

Geological Labs On Chip (GLoCs)

New tools for investigating key aspects of CO₂ Geological Storage

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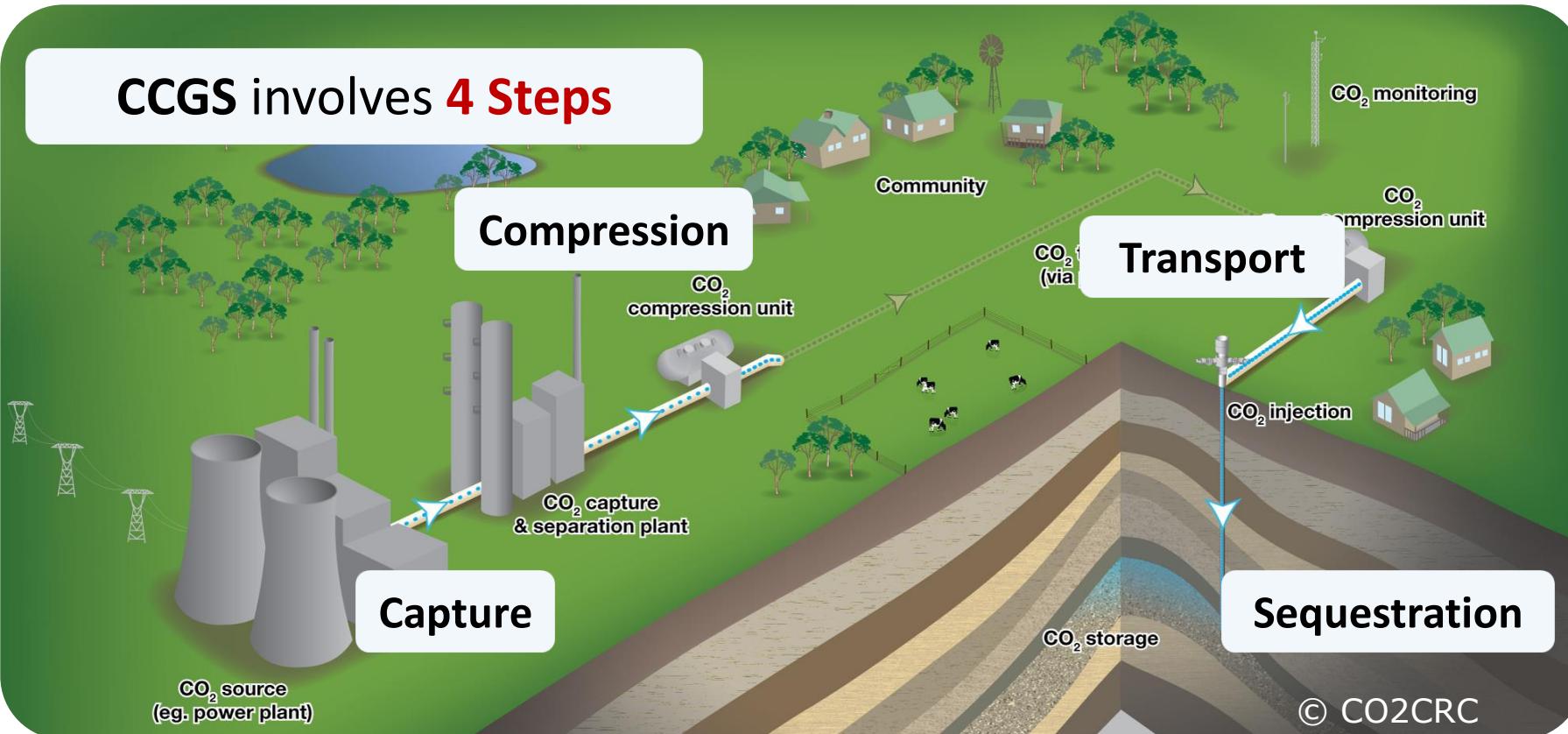
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I Context : CO₂ Geological Storage in Deep Saline Aquifers

Carbon Capture and Geological Storage remains an option to reduce CO₂ emissions to atmosphere from point sources

CCGS involves **4 Steps**

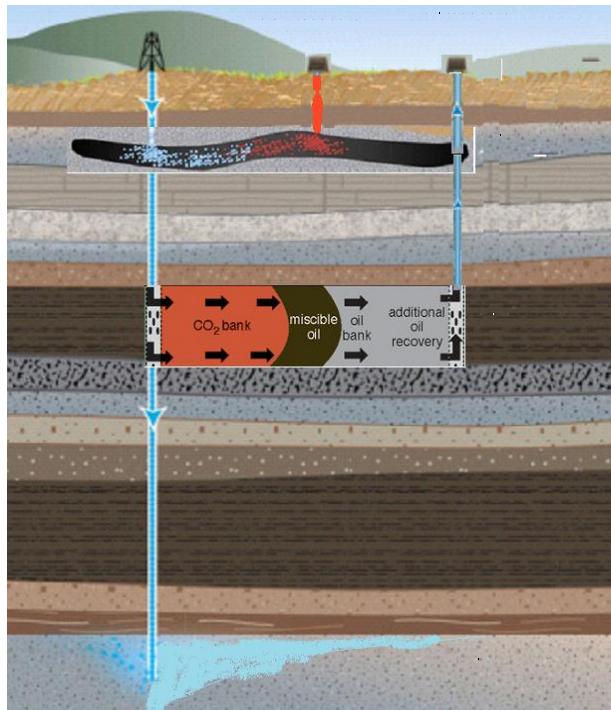


S. Morais et al.
*Geological labs on chips:
microfluidic strategies
for studying key
processes related to CO₂
storage (in preparation)*

I Context : CO₂ Geological Storage in Deep Saline Aquifers

Coal beds

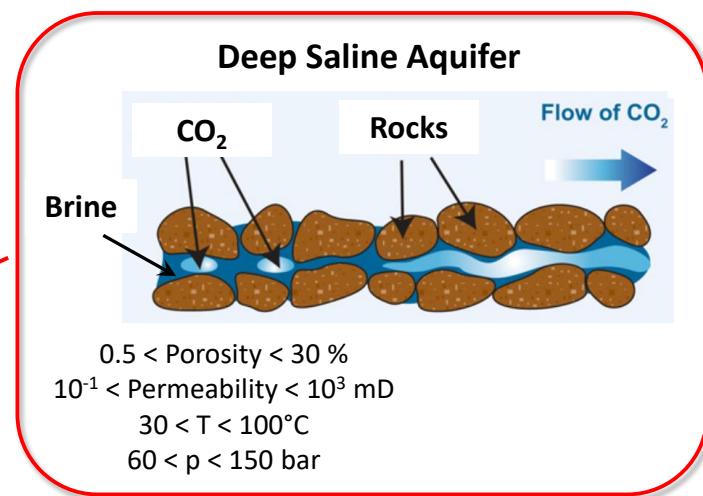
Estimated storage capacity
(100 – 200 Gt)
+ Enhancement of methane production



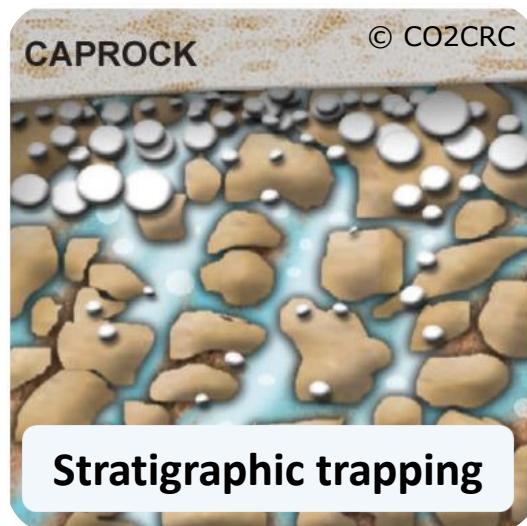
Oil / gas Reservoirs

Estimated storage capacity
(1,000 – 1,500 Gt)
+ Enhance Oil Recovery

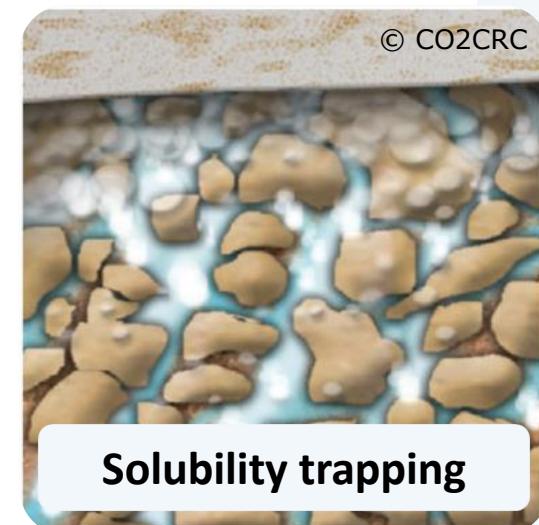
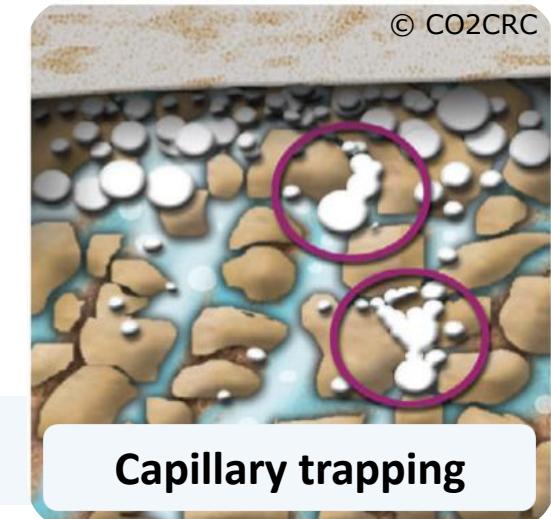
Deep Saline Aquifers (DSA)
Estimated storage capacity
(10,000 – 100,000 Gt)



I Context : 4 trapping mechanisms in Deep Saline Aquifers



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**How much CO₂ is trapped by capillary forces,
what fraction of pore space is filled?**

How much and how quickly CO₂ dissolves in
brine?

How CO₂ forms **carbonates** and what are the
precipitation rates?



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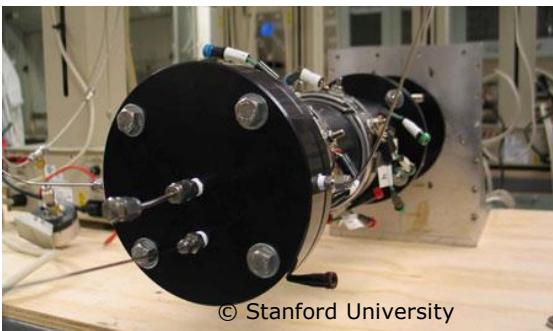
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II GLoCs : Investigation Tool : High Pressure 2D Micromodels

Core-scale approaches

- limitation of the control of operating parameters
- time-consuming
- limited number of *in situ* characterizations



Complementary

approaches



Microfluidic systems (GLoCs)

- excellent heat and mass transfers
- fine control of process parameters
- design flexibility through lithography



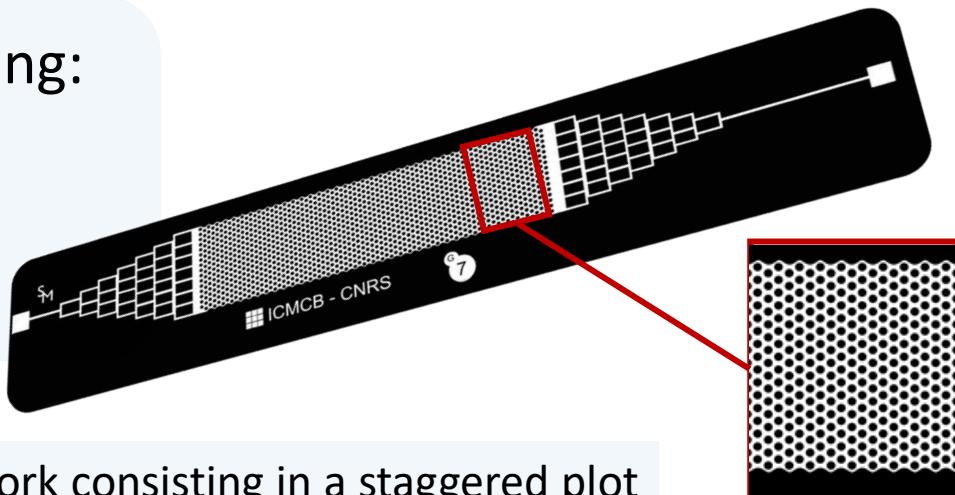
Si/Pyrex microsystems

- optical access through the Pyrex side
- *in situ* characterizations
- HT/HP capability

II GLoCs : Geological Labs On Chips

GLoCs mimicking:

- Porosity
- Permeability
- Wettability



Simple pore network consisting in a staggered plot disposal following a triangular pavement

