

二氧化碳捕集利用与封存技术国际研讨会，4月26日，2017

# Fundamentals of CO<sub>2</sub> Safe Geological Storage and Efficient Utilization

## 二氧化碳地质封存与利用的基础研究

Jiang Pei-Xue (姜培学) and Xu Rui-Na (胥蕊娜)

Department of Thermal Engineering, Tsinghua University

Key Lab. for Thermal Science and Power Eng. of MOE

Key Lab. of CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization and Reduction Tech. of Beijing

April 26, 2017, Beijing, China

# **Outline**

- 1. Background and Introduction**
- 2. CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Porous Media**
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Geothermal Systems and Heat Transfer in Fractures**
- 4. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Shale Gas and Mass Transfer in Nano Pores**
- 5. Summary**

# Outline

- 1. Background and Introduction**
- 2. CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Porous Media**
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Geothermal Systems and Heat Transfer in Fractures**
- 4. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Shale Gas and Mass Transfer in Nano Pores**
- 5. Summary**

# Background and Introduction

Roadmap for CCS Demonstration and Deployment in China,  
released on Climate Change Conference in Paris, 2015



- New CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology with low energy consumption
- New CO<sub>2</sub> utilization and long-term safe storage

# Research Contents (CTUS)

**CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Transport and Leakage Characteristics**

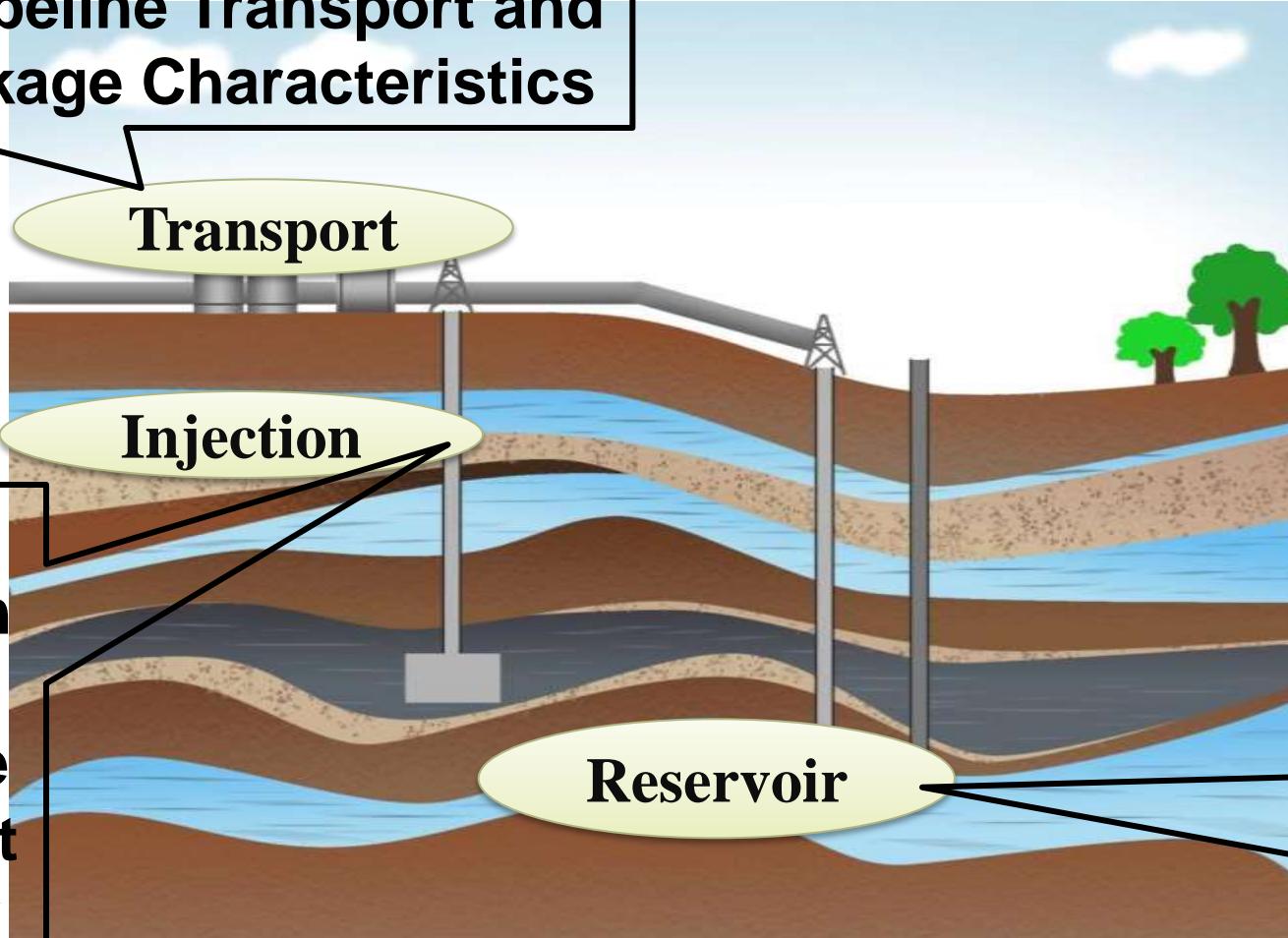
**Transport**

**Injection**

**CO<sub>2</sub> injection through wellbore and Heat Transfer**

**Reservoir**

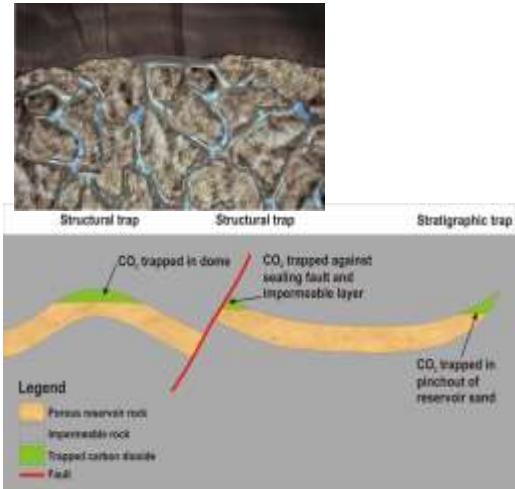
**CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Utilization**



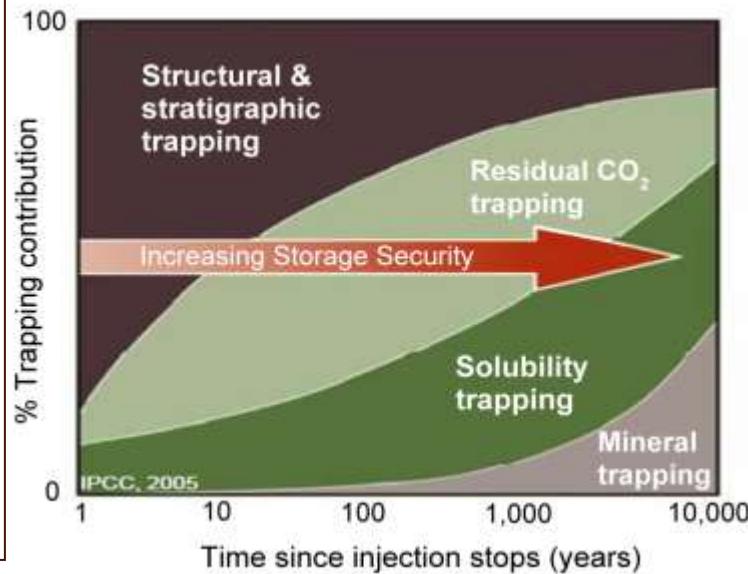
# Outline

- 1. Background and Introduction**
- 2. CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Porous Media**
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Geothermal Systems and Heat Transfer in Fractures**
- 4. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Shale Gas and Mass Transfer in Nano Pores**
- 5. Summary**

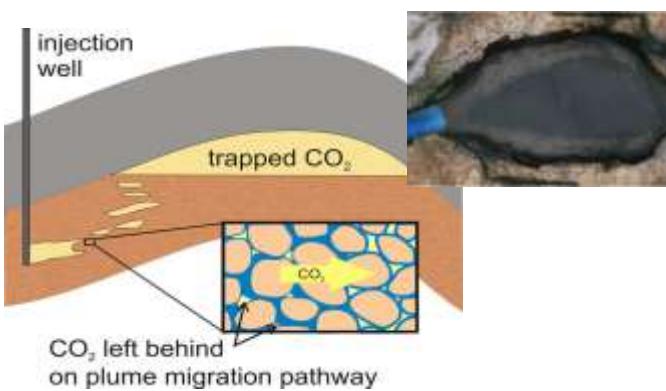
# CO<sub>2</sub> Geological Storage



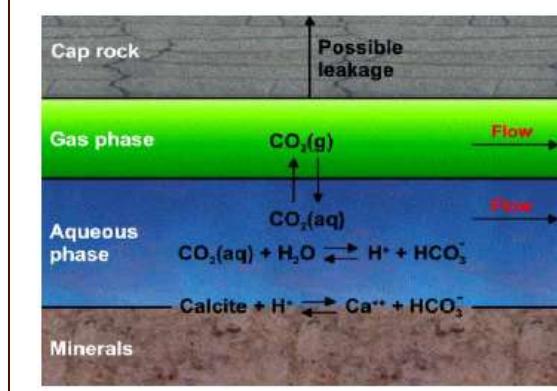
Structural Trapping



Trapping mechanism and behavior of SCP-CO<sub>2</sub> is a dynamic process and influences the fate and transport of CO<sub>2</sub>



Residual Trapping



Solubility & Mineral Trapping

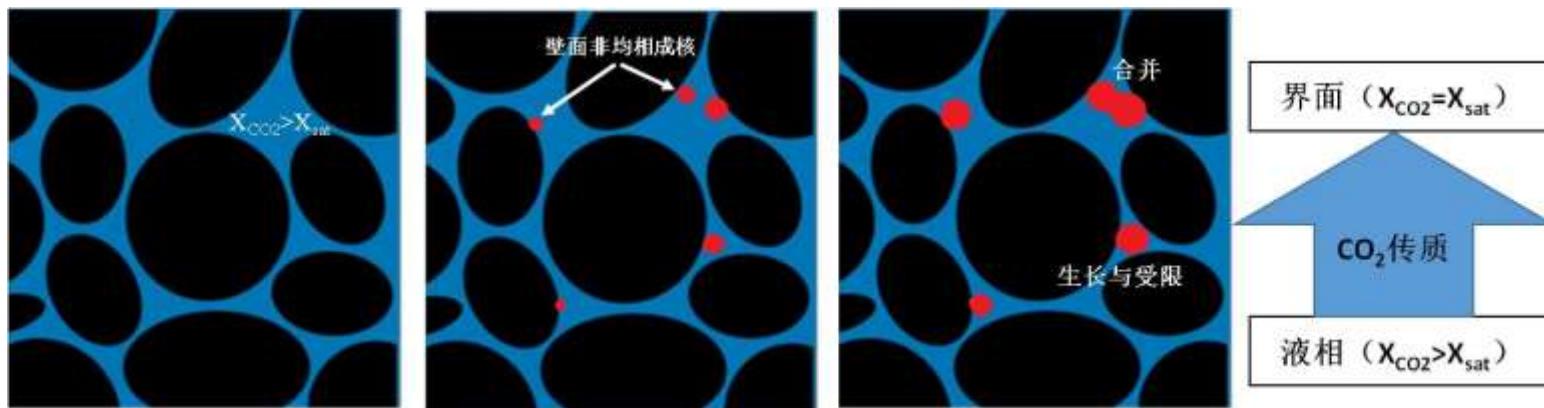
# $\text{CO}_2$ Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Micro Porous Media

## ➤ Pore-scale

- Micromodel experiments
- CT Scan & Reconstruction
- Numerical Simulation on
  - Multi-particles by CFD code
  - LBM

## ➤ Core-scale

- Visualization experimental investigations by MRI
- Volume average simulation
  - By CFD code (Fluent)
  - TOUGH



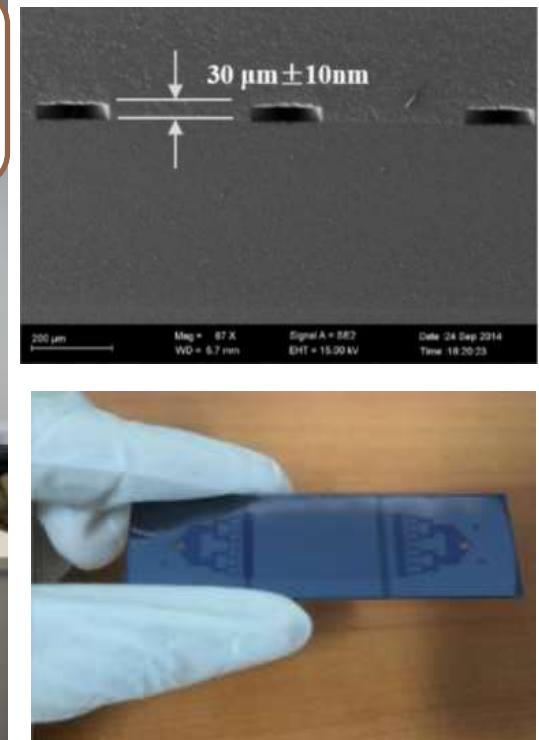
Coupling process: two-phase flow and exsolution/dissolution

# Pore-Scale Experimental Setup

- The micromodel is visualized by an inverted microscope (Ti-E Nikon series, 800 nm resolution) with a fluorescence module.
- Sample holder: high pressure chamber up to 15 MPa, 50 °C
- Flow rate Range:  $10^{-3}$   $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ ~ $10^4$   $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$



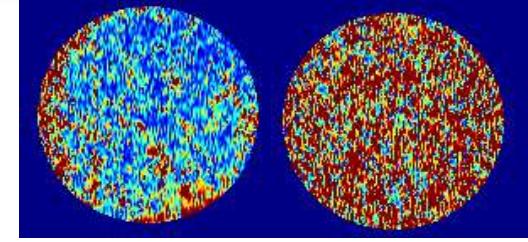
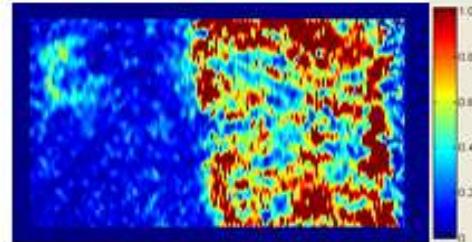
**Behavior** of SCP-CO<sub>2</sub> under high pressure with high resolution



# Core-Scale Experimental Setup

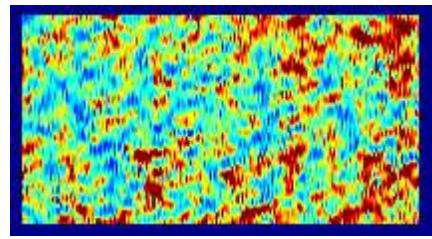
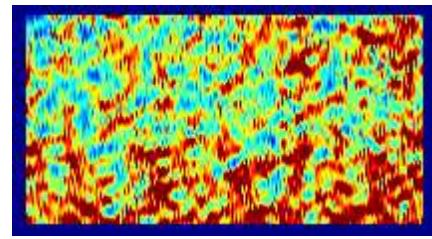
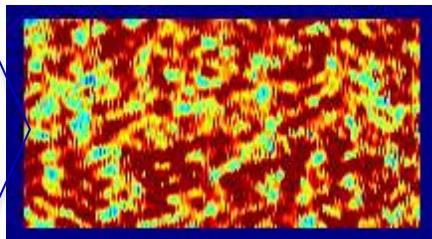
- NMR system has a magnetic field intensity of 0.5 T (21.3 MHz) and with a magnetic gradient of 0.03 T/m.
- Core holder: pressure up to 12MPa, temperature up to 80 °C

