

# **History of Analytic Element Model Development and Applications at the US Environmental Protection Agency (1994 – present)**

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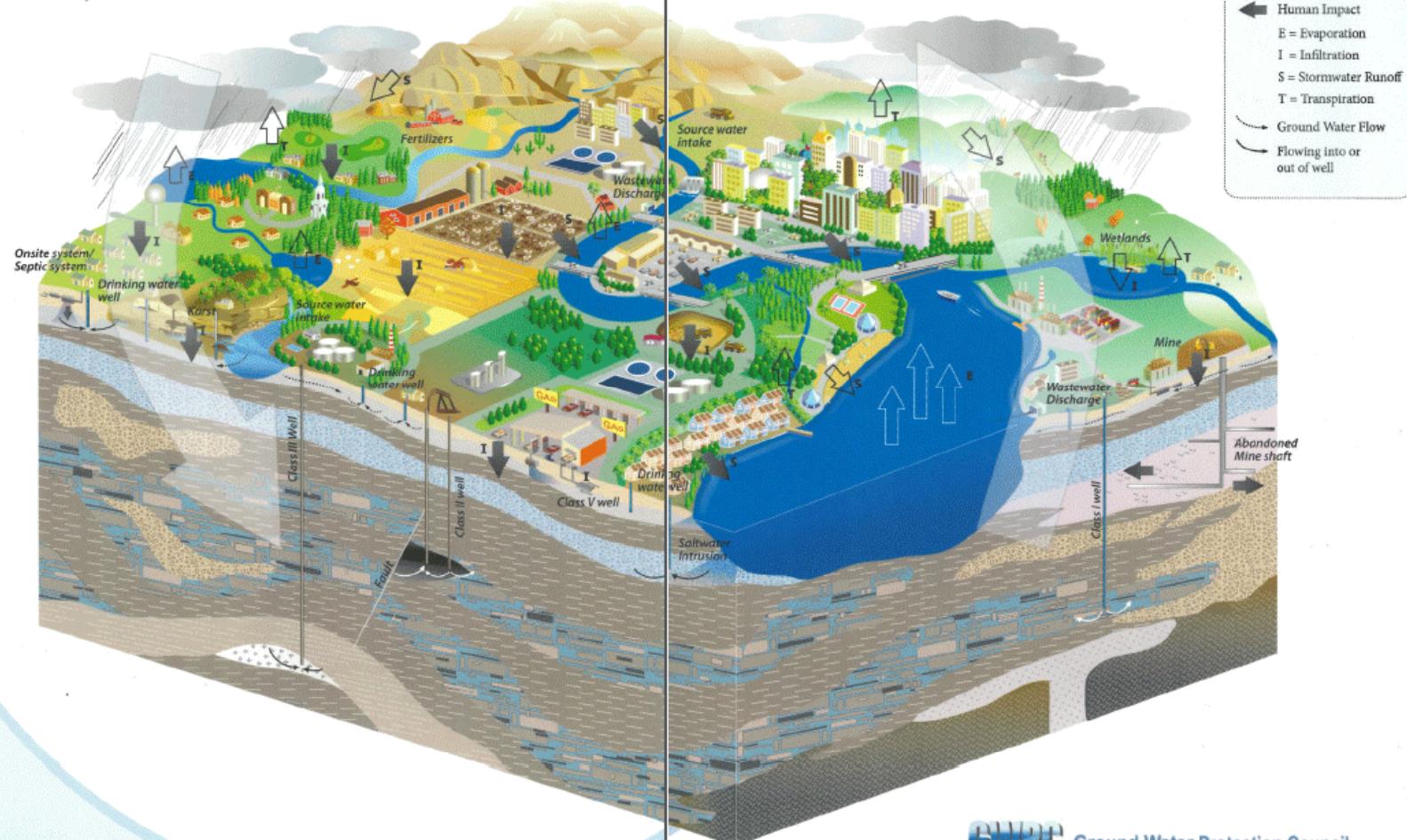
# EPA charge: safe and clean water



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## Ground Water *Interactions*

