

# FE0009260: Advanced joint inversion of large data sets for characterization and real-time monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage systems

Enhancing storage performance and reducing failure  
risks under uncertainties

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# Presentation Outline

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- Role in the program
- Objectives
- Contributions to date
- Ongoing work
- Road ahead

# Benefit to the Program

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- Program goals being addressed:
  - Develop and validate methods for detecting and **monitoring** CO<sub>2</sub> to ensure permanence and containment efficiency.
  - Develop **Software** and Best Practice Manuals for site characterization, site management and risk analysis.
- **Project benefits:** Support decision making for best design and control of CO<sub>2</sub> injection and storage operations, by developing **faster and more reliable data utilization algorithms.**

# Project Overview:

## Goals and Objectives

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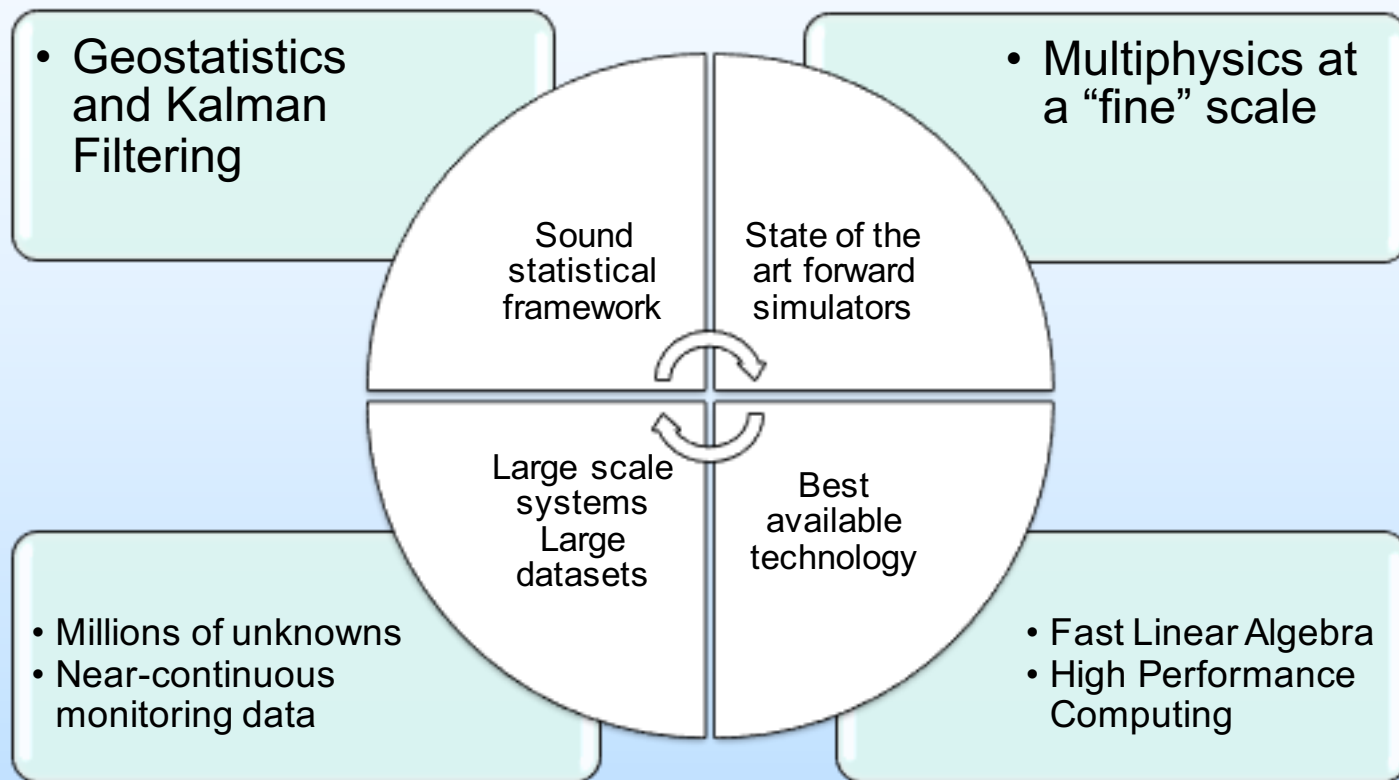
Develop methods

- For **characterization and monitoring** of injected CO<sub>2</sub>:
  - Using data with significant noise
  - Using jointly multiple data types
- To **quantify uncertainty and risk**
- That can handle LARGE systems (>10<sup>6</sup> unknowns)

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## Goals and Objectives

Develop, test, and apply advanced algorithms for estimation of subsurface properties and CO<sub>2</sub> transport for large scale systems with uncertainty estimates.



