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CO₂ geological storage

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An aerial photograph showing a long, modern building with a grey facade and a balcony, situated on a hillside. The building is surrounded by green trees and a clear blue lake in the background. The sky is bright blue.

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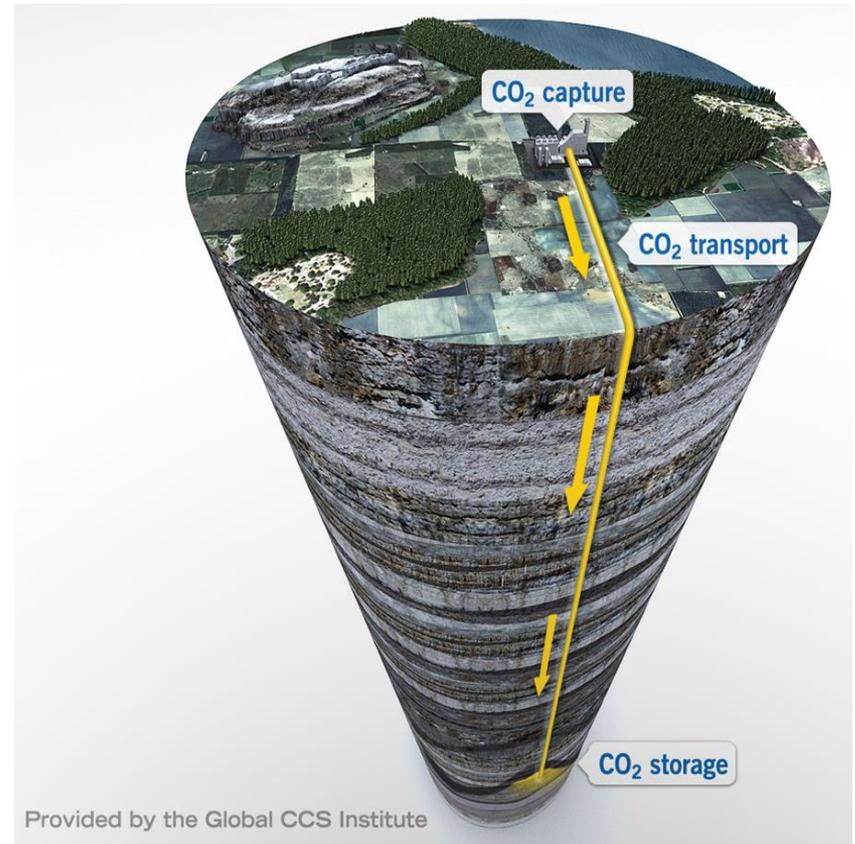
Feet in the sun head in the shade, let science blossom



Outline

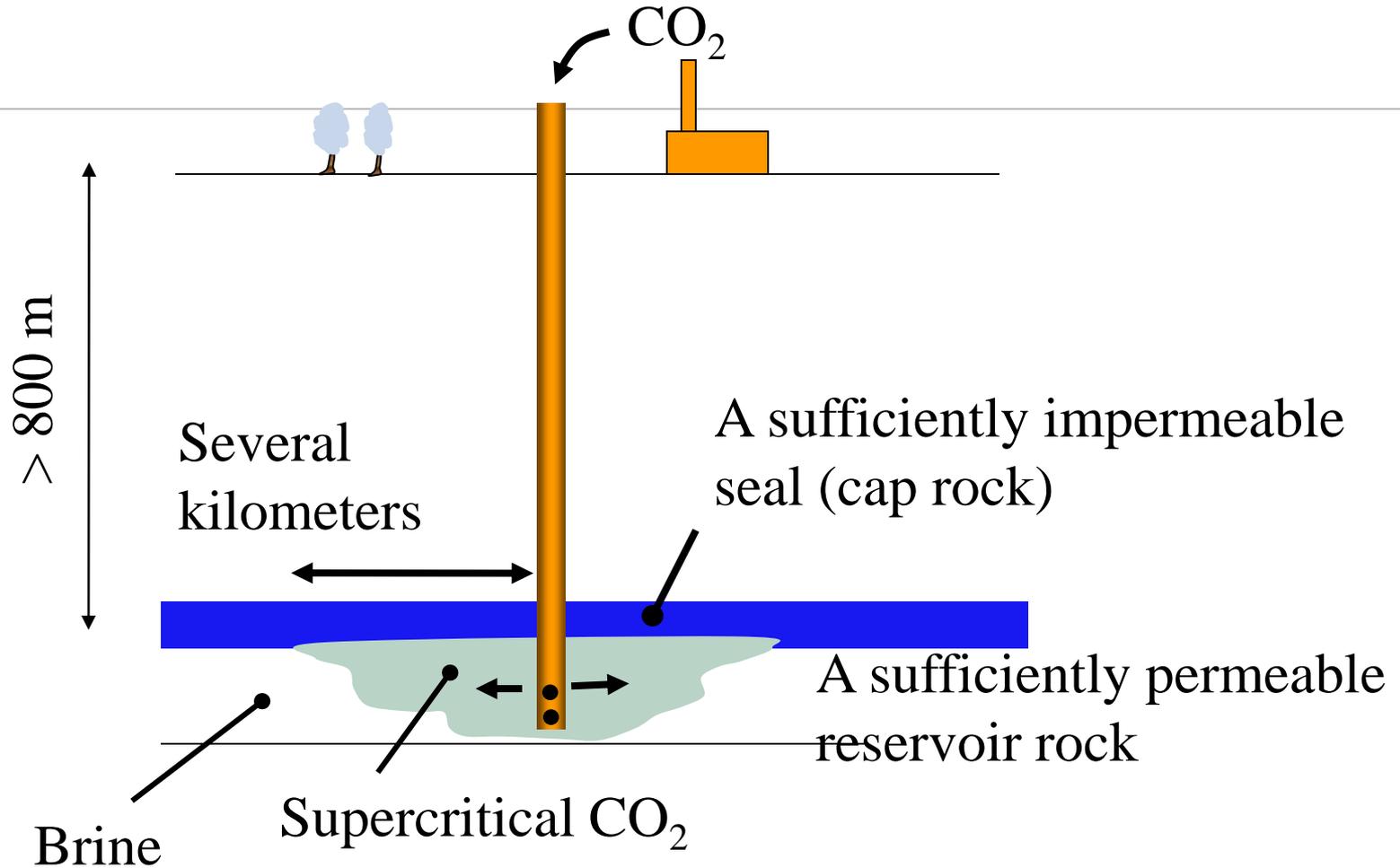
- what is CCS
- role for global climate goals and present status
- key processes

- Example 1: Determining residual trapping in-situ
- Example 2: How to model CO₂ injection and storage in large scale





Principle of CCS

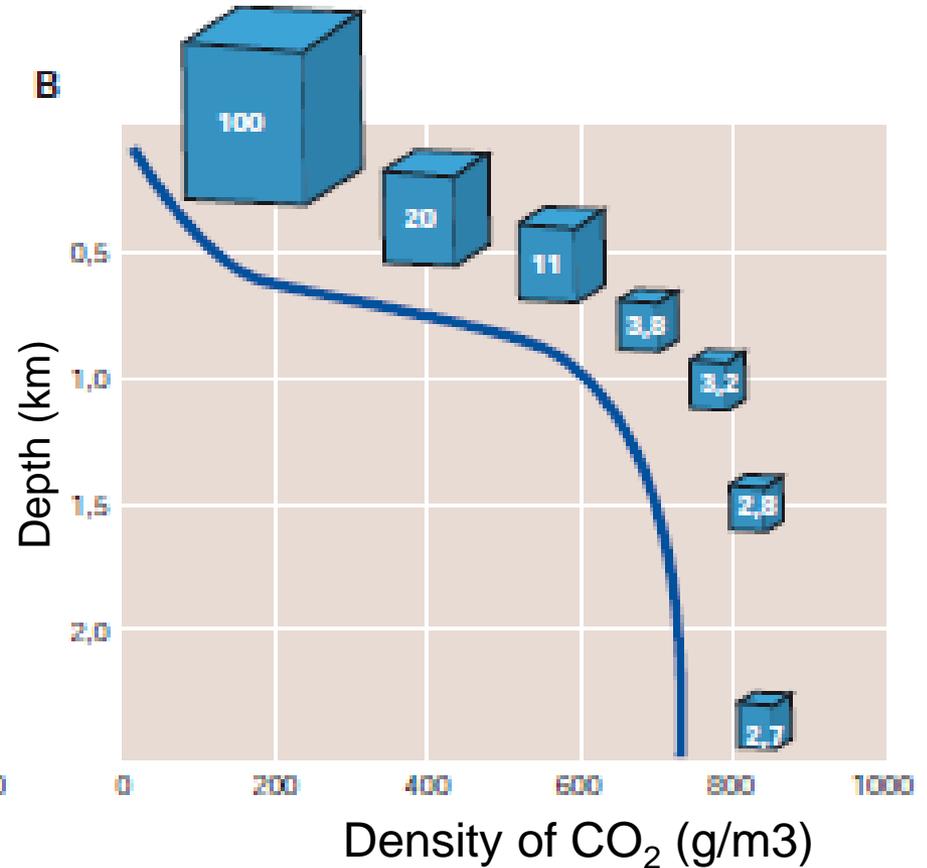
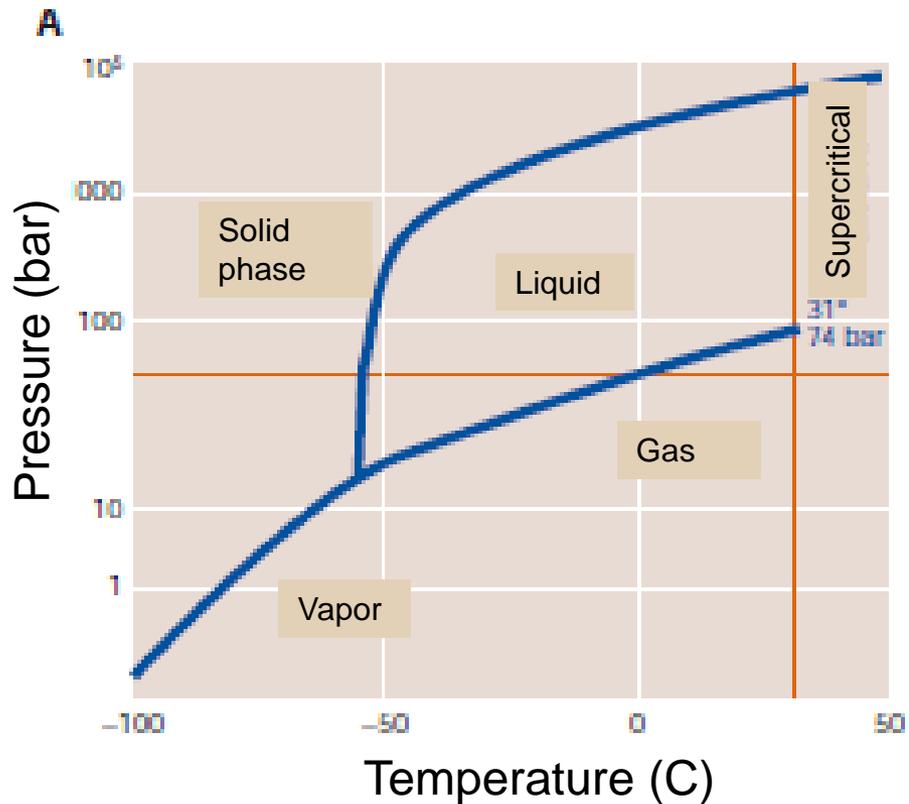


- Density: $\rho_{\text{CO}_2} / \rho_{\text{brine}} \approx 0.2-1.0$
- Viscosity: $\mu_{\text{CO}_2} / \mu_{\text{brine}} \approx 0.03-0.1$

- Supercritical CO₂ an excellent solvent
- Subtle phase changes during leakage



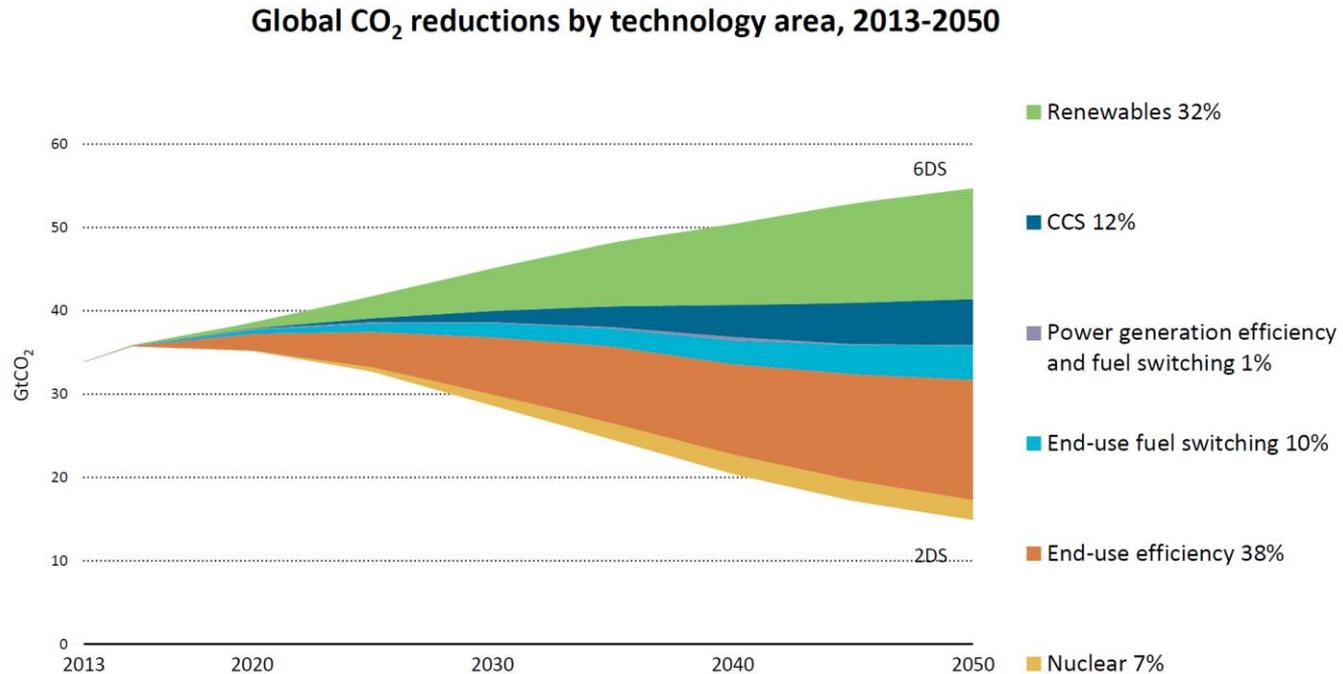
Conditions such that CO₂ naturally in supercritical form – volume decreases





Estimate of role of CCS in reducing atmospheric CO₂

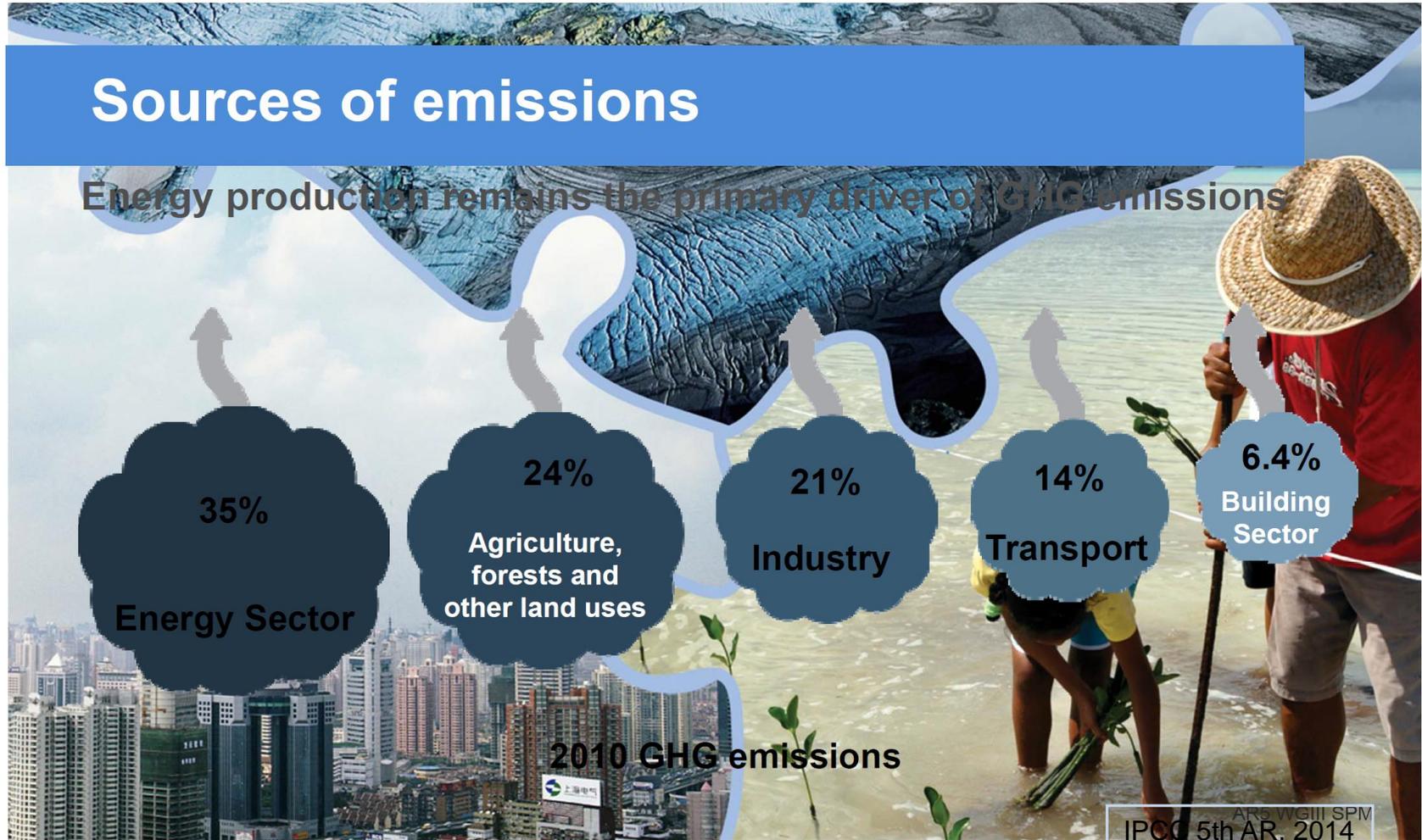
- **IEA ETP: CCS plays a key role in 2°C scenario**



- **Global CCS Institute** assessment (*Major strides in 2017 for CCS*): CCS critical if Paris Agreement climate goals are to met.



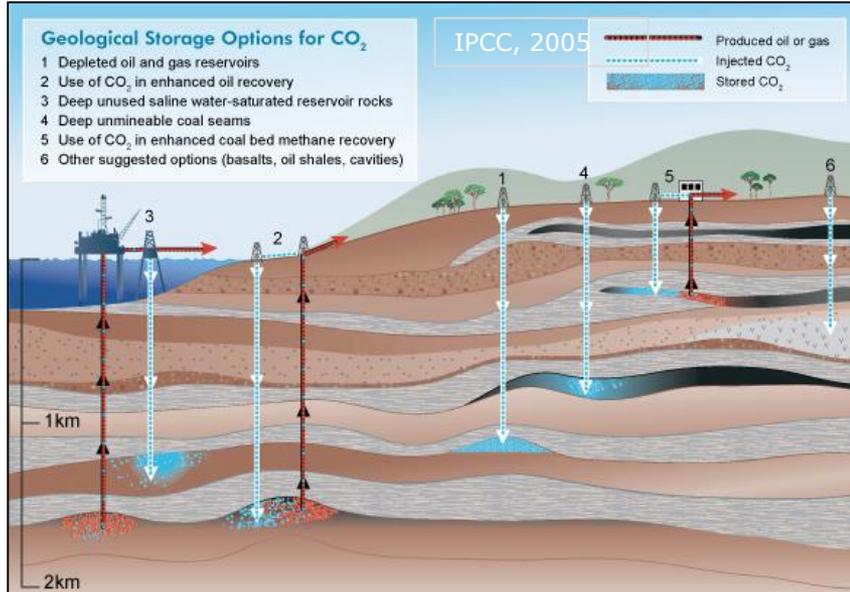
Sources of emissions



Source; Tim Dixon, IEAGHG, May 2017



Options for Geological Storage



- deep saline aquifers
- depleted oil and gas fields
- unmineable coal seams
- other options (e.g. basalts)

Depleted oil/gas fields:

- Well understood, lot of data, EOR possibility, proven capability to hold hydrocarbons
- Extensively drilled (leaks?), not sufficient volumetric capacity

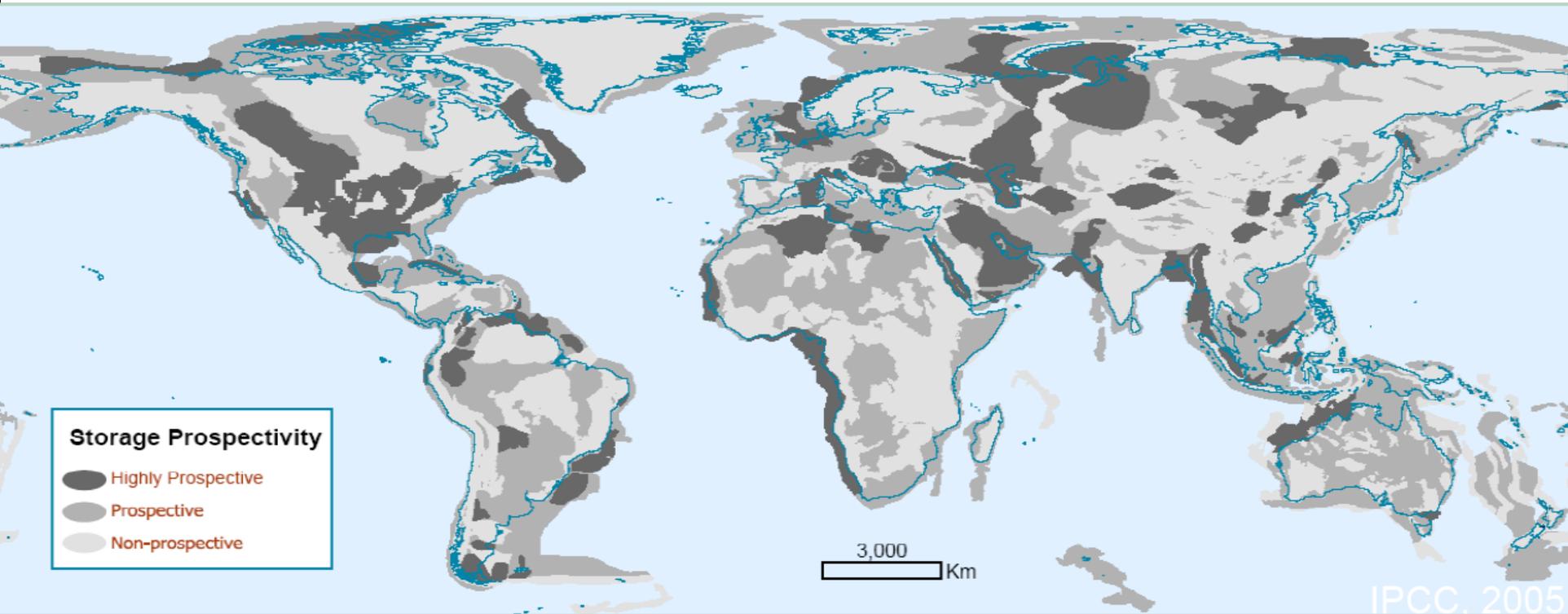
Deep saline formations

- Largest overall capacity
- Less previous data, not as well demonstrated (sealing capacity)



Saline aquifers

(Geological formations containing water that is too brackish for potable purposes)



Current global estimates suggest CO₂ storage capacity in saline aquifers could be as large as 10,000 billion tonnes.

