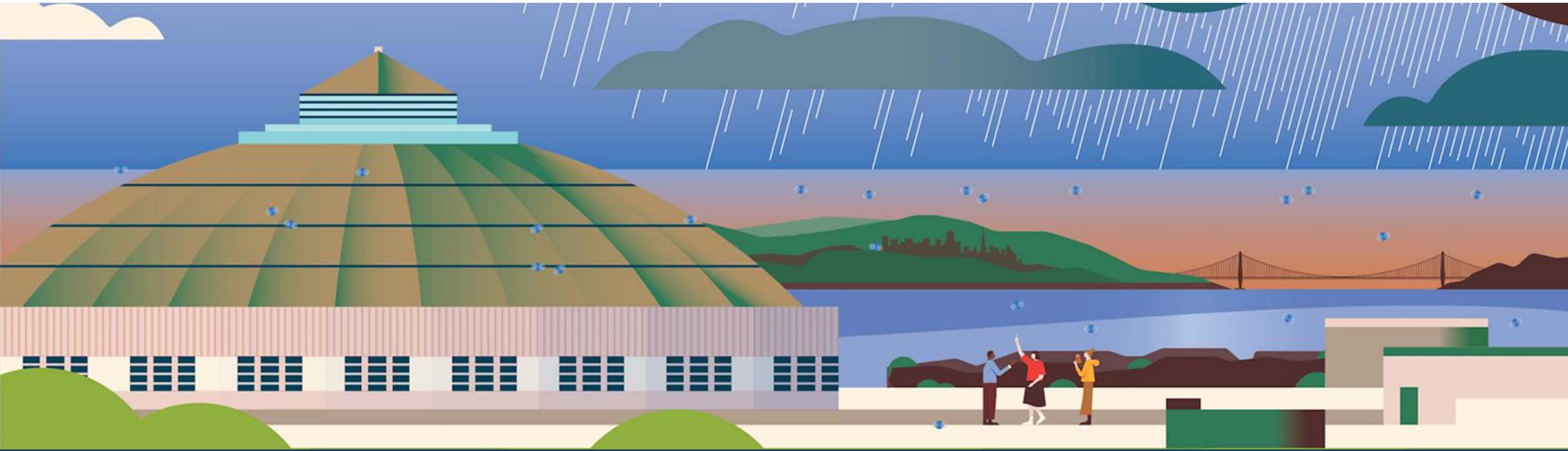

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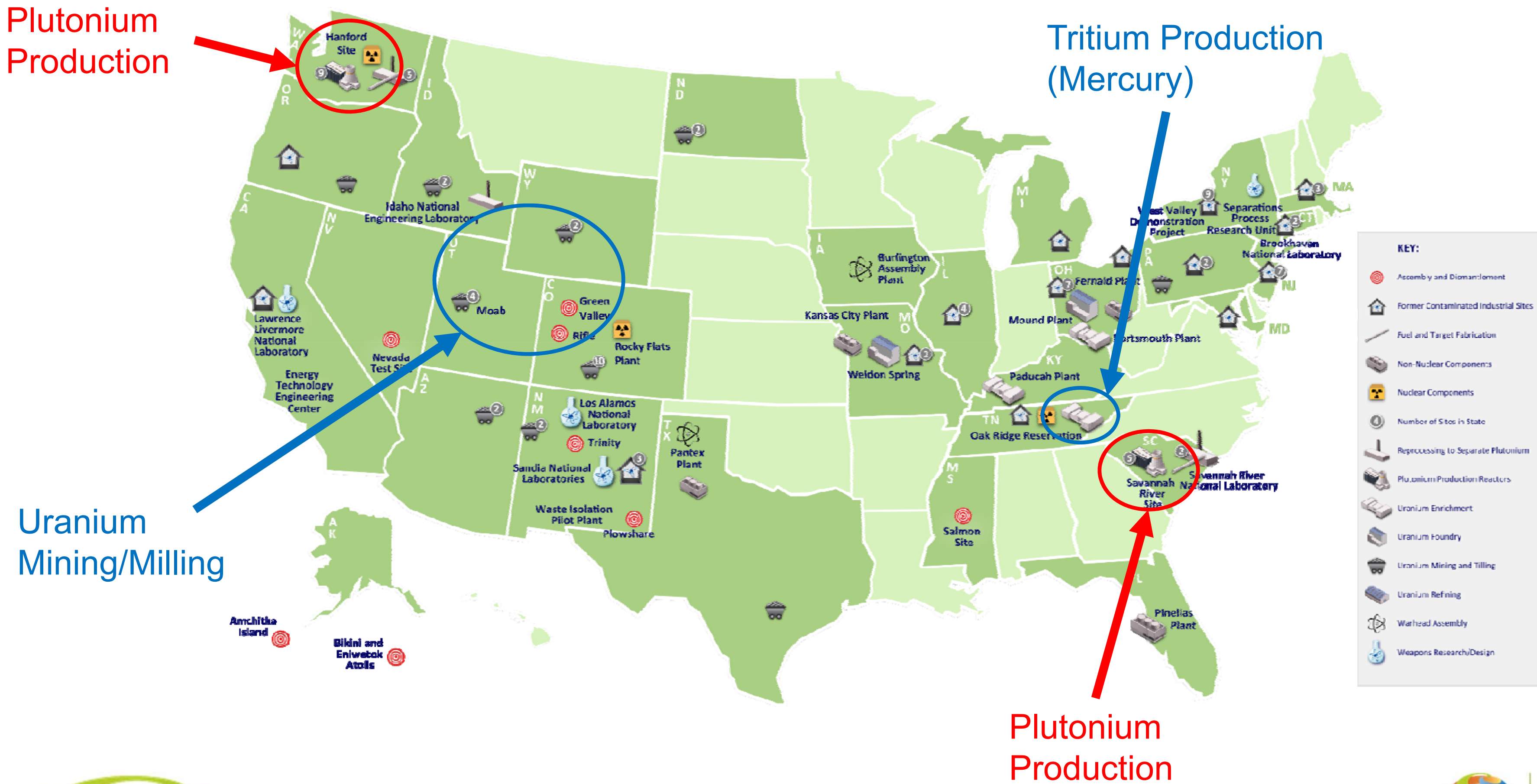

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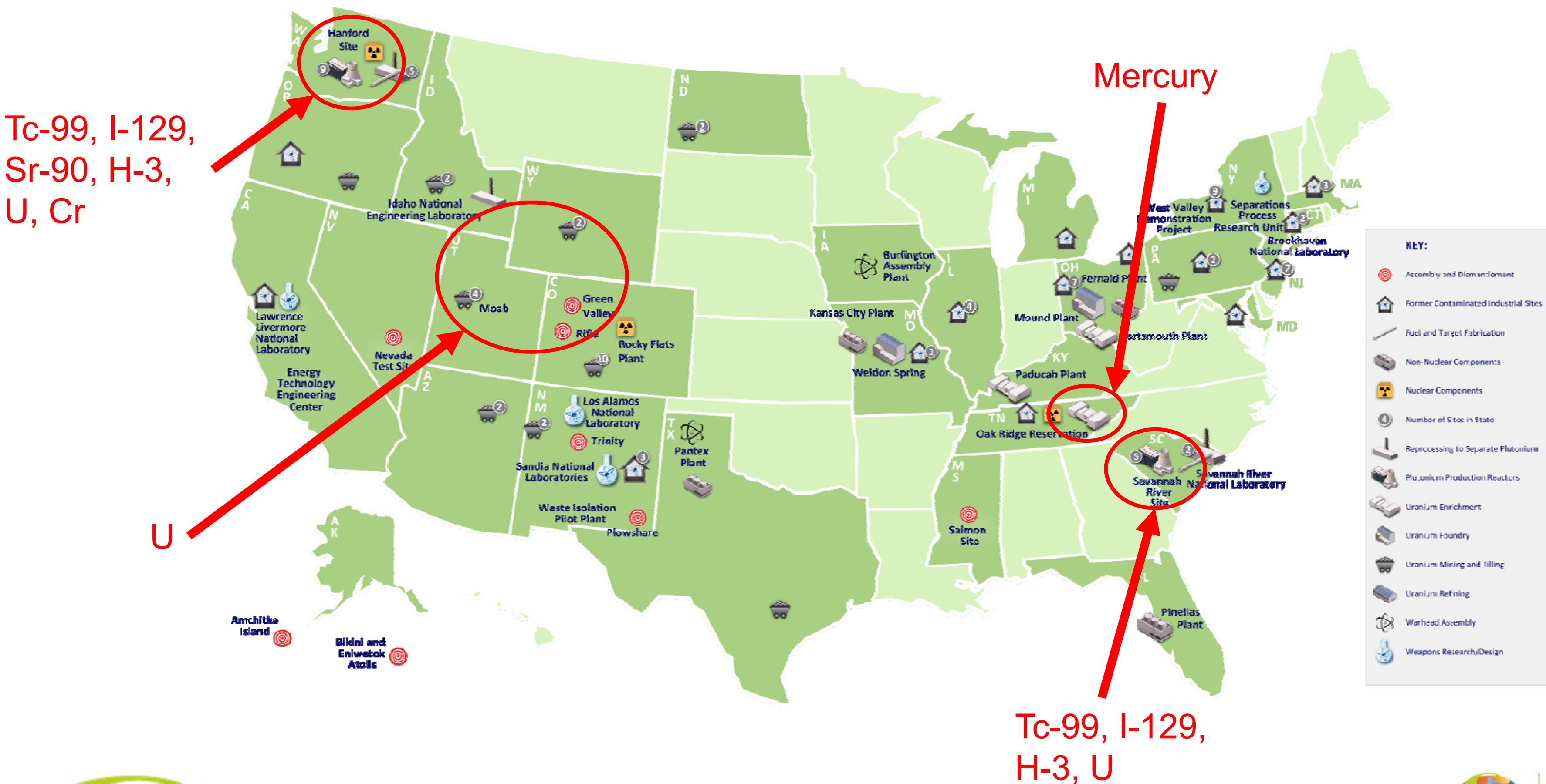
Key/Priority Elements of Existing Contamination



