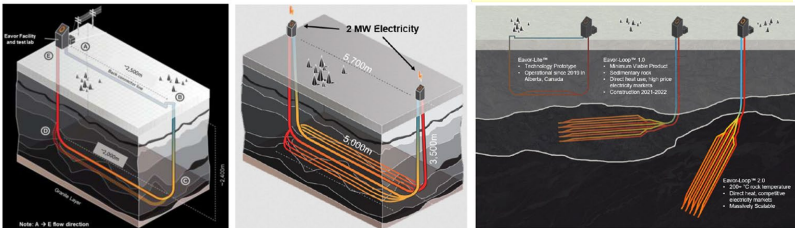
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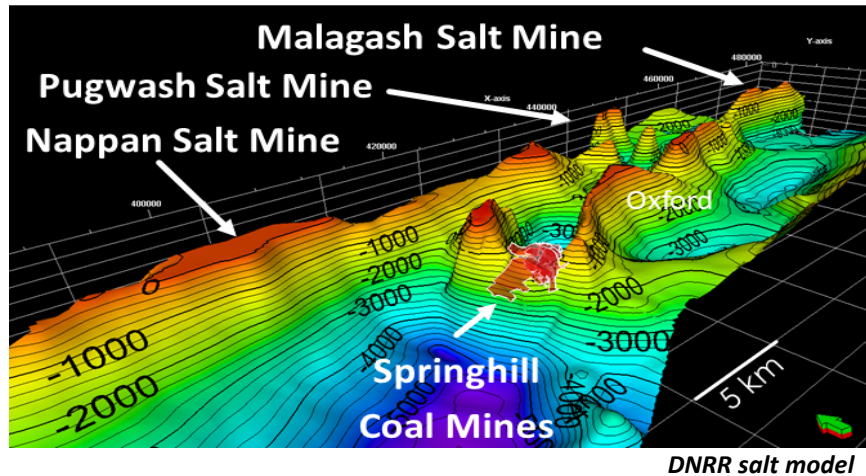
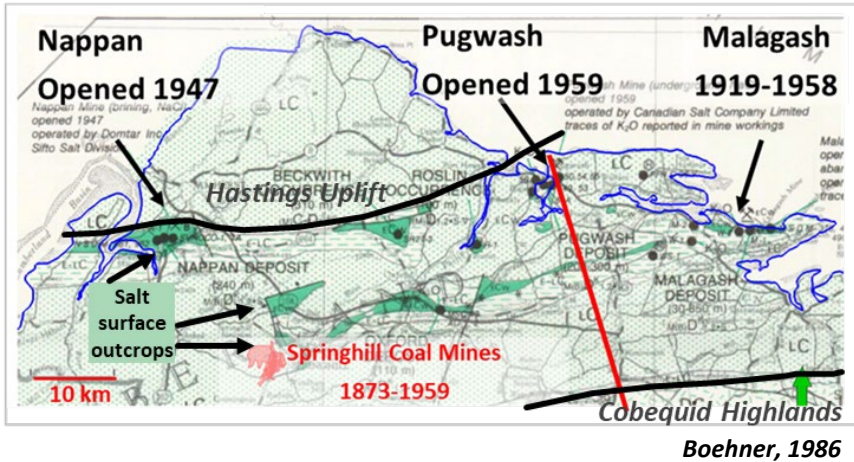
- **Energy In Place ~800 EJ and Power 13 GW (>120°C, <10km, 0.2 RF)**
- **Potential for 5-10 MW closed-loop projects**
 - Eavour “loops”: Alberta company
 - Heavily funded by the EU & industry



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- **Or, a “fracture-hunt” near bounding faults?**
- Basis for Salt Storage & Springhill Mine projects

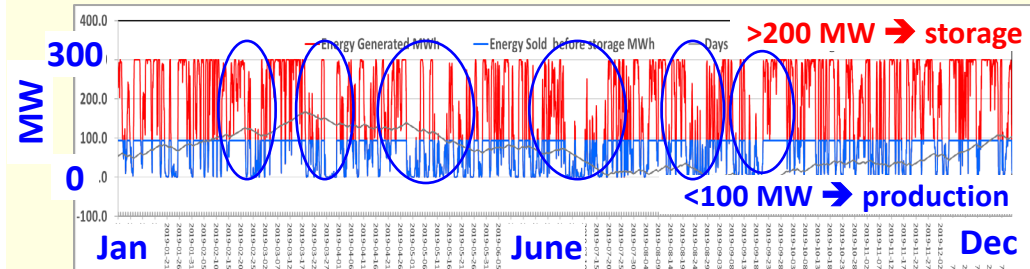
Cumberland Basin: Energy Storage & Renewables (EAGE) - Summary



