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## ABSTRACT

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One way to reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere for the mitigation of climate change is to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> and inject it into geological formations. The most important public concern about carbon capture and storage (CCS) is whether stored CO<sub>2</sub> will leak into groundwater sources and finally into the atmosphere.

To prevent the leakage, the possible leakage paths and the mechanisms triggering the paths must be examined and identified. It is known that the leakage paths can be due to  $CO_2$  - rock interaction and  $CO_2$  – well interaction.

The objective of this research is to identify the geochemical reactions of the dissolved  $CO_2$  in the synthetic formation water with the rock minerals of the Sayındere cap rock by laboratory experiments. It is also aimed to model and simulate the experiments using ToughReact software. Sayındere formation is the cap rock of the Caylarbasi, a southeastern petroleum field in Turkey.

The mineralogical investigation and fluid chemistry analysis of the experiments show that calcite was dissolved from the cap rock core as a result of CO<sub>2</sub>- water- rock interaction.

Using the reactive transport code TOUGHREACT, the modeling of the dynamic experiment is performed. Calcite, the main primary mineral in the Sayındere is dissolved first and then re-precipitated during the simulation process. The decreases of 0.01 % in the porosity and 0.03% in permeability of the packed core of the Sayındere cap rock are observed in the simulation.

The simulation was continued for 25 years without  $CO_2$  injection. However, the results of this simulation show that the porosity and permeability are increased by 0.001 % and 0.004 %, respectively due to the  $CO_2$ -water-rock mineral interaction. This shows that the Sayındere cap rock integrity must be monitored in the field if application is planned.

**Keywords**: CO<sub>2</sub> storage, cap rock integrity, CO<sub>2</sub>- water- rock interaction, geochemical modeling and simulation

## ÖZ

## CO2 DEPOLAMADA ÖRTÜ KAYAÇ BÜTÜNLÜĞÜ

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İklim değişikliğinin önemli faktörlerinden biri olan, atmosferdeki  $CO_2$  miktarını azaltmanın yollarından biri,  $CO_2$ 'i tutmak ve jeolojik formasyonlara enjekte etmektir. Karbonu tutma ve depolama ile ilgili olarak en önemli husus, yüksek konsantrasyondaki  $CO_2$ 'nin teklikeli olması nedeniyle, depolanan  $CO_2$ 'nin geri atmosfere ve yer altı su kaynaklarına karışıp karışmayacağıdır.

Bu kaybı önlemek için, olası kaçak çıkışları ve bunu tetikleyen mekanizmalar belirlenmeli ve çalışılmalıdır. Kaçakların nedeninin, CO<sub>2</sub>- kayaç etkileşimi ve CO<sub>2</sub>- kuyu çimentosu etkileşimi olduğu bilinmektedir.

Bu çalışmada, CO<sub>2</sub> depolama sırasında, Sayındere formasyonunda gerçekleşebilecek çözünme ve çökme reaksiyonlarının belirlenmesi için deneysel bir çalışma yürütülmüştür. Ayrıca, ToughReact yazılımı kullanılarak, yapılan deneyin modellemesi amaçlanmıştır. Sayındere formasyonu Türkiye'nin güneydoğusunda yer alan Çaylarbaşı petrol sahasının örtü kayacıdır.

İnce kesit, elektron taramalı mikroskop analizleri ile ve sıvı analizleri sonuçları,  $CO_2$ örtü kayaç- su etkileşimi sonucunda örtü kayaçta bol miktarda bulunan kalsitin çözundüğünü göstermektedir.

TOUGHREACT kodu kullanılarak dinamik deneyin simülasyonu yapılmıştır. Simülasyon sonucunda, Sayındere formasyonun ana minerali olan kalsit önce suda çözünmüş ve daha sonra geri çökelme oluştuğu görülmektedir. Simülasyonda örtü kayaçtaki gözenekte % 0.01 ve geçirgenlikte % 0.03 düşüş görülmüştür.

 $CO_2$  ile doymuş su basıldıktan sonra, 25 yıl içinde Sayındere örtü kayaç mineral değişikliğinin simülasyonu da yapılmıştır. Ancak, bu simülasyon sonucunda, gözenek ve geçirgenlikte 0.001 % ve 0.004 % artış göstermektedir ki bu da eğer sahada  $CO_2$  depolanması planlanacak ise, Sayındere örtü kayaç bütünlüğü takip edilmelidir.

**Anahtar kelimesi:** CO<sub>2</sub> depolama, örtü kayaç bütünlüğü, , CO<sub>2</sub>- kayaç- su etkileşimi, jeokimyasal modellemesi ve simülasyonu.

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 What is global warming and climate change?

The greenhouse effect is a natural phenomenon. Most of the solar radiation hitting the earth is reflected from the surface and the atmosphere and then lost into the space. However, the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere catch and then quickly emit back the heat radiation. When too many greenhouse gases are collected, they trap the heat in the atmosphere, not letting them escape into the space. This causes an increase in the average temperature of the world. This process is called the global warming. The global warming can change the climate, resulting in warmer and warmer temperatures, an increased number of floods, hurricanes, droughts, storms and thus, it will have huge adverse impacts on human and the ecological system.

 $CO_2$  is the main greenhouse gas emitted into the atmosphere, causing the global warming. The  $CO_2$  sources responsible for its increased emission are thermal power generation, refineries, cement plants, petrochemical plants and growing large industrial complexes.

#### 1.2 CO<sub>2</sub> Emission

Over the past several decades worldwide the burning fossil fuels has lead to a substantial rise in  $CO_2$  emission. These increased  $CO_2$  are the cause of warmer temperature, increased rainfall and raising sea level.

A global database of large stationary point sources of  $CO_2$  emissions has been developed by IEAGHG (International Energy Agency Greenhouse Gas). The database was developed and published in 2002. Since 2002, IEAGHG has progressively improved the emission source data by updating the information contained in the database. The database contains longitude and latitude information for the main emission sites which allows it to be used to produce a geographical map of the emission sources. Figure 1.1 shows the world map of emissions produced by using the  $CO_2$ Emission Database (IEAGHG). As seen from Figure 1.1, the places of most emission sites are in the regions where the developed countries, especially the North American countries and European countries are located. Figure 1.2 gives the industrial  $CO_2$ emission sites in Turkey from data collected for the TUBITAK KAMAG project (TUBITAK KAMAG, 2009).



Figure 1. 1 World Map of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (IEAGHG, 2002)



Figure 1. 2 Main CO2 emission sites in Turkey (TUBITAK KAMAG, 2009)

There are several means to reduce the amount of  $CO_2$  emission into the atmosphere such as increasing the energy efficiency of energy production, reducing the carbon intensity by substituting lower carbon or carbon free energy sources such as renewable sources for the current fossil fuels, nuclear energy an enhancement of biological sinks and finally carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) (IPCC Special Report, 2005).

#### **1.3 Carbon Capture and Storage**

CCS is a process consisting of the separation of  $CO_2$  from industrial and energy-related sources, transport to a storage location and long-term isolation from the atmosphere (IPCC Special Report, 2005). CCS has been under consideration for more than ten years and initial test of  $CO_2$  injection into a saline aquifer has been successfully in operation since 1996 in the Sleipner Field in the North Sea (Baklid, A. et al, 1996). Carbon storage into geological formation is an attractive option for the long term sequestration of the greenhouse gas. The injection technology required is a well proven one in petroleum industry for enhanced oil recovery operations.

The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), part of DOE's national laboratory system provides Carbon Capture and Storage database including both active and proposed Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) projects world-wide. Information in the database regarding technologies being developed for capture, evaluation of sites for sequestration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), estimation of project costs and anticipated dates of completion for projects are sourced from publically available information. This database provides the public with information regarding efforts by various industries, public groups, and governments towards development and eventual deployment of CCS technology. This is an active database that will be updated as information regarding these or new projects are released to the public.

#### It is available in Ms-Excel format at the

<u>http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon\_seq/database/index.html</u> (U.S Department of Energy (DOE)).

#### 1.3.1 CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

 $CO_2$  capture is aimed to produce a concentrated stream of  $CO_2$  at high pressure that can be transported to a storage location. Today, applications separating  $CO_2$  in large industrial plants, including natural gas treatment plants and ammonia production facilities, are already underway. Capture processes also have been used to obtain commercially useful amounts of  $CO_2$  from flue gas streams generated by the combustion of coal or natural gas. There are 3 main ways to separate the  $CO_2$ , depending on the process or power plant application of interest. Figure 1.3 shows the process flow diagram of each separation system (Wright, L. W. et al, 2004).

*Post-combustion* systems separate  $CO_2$  from the flue gases produced by burning fossil fuels in air. These systems normally use a liquid solvent to capture the small fraction of  $CO_2$  available in a flue gas stream in which the main constituent is nitrogen.

*Pre-combustion* systems process the fossil fuel in a reactor with steam and air or oxygen to obtain a mixture consisting mainly of carbon monoxide and hydrogen. Additionally, hydrogen and along with  $CO_2$ , is produced by reacting the carbon monoxide with steam in a second reactor. The resulting mixture of hydrogen and  $CO_2$  can then be separated into a  $CO_2$  gas stream, and a stream of hydrogen.

*Oxyfuel combustion* systems use oxygen or oxygen enriched air instead of air for combustion of the fossil fuels to produce a flue gas that is composed mainly water vapor and  $CO_2$ . This results in a flue gas with high  $CO_2$  concentrations (greater than 80% by volume). The water vapor is then removed by cooling and compressing the gas stream.



Figure 1. 3 CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Processes

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

 $CO_2$  can be stored into geological formation such as deep saline aquifers, depleted gas and oil reservoirs, oceans and unmined coal beds.

Using a depleted oil reservoir for  $CO_2$  storage has several advantages among the other options. The reservoir is already dynamically and geologically well characterized. The abrupt leakage of stored  $CO_2$  into the atmosphere would not be much considered since the reservoir has already contained hydrocarbons over long periods of time. Moreover, some existing wells may be converted to  $CO_2$  injection wells at low cost. Others may be used to monitor the behavior of  $CO_2$  within the reservoir after the injection process. Besides, the  $CO_2$  injection is well known and proven technology for 25 years in oil industry to enhance the oil production. Additional oil may be produced from the depleted oil reservoir as a result of the  $CO_2$  injection.

Among the geological storage options,  $CO_2$  disposal in deep saline aquifers offers the largest storage capacity and being more abundant in the subsurface. This capacity was estimated to be between 1000 and 10,000 billion tones of  $CO_2$  (IPCC Special Report, 2005). However, its drawback is that these systems are usually poorly characterized (Lagneau et al, 2005).

#### 1.3.3 CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Sites

There are several worldwide  $CO_2$  storage sites where  $CO_2$  is currently being injected. The four main storage sites are In Salah in Algeria, Snohvit and Sleipner in Norway and Ketzin in Germany. Other storage sites are Weyburn in Canada, K12-B in Netherlands and Kaniov in Poland (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project).

#### In Salah-Algeria

This is jointly operated by BP, Statoil and Sonatrach.  $CO_2$  injection started in 2004, at a rate of about 0.9 Mt per year. The cost of the developments taking place in Algeria's In Salah gas fields is calculated to be \$2,300 million. In Salah Gas finally aims to supply 9 billion m<sup>3</sup>/year of natural gas to the southern European market. The natural gas contains up to 10% CO<sub>2</sub>, which has to be reduced to 0.3% before the gas is supplied (Wright, I.W., 2007). Throughout the project, the anticipated peak in CO<sub>2</sub> production is likely to be around 60 MMscf/day, with an overall total of around 450 bscf. Re-injection of the CO<sub>2</sub> from the produced gas is expected to result in a net emissions reduction of approximately 900,000 tones of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project).

#### Sleipner- Norway

It is operated by StatoilHydro. In 1995, the Norwegian government implemented a tax on  $CO_2$  emissions and this was an incentive for Norwegian energy company Statoil to start experimenting with CCS on this offshore gas rig. The  $CO_2$  content of the Sleipner gas varies 4-9.5 %. The Sleipner  $CO_2$  storage operation commenced in 1996, and remains the world's most mature large-scale demonstration of storage technology with more than 7 Mt of  $CO_2$  injected currently in situ. Current time-lapse seismic surveys provide a unique, world-leading reference dataset applicable to the general understanding of large-scale storage in saline aquifers (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project).

#### Snohvit- Norway

 $CO_2$  storage began on Snohvit field in April 2008. Statoil is reinjecting  $CO_2$  produced from the field into the ground beneath the gas-bearing formation on the field. The produced gas contains 5-8 mole % of  $CO_2$ . Before the liquefaction process, the mole content of  $CO_2$  must be reduced to 50 ppm. The reinjection will reduce  $CO_2$  emissions by 700,000 ton/ year when Snohvit is at full capacity (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project).

#### *Ketzin-Germany*

The GFZ German Research Center for Geosciences started  $CO_2$  storage in Ketzin in June 2008. Within the framewok of the European  $CO_2$ -SINK project, approximately 60.000 tons of  $CO_2$  will be stored between 2008 and 2010 at a depth of more than 600 m. An injection well and two observation wells have been successfully completed to depths of 800 m, equipped with modern sensor technology and successfully tested. (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project).

#### K12-B- Netherlands

Since 1987, The K12-B gas field has been producing natural gas with a relatively high  $CO_2$  content. The  $CO_2$  is separated from the natural gas before it is tanrsported. Until recently the  $CO_2$  was vented, but it is now injected into the gas field, at a depth of approximately 4000 m. K12-B is the first  $CO_2$  storage site in the world where  $CO_2$  is being injected into the same reservoir from which it was, together with methane, produced. The feasibility of  $CO_2$  injection and storage in depleted natural gas fields and the corresponding monitoring and verification are being investigated (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project).

#### Weyburn- Canada

A Canadian oil and gas corporation EnCana Corporation announced to implement a large scale EOR project in an oilfield near Weyburn, Saskatchewan, using  $CO_2$  captured from Dakota Gasification Company's Synfuels Plant in 1998. The main goal of the Weyburn project is to predict and verify the ability of an oil reservoir to store  $CO_2$ . The work has focused on understanding the mechanisms of  $CO_2$  distribution and containment within the reservoir and the degree to which  $CO_2$  can be permanently stored. The expertise obtained can be used when selecting other storage sites (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project,).

#### **Kainov- Poland**

A pilot site for  $CO_2$  storage in coal seams was set-up at Kaniow, Poland. This site consisted of one injection and one production well. About 760 ton of  $CO_2$  has been injected into the reservoir from August 2004 to June 2005. A follow-up EC project, MOVECBM, aimed at assessing the storage performance of the reservoir, i.e. whether the injected  $CO_2$  was adsorbed onto the coal or whether it was still present as free gas in the pore space. The site now provides a valuable opportunity to monitor the postinjection phase of storage evolution (CO2ReMoVe, EU-FP 6 Project).

#### 1.4. CO<sub>2</sub> Trapping Mechanisms

 $CO_2$  storage into geological formation is achieved by a combination of processes: displacement of the in situ fluids by  $CO_2$ , dissolution of  $CO_2$  in the formation water, and geochemical reaction of  $CO_2$  with rock minerals to form stable, solid compounds such as carbonates. When  $CO_2$  is injected into subsurface, at first displacement of in situ fluids by  $CO_2$  dominates, however, over time scales of decades and centuries, the dissolution of  $CO_2$  into brine and geochemical reactions become more important (Sengul, 2006).

In Fact, during CO<sub>2</sub> storage, four CO<sub>2</sub> trapping mechanisms exist to retain the injected CO<sub>2</sub> in geological formations (Gaus et al, 2008): structural, residual, solubility, or mineral trapping. Structural trapping involves the storage of CO<sub>2</sub> as supercritical fluid beneath a low permeability cap rock. Residual trapping represents the supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> that is trapped in small pores and can not be mobilized anymore. Solubility trapping involves the dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub> into brine or oil. Mineral trapping involves CO<sub>2</sub> rich reservoir brine reaction with the reservoir rock minerals to precipitate as carbonate minerals. Permanent sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> can be achieved by third mechanism, mineral trapping.

#### 1.5 Safety of Carbon Storage

It is crucial to prove the long term reliability and safety of  $CO_2$  geological storage. The risks involved in the pipeline transport of  $CO_2$  and with surface injection facilities are reasonably well understood and are already borne by the enhanced oil recovery industry. However, the injected and stored  $CO_2$  may migrate into groundwater sources and contaminate them and may even reach the surface and leak back to the atmosphere. If it is the case, then it means the process is not working as a climate change mitigation method. Therefore, the assessment of  $CO_2$  sequestration needs to be carried out on the basis of a better understanding of in situ physical and chemical processes induced by

 $CO_2$  injection and storage, of improved numerical modeling of  $CO_2$  fate and a detailed knowledge of relevant site characterization (Bachu, 2002). There are many risks associated with  $CO_2$  storage. One of the risks is the dissolution of cap rock by acidic  $CO_2$ -rich fluids resulting from  $CO_2$  injection. During underground  $CO_2$  storage, the containment of  $CO_2$  will be crucially dependent on the cap rock integrity above the  $CO_2$ . Thus, it is necessary to evaluate how the  $CO_2$  might impact cap rocks, since this could control the ultimate longevity of  $CO_2$  storage.

