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CO₂ Storage Resources Management System: Classifying and Categorizing Storable Quantities

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Storage Resources Management System (SRMS) Outline



- Purpose and Intended Users
- Development Process
- SRMS Structure:
 - Classification
 - Categorization
- Example Applications
- Expected Outcomes



SRMS: Intended Users and Purpose



- Commercial CO₂ storage projects involve financial, corporate, government organizations
 - SRMS provides common terminology and clear definitions needed to classify storable quantities in the context of active project specifications
 - SRMS provides context for investment and tracking the performance of the investment
- Applicable to regional or basin resource assessments via a notional project specifications
- Define storable quantities
 - Quantities of CO₂ that can be stored as part of an estimated pore volume of a geologic formation that is accessible to CO₂ via a storage project sometime in the future
 - Requires containment
- SRMS Classifies and Categorizes storable quantities.
 - Classification: project maturation certainty
 - Categorization: storable quantities (i.e. geologic and reservoir) certainty



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SRMS: Development Process



- Seed Document
 - Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS)
 - Time tested and applied system
 - Supported by financiers, security exchanges, and governments (world)
- Committee selection
 - PRMS and storage experts
- SRMS Published by SPE Fall 2017
- SRMS-Guidelines December 2021
- Sponsoring Societies (2021)
 - SPE, SPEE, AAPG, SEG, SPWLA, WPC



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SRMS Structure: Classification of Storable Quantities

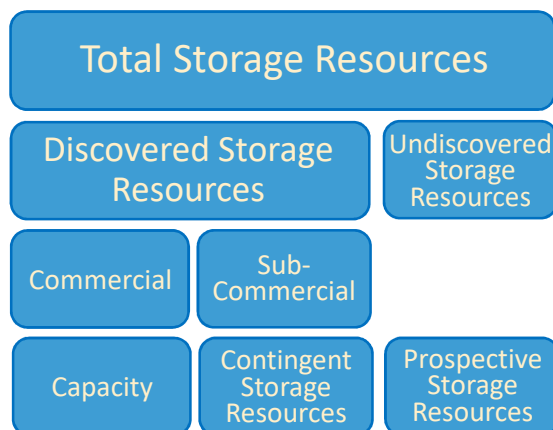


Based on Project Maturation

- **Discovered vs. Undiscovered**
 - storable quantities for which one or more wells established through testing, sampling, and/or logging the existence of a quantities sufficient to meet project requirements.
- **Commercial vs. Sub-commercial**
 - essential social, environmental, and economic conditions are met, including political, legal, regulatory, and contractual conditions.
 - degree of commitment is such that storage project is expected to be developed and placed on injection within a reasonable timeframe.



Specific to an Active or Notional Project



**Not shown, Inaccessible SR, which has no project.*

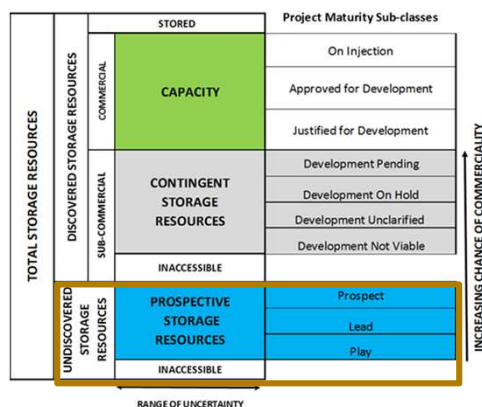
Total SR includes Inaccessible SR: Discovered and Undiscovered ISR

Classification: **Prospective Storage Resources** (Undiscovered Storage Resources)



Well does not exist or not assessed

- Increasing Chance of Commerciality ↓
- **Play:** A project associated with a prospective trend of potential prospects, but that requires more data acquisition and/or evaluation to define specific leads or prospects.
 - **Lead:** A project associated with undiscovered storable quantities that is currently poorly defined and requires more data acquisition and/or evaluation to be classified as a prospect.
 - **Prospect:** A project associated w/ undiscovered storable quantities sufficiently defined to represent a viable drilling target
 - “Ends” with a drilling prospect or existing well identified to assess

