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Comparison of different numerical and modelling approaches for implementing SO₂ as a CO₂ flue gas impurity in geochemical simulations in saline sandstone aquifers

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two comparisons

I Heletz sandstone, Israel

Rotliegend sandstone, Germany

Bunter sandstone, Germany

II basic geochemical batch simulations – PHREEQC reactive transport simulations – TOUGHREACT time/spatial info

same measured and calculated data set of Heletz as used before
i.e. mineral composition, in situ pT, formation water chemistry



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batch simulation PHREEQC V3

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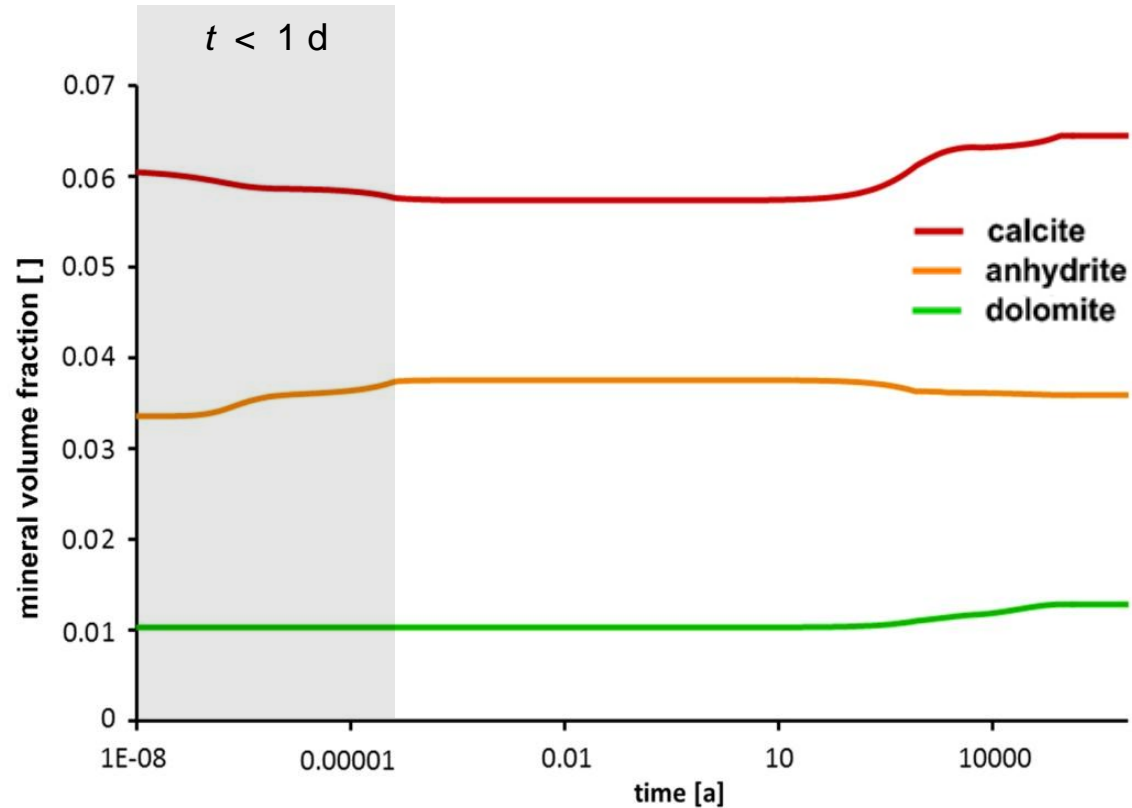
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establish equilibrium

