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# Seismic Monitoring Advisory Committee Meeting

01 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 Reporting Period

Calpine Geothermal Visitor Center

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# Seismic Monitoring Advisory Committee Meeting

## Presentation Agenda

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- Seismic Monitoring Networks
  - USGS / Northern California Seismic Network
  - LBNL / Geysers Power Company Seismic Monitoring Network
  - LBNL / Geysers Power Company Strong Motion Network
- Fieldwide Seismicity Analysis
- Strong Motion Data Analysis
  - Peak Ground Acceleration
  - Energy / Distance / Modified Mercalli Intensity
  - Community Hotline
- Water Injection and Induced Seismicity Animations
- Calpine 3D Structural Model Status
  - Fracture / Fault Analysis
  - Local Seismicity Analysis
  - 3D Pre-Drilling Project Analysis (Well Planning)

# Geysers Geothermal Field, Nearby Communities and Seismic Monitoring Networks

● **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**  
 2003 installation; continuing upgrades  
 34 stations  
 Magnitude 0.8 Threshold \*  
 Primary Contacts: Dr. Seiji Nakagawa  
 Dr. Ernie Majer

● **Strong Motion Accelerometers**  
 ● 2017/18 Nanometrics installation (2)  
 ● 2020 Q1 Nanometrics installation (2)  
 0.1% of Gravitational Acceleration Threshold  
 Primary Contacts: Ramsey Haught  
 Jarpe Data Solutions

● **US Geological Survey Regional Network**  
 1970's installation; several upgrades  
 7 contributing stations  
 Magnitude 1.5 Threshold \*  
 Primary Contacts: Dr. Lind Gee / Lynn Dietz  
 Dr. David Oppenheimer

Productive Steam Reservoir Outline

"Major" Roads

**Northwest Geysers Radio Repeater Relocation/Upgrade**  
 Q1/Q2 2022

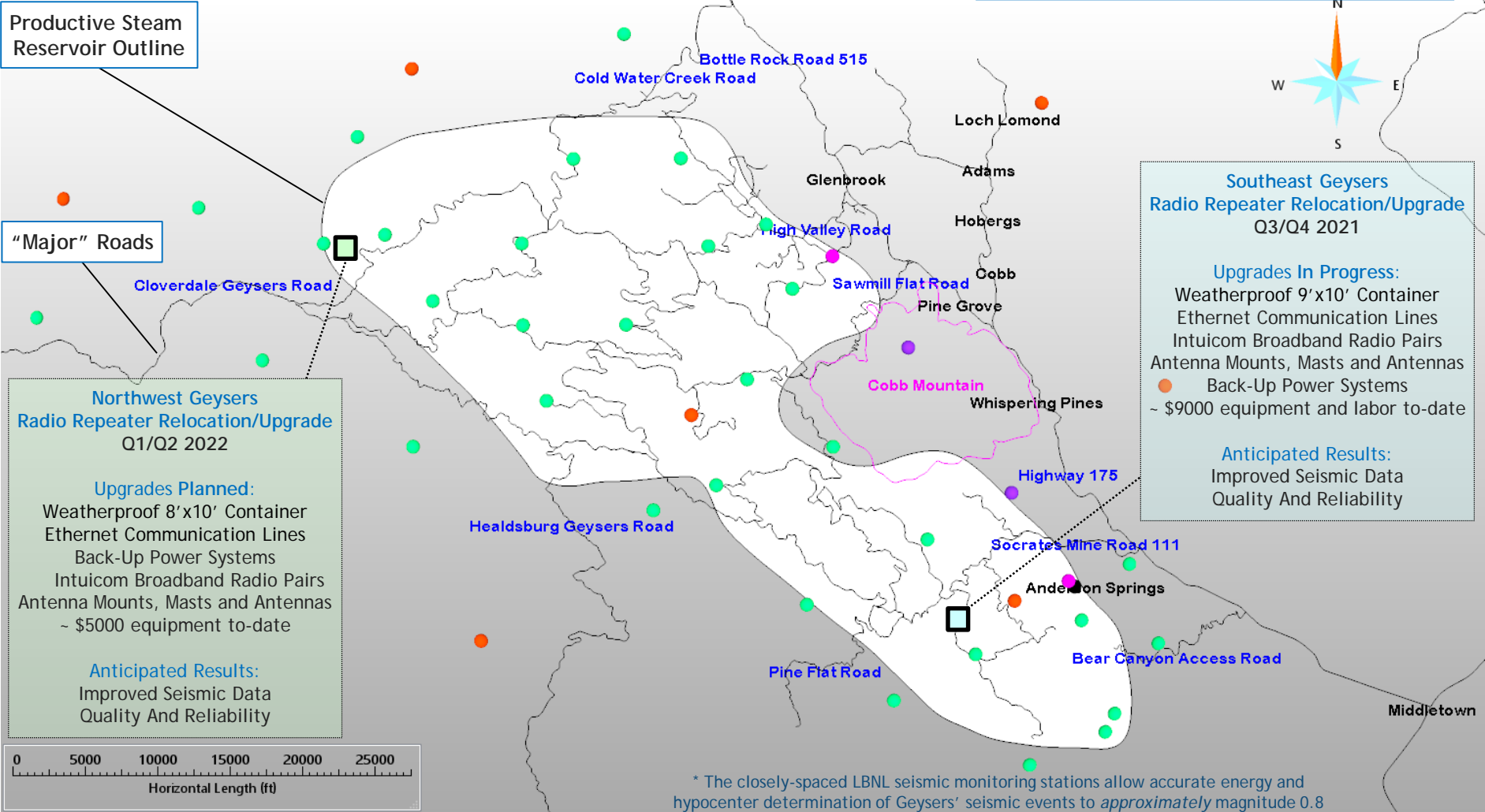
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 Weatherproof 8'x10' Container  
 Ethernet Communication Lines  
 Back-Up Power Systems  
 Intuicom Broadband Radio Pairs  
 Antenna Mounts, Masts and Antennas  
 ~ \$5000 equipment to-date

**Anticipated Results:**  
 Improved Seismic Data  
 Quality And Reliability

**Southeast Geysers Radio Repeater Relocation/Upgrade**  
 Q3/Q4 2021

**Upgrades In Progress:**  
 Weatherproof 9'x10' Container  
 Ethernet Communication Lines  
 Intuicom Broadband Radio Pairs  
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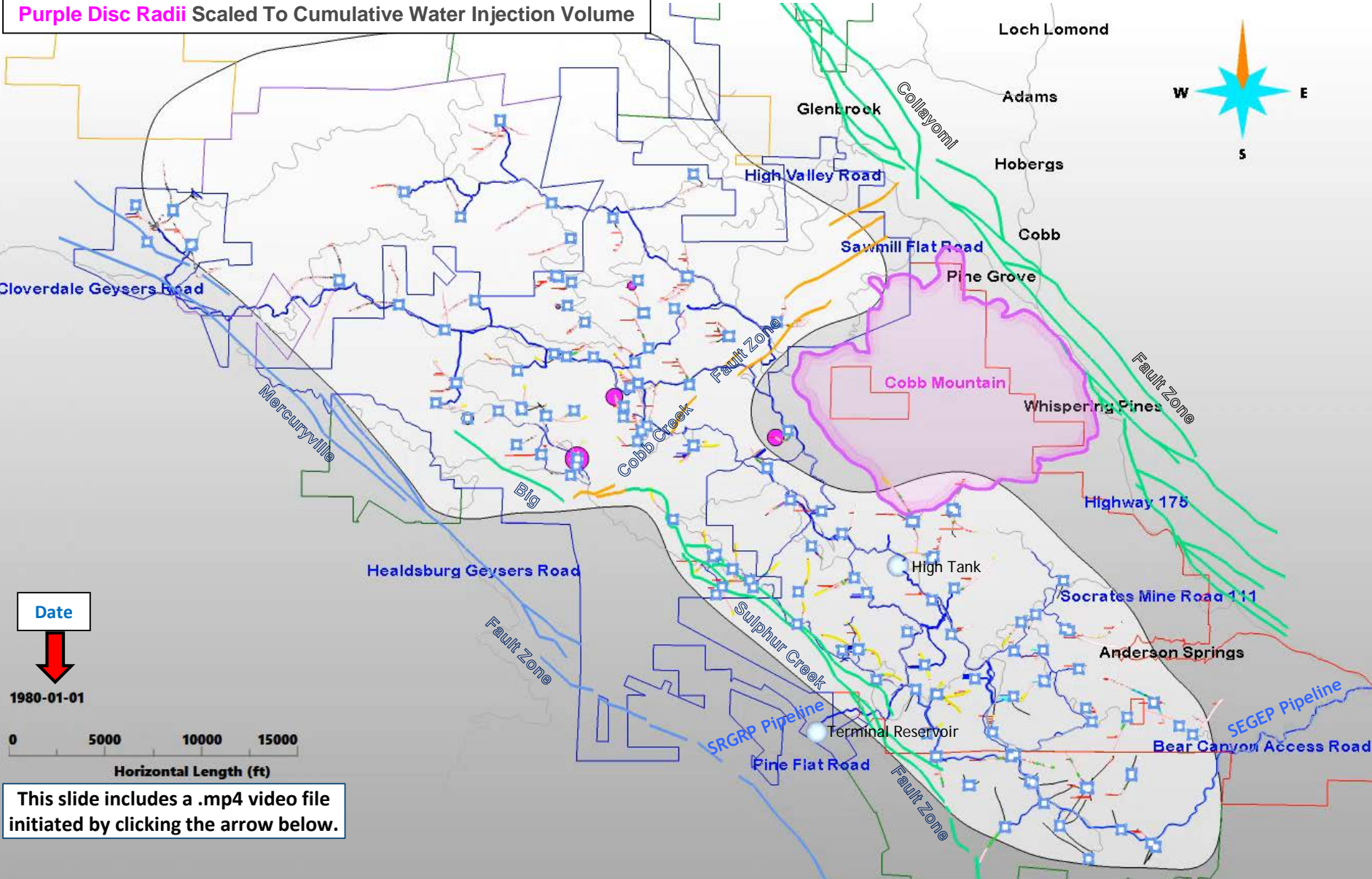


\* The closely-spaced LBNL seismic monitoring stations allow accurate energy and hypocenter determination of Geysers' seismic events to approximately magnitude 0.8

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VIDEO: Cumulative Water Injection And Seismicity Animation; Half-Year Interval From January 1980 through September 2021

Purple Disc Radii Scaled To Cumulative Water Injection Volume



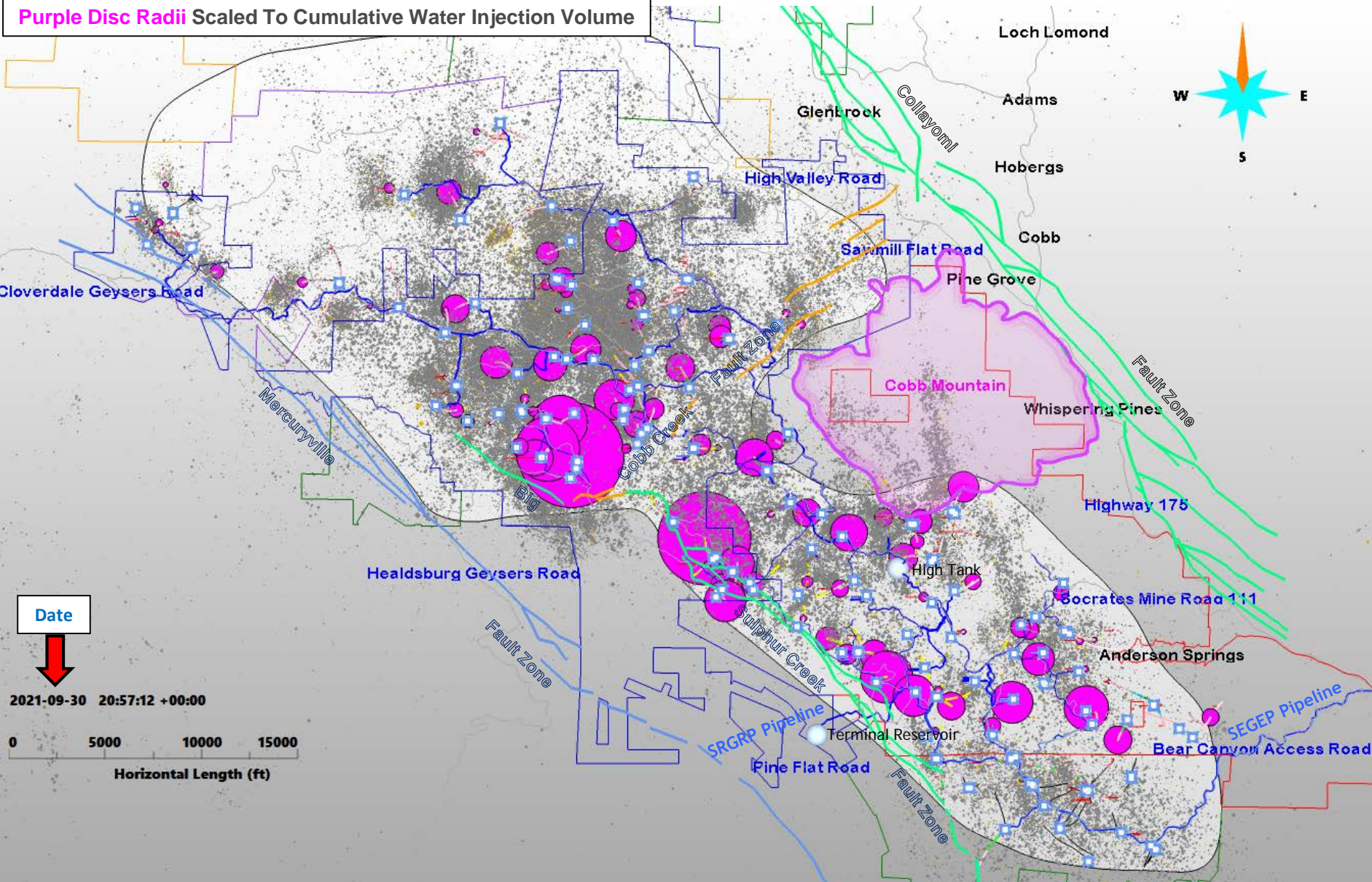
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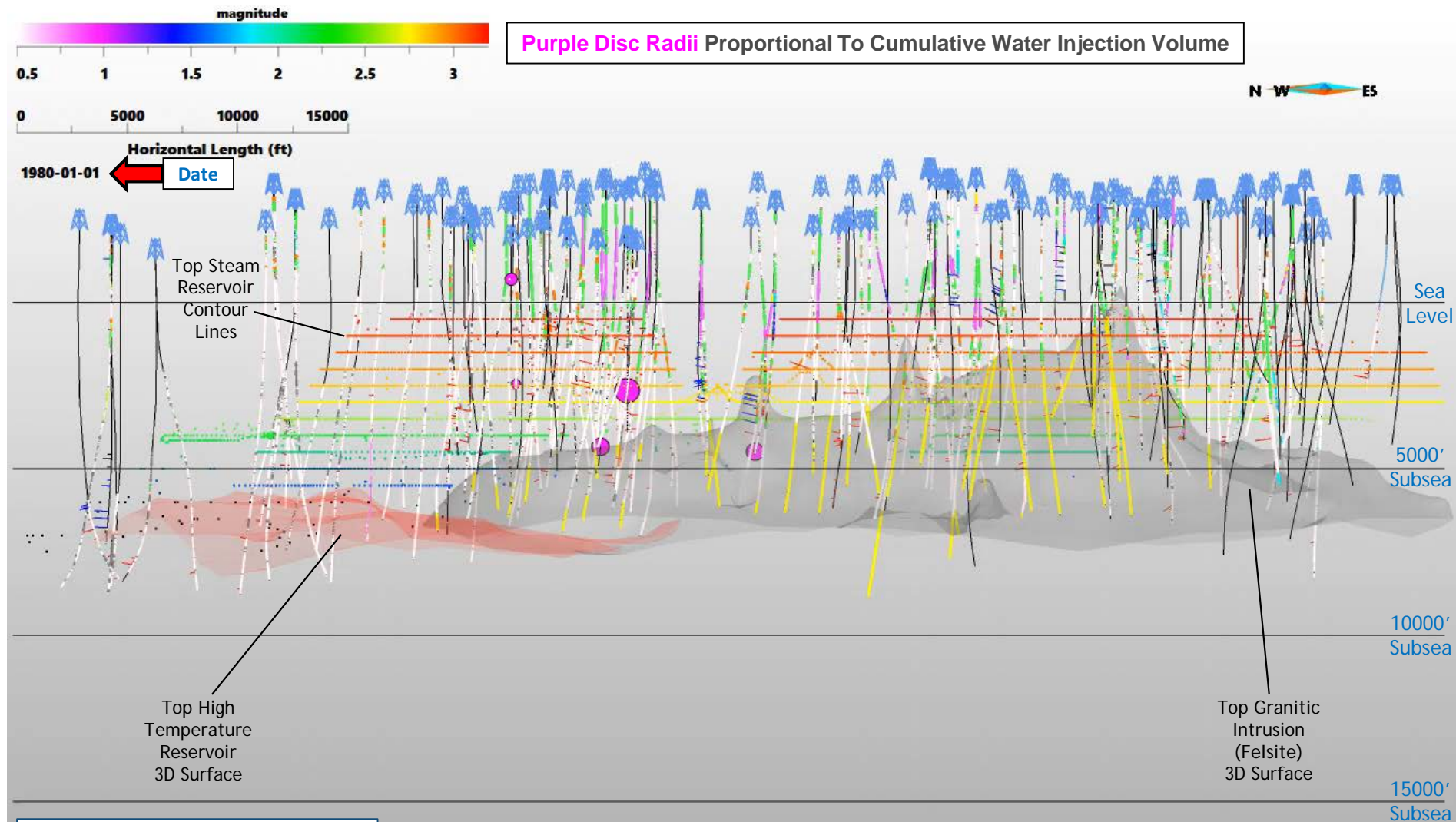
IMAGE: Cumulative Water Injection And Induced Seismicity From January 1980 through September 2021