## **CHAPTER 2**

## LITERATURE SURVEY

The chemistry of geological formation water is the result of different hydrogeochemical processes such as mixing, dissolution/precipitation of minerals, bacterial activity and interactions with organic materials. The injection of  $CO_2$  into the geological formations creates an extra process affecting the chemistry of the brine and increasing the chemical reactivity of the system. This is why the success of  $CO_2$  storage and its worldwide development depends largely on the understanding of  $CO_2$  interaction with formation water and minerals in the long term (Gaus et al, 2008).

#### 2.1 CO<sub>2</sub>- Water Interaction

It is known that the injected supercritical  $CO_2$  moves upward with favorable vertical permeability and the buoyancy effects, from the injection point and accumulates under the overlying cap rock after a few years of injection (Gaus et al, 2005).

Once the  $CO_2$  has reached the base of the cap rock it will dissolve into the cap rock formation water and then diffuse vertically upward into the cap rock. The cap rock formation water is acidized as the  $CO_2$  dissolves in it (Lagneau et al, 2005).

The following equations are homogeneous reactions since they involve only aqueous components.

$$CO_{2}(sc) \Leftrightarrow CO_{2}(aq)$$

$$CO_{2}(aq) + H_{2}0 \Leftrightarrow H_{2}CO_{3}(aq)$$

$$H_{2}CO_{3}(aq) \Leftrightarrow H^{+} + HCO_{3}^{-}$$

$$HCO_{3}^{-} \Leftrightarrow H^{+} + CO_{3}^{2-}$$

The above speciation of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> is highly dependent on the pH.

From Figure 2.1, it is seen that, for the closed system, the speciation evolves from dominant  $CO_2$  (aq) at low pH to  $HCO_3^-$  and finally  $CO_3^{2-}$  at intermediate and high pH. For the open system (Figure 2.2), the concentration of  $CO_2$  (aq) stays constant and the higher the pH values, higher the concentration of  $HCO_3^-$  and  $CO_3^{2-}$ .



Figure 2. 1 Speciation of the dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of pH, in a 1 M NaCl solution at 60° C (closed system) (Lagneau et al., 2005)


Figure 2. 2 Speciation of the dissolved  $CO_2$  as a function of pH, in a 1 M NaCl solution at 60 °C (open system) (Lagneau et al., 2005)

The solubility of  $CO_2$  depends on several factors such as pressure, temperature and salinity. Duan and Sun (2002) also investigated this. The solubility increases with pressure, but decreases with temperature and the salinity (Figure 2.3 and Figure 2.4). The salinity effect is known as the salting-out effect.



Figure 2. 3 Solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in pure water: influence of the pressure and temperature (Duan and Sun, 2002)



Figure 2. 4 Solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> at 60 °C: influence of the pressure and salinity (Duan and Sun, 2002)

## 2.2 CO<sub>2</sub>-Water-Rock Interaction

The acidification due the solubility of  $CO_2$  into brine results in geochemical reactions with the rock minerals present in the cap rock. In other words, the carbonate ion  $CO_3^{2^-}$ will eventually react with the cations present in the reservoir to precipitate carbonate minerals. In this case, the reactions that take place depend on the mineral composition of the reservoir rock.

The most common of these reactions are:

$$CO_{3}^{2-} + Ca = CaCO_{3} (calcite)$$

$$2CO_{3}^{2-} + Ca + Mg = CaMg (CO_{3})_{2} (dolomite)$$

$$CO_{3}^{2-} + Fe = FeCO_{3} (siderite)$$

Geochemical reactions between dissolved  $CO_2$  and the minerals present in the cap rock lead to porosity and thus permeability changes. Porosity can be increased due the dissolution of initial cap rock minerals in the acidized formation water whereas it can be decreased as a result of the precipitation of secondary minerals (minerals which are not available at the beginning of the reaction). A porosity increase would be undesirable since this would make the injected  $CO_2$  leak through the cap rock while this is good for the reservoir rock regarding the higher storage capacity. However, a porosity decrease is an advantage, which would further increase the sealing capacity of the cap rock. In fact, the porosity decrease due to new mineral precipitations would usually be around 1% of total volume. But such a small decrease would lead to much a significant decrease of permeability almost 20% (Calabrese and Masserano, 2006).

Carbonate formations are found to be limited in the quantity of  $CO_2$  that can be trapped by geochemical reactions. Silicaclastic formation are expected to have the best potential for trapping  $CO_2$ , by precipitating carbonate minerals, when they contain an assemblage of basic aluminosilicate minerals such as feldspars, zeolite, illite, chlorite and smectites (Gunter et al., 1997). When these aluminosilicate minerals react with aqueous  $CO_2$ , they dissociate to form a kaolinite and the  $CO_2$  is trapped in this form. The protons (H<sup>+</sup>) in the aqueous solution are replaced with the cations from the dissolution of initial alluminosilicate minerals. Dissolution of most minerals consumes H<sup>+</sup> thus increasing the pH of the brine (becomes more basic). Precipitation of mineral releases H<sup>+</sup> thus decreasing pH of the brine (becomes more acidic).

#### 2.3 Laboratory investigations on CO<sub>2</sub>-brine-rock interaction

Laboratory experiments are rarely conducted since prediction of the long-term reactions between  $CO_2$  dissolved formation water and rock minerals is difficult by short term experiments. Moreover, complete reactions and mineral trapping of  $CO_2$  would require

minimum time scales in the order of years once injected  $CO_2$  had dissolved in the formation water. Increasing the temperature to 100-150°C is expected to increase the kinetic rates sufficiently to observe significant reactions. While the higher temperature and increased salinity tend to increase reaction rates, they are also responsible for significantly reduced dissolved  $CO_2$  in solution.

Gunter *et al* (1997) carried out experiments on potential  $CO_2$  trapping reactions in the Glauconite Sandstone aquifer at 105 °C and 90 bars for one month. The main aluminosilicate minerals of this aquifer, which would contribute to the trapping capacity of the aquifer, were feldspar and glauconite. However, very little reaction was observed during this experiment period. The geochemical code PATHARC.94 was used to predict the  $CO_2$  trapping reactions. The results of the experiments and the modeling show that these reactions are slow- at least on the order of tens to hundreds of years.

Kaszuba *et al* (2005) conducted experiments in a flexible cell hydrothermal apparatus to determine the extent of fluid-rock interactions. The system was held at 200 °C and 200 bars for 59 days to approach steady state, then  $CO_2$  was injected and allowed to react another 80 days. The results show significant reactions occurred such as magnesite precipitation. Moreover, the fluid analysis shows increase in CI ion, which is partly due to supercritical  $CO_2$  desiccation of brine.

Egermann *et al* (2005) performed experiments in which coinjection of supercritical  $CO_2$  and brine to limestone. The results show that the flow rate and the initial fluid composition in the core played important role in the  $CO_2$ -brine-rock interaction causing various heterogeneous dissolution patterns and in some cases to re-precipitation and reduction in permeability.

Bateman *et al* (2005) conducted a well-constrained long term (7.5 months) laboratory work reacting known amounts of minerals with  $CO_2$  rich-fluids to represent situations where  $CO_2$  is being injected into deep geological formations. Using BGS coupled code,

modeling the experimental systems was performed. It was concluded that the model results tend to overestimate the reaction degree compared with those of experimental works.

Lin *et al* (2007) carried out experiments consisting of four different systems (supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>-rock, water-rock, supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>-vapour-rock and supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>-water-rock). The experiments were conducted in hydrothermal autoclave at  $100^{\circ}$  C. Rock minerals were quartz, biotite and granite. In all the scCO<sub>2</sub>-rock system, without water, no evident chemical alternation occurred contributing to the dissolution of rock minerals. In the case of introduction of water or vapor, elements dissolved from both quartz and biotite were too low to be responsible for the occurrence of high concentration elements dissolved in the residual solution in the granite system.

While reviewing the literature surveys on geochemical aspects of  $CO_2$  sequestration as a means of reducing its amount in the atmosphere, there is almost no study on *cap rock* integrity. However, there are several experimental studies conducted with  $CO_2$ -saturated formation water on *reservoir rock* under various temperature and pressure conditions in the consideration of mineral trapping of  $CO_2$  in the reservoir rock after the injection.

Indeed, the subjects of cap rock and reservoir rock studies are similar. What is different here is the rock composition. Moreover, formation water composition of cap rock, which must be one of the parameters to be known in the geochemical investigation of cap rock integrity, is not usually analyzed in the field. But this problem can be solved by assuming the cap rock formation water is similar to the reservoir formation water (Xu et al, 2005).

### 2.4 Numerical modeling of CO<sub>2</sub>- rock interaction

Experimental data are needed, but they are limited in time, space, and conditions. Numerical simulation techniques thus provide a useful tool to extend the experimental results, and to predict the fate of the injected  $CO_2$  in geological formations (Lagneau et al, 2005).

There are several commercial numerical modeling codes such as PHREEQC, HYTEC, GEM-GHG and TOUGHREACT to predict long term geochemical evolution of the rock after massive amount of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration.

Xu *et al* (2005) developed a conceptual model of  $CO_2$  injection in sandstone-shale formation using common hydrogeologic properties and mineral compositions of Gulf Coast sediments. The reactive transport code TOUGHREACT was used to investigate the mass transfer between the beds and  $CO_2$  trapping through carbonate precipitations. Simulation results show that most  $CO_2$  sequestration occurs in the sandstone bed. The main  $CO_2$  trapping minerals are dawsonite and ankerite. The  $CO_2$  mineral trapping capacity reaches about 90 kg/m<sup>3</sup> after 100,000 years.

The study of Gaus *et al* (2005) focuses on the geochemical aspects of the Sleipner injection project, with special attention to the long term integrity of the Nordland Shale cap rock preventing upward migration of the injected  $CO_2$ . Reactive transport modeling combining reaction kinetics and diffusive transport is used to qualify and quantify the effects of geochemical reactions on the porosity of the cap rock at the Sleipner site, using the code PHREEQC (V2.6). The simulation results show that some carbonate dissolution occurs at first, but in long term, feldspar alteration is the dominant reaction and also the exact mineralogical composition of the plagioclase fraction in the cap rock plays an important role. These reactions may result in a little decrease in porosity and

therefore also a decrease permeability which might locally improve the cap rock integrity is expected.

Lagneau *et al* (2005) performed simulations using the code HYTEC. Two deep saline aquifers were the areas of interest of  $CO_2$  injection: Dogger- the carbonated aquifer in Paris Basin and Bunter- the sandstone aquifer in North Sea. It was expected that  $CO_2$ dissolution in the carbonated one and carbonate mineral precipitation in the sandstone one. The simulation results show that, in the carbonated Dogger aquifer, transport controlled the dispersion of the dissolved  $CO_2$  in the flow direction. For the sandstone Bunter aquifer, the evolution is controlled by the reactivity of the dissolved  $CO_2$  with the reservoir rock minerals. The dissolution of silicate minerals enables the precipitation of secondary new carbonates.

Calabrese and Messarano (2006) performed simulations using GEM-GHG to investigate the influence of physical and chemical process occurring during  $CO_2$  sequestration in a depleted gas field located in north of Italy on the total storage capacity. The simulation results indicate that the storage capacity decreases as the rate of injection decreases. At high rates, the  $CO_2$  channeled through high permeability paths and the maximum bottomhole pressure imposed to the system will be reached more rapidly than the cases at low injection rate, and the injection well will be shut sooner, giving a lower total injected capacity. Also it is observed that  $CO_2$  impurity affects adversely the storage capacity.

Andre *et al* (2007) studied the physical and chemical impact of  $CO_2$  injection on the properties of the carbonate Dogger aquifer (Paris Basin- France), through 1 D radial numerical simulation using the multiphase reactive transport code TOUGHREACT. Two injection cases were investigated. The first one considers injection of  $CO_2$ -saturated water. The continuous injection of acid solution involves continuous dissolution of all carbonates. A large porosity increase up to 90 % was predicted after an injection period of 10 years. The second case is the injection of supercritical  $CO_2$ . The

overall gochemical activity is much lower than that of  $CO_2$  saturated water case. Also, the injected supercritical  $CO_2$  causes the vaporization of the water leading to the formation water with higher ionic strength, which is known as desiccation process.

The paper of Gherard *et al* (2007) focuses on the study of the reactive mechanism which may occur as a consequence of  $CO_2$  geological disposal at depth in a potentially highlyreactive cap rock, consisting of carbonate-rich shale. Gas- water- rock interactions resulting from  $CO_2$  migration into the cap rock have been simulated using TOUGHREACT under two alternative mass transport conditions; diffusion in the aqueous phase and gas and / or liquid advection. In case of transport by molecular diffusion in the aqueous phase,  $CO_2$ -leakage becomes self-limiting and pores become clogged with newly precipitated minerals after very short time. On the other hand, when transport of chemical is dominated by advection,  $CO_2$  leakage through cap rock enhances both porosity and permeability.

In this study, geochemical reactions are investigated through experimental work on the core on the Sayındere cap rock formation. Experimental works consists of the static and dynamic experiments. Moreover, using ToughReact, reactive transport modeling simulator, the long term evolution of the cap rock minerals under  $CO_2$  injection is simulated.

# **CHAPTER 3**

# **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

One way to reduce the amount of  $CO_2$  in the atmosphere is to capture the  $CO_2$  and inject it into geological formations. The key to the success of  $CO_2$  sequestration process is to prove that the leakage of injected  $CO_2$  is insignificant. It is known that the leakage paths can be due to  $CO_2$  - rock interaction and  $CO_2$  – well interaction after massive injection of  $CO_2$ . This study focuses on the former interaction. Although supercritical  $CO_2$  is normally inert, when it dissolves in water or brine, it makes formation water acidic. This acidized water can react with the cap rock minerals and thus geochemical reactions can take place. These reactions can change the porosity and therefore, the permeability and furthermore affect the sealing capacity of cap rocks.

The aim of this research is to identify the geochemical reactions of the CO<sub>2</sub> saturated in the synthetic formation water with the rock minerals of the Sayındere cap by laboratory investigations. It is also aimed to assess the potential impacts of geochemical processes on the integrity of the Sayındere cap rock core by using the reactive transport code TOUGHREACT and compare the both results. The Sayındere formation is the cap rock of the Caylarbasi, a southeastern petroleum field in Turkey. In a previous study (TUBITAK KAMAG, 2009), the Caylarbasi field has been selected as one of the sites for the possible CO<sub>2</sub> storage in Turkey.

# **CHAPTER 4**

# **MATERIALS FOR THE EXPERIMENTS**

For this work, 6 core plugs were provided by TPAO from Sayındere formation which is the cap rock for many oil fields in southeastern Turkey. Specifically, it is the caprock of Caylarbasi oil field which was selected for a prefeasibility study on CO<sub>2</sub> storage project (TUBITAK-KAMAG, 2009). Although Sayındere is a cap rock overlying the oil reservoirs in the southeastern part of Turkey, in some fields like Karakus, oil was produced from fractured layers of Sayındere formation. The top and bottom of Sayındere formation are Kastel and Karabogaz formations. The average thickness of Sayındere is around 100 m and it exhibits homogenous lithology: clayey carbonate. It was deposited in a deep ocean environment tduring the late Campanian, which is the fifth of six stages in the Upper Cretaceous series. The Campanian period is between  $83.5 \pm 0.7$  Ma to  $70.6 \pm 0.6$  Ma (million years ago). Thin section analysis of the core sample from the Sayındere cap rock reveals that the formation is mostly composed of calcite (85%), clay (13%) and small amounts of quartz, hematite and glauconite.

The types of chemical reactions taking places between rock minerals and formation water in the presence of dissolved  $CO_2$ , obviously depend on initial mineral composition and dissolved metal species within formation water. Therefore, before an experiment or a simulation, the initial rock mineral composition and formation chemistry must be known to evaluate the geochemical aspects of underground  $CO_2$  storage.

# 4.1 Fluid Chemistry of Sayındere Formation

The formation water analysis of Sayındere cap rock of Caylarbasi field is not available since the reservoir is important for petroleum engineering than the cap rock. The reservoir formation water analysis from the Caylarbasi -1 well was carried out in TPAO Research Center. The composition of this water is given in Table 1 (where MEQ= (mg/lt )/MW\*charge number, MEQ (%)=MEQ/Total MEQ\*100).

	mg/lt	ppm	MEQ	<b>MEQ</b> (%)
Sodium	641.04	640.84	27.89	36.76
Calcium	120.54	120.5	6.01	7.93
Magnesium	48.7	48.69	4	5.28
Iron	0.38	0.38	0.02	0.03
Sulfate	14.4	14.4	0.3	0.39
Chloride	761.2	760.97	21.47	28.3
Carbonate	0	0	0	0
Bicarbonate	985.26	984.96	16.16	21.3
Total	2571.52	2570.74	75.85	100

 Table 4. 1 Reservoir formation water analysis from Caylarbasi-1 (TPAO)

Assuming reservoir and cap rock formation waters are similar; Sayındere cap rock formation water was synthetically prepared. For the preparation of 1 L formation water, 1.83 mg of FeCl<sub>3</sub> ×  $6H_2O$ , 36.83 mg of MgSO<sub>4</sub> ×  $7H_2O$ , 333 mg of CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 375.64 mg of MgCl<sub>2</sub> ×  $6H_2O$ , 1,356 g of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and 688 mg of NaCl are calculated to give the above composition. So these chemical substances at the calculated amounts are mixed and dissolved in 1 L deionized water to prepare the synthetic formation water at the given composition.

