

National Risk Assessment Partnership - Strategic Monitoring for Uncertainty Reduction

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Presentation Outline

- Secondary CO₂ plume detection (Kimberlina 2: Leakage through a dipping fault)
 - Surface seismic, Electromagnetic, and Gravity methods
- Monitoring methods for detection of brine and CO₂ leakage (Kimberlina 1.2: Leakage through legacy wells)
 - Surface seismic, Magnetotellurics, Electrical resistivity tomography, Gravity, Downhole pressure, Chemical sampling
- Machine learning approaches for leakage detection
- Tools for optimal monitoring design
 - Microseismic Monitoring Network, DREAM
- Summary

Surface seismic and EM methods for CO₂ plumes detection (1)

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Secondary CO₂ zones:

Etchegoin (~500 m)

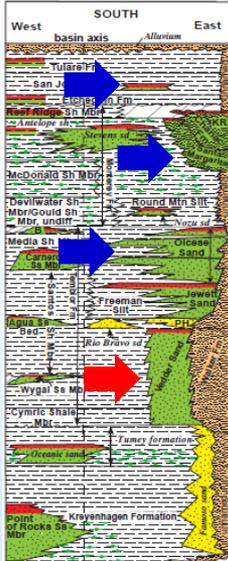
Santa Margarita (~1000 m)

Olcese (~1500 m)

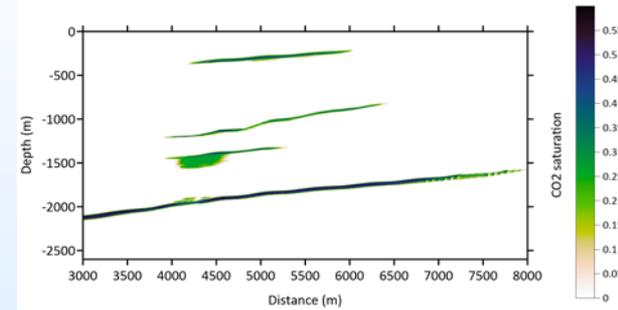
Injection Zone:

Vedder Sands (~2500 m)

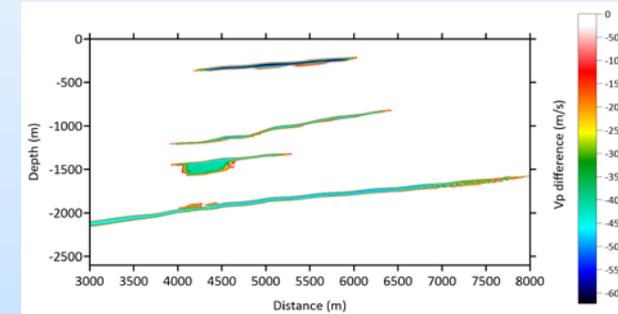
- Injection: 2.5 Mt/year for 60 years, total injected CO₂ mass is 150 Mt
- The fault (70° dip) is simulated as a barrier to the flow



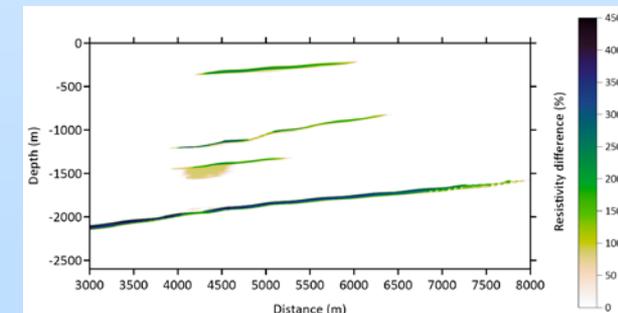
Time-lapse changes



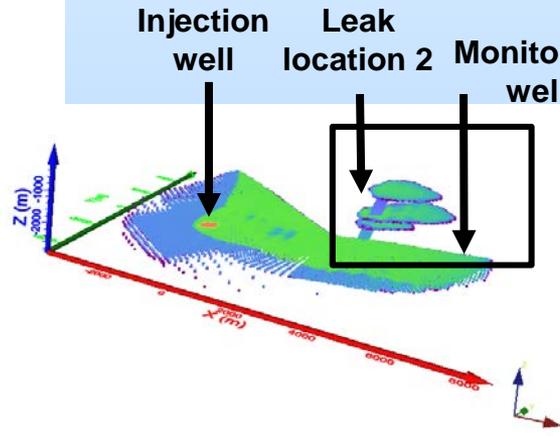
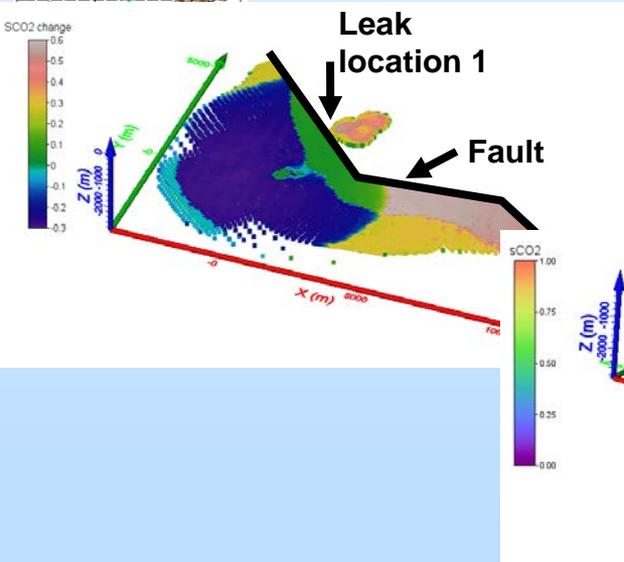
CO₂ saturation



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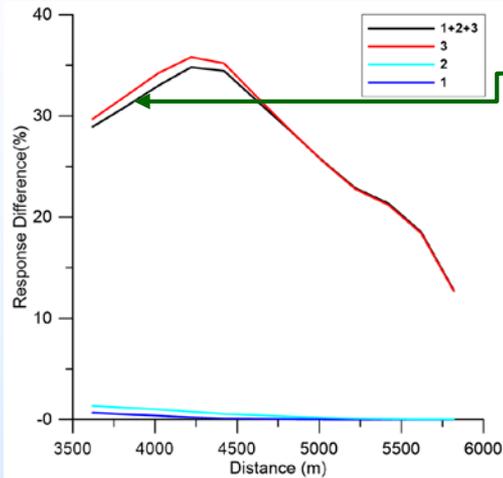


