

CO₂ simulations in OPM Flow

An overview

What is OPM Flow?



An open-source reservoir simulator

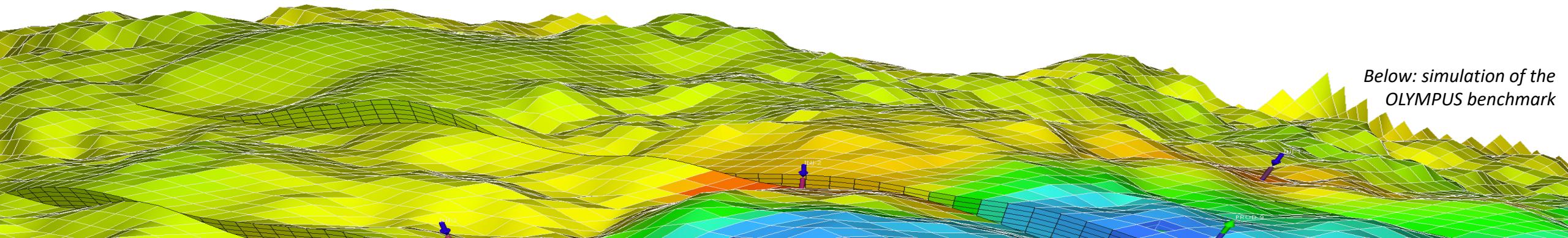
Extensible
and flexible



Collaborative
development



Industrial
relevance



CO₂ simulations in Flow



CO₂STORE

- PVT and solubility computed internally and dynamically as function of temperature, pressure, composition and salinity.
- *DISGASW*: Dissolved CO₂ in Brine
- *VAPWAT*: Vaporized water
- *THERMAL*: Dynamic temperature
- *DIFFUSE*: Diffusion
- *DRSDTCO_N**: Upscaled convective dissolution rate control
- Combined with *BRINE* and *PRECSALT*

CO₂STORE: CO₂-Brine properties

Density	Brine	Water	Hu, J., Duan, Z., Zhu, C., & Chou, I. M. (2007), Wagner, W., & Prüß, A. (2002).
		Salinity	Batzle, M., & Wang, Z. (1992).
		Dissolved CO ₂	Garcia, J. E. (2001).
		CO ₂	Span, R., & Wagner, W. (1996)
Viscosity	Brine		Batzle, M., & Wang, Z. (1992).
		CO ₂	Fenghour, A., Wakeham, W. A., & Vesovic, V. (1998).
Solubility			Spycher, N., Pruess, K., & Ennis-King, J. (2003).
			Duan, Z., & Sun, R. (2003)
Enthalpy	Brine	Water	Wagner, W., & Kruse, A. (2013).
		Salinity	Daubert, T. E., Daubert, T. E., & Danner, R. P. (1989)
		Dissolved CO ₂	Duan, Z., & Sun, R. (2003)
		CO ₂	Span, R., & Wagner, W. (1996).
Diffusivity		Water	McLachlan, C. N. S., & Danckwerts, P. V. (1972).
		Salinity	Ratcliff, G. A., & Holdcroft, J. G. (1963)
Tortuosity			Millington, R. J., & Quirk, J. P. (1961).

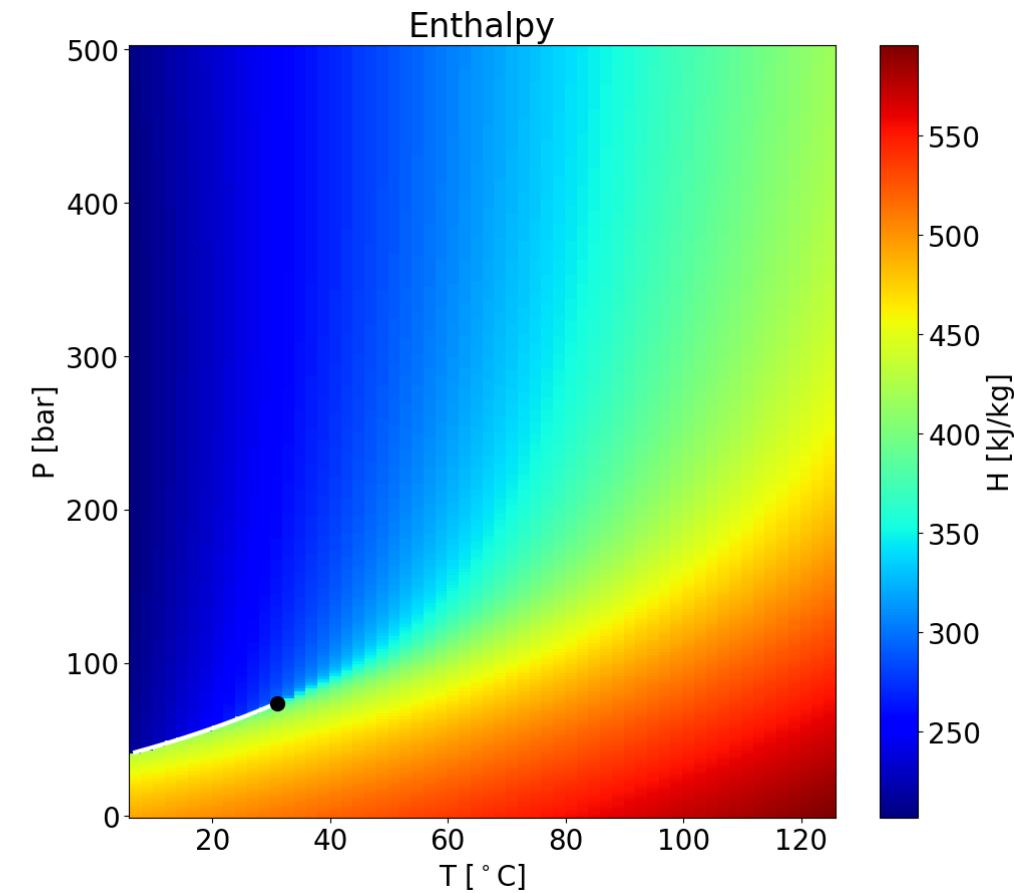
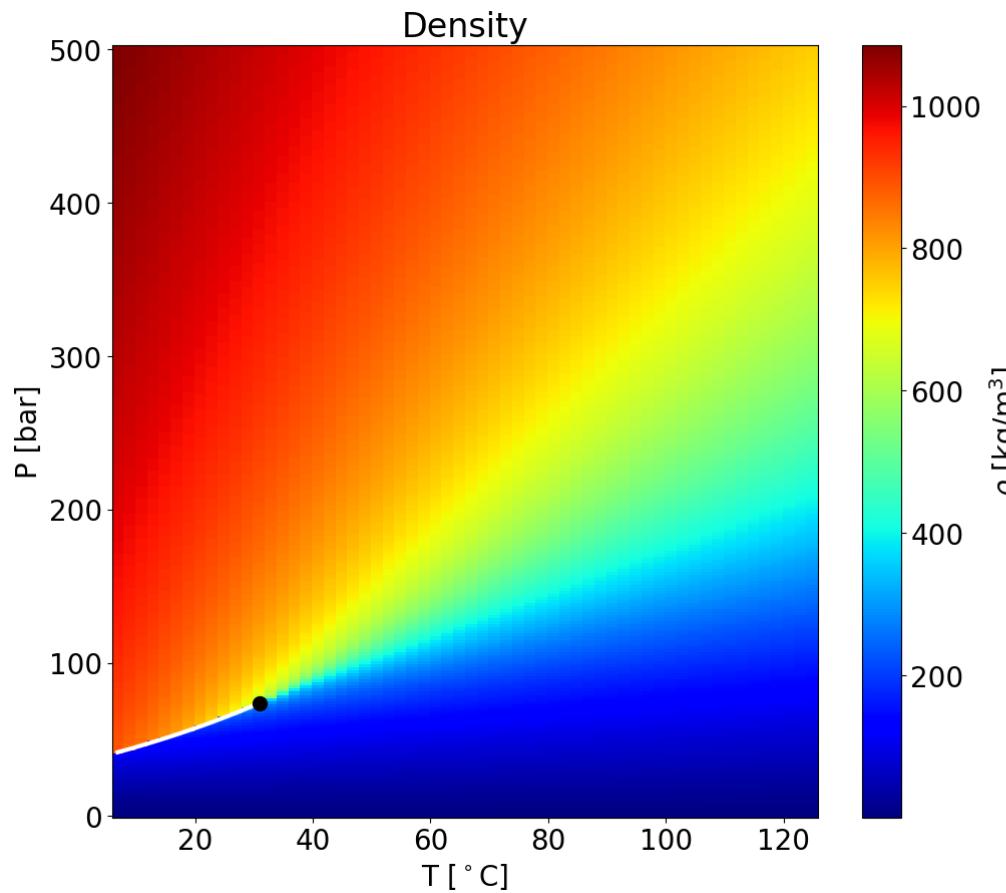
* Sandve, T. H., Gasda, S. E., Rasmussen, A., & Rustad, A. B. (2021). Convective Dissolution in Field Scale Co₂ Storage Simulations Using the OPM Flow Simulator. In *TCCS-11. CO₂ Capture, Transport and Storage. Trondheim 22nd–23rd June 2021 Short Papers from the 11th International Trondheim CCS Conference*. SINTEF Academic Press.

