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# Well & Reservoir Management for Complex Floods Focus on Fiber-optics & 4D Seismic in Deepwater

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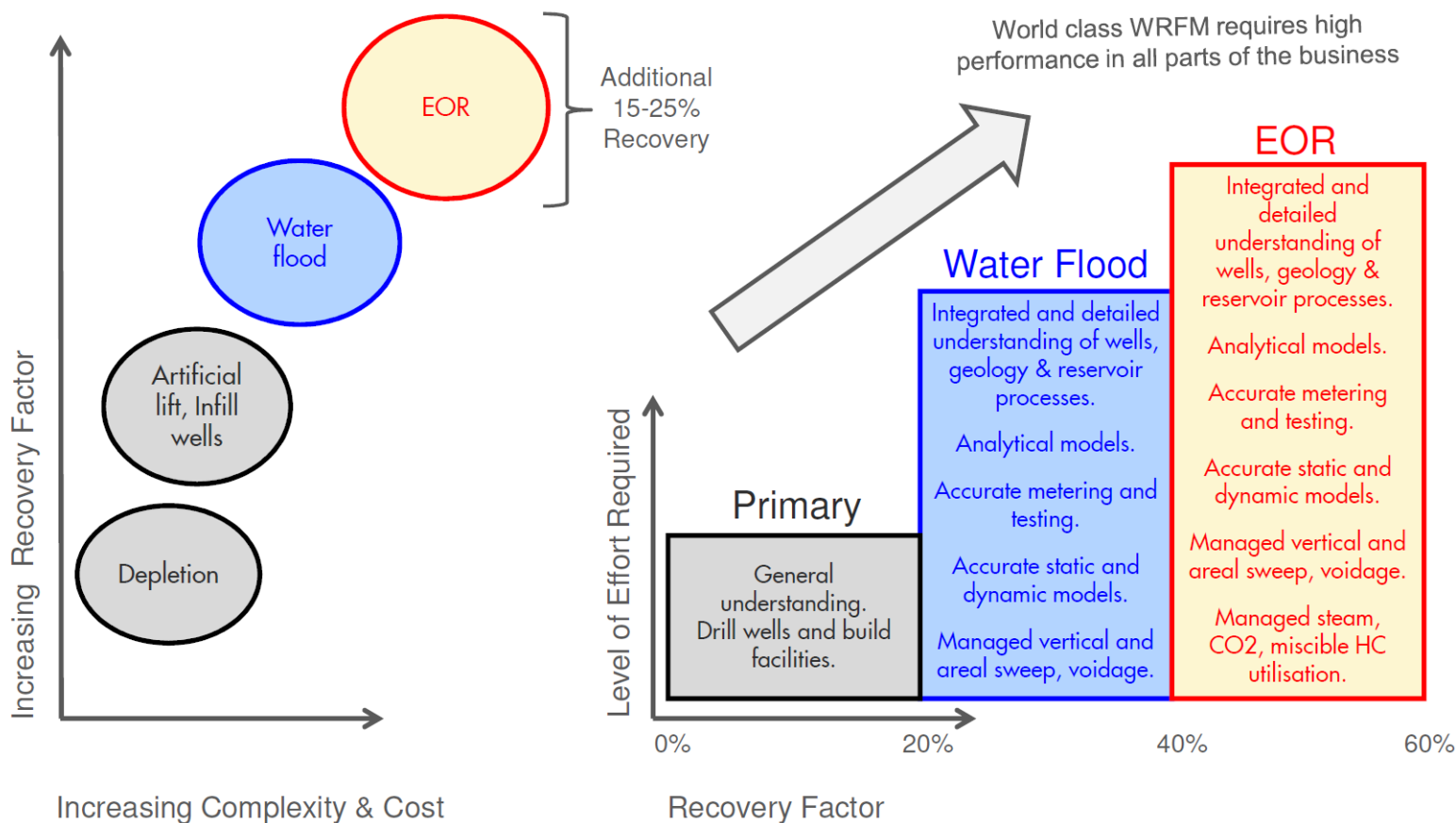
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# Well & Reservoir Management is Essential for Optimized Recovery

