



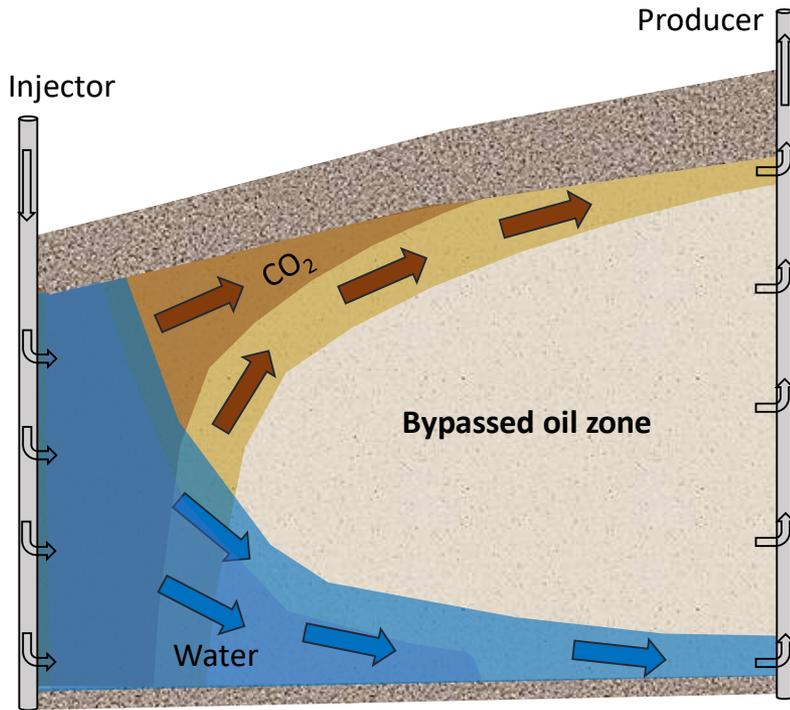
CO₂ GeoStorage: *Gravity-assisted EOR*

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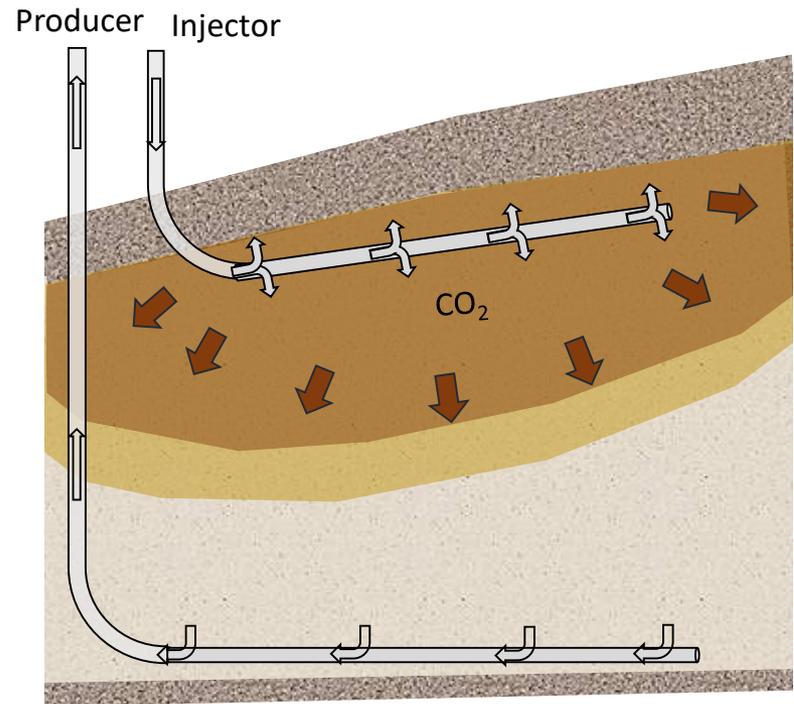
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Introduction

