



Experimental Models of CO₂ Leakage from Subsurface Aquifers

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We present a series of novel experiments and supporting models of the potential processes by which CO₂ injected into a deep subsurface reservoir may rise from the original aquifer and ascend towards the surface. The models are based on the presence of faults or fractures which provide a flow path to the surface, and thereby enable the buoyant CO₂ to escape from the system. The modelling accounts for possible dissolution of the CO₂ into the host reservoir water and the competition between this and the possible ascent towards the surface.