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ABSTRACT

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The time window for energy transition gets narrower each day under the pressure of climate change. Underground hydrogen storage (UHS) can play a cruicial role in future energy systems as it may hit two birds with one stone by assuring energy security and mitigating climate change.

In this study, a UHS simulation is conducted using data from the Northern Marmara Field. A commercial compositional flow simulator is used for simulating methane and hydrogen storage periods of 25 years each. As the current simulation techniques are insufficient to eradicate numerical dispersion at the field scale, it was minimized by numerical controls and assumed to be a substitution for physical dispersion.

Results showed that, for a field of such a large scale with multiple wells, each well would produce significantly different streams depending on well location and time.

With each hydrogen cycle, the separation between the total injected and produced amounts has increased, leaving 2.61% of hydrogen to be remaining in the reservoir. However, the remaining portion could be retrieved by further depleting the reservoir with an extended production.

The total withdrawn energy has been calculated as 371 TWhs for the methane storage period and 119 TWhs for the hydrogen. To compare respectively, during the methane storage period, 2.6 times more energy was withdrawn in the first cycles, raising to 6.2 times more energy for the $25th$ cycles. As the fraction of methane that has been produced during the hydrogen cycles decreased, the energy content of the produced stream also decreased.

Keywords: Underground Hydrogen Storage, Hydrogen Reservoir Simulation, Climate Change Mitigation, Energy Security

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İklim değişikliği baskısı altında enerji dönüşümü için kullanılabilecek zaman penceresi her geçen gün daralmaktadır. Enerji dönüşümünün yeri doldurulması zor parçalarından biri olması mümkün olan yeraltı hidrojen depolama (UHS), enerji güvenliğini desteklemekle birlikte iklim değişikliğiyle mücadeleye de katkı sunarak bir taşla iki kuş vurabilir.

Bu çalışmada, Kuzey Marmara Tükenmiş Doğal Gaz Sahası'nın verileriyle, ticari bir bileşimsel akış simülatörü kullanılarak, her biri 25 yıllık, metan ve takiben hidrojen depolama simülasyonu yapılmıştır. Mevcut simülasyon yöntemlerinin saha ölçeğinde nümerik dispersiyonu engellemekte yetersiz olması sebebiyle, nümerik kontroller kullanılarak bu etki en aza indirilmiş ve bu şekilde fiziksel dispersiyonu ikame ettiği varsayılmıştır.

Sonuçlar bu büyüklükte ve birden çok kuyu içeren sahalarda her kuyunun ötekilere kıyasla, kuyunun yerine ve zamana bağlı olarak kayda değer ölçüde farklı akışlar ürettiğini göstermiştir.

Her döngüde enjekte edilen ve üretilen hidrojen miktarları arasındaki makas açılmış ve son döngüden sonra %2.61 hidrojen rezervuarda kalmıştır. Kalan miktarın, sahayı uzatılmış bir üretim periyodu ile tüketerek geri üretilmesi mümkün olabilir.

Üretilen toplam enerji metan depolama periyodu için 371 terawattsaat, hidrojen periyodu içinse 119 terawattsaat olarak hesaplanmıştır. Karşılıklı olarak kıyaslandığında, metan depolanması döneminde ilk döngüde 2.6 kat, yirmi beşinci döngüde ise 6.2 kat daha fazla enerji geri üretilmiştir. Hidrojen döngüleri esnasında üretilen metanın oranının düşmesiyle birlikte akışın ihtiva ettiği enerji de düşmüştür.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Yer Altı Hidrojen Depolama, Hidrojen Rezervuar Simulasyonu, İklim Değişikliği ile Mücadele, Enerji Güvenliği

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ABBREVIATIONS

- AE - Alkaline Electrolysis
- AIChE American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- AR6 Assessment Report 6
- BOTAS Boru Hatları ile Petrol Taşıma Anonim Şirketi
- BTX Benzene, Toluene, Xylene
- CAPEX Capital Expenditure
- CCU Carbon Capture and Utilisation
- CMG Computer Modeling Group
- DECE Designed Exploration and Controlled Evolution
- ENTSOG The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas
- EOS Equation of State
- ERD Extended Reach Drilling
- FCH2JU Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking
- GHG Greenhouse Gas
- HyUSPRe Hydrogen Underground Storage in Porous Reservoirs
- IEA International Energy Agency
- Inj. Injection
- IMPES Implicit Pressure Explicit Saturation
- IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- LF Load Factor
- LOHC Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carriers
- LRVC Long Run Variable Cost
- MOF Metal Organic Framework
- NBP Normal boiling Point
- NMGF Northern Marmara Gas Field
- NTP Normal Temperature and Pressure
- OPEX Operational Expenditure
- P/T Change Pressure and Temperature Change
- PEM Proton Exchange Membrane
- PR-1978 Peng Robinson Equation of State (1978)
- Prod. Production
- PSA Pressure Swing Adsorption
- R&D Research and Development
- SCTR Standard Conditions
- SDG Sustainable Development Goal
- SMR Steam Methane Reforming
- SNG Synthetic Natural Gas
- SOE Solid Oxide Electrolysis
- SOFC Solid Oxide Fuel Cell
- SSRM Sulfur Species Reducing Microorganisms
- T&D Transmission and Distribution
- TPAO Türkiye Petrolleri Anonim Ortaklığı

TVD - Total Variation Diminishing

UHS - Underground Hydrogen Storage

UK - United Kingdom

UKCDR - United Kingdom Collaborative on Development Research

UN - United Nations

UNDRR - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

UNECE - United Nations Economics Commission for Europe

UPS - Uninterruptible Power Supply

USDOE - United States Department of Energy

WEF - World Economic Forum

NOMENCLATURE

CPOR - rock compressibility, 1/psi

geofac - geometry factor

GWh - gigawatthour

krg - relative permeability to gas in the liquid/gas system

krog -Relative permeability to oil in the presence of gas and connate water for the given saturation

krow - relative permeability to oil in the water/oil system

krw - relative permeability to water at the given water saturation

KvKh Ratio - ratio of vertical permeability to horizontal permeability

KWh - kilowatthour

MWh - megawatthour

OGIP - original gas in place

P - pressure

PRPOR - reference pressure for rock compressibility, psi

Sg - gas saturation

Sw - water saturation

TWh - terawatthour

wfrac - well fraction

CHAPTER 1

1 INTRODUCTION

World Economic Forum identifies "Climate Action Failure" as the most severe risk the earth faces today (WEF, 2022). For many decades, climate change has been under the spotlight as one of the major problems of humankind (Bolin, 2007). The United Nations recognised the problem as a dire risk in the Sendai Framework and set it as a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) to combat climate change in the 2030 agenda (UN, 2016; UNDRR, 2015). The sixth assessment report (AR6) produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) are a significant driver for the hastening variations of the climate across the globe (Masson-Delmotte et al., 2021), and it points out the need for energy carriers such as hydrogen to mitigate the effects (Shukla et al., 2022).

Since fossil fuel emissions are the root cause of the problem, nearly all countries have been trying to transition their energy mix into a more environmentally sustainable basket of energy sources by setting up goals, developing road maps, and enacting policies such as incentives and taxes to promote the expansion of renewable energy sources and climate-friendly processes (Fekete et al., 2021; IEA, 2022a).

Unfortunately, even though their share has been growing steadily, renewables only take up a limited portion of the total primary energy supply (IEA, 2022b). Barriers to renewables' market penetration have been studied, and there is a large consensus over their further development to be expected in the future (Asante et al., 2020; Kabel & Bassim, 2020; Nasr et al., 2020). However, the problems with hard-toabate sectors remain on the table (Åhman, n.d.). Furthermore, integrating a large share of renewable electricity into the grid requires storage in order to have the flexibility to fulfill demand-response requirements (Denholm, 2015; Tong et al.,

2021). Solar and wind reliability of countries' electrical systems in an optimistic case can be viewed at the [Appendix J.](#page-181-0)

On top of its role in the chemicals industry as a feedstock, hydrogen can be used as a medium to carry energy. It can be blended into natural gas grid to be used for heating purposes, it can be used to lower the carbon footprint of energy-intensive industries, and beyond everything, it can be stored to be used when it is most needed (IEA, 2019; Luna, 2019; Mcdonald, 2018; Shukla et al., 2022). In this way, hydrogen can replace fossil alternatives while enhancing energy security and aiding climate change mitigation at the same time (Hughes, 2009; Sheffield, 2007).

Sad to say, hydrogen brings about many problems of its own. In particular how storage can be achieved on large scale (Heinemann et al., 2021). The literature points out a few options, namely, salt caverns, depleted fields, and aquifers. Since hydrogen's role as an energy carrier is still at developmental stages many of the storage examples in practice are salt caverns leeched for the chemicals industry's needs. As a common practice not hydrogen but town gas is known to be stored at depleted gas reservoirs (Foh et al., 1979; Kruck et al., 2013; Lord et al., 2011; Zivar et al., 2021). In the recent past, two promising active projects that store 10% hydrogen that is blended with methane in sandstone reservoirs returned good results (Pérez et al., 2016; RAG et al., 2017). Although no known project has been implemented for storing 100% hydrogen in depleted gas reservoirs, their advantages such as data, infrastructure and geological availabilities make them worth considering (worldwide projects of UHS can be viewed at [Appendix K\)](#page-183-0).

In the Literature Survey chapter, under the Hydrogen Life Cycle heading, an introductory level of information regarding the round-trip of the hydrogen starting from the production until the end-use is presented together also with parts for the thermodynamic efficiency and cost. Since this study mainly focuses on underground hydrogen storage (UHS), this aspect of the life cycle is addressed in a separate heading within the same chapter. The salt cavern and porous media options for UHS, and the possible issues to be encountered are addressed. Following that, a comparison of H_2 , CH₄, and CO₂ is presented as they might also

be competing candidates for the limited number of subsurface structures for storage.

The last heading in Literature Survey gives the field description. Northern Marmara Gas Field (NMGF) located in the Marmara Sea in Turkey, which is a depleted gas field that is currently being used to store natural gas, might be suitable for hydrogen storage (BOTAŞ, 2022; Cavanagh et al., 2022). Before beginning the modelling, possible issues that might be associated with simulating UHS in Northern Marmara Field are evaluated.

In this study, the field is modelled based solely on the previously published data in prior studies (Abravcı, 2017; Bagci & Öztürk, 2007; Çalışgan, 2005; Gumrah et al., 2005; Kaptanoğlu et al., 1998; Karaalioğlu, 1997; Özkiliç, 2005; Öztürk, 2004; Sahin et al., 2012; Yildirim et al., 2009). The model is fine-tuned and uncertainty in input parameters are minimised by history matching the past production performance of the field from 1997 to 2002. The model validity is checked by solving the gas material balance analytically using the field data that is extracted from Sahin et al., (2012) by Grabit (see Δ ppendix B).

Subsequently, starting from 2007, additional wells are added to the model to simulate 25 years of cyclic methane storage between 2007-2032. This period is followed by 25 years of cyclic hydrogen storage between 2032-2057. Both periods have one cycle per year consisting of four parts to mimic the field practice (Abravcı, 2017). An extended production period is simulated to show that the remaining hydrogen at the reservoir is reproducible by further depletion of the field. Lastly, a simulation until the year 3500 is run to see for the diffusion effects which are minuscule compared to the dispersion.

In the penultimate chapter, the obtained results are shared and discussed. Lastly, based on these discussions, conclusions are drawn and suggestions are given for further studies.

CHAPTER 2

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

Made up of just one electron and one proton, hydrogen is the simplest and the most abundant element in the universe (EIA, n.d.). The two naturally occurring isotopes of hydrogen, namely deuterium and tritium, which are commonly used in nuclear applications, are left beyond the scope of this study (Housecroft, n.d.). Although it is believed not to be naturally found in the molecular form in large amounts here on Earth, there are coincidental geological discoveries of hydrogen accumulations that might point out otherwise (Zgonnik, 2020).

The element was discovered by Henry Cavendish in 1776. The word 'hydrogen' is coined as a French word coming from the Greek hudro (water) and genes (born) (Oxford Learner's Dictionaries, n.d.; Royal Society of Chemistry, n.d.). 'Hydrogen' throughout this text is used to denote the hydrogen molecule (H2) which is a colorless, odorless, and highly flammable gas for which the properties are available in [Appendix F.](#page-175-0)

Hydrogen has the highest energy content per mass among all fuels, however, its low density in ambient conditions require advanced storage methods to be developed (USDOE, 2022). Moreover, research and development of "production of hydrogen from water" has been in the International Energy Program since the founding of the International Energy Agency (IEA) in 1974 (Scott, 2004).

2.1 Hydrogen Life Cycle

To create a more wholesome picture, and to develop a more solid intuition, not just the porous media storage aspect but the whole life cycle of hydrogen was investigated. Needless to say, each heading requires multidisciplinary expertise and could have a thesis dedicated just to itself. Nevertheless, at an introductory level, this thesis might hopefully point out the key subjects related to the processes leading to the large scale storage of hydrogen in the subsurface porous medium.

Figure 2.1. Hydrogen Value Chain (UNECE Task Force on Hydrogen, 2022)

Even though hydrogen can also be used to synthesize other energy carriers that might also be viable in the future sustainable energy systems, such as ammonia, methanol, ethanol, SNG, etc. (Acar, 2018; Knoors et al., 2019), these secondary options are left outside the scope of this thesis.

2.1.1 Production

As part of the clean hydrogen value chain, electrolysis is the most favored method of producing hydrogen. Although it was thought to be too costly before, hydrogen production from renewable electricity is already price competitive in niche applications, and in this decade it is expected to expand even more into other areas (Glenk & Reichelstein, 2019).

