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Calpine Geysers Water Injection Goals

Improve Injection Distribution

- Expansion to northwest and away from communities

Additional injection wells

- Shallow low-rate injectors (~150 gallons/minute)

Minimize Injection Rate Variations

- Individual wells and field-wide

- Emphasis on limited variation for wells nearest communities

- Designed any tests concerning injection rate variability far from communities

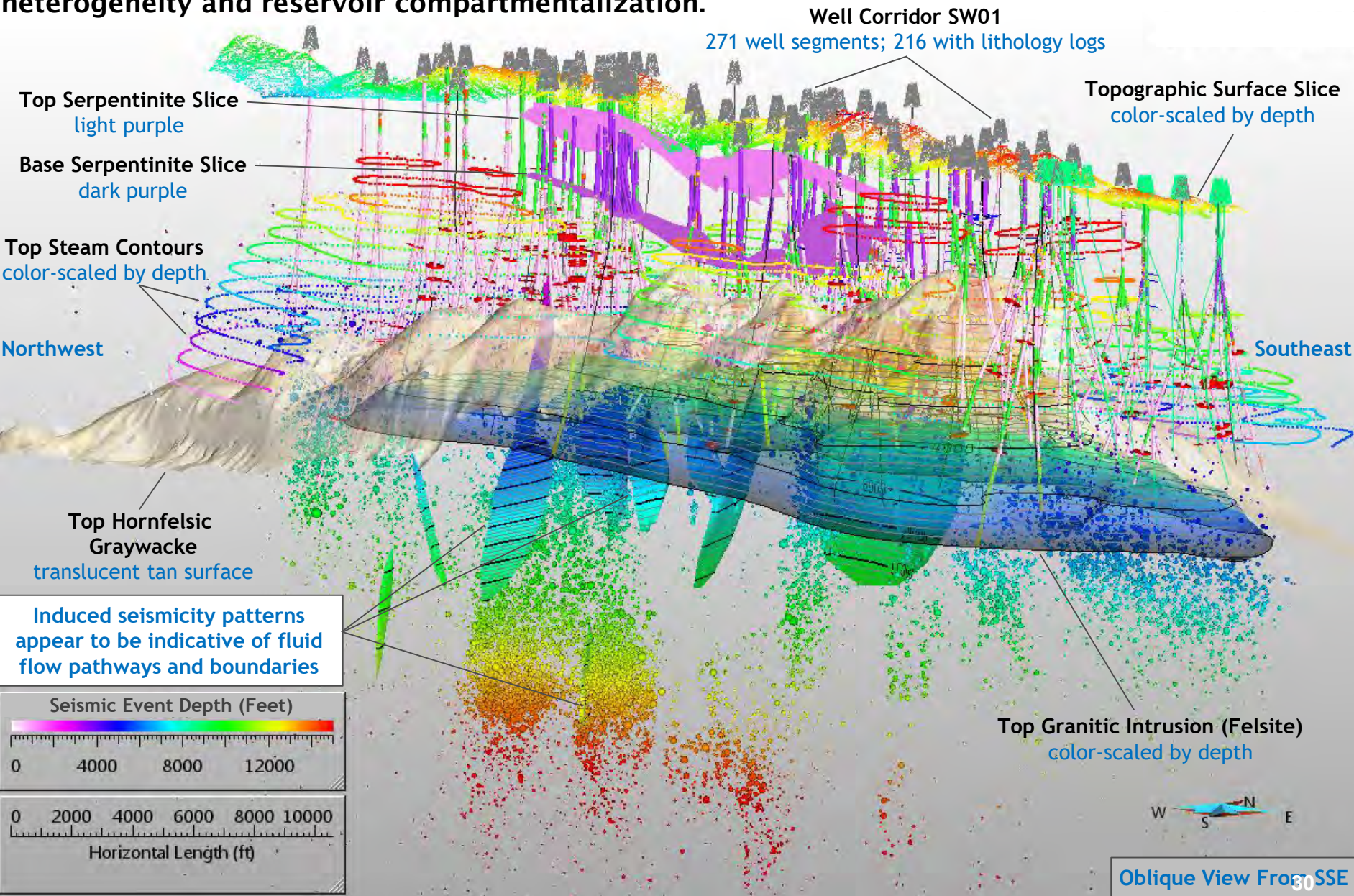
- More gradual transition of SRGRP water for injection

- Suitable injection rates per well continually evaluated (dependent on local geology)

3D Structural Model Utilized For Recent Well Planning *and* Real-Time Drilling Analysis

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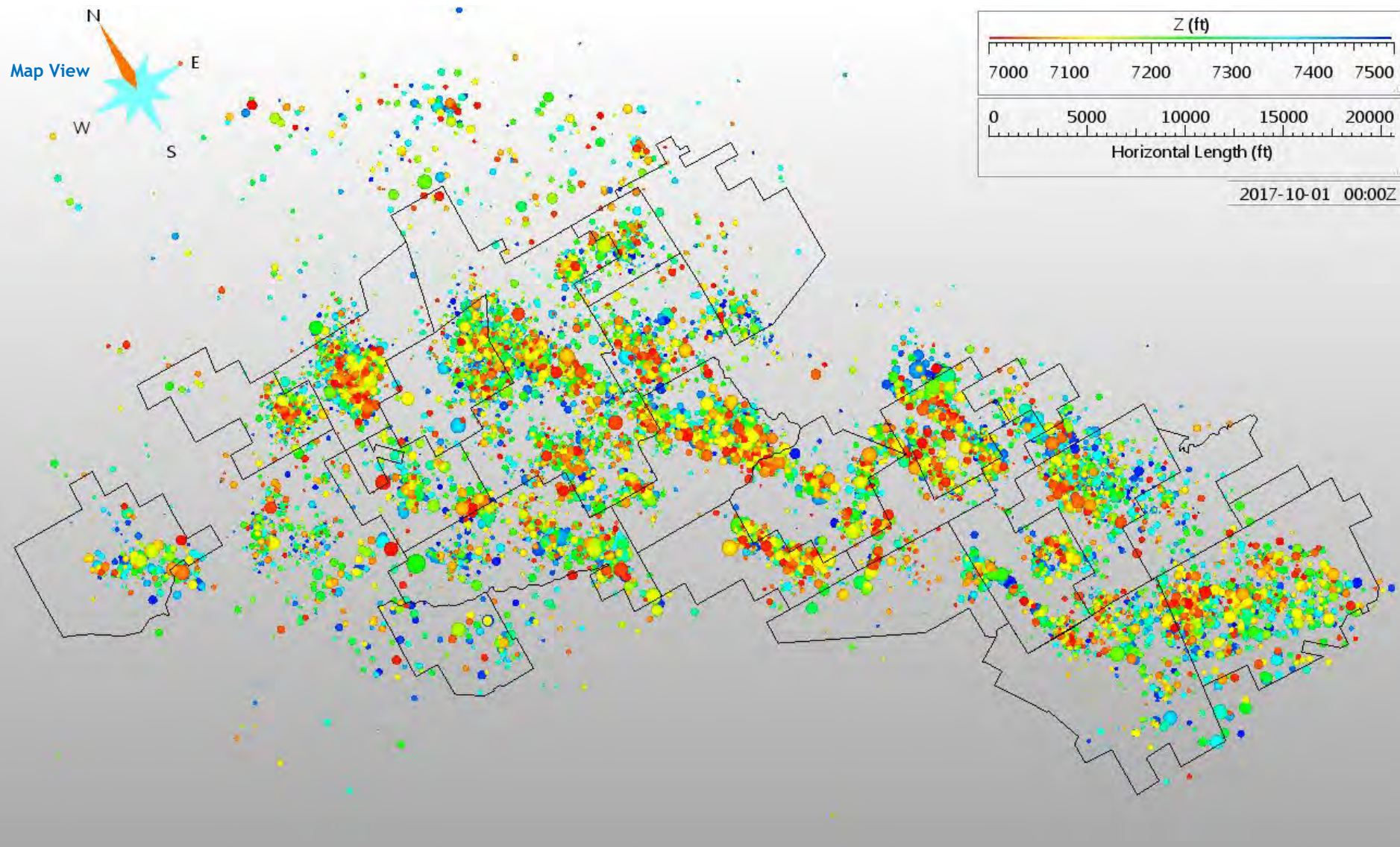
3D Structural Model Building Goal: Improved reservoir management and induced seismicity mitigation through a refined understanding of fluid flow paths, fluid boundaries, reservoir heterogeneity and reservoir compartmentalization.



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Fault/Fracture Analysis and Interpretation

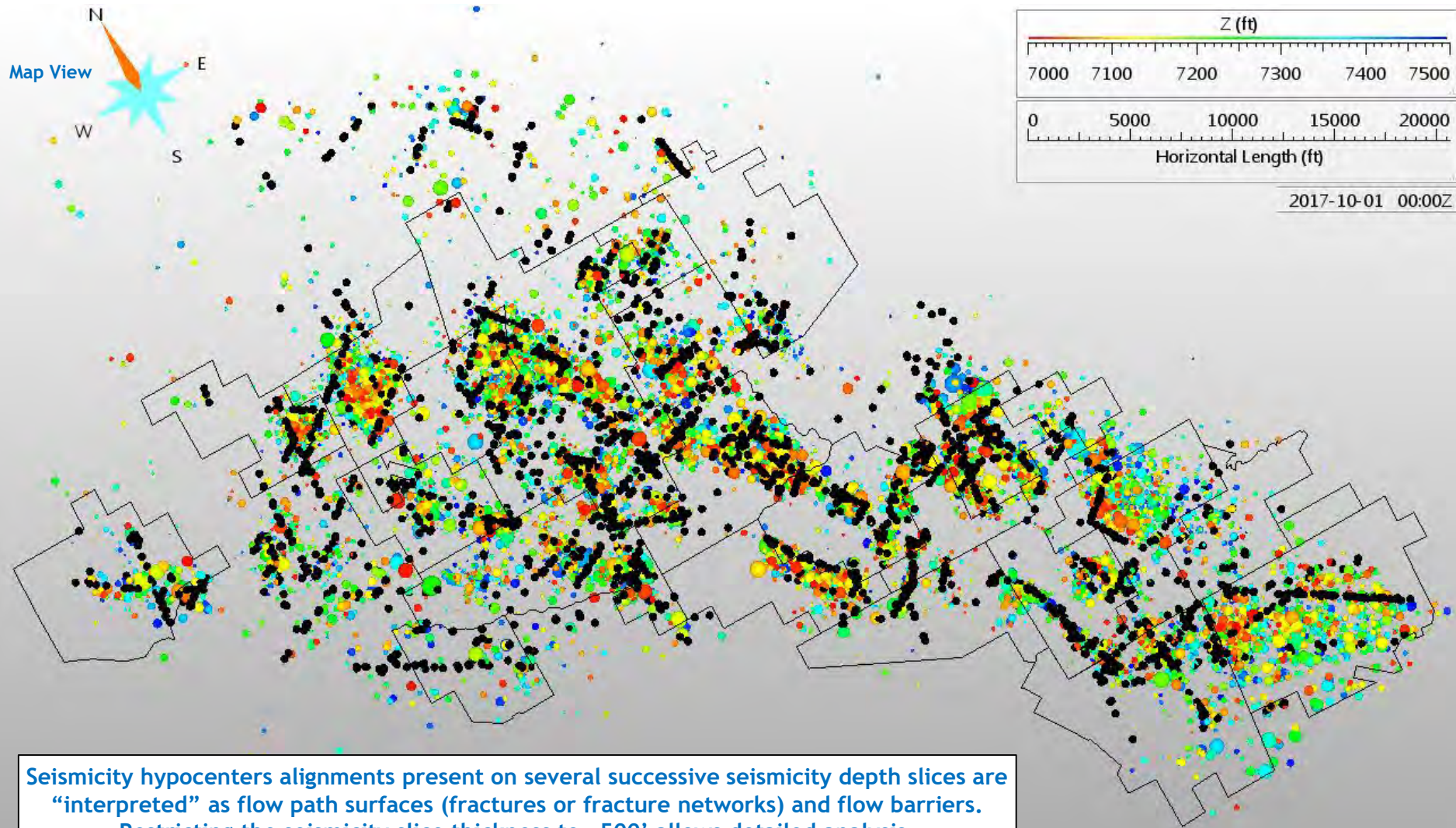
Depth Slice 7000 to 7500 Feet Subsea



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Prati State 1 OH Steam Production Well Recompletion

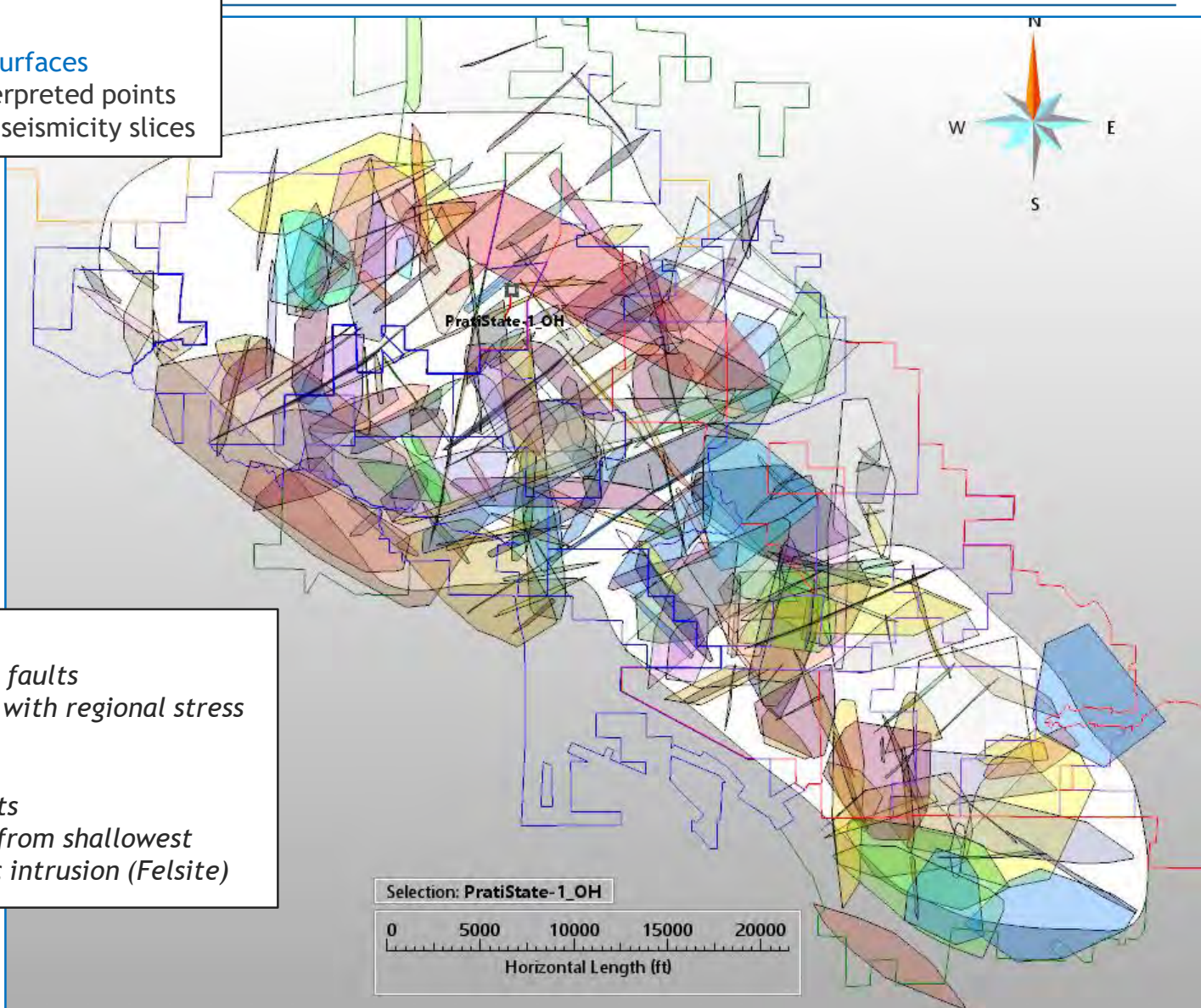
Fault/Fracture Interpretation With Seismicity Slices

By April 2018:

273 Refined Fault/Fracture Surfaces

From 31,500 individually interpreted points

Picked on variously-oriented seismicity slices



Northwest Geysers

Primarily near vertical faults

Orientation consistent with regional stress

Southeast Geysers

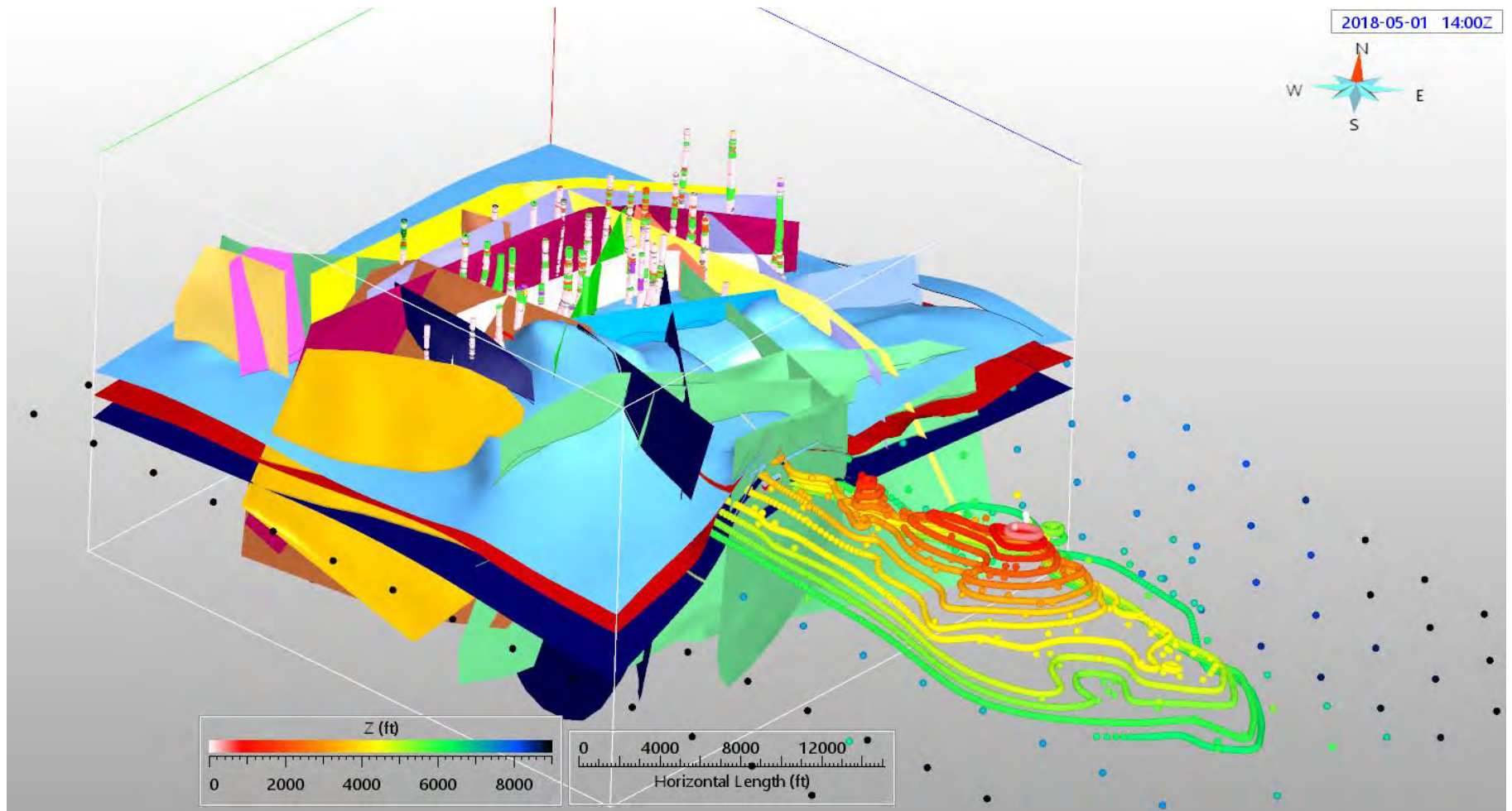
More non-vertical faults

Several faults radiate from shallowest penetration of granitic intrusion (Felsite)

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Structural Model Development – Northwest Geysers

With Refined Fault/Fracture Interpretation



3D Structural Model Building: Oblique 3D view from south-southwest of the color depth-scaled Top Felsite contours and markers throughout the field, along with the faults and faulted horizons within the north Geysers test volume. Top Felsite points have been extended to the model boundaries base on the available lithological and seismicity constraints.

