Systems Modeling & Science for Geologic Sequestration Project Number: LANL FE10-003 Task 3

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Benefit to the program

- Program goals being addressed:
 - Develop technologies to demonstrate that 99 percent of injected CO₂ remains in the injection zones.
- Project benefit:
 - This project is developing system modeling capabilities that can be used to address challenges associated with infrastructure development, integration, permanence & carbon storage options. The project is also developing science basis that can be used to assess impacts of CO₂ leakage in shallow aquifers. This technology contributes to the Carbon Storage Program's effort of ensuring 99 percent CO₂ storage permanence in the injection zone(s).



Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

- 1. Develop and apply system modeling capabilities applicable to CCS storage operations:
 - Develop capabilities in LANL's CO₂-PENS system-model for a range of field site applications
 - Develop capabilities to assess optimized CCS infrastructure
 - Develop capabilities that can be used to evaluate water production and treatment for beneficial reuse.
- 2. Characterize multi-phase CO_2 flow in groundwater aquifers through an integrated experimental-simulation approach

Technical Status



Developing an effective CCS technology deployment strategy for CO₂ management requires consideration of various coupled systems

- Components of the CCS technology, namely, CO₂ sources, transportation pipelines and storage reservoirs will interact and impact performance of each other
 - Suitable availability of geologic storage options and their long-term performance will influence siting, size and operations of power plants (or other CO₂ sources)
 - Infrastructure needed at a geologic storage site and effective site management will be influenced by the amount of CO₂ to be sequestered
 - Development of an efficient pipeline network will depend on the distribution of sources and storage sites
- Predicting the performance of the integrated CCS operation and assessing its effectiveness can be done with a system modeling approach



A system model for geologic storage encompasses all components at storage site



At LANL we have developed the first-ever system level model, CO₂-PENS, for predicting long-term performance of a geologic sequestration reservoir

- CO₂-PENS (CO₂-Prediction of Engineered Natural Sites) is a modular, systems level model developed to perform comprehensive analysis of CO₂ sequestration sites
 - Developed since 2005 with DOE funding.
 - Currently being applied in NRAP, SWRP, BSCSP, US-China Consortium
- CO_2 -PENS:
 - Developed for assessment of long-term performance of specific sites.
 - Provide input for various criteria: effectiveness (capacity & injectivity), HSE risks, economics, public policy
 - Simulate CO₂ transport & migration from sources to storage & beyond.
 - Supports a science based quantitative risk assessment.
 - System level approach that integrates modules that are governed by different physics and are described by analytical/semi-analytical/detailed numerical models.

Technical approach

- Integrate CO₂-PENS with LANL's SimCCS model for optimization of infrastructure deployment
 - Enhance SimCCS capabilities to address time-dependence, incorporation of uncertainty and risk
- Develop new capabilities in CO₂-PENS to enhance its applicability:
 - Evaluate water production, treatment for beneficial reuse and disposal to minimize risks due to pressure increase
 - New modules for application to CO_2 -EOR sites
- Demonstrate applicability of CO₂-PENS through field applications
- Fill-in the knowledge gap related to underlying science base:
 - Current understanding of CO_2 exsolution and multi-phase fluid flow in shallow aquifers

Optimization of CCS infrastructure deployment

- In order to develop an efficient and robust CCS infrastructure as the scale of CCS deployment grows we will have to *simultaneously* and *optimally decide*:
 - Which CO₂ sources will capture [or *emit*] CO₂ and how much CO₂ to capture at selected sources
 - Which geological reservoirs to open, how much CO₂ to inject into each reservoir while taking into account CO₂ storage effectiveness
 - Where to construct pipeline *networks*, what diameter pipeline to build and how to efficiently distribute CO₂ amongst supply/demands

Optimization of CCS infrastructure deployment

- An integrated modeling approach that while optimizing the transportation network it also takes into account the storage reservoir effectiveness
 - Our overall approach will be focused on integrating LANL's SimCCS optimization model with CO₂-PENS
 - SimCCS is a comprehensive CCS infrastructure model for optimization of CO₂ capture, transportation and storage: uses realistic, networked pipeline system
 - Use CO₂-PENS to inform SimCCS
 - CO₂-PENS provides information on number of wells, injectivity, maximum reservoir capacity, water production to maintain pressure at different sites
 - SimCCS updated to take into account reservoir related information
 - Use CCS infrastructure results to inform CO₂-PENS
 - Identify potential, feasible storage sites