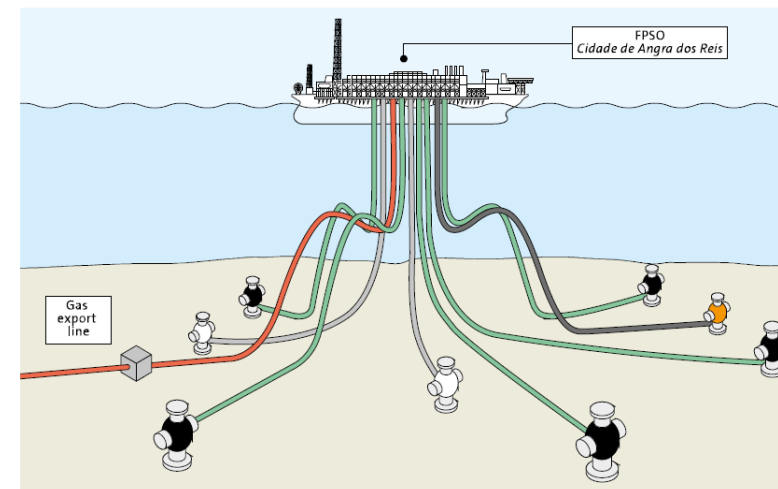


- Complex IOR/EOR projects risk not meeting NPV or production targets
- Well & Reservoir Management (WRM) reduces such risks
- New technologies, including fiber optics and 4D seismic are essential enablers for cost-effective WRM

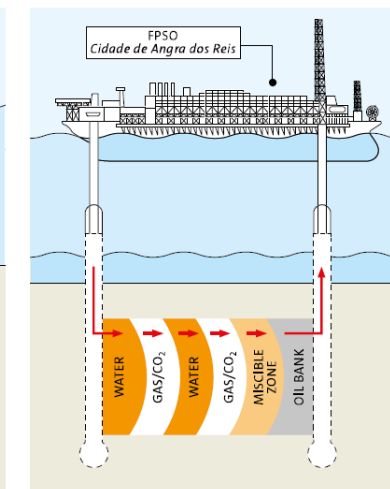
## W R M C challenges in Brazil Pre-Salt

- Large reserves in prolific carbonate reservoirs
- Fast-paced developments using FPSOs
- Complex recovery mechanisms (IOR/EOR)
  - Water & Gas injection
  - Water-Alternating-Gas (WAG)
  - High-perm layers, risk of gas cycling
- **On-demand monitoring needed**
  - Optimize injection schemes
  - Optimize development well locations
  - Respond to unexpected behaviors

