

Storage of CO₂ in Limburg Coal and Sandstone Layers Project











Amount and quality of CO₂

» 1.000 kTon/y

» Pressure: 1,4 – 1,6 bar

» Temperature: 10 – 35°C

» Purity: ≥ 99%

» H₂: 0,30%

» N₂: 0,20%

» hydrocarbons: 30 – 600 ppm(v)

» methonal: 50 – 500 ppm(v)

» CO: 6 – 50 ppm(v)

 $^{\circ}$ O₂: < 1 ppm(v)

» NH_3 : < 1 ppm(v)

» $H_2O: 7 - 25 \text{ g/Nm}^3$

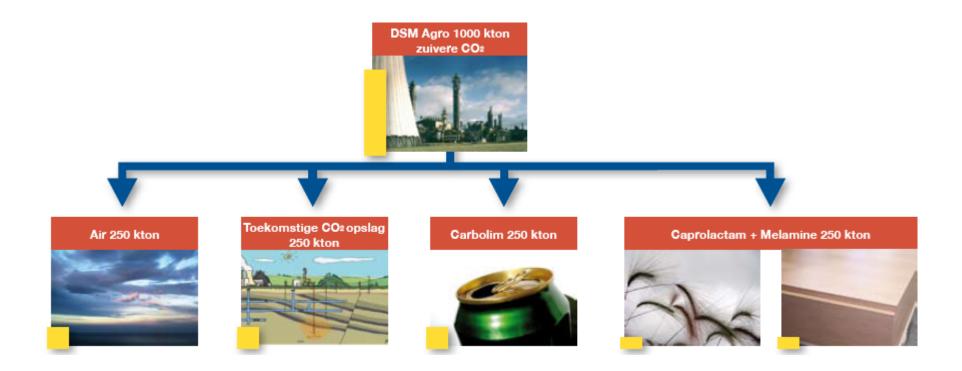
$$CH_4 + 2 H_2O \leftrightarrow CO_2 + 4 H_2$$