During electrolysis, the only inputs to the electrolyser are water and electricity. Even though the system requires fresh water not to corrode the equipment, it is a surmountable problem since desalination of seawater with the current technologies barely adds up to the production cost (Beswick et al., 2021; IEA, 2021). Nevertheless, Steam Methane Reforming (SMR) is the most ubiquitous method for the time being (IEA, 2021; Treese et al., 2015).

Despite being out of the scope of this study, there are many other promising studies that are being conducted on hydrogen production methods ranging from biological to radioactive methods (Dawood et al., 2020; Dincer & Acar, 2014; Gupta Ram B., 2009; Martino et al., 2021; Subramani et al., 2012).

2.1.1.1 Steam Methane Reforming (SMR)

Currently, most of the demand for hydrogen comes from refineries and ammonia producers (IEA, 2021). Hydrogen generation unit is the heart of a refinery since a problem at this unit could stop the entire operation. Hydrogen is needed to produce clean fuels that meet environmental regulation criteria, to produce demanded amounts of middle distillates, and to process heavy, sour crudes (Mandal, 2021). The most common method for obtaining hydrogen that is used by the refineries is the SMR (Treese et al., 2015). The conventional method involves cracking heavier hydrocarbons into methane, desulfurization, reforming, water-gas shift, and lastly, purification which is usually conducted by the pressure swing adsorption (PSA) (Mandal, 2021; Subramani et al., 2012; Treese et al., 2015).

Figure 2.2. SMR Block Flow Diagram Example (Treese et al., 2015)

Despite its common usage, SMR has the downsides of having CO , $CO₂$ and NO_x emissions, hard to clean residue, harsh operating conditions, and the requirements of stable boiling water and operation conditions to be beyond certain potential (Treese et al., 2015).

2.1.1.2 Electrolysis

Technology outlook shows that, among all options for electrolysis, three technologies that grab the most attention are Alkaline Electrolysis (AE), Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM), and Solid Oxide Electrolysis (SOE) cells (Guo et al., 2019; Schmidt et al., 2017; Taibi et al., 2020). While SOE is still in the developmental stages, AE has been a mature technology for many years (Taibi et al., 2018). On the other hand, PEM is expected to further commercialise and surpass the AE as the dominant technology by 2030 (Schmidt et al., 2017). As can be seen from [Table 2.1,](#page-30-0) each technology has its advantages and disadvantages.

Type	Pros	Cons	Temperature
Alkaline	· Well established • Lower capital cost • More material choice at high pH • High manufacturing readiness • Can leverage existing supply chains • Demonstrated in larger capacity	• Corrosive liquid electrolyte is used • Higher ohmic drop · Lack of differential pressure operation • Shunt currents • Limited intermittency capability · Efficiency	Low $(0-200$ °C)
Polymer Electrolyte Membrane	• Low ohmic losses/High power density operation • Differential pressure operation • DI water only operation • Leverages PEM fuel cell development and supply chain • Load following capability	• Requires expensive materials (Ti, Pt, Ir, perfluorinated polymers) • Lower manufacturing and technology readiness • Efficiency	Low $(0-200$ °C)
Solid Oxide	• High efficiency • Low-cost materials • Integration with continuous, high temperature electricity sources (e.g. nuclear energy) • Leverages SOFC development and supply chain · Differential pressure operation	• High temperature materials challenges • Limited intermittency capability • Thermal integration • Lower manufacturing and technology readiness • Steam conversion and separation challenges	High (>500 °C)

Table 2.1 Comparison of AE, PEM, and SOE (Pivovar, 2021)

A notable argument for PEM's expected market expansion is its ability to deal with intermittent currents, and thereby with renewables, better than the other options. PEM also gives pressurised hydrogen as output and has a more solid design (Schmidt et al., 2017). However, its dependency on platinum group metals (especially iridium) raises questions about its widespread manufacturing and usage (Minke et al., 2021). SOE, despite potentially offering higher efficiencies and the ability to work reversibly as a fuel cell, is not yet commercial. It is noted that high temperature working conditions for SOE cells bring about material problems, and it is currently not much competitive regarding the lifetime of the system (Schmidt et al., 2017). Since there is a trade-off between efficiency, durability, and cost, obtaining the correct electrolysis method is an optimisation problem that should be tailored for the project at hand (Taibi et al., 2020).

2.1.2 Purification

A critical step from production to the utilisation of hydrogen is the purification. Although the cost of purifying water for electrolysis is marginal (Beswick et al., 2021; IEA, 2021), the separation of hydrogen from gas streams might add to the cost significantly (Melaina et al., 2013).

Purification becomes especially crucial when it comes to the operating range of the fuel cells, and therefore, vehicle applications. For that reason, specific standards of purity were needed to be developed. (Du et al., 2021).

Even though there are diverse methods of purification, involving but not limited to catalytic methods, metal hydrides as a storage media, and membrane based separations, the most common method used for large streams is the Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) (Gupta Ram B., 2009; Subramani et al., 2012).

During PSA, by the periodical pressure change, the gas stream goes through various adsorption beds (widely used ones being zeolites, activated carbon beds, and metal organic frameworks (MOFs)) which are designed to remove certain impurities with a specific concentration and order (Mandal, 2021).

It is noted that if and when hydrogen is used as a more mainstream fuel, there might be a need for using multiple hydrogen purification methods in combination (Du et al., 2021).

2.1.3 Distribution

Hydrogen can be transported with different methods (pipelines, tube trailers, ships, trucks, railroads, etc.) in many different forms (compressed, liquefied, or by hydrogen carriers such as ammonia, ethanol, methanol, etc.) (Gupta et al., 2016; Gupta Ram B., 2009). Since this study focuses on large scale storage, it explores the large scale distribution case which might be possible with the existing pipeline network (Quintino et al., 2021).

On one side, blending natural gas with hydrogen is thought to be a cleaner solution in terms of emissions, but on the other side, it lowers the energy density of the gas stream. For the same energy content to be delivered with the same pressure drop between the compressing stations, about three times the volume of hydrogen should be flowing instead of natural gas. (Gupta et al., 2016; Quintino et al., 2021).

Figure 2.3. The energy content of hydrogen containing streams in comparison with lean gas and rich gas with constant pressure drop (Gupta et al., 2016)

Furthermore, the use of blended gas in daily household appliances requires thorough investigations of safety against situations like flashback/blowoff, flame (see [Appendix](#page-181-0) I), and leakage detections (Dinçer et al., 2021; Glanville et al., 2022). In addition, since the sulfur in thiols is not suitable for fuel cells, new odorants need to be developed for hydrogen containing streams instead of the commonly used mercaptans (Mouli-Castillo et al., 2020).

Hydrogen embrittlement of the metals is another issue with hydrogen transport. Though the mechanism behind the phenomena is still under investigation, it is known that by penetrating into the lattices at the molecular level, hydrogen causes metals to lose their bearing ability due to reduced ductility (Wu et al., 2022). The

hydrogen causing embrittlement can have external (occurring due to corrosion, H₂ presence, or H2S presence) or internal (occurring during the material processes such as welding, smelting, pickling, and plating) origins, and the origin in turn determines the prevention strategy. Whilst microstructure modification for the materials (adjusting the alloy composition) studies are continued, for the externally originated embrittlement, surface coating and other surface modifications are considered as the combatting approach (Li et al., 2020).

Lastly, in order to be distributed via pipeline and later on to be used, for example in a filling station, hydrogen needs to be compressed up to high pressures. Industry experience shows that reciprocating compressors are the optimal tools for such tasks since they are the only option for comfortably delivering such pressures at a varying rate. It is probably good to note a few incidents when lubricating oil has caused cavitation due to evaporating and then recondensing during the hydrogen flow. Therefore, nonlubricated options might be considered to be more suitable for the job (Hoff, 2020).

Figure 2.4. Envisioned hydrogen pipeline infrastructure for Europe by 2040 (Modified from Amber Grid et al., 2022)

2.1.4 Consumption

Hydrogen as an energy carrier can be burned directly or used by a fuel cell to generate electricity. Nevertheless, as [Figure 2.5](#page-34-3) shows, hydrogen is used more as a feedstock rather than an energy carrier for the refining and chemicals sectors.

Figure 2.5. H_2 demand by sector (IEA, 2021)

In the future, demand is expected to be diversified with the increasing amount of applications (IEA, 2019). Since there is a large overlap between these sectors and hard-to-abate/hard-to-electrify sectors (see [Figure 2.6](#page-34-4) and [Figure 2.7\)](#page-35-1), hydrogen might play an inimitable role in the future energy transition into a net-zero scenario (FCH2JU, 2019).

13 Figure 2.6. Hydrogen end-uses roadmap for Europe (FCH2JU, 2019)

Last but not least, hydrogen as a storage medium for renewable energy could possibly benefit isolated places such as islands to become self-sufficient in terms of their electricity needs (Karlsson, 2021; Luna, 2019).

Figure 2.7. Hydrogen energy demand (TWh) projection for Europe (FCH2JU, 2019)

2.1.5 Surface Storage

Surface storage options can go up to MWh scales, but if large scale, bulk amounts of hydrogen storage is needed in GWh ranges, the viable options are the subsurface choices which are addressed in a separate heading (Heinemann et al., 2021). It might also be noted that if the hydrogen is to be transported with the pipeline
networks, depending on the size and the material of the infrastructure, the pipes themselves might act a as storage medium in GWh ranges (Gupta et al., 2016).

While the conventional methods for storing hydrogen (see [Table 2.2\)](#page-36-0) are physical, either as a compressed gas at ambient temperature or as a cryogenic liquid at low pressure, many material-based options are under development, such as adsorbents like carbon materials, metal organic frameworks (MOFs), and hydrides to name a few (Gupta et al., 2016; Gupta Ram B., 2009; Hassan et al., 2021; USDOE, 2022).

Depending on the end-use, different requirements would arise for the surface storage and there is no single best option for all applications (Hassan et al., 2021).

Method	Gravimetric Energy Density $(\%$ wt)	Volumetric Energy Density (MJ/L)	Temperature (K)	Pressure (barg)	Remarks
Compressed	5.7	4.9	293	700	Current industry standard
Liquid	7.5	6.4	20	$\overline{0}$	Boil-off constitutes a major disadvantage
Cold/cryo compressed	5.4	4.0	$40 - 80$	300	Boil-off constitutes a major disadvantage
Metal Organic Frameworks (MOFs)	4.5	7.2	78	20-100	Attractive densities only at very low temperatures
Carbon nanostructures	2.0	5.0	298	100	Volumetric density based on the power density of 2.1 g/mL and 2.0 wt % storage capacity
Metal hydrides	7.6	13.2	260-425	20	Requires thermal management system
Metal borohydrides	$14.9 - 18.5$	$9.8 - 17.6$	130	105	Low temperature high pressure thermal management required
Kubas type	10.5	23.6	293	120	
Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carriers (LOHCs)	8.5	7	293	θ	Highly endo/exothermal requires processing plant and catalyst. Not suitable for mobility
Chemical	15.5	11.5	298	10	Requires SOFC

Table 2.2 Hydrogen storage options for mobility (Rivard et al., 2019)

2.2 Efficiency and Cost

2.2.1 Thermodynamic Efficiency

Low round-trip efficiency (see [Table 2.3\)](#page-37-0) might sometimes make hydrogen's potential as an energy carrier to be overlooked (Pellow et al., 2015). Even if the other processes (heating, cooling, water purification, etc.) are ignored, the overall round-trip efficiency of a hydrogen system is about 30% due to production, compression, distribution, and fuel cell conversions (Kelly, 2014; Pellow et al., 2015; Wanner, 2021). Since compressors are already close to their ideal efficiencies, an enhancement in terms of efficiency might be expected from the fuel cells and electrolysers. However, this is also unlikely to change the overall efficiency dramatically (Wanner, 2021). In comparison, natural gas combined cycle power plants' efficiency lies around 45% - 57% (Boyce, 2012).

	Ideal Energy (KWh/Nm ³)	Real Energy (KWh/Nm ³)	
Electrolyzer (20 bar, purification)	3.17	$4.0 - 5.5$	
Compression (150 bar) / Liquidication	0.16/0.36	0.23/0.90	
Handling/Distribution/Storage	0.00	0.15	
Fuel cell output	3.00	1.33	
Input energy/Output energy	$1.1 - 1.2$	$3.3 - 4.9$	

Table 2.3 Minimum and real energies for 1 Nm³ of hydrogen (Wanner, 2021)

A scenario where electricity is converted into hydrogen to be later converted back into electricity, despite being low on CO2 intensity, loses 39-80% of the invested exergy (Farajzadeh et al., 2022). Yet still, based on energy return on investment calculations, underground hydrogen storage (UHS) might be the only sensible nonfossil option capable of storing at a seasonal level (Clerjon & Perdu, 2019).

2.2.2 Cost

Although, round trip cost of hydrogen can vary considerably at each step of the life cycle, many studies conducted for separate cases agree that the major component of the cost arises from the production phase (Kennedy et al., 2019; le Duigou et al., 2017; Song et al., 2021; Viktorsson et al., 2017; Zhao et al., 2019).

For the time being, SMR is the cheaper production method compared to the electrolyser options, and a cost reduction is necessary for green hydrogen to become widespread (Cembalest, 2020; Taibi et al., 2020). Moreover, there seems to be no consensus over an accurate cost of electrolysis as it significantly varies depending on numerous factors including type of electrolyser, electricity price, capacity factors, and financing costs to name but a few (Poljak, 2022).