Ground Water Report to the Nation: A Call to Action



GWPC Ground Water Protection Council

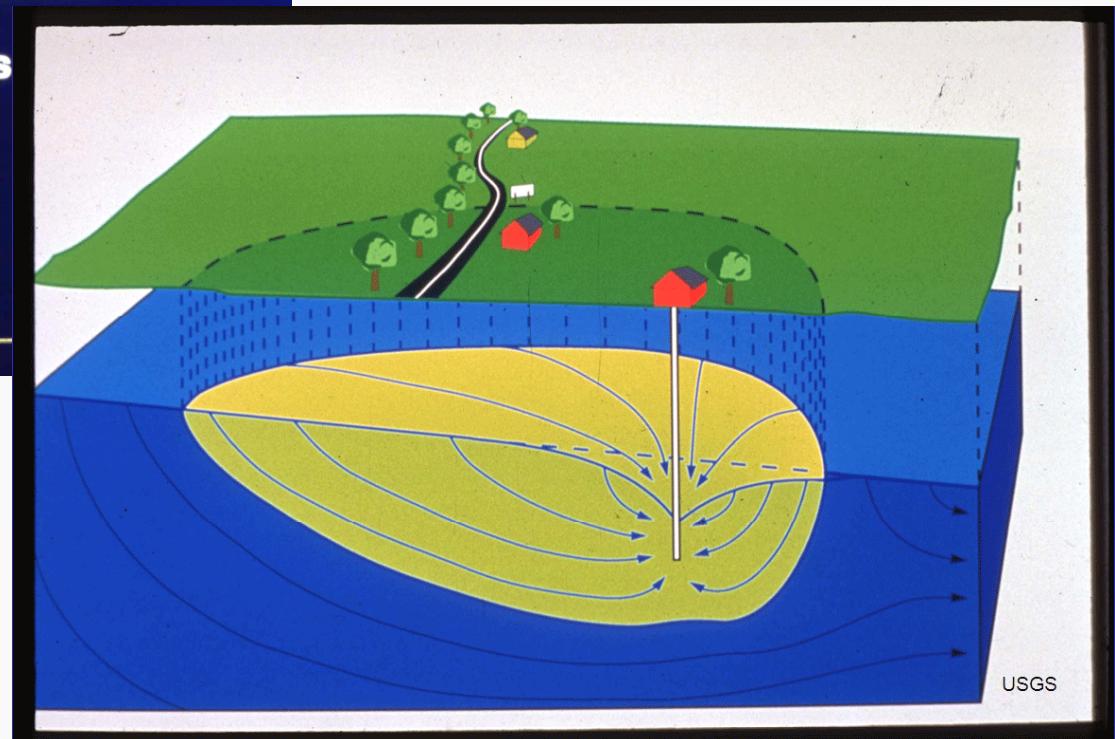
# EPA Issue: Source Water Protection



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## **7 ELEMENTS - Wellhead Protection**

- 1 • Specify Duties**
- 2 • Delineate Wellhead Protection Areas**
- 3 • Identify Potential Contaminant Sources**
- 4 • Develop Management Approaches**
- 5 • Develop Contingency Plan**
- 6 • Plan for New Wells**
- 7 • Implement Public Participation**



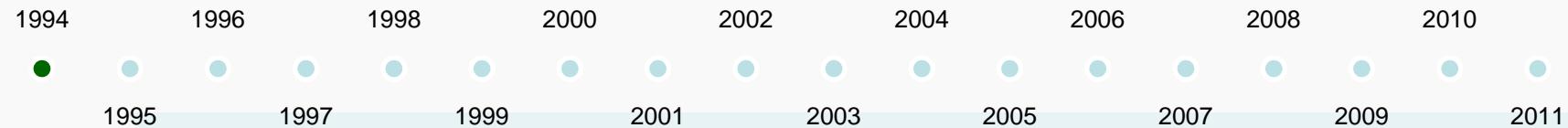


## CZAEM User's Guide

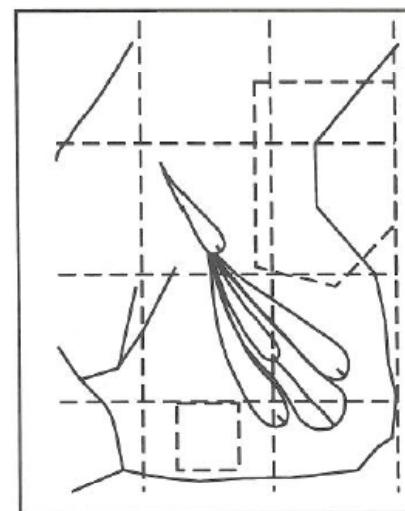
### Modeling Capture Zones of Ground-Water Wells Using Analytic Elements

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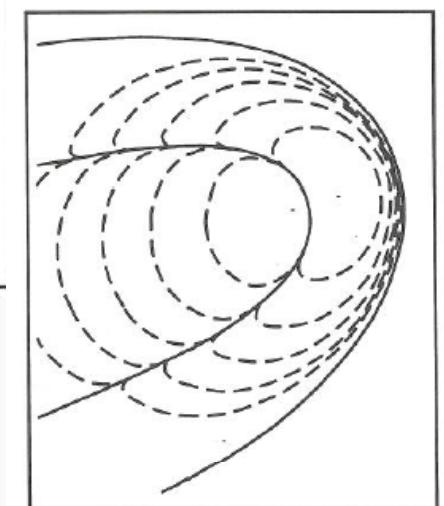
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envelopes



sub-zones



(Bakker, Strack, 1996, WRR)