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Water Injection Well and Steam Production Well Modifications

Water Injection

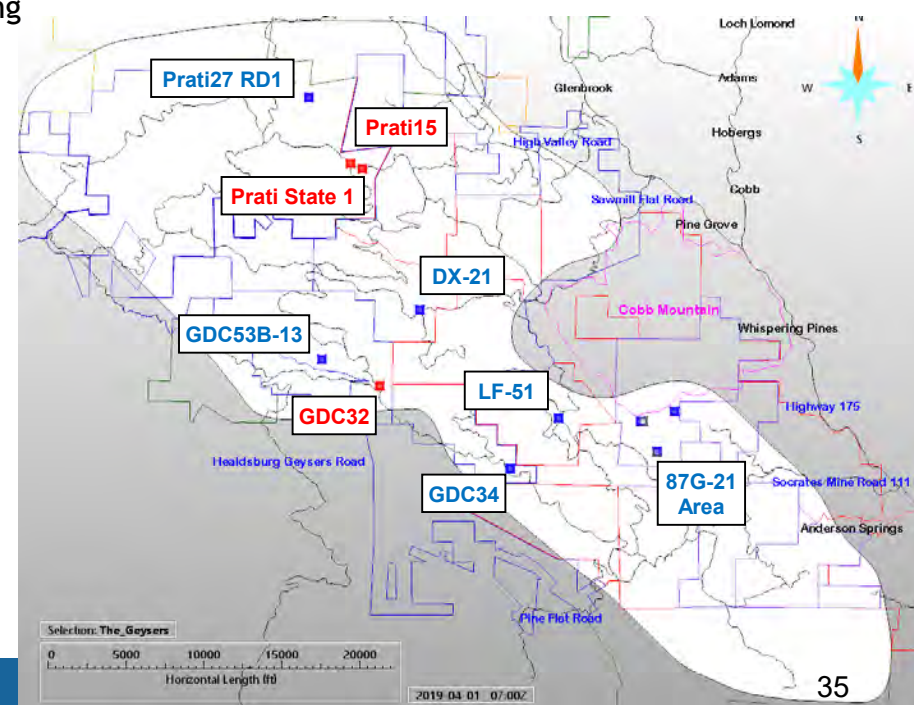
- **GDC34** November 2018 Drilling Completion
- **87G-21** Detailed Historical Seismicity Analysis Indicated:
 - 87G-21 Primarily Responsible for Magnitude ≥ 3.5 Seismicity in Calistoga Power Plant Area.
 - Better Water Distribution Required for Seismicity Mitigation.
 - **74F-21** October 2019 Conversion of Steam Production Well to Injection
 - **87E-21** November 2019 Conversion of Steam Production Well to Injection
 - **23C-22** Early 2020 Modification to Existing Water Injection
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Program developed by experts in operations, drilling, and maintenance and resource management. Guidelines determined for water injection distribution into these five wells.

- **LF-51** November 2019 Drilling Initiation; Drilling Completion in 2020
- **DX-21** Spring 2020 Proposed Recompletion; 500' Deepening
- **GDC53B-13** Fall 2020 Proposed Drilling Initiation
- **Prati 27 RD1** 2021 Proposed Conversion To Injection

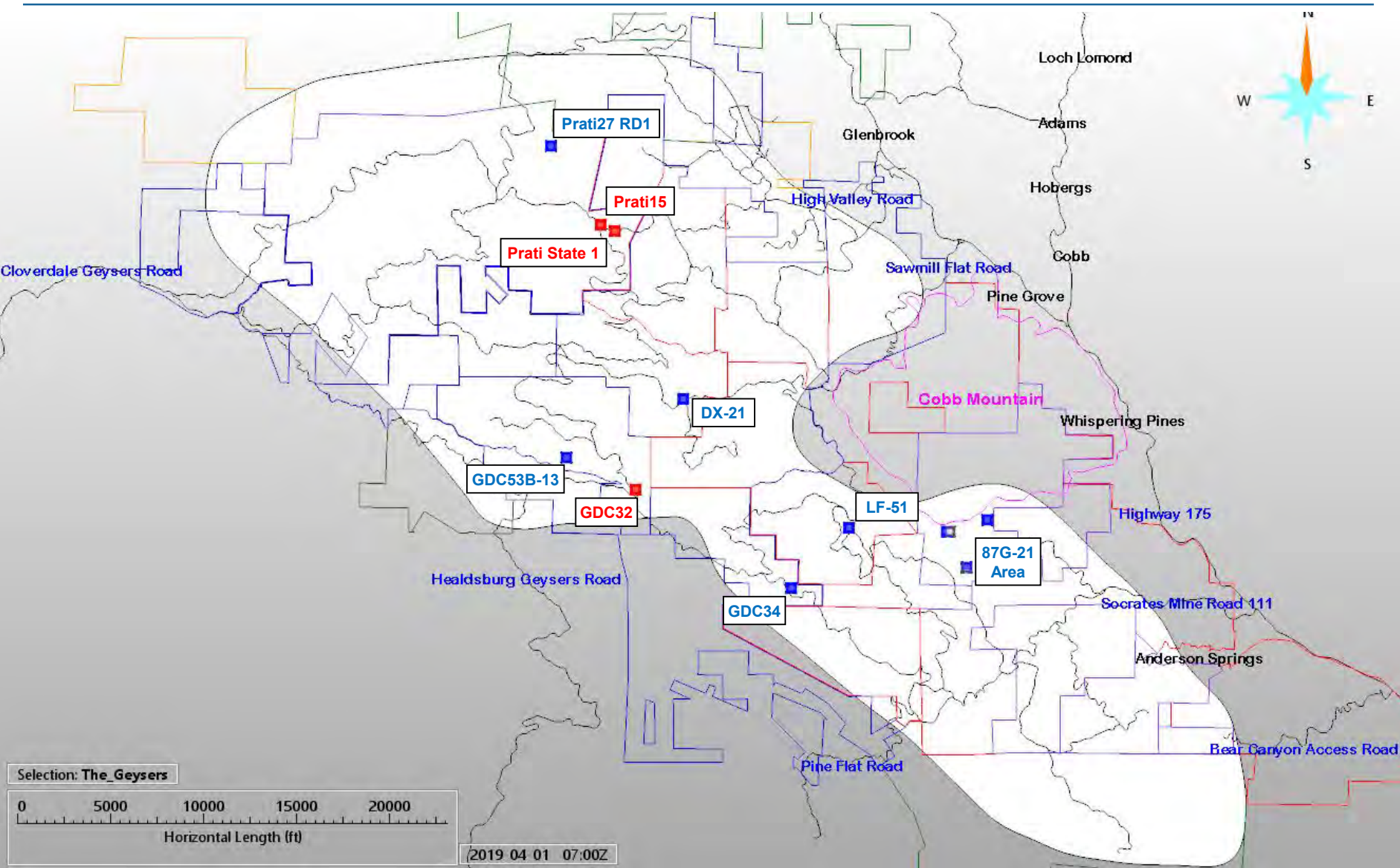
Steam Production

- **Prati 15** May 2019 Drilling Initiation
- **Prati State 1** Proposed Recompletion; Improve Steam Recovery
- **GDC32** 2020 Proposed Steam Production



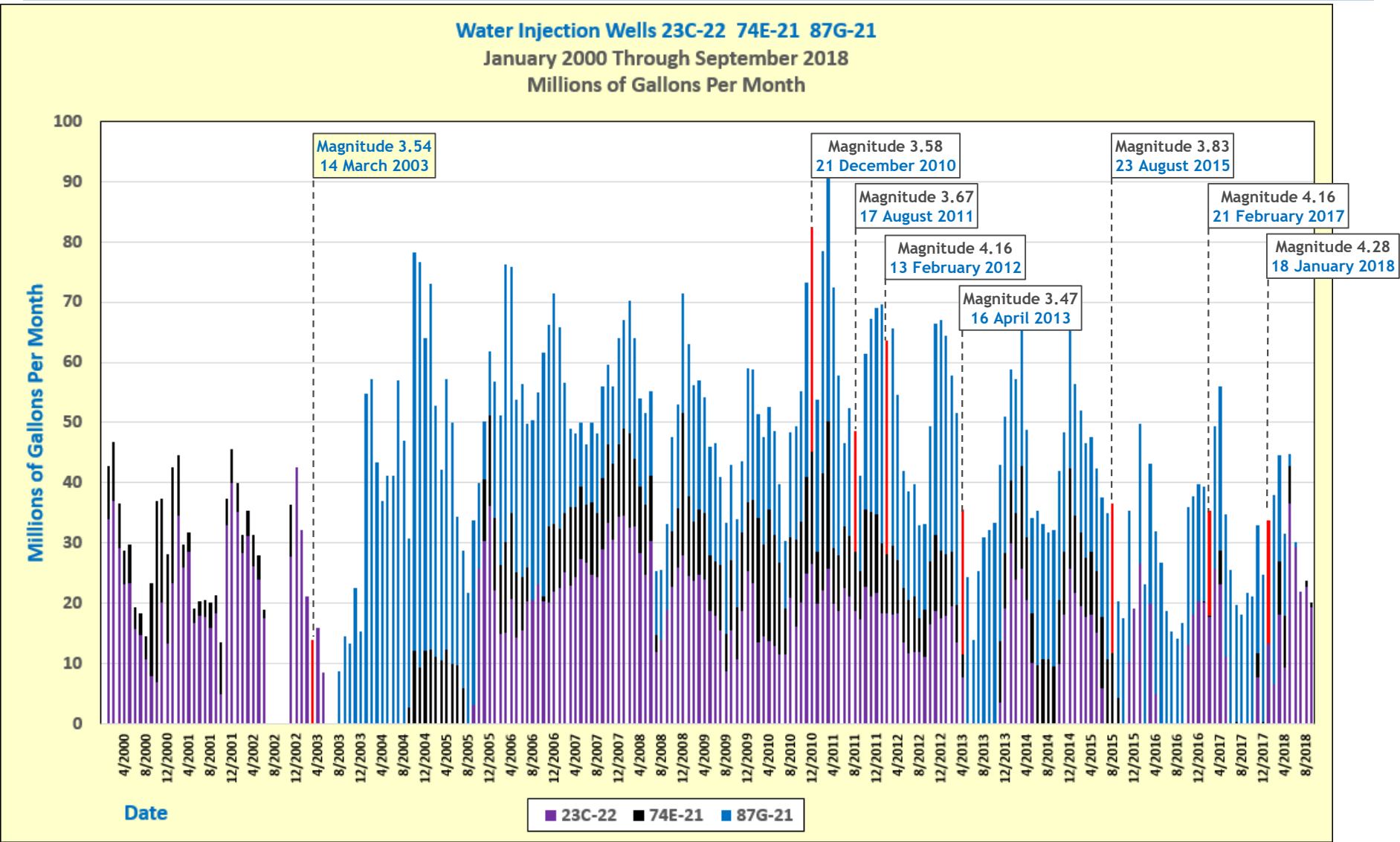
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Water Injection Well and Steam Production Well Reference Map



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Calistoga Water Injection Wells 23C-22, 74E-21, 87G-21 and Seismicity in Vicinity

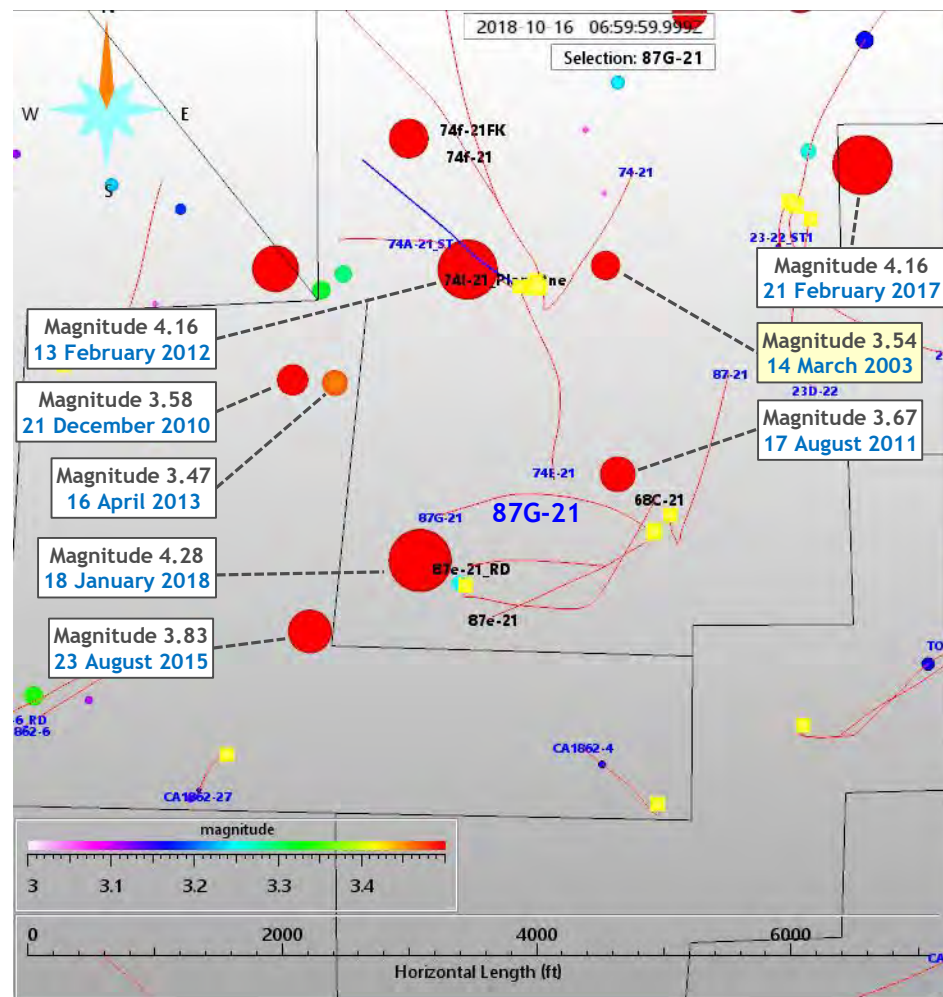


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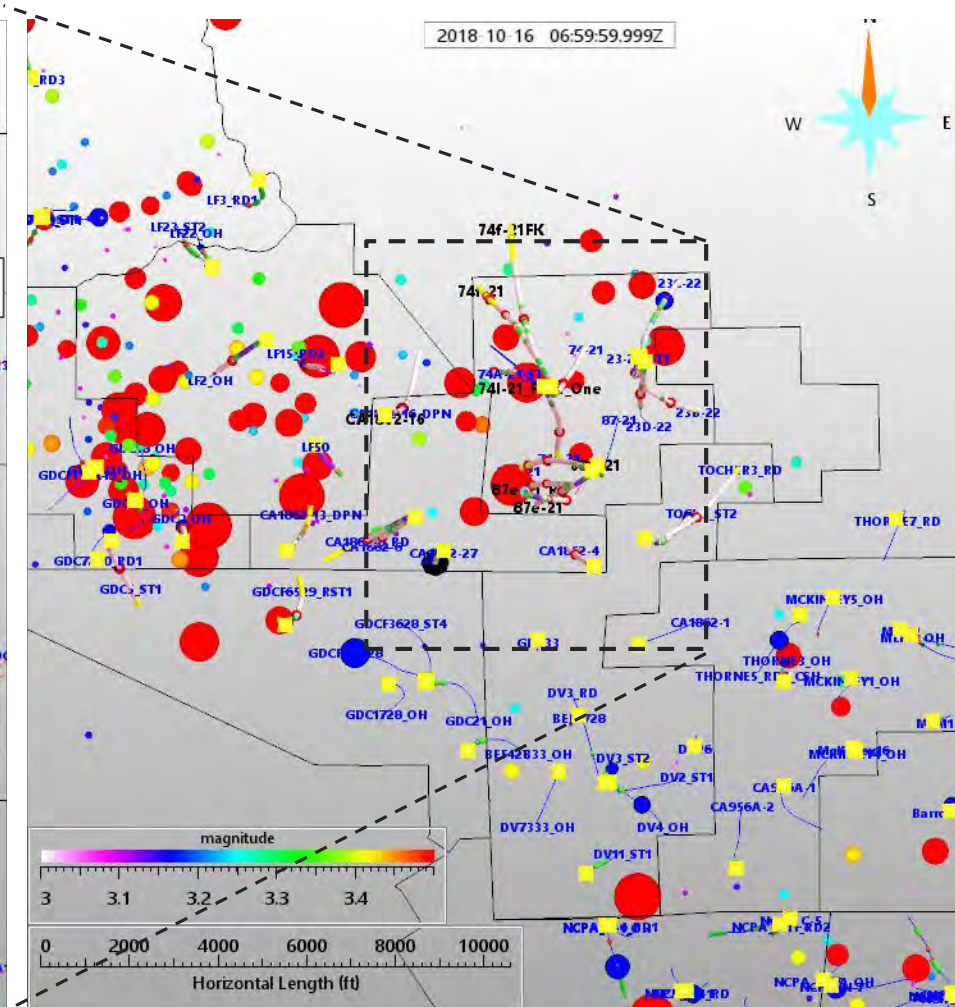
Calistoga Area Water Injection and Seismicity Animation