2023 EAGE Minus CO2 Student Challenge

Load-balance 300 MW of wind/solar energy with salt storage

- Teams favoured wind power over solar
- Used yearly wind power charts to balance production & storage



- Winning team used solar to balance 10-20 day calm spells
- **Split on compressed air versus hydrogen (safety / capacity)**
- Considered new and old caverns at Nappan & Oxford
- **With sensible numbers two leading teams came up with +ve discounted cash flow economics (at 10-20 cents / kWh)**
 - Important additional considerations: SHE, **community relations** and resource bookings (UNFC, SPE etc)
- **Winners UMBB (Boumerdes, Algeria) & IFP School (Paris)**
 - Won cash prizes & a trip to present their projects at the EAGE Global Energy Transition Conference opening session



Marita Bradshaw –Geoscience Australia

Caverns typically formed by solution mining - shape controlled by varying a gas cushion at top of cavern

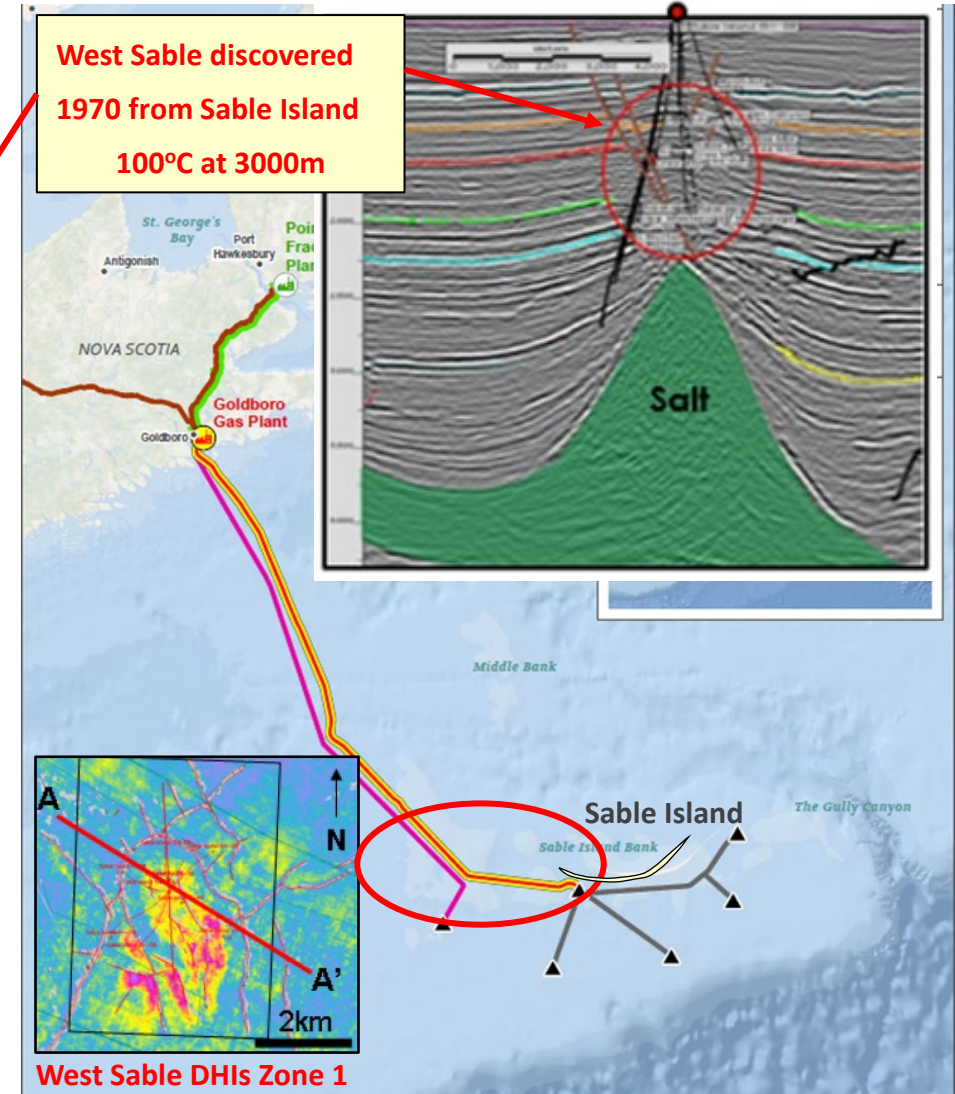
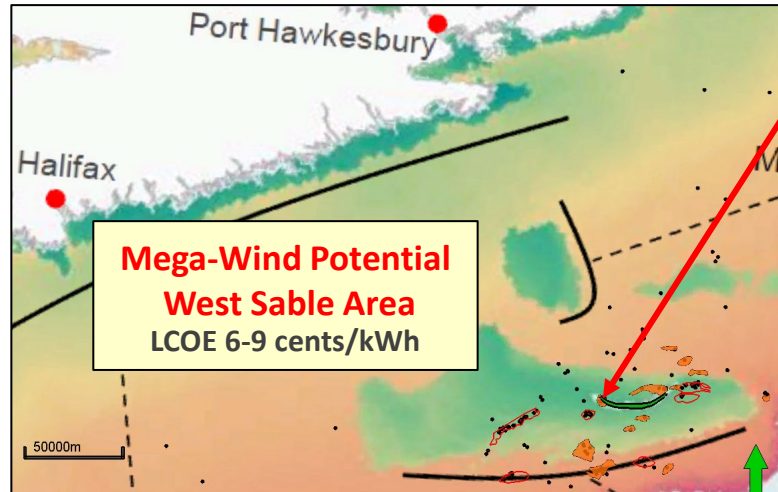


