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Geo-Chemo-Mechanical Studies for Permanent Storage of CO₂ in Geologic Formations DE-FE0002386

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Infrastructure for CO₂ Storage

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Presentation Outline

- **Benefit and Overview**

- **Results and Accomplishments**
 - Mineral Characterization
 - Effect of Temperature, Pressure and Chemical Additives on Mineral Carbonation
 - Changes in Pore Structure and Morphology due to Carbonation
 - Effect of Particle Size and Grinding on Mineral Carbonation
 - Mineral Dissolution Studies
 - Comparison of Mineral Morphology due to Mineral Dissolution and Carbonation
 - Reactive Cracking

- **Summary**

Benefit of the Program

- Identify the Program goals being addressed.

Develop technologies to demonstrate that 99 percent of injected CO₂ remains in the injection zones surface area.

- Project Benefits

The project is to identify the effect of in-situ carbonation on the stability of geologic formations injected with CO₂. The technology, when successfully demonstrated, will provide valuable information on the stability of the CO₂ geological storage. This technology contributes to the Carbon Storage Program's effort of ensuring 99 percent CO₂ storage permanence in the injection zone(s).

Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

- (i) Determine and compare the effect of temperature, partial pressure of CO₂ and chemical additives on carbonation of various minerals such as olivine, anorthite and basalt
- (ii) Quantify changes in pore structure and particle size before and after carbonation and analyze changes in morphological structure of the mineral due to carbonation
- (iii) Determine fast and slow kinetics of mineral dissolution
- (iv) Compare and contrast changes in mineral morphology due to carbonation and dissolution
- (v) Determine the effect of pore fluid chemistry on mechanical behavior of rocks such as changes in hydrostatic compaction and strain on thermally cracked dunite saturated with CO₂-saturated brines

Risk Framework for Geological Storage of CO₂

INPUTS

Site-specific inputs

Ex: caprock thickness, porosity, permeability of the rocks etc.,

Process inputs

Ex: partial pressure of CO₂ injected, flow rate, CO₂ quantity etc.,

Material inputs

Ex: viscosity, solubility, density of CO₂ etc.,

Linked through well-defined mathematical relations

CHANGES

Leakage rate through a failed plug seal

Degradation of cement casing

Flow rate through fracture

Changes in porosity, permeability and volume

Extent of dissolution or carbonation

Location of fresh water resources

CO₂ dissolution from annulus and well-bore

Linked through a combination of mathematical relationships and assigned weights

CONSEQUENCES

Leakage through degraded well-bore casing

Static trapping of CO₂

Residual Trapping of CO₂

Mineral Trapping of CO₂

Leakage through caprock fractures

Linked through various weights

IMPACTS

Human health/welfare

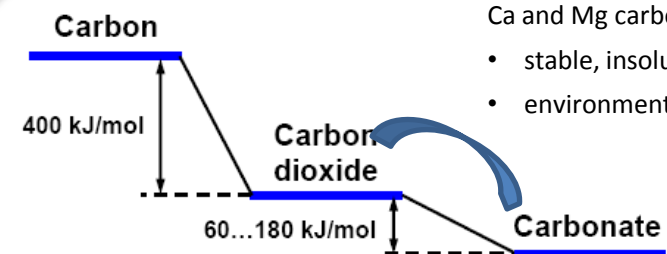
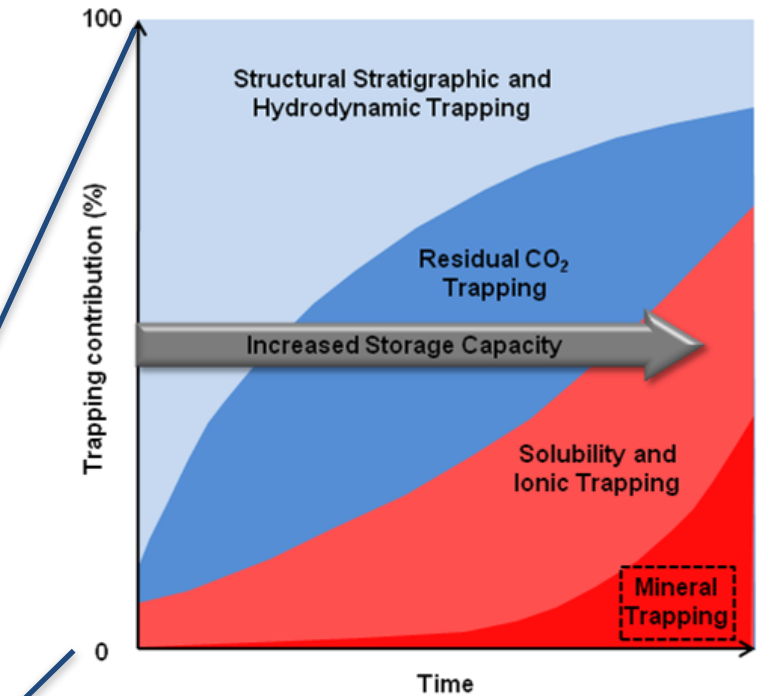
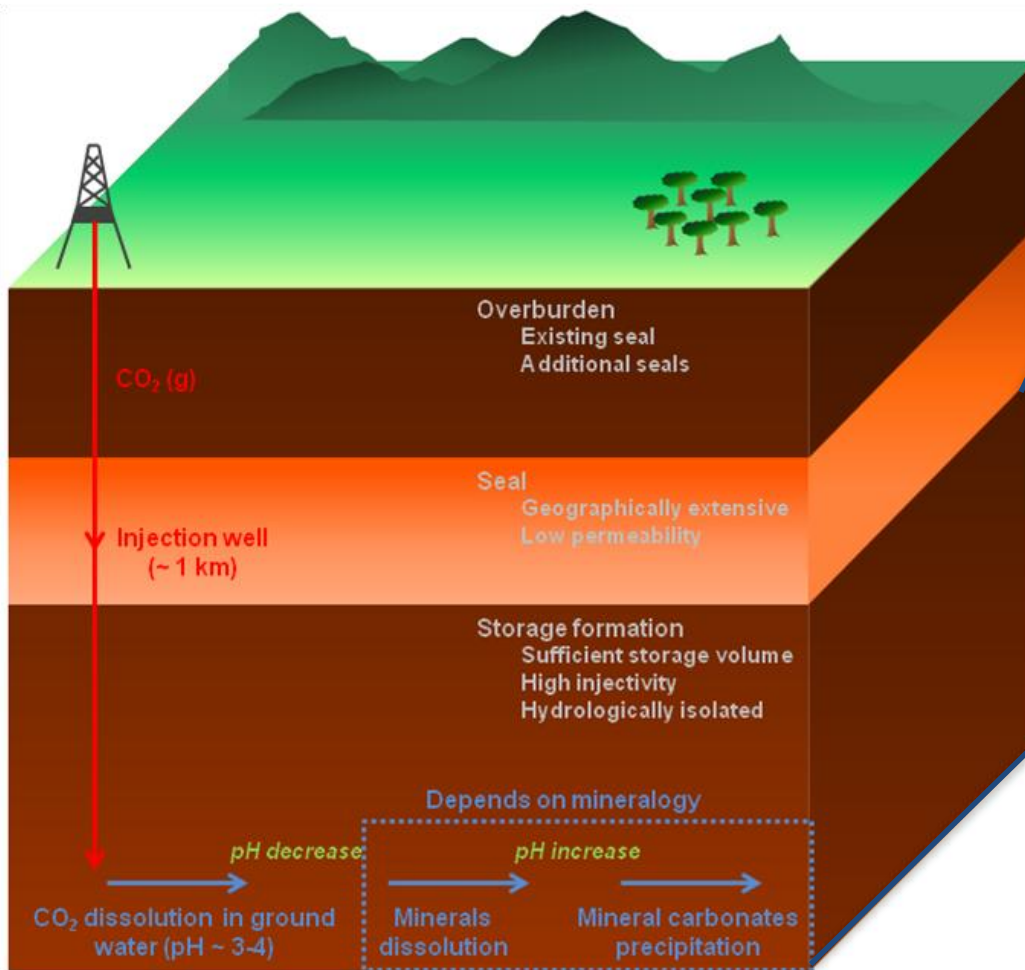
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Ecosystems

Water

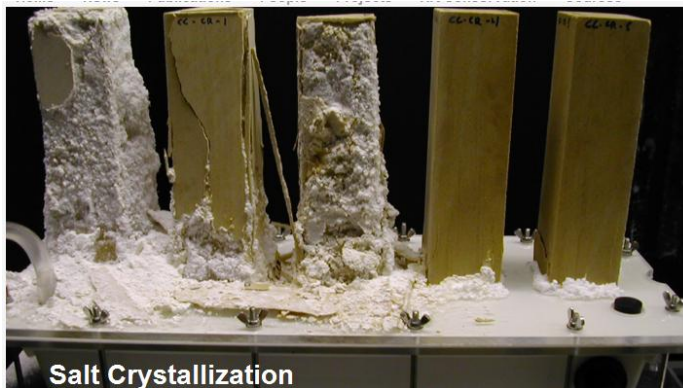
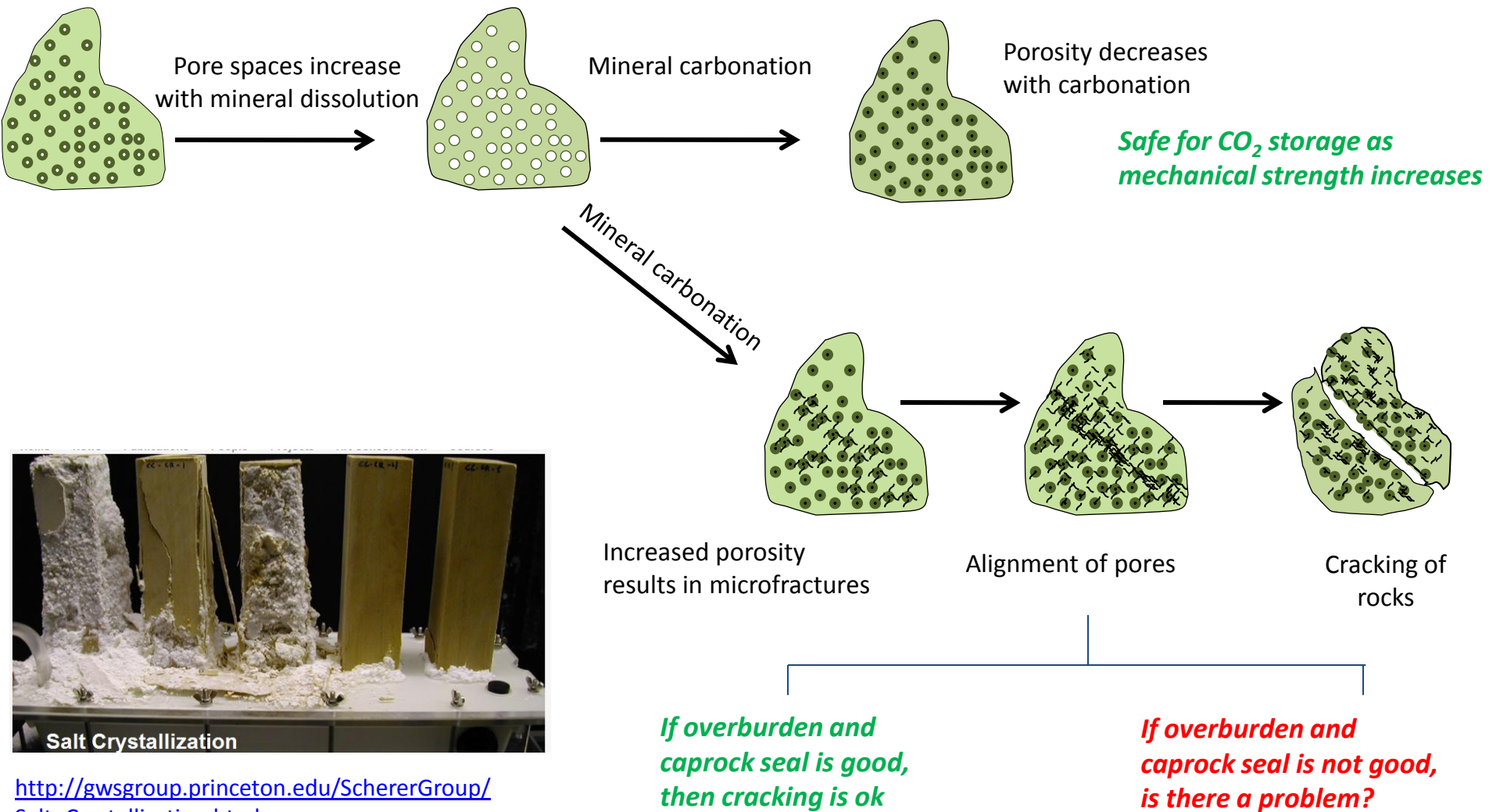
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Carbon Storage in Geologic Formations