CO2STORE examples



<https://github.com/OPM/opm-tests/blob/master/co2store/>

CO₂ properties using Span-Wagner

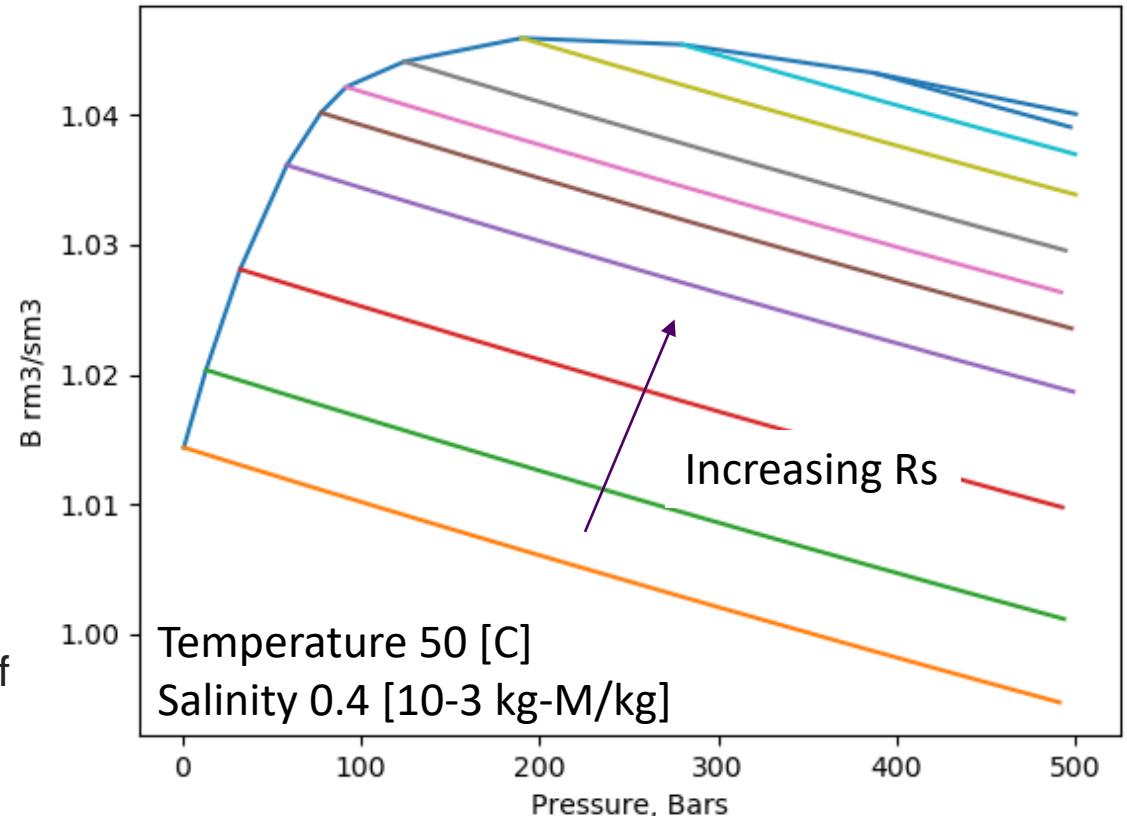


Span, Roland, and Wolfgang Wagner. "A new equation of state for carbon dioxide covering the fluid region from the triple-point temperature to 1100 K at pressures up to 800 MPa." *Journal of physical and chemical reference data* 25.6 (1996): 1509-1596.

CO₂ dissolution

- Phase partitioning
 - Modified Redlich-Kwong equation (SRK) *
 - Modification salt **
- Density of Brine with CO₂ ***

