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Monitoring Requirements

Objectives, technologies and predictive modelling

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Regulatory Requirements in Europe (1)

OSPAR Treaty (June 2007) (offshore NE Atlantic)

- **Performance verification**
- **Leakage detection**
- **Local environmental impacts**
- **To confirm effective GHG mitigation**

EC Directive (April 2009)

- **Comparison of predicted with actual behaviour**
- **Detect significant irregularities**
- **Detecting migration of CO₂ (e.g. out of the primary reservoir)**
- **Detecting leakage**
- **Environmental impacts (e.g. potable aquifers)**
- **Efficacy of any corrective measures**
- **Updating performance assessment**
- **Support case for long-term stability and permanent containment**

Regulatory Requirements in Europe (2)

ETS Monitoring and Reporting guidelines

- It is assumed that no leakage is occurring unless indicated by the Directive-based monitoring
- Leakage must be quantified (measured)
- ETS monitoring plan should include:
 - Quantification approaches for emissions for potential and actual releases
 - List of emission sources
 - Description of calculation- or measurement-based methods for quantifying leaks
 - Statements of uncertainty thresholds

Modalities and procedures for the CDM (synthesis of submissions to SBSTA)

Suggestions for monitoring

- **Assurance of integrity and safety**
- **Confirm permanent storage within project boundary**
- **Address identified risks and issues**
- **Detect seepage (leakage)**
- **Estimate emissions if leakage detected**
- **Verify (predictive) numerical modelling**

Summary generic monitoring requirements

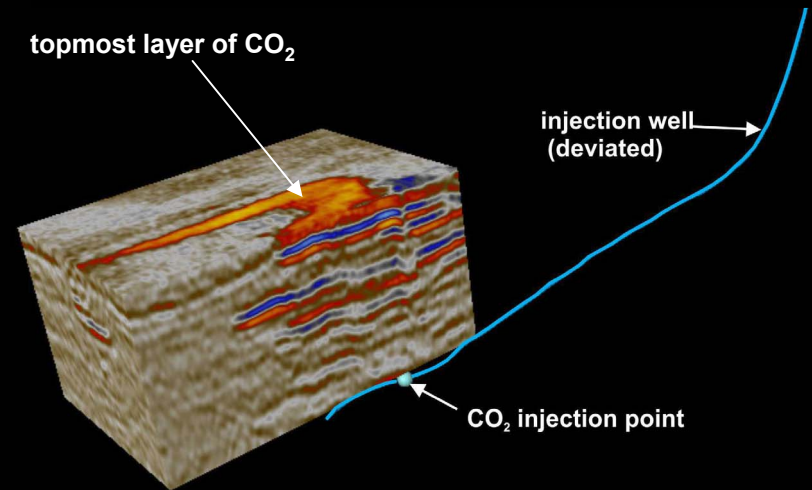
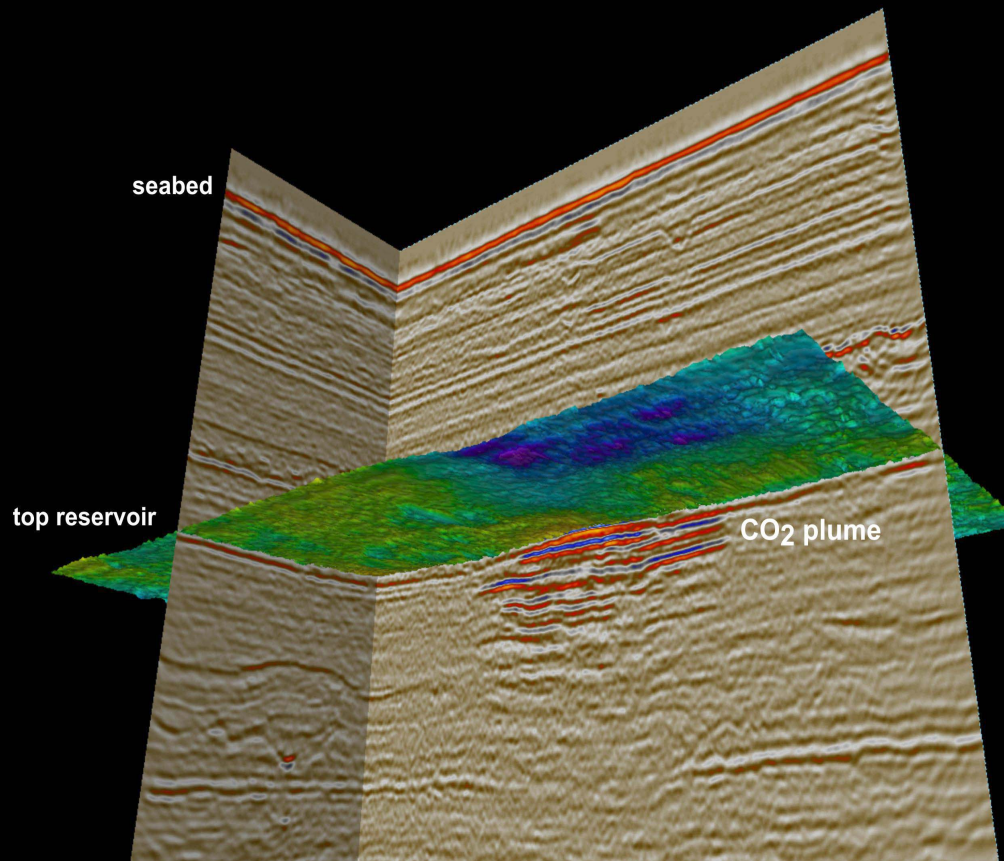
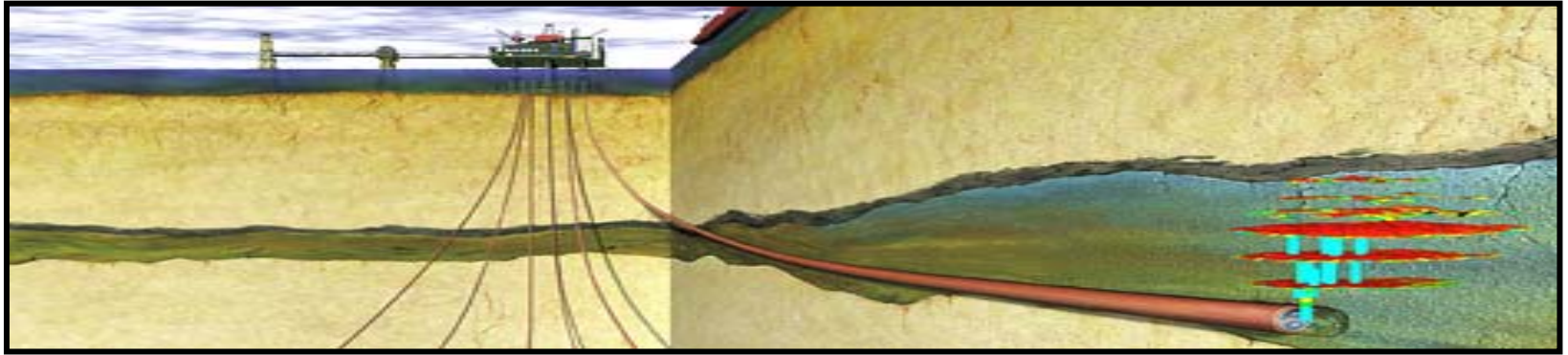
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- **Leakage detection (and measurement)**
- **Long-term stabilization and permanent containment**

