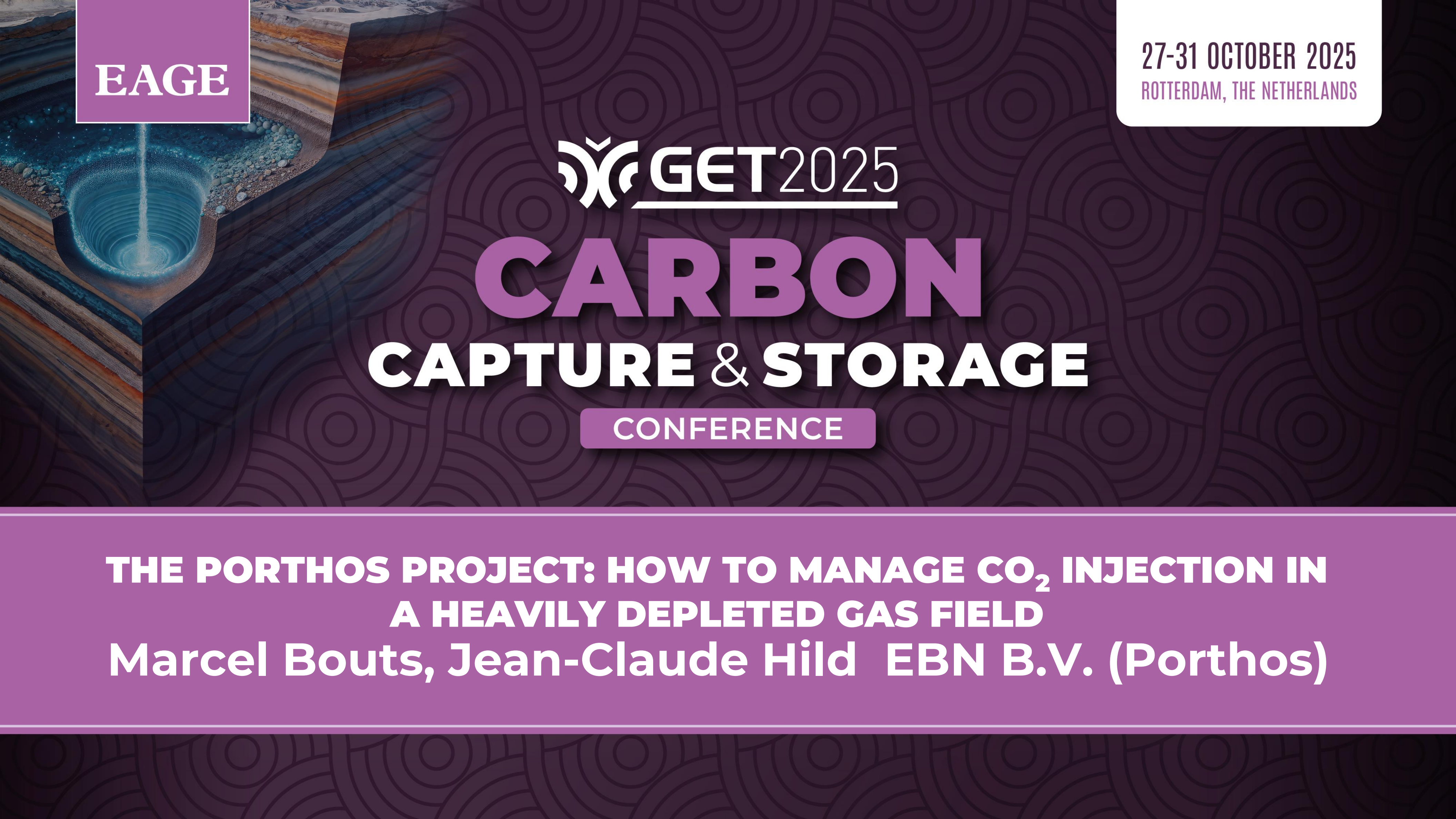




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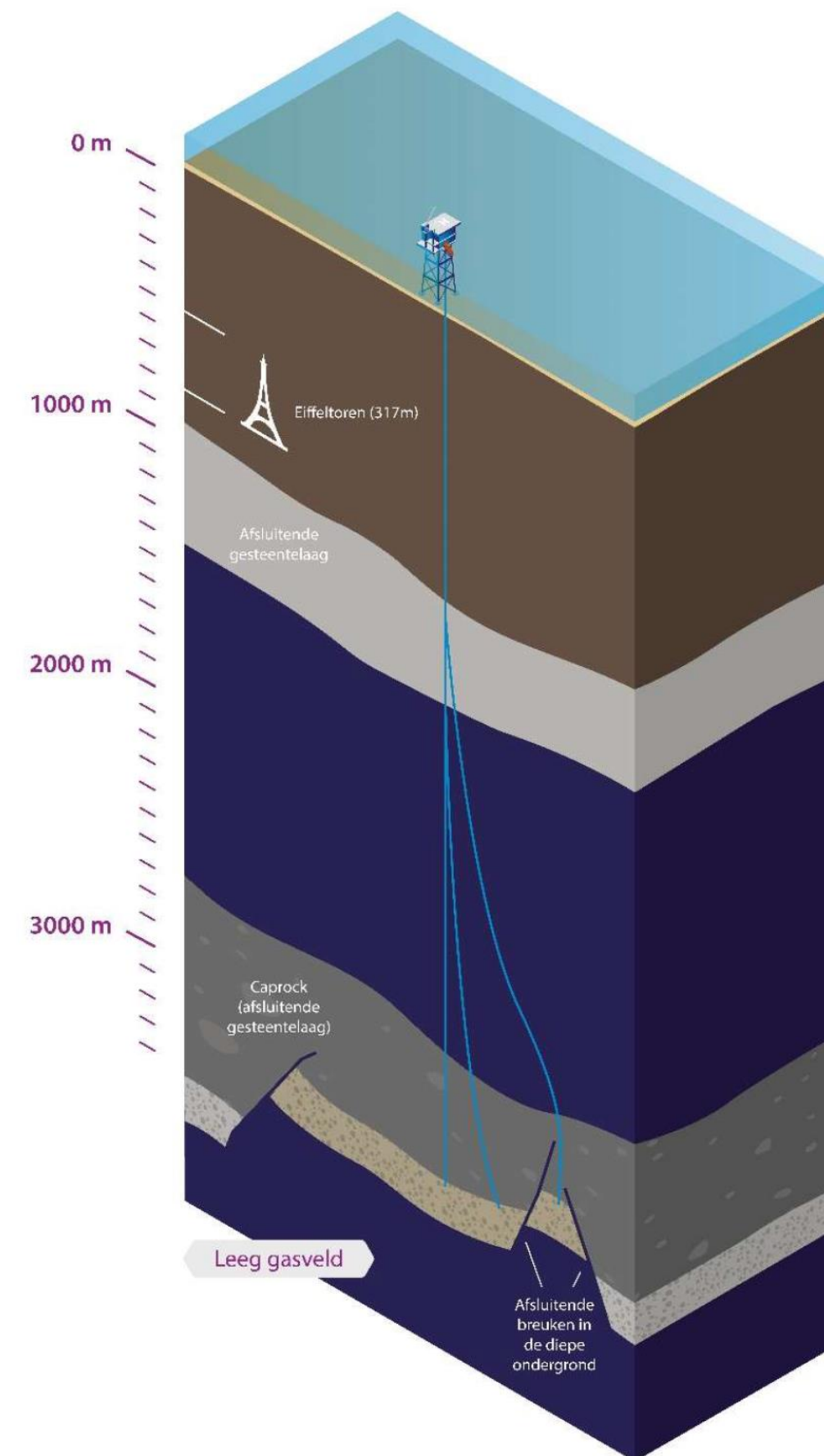
- Introduction Porthos project
- Managing low CO₂ temperatures:
 - Store fill strategy
 - Pipeline and wells
 - Operational strategy supported by CALYSTO-OPM tool
 - Monitoring
- Conclusions



