Injection parameters control the dynamics of flow pathway formation in porous media



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mineral
carbonation
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CO}_{2(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + 2\text{H}^+ \\ \text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_{4(s)} + 4\text{H}^+ \rightarrow 2\text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4 \\ \text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightarrow \text{MgCO}_{3(s)} \end{array}$$

porous medium retwork of interconnected pipes







calcium carbonate dissolution, gypsum precipitation





experiments Singurindy & Berkowitz (2003)

simulations





Permeability oscillations create favorable conditions for mineral replacement.