.... to what extent can monitoring meet these requirements?

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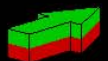
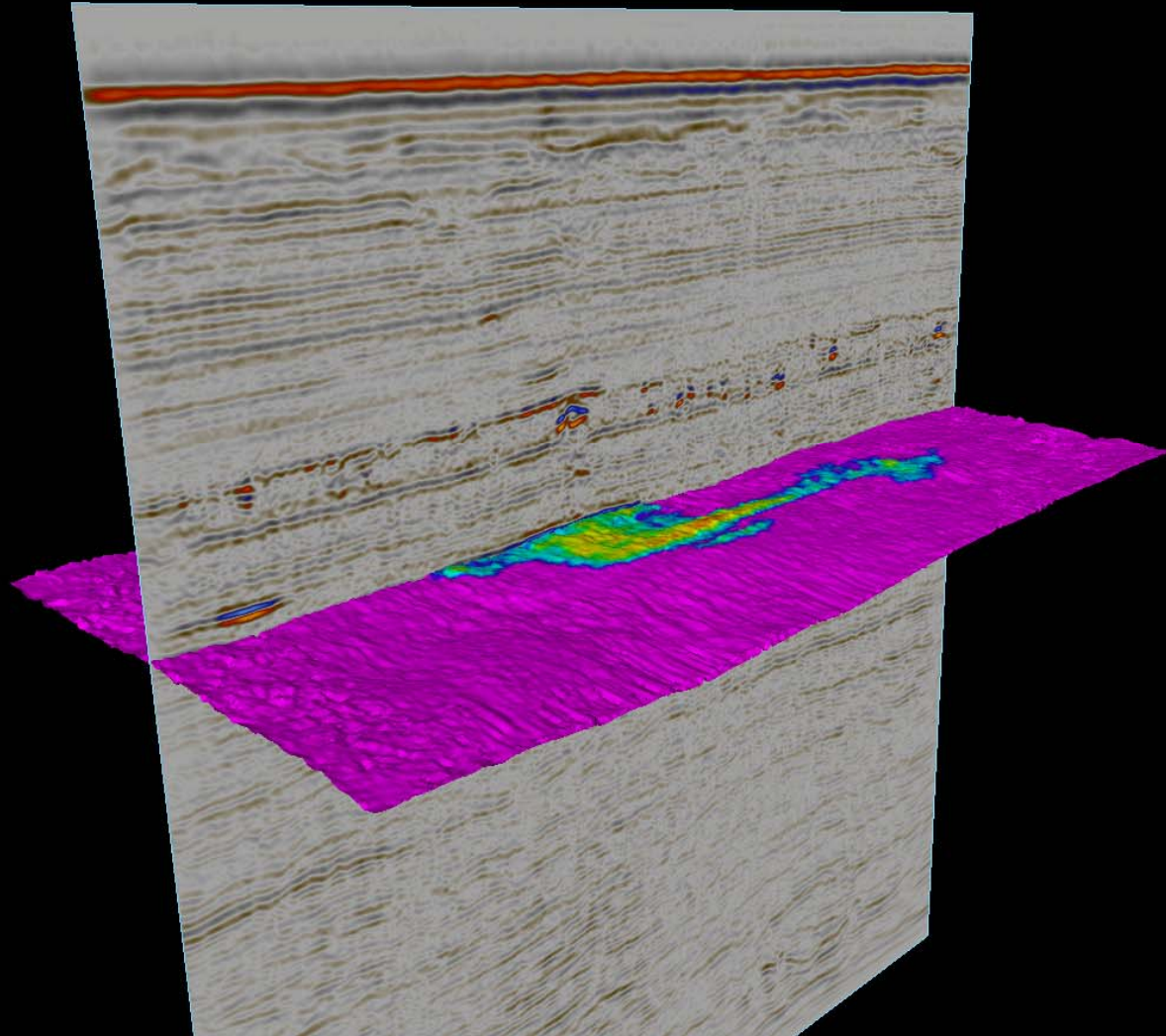
- **Performance calibration and verification**
 - History-matching predictive models and monitoring data
e.g. pressure evolution and plume migration
- **Leakage detection (and measurement)**
- **Long-term stabilization and permanent containment**

