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Assuring integrity of CO₂ storage sites through ground surface monitoring (SENSE)

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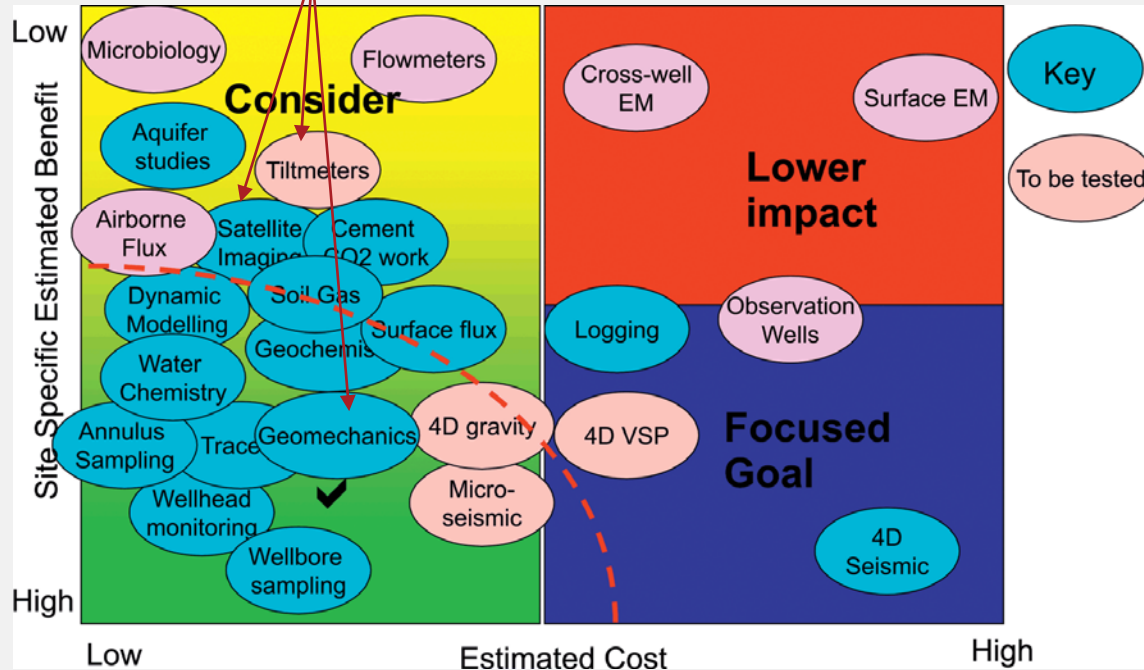
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Outline

- Introduction
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Introduction: monitoring methods for CO₂ storage sites

SENSE focuses on

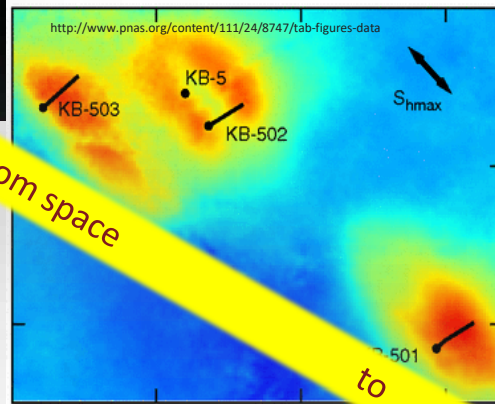


Ref.: Davis et al. 2019

Introduction: SENSE consortium



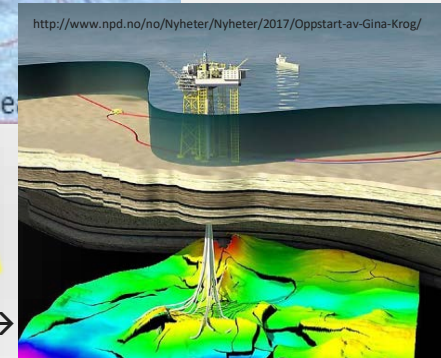
SENSE project concept



Demonstration of concept onshore



Demonstration offshore



- Estimation of ground deformation (via modelling)

- Measure ground deformation (satellite for onshore-pressure sensors/fiber optics for offshore)

- Analyse measured vs estimated deformation:

- agreement with estimations → OK
- anomaly → **Alert** on performance/integrity issues

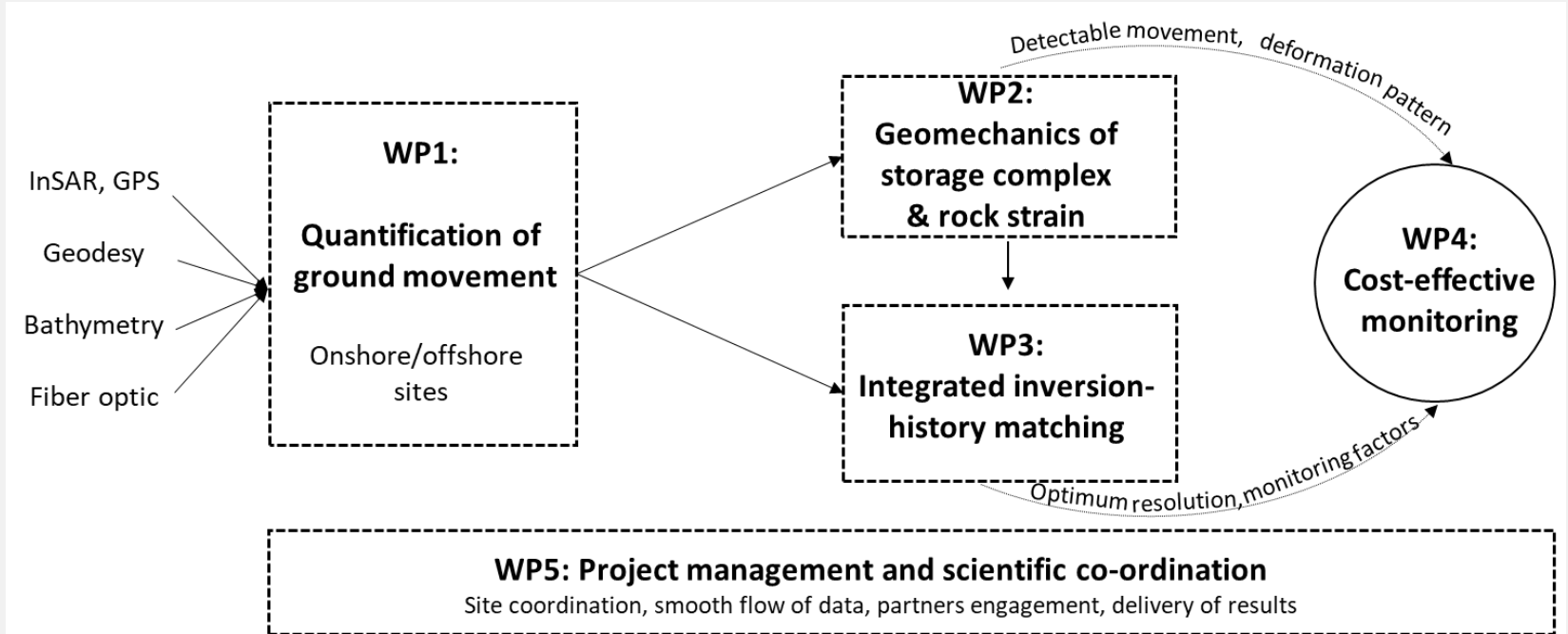
SENSE objective

- Ground motion measurement for **continuous, cost efficient** CO₂ storage monitoring **over large areas**:
 - Demonstrate tools & methods in field cases (onshore, offshore)
 - Optimization of sampling configuration for monitoring ground surface/seafloor
 - Models & inversion to provide information on pressure distribution and hydraulic behavior of subsurface
 - Improvement of geomechanical constraints for storage performance and integrity



- Safe storage of CO₂ in long-term
(Early warning in case of unexpected events)

Project Structure



WP1: Measurement of ground deformation- case studies

1. In Salah/Troll Subsidence data
2. Boknis Eck, Offshore Germany
3. Hatfield Moors, onshore US
4. Gulf of Mexico

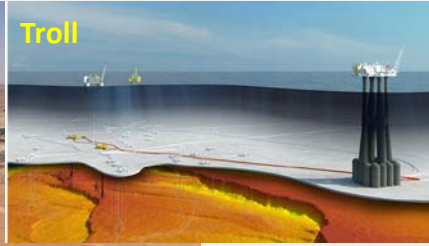
3. Hatfield Moors, natural gas storage, sandstone, 450 m deep