175 billion tonnes worth of storage would allow us to halt the rate in growth of global emissions for around 50 years.



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Global CCS facilities in operation or under construction for permanent storage



Source: Global Status of CCS 2017; Global CCS Institute



1 BSCSP Basalt	16 MGSC Sugar Creek EOR Phase II	31 SECARB - Stacked Storage Project Cranfield Phase II
2 Carbfix	17 MGSC Tanquary ECBM Phase II	32 SECARB - Mississippi Saline Reservoir Test Phase II
3 CarbonNet	18 Mountaineer	33 South West Hub (Collie South West Hub)
4 CIDA China	19 MRCSP Appalachian Basin (Burger) Phase II	34 Surat Basin CCS Project (Previously Wandoan)
5 CS Energy Callide Oxyfuel Project	20 MRCSP Cincinnati Arch (East Bend) Phase II	35 SWP San Juan Basin Phase II
6 CSEMP	21 MRCSP Michigan Basin Phase II	36 Teapot Dome, Wyoming
7 Fenn/Big Valley	22 Nagaoka Pilot CO2 Storage Project	37 Total Lacq
8 Frio, Texas	23 Otway I (Stage I)	38 West Pearl Queen
9 JCOP Yubari/Ishikari ECBM Project	24 Otway II Project (Stage 2A,B)	39 WESTCARB Arizona Pilot (Cholla)
10 K12B	25 PCOR Lignite	40 WESTCARB Northern California CO2 Reduction Project
11 Ketzin	26 PCOR Williston Basin -Phase II (NE Mcgregor Field)	41 WESTCARB Rosetta-Calpine test 1
12 Marshall County	27 PennWest Energy EOR Project	42 WESTCARB Rosetta-Calpine test 2
13 Masdar/ADCO Pilot project	28 Recopol	43 Western Kentucky
14 MGSC loudon Field EOR Phase II	29 SECARB - Black Warrior Basin Coal Seam Project	44 Zerogen Project
15 MGSC Mumford Hills EOR Phase II	30 SECARB - Central Appalachian Coal Seam Project	

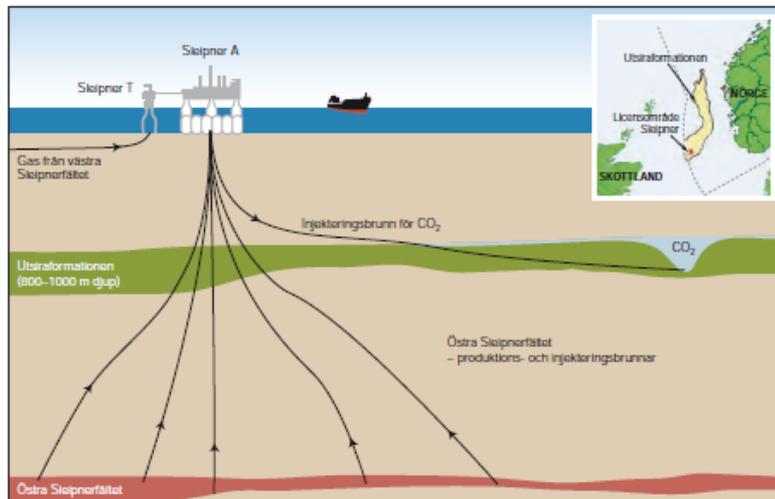
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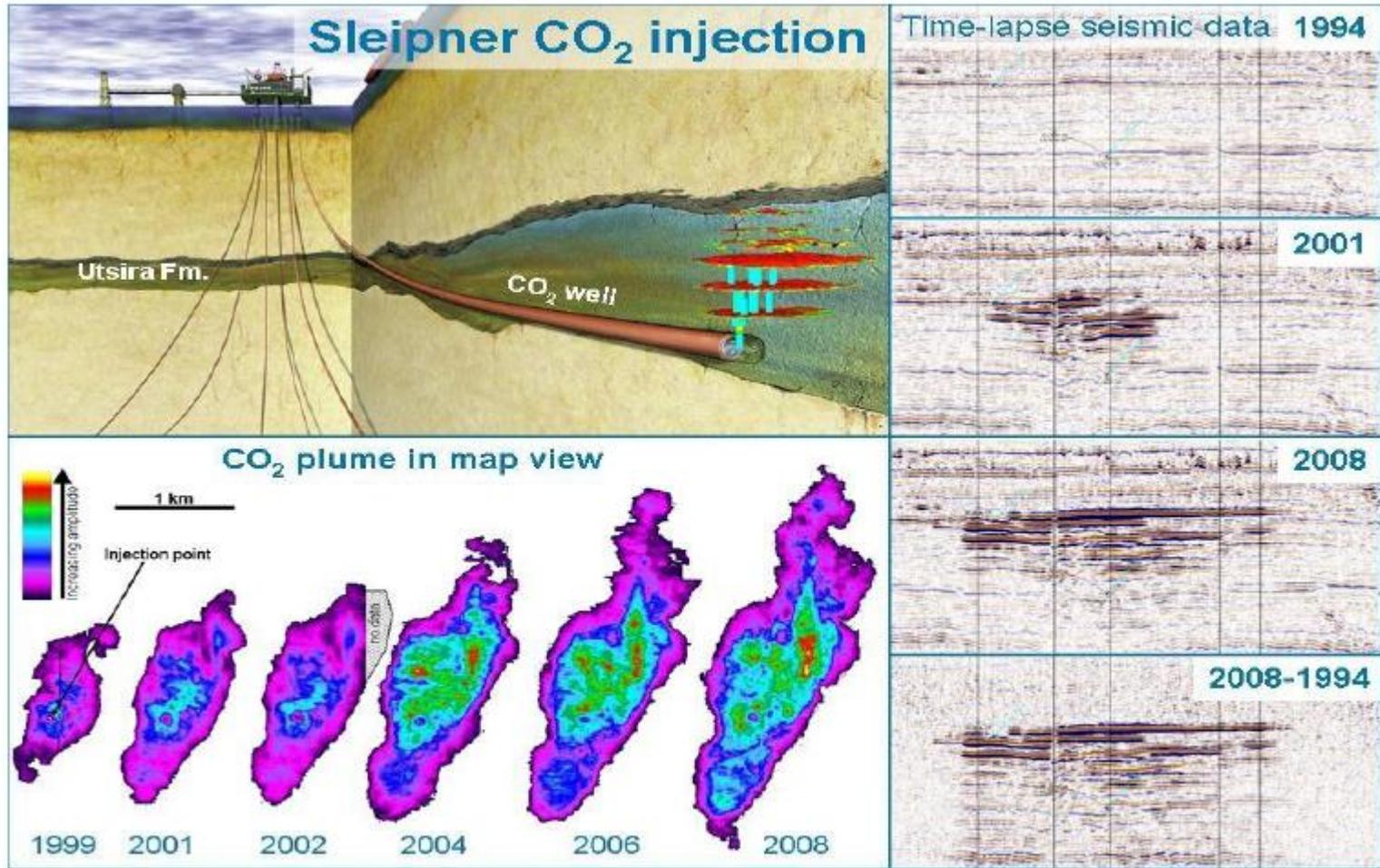
Example of flagship industrial project - Sleipner (North Sea)

- longest running environmentally motivated CCS project
- operating since 1996
- Ideal storage reservoir (uniform, thick, extensive, high porosity, high permeability reservoir layer, thick seal of shale)





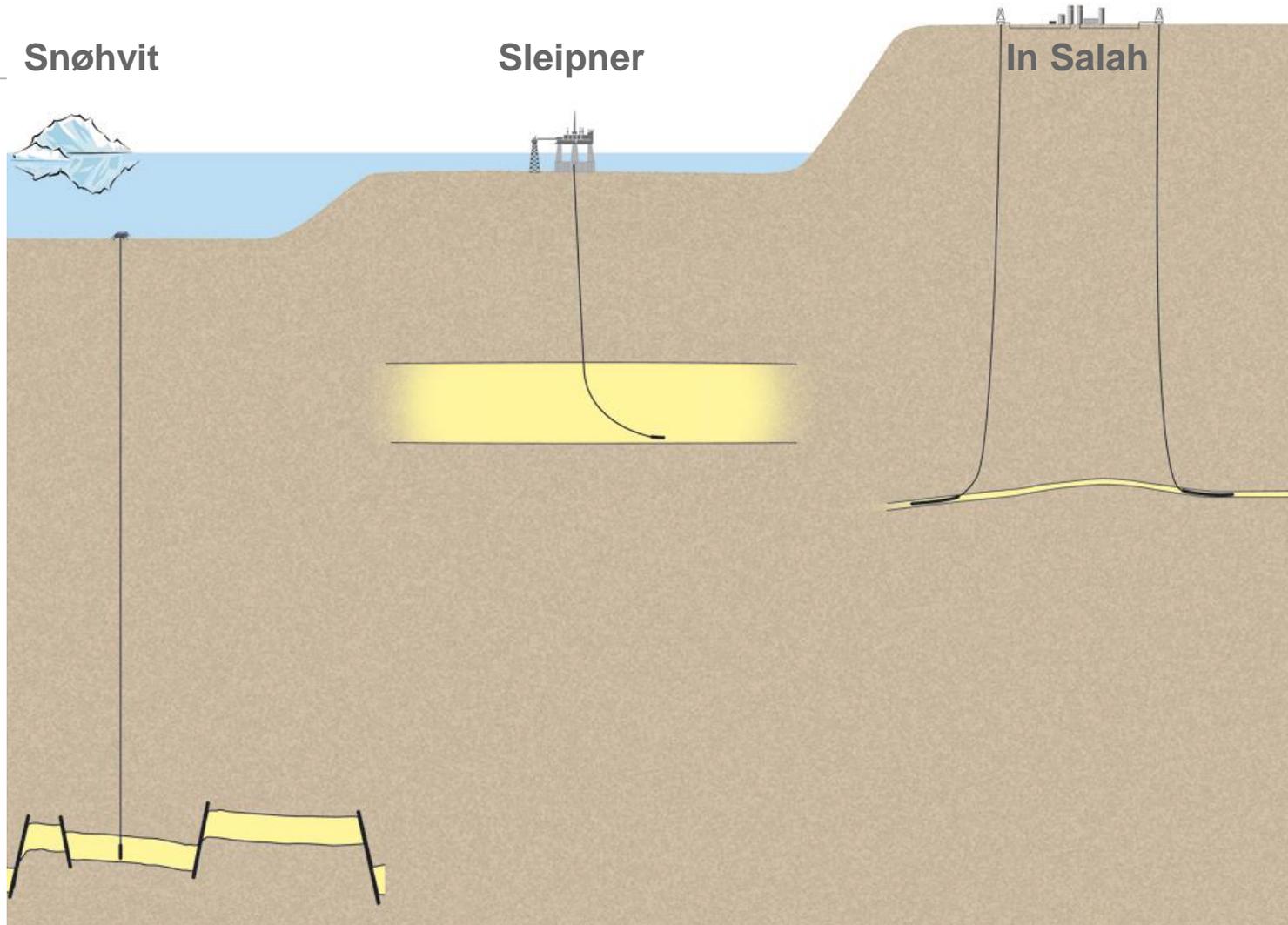
Seismic monitoring to observe the plume at Sleipner





Statoil's CO₂ Storage Sites

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How is CO₂ stored in the deep aquifer?

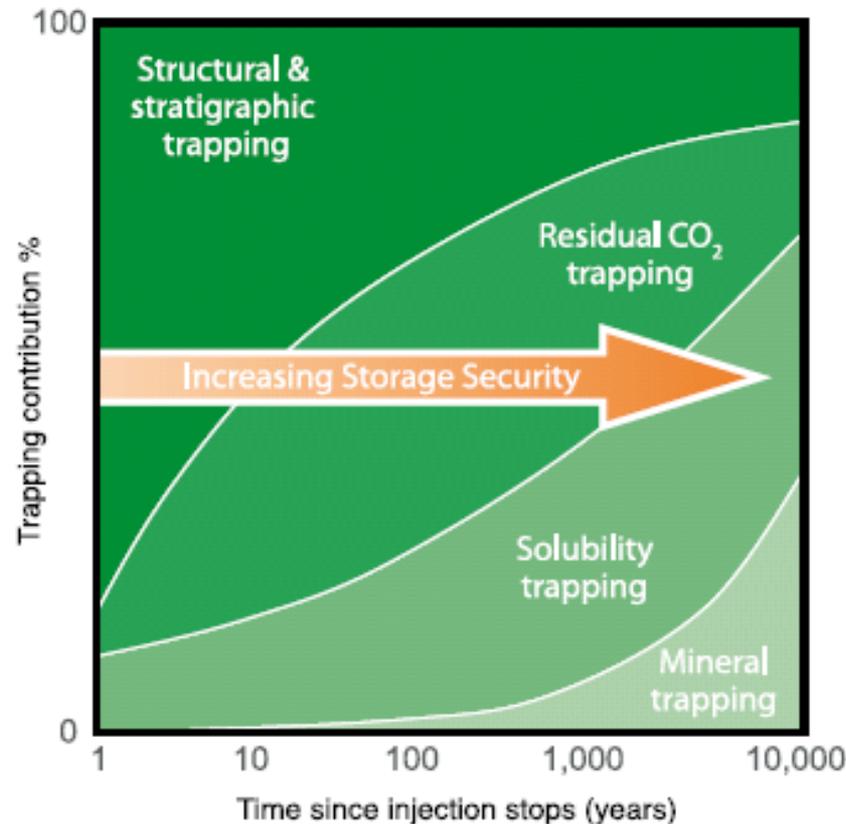
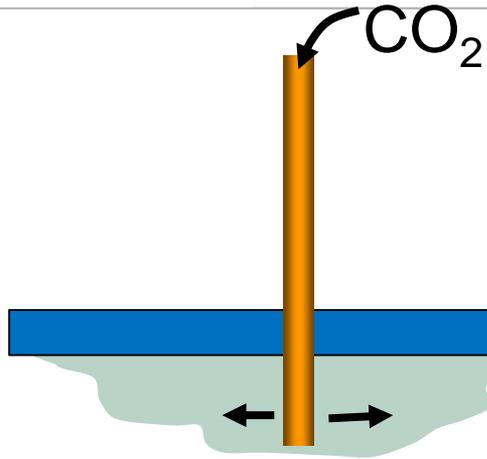


Figure 5.9 Storage security depends on a combination of physical and geochemical trapping. Over time, the physical process of residual CO₂ trapping and geochemical processes of solubility trapping and mineral trapping increase. IPCC (2005)



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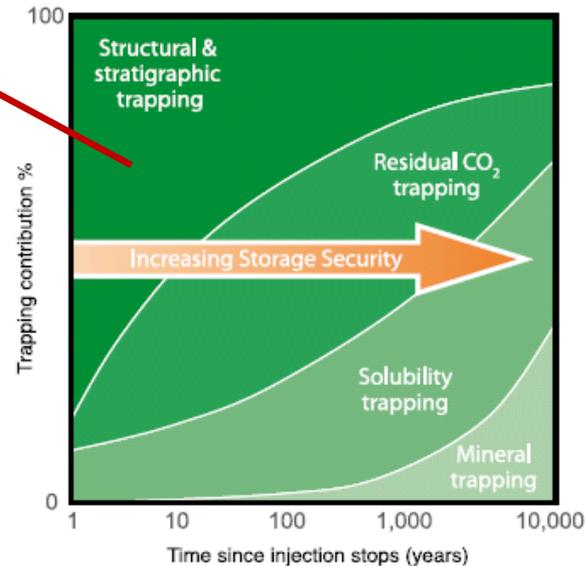
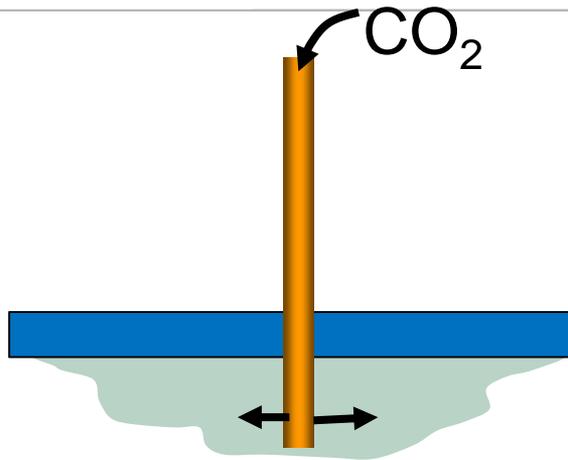


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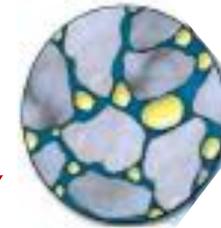
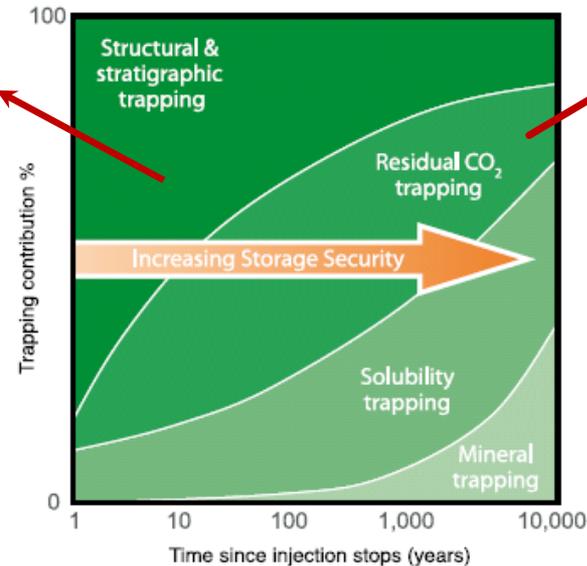


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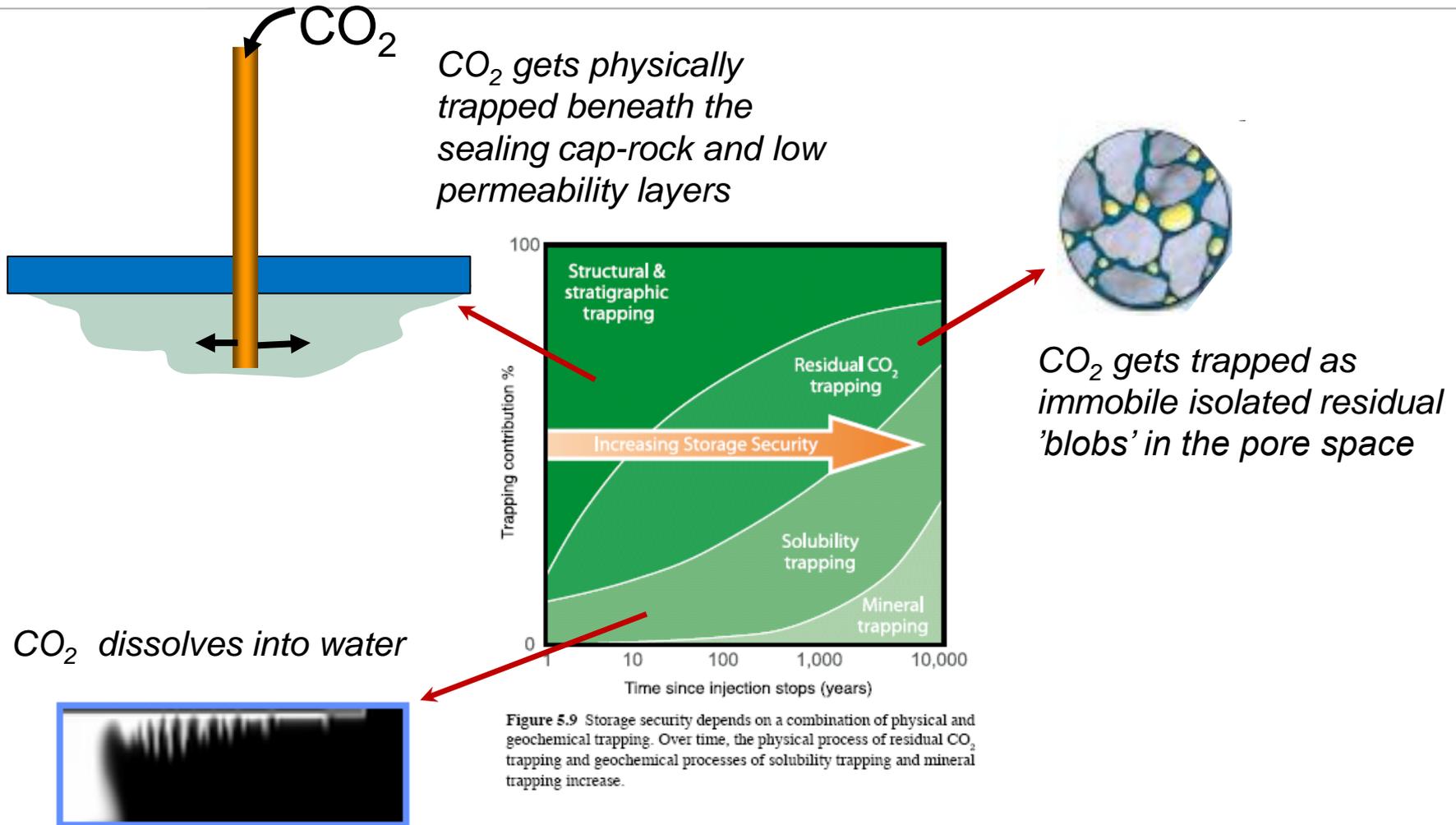
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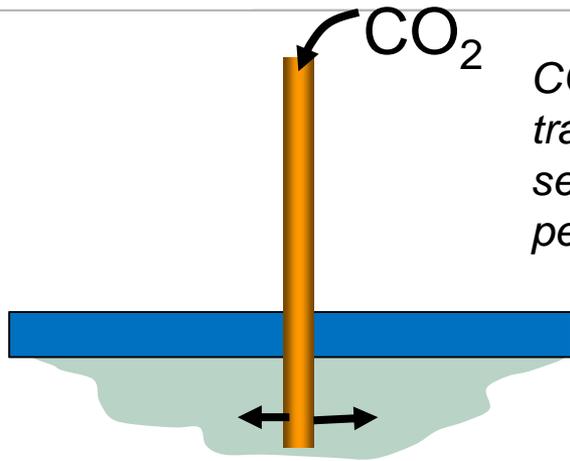
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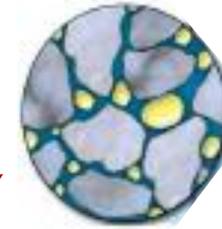


