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# CHARACTERIZATION OF BELLOY AND DEBOLT WATER DISPOSAL ZONES IN THE MONTNEY PLAY FAIRWAY, NEBC 

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This study addresses the hydrogeological and geomechanical favourability of wastewater injection into the Belloy and Debolt formations in Northeastern British Columbia. Initial work on reservoir characterization and geologic favourability mapping was performed by Petrel Robertson Consulting Ltd., and that work helped define the two focus areas for this analysis. The Belloy focus area is a Northwest-Southeast trending, irregularly shaped strip approximately 20 to 30 km wide centered on the Northeast portion of T.80, R.18W6. The Debolt focus area is also irregularly shaped, approximately 30 km in diameter and centered on E-94-A.

The study is divided into two main components - a hydrogeological analysis and a geomechanical analysis. In the hydrogeological analysis, detailed in section 2.0 of the report, formation pressures in the Belloy, Debolt and overlying Lower Montney formations as well as hydraulic head and formation water salinity in the Belloy and Debolt were determined through a rigorous data screening and quality control process. Due to limited data availability in the focus areas, the hydrogeological analysis was performed over broader study areas in order to reveal trends within the focus areas themselves. In the geomechanical analysis, detailed in section 3.0 of the report, in situ stresses and rock properties were determined using a wide range of data types and applied to the assessment of risk due to injection-induced slip on preexisting fractures or faults. Like in the hydrogeological analysis, regional data were frequently used in the geomechanical analysis when data were limited inside the focus areas.

The results of the hydrogeological analysis indicates that the Belloy and Debolt are hydrodynamically distinct from the Lower Montney in the focus areas. Pressure difference mapping across the contact with the Lower Montney indicates that the pressure difference across the Montney/Belloy boundary ranges from 28 MPa in the southwest to near zero in the northwest. Similarly the pressure difference across the Montney/Debolt boundary ranges from 78 MPa in the foothills region to approximately 4 MPa in the northeast. Hydraulic head in the Belloy ranges from 675 m to 775 m , consistent with a relatively high permeability aquifer, and shows gradual variation except in a few regions disrupted by faulting. Hydraulic head in the Debolt is more compartmentalized than in the Belloy due to the higher prevalence of faults. Debolt head values range from under 500 m to just under 1,200m. Faulting in both areas also
has a significant effect on salinity trends, although salinity data were particularly sparse in the Belloy focus area, limiting the ability to make a regional interpretation.

The geomechanical analysis found that in both focus areas, the minimum and maximum principal stresses are both horizontal, and the vertical stress is the intermediate principal stress. The ratio of horizontal stresses ranges from approximately 1.5 to 2 . Maximum horizontal stress is generally oriented Northeast-Southwest and is slightly more rotated to the east in the Debolt area than in the Belloy. To the extent possible, fracture populations were measured in image logs throughout the two study areas. Fractures in the Montney tend to strike more to the EastWest than in the underlying target formations, especially in the Belloy study area. Fractures also seem less abundant in the Montney. The evaluation of geomechanical risk revealed that, in general, lower pressure increases are required to cause fractures in the Debolt Formation to become critically-stressed than in the Belloy. From a critically-stressed fracture/fault perspective, the southeastern part of the Belloy study area and the southwestern part of the Debolt study area are the most favourable for injection, however it should be noted that there are several mapped faults at the southwestern edge of the Debolt area.

The results of this study are significantly limited by both data availability and the limited evaluation of geomechanical risk. This study should be considered useful for a regional perspective on potential fluid injection sites, but specific injection programs should not be planned without site-specific data gathering and geomechanical modeling, as discussed in section 4.3 of the report.

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The activity level of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing (fraccing) in the Montney Unconventional Play Fairway (MUPF) in northeastern British Columbia has steadily increased over the last decade. This increased activity has caused a significant increase of the volume of water required for the makeup of frac fluid, and, concomitantly, the disposal of the recovered frac fluid. Identification of locations for the disposal of the waste frac fluids is a key challenge faced by the industry. The responsible and safe disposal of frac fluids has been identified as a component of this process. The possibility of induced seismicity has been identified as a key component of the disposal of these fluids and ensuring the industry maintains its social licence to operate.

This project focuses on the hydrodynamic and geomechanical setting of various identified potential water disposal sites, and investigates the potential long-term sustainability of saline water injection. This investigation integrates hydrogeologic, aquifer/reservoir characterization and geomechanical findings and deals with concerns stemming from aquifer capacity and viability, injectivity and transmissibility, long-term viability of disposal sites, disposal fluid containment and migration, and potential geohazards resulting from disposal operations, including formation stability and induced seismicity.

The MUPF covers approximately $26,000 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ and trends southeast to northwest, from the Plains area in the Peace River region, northwestward into the northern Foothills. Table 1.1 lists Montney producing fields active in the southern and northern play areas.

Presently, over 1,400 producing Montney horizontal gas wells produce approximately two billion cubic feet (bcf) of gas daily from the MUPF. The installation of several multi-bct/day gas pipelines and associated gas processing plants is anticipated over the next few years. These facilities will require the drilling, completion and tie-in of sufficient Montney gas wells to meet and sustain the operational capacity of these plants. To achieve this growth in gas production, many more Montney gas wells will need to be drilled and fracced, compounding the challenges already facing industry regarding issues surrounding safe, reliable, sustainable and responsible frac water disposal.

A sense of the challenge faced by the industry and regulators may be derived by considering the following information derived from the Canadian Discovery Ltd. (CDL) proprietary Well Completions \& Frac Database (WCFD) in February 2014. Industry trends show an increase in the use of water as the base fluid for fraccing year-over-year in the Montney play. In 2010, water was used as the base fluid on $82 \%$ of Montney completions, and rose to $95 \%$ in 2013. Likewise, total water pumped during a frac has increased from 6,600 m ${ }^{3}$ in 2010 to over $9,600 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ in 2013. The number of frac stages and the volume of water pumped per stage are also trending upward. The average number of stages per frac grew from 9.6 in 2010 to 13.5 in 2013, and the average water volume pumped per stage increased by $125 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ from $750 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ in 2010 to $875 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ in 2013.

### 1.1 Potential Water Disposal Zones

Key operational and economic considerations are applicable in selecting potential water disposal sites. These parameters include:

- compatibility between the fluid to be injected and the waters in the formation receiving the fluids
- the injector formation does not contain commercial hydrocarbon saturations and the injection location
- a reasonable expectation that the formation contains sufficient reservoir height, average effective porosity, permeability and appropriate reservoir to allow for the necessary injection volumes.

A regional understanding of these parameters indicates that the Permian Belloy Formation (in the South Play Area) and the Mississippian Debolt Formation (North Play Area) represent the best candidates to focus the reservoir characterization efforts. The Mississippian Kiskatinaw Formation was also considered, but was excluded from further analysis, notwithstanding the promising favourability, due to the known tendency of the reservoir to be significantly compartmentalized and, therefore, poorly-suited for injection.

### 1.2 Reservoir Characterization of Belloy and Debolt

The reservoir characterization portion of this study was performed by Petrel Robertson Consulting Ltd. (PRCL) and was provided as an input to this study as Characterization of Belloy and Debolt Water Disposal Zones in the Montney Play Fairway, NEBC (PRCL, 2014). The geological inputs (e.g. Structure, Isopach, Depth and Injection Favourability Maps and tops data) used in this study were derived from this report. Additional stratigraphic tops or structural features were incorporated where necessary to increase the resolution of the hydrodynamic and geomechanical interpretation. This study has been included with this report as Appendix A for reference purposes.

The results of the PRCL study indicate that there are two key areas to be studied within this report. These are the:

- Belloy Area (T.75-83, R.13-83W6)
- Debolt Area (T.87,R.19W6 to 094-G-01/H)

Within each of these areas, focus areas were selected for detailed analysis after discussion with area stakeholders. The two areas are illustrated in Figures 1.1 and 1.2 respectively.