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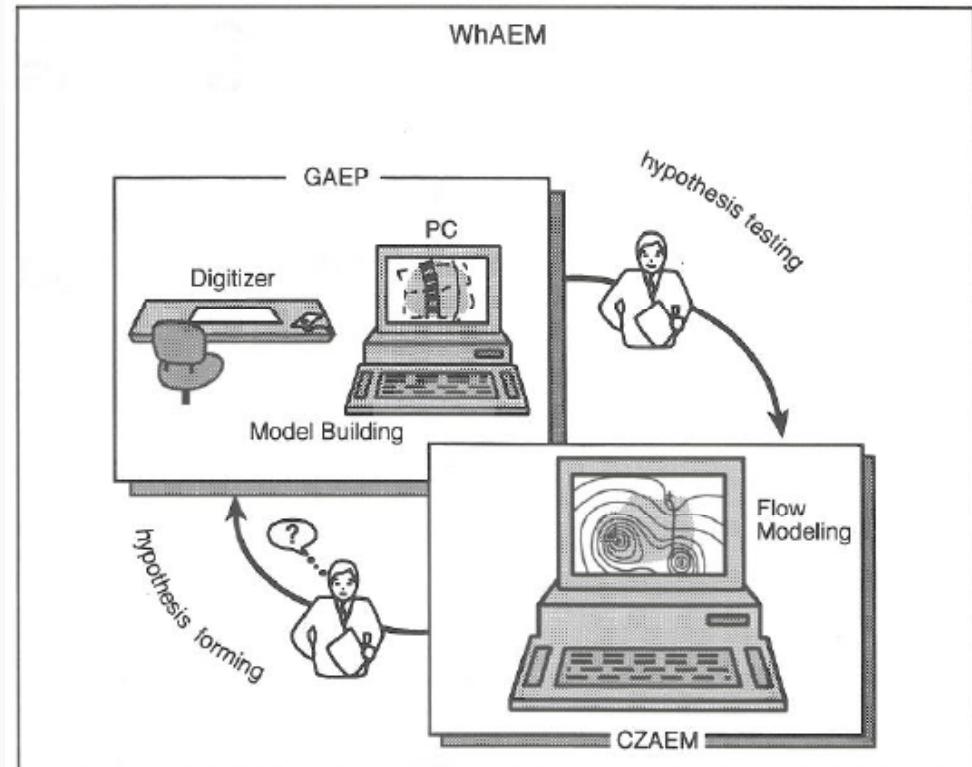
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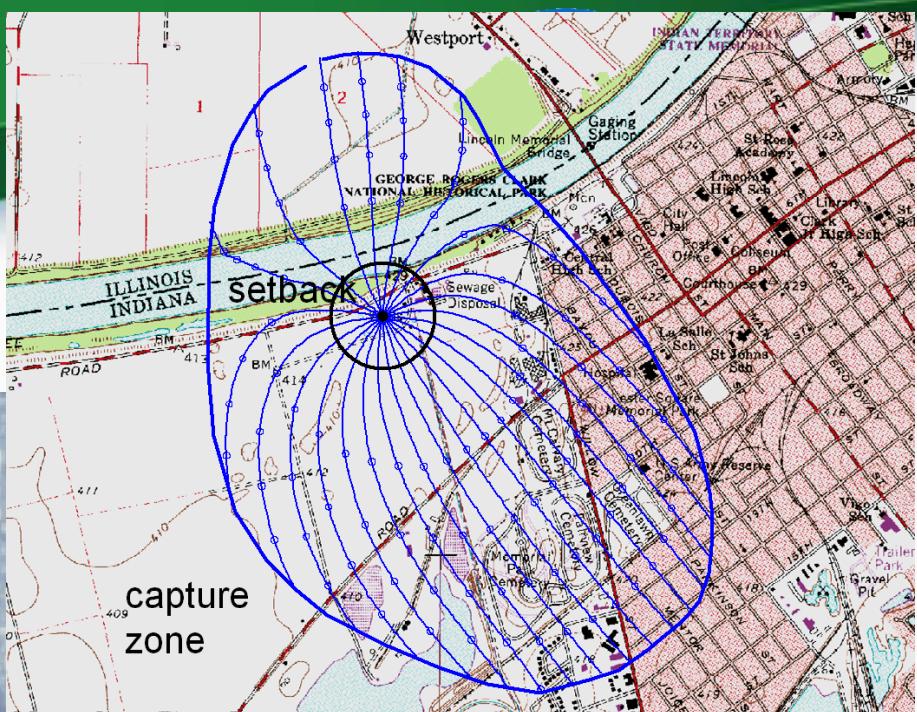