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CO₂ dissolves into water

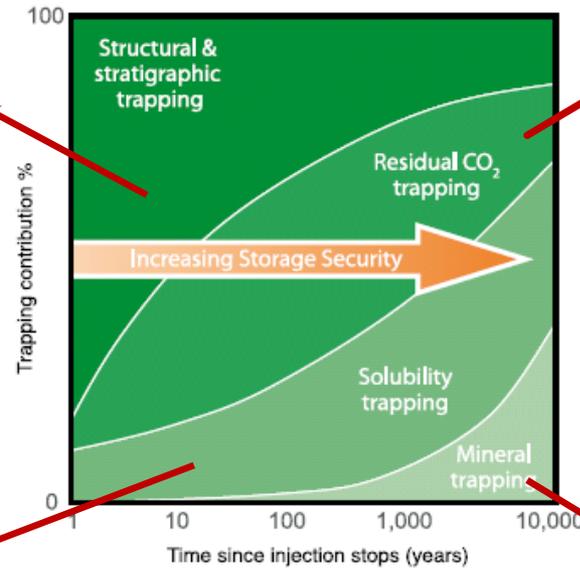
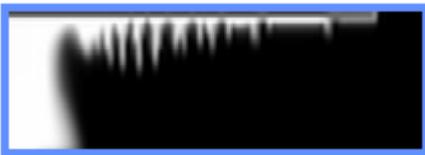
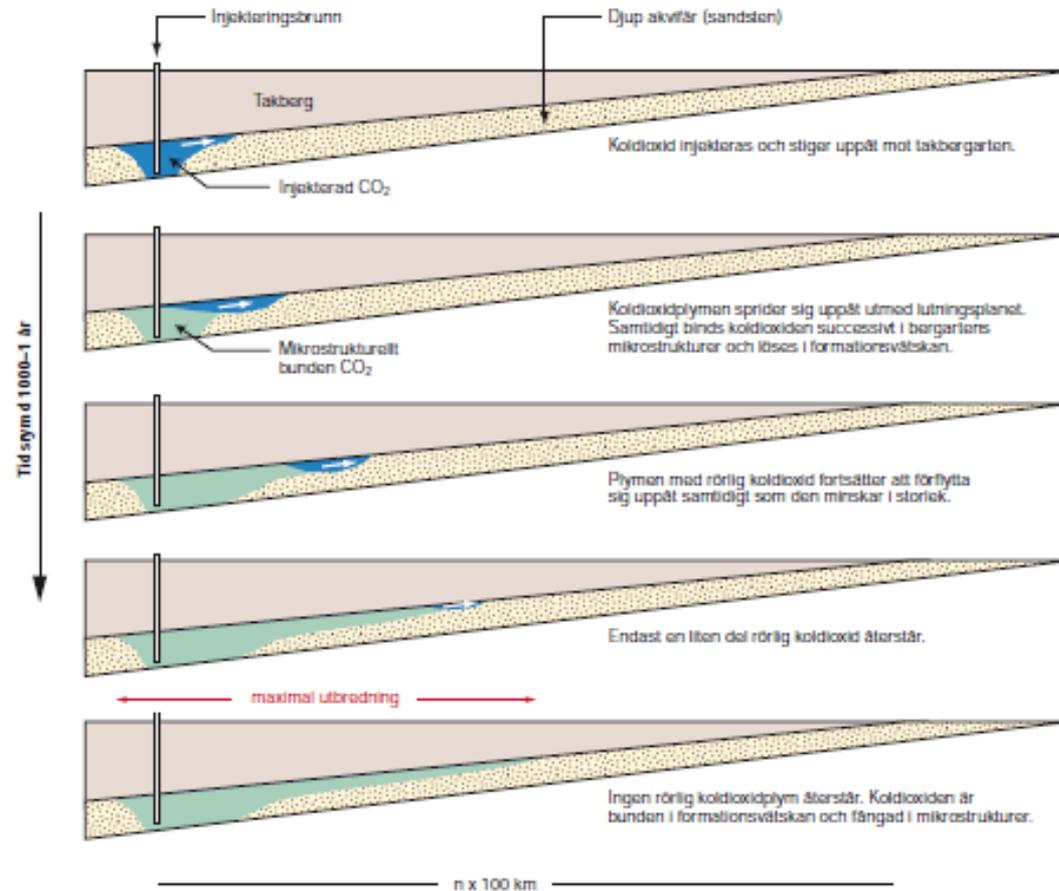


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CO₂ converts into solid minerals



Evolution from mobile to residual CO₂





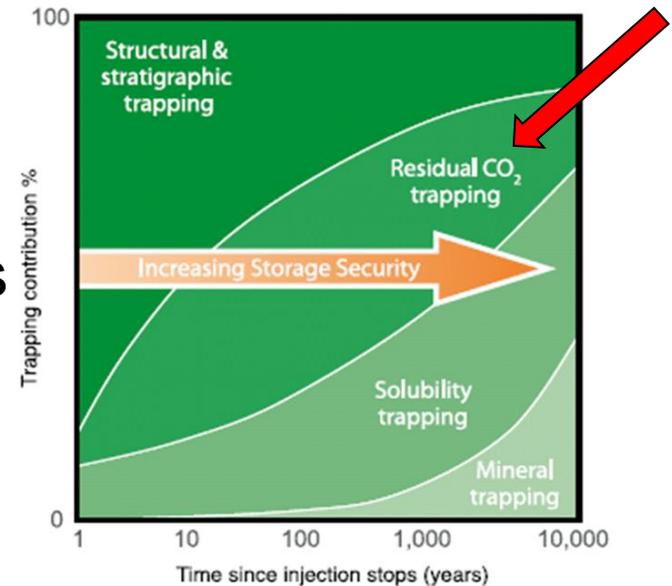
Processes to be modelled

- **multiphase non-isothermal flow of brine and CO₂** (TOUGH2/ECO2N, ECLIPSE, PFLOTRAN)
- coupled to **hydromechanics** (important not to damage the cap-rock, or to create induced seismicity) (TOUGH2/FLAC 3D)
- coupled to **reactive chemistry** (dissolution and precipitation processes) (TOUGHREACT)
- **special challenge: large scale** of the domains to be modelled, while the key underlying processes are affected by small-scale behavior (approaches of increasing accuracy: simplified analytical/semianalytical models > full 3D models e.g. TOUGH-MP)



Determining residual trapping

- Residual saturation is a **site specific property** and its magnitude has a big impact on storage capacity
- Can be determined
 - in the **laboratory** on core samples
 - from **field** experiments
- We address this at **Heletz, Israel** CO₂ injection site data





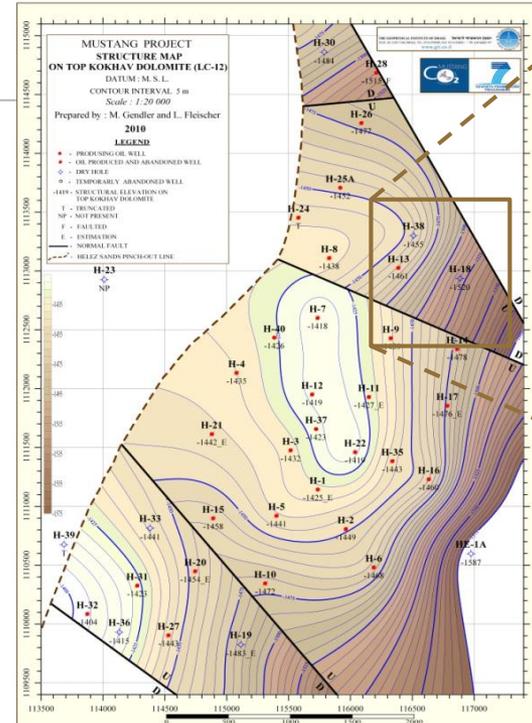
Heletz CO2 injection site

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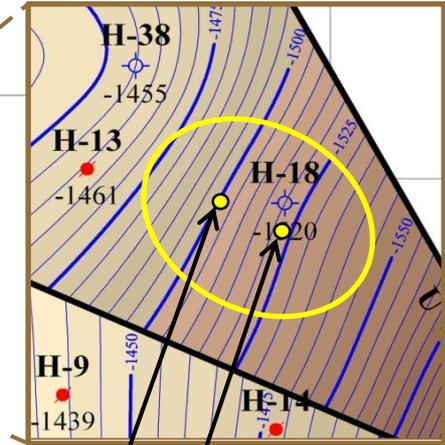
- Scientifically motivated CO₂ injection experiment site of scCO₂ injection to a reservoir layer at **1600 m depth**, with comprehensive monitoring and sampling
- Developed in the frame of EU FP7 projects MUSTANG and TRUST
- Well characterized

Target reservoir layers of total ~11 m thickness

Heletz



Heletz North

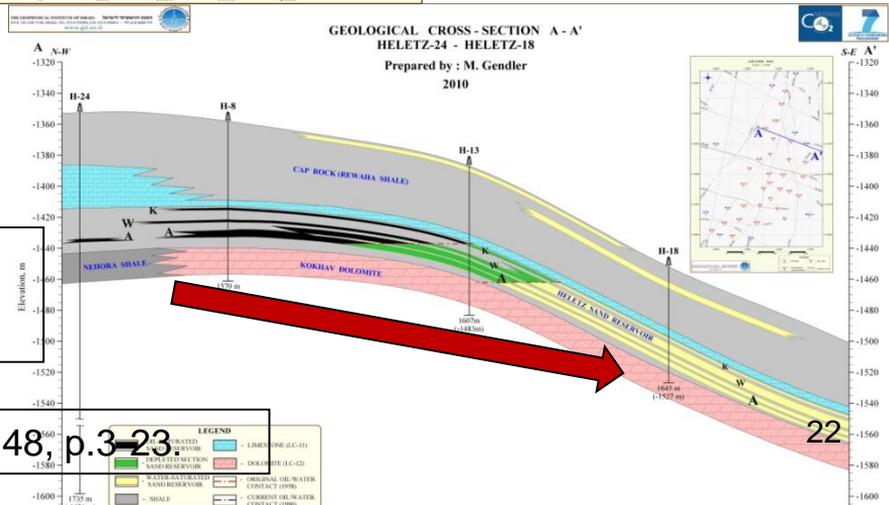


wells for CO₂ injection experiments

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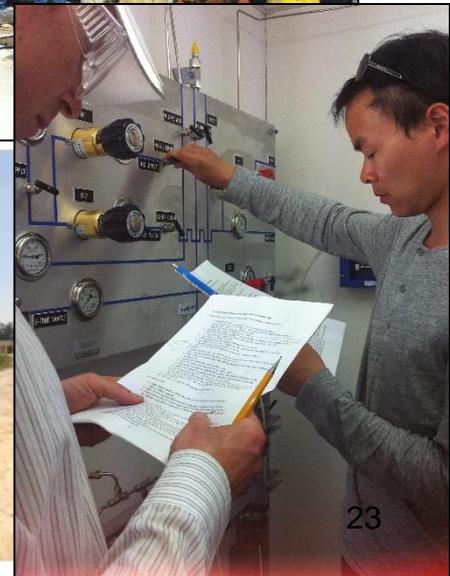
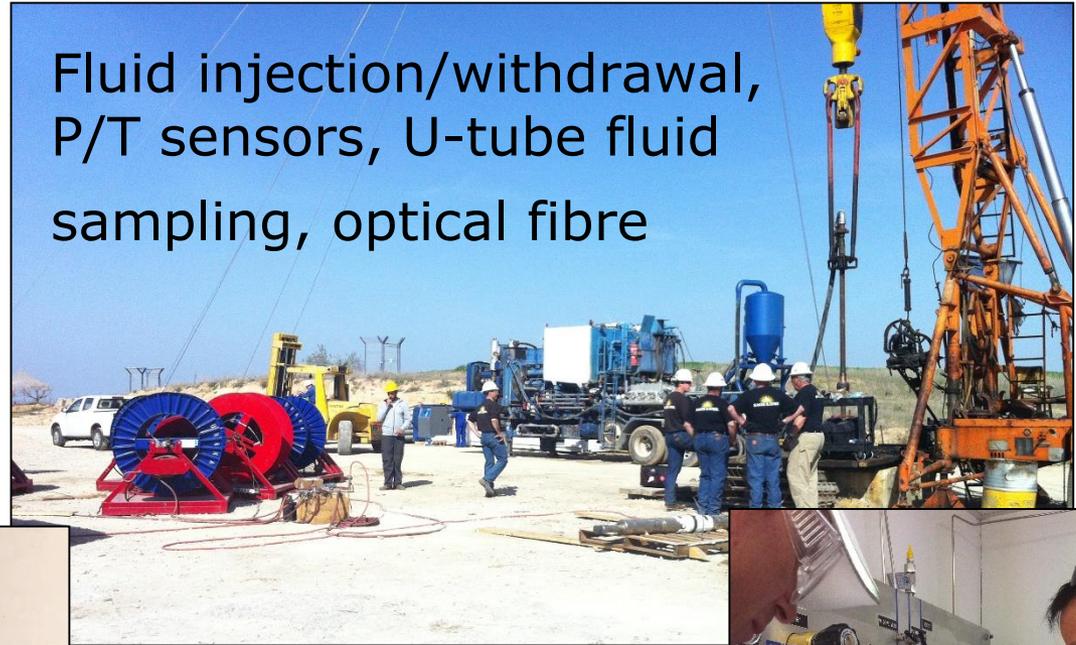
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Heletz – well instrumentation and injection system

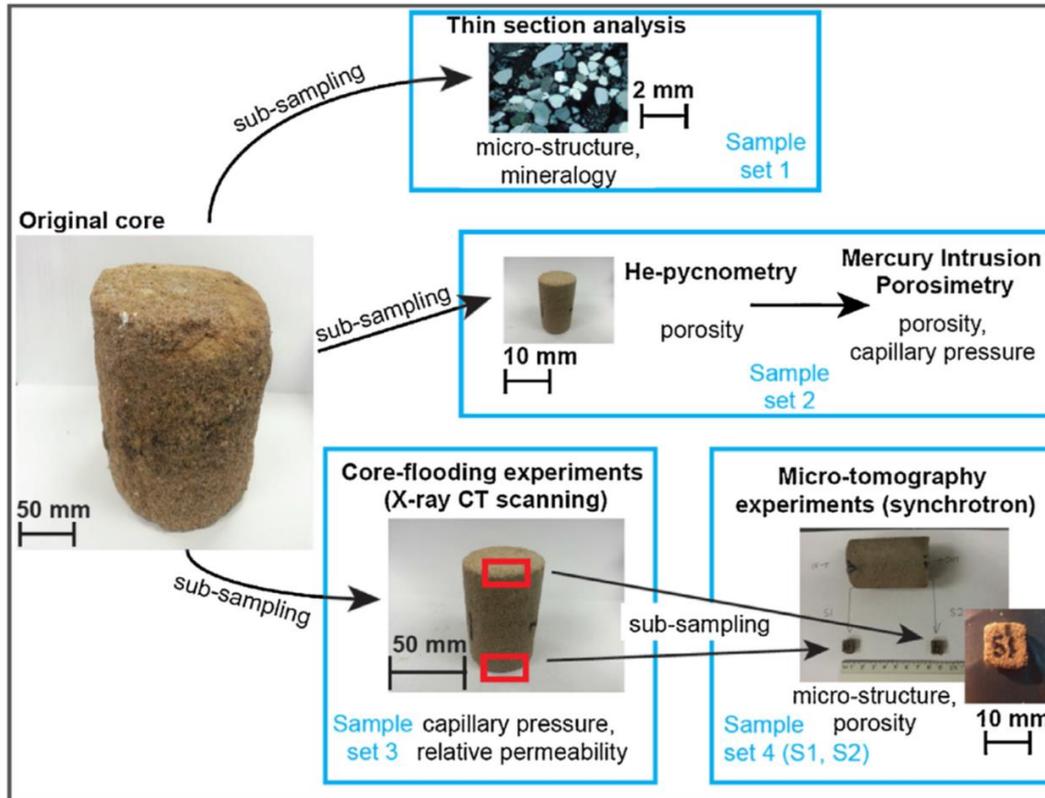




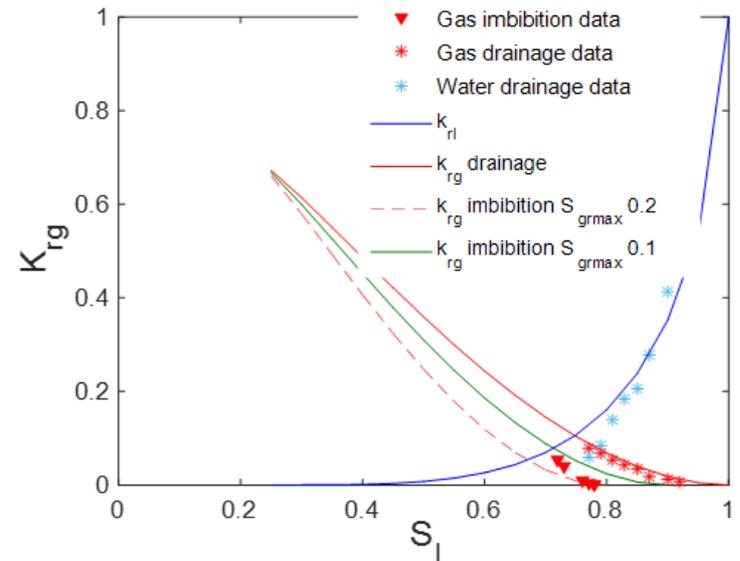
Determining residual saturation in the laboratory

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- work flow for the laboratory analysis (Hingerl et al., 2016)



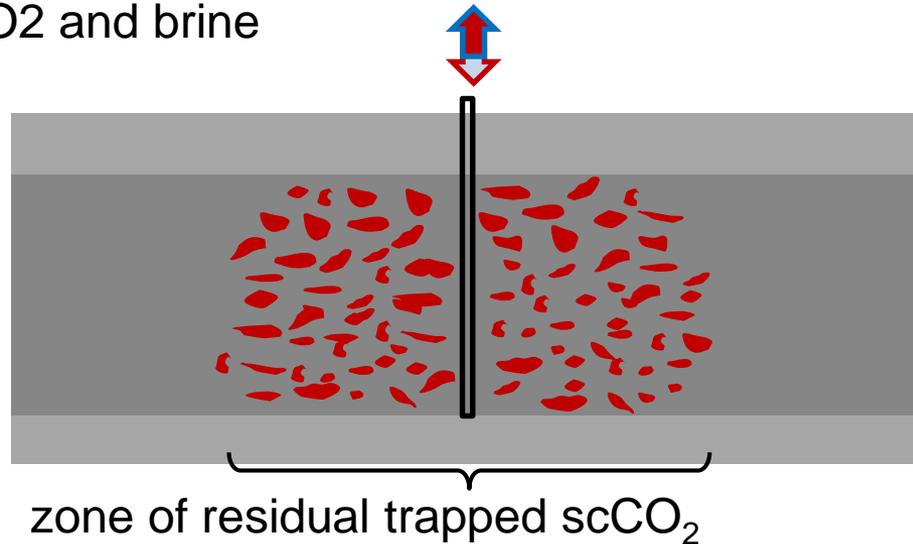
- laboratory determined relative permeability functions for Heletz cores (Hingerl et al., 2016)



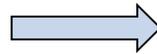


Principle of determining residual trapping in-situ

injection-withdrawal of
scCO₂ and brine



- Hydraulic tests
- Tracer tests
- Thermal tests



Estimate of residual trapping
when performed with and without
residually trapped CO₂

e.g. Yang et al. (2011) IJGCC Vol4, p 5044-5049, Rasmusson et al. (2014) IJGCC Vol 27, p155-168)

Otway, Australia experiment demonstrated that pressure signal was an effective measure for differentiating residual saturation of gas (S_{gr})

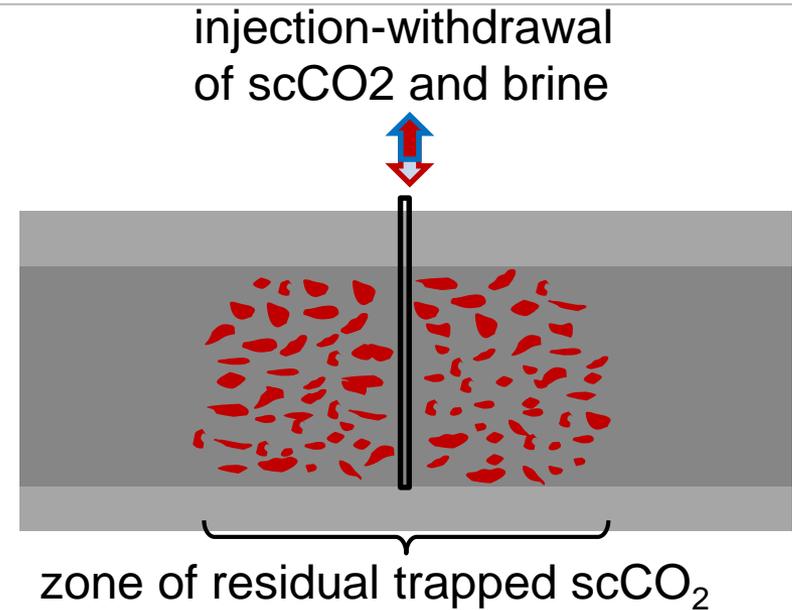
Paterson et al, 2011. CO2CRC report RPT11-3158



Creating the residually trapped zone

Option 1: Inject CO_2 , then pump it back and leave the residual zone behind

Option 2: Inject CO_2 , then inject CO_2 saturated water to push the CO_2 further and leave the residual zone behind



At Heletz, option 1 was used in first experiment, the achievement of residual zone was followed by evolution (i) **tracers¹** and (ii) **pressure difference in the borehole test interval** (pressure difference between the upper and lower sensor relates to the fluid composition (CO_2/water) in the interval, Option 2 in the second one

¹Rasmusson et al (2014) Analysis of alternative designs for push-pull ... *Int. J. of Greenhouse Gas Control*. Vol 27, pp 155-168



