

# State of Utah CO<sub>2</sub> Projects | June 2023 Update



## Funded:

- Utah SCO2Pro (statewide)
- CarbonSAFE Phase II (Uinta Basin)
- Iron Mountain Focus Project (Iron County, Utah)

## Awaiting Decision:

- DE-FOA-0002735: *Red Rocks DAC Hub*
  - A geothermal energy-driven direct air carbon capture and sequestration hub in SW Utah
  - PI: Dr. Jack H. Norbeck, Fervo Energy, Houston, TX
  - UGS Sub-Recipient: Dr. Eugene Szymanski
  - Total Project Cost: \$3,585,653 (20% Cost Share)

## Awaiting Decision cont'd:

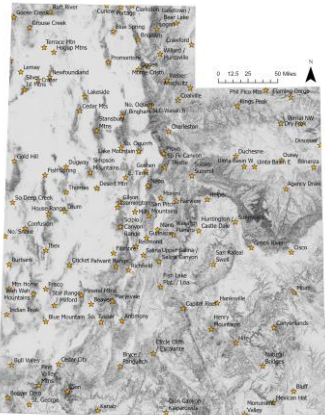
- DE-FOA-0002799: *Utah Statewide Carbon Storage Assessment: Geological Data Gathering, Analysis, Sharing, and Engagement*
  - assess CS resources across Utah, display that assessment and its underlying data in a user-friendly web application, and create a well-organized foundation for CS data management moving forward
  - PI: Eugene Szymanski, Ph.D., UGS
  - Contributors: Univ. Utah EGI; Univ. Utah Dept. of Geology & Geophysics, Dept. of Anthropology, & Dept. of Sociology
  - Total Project Cost: \$1,131,388 (20% Cost Share)

# Utah SCO2TPro: Data Input

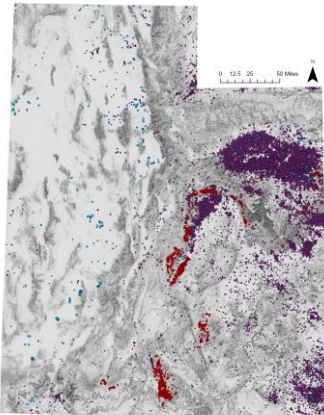
- 50x50 km grid has 89 cells in Utah – the UGS has gathered data for about **60%** of the state so far
- Product will have most value if all data types are considered and stored such that inputs may be regenerated for future work, allowing more data to be included with time