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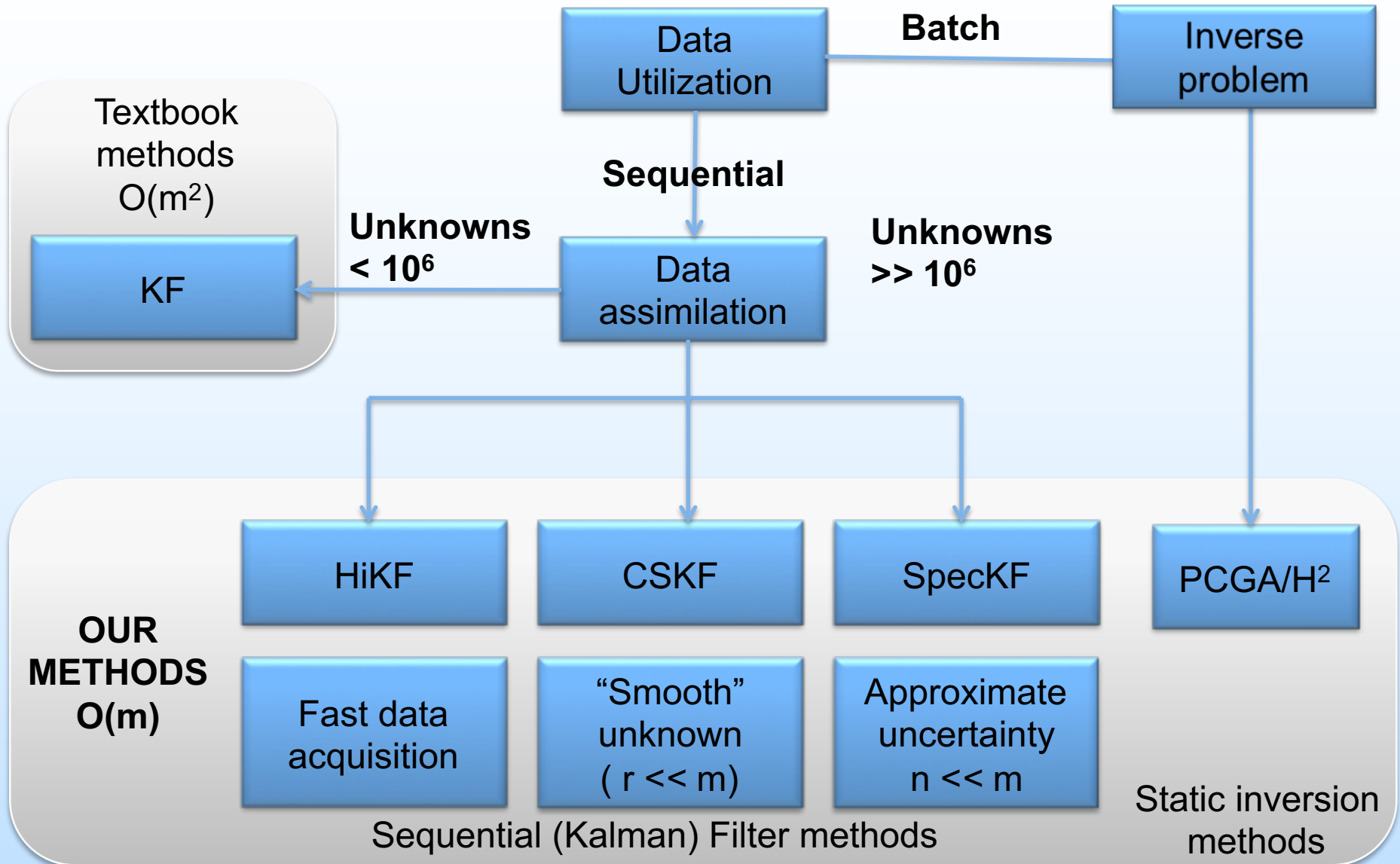
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  - Large scale, three dimensional heterogeneous
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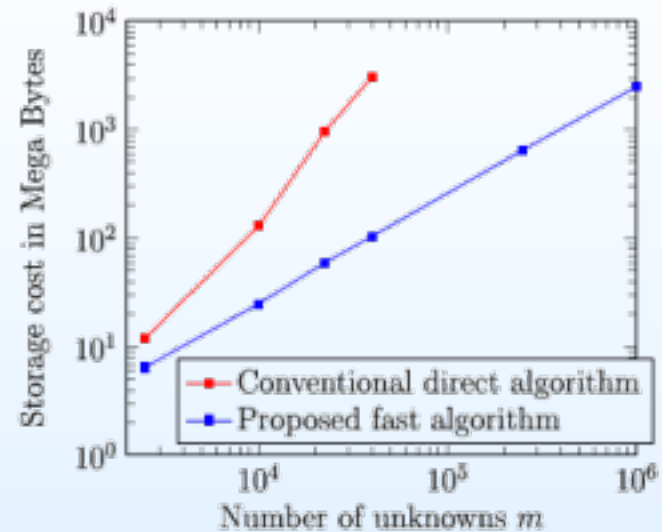
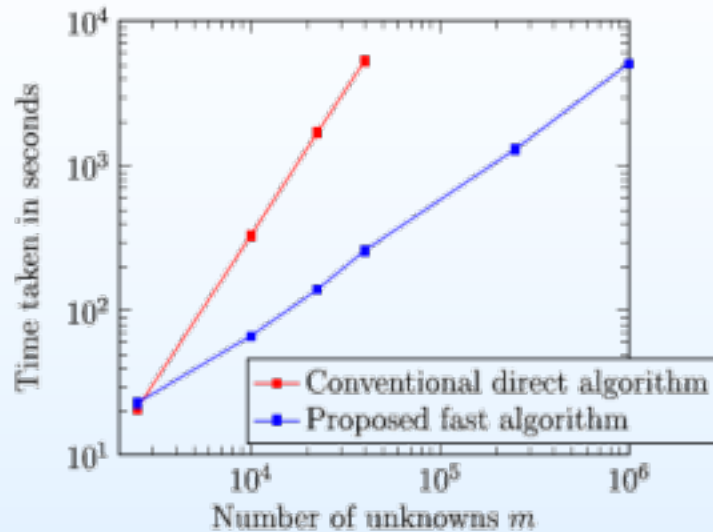
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# Scaling

*S. Ambikasaran, J. Y. Li, P. K. Kitanidis and E. F. Darve, 2013 J. Comp. Geosc. 17:913–927*



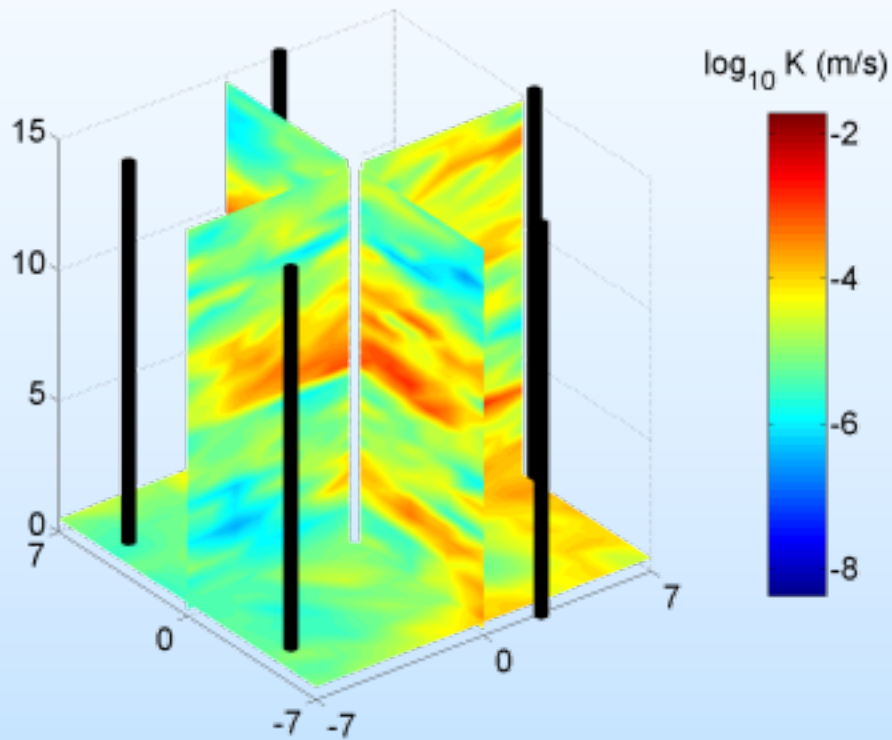
- Harnessing the hierarchical structure of matrices used to describe geospatial correlation, we can dramatically reduce the cost of matrix operations

# Principal Component Geostatistical Approach (PCGA)

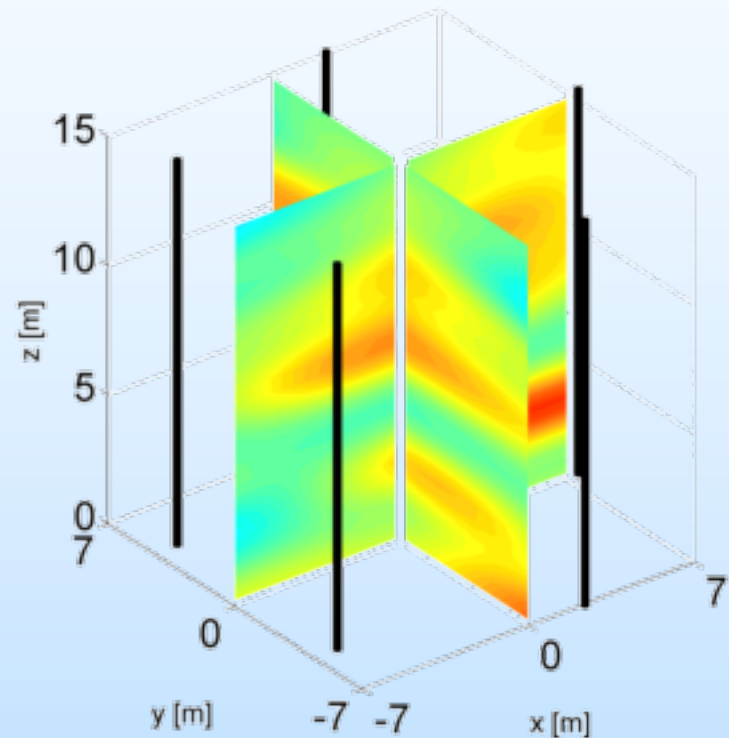
Lee, J. and Kitanidis, P. K. 2014, *Water Resour. Res.* 50