History-matching plume migration at Sleipner (1)



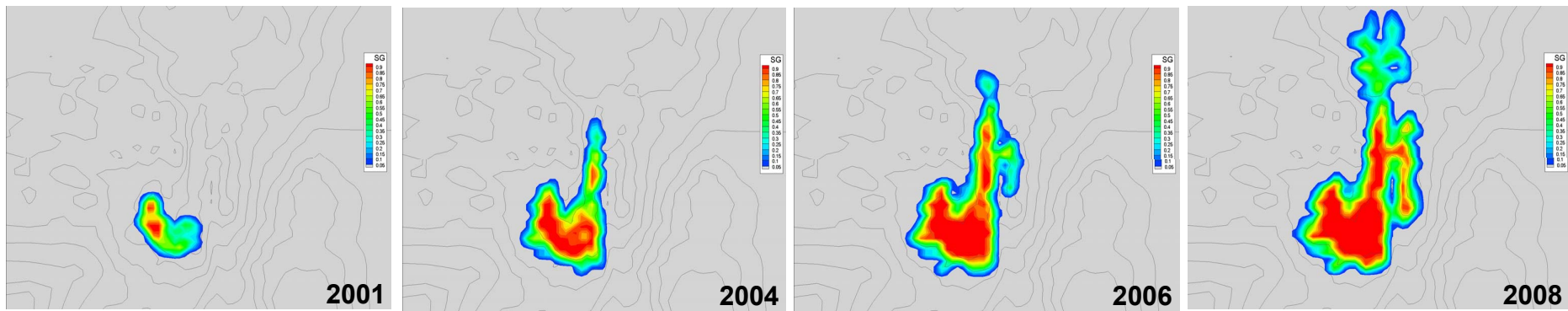
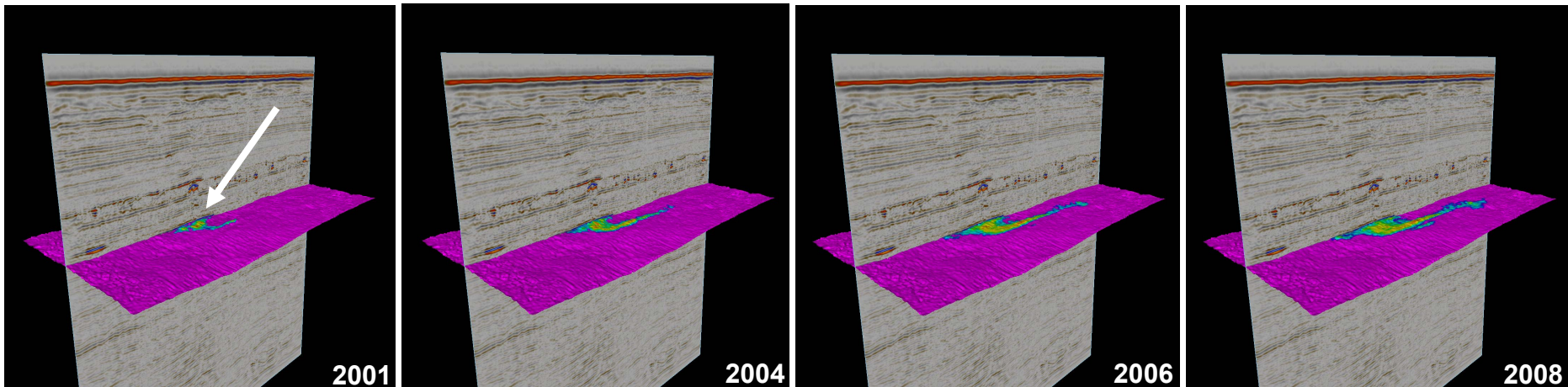
History-matching plume migration at Sleipner (2)

2008



History-matching plume migration at Sleipner (3)

