

# Technical Feasibility of Compressed Air Energy Storage in an Aquifer Storage Vessel

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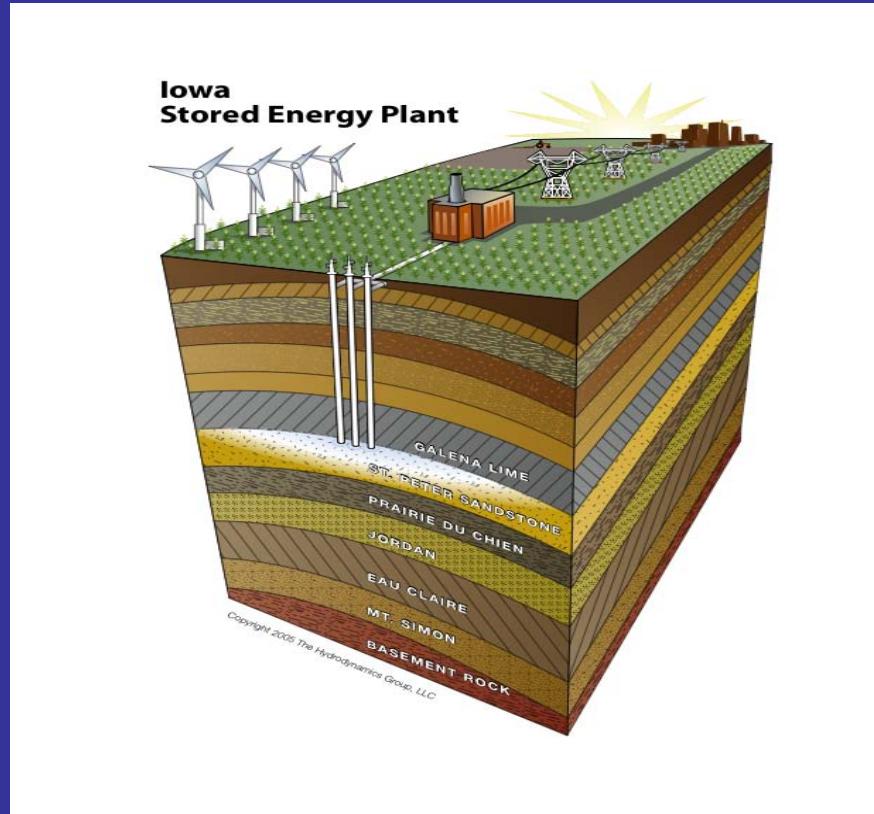


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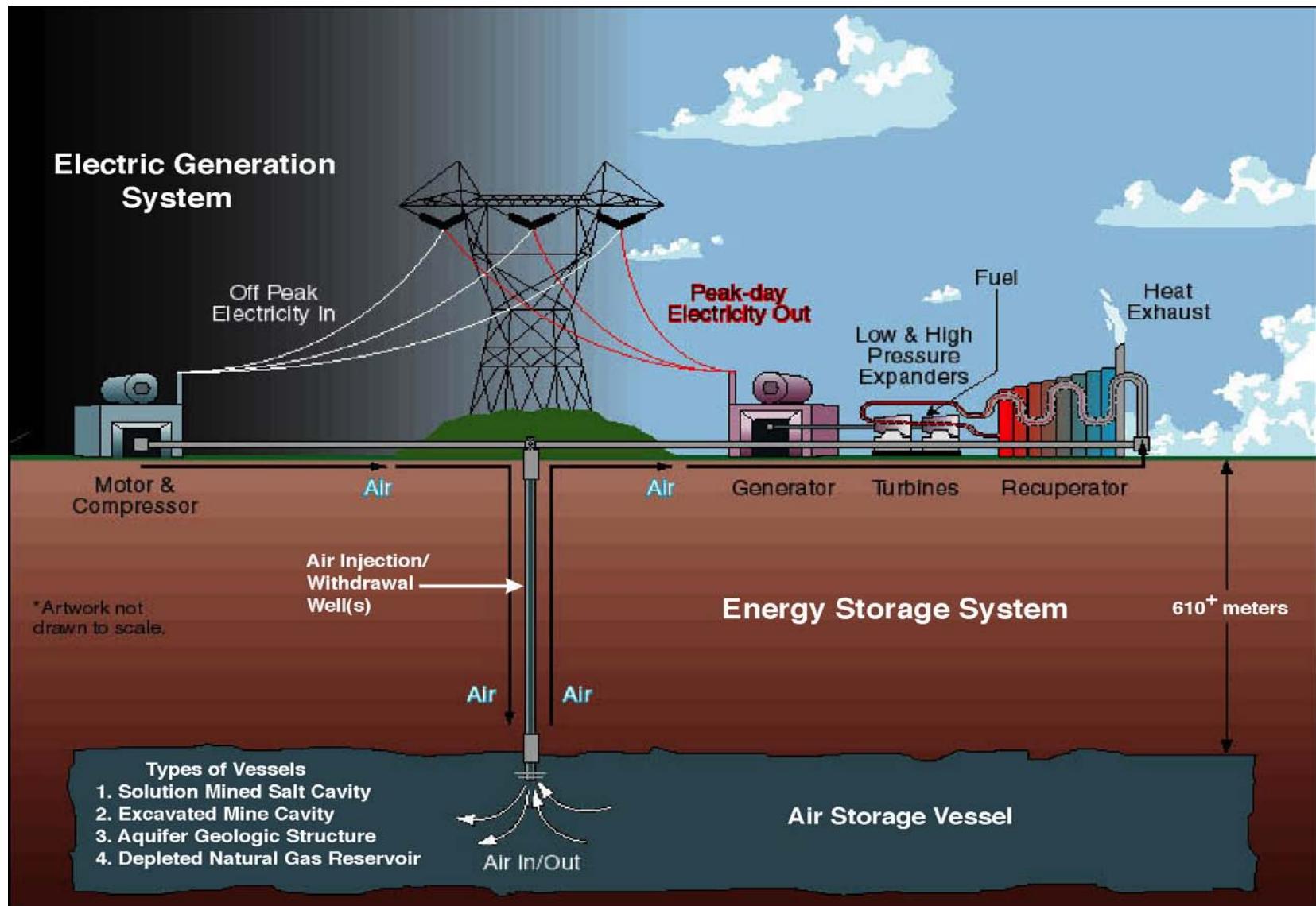
*Studies in Mass & Energy Transport in the Earth*