Parameter	Range
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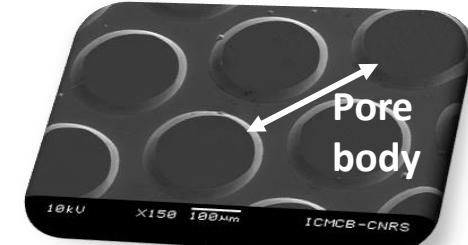
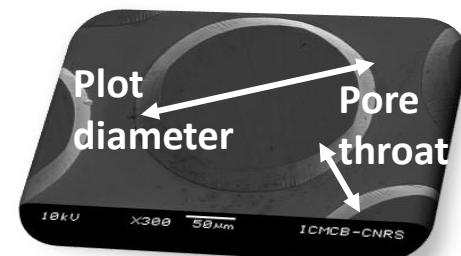
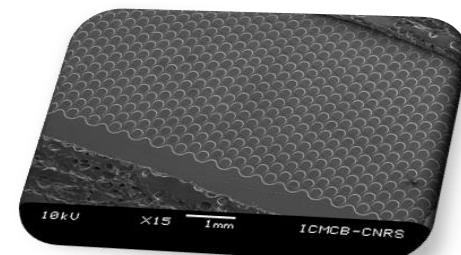
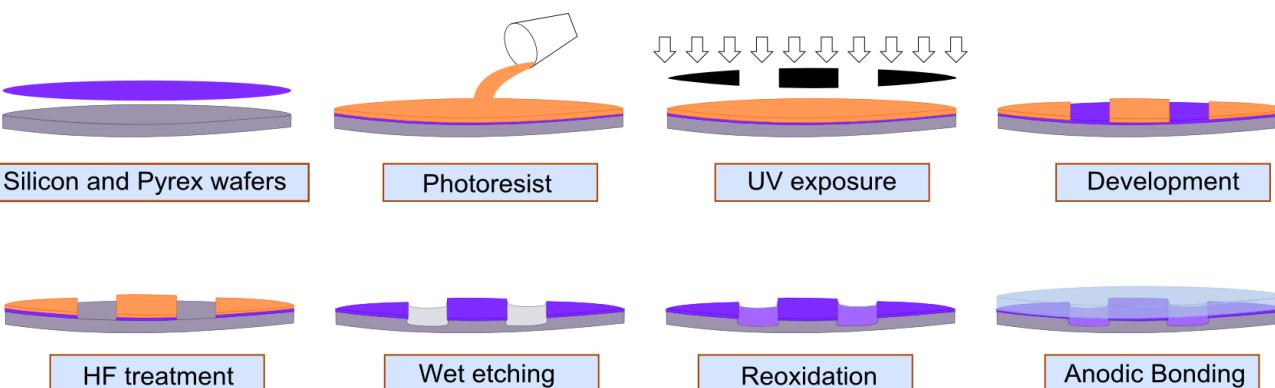
Depth (μm)	12 - 35
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Plots mean diameter (μm)	190 - 230
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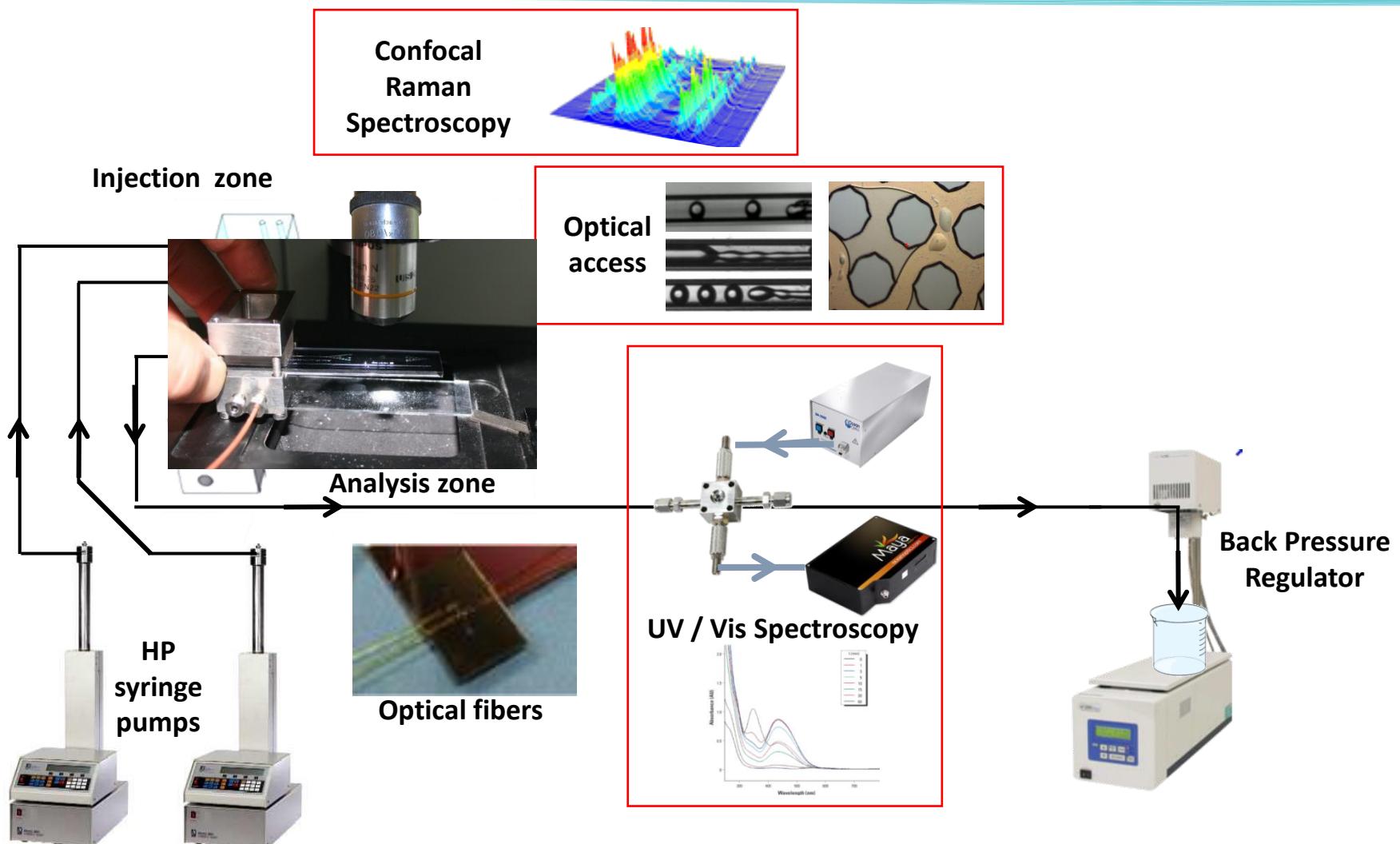
Pore body (μm)	280 - 325
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Pore throat (μm)	70 - 120
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Porosity	0.44 – 0.63
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II GLoCs : Setup



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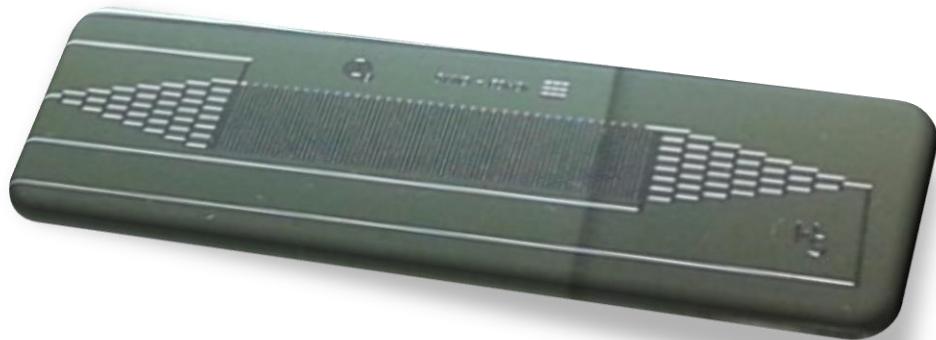
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III Results : Permeability determination



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*Pressure drop and permeability in
Geological Labs on Chip (GLoCs) (In
preparation)*

Darcy Law

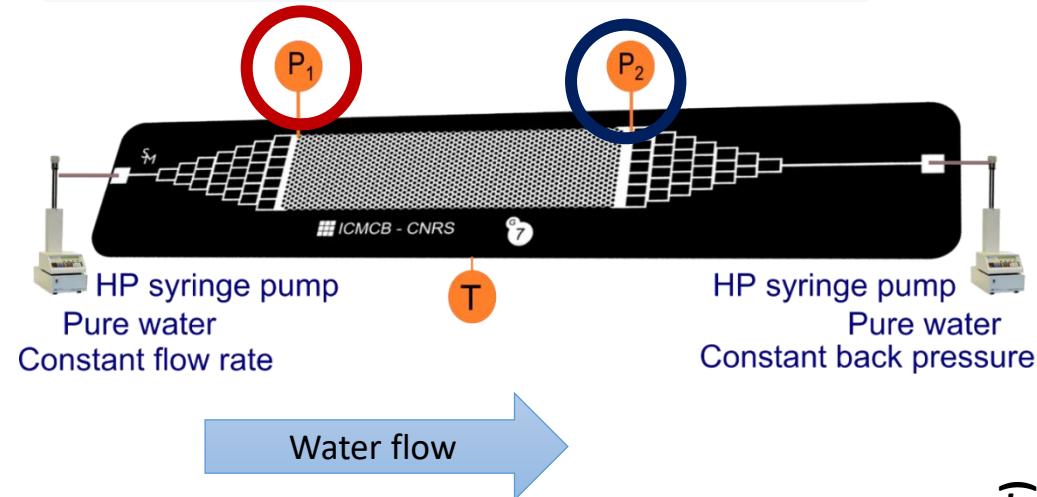


Permeability

$$u = - \frac{K}{\mu} \nabla P$$

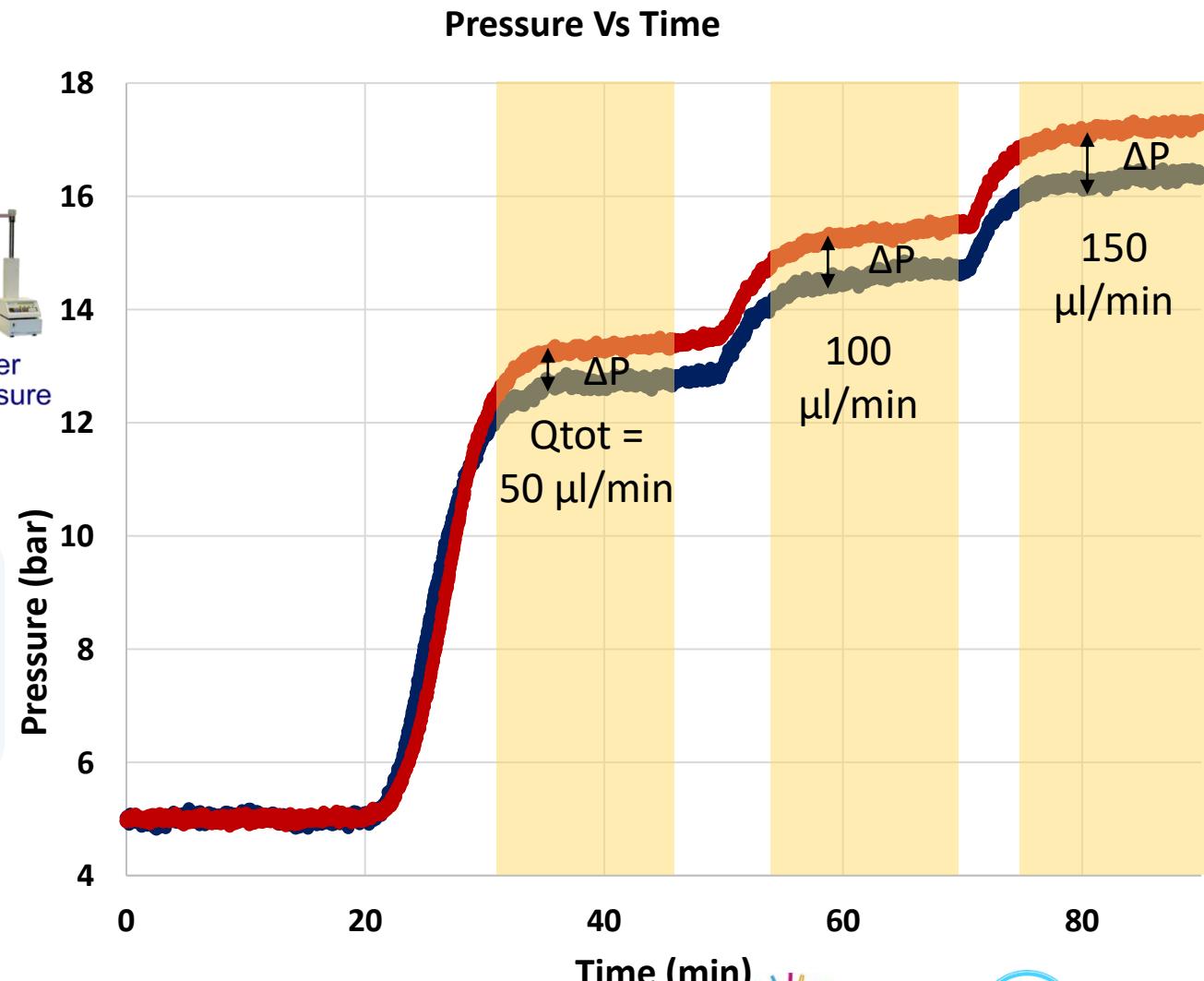
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Pressure drop measurement