After synthetically being prepared, the formation water was sent to the laboratory to check if the formation water had the same composition with the reference composition. The anions available in the water are measured by Ion Chromatography (IP) and the cations present in the water are measured by inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) at the Petroleum Research Laboratory, METU. Alkalinity is determined by titration. For alkalinity, there is no direct measuring equipment. There are 3 kinds of alkalinity, hydroxide (OH), normal carbonate ( $CO_3^{-2}$ ), bicarbonate ( $HCO_3^{-}$ ). In order to distinguish between the kinds of alkalinity present in a sample and determine the quantities of each, a titration is made with a standard acid using two indicators successively. The standard solution is 0.02 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the indicators are phenolphthalein and methyl orange test solutions. The procedure of this analysis is given in Apendix A The chemistry analysis of synthetically prepared water is given in Table 4.2.

	ppm
Sodium	693.2
Calcium	41.92
Magnesium	47.36
Iron	1.190
Sulfate	15
Chloride	725
Bicarbonate	613
рН	7.453

Table 4. 2 Analysis of the synthetic formation water

### 4.2 Mineral Investigation of Sayındere Formation

6 core samples shown in Figure 4.1 were taken from TPAO for the experimental investogations. As seen from Figure 4.1, the cores are approximately 1 in. in diameter and 1.5 in. in length. The cores belong to Well Besni-1 and were taken from the Sayındere formation, the same cap rock with the cap rock of Caylarbasi Field. No cores were available from the Sayındere formation of Caylarbasi Field. Thus, the same cap rock cores were used in this thesis study. It is known that Sayındere cap rock is generally homogeneous, whose lower part is limestone and upper part is clay.



Figure 4. 1 Cores taken from Sayındere cap rock

## 4.2.1 Thin Section Analysis of Sayındere Cores

The purpose of this analysis is to investigate the composition of Sayındere cores. Sayındere is already known to be homogeneous and mainly composed of clayey carbonate. A Thin Section analysis can not give the type of the clay and clay composition, but can reveal other minerals the Sayındere formation is composed of. The thin section analysis was done on the core # 4 by Nikon Eclipse E200 Optical Microscope at Geological Engineering Department, METU. As shown in Figure 4.1, the core is gray colored. The core represents a matrix of very fine grained calcite and clay minerals. From the optical microscope, it was seen there are many lighter and darker laminations with thickness of 0.1-0.8 mm. Tiny cracks parallel to these laminations are filled or stained with iron oxide. A lot of fossils and calcite grains are found. Calcite was formed by chemical processes and transported from other places. Moreover, a few rounded quartz, a small number of hematites and glauconites are found. It can be said that the rock is roughly composed of 85 % calcite, 1 % quartz, 0.5 % hematite and the remaining 13.5% percent clay (Göncüoğlu, 2010). Photos taken during thin section analysis are illustrated in Appendix B.

# **CHAPTER 5**

# **EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION**

#### **5.1 Static Experiment**

#### 5.1.1 Static experimental set-up

The experimental set up for the static (batch) experiment is shown in Figure 5.1. Some photos (Fig.C1, C2, C3) of the experimental apparatus are given in Appendix C. Technical specifications of the experimental equipment are listed in Table 5.1. As seen from Figure 5.1, there are two core holders to run the test on two cores simultaneously. The two holders are same in size (Table 5.2). The dimensions of the mixing cylinder for  $CO_2$  and synthetic formation water are given in Table 5.3. Two core holders, the mixing cylinder are all made of stainless steel, except that the covers of the mixing cylinder are made of brass. Normally brass is resistant to corrosion; however, it was degraded due to long contact with acidic water during the experiment and caused corrosion problem, which is observed in the water sampling and SEM analyses.

Two original cores are used. It was aimed that after one month, the experiment in the  $2^{nd}$  core holder would be terminated and the SEM analysis of the core and the fluid chemistry analysis would be made to see any changes due to the CO<sub>2</sub>-brine-rock interaction. If no change was observed from this experiment, the experiment in the  $1^{st}$  core holder would be kept for longer period than 1 month.



Figure 5. 1 The schematic diagram of the experimental set-up.

Experimental Apparatus	Specification
Pressure Transducer	0-3000 psia 4-20 mA
Thermocouple(PT-100)	-20 °C - +150 °C
ISCO 500D Pump	Cylinder Capacity: 507.38 ml Pressure Range: 10psi-3750 psia Refill or Depressurization rate: 1µl/min-204 ml/min at any pressure 0-3750 psi
CO2 Cylinder	40 lt, 65.8 kg, 250 bar
Core Holders	High pressure Steel
Mixing Cylinder	High pressure Steel
Dispatch Oven	10-400 °C
Elimko 680 Data Logger	Input types: Thermocouple, resistance Thermocouple, Voltage, Current Operating Temperature: -10°C - +55°C Memory: EEPROM max. 10 <sup>5</sup> writing

# Table 5. 1 Technical specification of experimental apparatus

# Table 5. 2 Core holder dimension

Diameter (cm)	3
Length (cm)	21
Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	148.44

# Table 5. 3 Mixing cylinder dimension

Diameter (cm)	4.7
Length (cm)	15.8
Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	274.12

#### **5.1.2 Static experiment procedure**

Before the experiment, the thin section of core #4 and SEM analysis of the core #5 were made. The core 4 and 5 were put in the core colder-I and the core holder-II respectively. The experiment is conducted under the reservoir condition of a temperature of 90°C and a pressure of around 100 bar. This is the situation where  $CO_2$  is in supercritical state.

Before the experiment started, the temperature of the oven was raised to a temperature of 90 °C. Firstly, valve #3 was opened and CO<sub>2</sub> was sent to the mixing cylinder at 400 psia. Then synthetic formation water was pumped by using ISCO pump at previously determined constant pressure of 1430 psia. In the mixing cylinder, CO<sub>2</sub> and water was left for 4 hours to equilibrate. Afterwards, valves #5 and #7 were opened and let the core holder-II be filled with mixture of CO<sub>2</sub> and synthetic water from the mixing cylinder. The core holder-II pressure was raised finally to around a pressure of 1550 psi by pumping water through ISCO pump and the valves #5 and #7 were closed.

Then, the mixing cylinder was cleaned and vacuumed and  $CO_2$  was again sent into the mixing cylinder by  $CO_2$  cylinder regulator at a pressure of 400 psia. Immediately after this, water was pumped by ISCO at 1550 psia. Having been kept for 4 hours for equilibration, the mixture of water and  $CO_2$  were sent to the core holder-I through opening the valves #5 and #6. Its pressure was raised again by ISCO pump at 1550 psia. Afterwards, the valves #5 and #6 were closed.

The pressure of the  $2^{nd}$  core holder and the temperatures of both core holders were recorded. As shown in Figure 5.2, the pressure and temperatures are kept all constant.

# Calculation of CO<sub>2</sub> amount used in the static experiment

Since  $CO_2$  was sent into the mixing cylinder of volume 274.12 cm<sup>3</sup> at pressure of 400 psia and temperature of 90 °C, the  $CO_2$  amount sent can be calculated as follows:

Mixing cylinder :  $v = \pi r^2 h = \pi \left(\frac{4.7}{2}\right)^2 * 15,8 = 274.12 cm^3$ 

PV = znRT

$$n = \frac{PV}{zRT}$$

For CO2, the critical temperature and pressure are:

$$T_c = 31 .1 °C$$
$$P_c = 73 \quad atm$$

So the reduced critical temperature and pressure:

$$T_r = \frac{T}{T_c} = \frac{90 + 273}{31.1 + 273} = 1.19$$
$$P_r = \frac{P}{P_r} = \frac{27.21}{73} = 0.373$$

At these conditions

 $z\approx 0.94$ 

Given that,

$$R = 8.314472 \ cm^{3}MPa \ K^{-1}mol$$
$$P = 400 \ psia = 2.758MPa$$
$$T = 90^{\circ}C = 363.15^{\circ}K$$

$$n = \frac{2.758 * 274.12}{0.94 * 8.314472 * 363.15} = 0.266 \ mol$$

So, 0.266 mol of  $CO_2$  dissolved in the water was in contact with the core in each core holders in the static experiments.



Figure 5. 2 Pressure and Temperature recordings of the static experiment (final 5 days)

### 5.1.3 Results and Discussion of the Static Experiment

After 30 and 100 days, the experiments in the  $2^{nd}$  and  $1^{st}$  core holders were terminated, respectively. SEM analyses of the cores were made to see any mineralogical changes on the core surfaces. Moreover, the fluid chemistry analyses of the mixtures in the core holders were made to investigate the possible geochemical reactions induced by  $CO_2$  – formation water.

### 5.1.3.1 The 30 day-experiment

## Sample Preparation for SEM/EDX Analysis

A thin layer of 5 mm is taken from the top of the core and it is divided into two parts to carry out top surface SEM/EDX of the one part and in-depth SEM/EDX of the other part (Figure 5.3). Both the in-depth and top surface SEM analyses of the core are carried out prior to and after the experiment. In depth SEM analysis, near to surface and inner part of the core are examined separately.



Figure 5. 3 Schematic representation of the SEM analysis

SEM/EDX analysis results of the 30 day experiment are given in Appendix D. SEM photos are illustrated in Appendix E. SEM analyses were carried out at the Department of Metallurgical Engineering. From the photos taken in SEM analysis (Figure E.3), it is seen that the near to surface appears to become looser than the inner part of the core, which is interpreted as being due to  $CO_2$  diffusion into the core. The following tables give the concentrations of each element concentration revealed during the SEM/EDX analysis.

Table 5.4 shows the inner part in-depth SEM analysis of the core #5, prior to after the experiment for comparison. From Table 5.4, as expected the reaction occur at the surface, there is no difference in the element concentrations of inner part of the core sample. This explains that the inner part of the core is not affected as a result of the  $CO_2$  saturated water. Oxygen, element concentration is around 52 %. Si and Ca element concentrations are approximately 5 % and 42 %, respectively.

	prior to experiment inner part	after experiment inner part	
	Element Conc	entration (%)	
0	52.36	52.71	
Si	4.72	5.42	
Ca	42.93	41.88	

Table 5. 4 In-depth SEM Analysis of Core #5 (Inner part)

	prior to experiment near to surface	after experiment near to surface (site_1)	after experiment near to surface (site_2)	after experiment near to surface (site_3)
	Elem	ent Concentration	(%)	
0	53.86	56.34	55.14	56.87
Al			0.50	0.30
Si	7.72	11.17	8.50	9.63
Ca	38.41	29.48	32.81	25.30
Fe		3.01	3.06	7.90

Table 5. 5 In depth SEM Analysis of Core #5 (Near to Surface)

Table 5.5 illustrates the near to surface in depth SEM analyses of the core sample to see any change in element concentration by comparing the prior to and after the experiment concentrations. As seen in Table 5.5, after the 30-day experiment, three different sites of the near to surface SEM/EDX analyses are performed on the core #5. Different from the inner part, there are Al and Fe element available near to surface of the core. Moreover, prior to experiment, there are no Al and Fe ions near to surface of the core sample. The source of Fe ion seen on the near to surface of the core #5 after the experiment may be explained as the result of the corrosion in the experiment. All equipment in the experiment is made from high quality steel. However, the long time contact with acidic water may have caused degradation of the steel and resulted in corrosion.

However, the Ca element concentration is obviously decreased when the prior to and after the experiment Ca element are compared. It may explain that the Ca bearing minerals are dissolved into the  $CO_2$  saturated formation water because, from the water

analysis given in Table 5.7, the Ca ion concentrations increased from 41.92 ppm to 382.2 ppm throughout the experiment.

The Al element seen on the near to surface may be due to the polishing core surfaces where  $Al_2O_3$  was used before the SEM analysis. The upper top surface of the core before putting it into experiment was also polished.

	before the experiment	after the experiment (site_1)	after experiment (site_2)
	Eleme	nt Concent	ration (%)
0	53.13	54.39	54.14
Mg	0.91	0.98	0.71
Al	0.47		
Si	6.03		
Ca	39.45	27.07	28.62
Fe		17.57	16.54

 Table 5. 6 Top Surface SEM Analysis of Core #5

Table 5.6 shows the top surface SEM analyses of the core sample prior to and after the static experiment. As seen in Table 5.6, after the experiment, two different sites of top surface SEM/EDX analyses are carried out on the core #5. Here, again, the Ca element concentration decrease is observed and it supports the explanation of dissolution of Ca bearing minerals into  $CO_2$  saturated formation water. Also, from Table 5.6, there was Si element on the top surface of the core sample before the experiment. However, there is no Si element seen on the top surface after the experiment. Moreover, from water analysis (Table 5.7), there is Si ion in the formation water discharged after the experiment and there was no Si ion available in synthetically prepared formation water

prior to experiment. Thus, this may give the explanation for the dissolution of Sibearing minerals, which is the quartz in the Sayındere core from the core in the experiment.

For the Fe seen on the top surface of the core after experiment, it may be due to the corrosion of the steel core holders.

	Prior to experiment	After the experiment
	(pp	om)
Sodium	693.2	752.7
Calcium	41.92	382.2
Magnesium	47.36	152.1
Iron	1.19	0.443
Sulfate	15	117.18
Chloride	725	903.26
Bicarbonate	613	619
Silicon		16.14

 Table 5. 7 Water Analysis of the 30 day experiment

Table 5.7 gives initial and final compositions of formation water of 30 day experiment. Cations available in water were analyzed by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-OES) and anions were analyzed by Ion Chromatography (IC). The ICP-OES and IC analyses were carried out at the Water Laboratory of Petroleum Research Center, METU.

Bicarbonate ion concentrations were determined by titration technique. Apart from the initial ions available in the synthetically prepared formation water, there is new ion Si present in the final water after the experiment. SEM analysis of the core supports the presence of Si ion. Some Si- bearing minerals are dissolved as a result of  $CO_2$ - water-rock interaction. Also, some Ca and Mg bearing minerals are dissolved. Final concentrations of Ca and Mg ions are increased by 340.28 and 140.74 ppm respectively.

The sulfate and chloride ion concentrations are increased too. But SEM analyses of the core does not give any explanation to these increases.

### 5.1.3.2 The 100 day-experiment

SEM/EDX analysis results are given in Appendix H. Appendix G illustrates the photos of SEM Analysis of the 100 day-experiment. From the photos of SEM analyses (Figure G.7), there is a deposition layer on the surface, which appear a light coloured layer. Since there was no flow in the experiment, there was no transport of the reactant and reaction products. Thus, the formation of deposition layer can be explained in that way that the dissolved particles were deposited back on the core surfaces. Moreover, in Figure G.9, it is observed that there are wormholes created due to the heterogeneous pattern of calcite dissolution induced by the CO<sub>2</sub>-formation water.

Table 5.8 shows the inner part in-depth SEM analysis of the core #4, prior to and after the experiment for comparison. From Table 5.8, there is no significant difference in the atom concentration of inner part of the core sample. In other words, the inner part of the core is not affected as a result of the experiment. This is also observed in the 30 day-experiment.

	Prior to experiment (inner part)	After experiment (inner part)	
	Element Cor	ncentration (%)	
Al	2.48	6.79	
Si	15.05	18.76	
K		1.91	
Ca	80.68	70.12	
Fe		2.42	
Mg	1.79		

 Table 5. 8 In-depth SEM Analysis of Core #4 (Inner part)

	Prior to the experiment	after the experiment (site_1)	after the experiment (site_2)	after experiment (site_3)	
	Elen	Element Concentration (%)			
Al	1.45		1.64		
Si	5.76	7.94	13.33	3.52	
S	15.35				
Ca	60.14	20.69	22.83	19.7	
Fe	14.76	51.84	45.16	55.33	
Mg		3.06	2.2	3.53	

 Table 5. 9 In depth SEM Analysis of Core #4 (Near to Surface)

Table 5. 10 Top Surface SEM Analysis of Core #5

	Prior to the experiment	after the experiment (site_1)	after the experiment (site_2)
	Element	Concentra	ation (%)
Al	0.35	1.03	1.79
Si	14.44	6.9	22.81
Ca	84.67	23.56	22.69
Fe	0.54	63.85	48.9
Mg		2.1	1.94

Table 5.9 illustrates the near to surface in depth SEM analysis of the core #5 to see any change in element concentration by comparing the prior to and after the experiment concentrations. Three different sites of the near to surface SEM/EDX analyses are performed on the core #4. Table 5.10 shows the top surface SEM analyses of the core #5 prior to and after the static experiment. Two different sites of the top surface SEM/EDX analyses are performed on the core #4. From the both tables above, there is large increase in Fe element concentration. It may be explained due to the corrosion of the core holder equipment subject to acid fluid for long time. Moreover, it is seen in Table 5.9 and Table 5.9, Ca element is significantly reduced, which shows calcite dissolution.

