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Analytical modeling and performance evaluation for multi-permeable reactive barrier susceptible to coexistence of original contaminant and its degradation-related byproducts

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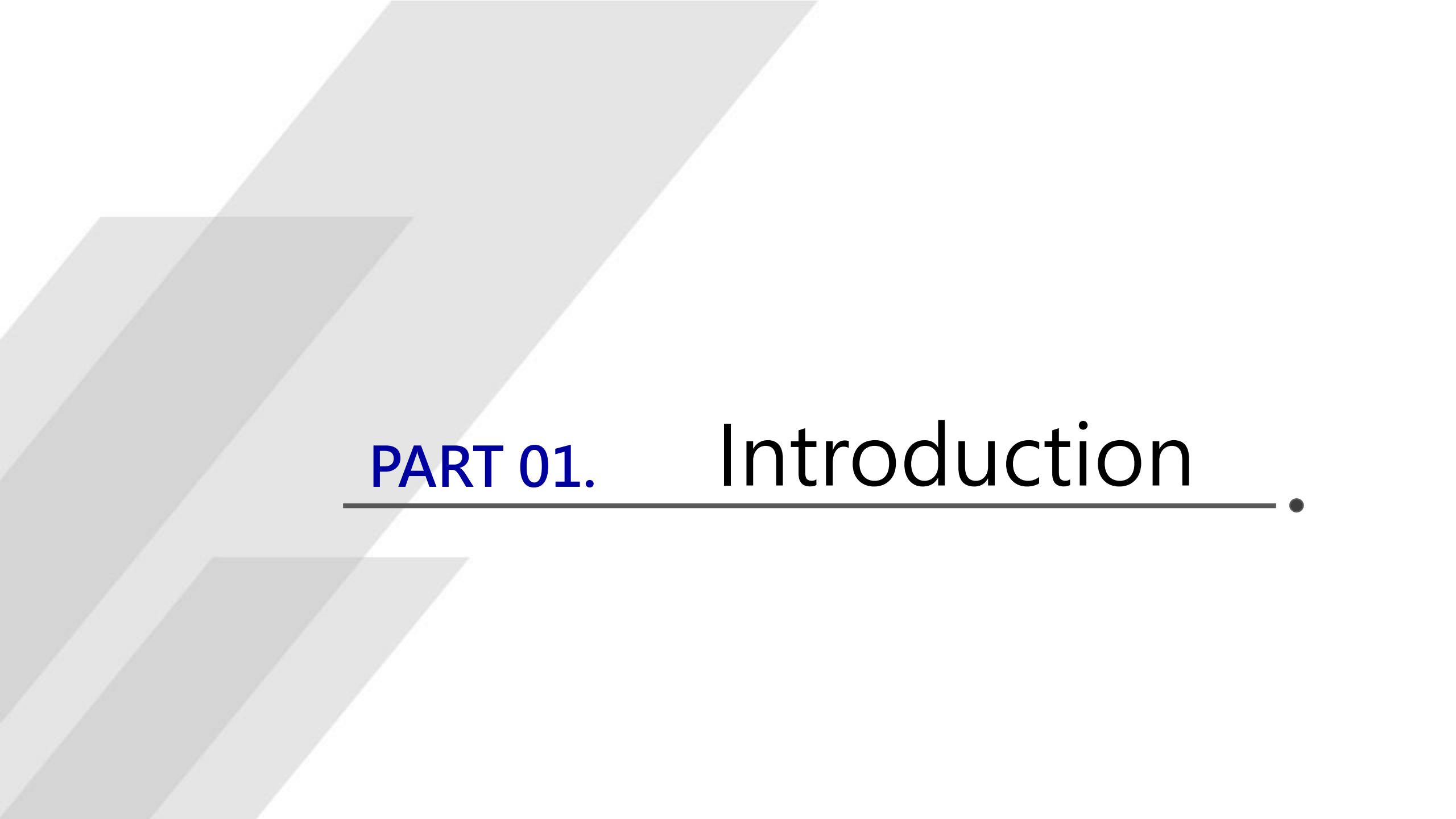
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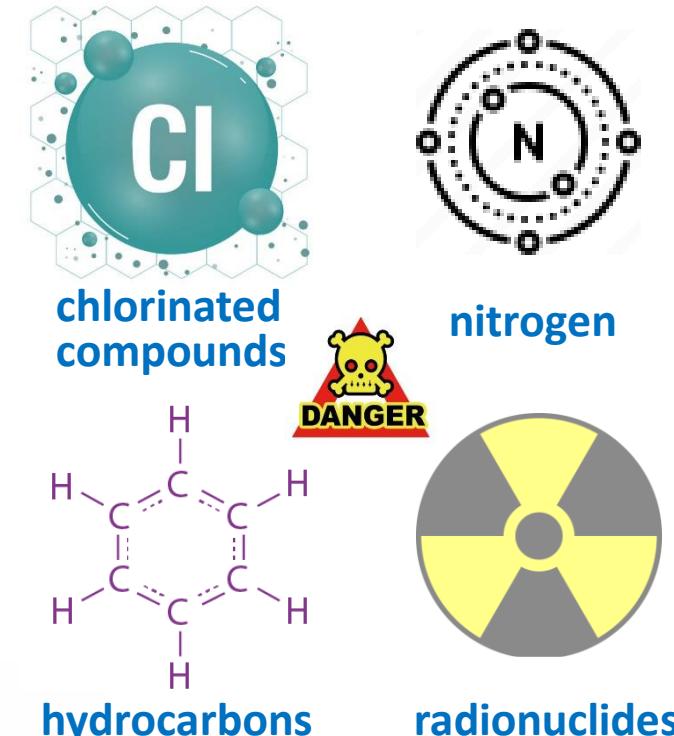


