ARB Contract Interim: Important Site Selection Traits (With Quantification and Monitoring Implications)

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ARB GCS Site Selection Technical Discussion

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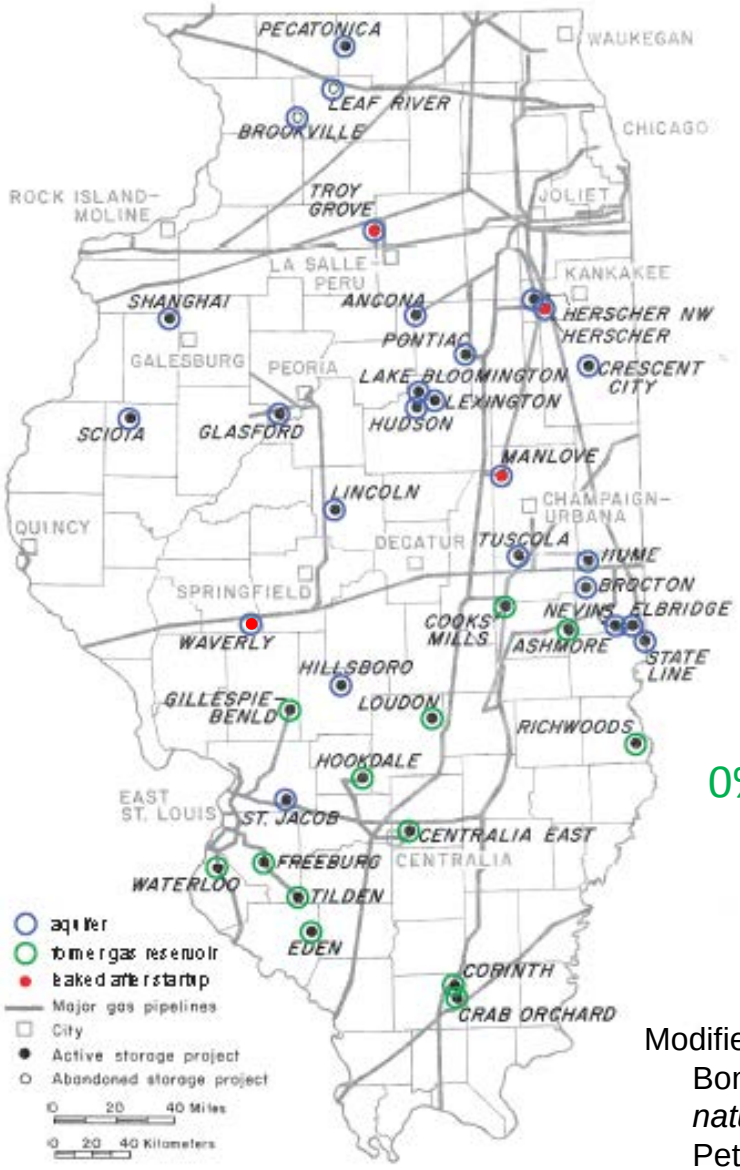
Criteria List for Review From ARB

- historical use considerations (oil and gas production, hydraulic fracturing, abandoned wells, etc.);
- minimum injection depth;
- minimum cap-rock thickness;
- delineation of an area of review;
- minimum pore-space capacity in relation to estimated injection volumes;
- identification of potential leakage pathways for CO_2;
- proximity to emission sources and potential of source for CO_2 capture
- proximity to population centers;
- seismic hazard considerations;
- establishing pipeline or other transportation rights-of-way;
- setting requirements for baseline data collection, including levels and other sources of CO_2 emissions, groundwater chemistry, and micro-seismicity; and
- necessary geologic models and CO_2 flow simulations

Historical Use

Natural gas storage in Illinois as of 1973



~25% of saline leak

~10% upon testing

~15% early in operation (mitigation allows continued operation: 1 backup interval, 3 active management)

0% of depleted fields leak

"Finding suitable storage in aquifers is difficult, and the ultimate testing of aquifers can be done only by injecting gas. Therefore, we can expect to encounter, from time to time, a structure that appears to be worthy of testing but later proves unsatisfactory for gas storage."

Modified from Buschback, T.C., and D.C. Bond (1973). *Underground storage of natural gas in Illinois – 1973*, Illinois Petroleum 101, Illinois Geological Survey, Urbana, Illinois, 71 pp.

Historical Use: None (Saline)

Statoil exploration results as of 1996

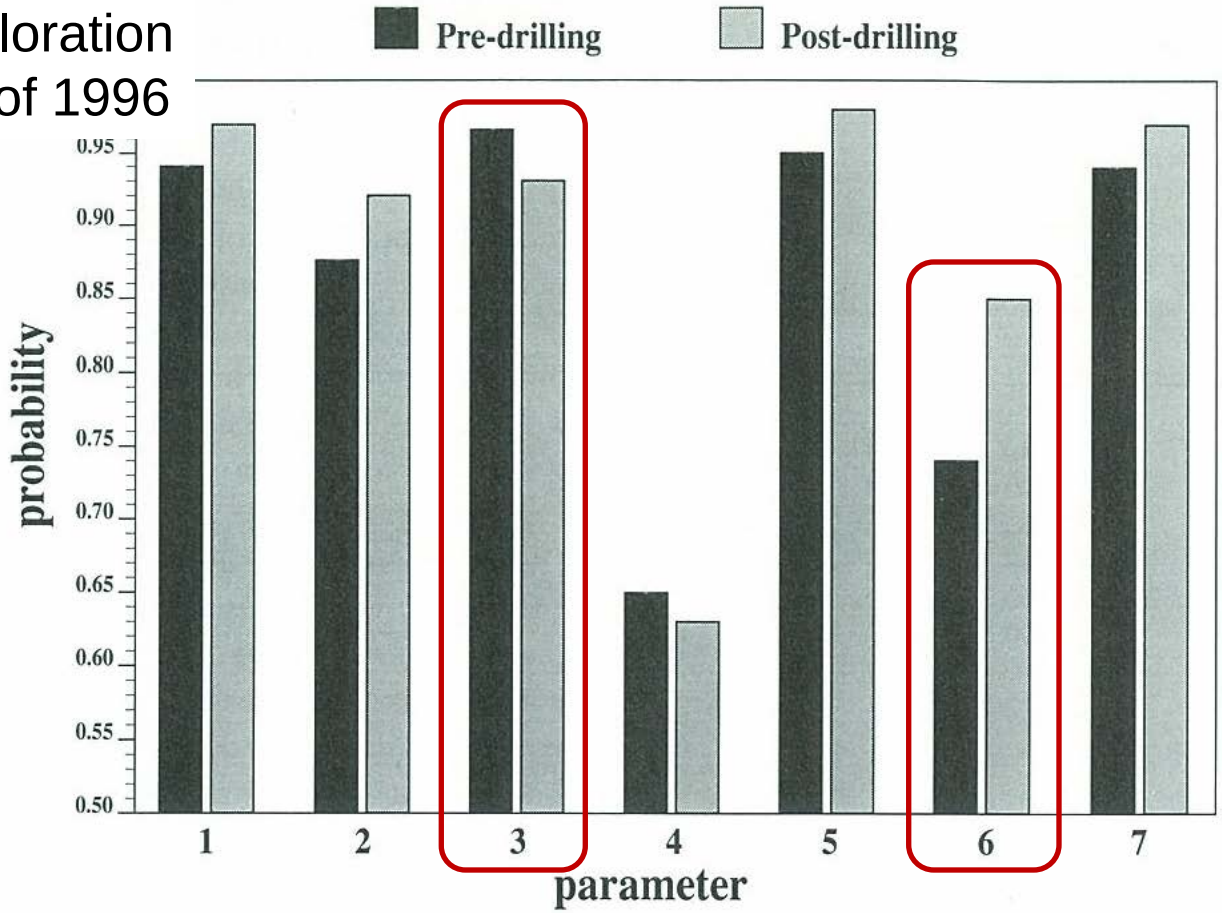


Fig. 1. Pre- and post-drilling assessments of risk parameters for prospects on the Norwegian continental shelf. *1* =closure; *2* =reservoir rock existence; *3* =porosity; *4* =source, maturation and migration; *5* =timing; *6* =trapping/leakage; *7* =recovery. See text for further explanations.

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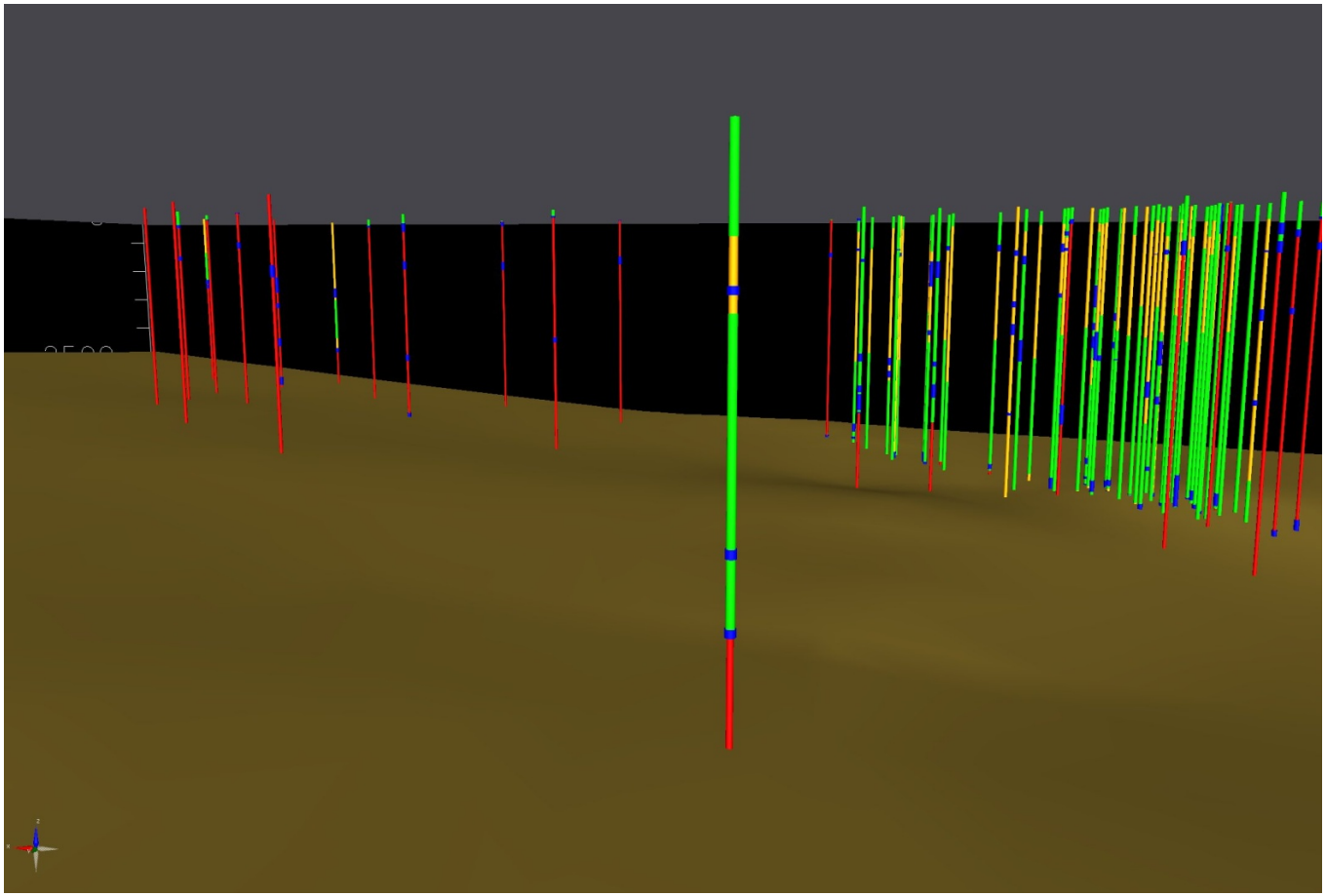

Blue segments are plugs

Red segments are unsealed borings

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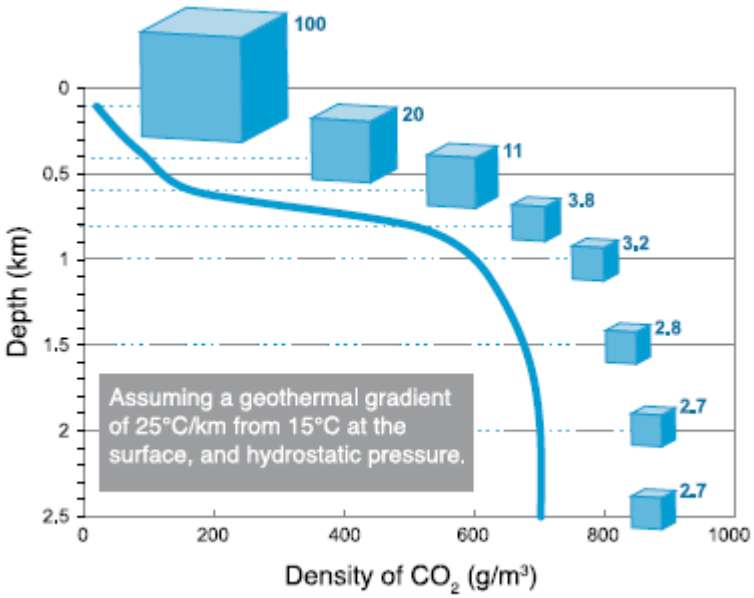

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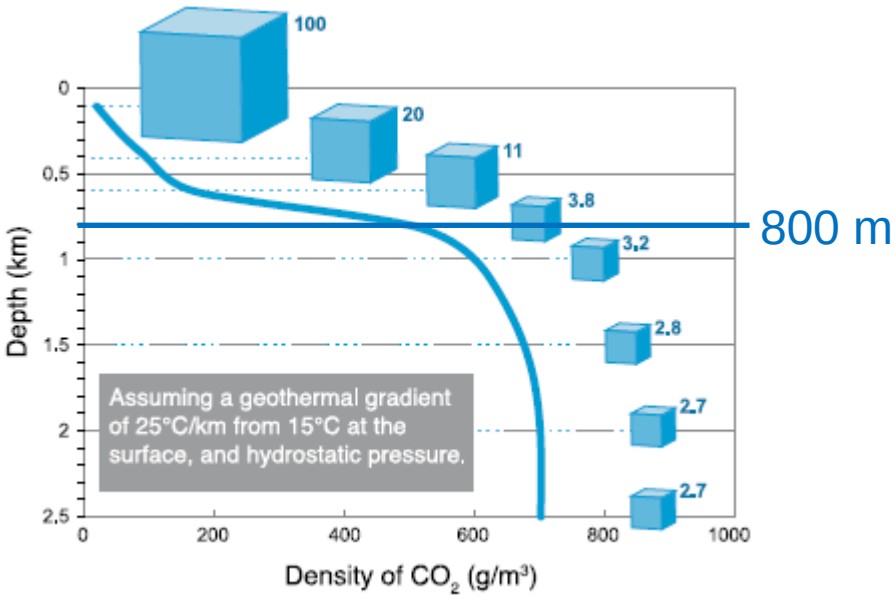

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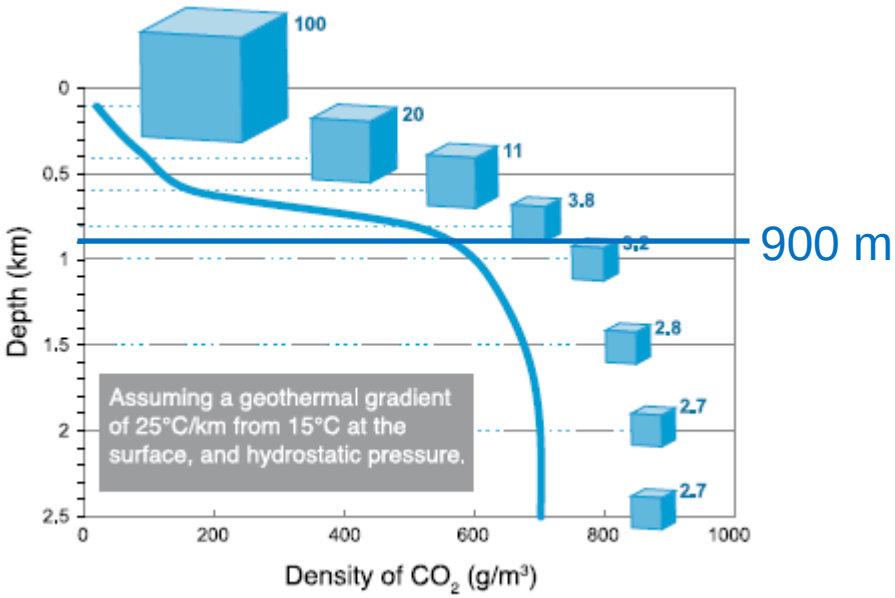

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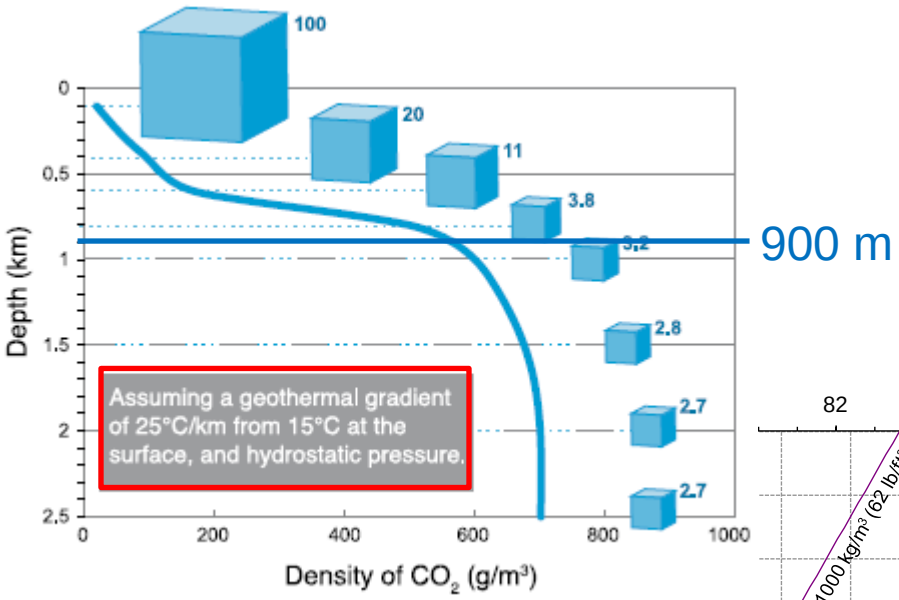