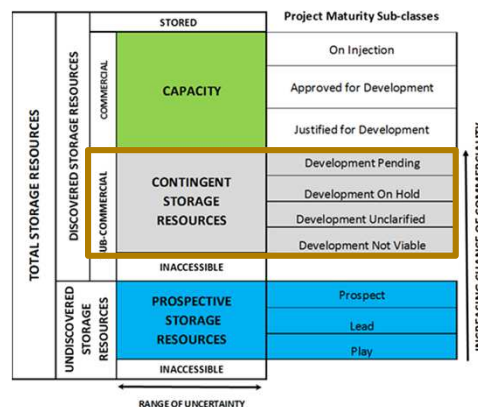


Classification: **Contingent** Storage Resources (*Discovered, Sub-Commercial* Storage Resources)



Well exists and assessed

- Increasing Chance of Commerciality ↓
- **Development Not Viable:** Discovered storable quantities for which there are no current plans to develop or to acquire additional data at the time as a result of limited storage potential.
 - **Development Unclassified:** Discovered storable quantities where project activities are under evaluation and where justification as a commercial development is unknown on the basis of available information.
 - **Development On Hold:** Discovered storable quantities where project activities are on hold and/or where justification as a commercial development may be subject to significant delay.
 - **Development Pending:** Discovered storable quantities where project activities are ongoing to justify commercial development in the foreseeable future.
 - “Ends” with commercial proposal to management

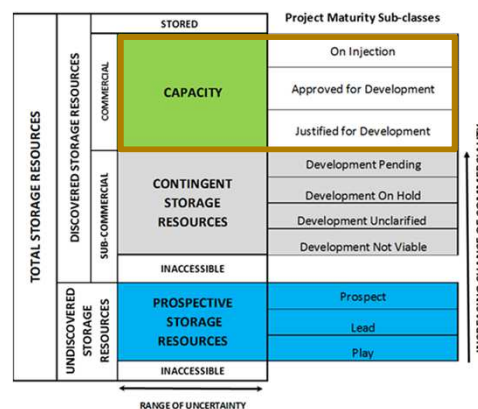


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Classification: **Capacity** (*Discovered, Commercial* Storage Resources)



- Increasing Chance of Commerciality ↓
- **Justified for Development:** Implementation of the development project is justified on the basis of reasonable forecast commercial conditions at the time of reporting, and there are **reasonable expectations** that all necessary approvals/contracts will be obtained.
 - **Approved for Development:** **All** necessary approvals have been **obtained**, capital funds have been committed, and implementation of the development project is underway.
 - **On Injection:** The development project is currently injecting and storing CO₂.



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SRMS Structure: Categorization of Storable Quantities



- Categorizations
 - **Low** estimate
 - High probability
 - P_{90}
 - **Best** estimate
 - Most-likely (median)
 - P_{50}
 - **High** (low probability) estimate
 - Low probability
 - P_{10}

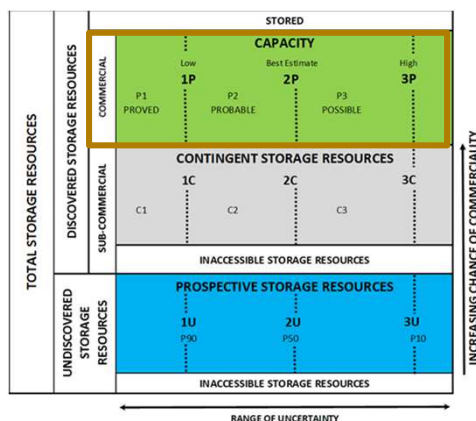
- Categorization:
 - Indicative of certainty in storable quantities
 - Based on defined project, but **NOT** the project's maturity

Category	Probability	Capacity	Contingent	Prospective
Low Estimate	P_{90}	1P	1C	1U
Best Estimate	P_{50}	2P	2C	2U
High Estimate	P_{10}	3P	3C	3U



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Categorization: Certainty in Storable Quantities



Ex: $P1 + P2 + P3 = 3P$

- **Proved (P1): Proved Capacity (P_{90})** is the quantity of storage that, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be commercially used for storage, from a given date forward, from known geologic formations and under defined economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations.
- **Probable (P2): Probable Capacity (P_{50})** is the additional Capacity that analysis of geoscience and engineering data indicate are less likely to be used for storage than Proved Capacity, but more certain to be used for storage than Possible Capacity
- **Possible (P3): Possible Capacity (P_{10})** is the additional Capacity that analysis of geoscience and engineering data suggest are less likely to be stored than Probable Capacity.