*WAG flood with CO_2^{SC}
(low ρ & η)*



Gravity-assisted CO_2



Experimental scales

Chambers: HP >15MPa & HT \approx 100°C

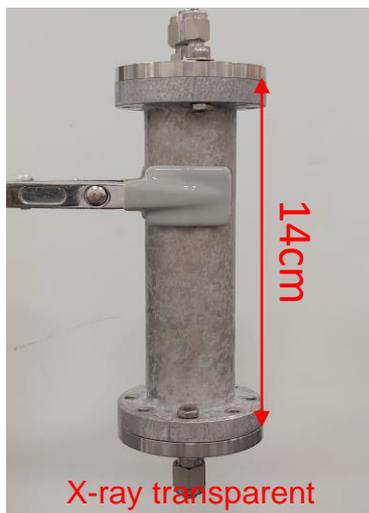
1. Pore Scale



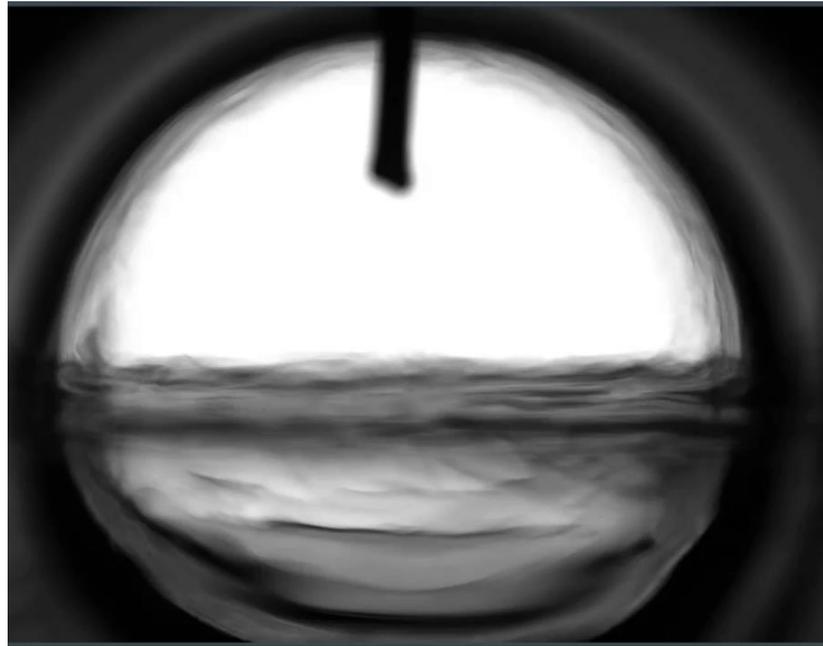
3. Reservoir Scale



2. Layer Scale

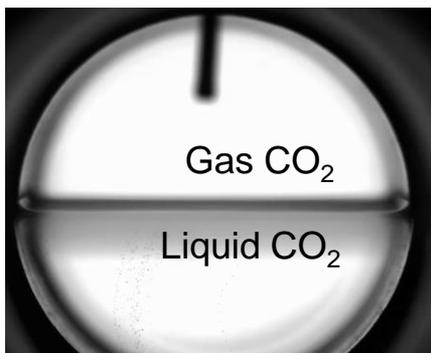


CO₂ Phase Transition

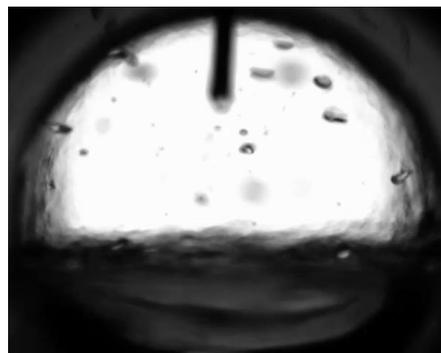


* 16 x Speed

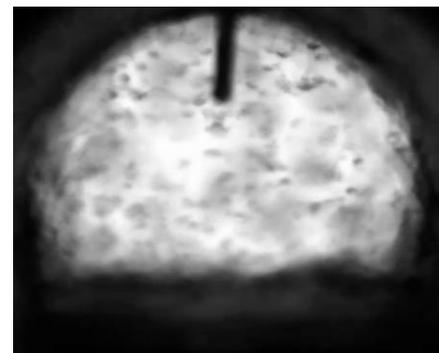
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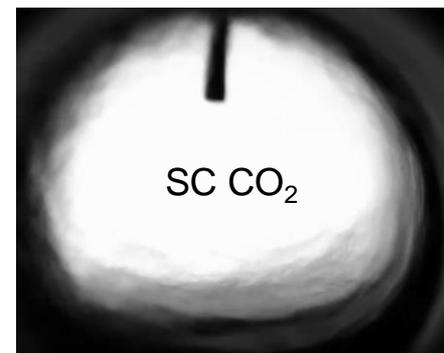
21°C – 8 MPa