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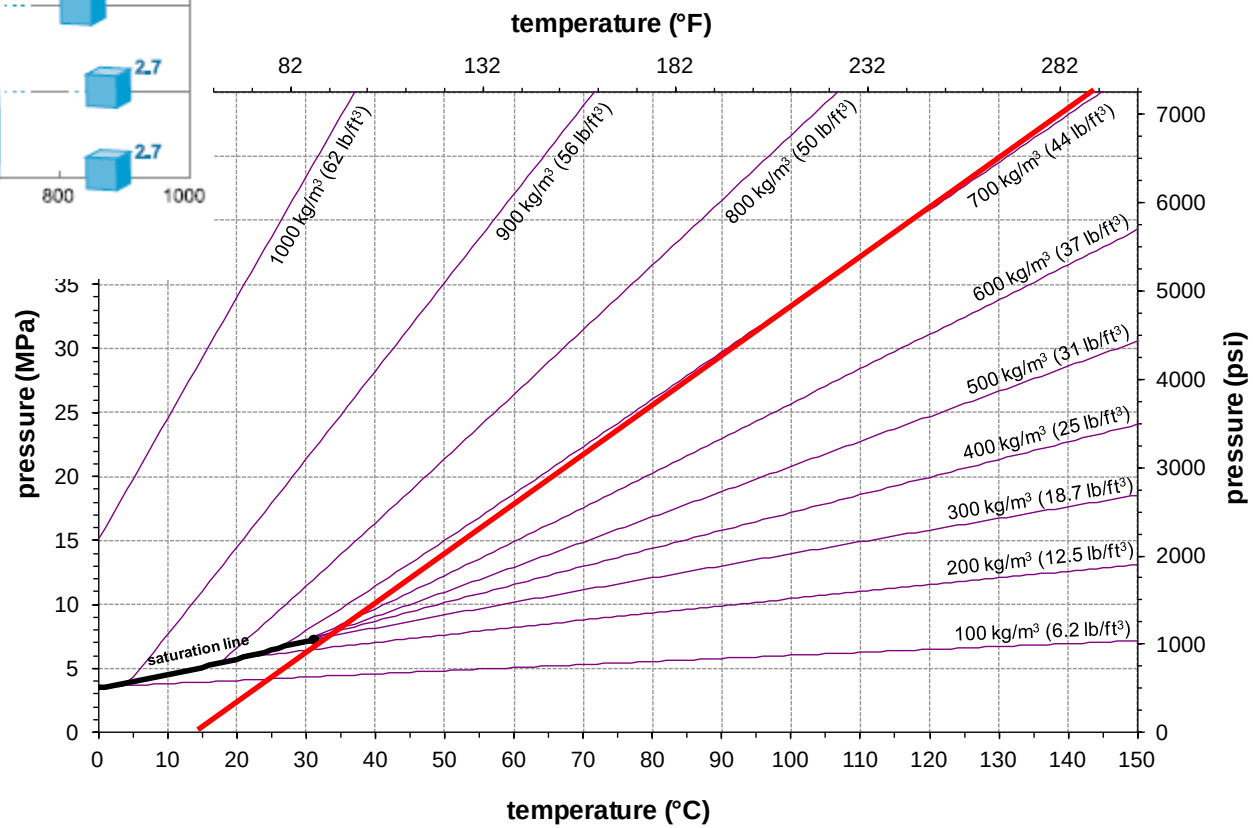

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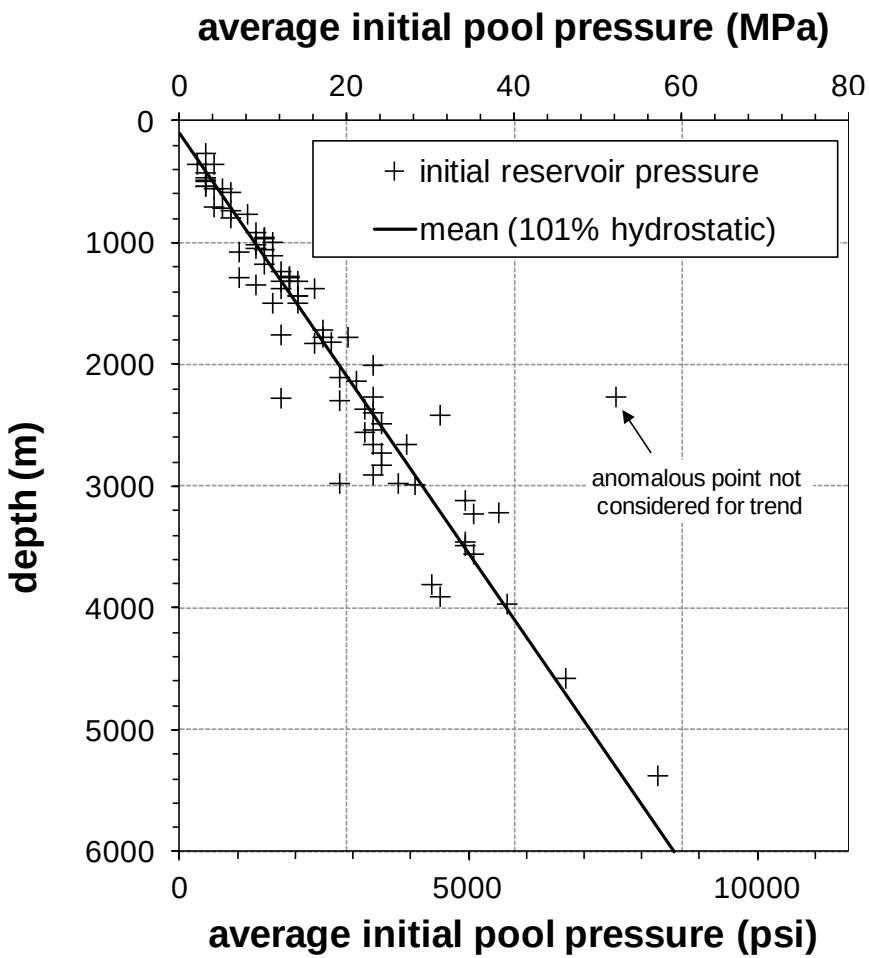

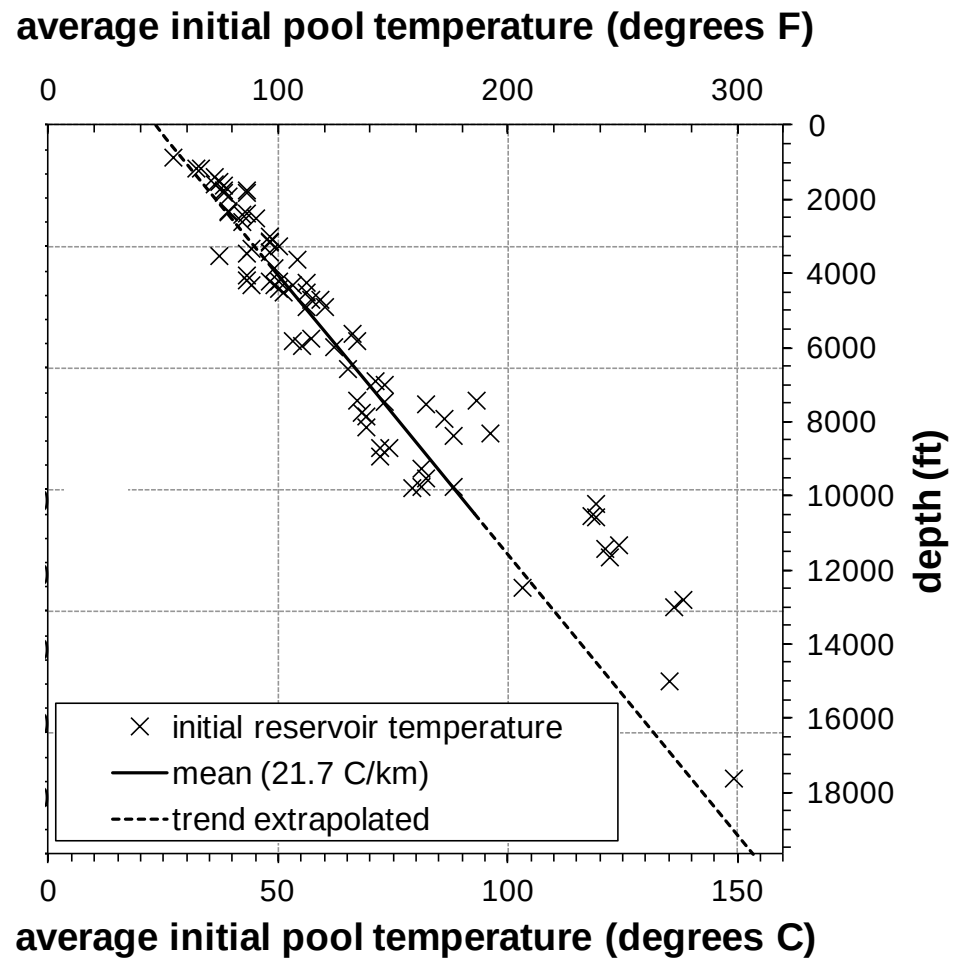

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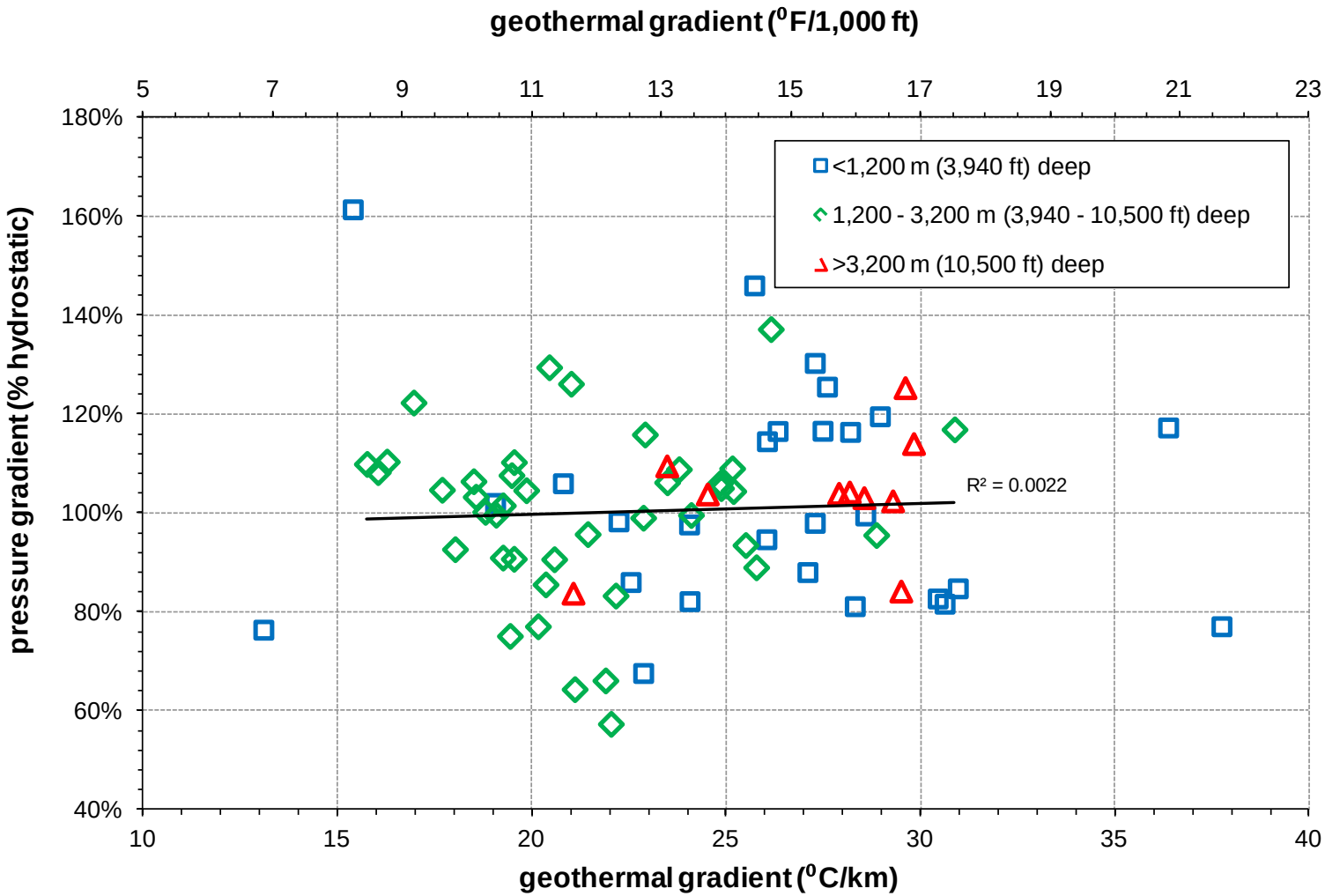

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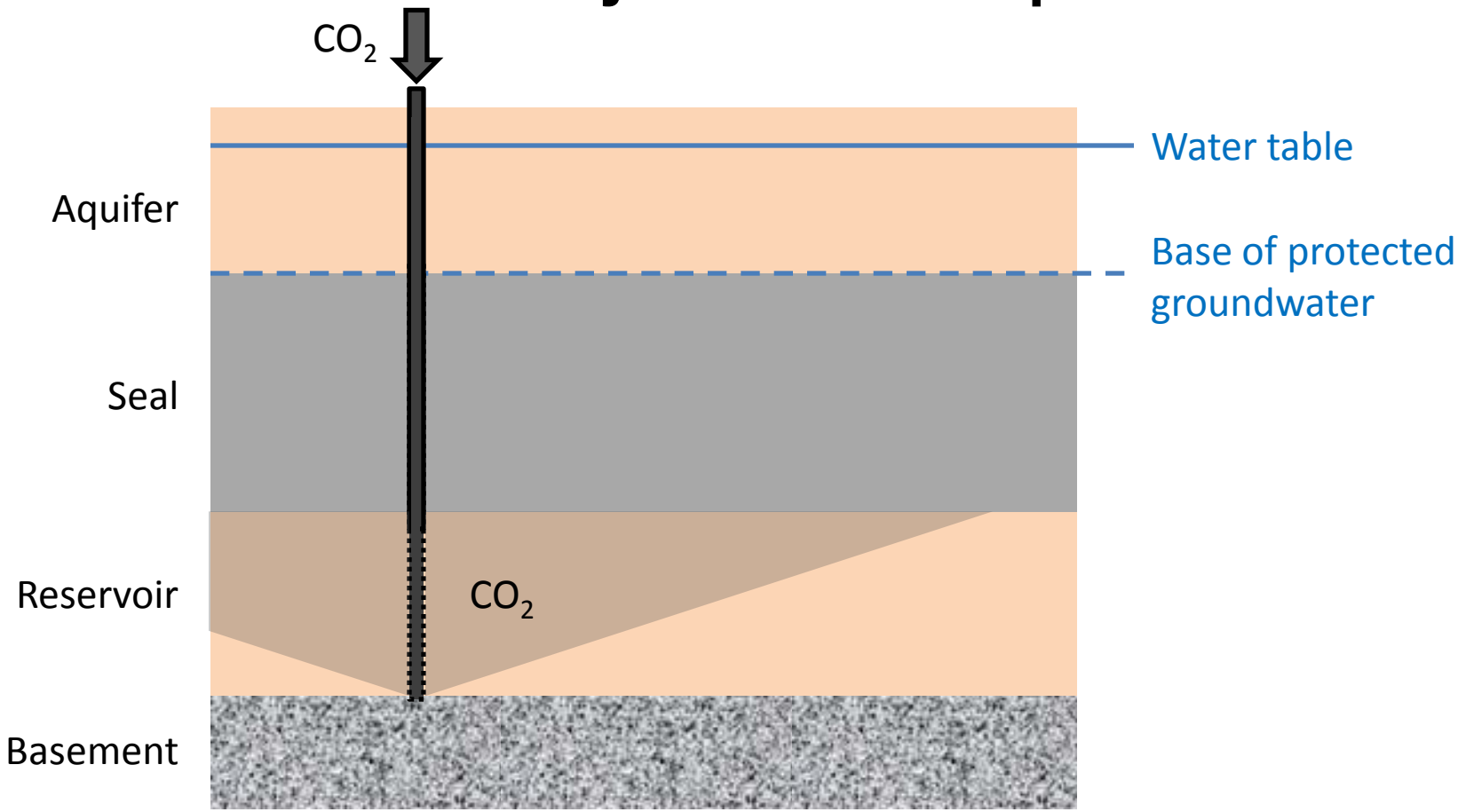

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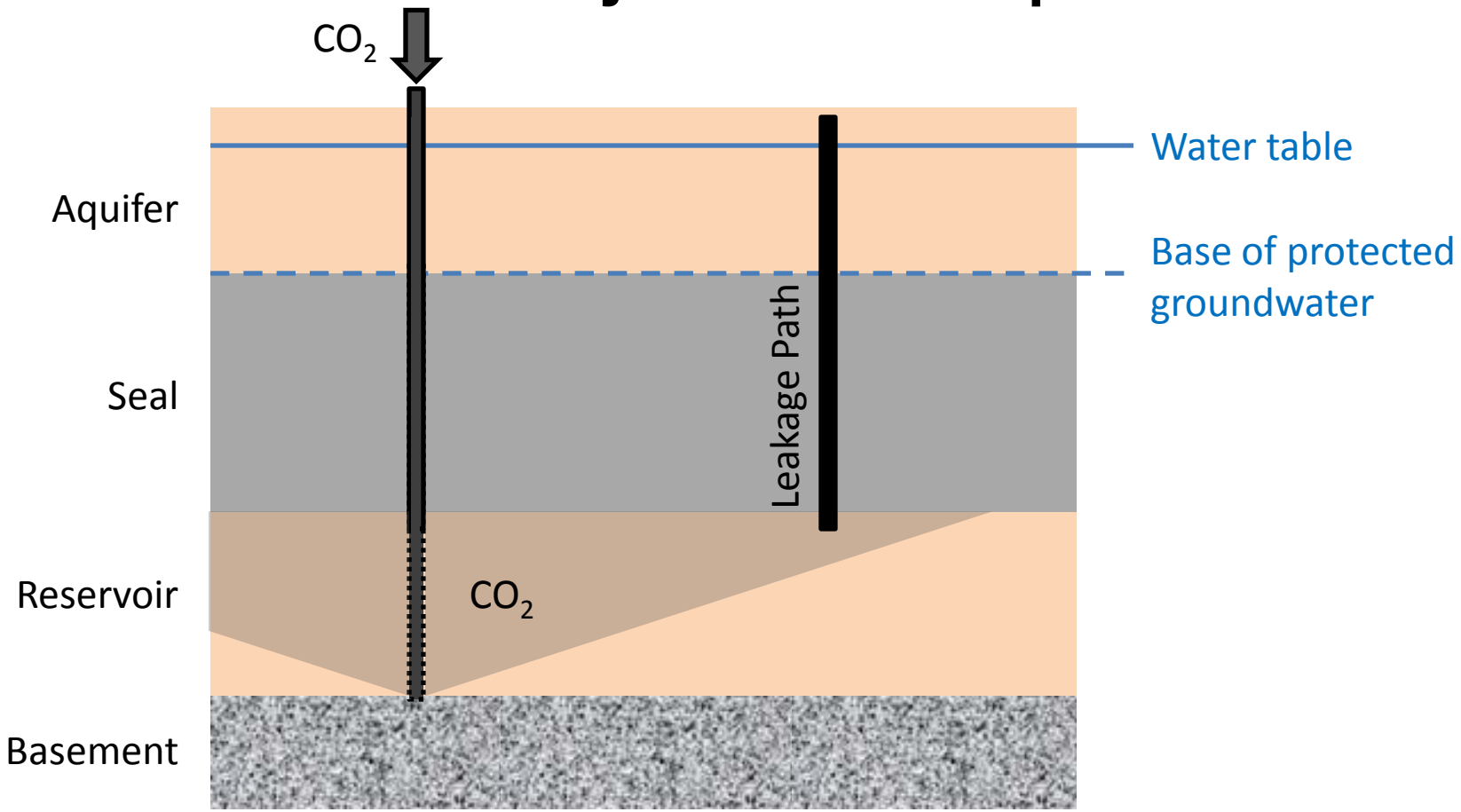

