

Overview of Seismicity during Injection Tests Bedretto borehole Welltec

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Introduction

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- ❑ Temporal sequence
- ❑ Analysis method of seismic events
- ❑ Seismic Monitoring System during tests
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Motivation for the seismicity analysis

- ❑ Could the packer expansion cause axial fractures along the packers and thus, a flow bypass?
- ❑ Could the injection into the closed casing (ballooning effect) cause new fractures?
- ❑ Could the injection into the open interval stimulate fractures?
- ❑ Did the ETH monitoring system detect seismic events during the packer expansion?
- ❑ Did the ETH monitoring system detect seismic events during the injections tests?

Temporal sequence

- ❑ Drilling of Welltec borehole (12-16.04.2021)
- ❑ Casing and Packer installation (16-27.08.2021)
- ❑ Packer expansion (27.08.2021)
- ❑ Interval 1 at 62 m (22.10.2021). *Sliding Sleeve was not open due to wrong opening procedure*
- ❑ Interval 1 at 62 m (28-29.10.2021). *Sliding Sleeve was not open. Welltec is still investigating.*
- ❑ Interval 2 at 76 m (29-30.10.2021). *Sliding Sleeve was open*
- ❑ Interval 1 at 62 m (01-15.11.2021). *Sliding Sleeve was not open. Welltec is still investigating.*

Analysis method of seismic events

1. Identification of different types of detected events on sensors in MB7 on 27.08.2021 and 22.10 – 16.11.2021
2. Day by Day analysis of:
 1. Different types of detected events on sensors in MB7 with various activities in the laboratory (what was injected, what was observed, is there a correlation?)
 2. Recurring signals on sensors in MB7 (Frac-Events and Seismic events detected at a single sensor) with pumping activity in the borehole (day by day)

Seismic Monitoring System

- ❑ 27.08.2021: the ETH monitoring system was not running
- ❑ 22.10.2021 – 16.11.2021: Signals are observed on acoustic emission sensors (AE) handled by ETH
- ❑ No total time coverage of the recorded events because too many data to be extracted by ETH
- ❑ Thus, concentration on specific injection phases (see table)

Timings asked to ETH	Timings received
22/10 -> 12:20 – 14:40	22/10 -> 12:21 – 15:38
28/10 -> 17:50 – 19:10	28/10 -> 17:51 – 19:59
29/10 -> 08:15 – 11:30	29/10 -> 08:17 – 11:59
30/10 -> 09:10 – 13:20	30/10 -> 09:10 – 13:59
01/11 -> 16:50 – 18:00	01/11 -> 16:51 – 18:59
02/11 -> 09:00 – 17:40	02/11 -> 09:00 – 10:23

- ❑ MB7 is the closest borehole to the Welltec borehole. Thus focusing mostly on sensors in MB7.
- ❑ 22.10.2021 – 02.11.2021: Most of events recorded on MB7_1_AE2

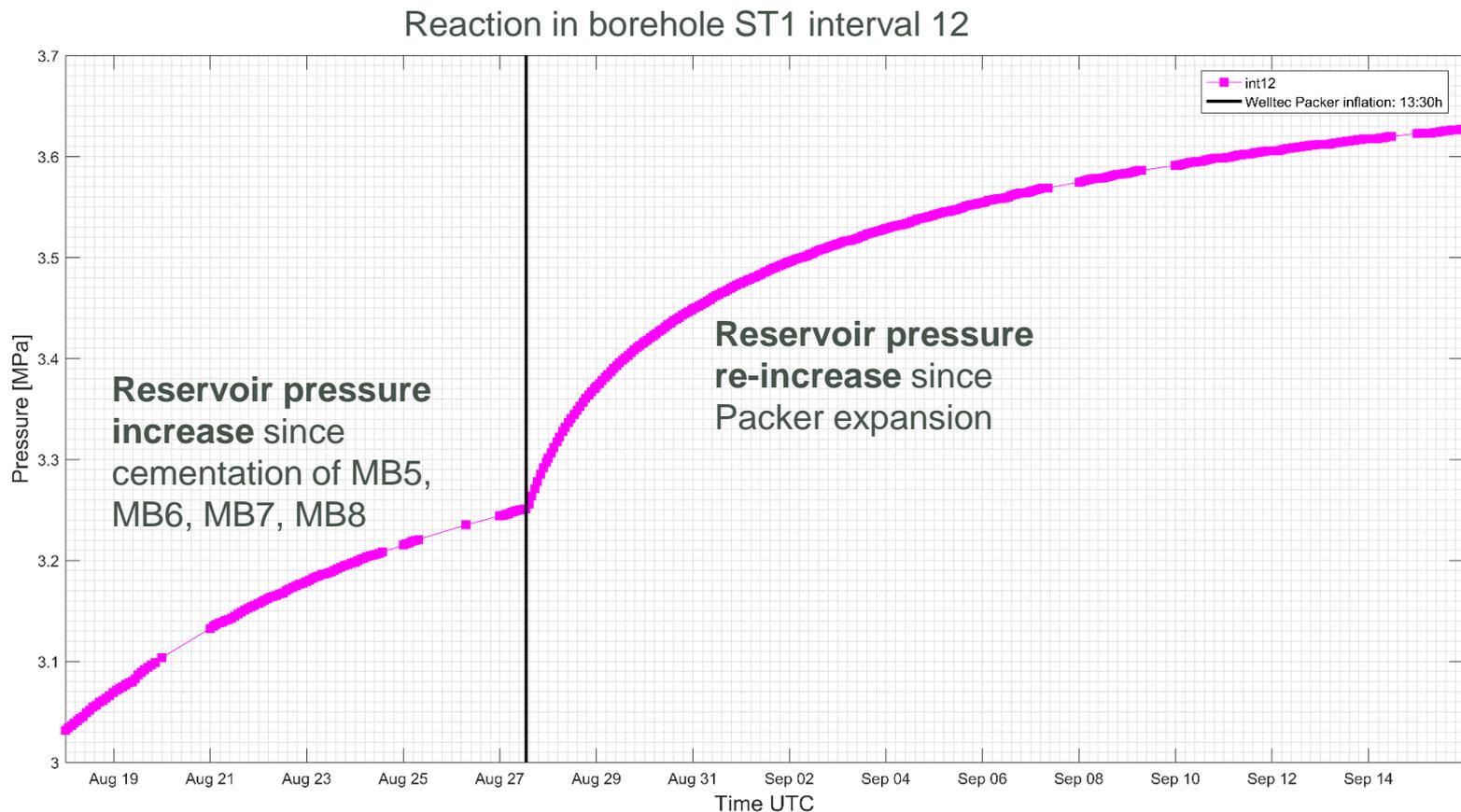
	Depth	X	Y	Z	Distance to injection at 62.6 m	Distance to injection at 76.4 m
MB7_1_AE2	64.619	-64.750258	-16.143989	1458.99759	18.5	19.2
MB7_1_AE3	31.107	-35.542745	-6.3496702	1472.18797	28.2	36.2

Analysis Results of seismic events

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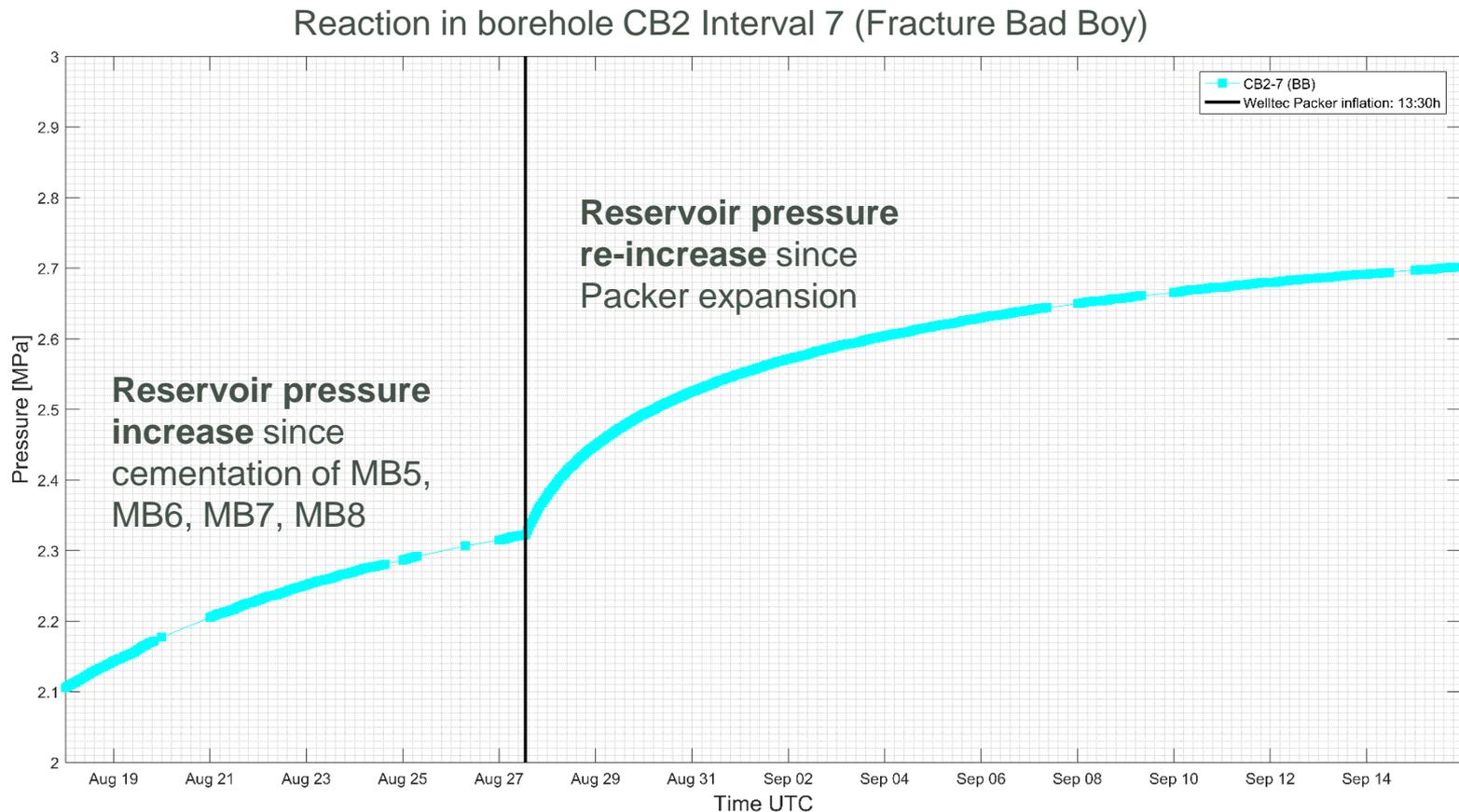
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- ❑ **No ETH seismicity monitoring at that moment**



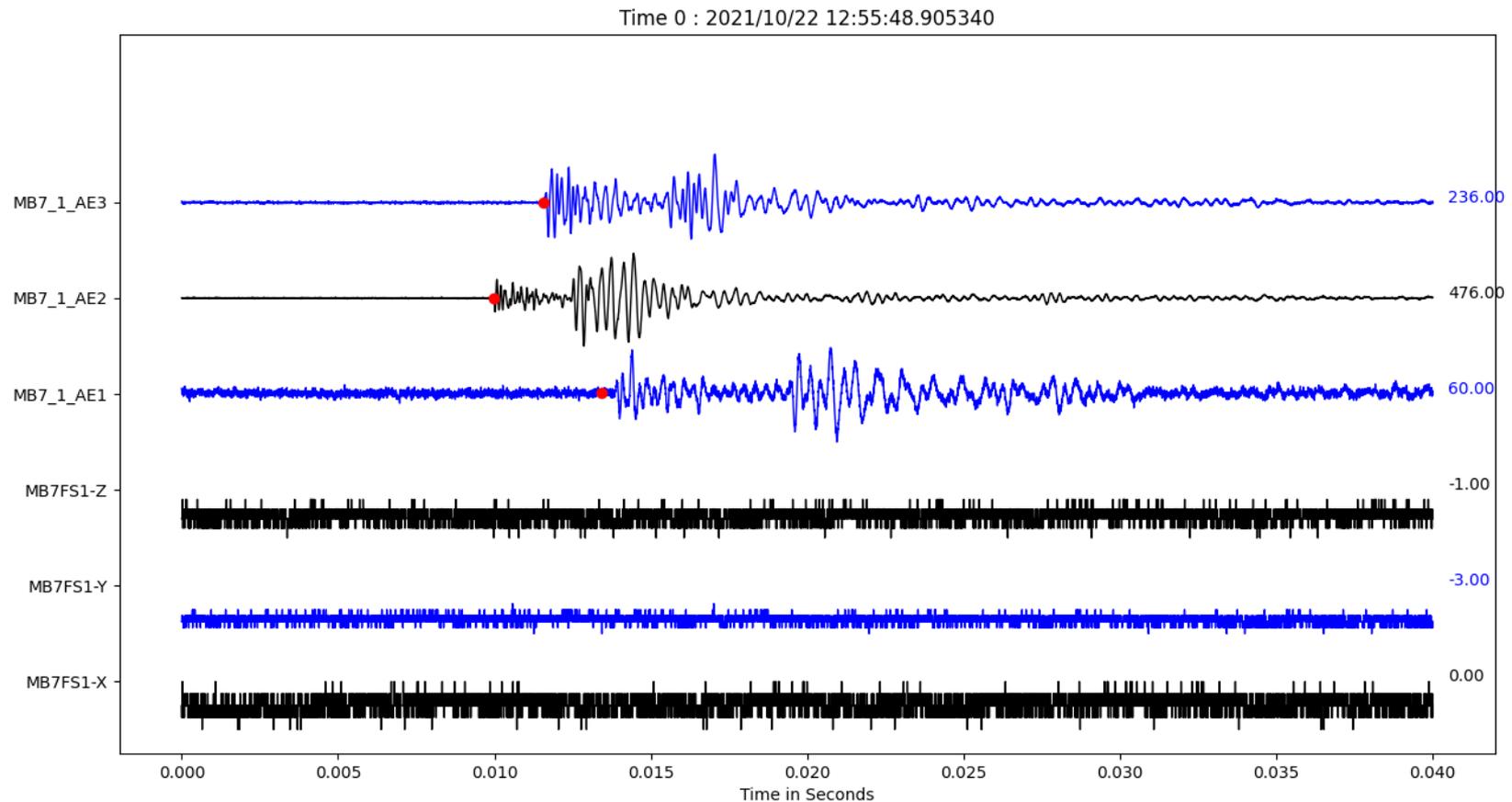
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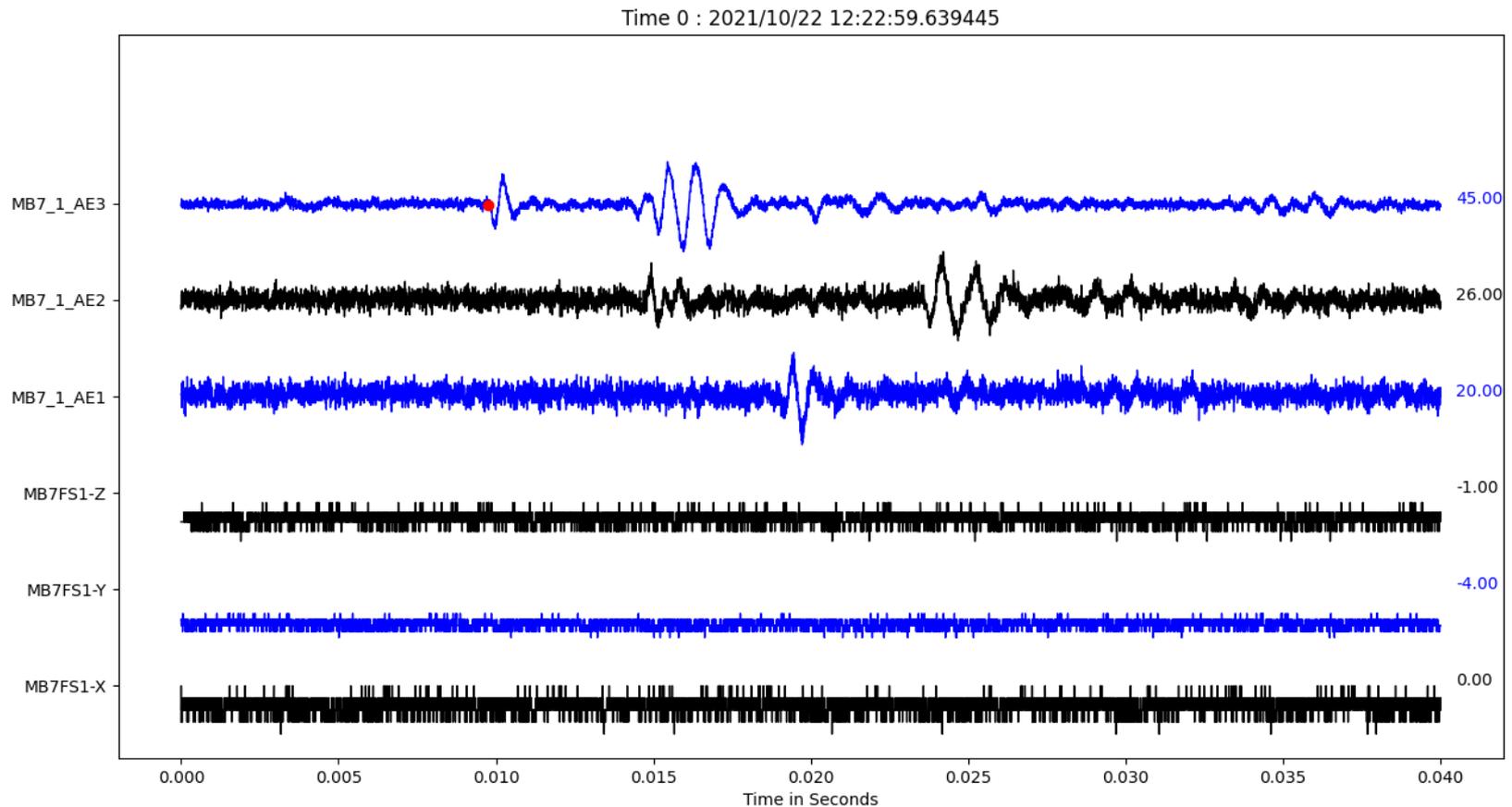
1.a Types of events 22.10-02.11.21

- ❑ 1 seismic event detected on several channels and different boreholes.
- ❑ Detected first at MB7_1_AE2 and then on MB7_1_AE3 and MB7_1_AE1