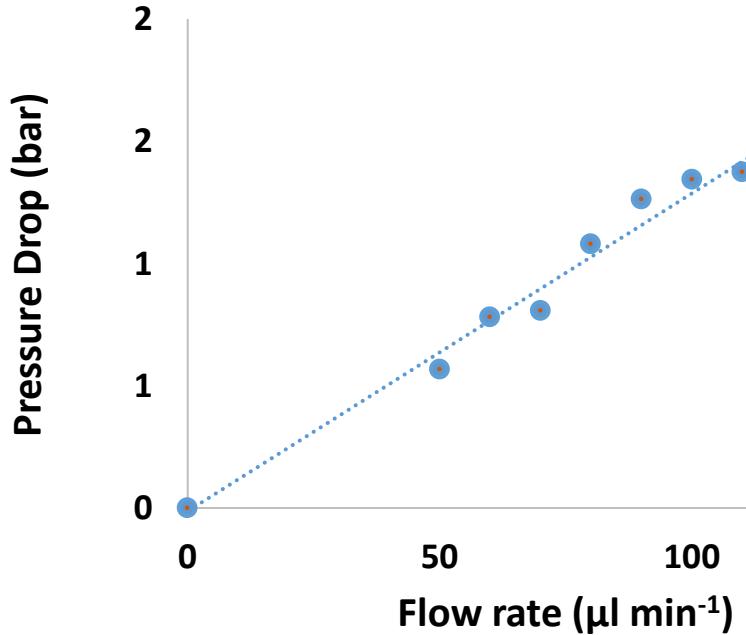
Side channels for pressure measurements through the porous medium

Different flow rates applied

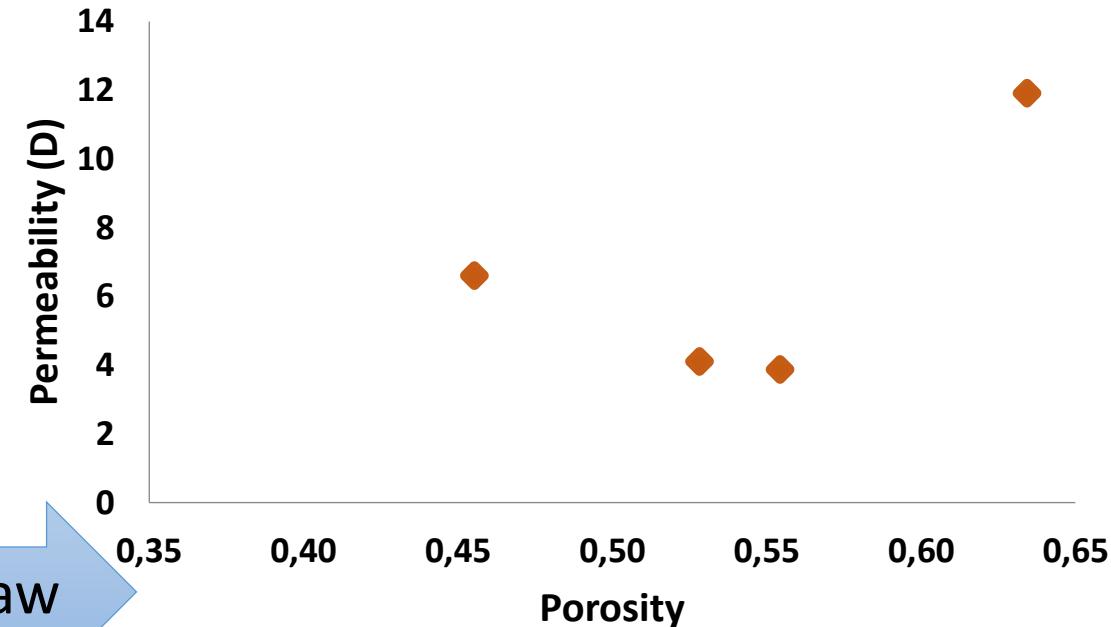


III Results : Permeability determination

Pressure drop vs Flow rate



Permeability vs Porosity



Darcy Law

$$\frac{Q}{A}$$

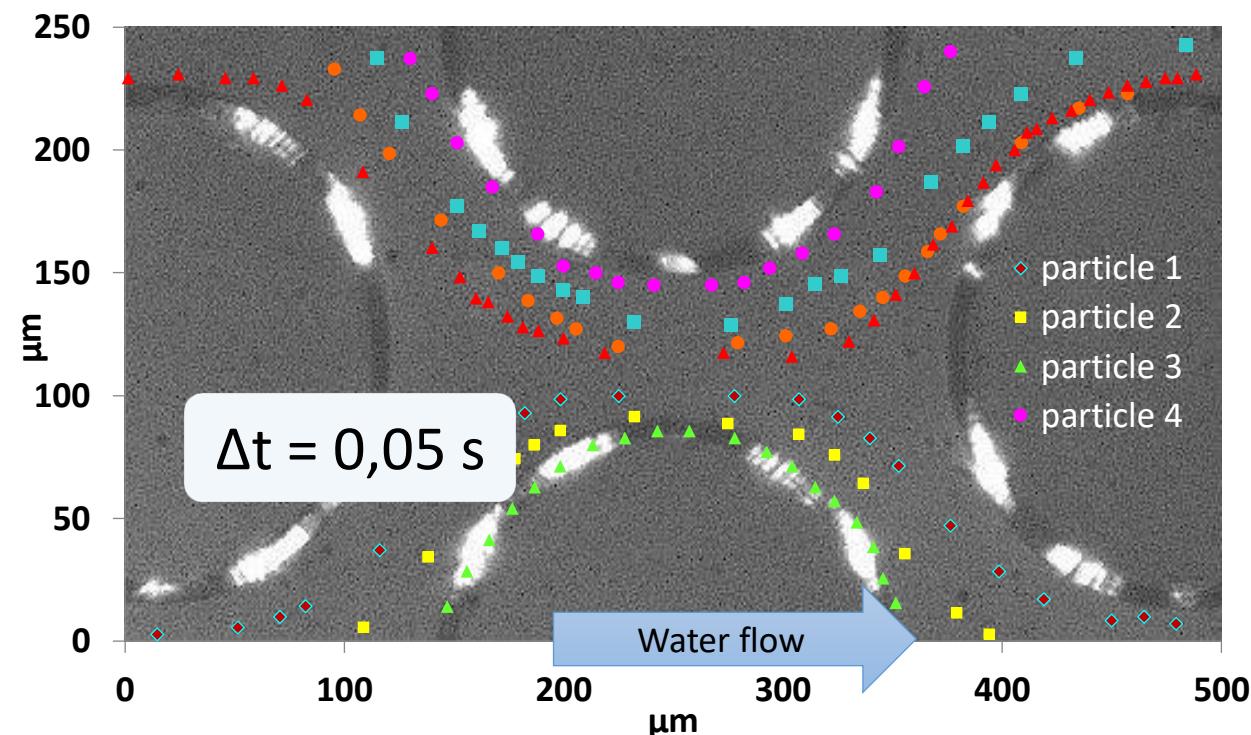
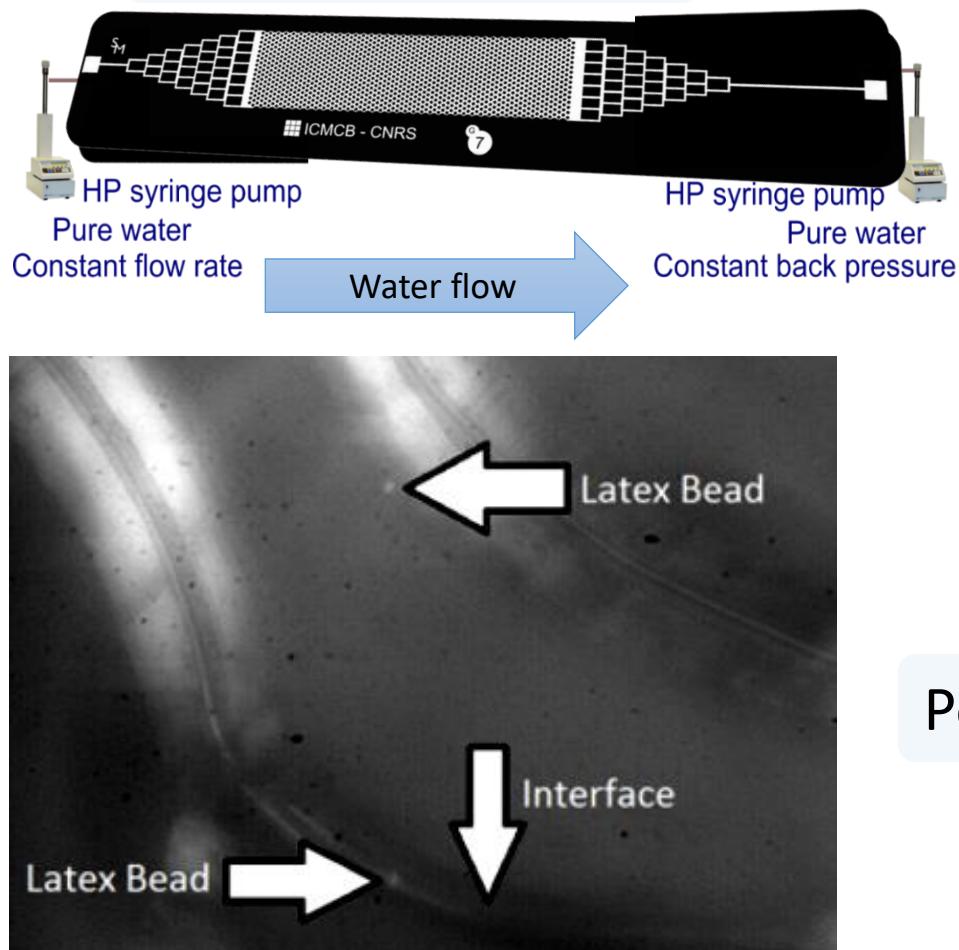