Quantitative online measurement with high accuracy



## 2.1 SCP-CO<sub>2</sub> displaced water: wettability effects

SCP-CO<sub>2</sub>  
Injection  
into Core



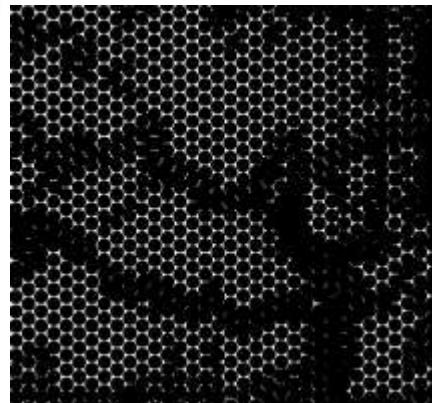
Red: Water  
Blue: CO<sub>2</sub>

### SCP-CO<sub>2</sub> Injection into Micromodel

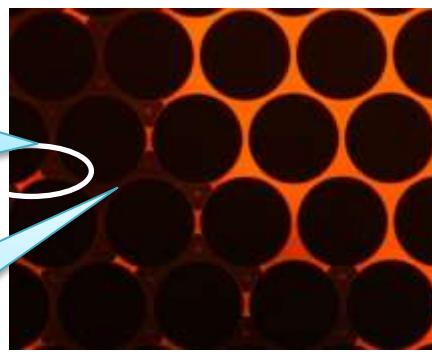
#### Hydrophilic

- Low sweep efficiency:  
Low viscosity of SCP-CO<sub>2</sub>
- Fingering effect

Trapped water

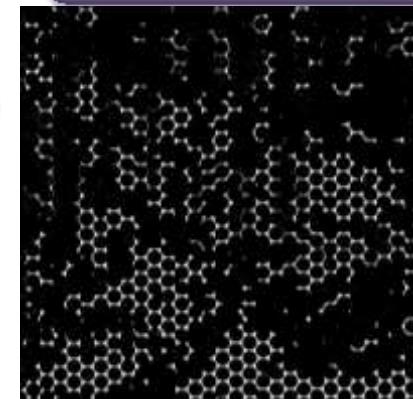


Liquid film



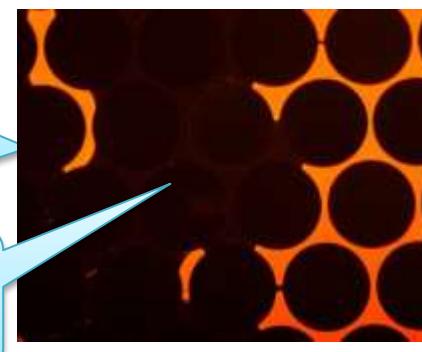
#### Hydrophobic

- Higher sweep efficiency
- Fingering effect



NO  
Trapped  
water

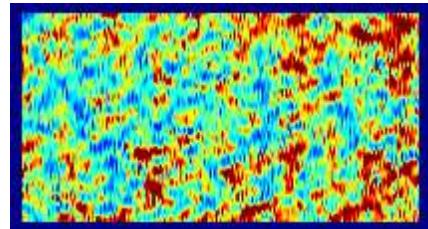
NO  
Liquid film



## 2.2 Water imbibition: wettability effects

(吸水)

SCP-CO<sub>2</sub>  
displaced  
water



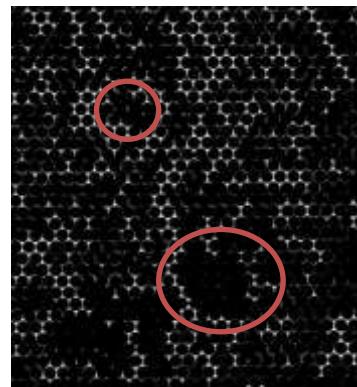
water  
imbibition

Residual CO<sub>2</sub>  
— CO<sub>2</sub> trapped

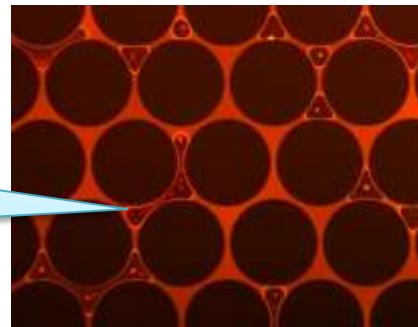
SCP-CO<sub>2</sub> Injection into Micromodel

Hydrophilic

- Trapped CO<sub>2</sub>
- separated
- low mobility



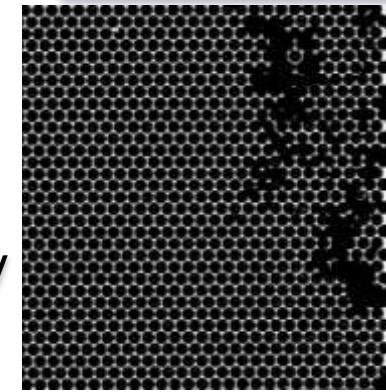
Trapped  
CO<sub>2</sub>



Red: Water

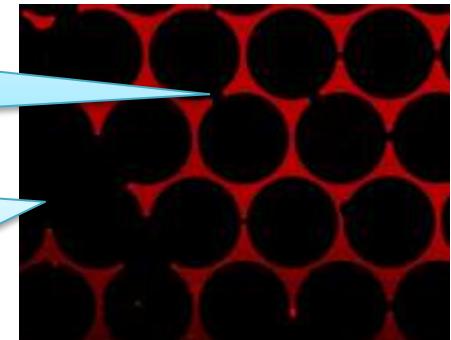
Hydrophobic

- Trapped CO<sub>2</sub>
- less
- higher mobility



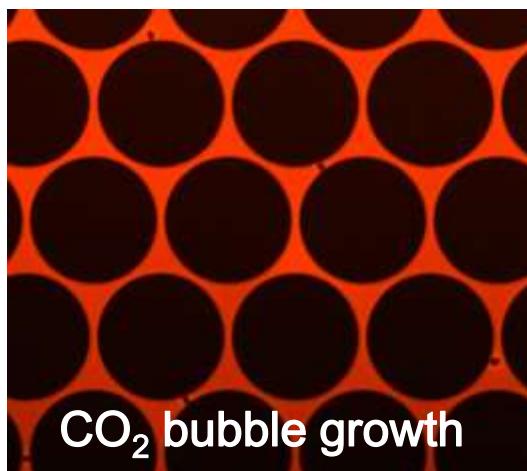
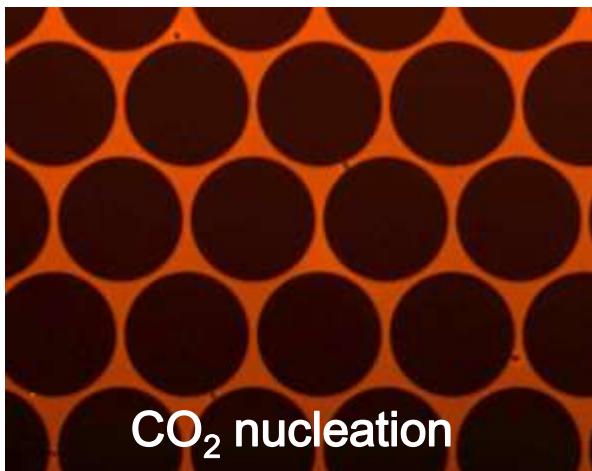
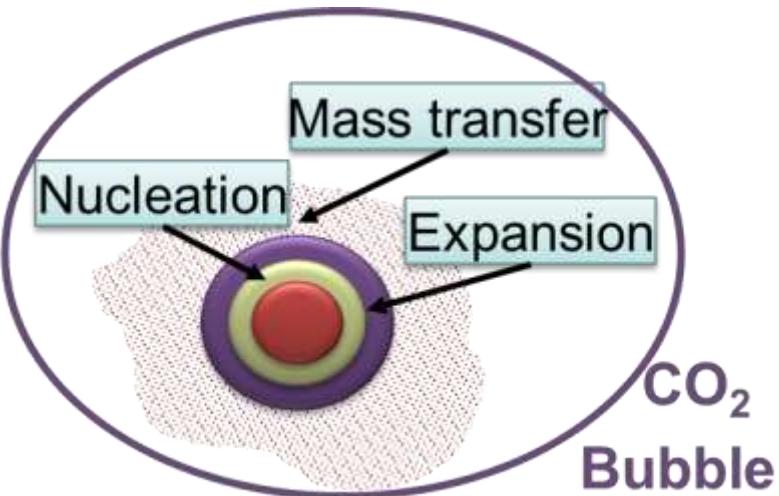
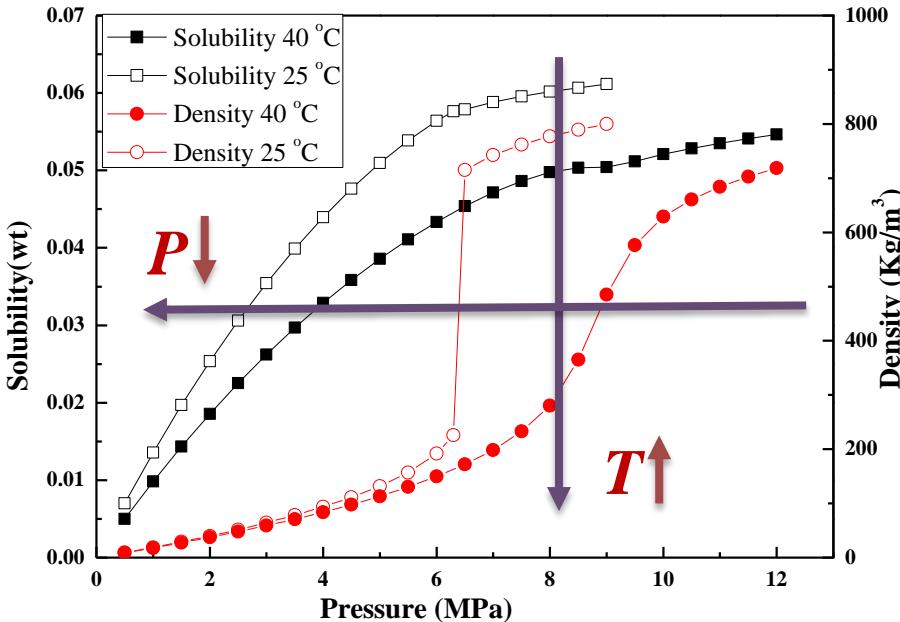
Trapped  
CO<sub>2</sub> in  
throats

Trapped  
CO<sub>2</sub> linked



Red: Water

## 2.3 CO<sub>2</sub> Behavior: Exsolution

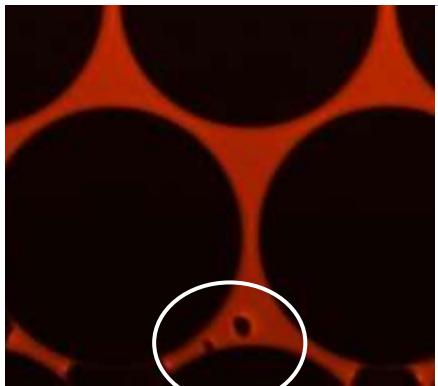


7.37-3.95MPa, 40°C

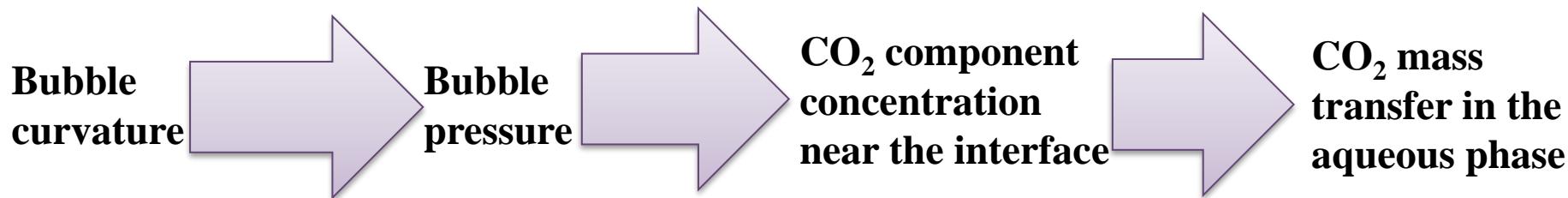
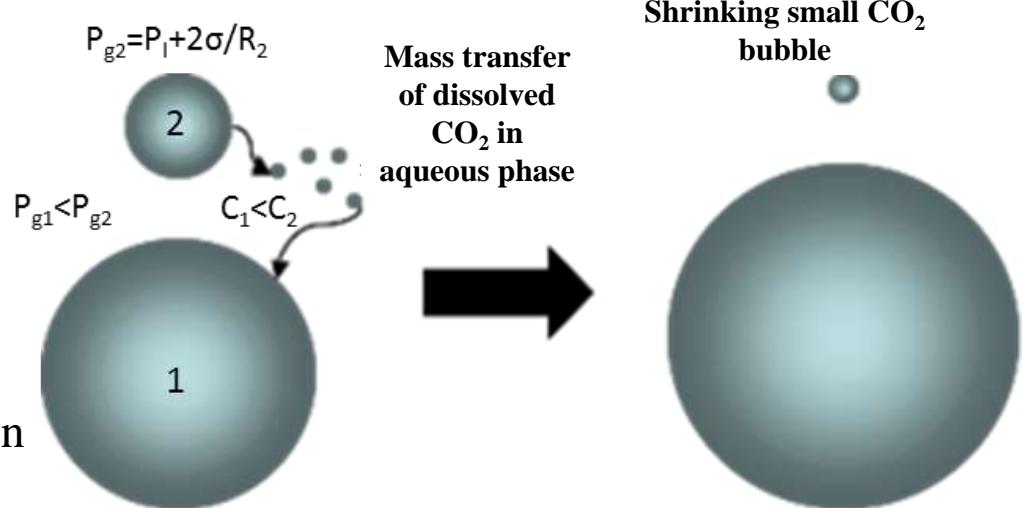
40min(85.5KPa/min)

- CO<sub>2</sub> nucleation sites are located at the surface of pore wall
- Bubbles grow up into the pore-body
- Exsolved phase shows low mobility