Resistivity

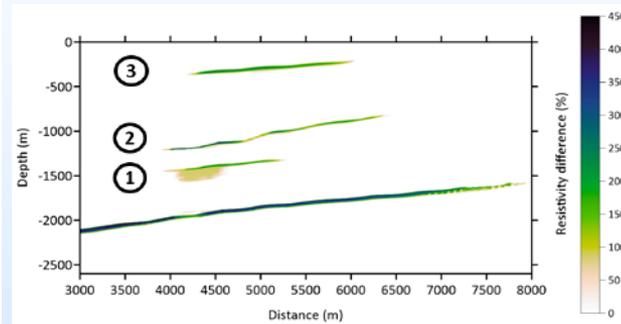
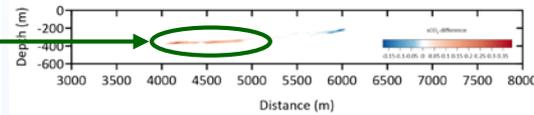


Surface seismic and EM methods for CO₂ plumes detection (2)

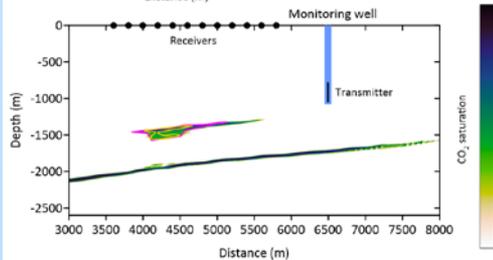
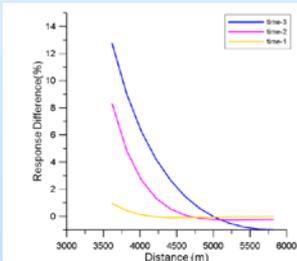
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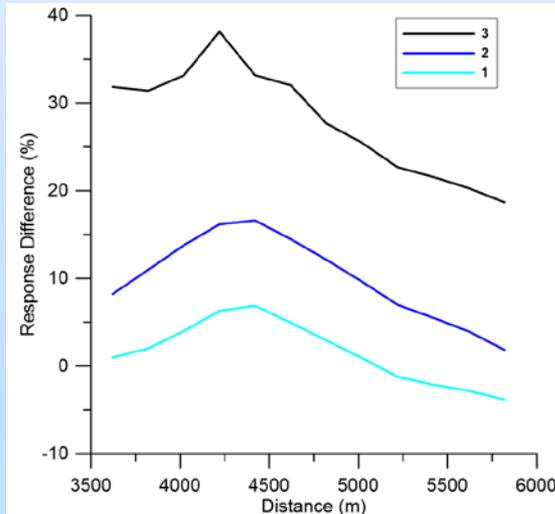
Surface EM



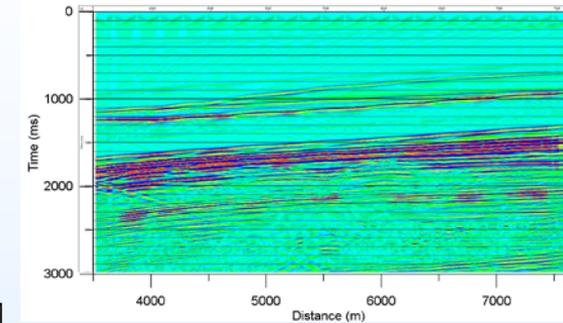
Time-lapse change in resistivity



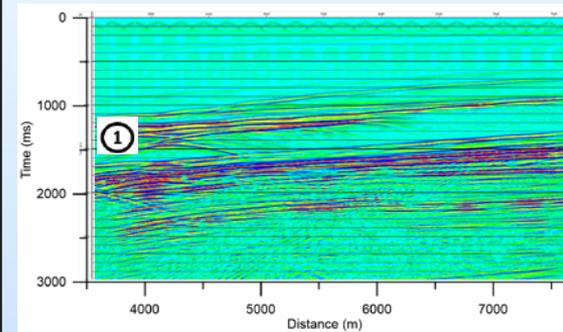
Borehole-to-surface EM



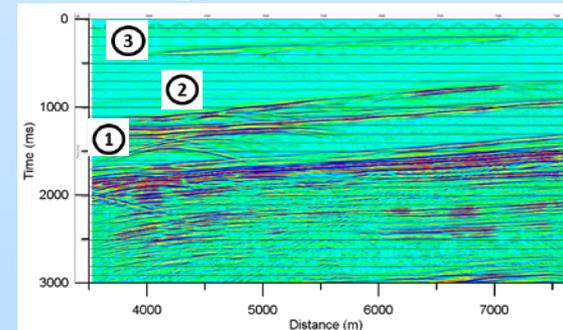
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Baseline