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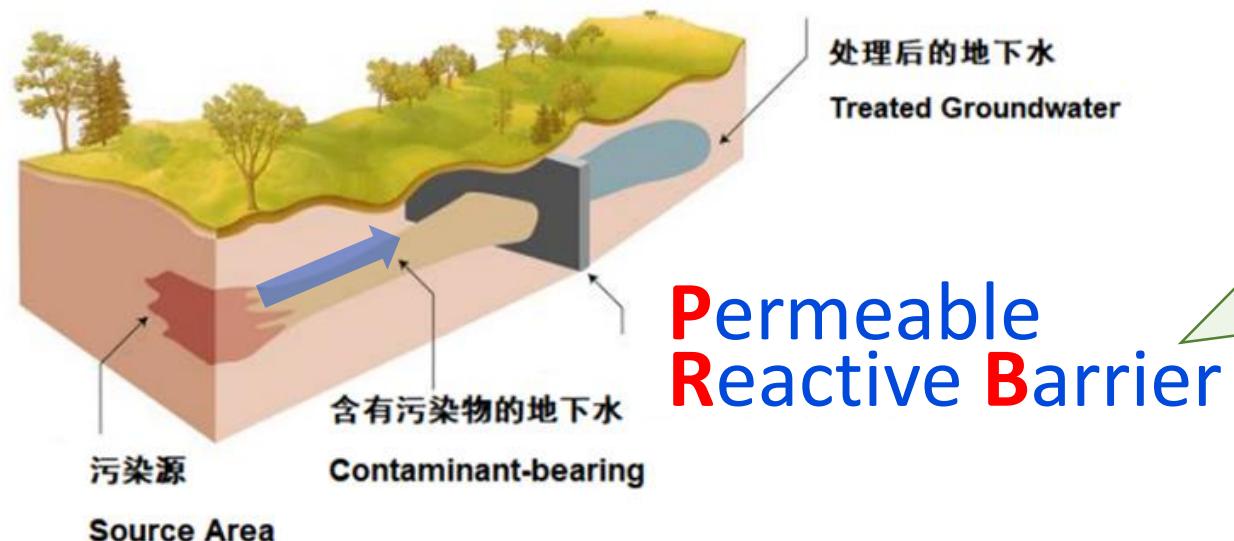
Why PRB is developed?

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- ❖ Various geogenic and anthropogenic sources have caused the emergence of **numerous toxic contaminants in the groundwater**.
- ❖ The increasing concentration of contamination has caused adverse effect on humans, animals, and environment.



Demand for **efficient groundwater remediation technique**



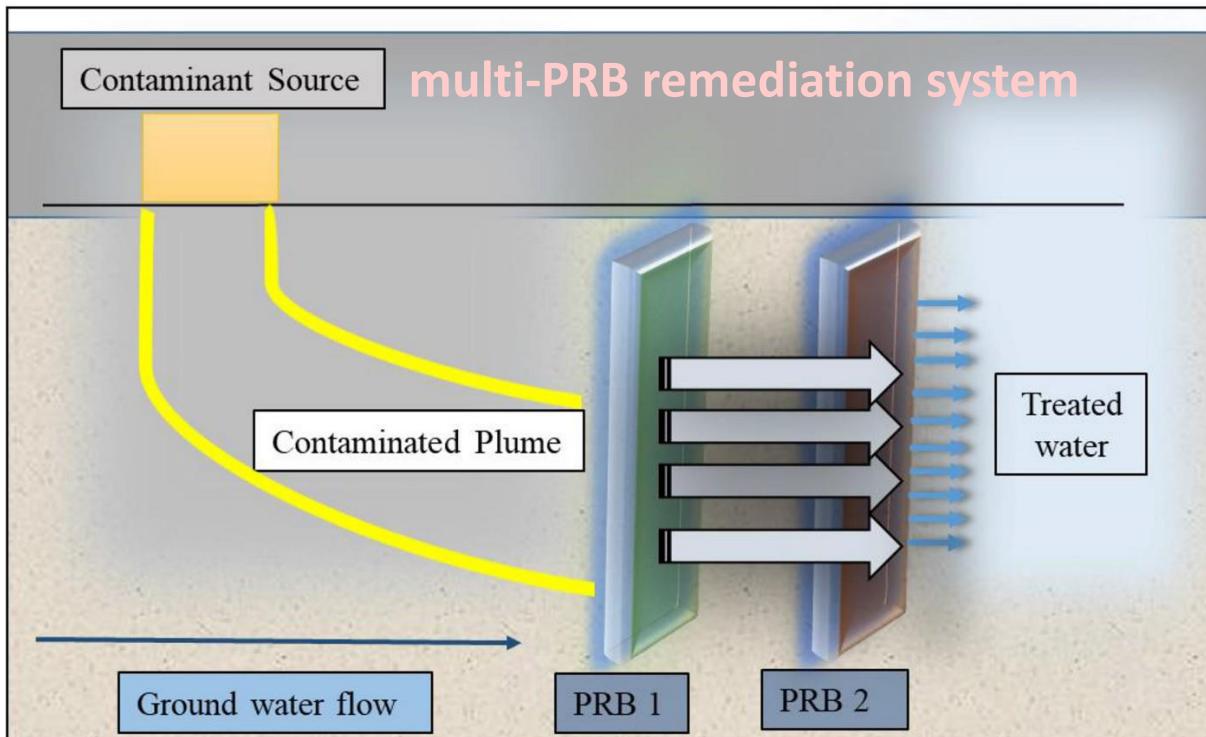
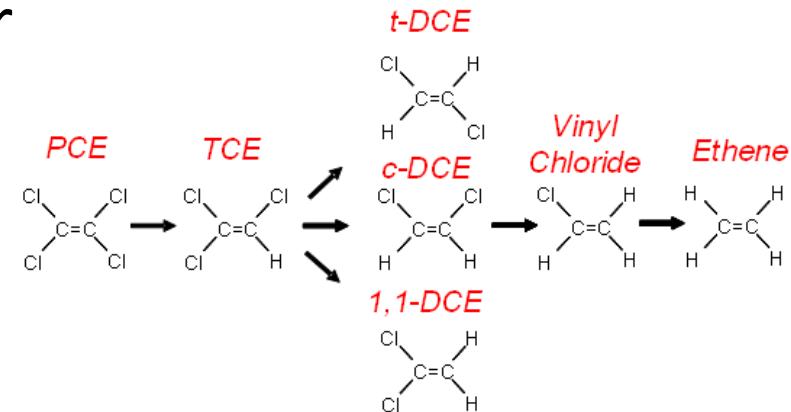
- ✓ Physical, chemical, and/or biological processes to remove **contaminants of concern (COCs)**
- ✓ **Cost-effective!**
No requirement of energy and input resources