Figure 2.8. H₂ production from natural gas costs for different regions (IEA, 2019)

A cost reduction in electrolyser prices is expected with technological advancement, and scaling up (Taibi et al., 2020). However, another significant cost driver for electrolysis, which is the electricity price can vary greatly based on the location (Poljak, 2022; Terwel & Kerkhoven, 2019; Viktorsson et al., 2017).

Pipeline transport and underground storage costs seem to be much less significant compared to the production costs. A study conducted for France used $1 \text{ }\epsilon$ /kg for distribution cost and concluded that underground storage takes up no more than 5% of the total cost (le Duigou et al., 2017).

Figure 2.9. Levelised cost of hydrogen estimates for AE, PEM, and SOE connected to different electricity sources, commissioning from 2020 to 2050 (UKCDR, 2021)

Another study investigated the cost for a scenario of distribution by the existing pipeline network coupled with geological storage. For 1.6 kilotons of hydrogen delivered per year, 2.73 \$/kg was estimated. The study has also pointed out the cost of refueling stations (approx. 2.5 million \$/station). According to the findings, if the cost for refueling stations were not considered, the cost for delivering and storing hydrogen would be just above 1 \$/kg (Demir & Dincer, 2018).

2.3 Underground Hydrogen Storage (UHS)

For bulk energy management and electricity storage, UHS is an option in the pilot stages which might offer high capacities with high flexibility in discharge times (Møller et al., 2017; Mondial L, 2016).

Figure 2.10. Discharge time vs power for electrical storage (Wallace et al., 2021)

2.3.1 Storage Options for Hydrogen

An overview of all known UHS technologies, including pipe storage, rock caverns, and abandoned mines, has been conducted and a large selection of existing projects were compiled with the HyUnder project (Kruck et al., 2013). A compilation made for this study can be seen in [Appendix K.](#page-183-0)

Comparatively three geological options, namely aquifers, salt caverns, and depleted fields stand out to be more viable than the others (see [Table 2.4](#page-41-0) and [Table 2.5\)](#page-41-1) (Lord et al., 2011; Matos et al., 2019; Muhammed et al., 2022; Zivar et al., 2021).

Table 2.4 Characteristics of UHS options (Muhammed et al., 2022; Visser, 2020)

There are two recent projects of UHS in depleted gas reservoirs, namely, the Underground Sun in Austria, and the Patagonia Wind in Argentina. Neither project has reported any insurmountable problem that might get in the way of UHS (Pérez et al., 2016; RAG et al., 2017).

Table 2.5 Operational Parameters modified from (Abravcı, 2022)

Parameter	Storage Media			
	Salt Caverns	Depleted Fields	Aquifers	
Cushion Gas/Working Gas (% by volume)	$30 - 50$	100-150	150-200	
Injection Duration (days)	$20-40$	200-250	200-250	
Withdrawal Duration (days)	$10-20$	$100 - 150$	100-150	
Number of Cycles (per year)	$5-6$	$1 - 2$	$1 - 2$	
Contamination of Water or Gas	Negligible after a few cycles	Critical Critical		

Since geographical availability and feasibility for each structure is case dependent, each option might be more viable depending on the circumstances and goals. As for the offshore gas depleted reservoirs, a study conducted for the UK concluded that offshore depleted gas fields have the potential to easily meet the need for seasonal storage many times over the demand (Mouli-Castillo et al., 2021). Meanwhile, a feasibility study conducted in the Netherlands for the North Sea concluded that offshore fields can be an option, but require further studies and pilot projects need to be implemented. (van Gessel et al., 2022).

Ultimately, some barriers exist for UHS no matter the storage media. Since the practice involves dealing with the subsurface uncertainties, all projects would inherit some risks. An exemplary list of risk factors can be found in [Appendix G.](#page-177-0) Due to embrittlement, well equipment must be chosen appropriately, and the recognition of seismic risks and prevention of potential leakage requires careful examination of the geology. Furthermore, all three types of storage media might suffer from microbial activity that could result in methane, acetic acid, hydrogen sulfide production, and/or iron reduction (Dopffel et al., 2021). Lastly, all projects would require preliminary work on the issues of social acceptance, legislation, economics, and safety (Tarkowski & Uliasz-Misiak, 2022; Visser, 2020).

2.3.2 Salt Cavern Storage

Despite the examples of incidents with salt cavern storage (Yang et al., 2013), they are perceived as the safest storage option (Muhammed et al., 2022; Visser, 2020).

Salt deposits can be found either as bedded or diapiric structures with the first being less favorable because of being more prone to stability issues (Han et al., 2006). Due to the salts' healing ability, pure salt storages are expected to provide a good seal (Kumar et al., 2021; Laban, 2020). Compared with the porous media counterparts, salt caverns provide more frequent cycles, less cushion gas to working gas ratio, and less risk of contamination (Abravcı, 2022; Muhammed et al., 2022; Visser, 2020).

Figure 2.11. Steps of Cavern Creation (Hévin, 2019)

Although the type of the formation significantly affects the cavern design (Caglayan et al., 2020; Habibi, 2019) the main cavern creation process that includes leeching, debrining, and filling phases is the same (see [Figure 2.11\)](#page-43-0) (Laban, 2020).

There are two common practices of cavern storage, either wet or dry. In wet storage the required pressure is supplied by brine, whereas for dry storage it is supplied by the cushion gas which makes it more costly (British Geological Survey, 2008; Passaris, 2022).

2.3.2.1 Issues Associated with Salt Cavern Storage

Even though a large portion of the literature is focused on the microbial contamination aspects (Laban, 2020), geomechanics also plays an important role in salt cavern storage. Heterogeneity of the formation can have a significant effect on the cavern design and tertiary creep deformation. Although it might not be a serious risk in the first cycle, it can possibly lead to failure in the long term storage (Kumar et al., 2021).

While salt is usually considered as a good seal, anomalous salt zones which have variations in features of textures, inclusions, compositions, and structures also exist. Such zones might be prone to leakage no matter whether they are diapiric or bedded (Warren, 2017).

Figure 2.12. Crystal Scale Representation of Rock Salt Deformation (Warren, 2017) as cited in (Gholami, 2022)

Moreover, solution mining, i.e. leaching, requires eight to ten times the volume of water for a single volume of the cavern (Londe, 2021). The transport and discharge of such large amounts of water is costly and environmentally sensitive. As an example, such problems with Tuz Gölü Storage Project in Turkey were surmounted by supplying the fresh water from the Hirfanlı Dam and discharging the brine into the Tuz Gölü, reanimating the drying lake (BOTAS, n.d.).

2.3.3 Porous Media Storage

Aquifers offer large volumes of storage capacity and they are more geographically available compared to the depleted fields. Since there is no host gas, gas mixing might be less of an issue for the aquifers. However, most of the aquifers are not characterised yet, and storing gas in them might induce seismicity or result in leakage (Zoback, 2022). Also since they lack the existing infrastructure and reservoir data, their development might require more investment than the depleted fields (Foh et al., 1979; Kruck et al., 2013; Zivar et al., 2021).

Although gas **storage in oil fields** is a known practice (usually to enhance oil production), they are generally not considered as an option for storing hydrogen because of the lack of field experience and the additional complexity they bring to the design. If hydrogen was to be stored in an oil field, it would push the oil meanwhile dissolving in it, which might cause the solution gas to flash. Mixing with the solution gas and dissolving in the oil would presumably cause impurities and irrecoverable hydrogen losses (Ennis-King et al., 2021; RISC, 2021). Moreover, oil fields generally contain some amount of sulfur which can be detrimental to hydrogen operations. For the time being, literature can be said to be insufficient for the oil fields as a storage media, and to the best of the author's knowledge, there is only one simulation study (Kanaani et al., 2022).

Depleted gas fields might be a favorable option for seasonal storage due to the benefits they offer such as existing data and infrastructure (Mouli-Castillo et al., 2021; Visser, 2020). Although there are questions about the purity of hydrogen due to gas mixing, there exist some projects in development stages (Pérez et al., 2016; RAG Austria AG et al., 2017; Zivar et al., 2021).

Bio-methanation is another means for hydrogen to be utilised in a depleted gas reservoir (Strobel et al., 2020). Projects have validated the existence of the concept, and are trying to commercialise it. For the time being, microbial reactions seem to be too slow and the biofilm formed during them poses an issue. (Perez, 2022; Pérez et al., 2016; Pichler, 2022; RAG et al., 2017; Zauner et al., 2022).

2.3.3.1 Issues Associated with UHS in Porous Media

Possible problems with the storage of hydrogen in porous media have been extensively investigated (Heinemann et al., 2021). Feldmann et al. (2016) suggested that although diffusion into the aqueous phase does not seem to be a critical problem. However, gas mixing can significantly lower hydrogen concentration in the withdrawn gas. The same study also foresees that, unlike depleted gas field storage, gravity override and viscous fingering could play a major role in aquifer storage (Feldmann et al., 2016).

Figure 2.13. Issues Related to Porous Media Storage (Heinemann et al., 2021)

Lateral spreading is another major problem that could result in the loss of hydrogen. In comparison with methane, hydrogen spreads faster and further into the reservoir possibly passing the spill point. This could especially become problematic for the aquifer structures where there is less data (Hagemann et al., 2015).

Hydrogen-rock-water interactions have also been examined. Pichler (2013) has shown that especially for carbonate rocks an increase in pH, dissolution of dolomite, and precipitation of calcite were observed (Pichler, 2013). Another study used heterogeneous rock to study the effects and found out that hydrogen interaction with the rock could result in a slight reduction in porosity which could enhance the sealing capacity of cap rock while reducing the available storage capacity (Hemme & van Berk, 2018). Both studies agreed with the previously mentioned argument that diffusion in the aqueous phase is insignificant compared to other possible losses (Feldmann et al., 2016; Hemme & van Berk, 2018; Pichler, 2013).

Many possible interactions of hydrogen with the reservoir and cap rocks have been investigated and evaluated as possible problems (Hagemann et al., 2015; Hemme & van Berk, 2018). A more recent case study, however, has concluded that abiotic reactions with reservoir minerals are much less effective than the previous assumptions when realistic kinetic conditions are applied (Hassannayebi et al., 2019). Also agreeing that equilibrium models might overestimate the reaction rates, it was suggested that a geochemical database like the ones for $CO₂$ should be built also for hydrogen (Heinemann et al., 2021).

Ultimately, all studies seem to agree that reduction of pyrite to pyrrhotite is a valid reason for hydrogen loss meanwhile releasing H2S (Hassannayebi et al., 2019; Hemme & van Berk, 2018; Pichler, 2013; Reitenbach et al., 2015).

Knowing the thermo-physical properties of streams containing hydrogen and other gases are of vital importance for modelling the multiphase flow. Alternative viscosity models might be required for hydrogen unlike other non-polar gases (Hassanpouryouzband et al., 2020; Heinemann et al., 2021). Time dependent relative permeability and wettability changes, capillary pressure, and hysteresis effects should be considered for an accurate model, and for the time being there are only a handful of studies on this subject (Eller et al., 2022; Hashemi et al., 2021).

Finally, it is noted that cyclic hydrogen storage might have negative effects on the geomechanic storage integrity. Although possible threats to geomechanic integrity have been extensively studied for other gases, little is known about a hydrogen case (Hangx, 2022).

Joule-Thompson effect (the cooling of real gases when passing through a throttle) which can be a serious problem for $CO₂$ storage is expected to be far less of a problem for hydrogen. But still, due to being more heat conductive and possibly reactive, hydrogen could cause deformation of the grain structure, opening of leakage pathways, and mechanical failure in the long run (Heinemann et al., 2021).

2.3.4 Previous Work

There exist multiple reviews of the literature in various works (Muhammed et al., 2022; Thiyagarajan et al., 2022; Visser, 2020; Zivar et al., 2021). The only example found for simulation of long term storage in a large gas field with multiple wells was published earlier in 2022 (Zamehrian & Sedaee, 2022). This study by Zameherian and Sadaee (2022) simulated ten years of cyclic storage with a prolonged production period after the last cycle, and focused on the dissolution of H² into the condensate phase and the utilisation of various cushion gas alternatives. Although it had 16 wells, the study did not give information about the individual well production performances in terms of purity. Still, it provides a benchmark to this study.

2.4 Comparison of Gases (H2-CH4-CO2) for Storage

Although other gases, such as helium, compressed air, etc., can also be stored underground, the main candidates for subsurface storage are hydrogen, carbon dioxide, and methane.

All three of these gases are expected to be in supercritical conditions at the subsurface conditions. As shown in [Figure 2.14,](#page-49-0) the minimum reservoir pressure (86 bar) and reservoir temperature (68.8 °C) for NMGF are above the critical point of CO2.

Figure 2.14. Phase diagrams for H₂, CO₂, and CH₄ (data from (The Engineering Toolbox, n.d.))

Since $CO₂$ is not stored with the intention of withdrawal, the aim is to trap as much $CO₂$ as possible for a much longer time than what is considered for $H₂$ and CH₄.

Figure 2.15 shows that the density of $CO₂$ increases significantly in a narrow depth (pressure) range. Therefore, it is desired to store it beyond a threshold depth to have more $CO₂$ stored per subsurface volume. Change of density with depth is much more gradual for methane and even more so for hydrogen, enabling them to be stored at shallower depths (Sarah Gasda, 2022).

