

# Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock



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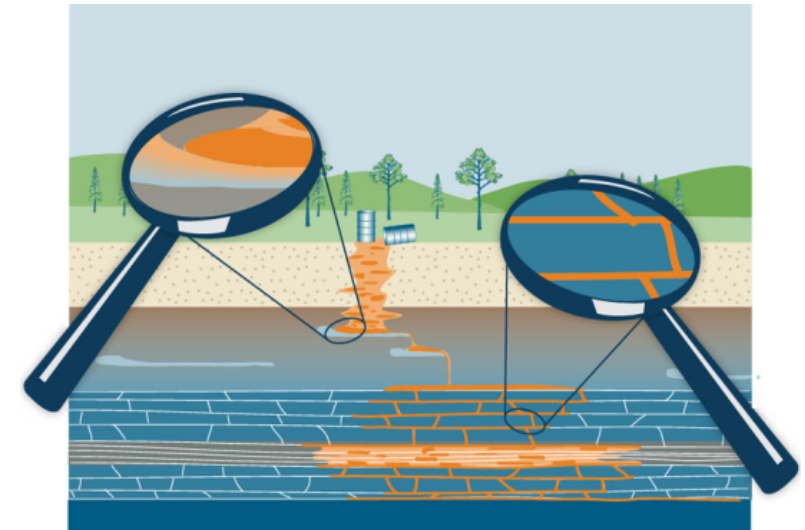
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# Overview of the Training - Purpose



1. To provide a basic high-level introduction to the unique challenges of investigation and remediation in fractured rock
2. To capitalize on recent advances and successes captured in the new ITRC guidance document
3. To demonstrate that bedrock challenges, historically written off, are surmountable



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# Overview of the Training - Agenda



- ◆ **Introduction**
- ◆ Fractured Rock CSM Considerations
- ◆ Fluid Flow in Bedrock
- ◆ Contaminant Fate and Transport
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- ◆ Remedy Development for Contaminated Fractured Rock
- ◆ Monitoring
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# The Problem with Fractured Rock Remediation



- ▶ Not achieving cleanup goals
- ▶ Spending time and money, but substantial risk remains
- ▶ Often considered too complex
- ▶ Often defaults to containment and long-term monitoring
- ▶ Conventional approaches reflect an outdated understanding of fracture flow that does not incorporate advances in the sciences and technologies of site characterization and remediation





# Common Site Challenges



- ◆ Incomplete understanding of complexity of groundwater and contaminant flow in fractured rock
- ◆ Difficulties in site characterization
- ◆ Cost of investigation
- ◆ Unrealistic remedial objectives
- ◆ Selected remedy is not satisfactory



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# Dispelling the Fractured Rock Site Myth Can These Site Really Be Cleaned Up?



Difficult but not impossible

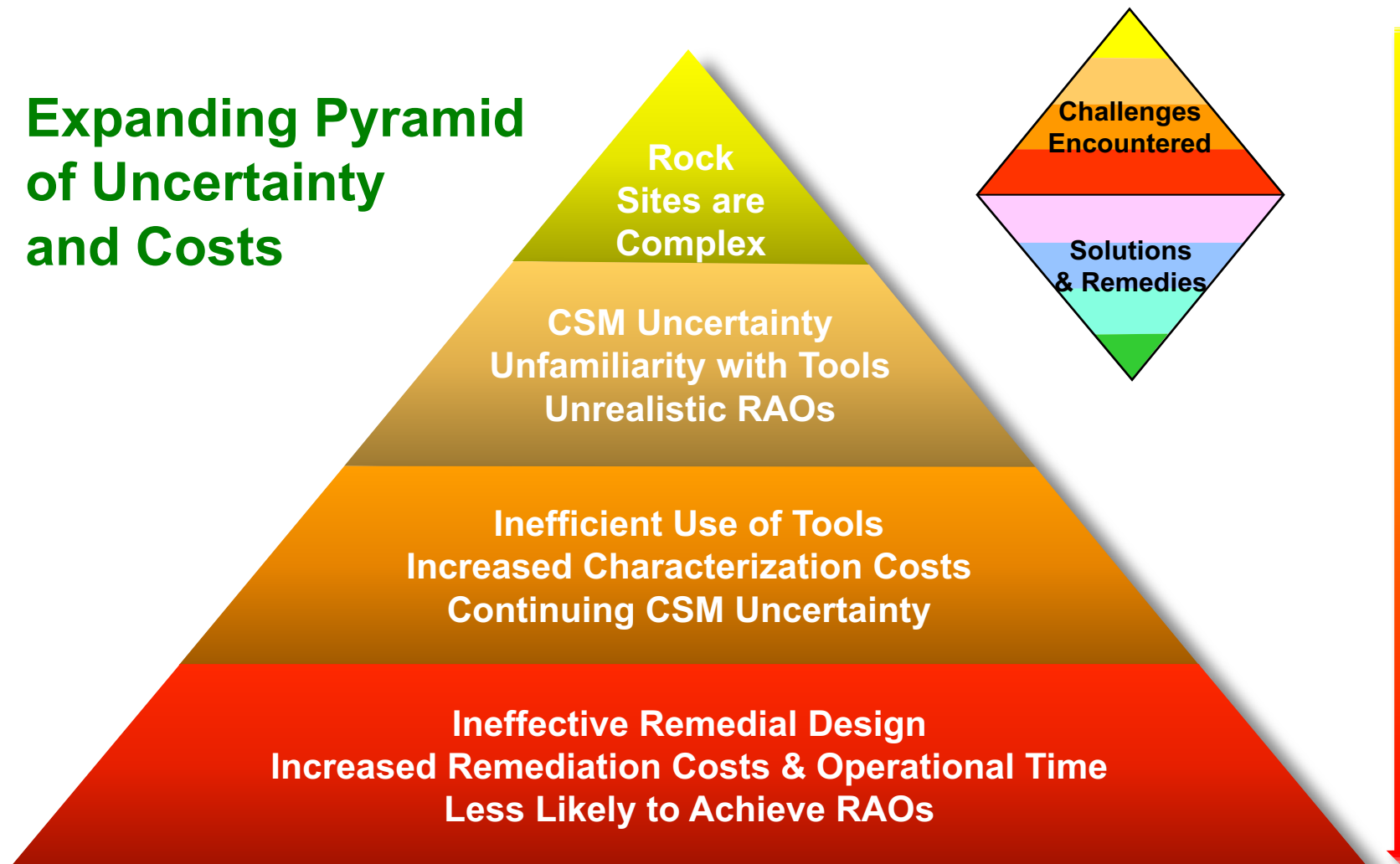


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# The Nature of the Problem

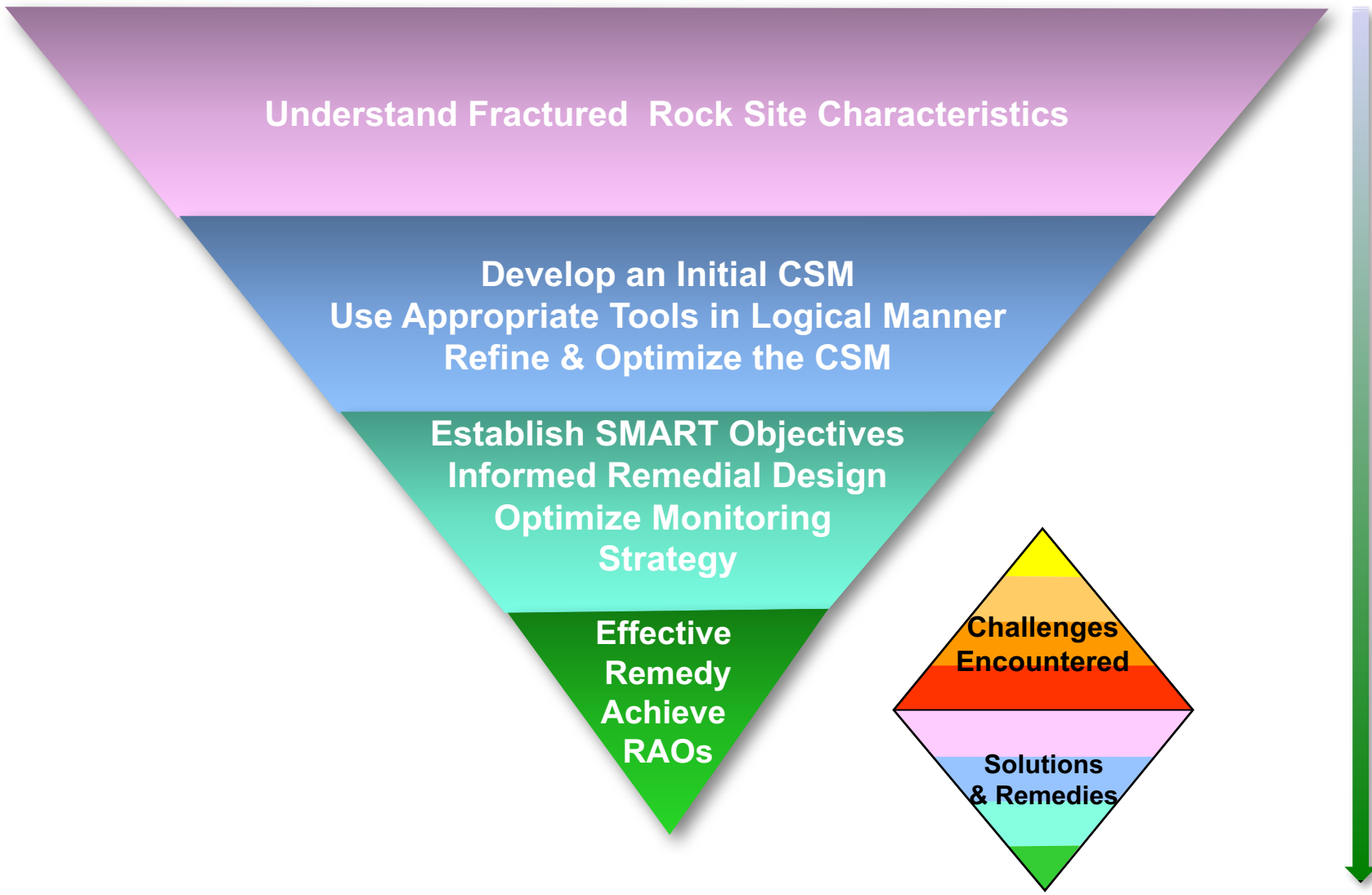


## Expanding Pyramid of Uncertainty and Costs

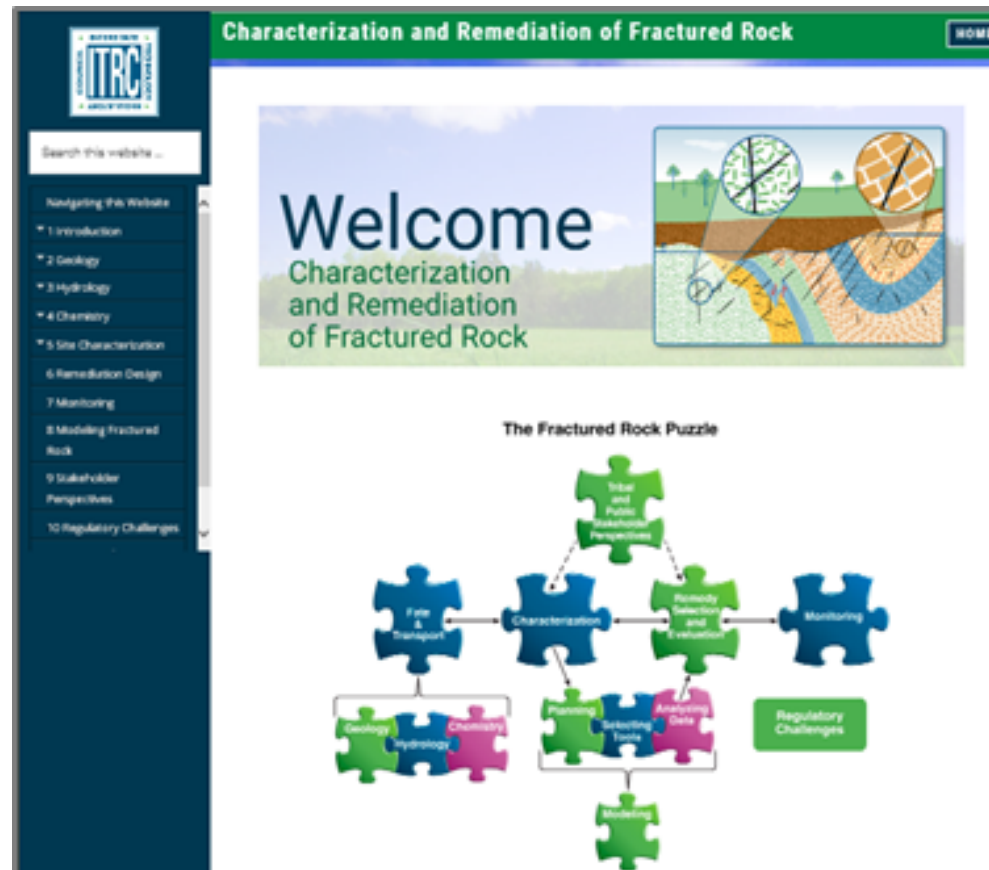




# The Nature of the Solution



# A Better Way..... Based on the Latest Research Specific to Fractured Rock



## ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance:

## Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock

<http://fracturedRX-1.itrcweb.org>

# Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock: The Solution



## ITRC Technical and Regulatory Document

- ▶ Role of geology in controlling contaminant fate and transport
  - Similarities and Differences Between Unconsolidated Material CSMs and Bedrock CSMs
- ▶ Role of Geologic terranes
- ▶ Hydrogeology
  - Fluid flow/fate and transport in fractures and matrix
- ▶ Chemistry

# What will you gain from the ITRC Fractured Rock short course?



## Characterization:

- ▶ How to Develop the Hydrogeologic Framework/CSM
- ▶ How to maximize information collected from each location, given that hard rock environments are more expensive and complicated than the unconsolidated subsurface
- ▶ Improved understanding of options and procedures for efficient characterization and remediation of fractured rock
- ▶ Proper selection and application of tools
- ▶ Will help define the level of characterization necessary to move forward with effective remediation

# What will you gain from the ITRC Fractured Rock short course?



## Characterization:

- ▶ Better understanding of the fractured environment
- ▶ More confidence in approaching fractured rock sites
- ▶ Better understanding of how to apply investigation and remediation tools to fractured rock sites
- ▶ Better understanding of the complexities faced when dealing with fractured rock

# What will you gain from the ITRC Fractured Rock short course?



## Remediation

- ▶ Better understanding
- ▶ More confidence in approaching fractured rock sites
- ▶ Better understanding of how to apply investigation data to developing remedial strategies at fractured rock sites
- ▶ Better understanding of the complexities of remediation in fractured rock

# What will you gain from the ITRC Fractured Rock short course?



## Monitoring

- ▶ Efficient/effective performance and compliance monitoring
- ▶ Built-in decision frameworks for technology transitions



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**Welcome**  
Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock

**The Fractured Rock Puzzle**

The diagram illustrates the interconnected components of fractured rock remediation, represented by puzzle pieces:

- Fate & Transport** (Blue)
- Characterization** (Blue)
- Remedy Selection and Evaluation** (Green)
- Monitoring** (Blue)
- Geology** (Green)
- Hydrology** (Blue)
- Chemistry** (Pink)
- Planning** (Green)
- Selecting Tools** (Blue)
- Analyzing Data** (Pink)
- Modeling** (Green)
- Regulatory Challenges** (Green)

# Poll Question



- ◆ Are Conceptual Site Models at fractured rock sites fundamentally differently from unconsolidated sites?
  - Yes
  - No

# Fractured Rock CSM Considerations



## ► Definition of CSM

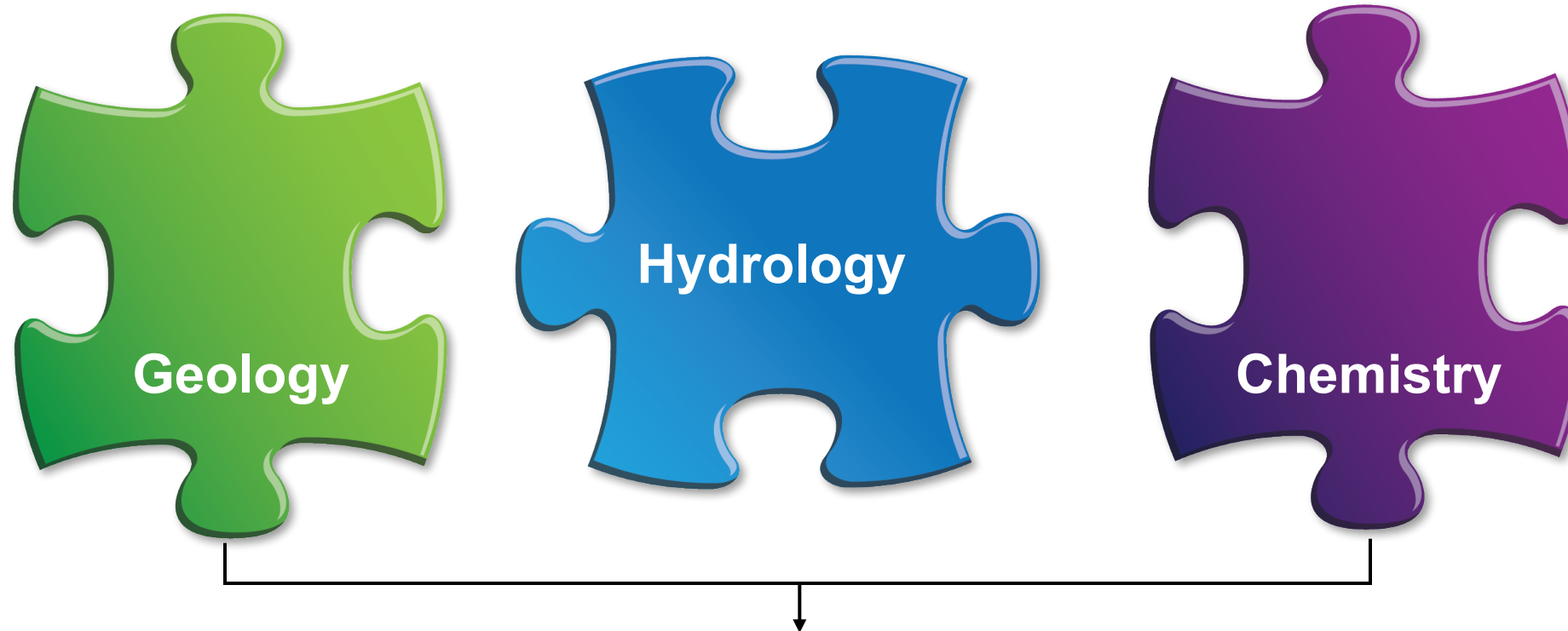
- A representation of a fractured rock hydrogeologic system
- Describes and explains key characteristics of groundwater flow, contaminant transport, and storage in the rock matrix and fractures

## ► Purpose

- Characterize potential contaminant migration routes and risks to receptors and implement an effective remedial action accordingly.



# Building a Quality Conceptual Site Model – You Need the Right Pieces



## Fate & Transport

- ◆ Key to your success a team of expertise: hydrogeology, structural geology, geophysics, geochemistry, and engineering



# Fractured Rock CSM Considerations



Fractured rock sites  
require a team of  
specialists

## Physical characteristics

- Lithology
- Structure
- Anisotropy
- Heterogeneity

## Hydrologic properties

- Matrix Flow
- Fracture  
Characteristics



### Aquifer Characterization Components

#### Bedrock Mapping



VGS website 5/23/2017

#### Surficial Mapping



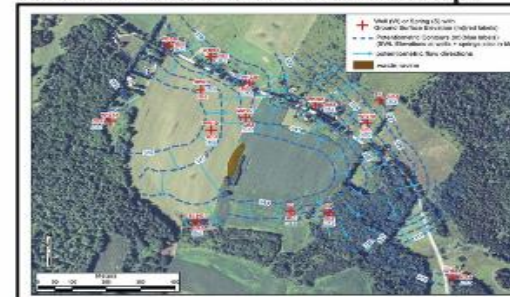
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#### GPS Well Locating



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#### Groundwater Flow Direction Maps



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#### Groundwater Chemistry



Ongoing w/ Middlebury College

#### Geophysical Well Logging



Ongoing w/ SUNY at Plattsburgh

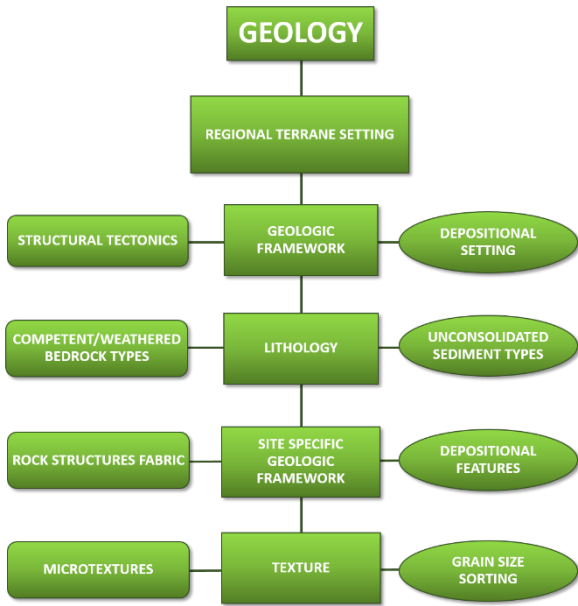
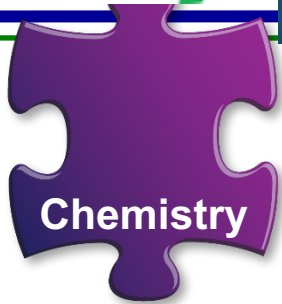
#### Groundwater Age-Dating



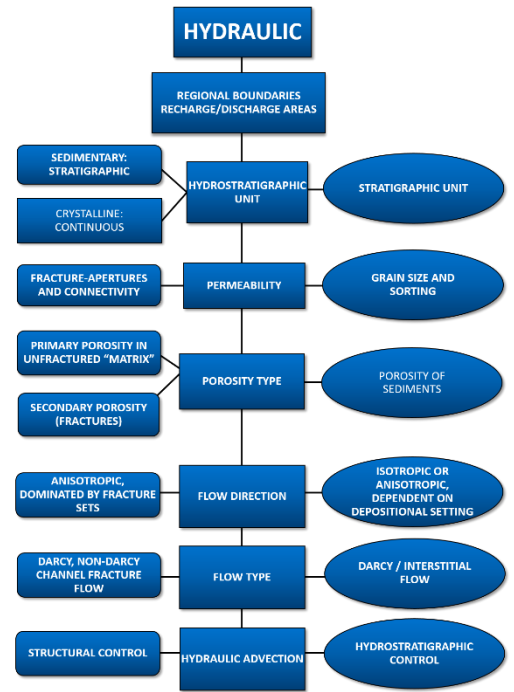
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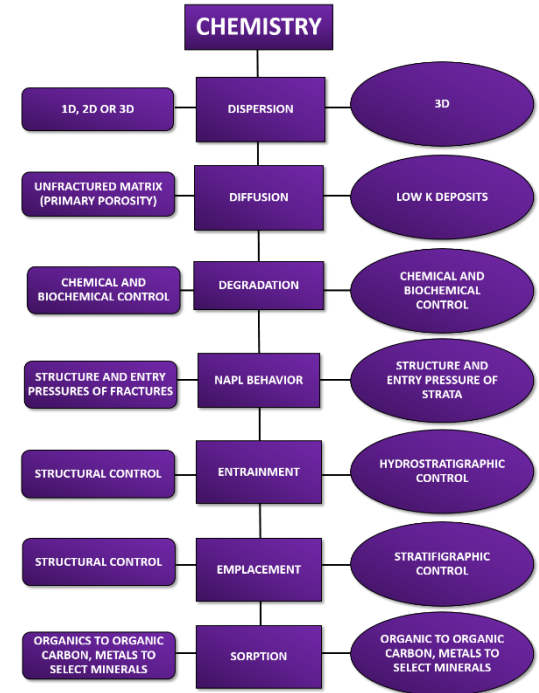
# What you need to know about Fractured Rock



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS



FRACTURE & MATRIX FLOW CHARACTERISTICS



CONTAMINANT CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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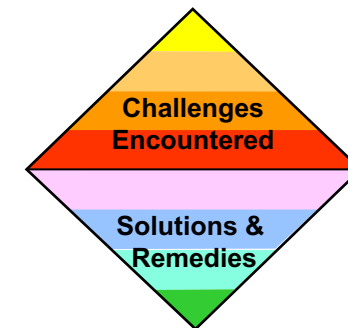
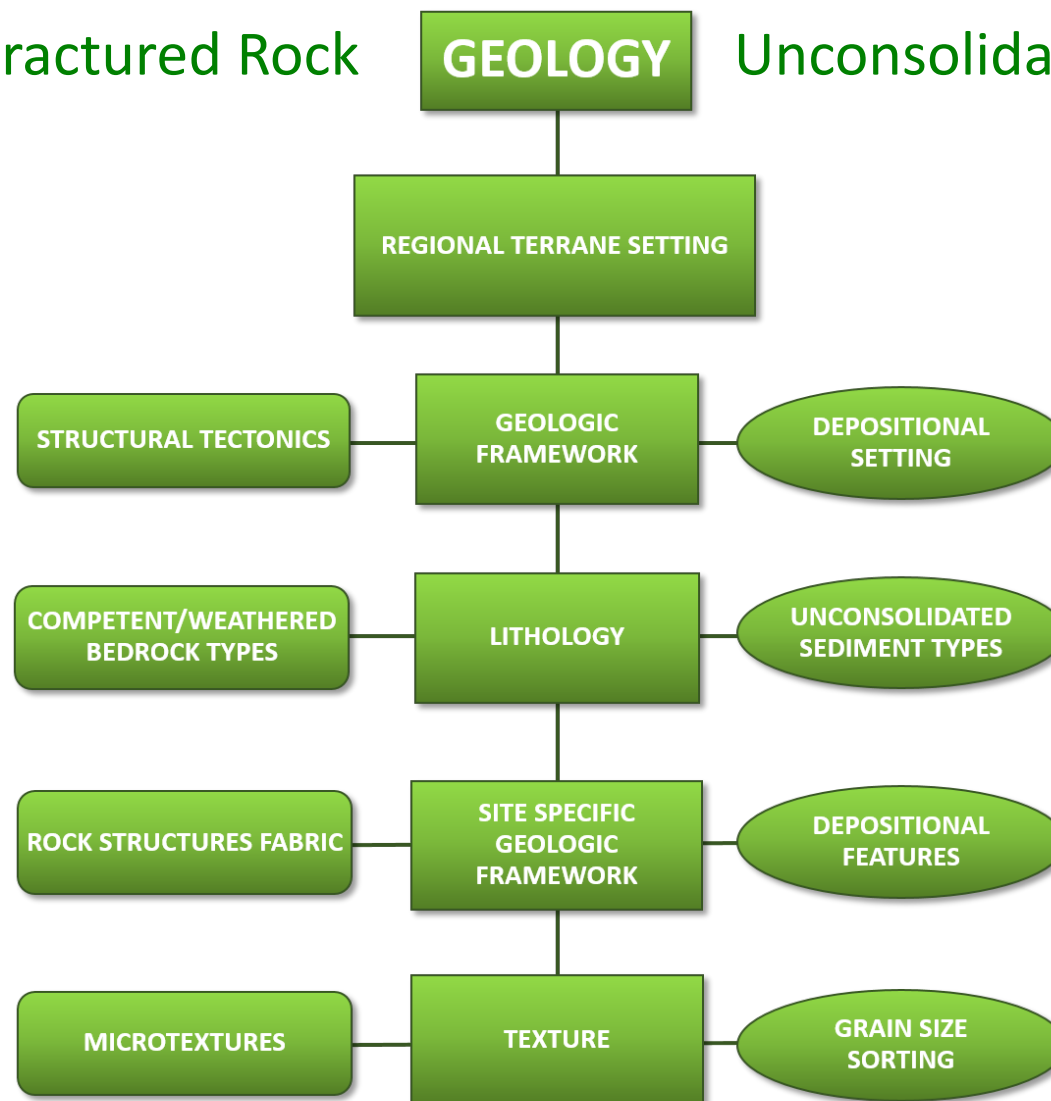
# Geologic Characteristics that affect flow



Fractured Rock

**GEOLOGY**

Unconsolidated



# Terrane Analysis - Overview




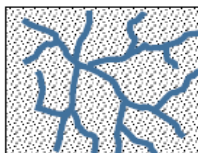


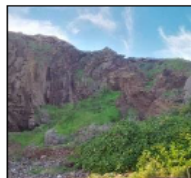
- ◆ Provides context for investigations
  - lithologic, stratigraphic, tectonic, structural, and physiographic characteristics
- ◆ Reveals patterns, features, and boundary conditions that influence fluid flow
- ◆ Provides broad-scale hydrogeologic framework and initial CSM
- ◆ Guides detailed investigation, remediation, and risk management measures

# Terrane Analysis - Elements



- 1. Regional physical setting (e.g., physiographic provinces)
- 2. Bedrock lithology and stratigraphy
- 3. Structural geology and tectonic setting
- 4. Anisotropy and heterogeneity
- 5. Hydrology
- 6. Location of potential receptors
- 7. Historical Land Use

Table 2-1  
Terrane Analysis Matrix – Excerpt (Sedimentary Rocks)

Potential Receptors (e.g., groundwater supply wells, surface water bodies)		Regional Physical Setting (physiographic provinces)		Lithology	Structure	Anisotropy	Heterogeneity	Hydrology
		Non-Crystalline	<u>Sedimentary</u> <sup>1</sup>		 Horizontal Beds	Isotropic in horizontal plane.  Impedes (does not prohibit) vertical migration of NAPL.	Potential heterogeneity associated with complex depositional history and environments, local-scale folding, and differential weathering.  Homogeneous for uniform depositional history / environment.	  Isotropic flow to dendritic drainage network.
					 Inclined Beds	Preferential fluid migration along strike (into /out of page) under static equilibrium.  Down-dip migration of DNAPLs.		Potential heterogeneity associated with complex structural deformation, fracturing, and depositional history and environment.
					 Vertical Beds	Fluctuation of LNAPL up and down dip with changes in water table elevation.  Down-dip pumping induced flow.		
					 Folding / Faulting	Down-dip emplacement of contaminants through "vadose" zone via surface release.  Down-dip infiltration and recharge.		
1) Sedimentary rocks include clastic, chemical, and biological rocks that exhibit bedding. This matrix does not apply to karst or solution features associated with chemical sedimentary rocks. (See Appendix B for a more detailed description of Karst features.)								

# Terrane Analysis - Elements



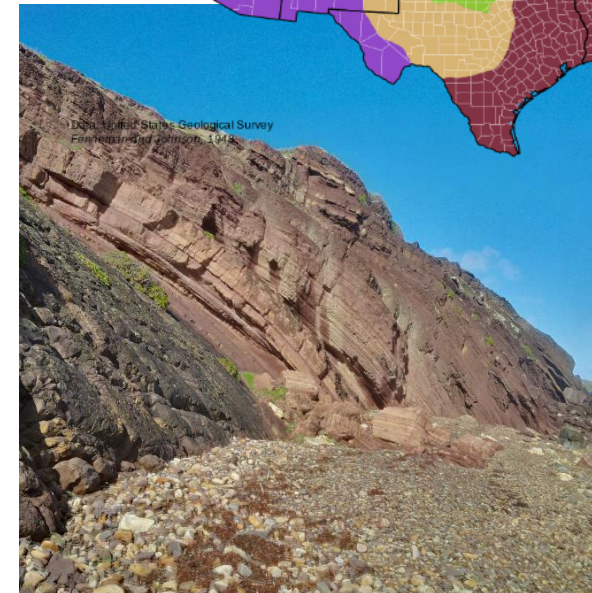
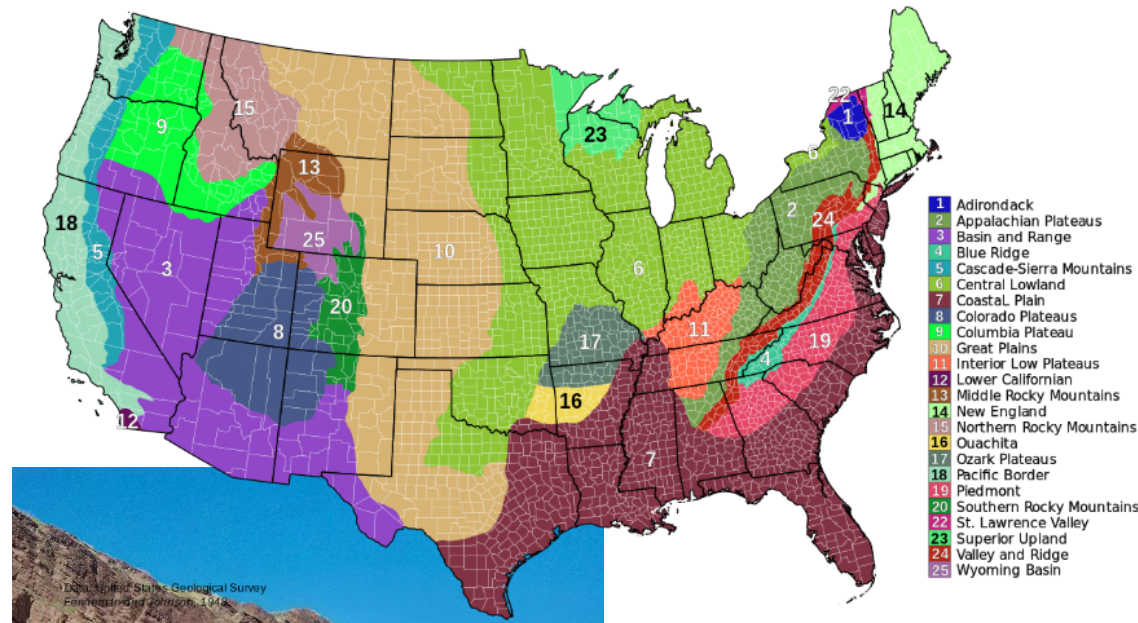
## 1. Regional physical setting (e.g., physiographic provinces)

- Characterized by major rock types
  - Igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic
- Structural attributes
- Topography
- Drainage feature

## 2. Bedrock lithology and stratigraphy

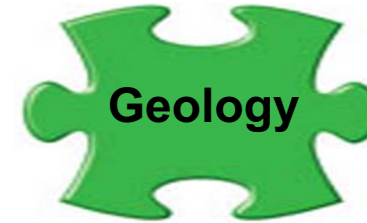
- primary porosity (matrix)
- secondary porosity (fractures)
- fracture characteristics

Geophysical Provinces of the Conterminous United States

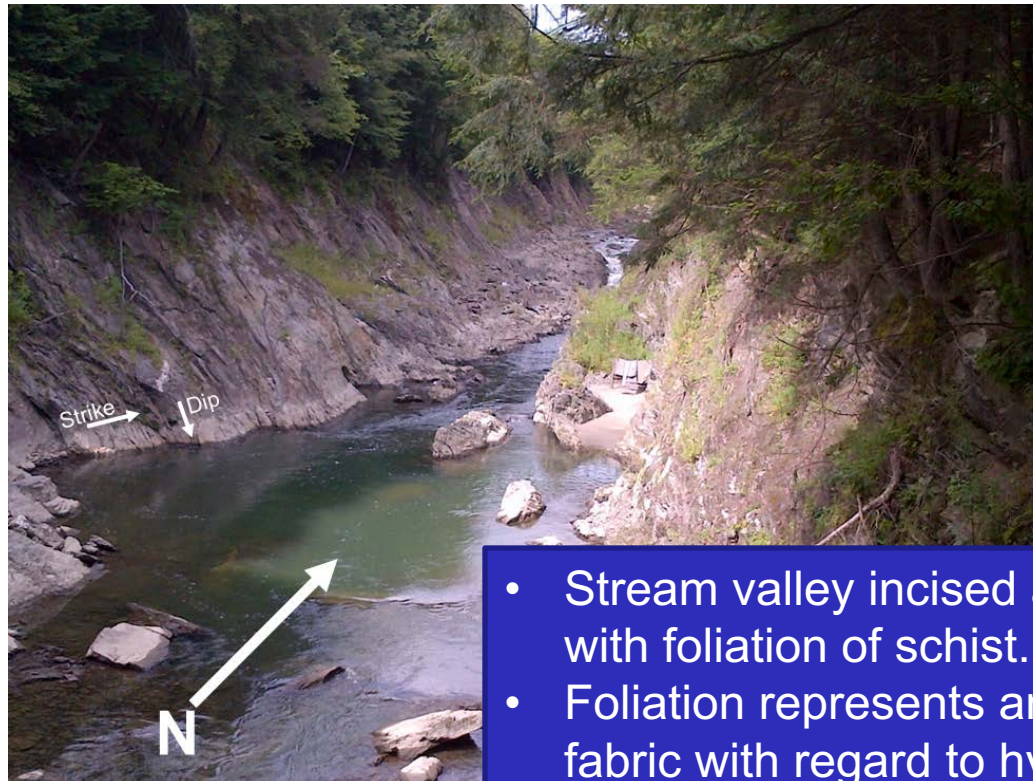




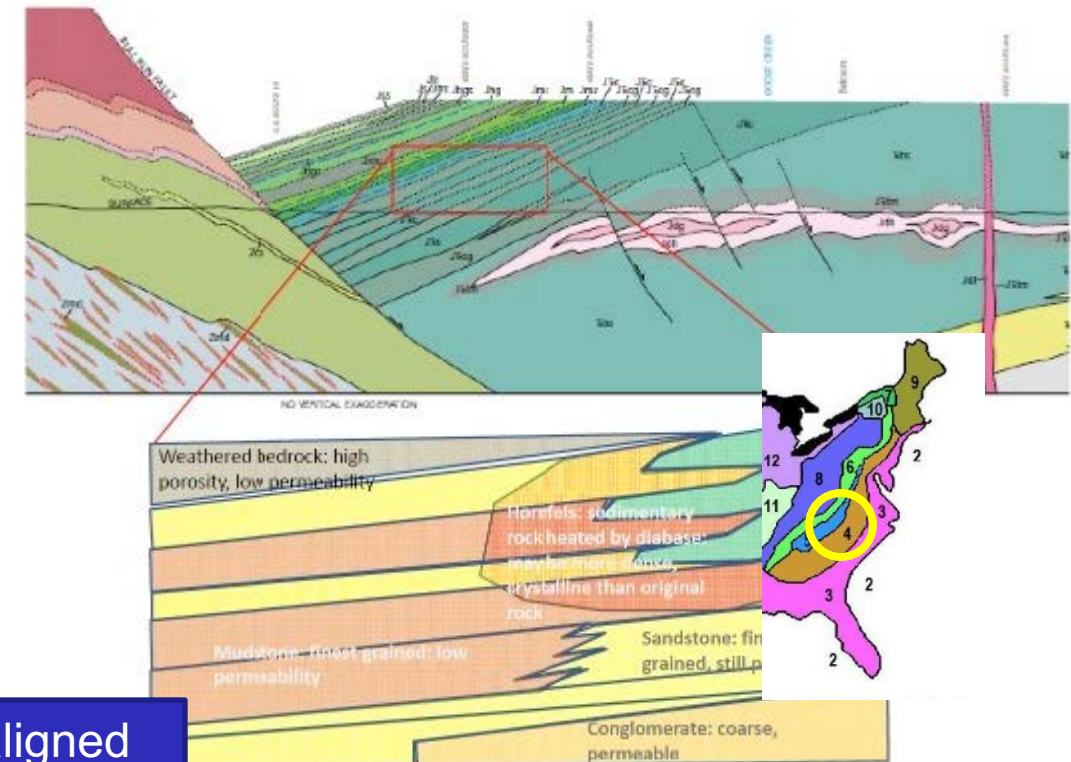
# Terrane Analysis - Elements



3. Structural geology and tectonic setting
4. Anisotropy and heterogeneity
5. Hydrology



- Stream valley incised and aligned with foliation of schist.
- Foliation represents anisotropic fabric with regard to hydrogeology.



Courtesy Jeff Hale



# Terrane Analysis - Elements



- 6. Location of Potential Receptors
- 7. Historical Land Use (Industrial Archeology)

Not really part of terrane analysis, but the terrane may influence type of historical development and therefore, possible sources.