# Presentation

- CAES Aquifer Technology
- Geological Framework of Iowa
- Dallas Center Structure
- Results of CAES Feasibility Simulation
- ISEP CAES Development Plan



# How Does CAES Work?



# CAES Turbo-Machinery Operating Requirements

Equipment Manufacturer	Plant Size (MW)	Min. Inlet Pressure (psi)	Min. Flow Rate (lbs/MW/hr)	Total Min. Flow Rate (lb/hr)
Allison	15	200	9500	142,500
MAN Turbo	50	50	9500	475,000
Dresser Rand	134	830	9500	1,273,000
Alston	300	900	9500	2,850,000
Westinghouse (501D5)	350	750	9500	3,325,000
Westinghouse (501F)	450	750	9500	3,275,000

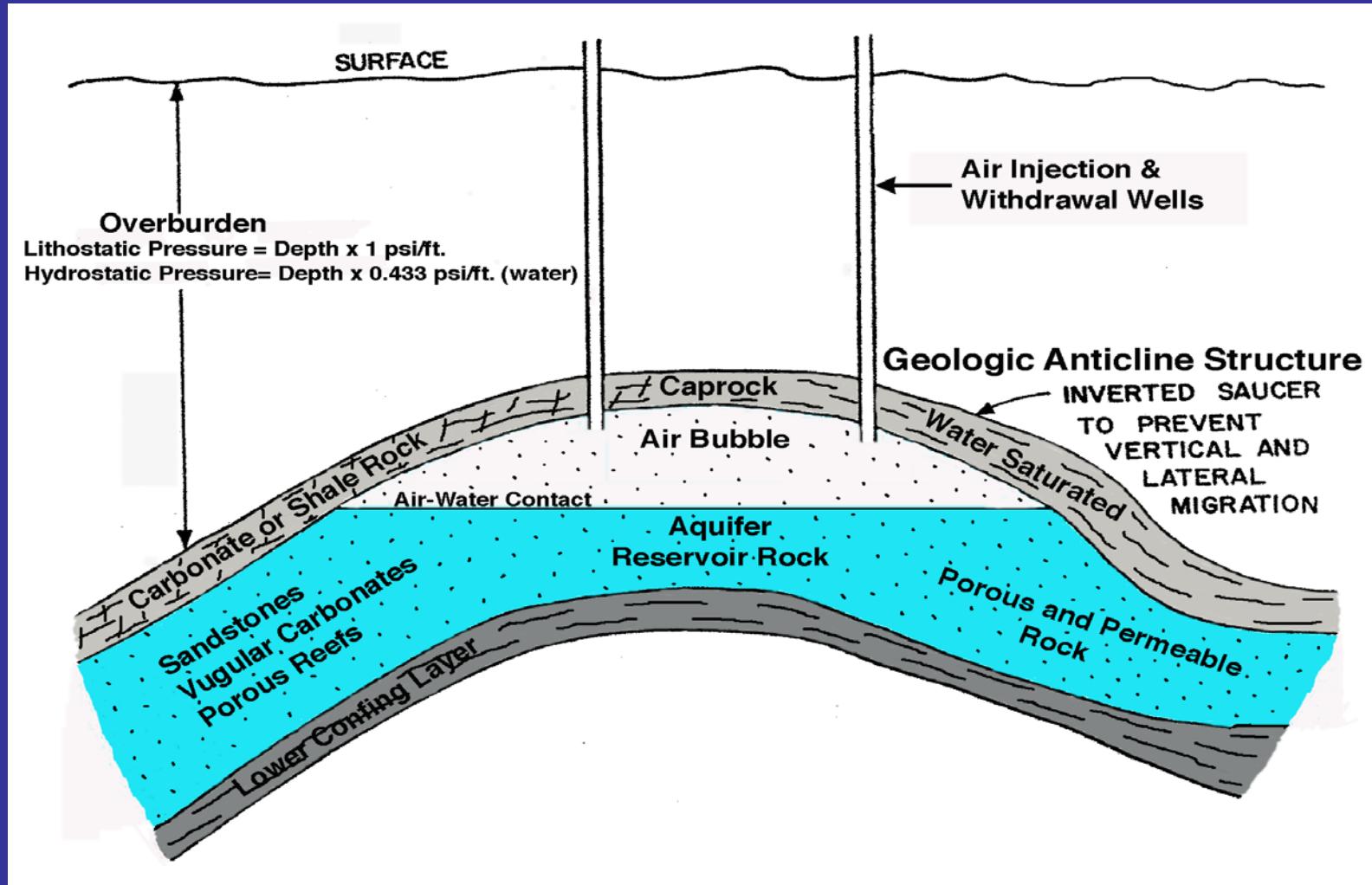
# Earth Storage System Designs

All based on the concept of multiple  
geologic and hydrologic barriers.

