

About Us

The researchers of SEMCAL endeavor to provide a scientific understanding of pore to field scale rock-fluid interactions through state-of-the-art physical and chemical property analysis. In-depth laboratory analysis of subsurface earth materials provide a foundation to help industry and academia develop a fundamental understanding of formations relevant to resource exploration and development in Ohio, the Midwest, the Nation and the World.

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Current Focus Areas:

Interaction of hydrocarbons with geological and engineered materials

Characterization of gas shale and caprock

CO₂-brine-rock interactions relevant to carbon sequestration

Gas, fluid and isotope monitoring of CO₂ injection tests; frack gas and flowback fluids

Formation of methane hydrates in sediments

Development of down-hole geophysical methods

SEMCAL

*Subsurface Energy
 Materials
 Characterization and
 Analysis Laboratory*

at

The Ohio State University



Students preparing samples

Goals:

- Educate and train students about subsurface processes.
- Provide chemical and physical property measurements of cores and fluids.
- Provide capabilities to simulate in-situ conditions for testing purposes.
- Develop new methods to image and analyze core and rock samples.

We have a broad spectrum of geochemical and geophysical instruments that measure nano- to macroscale rock properties.

Our Mission:

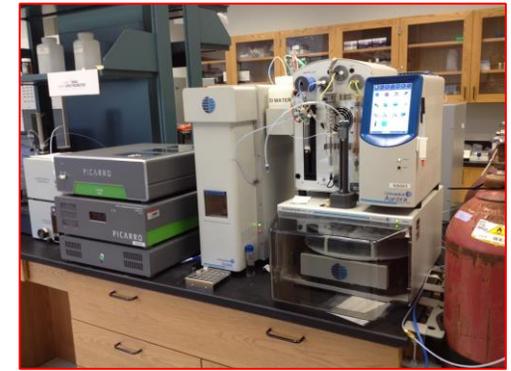
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PANalytical XRD



Porosimeter



Picarro cavity ring down spectrometer for carbon isotope analysis

Equipment:

Probe permeameter
 Pulsed decay permeameter
 Micromeritics mmmercury porosimeter
 Archimedes work station (bulk & grain density)
 Micromeritics surface area analyzer
 PANalytical X-ray Diffractometer
 Leica RES 102 Dual Ion Mill
 FEI FEG SEM with QEMSCAN software
 Picarro cavity ring down spectrometer
 Costech elemental analyzer (COHNS)
 OI Analytical Carbon Analyzer
 X-ray computed tomography
 Bruker 20MHz low-field NMR
 Stirred batch hydrothermal reactors
 Gamma spectral core scanner
 High P-T biaxial resistivity and triaxial acoustic velocity core holders
 Dean Stark and soxhlet fluid extraction systems
 ThermoFisher Delta V Advantage stable isotope ratio mass spec with gas chromatograph
 Computer Lab for numerical modeling and visualization