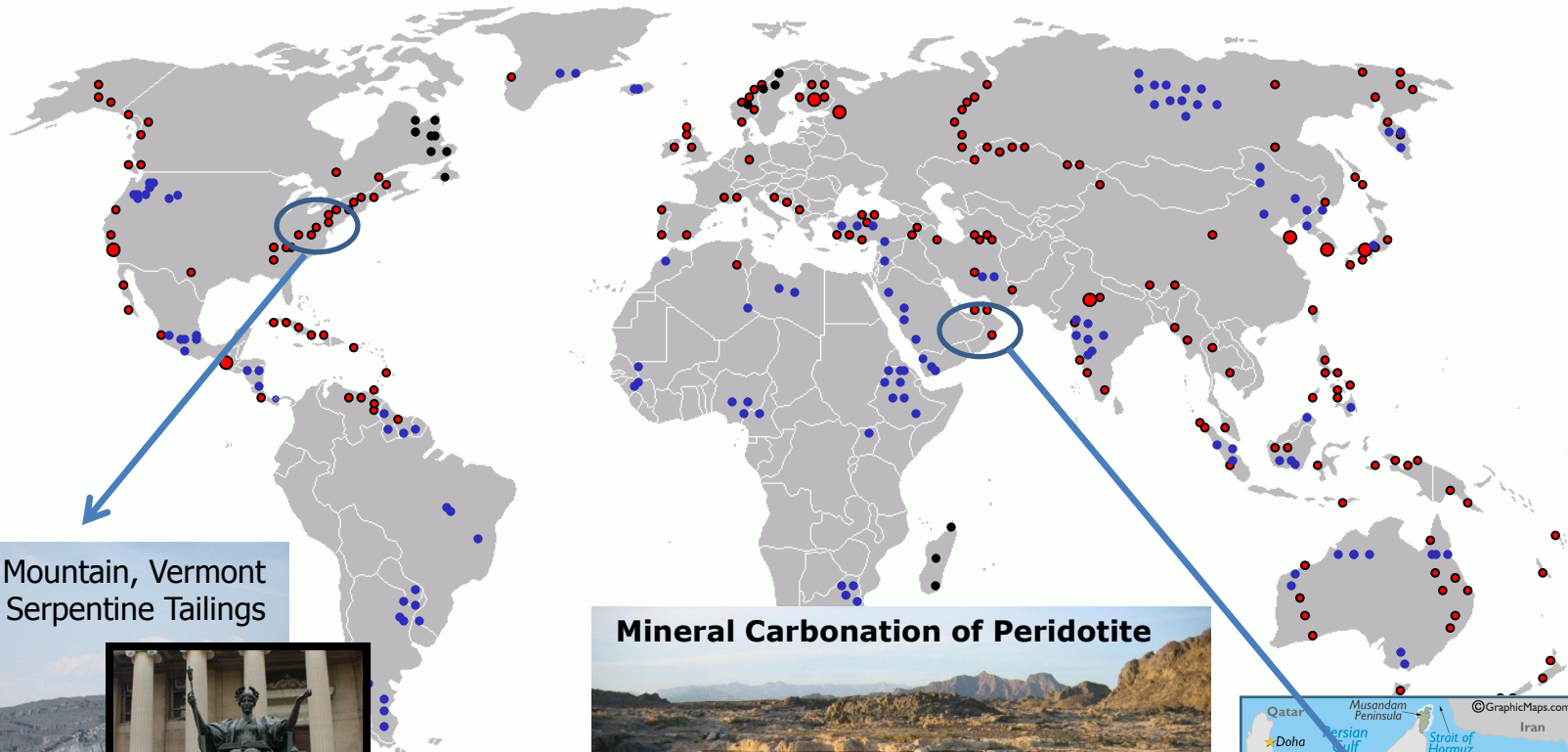
- Ca and Mg carbonates are
- stable, insoluble in water
 - environmentally benign

Mineral Carbonation and Reactive Cracking

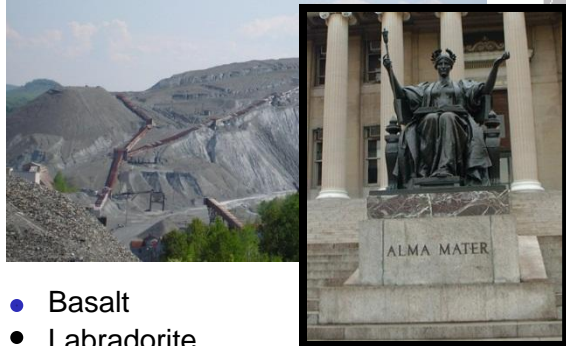


http://gwsgroup.princeton.edu/SchererGroup/Salt_Crystallization.html

Availability of Minerals



Belvidere Mountain, Vermont
Serpentine Tailings

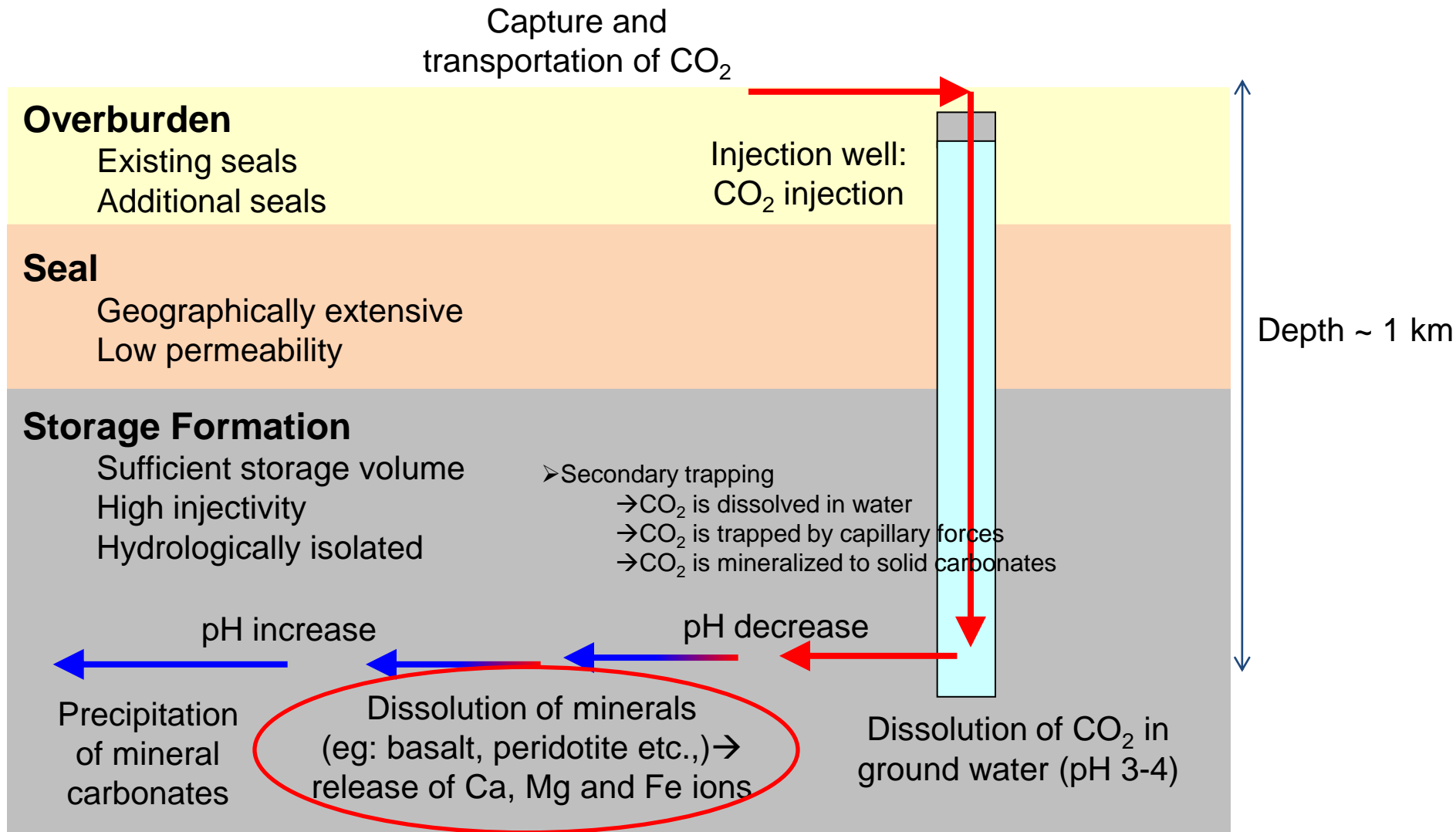


- Basalt
- Labradorite
- Magnesium-based Ultramafic Rocks (Serpentine, Olivine)

Mineral Carbonation of Peridotite

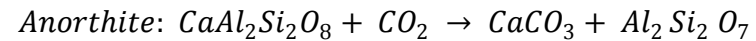
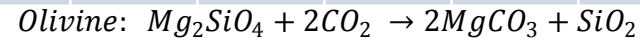


CO₂ Storage via In-situ Mineralization



Minerals of Interest

Mineral	MgO	CaO	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	TiO ₂	MnO	Cr ₂ O ₃	V ₂ O ₅	LOI%	Sum %	Ni %
Olivine	47.3	0.16	13.9	39.7	0.2	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.15	0.78	< 0.01	-0.7	101.5	0.27
Anorthite	8.74	14.1	10.6	41.8	24.2	0.59	0.03	0.04	0.13	0.08	< 0.01	0.12	100.4	0.02
Basalt	4.82	8.15	14.6	51.9	13.4	2.91	1.09	1.74	0.21	0.10	0.06	0.27	99.6	0.04

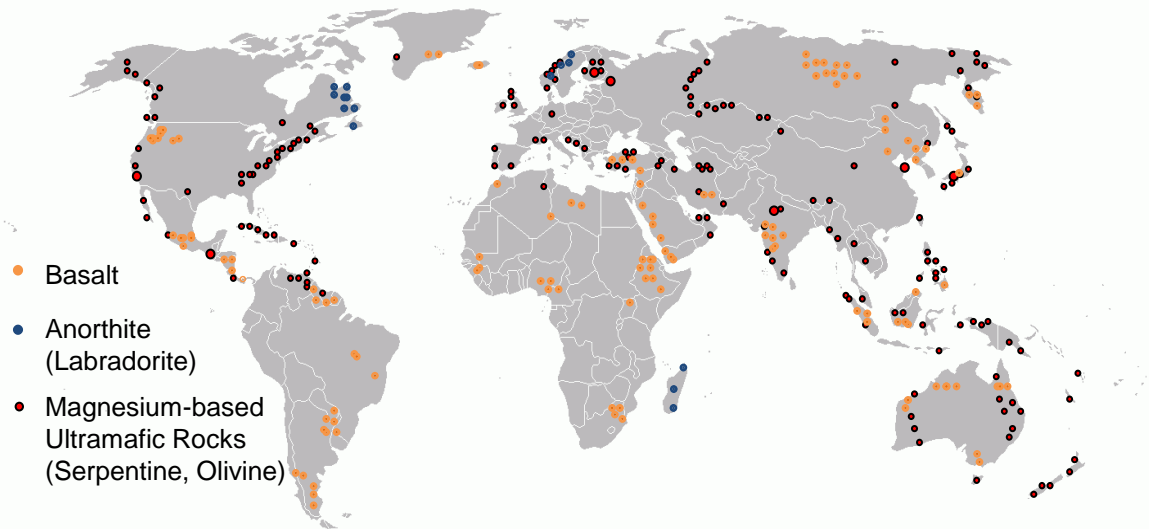


Basalt is a mixture of plagioclase (anorthite), pyroxene and olivine

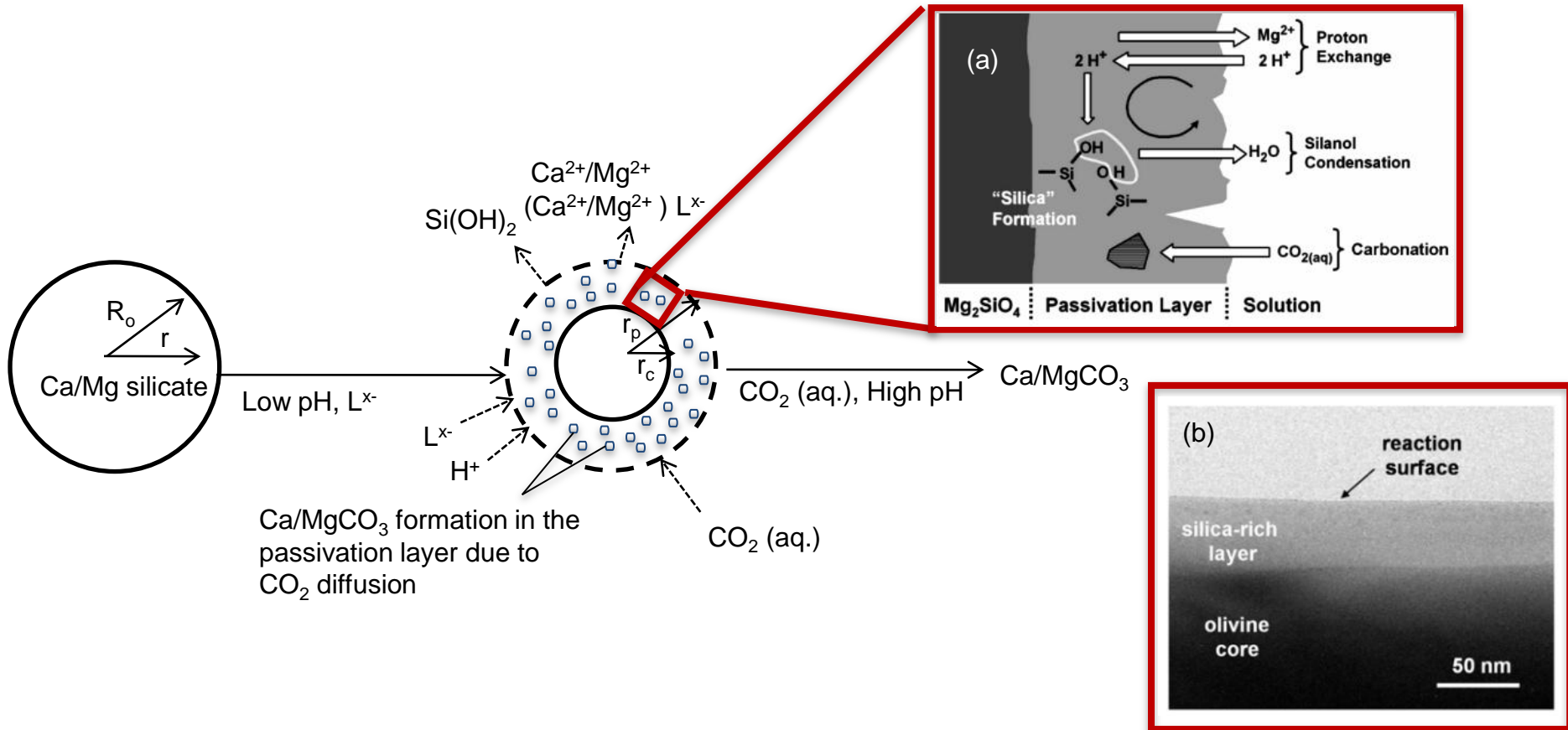
Mineral Cleaning Protocol

- 1 Determine particle size distribution of sample; if no particles <5 μm, proceed directly to vacuum oven drying, otherwise follow the steps listed below
- 2 Add 45g of mineral to 10 μm sieve
- 3 Place sieve in ultrasonic bath filled with D.I. water
- 4 Shake sieve in ultrasonic bath for 5 minutes and fill fresh D.I. water
- 5 Filter and weigh the cleaned sample to determine the yield
- 6 Place the cleaned mineral samples in a vacuum oven at 70°C for 24 hours