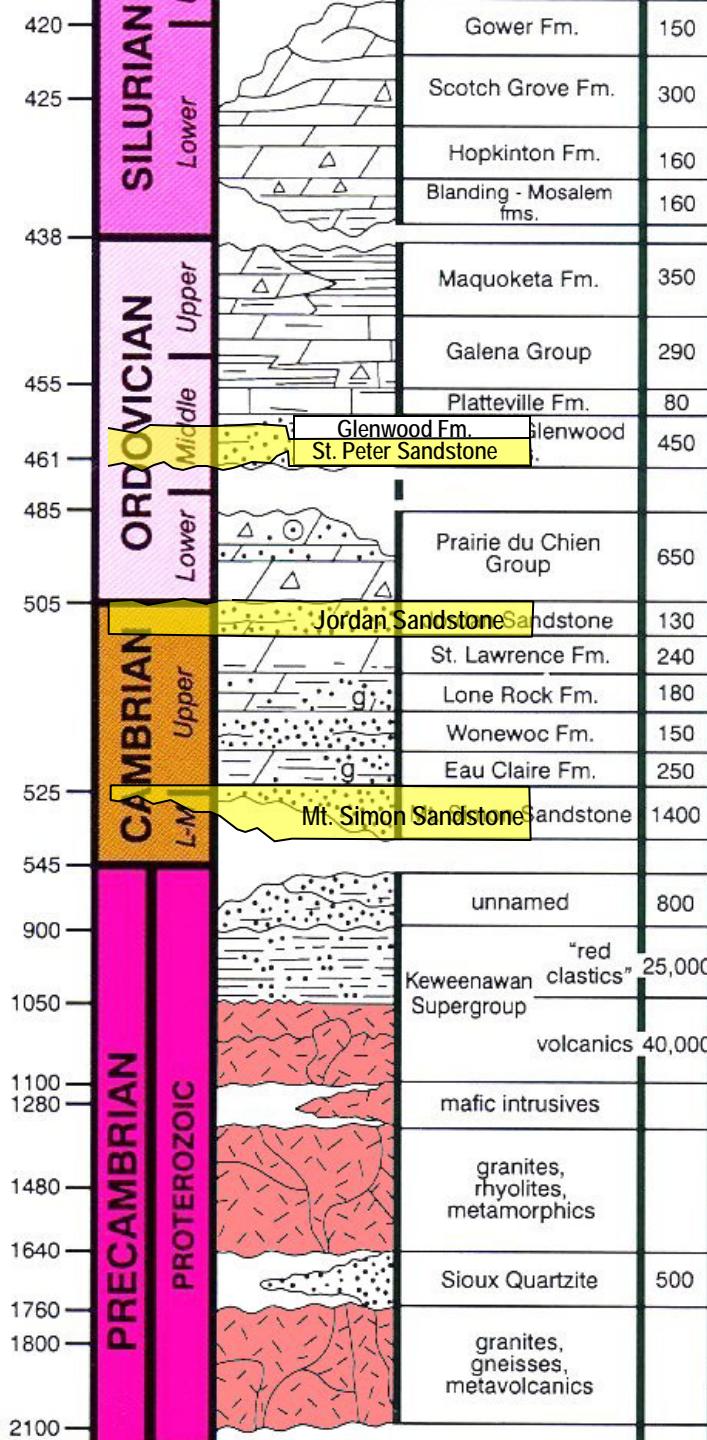
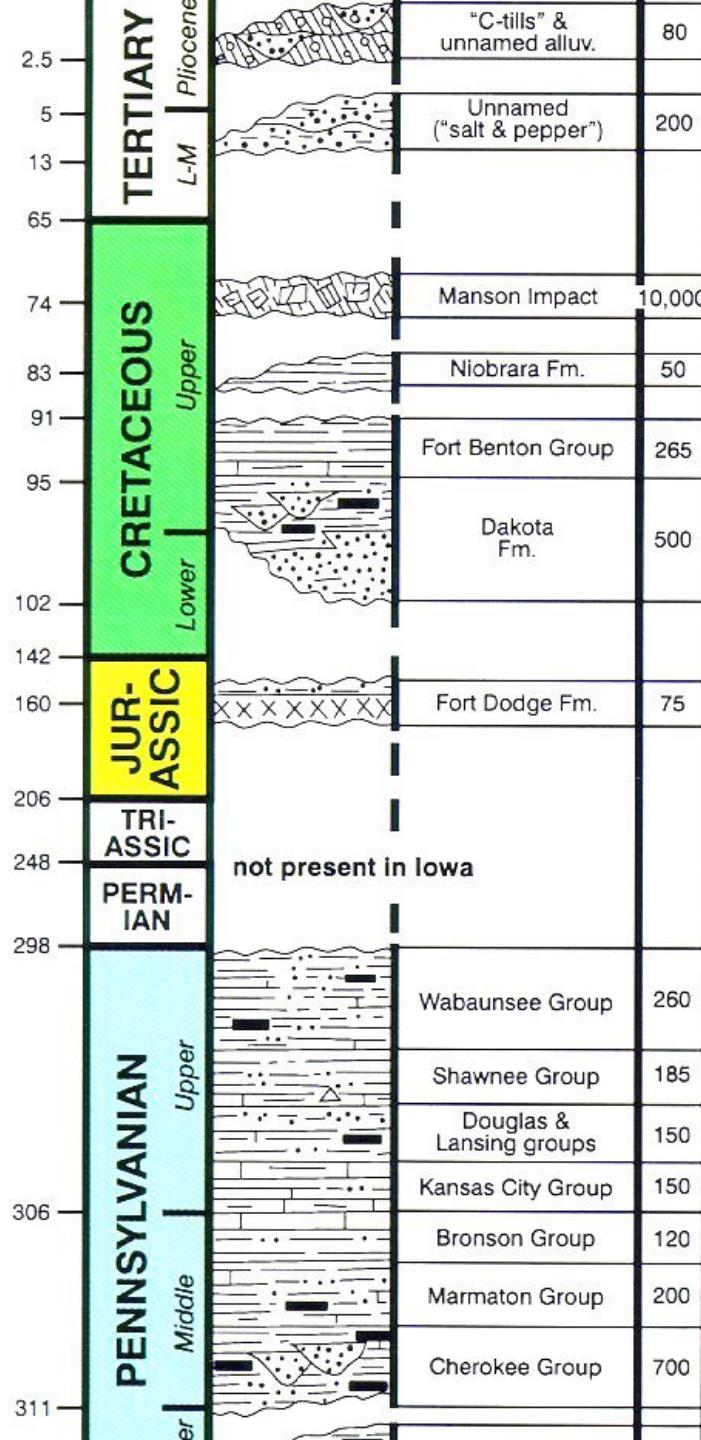
# DESIGN CRITERIA