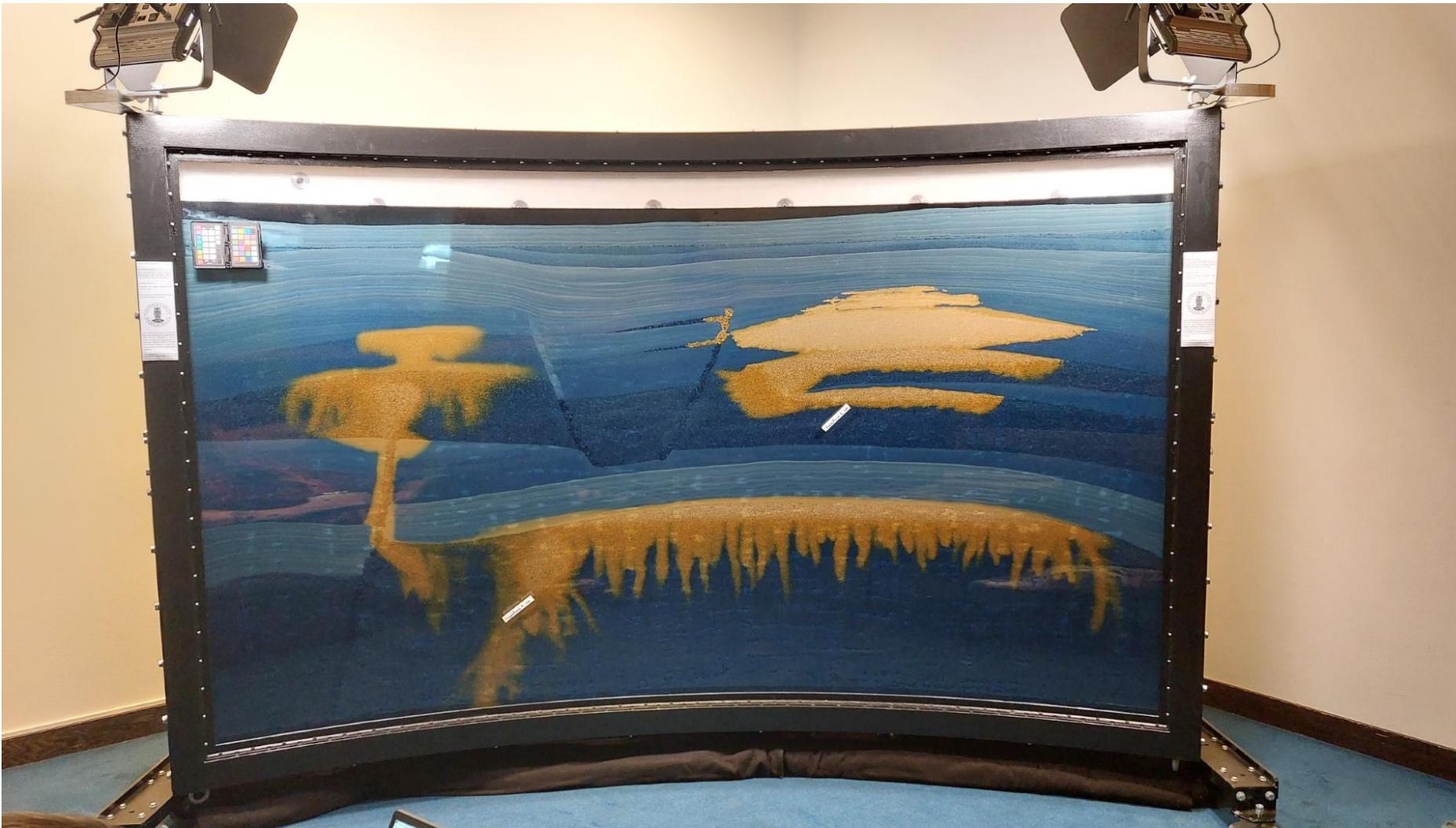
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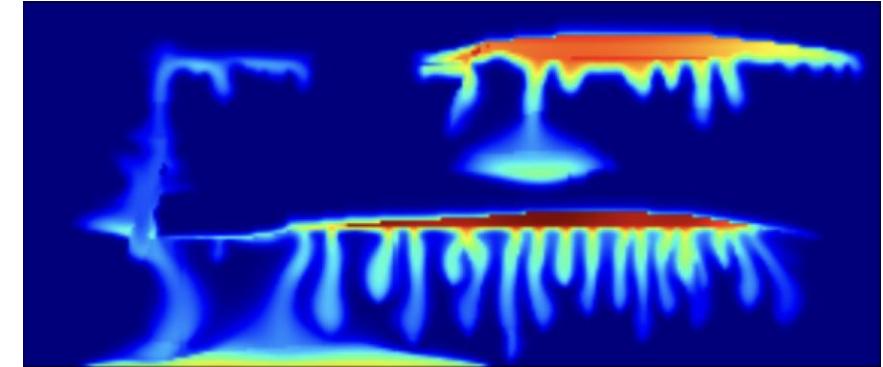
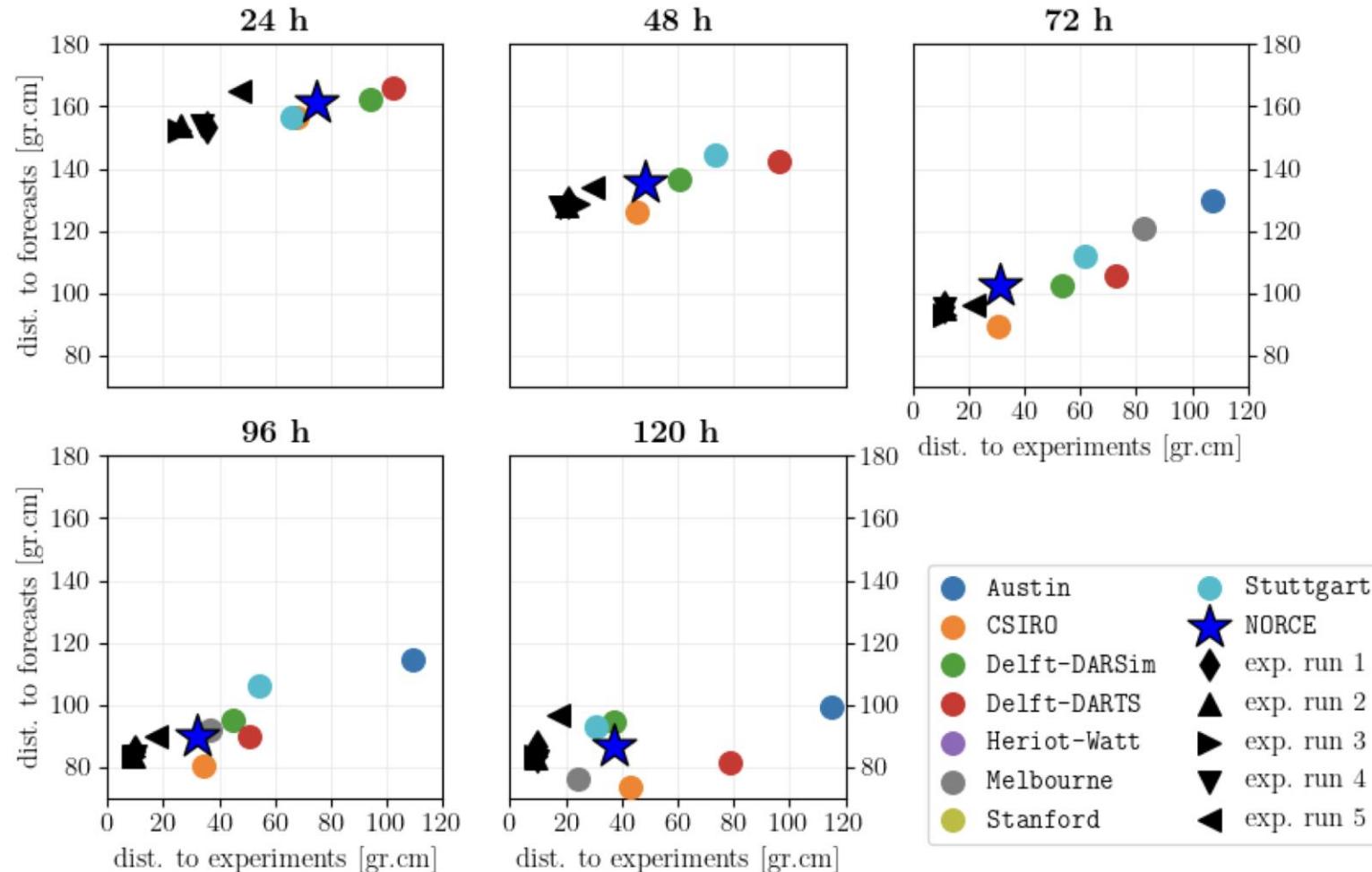
** Duan, Zhenhao, and Rui Sun. "An improved model calculating CO₂ solubility in pure water and aqueous NaCl solutions from 273 to 533 K and from 0 to 2000 bar." *Chemical geology* 193.3-4 (2003): 257-271.

*** Garcia, Julio E. *Density of aqueous solutions of CO₂*. No. LBNL-49023. Lawrence Berkeley National Lab.(LBNL), Berkeley, CA (United States), 2001.

CO₂ dissolution



The FluidFlower



Flemisch, Bernd, et al. "The FluidFlower international benchmark study: Process, modeling results, and comparison to experimental data." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.10986* (2023).