Multi-PRB remediation system

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- ❖ Many **reactive contaminants** would degrade or decay to produce **daughter products**.

- Coexistence of multiple contaminant species
- Existence of daughter species in downstream



Multi-PRB system has higher removal efficiency for multi contaminants.

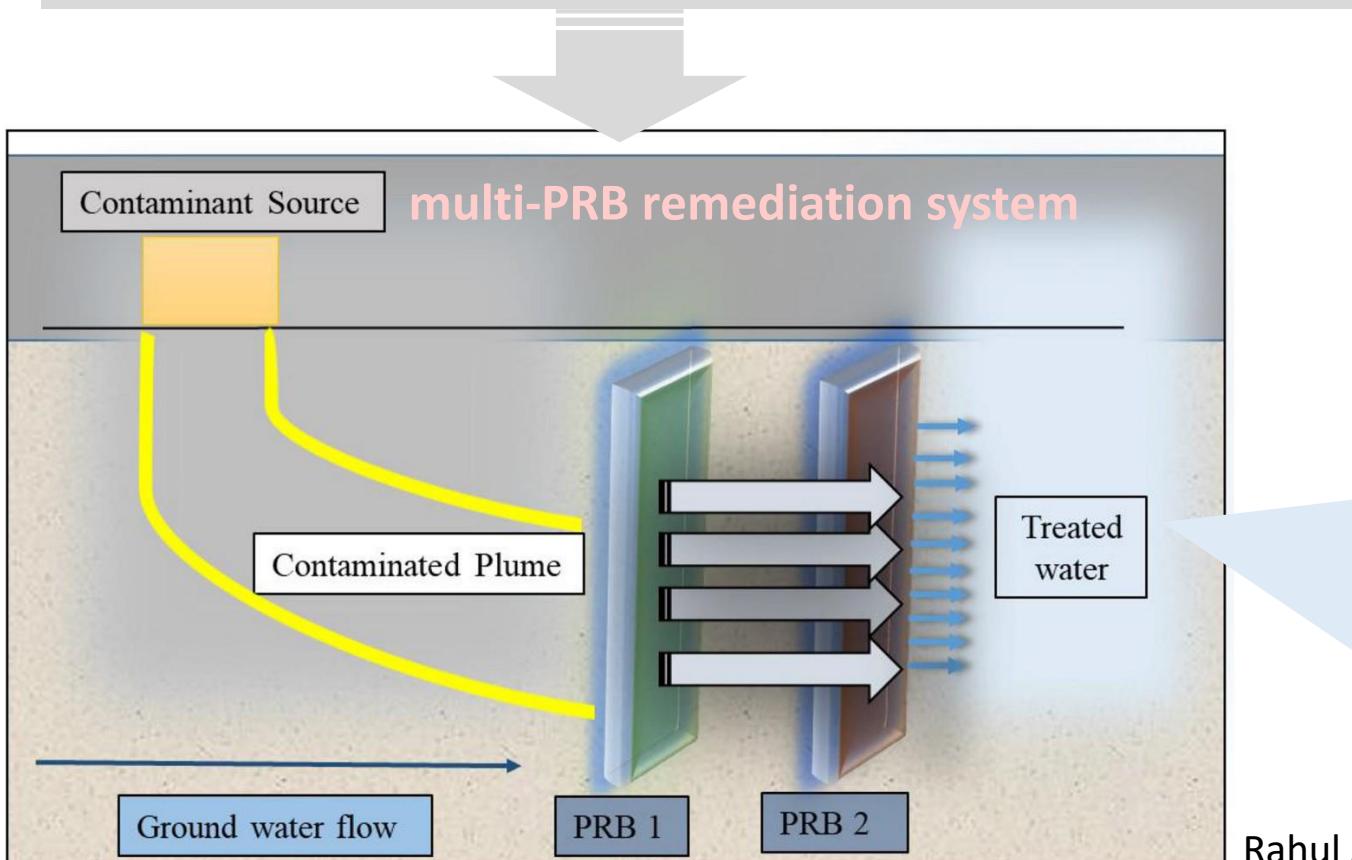
- Lee et al. (2010): 2 reactive barriers
- Xu et al. (2012): MODFLOW/MT3DMS
- Singh et al. (2020): MODFLOW

Modelling for Multi-PRB system

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Modelling of PRB design would aid in analyzing performance of the PRB system for longer time periods and simulate behavior under various plausible scenarios.



