

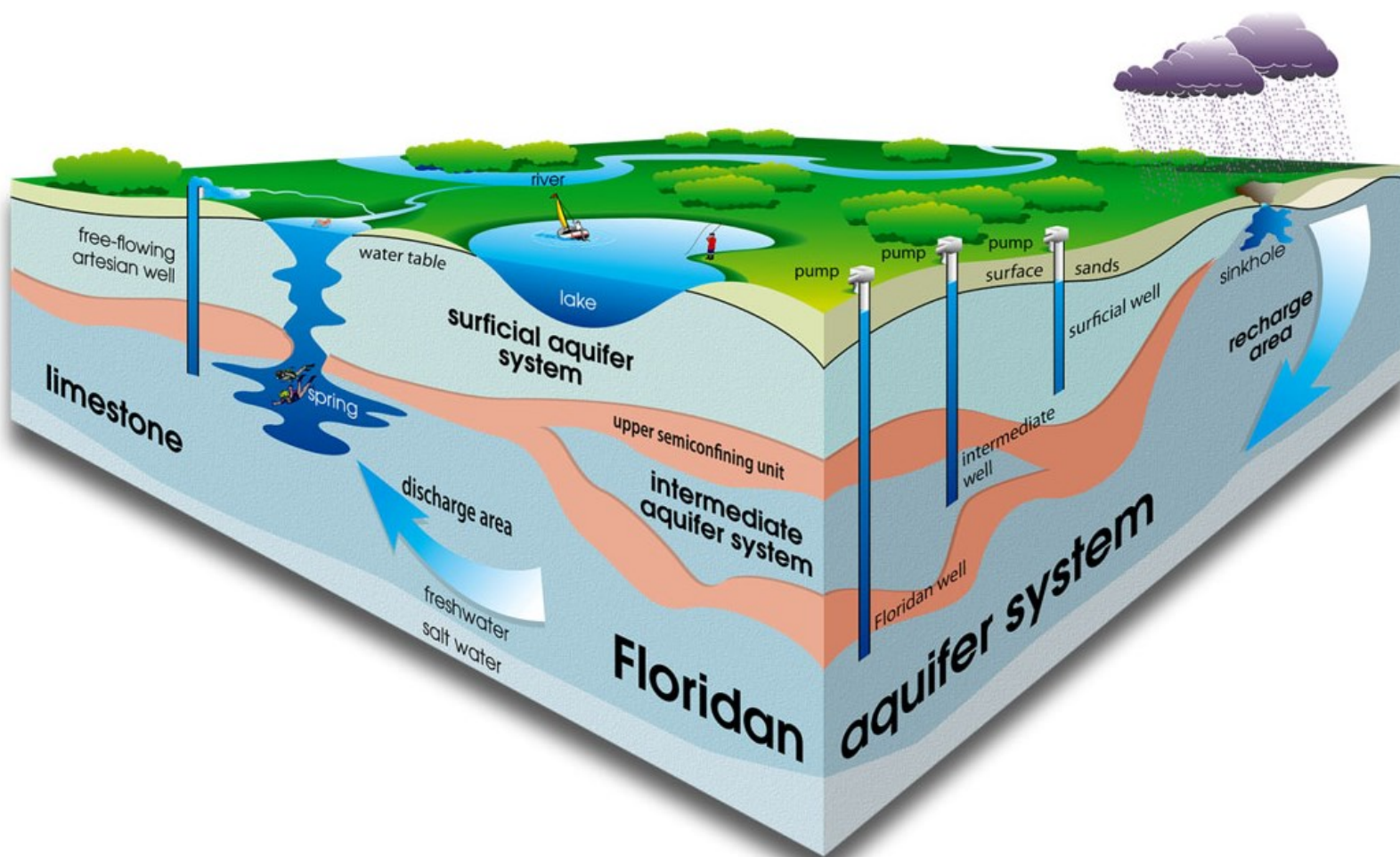
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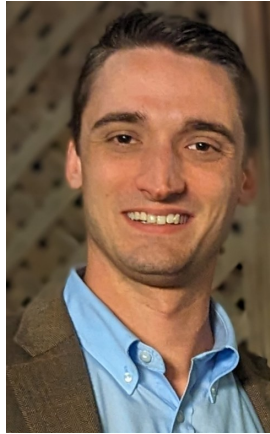
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Dear MGS Membership,