1. In Salah



Troll



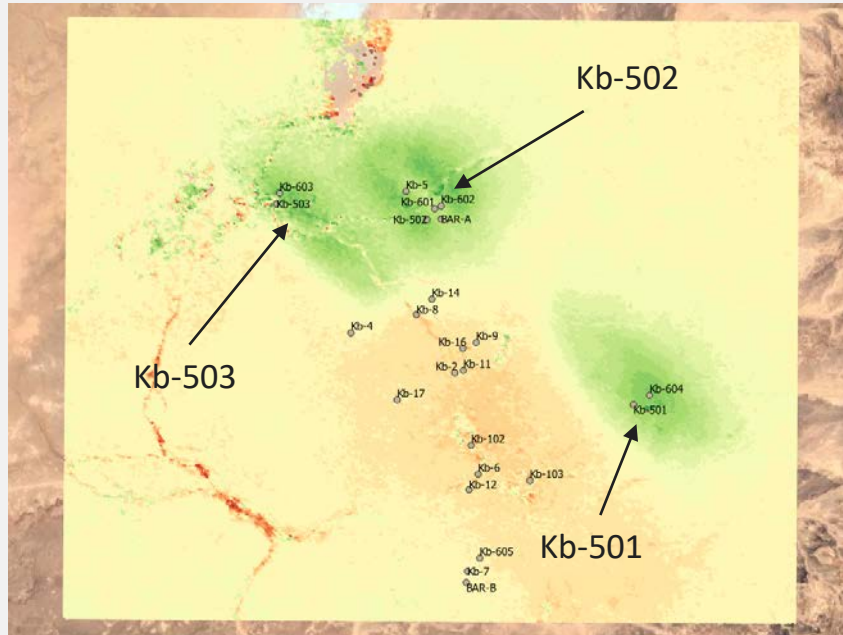
2. Boknis Eck nearshore, Germany



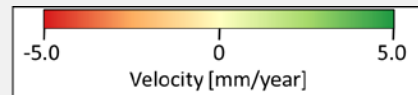
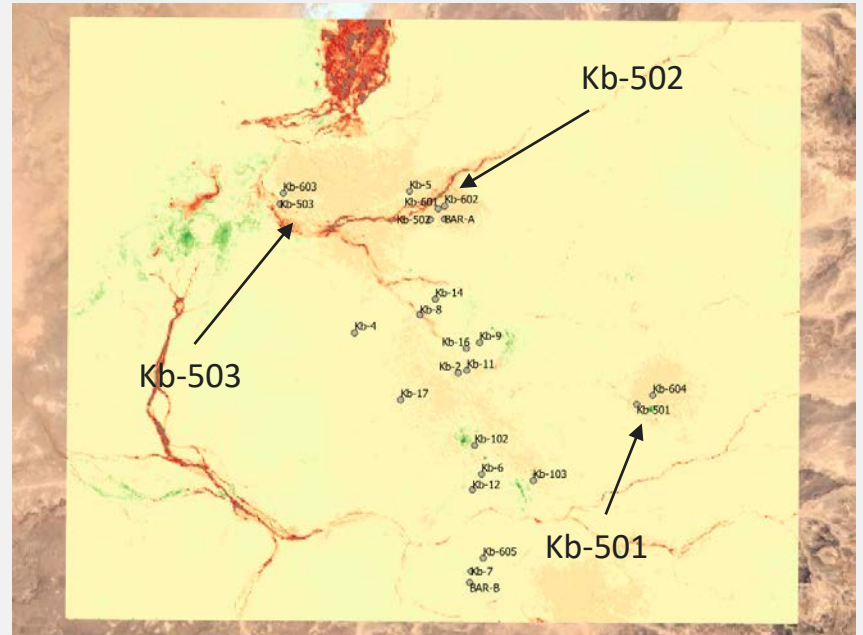


InSalah: Injection vs. Post-Injection Phase

Injection: 2004 – 2010 (ENVISAT)

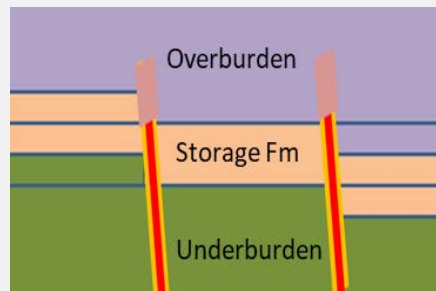


Post-Injection: 2010 – 2016 (TerraSAR-X)

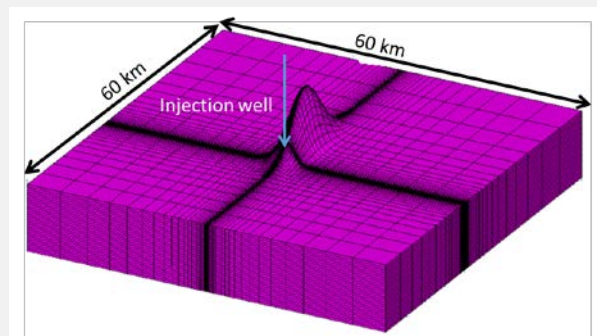
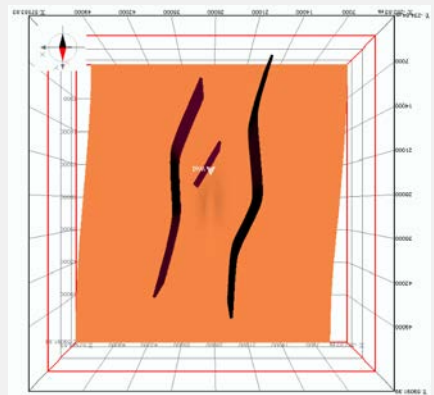


CONCEPTUAL MODELING- IMPACT OF FAULT PERMEABILITY ON GROUND DEFORMATION

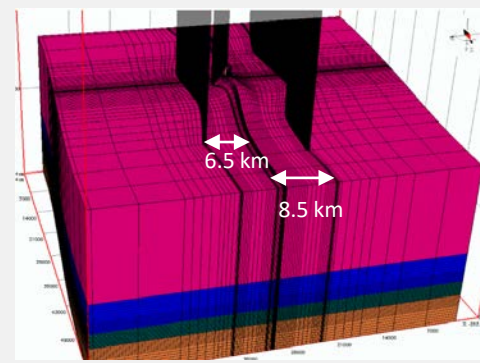
- Reservoir at a 1600 m depth, 50 m thick
- 2800 t/d injection, 160 bar/40°C conditions, injection controlled by a 50 bar overpressure
- Injection well: 6 km from anticline summit
- Injection constrained by a max. overpressure [50 bar], max. inj. rate of **2800 t/d** (surface)
- Depth, thickness of storage formation and overburden are scenario-dependent.



Faults (core and damage zones) with throw



Anticline trap

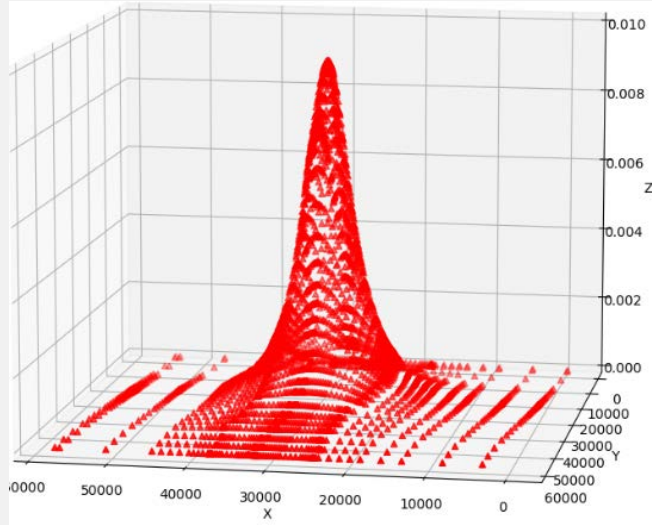


Anticline trap with sealing or draining faults

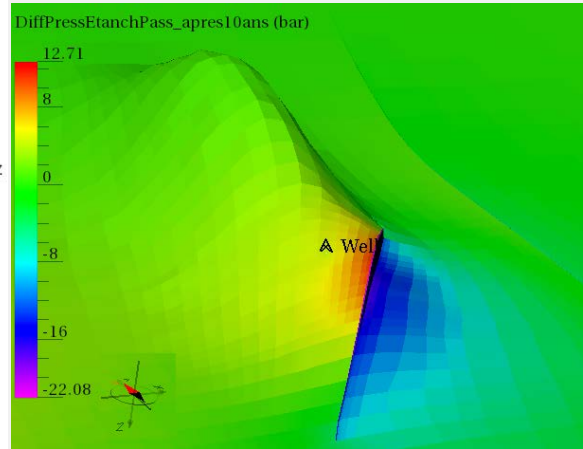
Impact of fault permeability of ground uplift

Anticline trap with sealing or draining faults

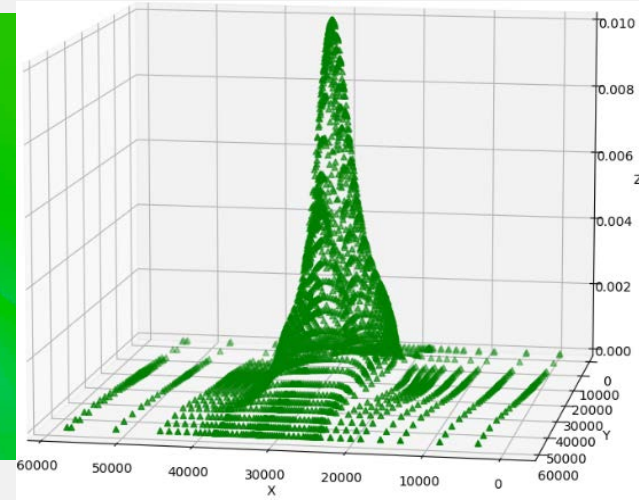
Draining fault



Pressure difference
Sealing – Draining Faults scenarii [bar]