observed layer growth



numerical flow simulation of layer growth

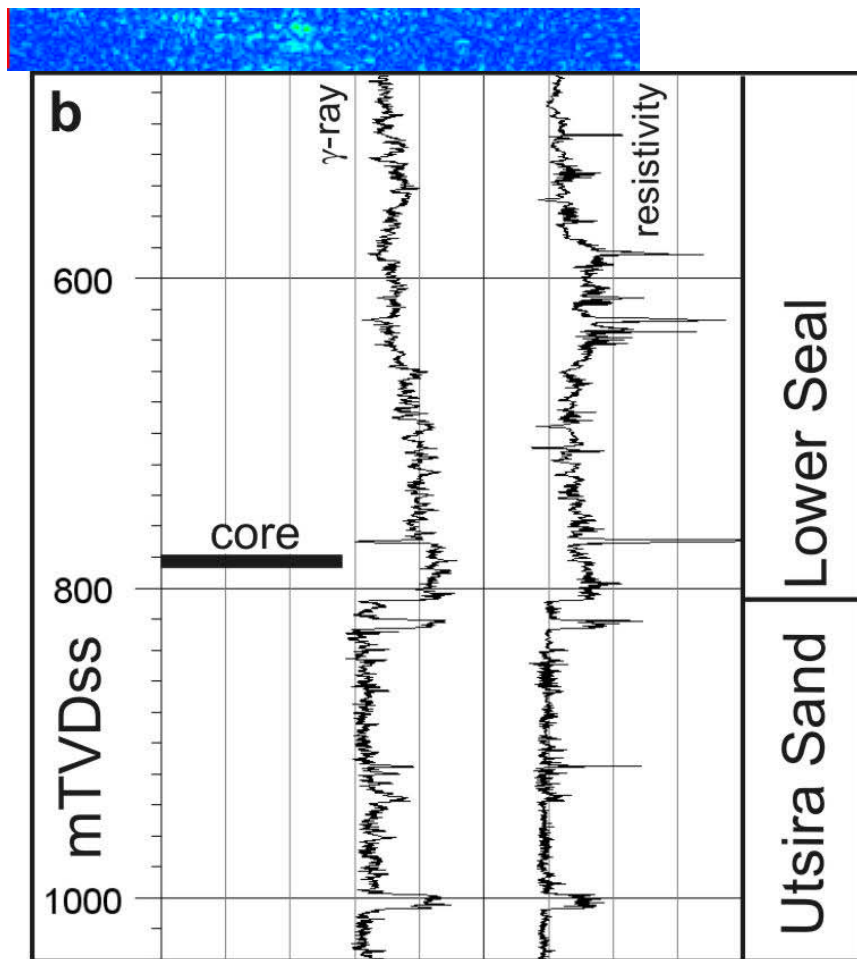
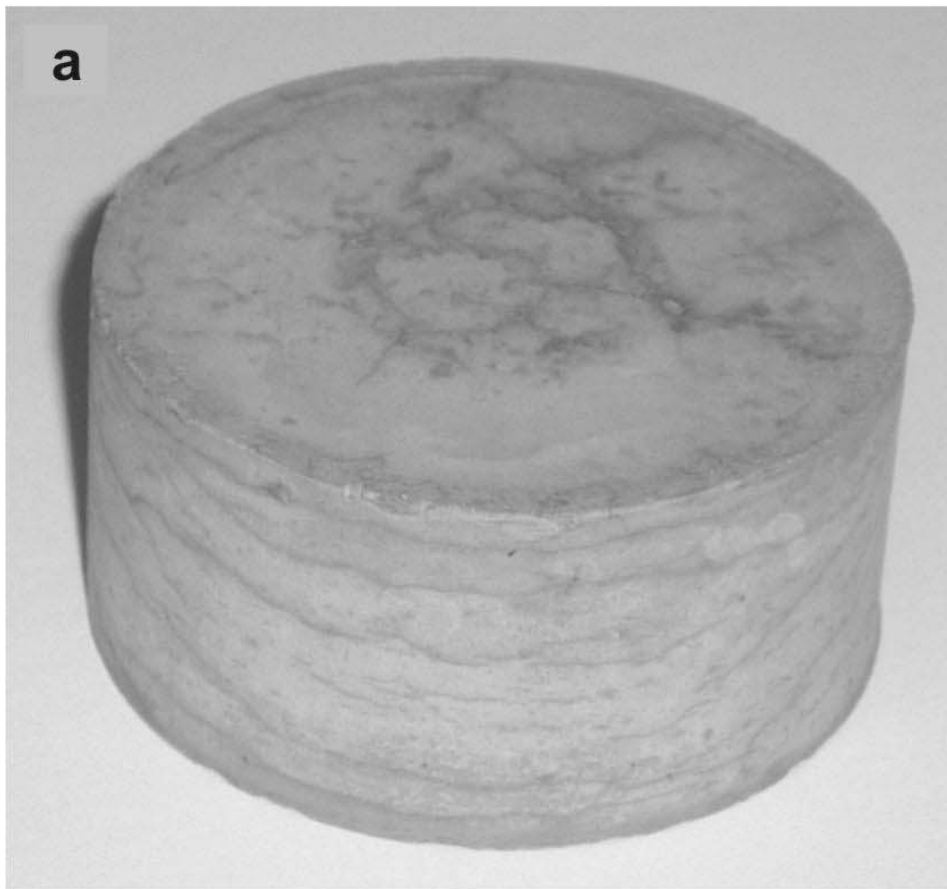
Match imperfect but sufficient to prove understanding of process

Scope for divergence in long-term predictions is limited

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Detecting 'out of reservoir' migration