CUSP grid population for Utah is a complex data management challenge

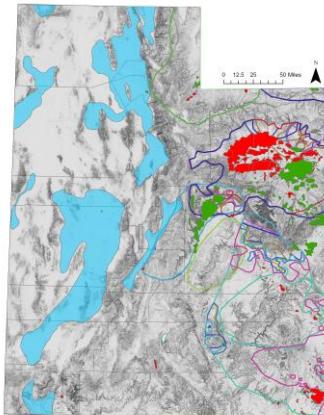
Strat Columns



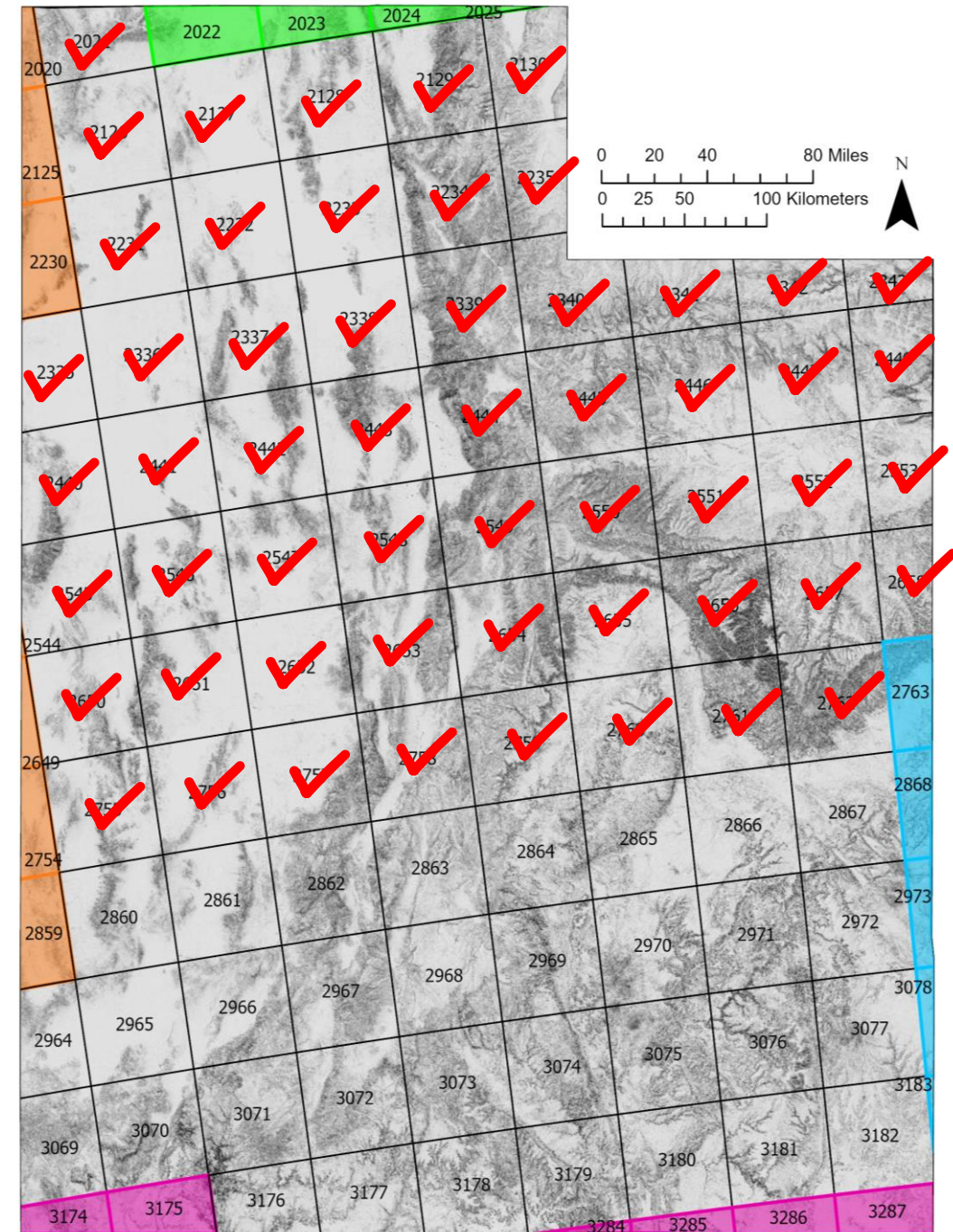
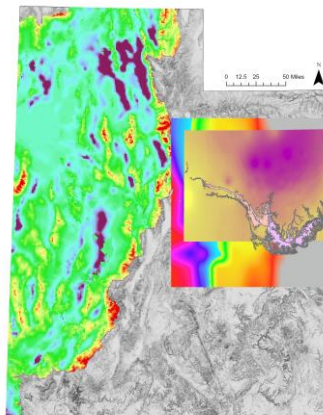
Wells