CO₂ plume at ~1500 m

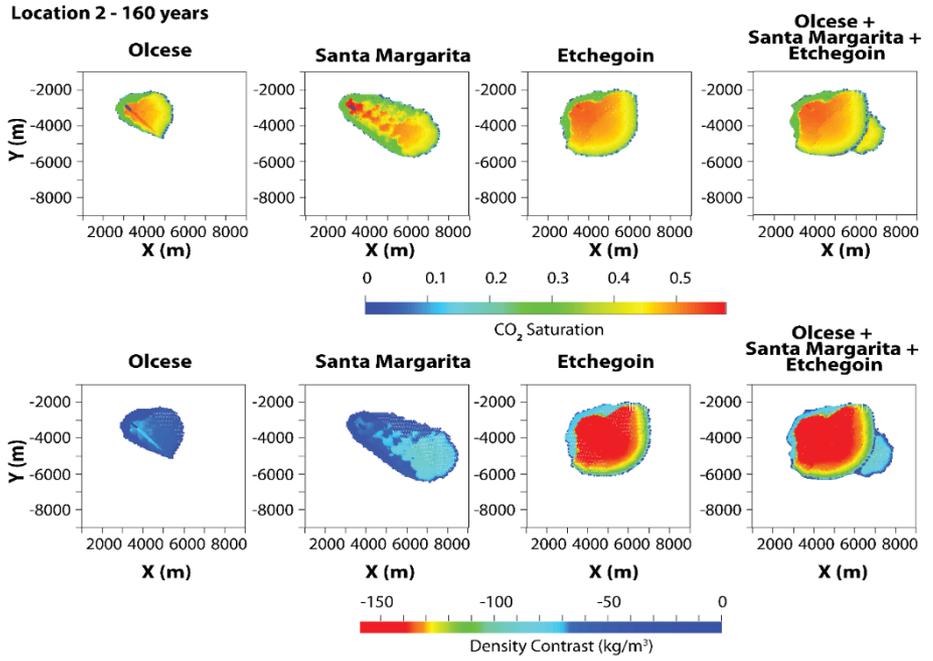


Three CO₂ plumes

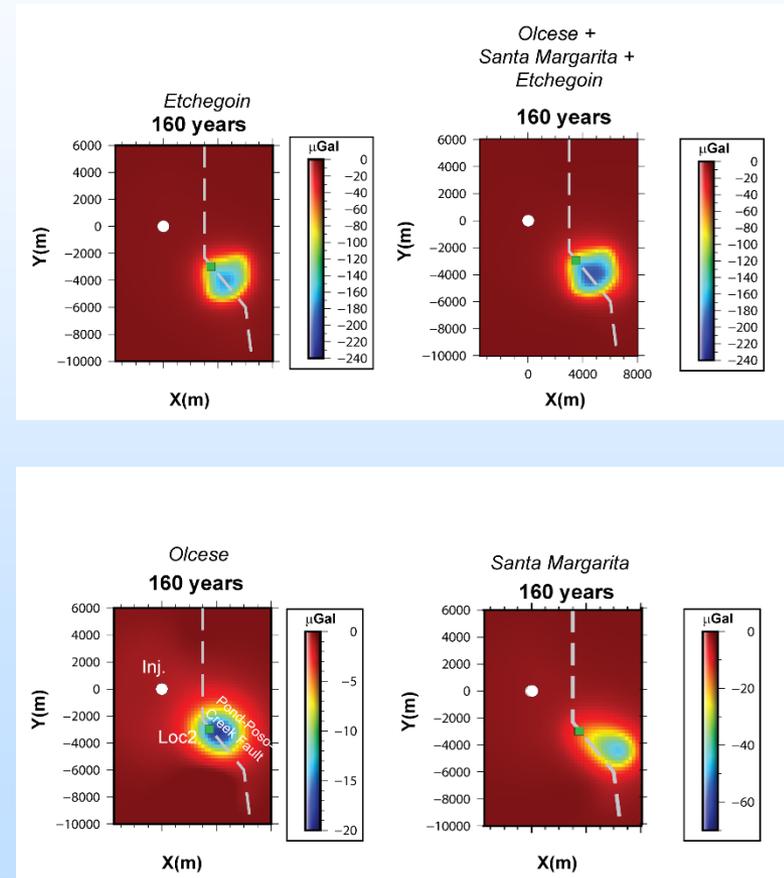
Gravity monitoring (1)

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CO₂ saturation and density contrast



Surface gravity responses



Surface monitoring: detection strongly depends on 1) detection **threshold**, 2) **size** of the leak and 3) **depth** of the leak

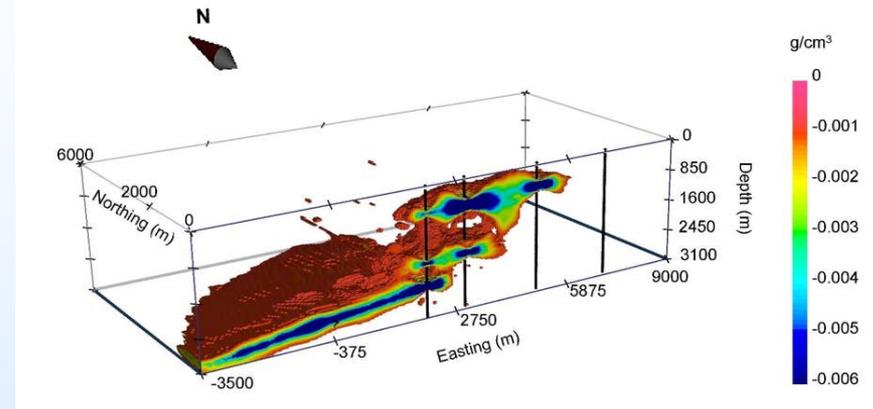
Borehole monitoring: time-lapse responses discriminate depth of leaks, but signal quickly decreases with the distance from a leak

Gravity monitoring (2)

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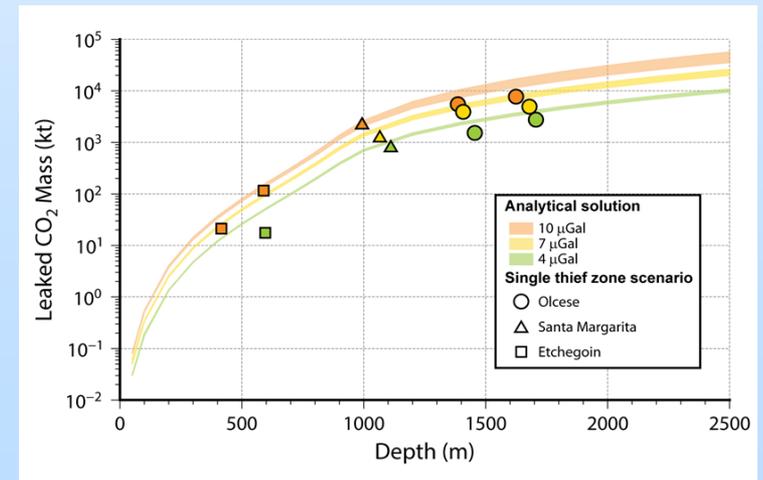
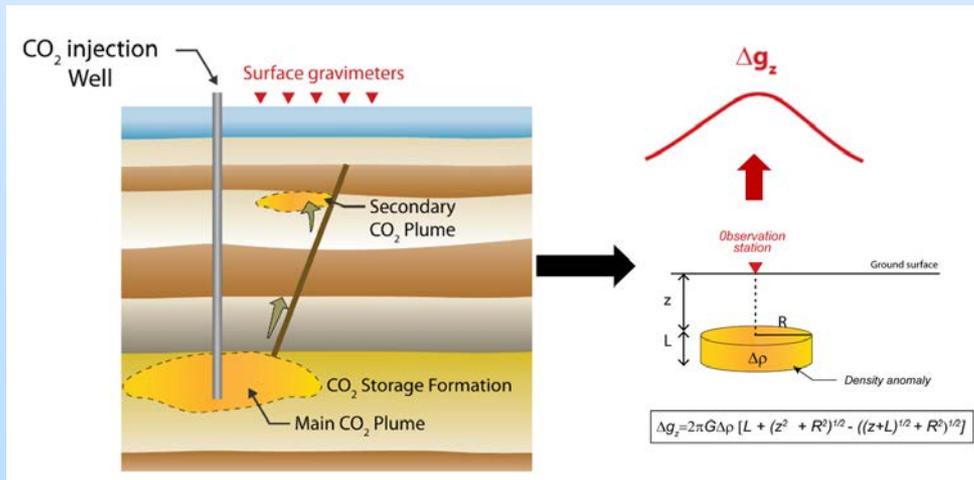
Gravity Inversion

- **Best results** obtained by **joint** inversion of **borehole** and **surface** data with an a-priori background model
- The mass estimate is within 10 % to 20% of the actual mass of fluid displaced