- 300,000 unknowns, 2500 HT data, 16 hours

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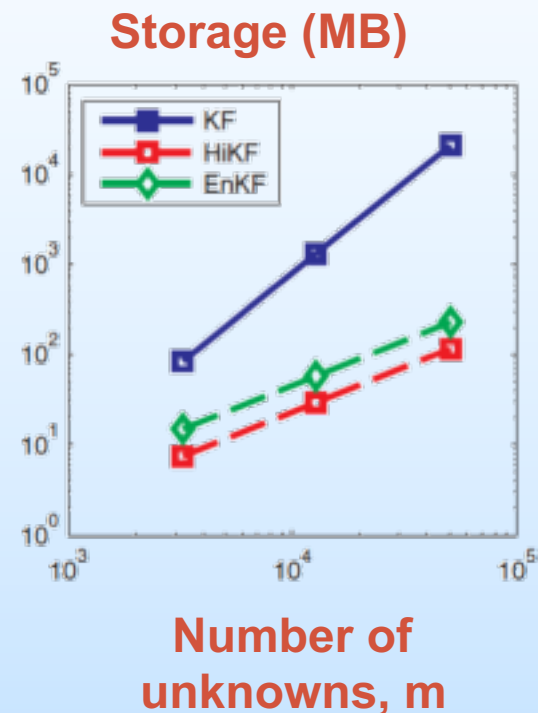
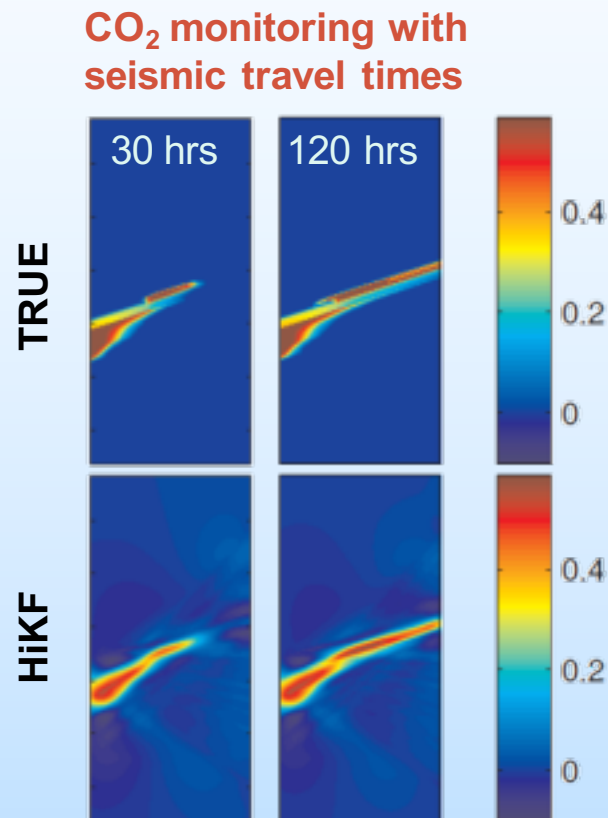
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# Hierarchical Kalman Filter (HiKF)

Li, J. Y., S. Ambikasaran, E. F. Darve, and P. K. Kitanidis, 2014 *Water Resour. Res.*, 50

- Hierarchical Kalman Filter for quasi-continuous data assimilation



# Hierarchical Kalman Filter (HiKF)

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- Reduction of computation cost from  $O(m^2)$  to  $O(m)$   
m: # unknowns



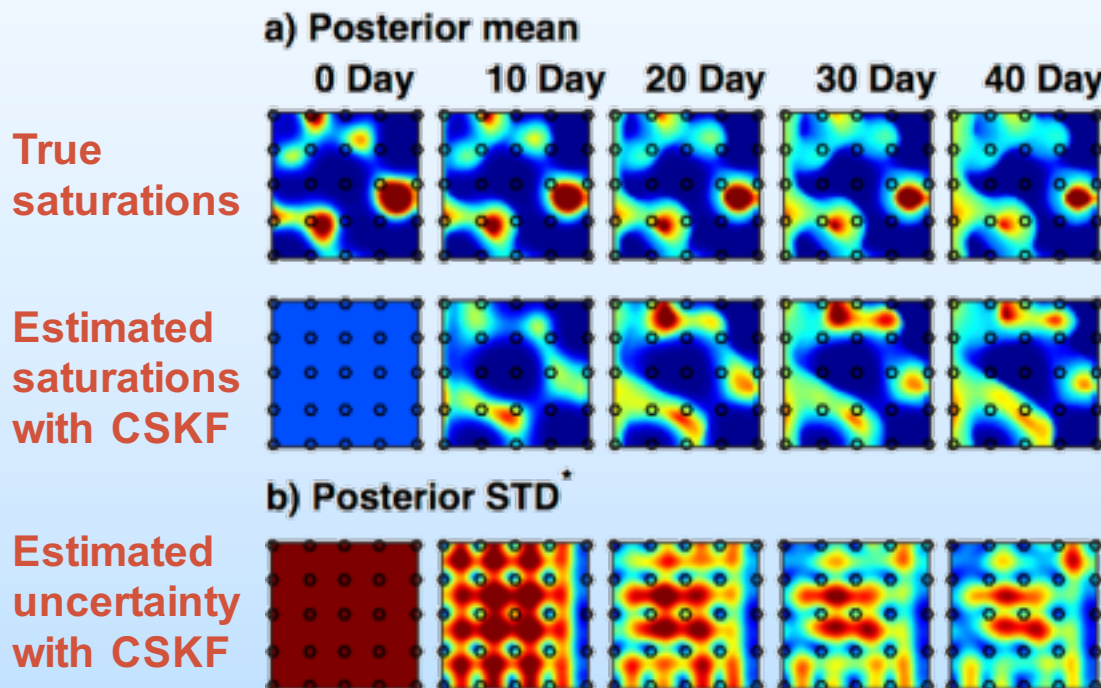
# Compressed State Kalman Filter (CSKF)

*Kitanidis, P. K., 2014. Compressed State Kalman Filter for large systems*

*Li et al., The non-linear compressed state Kalman Filter for efficient large-scale reservoir monitoring*

- Factorization of the covariance matrix using a fixed basis leads to smaller matrices and faster computations, with minimal loss of accuracy of the inversion algorithm.

## CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring example

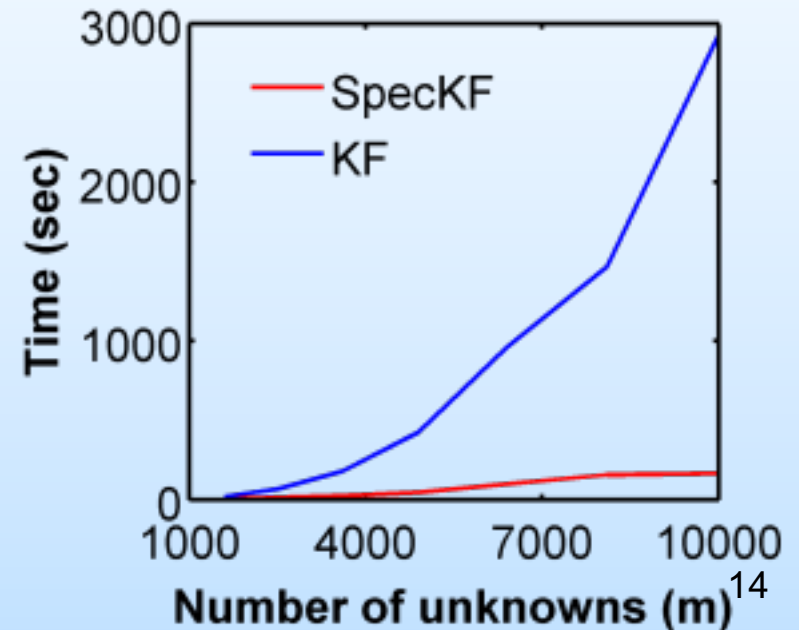
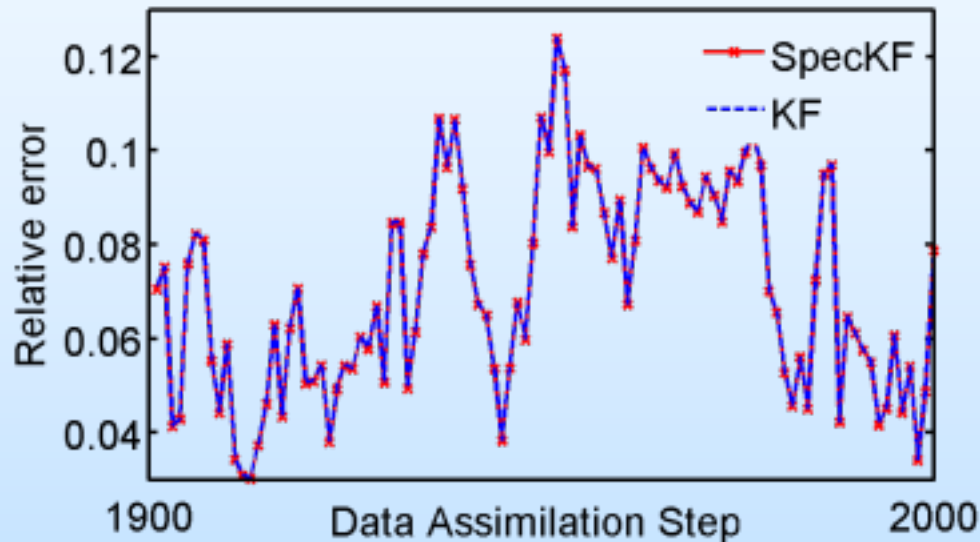


- Variants of the method to handle nonlinear problems and parameter estimation:
  - Iterative CSKF
  - Smoothing based CSKF

# Spectral Kalman Filter (SpecKF)

*Ghorbanidehno, H., et al., 2015. Real time data assimilation for large-scale systems: the Spectral Kalman Filter.*

- Constructing and updating the full covariance matrices is avoided by an approximation of the forward model operator.
- Negligible difference from (full) Kalman Filter in estimation
- Computation time of SpecKF increases slowly with problem size



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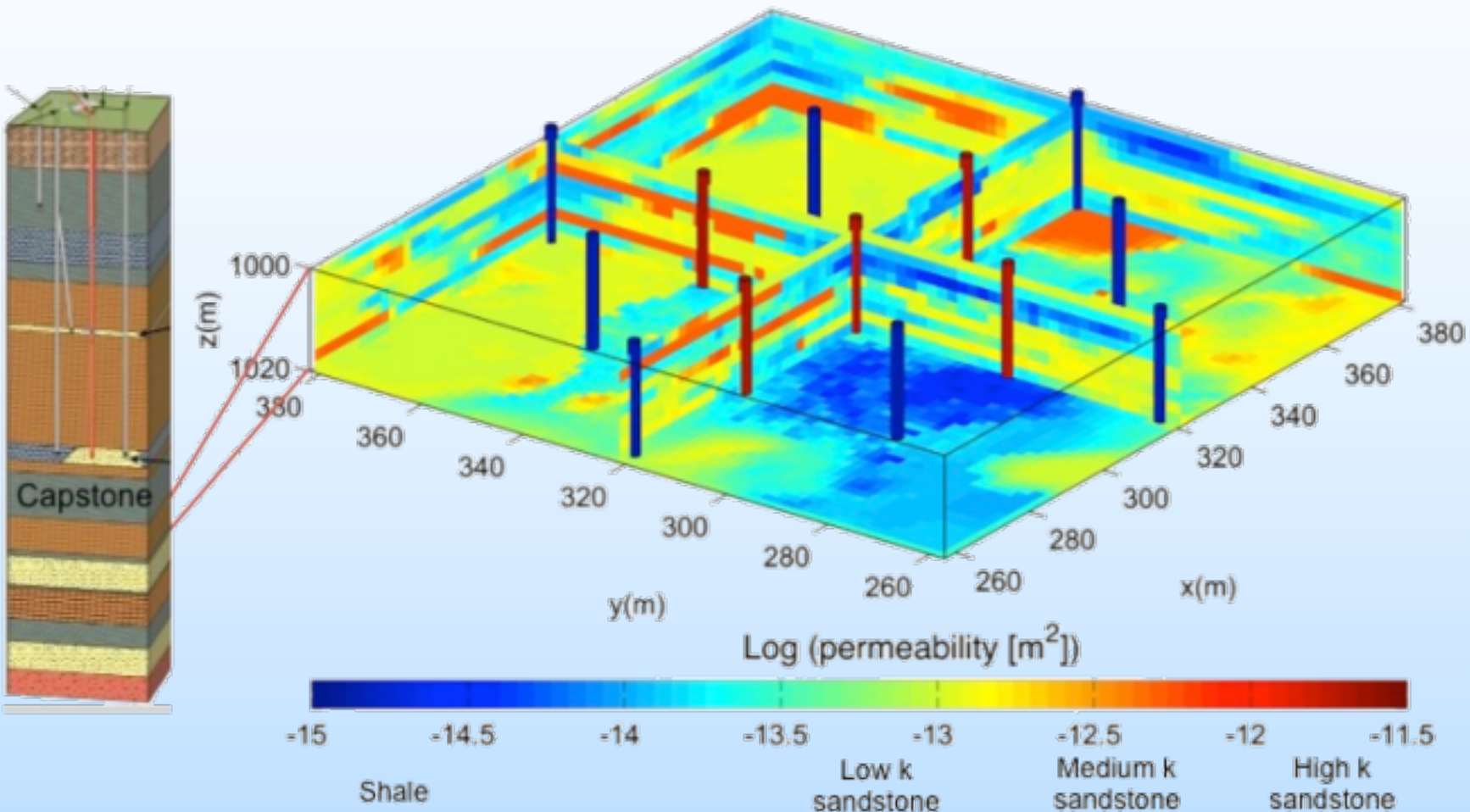
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# Synthetic domain