- Capacity: 5 to 10 BCF Total Vessel Volume
- Integrity of Vessel: <4% of Volume over a year
- Fluid Deliverability
  - $400\text{#/sec} = 464 \text{ MMscfd}$
  - Minimum Pressure - 830 psi

# CAES Aquifer Storage System

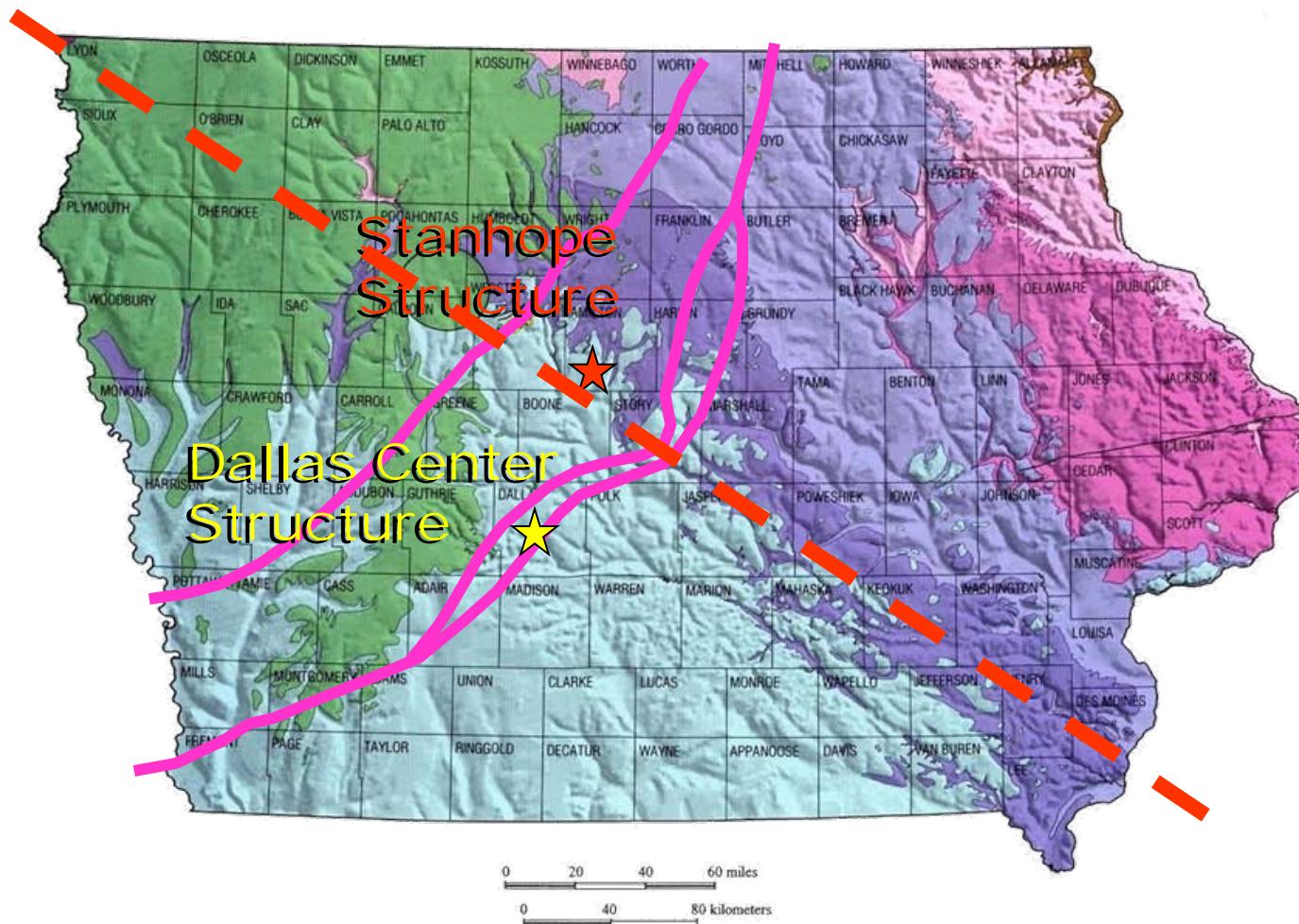


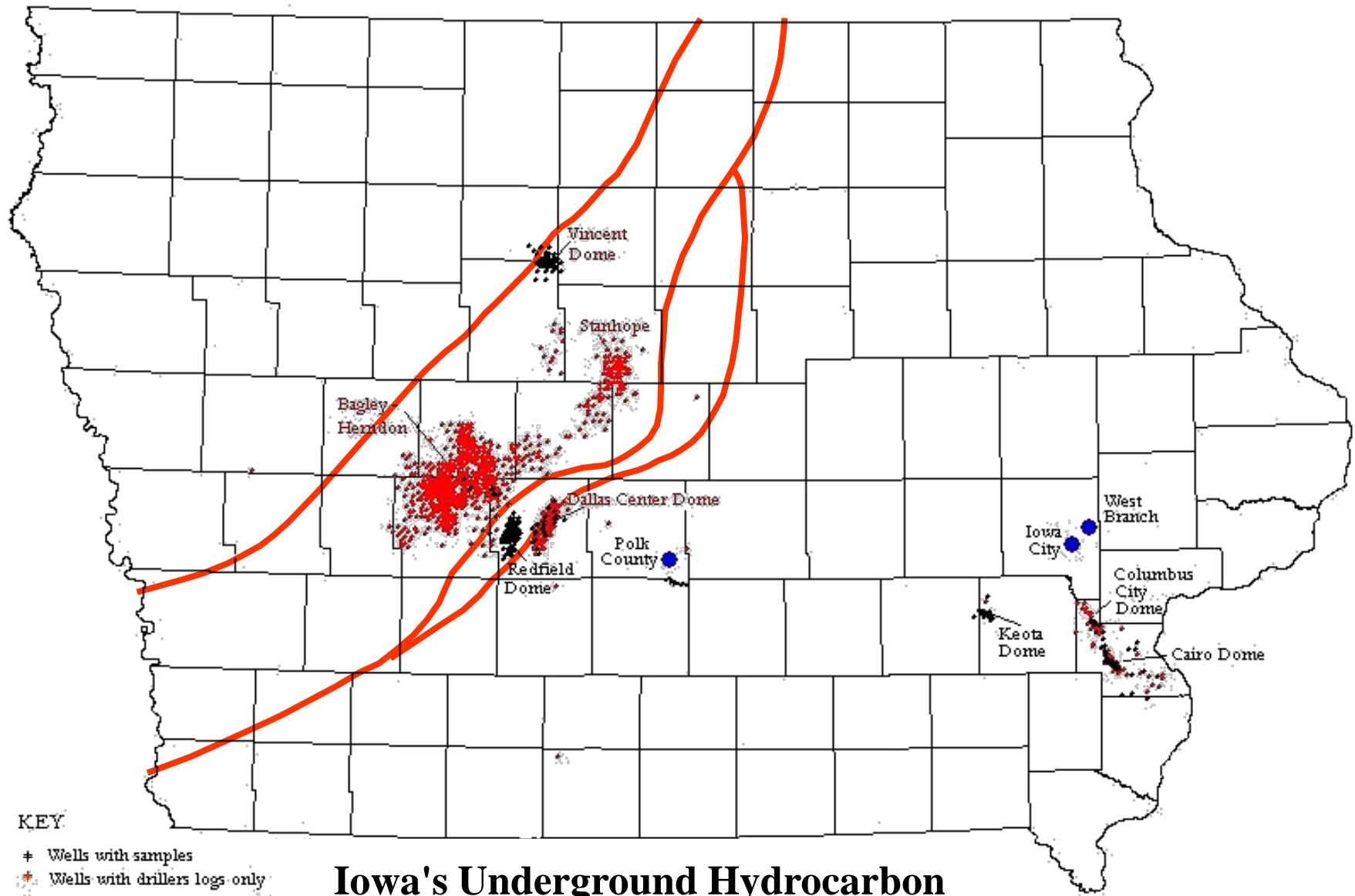
# Geology of Iowa



## BEDROCK GEOLOGIC MAP OF IOWA

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## Iowa's Underground Hydrocarbon Storage Structures