Paris, November 2023

Scotian Shelf – West Sable: Offshore “Mega-Project” anchored by “Mega-Wind”?

AEGIR (NZA) Wind Study 2023 – stimulates interest west of Sable Island

- potential for 1000 turbines
- 15 MW each (15 GW)
- <60m water depth,
- ice-free
- low bird & fishing density



Could Integrate

- Hydrogen or Compressed Air Storage in W. Sable salt diapir
- GCS potential
- Open-loop geothermal potential
- Carbon-neutral development of small stranded reserves
- Lithium?

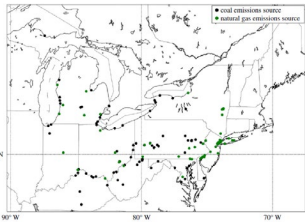
Might use Sable Project “industrial archaeology”

- Abandoned pipelines, legacy site surveys & designs

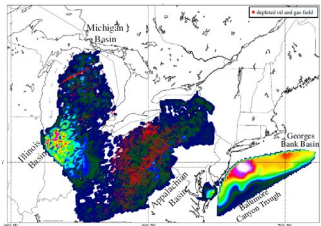
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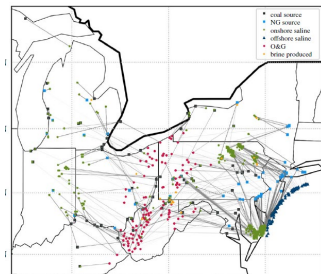
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Spatial Matching



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Transport \$ /t per 250 km).

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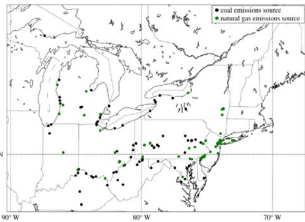
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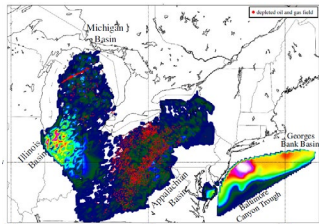
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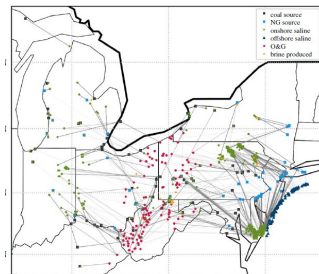
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Hypothetical 20 well “Sable GCS Project”