PORTHOS PROJECT OVERVIEW

Port Of Rotterdam CO₂ Transport Hub and Offshore Storage

- P18/A platform in 25 m water depth
- Normally unmanned satellite platform
- 6 gas production wells, originally drilled in the 90's
- 4 wells being converted to CO₂ injectors, the other 2 wells on P18/A decommissioned
- Deviated wells, max hole angle 55°
- P18-2 and P18-4 Buntsandstein reservoirs > 3200-meter depth will be filled with CO₂ (Temp res: 120 °C)
- Good perm sands: kh: 3100 – 23000 mD.m
- Gas reservoir produced from 375 bar (5400 psi) to 17 bar (250 psi)



STORE FILL STRATEGY

Volume of CO₂ to be stored:

- Total 37.5 MT
- 2.5 MT per year

Low temperature challenge addressed:

- CO₂ transported warm → insulated offshore pipeline
- CO₂ initially injected in gas phase

Reservoir pressure 17 – 50 bar:

- Gas phase ~1.5 yrs
- max 220 t/h, 4 wells

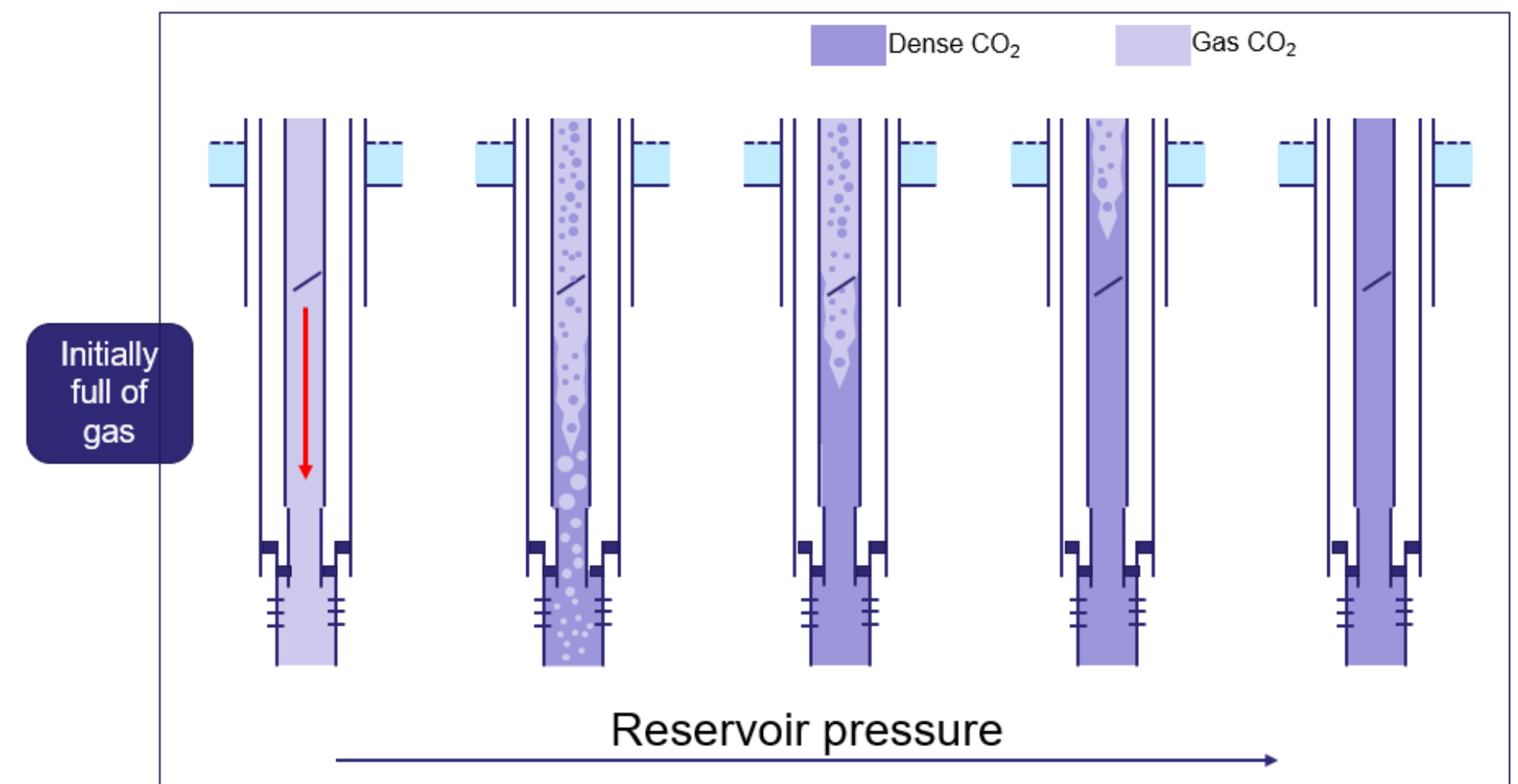
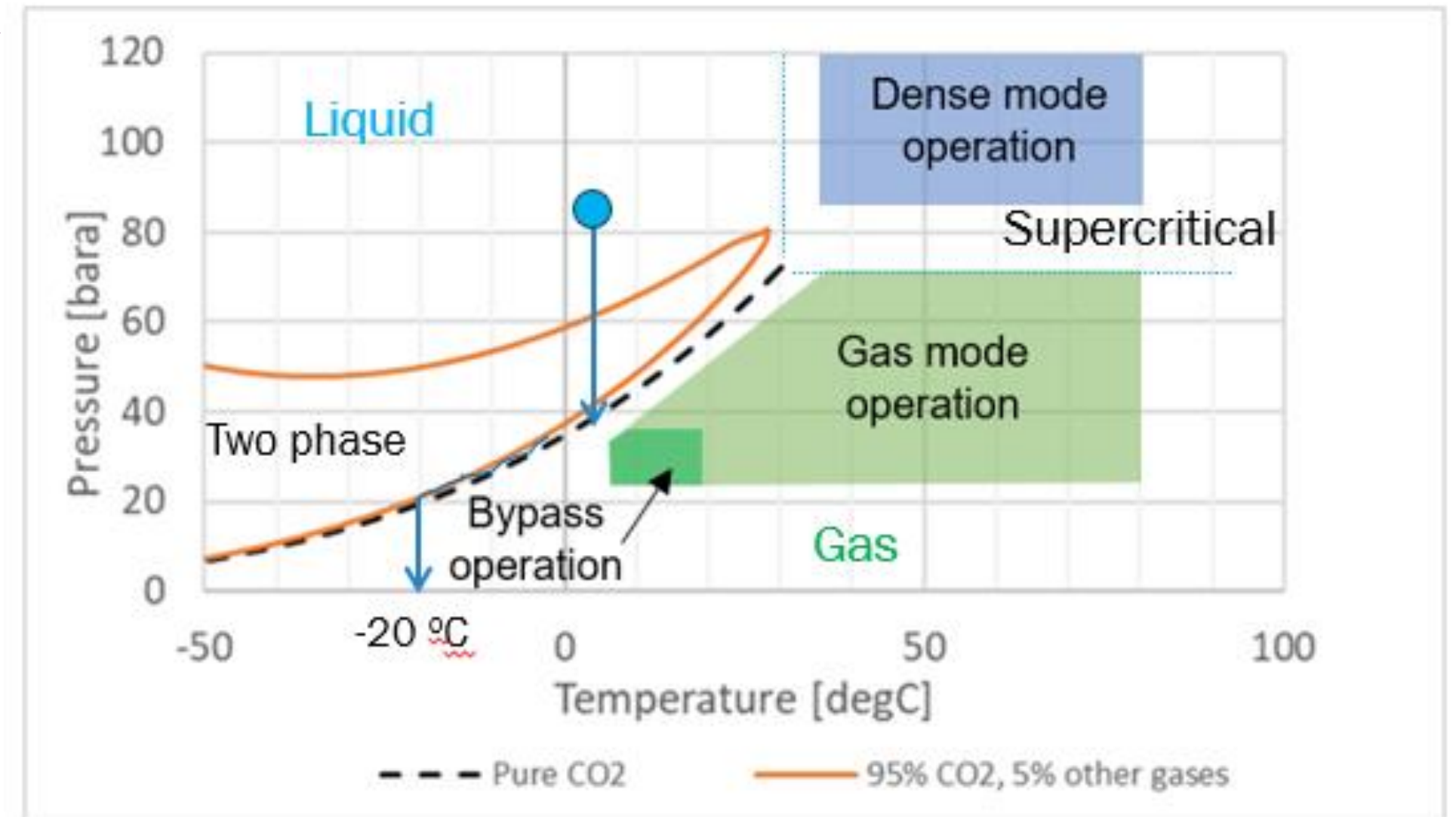
Reservoir pressure > 50 bar:

- Pipeline in dense phase, wells 2-phase
- BHT > 15 °C

Reservoir pressure > 250 bar

- Pipeline & wells in dense phase

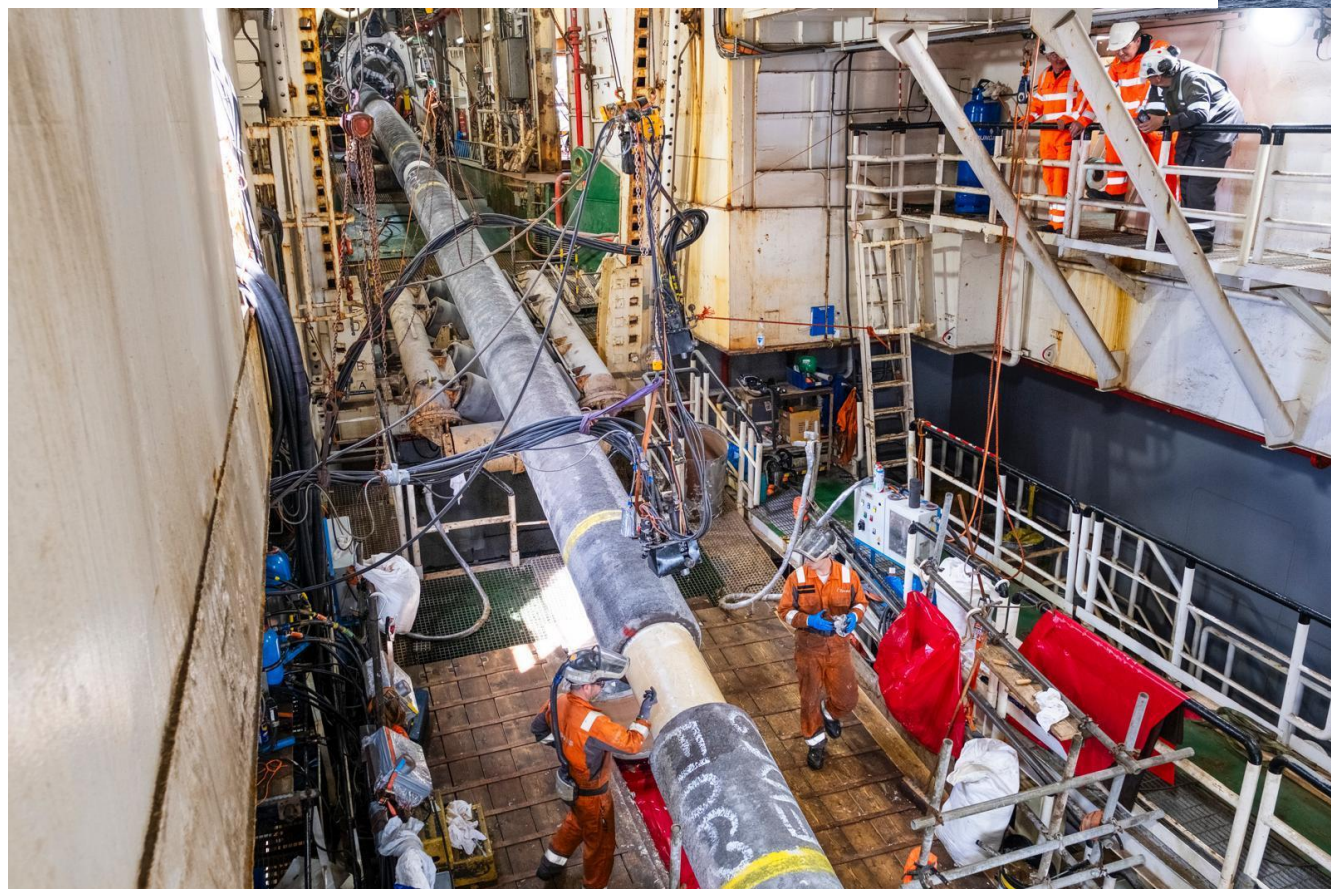
Dense phase: 360 t/h with 3 wells



OFFSHORE PIPELINE

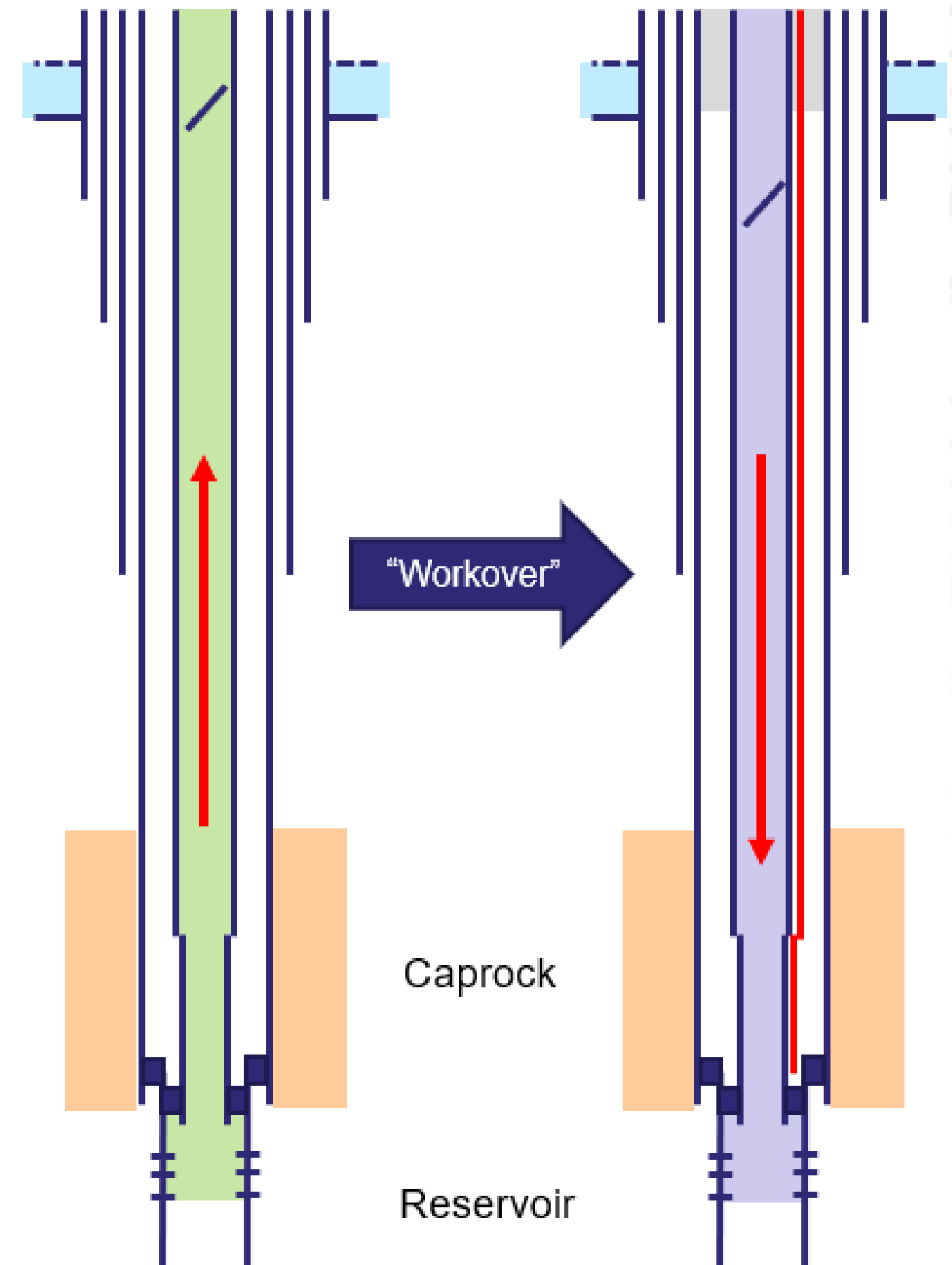
Offshore pipeline:

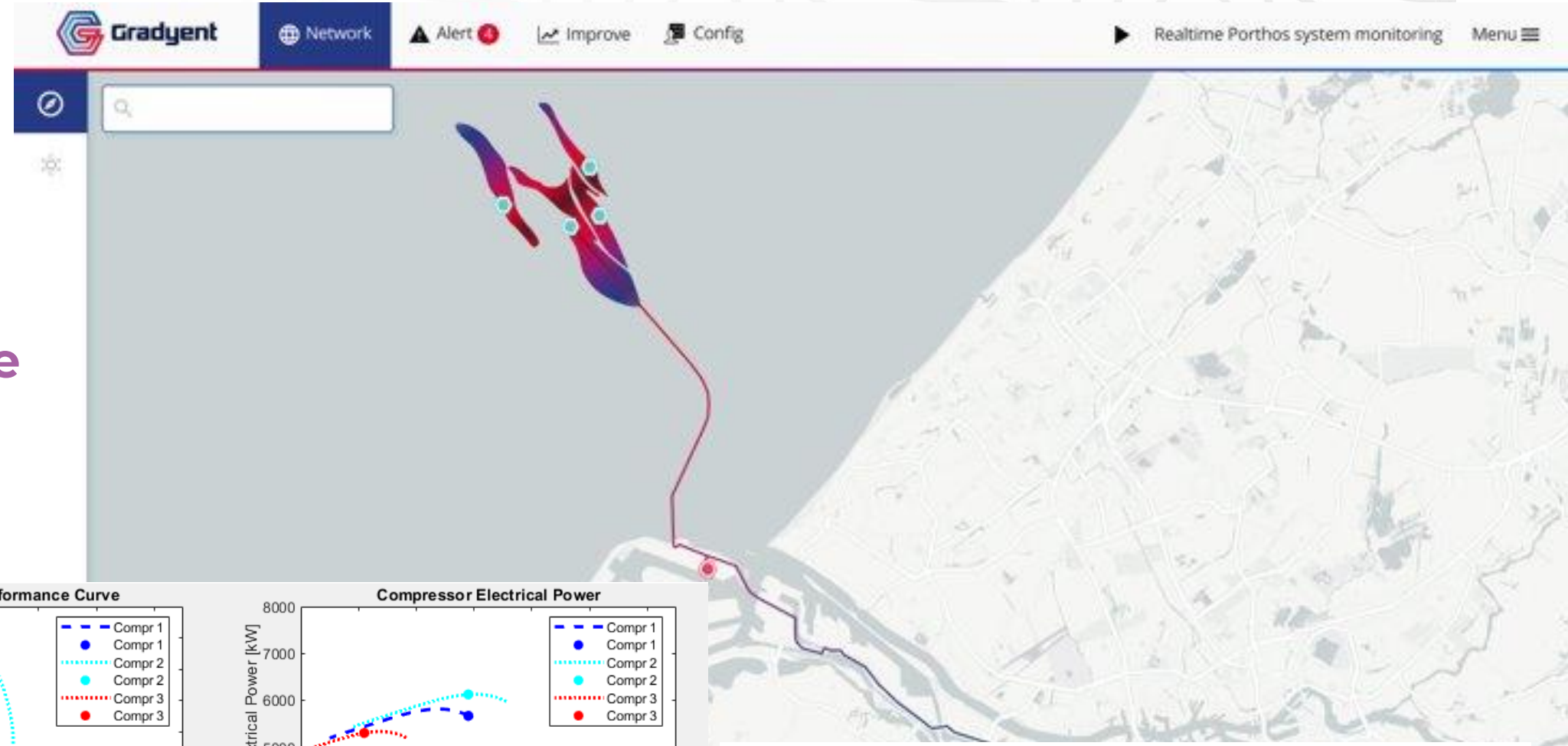
- Insulated: concrete, PP foam
- $\pm 0.8 \text{ m} - 3 \text{ m}$ burial depth.
- U value: $2.4 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
- Length $\pm 22 \text{ km}$, 16" (max. 130 bar) to P18-A.
- Making use of the compressor heat (CO_2)