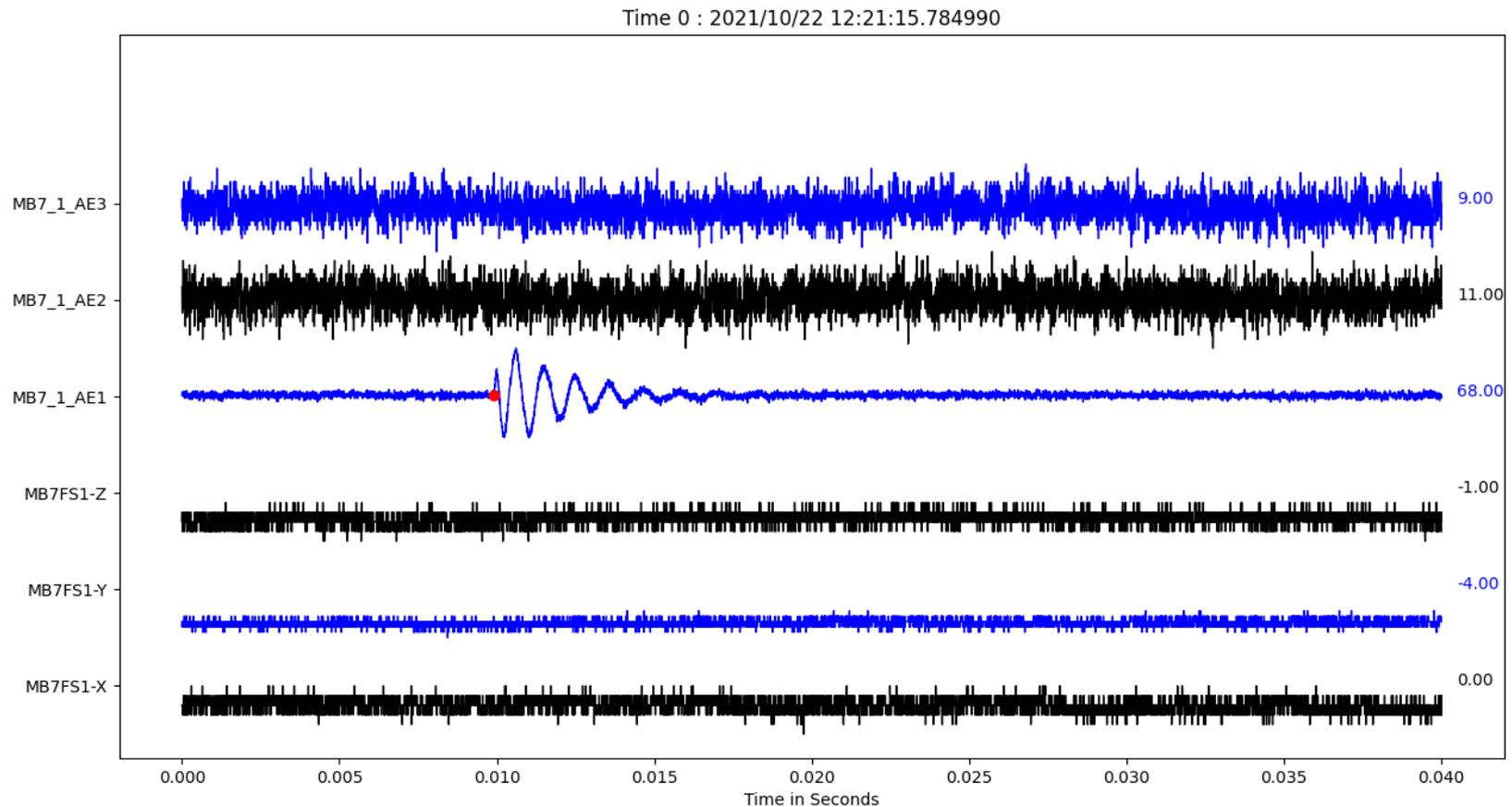
1.b Types of events 22.10-02.11.21

- ❑ Seismic events, coming from another place than injection point in Welltec borehole (from tunnel?)
- ❑ First arrival at AE3 (depth 31.107m, distance from injection point 30m)
- ❑ Second arrival at AE2 (depth 64.619m, distance from injection point 19m)



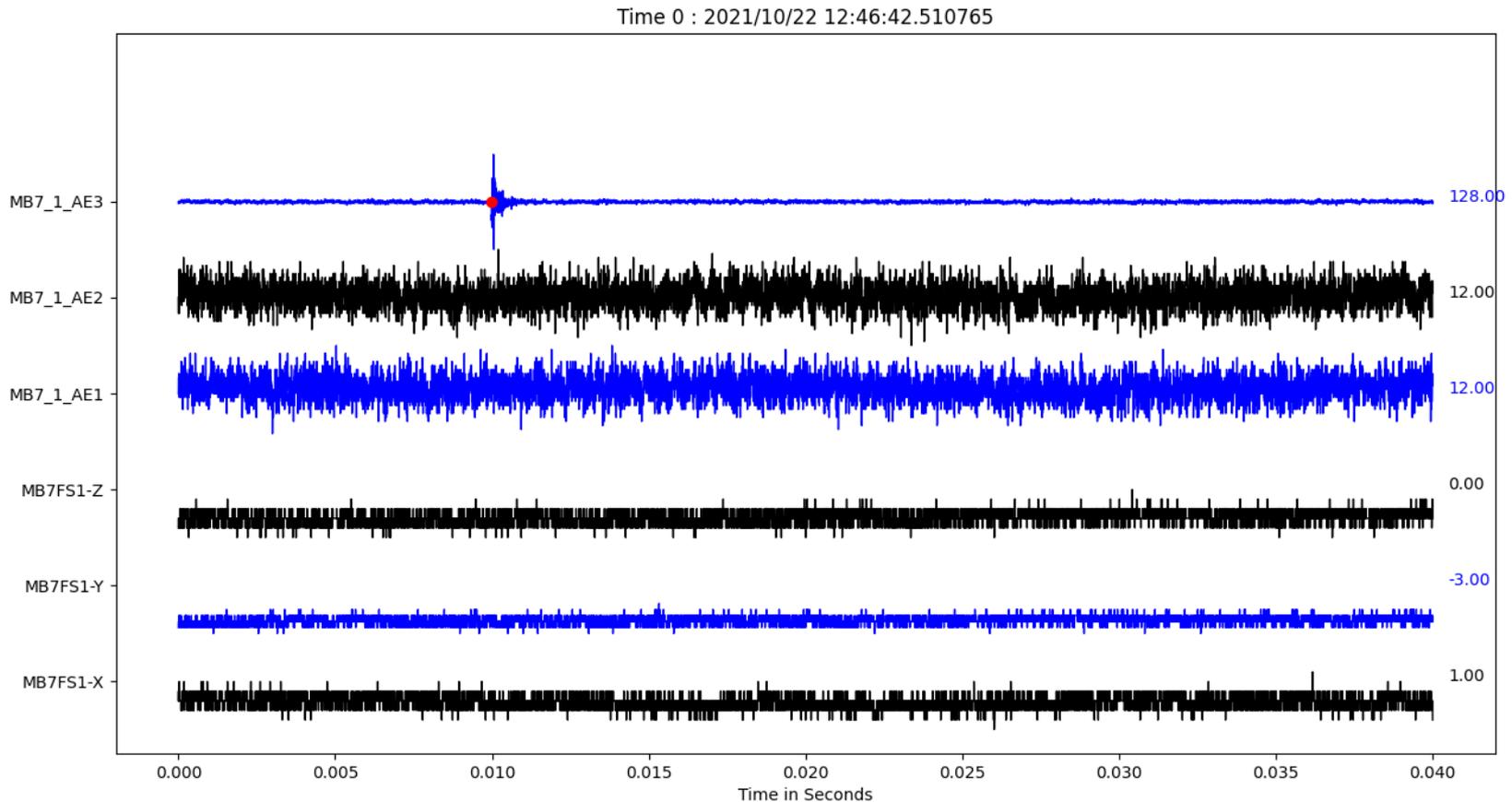
1.c Types of events 22.10-02.11.21

- ❑ Recurring signal, detected at a single sensor. We call it “Frac-event”.
- ❑ The frequency distinguishes it from the following Seismic event, detected at a single sensor



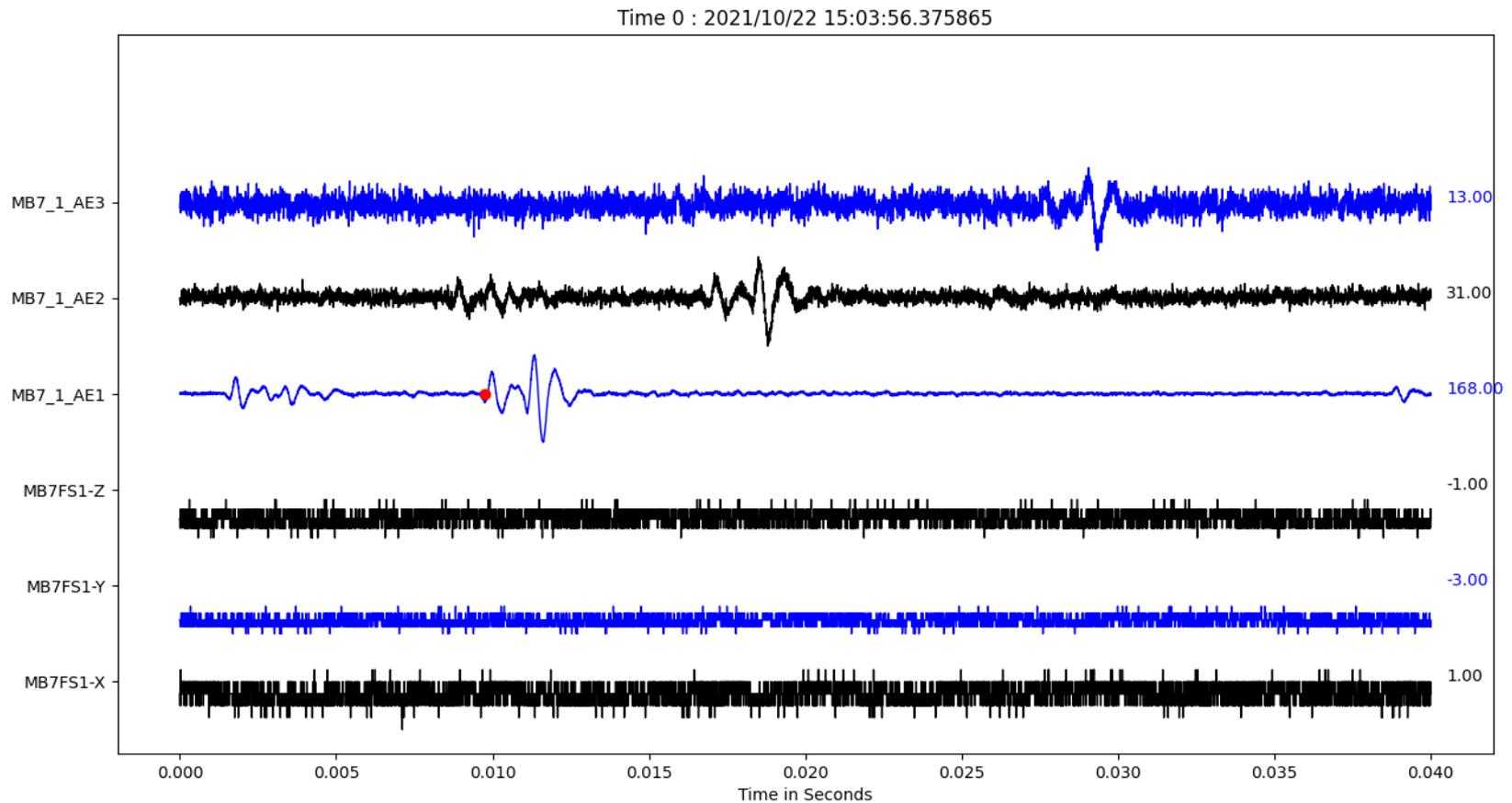
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- ❑ Recurring signal, detected at a single sensor. We call it “Seismic events, detected at a single sensor”
- ❑ The frequency distinguishes it from the previous Frac-events



1.e Types of events 22.10-02.11.21

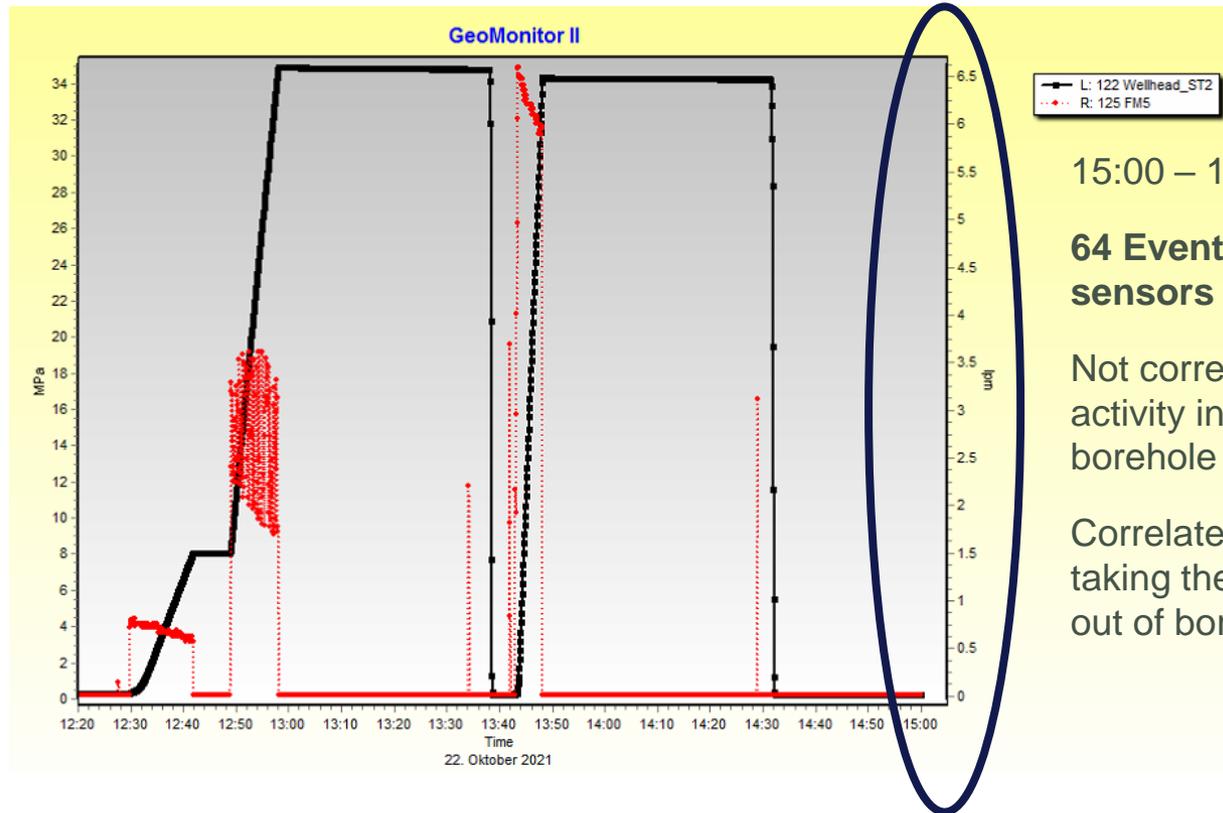
- ❑ 1 type of event appears only on 22.10, when taking out the hydrochain out of ST2



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2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 22.10.2021



15:00 – 15:08

64 Events on sensors in MB7

Not correlated with activity in Welltec borehole

Correlated with taking the hydrochain out of borehole ST2

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

Injection: 12:29 – 12:41

Shut-in: 12:41 – 12:48

Injection: 12:48 – 12:58

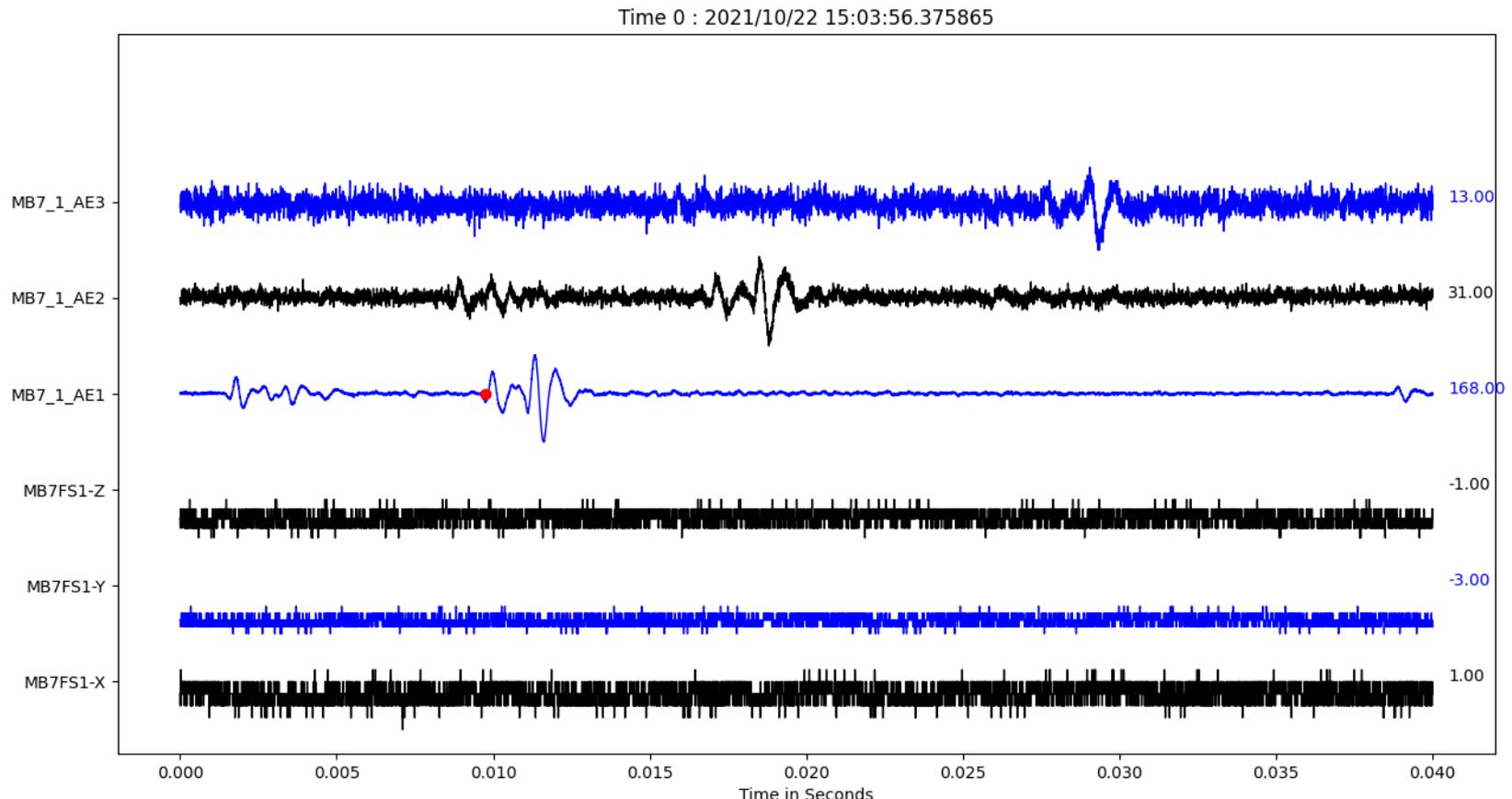
Shut-in: 12:58 – 13:38

Injection: 13:43 – 13:48

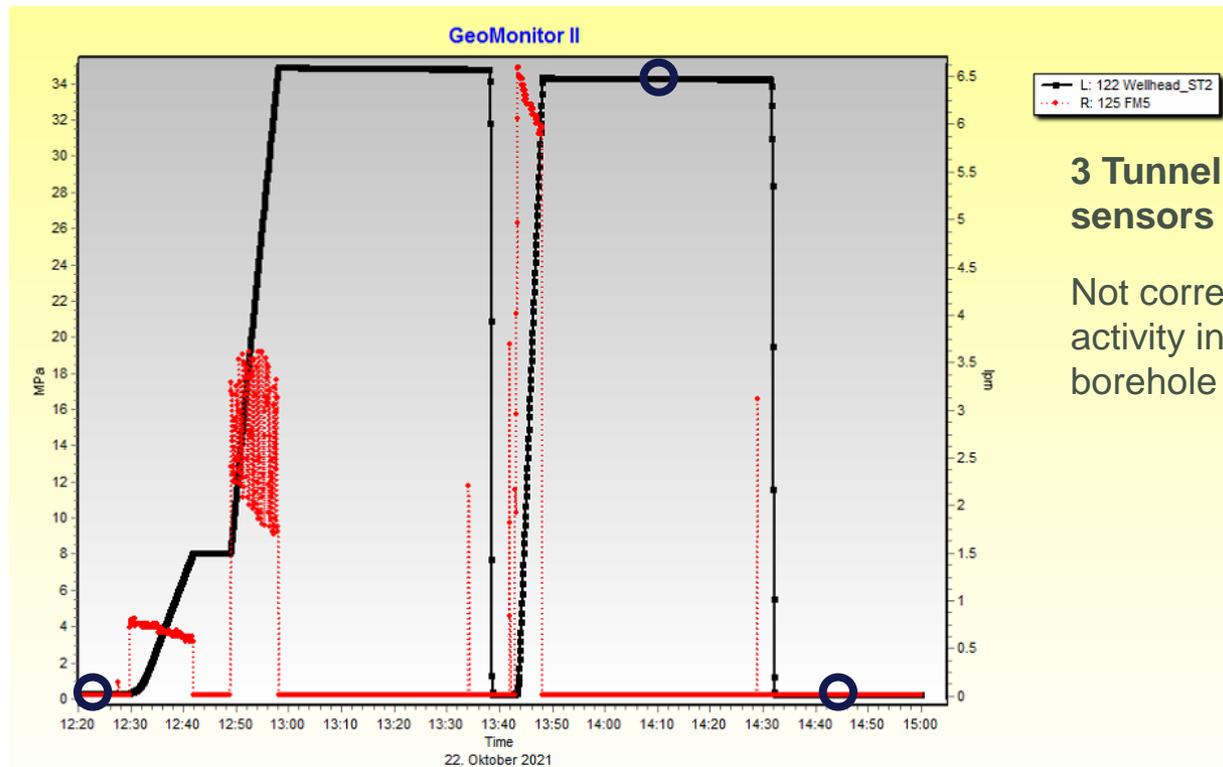
Shut-in: 13:48 – 14:31

2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 22.10.2021

- ❑ 15:00 – 15:08 64 events detected on sensors in MB7, also detected in MB1, MB3, MB5, MB8
- ❑ During this time interval, the first signal is detected at different sensors. We see the signal moving upwards with time
- ❑ Not correlated with activity in Welltec borehole but correlated with taking the hydrochain out of ST2