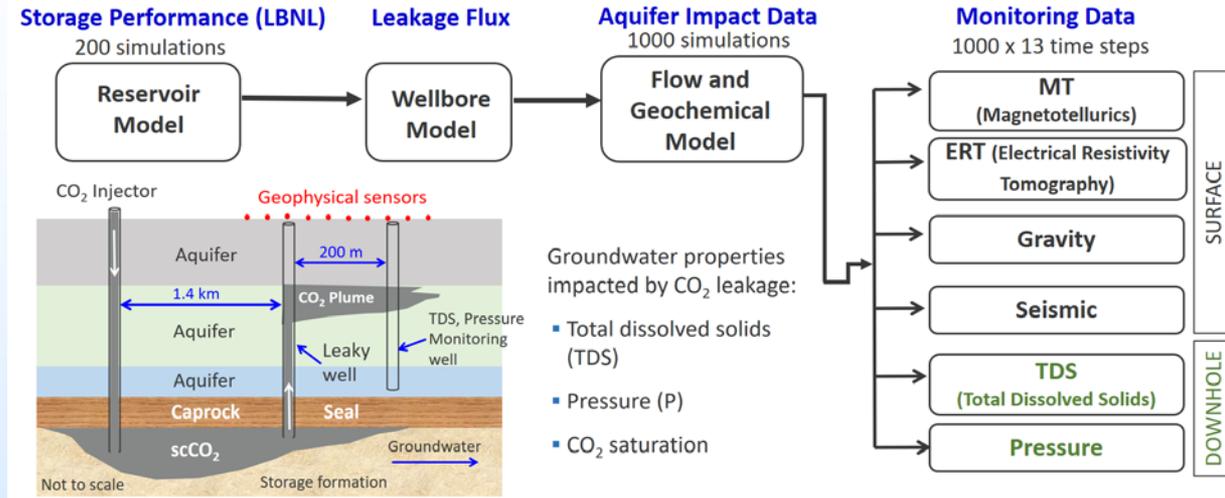
Analytical Solution

- First order agreement between multi-phase flow simulations and analytical solution
- Analytical solution can be used to estimate the gravity response expected at a CCS site

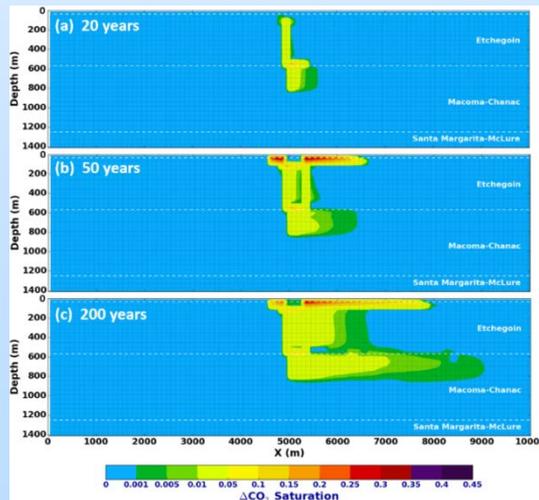


Monitoring Methods for Detection of Brine and CO₂ Leakage (1)

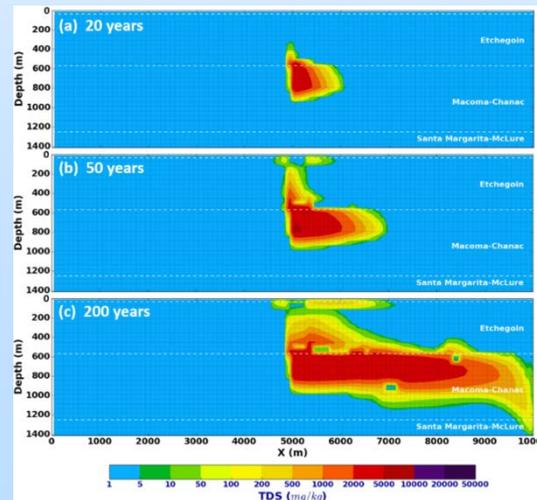
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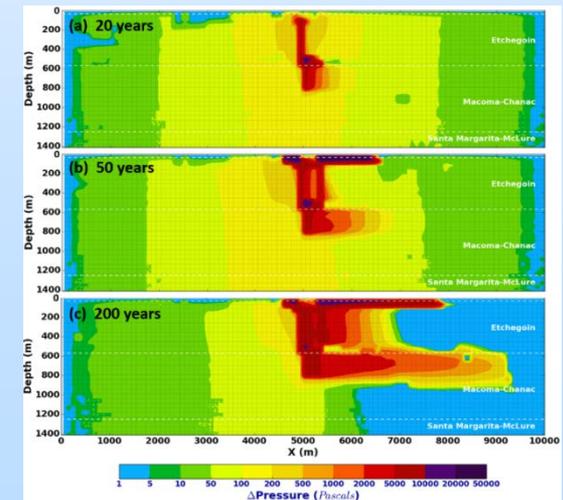
CO₂ saturation



TDS concentration



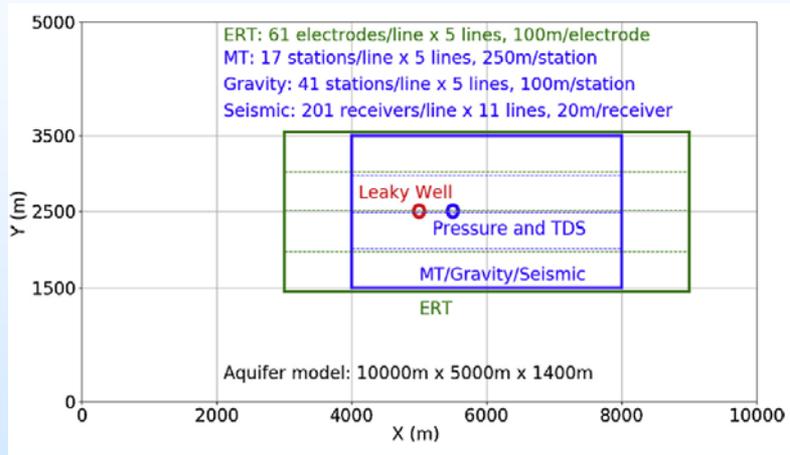
Overpressure



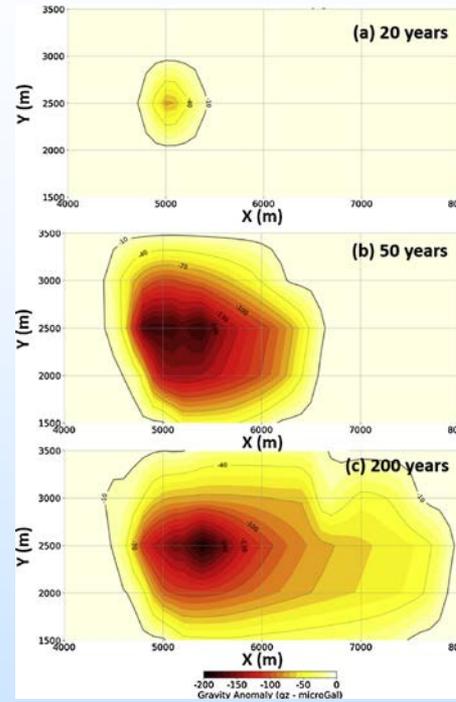
Monitoring Methods for Detection of Brine

and CO₂ Leakage (2)

