

# LBr-1 – a CO<sub>2</sub> storage pilot project with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR in the Czech Republic

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# LBr-1 storage pilot project overview

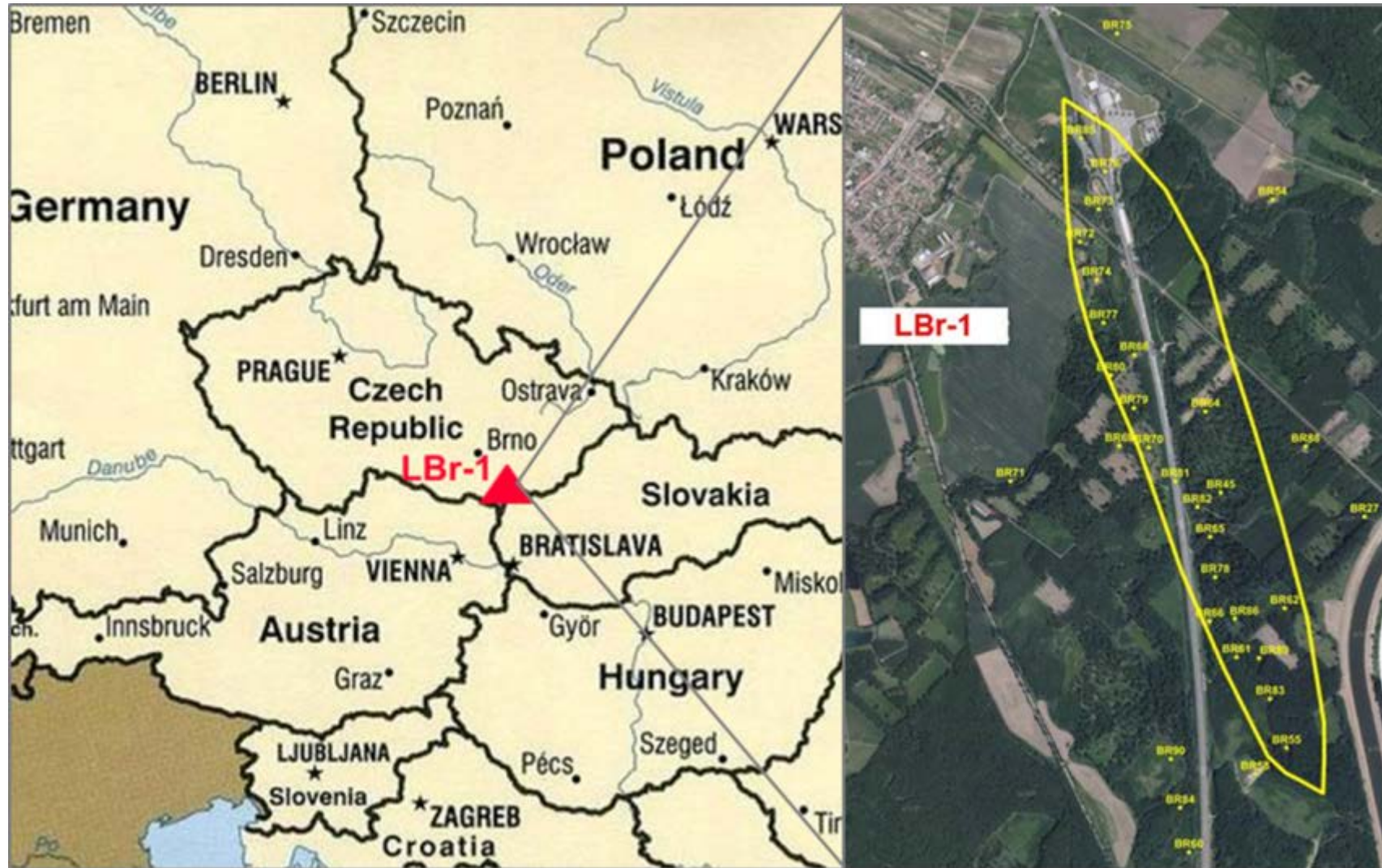
**Depleted hydrocarbon field** in the Czech part of the Vienna Basin, produced mainly in the 1960s

Tertiary **sandstones** at ca. 1100 m depth

## **Project development:**

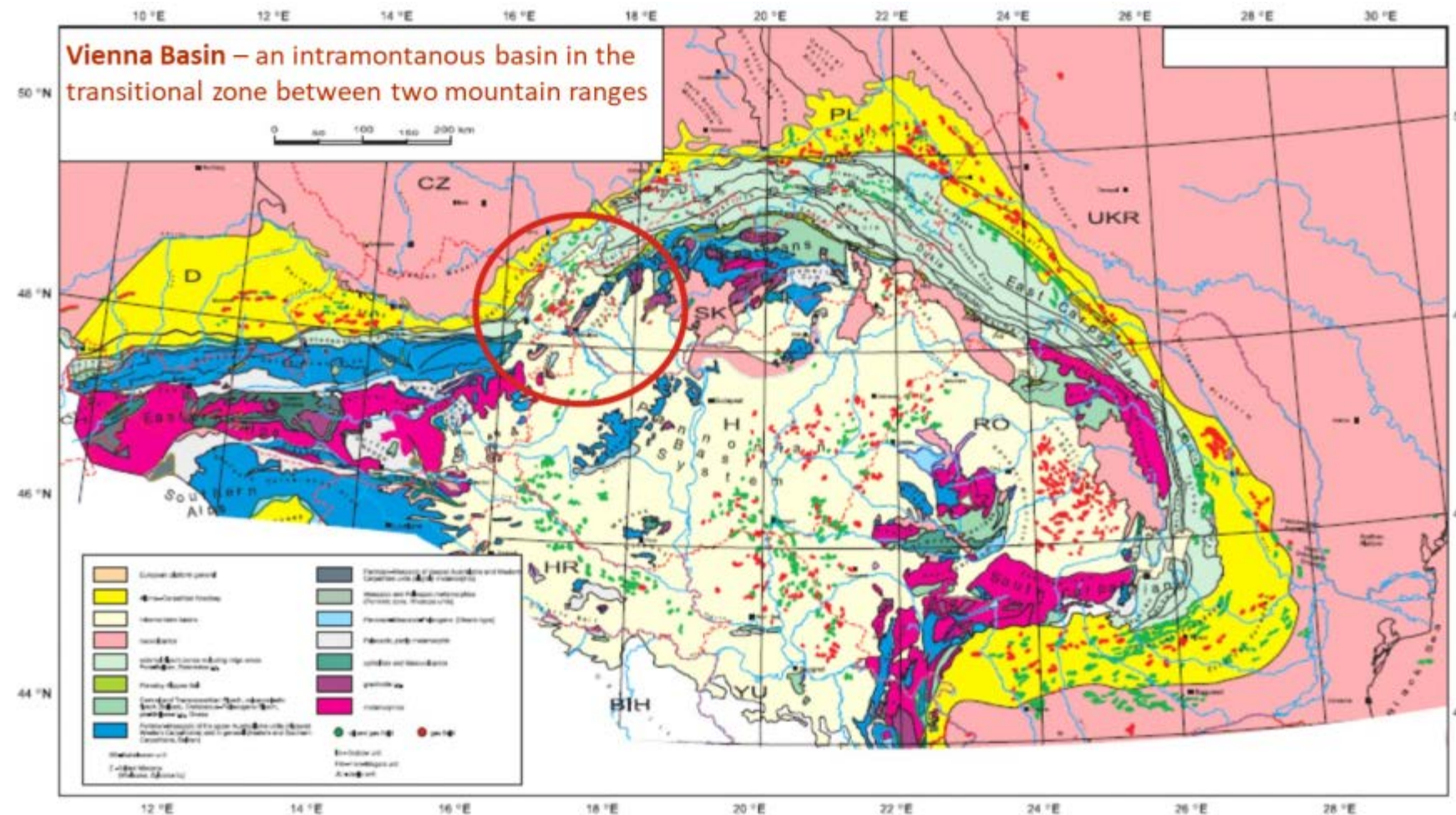
- Phase 1 – REPP-CO2 project funded by Norway Grants (2015-2016) – site characterisation and screening, 3D model of storage complex, dynamic simulations, risk assessment, monitoring plan
- Phase 2 – ENOS project – small steps forward
- Phase 3 – next round of Norway Grants(?), Horizon 2020 (?)