- Based on Rutgers’ study costs could be ~\$20 Billion
 - (67% coal plants)
- Revenues could be ~\$30 Billion (2030 Carbon price)
 - \$125/t Carbon price
 - 20 wells injecting 0.5 Mtpa / well for 25 years

Costs	Mtpa	wells	years	Mt	unit cost	\$billion
Capture	0.5	20	25	250	57	14.167
Storage	0.5	20	25	250	18	4.5
Transport	0.5	20	25	250	2.5	0.625
Total						19.292
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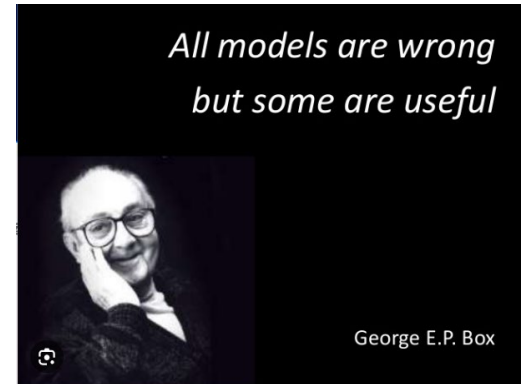
“Sable GCS Project”: Discounted Cash Flow Economic Model

Cash flow model for a for a 20 well GCS project

- CAPEX of \$5 billion over 5 years; OPEX \$100 million per year; Revenue \$1.25 billion per year.

Calculate **Cumulative Net Cash Flow** each year and the **Internal Rate of Return (IRR in Excel)**

- Both metrics become +ve in year 9 “Payout”



Undiscounted

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Capex	CAPEX USD Billions	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0																	
Opex	OPEX USD Billions	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	# WELLS						20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
	Mtpa per well						0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	USD per tonne						125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
Revenue	REVENUE USD Billions						1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
	Net Cash Flow each year	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Cash Flow	Cumulative Net Cash Flow	-1.1	-2.2	-3.3	-4.4	-5.5	-4.35	-3.2	-2.05	-0.9	0.25	1.4	2.55	3.7	4.85	6	7.15	8.3	9.45	10.6	11.75	12.9	
IRR	Internal Rate of Return (IRR)						-48%	-23%	-11%	-4%	1%	4%	7%	8%	10%	11%	12%	12%	13%	13%	14%	14%	

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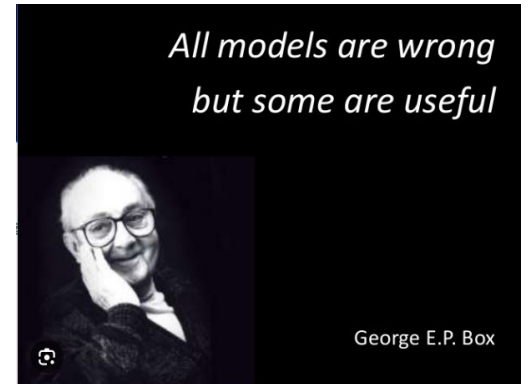
“Sable GCS Project”: Discounted Cash Flow Economic Model

Cash flow model for a for a 20 well GCS project

- CAPEX of \$5 billion over 5 years; OPEX \$100 million per year; Revenue \$1.25 billion per year.

Calculate Cumulative Net Cash Flow each year and the Internal Rate of Return (IRR in Excel)

- Both metrics become +ve in year 9 “Payout”



Undiscounted

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	# WELLS						20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
	Mtpa per well						0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	USD per tonne						125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
Revenue	REVENUE USD Billions						1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
	Net Cash Flow each year	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
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Discounted - NPV₀ payout still occurs in year 9, but NPV₆ payout occurs in Year 11 and NPV₁₂ pay out in Year 16

