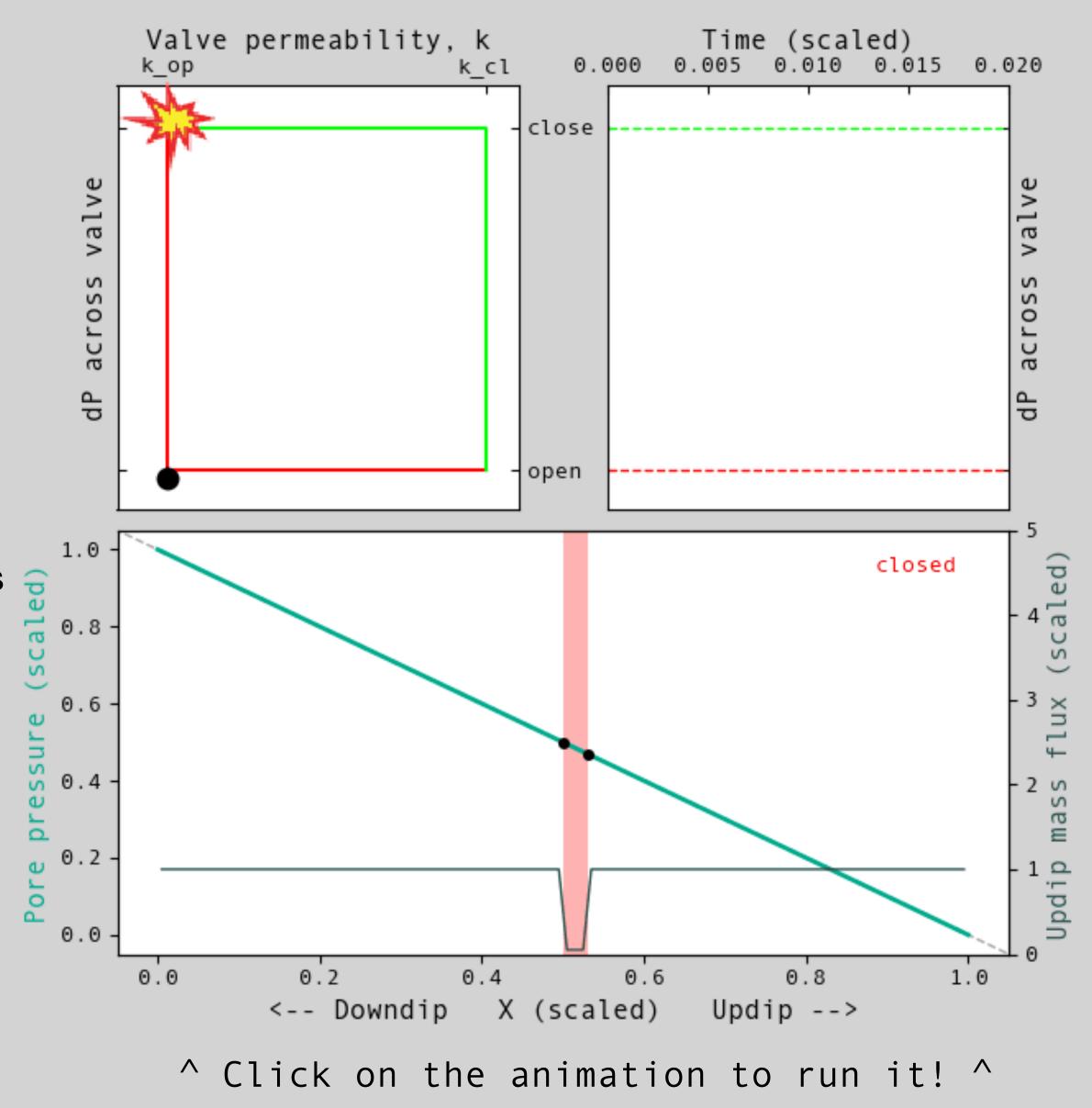


In turn, could we use LFE activity patterns to characterize fluid circulation at depth?

Model LFEs sources: toy fault-valves*

Valve is closed:

- Acts as a low-permeability barrier to fluid circulation in the fault zone
- Pore-pressure differential across valve increases until...
- ... the valve breaks open, generating an LFE



Valve is open:

- Accumulated pore-pressure gradient is released in a flux pulse
- Pore-pressure differential across valve decreases slowly until...
- ... valve heals, and is closed again