2D Surfaces

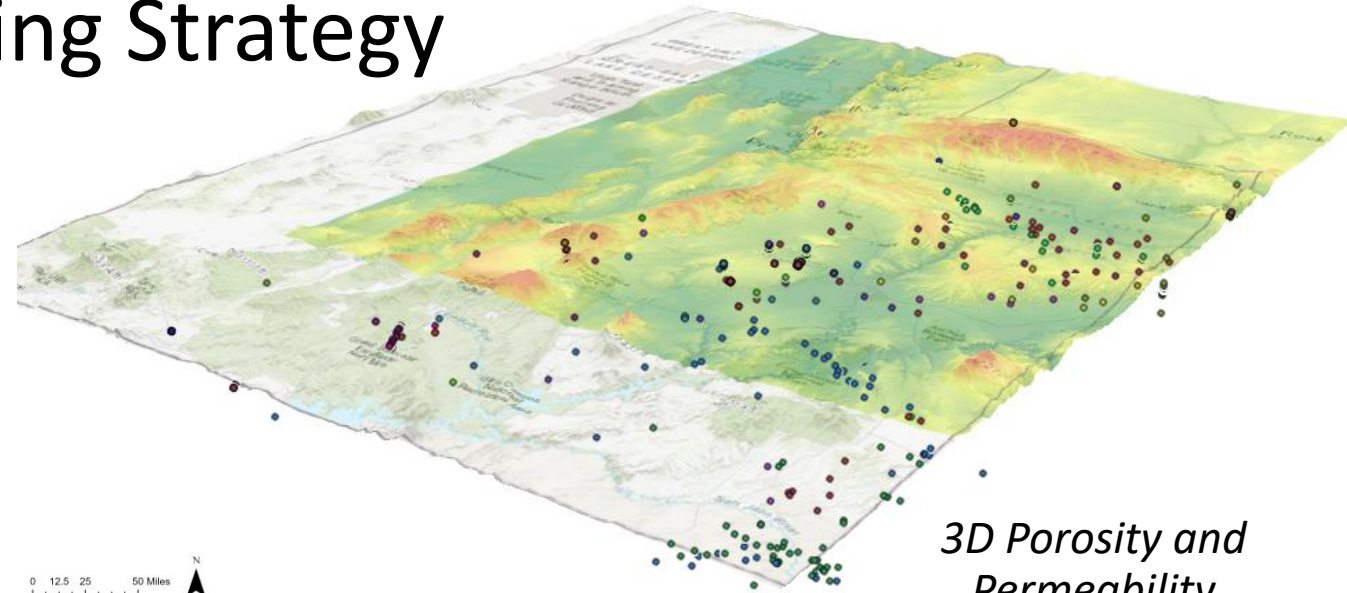


3D Surfaces

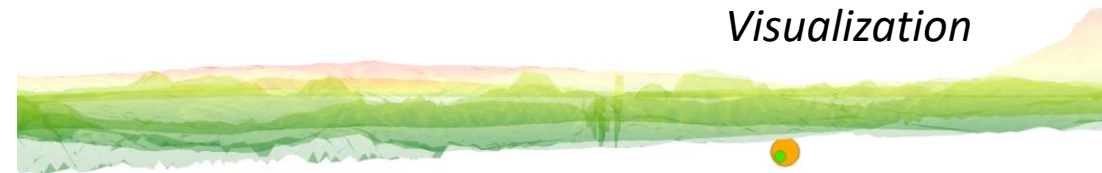


# Utah SCO2TPro: Data Gathering Strategy

- divide Utah into regions / basins
- remove overlap for simplification
- define key reservoir and seal layers for each basin / region
- assess spatial extent of each layer – extracting outcrop limit from existing mapping
- gather well tops, depth, thickness, and rock properties for each layer
- store data in statewide database schema but use basins to focus work



*3D Porosity and Permeability Visualization*



## Legend

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formation

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|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| ● Coconino-White Rim | ● Entrada        | ● Ferron             | ● Mesaverde       | ● Paradox    |
| ● Cutler             | ● Blackhawk      | ● Garden Gulch       | ● Moenkopi        | ● Park City  |
| ● Dakota             | ● Castlegate     | ● Green River        | ● Morrison        | ● Temple Cap |
| ● De Chelly          | ● Cedar Mesa     | ● Green River Tongue | ● Navajo          | ● Torowap    |
| ● Douglas Creek      | ● Cedar Mountain | ● Kaibab             | ● Neslen          | ● Twin Creek |
|                      | ● Chinle         | ● Leadville          | ● Nugget          | ● Wasatch    |
|                      | ● Coconino       | ● Lower Wasatch      | ● Organ Rock      | ● Weber      |
|                      |                  | ● Mancos             | ● Parachute Creek | ● White Rim  |

# Uinta Basin CarbonSAFE Phase II

Project scheduled to begin Summer 2023

**DOE Funding:** \$8,007,459  
**Non-DOE Funding:** \$2,001,865  
**Total Value:** \$10,009,324

**Principal Investigator:** Dr. Ting Xiao (UU EGI)

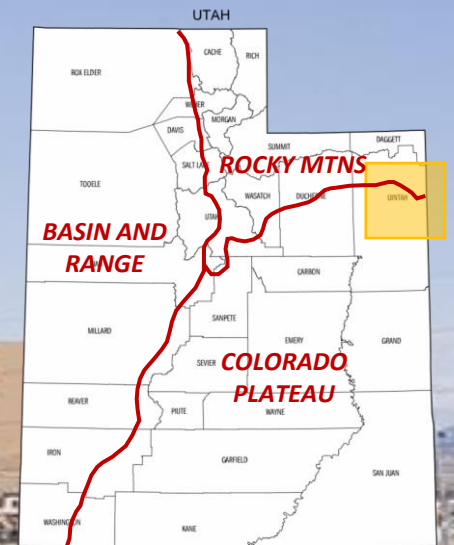
- Brian McPherson (UU EGI), Co-PI
- Michael Vanden Berg (UGS), Co-PI
- Richard Middleton (Carbon Solutions LLC), Co-PI
- Maohong Fan (University of Wyoming), Co-PI