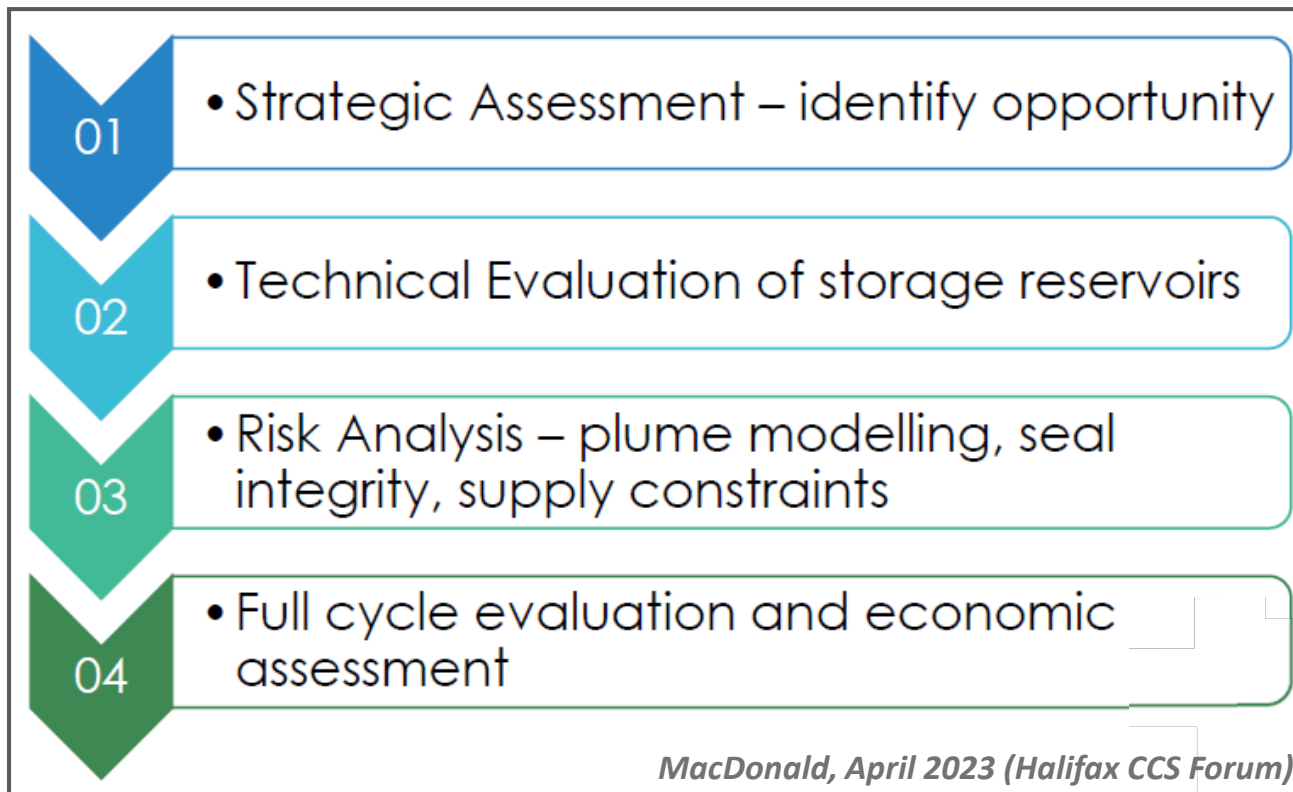
- Companies tend to view the discount rate as a “hurdle rate” they want to beat (based on their historical performance)

NPV ₀	Net Present Value (NPV)	0%	-1.1	-2.2	-3.3	-4.4	-5.5	-4.35	-3.2	-2.05	-0.9	★ 9	1.4	2.55	3.7	4.85	6	7.15	8.3	9.45	10.6	11.75	12.9
NPV ₆	Net Present Value (NPV)	6%	-1.0	-2.0	-2.9	-3.8	-4.6	-3.8	-3.1	-2.3	-1.7	-1.0	-0.4	★ 11	0.7	1.2	1.7	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.7	4.1
NPV ₁₂	Net Present Value (NPV)	12%	-1.0	-1.9	-2.6	-3.3	-4.0	-3.4	-2.9	-2.4	-2.0	-1.6	-1.3	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	★ 16	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
NPV ₁₈	Net Present Value (NPV)	18%	-0.9	-1.7	-2.4	-3.0	-3.4	-3.0	-2.7	-2.3	-2.1	-1.9	-1.7	-1.5	-1.4	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8