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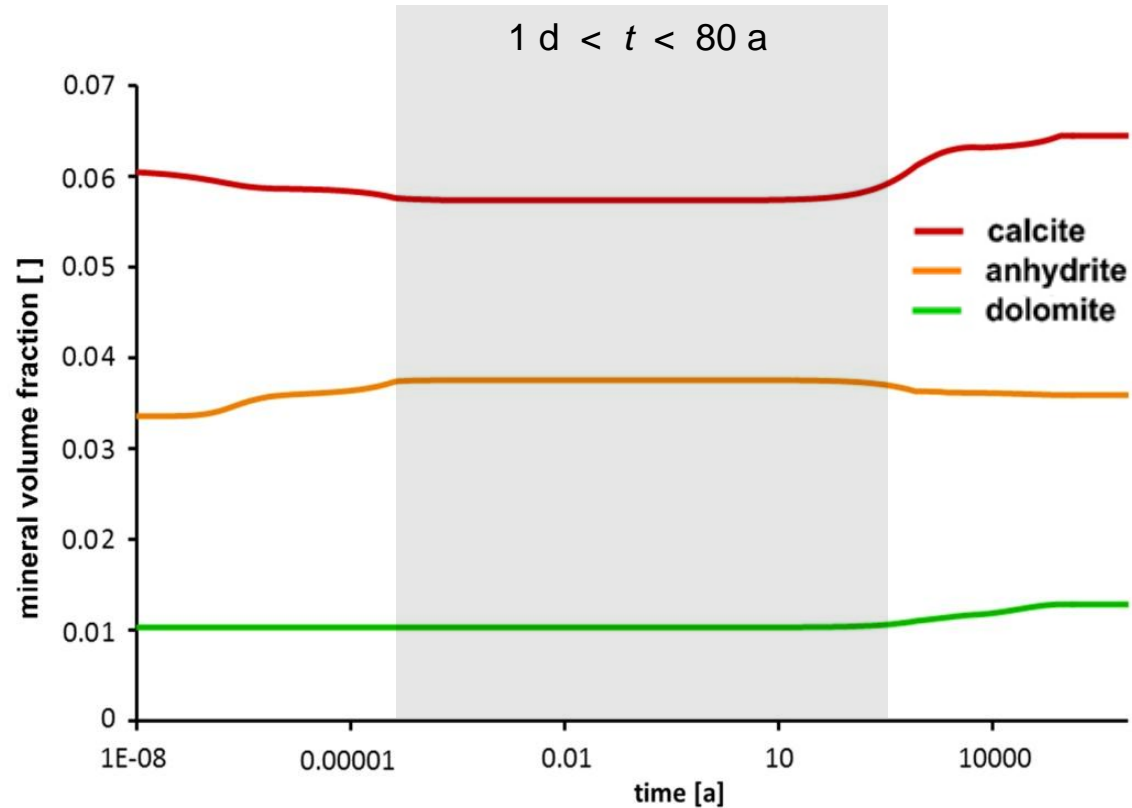
anhydrite CaSO_4

dolomite $\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ ($\text{CaCO}_3 \cdot \text{MgCO}_3$)

dissolves

precipitates

stable



quasi stationary equilibrium of fast reacting minerals

calcite CaCO₃

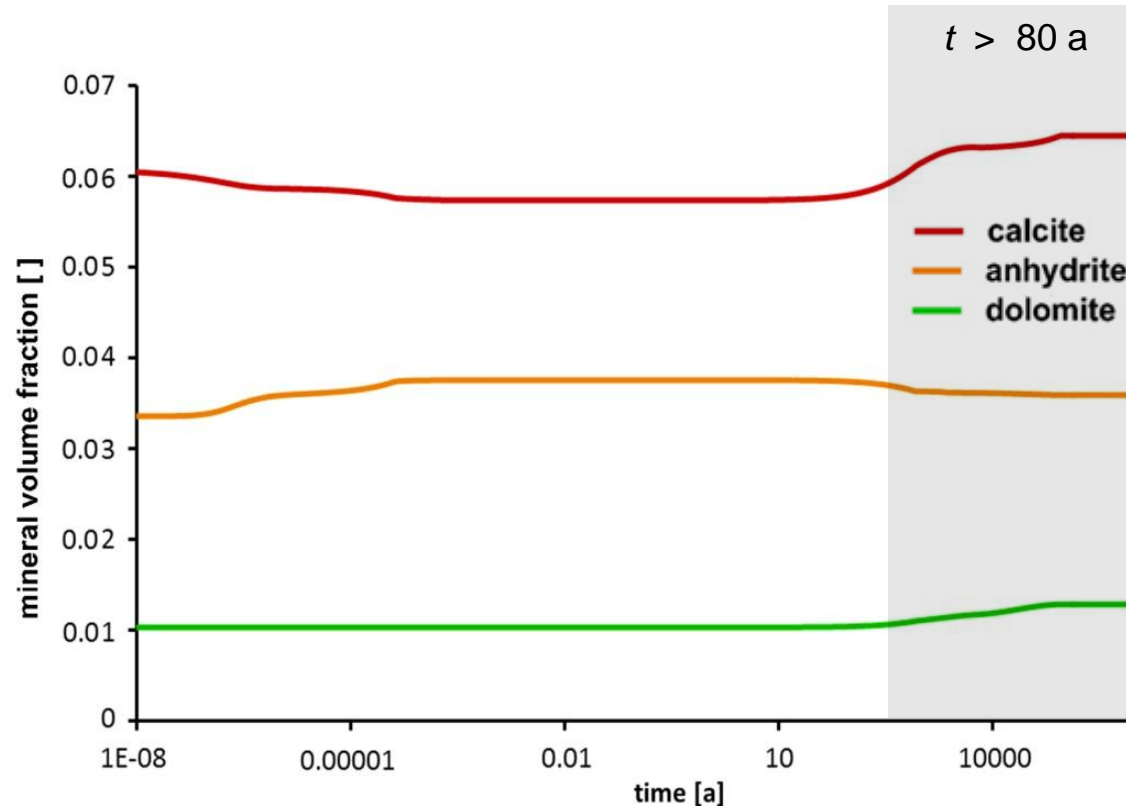
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constant