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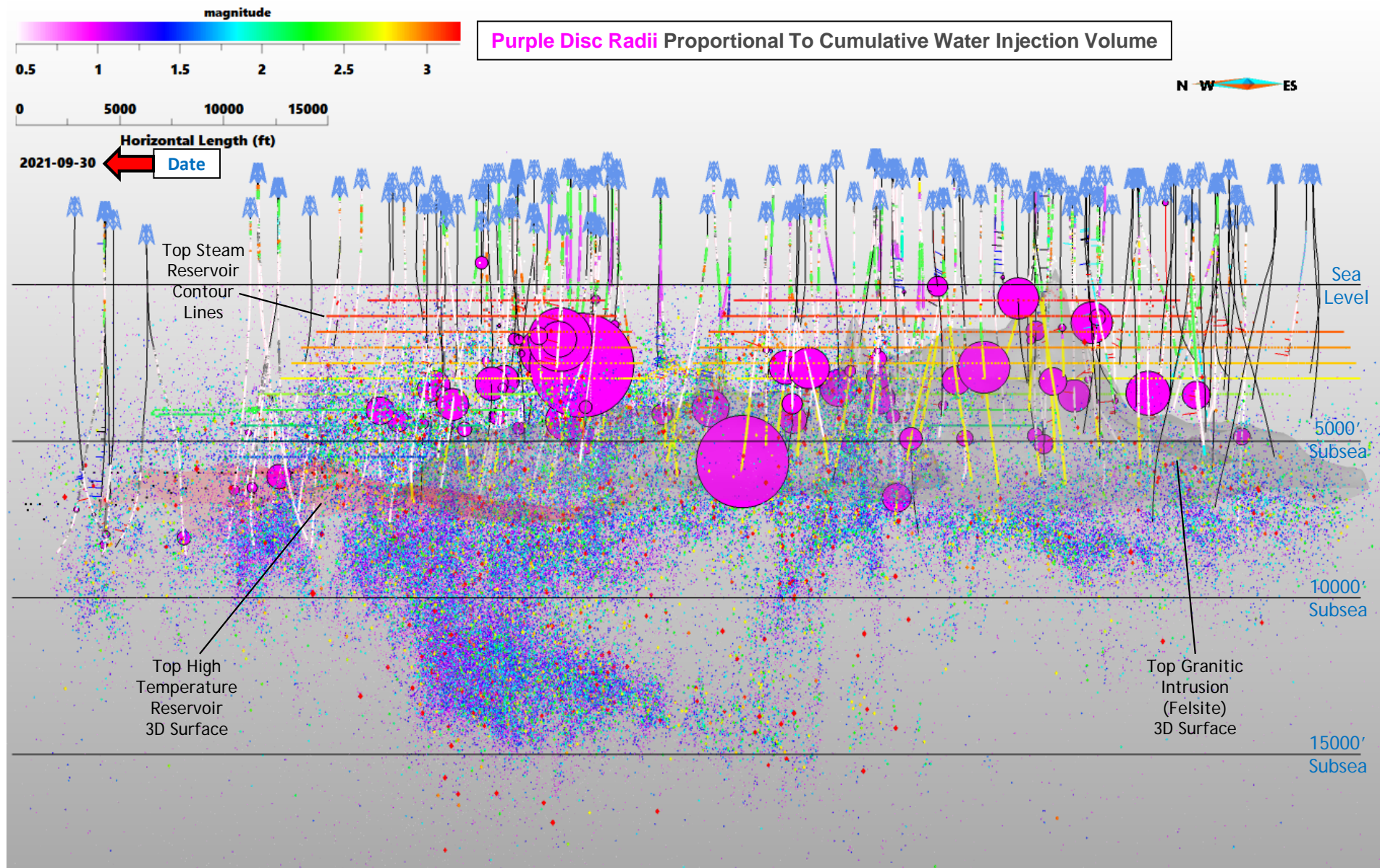
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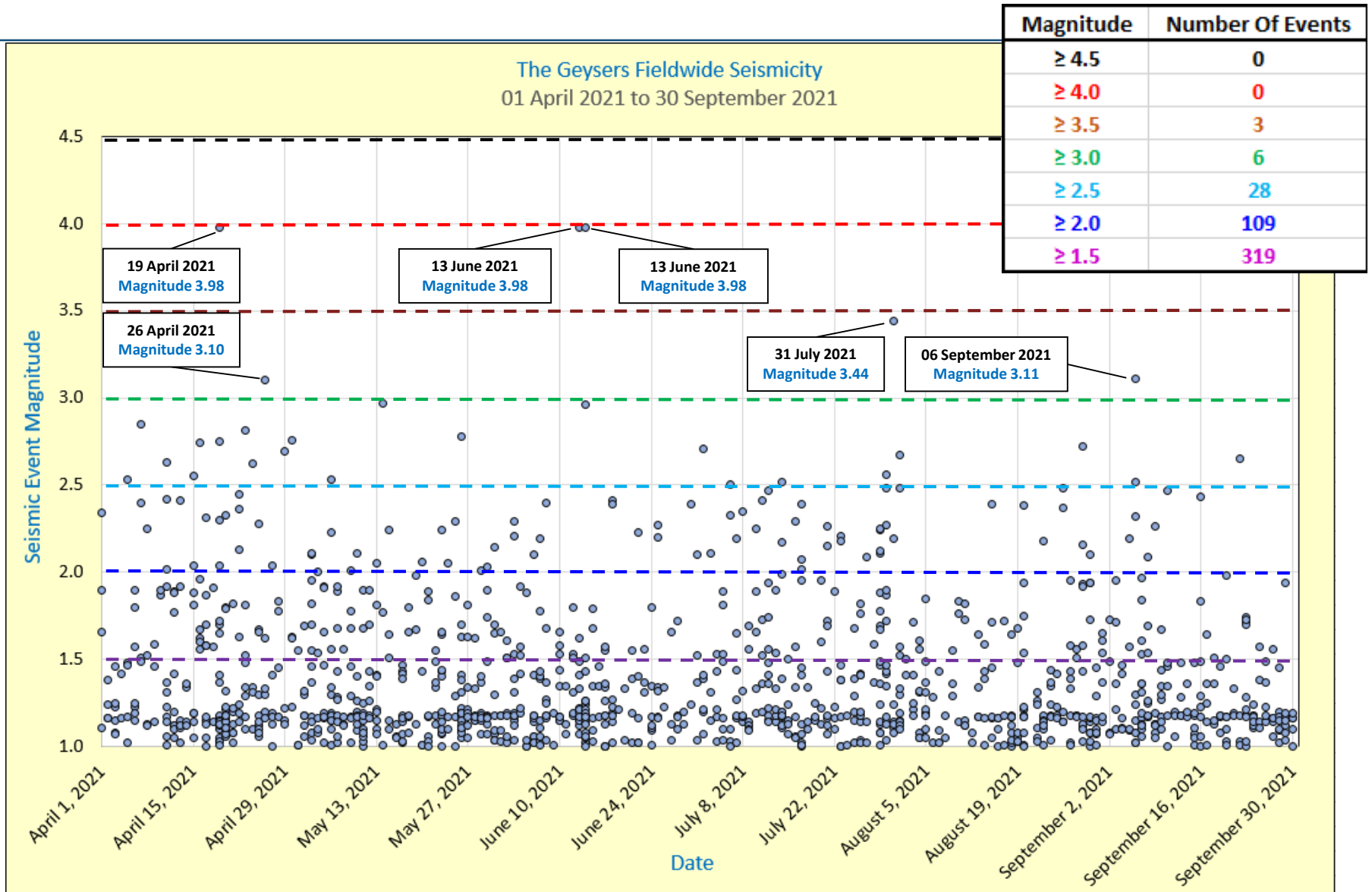
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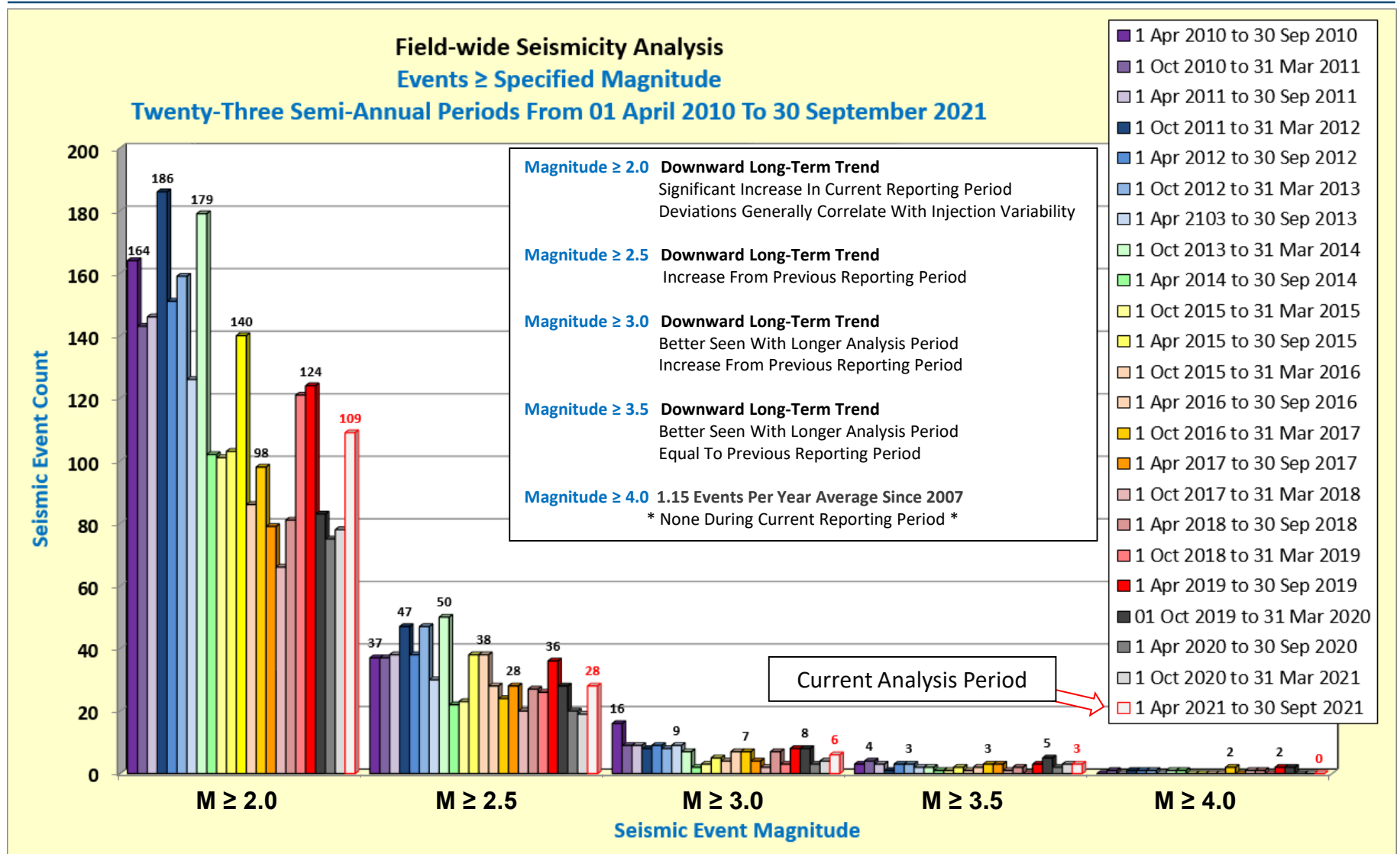


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## Field-wide Seismicity Analysis From 01 April 2021 to 30 September 2021







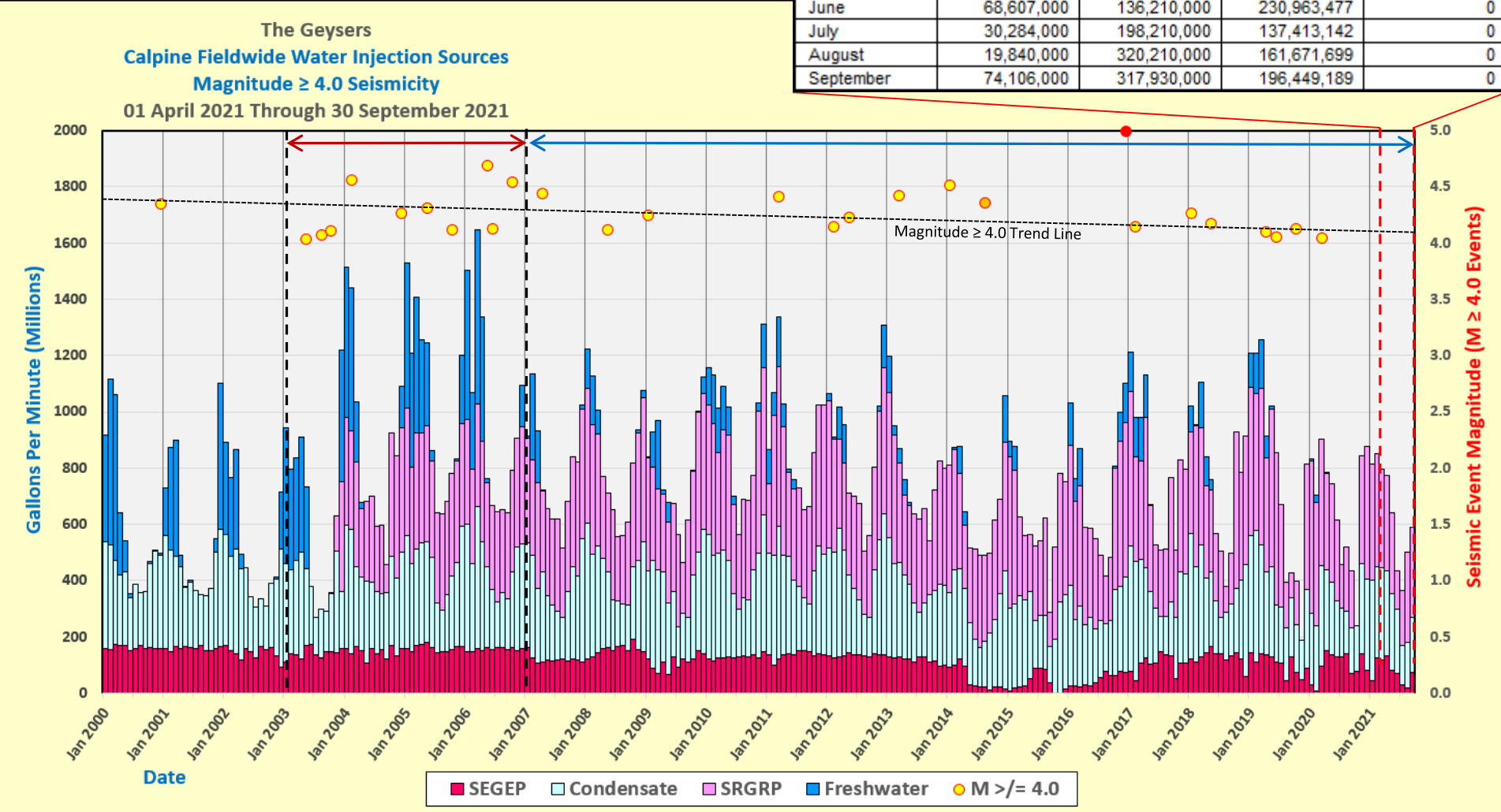
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## Monthly Field-wide Water Injection By Water Source And Magnitude $\geq 4.0$ Seismicity

Average Number of Magnitude  $\geq 4.0$  Events Since January 2007 is 1.15 Per Year

Water Supply for Reporting Period (Six Months)				
Water Injection Sources (Gallons)				
Month	SEGEF	SRGRP	Condensate	Fresh Water
April	131,339,000	339,770,000	302,480,229	0
May	82,259,000	286,690,000	271,970,221	0
June	68,607,000	136,210,000	230,963,477	0
July	30,284,000	198,210,000	137,413,142	0
August	19,840,000	320,210,000	161,671,699	0
September	74,106,000	317,930,000	196,449,189	0