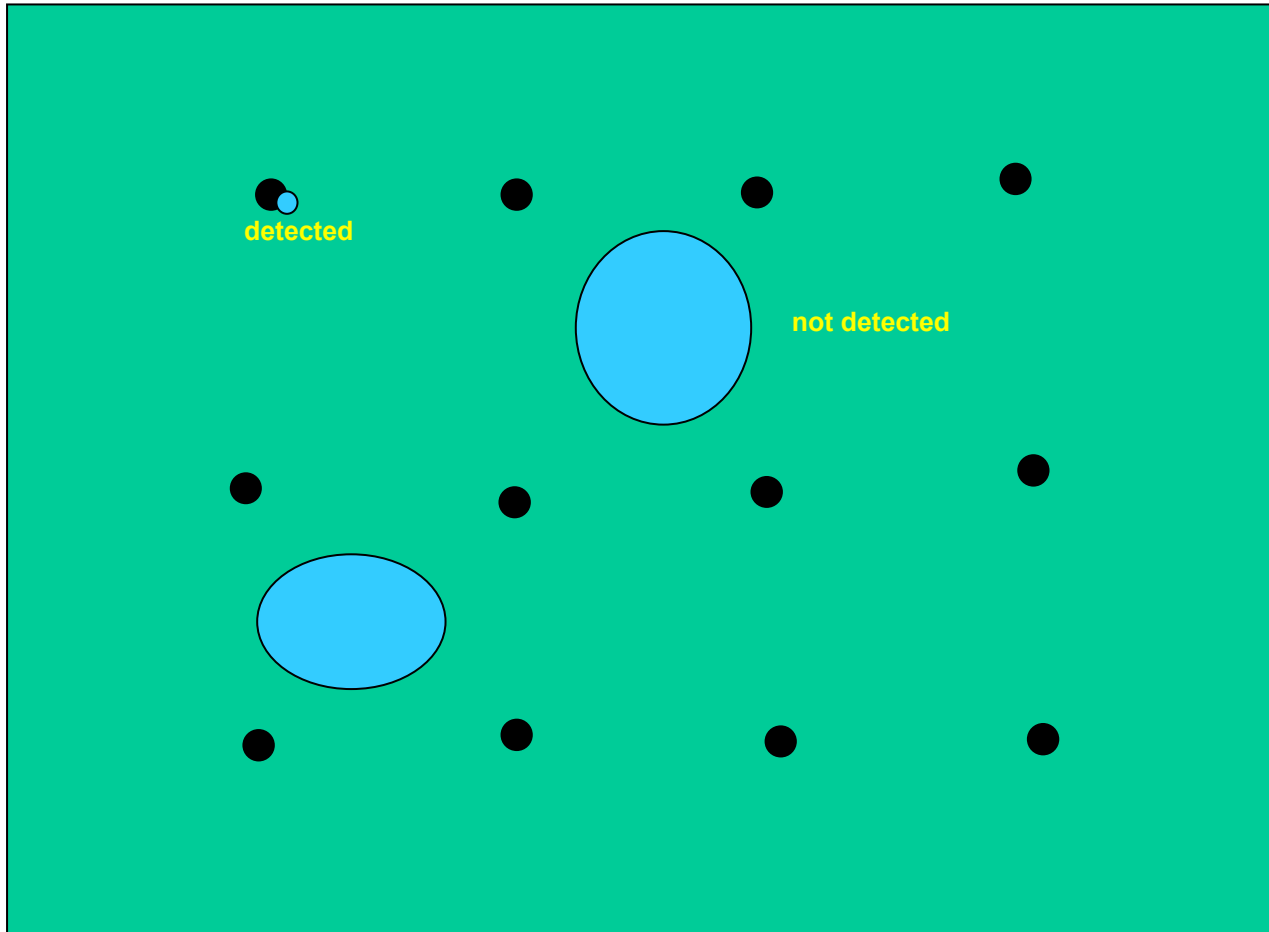


Detection limit for Sleipner data:

- ~ 4000 m³
- ~ 2500 tonnes at top reservoir
- < 1000 tonnes in overburden (<0.01% after 10 years)

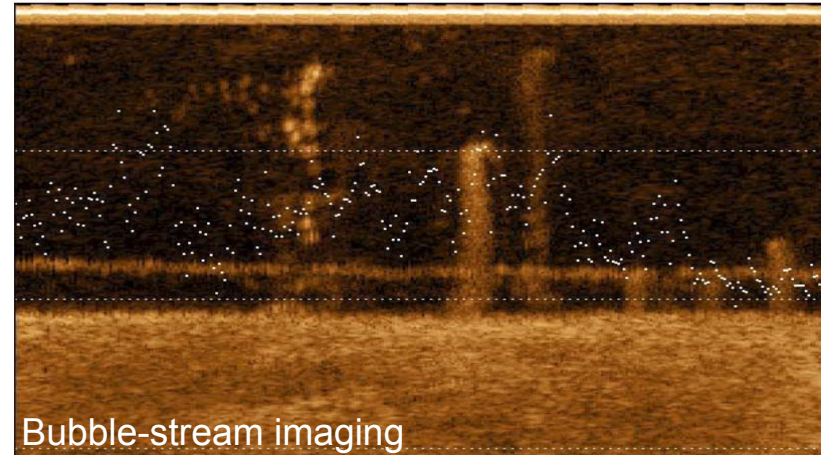
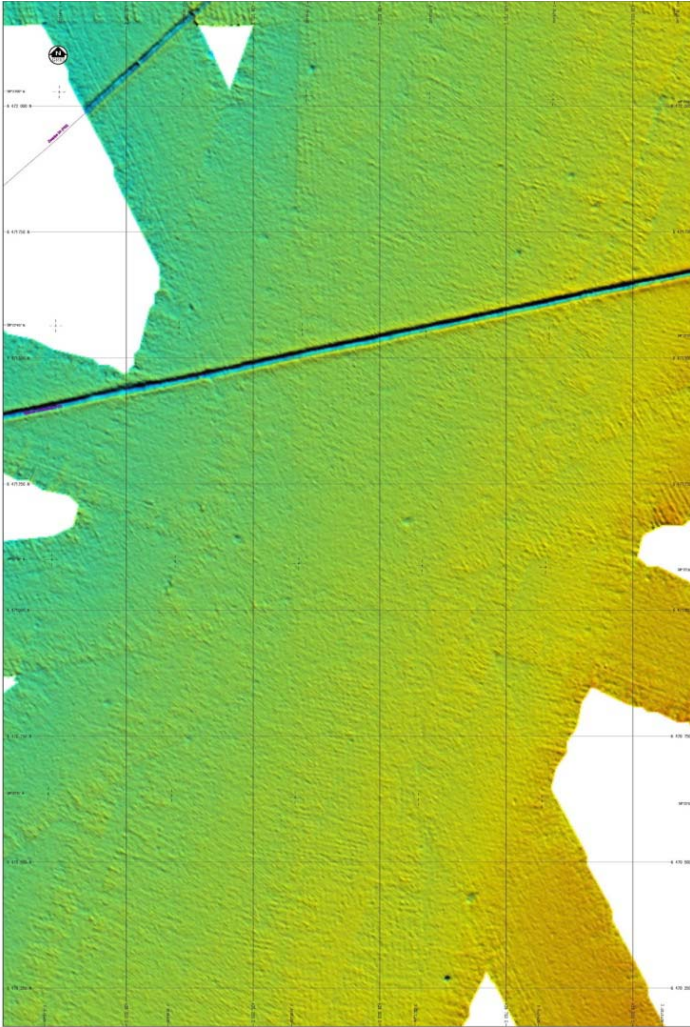
2002 – 1994 difference

Emissions measurement (1)