### 2.0 HYDRODYNAMICS

### 2.1 Methodology

A similar workflow was applied to determine the hydrodynamic setting of each of the study areas. This procedure may be summarized as:

- Search IHS Hub ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ for all DST and AOF pressures for the subject formation within the Study Area
- The results of the initial pressure data search are displayed in a geographic sense through a DST AOF Recovery (All Data) Map and in a Pressure vs. Elevation Graph (All Data) to identify regional trends in the data and where potential outliers occur.
- Perform various Quality Control (QC) procedures to define a high quality data set. This measures include:
- Drillstem Tests (DSTs) were coded according to the system codified by the Canadian Institute for Formation Evaluation (CIFE). A summary of this process is outlined in Figures 2.1 and 2.2. Only A through D quality tests are deemed suitable for hydrodynamic analysis. Tests coded $E$ through $G$ are possibly of use for determining fluid recovery.
- Completion (AOF) test data is evaluated to determine the highest pressure at mid-point of perforations and individually evaluated to determine test quality
- All pressure data is subjected to a CDL proprietary analysis to determine tests affected by production induced drawdown (PID). A summary of this process is outlined in Figure 2.3
- The high graded pressure dataset is re-displayed in a DST AOF Recovery (All Data) Map and a Pressure vs. Elevation Graph (All Data). Water and related hydrocarbon gradient and system trends to identify regional trends in the data and where potential outliers occur.
- A further QC pass is taken through the data to identify points with erroneous recovery, pressure or elevation data
- The final dataset is used to construct Pore Pressure vs Depth Gradient $\left(\nabla P_{p}\right)$ and Hydraulic Head Maps.
- The IHS Geofluids ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ database was searched for formation water recoveries. The results of this search were reviewed for accuracy and reviewed confirm the likely presence of formation water. The resulting data was plotted on a map and contoured to reflect the distribution of formation water salinity in the area.
- For each component of the analysis, pre-existing studies performed by CDL or its predecessor company, Rakhit Petroleum Consulting Ltd. (RPCL) were accessed to maximize the breadth of the interpretation. This studies included:
- Permocarboniferous Hydrogeology Blueberry, Stoddart \& Eagle BC (RPCL-BCPC)
- Hydrogeologic Atlas, Western Canada Sedimentary Basin (RPCL-HGAT)
- Montney Regional Hydrogeology Study Phase II (CDL-MRHS-II)
- As a method to illustrate the extent of the pressure difference between the High Pressure Deep Basin (HPDB) setting in the Lower Montney and the underlying Belloy and Debolt aquifers, Maps of the Theoretical Pressure at the Base of the Lower Montney were constructed for each of the Belloy and Debolt Areas. To create these maps, the map grids for the True Vertical Depth (TVD) to the Belloy or Debolt were convolved with the map grids for the $\nabla \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{p}}$ grid corresponding to the sub-area. The Lower Montney Theoretical Pressure was calculated in a similar fashion utilizing the Lower Montney $\nabla P_{p}$ grid from the MRHS-II. The pressure grid for the underlying formation was subtracted from the pressure grid for the Lower Montney to determine the pressure difference grids for the respective intervals. It is expected that the higher the pressure difference the higher the flow potential across this boundary should the boundary be breached.


### 2.2 Belloy Area Interpretation

### 2.2.1 Data Summary

The pressure search identified the following dataset for Belloy pressure tests:

- Belloy Area (BA):
- All Data: 362 Tests
- Screened Pressure Data: 99 Tests
- Belloy Focus Area (BFA):
- All Data: 64 Tests
- Screened Pressure Data: 13 Tests

These numbers emphasize the relative paucity of pressure data over the BFA and the need to extrapolate the trends identified in the larger study area and preexisting studies. The pressure test data, illustrated by Enclosure 2.1, are located mainly on the northern edge of the Belloy Area (BA), along the fringe of the BFA. This data concentration is most likely due to an operator
focus on structural fault-bounded targets along the northern rim of the Dawson Creek Graben Complex (DCGC). A significant number of the tests recovered water, indicating the presence of a Belloy aquifer in this region. The hydrocarbon recoveries were dominated by gas with only rare oil recoveries in the eastern portion of the area.

When the initial dataset is displayed on a Pressure vs. Elevation Graph (PE) (Enclosure 2.2), the presence of several elements can be discerned. These elements include the presence of a water gradient with several short associated gas gradients. To the far right of the PE graph, a subset of high pressure test values hints at the possible presence of significant overpressuring. Given that the Belloy is expected to reside within an aquifer setting, these high pressure tests required additional testing to confirm their accuracy.

A series of pressure test points are lazily spread along the left side of the PE graph. These points are likely to represent poorly-developed pressure buildups, poor quality tests or wells affected by PID.

By applying the methodology discussed earlier, it was possible to display the high-graded dataset as a finalized Belloy DST AOF Recovery Map (Enclosure 2.3) and Belloy PE graph (Enclosure 2.4). The chief result of this process was the removal of the lower pressures recorded from development wells affected by PID and/or poorly built up tests. The anomalously high pressures were inspected to confirm the stratigraphic assignment. This exercise confirmed that these high pressures are actually associated with Lower Montney pressures. As a result, the pressure data distribution is further constrained to the northern portion of the BA.

### 2.2.2 Pressure vs. Elevation Graph

On inspection of the high-graded PE graph (Enclosure 2.4), the water gradient is wellestablished to an elevation of greater than $-1,650 \mathrm{~m}$ subsea. Most of the gas test data lies along gradients closely associated with the water gradient. Data points 359, 11622 and 11848 are posted above their actual elevation to restrict the range of the PE graph and maintain legibility. If these points are migrated down to their true elevations, they reside along the water gradient reinforcing the existence of an extensive water gradient and aquifer in the BA.

Some pressure data points exist in positions significantly distal from the water gradient (WG) and likely represent sections structurally-removed from the regional setting.

### 2.2.3 Belloy Head Map

The Belloy Head Map (Enclosure 2.5) displays broadly-spaced, smooth contours ranging from 675m to 775 m of Hydraulic Head consistent with a relatively high permeability aquifer except in regions disrupted by faulting. This interpretation is buttressed by incorporating the findings in the HGAT study.

### 2.2.4 Belloy Pressure Depth Gradient Map

Contours on the Belloy Pressure Depth Gradient Map (Enclosure 2.6) range from 9.2 to $10.6 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$ which, similarly to the Belloy Head Map, are consistent with an aquifer discretely altered by faulting.

### 2.2.5 Belloy Salinity Map

Screened salinity data exist primarily in the northeastern portion of the BA with only one formation recovery point in the BFA (Enclosure 2.7). The data range from approximately 100,000 to over $165,000 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ TDS. The variations across the BA are primarily attributed to compartmentalization due to faulting interfering in the migration of the primary formation fluid.

The black dashed line extending from the northwestern corner of the map to the southeastern corner outlines a region from which no formation water was recovered as defined in HGAT. This paucity of fluid recovery refers solely to the lack of recovery, not to any indication of pervasive hydrocarbon saturations, notwithstanding the usual correspondence between the lack of formation water recovery and pervasive hydrocarbon saturations.

### 2.2.6 Lower Montney Pressure Depth Gradient Map

Enclosure 2.8 outlines an extract of this map from MRHS-II. Although there are only two pressure points within the BA, this map includes observations from across the entire range of
the Montney Formation, and is assumed to provide an adequate representation of the Lower Montney pressure regime over the BA.

### 2.2.7 Theoretical Pressures at Belloy Top Mapping

The Belloy True Vertical Depth (TVD) Map (Enclosure 2.9) indicates a generally smooth transition from 1,800m to over 3,600m except for regions affected by faulting, in particular along the edge of the DCGC. As outlined in the Methodology section, the Belloy TVD Map is used in the derivation of the following maps:

- Theoretical Lower Montney Pressure at Belloy Top (Enclosure 2.10)
- Theoretical Belloy Pressure at Belloy Top (Enclosure 2.11)

The resulting Theoretical Pressure Difference across Montney/Belloy Contact Map (Enclosure 2.12) indicates that the pressure difference across the Montney/Belloy boundary ranges from 28 MPa in the southwestern portion of the BA to a pressure difference in the northwestern portion of the BA approaching 0.

### 2.3 Debolt Area Interpretation

### 2.3.1 Data Summary

Tests search identified the following dataset for Debolt pressure tests:

- The Debolt Study Area (DA):
- All Data: 362 Tests
- Screened Pressure Data: 99 Tests
- Debolt Focus Area (DFA):
- All Data: 64 Tests
- Screened Pressure Data: 13

Unlike the BA, the pressure test data, illustrated by Enclosure 2.13 (Debolt DST AOF Recovery Map [All Data]), are fairly well distributed across the DFA in particular and across the DA in general, with the exception of the area north of the DFA. The majority of the pressure data was captured along the western side of the DA from structural culminations created from Laramide thrust fault traps. Tests east of the deformation front tended to produce water and mud recoveries with relatively minor gas recoveries. Previous studies, such as BCPC, indicate the presence of normal faults with possible sealing potential that resulted in minor structural traps.

Similarly to the case in the BA, the initial Debolt PE (Enclosure 2.14) provides the general outline of the main hydrodynamic trends with overprint of incomplete buildups and PID effects on several tests. Extremely high pressures on the right side of the plot are associated with relatively high flow rates, and they bear further investigation in light of the regional expectation that the Debolt does not represent a high pressure deep basin.

The dataset after the application of the QC process clarifies the distribution of pressure systems within the DA as illustrated by the Debolt DST AOF Recovery Map (Enclosure 2.15) and Debolt PE plot (Enclosure 2.16).

### 2.3.2 Pressure vs. Elevation Graph

The Debolt Hydraulic Gradient (DHG) describes the hydrodynamic setting within the structurally regional Debolt, which also appears to provide a reference system for the Blueberry oil and gas gradients. Water gradients that deviate from the DHG are related to thrust structures, and include the Blueberry West Hydraulic System trend, which is slightly underpressured relative to the DHG, and a Potential High Pressure Debolt Water Gradient associated with the Highway Gas Gradients.

Enclosure 2.15 outlines Debolt gas accumulations within the regional hydrodynamic portion of the DFA. The pressure data allowed the identification of fluid contacts in the Fireweed accumulations. The data associated with the Umbach and Prespatou Pools are insufficient for conclusions regarding fluid contacts.