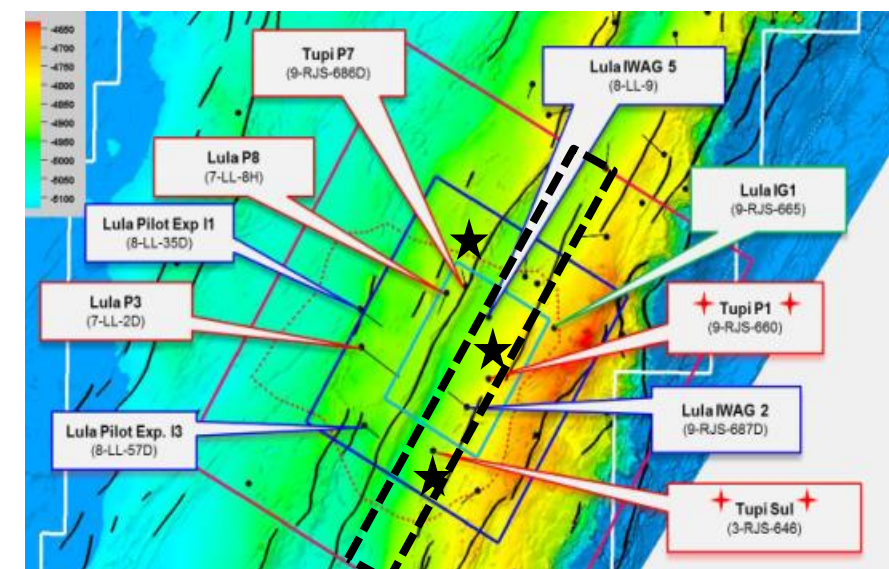
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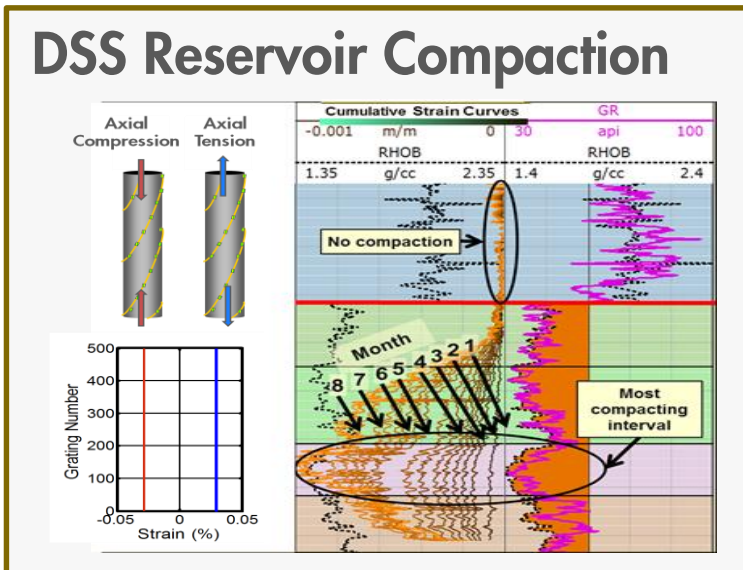
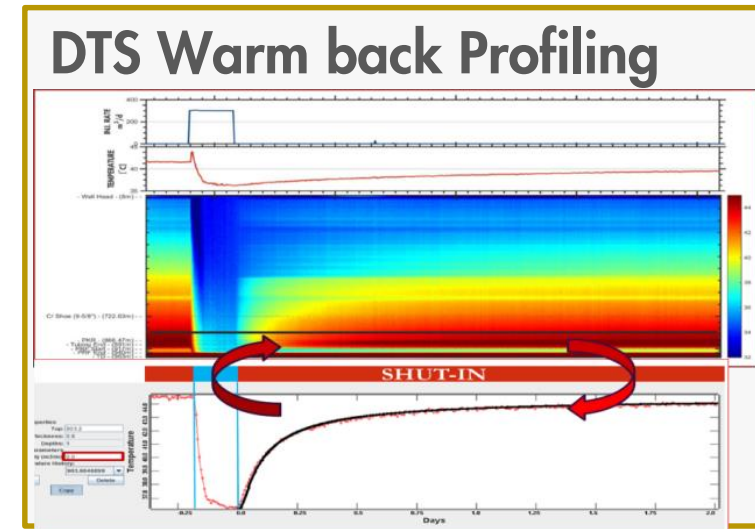
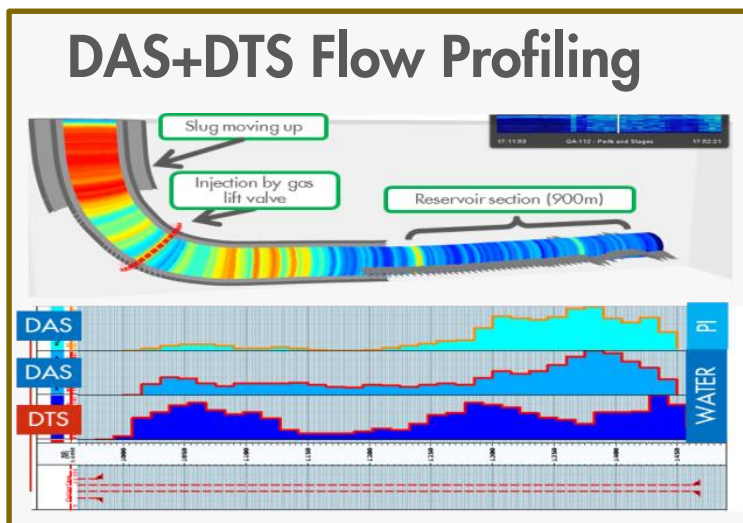
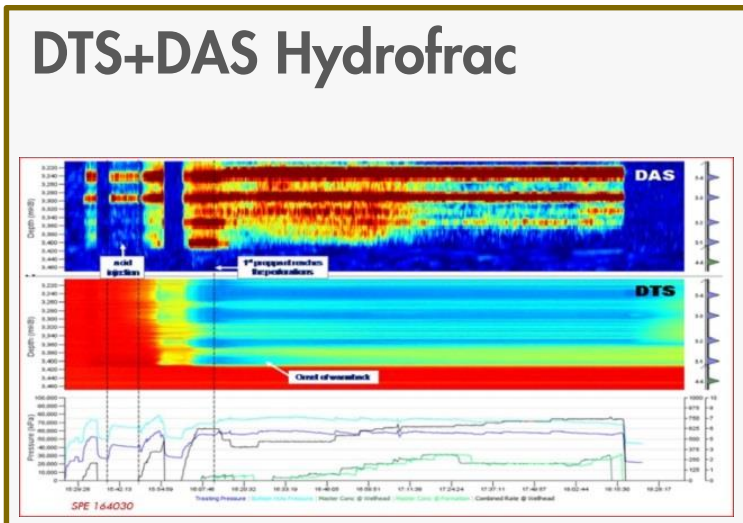
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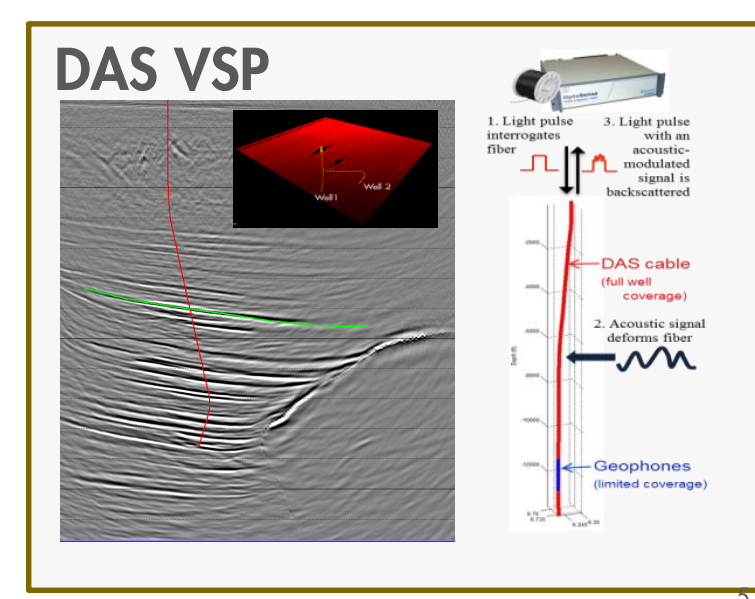
● Production wells   ● Gas injector wells   ○ WAG injector wells