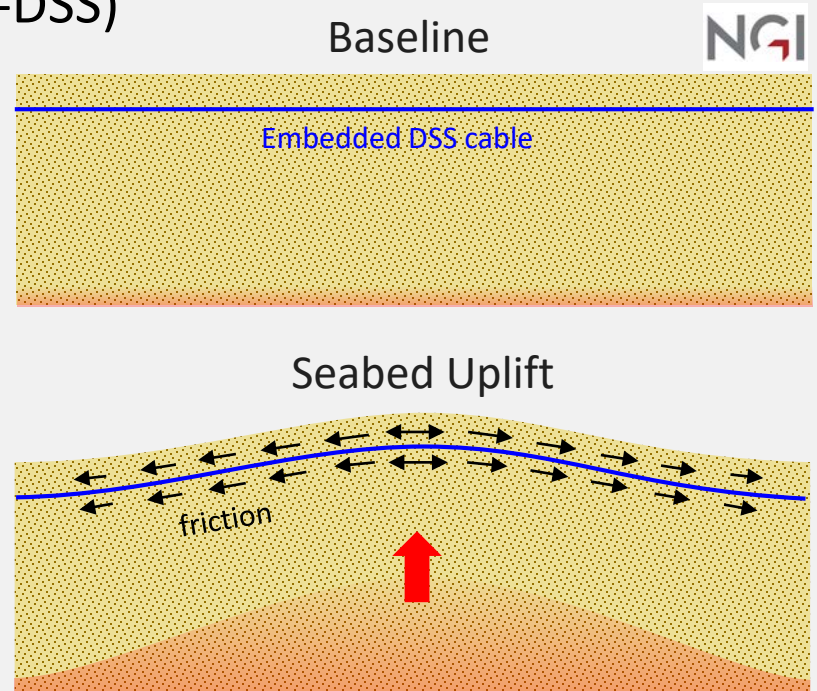
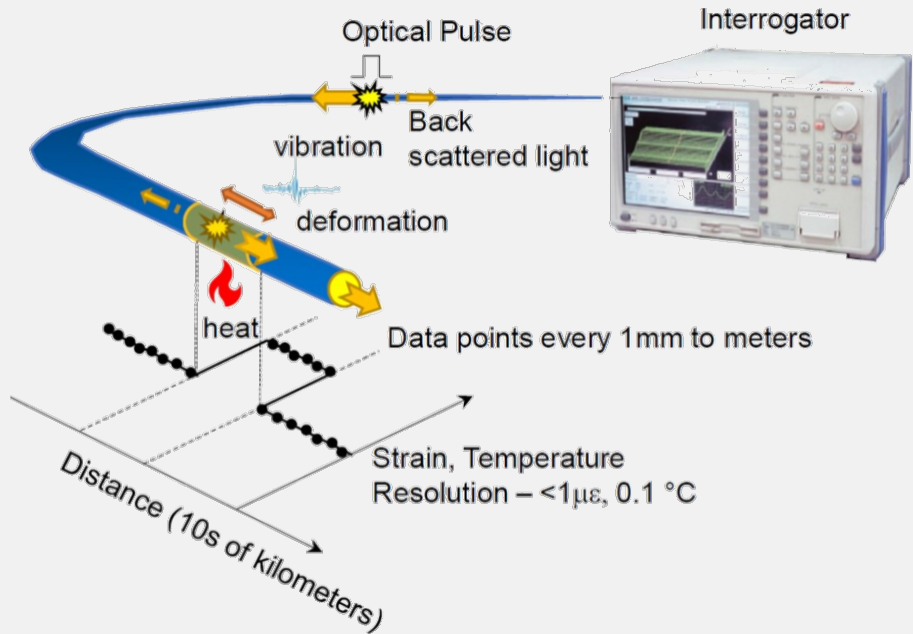


Sealing fault



Can we measure mm-scale ground deformation?

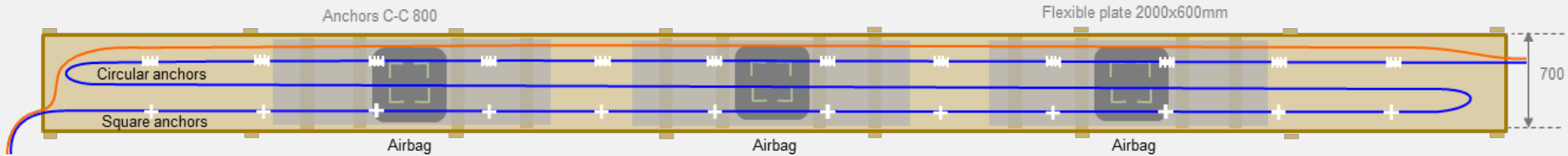
Fiber optics (Distributed Strain Sensing-DSS)



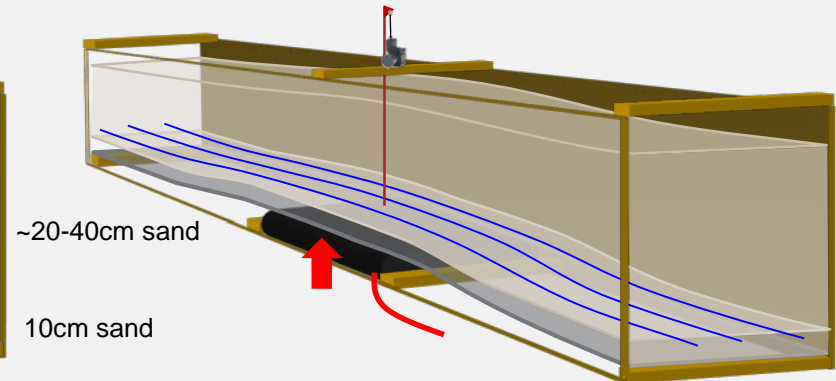
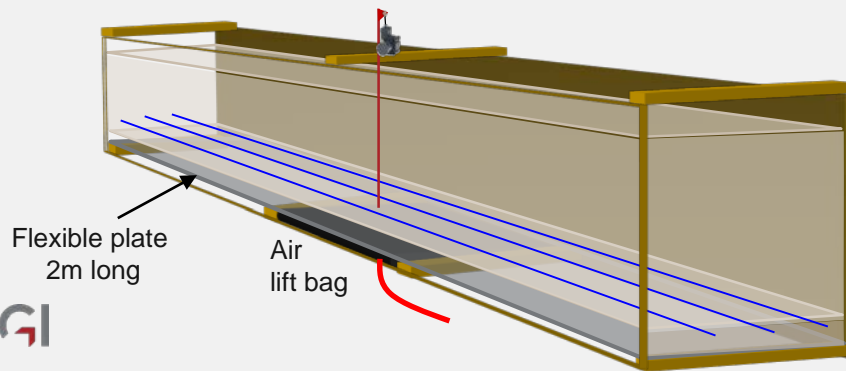
The magnitude of tension (axial strain) along the DSS cable depends on the radial deformation, slope gradient and soil-cable friction

Controlled tests in a sandbox

- Investigate the DSS cable sensitivity to heave deformations
- Investigate the effect of soil-cable interaction (friction) and pre-tensioning
 - Investigate the effect of micro anchors
 - Investigate the effect of overburden
- How to convert and quantify the measured axial strain to radial (vertical) deformations?

