Geological CO₂ storage works with appropriate site characterization and monitoring

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Monitoring objectives

Regulation and operational performance:

- > Health, safety and environment: no significant irregularities
- \succ Proof that CO₂ is within the reservoir/storage complex: no leakage
- Mass balance verification: controlled storage into target formations for emission trading (ETS requirements)
- Proven understanding of future behaviour and longterm stability of CO₂ plume (transfer of responsibility/liability)
- Smooth injection operation real time data
- Risk assessment
- Effectiveness of corrective measures

Research and engineering:

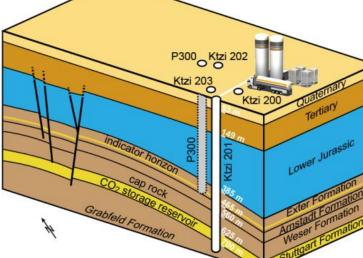
- Testing monitoring techniques and methodologies
- Specific R&D questions require specific monitoring strategies

Public engagement:

Making storage more understandable for the public



CO₂ on-shore storage in a saline aquifer at the Ketzin pilot site



cap-rock:

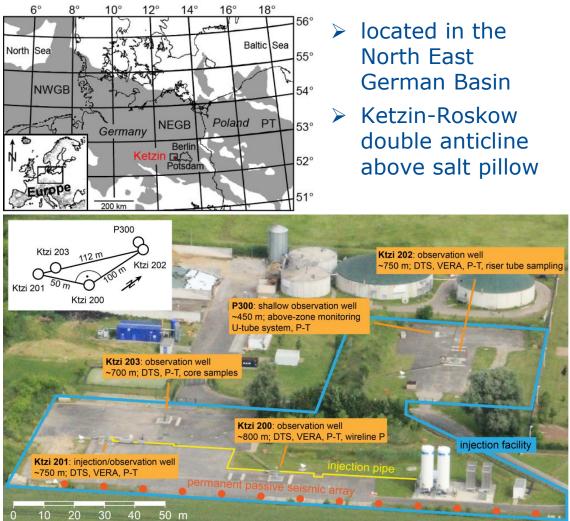
Upper Triassic shales, >165 m

reservoir:

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- sandstones of Upper Triassic
 Stuttgart Formation
- ➢ fluvial system, ∼630 m depth
- lateral and vertical heterogeneous
- \blacktriangleright P/T_{ini} ~ 62 bar/33 °C



Fully equipped research infrastructure

The Ketzin pilot site – key data

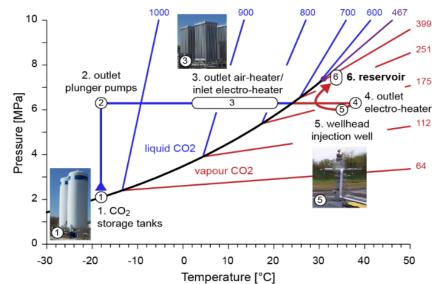


CO₂ sources and quality:

- > food-grade CO_2 (Linde), > 99.9%
- > 2011: 1,515 t CO_2 from Schwarze Pumpe oxyfuel pilot plant, > 99.7%
- ➤ 2013: 650 t CO₂-N₂ (95/5) co-injection