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Proved Capacity's Status

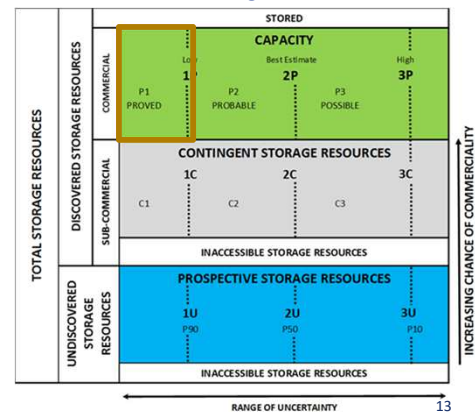
Classification and Categorization Combined



- **Proved, Developed, Injecting:** Developed Injecting Capacity is expected to be stored from completion intervals that are open and injecting at the time of the estimate.
- **Proved, Developed, Non-injecting:** Developed Non-injecting Capacity includes shut-in and behind-pipe Capacity.
- **Proved, Undeveloped:** Undeveloped Capacity is the quantity expected to be stored through future investments.



Proved Capacity's Status
Classification and Categorization Combined



EXAMPLE SRMS APPLICATIONS



Assumptions Common to the Examples



- Thick, pervasive, basal sandstone (single geologic formation)
- Containment:
 - Wellbore: Few wellbore penetrations (No known minerals)
 - Geologic: Extensive, thick clay-rich shale caprock
- Depth
 - Maximum: cementation lower porosity and permeability
 - Minimum: liquid-like CO₂ density; fresh water
- Project maturation example: from regional study to active injection



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Regional Assessment: Notional Project



- Purpose: storage potential
- Notional project:
 - Total regional emissions from stationary sources
 - Fully developed infrastructure
- Volumetric approach
 - Pore volume with storage efficiency
 - Single value (deterministic)
- Boundaries:
 - Perimeter: State lines
- Outcome:
 - General geographical area for a site
 - Estimate: 800 Gtonnes (high estimate)



Classification: Prospective Storage Resources–Play Categorization: 800 Gtonnes – 3U

CAPACITY			On Injection
Low 1P P1 PROVED	Best Estimate 2P P2 PROBABLE	High 3P P3 POSSIBLE	Approved for Development
CONTINGENT STORAGE RESOURCES			Justified for Development
1C C1	2C C2	3C C3	Development Pending
INACCESSIBLE STORAGE RESOURCES			Development On Hold
PROSPECTIVE STORAGE RESOURCES			Development Unclassified
1U P90	2U P50	3U P10	Development Not Viable
INACCESSIBLE STORAGE RESOURCES			Prospect
			Lead
			Play

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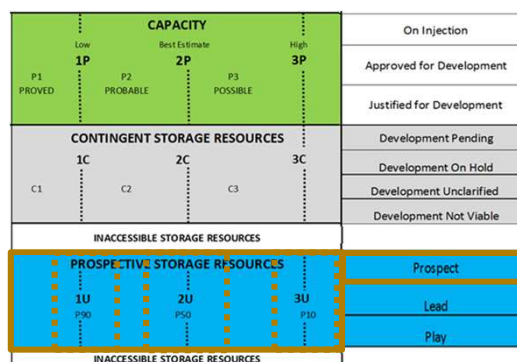
Regional Assessment: Notional Project Use of New Data and New Analysis



- Objective: storage potential, site screening
- Volumetric, GIS approach
 - Efficiency: displacement, and geologic attributes
 - High, medium, low values (E= 1, 2, 4%)
- Boundaries:
 - Perimeter: State Lines
- Outcome:
 - General Geographical area for a site
 - Storing on regional dip
 - Estimate: 25, 50, 100 Gtonnes



Classification: Prospective Storage Resources – Prospect
Categorization: 25 Gt – 1U; 50 Gt – 2U; 100 Gt – 3U

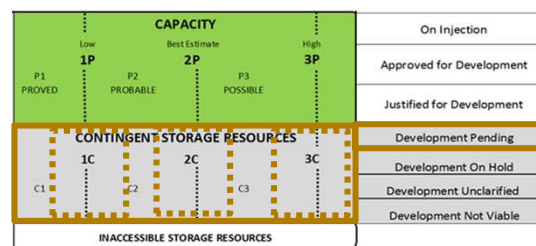


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Site Selected, Well Drilled, Well Assessed, Awaiting Management Commitment



- Purpose: assess storage site for single well injection and site's CO₂ emissions
- Storage Project Status (at time of assessment)
 - Site CO₂ emissions: 3,000 tpd
 - Capture facility (planned): 1,000 tpd,
 - Management commitment NOT finalized 25 yr life
- Simulation: 8,000 tpd, well's max injection rate
- Boundaries: Storage rights and real estate ownership