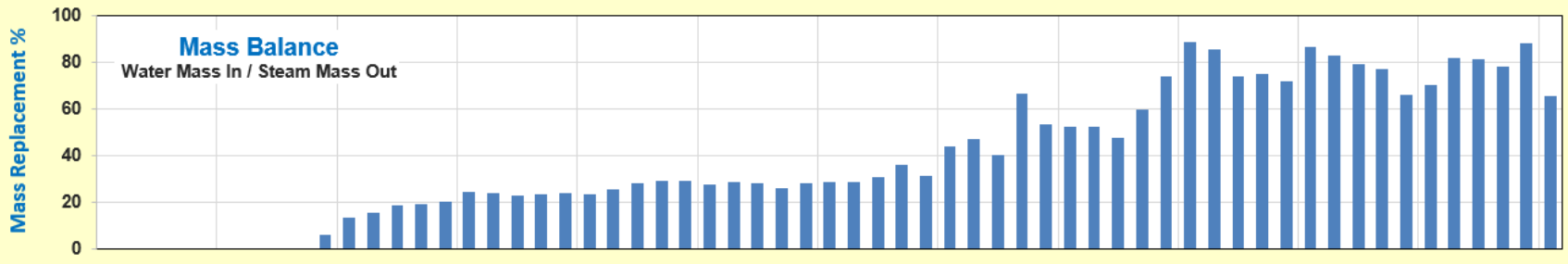
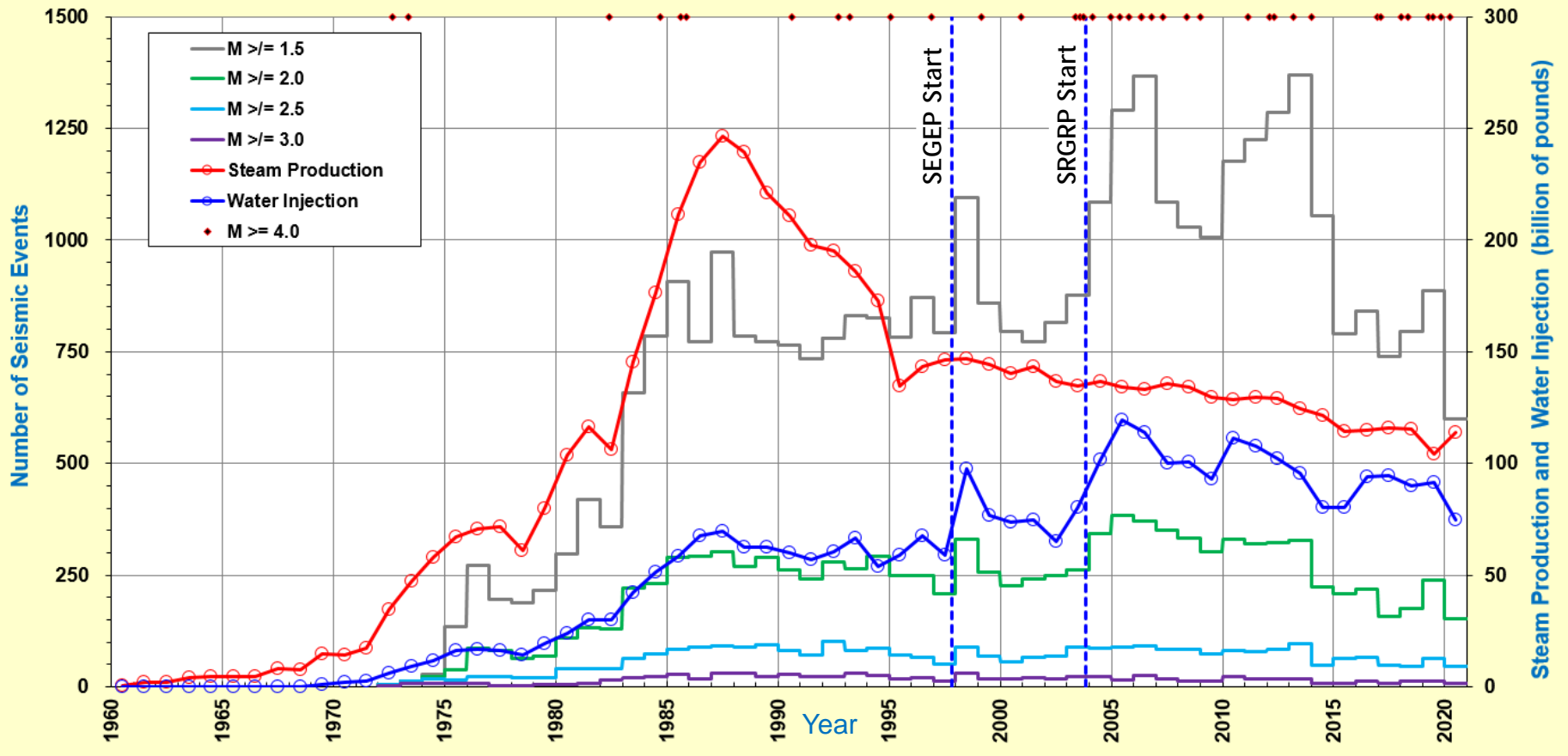
Time Period	Magnitude $\geq 4.0$ Seismic Events
January 2003 through December 2006	2.50 per year
January 2007 through September 2021	1.15 per year



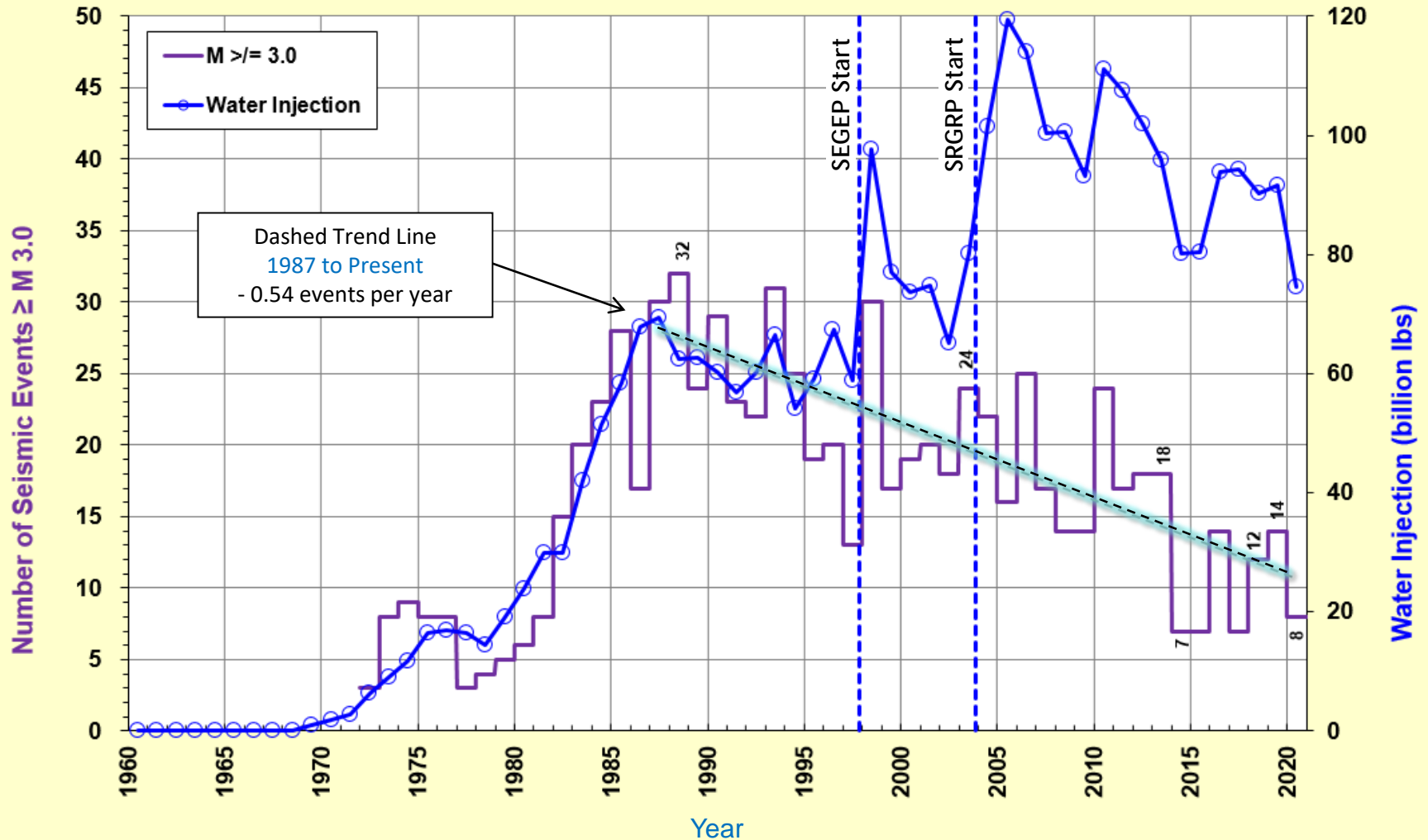
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## Yearly Field-wide Steam Production, Water Injection and Seismicity

**The Geysers: Field-wide Steam Production, Water Injection and Seismicity**  
 January 1960 through December 2020

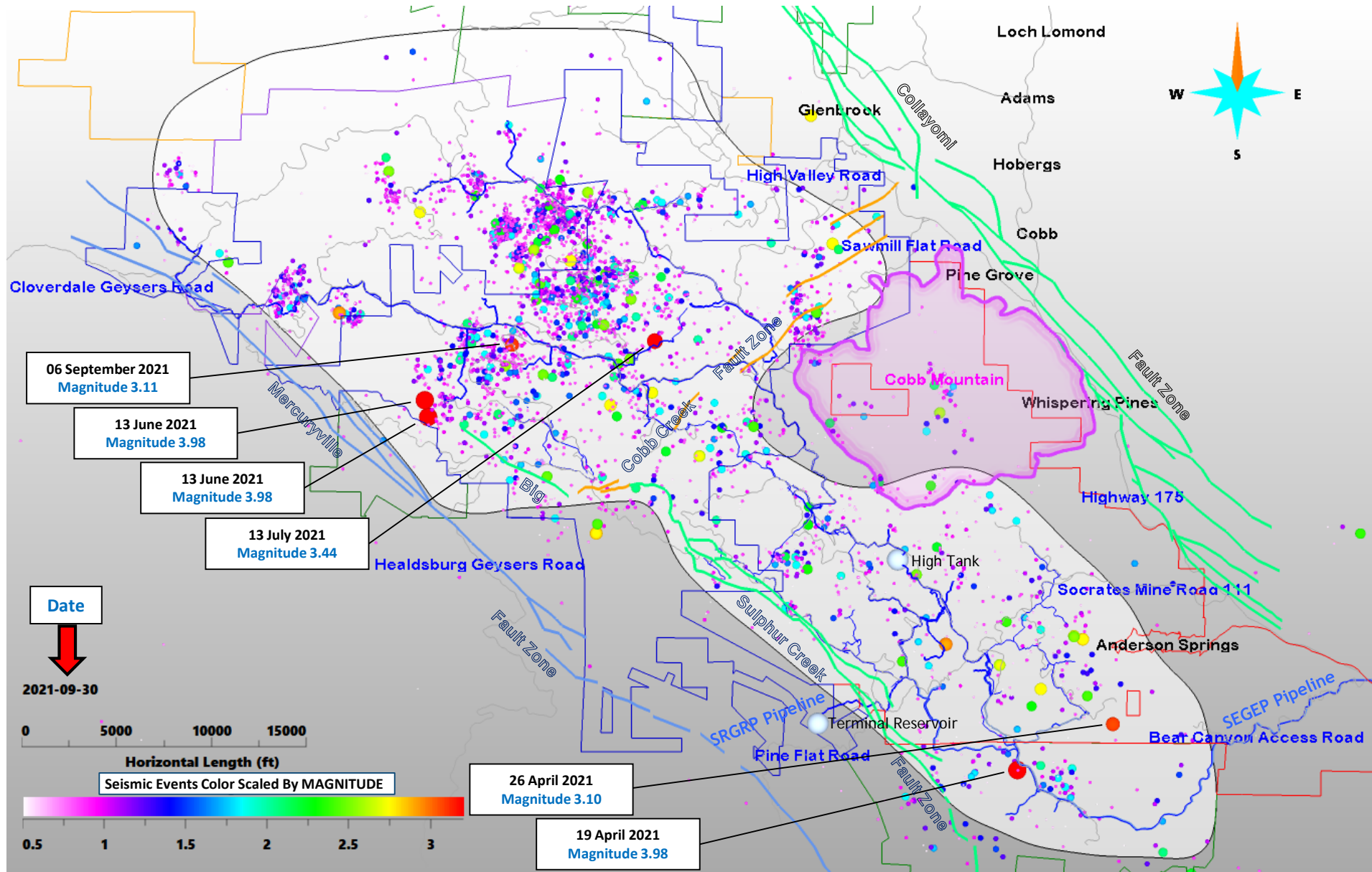


### The Geysers: Field-wide Water Injection and Seismicity $\geq$ Magnitude 3.0 January 1960 through December 2020



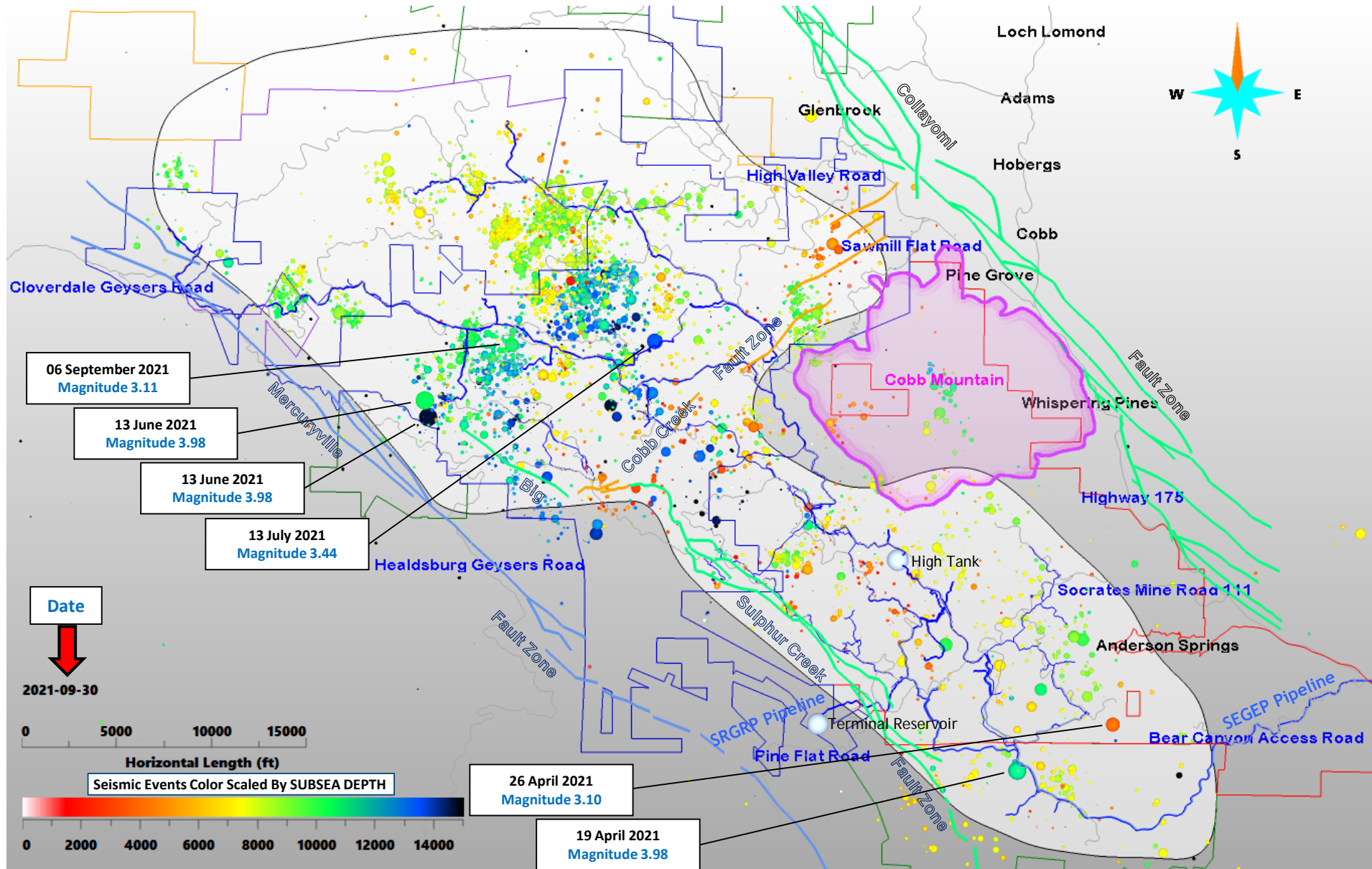
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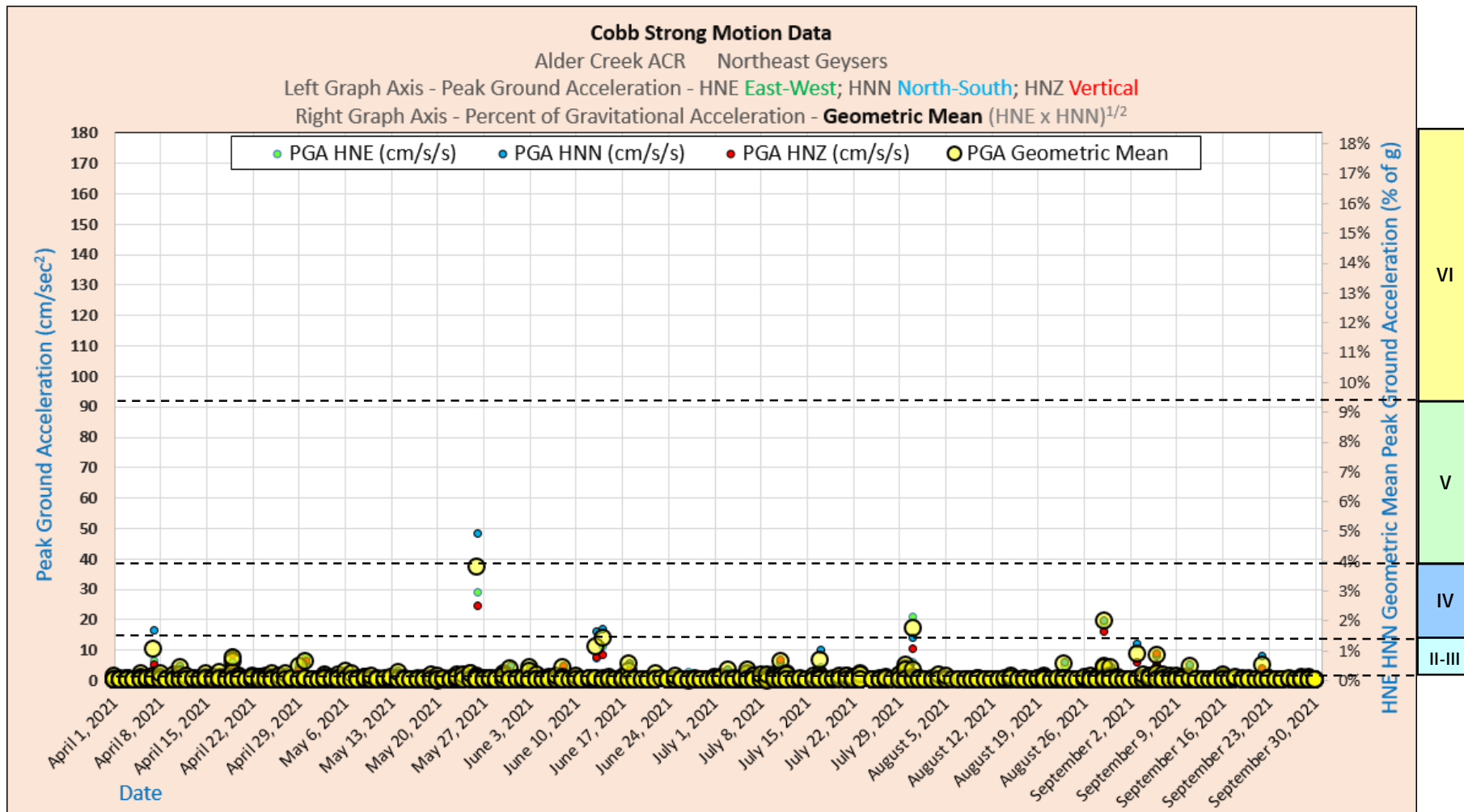
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## Cobb Area: Strong Motion Determinations At Alder Creek Strong Motion Station



Perceived Shaking	Not Felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
Potential Damage	None	None	None	Very Light	Light	Moderate	Mod/Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
Peak Acceleration (% of g)	< 0.17	0.17 - 1.4	1.4 - 3.9	3.9 - 9.2	9.2 - 18.0	18.0 - 34.0	34.0 - 65.0	65.0 - 124.0	> 124.0
Peak Velocity (cm/sec)	< 0.10	0.1 - 1.1	1.1 - 3.4	3.4 - 8.1	8.1 - 16.0	16.0 - 31.0	31.0 - 60.0	60.0 - 116.0	> 116.0
Modified Mercalli Intensity	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X

For the reporting period from 01 October 2021 through 31 March 2021 the results of the water injection and induced seismicity analysis were [very encouraging](#).