## 2.4 Ostwald Ripening

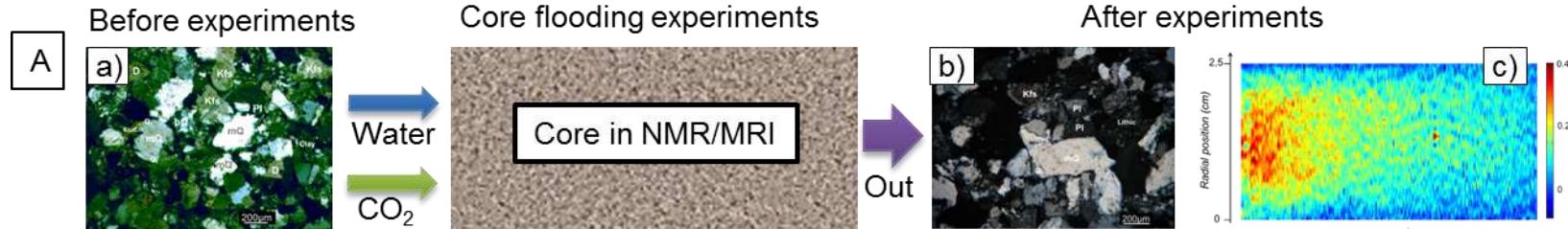


Constant pressure at 3.95 MPa for 4h in case 1 (25 °C)

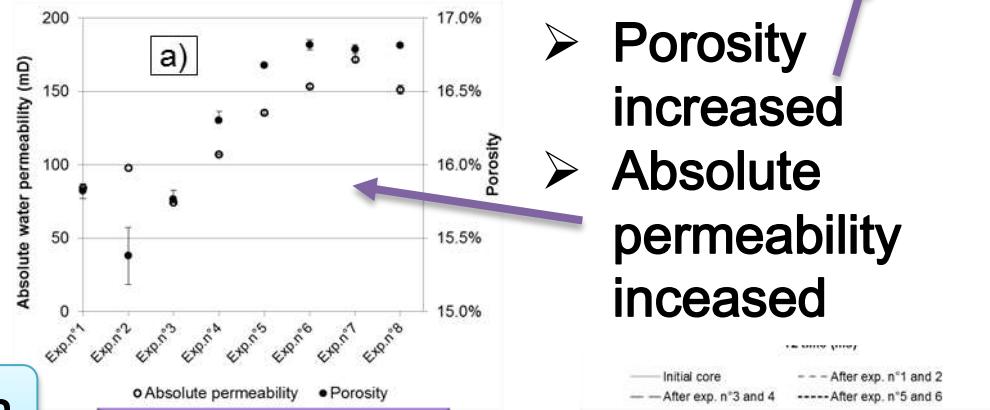


➤ Thermodynamic driving force: Reduction of surface free energy

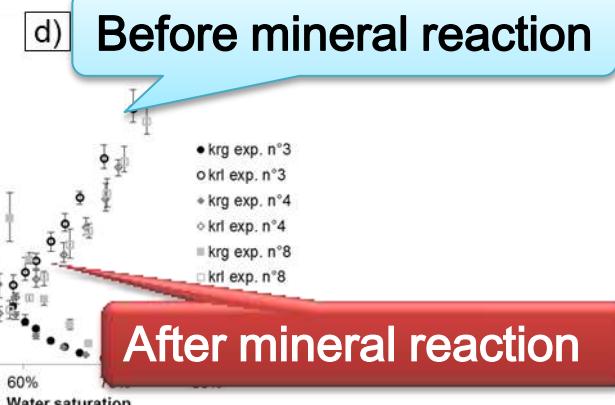
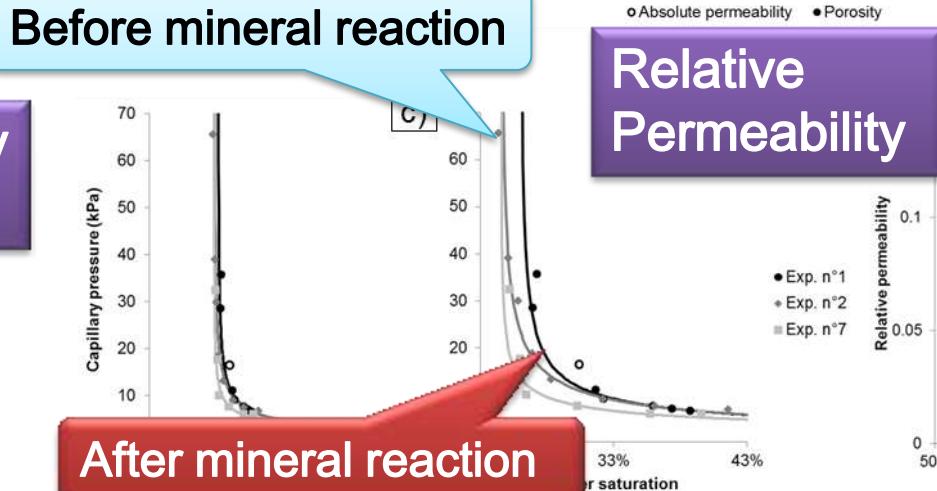
# 2.5 Effects of Chemical Reaction on Curves



**Rock: Mineral dissolution effects on the transport:**  
SCP-CO<sub>2</sub>/ water with carbonate cement (碳酸盐水泥): dolomite(白云石) (11%)

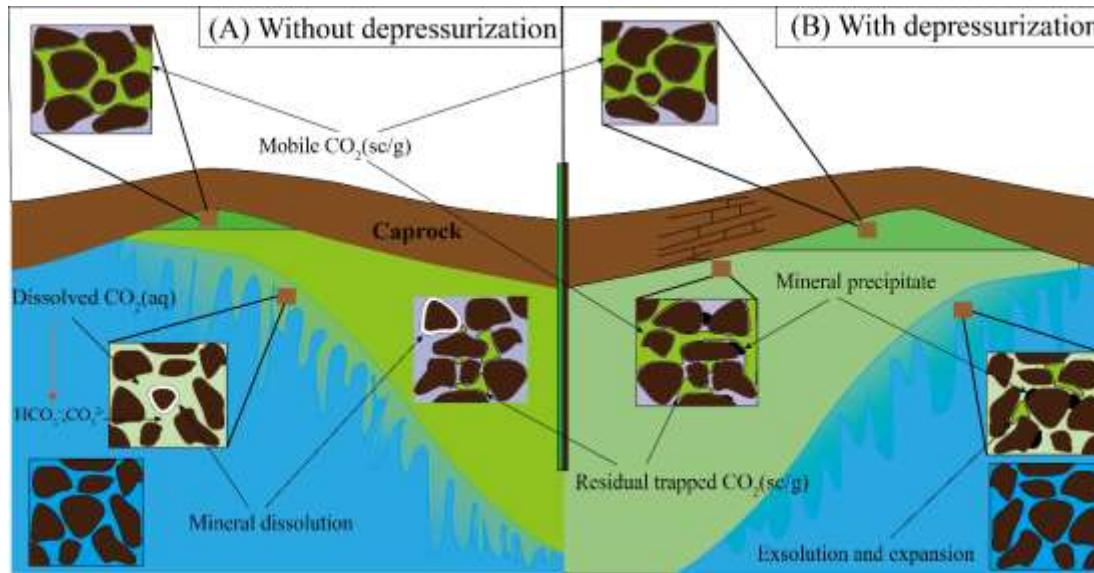


Capillary Curve



# 2.6 Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> Exsolution on CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

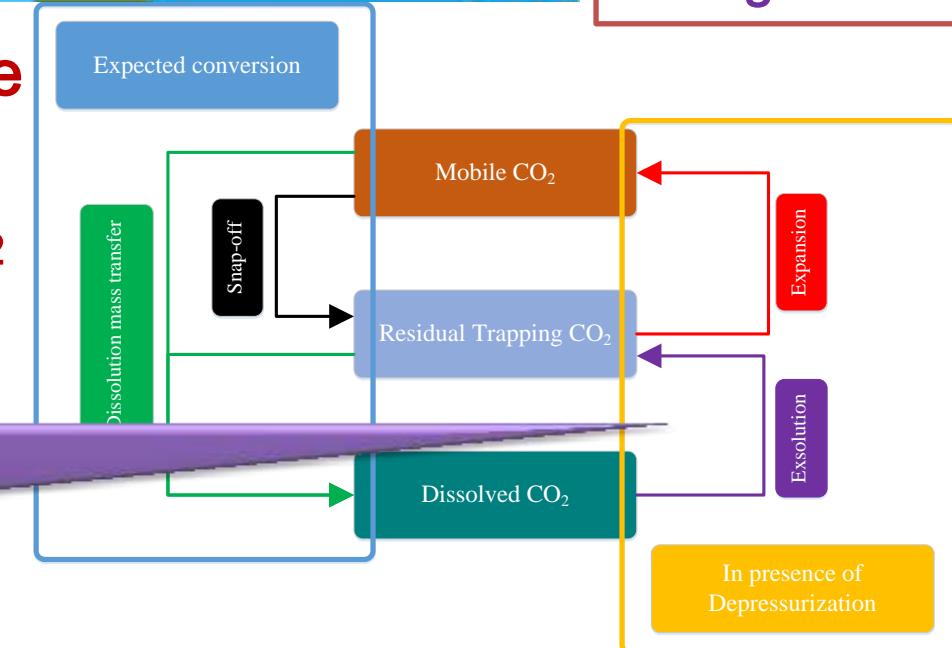
Potential leakage risk:  
**Pressure decreased in storage sites**



Invited paper by  
*Accounts of Chemical Research*: Chemistry in Carbon Geological Storage

When pressure decreased, due to the CO<sub>2</sub> exsolution, water flow resistance increased, CO<sub>2</sub> has low mobility

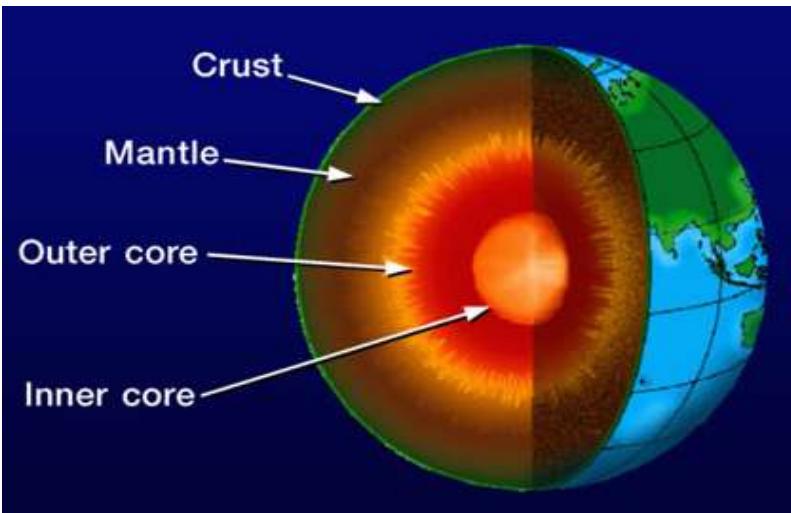
Self-sealing mechanism that may reduce unfavorable CO<sub>2</sub> migration



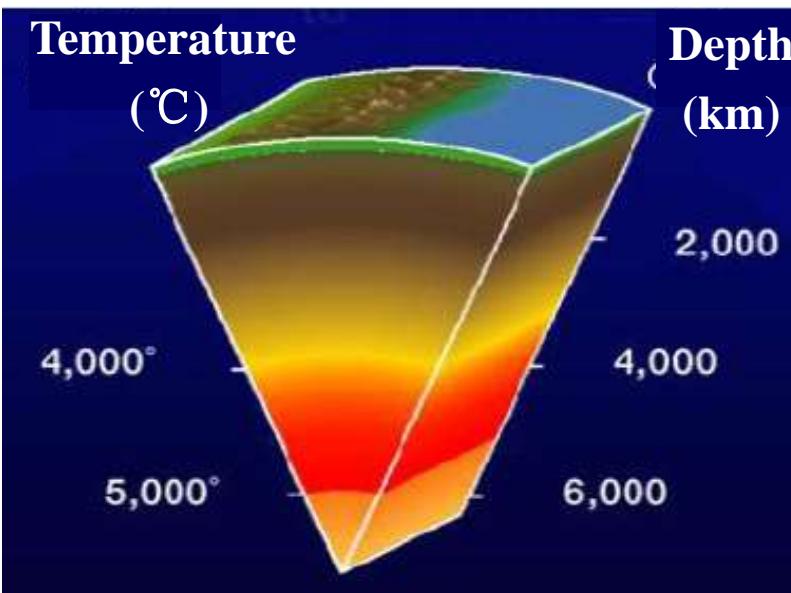
# Outline

- 1. Background and Introduction**
- 2. CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Porous Media**
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Geothermal Systems and Heat Transfer in Fractures**
- 4. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Shale Gas and Mass Transfer in Nano Pores**
- 5. Summary**

# The Earth and geothermal energy



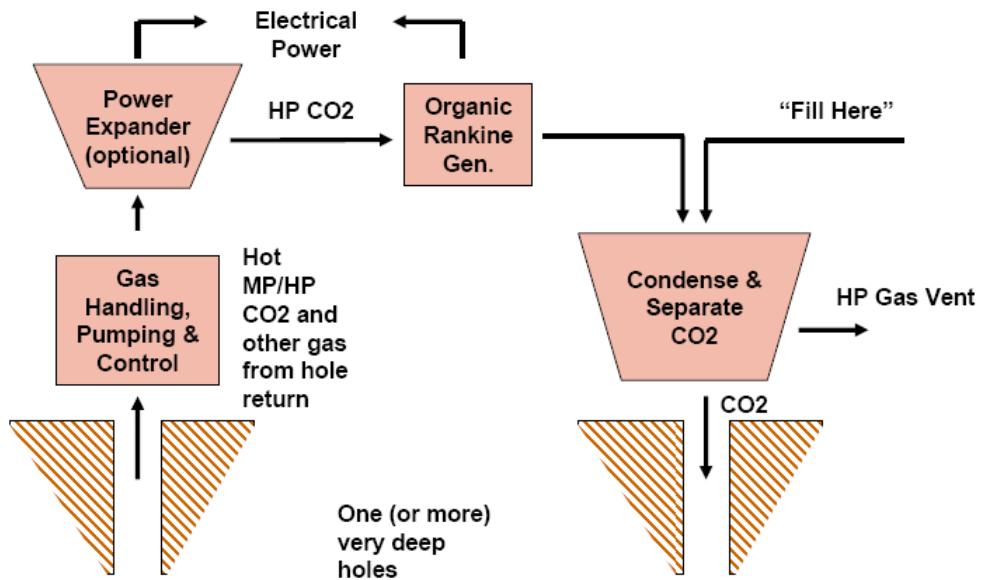
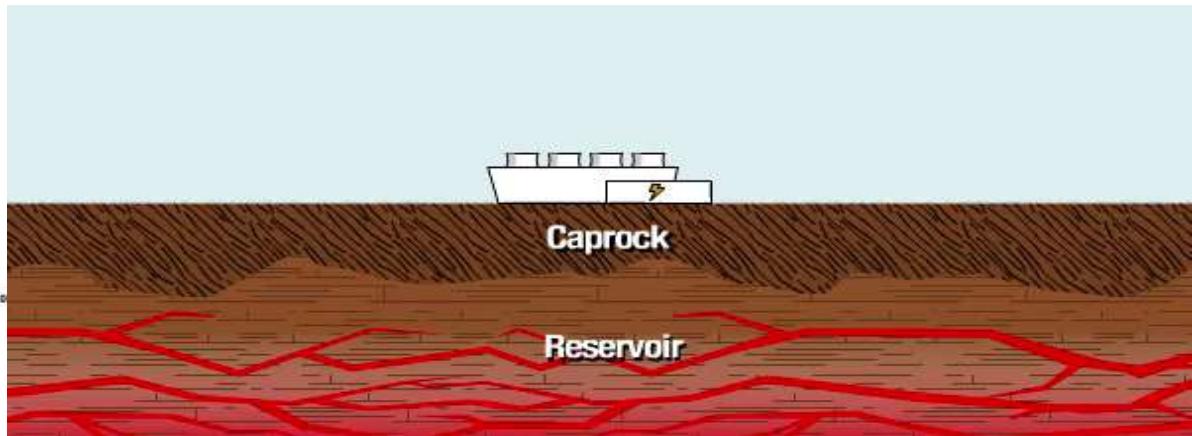
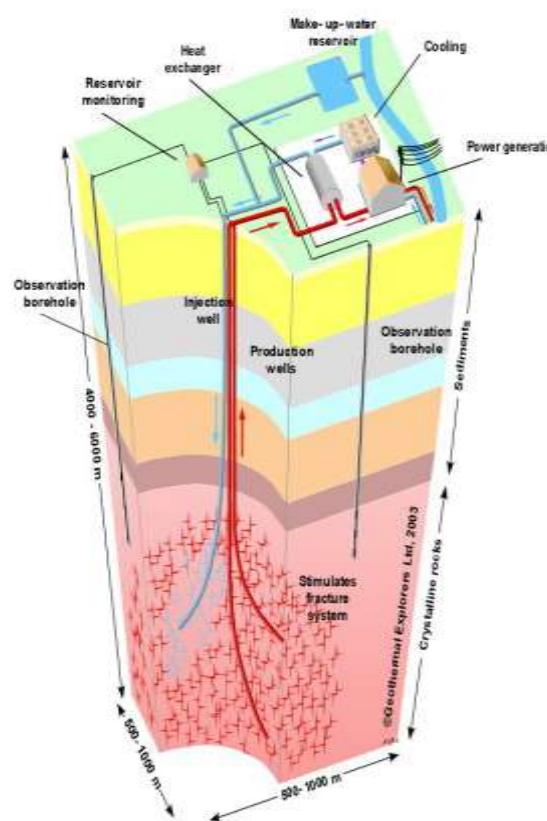
Depth	T(°C)
Surface: <0.2 km	Low: <90
Shallow: 0.2~3km	Middle: 90~150
Deep: >3 km	High: >150