Figure 2.15. Pressure vs Density for H_2 , CO₂, and CH₄ at 50 °C (image created from (Sarah Gasda, 2022) with data from (NIST Chemistry WebBook, 2022)

Rather than $CO₂$ storage, natural gas storage is a better analog for hydrogen. Needless to say, as they are separate compounds, hydrogen and methane exhibit different chemical and physical properties. For example, methane is more easily compressed than hydrogen. As can be seen from Figures [2.16](#page-51-0) and [2.17](#page-51-1) with increasing pressure, hydrogen's z factor, which is greater than 1, tends to increase, whereas for methane it is less than one and tends to decrease.

Figure 2.16. Density and Z compressibility factors at 40 °C - CH₄ & CO₂ (Oldenburg, 2003; as cited in Peters, 2022)

Deeper storage means more gas per subsurface volume (i.e. more energy per $m³$ of reservoir rock) to be stored for both CH_4 and H_2 (Edlmann, 2022). Assuming all other parameters are the same, CH⁴ storage would benefit more from deeper storage since it has better compressibility than H2. One study conducted for investigating the optimum storage depth for hydrogen has asserted that maximum storage is attainable around 1100 meters (Iglauer, 2022).

Figure 2.17. Hydrogen Z (compressibility factor) at different temperature and pressures (Hydrogen Analysis Resource Center, 2022)

Due to its energy density being higher, methane can store roughly three times the energy that can be stored with hydrogen at the same reservoir volume (Heinemann, 2021). Densities and compressibilities of three gases can be compared using Figures [2.16,](#page-51-0) [2.17,](#page-51-1) and [2.18.](#page-52-0)

Furthermore, since hydrogen is a universal electron donor, it is much more prone to being consumed by microorganisms (Dopffel et al., 2021). Using biocides is a common practice in oil and gas fields (Turkiewicz et al., 2013). However, no study has been found for a hydrogen storage case. This might be because of the questionable penetration of the biocide into the reservoir to eradicate all biological activity, or the additional purification needs and complexity it brings.

Figure 2.18. Hydrogen density for 0-200 bar 50-125 °C. Data from:(NIST Chemistry WebBook, 2022)

Saline aquifers, most of which are not well characterised, have proven to be good storages for CO_2 before. In that case, the high solubility of CO_2 in brine acts as a trapping mechanism aiding the purpose (Riaz $\&$ Cinar, 2014). However, for CH₄ and H2, the utilisation of an aquifer requires a much more thorough investigation including seismicity studies (Zoback, 2022).

In the end, there are numerous external factors that might affect the site selection process for gas storage or the gas selection for the storage site. Therefore, all options on the table should be considered based on the project targets and many simulations should be carried out before a conclusion is drawn.

2.5 The Northern Marmara Gas Field (NMGF)

This study uses the Northern Marmara depleted gas field, which has been used as an active natural gas storage, to simulate hydrogen storage.

Figure 2.19. Project Layout of Northern Marmara & Değirmenköy Fields' Shared Facility (Sahin et al., 2012)

Figure 2.20. Cross Section View of the Northern Marmara Field (Sahin et al.,

2012)

2.5.1 Field Development History

Regarded as the first offshore discovery of the Turkish Petroleum (TPAO), NMGF struck gas in 1988 at the NM-1 well (TPAO, 2022). Also considering the possibility for it to become a future storage site, the field was developed with five wells (Kaptanoğlu et al., 1998). Extended reach drilling (ERD) was attempted for NM-2 well, but due to poor rig performance, and problems with the leasing of the land, it was unsuccessful. In the end, NM-2 was logged and abandoned as a dry hole. Other wells were drilled from the same offshore platform with NM-1 to cover four directions around it making a total of 5 wells. After completions, production began as of September 1997 (Kaptanoğlu et al., 1998; Öztürk, 2004; Sahin et al., 2012; Yildirim et al., 2009).

The production was terminated at the end of 2001 leaving the remaining gas as cushion. After the feasibility, engineering design, and optimisation studies, Northern Marmara was set to be a storage field and six Extended Reach Drilling (ERD) wells were drilled by mid-2004. The wells drilled later exceeded the expectations. As a result, initial estimations of 3.7 billion $m³$ Original Gas In Place (OGIP) and 1.6 billion $m³$ working gas capacity were revised to 5.5 billion $m³$ and 2.25 billion m³, respectively (Sahin et al., 2012; Yildirim et al., 2009).

As of 2022, the field serves as the largest natural gas storage field in Turkey (Abravcı, 2017; BOTAŞ, 2022).Further field development with 18 additional wells is commissioned with the goal to increase the storage capacity to 4.6 billion $m³$ with 75 million m^3 /day withdrawal capacity (Kolin, 2022).

2.5.2 Reservoir Description

Stratigraphy of NMGF is given in [Table 2.6,](#page-55-0) and additional information about the reservoir rock and the cap rock are given below.

Formation	Depth (m)	Thickness (m)	Lithology
Water Column	0	40	
Sea Bed	40	50	
Osmancik	90	310	shale, sandstone, slitstone
Mezardere	400	710	mudstone, sandstone, shale, tuff
Ceylan	1110	40	shale, marn, limestone (cap rock)
Soğucak	1150	50	limestone (reservoir rock)
Final	1200		

Table 2.6 Lithological Data (Kaptanoğlu et al., 1998)

The salinity for the NM1 well was given as 30.000 ppm (Çalışgan, 2005) and the reservoir temperature is given as 68.8° celsius (Sahin et al., 2012).

2.5.2.1 Cap Rock

The cap rock belongs to Ceylan Formation. The shale dominated formation also contains marl, clayey limestone, turbidites, and tuff that is silicated between some places which can be mapped as guide layers (Altıner et al., 2006).

2.5.2.2 Reservoir Rock

The reservoir rock belongs to the Soğucak Formation which mostly consists of carbonates deposited in a shelf environment. Limestones of this formation exhibit medium to good porosity with dissolution pores. Some sandstone and marl are also encountered between layers, and at the basin bottom, pelagic clayey limestone and tuffs were detected with well data (Altıner et al., 2006).

CHAPTER 3

3 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Climate change is recognized as one of the most critical problems for humankind to tackle. Although electricity from renewable energy sources helps for reducing emissions, not all end-uses are able to get electrificated for the time being. Moreover, integrating a large share of intermittent sources into the grid makes it harder to balance the supply to meet the changing demand. Hydrogen as an energy carrier could enable the energy produced from renewable sources to be carried and stored, consequently, adding time and space flexibility to the energy system. Moreover, when produced and stored locally it could ehnance energy security by guaranteeing supply availability.

When it comes to the bulk storage of hydrogen, underground storage is the prominent option. There are a few choices (salt caverns, depleted fields, aquifers, etc.) for underground hydrogen storage. Each of these choices might be viable depending on the scale and the aims of the specific project at hand.

It is known that UHS projects inherit a high risk arising from dealing with a highly reactive molecule in highly uncertain geologic settings. Since the concept of hydrogen as an energy carrier is still in its infancy, the financially safest applications are prioritized. Even though, salt caverns (especially domal structures) are perceived as safer and have more examples of field practice, depleted natural gas fields can also be valid candidates for UHS site selection.

There are multiple modelling and simulation studies of UHS in depleted natural gas reservoirs that investigate the possible risks and try to quantify their effects. Moreover, there are two recent projects of UHS in depleted natural gas reservoirs that produced hopeful results for future operations.

Nevertheless, these real world applications were carried out in relatively small fields targeting only 10% hydrogen mixed with natural gas. If hydrogen is to become a key part of the energy transition, there will be a need for larger projects covering longer durations. Simulating long term storage of pure hydrogen at a larger field with multiple wells could provide valuable insight into the possible outcomes.

By simulating 25 years of cyclic hydrogen storage in Northern Marmara Field, this thesis aims to shed a light on the possible outcomes while also communicating the limitations to capture a realistic picture.

It should be noted that, this study leaves the financial feasibility aspect out of the scope, and makes no suggestions for any project to be implemented or not. NMGF is used merely as an example for a large, depleted natural gas field.

CHAPTER 4

4 METHODOLOGY

This work simulates long term hydrogen storage in a depleted natural gas reservoir with multiple wells to evaluate the outcomes. CMG GEM 2020.11 compositional flow simulator was selected to be the most suitable, readily available software for the task (see [Appendix C\)](#page-108-0).

Possible problems related to numerical modelling, and simulating the field are addressed. Subsequently, reservoir and fluid models are built using data from prior studies (Abravcı, 2017; Bagci & Öztürk, 2007; Çalışgan, 2005; Gumrah et al., 2005; Kaptanoğlu et al., 1998; Karaalioğlu, 1997; Özkiliç, 2005; Öztürk, 2004; Sahin et al., 2012; Yildirim et al., 2009).

History matching with the field data was performed to reduce subsurface uncertainty. An analytical solution of gas material balance was done and the P/z vs Gp graph was used to check the history matched model validity.

With the finalized model at hand, a cyclic storage design followed by an extended production period was simulated. Lastly, a simulation until the year 3500 was simulated to observe the diffusion and dissolution effects.

CHAPTER 5

5 EVALUATION OF THE NORTHERN MARMARA GAS FIELD FOR UHS

5.1 Examination of Site Specific Factors

HyUSPRe project documented the Northern Marmara Field as the only porous UHS site in Turkey (Cavanagh et al., 2022). Moreover, the reservoir lies around the optimum depth (1100m) for storing H_2 (Iglauer, 2022).

Based on the study by Thaysen et al. (2021), the reservoir is prone to different sorts of biological contamination (see [Figure 5.1.](#page-60-0) where every point represents a group of microbial organisms). However, since the field has not been sampled for microorganisms and the critical values might be subject to change when both salinity and temperature stresses are acting togethe, firm conclusions can be made only after lab work and field monitoring.

Figure 5.1. Critical temperature (without salinity stress) versus critical salinity (without temperature stress) for methanogens, homoacetogens and SSRM. (modified from Thaysen et al., 2021)

H2S production by microorganisms and/or geochemical reactions is a serious worry for hydrogen storage projects (Dopffel et al., 2021; Hassannayebi et al., 2019). Even though some H2S production was encountered with the Underground Sun Project, which had some pyrite in the formation, it was not a vital issue since the amount was not really significant. Moreover, H2S production did not show any exponential growth behaviour as one would expect from microbial activity (Pichler, 2022). As there is no mention of pyrite in the formation and there is no data about microorganisms, this study assumes that the field is free of any geochemical or biological activity that would result in conversion of the hydrogen.

Some microbial activity in the reservoir might enable it to be used as an underground bio-tmethanation plant as well (Strobel et al., 2020). Examples of such projects, which are not yet commercial, can be found in Argentina and Austria (Perez, 2022; Pérez et al., 2016; Pichler, 2022; RAG et al., 2017).

In terms of geochemical reactions, the literature matches the field experience (Hassannayebi et al., 2019; Perez, 2022; Pichler, 2022). This strengthens the expectation for no fast-reaction to occur, however, site specific lab work can be useful to see whether pyrite to pyrrhotite reaction or any other reaction takes place.

The composition of formation water can potentially increase hydrogen dissolution which is normally a minuscule issue (RAG et al., 2017). Formation water should be sampled and experimented on to measure the exact solubility.

Another issue, which has not been a problem in the two aforementioned fields but still requires attention, is the cap rock integrity. Although, the studies and the field data showed no sign of leakage, some examinations and tests should be carried out beforehand to build confidence (Hemme & van Berk, 2018; Perez, 2022; Pichler, 2022).

When the issues mentioned above are examined, and the field equipment is inspected for replacement/maintenance, there seems to be no irresolvable problem for UHS in the Northern Marmara Field.

CHAPTER 6

6 NUMERICAL MODELLING AND SIMULATION

6.1 Shortcomings of the Model

The model for this study was based solely on the data obtained from the [aformentioned,](#page-24-0) previously published studies.

Since log data was not available, the reservoir properties, such as porosity, permeability, and thickness were assumed to be constant throughout the reservoir creating a homogenous structure. Therefore, reservoir heterogeneity is not represented, which might result in optimistic estimations for some parts of the reservoir.

As this is the first study considering the field for UHS, there was no study regarding the investigation of microbial biota or any lab work about the possible biological reactions. Since it is a highly site-specific issue, no assumptions were made and the modelling of possible biological reactions was left outside the scope of this work. However, it is noted that, the field lies in a temperature-salinity region which might give way to biological reactions. Also since there is $CO₂$ presence, bio-methanation is a strong possibility which could end up in biofilm forming.

Although the dissolution of hydrogen in brine is not neglected, it might be subject to change depending on the mineral composition of the formation water. This aspect of the model can be improved with experimental work providing more data about the formation water.

Geochemical reactions also required lab work to be conducted before they were modelled. No fast-geochemical reactions were observed in the aformentioned UHS in porous media projects agreeing with the literature research (Hassannayebi et al., 2019; Pérez et al., 2016; Pichler, 2022). An exception to that could have been pyrite to pyrrhotite reaction, but it was not expected for the Northern Marmara Field as there was no mention of pyrite in the reservoir. Still, geochemical reactions is a possible issue that might have been not captured with this model.

Peng-Robinson (PR-1978) was assumed to be a good enough EOS for the fluid model which also comes into play for the calculation of gravitational effects and gas mixing by the simulator. Diffusion, although it has a minuscule effect on mixing, was also accounted for by using approximate values for the diffusivity constants.

There were no data available regarding dispersivity. However, even if there were data on dispersivity, it would probably be futile since its effects would be overshadowed by numerical dispersion (Terstappen, 2021; Yildirim et al., 2009). Hence, as suggested by Terstappen (2021), numerical dispersion was minimized by applying numerical controls and assumed to be a substitution for physical dispersion. Nevertheless, the validity of this substitution would highly depend on field properties, grid and time step size for the model. Therefore, despite the author's best efforts, the modelled gas mixing might not reflect reality.