## WhAEM: Program Documentation for the Wellhead Analytic Element Model

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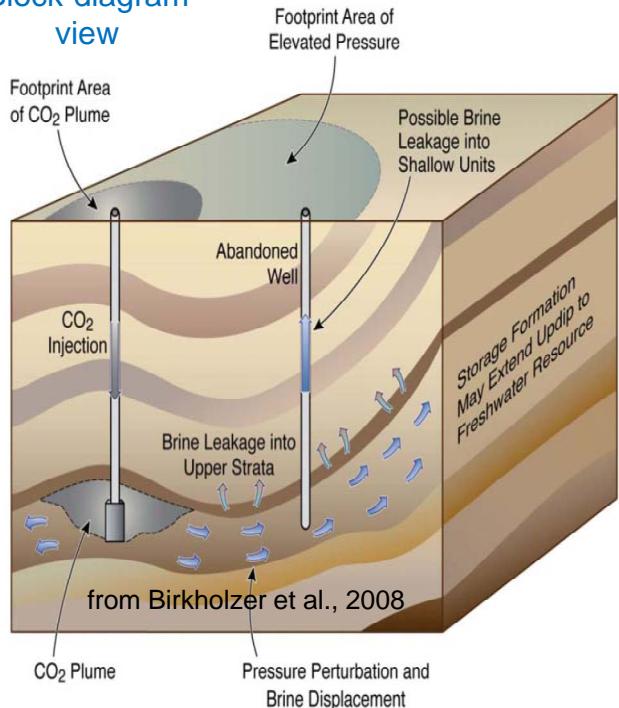


# EPA Issue: Underground Injection Control

Area of Potential Impact (AoPI) , semi-analytical modeling and mapping  
Maximum monitoring area, greenhouse gas leakage