MATERIALS WELLS

- Recomplete wells with equipment currently on the market:
 - Tubing – 5 ½" x 4 ½" string
 - Corrosion resistant materials selected (25Cr & 13sCr)
 - Further qualification tests performed where necessary
- New X-Tree and tubing spool: K rated (-60 °C), Inconel cladding
- Subsurface Safety Valve:
 - Porthos-specific low-temperature testing performed
 - -21°C functioning temp. (subsequently tested to -35 °C)
 - Survival temperature of -78.5 °C
 - Set at 500 m depth
- All elastomers/thermoplastics assessed for suitability in CO₂ and low temperatures
- Water/glycol based A-annulus fluid, with nitrogen cushion at top. Nitrogen is an excellent thermal insulator

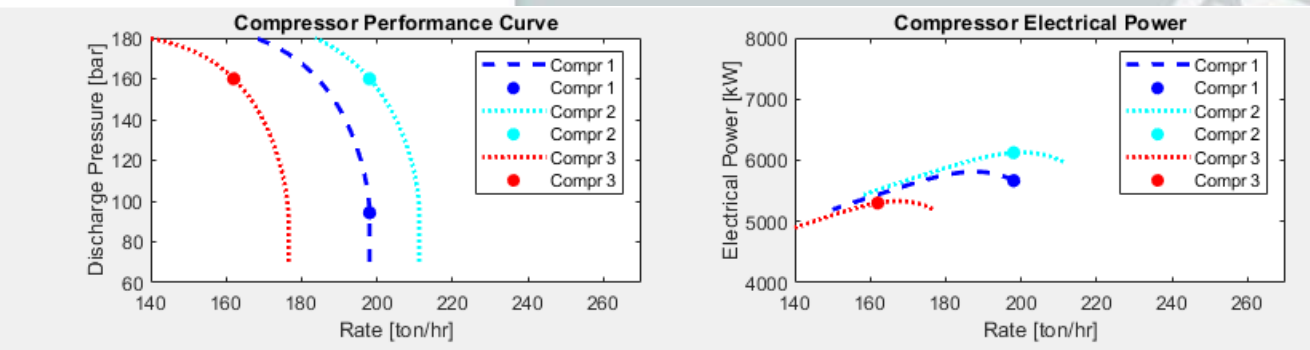
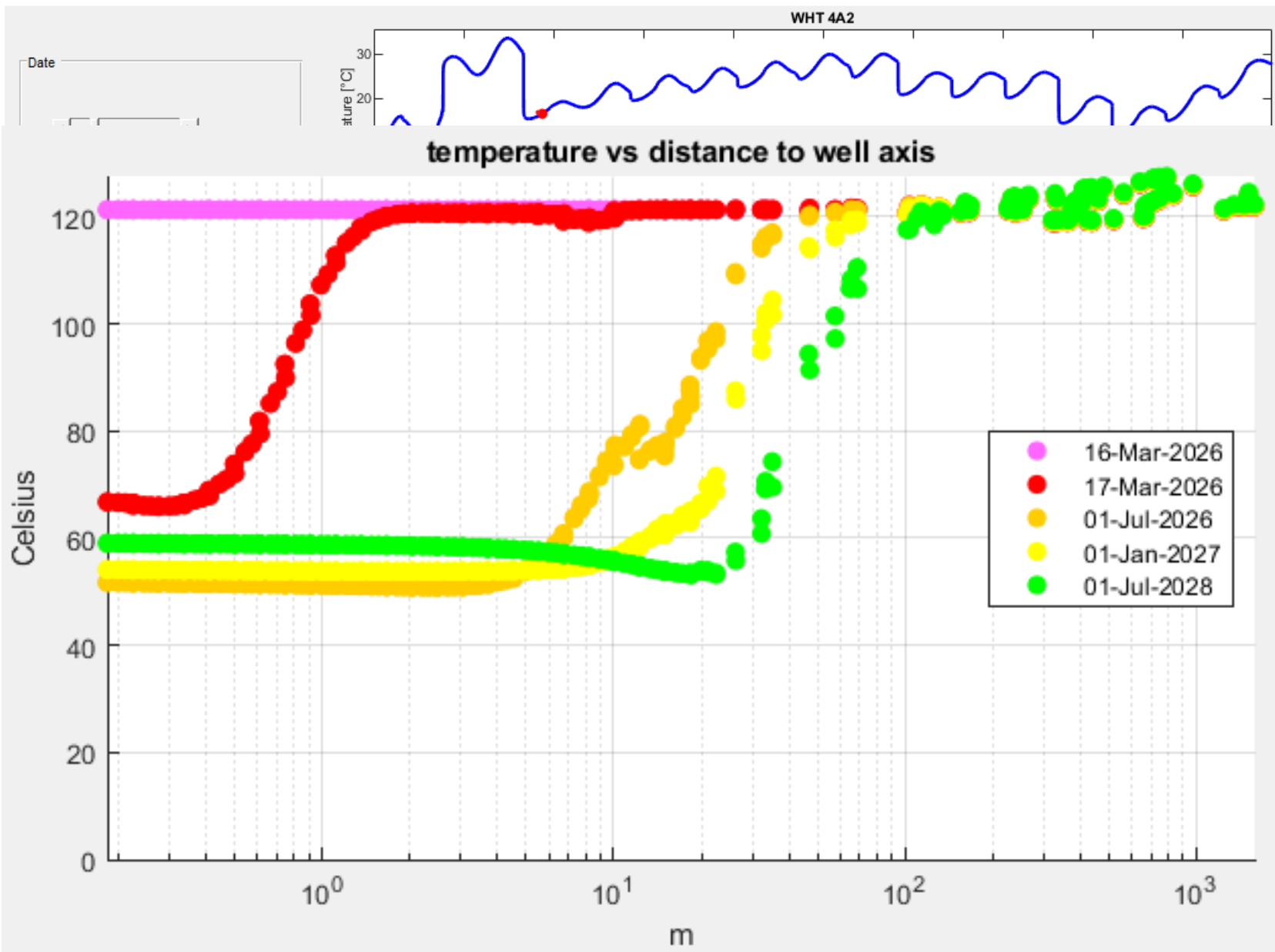