	Prior to the experiment	After the experiment	
	(ppm)		
Sodium	693.2	616.7	
Calcium	41.92	335.2	
Magnesium	47.36	52.94	
Iron	1.19	0.591	
Sulfate	15	202.58	
Chloride	725	642.75	
Bicarbonate	613	628	

 Table 5. 11 Water Analysis of the 100 day experiment

Table 5.11 shows initial and final compositions of formation water of the 100 dayexperiment. Ca ion increase is seen here again showing that calcite was again dissolved. Sulfate amount in water is increased from 15 ppm to 202.58 ppm during the experiment. However, there is no reasonable explanation for this sulfate increase.

	Prior to the 30-day experiment	After the 30-day experiment	Prior to the 100-day experiment	After the 100-day experiment
	(ppm)		(ppm)	
Sodium	693.2	752.7	693.2	616.7
Calcium	41.92	382.2	41.92	335.2
Magnesium	47.36	152.1	47.36	52.94
Iron	1.19	0.443	1.19	0.591
Sulfate	15	117.18	15	202.58
Chloride	725	903.26	725	642.75
Bicarbonate	613	619	613	628
Silicon		16.14		

 Table 5. 12Comparison of water analyses of 30- and 100- day experiments

According to Table 5.12,  $Ca^{+2}$  ion concentration is increased up to 340.28 ppm from its initial concentration of 41.92 ppm after 30 day experiment. In the 100-day experiment, the  $Ca^{+2}$  ion concentration is 335.2, which is increased compared to its concentration of prior to the experiment. However, when the  $Ca^{+2}$  concentration of 335.2 is compared to that of  $Ca^{+2}$  concentration in the 30- day experiment, it is lower in amount by 47 ppm. However, this is interpreted that it does not explain that calcite was re-precipitated in the 100- day experiment. On the other hand, calcite is effectively dissolved in earlier time of the experiment as in 30- day experiment and it no longer dissolves after that period.

There is no Si ion detected in the water after the 100-day experiment. Na<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> ion concentrations are decreased, which may be due to their coating on the core surface in 100 day experiment while their concentrations in the 30- day experiment are increased.

### **5.2 Dynamic Experiment**

Before carrying out the dynamic (flow) experiment, the remaining cores (#1, #2, #3 and #6) from Sayindere formation were ground to a powder of less than 60 mesh (i.e 250 micron). The reason of grinding is that the original Sayindere cores were very impermeable and it is impossible to maintain flow through them.

Moreover, grinding of solid cores increases the rate of reaction in three ways. The first effect is to increase the surface area of the grains which allows a larger interface for reaction; the second is that the creation of fresh surfaces often results in high energy sites being exposed; and the third effect is that grains which were previously armoured by other grains, now have surfaces which would be in direct contact with the aqueous phase (Gunter et al., 1997).

Before the dynamic experiment, XRD analysis was planned to carry out for the exact mineral identification and mineral composition. To carry out the XRD analysis, acid treatment was previously performed to remove all carbonate out of the sample. The carbonate was removed by acid treatment technique. 10 g of grinded core sample was chosen for the XRD analysis as representative of the core mineral using Coning and Quartering method.

#### **5.2.1 Carbonate Removal**

10 g of the grinded cap rock sample was put in a 500 mL beaker and 100 mL of NaOAc buffer was added into the beaker. To bring the clay into suspension, the sample was stirred by a glass rod. The suspension was digested in near boiling water bath for 30 minutes with occasional stirring. The suspension was centrifuged for 10 minutes at 6000 rpm. The total 4 washings with NaOAc were done to remove all the carbonate content in 10 g cap rock sample. After the remaining part of the sample was air-dried, it weighed. The weight of this sample was 2.4 g, which is the weight of the non carbonate

sample, assuming all the carbonate content of the sample was washed out during the acid treatment. Therefore it was assumed that all the removed 7.6 g was carbonate.

### 5.2.2 Clay type determination by XRD Analysis

XRD Analysis was carried out at the Department of Geological Engineering, METU. The Thin Section analysis was previously done to for mineral identification and its composition. However, Thin Section analysis can not reveal the type of clay and its composition. Therefore, XRD analysis was carried out to determine the type of the clay and composition.

After the carbonate removal, 2.4 g out of 10 g of grinded sample was available for XRD analysis. 2.4 g of sample was put into a beaker and filled with pure water and then a small amount of acid was added to make sure that the cemented particles are separated from each other. Afterwards, mixture was stirred for some time and left for 8 hours, which is the start time of clay deposition and end of all other minerals deposition. That's why, after 8 hours, the clay suspended in the upper 10 cm part of the beaker was separated by a special pipette and collected into a smaller beaker.

The collected clay particles were sent into XRD Laboratory to determine the type of clay. The XRD analysis of the original powder is firstly carried out (Figure H.1). After the acid treatment is performed to remove the calcite, the XRD analysis is again carried out. Also, 4 XRD analyses of the air dried, waited in ethylene glycol, dried at the 300 °C and dried at 550 °C of the collected clay sample are separately done. It is found that the clay type is kaolinite since the clay was not observed in the sample after drying it at 550 °C by XRD Analysis (Türkmenoğlu, 2010). Results of XRD analysis are given Appendix H.

### 5.2.3 Mineral Composition of Sayındere core

During the XRD Analyses, there was still calcite revealed. From Figure H.2, it is seen that there is calcite peak at the value of 3.031. Therefore, this shows that all carbonate could not be removed by acid treatment although the acid treatment was repeated four times. This results in that the amount of calcite is more than 7.6 g in 10 g of representative sample. However during the simulation study it is assumed calcite composition is 76 % in the Sayındere core.

To find the amount of kaolinite, every 8 hours, the suspended clay was collected from the beaker by a special rod and the beaker was again filled with water and stirred for a few seconds. For a whole week, this procedure was repeated to collect all clay from the beaker until no more clay suspension was observed. Afterwards, the water was removed from the beaker, leaving the remaining minerals except for clay (kaolinite) and calcite. The remaining mineral is found as quartz since, from the XRD analysis, quartz was observed in the sample powder. Thin Section Analysis supports that the remaining mineral is quartz.

The remaining mineral, quartz, after the water removal, was air dried and weighed. Its weight was 2.27 g. So it was calculated that remaining 0.13 g was kaolinite removed by the suspension method. The final mass compostion of Sayındere core by XRD Analysis is given in Table 6.1

Mineral	(mass
Composition	percentage)
calcite	76 %
quartz	22.7%
kaolinite	1.3%

Table 5. 13 Mineral composition of Sayındere cap rock

## 5.2.4 Dynamic Experimental set-up

As mentioned earlier, in dynamic experiment, the remaining cores were ground into 60 mesh size (250 micron) and packed into a core holder and  $CO_2$  saturated- synthetically prepared water was injected through the packed core. Since the cores were very impermeable, they were ground so that a flow could be maintained throughout the experiment. The experimental condition was at a temperature of 90 °C and an injection pressure of 75 bar, representing the field condition.

The scheme of the dynamic experiment is shown in Figure 5.4. Technical specifications of the experimental equipments are listed in Table 5.14. The core holder's and mixing cylinder's dimensions are given Tables 5.15 and Table 5.16, respectively.



Figure 5. 4 The scheme of the dynamic experiment

Experimental Apparatus	Specification
Pressure Transducers	0-3000 psia 4-20 mA
Thermocouple(PT-100)	-20 °C - +150 °C
ISCO 500D Pump	Cylinder Capacity: 507.38 ml Pressure Range: 10psi-3750 psia Refill or Depressurization rate: 1µl/min-204 ml/min at any pressure 0-3750 psi
CO2 Cylinder	40 lt, 65.8 kg 250 bar
Core Holder	High pressure Steel
Mixing Cylinder	High pressure Steel
Dispatch Oven	10-400 °C
Elimko 680 Data	Input types: Thermocouple, resistance Thermocouple,
Logger	Voltage, Current
	Operating Temperature: $-10^{\circ}$ C - $+55^{\circ}$ C
	Memory: EEPROM max. 10 <sup>°</sup> writing

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# Table 5. 15 Core holder dimension

Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	27.85
Length (cm)	5.5
Diameter (cm)	2.54

## Table 5. 16 Mixing cylinder dimension

Diameter (cm)	6.5
Length (cm)	41
Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	1360
$CO_2$  was sent into the mixing cylinder at a pressure of 200 psia after the temperature oven was raised to a temperature of 90 °C. So the amount of  $CO_2$  can be calculated as follows.

# Calculation of $CO_2$ amount sent to the mixing cylinder

Mixing cylinder :  $v = \pi r^2 h = \pi \left(\frac{6.5}{2}\right)^2 * 41 = 1360 cm^3$ 

PV = znRT

$$n = \frac{PV}{zRT}$$

For CO2, the critical temperature and pressure are:

$$T_c = 31 .1 °C$$
$$P_c = 73 \quad atm$$

So the reduced critical temperature and pressure:

$$T_r = \frac{T}{T_c} = \frac{90 + 273}{31.1 + 273} = 1.19$$
$$P_r = \frac{P}{P_r} = \frac{13.8}{73} = 0.186$$

 $z\approx 0.965$ 

Given that,

$$R = 8.314472 cm^{3} MPa K^{-1} mol$$
  

$$P = 200 psia = 1,379 MPa = 13.58 bar$$
  

$$T = 90^{\circ}C = 363.15^{\circ}K$$

$$n = \frac{1379 \times 1360}{0965 \times 8.314472 \times 363.15} = 0,642 \ mol$$

The amount of  $CO_2$  sent to the mixing cylinder is 0.642 mol.

Assuming as pure water, 1kg of water= 1000cc density of water= 1g/cc

From the Figure 5.5,

At 90°C and 75 bar,

 $CO_2$  solubility=3.0 *lb*.  $CO_2$  /100*lb*.  $H_2O$ 

1 lb = 0,45359 kg3 lb. CO<sub>2</sub> = 1,36077kg = 1360.77g 44g of CO<sub>2</sub> = 1mol of CO<sub>2</sub>

Therefore,

 $3 lb. CO_2 / 100 lb. H2O = 30,9266 mol of CO_2 / 45359 cc of H_2O$ 

So in 1360 cc of water, 0, 9273 mol of  $CO_2$  will dissolve. So the injected 0.642 of mole  $CO_2$  will be completely dissolved in the water.

#### **5.2.5 Dynamic Experimental procedure**

 $CO_2$  was sent into mixing cylinder and then the synthetic formation water was injected into the mixing cylinder.  $CO_2$  saturated water was intended to be used in this flow through experiment. It was waited until maximum of the sent  $CO_2$  was dissolved into formation water at the pressure of 75 bar. The reason why it was waited for the  $CO_2$  to dissolve is that maximizing aqueous  $CO_2$  concentration will maximize the degree of fluid-rock reaction. It was observed that the pressure of the experiment system was decreasing as  $CO_2$  dissolved into the formation water. The pressure decrease is the indicative of a decrease in the volume of the system due to the phase change of injected gas  $CO_2$  into dissolved aqueous species. So, the system pressure was raised to the pressure of 75 bar, by slowly injecting the formation water into the mixing cylinder. Then, once it was made sure that no more  $CO_2$  was dissolving into the formation water by observing the pressure recording of the system (Figure 5.6). After a week waiting, the system pressure came into stability around 75 bar.

Afterwards, the fluid was injected into the packed core by opening the valve. The formation water was being injected from the syringe pump at the pressure of 75 bar to maintain the 75 bar -system pressure. There is Backup Pressure Regulator (BPR) fitted at the top of the core holder and the BPR was set at the pressure of 74 bar. So, once the outlet pressure reached the pressure of 74 bar, the BPR automatically was opened and the fluid started discharging out of the core holder and it was collected into a beaker. When the amount of the discharging fluid reached 80 cc, it was taken into another beaker in order to make the fluid analyses. The amount of 80 cc was the minimum amount to be able to carry out the fluid chemistry analyses: ICP-OES, IC and titration. The temperature, the inlet and outlet pressures of the core holder were recorded. As shown in Figure 5.7, the pressures and temperature are all constant throughout the dynamic experiment.



Figure 5. 5 CO<sub>2</sub> solubility (Dodds et al, 1956)



Figure 5. 6 Pressure stabilization during dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub> in the brine



Figure 5. 7 Pressure and temperature recordings of the dynamic experiment (5 days)

## 5.2.6 Results and Discussion of the Dynamic Experiment

The ICP-OES analysis was carried out to detect the cations at the Central Laboratory of Middle East Technical University (METU). IC analysis was made to determine the anions at the Water Laboratory of Petroleum Research Center, METU. Table 5.17 gives the results of these fluid chemistry analyses.

	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
	(prior to the	(after 23	(after 75	(after 99
	exp.)	days)	days)	days)
Sodium	$519.0 \pm 2.1$	602.6±11.2	509.4±9.2	568±6.6
Calcium	$37.5 \pm 0.6$	219.9±3.1	87.95±1.73	35.29±0.01
Magnesium	$45.0 \pm 0.3$	52.97±0.33	44.99±0.33	52.63±0.96
Iron	$0.05 \pm 0.002$	$0.081 \pm 0.001$	0.146±0.004	0.676±0.004
Sulfate	14.0806	477.3	26.79	25
Chloride	746.8860	723.25	840.58	979
Bicarbonate	658	74	866	732
Normal	-	444	-	
carbonate				
Silicon		21.72±0.19	17.58±0.16	5.55±0.03
Aluminum		-	-	-
pH (24 °C)	7.789	8.360	6.678	5.928

 Table 5. 17 Fluid Analyis of the Discharged Water

As seen in Table 5.17, after 23, 75 and 99 days, fluid analyses were carried out to investigate the dissolved species in the water. Different from the initial dissolved ions, there is Si ion in the 23, 75 and 99 day- fluid analyses. This Si ion may come from the dissolution of Si- bearing primary minerals such as kaolinite and quartz. However, there is no Al ion detected in the fluid analyses. Thus, it is hard to say that kaolinite is dissolved as a result of the  $CO_2$  saturated- cap rock interaction in the experiment.

 $Ca^{+2}$  ion is increased in the after 23- day analysis from its initial concentration of 37.5 ppm up to around 220 ppm and then in the following two analyses (after 75 and 99 days)  $Ca^{+2}$  ion concentration decreased to 87.95 and 35.29, respectively. As shown in Table 5.17, at the end of 99 days,  $Ca^{+2}$  ion concentration is nearly same as that of the  $Ca^{+2}$  of injected water. This is interpreted as calcite is dissolved in earlier time, like 23 days, of the experiment and the calcite available for reaction in the core is decreased due to injected water sweeping the dissolved elements to production end. At the end of 99 days, it is anticipated that  $Ca^{+2}$  available for reaction is depleted and  $Ca^{+2}$  produced is equal to injected  $Ca^{+2}$ .

# **CHAPTER 6**

# NUMERICAL MODELING OF CO<sub>2</sub>-FLUID-ROCK INTERACTION

When assessing the impact of the long term  $CO_2$  storage on geological formations, numerical modeling plays a crucial role geochemical reactions are very slow and laboratory work under the field conditions is limited in time and space. Once  $CO_2$  is dissolved in water, it makes water acidic and it can change the physical and chemical properties of the well, the reservoir and cap rock and create the environmental and economic risk of  $CO_2$  storage projects in geological formations (Gaus et al, 2008).

Today's numerical modeling for CO<sub>2</sub> storage applications can be divided into three categories:

- hydrodynamic modeling simulating structural, residual gas and dissolution trapping process
- geochemical modeling simulating batch geochemical reactivity (closed system without any fluid flow)
- reactive transport modeling combining the two previous types of simulation

## Hydrodynamic modeling

Hydrodynamic simulation is efficiently performed by black oil reservoir simulators. Lindeberg and Bergmo (2003) have conducted simulation of the upward migration of the CO<sub>2</sub> bubble in the Utsira formation using the code ECLIPSE. In TUBITAK KAMAG (2009) project, the code ECLIPSE was also used for modeling CO<sub>2</sub> storage in the Caylarbasi field, which is an oil field located in southeastern Turkey.

#### Batch geochemical modeling

Batch geochemical modeling gives the simulation of geochemical fluid-rock interactions occurring within in the formation when formation water is saturated with  $CO_2$ . No flow is considered during batch geochemical simulation.