$$u = - \frac{K}{\mu} \nabla P$$

Permeability is not proportional to porosity

III Results : Local velocities measurements

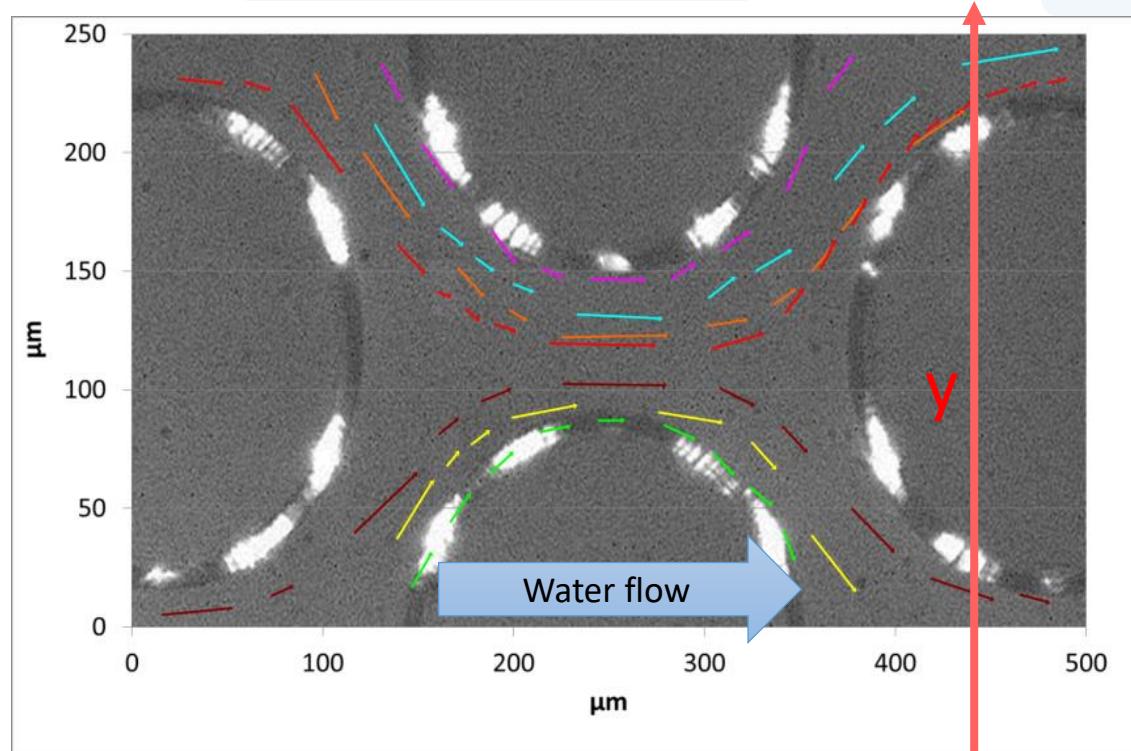
Particle Tracking



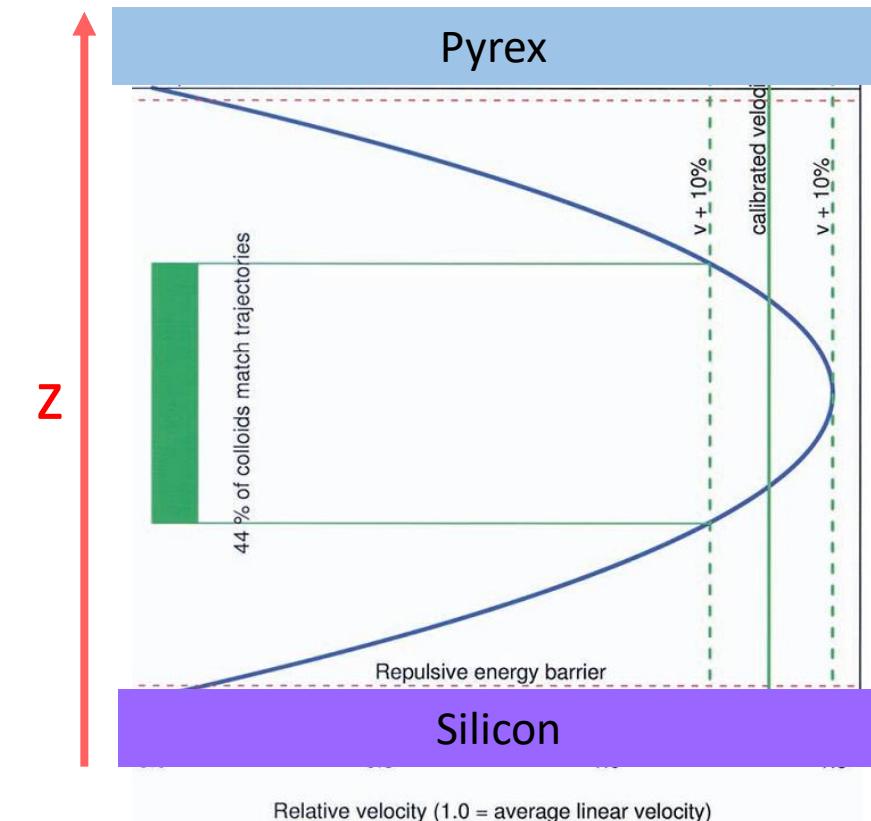
Possibility to follow each particle frame by frame

III Results : Local velocities measurements

Local velocities



$$V(\text{global with PTV}) \approx + 10\% V(\text{global Q/A})$$



$$V(\text{pore throat}) \approx 5 \text{ times } V(\text{pore body})$$

Baumann et al. 2004

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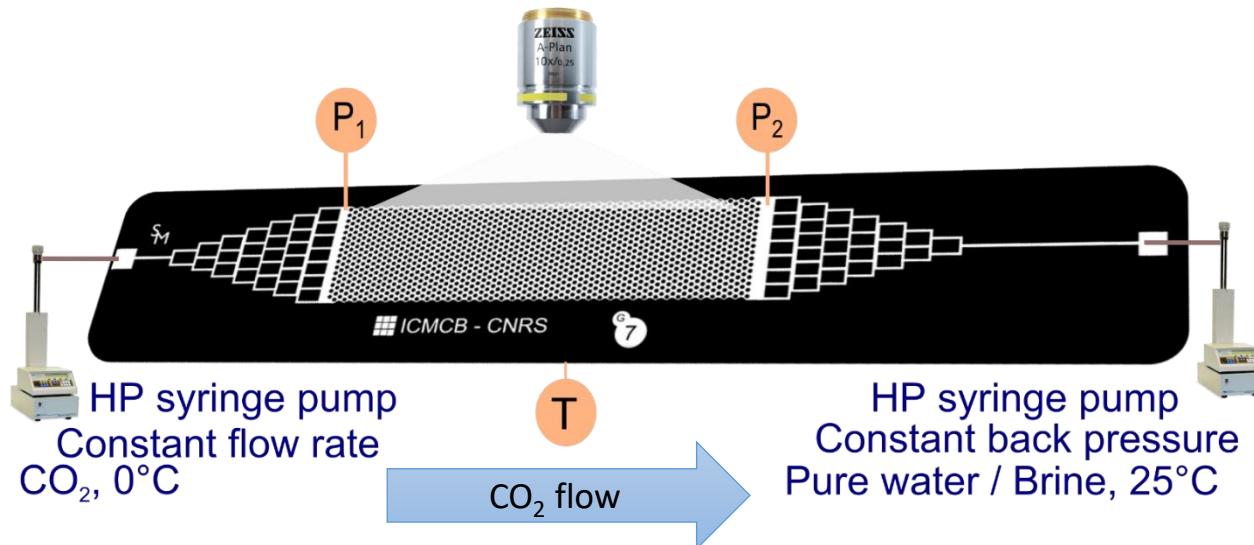
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Goal: accessing CO₂ saturation values



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Monitoring CO₂ invasion using
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(In preparation)

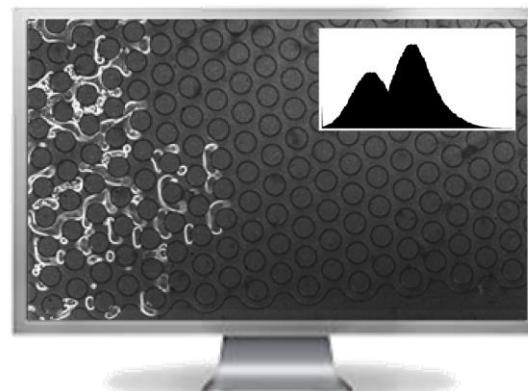
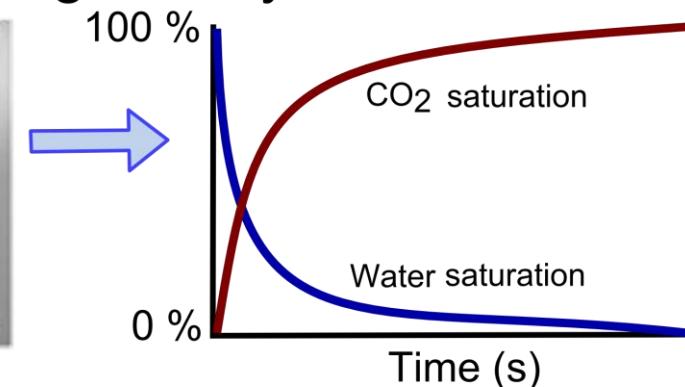


Image Analysis

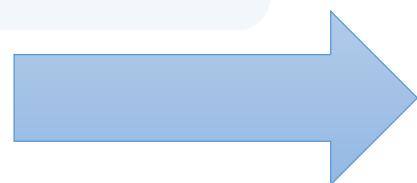


$$\text{saturation} = \frac{\text{CO}_2 \text{ area}}{\text{total area}}$$

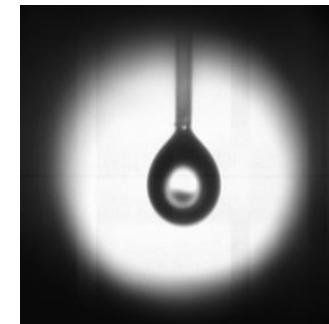
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Ratio between viscous forces
and capillary forces

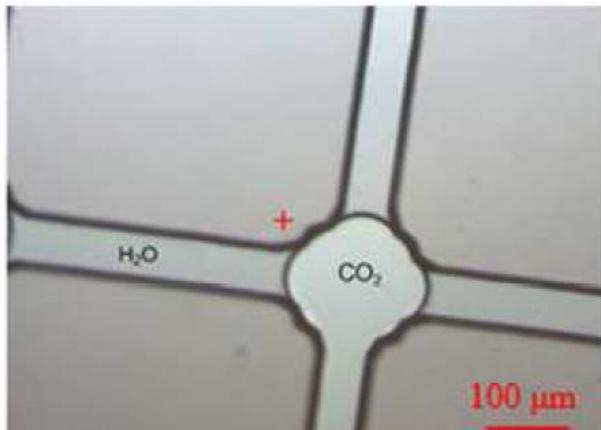
$$Ca = \frac{\mu u}{\gamma \cos \theta}$$



Interfacial tension and
contact angle measurements



Pendant drop method in a
high pressure cell



Forces :

- Capillary (interfacial tension)
- Viscous

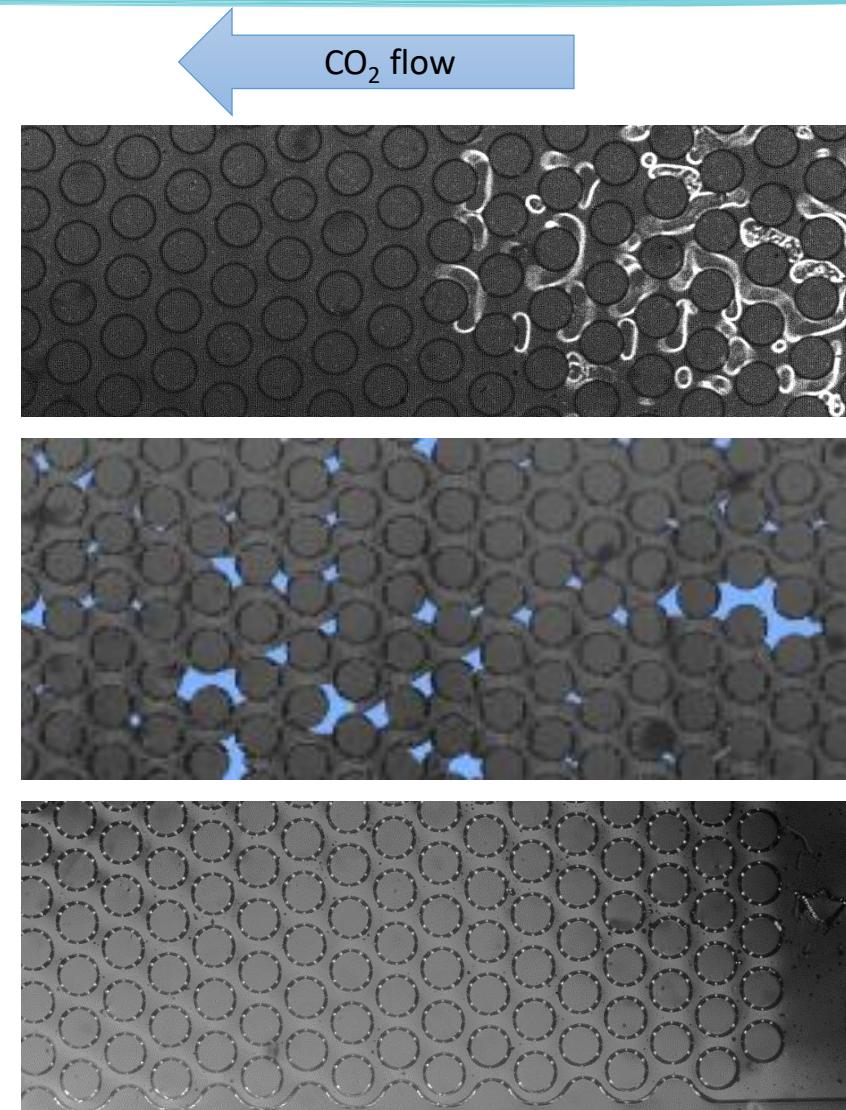
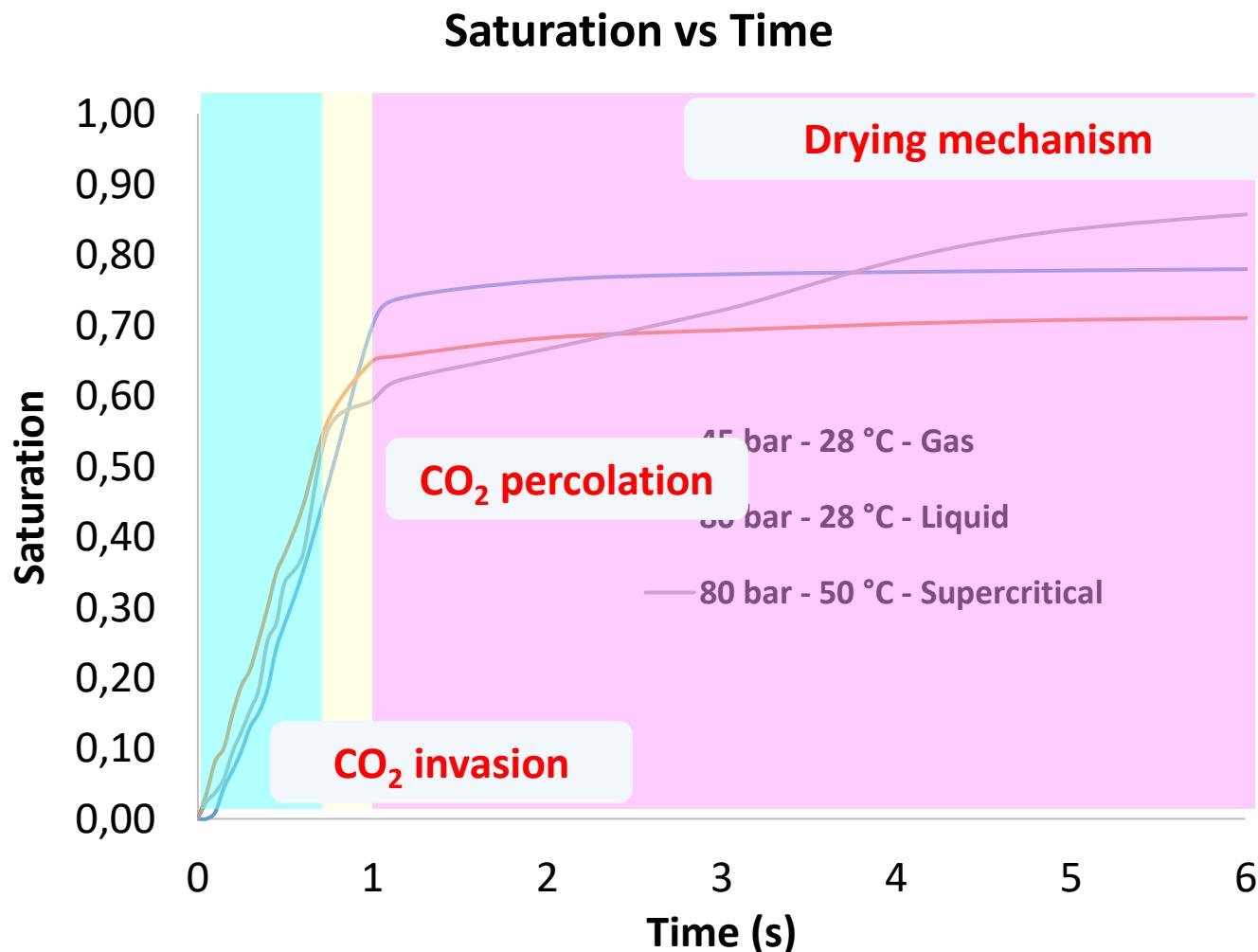
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2 different GLoCs