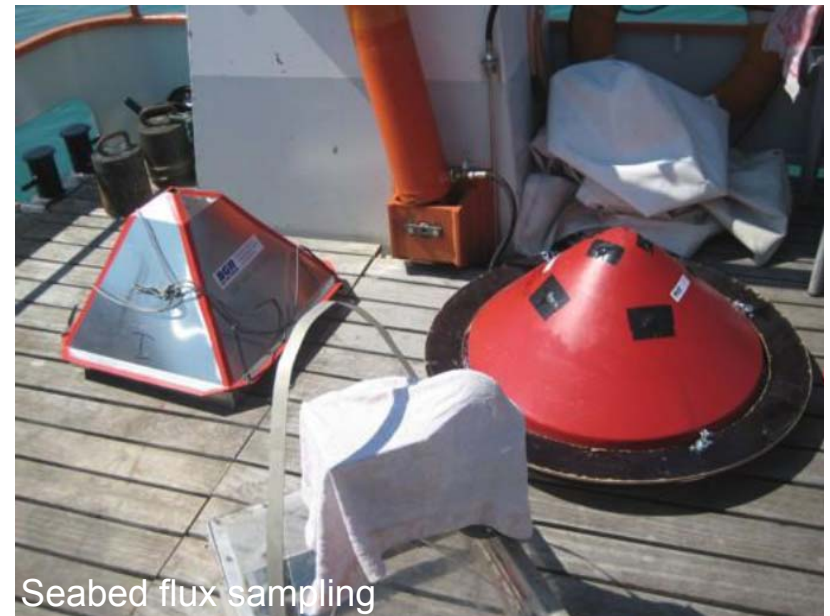


Spatial sampling issues

Emissions measurement (2)



Bubble-stream imaging



Seabed flux sampling

Integrated areal and point surveys - offshore

Emissions measurement (3)

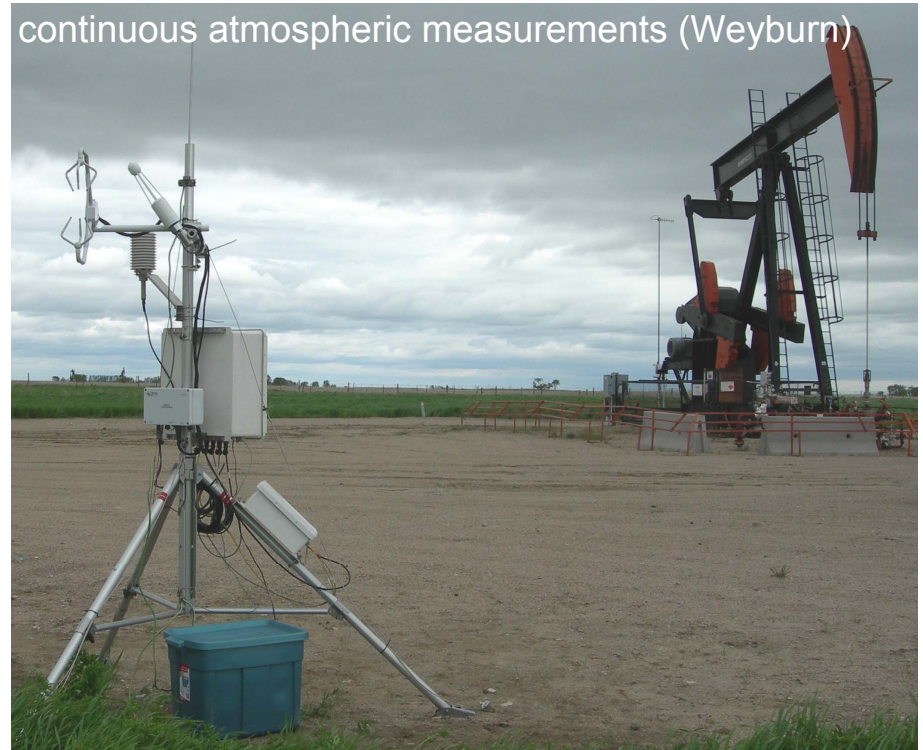
mobile atmospheric measurements (In Salah)



surface gas flux (In Salah)



continuous atmospheric measurements (Weyburn)



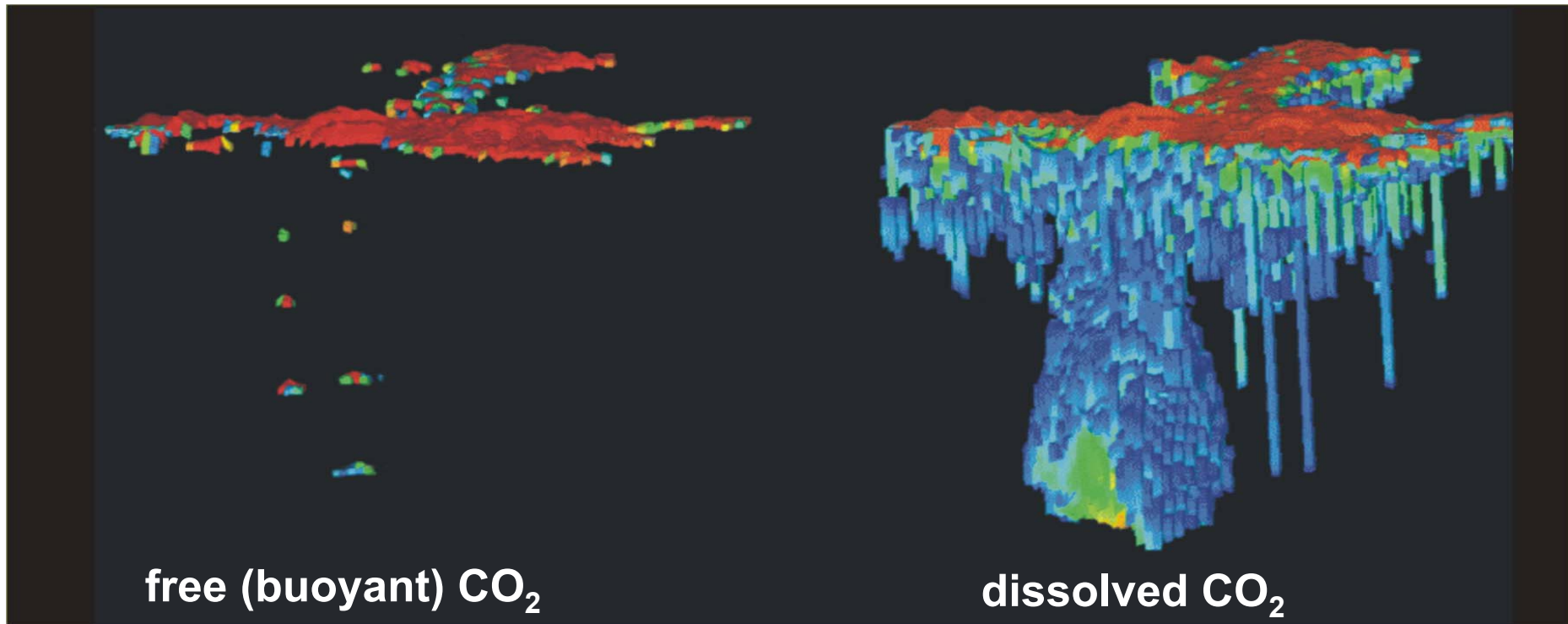
Integrated areal and point surveys - onshore