The 11th Society of Petroleum Engineers Comparative Solution Project

Call For Participation

This call for participation in the 11th Society of Petroleum Engineers Comparative Solution Project (the 11th SPE CSP) is motivated by the simulation challenges associated with CO₂ storage operations in geological settings, specifically developing simulations of realistic complexity.



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Safe and efficient implementation of geological carbon storage (GCS) necessarily relies on reservoir simulators applied to uncertain geological data. While the strengths and limitations of reservoir simulation are well appreciated within petroleum production, GCS raises new challenges both in terms of physical processes and timescales.

As an example, the enhancement of dissolution from a CO₂-rich supercritical phase to the aqueous phase through convective mixing ensures important long-term storage security, relevant on timescales from decades to centuries.

One consequence of the relative youth of the GCS industry, combined with the long timescales and new physical processes of interest, is that available field data for validation of simulation technology is still rare. This increases the importance of validation against proxy systems, and code verification through comprehensive benchmarking efforts.

TIMELINE

29 March 2023

Official announcement at 2023 SPE Reservoir Simulation Conference

16-18 October 2023

Special session at SPE ATCE

1 December 2023

Open call for participation period ends

1 March 2024

Deadline for submission of early results

31 March 2024

First intercomparison workshop (virtual)

1 September 2024

Deadline for submission of final CSP simulation results

30 September 2024

Final intercomparison workshop (hybrid)

December 2024

Completion of draft report on the results of the CSP

February 2025

Report on the results of the CSP finalized and submitted

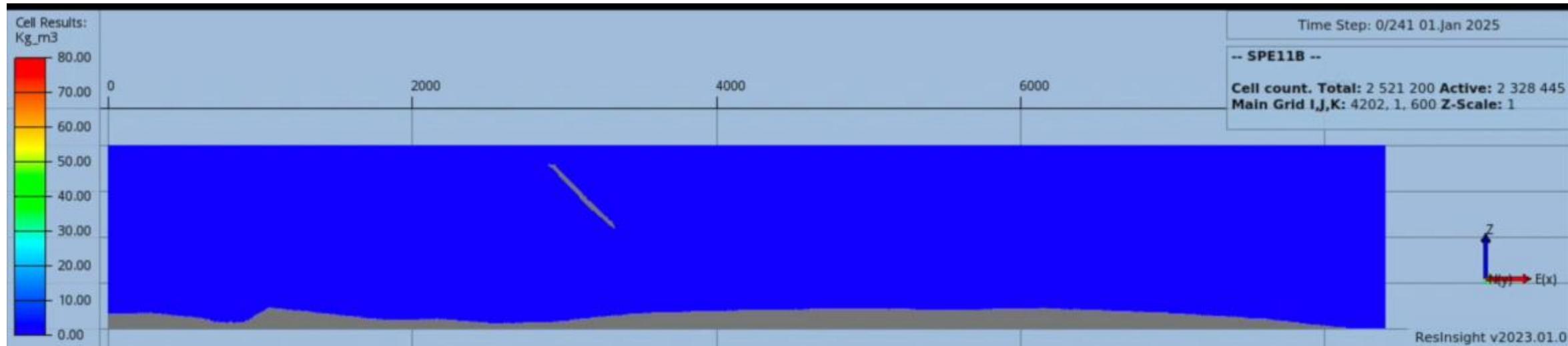
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Special session at the 2025 SPE Reservoir Simulation Conference

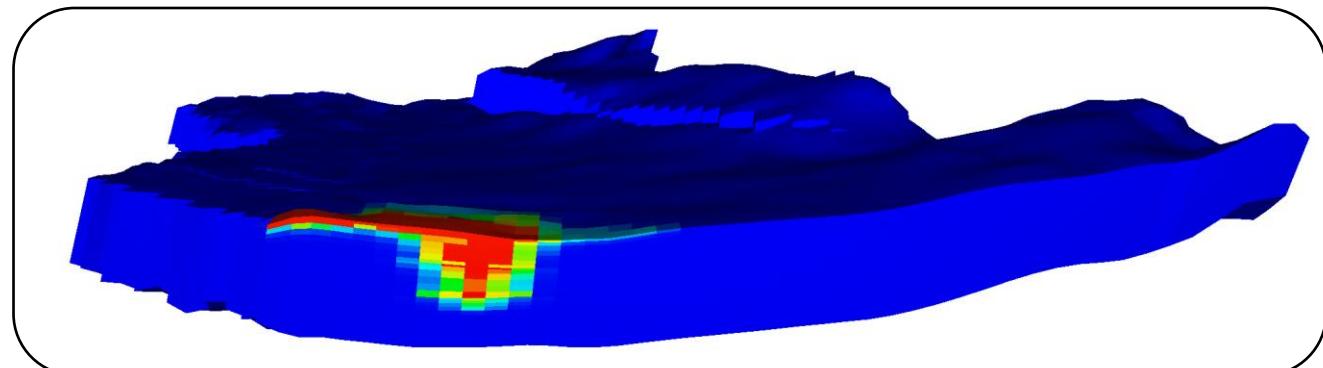
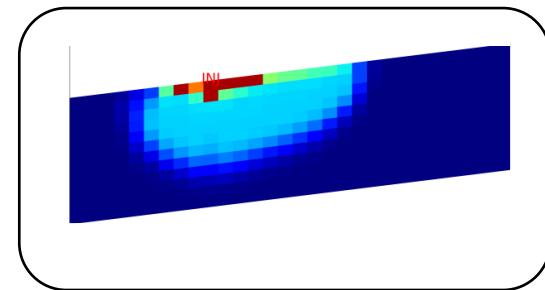
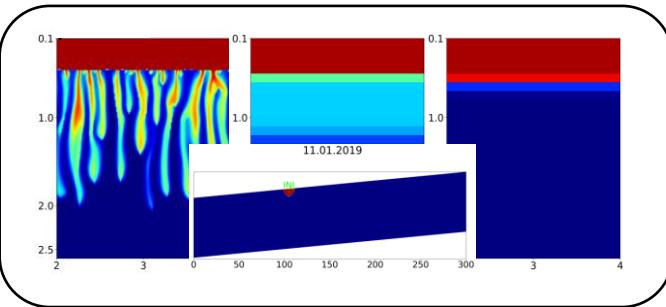
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Upscaled dissolution