*Bonanza Coal-Fired  
Power Plant*

## Contributors:

Energy & Geoscience Institute – *Project Lead*  
Utah Geological Survey – *Geology Team Lead*  
Hohn Engineering and KGH Operating – *Industry partners*

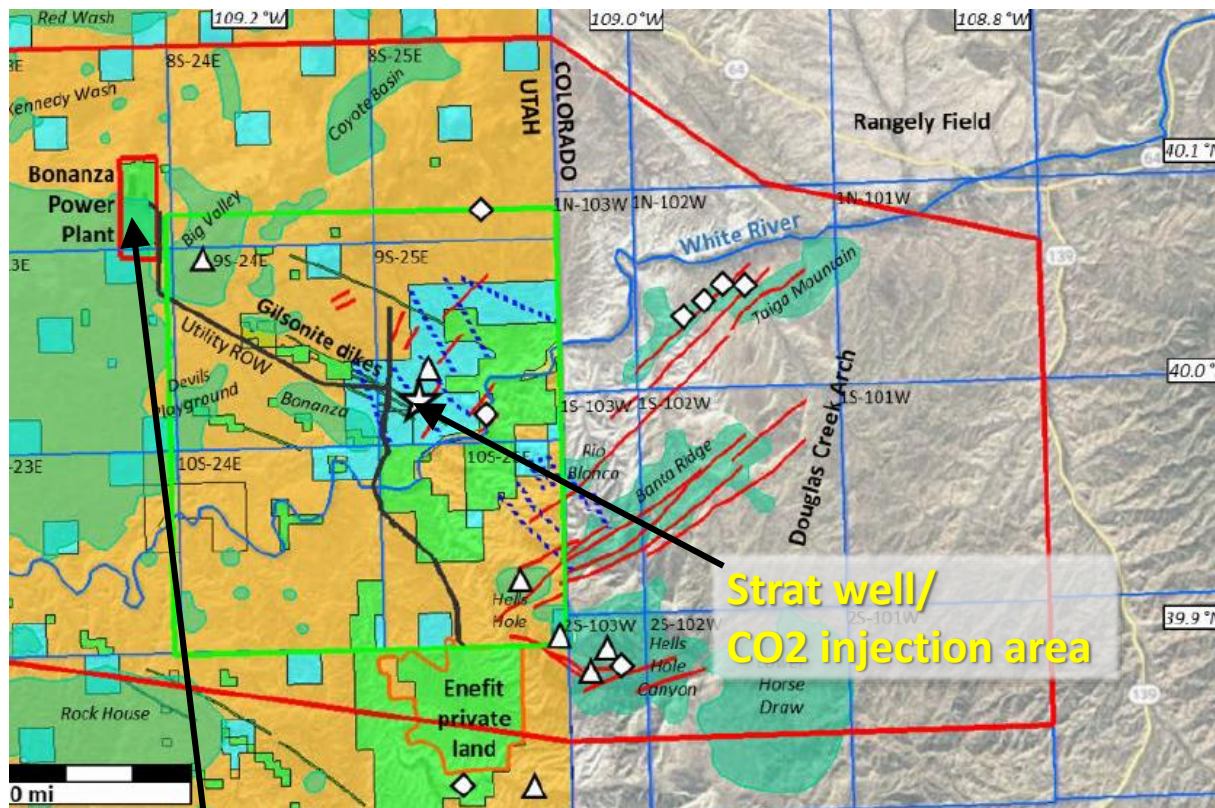
Univ. Utah Dept. of Geology and Geophysics (*Prof. L. Birgenheier*)  
Carbon Solutions  
Los Alamos National Lab  
New Mexico Tech  
University Of Wyoming  
University of Oklahoma  
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)



# Uinta Basin

## CarbonSAFE Phase II

Period	Formation / Member	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)*	Lith.	
EOCENE	Green River Formation	1490	0		
	Wasatch Formation	1025	1490		
CRETACEOUS	Mesaverde Group	Price River Ss	1475	2515	
		Sego Sandstone	435	3990	
	Mancos	Mancos Shale	4155	4425	
		Frontier	45	8580	
		Frontier-Lower	60	8625	
		Tununk	85	8640	
	Dakota-Upper	110	8710		
	Dakota-Lower	55	8750		
Cedar Mountain Fm	85	8805			
Buckhorn Conglomerate	75	8890			
JURASSIC	Morrison Formation	605	8965		
	Curtis Formation	85	9495		
	Entrada Formation	175	9580		
	Carmel Formation	60	9750		
	Chinle Formation	590	9810		
	Moenkopi Formation	810	10405		
	Weber Sandstone	800	11215		