The first batch modeling works were carried out by Gunter et al. (2007), Gaus et al. (2005). They used the code PHREEQC developed by the United State Geological Survey (USGS) to perform a long-term batch geochemical simulation of two natural  $CO_2$  analogues at Montmiral (France) and Messokampos (Greece). In this work, the code PHREEQC is also used to equilibrate the injected  $CO_2$  with the synthetic formation water.

#### Reactive transport modeling

Reactive transport modeling is the most realistic modeling technique to quantify the long-term fate of  $CO_2$ . The code ToughReact is an extension of Tough2 V2, which has been upgraded by introducing reactive geochemistry into the Tough2 framework of multi-phase fluid and heat flow. Both dissolution and precipitation processes are integrated in this code with feedback on porosity and permeability changes.

Apart from the ToughReact code, there are several other codes, namely; SIMUSCOPP, STOMP, HYTEC, CHEMTOUGH, GEM-GHG, available in the market.

#### 6.1 Reactive transport code TOUGHREACT

In this study, the reactive transport code, TOUGHREACT was used to assess the geochemical alterations in the Sayındere caprock.

The code TOUGHREACT has been developed as a comprehensive non-isothermal multi-component reactive fluid flow and geochemical transport simulator to investigate geologic systems and environmental problems. A number of subsurface thermo-

physical- chemical processes are considered under various thermo-hydrological and geochemical conditions of pressure, temperature, water saturation, and ionic strength.

This code can be used in 1-, 2- or 3- dimensional porous and fractured media with different physical and chemical properties. The code TOUGHREACT can accommodate any number of chemical species present in liquid, gas, and solid phases. A variety of equilibrium chemical reactions such as aqueous complexation, gas dissolution/exsolution and cation exchange are considered. Geochemical reactions can take place either subject to local equilibrium or kinetic conditions. Changes in porosity and permeability due to geochemical reactions can be considered.

TOUGHREACT provides the following different TOUGH2 fluid property or EOS (equation-of-state) modules:

- EOS1 for water or two waters with typical applications to hydrothermal problems
- EOS2 for multiphase mixtures of water and CO<sub>2</sub> also with typical applications to hydrothermal problems
- EOS3 for multiphase mixtures of water and air with typical applications to vadose zone and nuclear waste disposal problems
- EOS4 that has the same capabilities as EOS3 but with vapor pressure lowering effects due to capillary pressure
- EOS9 for single phase water (Richards. equation) with typical applications to ambient reactive geochemical transport problems
- ECO2 for multiphase mixtures of water, CO<sub>2</sub> and NaCl with typical applications to CO<sub>2</sub> disposal in deep brine aquifers.

TOUGHREACT uses a sequential iteration approach. The fluid velocities and phase saturations are used for chemical transport simulation, after solution of the flow equations. The chemical transport is solved on a component basis. The resulting concentrations obtained from the transport are substituted into the chemical reaction model. The system of mixed equilibrium-kinetic chemical reaction equations is solved on a grid-block basis by Newton-Raphson iteration. The chemical transport and reactions are iteratively solved until convergence. (Xu et al, 2008).

## **6.2 PETRASIM**

Petrasim is an interactive pre-processor and post-processor for the TOUGH family of codes. It helps users develop models faster and view results. PETRASIM helps users guide through the steps of a TOUGHREACT simulation as follows (Petrasim User's Guide, 2008):

- Specify the TOUGHREACT and the proper EOS
- Select the global properties to be used in the simulation
- Define the material properties
- Define the initial conditions
- Set the solver parameters in TOUGHREACT menu
- Set the output options in TOUGHREACT menu
- Specify the chemical components such as primary species, aqueous complexes, gaseous species and minerals
- Define geochemical zones
- Create the model boundary
- Create the grid
- Define the boundary condition
- Define solution and output controls
- Associate the geochemical zones with the grid
- Save the model and run the simulation
- View the results

# **CHAPTER 7**

# REACTIVE TRANSPORT MODELING OF THE DYNCAMIC EXPERIMENT

Using the Petrasim/ToughReact, the reactive transport modeling of the dynamic experiment is also carried out. For the modeling study, the Sayındere cap rock formation water is taken to be same as the reservoir formation water of the Caylarbasi field. Caylarbasi reservoir formation water is modified by adding  $AlO_2^-$ ,  $SiO_2$  (aq),  $O_2$  (aq) aqueous ions into the chemical species in a way that the cap rock minerals and cap rock fluid chemistry are consistent.

## 7.1 Geometric model and the cap rock properties

Simple 2-D radial model is used to simulate the  $CO_2$  saturated fluid and Sayındere cap rock interaction in the dynamic experiment as explained in Chapter 6.2 of this thesis. The model boundary is 0.0127 m in radial direction (x-direction) and 0.055 m in depth, z-direction, which represents the packed core dimension in the dynamic experiment. The model is composed of 4 cells; 1 cells in x- direction and 4 cells z- direction since the model defined here is quite small. Figure 7.1 illustrates the schematic representation of the model used in this study.



Figure 7. 1 Schematic representation of the model

The Sayindere core properties are given in Table 7.1. No capillary pressure effect is taken into account. The porosity and permeability were previously determined by running an experiment in which an unconsolidated pack was used. This unconsolidated pack was prepared by grinding a core into same mesh size as the Sayindere core was grinded in the dynamic experiment. The porosity and permeability calculations from this experiment are given in Appendix I. Formation heat conductivity and rock grain specific heat were taken to be equal to default values of the software.

Table 7. 1Physical Properties of the Sayindere formation			
Porosity (fraction)	0.28		
Permeability (m <sup>2</sup> )	$1.8*10^{-14}$		
Rock grain density $(kg/m^3)$	2695		
Formation heat conductivity (W/m °C)	2.0		
Rock grain specific heat (J/kg °C)	1000		
Residual liquid saturation (fraction)	0.15		
Liquid saturation (fraction)	1.0		
Residual gas saturation (fraction)	0.0		

The value 2695 kg/m<sup>3</sup> of rock grain size density was calculated based on the weighted average of the mineral composition of the Sayındere formation, which is 0.76 for calcite, 0.227 for quarz and 0.013 for kaolinite. Calcite, quartz and kaolinite rock grain densities are takes as 2710, 2650 and 2600 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively.

## 7.2 Formation mineralogy

Sayindere formation is known to be quite homogeneous. From the mineral investigation analyses, it revealed that Sayindere formation is composed of mainly calcite (76%) and quartz (22.7 %) and small amount of kaolinite (1.3 %).

Minerals allowed to precipitate as secondary phases during  $CO_2$  injection are taken as magnesite (MgCO<sub>3</sub>), siderite (FeCO<sub>3</sub>), dolomite (CaMg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) and hematite (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Magnesite, siderite and dolomite are the carbonates that can be precipitated due the CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water and the rock interaction. The reason of choosing hematite as a secondary phase that might be precipitated is that hematite was revealed in the thin section analysis (Figure B.6) although it was not revealed in the XRD analysis. Moreover, Fe<sup>3+</sup> and O<sub>2</sub> (aq) aqueous ions are available in the formation water.

Mineral composition, as a required input in the TOUGHREACT software, is given in Table 7.2. The calcite, quartz and kaolinite mass fraction are from the XRD analysis. From Table 7.2, the secondary phase mineral mass compositions are taken to be equal to 0 since they are not the primary minerals of the Sayindere core but they might be precipitated due to the injection  $CO_2$  saturated water into the core.

Mineral Composition	(mass fraction)	
Calcite	0.76	
Quartz	0.227	
Kaolinite	0.13	
Magnesite	0.0	
Siderite	0.0	
Dolomite	0.0	
Hematite	0.0	

Table 7. 2 Mineral mass composition of Sayındere core used in this study.

The mineral volume fraction composition (not the mass fraction) is required for the simulation analysis. Therefore, the mass fraction composition was converted into volume fraction, which is given in Table 7.3.

Table 7. 5 Winerar volume composition of Saymuere core used in this study				
Mineral Composition	(mass fraction)	Density(g/cc)	Volume	
			Fraction	
Calcite	0.76	2.710	0.756	
Quartz	0.227	2.650	0.231	
Kaolinite	0.13	2.600	0.013	
Magnesite	0.0	1.740	0.0	
Siderite	0.0	3.740	0.0	
Dolomite	0.0	2.830	0.0	
Hematite	0.0	5.040	0.0	

Table 7. 3 Mineral volume composition of Sayındere core used in this study

Table 7.4 shows the grain size and the surface area of each mineral. As seen in Table 7.4, grain sizes of all mineral are calculated to be 0.00025 m from the grinding the core into 250 micron. Surface areas are taken from PETRASIM TOUGHREACT example Manual (2008).

Table 7. 4 Winter al grain size and surface area				
Mineral	Vol. Frac.	Grain size(m)	Surface area $(g/cm^2)$	
calcite	0.756	0.00025	9.8	
hematite	0.0	0.00025	12.87	
kaolinite	0.013	0.00025	151.63	
magnesite	0.0	0.00025	9.8	
quartz	0.31	0.00025	9.8	
siderite	0.0	0.00025	9.8	
dolomite	0.0	0.00025	9.8	

Table 7. 4 Mineral grain size and surface area

Table 7.5 gives the rate constant at room temperature and the activation energy of each mineral. These values are again taken from PETRASIM TOUGHREACT example Manual (2008). The temperature dependence of the reaction rate constant is expressed via an Arrhenius equation. The rate equation and the Arrhenius equation are given in Appendix J.

Finite parameters for inner a absolution and pre-			
Mineral	$k_{25(}\mathit{mol}\cdot \mathit{cm}_{\min eral}^{-2}\cdot \sec^{-1}{})$	Ea	
calcite	1.6e-09	41.87	
hematite	2.514e-13	66.20	
kaolinite	6.918e-14	22.20	
magnesite	4.571e-10	23.50	
quartz	1.023e-14	87.70	
siderite	1.26e-09	62.76	
dolomite	2.951e-08	52.20	

Table 7. 5 Kinetic parameters for mineral dissolution and precipitation

#### 7.3 Formation water of Sayındere cap rock

As mentioned above in the Chapter 7, for the Sayındere formation water, the Caylarbasi reservoir formation water is modified by adding  $AlO_2^-$ ,  $SiO_2$  (aq),  $O_2$  (aq) aqueous ions into the chemical species already available in the Caylarbasi reservoir formation water in a way that the cap rock minerals and cap rock fluid chemistry are consistent.

In dynamic experiment,  $CO_2$  saturated water was used. Therefore, it was assumed that all 0.642 mole of injected  $CO_2$  was dissolved in the synthetic formation prior to the dynamic experiment. Using the code PHREEQC 2.18, the  $CO_2$  was equilibrated with the initial formation water at the pressure of 75 bar and the temperature of 90 °C at the given fixed volume of 1340 cc. The results of the PHREEQC simulation are given in Appendix K. The resulting  $CO_2$  saturated formation water composition is given Table 7.6. As seen from the Table, the first guess for the concentration, CGUESS for each species is taken to be equal to 10 % of actual concentration, CTOT.

	CGUESS	CIOI
AlO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1.89E-12	1.89E-11
Ca <sup>+2</sup>	9.375E-5	9.375E-4
Cl	0.002111	0.02111
Fe <sup>+2</sup>	8.98E-8	8.98E-7
H <sup>+</sup>	7.26E-6	7.26E-6
H <sub>2</sub> O	1.0	1.0
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.01694	0.1694
Mg <sup>+2</sup>	0.0001855	0.001855
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.002262	0.02262
O <sub>2</sub> (aq)	1.89E-12	1.89E-11
SiO <sub>2</sub> (aq)	1.89E-12	1.89E-11
$\overline{SO_4}^{-2}$	1.469E-5	1.469E-4

 Composition of formation water (mol/kg)

 COLLESS
 CTOT

## 7.4 CO<sub>2</sub> Injection into the Sayındere packed core

#### 7.4.1 CO<sub>2</sub> Injection simulation scenario

 $CO_2$  saturated formation water is injected into the bottom cell at the constant rate of  $1.68*10^{-3}$  cc/min ( $2.8*10^{-8}$  kg/s) and fluid was being produced from the top cell at the same rate. The rate of injection was determined from the fact that approximately total 240 cc of water was produced in 99 days, duration of the dynamic experiment.

In this simulation work, the  $CO_2$  saturated water is injected into the bottom cells and produced from the top cells of the model at the same constant rate. However, in the dynamic experiment, the fluid was being injected at the constant pressure of 75 bar from the ISCO pump and the fluid was being discharged out of the packed core under 1 bar pressure difference.

Since  $CO_2$  saturated water is being injected, the EOS1 module for a single phase is used. Maximum simulation time is 99 days, which is the dynamic experiment duration. The time step for the simulation is one second. Figure 7.2 shows the z-x cross section of the model. As shown in Figure 7.2, the grid consists of 4 cells; 1 in r- direction and 4 in zdirection. The bottom cells are the source; that is injection point. The top cells are the sink where the fluid is being produced.



Figure 7. 2 Z-X cross section of the grid system

## 7.4.2 CO<sub>2</sub> Injection simulation results and discussion

The simulation was run. The results of the simulation work by TOUGHREACT are given in Appendix L.

When the time evolutions of chemical species in the formation water are examined, the most chemical species concentrations except for  $O_2(aq)$  are stabilized after around 2.0 E6 seconds (~ 23 days). From Figure L.3, the  $AlO_2^-$  ion concentration increased at the beginning of simulation and then stabilized. The increase of this species may come from the dissolution of the kaolinite mineral available in the Sayındere core. The kaolinite mineral dissolution is observed throughout the simulation time (see Figure L.17). There is approximately 1.05 e-7 decrease in the volume fraction of the kaolinite.

As seen in Figure L.4, the  $Ca^{+2}$  ion concentration is increased up to 1.6 e-4 mol and then stabilized again like  $AlO_2^{-1}$  ion. The  $Ca^{+2}$  ion increase at the beginning of the simulation may be explained in that way the initial dissolution process of the calcite mineral increased the  $Ca^{+2}$  ion concentration in the formation water. From Figure L.15, the calcite is firstly dissolved since the change in volume fraction is -9.2e-6. However, the change in volume fraction of the calcite increased up to -4.0e-6 from -9.2e-6, which shows that the calcite is re-precipitated.

 $Fe^{+2}$  ion concentration firstly increased and then decreased throughout the simulation (see Figure L.6). On the other hand, there are the hematite and siderite precipitation at the beginning of the CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water- the Sayındere cap rock minerals interaction simulation (see Figure L.16 and Figure L.20). Thus, Fe<sup>+2</sup> ion may be firstly consumed by these precipitation reactions.

 $Mg^{+2}$  ion concentration is increased in a same way  $Fe^{+2}$  ion concentration (see Figure L.10). This increase may be due to the precipitated magnesite mineral dissolution (see Figure L.18).

As for the  $SiO_2$  (aq) ion in the water, this ion concentration is firstly increased and then stabilized (see Figure L.13). This increase in the amount of the  $SiO_2$  (aq) concentration may be related to the dissolution of the quartz, which is one of the primary minerals in the Sayındere cap rock. From Figure L.19, the quartz is continuously decreased during the simulation like the kaolinite.

From Figure L.21, dolomite is precipitated. This precipitation process consumes the  $Ca^{+2}$ ,  $Mg^{+2}$  ions in the water. That may be why, even the calcite and precipitated magnesite continue to dissolve, and there are no increases in these ions during the simulation period.

The changes in the volume fractions of the minerals are very small indeed here. The simulation period is very short, 99 days, representing the dynamic experiment duration. The geologic mineral reactions normally take thousands and millions years to proceed. Moreover, the model is very small since it represents the core scale in the dynamic experiment as previously mentioned. If the model used in this study were in field scale and the simulation period were longer, the mineral evolution changes could be larger in amount.

Figure L. 22 and Figure L.23 show the time evolution of porosity and permeability of the Sayındere core in the simulation study. As the result of the  $CO_2$  saturated- the cap rock interaction, the porosity and permeability are both decreased due to the new mineral precipitations such as siderite, magnesite and dolomite. The decreases are very small in amounts. The porosity is decreased by 0.01% and, on the other hand, the permeability is decreased by 0.03%. The porosity change is calculated as volume change as the results of the precipitation and dissolution in the code TOUGHREACT. The permeability change related with porosity change is calculated using simplified cubic law. The porosity and permeability change calculation formulas are given in Appendix M.

If, porosity and permeability decreases are observed in the simulation of injection of the  $CO_2$  saturated water into the Sayındere core, this means that the Sayındere cap rock integrity will be enhanced and there will not be any possible leakage paths induced by the geochemical reactions due to the CO2 saturated- rock interaction.

# 7.4.3 CO<sub>2</sub> Injection stop and investigating the CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated water- cap rock mineral interaction in longer time period, 25 years

The  $CO_2$  injection is stopped after 99 days of injection and the simulation is continued for further 25 years to monitor the cap rock mineralogical and the water chemistry evolutions and the long term effect on the porosity and permeability of the packed Sayındere core.