However, in the first month of the current reporting period, there were three relatively large seismic events occurred on Calpine leases to the west of Anderson Springs:

- 16 April 2021 Magnitude 2.74
- 23 April 2021 Magnitude 2.81
- 24 April 2021 Magnitude 2.62

Additional concern arose due to two relatively large events that occurred within the NCPA leases:

- 19 April 2021 Magnitude 3.98
- 26 April 2021 Magnitude 3.10

**Note:** Recent USGS Tomographic Double-Difference Seismicity Hypocenter Determinations Reposition This Event Slightly Northward and Within The Calpine Lease.

Events greater than magnitude 2.60 occur infrequently in the southeast Geysers and resulted in 19 community hotline calls. Return calls to community leaders were completed in several cases - and attempted multiple times for the remainder - to discuss the scientific and public relations issues associated with these events.

**The 16 April 2021 to 26 April 2021 seismicity is discussed in detail within the following slides.**

16 April 2021  
Magnitude 2.74  
3D Distance 13375'  
Map Distance 5290'  
12.42% of g

19 April 2021  
Magnitude 3.98  
3D Distance 15760'  
Map Distance 9075'  
10.38% of g

23 April 2021  
Magnitude 2.81  
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12.95% of g

24 April 2021  
Magnitude 2.62  
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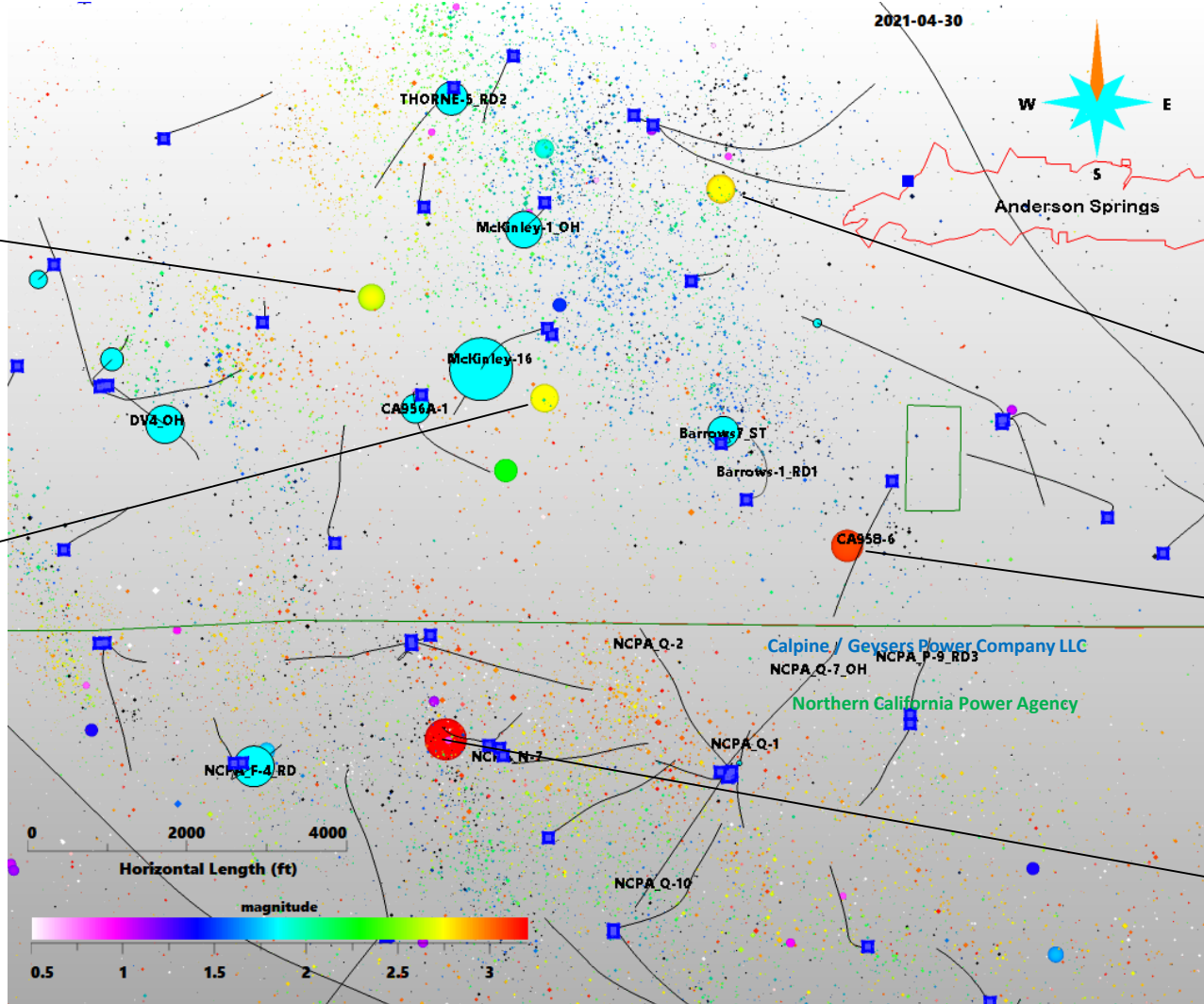
26 April 2021  
Magnitude 3.10  
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8.20% of g





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01 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 Induced Seismicity In Vicinity Of Anderson Springs



24 April 2021  
 Magnitude 2.62  
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 No Calls, But Contributed  
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 One Call

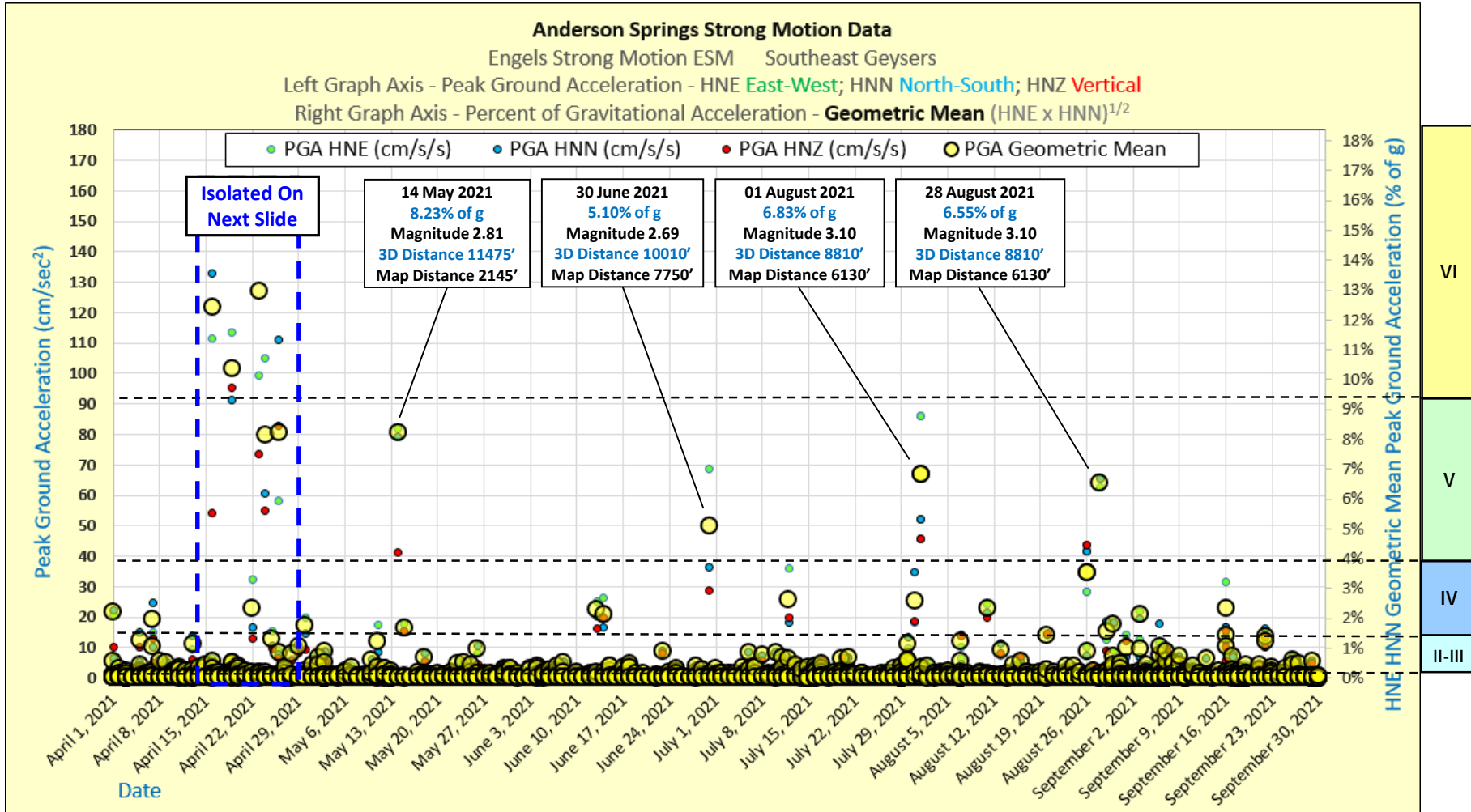
23 April 2021  
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 Five Calls

26 April 2021  
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 Map Distance 6130'  
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 Six Calls

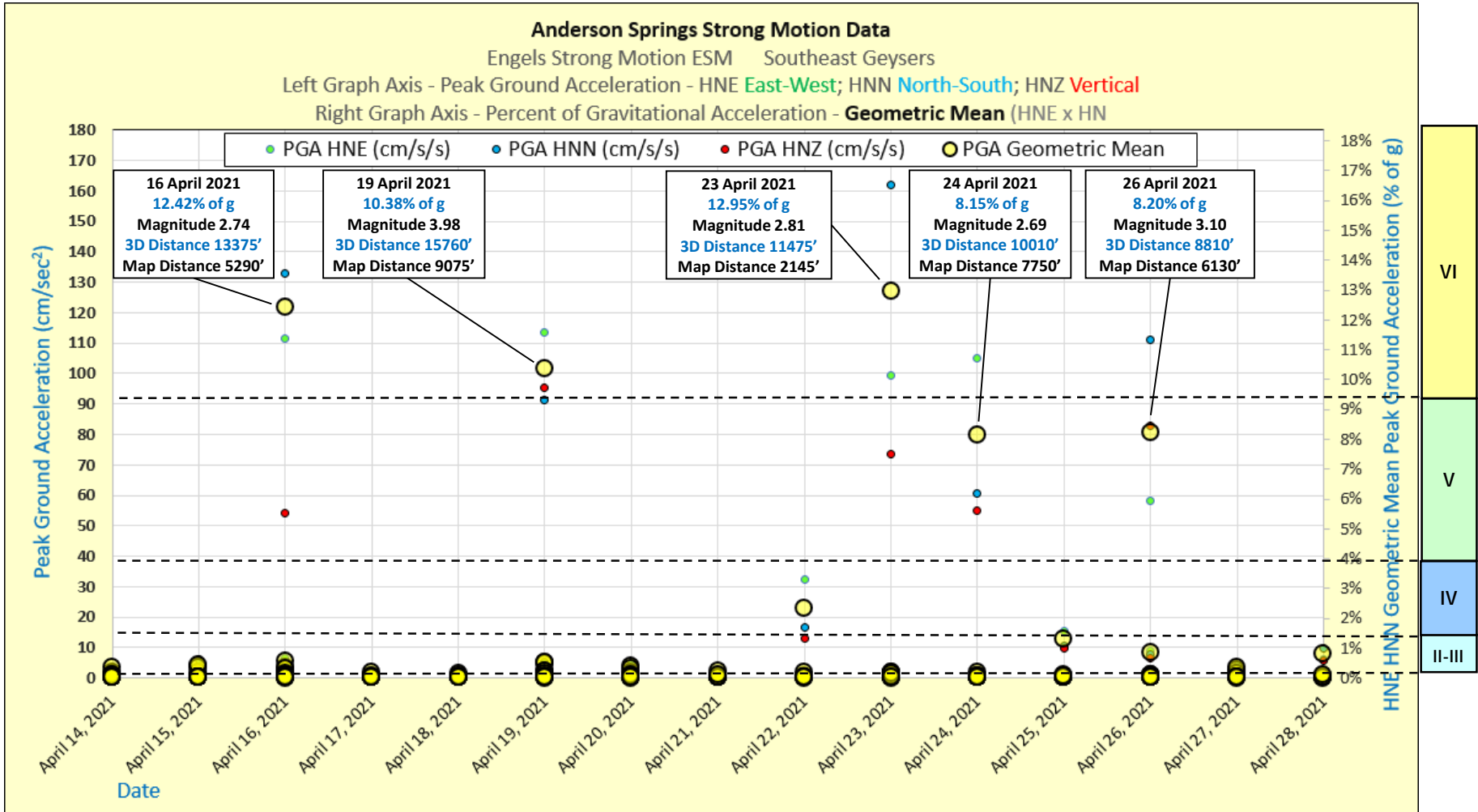
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 Nine Calls

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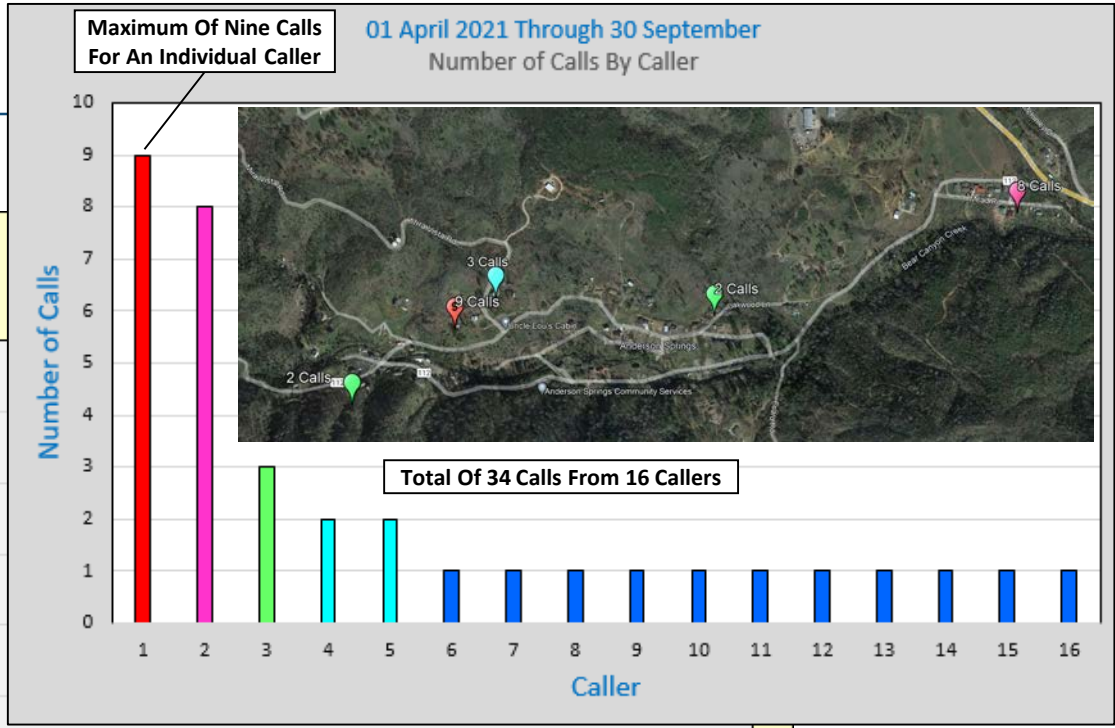
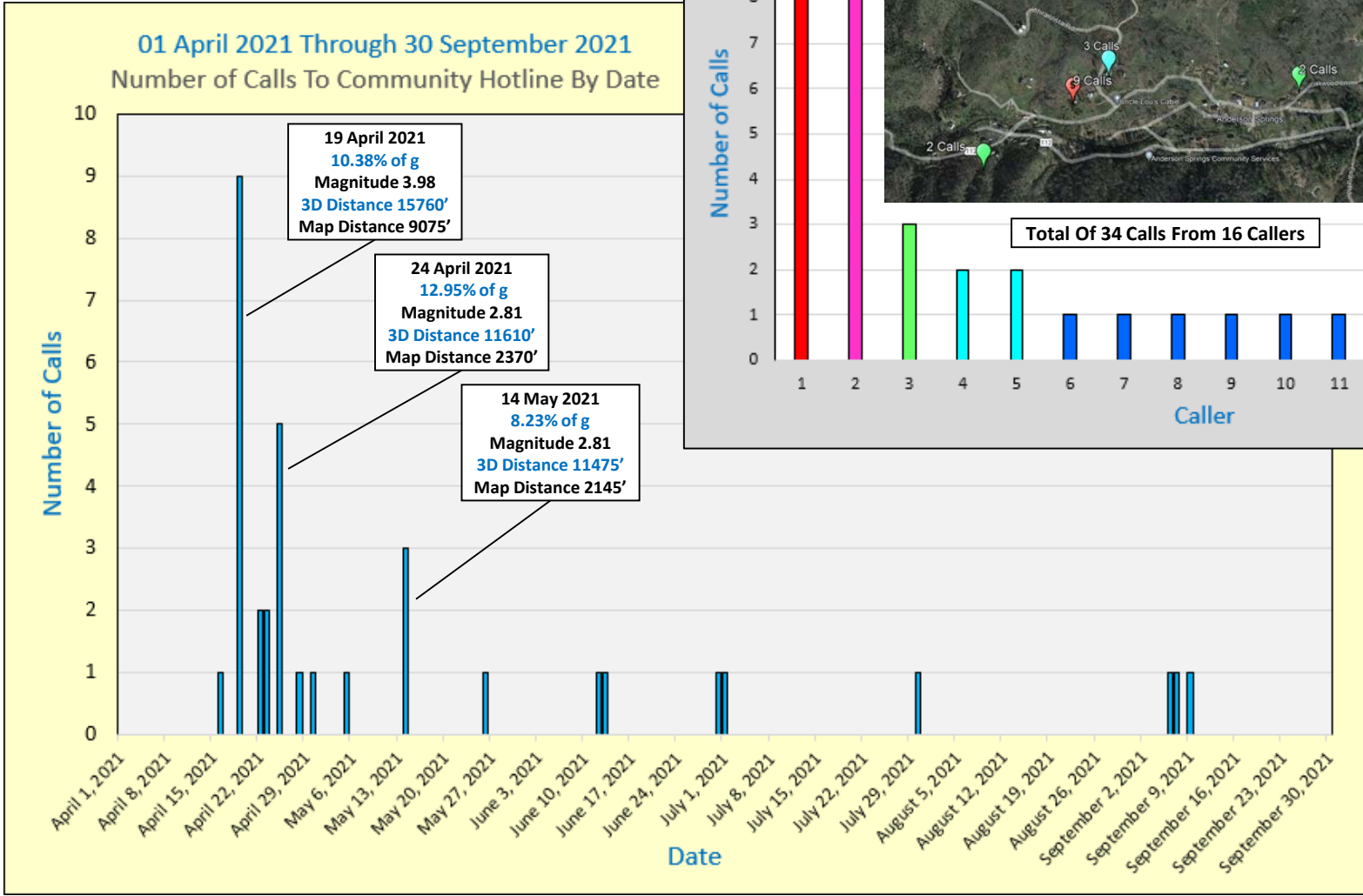