### 2.3.3 Debolt Head Map

The Debolt Head Map (Enclosure 2.17) is more highly discrete and disrupted than the Belloy Head Map due to the higher prevalence of faults, which separate the Debolt hydrodynamic systems. As a result of this compartmentalization, the Debolt Head values range from under 500 m to just under $1,200 \mathrm{~m}$. This range is particularly evident within the thrust-faulted trends.

The lack of Debolt pressure tests in the northern third of the DA limits the confidence in the interpretation of the data. This data deficiency is compensated by the incorporation of interpretations from regional studies.

### 2.3.4 Debolt Pressure Depth Gradient Map

The variations in the Debolt Pressure Depth Gradient Map (Enclosure 2.18), from 8.2 to $10.6 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$, are primarily the result of the highly-structured nature of the Debolt in this region.

### 2.3.5 Debolt Salinity Map

Screened salinity data rapidly change from 54,000 to $136,000 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ TDS (Enclosure 2.19). These variations are likely due to the structural segregation of the Debolt. Based on the HGAT study, contours ranging from 80,000 to over $120,000 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ TDS were applied to illustrate the regional composition of the formation waters.

### 2.3.6 Theoretical Pressures at Debolt Top Mapping

The Debolt True Vertical Depth (TVD) Map (Enclosure 2.20) describes a range from 1,500m to over $2,200 \mathrm{~m}$ with generally smooth, evenly-spaced contours except for segments affected by faulting. As outlined in the Methodology section, the Debolt Area TVD Map (Enclosure 2.21) is used in conjunction with the Lower Montney Pressure Depth Gradient Map (Enclosure 2.20) and the Debolt Pressure Depth Gradient Map (Enclosure 2.18) in the derivation of the following maps:

- Theoretical Lower Montney Pressure at Debolt Top (Enclosure 2.22)
- Theoretical Debolt Pressure at Debolt Top (Enclosure 2.23)

The resulting Theoretical Pressure Difference across Montney/Debolt Contact Map (Enclosure 2.24) indicates that the pressure difference across the Montney/Debolt boundary ranges from 78 MPa in the foothills region of the DA to approximately 4 MPa in the northeastern portion of the DA.

### 3.0 GEOMECHANICS

For any application involving fluid injection into the earth, pressure changes resulting from the injection as well as temperature differentials between the fluid and formation both introduce a risk of compromising the hydraulic integrity of the storage unit by initiating slip on preexisting fractures or faults and/or creating new fractures/faults. Either mechanism can result in seismic events potentially felt at surface or the creation of permeable pathways that could allow the injected fluid to migrate into overlying or underlying units. In addition, injection may cause surface deformation (heave) or damage to nearby wells. A good geomechanical understanding of the area being considered for injection is critical for understanding the magnitude of these risks, and how to mitigate them.

The main objective of the geomechanical portion of this study was to determine the geomechanical setting of the two key study areas, shown in Figures 1.1 and 1.2, and to perform a limited assessment of geomechanical risks should injection take place in these areas in the Belloy and Debolt formations, respectively. A key goal of the analysis was to, as far as the data allowed, determine if certain locations within the study areas are less risky, and are thus more favourable for injection from a geomechanical standpoint, than others.

This section of the report describes the data and workflow used in the geomechanical analysis of both of the Belloy and Debolt study areas including a review of data availability (Section 3.1), characterization of rock properties (Section 3.2), review of drilling experience (Section 3.3), quantification of vertical and minimum principle stress magnitudes and determination of horizontal stress orientations (section 3.4), modeling to determine maximum horizontal stress (Section 3.5) and, finally, characterization of natural fractures and examination of the risk of injection-induced slip on fractures or faults (Section 3.6).

### 3.1 Data Availability

Because maximum horizontal stress cannot be measured directly or calculated from data such as logs or seismic, it must be modeled based on wellbore failure that is either observed directly using image logs or caliper or inferred from drilling experience (Zoback, 2010). Therefore, much of the work in a geomechanical analysis is in determining the input parameters for the modeling, including, but not limited to, vertical stress, minimum horizontal stress magnitude and azimuth, pore pressure and rock properties. This task requires the analysis of many types of data coming from a variety of sources including public databases, proprietary databases, clients and published literature. The main sources of the data used in this study included:

- From public databases:
- Lab measurements of mechanical rock properties
- Well logs including density, caliper, sonic (including cross-dipole and array sonic) and borehole image logs
- Daily drilling reports
- Pressure tests
- From CDL's Well Completions \& Frac Database:
- Minifrac/DFIT tests and hydraulic fracture stage instantaneous shut-in pressures (ISIPs)

Data from two project stakeholders for two wells, Secure Inga 200/C-088-J/094-A-12/00 and CNRL HZ Septimus 100/02-08-082-19W6/00, were also used, and included a daily drilling report and an image log.

Enclosures 3.1 and 3.2 show the availability of geomechanical data across the Belloy and Debolt study areas, respectively. Detailed tables summarizing the data availability in each area are provided in Appendix B. As evident from the maps, data coverage is generally less in the Debolt study area than in the Belloy study area. In both areas, much of the data (e.g., data for minimum stress and rock property measurements) was actually acquired in the Montney and Doig formations, because these are the formations that have seen the most development
activity. As discussed in detail in later sections, the lack of data in the Belloy and Debolt leads to some uncertainty in the geomechanical parameters in these formations.

### 3.2 Rock Mechanical Properties

The two main sources of data for characterization of mechanical rock properties are lab measurements on core samples and wireline logs.

### 3.2.1 Lab Measurements

Lab measurements of rock properties were available from three wells in the Belloy study area. Measurements were made of samples from the Montney and Doig formations (Enclosure 3.1). A database developed for these data can be found in Appendix C. Unfortunately, no lab-based data were found in the Debolt study area.

The available data included measurements of static and dynamic Poisson's ratio and Young's modulus, unconfined compressive strength (UCS), cohesion and friction angle. Figure 3.1 shows the distribution of static and dynamic Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio. Static values were measured using triaxial tests, and dynamic values were measured using ultrasonic testing. Figure 3.2 shows dynamic versus static values for samples from the only well (100/15-34-080-18W6/00) with both types of data in the Montney Formation. No clear relationship between the static and dynamic values is evident in the plots. Such a relationship, if one can be found, can be useful in converting log-based dynamic elastic properties to static values that are then used as input for modeling.

Figure 3.3 shows the distribution of unconfined compressional strength (UCS), cohesion and friction angle from the lab measurements. Figures 3.3a and 3.3b show wide variations in UCS and cohesion in the Doig and Montney formations. Both UCS and cohesion have a wide range of values, which reflects the inherent heterogeneity of these formations.

### 3.2.2 Wireline Logs

It is common practice to calculate rock properties from wireline logs (e.g., sonic, density, gamma and porosity logs). Log data are more common and easier to find in the public domain than are lab tests on core.

## Elastic Properties

Dynamic Poisson's ratio ( $v_{d}$ ) and Young's modulus ( $E_{d}$ ) can be calculated from compressional and shear sonic transit times ( $\Delta t_{\mathrm{c}}$ and $\Delta t_{s}$, respectively) and bulk density ( $\rho_{b}$ ) using the following equations:

$$
\begin{gather*}
v_{d}=\frac{0.5\left(\Delta t_{s} / \Delta t_{c}\right)^{2}-1}{\left(\Delta t_{s} / \Delta t_{c}\right)^{2}-1}  \tag{1}\\
E_{d}=4 \frac{\rho_{b}}{\Delta t_{s}{ }^{2}} \frac{0.75\left(\Delta t_{s} / \Delta t_{c}\right)^{2}-1}{\left(\Delta t_{s} / \Delta t_{c}\right)^{2}-1} \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

All the other dynamic elastic properties such as shear modulus, bulk modulus, impedances, plane-strain Young's modulus and brittleness index can then be calculated using these two values. It is important to note that these dynamic values need to be converted to static equivalents for geomechanical applications such as reservoir containment assessment or wellbore stability modeling.

For this study, elastic properties were calculated for 75 wells in the Belloy study area and 55 wells in the Debolt study area (see Enclosures 3.1 and 3.2), although not all of the logs penetrate the Belloy or Debolt formations. Calculations were made for the entire stratigraphic profile from the ground surface to the underburden. All the density and sonic logs used in this study were quality screened prior to the calculations. An example of logs and calculated elastic properties for well 100/16-25-081-19W6/00 in the Belloy study area is shown in Figure 3.4.

Figures 3.5 and 3.6 show stratigraphic variation of both Poisson's ratio and Young's modulus for the Belloy and Debolt study areas, respectively. Both the Belloy and the Debolt have significantly higher elastic properties than the overlying Montney Formation. This difference could have considerable significance in any future reservoir modeling to help understand deformation in and around the injection zones.