# LBr-1 location



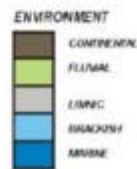
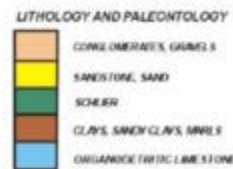


# LBr-1 geological position



**General overview and distribution of oil and gas fields in the Circum Carpathian Region of Central Europe. (Golonka & Picha, 2006)**

### LBr-1 oil field

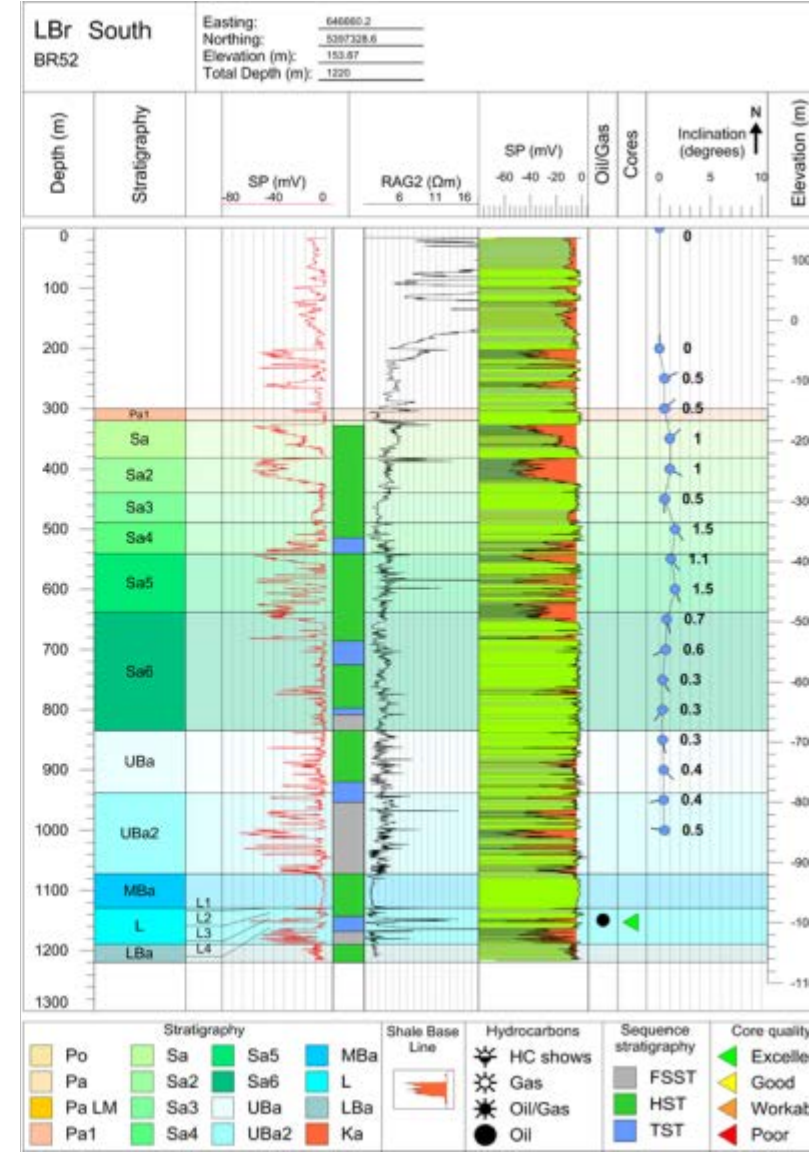
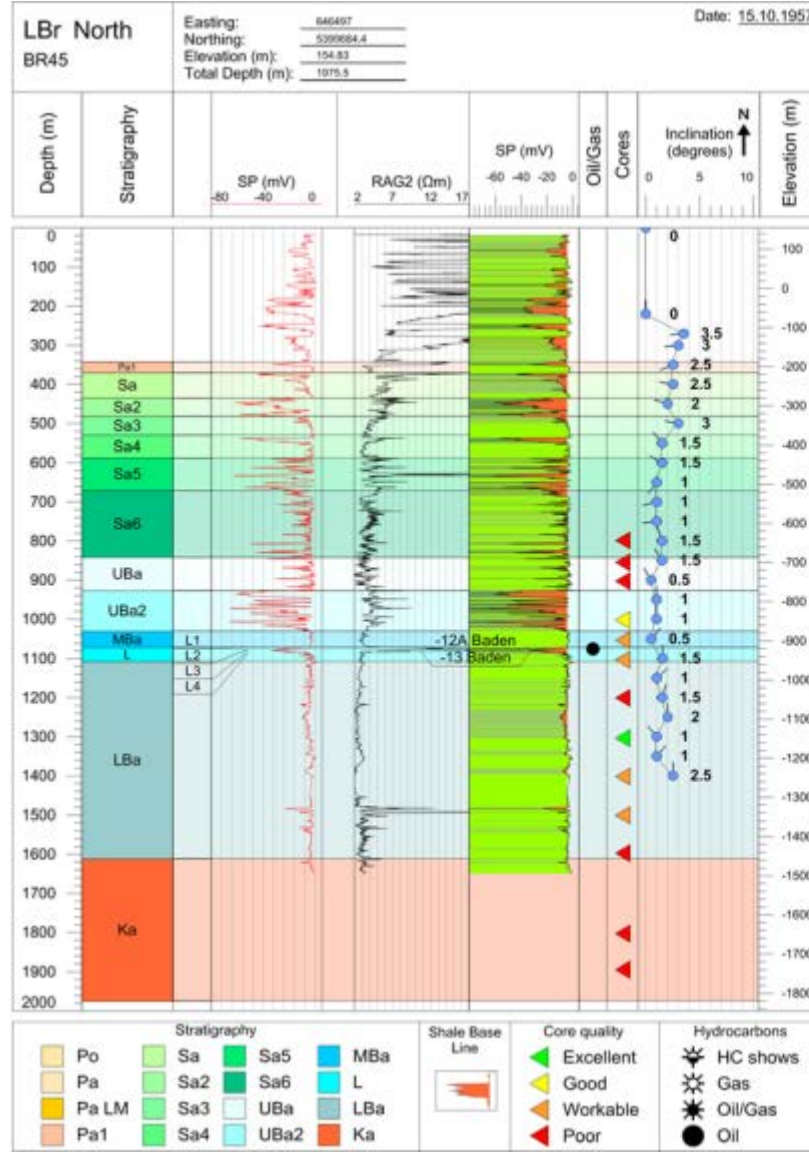