6.2 Model Creation Process

The steps followed for the model creation process can be listed as below:

- 1) Sifting and formatting the data into a useful format (see Δ ppendix D).
- 2) Setting the dimensions considering the software license and processing power limits, and creating a preliminary reservoir model to be optimized later on.
- 3) Creating the fluid model.
- 4) History matching and setting the final model parameters.
- 5) Checking the model validity with an analytical solution.

6.2.1 Preliminary Model

Figure 6.1. a) Contour Map (Kaptanoğlu et al., 1998) b) The Preliminary Model

The contour map taken from Kaptanoğlu, Atalay, and Yörük (1998) was digitized using Surfer (see [Appendix A\)](#page-106-0), and imported into the Builder. A cartesian grid consisting of 12444 blocks was placed on top of the map and the null blocks were cut out. The first five producer wells were perforated according to the digitized map, and the 'Create Trajectories from Completions(PERF)' command was used to construct the trajectories. Lastly, a gas cap with the composition given in [Table 6.1.](#page-64-0) is defined.

Component	Mole Fraction (%)	
C1	91.45	
C ₂	3.21	
C ₃	1.21	
iC4	0.24	
nC4	0.30	
iC5	0.09	
nC5	0.07	
CO ₂	2.28	
N ₂	1.15	

Table 6.1 Composition of the Native Gas (Özkiliç, 2005)

6.2.2 Fluid Model

Although GERG-2008 EOS was shown to be superior to Peng Robinson in terms of accuracy, PR has been shown to yield faster calculations (Baladão et al., 2018). There also is a novel model (PC-SAFT EOS) asserting even further improvements to GERG-2008 (Eller et al., 2022). In the end, since the reservoir temperature is above 200 Kelvin many EOS could be used with reasonable accuracy (Nasrifar, 2010). For this study, PR (1978) was used since it is a widely used option for the industry and it is readily available in the simulator.

WinProp Fluid Property Characterization Tool was used to model the fluids. Most properties were determined by Peng Robinson (PR-1978) equation of state (EOS) by WinProp, while a few parameters were needed to be manually entered. CMG included hydrogen in the WinProp library as a default compound starting from the 2021 version (Faraj Zarei, 2021). However, since the 2020 version of WinProp was available, hydrogen properties were entered manually using the properties from CMG's workshop (Ali Kasraian, 2020).

For solubility, Henry's Constant values were calculated by WinProp at reservoir temperature and pressure. However, since the 2020 version was not tuned for hydrogen, the values were adjusted according to the CMG's workshop (Ali Kasraian, 2020). Diffusion of compounds into the aqueous phase (DIFFC-AQU command in GEM) other than methane and hydrogen were neglected and 3.75x10-5 cm^2/sec and 8.5x10⁻⁵ cm²/sec were entered as diffusion constants, respectively. For gas diffusivity (DIFFC-GAS command in GEM) $4.46x10^{-5}$ cm²/sec was used. Lastly, 'HYSKRG' keyword was entered into the .dat file manually, to account for the hysteresis effects in relative permeability.

Two other gases, namely 'Trace H2' and 'Trace CH4' were defined to visualise the effects of the injection/production more clearly. These gases had the exact same properties as hydrogen and methane, respectively. They were injected with a trace amount $(10⁻⁵$ of the total stream) to be able to separate the injected gas' behaviour from the host gas, in other words, to create better resolution (see [Figures](#page-77-0) 7.[3&7.4\)](#page-78-0).

6.2.3 History Matching and the Final Model

To match the OGIP of 5.5 billion $m³$ reported by the field engineers' (Sahin et al., 2012), porosity and thickness were needed to be set. Although most other studies (Bagci & Öztürk, 2007; Gumrah et al., 2005; Özkiliç, 2005; Öztürk, 2004) used a cnstant thickness value of 65 meters, it is denoted in Sahin, Abravci, and Tirek (2012) that 65 meters is the maximum thickness. Concluding that the thickness value might be variable, and since the average porosity was known to be 20%, a constant thickness of 34 (8.5x4) meters was used in the model as it matched the OGIP.

Production data from Öztürk (2004) were fed to the model and wellhead pressures were matched while staying loyal to the data extracted from Şahin, Abravcı, and Tırek (2012) (see [Appendix B\)](#page-107-0). Error margins of wellhead pressures were checked to make sure they were lower than 5%, and the properties were adjusted. No satisfactory explanation was found from the references for the produced water. Therefore, relative permeability values and the initial water saturation were adjusted to match the cumulative water production.

Table 6.3 Relative Permeability Tables used in the Model

Water-Oil Table			Liquid Gas Table		
Sw	krw	krow	Sg	krg	krog
0					
0.1	0.007	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.9
0.9	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.007
$\overline{}$					

Figure 6.2. Model Match of the Cumulative Water Production

Figure 6.3. Model Match for NM-1 Well (Pwh & Cum. Gas. Production)

Figure 6.4. Model Match of the Field (Average Res. Pressure & Cum. Gas Prod.)

Since the real locations for the wells drilled after 2002 were not known, the locations in Gumrah et al. (2005) were used and six additional wells were added.

Figure 6.5. Additional wells' trajectories a) From (Gumrah et al., 2005) b)Model

Well Properties are given in [Table 6.4,](#page-74-0) where rad corresponds to the tubing diameter. Geofac is a dimensionless number depending upon the wells placement within the grid block, and 0.37 corresponds to the center of a square block. Wfrac is a number between 0 and 1 that is used to define the fraction of a circle that the well models, and 1 corresponds to a full circle.

Table 6.4 Well Properties

Reservoir properties that were used for the model are given in [Table 6.5.](#page-69-0) where CPOR is the rock compressibility and PRPOR is the reference pressure for determination of the CPOR.

Property	Unit	Value
Porosity	$\%$	20
Permeability	mD	50
KyKh Ratio		0.37
Reference Depth	m	1259
Reference Pressure	kPa	14300
CPOR (Öztürk, 2004)	1/psi	$4x10^{-6}$
PRPOR (Öztürk, 2004)	kPa	14500
$\mathbf{Sw}_{\text{initial}}$	$\%$	0.2
Swcritical (Öztürk, 2004)	$\%$	0.1
Reservoir Temperature (Sahin et al., 2012)	$^{\circ}C$	68.8

Table 6.5 Reservoir Properties

6.2.4 Analytical Gas Material Balance Solution

A double check on the model was done by solving the material balance equation for dry gas reservoirs (Samura et al., 2021). P/z vs Gp graph was compared with the real field data from Sahin, Abravci, and Tirek (2012) covering the 2007 to 2012 period and the original field design. Required z compressibility factor values for the model were calculated using Standing-Katz correlations (as the same with the software) using pseudocritical values adjustment factor of 2.5 for the $CO₂$ presence in the gas composition (Mccain, 1991). Since the graph showed a good enough approximation to the data, the model was accepted for forward simulations.

Figure 6.6. P/z vs Gp plot for the Northern Marmara Gas Storage Field Model (Values except the "Model 20-21' cycle" were extracted from (Sahin et al., 2012) using Grabit (see [Appendix B\)](#page-107-0)

49 Figure 6.7. Final Model from various views

6.3 Numerical Dispersion

Discretization of continua on time and/or space for numerical calculations results in a truncation error. Replacing the derivatives with finite differences by the Taylor series approximations causes spatial gradients to be smeared. The smearing of the simulated front (see $Figure 6.9$) causes it to diverge from the actual front impacting the modeling of the displacement (Fanchi, 2018).

Figure 6.8. Front smearing for a linear Buckley-Levertt Waterflood Model (Fanchi, 2018)

In other words, dividing the reservoir into grid blocks and the time into time-steps homogenizes the spatial properties causing numerical errors to accumulate. This situation causes the simulated model to have a higher dispersivity than the real reservoir. (Dentz, 2022; Terstappen, 2021).

The dispersion introduced by the numerical errors is of the same order of magnitude as the physical dispersion or higher (Shrivastava, 2003). For large gridcell and time-step sizes the numerical dispersion overpowers the physical dispersion (Terstappen, 2021).
Theoretically, this problem could be resolved by using cell sizes and time step lengths so small that the effect becomes almost negligible, however, this is not practicle as it increases the computational time to an insensible level (Terstappen, 2021).

Figure 6.9. Mixing zone width versus cell sizes for varying dispersivities (on the left), and for varying time-step sizes with and without flux limiter (on the right) (Terstappen, 2021)

GEM has the built in command 'TWOPTFLUX' to activate the Total Variation Limiting flux limiter (TVD) (Shrivastava, 2003; Terstappen, 2021). By activating this numerical control, overshooting and undershooting of calculations are eliminated and numerical stability is ensured in the overall numerical scheme (Computer Modelling Group, n.d.). As shown on the right hand side of the [Figure](#page-72-0) [6.10](#page-72-0) flux limiter was effective to minimize the mixing zone width to its 40% for a 5-meter cell size and to its 54% for a 50-meter cell size (Terstappen, 2021).

For the time being there is no known method in any reservoir simulator that completely eliminates numerical dispersion at field scale. Even if numerical dispersion could have been eliminated, modelling macroscopic dispersion still would not be possible for this study. As dispersivity is highly dependent on

heterogeneity and scale, long duration tracer tests would be required to obtain a realistic field value (Terstappen, 2021).

Numerical dispersion can be used to compensate for the physical dispersion (Shrivastava, 2003; Terstappen, 2021). This study assumes for grid blocks with dimensions 65x65x8.5 meters, when the flux limiter is activated, numerical dispersion accounts for the physical dispersion. Hence, physical dispersion was not incorporated in the main model. It is noted that, applying the flux limiter decreased the amount of hydrogen that is left in the reservoir after the cycling period from 4.705% to 2.609%. Comparatively, incorporating physical dispersivity of 4 meters (the upper limit used in Terstappen (2021)) in a seperate model only increased this amount to 2.647%.

6.4 Forward Simulations

To approximate the real field practice, the schedule that was presented at the World Petroleum Congress (2017) was used (Abravcı, 2017). The simulations consisted of four parts, namely, the methane storage period, the hydrogen storage period, the extended production period to retrieve the hydrogen that has been left behind, and the shut-in period afterward to observe the effect of diffusion and gravitational segregation.

The first two periods, which are the cyclic storage of methane and hydrogen, were run for 25 years each. Every cycle consisted of a withdrawal period of 120 days starting from the $15th$ of November, and an injection period of 215 days starting from April 1st. There were 15 days of break in between withdrawal and injections. Starting from 2007, cyclic methane storage was realized with the pressure constraints of 8400-14300 kPa as given in Abravcı (2017). Starting from 2032, methane was switched with pure hydrogen, and cyclic storage continued for another 25 years.

Since the injected/produced gases, especially in the methane cycles, were not clearly distinct from the host gas at the reservoir, trace amounts $(10^{-5}$ of the total stream) of distinctive gases with the same fluid properties were injected in another copy of the model. Since their concentrations changed on a narrower scale, these gases, named 'Trace CH4' and 'Trace H2' helped for visualising the transport of the injected/produced gases with better sensitivity.

Constraint	Production	Injection
Duration (days)	120	215
Pressure (kPa)	Min. 8400	Max. 14300
Max. Stream Rate (m3/day)	16 million	9 million
15 days breaks are left between the production and injection periods		

Table 6.6 Cycling Constraints

Following the cyclic storage periods, an extended production with the constraint of total production up to 5 million m^3 /day was realized together with the minimum reservoir pressure constraint of 3000 kPa.

In the first production period (the history matched period) only 5 production wells were used. For the methane production period, 6 wells were added, and each of them were copied as injector wells making 22 active wells (11 injection-11 production). With the 5 shut-in ones belonging to the first production period, 27 wells were defined in total. For the hydrogen storage period, 11 wells were again copied to define hydrogen producer and injectors. This makes the total number of wells 49 with 22 of them being active. For the extended production period, 11 wells were copied again.

In short, except for the first production period with 5 wells, there were 11 active wells in the field at any given time. The wells were copied as part of the workflow merely for better control over the model.

CHAPTER 7

7 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The first depletion period of the field between 1997-2002 produced 1.5 billion m³ of gas resulting in a drop in the field average pressure from 14200 to 10650 kPa. The methane storage period started with the first injection in 15.April.2007 and ended with the last withdrawal in 01.April.2032. Starting from 15.April.2032 hydrogen injections began ending in 01.April.2057. Each year had 1 injection/withdrawal cycle as denoted in [Table 6.6.](#page-74-0)

55 Figure 7.2. Field Prod. and Inj. Rates 2029-2038 (2029 cycle is enlarged)

Since the wells' bottomhole pressure constraints (8400-14300 kPa) were triggered, the injection and withdrawal targets were not fully satisfied with 9-16 million m^3 , but rather the rates fell towards the end of each period as seen in Figure 7.2. As shown in [Figure 7.1,](#page-76-0) during the methane cycles, the average reservoir pressure fluctuated around 13800-10000 kPa. Since hydrogen is less viscous it penetrated into the reservoir further than methane causing average pressure to fluctuate around 14000-9500 kPa.

Figure 7.3. Trace gases penetration into the reservoir after the first and the last injections

As a result of 25 cycles, 3.259 million tons of hydrogen was injected and 3.174 million tons of hydrogen was withdrawn. Even when the geochemical and biological reactions are neglected, approximately 2.61% of the hydrogen was left behind in the reservoir as a result of cyclic storage. On the other hand, for methane, the cumulative withdrawal/injection amounts matched each other after the cycles. In fact, some portion of the 'injected methane' also remained in the reservoir, but since the native gas also had a high methane concentration, it made up for the remaining injected gas (Please see [Figure 7.4\)](#page-78-0). 26 million tons of methane was injected and withdrawn during the methane storage period.

