

# MARCELLUS SHALE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT LABORATORY

## MSEEL

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# MSEEL MY BIASED VISION

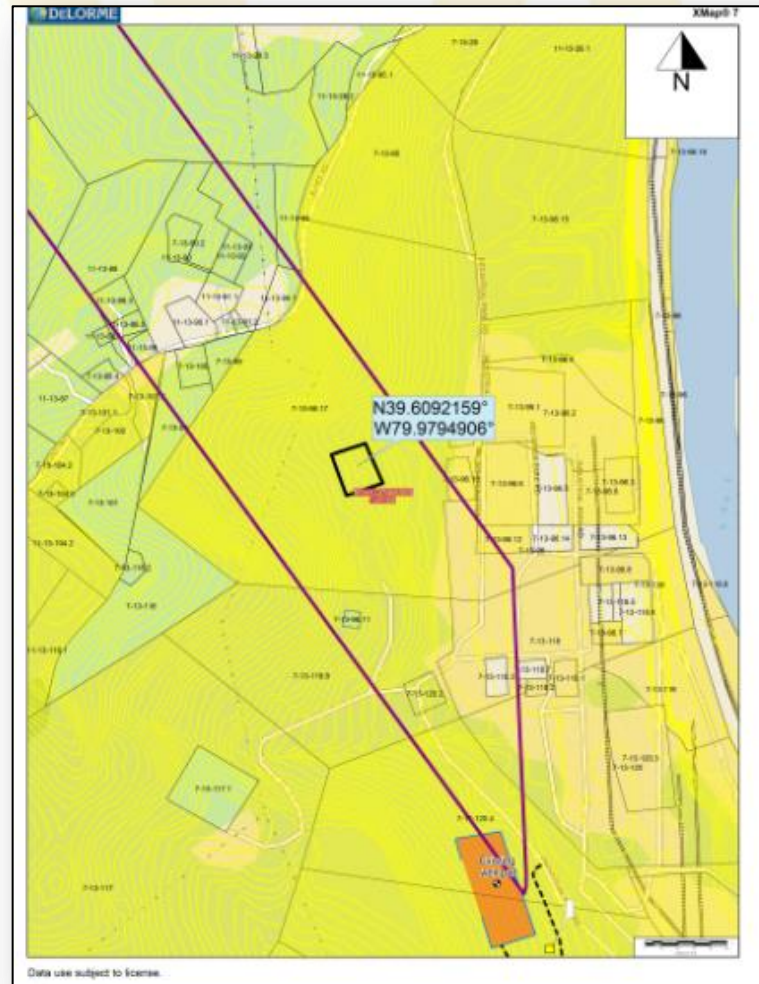
- ◆ Demonstrate the Best Practices to Drill, Complete and Produce a New Horizontal Well That Minimizes Any Environmental/Societal Costs While Maximizing Economic Productivity
- ◆ Monitor and Document Impacts in a Controlled Environment
  - ◆ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - ◆ Local Air Pollution
  - ◆ Water Supply and Quality
  - ◆ Noise and Activity
  - ◆ Societal Impacts
- ◆ Develop New Technologies
  - ◆ Microseismic Monitoring
  - ◆ Production Monitoring
  - ◆ Advanced Logging
  - ◆ Simulation
- ◆ Develop New Scientific and Engineering Approaches to Apply to Multi-disciplinary and Multi-institutional Natural Resource Studies