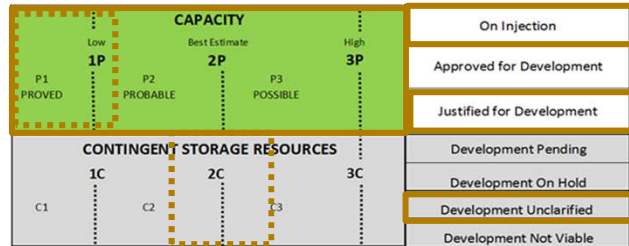
Project	Class	Subclass	Comment	Stor Quanty	Category	Comment
Facility	Contingent SR	Development Pending	No Management commitment	9 Mt (1,000 tpd)	1C	Small facility
Site	Contingent SR	Development Pending	No Management commitment	30 Mt (3,000 tpd)	2C	Total site emissions
Well	Contingent SR	Development Pending	No management commitment	70 Mt (8,000 tpd)	3C	High estimate based on well

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Active Injection: Defined, Management Approved Project



- Purpose: Assess active project(s)
- Final Project
 - Infrastructure purchased: 1,000 tpd
 - Management commitment: 12 years
 - Permits and contracts issued/completed
- Planned Project Expansion
 - Management commitment: 1,000 tpd (incremental)
 - Reasonable expectation of permit



Project	Class	Subclass	Comment	Stor Qty	Category	Comment
Final	Capacity	On Injection	Management commitment	4 Mt	Proved Developed Injecting, 1P	Active injection, equip. available
Planned	Capacity	Justified for Development	Management commitment; Permit expected	8 Mt	Proved Undeveloped, 1P	Permit required
Site	Contingent SR	Development Unclassified	No management commitment	58 Mt	2C	Best estimate

Summary of SRMS Applications Examples



- Classification: certainty in project
- Categorization: certainty in storable quantities
- SRMS intended use is in the context of storage projects
 - Active project specifications directly influences storable quantities
 - Notional project specifications acceptable for large scale resource assessments
- Storable quantities requires containment
- Prospective Storage Resources
 - no well available for assessment
- Contingent Storage Resources
 - well assessed and expected to meet project goals
- Capacity
 - solely for commercial/ economic projects
 - Reasonable expectation (minimum) that all permits/contracts obtained
 - Essential social and environmental project conditions met
- Classification and Categorization of storable quantities are subjective



SRMS Usage: Expected Outcomes



- Provides guidelines for developing commercial storage projects
- Gives standardized terminology and definitions in commercial contracts similar to other subsurface commodity industries
- Assessors and stakeholders have a methodology to follow to make comparisons between projects
- System that relates project certainty and geologic certainty to storable quantities estimate



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Monitoring, Testing, Modeling, and Accounting - New Skills in Containment Assurance for Storage Projects

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Major points



- New opportunities: value from storing CO₂
- Built on mature geotechnical skills
- New need: assuring and documenting that the project is obtaining the storage value
- Direct accounting of CO₂ stored in pore space limited
 - Instead use project conformance with expectations
 - and risk assessment plus monitoring of risks.
- We propose a framework and provide some examples for optimizing these approaches to efficiently establish robust reports confirming that containment is being achieved and will continue into the future.



GCCC CCS – CCUS Experience Base



- Frio I and II saline tests 2004-2009
- SWP monitoring of long running SACROC CO₂ EOR
- SECARB monitoring Cranfield saline and CO₂ EOR
- Monitoring design for Air Products CO₂ to Hastings Field for EOR
- Monitoring design for NRG-Petra-Nova CO₂ to West Ranch Field for EOR
- Reviewing for numerous projects
- ISO standards Working Group 6, IEAGHG network etc.
- Multiple new commercial projects



Why monitor a CO₂ storage project?



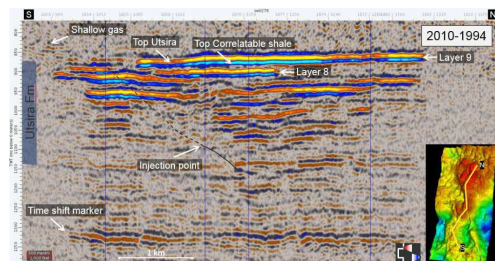
- Required by UIC regulation
- Required to get credit from 45Q or CA LCFS
- Otherwise required by funding
- Gain public acceptance
- Manage risk of unacceptable outcomes