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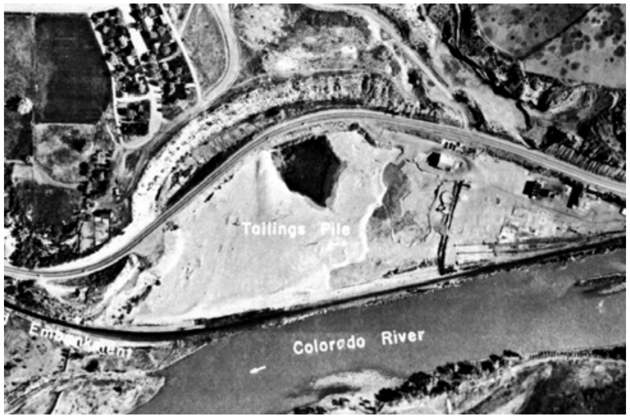
Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal

Hanford 300 Area



Rifle, CO

Savannah River Site F-Area

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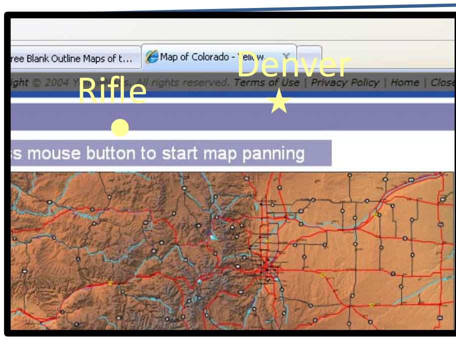
DOE's Rifle Site

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- Uranium/vanadium ore processing facility: 1924-1958
- 761,000 tons of ore processed
- 2,000 tons of U concentrate



Rifle, CO: Mill site in ca. 1957

- Tailings were consolidated & stabilized late 1950's & 60's
- Site stabilized; surface cover added and closure in 1996
- **GCAP:** ***Natural flushing*** of residual groundwater U(VI) ca. 0.5-1.5μM

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Prime Site for U Bioremediation

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Fundamental Understanding of Microbiology

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Unusual biology across a group comprising more than 15% of domain Bacteria

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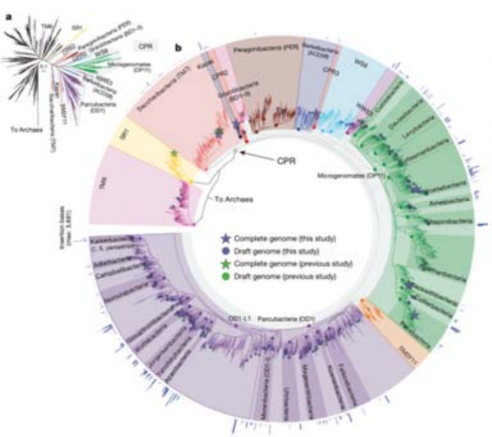

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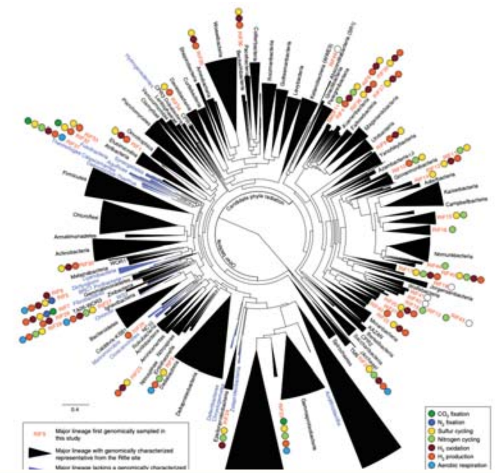

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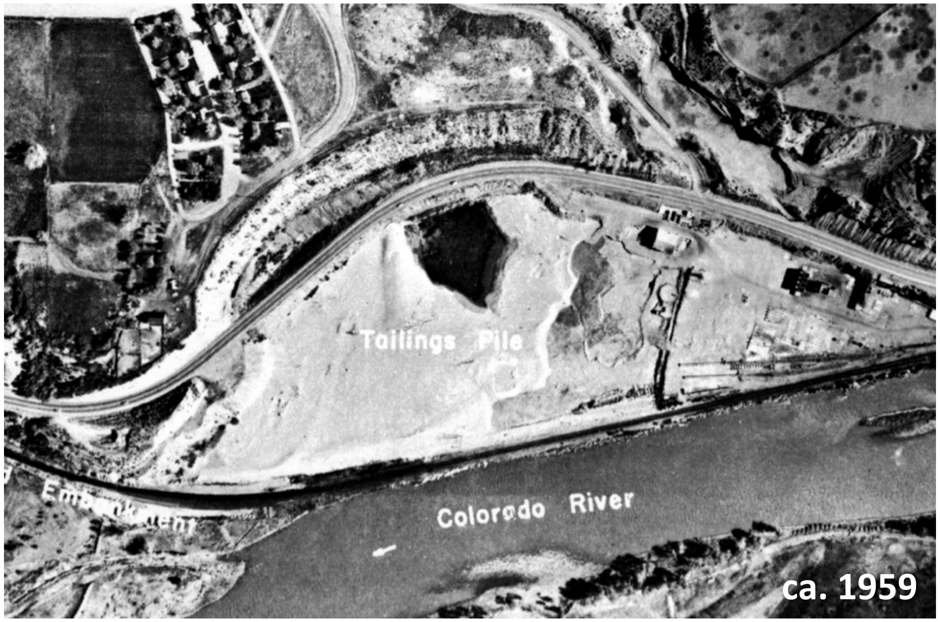

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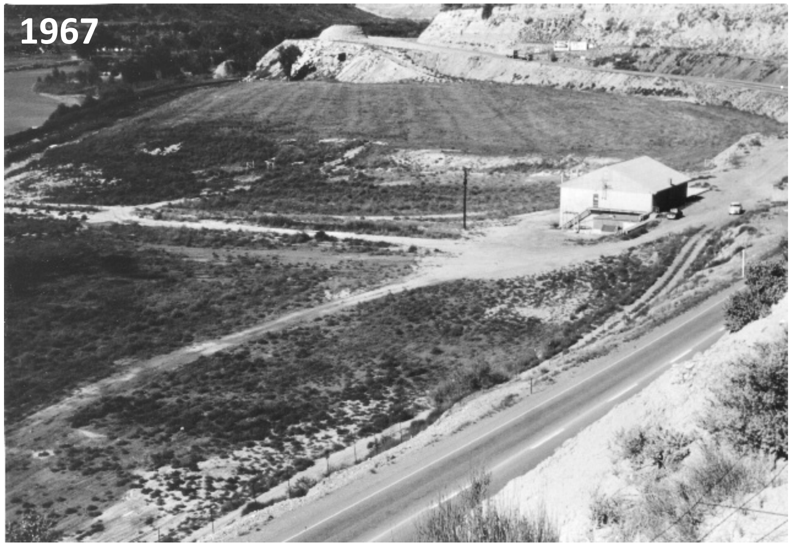
Milling History: 1960 - 1996



Tailings consolidated and stabilized by 1967; new ores processed at New Rifle site after 1958

Site 'closure' and remediation finished in 1996.