GCAGS had the midyear meeting on October 25. Tim Palmer and I attended virtually and saw an excellent presentation for the GeoGulf conference. GeoGulf 2024 will be in San Antonio, 10-12 of April 2024 with the theme: School of Rock, Expert Geology with a Soundtrack. We voted to approve the location of GeoGulf 2025. The East Texas Geologic Society and the Shreveport Geologic Society have teamed up to host the conference at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

We continue to hold our monthly luncheons at the River Hills Club. We have had excellent food and distinguished lecturers thus far. I hope you have marked your calendars for our annual BBQ at the Jackson Yacht Club Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. We are expecting a good turnout. We very much appreciate your attendance, as it adds value to each of our events. We are charging \$20 at the door for the BBQ to cover the cost of the event. At the BBQ, we will continue to push for membership, \$30 will get you into the BBQ and cover your membership dues. If you are not current on your membership dues, please get those to us as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events,

Jonathan R. Leard, RPG

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When	What/Who	Where
September 13	Chad Winter - FC&E Engineering	River Hills - 11:30am
October	Tim Palmer	River Hills - 11:30am
November	Rawdon Seager	River Hills - 11:30am
December		River Hills - 11:30am
January		River Hills - 11:30am
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TBD	Spring Fling	Jackson Yacht Club

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SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Rawdon Seager



“Carbon Capture and Storage and the CO₂ Storage Resources Management System (SRMS)”

Rawdon Seager

SPE Distinguished Lecturer/Gaffney, Cline, & Associates

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

11:30 am Lunch/ 12:00pm Discussion

The River Hills Club

Jackson, Mississippi

Abstract:

After the lecture, members will understand the importance of carbon capture and storage in the transition to a lower carbon future, and know how to evaluate quantities consistently using the SRMS.

As part of the international effort to combat global warming, significant attention is being given to ways to sequester (store for the long-term) carbon dioxide, which is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect. It is therefore critical that there is a universal means to record the storable quantities by recognizing the maturity of the projects to be implemented and the confidence that can be placed in the estimated volumes to be sequestered.

This talk will look at some of the ways in which carbon dioxide can be stored and provide a review of the CO₂ Storage Resources Management System (SRMS) framework prepared by the Society of Petroleum Engineers to classify and categorize the storable quantities.

Biography:

Rawdon Seager is a reservoir engineer with over 50 years' experience in the international oil and gas arena with Shell, Huffco and, since 1985, Gaffney, Cline & Associates, where he is Chief Reservoir Engineer and Global Director of Quality Assurance. He is currently involved in CCS studies and application of the SRMS.

He has a BSc in Physics from Bristol University and an MSc in Petroleum Engineering from Imperial College, London. Rawdon is past Chairman of the SPE Oil and Gas Reserves Committee and past member of the Board and current Chair of the Reserves Definitions Committee of the SPEE.



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David T. Dockery III, RPG

Meeting concurrently with the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA) in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, were the Mid-Year Meeting of the Association of American State Geologists (AASG) and the North American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature (NACSN). I am one of three members who represent AASG as an NACSN Commissioner. The NACSN met on Monday, October 16, in the Fayette Room of the Westin Pittsburg Hotel from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Commission's Chair Matt Joeckel, State Geologist of Nebraska. In previous years that I have served on the Commission, we have added substages and chemostratigraphy to the North American Stratigraphic Code. Such additions do not come without much debate. The recommended change to the Code must be published a year before it can be voted on. This year a committee, including Matt Joeckel and myself, was formed by unanimous vote to consider adding hydrostratigraphy to the Stratigraphic Code. The NACSN meeting included those in person and via Zoom meeting as shown in Figure 1.





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The purpose of adding hydrostratigraphy to the Stratigraphic Code is to ensure uniformity in the way we define and name aquifers. Jon Arthur, former State Geologist of Florida and now Director of the American Geosciences Institute, gave a presentation on the subject with the question, “Is there a case for a Hydrostratigraphic Code?” Author showed problems in the State of Florida where the same aquifer is called by multiple names. He said, “When you are talking about an aquifer, it’s important that people know which aquifer you are talking about.” We are fortunate in Mississippi that our aquifers are named after the formations that contain them, so are “in compliance” with the current Stratigraphic Code for lithostratigraphy. In Figure 2, the slide at left states the problem; the slide at right provides solutions from the Stratigraphic Code for lithostratigraphy.