Figure 7.4. Remaining portion of injected gases shown after the first and last productions by the defined trace gases

Comparing the 25 years of cycle periods for both methane and hydrogen, approximately 371 TWhs of energy was reproduced for methane cycles and 119 TWhs (106.65 from H_2 and 12.25 from CH₄) was reproduced from hydrogen cycles (see [Appendix H](#page-177-0) for calculations).

Figure 7.5. Cumulative Production and Injection for CH_4 and H_2 (gmole) between 01.09.1997 – 01.04.2057

Figure 7.6. Methane and Hydrogen Volume Fractions, 2037 cycle is enlarged

The molar fraction of methane that is withdrawn during hydrogen cycles seems to persist at around 8% even after 25 hydrogen cycles. Moreover, other gases that were present in the reservoir gas composition are also produced with the withdrawn gas with their molar fractions within parts per thousand scale. Despite the molar fraction of the gases decreasing with each cycle, a total of 0.5% of ethane, propane, butane, pentane, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen from the native gas were present in the withdrawn gas in the last withdrawal period.

Figure 7.7. Mole fraction of other gases present in the stream

Figure 7.8. Hydrogen and methane mole fractions during the hydrogen storage period

As shown in Figure [7.9.,](#page-80-0) it was possible to retrieve the 2.61% hydrogen that was left behind in the reservoir within a year. Depletion down to 6000 kPa was already enough to withdraw up to 99.5% of the injected hydrogen.

Perhaps the most important finding was the difference in individual well performances shown in Figures [7.10,](#page-81-0) [7.11,](#page-81-1) and [7.12.](#page-81-2) At each well, methane breakthrough is observed after a certain time in the production period. However, the time and the amount of this breakthrough varied significantly. Some wells managed to produce up to 100% purity for a long time, whereas some others performed more poorly. Although, all wells' performances in terms of purity improved over time, the difference in the purity of the streams remained.

Figure 7.10. H² purity of streams from separate wells within the first cycle

The findings mean that large scale fields can potentially produce almost pure hydrogen. With meticulous monitoring and separate treatment of the streams, the purity problem seems to be surmountable.

Figure 7.11. Best and worst performing wells in terms of purity for the first cycle

Figure 7.12. Best and worst performing wells in terms of purity for the last cycle

The simulation was also run without the extended production period to see the gas mixing without dispersion. Since the Northern Marmara has an anticlinal structure, the effect of gravitational segregation was clearly visible throughout the whole simulations. It caused the hydrogen to accumulate towards the middle dome shaped part while pushing the methane to the periphery. This could eventually cause the spilling point to be passed for the heavier fractions. As seen in [Figure 7.13,](#page-82-0) it took more than a century before the diffusion effects became considerable.

Figure 7.13. Reservoir let be between 2058-3500 showing the gas mixing due to diffusion

To summarize, this study agreed with the previous ones that, dispersion is the dominant factor for gas mixing in the reservoir. In porous media cyclic storage, some portion of the injected gas always remains in the reservoir due to the process being irreversible. However, the remaining portion can be withdrawn with an extended production period before the abandonment. It was shown that hydrogen tends to spread more into the reservoir while pushing the host gas. This could potentially end up with passing of the spill point. The composition of produced gas stream showed a significant difference between the wells. In the earlier production period, serious amounts of methane production was observed. Although, the purity has gotten better in the later cycles, it changed significantly even within the same cycle. This situation might call for on-site optimisation of production and purification methods for specific purity targets.

CHAPTER 8

8 CONCLUSIONS

Even though, the demand for hydrogen is at fairly low values for the time being, it is expected to increase with the diversification of the end-uses. Although, the price competition is tough, given the external benefits of energy security and climate change mitigation, hydrogen can become a much more ubiquitous option as an energy carrier.

When bulk storage of hydrogen is needed, for instance for seasonal storage, depleted gas fields are prominent candidates among the other options as they already have some data and infrastructure available, and they offer large volumes of storage capacity.

The Northern Marmara Field can be an exemplary field for seasonal storage of hydrogen as it currently serves the same purpose with natural gas. Even though, much preliminary work is still needed for a decision, an evaluation of the field showed no insurmountable problem associated with UHS.

After a model based on the past performance of the field was created, forward simulations were run to compare 25 years of storage cycles for methane and hydrogen. During the methane cycles, on average 14.8 TWhs of energy was withdrawn annually, corresponding to 371 TWhs in total. During the hydrogen cycles, due to methane also being produced in differing amounts, the energy withdrawn varied significantly over time. As earlier cycles produced more methane compared to the later ones, their energy content was higher. A total of 119 TWhs was produced during the hydrogen cycles.

In comparison, the first methane cycle produced 2.6 times more energy than the first cycle of hydrogen storage. This number has increased up to 6.2 times for the last cycles. As a result of 25 years, 3.1 times more energy was withdrawn from the

methane cycles. When hydrogen's externalities are not considered and assuming there is limited space for storage, this difference in energy content could mean that storing natural gas is more sensible. However, if enough storage structures are characterised, and hydrogen is prioritised for energy security and climate change mitigation, this comparison can become futile.

Since each well produced with varying purity even within the same cycle, managing the production and optimisation of the surface treatment is an issue that needs to be addressed in future work. Also, the change in the withdrawn energy per annum for hydrogen cycles adds complexity to the long term project planning. However, by exclusive treatment of the different streams, this could be turned into an advantage to produce different products tailored for the demand as done by the refineries.

Some possible microbial and geochemical reactions that could result in conversion of the injected hydrogen have been addressed. But since the required data to model them was not available, they were left outside the scope of this study for future studies. No leakage was assumed for this study, but cap rock integrity is also another issue that needs assurance by future studies.

It was shown by the simulations until the year 3500 that diffusion and dissolution into the brine are not significant compared to dispersion. However, since hydrogen solubility in brine might change significantly depending on brine composition, formation water needs to be tested for an accurate measurement.

Furthermore, as the use of numerical methods causes truncation errors, the usage of any simulator causes an issue of numerical dispersion. This problem was tried to be avoided by applying numerical controls available in the software and using the remainder part of the numerical errors as a substitution for physical dispersion. However, how well these two dispersions match each other is questionable. A thorough, site-specific sensitivity analysis should be carried out to see the effect of grid size and time step length on numerical dispersion.

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APPENDICES

A. Golden Software – Surfer

Golden Software is a US based company that provide computer applications for fields that require geographical input. In order to define grid top at the Builder, contour maps needed to be created. For this purpose, trial version of the Surfer software was used. The map was digitized by drawing the contours by hand and georeferencing based on the well locations data from Kaptanoglu et al. (1998). Reformatting of the resulting .bna file was necessary before it could be used by the Builder, which was done using the guide at the Golden Software's website (Golden Software, n.d., 2020, 2022).

Figure 8.1. Georeference example for Surfer (Golden Software, 2020)

B. Mathworks – MATLAB Grabit

Mathworks is a company which was founded in 1984 with the purpose of supplying engineers and scientists with computational software. Their best known products are MATLAB and SIMULINK. Grabit is a program with graphic user interface that enables extracting data points from images (Doke, 2022; Mathworks, 2022).

Figure 8.2. Screenshot from Grabit of the extraction from Şahin et al. (2012)
C. Computer Modelling Group – Builder, WinProp, GEM, CMOST

Computer Modelling Group (CMG) is a Canada based company founded in 1978. It provides R&D based reservoir simulation tools with full-functionality and customer support with response time less than 24 hours (CMG, n.d.).

The reservoir simulation tools can be accessed via "Launcher" which is the project management tool that enables user to create projects through different software to run in the desired order. These jobs can either be submitted to cloud servers (Microsoft HPC/IBM Platform LSF) or can be run using the local machines (Computer Modelling Group, n.d.-d).

Simulations work based on .dat format files which can be created by the Builder pre-processor reservoir modelling tool. Builder is a Windows based tool which can create the model for the grid, wells, production/injection and rock-fluid interactions. Builder also enables the user to adjust the numerical settings and outputs which will later on be used by the reservoir simulator (Computer Modelling Group, n.d.-a).

Three reservoir simulators offered by CMG are the IMEX (Black Oil and Unconventional), GEM (Compositional and Unconventional) and STARS (Thermal and Advanced Processes). Since the project was about hydrogen storage IMEX couldn not have been used. The main difference between GEM and STARS is that GEM is based on EOS while STARS uses K-value based PVT. STARS is able to simulate pretty much everything that GEM can, yet at the same time it requires more descriptive inputs. For a more advanced simulation, involving reactions dependent on other parameters like microbial growth or reactions in the gaseous phase, STARS might be used since GEM might be unable to capture some of those reactions (Faraj Zarei, 2021). Even though the reservoir in this study was prone to such reactions, they were left outside the scope for the time being, and therefore, GEM simulator was used.

For solving the equations in each grid block, GEM uses variations of adaptive implicit method which was first introduced by Thomas and Thurnau (1983) and later on developed by the CMG scientists. The adaptive implicit method enables only a small number of blocks to be solved implicitly while the others are solved explicitly. Also by decoupling the thermodynamic phase equilibrium equations and then solving them seperately for every Newtonian iteration, the decoupled flash calculation approach lowers the calculational complexity. In comparison with fully implicit methods and explicit-transmissability methods, adaptive implicit method was shown to be far more efficient by lowering the execution time greatly (Computer Modelling Group, n.d.-c; Thomas & Thurnau, 1983).

CMOST AI is the CMG application that enables user to perform sensitivity analysis, history matching, optimization and uncertainty assessment operations. For history matching, after the data to be matched is converted into .fhf format, it is imported to CMOST. The parameters subject to change are defined through cEDIT which is the user friendly tool for viewing and editing .dat files. Following that, the range and probability distribution for parameters are entered. Objective functions of interest are chosen and history matching values are selected by the drop down menu. The by changing the values for the chosen parameters depending on the optimizers' preference, CMOST tries to minimize the error between the data and the simulation (Computer Modelling Group, n.d.-b).

CMG Designed Exploration and Controlled Evolution (DECE) was chosen to be used as the optimizer in this study since it has demonstrated its success in realworld applications. CMG DECE uses an approach similar to a reservoir engineer by changing the parameters in the given range in a manner that would give the most information about the change in the objective function. By evaluating the results it then rejects some values for the parameters, iteratively trying to minimize the error. The rejected parameter values are reconsidered from time to time when the results show their effect could have been misjudged (Computer Modelling Group Ltd., 2017).

D. Field History Files (.fhf)

The files are available at <https://github.com/3hasangursel/NMH2>

Field Cumulative Productions and Bottom Hole Pressure

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E. Exemplary .dat file for GEM

**This is a base model other models are also available at **https://github.com/3hasangursel/NMH2

**After the time steps (dates) are defined Field History files can be imported to history match

**A different fluid model can be defined and imported instead of the one used here

**Please note that the well trajectories used in this model are not necessarily the real locations

RESULTS SIMULATOR GEM 202021

SRFORMAT SR3

INUNIT SI

WSRF WELL 1

WSRF GRID TIME

OUTSRF GRID COMPRG COMPRT PRES SG SO SW YALL ZFACG

OUTSRF RES ALL

OUTSRF SPECIAL PAVG

OUTSRF *FLUX_SECTOR *ALL *RC *SUM *MASS *MOLE

WPRN GRID 0

OUTPRN GRID NONE

OUTPRN RES NONE

** Distance units: m

RESULTS XOFFSET -1815.1533

RESULTS YOFFSET 2540.7472

RESULTS ROTATION 0.0000 ** (DEGREES)

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** *** ******** ** Definition of fundamental cartesian grid ** *** ********

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DJ JVAR

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1214.588 1210.834 1206.119 1200.004 1187.835 1176.479 1166.468 1156.088 1148.005 1143.142 1138.351 1133.635 1128.828 1123.75 1119.223 1115.757 1112.563 1110.036 1109.912 1111.223 1114.805 1120.471 1128.575 1136.212 1143.762 1151.109 1157.873 1164.704 1171.606 1178.975 1186.49 1193.688 1200.305 1214.589 1214.162 12*1225 1223.599 1221.685 1220.276 1220.122 1218.957 1215.735 1211.611 1205.551 1198.91 1187.61 1175.872 1165.404 1155.248 1147.716 1143.089 1138.368 1133.463 1128.466 1123.235 1119.345 1115.692 1113.382 1112.979 1113.228 1115.906 1121.31 1129.004 1135.955 1142.841 1149.712 1156.789 1163.911 1171.024 1178.222 1185.544 1192.875 1200.104 1214.525 1214.109 12*1225 1224.757 1222.848 1221.491 1221.553 1222.051 1221.294 1217.63 1211.467 1205.146 1198.402 1186.627 1174.517 1164.421 1154.979 1147.915 1143.153 1138.522 1133.544 1128.829 1124.272 1120.028 1117.535 1116.771 1116.634 1118.033 1122.954 1130.195 1137.348 1144.414 1151.308 1157.733 1164.177 1170.78 1177.731 1185.14 1192.558 1199.985 1214.464 1214.058 13*1225 1224.015 1222.704 1222.982 1223.869 1224.588 1223.893 1217.623 1211.088 1204.912 1197.945 1185.766 1173.474 1164.051 1155.149 1148.514 1143.98 1139.362 1134.816 1130.38 1126.368 1123.833 1123.048 1122.708 1123.653 1128.111 1133.728 1139.431 1146.142 1153.104 1159.728 1166.205 1172.533 1179.11 1186.013 1193.079 1200.073 1214.398 1214.002 14*1225 1223.917 1224.411 3*1225 1224.337 1217.522 1211.067 1204.982 1197.829 1184.972 1172.608 1163.988 1156.715 1149.891 1145.355 1140.818 1136.831 1133.317 1131.718 1130.948 1130.941 1131.863 1134.038 1139.868 1144.708 1149.942 1155.214 1161.998 1168.634 1175.085 1181.726 1188.484 1195.361 1200.87 1214.337 1213.949 20*1225 1223.656 1217.229 1211.11 1205.172 1197.704 1183.867 1172.808 1165.478 1158.698 1152.019 1146.856 1143.818 1141.022 1139.151 1138.341 1138.657 1139.724 1141.729 1145.17 1150.381 1155.289 1159.992 1165.137 1171.571 1177.994