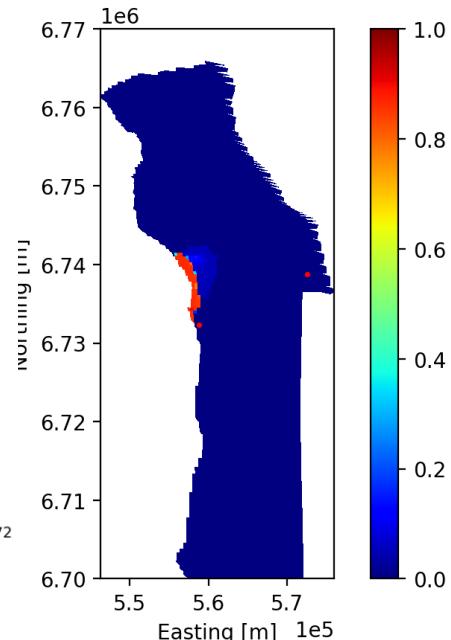
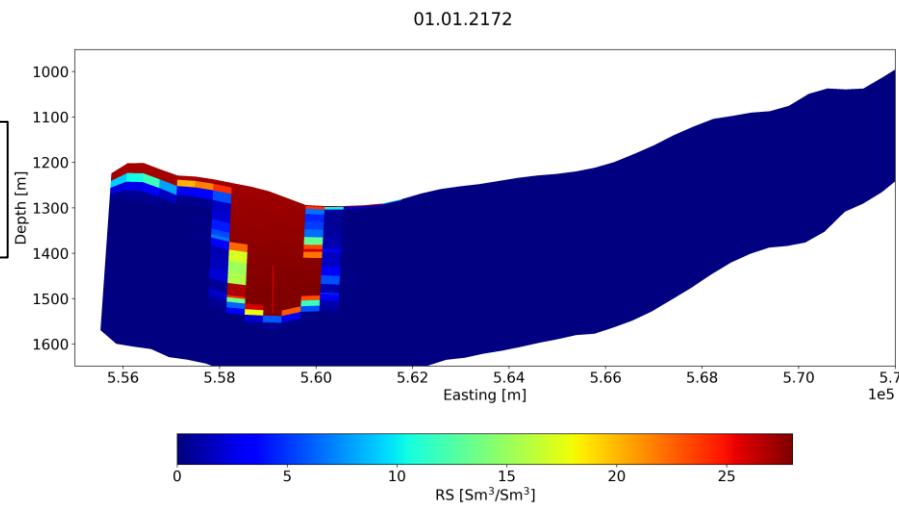


Study the effect of a fine-scale process
on a coarse field-scale model

Mykkeltvedt, T., Sandve, T. H. and Gasda, S. E.
"Upscaling convective mixing in reservoir
simulation", 2023, In preparation

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No upscaling

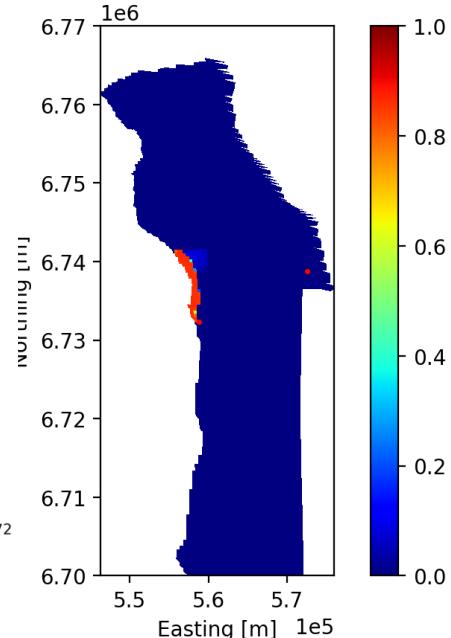
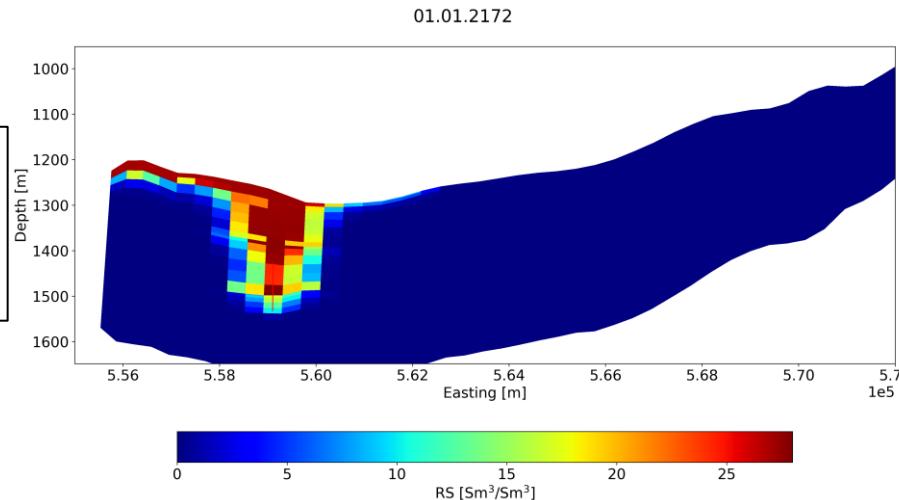


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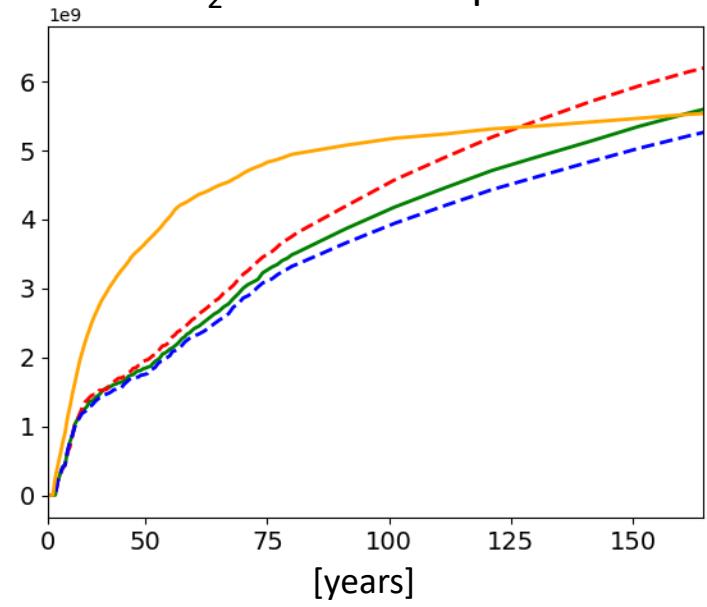


@ end of injection:

Upscaling convective mixing:



CO₂ in the brine phase



The Sleipner model



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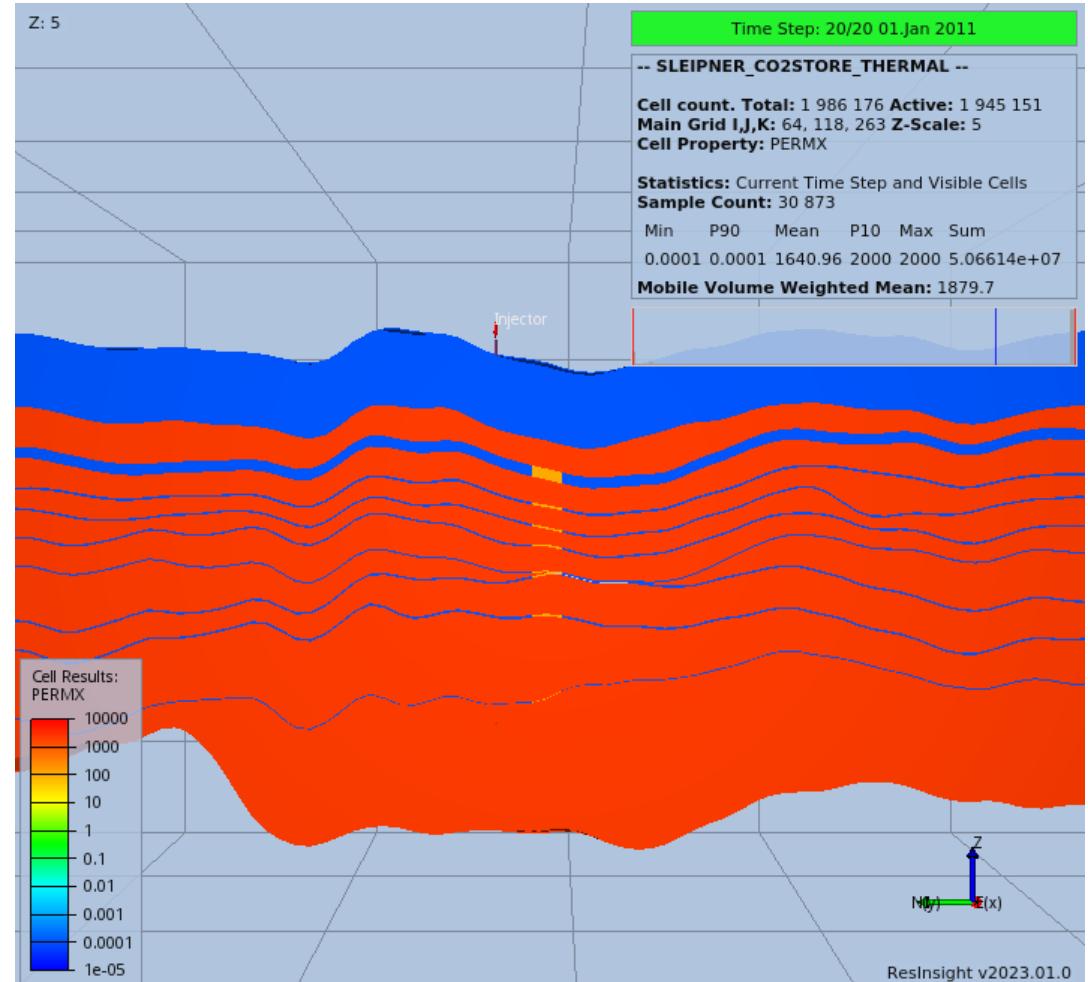
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Thermal properties