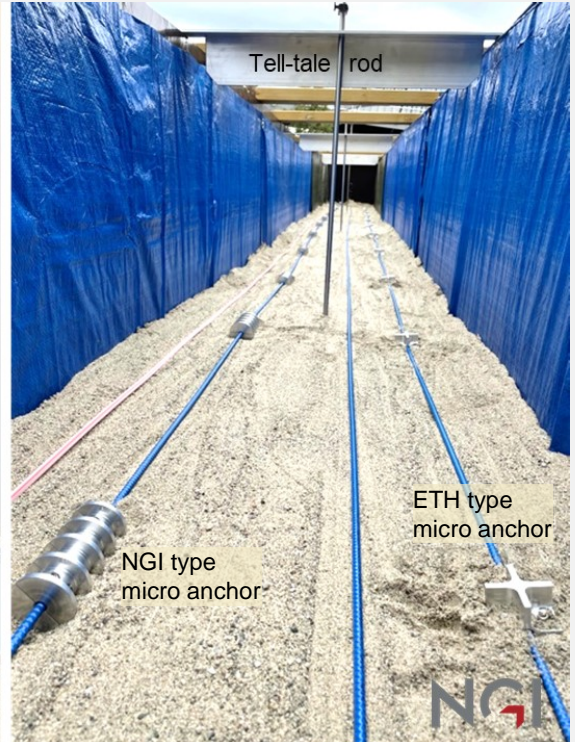


Plane view of 10.5m long sandbox with embedded DSS cable and 3 lifting points



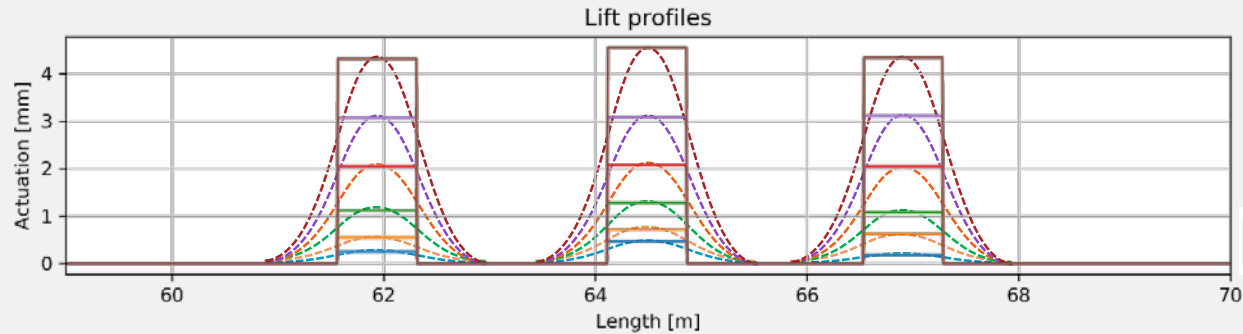
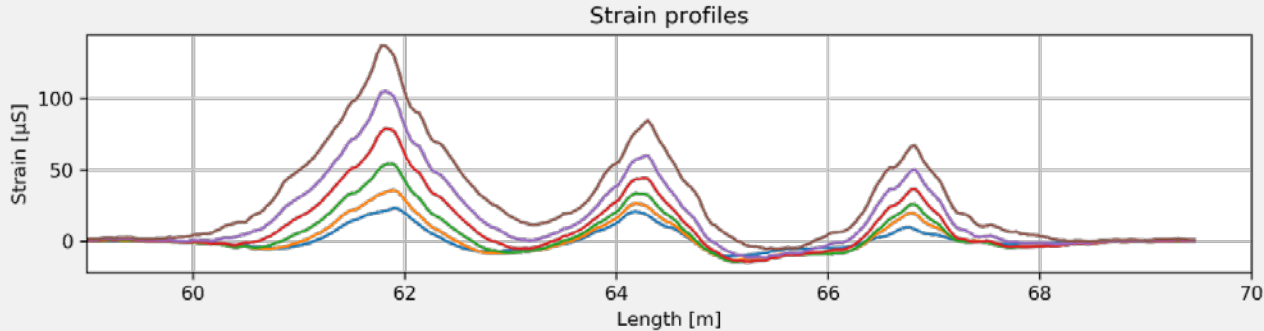
Controlled tests in sandbox - NGI

Test arrangement

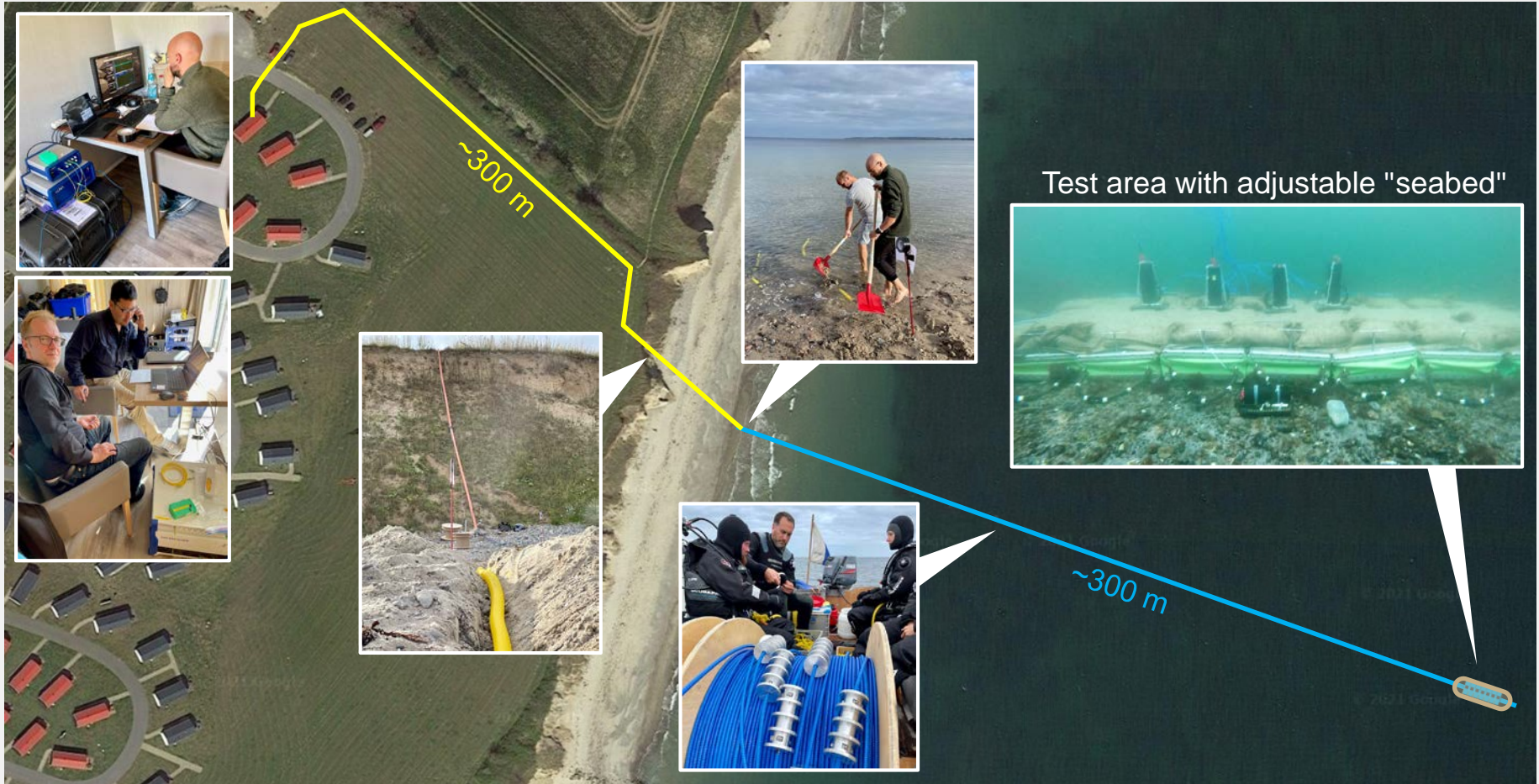


Controlled tests in sandbox

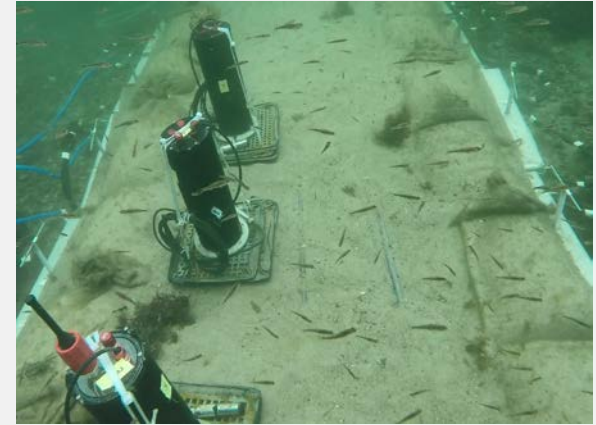
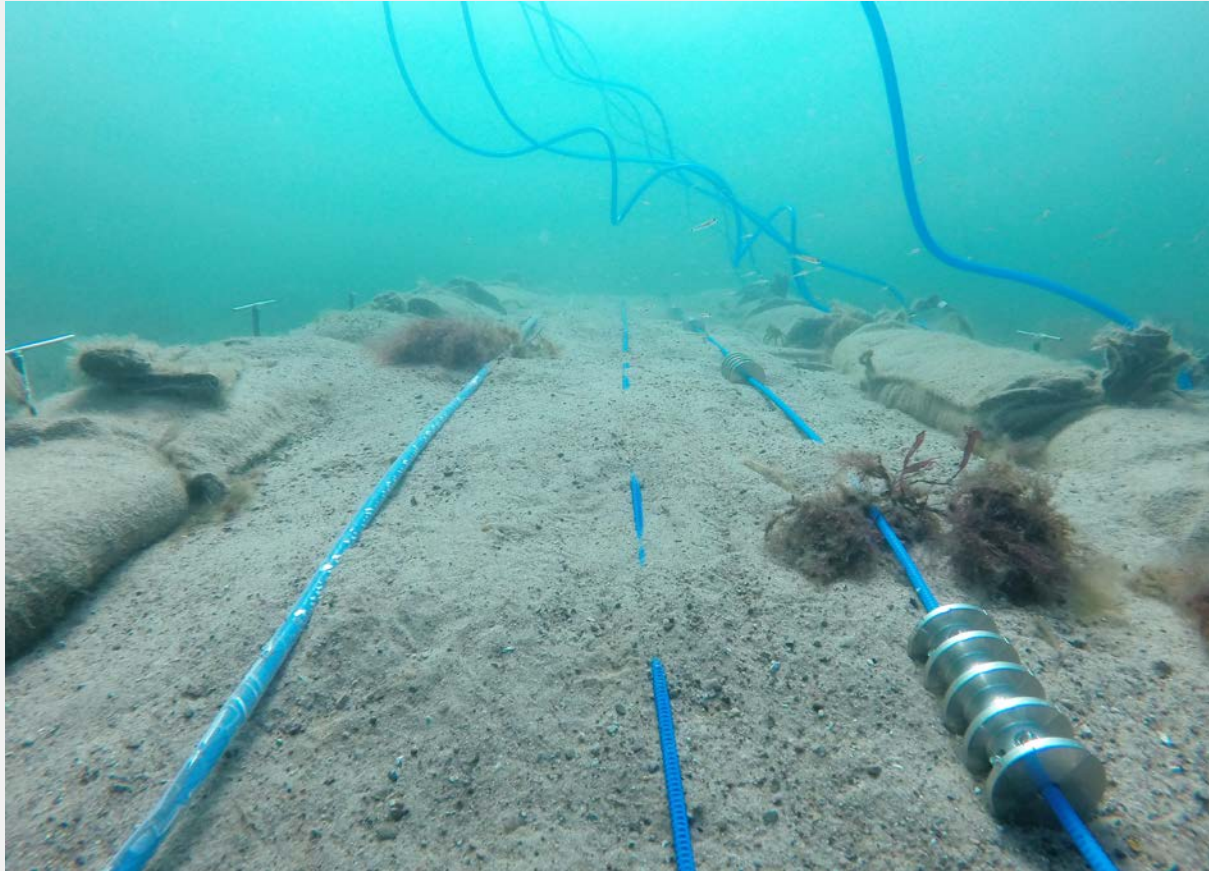
Example of results – small deformations - without micro anchors