# Benefits of Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing for In-Well Monitoring



- ### Fiber Optic Sensing Applications
- Production and Injection Flow
  - Warm back Injector profiling
  - Reservoir compaction
  - Hydro frac monitoring
  - Vertical Seismic Profiling (VSP)
  - **Not ready for subsea wells**





# Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing – Cable Installation

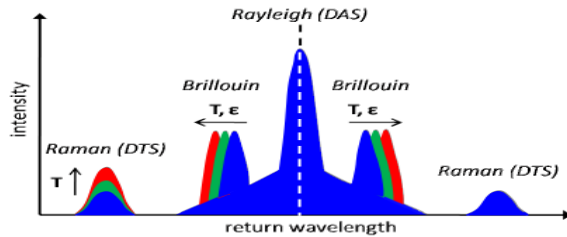
## Read out FO cable at surface



Source / Interrogation  
FBG (DAS, DTS)



Data



Distributed sensors across the entire length of the Fibre Cable



**DxS = Distributed ... Sensing**

**DTS: Temperature**

**DAS: Acoustic**

**DPS: Pressure**

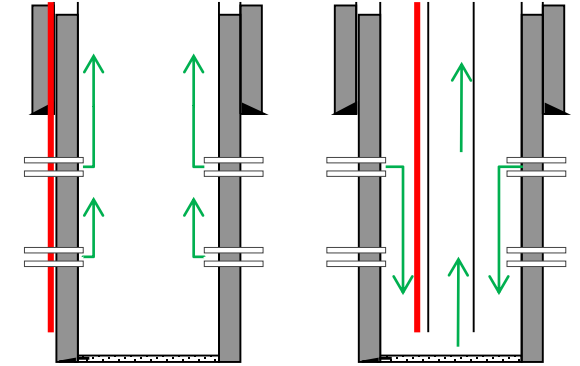
**DSS: Strain**

**DCS: Chemical**

***“anything that deforms the fibre”***



## FO-cable permanently installed



**FO-cable cemented behind casing or strapped to tubing**

## Installation Notes

- For Gas Lift or VSP fiber down to packer is sufficient
- For deepwater wells fiber is strapped to tubing
- For DVA wells fiber may be run as wireline
- Installation in subsea wells needs industry pull

# Benefits from 4D Seismic for Areal Monitoring

**MAINTAIN LTO, REPUTATION, HSSE**

**DISMISSAL**  
**ACCEPTANCE**  
**GOAL-ZERO**  
**SUPPORT**

Monitoring injection, disposal, CCS, blow-out, OOZI. Drill safely into partially depleted reservoirs.