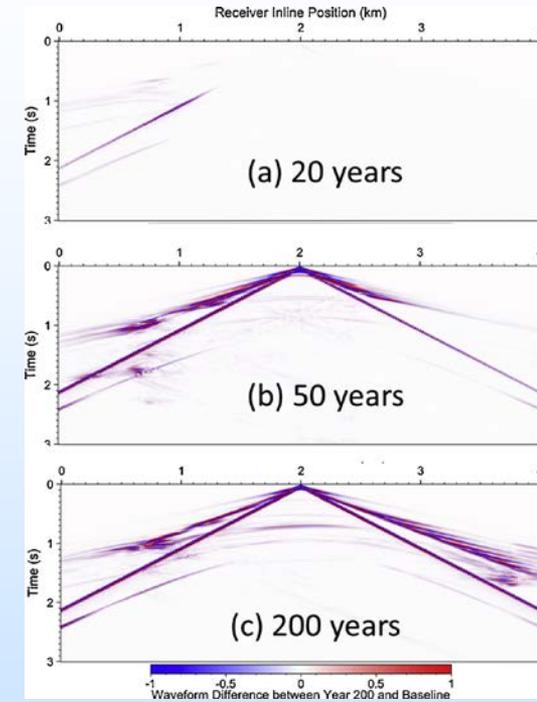
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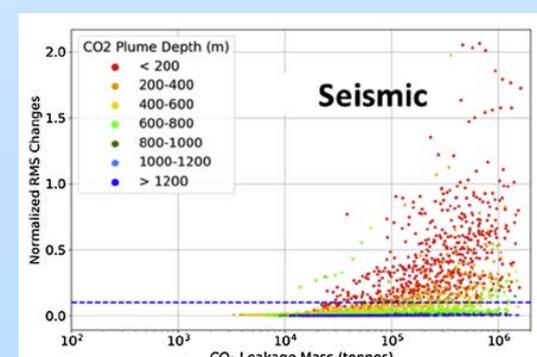
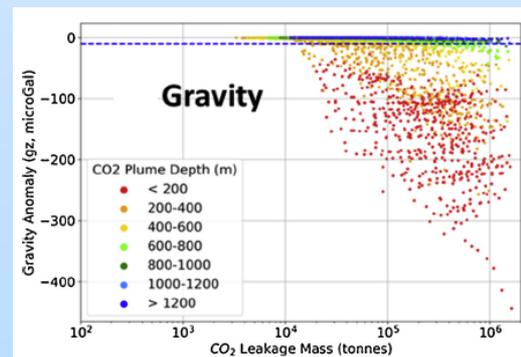
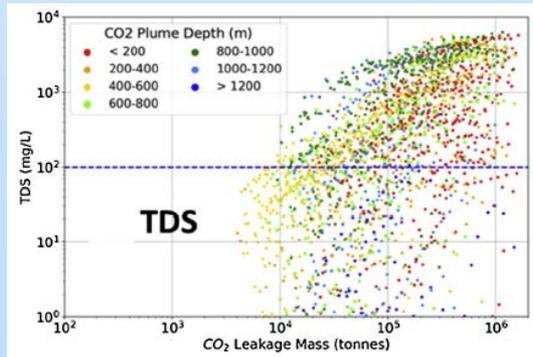
Monitoring layout



Gravity response change

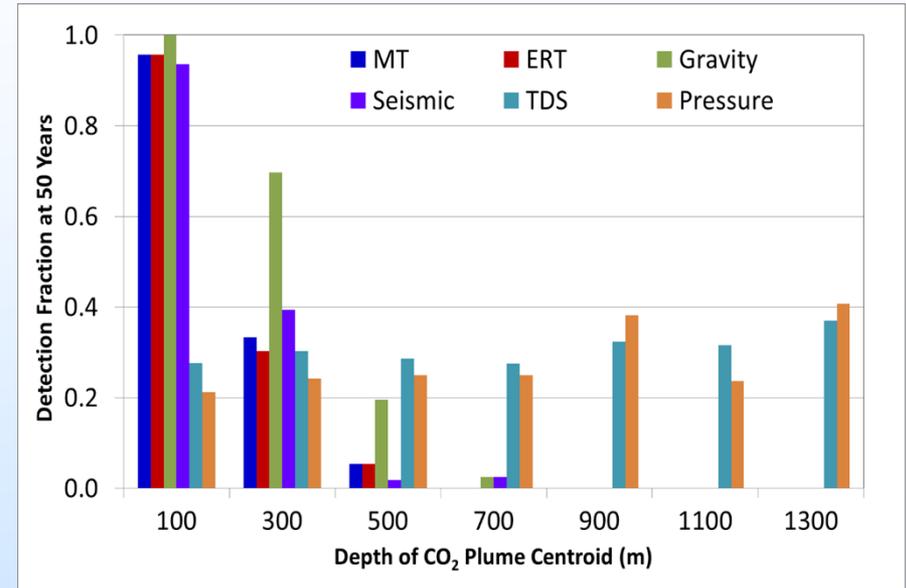
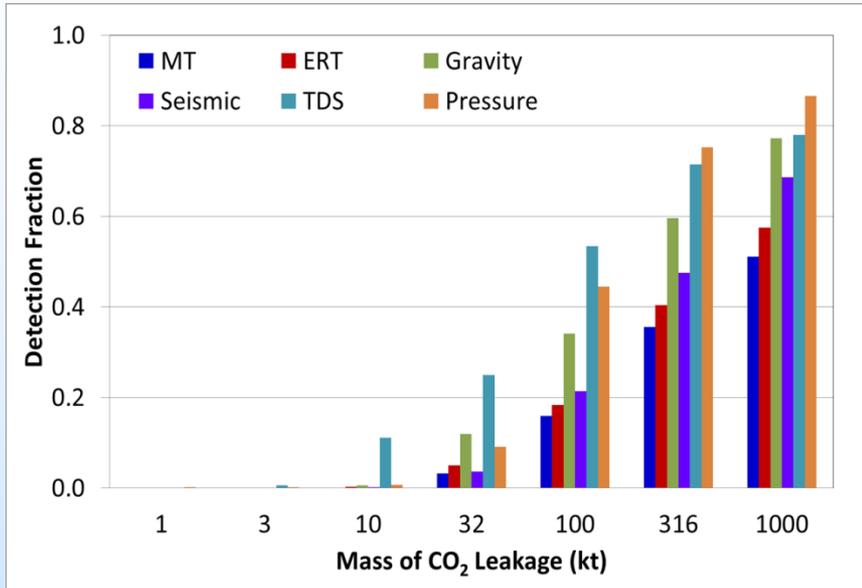


Seismic amplitude change



Monitoring Methods for Detection of Brine and CO₂ Leakage (3)