Enclosures 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 show the spatial variation of mean calculated Poisson's ratio and Young's modulus and for the Montney/Doig and Belloy formations in the Belloy study area. Likewise, Enclosures 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10 show the distribution of the same parameters for the Montney/Doig and Debolt formations in the Debolt study area. While the data points are too sparse to create contoured maps of these properties, the points themselves indicate significant rock property heterogeneity across the two study areas.

## Anisotropy

Rock property anisotropy may be caused by a number of factors including depositional processes, rock fabric or natural fractures. If significant, anisotropy can play an important role in mechanical behaviour of rock in response to injection or production.

Logs such as dipole sonic logs or Schlumberger Sonic Scanner logs can be used to investigate rock property anisotropy in directions perpendicular to the wellbore axis. In total, 17 wells in the Belloy study area and five wells in the Debolt study area were found to have logs suitable for the investigation of anisotropy. An example Sonic Scanner log for well 100/08-22-082-20W6/00 in the Belloy study area is shown in Figure 3.7. In this example, zones with relatively high anisotropy, e.g. in the Doig formation, tend to also have lower Poisson's ratio and higher Young's modulus than surrounding zones.

Because of the variety of logging tools and measurement techniques in the data set, the following equation was used to quantify anisotropy in cases where transit time was measured in X and Y directions ( $\Delta t_{S X}$ and $\Delta t_{S Y}$, respectively):

$$
\begin{equation*}
A N I_{X Y}=\frac{2 *\left|\Delta t_{S X}-\Delta t_{S Y}\right|}{\left(\Delta t_{S X}+\Delta t_{S Y}\right)} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

In cases where fast and slow transit times ( $\Delta t_{S S}$ and $\Delta t_{S F}$, respectively) were available, the following equation was used to quantify anisotropy:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A N I_{S F}=\frac{2 *\left|\Delta t_{S S}-\Delta t_{S F}\right|}{\left(\Delta t_{S S}+\Delta t_{S F}\right)} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The stratigraphic distributions of anisotropy are shown in Figures 3.8 and 3.9 for the Belloy and Debolt study areas, respectively. The Belloy Formation shows up to $4 \%$ slow-fast anisotropy, compared to less than $2 \%$ in the Montney in this study area. Little distinction is seen between units in the limited data from the Debolt study area. This distinction is further emphasized in Figure 3.10, where Poisson's ratio and Young's modulus are plotted for the X and Y directions in the two study areas.

## Rock Strength

Rock strength cannot be measured using logs, but numerous empirical relations have been developed for estimating the UCS of rocks based on other measurable properties such as compressional wave velocity and porosity. Excellent overviews may be found in Chang et al. (2006) and Khaksar et al. (2009).

For this study, the following equations were used to determine UCS:
$U C S=0.77\left(\frac{304.8}{\Delta t_{C}}\right)^{2.93} \quad$ for shales (Horsrud, 2001)

UCS $=\left(\frac{7682}{\Delta t_{C}}\right)^{1.82} \quad$ for limestone (Militzer, 1973)

UCS $=1200 e^{-.036 \Delta t_{c}} \quad$ for sandstone/siltstone (McNally, 1987)
$U C S=\frac{1}{A *\left(\Delta t_{C}-B\right) C} \quad$ for different rock types (Onyia, 1988)

UCS $=0.00069 V_{p}^{1.385} \quad$ for different rock types (Kelessidis, 2011)
$\varphi=\sin ^{-1}\left(\frac{V_{p}-1000}{V_{p}+1000}\right) \quad$ for different rock types (Lal, 1999)
$\Delta t_{c}$ in these equations is the compressional sonic transit time in $\mu \mathrm{sec} / \mathrm{m}, V_{p}$ is compressional wave velocity in $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{sec}$, and UCS and $\varphi$ are uniaxial compressional strength and internal friction angle in MPa and degrees, respectively. The proper equations for individual lithologies were chosen based on mineralogy (determined using strip logs and XRD tests), as well as the limited number of available lab measurements for strength properties.

### 3.3 Drilling Experience Review

Drilling experience is reviewed to identify events that may provide insight into the geomechanical setting and/or mechanical stability of a given well. Specifically, the goals of this analysis are to characterize and diagnose drilling performance and problems, examine drilling issues as a function of formation/zone and identify the most appropriate intervals for stress modeling. A list of events that may be informative to the geomechanical understanding is provided in Table 3.1.

Data sources for drilling experience may vary. The best information for drilling experience comes from detailed entries in daily drilling reports (a.k.a. drilling tours). Caliper logs can also give important information about wellbore enlargements; excessive enlargement usually results in hole-cleaning problems (tight hole, stuck pipe, excessive cuttings, fill). Data collected electronically during drilling such as rate of penetration, torque, tank volumes and gas levels can reveal drilling issues, inflows and kicks, or fluid gains/losses. Well summaries generally contain a brief summary of each drilling day, and may or may not mention specific drilling problems.

When daily drilling data are available, geomechanically relevant drilling information can be summarized in a graphical format (Figure 3.11 for an example from the Debolt study area), which aids in the geomechanical interpretation. Information types range from reported mud weights displayed as colours along the well trajectory (true vertical depth vs. lateral offset), to casing points and reported drilling events that may provide geomechanical insight (Geomechanics Notes). Drilling days are plotted as either days vs. lateral offset for horizontal wells, or depth vs. days for vertical wells. Both plots are annotated with numbers corresponding to the events under the Geomechanics Notes. Such plots are especially useful in comparing geomechanical drilling experience between wells.

In this study, drilling plots, which were made for three wells in each of the study areas, can be found in Appendix D. The six wells, all of which are vertical or sub-vertical, were chosen based on a variety of factors including availability of supporting data (e.g., image logs) and spatial distribution. In general, drilling problems are relatively minor in the Belloy and Debolt formations. If major drilling problems occur, they are usually observed in shallower or deeper formations. The mud weights used for drilling in the Debolt study area vary between $970-1420 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$. While the two wells drilled with higher mud weights show minor geomechanical problems during drilling, well 200/C-017-C/094-A-14/00, which was drilled with mud weights of 1,000$1,140 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$, had more problems (Figure 3.11 ). In the Belloy study area, a range of $850-$ $1,410 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ was used for drilling.

### 3.4 Stress Characterization

In addition to rock mechanical properties, in situ stresses are critical components of any geomechanical study. It is customary to use a system of three orthogonal principal stresses to define the stress tensor. As a simplifying assumption, one of these principal stresses is usually considered to be vertical $\left(S_{v}\right)$. This assumption is usually legitimate unless the stresses are affected by surficial topography or nearby faulting, folding, salt domes, or underground openings (Fjær et al., 2008). The two horizontal principal stresses that are defined as minimum or maximum horizontal stress (i.e., $S_{\text {hmin }}$ and $S_{H \max }$, respectively). It is important to know the azimuthal orientation of either $S_{\text {nmin }}$ or $S_{H \text { max }}$.

This section covers the data and workflow for defining the magnitudes of the vertical and minimum horizontal in situ stresses and the orientation of the horizontal stresses for this study. Modeling to determine the maximum horizontal stress is discussed in Section 3.5.

### 3.4.1 Vertical In Situ Stress

Among the three principal stress components, $S_{v}$ is the most straightforward to estimate, because it represents the weight of the overburden, and it can be calculated by the integration of density logs, which are abundantly available in the public domain. Unfortunately, density logs frequently suffer from problems such as a lack of data at shallow depths or unreliable data in enlarged sections of the wellbore. The estimation of missing data points near the surface can be
achieved by fitting an exponential density curve to the first 100 m of available real data and assuming a density of $2100 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ at the surface. Low-quality data over reasonably short intervals can be replaced by calculating a pseudo density from sonic logs, or by simply using nearby average values in better intervals.

Among more than 2,000 vertical and sub-vertical (with less than 40 m of lateral deviation) wells available with density and density correction logs penetrating the Montney, Doig, Belloy or Debolt formations, 85 and 56 wells were chosen for mapping vertical stress in the Belloy and Debolt study areas, respectively. These wells were selected by considering two quality conditions: data started within 700 m of the surface, and the percentage of missing or poor quality data was less than $15 \%$. To quantify these quality measures, two quality factors were developed for this study. Missing depth quality factor quantifies the lack of data near surface: $100 \%$ describes a complete density log starting from ground surface, and 0\% describes a density $\log$ with no data above 700 m . Missing data quality factor quantifies intervals with poor or missing data: $100 \%$ describes a perfect density log with no missing values, and $0 \%$ describes a density log with $15 \%$ missing/bad values.

An example of the calculation of vertical stress, stress gradient ( $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{v}} /$ depth in TVD), and quality factors is shown in Figure 3.12 for well 100/10-27-082-20W6/00 in the Belloy study area. Enclosures 3.11 and 3.12 show the computer-contoured maps of the average vertical stress gradient for the Montney/Doig and Belloy, respectively, in the Belloy study area. Enclosures 3.13 and 3.14 show similar maps for the Montney/Doig and Debolt formations, respectively, in the Debolt study area. Values range from about 23 to $25.5 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$. It is important to note that in order to build a geomechanical model to assess the effect of fluid storage in the target formation, the entire vertical stress profile from the underburden to overburden is essential. The stratigraphic variations of vertical stress and its depth gradient throughout both the Belloy and Debolt study areas are shown in Figures 3.13 and 3.14 , respectively.