Limits of direct accounting



- Measure amount of CO₂ injected $\pm 2\%$ via high quality flow meter
 - Mixed fluids less precise – e.g. in EOR hydrocarbon+ CO₂
- In reservoir, infer and estimate the saturation and distribution of CO₂ using combined methods
 - Limited quantification



Sleipner time lapse seismic image (Ringrose 2020)



Linking leakage risk assessment with monitoring



UIC program:

Specified risk is endangerment of USDW
Support of GHG accounting rules under CAA

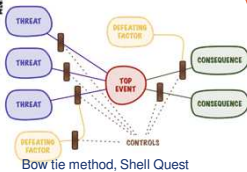
Risk Assessment methods

Limit food

Very Low	Low	Medium	High
Very Low	Low	Medium	High
Very Low	Low	Medium	High
Very Low	Low	Medium	High

See page 15 through the caprock
Spilling of CO₂ @ spill-point out of the reservoir
Leakage along fault
Leakage along the wellbores

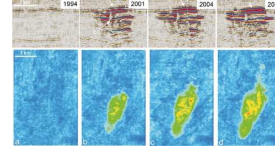
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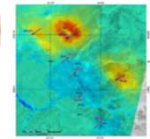
Process of designing and selecting monitoring can be complex, conducted without documented process, non-linear and therefore difficult to duplicate or justify – **how much is enough?**

Select monitoring systems

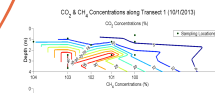
Monitoring approaches:



Plume tracking -- Chadwick BGS



InSAR at In Salah, Onuma and Ohkawa, 2009



Soil gas concentrations with depth, Romanak 2009

Scientific Method Approach to Designing Monitoring to Document Containment



- Part 1: Describing *material impact** quantitatively
- Part 2: Sensitivity of monitoring strategy detect material impact
- Example case
- Implications of matching monitoring to risks: site specific parameters
 - CO₂ EOR not same risk profile as saline



* Defined next slides

Part 1: Quantify possible unacceptable outcomes “Material Impacts”



- “Material impact” specifies what is considered “failure” or “unacceptable” to key stakeholders: define engagement.
- Replace generalities such as “safe” “effective”
- Specify magnitude, frequency or duration of material impact
- Define quantitatively how good the measurement needs to be.



Material impact examples

(random examples – targets need to be set for each project)



- Loss of CO₂ to USDW at a rate greater than 10,000 tones per year for a period of more than 10 years @ 80% confidence
- >5% probability of earthquake > magnitude 4 within 100 years
- Pressure trend that will exceed calculation mechanical stability prior to project completion @ 50% confidence
- Plume migration such that location of saturation of >5% pore volume CO₂ at stabilization is not within a footprint at 90% confidence



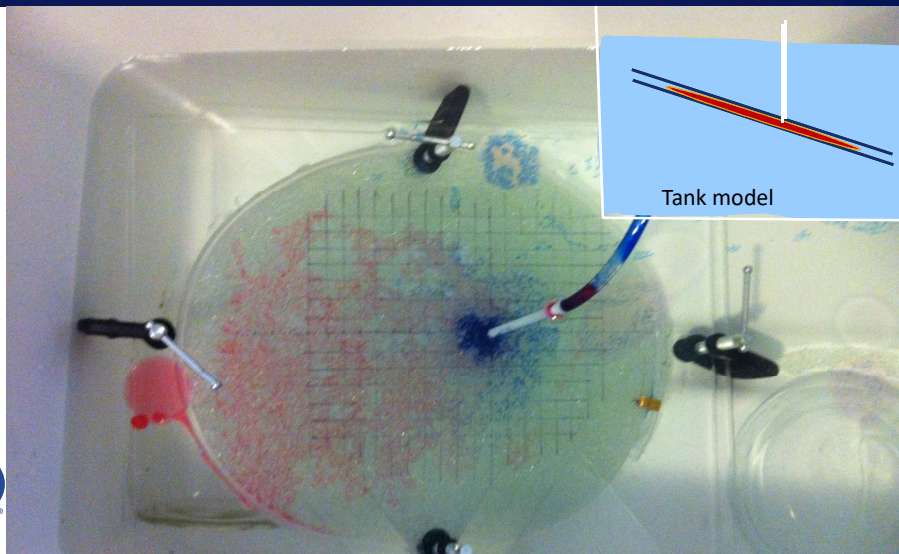
Part 2: Assess sensitivity of monitoring strategy to quantitatively designed material impact

