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WP-FUTURE: FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING OF RADIONUCLIDE RETENTION





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RELEVANCE OF WP FUTURE

- Retention and transport of radionuclides in host rocks are the basis for dosis calculations Dosis calculations are essential part of the safety assessment and the site selection criteria/repository design.
- Host rocks are intrinsically heterogeneous materials with complex chemistry and hydraulic properties.
- Traditional Dosis calculations are conducted based on simplified models assuming "static" properties of host rocks. Uncertainty analysis is implemented based on conservative estimates.





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DIGITAL TWINS AND DIGITAL TOOLS IN WP FUTURE

- Conceptual framework for parameter upscaling: Lab-Field-Repository
- Numerical models for coupled physicochemical processes in laboratory and in field
- In silico Digital twin on laboratory experiments
- Simulators of transport processes:
 - RN-transport simulations
 - Uncertainty analysis
 - Scenario estimations





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IMPACT AND RELEVANCE FOR END USERS

- Essential research tool for understanding of process couplings
- Evacuation and minimization of uncertainties
- Reference process simulator for WMO organizations

CHALLENGES AND NEEDS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

- Digitalization of geological data and automated characterization of rocks
- Development of surrogate models for RN transport and retention
- Accelerated geochemical simulators