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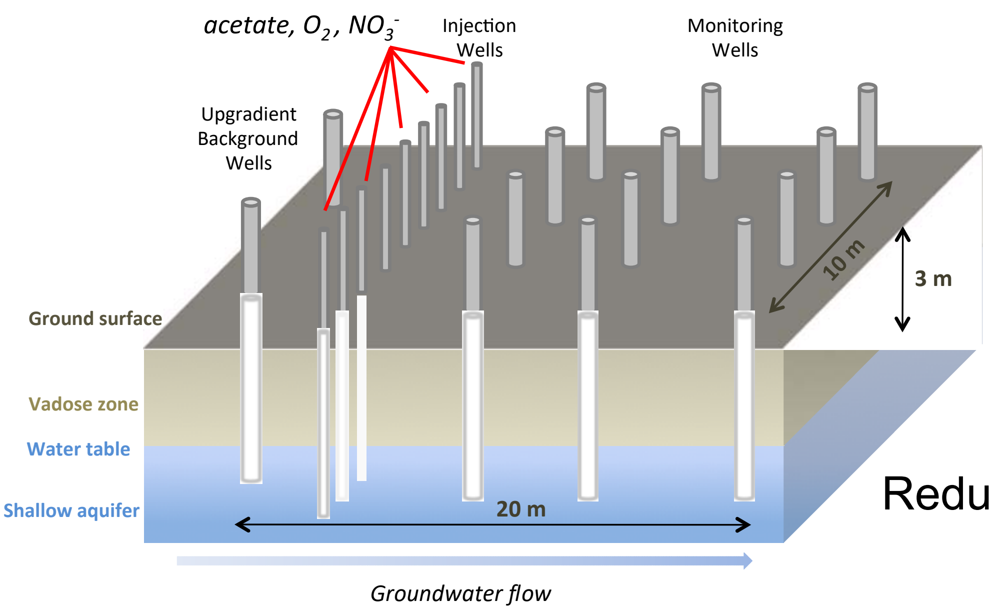
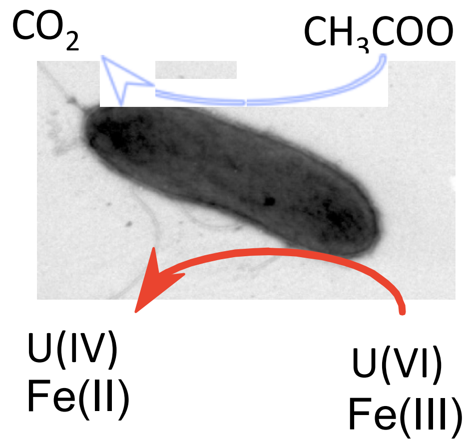
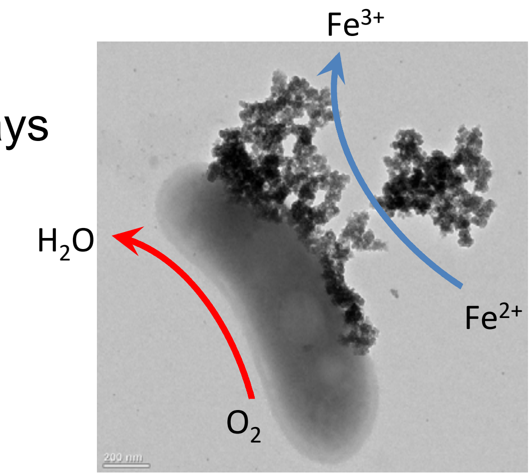
Bioremediation Experiments





Reductive vs. oxidative pathways



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- ***Amplify*** pathways of interest (microbial, geochemical, mineralogical)
- Enable ***high resolution sampling***
- Experimentally ***tractable timelines***

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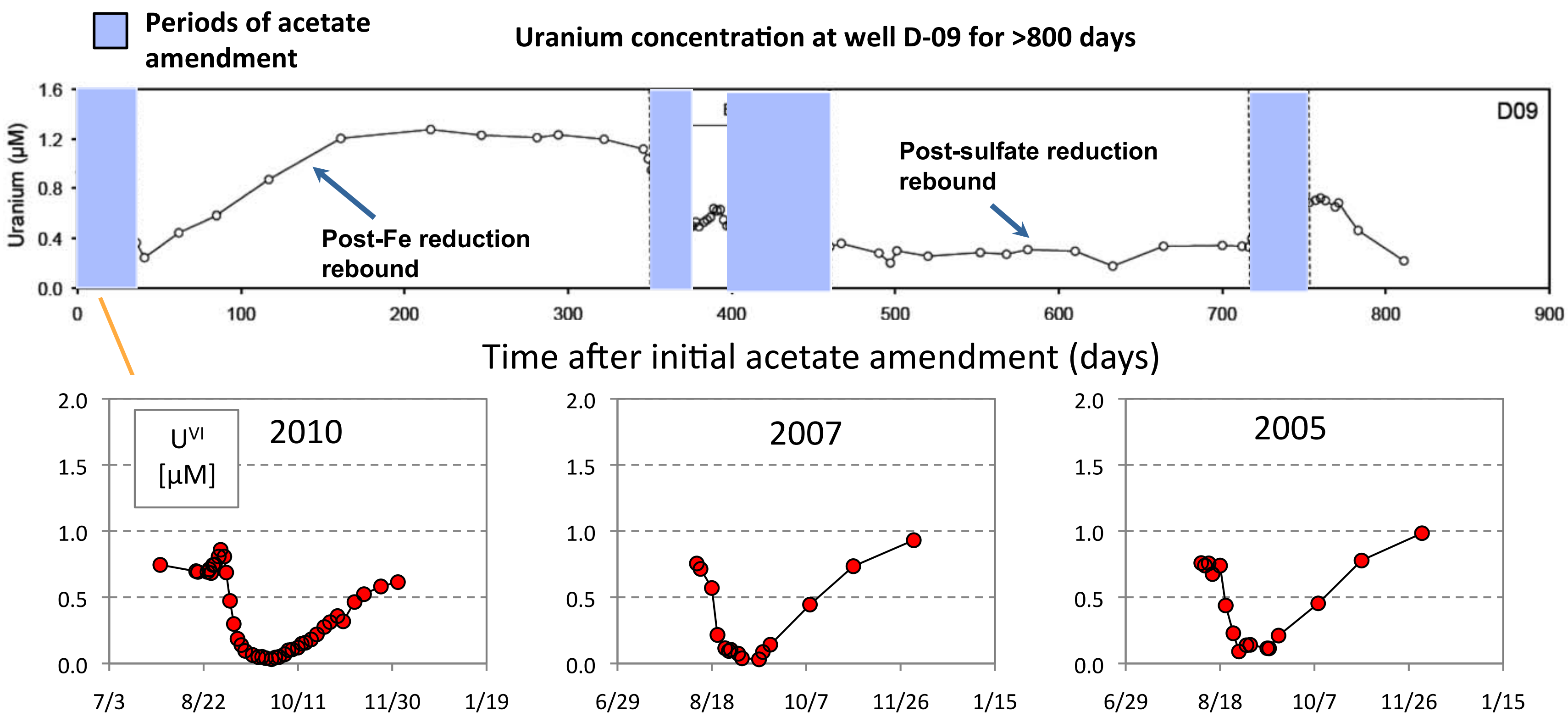
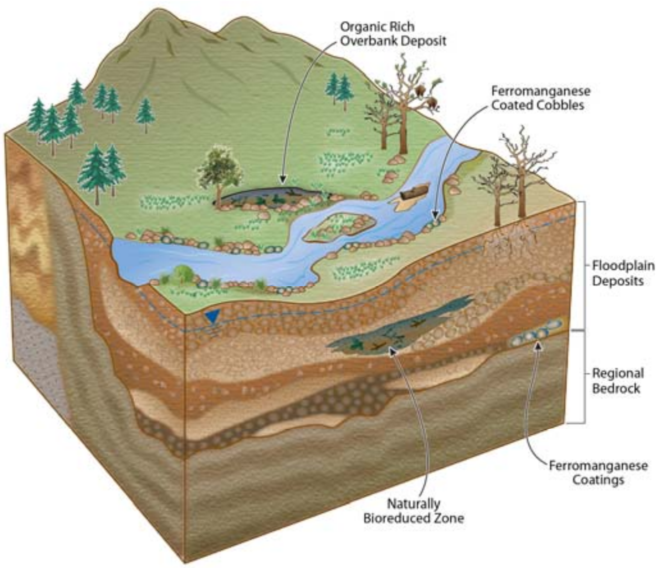
Bioremediation: Acetate Injection

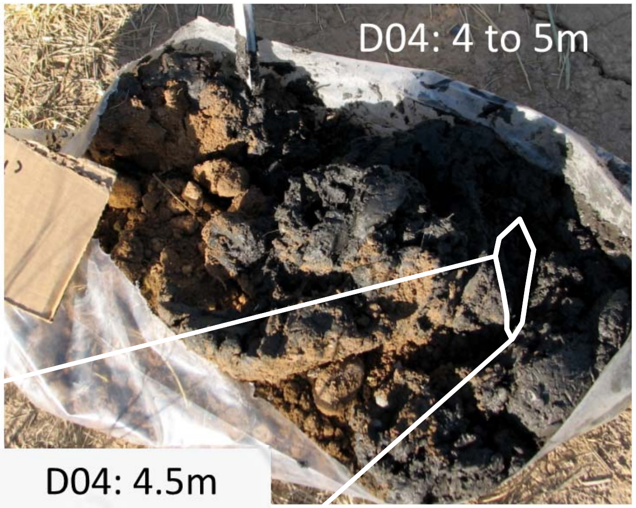


Very repeatable U removal across space and time; [U] remains low so long as acetate remains.

