Insights into CO₂ storage processes, plume dynamics and effective monitoring

In this talk Phil Ringrose summarizes the development of industrial-scale CCS in Norway, starting with the Sleipner project in 1996. The long timescales of operational experience and the associated monitoring datasets (especially time-lapse seismic) provide important insights into how CO₂ storage in saline aquifers actually works. For example, the Sleipner project can be used to assess the storage efficiency and used to calibrate theoretical estimates based on fluid dynamics. The observed speed of lateral and vertical plume expansion can also be quantified, helping to calibrate forward models at other sites. Likely rates of pressure increase and the factors controlling formation pressurization can also be quantified. This experience is vital as we attempt to achieve global scale-up of CCS technology.

Biography

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