 $3 H_2 + N_2 \leftrightarrow 2 NH_3$

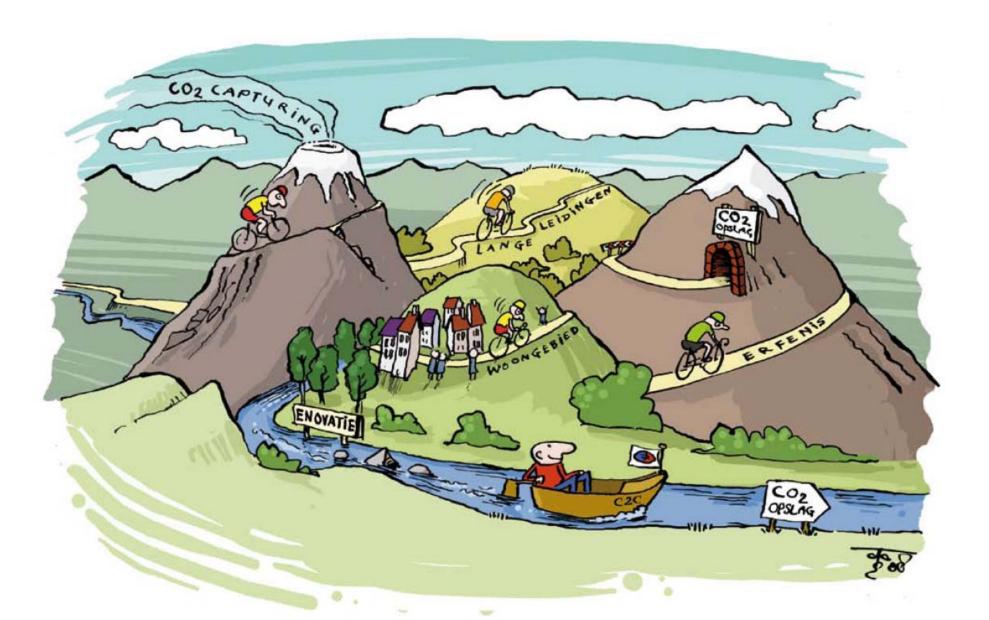




Distribution of the process CO₂









Deep aquifers

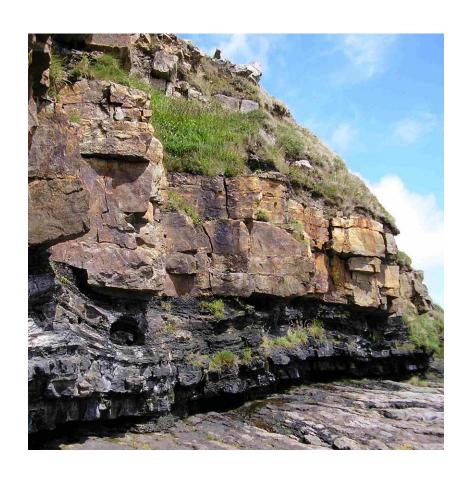
- » Potential reservoir levels
 - » Cretaceous chalks
 - » Triassic sandstones
 - » Westfaliaan sandstones
 - » Carboniferous limestones
 - » Devonian limestones
- » (Relatively) small traps
- » Large uncertainty
- » Need for exploration





Coal bearing strata

- » Aquifer-type storage
- » Chemical trapping
 - » on coal
 - » on claystones
 - » mineral trapping
- » Capacity $\geq 400 \times 10^6 \text{ ton}$
- » Low injection rates
- » Experimental phase
- » Co-production of CBM





Storage concept

- » Experience
 - » Alison unit San Juan Basin
 - » Fenn Big Valley Alberta
 - » JCOP Ishikari (Hokkaido)
 - » RECOPOL Silesian Coal Basin
 - » South Qinshui Basin (Shanxi)
- » Low injectivity
 - » 5 15 kton/y per well
- » Limited storage capacity
- » Impact on CBM-production unclear

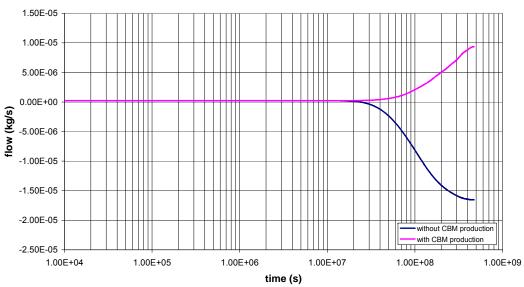
- » Focus on CO₂-storage
- » Increase injectivity
 - > 50 70 ton/y per well
- » Control flow
- » Prerequisites
 - » alternation of sandstone and coal layers
 - » large chemical trapping potential (coal and sandstones)
 - » suitable permeability window
 - » adequate vertical sealing
 - » no or limited tectonic disturbance



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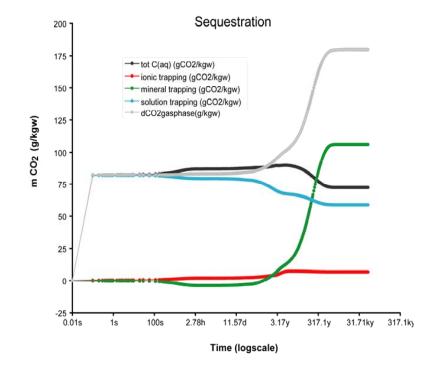
Flow Whilhelmina subcrop (@3500m)





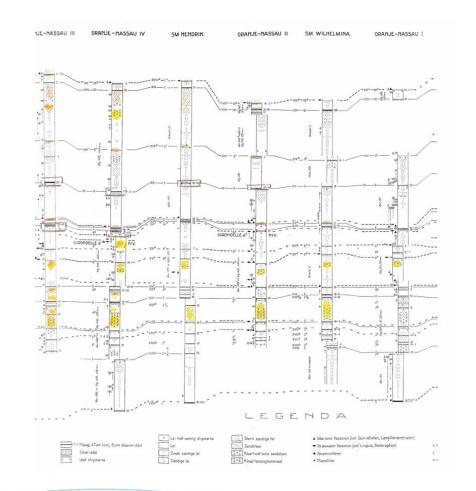
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 - » control of flow by pressure differences
- » After injection phase
 - » dissolution and dissociation
 - » adsorption on coals (55 kg/m³)
 - » adsorption on carbonaceous shales (3 – 5 kg/m³)
 - » mineral trapping (12 kg/m³ for Westphalian sandstones)