1184.311 1190.837 1197.568 1201.599 1214.301 1213.922 21*1225 1221.482 1215.785 1210.412 1204.677 1196.422 1184.291 1174.193 1167.683 1161.045 1155.443 1151.671 1148.692 1146.368 1145.713 1146.348 1147.478 1149.663 1152.157 1156.495 1161.126 1165.278 1170.039 1175.246 1181.046 1187.273 1193.408 1199.674 1202.215 1214.253 1213.884 21*1225 1223.912 1219.56 1214.85 1209.784 1203.845 1196.734 1186.536 1177.361 1170.694 1165.592 1161.245 1157.551 1154.344 1153.657 1154.762 1156.146 1158.624 1161.063 1163.733 1167.53 1171.457 1174.91 1180.504 1185.684 1190.565 1196.683 1200.819 1202.969 1214.176 1213.813 21*1225 1223.896 1221.936 1218.746 1214.346 1208.857 1203.924 1198.226 1188.945 1182.309 1175.146 1170.254 1166.555 1163.199 1162.36 1163.765 1165.416 1167.704 1170.027 1172.318 1174.59 1178.325 1181.822 1186.17 1191.303 1196.034 1200.088 1201.477 1203.193 1214.047 1213.688 21*1225 1224.271 1222.713 1221.177 1219.109 1213.887 1209.267 1204.675 1200.702 1195.672 1189.165 1182.058 1175.726 1171.946 1170.97 1172.67 1174.656 1176.837 1178.831 1180.818 1182.707 1185.665 1188.881 1192.629 1197.355 1200.279 1200.91 1201.942 1203.253 2*1200 1211.766 1211.837 1211.897 1211.932 1211.968 1212.007 1212.035 1212.064 1212.055 1212.026 1212.091 1212.258 1212.708 1212.905 1213.049 1213.107 1213.171 1213.224 1213.287 1213.412 1213.577 1213.738 1213.928 1214.143 1214.434 1213.765 1210.655 1207.36 1204.652 1203.198 1201.342 1197.316 1190.64 1184.425 1182.333 1183.386 1184.784 1186.023 1187.45 1189.229 1190.919 1193.273 1196.24 1199.023 1200.773 6*1200 1212.033 1212.111 1212.178 1212.223 1212.268 1212.317 1212.356 1212.397 1212.403 1212.39 1212.469 1212.646 1213.093 1213.299 1213.456 1213.533 1213.619 1213.698 1213.789 1213.94 1214.131 1214.322 1214.542 1214.789 1215.103 1215.682 1215.057 1211.589 1208.825 1207.824 1206.349 1204.408 1201.921 1199.71 1196.047 1194.965 1195.18 1195.401 1196.165 1197.731 1199.218

1200.414 1201.342 1201.904 1202.505 4*1200

** $0 = \text{null block}, 1 = \text{active block}$

NULL IJK

** $0 =$ pinched block, $1 =$ active block

PINCHOUTARRAY CON 1

POR CON 0.2

PERMI CON 50

PERMJ EQUALSI

PERMK EQUALSI * 0.37

PRPOR 14300

CPOR 4E-06

**The following is the fluid component

**property data in GEM format.

**The unit system and fluid compositions should

**be specified in the I/O control section.

**The units and compositions specified in WinProp

**are included here as comments for informational purposes.

** PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE FOLLOWING PVT UNIT COMMENT LINE

** PVT UNITS CONSISTENT WITH *INUNIT *SI

**COMPOSITION *PRIMARY

 $*** \qquad 0.01150000 \quad 0.00000000 \quad 0.00000000 \quad 0.00000000 \quad 0.02280000$

** 0.91450000 0.03210000 0.01210000 0.00240000 0.00300000

** 0.00090000 0.00070000

**COMPOSITION *SECOND

** 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000

** 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000

** 0.00000000 0.00000000

** Model and number of components

MODEL PR

NC 12 12

COMPNAME 'CO2' 'TraceCH4' 'H2' 'TraceH2' 'N2' 'CH4' 'C2H6' 'C3H8' 'IC4' 'NC4' 'IC5' 'NC5'

** The Hydrocarbon component flag values: 1 - Hydro-Carbon, 0 - non Hydro-Carbon

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** The read-in HC-HC BIN values will be overwritten by the internal GEM calculated

** values for these HC-HC pairs, if the original *HCFLAG values are used.

** This is fine if there is only 1 HC-HC group defined in the original WinProp

** data set. Otherwise, all-zero *HCFLAG will be output here in order to use the

** full read-in BIN values.

** The original WinProp HC-flags:

** *HCFLAG 3 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

HCFLAG

0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

TRES 68.80000

PVC3 1.20000000E+00

VISCOR HZYT

MIXVC 1.0000000E+00

VISCOEFF

1.0230000E-01 2.3364000E-02 5.8533000E-02 -4.0758000E-02 9.3324000E-03

MW

4.4010000E+01 1.6043000E+01 2.0159000E+00 2.0159000E+00 2.8013000E+01 1.6043000E+01 3.0070000E+01 4.4097000E+01 5.8124000E+01 5.8124000E+01 7.2151000E+01 7.2151000E+01

AC

2.2500000E-01 8.0000000E-03 -2.1400000E-01 -2.1400000E-01 4.0000000E-02 8.0000000E-03 9.8000000E-02 1.5200000E-01 1.7600000E-01 1.9300000E-01 2.2700000E-01 2.5100000E-01

PCRIT

7.2800000E+01 4.5400000E+01 1.2980000E+01 1.2980000E+01 3.3500000E+01 4.5400000E+01 4.8200000E+01 4.1900000E+01 3.6000000E+01 3.7500000E+01 3.3400000E+01 3.3300000E+01

VCRIT

9.4000000E-02 4.5723553E-01 6.6952000E-02 4.5723553E-01 8.9500000E-02 9.9000000E-02 1.4800000E-01 2.0300000E-01 2.6300000E-01 2.5500000E-01 3.0600000E-01 3.0400000E-01

TCRIT

3.0420000E+02 1.9060000E+02 3.3180000E+01 3.3180000E+01 1.2620000E+02 1.9060000E+02 3.0540000E+02 3.6980000E+02 4.0810000E+02 4.2520000E+02 4.6040000E+02 4.6960000E+02

PCHOR

7.8000000E+01 7.7000000E+01 3.1000000E+01 3.1000000E+01 4.1000000E+01 7.7000000E+01 1.0800000E+02 1.5030000E+02 1.8150000E+02 1.8990000E+02 2.2500000E+02 2.3150000E+02

SG

8.1800000E-01 2.6541973E-01 7.1070000E-02 3.0135395E-02 8.0900000E-01 3.0000000E-01 3.5600000E-01 5.0700000E-01 5.6300000E-01 5.8400000E-01 6.2500000E-01 6.3100000E-01

TR

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OMEGA

4.5723553E-01 1.0000000E+00 4.5723553E-01 1.0000000E+00 4.5723553E-01 4.5723553E-01 4.5723553E-01 4.5723553E-01 4.5723553E-01 4.5723553E-01 4.5723553E-01 4.5723553E-01

OMEGB

7.7796074E-02 3.0000000E-01 7.7796074E-02 7.1070000E-02 7.7796074E-02 7.7796074E-02 7.7796074E-02 7.7796074E-02 7.7796074E-02 7.7796074E-02 7.7796074E-02 7.7796074E-02

VSHIFT

0.0000000E+00 1.0000000E+01 0.0000000E+00 1.0000000E+01 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00

VISVC

9.4000000E-02 7.7796074E-02 6.6952000E-02 7.7796074E-02 8.9500000E-02 9.9000000E-02 1.4800000E-01 2.0300000E-01 2.6300000E-01 2.5500000E-01 3.0600000E-01 3.0400000E-01

BIN

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-1.6220000E-01 1.5600000E-02

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1.1500000E-01 5.6579875E-03 0.0000000E+00 0.0000000E+00 9.5000000E-02 1.4748531E-02 4.9143360E-03 8.6625350E-04 1.5903506E-05

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ENTHCOEF

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-2.8385700E+00 5.3828500E-01 -2.1140900E-04 3.3927600E-07 -1.1643220E-10 1.3896120E-14

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-1.4220000E-02 2.6461200E-01 -2.4568000E-05 2.9140200E-07 -1.2810330E-10 1.8134820E-14

6.8715000E-01 1.6030400E-01 1.2608400E-04 1.8143000E-07 -9.1891300E-11 1.3548500E-14

1.4595600E+00 9.9070000E-02 2.3873600E-04 9.1593000E-08 -5.9405000E-11 9.0964500E-15

7.2281400E+00 9.9687000E-02 2.6654800E-04 5.4073000E-08 -4.2926900E-11 6.6958000E-15

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DENW 1000.497

CW 3.5e-06

REFPW 14300

SOLUBILITY HENRY

** HENRYC calculated at 68.80 deg C

HENRYC

4.2857537E+05 7.2984645E+06 9.0417E+06 9.0417E+06 0 7.2984645E+06 7.9044751E+06 1.1319890E+07 1.2254463E+07 1.2255691E+07 2.8296143E+07 2.8650787E+07

REFPH

1.4300000E+04 1.4300000E+04 8.8000000E+03 8.8000000E+03 8.8000000E+03 1.4300000E+04 1.4300000E+04 1.4300000E+04 1.4300000E+04 1.4300000E+04 1.4300000E+04 1.4300000E+04

VINFINITY

3.5239305E-02 3.5392618E-02 0.037 0.037 3.2032109E-02 3.5392618E-02 5.2058686E-02 7.1467383E-02 9.1037133E-02 9.1057055E-02 1.1012343E-01 1.1259989E-01

*AQUEOUS-DENSITY *LINEAR

DIFFC-AQU 0 3.75e-05 8.5e-05 8.5e-05 0 3.75e-05 0 0 0 0 0 0

DIFFC-GAS 0 4.46e-05 4.46e-05 4.46e-05 0 4.46e-05 0 0 0 0 0 0

ROCKFLUID

RPT 1

** Sw krw krow

SWT

- 0 0 1
- 0.1 0.007 0.9
- 0.9 0.9 0.1
- 1 1 0
- ** Sg krg krog

SGT

- 0 0 1
- 0.1 0.1 0.9

0.9 0.9 0.007

1 1 0

HYSKRG 0.45

BSWCRIT CON 0.1 INITIAL

VERTICAL DEPTH_AVE WATER_GAS NOTRANZONE EQUIL

ZGAS

0.0115 0 0 0 0.0228 0.9145 0.0321 0.0121 0.0024 0.003 0.0009 0.0007

REFPRES

14300

REFDEPTH

1259

DWGC

3000

SWOC

0.1

GASZONE NOOIL

NUMERICAL

TWOPTFLUX

RUN

DATE 1997 9 1'

**

WELL 'NM1'

PRODUCER 'NM1'

PWELLBORE MODEL

** wdepth wlength rel_rough whtemp bhtemp wradius

1136.84 1136.84 0.000742 15.0 68.8 0.2032

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY K 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM1'

LAYERXYZ 'NM1'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 28 40 1 1787.500000 2567.500000 1102.990000 1787.500000 2567.500000 1111.740000 8.750000

 28 40 2 1787.500000 2567.500000 1111.740000 1787.500000 2567.500000 1120.490000 8.750000

 28 40 3 1787.500000 2567.500000 1120.490000 1787.500000 2567.500000 1129.240000 8.750000

 28 40 4 1787.500000 2567.500000 1129.240000 1787.500000 2567.500000 1137.990000 8.750000

WELL 'NM3'

PRODUCER 'NM3'

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY K 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM3'

** UBA ff Status Connection

40 52 1 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 'SURFACE' REFLAYER

40 52 2 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 1

40 52 3 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 2

40 52 4 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 3

LAYERXYZ 'NM3'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 40 52 1 2567.500000 3347.500000 1122.954000 2567.500000 3347.500000 1131.704000 8.750000

 40 52 2 2567.500000 3347.500000 1131.704000 2567.500000 3347.500000 1140.454000 8.750000

 40 52 3 2567.500000 3347.500000 1140.454000 2567.500000 3347.500000 1149.204000 8.750000

 40 52 4 2567.500000 3347.500000 1149.204000 2567.500000 3347.500000 1157.954000 8.750000

WELL 'NM4'

PRODUCER 'NM4'

PWELLBORE MODEL

** wdepth wlength rel_rough whtemp bhtemp wradius

1120.44 2119.85 0.000742 15.0 68.8 0.2032

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY K 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM4'

** UBA ff Status Connection

20 27 1 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 'SURFACE' REFLAYER

20 27 2 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 1

20 27 3 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 2

20 27 4 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 3

LAYERXYZ 'NM4'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 20 27 1 1267.500000 1722.500000 1102.729000 1267.500000 1722.500000 1111.479000 8.750000