Repeat 4 times



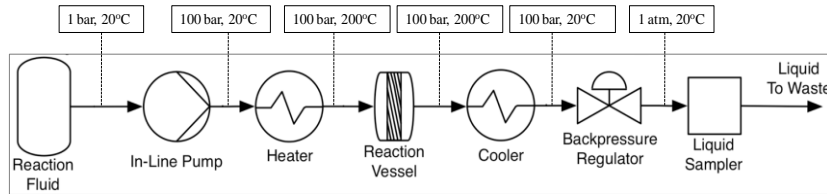
Reaction Mechanisms



Formation of silica passivation layer

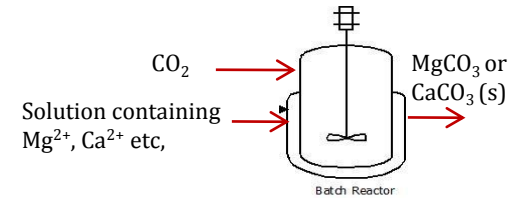
Research Scheme

Mineral Dissolution



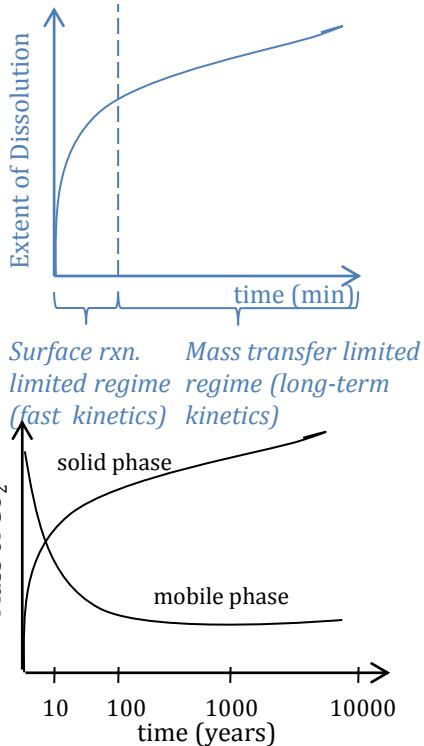
Differential Bed Reactor

Mineral Carbonation

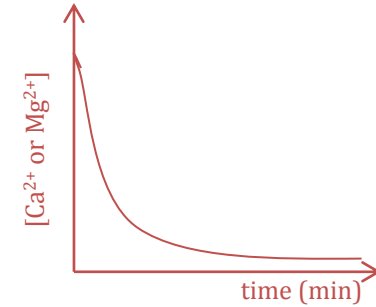


Batch Reactor

Mineral Dissolution Rates and Conversion

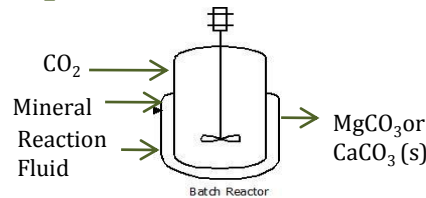


Mineral Carbonation Rates and Conversion



Effects of Chemical and Physical Properties (e.g. chemical composition, pore size distribution, surface area, etc.,)

Coupled Reaction Studies



Batch Reactor

Effect of Coupled Reactions on Physical and Chemical Properties

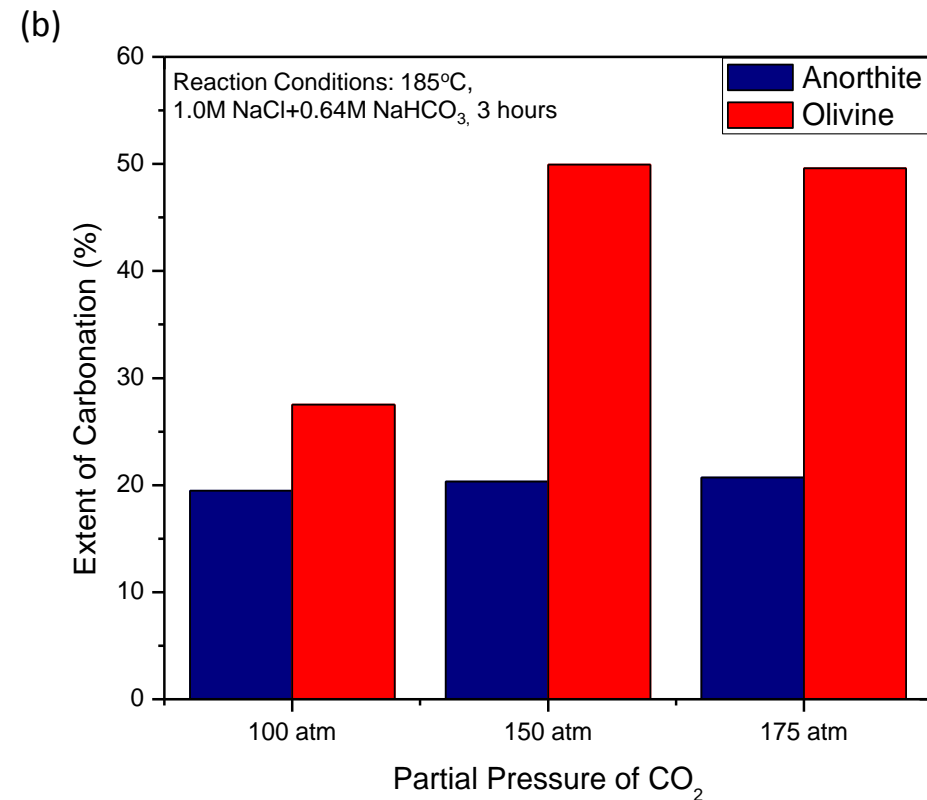
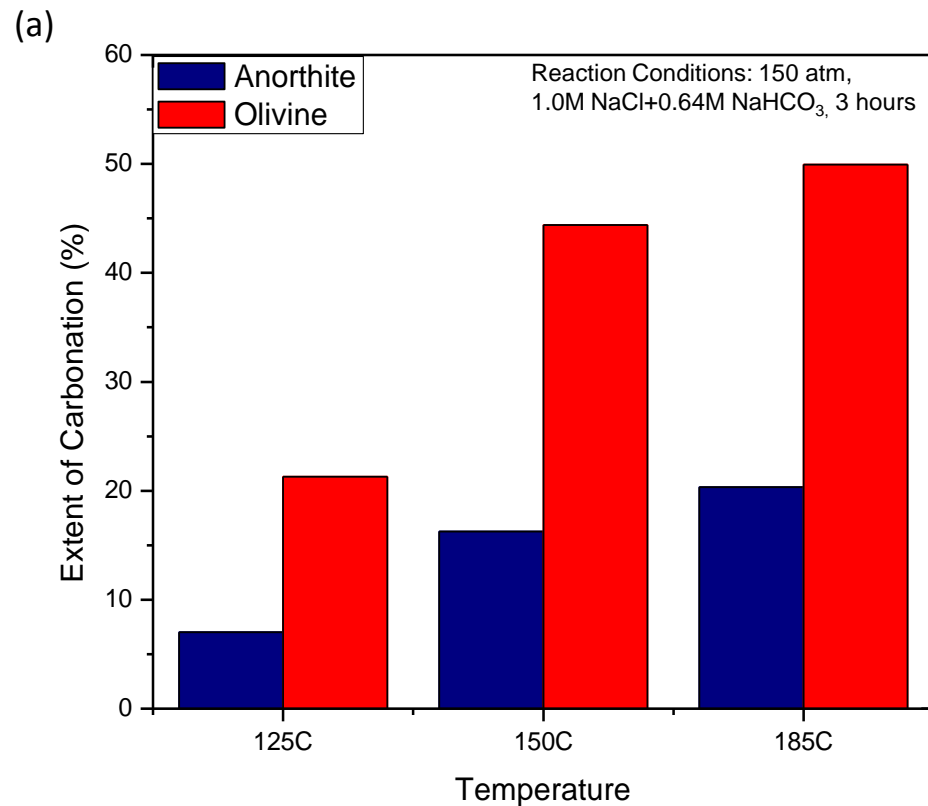
Coupled Geo-Chemo-Physical Simulations such as ToughReact to determine CO₂ plume distribution

Human Welfare Water Ecosystems Atmosphere Geosphere

Impacts

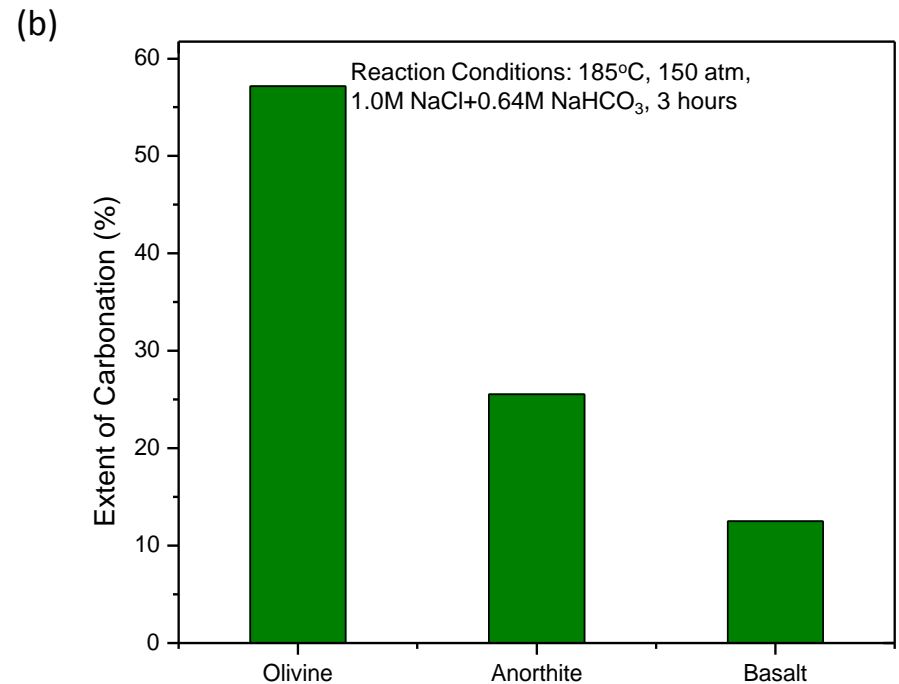
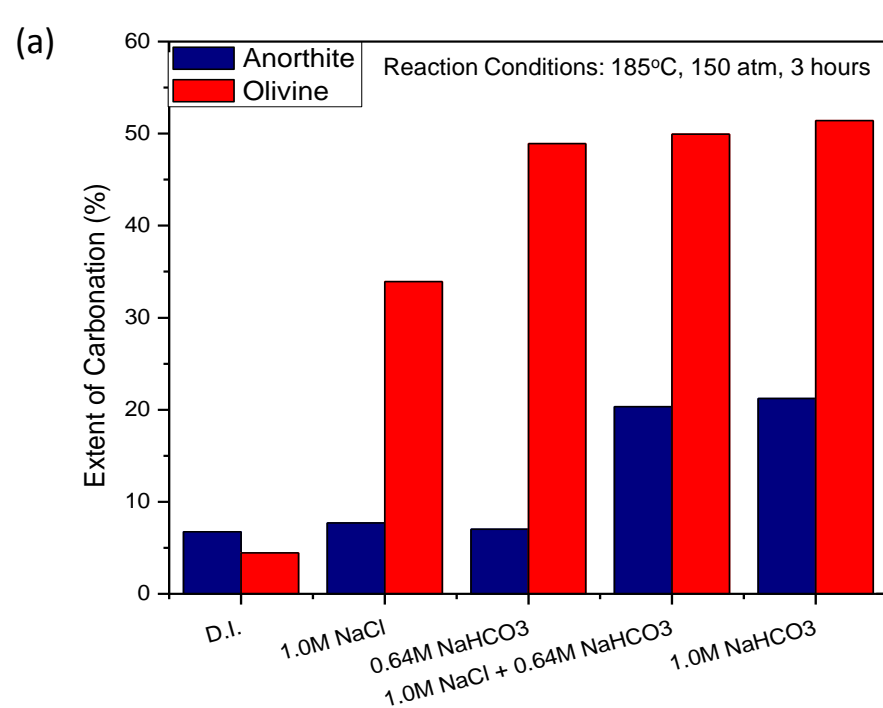
HAZOP Analysis of Geological Storage of CO₂