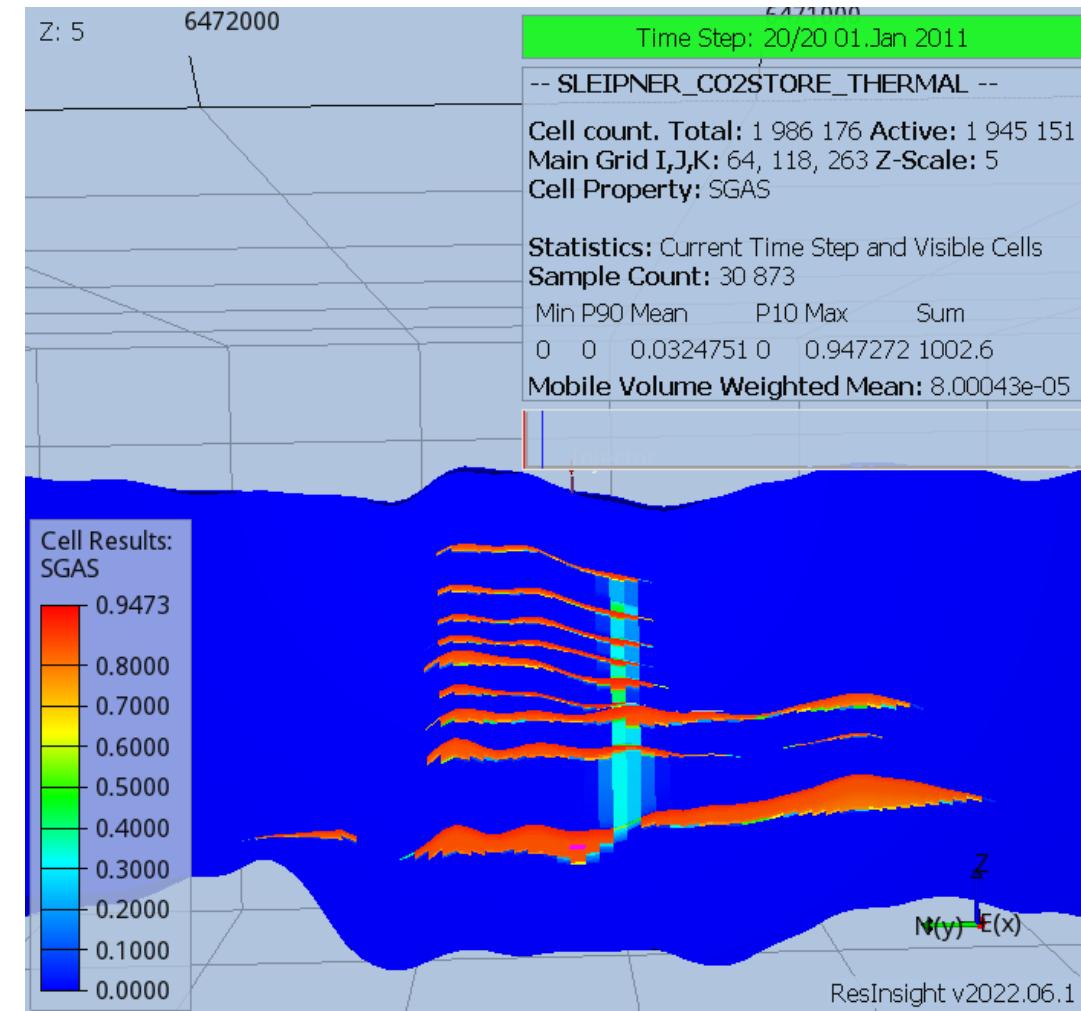
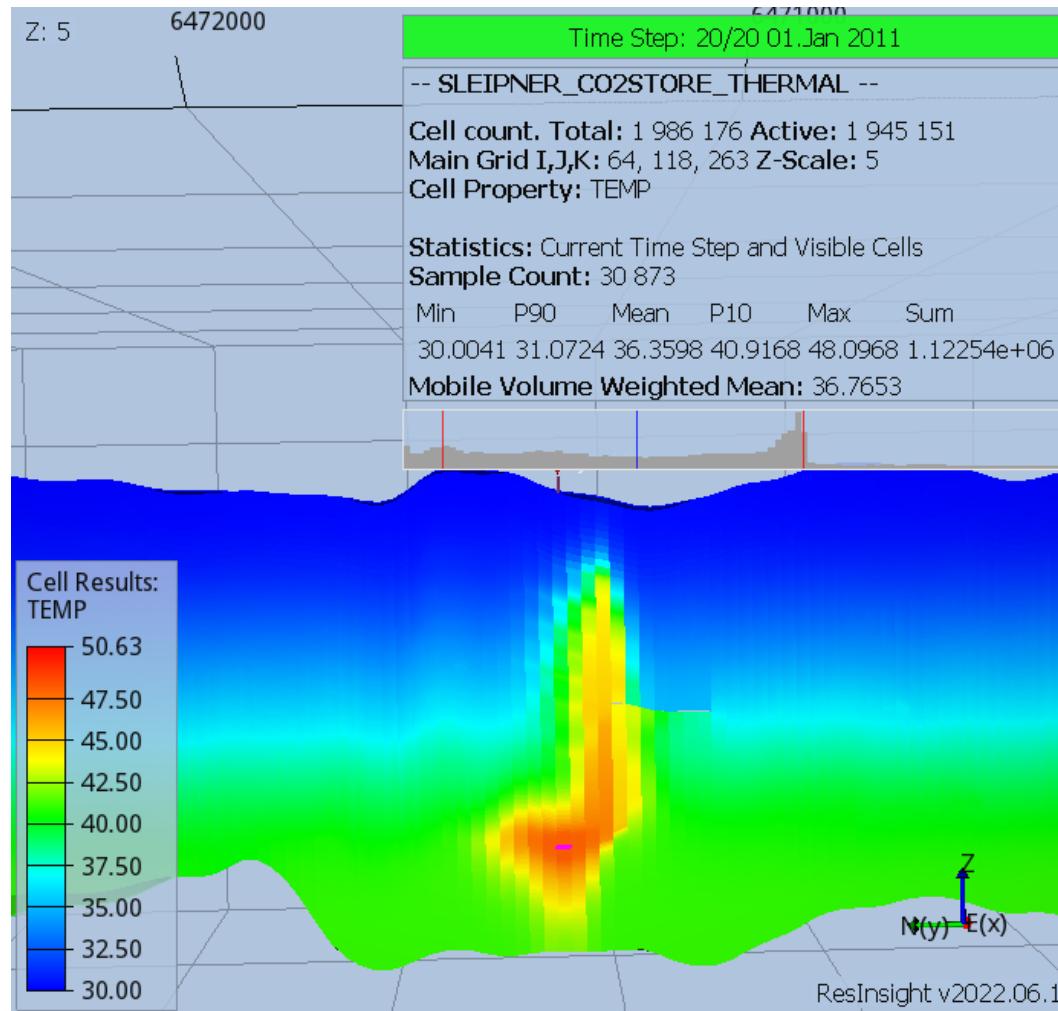
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Chimney properties