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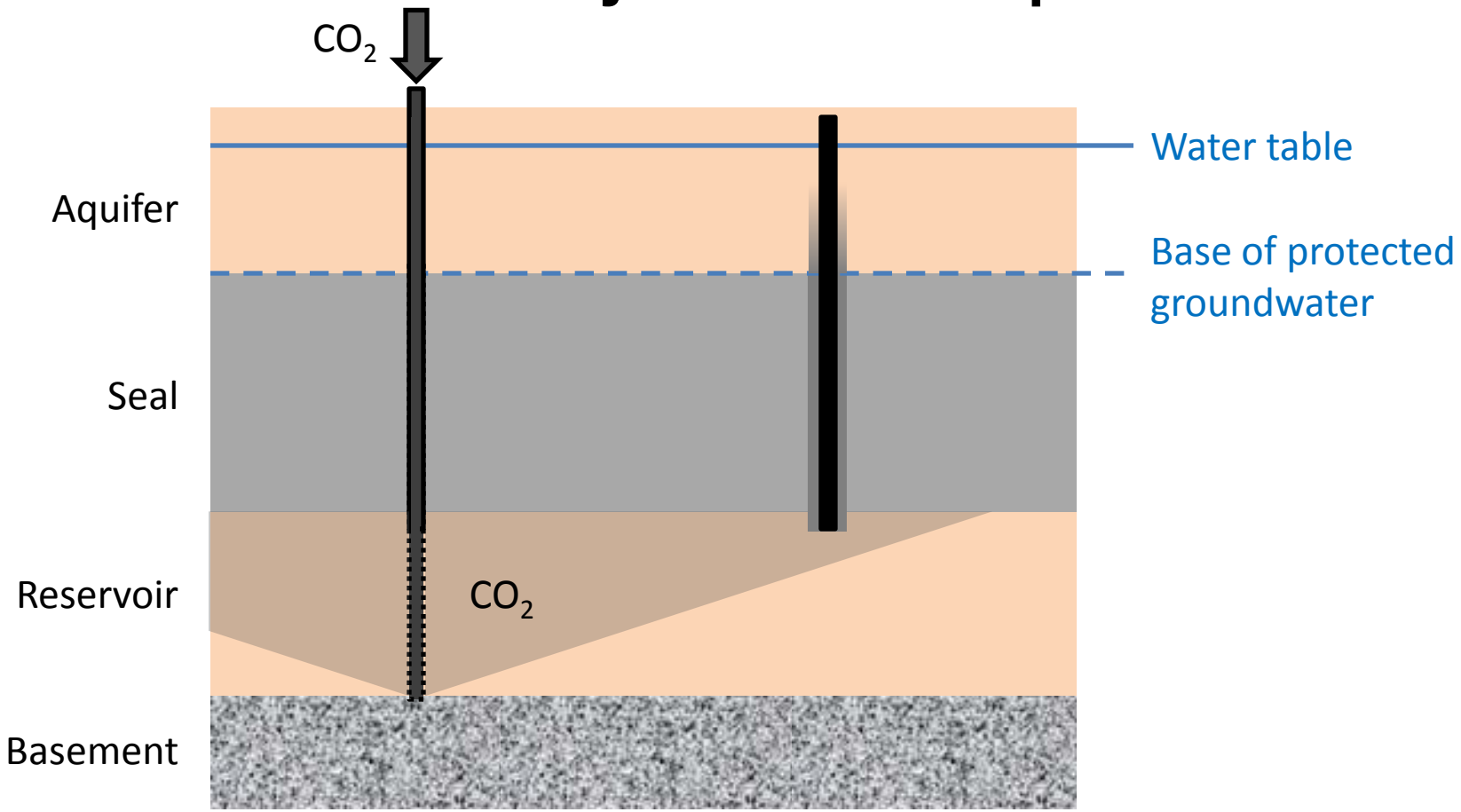

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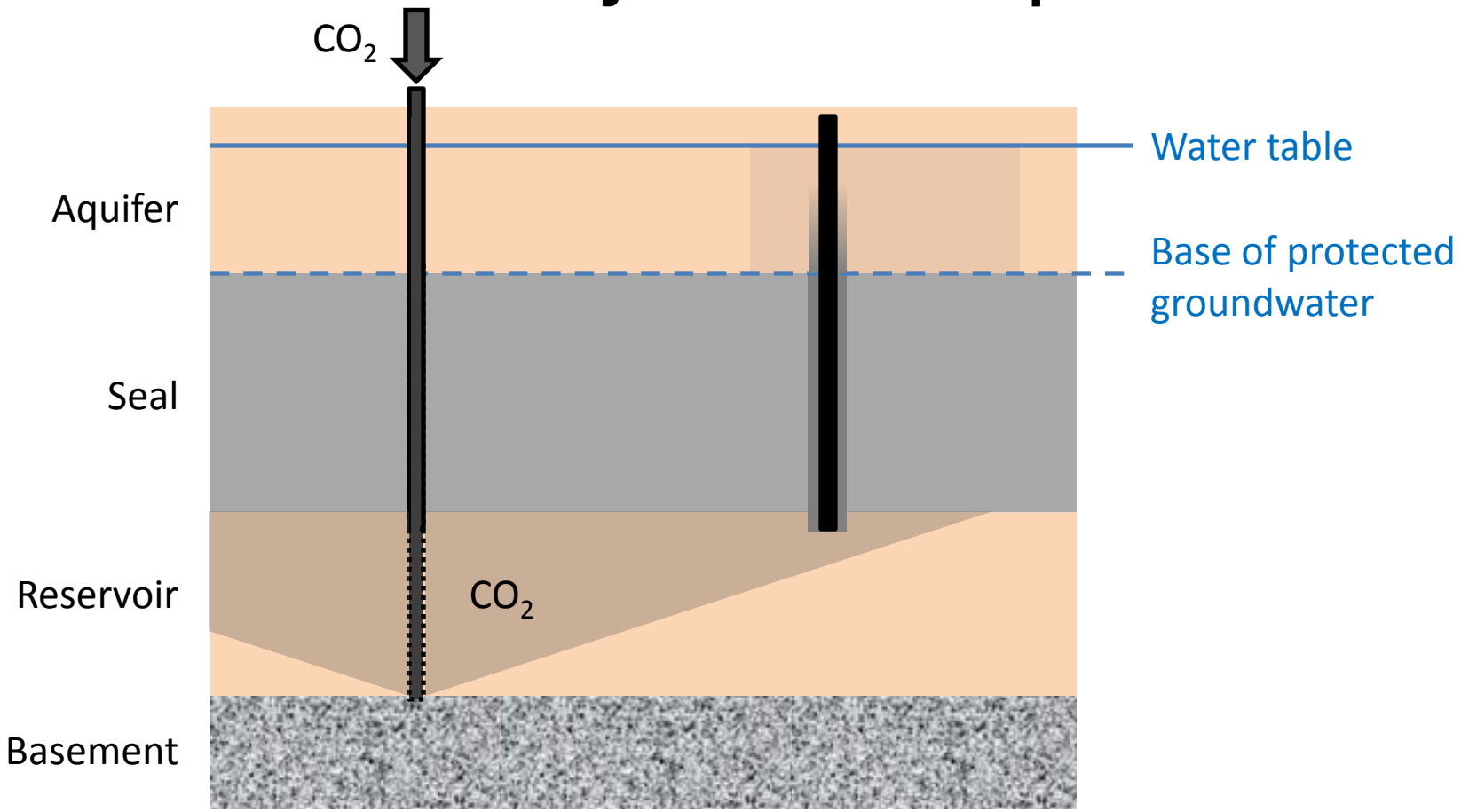

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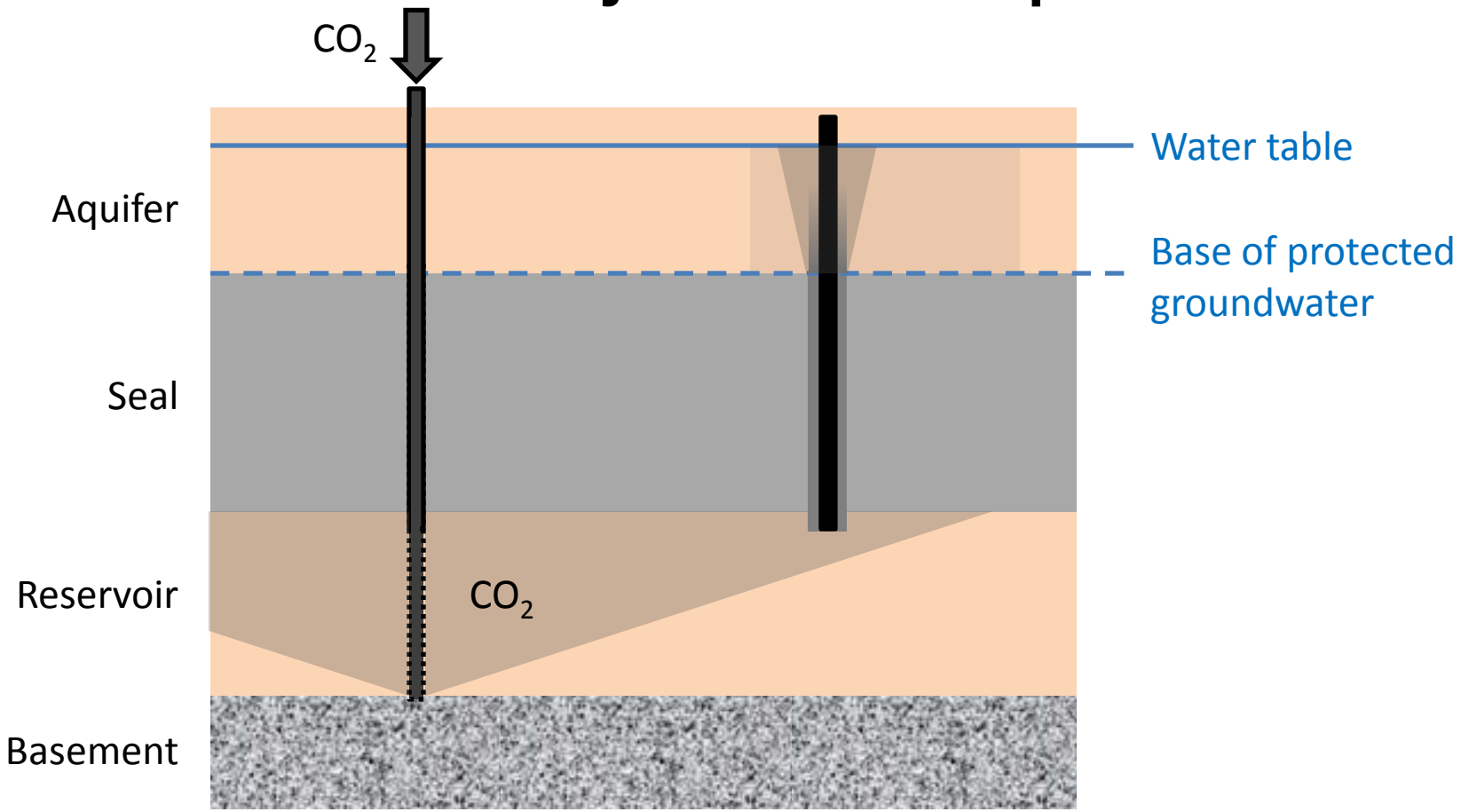

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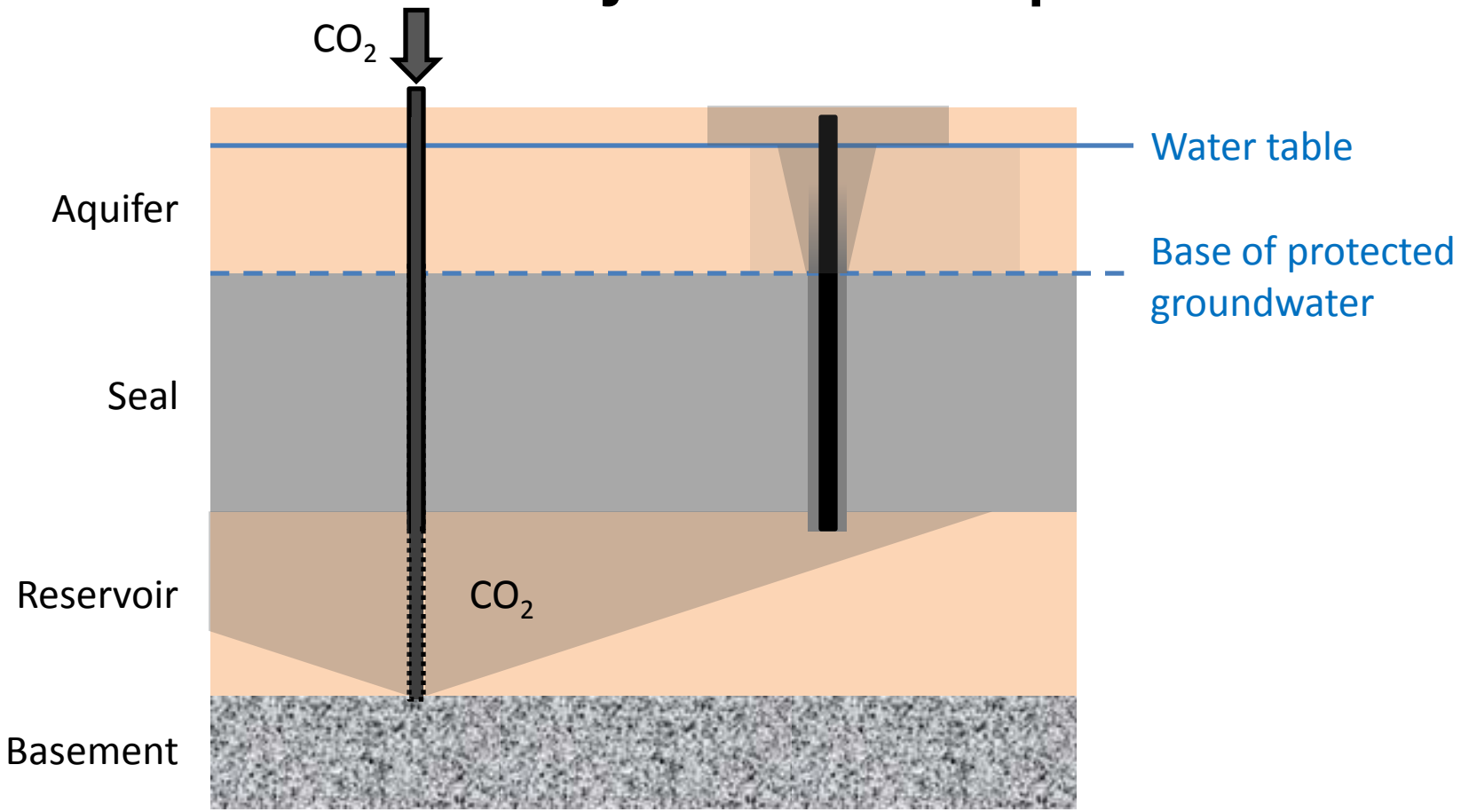

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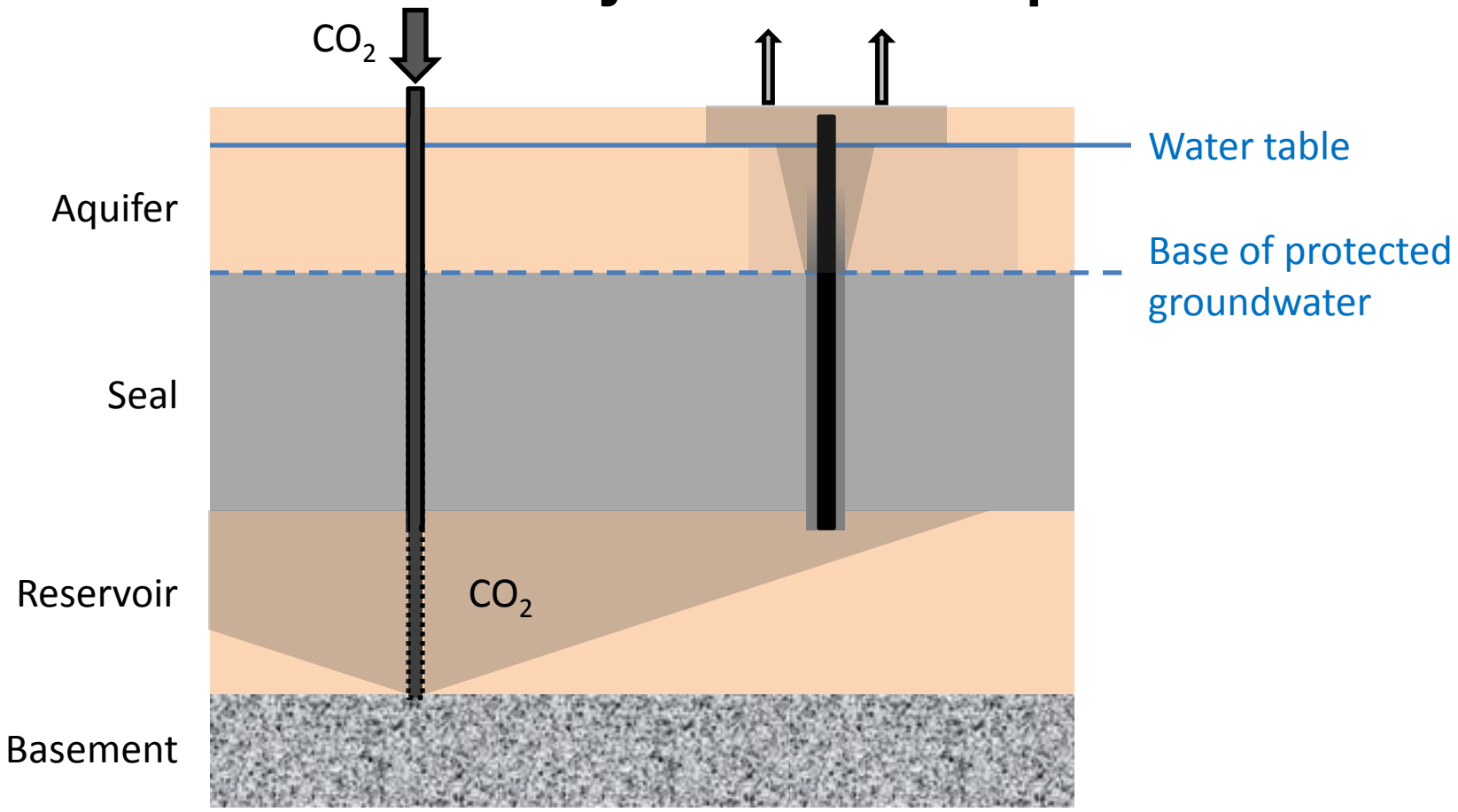