Block-diagram view



## Guidance for permit reviewer

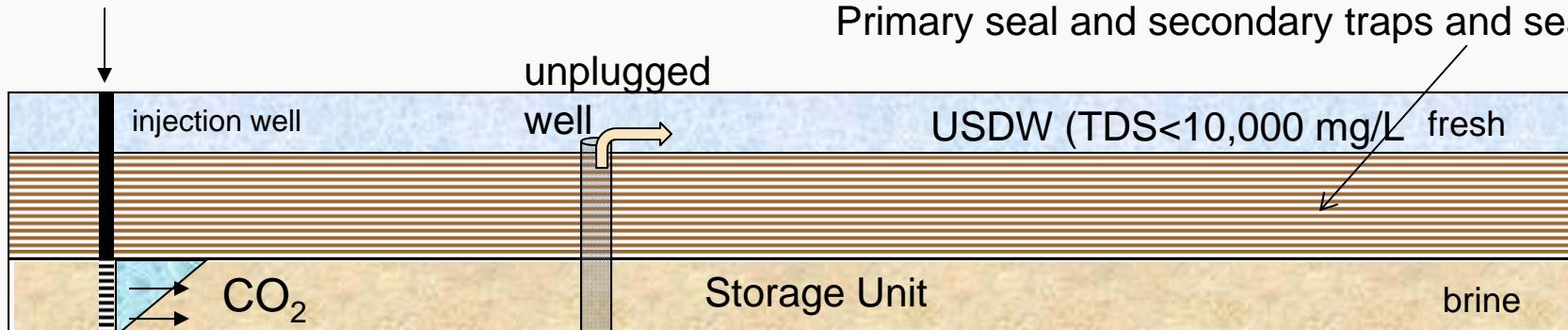
pressure influence

threshold pressure

CO<sub>2</sub> plume

Plan view

Primary seal and secondary traps and seals



Cross-sectional view

# TTim

TTim  
A Multi-Aquifer Transient Analytic Element Model  
Version 0.01

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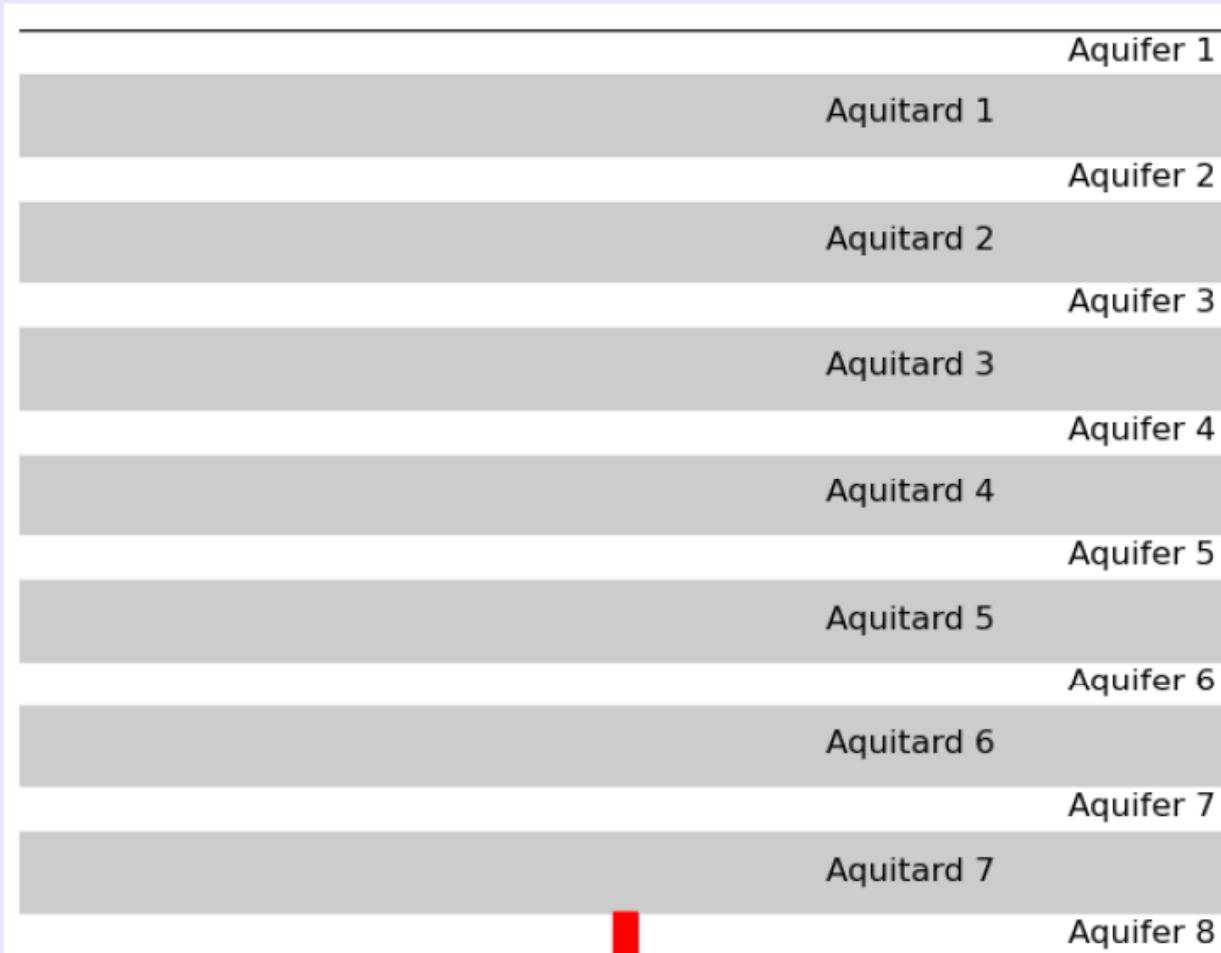
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(Bakker, Kuhlman, 2011, AWR)



# TTim is introduced through an example of a system with eight layers

Example: Jens T. Birkholzer, Quanlin Zhou, Chin-Fu Tsang, 2009, international journal of greenhouse gas control 3 181–194



Thickness:  
Aquifer H = 60 m  
Aquitard H = 100 m

Permeability:  
Aquifer k =  $10^{-13}$  m<sup>2</sup>  
Aquitard k =  $10^{-18}$  m<sup>2</sup>