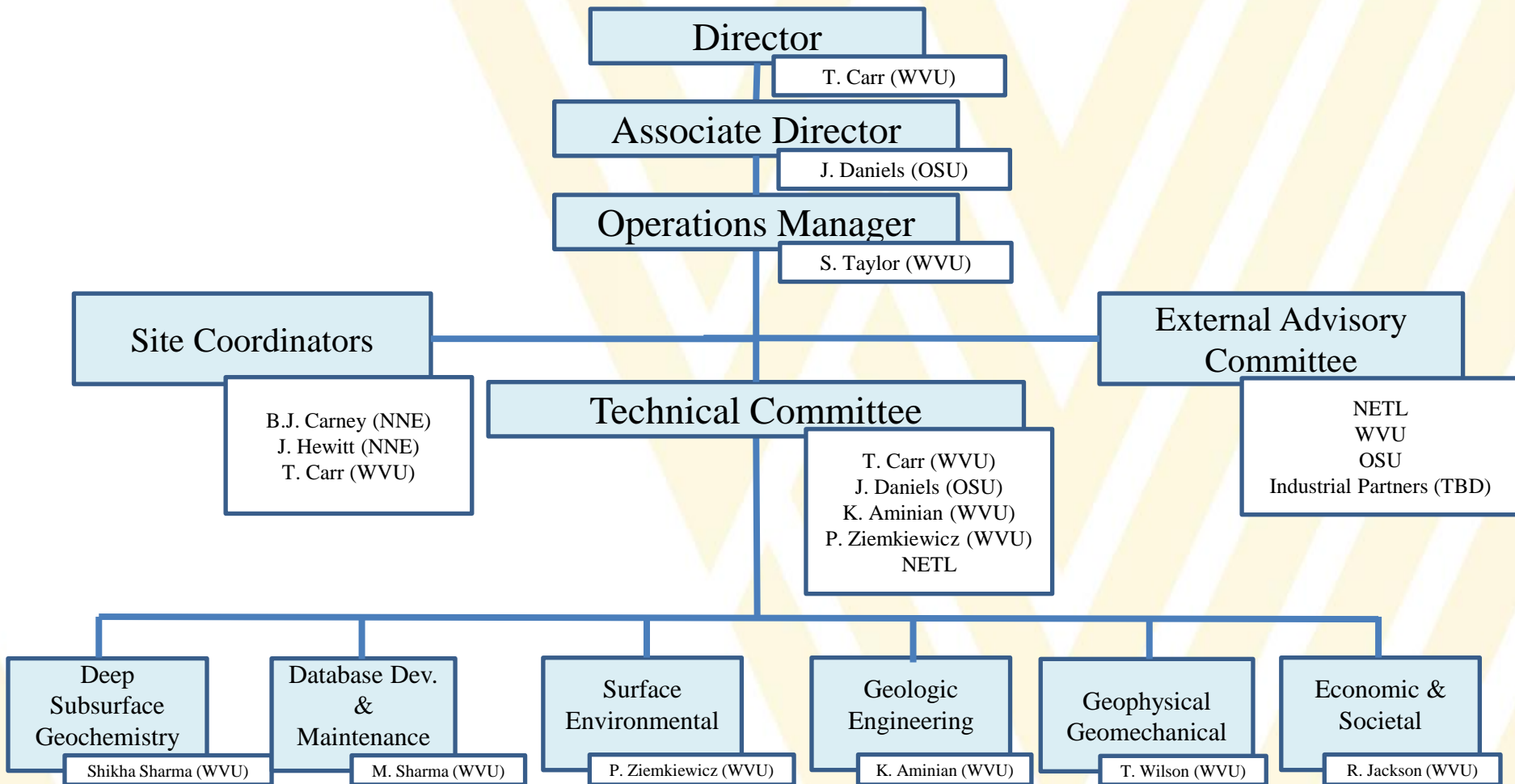
# MARCELLUS SHALE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT LABORATORY - MSEEL



# MSEEL SCIENCE WELL



# MSEEL PROJECT ORGANIZATION



# MSEEL SCHEDULE ACCELERATED

- Present Plans to External Advisory Committee – May 19
- Finalize Plans – June 15
- Drill Top Holes – Early July
- Drill Science Observation Well – Early August
- Drill Production Wells – Early October
- Complete Production Wells – Late October



# AGENDA

## 💧 Review Past Discussions

- ✳ Old Data
- ✳ Safety
- ✳ Surface Environmental - Water
- ✳ Surface Environmental – Air / Noise / Traffic
- ✳ Coring  
New Requests

## 💧 Logging

## 💧 Microseismic / Fiber-Optics

## 💧 Drilling and Completion Services

## 💧 Social/Economic Impact

## 💧 Presentation to External Advisory Committee

✳ Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

## 💧 Discussion



# MSEEL DATA PORTAL

☯ Data portal will serve as central place to exchange and search for data. **Sharing and Collaboration**

☯ **CKAN** - Open source data portal software ([www.ckan.org](http://www.ckan.org)) will be used