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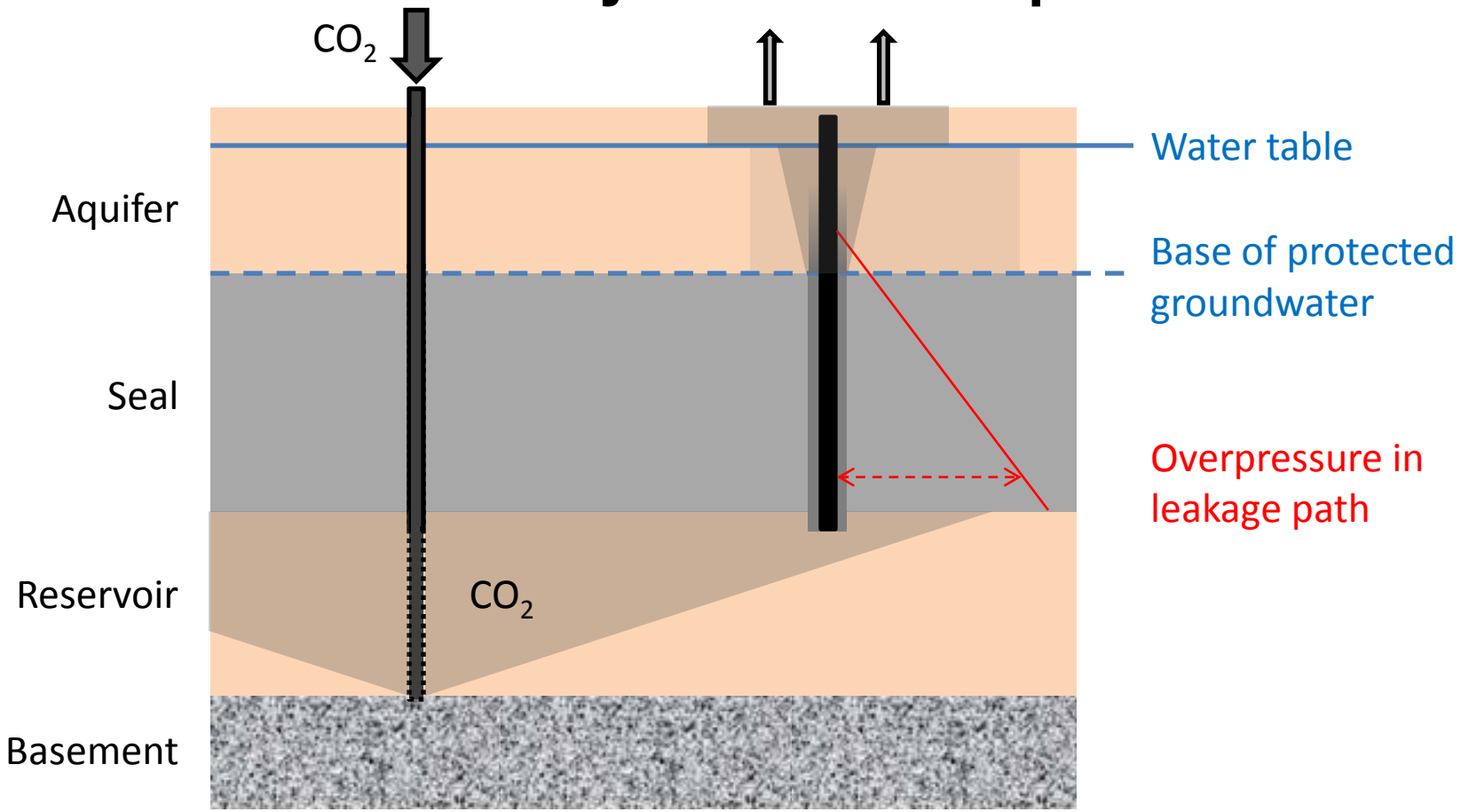

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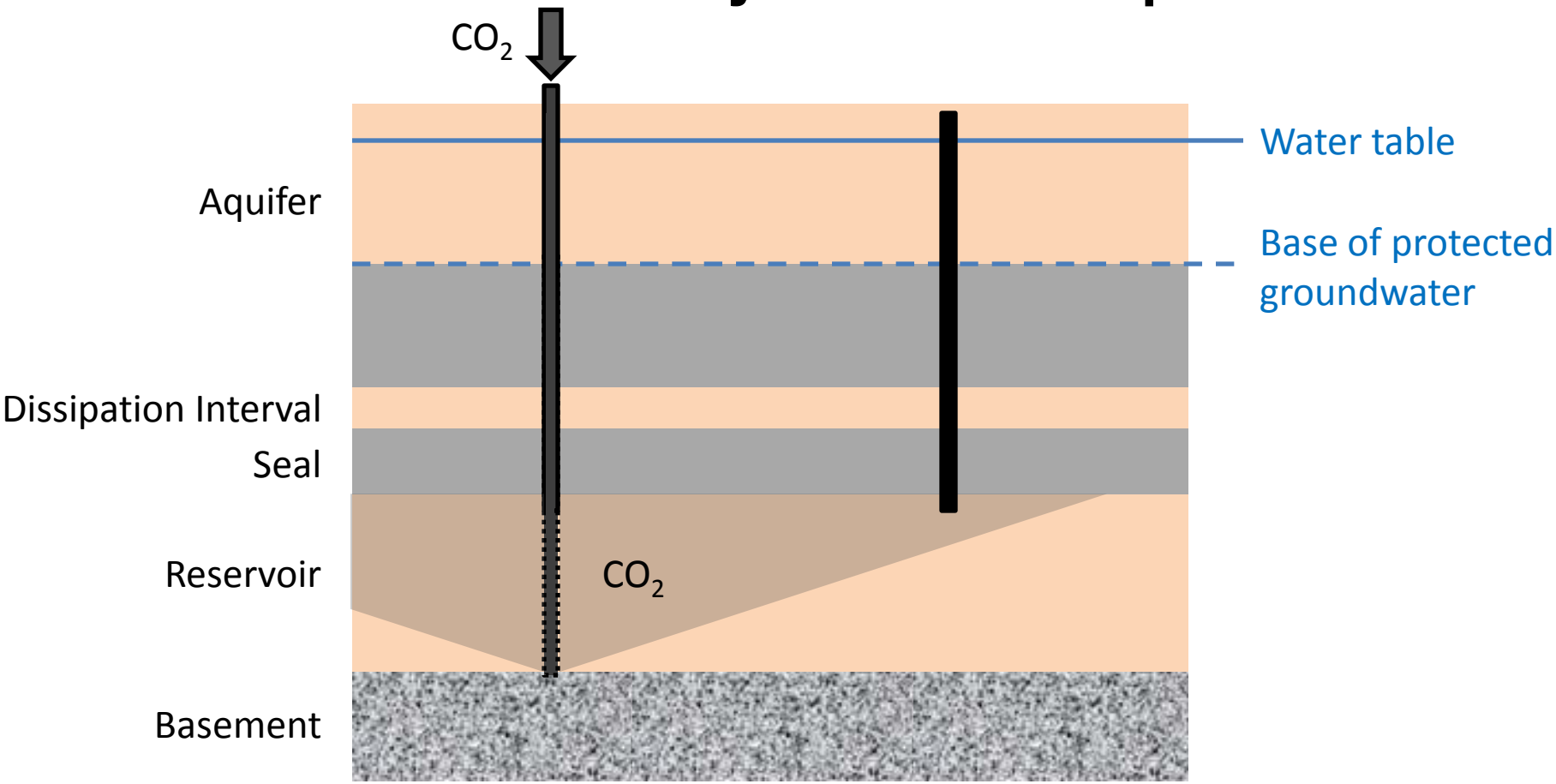

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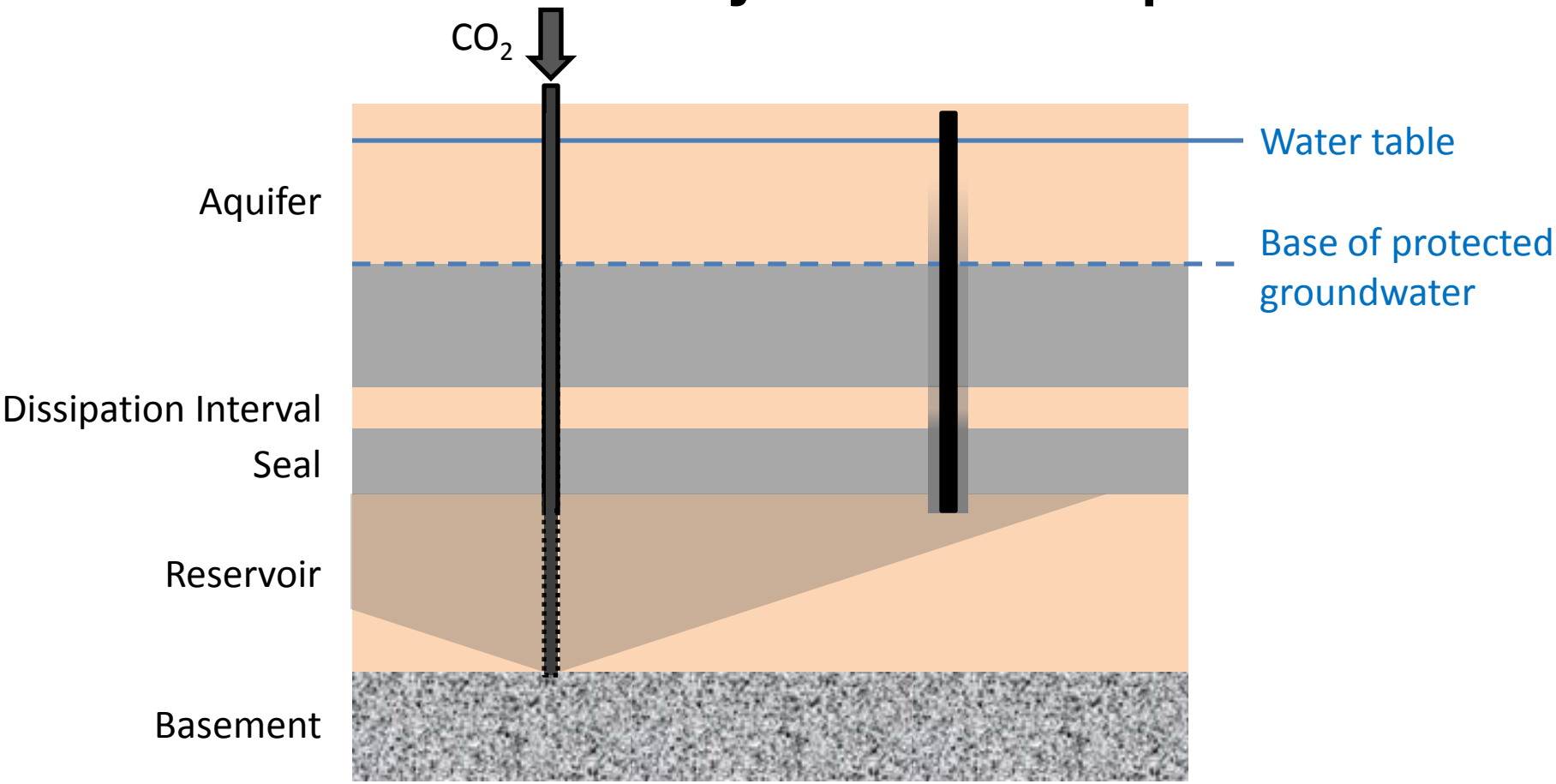

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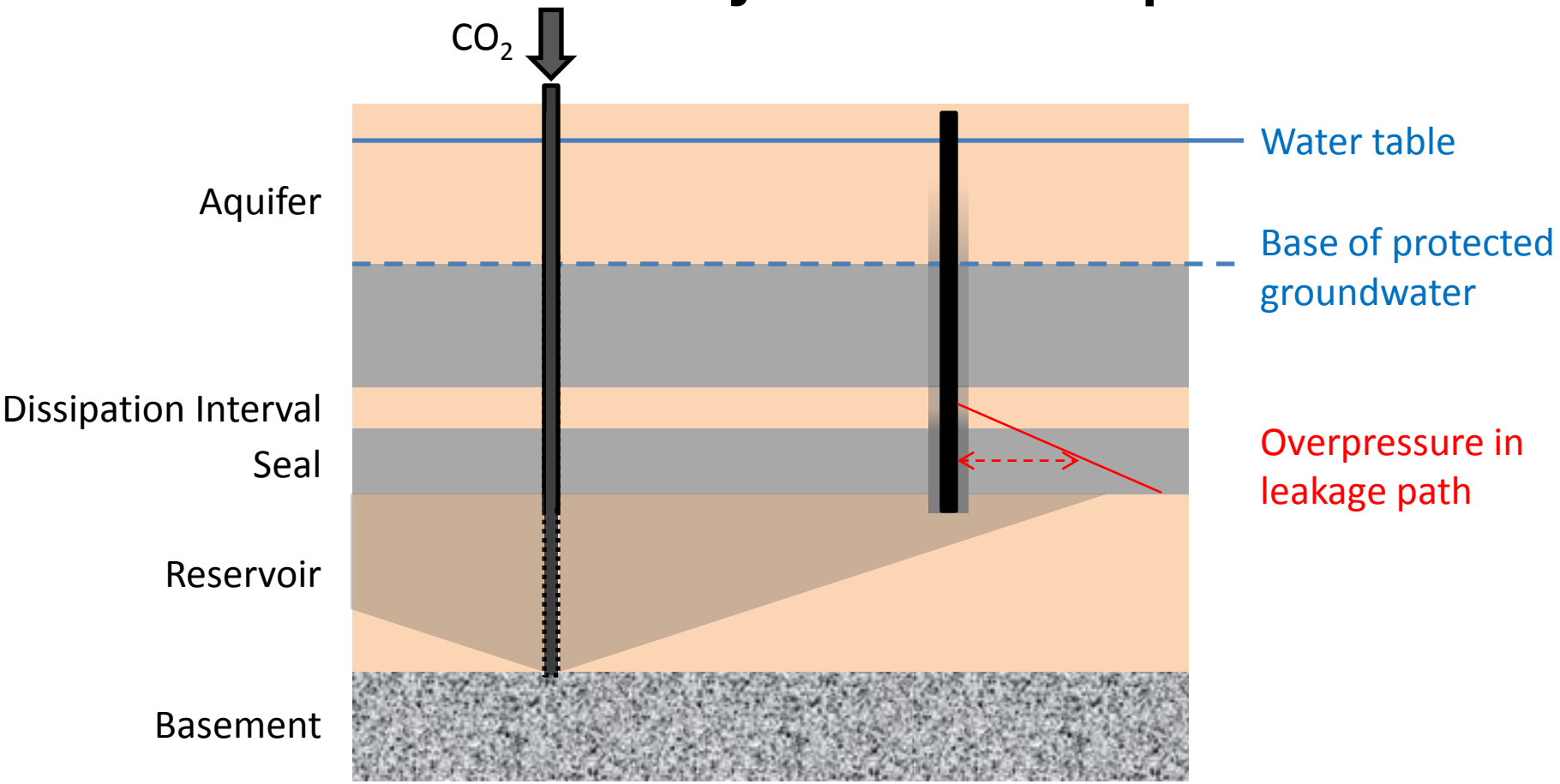

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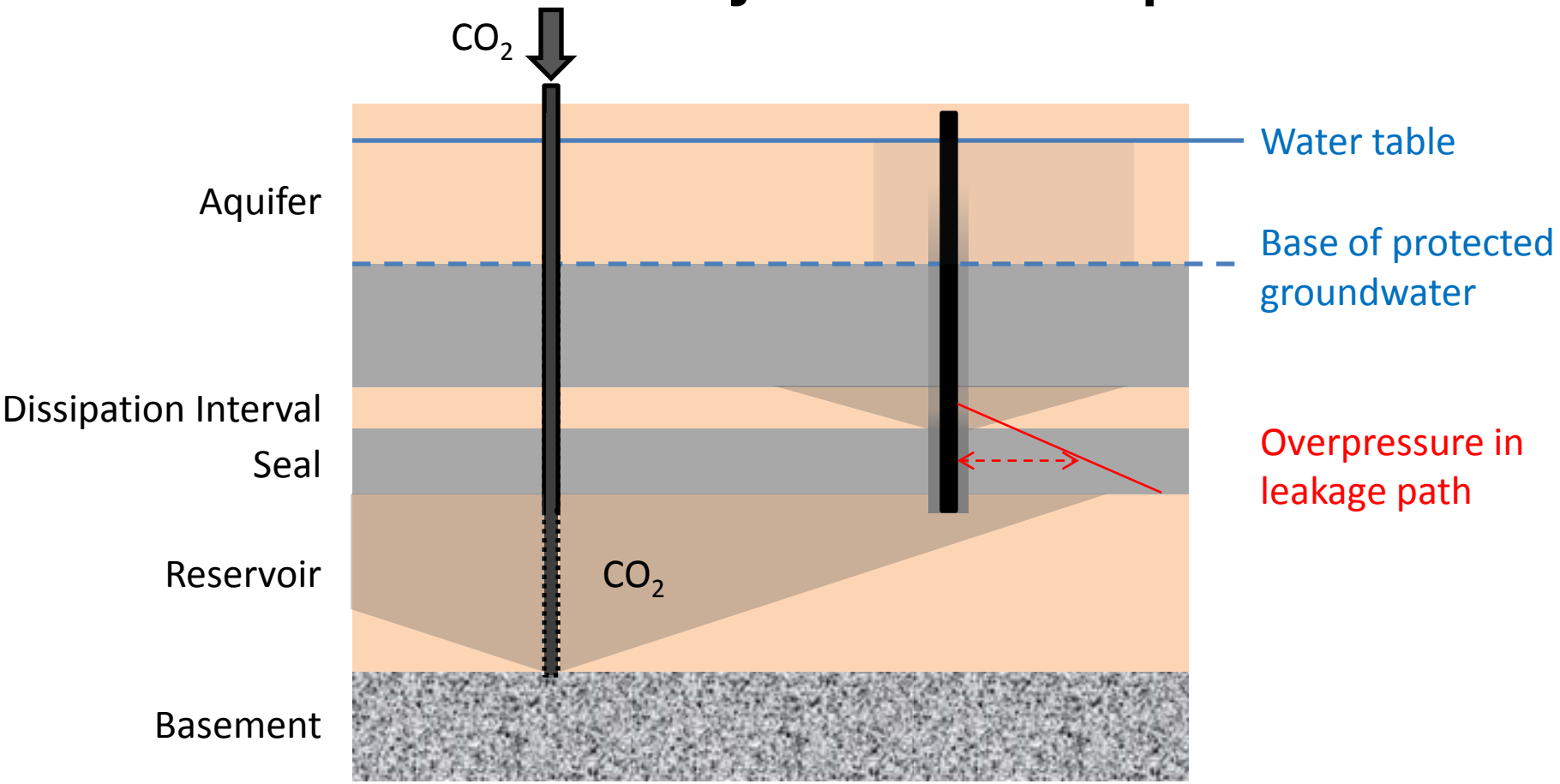