Figure 2

Statement of the Problem

- Current accepted nomenclature does not address level of detail needed for conceptual models
- Regional evolution of nomenclature has evolved without a framework beyond FGS SP28
- Florida needs:
 - A hydrostratigraphic “code” that addresses subtleties of a mixed siliciclastic - carbonate platform
 - Adoption of a statewide hydrostratigraphic framework
 - A path forward for proposal and adoption of new HSUs



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NACSN (2005)

- The unit must have sufficient areal extent and thickness to be mappable
- The unit must have easily identifiable physical (lithologic) properties
- The fundamental unit (a formation in stratigraphy) is formally named for a locality where a type section can be observed
- Formations can be grouped according to similarities in origin or rock type into groups and subdivided into members providing that the mappability criteria are preserved



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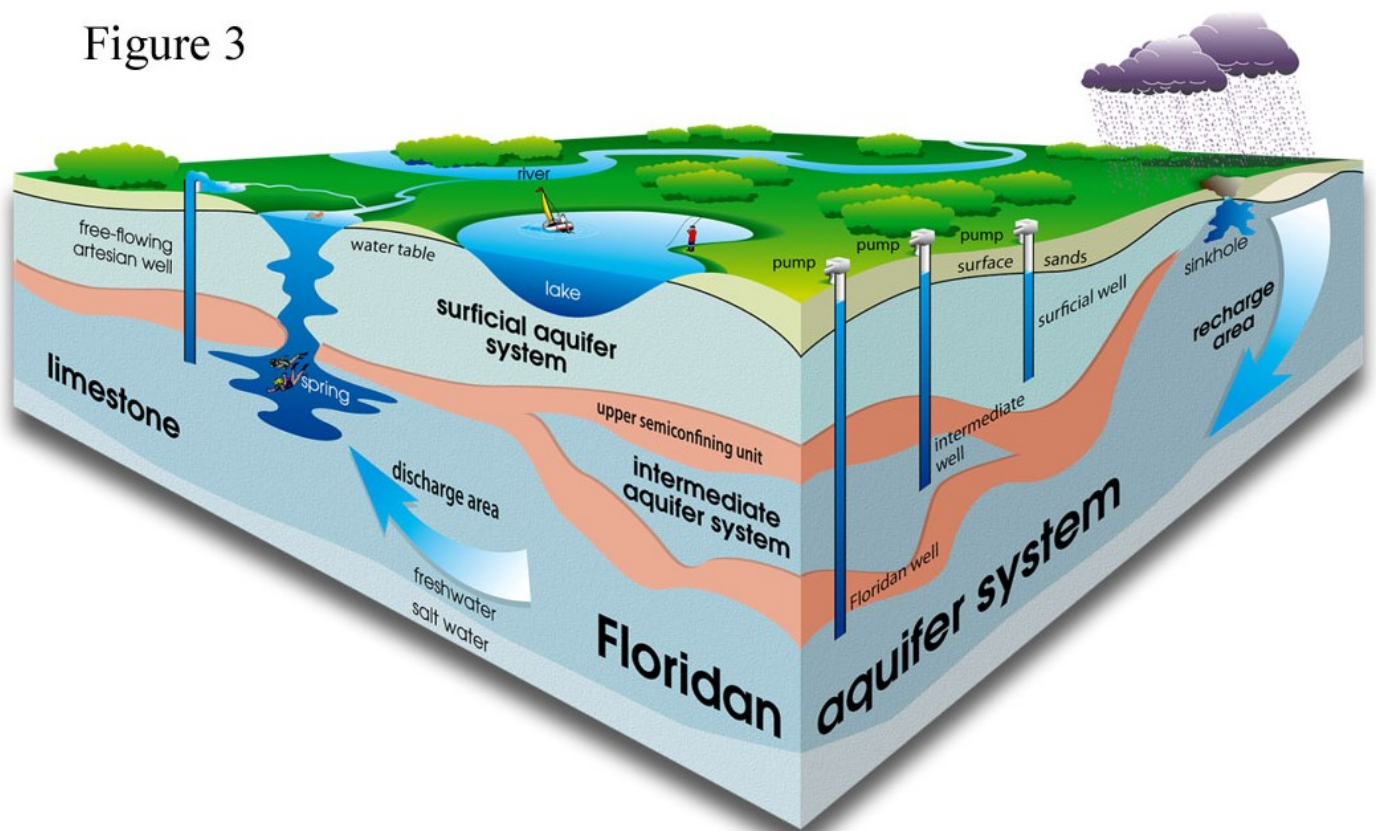