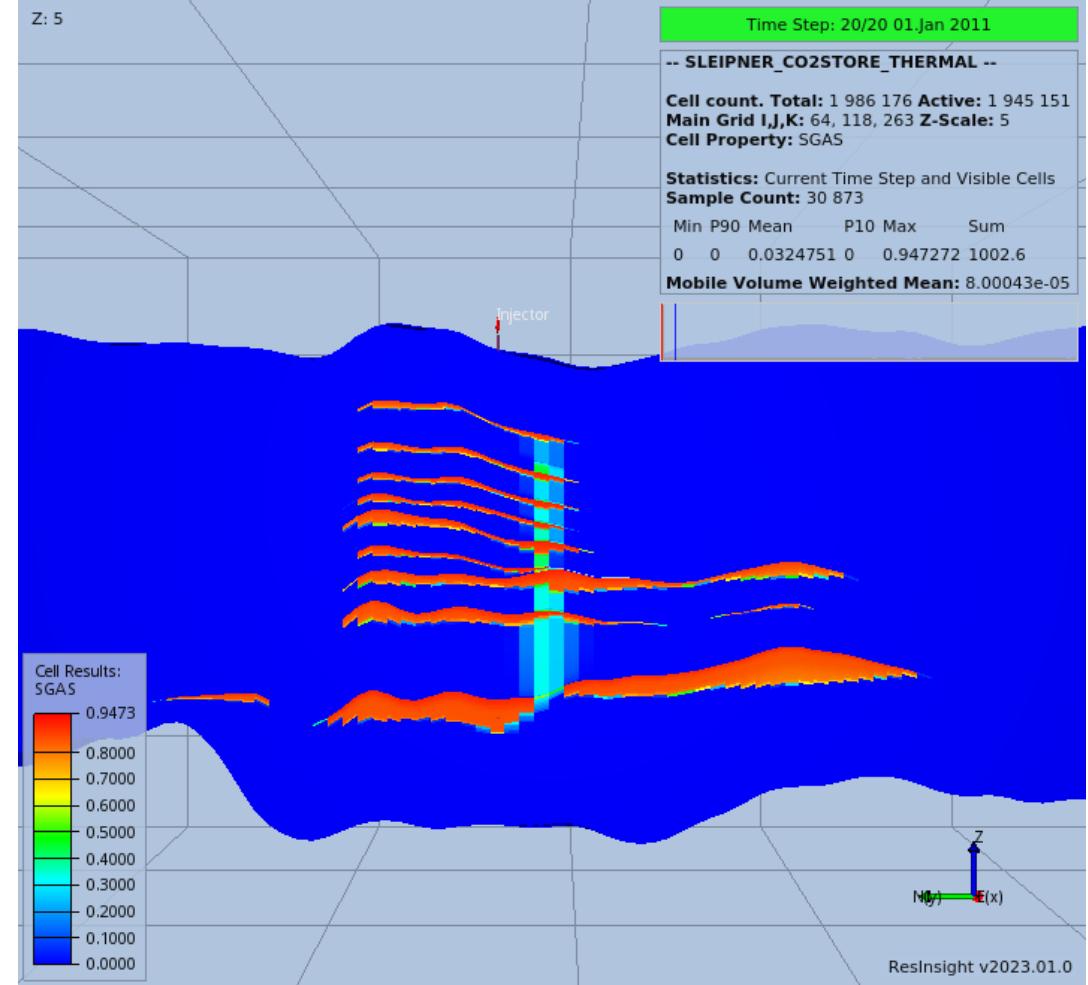
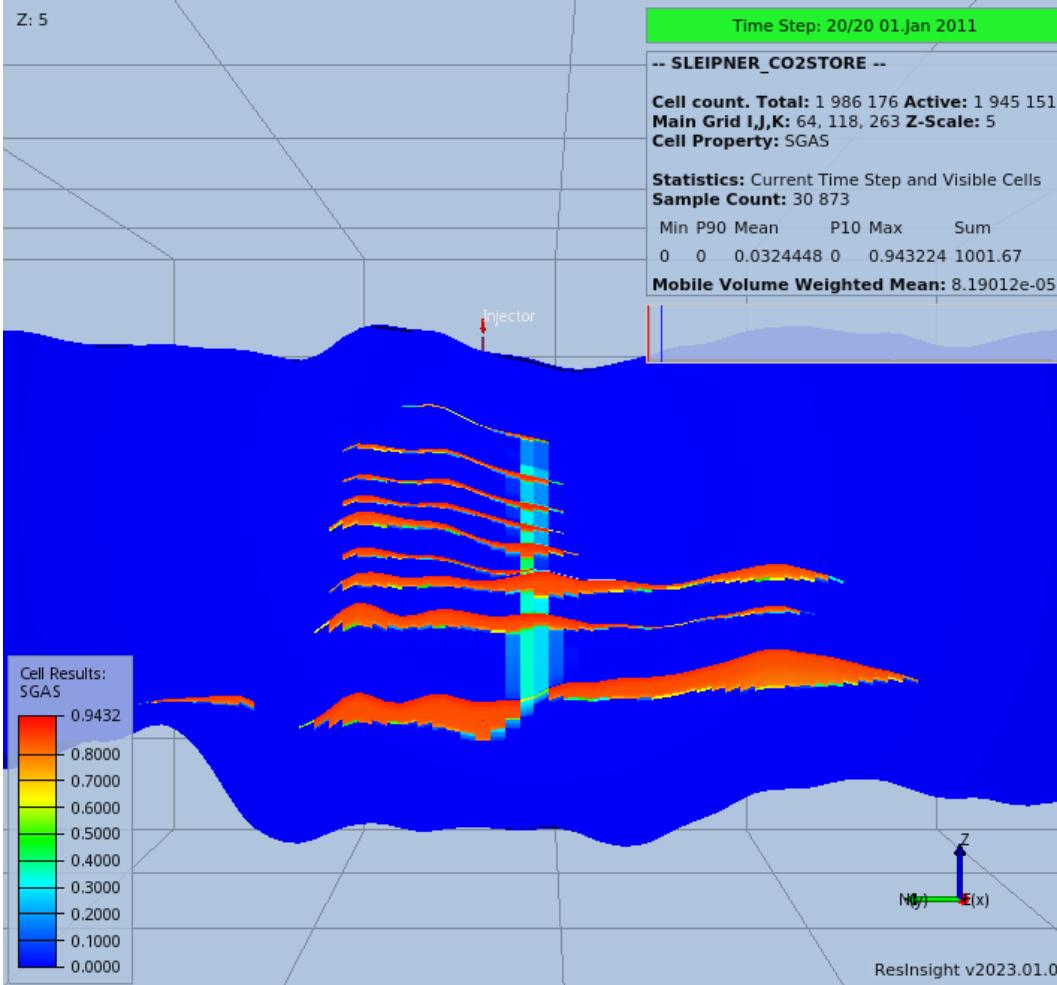
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