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## OBJECTIVES & METHODS

#### Context

Prevision of the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> injection in saline aquifers:

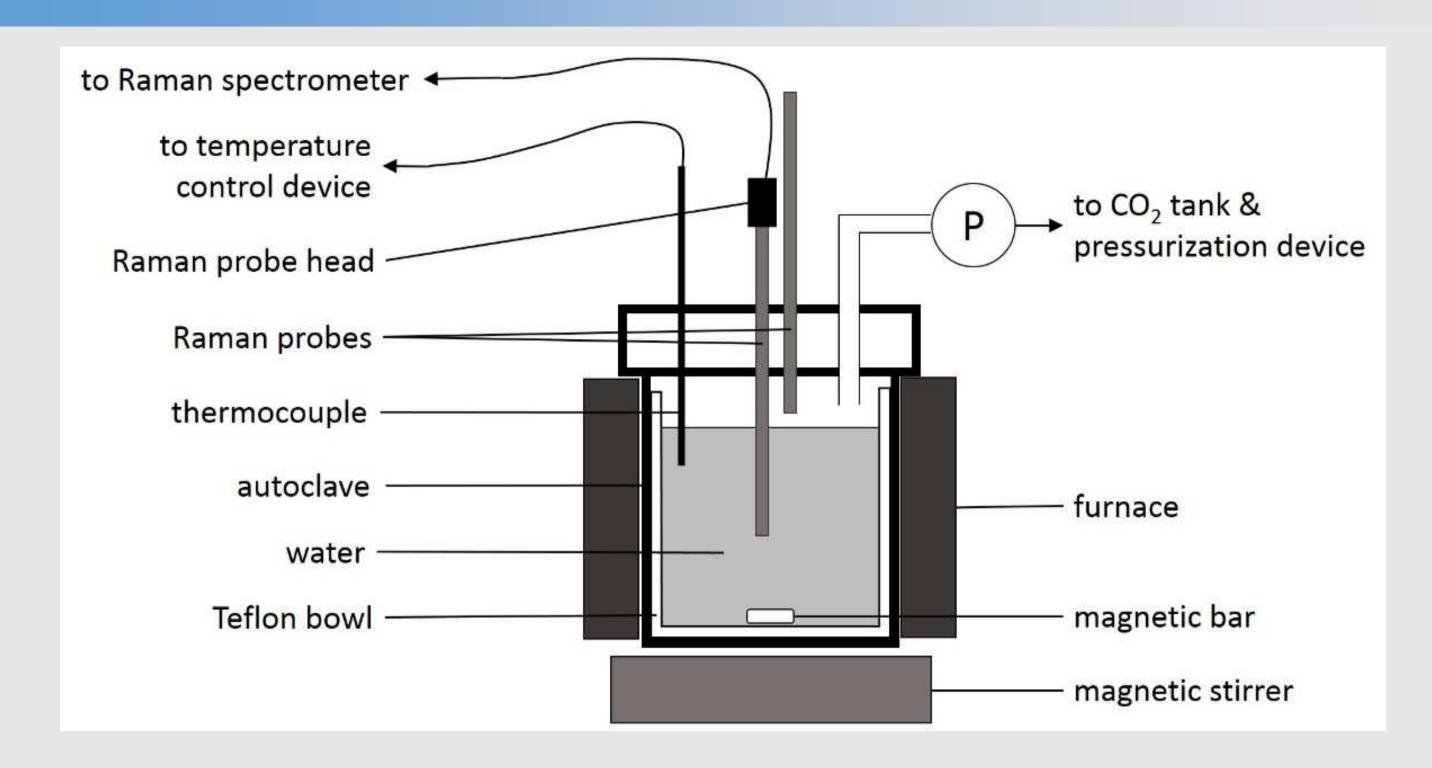
- Lack of solubility data in saline media at high PT.
- Lack of H<sub>2</sub>O solubility data in the CO<sub>2</sub>-rich phase.

## **Objectives**

Acquisition of solubility data in saline media by *in situ* Raman techniques at 100 °C, 0-200 bar, 0-2 M NaCl.