# Dallas Center Structure

## Geological Evaluation

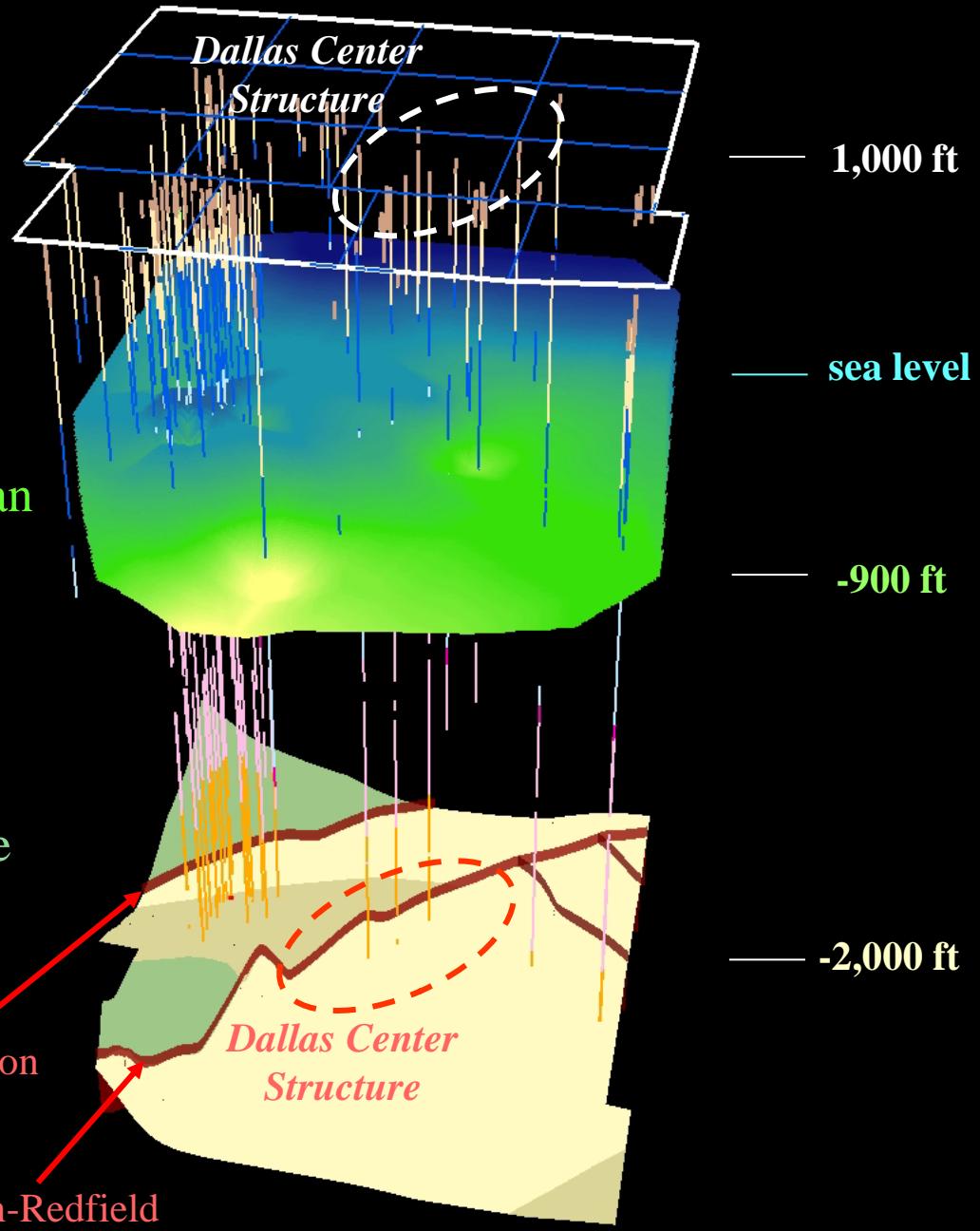
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