☀ EDX and Data.gov among several agencies use the same platform

☀ Data Portal Features

Publish and find datasets

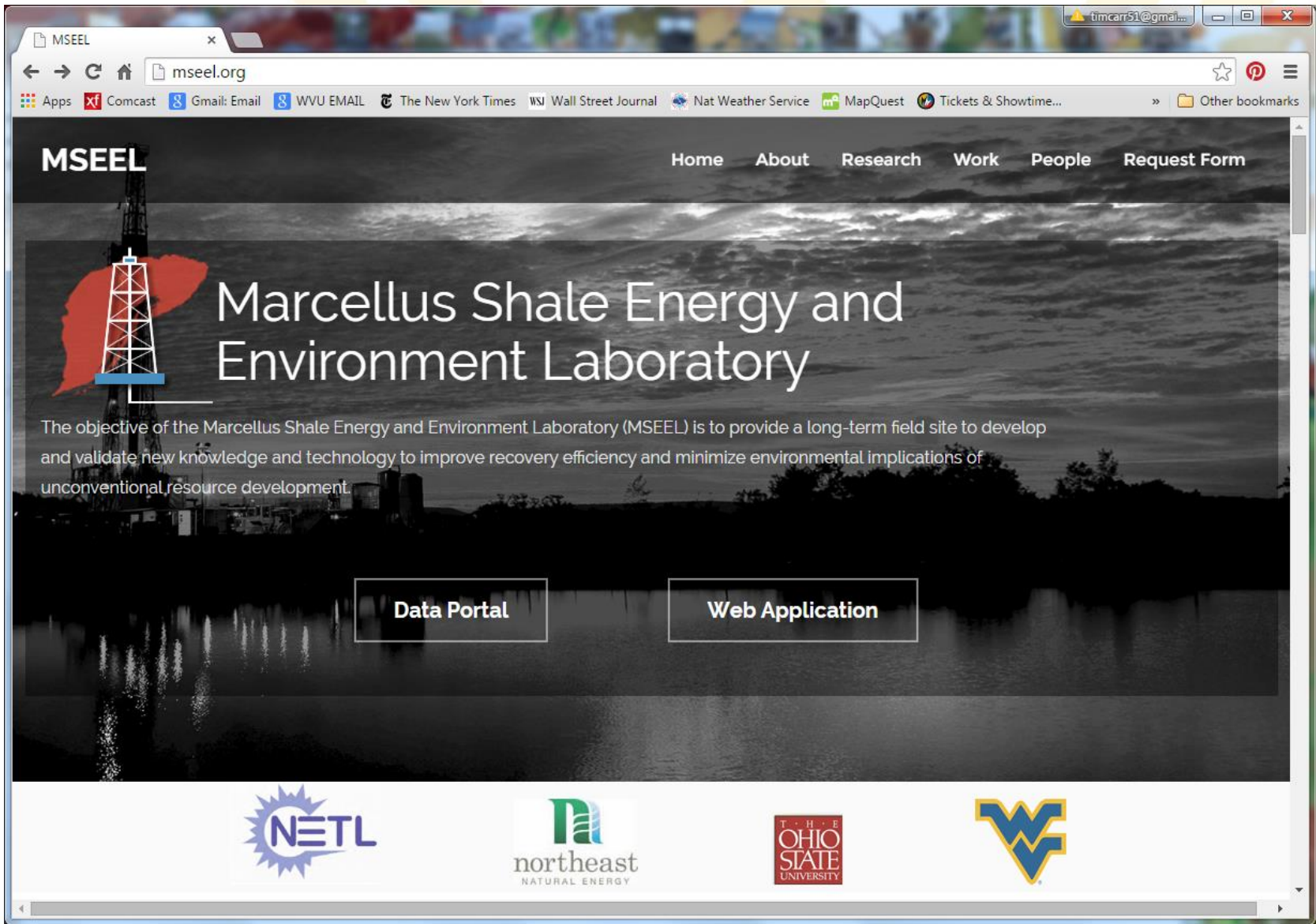
Store and manage data

Private Workspaces and Federate

- Store raw data and metadata
- Add data directly through web interface
- Harvesting – Using same data portal will allow to search data in different federal databases
- Search and Discovery
- Search and Display Geospatial Data







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Data Portal

Web Application



Organizations - MSEEL Data Portal

157.182.4.177/organization

Log in Register

# MSEEL Data Portal

Datasets Organizations Groups About

Search datasets...







## Home / Organizations

**What are Organizations?**

CKAN Organizations are used to create, manage and publish collections of datasets. Users can have different roles within an Organization, depending on their level of authorisation to create, edit and publish.

Search organizations...

**10 organizations found** Order by: Name Ascending

 <b>Background Datasets</b> 5 Datasets	 <b>Database Dev &amp; Maintenance</b> 0 Datasets	 <b>Deep Subsurface Geochemistry</b> 0 Datasets
		



# MSEEL SAFETY

## ☹ Safety Protocols

### ☀ Site Access

Tier 1 and Tier 2

Tightly Controlled Site Access

## ☹ Safety Training

☀ Twenty People Passed SafeLand Training

☀ Fourteen additional Individuals



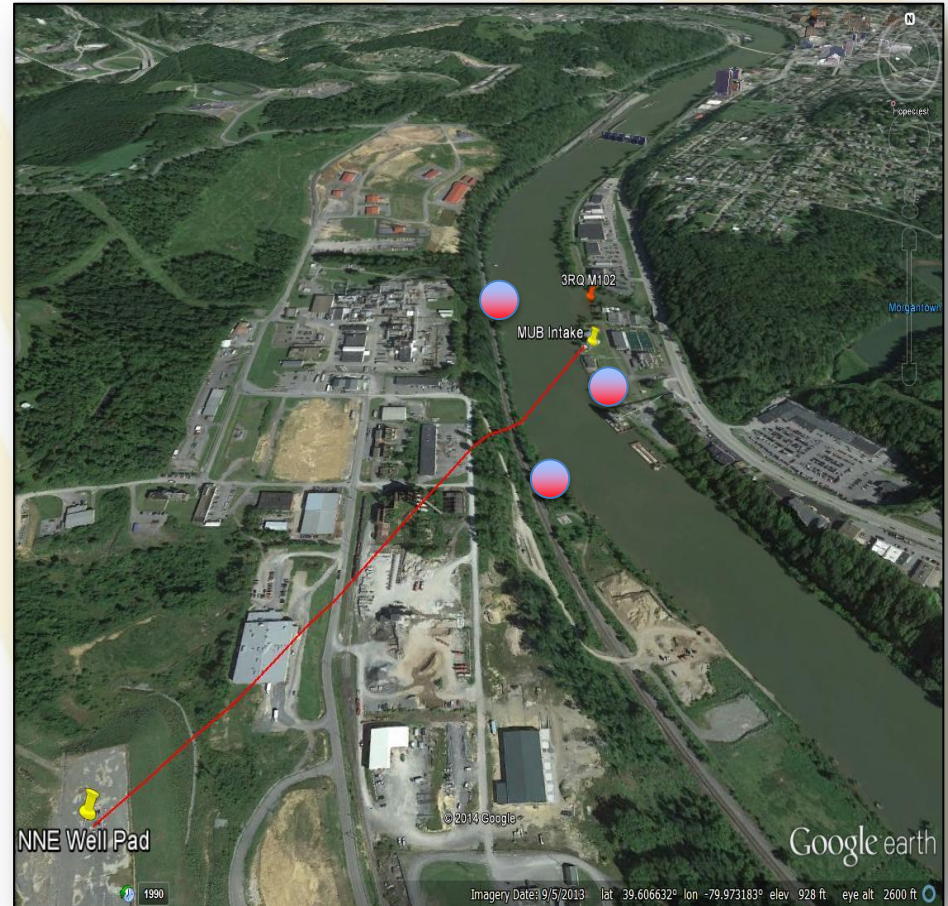
**MSEEL**  
**SURFACE ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**WATER & GAS**