**ACCELERATE PRODUCTION**

**PRODUCTION**  
**TIME**

Manage EOR, injectors, production. Improve forecasts and planning.

**INCREASE ULTIMATE RECOVERY**

**PRODUCTION**  
**TIME**

Identify (un)drained areas, fluid contact, compartmentalization. Optimize new wells.

**REDUCE COST**

Avoid wrong wells. Optimize well number. Optimize injectant use.

**Monitor for out of zone injection**

**Injection zone**

*Hatchell et.al., SEG 2013*

**Optimize injection & offtake rates**

*Galarraga et. al., SEG 2015*

**Identify by-passed oil**

**Difference Data**  
Producing Well  
POW  
DOWC  
Sidetrack Opportunity

*Ebaid et.al., TLE 2008*

**Avoid wrong wells**

**Original well location close to expected water front**  
**Revised well location**

*Koster et. al., SEG 1999*



# DEVELOPMENT

## Cost-effective 4D Seismic Technologies

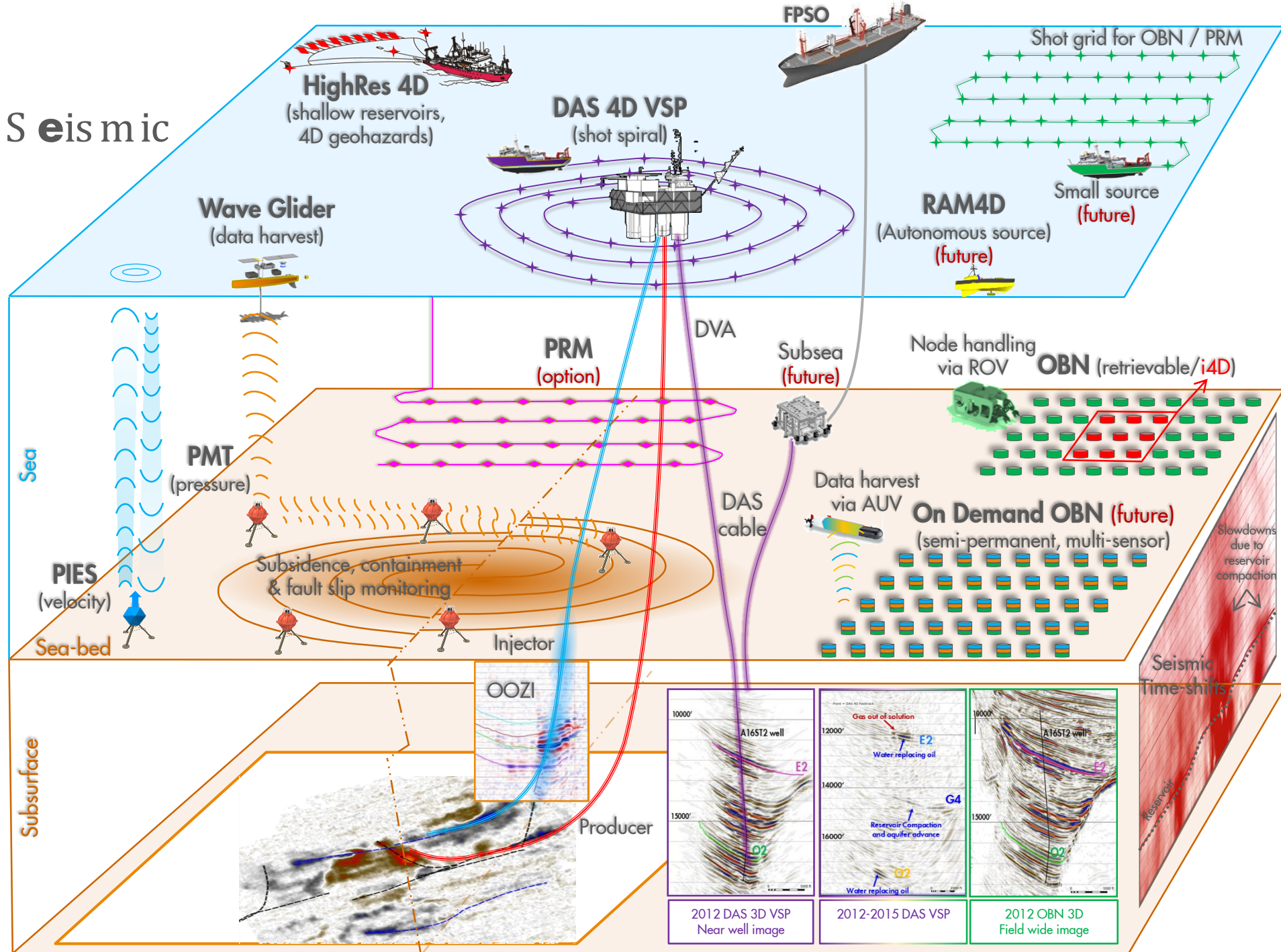
### Technologies

- Sensors on sea surface, seabed, boreholes