Effect of Temperature and Pressure on Mineral Carbonation



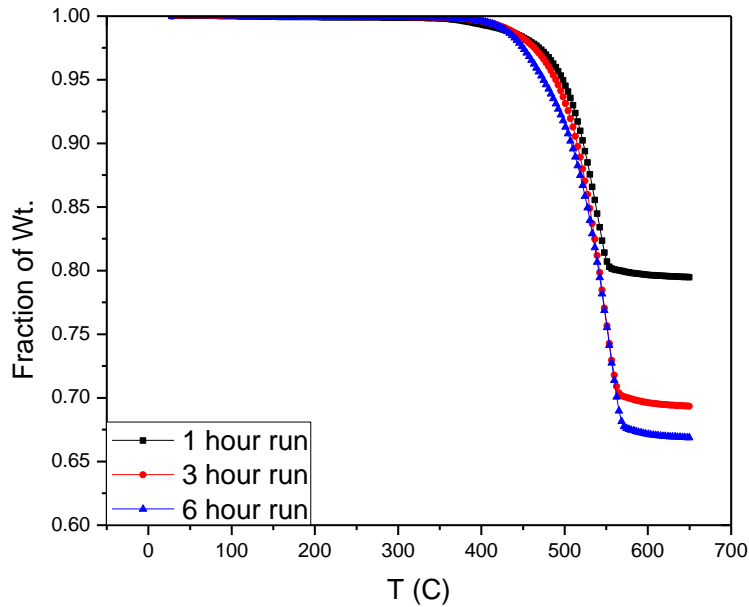
- Increasing temperature results in higher extents of carbonation in olivine and anorthite
- Increasing partial pressure of CO₂ from 100 atm to 150 atm results in much higher carbonation of olivine
- Anorthite carbonation does not vary significantly with increasing pressure

Effect of Chemical Additives and Comparison of Carbonation in Minerals

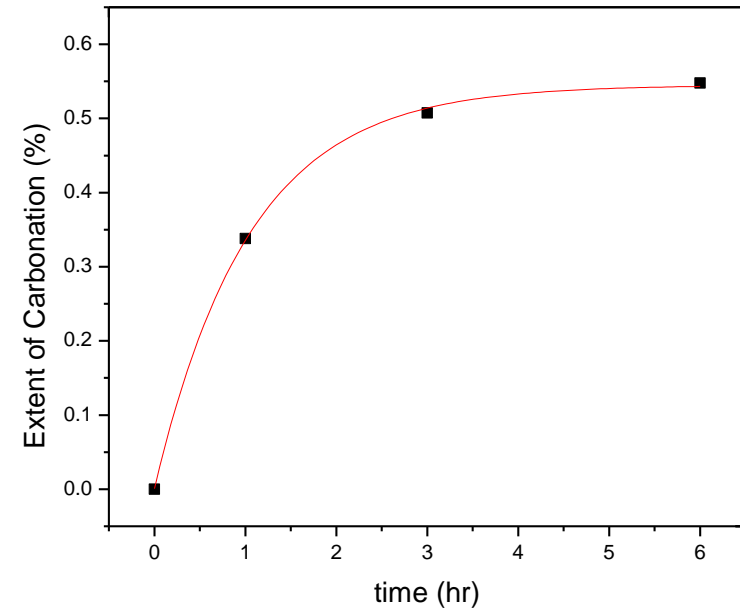


- Addition of additives such as NaCl and NaHCO₃ increases extent of anorthite and olivine carbonation
- Addition of NaHCO₃ is effective in enhancing mineral carbonation
- Extent of carbonation achieved with olivine > anorthite > basalt

Effect of Reaction Time on Olivine Carbonation Rates



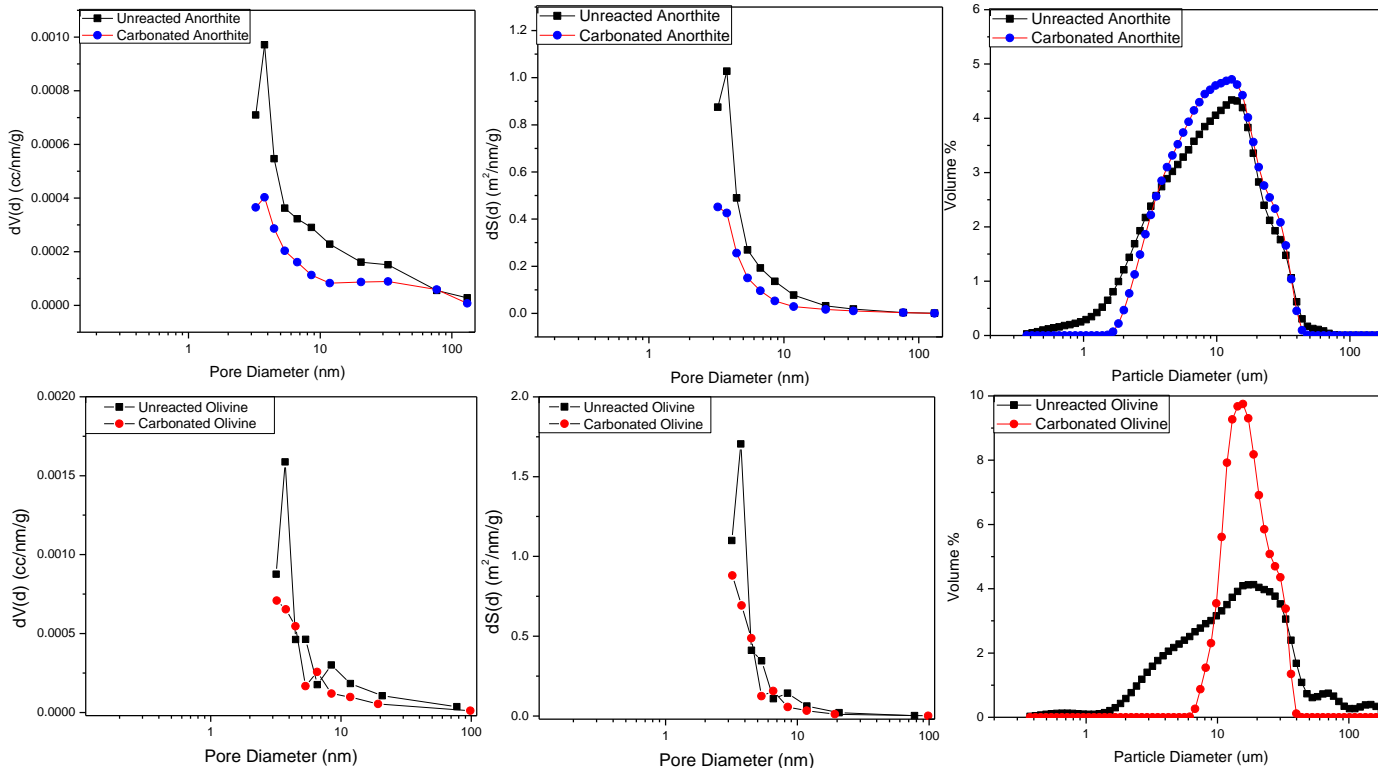
Estimation of Extent of Carbonation using TGA



Effect of Reaction Time on Olivine Carbonation

Experimental Conditions: Olivine, 185°C, $P_{\text{CO}_2} = 150 \text{ atm}$, 15 wt.% mineral, 1.0M NaCl + 0.64M NaHCO₃ in high pressure, high temperature batch reactor

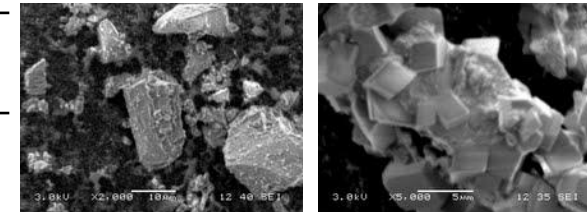
Changes in Mineral Morphology Due to Carbonation



- Significant reduction in the pore volume, pore surface area after carbonation
- Increase in the mean particle diameter and narrower particle size distribution after carbonation due to carbonate crystal growth
- Surface area decreases up to 54% and 40% after anorthite and olivine carbonation respectively
- Significant decreases in porosity and surface area have implications on long-term in-situ storage of CO₂ in mineral formations

Carbonated mineral is obtained after the mineral is reacted with 150 atm of CO₂ at 185°C in 1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO₃, 15 wt. % solid, 800 rpm for 3 hours

	Unreacted Anorthite	Carbonated Anorthite	Unreacted Olivine	Carbonated Olivine
Mean Particle Diameter ± Std. Dev.	11.94 ± 9.52	12.42 ± 8.52	21.41 ± 25.46	27.71 ± 11.64
Surface Area (m ² /g)	2.95	1.60	3.89	1.55
Pore Volume (cc/g)	0.013	0.008	0.009	0.005



Unreacted vs. Carbonated Olivine

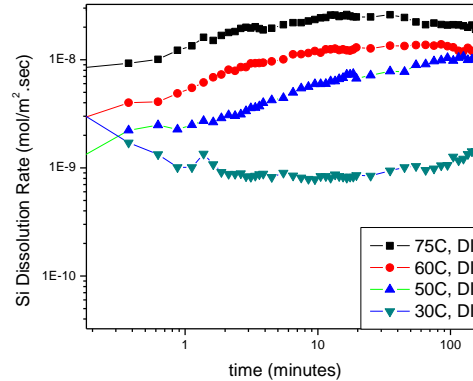
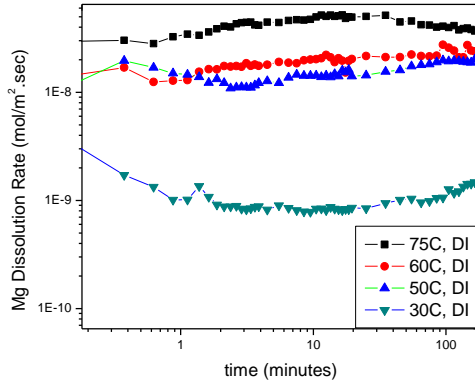
Effect of Grain Size and Grinding on Olivine Carbonation

Olivine Sample Type	Slurry of freshly ground old olivine sample (2012)	Freshly ground old olivine sample (2012)	Slurry of old olivine sample from 2010	Slurry of old olivine sample from 2010	Cleaned old olivine sample from 2010
Rxn Conditions	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185C, 150 atm, 800 rpm, 3 hours	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185C, 150 atm, 800 rpm, 3 hours	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185C, 150 atm, 800 rpm, 3 hours	DI, 185C, 150 atm, 800 rpm, 3 hours	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185C, 150 atm, 800 rpm, 3 hours
Particle Size Distribution	<20 μm	0.3-92 μm (95% < 37 μm)	<20 μm (for the sieved sample)	<20 μm (for the sieved sample)	10 – 90 μm
Extent of Carbonation	50.17%	47.09%	13.2%	1-2%	1-2%

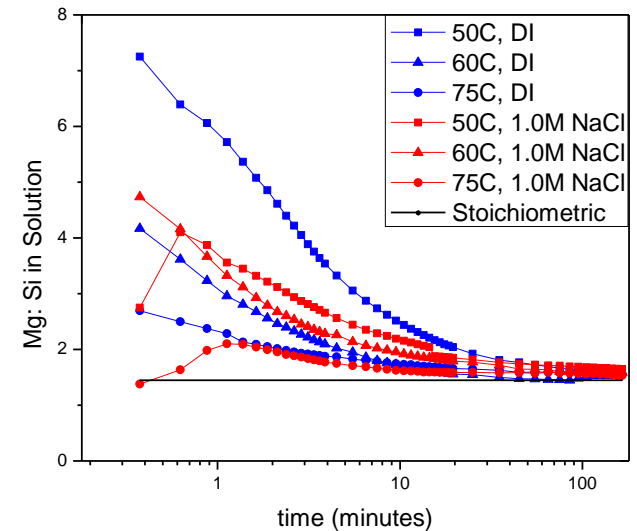
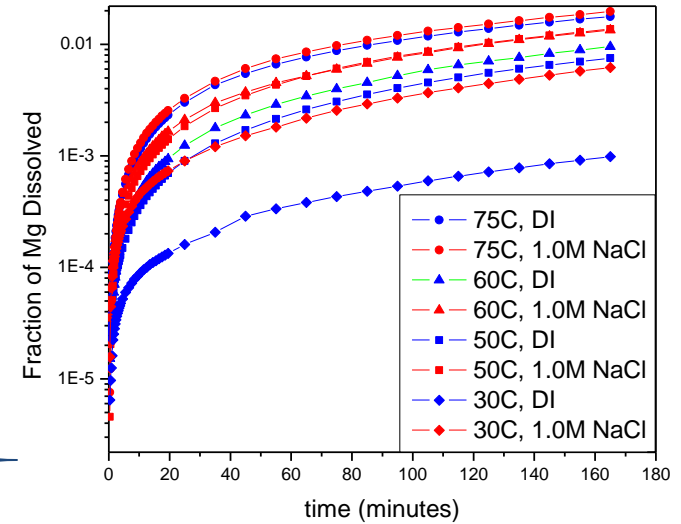
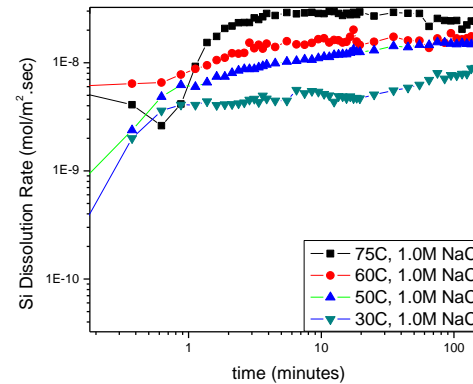
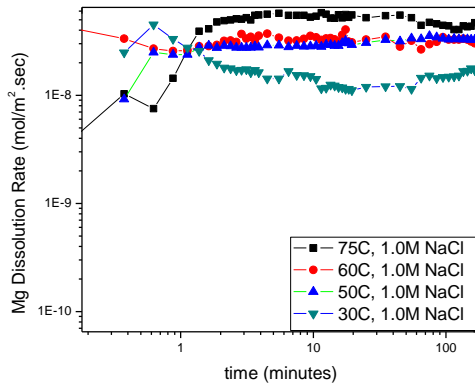
- Fresh grinding of olivine results in a much higher extent of carbonation compared to old samples
- Particle size governs extent of carbonation - Smaller the particle size, greater the extent of carbonation