Display Emphasizes Seismic Events Exceeding Magnitude 3.0

Map View (87G-21 At Center)



Map View

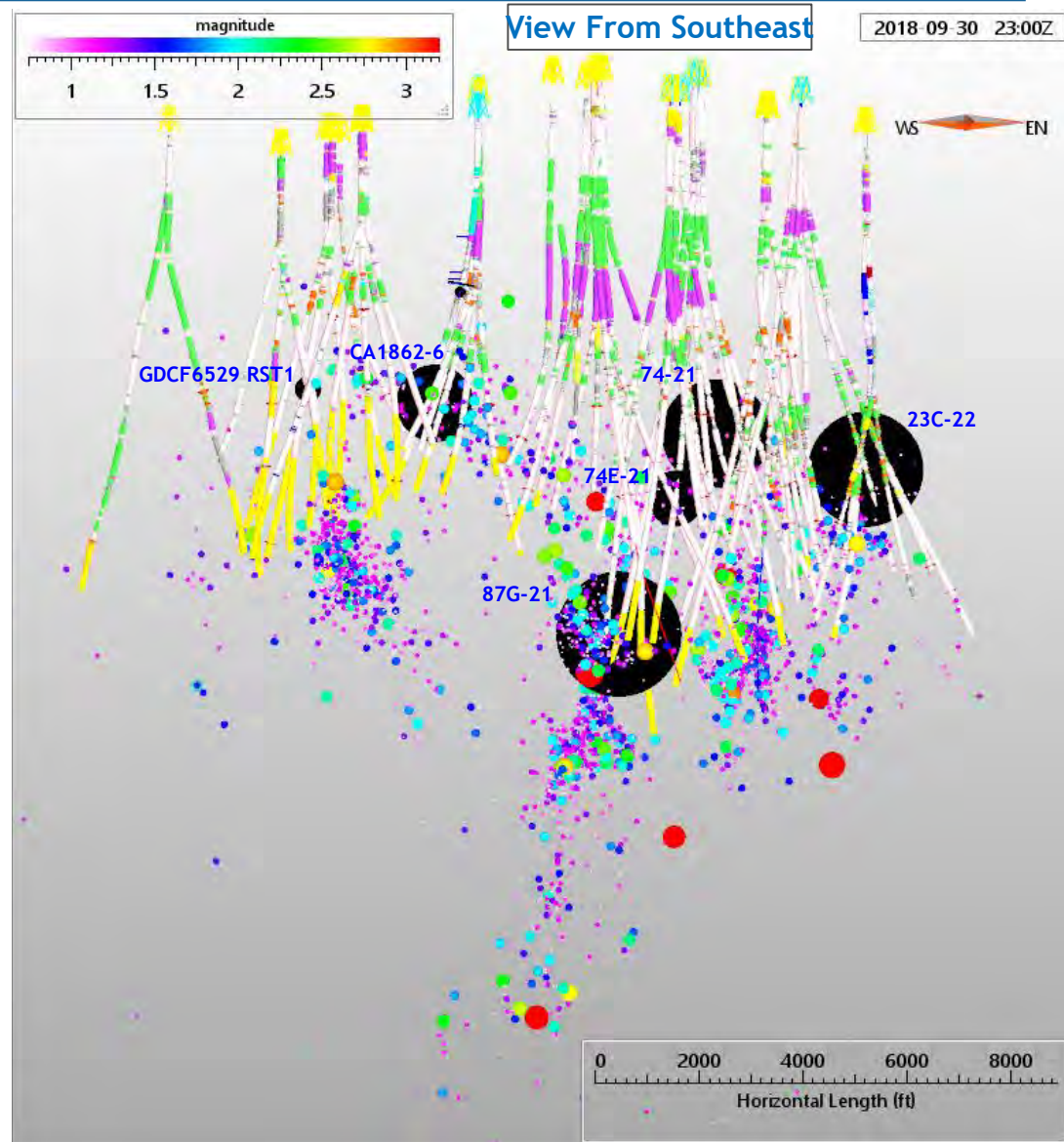
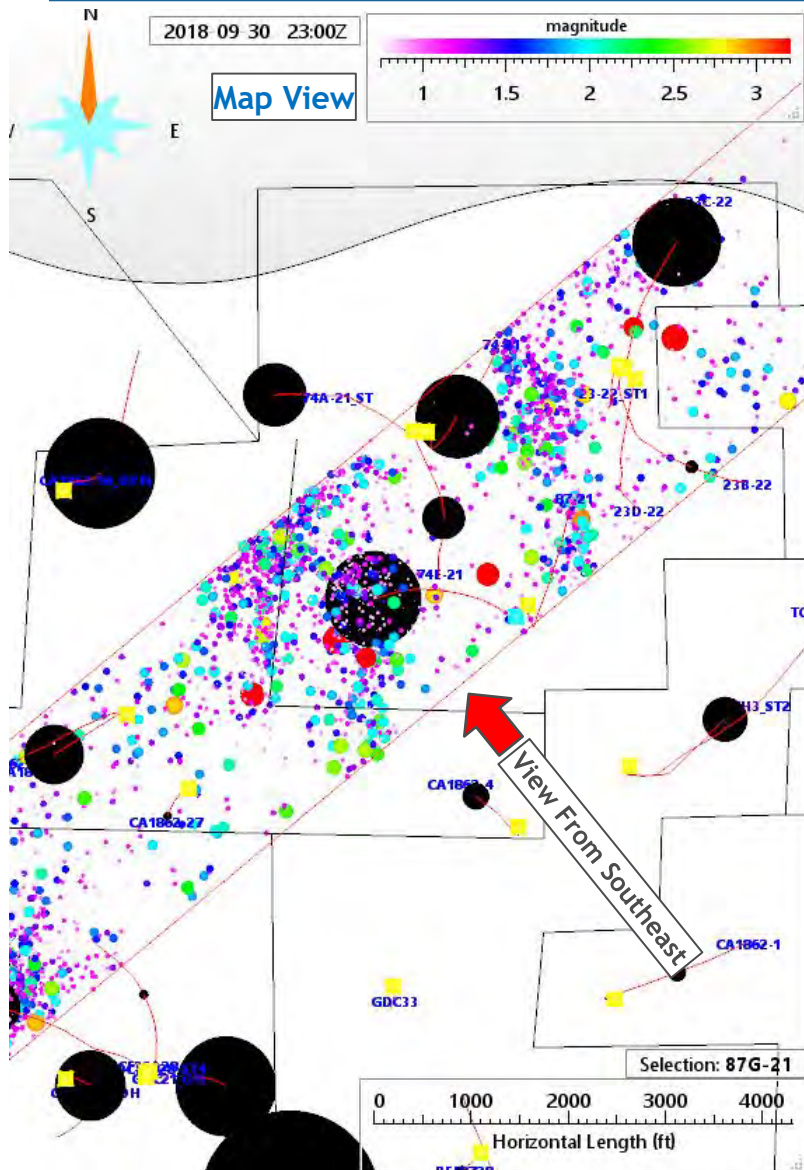


A detailed historical induced seismicity analysis in the vicinity of Calistoga water injection well 87G-21 suggest this well is primarily responsible for the occurrence of eight seismic events exceeding magnitude 3.5 since 2010.

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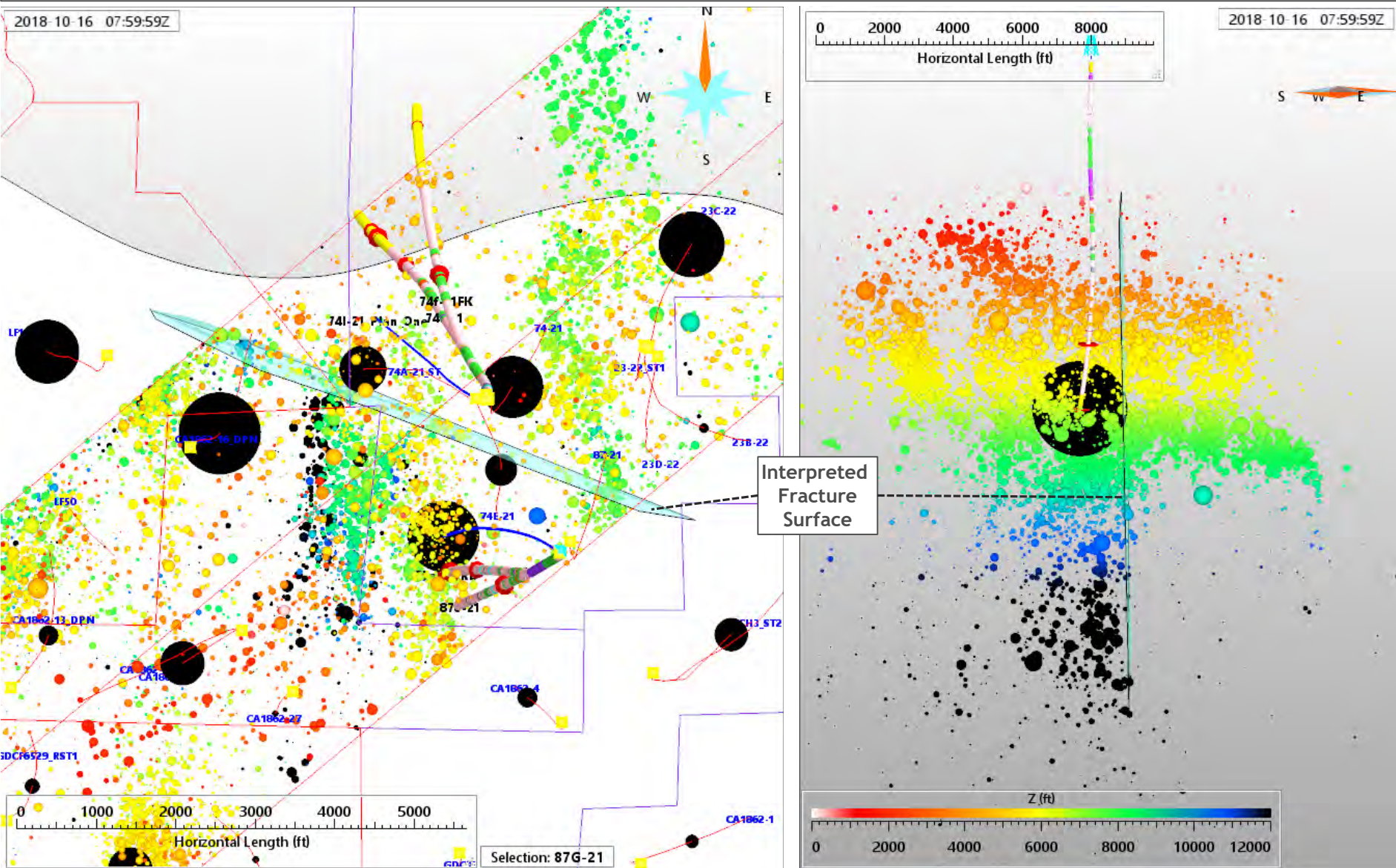
Calistoga Area Cumulative Water Injection and Induced Seismicity Animation

Relationship Between 87G-21 Cumulative Water Injection and Recent Induced Seismic Events Exceeding Magnitude 3.5



Calistoga Area Fault/Fracture Interpretation With Seismicity Slice Animation

Induced seismicity patterns indicative of fluid flow pathways, fluid flow boundaries, reservoir heterogeneity and reservoir compartmentalization at The Geysers should contribute to improved reservoir management and induced seismicity mitigation.



Calistoga Area Microseismic Stimulated Reservoir Volume Analysis

Detailed analysis of a limited subvolume of data can assist in understanding the relationship between water injection, induced seismicity and the 3D structural model.

 Create Voxet From Step Lengths and Angle

Name	Voxet_87G_21
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Origin: X	1789500	Y	410400	Z	-5000
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Angle	68
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Given in degree - 0 degree is the North - Anti Clockwise rotation

Inline step length	100
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Xline step length 100

Vertical step	100
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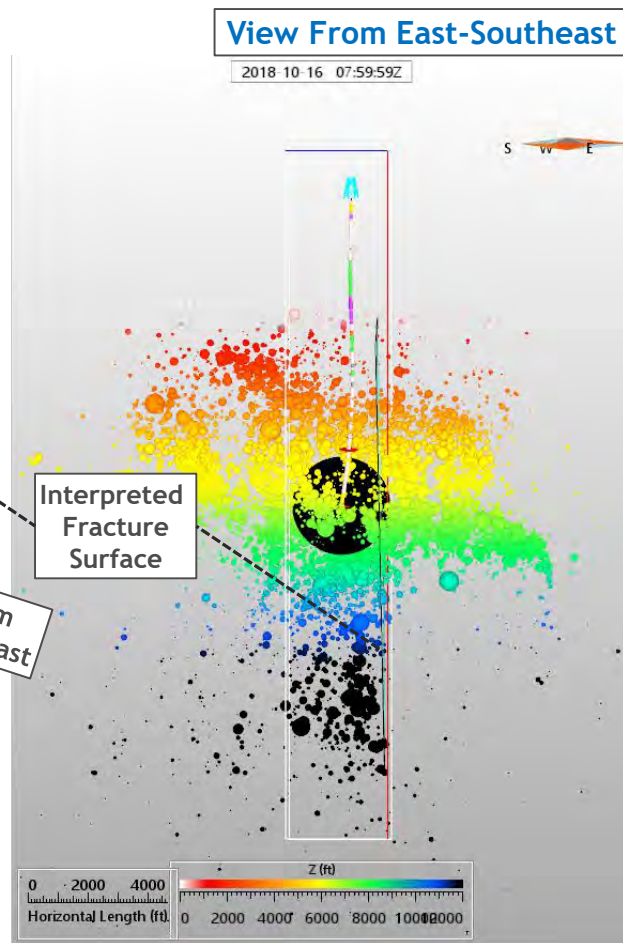
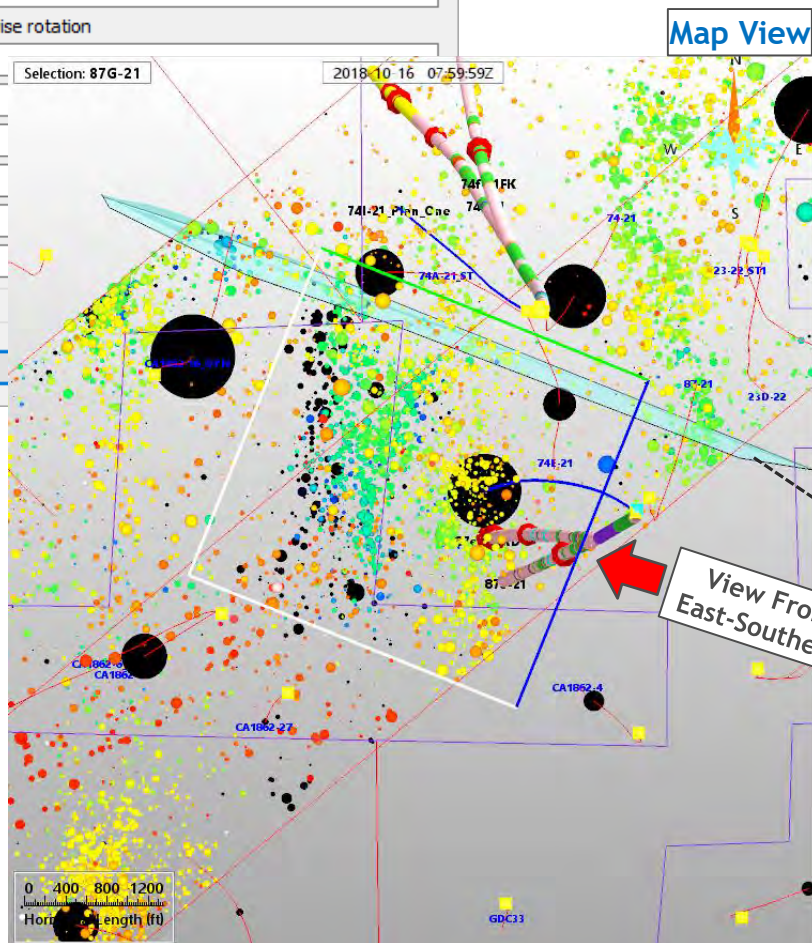
Number of inline 35

Number of xline 35

Number of vertical step 230

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Calistoga Area Microseismic Stimulated Reservoir Volume Analysis

Compute MSRV from Upscaled Microseismic Events (Not Responding)

Stratigraphic grid: SGrid_Voxel_87G_21

Output property name: SGrid_Voxel_87G_21_Avg_Magnitude

PointsSet (or Curve, Surface) Microseismic data: 01Jan1984_15Oct2018_NCEDC_TomoDD_FINAL_with_STAGE

Stages: stage_1

Microseismic property: magnitude

1 Upscaling

☒ Average ☐ Other computation ☐ Percentile ☐ Threshold

Average Computation: arithmetic

Power: 0

☐ Upscale from events only (not interpolated properties)