DSS Cable test at Boknis Eck-Germany



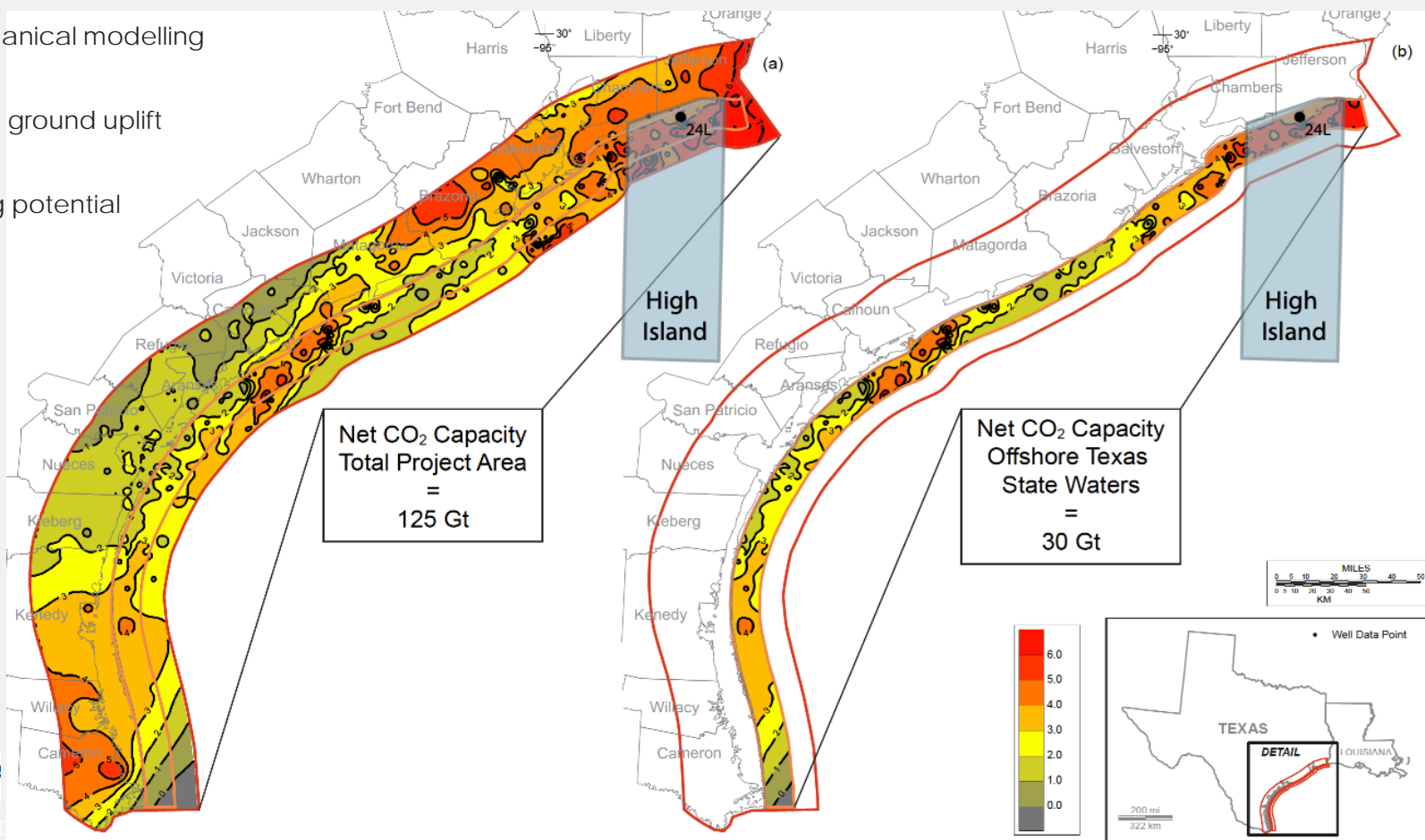
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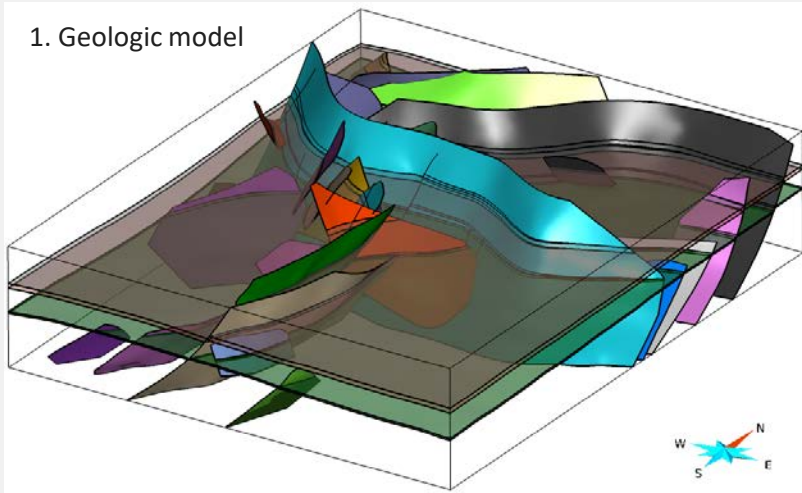
The nearshore tests were less controlled, but similar ground deformation sensitivity as in NGI's sandbox was demonstrated

Case Study: Gulf of Mexico-Lawrence Livermore National Lab

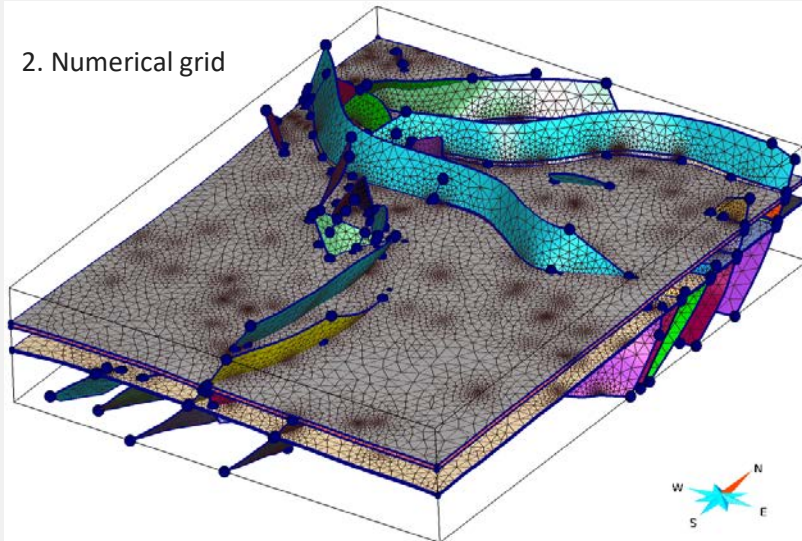
- Geomechanical modelling
- estimating ground uplift
- monitoring potential