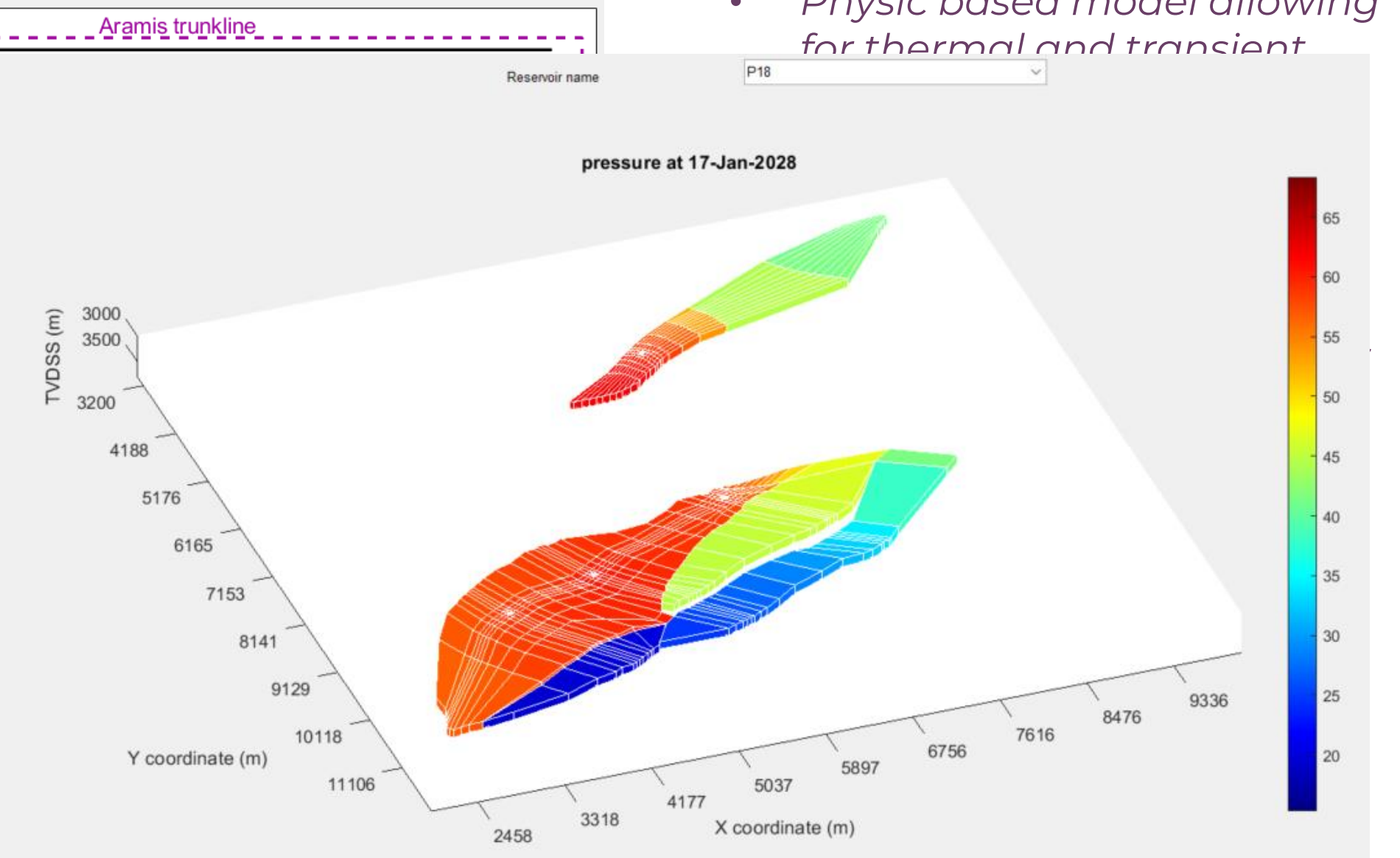
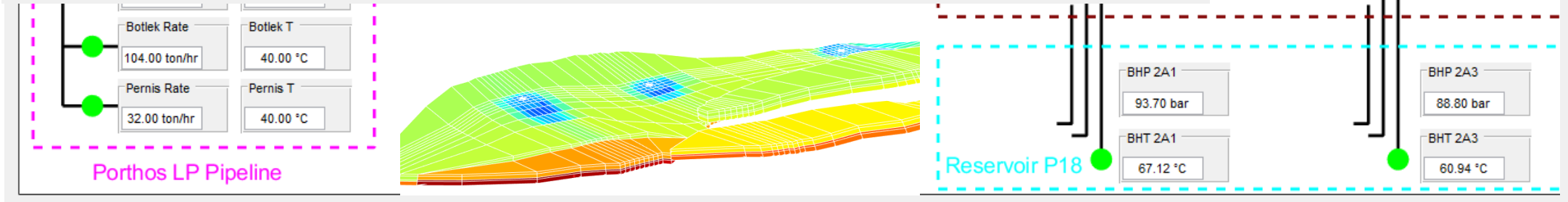
CALYSTO-OPM

Overall PORTHOS Model (OPM) is based on CALYSTO software

CALYSTO (Carbon Low enthalpY Storage Tool)