# LBr-1 archive cores

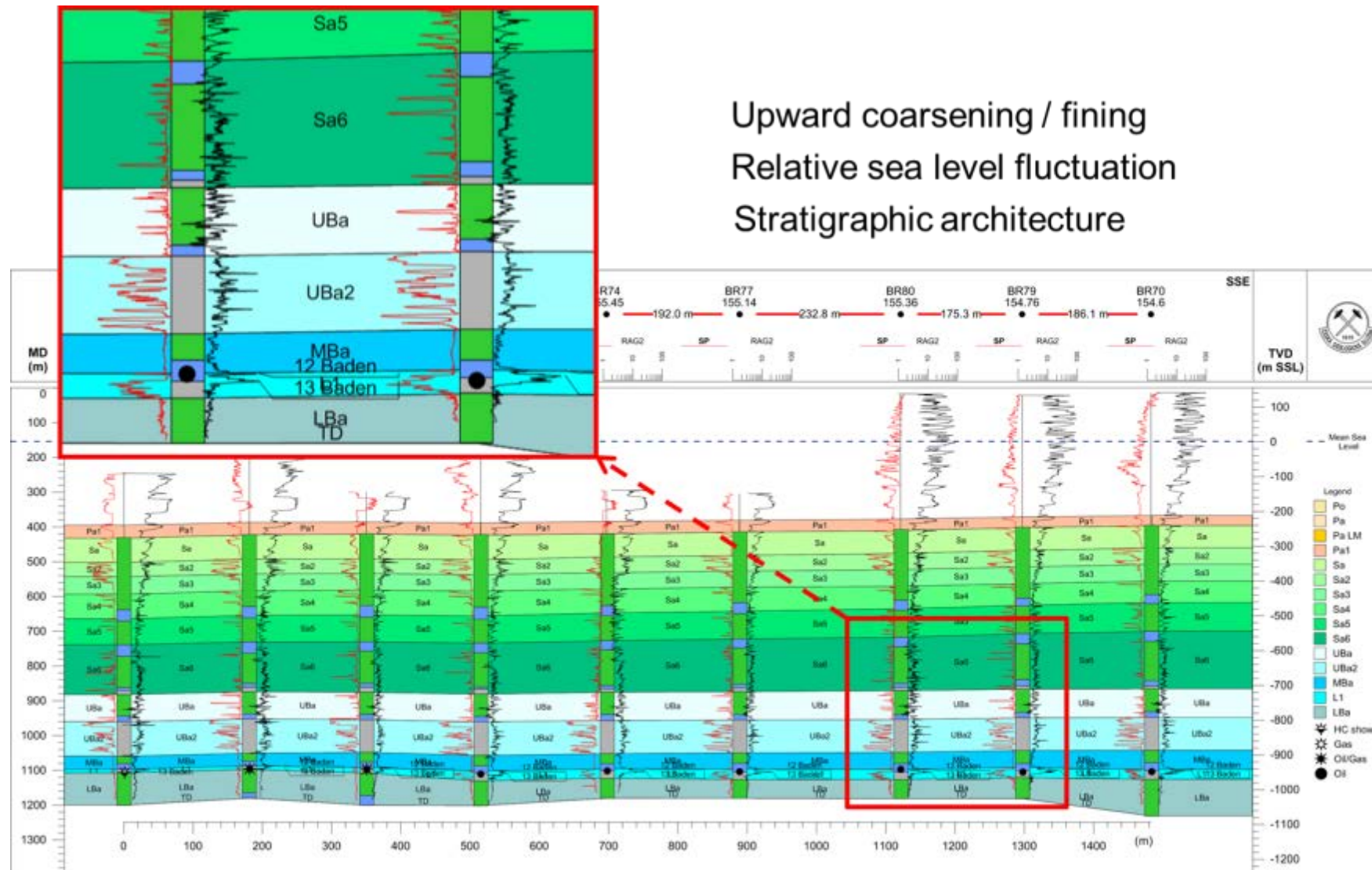


# New visualisation and interpretation of well and well-log data



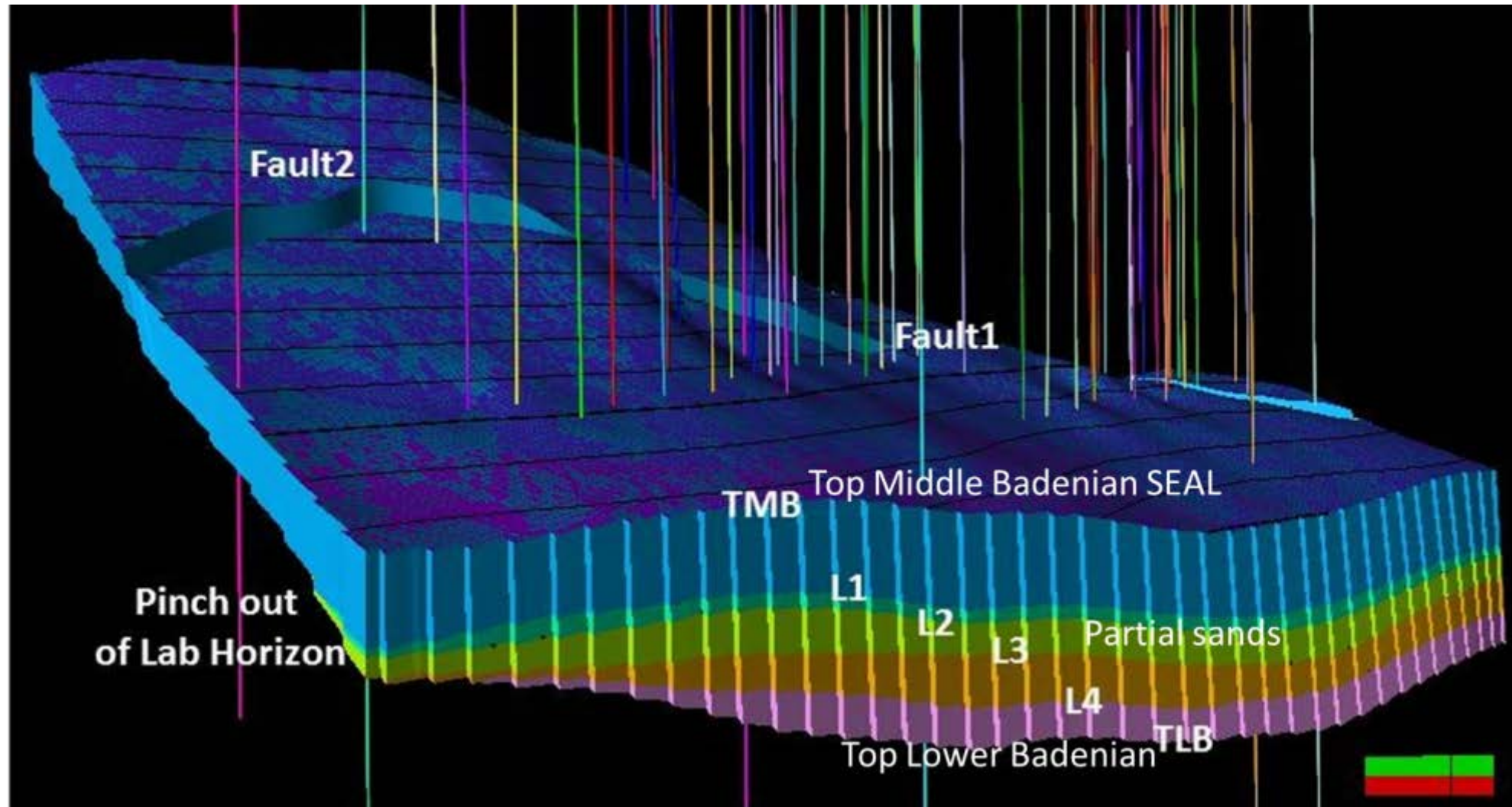


# New sequence stratigraphy

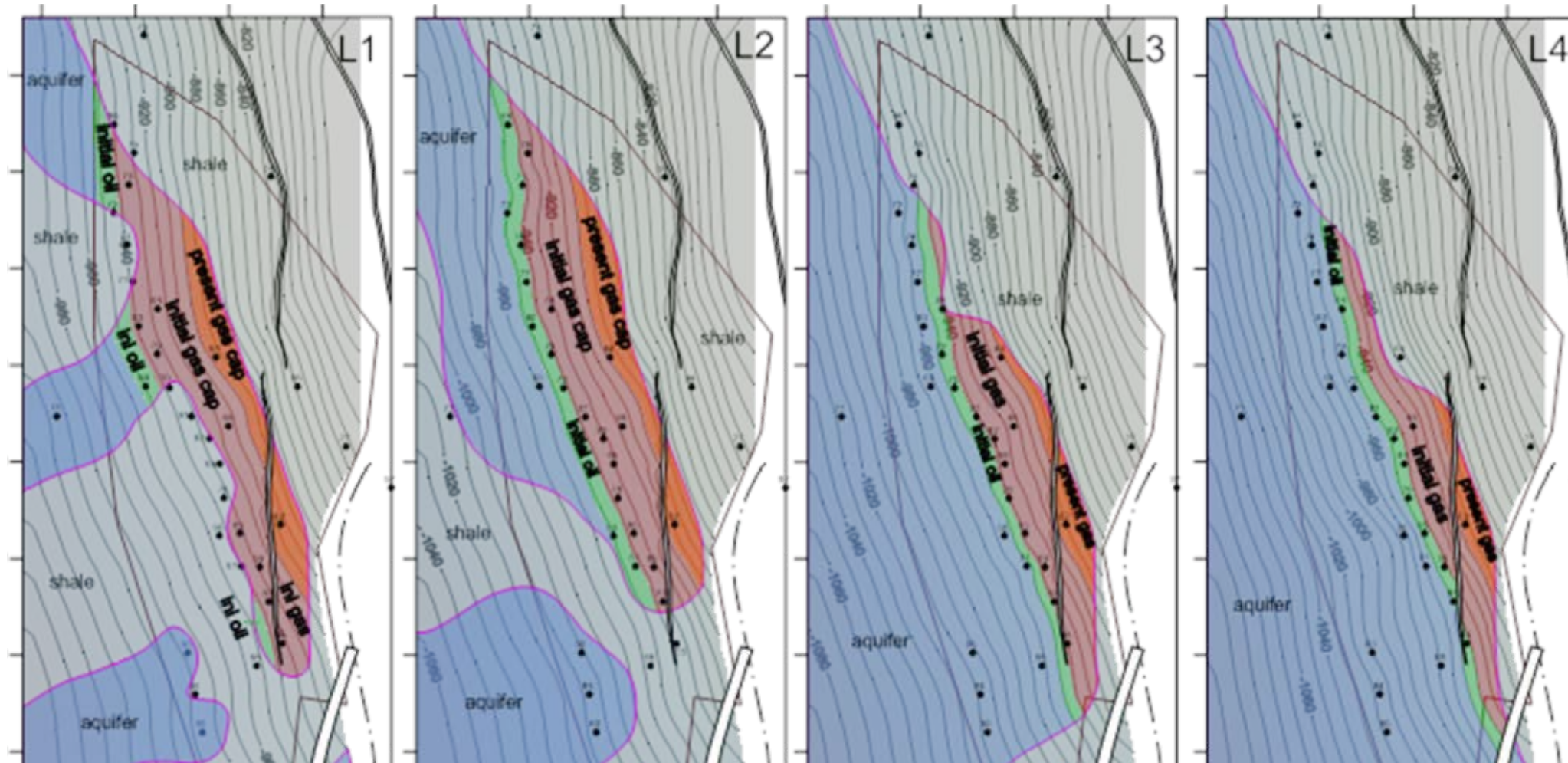




# 3D static geological model

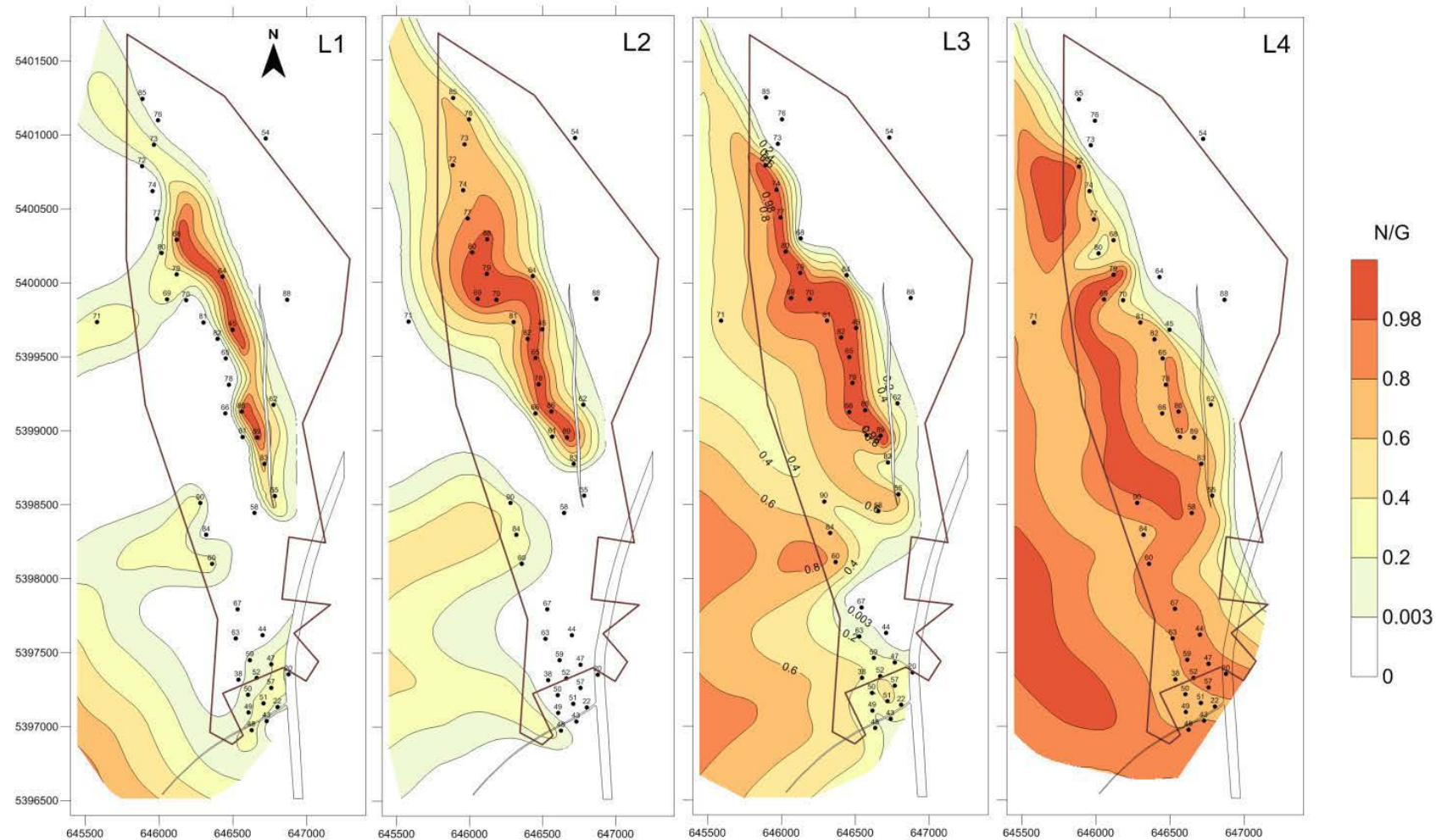


# Structural contour maps - top of the 4 partial sand horizons of the Lab reservoir



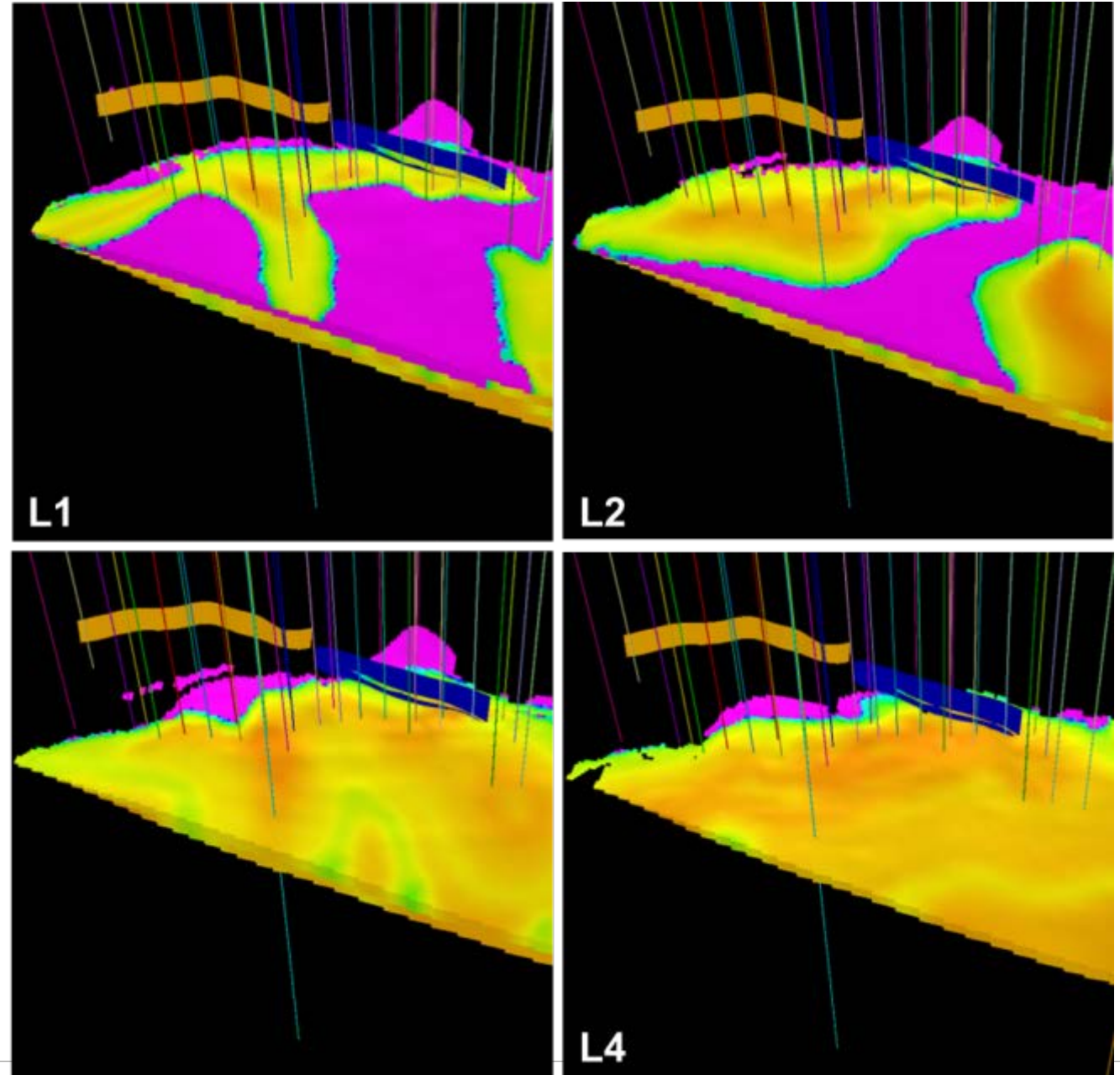