2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 22.10.2021



3 Tunnel events on sensors in MB7

Not correlated with activity in Welltec borehole

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Injection: 12:29 – 12:41

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Injection: 12:48 – 12:58

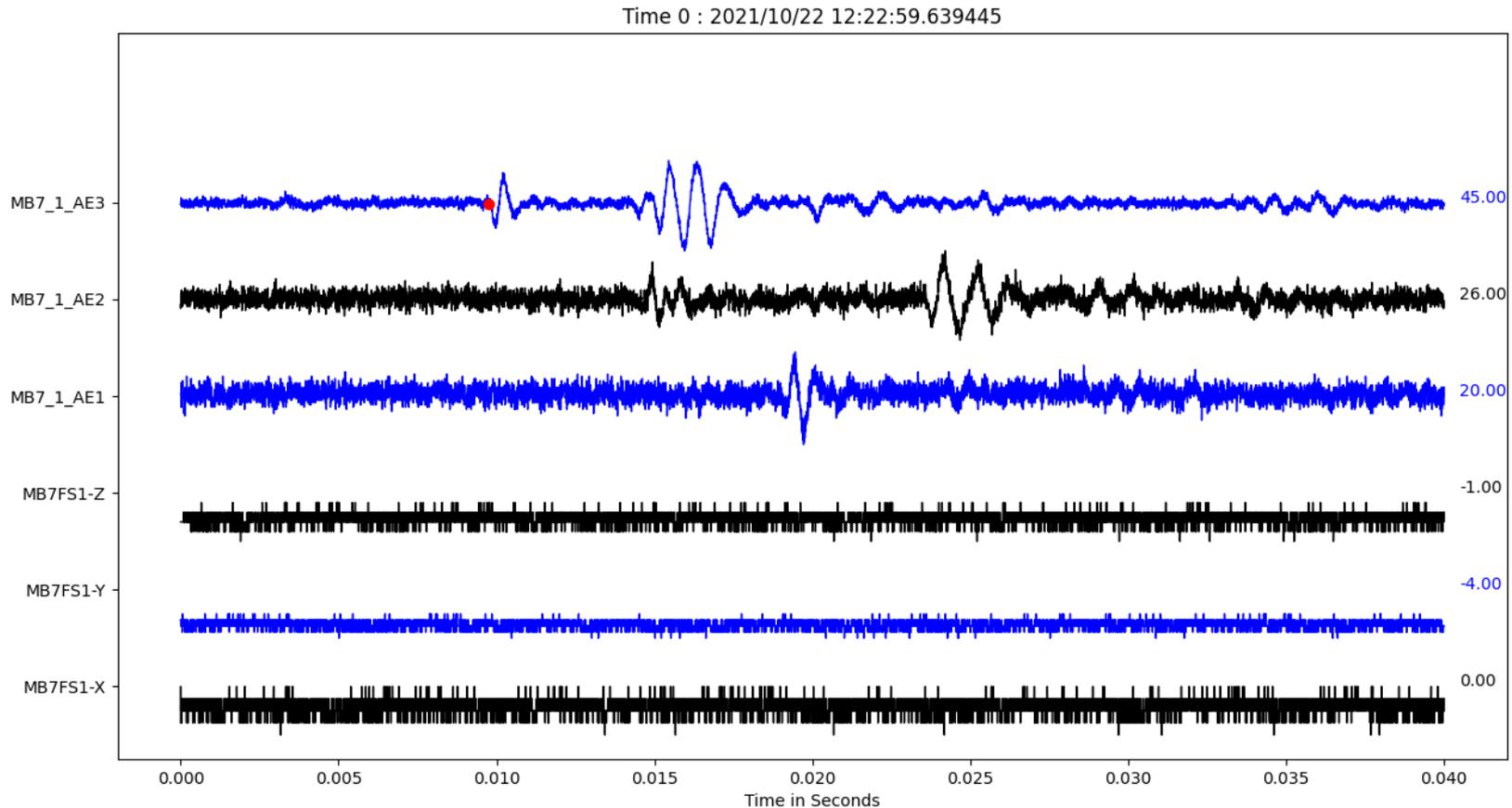
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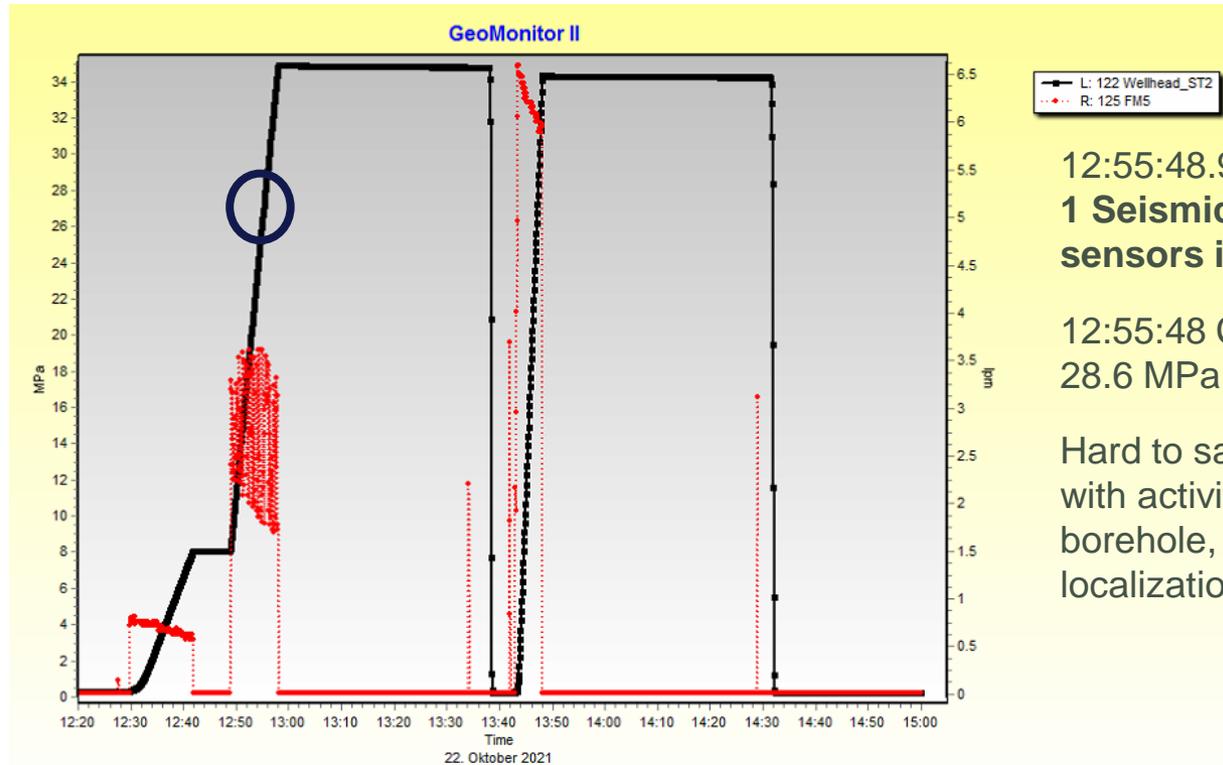
Shut-in: 13:48 – 14:31

2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 22.10.2021

- ❑ 3 events detected on sensors in MB7, also detected in MB3, MB5, MB8
- ❑ First arrival at AE3, Second arrival at AE2. Thus probably coming from another place than injection point in Welltec borehole (from tunnel?)



2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 22.10.2021



12:55:48.905340
1 Seismic event on sensors in MB7

12:55:48 Casing pressure
28.6 MPa

Hard to say if correlated
with activity in Welltec
borehole, unless its
localization is known

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-> injection into the casing/a closed system

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Injection: 12:48 – 12:58

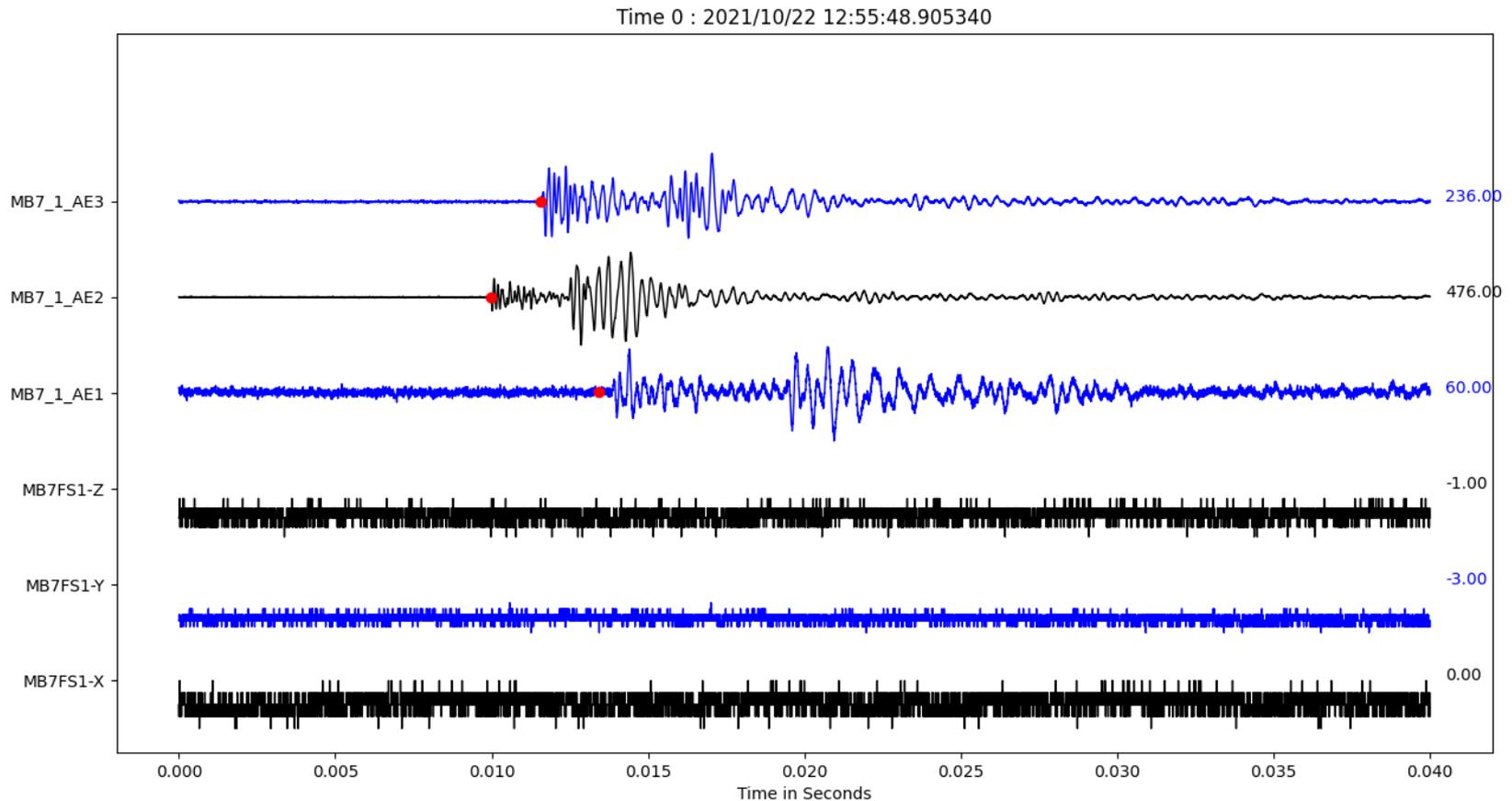
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Injection: 13:43 – 13:48

Shut-in: 13:48 – 14:31

2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 22.10.2021

- ❑ 12:55:48.905340 1 Seismic event detected on sensors in MB7
- ❑ 12:55:48 Casing pressure 28.6 MPa
- ❑ Hard to say if correlated with activity in Welltec borehole, unless its localization is known



2.2 Interval 1 Hydrotest 22.10.2021

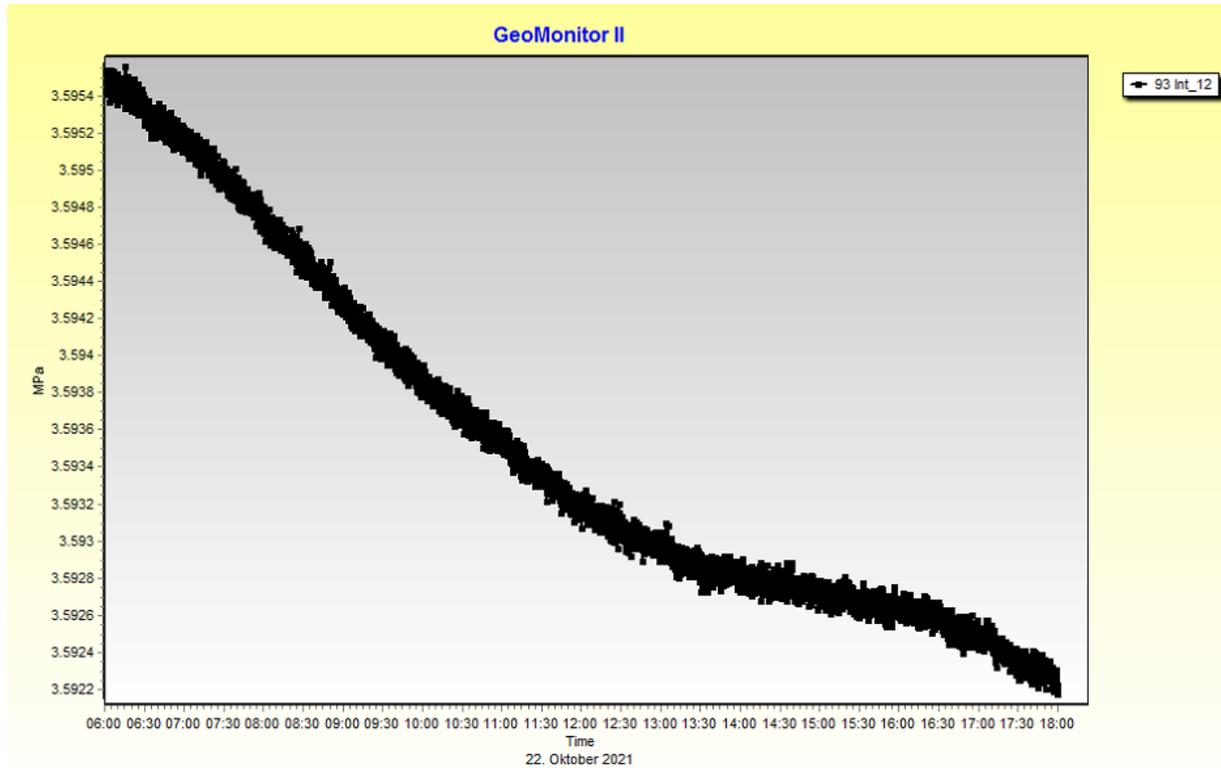
Welltec interval	Activity	Date Time	Duration (min)	Number of "Frac-events"	"Frac-events" rate per min	Seismic Events at single sensor	"Single Sensor Seismic-events" rate per min	Inflow Interval (Injection) (l/min)	Interval uphole pressure (Mpa)	Welltec annulus outflow (l/min)
1	Shut-in	22.10.2021 12:21	8.00	7	0.87	0	0.00		0.29	2.59
1	Injection-test	22.10.2021 12:29	12.00	7	0.58	1	0.08	0.65	8.01	No meas.
1	Shut-in	22.10.2021 12:41	7.00	4	0.57	1	0.14		8.02	No meas.
1	Injection-test	22.10.2021 12:48	10.00	4	0.40	2	0.20	2.5	34.9	No meas.
1	Shut-in	22.10.2021 12:58	40.15	18	0.45	5	0.12		34.78	2.5
1	Opening Shut-in valve	22.10.2021 13:38	3.68	0	0.00	0	0.00		0.21	No meas.
1	Shut-in	22.10.2021 13:41	1.17	0	0.00	0	0.00		0.22	No meas.
1	Injection-test	22.10.2021 13:43	5.22	2	0.38	0	0.00	6.5	34.31	No meas.
1	Shut-in	22.10.2021 13:48	43.30	24	0.55	4	0.09		34.23	2.49
1	Opening Shut-in valve	22.10.2021 14:31	66.48	26	0.39	5	0.08		0.23	2.49
	End events observation	22.10.2021 15:38								

- ❑ Red = higher than Standard-deviation, Blue = lower than Standard-deviation
- ❑ "Frac-events": no visible correlation with Activity
- ❑ "Single Sensor Seismic-events": no visible correlation with Activity

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
 -> injection into the casing/a closed system

Statistics "Frac-events"	Statistics "Single Sensor Seismic-events"
Mean	Mean
0.42	0.07
Standard-dev	Standard-dev
0.25	0.07

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction ST1 Interval 12



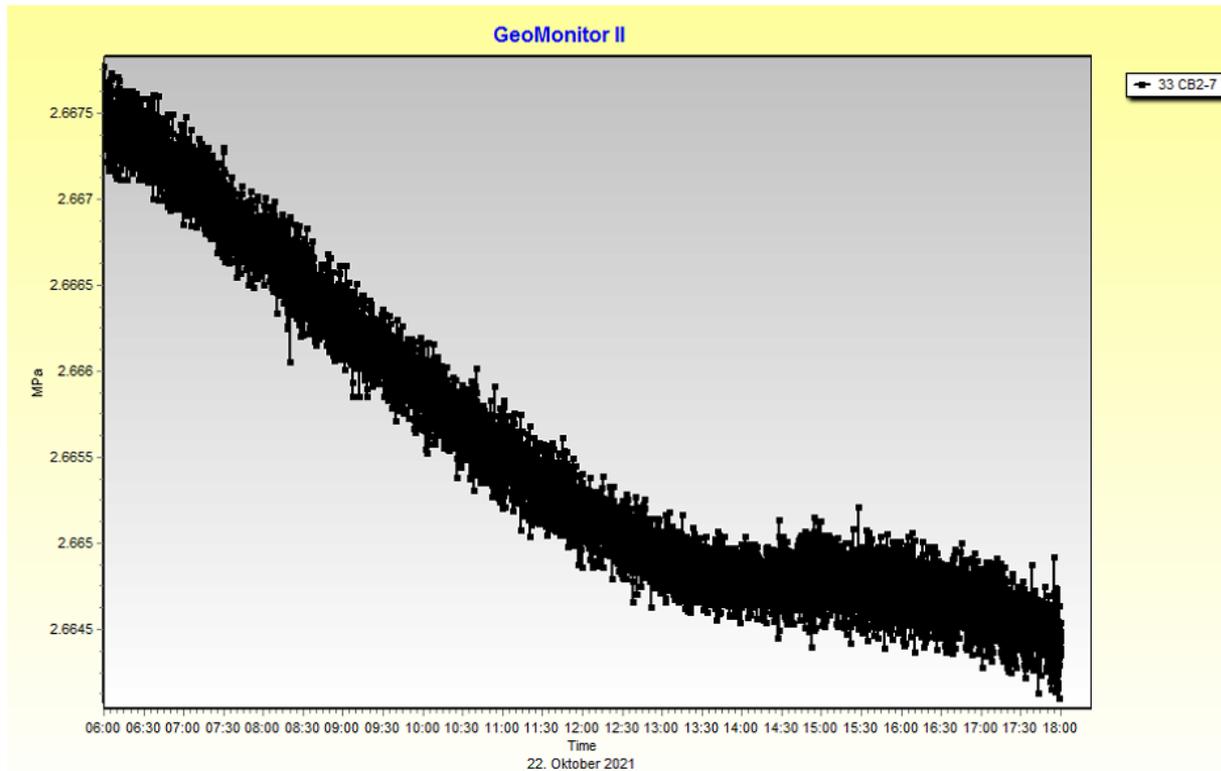
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Injection: 12:48 – 12:58 Shut-in: 12:58 – 13:38