Olivine Dissolution Kinetics – Fast vs. Slow Kinetics

(a) DI



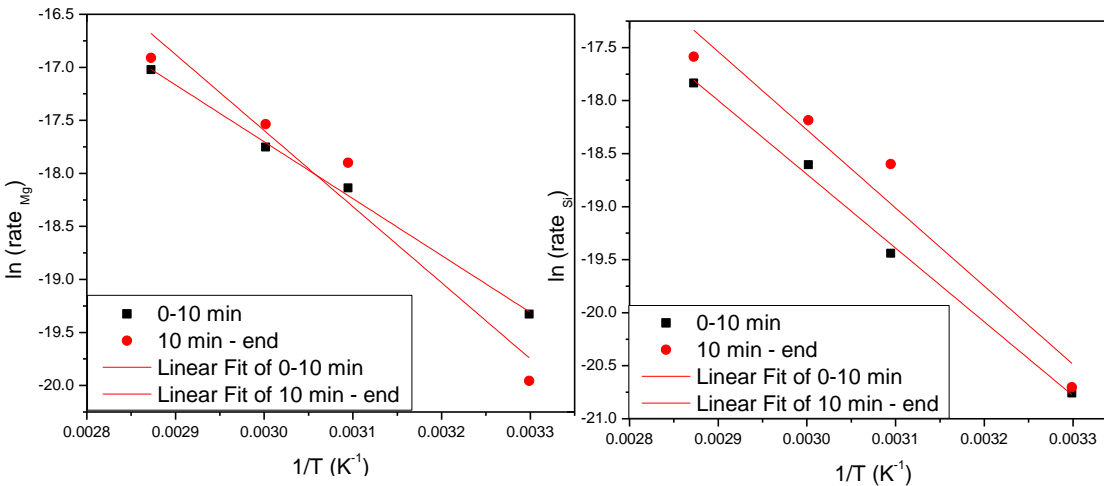
(b) 1.0M NaCl



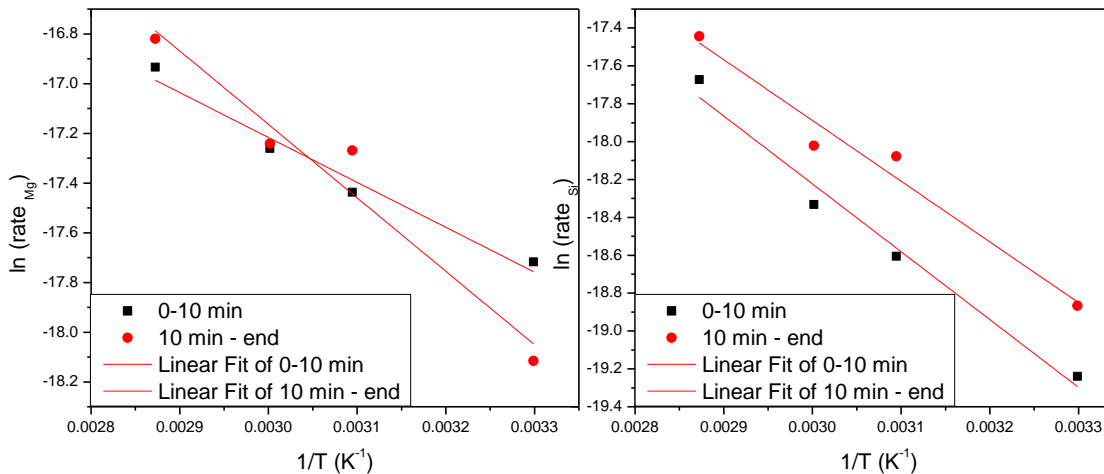
- Much higher initial extent of dissolution
- Initial incongruent dissolution with high Mg: Si ratio
- Increasing temperature results in higher dissolution
- Effect of NaCl on enhancing olivine dissolution is more significant at lower temperatures

Extent of Olivine Dissolution and Activation Energy Determination

(a) DI



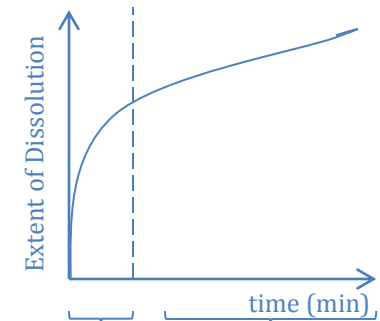
(b) 1.0M NaCl



	E_a - DI (kJ/mol)	E_a - 1.0M NaCl (kJ/mol)	ΔE_a (kJ/mol)
Mg: 0-10 min	44.6	15.0	29.6
Mg: 10-180 min	59.7	24.6	35.1
Si: 0-10 min	57.9	29.8	28.1
Si: 10-180 min	61.3	26.7	34.6

Activation energy for the first 10 minutes of dissolution is considerably lower than the activation energy from 10-180 minutes.

NaCl has a significant effect on reducing the activation energy of olivine dissolution



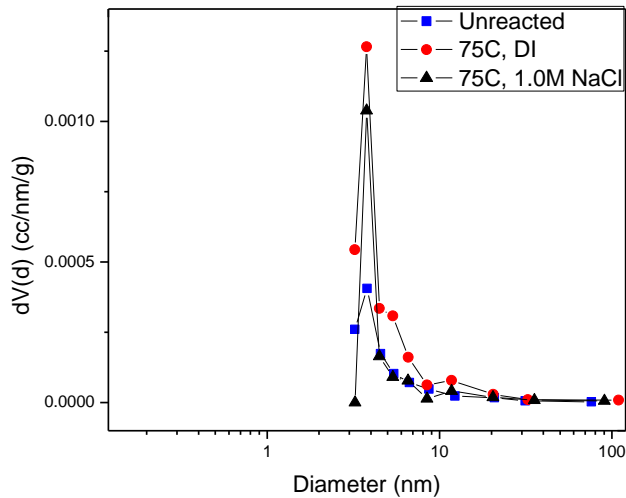
Surface rxn.
limited regime
(fast kinetics)

Mass transfer
limited regime
(long-term
kinetics)

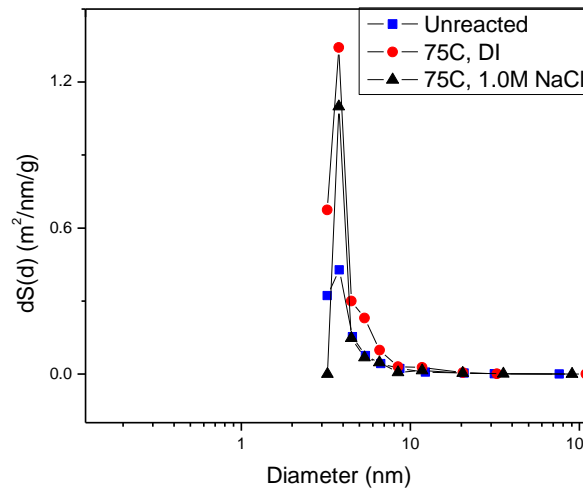
Changes in Pore and Particle Size after Mineral Dissolution vs. Carbonation

(a) Mineral Dissolution

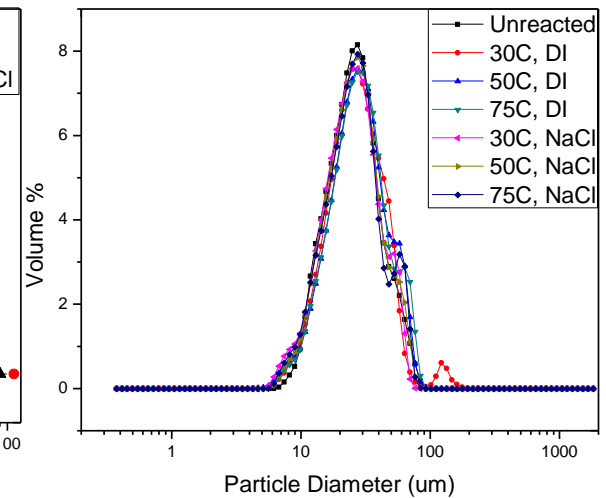
Pore Volume Distribution



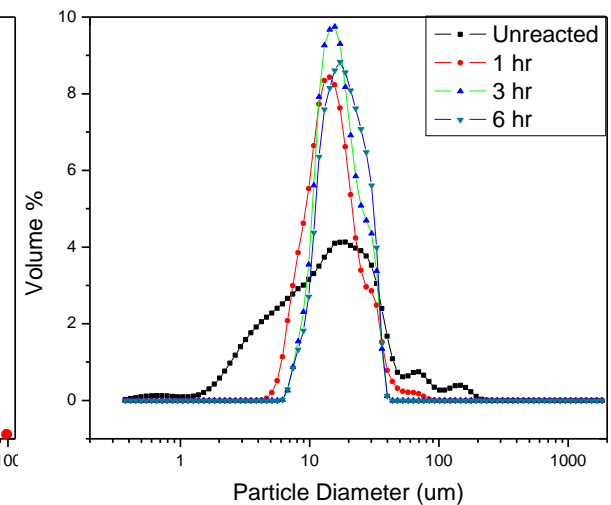
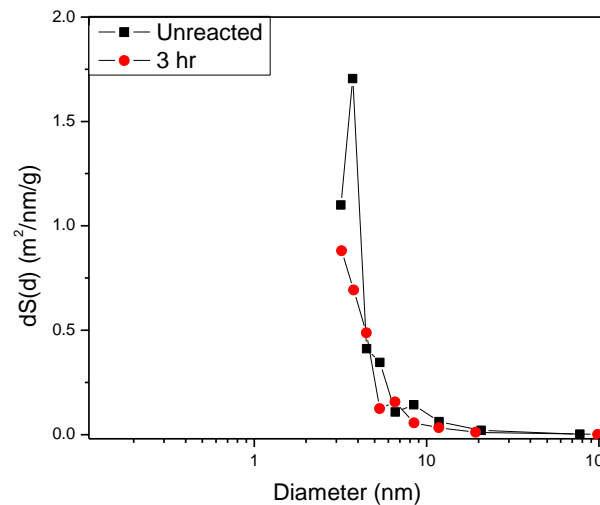
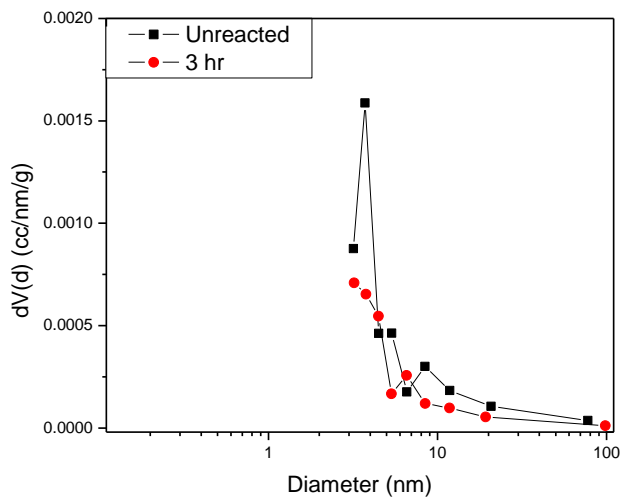
Pore Surface Area Distribution