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calcium precipitation from slow reacting feldspars

calcite CaCO₃

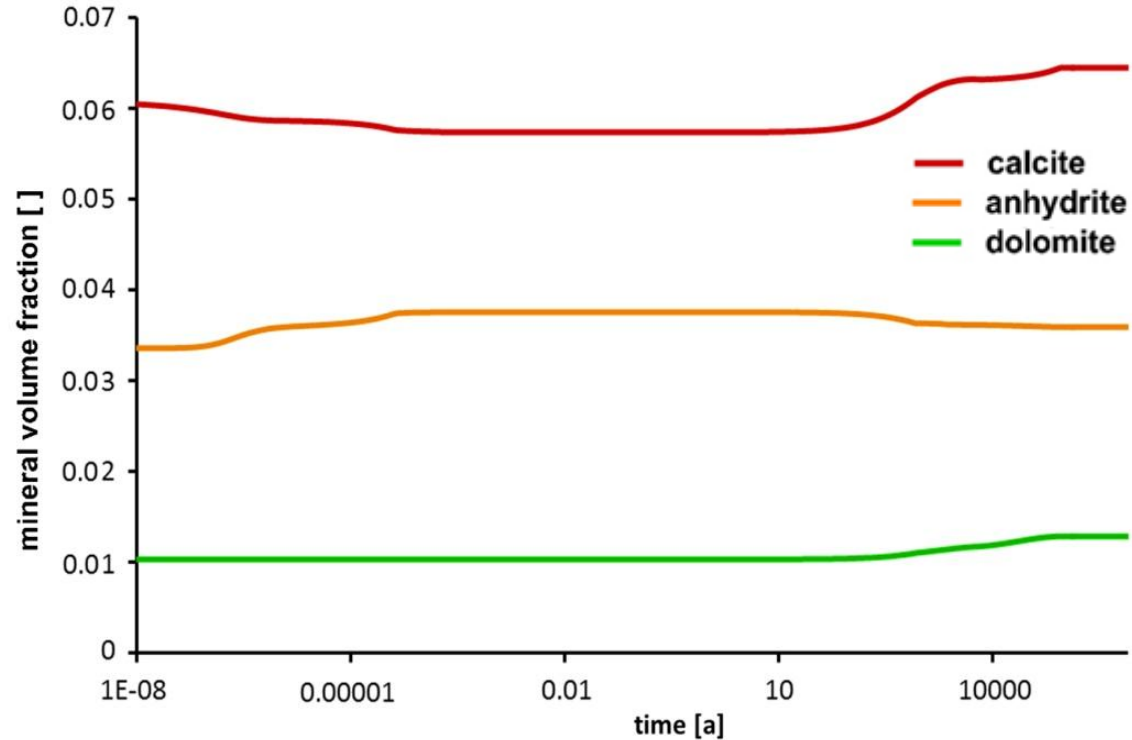
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