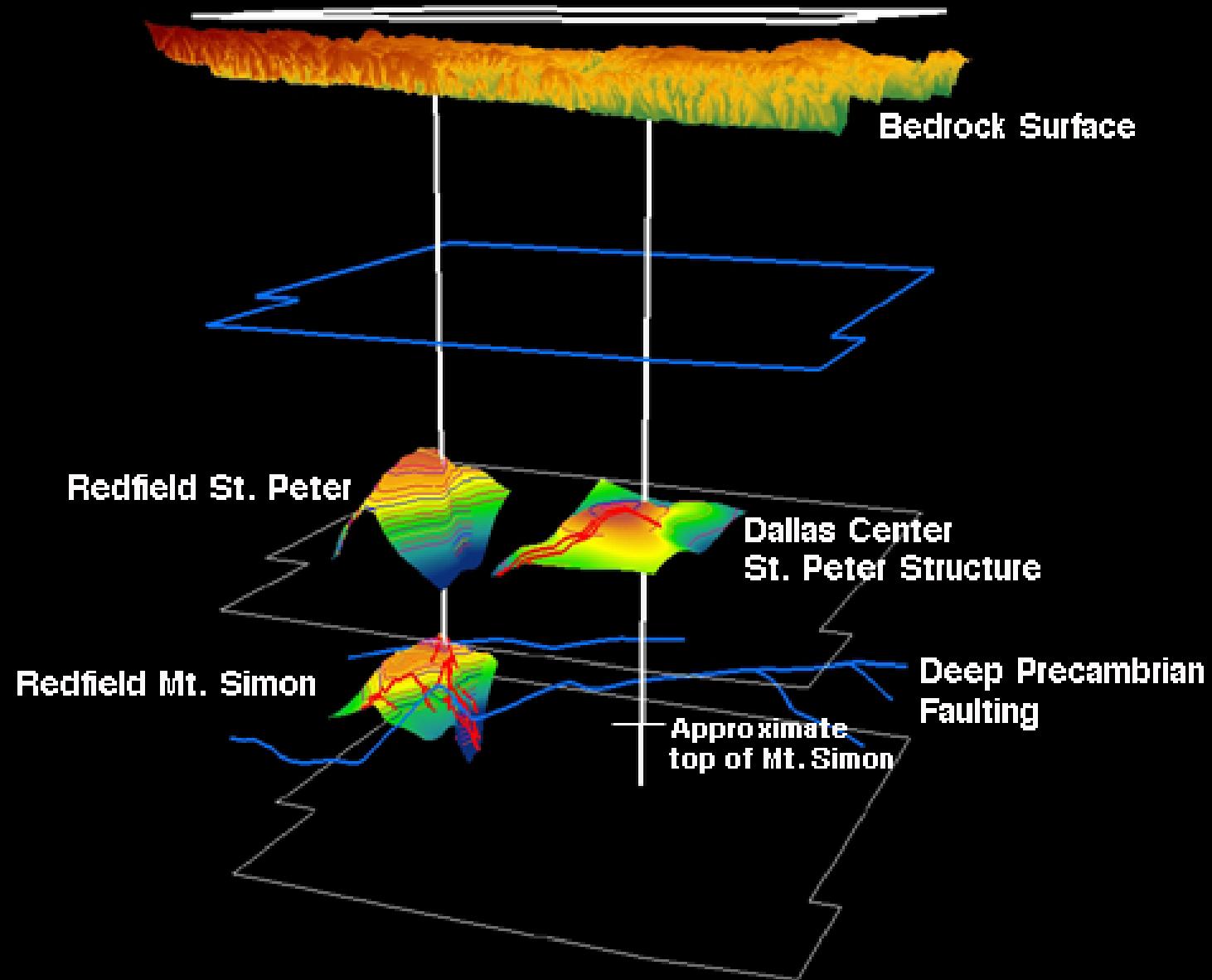
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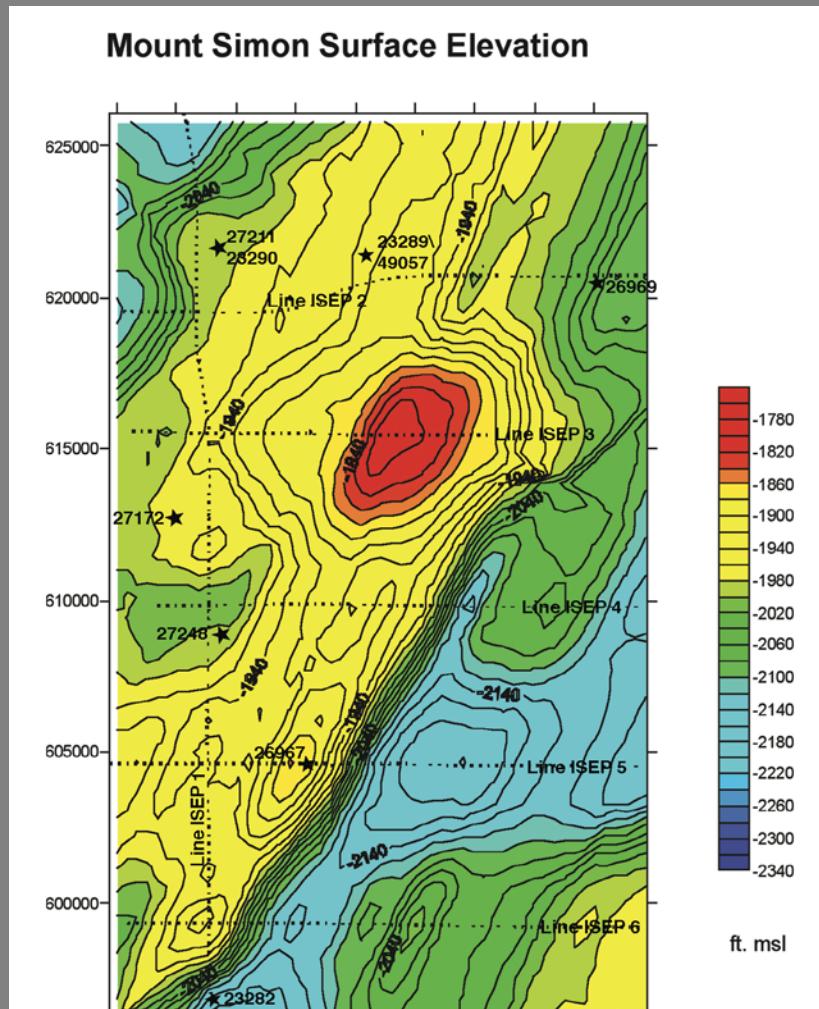
Perry-Hampton  
Fault System