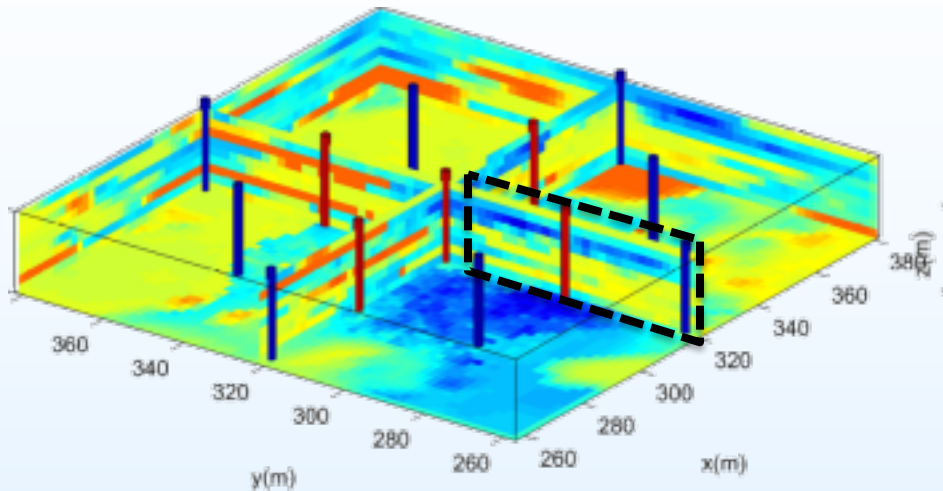
Objective: Use various types of field data to characterize a strongly heterogeneous domain



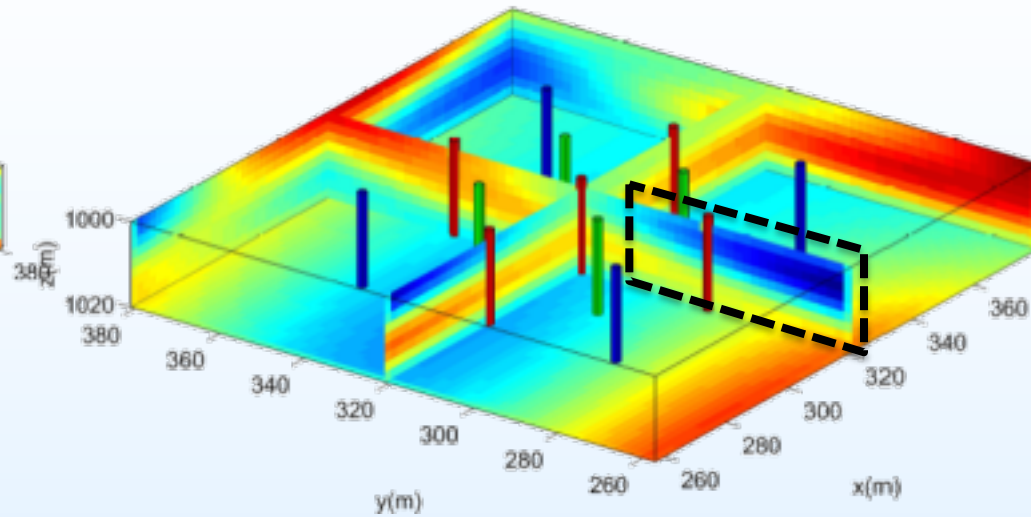


# CSKF: Pumping data

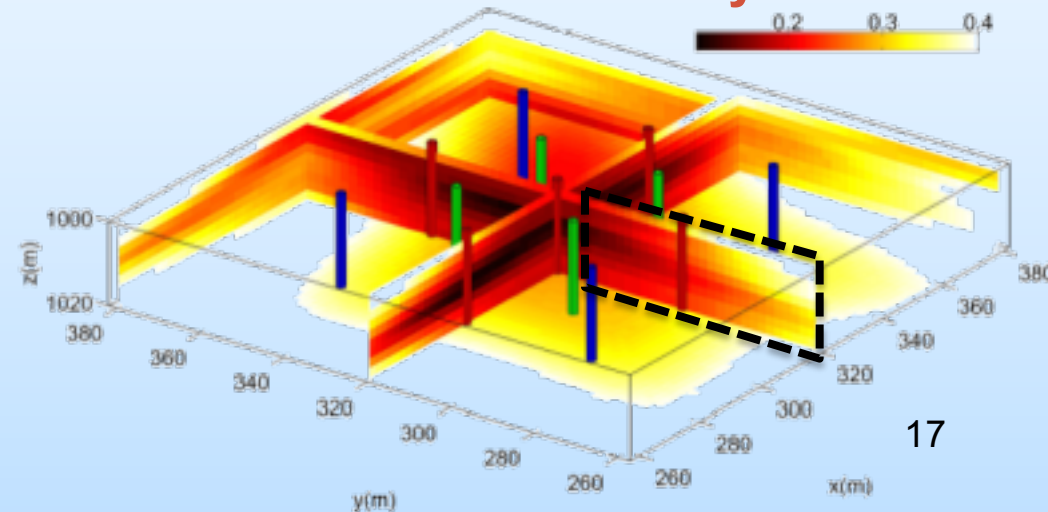
## True log-permeabilities



## Estimated log-permeabilities



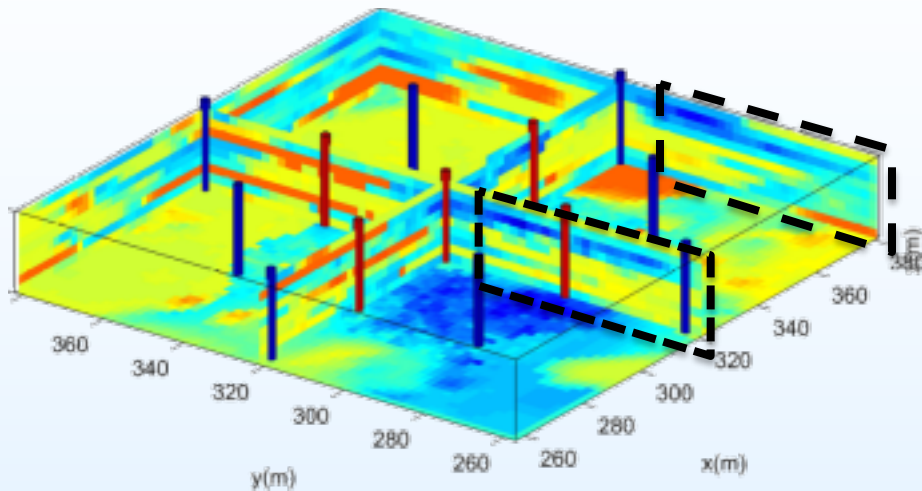
## Estimated uncertainty



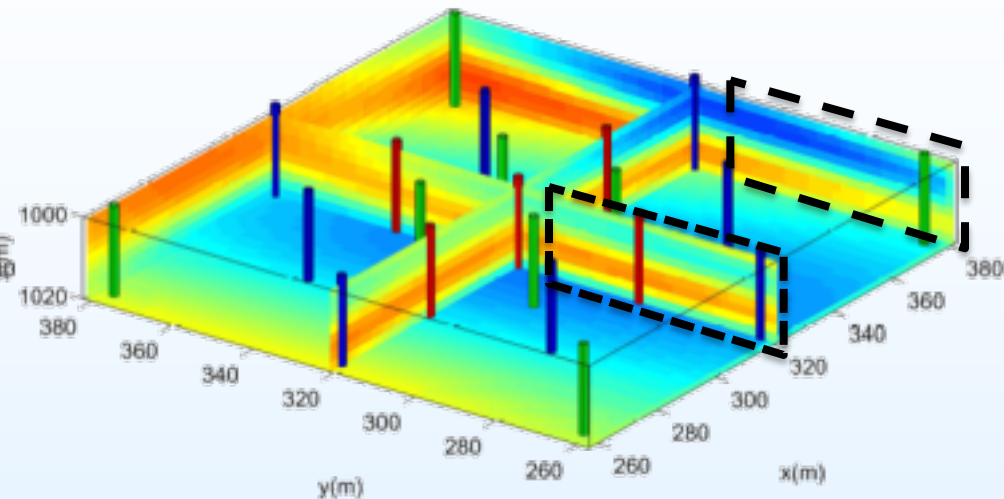
- **24040** unknowns
- 80 measurements  
(pressure and permeability)
- Covariance compression  
using just **25** bases
- Estimation at  $\sim 1/1000$  of the  
cost of the full method!