➤ Geothermal resources in the deep earth is more than 90%!

Enhanced Geothermal System –  
The future of geothermal energy

# Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)

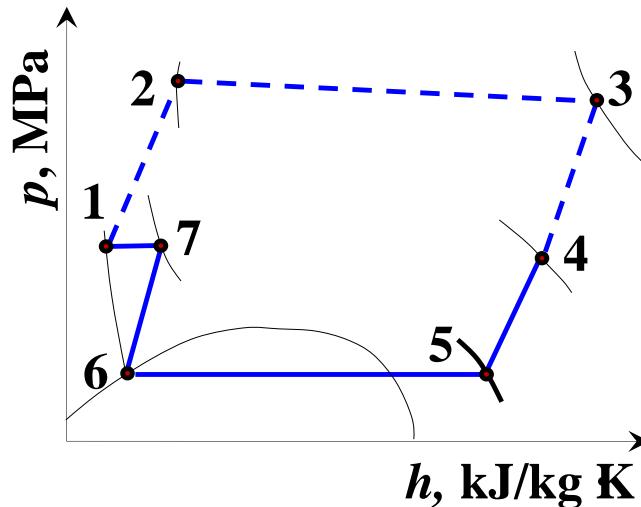
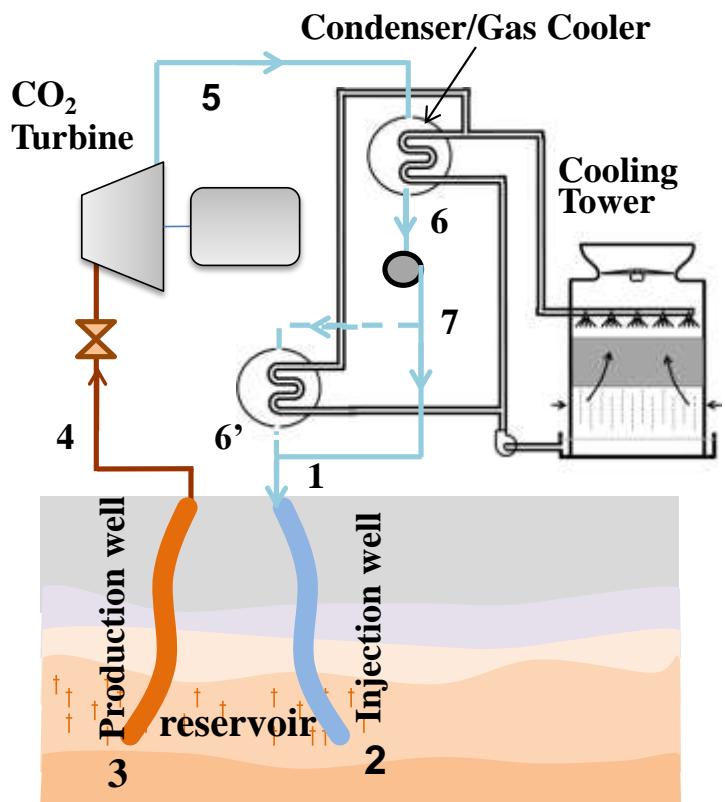


# Challenges of EGS

- Small heat-recovery factors (小热回收系数) found in practice about 1-5% of the heat in the reservoir at depth is recovered at the wellhead
- Need the approaches toward creating sites for EGS, including science and engineering to enhance permeability and increase the energy recovery factor

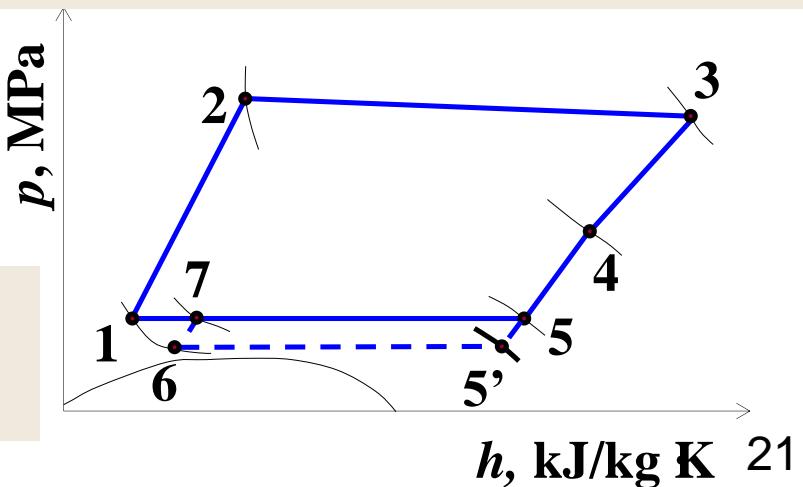
Characterize the heat transfer and heat conversion in EGS aim to improve the energy recovery factor

# 3.1 Working fluids selection



Power cycle of  $\text{CO}_2$ -EGS is **transcritical** for low surrounding temperature

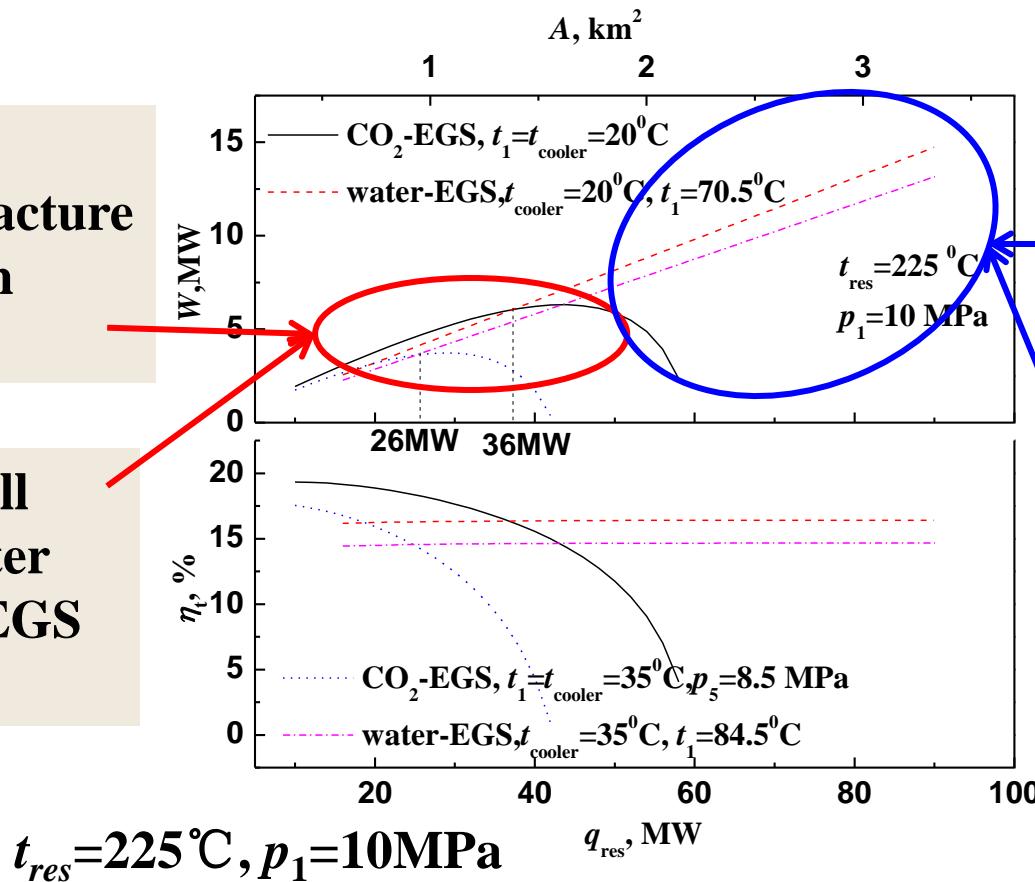
**Supercritical** for high surrounding temperature



# Comparison between water/CO<sub>2</sub>-EGS

for small stimulated fracture reservoir with lower  $q_{re}$

$\downarrow$   
CO<sub>2</sub>-EGS will perform better than water-EGS does.



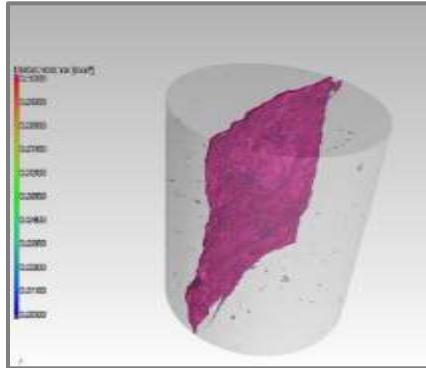
for large stimulated fracture reservoir with large  $q_{re}$

$\downarrow$   
Water-EGS produces more power and has higher thermal efficiency than CO<sub>2</sub>-EGS does

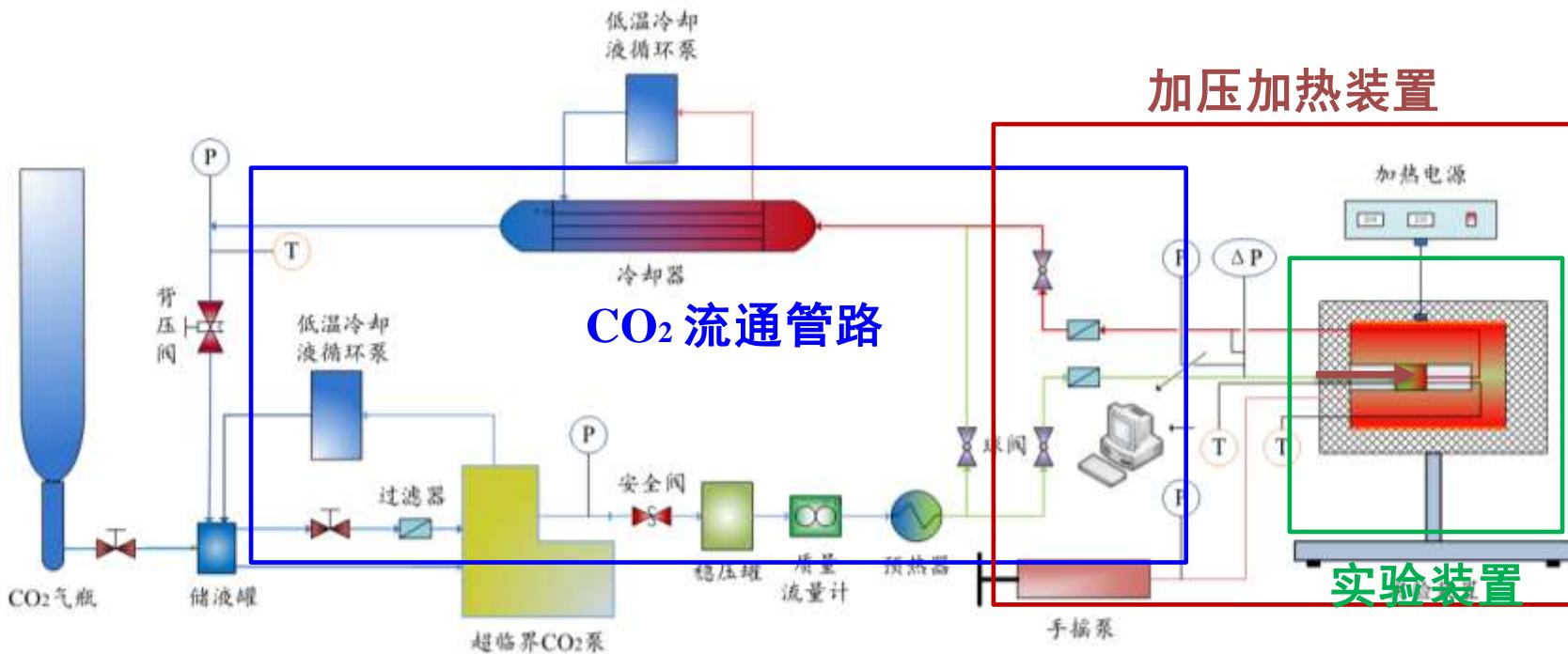
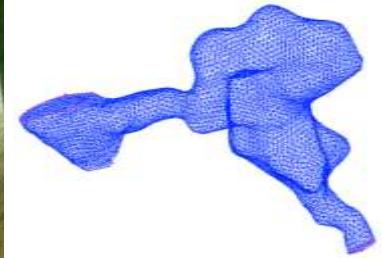
CO<sub>2</sub>-EGS may be appropriate *for low recoverable heat energy*, but water-EGS perform *better for large recoverable heat energy* for given well diameter, number of injection and production well and surrounding temperature