Injection of CO<sub>2</sub>:  
1.52 million tons/year  
for 30 years

# Pressure build-up in injection layer, 10 km from injection well.

TTim gives almost same results as Tough2/Eco2N

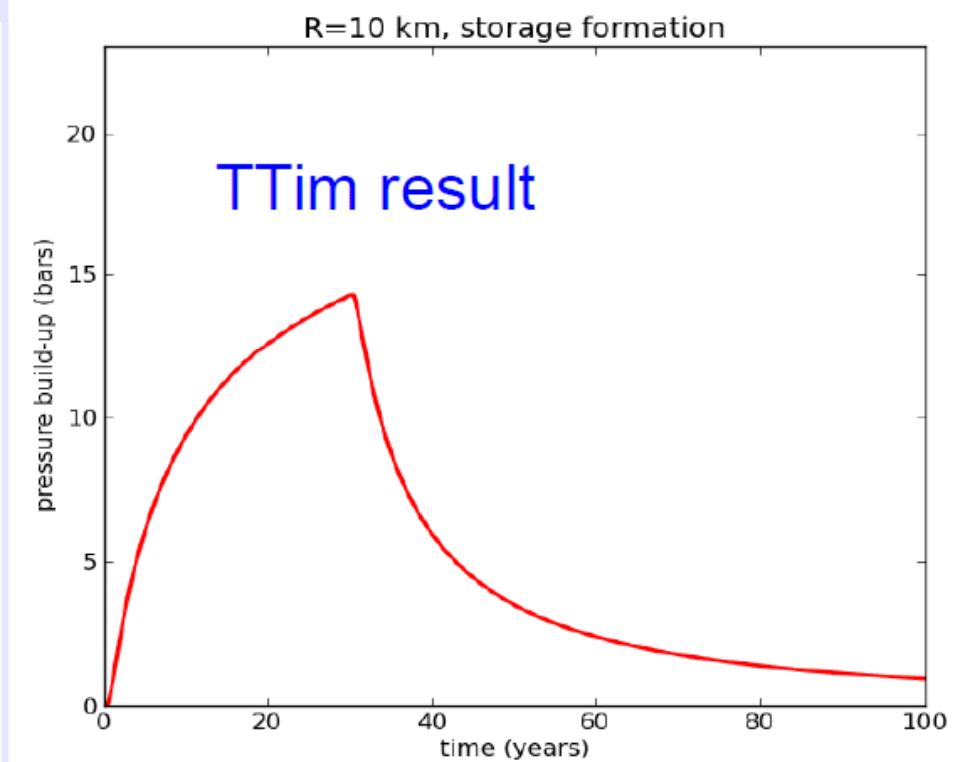
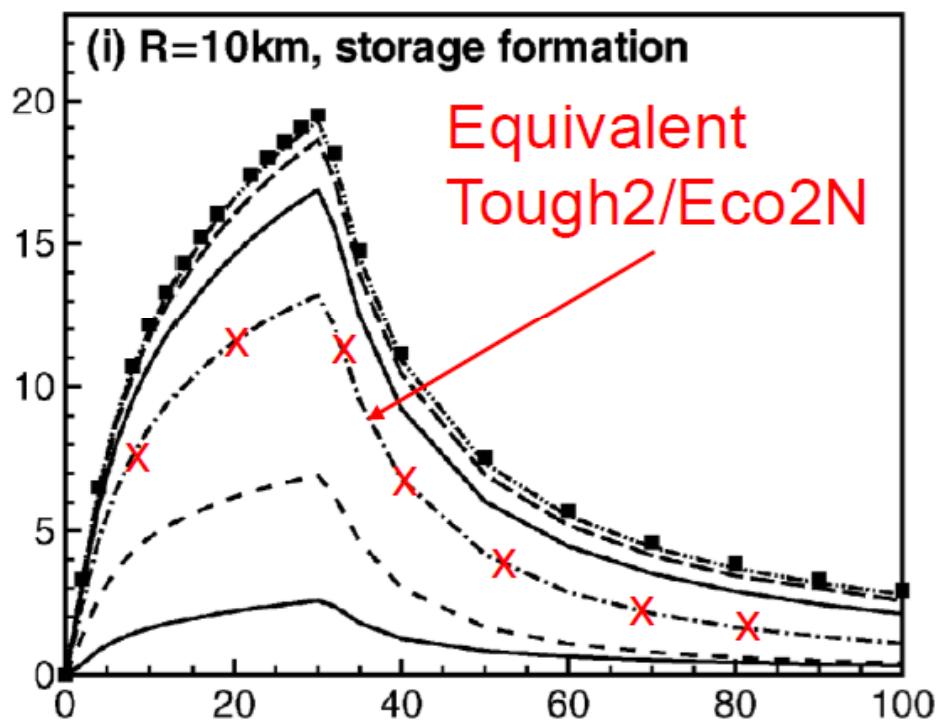
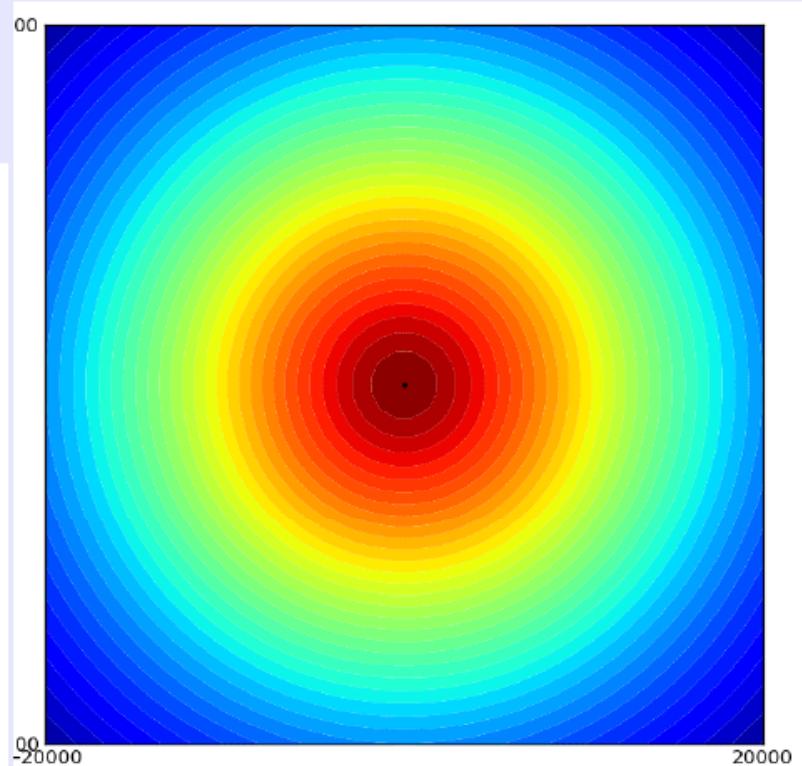
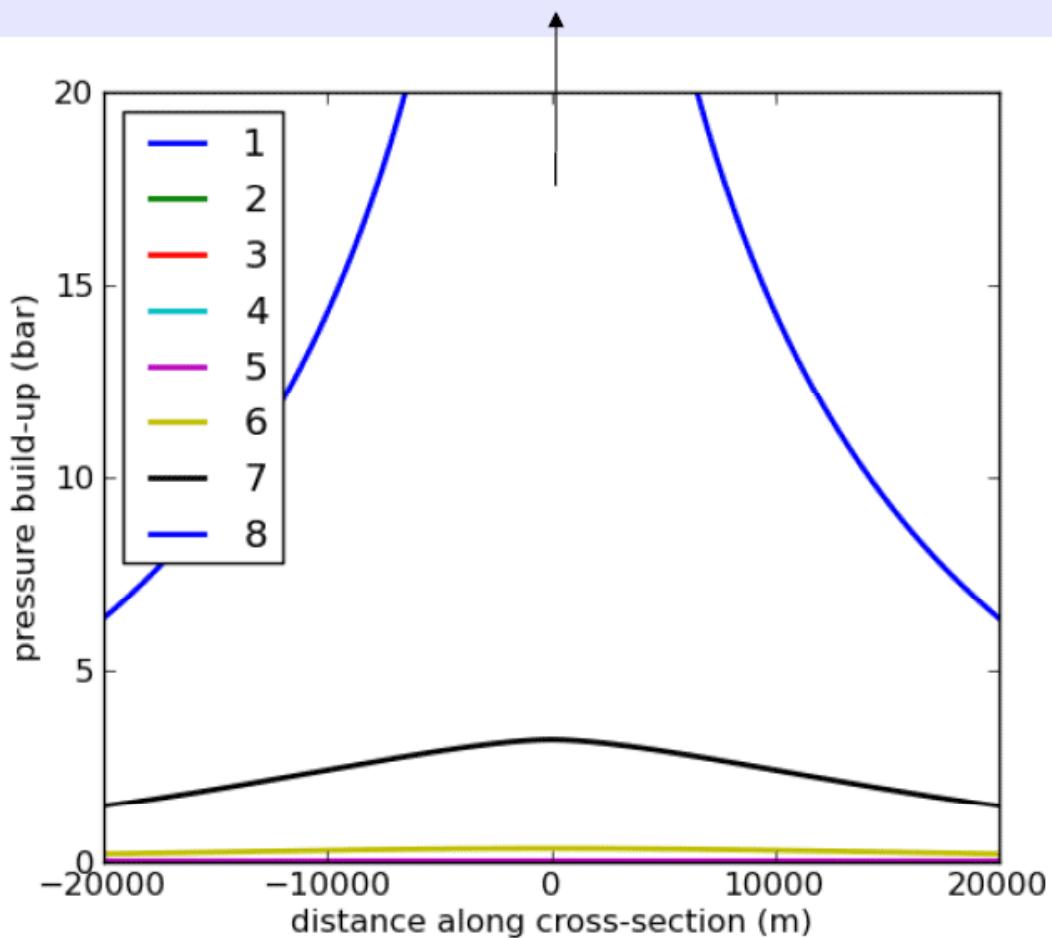