# CSKF: Pumping and thermal tracer data

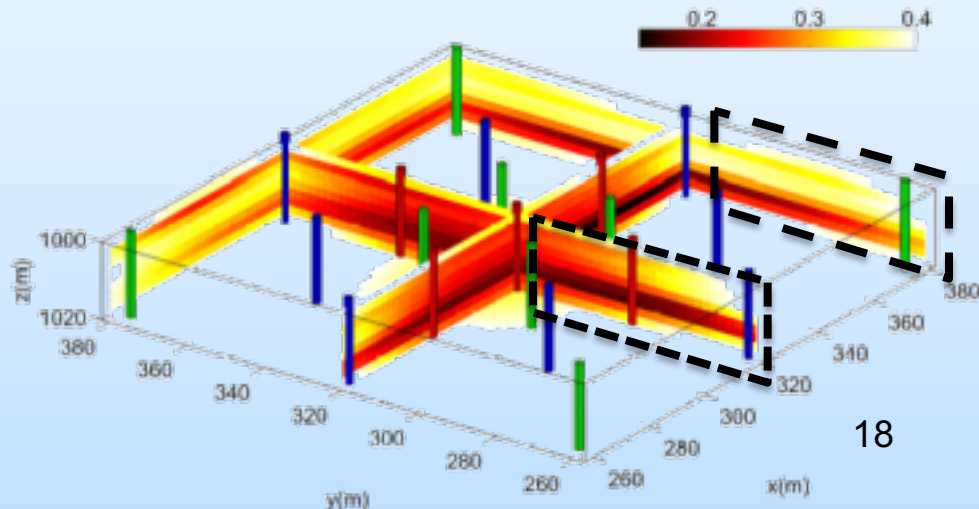
## True log-permeabilities



## Estimated log-permeabilities



## Estimated uncertainty



- **24040** unknowns
- 160 measurements  
(pressure, temperature and permeability)
- With reduced computational cost, we can now explore the value of collecting additional datasets.

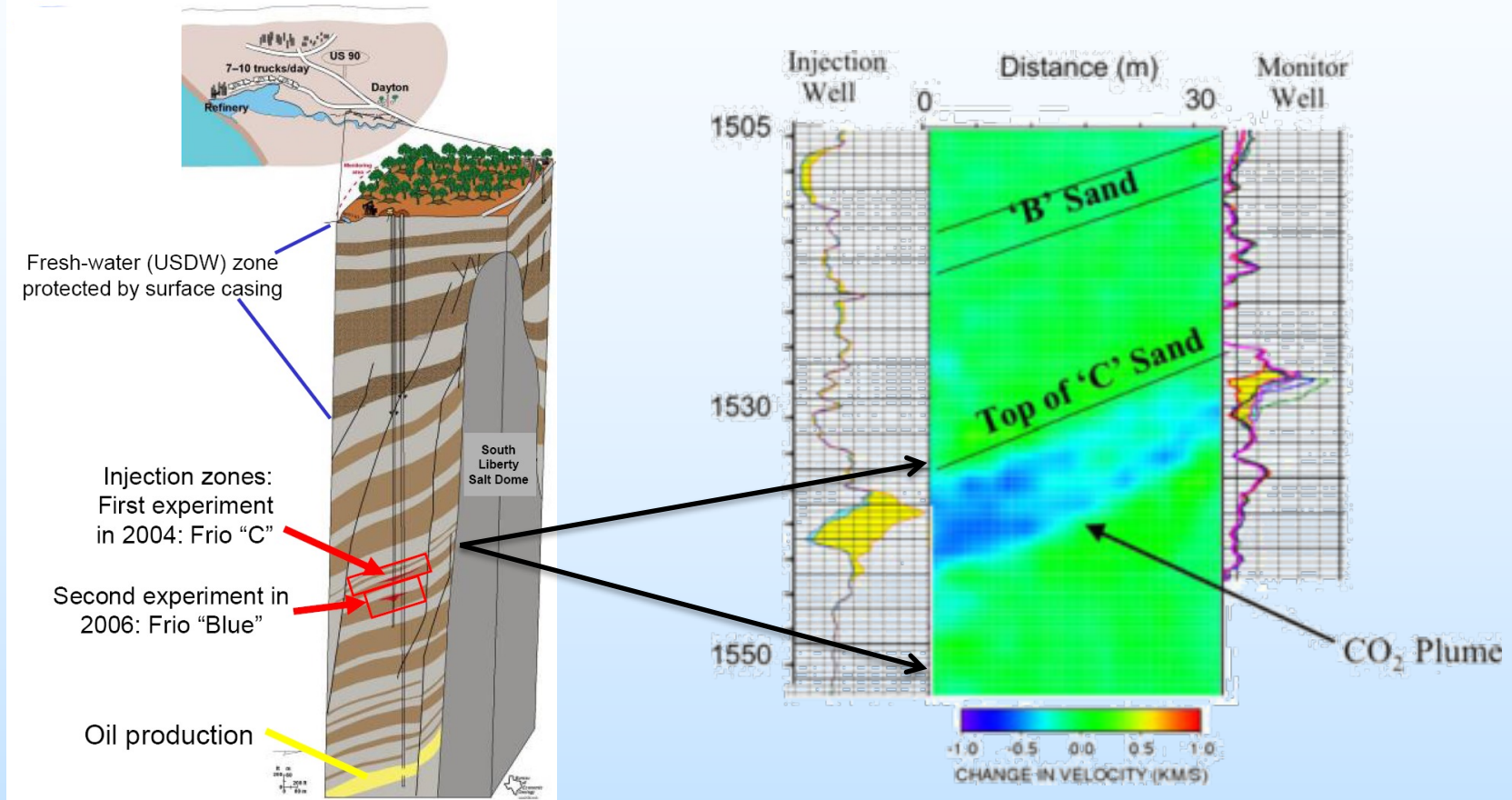
# Application to real datasets

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- **Data assimilation algorithms make up for lack of knowledge of processes and properties by **continuously updating and correcting our prior models** with data as they become available.**
- **Many challenges:**
  - Diverse and sparse datasets
  - Poor prior knowledge
  - Even larger number of unknowns
  - Forward model simulation challenges
  - Tendency to oversimplify and undersimulate