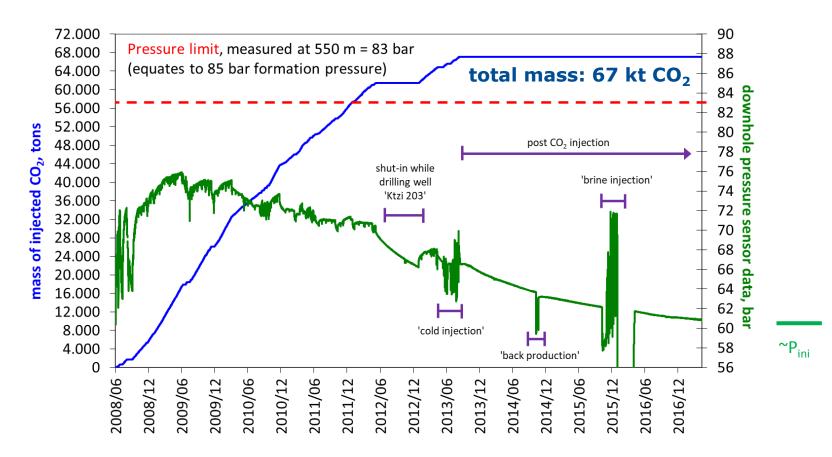
Total mass injected: 67 kt CO₂







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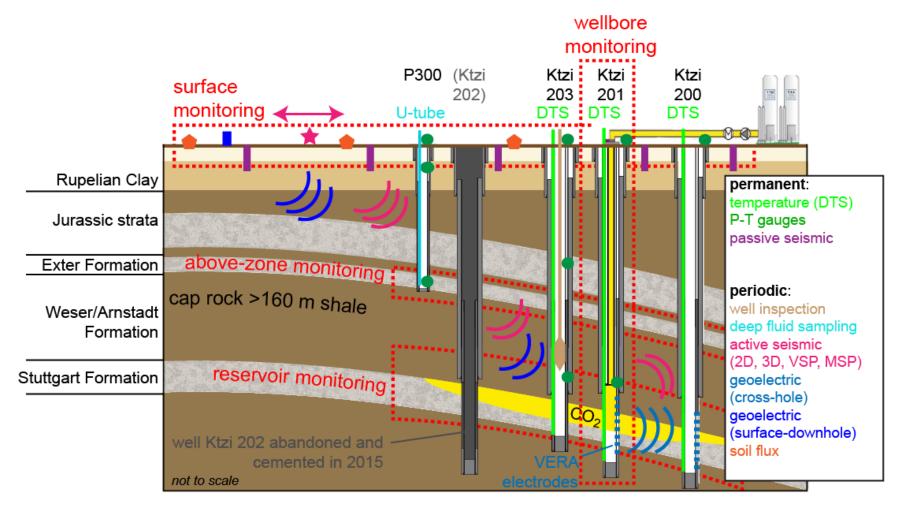
- smooth injection process, maximum P-increase ~16 bar
- no safety issues, P « pressure limit

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P-decline after stop of injection (= towards long-term stability)

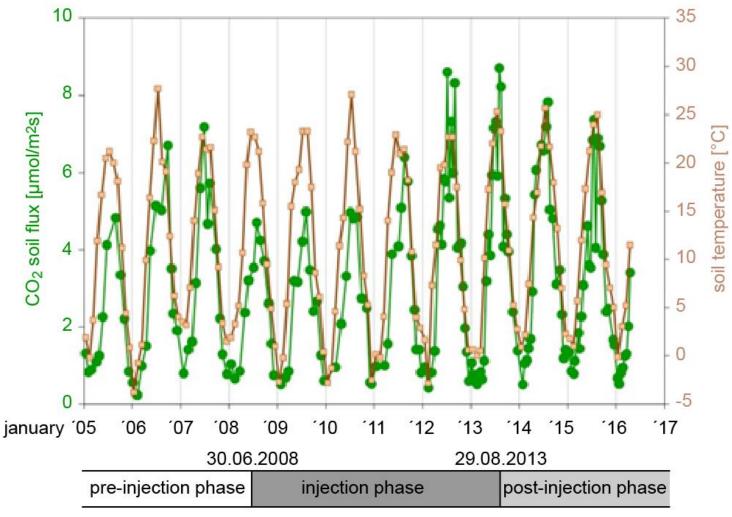
Life-cycle monitoring concept at Ketzin



combination of different geophysical and geochemical tools
 different monitoring targets