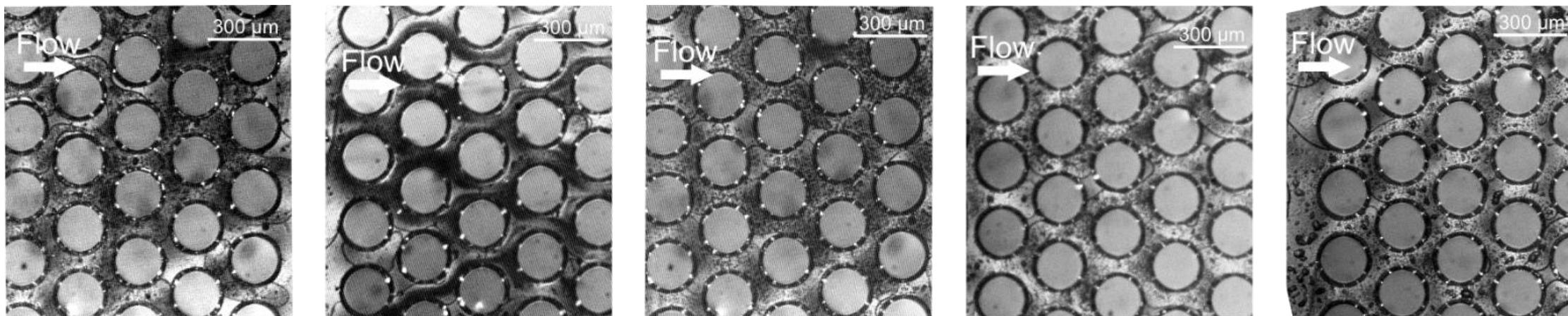
	M1	M2
Depth (μm)	22.3 ± 0.2	17.5 ± 0.2
Plots mean diameter (μm)	235 ± 3	229 ± 3
Pore body (μm)	279 ± 3	287 ± 3
Pore throat (μm)	62 ± 3	67 ± 3
Porosity (%)	0.44	0.47

p,T conditions	Q _{pump} (μl min ⁻¹)	M1			M2		
		Log Ca	Global velocity (m s ⁻¹)	Reynolds number	Log Ca	Global velocity (m s ⁻¹)	Reynolds number
4.5 MPa 28 °C	100	-3.93	0,28	41,1	-3.85	0,33	38,5
6 MPa, 28°C	100	-4.02	0,17	37,9	-3.94	0,21	35,5
8 MPa, 28°C	100	-3.99	0,04	11,5	-3.92	0,05	10,8
8 MPa, 50°C	100	-4.02	0,14	34,1	-3.94	0,17	31,9
8 MPa, 75°C	100	-3.92	0,19	35,0	-3.84	0,22	32,7
8 MPa, 50°C	200	-3.72	0,29	68,2	-3.64	0,34	63,9

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45 bar – 25 °C
Gas

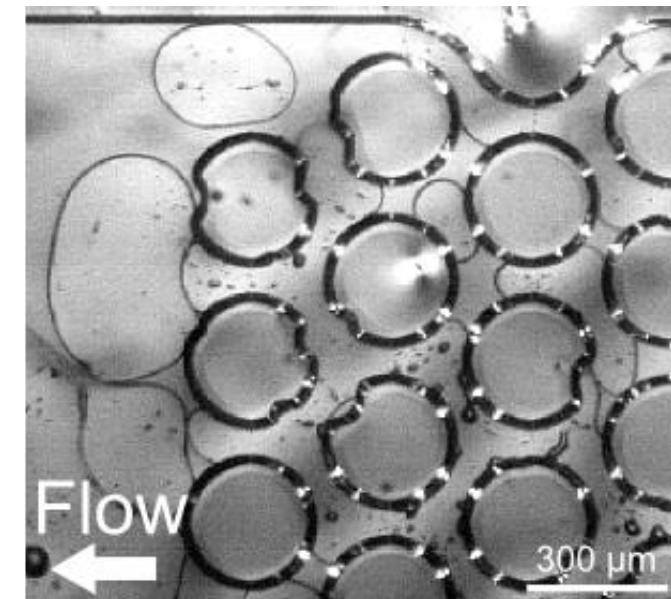
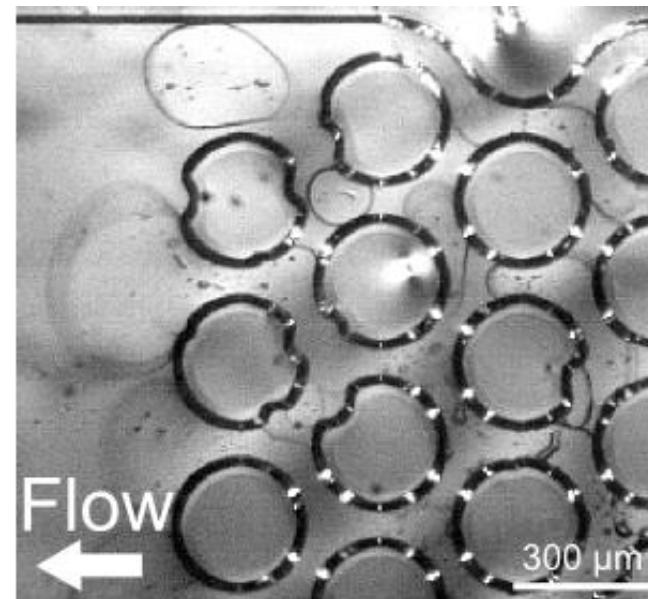
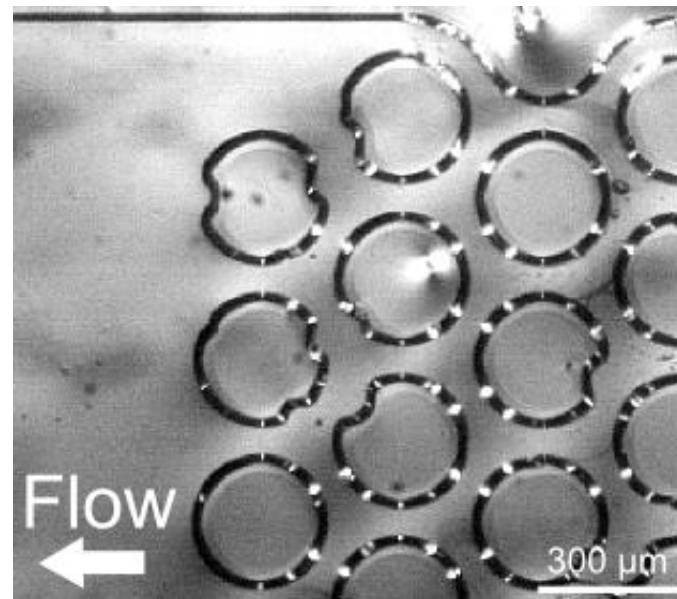
60 bar – 25 °C
Gas

80 bar – 25 °C
Liquid

80 bar – 50 °C
Supercritical

80 bar – 75 °C
Supercritical

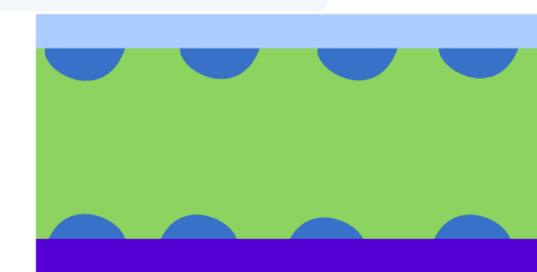
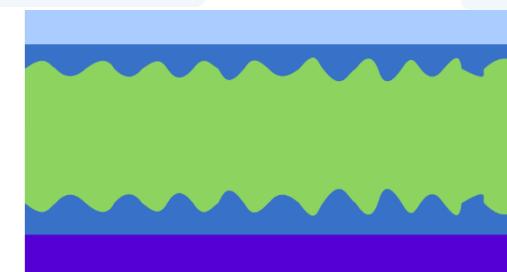
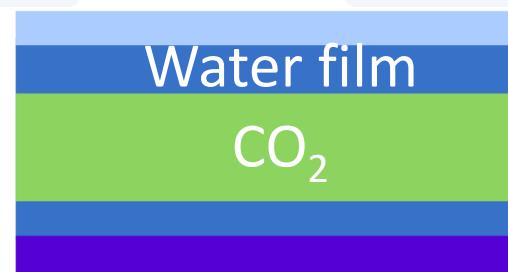
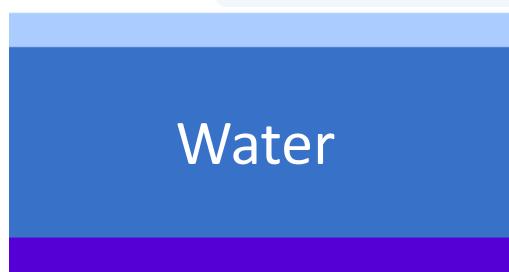
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t = 0 s

t = 0.05 s

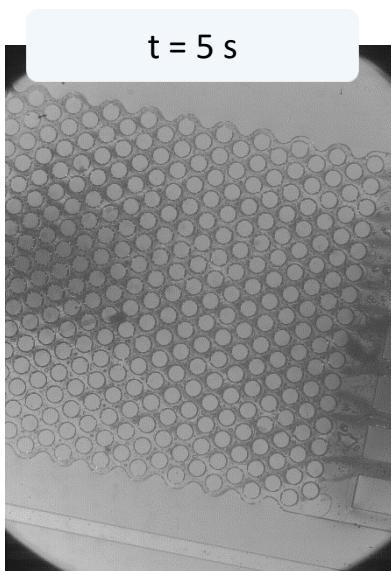
t = 0.10 s



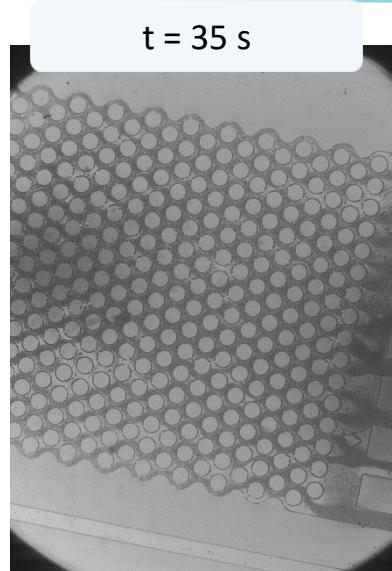
The amount of water droplets impacts the final CO₂ saturation value

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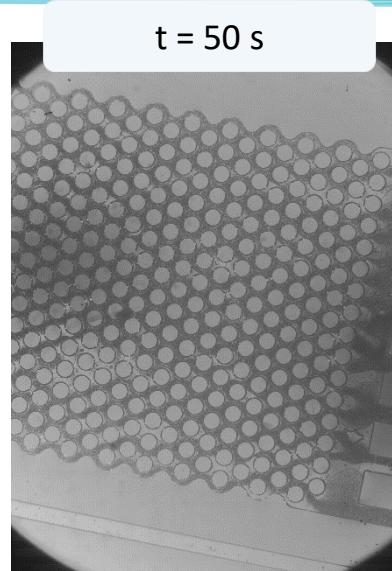
80 bar –
50 °C