Naturally Reduced Zones

- Drilling delineated regions of refractory organic carbon accumulation (e.g. twigs, roots, cones, etc.)
- Visibly reduced sediments (e.g. FeS)
- Elevated uranium levels *likely* due to same processes catalyzed by acetate injection





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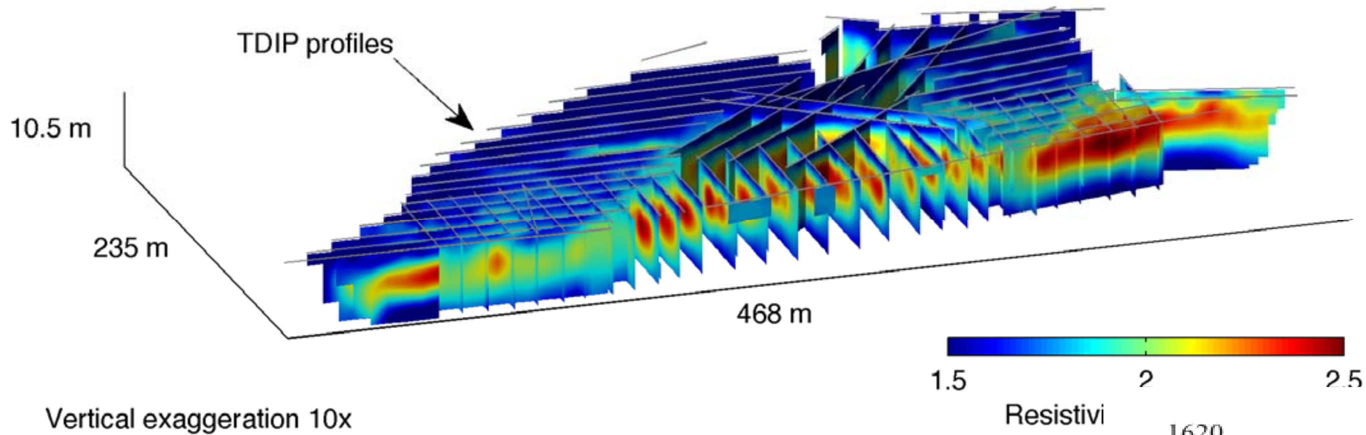
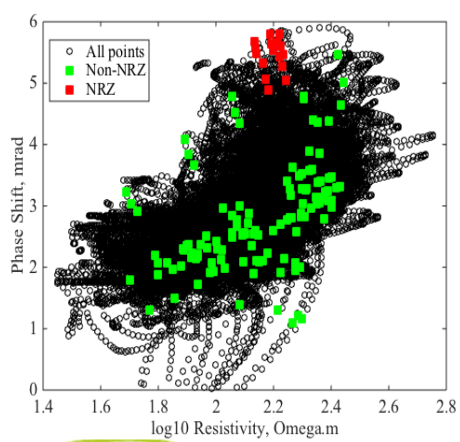
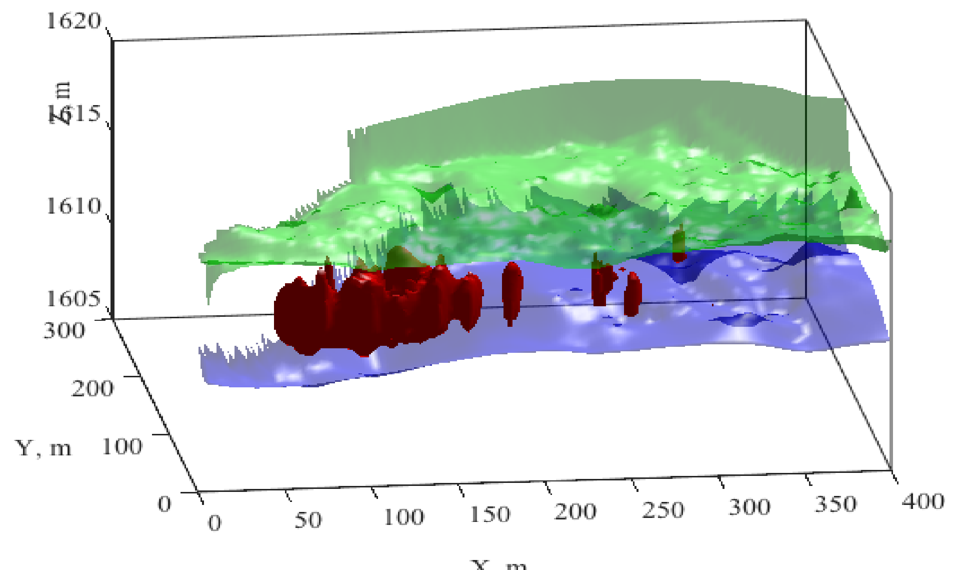
3D Mapping of NRZ





- Induced polarization method
- Phase shift
- Resistivity

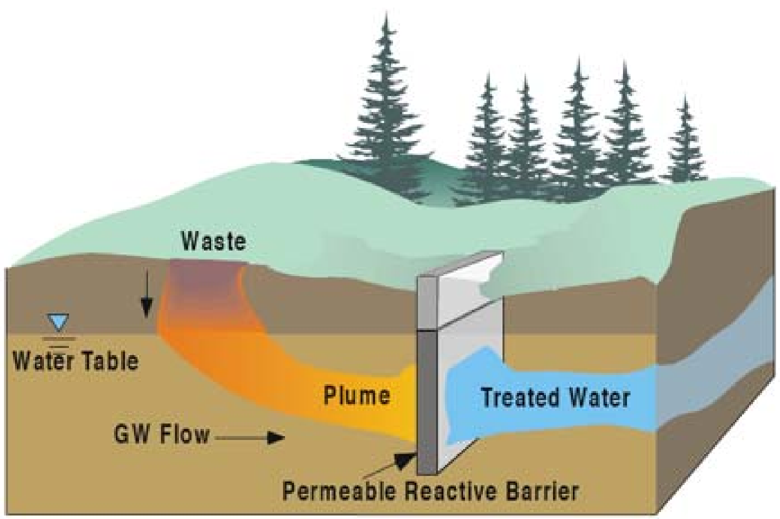
Mapped NRZs



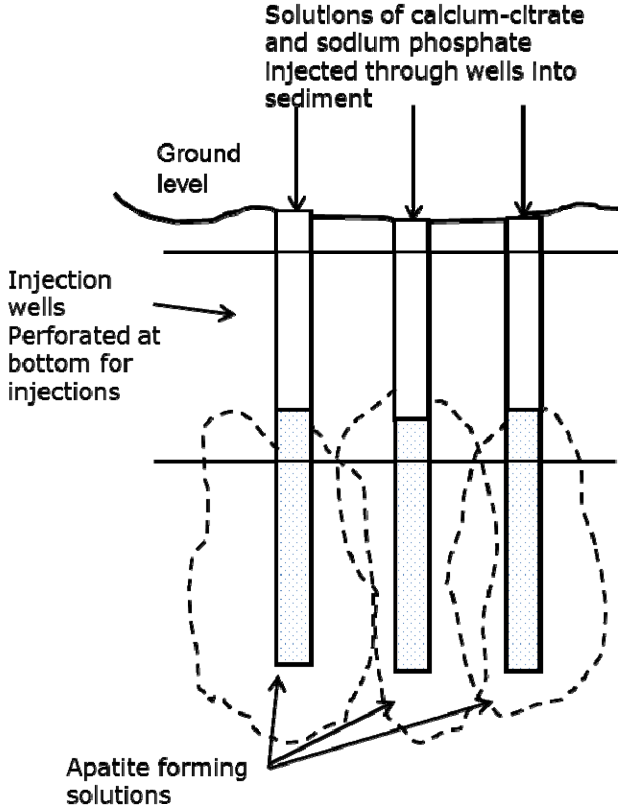
Wainwright et al., 2015; Yabusaki et al., 201

More Effective Alternative?

Apatite-based “Chemically Induced” Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) Technology



Citrate degradation



Slow release: calcium–(citrate)$_2$ + sodium phosphate → apatite

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Hydroxyapatite as a PRB Material

- 3-dimensional lattice of calcium phosphate, $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2$
- Very stable; extremely low solubility.
- Can sequester a wide variety of radionuclides, heavy metals and other contaminants through substitution into the structure or sorption onto the surface as metal phosphate compounds.
- Immobilization and sequestration of uranium as an oxidized (U^{6+}) form → less prone to (re)oxidative dissolution
- Can be formed in situ by solution injection in the subsurface (No need to trench)

