

Interactive comment on "Qualitative and quantitative changes in detrital reservoir rocks caused by CO₂-brine-rock interactions during first injection phases (Utrillas sandstones, Northern Spain)" by E. Berrezueta et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

Received and published: 1 October 2015

The article titled: Qualitative and quantitative changes in detrital reservoir rocks caused by CO2-brine-rock interactions during first injection phases (Utrillas sandstones, Northern Spain) present results obtained in short-term exepriment of CO2-brine-rock interaction for geological injection and storage needs.

The article have some information perhaps useful for examination of such phenomena as CO2-water-rock changes. Of course it have some new inforation therefore in my opinion it should be published in Solid Earth journal but after some changes and considerations mentioned below:

C1169

The authors describe very short expermients and they observe some changes cause by CO2-brine-rock interaction hovewer they didn't mention abut number of testing samples. If the obrained results constitute some average values ??? In my opinion it is dificult conclude based on such short expermients that presented so insignificant changes that are caused by exmeriments. Authors mentioned that testing samples before and after the experiments are not exactly the same samples. Therefore in the conclusion or discussion it will be worth mentioned that some changes results from inhomogenous of testing materials before and after the experiments (see similiar test and conclusion in: Wdowin et al. 2014 Supplementary Studies of Textural and Mineralogical Changes in Reservoir and Caprocks from Selected Potential Sites Suitable for Underground CO2 Storage. The Arabian Journal for Science and Engineering 39, (1), 295-309 as well as Tarkowski et al. 2011. Petrophysical and Mineralogical Research on the Influence of CO2 Injection on Mesozoic Reservoir and Caprocks from the Polish Lowlands. Oil & Gas Science and Technology – Rev. IFP Energies nouvelles 66(1), 137-150).

Besides authors mentioned that the experiments are similiat to carried out by Wdowin et al 2015 and Tarkowski et al 2015 so I think helpful for such interpretation will be metioned above references where these authors carried out short-ther experiments.

Additional for some interpretation useful will be others works for example:

Fischer, S., Liebscher, A., Wandrey, M., the CO2SINK group. 2010. CO2–brine–rock interaction âĂŤ First results of long-term exposure experiments at in situ P–T conditions of the Ketzin CO2 reservoir. Chem. Erde – Geochemistry 70, S3, 155–164.

Fisher, S., Liebscher, A., De Lucia, M., Hecht, L., the Ketzin Team.2013. Reactivity of sandstone and siltstone samples from the Ketzin pilot CO2 storage site – Laboratory experiments and reactive geochemical modeling. Envi. Earth Sci. 70, 3687 – 3708.

In the text I have observed some incorrect english nomencalture that are not so good for descirbing some phenomena i.e.

page 9 line 15 The rock is mainly grain supported... I suggest to write in such way: The rock is composed mainly by grain skeleton supported ...????

In the text please use SI unit i.e. not "L" but "dm3"

Interactive comment on Solid Earth Discuss., 7, 2243, 2015.

C1171