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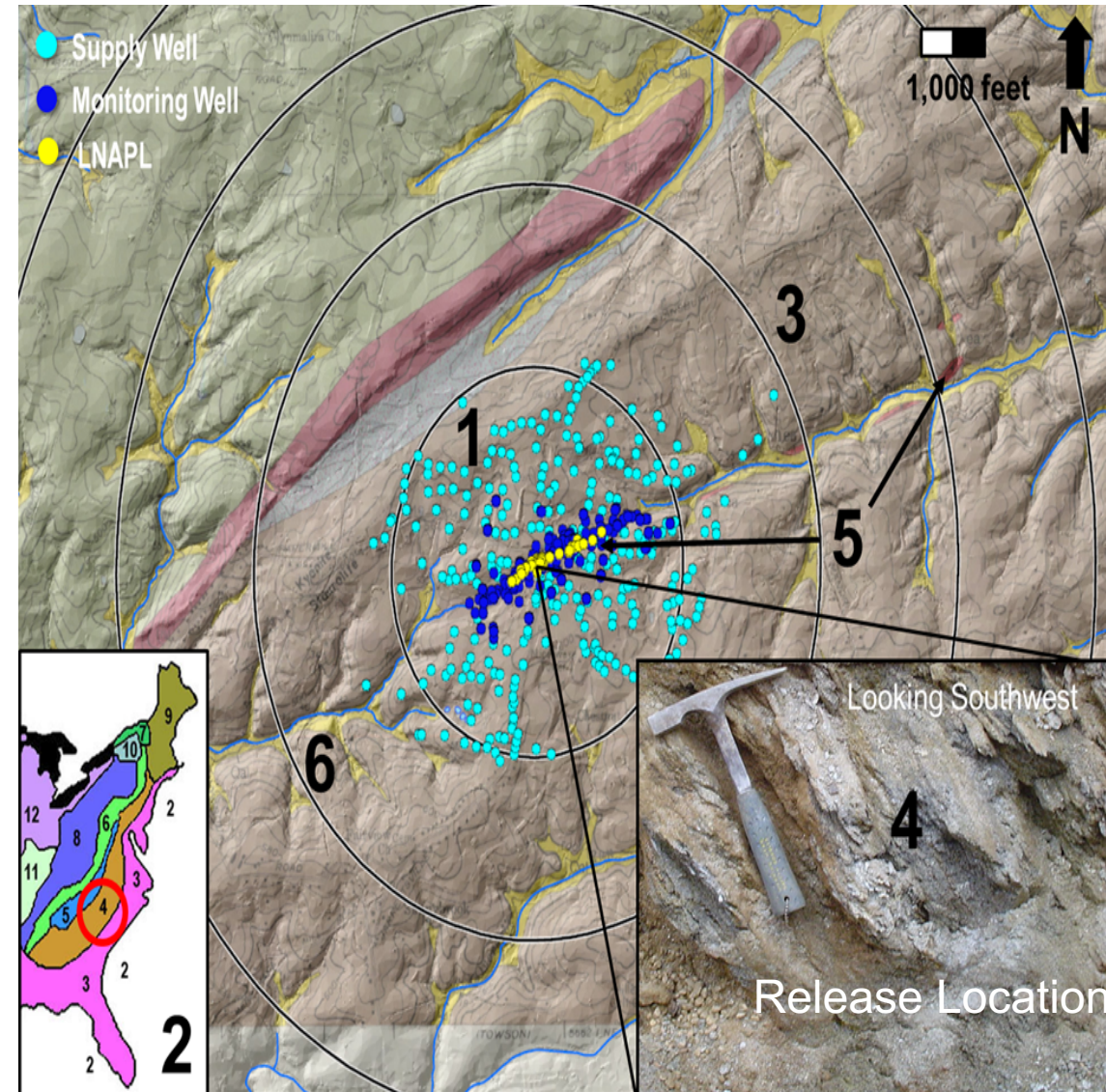


# Terrane Analysis - Example



1. Piedmont Physiographic Province
2. Metamorphic rocks (gneiss and schist)
3. Foliation (NE Strike, NW Dip, regional fabric)
4. Anisotropy influenced contaminant migration and emplacement
5. Trellis drainage pattern of local streams = groundwater discharge locations
6. Supply wells and streams

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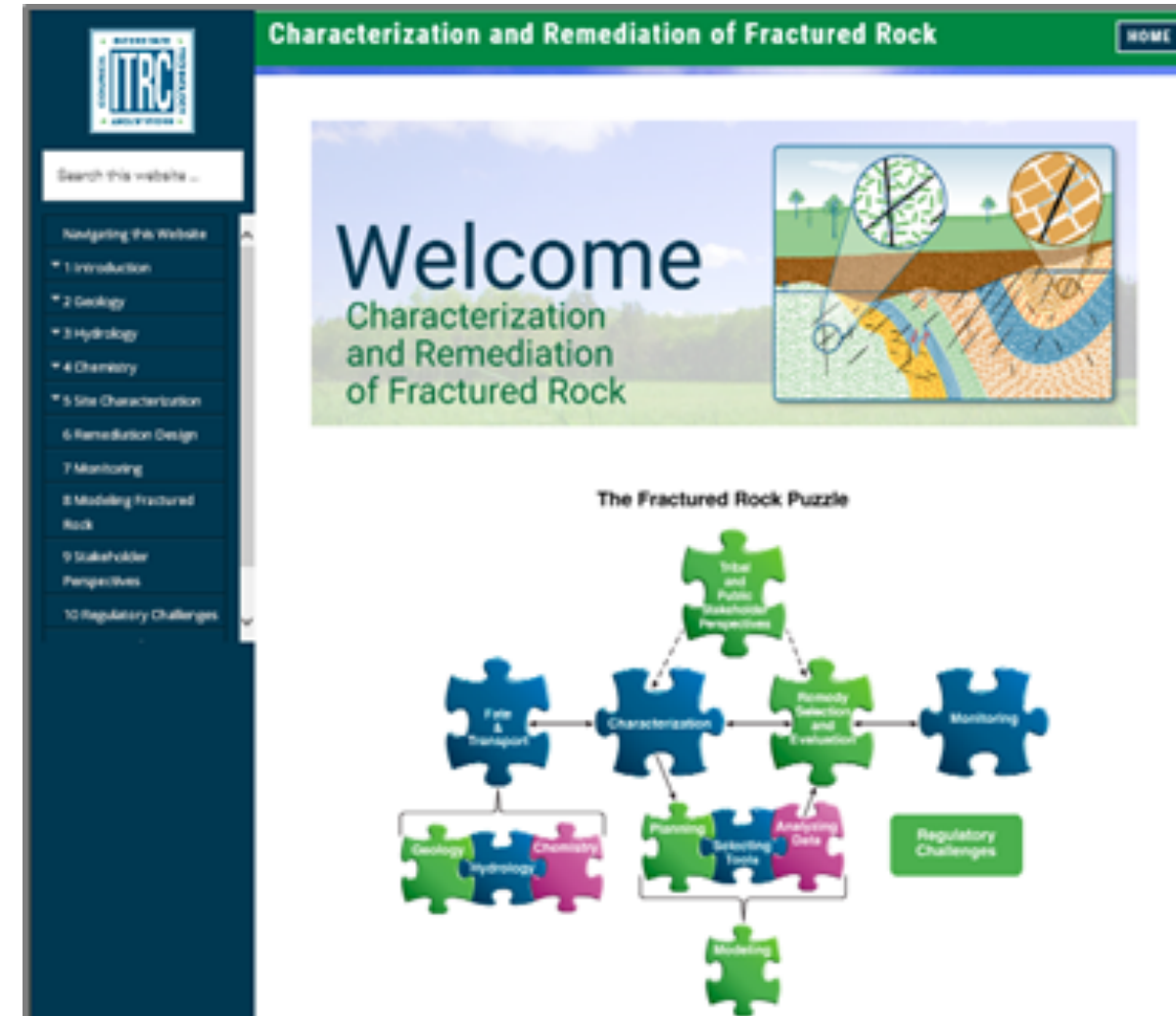




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# Fluid Flow in Fractured Rock



► Where is the fluid? →

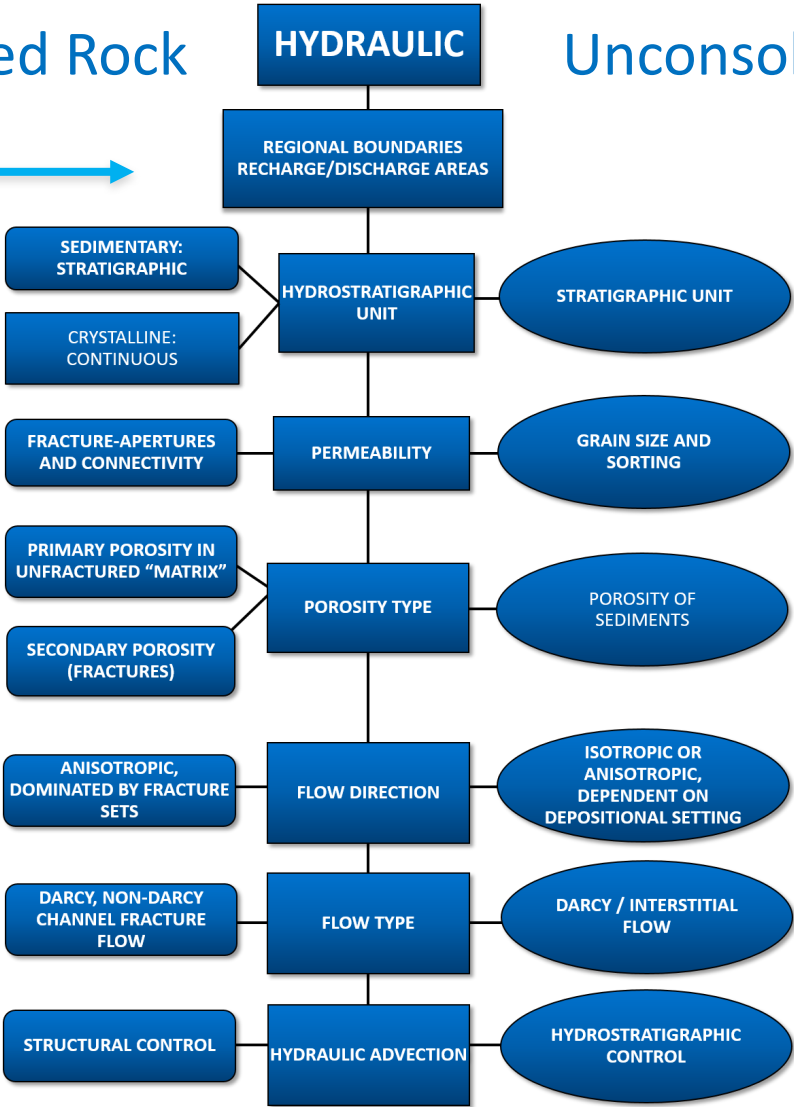
► Are there multiple phases? →

► How does it move? →

Fractured Rock

HYDRAULIC

Unconsolidated



# Hydrogeology of Fractured Rock



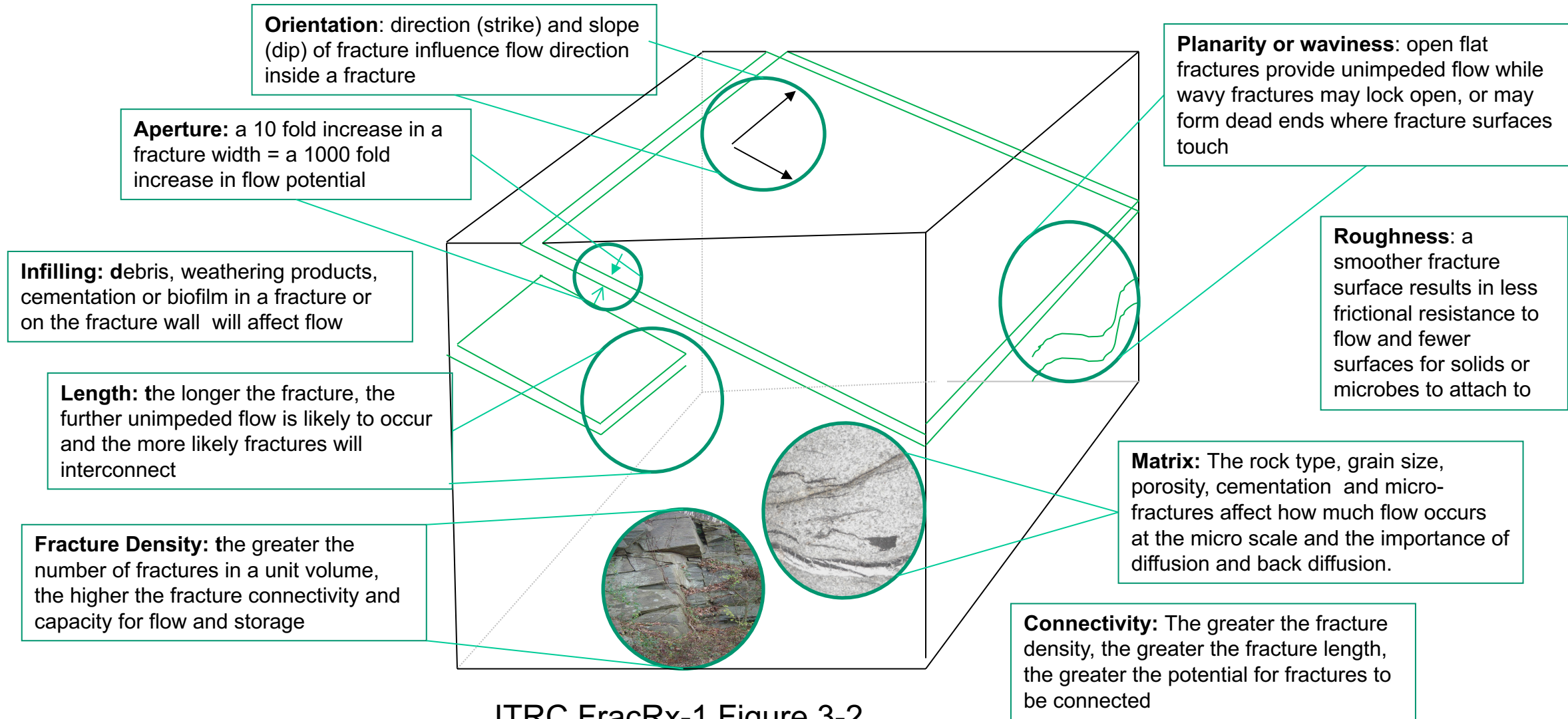
**Flow and transport in rock is inherently different than unconsolidated media**

- ▶ Flow characterized by:
  - dual-porosity (fluid exchange between matrix and fractures)
  - secondary porosity (primarily fractures)
  - very large variations in transmissivity



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# Bedrock Properties Controlling Flow



ITRC FracRx-1 Figure 3-2



# Primary Considerations for Flow in Sedimentary vs Crystalline Rock



- ◆ Influence of fractures
- ◆ Bedding or layering
- ◆ Fracture systems
- ◆ Mechanical and chemical weathering

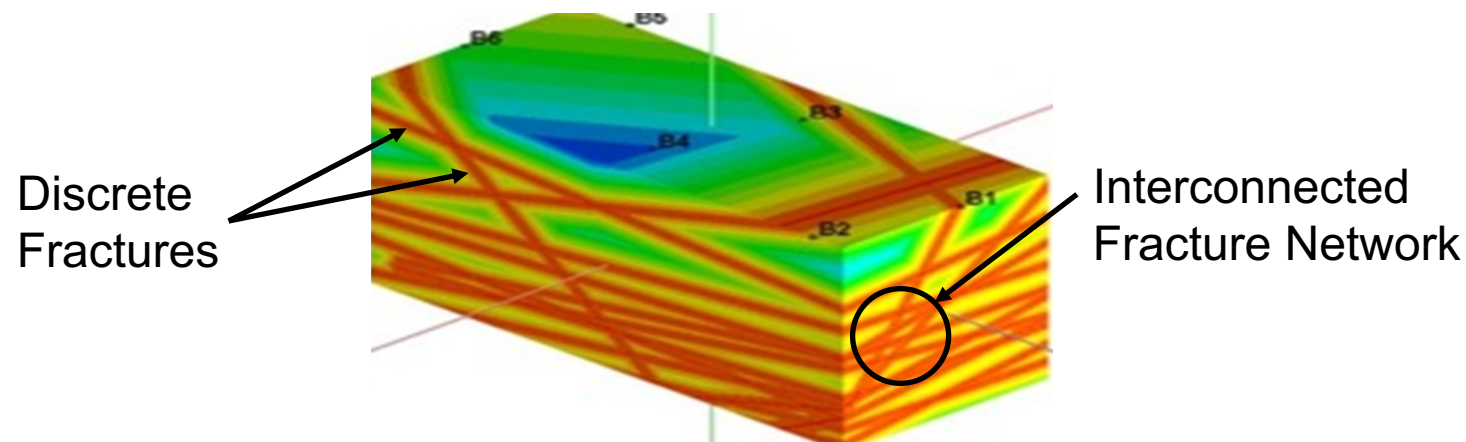


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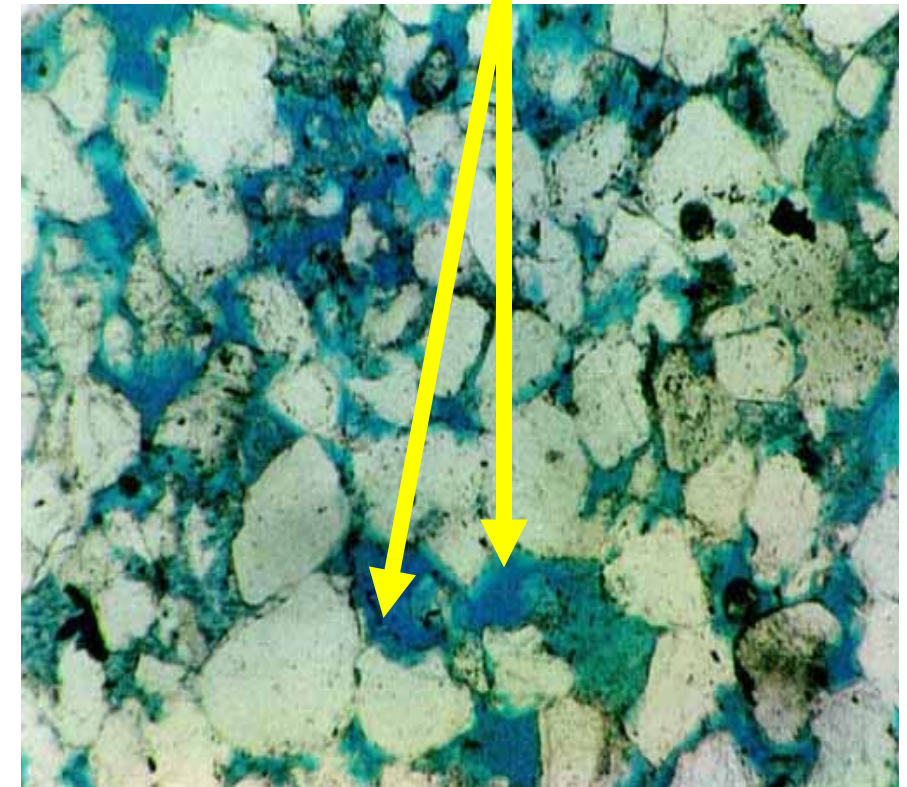
# Flow types drive investigation approach



- ▶ Matrix porosity flow
- ▶ Interconnected fracture network flow
- ▶ Discrete fracture flow
- ▶ Discrete Fracture Network (DFN)
- ▶ Equivalent Porous Medium (EPM)



## Matrix Porosity Flow

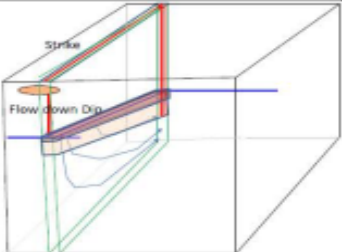
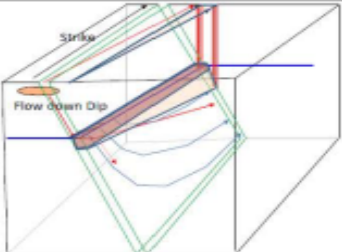
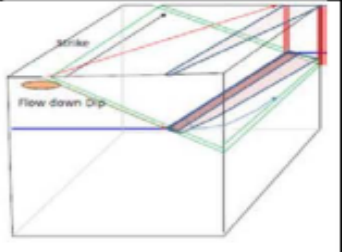
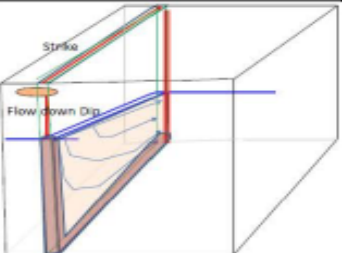
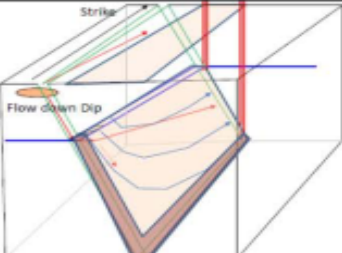
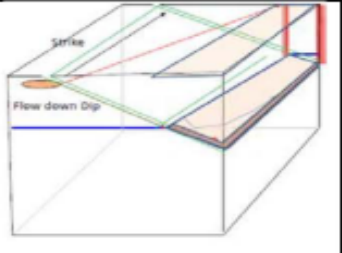

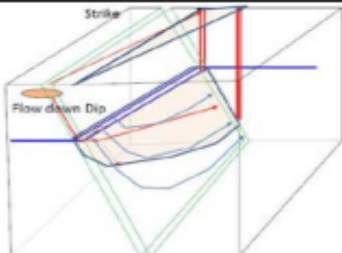
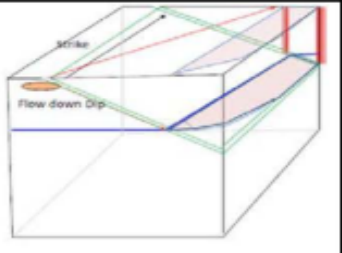


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# Bedrock Characteristics Affecting Flow



	Vertical fracture		Steeply Dipping Fracture		Gently dipping fracture	
	Contaminant and water flow is restricted to the orientation of the fracture. Wells near the source should find the plume but need to be positioned based on anticipated strike.		Flows down dip and then follows strike, giving an apparent horizontal displacement of the source and "apparent" source in groundwater		The low angle of dip results in the apparent plume direction being significantly displaced from strike direction and the apparent source is displaced from the "apparent" source on the groundwater table.	
<b>Light /LNAPL, t</b> tends to concentrate near the groundwater table.		Conventional screen intercepting water table can be effective in identifying LNAPL		Contaminated zone may be easily missed by wells not intercepting the precise zone of the fracture holding the LNAPL		Boreholes drilled near the source will miss the plume
<b>Dense/ DNAPL</b> flows to the full depth of the fracture and then along the orientation of the fracture		Shallow wells away from source area likely to miss DNAPL and higher dissolved phase		The movement of the DNAPL through the fracture results in a widely dispersed dissolved phase plume		The movement of the DNAPL through the fracture results in a widely dispersed dissolved phase plume
<b>Dissolved phase</b> follows the flow path through the plane of the fracture, deepening with distance from the source		Wells near the source area may miss the plume. Wells screened at the water table may miss the core of the dissolved phase plume		Dissolved phase follows the flow path through the plane of the structure. Wells need to be designed based on structure and likely head induced flow		Dissolved phase plume likely to be spread horizontally but confined to a narrow depth zone.

# Bedrock Characteristics Affecting Flow



- ◆ Fracture Aperture
- ◆ Fracture Infilling
  - The mean aperture size controls specific discharge
  - May have significant variability along a fracture based on infilling (sediment, chemical precipitation, NAPL)

## The “Power” of Fracture Aperture

PARALLEL PLATES MODEL OF FLOW THROUGH A SINGLE FRACTURE – THE CUBIC LAW (Snow, 1969):



$$q = c b^3$$

$q$  - flowrate per unit width  $\perp$  to flow direction,

$b$  - fracture aperture,

$c$  - parameter incorporating hydraulic gradient (fluid pressure gradient) and dynamic viscosity.

# Intersection of Scale and Fracture Flow Properties



- Macroscopic
- Mesoscopic
- Microscopic

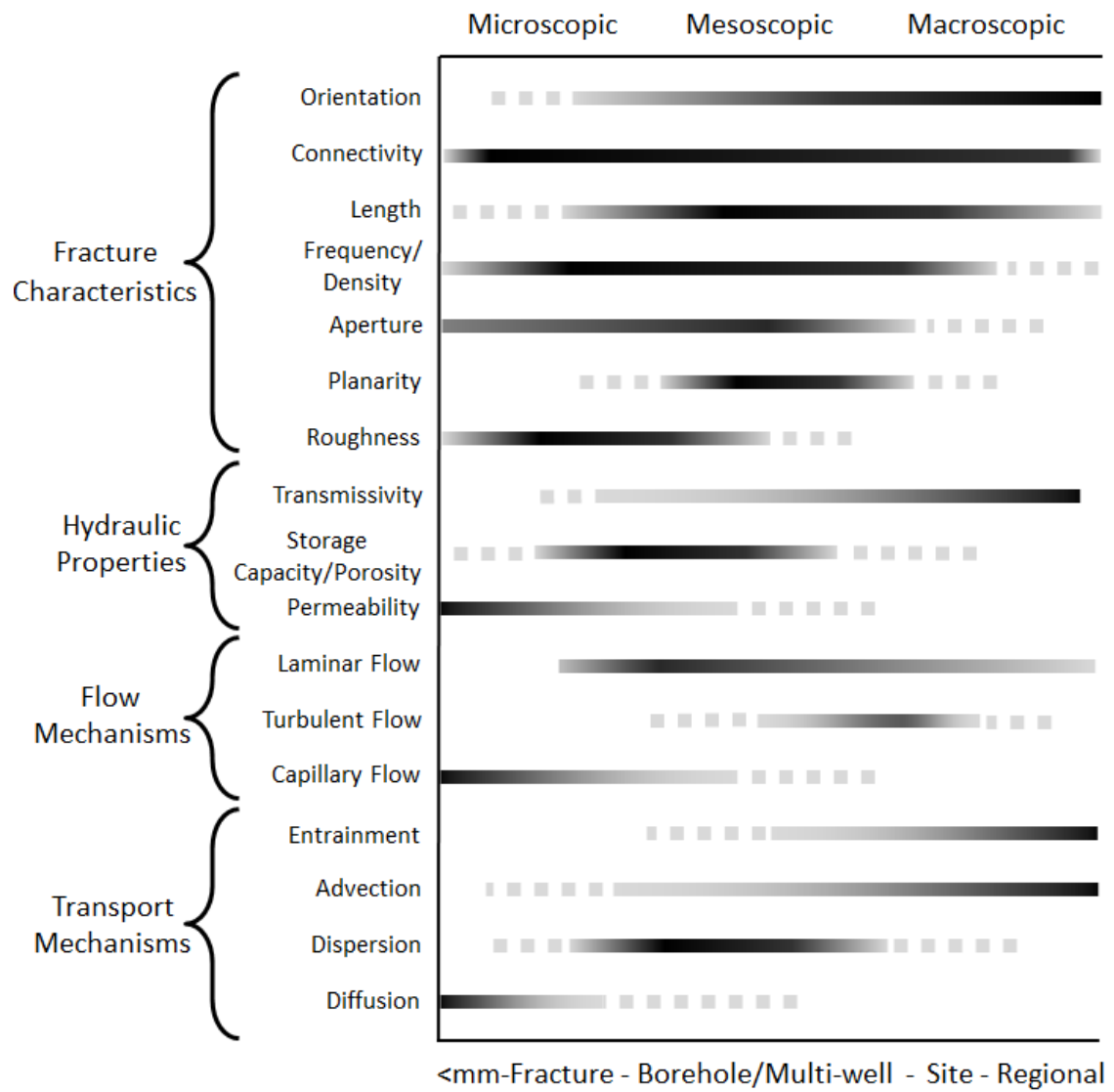


Figure 3-1



# Macroscopic Flow: The Big Picture



- ▶ Occurs and Regional or Site-wide Scale
- ▶ Regional factors influence flow
  - Faults
  - Rivers
  - Changes in lithology
- ▶ Remote Sensing and Terrane Analysis to evaluate interaction of multiple structures
  - Orientation, length, connectivity
  - Karst is considered as a whole
  - Overall flow behaving as continuous Darcian flow system
- ▶ Knowing how structures interact helps direct investigation at smaller scales

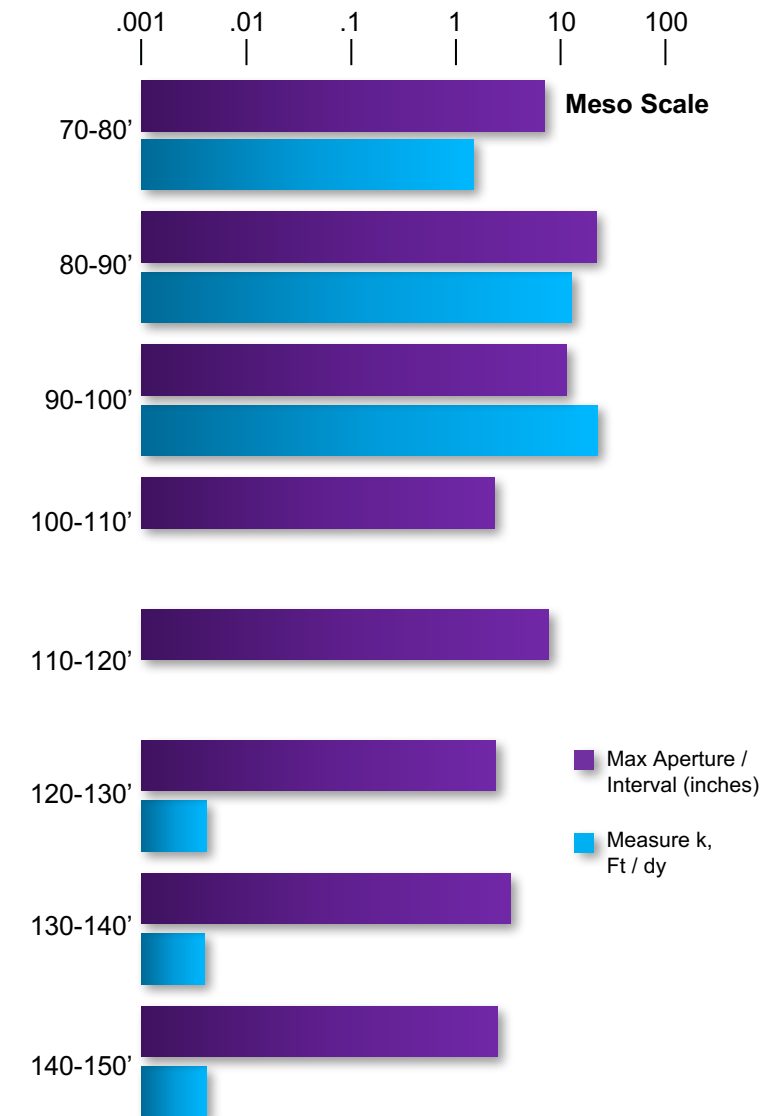


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# Mesososcopic Flow: Where we Learn the Most



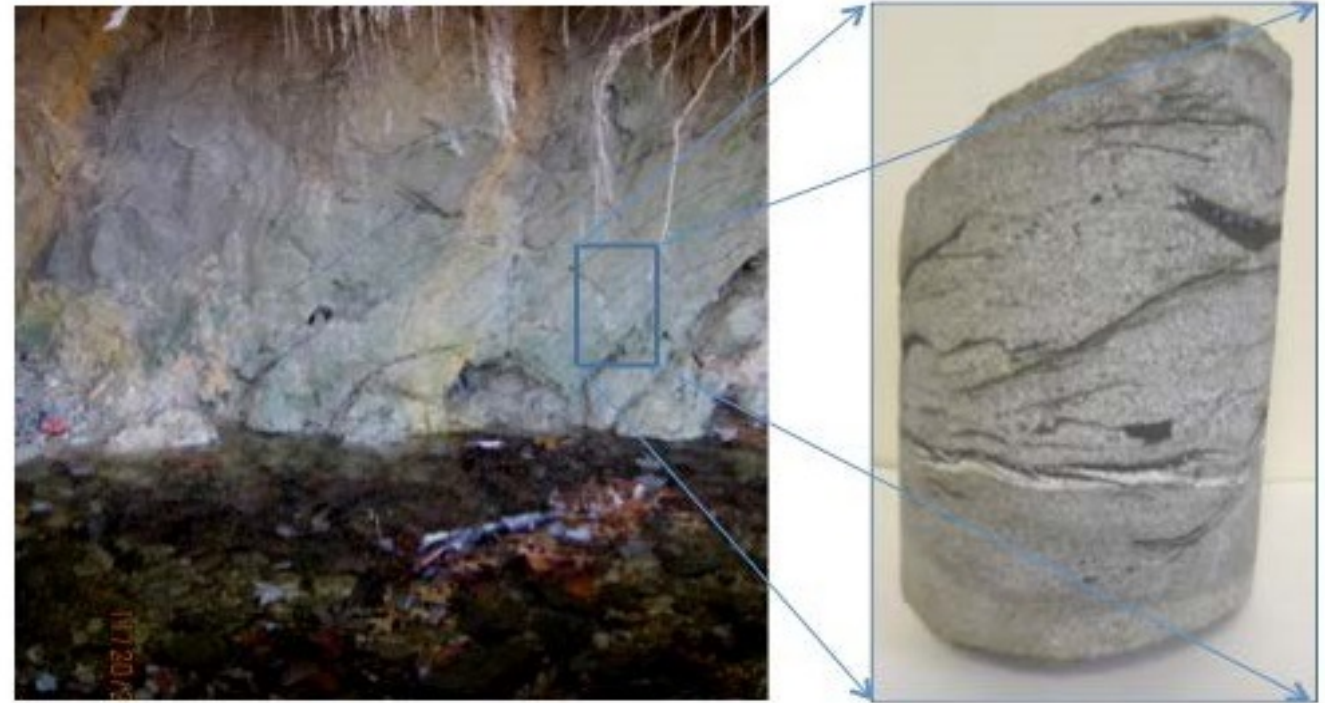
- ◆ Plume delineation, flow between multiple wells/boreholes
  - Orientation, aperture, density, length, and connectivity
  - Influence of matrix characteristics
- ◆ Boreholes and Outcrops
  - Fracture analysis
  - Hydraulic testing
- ◆ Flow in fracture sets
  - Impact of turbulent flow may become evident
  - Advection, entrainment, dispersion
- ◆ Primary scale of investigation
  - Majority of investigation and characterization techniques



# Microscopic Flow: Tools for Fine-Tuning your Site Understanding



- ◆ Individual fractures to matrix interaction
- ◆ Microscopic and individual fracture analysis
  - Individual fracture characteristics
  - Core samples
- ◆ Flow between fractures & matrix
  - Changes the morphology of the fracture (Roughness & planarity)
  - Aperture increases or decreases by infilling and dissolution
  - Diffusion and capillary flow
- ◆ Interface between fracture and matrix and matrix storage effects F&T



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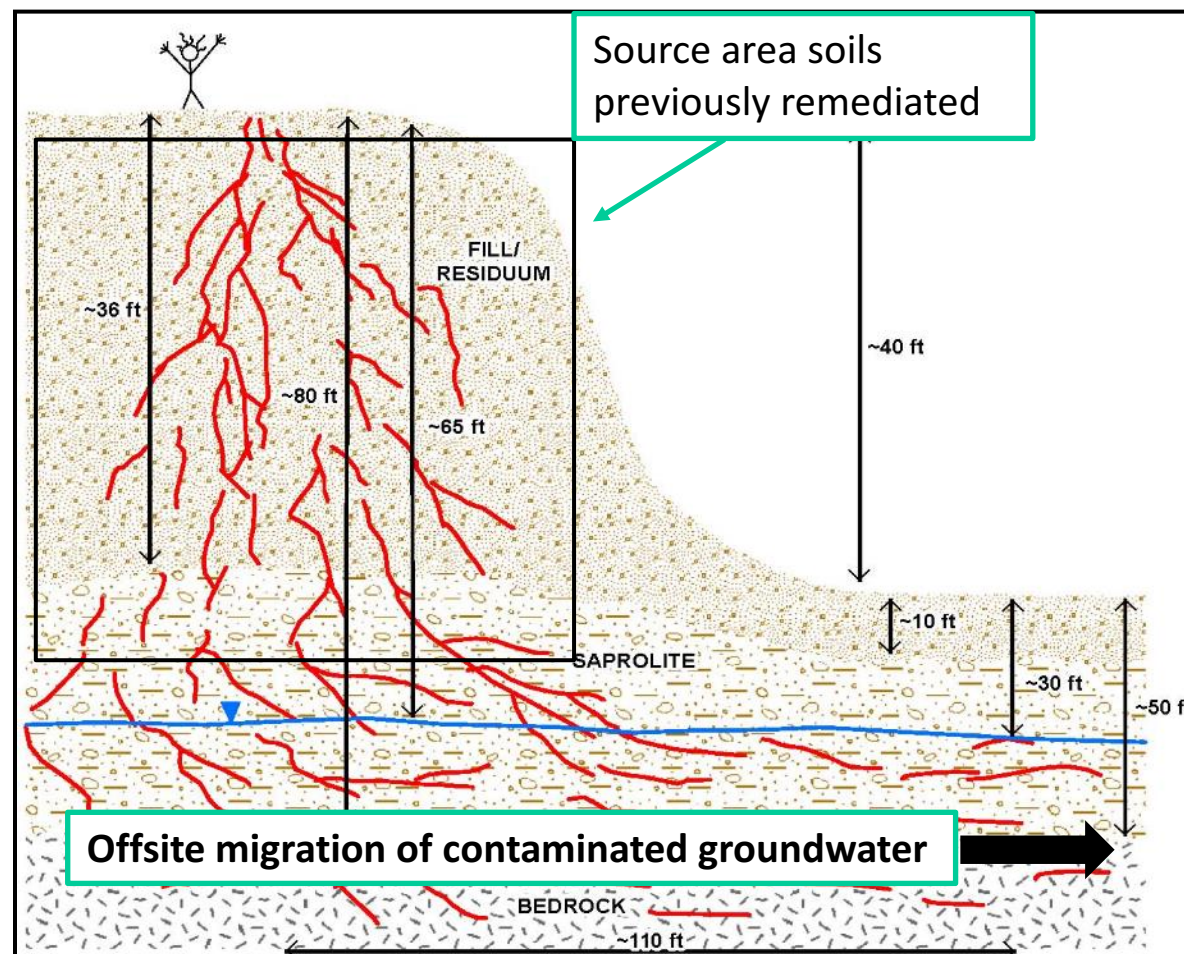
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# How Fluid Dynamics Changes Flow

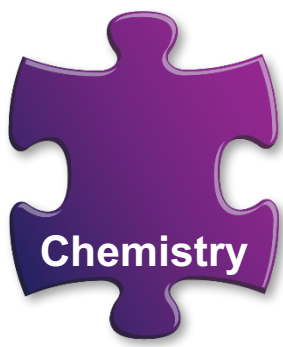
- ▶ Pressure and Density Gradients
- ▶ Laminar vs Turbulent
  - Darcy vs non-darcy flow
  - Scale dependence
- ▶ Multi-fluid systems
  - Wetting vs non-wetting phases
  - Effects of density contrast

**Figure 6-2. Cross-sectional schematic illustrating potential pathways and risks at the Former Industrial Site.**

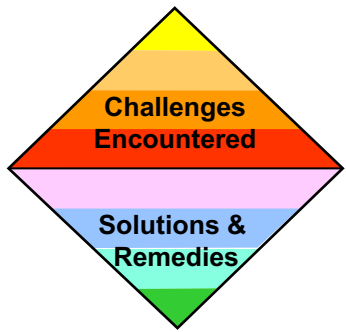
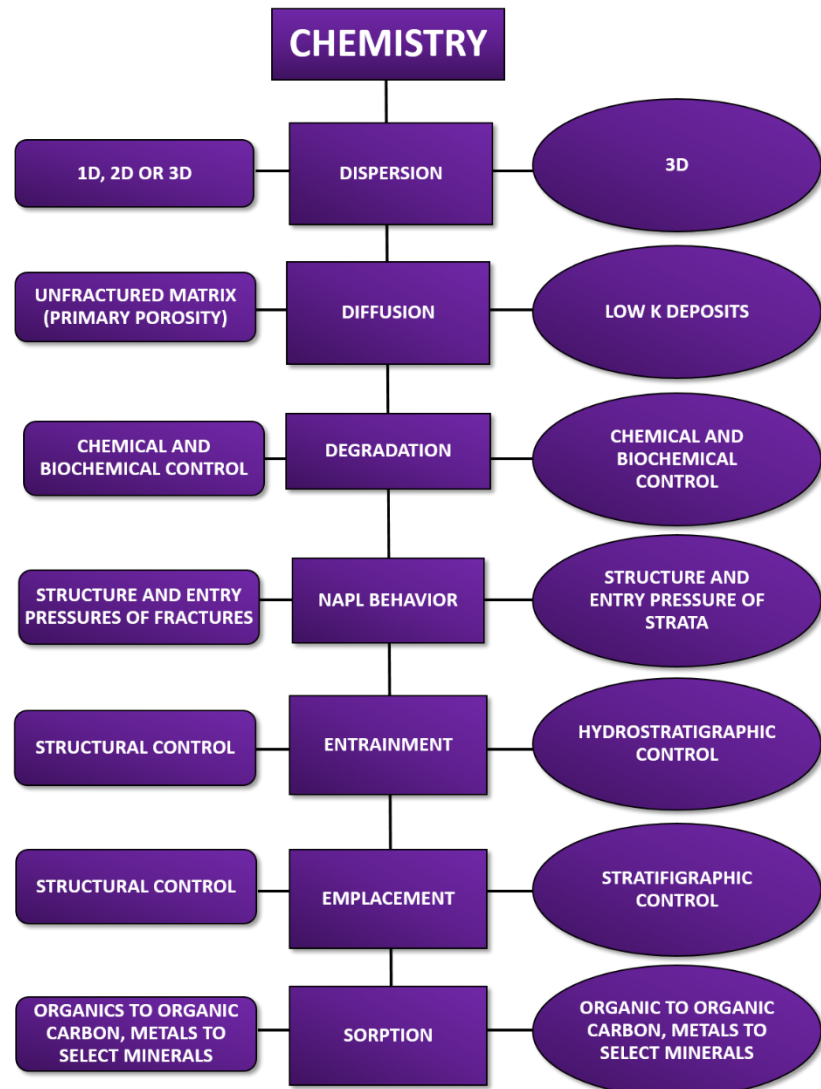


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# Chemical Characteristics Affect Fate & Transport



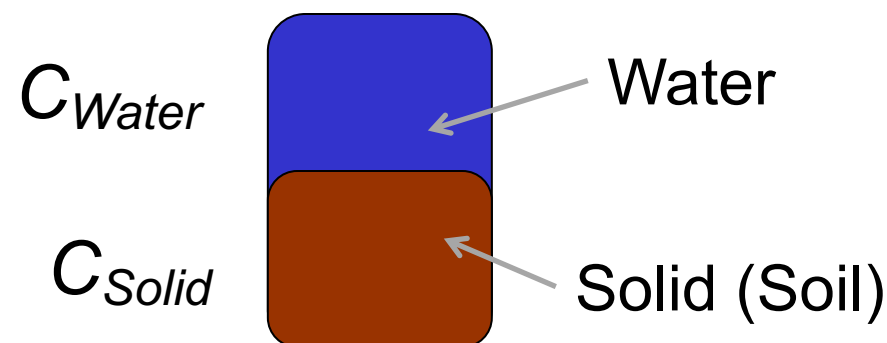
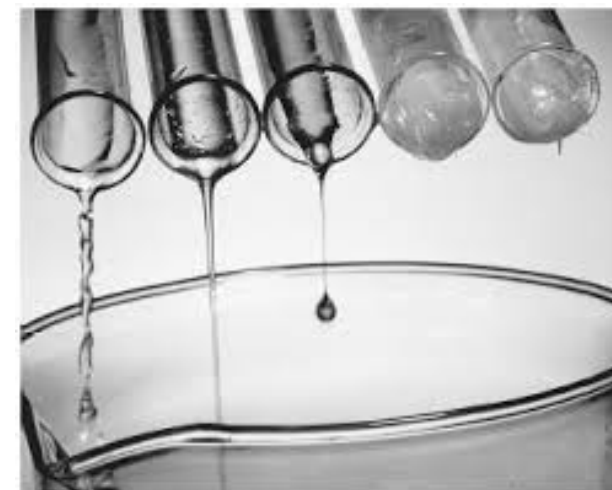
- ▶ Physical State
- ▶ Solubility
- ▶ Diffusion and Dispersion
- ▶ Volatility
- ▶ Henry's Law Constant  $H$
- ▶ Vapor Pressure
- ▶ Boiling Point
- ▶ Water/Air Partition Coefficient  $K_w$



# Chemical characteristics that affect fate and transport



- ▶ Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient  $K_{ow}$
- ▶ Organic Carbon Adsorption Coefficient  $K_{oc}$
- ▶ Soil-water Partition Coefficient  $K_d$
- ▶ Degradation/Chemical Half-Lives
- ▶ Photolysis
- ▶ Chemical Degradation
- ▶ Retardation Factor
- ▶ Biodegradation



$$C_s = C_w * f_{oc} * K_{oc}$$

# How to Integrate this with your CSM



- ▶ Better understanding of where the fluid is and where it's going
- ▶ Started to look at how multiple phases interact
- ▶ Incorporated flow and fracture data from multiple scales



- ▶ Fate and Transport - last piece of puzzle before creating initial CSM
- ▶ Understanding fate and transport in fractured rock
  - Unique properties of the contaminant
  - Characteristics of the rock
- ▶ Consider fate and transport mechanisms involved