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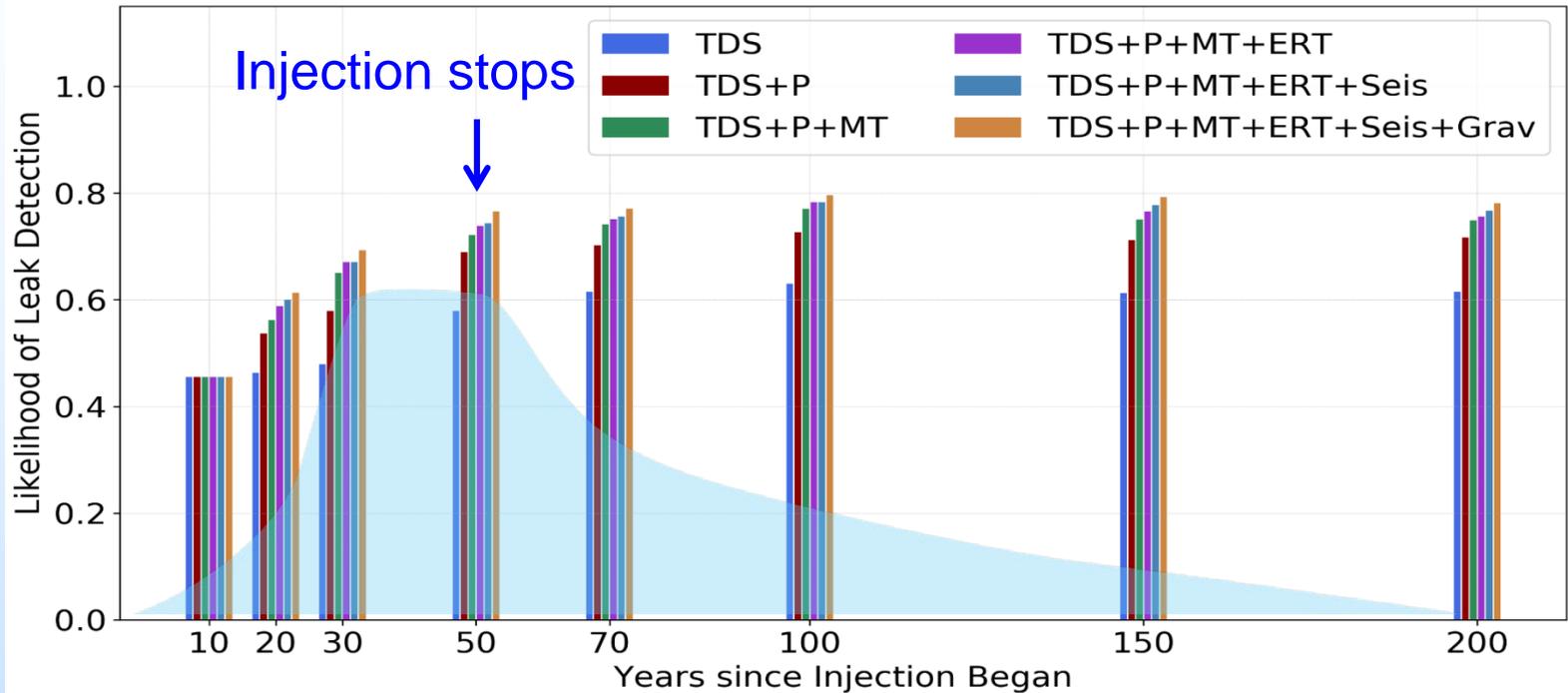


TDS monitoring is the only method that detects a small leak of less than 10,000 tonnes of CO₂ leakage

Effectiveness of downhole monitoring depends on the number and location of the monitoring wells and monitoring sensors

Monitoring Methods for Detection of Brine and CO₂ Leakage (4)

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A leak is defined as a plume that has

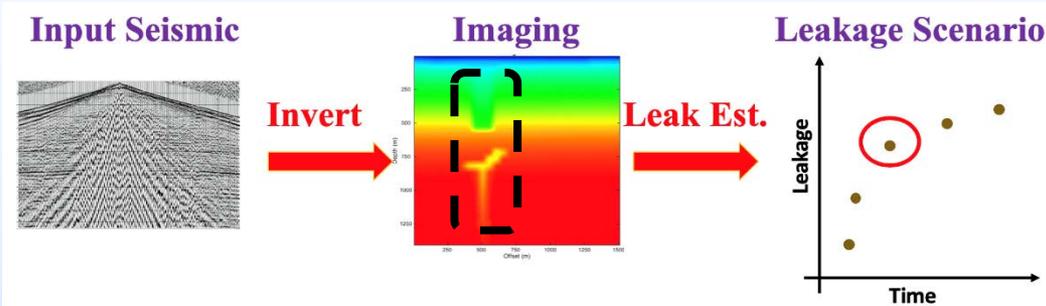
- Leakage mass > 20,000 tonnes
- TDS > 100 mg/l
- CO₂ saturation > 1%

Geophysical monitoring methods complement downhole monitoring and improve the likelihood of leak detection

A New ML Detection Method: Non-Imaging Leakage Detection

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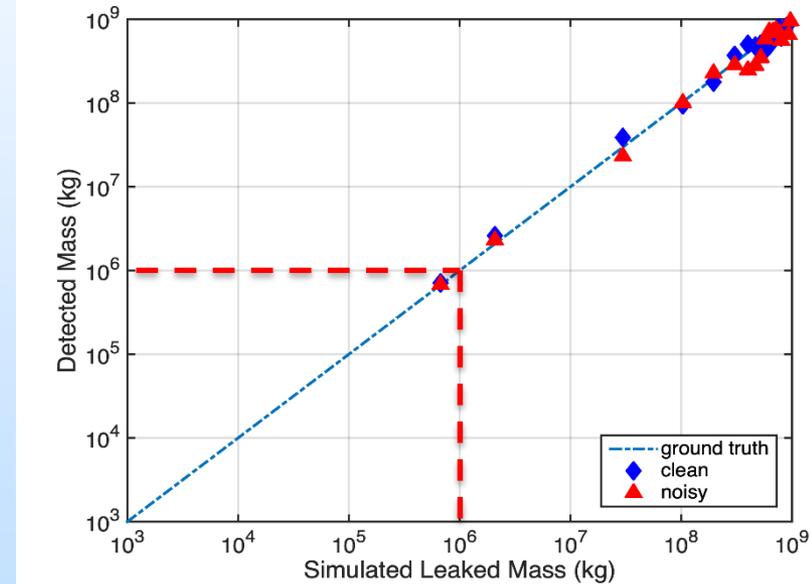
Conventional Detection – Seismic Imaging