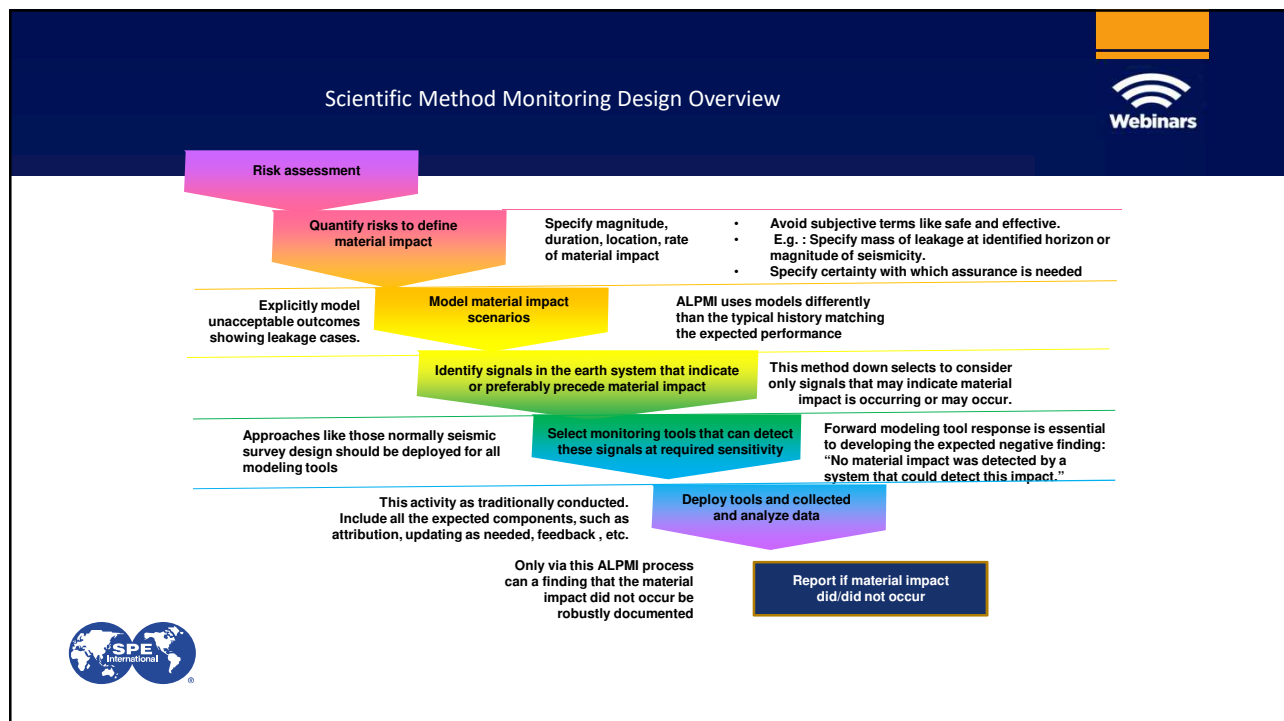
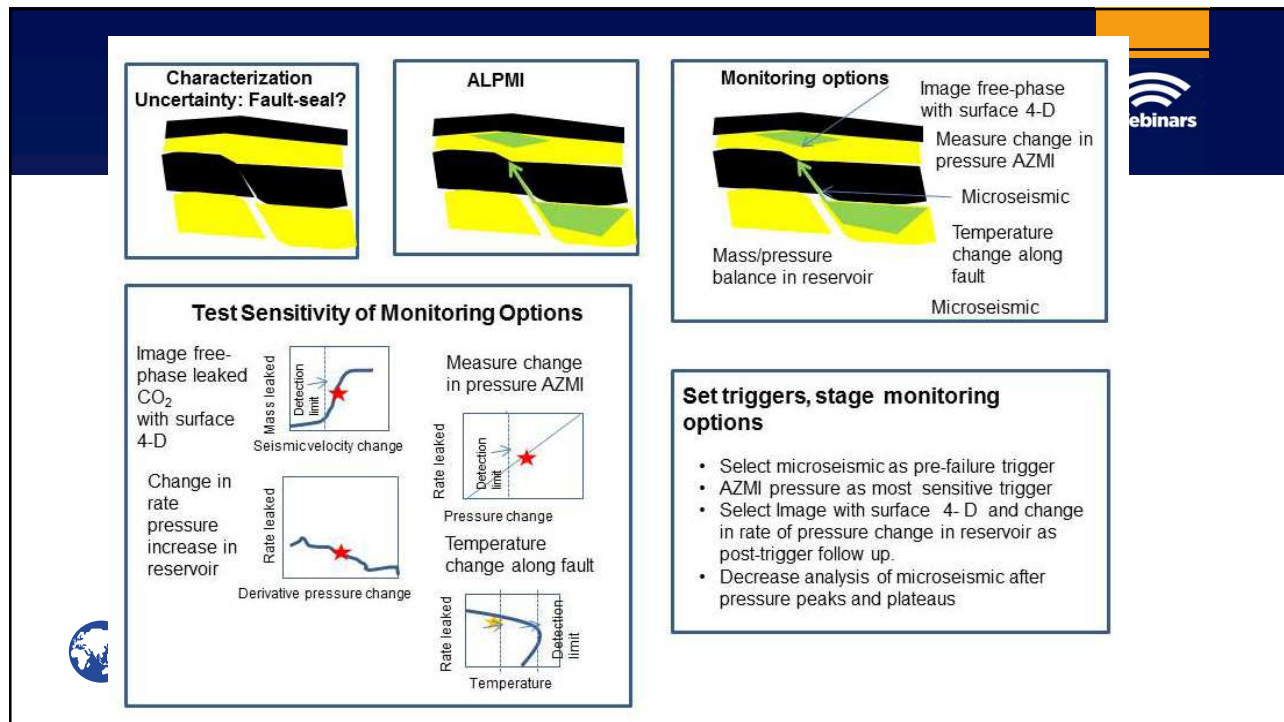