Thurman-Redfield  
Fault System

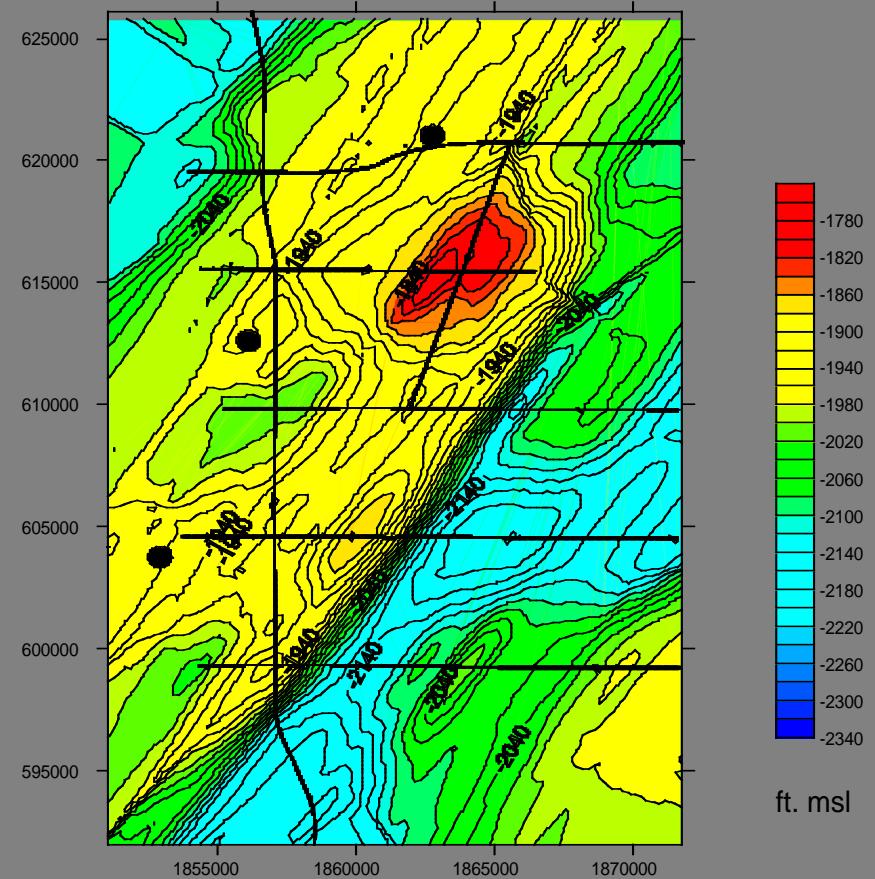




# Dallas Center Mt. Simon Structure



**Mount Simon Elevation**



Well location

# Dallas Center CAES Simulation

Approach

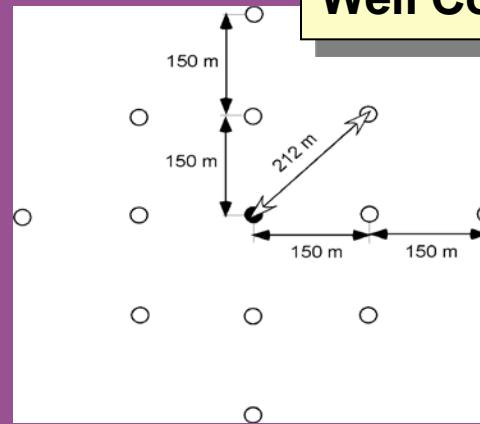
- ✓ 1. Redfield Gas Storage Simulation
- ✓ Dallas Center CAES Simulation