Surface monitoring at Ketzin

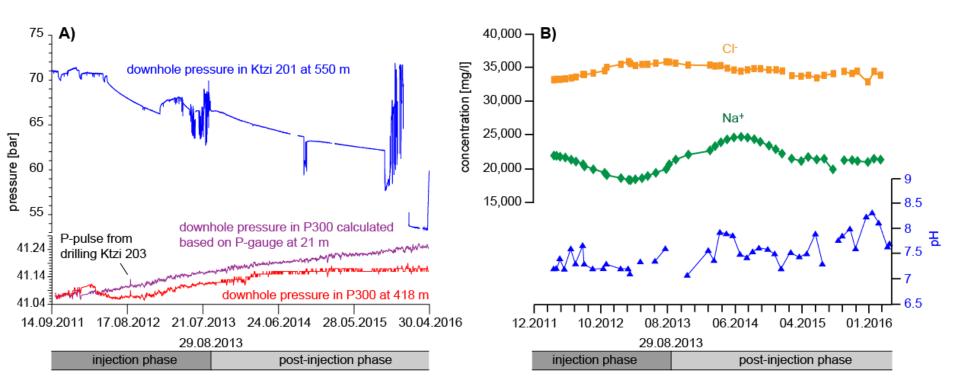


no changes in soil flux detected so far
 low wintertime fluxes "preclude" leakage



Above-zone monitoring at Ketzin

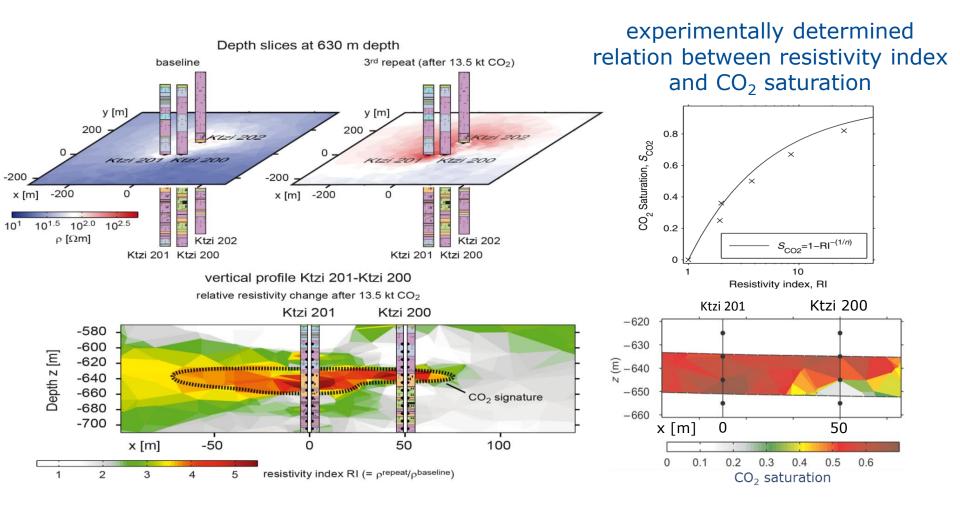
Shallow well P300 with P-sensors @ 418 and 21 m and U-tube system for fluid sampling



no hints to any hydraulic coupling between reservoir and indicator horizon
 no chemical hints to either brine or CO₂ leakage