**WVU, NETL, USGS, OSU**



# Surface water, liquid, solid waste sampling

- Parameters:  
Inorganic/organic/NORM
- Baseline Monongahela River-  
Compare to historic record
- Drilling-cuttings/mud/flowback  
precipitates
- Completion-Flowback
- Production-Produced water
- Coordination with NNE, NETL,  
OSU, USGS and other  
researchers
- [Sampling Schedule](#)



# Water Treatment

- Water treatment endpoints: HF fluid makeup, discharge
- **Priority-treatment to discharge standards**
- Evaluation of water treatment technologies
- Identify critical research needs: e.g. conservative ion removal
- Electrically assisted salt precipitation: low-cost desalination treatment
- Collaboration with OSU and other Organizations



# GAS ANALYSIS- KEY RESEARCH QUESTIONS

***Does hydraulic fracturing create new pathways for gas migration?***

- Gas production
- Contamination of shallow formations

***How does the gas chemistry change over time?***

- Assessing free/adsorbed gas
- Residual hydrocarbon fluids-in-place
- Characterizing hydrocarbon migration
- Understanding biogeochemical reactions in sub-surface
- Constraining rates of biogenic methane and sulfide generation
- ***Noble gases***



**Current Work Examples:**

Sharma et. al., 2014 *Applied Geochemistry*

Darrah et. al., 2014 *Proc. National Acad. Sciences*



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**AREA SURFACE ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**AIR/ TRAFFIC / NOISE**