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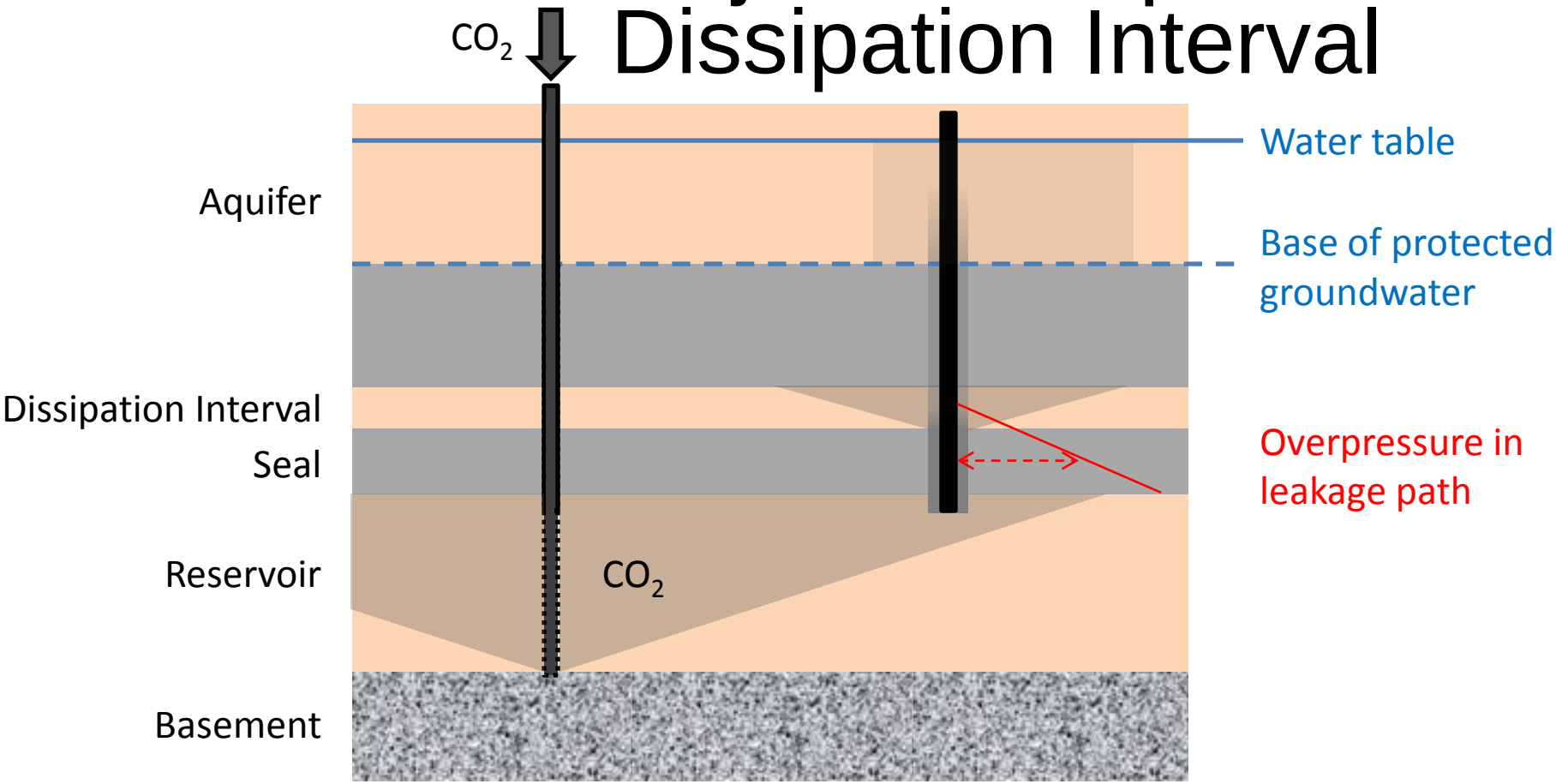

Preference for sites with overlying dissipation interval (transmissivity and capillary entry pressure sufficient to fully dissipate overpressures along hypothetical leakage pathways; similar to AZMI, but with specific hydraulic requirements).

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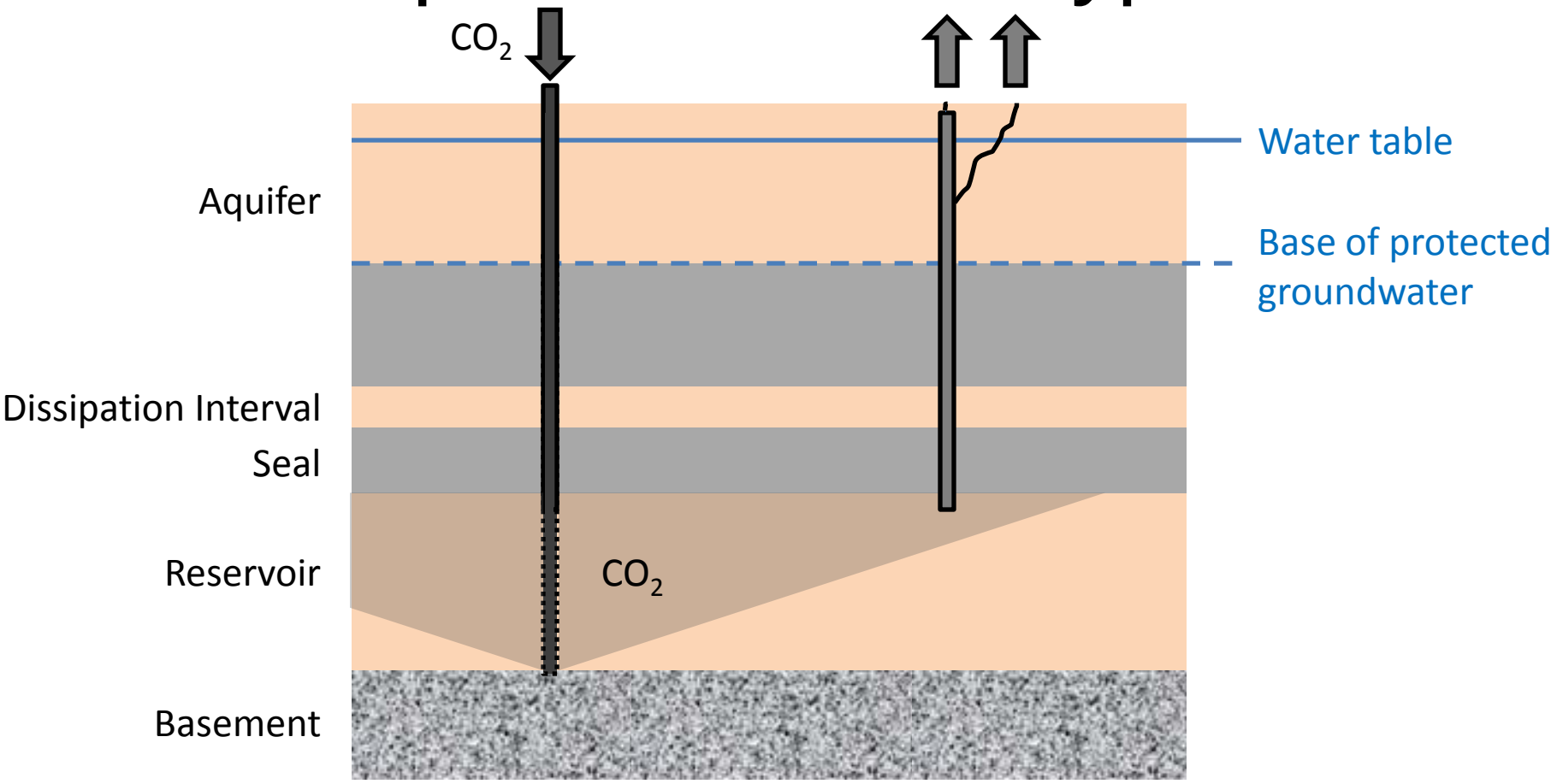

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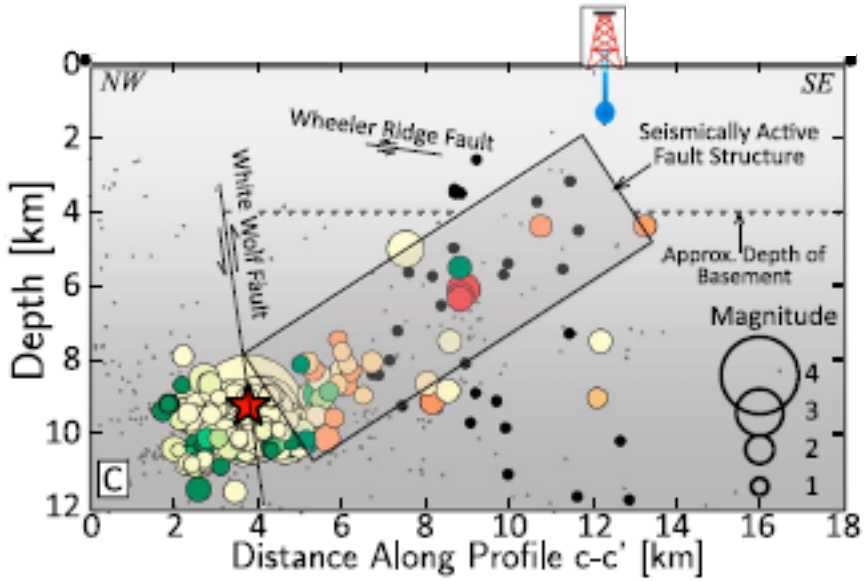

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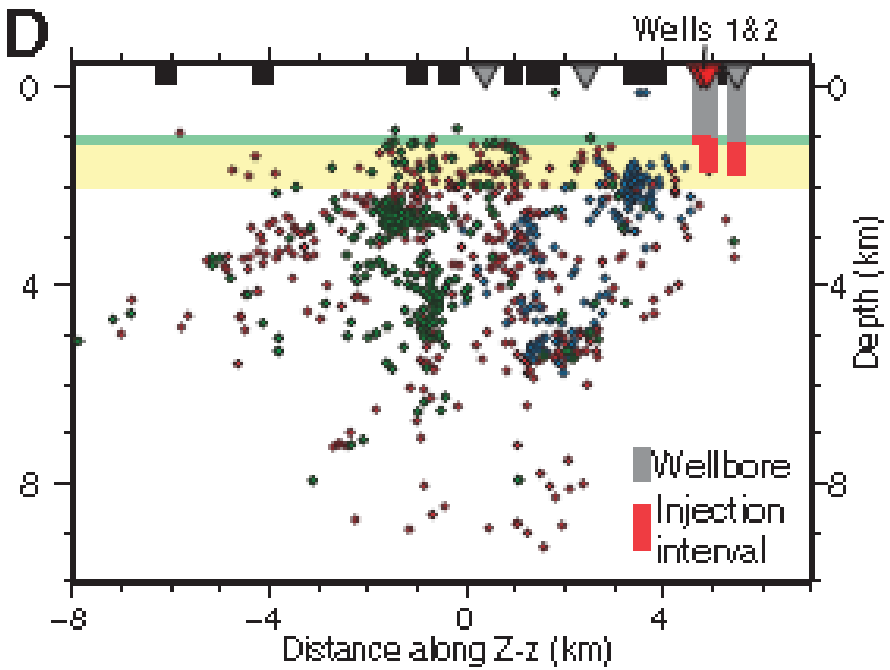

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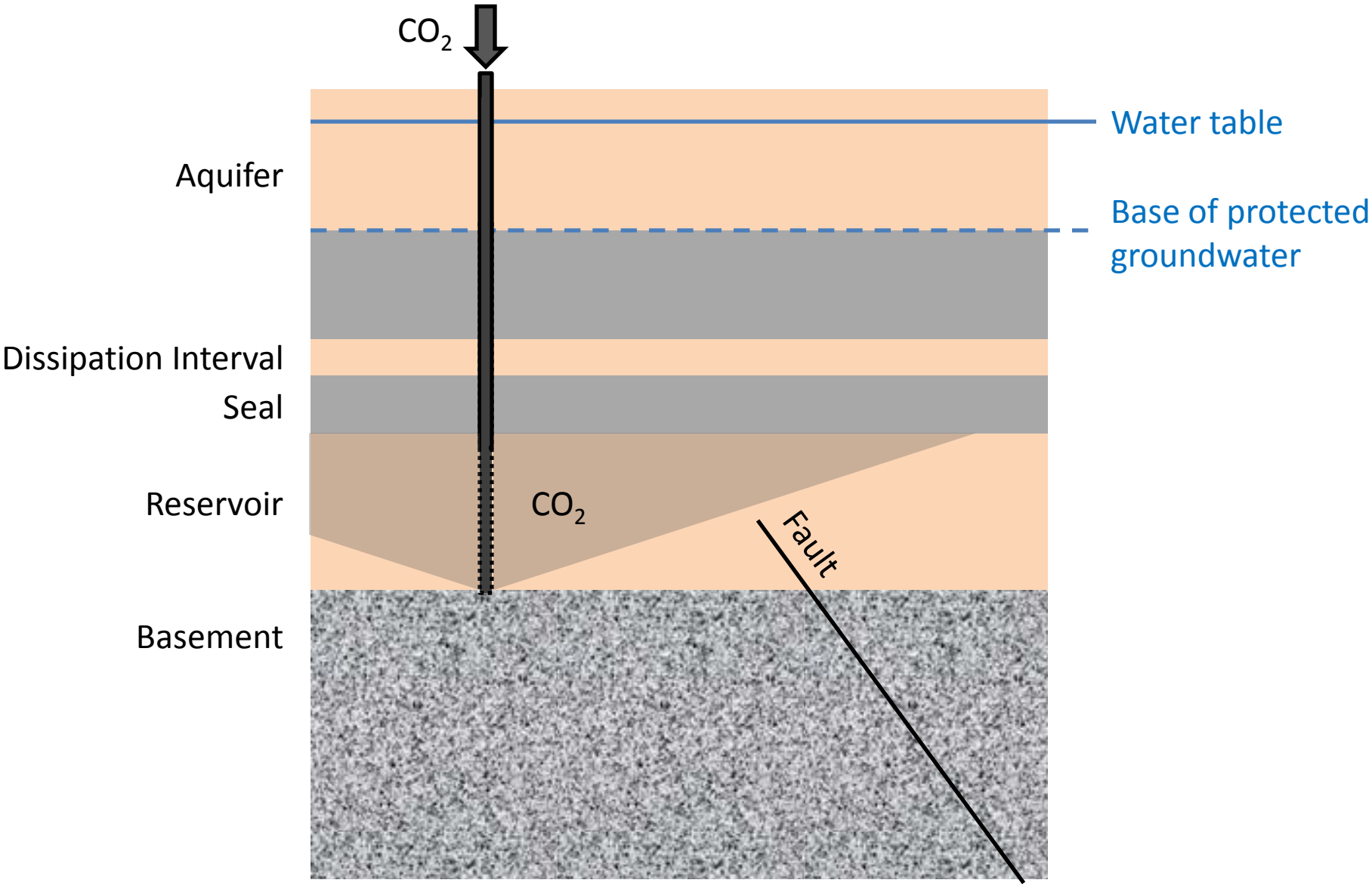

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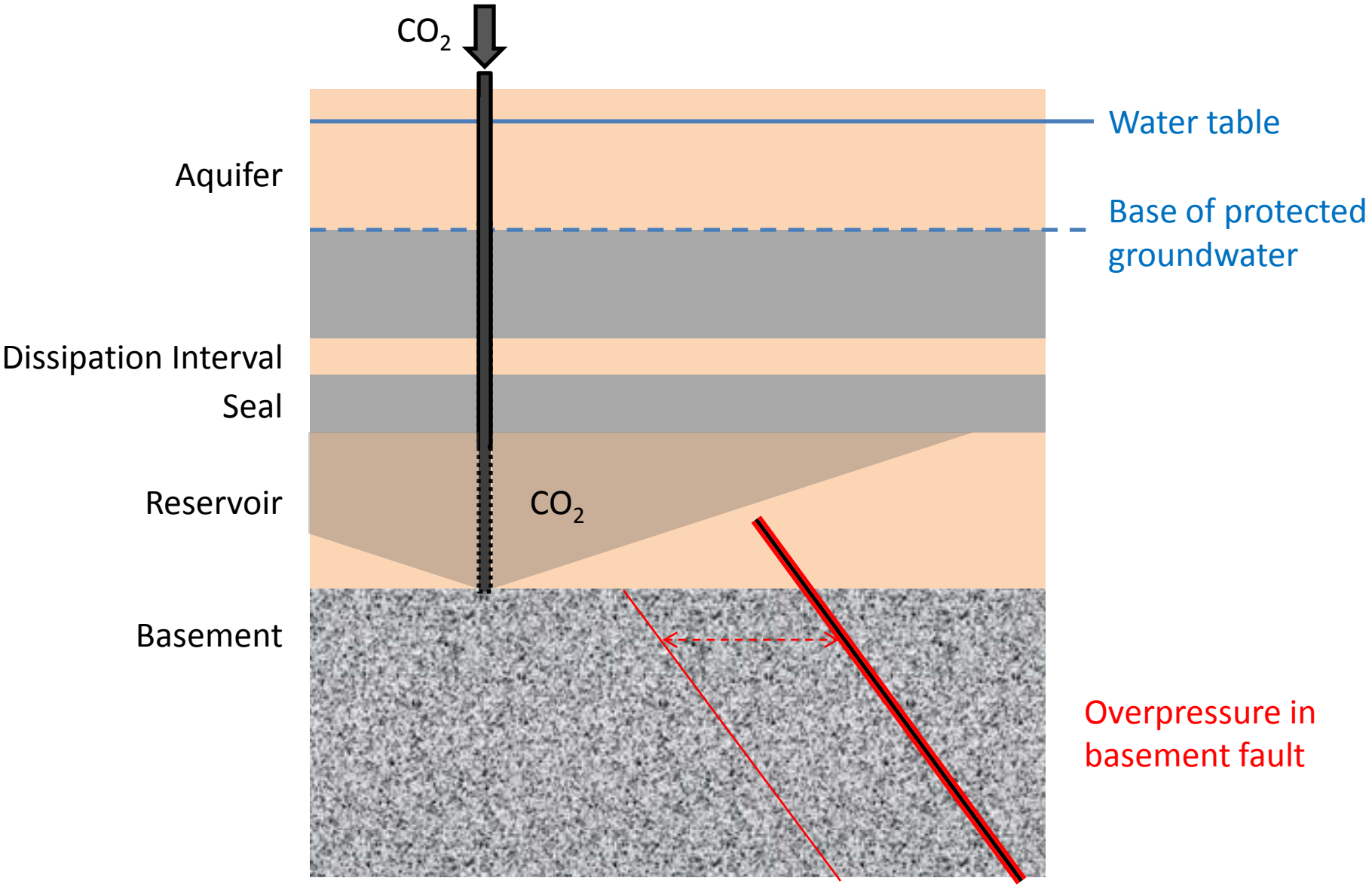