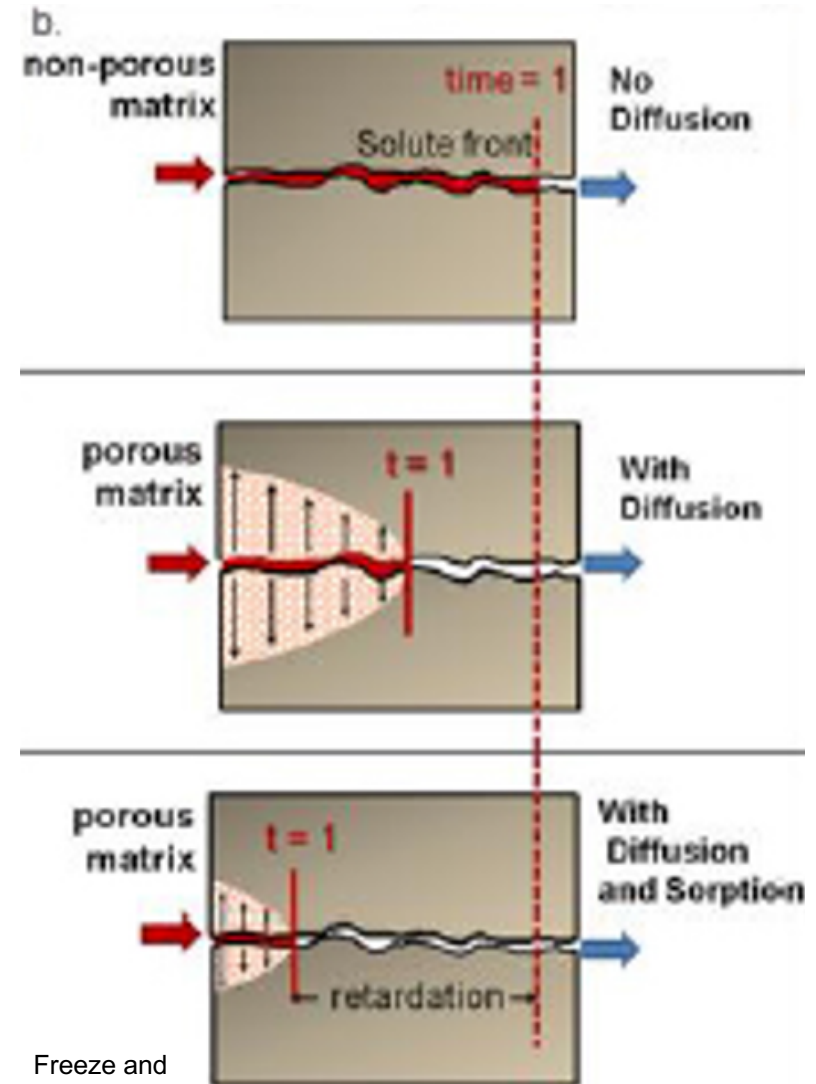


# Contaminant Fate and Transport in Saturated Fractured Rock



## ◆ Common Fate and transport mechanisms

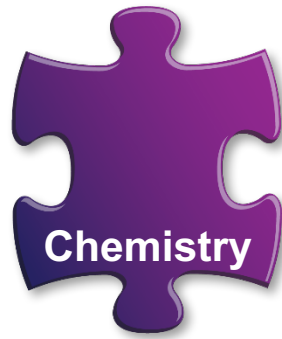
- Density driven vertical migration
- Dissolution
- Advection through fractures
- Matrix diffusion/Back Diffusion
- Sorption/retardation
- Natural attenuation
  - Example: Abiotic transformation



Freeze and  
Cherry 1979



# Identification of Contaminant Properties



Chemical	Liquid Density	Vapor Pressure	Solubility	Henry's Constant	Koc	Reactivity
	g/cm <sup>3</sup> (water = 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	mm HG (volatile >= 1 mm HG)	mg/L	atm-m <sup>3</sup> /mole	L/kg	
trichloroethene (TCE)	1.46	58 @ 20 C	1100	0.0103 (EPA)	166	abiotic biogeochemical transformation

- ◆ Identify properties of contaminant (example, TCE)
- ◆ Consider example of sedimentary bedrock such as shale
  - Potential for bedding planes
  - Vertical fractures
  - Potential for primary (matrix) porosity

# Identification of Potential Fate and Transport Mechanisms



Chemical	Liquid Density	Vapor Pressure	Solubility	Henry's Constant	Koc	Reactivity
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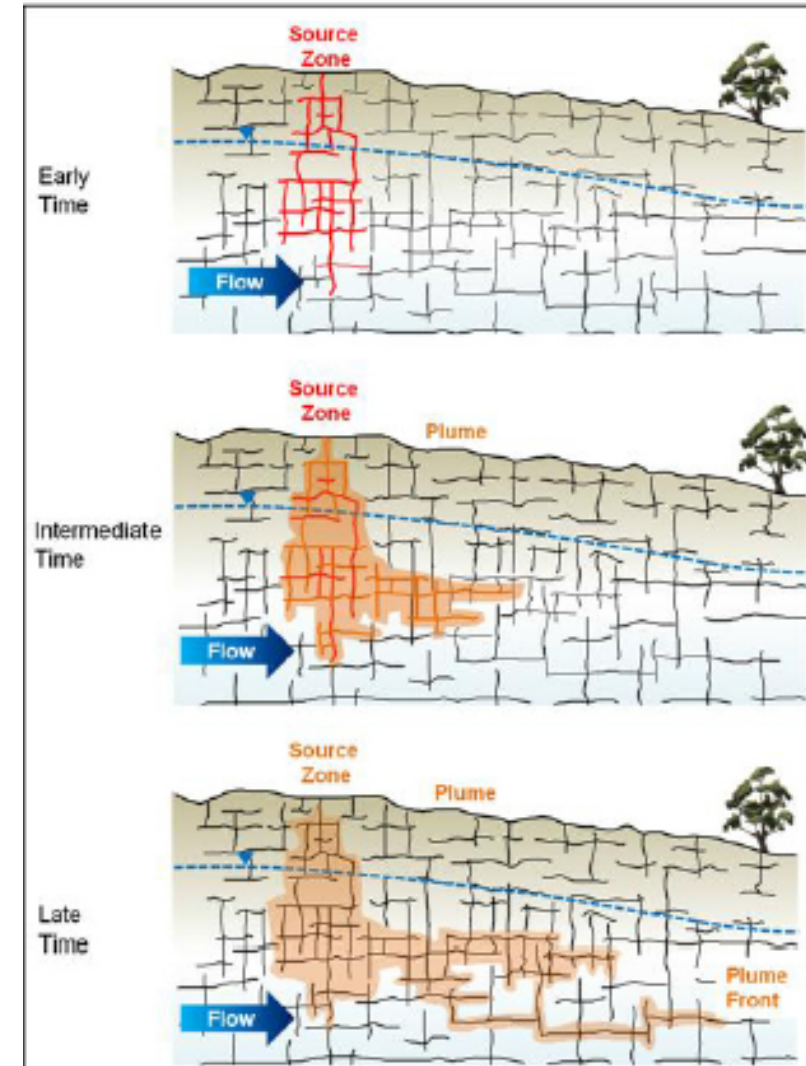
### Fate and Transport Mechanisms Likely

- Based on density, likely to sink in saturated zone
- Potential for partitioning to vapor phase
- Potential for dissolved plume and matrix diffusion
- Potential retardation along fracture walls and/or within rock matrix pores
- Abiotic transformation potential

# Contaminant Fate and Transport in Saturated Fractured Rock



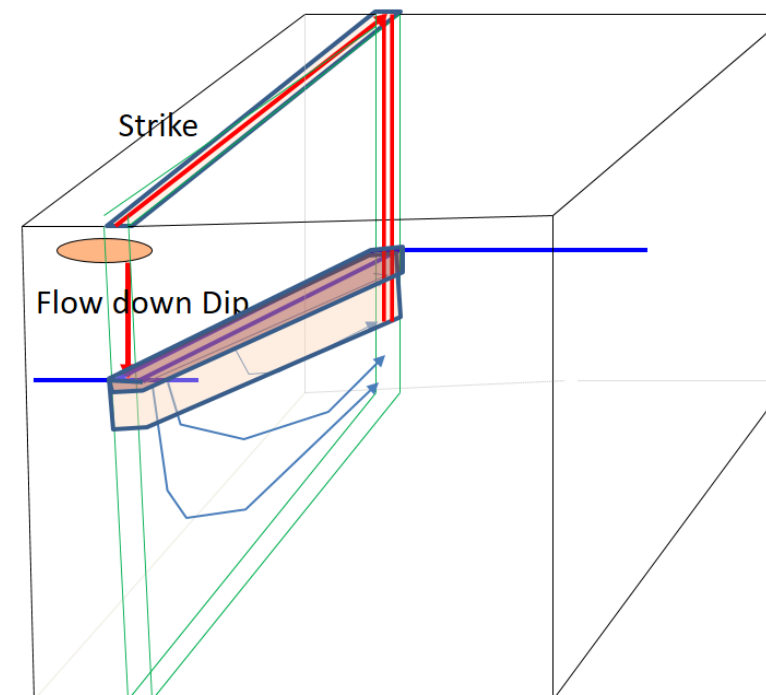
- ▶ Example DNAPL release
- ▶ Vertical migration into saturated zone
- ▶ Dissolution and advection/retardation within fractures
- ▶ Matrix diffusion/back diffusion
- ▶ Consider soil gas survey
- ▶ Consider potential for natural attenuation (abiotic transformation)



# Strike and dip influence on flow



- ▶ Light/LNAPL with Vertical Fracture
  - Migrates downward along dip in unsaturated fractured rock
  - Migrates along strike in saturated fracture rock
- ▶ Conventional screen intercepting water table can be effective
- ▶ Dipping of fracture can increase difficulty of identifying LNAPL
  - Consider other lines evidence (water table, fracture architecture)



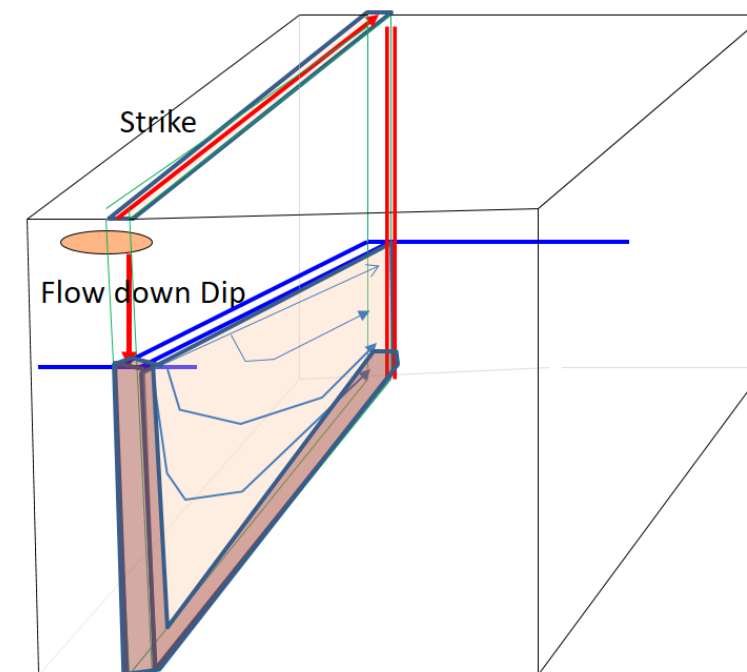
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# Strike and dip influence on flow



- ▶ Dense/DNAPL with Vertical Fracture
  - Migrates downward along dip in unsaturated fractured rock
  - Migrates downward along dip in saturated fracture rock
- ▶ Shallow well away from source area likely to miss DNAPL and higher dissolved plume
- ▶ Dipping of fracture can increase difficulty of identifying DNAPL but may help in locating the dissolved plume (see document for additional detail)



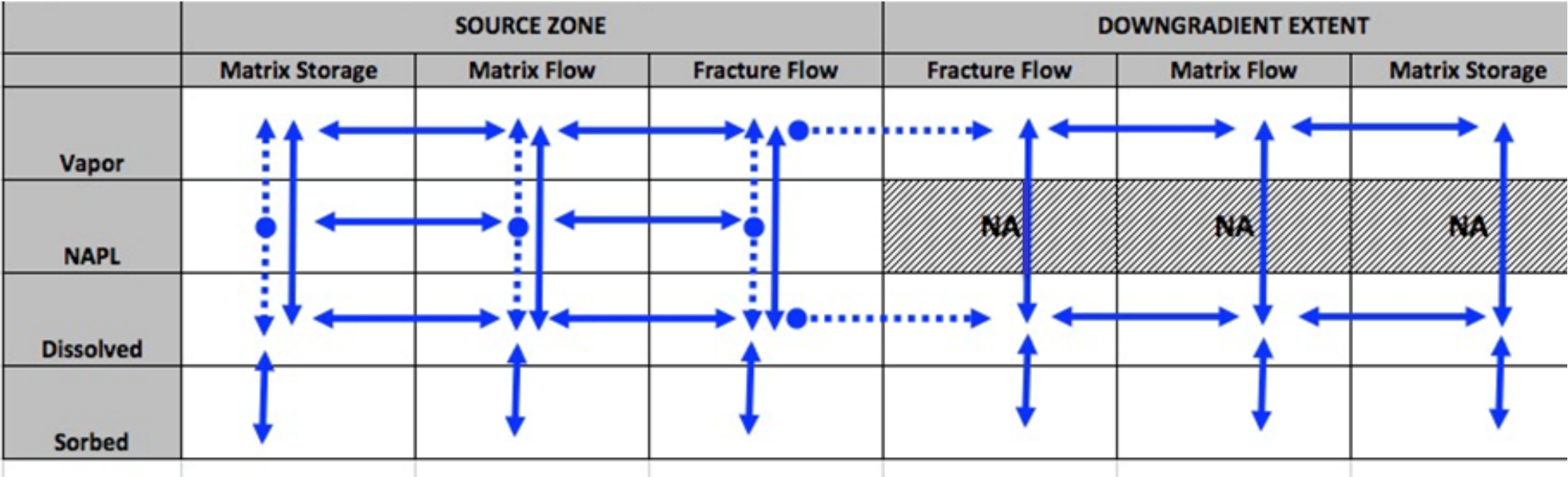
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# Introduction – 21 Compartment Model



	SOURCE ZONE			DOWNGRADIENT EXTENT		
	Matrix Storage	Matrix Flow	Fracture Flow	Fracture Flow	Matrix Flow	Matrix Storage
Vapor*						
NAPL*				NA	NA	NA
Dissolved						
Sorbed						

# Hydrogeology of Fractured Rock



Arrows are a qualitative representation of flux

Solid arrows are reversible fluxes; dashed arrows are irreversible fluxes

# 21 Compartment Model – Sandstone



	SOURCE ZONE			DOWNGRADIENT EXTENT		
	Matrix Storage	Matrix Flow	Fracture Flow	Fracture Flow	Matrix Flow	Matrix Storage
Vapor	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
NAPL	Low	Low	High	NA	NA	NA
Dissolved	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
Sorbed	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low

DNAPL spill site underlain by fractured uncemented sandstone



# 21 Compartment Model – Shale Bedrock



	SOURCE ZONE			DOWNGRADIENT EXTENT		
	Matrix Storage	Matrix Flow	Fracture Flow	Fracture Flow	Matrix Flow	Matrix Storage
Vapor	Low	NA	Medium	Medium	NA	Low
NAPL	Low	NA	High	NA	NA	NA
Dissolved	Low	NA	Medium	Medium	NA	Low
Sorbed	Low	NA	Medium	Medium	NA	Low

DNAPL spill site underlain by fractured shale bedrock

# 21 Compartment Model - Granite



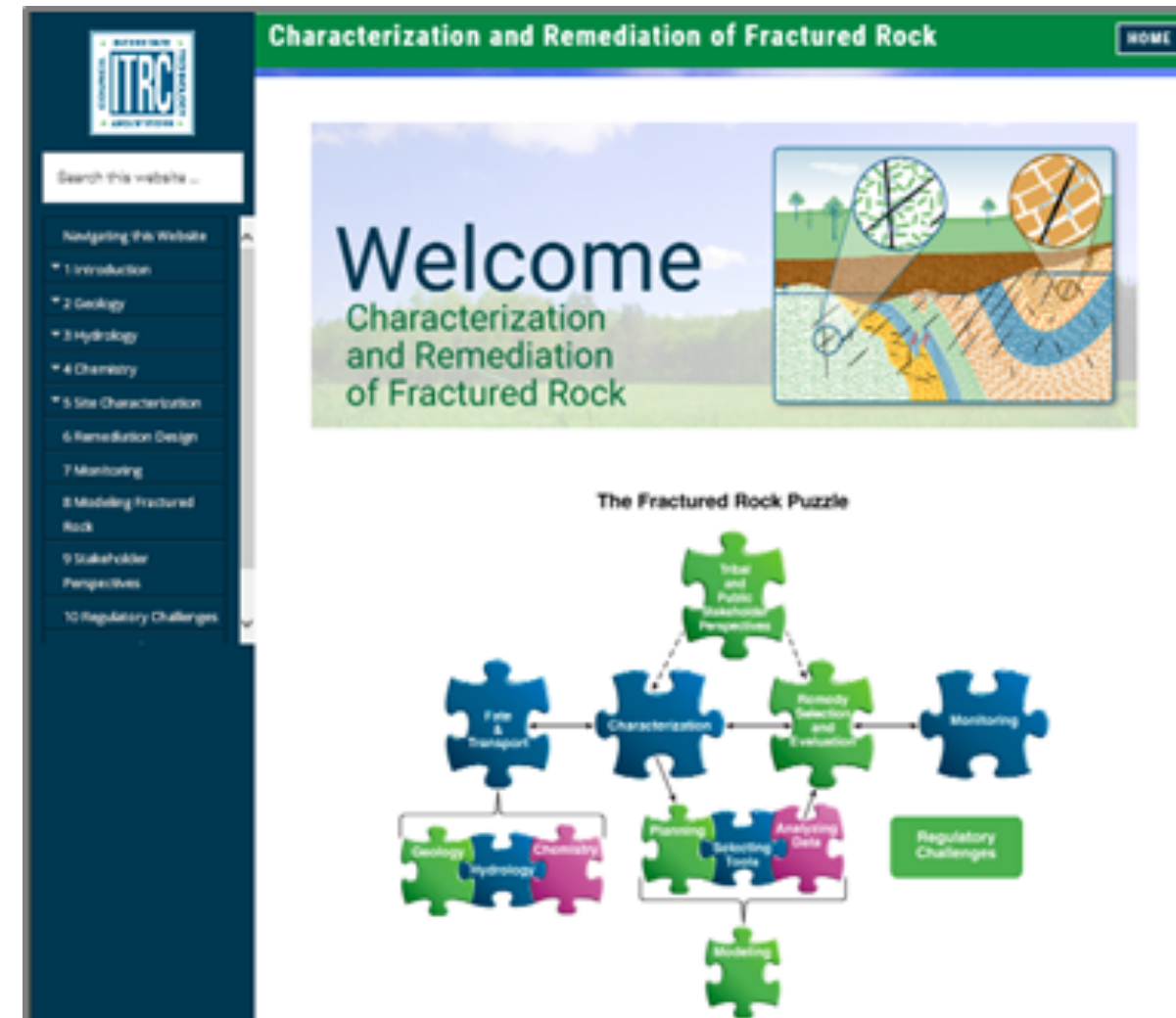
	SOURCE ZONE			DOWNGRAIDENT EXTENT		
	Matrix Storage	Matrix Flow	Fracture Flow	Fracture Flow	Matrix Flow	Matrix Storage
Vapor	Negligible	NA	Medium	Medium	NA	Negligible
NAPL	Negligible	NA	High	NA	NA	Negligible
Dissolved	Negligible	NA	Medium	Medium	NA	Negligible
Sorbed	Negligible	NA	Low	Low	NA	Negligible

DNAPL spill site underlain by fractured granite bedrock

# Overview of the Training



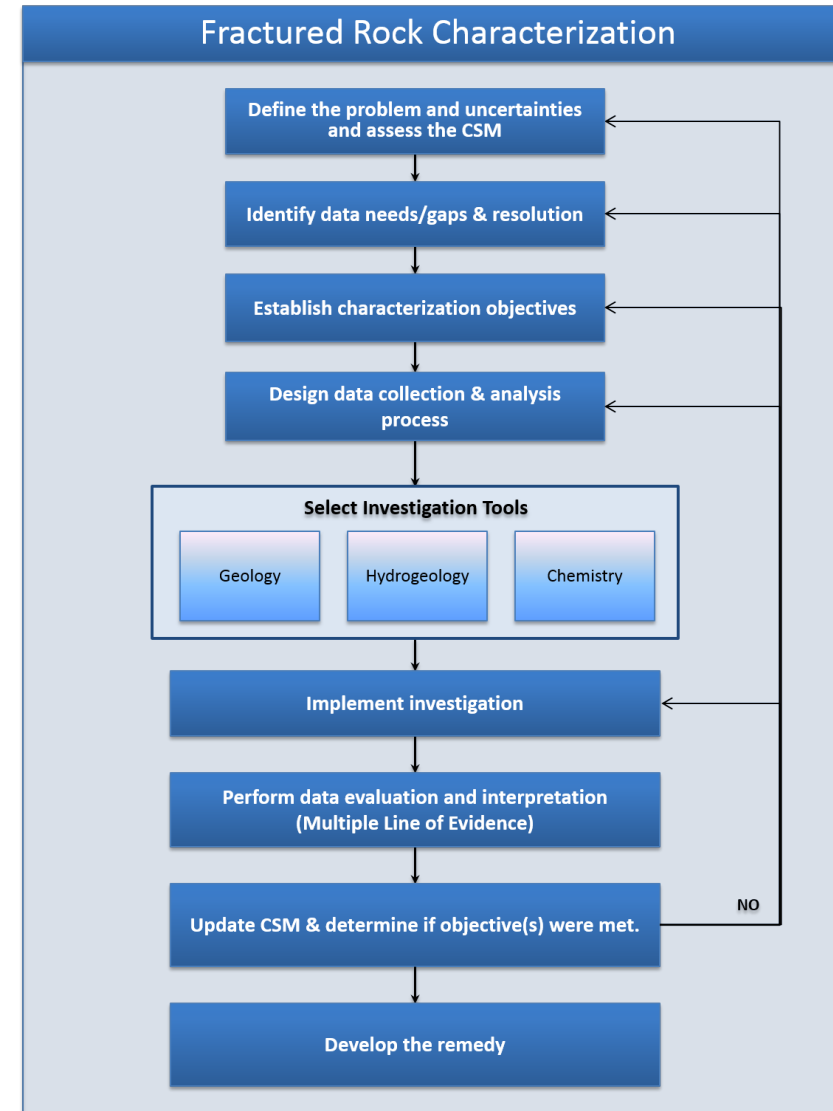
- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Fractured Rock CSM Considerations
- ◆ Fracture Characteristics of Geologic Terrane
- ◆ Fracture Flow & Contaminant Fate and Transport
- ◆ **Fractured Rock Characterization**
- ◆ Remedy Development
- ◆ Monitoring
- ◆ Summary



# Characterization of Fractured Rock Flow Path



1. Develop Problem Statement
2. Develop Preliminary Conceptual Site Model
3. Identify Significant Data Gaps
4. Formulate-Revise Characterization Objectives
5. Select Investigation Tools
6. Develop and Implement Work Plan
7. Evaluate and Interpret Results
8. Update CSM
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## Step 1: Develop a Problem Statement



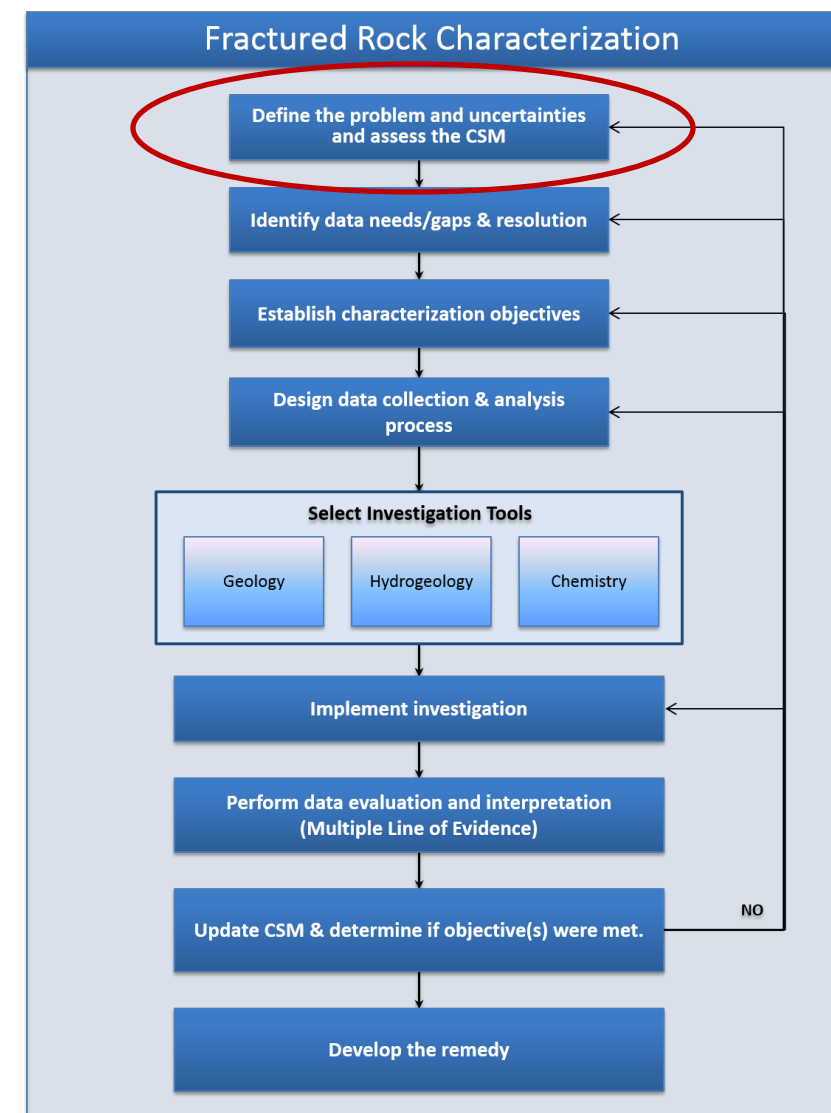
***“a problem well stated  
is a problem half  
solved”***

**(Charles F. Kettering, 1876-1958)**

# Step 1: Develop a Problem Statement



- ◆ Assess existing CSM
- ◆ Define problem
- ◆ Define uncertainties



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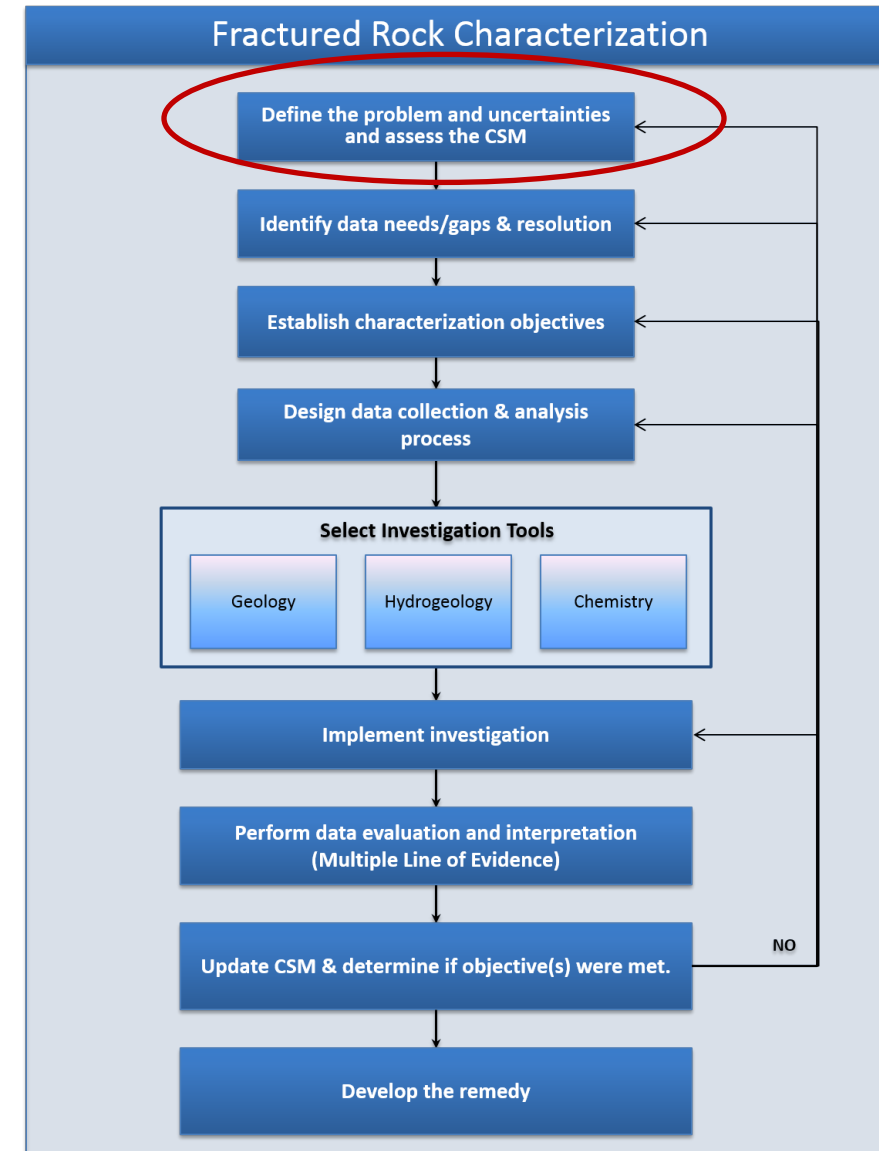
## Step 2: Develop or Refine a Fractured Rock Conceptual Site Model (CSM)



► Research easily available sources of existing information:

- topographic maps
- geologic maps
- nearby well logs
- nearby bedrock outcrops
- nearby information on other sites
- existing characterization data
- regional water quality data
- media reports of contamination

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# Step 2: Develop or Refine a Fractured Rock CSM



## The CSM is a *living document that should:*

- reflect the best interpretation of available information at any point in time.
- be updated continuously as new data are collected at any stage of the remedy
- continually improved if new data are inconsistent - additional evaluations should take place.

## Refine an Existing CSM:

- At many sites, significant investigation may have occurred
- The scope of the earlier investigations and type of data however may not be up to present day standards
- There may be an existing incorrect or incomplete CSM

This does not mean the existing data can't be incorporated into your initial CSM



# Step 2: Develop or Refine a Fractured Rock CSM



## Key Elements to Consider

- ◆ ***Terrane analysis*** -presents key elements that should be evaluated, from a physiographic province scale to finer site scale, to compile an “initial CSM”.
- ◆ MUST include the unconsolidated materials above the bedrock.
- ◆ Contaminants in fractured bedrock must investigate the full extent of, and fate and transport of contaminants in all media.

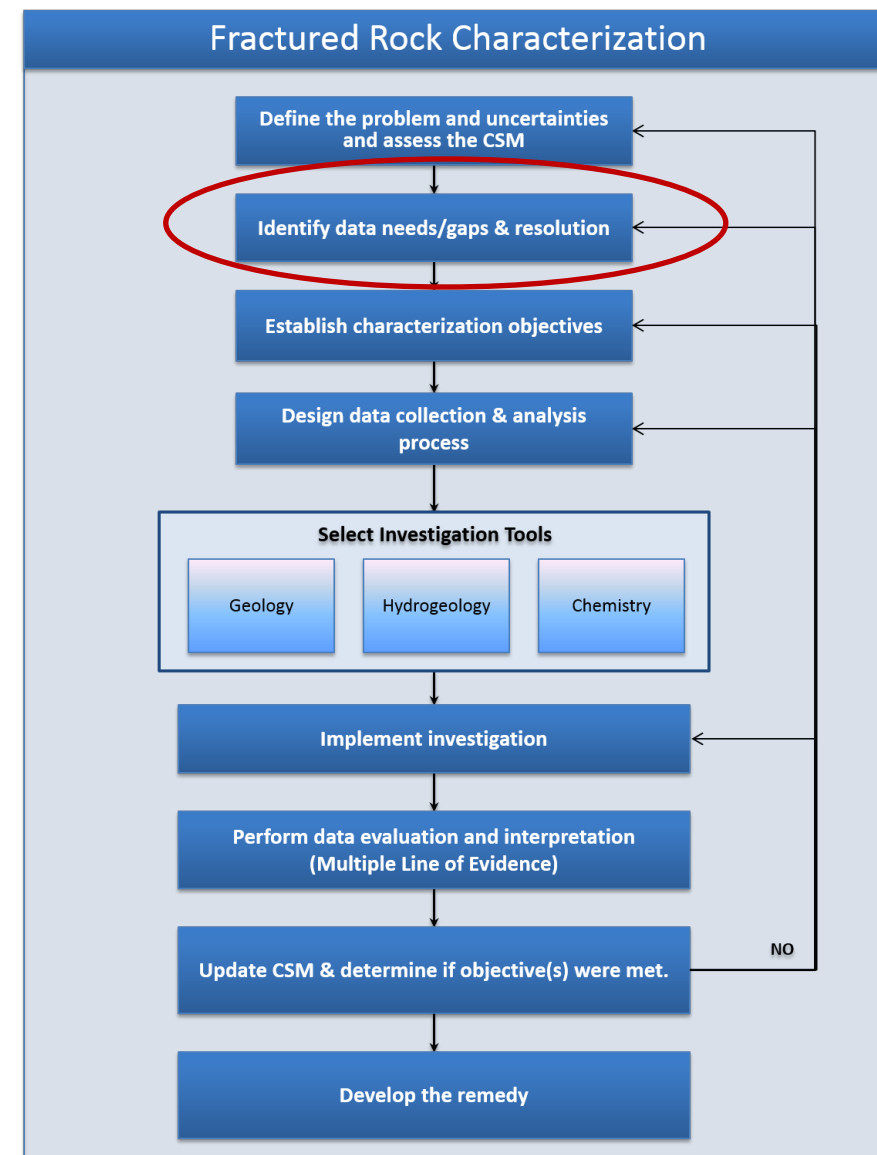
## Specific Elements

- ◆ Regional physical setting (e.g. physiographic province)
- ◆ Structural geology and tectonic setting
- ◆ Lithology and stratigraphy/mechanical stratigraphy
- ◆ Anisotropy and heterogeneity

# Step 3: Identify Significant Data Gaps



- ◆ Translate uncertainties into data needs
- ◆ Determine resolution needed to assess controlling heterogeneities



## Step 3: Identify Significant Data Gaps

### ◆ Fractured rock CSMs will unavoidably have data gaps throughout the process

- the lateral and vertical extent of contamination
- the direction the contamination is moving
- identification of imperiled receptors
- the rate at which the contamination is moving
- what areas should be targeted for sampling.

### ◆ Missing information limits the formulation of a scientifically defensible interpretation of environmental conditions and/or potential risks in a bedrock hydrogeologic system. A data gaps exists when:

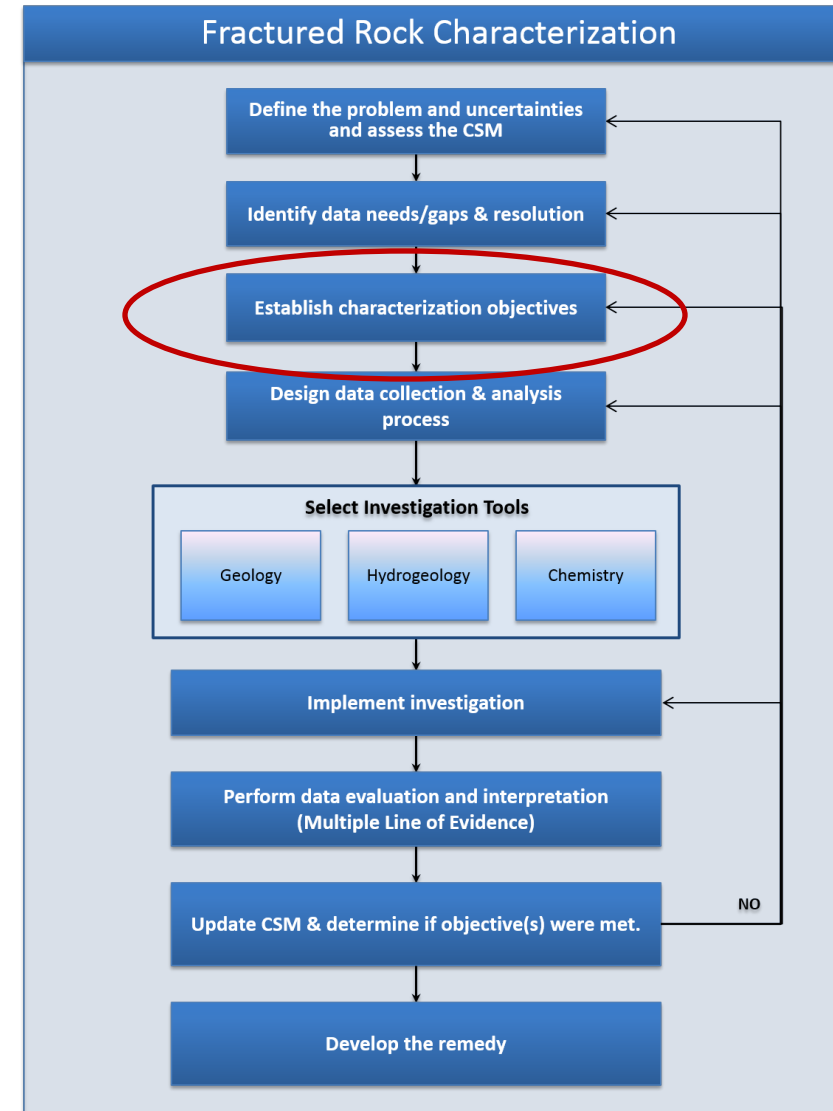
- it is not possible to conclude with confidence whether or not a release has occurred
- evaluation of all data, in proper context, does not/cannot support the CSM
- if more than one interpretation of existing data set

Each data gap can be transformed into one or more specific characterization objectives

# Step 4: Formulate-Revise Characterization Objectives



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- 4. Formulate-Revise Characterization Objectives**
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# Step 4: Formulate-Revise Characterization Objectives

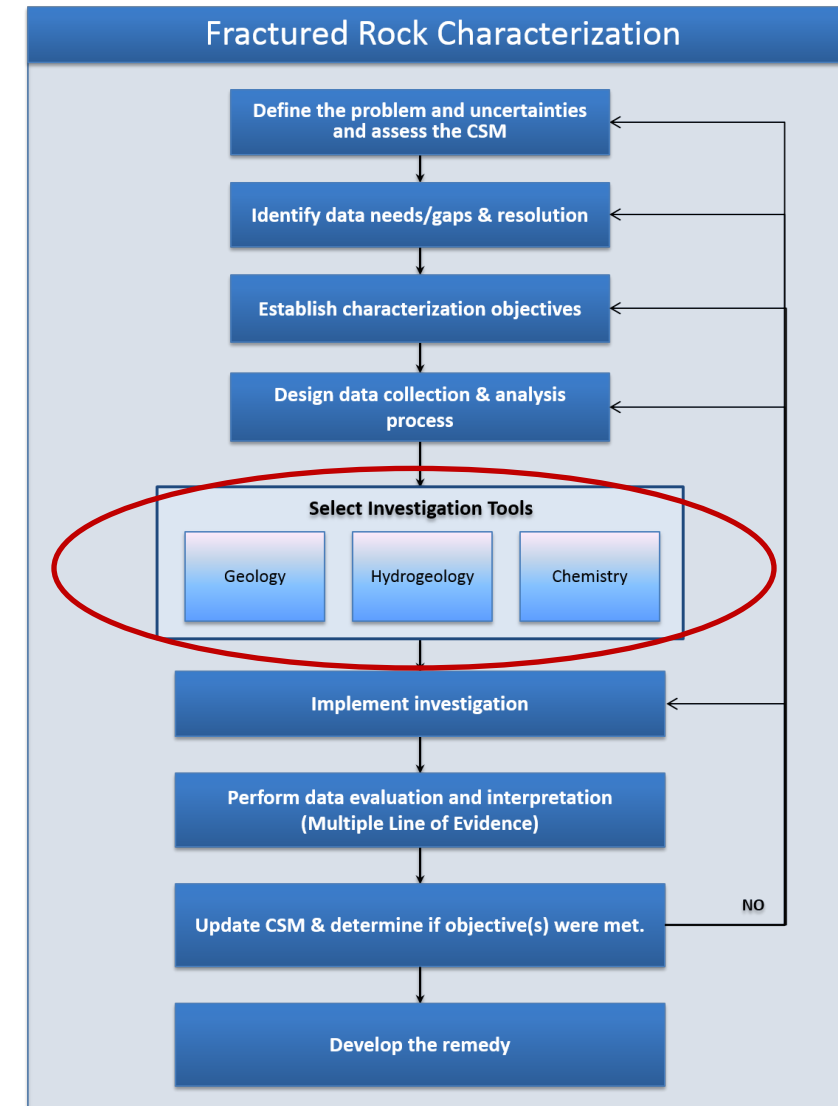


- ◆ Data collection objectives (DQOs)- determine specific data needs and to select tools to be used in the investigation
- ◆ DQOs should be clear, focused, specific, & consider:
  - fracture orientation,
  - spacing and aperture,
  - hydraulic head,
  - and flow velocity
- ◆ **Characterization Objective:** Determine the lateral and vertical extent of dissolved phase VOCs.
- ◆ **Data Gap:** The vertical and lateral extent is unknown.
- ◆ **Data Collection Objective:** Gather data on: fracture location, orientation, connectivity and VOC concentration in the source, plume and towards receptors.