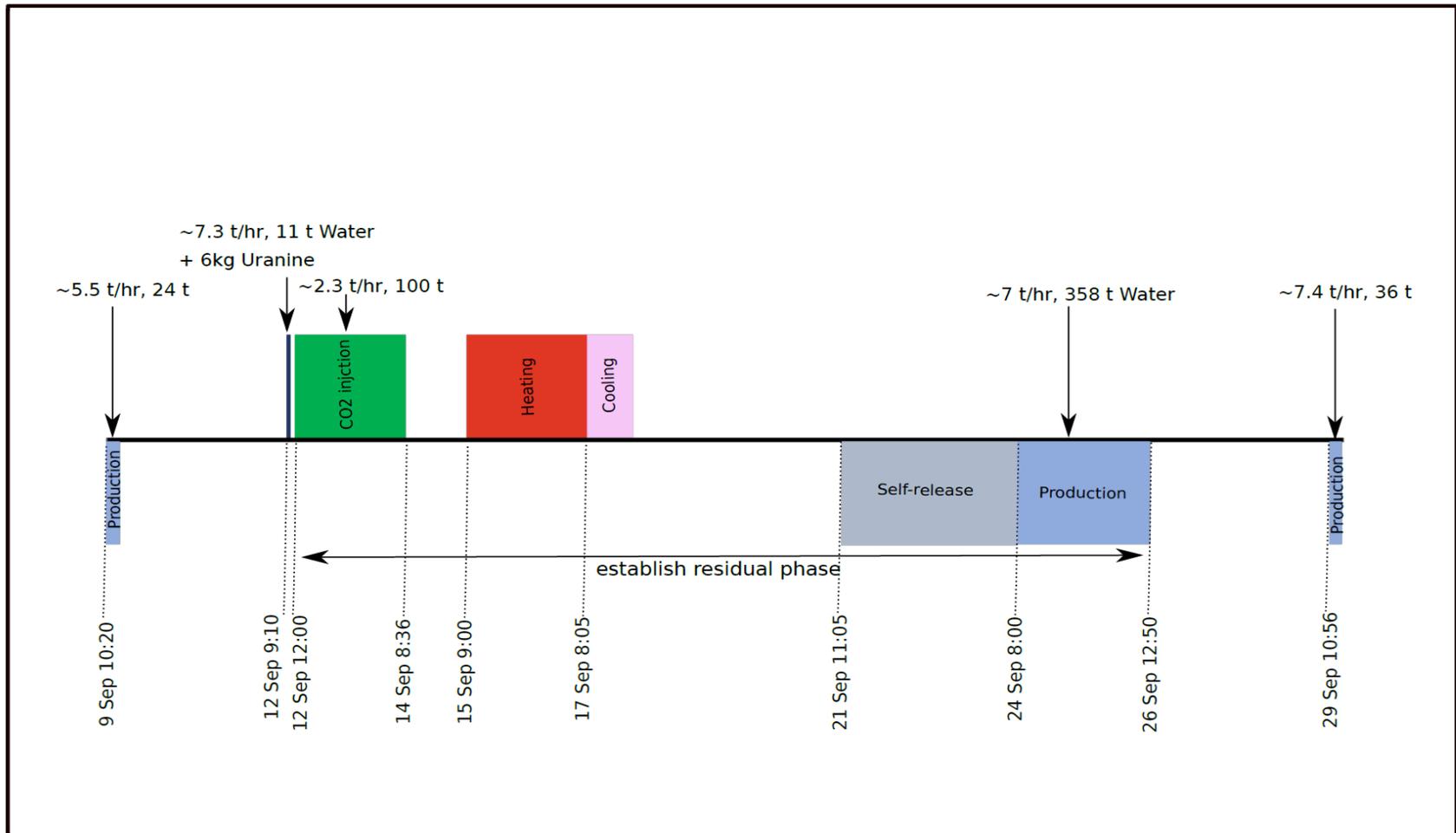
Residual Trapping Experiment I (Sept 2016) - Test sequence

- 1) **Hydraulic withdrawal test** for getting the pressure response **prior** to creating the residual CO₂ zone
 - 2) Inject indicator tracer (Rasmusson et al, 2014)
 - 3) Inject 100 tons of CO₂
 - 4) Withdraw of fluids **until residual saturation is reached** (follow both the tracer and the evolution of pressure difference in the well)
 - 5) **Hydraulic withdrawal test** for getting the pressure response **after** creating the residual CO₂ zone
- P/T was continuously monitored
 - CO₂ mass flowrate, temperature, pressure and density recorded
 - DTS was recorded during the entire sequence;
 - Downhole fluid sampling and measurement of high pressure pH and low pressure alkalinity and gas composition, as well as measurement of partial pressure of CO₂ were measured during the production phase.



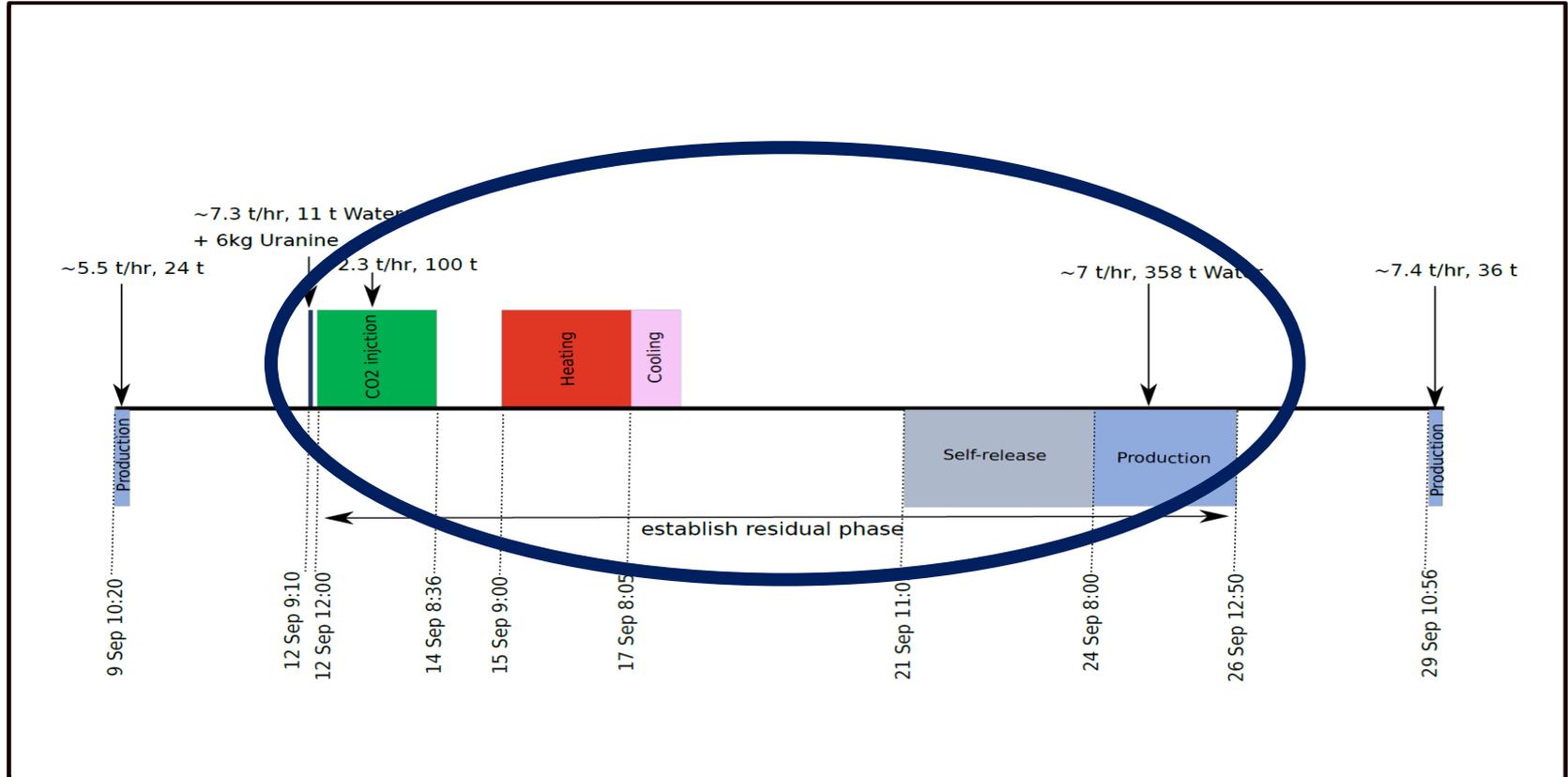
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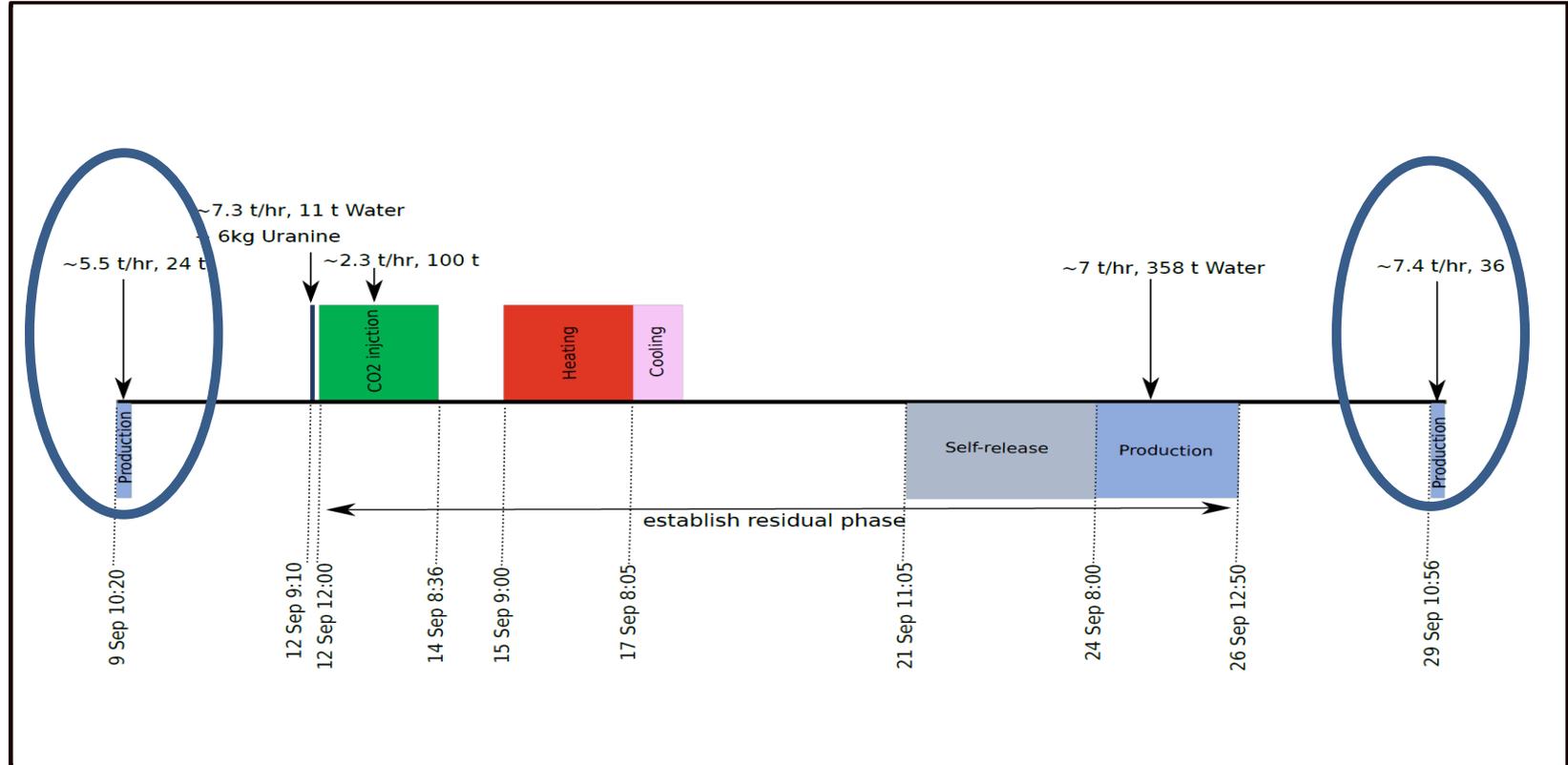


Residually trapped zone created by CO2 injection,
followed by self-release and active pumping



Residual Trapping Experiment I - Test sequence

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Hydraulic withdrawal/recovery tests before and after creating the residually trapped zone



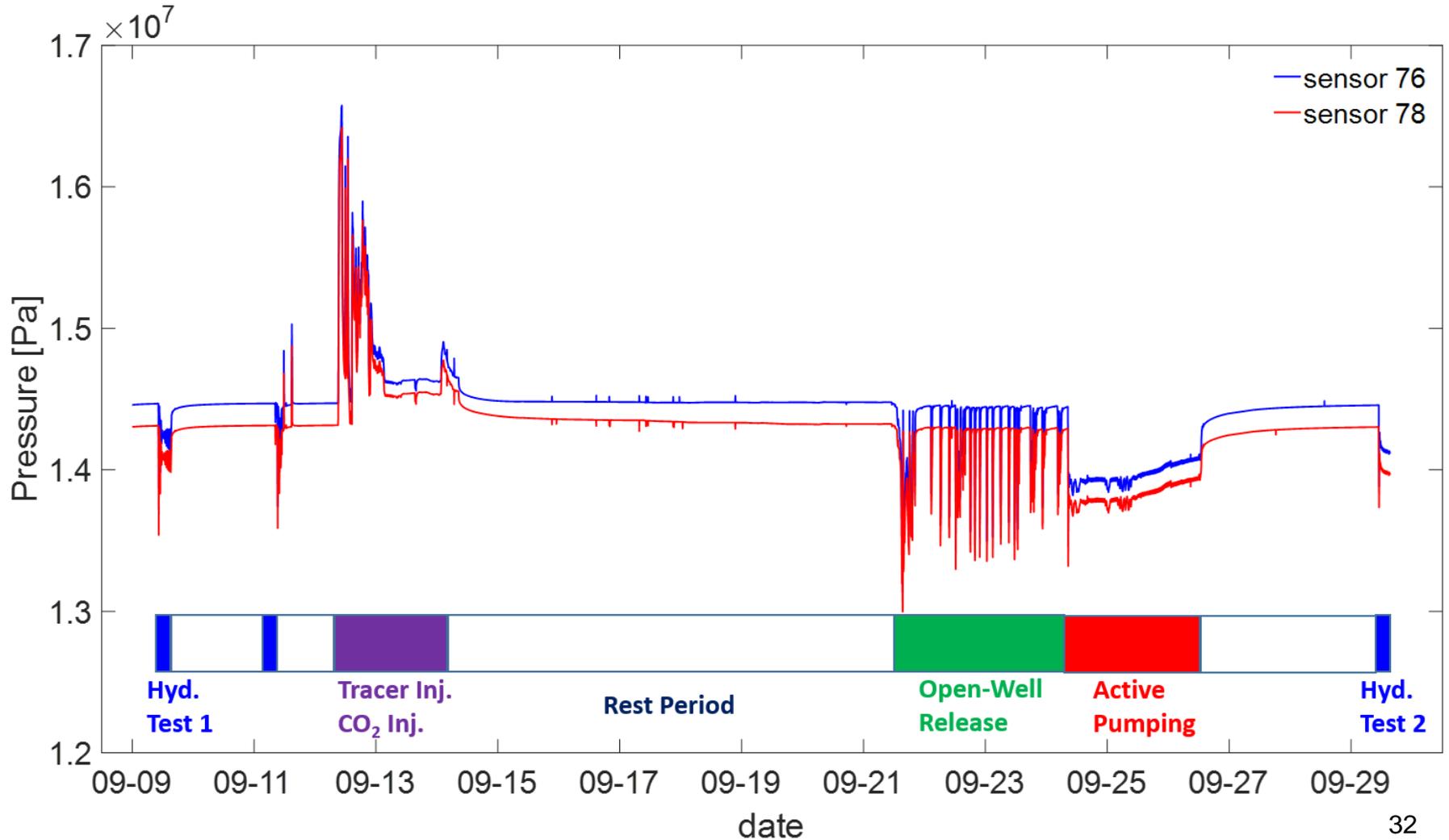
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Heletz - Residual Trapping Experiment I





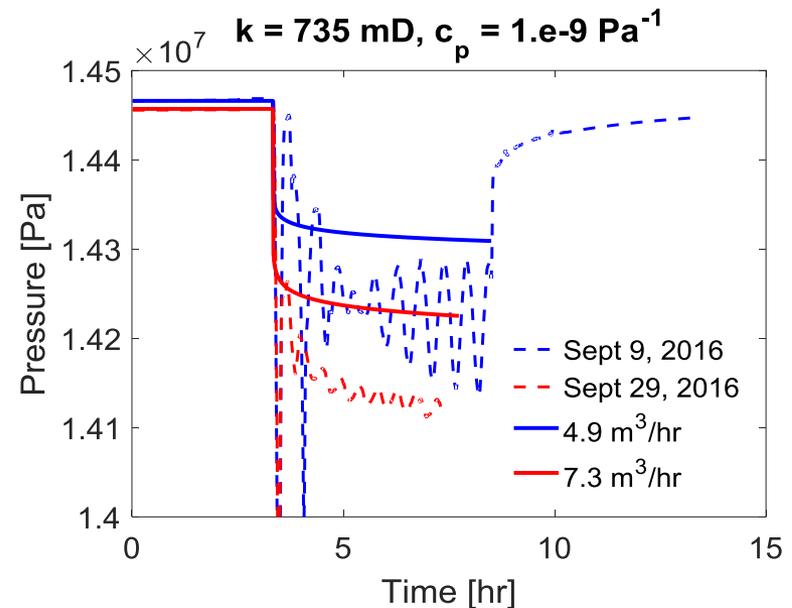
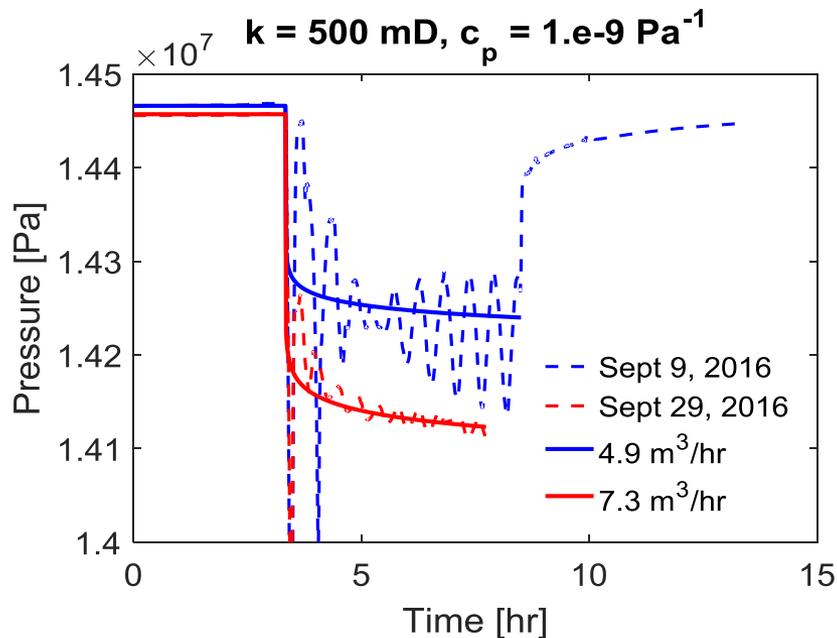
Measured pressure sequence





First estimate of the pressure response – analytical solution

- analytical solution with Theis, fit the hydraulic test data before and after creating the residual zone



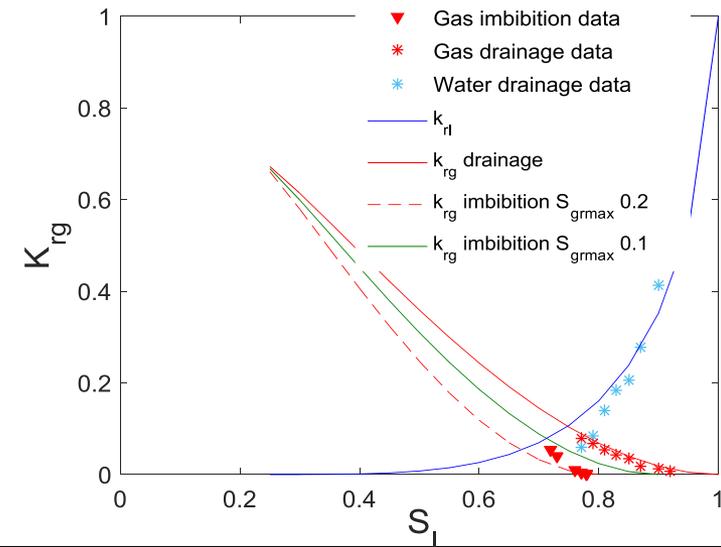
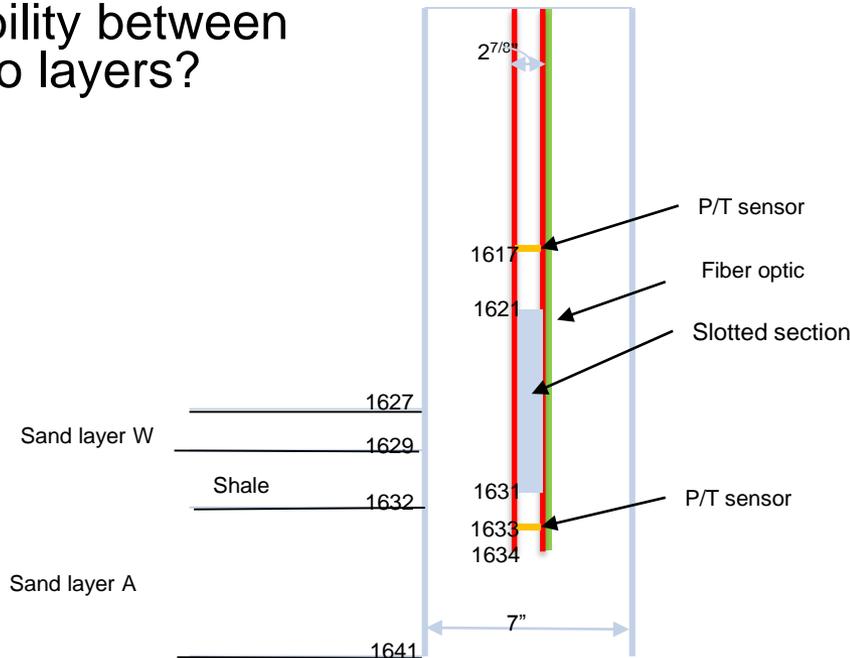
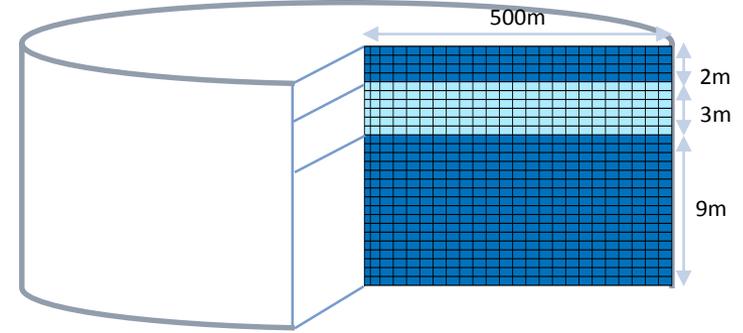
- The result indicates that there is very little effect of CO₂, the difference in pressure decrease can be explained by the difference in pumping rate



Full physics TOUGH2 simulation of the entire test sequence

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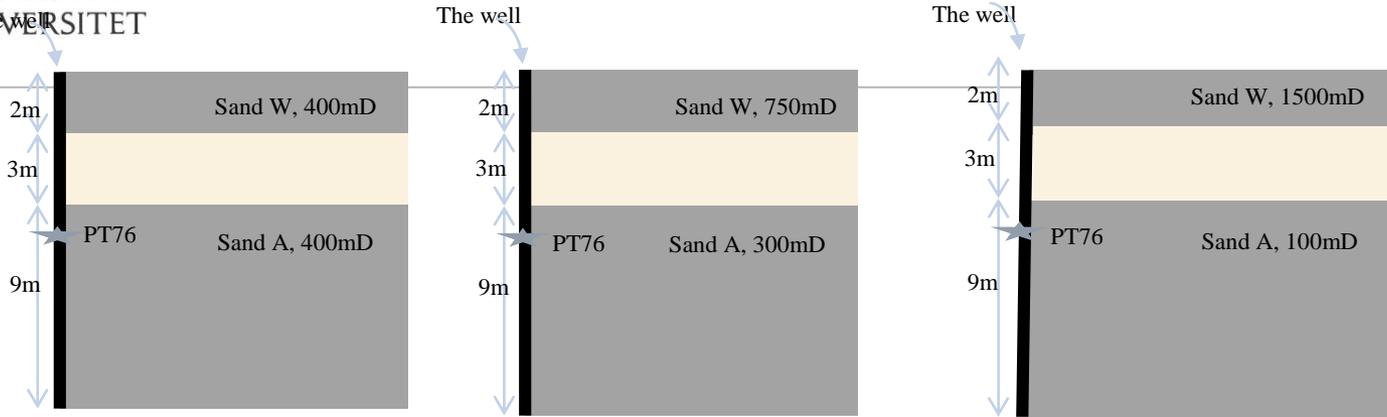
- Vary the properties permeability, porosity, characteristic two-phase functions incl. residual saturation and thermal properties within the range of measured data
- We had good data constrains from previous site characterization programme
- Variability between the two layers?