Injection: 13:43 – 13:48 Shut-in: 13:48 – 14:31

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction CB2 Interval 7



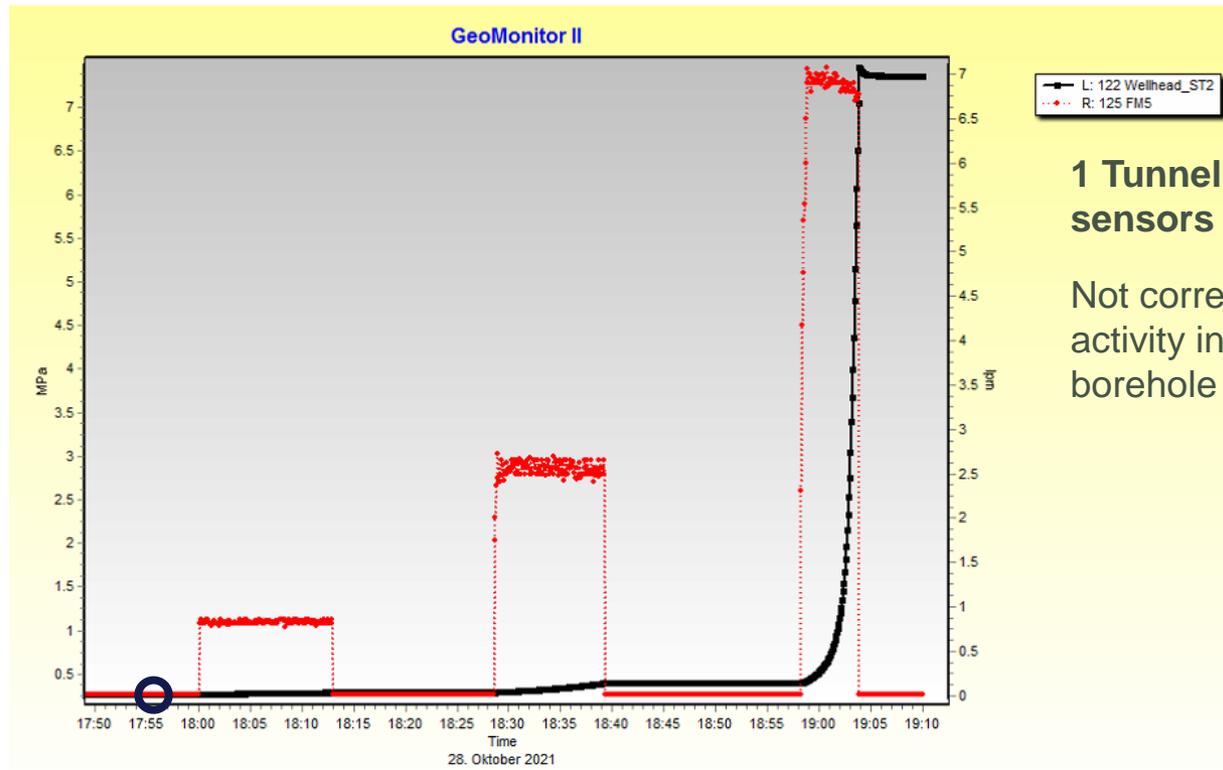
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2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 28.10.2021



1 Tunnel event on sensors in MB7

Not correlated with activity in Welltec borehole

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

Injection: 18:00 – 18:12

Shut-in: 18:12 – 18:28

Injection: 18:28 – 18:39

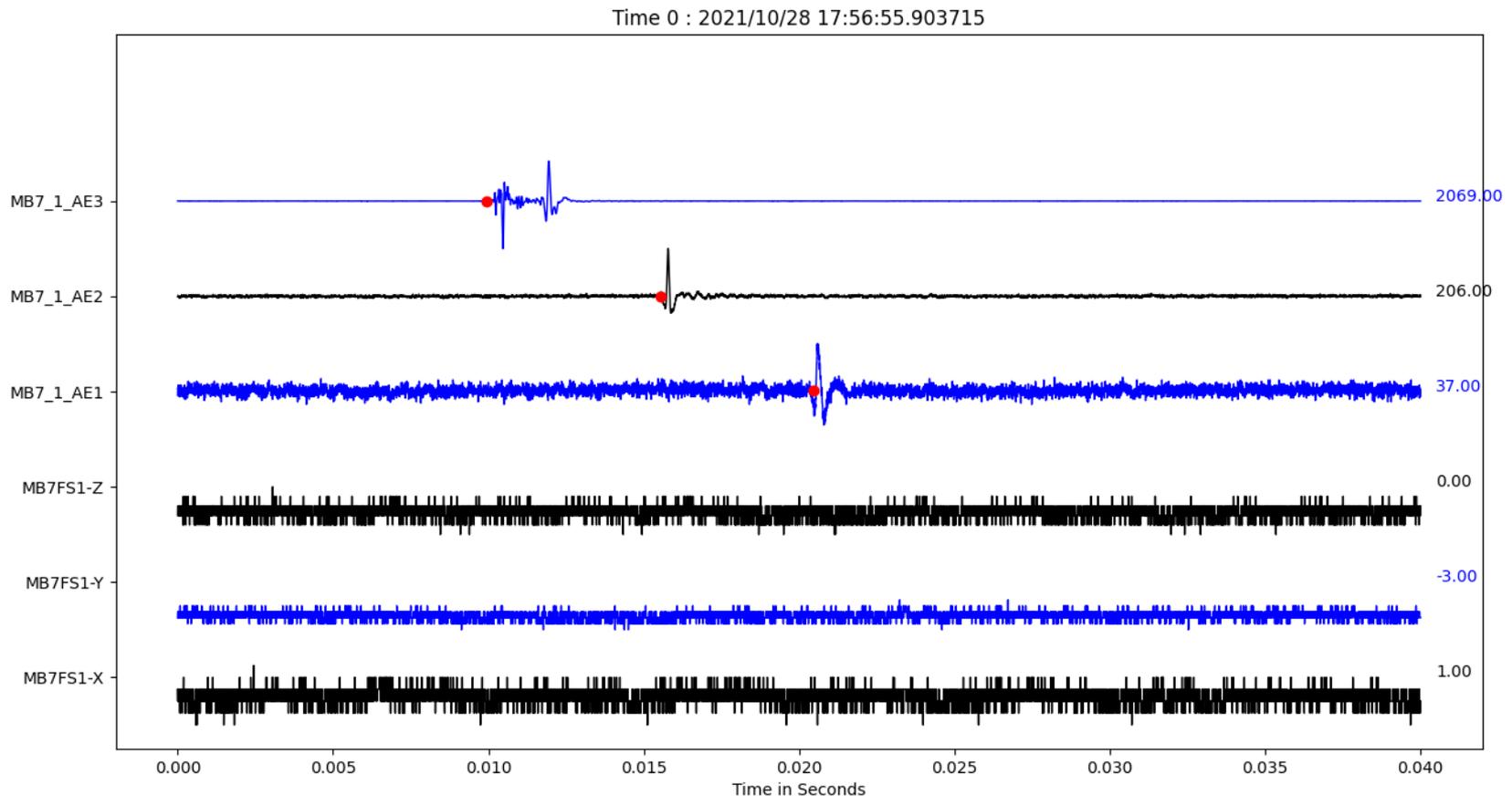
Shut-in: 18:39 – 18:58

Injection: 18:58 – 19:03

Shut-in: 19:03 – 08:21

2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 28.10.2021

- ❑ 1 event detected detected on sensors in MB7, also detected MB3, MB5, MB8
- ❑ First arrival at AE3, Second arrival at AE2. Thus probably coming from another place than injection point in Welltec borehole (from tunnel?)



2.2 Interval 1 Hydrotest 28.10.2021

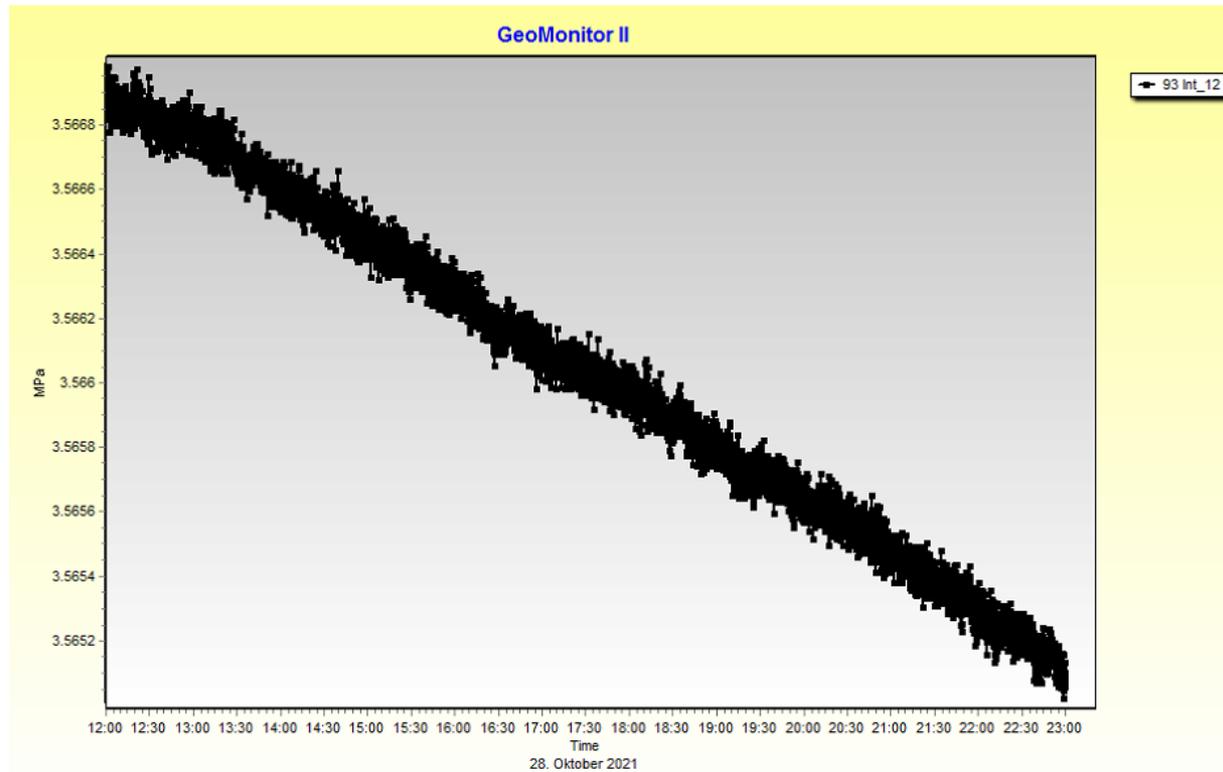
Welltec interval	Activity	Date Time	Duration (min)	Number of "Frac-events"	"Frac-events" rate per min	Seismic Events at single sensor	"Single Sensor Seismic-events" rate per min	Inflow Interval (Injection) (l/min)	Interval uphole pressure (Mpa)	Welltec annulus outflow (l/min)
1	Shut-in	28.10.2021 17:51	9.07	5	0.55	1	0.11		0.27	2.32
1	Injection-test	28.10.2021 18:00	12.87	5	0.39	1	0.08	0.83	0.29	2.42
1	Shut-in	28.10.2021 18:12	15.62	7	0.45	3	0.19		0.29	2.5
1	Injection-test	28.10.2021 18:28	10.68	4	0.37	2	0.19	2.6	0.39	2.46
1	Shut-in	28.10.2021 18:39	18.97	14	0.74	0	0.00		0.39	2.51
1	Injection-test	28.10.2021 18:58	5.68	2	0.35	0	0.00	7	7.46	2.99
1	Shut-in	28.10.2021 19:03	55.12	38	0.69	7	0.13		7.6	2.5
	End events observation	28.10.2021 19:59								

- ❑ Red = higher than Standard-deviation, Blue = lower than Standard-deviation
- ❑ "Frac-events": higher rate per min during shut-in
- ❑ "Single Sensor Seismic-events": no visible correlation with Activity
- ❑ Lower rates of "Frac-events" and "Single Sensor Seismic-events" when the annulus outflow is high (2.99 l/min)

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
 -> injection into the casing/a closed system

Statistics "Frac-events"	Statistics "Single Sensor Seismic-events"
Mean	Mean
0.51	0.10
Standard-dev	Standard-dev
0.15	0.07

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction ST1 Interval 12



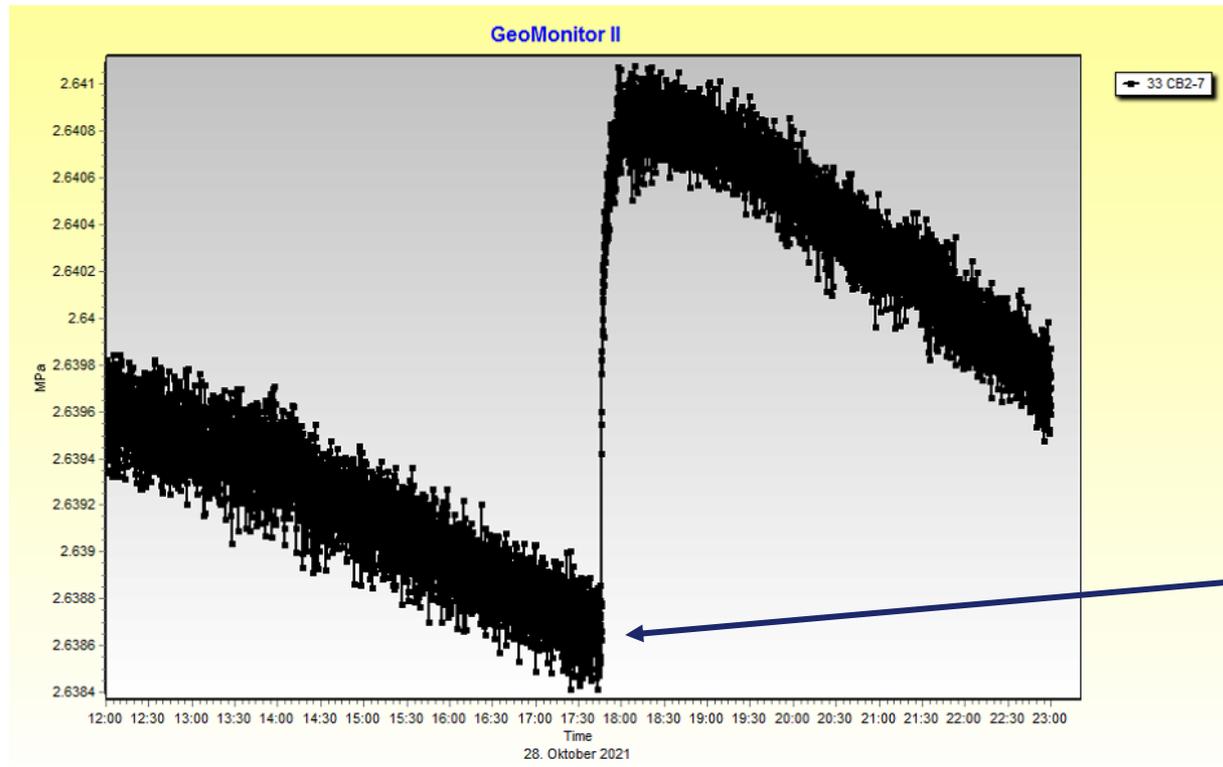
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Injection: 18:00 – 18:12 Shut-in: 18:12 – 18:28

Injection: 18:28 – 18:39 Shut-in: 18:39 – 18:58

Injection: 18:58 – 19:03 Shut-in: 19:03 – 08:21

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction CB2 Interval 7



Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
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Injection: 18:00 – 18:12

Shut-in: 18:12 – 18:28

Injection: 18:28 – 18:39

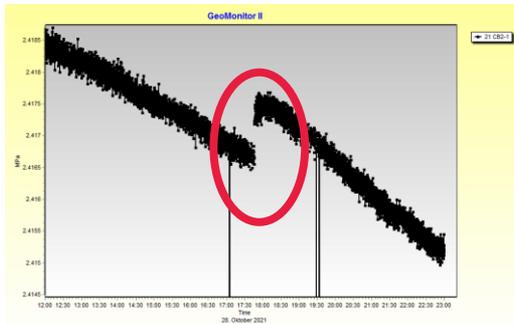
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Injection: 18:58 – 19:03

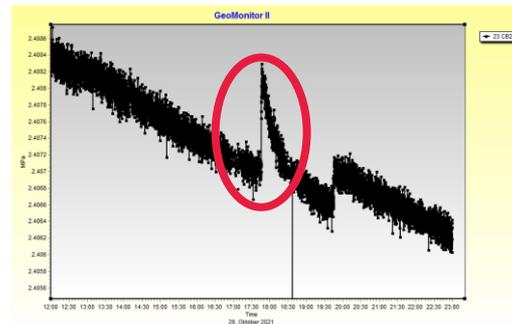
Shut-in: 19:03 – 08:21

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction CB2 other Intervals

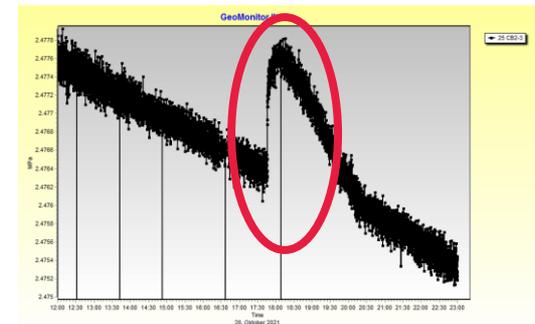
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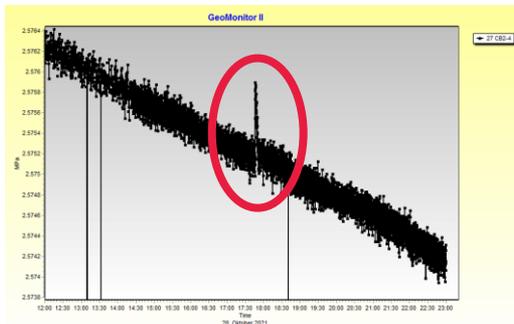
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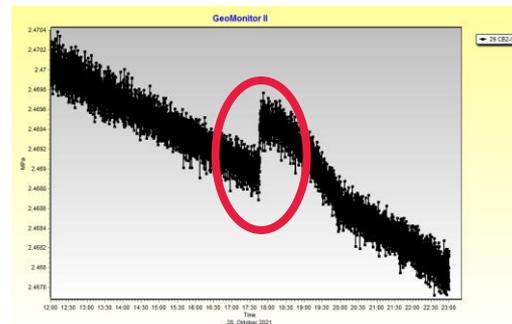
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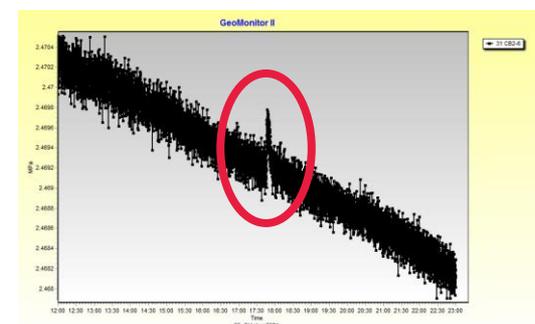
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CB2-5