**WVU, WVU-CAFEE, Pitt and NETL**

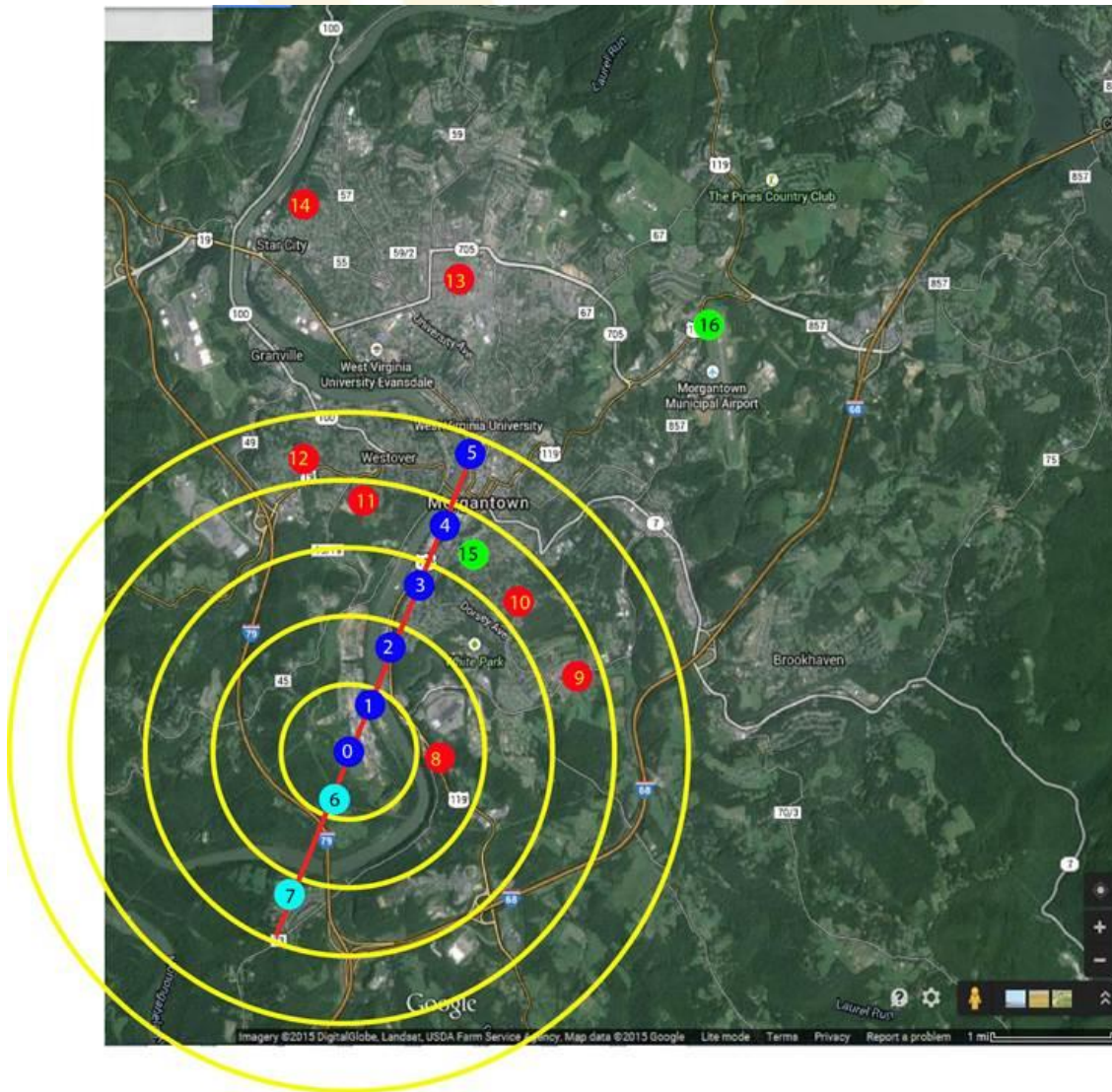




# Environmental Monitoring

- Area PM2.5, PM0.1
- Area VOCs (on site/remote sensing)
- Area Gases
- Area Diesel and Point Source
- Area Noise
- Meteorological (Wind speed, direction)
- Traffic Counts
- **Not Involved with Individual Monitoring or Toxicology**





## Location of Air Sampling Stations

**Navy dots – WVU Downwind in-valley transit from well site.**

**Cyan dots – WVU Upwind in-valley transit from well site.**

**Red dots – WVU background/traffic-only source air sites**

**Green dots – WVDEP sampling sites**

**Yellow Circles are half mile incremental radii centered on the well pad.**



# MSEEL Transect



## Legend

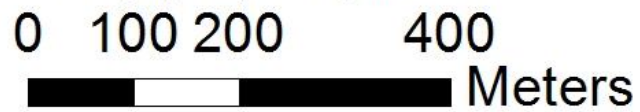
### Sampling Posts

### Analysis

- Concentration
- Isotope
- Transect



Created by: Justin Coughlin  
Proposed Sampling Array in Morgantown, WV

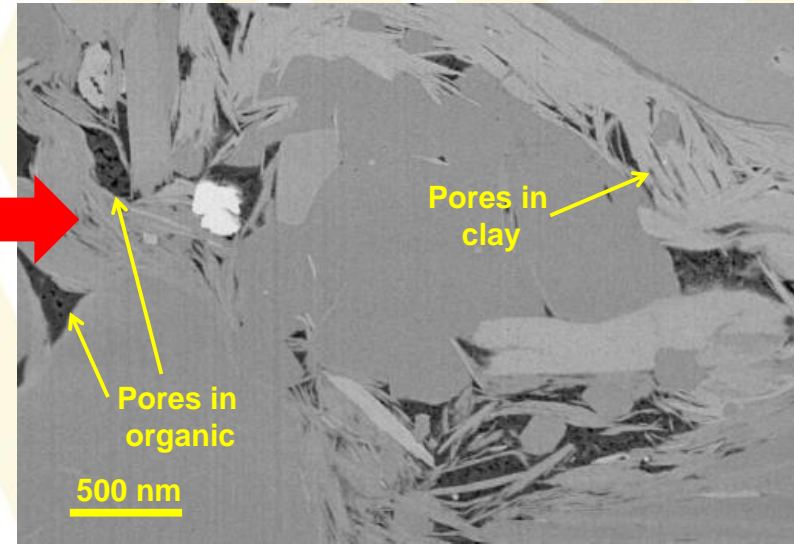
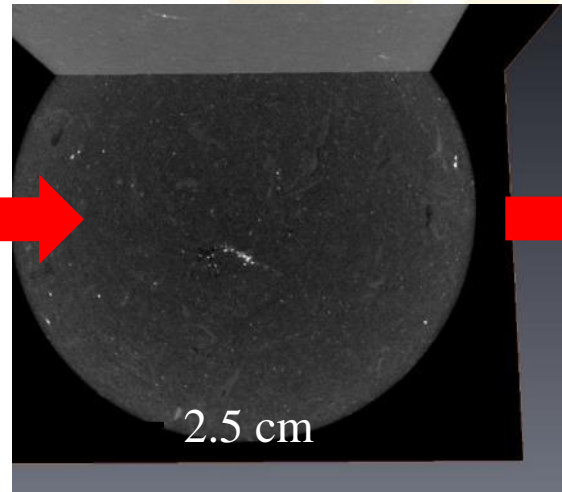
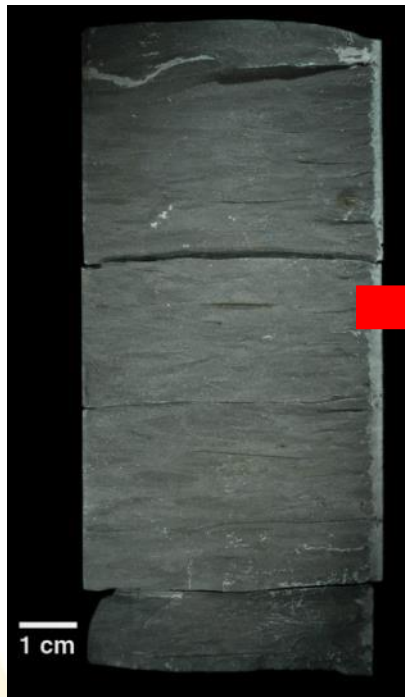