2 MSRV Estimation

☒ Estimate MSRV

MSRV property name: 87G_21_MS RV

☐ Estimate MSRV derivative

☒ Ignore cells below Value: 0.5

☐ Ignore cells above Value: 4

☒ Keep MSRV regions

Well: 87G-21

Specify a well to store resulting MSRV (if time-dependent sampling is)

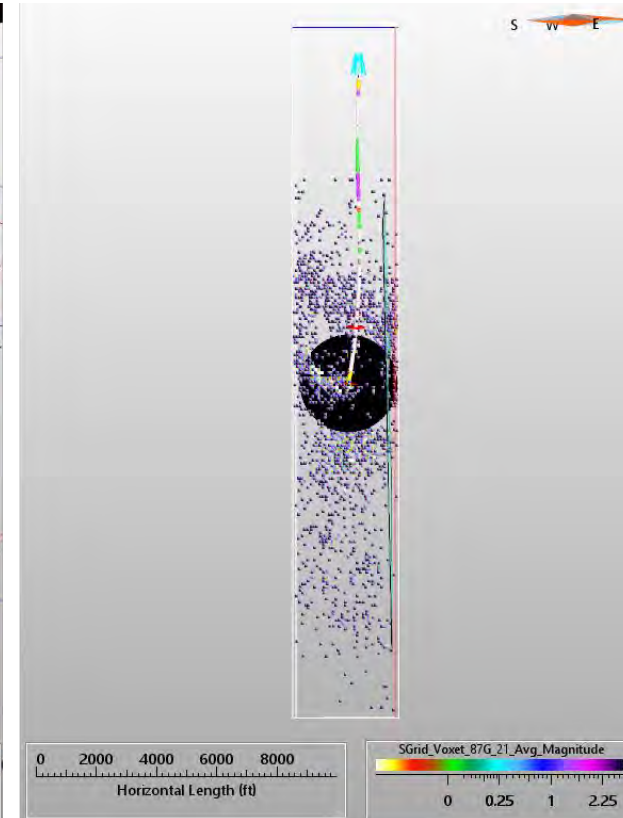
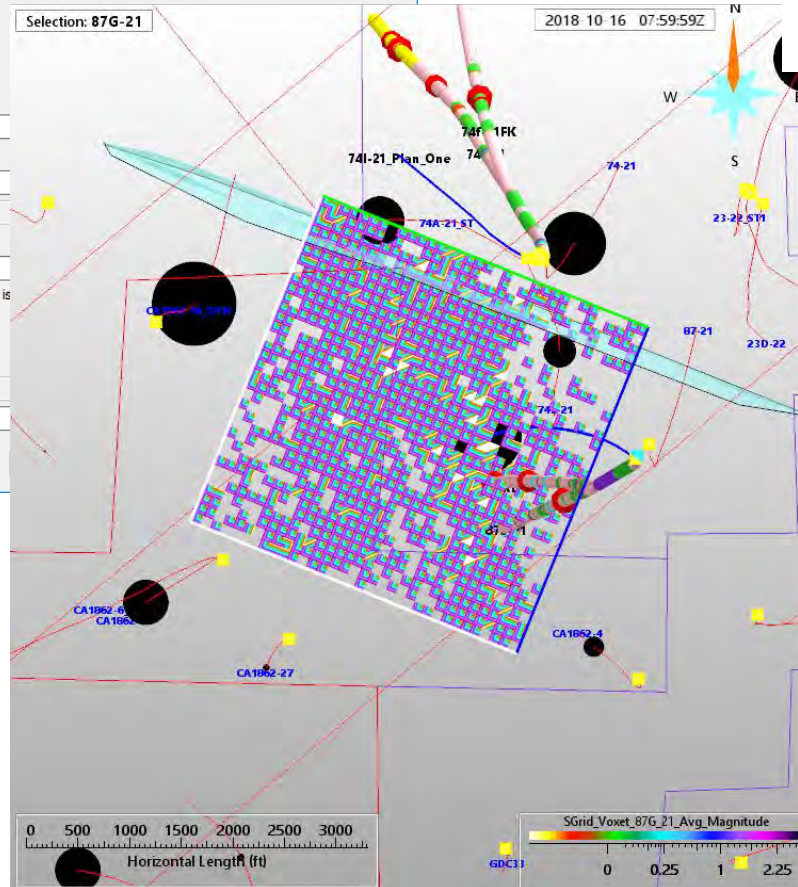
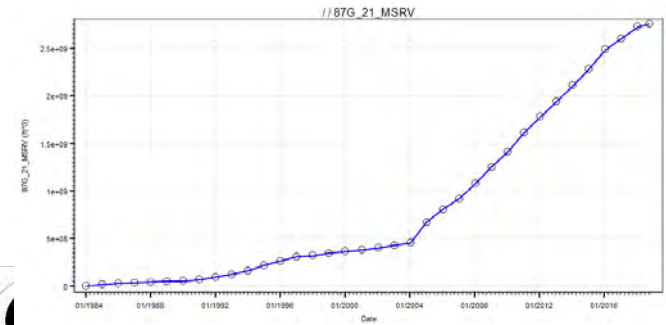
3 Time-Dependent Sampling

☒ Time-dependent sampling

☐ Sample by number Number of samples: 10

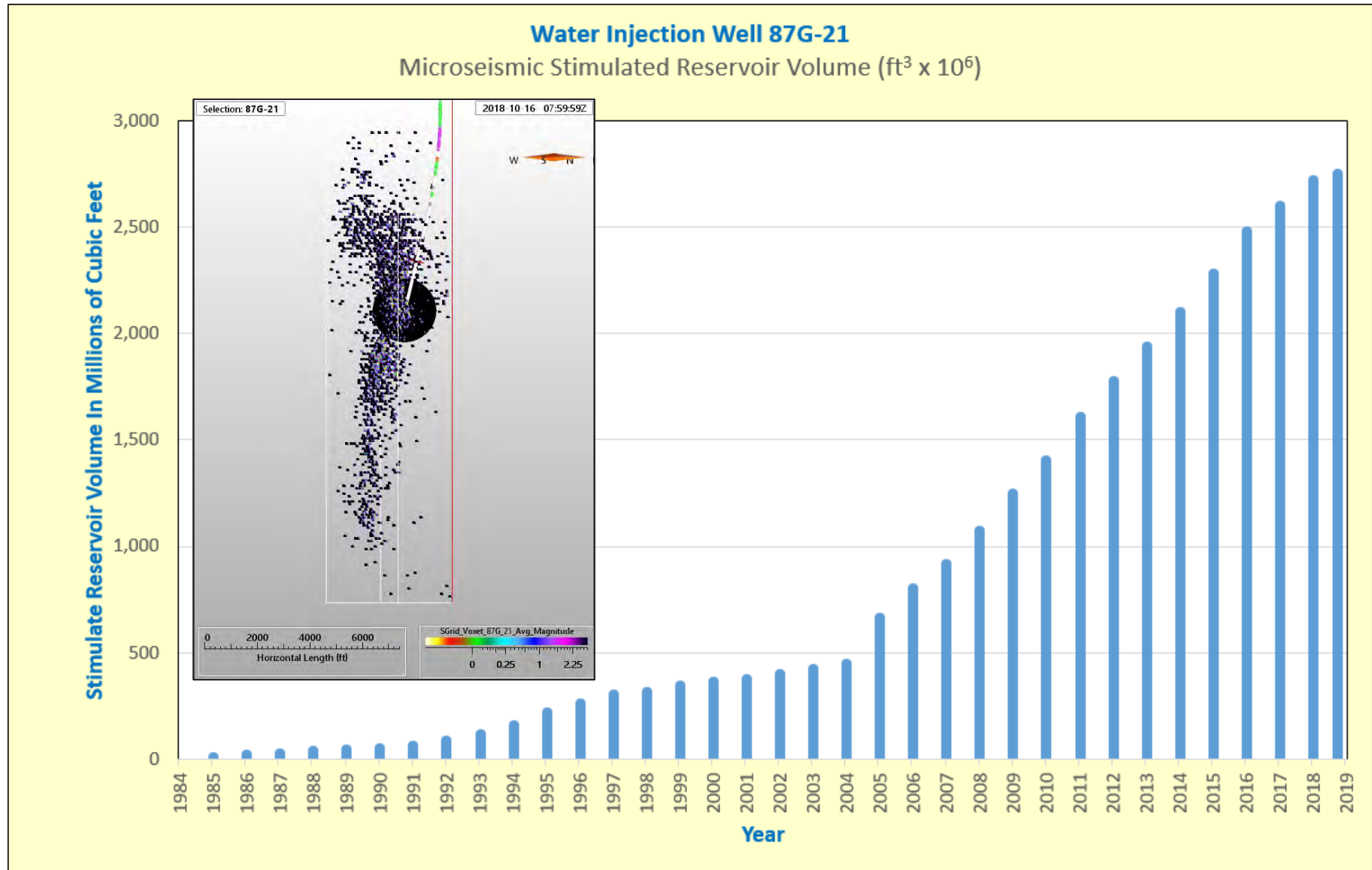
☒ Sample by time Interval: 1

Paradigm Geophysical SKUA GOCAD Software, Originally Developed for Oil and Gas Applications Includes Many Tools For Improved Understanding of Induced Seismicity.



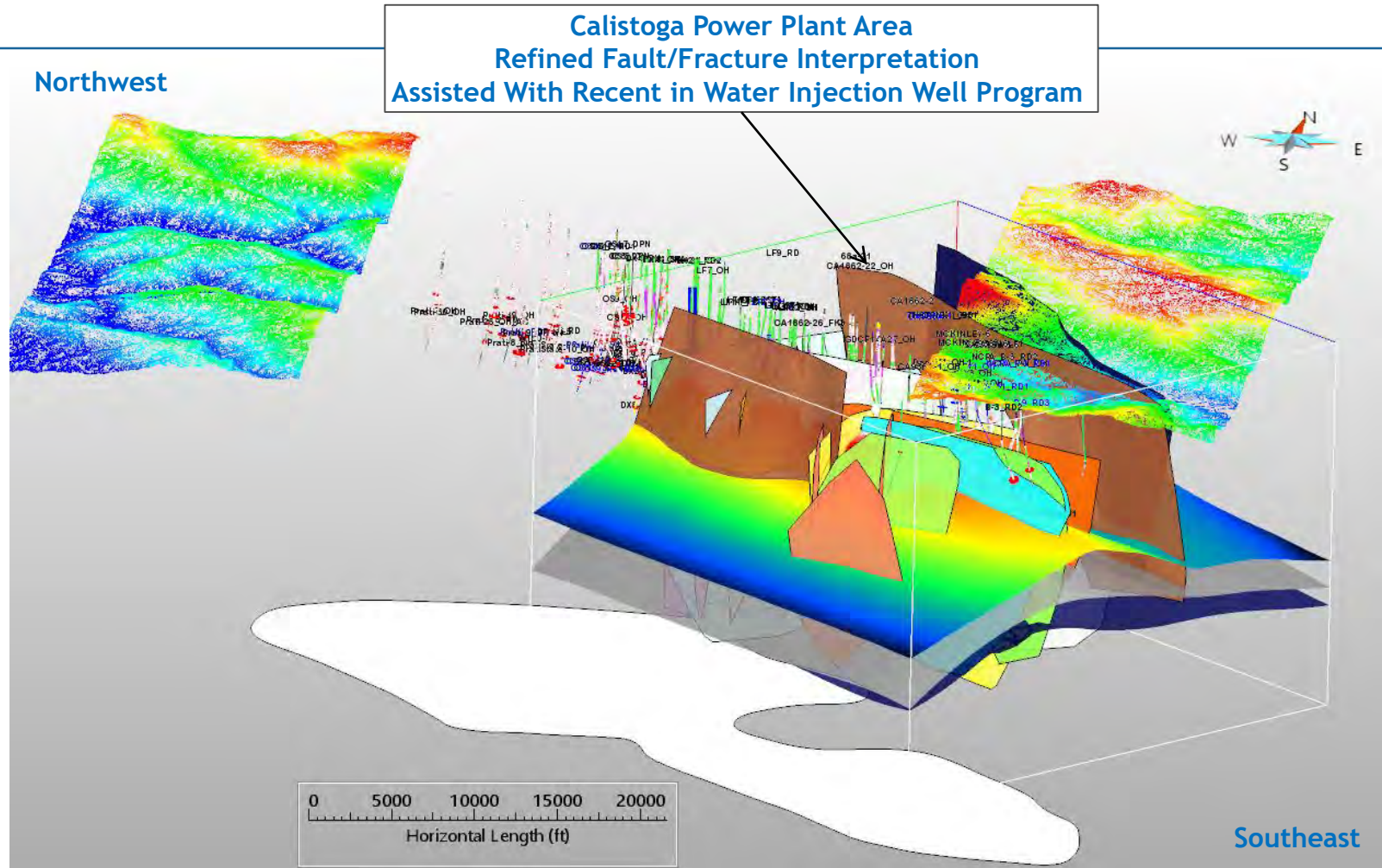
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Southeast Geysers Structural Model Development



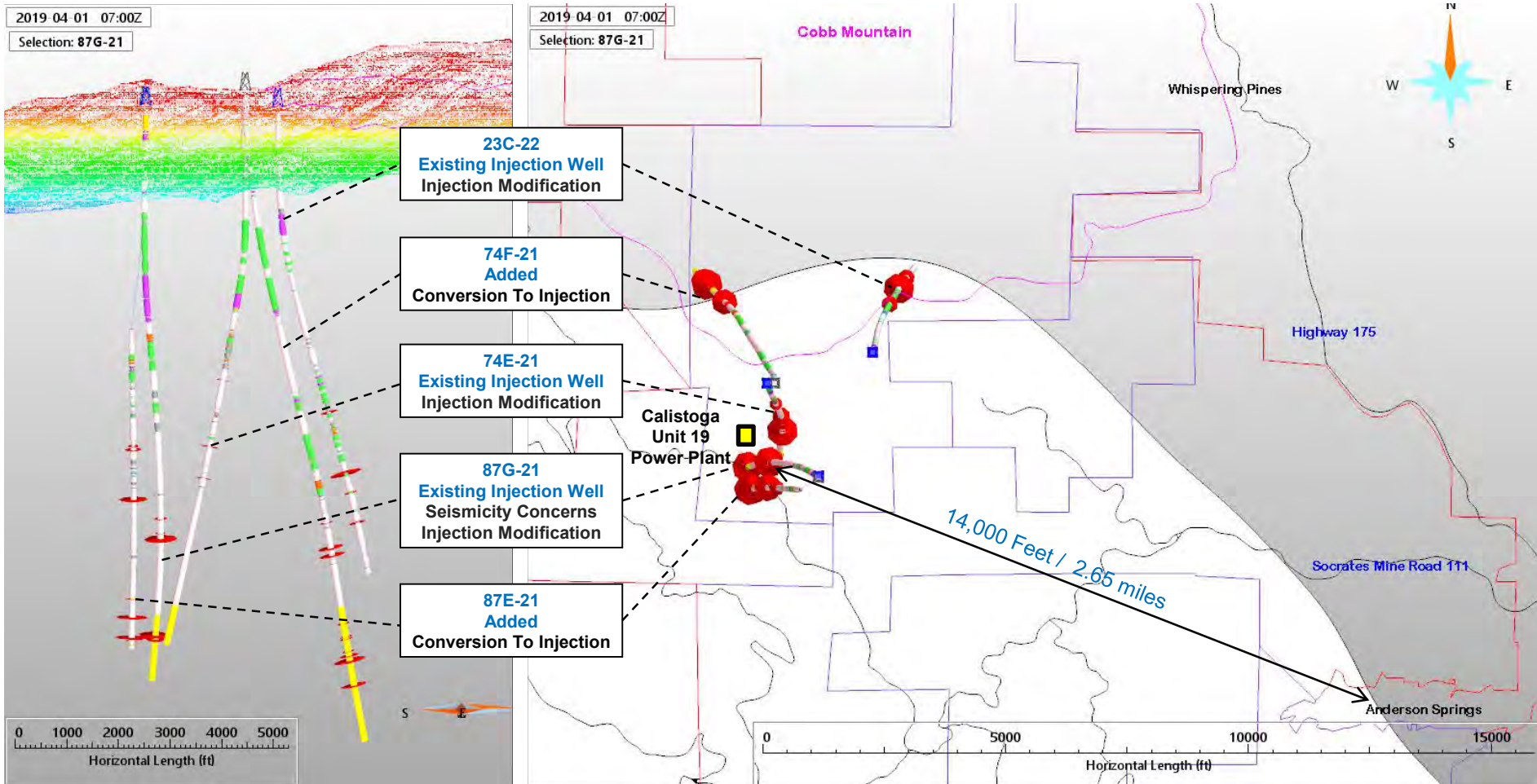
3D Structural Model Building: Oblique 3D view from south-southeast showing the developing 3D structural model within the south half of The Geysers. Shown are color-scaled topographic surfaces "above" the model, the test volume or voxel boundary box, the intersecting faults and 3D structural horizons developed within the 3D structural and stratigraphic workflow, a NW-SE oriented corridor of wells with lithology (rock type) logs assigned, and a deeper surface representing the productive steam reservoir outline.