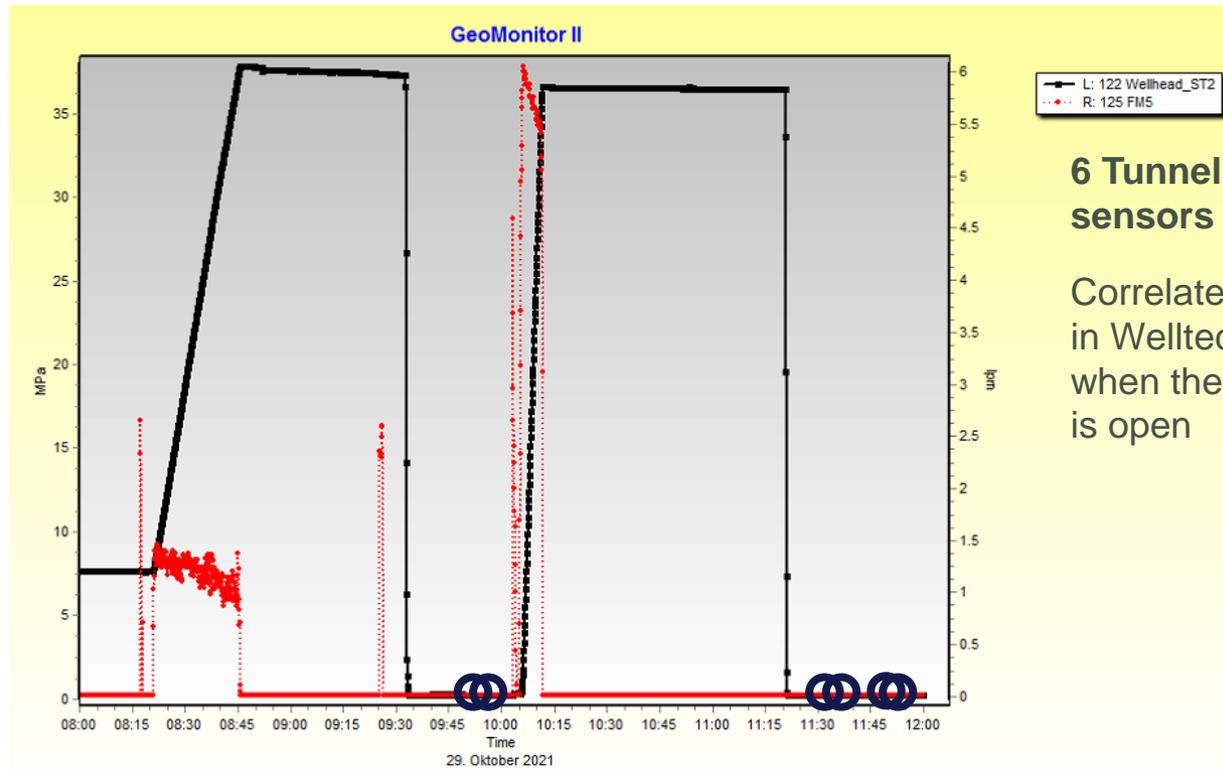


CB2-6



- ❑ What happened on 28.10.2021 around 17:46?
 - ❑ Installation of pressure sensor at wellhead Welltec borehole
 - ❑ Other possibilities??

2.1 Interval 1 Frac 29.10.2021



6 Tunnel events on sensors in MB7

Correlated with activity in Welltec borehole, when the shut-in valve is open

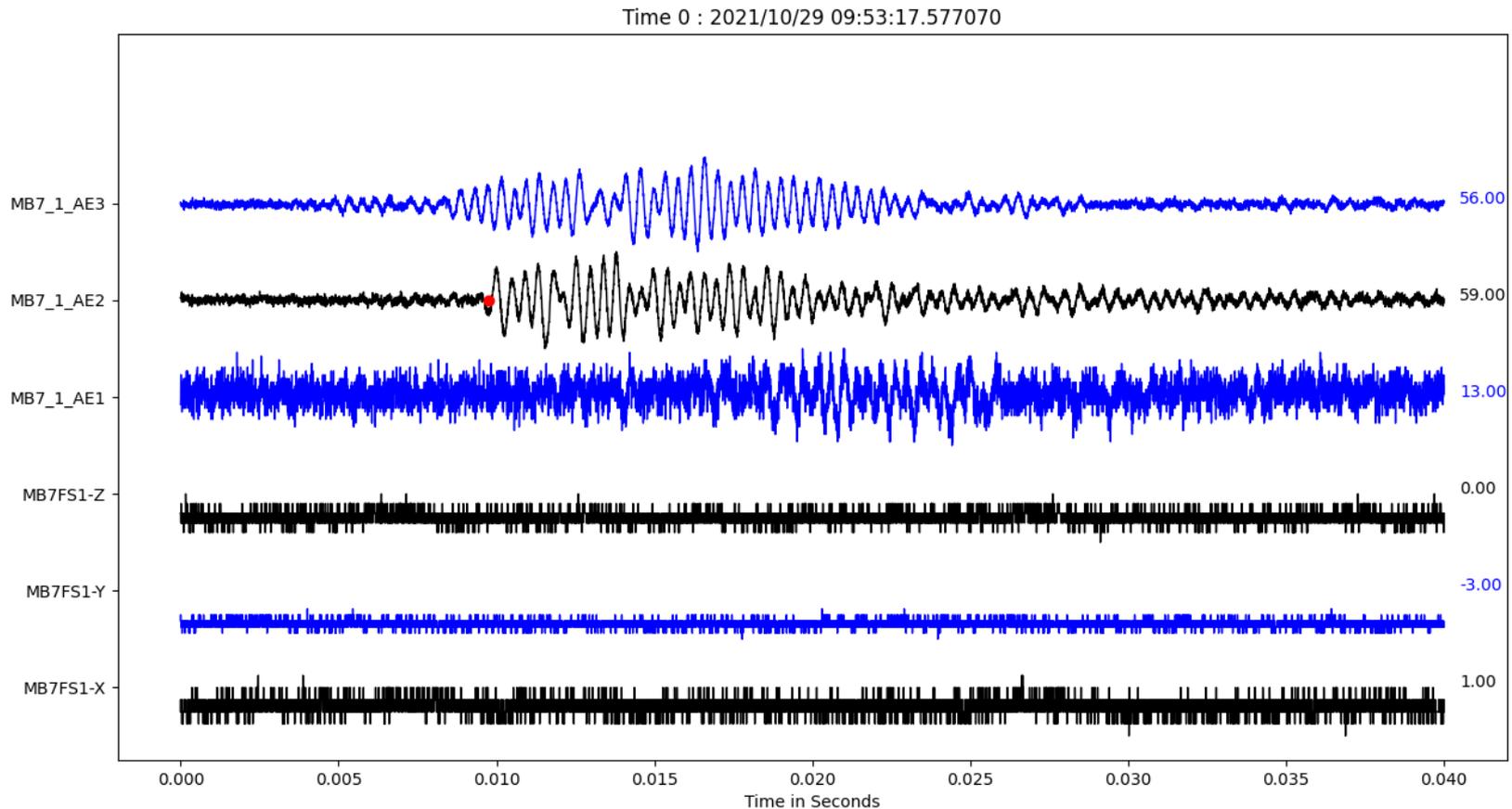
Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

Injection: 08:21 – 08:45 Shut-in: 08:45 – 09:32

Injection: 10:05 – 10:11 Shut-in: 10:11 – 11:20

2.1 Interval 1 Frac 29.10.2021

- ❑ 6 events detected detected on sensors in MB7, also detected in MB3, MB5, MB8
- ❑ First arrival at AE3, Second arrival at AE2. Thus probably coming from another place than injection point in Welltec borehole (from tunnel?)



2.2 Interval 1 Frac 29.10.2021

Welltec interval	Activity	Date Time	Duration (min)	Number of "Frac-events"	"Frac-events" rate per min	Seismic Events at single sensor	"Single Sensor Seismic-events" rate per min	Inflow Interval (Injection) (l/min)	Interval uphole pressure (Mpa)	Welltec annulus outflow (l/min)
1	Shut-in	29.10.2021 08:17	4.67	2	0.43	2	0.43		7.6	2.52
1	Frac-cycle 1	29.10.2021 08:21	23.95	6	0.25	1	0.04	1.3	37.81	2.58
1	Shut-in	29.10.2021 08:45	46.85	25	0.53	7	0.15		37.27	2.34
	Opening Shut-in valve	29.10.2021 09:32	31.52	9	0.29	3	0.10		0.23	2.5
1	Shut-in	29.10.2021 10:03	1.33	0	0.00	0	0.00		0.27	No meas.
1	Frac-cycle 2	29.10.2021 10:05	6.15	5	0.81	1	0.16	5.9	36.61	3.03
1	Shut-in	29.10.2021 10:11	69.38	38	0.55	13	0.19		36.47	2.3
	Opening Shut-in valve	29.10.2021 11:20	37.15	19	0.51	4	0.11		0.22	2.42
	End events observation	29.10.2021 11:58								

❑ Red = higher than Standard-deviation, Blue = lower than Standard-deviation

❑ "Frac-events": higher rates correlated with more outflow from annulus

❑ "Single Sensor Seismic-events": no visible correlation

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed

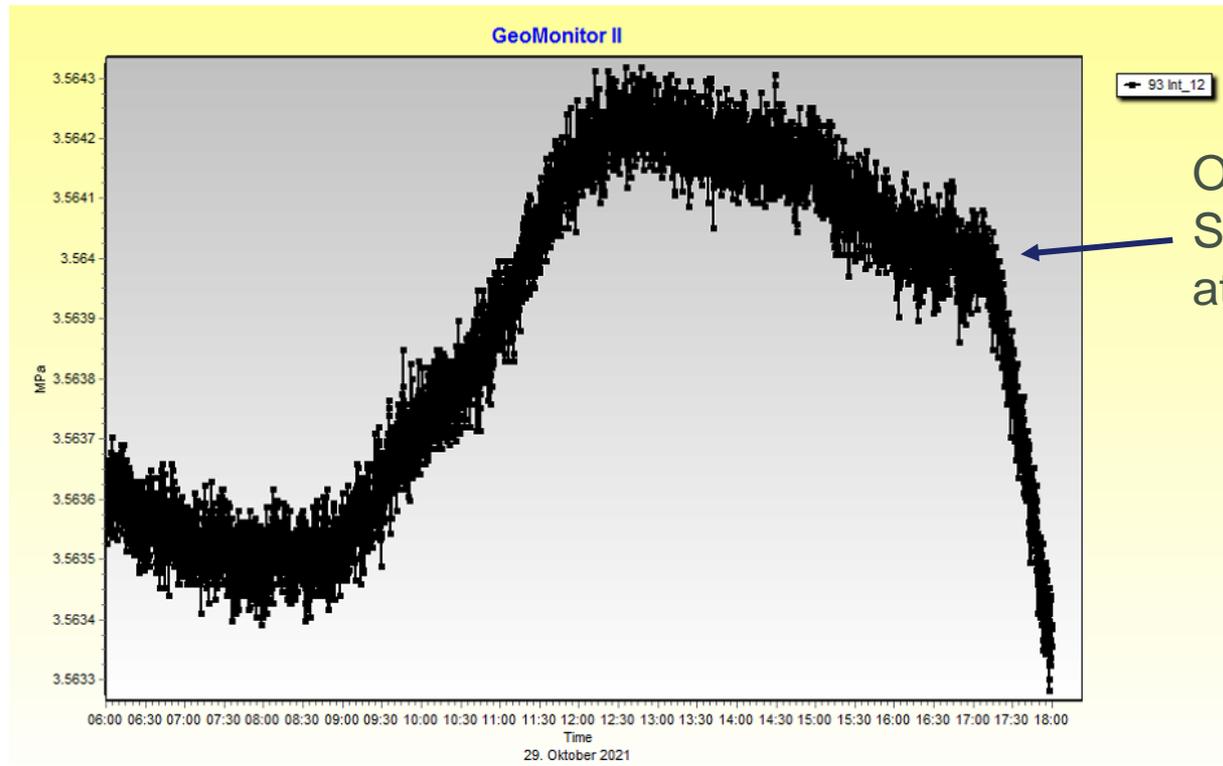
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

❑ Less outflow through annulus when shut-in, more outflow when injecting

❑ Pressure increase inside casing causes a ballooning of the casing, pushing against borehole wall/fractures

Statistics "Frac-events"	Statistics "Single Sensor Seismic-events"
Mean	Mean
0.42	0.15
Standard-dev	Standard-dev
0.23	0.12

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction ST1 Interval 12



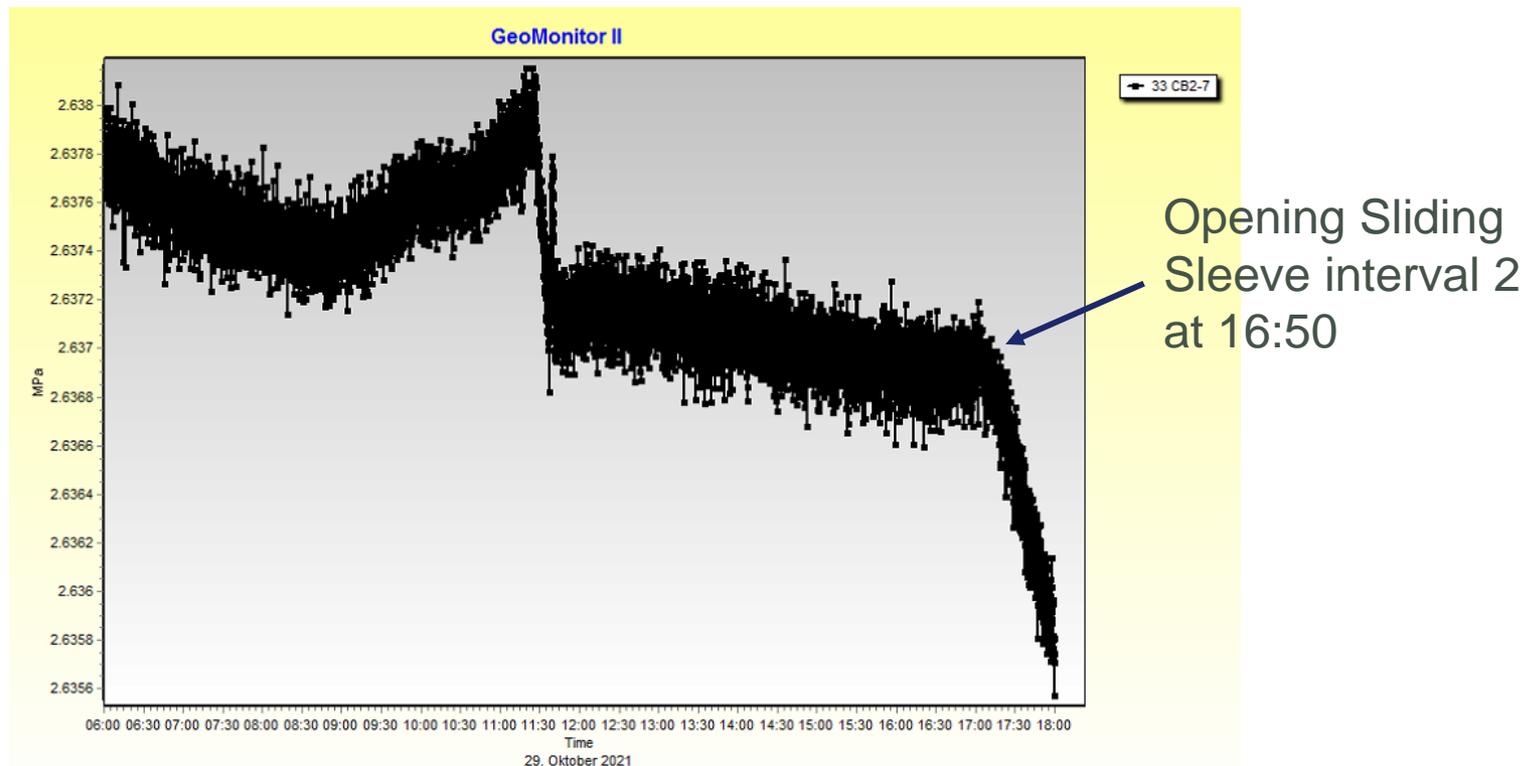
Opening Sliding Sleeve interval 2 at 16:50

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

Injection: 08:21 – 08:45 Shut-in: 08:45 – 09:32

Injection: 10:05 – 10:11 Shut-in: 10:11 – 11:20

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction CB2 Interval 7

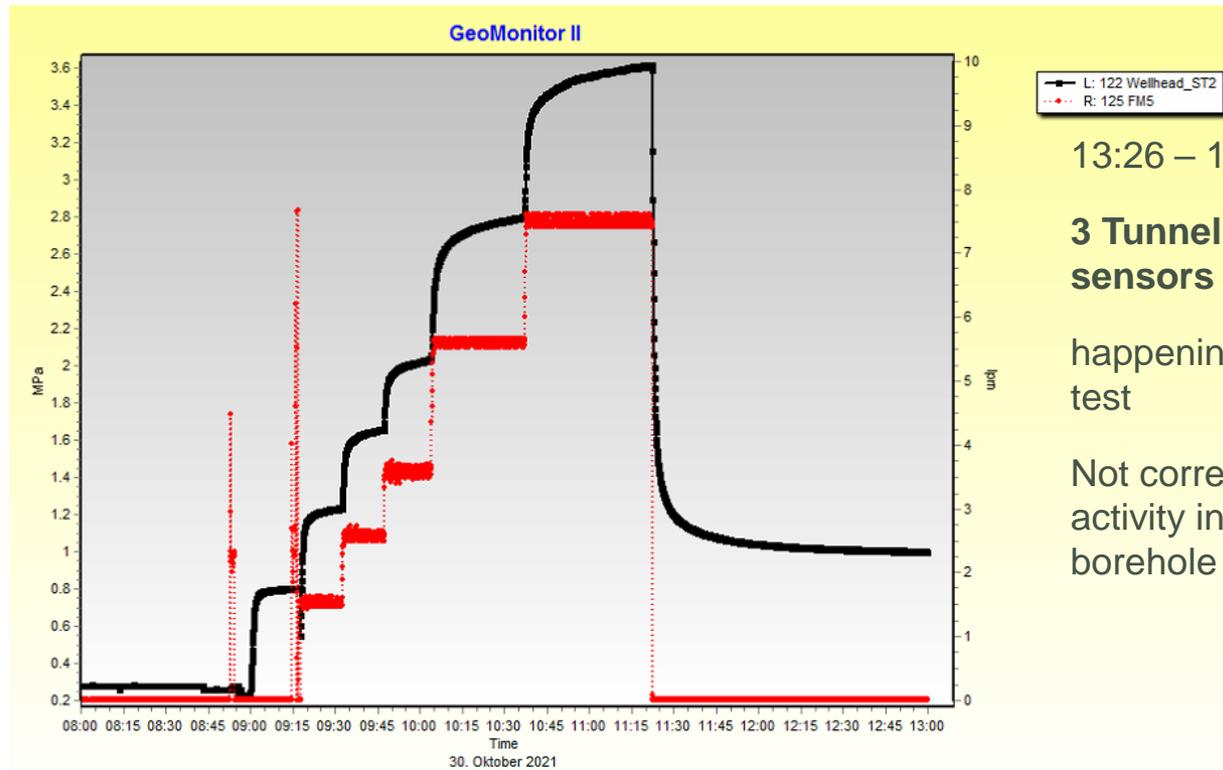


Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

Injection: 08:21 – 08:45 Shut-in: 08:45 – 09:32

Injection: 10:05 – 10:11 Shut-in: 10:11 – 11:20

2.1 Interval 2 Hydrotest 30.10.2021



13:26 – 13:33

3 Tunnel events on sensors in MB7

happening after the test

Not correlated with activity in Welltec borehole

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 2 succeeded
-> injection into the reservoir/an open system