#### 7.4.3.1 Results and discussion of the continuation run without CO<sub>2</sub> injection

The results of the continuation run are given in Appendix N. Simulation study of the investigation of the geochemical evolution of the model defined during 25 years after the  $CO_2$  injection is stopped shows that all dissolved species are stabilized or in other words, reached to the equilibrium states after some time, 250 days (Figure N.2-N.14).

Calcite, hematite and kaolinite are firstly dissolved and then re-precipitated (Figure N.15-N.17). On the other hand, magnesite and quartz are continuously dissolved (Figure N. 18-N.19). In case magnesite, it is totally dissolved out. Actually it is one of the secondary minerals, which is expected to precipitate due to  $CO_2$  saturated water injection into the packed core minerals of the Sayındere cap rock. It is precipitated indeed during the injection process (Figure L. 18), however but dissolved back as given in the simulation results of its long term evolution. In Figure N.20, there is no change in the siderite mineral volume fraction in 25 years of monitoring. For the dolomite mineral, it is continuously precipitated during this period (Figure N. 21).

From Figure N. 22- N.23, it is observed that the porosity and permeability are increased by 0.001% and 0.004%, respectively as the result of the long term evolution of the rock minerals after the CO<sub>2</sub> injection is stopped. During the injection of the CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water, the porosity and permeability are decreased (Figure L.22-L.23), which were good thing for the cap rock integrity. However, the increase observed in the continuation simulation after the injection is stopped is a unwanted thing in the monitoring and risk assessment of the  $CO_2$  storage since the porosity and specially, the permeability increase in the cap rock can trigger possible already existing fractures in the rock and this may create leakage paths for the injected  $CO_2$  into groundwater sources and even into the atmosphere back.

# **CHAPTER 8**

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This thesis work is carried out to investigate the possible geochemical reactions induced by  $CO_2$ - water-rock interaction and these reactions' effect on the cap rock integrity. Both experimental and modeling and studies are performed. In modeling and simulation work, the reactive transport code, TOUGHREACT, is used.

The cores from the Sayindere formation are used in the experiments. Sayindere is the cap rock of the Caylarbasi field, one of the screened and selected fields in Turkey for the possible CO<sub>2</sub> injection in the future. The formation water analysis of Caylarbasi reservoir is available but not the Sayindere formation. Thus, the Sayindere formation water is assumed same as the Caylarbasi reservoir water and according to this water composition, the Sayındere cap rock water is synthetically prepared and used in the both static and dynamic experiments. Before carrying out the experiments, a thin section analysis of the Sayindere core is made to investigate what kinds of minerals are mainly available in the core. This analysis shows the core from the Sayındere cap rock is roughly composed of 85 % calcite, 1 % quartz, 0.5 % hematite and the remaining 13.5% percent clay. The clay type is later revealed as kaolinite in the XRD analysis. However, no hematite is discovered in the XRD analysis. Two different experiments are carried out: *static (batch)* and *dynamic (flow through)*. The static experiment is performed at the temperature of 90 °C and the pressure of approximately 100 bar, representing the field condition. In the static experiment, the original cores from the Sayindere cap rock are kept within the CO<sub>2</sub>-synthetic formation water under the given reservoir pressure and temperature. The static experiment is composed of two experiments: 30-day experiment and 100-day experiment. After 30 and 100 days of the static experiment, SEM analyses of the cores are made to see any mineralogical changes on the core surfaces. Moreover,

the fluid chemistry analyses of the mixtures in the core holders are made to investigate the possible geochemical reactions induced by  $CO_2$ -formation water. From the photos taken in SEM analysis of the 30 day experiment, it is seen that the near to surface are more loose than the inner part of the core, which shows the  $CO_2$  diffusion into the core. Also there is a very tiny thin deposition layer, which is whiter colored. This deposition layer is even thicker in SEM photos of the 100 day experiment. Since there was no flow in the static experiment, there was no transport of the reactant and reaction products. Thus, the formation of deposition layer is explained as the dissolved particles, specifically the dissolved calcite from the core minerals were deposited back on the core surfaces. The fluid chemistry analyses of the 30- and 100- day experiments show that the calcite is dissolved. Moreover, it is observed in the mineral investigation by SEM analysis of 100-day experiment that there are wormholes on the core used in the experiment, possibly created due to the heterogeneous pattern of calcite dissolution induced by the  $CO_2$ -formation water. In both 30- and 100-day experiments, it is observed that the inner parts of the original cores are not influenced by  $CO_2$ -formation water.

In dynamic experiment, the cores from Sayındere cap rock are grinded and packed into a core holder and  $CO_2$  saturated- synthetically prepared water is injected through the packed core for 99 days. Since the cores were very impermeable, they were ground so that a flow could be maintained throughout the experiment. Before the dynamic experiment, the carbonate removal from the grinded powder of the cores with acid treatment and XRD analysis are performed. From these analyses, the core from the Sayındere cap rock is composed of 76% calcite, 22.7 % quartz and 1.3 % kaolinite.

The experimental condition was at a temperature of 90 °C and an injection pressure of 75 bar. The outlet pressure is set at the pressure of 74 bar. The fluid is discharging out of the core holder under 1 bar pressure difference. The discharged fluid is collected and water analyses are carried out from collected water samples at 3 different times (23, 75 and 99 days) throughout the experiment to see changes in the amount of the dissolved

species in the synthetic formation water. Mineral analysis after the dynamic experiment is not performed since it is difficult to quantify the mineralogical changes by the available techniques. Only water chemistry analyses of the dynamic experiment are made. Based on the water chemistry analysis, this is interpreted as calcite is dissolved in earlier time, like 23 days, of the experiment and the calcite available for reaction in the core is decreased due to injected water sweeping the dissolved elements to production end. At the end of 99 days, it is anticipated that  $Ca^{+2}$  available for reaction is depleted and  $Ca^{+2}$  produced is equal to injected  $Ca^{+2}$ .

Moreover, the modeling and simulation study of the dynamic experiment is carried out by using the code TOUGHREACT. Simple 2-D radial model composed of 4 cells is used to simulate the  $CO_2$  saturated fluid and Sayindere core minerals interaction in the dynamic experiment. The water composition is slightly different than that of the dynamic experiment. In the dynamic experiment, the Caylarbasi reservoir water composion is directly adopted as the cap rock formation water. However, in the simulation work, for the Sayindere cap rock formation water, the Caylarbasi reservoir formation water is modified in a way that the cap rock minerals and cap rock fluid chemistry are consistent. The results of the simulation work show that calcite is firstly dissolved and started to re-precipitated (Figure L.15). Moreover, continuous dissolutions of quartz and kaolinite are observed (Figure L.19 and Figure L.17). Formation of new, secondary minerals (hematite, magnesite and siderite) are observed but dissolved back in the simulation period. Dolomite, which is also considered to be a secondary mineral in the simulation, is continuously precipitated throughout the simulation time (Figure L.21). Most importantly, the decreases in the porosity and permeability of the packed core minerals of the Sayindere cap rock are observed during the simulation (Figure L.22- L.23). In fact, the decreases are very small in amounts. The porosity is decreased by 0.01% and, on the other hand, the permeability is decreased by 0.03%. This decrease could be larger if the simulation period was longer. In this case, the simulation time is 99 days, representing injecting time of CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water in the dynamic experiment of this study. In field case, it is obviously longer such as couple of decades or more. The

decreases in the porosity and permeability shows that due to the geochemical reactions induced by  $CO_2$ -saturated water and the cap rock minerals will result in the decrease in the porosity and permeability and this means that the Sayındere cap rock integrity will be enhanced and there will not be any possible leakage paths caused by the dissolution and precipitation reactions between the  $CO_2$  saturated water- the cap rock minerals.

In addition to the simulation of the injection, the  $CO_2$  saturated water injection into the packed core minerals of the Sayındere formation is stopped after 99 days of the injection and the simulation is continued for further 25 years to monitor the cap rock mineralogical and the water chemistry evolutions and particularly, the long term effect on the porosity and permeability of the packed Sayındere core. Different from the injection period, the porosity and permeability of the packed core are increased in long term after the injection process (Figure N.22-N.23). The porosity and permeability are increased by 0.001% and 0.004%, respectively. From the point of view of the monitoring  $CO_2$  storage after the injection and risk assessment associated with the  $CO_2$  storage, the porosity and permeability increases as results of the geochemical reactions induced of  $CO_2$  storage are not desirable since these increases can result in possible leakage paths for the  $CO_2$  to escape into groundwater sources and finally into the atmosphere back. The increases in porosity and permeability show that the Sayındere cap rock integrity must be monitored in the field if application is planned.

# **CHAPTER 9**

# CONCLUSION

- The mineral investigation of the Sayındere cap rock is made. It is composed of the 76% calcite, 22.7% quartz and the remaining, 1.3% is kaolinite.
- From the photographs taken in SEM analysis of the 30 day experiment, it is interpreted that the near to surface appears looser than the inner part of the core, which may be due to CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion into the core.
- The fluid chemistry analyses of the both 30- and 100- day static experiments show that the calcite is dissolved in the water as a result of the CO<sub>2</sub>- water-rock interaction.
- A deposition layer is observed in SEM photos of the 100 day experiment. The formation of deposition layer is explained as the dissolved particles, specifically the dissolved calcite from the core minerals were deposited back on the core surfaces.
- It is observed in the mineral investigation by SEM analysis of 100-day experiment that there are wormholes on the core used in the experiment, possibly created due to the heterogeneous pattern of calcite dissolution induced by the CO<sub>2</sub>-formation water.
- In both 30- and 100-day experiments, it is observed that the inner parts of the original cores are not influenced by CO<sub>2</sub>-formation water.

- Only water chemistry analyses of the dynamic experiment are made. Based on the water chemistry analysis, it is interpreted that calcite is dissolved, which is also observed in the static experiments.
- The modeling and simulation study of the dynamic experiment is carried out by using the code TOUGHREACT. The results of the simulation work show that calcite is firstly dissolved and started to re-precipitated.
- Formation of new, secondary minerals (hematite, magnesite and siderite) are observed but dissolved back during the simulation period. Dolomite, which is also considered to be a secondary mineral in the simulation, is continuously precipitated throughout the simulation time.
- The decreases in the porosity (0.01%) and permeability (0.03%) of the packed core minerals of the Sayındere cap rock are observed during the simulation
- This shows that due to the geochemical reactions induced by CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated water and the cap rock minerals will result in the decrease in the porosity and permeability and this means that the Sayındere cap rock integrity will be enhanced by the geochemical reactions between the CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water- the cap rock minerals.
- The simulation is continued for further 25 years, without CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water injection to monitor the cap rock mineralogical and the water chemistry evolutions and particularly, the long term effect on the porosity and permeability of the packed Sayındere core.
- At the end of 25 years, the porosity and permeability increase of 0.001% and 0.0039% respectively were simulated after stopping the injection process.

• This is a unwanted result in the monitoring and risk assessment of the CO<sub>2</sub> storage. The increases in porosity and permeability show that the Sayındere cap rock integrity must be monitored in the field if application is planned.

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## **APPENDIX** A

# ALKALINITY MEASUREMENT

There are 3 kinds of alkalinity, hydroxide (OH), normal carbonate (CO3), bicarbonate (HCO3). In order to distinguish between the kinds of alkalinity present in a sample and determine the quantities of each, a titration is made with a standard acid using two indicators successively. The standard solution is  $0.02 \text{ N H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the indicators are phenolphthalein and methyl orange test solutions.

The  $HCO_3$  ion composition available in the synthetically prepared water was measured by titration technique. The procedure of titration process to determine the alkalinity is given as following:

- a) Pipette 100 ml of the sample into one Erlenmeyer flask and same quantity of distilled water into another.
- **b**) Add 3 drops of phenolphtalein to each
- c) If the sample becomes pink, add  $0.02 \text{ N H}_2\text{SO}_4$  acids from a burette until the pink color just disappears and record the number of ml of acid used (P).
- d) Add 3 drops of methyl orange to each flask.
- e) If the sample becomes yellow, add 0.02 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> acid until the first difference in color is noted when compared with the distilled water. The end point is a slight orange tinge. Record the ml of acid used (T).

There are 5 possible conditions:
$$P = T$$
,  $Hydroxide(ppm) = (2P - T)*10$ 

$$P > \frac{1}{2}T$$
,  $Hydroxide(ppm) = (2P - T)*10$   
NormalCarbonate(ppm) =  $2(T - P)*10$ 

$$P = \frac{1}{2}T$$
, NormalCarbonate(ppm) = T\*10

$$P < \frac{1}{2}T$$
, NormalCarbonate(ppm) =  $2P*10$   
Bicarbonate(ppm) =  $(T - 2P)*10$ 

$$P = 0$$
,  $Bicarbonate(ppm) = T * 10$ 

For the titration measurement,  $0.02N H_2SO_4$ , Methyl Orange Test Solution and Pheolphthalein Test Solution are needed. Their preparations are done in the following ways (Frank and Edward, 1943).

#### How to prepare $0,02N H_2SO_4$ from highly concentrated $H_2SO_4$ solution

Concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  is 98% with a density of 1.84gms/mL. That means that in 1 liter of  $H_2SO_4$ , there are 1840 grams of which 98% is  $H_2SO_4$  =1803.2 gram of  $H_2SO_4$  in one liter.

The normality of an acid is defined as the number of equivalents per liter. An equivalent is equal to the amount of acid that generates one mole of protons.  $H_2SO_4$  is a diprotic acid so one molar  $H_2SO_4$  contains two moles of protons. So the equivalent weight to generate one mole of protons is the formula weight devided by 2.

The number of equivalent of  $H_2SO_4$  of concentrated acid is 1803.2/98/2 = 36.836.8 equivalents per liter of acid = 36.8 N. Using the following formula,

$$Vol_1 * N_1 = Vol_2 * N_2$$
  
to prepare 1000 mL 0.02 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> from concentrated acid,

 $1000(0.02) = (x \text{ mL}) (36.8) = \text{ add } 0.54 \text{ mL of concentrated } H_2SO_4 \text{ slowly and}$ carefully to ~ 800 mL of water and dilute to 1000 mL of 0.02 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

#### How to prepare Methyl Orange Test Solution

Dissolve 100 mg of methyl orange in 100 ml of water and filter if necessary.

#### How to prepare Pheolphthalein Test Solution

Prepare 100 ml of solution by dissolving 0,5 g phenolphalein in 50 ml ethyl alcohol and dilute to 100 ml with water.

After prepared the neccessary solutions, the titration process was carried out. As given in the procedure, firstly 3 drops of phenolphtalein were added and the sample did not go to pink, so there was only bicarbonate ion in the sample, which was expected. The formation water does not contain any normal carbonate and hydroxide as alkalinity. The bicarbonate composition was found as 613 ppm, whose expected value is 984.96 ppm.

#### **APPENDIX B**

## THIN SECTION ANALYSIS PHOTOS



Figure B. 1Calcite grains



Figure B. 2 Calcite veins



Figure B. 3 Fossils



Figure B. 4 Glauconite



Figure B. 5 Laminations.



Figure B. 6 Hematite.