 20 27 2 1267.500000 1722.500000 1111.479000 1267.500000 1722.500000 1120.229000 8.750000

 20 27 3 1267.500000 1722.500000 1120.229000 1267.500000 1722.500000 1128.979000 8.750000

 20 27 4 1267.500000 1722.500000 1128.979000 1267.500000 1722.500000 1137.729000 8.750000

WELL 'NM5'

PRODUCER 'NM5'

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY K 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM5'

27 48 4 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 3

LAYERXYZ 'NM5'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 27 48 1 1722.500000 3087.500000 1138.131000 1722.500000 3087.500000 1146.881000 8.750000

 27 48 2 1722.500000 3087.500000 1146.881000 1722.500000 3087.500000 1155.631000 8.750000

 27 48 3 1722.500000 3087.500000 1155.631000 1722.500000 3087.500000 1164.381000 8.750000

 27 48 4 1722.500000 3087.500000 1164.381000 1722.500000 3087.500000 1173.131000 8.750000

WELL 'NM6'

PRODUCER 'NM6'

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY K 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM6'

** UBA ff Status Connection

37 41 1 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 'SURFACE' REFLAYER

37 41 2 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 1

37 41 3 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 2

37 41 4 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 3

LAYERXYZ 'NM6'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 37 41 1 2372.500000 2632.500000 1156.359000 2372.500000 2632.500000 1165.109000 8.750000

 37 41 2 2372.500000 2632.500000 1165.109000 2372.500000 2632.500000 1173.859000 8.750000

 37 41 3 2372.500000 2632.500000 1173.859000 2372.500000 2632.500000 1182.609000 8.750000

 37 41 4 2372.500000 2632.500000 1182.609000 2372.500000 2632.500000 1191.359000 8.750000

WELL 'NM7'

PRODUCER 'NM7'

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY I 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM7'

- 12 21 2 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 1
- 12 21 3 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 2
- 12 21 4 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 3

LAYERXYZ 'NM7'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 12 21 1 747.500000 1332.500000 1121.101000 747.500000 1332.500000 1129.851000 8.750000

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 12 21 4 747.500000 1332.500000 1147.351000 747.500000 1332.500000 1156.101000 8.750000

WELL 'NM8'

PRODUCER 'NM8'

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY I 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM8'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 11 26 1 682.500000 1657.500000 1136.942000 682.500000 1657.500000 1145.692000 8.750000

 11 26 2 682.500000 1657.500000 1145.692000 682.500000 1657.500000 1154.442000 8.750000

 11 26 3 682.500000 1657.500000 1154.442000 682.500000 1657.500000 1163.192000 8.750000

 11 26 4 682.500000 1657.500000 1163.192000 682.500000 1657.500000 1171.942000 8.750000

WELL 'NM9'

PRODUCER 'NM9'

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY I 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM9'

LAYERXYZ 'NM9'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 17 23 1 1072.500000 1462.500000 1111.847000 1072.500000 1462.500000 1120.597000 8.750000

 17 23 2 1072.500000 1462.500000 1120.597000 1072.500000 1462.500000 1129.347000 8.750000

 17 23 3 1072.500000 1462.500000 1129.347000 1072.500000 1462.500000 1138.097000 8.750000

 17 23 4 1072.500000 1462.500000 1138.097000 1072.500000 1462.500000 1146.847000 8.750000

WELL 'NM10'

PRODUCER 'NM10'

OPERATE MIN BHP 8400.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY I 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM10'

LAYERXYZ 'NM10'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 19 33 1 1202.500000 2112.500000 1118.984000 1202.500000 2112.500000 1127.734000 8.750000

 19 33 2 1202.500000 2112.500000 1127.734000 1202.500000 2112.500000 1136.484000 8.750000

 19 33 3 1202.500000 2112.500000 1136.484000 1202.500000 2112.500000 1145.234000 8.750000

 19 33 4 1202.500000 2112.500000 1145.234000 1202.500000 2112.500000 1153.984000 8.750000

WELL 'NM11'

PRODUCER 'NM11'

OPERATE MIN BHP 200.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY I 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM11'

** UBA ff Status Connection

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- 27 37 2 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 1

27 37 3 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 2

21 37 4 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 3

LAYERXYZ 'NM11'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

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 27 37 2 1722.500000 2372.500000 1110.205000 1722.500000 2372.500000 1118.955000 8.750000

 27 37 3 1722.500000 2372.500000 1118.955000 1690.000000 2372.500000 1125.931000 33.240255

 21 37 4 1364.999999 2372.500000 1151.941000 1300.000001 2372.500000 1157.143000 65.207828

WELL 'NM12'

PRODUCER 'NM12'

OPERATE MIN BHP 8400.0 CONT

** rad geofac wfrac skin

GEOMETRY I 0.0762 0.37 1.0 0.0

PERF GEOA 'NM12'

** UBA ff Status Connection

25 39 1 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 'SURFACE' REFLAYER

25 39 2 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 1

25 39 3 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 2

25 39 4 1.0 OPEN FLOW-TO 3

LAYERXYZ 'NM12'

** perf geometric data: UBA, block entry(x,y,z) block exit(x,y,z), length

 25 39 1 1592.500000 2502.500000 1119.419000 1592.500000 2502.500000 1128.169000 8.750000

 25 39 2 1592.500000 2502.500000 1128.169000 1592.500000 2502.500000 1136.919000 8.750000

 25 39 3 1592.500000 2502.500000 1136.919000 1592.500000 2502.500000 1145.669000 8.750000

 25 39 4 1592.500000 2502.500000 1145.669000 1592.500000 2502.500000 1154.419000 8.750000

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM1'

RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJDATE 1997 9 1

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY END

** Trajectory header

RESULTS TRAJECTORY BEGIN

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM10'

RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJDATE 1997 9 1

** Trajectory nodes: X, Y, Z, DEPTH-MD, BLOCK-INDEX, NODE-TYPE, PERF-TYPE

RESULTS TRAJECTORY BEGIN

RESULTS TRAJECTORY WELLNAME 'NM11'

RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM11'

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM12'

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM4'

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY WELLNAME 'NM5'

RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM5'

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** Trajectory nodes: X, Y, Z, DEPTH-MD, BLOCK-INDEX, NODE-TYPE, PERF-TYPE

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** Trajectory header

RESULTS TRAJECTORY BEGIN

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM6'

RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJDATE 1997 9 1

** Trajectory nodes: X, Y, Z, DEPTH-MD, BLOCK-INDEX, NODE-TYPE, PERF-TYPE

RESULTS TRAJECTORY END

** Trajectory header

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM7'

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RESULTS TRAJECTORY BEGIN

RESULTS TRAJECTORY WELLNAME 'NM9'

RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJNAME 'NM9'

RESULTS TRAJECTORY TRAJDATE 1997 9 1

** Trajectory nodes: X, Y, Z, DEPTH-MD, BLOCK-INDEX, NODE-TYPE, PERF-TYPE

RESULTS SPEC 'Grid Top'

RESULTS SPEC SPECNOTCALCVAL -99999 RESULTS SPEC REGION 'Layer 1 - Whole layer' RESULTS SPEC REGIONTYPE 'REGION_LAYER' RESULTS SPEC LAYERNUMB 1 RESULTS SPEC PORTYPE 1 RESULTS SPEC MAP RESULTS SPEC 'C:\Users\LABUSER\Desktop\HG\After\NMBNA.bna' RESULTS SPEC RESULTS SPEC 1 RESULTS SPEC UNITSTRING 'm' RESULTS SPEC SPECKEEPMOD 'YES' RESULTS SPEC STOP

RESULTS SPEC 'Permeability J' RESULTS SPEC SPECNOTCALCVAL -99999 RESULTS SPEC REGION 'All Layers (Whole Grid)' RESULTS SPEC REGIONTYPE 'REGION_WHOLEGRID' RESULTS SPEC LAYERNUMB 0 RESULTS SPEC PORTYPE 1 RESULTS SPEC EQUALSI 0 1 RESULTS SPEC SPECKEEPMOD 'YES' RESULTS SPEC STOP

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F. Hydrogen Properties

Table 8.1 Hydrogen Properties Table (Dinçer et al. (2021))

G. UHS Project Risk Factors and Potential Outcomes

List of risk factors and potential outcomes (modified from RAG Austria AG et al., 2017).

- 1) Component Risk
	- a) Hydrogen Embrittlement (steel) Leakage occuring at valves, compressors, casing, tubing, pipes or wellhead
	- b) Diffusion into Facility Components Diffusion into packers or pipes
	- c) Blistering (Elastomers) Leakage occuring at packers or sealing rings
	- d) Corrosion (Steel)

Leakage occuring at valves, compressors, casing, tubing, pipes or wellhead

- e) Viscous Cement Flow
	- Cement Leakage
- f) Cement Diffusion Cement Leakage
- g) Nearby Wells Connected to the Reservoir

Leakage into other regions

h) Poorly Abandoned Nearby Wells

Leakage through other regions

- 2) Human Risk
	- a) Poor SCADA

Overfilling the reservoir or missing out irregularities

- b) Poor Equipment Maintenance Leakage due to Maintenance
- c) Unsuitable Material from Supplier Leakage due to supplier
- d) Lack of Quality Checking of Material Leakage due to supplier
- e) 3rd Party Interference Leakage due to sabotage
- f) Misbehaviour from Contractors Leakage due to contractors
- g) Bad Signage Leakage due to misconception
- 3) Environment Risk
	- a) Flood
	- b) Subsidence
	- c) Earthquake
- 4) Non-Equipment Risk
	- a) Viscous Fingering/Lateral Spreading Escape from trap
	- b) Reservoir not being Isolated Escape from trap
	- c) Existing Faults and Fractures Leakage to surrounding rocks, surface or groundwater
	- d) Induced Shear or Hydraulic Fractures

Leakage to surrounding rocks, surface, groundwater or destruction of the geological system

e) Induced Capillary Pressure

Leakage to surrounding rocks, surface or groundwater

- f) Methanogenesis, Homoacetogenesis, Sulphate Reduction Loss of gas
- g) Biomass Accumulation Destruction of the pore space
- h) Change of Mineral Composition, Aqueous Components or pH Destruction of the pore space
- 5) Risk Inducing Factors

a) H2S Generation

Increasing risks of corrosion, embrittlement, blistering, cement leakage, fatality

b) Static Demixing

Increasing risks of blistering, embrittlement, diffusion, cement leakage, cap rock leakage, viscous fingering

- c) Dynamic Demixing (Pipes) Increasing risks of embrittlement and diffusion
- d) Dynamic Demixing (Reservoir) Increasing risks of viscous fingering, cap rock leakage, cement leakage, blistering, and diffusion
- e) Overfilling

Increasing the risk of cap rock leakage

f) Too High Injection Rate Increasing the risk of viscous fingering
H. Comparison of Withdrawn Energy for Methane and Hydrogen Cycles

During the methane cycles between 15.11.2007 and 15.11.2032, 1663919489064 gmoles of CH⁴ was produced. Taking 16.043 g/mole as the molecular weight of CH4, 26.69 million tons of CH⁴ can said to be produced.

During the hydrogen cycles between 15.11.2032 and 15.03.2057, 1500331507700 gmoles of H_2 was produced. Taking 2.0159 g/mole as the molecular weight of H_2 , 3.17 million tons of H_2 can said to be produced. During hydrogen cycles 0.88 million tons of CH⁴ was also produced.

Since their proportion was trivial, by neglecting the other gases in the stream, and taking 13.9 KWh/kg energy density for CH₄ and 33.6 KWh/kg for H₂, the withdrawn energy amounts are calculated as 371.05 TWhs for methane cycles and 119 (106.65 $_{H2}$ +12.25 $_{CH4}$) TWhs for hydrogen cycles. In the end, 3.12 times more energy was withdrawn in the methane cycles compared to the hydrogen cycles.

Table 8.2 Summary Table for the 25 years Cycling Periods

Years (25 Cycles)	2007-2032	2032-2057	
Cycled Gas	CH4	H2	CH4
Production (gmoles)	$1.66392x10^{12}$	1.57457×10^{12}	54980640700
Production (million tons)	26.69	3.17	0.88
Produced Energy (TWh)	371.05	106.65	12.25

I. Flame Visibility

Figure 8.3. Propane Flame vs Hydrogen Flame (AIChE Academy, 2020)

Figure 8.4. Water Heater and Furnace burning simulation (Glanville et al., 2022)

J. Electrical Reliability of Solar and Wind

The map below shows that even in best case development scenarios, no country can fully rely on solar and wind to meet their electricity demand unless there is some form of storage (Tong et al., 2021 as cited in Sabine Hossenfelder, 2022).

Figure 8.5. Countries' map of electricity system reliability under the most reliable solar-wind mix without excess generation or energy storage (Tong et al., 2021)

K. Worldwide UHS Projects

Table 8.3 Compilation of some UHS projects (Dopffel et al., 2021; Kruck et al., 2013; Zivar et al., 2021).

* denotes that the field has reported microbial activity

There are also five planned projects in Germany with one of them being under construction. USA has two, Denmark, Sweden, and Czech Republic each have one project in perspective (Advanced Energy Technologies, 2020).

L. Visualisation of European Hydrogen Projects

The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) have initiated a platform that visualises European hydrogen projects on a map and gives general information. A screenshot taken from the platform is given below in [Figure 8.6.](#page-184-0) (ENTSOG, 2022)

Newly built hydrogen infrastructure projects - including newly built infrastructure for transporting hydrogen

Figure 8.6. Visualisation of European Hydrogen Projects