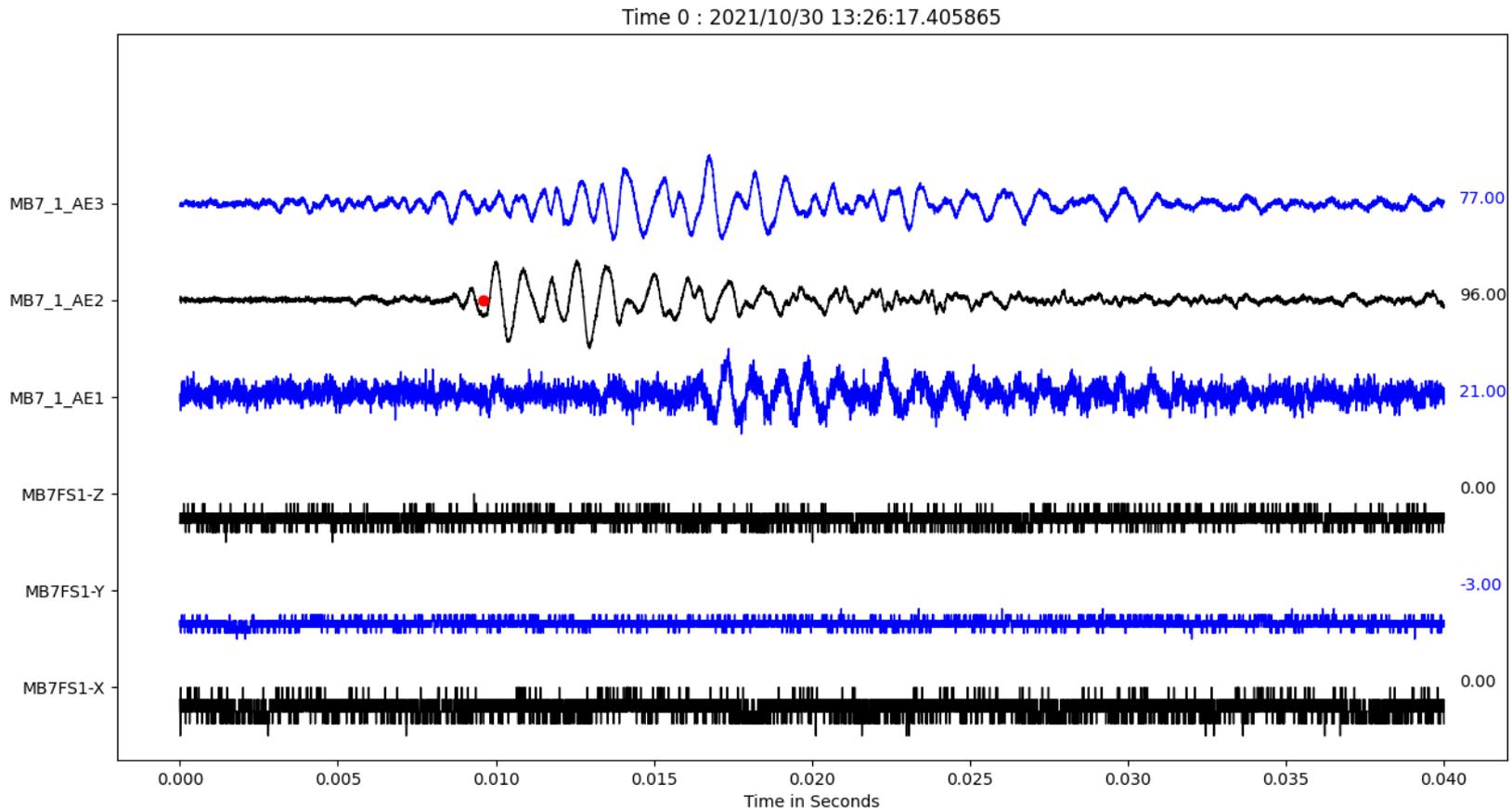
Injection: 09:17 – 11:21

Shut-in: 11:21 – 13:16

Bypass: 50% of injected flowrate into the interval comes out of
annulus between casing and borehole

2.1 Interval 2 Hydrotest 30.10.2021

- ❑ 3 events detected detected on sensors in MB7, also detected in MB3, MB5, MB8
- ❑ First arrival at AE3, Second arrival at AE2. Thus probably coming from another place than injection point in Welltec borehole (from tunnel?)



2.2 Interval 2 Hydrotest 30.10.2021

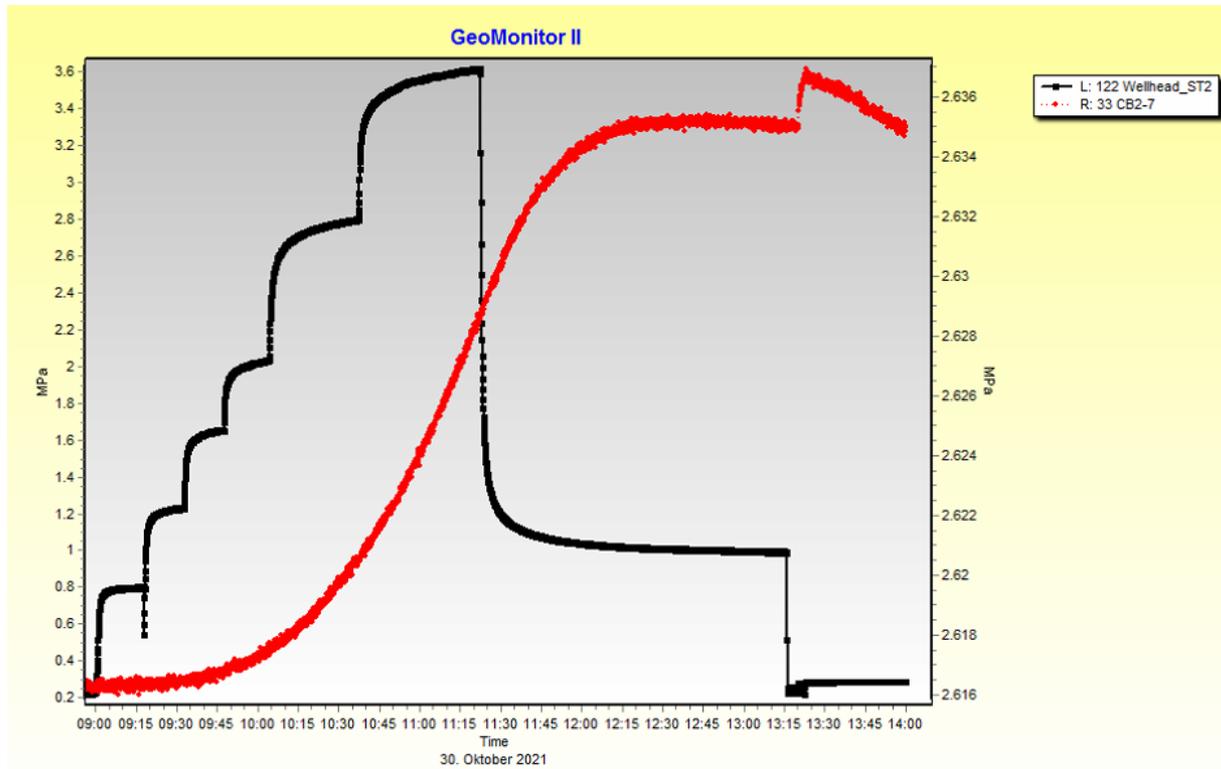
Welltec interval	Activity	Date Time	Duration (min)	Number of "Frac-events"	"Frac-events" rate per min	Seismic Events at single sensor	"Single Sensor Seismic-events" rate per min	Inflow Interval (Injection) (l/min)	Interval uphole pressure (Mpa)	Welltec annulus outflow (l/min)
2	Shut-in	30.10.2021 09:10	7.88	1	0.13	0	0.00		0.8	2.39
2	Step-Rate-test Step 1	30.10.2021 09:17	14.63	3	0.21	0	0.00	1.5	1.23	3.18
2	Step-Rate-test Step 2	30.10.2021 09:32	14.92	1	0.07	0	0.00	2.6	1.65	3.75
2	Step-Rate-test Step 3	30.10.2021 09:47	16.52	2	0.12	0	0.00	3.5	2.02	4
2	Step-Rate-test Step 4	30.10.2021 10:03	33.07	3	0.09	0	0.00	5.5	2.79	5.07
2	Step-Rate-test Step 5	30.10.2021 10:37	44.82	12	0.27	1	0.02	7.5	3.61	5.8
2	Shut-in	30.10.2021 11:21	114.27	51	0.45	3	0.03		0.99	No meas.
2	Opening Shut-in valve	30.10.2021 13:16	42.90	5	0.12	5	0.12		0.29	0
	End events observation	30.10.2021 13:59								

- ❑ Red = higher than Standard-deviation, Blue = lower than Standard-dev.
- ❑ "Frac-events": no visible correlation
- ❑ "Single Sensor Seismic-events": no visible correlation
- ❑ 50% bypass when injecting into the interval, coming out of annulus

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 2 succeeded
-> injection into the reservoir/an open system

Statistics "Frac-events"	Statistics "Single Sensor Seismic-events"
Mean	Mean
0.18	0.02
Standard-dev	Standard-dev
0.12	0.04

2.2 Interval 2 Reaction CB2 Interval 7



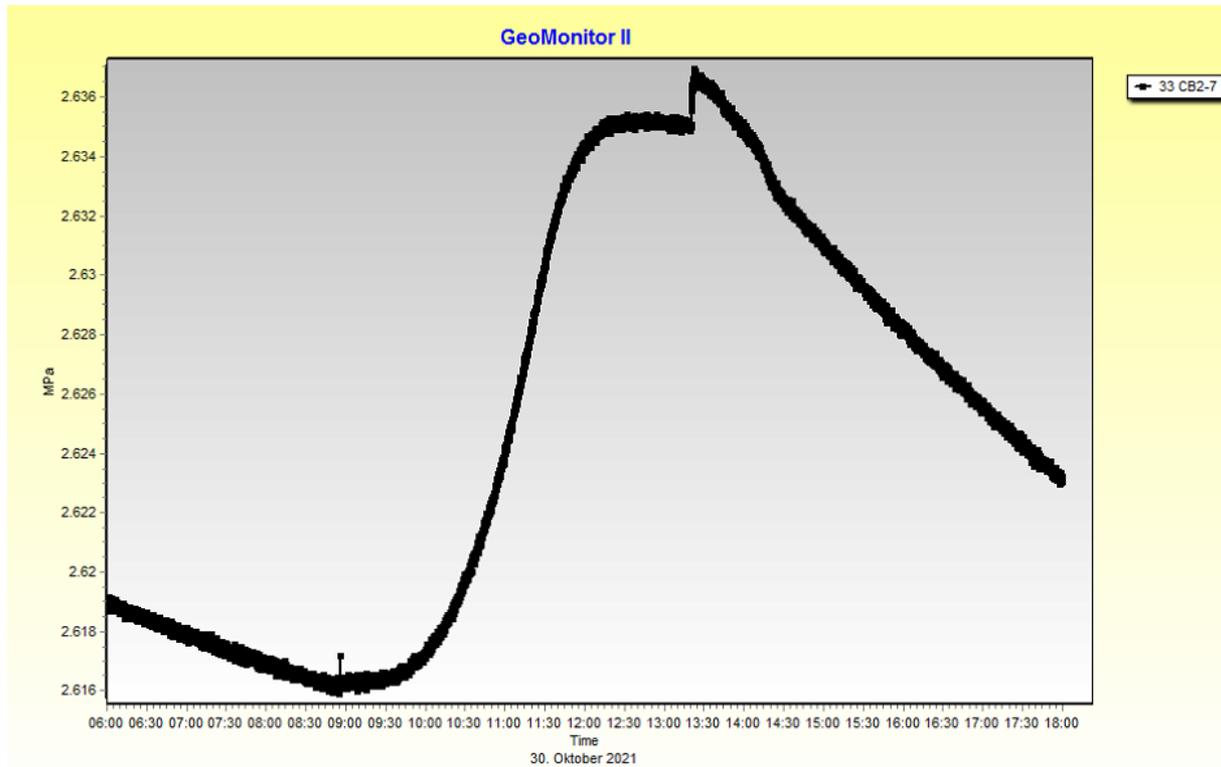
Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 2 succeeded
-> injection into the reservoir/an open system

Injection: 09:17 – 11:21

Shut-in: 11:21 – 13:16

Bypass: 50% of injected flowrate comes out of
annulus between casing and borehole

2.2 Interval 2 Reaction CB2 Interval 7

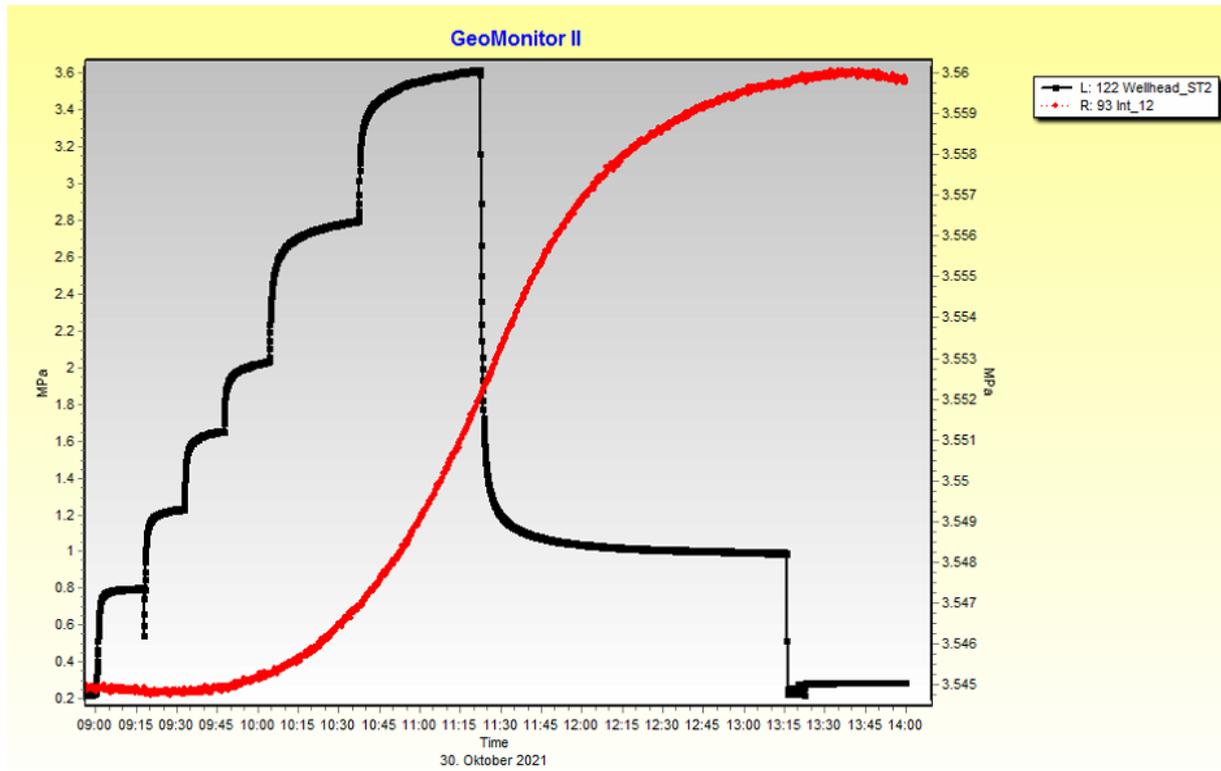


Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 2 succeeded
-> injection into the reservoir/an open system

Injection: 09:17 – 11:21 Shut-in: 11:21 – 13:16

Bypass: 50% of injected flowrate comes out of
annulus between casing and borehole

2.2 Interval 2 Reaction ST1 Interval 12



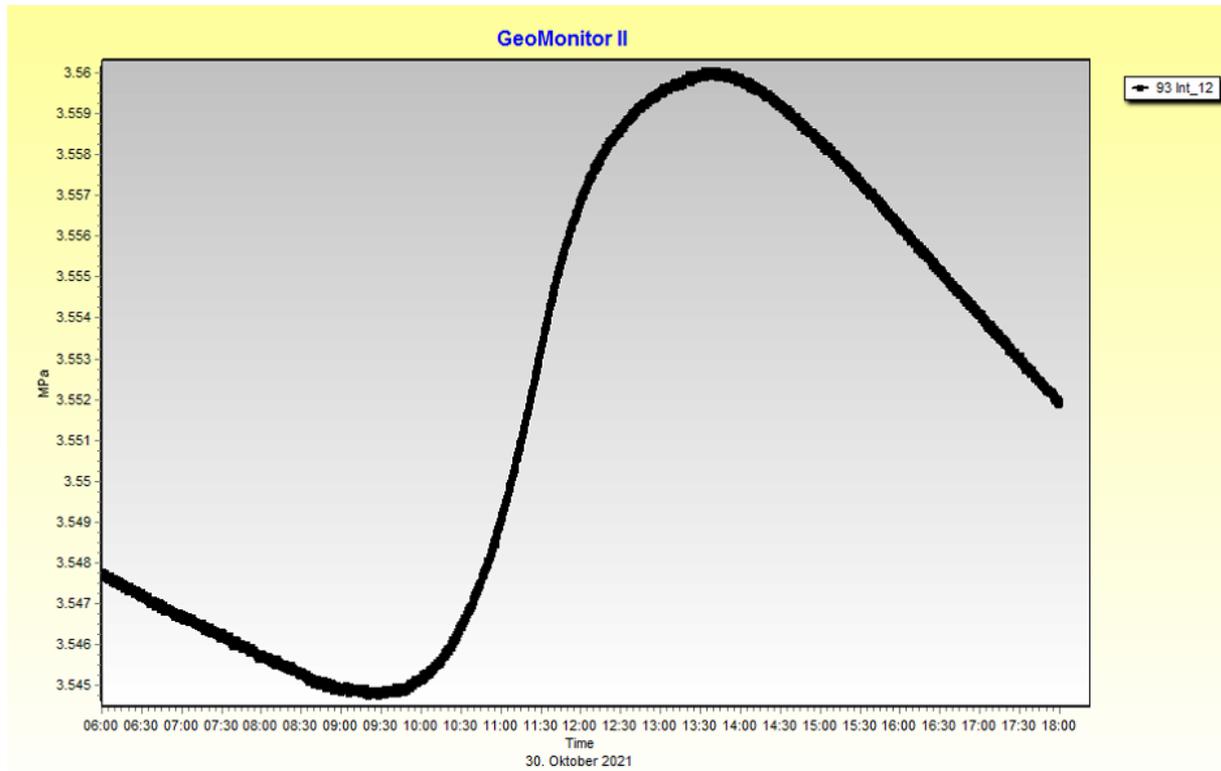
Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 2 succeeded
-> injection into the reservoir/an open system

Injection: 09:17 – 11:21

Shut-in: 11:21 – 13:16

Bypass: 50% of injected flowrate comes out of
annulus between casing and borehole