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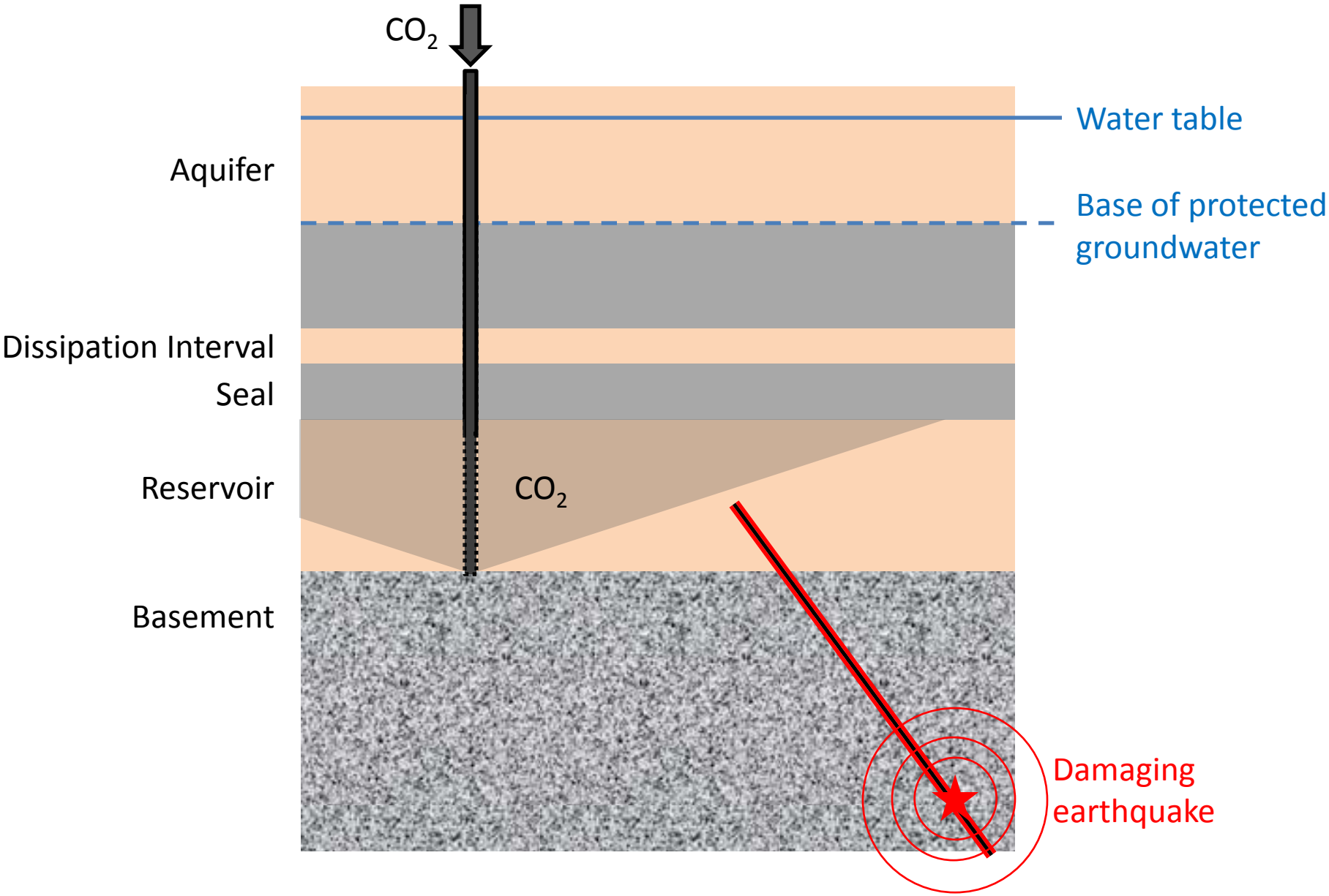

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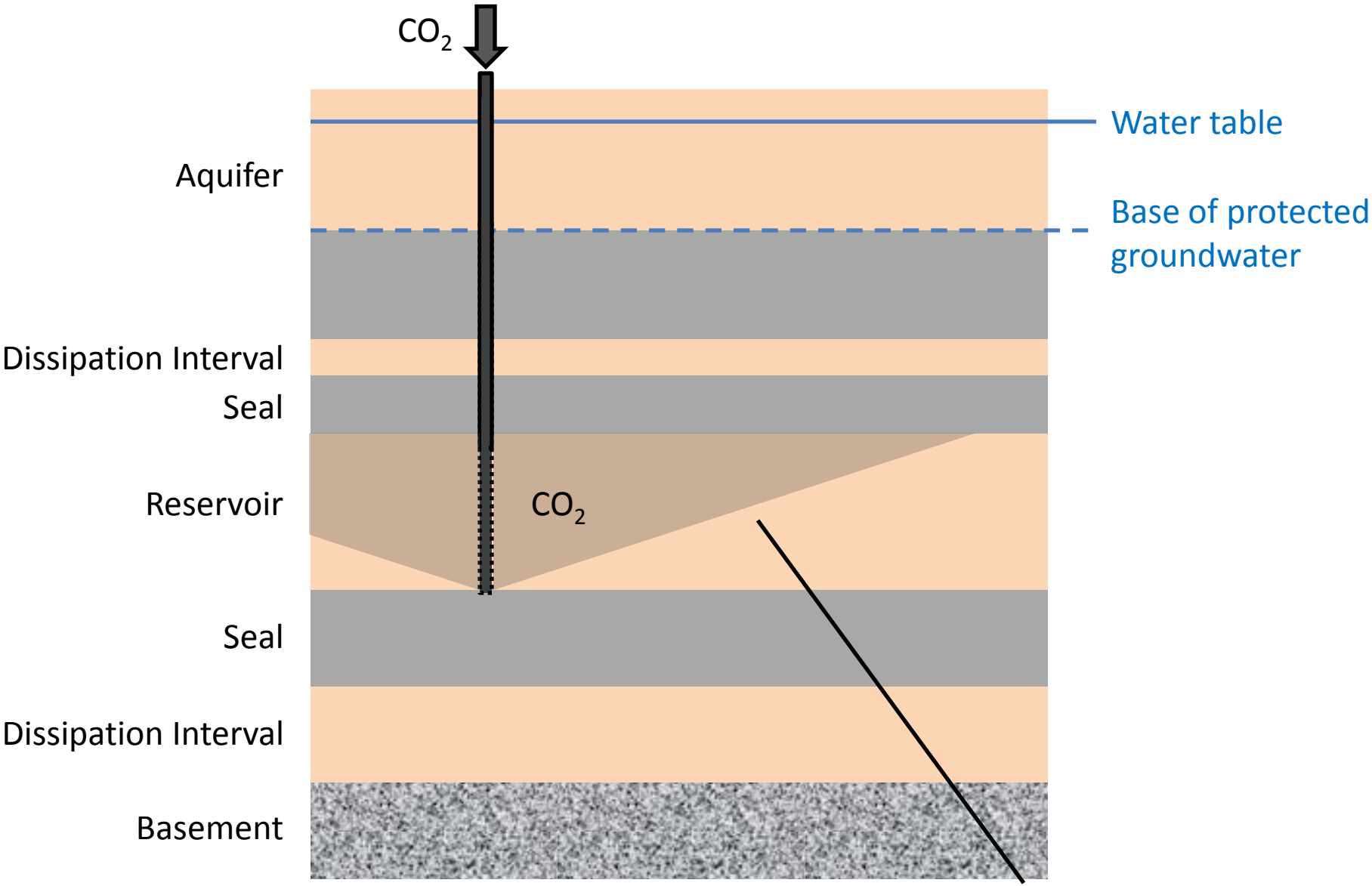

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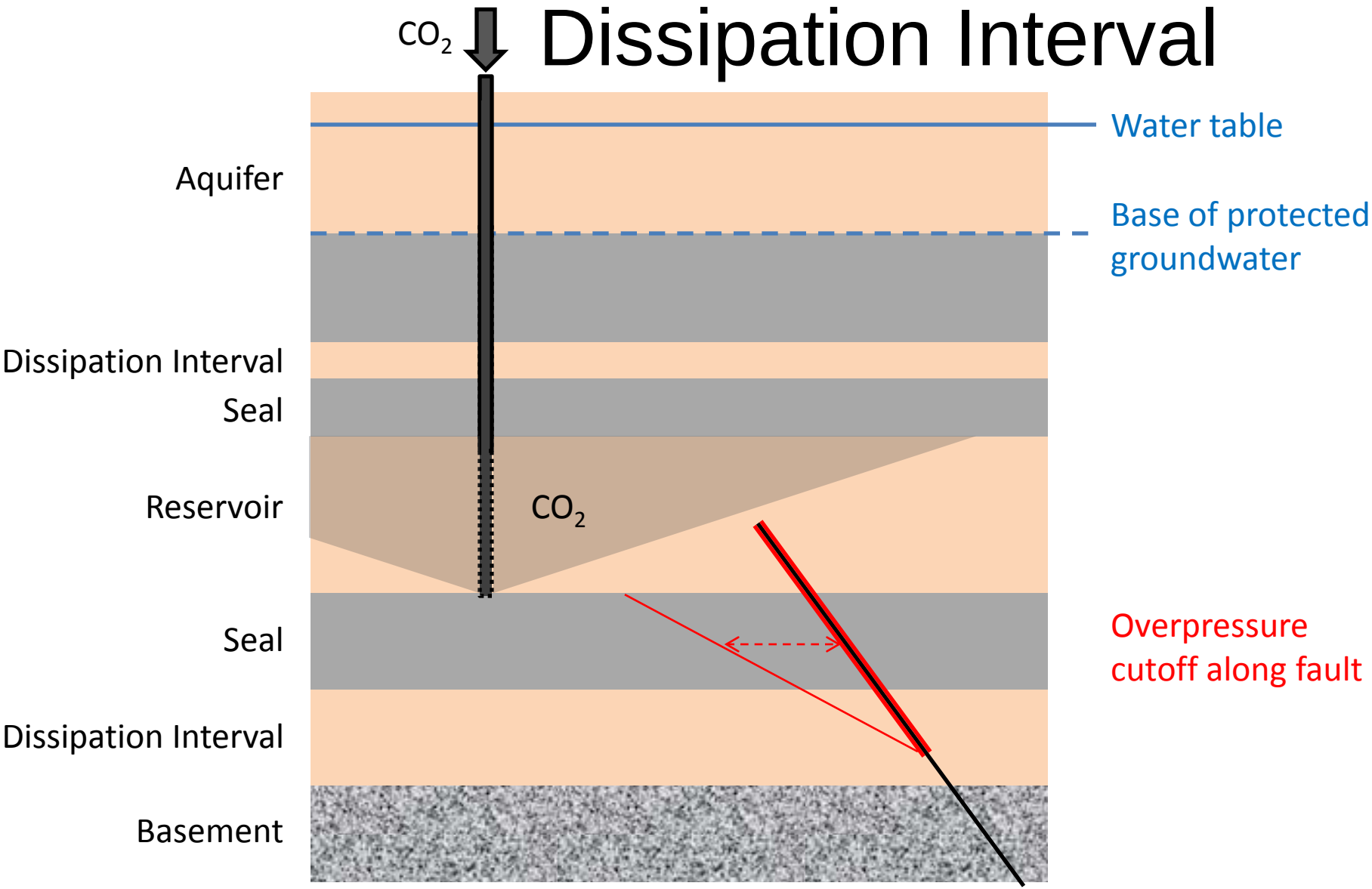

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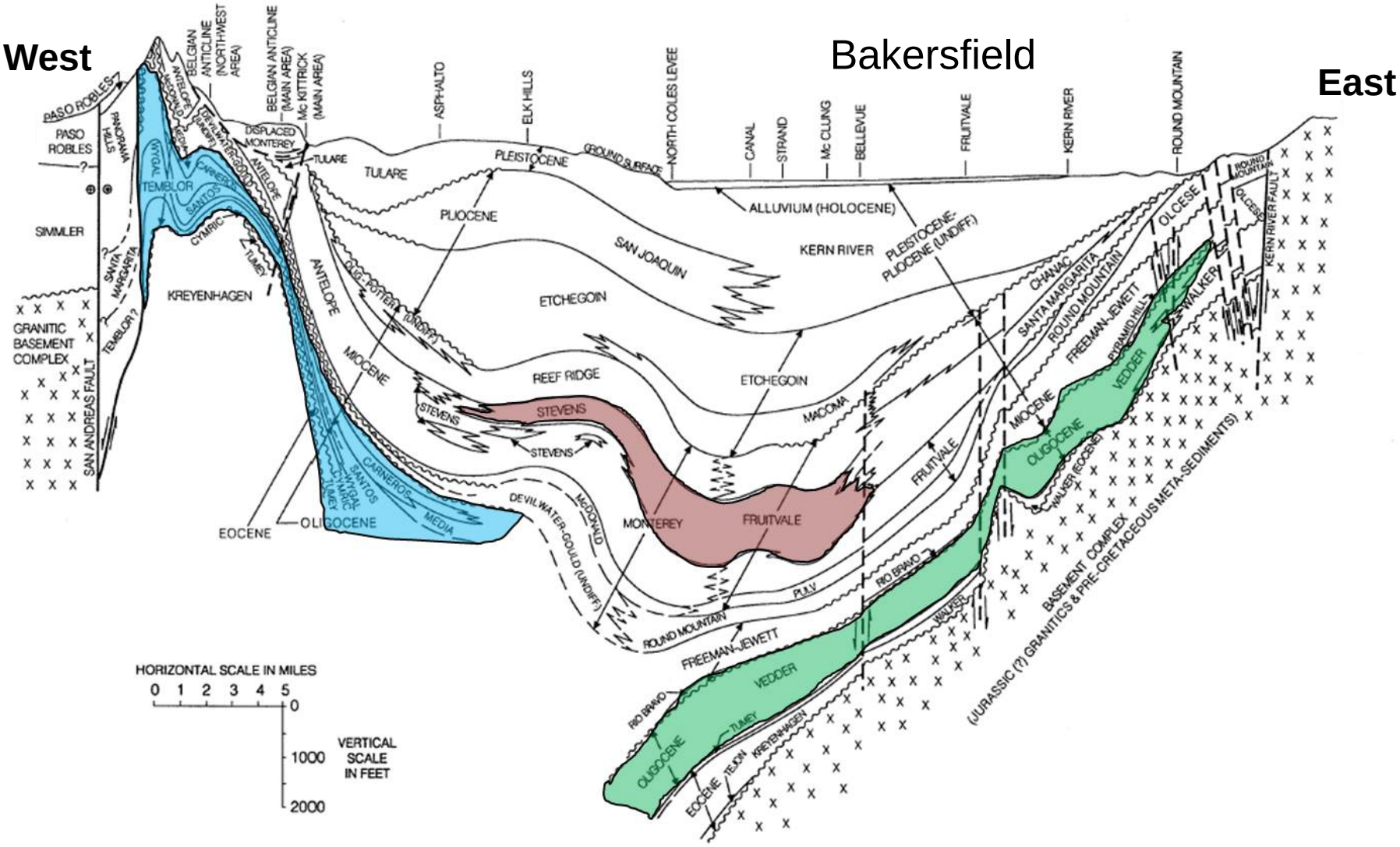
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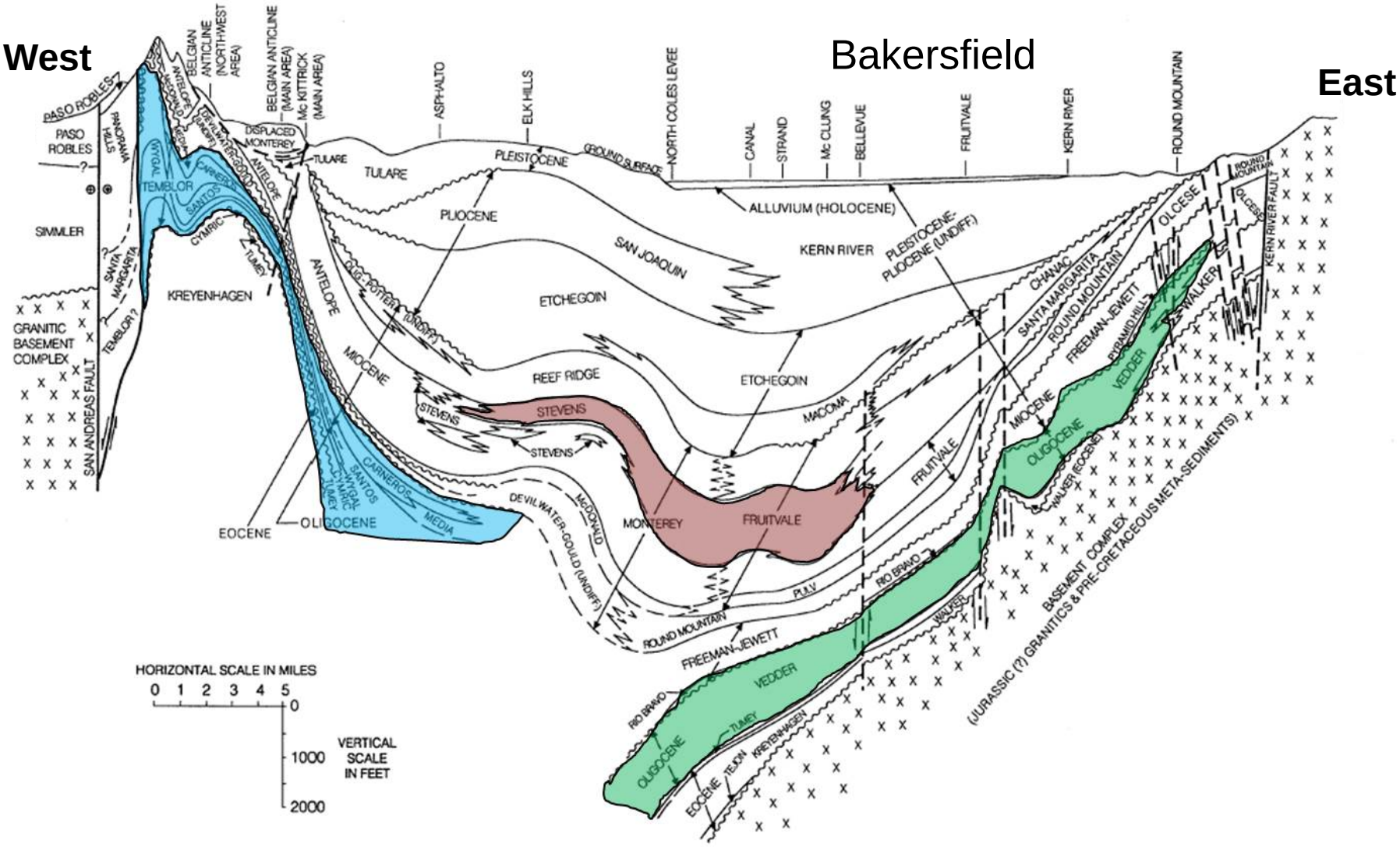