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Figure 3 is from an online brochure of the Central Florida Water Initiative entitled *Water for Tomorrow*. This image shows how the karst aquifer systems of central Florida combine various lithostratigraphic formations into just three aquifers, the Surficial Aquifer System, Intermediate Aquifer System, and Floridan Aquifer System. These systems are not tied to the state's lithostratigraphic formations and will require new nomenclatural guidance in a revision of the North American Stratigraphic Code.

Figure 3





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The AAPG and AAPG Foundation Distinguished Lecture Program

The Assembly of Pangea, a View
from Laurentia: Paleozoic Orogenies
and their Impact on Basin Evolution
and Petroleum Systems



Kurt Rudolph

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Subsurface Machine Learning
Approaches at Hydrocarbon Recover
and Resource Forecasting for
Unconventional Reservoir Systems



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14 and 28 November at 12 p.m. (CST) via Zoom

The 2023-24 AAPG Distinguished Lecture program welcomes the next two speakers of the program's 2023 season. Kurt Rudolph will present his lecture, **The Assembly of Pangea, a View from Laurentia: Paleozoic Orogenies and their Impact on Basin Evolution and Petroleum Systems**, on 14 November at 12 p.m. (CST), and Shane Prochnow will present his lecture, **Subsurface Machine Learning Approaches at Hydrocarbon Recover and Resource Forecasting for Unconventional Reservoir Systems**, on 28 November at 12 p.m. (CST). All lectures will be followed with Q&A sessions.