- Retrievable or permanent

### Monitoring Objectives

- Water injection, sweep efficiency
- Out-of-zone injection, geomechanics, subsidence
- **Optimal quality/cost trade-off**

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# DAS VSP for Low-Cost Water Flood Monitoring in Deepwater

## What it is

- Use existing fiber optic cables to generate 4D images around wells
- Advantages: non-intrusive, permanent, low-cost, on-demand
- 4D seismic images to monitor performance of water sweep near injectors/producers frequently and without well intervention

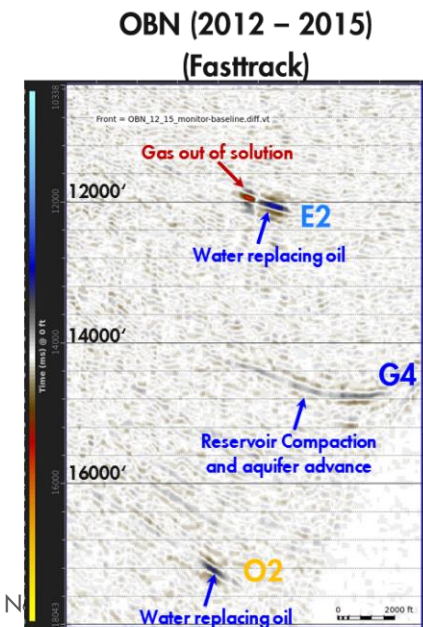
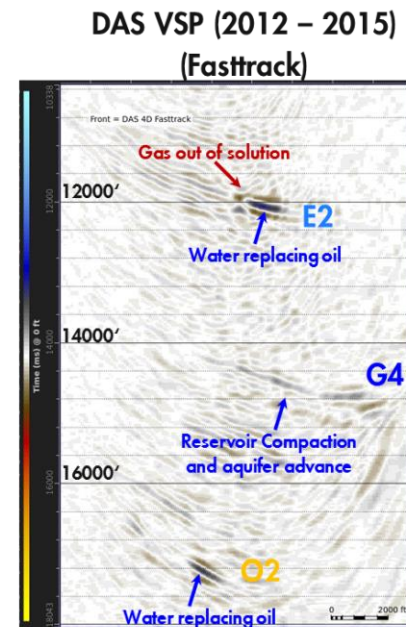
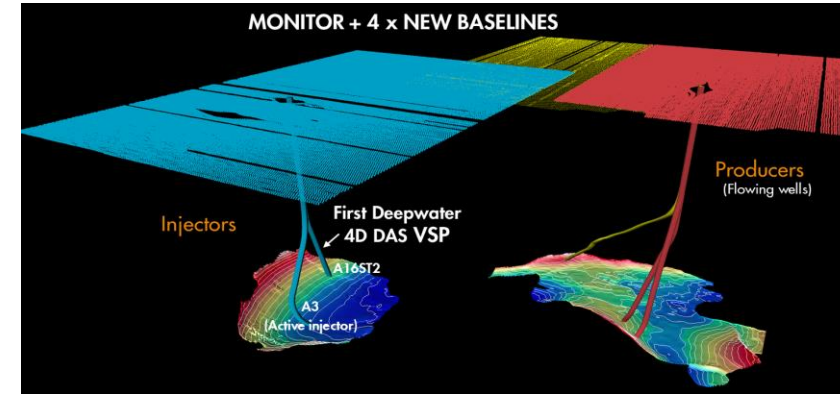
## Achieved Milestones

- Surveys in 5 wells at Mars/Ursa show robustness under well conditions (flowing/shut-in), fiber types, and well geometries
- Proof of concept of 4D VSP validated against conventional 4D OBN