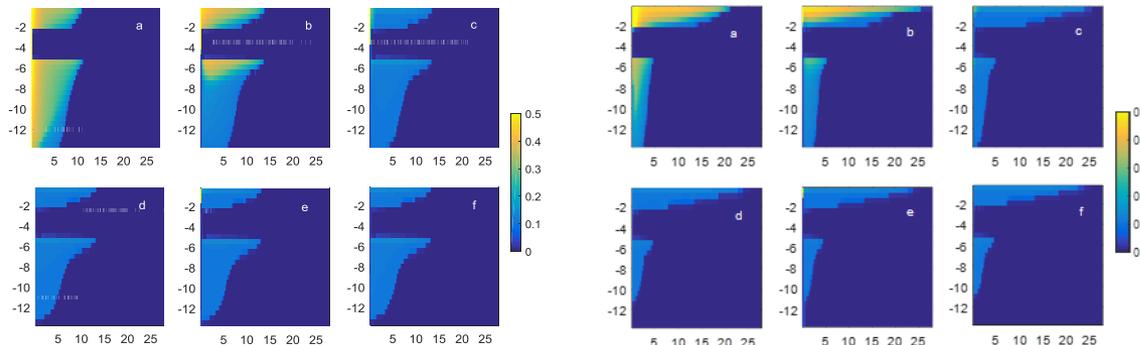


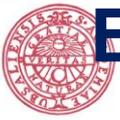
Examples of data constrains

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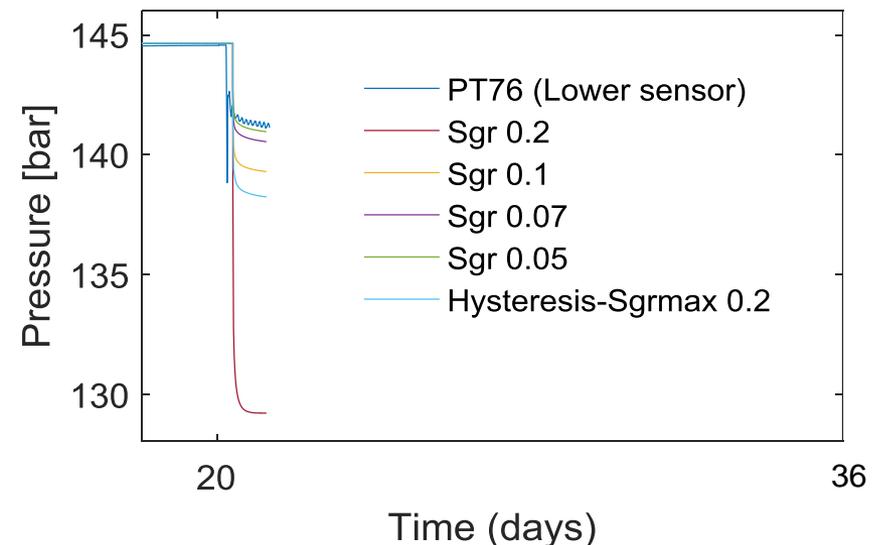
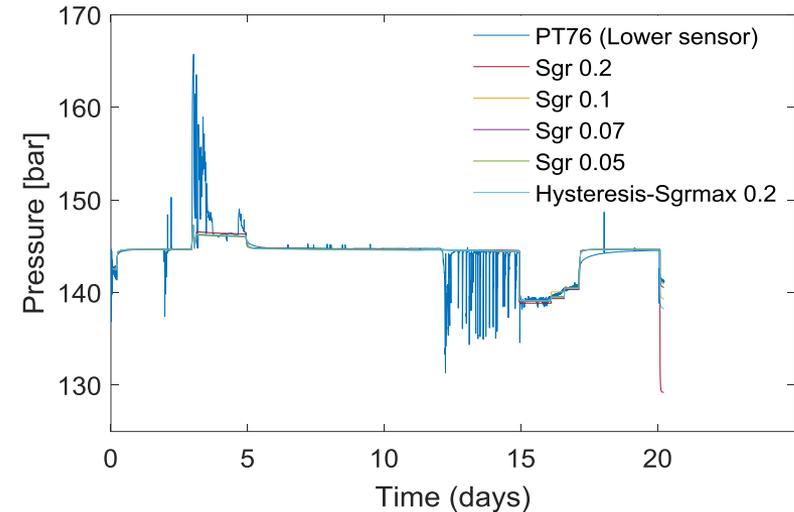
- Examples of permeability fields that fulfill the first hydraulic test and are consistent with earlier hydraulic data from in-situ well-tests and from cores
- Gas residual saturation varied between 0.05 to 0.2, with and without hysteresis





Example of the effect of the residual saturation on pressure response of the hydraulic test

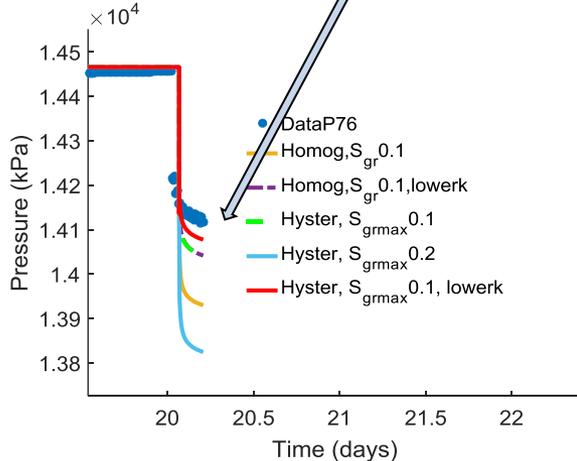
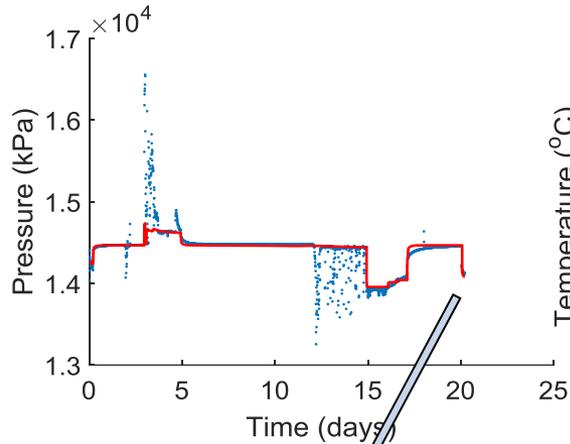
- $k = 400$ mD in both layers, residual trapping varied
- Simulation results of the pressure response at the location of the sensor PT76 during the whole experiment
- The smaller the residual saturation the closer the agreement



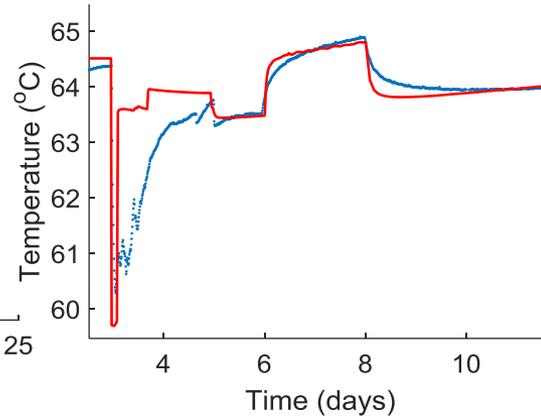


Model with best overall agreement

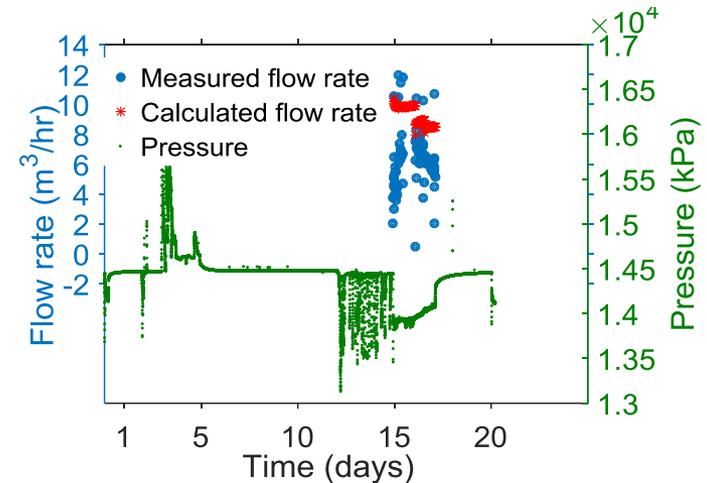
Pressure



Temperature during injection and heating



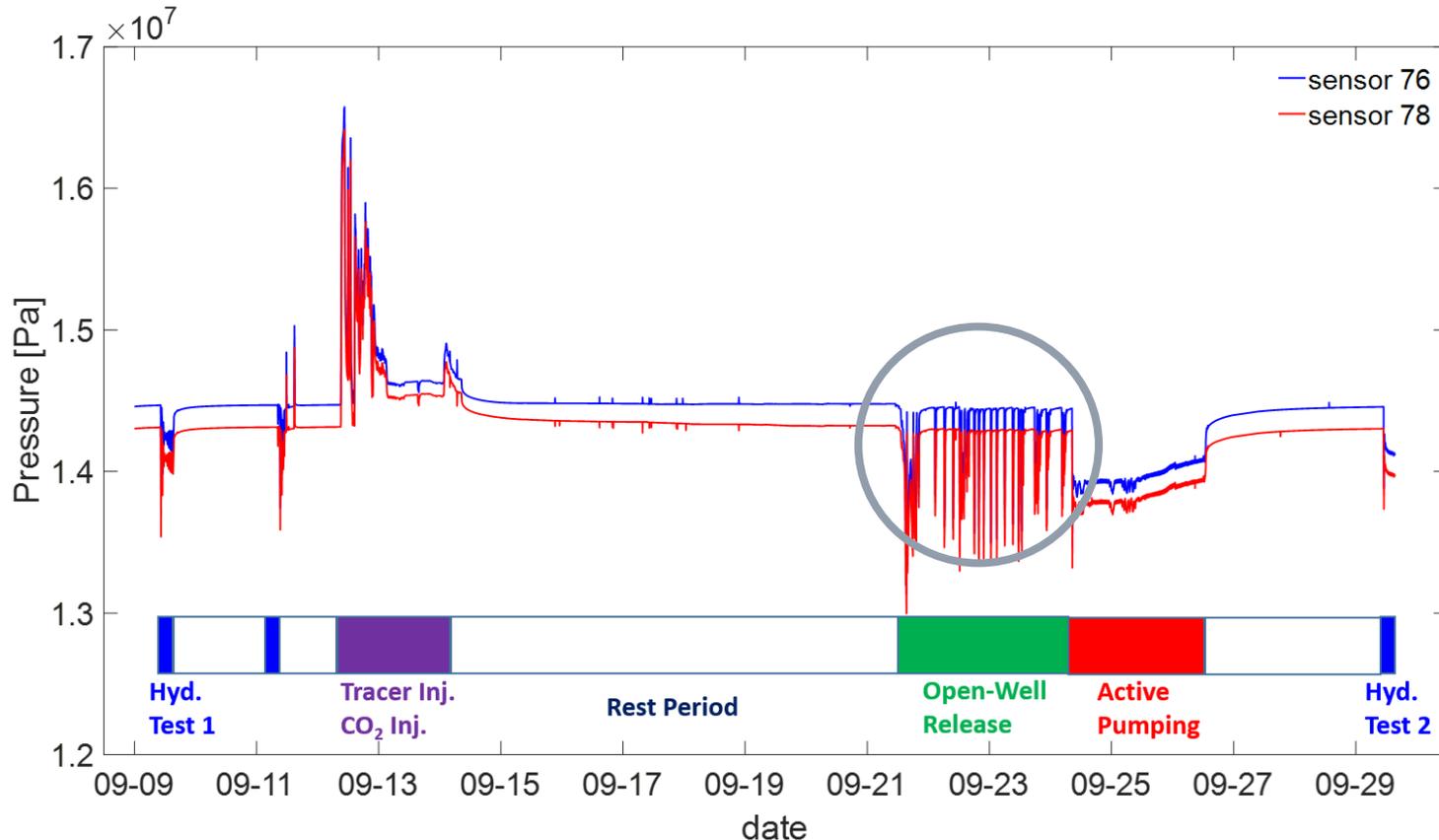
Flow rate



- Hysteretic relative permeability with residual trapping of 0.1,
- $k=400$ mD in both layers and
- reduced flow into the lower layer



Modeling of Residual Trapping Experiment I – understanding the self release of CO₂ and water after opening the well



Detailed modeling of this to get a better estimate of CO₂ lost during this stage as well as overall state of the system

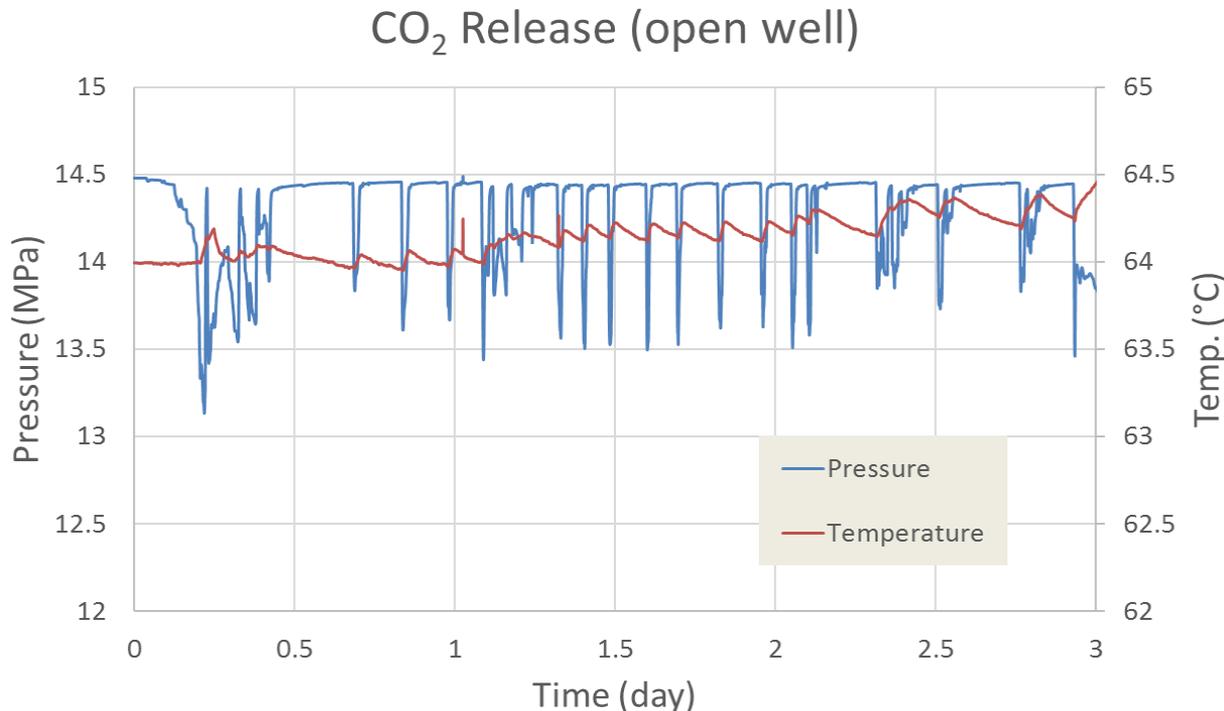


Residual Trapping Experiment I

– self release period

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- Monitored pressure records at 1633 m depth shows ‘geysering’ type periodic release of CO₂ and water to the surface
- Temperature fluctuations correspond to the leakage events
- Reduction of temperature occurs due to the endothermic effect of CO₂ exsolution and Joule-Thomson cooling.





Coupled wellbore–reservoir simulator

Wellbore-flow

one-dimensional
Drift-Flux
Model (DFM)
(T2Well)

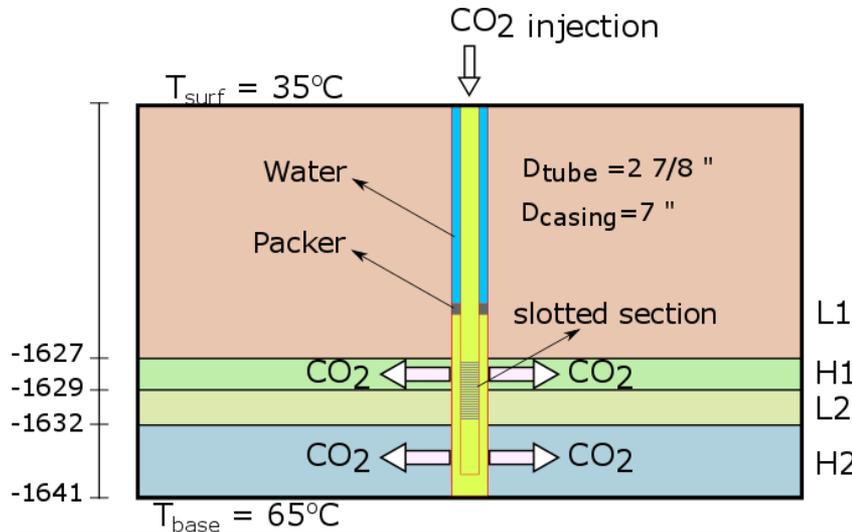
Reservoir-flow

standard multiphase
Darcy's law
(ECO2N) for CO₂, NaCl and
Water

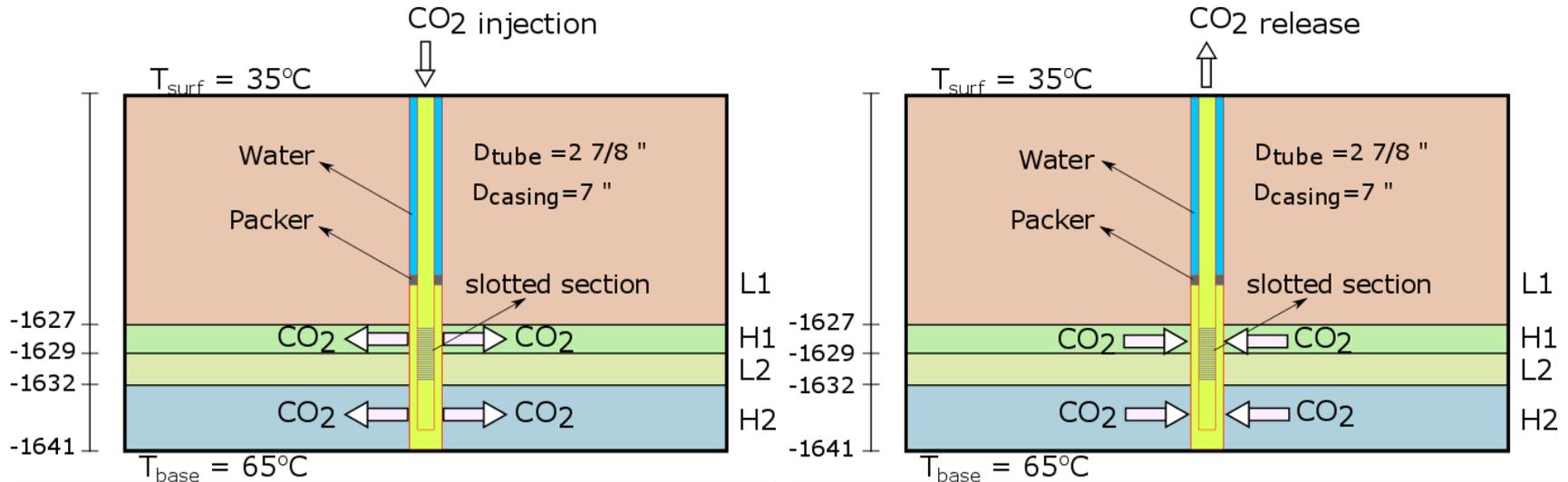


Conceptual model of Heletz experiment

Case1: CO₂ Injection



Case2: CO₂ Release



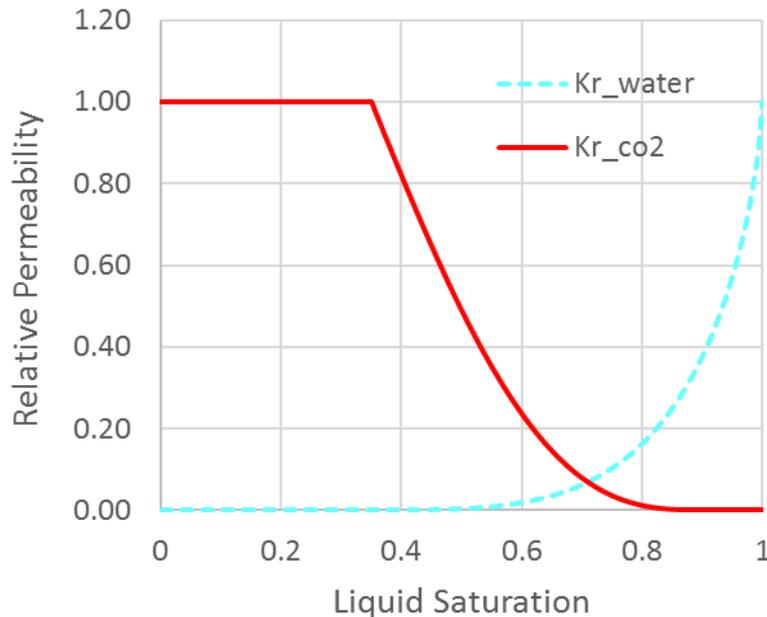


Self release model – choice of residual trapping model

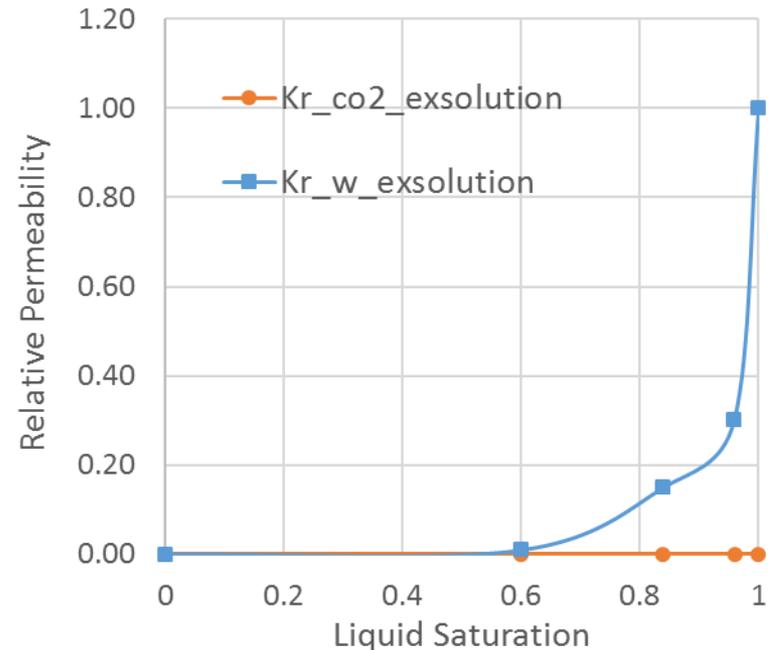
Two scenarios:

1. The **relative permeability** is defined based on **Heletz core** samples by Hingrel. et al (2016);
2. The relative permeability is assumed to be **reduced due to exsolution** effect from Zuo. et al (2012);

Scenario 1



Scenario 2





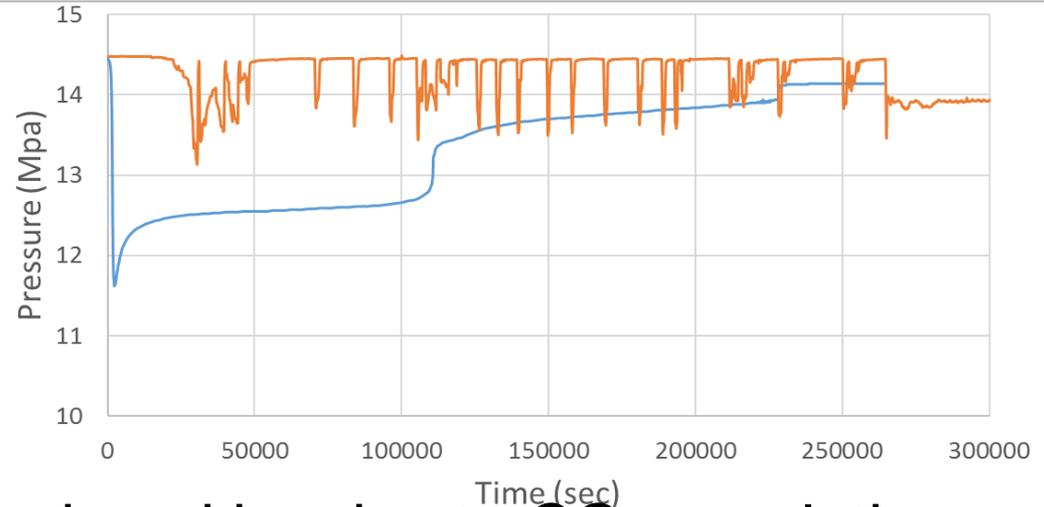
Model results – for pressure

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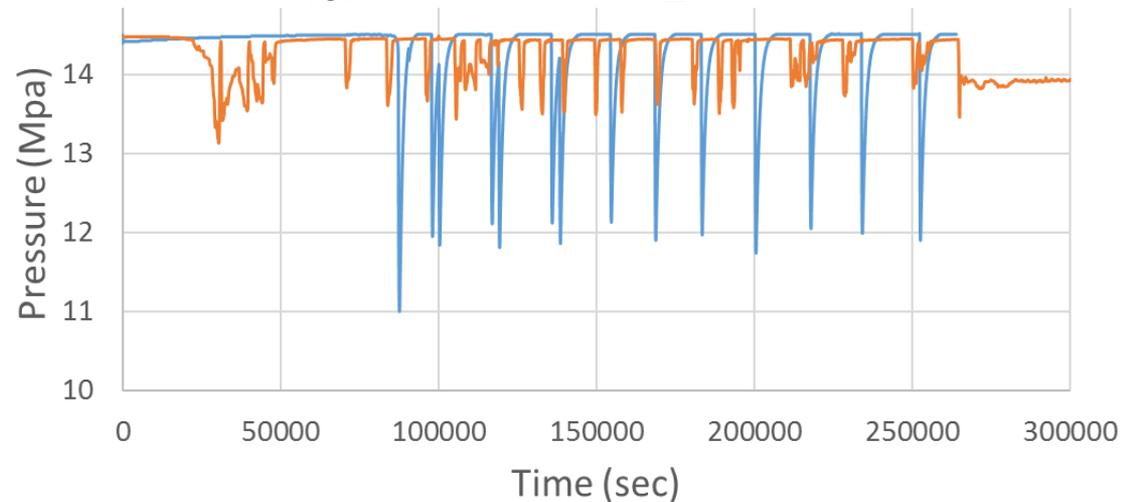
- gas flow into the wellbore is because of exsolution of CO_2 saturated water due to pressure reduction;
- reducing water relative permeability and setting CO_2 relative to very value could capture the behaviour;
- The pressure must be corrected by pressure loss in unsaturated part of well;

k_{rel} as measured on core

— Numerical Model — experiment



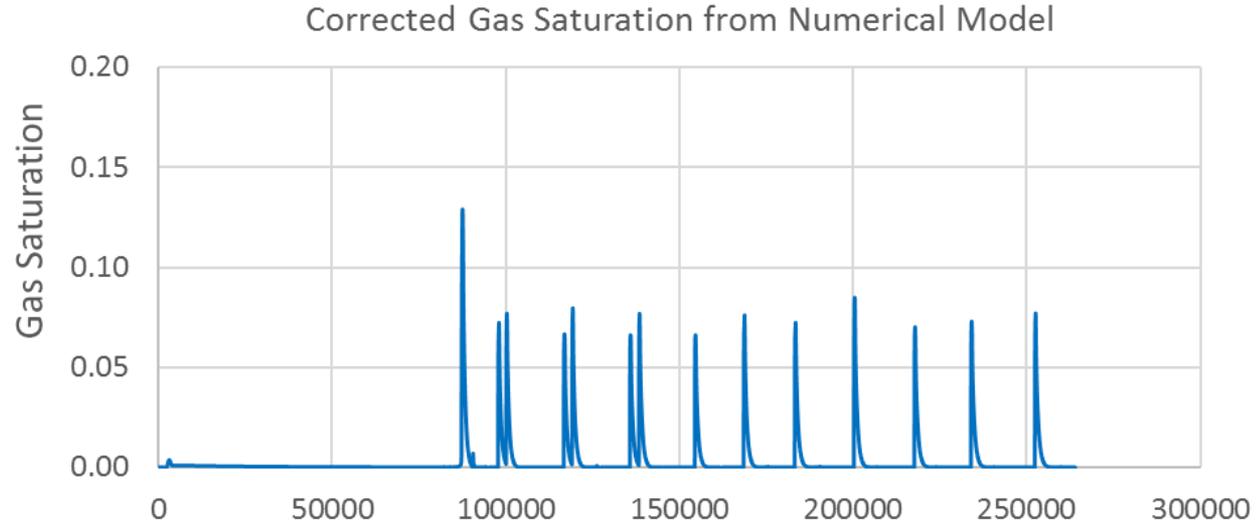
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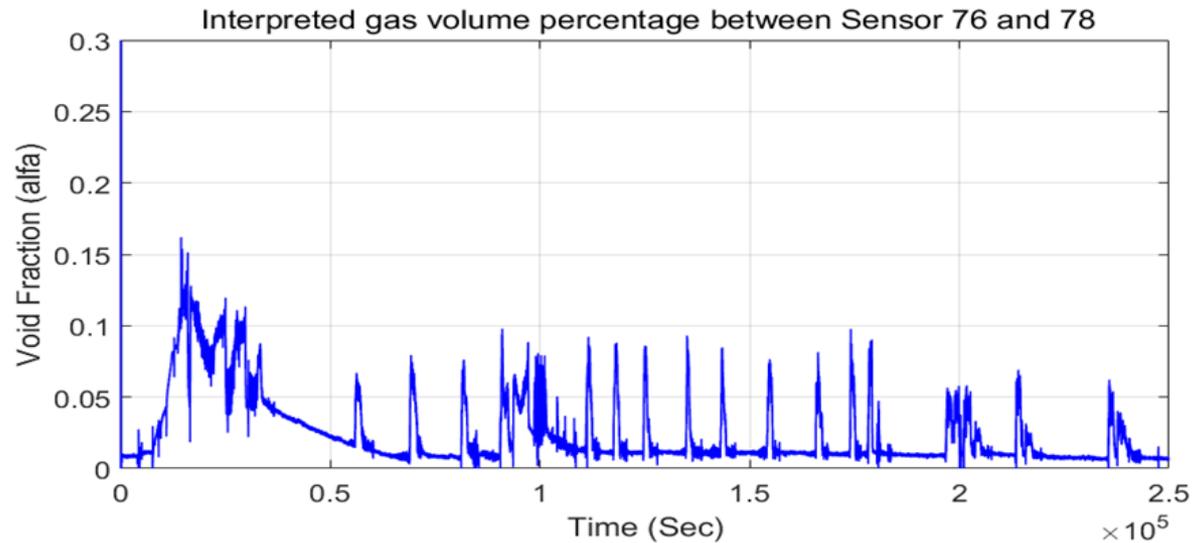


Model Results – gas saturation in the well at reservoir horizon

model



data





Residual Trapping Experiment II (Aug – Oct 2017) – Test Sequence

1) Hydraulic injection/withdrawal of water and partitioning tracers Kr and Xe for getting the pressure and tracer response **prior** to creating the residual CO₂ zone

3) Inject 100 tons of CO₂

4) Inject water saturated with CO₂ to push away the mobile CO₂,
to generate the residually trapped zone

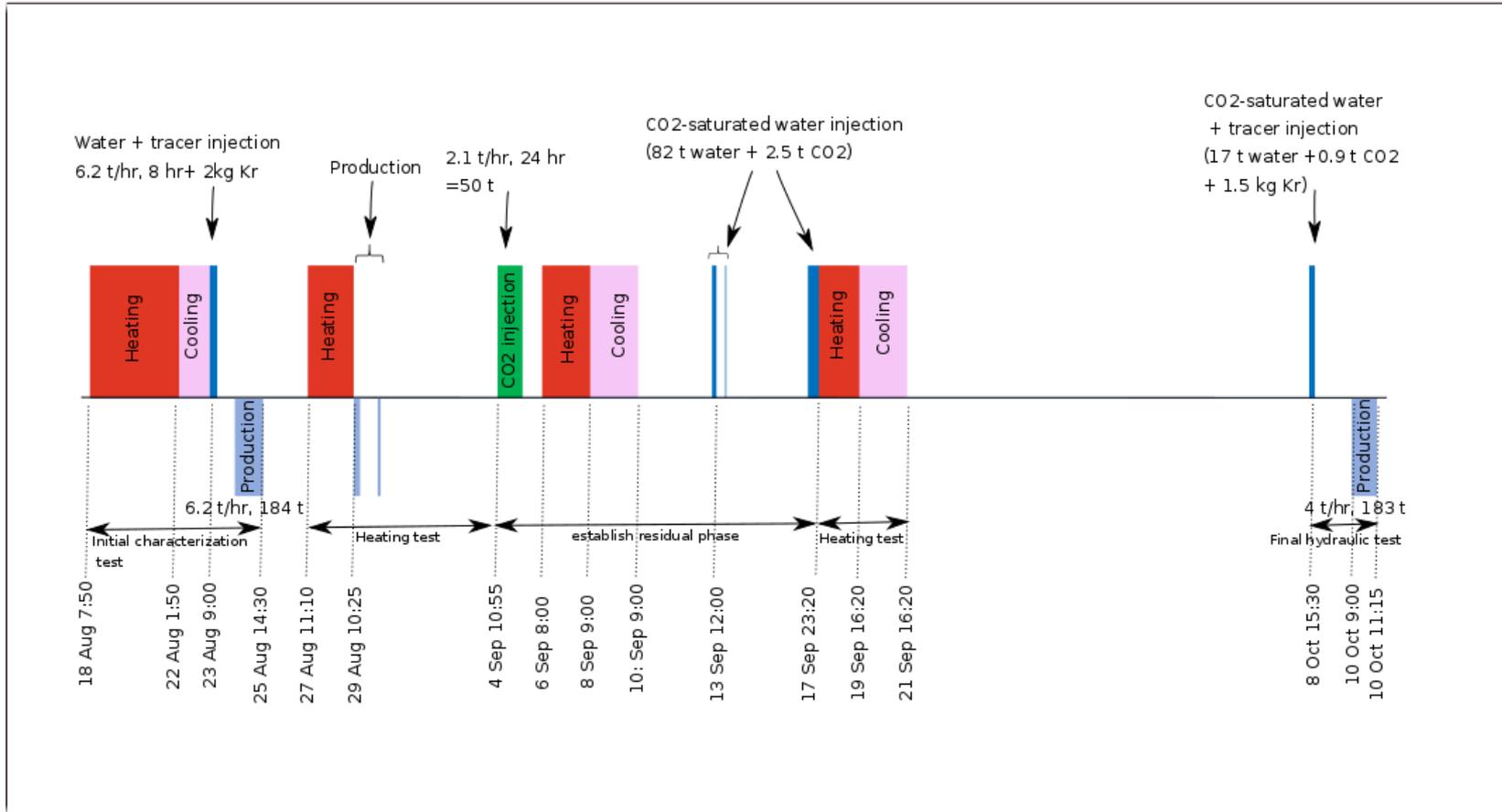
5) Hydraulic injection/withdrawal of water and partitioning tracers Kr and Xe for getting the pressure and tracer response **after** creating the residual CO₂ zone

- P/T was continuously monitored
- CO₂ mass flowrate, temperature, pressure and density recorded
- DTS was recorded during the entire sequence;
- Downhole fluid sampling and measurement of high pressure pH and low pressure alkalinity and gas composition, as well as measurement of partial pressure of CO₂ were measured during the production phase.
- Tracer concentration analysis



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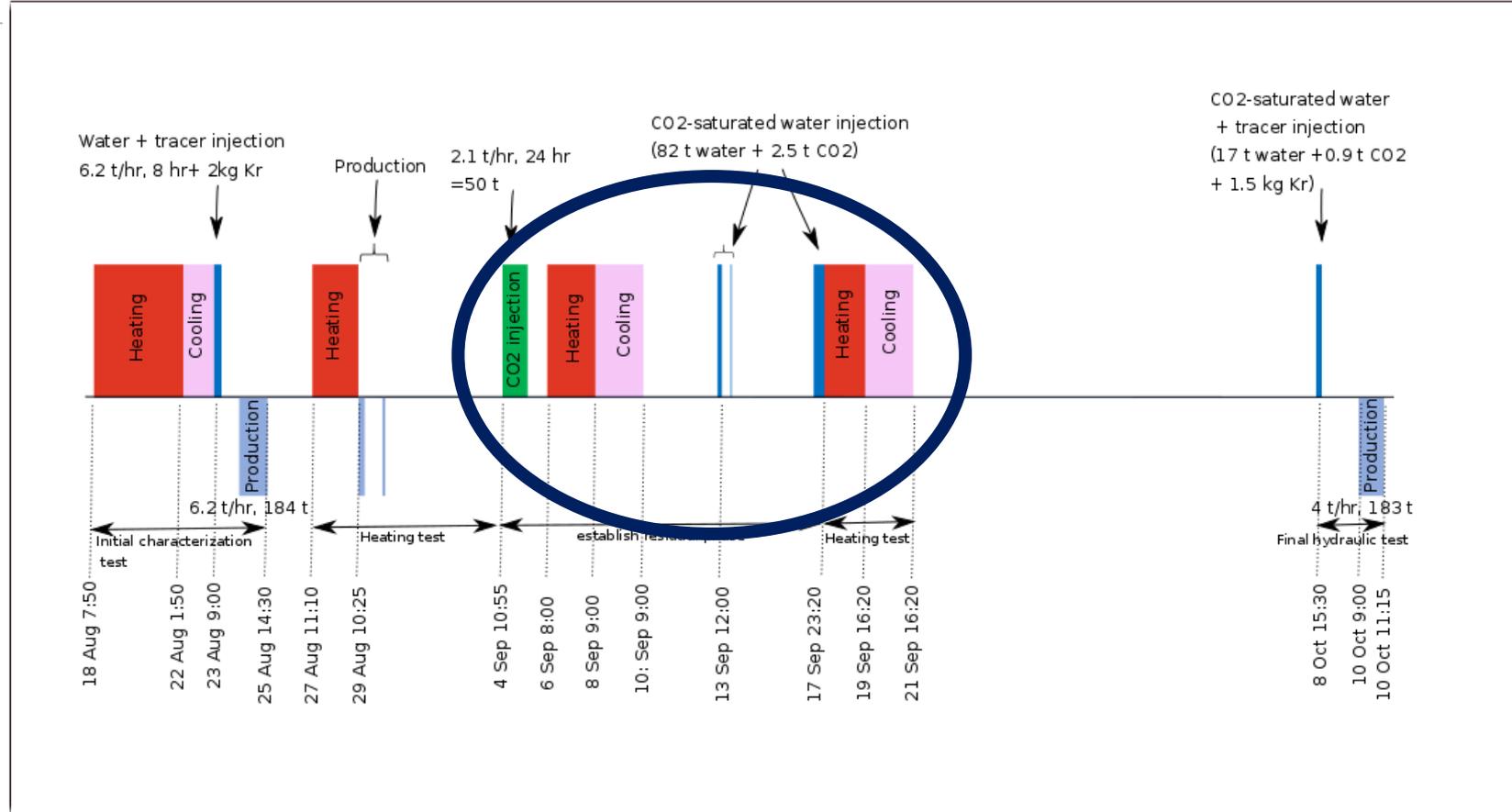
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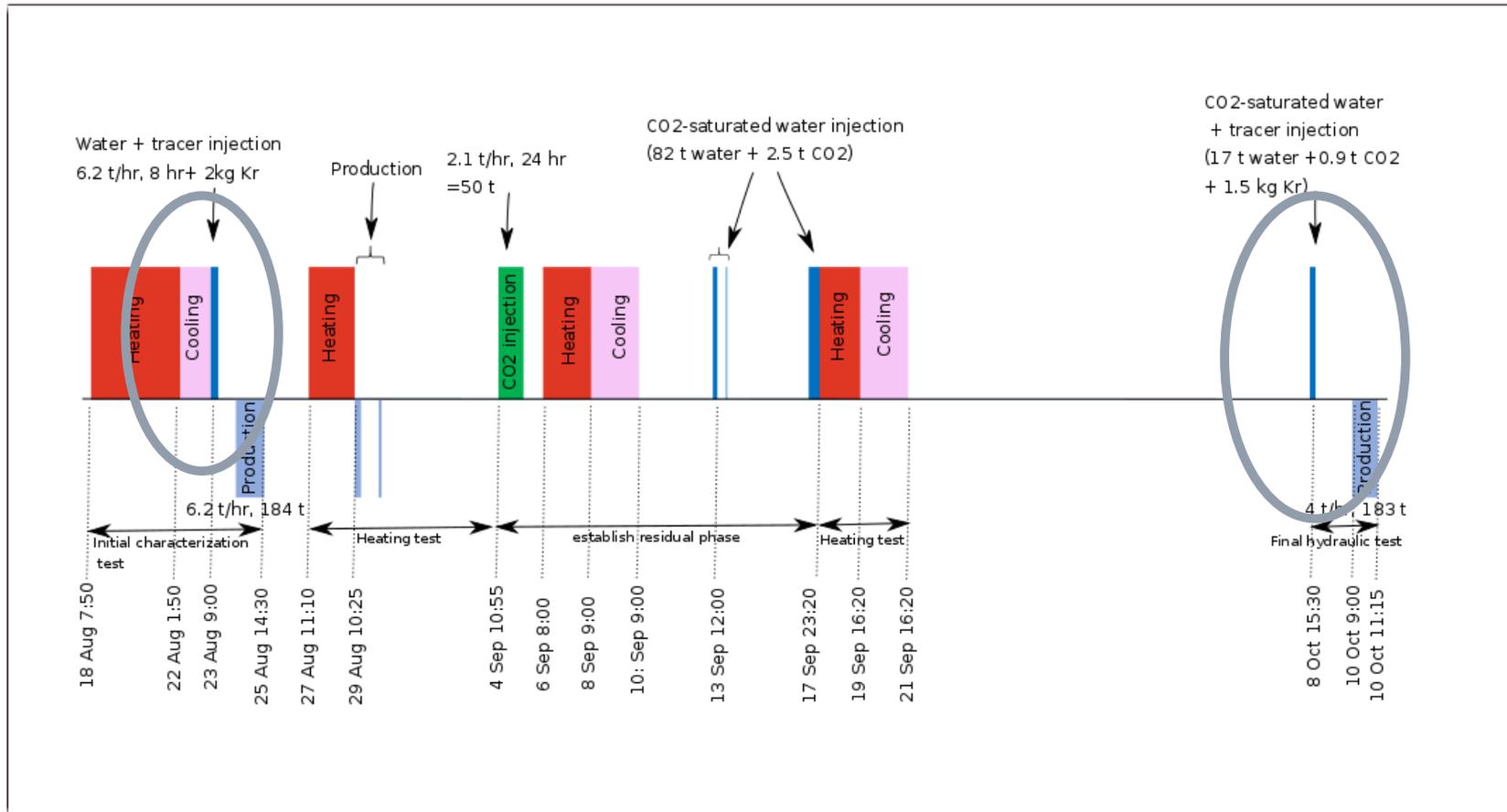


Residually trapped zone created by CO₂ injection, followed by injection of CO₂ saturated water



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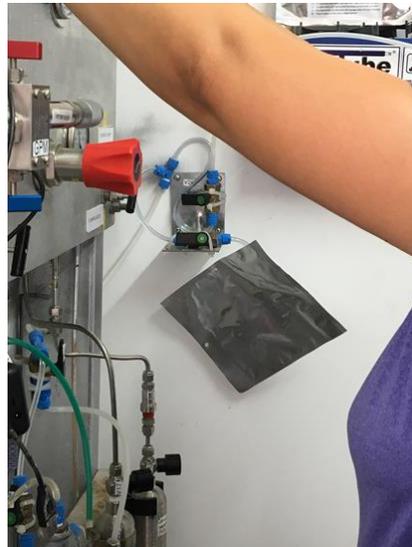


Injection/withdrawal of water+gas partitioning tracers
Krypton and Xenon before and after creating the residual zone