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# Frio-I site

## Two-well setup: injection and pumping well Datasets

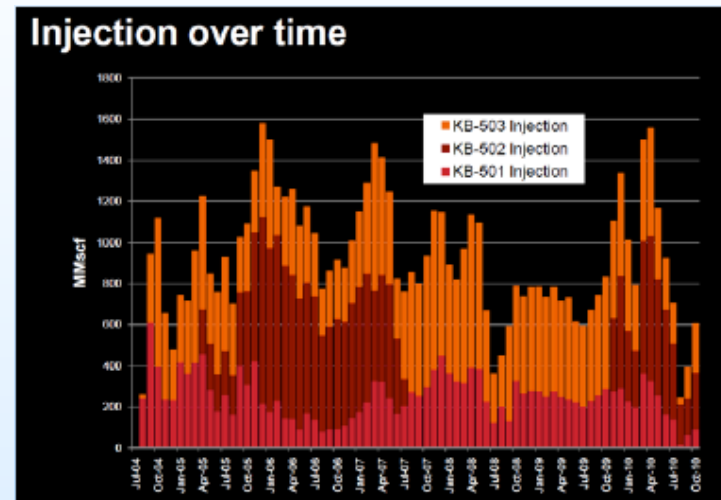
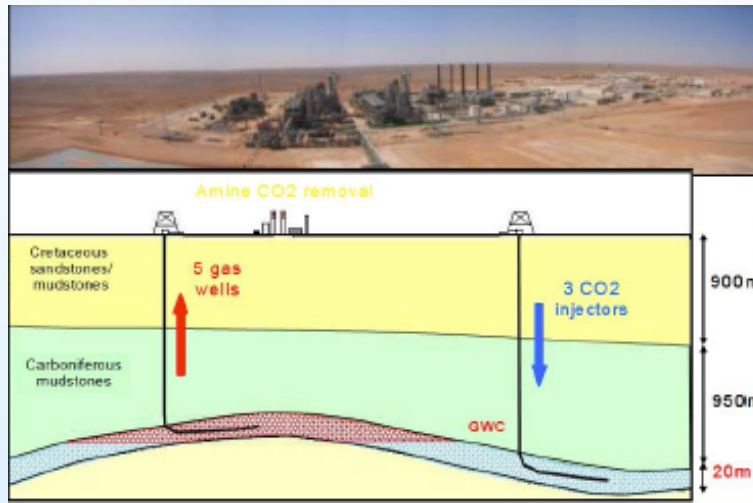
| Prior to CO <sub>2</sub> injection | During CO <sub>2</sub> injection             |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Pumping tests                      | CO <sub>2</sub> saturation vertical profiles |
| Thermal tracer tests               | Temperature vertical profiles                |
| Conservative tracer tests          | Pressure                                     |

- Quantitative geophysical data indicate two major preferential pathways that CO<sub>2</sub> followed upon injection.
  - One objective: confirm preferential flow pathways and refine prior geological model.



# In Salah site

To use high resolution InSAR data for surface deformation to calibrate geomechanical model and identify heterogeneity.



- Fewer data, larger scale:
  - 27 km x 43 km, 3 horizontal wells
- Complex physical problem
  - Fractured storage system
- Challenging the limits of forward and inverse modeling

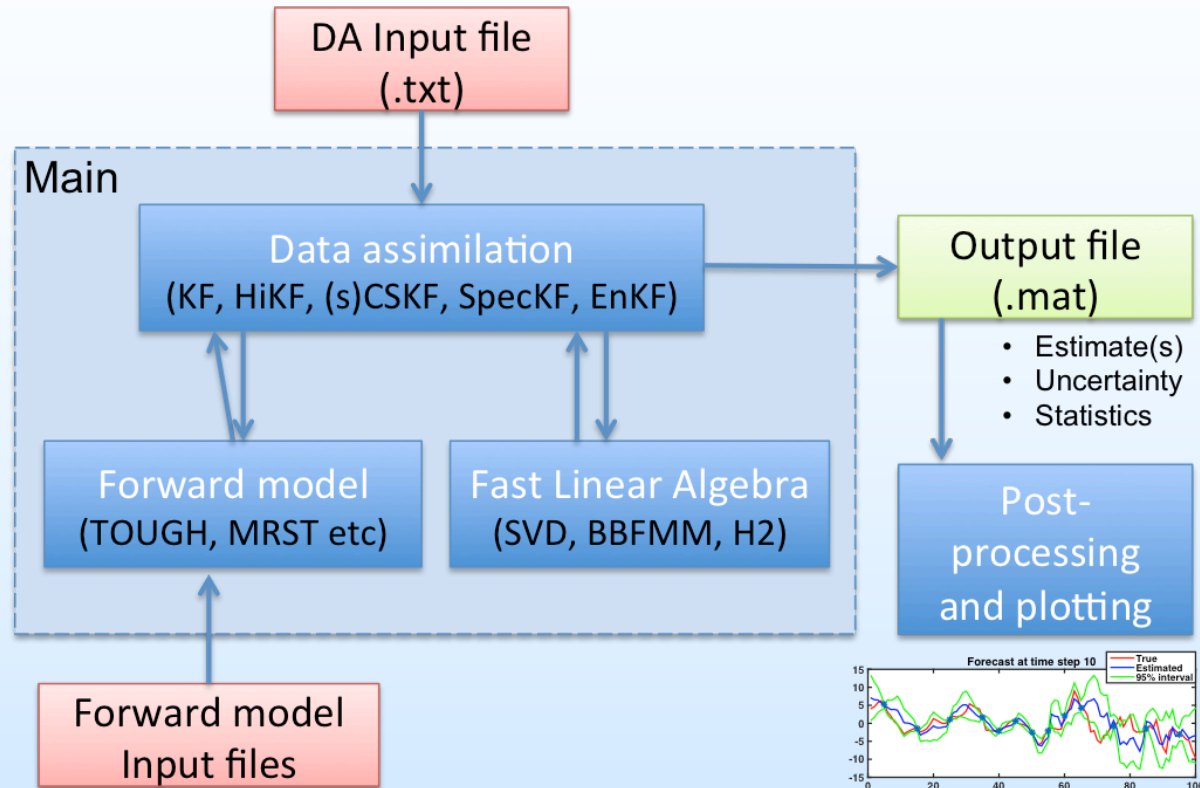
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# Software development

- **DAsoftware**  
Educational/research data assimilation software package with all DA methods
- **FKF-TOUGH**  
TOUGH2 specific Kalman Filter package





# Accomplishments to Date

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1. Developed and tested multiple techniques for fast and reliable joint inversion of large datasets for CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring and site characterization
2. Compared developed techniques with state-of-the-art alternatives and demonstrated similar or superior performance in terms of accuracy and cost.
3. Demonstrated suitability of developed approaches for realistic, large scale cases using synthetic datasets.
4. Started the development of user-friendly software package that will become available to the public for further use and extension.