### 3.4.2 Minimum Principal In-situ Stress

Direct measurements via well tests are the most reliable determination of minimum stress. Measurement techniques include regular and extended leak-off tests, microfrac and minifrac (fracture injectivity) tests. Interpretation of fracture gradient or closure from any of these test
types is somewhat subjective - different interpreters may derive different values for minimum stress from the same dataset. In some cases, hydraulic fracture treating pressures may also be used in areas where a good relationship between instantaneous shut-in pressure (ISIP) and minimum stress magnitude can be determined, such as in the example shown in Figure 3.15 (data not from this study).

In the absence of any direct data, sometimes regional knowledge can be used; e.g., drillers experienced in an area may have some idea of the value simply from experience. Lost circulation pressures, provided the circulation was lost because the formation was accidentally fractured, may also give an indication of minimum stress. Calculations of stress from well logs or seismic, while common, are not always considered accurate except under limited geological conditions where tectonic components of stress are negligible (Zoback, 2010). Any reported stress values directly from well logs (e.g., multi-component sonic) should be used with great caution and should be compared to well test data whenever available.

In this study, the two main sources of data for minimum stress estimation were closure stress values from minifrac/DFIT tests and ISIP values from hydraulic fractures. The closure pressure from the hydraulic fractures were estimated as $85 \%$ of mean Instantaneous Shut-in Pressure (ISIP) values for all frac stages in a single well. Extensive quality control and data filtering were performed to remove low-quality data, especially in the case of multi-stage fracturing of horizontal wells. DFIT values were considered the most reliable, and were used as benchmarks for quality control of the hydraulic fracture-derived values.

In total, eight wells with DFITs and 135 wells with ISIPs were found in the Belloy study area. Only two of these wells had both of these values. In the Debolt study area, one well with a DFIT and 36 wells with ISIPs were found, none of which had both. Enclosures 3.15 and 3.16 are contour maps of minimum principal stress in the Montney and Doig formations in the two study areas. Both maps show a trend of increasing minimum stress from east to west, similar to the trend of increasing pore pressure increase in the Montney Formation (see Enclosures 2.8 and 2.20). Values range from about $15 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$ to $22.5 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$. Unfortunately, there is an obvious paucity of data for the storage target units, and only a small amount of minimum stress data were found for these two formations. The limited number of data found in the Belloy, Debolt and other formations are shown in Enclosures 3.17 and 3.18.

### 3.4.3 Orientation of Horizontal Stresses

Numerous methods have been used over the years in geological studies and mining and petroleum engineering to identify the orientation of in situ stresses. Some of these methods include geological indicators, inference from structure or faults/fractures, seismic/sonic anisotropy, microseismic, tiltmeter data and stress-induced borehole features. Based on data availability, image logs and sonic scanner logs were found useful in identifying horizontal stress orientation in this study.

Only stress-induced wellbore failure (tensile cracks and breakouts) are usually considered to provide local, current and unambiguous indicators of maximum and minimum horizontal stress directions (note that in deviated wells, breakouts do not necessarily occur at the azimuth of the minimum horizontal stress direction). The best data for observing wellbore failure are image logs. Because of the variety in imaging tools and the appearance of features like tensile cracks and breakouts, examples are not provided here, but many can be found in the literature and online (e.g., Thompson, 2009; Pöppelreiter et al., 2010). Figure 3.16a shows part of an image log over a vertical section of well 200/A-018-D/094-A-13/00 in the Debolt study area showing clear breakouts. The orientation of these features projected on the stereonet in Figure 3.16b easily reveals the orientation of horizontal in situ stresses. In total, two wells in the Belloy study area and three wells in the Debolt study area were found to have image logs with quality suitable for identifying stress orientation (Enclosures 3.19 and 3.20). Therefore, a number of wells in the vicinity of the study areas (three and four wells for the Belloy and Debolt study areas, respectively) were also used to properly characterize stress orientation in these areas.

Oriented caliper may also provide breakout orientations (although it will not detect tensile fractures, which are important when modeling stress magnitudes). Unfortunately, no goodquality, oriented calipers were found for this study.

Another increasingly common approach for determining stress orientation is assuming that, when measuring directional anisotropy in seismic and/or shear sonic data, the fast shear direction represents the higher stress direction. In addition to stresses, many other factors such as depositional processes, rock fabrics and natural fractures may influence the seismic/sonic anisotropy of rocks even over different intervals of the same well. Therefore, interpreting these
data for stress orientation must be performed with significant caution, and must account for other potential interpretations. If available, dispersion (slowness-frequency) curves for flexural waves can be useful for identifying whether anisotropy is stress-induced, and when it is caused by other factors (Franko et al., 2006). Figure 3.17 shows an example of stress orientation determined from a Schlumberger Sonic Scanner log from well 100/01-27-078-17W6/00 in the Doig Formation very close to the Belloy study area. In total, five wells in the Belloy area were found to have sonic scanner logs useful for identifying stress orientation (Enclosure 3.19). None was found in the Debolt study area.

As Enclosures 3.19 and 3.20 show, maximum horizontal stress is generally oriented NortheastSouthwest across the study areas, which is consistent with regional trends (Heidbach et al., 2009). Some minor variability is seen, particularly on the northwestern edge of the Belloy study area. $S_{H \max }$ orientation in the Debolt study area seems to be slightly more East-West than in the Belloy study area.

### 3.5 Modeling to Determine $S_{\text {Hmax }}$

Among the three principal stresses, the maximum horizontal stress ( $S_{\text {Hmax }}$ ) is the most difficult to estimate and, until today, attempts to directly measure this stress component have not led to a publicly-accepted and economically-viable method. In practice, $S_{H m a x}$ magnitude is usually constrained by applying boundary limits based on the known faulting regime or by modeling drilling-induced features like tensile fractures and breakouts. These methodologies can then be used to calibrate models that calculate horizontal stress based on the vertical stress and elastic rock properties.

In modeling drilling-induced features, the magnitude and azimuth of the maximum horizontal stress is determined by finding the value that, given all of the other input parameters (e.g., depth, pore pressure, minimum stress, UCS, hole orientation, mud weight, etc.), predicts the same mechanical wellbore failure as what is observed. Figure 3.18 shows an example of this approach being used in well 200/A-018-D/094-A-13/00, very close to the Debolt study area. The analysis should be performed at multiple depths in a single well and/or in multiple wells to look for consistency or variation in maximum stress magnitude. All of the results should contribute to a unified stress model for the study area, which can then be verified against actual drilling
experience determined as described in Section 3.3. This methodology can be applied not only to explain experience in previously drilled wells, but also to predict required mud weights to maintain stability in future wells.

In this study, modeling to determine $S_{\text {Hmax }}$ was performed for nine wells in the Belloy study area and six wells in the Debolt study area. The results are shown in Enclosures 3.17 and 3.18. The conditions for selecting these wells were mainly data availability and spatial distribution. Tables 3.2 and 3.3 provide the lists of available data used for $S_{\text {Hmax }}$ modeling for the study areas. Four wells in or close to the Belloy study area and six wells in or close to the Debolt study area had image logs that could be used for modeling. The image logs varied in quality from high to low and, therefore, the confidence in the modeled $S_{\text {Hmax }}$ magnitudes is higher or lower accordingly.

For the wells with no image logs, data from four-arm and six-arm caliper logs were used to identify breakouts. Figure 3.19 provides an example from well 202/C-025-B/094-H-03/00 in the Debolt study area. Unfortunately, it is very hard to determine the breakout width using calipers. Methodologies presented by Martin et al. (1999) and Zoback et al. (1985) were utilized to provide some idea of minimum breakout width from caliper logs. While using this approach does not necessarily provide a single value for $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Hmax}}$, it at least provides tighter constraints on its magnitude.

Tables 3.4 and 3.5 provide the details of the input data used for modeling and the results of $S_{H \max }$ characterization for the Belloy and Debolt study areas, respectively. Values of $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{H} \max }$ are in general between about 26 and $32 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$. The formations in which the models were run depended on the formations in which there were data showing stress-induced wellbore failure. The model results are also shown in the maps in Enclosures 3.21 and 3.22 for the two study areas. As discussed, depending on the availability of data, some of the results are given as ranges of possible values for $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Hmax}}$.

### 3.6 Characterization and Analysis of Natural Fractures

### 3.6.1 Fracture Populations

In addition to their application for determining maximum horizontal stress orientation and magnitude, wellbore image logs are also the primary data source for characterizing natural fractures. Image logs for five wells in the Belloy study area and four in the Debolt study area were interpreted in this project for natural fractures in the storage target units and the Montney Formation. The results of the interpretation are shown in Enclosures 3.23 and 3.24 for the Belloy study area and in Enclosures 3.25 and 3.26 for the Debolt study area. These maps show the uneven distribution of image logs across the study areas, with most of these data located on the western side of the areas. Another factor that is not captured in the maps is the range of image data quality, which may also affect the apparent fracture populations.