Results: Spatial evolution of infrastructure over time



SimCCSTIME

- spatial optimization framework for CO₂ capture and storage (CCS) infrastructure (capturing, transporting, injecting/storing CO₂) through multiple time periods
- deploys CCS networks to meet a CO₂ cap (i.e., cap-andtrade) or in response to a price/tax to emit CO₂
- intended to be used by *scientists*, CCS *stakeholders*, *policy makers*, and general *public*

Scenario

- overbuilds infrastructure (e.g., pipelines, capture) in early periods to achieves long-term economies of scale
- overall CCS costs rise through time as more expensive CO₂ sources are brought online, transport costs fall through increased utilization (Chart A)
- SimCCS^{TIME} balances CCS costs across all time periods while minimizing costs in any one time period (Chart B)

Water production and treatment for beneficial reuse

- Objectives
 - Minimize risks associated with pressure increase by pressure management through water production
 - Develop system modeling capabilities for assessing effective technologies and costs related to extraction and treatment of water for beneficial use
- Approach
 - Develop system modules for doing assessment while taking into account complexities
 - Apply model using real-world data from literature and from accepted water treatment practices worldwide
 - Integrate with CO₂-PENS model
- Challenges
 - Water types and sources are very different and more complex chemically than typical waters treated for municipal and industrial use
 - Obtaining complete cost data is difficult. International sources of data are very important.
 - Accounting for all costs and ancillary benefits is very specific to the capture/storage technology realm and is related to, but not the same as, typical treatment and use scenarios

Model Structure, Pretreatment and Treatment Choices



Concentrate Disposal Options and Costs

Treatment Type	Low Range \$/m³	High Range \$/m³	Comments	Selected References	
Recovery/Reuse	0.04	3.29	Water rights/value of lost water	DiNatale[4] Drioli[5]	
Surface/Sewer	0.42	22.19	No Surface costs found (Higher in Europe)	Circle of Blue[6]	
Ocean Discharge	0.03	0.10	Few real costs found	Wetterau [7]	
Class I Well	0.02	0.25	Includes Class I/Class V hybrid	Gorder [8]	
Class II Well	0.06	63.29	Wide range of methods and reports	Boysen [9] <i>,</i> McGovern[10]	
Class V Well	0.16	0.25	Includes Class I/Class V hybrid	Gorder [8]	
Evaporation-Passive and enhanced	0.50	1.53	Volumes may be limited	Kim[11], Gorder [8]	
Zero Liquid Disch.	0.04	0.92	Calculated, not actuals		
ZLD-Chemical extraction	4.51	20.7	Lab test basis	Juby[12], Mickley[13]	

Pretreatment and concentrate disposal effects on costs





3. Disposal costs added



2. Pretreatment costs added

As modeled, pretreatment scatters RO (±25%) and NF (±50%) ranges more than for thermal methods (±5%), probably because of the assumption that more pretreatment is used for membrane processes.
Disposal costs also scatter data and increase costs, considerably for some methods such as Class V wells.

CO₂-PENS site application

- Objectives
 - Demonstrate application of CO₂-PENS to field sites for site feasibility and long-term risks
- Approach
 - Apply CO₂-PENS to specific sites that are currently under various studies (characterization or field demonstration)
 - Update CO₂-PENS capabilities to account for sitespecific issues while taking into account complexities
 - Site feasibility includes assessment of long term storage capacity, injectivity and risks
- Ongoing application
 - Craig site project led by University of Utah

Rocky Mountain Site Characterization Project: Craig site



- The project aims at regional characterization of multiple potential CO₂ sequestration target formations in Rocky Mountain region
 - Three prominent zones including Dakota sandstone, Entrada sandstone and Weber



CO₂-PENS application

- Approach:
 - Develop CO₂-PENS model for the Craig site (site-specific) and Colorado Plateau (regional)
 - Incorporate regional geologic characterization information, site-specific details
 - Potential failure pathways (wells/seals): determine probability of failures based on available data
 - Model for CO₂ sequestration reservoirs: Utilize results of numerical modeling studies: changes in reservoir pressure and saturations
 - CO₂-PENS calculations will provide results related to overall risks related to various criteria: e.g. risks of leakage of CO₂/brine
- Status:
 - Received results of numerical reservoir simulations from Univ. of Utah.
 - In process of collecting additional data (shallow formations, well/fault data)
 - In process of performing calculations on a regional basis and site-specific risks