# Net-to-Gross maps of the 4 partial sand horizons of the Lab reservoir

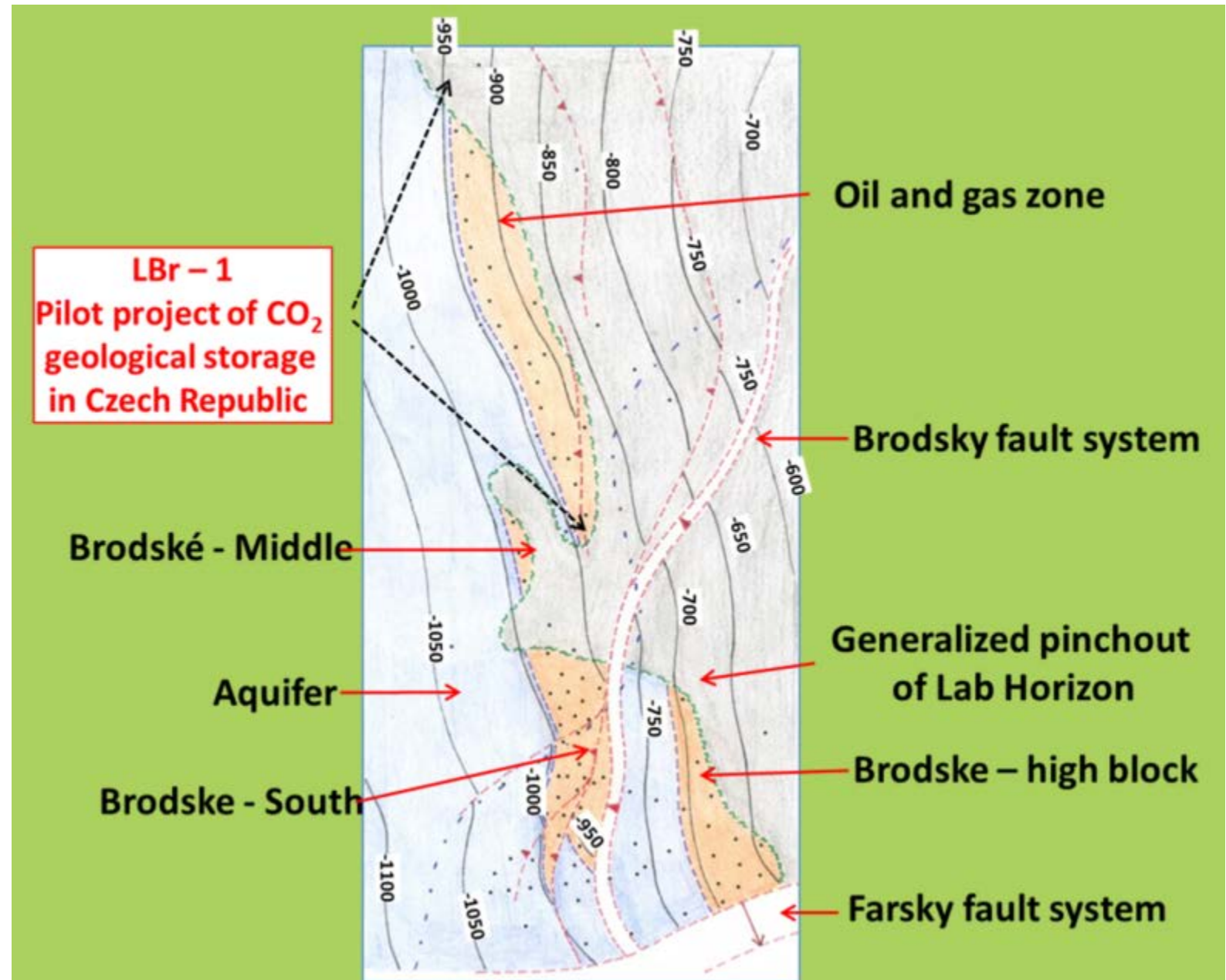




# 3D model – permeability distribution in the 4 partial sand horizons of the Láb reservoir



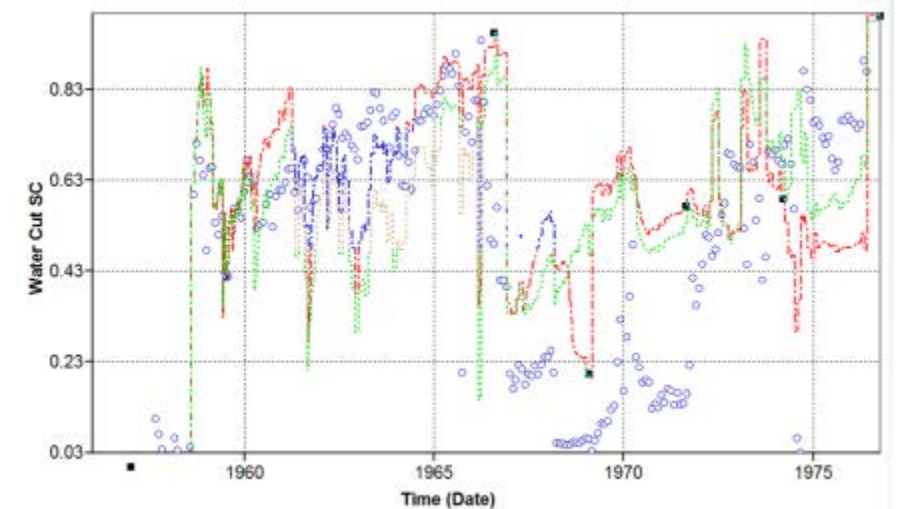
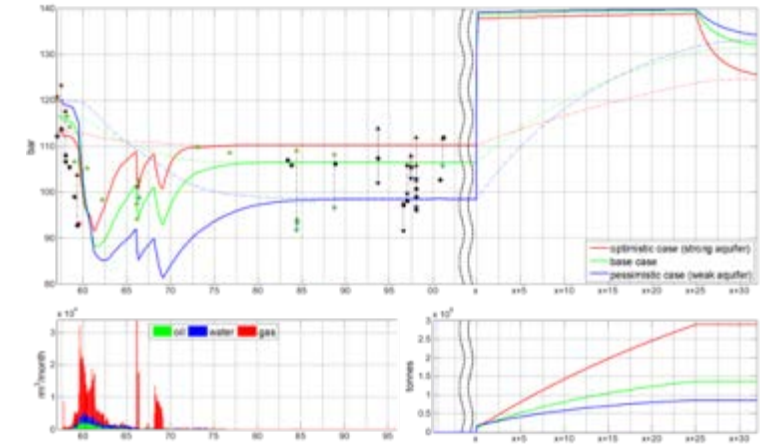
# LBr-1 position in relationship to neighbouring structures



# Dynamic modelling



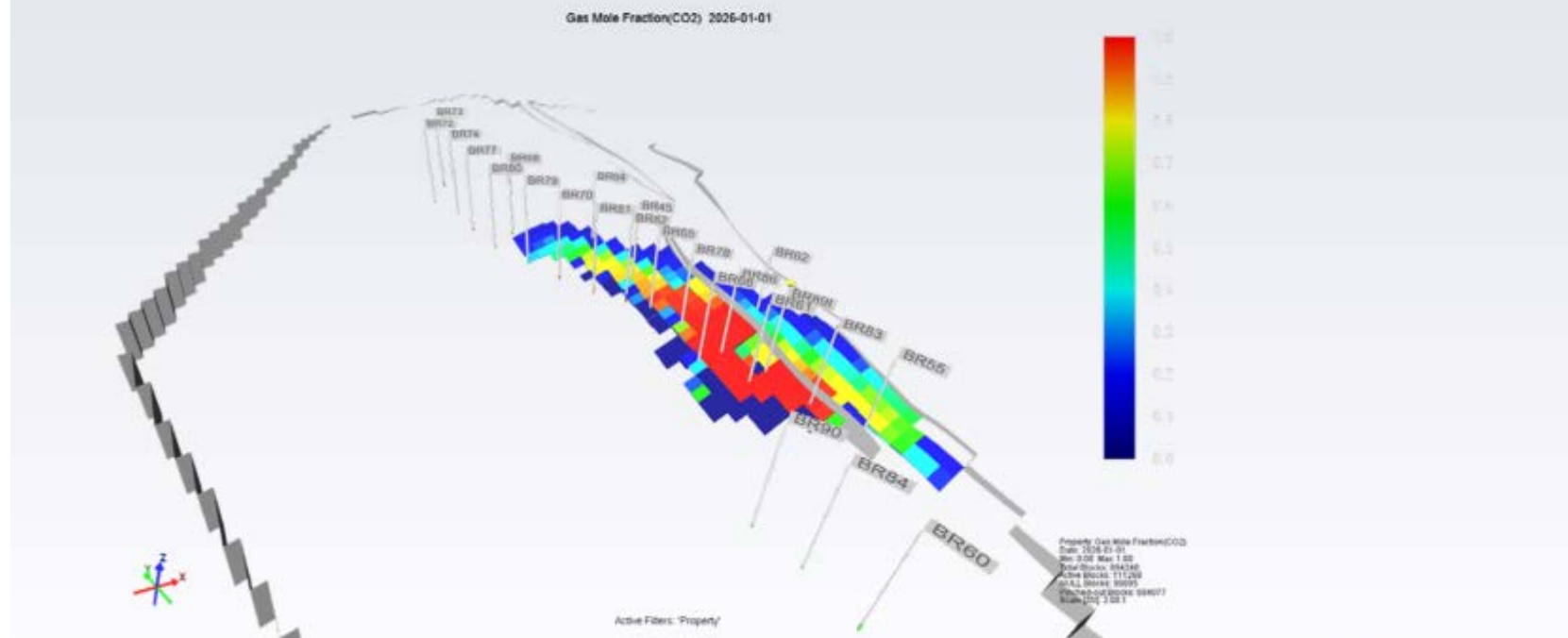
- Material balance study
- Preparation of simulation model – upscaling and adjustment of the 3D static reservoir model; stochastic approach used for distribution of reservoir properties
- History matching
- Numerical modelling of CO2 injection scenarios:
  - Pilot storage case (70,000 tons of CO2)
  - Full storage case (up to 950,000 t CO2)
  - EOR case (additional oil recovery 26,000 t, 63 kt CO2)
  - Combined case – CO2 storage pilot followed by CO2-EOR and storage