Machine Learning Detection – Seismic (Non) Imaging

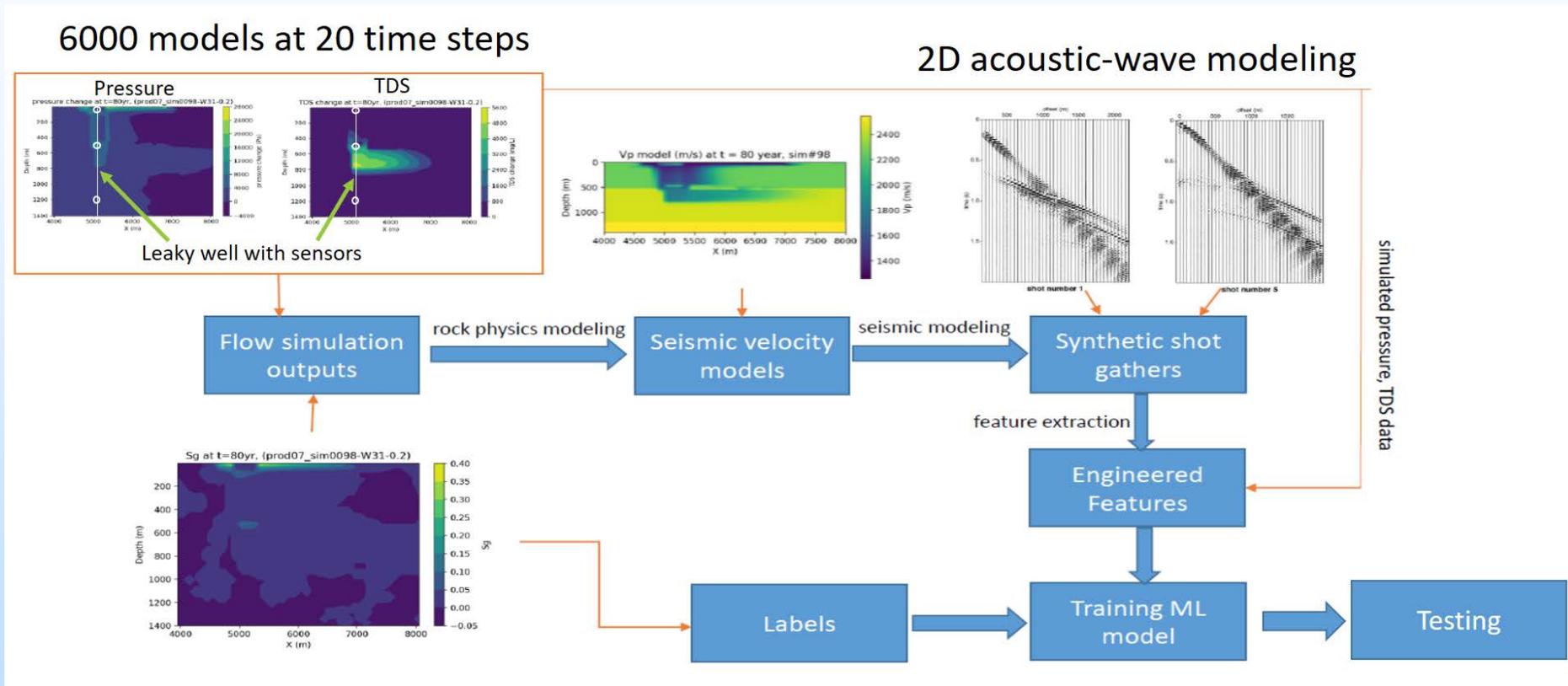


Detection Results



Inferring CO₂ saturation from surface seismic and downhole pressure and TDS data using ML

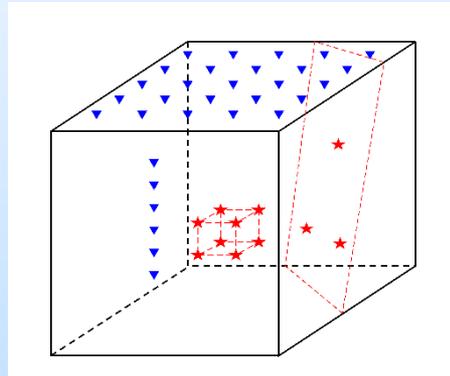
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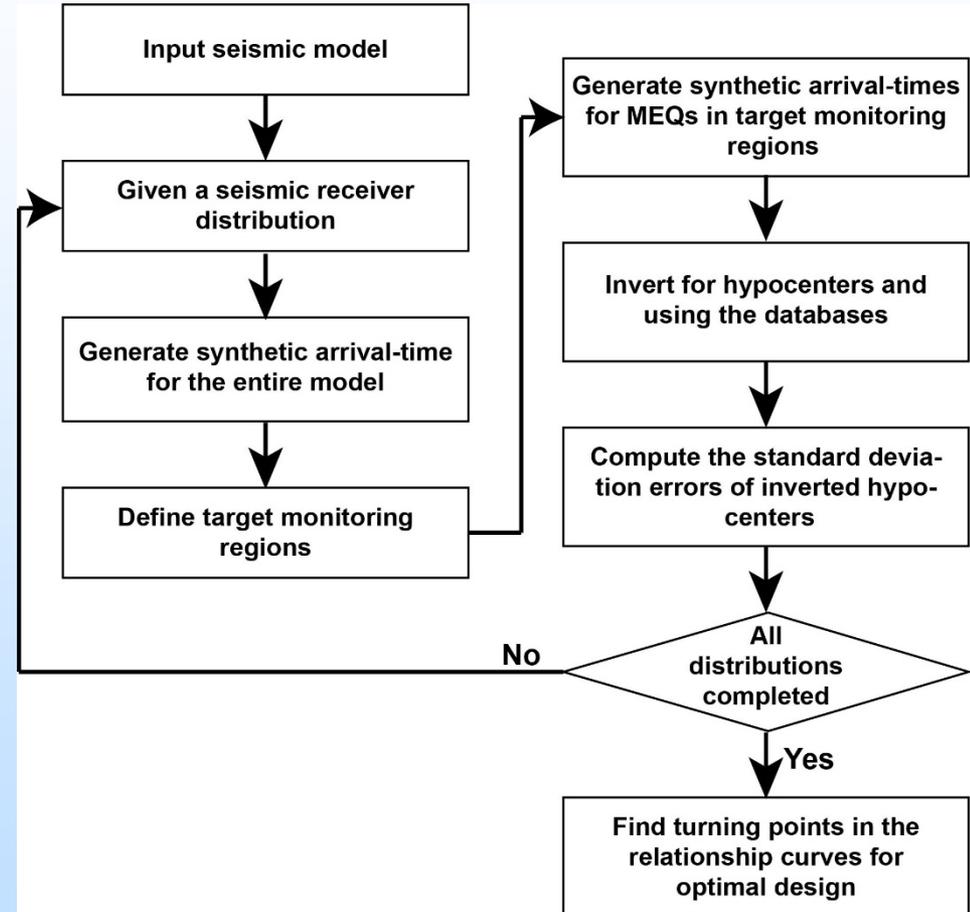
Tool for Optimal Design of Microseismic Monitoring Network (1)

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- Developed a tool to determine the relationship between the **hypocenter** uncertainty of microseismic events (**red stars**) within a target monitoring region (**red dashed box**) and the **geophone** distribution (**blue triangles**).
- Designed an optimal, cost-effective **microseismic monitoring network** using this relationship.



- Developed an Eikonal Solver algorithm to calculate P- and S-wave arrival times.
- Developed a simulated heat-annealing method to search the best hypocenters through minimizing the arrival-time misfit between data and synthetics.