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Better Water Distribution for Seismicity Mitigation

Calistoga Power Plant Area 87G-21

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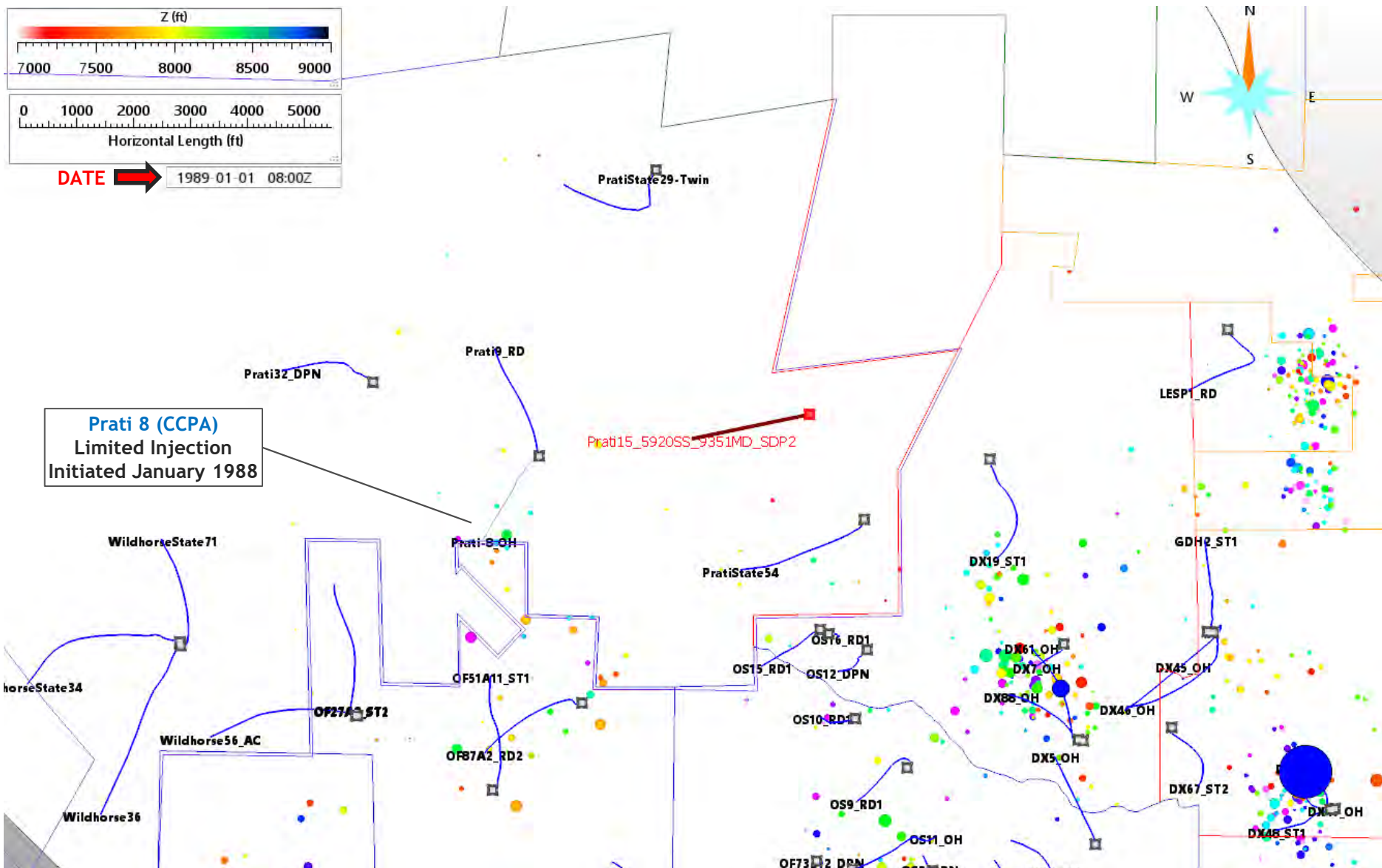


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Prati 15 Steam Production Well Planning

Time Snapshots
Seismicity Depth Range

1984, 1989, 1997, 2000 through 2018
7000' to 9000' Subsea

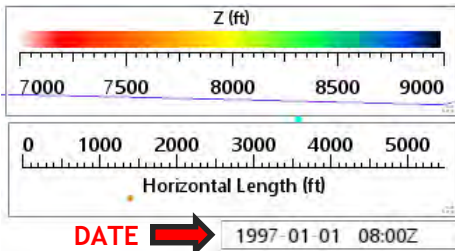


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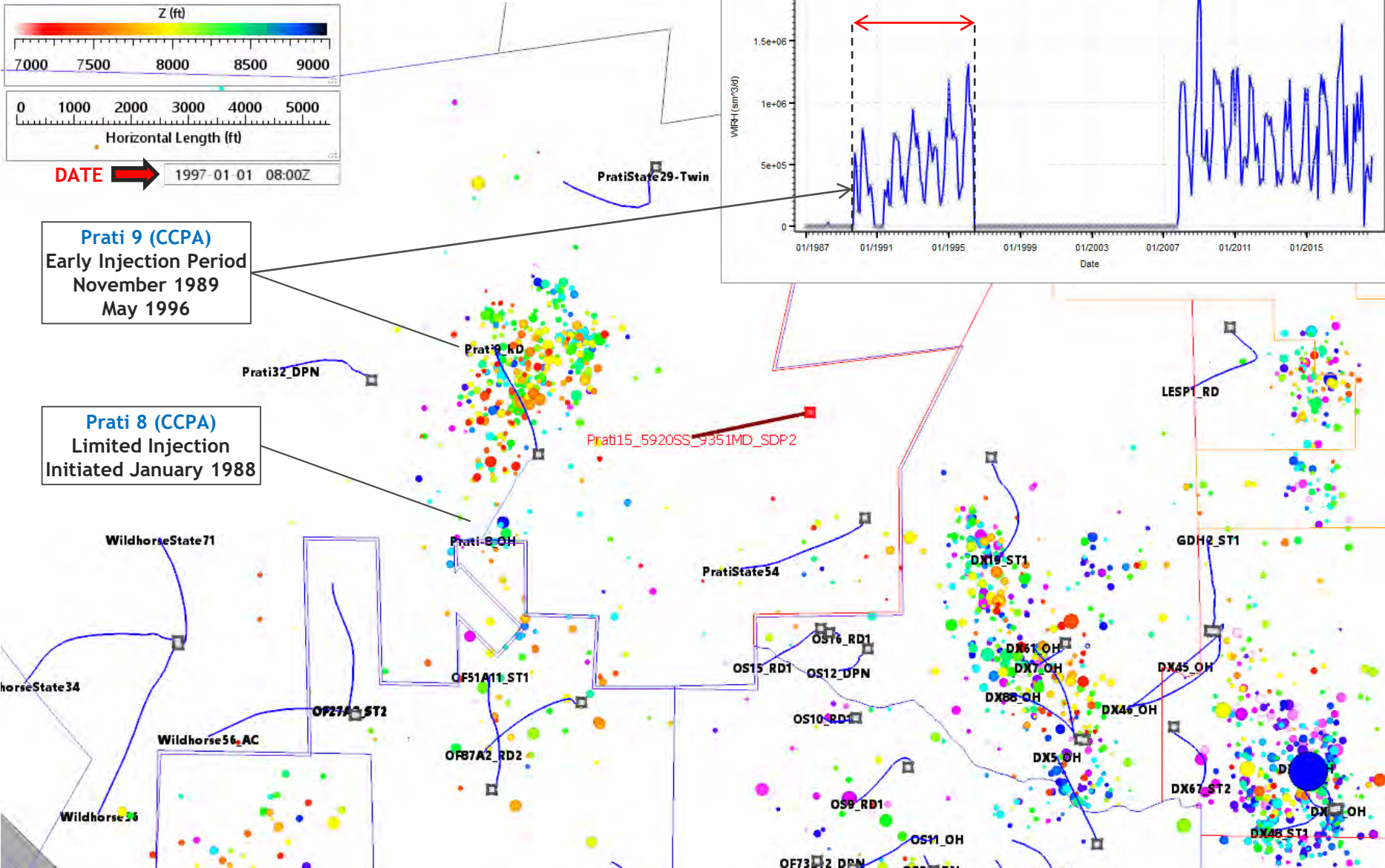
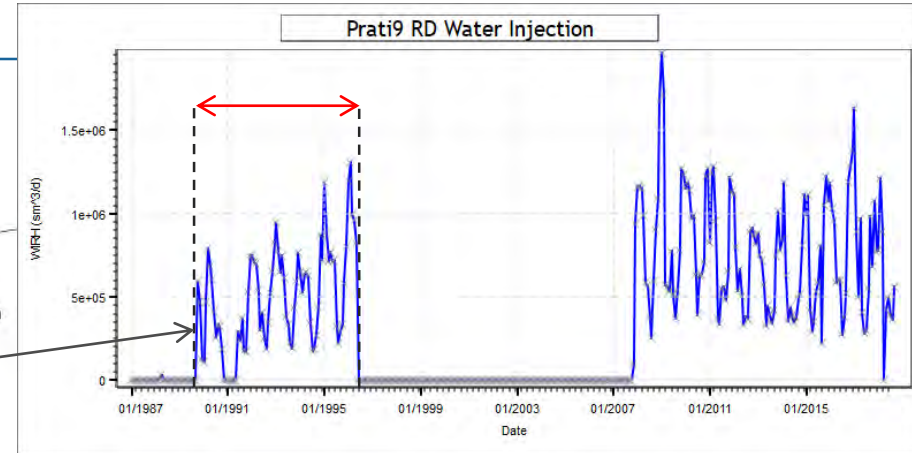
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Prati 9 (CCPA)
Early Injection Period
November 1989
May 1996

Prati 8 (CCPA)
Limited Injection
Initiated January 1988

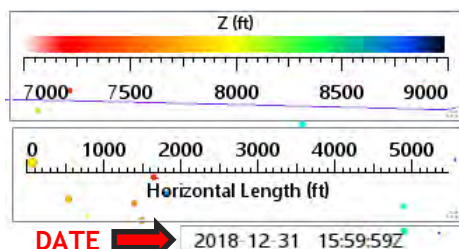


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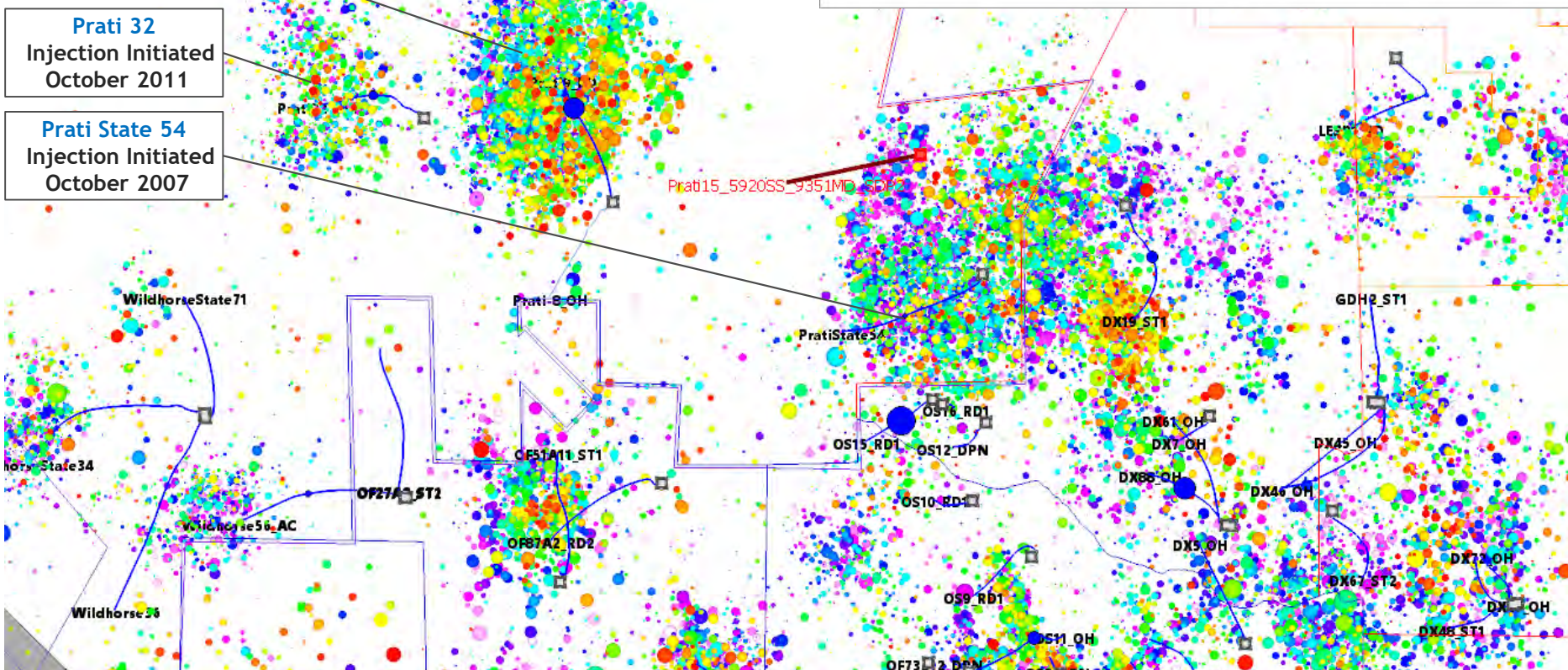
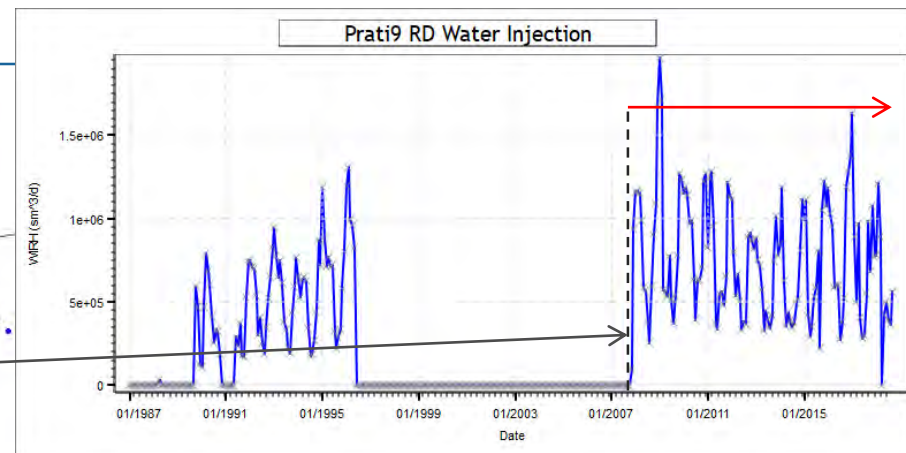


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Prati 9 (Calpine)
Injection Initiated
December 2007

Prati 32
Injection Initiated
October 2011

Prati State 54
Injection Initiated
October 2007

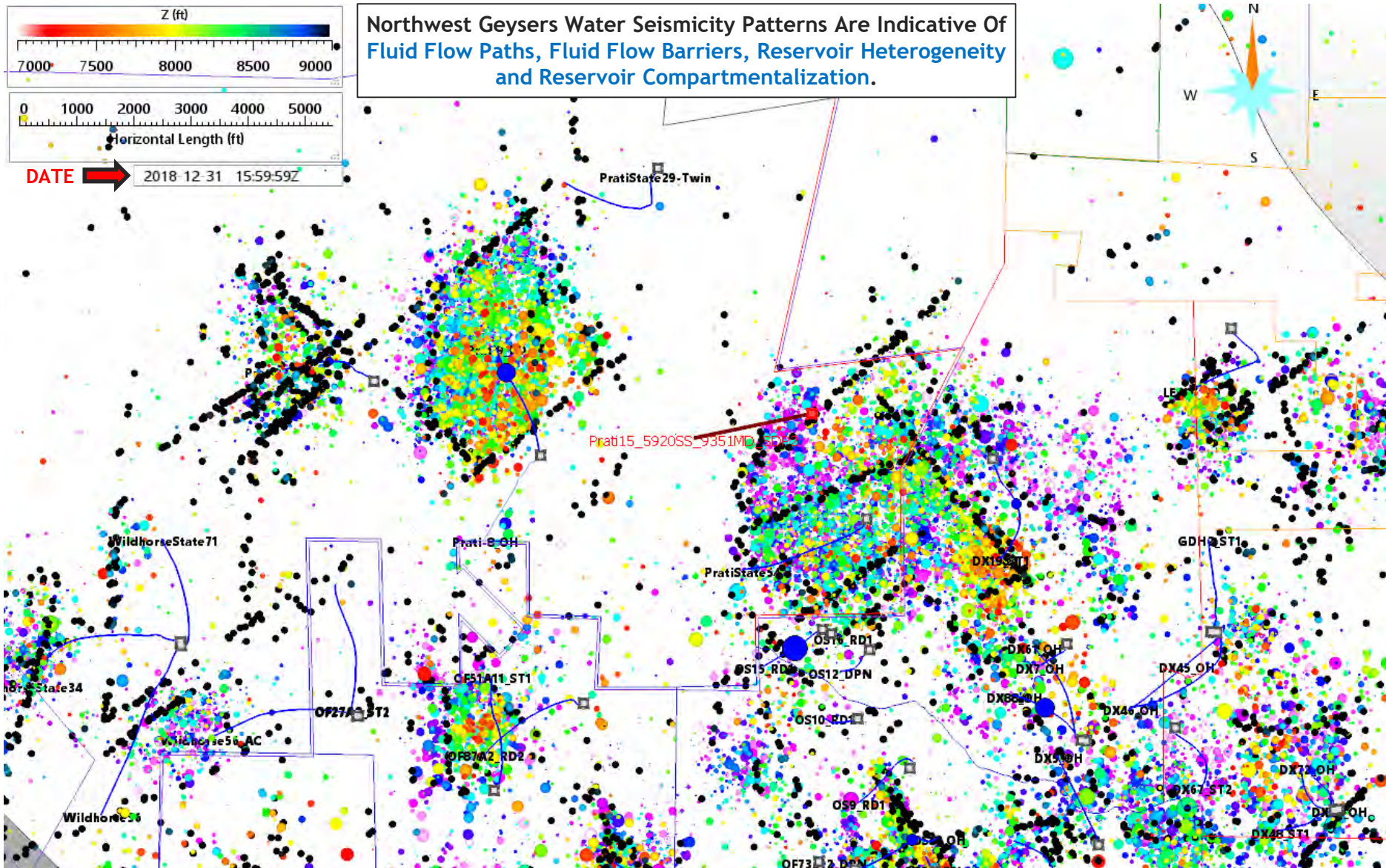


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Time Snapshots
Seismicity Depth Range
Fault Pick Depth Range