2.2 Interval 2 Reaction ST1 Interval 12



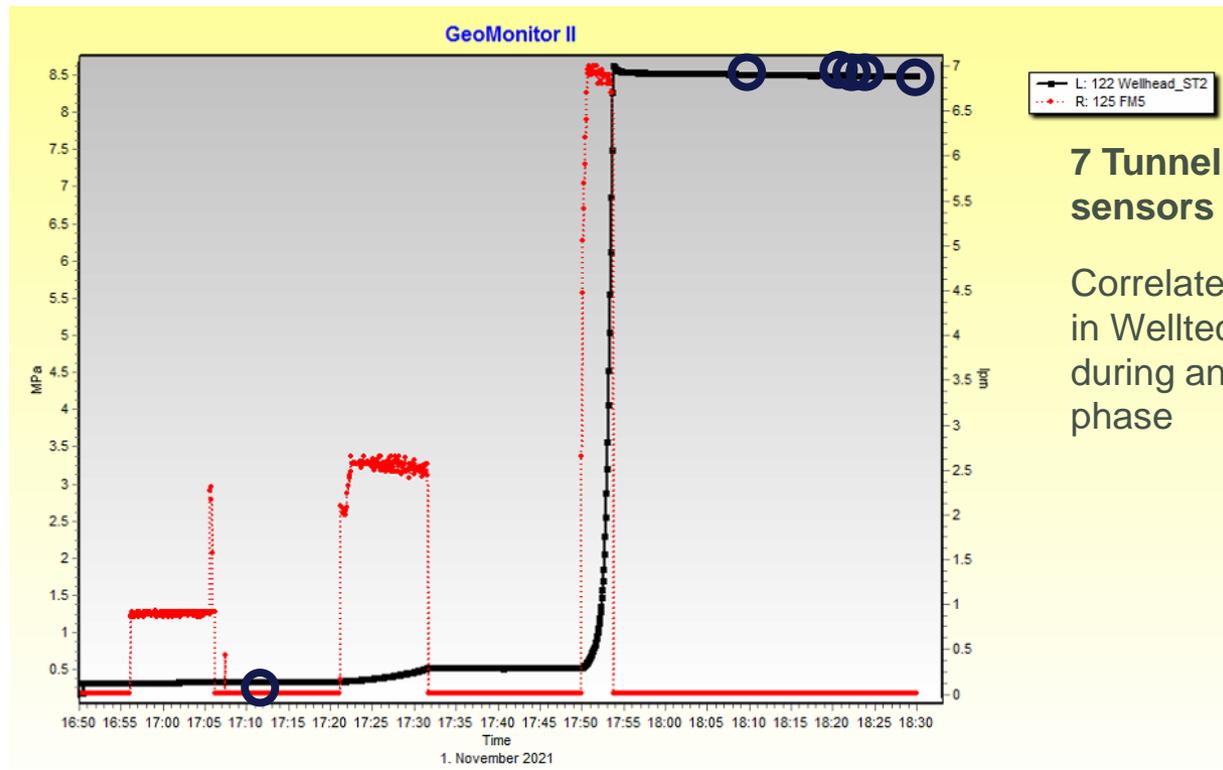
Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 2 succeeded
-> injection into the reservoir/an open system

Injection: 09:17 – 11:21

Shut-in: 11:21 – 13:16

Bypass: 50% of injected flowrate comes out of
annulus between casing and borehole

2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 01.11.2021



7 Tunnel events on sensors in MB7

Correlated with activity in Welltec borehole, during an injection phase

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

Injection: 16:56 – 17:06

Shut-in: 17:06 – 17:21

Injection: 17:21 – 17:31

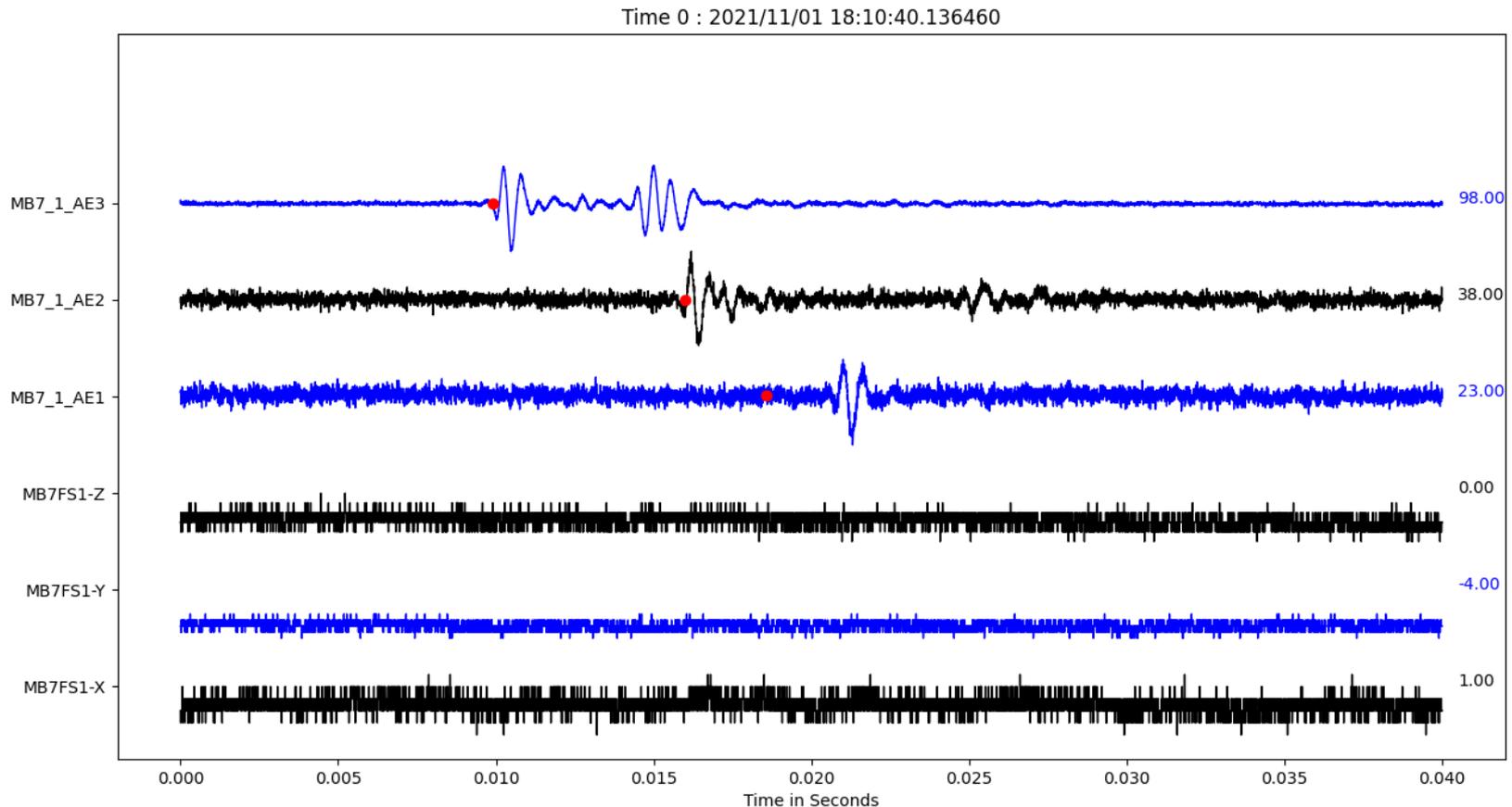
Shut-in: 17:31 – 17:49

Injection: 17:49 – 17:53

Shut-in: 17:53 – 09:10

2.1 Interval 1 Hydrotest 01.11.2021

- ❑ 7 events detected detected on sensors in MB7, also detected in MB3, MB5, MB7, MB8
- ❑ First arrival at AE3, Second arrival at AE2. Thus probably coming from another place than injection point in Welltec borehole (from tunnel?)



2.2 Interval 1 Hydrotest 01.11.2021

Welltec interval	Activity	Date Time	Duration (min)	Number of "Frac-events"	"Frac-events" rate per min	Seismic Events at single sensor	"Single Sensor Seismic-events" rate per min	Inflow Interval (Injection) (l/min)	Interval uphole pressure (Mpa)	Welltec annulus outflow (l/min)
1	Shut-in	01.11.2021 16:51	5.07	10	1.97	0	0.00		0.31	2.49
1	Injection-test	01.11.2021 16:56	10.12	6	0.59	0	0.00	0.9	0.3355	2.54
1	Shut-in	01.11.2021 17:06	14.95	3	0.20	1	0.07		0.3362	2.5
1	Injection-test	01.11.2021 17:21	10.52	3	0.29	0	0.00	2.56	0.516	2.53
1	Shut-in	01.11.2021 17:31	18.30	1	0.05	3	0.16		0.515	2.51
1	Injection-test	01.11.2021 17:49	3.80	1	0.26	0	0.00	6.9	8.622	2.79
1	Shut-in	01.11.2021 17:53	65.25	11	0.17	2	0.03		7.45	2.51
	End events observation	01.11.2021 18:59								

❑ Red = higher than Standard-deviation, Blue = lower than Standard-dev.

❑ "Frac-events": no visible correlation

❑ "Single Sensor Seismic-events": no visible correlation

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed

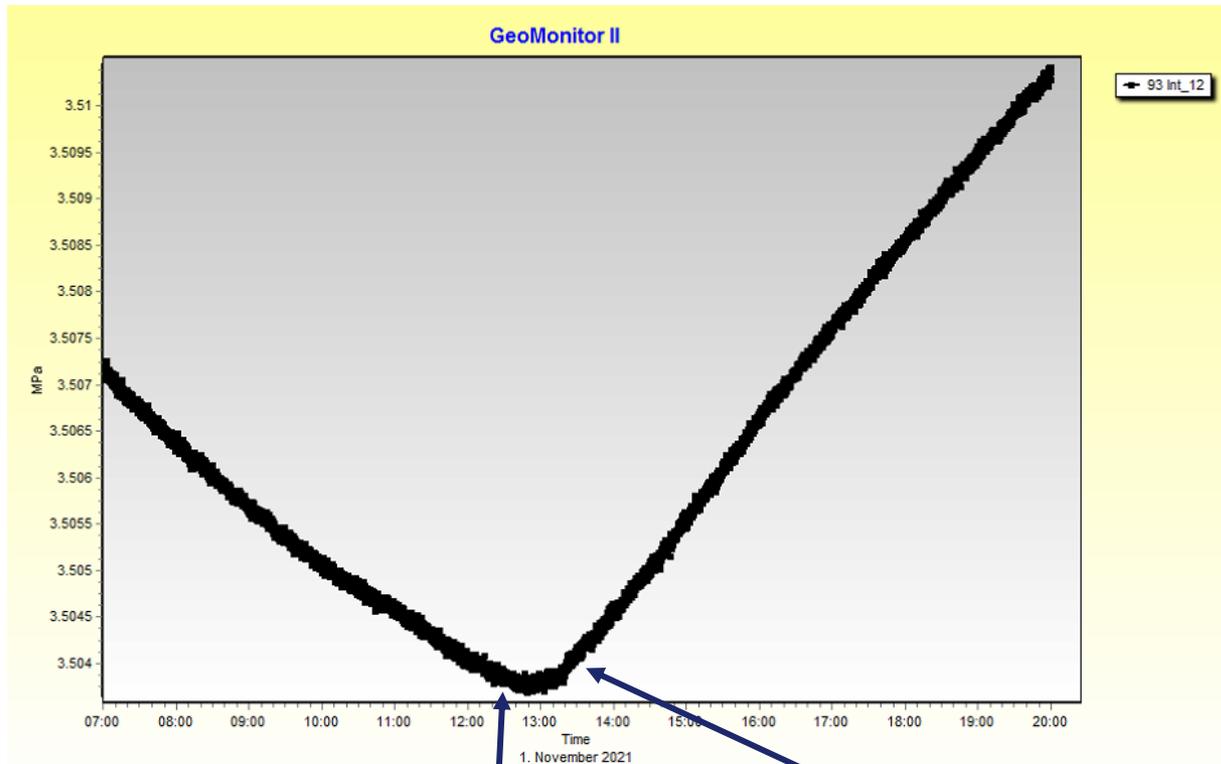
-> injection into the casing/a closed system

❑ Less outflow through annulus when shut-in, more outflow when injecting

❑ Pressure increase inside casing causes a ballooning of the casing, pushing against borehole wall/fractures

Statistics "Frac-events"	Statistics "Single Sensor Seismic-events"
Mean	Mean
0.51	0.04
Standard-dev	Standard-dev
0.62	0.06

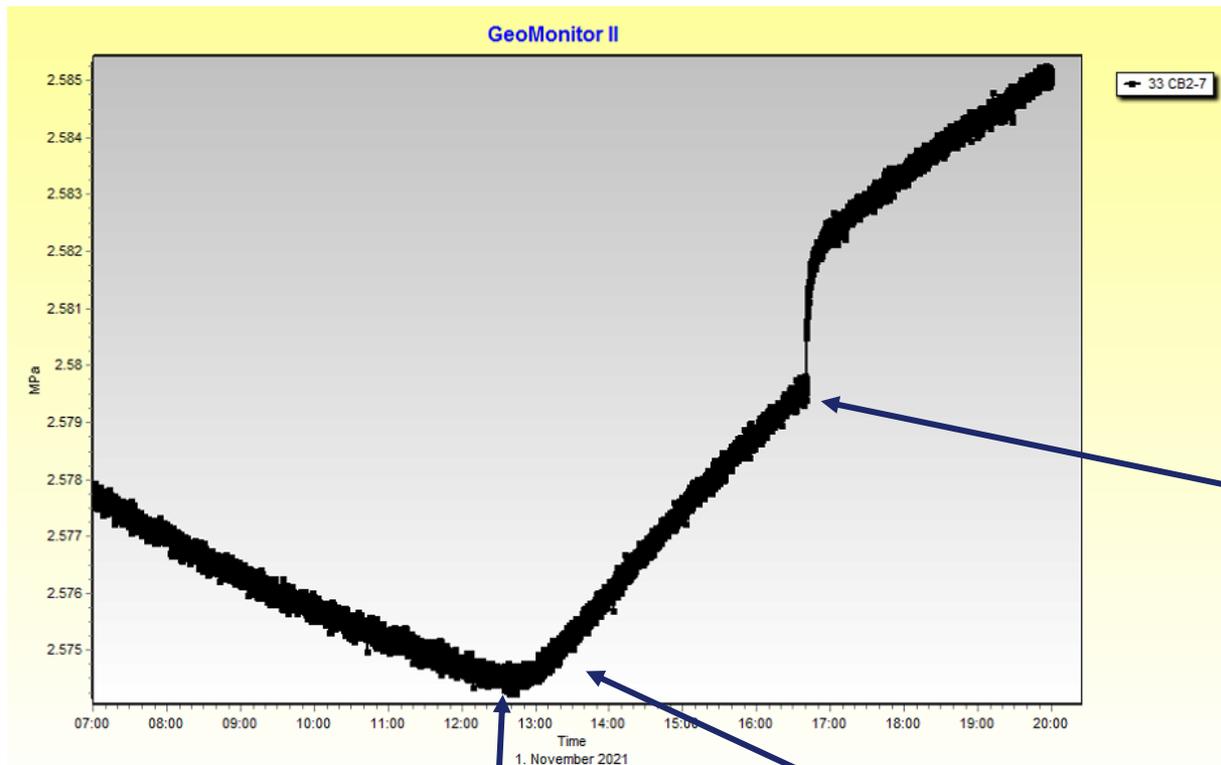
2.2 Interval 1 Reaction ST1 Interval 12



Closing of interval 2 at 12:28

Opening of interval 1 not visible at 13:40

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction CB2 Interval 7

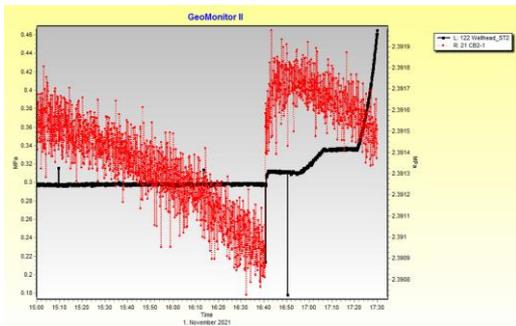


Closing of interval 2 at 12:28

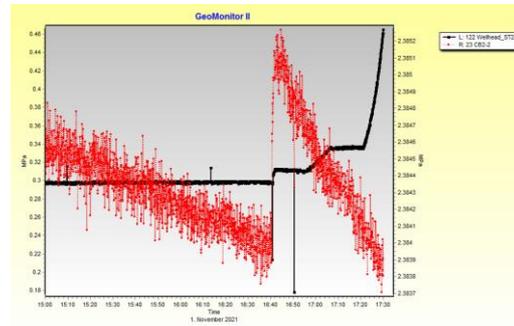
Opening of interval 1 not visible
at 13:40

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction CB2 other Intervals

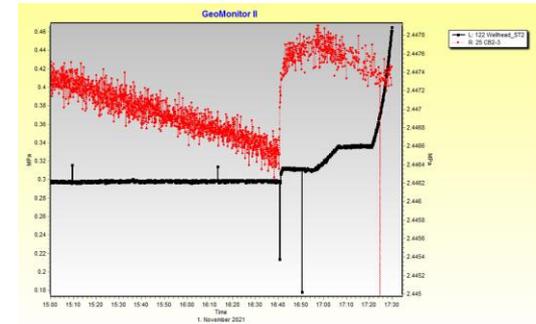
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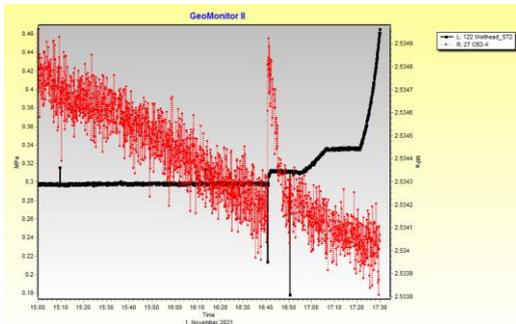
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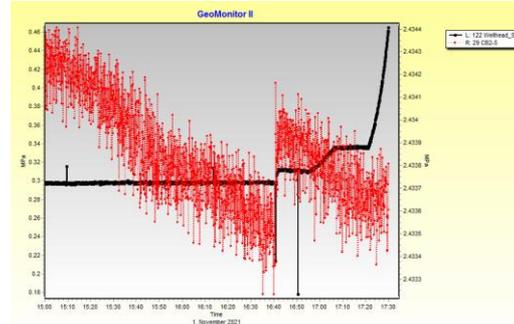
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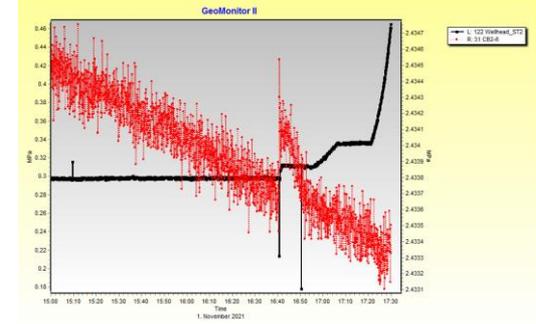
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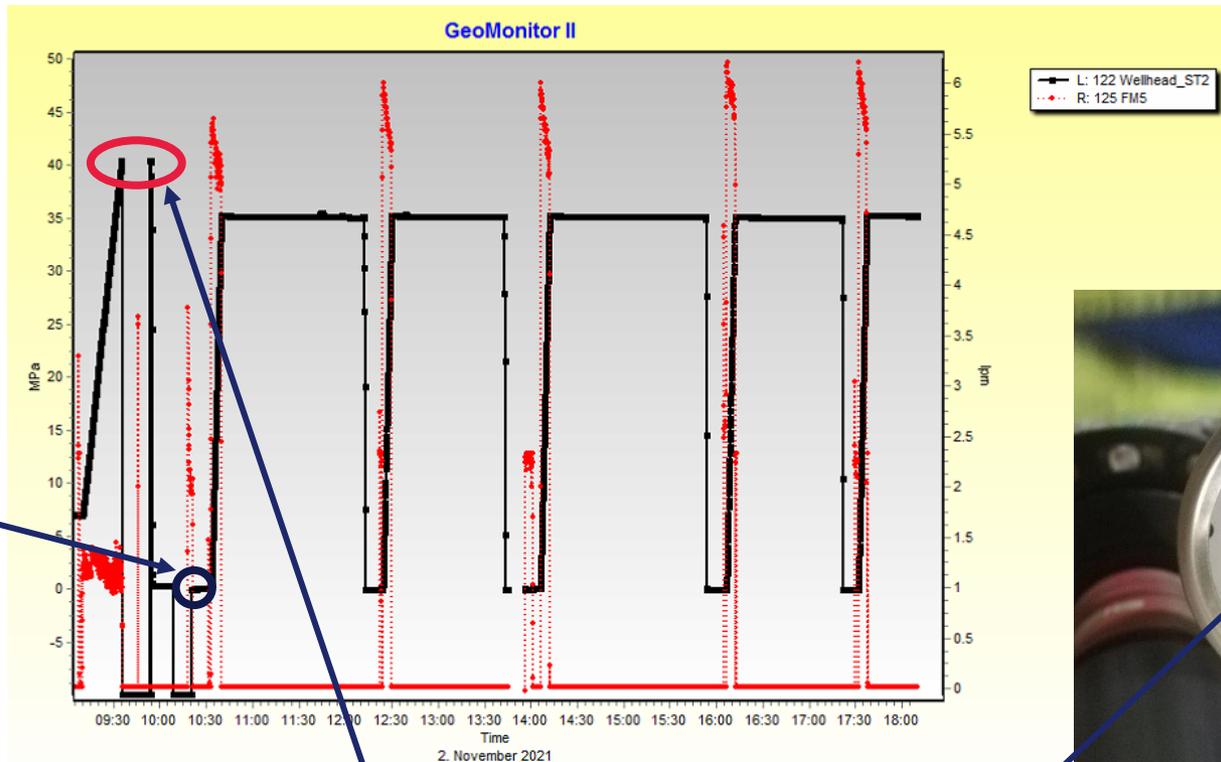


CB2-6



- What happened on 01.11.2021 around 16:40?
 - Installation of pressure sensor at wellhead Welltec borehole
 - Other possibilities??