# Bubble Development & Air Cycling Plan

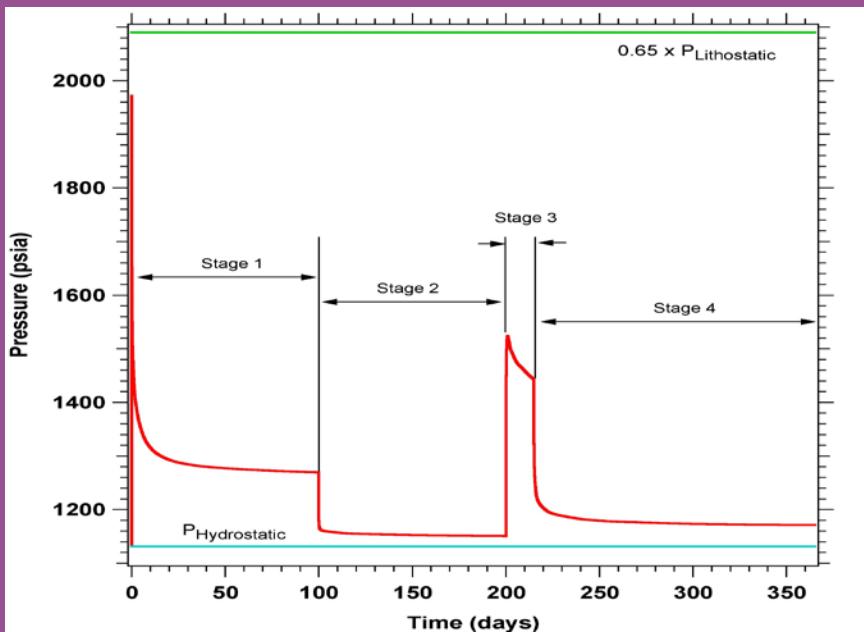
## Potential Pressure Spike: Solution

- Well Configuration
- Staged Development

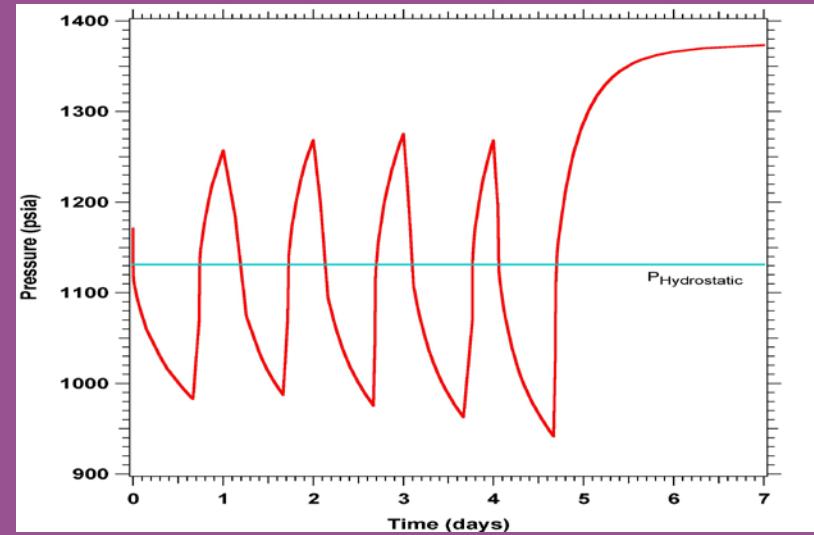
### Well Configuration



### Create a Bubble

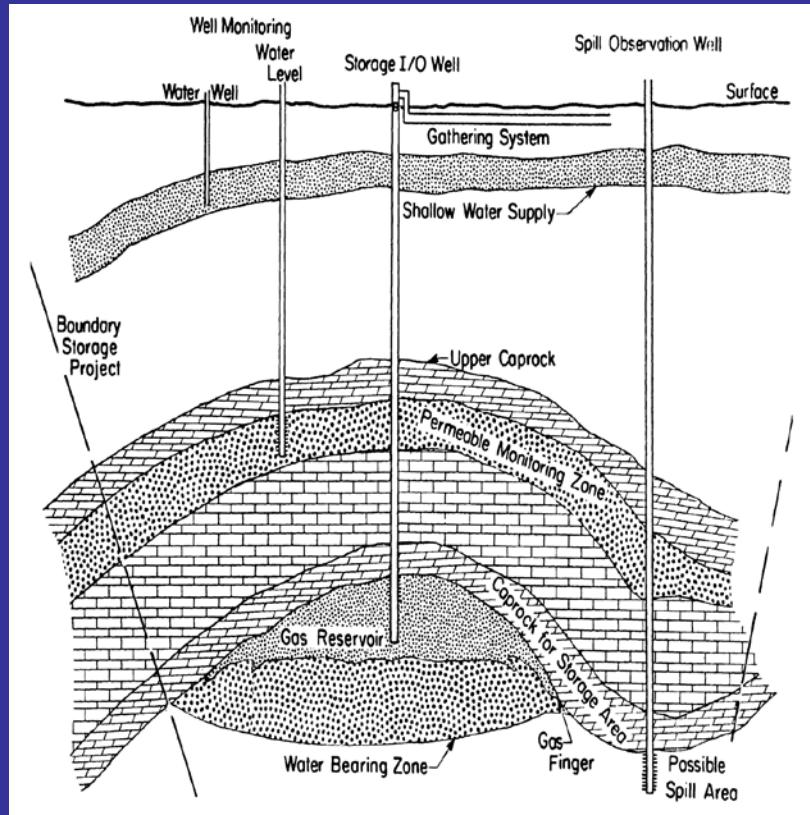


### Cycle Air



# Conclusions from Model

- Dallas center CAES project technically feasible.
- Adequate geological storage structure to support two 134 MWe CAES units.
- CAES system performance feasible-good match to turbines.
- Complex development plan.
- Site merits further investigation



# Dallas Center CAES Development Plan

# Exploratory Drilling Program

- Site, lease and permit exploratory test wells (two wells)
- Drilling Contract Bid
- Drill & Coring 2 Exploratory Wells
- Geophysical Logging
- Laboratory Core Analysis
- Conduct Water Pumping Test
- Eventually Test Inject Air into Structure
- Model Test Results for CAES Design



# Develop Dallas Center CAES Plant

- Project & Environmental Permitting
- Design Power Plant & Order Equipment
- Drill & Construction 11 New Air Injection/Withdrawal Wells
- Pump Air Into Structure to Create Commercial Air Bubble
- Build Power Plant
- Operate Power Plant





Iowa Geological Survey



M.G. Eischeid drill rig, 1987

*Thanks,  
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