# Step 5: Select Investigation Tools



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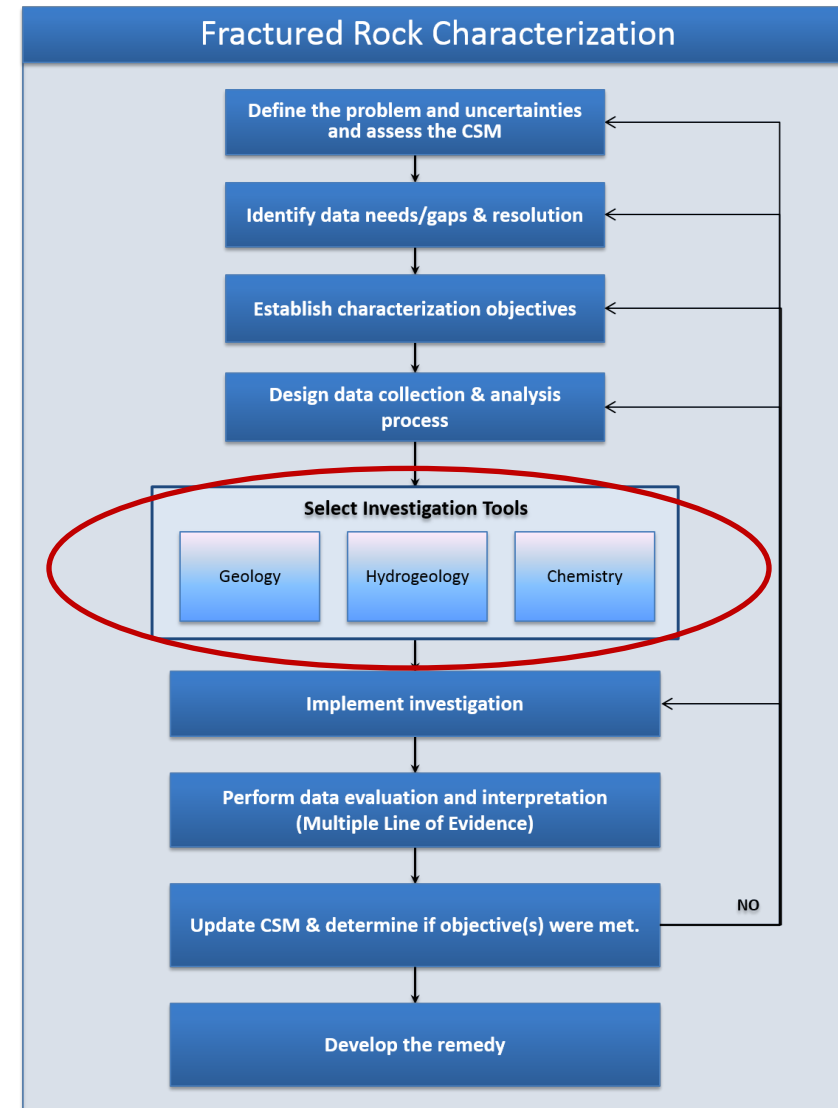
# Step 5: Select Investigation Tools



## Tools Matrix:

An interactive matrix that helps in selecting appropriate tools to meet your characterization objectives

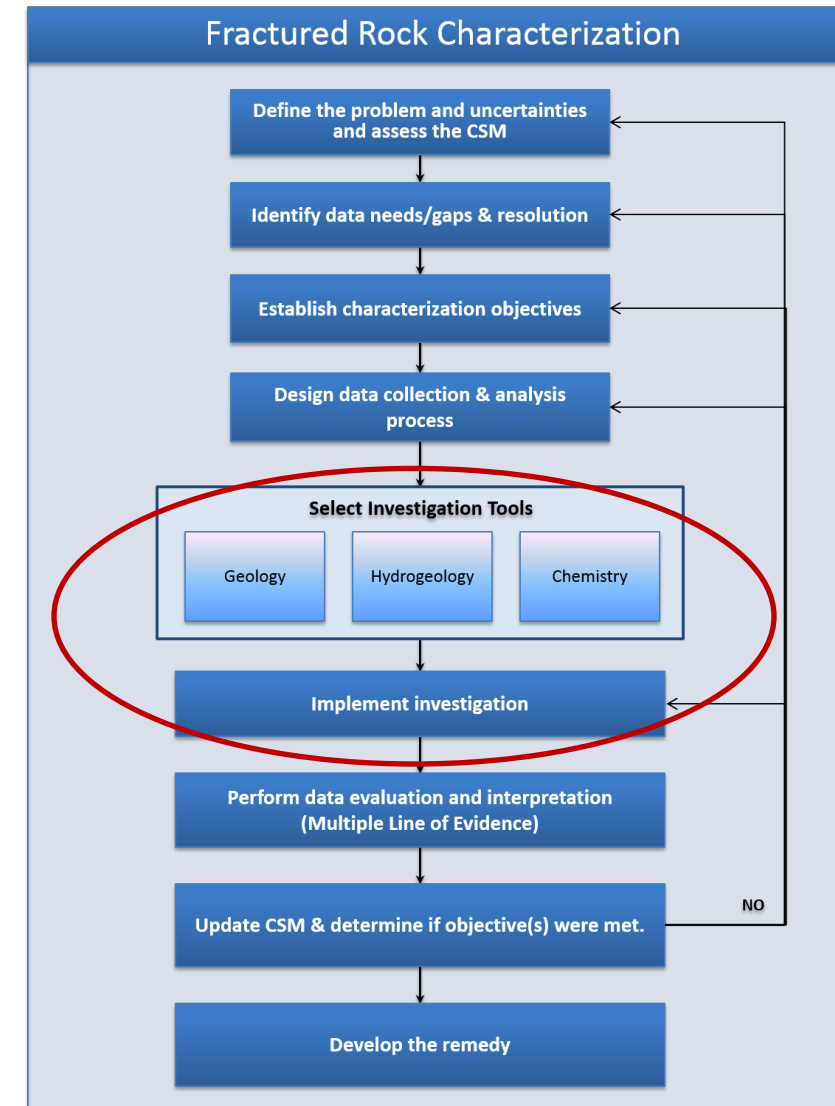
- ◆ Tools segregated into categories and subcategories, selected by subject matter experts
- ◆ A living resource intended to be updated periodically



# Step 6: Develop & Implement Work Plan



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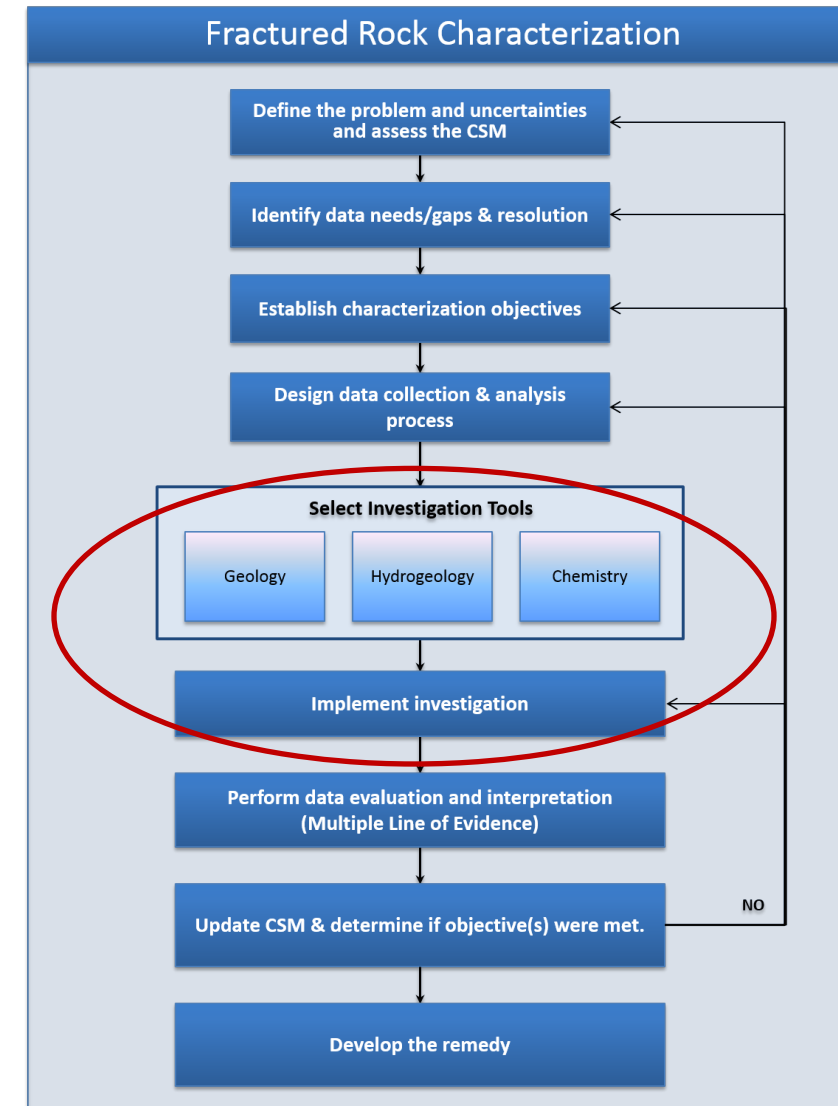


# Step 6: Develop & Implement Work Plan



## Develop and Implement Work Plan

- ▶ Select Tools
- ▶ Drill bedrock boreholes targeting surface geophysical anomalies
- ▶ Collect Rock Cores as necessary
- ▶ Test boreholes for hydrologic characteristics and contaminant distribution (packer testing/packer sampling, heat pulse flow meter, multi-well aquifer pump testing, etc.)
- ▶ Test groundwater



# Step 6: Develop & Implement Work Plan



## Develop a Work Plan

A typical fractured rock characterization work plan should:

- ▶ Emphasize characterization and data collection objectives
- ▶ Present a data collection process
- ▶ Include the tools selected
- ▶ Be forward-looking to discuss what procedures/software/models will be used for data evaluation and interpretation
- ▶ Include data evaluation process

# Step 6: Develop & Implement Work Plan



## Develop a Work Plan

### A dynamic work plan can involve

- ▶ Real time data assessment
- ▶ Frequent (up to daily) calls or data uploads between the field team and project stakeholders to review field activities and data, to make decisions next steps for efficiently completing the characterization.
- ▶ Continuously or frequently updating the CSM



# Step 6: Develop & Implement Work Plan



## Implement the Site Investigation

- ▶ Once the work plan has been developed and approved by stakeholders, the next step is to implement the Site investigation.
- ▶ Portions of the Site investigation may run concurrent to the initial phases of Data Management, Interpretation and Presentation.
- ▶ If real time or near-real time data are being generated during the investigation, these results can be evaluated as they are generated to help guide further data collection activities.





## Step 6: Develop & Implement Work Plan



**We stress that characterization activities must be designed to not spread contamination!**

- ▶ **Do not leave open holes where flow can occur between previously unconnected fractures.**



# Step 6: Develop & Implement Work Plan



## Develop a Work Plan

**ITRC endorses a dynamic field approach to site characterization to the extent practical at fractured rock sites**

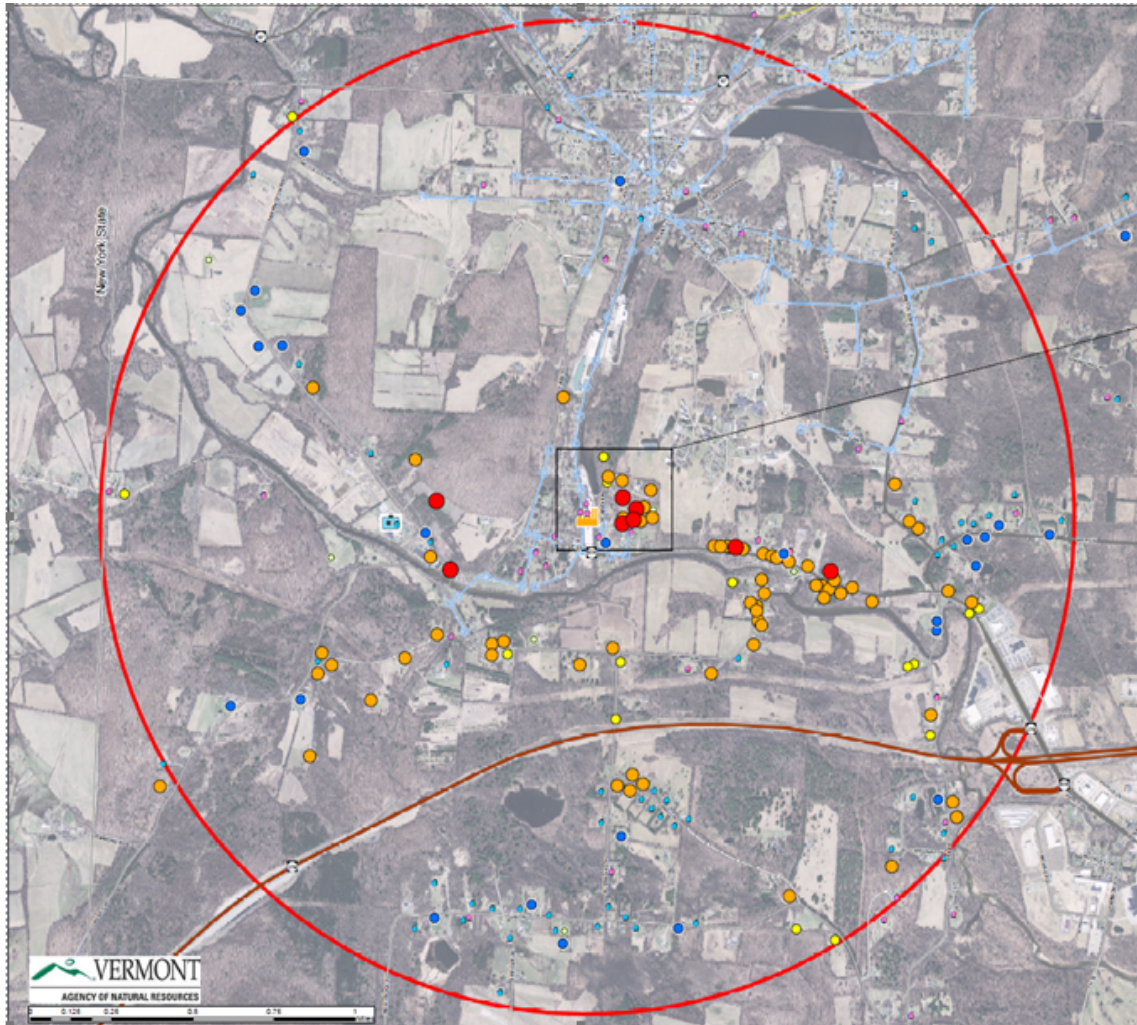
- ▶ The work plan should be flexible to allow changes to the work scope based on real-time results obtained during the investigation activities.
- ▶ The work plan should outline the process for documenting field changes or adjustments during implementing the site investigation



# Fractured Rock Characterization Process: Bennington, VT



## Step 1: the Initial Site Specific Problem Statement



PFOA found in several domestic water wells near a former fabric waterproofing factory.

There is a documented significant problem with PFOA contamination caused by a similar factory in a neighboring state.

**How large a problem is this in Bennington?**

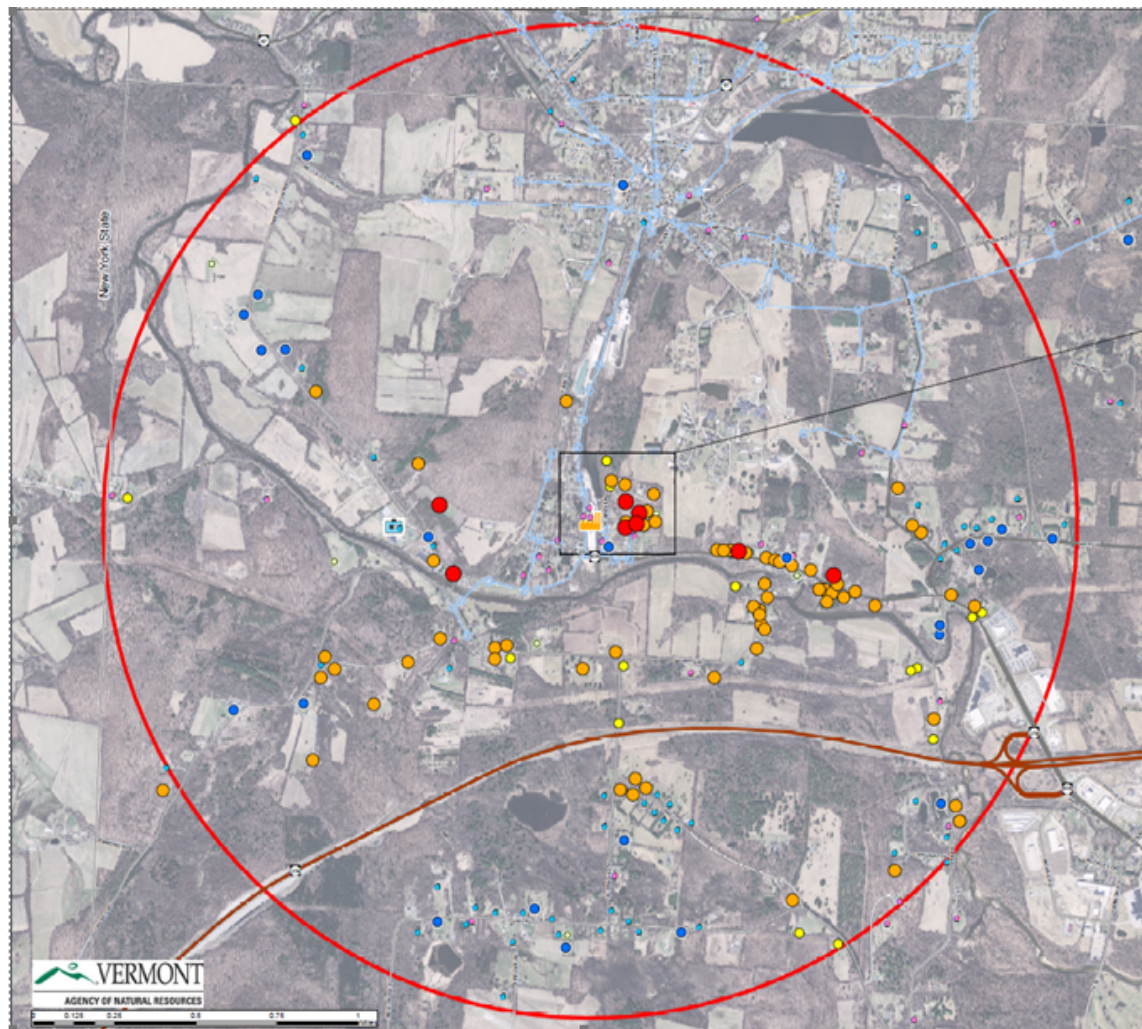
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# Fractured Rock Characterization Process: Bennington, VT



## The Site Specific Problem Statement Grows



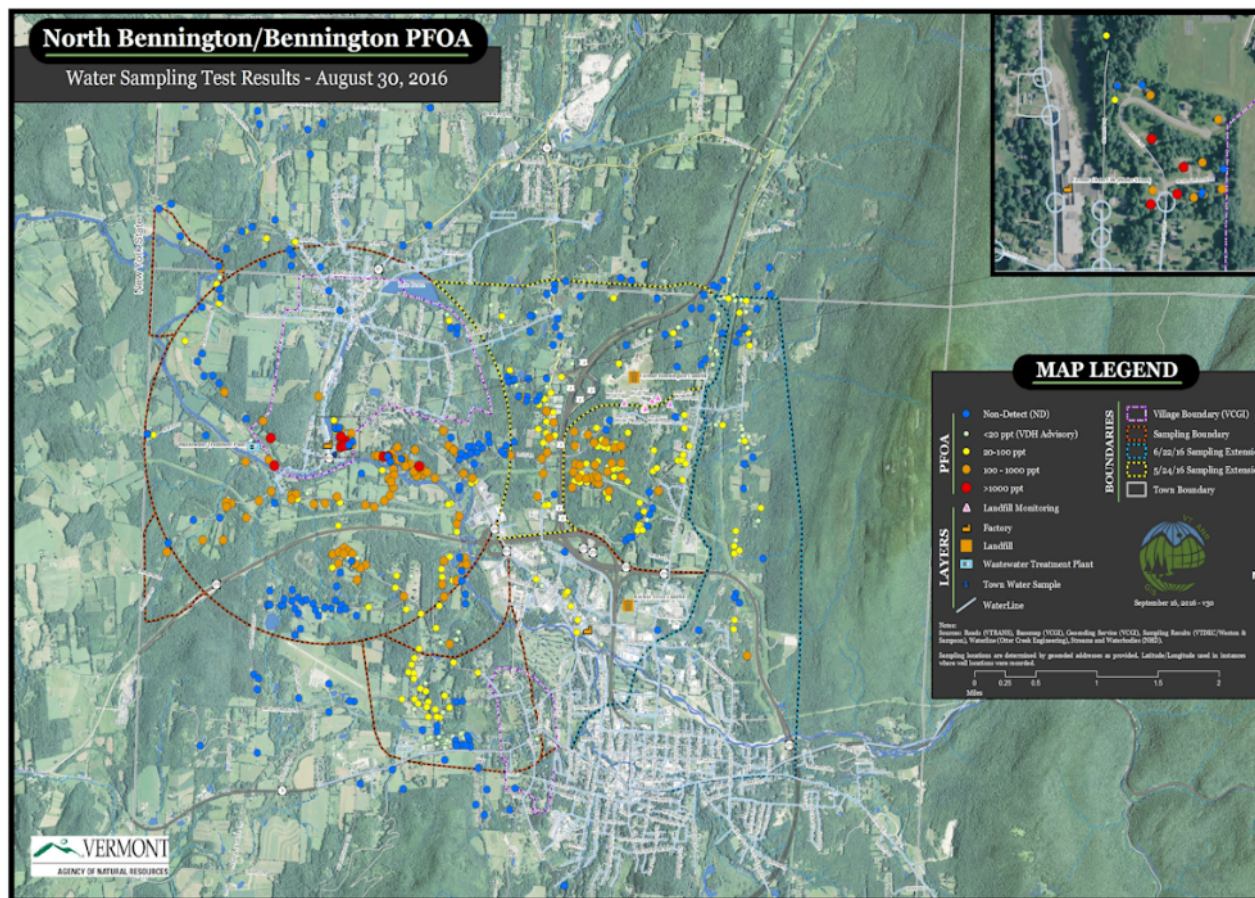
50 wells sampled

- 22 results : ND
- 9 results : 0-20 ng/l
- 8 results : 20-100 ng/l
- 11 results : > 100 ng/l

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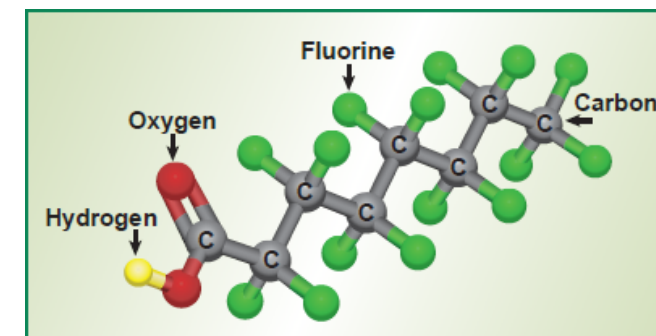


## The Site Specific Problem Statement Grows More



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- 541 samples collected from private wells
  - >60% of all wells had some level of PFOA
- 199 results : ND (37%)
- 76 results : 0-20 ppt (14%)
- **266 results : >20 ppt (49%)**



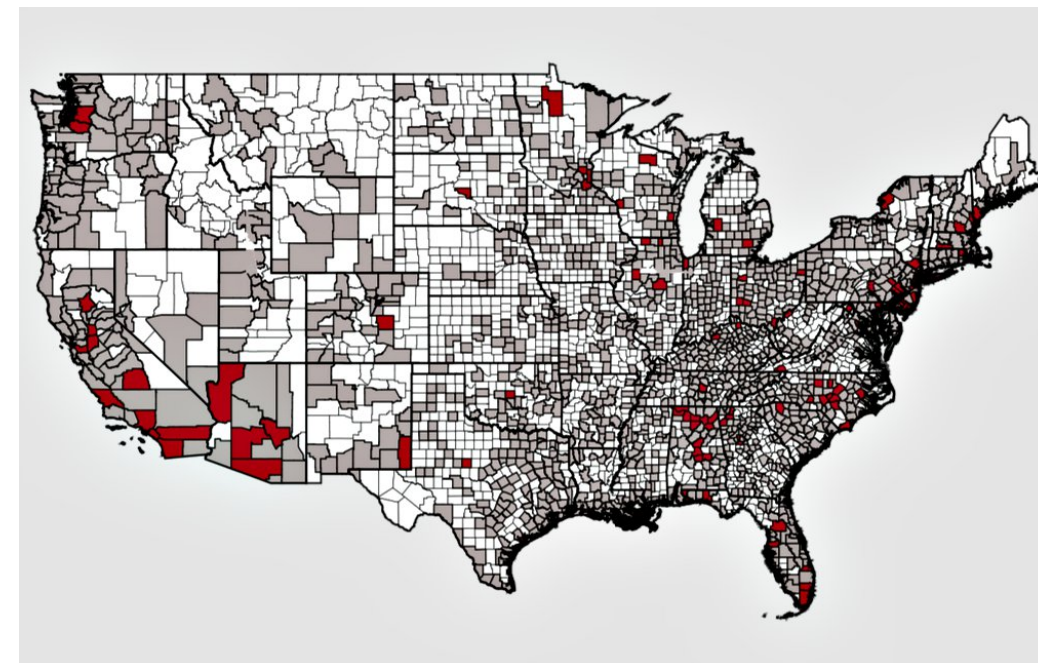
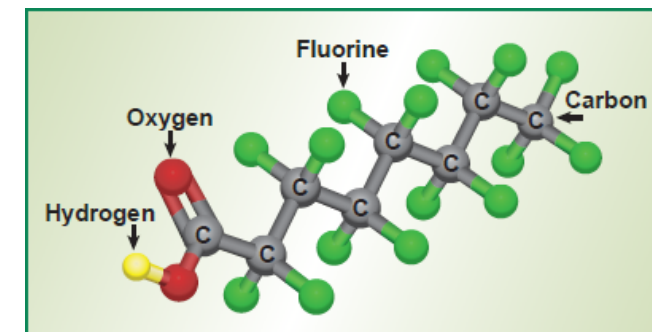


# Step 2: Develop or Refine a Fractured Rock CSM



## Bennington, VT

Initial CSM: Type of Waterproof fabric produced

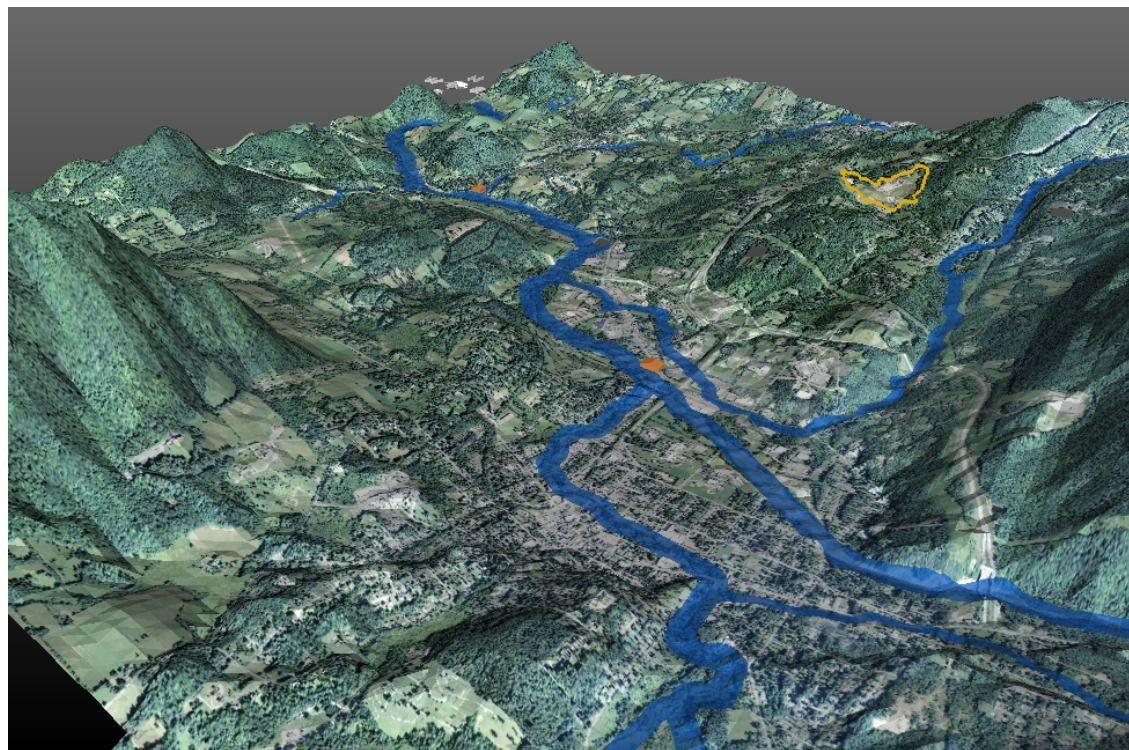


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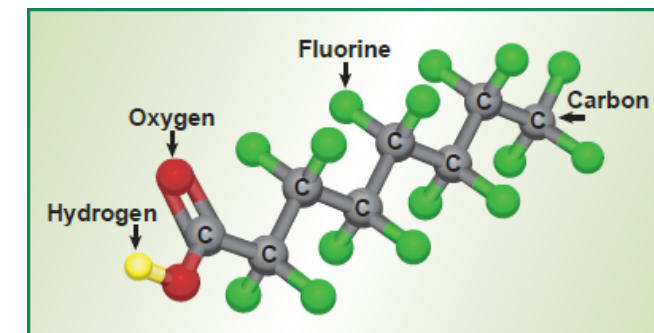


## Bennington, VT

### Initial CSM: Topography and potential sources



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Aerial Deposition?

Surface/Floor Drain releases?

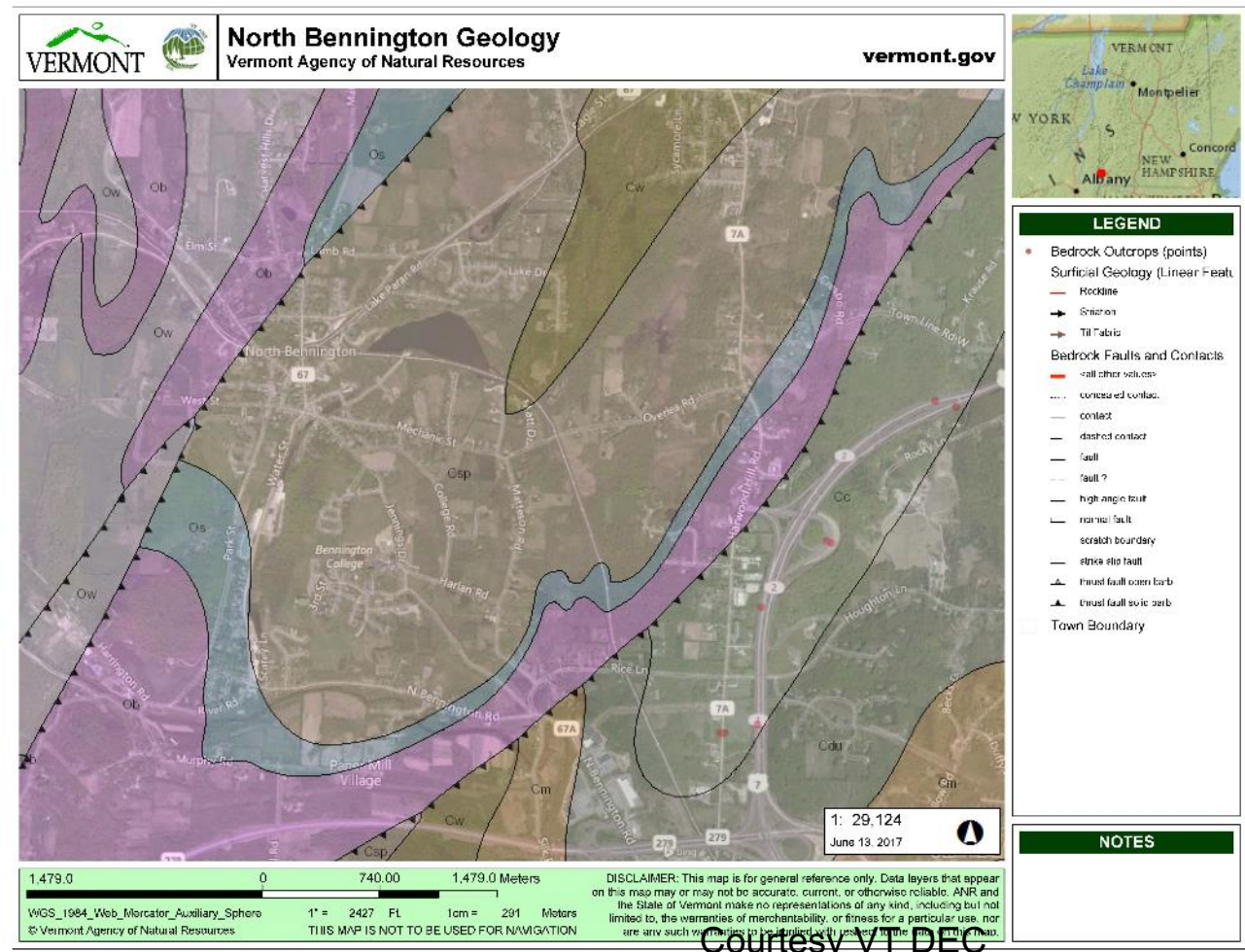
Spreading composted sanitary waste sludge?



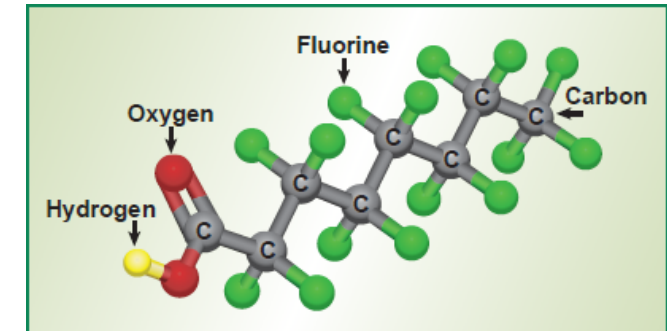
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## Bennington, VT



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## Initial CSM: Bedrock Geology

Several thrust faults

Primarily carbonate rocks in area of contamination

## Step 3: Identify Significant Data Gaps



### Bennington, VT PFOA Data Gaps example

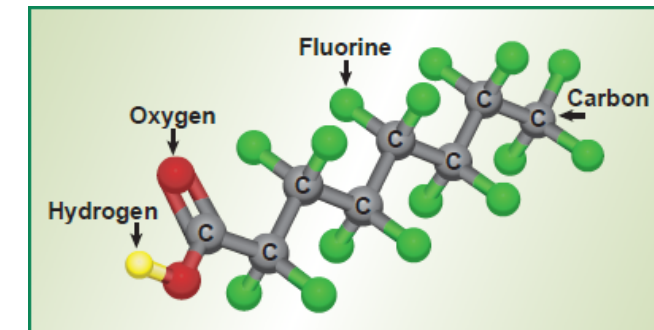
What was the PFOA release mechanism

Aerial Deposition?

Surface/Floor Drain releases?

Spreading composted sanitary waste sludge?

Where was this spread?



What is the local geology, structure, rock types, major faulting, brittle structure fractures, fracture connectivity, and how does it affect flow and transport?

Is the PFOA in the environment affecting agricultural products?

What is the mass in the soil?

Is it in surface water?

Is it in fish?



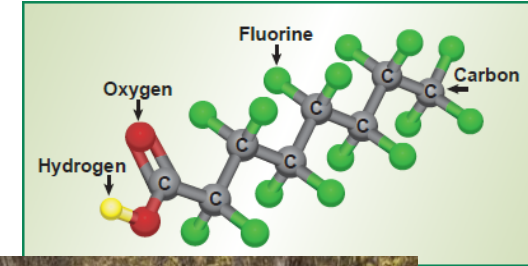
# Steps 4, 5, & 6 : Develop & Implement Work Plan



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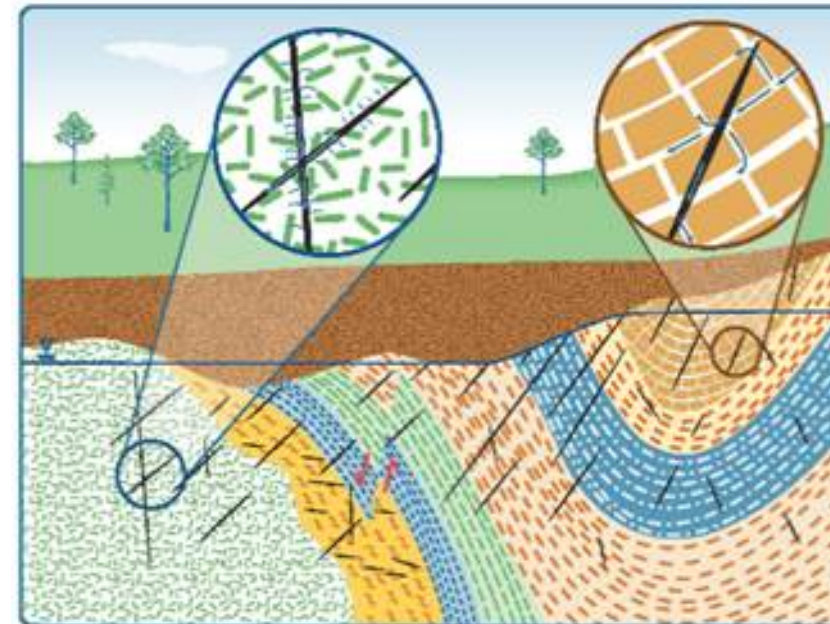
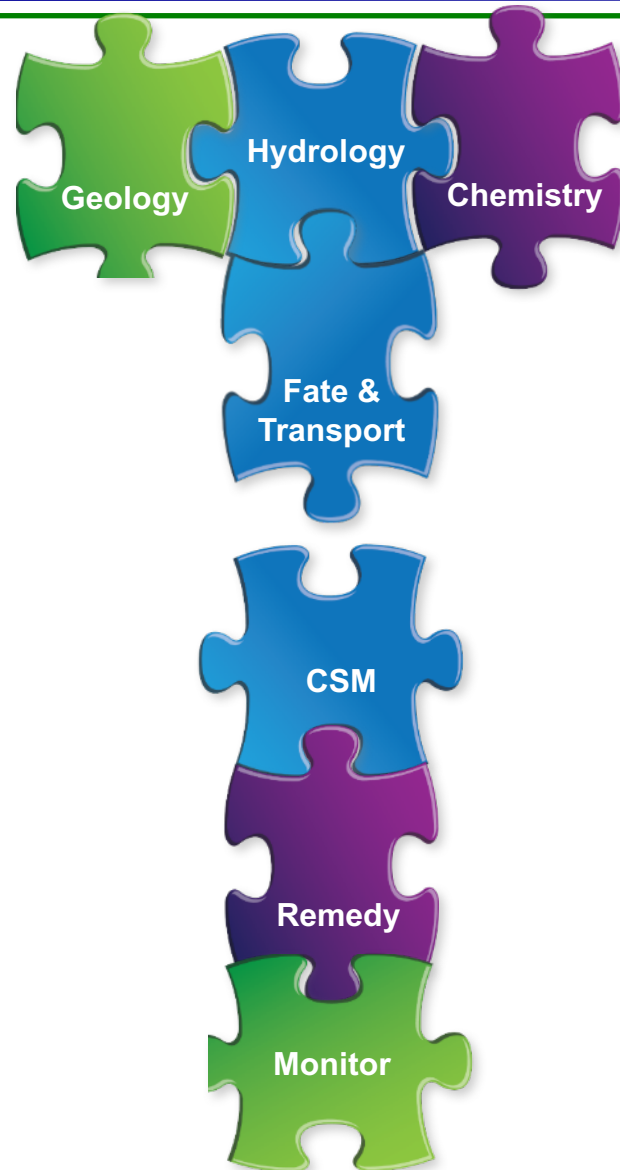
### Area-Wide Geologic and Aquifer Characterization Activities

- ▶ Geologic and Surficial Mapping by Vermont Geological Survey with support from academic institutions
- ▶ Geophysical Logging 12 wells
- ▶ Groundwater Geochemistry
- ▶ Geochronology (dating) water in wells
- ▶ Area-wide groundwater flow direction integrating information from wells, topographic maps, and geologic maps



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# Q&A Break

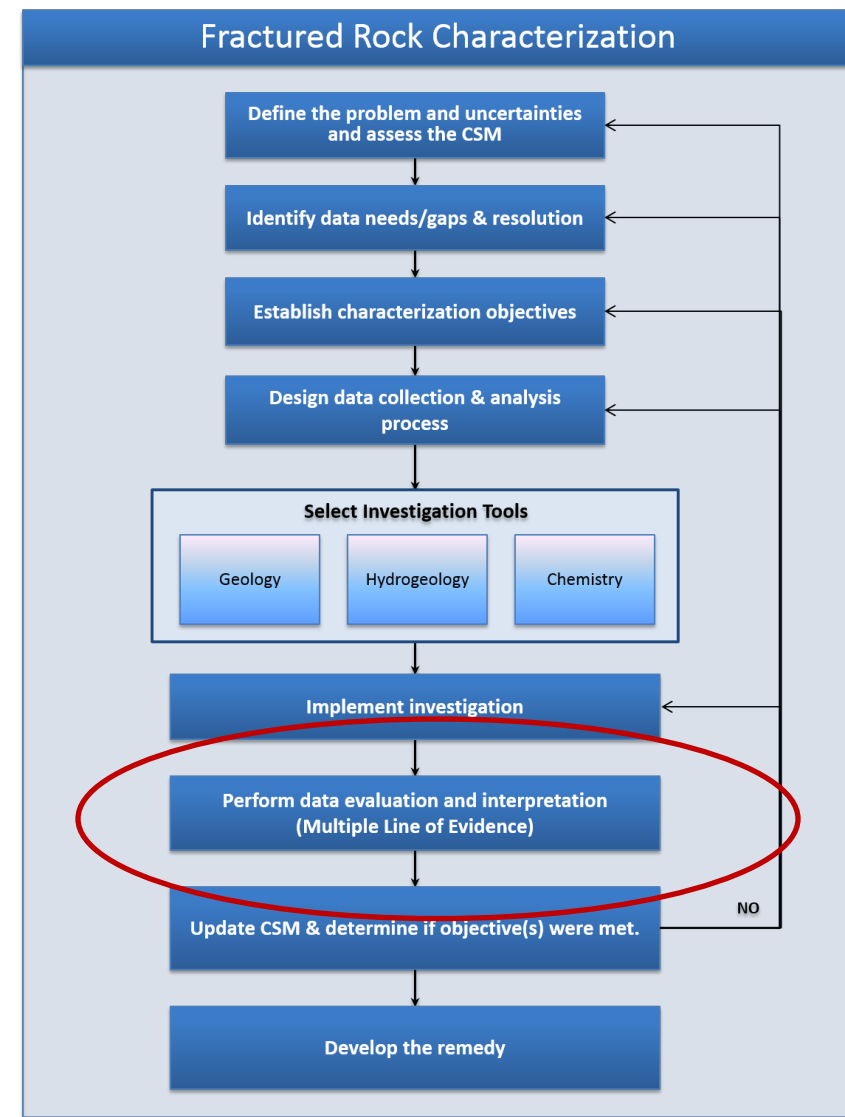


# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## 7. Evaluate and Interpret Results

- 8. Update CSM
- 9. Develop the Remedy



# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## Data Management, Interpretation, and Presentation

- ◆ The objective of the data management, interpretation and presentation is to provide a framework for how to

- ▶ interpret,
- ▶ synthesize,
- ▶ manage, and
- ▶ apply data

### Critical Early Data for Fractured Rock Sites:

- ▶ fracture orientation, aperture, frequency by orientation and depth
- ▶ relationship to lithology, infilling, alteration
- ▶ hydraulic activity

Needed to help direct the collection of borehole data (e.g., drill cutting or core characterization) and identify packer testing intervals.



# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## ◆ Data deliverables, including raw data should include:

1. Geophysical logging data from instruments
2. Integrated borehole logs
3. Pump test results

## ◆ Manage and Interpret Data with:

- 1. Data visualization software
- 2. Database management software
- 3. Archive data storage systems

## ◆ Types of data include:

### ◆ Borehole Geophysics

- Borehole Caliper
- Optical and Acoustic Televiewer
- Fluid Resistivity (induction resistivity) and Temperature Profiling
- Heat-Pulse Flow Meter (HPFM)
- Natural Gamma

### ◆ Hydraulic Testing and Fracture Connectivity

- Borehole Packer
- Transmissivity Profile
- Reverse-Head Profile

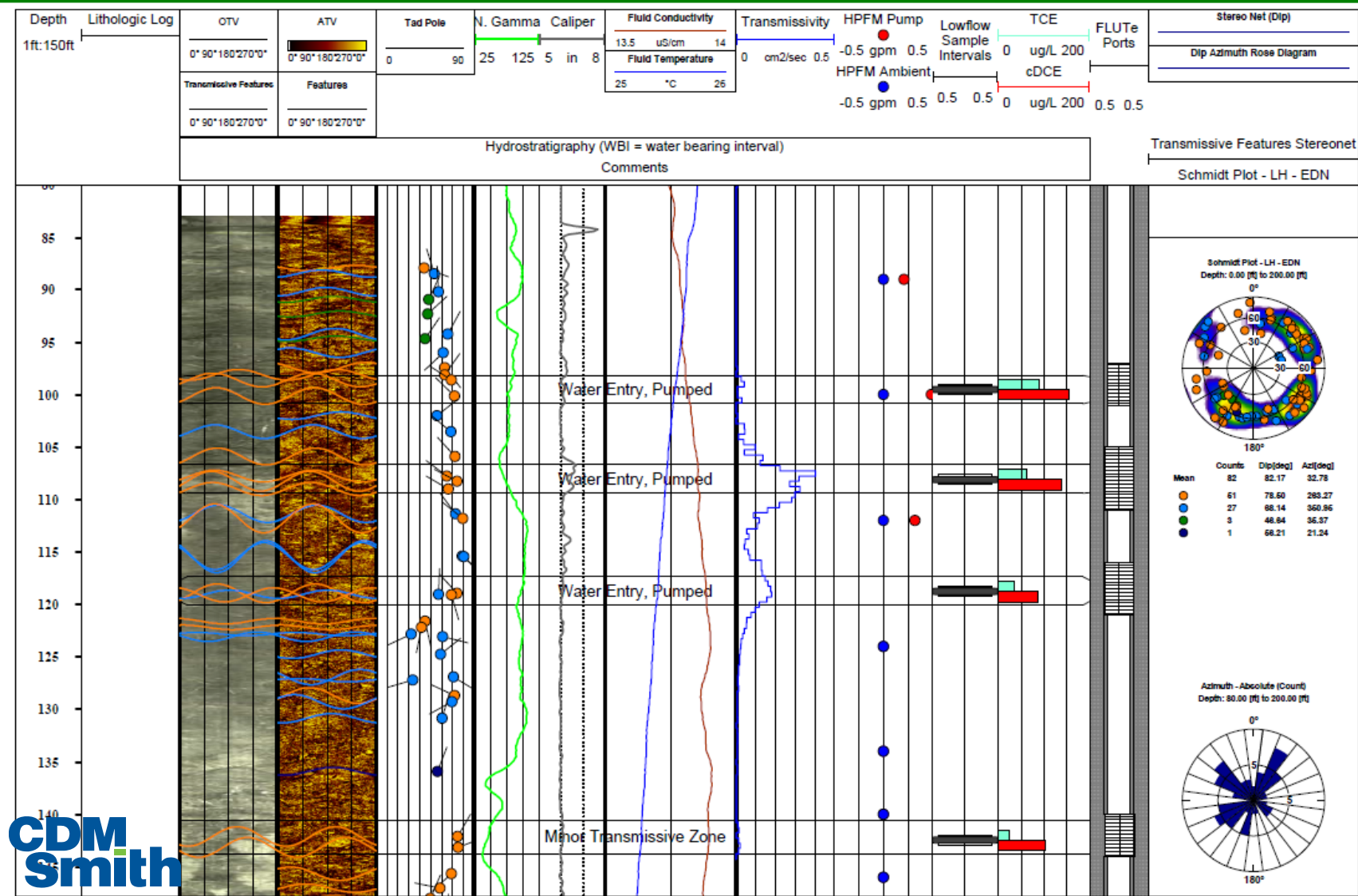
### ◆ Rock Matrix and Fracture Contamination

- Rock matrix/chip analysis
- Groundwater analysis

# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## Composite Borehole Geophysics Log

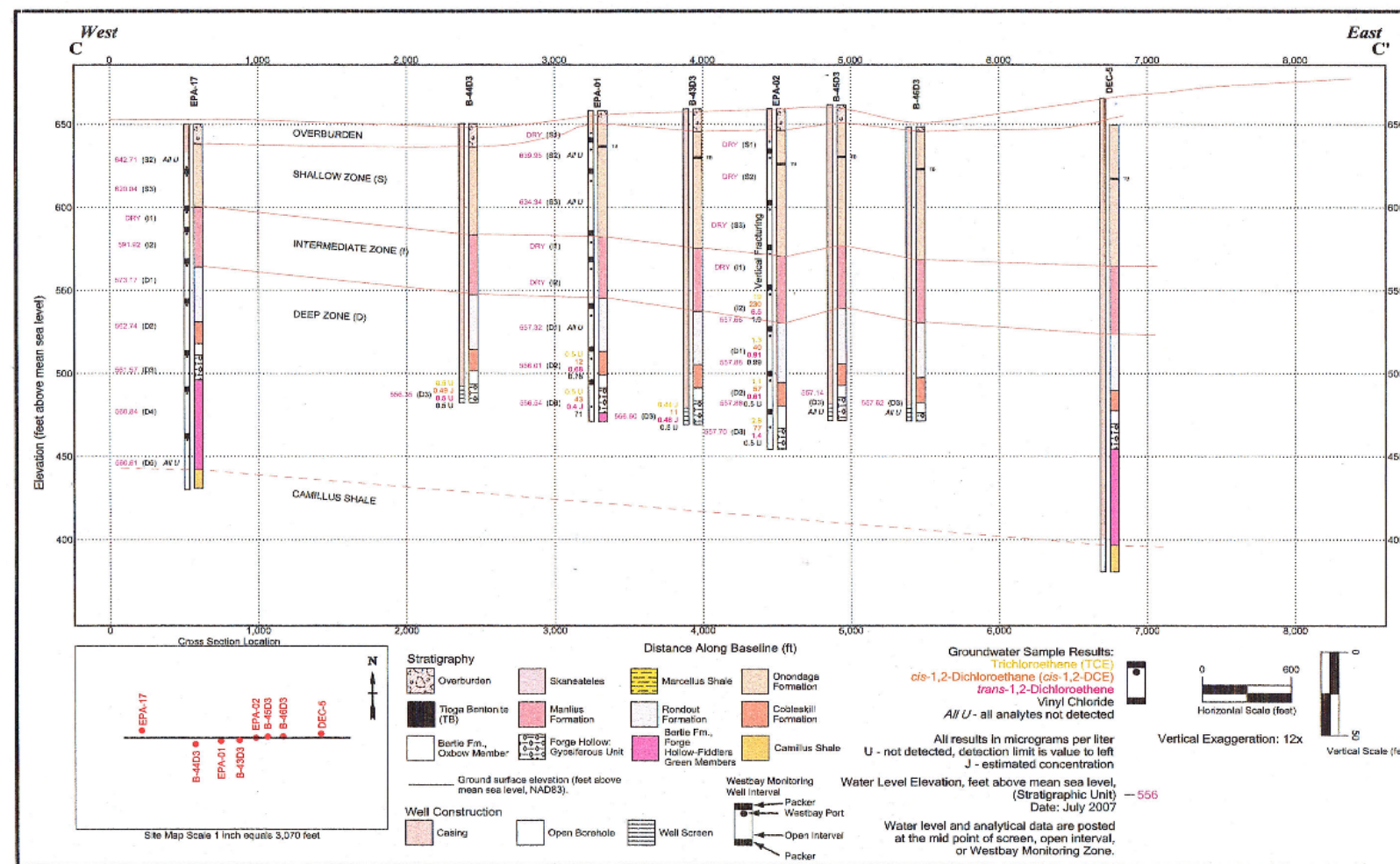


# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## Data Management, Interpretation, and Presentation

### Cross-Sections



# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## Features for Inclusion on Cross-Sections

Physical Features	Geology	Hydrogeology/Hydrology	Contamination
Monitoring Locations	Bedrock Geology	Flow Direction	Source Locations
Utility Trenches	Fracture Orientation	Extraction Wells	Matrix Concentrations
Grade Elevation	Fracture Type	Water Table	Plume Boundaries
Scale and Vertical Exaggeration	Bedding Units (if applicable)	Piezometric Water Level if Different than Water Table	Plume Speciation and Concentration Contours
		Hydrogeologic Units and Lower Boundary	
		Surface Discharge and Recharge bodies	
		Receptors	
	Top of Bedrock Surface	Preferential Migration Pathways	NAPL
		Interconnectivity	

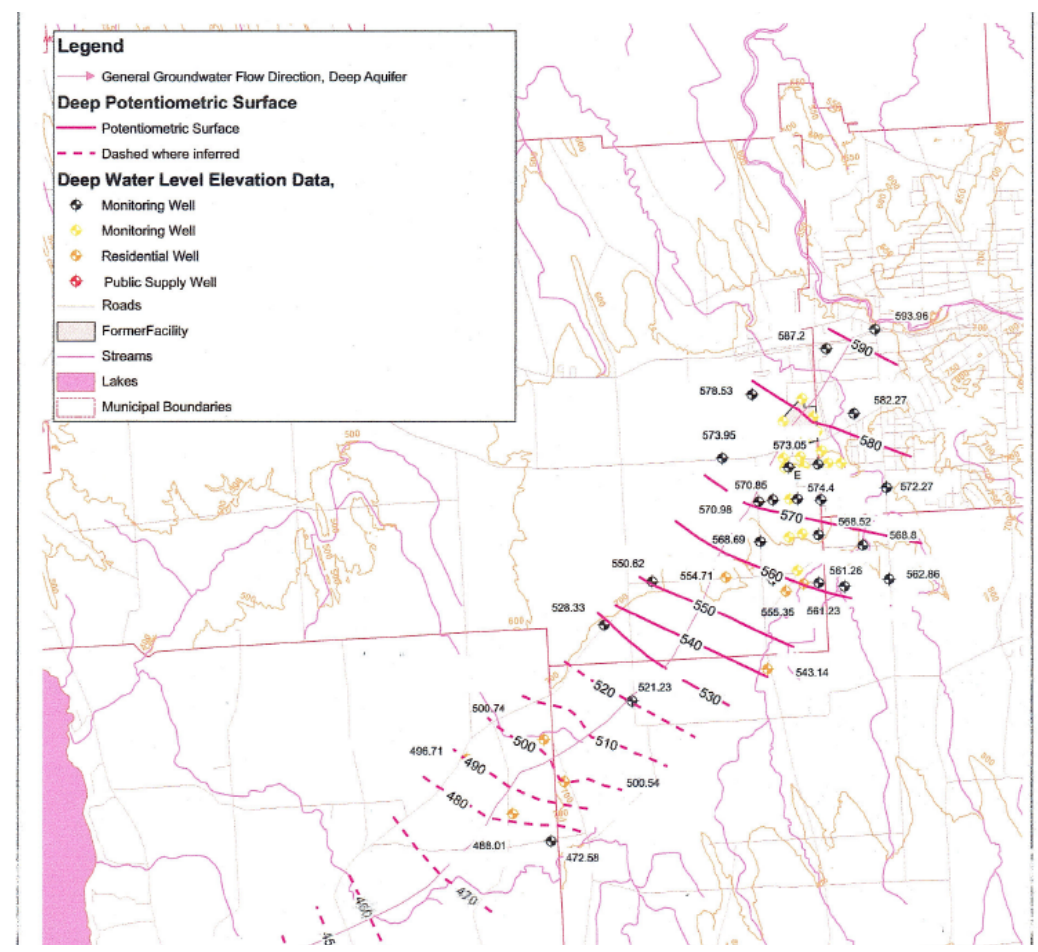


# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## Data Management, Interpretation, and Presentation

Plan View



# Step 7: Evaluate and Interpret Results



## Features for Inclusion on Plan View

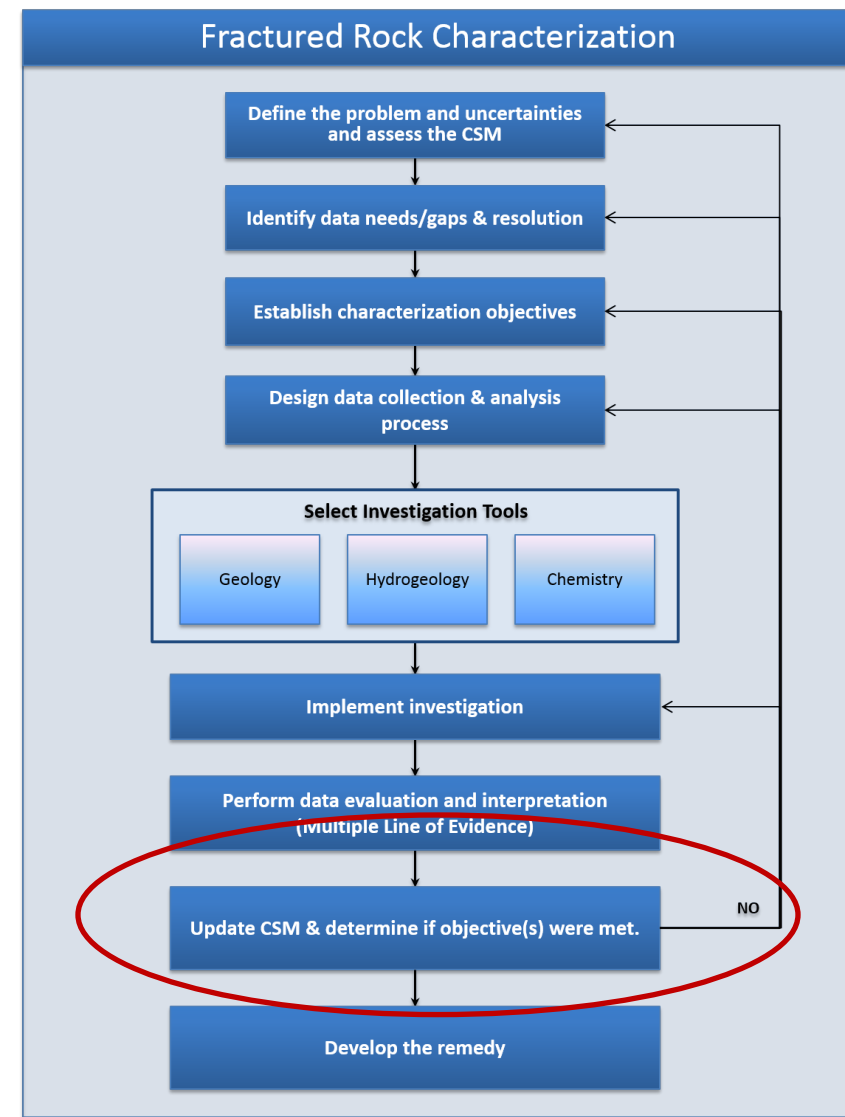
Features that should be considered for inclusion on a plan view representing a CSM

Physical Features	Geology	Hydrogeology/Hydrology	Contamination
Monitoring Locations	Topography (surface)	Water sheds	Source Locations
Utility Trenches	Lineaments	Piezometric Contours and Flow Direction	Plume Boundaries and Contaminant Contours
Property Boundaries	Top of Weathered Bedrock Elevation Contours	Extraction Wells in Each Aquifer	Plume Speciation
Human and Ecological Receptors	Faults	Surface Discharge or Recharge Bodies	NAPL Presence
	Top of Competent Bedrock Elevation Contours	Subcropping and Fracture Planes	

# Step 8: Update CSM



- 7. Evaluate and Interpret Results
- 8. Update CSM**
- 9. Develop the Remedy



# Step 8: Update CSM



## Update CSM

- This should be occurring continuously as new data are available

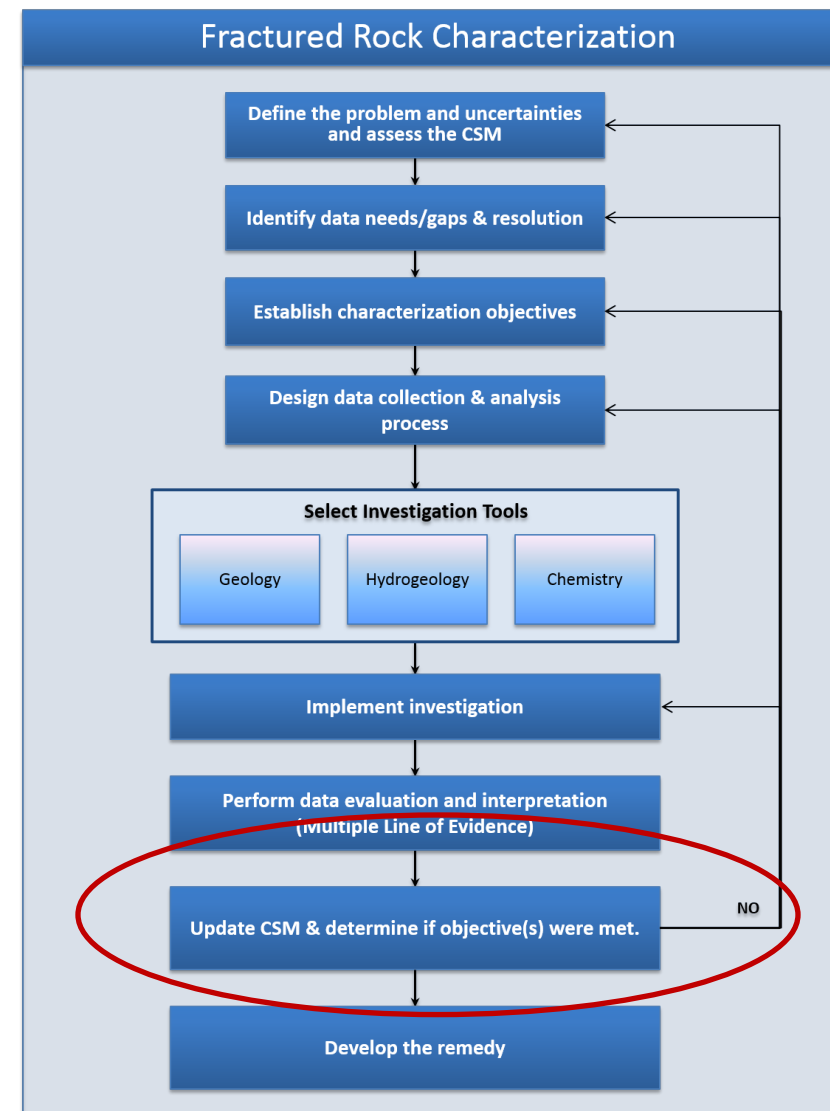
## Are Characterization Goals Met?

No?

- Repeat previous steps as needed to achieve characterization goals

Yes?

- Proceed to Remedy Development

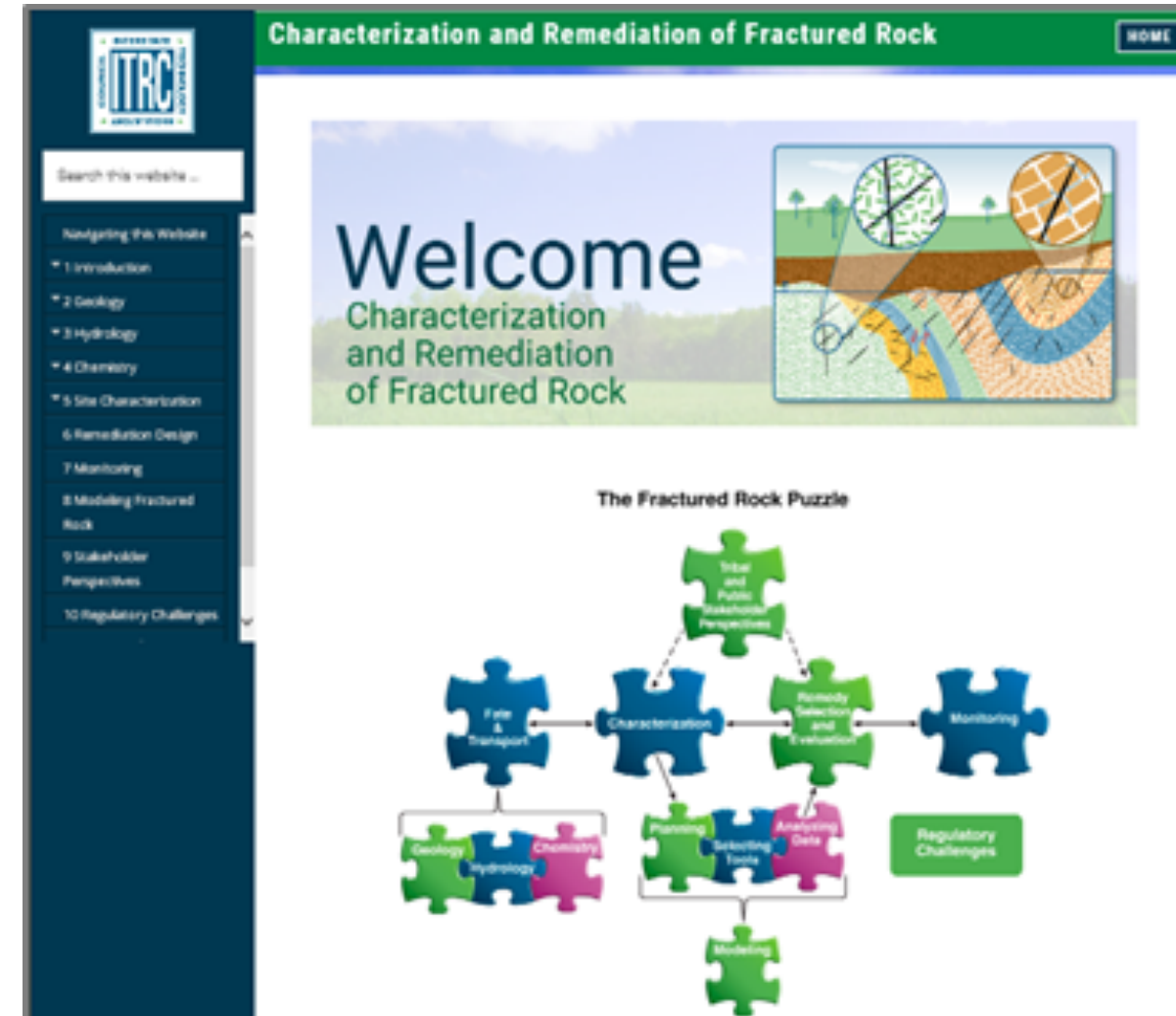




# Overview of the Training



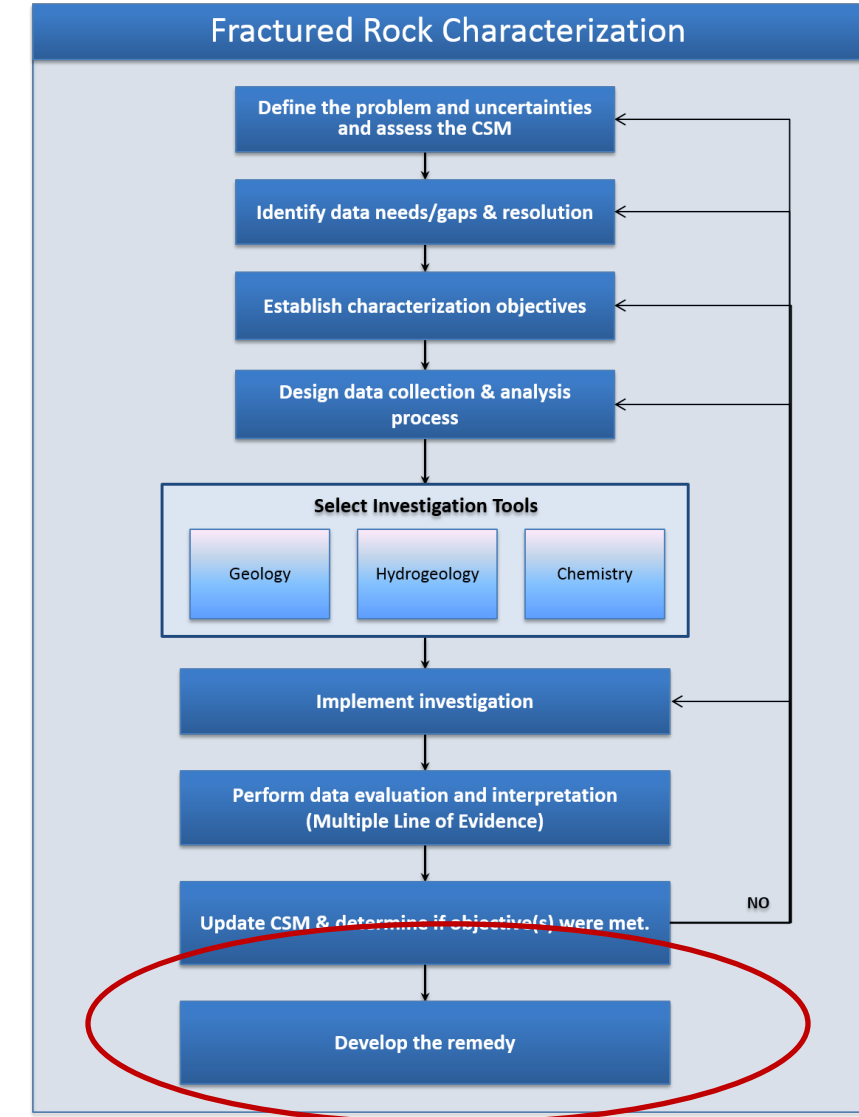
- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Fractured Rock CSM Considerations
- ▶ Fracture Characteristics of Geologic Terrane
- ▶ Fracture Flow & Contaminant Fate and Transport
- ▶ Fractured Rock Characterization
- ▶ **Remedy Development**
- ▶ Monitoring
- ▶ Summary



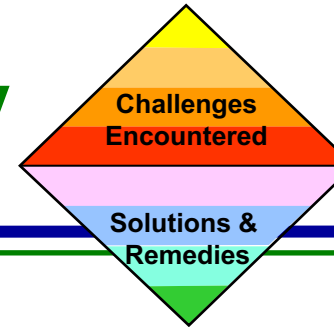
# Step 9: Develop the Remedy



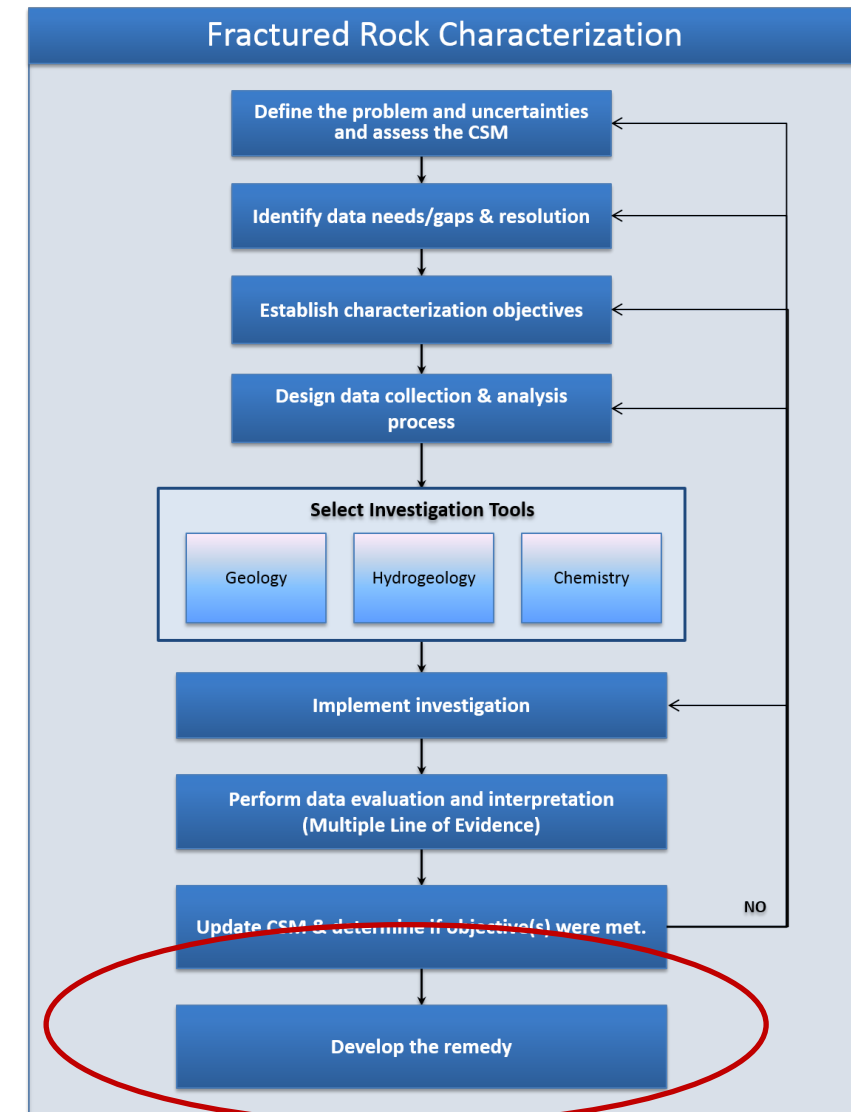
- 7. Evaluate and Interpret Results
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# Step 9: Develop the Remedy



- ◆ Attaining presumptive levels (e.g., MCLs) generally more challenging than in overburden
- ◆ **Focus on “SMART” Remedial Action Objectives (RAO’s)** and risk reduction
- ◆ Consider remedies that have reasonable timeframes and costs, and that:
  - Address most critical risks
  - Foster partial cleanups
  - Address community concerns
  - Progress towards complete restoration



# Step 9: Develop the Remedy



## Absolute RAO's vs. Functional RAO's

### Absolute Objectives- based on broad social values

- ◆ Protect human health and the environment
- ◆ Conserve natural resources
- ◆ Address adverse community impacts (e.g., beneficial use impacts to groundwater)
- ◆ Minimize the burden of past practices on future generations

### Functional Objectives- steps taken to achieve absolute objectives

- ◆ Specific actions to reduce:
  - Risk
  - Extent
  - Longevity
  - Regulatory
  - Community
  - Economic
  - Sustainability
  - Example: reduce loading to the aquifer by treating, containing or reducing source



# Step 9: Develop the Remedy



## Functional RAO's Should be SMART

### SMART means:

- ◆ Specific
    - Objectives should be detailed and well defined
  - ◆ Measureable
    - Parameters should be specified and quantifiable
  - ◆ Attainable
    - Realistic within the proposed timeframe and availability of resources
  - ◆ Relevant
    - Has value and represents realistic expectations
  - ◆ Time-bound
    - Clearly defined and short enough to ensure accountability
- ◆ “SMART” RAOs and risk reduction may consider:
    - Groundwater discharge to surface water
    - Vapor discharge
    - Mass flux zones
    - Source zones
  - ◆ Acknowledge uncertainty
  - ◆ Develop contingency plan

# Step 9: Develop the Remedy



## Functional RAO's Time Frame

- ◆ Time frame should accommodate
  - Accountability
  - Natural variation of contaminant concentration and aquifer conditions
  - Reliable predictions
  - Scientific understanding and technical ability
- ◆ **Team suggests 20 years or less for Functional Objectives**

*Site management and active remediation timeframe may continue for much longer*

# Step 9: Develop the Remedy



## Special Considerations in Bedrock

Properties	Difference at Fractured Rock sites	Impact
Transmissivity/ mass storage	Wider spectrum of hydraulic transmissivity and contaminant mass storage domains	Injection and extraction based remedies can be more difficult to implement
NAPL	NAPL has much less water interfacial area	NAPL more difficult to remove/contact and can sustain plumes longer
Groundwater flow direction/flux	Groundwater flow is more uncertain, especially on local scales	Preferential flow can impact amendment distribution; passive remedies (e.g. barriers) can be more difficult
Abiotic/biotic reactions	Wide range of biotic and abiotic interaction with fracture surfaces and rock matrix	Need to understand rock types and whether matrix is reactive toward contaminants; can enhance MNA at some sites

# Step 9: Develop the Remedy



## Rock Type Influences Remedy Selection

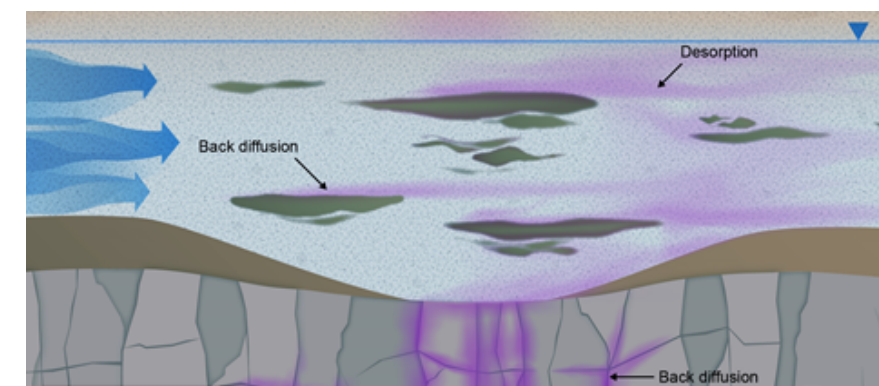
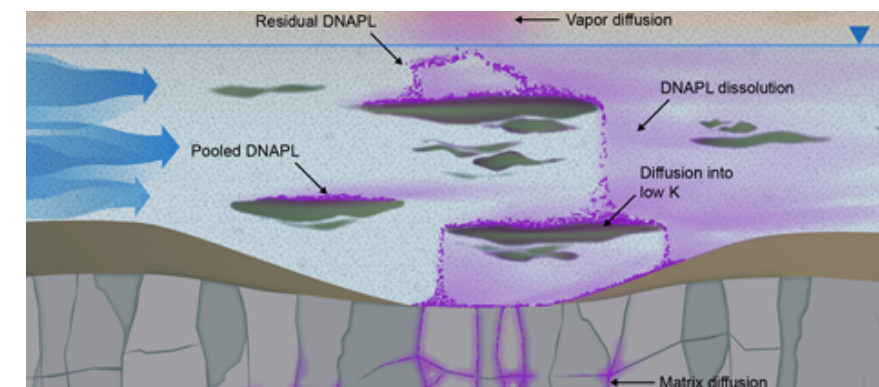
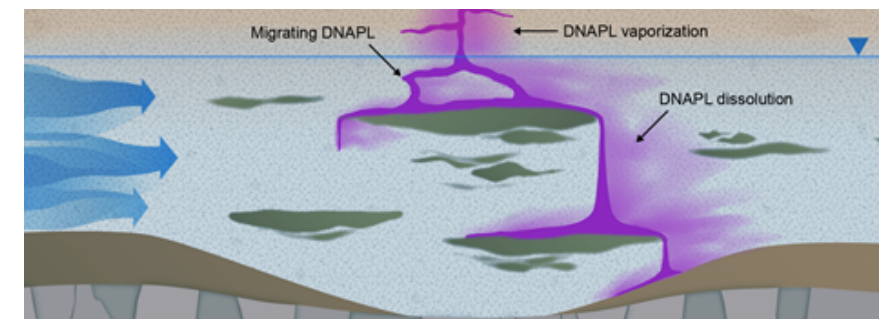
- ◆ Begin technology screening with consideration of general rock types
  - Rock type affects fate, transport, storage, geochemistry characteristics, and therefore remediation
    - Differences in hydraulic characteristics
    - Differences in organic carbon content
    - Abiotic transformation reactions



# Contaminant Characteristic Considerations



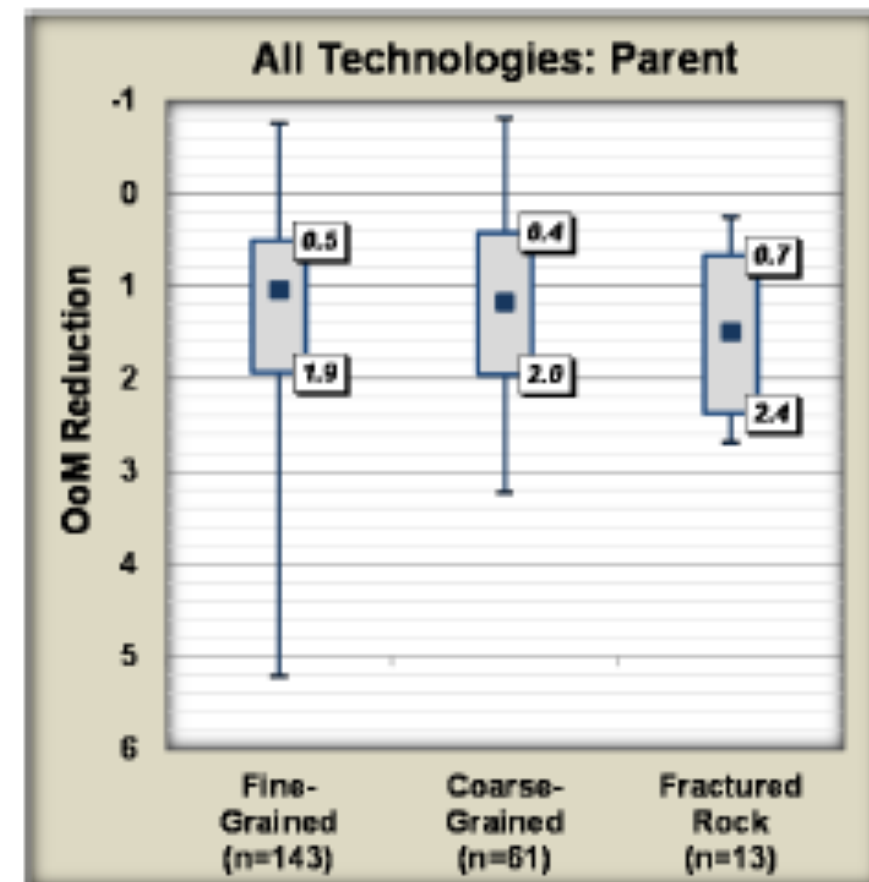
- ◆ Highly soluble contaminants may exhibit strong matrix diffusion
  - Subsequent back diffusion following remediation of contamination within secondary porosity
- ◆ NAPLs may be transported great distances
  - Horizontal and/or vertical transport in fracture network
- ◆ Water-contaminant-rock interactions very different on fracture surfaces than in rock matrix



# Performance at Fractured Rock Sites



- ◆ Overall fractured rock sites could be treated but required more detailed CSMs.
- ◆ In some instances, remediation is easier if target vertical/fracture intervals are identified.



# Technology Screening Matrix (Table 6-2)



**Table 6-2. Remediation Technology Screening Matrix for Fractured Bedrock Environments**

Representative Rock Types / Origin				21-Compartment Model Elements			Physical					Containment		Chemical / Biological						
				Porosity		Matrix Storage	Removal	Thermal	Air Sparge	Vapor & Multiphase Extraction	Surfactant Flushing	Pump & Treat	Permeable Reactive Barrier	ISCO		ISCR		ISB		
				Primary	Secondary									Short-lived oxidant	Long-lived oxidant	Short-lived reductant	Long-lived reductant	Short-lived carbon substrate	Long-lived carbon substrate	
Sedimentary Rocks	Chemical	Coal	Bituminous	H	L	H	Y	U	U	Y	U (?)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
			Anthracite	L	L	L	Y	U	U	Y	U (?)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
		Carbonates	Limestone (including Karst)	H	L or H	H	Y	Y	U	Y	U (?)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	
			Dolomite & Recrystallized Limestone	L	L or H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	U (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
	Clastics	Cemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks	L	H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
		Uncemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks	H	L	H	Y	Y	U	Y	N (?)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y		
		Shale & Mudstone	H	H	H	Y	Y	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y		
Igneous & Metamorphic Rocks	Extrusives	Tuff / Scoria / Pumice	H	L	H	U	U	U	Y	N (?)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y		
		Basalt / Rhyolite	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Intrusives	Granites & Other Crystalline Intrusives	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
		Metamorphics	Foliated Metamorphsics (e.g., Gneiss & Schist)	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Unfoliated Metamorphics (e.g., Quartzite, Amphibolite)		L	L	L	U	U	U	Y	N (?)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y		
Treatment Zone and Phase Considerations			Vadose Zone	NAPL			Y	Y	N	Y	Y (?)	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	
				Matrix Storage			Y	Y	N	Y	N (?)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	
				Vapor phase			Y	Y	N	Y	N (?)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	
			Saturated Zone	NAPL			U	Y	N	N	Y (?)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
				Matrix Storage			U	Y	N	N	N (?)	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	
				Dissolved phase			U	Y	N	N	N (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
				Vapor phase			U	Y	N	N	N (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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# Technology Screening Matrix



Rock Type defines physical properties that influence effectiveness

Porosity		Matrix Storage
Primary	Secondary	
H	L	H
L	L	L
H	L or H	H
L	L or H	L
L	H	L
H	L	H
H	H	H
H	L	H
L	H	L
L	H	L
L	L	L

“H” = “High”  
 “L” = “Low”

Representative Rock Types / Origin			Physical										Containment				Chemical / Biological			
			Porosity		Matrix Storage	Groundwater	Thermal	Air Sparging	Vapor & Multiphase Extraction	Surfactant Flooding	Pump & Treat	Permeable Reactive Barrier	ISCO	ISCR	ISB					
			Primary	Secondary																
Sedimentary Rocks	Coal	Siltstone	H	L	H	Y	U	U	Y	U (7)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y			
		Anthracite	L	L	L	Y	U	U	Y	U (7)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y		
		Lignite	H	L or H	H	Y	Y	U	Y	U (7)	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y		
		Siltstone & Recrystallized Limestone	L	L or H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	U (7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
	Clastic	Consolidated Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Coarse-Grained Sandstone	L	H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	Y (7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y		
		Unconsolidated Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Coarse-Grained Sandstone	H	L	H	Y	Y	U	Y	N (7)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y		
		Shale & Siltstone	H	N	H	Y	Y	U	Y	Y (7)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y		
		Loess / Siltstone / Clay	L	N	L	U	U	U	Y	N (7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		
	Intrusive	Basalt / Rhyolite, Granite & Diorite	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
		Crystalline Intrusive (e.g., Granite & Diorite)	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Igneous & Metamorphic Rocks	Metamorphic	Metamorphic (e.g., Quartzite, Amphibolite)	L	L	L	U	U	U	Y	N (7)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N		
		Metamorphic (e.g., Quartzite, Amphibolite)	L	L	L	U	U	U	Y	N (7)	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N		
	Igneous	Basalt	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		
		Granite	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		
	Igneous	Basalt	U	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
		Granite	U	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Igneous	Basalt	U	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
		Granite	U	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Igneous	Basalt	U	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
		Granite	U	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y (7)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		



# Range of technologies in screening matrix



Physical					Contaminant		Chemical / Biological					
Removal	Thermal	Air Sparge	Vapor & Multiphase Extraction	Surfactant Flushing	Pump & Treat	Permeable Reactive Barrier	In-situ Chemical Oxidation		In-situ Chemical Reduction		In-situ Bioremediation	
							Short-lived oxidant	Long-lived oxidant	Short-lived reductant	Long-lived reductant	Short-lived carbon substrate	Long-lived carbon substrate

Table 6-2. Remediation Technology Screening Matrix for Fractured Bedrock Environments

Representative Rock Types / Origin						Hydrogeology			Physical					Containment			Chemical / Biological					
						Transmissivity (Flow)		Matrix Storage	Removal	Thermal	Air Sparge	Vapor & Multiphase Extraction	Surfactant Flushing	LNAPL Recovery	Pump & Treat	Permeable Reactive Barrier	In-Situ Chemical Oxidation		In-Situ Chemical Reduction		In-Situ Bioremediation	
						Matrix	Fracture										Short-lived oxidant	Long-lived oxidant	Short-lived reductant	Long-lived reductant	Short-lived carbon substrate	Long-lived carbon substrate
Sedimentary Rocks	Chemical	Coal	Bituminous	H	L	H	Y	U	U	Y	U	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	
		Carbonates	Anthracite	L	L	L	Y	U	U	Y	U	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	
			Limestone (including Karst)	H	L or H	H	Y	Y	U	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	
	Clastics	Dolomite & Recrystallized Limestone	L	L or H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		Cemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks	L	H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		Uncemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks	H	L	H	Y	Y	U	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	
Igneous & Metamorphic Rocks	Extrusives	Shale & Mudstone	H	H	H	Y	Y	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
		Tuff / Scoria / Pumice	H	L	H	U	U	U	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	
		Basalt / Rhyolite	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Intrusives	Granites & Other Crystalline Intrusives	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		Foliated Metamorphics (e.g., Gneiss & Schist)	L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		Unfoliated Metamorphics (e.g., Quartzite, Amphibolite)	L	L	L	U	U	U	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	
Treatment Zone and Phase Considerations		Vadose Zone	NAPL	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	
			Matrix Storage (sorbed mass)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
			Vapor phase	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
		Saturated Zone	NAPL	U	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
			Matrix Storage (sorbed mass)	U	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
			Dissolved phase	U	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Vapor phase (dissolved gas)	U	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

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1. Surfactant use in bedrock presents a high degree of uncertainty and was not recommended as a fractured bedrock remediation technology in previous ITRC guidance (ITRC, 2003). However, some case studies have demonstrated success with fractured bedrock sites in some scenarios.

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# Technology Screening Matrix



## General technology applicability

Table 6-2. Remediation Technology Screeni

Representative Rock Types / Origin				Physical				
				Removal	Thermal	Air Sparge	Vapor & Multiphase Extraction	Surfactant Flushing
Sedimentary Rocks	Chemical	Coal	Bituminous	Y	U	U	Y	U (?)
			Anthracite	Y	U	U	Y	U (?)
		Carbonates	Limestone (including Karst)	Y	Y	U	Y	U (?)
			Dolomite & Recrystallized Limestone	Y	Y	U	Y	U (?)
	Clastics	Cemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks		Y	Y	U	Y	Y (?)
		Uncemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks		Y	Y	U	Y	N (?)
		Shale & Mudstone		Y	Y	U	Y	Y (?)
		Tuff / Scoria / Pumice		U	U	U	Y	N (?)
	Extrusives	Basalt / Rhyolite		U	U	U	Y	Y (?)
		Granites & Other Crystalline Intrusives		U	U	U	Y	Y (?)
Igneous & Metamorphic Rocks	Metamorphics	Foliated Metamorphics (e.g., Gneiss & Schist)		U	U	U	Y	Y (?)
		Unfoliated Metamorphics (e.g., Quartzite, Amphibolite)		U	U	U	Y	N (?)