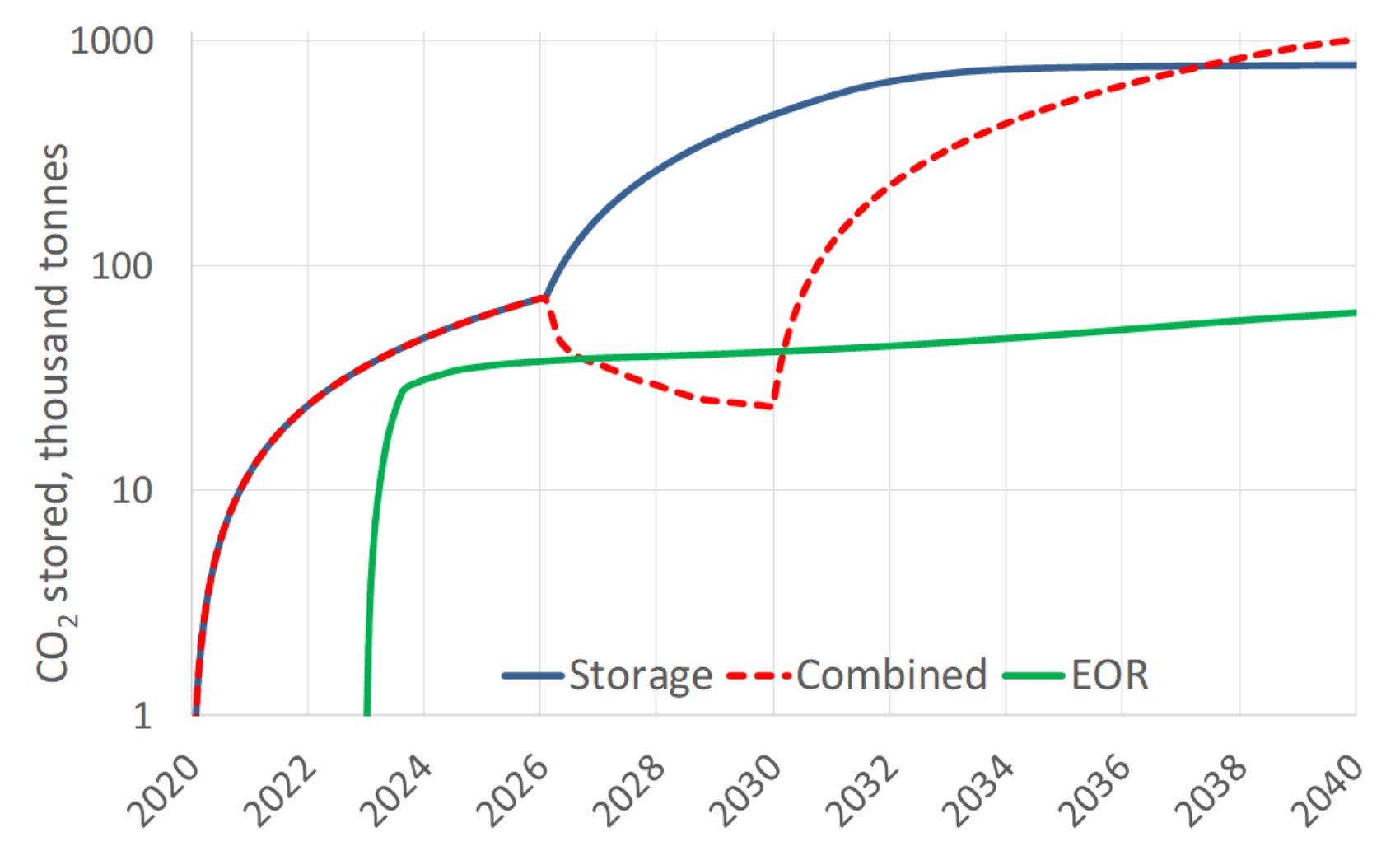


# Pilot storage case

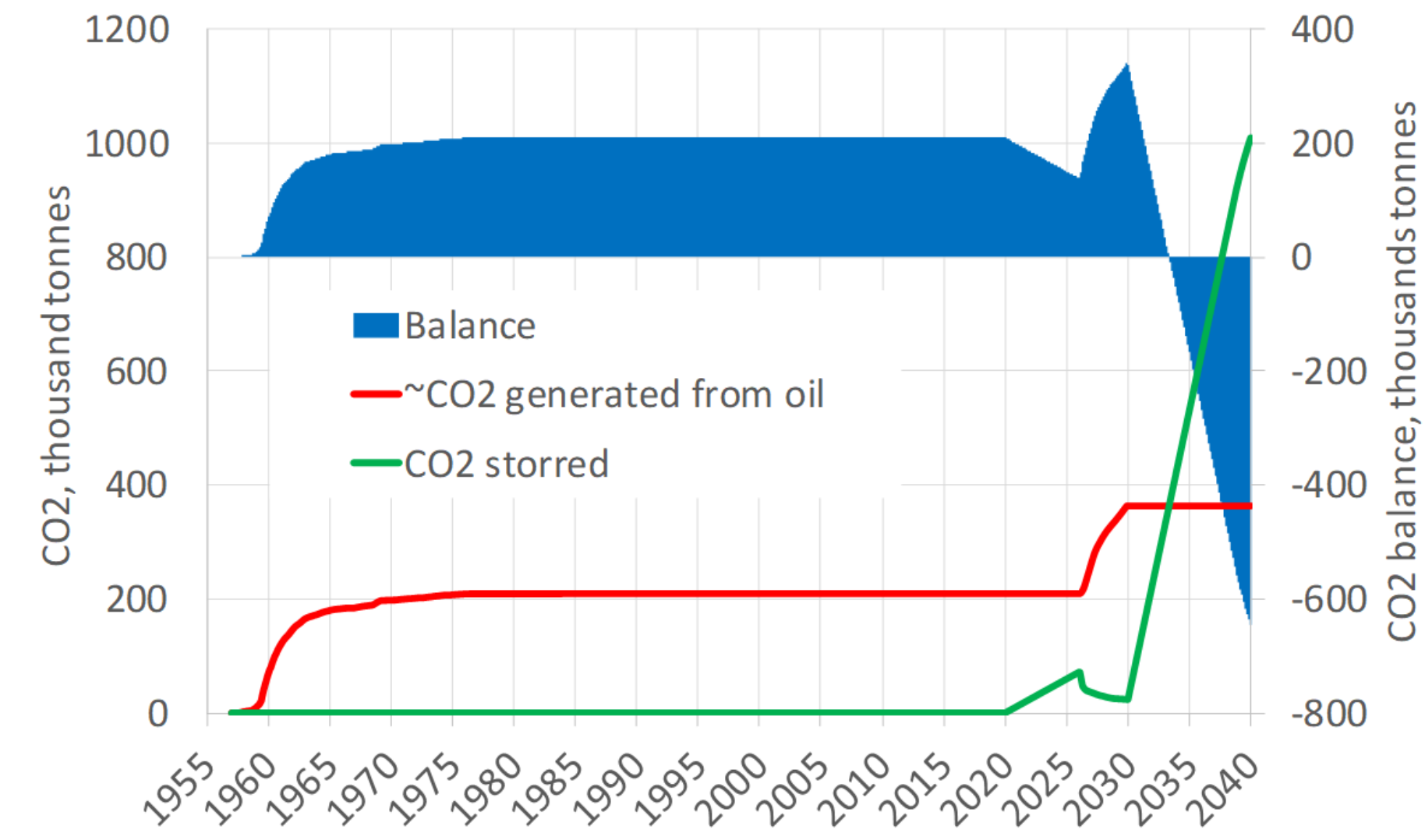
- 2020-2026, 70 000 tons: 17 600 sm<sup>3</sup>/day
- No injection issues expected, pressure increase is small and local