- Forward model impact
 1. Create material impact scenarios
 - e.g. make conditions for CO₂ leakage or change in pore pressure that would increase seismic risk
 2. Evaluate sensitivity of instruments, spacing, frequency of data collection, other statistical measures against scenarios.



Modeling material impact: Long term plume stabilization Wrong imbibition curve: plume migrates too far





Class VI requires periodic update model via monitoring: key to assuring Plume Stabilization



Predicted plume footprint year 5 of >5% CO₂ saturation in zone



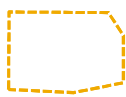
Measured plume footprint year 5 of >5% CO₂ saturation in zone



Match to model OK or not OK?



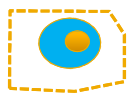
Example assuring Plume Stabilization



1) AOR defined boundary between acceptable and unacceptable extent of >5% saturation plume at stabilization 20 post end injection

2) Modeled plume evolution -- acceptable and unacceptable

● 5 year plume ● Stabilized plume



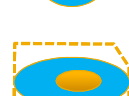
Planned



Faster than expected migration



N-S preferred flow



E-W preferred flow



3) Compare to monitored to modeled plume at 5 years



Match to model shows not OK plume is growing too big too fast

[Key scientific method step – use model to explore what failure looks like]

Update to role of near-surface monitoring



- Direct surveillance of soil, fresh water, air
 - Protected resources
 - Low cost installations
- Layout to provide coverage
 - water wells, grids, towers, airborne, satellite
- Required in permits and accreditation



Problems and limits on near surface monitoring



- High noise esp. in CO₂-related activities
 - Daily, seasonal, lateral variability
 - Leakage detection threshold set too high to avoid false positive, may miss leakage
 - Trend, e.g. climate change, ecosystem evolution
- Poor lateral coverage
 - Examples from controlled releases
 - Yang et al, 2015, poor detection coverage in groundwater
- Cost not so low
 - Need to automate – still not ready
 - High expense to attribute



Current Thinking on “Natural Variability”

Last years



- Measure “baseline” CO₂ for 1 years before project starts to document seasonal variability.
- Monitor CO₂ during project and compare to baseline.
- Significant increase from baseline during a project could signal a leak



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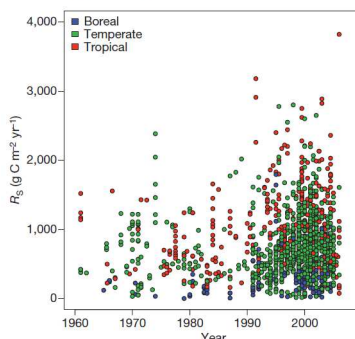


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“Baselines” are Shifting!