Interestingly in both study areas, the fracture orientations in the target formations, Debolt and Belloy, are significantly different from those in the Montney Formation. While several of the Montney fractures are oriented in the W-E and SW-NE direction (i.e. close to the orientation of maximum horizontal stress), the majority of the Belloy and Debolt fracture strikes are in the N-S and NW-SE orientation. The dip of Montney and Debolt fractures is variable between subhorizontal to sub-vertical, while most of the Belloy fractures have small dips values (less than $40^{\circ}$ ).

### 3.6.2 Critically-Stressed Fracture/Fault Analysis

One of the most important components of this study is the determination of whether or not natural fractures or faults in the target formations and the Montney are critically-stressed (Barton et al., 1995). When a fracture is classified as critically-stressed, it means that that the shear stress acting on the fracture plane is relatively high compared to the effective normal stress, to the point where the fracture is no longer stable. On a Mohr diagram, these fractures fall above the line defined by the coefficient of sliding friction. When a fracture is in this particular state, it has almost certainly experienced shear displacement in recent geologic history, and/or it will do so in the present under minor stress or pore pressure variations. Because such fractures cannot form a seal due to the rugose fracture surface and lack of cementation, they tend to be
permeable to fluid flow. Such fractures may have implications for containment integrity of the target formations and/or caprock.

The state of being critically-stressed is directly linked to fluid pressure. An increase in fluid pressure leads to a decrease in effective normal stress, but does not affect the shear stress. It, therefore, has the possibility of putting fractures that are not, under natural conditions, criticallystressed into a critical state. This risk can be quantified by calculating the excess pressure (above formation pressure) that would cause fractures of particular orientations to become critically-stressed.

Enclosures 3.27, 3.28, 3.29 and 3.30 show the proximity of fractures at all possible orientations to being critically-stressed for the Belloy, Debolt and Montney formations. The maps are populated with upper hemisphere plots of poles to fracture planes, which allows for the evaluation of all possible fracture orientations with a single plot (horizontal fractures would plot in the centre; poles to increasingly dipping fractures plot outward from the centre in the direction of the fracture dip; vertical fractures would plot along the perimeter). The colours show the amount of additional fluid pressure above pore pressure that is required to put preexisting fractures into a critical state. All of the stereoplots use the same colour scale for easy comparison.

In the Belloy Formation (Enclosure 3.27), the lowest pressure increase at which fractures will become critically-stressed is 10 MPa , at which point fractures dipping to the Northwest and Southeast may slip. In general, pressure increases up to 22 MPa are required to induce slip, and the first fractures/faults to become critically-stressed will be those dipping steeply to the Southeast or Northwest. From a critically-stressed fracture/fault perspective, the southeastern part of the study area is slightly more favourable for injection then the northwestern part.

Generally lower pressure increases in the Debolt Formation will cause fractures to become critically-stressed than in the Belloy (Enclosure 3.28). Pressure increases in the range 8 MPa to 20 MPa are required to induce slip, and the first fractures/faults to become critically-stressed will be those dipping steeply to the Southeast or Northwest. A number of such fractures were identified in wellbore image logs in the relatively faulted Southwestern edge of the study area. If the rest of the study area is less faulted, then the southwestern part of the study area is slightly
more favourable for injection then the northwestern part, simply because higher pressures are needed to induce slip.

Fractures/faults in the Montney are closer to being naturally critically-stressed in both study areas (Enclosures 3.29 and 3.30), primarily due to higher pore pressure in the Montney compared to the Belloy or Debolt. This near critically-stressed behaviour may, in fact, have something to do with the prospectivity of the Montney as a resource play. It is important to note that the pore pressure change in the Montney Formation, unlike the storage units, would not be directly related to injection, but will be mainly related to thermo-poro-mechanical changes or pressure transferred through open fractures. More detailed geomechanical modeling than in the scope of this study would be required to understand these potential effects.

### 4.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 4.1 Hydrogeology Conclusions

The results of the hydrogeologic analysis indicates that the Belloy and Debolt are hydrodynamically distinct from the Lower Montney in the focus areas. Pressure difference mapping across the contact with the Lower Montney indicates that the pressure difference across the Montney/Belloy boundary ranges from 28 MPa in the southwest to near zero in the northwest. Similarly the pressure difference across the Montney/Debolt boundary ranges from 78 MPa in the foothills region to approximately 4 MPa in the northeast. Hydraulic head in the Belloy ranges from 675 m to 775 m , consistent with a relatively high permeability aquifer, and shows gradual variation except in a few regions disrupted by faulting. Hydraulic head in the Debolt is more compartmentalized than in the Belloy due to the higher prevalence of faults. Debolt head values range from under 500 m to just under $1,200 \mathrm{~m}$. Faulting in both areas also has a significant effect on salinity trends, although salinity data were particularly sparse in the Belloy focus area, limiting the ability to make a regional interpretation.

### 4.2 Geomechanics Conclusions

All publicly-available data and a small amount of project stakeholder data were extensively queried and quality controlled in order to constrain geomechanical properties in the Belloy and

Debolt formations in the defined study areas. Spatial coverage of data varied significantly by study area and data type. In general, data coverage was better in the Belloy study area than in the Debolt study area.

The analysis found that minimum horizontal stress is approximately $15-22.5 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$ and vertical stress is 23 to $25.5 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$ across the study areas. Lower bound of $26.5 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$ and values as high as $32.5 \mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$ were found for maximum horizontal stress. Maximum horizontal stress is generally oriented Northeast-Southwest and slightly more rotated to the east in the Debolt study area than in the Belloy. A large number of maps, provided in the Enclosures, provide a good overview of spatial variability in stress and rock properties.

To the extent possible, fracture populations were measured in image logs throughout the two study areas. Fractures in the Montney tend to strike more to the East-West than in the underlying target formations, especially in the Belloy study area. Fractures also seem less abundant in the Montney. It is important to note that fracture identification was considerably limited by public image log quality and coverage both spatially and stratigraphically.

A limited evaluation of geomechanical risk was performed by using the in situ stresses to calculate the excess pressure above formation pressure that would induce slip on preexisting fractures and faults. In general, lower pressure increases are required to cause fractures in the Debolt Formation to become critically-stressed, than in the Belloy. From a critically-stressed fracture/fault perspective, the southeastern part of the Belloy study area and the southwestern part of the Debolt study area are the most favourable for injection, however it should be noted that there are several mapped faults at the southwestern edge of the Debolt area.

One of the most important and useful results of this geomechanical analysis is the availability of the determined stresses and rock properties for more detailed geomechanical modeling, as described in the following Recommendations section.

### 4.3 Recommendations

The geomechanical effects of fluid injection are complex, and call for detailed reservoir modeling far beyond the scope of this study. The results of this study should be considered
useful for a regional perspective on potential fluid injection sites, but specific injection programs should not be planned without site-specific data gathering and geomechanical modeling.

The following data, specifically, are strongly recommended to be collected in the target formation and caprock near any planned injection site:

- Core data for lab tests designed specifically to determine rock properties associated with modeling reservoir behavior under injection conditions (e.g, unloading induced by injection, thermal effects, potential hysteresis effects)
- Image logs for natural fracture/fault identification and stress characterization
- Downhole tests for pore pressure and minimum stress

For any industrial-scale waste fluid disposal project, it is strongly recommended that a longterm, Integrated Containment Assessment Program (ICAP) be developed. Primary components of such a program include data acquisition, site characterization, modeling, feasibility assessment, determination of operational criteria and recommendations, field monitoring, and real-time updating (Figure 4.1). Modeling should include integrated fluid flow, heat transfer and geomechanical aspects. A three-dimensional, coupled reservoir-geomechanical model can more realistically assess risks associated with fluid injection by providing information on:

- Injected fluid migration and resulting stress, pressure and temperature distributions over time
- Temperature and pressure-dependent rock property changes
- Maximum injectivity based on induced seismicity risk, caprock integrity considerations and potential surface heave


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## Wells

## Wells

Wellbore

## Culture

Hydro Lake/Major River Features
Town/City
Structural and Geological Features


- Fault

Focus Area
$\square$ Belloy Focus Area




## Drill Stem Pressure Data



A Best Quality Test mechanically sound - No Recorder used-chart Recorder used-chart good
pressures compare Flow pressure verify
Flow pressure verify recoveries
and/or flow rates
and/or flow rates
Bottom packer held on straddle
tests
Recorder depths given
Recorder within interval tested ISI stabilized. or nearing stabilization with increments Preflow time long enough to release hydrostatic head
KB elevation given
10. Two good Shut-Ins required PMAX Range of approximately 1 to shut-In pressure
88. Fluid to surface on flows (irregularities)
99. Flows incremented


E Low Perm, Low Pressure
38. Covers all requirements of Code A however, low permeability and low pressure, unable to extrapolate
39. Low permeabiliy, low pressure, but problems encountered throughout test
46. Low permeability, relatively high for "E" Code
88. Plugging, fluid to surface resets on flows (irregularities
99. Flows incremented