# MEASURING GASEOUS EMISSIONS FROM THE EXHAUST



# MSEEL CORE AND SIDEWALL SAMPLES

WVU, OSU, NETL



Dave Cole



## 💧 120 Foot Whole Core

- ★ Micro CT Scan - NETL

- ★ 1/3 – 2/3 Split

  - Porosity-Permeability Measurements WVU/NETL

  - Mineralogy (XRD) - WVU

  - Geomechanical Analysis – WVU

  - Organic Content – WVU, NETL

- ★ Depositional Processes - WVU

- ★ FIB-SEM and other Analyses WVU-OSU

## 💧 60 Sidewall Cores

- ★ Molecular, Isotopic and Geochemical and Microbial and Other Detailed Geochemical Analysis – WVU-OSU-NETL - 30

- ★ Geomechanical – WVU - 20

- ★ Outside Requests - 10

  - Ding Zhu, Texas A&M – REPSEA 11122-07 10 8” X 3” Blocks

  - Hongwu Xu, Los Alamos

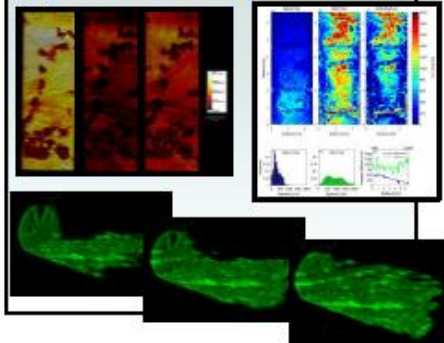
  - Hugh Daigle UT-Austin – 6 Preserved

  - Bill Carey Los Alamos

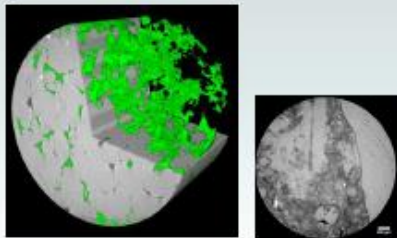


# Multi-Scale CT Flow and Imaging User Facility

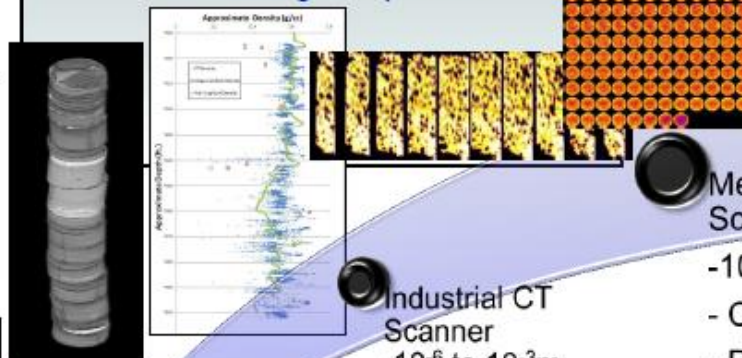
Measuring flow at *in situ*  
P, T, stress, and  
geochemical conditions



Simulating flow through  
pore and fracture networks

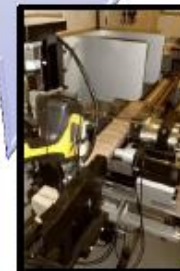


CT/well log comparison



Medical CT  
Scanner

- $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-2}$  m
- Core scale
- Pressure, temperature, and flow controls



MSCL for  
geophysical  
logging

Industrial CT  
Scanner

- $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-3}$  m
- Pore & core scale
- Pressure & flow controls



Micro CT  
Scanner

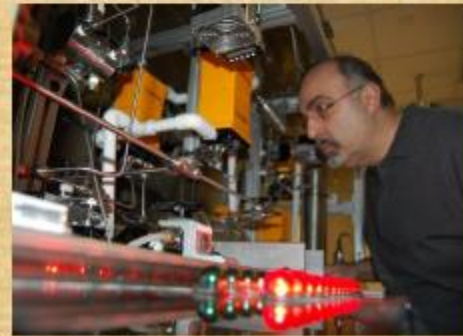
- Resolution  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-5}$  m
- Pore scale