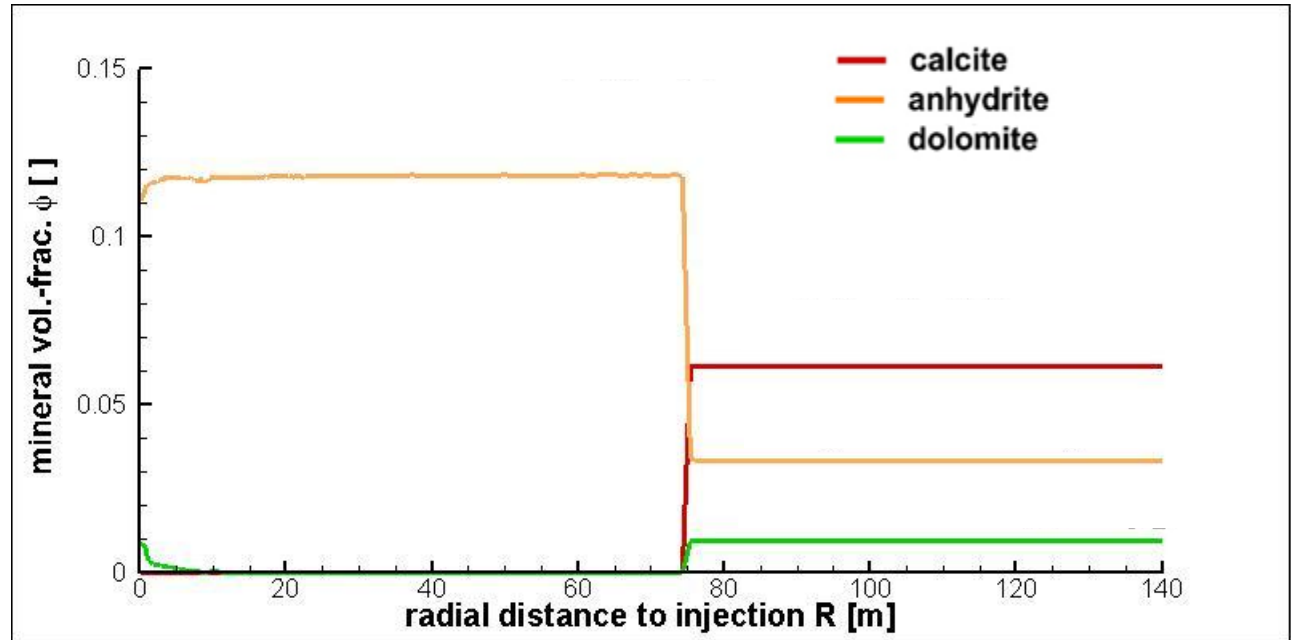
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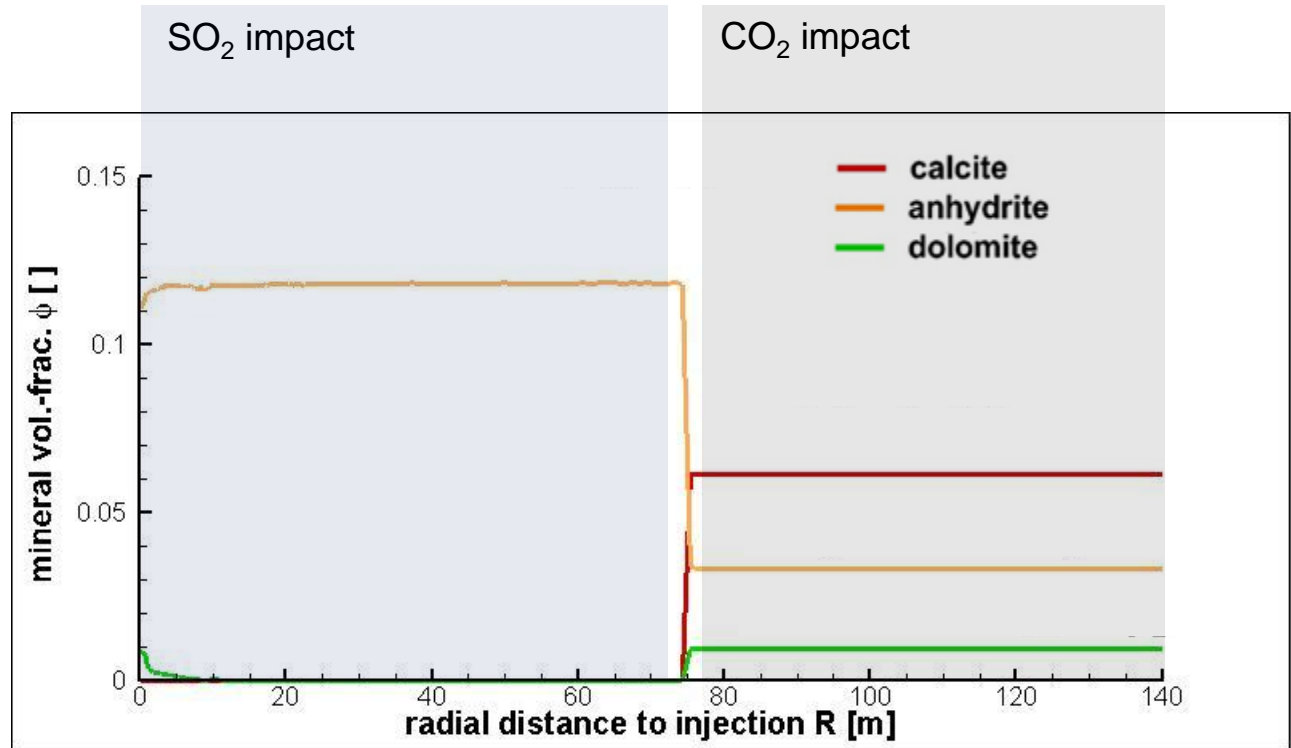
short-term establishing equilibrium of fast reacting minerals