Influencing factors include:

- Configuration
- Location
- Thickness (residence time)
- Orientation of barrier
- Contaminant properties
- Material filled in

Mechanisms of contaminant transport

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Example :

$$D \frac{\partial^2 C_1(x, t)}{\partial x^2} - V \frac{\partial C_1(x, t)}{\partial x} - \mu_1 R_1 C_1(x, t) = R_1 \frac{\partial C_1(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

$$D \frac{\partial^2 C_i(x, t)}{\partial x^2} - V \frac{\partial C_i(x, t)}{\partial x} - \mu_i R_i C_i(x, t) + \mu_{i-1} R_{i-1} C_{i-1}(x, t) \\ = R_i \frac{\partial C_i(x, t)}{\partial t}. \quad i = 2 \dots N.$$

Chen et al. (2020)

D : dispersion

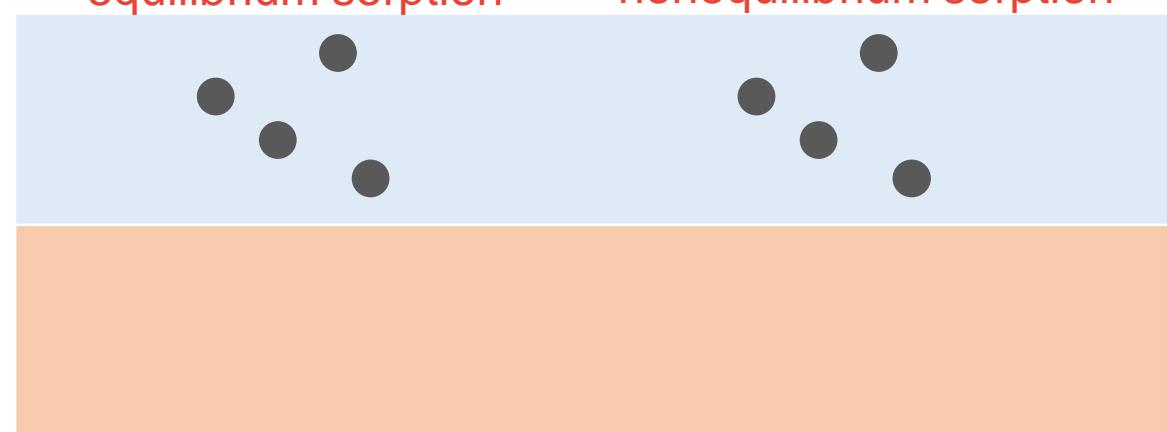
V : velocity

μ : decay rate constant

R : retardation coefficient

i : number of species (multispecies)

ratio of speed of plume migration
to average groundwater velocity
caused by sorption



sorption rate $\rightarrow \infty$

sorption rate : 0.5

dissolved phase
sorbed phase

Literature review of PRB modelling

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a. transport parameters in PRB and aquifer