Geoelectric reservoir monitoring at Ketzin

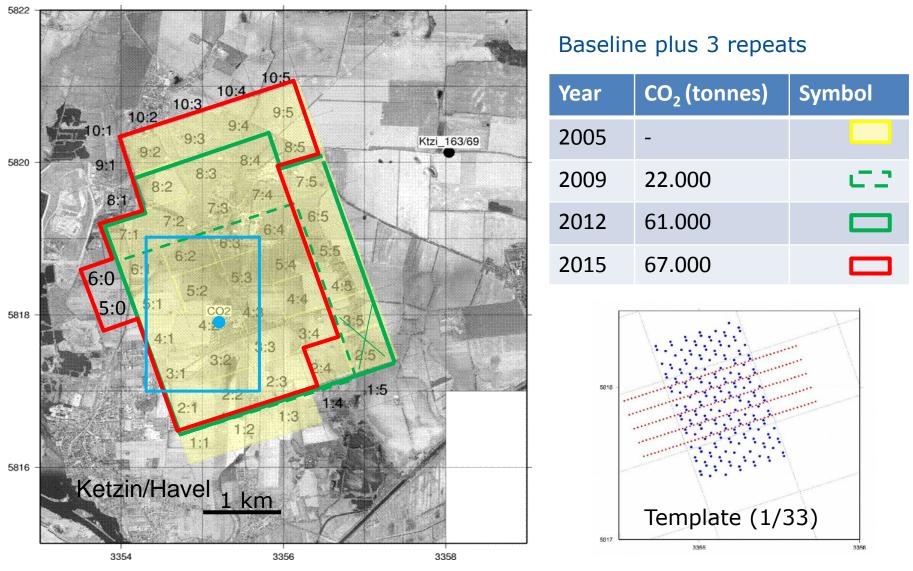


 \succ clear geoelectrical signal already after 13.5 kt CO₂

 \succ determination of CO₂ saturation based on inverted resistivity indizes

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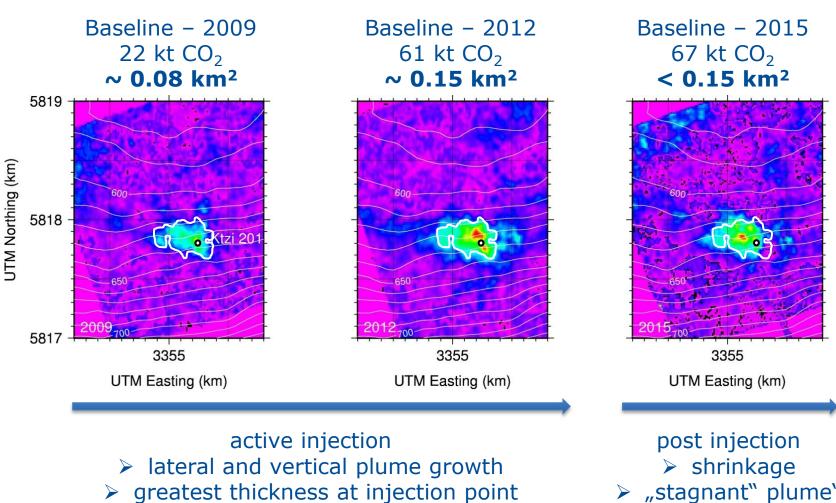
4D seismic reservoir monitoring at Ketzin





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normalized time-lapse amplitude changes

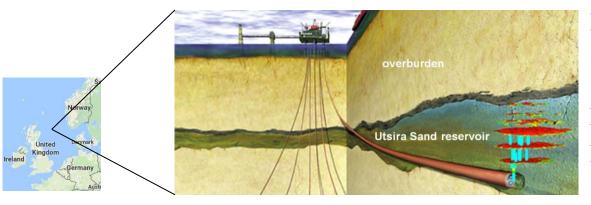


no significant plume migration

"stagnant" plume"

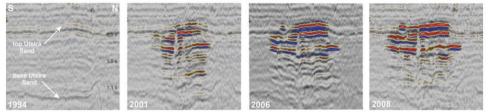


4D seismic reservoir monitoring at Sleipner

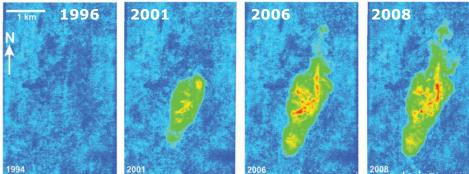


- injection into off-shore saline aquifer @ 800 to 1,100 m
- > since 1996 > 17 Mt CO_2
- one injection well, no observation wells

cross-sections



amplitude maps





 relying on geophysical tools (seismics, gravimetry, electromagnetics)

targeting on reservoir

(Chadwick et al., 2015)



Public acceptance via public outreach activities



- visitor centre
- >3000 visitors from all over the world
- annual open-house day