## 3.2 Heat transfer of SCP CO<sub>2</sub> in rock

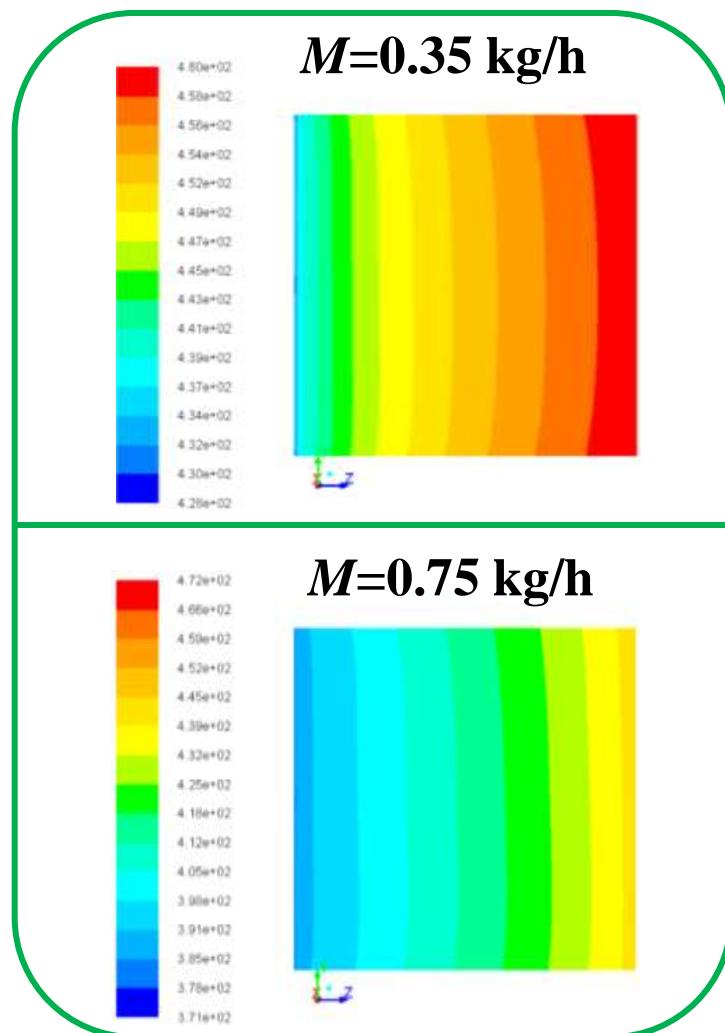
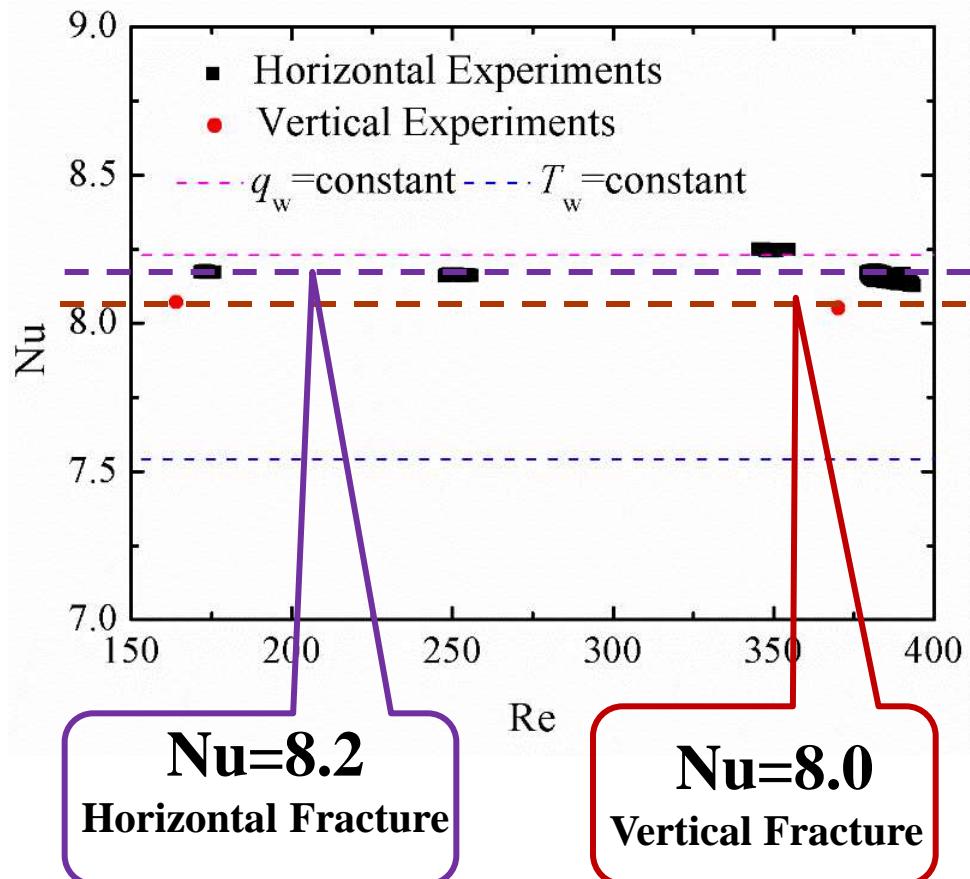
Granite(花岗岩)



Sandstone (砂岩)



# Heat transfer of SCP CO<sub>2</sub> in rock



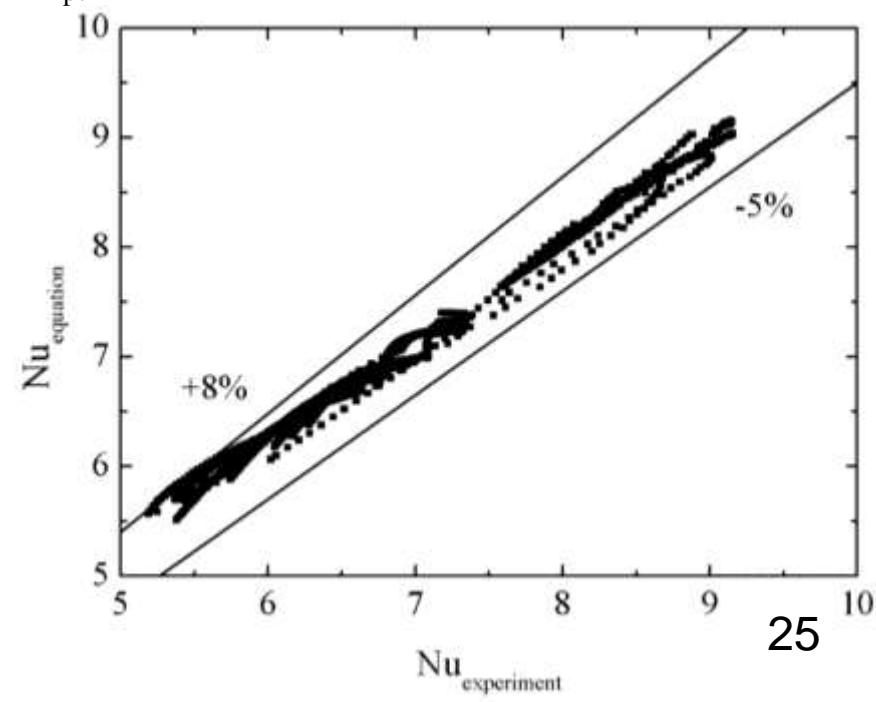
# Heat transfer of SCP CO<sub>2</sub> in rock

$$\frac{\text{Nu}}{\text{Nu}_0} = \left( \frac{\overline{c_p}}{c_{pb}} \right)^n \left( \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_b} \right)^{-0.27} \left( \frac{\text{Pr}_w}{\text{Pr}_b} \right)^{0.043}$$

$$n = 0.45 \quad T_b < T_w < T_{pc}, 1.2T_{pc} < T_b < T_w$$

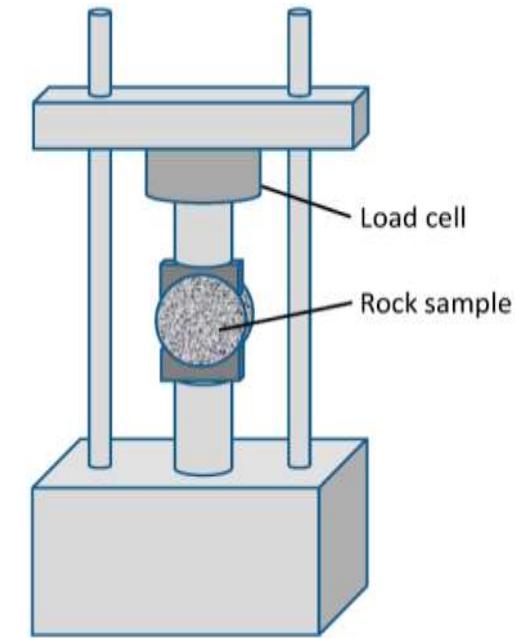
$$n = 0.45 + 13.83 \left( \frac{T_w}{T_{pc}} - 1 \right) \quad T_b < T_{pc} < T_w$$

$$n = 0.45 + 13.83 \left( \frac{T_w}{T_{pc}} - 1 \right) \left[ 1 - 2.28 \left( \frac{T_b}{T_{pc}} - 1 \right) \right] \quad T_{pc} < T_b \leq 1.2T_{pc}$$

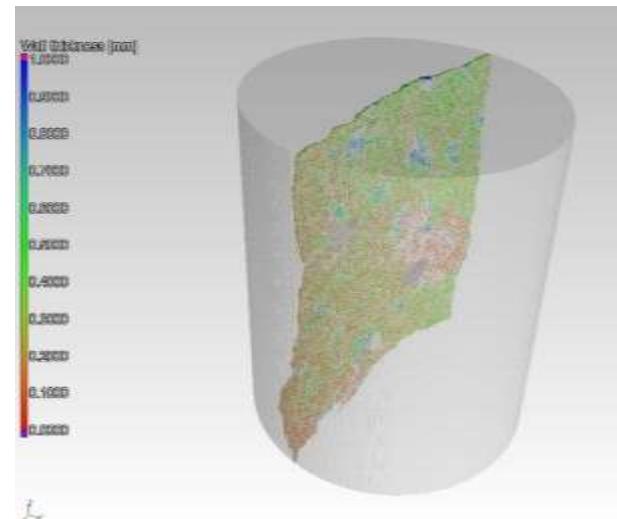
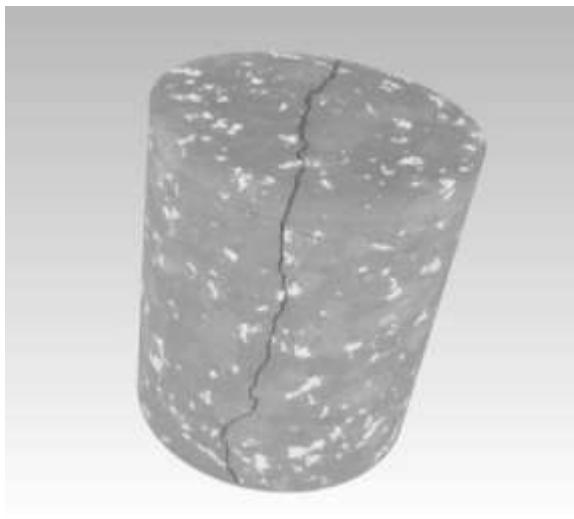


# Coarse Rock fracture

Coarse granite fracture



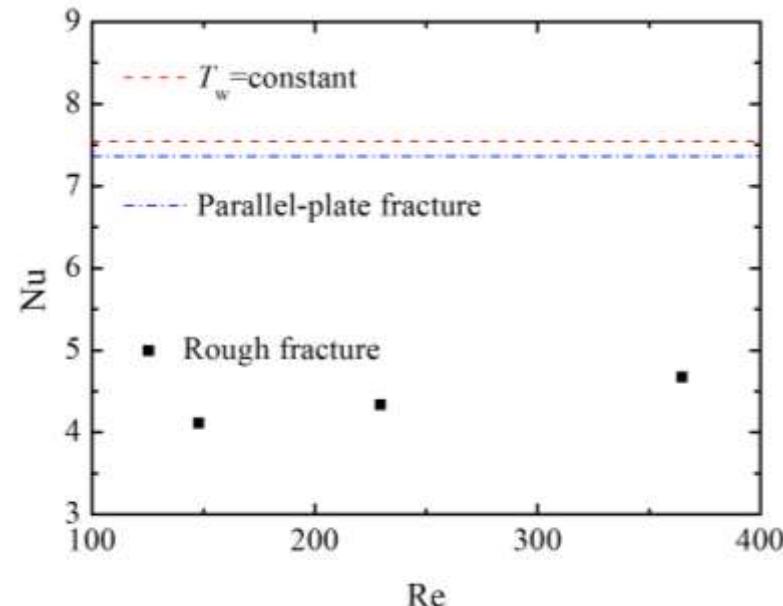
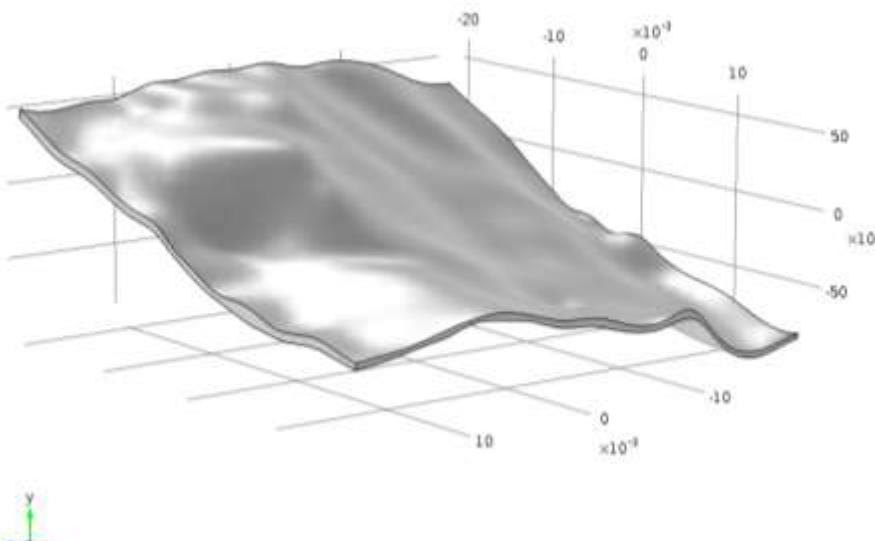
CT scan and reconstruction