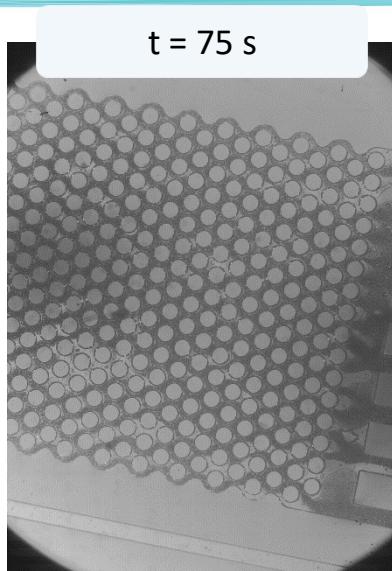
t = 5 s



t = 35 s

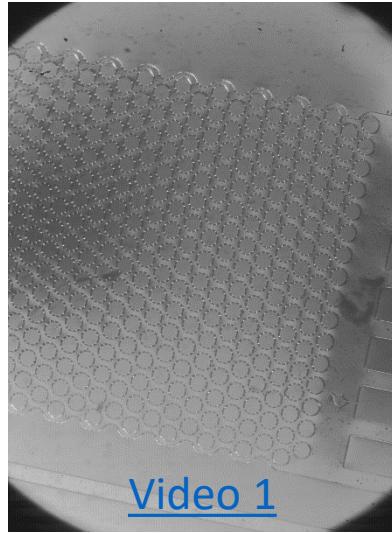
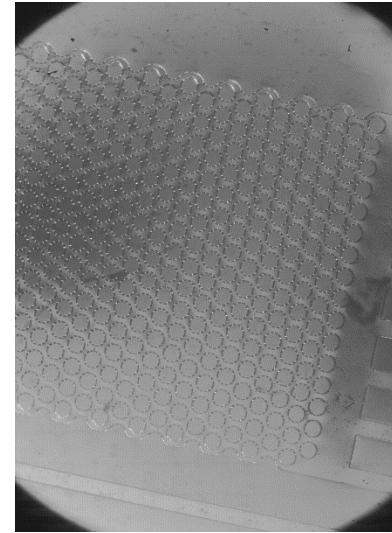
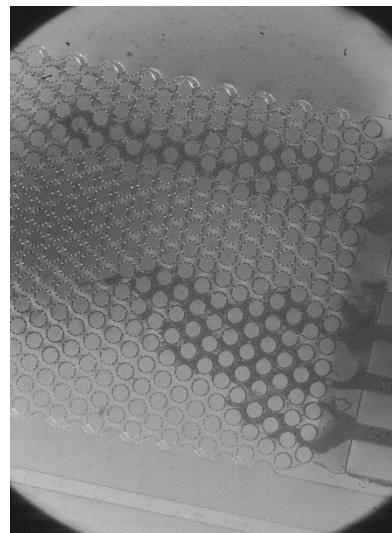
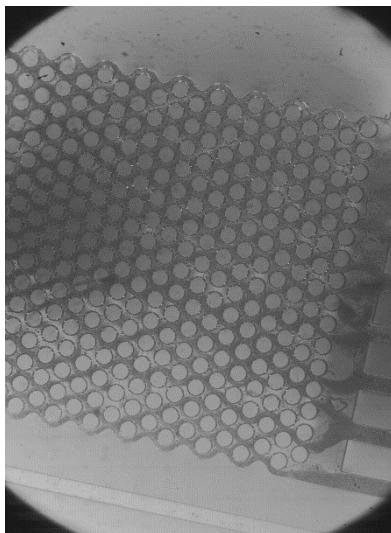


t = 50 s



t = 75 s

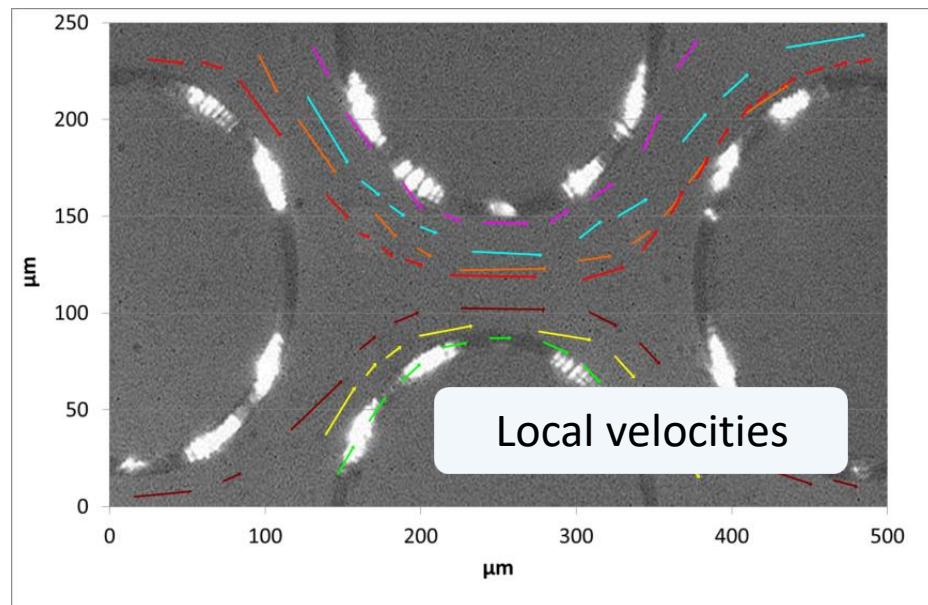
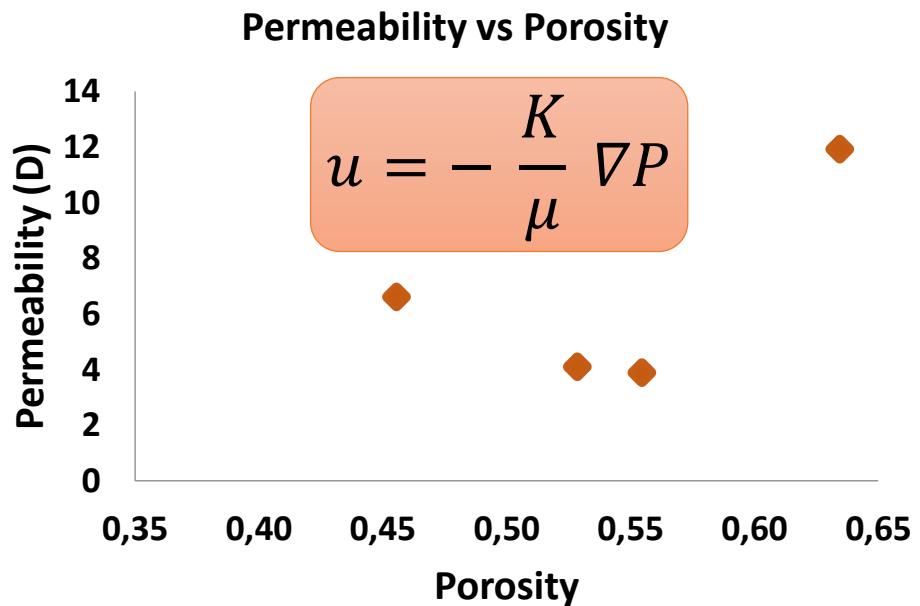
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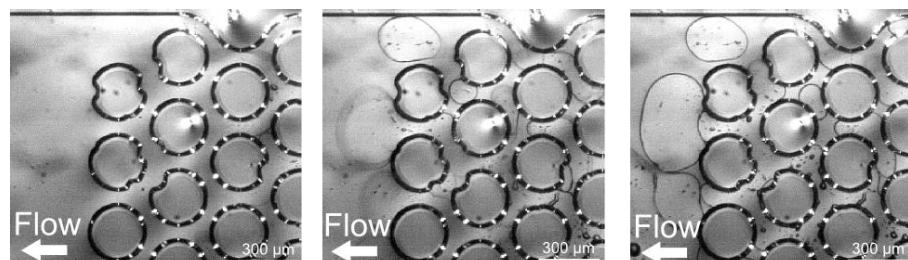
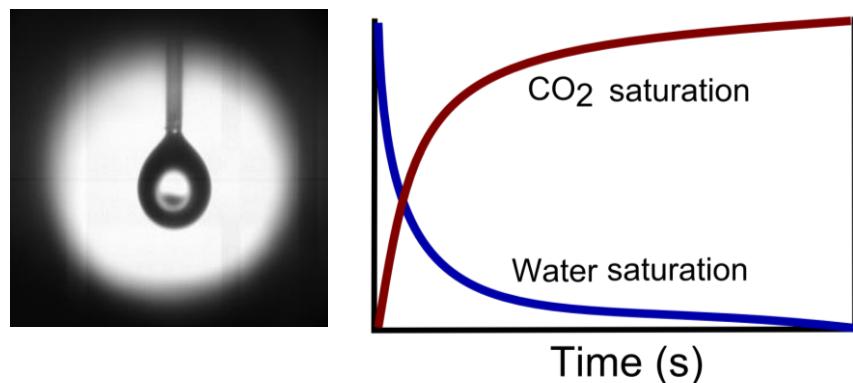
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Results - conclusion

Monophasic Study



Diphasic Study



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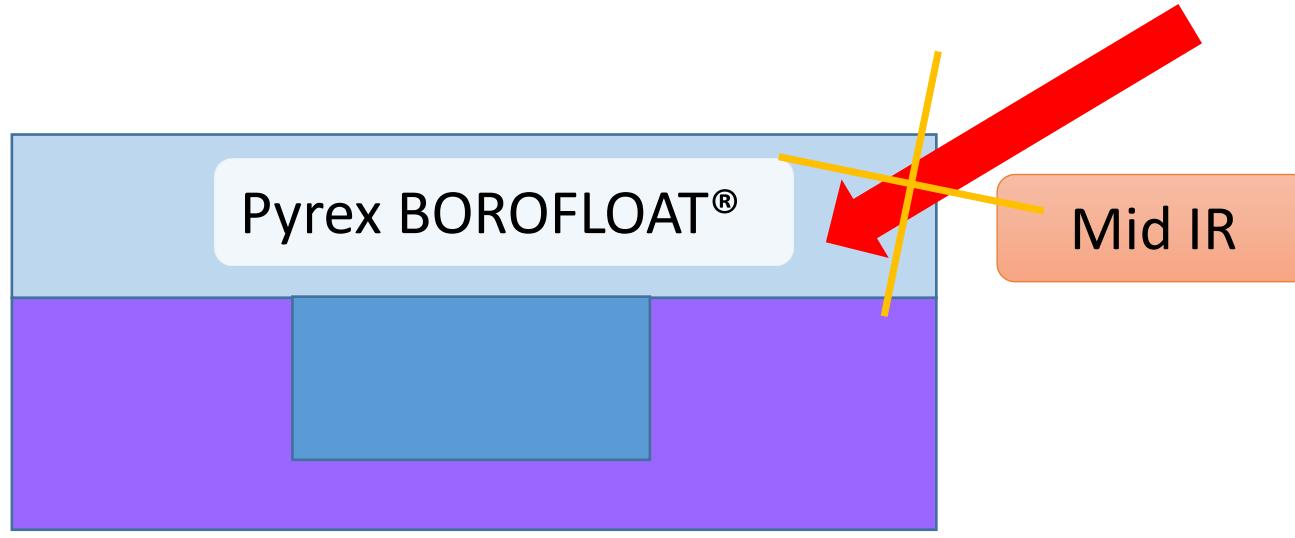
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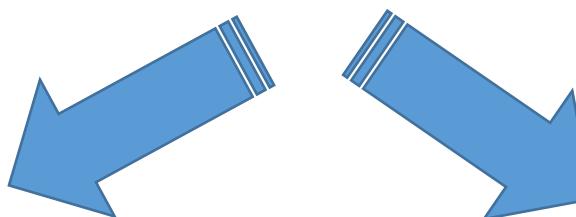
V Ongoing Works

V Ongoing Work : *In situ* characterization with optic fibers

Spectroscopic characterization of CCS gas (CO_2 , H_2S , NO_x)



Different glass
→ μHPI project
(Défi d'instrumentation aux limites)