Particle Size Distribution

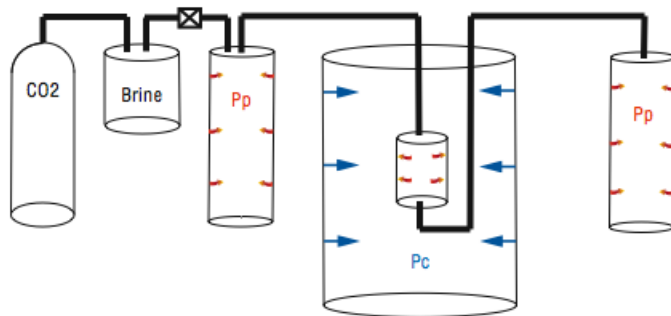


(b) Mineral Carbonation



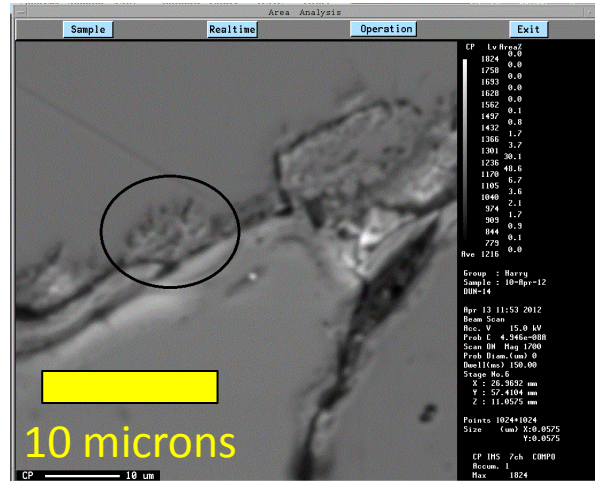
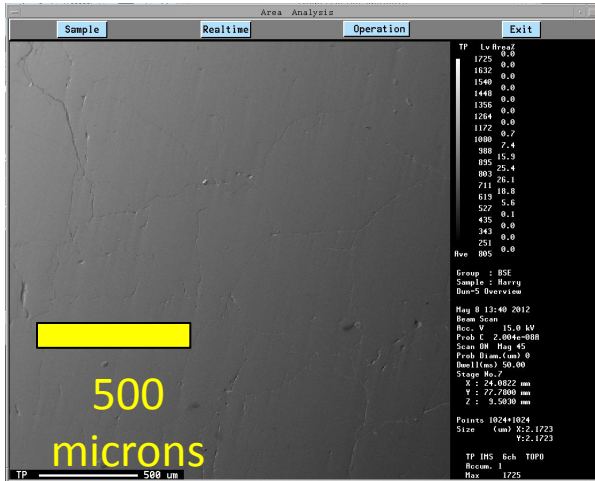
Reactive Cracking

Objective: Assess the effect of high CO₂ fluids on the behavior of ultramafic rocks such as hydrostatic compaction, constant strain rate and constant displacement creep experiments on thermally cracked dunite saturated with CO₂-saturated brines

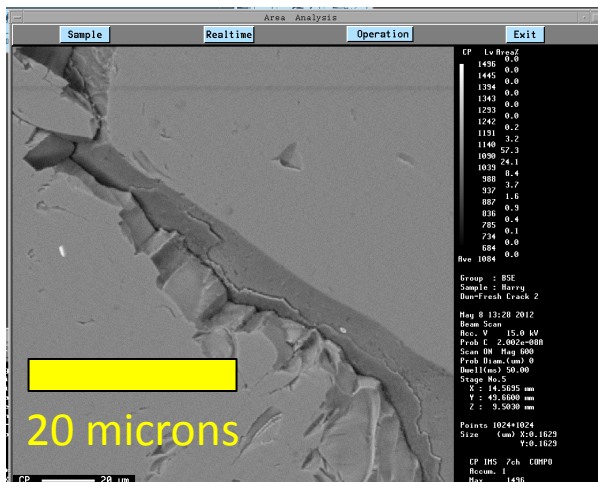


- Autolab 1500 triaxial deformation apparatus from New England Research (NER)
- Retrofitted fluid mixing system
- Independent T, P_{CO₂} control
- 15 MPa confining pressure
- 10 MPa pore pressure
- 150°C Temperature
- Thermally cracked dunite with ~ 1 mm grain size

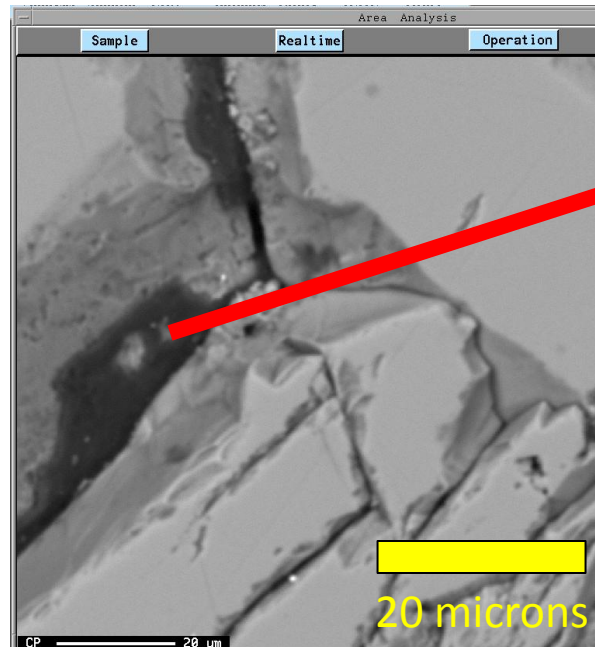
Deformation of Rocks due to Reactive Cracking



- Deformed with reactive brine
- Pitting, signs of dissolution of olivine



smooth, uniform crack surfaces in thermally cracked dunite



probable Mg-carbonate, magnesite ($MgCO_3$) or nesquehonite, hydromagnesite

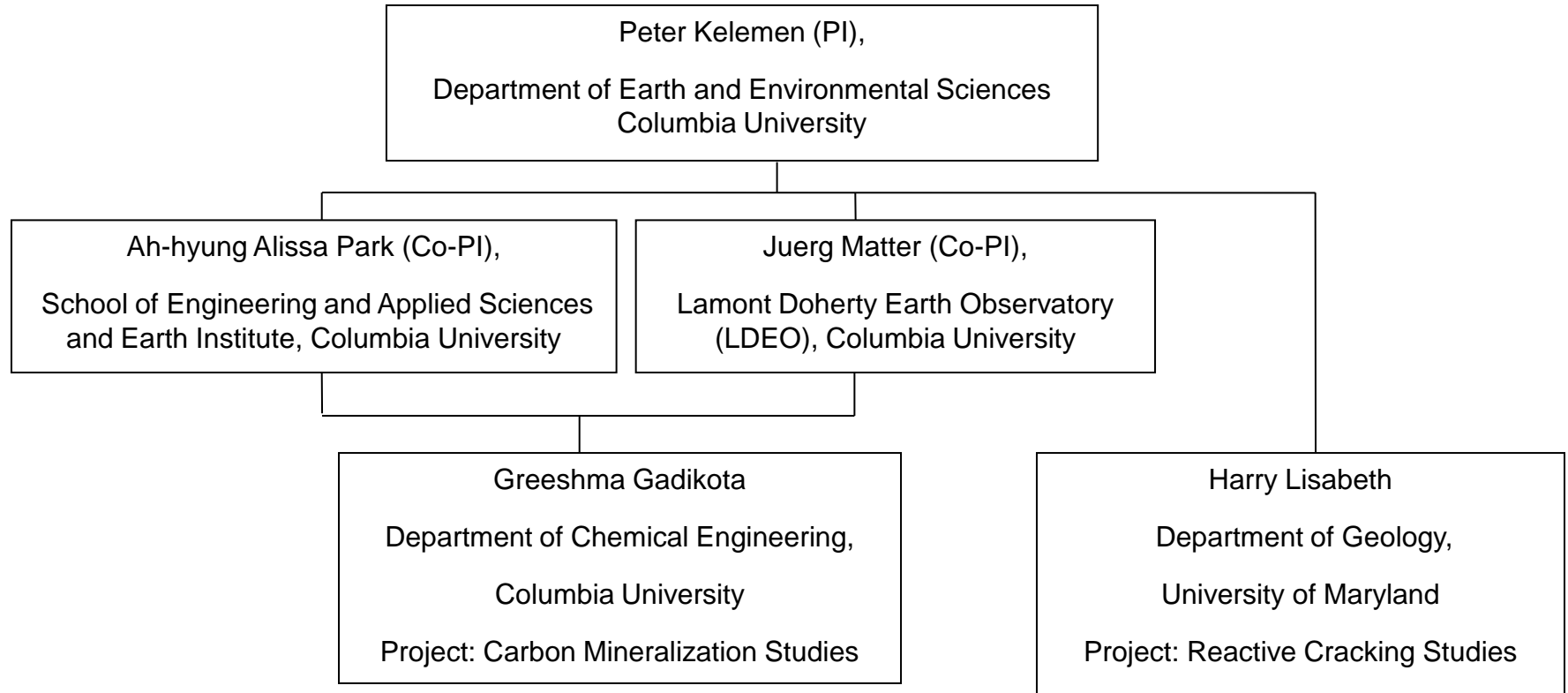
Accomplishments to Date

- Quantified extents of carbonation of the olivine and anorthite as a function of temperature, partial pressure of CO₂ and in the presence of various additives
- Demonstrated significant changes in pore structure, morphology and particle size occur after carbonation and dissolution
- Initial mineral dissolution rates are substantially higher than longer-term rates with preferential leaching of Mg which has implications for long-term storage of CO₂ in geologic formations
- Determined that reactive brines cause samples to deform more rapidly due to olivine dissolution

Summary

- Higher temperatures and presence of additives such as NaCl and NaHCO₃ have a significant impact on enhancing mineral carbonation
- Significant reduction in pore size and surface area after carbonation is evident
- In terms of reactivity with CO₂: olivine > anorthite > basalt
- Initial mineral dissolution rates are higher than longer-term dissolution rates with preferential leaching of Mg compared to Si . Therefore, characterizing initial weathering behavior is more important than previously anticipated
- Reactive brines cause samples to deform more rapidly due to olivine dissolution
- Rapid deformation is apparently due to olivine dissolution, reducing solid-solid contact area along fractures
- Permeability drops due to mechanical compaction are delayed; there is a sudden loss of connectivity, but not of porosity

Organization Chart



Gantt Chart

Tasks	Year I				Year II				Year III			
	Qt1	Qt2	Qt3	Qt4	Qt1	Qt2	Qt3	Qt4	Qt1	Qt2	Qt3	Qt4
Task 1.0 Project Management, Planning and Reporting												
Task 2.0 Laboratory Experiments on Carbonation Kinetics of Peridotite and Basalt												
Subtask 2.1 Selection of rocks to be studied												
Subtask 2.2. Determination of mineralization with varying pressure												
Subtask 2.3 Determination of mineral rates under varying temperature												
Subtask 2.4 Analysis of carbonated samples												
Task 3.0 Laboratory Study of Catalytic Effects on Carbonation Kinetics of Peridotite and Basalt												
Subtask 3.1 Selection of minerals and basaltic glass to be studied												
Subtask 3.2 Mineralization as a function of varied mineral composition												
Subtask 3.3 Mineralization as a function of varied pressure												
Subtask 3.4 Varied temperature and/or combined variables												
Subtask 3.5 Analysis of carbonated samples												
Task 4.0 Laboratory Testing of “Reactive Cracking” Hypothesis												
Subtask 4.1 Initial experiments												
Subtask 4.2 Experiments with varying fluid pressure												
Subtask 4.3 Experiments with deviatoric confining pressure												
Subtask 4.4 Analysis of carbonated samples												

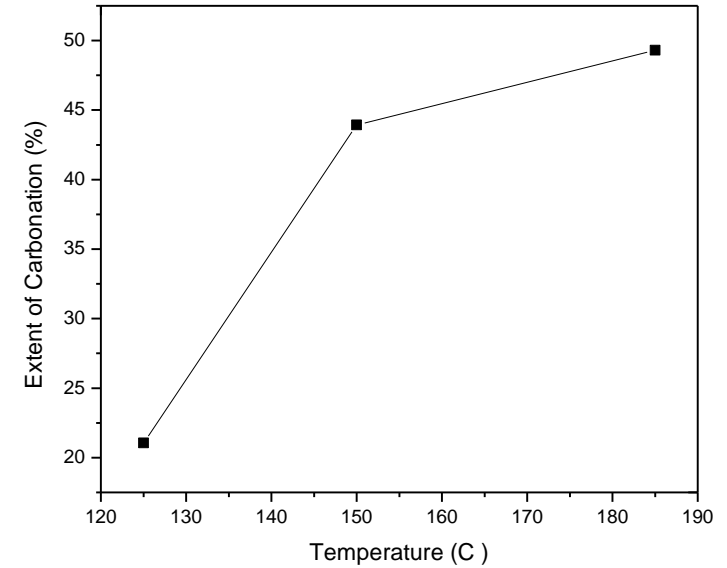
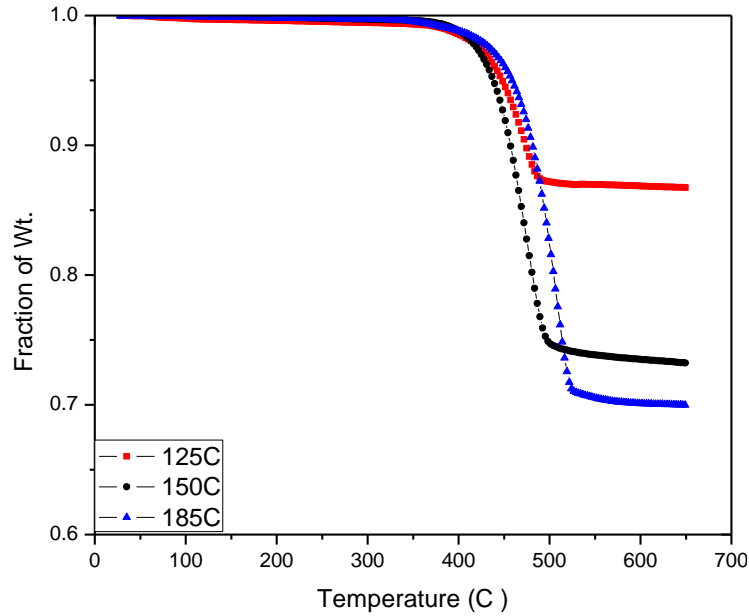
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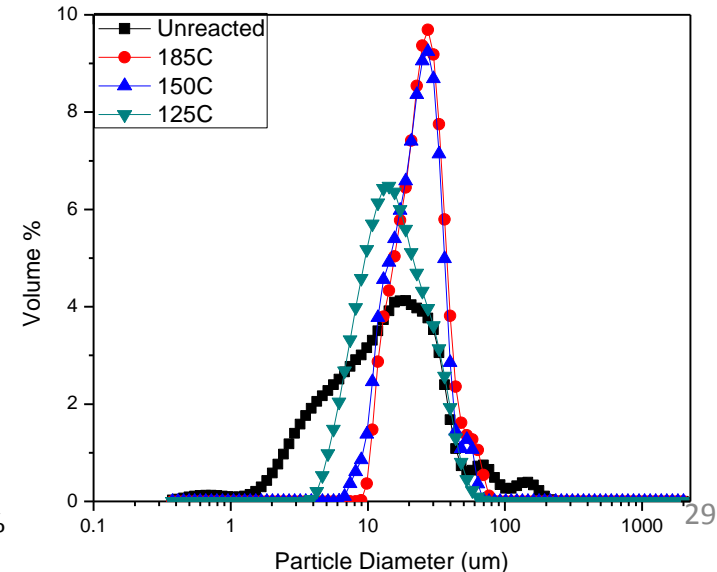
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Additional Slides