Example: Physical Removal  
Y = Generally applicable  
N = Not generally applicable  
U = Unlikely applicable

Table 6-2. Remediation Technology Screening Matrix for Fractured Rock																			
Representative Rock Types / Origin				21-Compartment Model Parameters					Containment					Chemical / Biological					
				Porosity		Multi-Store	Physical				Long & Treat	Permeable Reactive Barrier	ISCO		ISCR		ISB		
				Primary	Secondary		Removal	Thermal	Air Sparge	Vapor & Multiphase Extraction			Surfactant Flushing	Short-term Containment	Long-term Containment	Short-term ISCR	Long-term ISCR	Short-term ISB	Long-term ISB
Sedimentary Rocks	Chemical	Coal	Bituminous	L	H	L	Y	U	U	Y	U (?)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	
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			Dolomite & Recrystallized Limestone	L	L or H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	U (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
	Clastics	Cemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks		L	H	L	Y	Y	U	Y	U (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		Uncemented Sandstone, Conglomerate, & Other Coarse-Grained Rocks		H	L	H	Y	Y	U	Y	N (?)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
		Shale & Mudstone		H	N	H	Y	Y	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
		Tuff / Scoria / Pumice		H	L	H	Y	U	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	Igneous & Metamorphic Rocks	Extrusives	Basalt / Rhyolite		H	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
			Granites & Other Crystalline Intrusives		H	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Metamorphics		Foliated Metamorphics (e.g., Gneiss & Schist)		L	H	L	U	U	U	Y	Y (?)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		Unfoliated Metamorphics (e.g., Quartzite, Amphibolite)		L	L	L	U	U	U	Y	N (?)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
		Treatment Zone and Phase Considerations		Vapor Zone					Dissolved Phase										
				Matrix Storage					Matrix Storage										
Saturated Zone		Vapor Phase		U	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
		Dissolved Phase		U	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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# Physical Technologies



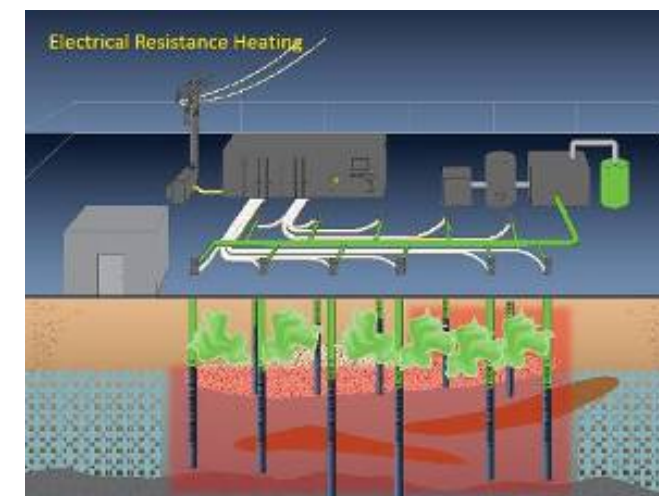
## Removal

- Limited to unsaturated, “soft” or weathered rock
- Good for high matrix storage and primary porosity



## Thermal Methods

- Includes steam-enhanced extraction (SEE), electrical resistance heating (ERH), thermal conduction heating (TCH)
- Different methods have individual advantages and disadvantages for different types of rock
  - e.g., steam would be more effective in crystalline rock than ERH as ERH passes electric current through water so is more effective in rock with higher primary porosity



<sup>1</sup>Kingston et al, 2010

# Physical Technologies

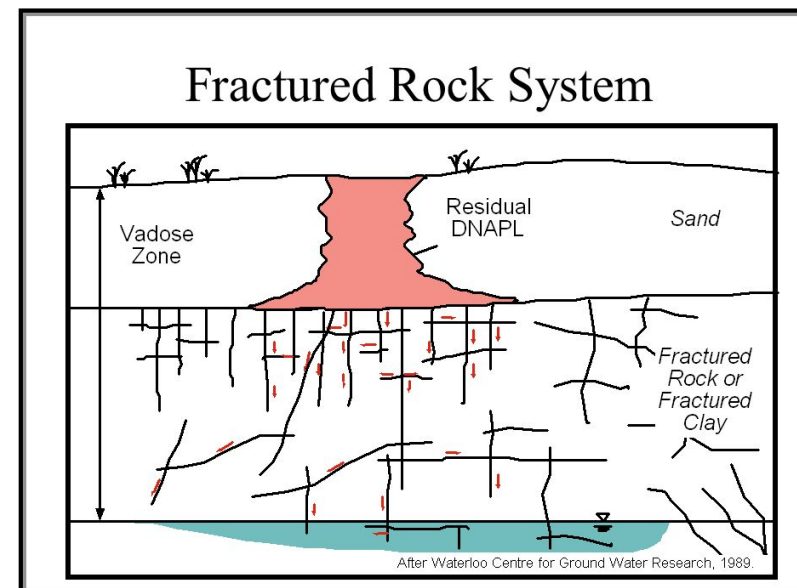
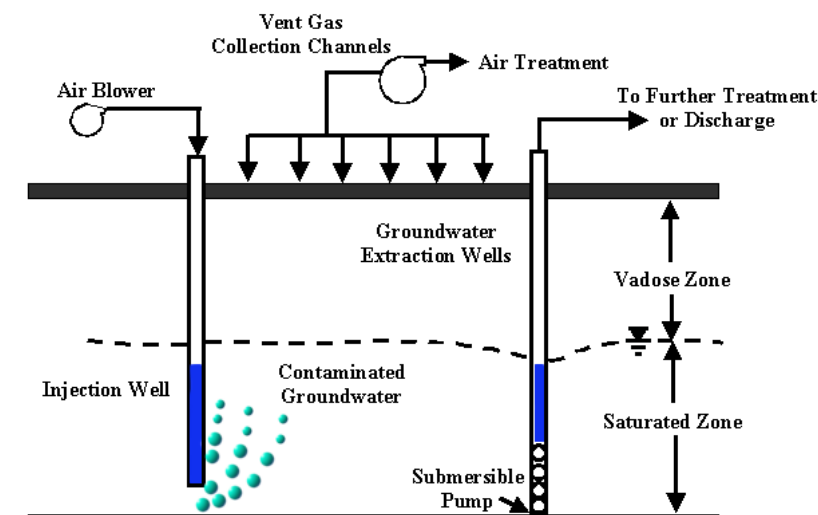


## Air Sparge

- May be limited by bubble blockage in fractures
- Will be limited as it can dewater fractures very quickly

## Vapor and Multiphase Extraction

- Both commonly applied in bedrock
- Design more challenging due to discrete fracture control of vapor and fluid migration
- Commonly coupled with other technologies
  - Component of thermal methods
  - Coupled with peroxide ISCO for of gas control



# Physical Technologies



## ◆ Surfactant / Cosolvent Flushing

- Challenging due to heterogeneous fluid flow
  - Preferential migration through transmissive, large-aperture fractures
  - Little or no contact with NAPL in less-transmissive fracture zones, primary porosity, or matrix storage

**ITRC (2003) recommended against application of surfactants or cosolvents in fractured rock aquifers.**

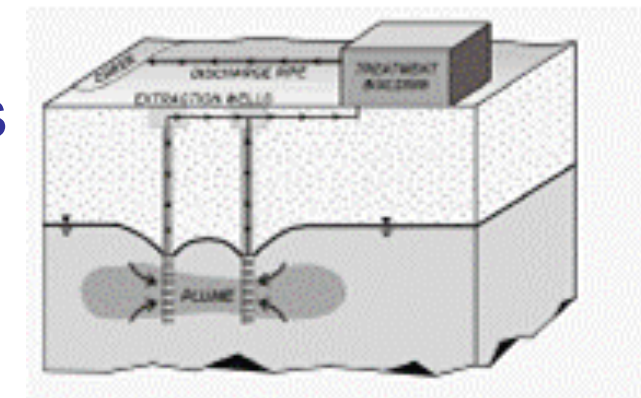


# Containment Technologies



## Pump and Treat

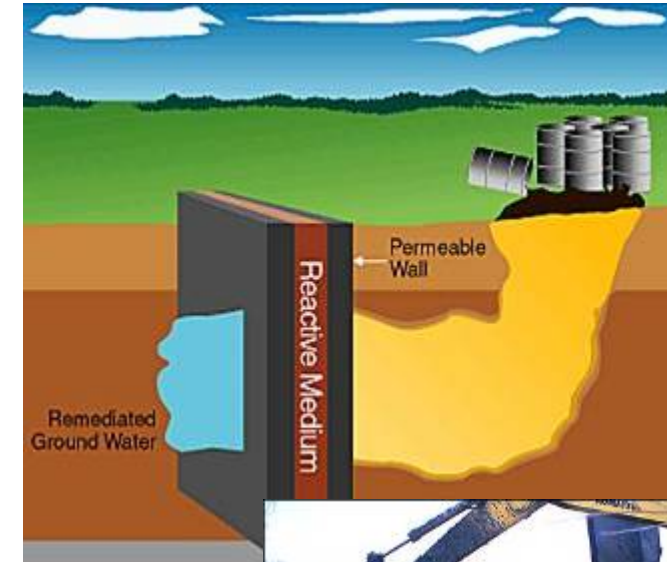
- ◆ Widely applied, but special rock considerations
  - Primary and secondary porosity domains
  - Fracture orientations
  - Multiple intersecting fracture sets
  - Dead-end fractures
  - Communication with overburden or weathered bedrock
  - Contaminant diffusion into secondary porosity
- ◆ Generally an inefficient technology for mass removal, more effective for containment, can be optimized with flexible extraction network



# Containment Technologies: Permeable Barriers



- ◆ Accurate fracture identification and depth resolution are critical
  - Target transmissive, water-bearing fractures
  - Careful coring and logging to identify depths
  - May be ineffective if a transmissive fracture is missed
- ◆ Injected media may affect fluid flow
- ◆ PRBZ technologies most applicable to sites with significant secondary porosity



<sup>1</sup>Liang et al., 2010

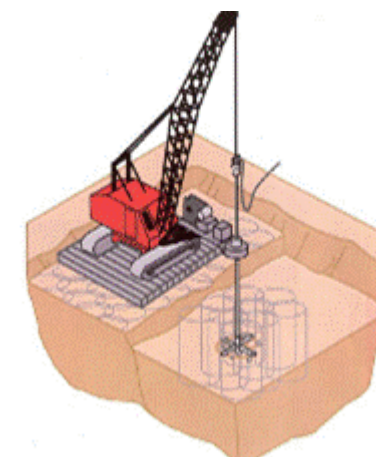
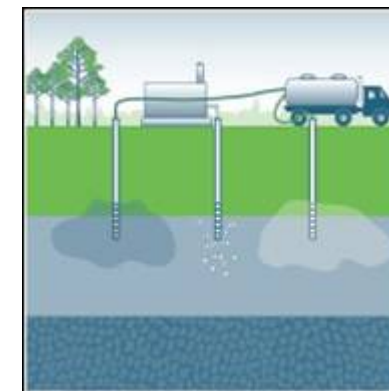
<sup>2</sup>U.S EPA, 1998

# Chemical and Biological Technologies



## In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO) and In-Situ Chemical Reduction (ISCR)

- ◆ Geologic oxidant or reductive demand is generally lower than in unconsolidated materials
  - Distribution to transmissive secondary porosity rather than primary porosity
- ◆ Fracture orientation and density-driven flow
- ◆ If oxidant lifetime is short, back diffusion from primary porosity can create rebound
- ◆ Long-lived oxidants diffusively penetrate rock
- ◆ NAPLs tough to get at



<sup>1</sup>Krembs et al., 2010

<sup>2</sup>Olsen and Sale, 2009

# Chemical and Biological Technologies



## Bioremediation and Monitored Natural Attenuation

- ◆ Widely applied technologies taking advantage of natural phenomena
- ◆ Reagent distribution challenges like ISCO & ISCR
- ◆ Consideration of microbial distribution between groundwater and primary porosity, and biofilms
- ◆ Ability of microbes to migrate into and survive within primary porosity is not well known.
- ◆ MNA is often the transitional technology following active remediation

# Combined Remedies



- ◆ Remedial paradigm has shifted to accept that combined remedies is almost always necessary
  - Emphasize strengths, minimize weaknesses
  - ISCO may kill bugs necessary for bio or MNA, while thermal may enhance bug activity
- ◆ Rock often requires development and/or modification of standard overburden approaches
- ◆ Spatial and/or temporal separation
- ◆ Requires careful designs to consider both positive and negative interactions between technologies
- ◆ The 21-Compartment Model may help develop and communicate combined remedy strategies



# Chemical Technology – A Case Study



**TCE and Hex  
Chrome Bedrock  
Site**

**Circuit Board  
Manufacturing**

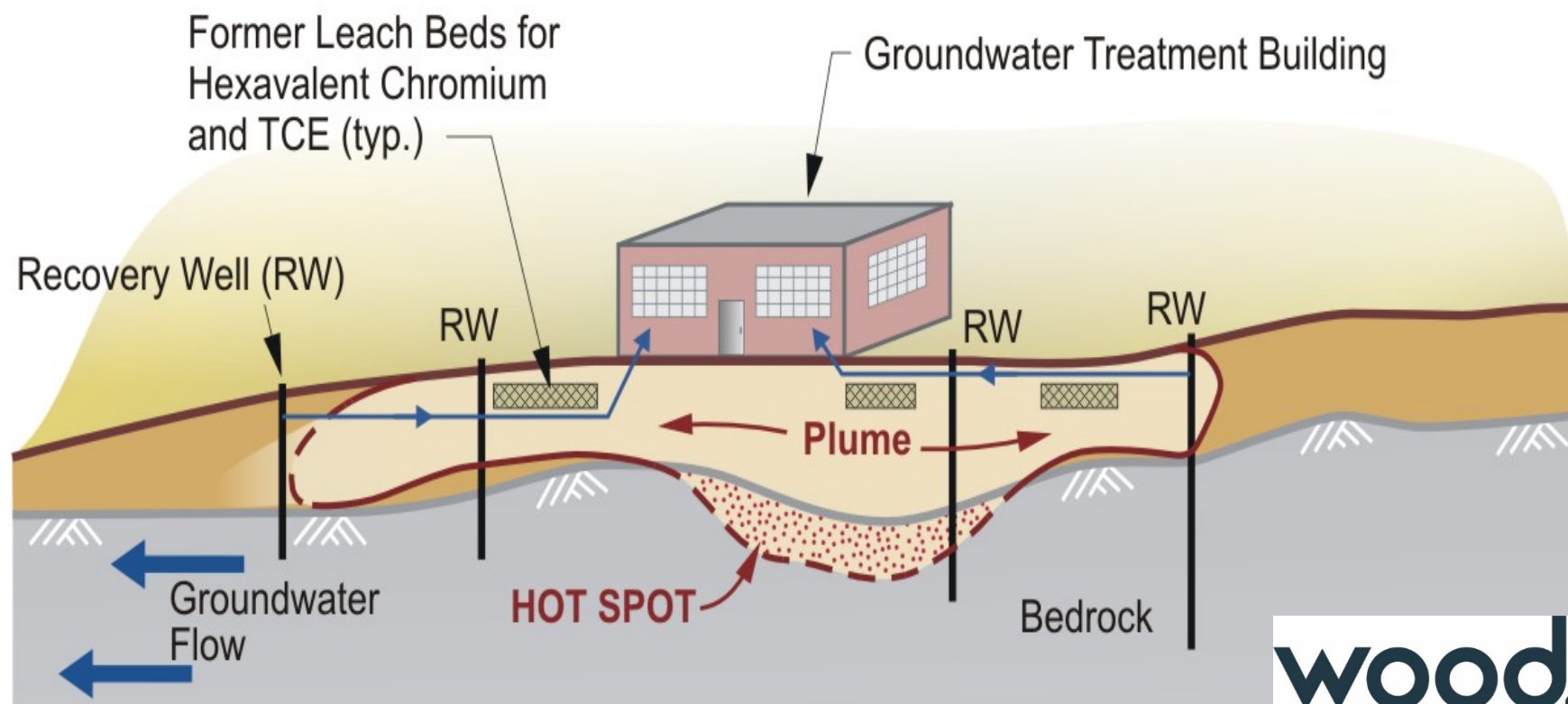
**Classic Back  
Door Disposal**

**Lessons Learned  
in Undesirable  
Side-Effects**

# Chemical Technology – Case Study



## CSM



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**wood.**

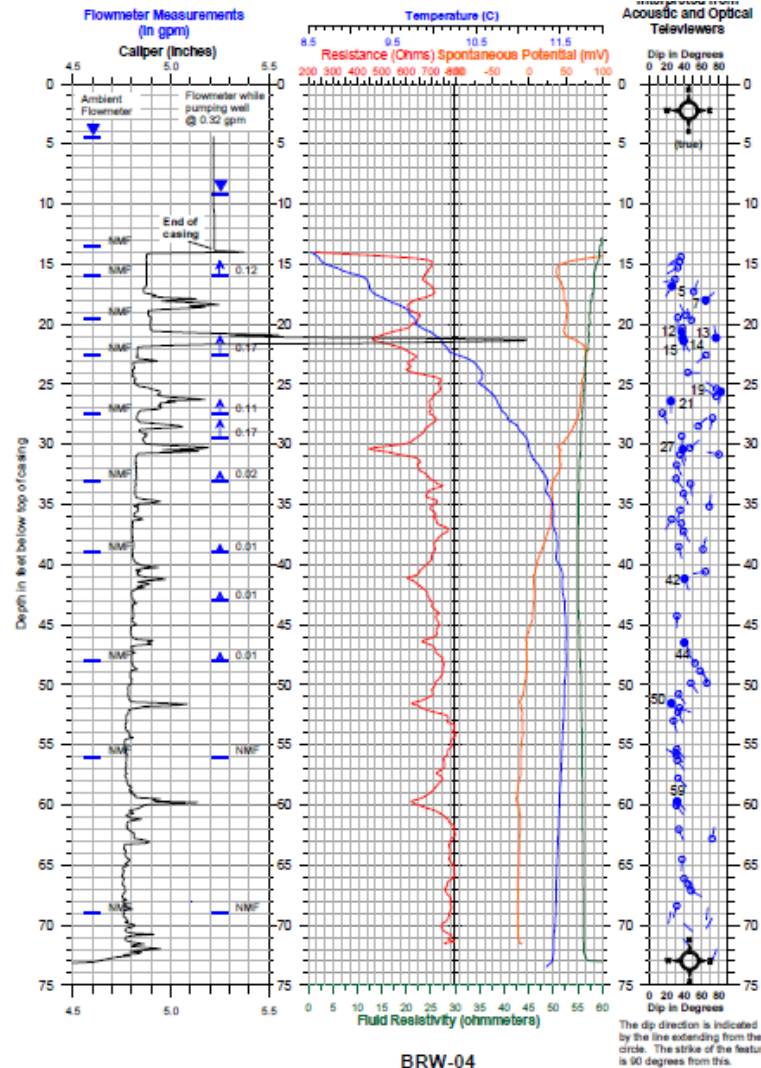
**Wastewater  
discharged to  
several leach  
beds**

**Waste TCE  
dumped out the  
back door**

**Early CSM  
simplified  
distribution to  
shallow bedrock**



# Chemical Technology – Case Study



wood.

Borehole  
Geophysics  
to map  
structures

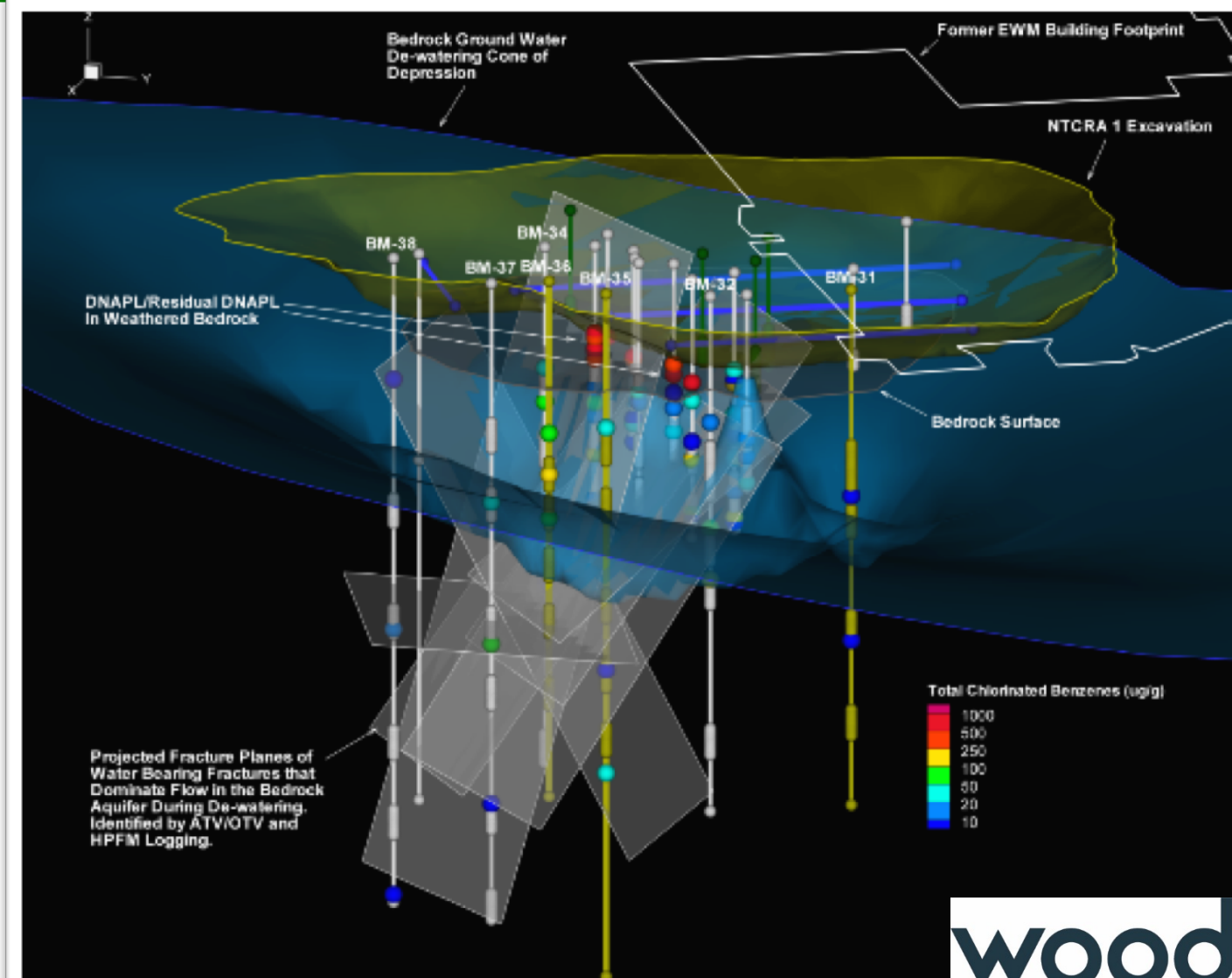
High-  
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sampling to  
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source

# Chemical Technology – Case Study

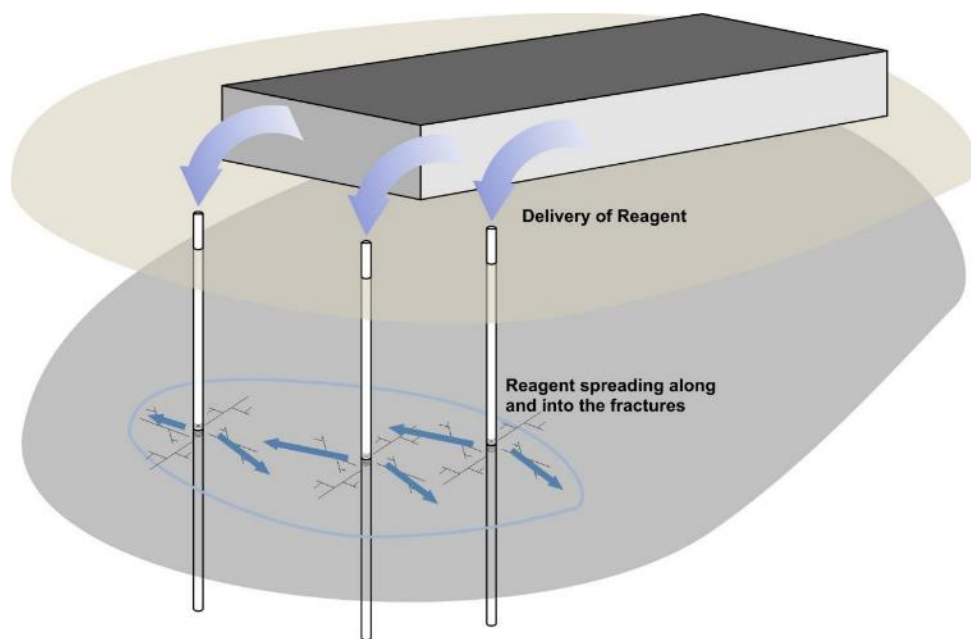


## Borehole geophysics to:

- Define fracture network
- Identify hydraulically significant fractures
- Map fractures between boreholes
- Design tracer test
- Design injection strategy



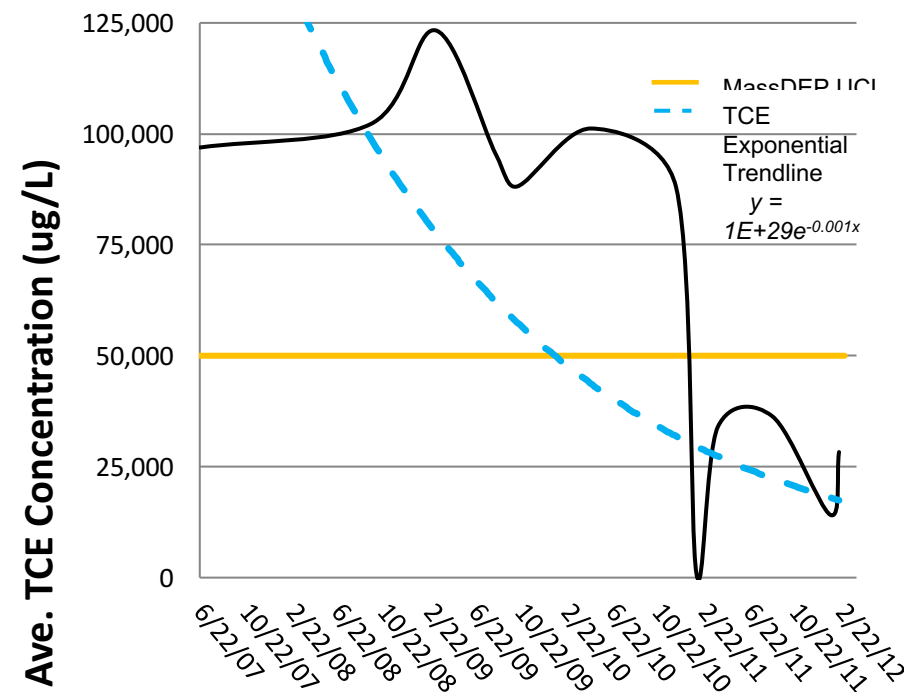
# Chemical Technology – Case Study



**Sodium persulfate first delivered via trenches**

**Major increase in Cr+6**

**Changed delivery to deep wells**



**Added ISCR to mitigate oxidation**

**TCE Reduction > 2 Orders of Magnitude**



# Bench and Field Pilot Test Considerations



## ◆ Bench and field pilot tests provide relevant data

- Treatability, rock-chemistry interaction, reagent distribution, and overall effectiveness

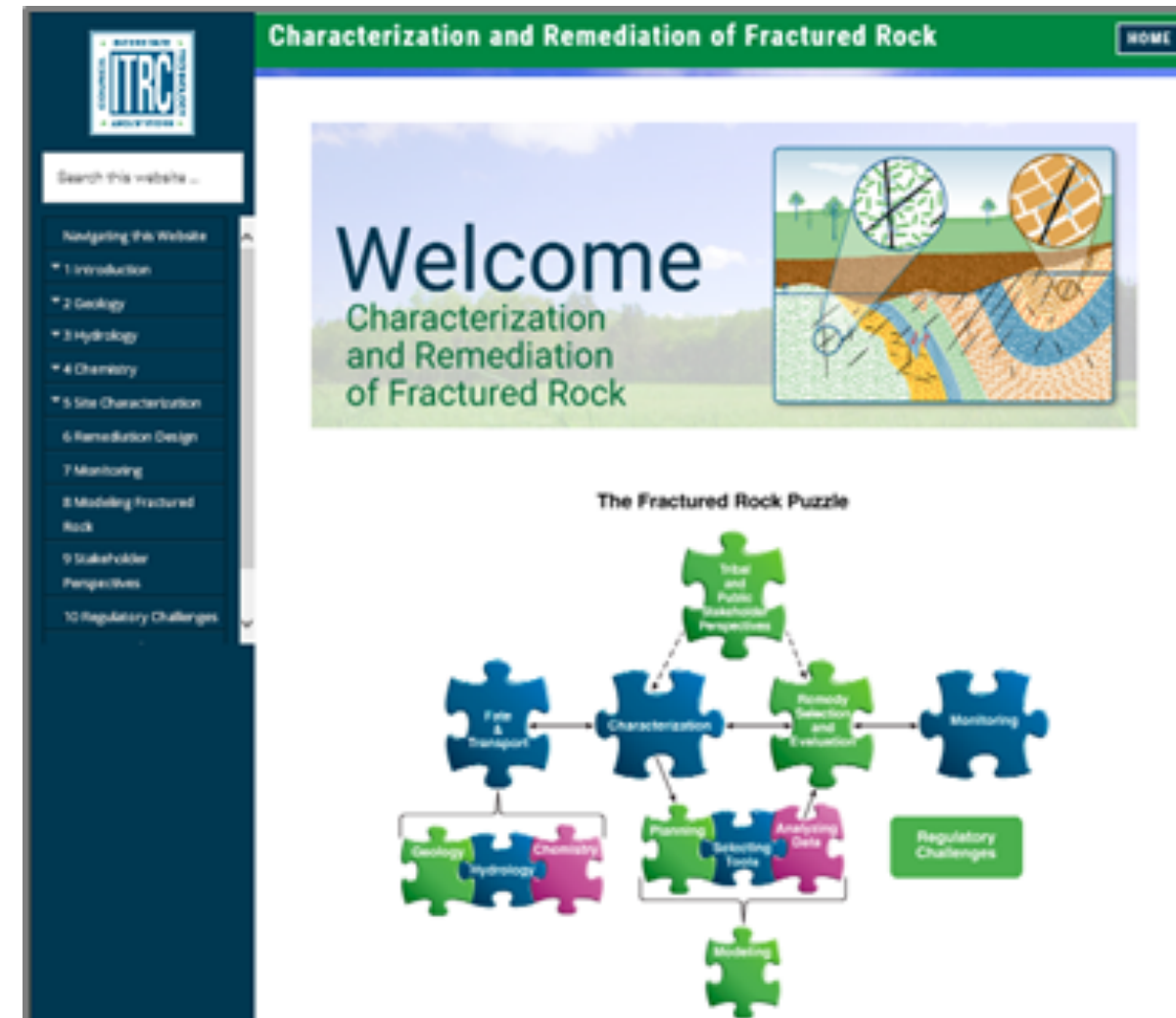
## ◆ Relevant differences from overburden include

- The rock surface area exposed to groundwater, contaminants, and reagents is very different
  - Using crushed rock for bench tests may not be an appropriate surrogate for full-scale treatment.
- Fracture-controlled groundwater flow can be much faster than in granular overburden – implications for reaction kinetics

# Overview of the Training



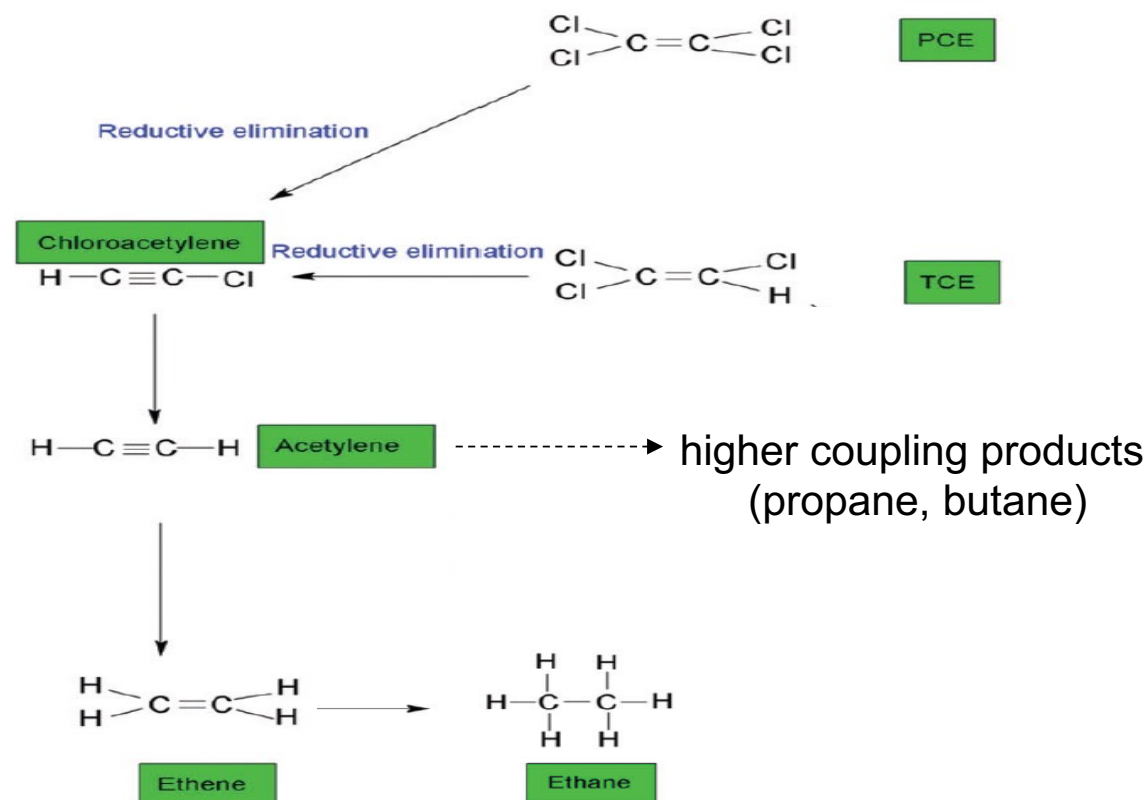
- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Fractured Rock CSM Considerations
- ◆ Fracture Characteristics of Geologic Terrane
- ◆ Fracture Flow & Contaminant Fate and Transport
- ◆ Fractured Rock Characterization
- ◆ Remedy Development
- ◆ **Monitoring**
- ◆ Summary



# Abiotic Dechlorination via Ferrous Minerals

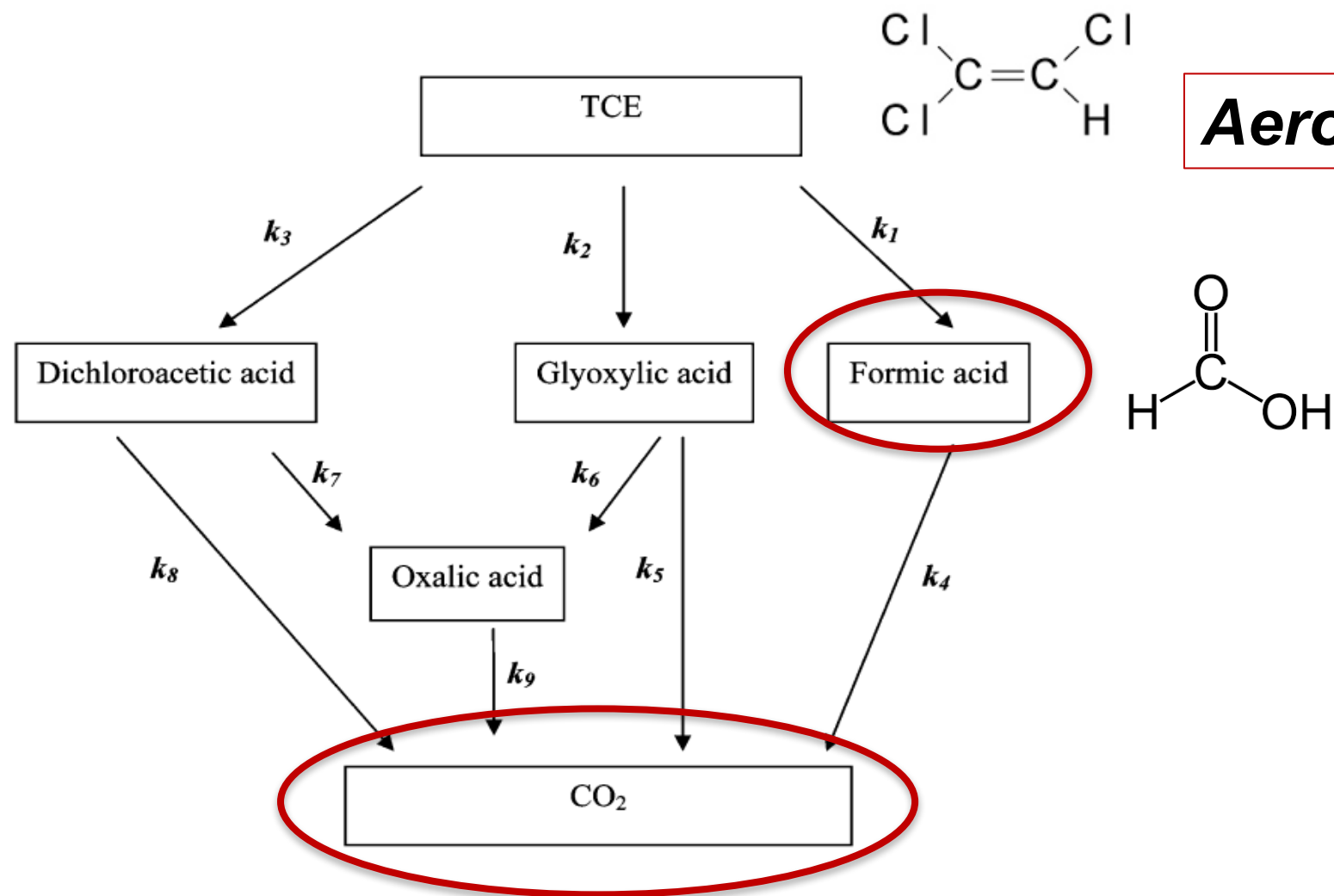
## Ferrous Minerals

## Anaerobic Conditions



- **FeS**
- **Pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>)**
- **Magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)**
- **Green rusts**

# Abiotic Dechlorination via Pyrite Minerals



from Pham et al., *ES&T*, 2009



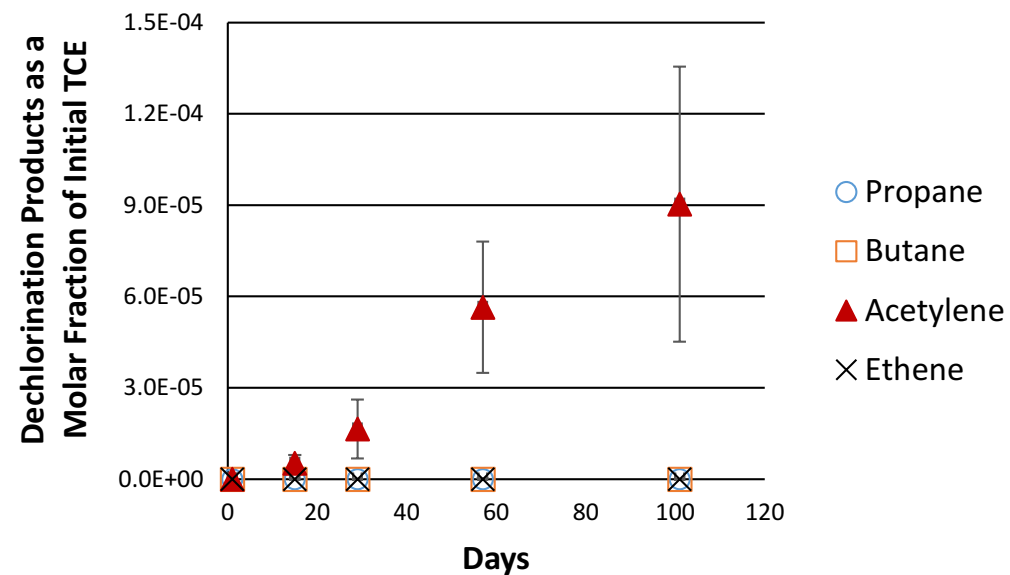
# Test Soils



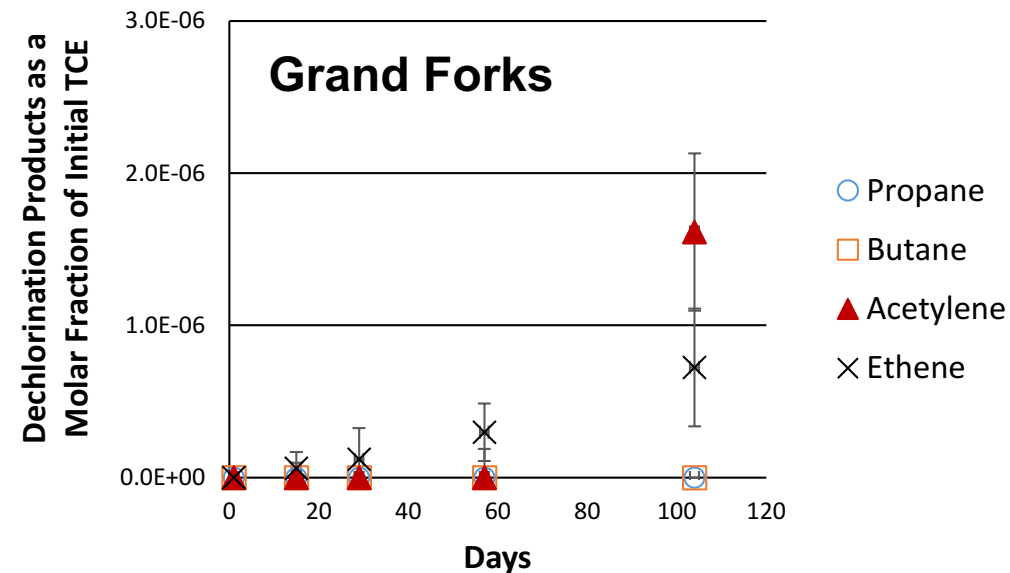
Soil	Ferrous Iron (mg/kg)	Magnetic Susceptibility (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)	Ferrous Minerals Present (XRD analysis)
PR Clay	4.3	$1.1 \times 10^{-5}$	Antigorite
NY Clay	4200	$6.7 \times 10^{-7}$	Chlorite, Riebeckite
Pease Clay	2570	$3.9 \times 10^{-7}$	Chlorite, Siderite, Ankerite
Pease Sand	45	$6.1 \times 10^{-7}$	Magnetite, Siderite, Ankerite
Grand Forks	160	$3.5 \times 10^{-7}$	Chlorite, Siderite, Ankerite