Integration of optic fiber
into GLoCs

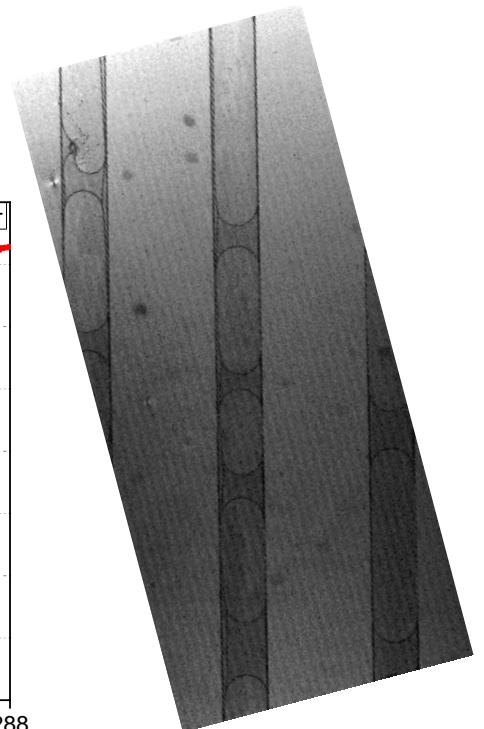
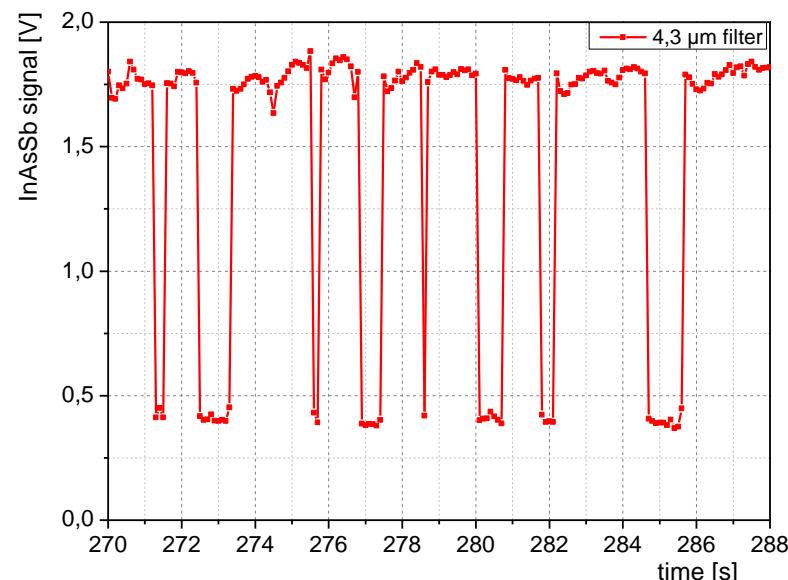
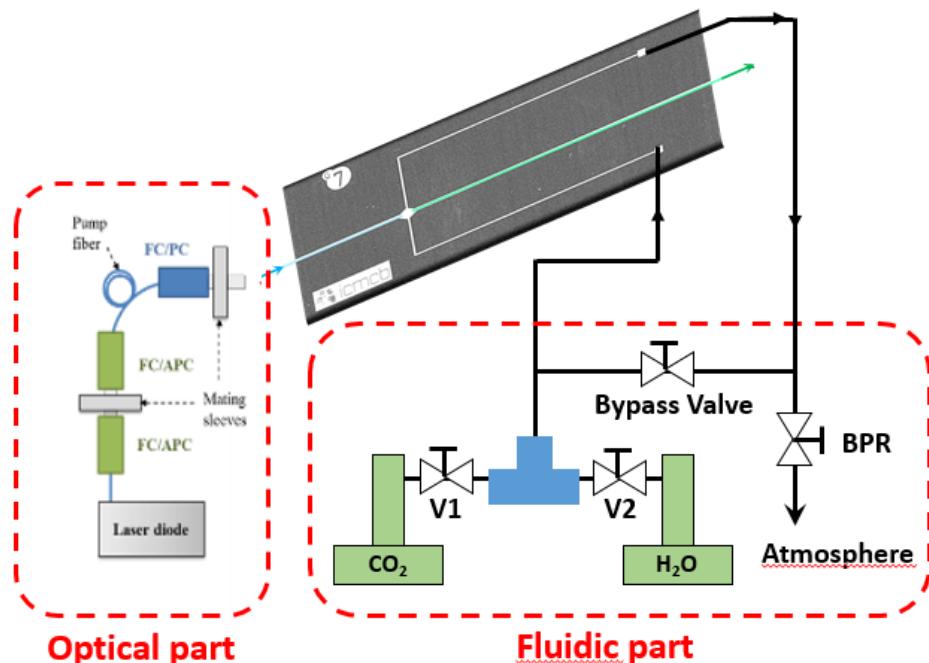
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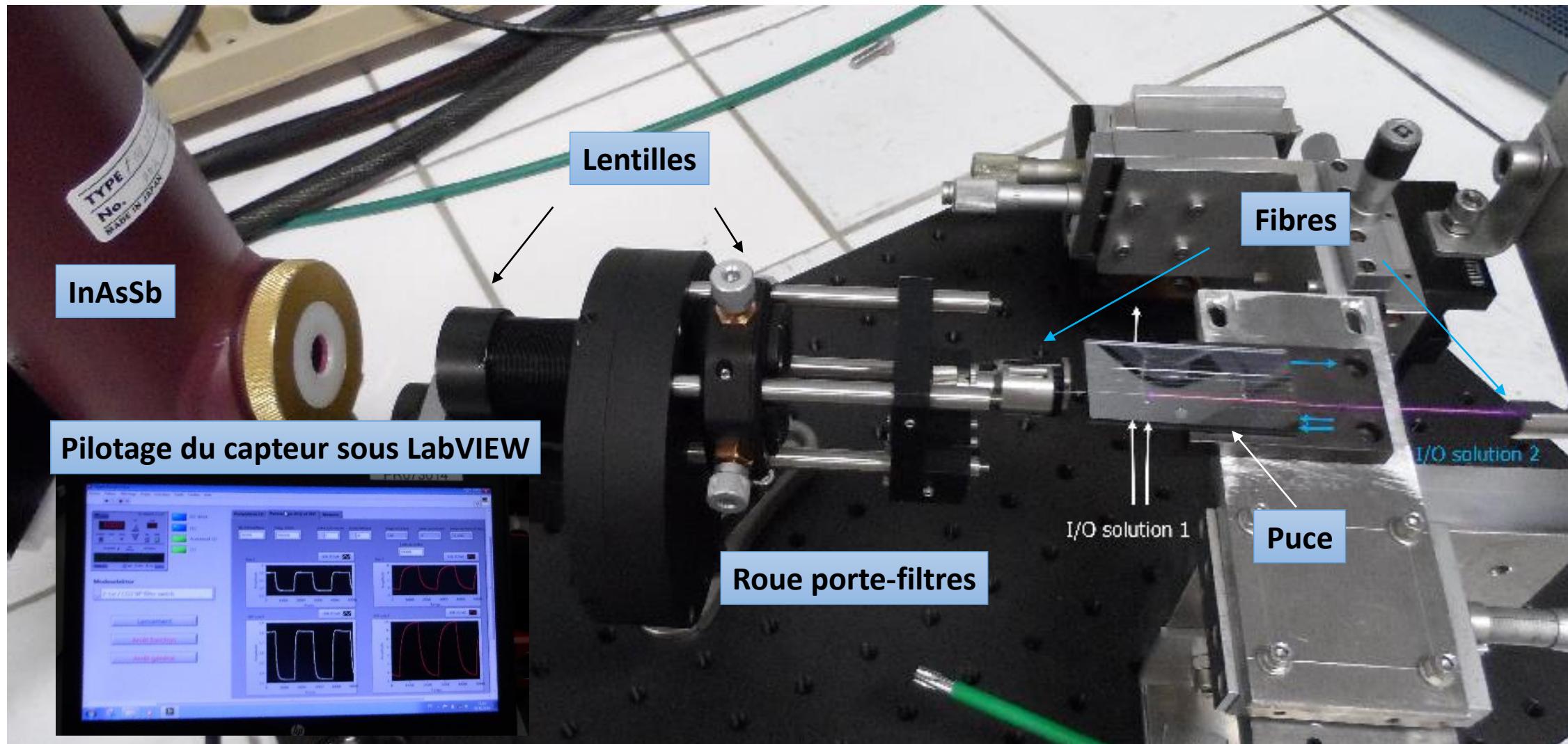
F. Starecki, S. Morais et al.

IR emitting Dy³⁺ doped GaGeSbS fibres for in situ CO₂ monitoring in high pressure microsystems (Submitted)

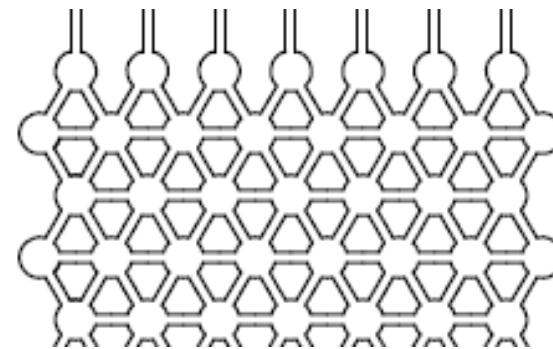
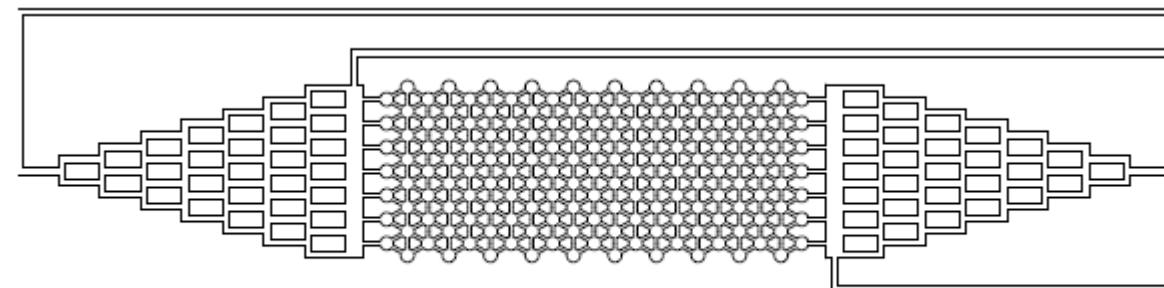
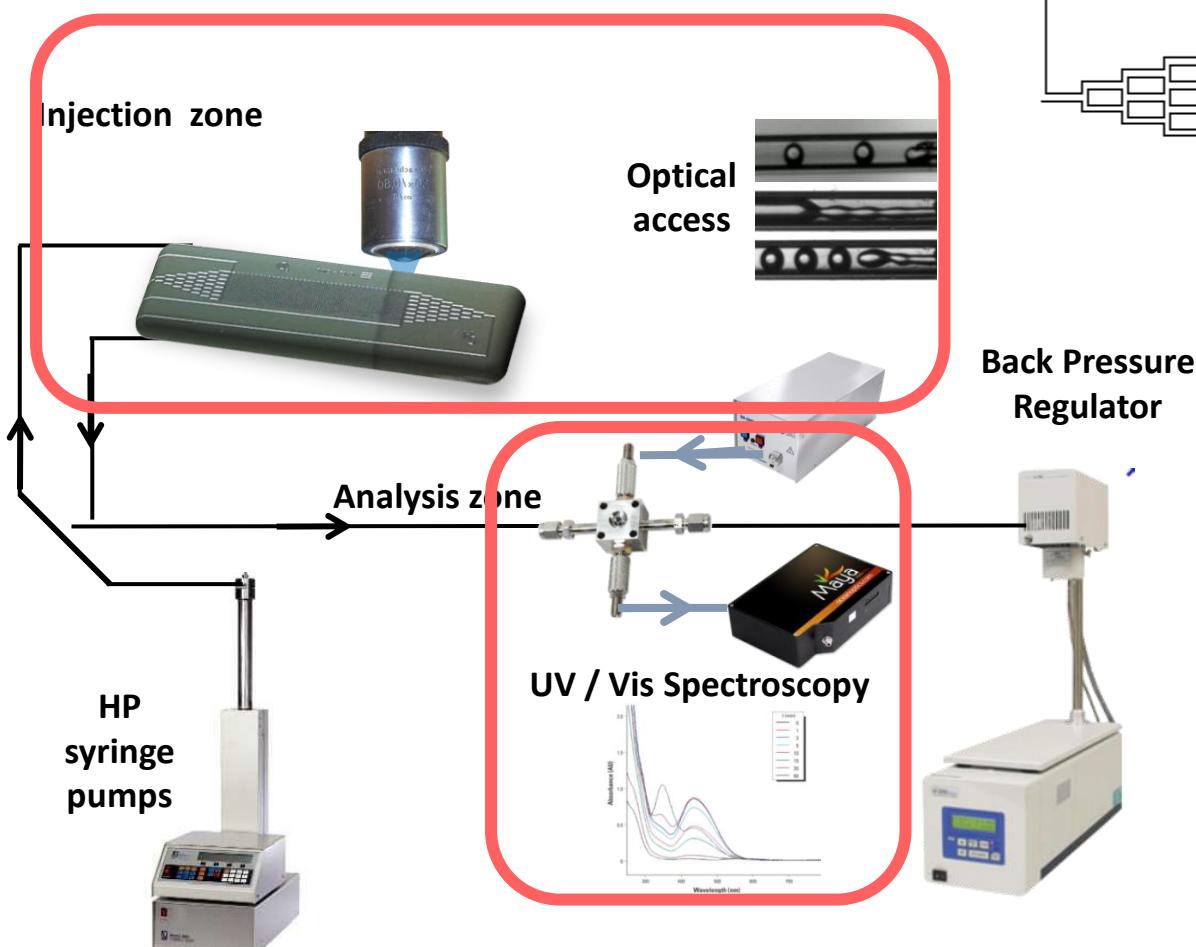


Detection of CO₂ bubbles in microfluidic systems (generated with a coflow system)