# Synergy Opportunities

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Collaboration with projects in sensor technologies and geophysics will have a synergistic effect with this work. E.g.:

- Daley's (LBNL) advance monitoring technologies
- Delgado-Alonso's (Intelligent Optical Systems) CO2 minoring network
- Dobler's (Exelis) laser imaging, and
- Pashin's (Oklahoma SU) surface and airborne monitoring technology

# Summary

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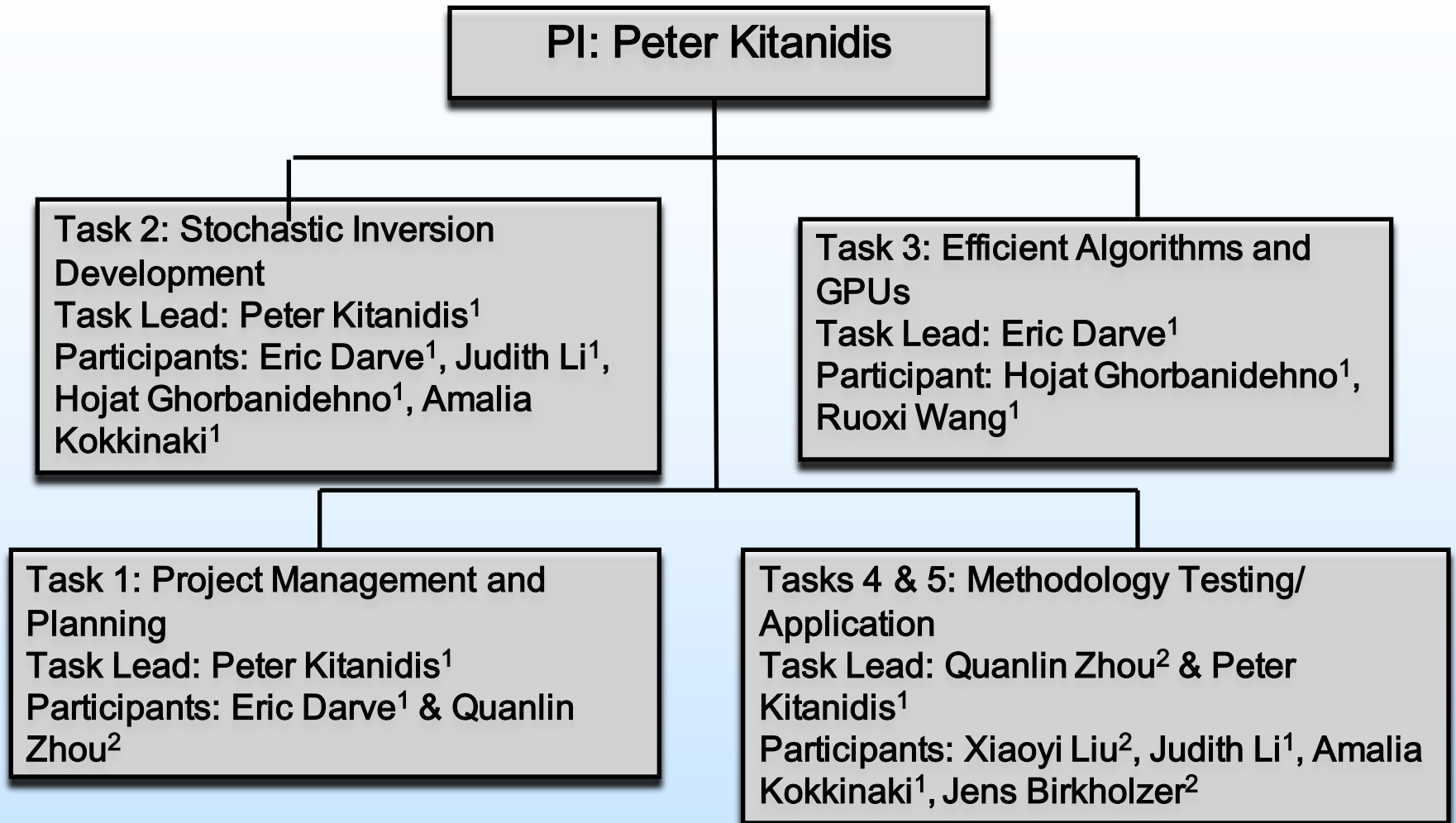
- Faster data-assimilation algorithms make it possible to answer crucial questions about CCS design and operation.
- We have developed inversion algorithms that provide big computational speed-up and storage cost savings.
- Project products will include guidance documents and user-friendly inversion packages that can be used to optimize CO<sub>2</sub> injection design and operation at real sites.

# Appendix

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- These slides will not be discussed during the presentation, **but are mandatory**

# Organization Chart



<sup>1</sup>Stanford University, <sup>2</sup>Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

# Project team

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## **At Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory:**

- Jens Birkholzer, collaborates on mathematical modeling issues
- Quanlin Zhou, collaborates on mathematical modeling issues
- Keni Zhang, collaborates on high-performance computing and the use of TOUGH2 model (left in 2015)
- Xiaoyi Liu, collaborates on both forward modeling and inversion (left in May 2014)

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## **At Stanford University:**

- Peter K. Kitanidis
- Eric F. Darve
- Judith Li, PhD candidate in Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE)
- Hojat Ghorbanidehno, PhD candidate in Mechanical Engineering (ME)
- Ruoxi Wang , PhD candidate in Computational and Mathematical Engineering (CME)
- Amalia Kokkinaki, post-doc in CEE
- Sivaram Ambikasaran, PhD Computational and Mathematical Engineering (graduated in Aug 2013)

# Gantt Chart

| DOE FY  | 2013 |    |    |    | 2014 |    |    |    | 2015 |    |    |    | 2016 |        |
|---|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|--------|
| Quarter   | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Jan 31 |
| <b>Task 1.0. Project Management/Planning</b>  |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 1.1: Project Management Plan</i>   | A    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 1.2: Project Planning and Reporting</i>  |      | B  |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Task 2.0. Development of Stochastic Inversion Methods</b>  |      |    |    |    |      | D1 |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 2.1. Development of Fast Bayesian Inverse Methods</i>  |      |    |    | C1 |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 2.2. Development of Efficient Joint Inversion Methods for Dynamic Monitoring</i>                             |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 2.3. Fusion of Results from Separate Inversion of Multiple Different Data Sets</i>                           |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Task 3.0. Development of Efficient Inversion Algorithms</b>  |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | D2 |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 3.1. Algorithms for Solving Large Dense Linear Systems</i>   |      |    |    | C2 |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
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| <i>Subtask 4.1. Generation of the "True" Fields of Porosity and Permeability of the Heterogeneous Storage Formation</i> |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 4.2. Generation of the Simulated Data of Hydro-Tracer-Thermal Tests and CO2 Injection Test</i>               |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    | E1   |    |    |    |      |        |
| <i>Subtask 4.3. Joint Inversion of the Simulated Data</i>   |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    | E2   |    |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Task 5.0. Application of the Methodology to Test Sites</b>   |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      | F3, F4 |
| <i>Subtask 5.1 Application to Test Site One</i>   |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      | F1     |
| <i>Subtask 5.2 Application to Test Site Two</i>   |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      | F2     |



# Project Workplan/SOPO Project Tasks

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- Task 1: Project Management and Planning
  - Subtask 1.1: Project Management Plan
  - Subtask 1.2: Project Planning and Reporting
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- Task 3: Development of Efficient Inversion Algorithms
  - Subtask 3.1: Algorithms for Solving Large Dense Linear Systems (FDSPACK + Low Rank Approximations)
  - Subtask 3.2: High-Performance Implementation using GPUs in TOUGH+CO2

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# Project Deliverables

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1. Task 1.0 – Project Management Plan
2. Task 2.0 – Developed inversion algorithms and their demonstration cases, with the final joint inversion tool system, as documented in a quick-look report.
3. Task 3.0 – Developed fast large linear system solvers with different computational algorithms as documented in a quick-look report.
4. Task 4.0 – Test results of the joint inversion methodology for a synthetic Geologic Carbon Storage example as documented in a quick-look report.
5. Task 5.0 – Test results of application of the methodology to field test sites as documented in a quick-look report.
6. Task 5.0 – Validation of developed computational tools performance and cost as documented in quick-look report.
7. Project Data – Data generated as a result of this project shall be submitted to NETL for inclusion in the NETL Energy Data eXchange (EDX), <https://edx.netl.doe.gov/>.

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