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# Seismic Monitoring Advisory Committee Meeting Community Hotline Statistics



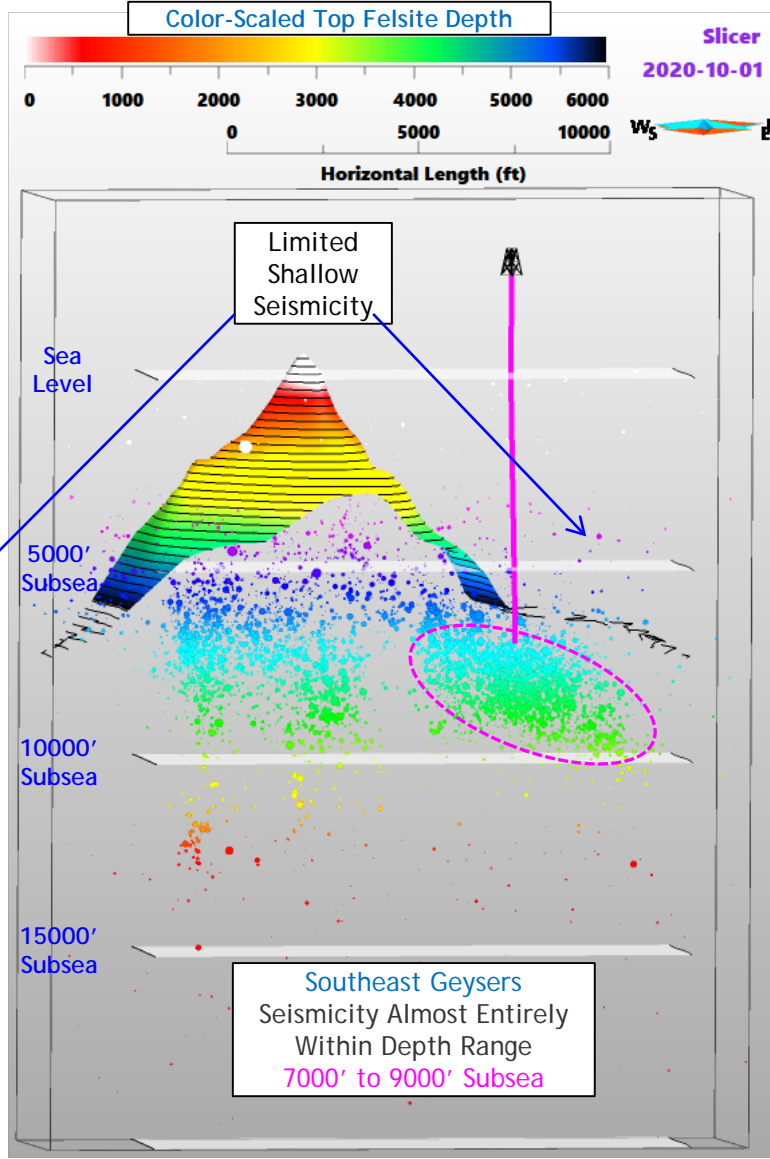
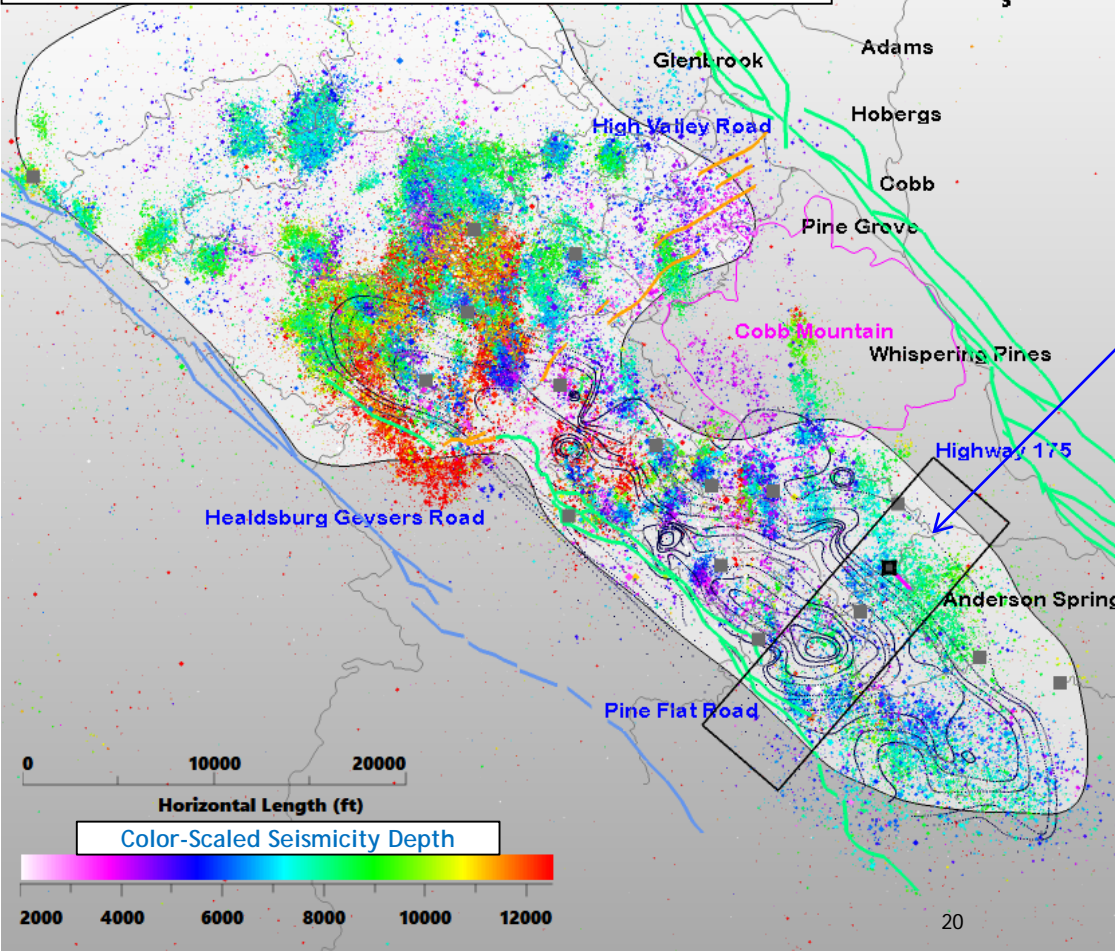
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## Seismicity From 01 January 2005 to 01 October 2020 Shown

In the **Southeast Geysers**, Calpine injection until late 2020 resulted in seismicity primarily descending vertically into the granitic intrusion (Felsite), with the depth of descent being greater toward the east.

Believed to result from an eastward dipping zone of higher permeability or fractured rock between about 7000 and 9000 feet subsea above less permeable rock.

2020-10-01



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Detailed Seismicity Analysis for 01 April 2021 to 30 April 2021 2019 and 2020 Seismicity As Light Gray Symbols  
 2021 Seismicity **Color-Scaled** By Magnitude (and 2x Symbol Size)

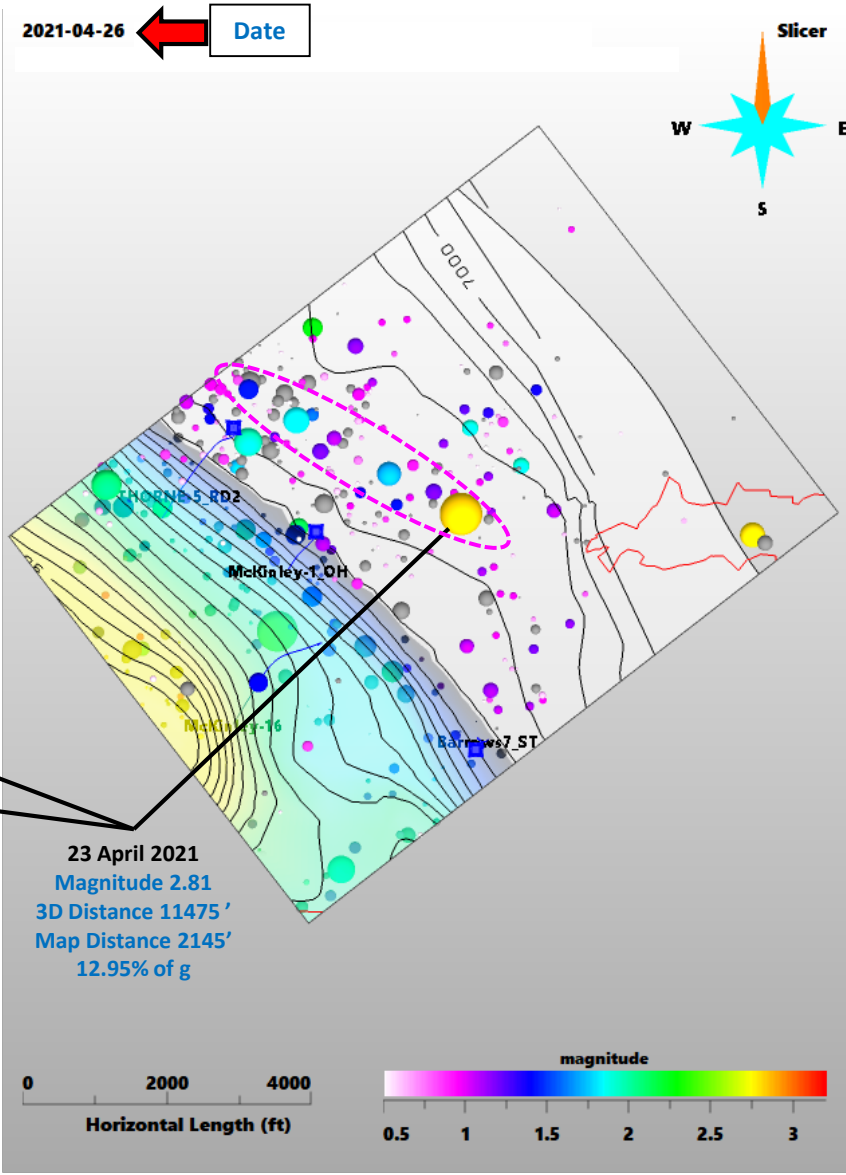
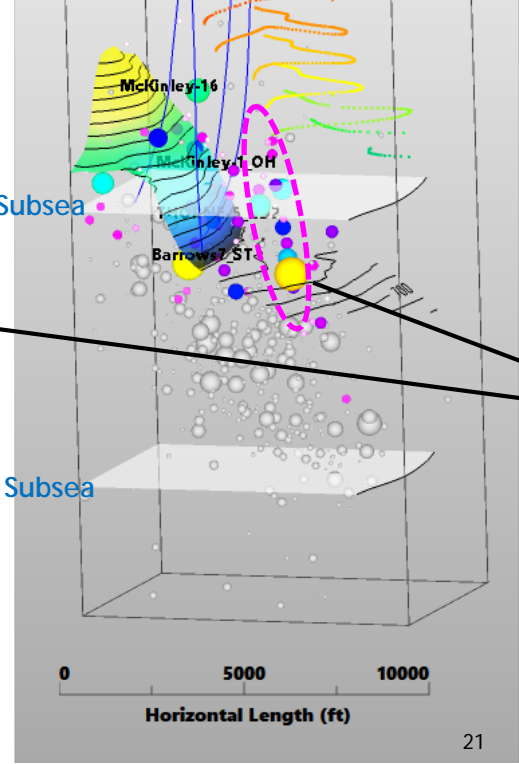
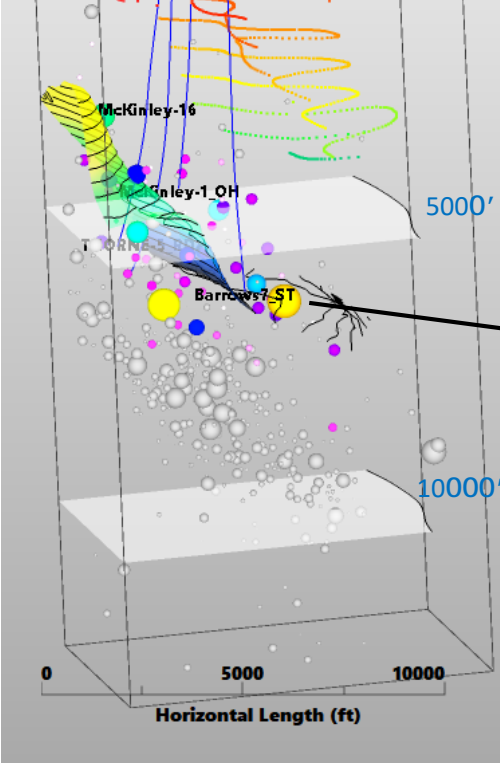
In early 2021 there were increased and variable injection rates at **Thorne-5**, **McKinley-1**, **McKinley-16** and **Barrows-7**.

Seismicity began to progress southeast from Thorne-5 RD2 at a **shallower depth** within a **near-vertical seismicity alignment**.

A **Magnitude 2.81** occurs at the furthest extent of this seismicity alignment.

Thorne-5 RD2 has a total depth of 9006'. A **borehole obstruction** detected at 5859' during an early 2021 wireline survey may be responsible for fluid exiting at a **shallower level** (this is consistent with the seismicity observations).

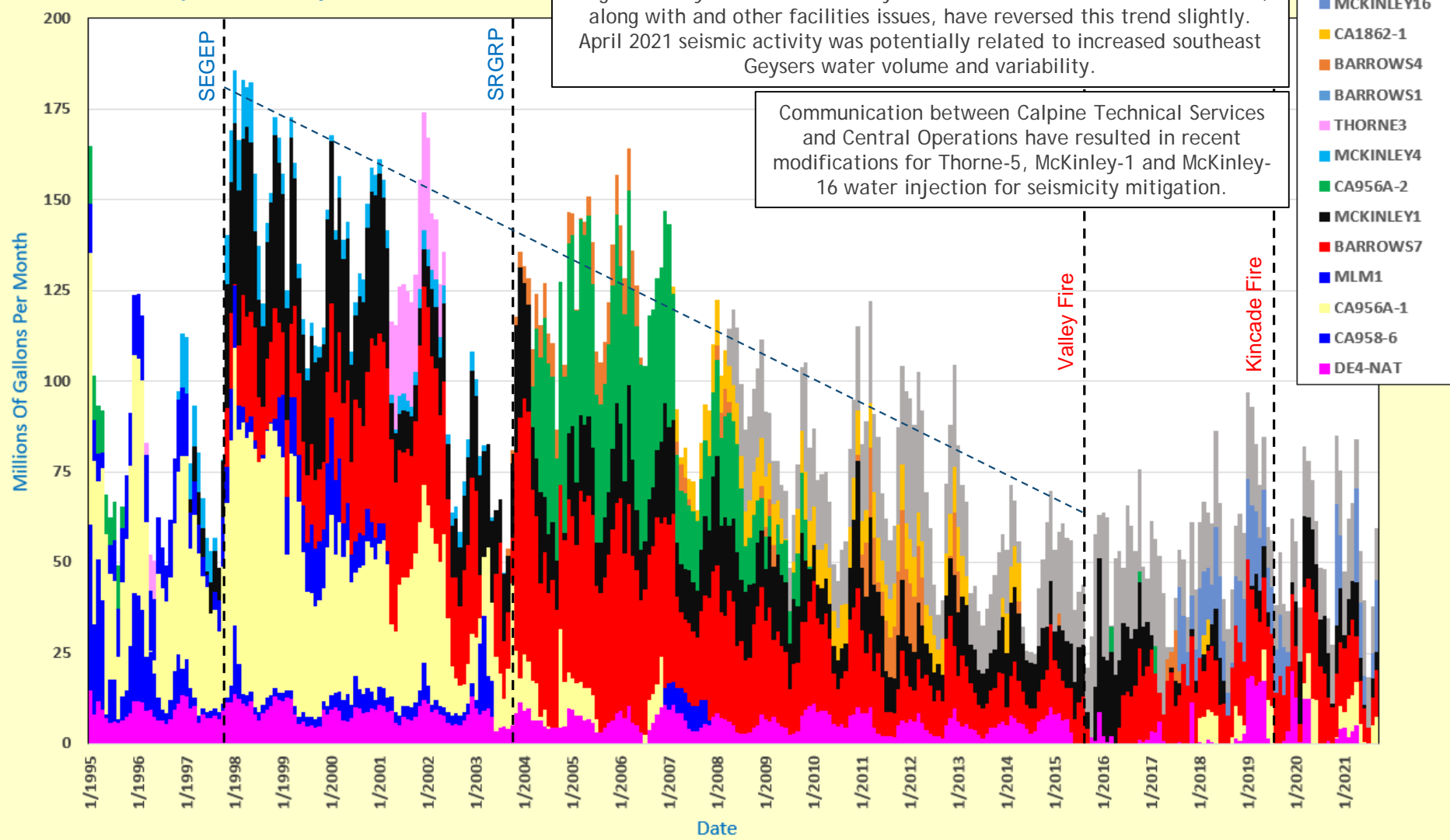
**Injection rate modifications** for have been completed **Thorne-5 RD2**, **McKinley-16** and **McKinley-1** based on recent southeast Geysers induced seismicity.