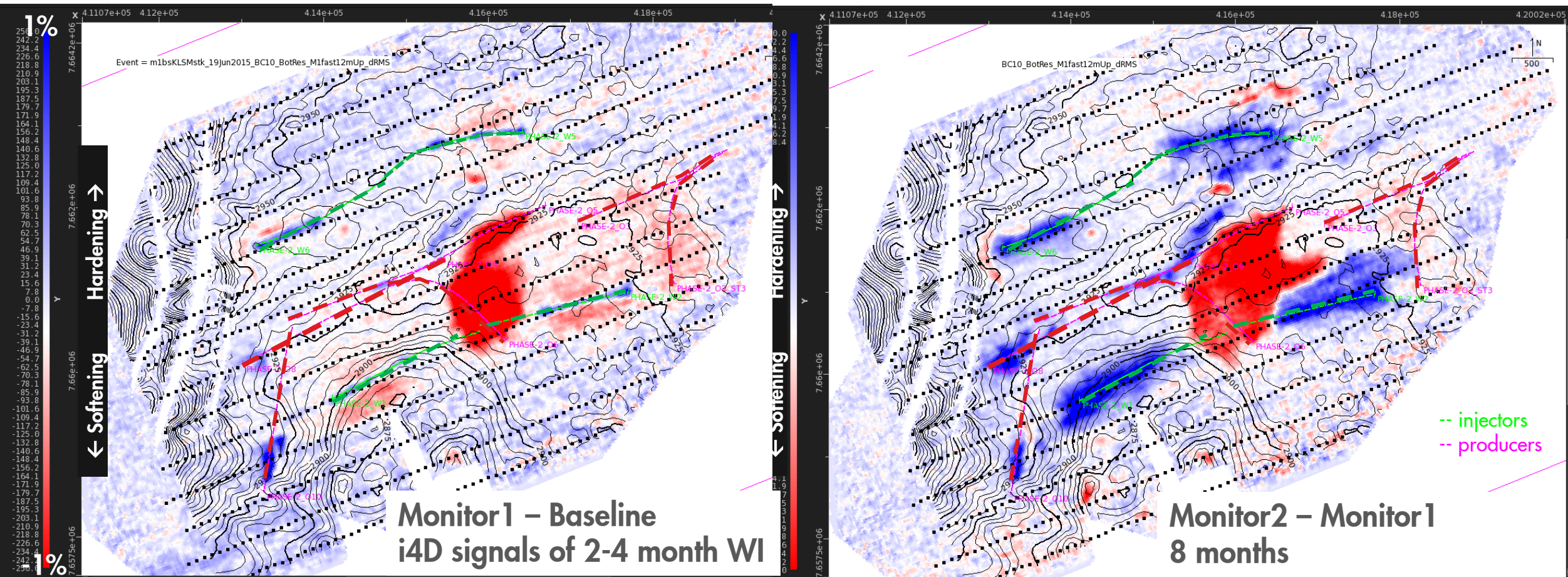
## Next steps

- Demonstrate GoM cost target of \$1 mln per multi-well survey
- Increase area covered by advanced imaging techniques
- Support effort to qualify technology for subsea wells

DAS VSP at Mars and Ursa (2015/2016)