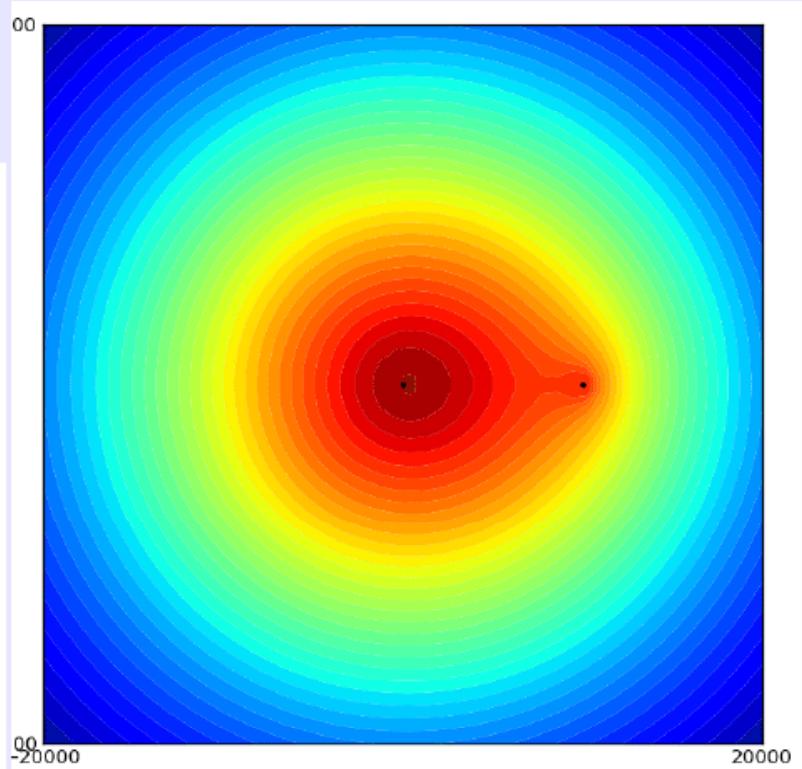
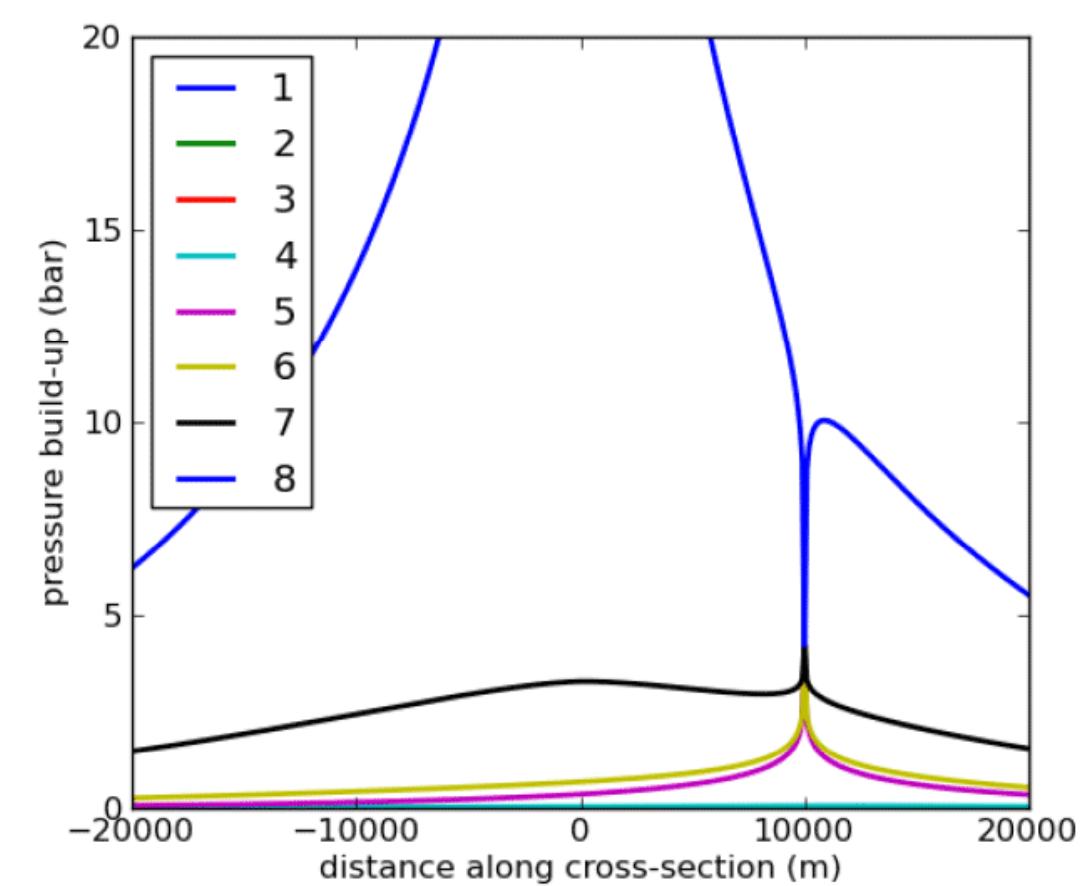
Figure 7, Birkholzer et al., 2009, International journal of greenhouse gas control 3 181–194

# TTim contour plot and cross-section along line through injection well, after 30 years of injection

pressure build-up in injection layer much higher (~100 bar)



# TTim pressure distribution with abandoned well 10 km from injection well screened in layers 5-8



injection layer

# BAEM v0.1 – desktop interface BASINS Analytic Element Model



**CAMELOT plug-in**

**TTim plug-in**



CZAEM (you will need DOS virtual machine)

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T Tim

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