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## Southeast Geysers Water Injection Wells January 1995 to September 2021

Southeast Geysers Water Injection



Total water injection volume and injection variability been increasingly targeted away from southeast Geysers' communities. Wildfires since 2015, along with and other facilities issues, have reversed this trend slightly. April 2021 seismic activity was potentially related to increased southeast Geysers water volume and variability.

Communication between Calpine Technical Services and Central Operations have resulted in recent modifications for Thorne-5, McKinley-1 and McKinley-16 water injection for seismicity mitigation.

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## 3D Structural Model Status

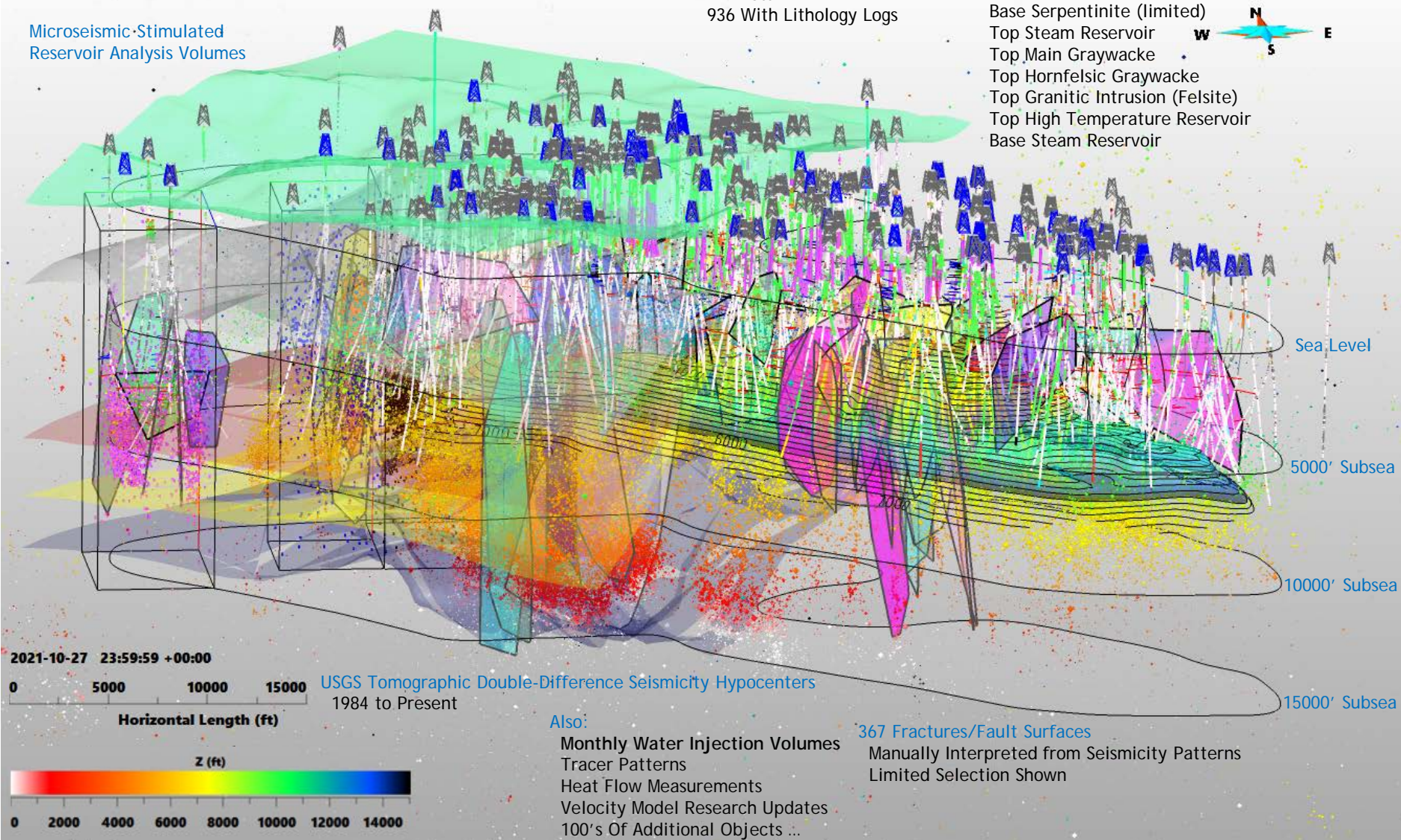
Oblique View From SSW and Above Horizontal

Microseismic-Stimulated Reservoir Analysis Volumes

Well Trajectories  
1129 Total  
936 With Lithology Logs

Interpreted 3D Model Structural Surfaces  
Listed From Top to Base

- Surface Topography
- Top Greenstone (limited)
- Top Serpentinite (limited)
- Base Serpentinite (limited)
- Top Steam Reservoir
- Top Main Graywacke
- Top Hornfelsic Graywacke
- Top Granitic Intrusion (Felsite)
- Top High Temperature Reservoir
- Base Steam Reservoir



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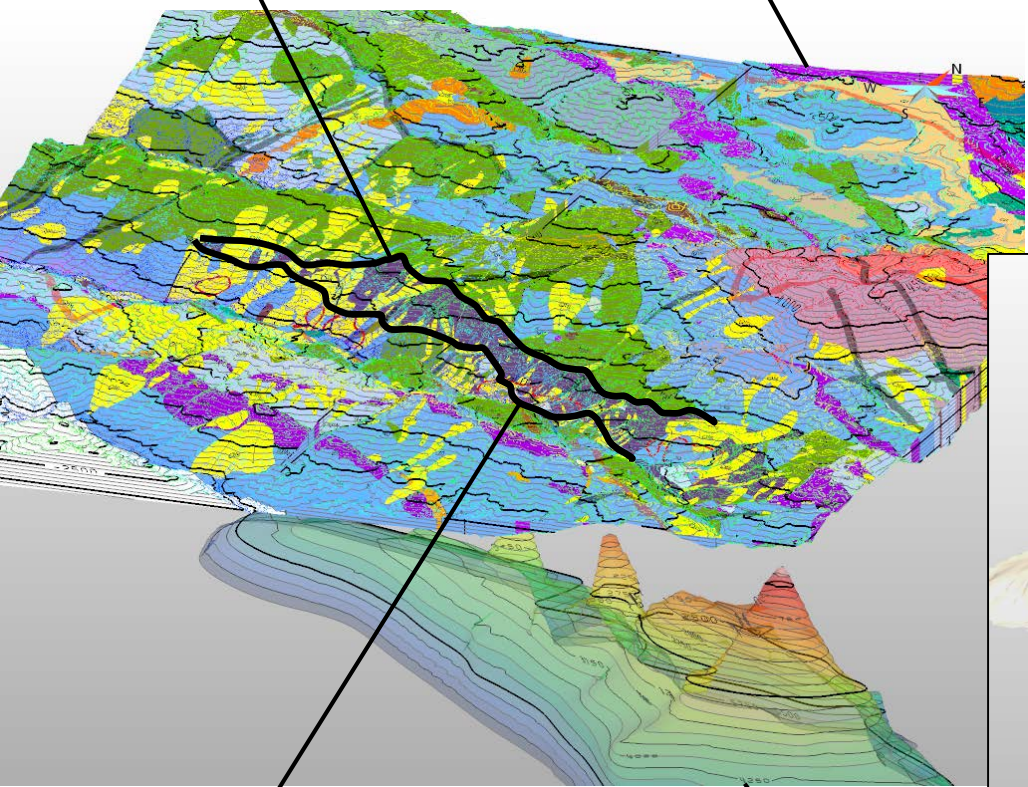


# 3D Structural Model Building

Model Development Constrained By Lithology Logs and ArcGIS Surface Geologic Map\*

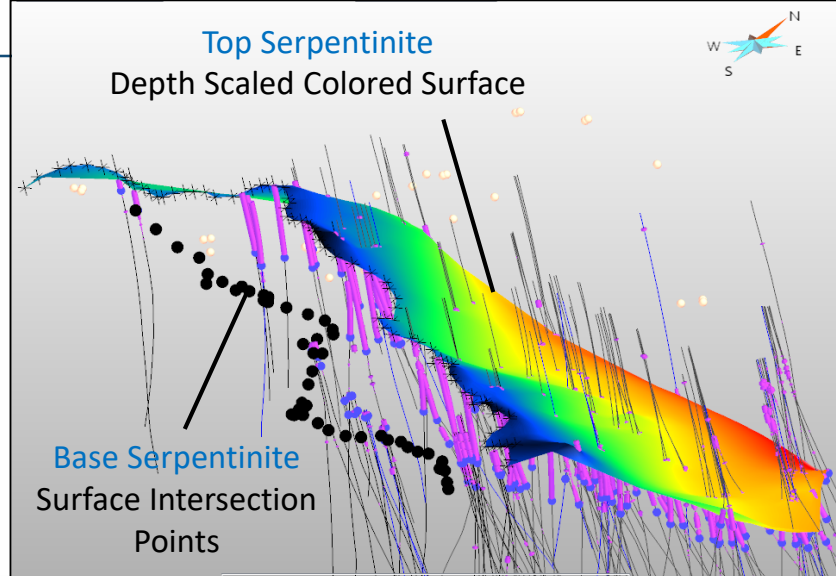
ArcGIS Compiled Surface Geology  
Imported as Georeferenced Image  
Texture Mapped to Topographic Surface