Brazilian test

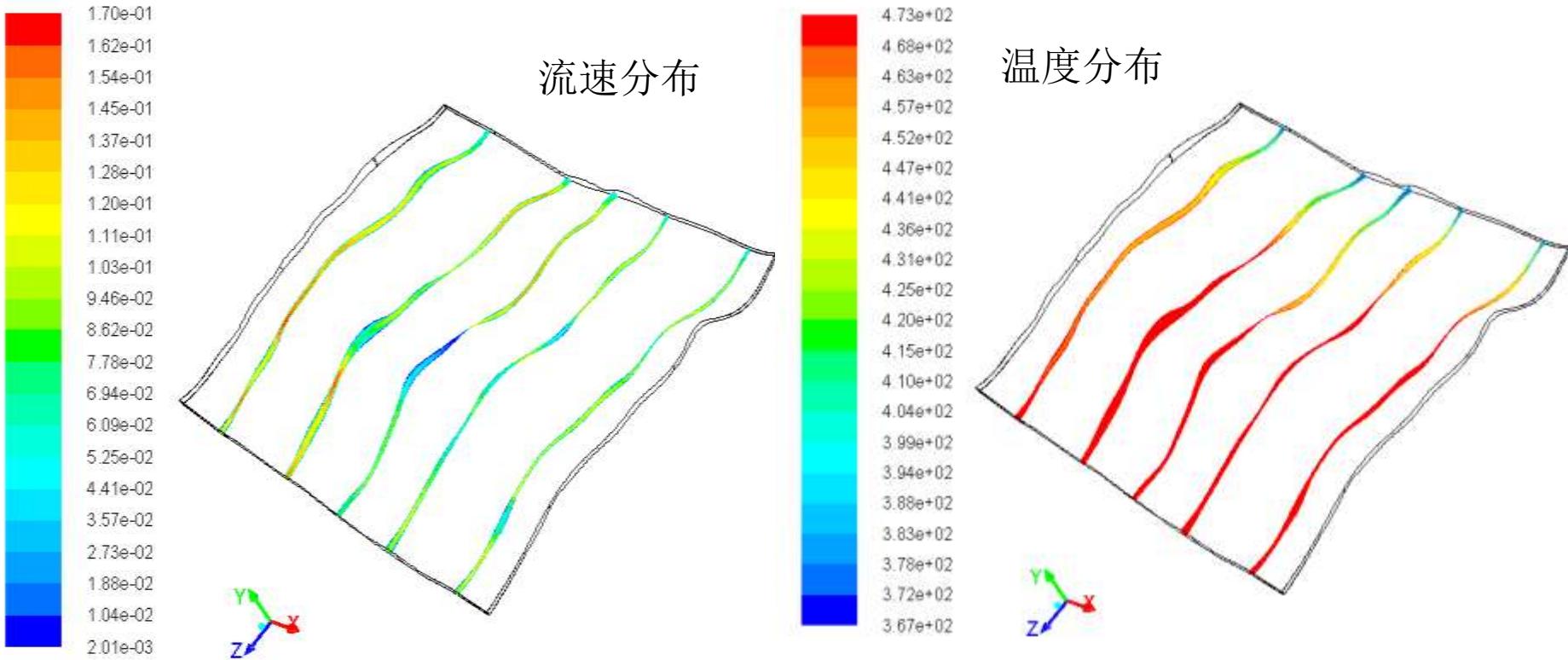
# Coarse Rock fracture

## Reconstruction simulation model



- The effect of enhanced heat transfer at developing region on the overall heat transfer characteristic is more significant at larger mass flow rates in a rough fracture
- The overall heat transfer performance in a rough fracture is an integrated effect of channeling effect and disturbance effect by the tortuous flow path

# Coarse Rock fracture



- Heat exchange is less efficient in a rough fracture compared to flat fractures with equivalent permeability due to the caused **channeling effect**

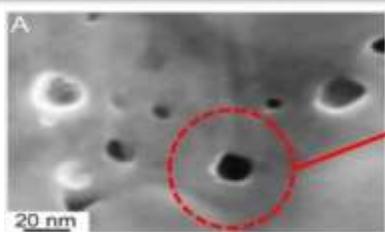
# Outline

- 1. Background and Introduction**
- 2. CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Porous Media**
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Geothermal Systems and Heat Transfer in Fractures**
- 4. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Shale Gas and Mass Transfer in Nano Pores**
- 5. Summary**

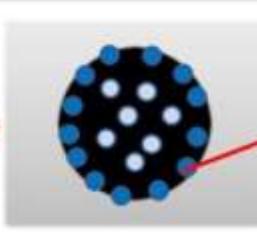
# $\text{CO}_2$ 页岩气开发中关键热质传递基础问题

## —Transport phenomenon in micro-/nano-pores in $\text{CO}_2$ -Shale gas exploitation

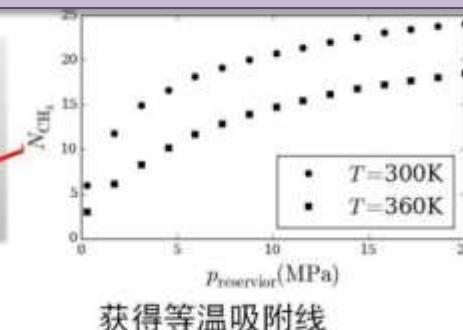
纳米孔隙中的超临界流体吸附、输运机理是深入认识页岩气赋存方式及提高采收效率的基础



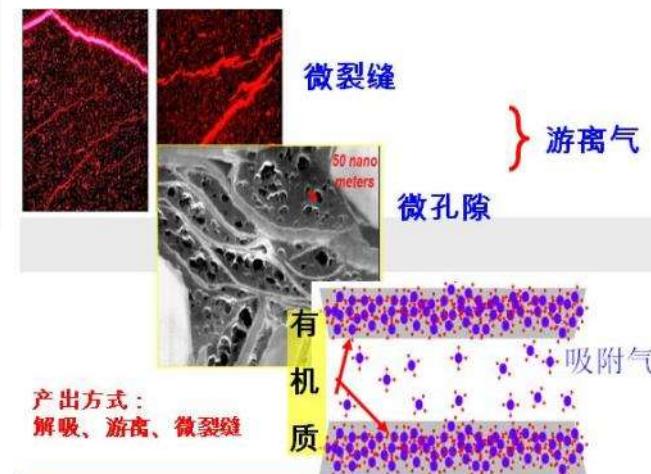
对页岩基质的化学分析、重构



对等温吸附过程的分子模拟



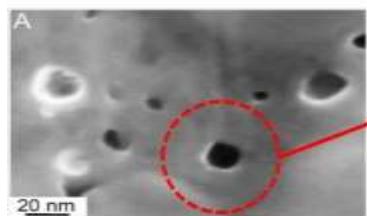
获得等温吸附线



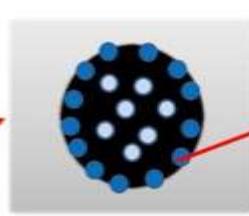
- $\text{CO}_2$ 是否能够用于页岩气增产以及效果如何?  
——超临界压力 $\text{CO}_2$ 与 $\text{CH}_4$ 的竞争吸附规律
- Effects of  $\text{CO}_2$  enhanced shale gas recovery:  
competition adsorption between  $\text{CO}_2/\text{CH}_4$

# 4.1 超临界压力CO<sub>2</sub>在纳米孔隙中吸附

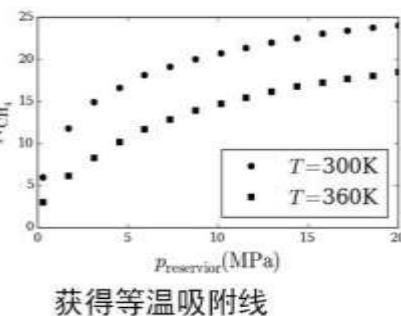
## Adsorption of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> in nanopores



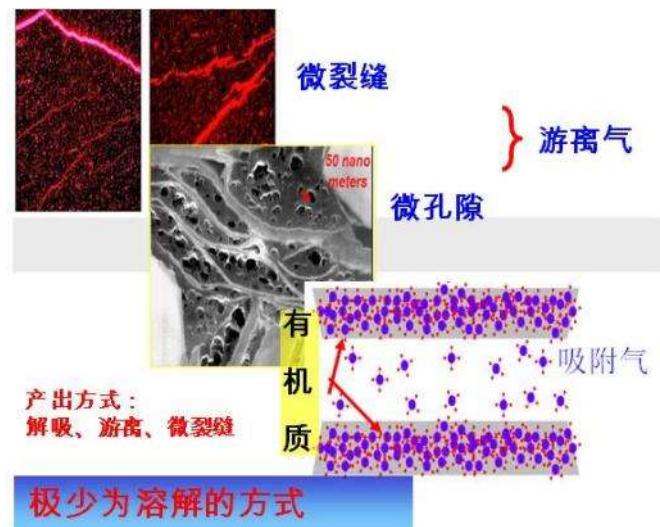
对页岩基质的化学分析、重构



对等温吸附过程的分子模拟



获得等温吸附线



MD模拟+拓扑重构  $\Rightarrow$  页岩实验测量  
 $\Rightarrow$  理论和数值模型

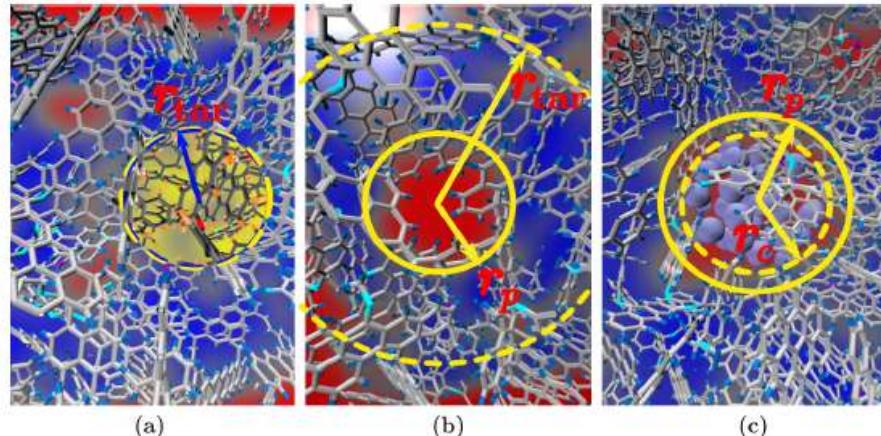
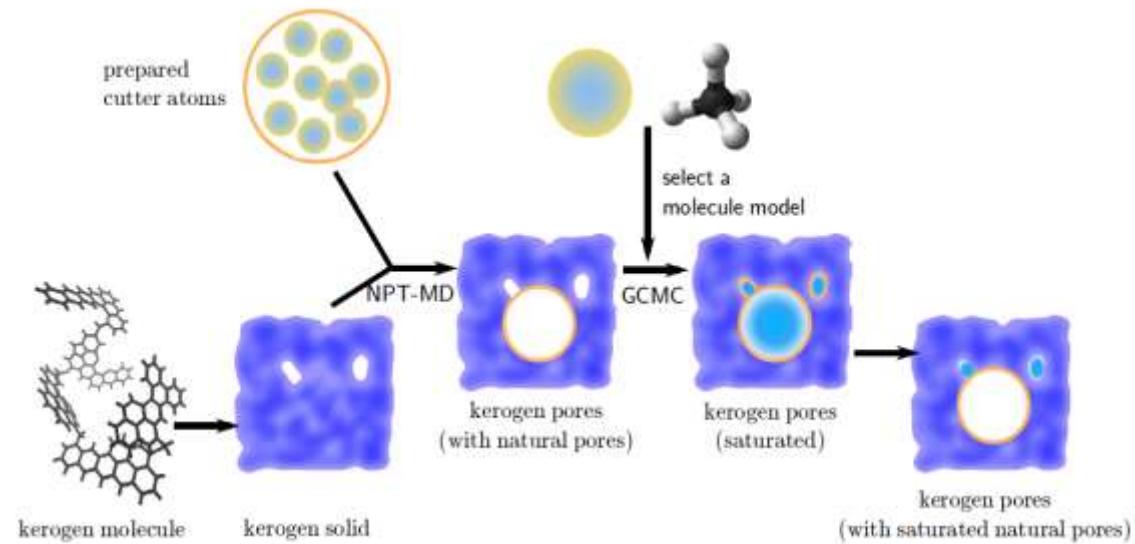
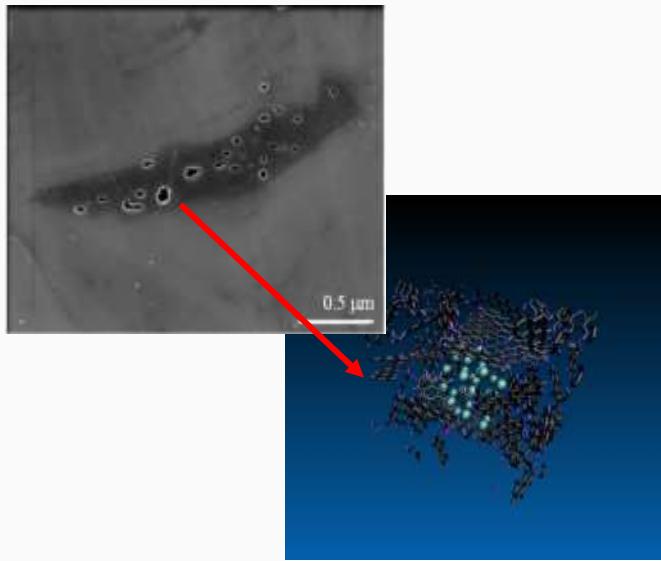
MD+Molecular Reconstruction  $\Rightarrow$  Shale core experiment

孔隙分子结构使得超临界甲烷在有机质微孔中的吸附出现差异  
 Molecular structure of the nano-pore of shale decides the methane adsorption behavior