1. Geologic model

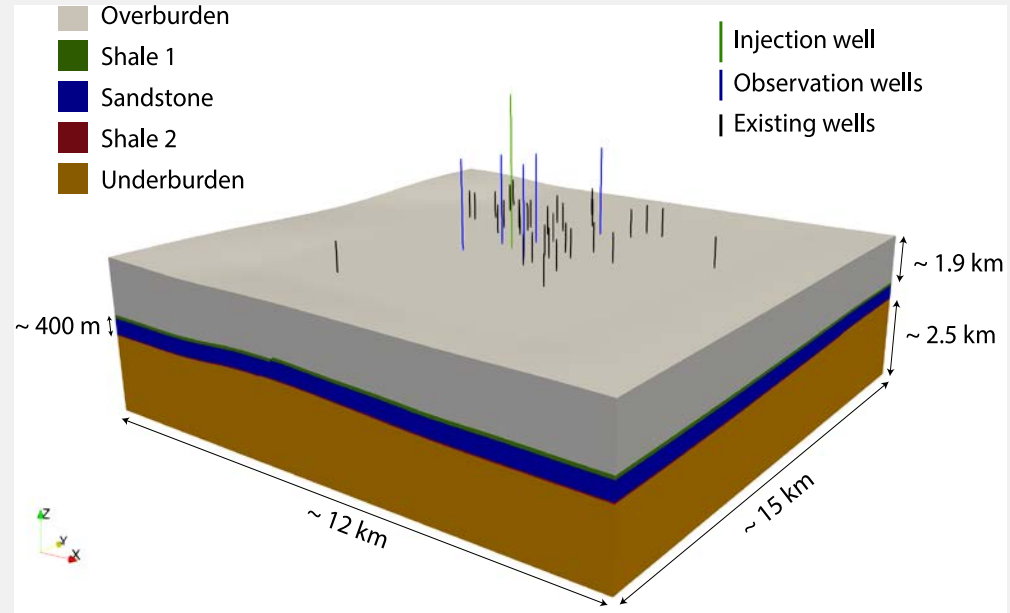


2. Numerical grid



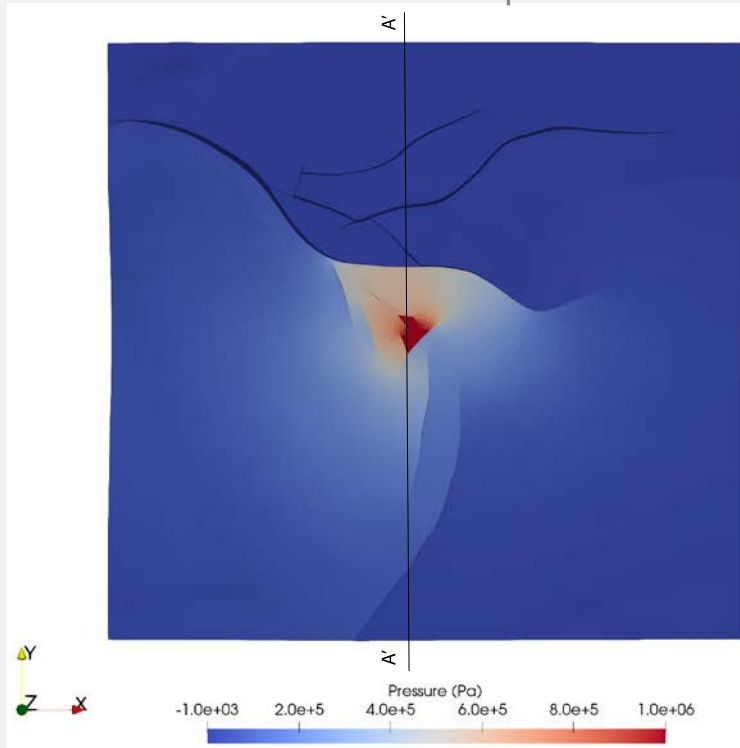
GoM model

3. Geomechanical model

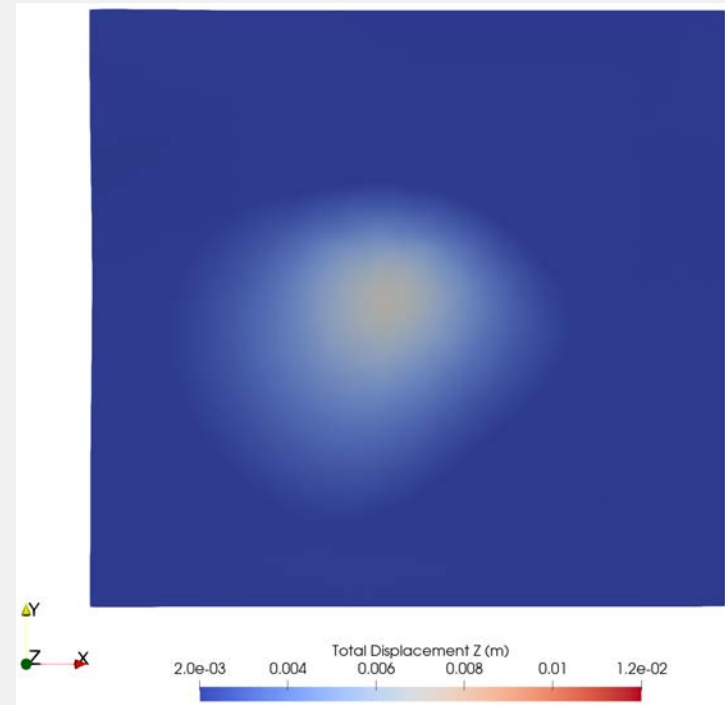


Seabed uplift

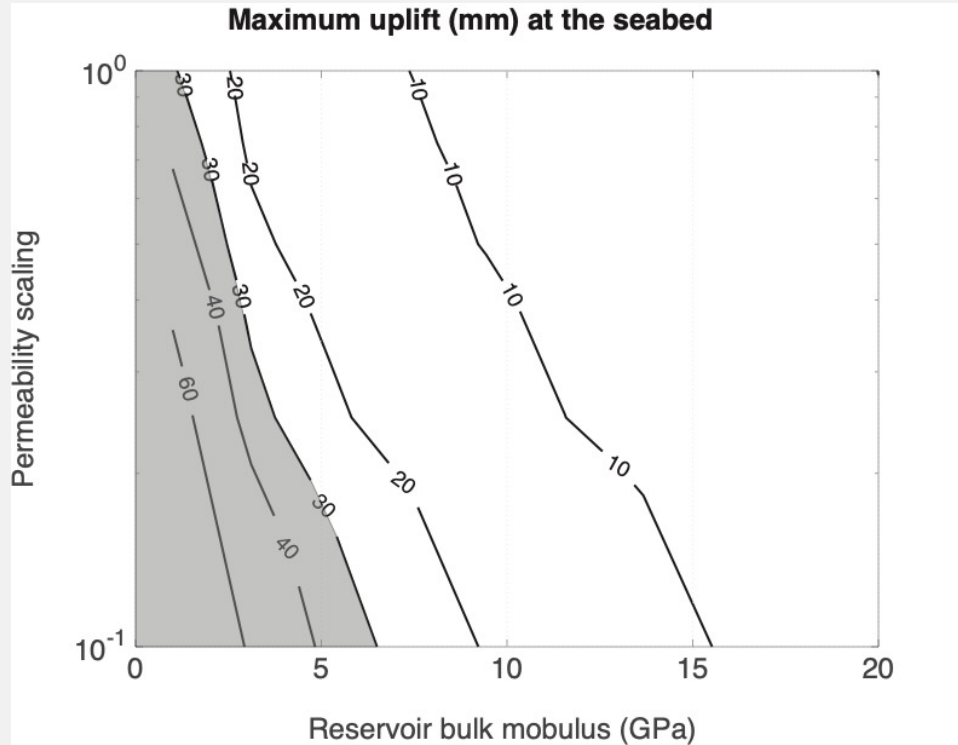
Reservoir excess pressure



seabed displacement



Predict monitoring observations

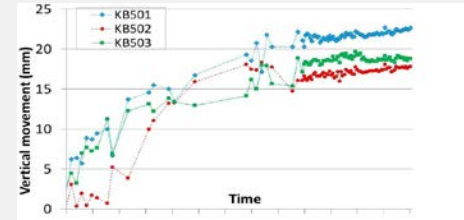
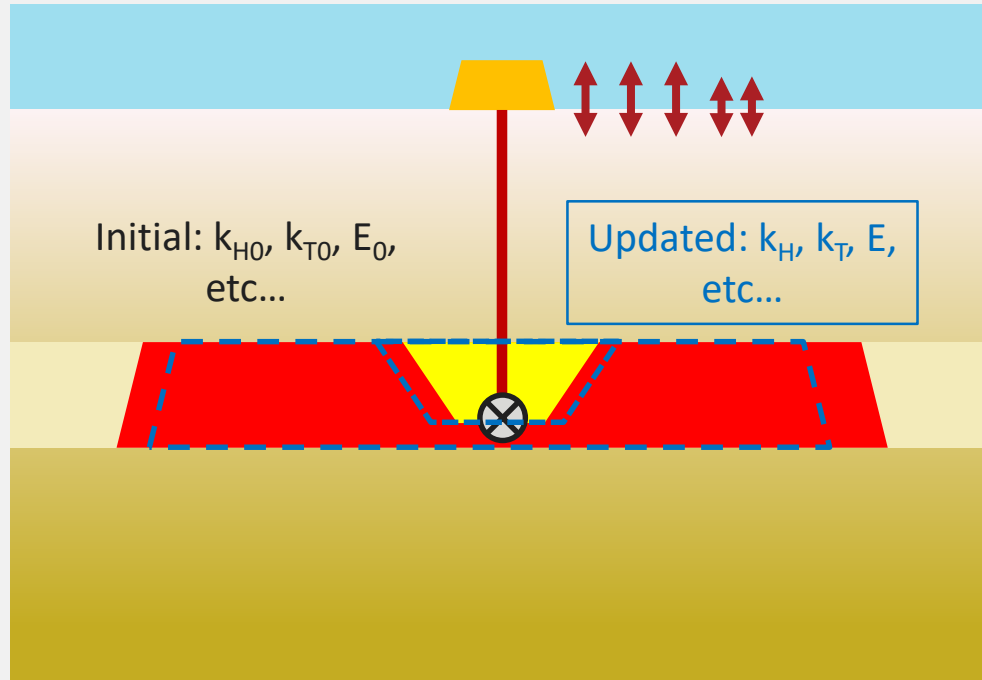


Conclusion:

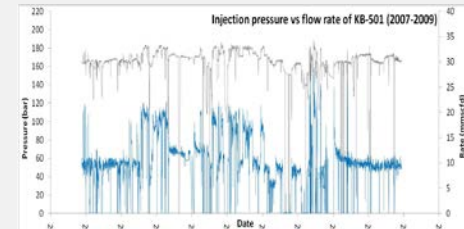
Both fiber optic and ocean-bottom-pressure sensors could likely provide useful monitoring of GoM storage sites.

