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Leveraging AI for Uncertainty Quantification in Subsurface CO2 Leakage Risk Assessment

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Reliability in Subsurface CO2 Storage

Why does it matter ?

- Net-Zero goal by 2050: hundreds of Gt of CO2 captured
- Extensive CCS deployment to meet the IPCC 1.5 °C target
- Storage capacity potential VS Leakage risk assessment

Integrity & Relibability

- Geological Faults & Fracture damaged zones
- Mineral Reactivity & Geochemical concerns

Lack of data Multi-scale Uncertainties







Multi-scale Uncertainties in Leakage Risk



Reliability of subsurface CO2 storage models



- Structural uncertainties
- Subseismic fractures & network distribution
- Hydraulic conductivities ? Empirical Laws





Mineral Precipitation

Acidification, Dissolution

- Model Calibration: mineral reaction rates, kinetic factors
- Geological uncertainties: sub-resolved features, macro-properties?



Bridge the scales

AI-driven Uncertainty Quantification





1. Leverage local interactions



2. Bayesian Inference& Inverse Problems



- 3. Propagate the uncertainties
- Data & Modelling Uncertainties
- Data-driven & Physics-based
- Multi-scale & Multi-objective





Objective 1 Physics-based constraint

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AI-driven Uncertainty Quantification



Robust Bayesian Physics-Informed Neural Networks



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'Adaptive weighting of Bayesian physics informed neural networks or multitask and multiscale forward and inverse problems" Iournal of Computational Physics

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Correct model misspecification on hydraulic conductivity



Subvolume 3D domain Ω^{3D} Local Local **Cubic Law** Relative Resolution roughness $256 \times 128 \times 30$

Workflow:



Correct model misspecification on hydraulic conductivity





Bayesian Inference Problem:





Correct model misspecification on hydraulic conductivity



✓ Adaptive correction given mechanical aperture maps

Data-based, Geometric & Local

\checkmark Uncertainties on hydraulic aperture $a_h(x, y)$

Automatically account for roughness



Mean prediction on hydraulic aperture map $a_h(x, y)$









Correct model misspecification on hydraulic conductivity



✓ Uncertainties on fracture permeability

Automatically account for roughness

✓ Infer local permeability field $K_{NN}^{a_h}(x, y)$

Compatible with Stokes and Darcy upscaling











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Roughness Effects and Uncertainties on Fracture Permeability



Uncertainty on Mineral Reactivity



Reactive inverse problem at the pore-scale

 $CaCO_3(s) + H^+ \rightarrow Ca^{2+} + HCO_3^-$

C_H+ : Acid concentration

C_{CaCO₃(s)} : Calcite concentration

v : molar volume

ε : micro-porosity field

 $C_{CaCO_3(s)} = (1 - \varepsilon)/v$



✓ Morphological uncertainties on the data Learn from the dynamics ? UQ on initial state

✓ Assimilation of reactive parameters

PDE model, Noisy measurements



Uncertainty on Mineral Reactivity

Reactive inverse problem at the pore-scale

$$\frac{\partial C_{H^+}^*}{\partial t^*} - \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{m}}^* \nabla \cdot \left(\varepsilon^{1+\eta} \nabla \left(\varepsilon^{-1} C_{H^+}^* \right) \right) + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{a}_{II}^* C_{H^+}^* \mathbb{I}_{\{(1-\varepsilon)>0\}} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{C_0 \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t^*} = \mathbf{D} \mathbf{a}_{II}^* C_{H^+}^* \mathbb{I}_{\{(1-\varepsilon)>0\}}$$
+ initial and boundary conditions

Sequential Reinforcement of PDE constraints

1)
$$\varepsilon_{\Theta}$$
 2) ε_{Θ} , C_{Θ} and Da_{II}^{*} **3**) ε_{Θ} , C_{Θ} , Da_{II}^{*} and D_{m}^{*}

Phase Space Trajectory

Marginal Posterior Distributions

Posterior range of physical Damköhler

Uncertainty on Mineral Reactivity

Computational Geosciences

CONCLUSION

Reliability, Robustness & Upscaling

AI-driven uncertainty quantification for reliable leakage risk assessment

- Correct model misspecification
- Model calibration Parameters ?
- Data uncertainties, noise & sparsity
- Learn from models & experiments
- Multi-scale & Multi-objective inference
- Propagation of uncertainties

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Thank you !