# 4.2 干酪根单孔吸附模拟

## Simulation of adsorption in a single kerogen pore

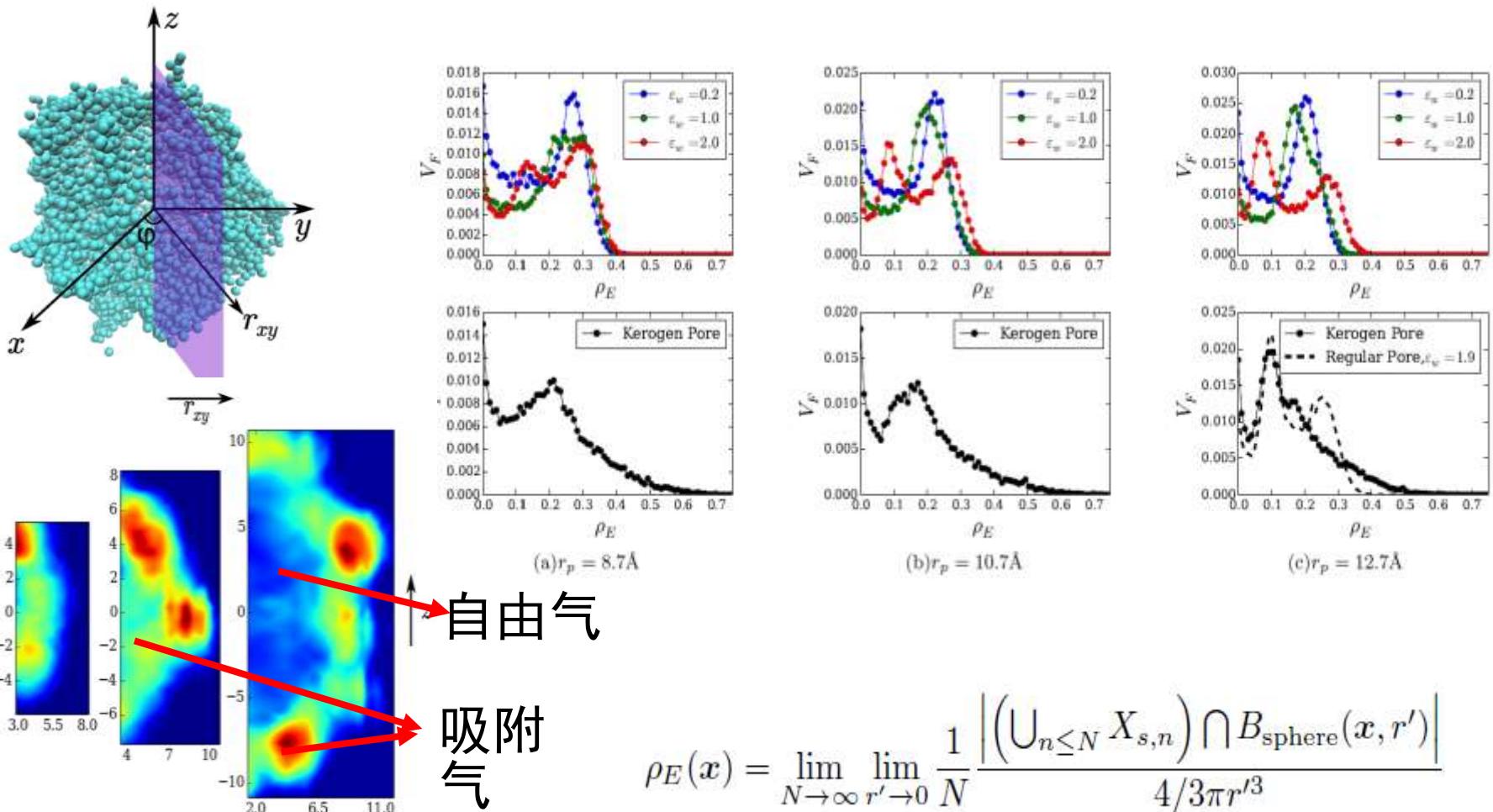
- 基于元素分析的干酪根分子/固体重构  
Reconstruction of kerogen solid/pore based on chemistry element/group analysis



- 基于官能团谱、复杂拓扑的干酪根分子重构

# 4.3 干酪根纳米孔隙吸附/游离态

## Adsorbed and Free gas states in kerogen nanopores



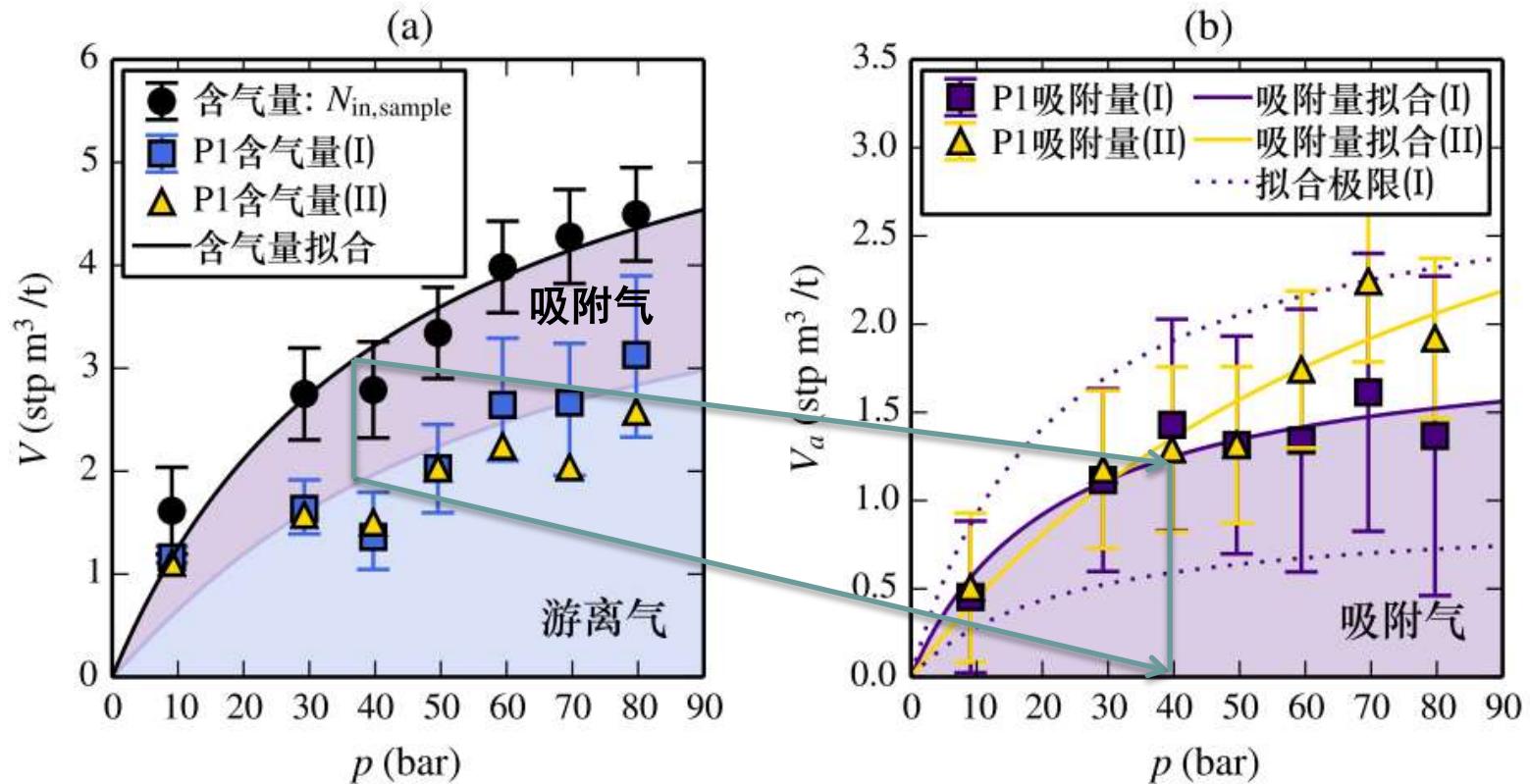
$$\rho_E(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{r' \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{N} \frac{|(\bigcup_{n \leq N} X_{s,n}) \cap B_{\text{sphere}}(x, r')|}{4/3\pi r'^3}$$

干酪根纳米孔中的甲烷密度场  
Density fields of methane adsorption

Zhou B, Xu RN, Jiang PX. Fuel, 2016

## 4.4 页岩纳米孔的吸附气比例

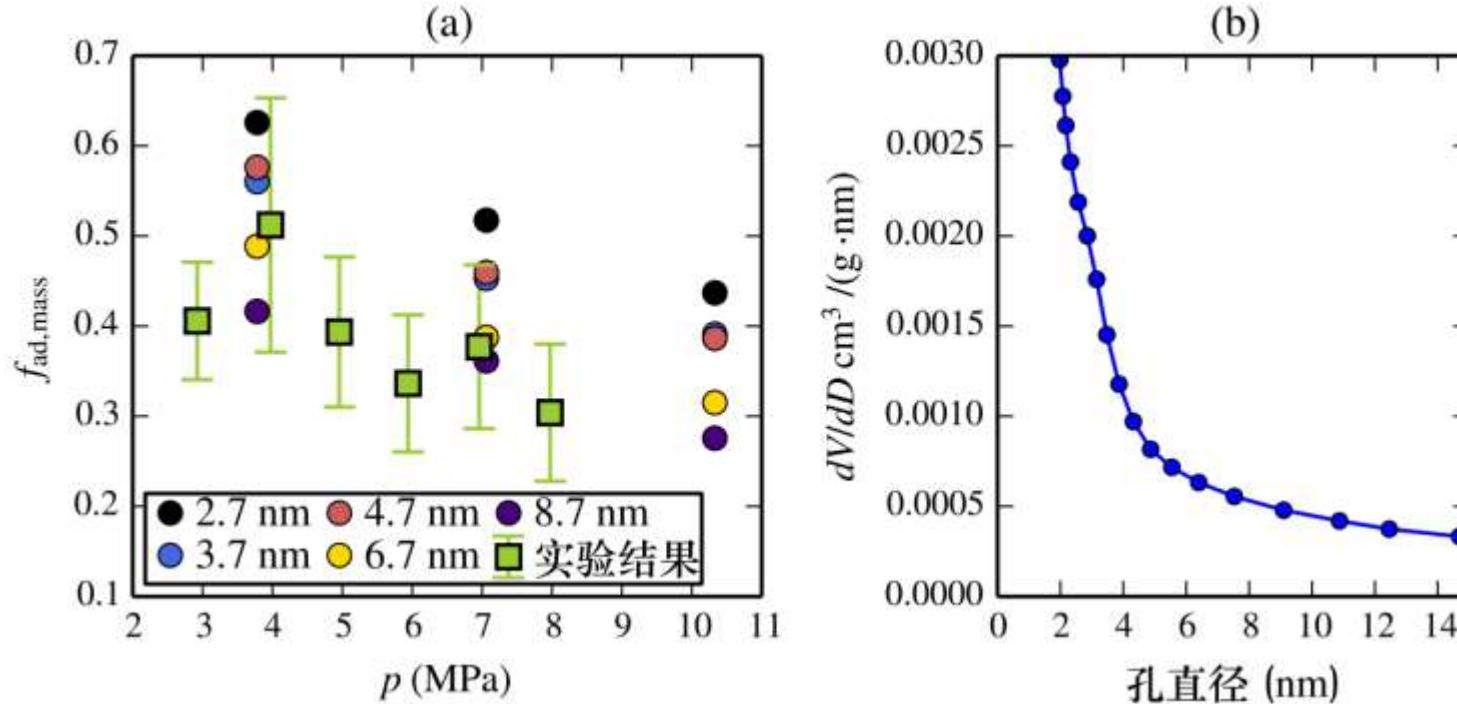
### Adsorbed gas ratio in shale nanopores



页岩中甲烷含气量和吸附量的核磁共振实验测量结果

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) experiments results for gas content and adsorption in gas ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) bearing shale

## 4.4 页岩纳米孔的吸附气比例 Adsorbed gas ratio in shale nanopores



干酪根孔中吸附气比例的分子模拟结果  
与页岩核磁共振实验结果

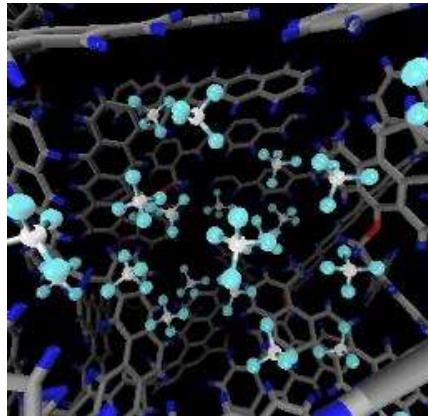
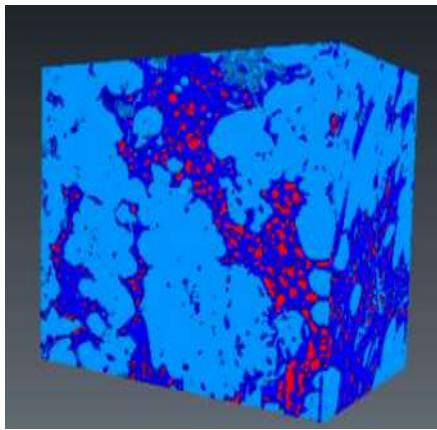
Molecular simulation and NMR  
experiments results for adsorbed gas  
ratio in kerogen nanopores and shale

实验样品的BET孔径  
分布表征结果

BET pore size characterization  
results for shale

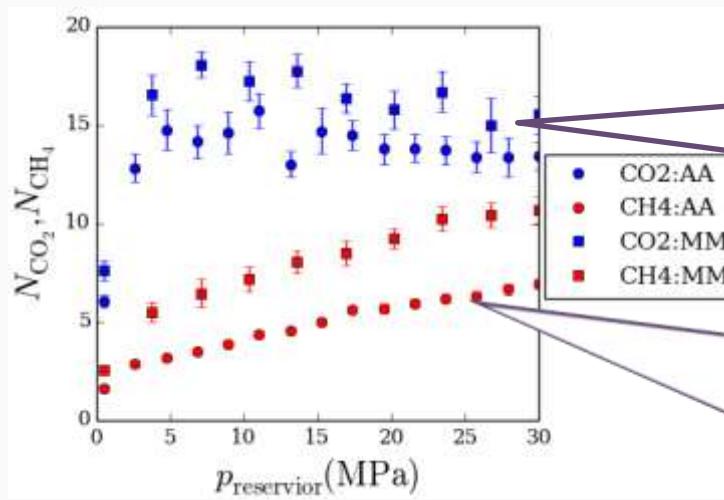
# 4.5 页岩纳米孔隙CO<sub>2</sub>竞争吸附

## Competition adsorption between CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> in kerogen nano-pores



高压甲烷吸附

- 单孔CH<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>混合物吸附解吸
- CH<sub>4</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> mixture adsorption in a single pore