b. effective tool for performance evaluation

c. decay reaction in degradation pathway

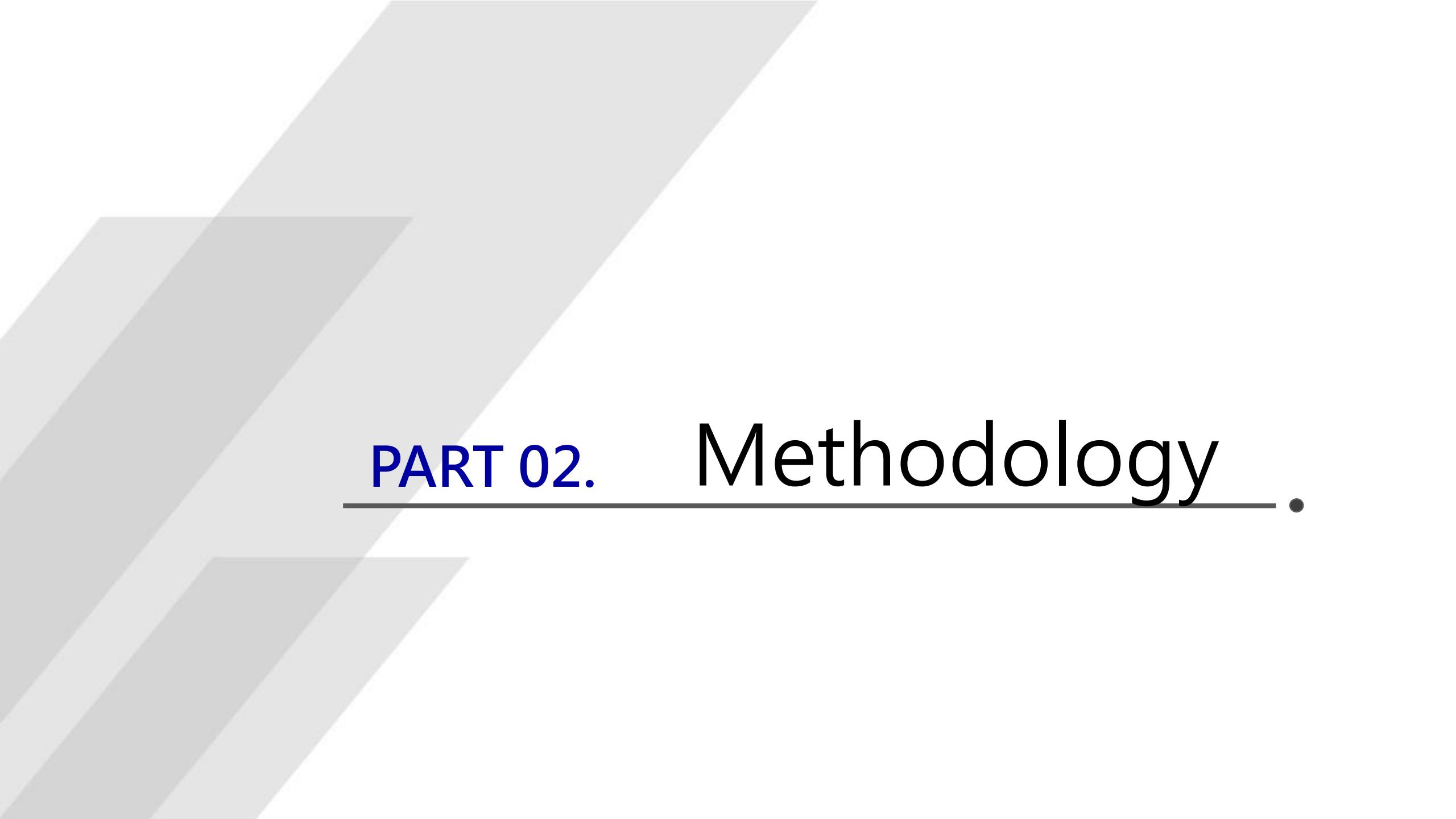
d. mass transfer between dissolved and sorbed phases

Literature	a. Multiple domain	b. Analytical	c. Multispecies	d. nonequilibrium sorption
Leij et al. (1991)	✓	✓	X	X
Pérez Guerrero et al. (2013)	✓	✓	X	X
Cho (1971)	X	✓	✓	X
Gureghian and Jansen (1985)	✓	✓	✓	X
Singh et al. (2020)	✓	X	X	✓
Guo et al. (2000)	X	✓	X	✓

Objective

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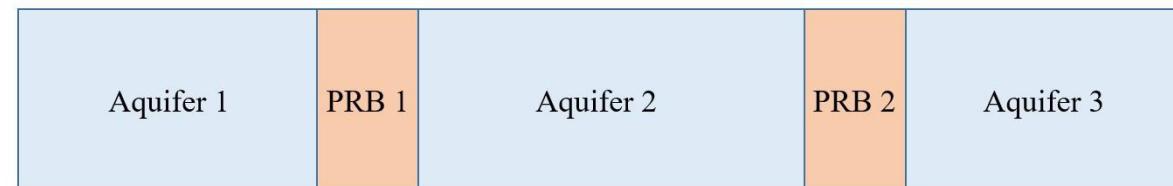
- ❖ Analytical modeling and performance evaluation for multi-permeable reactive barrier system for groundwater remediation
 - decay reaction and coexistence of multispecies
 - nonequilibrium sorption



PART 02. Methodology.

Governing equations

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Aquifer 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D_{a1} \frac{\partial^2 C_i(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - v_{a1} \frac{\partial C_i(x,t)}{\partial x} - \lambda_{a1}^i C_i(x,t) \\
 & + y_i \lambda_{a1}^{i-1} C_{i-1}(x,t) + \frac{\beta_{a1}^i}{\theta_{a1}} \left(C_i(x,t) - \frac{S_i(x,t)}{K_{a1}^i} \right) = \frac{\partial C_i(x,t)}{\partial t} \quad \lambda_{a1}^0 = 0 \quad i=1,\dots,N \quad 0 \leq x \leq x_1, \quad t \geq 0 \\
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 & -\gamma_{a1}^i \rho_{a1} S_i(x,t) + y_i \gamma_{a1}^{i-1} \rho_{a1} S_{i-1}(x,t)
 \end{aligned}$$

dissolved phase

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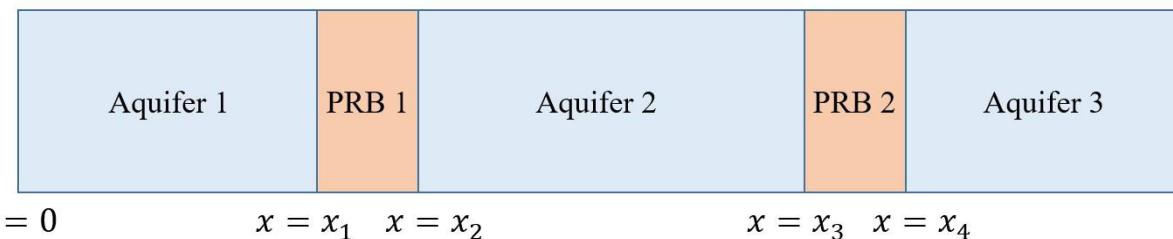
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Aquifer 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D_{a2} \frac{\partial^2 C_i(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - v_{a2} \frac{\partial C_i(x,t)}{\partial x} - \lambda_{a2}^i C_i(x,t) \\
 & + y_i \lambda_{a2}^{i-1} C_{i-1}(x,t) + \frac{\beta_{a2}^i}{\theta_{a2}} \left(C_i(x,t) - \frac{S_i(x,t)}{K_{a2}^i} \right) = \frac{\partial C_i(x,t)}{\partial t} \quad \lambda_{a2}^0 = 0 \quad i=1,\dots,N \quad x_2 \leq x \leq x_3, \quad t \geq 0 \\
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Aquifer 3