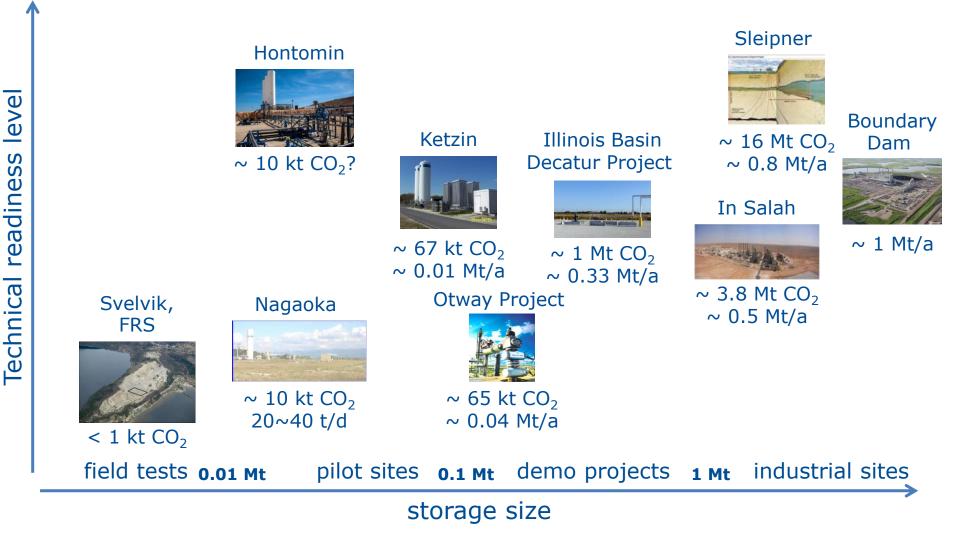
> school visits
 > Long Night of Science
 - exhibition at local museum of Ketzin





- 7 documentary films on CCS technology/CO₂ storage
- virtual site tour with 7 short movies
- homepage CO₂Ketzin

CO₂ storage – status worldwide





Proper site characterization together with adequate, site dependent monitoring concept enables safe and secure geological CO₂ storage - geology is not the obstacle -

 \succ general feasibility of CO₂ storage on-shore/off-shore proven

 site-adjusted geophysical monitoring capable of detecting even small amounts of CO₂:
 ~ 20 kt for seismics, ~ 13 kt for geoelectric methods

➢ for Germany, ~ 35 Mt CO₂/a of unavoidable, process related emissions predicted

CCS currently only available technology to handle/reduce these emissions

national storage capacity sufficient for several decades

transport and storage infrastructures must/should be provided

 \succ cluster solutions with cross-boundary transport of CO₂ are needed



ISO/DIN activities within CCS

> ISO/TC 265 Carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and geological storage

DIN NA 119-01-04 AA CO2-Abscheidung, -Transport und –Speicherung

Scope: Standardization of design, construction, operation, environmental planning and management, risk management, quantification, monitoring and verification, and related activities in the field of carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and geological storage (CCS)

ISO/TC265 WG1 N0265

- ➢ WG 1: Capture
- ➢ WG 2: Transportation
- ➢ WG 3: Storage
- WG 4: Quantification and Verification
- WG 5: Cross Cutting Issues
- ➢ WG 6: EOR Issues

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Preliminary NWIP for capture of CO2 from a CEMENT plant

Based on the discussion in 12th WG1 meeting (Paris, Sep.18-20, 2017), Norway prepared the document for the discussion on cement. Please find attached a preliminary NWIP proposed by Norway. The details are included in the Form 4 and annexes (A to D). Explanation of the documents is shown below.

For offering the earliest opportunity to review this proposal, the management team is circulating this Norway's proposal to all WG1 members. WG1 members are requested to have a chance to discuss with your experts of cement area in your mirror committee.

WG1 is going to discuss on this proposal in Sydney. This topic will be in the agenda of Sydney meeting.