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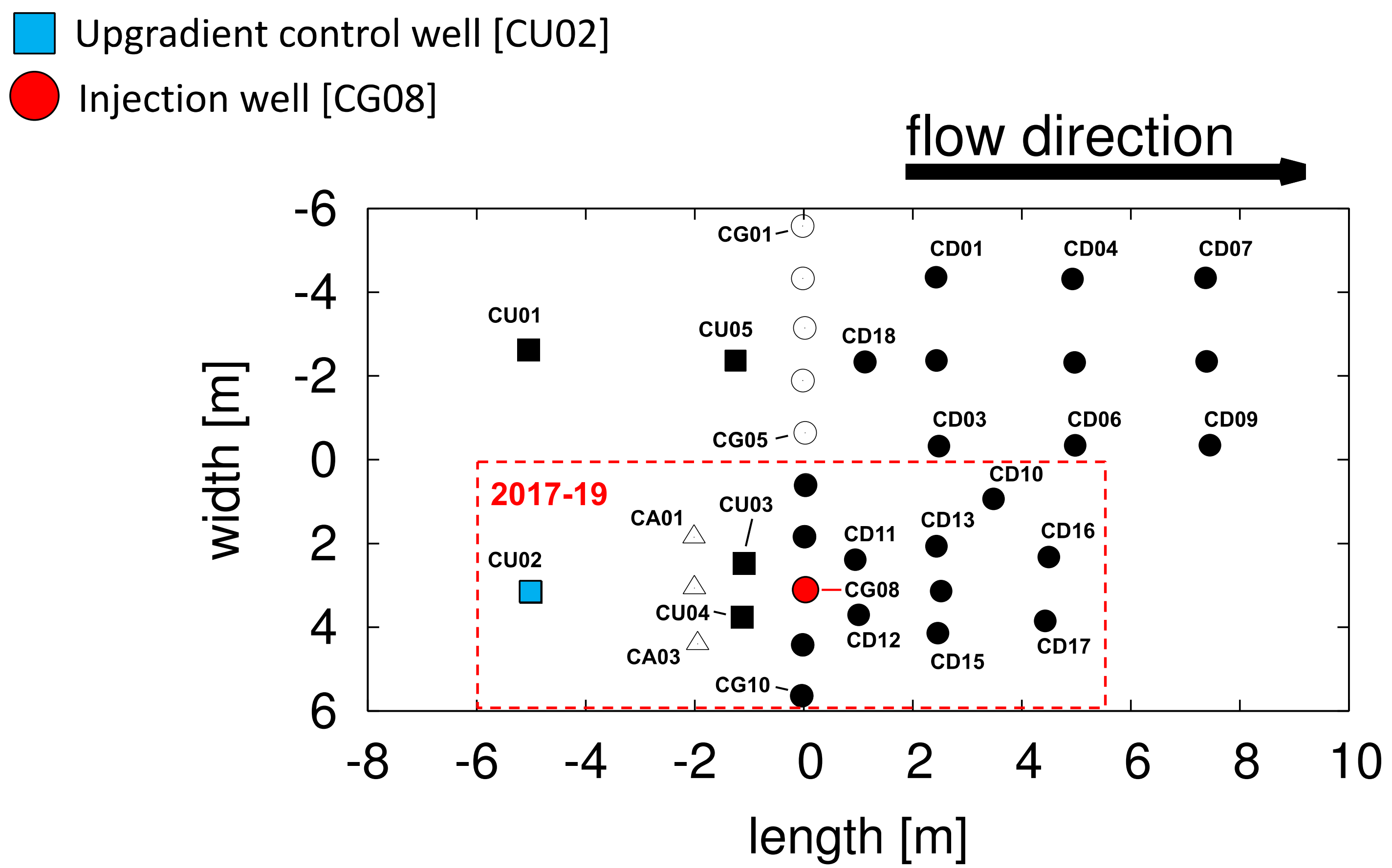
Experiment Design



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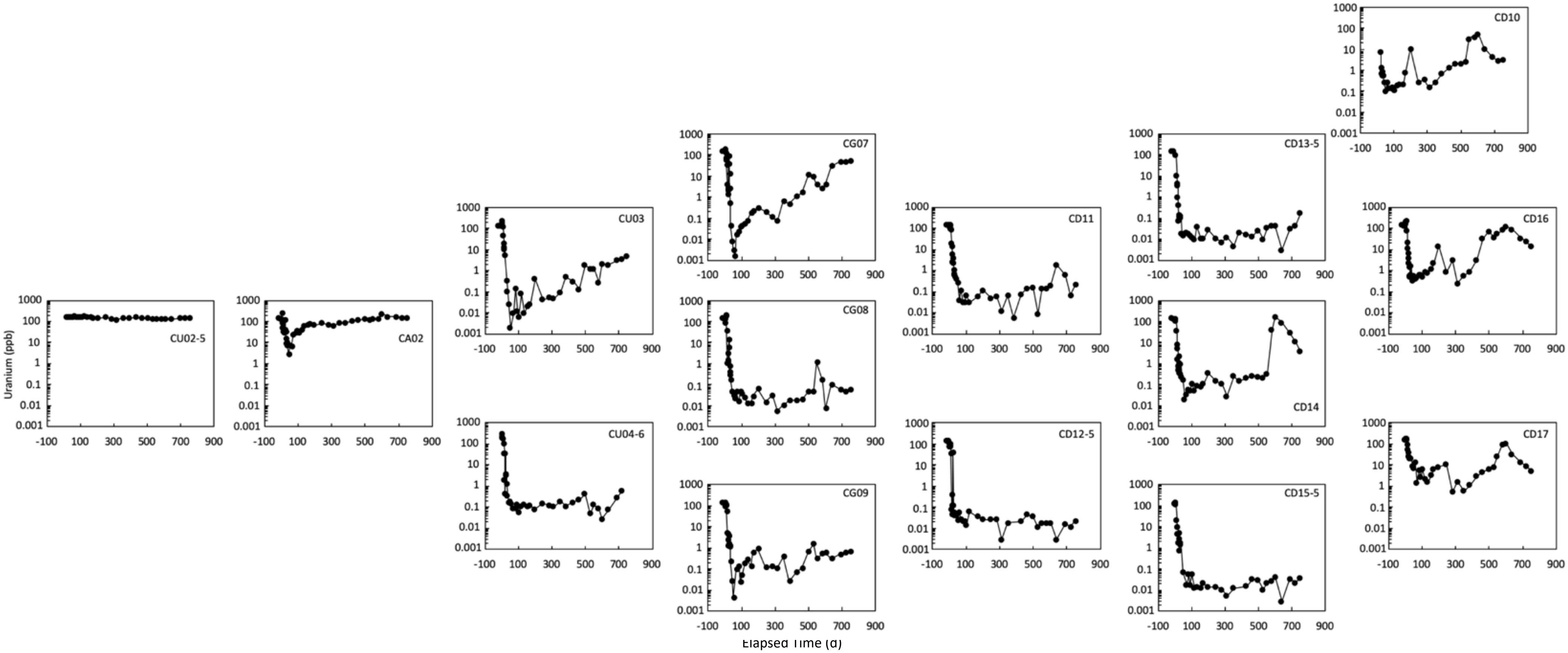

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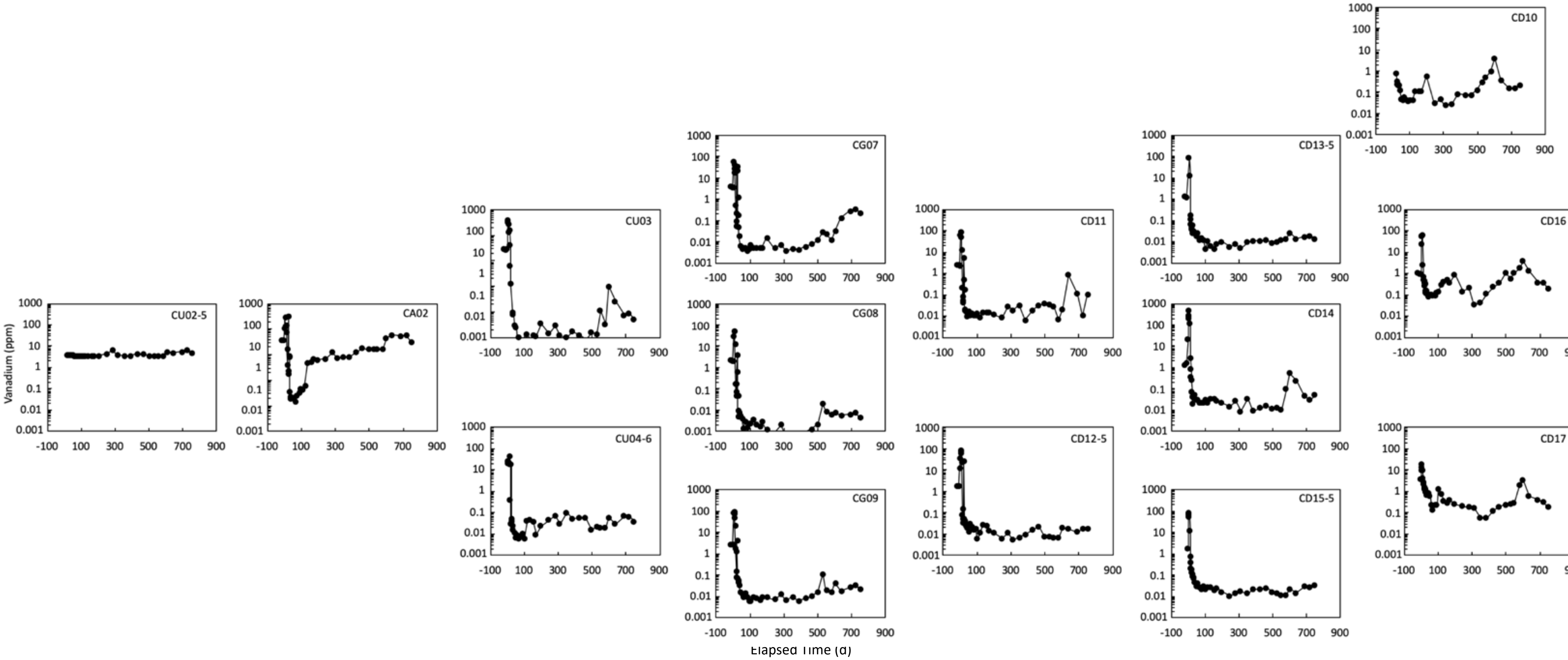