1984, 1989, 1997, 2000 through 2018
7000' to 9000' Subsea
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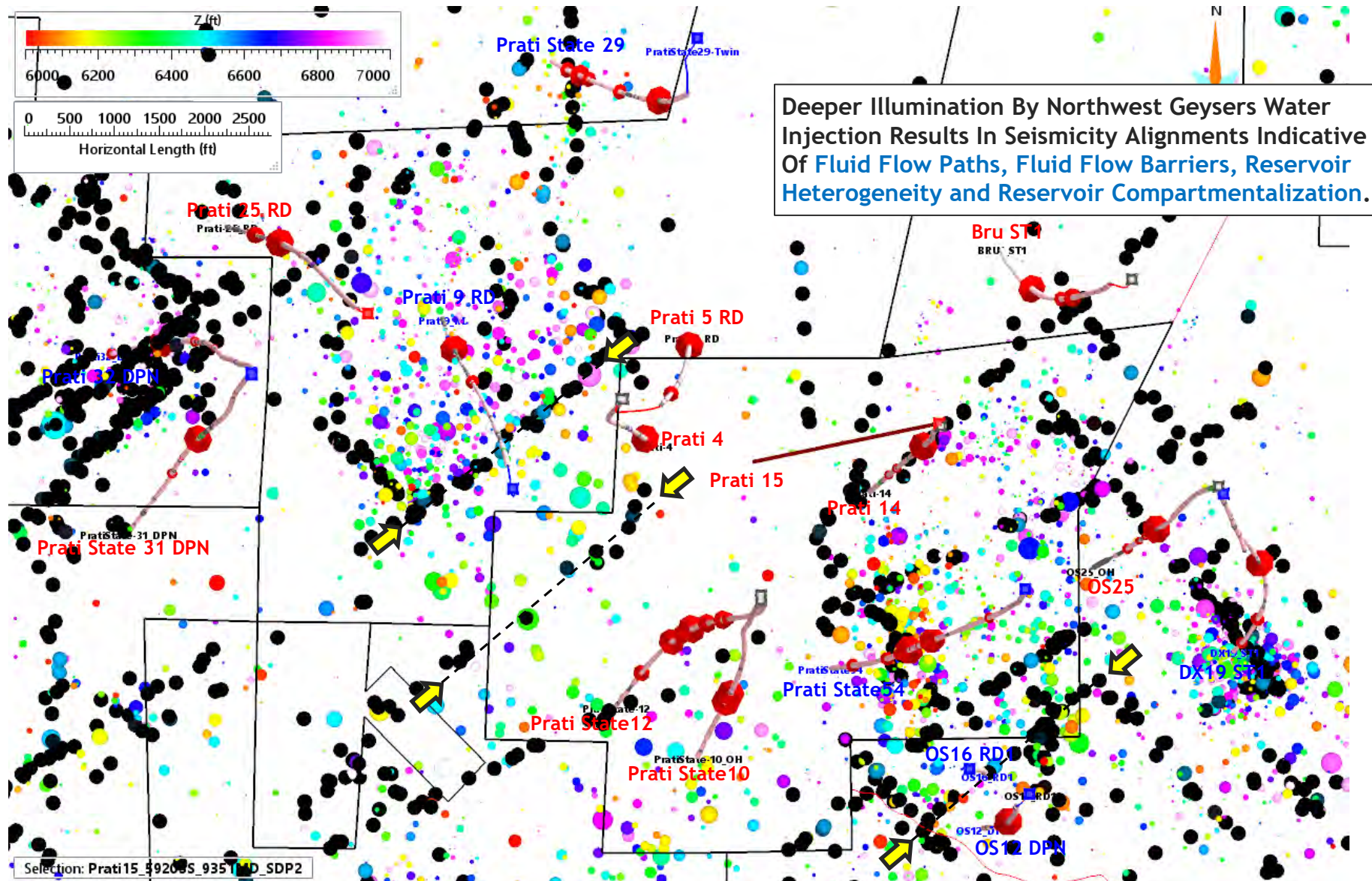
Prati 15 Steam Production Well Planning

Seismicity Slice #1



Seismicity Time Range
Seismicity Depth Range
Fault Pick Depth Range

1984 through 2018
6000' to 7000' Below Sea Level
5500' to 7500' Below Sea Level



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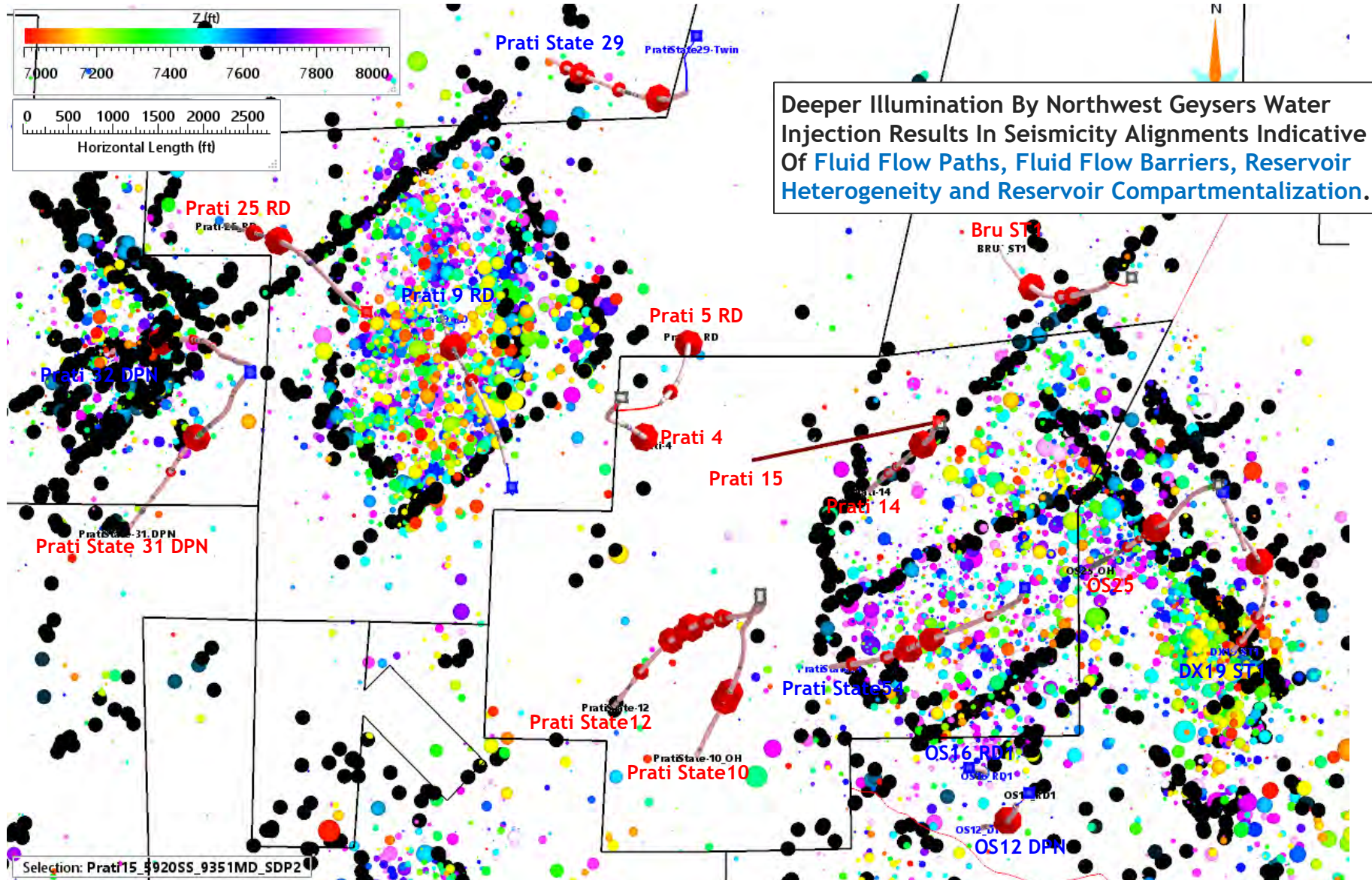
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Seismicity Slice #2



Seismicity Time Range
Seismicity Depth Range
Fault Pick Depth Range

1984 through 2018
7000' to 8000' Below Sea Level
6500' to 8500' Below Sea Level



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Prati 15 Steam Production Well Planning

Seismicity Slice #3

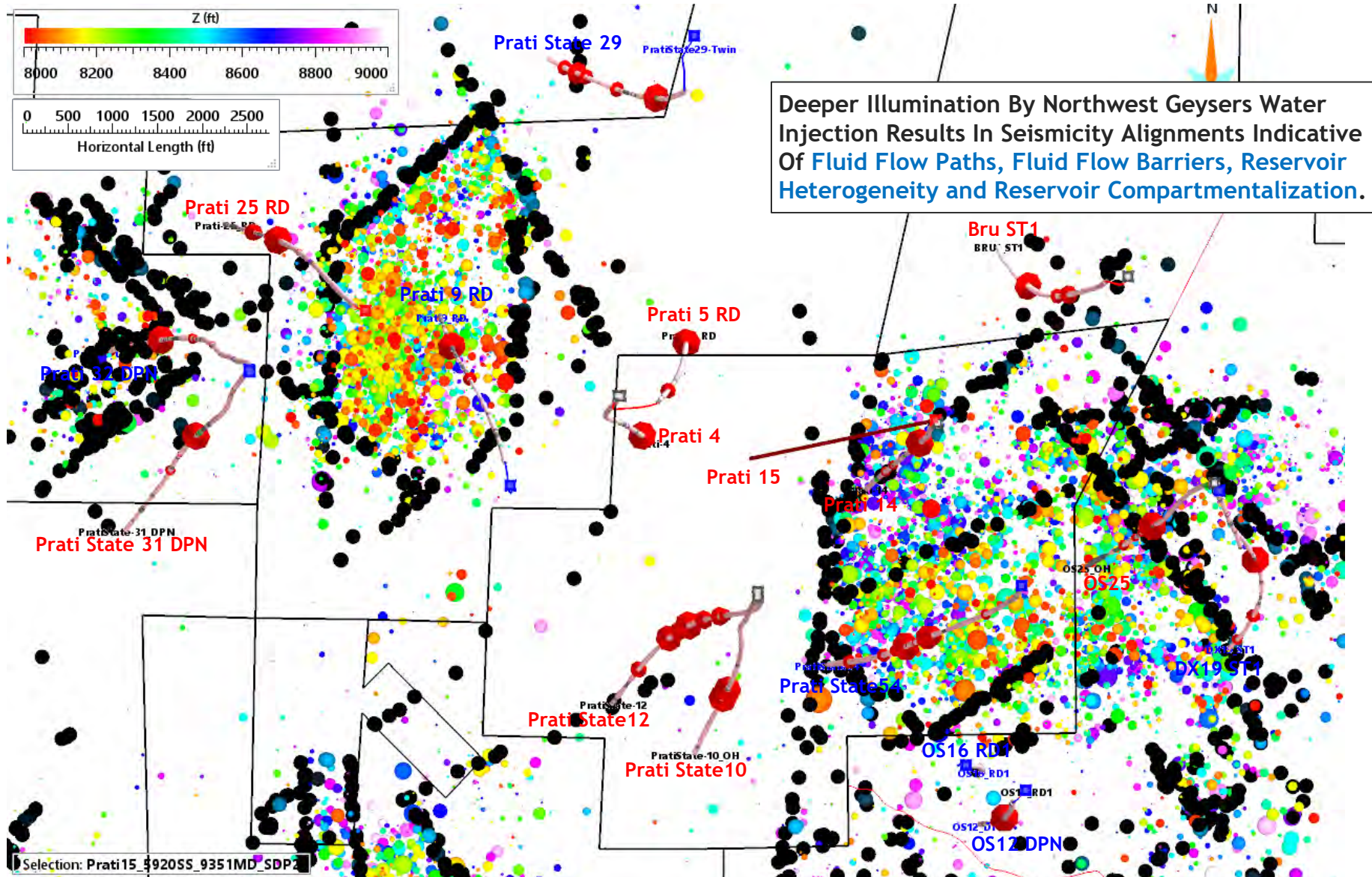


Seismicity Time Range
Seismicity Depth Range
Fault Pick Depth Range

1984 through 2018

8000' to 9000' Below Sea Level

7500' to 9500' Below Sea Level





9000' to 10000' Below Sea Level
8500' to 10500' Below Sea Level



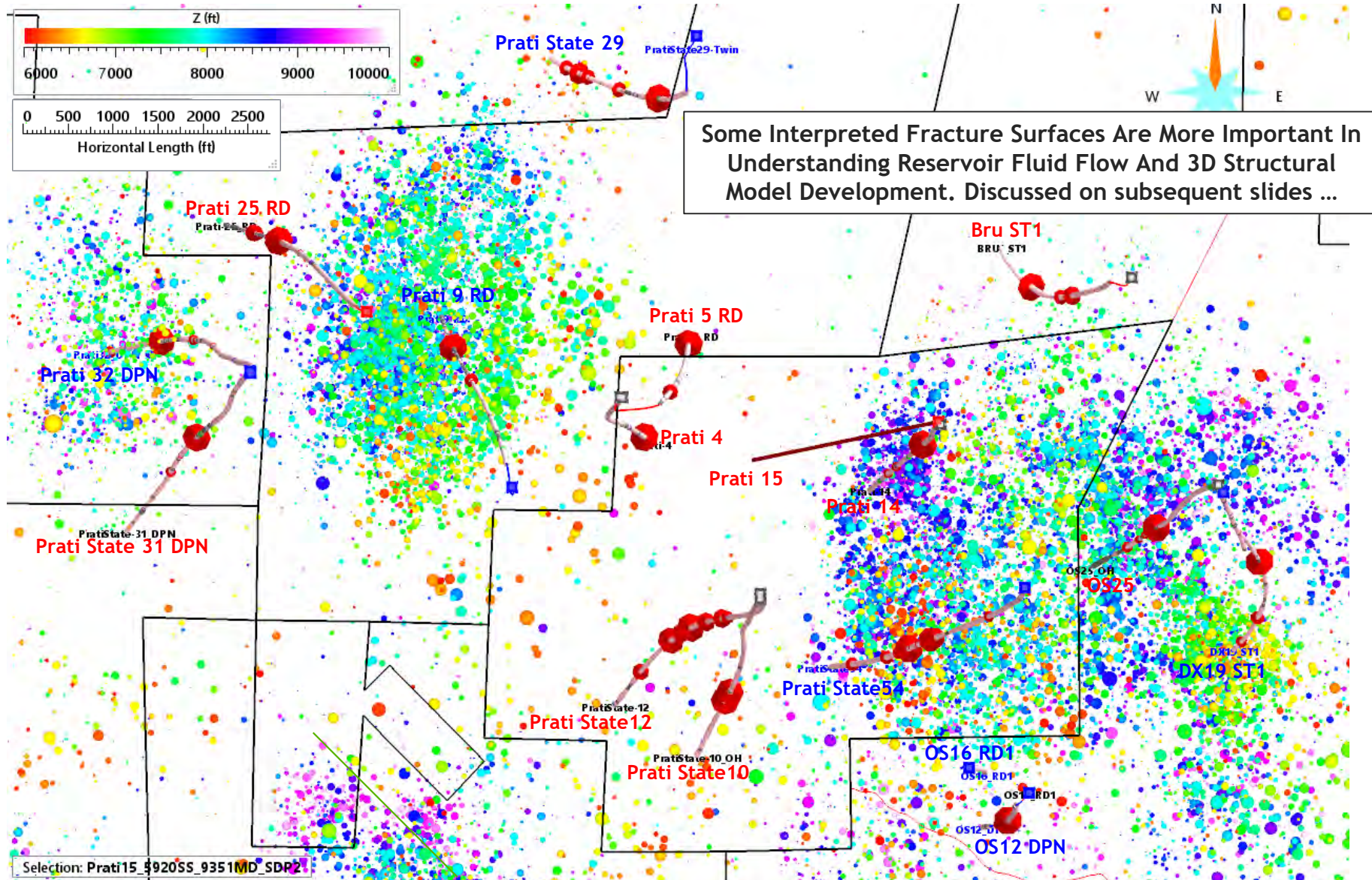
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Prati 15 Steam Production Well Planning Active Wells in Vicinity



Seismicity Time Range
Seismicity Depth Range

1984 through 2018
6000' to 10000' Below Sea Level



All Interpreted Fracture Surfaces

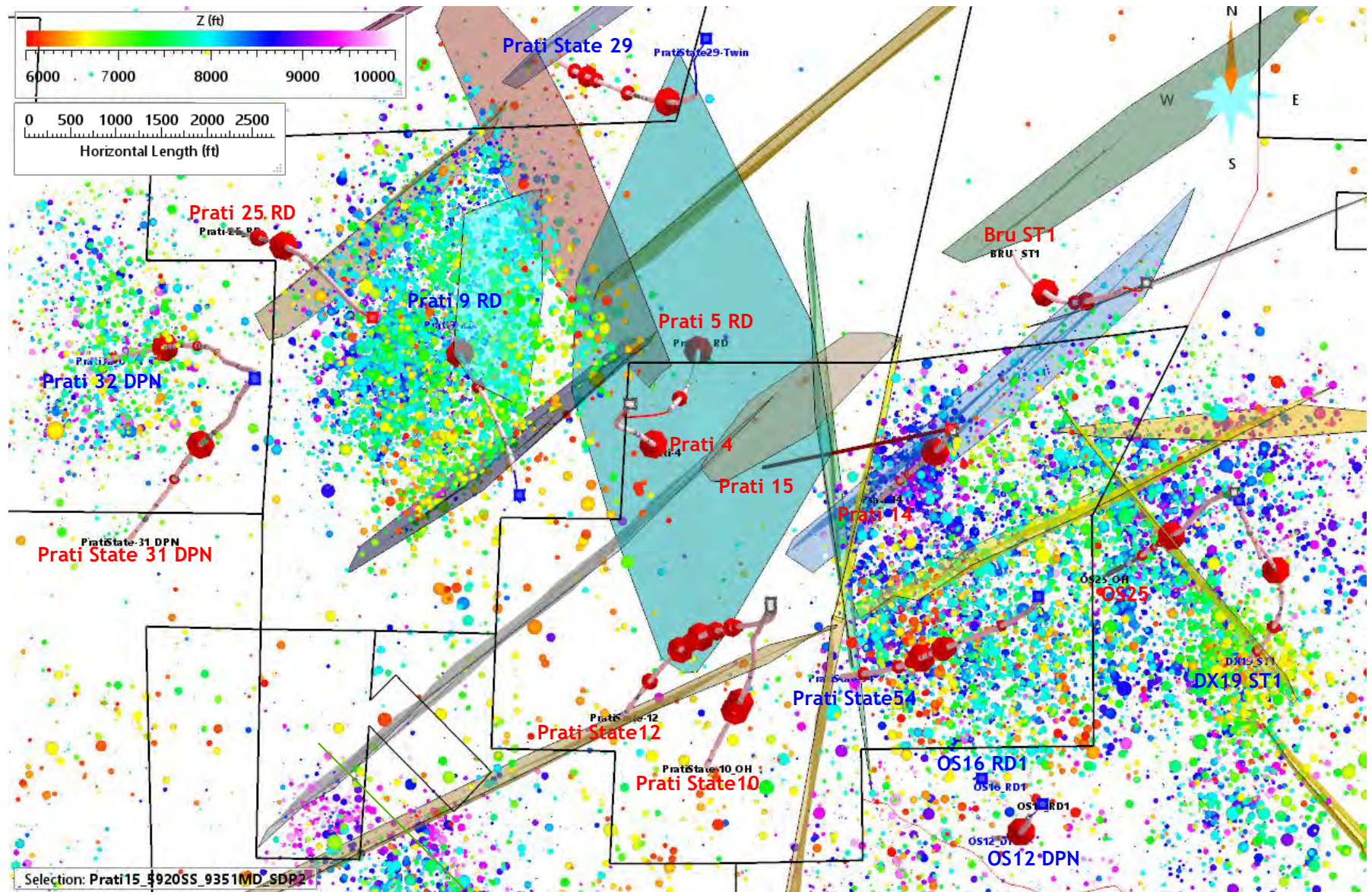
1984 through 2018
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Prati 15 Steam Production Well Planning Limited Interpreted Fracture Surfaces

Seismicity Time Range
Seismicity Depth Range

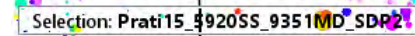
1984 through 2018
6000' to 9000' Below Sea Level



Prati 15 Steam Production Well Planning Very Limited Interpreted Fracture Surfaces

1984 through 2018
6000' to 9000' Below Sea Level

(1) Limited Fluid Transfer Across Low Permeability Fracture Zones (Fault Gouge/Sealing Faults), And/Or:
(2) Water Injection Into Higher Permeability Rock With Lower Permeability Rock Beyond Fracture Zones.