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Tracer injection and sampling - Residual Trapping Experiment II (Aug–Oct 2017)





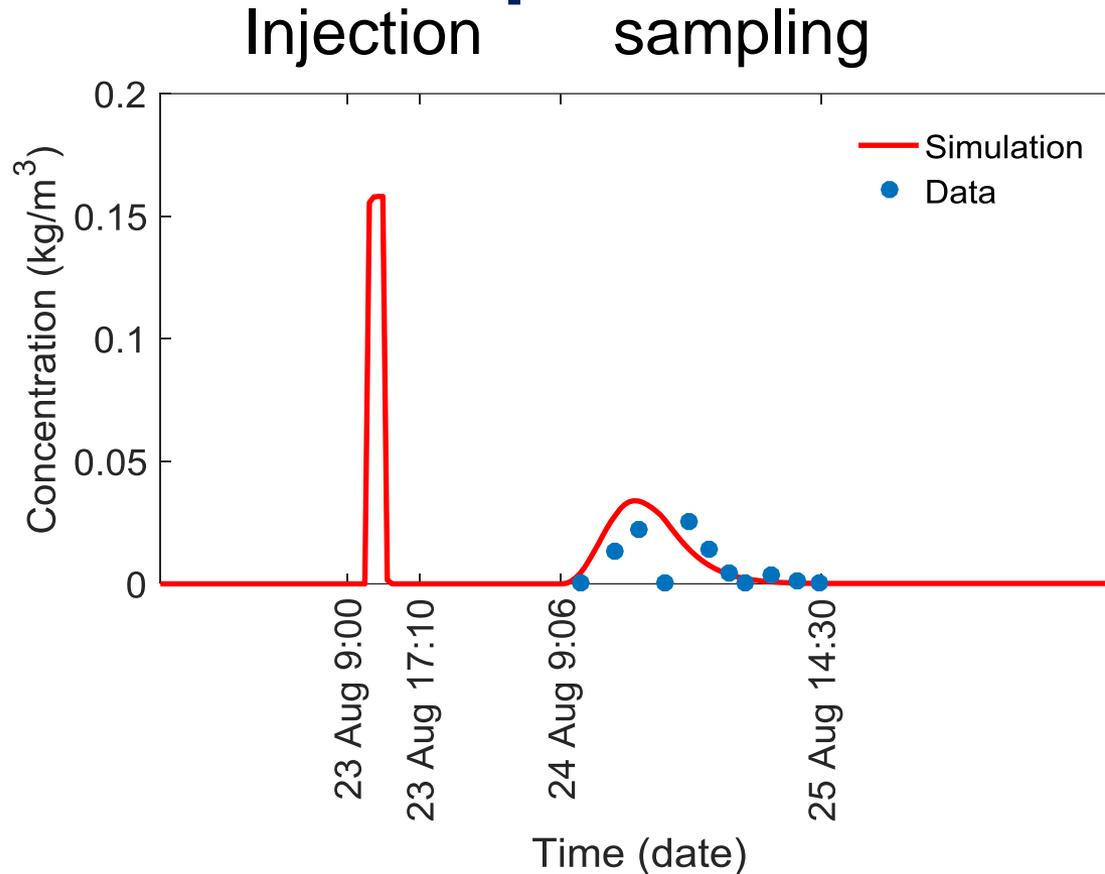
Residual Trapping Experiment II (Aug – Oct 2017) – Tracer information

Test	Injection				Abstraction			
	Duration (hr)	Water (m3)	Rate (m3/hr)	Kr (kg)	Duration (hr)	Water (m3)	Rate (m3/hr)	Kr (kg)
Test 1-Single phase	8.5	50.499	5.96	2	30	183.8	6.13	1.37
Test 2-two phase	5.5	18	3.27	2	11.5	88.27	7.68	0.6
Test 3-Single phase	6.3	60.1	9.4	3.02	78.5	374.8	4.8	1.96

For single phase tests the recover rate was **68,5%** and 65% and for the two-phase test **30%** (due to partitioning to CO₂)



Residual Trapping Experiment II – Krypton breakthrough first tracer experiment



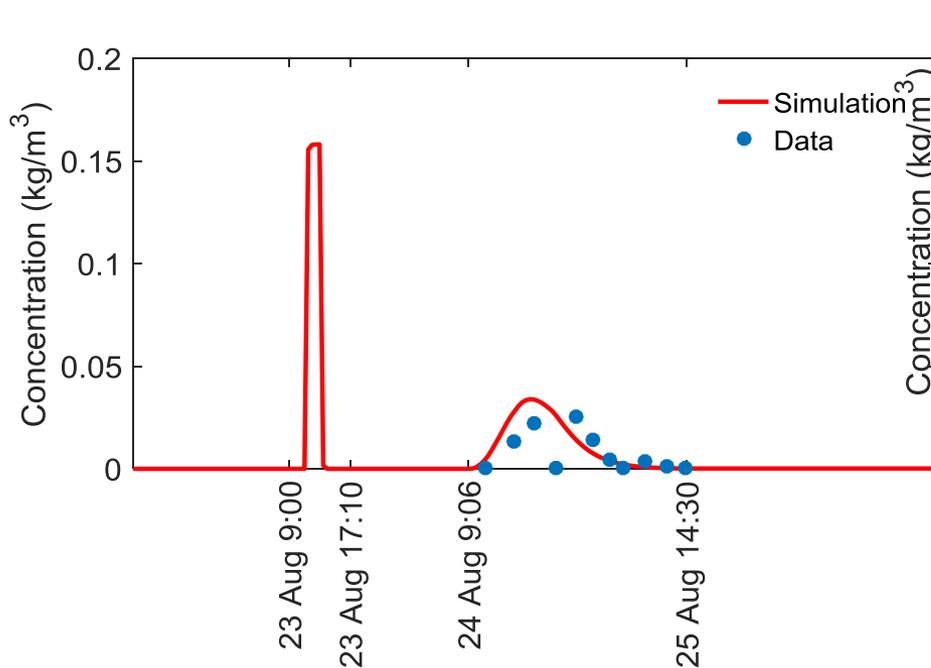
measured breakthrough and TOUGH2 model result with the
model developed based on RTE I



Residual Trapping Experiment II – Krypton breakthrough

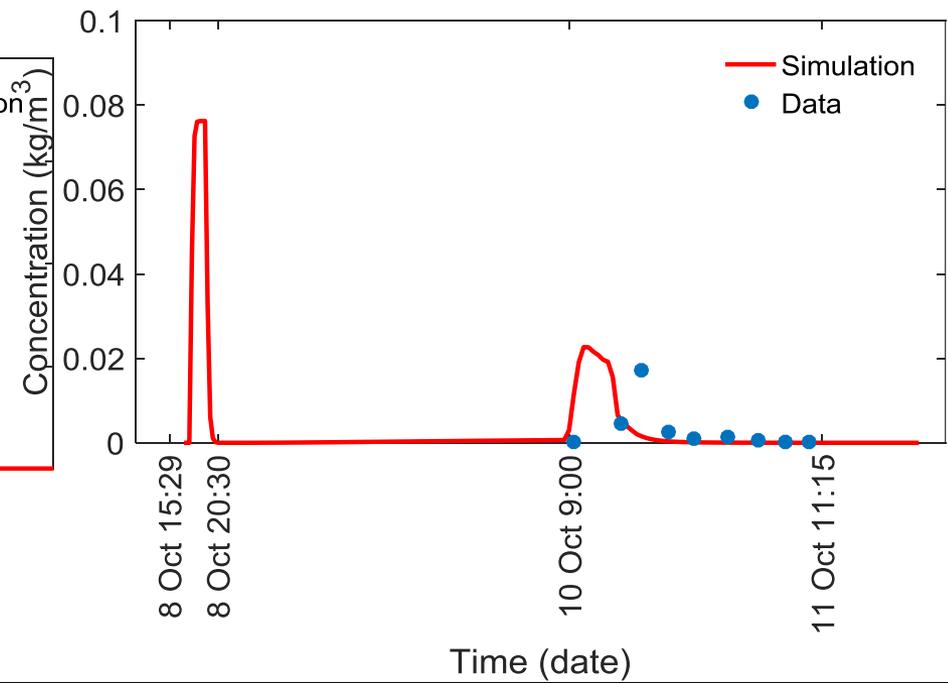
measured and modelled breakthrough without CO2

>Very good agreement without
any calibration of the RTE I model



measured and modelled breakthrough with trapped CO2

> modelling still in progress;
total tracer partitioned into CO2
correct, but timing not yet perfekt)





Conclusions from the Residual Trapping Tests I and II so far

- Two distinctly different residual trapping field experiments carried out and analysis underway
- Results so far indicate similar characteristics in terms of CO₂ residual trapping
- **Test I (hydraulic test)** shows residual trapping of the order of 0.10 when hysteresis included, proportionally more CO₂ goes into the upper reservoir layer
- Analysis of coupled well-reservoir behavior: the oscillating pressure/temperature pattern can be explained by CO₂ exsolution, as well as reduced gas and liquid permeability due to exsolution



Conclusions from the Residual Trapping Tests I and II so far

- **Test II (partitioning tracer test)** successfully completed and meaningful tracer breakthrough curves obtained. Tracer recovery without CO₂ 68%, with CO₂ about 30%. Analysis underway, but indicate similar trapping than Test I
- **Together** these tests should provide a good understanding of CO₂ residual trapping at Heletz and provide procedures and methods for other sites as well



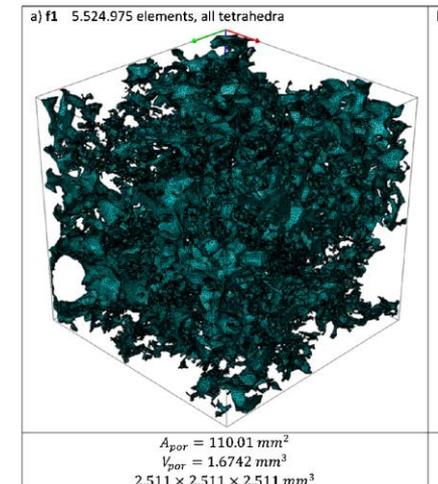
Insight is also being gained by means of pore-network modeling

Pore network modeling is used to analyze the residual trapping in cores of different permeability, where two-phase properties/pore structure have been experimentally determined

- the model has been successfully fitted to the Stanford University experimental data on 100mD core (Rasmusson et al., 2018)
- work is in progress to model the trapping on a 450 mD core analyzed by Göttingen University (Tatomir et al., 2016)

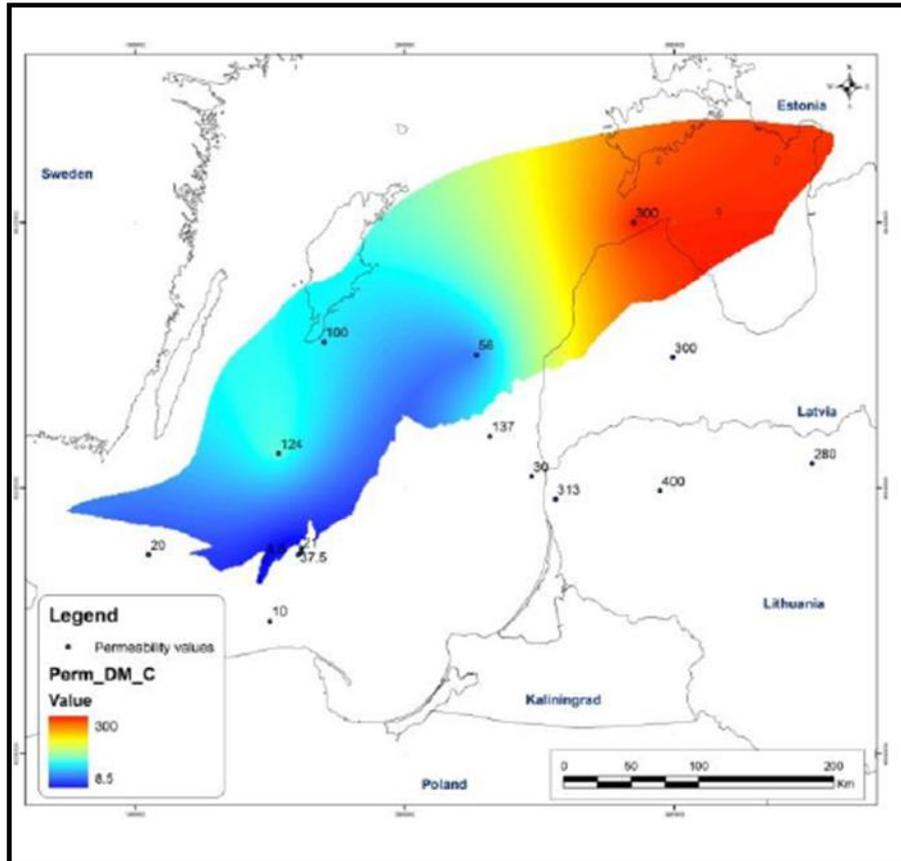
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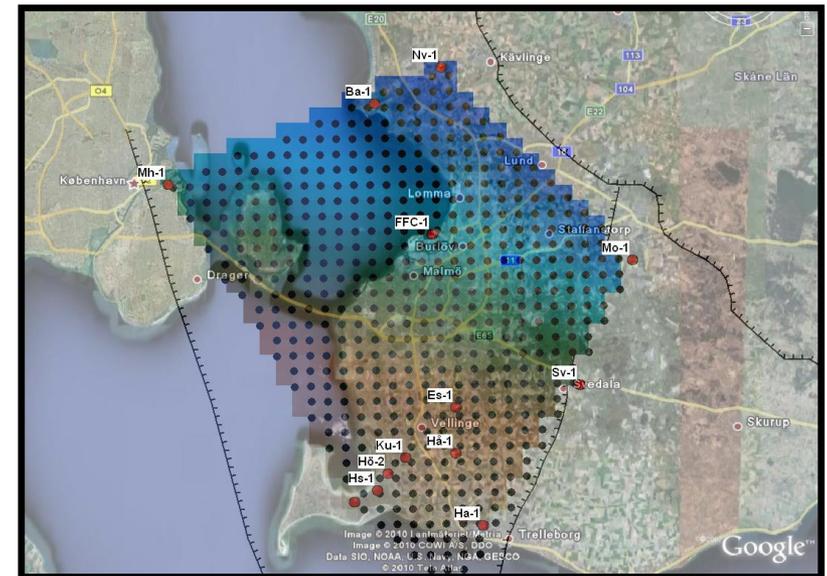




A few words of how to handle the large scale of the domains to be modelled when making prediction for real sites



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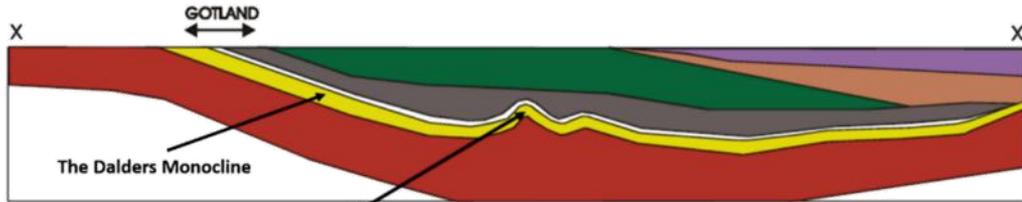
Modeling approaches available

- **Full-physics** models (TOUGH2, ECLIPSE etc.) for 3D systems
- **Simplified models for two-phase flow region**
 - Analytical and semi-analytical models for idealized systems (pressure response etc.)
 - Simplified models for plume evolution (vertical equilibrium, invasion-percolation etc)
- **Simplified models for the far field** (single-phase flow)

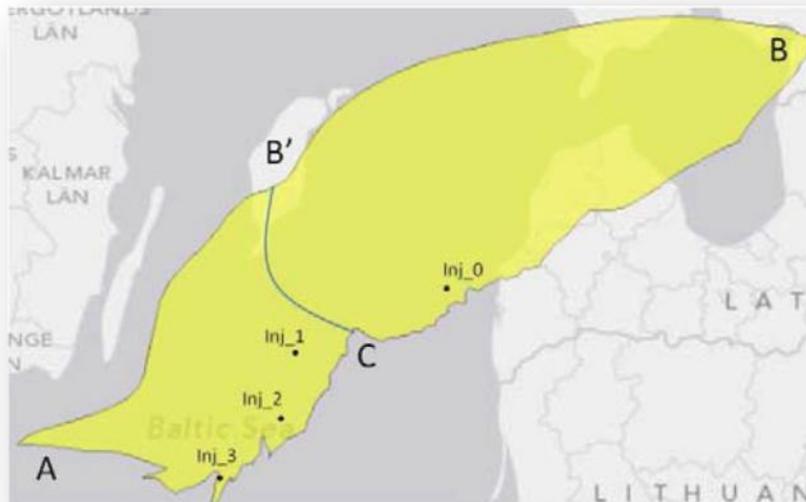
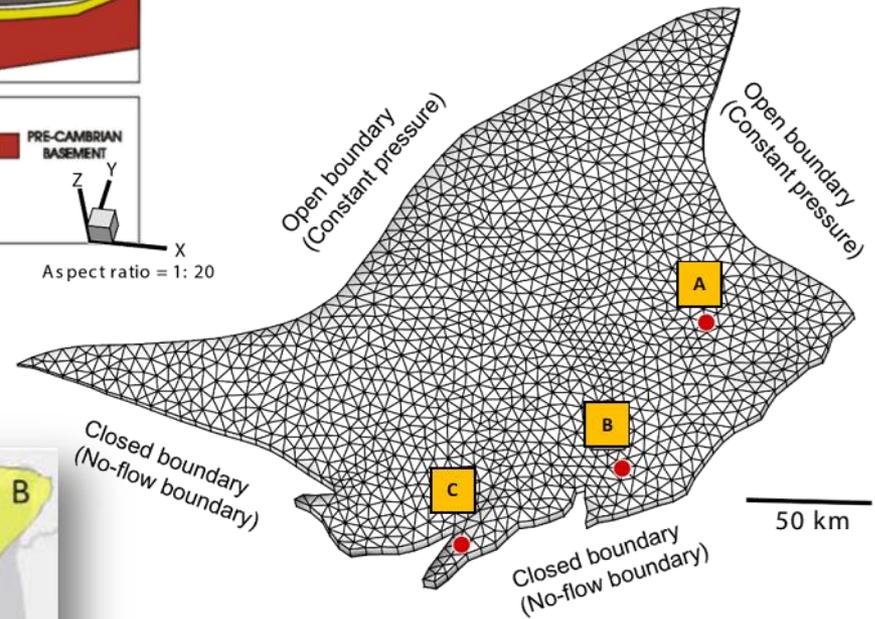


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Example of large scale real site simulation : Capacity estimation for Dalders Monocline (Baltic Sea)



Aspect ratio = 1: 20





Use of models of increasing level of complexity

1. Semi-analytical model for two-phase flow

(Mathias et al., 2011)

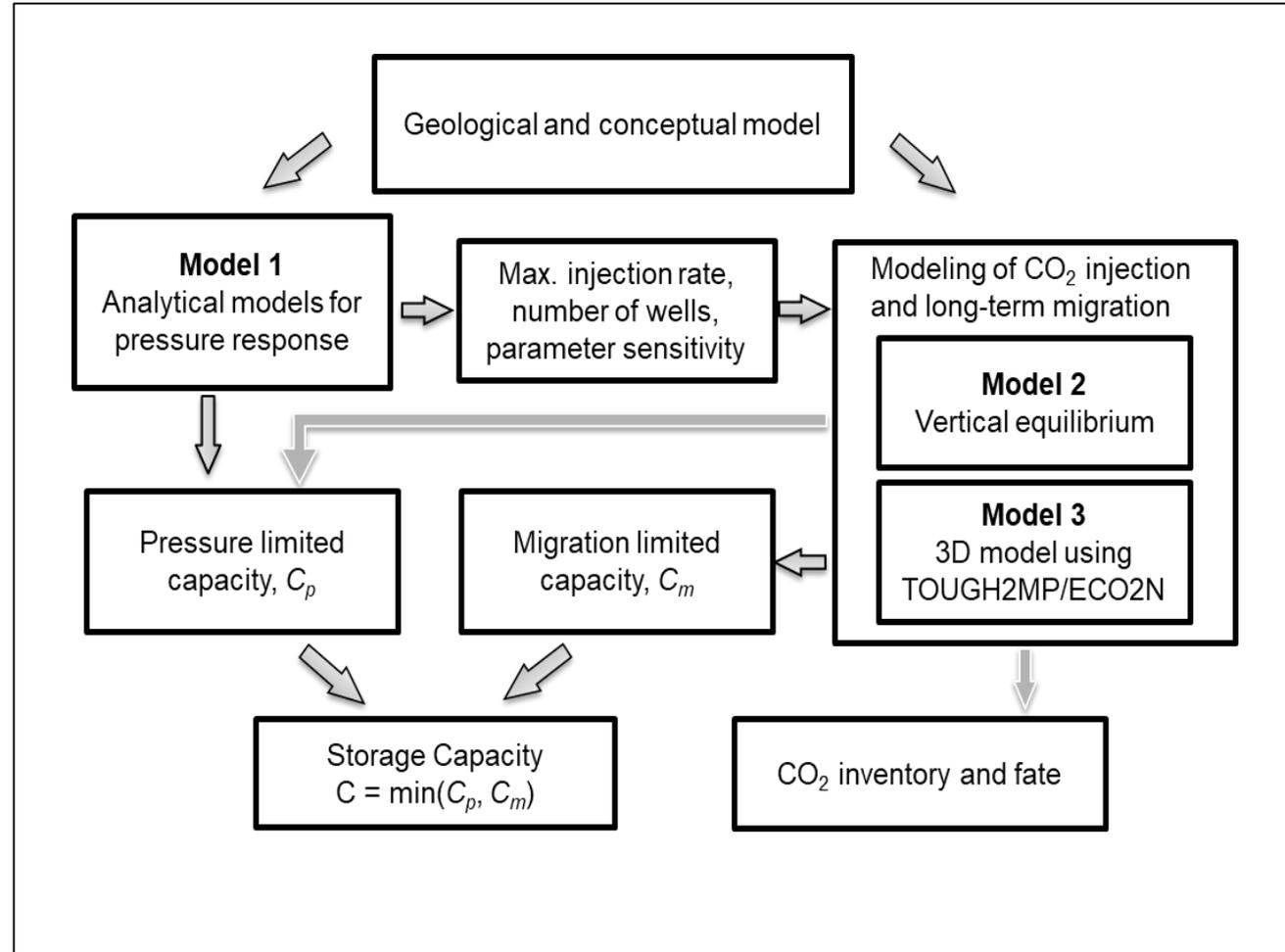
- approximate solution for brine-CO₂ two-phase flow for pressure (sharp interface, vertical equilibrium, no capillarity..)