Figure: Sensitivity to property uncertainty

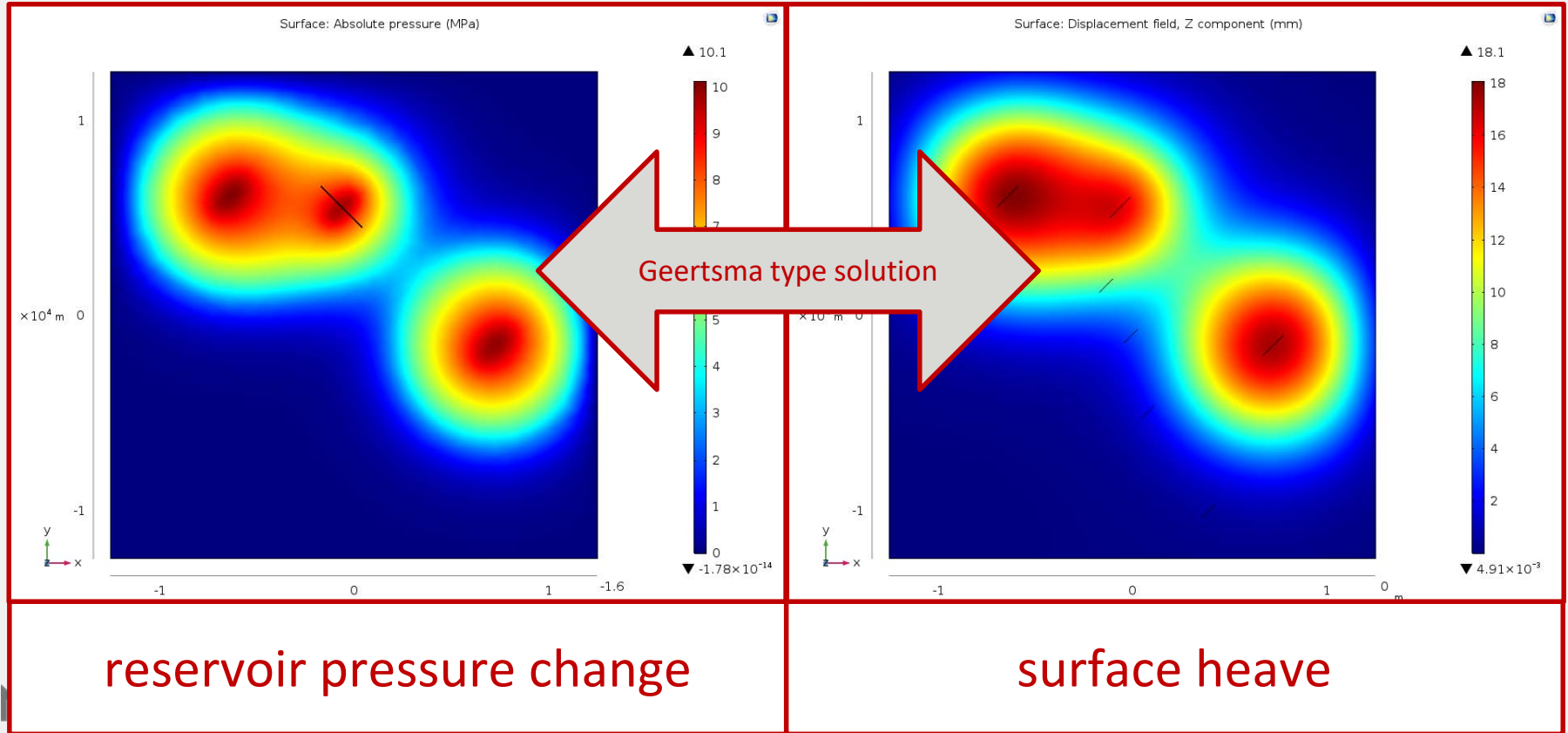
History matching and inversion



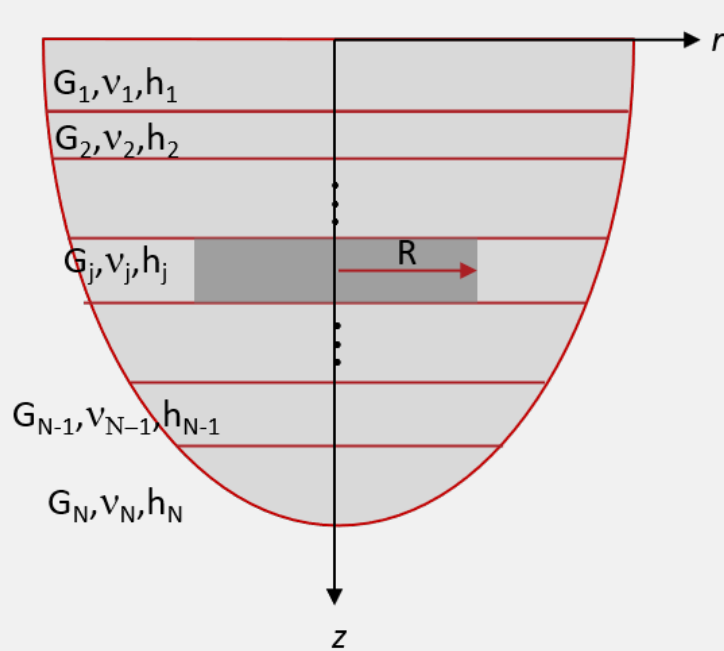
“with survey cost issue”



Background and Motivation (In Salah experience)

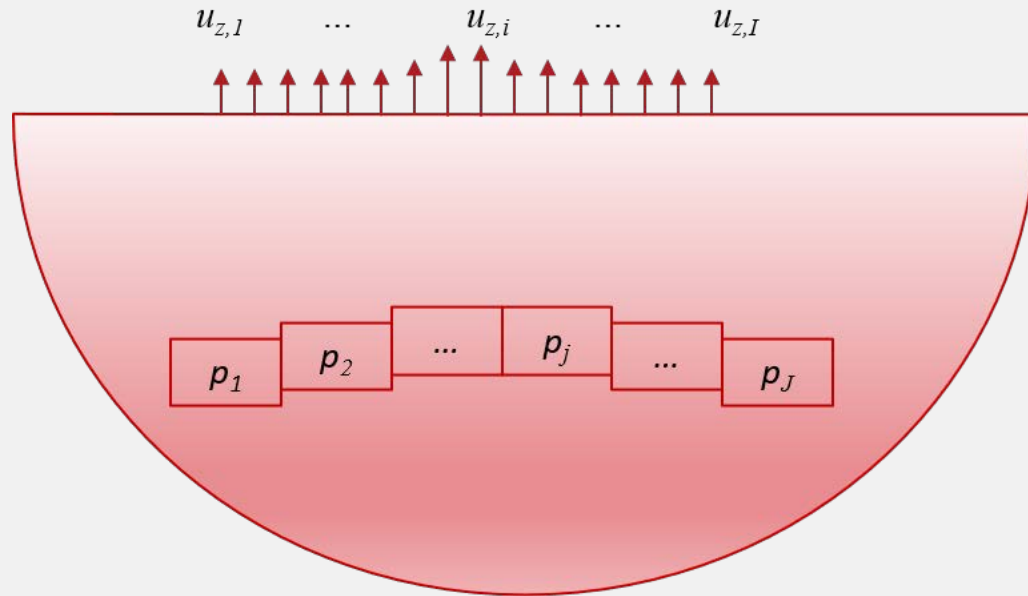


Generalized Geertsma solution from SENSE



- Any number and thickness of layers can be simulated.
- We can calculate deformation and stress at any layer for «static» pressure or temperature distribution applied at any layer.
- Any boundary condition is available e.g. rigid basement (e.g. Tempone et al., 2010).
- Matlab and Python scripts are implemented.
- Anisotropy medium model can also be considered i.e. $G_h/G_v \neq 1$. (Park et al. 2021)

For realistic pressure distribution



$$\curvearrow u_{z,i} = \sum_{j=1}^J g_{z,ij} p_j$$

$$\curvearrow \mathbf{U}_z = \mathbf{G}_z \mathbf{P}$$

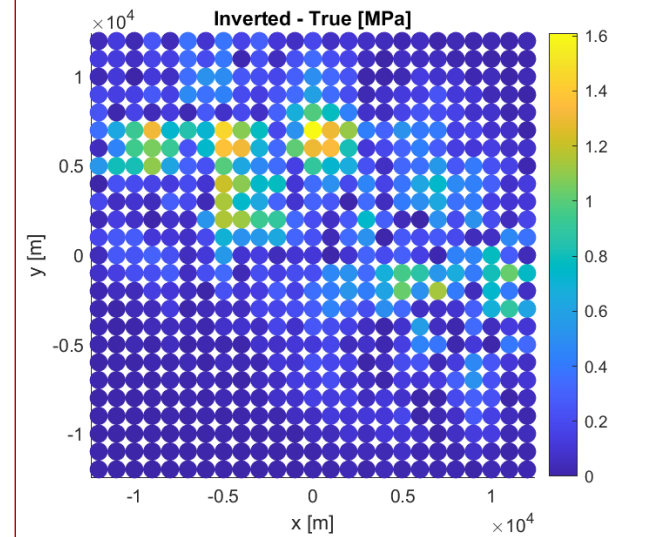
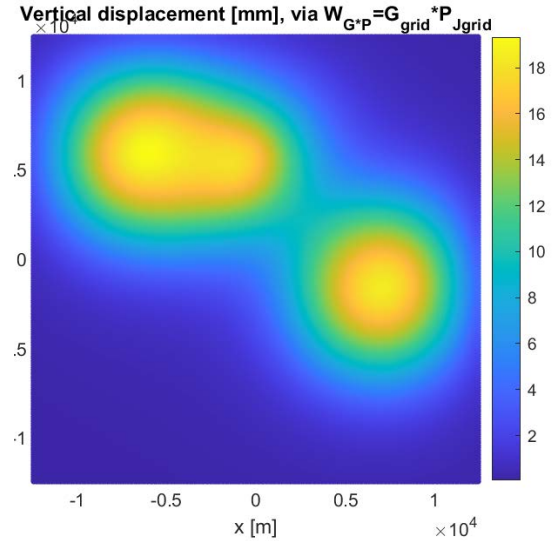
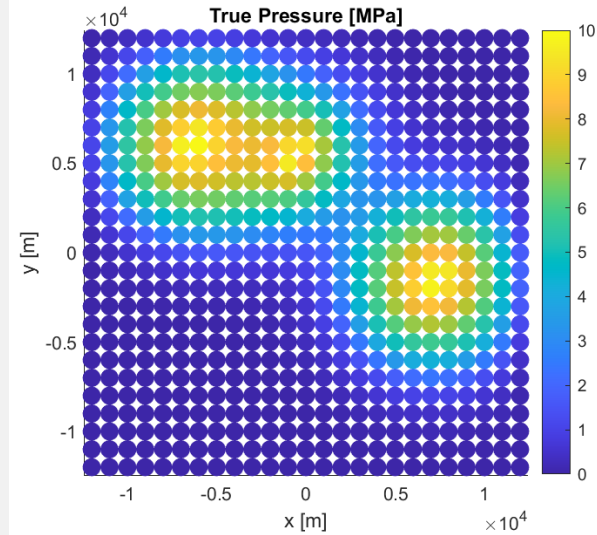
$$- \mathbf{U}_z = [u_{z,1}, u_{z,2}, \dots, u_{z,i}, \dots, u_{z,I}]^T,$$