Top Serpentine Intersection



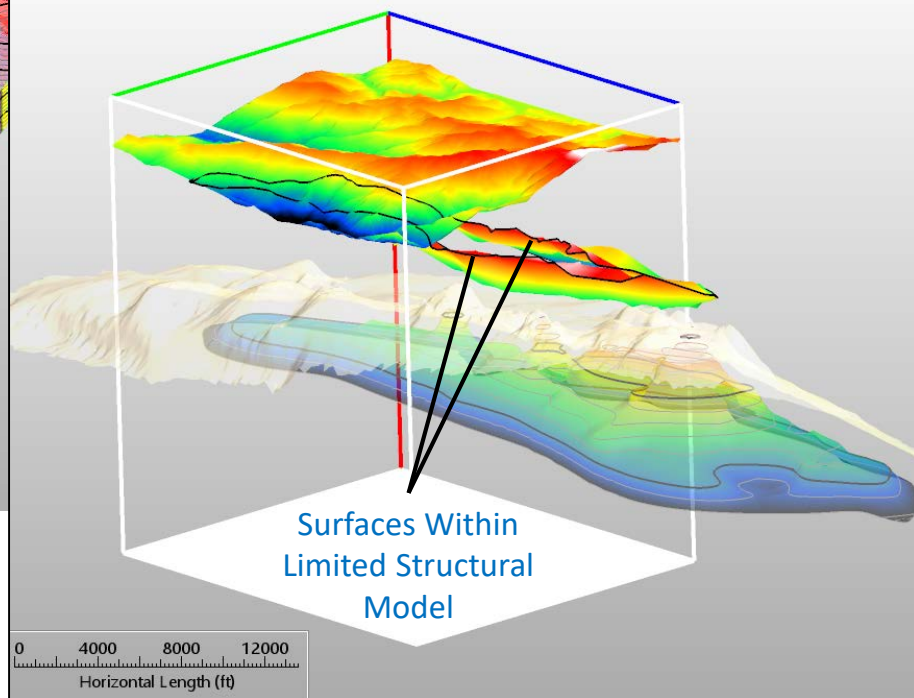
Base Serpentine Intersection

Top Felsite  
Granitic Intrusion



Top Serpentine  
Depth Scaled Colored Surface

Base Serpentine  
Surface Intersection  
Points



Surfaces Within  
Limited Structural  
Model

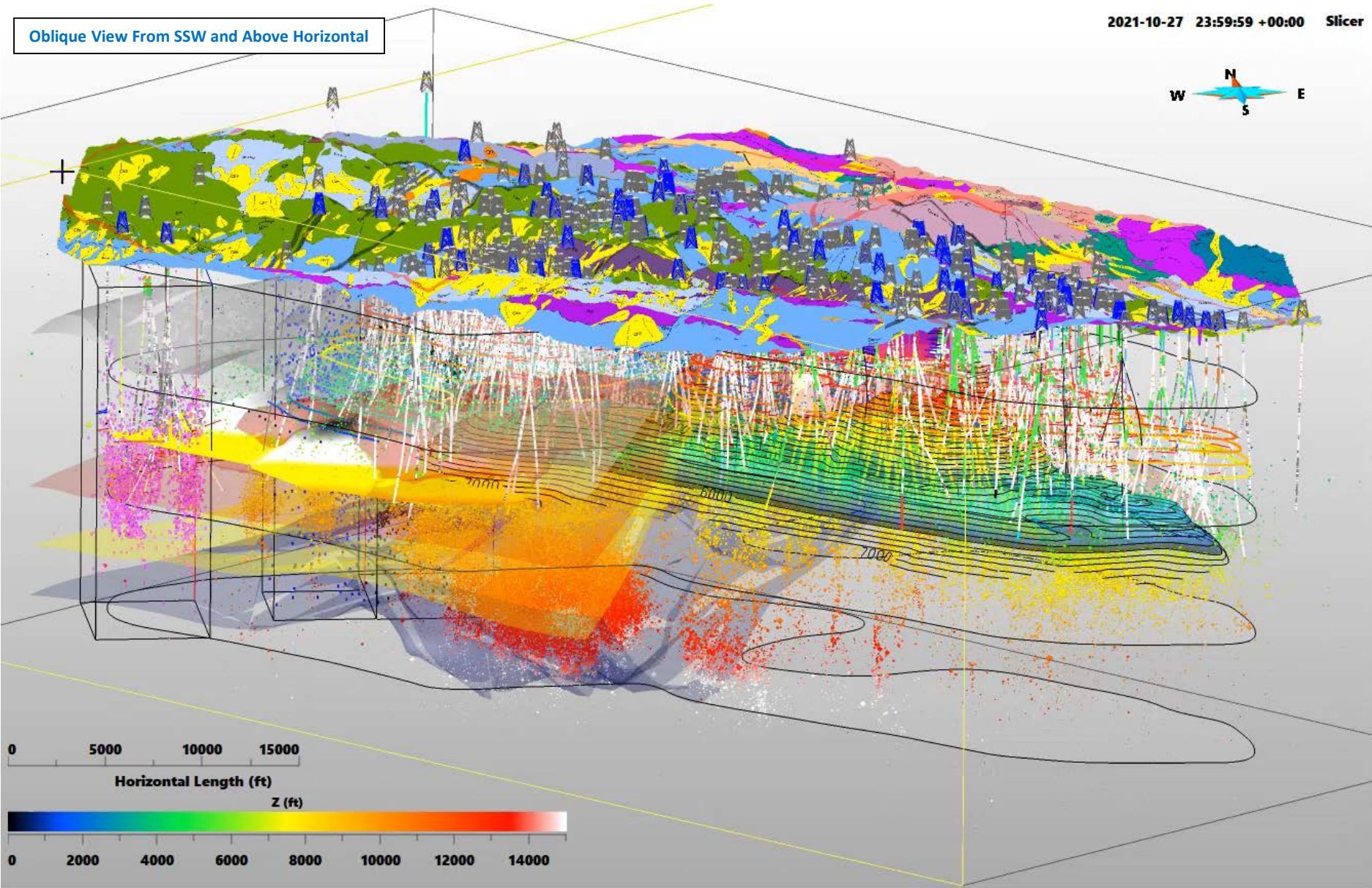


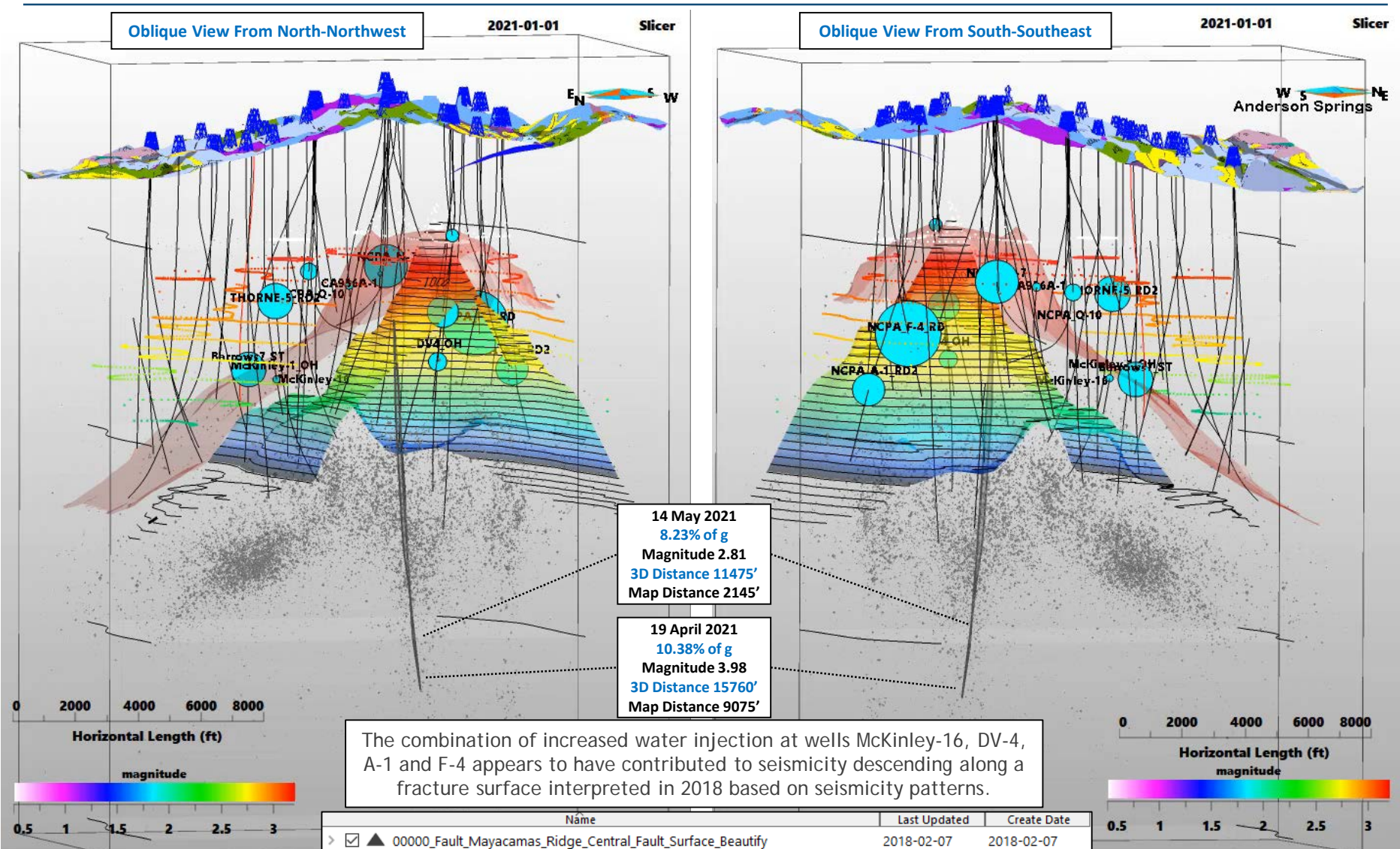
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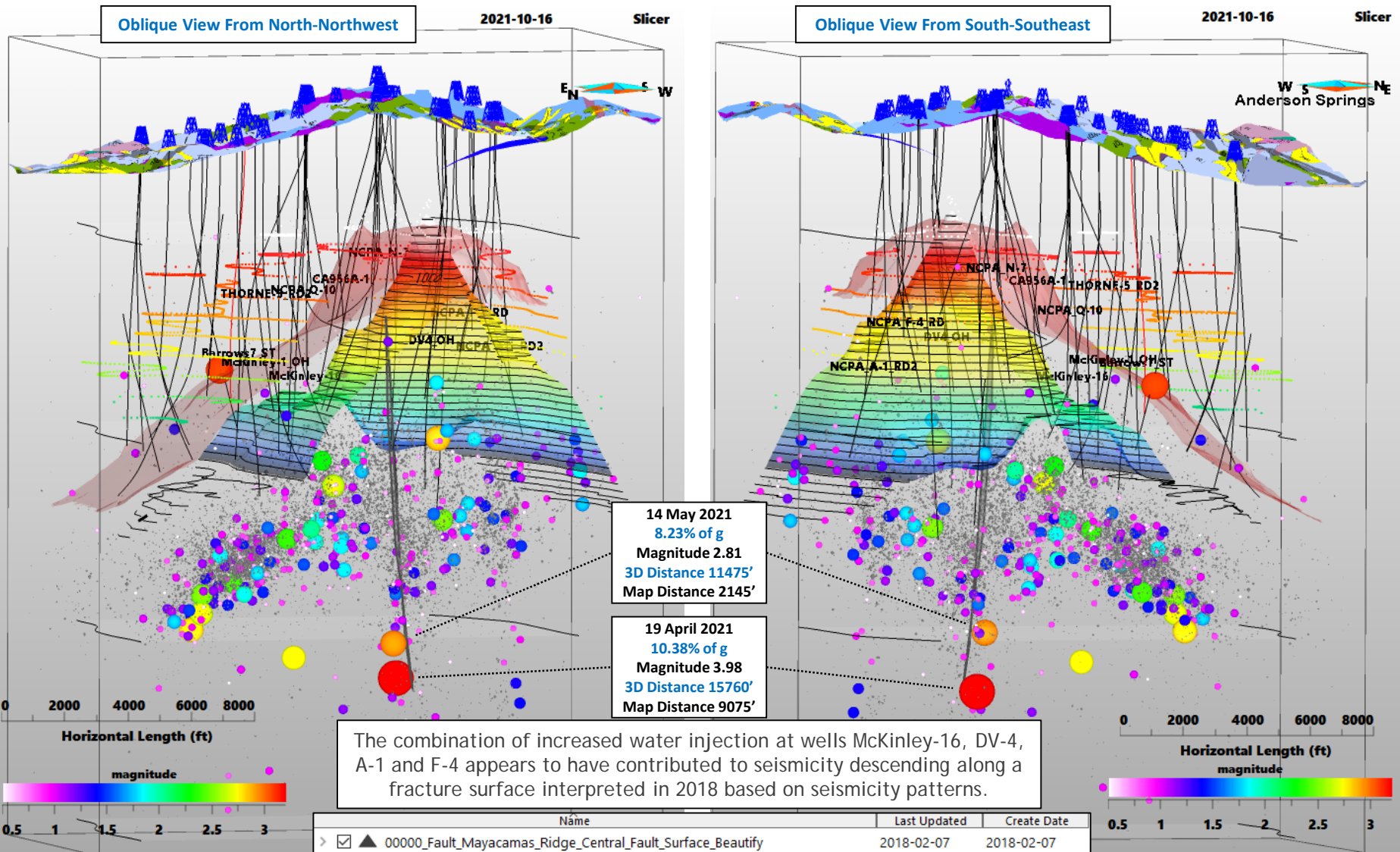
## Video: 3D Structural Model Analysis Example With Volume Slicer

Oblique View From SSW and Above Horizontal

2021-10-27 23:59:59 +00:00 Slicer







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3D Structural Model Slicer View Of 2021.10.26 11:38:51 Magnitude 2.96 Seismic Event

Magnitude 2.96 26 October 2021 Seismic Event

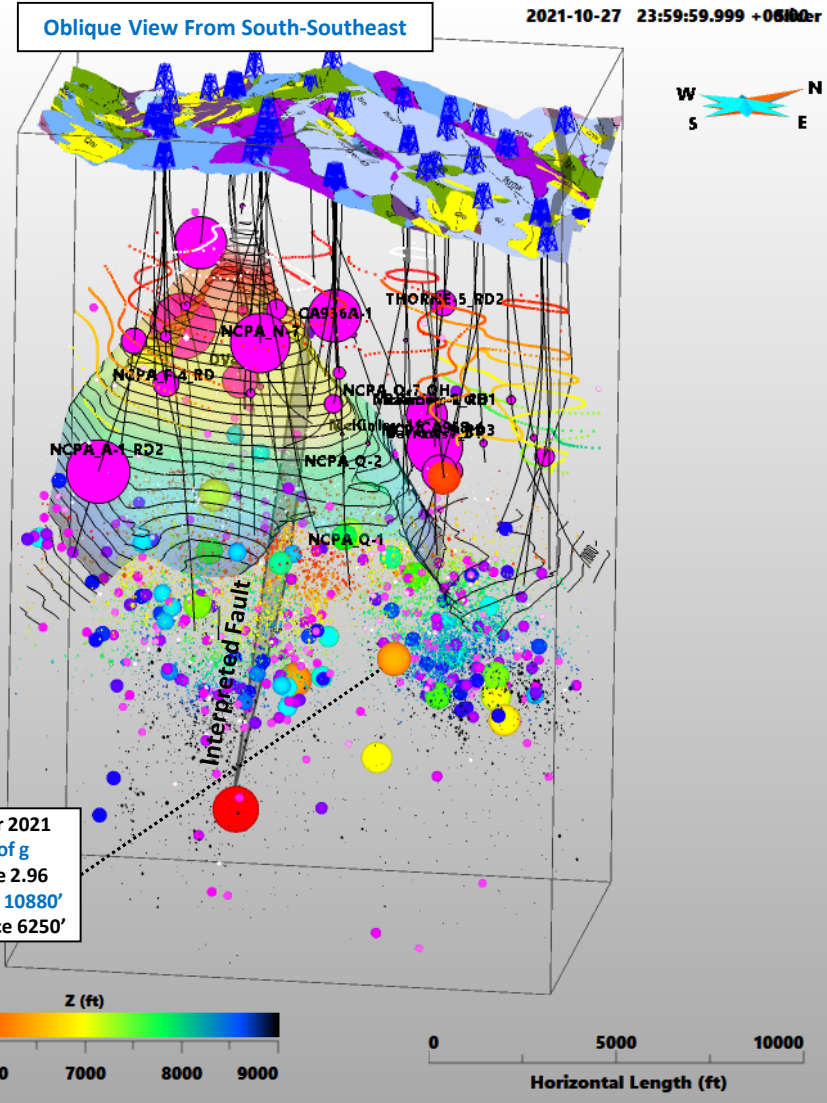
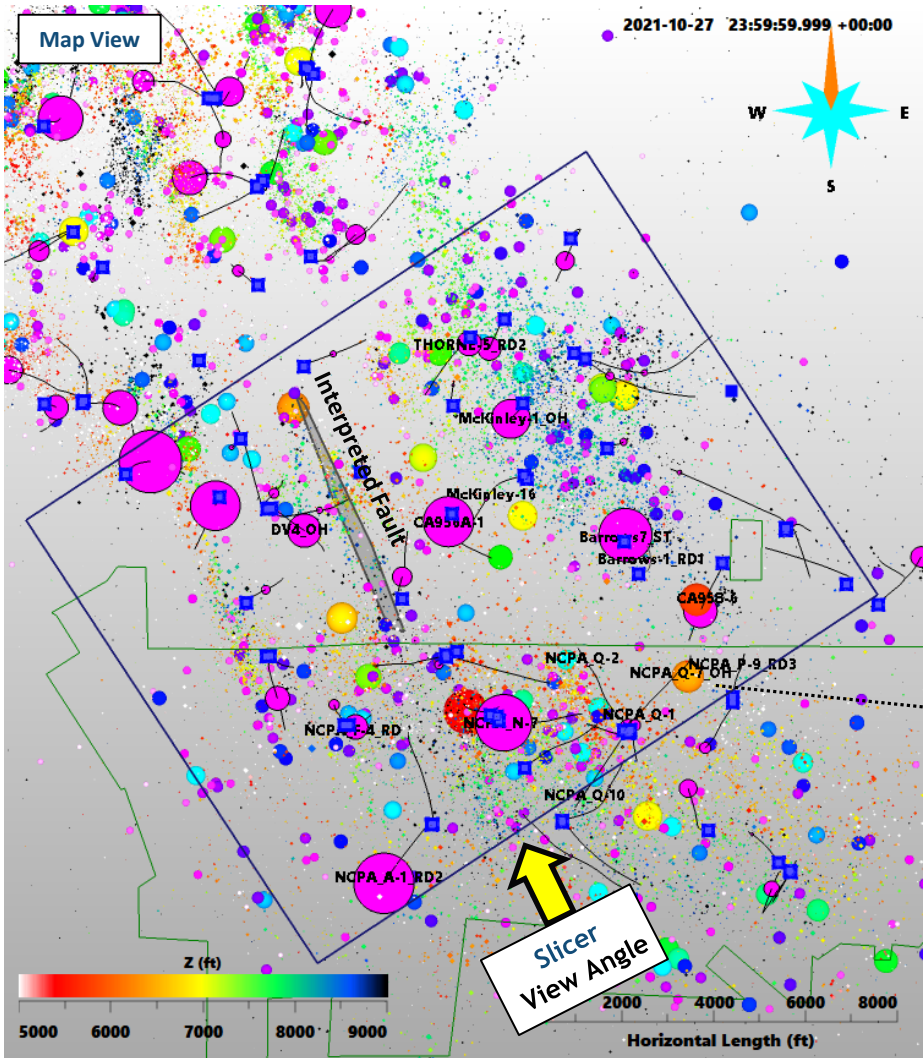
After Reporting Period; Relatively Near Anderson Springs

Peak Ground Acceleration 162.5 cm/sec<sup>2</sup> Mercalli Intensity VI\*

Event Slightly Within NCPA Lease – However:

Seismicity and Structural Review Suggest That Wells Operated By NCPA and Calpine Likely Contributed To Event.

Purple Disc Radii Scaled To Cumulative Water Injection Volume



26 October 2021  
16.56% of g  
Magnitude 2.96  
3D Distance 10880'  
Map Distance 6250'

\* Strong Perceived Shaking, Light Damage Potential



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## 3D Structural Model Slicer View Of 2021.10.26 11:38:51 Magnitude 2.96 Seismic Event

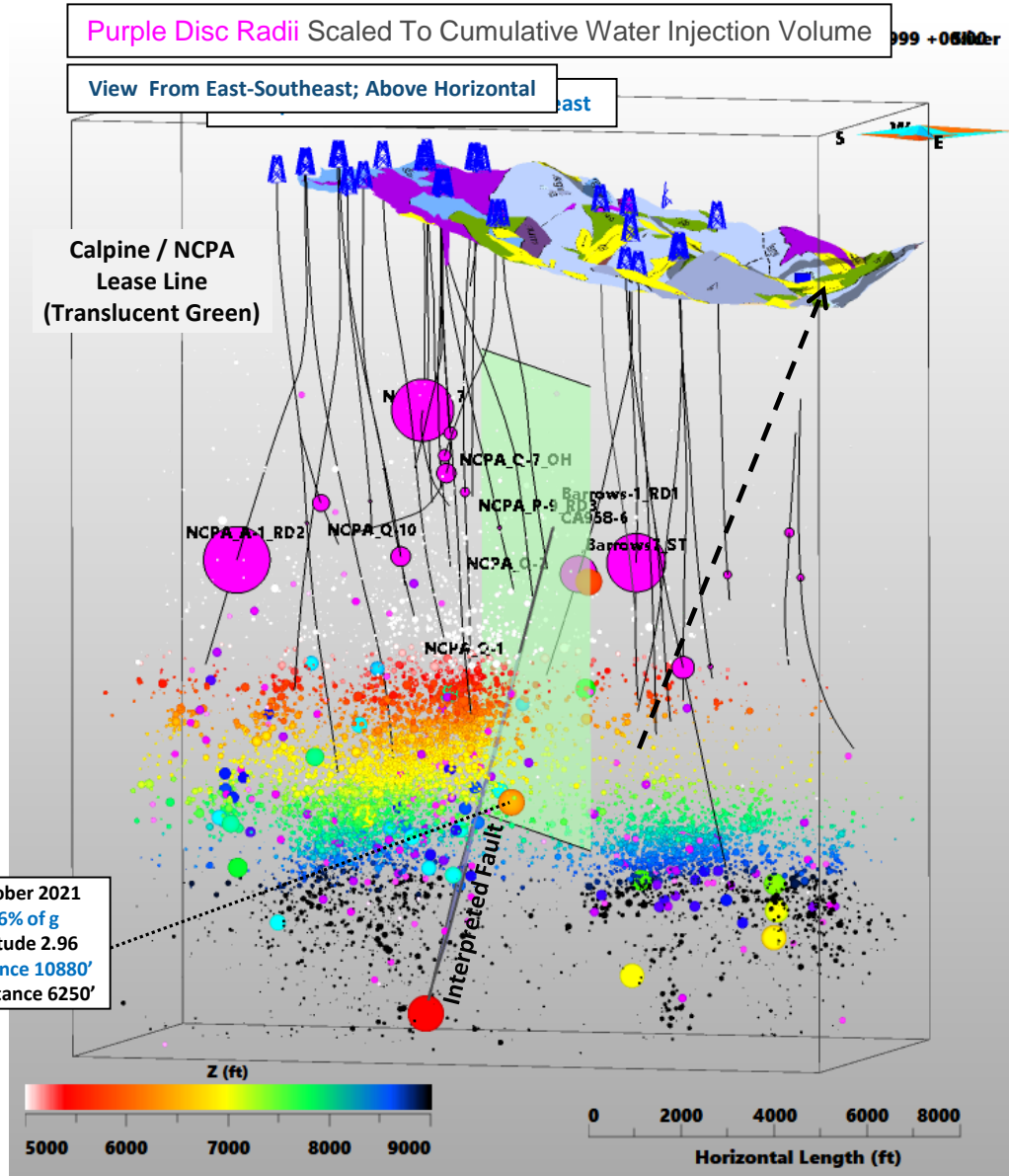
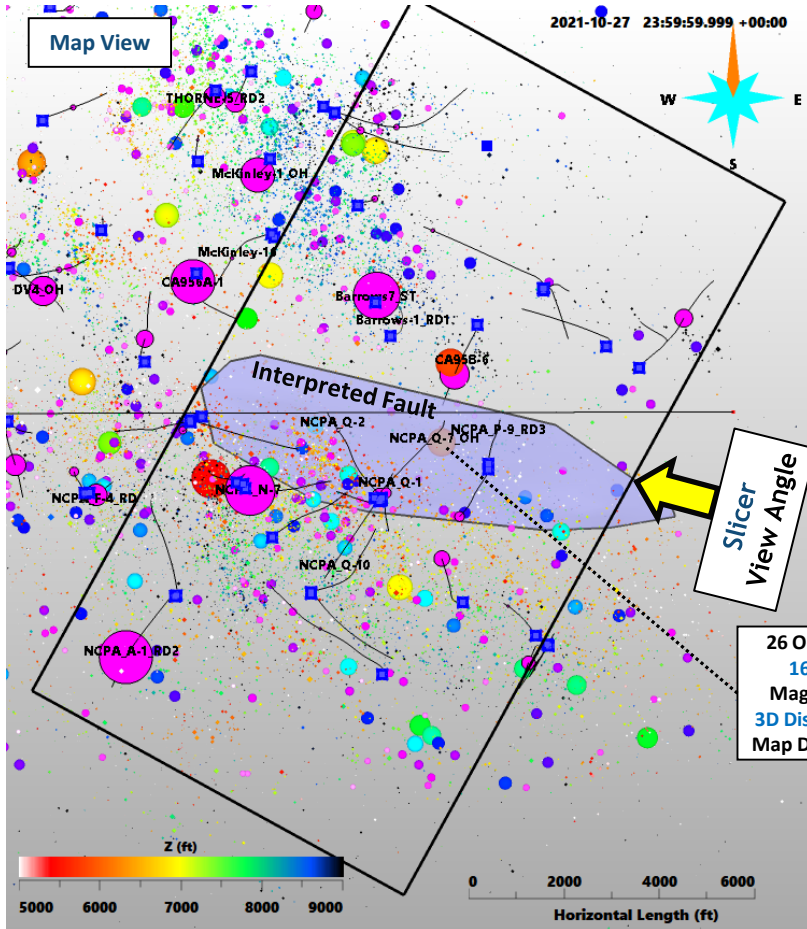
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## Geysers Power Company LLC Water Injection Goals

### 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

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

More gradual transition of SRGRP\* water for injection

The City of Santa Rosa assists greatly by providing gradual water supply step-ups and step-downs.