Tool for Optimal Design of Microseismic Monitoring Network (2)

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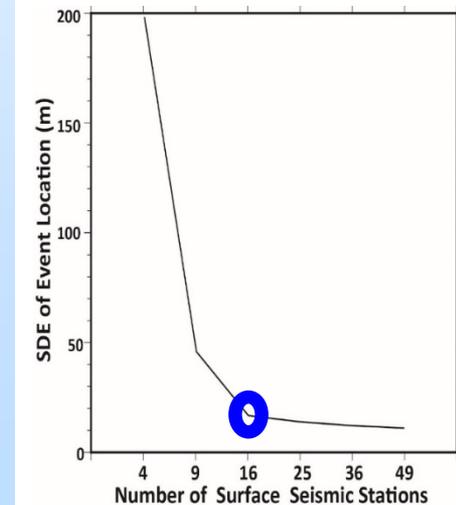
GUI Design

- Input velocity models, geophone distribution and target monitoring region in GUI.

Layer X Thickness	Layer X P-Velocity	Layer X S-Velocity
Layer 0 Thickness	0.661	0.992
Layer 1 Thickness	0.468	0.648
Layer 2 Thickness	0.32	0.43
Layer 3 Thickness	0.08	0.489
Layer 4 Thickness	0.327	0.33
Layer 5 Thickness	0.675	0.816
Layer 6 Thickness	0.261	0.269
Layer 7 Thickness	0.348	0.547
Layer 8 Thickness	0.668	0.175
Layer 9 Thickness	0.885	0.401

Application

- Designed microseismic monitoring network for the Phase 4 of SWP at the Farnsworth CO₂-EOR field.
- The turning point (blue circle) in the standard deviation error of microseismic event location vs the number of surface seismic stations indicates that 16 surface stations are needed for the optimal design.

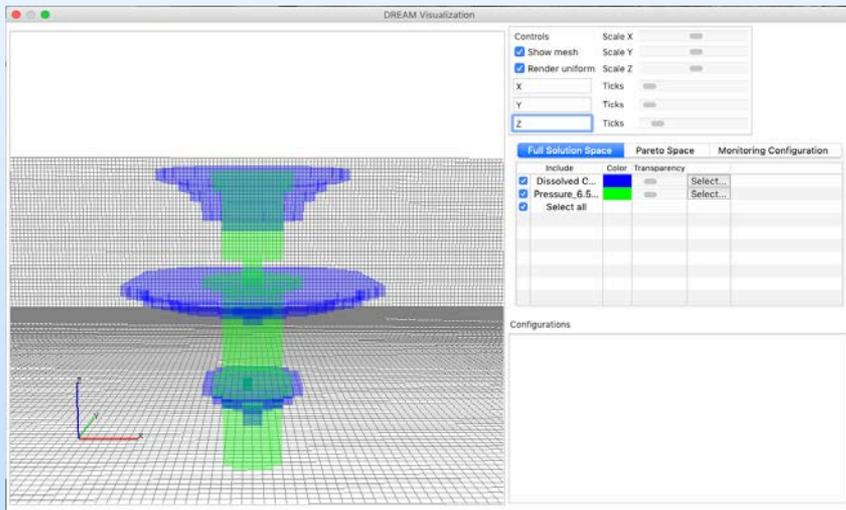


Risk-Based Monitoring Network Design Tools - DREAM

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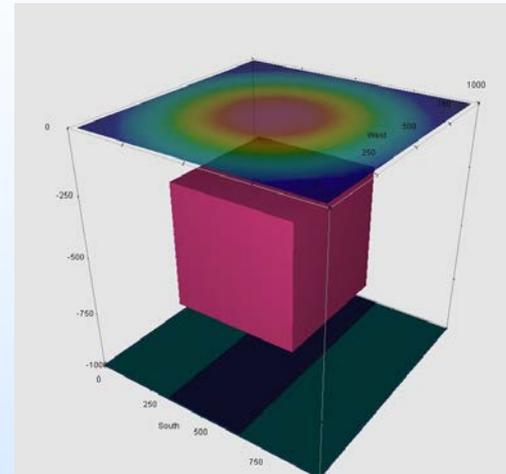
- Completed development of the DREAM tool interface to accommodate NRAP-Open-IAM input

DREAM/ NRAP-Open-IAM Input



NRAP-Open-IAM application to FutureGen 2.0

DREAM/Gravity testing



Density grid with a cubic domain representing a 0.2 g/cm^2 contrast

- Began DREAM/gravity integration
 - Completed validation of standalone gravity semi-analytical solutions.
- Continued evaluation of the ERT module
 - Modifications - consider more sensitive array configurations

Next Steps

- Integration of gravity module into DREAM
- Continued evaluation of ERT module in DREAM
- Compare effectiveness of monitoring technologies for leak detection at CO₂ storage sites
- Develop characterization of technical performance of monitoring technology detection thresholds, and attributes of spatial and temporal resolution
- Report and peer reviewed article on comparing effectiveness of monitoring technologies for leak detection at CO₂ storage sites

Accomplishments

- Release of DREAM tool with NRAP-Open-IAM input
- Tool for Optimal Design of Microseismic Monitoring Network
- Peer reviewed journal articles and presentations at scientific conferences

Synergy Opportunities

- Noise levels from actual field data could be incorporated into modeling and improve statistical estimates of derived parameters
- Field data sets from active experiments could be used to test and verify monitoring approaches
- Developed codes and methodologies will be shared with other projects

Appendix

Benefit to the Program

- To develop a science-based method for quantifying the risks (and associated potential liabilities) for CO₂ storage sites and to develop efficient, risk-based monitoring protocols. The work is based on detailed multi-physics process models, coupled with reduced order modeling to facilitate stochastic analysis of risk and uncertainty.
- The development of monitoring approaches and risk assessment methodologies will lead to more efficient use of monitoring resources with risk reduction as an optimization metric.

Project Overview

Goals and Objectives

- Assess the effectiveness of monitoring methods to detect leakage, develop optimized cost-effective monitoring designs, and integrate monitoring into the NRAP-Open-IAM to reduce risk and uncertainty in risk.
- The integration will include feedbacks that allow a monitoring protocol to be influenced or driven by the NRAP-Open-IAM assessment of risks, as well as allowing the risk profiles to be modified by monitoring and mitigation. The influence of monitoring will be in identifying the need for mitigation (i.e., identification of leakage) and then the monitoring of mitigation to assess its success.

Milestones and Deliverables

- D.4.B Decision Point: Propose a conceptual design for effectively integrating geophysical models/monitoring technology characterizations into a risk assessment framework. June 2019
- Presentation on NRAP Task 4.0 accomplishments at the Carbon Capture, Utilization, Storage, and Oil and Gas Technologies Integrated Review Meeting. August 2019
- M4.B Complete draft manuscript comparing effectiveness of monitoring technologies for leak detection. September 2019
- Briefing to NRAP Stakeholder Group on progress and status of strategic monitoring task. Fall 2019
- Report comparing effectiveness of monitoring technologies for leak detection at CO₂ storage sites. December 2019

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