# Comparison of scenarios – volumes of stored CO<sub>2</sub>



# CO2 balance – combined case

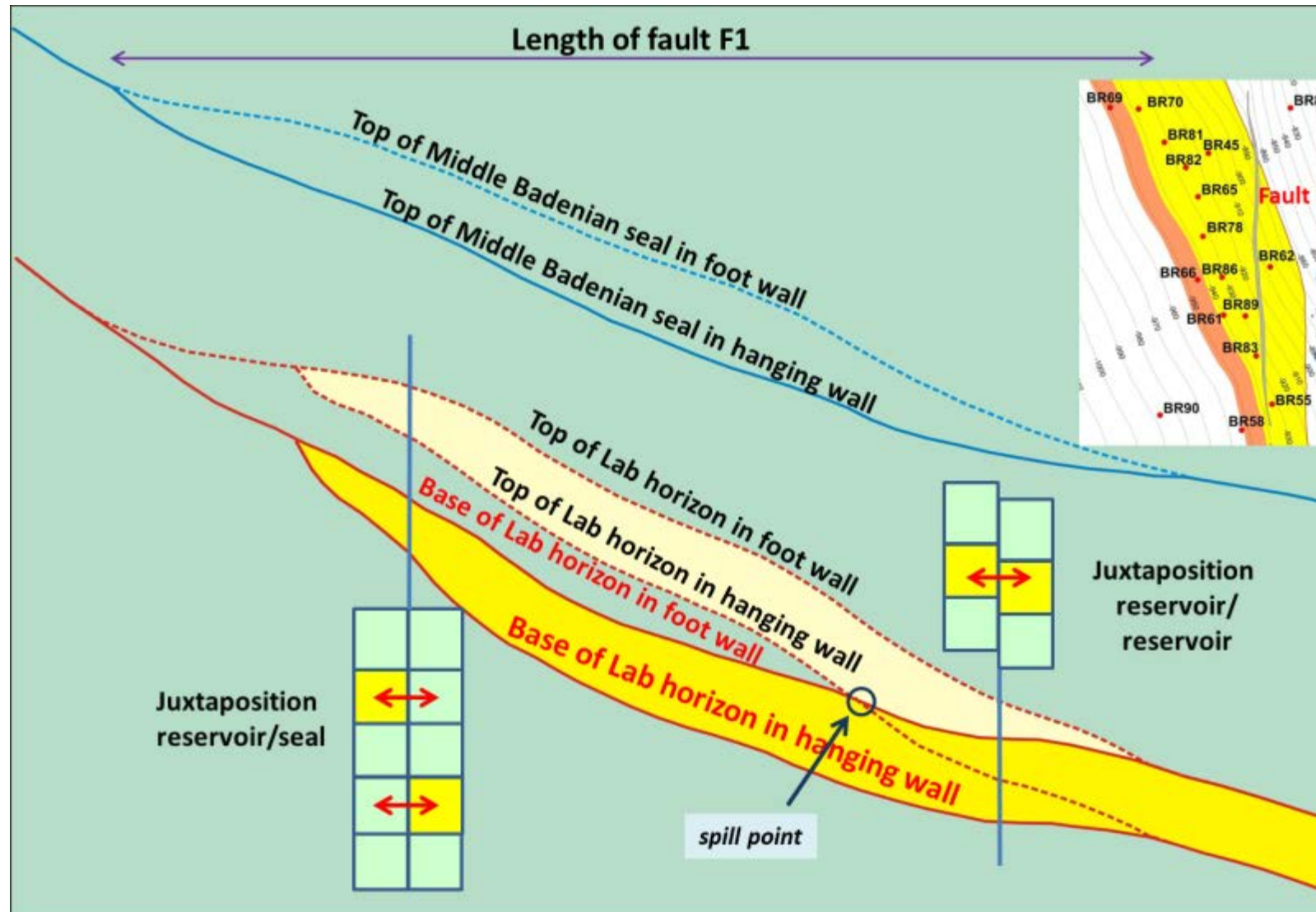




## LBr-1 related work in ENOS project

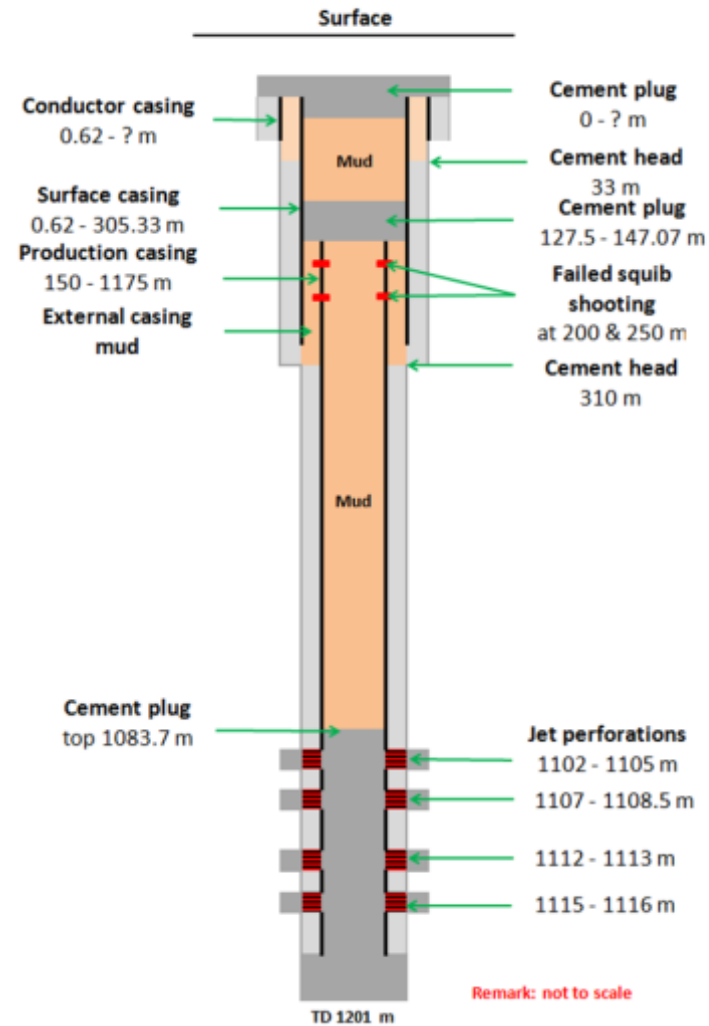
- detailed risk analysis of faults and legacy boreholes
- simulations of possible leakage (threatening potable groundwater)
- scenarios combining storage with EOR
- trans-boundary issues (CZ-SK)
- EOR potential of the Vienna Basin (CZ-SK-AT)