long-term transformation of feldspars to carbonates



1D radial reactive transport
spatial profile

TOUGHREACT OMP-3.0 ECO2N
impure CO_2 stream 9 kg/s, 1 % SO_2



range of SO₂ impact < 75 m
CO₂ impact > 75 m

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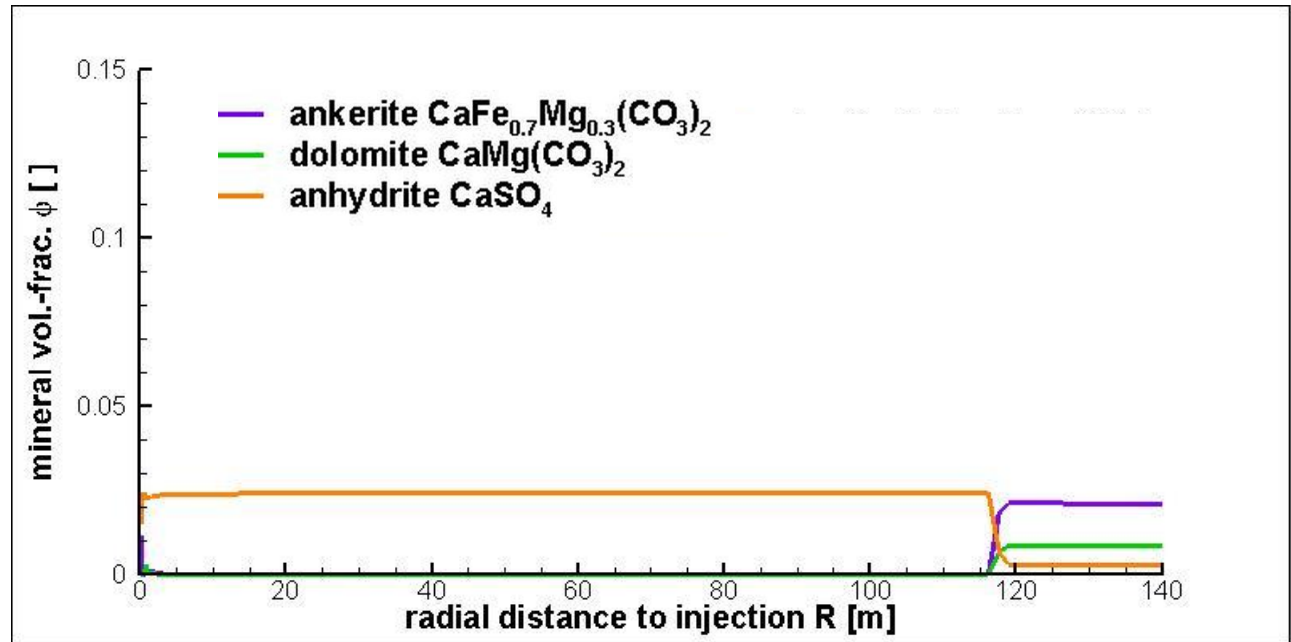
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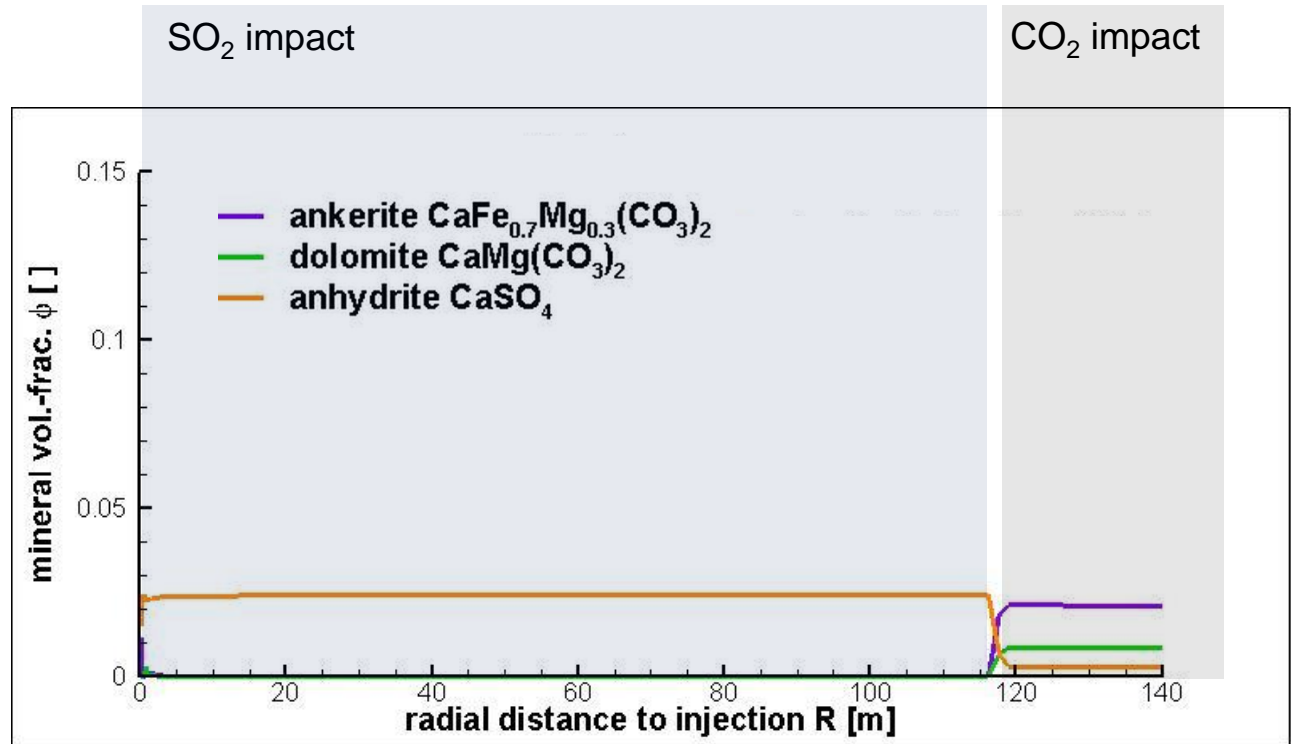