Figure B. 7 Quartz

# **APPENDIX C**

# PHOTOS OF THE STATIC EXPERIMENT



Figure C. 1Mixing cylinder and core holders inside the oven



Figure C. 2 Side view of experimental set-up



Figure C. 3 Whole part of the experimental set-up

## **APPENDIX D**

## SEM/EDX ANALYSIS RESULTS OF THE 30 DAY-STATIC EXPERIMENT



Figure D. 1In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (inner part )-after the 30 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom	Compnd	Formula
	Conc %	Conc %	Conc %	
0	31.54	52.71	0.00	
Si	5.69	5.42	12.17	SiO2
Ca	62.77	41.88	87.83	CaO

Table D. 1In-Depth SEM element analysis (inner part) -after the 30 day-experiment



Figure D. 2 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_1) -after the 30 day-experiment

Element	Weight Conc %	Atom Conc %	Compnd Conc %	Formula
0	35.14	56.34	0.00	
Si	12.23	11.17	26.17	SiO2
Ca	46.07	29.48	64.45	CaO
Fe	6.55	3.01	9.37	Fe2O3

Table D. 2 In-Depth SEM element analysis (near to surface\_1) -after the 30 day-experiment

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Figure D. 3 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_2) -after the 30 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom	Compnd	Formula
	Conc %	Conc %	Conc %	
0	33.67	55.14	0.00	
Al	0.51	0.50	0.96	Al2O3
Si	9.11	8.50	19.50	SiO2
Ca	50.19	32.81	70.22	CaO
Fe	6.51	3.06	9.31	Fe2O3

Table D. 3 In-Depth SEM element analysis (near to surface 2) -after the 30 day-experiment



Figure D. 4 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_3) -after the 30 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom	Compnd	Formula
	Conc %	Conc %	Conc %	
0	34.41	56.87	0.00	
Al	0.31	0.30	0.58	Al2O3
Si	10.23	9.63	21.89	SiO2
Ca	38.36	25.30	53.68	CaO
Fe	16.68	7.90	23.85	Fe2O3



Figure D. 5 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_1) -prior to the 30 day-experiment

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Element	Weight	Atom	Compnd	Formula
	Conc %	Conc %	Conc %	
0	32.91	53.86	0.00	
Si	8.29	7.72	17.73	SiO2
Ca	58.80	38.41	82.27	CaO



Figure D. 6 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (inner part)-prior to the 30 day-experiment

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Element	Weight	Atom	Compnd	Formula
	Conc %	Conc %	Conc %	
0	31.13	52.36	0.00	
Si	4.92	4.72	10.53	SiO2
Ca	63.94	42.93	89.47	CaO



Figure D. 7 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_1-after the 30 day-experiment

Table D. 7 Top Surface SEM element analysis_1-after the 30 day-experiment							
Element	Weight	Formula					
	Conc %	Conc %	Conc %				
0	29.40	54.39	0.00				
Mg	0.80	0.98	1.33	MgO			
Ca	36.65	27.07	51.28	CaO			
Fe	33.14	17.57	47.39	Fe2O3			

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Figure D. 8 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_2-after the 30 day-experiment

Table D. 8 Top Surface SEM element analysis_2-after the 30 day-experiment							
Element	Weight	Atom	Compnd	Formula			
	Conc %	Conc %	Conc %				
0	29.32	54.14	0.00				
Mg	0.58	0.71	0.96	MgO			
Ca	38.83	28.62	54.33	CaO			
Fe	31.27	16.54	44.71	Fe2O3			

Fe	31.27	16.54	44.71	Fe2O3
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Figure D. 9 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_1-prior to the 30 day-experiment

Element	Weight Conc %	Atom Conc %	Compnd Conc %	Formula
0	32.25	53.13	0.00	
Mg	0.84	0.91	1.40	MgO
Al	0.48	0.47	0.90	Al2O3
Si	6.43	6.03	13.76	SiO2
Ca	60.00	39.45	83.95	CaO

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#### **APPENDIX E**

## SEM PHOTOS OF THE 30 DAY-STATIC EXPERIMENT



Figure E. 1Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis -prior to the 30 day-experiment



Figure E. 2 Inner view of in depth SEM Analysis -prior to the 30 day-experiment



Figure E. 3 Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis\_1- after the 30 day-experiment



Figure E. 4 Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis\_2- after the 30 day-experiment



Figure E. 5 Top surface SEM Analysis\_1- after the 30 day-experiment



Figure E. 6 Top surface SEM Analysis\_2- after the 30 day-experiment

### **APPENDIX F**

## SEM/EDX ANALYSIS RESULTS OF THE 100 DAY-STATIC EXPERIMENT



Figure F. 1In -Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (inner part)-prior to the 100 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.16	1.79
Al	1.78	2.48
Si	11.22	15.05
Ca	85.85	80.68
Mn	0.00	0.00

	Table F. 1In-Depth	SEM element anal	ysis (inner p	part) –prior to t	the 100 day-experiment
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Figure F. 2 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_1) –prior to the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 2 In-Depth	n SEM element analysis	(near to surface 1) -	prior to the 100	) dav-experiment
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Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Al	0.97	1.45
Si	4.01	5.76
S	12.19	15.35
K	1.90	1.96
Ca	59.71	60.14
Mn	0.80	0.59
Fe	20.42	14.76



Figure F. 3 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_2) -prior to the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 5 III-Depth SEW eler	nent analysis (near to surface_2) -	prior to the 100 day-experiment
Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.22	1.58
Al	18.98	22.12
Si	42.19	47.23
K	3.74	3.01
Ca	31.57	24.77
Mn	0.00	0.00
Fe	2.29	1.29

Table F. 3 In-Depth SEM element analysis (near to surface\_2) - prior to the 100 day-experiment



Figure F. 4 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_1-prior to the 100 day-experiment

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Table F. 4 Top Surface SEM element analysis_1-prior to the 100 day-experiment					
Element	Weight	Atom			
	Conc %	Conc %			
Al	0.24	0.35			
Si	10.56	14.44			
Ca	88.40	84.67			
Mn	0.01	0.01			
Fe	0.78	0.54			



Figure F. 5 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_2-prior to the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 5 Top	Surface SEM	element analy	ysis_2-j	prior to th	e 100 day	-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.48	2.34
Al	0.49	0.70
Si	7.81	10.66
Ca	90.12	86.23
Mn	0.10	0.07



Figure F. 6 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_3-prior to the 100 day-experiment

Table F.	6 Top	Surface	SEM	element	analysis	3-prior	to the	100 da	v-experim	ent
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Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.00	1.63
Si	1.93	2.72
Ca	96.98	95.60
Mn	0.08	0.06



Figure F. 7 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_4-prior to the 100 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	0.64	0.99
Al	0.33	0.47
Si	11.30	15.29
Ca	87.74	83.24
Mn	0.00	0.00

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Figure F. 8 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_1) –after the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 8 In-Depth SEM element analysis (near to surface_1) - after the 100 day-experiment		
Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.48	3.06
Si	4.44	7.94
Р	0.00	0.00
Cl	0.75	1.07
Ca	16.50	20.69
Mn	2.11	1.93
Fe	57.62	51.84
Ni	1.27	1.09
Cu	9.54	7.55
Zn	6.28	4.83



Figure F. 9 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_2) –after the100 day- experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	2.18	4.66
Si	2.19	4.05
Р	0.00	0.00
Cl	0.56	0.82
Ca	13.11	16.97
Mn	2.69	2.54
Fe	56.82	52.78
Ni	1.13	1.00
Си	11.88	9.70
Zn	9.43	7.49

Table F. 9 In-Depth SEM element analysis (near to surface\_2) - after the 100 day-experiment



Figure F. 10 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_3) –after the 100 day-experiment

Table F. To m-Dept	In SEAM Clement analysis (near )	to surface_3) - after the 100 day-experiment
Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.11	2.20
Al	0.91	1.64
Si	7.76	13.33
Cl	0.56	0.76
Ca	18.96	22.83
Mn	1.90	1.67
Fe	52.27	45.16
Си	10.58	8.03
Zn	5.93	4.38

Table F. 10 In-Depth	SEM element analysis (near to surface	3) - after the 100 day-experiment
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Figure F. 11 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_4) -after the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 11 In-Depth SEM element analysis (near to surface\_4) - after the 100 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Al	0.85	1.58
Si	7.60	13.50
Р	0.00	0.00
Cl	1.64	2.31
Ca	14.84	18.47
Mn	1.98	1.80
Fe	47.82	42.73
Си	14.56	11.43
Zn	10.71	8.18



Figure F. 12 In-Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (near to surface\_5) -after the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 12 In-Depth SEM element analysis (near to surface_5) - after the 100 day-experiment		
Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.66	3.53
Si	1.91	3.52
Р	0.00	0.00
Ca	15.22	19.70
Mn	2.24	2.12
Fe	59.59	55.33
Ni	1.85	1.63
Си	11.40	9.30
Zn	6.14	4.87

Table F. 12 In-Depth SEW element analysis (near to surface 5) - after the 100 day-exp
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Figure F. 13 In -Depth SEM/EDX Micrograph (inner part)-after to the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 13 In -Depth SEM element analysis (inner part)-after to the 100 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Al	4.91	6.79
Si	14.13	18.76
P	0.00	0.00
Κ	2.00	1.91
Ca	75.34	70.12
Mn	0.00	0.00
Fe	3.62	2.42



Figure F. 14 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_1-after the 100 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.04	2.10
Al	0.56	1.03
Si	3.94	6.90
Ca	19.18	23.56
Mn	2.85	2.56
Fe	72.43	63.85

Table F. 14 Top Surface SEM element analysis\_1-after the 100 day-experiment



Figure F. 15 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_2-after the e100 day-xperiment

Table F. 15 Top Surface SEM element analysis\_2-after the 100 day-experiment

Element	Weight	Atom
	Conc %	Conc %
Mg	1.91	3.91
Si	1.39	2.45
P	0.00	0.00
Ca	21.93	27.15
Mn	3.30	2.98
Fe	71.47	63.51



Figure F. 16 Top Surface SEM/EDX Micrograph\_3-after the 100 day-experiment

Table F. 16 Top Surface SEM element analysis_3-after the 100 day-experiment							
Element	Weight	Atom					
	Conc %	Conc %					
Mg	1.05	1.94					
Al	1.08	1.79					
Si	14.30	22.81					
Р	0.00	0.00					
Ca	20.31	22.69					
Mn	2.30	1.88					
Fe	60.96	48.90					

	<b>Fable F.</b>	16 Top	Surface SEM	element analysis	3-after the	e 100	day-experiment
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### **APPENDIX G**

## SEM PHOTOS OF THE 100 DAY-STATIC EXPERIMENT



Figure G. 1 Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis -prior to the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 2 Inner view of in depth SEM Analysis -prior to the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 3 Top surface SEM Analysis -prior the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 4 Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis \_1-after the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 5 Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis\_2-1 after the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 6 Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis\_3- after the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 7 Near to surface view of in depth SEM Analysis-4-after the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 8 Top Surface SEM Analysis\_1- after the 100 day-experiment



Figure G. 9 Top Surface SEM Analysis\_2- after the 100 day-experiment (wormholes)

#### **APPENDIX H**

#### XRD ANALYSIS RESULTS (DYNAMIC EXPERIMENT)



Figure H. 1XRD Analysis of the original grinded core



Figure H. 2 XRD Analysis after the acid treatment



Figure H. 3 Analysis of the sample waited in ethylene glycol



Figure H. 4 Analysis of the air dried sample



Figure H. 5 Analysis of the sample dried at 300 °C


Figure H. 6 XRD Analysis of the sample dried at 550 °C

#### **APPENDIX I**

#### DETERMINATION OF THE POROSITY AND PERMEABILITY

Before carrying out the dynamic experiment, an experiment is conducted to determine the porosity and permeability, in which same grain sized packed limestone (60 mesh size) is used.

#### Determination of porosity

Porosity is determined by weight difference method. It is calculated as 0.28 as given in Table I.1.

Packed dry core (g)	50
Water saturated packed core (g)	57.8761
Water amount in the packed core(g)	7.8761
Pore volume (cc)	7.8761
Packed pore volume(cc)	27.869
Porosity (fraction)	0.28

Table I. 1 Porosity calculation

#### Determination of permeability

Water is injected through the packed core at different flow rates at room conditions. The viscosity of the injected fluid at this condition is 1.124 cp.

Table I.2 shows the recordings of the experiment. Table I.3 gives the dimensions of the packed core used in this experiment.

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Qpump (cm3/min)	Qpump (cm3/sec)	P1(bar)	P2(bar)	∆P (bar)	∆P (atm)	Qpump/A	ΔP/L
						0,0000	0,0000
0,5	0,008	0	10,10	10,10	10,23	0,0016	1,8364
1	0,017	0	11,40	11,40	11,55	0,0033	2,0727
1,5	0,025	0	21,20	21,20	21,48	0,0049	3,8545
2	0,033	0	26,80	26,80	27,16	0,0066	4,8727

Table I. 2 Recordings of the experiment with the packed core of L=5.5 cm, D=2.54

Using the Darcy equation following, permeability was calculated as 0.0018 darcy or  $1.8*10^{-14}$  m<sup>2</sup>.

$$Q/A = -\kappa/\mu * \nabla P/L$$

The obtained values of porosity and permeability from this experiment are used in the simulation study.

#### **APPENDIX J**

### KINETICS OF MINERAL DISSOLUTION AND PRECIPITATION

**Rate equation:** 

$$rate = r_m = \pm k_m * A_m * \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{Q}{K}\right)^{\mu} \right\}^{\eta}$$

A positive value for  $r_m$  corresponds to dissolution of the mineral m, negative value for precipitation.

 $A_m$  – reactive surface area,  $m_{\min eral}^2$ 

 $k_m$  – kinetic rate constant at fixed at T and pH,  $mol \cdot m_{\min eral}^{-2} \cdot \sec^{-1}$ 

- Q ion activity
- K the equilibrium constant for specific mineral-water reaction,
- $mol \cdot m_{\min eral}^{-2} \cdot \sec^{-1}$

 $\mu$  and  $\eta$  – two constants which depend on experimental data: they are usually but not always taken equal to 1.

In this study, these values are taken as 1.

The temperature dependence of the reaction rate constant is expressed via an Arrhenius equation.

#### **Arrhenius Equation:**

$$k_m = k_{25} \cdot \exp\left[\frac{-E_a}{R} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15}\right)\right]$$

 $k_{25}$  – the rate constant at 25°C,  $mol \cdot m_{\min eral}^{-2} \cdot \sec^{-1}$ R – the universal gas constant, 8.314472 \*10<sup>-3</sup>  $\frac{kJ}{K mol}$ 

 $E_a$  – the activation energy,  $\frac{kJ}{mol}$ 

T – absolute temperature, K

#### **APPENDIX K**

#### **RESULTS OF THE CO<sub>2</sub> EQUILIBRATION WITH THE FORMATION WATER**

#### Input file for the PHREEQC simulation:

Input file: C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Desktop\try\_2.pqi Output file: C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Desktop\try\_2.pqo Database file: C:\Program Files\USGS\Phreeqc Interactive 2.15.0\phreeqc.dat

Reading data base.

SOLUTION\_MASTER\_SPECIES SOLUTION\_SPECIES PHASES EXCHANGE\_MASTER\_SPECIES EXCHANGE\_SPECIES SURFACE\_MASTER\_SPECIES SURFACE\_SPECIES RATES END

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Reading input data for simulation 1.

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DATABASE C:\Program Files\USGS\Phreeqc Interactive 2.15.0\phreeqc.dat SOLUTION 1 temp 90 pН 7.789 4 pe redox pe units ppm density 1 519 Na Ca 37.5 Mg 45 Fe(3) 0.05 S(6) 14.08 746.88 Cl Alkalinity 658 water 1 # kg

SAVE solution 1 GAS\_PHASE 1 fixed\_pressure pressure 13.8 volume 1.36 temperature 90 CO2(g) 13.8

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Beginning of initial solution calculations.

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Initial solution 1.

-----Solution composition-----Elements Molality Moles 1.317e-002 1.317e-002 Alkalinity Ca 9.375e-004 9.375e-004 Cl 2.111e-002 2.111e-002 8.971e-007 8.971e-007 Fe(3) 1.855e-003 1.855e-003 Mg 2.262e-002 2.262e-002 Na S(6) 1.469e-004 1.469e-004 -----Description of solution----pH = 7.789pe = 4.000Activity of water = 0.999Ionic strength = 3.257e-002Mass of water (kg) = 1.000e+000Total carbon (mol/kg) = 1.289e-002Total CO2 (mol/kg) = 1.289e-002Temperature (deg C) = 90.000Electrical balance (eq) = -6.372e-003Percent error, 100\*(Cat-|An|)/(Cat+|An|) = -10.56Iterations = 8Total H = 1.110244e+002Total O = 5.554516e+001-----Distribution of species-----Log Log Log Species Activity Molality Activity Molality Gamma OH-2.788e-005 2.281e-005 -4.555 -4.642 -0.087 H+ 1.901e-008 1.626e-008 -7.721 -7.789 -0.068 H<sub>2</sub>O 5.551e+001 9.990e-001 1.744 -0.000 0.000