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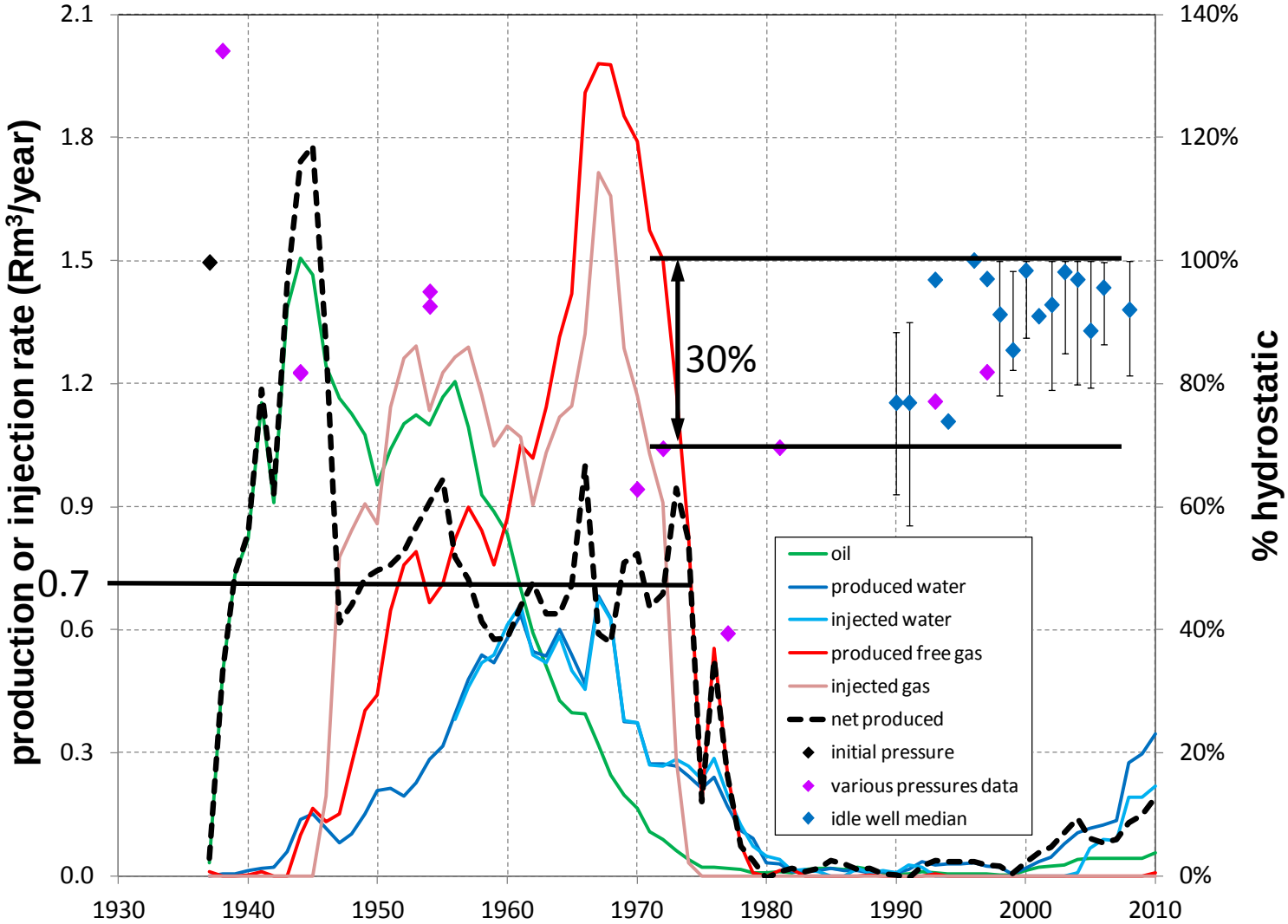

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Temblor – ~0.5 Mtpa/100 km^2
Stevens – ~1.5 Mtpa/100 km^2
Vedder – ~2.5 Mtpa/100 km^2
+
Aquifer storage projects to date (including Gorgon)
=
Brine production typically needed for power-plant scale injection

Monitoring for Quantification

- strategy for detecting and quantifying surface leakage of CO_2;
- strategy for detecting and monitoring subsurface migration of CO_2;
- strategy for establishing baseline levels of CO_2 emissions;
- technology to be used and the relative merits of the technology (i.e., sensitivity and accuracy);
- area to monitor;
- frequency of measurement;
- spatial coverage in terms of both region and intensity (e.g., number of points per area of ground);
- schedule of monitoring, including phased approaches for different project phases;
- attribution assessment and related monitoring, proxy and/or companion gas monitoring;
- use of gas or groundwater tracers;
- determination of how the monitoring program data can best be utilized to provide annual quantification of the amount of CO_2 stored;
- definition of and techniques to determine CO_2 plume stability.

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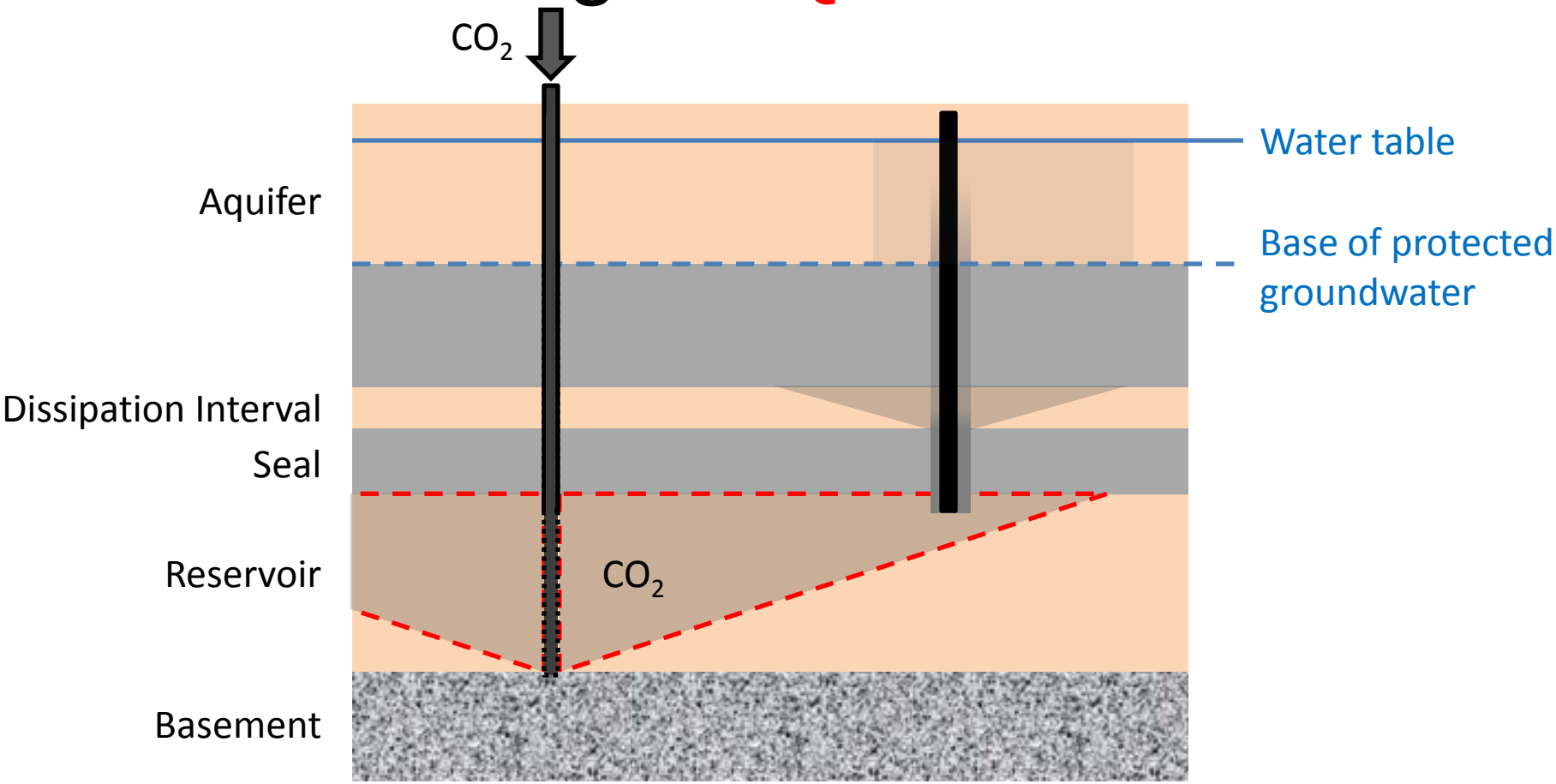

"Positive accounting"

Monitoring for Quantification

>10% as calculated from porosity and reservoir volume

$$\frac{\Delta I}{I} = \frac{\Delta V}{V} + \frac{\Delta p}{p} + \frac{\Delta z}{z} + \frac{\Delta T}{T}$$

>15%

>2% in total

Uncertainty in “positive accounting”
>150,000 Mt on 1 MMt for example

Modified from Tek, M. R. (1991). Errors and uncertainty in inventory verification in underground storage. SPE manuscript 23829. 24 pp. Available at https://www.onepetro.org/download/general/SPE-23829-MS?id=general%2FSPE-23829-MS.

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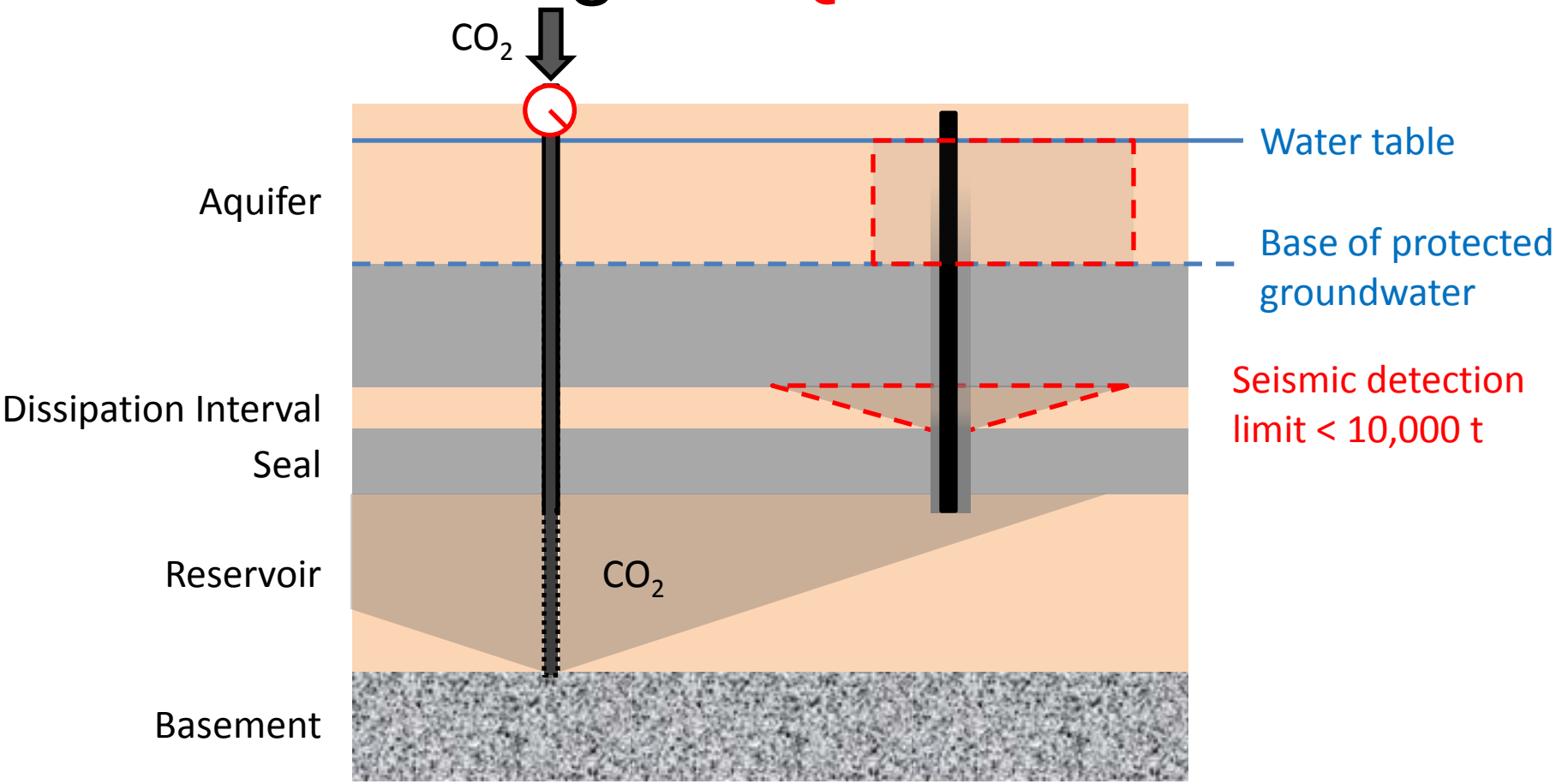

"Negative accounting"

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Monitoring for Quantification

Recommend “negative accounting”

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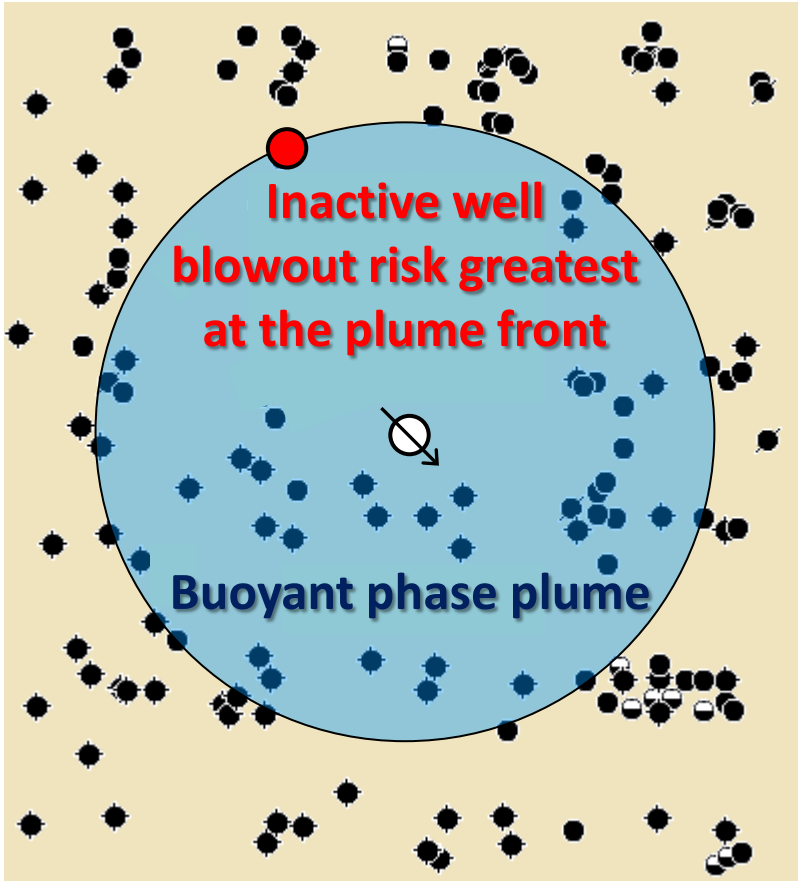

Start of chronic well leakage most likely at the plume front

Watson, T. L, and S. Bachu (2007) Evaluation of the potential for gas and CO_2 leakage along wellbores. SPE Drilling \& Completion, March:115-126.

Leakage exterior to casing likely results in secondary accumulation,

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And likely decreases through time.