Collaborations

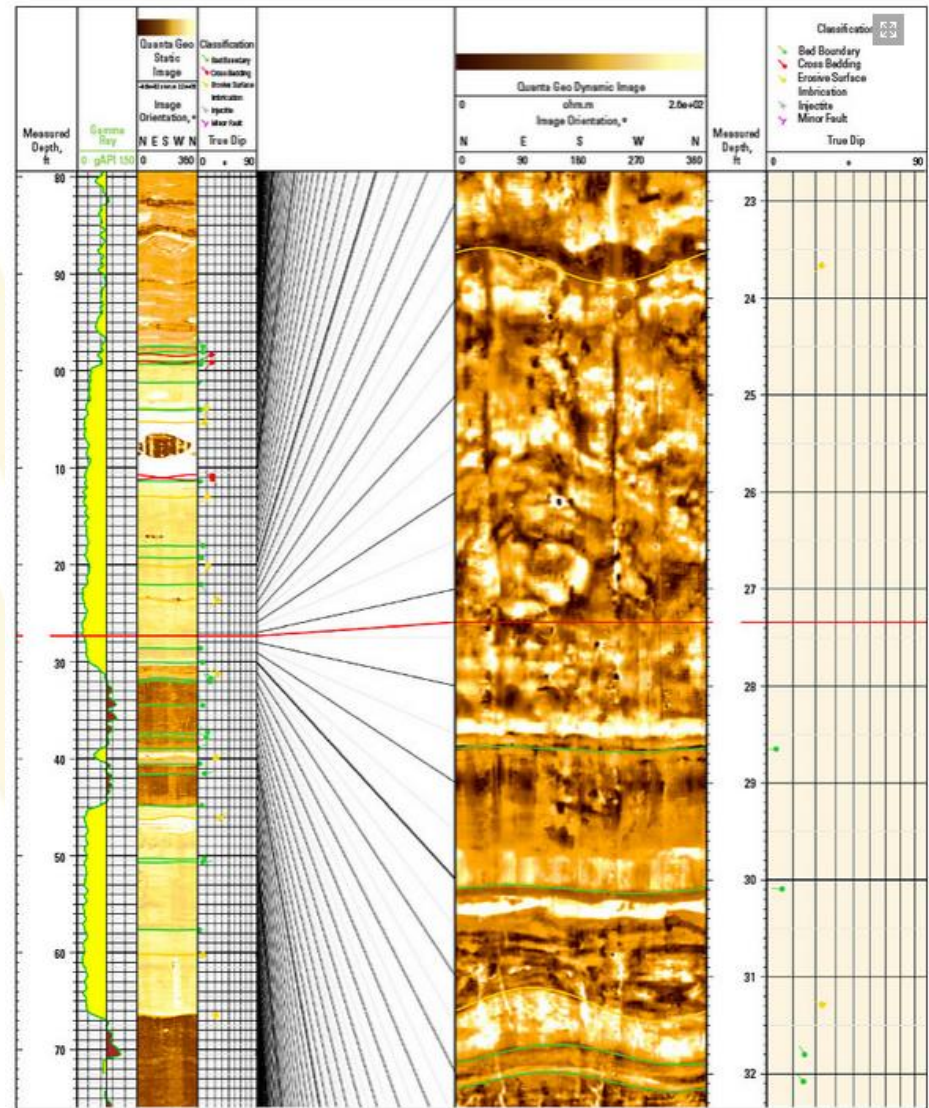


# Precision Petrophysical Analysis Laboratory





# MSEEL LOGGING



Schlumberger



# **MSEEL**

## **GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOMECHANICAL**



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## MICROSEISMIC AND FIBER OPTICS