# Results: Anaerobic Transformation Products

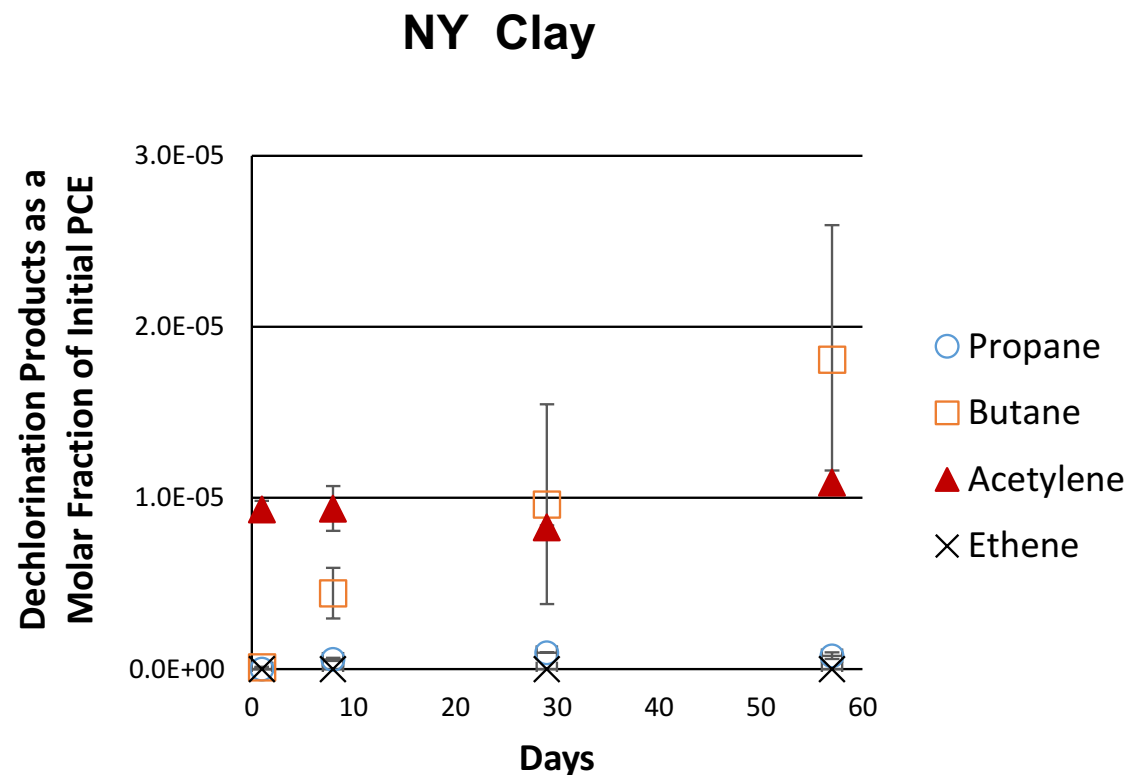
## Pease Clay



## Grand Forks

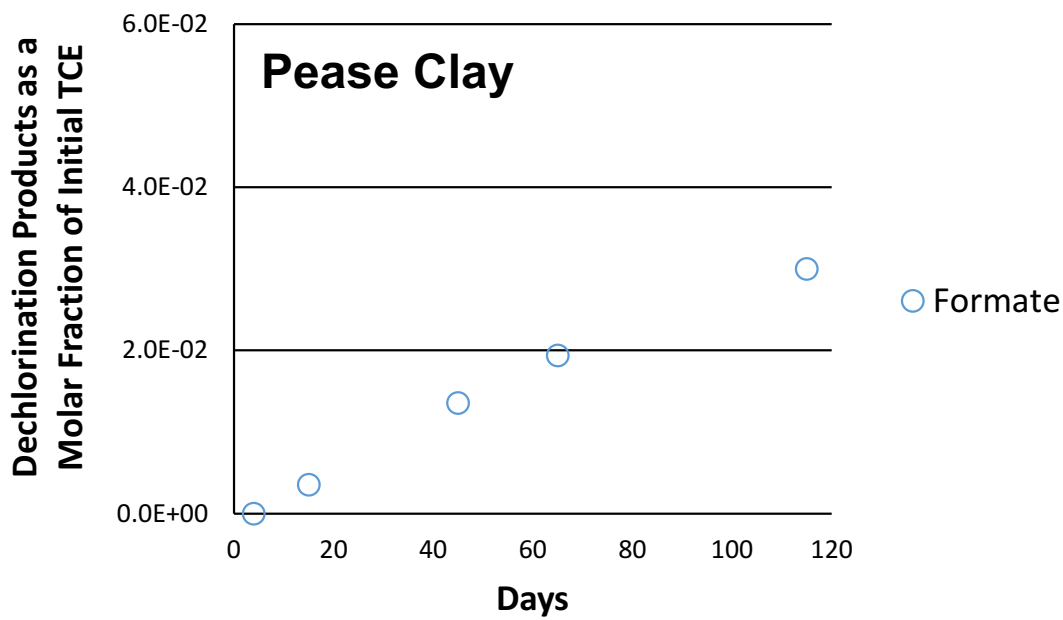


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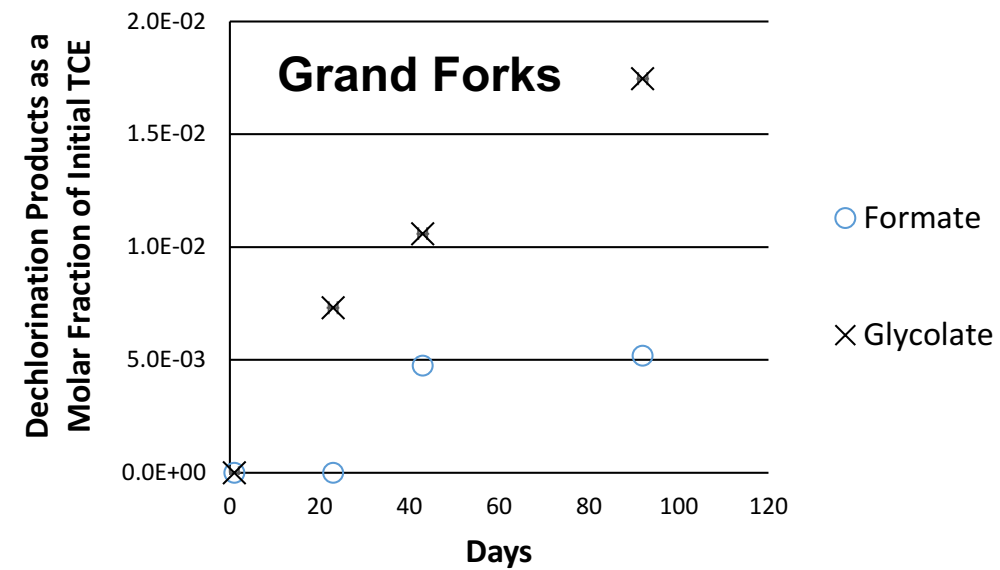


***Propane observed as TCE abiotic transformation product in prior studies using bedrock***

# Results: Aerobic Transformation Products



***CO<sub>2</sub> generation from TCE was below detection***



# First-Order PCE/TCE Transformation Rate Constants

## Anaerobic

Soil	k (day <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>
PR Clay	~0	-
NY Clay	$8.3 \pm .41 \times 10^{-7}$	0.98
Pease Clay	$8.9 \pm .02 \times 10^{-7}$	0.97
Pease Sand	~0	-
Grand Forks	$1.7 \pm .40 \times 10^{-8}$	0.76

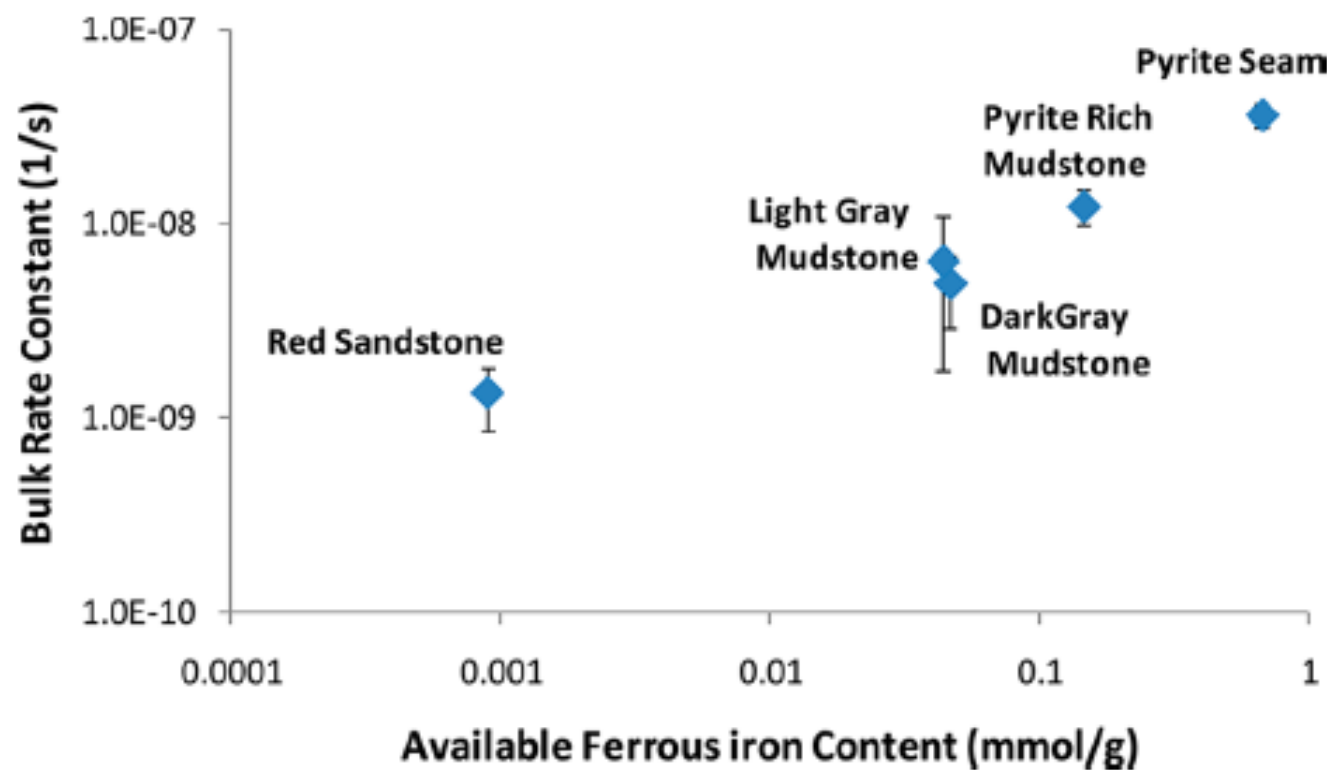
***Aerobic rate constants are much greater than the anaerobic rate constants***

## Aerobic

Soil	k (day <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>
Pease Clay	$2.8 \pm .07 \times 10^{-4}$	0.99
Pease Sand	~0	-
Grand Forks	$2.7 \pm .24 \times 10^{-4}$	0.93

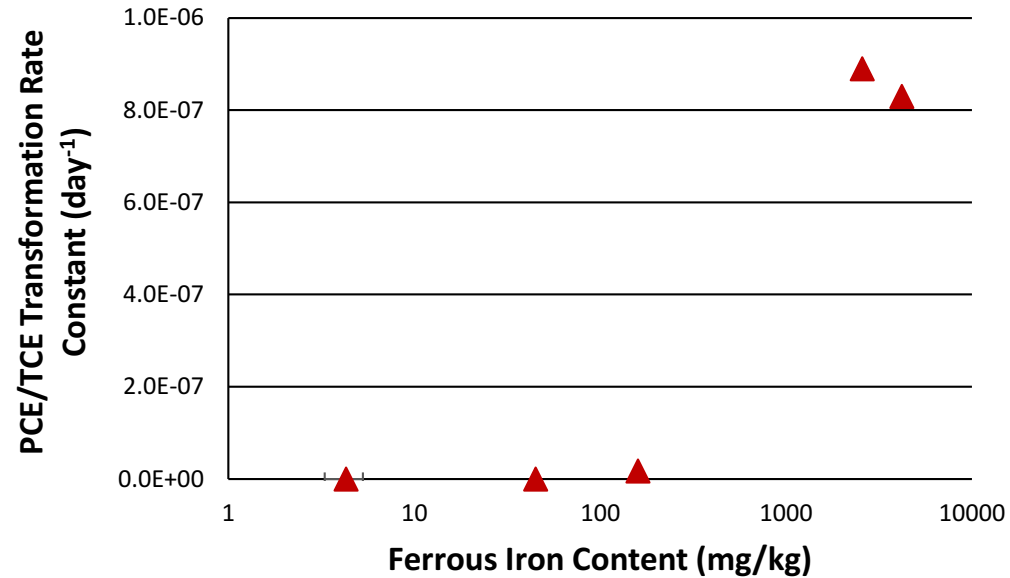


# Rate Constants Related to Ferrous Iron Content

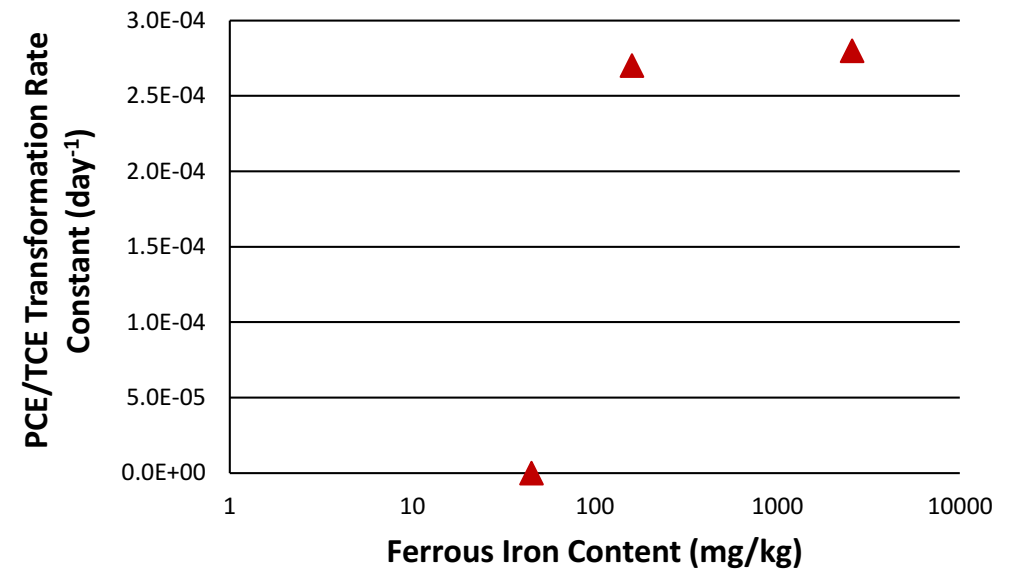


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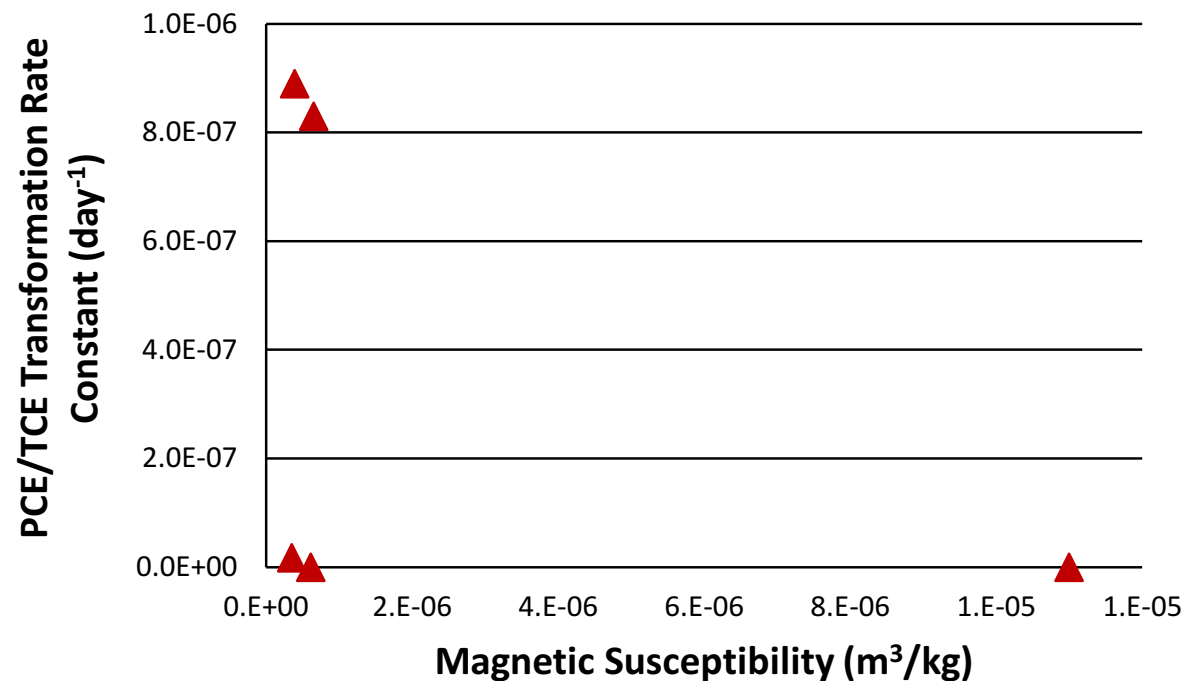
## Anaerobic



## Aerobic



# How About Magnetic Susceptibility?



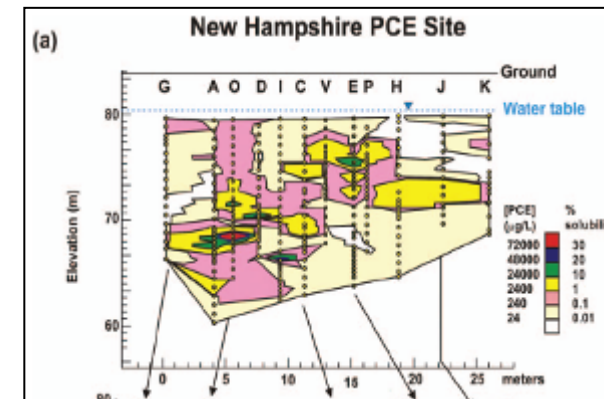
# Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock: Monitoring



## Objective:

Develop a groundwater monitoring strategy for your fractured rock site taking into account:

- ▶ Results of the site characterization,
- ▶ Informational needed to ensure that the selected remedial strategy attaining site-specific cleanup goals



# Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock: Monitoring



Monitoring has several important functions:

- Determining baseline conditions
- Establishing trends
- Understanding the fate and transport of contaminants
- Assessing the performance of a remedial system
- Demonstrating compliance with ROAs and standards

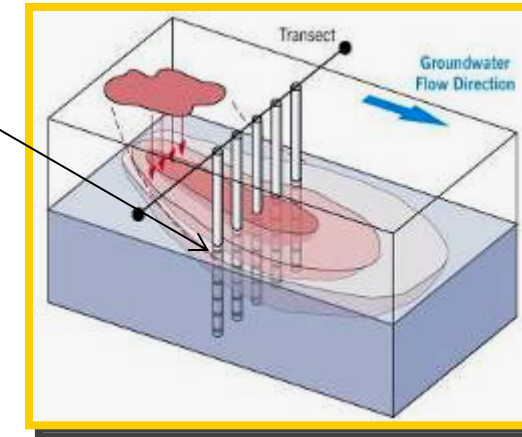
Monitoring efficiently and effectively is the challenge



# Type of Monitoring

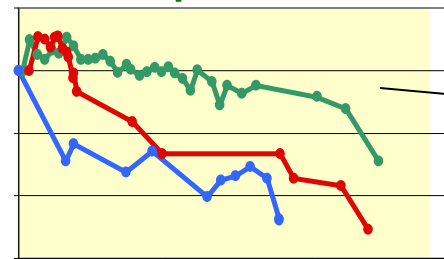
## ► Performance Monitoring

- At end of the day, did it work?
- Compare to SMART functional objectives



## ► Process Monitoring

- We turned it on – is it working correctly?
- Data used to optimize system



## ► Compliance Monitoring

- How are we compared to regulatory limits?
- Is everyone safe?



# Media to Monitor



- ▶ Subsurface gas
  - Monitor migration and/or degradation of contaminants in the fractured rock.
- ▶ Groundwater
  - Monitor concentrations of dissolved contaminants and water level elevation data are needed to monitor groundwater flow.
- ▶ Surface Water
  - Monitor groundwater discharge, surface water quality and impact to groundwater
- ▶ Aquifer Matrix Materials
  - Groundwater or subsurface vapor monitoring data are indicators of conditions in the aquifer matrix materials

**All of these media have associated exposure Pathways:**

- Vapor intrusion/IAQ
- Drinking water
- Consumption of water and organisms
- Benthic community
- Terrestrial and aquatic receptors

# Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock: Monitoring



## Monitoring Network Design

- ▶ Characteristics of the rock type(s) at the site
  - Igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic.
- ▶ Fracture network and bedding orientation and lateral extent
  - Need data from multiple wells.
- ▶ Role of hydrogeochemical zoning
  - Minerals may release metals into solution
- ▶ Receptors
  - Identify, confirm, monitor potential/confirmed human and ecological receptors
- ▶ Overburden and other media
  - Most sites present a combined bedrock/overburden environmental challenge
  - Other media provide clues to bedrock behavior

# Monitoring Locations



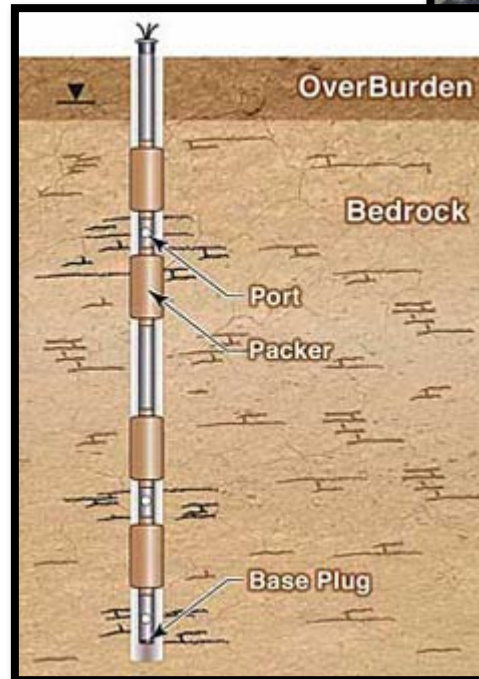
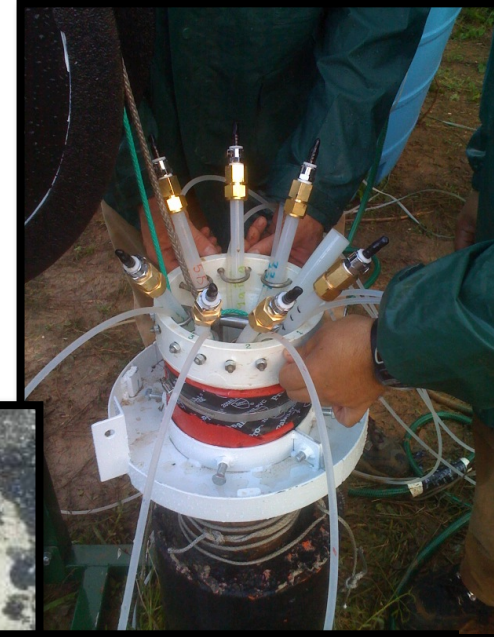
- ◆ Selection of monitoring locations is based on:
  - Fracture network
    - Where are the most transmissive features and what is there orientation?
  - Groundwater gradient and flow direction
    - Where is groundwater, and hence contaminants, flowing?
    - Is flow being refracted by the fracture network or is an equivalent porous media model acceptable?
  - Geochemistry
    - Focus monitoring on fracture zones with site related contaminants.

# Characterization and Remediation of Fractured Rock: Monitoring



## Monitoring Locations

- ▶ Source zone wells
- ▶ Impacted zone wells
- ▶ Up gradient and cross gradient wells
- ▶ Flow path wells
- ▶ Distal portions and boundaries of the plume
- ▶ Sentinel wells.

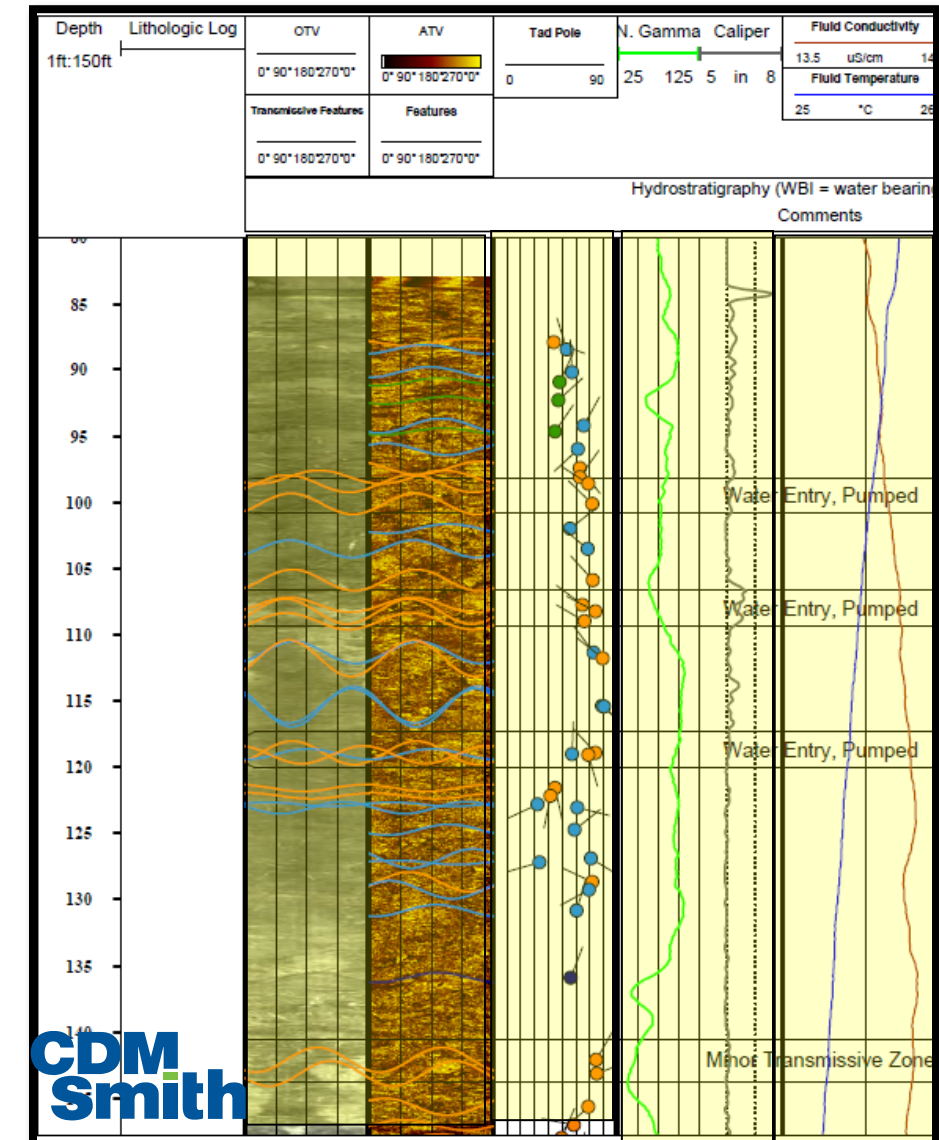




# Borehole Geophysical Logging: Step 1



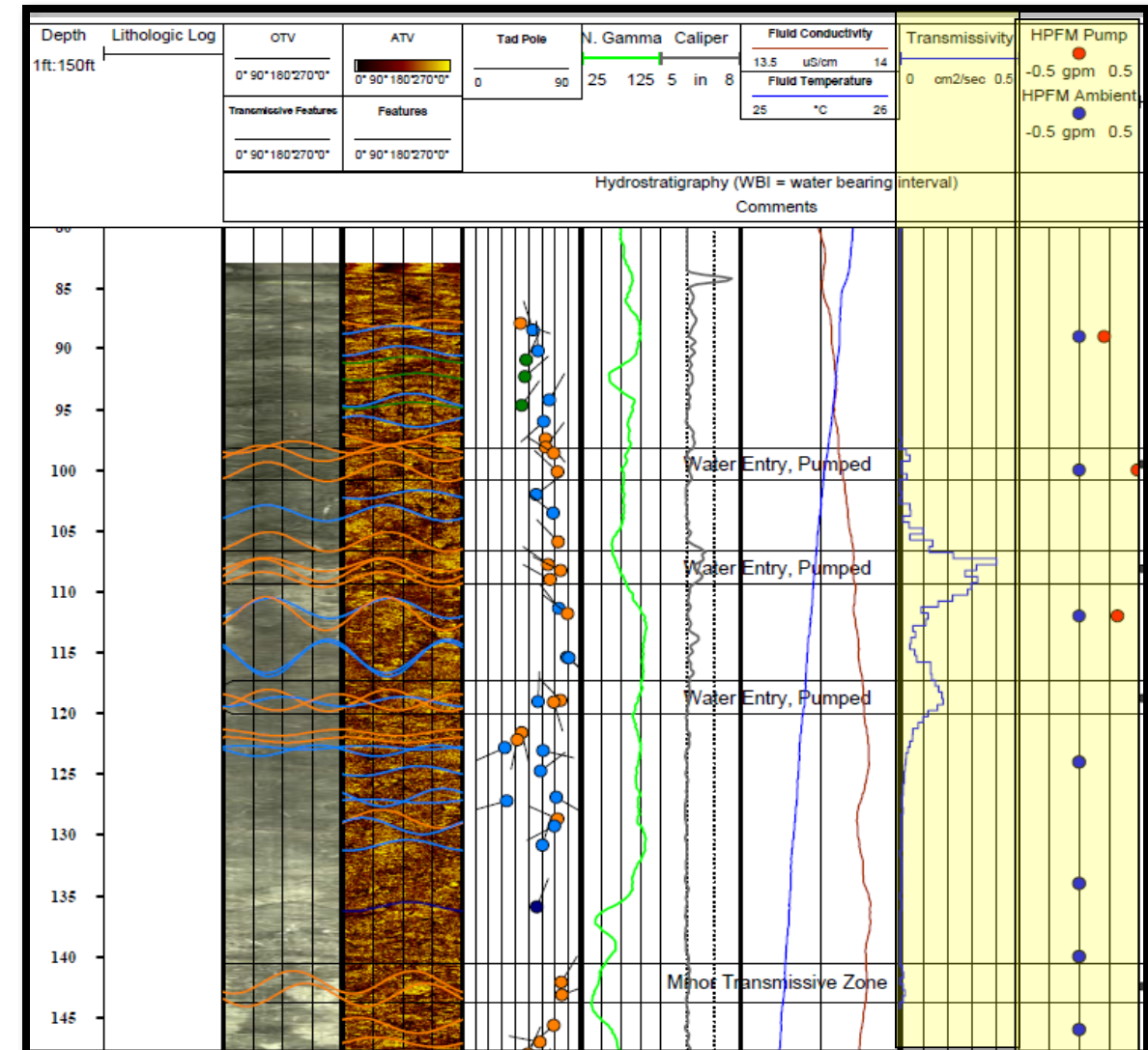
- ◆ **ATV and OTV logs** -characterize lithology and structure.
- ◆ **Tad pole plot**- is structure data derived from feature orientation determined from the ATV and OTV.
- ◆ **Gamma**- lithology & key stratigraphic features such as marker beds.
- ◆ **Caliper**- borehole diameter and is used to process other logs (gamma).
- ◆ **Fluid conductivity and temperature**- provide information on fluid entry and exit points in the borehole.



# Borehole Geophysical Logging: Step 2



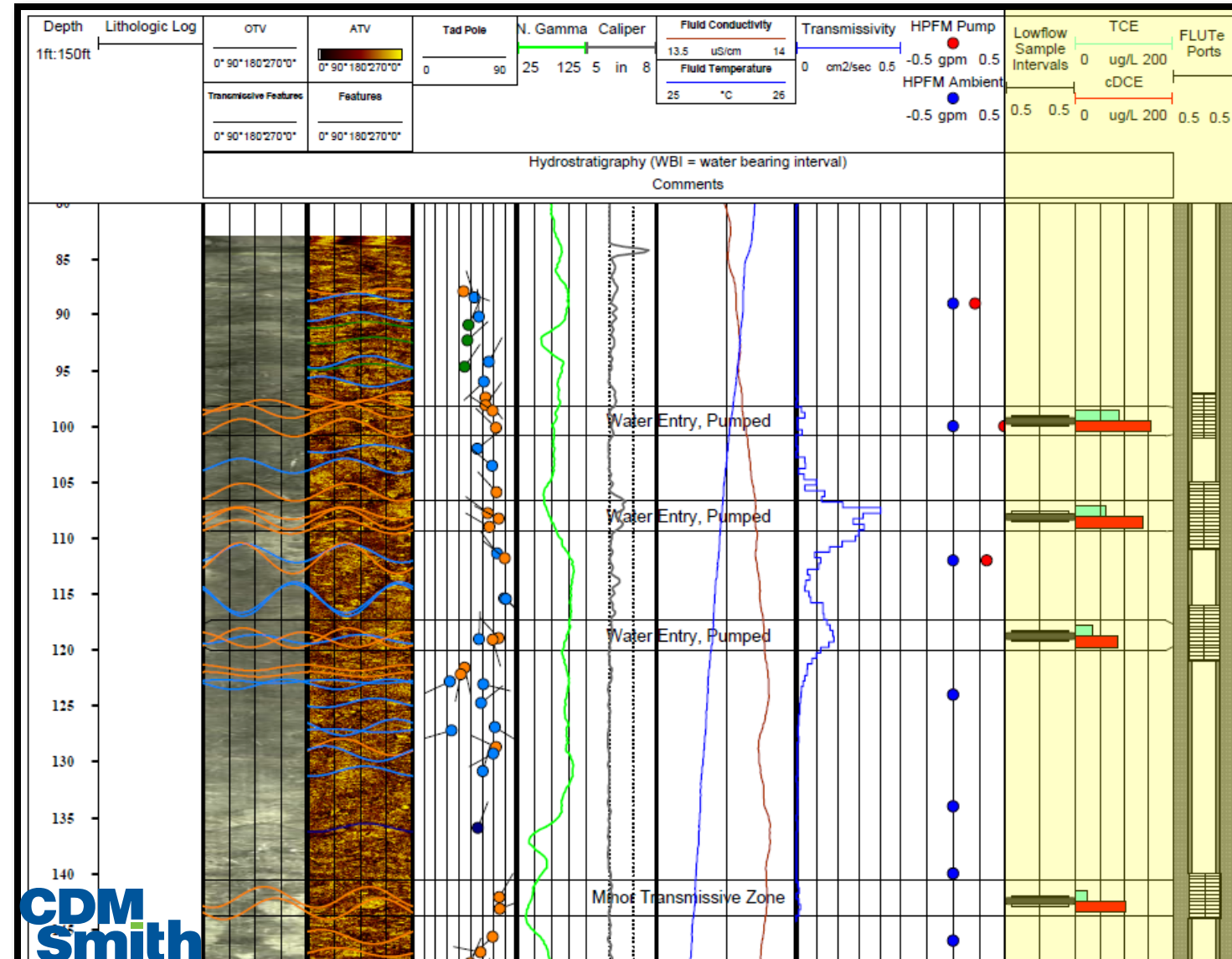
- ◆ FLUTe liner drop test generates a profile of transmissivity in the borehole.
- ◆ Heat Pulse Flow Meter- evaluates vertical flow



# Borehole Geophysics: Step 3



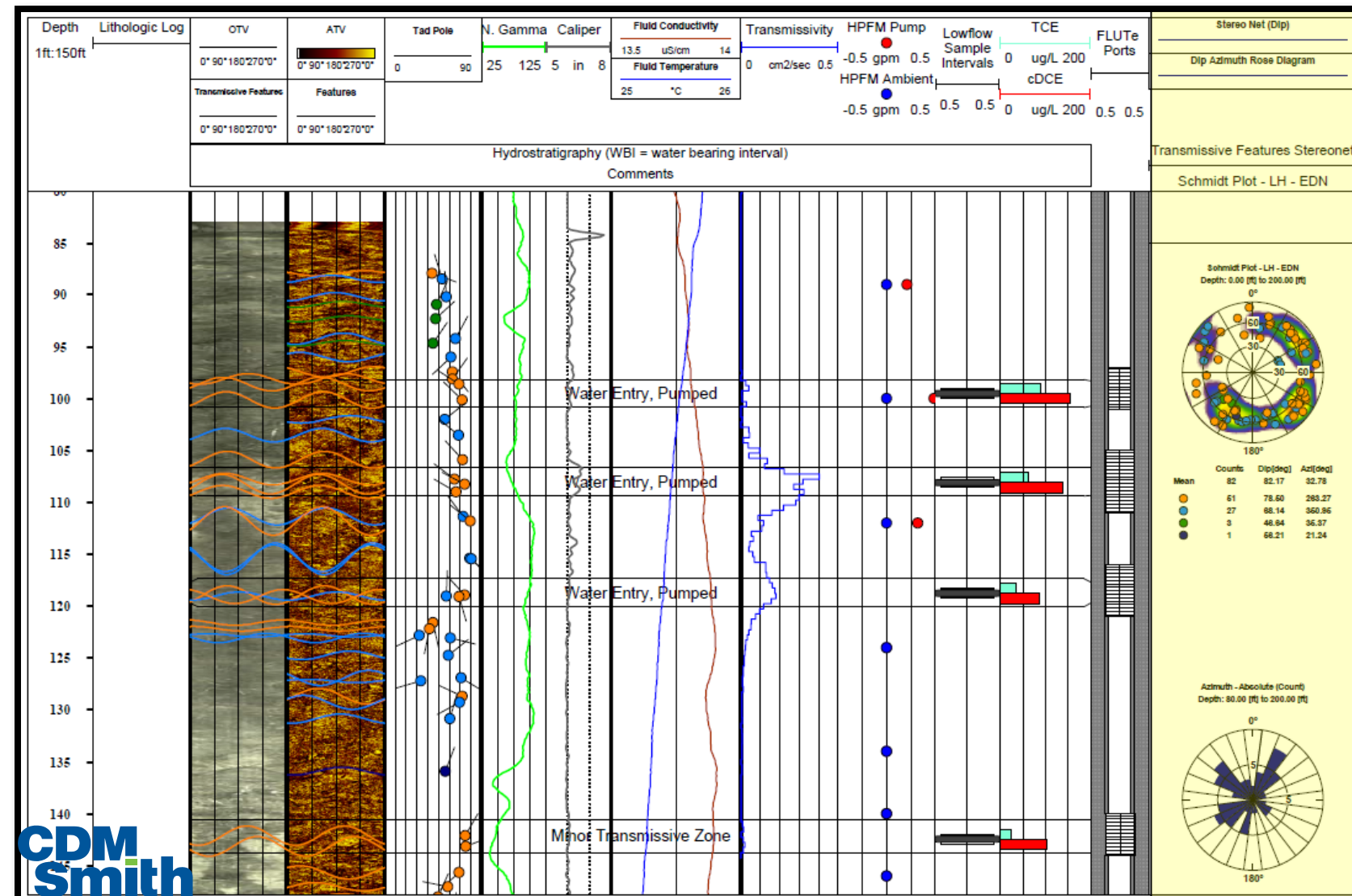
- ◆ A grab sampler or packer system- develop a vertical profile of contaminant distribution in the transmissive zones.
- ◆ Packer tests can also be run to collect data so that the transmissivity of the interval can be estimated.
- ◆ All the results are used to design the multiport well.



# Borehole Geophysics: Step 4



- ◆ Feature orientation data from the ATV and OTV logs is used to create stereo nets and rose diagrams.
- ◆ Multiple boreholes provides site wide data on the orientation of transmissive features and the hydrostratigraphy at the site.





# Monitoring Evaluating the Remedy



- ◆ USEPA guidance “Groundwater Remedy Completion Strategy. Moving Forward with an End in Mind” suggests four elements to an effective remedy evaluation
  - Remedy operation
  - Remedy progress toward groundwater RAOs and associated clean up levels
  - Remedy attainment of RAOs and cleanup levels
  - Other site factors





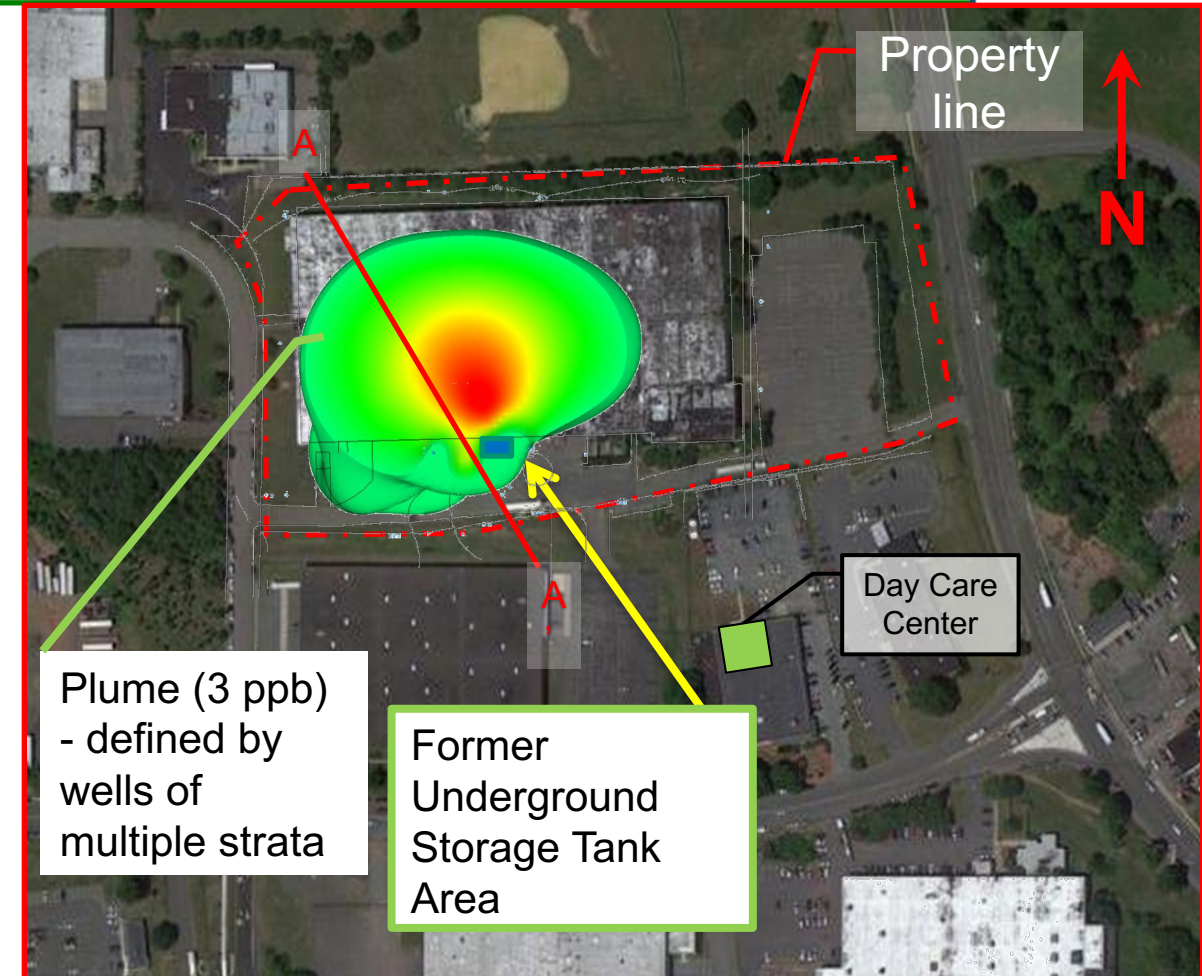
## Case Study

Advanced Diagnostic Tools to Support Monitored Natural  
Attenuation for DNAPL Plume in Bedrock

# Site Operational & Remedial Action History



- ◆ Pharmaceutical manufacturing - 1976 to 2005
- ◆ Discharge of dichloromethane (DCM)
- ◆ DCM reached bedrock groundwater at 25 to 70 feet depth
- ◆ Shallow rock wells exhibit highest concentrations - at solubility in source
- ◆ Groundwater quality standard - 3  $\mu\text{g/L}$
- ◆ Pump and treat system operation from 1995 to 2009



Surrounding area is industrial to the west and south. Commercial and residential areas to the east. Sensitive receptor to the south.