$$\begin{aligned}
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 & \rho_{a3} \frac{\partial S_i(x,t)}{\partial t} = \beta_{a3}^i \left(C_i(x,t) - \frac{S_i(x,t)}{K_{a3}^i} \right) \quad \gamma_{a3}^0 = 0 \quad i=1,...,N \quad x_4 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\
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N : total number of species coexisting in the chemical mixture

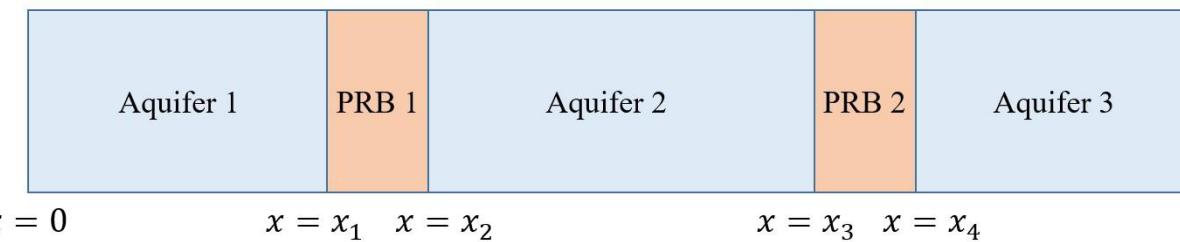
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v_* : average steady-state pore water velocity

x : spatial coordinate

D_* : dispersion coefficient



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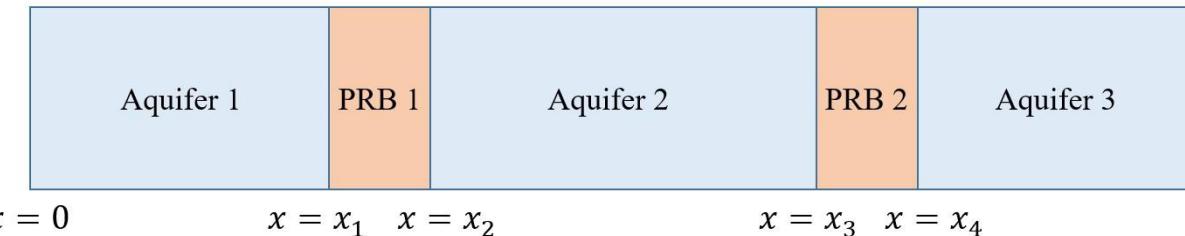
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y^i : stoichiometric yield factor from species $i-1$ to species i

$a1, p1, a2, p2$ and $a3$: aquifer 1, PRB1, aquifer 2, PRB2 and aquifer 3

Initial conditions

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$$C_i(x, t=0) = 0 \quad 0 \leq x \leq x_1 \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

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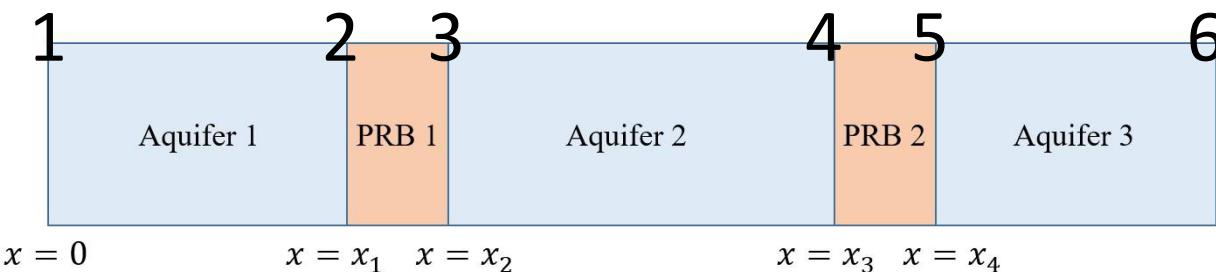
$$S_i(x, t=0) = 0 \quad x_3 \leq x \leq x_4 \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

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Boundary conditions

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$$1 \quad v_{a1} C_i(x=0,t) - D_{a1} \frac{\partial C(x=0,t)}{\partial x} = v_{a1} c_{i,0} \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

$$2 \quad C_i(x=x_1^-, t) = C_i(x=x_1^+, t) \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

$$\theta_{a1} D_{a1} \frac{\partial C_i(x=x_1^-, t)}{\partial x} = \theta_{p1} D_{p1} \frac{\partial C_i(x=x_1^+, t)}{\partial x} \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

$$3 \quad C_i(x=x_2^-, t) = C_i(x=x_2^+, t) \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

$$\theta_{p1} D_{p1} \frac{\partial C_i(x=x_2^-, t)}{\partial x} = \theta_{a2} D_{a2} \frac{\partial C_i(x=x_2^+, t)}{\partial x} \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

$$4 \quad C_i(x=x_3^-, t) = C_i(x=x_3^+, t) \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