25°C – 8.5 MPa

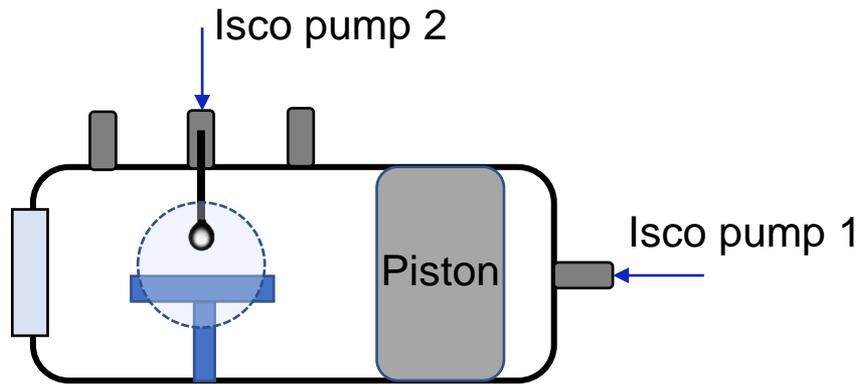


30°C – 9 MPa

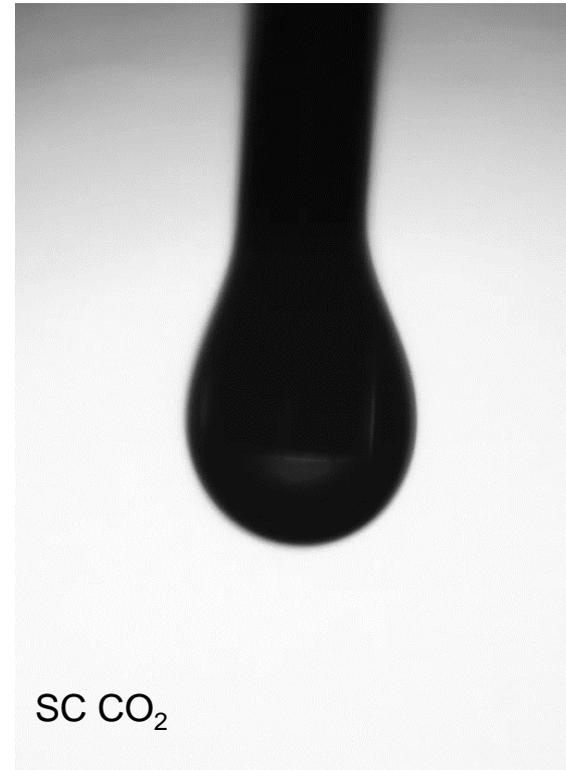


38°C – 9.5 MPa

Interfacial Properties



HPHT Tensiometer

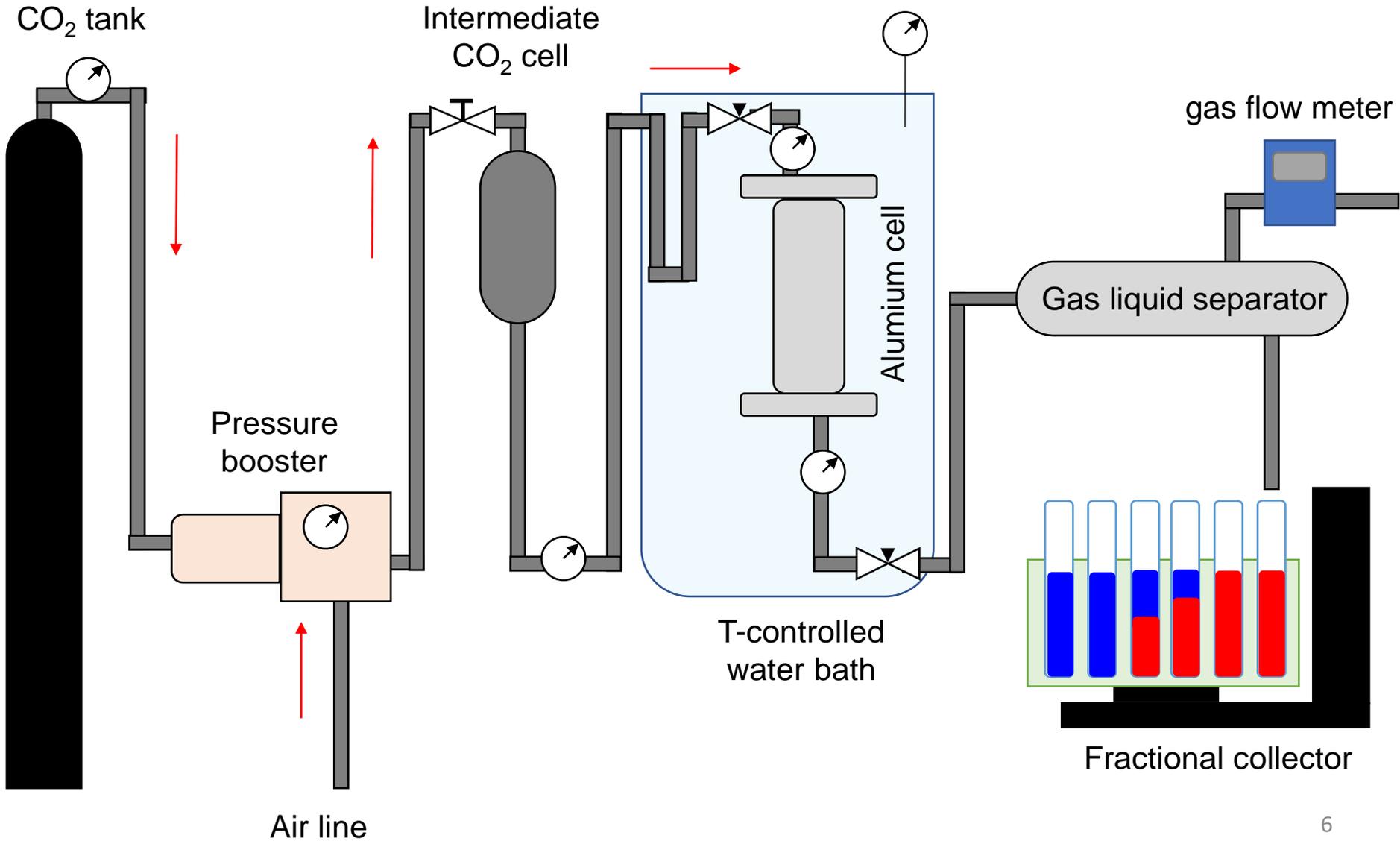


Mineral Oil Droplet

SC CO₂

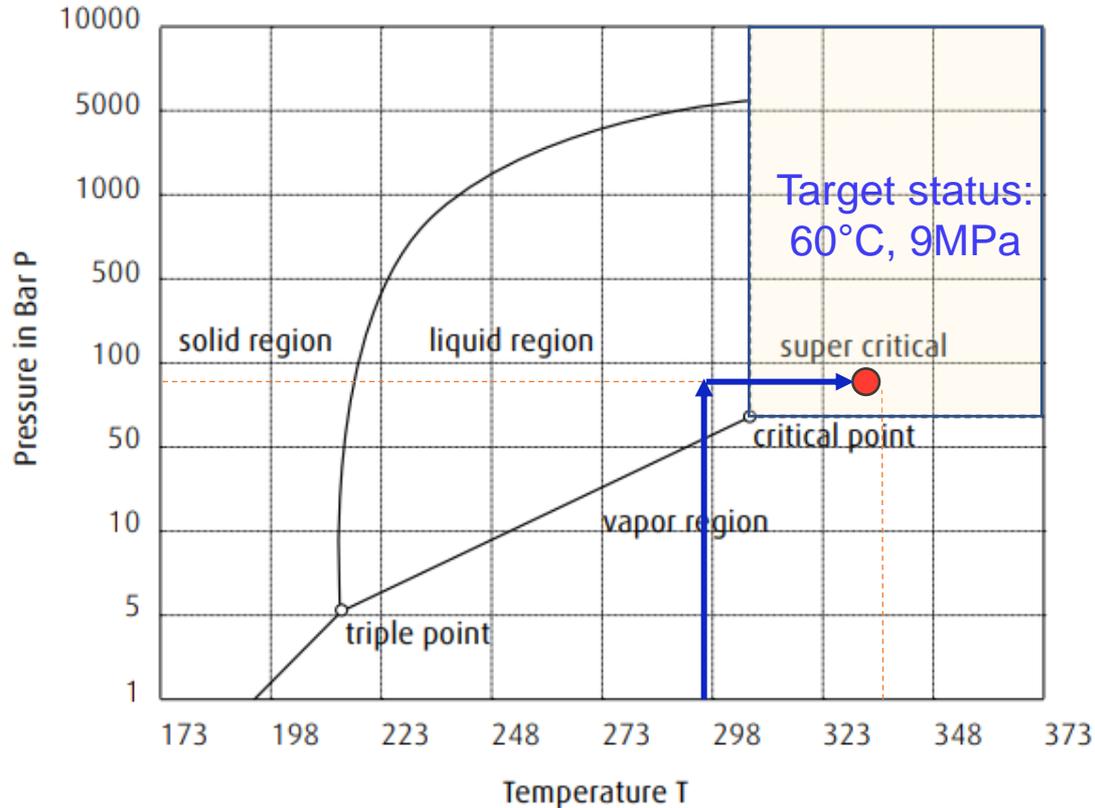
Interface: Mineral Oil & CO₂^{SC}
P&T conditions: 9.5 Mpa & 38°C
Analysis: ImageJ & Drop Analysis plugin
Interfacial Tension: **2 mN/m**

Small Cell



Test Sequence

Temperature-pressure path



- Fill the cell with silica sand
 - Pore volume → 47 mL
 - Porosity of the sand column 40%
- Saturated with mineral oil (red colored)
- Fill the intermediate cell with liquid CO₂
- Water bath → 60 °C
- CO₂ flooding at constant pressure

Small Cell: CO₂ flooding results