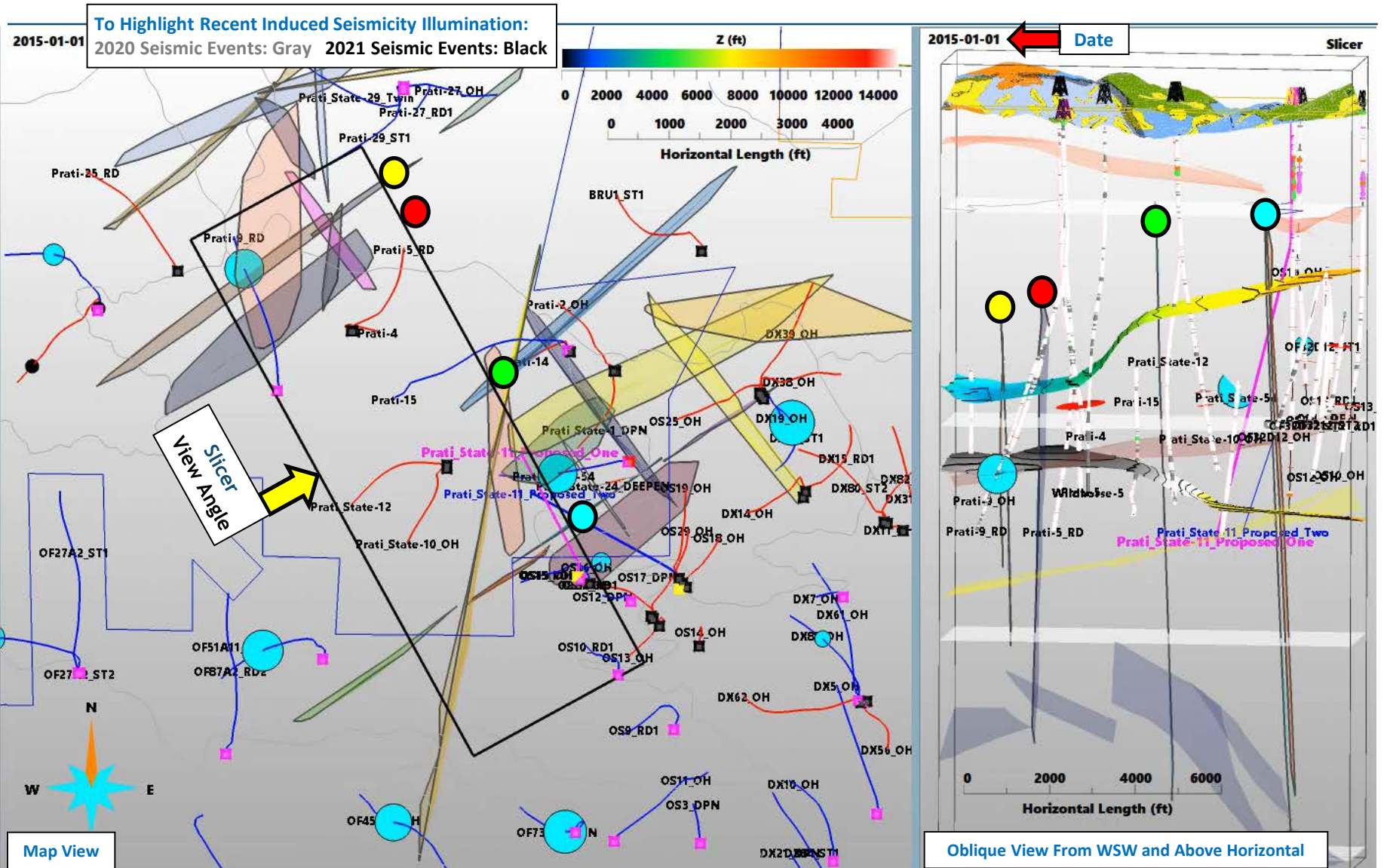
Calpine’s goal is a more broadly distributed and uniform “rainfall” of water throughout the reservoir volume for: (1) seismicity mitigation and (2) mass replacement within this renewable resource.

### Thirteen Water Injection Wells Added Since 2017 – Seven New Drilling; Six Conversion-To-Injection

Injection Wells Added	Year	Well Name	Measured Depth	Drilling Period	Rig Days
<b>New Drilling (7)</b>	2017	CMHC-8	9112'	28 February 2017 to 10 May 2017	71
	2018	GDC-34	6827'	16 August 2018 to 15 October 2018	60
	2019	Prati-15	11018'	18 May 2019 to 27 July 2019	70
	2020	GDC53B-13	5500'	22 May 2020 to 27 June 2020	36
	2020	LF-51	9908'	24 July 2020 to 08 October 2020	76
	2020	Thorne-11	8919'	12 November 2020 to 22 January 2021	71
	2021	Beigel-4	8089'	13 February 2021 to 09 April 2021	55
				<b>Conversion Date</b>	
<b>Conversion-To_Injection (6)</b>	2017	OS-15	9387'	12 January 2017	
	2017	DX-46	8562'	19 February 2017	
	2019	CA74F-21	12900'	13 November 2019	
	2019	CA87E-21	8772'	13 September 2020	
	2020	DX-21	10045'	19 July 2020	
	2020	Prati-27 (RD1)	9000'	09 October 2020	

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**Video:** Induced Seismicity Animation From January 2015 to October 2021 At Three-Month Interval  
 Selected Northwest Geysers Faults Emphasize Steam Reservoir Compartmentalization



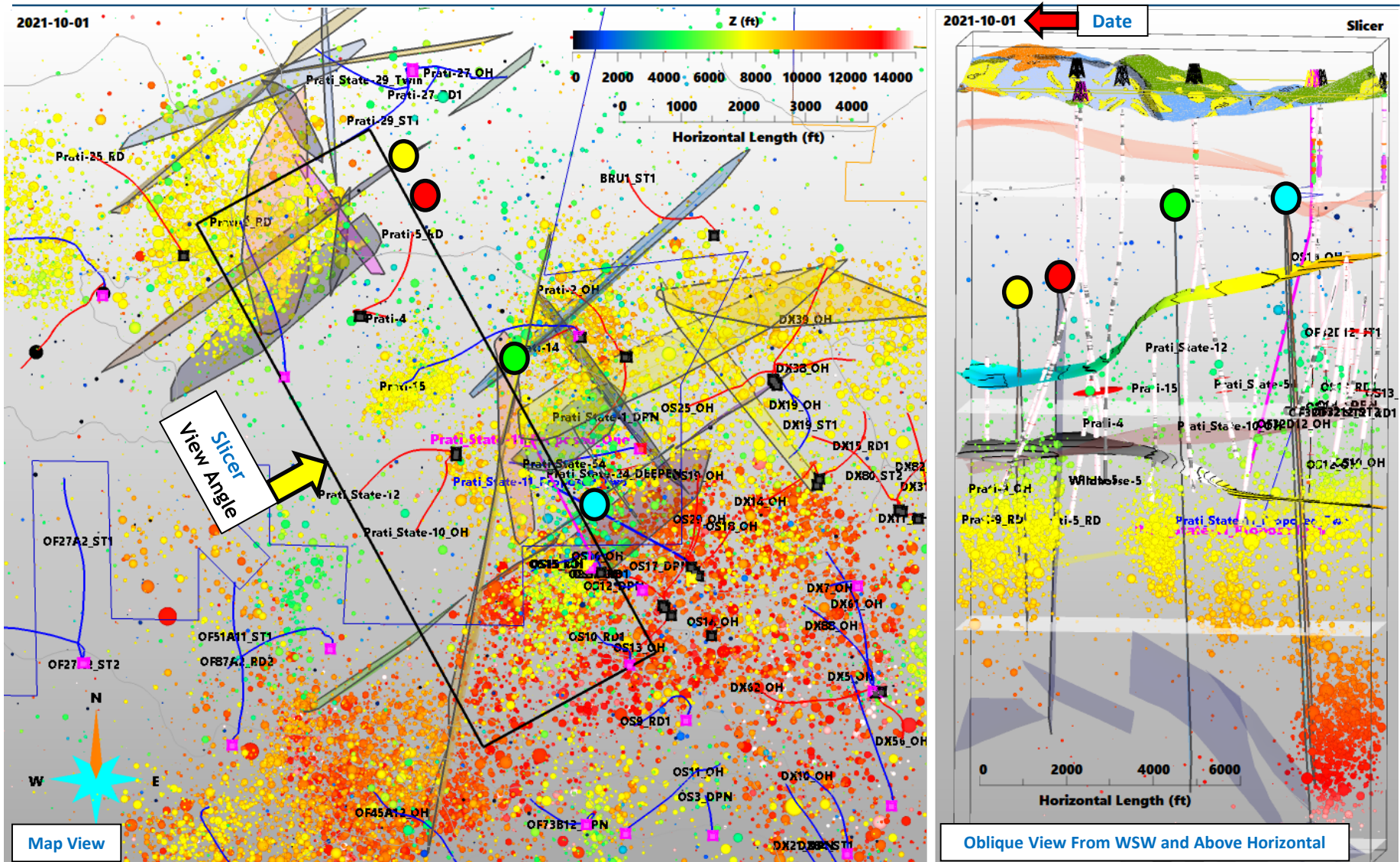




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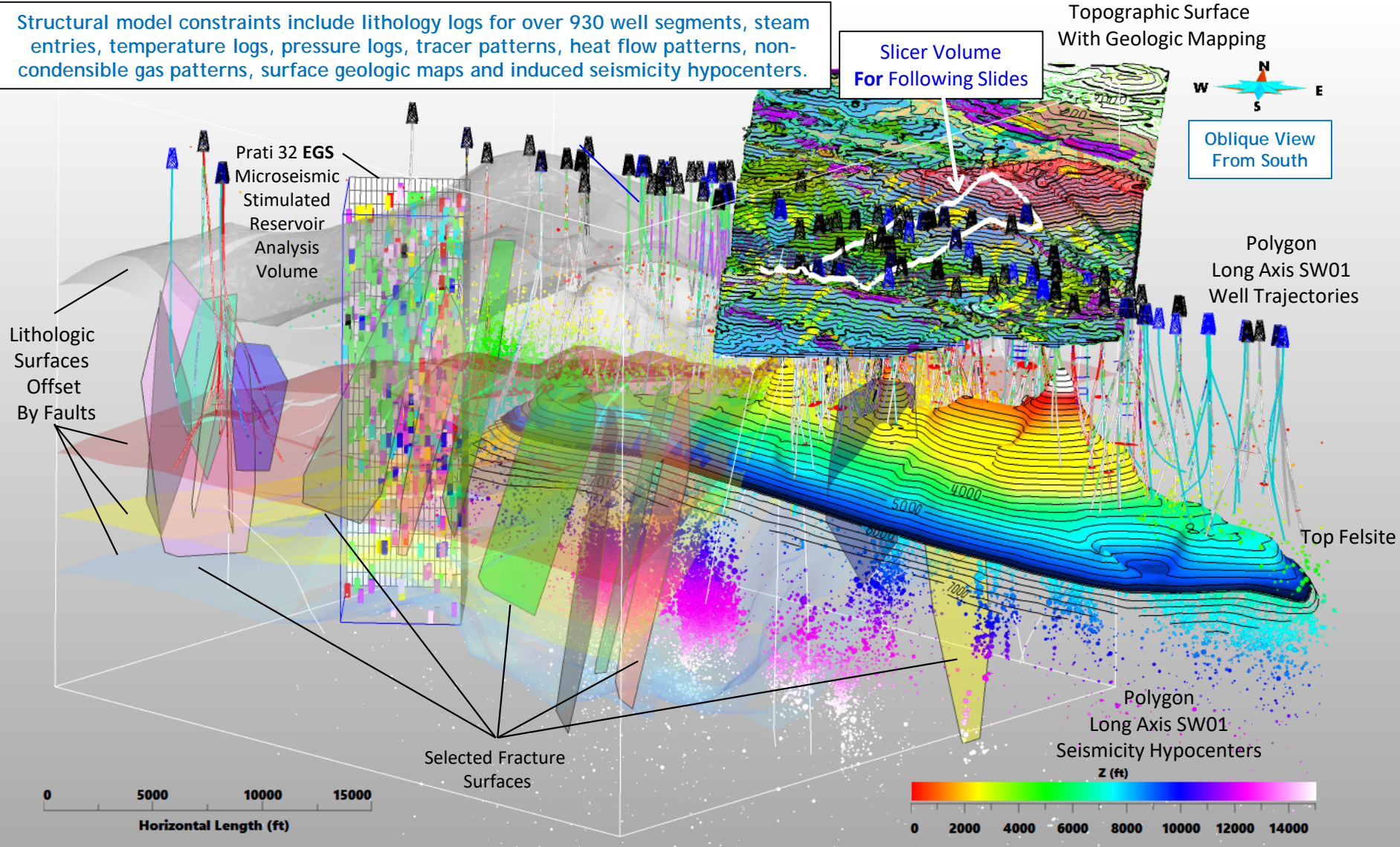




# Seismic Monitoring Advisory Committee Meeting Calpine 3D Structural Model (SKUA GOCAD Software\*)

A refined understanding of The Geysers' fluid flow paths, fluid boundaries, reservoir heterogeneity and reservoir compartmentalization *assists* with well planning / targeting, real-time drilling analysis, reservoir management and provides the potential for improved seismicity mitigation at The Geysers.

Structural model constraints include lithology logs for over 930 well segments, steam entries, temperature logs, pressure logs, tracer patterns, heat flow patterns, non-condensable gas patterns, surface geologic maps and induced seismicity hypocenters.

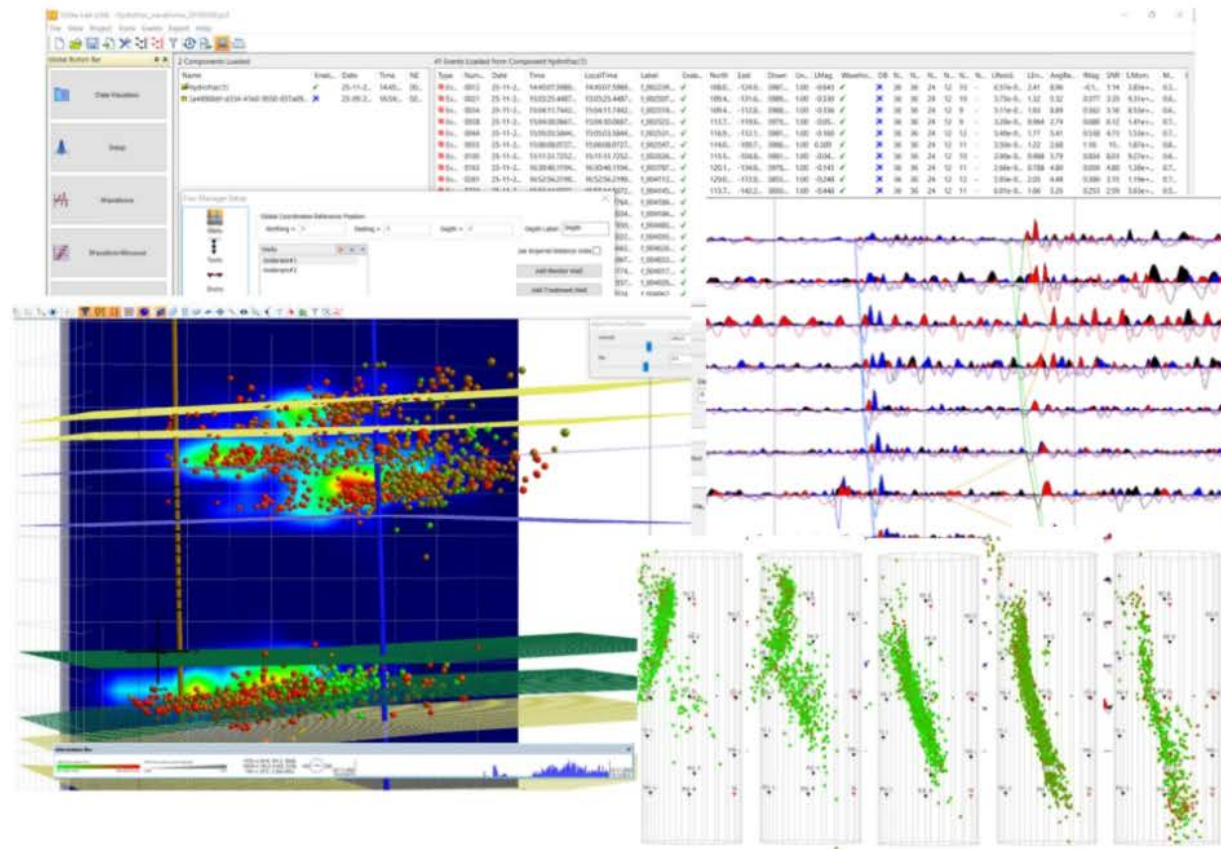


Geysers Power Company, LLC has conducted on-site testing of this well-developed software to assist with detailed seismicity analysis at The Geysers and is currently arranging for an early 2022 software purchase.

## InSite Seismic Processor



- Itasca's seismic software integrating data management, processing, analysis and interpretation
- Developed over the past 20 years incorporating tools from internal R&D and collaboration projects with clients and partners
- Used at all scales of seismic and acoustic monitoring, from laboratory rock deformation tests to processing of local and regional seismicity
- Latest version 3.16.1 released March 2020



Seismic events exceeding threshold criteria were isolated from The Geysers continuous waveform data and processed within the [Applied Seismology / Itasca InSite-Geo software](#). Waveforms for the East-West, North-South and Vertically oriented sensors are shown for a **12 August 2020 magnitude 3.9 seismic event** processed on a Geysers Power Company, LLC workstation.

Larger seismic events typically have usable waveforms (with signal well above the noise floor) for the majority of the 38 three-component LBNL / Calpine seismic stations.