Temperature-associated increases in the global soil respiration record
Ben Bond-Lamberty^a & Allison Thomson^b



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RS = the flux of microbially and plant-respired CO₂ from the soil surface to the atmosphere,



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Increasing shallow groundwater CO₂ and limestone weathering, Konza Prairie, USA

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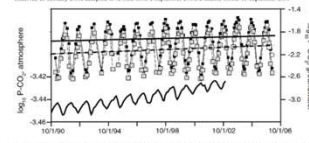
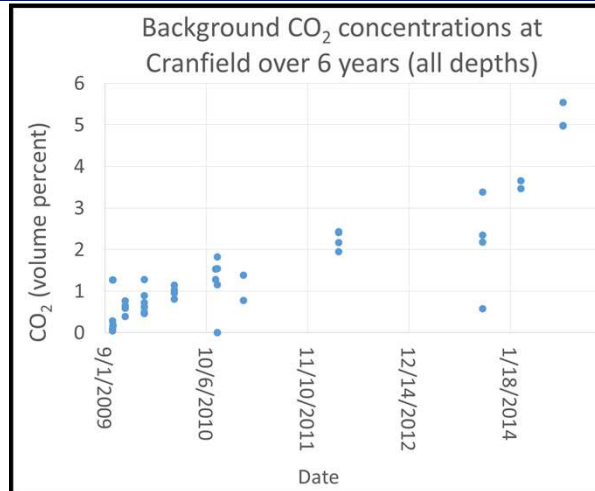


Fig. 7. P-CO₂ cycles annually and has been rising in Konza Prairie groundwater. Speciation modeling of groundwater from two wells, 3–5 Mm, 6.3 m deep (shaded squares) and 4–6 Mm, 12.6 m deep (filled squares), shows that log P-CO₂ cycles annually; points are connected with lines, without smoothing. Kernel Thiel lines (see text) are shown for time series for both wells (shaded line, well 3–5 Mm; solid line, well 4–6 Mm). The increase is highly probable ($p < 0.01$) and has values are positive for both trends (see Table 2). In any year, highest P-CO₂ occurs in September to November and lowest P-CO₂ occurs in February to April. Large white symbols in 2003 are measured dissolved CO₂ in the two wells (circles, 3–5 Mm; squares, 4–6 Mm); the measured values correspond well with model-predicted results. Atmospheric P-CO₂ (rising rate) from Niwot Ridge is shown as a heavy line.

Increased dissolution of CO₂ in groundwater and associated mineral dissolution

...and at our Monitoring Sites



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Attribution focus to near-surface monitoring



- Incident – a release may have occurred
 - Determine if any damages
 - Quantify release
- Allegation - concern, need to determine if there was/was not an incident
- Once a signal detected, requires follow up to determine if change is from injection or not

Dixon and Romanak 2015

Weyburn allegation

Anderson et al, 2017 (attribution of a non-leak)



Groundwater System Complexities

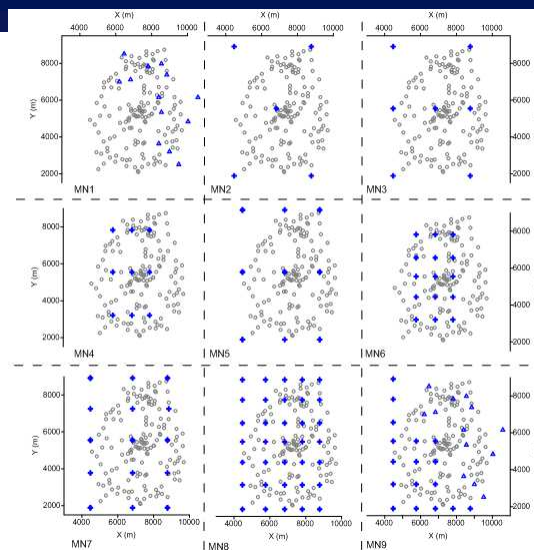


Correct groundwater monitoring requires detailed characterization
Do not rely on “baseline”

- Correct identification of major and minor elements in CO₂ reactive minerals
 - Carbonates
 - Organics
 - Sulfides
- Buffering and areal limits of migration
- Recharge mechanism
- Hydraulic gradient
- Aquifer heterogeneity



Monitoring Network Efficiency -35 years after leakage to surface



Unit: wells/km²

MN1: 0.322
 MN2: 0.124
 MN3: 0.173
 MN4: 0.223
 MN5: 0.223
 MN6: 0.371
 MN7: 0.371
 MN8: 0.866
 MN9: 0.742



Conclusions



- Scientific method-based selection of monitoring approaches
- Fully and quantitatively conceptualize “material impact”
 - Endangerment of USDW
 - Loss of CO₂ from storage decreasing GHG value
 - Induced seismicity
 - Other
- Design monitoring to detect material impact
- Finding of project success possible!



More Information:
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Thank you!

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