## Methods

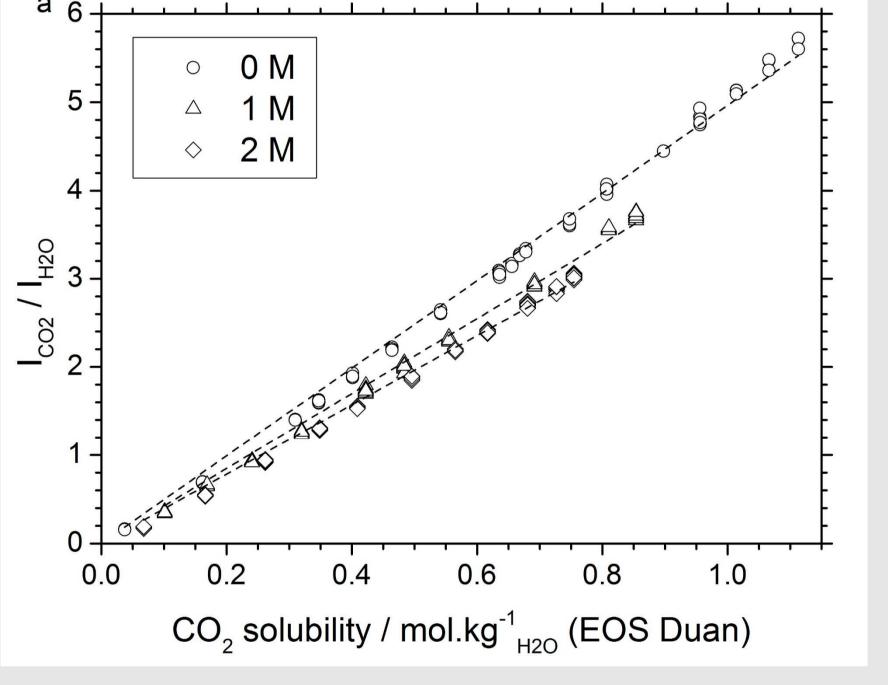
Two Raman probes are connected to a 2L autoclave. Raman spectra are continuously acquired in both vapor and liquid phases while CO<sub>2</sub> is injected.



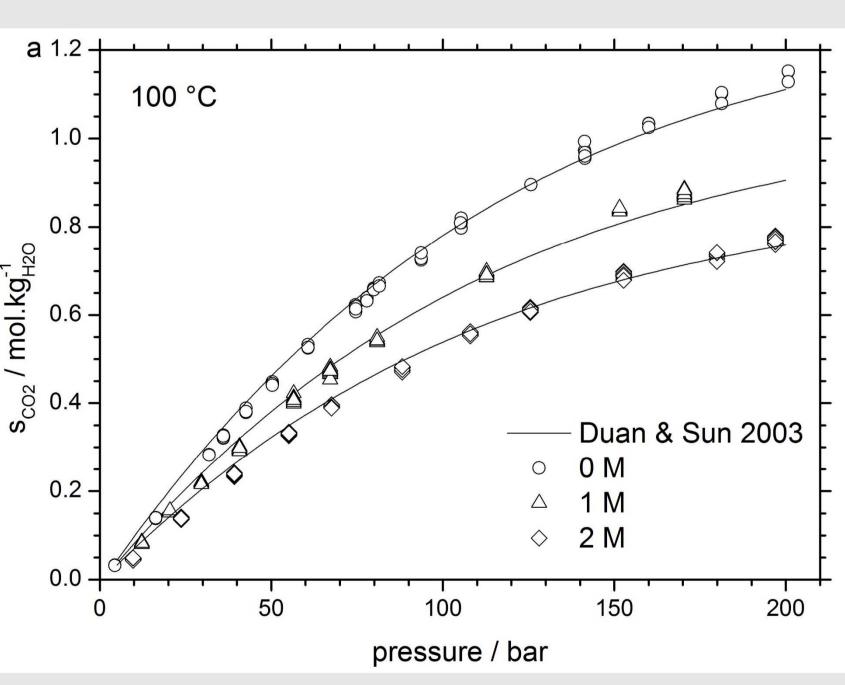
The IMAGES setup: a *PT*-controlled autoclave connected to two Raman probes and spectrometer (Kaiser Optical Sys.)