Effect of Temperature on Olivine Carbonation

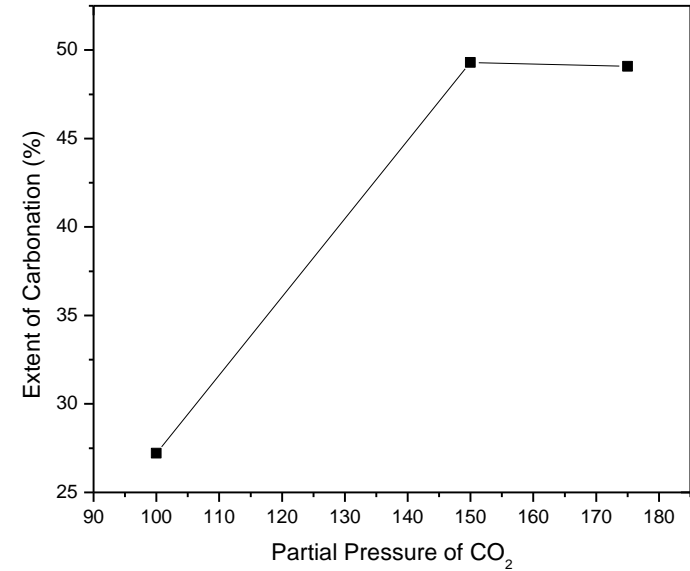
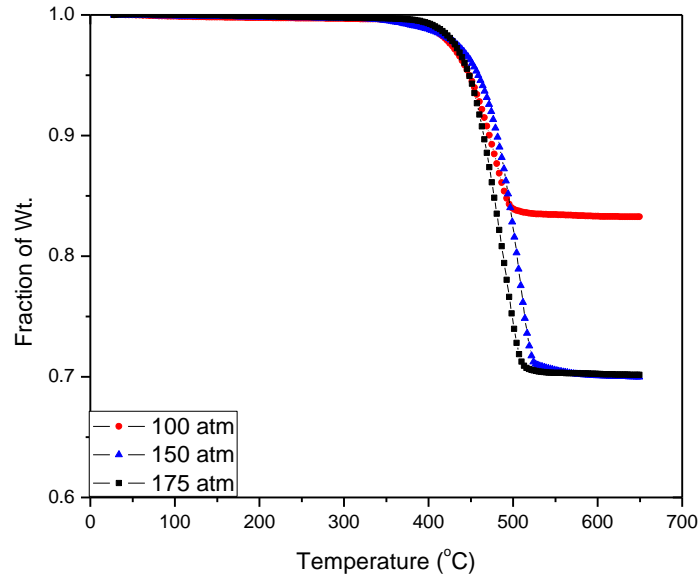


Temperature (°C)	Mean Particle Diameter \pm Std. Deviation	Extent of Carbonation (%)
Unreacted	21.41 \pm 25.46 μm	-
125°C	18.51 \pm 10.43 μm	24.35%
150°C	25.40 \pm 10.59 μm	50.93%
185°C	27.71 \pm 11.64 μm	57.17%

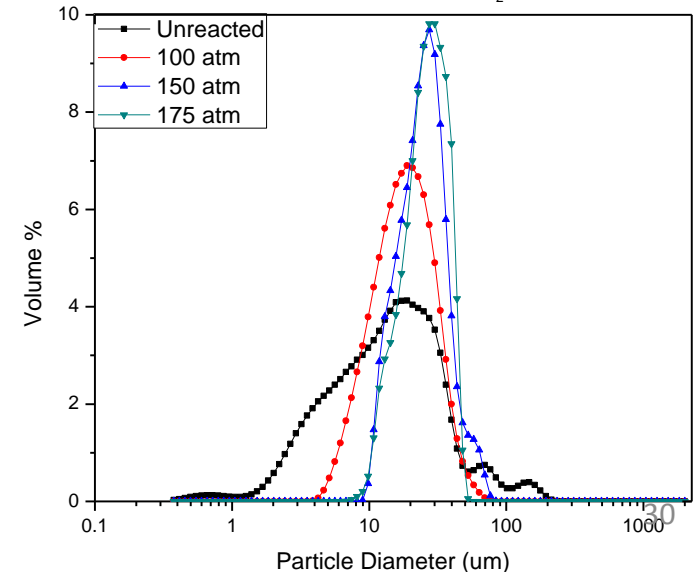


Experimental Conditions: Olivine, 1.0M NaCl + 0.64M NaHCO₃, P_{CO₂} = 150 atm, 15 wt.% mineral, 800 rpm in high pressure, high temperature batch reactor

Effect of Pressure on Olivine Carbonation

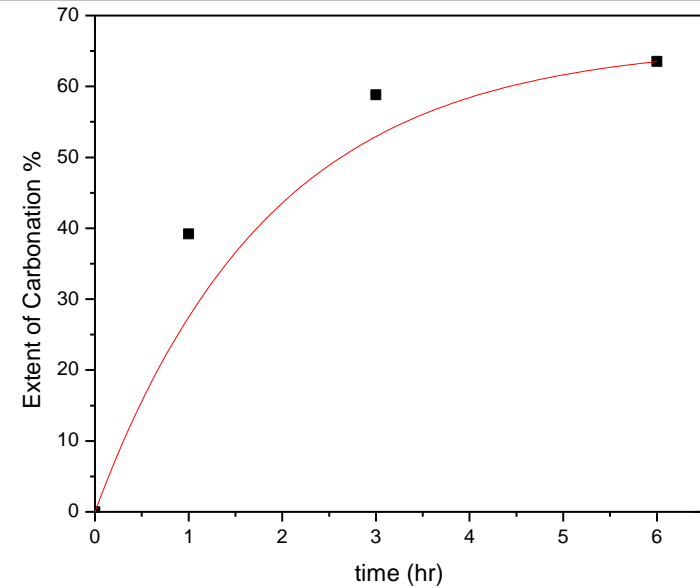
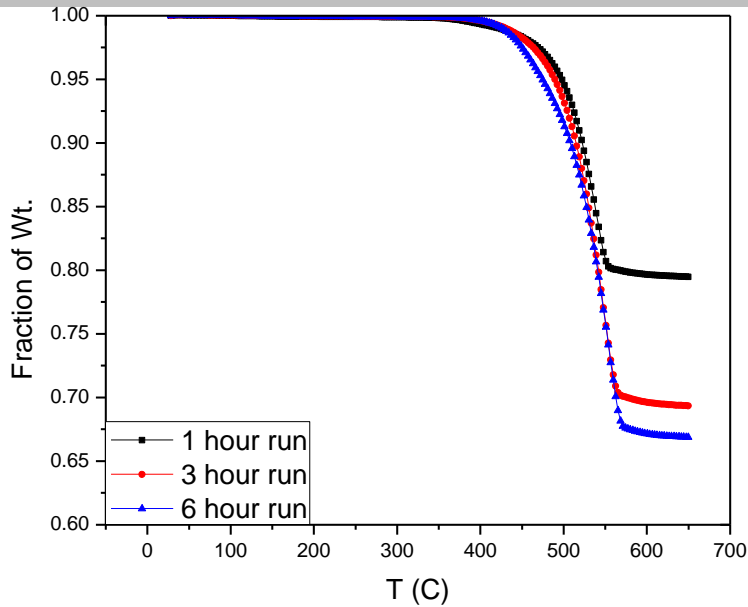


Pressure	Mean Particle Diameter \pm Std. Deviation	Extent of Carbonation (%)
Unreacted	21.41 \pm 25.46 μm	-
100 atm	20.67 \pm 10.45 μm	31.55%
150 atm	27.71 \pm 11.64 μm	57.17%
175 atm	27.96 \pm 9.42 μm	56.91%

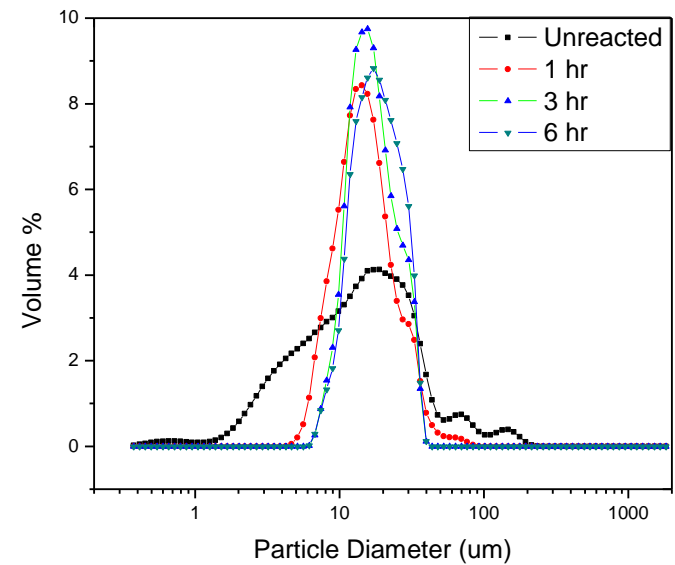


Experimental Conditions: Olivine, 185°C, 15 wt.% mineral, 800 rpm in high pressure, high temperature batch reactor

Effect of Reaction Time on Olivine Carbonation



Time (hours)	Mean Particle Diameter \pm Std. Deviation	Extent of Carbonation (%)
Unreacted	21.41 \pm 25.46 μm	-
1 hour	17.57 \pm 9.35 μm	39.20%
3 hours	18.68 \pm 7.01 μm	58.82%
6 hours	19.93 \pm 7.21 μm	63.51%

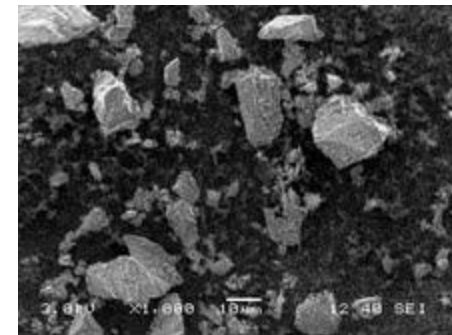
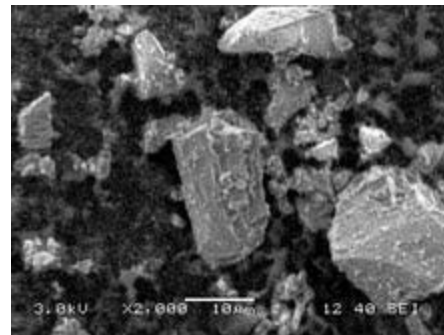


Changes in Composition and Morphology Before and After Olivine Carbonation

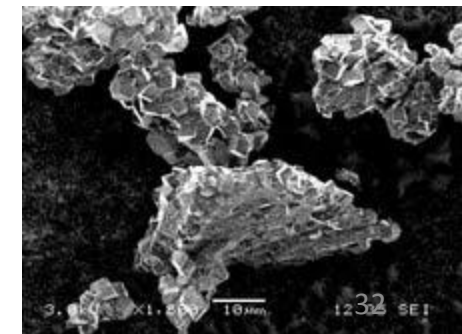
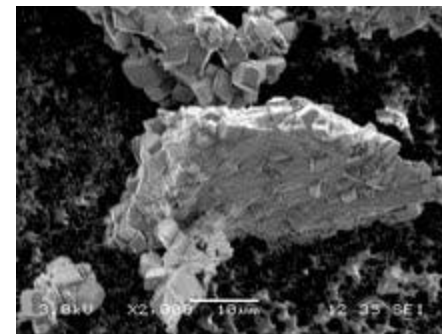
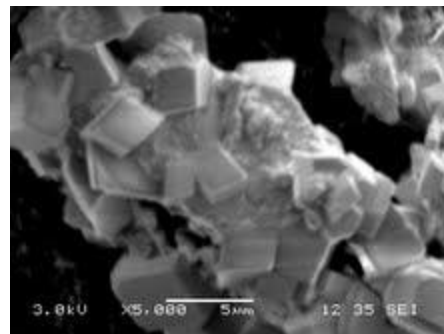
Mineral Composition using XRF Analysis (%)