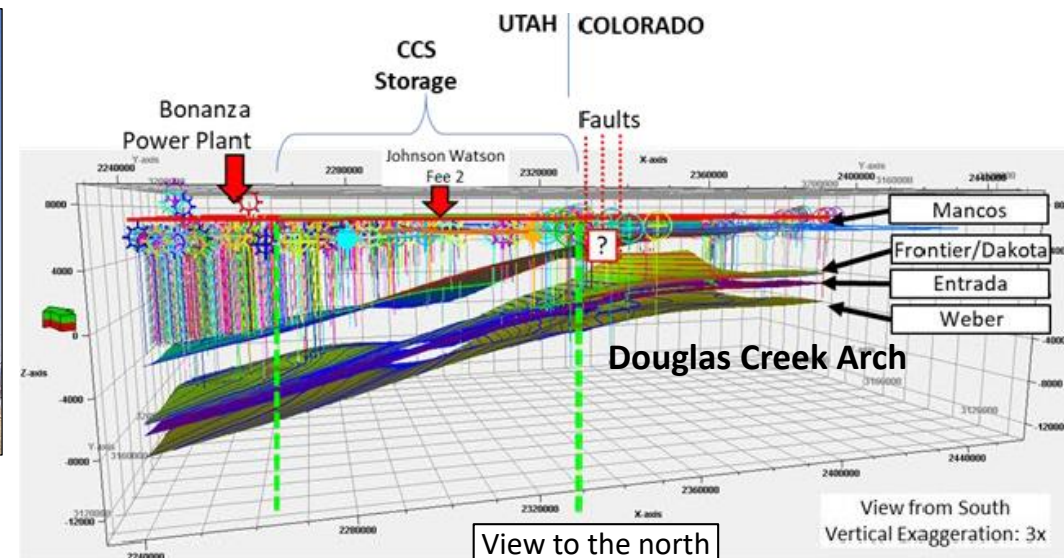


- LEGEND**
- CarbonSAFE PHASE II Study**
- Area of Study
  - Proposed Injection Site
  - CCS Storage Area
- Geological Features and Data**
- Wells with Cores from seal/reservoir
  - Wells with Cuttings
  - Potential faults
  - Recently acquired 2D Seismic Lines
- Oil and Gas Operations**
- Oil and Gas Field
  - Enefit Private Land
  - Enefit Permitted Utility Right-Of-Way
- Utah Land Ownership**
- Tribal
  - Private
  - State (SITLA)
  - Federal

**Strat well/  
CO2 injection area**



The Bonanza Coal-Fired Power Plant emits **~3.0 million tons CO<sub>2</sub> per year**



- Injection Target
- Seal

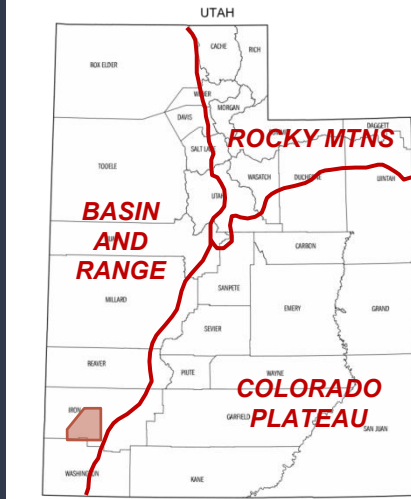
• General stratigraphy from Hintze (1992)  
• Approximate Depths of individual formations and gamma log from well API # 43-047-10916

# CUSP Iron Mountain Focus Project, Iron Springs District

## Subsurface Characterization Plan:

- **Groundwater / Aquifer Characterization**
- **Stratigraphy / Chronostratigraphy**
- **Subsurface Isopach Mapping**
- Structural & Tectonic History Analysis
- **Petrophysics and Reservoir Quality Characterization (core / cuttings / outcrop)**
- **2D Seismic Interpretation**
- Outcrop Study of Navajo Fm. and other strata
- Gravity Survey and Mapping
- Historical and Modern Seismicity

**Figures:** Generalized geologic maps of the greater Iron Springs District, Utah showing the location of wells and schematic outline of volcanic intrusions (modified from Blank and Mackin, 1967).



Appx. extent of Three Peaks and Granite Mtn. sill

2D seismic line

P&A oil & gas well