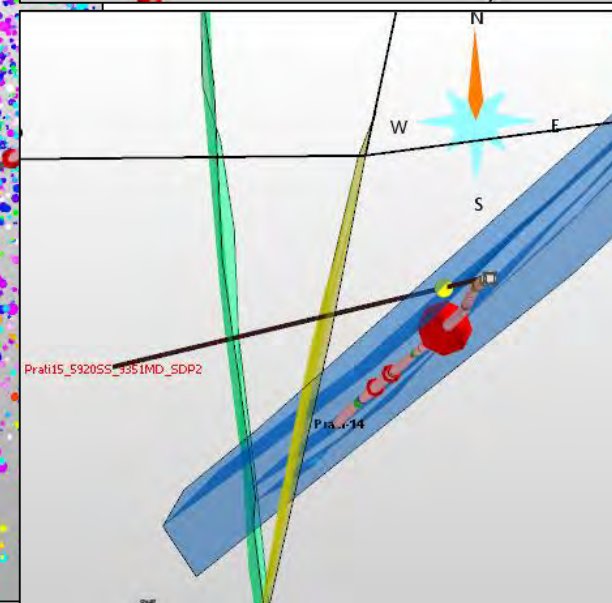
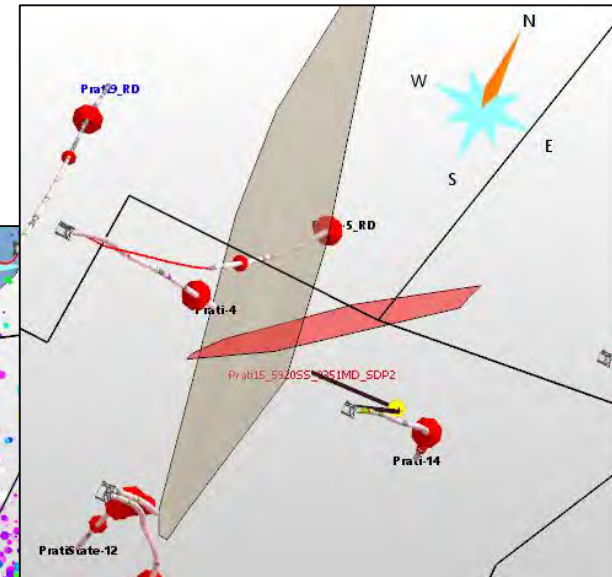
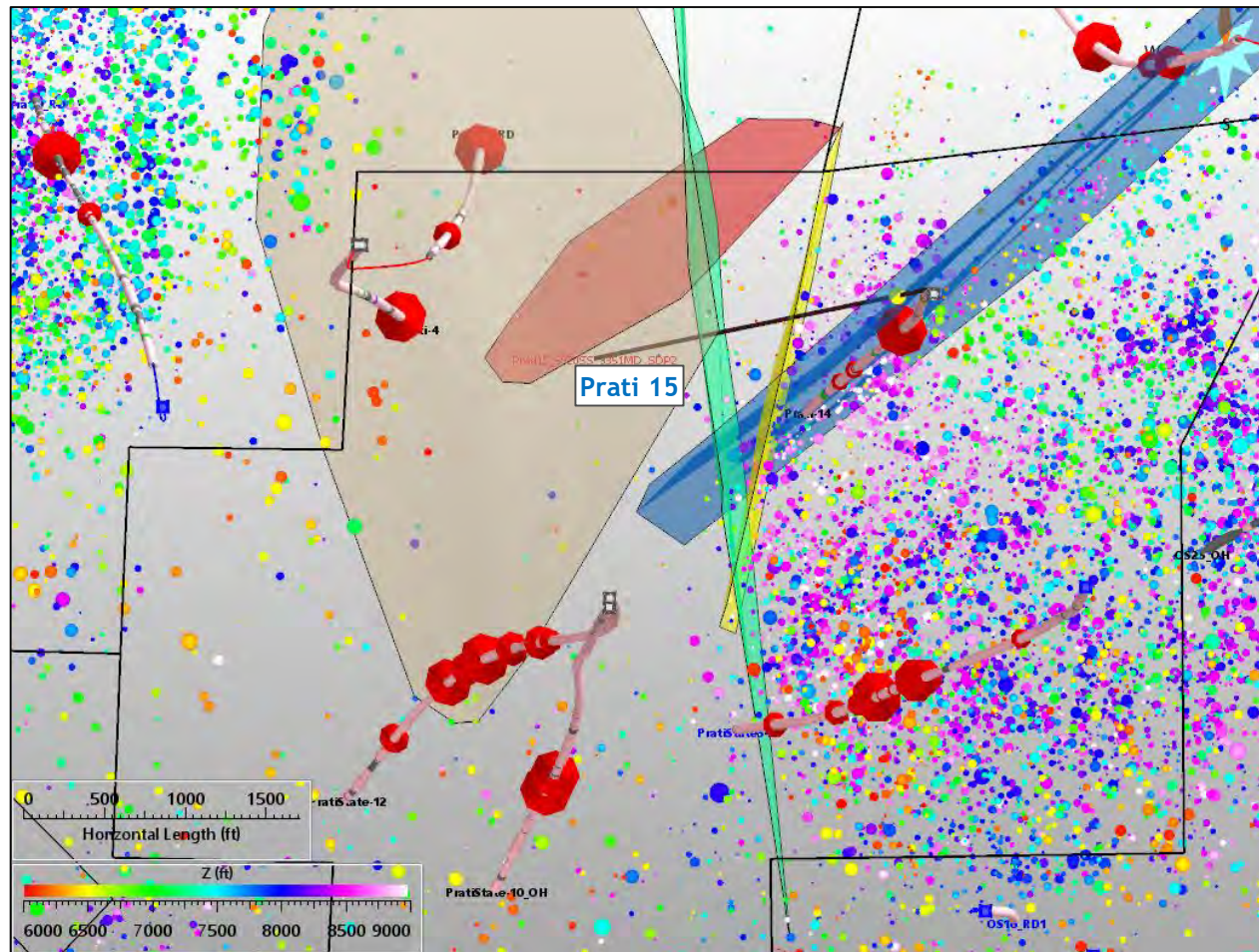
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Prati 15 Steam Production Well Planning Trajectory and Interpreted Fracture Surfaces

Seismicity Time Range
Seismicity Depth Range

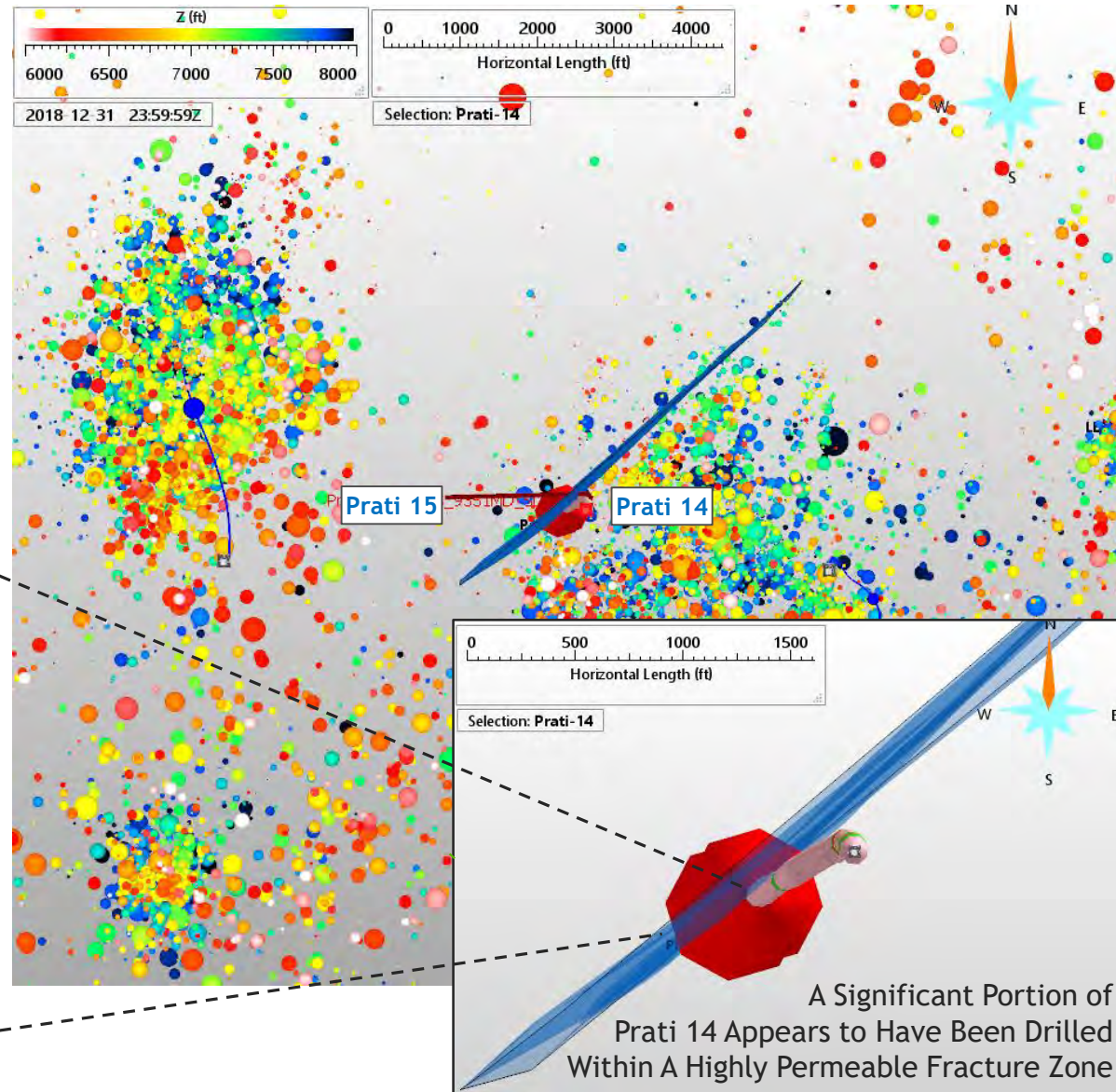
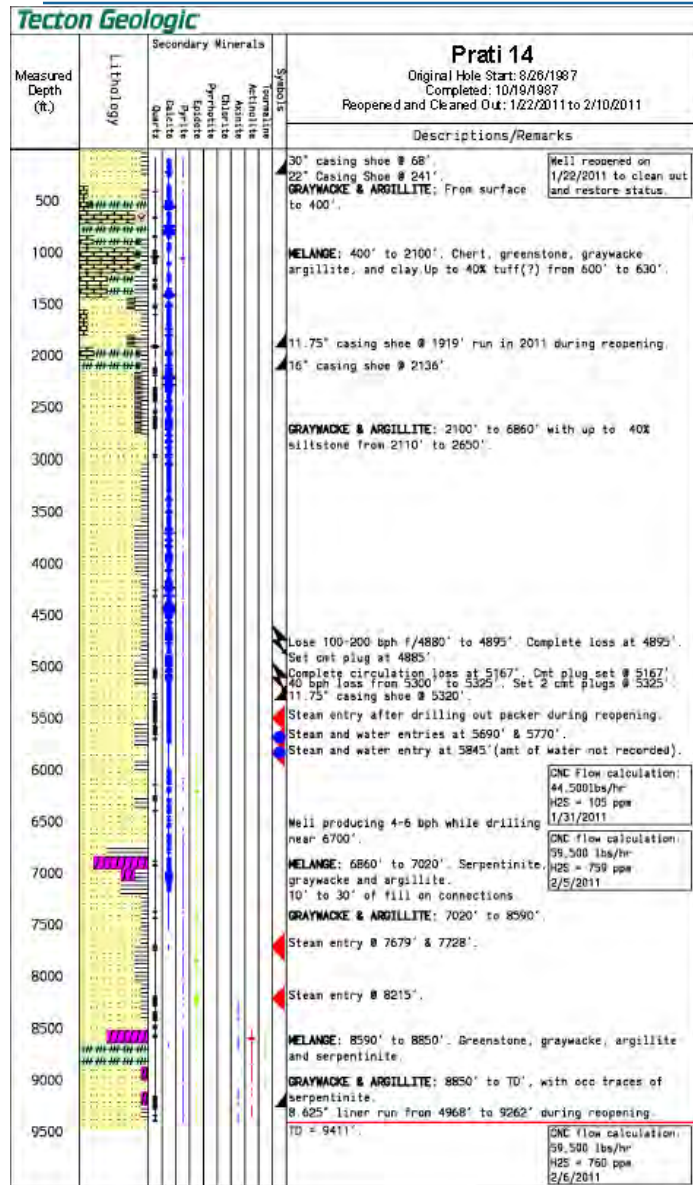
1984 through 2018
6000' to 9000' Below Sea Level

- 3770' MD: Blue fracture surface intersection.
- 5760' MD: Yellow fracture surface intersection.
- 7410' MD: Green fracture surface intersection.
- $\geq 1750'$ Separation: Southeast of northwest dipping red fracture surface.
- $\geq 1900'$ Separation: Below the west dipping light brown fracture surface.



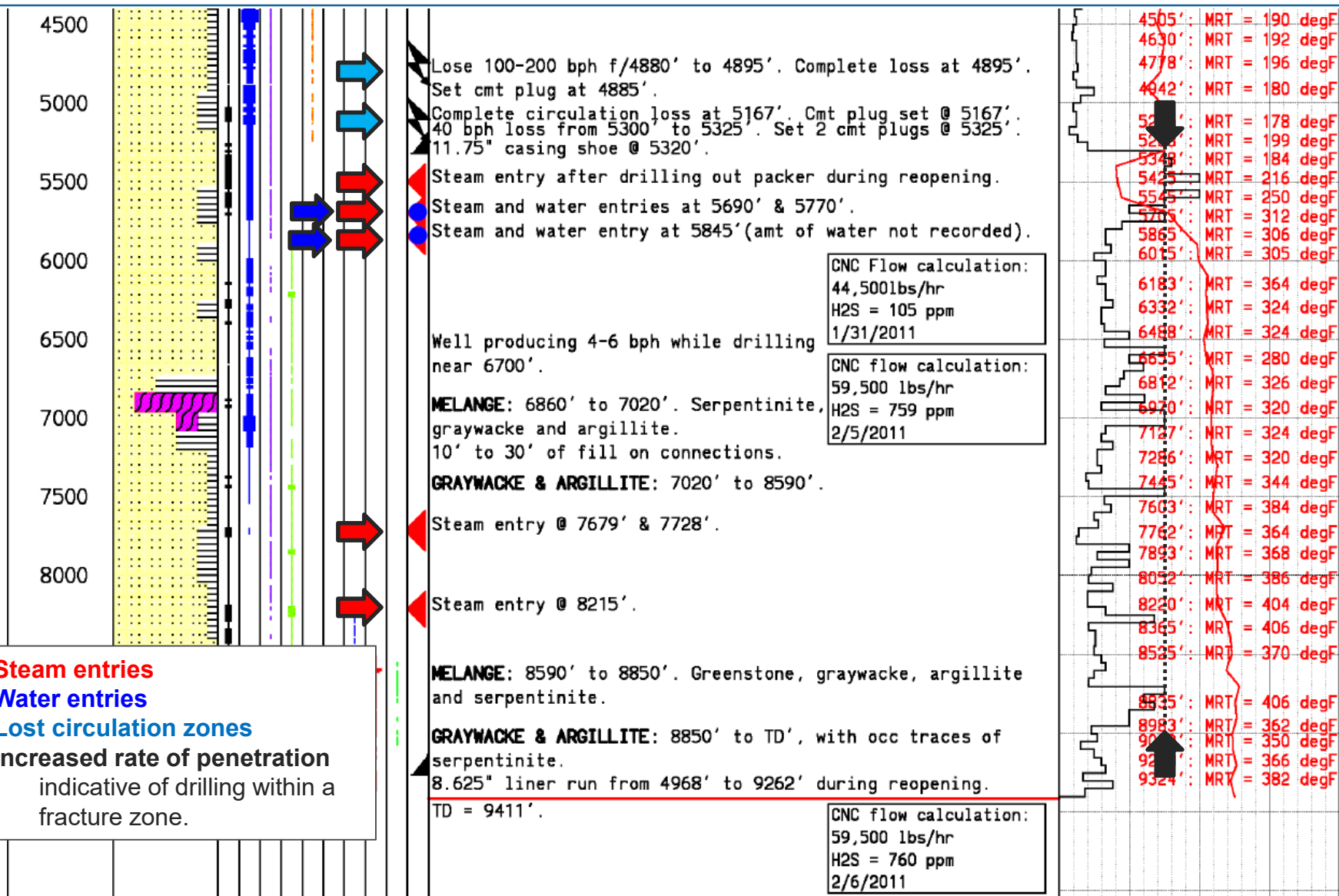
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Prati 14 High Permeability Zone Correlates With Fracture Zone Defined By Seismicity Patterns