Mineral	MgO	CaO	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	TiO ₂	P ₂ O ₅	MnO	Cr ₂ O ₃	V ₂ O ₅	LOI	Sum	Ni
Unreacted Olivine	47.3	0.16	13.9	39.7	0.2	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.15	0.78	<0.01	-0.7	101.5	0.27
Reacted Olivine	32.2	0.11	9.25	26.9	0.14	0.28	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.10	0.53	<0.01	30.4	100.0	0.19

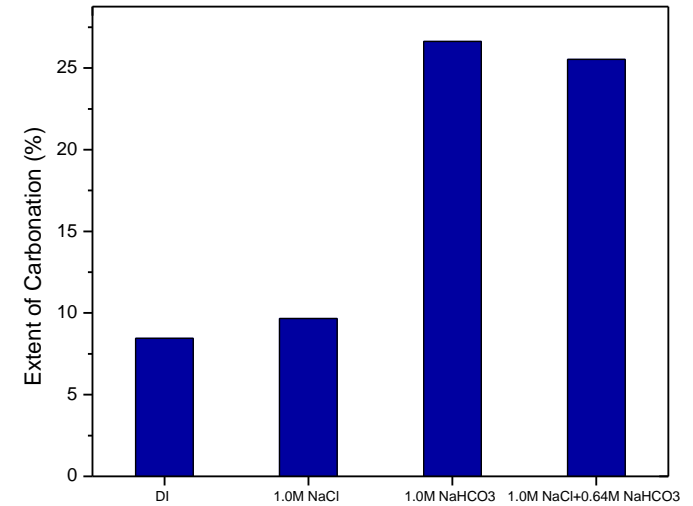
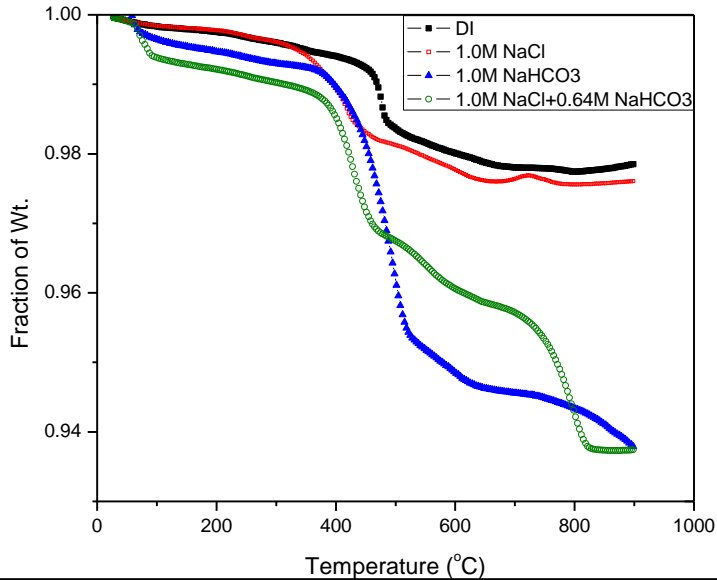
Unreacted
Olivine



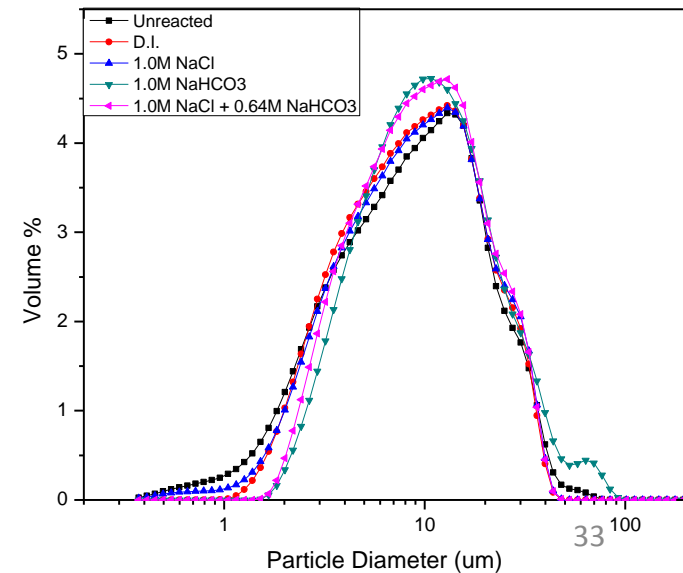
Reacted Olivine at 185°C,
150 atm, 1.0M NaCl,
0.64M NaHCO₃,
800 rpm, 15 wt. % solid



Effect of Chemical Additives on Anorthite Carbonation



Additives	Mean Particle Diameter \pm Std. Deviation	Extent of Carbonation (%)
Unreacted	11.94 \pm 9.52 μ m	-
DI	11.78 \pm 8.54 μ m	8.45%
1.0M NaCl	11.89 \pm 9.49 μ m	9.66%
1.0M NaHCO ₃	14.34 \pm 12.26 μ m	26.63%
1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃	12.42 \pm 8.52 μ m	25.53%



Experimental Conditions: Olivine, 185°C, P_{CO2} = 150 atm, 15 wt.% mineral, 800 rpm in high pressure, high temperature batch reactor

Results Summary

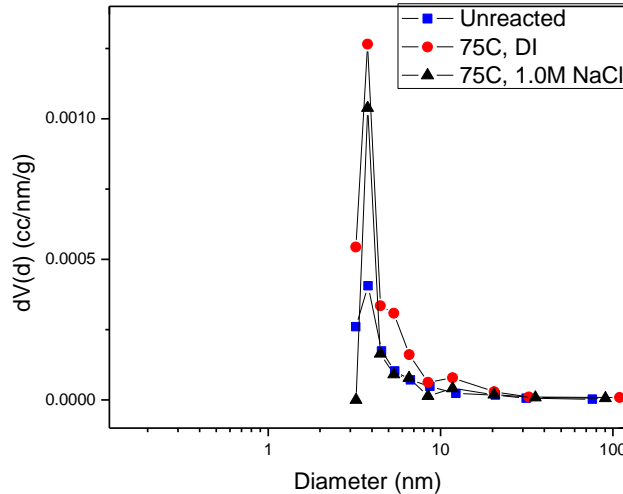
	Reaction Conditions	Mean Particle Diameter \pm Std. Deviation	Extent of Carbonation (%)
Olivine	Unreacted	21.41 \pm 25.46 μm	-
	DI, 185°C, 150 atm	16.43 \pm 11.85 μm	4.40%
	1.0M NaCl, 185°C, 150 atm	26.54 \pm 12.77 μm	37.44%
	1.0M NaHCO ₃ , 185°C, 150 atm	32.76 \pm 14.39 μm	50.60%
	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185°C, 150 atm	27.71 \pm 11.64 μm	49.30%
	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 150°C, 150 atm	25.40 \pm 10.59 μm	43.93%
	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 125°C, 150 atm	18.51 \pm 10.43 μm	21.05%
	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185°C, 100 atm	20.67 \pm 10.45 μm	27.21%
	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185°C, 175 atm	27.96 \pm 9.42 μm	49.08%
Anorthite	Unreacted	11.94 \pm 9.52 μm	-
	DI, 185°C, 150 atm	11.78 \pm 8.54 μm	8.45%
	1.0M NaCl, 185°C, 150 atm	11.89 \pm 9.49 μm	9.66%
	1.0M NaHCO ₃ , 185°C, 150 atm	14.34 \pm 12.26 μm	26.63%
	1.0M NaCl+0.64M NaHCO ₃ , 185°C, 150 atm	12.42 \pm 8.52 μm	25.53%

All experiments performed at 15 wt. % solid and 800 rpm, reaction time of 3 hours (+ 1 hour for heating, 1.25 hours for cooling)

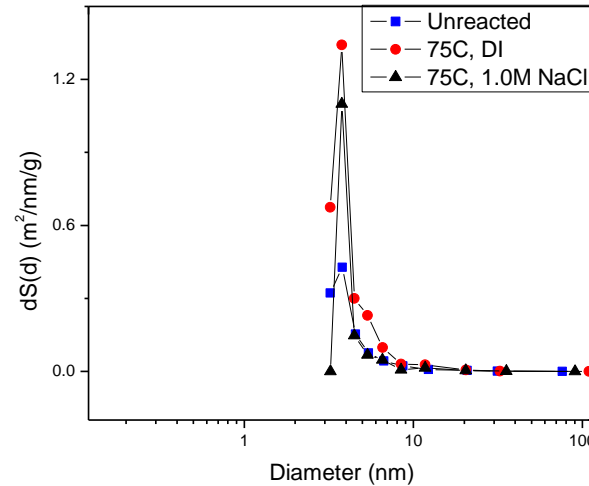
Changes in Pore and Particle Size Distribution due to Mineral Dissolution and Coupled Reactions

(a) Mineral Dissolution

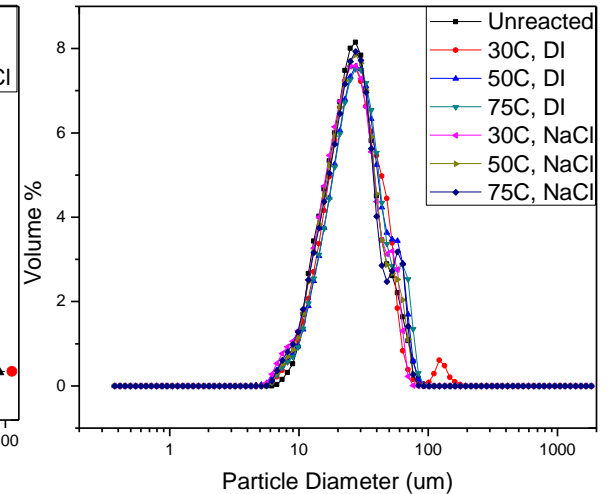
Pore Volume Distribution



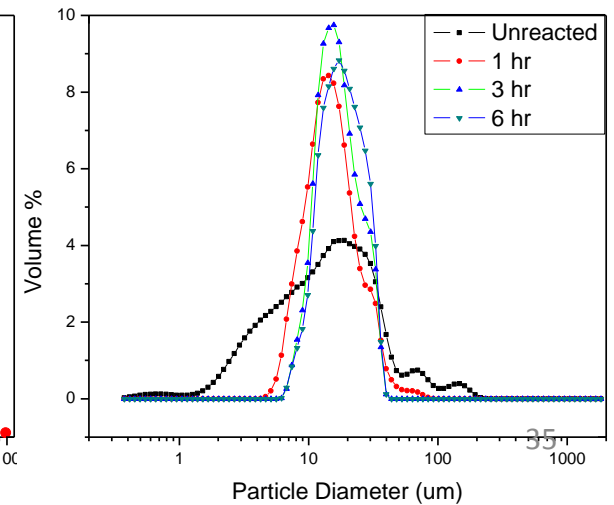
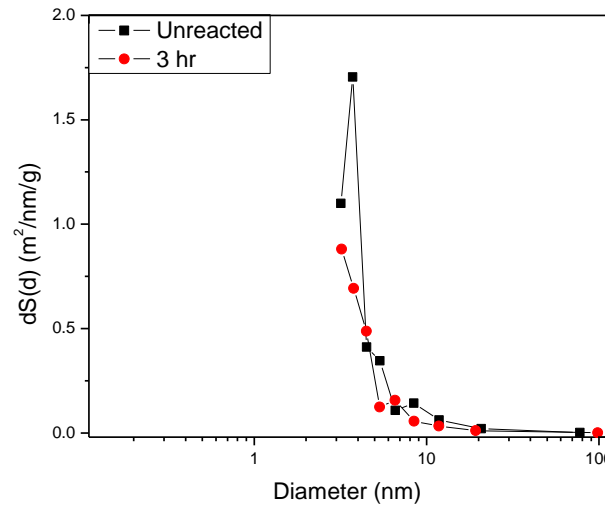
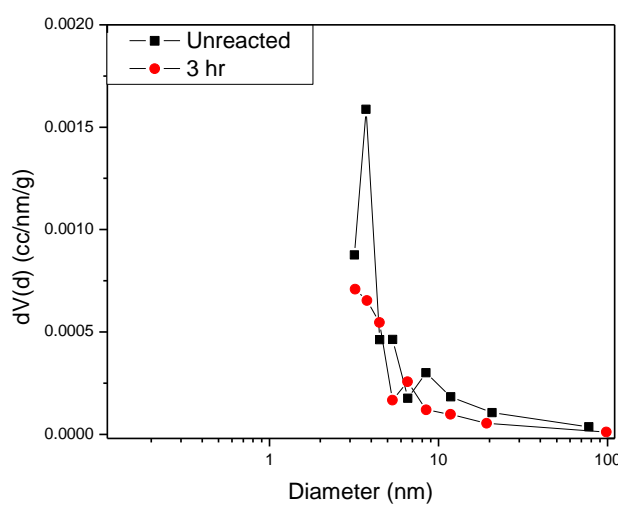
Pore Surface Area Distribution



Particle Size Distribution



(b) Coupled Mineral Dissolution and Carbonation



Conclusion

- Additives such as NaCl and NaHCO₃ enhance mineral carbonation significantly
- Determined that increasing [NaHCO₃] increases olivine and anorthite carbonation
- Average particle diameter increases and particle size distribution becomes narrower with higher carbonation
- Pore size decreases with increasing carbonation – this has implications for in-situ mineral carbon storage

Questions?