# Fault analysis – Allan diagrams

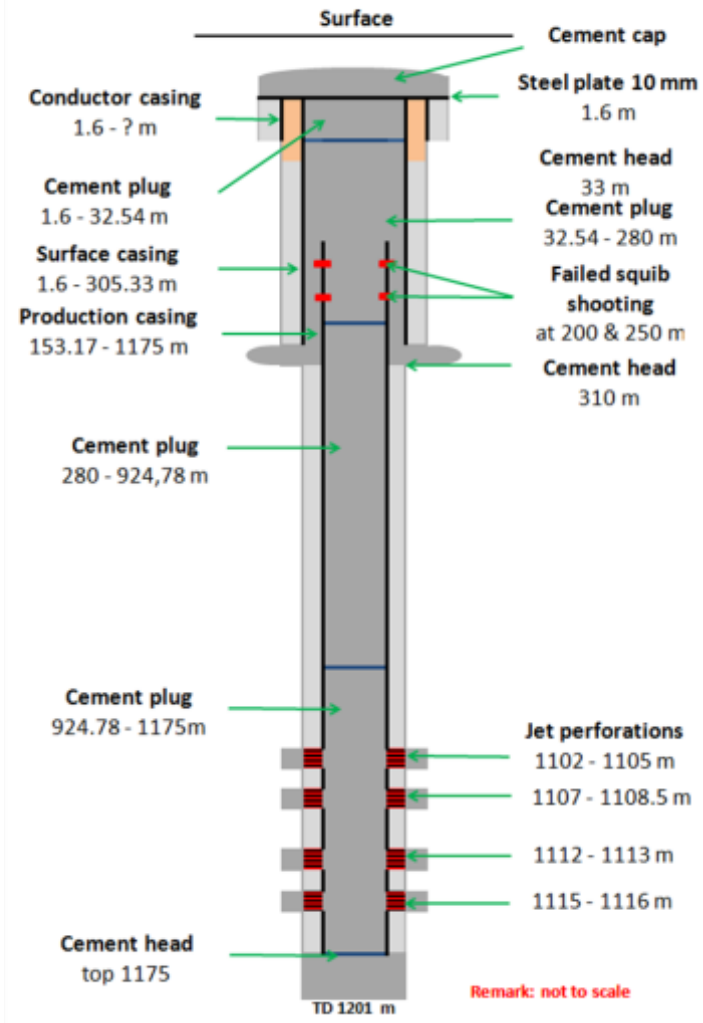


# Assessment of well abandonment quality

Br72 - well design after original abandonment

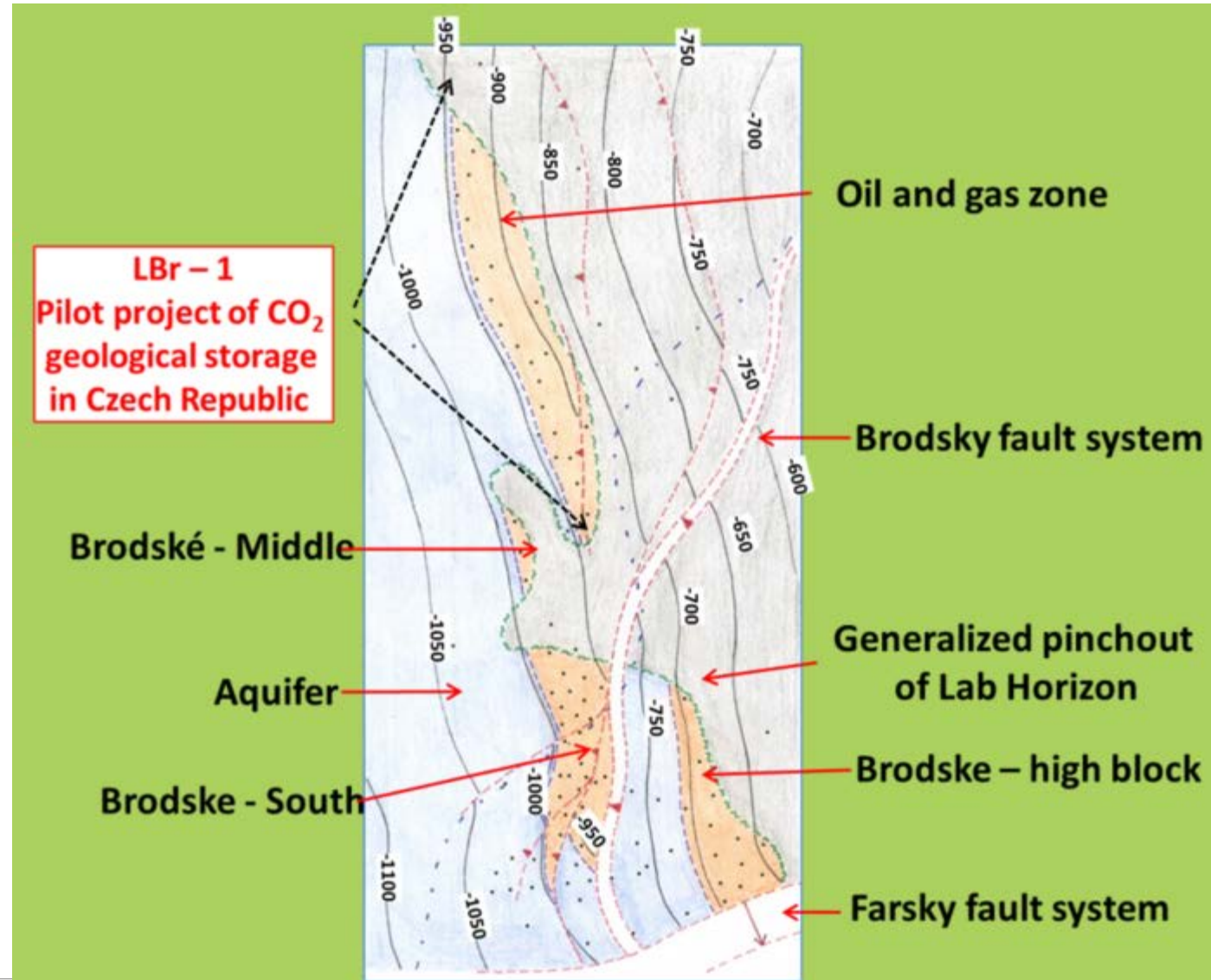


Br72 - well design after re-abandonment

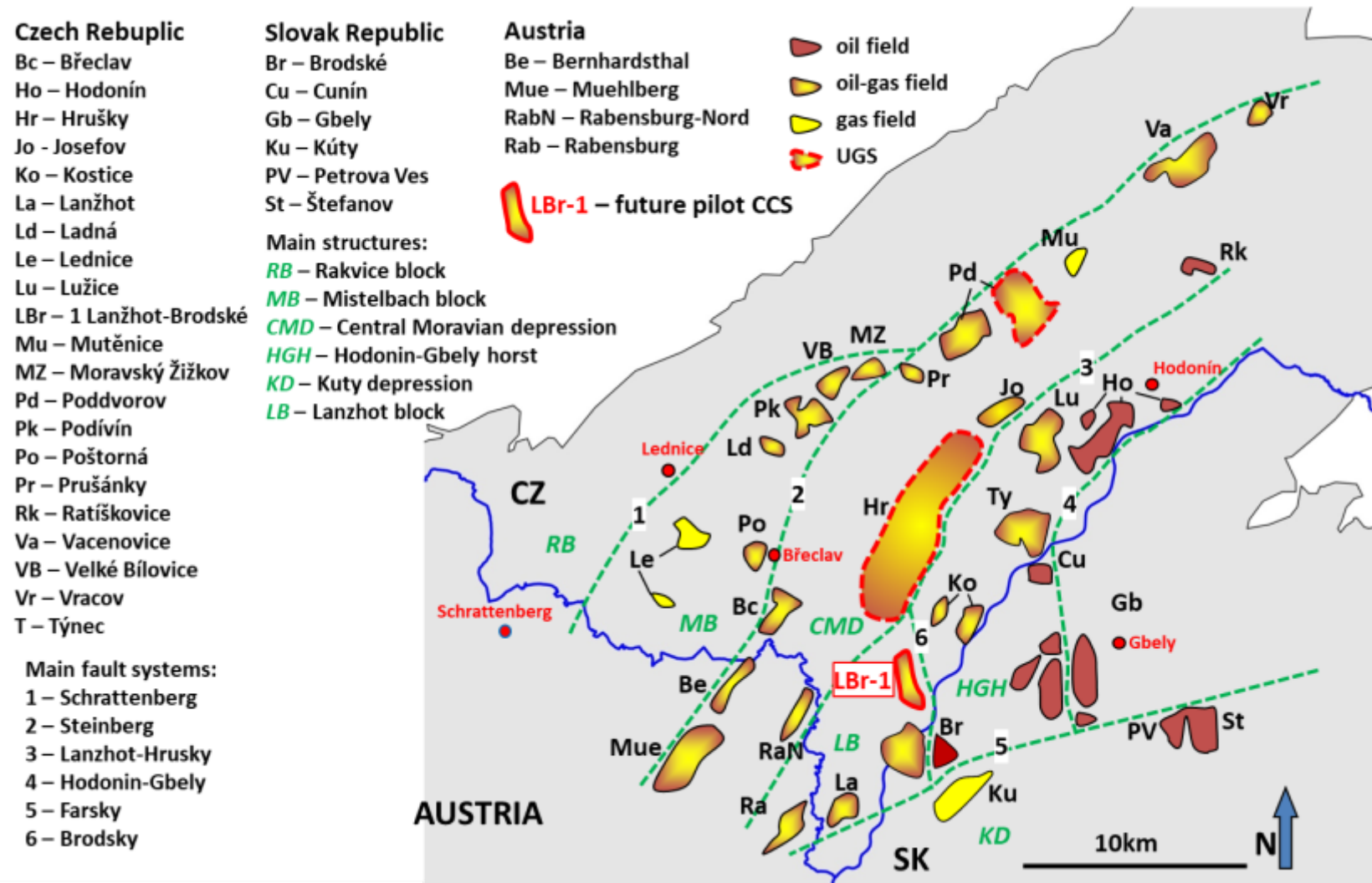




# Trans-boundary issues



# Vienna Basin HC fields – possible regional CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR case



# Lessons learned so far

LBr-1 is a promising structure for a CO<sub>2</sub> storage pilot, providing an opportunity for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR at the same time, with regional upscaling potential

„Digging“ for information from old archive data is time consuming and requires specific „local“ knowledge but results can be excellent

Supplementary site investigation is necessary, especially to get fresh cores for geomechanical and geochemical experiments and allow in-situ borehole tests (stress field, permeability)

Local conditions need to be taken into account for choice of monitoring methods (high seismic noise level, periodical flooding, etc.)

CO<sub>2</sub> source is an issue - a promising nearby CO<sub>2</sub> source revealed (95.5 % purity) – 240 th. t/yr released into the atmosphere

Further steps towards project deployment will need stronger support by national government and industry





# ENOS

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