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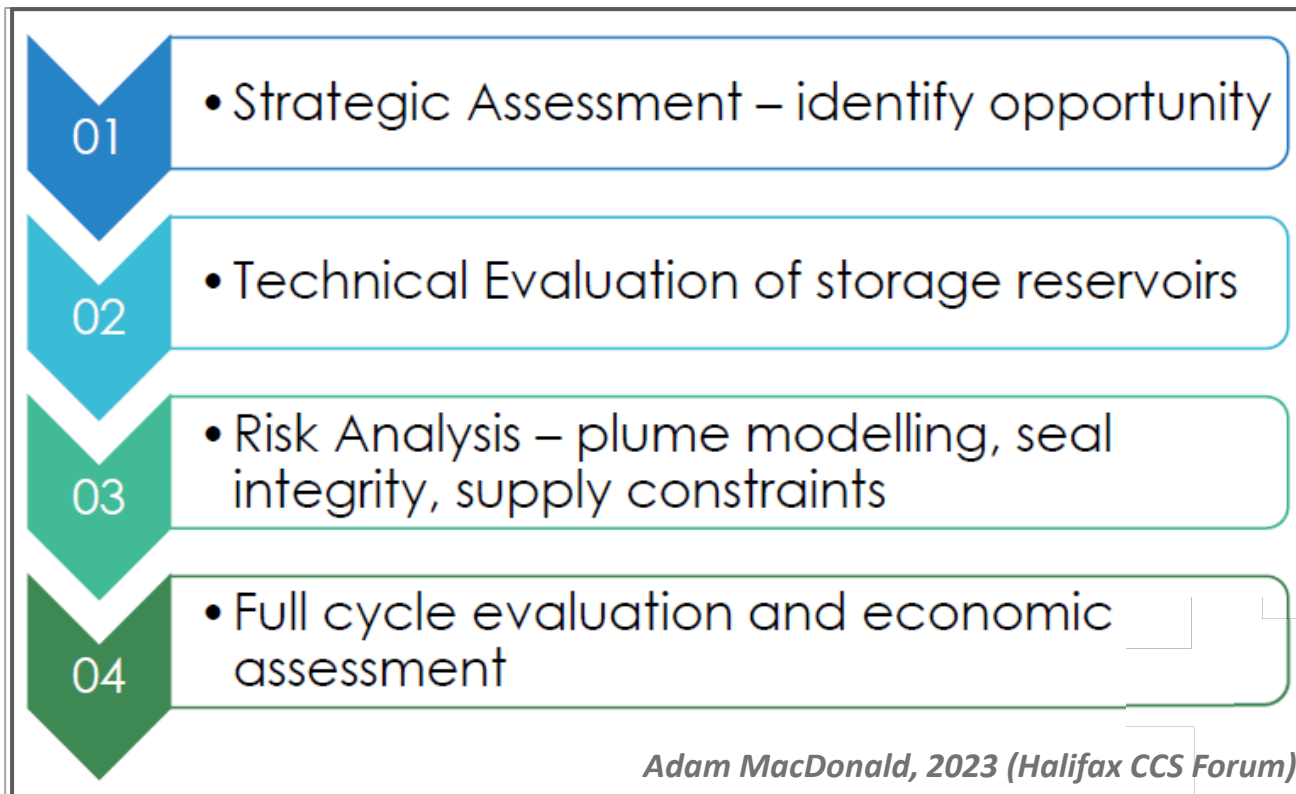
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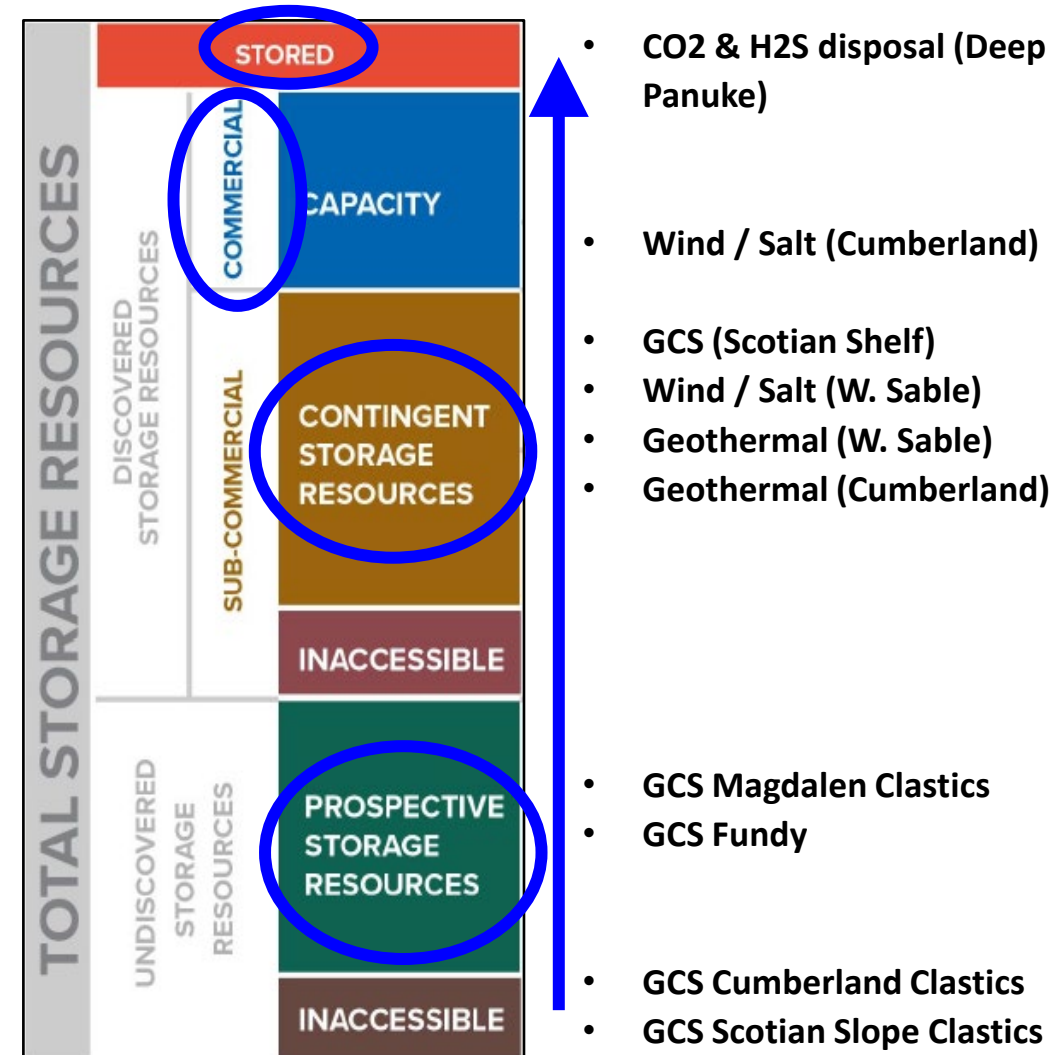