- Model Specifics:
 - *Physic based model allowing for thermal and transient*



INTEGRATED APPROACH

Well operating envelope

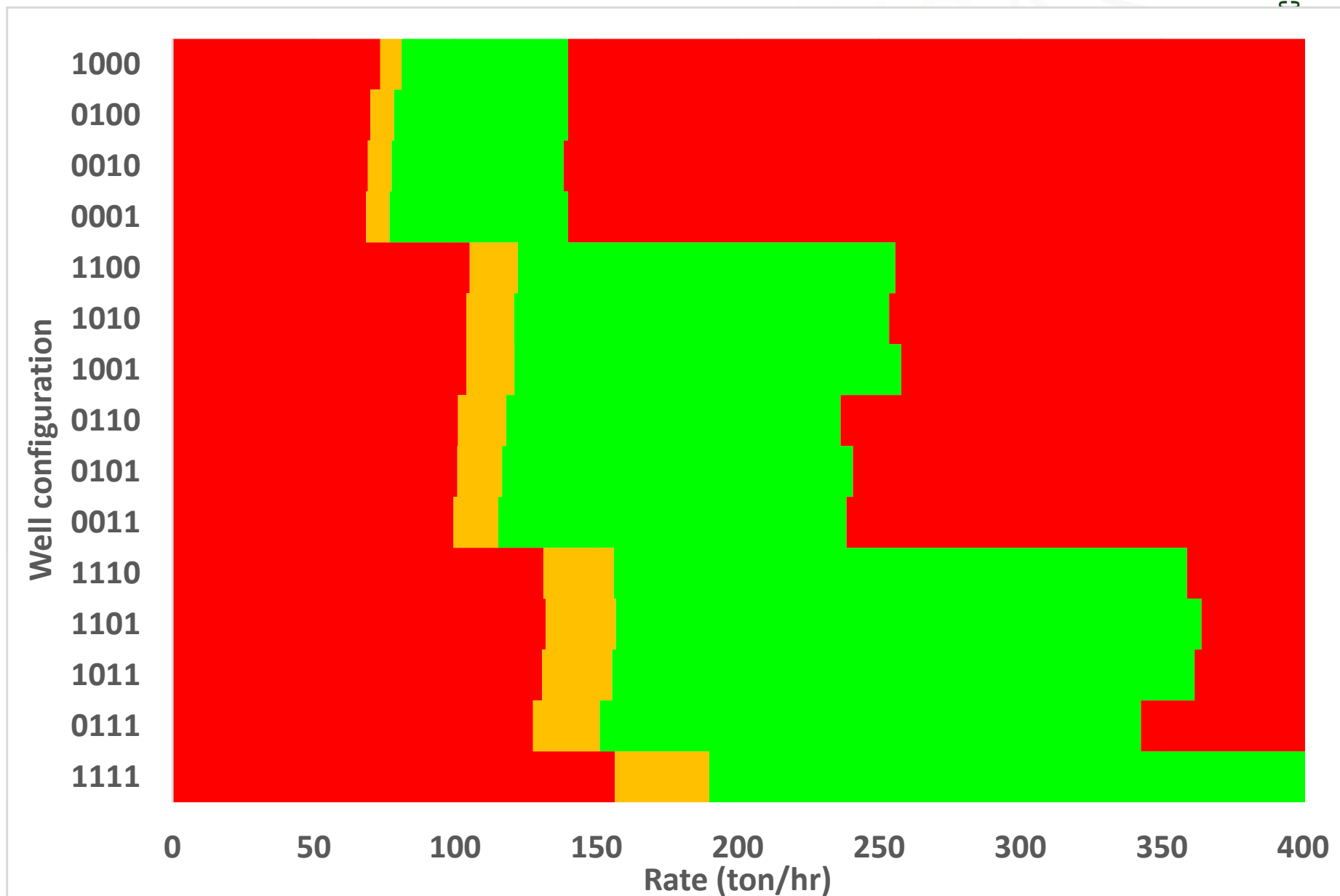
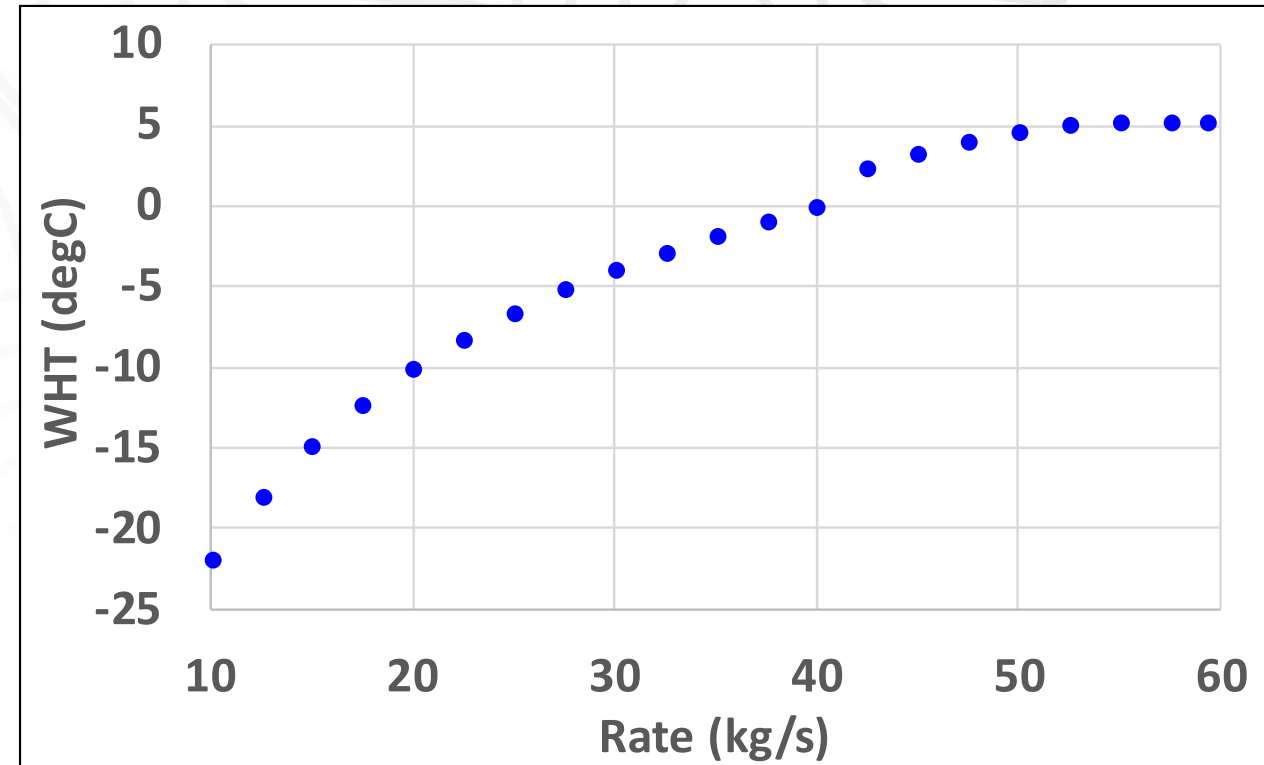
- Well challenges (some of)
 - While injecting CO_2 wellhead conditions can go to very low temperatures
→ minimum injection rate is required to prevent from annulus freezing, thermal failure equipment...
 - Maximum injection rate dictated by network pressure constraint (or other constraint: erosion velocity...)
- PORTHOS Operating Envelopes

	Min rate	Max rate	Min rate per well	Max rate per well
1 well	~70 ton/hr	~140 ton/hr	~70 ton/hr	~140 ton/hr
2 wells	~100 ton/hr	~240 ton/hr	~50 ton/hr	~120 ton/hr
3 wells	~130 ton/hr	~345 ton/hr	~45 ton/hr	~115 ton/hr
4 wells	~160 ton/hr	~440 ton/hr	~40 ton/hr	~110 ton/hr

- Individual well rate decreases with nr of wells

Adding wells increases the rate in the subsea pipe
→ CO_2 arrives at higher temperature and thus lower density
→ Higher friction losses in the wells, reducing each well rate