2. VE model (Gasda et al., 2009; Nordbotten et al., 2005)

- Assume vertical equilibrium of pressure, formulation of vertically averaged models (vertically integrated input parameters, vertically integrated fluid saturations as output)

3. TOUGH2 (-MP) / ECO2N

- TOUGH2-MP (T2MP) is a massively parallel version of TOUGH2 code





Porosity and permeability of SLR Dalders Monocline

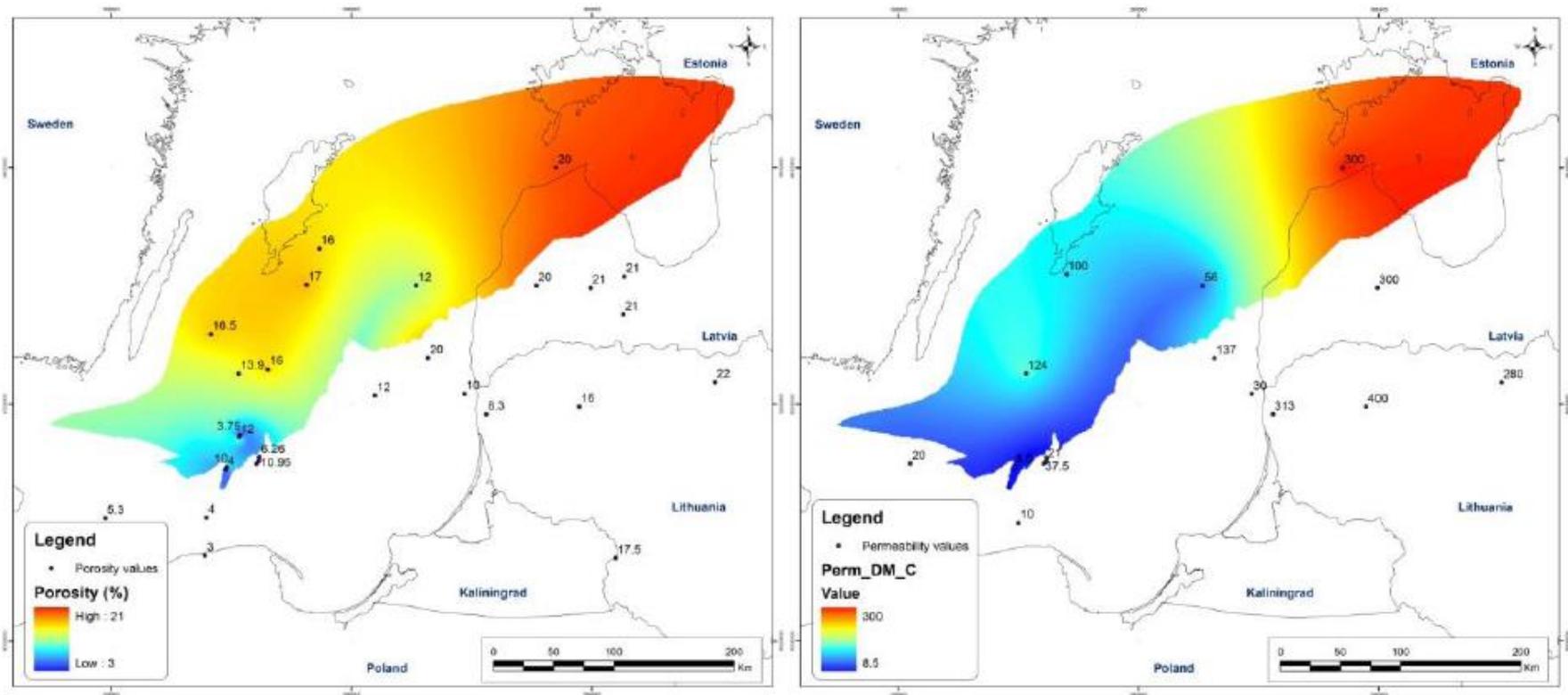
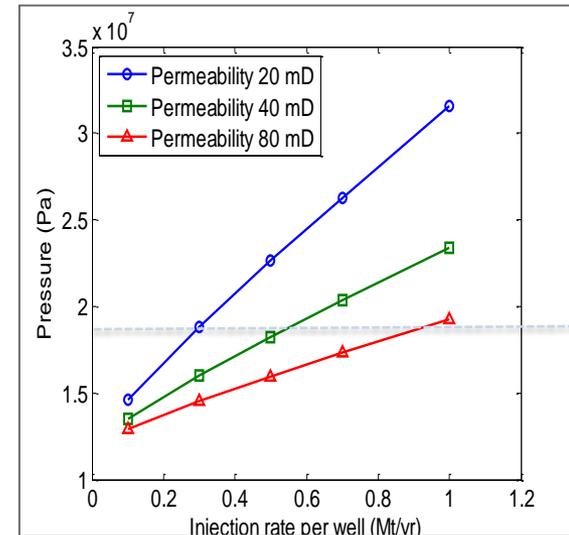
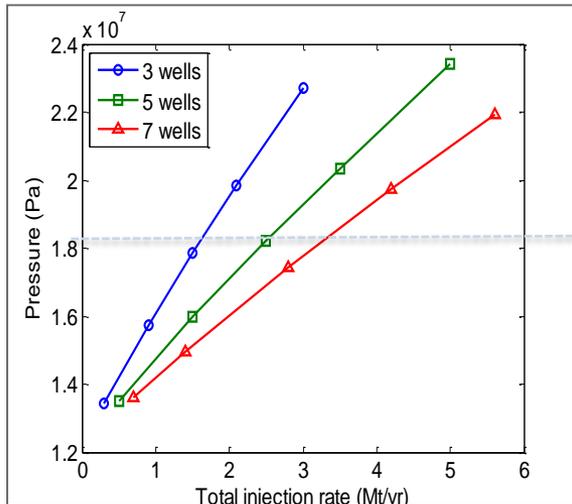
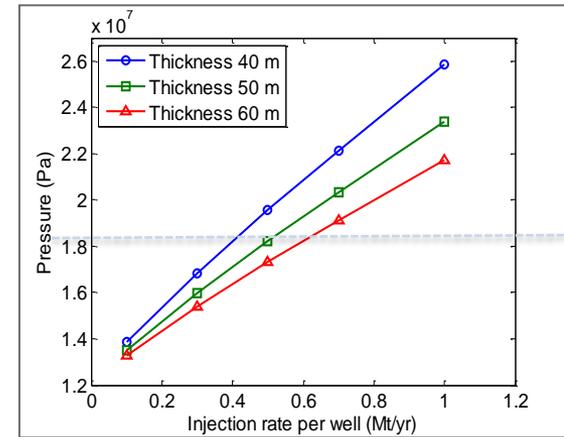


Figure 13 Porosity (to the left) and Permeability (to the right) of the Dalders Monocline.



First estimate of reservoir pressure behaviour - simplified two phase model (after Mathias et al.)

- CO₂ injection rates per well are governed by reservoir thickness and permeability;
- The base case injection capacity is 2.5Mt per annum
- Increasing the number of wells will increase the injection rate

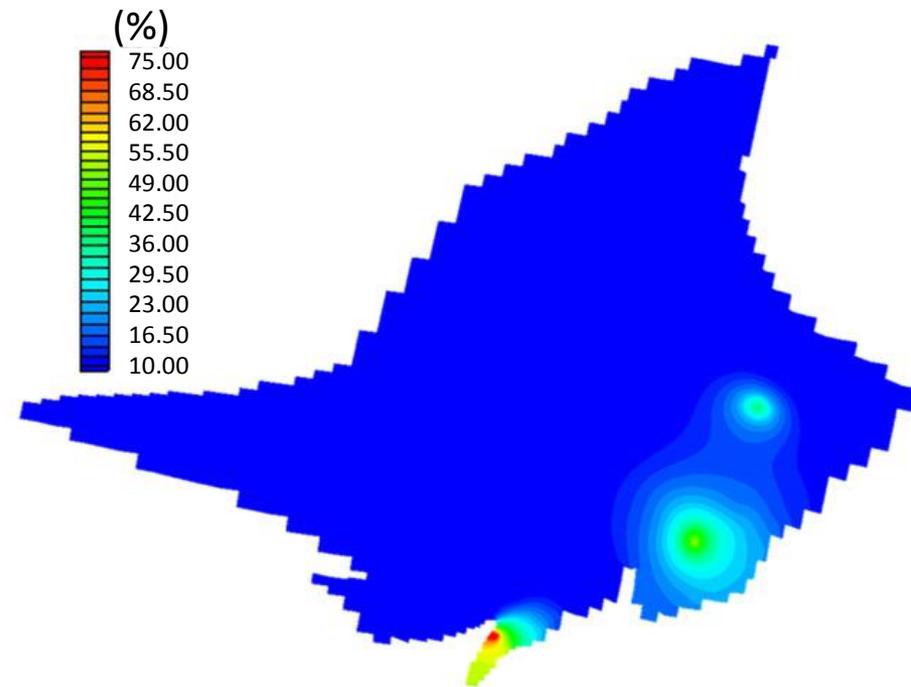
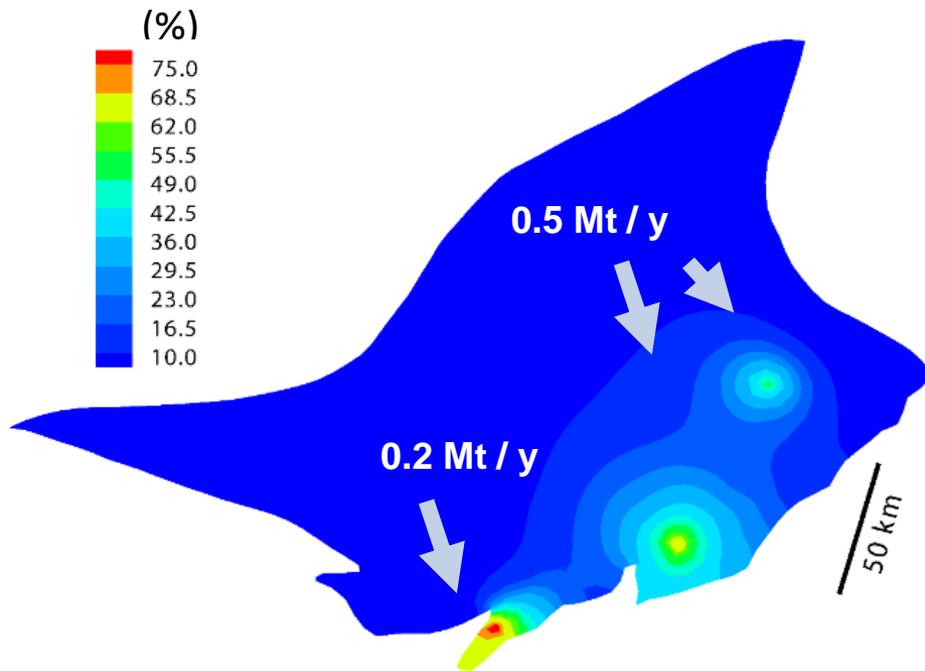




Pressure evolution with full TOUGH2 simulation and VE-approach

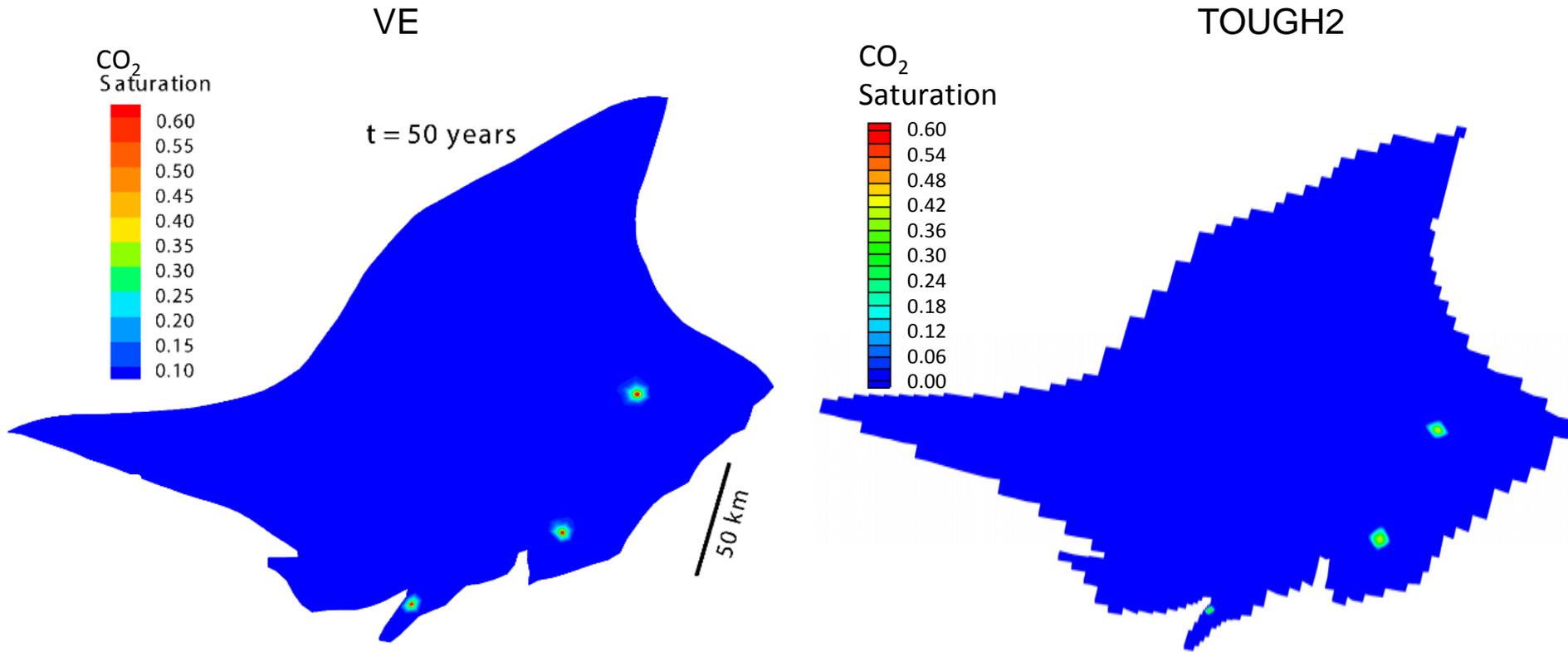
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TOUGH2



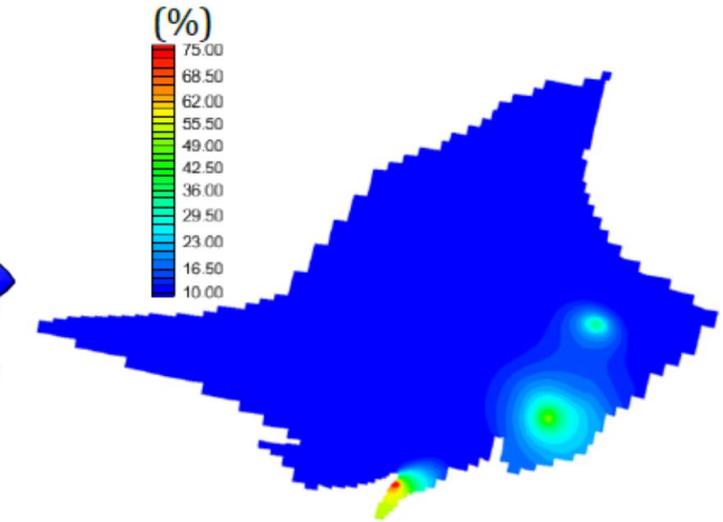
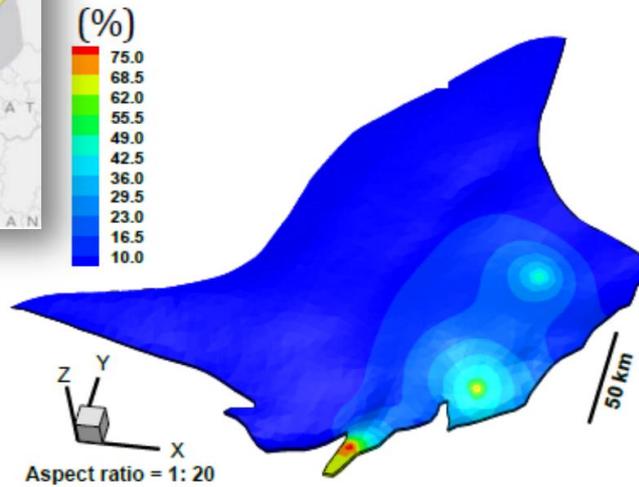
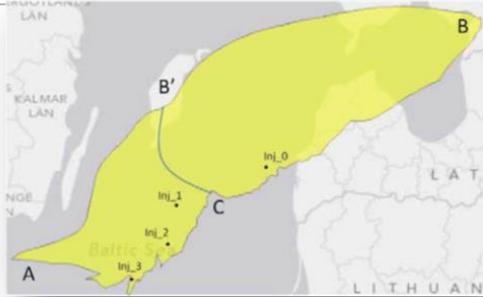


Plume migration with full TOUGH2 simulation and VE-approach

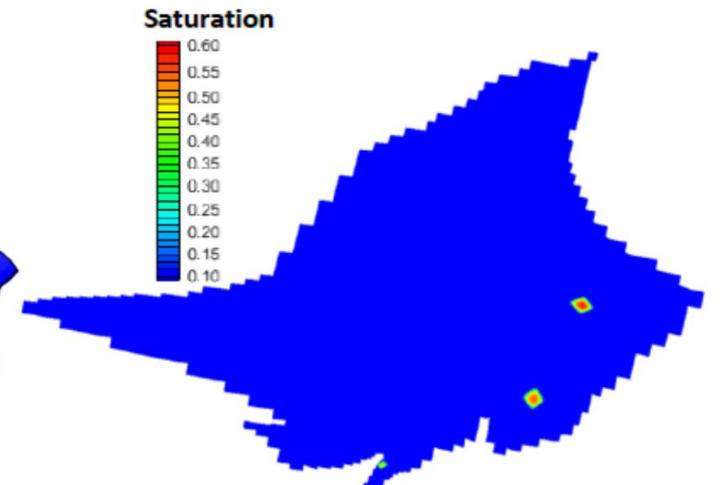
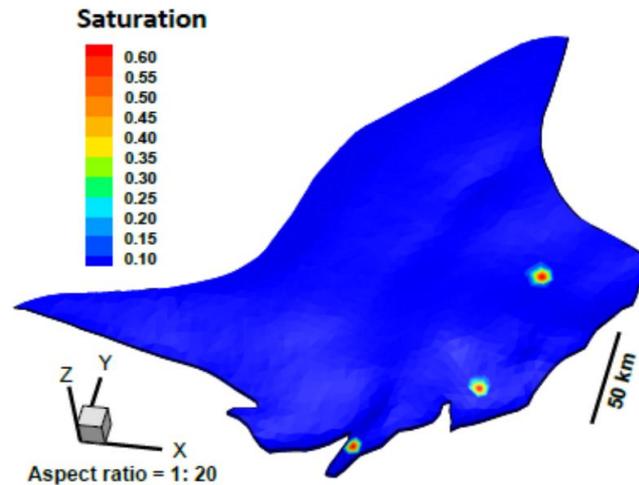




Example of simulated overpressure and CO2 saturation distributions – areal view



(b)





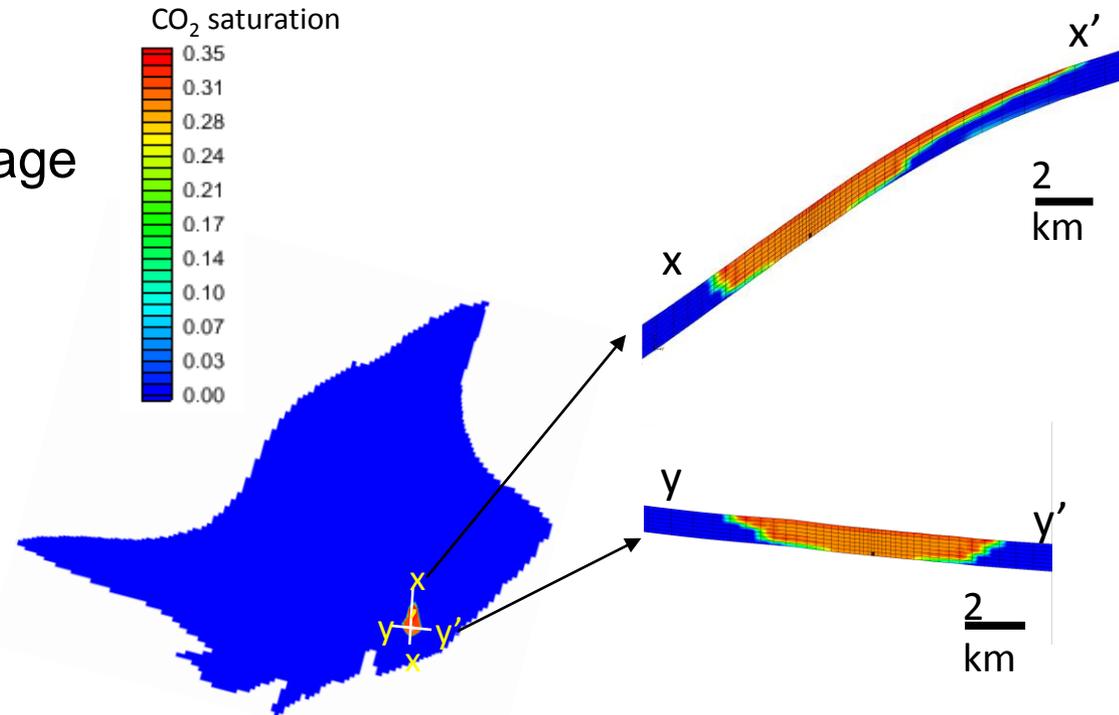
3D presentation of plume migration (TOUGH2 simulation)

- Under the current injection scenario, the dominant constraint for the CO₂ storage potential is the pressure buildup.

Capacity of 100 Mt based on:

- 4 injection wells;
- 0.5Mt CO₂ / year per well;
- 50-year injection duration.

> **Dalders Monocline is a pressure limited system**





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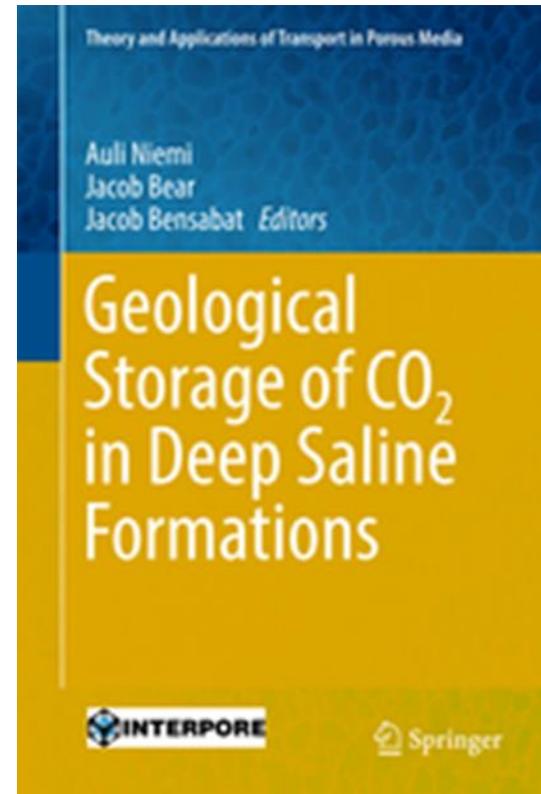
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