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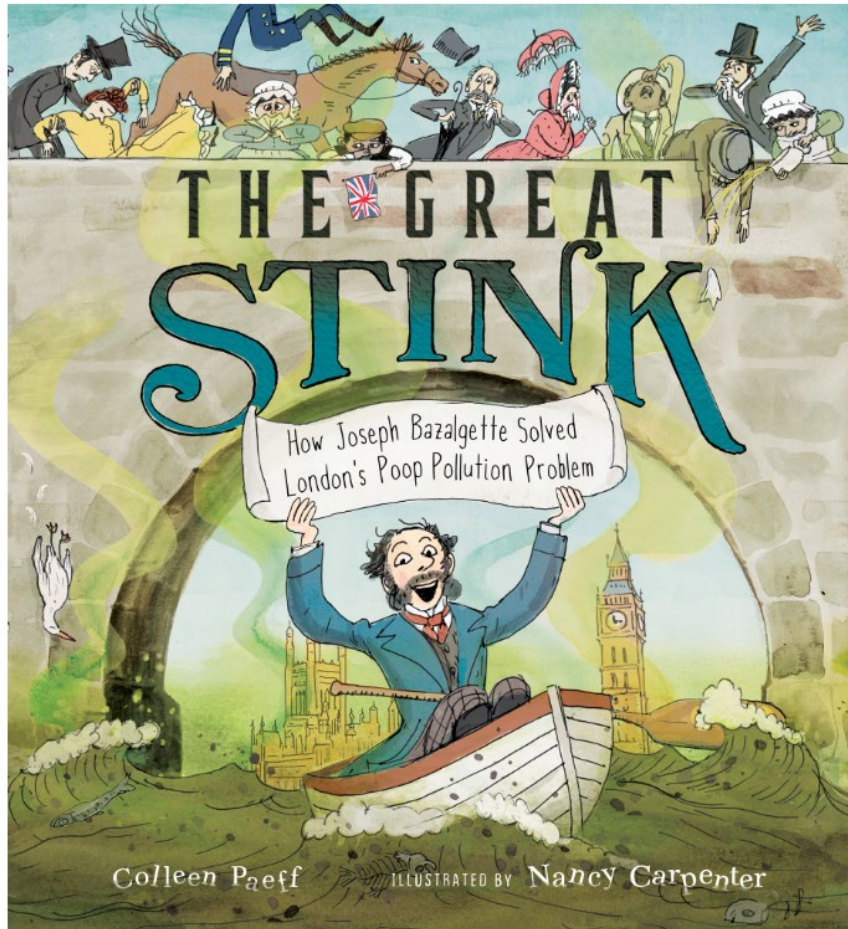
Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Storage Resource Management System (SRMS)