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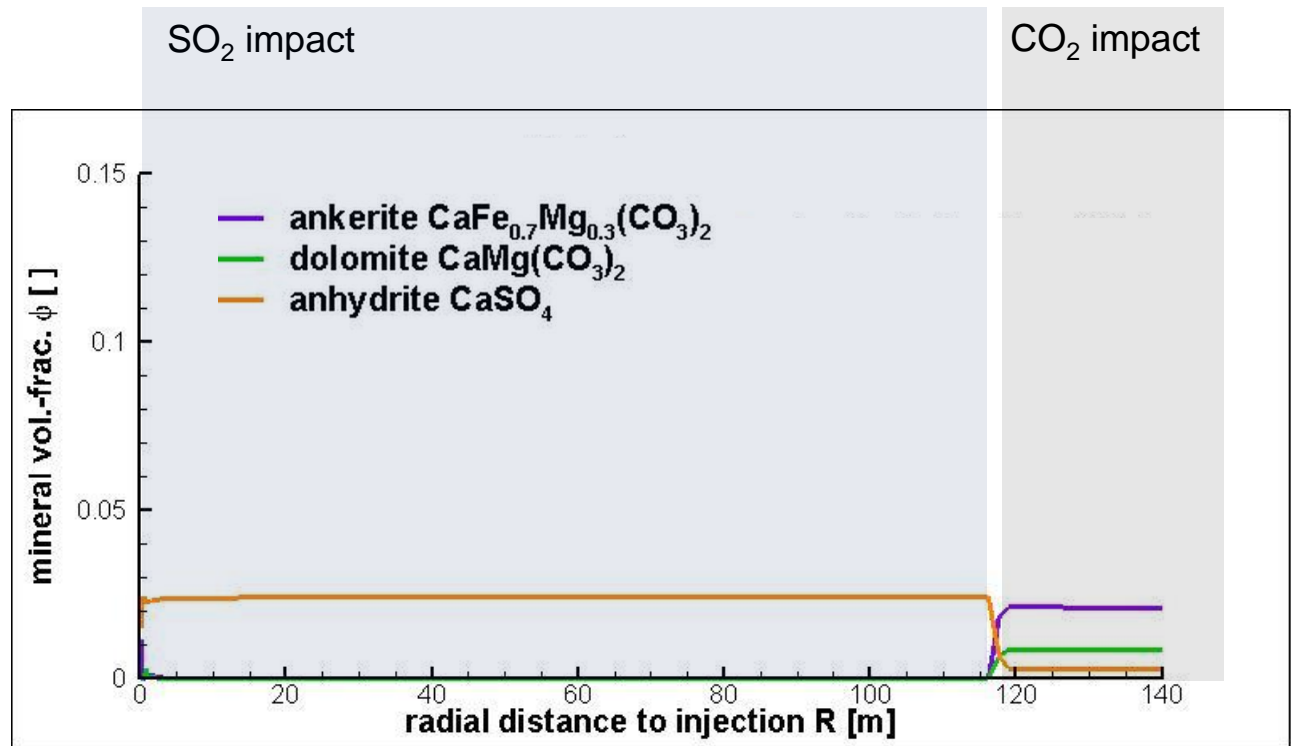
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Bunter
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molar volume CaCO_3	37 cm^3/mol
$\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$	64 cm^3/mol
CaSO_4	46 cm^3/mol