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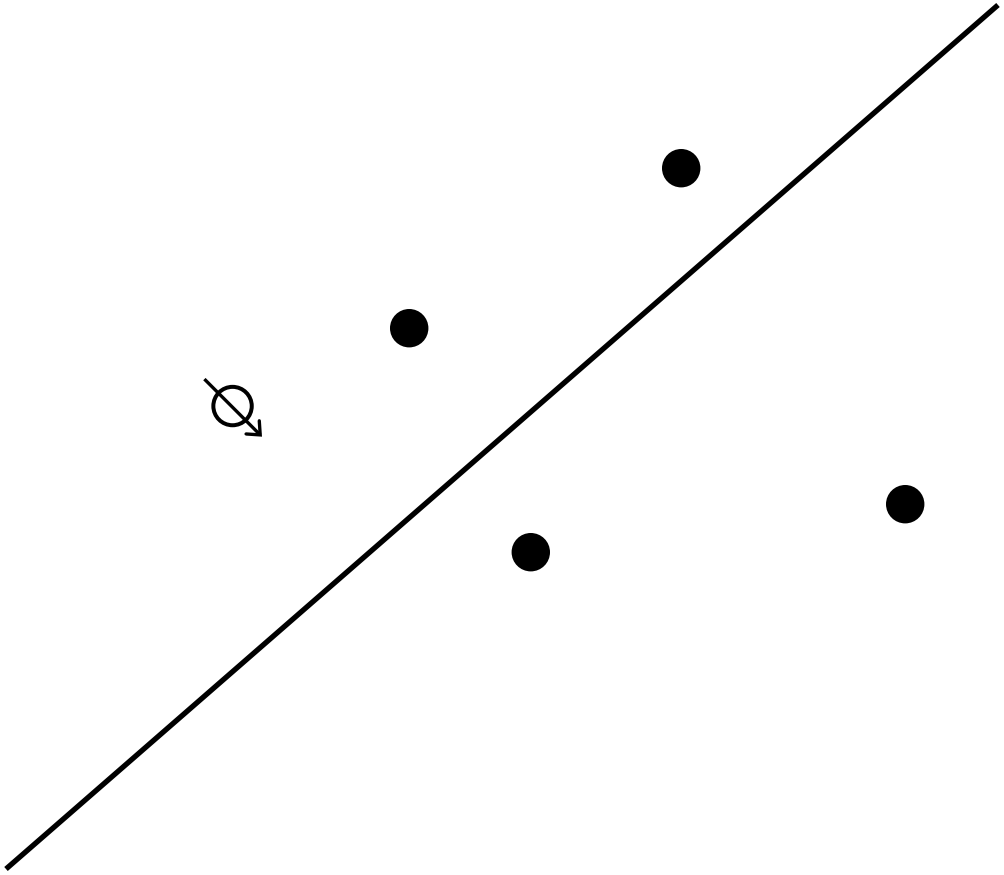

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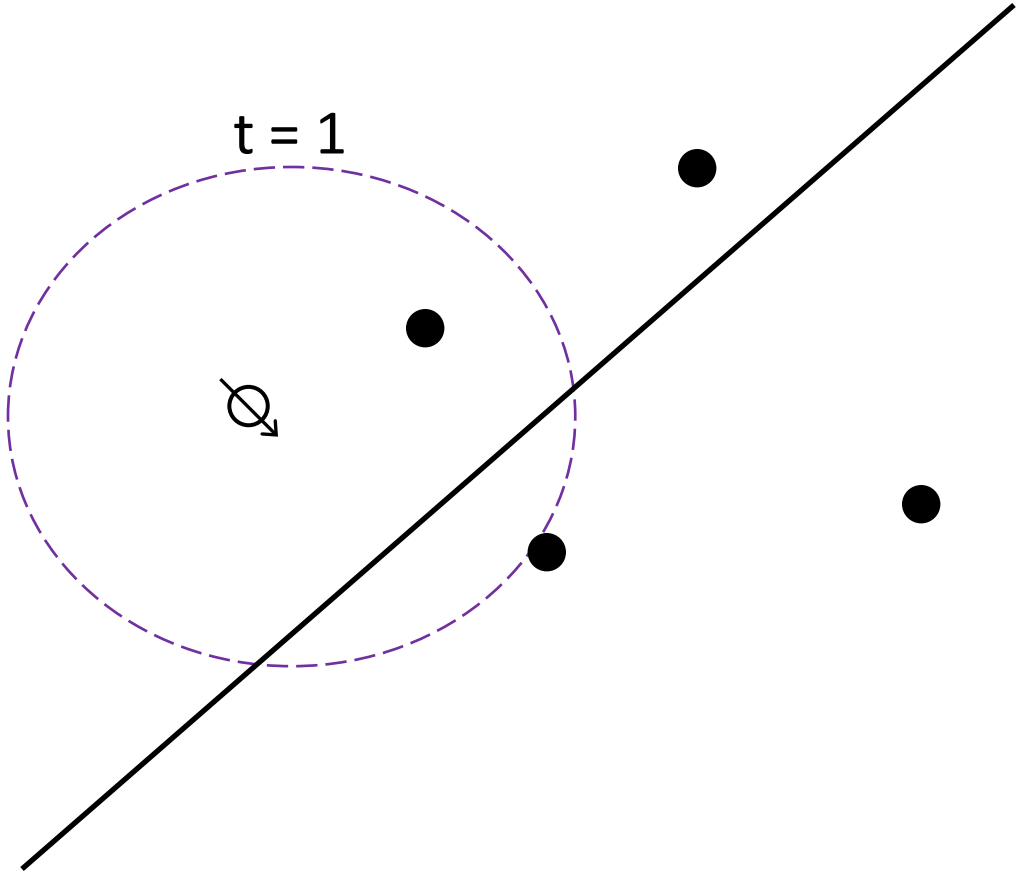

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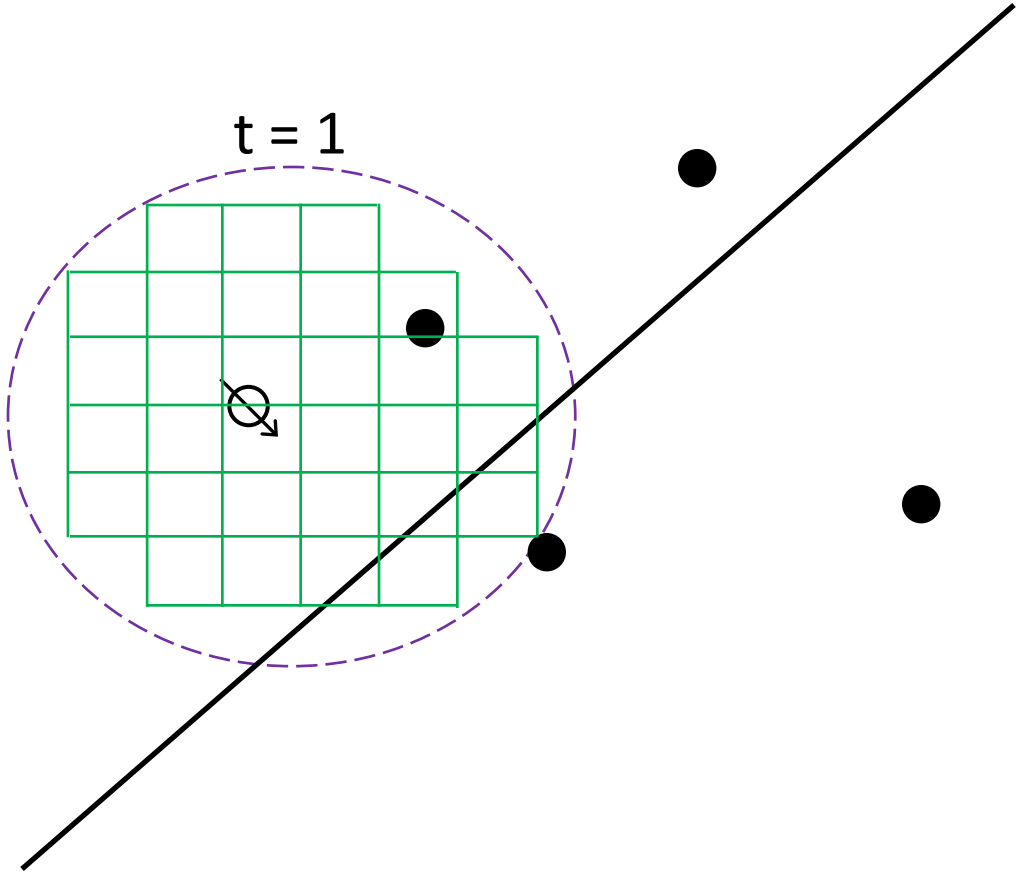

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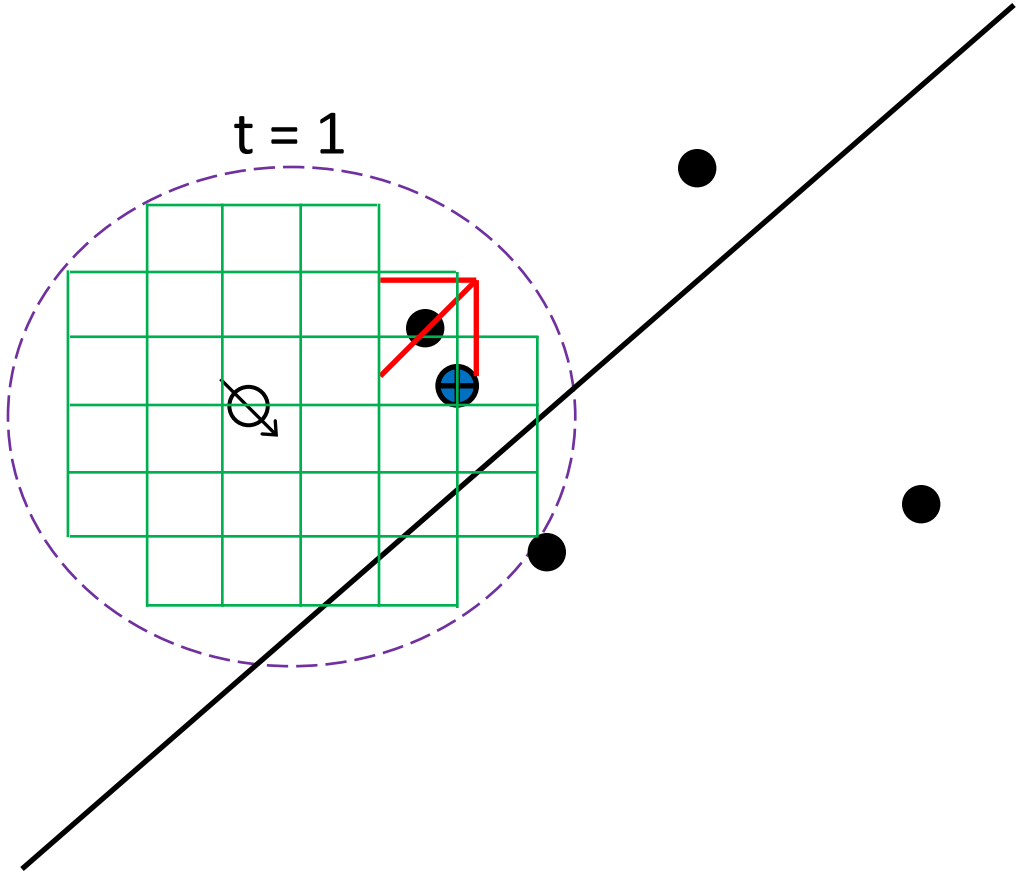

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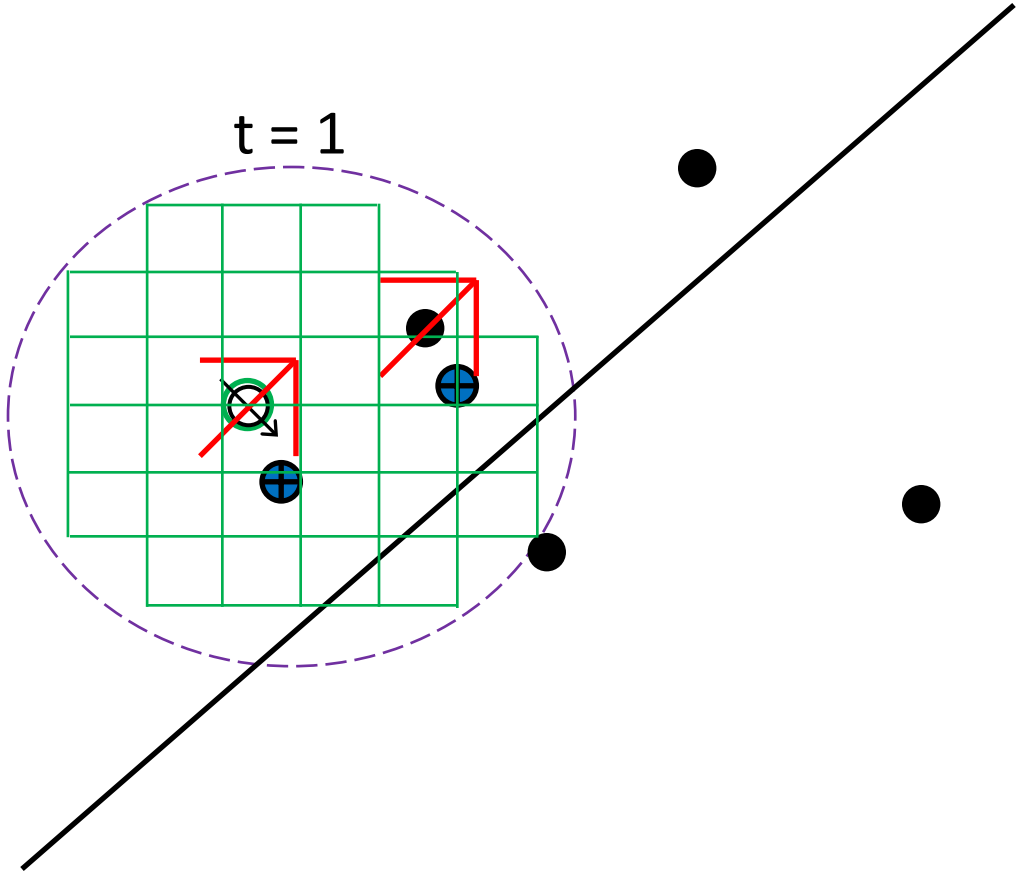

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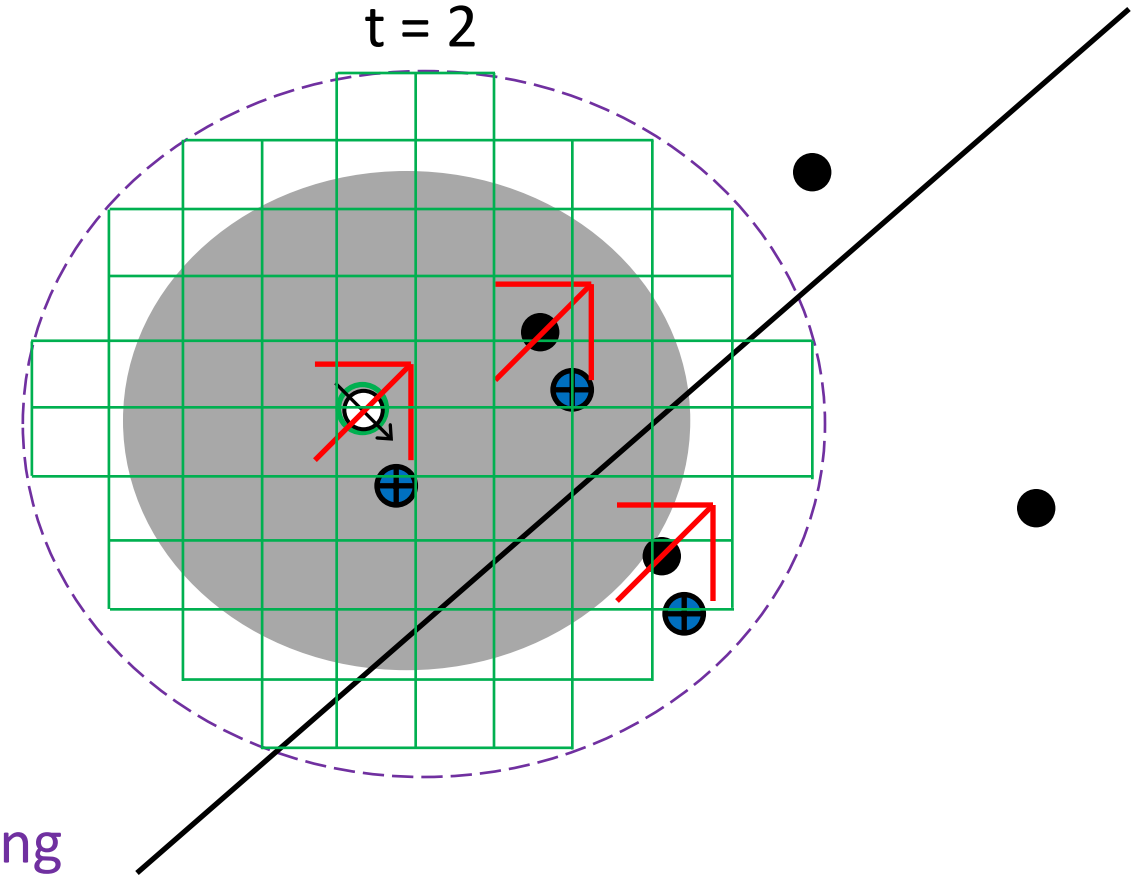

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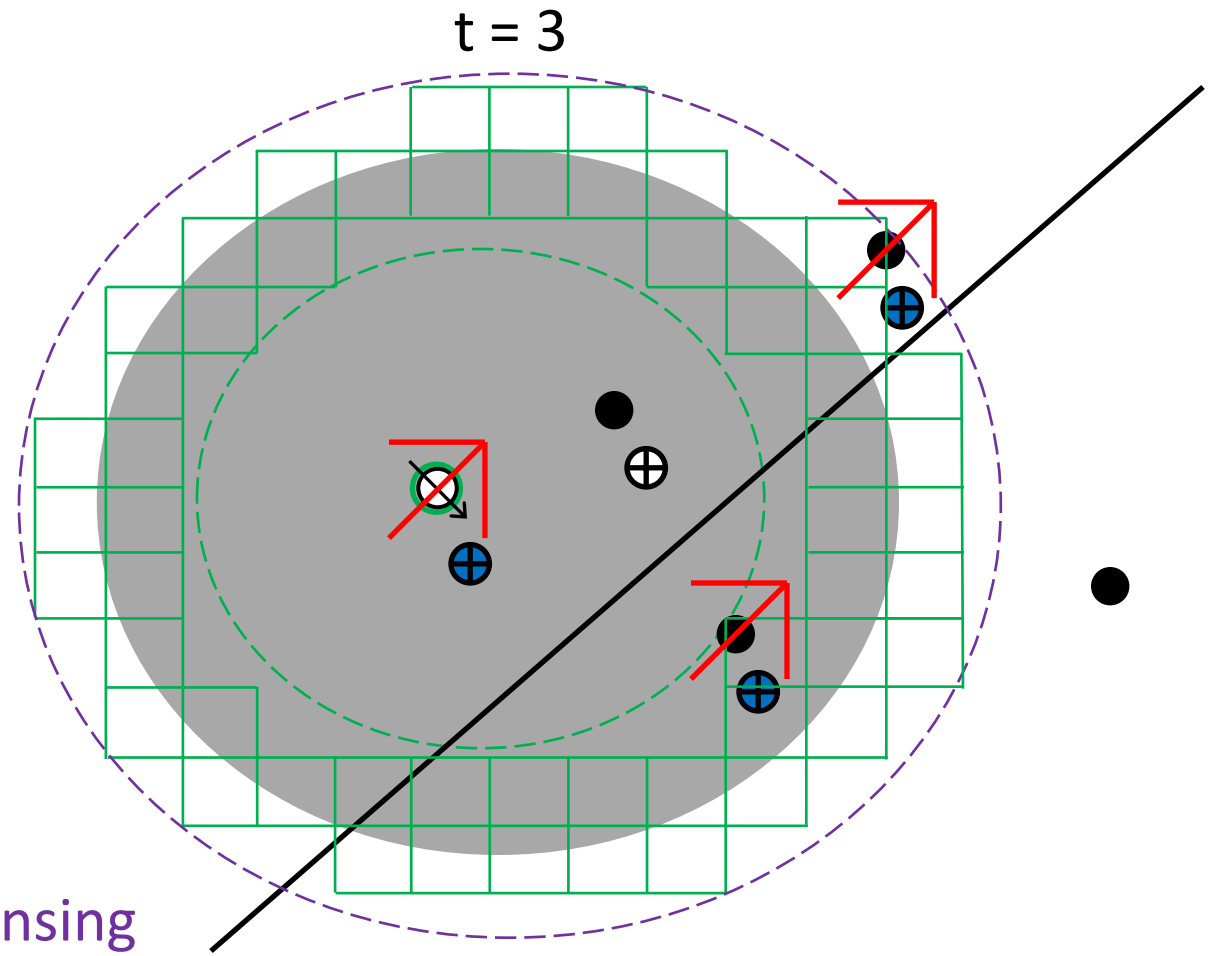

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