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$$5 \quad C_i(x=x_4^-, t) = C_i(x=x_4^+, t) \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

$$\theta_{p2} D_{p2} \frac{\partial C_i(x=x_4^-, t)}{\partial x} = \theta_{a3} D_{a3} \frac{\partial C_i(x=x_4^+, t)}{\partial x} \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

$$6 \quad C_i(x \rightarrow \infty, t) = 0 \quad i=1,\dots,N$$

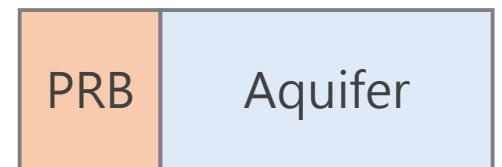


Satisfy the **continuities** of species concentrations and **mass flux** at interfaces

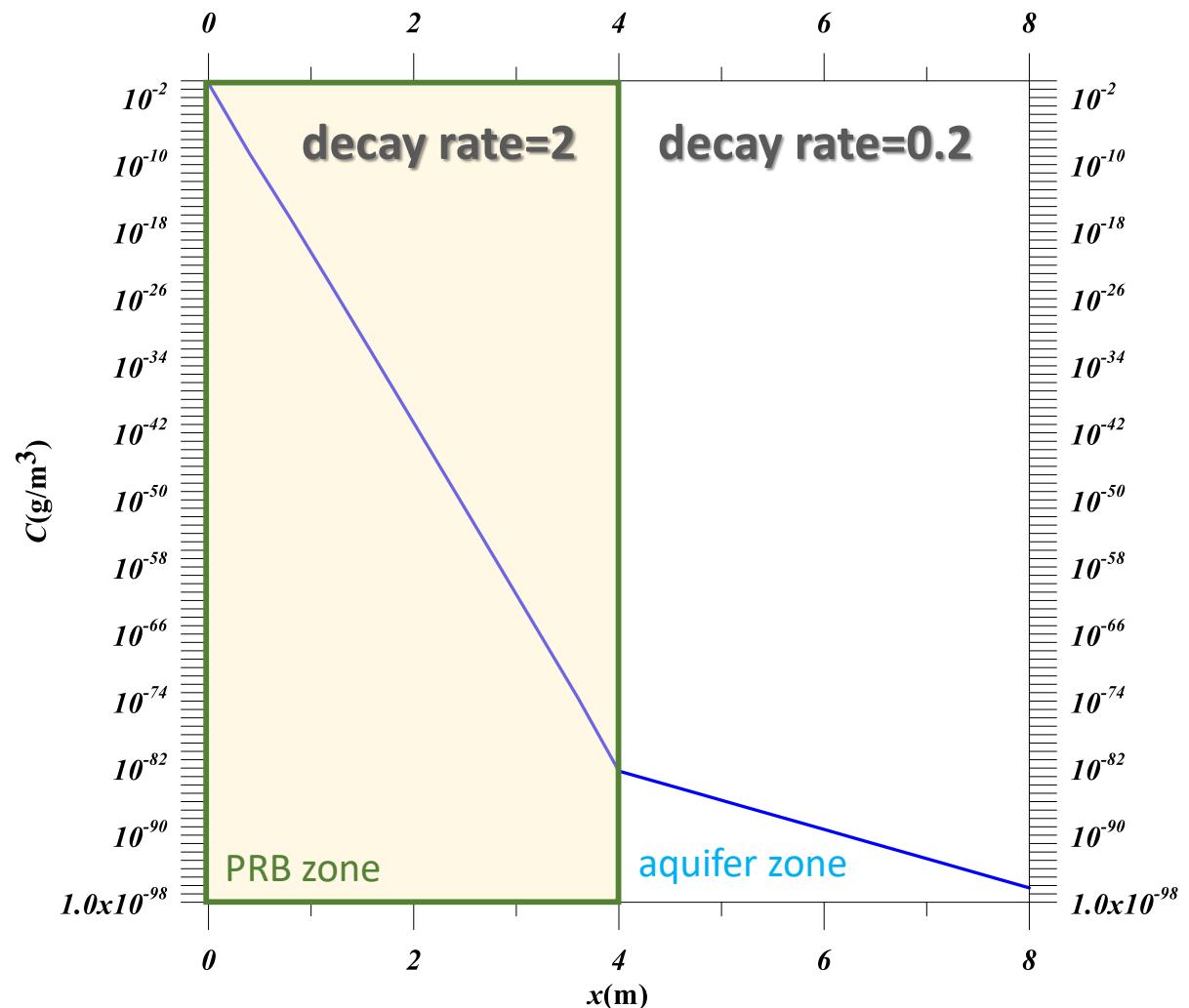
PART 03. Preliminary results.