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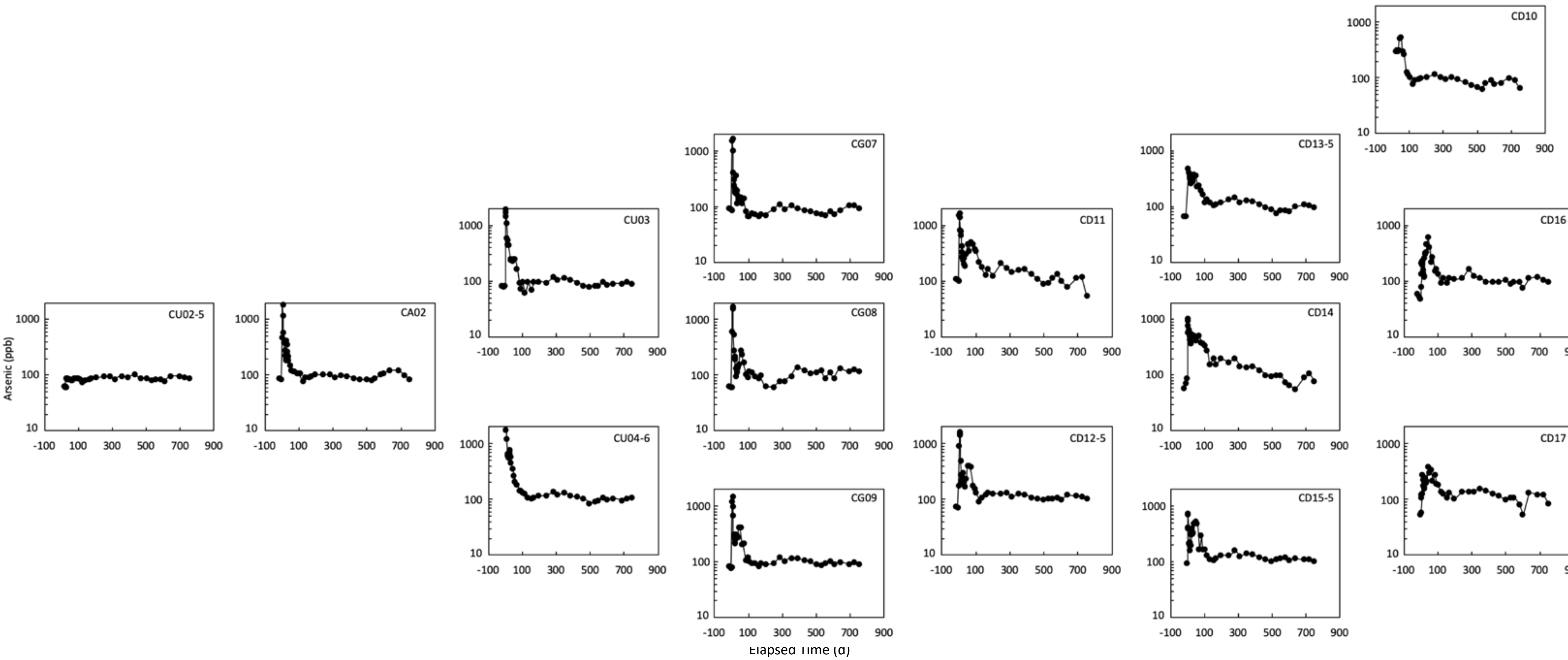
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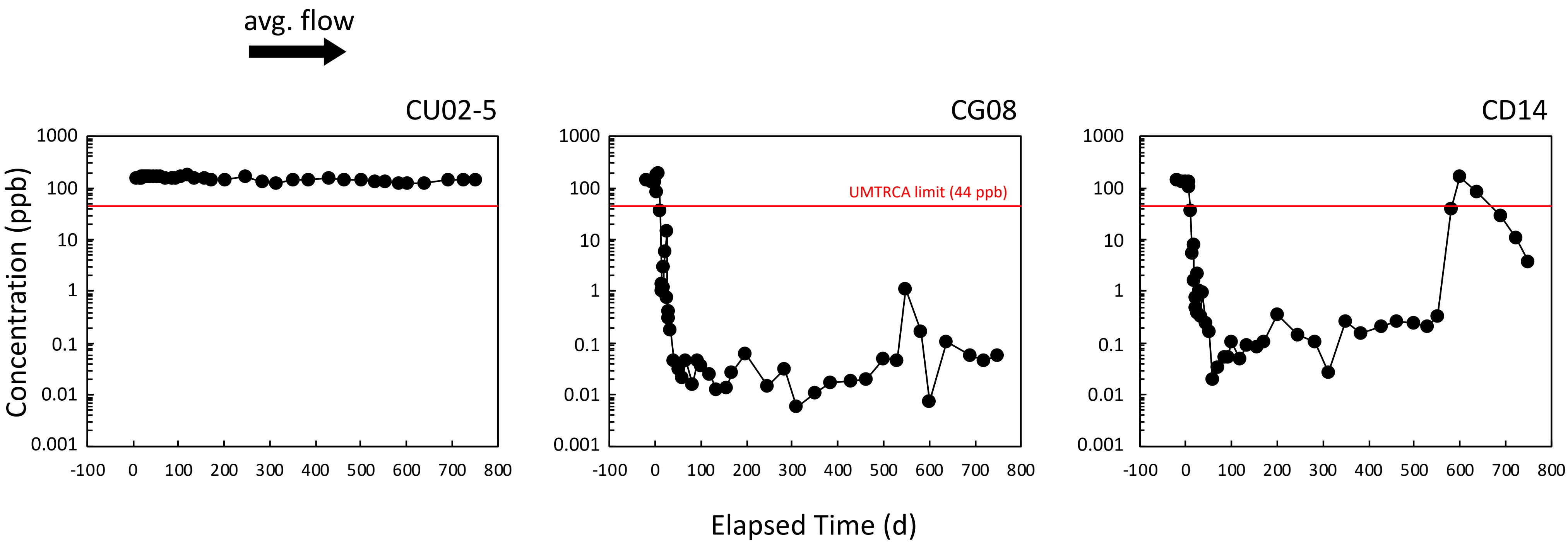

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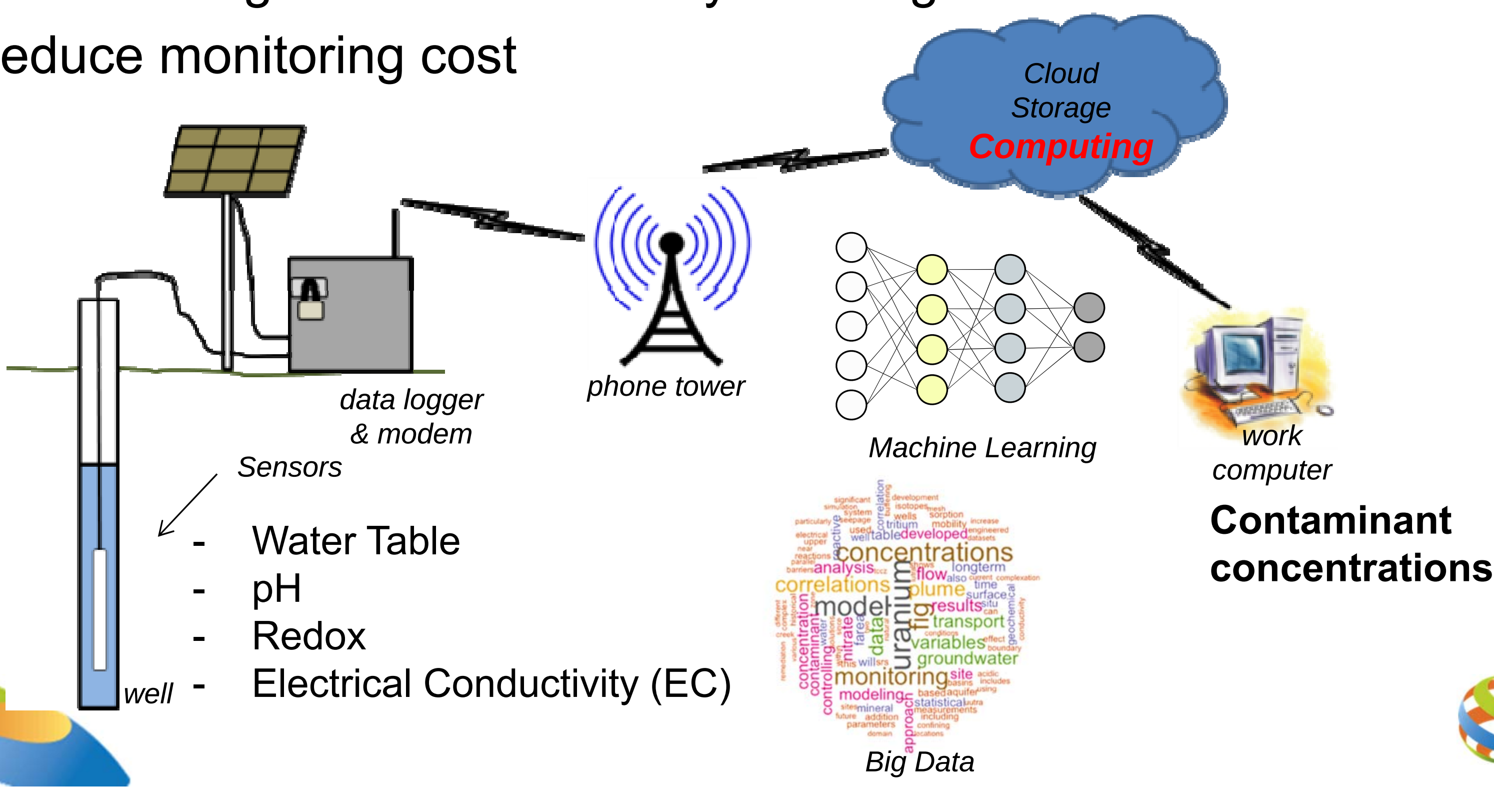
Residual Contaminants: Groundwater Flow Direction

New Paradigm of Groundwater Monitoring

- **Low-cost in situ sensors, wireless network, cloud computing**
  - → Autonomous continuous monitoring
  - → Detect changes real-time = Early Warning
  - → Reduce monitoring cost



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Importance of Long-Term Monitoring


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- Ensure public safety
- Prepare for liability issues
- Tackle fake news

Beneficial for both residents and site operators

Good example: Monitoring data proves that the site is safe to dismiss false claims

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Climate Change Impact: What to expect?