decrease in porosity

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high carbonates, i.e. calcite CaCO_3 and dolomite $\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$
almost complete dissolution

after 10 years, injected SO_2 used up within 75 m

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less and different carbonates,

more rock volume needed to use SO₂

larger dry out zone

after 10 years, injected SO₂ used up within 115 m

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less and different carbonates,

i.e. ankerite $\text{CaFe}_{0.7}\text{Mg}_{0.3}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ and dolomite $\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$
almost complete dissolution

less Ca^{2+} in ankerite than in calcite CaCO_3

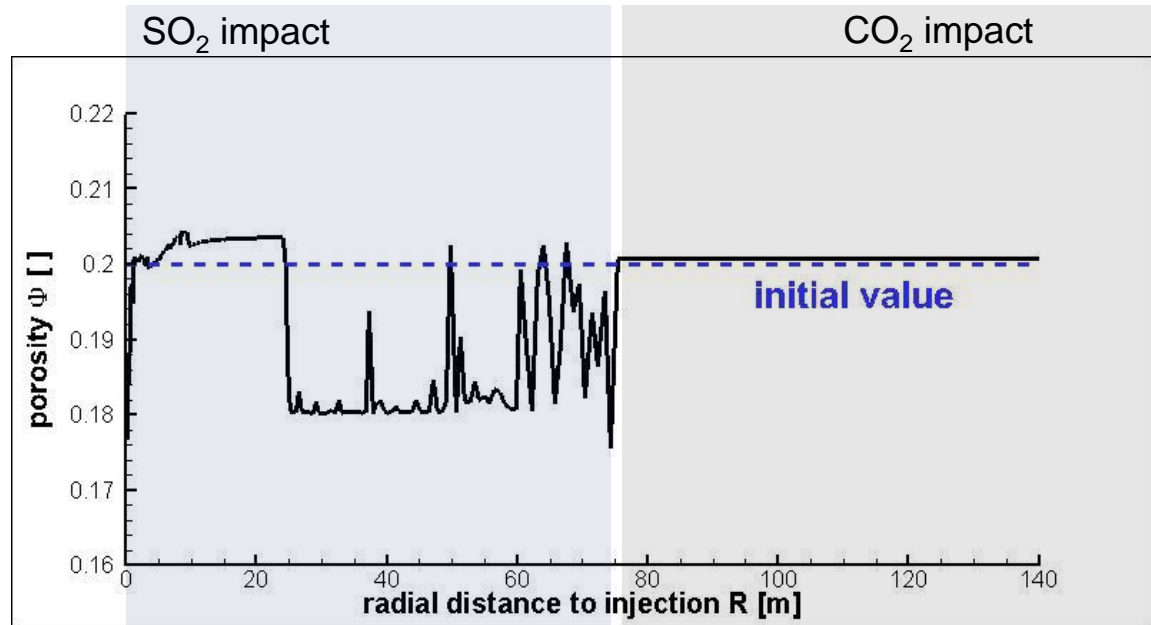
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increase in porosity

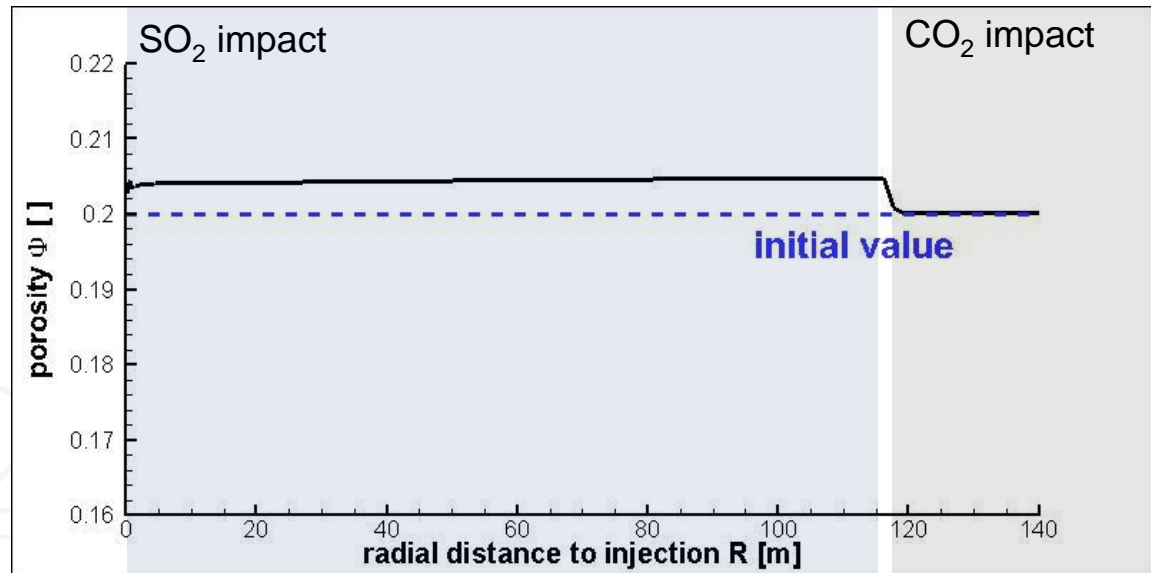
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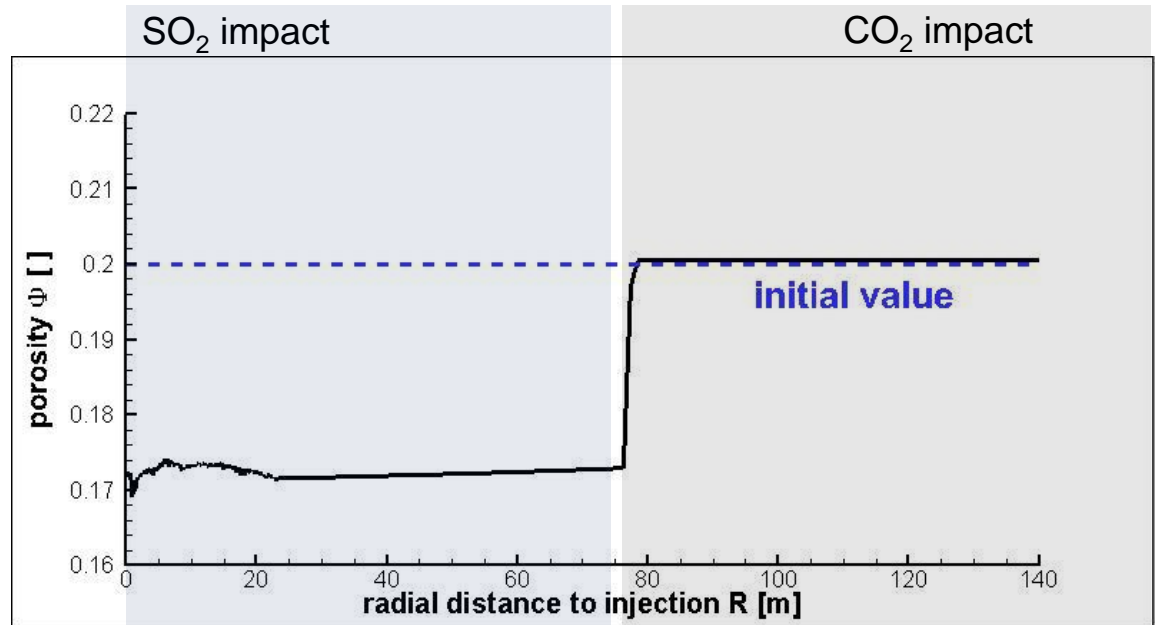