Optimize the well  
throughout its lifecycle

WELL  
CONSTRUCTION



**FlowWatch<sup>SM</sup>**  
*Well Construction  
Monitoring Service*

COMPLETION/  
STIMULATION



**StimWatch<sup>®</sup>**  
*Stimulation  
Monitoring Service*

PRODUCTION/  
INJECTION



**FlowWatch<sup>SM</sup>**  
*Production/Injection  
Monitoring Service*

WELLBORE  
INTEGRITY



**FlowWatch<sup>SM</sup>**  
*Wellbore Integrity  
Monitoring Service*

RE-  
STIMULATION

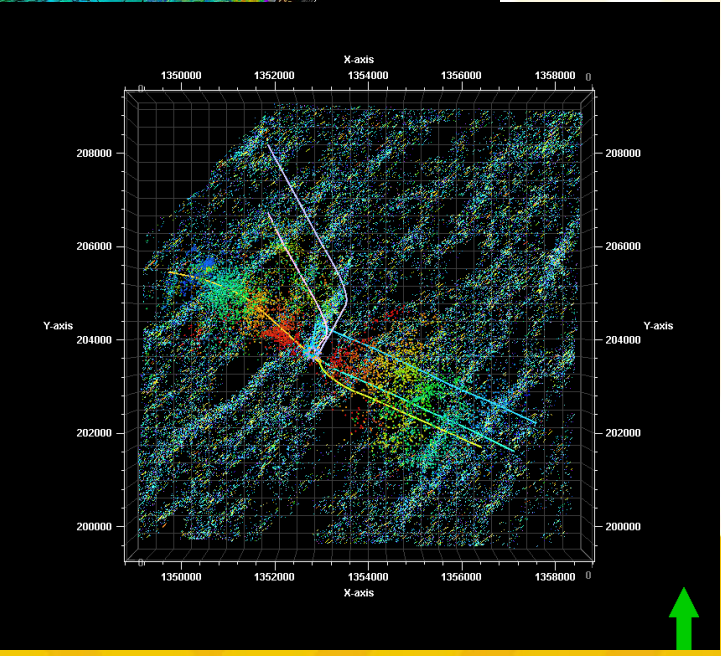
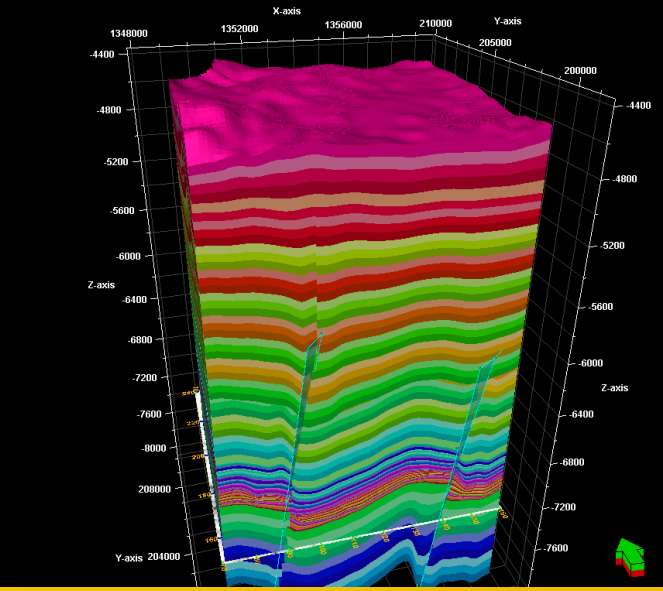
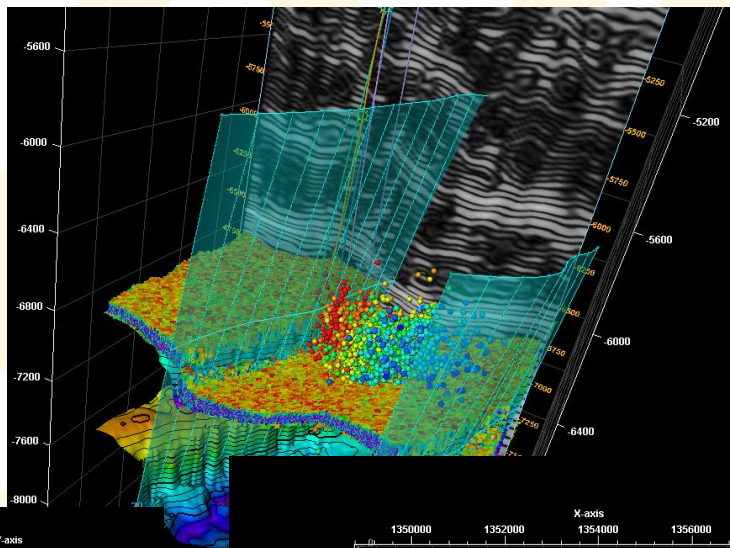
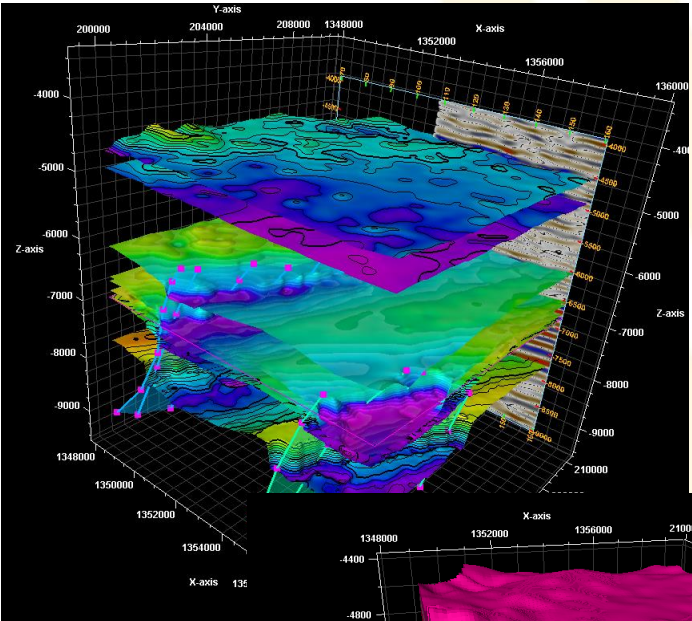


**StimWatch<sup>®</sup>**  
*Stimulation  
Monitoring Service*

Pinnacle



# SOME MICROSEISMIC PERSPECTIVES FOR THE MORGANTOWN MSEEL SITE



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## DRILLING AND COMPLETION SERVICES




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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACT



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**MSEEL**  
Marcellus Shale  
Energy & Environment  
Laboratory  
Northeast Natural Energy