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- **Performance calibration and verification**
- **Leakage detection (and measurement)**
- **Long-term stabilization and permanent containment**
 - **Post-injection monitoring**

Sleipner predicted stabilization

(250 years after injection)

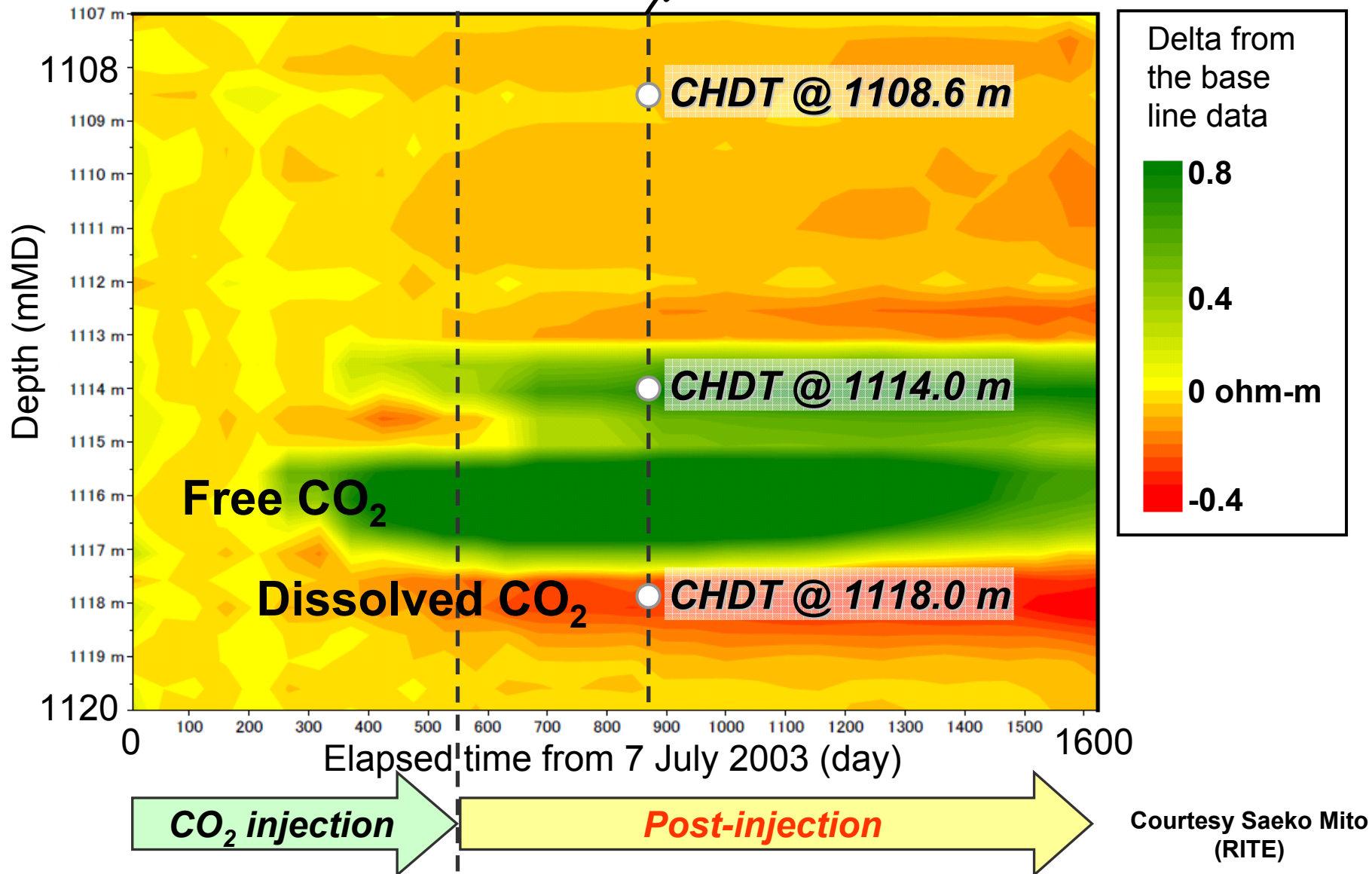


[Courtesy Erik Lindeberg]

Onset of dissolution: gravitational stabilization

Post-injection monitoring at Nagaoka (Japan)