V Ongoing Work : *In situ* characterization with optic fibers



V Ongoing Work : Future work



Fluorescent Tracer

Dead Zone

Residence Time Distribution

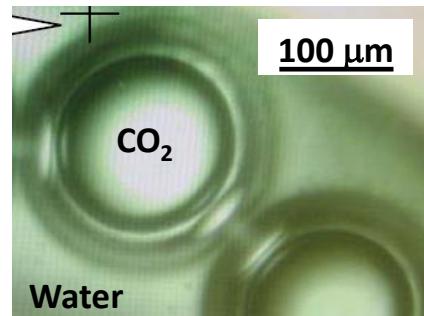
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Hydrate formation



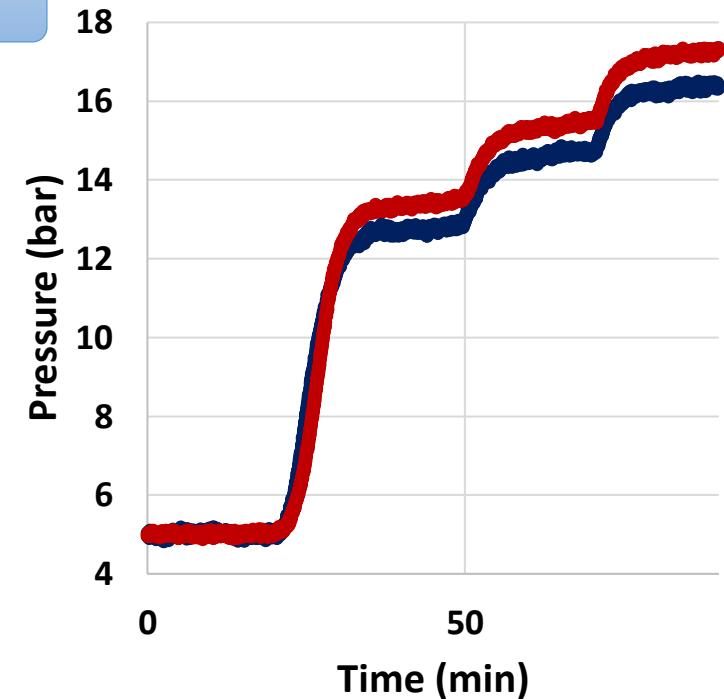
Low temperature



Confocal
Raman
Spectroscopy



Pressure Vs Time



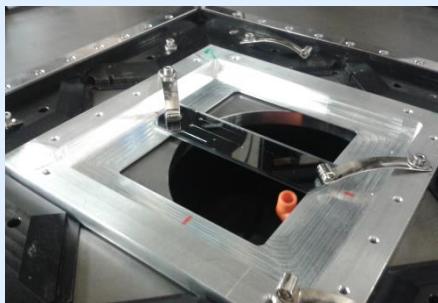
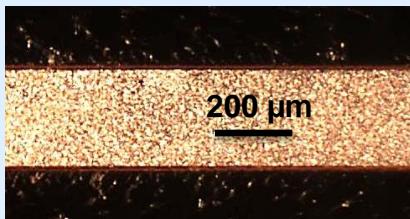
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Toward 3D realistic micromodel

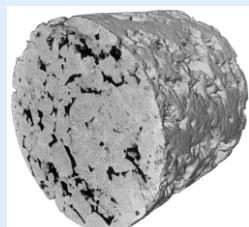
Packed bed of real minerals in microchannels



The European Synchrotron



Synchrotron measurements

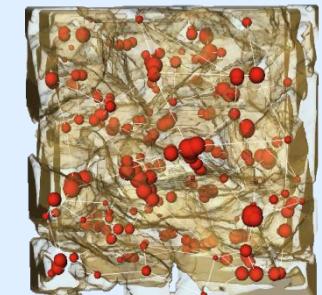
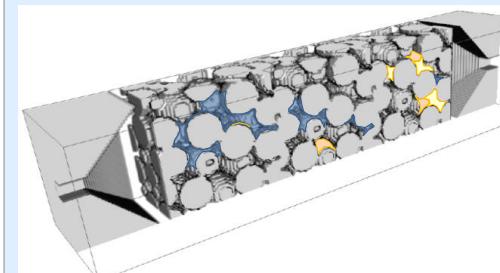


X-Rays microtomography

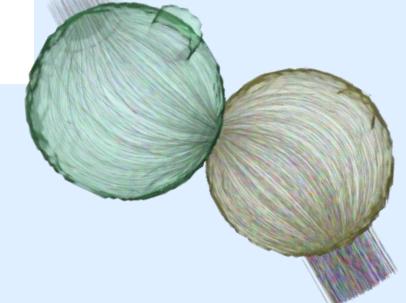
Laminography

Pore Network model construction

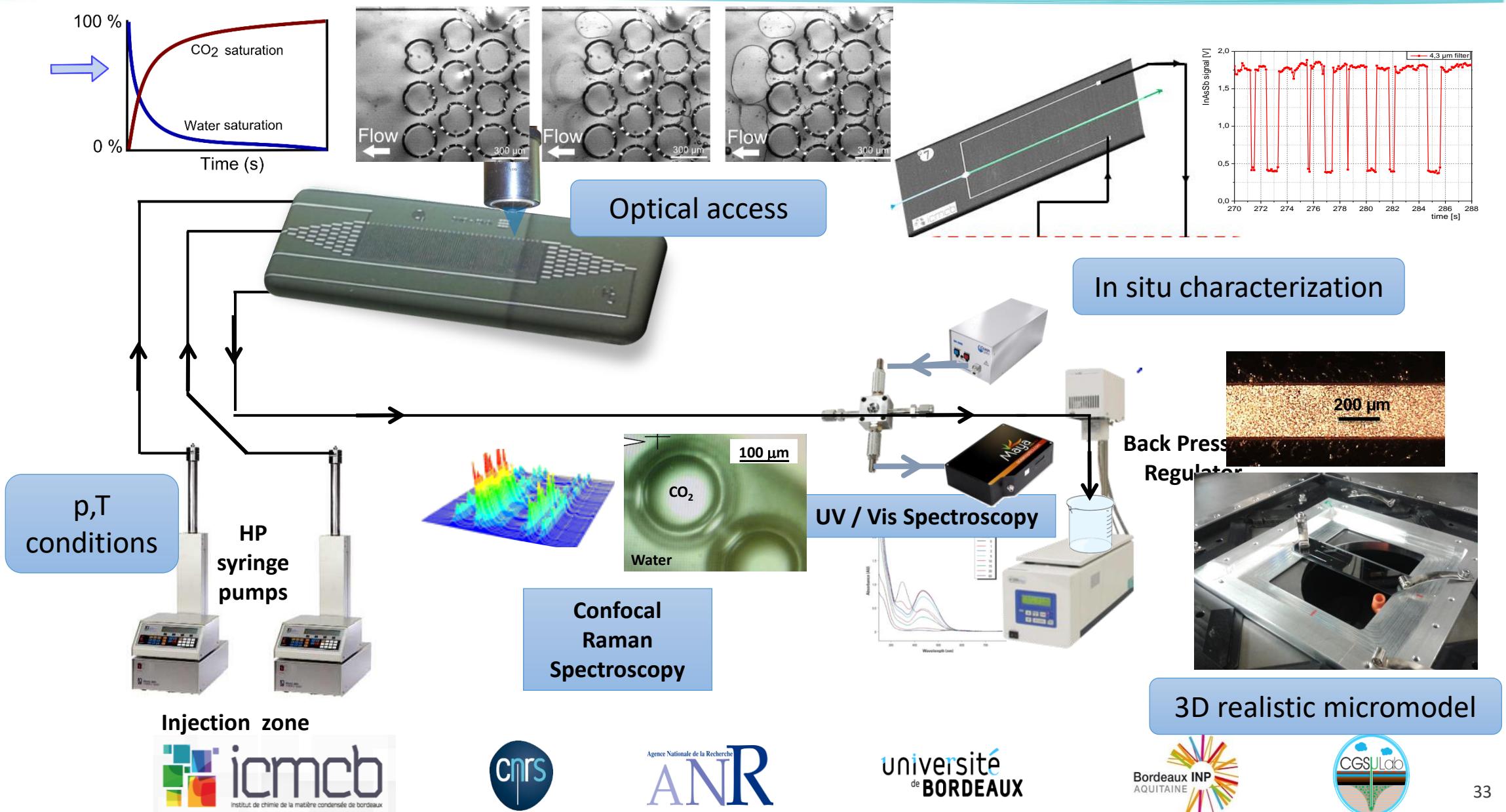
Direct numerical modeling



Local flow

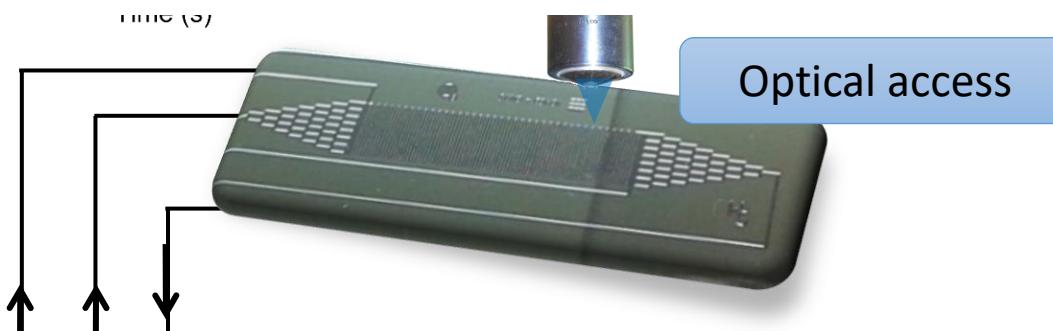


Conclusions



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New tools for investigating key aspects of CO₂ Geological Storage



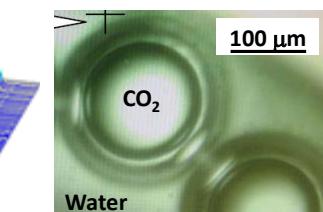
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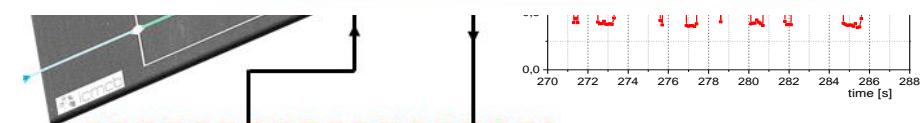
Injection zone



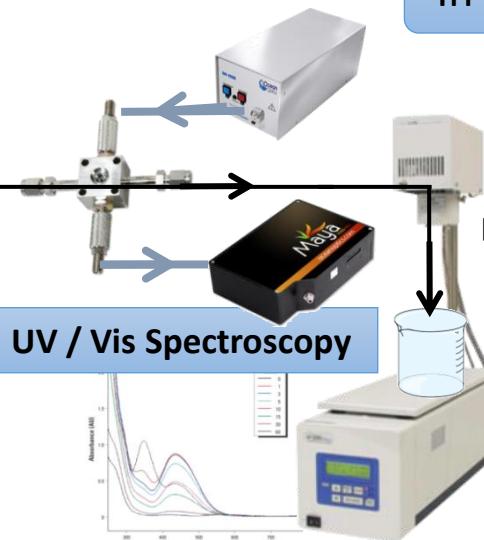
Optical access



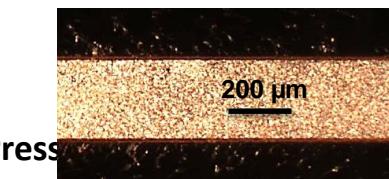
Confocal
Raman
Spectroscopy



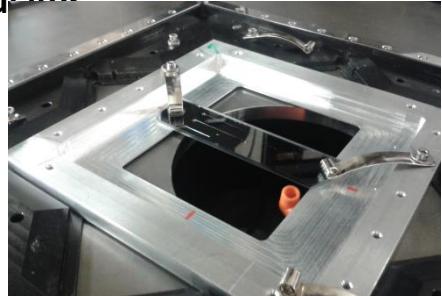
In situ characterization



UV / Vis Spectroscopy

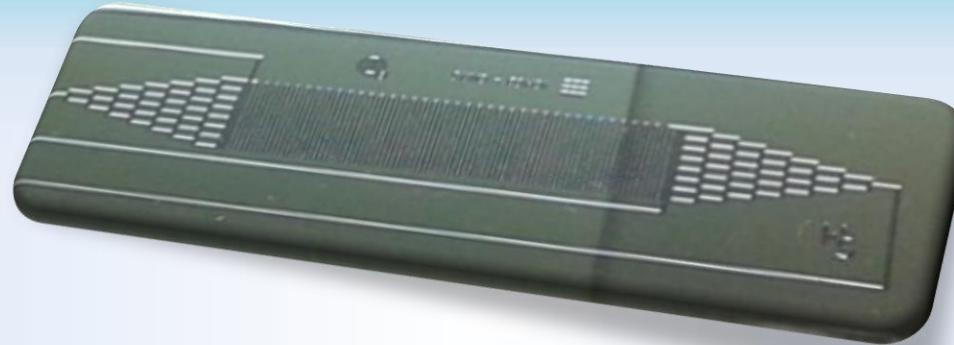


Back Press.
Regulator



3D realistic micromodel





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