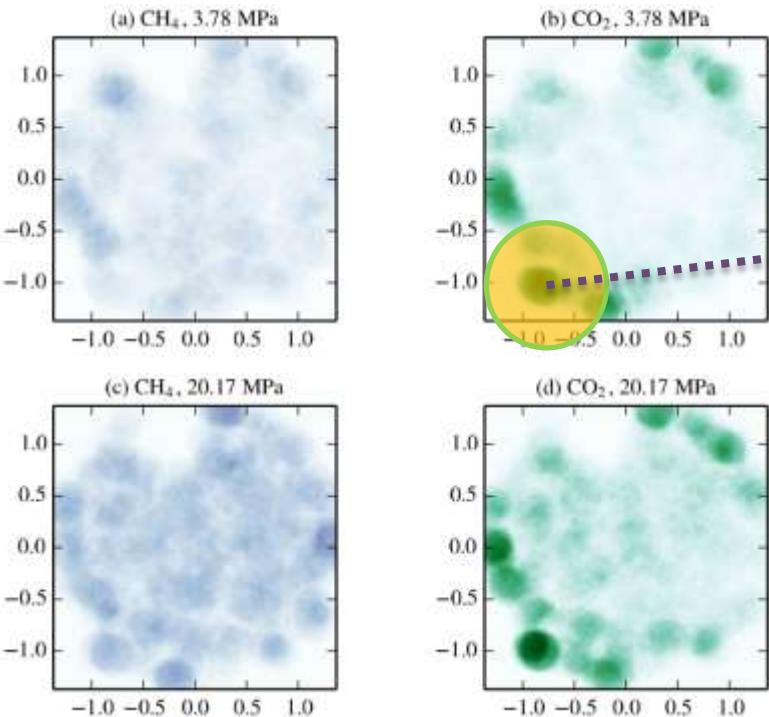
CO<sub>2</sub>比甲烷更易于吸附在纳米孔中

CO<sub>2</sub> owns a higher adsorption affinity than CH<sub>4</sub>

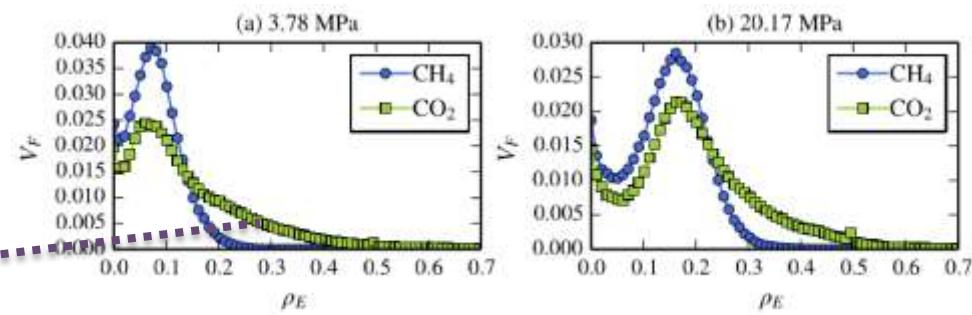
# 4.5 干酪根纳米孔隙CO<sub>2</sub>竞争吸附

## Competition adsorption between CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> in kerogen nano-pores

CH<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>混合气体的系综密度分布



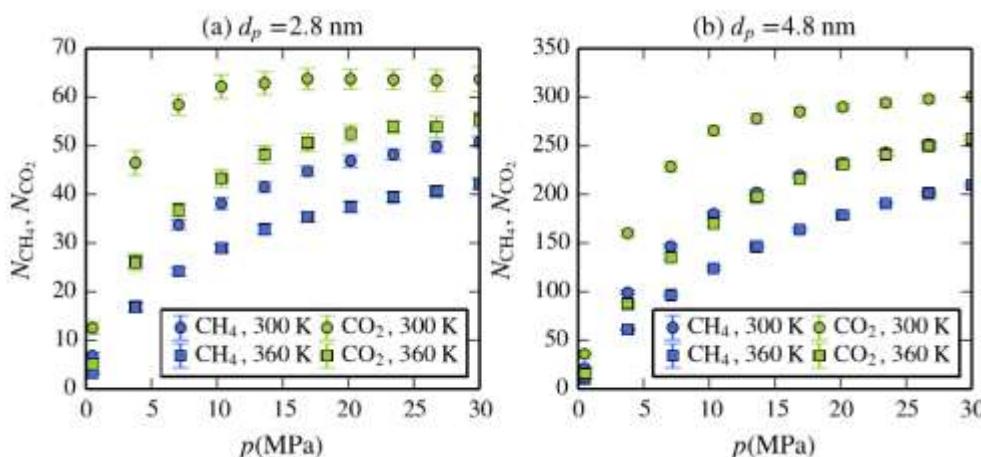
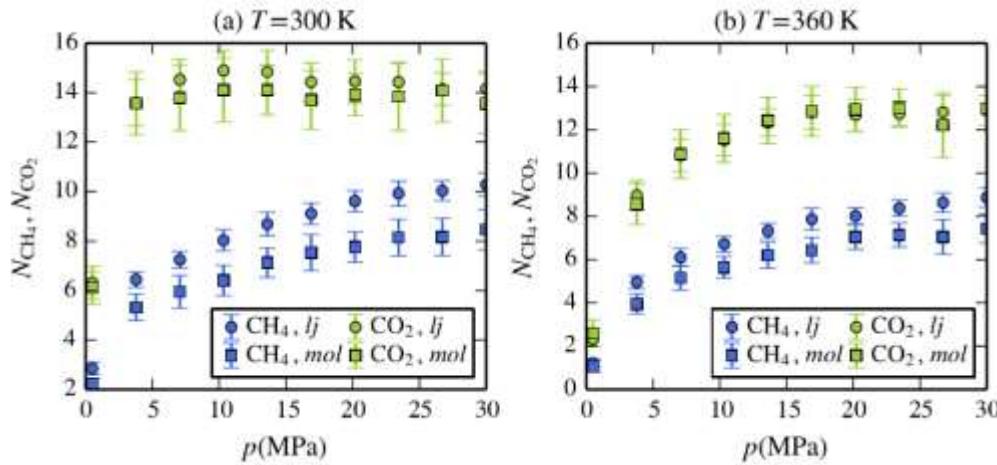
CH<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>混合气体的系综密度谱



- 竞争吸附条件下，CH<sub>4</sub>难以在页岩纳米孔隙表面形成吸附态。  
**CO<sub>2</sub>具有显著的置换CH<sub>4</sub>的效果**
- With competition of CO<sub>2</sub> , CH<sub>4</sub> can hardly form adsorbed layers on nano-pore surfaces.

# 4.5干酪根纳米孔隙CO<sub>2</sub>竞争吸附

## Competition adsorption between CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> in kerogen nano-pores



2.8和4.8 nm干酪根孔的混合气体等温含气线

- 随着压力增加，吸附态中的CO<sub>2</sub>分子总数逐渐增加至饱和，游离态中CO<sub>2</sub>的浓度逐渐提高并趋近于块体值
- 随着孔直径的增加，孔表面的竞争吸附效应对孔隙总含气量的影响逐渐降低

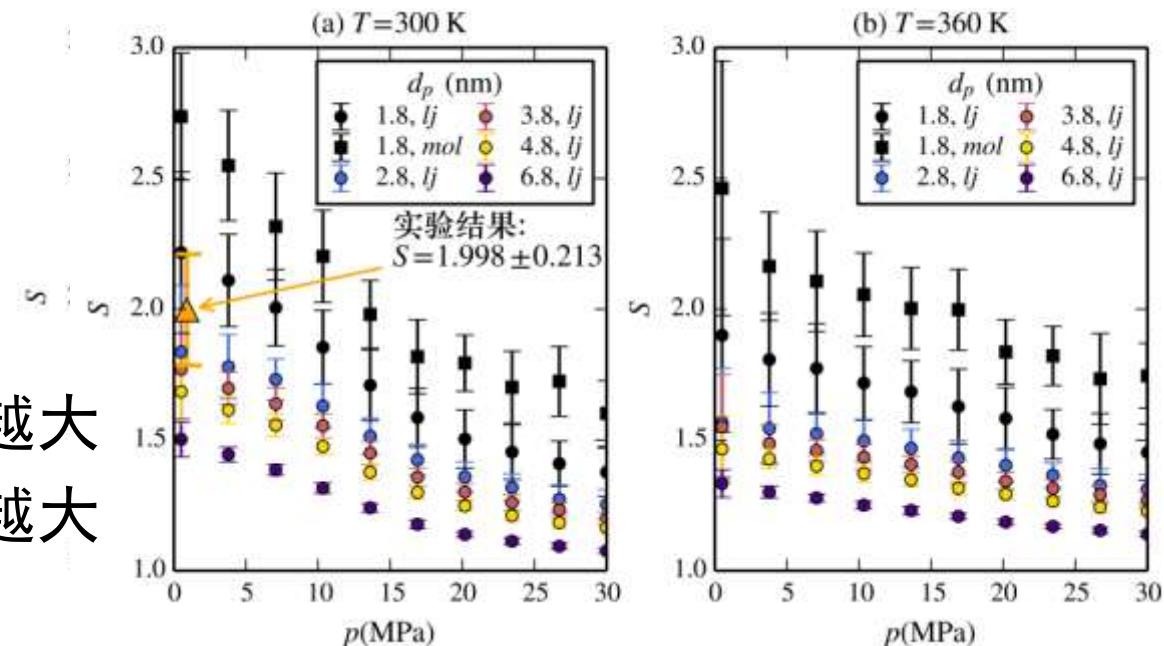
# 4.5 干酪根纳米孔隙CO<sub>2</sub>竞争吸附

## Competition adsorption between CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> in kerogen nano-pores

定义置换比S为：

$$S = \frac{N_{\text{CO}_2}/N_{\text{CH}_4}}{x_{\text{CO}_2}/x_{\text{CH}_4}}$$

- 孔径越小，置换比S越大
- 压力越低，置换比S越大



- 从热力学角度来看，CO<sub>2</sub> 置换驱技术是适用于**开采晚期、储层压力较低或基质孔径较小**的页岩气井的增产手段。

# 4.6 页岩纳米孔隙吸附规律

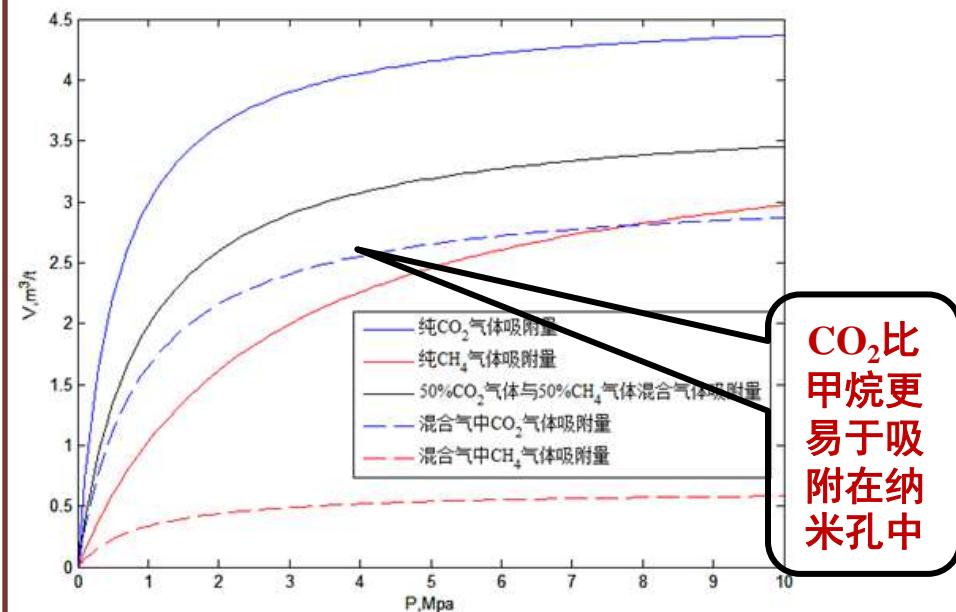
## Adsorption isotherms of shale samples

龙马溪组（中石化主力产气层）、山西组高粘土页岩样品：

- 页岩对 $\text{CH}_4$  ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) 的等温吸附实验
- 页岩对 $\text{CH}_4$ 、 $\text{CO}_2$ 和 $\text{N}_2$ 的等温吸附对比实验
- 30°C、77 °C和116 °C下，页岩对 $\text{CH}_4$ 、 $\text{CO}_2$ 的等温吸附实验

Shale samples from Lungmachi Formation (The major shale gas productive reservoir of Sinopec) 、Shanxi Formation (with high clay contents)

- Experimental adsorption isotherms of  $\text{CH}_4$  ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) at 30°C, 77 °C and 116 °C
- Experimental adsorption isotherms for mixtures of  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$



# **Outline**

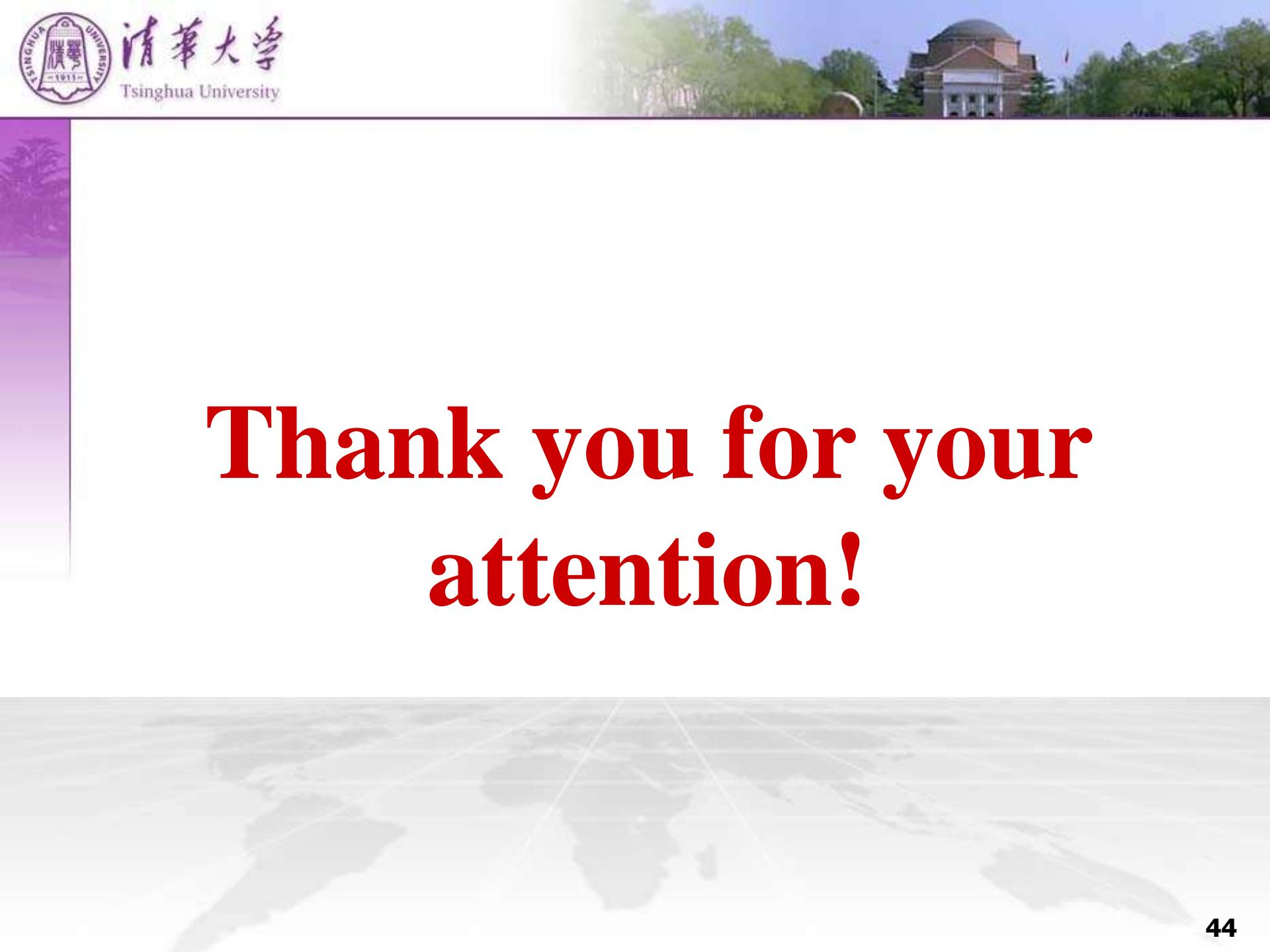
- 1. Background and Introduction**
- 2. CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Porous Media**
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Geothermal Systems and Heat Transfer in Fractures**
- 4. CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Shale Gas and Mass Transfer in Nano Pores**
- 5. Summary**

# Summary

- CO<sub>2</sub> Storage and Two-Phase Flow in Micro Porous Media
- CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization and Heat Mass Transfer in Fractures and Nano Pores (CO<sub>2</sub>-EGS and Enhanced shale gas recovery)

# Acknowledgements

- NSFC (创新群体项目、重点基金项目)
- MOST (国家重点研发计划项目CCUS)
- International Partners: LBNL, BRGM, U. Leeds, GA Australia
- Shell, Shenhua, SinoPec, PetroChina
- Tsinghua University



Thank you for your  
attention!