C(4) 1.289e-002 HCO3-1.155e-002 9.621e-003 -1.937 -2.017 -0.079 CO<sub>2</sub> 3.711e-004 3.739e-004 -3.431 -3.427 0.003 NaCO3-2.660e-004 2.193e-004 -3.575 -3.659 -0.0841.894e-004 1.562e-004 -3.723 -3.806 -0.084 MgHCO3+ CaCO3 1.618e-004 1.631e-004 -3.791 -3.788 0.003 NaHCO3 9.882e-005 9.956e-005 -4.005 -4.002 0.003 CO3-2 9.012e-005 4.337e-005 -4.045 -4.363 -0.318 MgCO3 8.328e-005 8.390e-005 -4.079 -4.076 0.003 CaHCO3+ 7.833e-005 6.524e-005 -4.106 -4.185 -0.079 Ca 9.375e-004 6.922e-004 3.327e-004 -3.160 -3.478 Ca+2 -0.318 CaCO3 1.618e-004 1.631e-004 -3.791 -3.788 0.003 CaHCO3+ 7.833e-005 6.524e-005 -4.106 -4.185 -0.079 5.196e-006 5.235e-006 -5.284 -5.281 CaSO4 0.003 CaOH+ 4.115e-009 3.393e-009 -8.386 -8.469 -0.0842.012e-012 1.658e-012 -11.696 -11.780 -0.084 CaHSO4+ Cl 2.111e-002 Cl-2.111e-002 1.730e-002 -1.676 -1.762 -0.087 FeCl+2 3.024e-020 1.397e-020 -19.519 -19.855 -0.335 2.412e-022 1.988e-022 -21.618 -21.702 FeCl2+ -0.0843.413e-025 3.439e-025 -24.467 -24.464 FeC13 0.003 Fe(3) 8.971e-007 5.607e-007 5.649e-007 -6.251 -6.248 0.003 Fe(OH)3 Fe(OH)4-3.280e-007 2.704e-007 -6.484 -6.568 -0.084Fe(OH)2+ 8.453e-009 6.969e-009 -8.073 -8.157 -0.084FeOH+2 9.795e-014 4.525e-014 -13.009 -13.344 -0.335 FeCl+2 3.024e-020 1.397e-020 -19.519 -19.855 -0.335 2.020e-020 4.927e-021 -19.695 -20.307 -0.613 Fe+3 FeSO4+ 1.023e-020 8.433e-021 -19.990 -20.074 -0.084 FeCl2+ 2.412e-022 1.988e-022 -21.618 -21.702 -0.084 1.321e-023 1.089e-023 -22.879 -22.963 -0.084 Fe(SO4)2-FeC13 3.413e-025 3.439e-025 -24.467 -24.464 0.003 Fe2(OH)2+4 1.334e-025 6.074e-027 -24.875 -26.217 -1.342 FeHSO4+2 1.336e-027 6.170e-028 -26.874 -27.210 -0.3358.023e-033 6.429e-035 -32.096 -34.192 -2.096 Fe3(OH)4+5 2.183e-027 H(0) H2 1.091e-027 1.100e-027 -26.962 -26.959 0.003 1.855e-003 Mg 1.524e-003 7.471e-004 -2.817 -3.127 -0.310 Mg+21.894e-004 1.562e-004 -3.723 -3.806 -0.084 MgHCO3+ MgCO3 8.328e-005 8.390e-005 -4.079 -4.076 0.003 MgSO4 3.292e-005 3.317e-005 -4.483 -4.479 0.003 2.504e-005 2.064e-005 -4.601 MgOH+ -4.685 -0.084 2.262e-002 Na 2.225e-002 1.840e-002 -1.653 -1.735 -0.082 Na+ NaCO3-2.660e-004 2.193e-004 -3.575 -3.659 -0.084 9.882e-005 9.956e-005 -4.005 -4.002 NaHCO3 0.003 7.518e-006 6.198e-006 -5.124 -5.208 NaSO4--0.084

NaOH	7.416e-009 7.472e-009 -8.130 -8.127 0.003
O(0)	1.140e-021
O2	5.700e-022 5.742e-022 -21.244 -21.241 0.003
S(6)	1.469e-004
SO4-2	1.012e-004 4.791e-005 -3.995 -4.320 -0.325
MgSO4	3.292e-005 3.317e-005 -4.483 -4.479 0.003
NaSO4-	7.518e-006 6.198e-006 -5.124 -5.208 -0.084
CaSO4	5.196e-006 5.235e-006 -5.284 -5.281 0.003
HSO4-	5.030e-010 4.147e-010 -9.298 -9.382 -0.084
CaHSO <sub>4</sub>	4+ 2.012e-012 1.658e-012 -11.696 -11.780 -0.084
FeSO4+	1.023e-020 8.433e-021 -19.990 -20.074 -0.084
Fe(SO4)	2- 1.321e-023 1.089e-023 -22.879 -22.963 -0.084
FeHSO4	+2 1.336e-027 6.170e-028 -26.874 -27.210 -0.335
	Saturation indices
Pł	hase SI log IAP log KT
A	nhydrite -2.66 -7.80 -5.14 CaSO4
Aı	ragonite 1.18 -7.84 -9.02 CaCO3
Ca	alcite 1.28 -7.84 -9.12 CaCO3
C	O2(g) -1.48 -3.43 -1.94 CO2
De	olomite 3.00 -15.33 -18.33 CaMg(CO3)2
Fe	e(OH)3(a) -1.83 3.06 4.89 Fe(OH)3
Go	bethite 5.96 3.06 -2.90 FeOOH
G	ypsum -3.00 -7.80 -4.79 CaSO4:2H2O
H	2(g) -23.58 -26.96 -3.38 H2
H	2O(g) -0.13 -0.00 0.13 H2O
Ha	alite -5.20 -3.50 1.70 NaCl
He	ematite 14.17 6.12 -8.05 Fe2O3
O2	2(g) -18.13 -21.24 -3.11 O2

Beginning of batch-reaction calculations.

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Reaction step 1.

Using solution 1. Using gas phase 1.

-----Gas phase-----

Total pressure: 13.8000 atmospheres Gas volume: 1.02e+000 liters

Moles in gas

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Component Initial log P Ρ Final Delta CO2(g)1.14 1.380e+001 6.298e-001 4.732e-001 -1.566e-001 -----Solution composition-----Elements Molality Moles С 1.694e-001 1.694e-001 Ca 9.375e-004 9.375e-004 Cl 2.111e-002 2.111e-002 Fe 8.971e-007 8.971e-007 Mg 1.855e-003 1.855e-003 Na 2.262e-002 2.262e-002 S 1.469e-004 1.469e-004 -----Description of solution----pH = 5.208Charge balance Adjusted to redox equilibrium pe = 9.212Activity of water = 0.996Ionic strength = 3.341e-002Mass of water (kg) = 1.000e+000Total alkalinity (eq/kg) = 1.317e-002Total CO2 (mol/kg) = 1.694e-001Temperature (deg C) = 90.000Electrical balance (eq) = -6.372e-003Percent error, 100\*(Cat-|An|)/(Cat+|An|) = -10.32Iterations = 21Total H = 1.110244e+002Total O = 5.585827e+001-----Distribution of species-----Log Log Log Molality Activity Molality Activity Species Gamma H+ 7.260e-006 6.199e-006 -5.139 -5.208 -0.069 OH-7.306e-008 5.967e-008 -7.136 -7.224 -0.088H2O 5.551e+001 9.963e-001 1.744 -0.002 0.000 0.000e+000 C(-4) 0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -99.614 -99.611 CH4 0.003 C(4) 1.694e-001 1.563e-001 1.575e-001 -0.806 -0.803 **CO2** 0.003 HCO3-1.275e-002 1.060e-002 -1.895 -1.975 -0.080 MgHCO3+ 2.184e-004 1.797e-004 -3.661 -3.745 -0.085 -3.956 NaHCO3 1.099e-004 1.107e-004 -3.959 0.003 CaHCO3+ 1.027e-004 8.540e-005 -3.988 -4.069 -0.080 7.772e-007 6.396e-007 -6.109 -6.194 -0.085 NaCO3-

5.554e-007 5.597e-007 -6.255 -6.252 CaCO3 0.003 -6.902 CO3-2 2.622e-007 1.253e-007 -6.581 -0.321 MgCO3 2.512e-007 2.532e-007 -6.600 -6.597 0.003 FeHCO3+ 2.877e-011 2.367e-011 -10.541 -10.626 -0.085 FeCO3 6.662e-014 6.713e-014 -13.176 -13.173 0.003 Ca 9.375e-004 8.282e-004 3.953e-004 -3.082 -3.403 -0.321 Ca+2 1.027e-004 8.540e-005 -3.988 -4.069 CaHCO3+ -0.080 CaSO4 6.031e-006 6.077e-006 -5.220 -5.216 0.003 CaCO3 5.554e-007 5.597e-007 -6.255 -6.252 0.003 CaHSO4+ 8.922e-010 7.341e-010 -9.050 -9.134 -0.085 1.281e-011 1.054e-011 -10.892 -10.977 CaOH+ -0.085 Cl 2.111e-002 Cl-2.111e-002 1.726e-002 -1.676 -1.763 -0.087 FeCl+ 6.467e-013 5.322e-013 -12.189 -12.274 -0.085FeCl+2 3.998e-013 1.833e-013 -12.398 -12.737 -0.339 3.163e-015 2.603e-015 -14.500 -14.585 FeCl2+ -0.085 FeC13 4.458e-018 4.493e-018 -17.351 -17.347 0.003 Fe(2)7.586e-011 Fe+2 4.581e-011 2.234e-011 -10.339 -10.651 -0.3122.877e-011 2.367e-011 -10.541 -10.626 -0.085 FeHCO3+ FeCl+ 6.467e-013 5.322e-013 -12.189 -12.274 -0.085 FeSO4 4.895e-013 4.933e-013 -12.310 -12.307 0.003 7.440e-014 6.122e-014 -13.128 -13.213 FeOH+ -0.085 FeCO3 6.662e-014 6.713e-014 -13.176 -13.173 0.003 5.041e-017 4.148e-017 -16.297 -16.382 FeHSO4+ -0.085 0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -199.968 -199.965 Fe(HS)2 0.003 Fe(HS)3-0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -296.975 -297.060 -0.085 Fe(3) 8.970e-007 Fe(OH)2+ 7.616e-007 6.267e-007 -6.118 -6.203 -0.085 1.318e-007 1.329e-007 -6.880 Fe(OH)3 -6.877 0.003 FeOH+2 3.393e-009 1.556e-009 -8.469 -8.808 -0.339 Fe(OH)4-2.021e-010 1.663e-010 -9.694 -9.779 -0.085 FeCl+2 3.998e-013 1.833e-013 -12.398 -12.737 -0.339 Fe+3 2.687e-013 6.477e-014 -12.571 -13.189 -0.618 1.316e-013 1.083e-013 -12.881 -12.965 FeSO4+ -0.085 3.163e-015 2.603e-015 -14.500 -14.585 FeCl2+ -0.085 Fe(SO4)2-1.660e-016 1.366e-016 -15.780 -15.864 -0.085 Fe2(OH)2+4 1.625e-016 7.180e-018 -15.789 -17.144 -1.355 6.591e-018 3.022e-018 -17.181 -17.520 -0.339 FeHSO4+2 FeC13 4.458e-018 4.493e-018 -17.351 -17.347 0.003 Fe3(OH)4+5 8.944e-022 6.835e-024 -21.048 -23.165 -2.117 H(0) 1.193e-032 5.966e-033 6.012e-033 -32.224 -32.221 H2 0.003 1.855e-003 Mg Mg+21.602e-003 7.803e-004 -2.795 -3.108 -0.312 2.184e-004 1.797e-004 -3.661 -3.745 MgHCO3+ -0.085 -4.470 MgSO4 3.359e-005 3.385e-005 -4.474 0.003 2.512e-007 2.532e-007 -6.600 MgCO3 -6.597 0.003

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MgOH+	0.8556-008 5.0596-008 -7.104 -7.249 -0.085
Na±	2.2026-002 $2.250_{\circ}$ 002 1 858 002 1 648 1 731 0 083
NaHCO3	$1.099e_{-004} + 1.07e_{-004} - 3.959 - 3.956 + 0.003$
NaSO4-	7 429e-006 6 113e-006 -5 129 -5 214 -0.085
NaCO3-	7772e-007 6 396e-007 -6 109 -6 194 -0.085
NaOH	1 958e-011 1 973e-011 -10 708 -10 705 0 003
O(0)	3 792e-011
02	1.896e-011 1.911e-011 -10.722 -10.719 0.003
S(-2)	0.000e+000
H2S	0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -97.819 -97.816 0.003
HS-	0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -99.044 -99.132 -0.088
S-2	0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -104.928 -105.255 -0.327
Fe(HS)2	0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -199.968 -199.965 0.003
Fe(HS)3-	0.000e+000 0.000e+000 -296.975 -297.060 -0.085
S(6)	1.469e-004
SO4-2	9.963e-005 4.681e-005 -4.002 -4.330 -0.328
MgSO4	3.359e-005 3.385e-005 -4.474 -4.470 0.003
NaSO4-	7.429e-006 6.113e-006 -5.129 -5.214 -0.085
CaSO4	6.031e-006 6.077e-006 -5.220 -5.216 0.003
HSO4-	1.877e-007 1.545e-007 -6.726 -6.811 -0.085
CaHSO4	+ 8.922e-010 7.341e-010 -9.050 -9.134 -0.085
FeSO4	4.895e-013 4.933e-013 -12.310 -12.307 0.003
FeSO4+	1.316e-013 1.083e-013 -12.881 -12.965 -0.085
Fe(SO4)2	$2 - 1.660e - 016 \ 1.366e - 016 \ -15.780 \ -15.864 \ -0.085$
FeHSO4-	$+ 5.041e{-}017 4.148e{-}017 -16.297 -16.382 -0.085$
FeHSO4-	$F2 = 6.591e \cdot 018  3.022e \cdot 018  -17.181  -17.520  -0.339$
	Saturation indices
Pha	ase SI log IAP log KT
An	hydrite -2 60 -7 73 -5 14 CaSO4
Ara	agonite -1.29 -10.31 -9.02 CaCO3
Ca	lcite -1.18 -10.31 -9.12 CaCO3
CH	I4(g) -96.31 -99.61 -3.30 CH4
CC	D2(g) 1.14 -0.80 -1.94 CO2
Do	lomite -1.99 -20.31 -18.33 CaMg(CO3)2
Fe(	OH)3(a) -2.46 2.43 4.89 Fe(OH)3
Fes	S(ppt) -100.66 -104.58 -3.92 FeS
Go	ethite 5.33 2.43 -2.90 FeOOH
Gy	psum -2.94 -7.74 -4.79 CaSO4:2H2O
H2	(g) -28.84 -32.22 -3.38 H2
H2	O(g) -0.13 -0.00 0.13 H2O
H2	S(g) -96.22 -97.82 -1.60 H2S
Ha	lite -5.20 -3.49 1.70 NaCl
He	matite 12.92 4.86 -8.05 Fe2O3
Ma	ickinawite -99.93 - 104.58 - 4.65 FeS
Me	elanterite -13.30 -14.99 -1.69 FeSO4:/H2O

O2(g)	-7.61 -10.72 -3.11 O2
Pyrite	-163.08 -180.07 -17.00 FeS2
Siderite	-6.34 -17.55 -11.22 FeCO3
Sulfur	-72.61 -68.98 3.64 S

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End of simulation.

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#### **APPENDIX L**

## RESULTS OF THE SIMULATION OF THE DYNAMIC EXPERIMENT



Figure L. 1 Time evolution of pressure during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 2 Time evolution of pH during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 3 Time evolution of AlO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 4 Time evolution of Ca<sup>+2</sup> during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 5 Time evolution of Cl during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 6 Time evolution of Fe<sup>+2</sup>during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 7 Time evolution of H<sup>+</sup> during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 8 Time evolution of H<sub>2</sub>O during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 9 Time evolution of HCO<sub>3</sub> during the 99 day-simulation







Figure L. 11 Time evolution of Na<sup>+</sup> during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 12 Time evolution of O<sub>2</sub>(aq) during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 13 Time evolution of SiO<sub>2</sub>(aq) during the 99 day-simulation







Figure L. 15 Variation in volume fraction of calcite during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 16 Variation in volume fraction of hematite during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 17 Variation in volume fraction of kaolinite during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 18 Variation in volume fraction of magnesite during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 19 Variation in volume fraction of quartz during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 20 Variation in volume fraction of siderite during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 21 Variation in volume fraction of dolomite during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 22 Time evolution of porosity during the 99 day-simulation



Figure L. 23 Time evolution of permeability during the 99 day-simulation

#### **APPENDIX M**

#### FORMULAS FOR POROSITY AND PERMEABILITY CALCULATIONS IN SIMULATION

Porosity changes are related to the volume changes as a result of mineral precipitation and dissolution, and these changes are taken into account in the calculations. The porosity of the medium is calculated as follows:

$$\phi = 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{nm} fr_m - fr_m$$

where "nm" is the number of minerals, and  $fr_m$  and  $fr_u$  are the volume fraction of mineral "m" in the rock and the volume fraction of nonreactive rock, respectively. The permeability changes associated with changes in porosity are calculated from the following simplified cubic law:

$$k = k_i * \left(\frac{\phi}{\phi_i}\right)$$

where  $k_i$  and  $\phi_i$  are the initial permeability and porosity, respectively (Gherardi et al, 2007).

#### **APPENDIX N**

# RESULTS OF THE SIMULATION OF 25 YEARS WITHOUT $\mathrm{CO}_2$ INJECTION



Figure N. 1 Time evolution of pressure during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 2 Time evolution of pH during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 3 Time evolution of  $AlO_2^-$  during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 4 Time evolution of Ca<sup>+2</sup> during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 5 Time evolution of Cl during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 6 Time evolution of Fe<sup>+2</sup>during the 25 year-simulation







Figure N. 8 Time evolution of H<sub>2</sub>O during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 9 Time evolution of HCO<sub>3</sub> during the 25 year-simulation





Figure N. 11 Time evolution of Na<sup>+</sup>during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 12 Time evolution of  $O_2(aq)$  during the 25 year-simulation







Figure N. 14 Time evolution of SO<sub>4</sub><sup>-2</sup>during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 15 Variation in volume fraction of calcite during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 16 Variation in volume fraction of hematite during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 17 Variation in volume fraction of kaolinite during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 18 Variation in volume fraction of magnesite during the 25 year-simulation



Figure N. 19 Variation in volume fraction of quartz during the 25 year-simulation


Figure N. 20 Variation in volume fraction of siderite during the 25 year-simulation







Figure N. 23 Time evolution of permeability during the 25 year-simulation

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