Wrap Up – Not our First Rodeo

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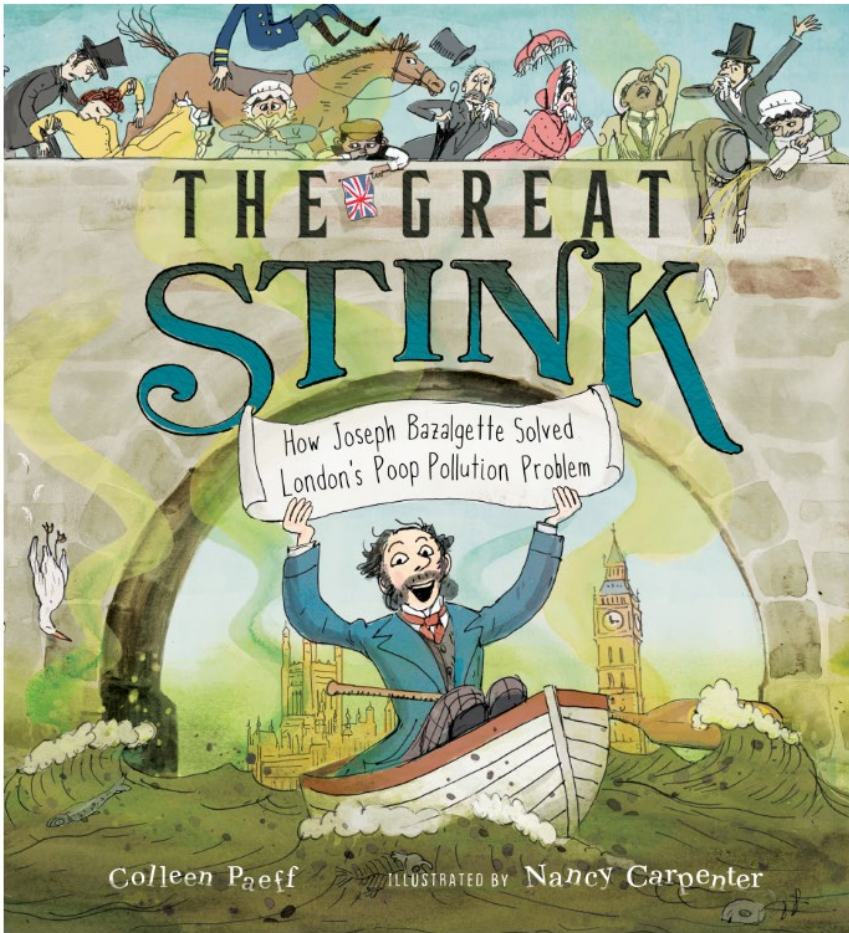
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Final Thoughts

- **Should we treat CO₂ emissions as a waste disposal problem anyway?**
(Costs about \$100 / tonne to take garbage to the landfill).
- **On a cost-benefit basis, do we want to tackle climate change?**
- **Thanks to students, colleagues and friends at Dalhousie, the NS DNRR & the EAGE Student Affairs Committee**

*Questions -
Thank you!*

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