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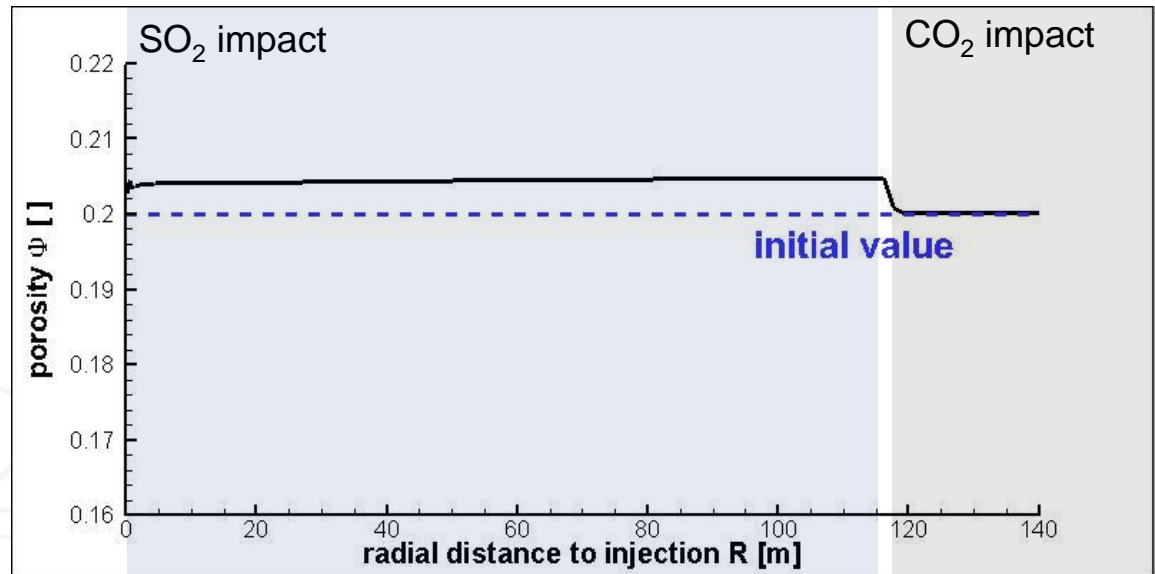
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was
 albite $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$
 now
 oligoclase
 $(\text{Ca},\text{Na})(\text{Al},\text{Si})_4\text{O}_8$



Heletz

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conclusion

PHREEQC and TOUGHREACT, complements

**preferential dissolution of SO_2 compared to CO_2
together with**

high reactivity with carbonates

→ spatial separation

amount and species of carbonates

→ determine porosity

other minerals play minor part

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3rd sandstone Rotliegend

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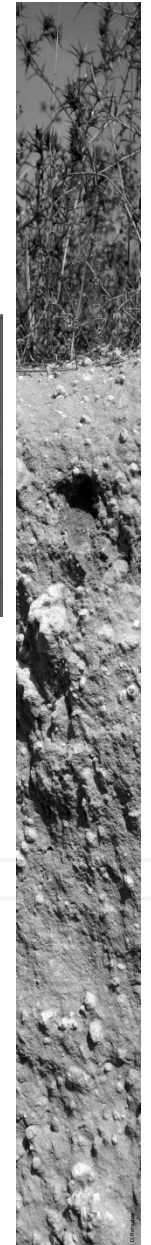




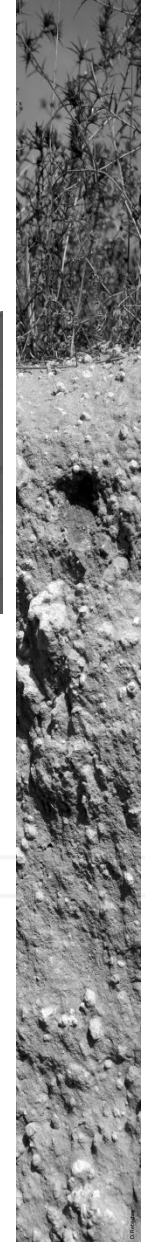
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