B Nearing Stabilization
12. Slight mechanical difficulties. but does not affect the test
Shut-ins not fully stabilized
13. Shut-ins not fully stabilized
15. Recorder pressures disagree from 1 Recorder pressures disagree from 1
to $19 \mathrm{PSI}(7$ to 131 kPa ) after recorder drag and depth difference
17. PMAX range of approximately 20 to 35 lbs . (138 to 241 kPa ) from read shut in pressure
48. Flow pressures to not verify
recoveries
88. Plugging. fluid to surface, resets on
flows (irregularities)
99. Flows incremented


F Low Perm, High Pressure
40. Covers all requirements of Code A, however, low permeability and high, pressure (CAUTION: Watch for Cushion
41. Low permeability, high pressure, but problems encountered
Low permeability
47. Low permeability, relatively low pressure for "F" code
88. Plugging, fluid to surface resets on flows (irregularities)



D Questionable
28. Not totally mechanically sound
29. Only one recorder run inside above the interval
30. No recorder depth or questionable
31. No KB elevation
33. Questionable interal depths.
34. Supercharged ISI, FSI follows long valve open period
35. No chart from below bottom packer
36. Recorder pressures disagree from
$30 \mathrm{PSI}(206.8 \mathrm{kPa})$ and over after recorder drag and depth difference
37. PMAX range of approximately 80 to 150 lbs . ( 552 to 1034.2 kPa ) from read shut-In pressure
79. Cannot define a valid P-Max (test indicates definite drawdown) P-Max filled with the initial shut-i pressure
88. Plugging, fluid to surface, reset on
flows (Irregularities)
99. Flows incremented
70. Unable to reach test depth
71. Tool-failure
72. Personnel failure
73. Belly spring turning

No reason available
Other
Mud dropped In annulus when tool
open (seat held)
Skidding tools when opening or
during flow during flow
90. Front page only, misrun


These Quality Codes grade drill stem tests according to the following signatures

After: CIFE

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| Author N.Watson |  |  |  |
| Reviewer S.Hawkes |  | ian | Figure |
| Graphics P.Patton | Test Quality Code Summary - DST Charts |  | 2.1 |
| Created 24-Jun-2015 |  |  |  |


| Quality <br> Code | Quality Rating | Test Characteristics |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | High Quality | Test mechanically sound, both shut-in pressures have stabilized. |
| B | Requires Extrapolation | Slight mechanical difficulties, shut-in pressures not fully stabilized, but pressures have <br> been extrapolated and should be accurate. |
| C | Requires Extrapolation, use <br> with caution | Some mechanical difficulties apparent, shut-in pressures not fully stabilized, but <br> pressures have been extrapolated and can be used with caution. |
| D Results Questionable | Test not mechanically sound and pressures have not stabilized enough to obtain <br> reasonable extrapolation, thus the results are questionable. |  |
| E | Low Perm, Low Pressure, Low <br> Quality | Low permeability, low pressure, but problems encountered throughout testand/or unable <br> to extrapolate. Pressure should NOT be used. |
| F | Low Perm, High Pressure, Low <br> Quality | Low permeability, high pressure, but problems encountered throughout test and/or <br> unable to extrapolate. Pressure should NOT be used. |


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| Author N.Watson | Drill Stem Test Quality Code Summary - Code Descriptors | Canadian Discovery td . |  |
| Reviewer s.thawes |  |  | Figure |
| Graphics P.Pation |  |  | 2.2 |
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For each pressure value, calculate an Interference Index

$$
I=\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} t_{i} / r_{i}^{2}
$$

t. production time in years (pressure test date - initial production date)
r: radial distance between pressure test well and production well in kilometres

## 1990



Pressure test well with test date


Production well with initial production date

In this case, production wells over 10 km (one township) distant are not considered

Of the 4 production wells within the radius of investigation, only 3 predate the pressure test. The interference index is computed as:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I=\left(15 / 8^{2}+20 / 9^{2}+10 / 6^{2}\right) \\
& I=0.759
\end{aligned}
$$

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| Graphics | P. Patton |
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Statistical Distribution of Lab-Based Elastic Rock Properties in the Montney and Doig Formations in the Belloy Study Area

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| Reviewer A. Fox | Statistical Distribution of Lab-Based Rock Strength Properties | Canadian |  |
| Griaphics P. Pation | in the Montney and Doig Formations in the Belloy Study Area | Discovery ${ }_{\text {Ltd }}$ | 3.3 |







BELLOY AND DEBOLT WATER DISPOSAL ZONES IN THE MONTNEY PLAY FAIRWAY, NEBC for all the 55 Analyzed Wells in the Debolt Study Area

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Stratigraphic Distribution of Slow-Fast Anisotropy Index ( $\mathrm{ANI}_{\text {sF }}$ ) Based on Data from One Well and X-Y Anisotropy Index ( $\mathrm{ANI}_{\mathrm{xY}}$ ) Based on Data from Two Wells for the Debolt Study Area



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## Quality Control Parameters:

- 397 m of missing log at the beginning of the well
- Percentage of missing data: 0\%
- Relative quality compared to a perfect well: $72 \%$

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Author M M Solianzaden | Example Calculation of Vertical Stress for Well 100/10-27-082-20W6/00 in the Belloy Study Area | Canadian Discovery ${ }^{\text {utd. }}$ |  |
| Reviewer A.Fox |  |  |  |
| Graphics P. Pation |  |  | 3.12 |
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| Author M M Sollanzadeh | Stratigraphic Variation of (a) Vertical Stress and (b) Stress/Depth Graditent (Depth in TVD) in the Belloy Study Area Based on Data from 86 Wells |  |  |
| Reviewer A. Fox |  | Canadian |  |
|  |  | Discovery tod | 3.13 |




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Stratigraphic Variation of (a) Vertical Stress and (b) Stress/Depth Graditent (Depth in TVD) in the Debolt Study Area Based on Data from 56 Wells

(from CDL's 2006 Stress Analysis - Central Alberta regional study)

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| Author | Comparison of Minimum Stress Values Calculated as $85 \%$ of Hydraulic Fracture Stage Instantaneous Shut-in Pressures (red) versus those Determined from Leak-off tests (blue) and Minifracs (green) in Central Alberta | Canadian Discovery ıtd. |  |
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| Graphics PPation |  |  | 3.15 |
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X Breakout

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Example of Borehole Breakouts in an Acoustic Image Log and the Inferred In Situ Stress Orientation
in Well 200/A-018-D/094-A-13/00 in the Debolt Study Area

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Author M.Solianzadeh |  |  |  |
| Reviewer A. Fox | Example of Stress Orientation from Fast Shear Azimuth in a Sonic Scanner | Canadian |  |
| Graphics P. Pation | Log from Well 100/01-27-078-17W6/00 Very Close to the Belloy Study Area | Discovery ${ }_{\text {Lid. }}$ | 3.17 |
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Note: Estimated strength properties in the last track are based on the correlations introduced by Lal (1999) and Kelessidis (2011). It is important to note that these empirical correlations may not always represent the rock properties accurately.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Author M.Solianzadeh |  |  |  |
| Reviewer A.Fox | Example of Breakout Analysis Based on Caliper Logs for Well | Canadian |  |
| Graphics P.Pation | 202/c-025-B/094-H-03/00 in the Debolt Study Area |  | 3.19 |
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| Graphics P. Patton |  | Discovery ${ }_{\text {ttd }}$ | 4.1 |
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## TABLE 1.1. SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN MONTNEY PRODUCING FIELDS

| MUPF | Montney Producing Fields |
| :---: | :---: |
| Southern <br> Play Area | Attachie, Rassey, Briar Ridge, Dawson, Doe, Groundbirch, Heritage, Jackpine, <br> Kelly, Monias, Parkland, Saturn, Septimus, Sundown, Sunrise, Sunset, Sunset <br> Prairie, Swan, Tower, Tupper, Wilder |
| Northern <br> Play Area | Altares, Beg, Birch, Blair, Blair Creek, Blueberry, Caribou, Cypress, Daiber, <br> Fireweed, Graham, Green, Gundy, Inga, Jedney, Julienne, Kobes, Lily, Nig, <br> Town, Townsend, Umbach, W. Blueberry, W. Buick, W. Farrell, W. Gundy |

## TABLE 3.1. POTENTIAL GEOMECHANICS-RELATED DRILLING EVENTS

| Mechanisms | Potential Symptoms | Mitigation Tactics |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -Excessive breakout or washout due to stress concentration around the well | -Hole cleaning problems, high volumes of cuttings on shakers | - Increase mud weight |
| -Rock strength anisotropy (weak bedding or fissile rock) | -Stuck pipe, pack off, tight hole | - Modify well trajectory |
|  | -Fill on bottom, tagging high |  |
|  | - Cavings |  |
|  | -splintery ("pressure"), or |  |
|  | -platy/tabular |  |
|  | -Hole cleaning problems, stuck pipe, pack off, tight hole | -Change mud weight or type |
|  | -Bridges | -Prevent mud penetration |
|  | -Blocky cavings ("rubble") |  |
| - Mud penetration into pre-existing natural fractures or faults | - Lost circulation that returns when pressure decreases (wellbore "breathing" or "ballooning") |  |
|  | -Increasing problems as exposure time increases |  |
|  | -Jammed core barrel |  |
| - Unintentional hydraulic fracture | -Lost circulation | -Reduce mud weight |
|  | - Sloughing shales |  |
|  | - Bit balling |  |
| -Chemically-reactive shales (swelling) | -Swollen shales coming out of the hole | -Change mud chemistry, type and/or salinity |
|  | $\bullet$-Mud changes (e.g., milky, thick, sticky) |  |
|  | - Stuck pipe and pack off |  |
| -Kicks or blowouts | -Unexpectedly high pore pressure | -Raise mud weight |