Fluid sampling by Cased Hole Dynamics Tester



Modalities and procedures for the CDM

Monitoring Plan

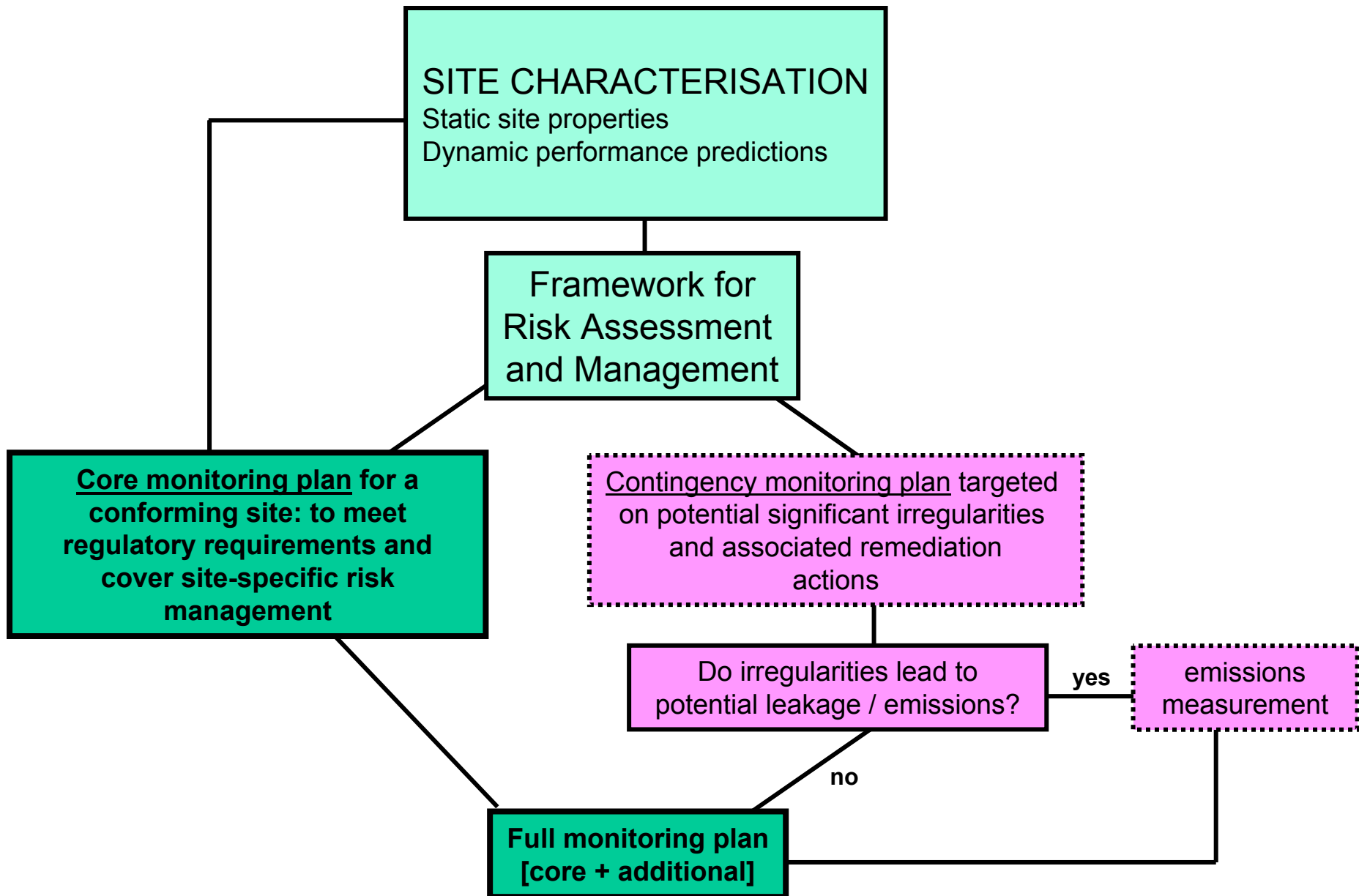
- **Site - specific**
- **Non - prescriptive**
- **Updated during operations**
- **Linked to predictive models**

Monitoring Plan

	Sleipner	Snovit		In Salah	Weyburn		Ketzin	K12-B	Nagaoka	Otway	Frio	Cranfield
	offshore (~900m)	offshore (~2700m)		onshore (~1900m)	onshore (~1400m)		onshore (~600m)	offshore (~3800 m)	onshore (~1100m)	onshore (~2100 m)	onshore (~1500m)	onshore (~3100 m)
Deep-focussed												
3D/4D surface seismic												
2D surface seismic												
Gravity surface												
Seabed CSEM												
Wellhead P,T												
Wellhead/annulus sampling												
Downhole P,T												
Continuous temperature (DTS)												
Geophysical logs												
Crosshole seismics												
Downhole fluid chemistry												
Micro (passive) seismics												
Electromagnetic wellbore												
Electromagnetic surface												
Spontaneous potential												
Tracers												
Monitoring shallow aquifers												
Downhole well integrity												
VSP / MSP												
Electrical Resistivity Tomography												
InSAR												
Shallow-focussed												
Multibeam echosounding												
Sidescan sonar												
Tiltmeters												
Bubble-stream detection												
Bubble-stream chemistry												
Soil gas/surface flux												
Flux towers (eddy covariance)												
Passive detectors												
Ecosystem (including biomarkers)												
Microbiology												
Seabottom ROV video												

Multiple technologies tested worldwide

Monitoring Strategy flowchart



Conclusions

Performance Verification

- Different tools separately or in combination can provide required assurance
- Some sites can offer very high monitorability
- 'Perfect' matches difficult to achieve
- Fit-for-purpose

Leakage detection/measurement

- Sampling issues need to be overcome

Long-term Assurance

- Post-injection monitoring datasets

Monitoring Plans

- Site-specific
- Limited number of technologies
- Core and Contingency elements



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