2.1 Interval 1 Frac cycles 02.11.2021



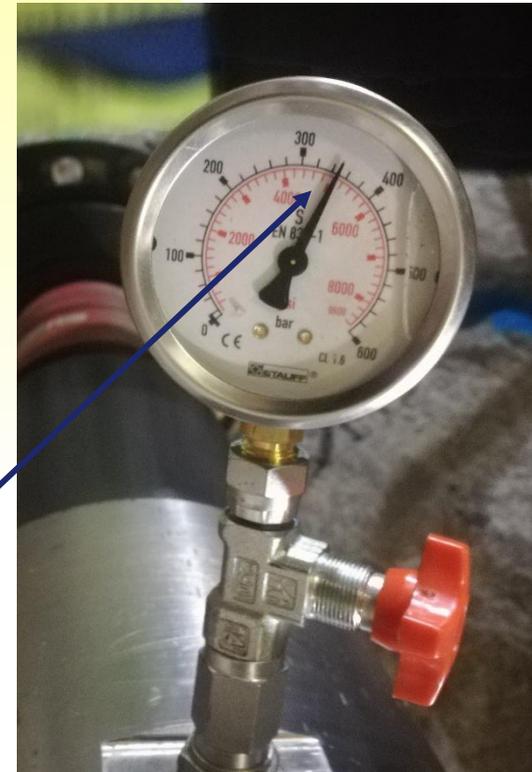
10:16 – 10:23

722 events on sensors in MB7

Not correlated with activity in Welltec borehole

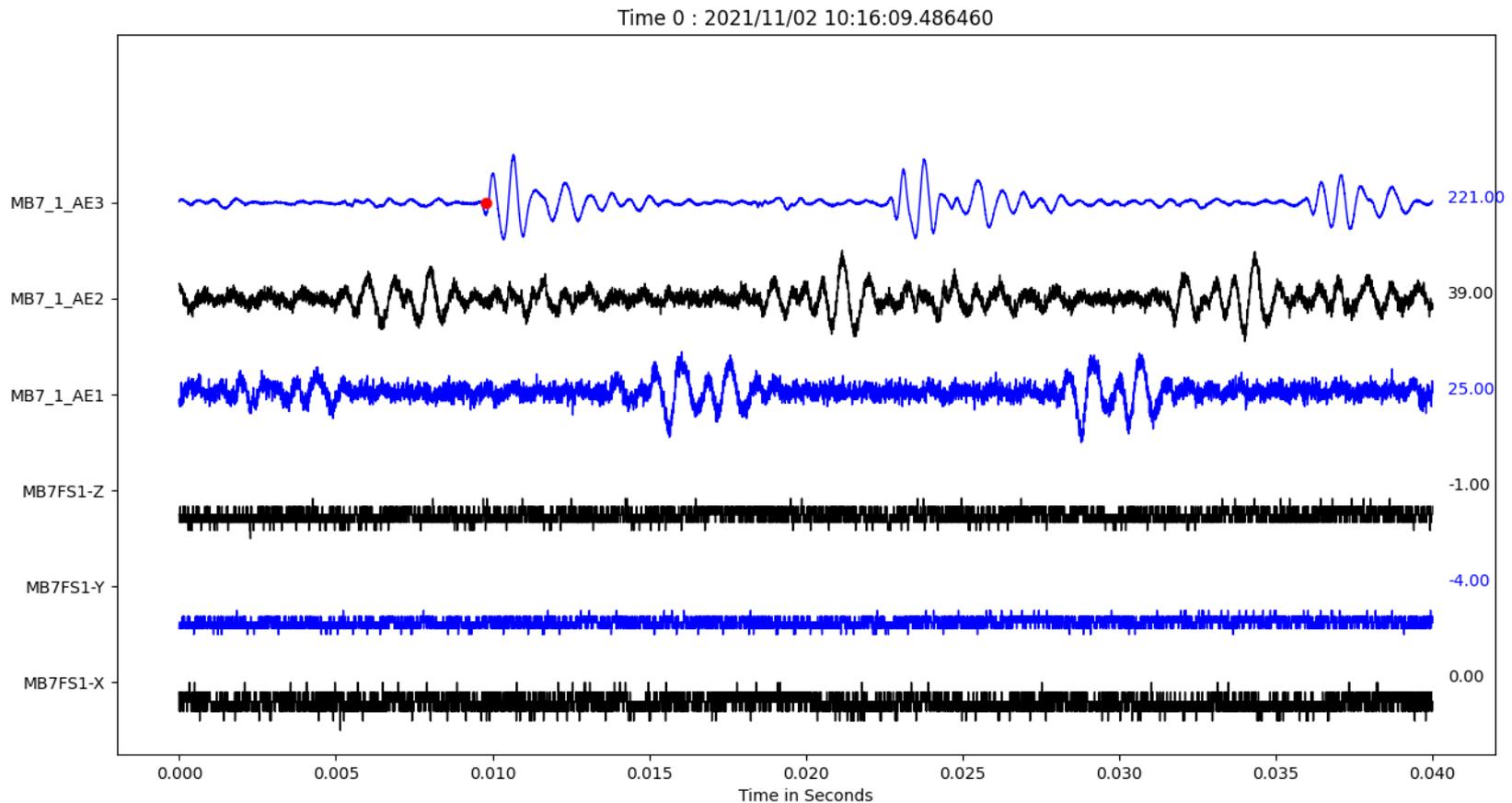
Calibration problem of pressure sensor

On the manometer = 35 MPa



2.1 Interval 1 Frac cycles 02.11.2021

- ❑ 722 events detected on sensors in MB7, also detected in MB1, MB3, MB4, MB5, MB8
- ❑ Not correlated with activity in Welltec borehole
- ❑ Most likely a piezo firing because really regular and frequent



2.2 Interval 1 Frac cycles 02.11.2021

Welltec interval	Activity	Date Time	Duration (min)	Number of "Frac-events"	"Frac-events" rate per min	Seismic Events at single sensor	"Single Sensor Seismic-events" rate per min	Inflow Interval (Injection) (l/min)	Interval uphole pressure (Mpa)	Welltec annulus outflow (l/min)
1	Shut-in	02.11.2021 09:02	8.33	3	0.36	0	0.00		7.45	2.52
1	Frac-cycle 1	02.11.2021 09:10	25.45	9	0.35	2	0.08	1.25	35	3.04
1	Shut-in	02.11.2021 09:35	18.95	7	0.37	1	0.05		35	2.35
1	Opening Shut-in valve	02.11.2021 09:54	28.27	16	0.57	3	0.11		0.24	2.56
	End events observation	02.11.2021 10:23								

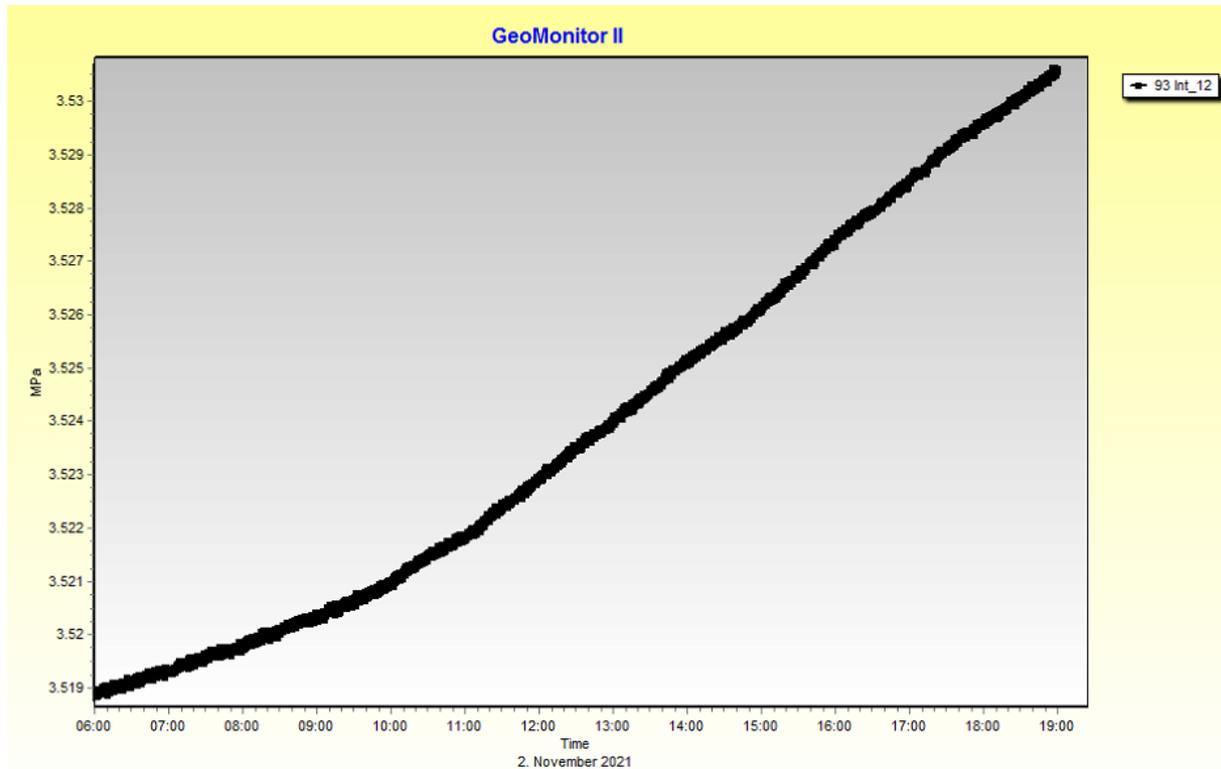
- Red = higher than Standard-deviation, Blue = lower than Standard-dev.
- "Frac-events": Higher rates when open shut-in valve after post-injection shut-in
- "Single Sensor Seismic-events": Higher rates when shut-in valve is open after post-injection shut-in
 - Need to control this by looking at the seismic events of the following frac cycles
 - However, the piezo firing probably hides the signals.

Opening of Sliding Sleeve of Interval 1 failed
 -> injection into the casing/a closed system

- Less outflow through annulus when shut-in, more outflow when injecting
 - Pressure increase inside casing causes a ballooning of the casing, pushing against borehole wall/fractures

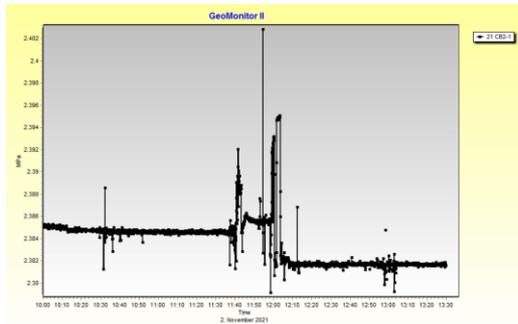
Statistics "Frac-events"	Statistics "Single Sensor Seismic-events"
Mean	Mean
0.41	0.06
Standard-dev	Standard-dev
0.09	0.04

2.2 Interval 1 Reaction ST1 Interval 12

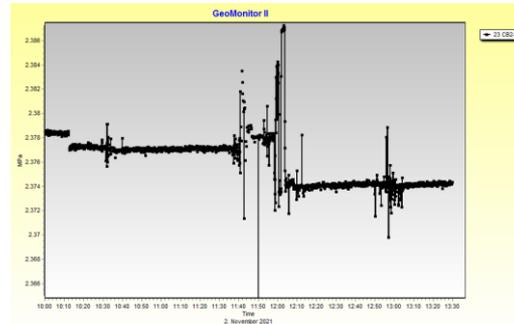


2.2 Interval 1 Reaction CB2 Intervals

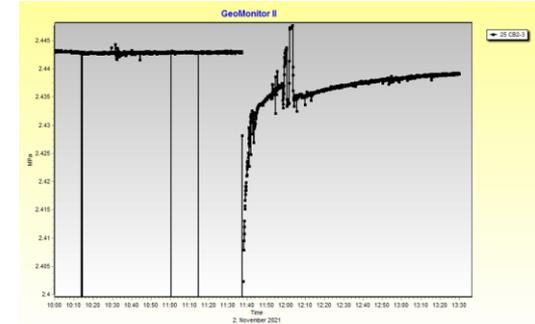
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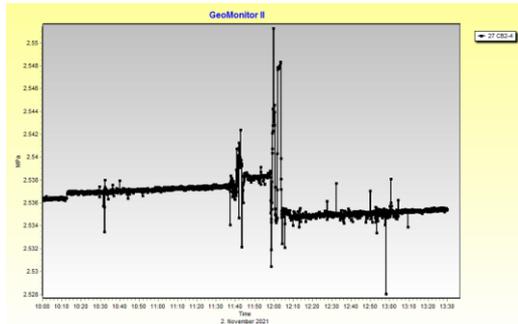
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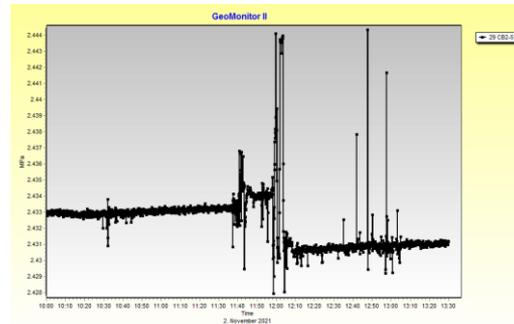
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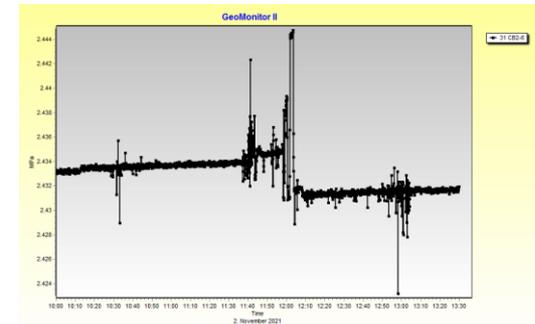
CB2-4



CB2-5



CB2-6



- What happened on 02.11.2021?
 - Solexperts working on reinstalling the CB2 flowboard and connecting/disconnecting the sensors
 - Other possibilities??

General Conclusions

- ❑ 1 “real” seismic event detected on several boreholes and several channels during injection into a closed casing at a pressure of 28MPa (not at the pressure maximum of the injection)
- ❑ AE sensors detect the removal of the hydrochain out of ST2
- ❑ AE sensors detect events coming most likely from the tunnel
- ❑ AE sensors detect piezo firing signals, thus it is important to filter them out for the statistic analysis
- ❑ Statistic analysis of “Frac-events” and “Single Sensor Seismic-events”
 - ❑ A correlation with the injection- /shut-in-/ Open-valve activities or with the pressure / flow values is hard to find
 - ❑ It is noticeable that the rates that are out of standard deviation happen rather at the end of a succession of activities. This is true for closed and open sliding sleeves. What it means is unclear.

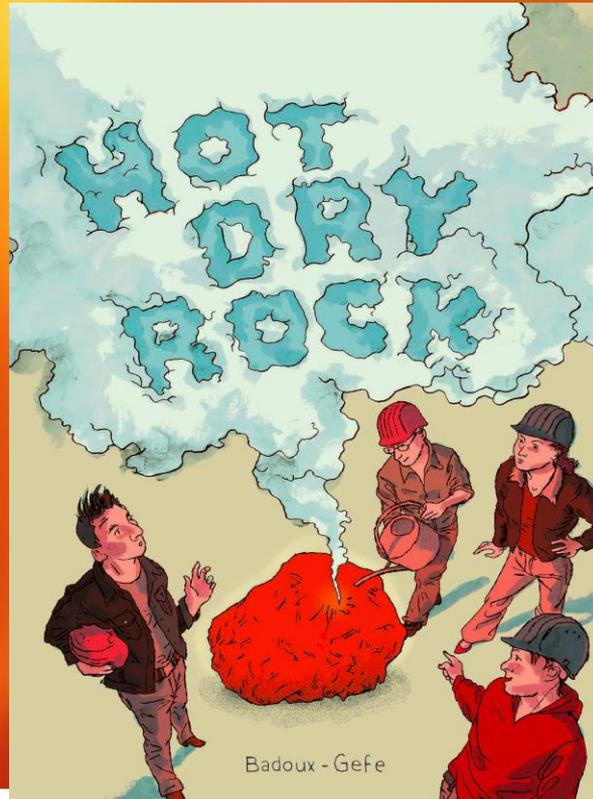
Conclusions

- ❑ Did the ETH monitoring system detect seismic events during the packer expansion?
 - ❑ *It was not running at that moment.*
- ❑ Did the ETH monitoring system detect seismic events during the injections tests?
 - ❑ *Yes, different types of events were detected.*
- ❑ Could the packer expansion cause axial fractures along the packers and thus, a flow bypass?
- ❑ Could the injection into the closed casing (ballooning effect) cause new fractures?
- ❑ Could the injection into the open interval stimulate fractures?
 - ❑ *It is a possibility. It is hard to answer to these questions because:*
 - ❑ *- the analyzed time frames are small and don't give a global overview during the injections tests.*
 - ❑ *- the injection into the closed system or into the reservoir has an effect on the flow-rates coming out of the annulus between the borehole and the casing...*
 - ❑ *-... but a correlation of the different types of detected seismic events with the injection- /shut-in-/ Open-valve activities or with the pressure / flow values is hard to find.*
 - ❑ *- 1 "real" seismic event was detected on several boreholes and several channels during injection into a closed casing at a pressure of 28MPa (not at the pressure maximum of the injection) but it was the first time the casing was re-pressurized since the packer expansion (also a pressure increase in a closed casing).*

Possible next steps

- ❑ Localize the 1 “real” seismic event detected on 22.10.2021
- ❑ Further Statistic analysis “Frac-events” or “Single Sensor Seismic-events”
 - ❑ Observe the time interval on 02.11.2021 during the Frac-cycles 2 – 5 with the hope that the piezo firing stops after a while.

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