## TABLE 3.2. DATA AVAILABILITY FOR $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Hmax }}$ MODELING IN THE BELLOY STUDY AREA

| Logs/tests Available | 100033008220 W 600 | 100041108121 w 600 | 100133508121 W 600 | 100052907720 W 600 | 100072408016W600 | 100130208015 W 600 | 100153207814W600 | 100113507916W600 | 100122508117 W 600 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Image Log | Doig/Montney (Quality D) | Montney/Belloy (Quality C) | Montney/Belloy (Quality A) | Doig (Quality B) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dipole | x | x | x | x | $x$ |  |  |  |  |
| Cross-dipole |  |  | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |
| Sonic log | $x$ |  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Caliper | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| Anisotropy |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Density | x |  | x | x |  | x | x | x | x |
| X-ray | x | $x$ | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| strip-logs |  |  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Formation Pressure Test | Halfway/Belloy/Taylor flat |  |  | Montney |  | Kiskatinaw |  |  | Belloy |
| core photos | Montney | Doig/Montney |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Modeling Formation | Doig | Montney and Belloy | Montney and Belloy | Doig | Belloy | Belloy | Belloy | Belloy/Montney | Belloy |
| Type of Failure | Breakouts in Doig | Breakouts seen in Belloy | Breakouts in Montney and Belloy | Breakout in Doig | Wellbore Enlargement | Wellobre Enlargement | Wellobre Enlargement | Wellobre Enlargement | Wellobre Enlargement |
| Permeability test |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source rock analysis |  | x |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |

TABLE 3.3. DATA AVAILABILITY FOR $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Hmax }}$ MODELING IN THE DEBOLT STUDY AREA

| Logs/tests Available | 200A018D094A1300 | 200B007L094A1200 | 200C017C094A1400 | 202A041A094H0400 | 202CO25B094H0300 | 200D067D094H0300 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Image Log | Belloy (quality A) | Debolt (Quality B) |  |  |  |  |
| Dipole |  | no imported |  |  |  |  |
| Cross-dipole |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sonic log | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Caliper | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Anisotropy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Density | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| X-ray |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| strip-logs | x |  | x | x | x | x |
| Formation Pressure Test |  | Debolt |  |  | Halfway/Baldonel | Debolt/Montney |
| core photos |  |  |  |  | x |  |
| Modeling Formation | Halfway/Doig/Montney/Belloy/De bolt | Debolt | Montney | Debolt | Debolt/Montney | Debolt |
| Type of Failure | Breakouts entire Imaged depth section | Breakouts in Debolt | Wellbore Enlargement | Wellbore Enlargement | Wellbore Enlargement | Wellbore Enlargement |
| Permeability test |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source rock analysis |  |  |  |  |  |  |

TABLE 3.4. INPUT DATA AND $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Hmax }}$ MODELING RESLUTS IN THE BELLOY STUDY AREA

| Well | Formation | Depth Interval | Dominant Lithology | UCS-Model | Type of Failure | Pp (kPa/m) | Sv ( $\mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}$ ) | Shmin(kPa/m) | $\begin{gathered} \text { SHmax } \\ (\mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m}) \end{gathered}$ | Data Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100/04-11-081-21W6/00 | Montney | 225-2258 | Shale | Horsrud | No breakouts | 11.4 | 24.4 | 20.7 | <31.5 | Image Log |
| 100/04-11-081-21W6/00 | Belloy | 2341-2350 | Limestone | Carbonate-Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 9.6 | 25 | 19 | 32.1 | Image Log |
| 100/13-35-081-21W6/00 | Lower <br> Montney | 2133-2137 | Shale | Horsrud | Consistent Breakouts | 12 | 25.3 | 21.7 | 32.3 | Image Log |
| 100/13-35-081-21W6/00 | Belloy | 2191-2195 | Limestone | Carbonate-Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 10 | 25.3 | 19 | 31.4 | Image Log |
| 100/03-30-082-20W6/00 | Doig | 1681-1687 | Shale | Horsrud | Isolated Breakouts | 10.2 | 24.8 | 22.8 | 31.5 | Image Log |
| 100/03-30-082-20W6/00 | Montney | 1917-1923 | Siltstone | McNally | Consistent Breakouts | 11.5 | 24.7 | 22 | 32.5 | Image Log |
| 100/05-29-077-20W6/00 | Doig | 2803-2829 | Shale | Horsrud | Consistent Breakouts | 11 | 25.5 | 22.4 | 31.6 | Image Log |
| 100/07-24-080-16-W6/00 | Belloy | 2350-2357 | Carbonate | Militzer | Isolated Breakout | 9.4 | 24.5 | 19 | >30.2 | Caliper |
| 100/13-02-080-15-W6/00 | Belloy | 2360-2450 | Carbonate | Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 9.8 | 24.4 | 19 | >28 | Caliper |
| 100/15-32-078-14W6/00 | Belloy | 2420-2480 | Carbonate | Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 9.9 | 25.1 | 19 | >26.7 | Caliper |
| 100/11-35-079-16W6/00 | Belloy | 2460-2520 | Carbonate | Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 9.6 | 25.3 | 19 | >27.3 | Caliper |
| 100/11-35-079-16W6/00 | Montney | 2360-2400 | Siltstone | Mc-Nally | No Breakouts | 14 | 24.8 | 21 | $<29.4$ | Caliper |
| 100/12-25-081-17W6/00 | Belloy | 2200-2268 | Carbonate | Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 9.6 | 24.8 | 19 | >30.5 | Caliper |

tABle 3.5. INPUT DATA AND $\mathrm{S}_{\text {hmax }}$ MODELING RESULTS IN THE DEBOLT STUDY AREA

| Well | Formation | Depth Interval | Dominant Lithology | UCS-Model | Type of Failure | $\mathrm{Pp}(\mathrm{kPa} / \mathrm{m})$ | Sv (kPa/m) | Shmin(kPa/m) | SHmax (kPa/m) | Data Type |
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| 200B007L094A1200 | Debolt | 2102-2111 | Dolomite | Kassi-General | Consistent <br> Breakouts | 9.3 | 25.2 | 17 | 31.8 | Image Log |
| 200B007L094A1200 | Debolt | 2149-2158 | Dolomite | Kassi-General | Induced Tensile Fractures | 9.3 | 25.2 | 17 | 31.8 | Image Log |
| 200A018D094A1300 | Doig | 1920-1931 | Silstone | Kassi-General | Consistent <br> Breakouts | 9.7 | 24.8 | 19 | 31.7 | Image Log |
| 200A018D094A1300 | Montney | 2052-2059 | Silstone | Mc-Nally | No Breakouts | 14.5 | 24.8 | 21 | <32.8 | Caliper |
| 200A018D094A1300 | Debolt | 2286-2293 | Limestone | Carbonate-Militzer | Consistent <br> Breakouts | 8.2 | 25 | 17.5 | >31.6 | Caliper |
| 200C017C094A1400 | Montney | 1745-1770 | Shale | Horsrud | Consistent <br> Breakouts | 12.5 | 24.8 | 22 | >27.1 | Caliper |
| 202A041A094H0400 | Debolt | 1858-1875 | Carbonate | Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 8.6 | 24.8 | 16.5 | >26.4 | Caliper |
| 202C025B094H0300 | Debolt | 1589-1609 | Carbonate | Militzer | Consistent <br> Breakouts | 8.6 | 24.1 | 16.5 | >30.4 | Caliper |
| 202C025B094H0300 | Montney | 1380-1580 | Shale | Horsrud | Consistent <br> Breakouts | 10.5 | 24.1 | 16.8 | >30.5 | Caliper |
| 200D067D094H0300 | Debolt | 1742-1799 | Carbonate | Militzer | Consistent Breakouts | 8.6 | 24.2 | 16.5 | >30.3 | Caliper |
























Lower Montney Pressure (kPa/m)

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## Theoretical Debolt Pressure at Debolt Top


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Theoretical Pressure Difference across Montrey/Debolt Contact (KPa/m)

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## APPENDIX A

CHARACTERIZATION OF BELLOY AND DEBOLT WATER DISPOSAL ZONES IN THE MONTNEY PLAY FAIRWAY, NEBC
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## APPENDIX B

BELLOY GEOMECHANICS INVENTORY LIST
(Digital Only)
DEBOLT GEOMECHANICS INVENTORY LIST (Digital Only)

## APPENDIX C

LAB-BASED ROCK PROPERTIES DATABASE (Digital Only)

## APPENDIX D

LAB-BASED ROCK PROPERTIES DATABASE (Digital Only)