$$- \mathbf{P} = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_j, \dots, p_J]^T,$$

$$- \mathbf{G}_z = \begin{bmatrix} g_{z,11} & \cdots & g_{z,1J} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{z,I1} & \cdots & g_{z,IJ} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\curvearrow \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{G}_z^{-1} \mathbf{U}_z$$

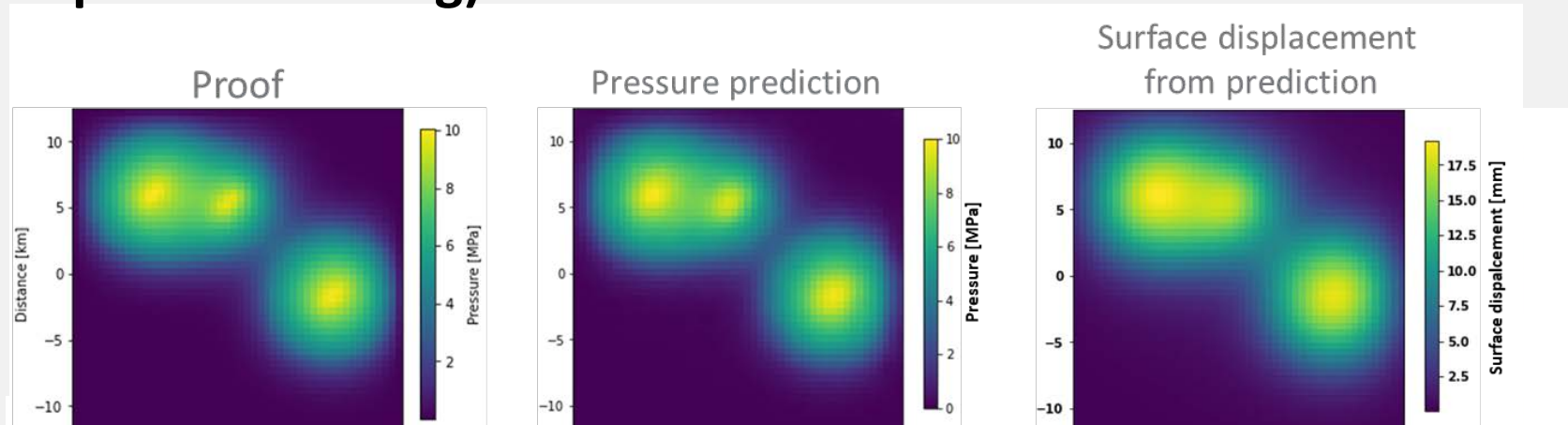
Effects of heave data noise via synthetic data



$$G_z P = U_z$$

$$G_z^{-1} U_{z,3\%} = P$$

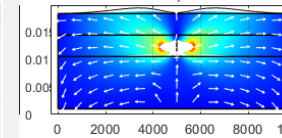
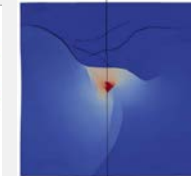
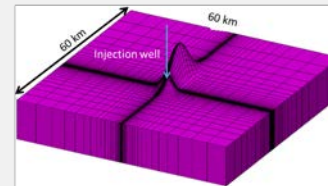
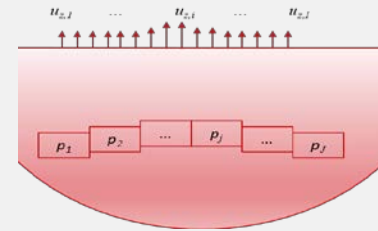
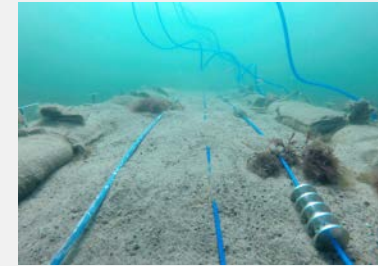
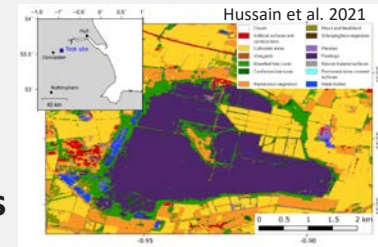
Highlight: ML-based inversion (pressure-deformation pattern training)



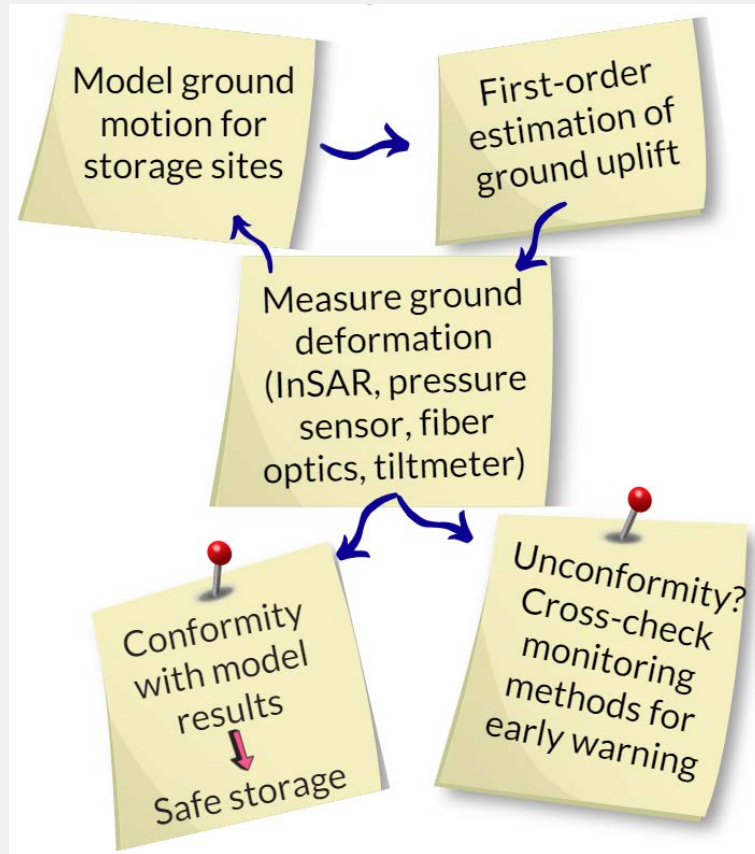
With this framework, we will look into to optimize number of data points or survey layout so that we can minimize the cost, which can be critical for the offshore applications!

Summary

- **Automatic InSAR data processing:** a routine for automatic change detection-BGS has developed and applies to Hatfield Moors gas storage site → **reduces errors & provides timely and inexpensive access to InSAR.**
- **Fiber optics- monitor static ground movement:** Field experiments performed by RITE in Kyoto, Japan. NGI is doing tests in Oslo, will test later in offshore Germany (September 2021) → **continuous seafloor monitoring.**
- **Fundamental mathematical solution** for calculating ground movement (subsidence or uplift)-considering inhomogeneous, arbitrary number of layers (NGI & Quad Geometrics)
- **Advanced numerical simulation & inversion codes:** for ground deformation (IFPEN, CSIRO, KIGAM, LLNL, UT Austin, IGME, CIUDEN, NGI)



Summary: ground motion monitoring workflow

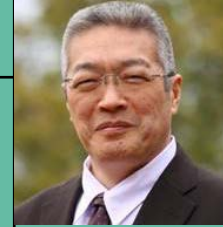


Monitoring CO₂ Storage Sites

SENSE Webinar #2 - 25 January 2022

a) Ground deformation monitoring using fiber optics

By Dr Ziqiu Xue, Chief Researcher, Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE-Japan); General Manager (Technical Division), Geological Carbon Dioxide Storage Technology Research Association



b) Ground deformation monitoring onshore and offshore

By Mr Per Sparrevik, Technical Expert (Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI- Norway) and Dr Jens Karstens, Postdoc Researcher, GEOMAR (Germany)



Event Information:

When: 25 January 2022 at 11:00-12:00 Central European Time (CET)

Where: Online via Teams

Registration via link: please see <https://sense-act.eu/>

Welcome to join us and hear about the latest advances on CO₂ storage site monitoring & SENSE project



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