2-layer PRB system

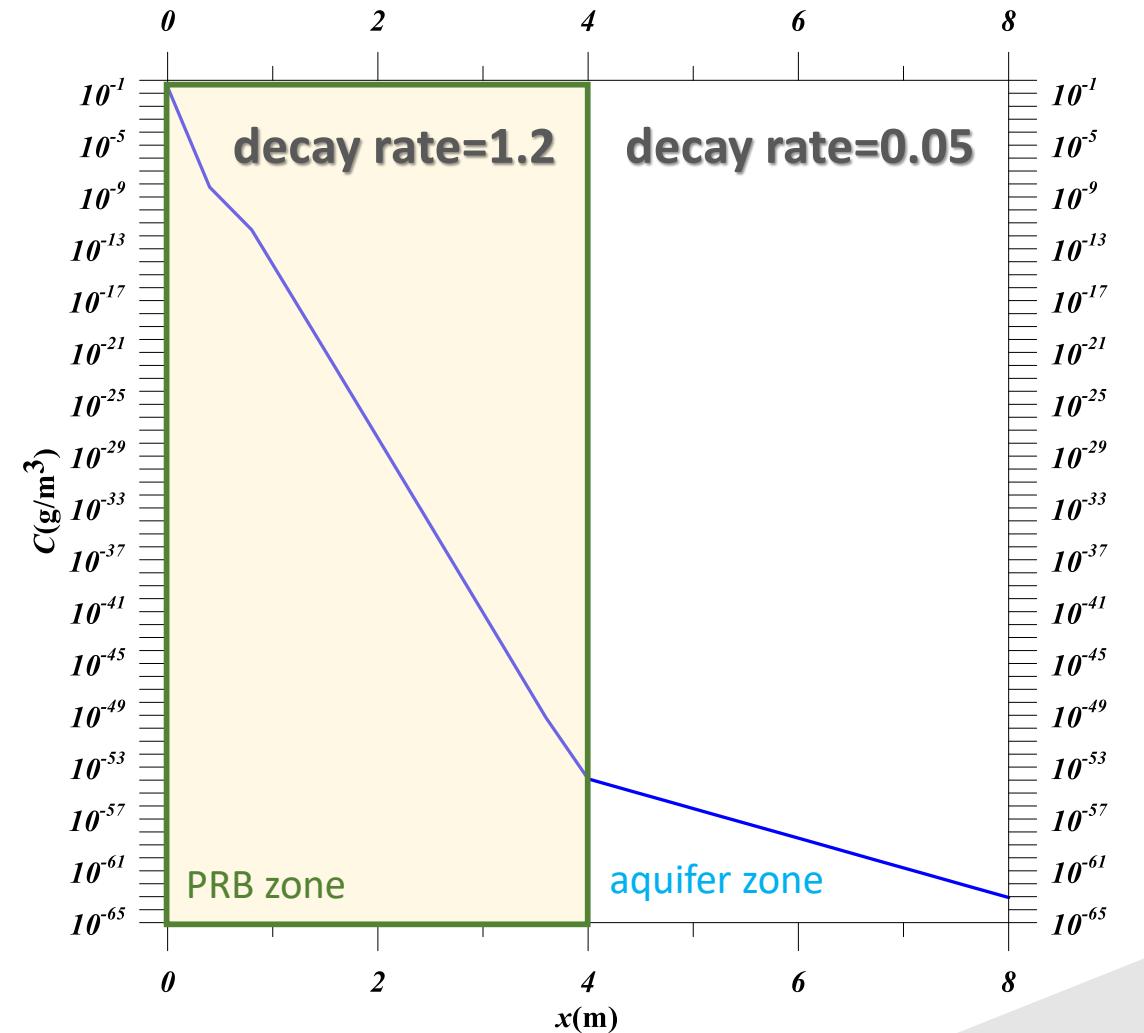
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❖ Species 1



❖ Species 2



Parameters considered

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Parameters	Values
Domain length, L [m]	4
velocity in PRB, v_p [m day $^{-1}$]	0.2
velocity in aquifer, v_a [m day $^{-1}$]	0.33
Dispersion coefficient in PRB, D_p [m 2 day $^{-1}$]	0.01
Dispersion coefficient in PRB, D_a [m 2 day $^{-1}$]	0.67
Bulk density, ρ_b [kg L $^{-1}$]	1.3
Sorption reaction rate constant, β_i [year $^{-1}$]	
Species 1	50
Species 2	50
Source concentration, $C_{i,0}$ [g m $^{-3}$]	
Species 1	0.05
Species 2	0.03
Yield coefficient, $y_{i-1 \rightarrow i}$ [-]	
$y_{species1 \rightarrow species2}$	0.8

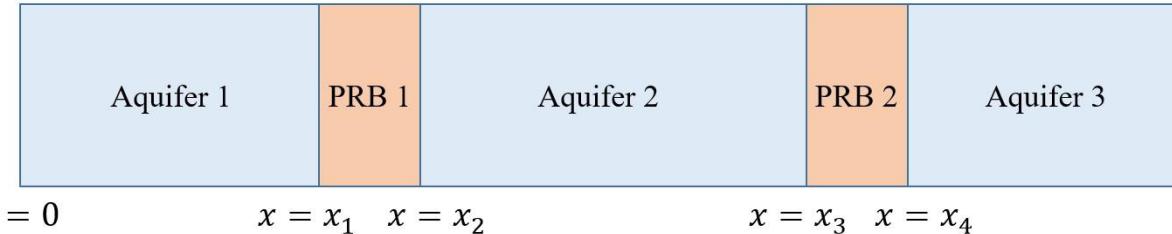
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Future works



Future works

PART 04



- 1 Solving equations of multi-PRB system (5 layers) analytically
- 2 Model verification (numerical model)
- 3 Sensitivity analysis
- 4 PRB design scenarios



Thanks for your
attention!

- ❖ Hongbin Zhan 2012
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