Characterization of CO₂-water multi-phase flow

- Objectives
 - Characterize the nature of CO₂-water flow in shallow aquifer subsequent to potential leakage
 - Start filling knowledge gaps:
 - Investigate the effect of heterogeneity on the processes of CO₂ gas exsolution, expansion and migration in large systems
 - Determine how various factors affect the spatiotemporal evolution of CO₂ gas in large systems
 - Develop numerical tools for broader applications
 - Demonstrate real-world applications and upscaling effects through intermediate scale two-dimensional experiments

Characterization of CO₂-water multi-phase flow

- Approach
 - Integrated experimental and modeling approach
 - Collaboration with Prof. Tissa Illangasekare at Colorado School of Mines (CSM)
 - Unique, world-class experimental facility at CSM including sand column and two-dimensional tanks
 - Experiments under controlled conditions where CO₂-dissolved water is injected through columns/tanks under different conditions
 - Experimental results used to develop models in LANL's FEHM simulator

Characterization of CO₂-water multi-phase flow



Example experimental results

Final Saturation Profiles



The final distribution of gas in the column depends on the saturation pressure

Results of 1-D column experiments

- The spatiotemporal pattern of CO₂ gas exsolution is relatively insensitive to injection rate
- Exsolution proceeds more slowly in fine homogeneous systems than coarse when the water is not supersaturated
- The vertical extent of the gas phase is directly proportional to the saturation pressure
- The higher the injected CO₂ concentration, the sooner and quicker the exsolution
- Heterogeneous interfaces trigger exsolution when they exist in the portion of the column where the injected water is supersaturated
- Gas accumulates under interfaces from coarse to fine sand
- Preferential flow paths occur more often through fine sand than coarse

Numerical Modeling with LANL's FEHM simulator



Matching experimental observations needed incorporation of 35% critical gas phase saturation

Accomplishments to Date

- CO₂-PENS, first-ever system model for CCS studies:
 - Developed capabilities for application to site-specific complex geologies
- Integrated SimCCS (CO₂ pipeline infrastructure optimization model) with CO₂-PENS (System model for geologic CO₂ storage): First-ever modeling approach of such kind.
- Applied integrated SimCCS & CO₂-PENS modeling capability to multiple sets of field data.
- Developed a comprehensive system module for assessment of water production to minimize risks and treatment for beneficial reuse.
- Completed column experiments to characterize multi-phase CO₂water flow and developed numerical models for the experiments:
 - Experimental observations are filling-in needs.

Future Plans

- Complete developments in *SimCCS* to account for site-specific risks
- Complete application of CO₂-PENS to Craig site
- Develop capabilities in CO₂-PENS and apply to CO₂ EOR site applications
 - Oil-specific issues
- System model for water treatment:
 - Expand cost database including factors such as organic pretreatments and add benefits
 - Integration with NATCARB for water composition
 - Develop an independent tool for assessment of water production and treatment
- Complete 2-D tank experiments on shallow aquifer multi-phase flow characterization and numerical models

Appendix



Organization Chart

- Project team
 - PI: Rajesh Pawar
 - Program Manager: Melissa Fox
 - Team Members:
 - Richard Middleton: CCS Infrastructure optimization
 - Jeri Sullivan: Water treatment system modeling
 - Shaoping Chu: Water treatment system modeling
 - Hari Viswanathan: CO₂-PENS site application
 - Prof. Tissa Illangasekare (Colorado School of Mines): CO₂ release experimental characterization



Gantt Chart

Task		FY10			FY11				FY12			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ql	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ql	Q2	Q3	Q4
Task 1 Project Management & Planning										ļ		
Task 2 Development of linkages for CO1												
source simulations											_	
Task 2.1 Enhancement of linkage between CO ₃ -PENS and APECS												
Task 2.2 Application of linked capability to											_	
multiple types of sources and sinks												
Task 3 Enhancement of the sub-system model												
to simulate CO ₂ transport												
Task 3.1 Develop cost surface model												
Task 3.2 Time component												
Task 3.3 Integration of SimCCS with CO1-												
PENS												
Task 3.4 Demonstration of transport sub-												
system modeling capability												
Task 4 Brine production & disposal		_								1		
Task 4.1 Enhancement of the sub-system												
model for brine treatment												
Task 4.2 Numerical simulation of large-scale												
CO ₁ injection in basins												
Task 4.3 Demonstration of brine sub-system												
modeling capability												
Task 5 Characterization of CO ₃ flow in shallow sub-surface												



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