Only a fully integrated model can tackle this kind of phenomenon



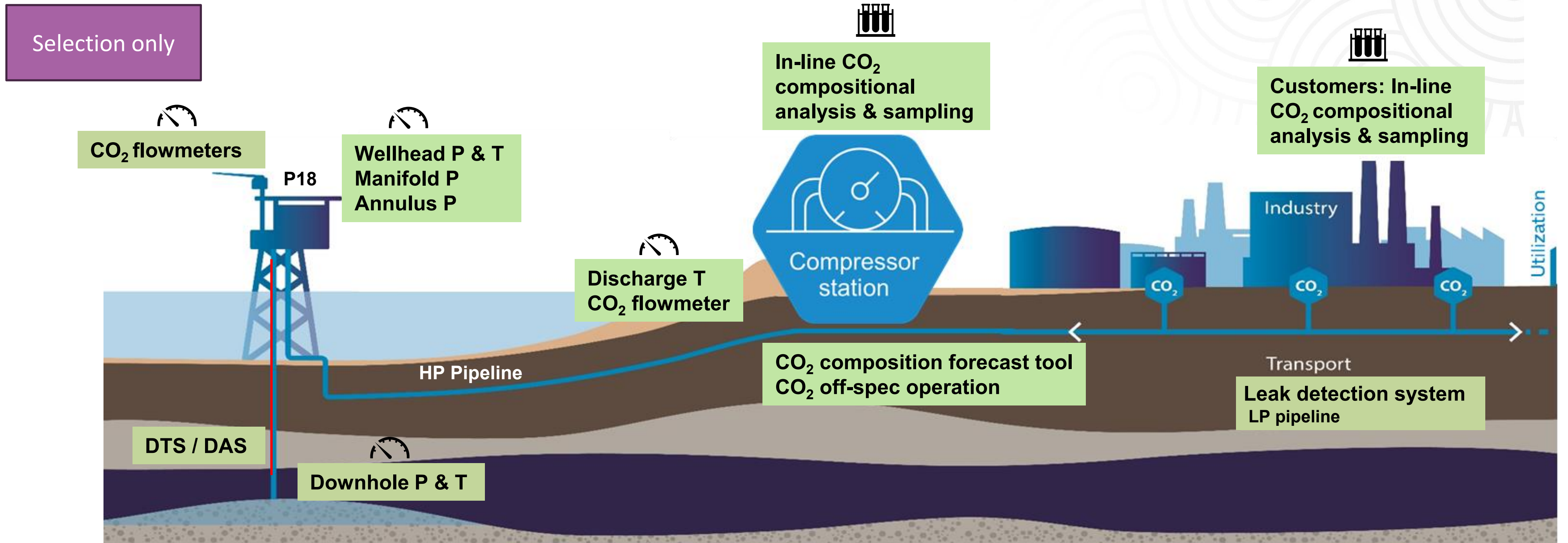
 Planning Tool

Planning Dashboard

Stop: Close Planning Tool



Porthos System: Metering & Analysis Overview

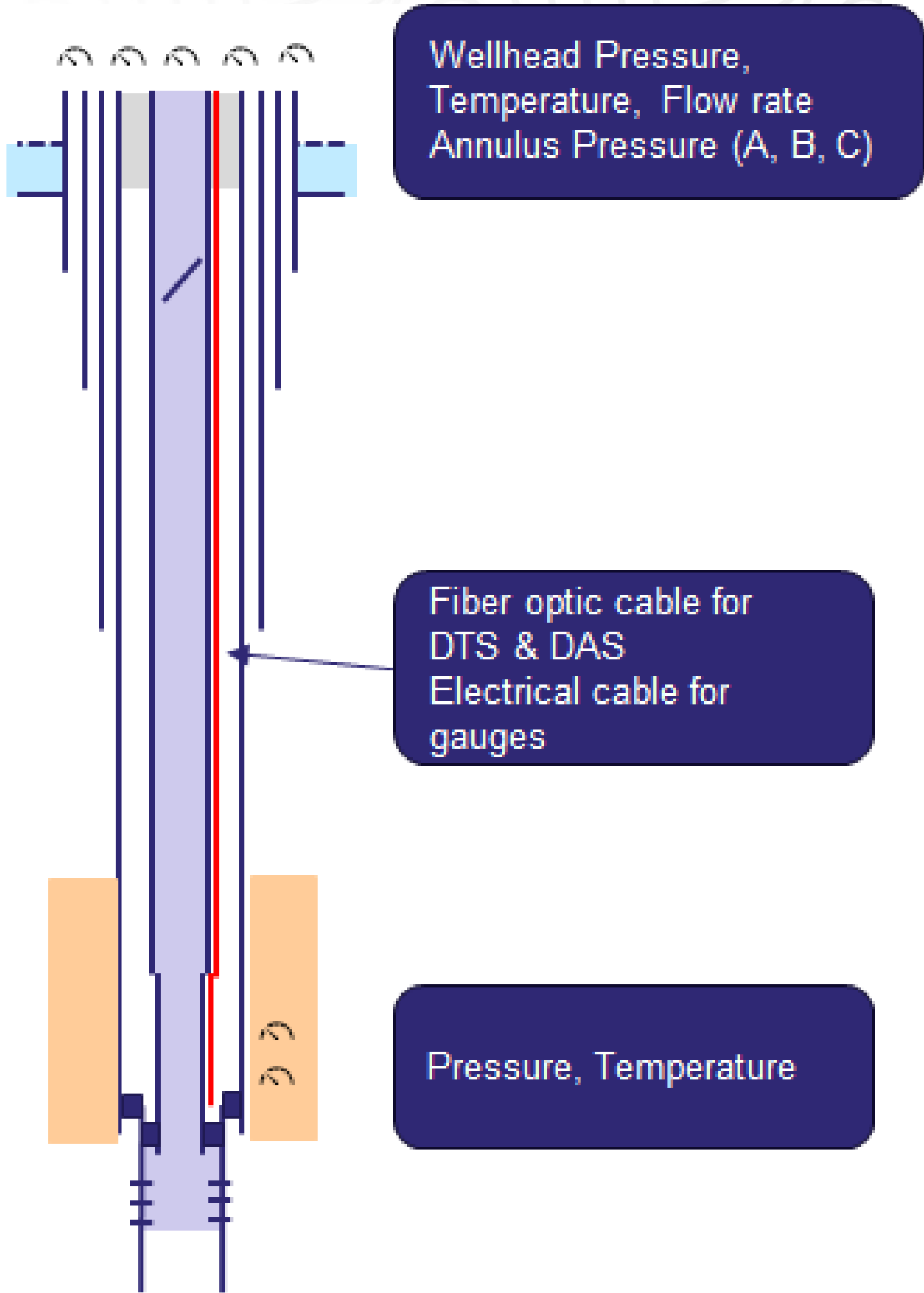


Continuous monitoring to safeguard the system and manage injection of CO₂ in wells at low pressure:

- CO₂ compositional analysis for safety (NO_x, S, H₂O etc.) and phase behavior
- Pressure and temperature monitoring, especially for the wells
- Each well equipped with downhole temperature and pressure sensor
- Each well has fiber optic cables for DTS and DAS surveys

WELL MONITORING

Monitoring item	Purpose
Surface: Wellhead pressure Flow rate (Coriolis meters) Wellhead temperature Annulus pressure (A, B, C)	Injection control Injection distribution wells Avoid freezing annulus Well integrity
Fiber optic cable, along well: DTS (Distributed Temperature Sensing) DAS (Distributed Acoustic Sensing)	Temperature control, leak detection, SSSV testing Detection flow in cement, overburden
Downhole: Pressure Temperature	Injectivity, conformance control Prevent hydrate formation



CONCLUSIONS

Safe injection of CO₂ into heavily depleted reservoirs should include the following:

- Where possible, adjust your store fill strategy to avoid subzero temperatures
- Make use of existing heat from the compressors and insulated pipelines
- Select the correct well design and materials
- An integrated CO₂ system injection tool (CALYSTO-OPM) has been developed that can assist in the correct setting of the system (compressor, manifold, well line-up) to avoid low temperatures.
- Monitoring of a large number of parameters during injection is important for safe injection and history matching of the model

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