## RESULTS

## CO<sub>2</sub> solubility vs. salinity

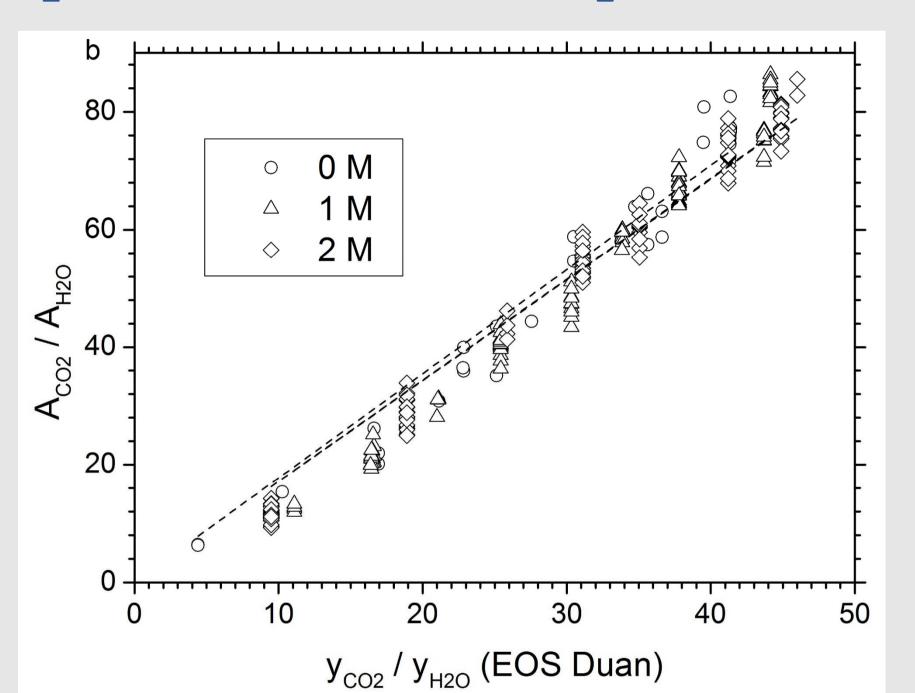


Raman intensity ratios vs. predicted solubility

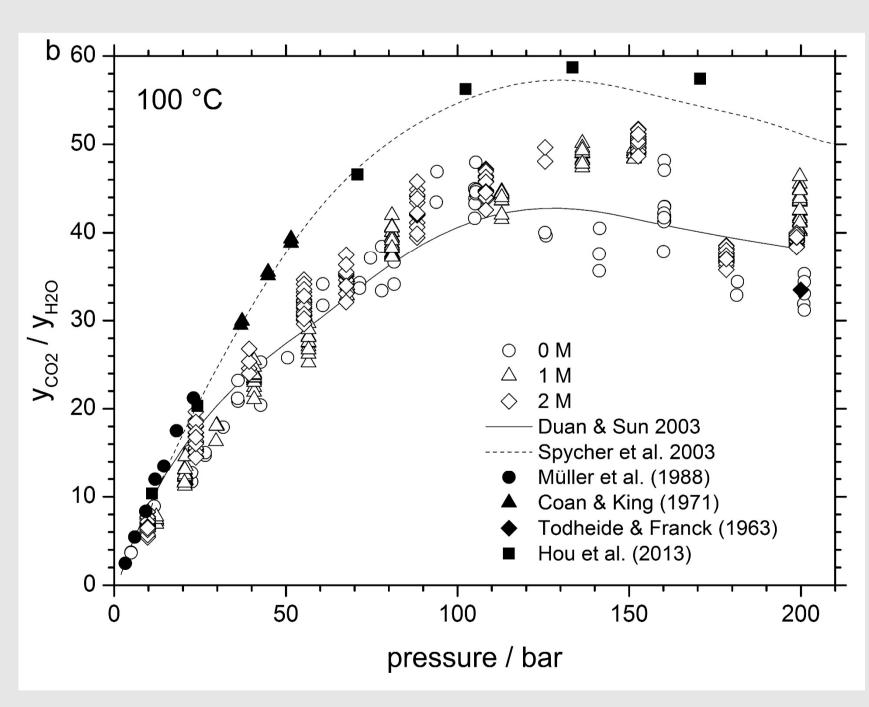


Experimental & modeled  $CO_2$  solubility vs. pressure

## H<sub>2</sub>O solublity in the CO<sub>2</sub>-rich phase



Raman area ratios vs. predicted molar fraction ratios



Experimental & modeled molar fraction ratios vs. pressure

## **Method performance**

- A correlation is found bewteen Raman data and CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in saline water.
- Salinity affects the calibration curves in the H<sub>2</sub>O-rich phase.
- A correlation is found bewteen Raman data and molar fraction ratios in the CO<sub>2</sub>-rich phase.
- This correlation does not depend on salinity.

### Comparison with thermodynamic models

- Experimental CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in saline water & calculated values (EOS Duan & Sun, 2003) perfectly fit.
- Measured H<sub>2</sub>O solubility in CO<sub>2</sub> ranges between the two tested models (Duan & Sun, 2003 & Spycher et al., 2003) and other exp. data.

## CONCLUSION

The determination of mutual solubilities of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> is essential for the modelling and understanding of CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage in deep saline aquifer. Here it is demonstrated that the IMAGES experimental device, coupled to a Raman spectrometer, makes possible to produce new solubility data at 100 °C up to 200 bar, in the presence of NaCl. Moreover, it is now possible to measure H<sub>2</sub>O solubility data in the CO<sub>2</sub>-rich phase where data are very sparse. In this last case, previsions may be improved by the optimization of the experimental device.