# Permanent Reservoir Monitoring (PRM) at BC -10 O-North

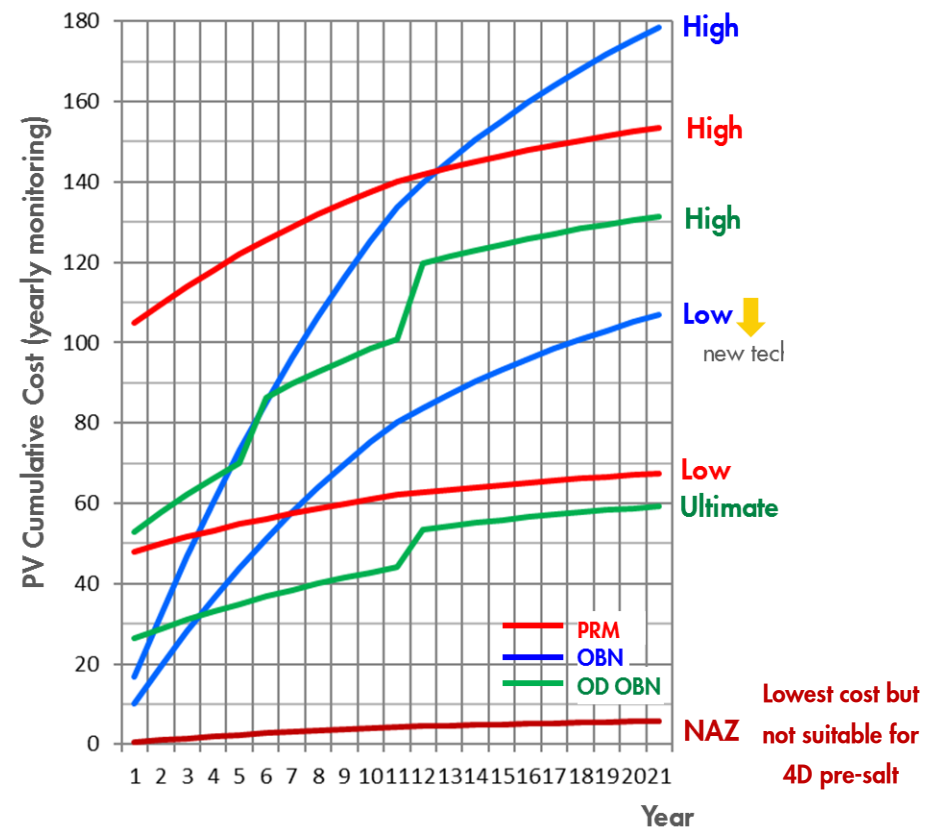
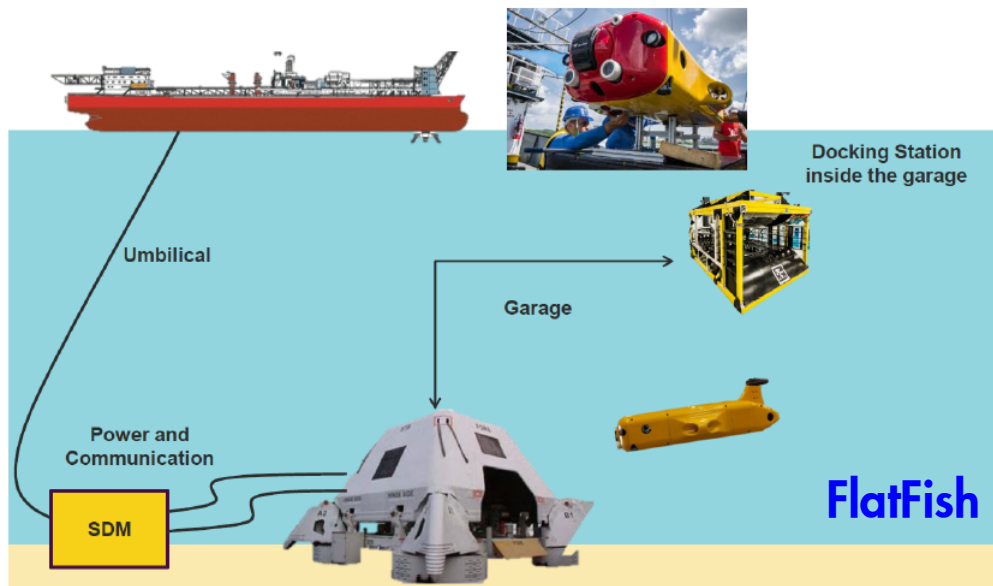


**Frequent monitoring impacts WRM** → confirms injection in zone, adequate water sweep, allows optimization of injection & offtake rates / reveals detailed reservoir architecture & aquifer support



# The Future – Seismic & Fiber-Optic Surveillance in Brazil Pre-Salt

- Cost-effective On-Demand OBN system
- Data harvesting by AUV (OPEX savings)
- Development / Manufacture / Field Trial
- Subsea fiber-optics: data acquisition & integration
- Levy funded development (proposed)



**Ultimate on-demand ocean bottom nodes (OD OBN) for cost-effective reservoir monitoring of pre-salt reservoirs**



## Lessons Learned – Fiber Optics & 4D Seismic

### Near well Monitoring

- One may monitor areas near injectors/producers using DAS VSP
- DAS VSP is very robust against well conditions, geometries, and fiber types
- Fiber optic installations in subsea wells will change the game in deepwater

### Full-field Monitoring

- 4D seismic sensitivity improves significantly with permanent sensors
- This is required to monitor small effects between frequent surveys
- Timely 4D seismic can help optimize well operations & reduce risk