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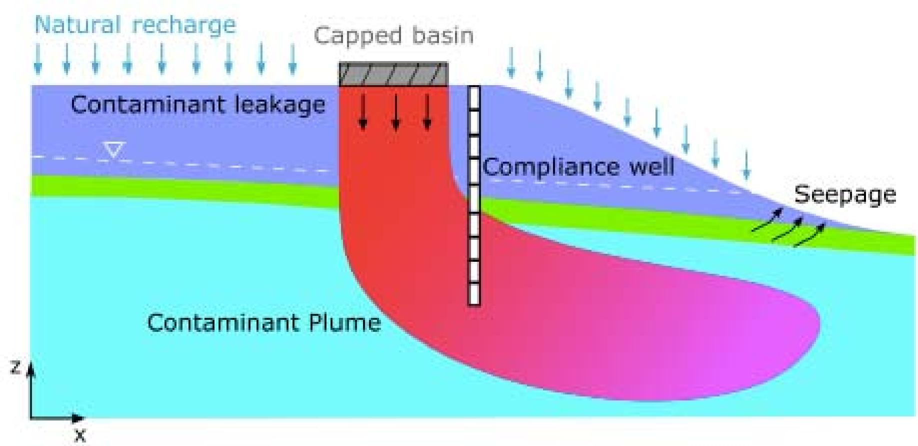
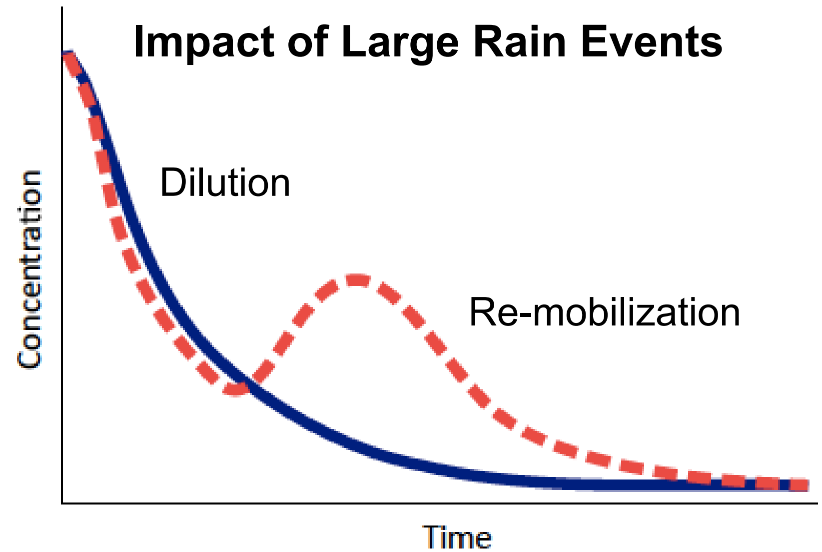
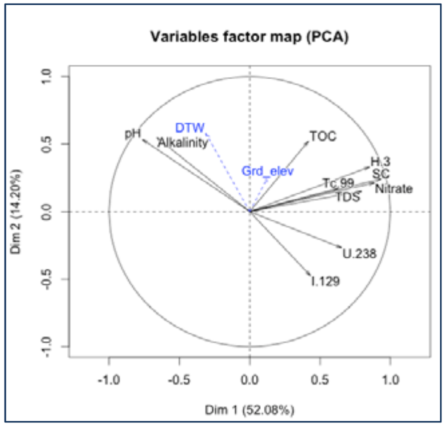




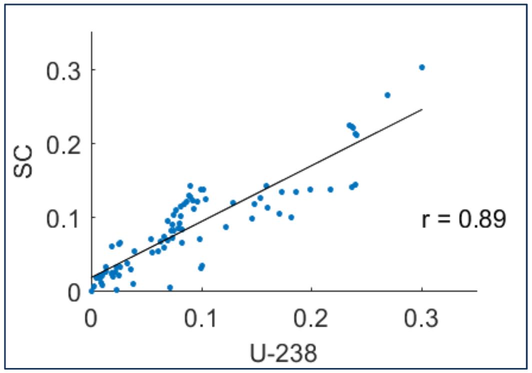
Importance of
- **Surface capping: Limit infiltration through the source zone**
- **Source-zone monitoring to detect re-mobilization**

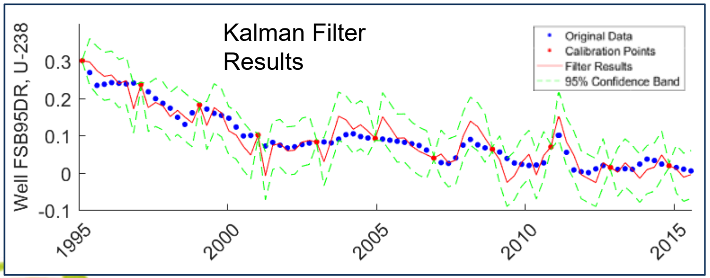
Data Analytics Workflow



Exploratory Data Analysis

Quantification of Correlations



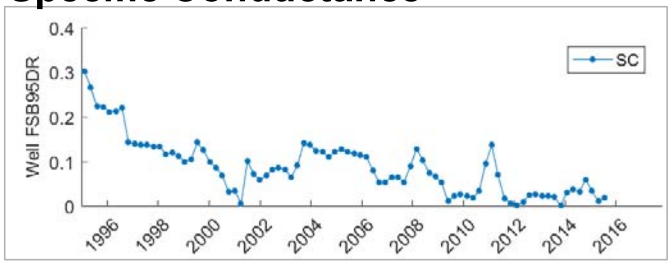


Contaminant Concentration Estimation

Machine Learning

Kalman Filter: Application at Savannah River Siste

Specific Conductance



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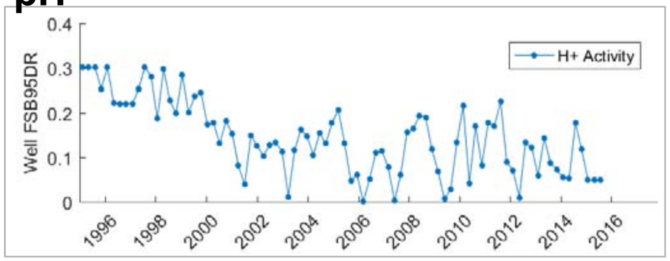

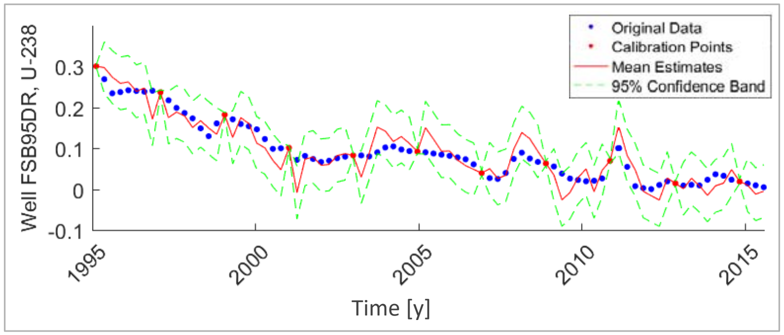

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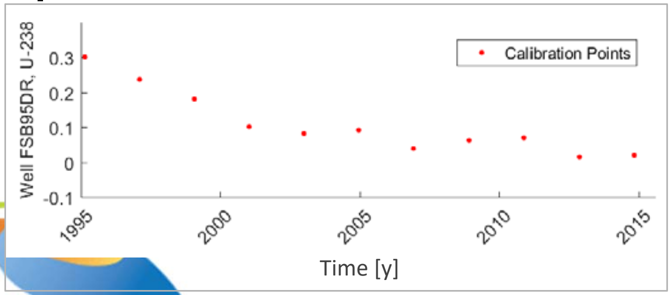
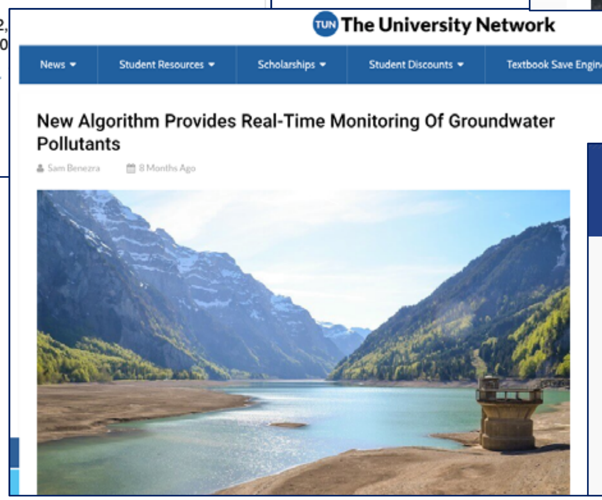
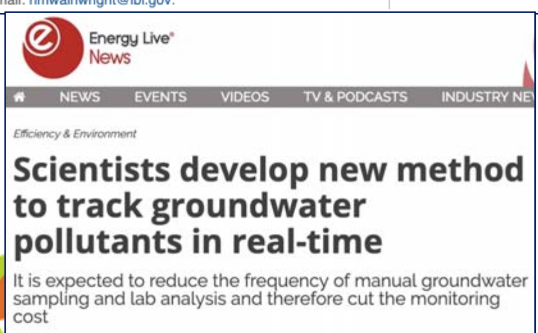