# Site Remedial Strategy



Must Demonstrate:

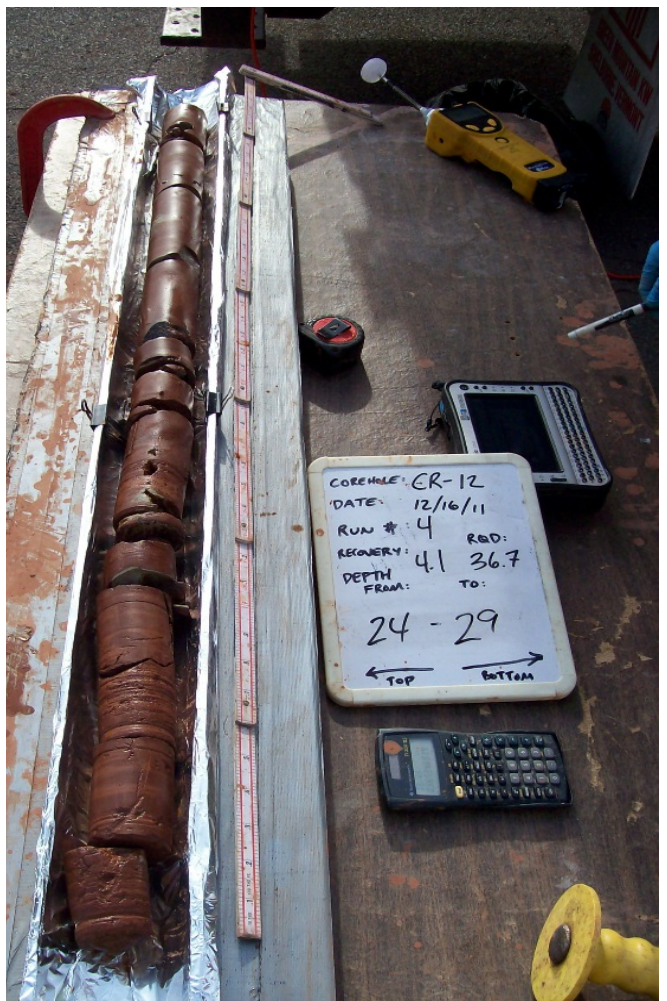
1. a *stable source* that is *contained* with MNA and
2. contaminants are being *completely degraded to innocuous end products.*

- Require robust CSM to support passive groundwater remedy

# Advanced Characterization Tools



Informational Need	Characterization Tool
Source Zone Architecture and Impact of Diffusion	Rock core analysis and diffusion modeling
Contaminant and Groundwater Flux in Transmissive Fracture Zones	Passive Flux Meter (PFM) and Hydraulic and Contaminant Transport Modeling
Contaminant Biodegradation in the Source and Plume	Compound Specific Isotope Analysis (CSIA)
	Microbial MetaOmics





# Rock Core Analysis Program



1. Collected 277 bedrock matrix core samples
  - a) Initially focus on historical GW treatment zone
  - b) Sampled depths from 2 to 25 meters BGS
  - c) Analyzed DCM concentration in all cores
    - Analyzed a subset for bulk density, porosity, and organic carbon to calculate porewater concentrations
2. Delineated source area and high concentration plume horizontally and vertically
  - a) Advanced along bedding plane from the historical UST leak (original source)
  - b) Consistent with regional fractured bedrock strike and dip





# Passive Flux Meter Deployment



- ◆ “One stop shop” for both flow and concentration
- ◆ Obtain high resolution profiles of groundwater velocity and contaminant flux within boreholes.
- ◆ Map fracture zones with high contaminant mass flux.
- ◆ Integrated with rock matrix data to evaluate matrix diffusion.



Sampling

Vendor: <http://www.enviroflux.com/>

1. Contaminant adsorbed onto passive flux meter over time to get **Concentration**

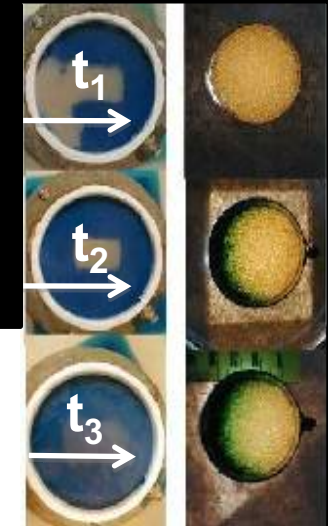
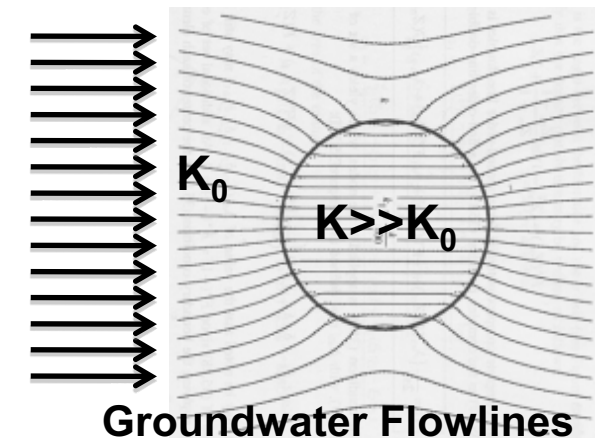
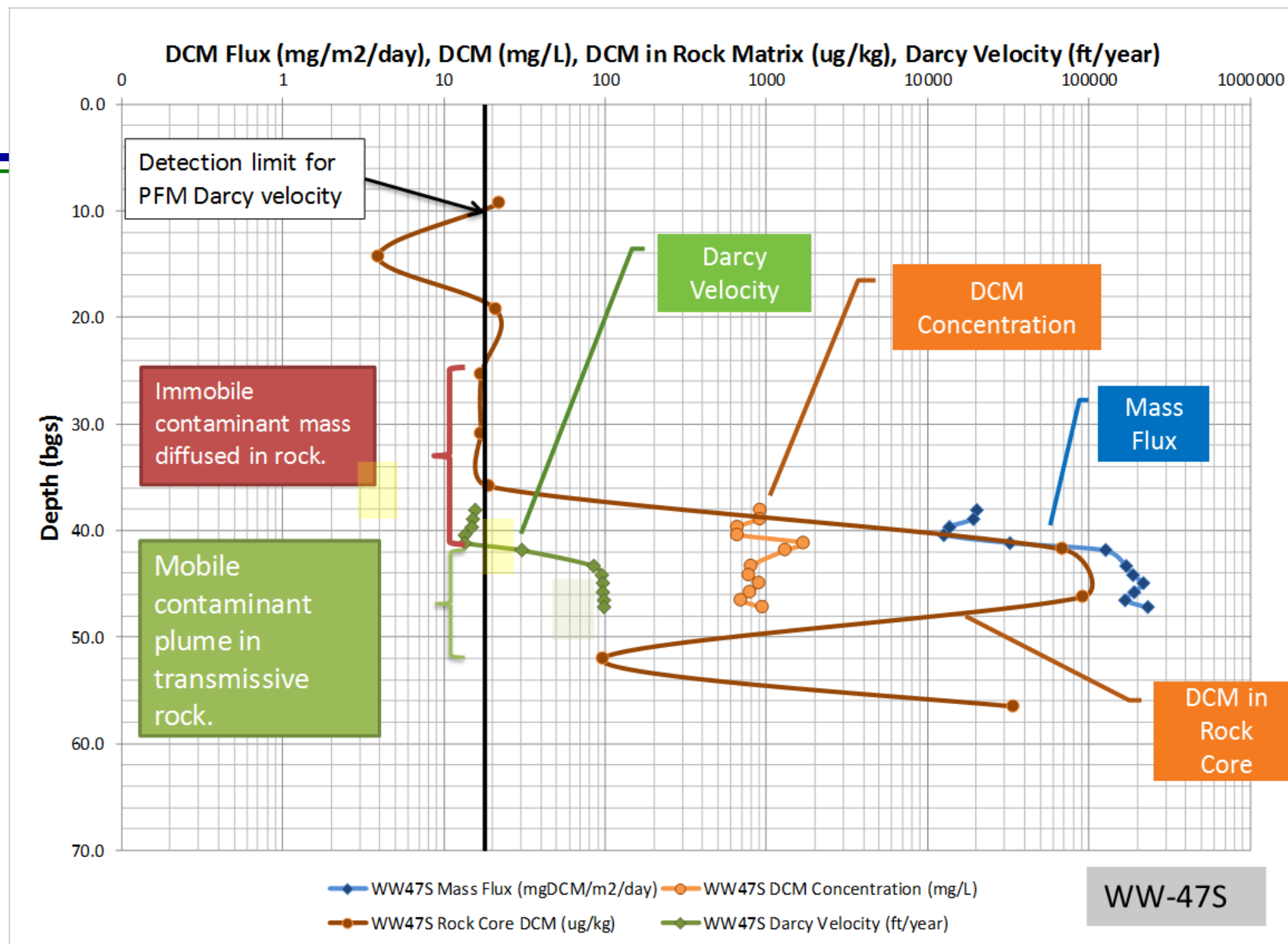


Photo: Dye intercepted in a meter

2. Tracer desorbs from passive flux meter to get **Flow (Q)**





# Conceptual Site Model Summary

## ◆ Early:

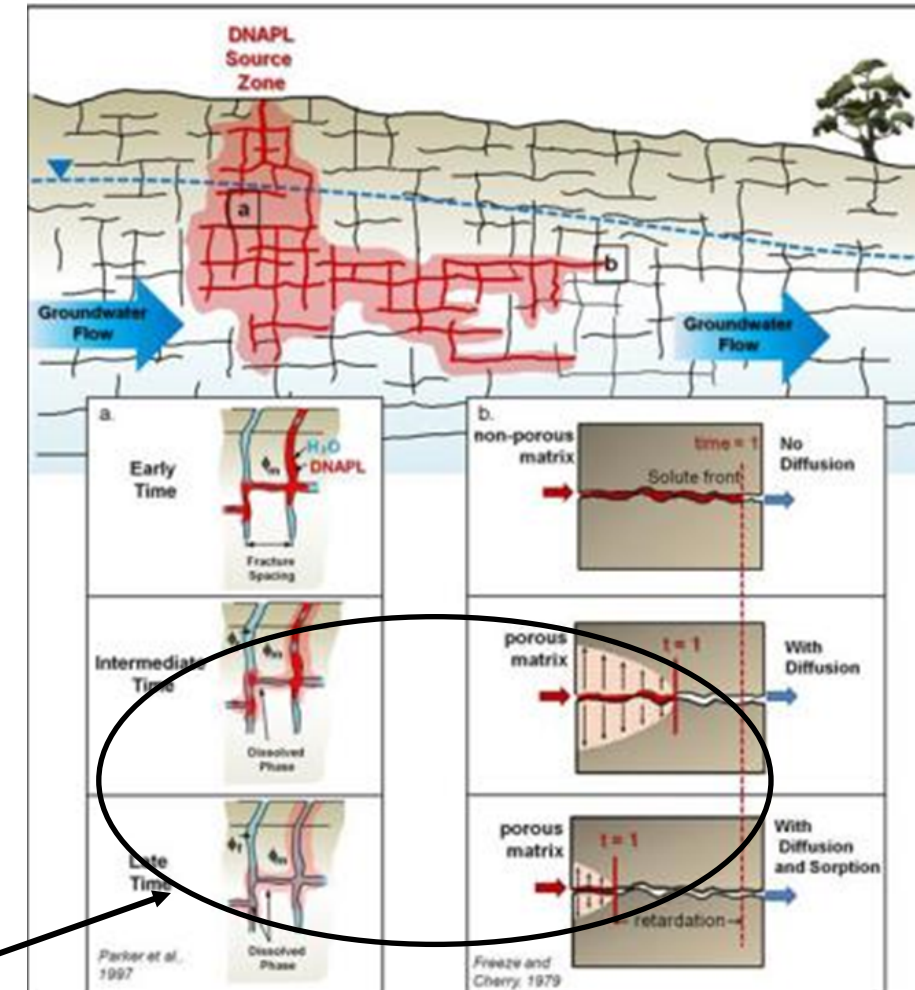
- DNAPL in fractures
- Dissolves in groundwater
- Diffuses into rock matrix

## ◆ Intermediate:

- No mobile DNAPL remains
- Back diffusion of DCM out of matrix into groundwater

## ◆ Late:

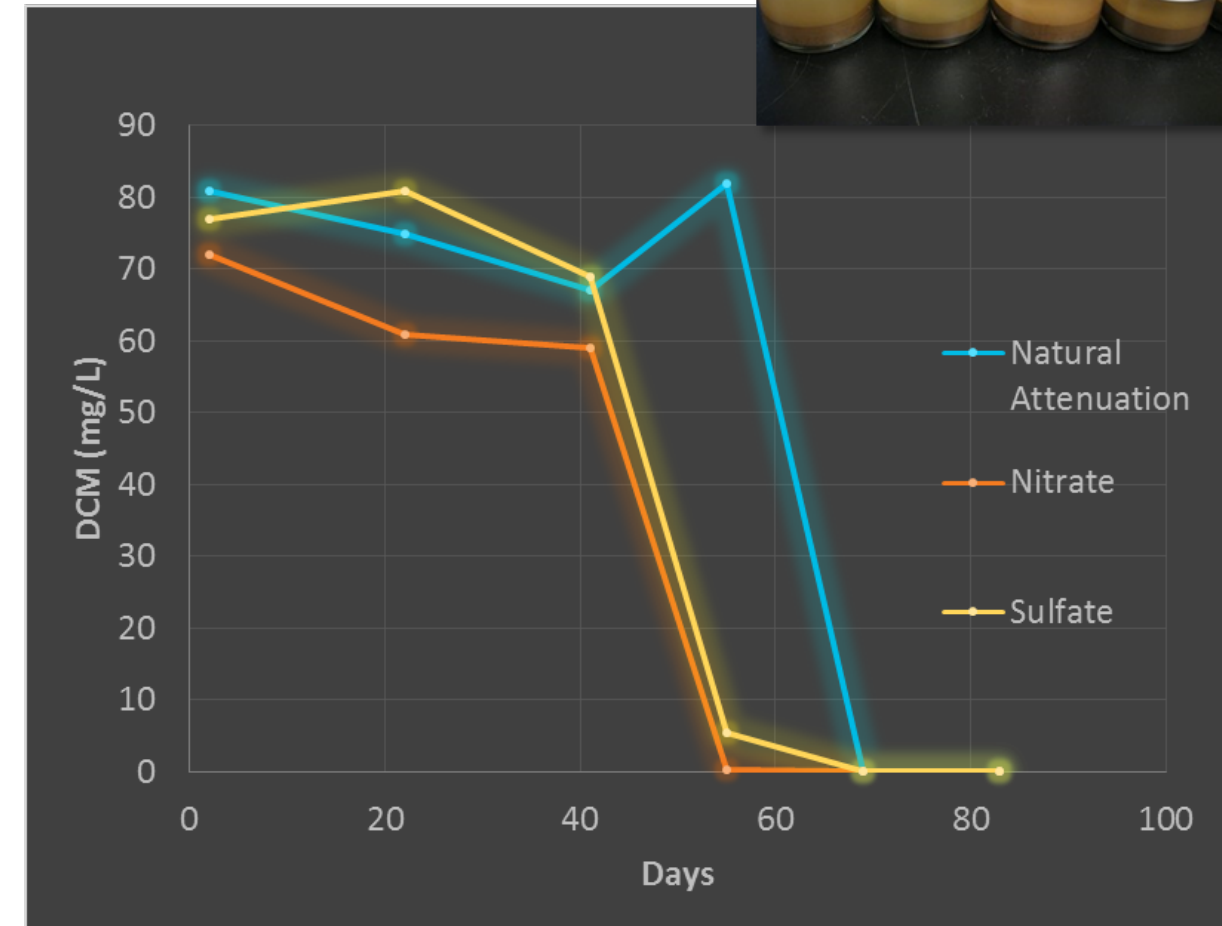
- Plume migration and attenuation



# Preliminary Technology Evaluation



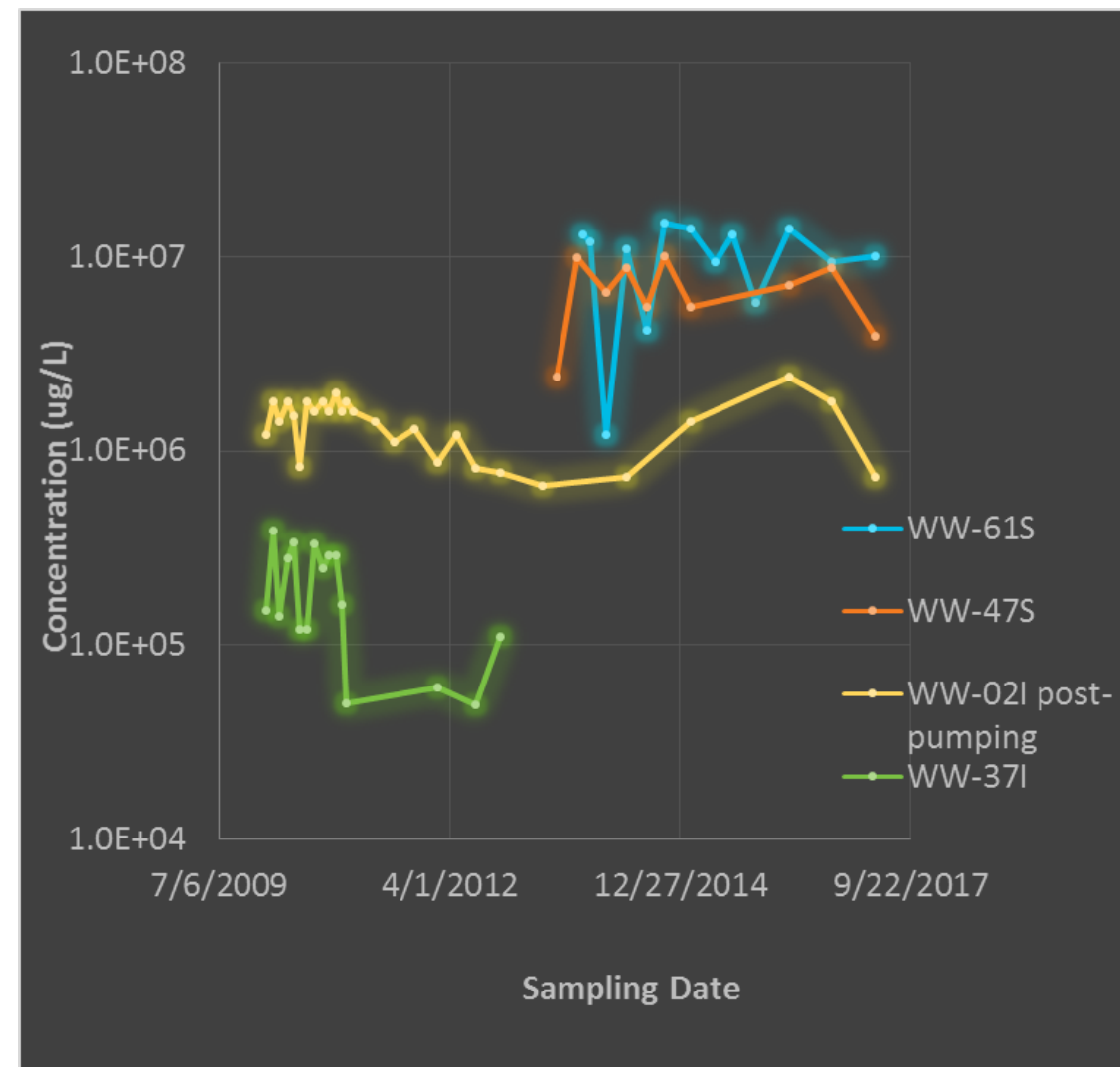
- ◆ 2005 bench test - very high intrinsic biodegradation rates - *estimated half life of 2.2 days*
- ◆ 2009-current - shut down P&T and evaluate rebound and MNA





# Trend Analysis and Modeling

- ◆ Statistical analysis of concentration data showed stable or decreasing trends at all key monitoring wells
- ◆ BioChlor Modeling showed inclusion of a very short DCM half-life (e.g. 1-2 days) best matched plume conditions

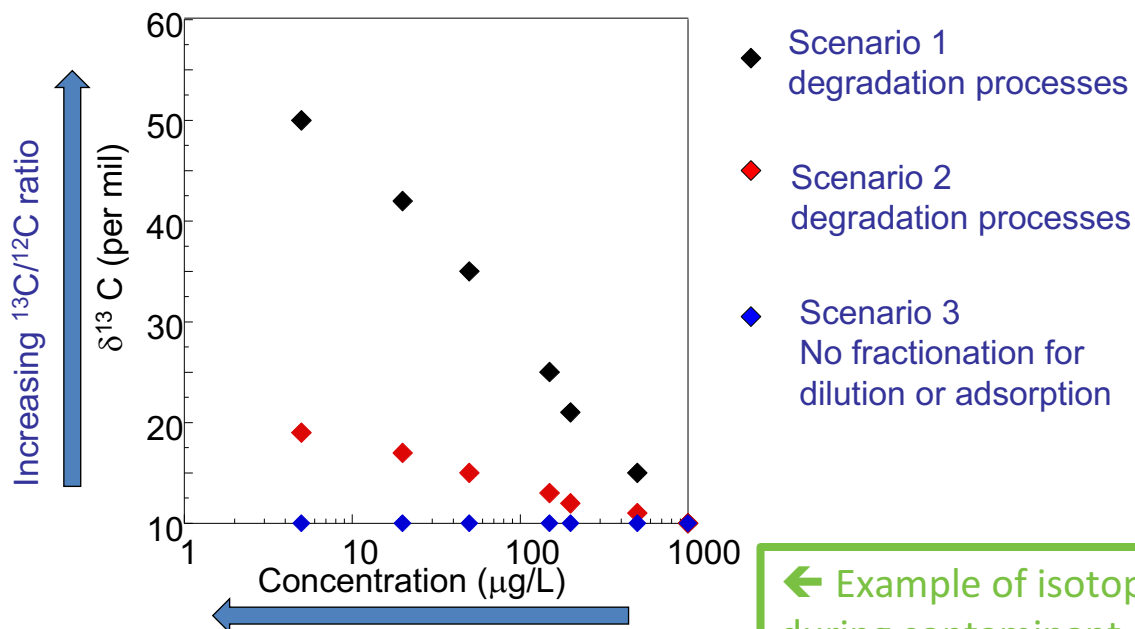




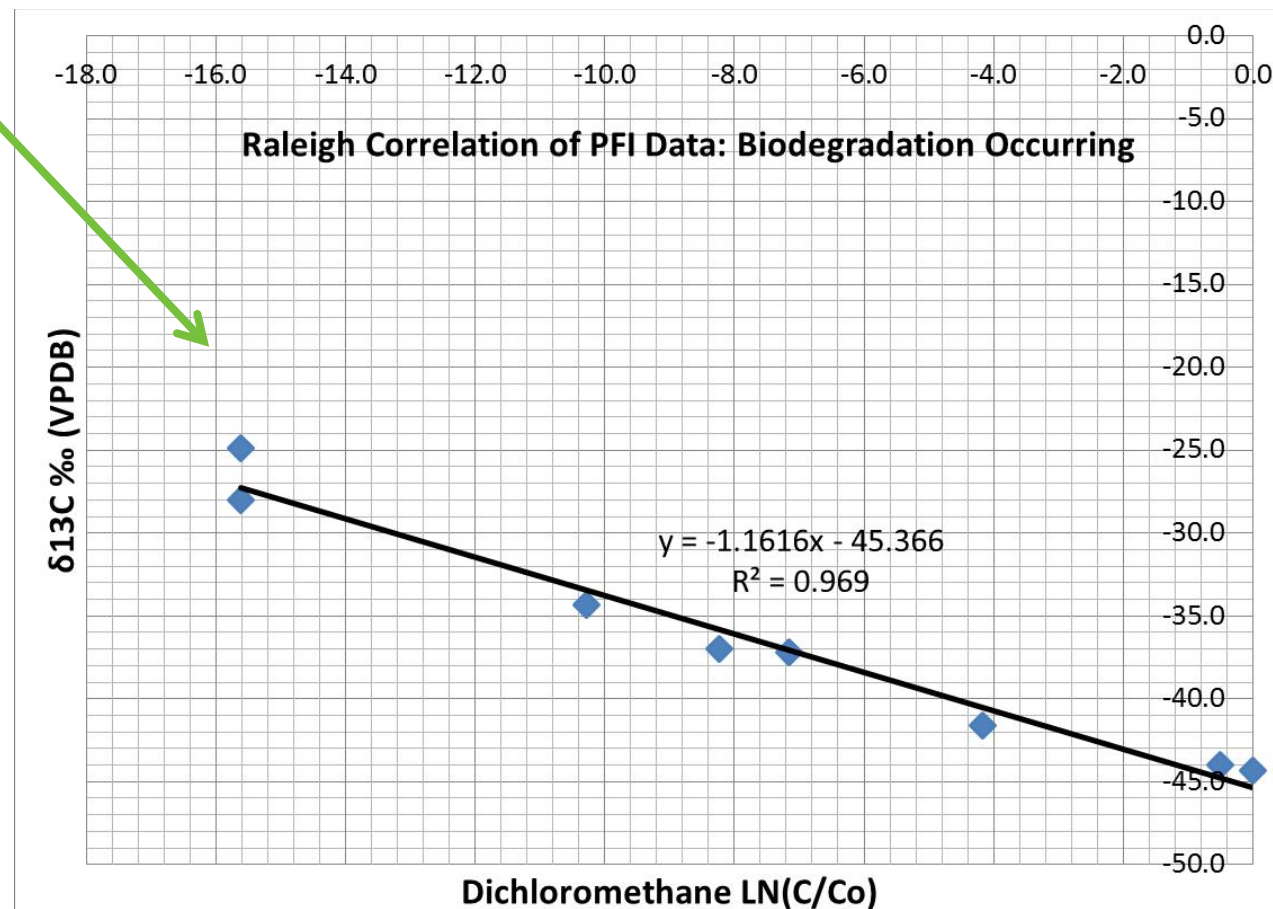
# CSIA: Carbon Isotope Results



- Stable isotopes of carbon ( $C^{13}/C^{12}$ ) analyzed from 8 wells
- Use Rayleigh model :
$$\delta^{13}C = \ln(C/C_0) * \epsilon + \delta^{13}C_0$$
- **Biodegradation occurring at the Site**



← Example of isotopic enrichment during contaminant degradation



# Biodegradation Rate Estimates

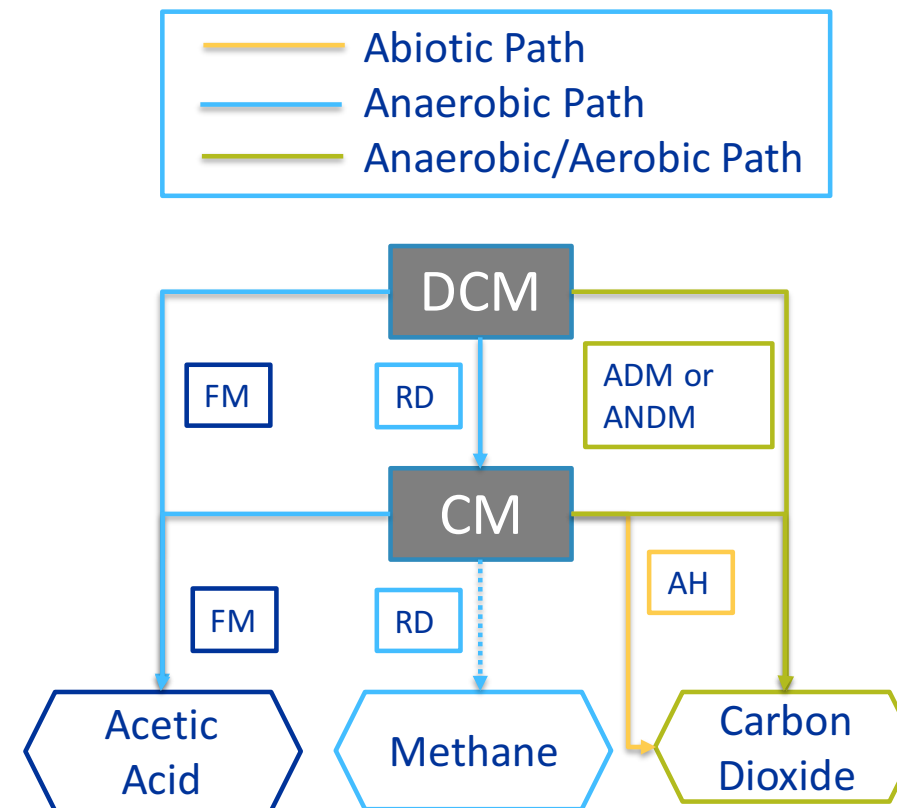


## CSIA-derived Half Life Estimates

Sample ID	μg/L	Aerobic-Oxic <sup>1</sup>	Anaerobic-Fermentation <sup>2</sup>
		DCM Half Life Mean (days)	
WW-61S	12000000	Source Well	
WW-47S	7200000	105	40
WW-37I	186000	13	5
WW-01I	3200	5	2
WW-33I	9300	5	2
WW-46I	414	4	2
WW-48I	2	2	1
WW-58D	2	3	1

<sup>1</sup> Methods in EPA 2008

<sup>2</sup> Used Epsilon factors from Trueba-Santiso et. al 2017

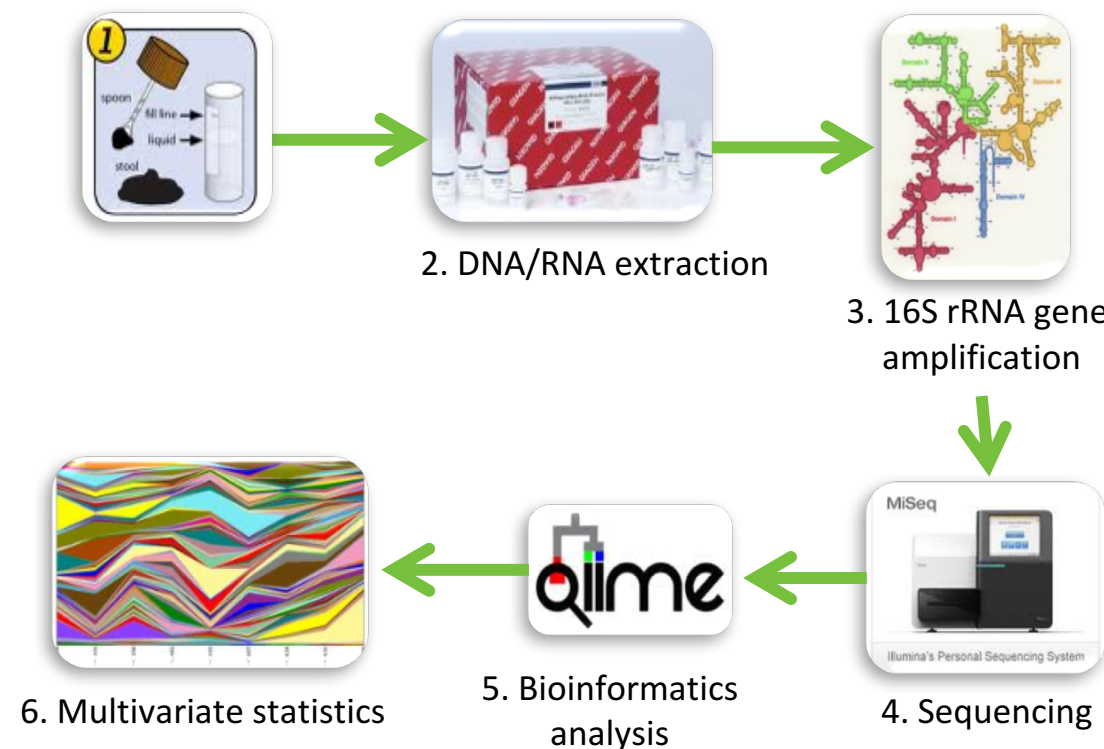


ADM- Aerobic Direct Metabolism  
AH- Abiotic Hydrolysis  
ANDM- Anaerobic Direct Metabolism  
FM- Anaerobic Fermentation  
RD- Reductive Dechlorination (Hydrogenolysis)

# Meta-Omics DNA and RNA Analysis



1. Groundwater samples were collected quarterly between October 2013 and October 2014.
2. Samples were filtered and DNA and RNA was extracted.
3. This DNA was then subjected to Illumina-tag PCR and sequencing of the 16S rRNA gene.
4. 16S rRNA analysis and metatranscriptomics were conducted on 26 and 11 groundwater samples, respectively.



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- Dichloromethane  $\xrightarrow{\text{dichloromethane dehalogenase}}$  Formaldehyde
- Glutathione,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   $\rightarrow$  Glutathione, 2 HCl

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# Biodegradation Rate and Gene Expression



## CSIA-derived Half Life Estimates

Sample ID	μg/L	Aerobic-Oxic <sup>1</sup>	Anaerobic-Fermentation <sup>2</sup>
		DCM Half Life Mean (days)	
WW-61S	12000000	Source Well	
WW-47S	7200000	105	40
WW-37I	186000	13	5
WW-01I	3200	5	2
WW-33I	9300	5	2
WW-46I	414	4	2
WW-48I	2	2	1
WW-58D	2	3	1

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◆ *Aerobic degradation rates were correlated to both the known *dcmA* and novel dehalogenase transcripts:*

- *expression of the novel dehalogenases shared the highest correlation with degradation rates (Spearman rho: 0.48-0.72)*
- *previously identified/known *dcmA* genes (Spearman rho: -0.31)*



# Summary

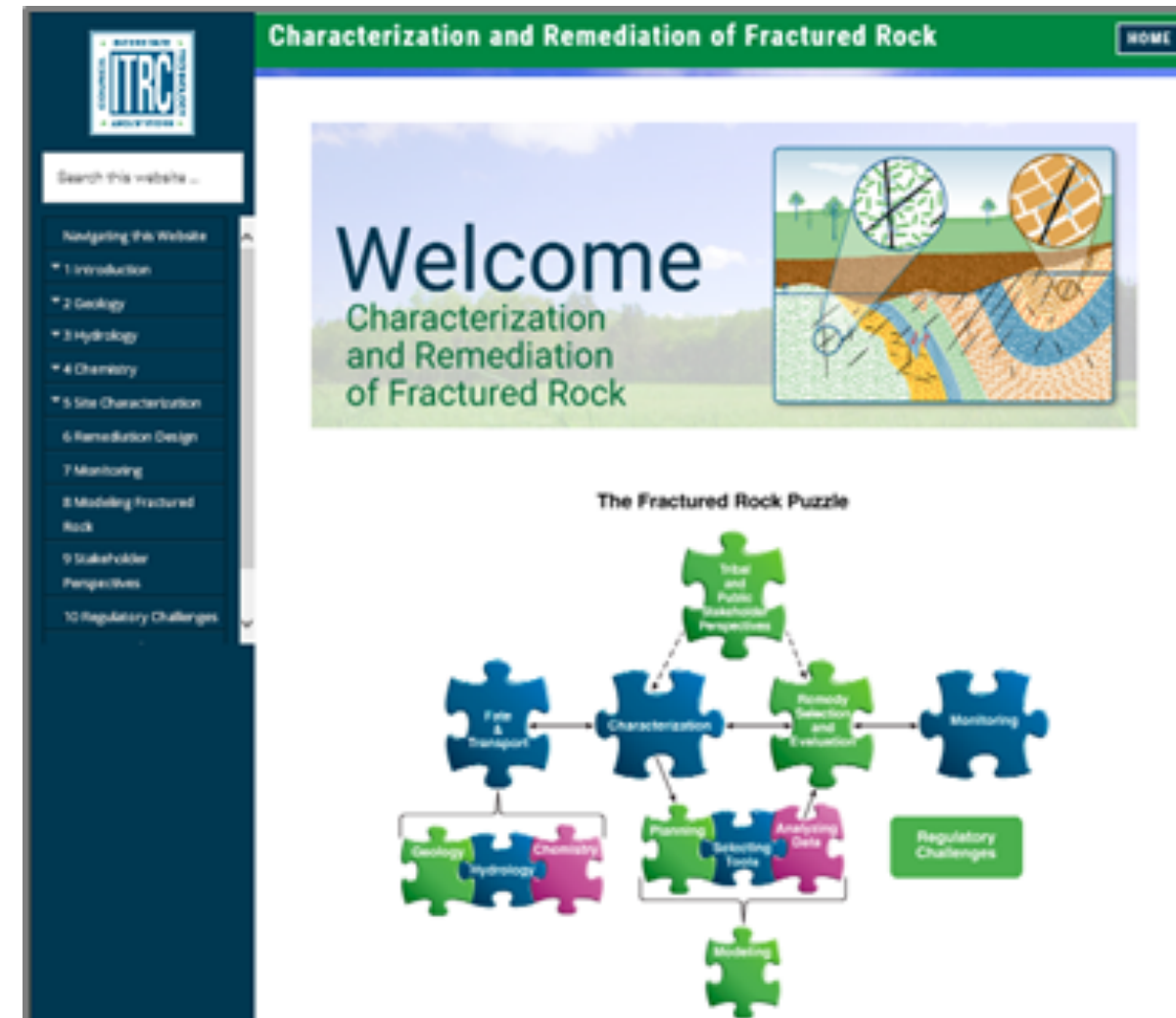


1. Rock Coring and Fluxmeters evaluated source architecture and relationship to contaminant mass transport
2. Modeling verified high degradation rates required to “explain” stable and controlled plume
3. CSIA used to evaluate DCM biodegradation mechanism and rate
4. Metagenomics Results:
  1. Identified DCM degrading genes/organisms consistent with CSIA conclusions (Sn2 dehalogenase-mediated degradation)
  2. Also identified anaerobic DCM-degrading Desulfosporosinus and Propionibacterium
5. Metatranscriptomics Results:
  1. Dehalogenases were the most expressed genes in the profiles (consistent with CSIA and metagenomics)- found 14 novel dcmA genes
  2. Tetrahydrofolate cofactors associated with Desulfosporosinus actively expressed
6. Collectively demonstrated source is controlled and plume is attenuation for acceptance of the remedy

# Overview of the Training

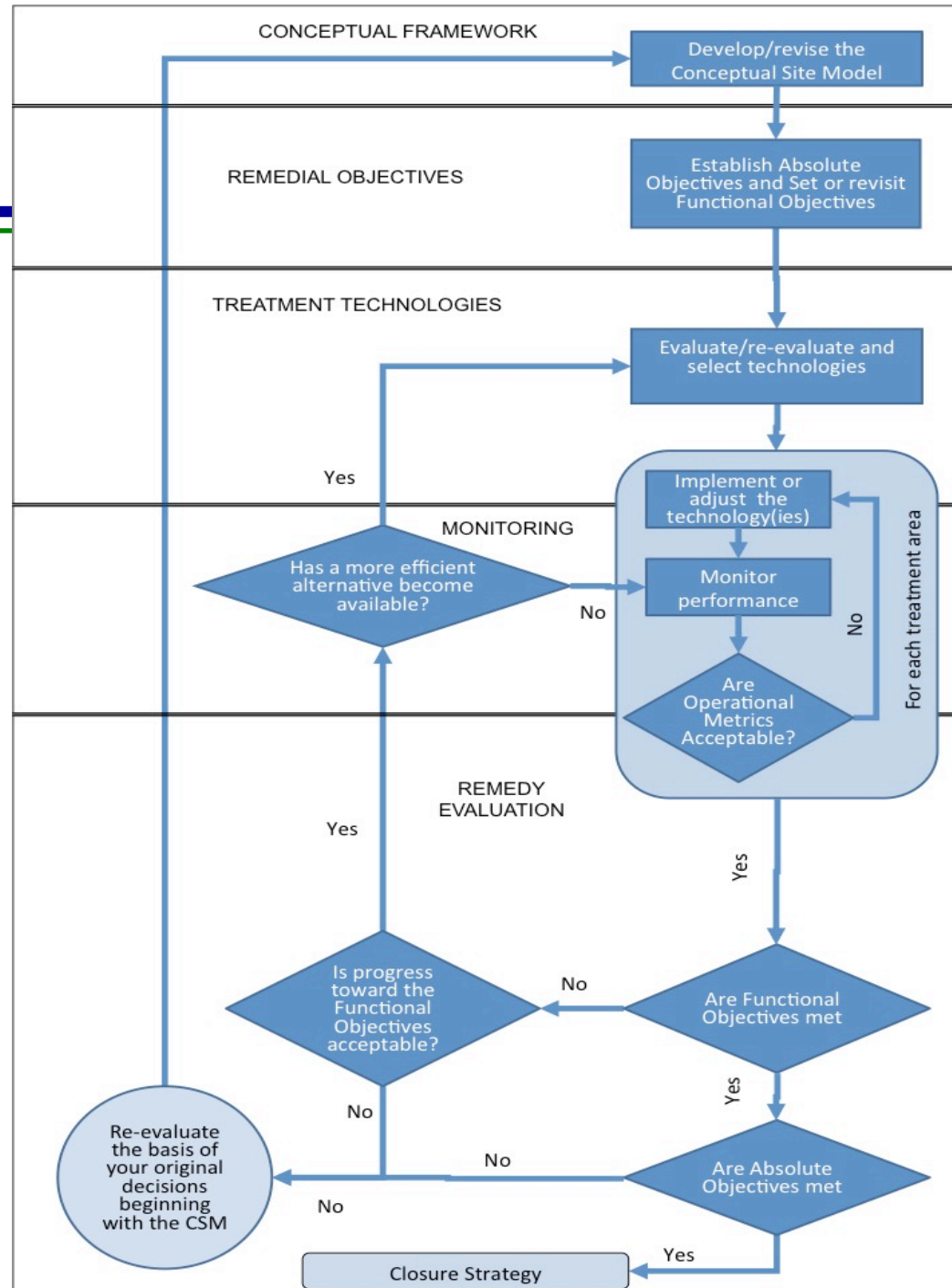


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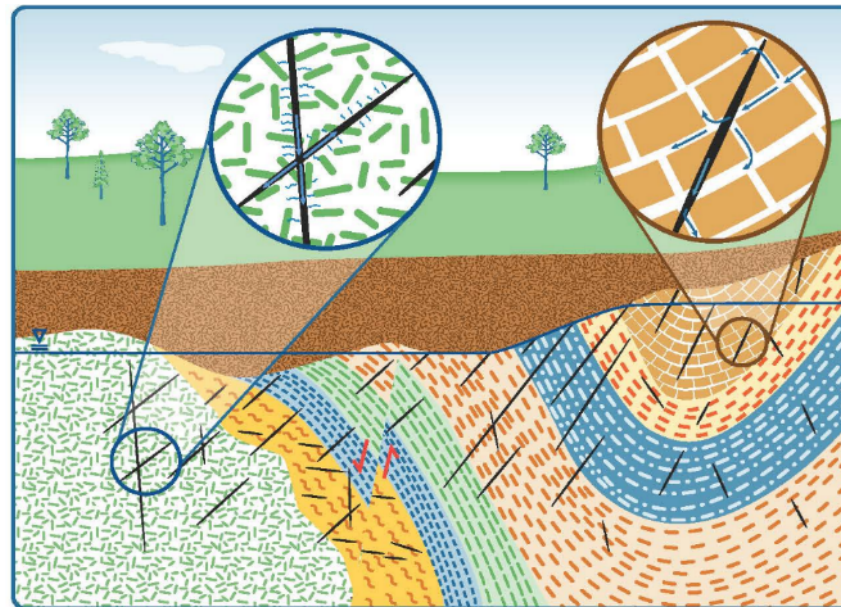


# Final Flow Chart

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