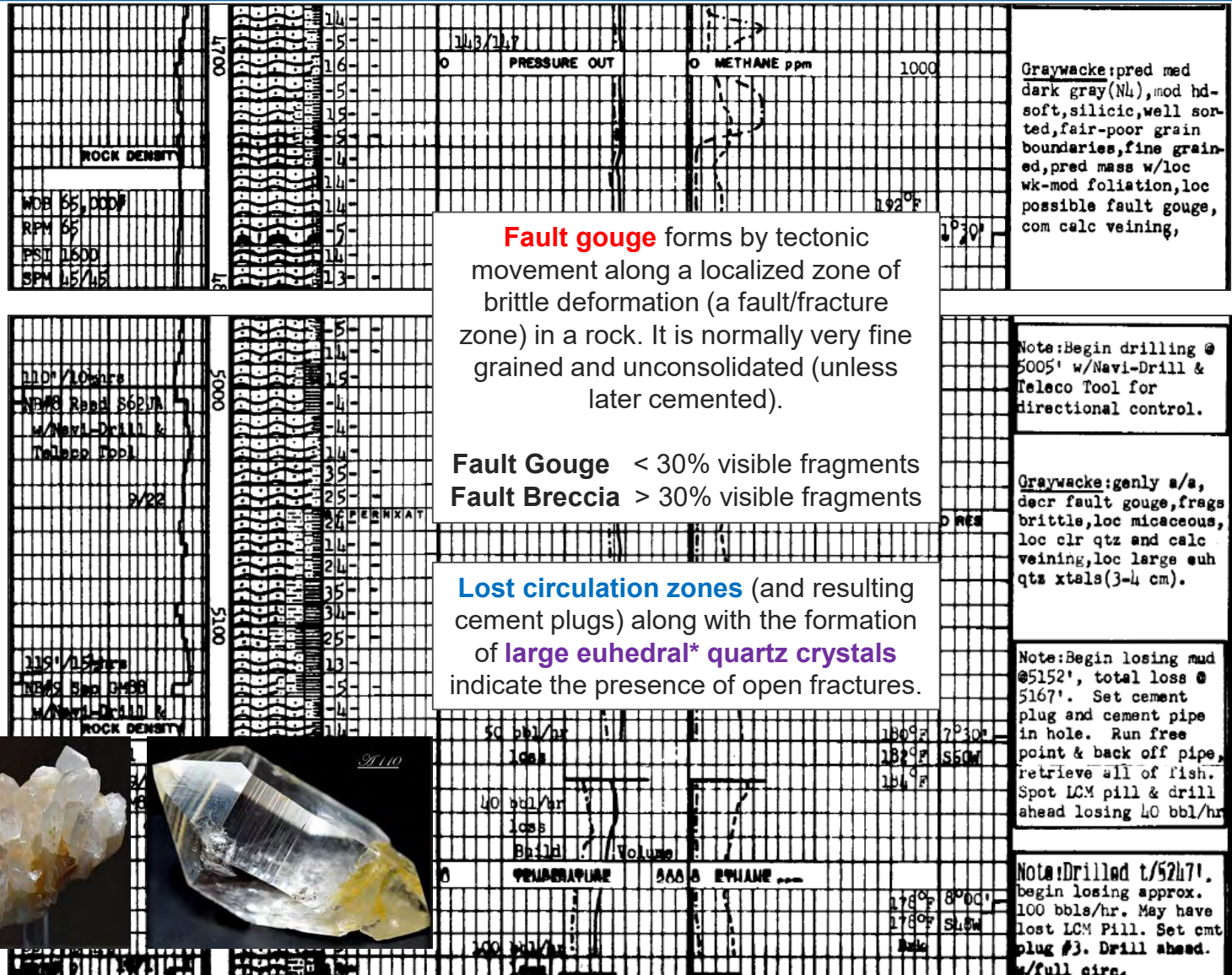
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Prati 14 High Permeability Zone Seen On Tecton Geologic Summary Log



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Prati 14 High Permeability Zone Correlates With Fracture Zone Defined By Lithology Log



*euhehdral: Mineral crystal faces correspond to the regular crystal form unconstrained by adjacent minerals.

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Aidlin and Wildhorse Area 3D Fault Interpretation (Northwest Geysers)

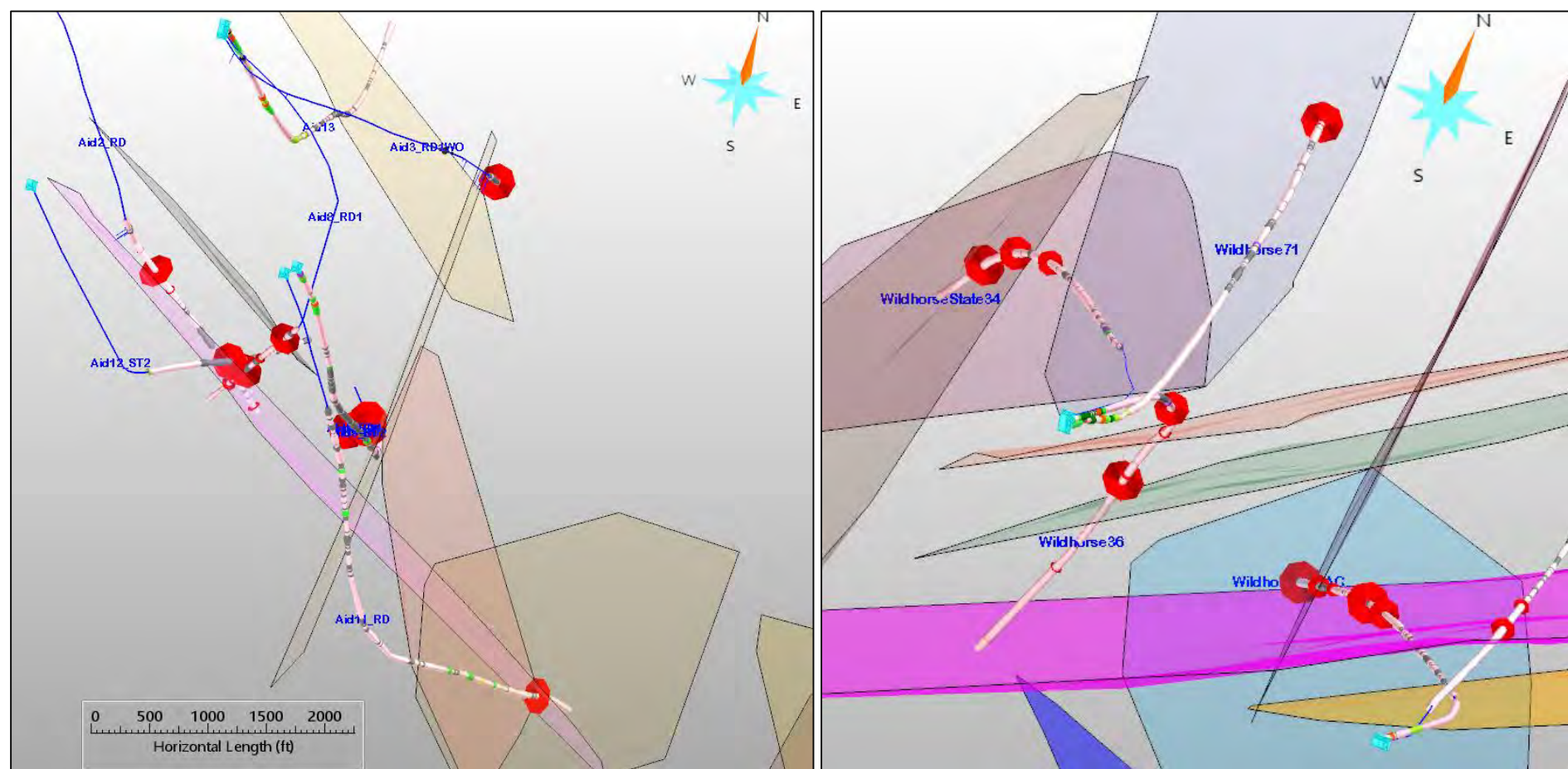
Water injection Well Steam Entries vs. Interpreted Fracture Surfaces (Unbiased*)

Aidlin Area (left) and Wildhorse Area (right)

The majority of significant steam entries for the **water injection** wells shown occur at *approximately* the intersection with the interpreted fracture surfaces.

Fluid flow from **water injection wells** appear to be illuminating fault/fracture systems.

Many fault/fracture surface associated with **steam production** wells are not illuminated by seismicity.



*Unbaised = fracture surfaces as seen were initially interpreted using only seismicity alignments

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Additional Seismic Monitoring and Research

California Energy Commission Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program EPC-16-021

Accepted Proposal

High-Resolution Micro-Earthquake Imaging of Flow Paths Using a Dense Seismic Network and Fast-Turnaround, Automated Processing *

Program Goal

Development of advanced, low-cost, microseismic imaging for high-resolution spatial and temporal images of subsurface fluid flow, flow barriers and heterogeneity in producing geothermal fields. The project will focus on microseismicity imaging challenges that are unique to geothermal reservoirs.

Improved 3D and time-lapse subsurface resolution is anticipated to assist with seismicity mitigation efforts at The Geysers.

Applicant

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

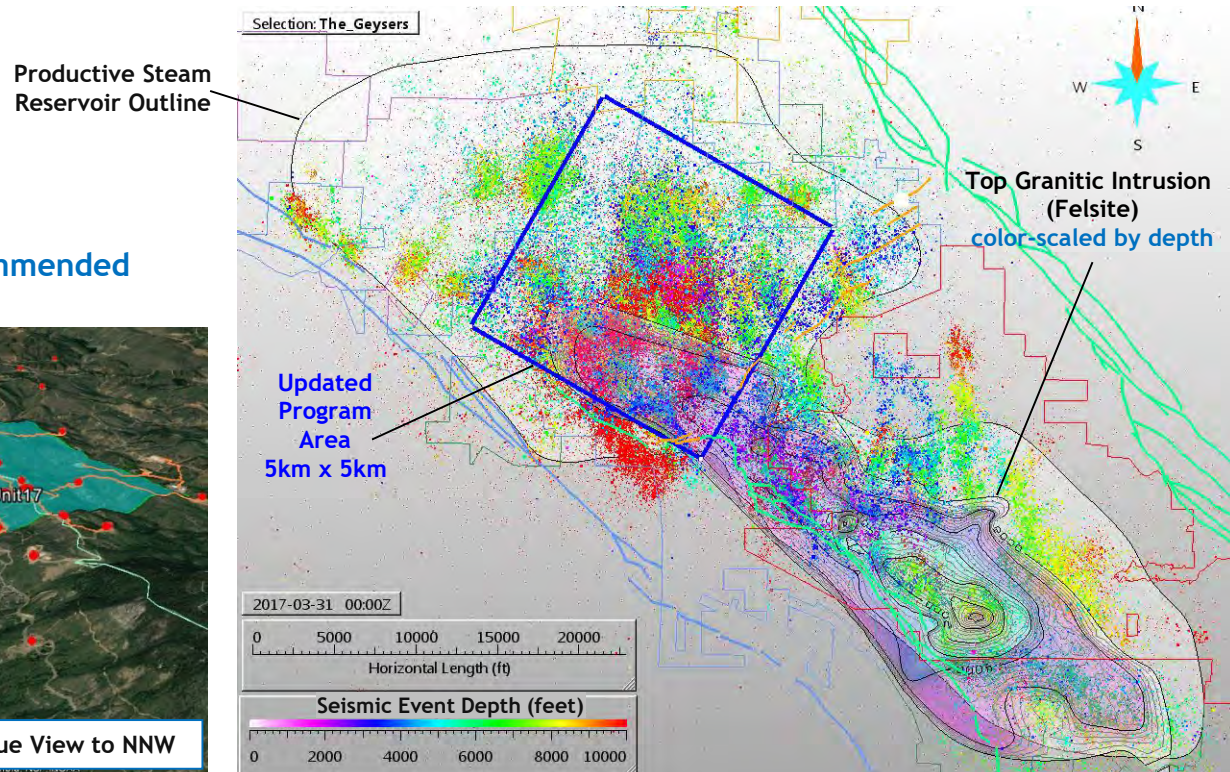
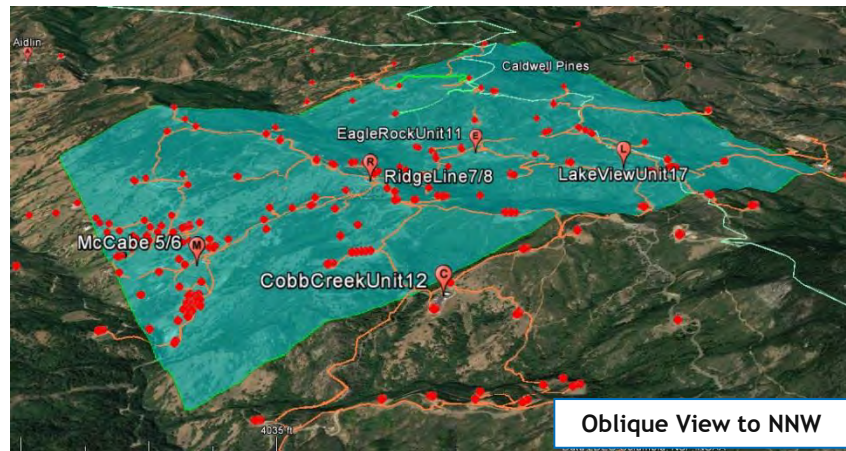
Project Partners

Calpine Corporation

Array Information Technology

California Energy Commission Funds Recommended

\$1,672,639



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Additional Seismic Monitoring and Research

California Energy Commission Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program EPC-16-021

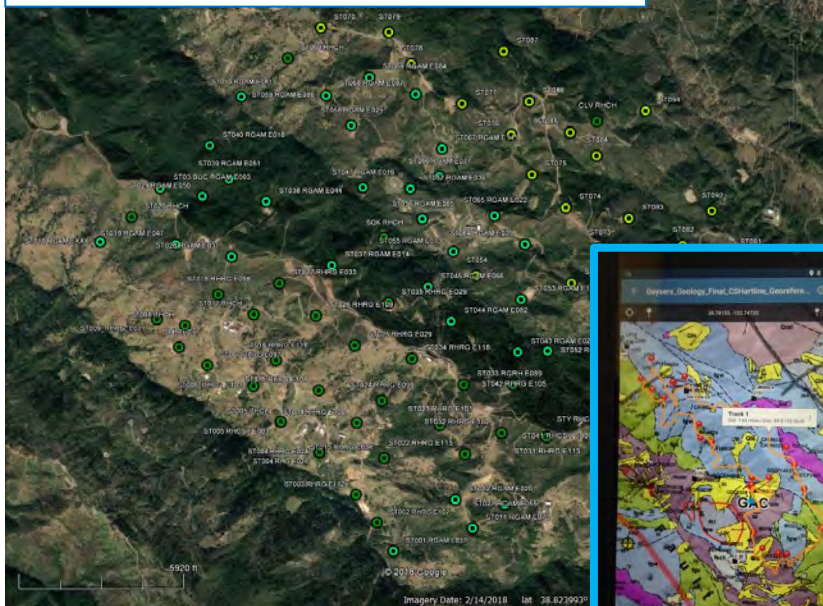
An extensive seismic sensor test program was planned and is being conducted with the project scientists.

Calpine Corporation has provided:

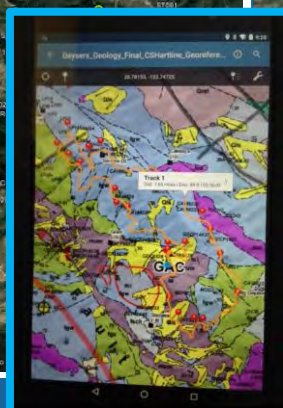
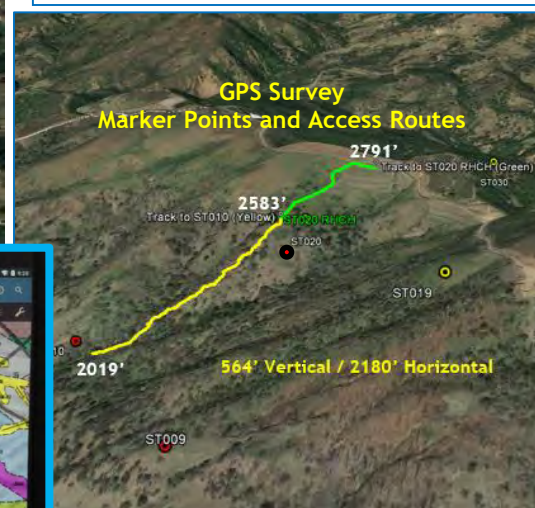
- The field location for this program.
- Technical support with survey design planning.
- On-site assessments including GPS surveying with updated equipment and techniques.
- Assistance to LBNL Contractor Ramsey Haught during 17 seismic sensor test installations.
- Coordination and updating of GPS surveys/maps data recovery at 2-3 month intervals.

Green Labeled Points

Actual Installation Locations for
93 Sensor Station Installation Program.
Not a uniform grid pattern due to extreme
topography and access concerns.



Surveying of 23 Test Sensor Station
Locations and Access Routes
Completed By Calpine With Samsung
Nexus 7 Tablet and Paired Garmin
GLO Device.



Generation Three Sensor Station



Sensor Installation on Rock Outcrop