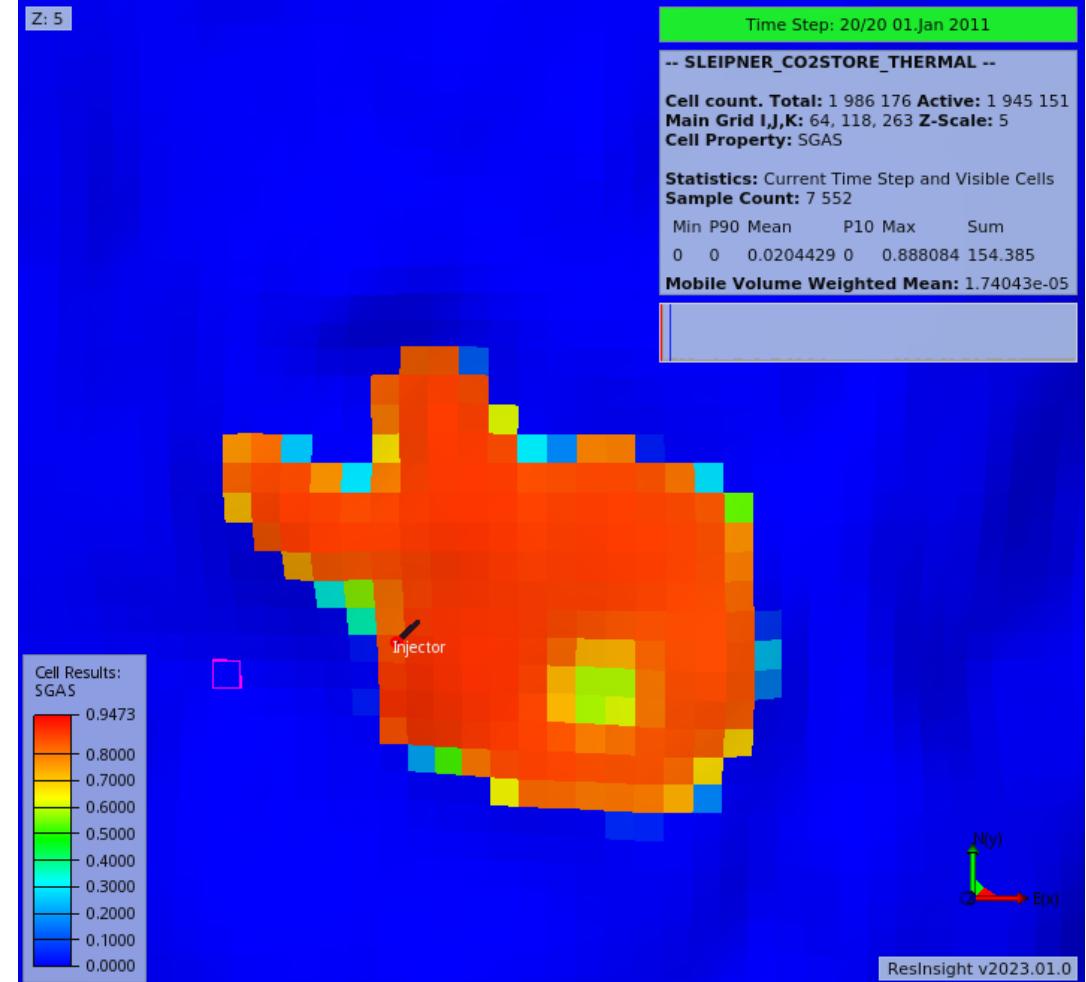
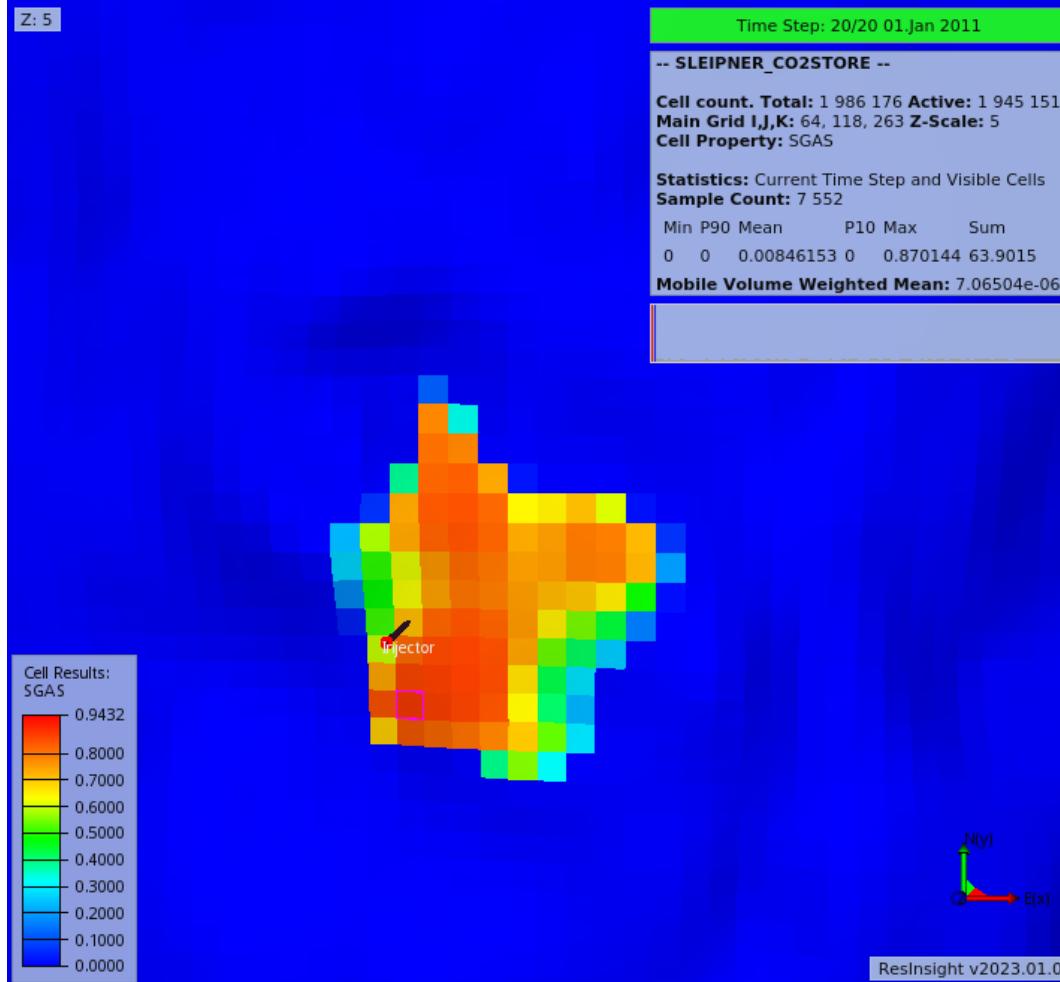
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