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Thanks & Regards,

Matt Caton
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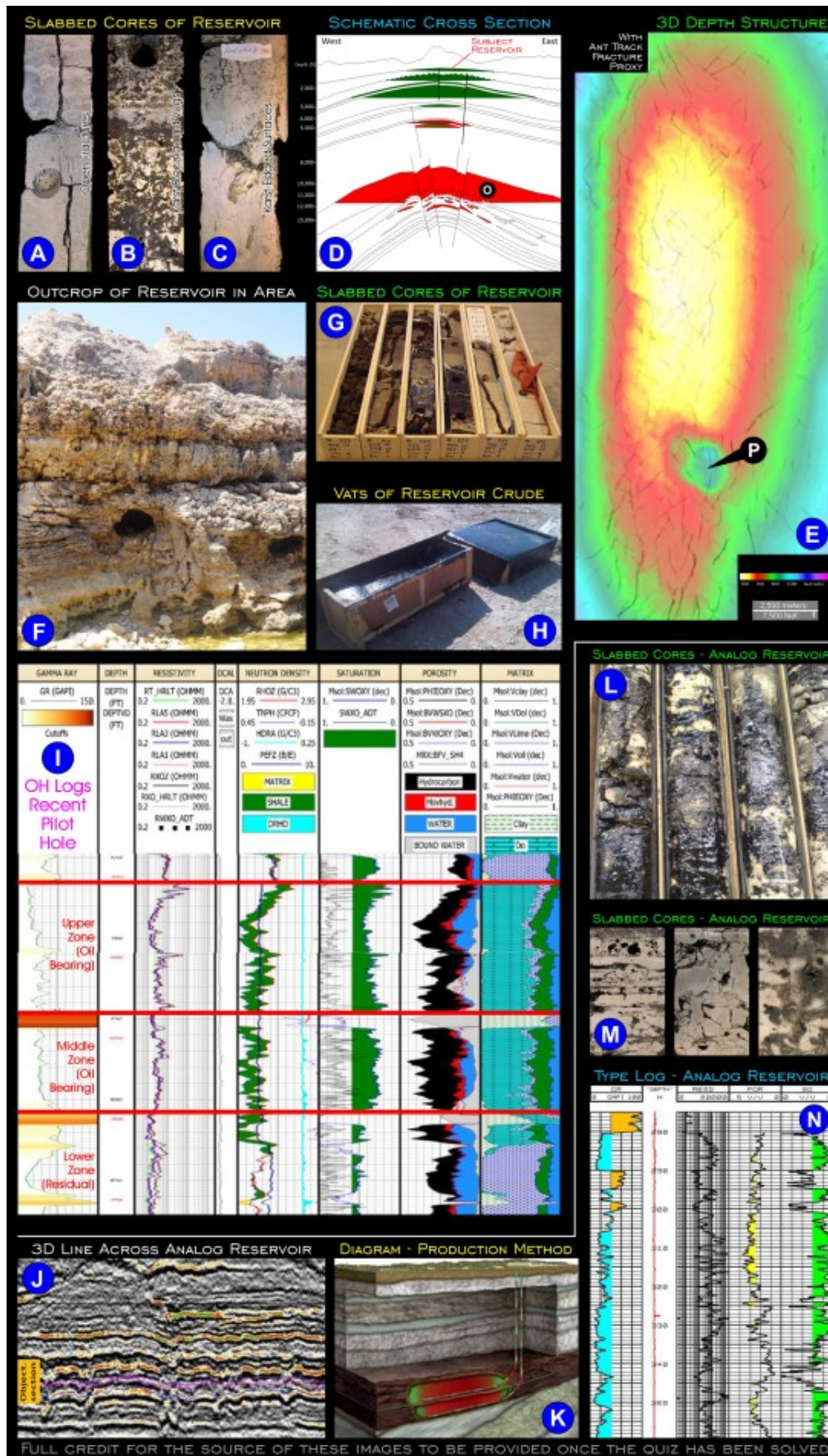
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Steve Walkinshaw





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Oil patch quiz time. A shallow, highly karsted carbonate reservoir filled with very heavy crude, tar and bitumen is trapped atop a prolific field in this country (see panels "A" through "H"). Excluding large vugs, matrix porosity range is 10% to 37% and permeability ranges from 1 md to 1 darcy.

This reservoir is often compared to a carbonate reservoir in another country that is also relatively shallow and highly karsted (see panels "I" through "N"). The analogous reservoir is estimated to harbor 300 to 574 billion barrels of bitumen in place.

A new production method was recently attempted here; it had previously been implemented in the analogous field ("K").

Questions...

Part 1: What field am I referring to?

Part 2: What country?

Part 3: What's the (a) name and (b) age of the reservoir?

Part 4: Is the karsting of this reservoir considered mostly epigenetic or hypogenic?

Part 5: What's the informal name of its topseal?

Part 6: What's the (a) name and (b) age of the underlying reservoir "O"?

Part 7: What's the (a) name and (b) age of the analogous reservoir "N"?

Part 8: In what country is it located?

Part 9: Was the karsting of "N" mostly epigenetic or hypogenic?

Bonus:

Part 10: What production method is illustrated in "K"?

Part 11: What company operates field "E"?



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Part 2: What country? Bahrain

Part 3: What's the (a) name and (b) age of the reservoir? (a) Aruma Formation, (b) Maastrichtian (Upper Cretaceous)

Part 4: Is the karsting of this reservoir considered mostly epigenic or hypogenic? epigenic

Part 5: What's the informal name of its topseal? the Black Shale

Part 6: What's the (a) name and (b) age of the underlying reservoir "O"? Khuff Formation, Middle to Late Permian

Part 7: What's the (a) name and (b) age of the analogous reservoir "N"? (a) Grosmont Formation, (b) Upper Devonian

Part 8: In what country is it located? Canada (Alberta)

Part 9: Was the karsting of "N" mostly epigenic or hypogenic? While both clearly occurred, it appears most of the severe early karstification was probably hypogenic

Part 10: What production method is illustrated in "K"? steam EOR; SAGD stacked horizontal steam injector - heavy oil producer pair

Part 11: What company operates field "E"? Tatweer Petroleum