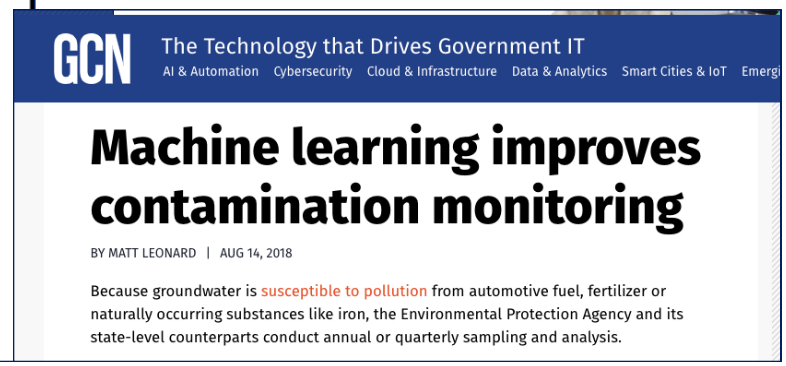
- Confidence interval captures validation points
- Mean estimate captures natural fluctuation

Schmidt et al, 2019 EST

Big Interest in ML x Environment







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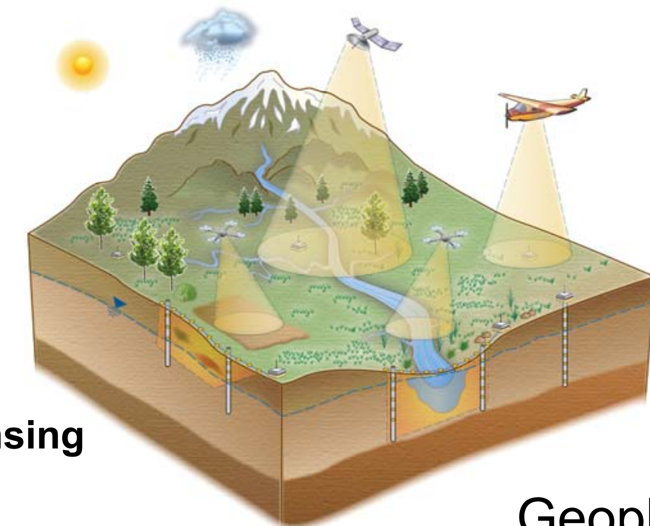


Remote sensing
- Wetland
- Surface Barrier

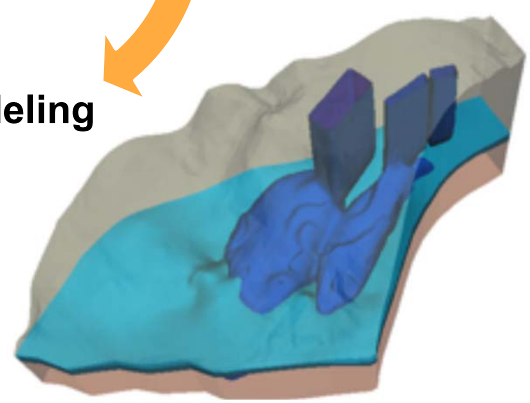
ML/AI

Sensing

R/Python packages
- Historical data analysis
- Well placement optipization

Geophysics
Fiber optics

Modeling



Summary

- **Bioremediation of Uranium or Heavy Metal in general**
  - Control redox conditions to reduce solubility: Microbial stimulation
    - Problem with rebound/remobilization
  - Naturally reduced zone: organic rich layer
    - Persistent plume
  - Permeable reactive barrier: Create stable co-precipitates
    - Successful immobilization for 2+ years
- **Monitoring for Bioremedaition**
  - Critical to understand the variability of bioremediation effects
    - Groundwater flow direction changes, multiple sources
  - Stability of immobilized contaminants need to be monitored for an extended time
  - New technologies (AI/Sensing/Modeling capabilities) have a great potential to improve the risk quantification at contaminated sites

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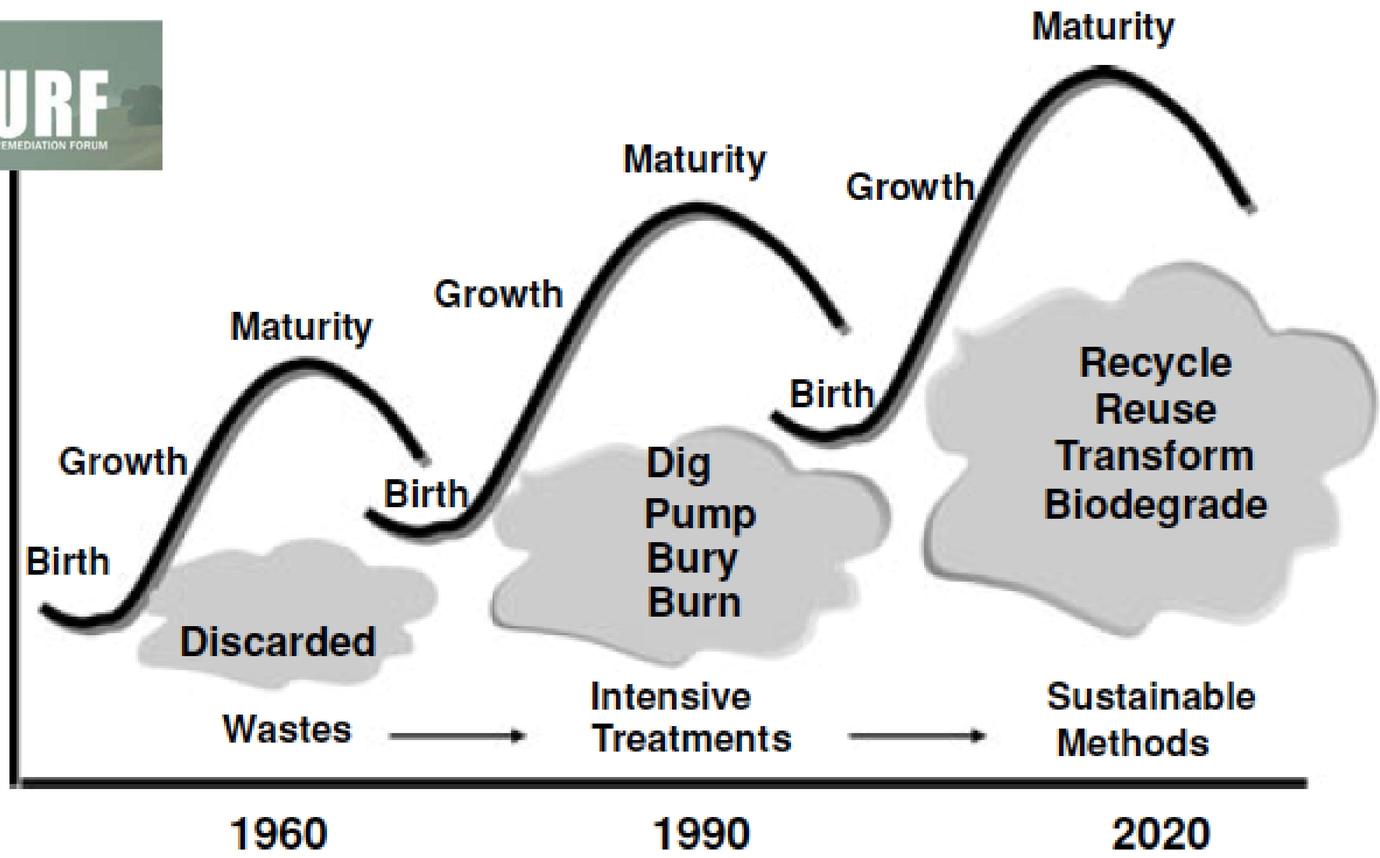
Environmental Remediation: Evolution



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Sustainable Remediation: Net Environmental Impact

- **Reuse/recycle**
- **Reduce energy, water use and waste**
- **Passive remediation**
- **Monitored natural attenuation**
- **Longer institutional control with alternative/attractive end-use**

Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge

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