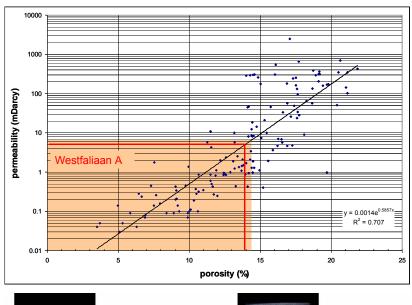


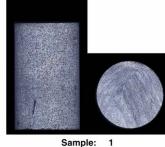
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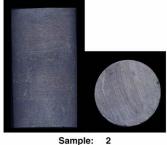




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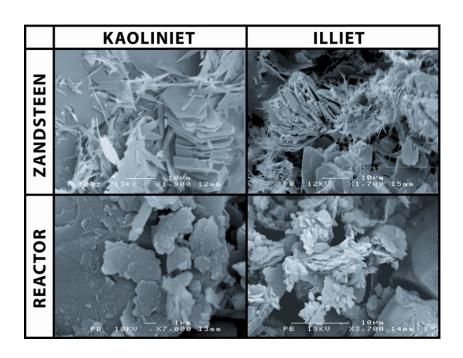






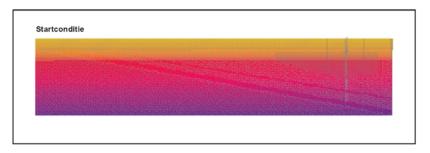
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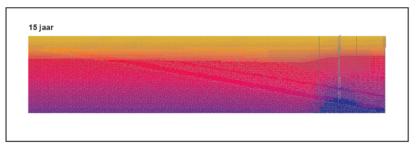
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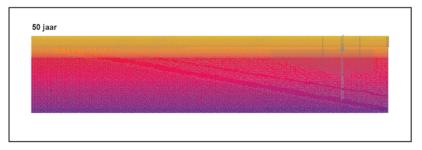




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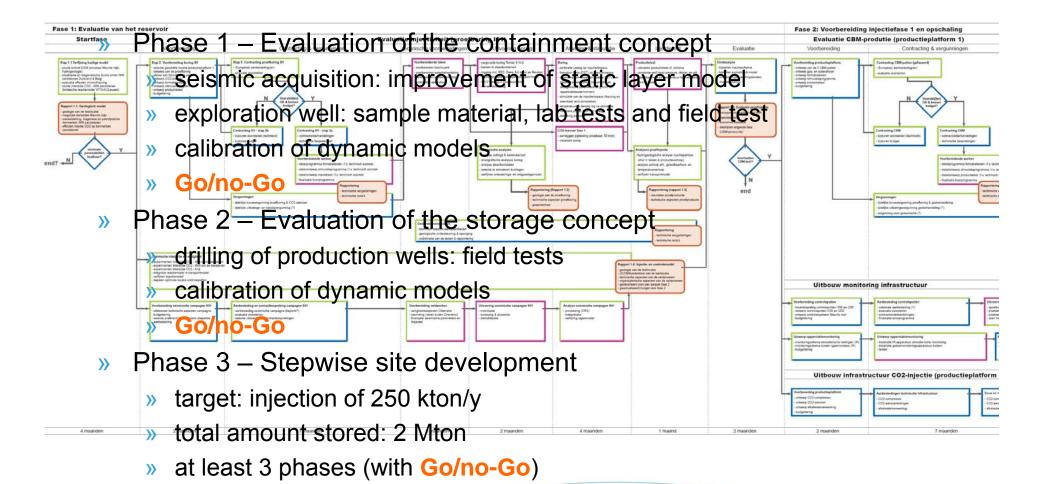








Project set-up



Learning effects

- » Close collaboration with stakeholders
 - » legal issues and regulation: EZ, SenterNovem, province, local authorities
 - » public: community meetings, local committees, media
 - » scientists: CATO2, PSS-CCS II, EU R&D programs, special tests, new monitoring techniques, second opinions
- » Knowledge dissemination
 - » official reports, publications, presentations and press
 - » collaboration in research projects (e.g., CATO2, PSS-CCS II)
- » Relevance for other regions
 - » coal basins in the Netherlands and abroad
 - » new local storage option for small to medium CO₂ sources



