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## **Education:**

Ph.D. Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2001, University of California, Berkeley M.S. Mechanical Engineering, 1992, University of California, Santa Barbara B.A. Applied Mathematics 1989, University of California, Berkeley

## Work Experience:

Mechanical Engineer, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Sept. 1998 - Present Staff Research Associate, Sept.1997 – August 1998
Principal Research Associate, March 1995 - August 1997
Senior Research Associate, April 1992 - February 1995

#### **Current Research Areas:**

At Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory my recent research has focused on: (1) geological sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>, particularly field demonstrations in saline and depleted gas aquifers (2) understanding thermal and hydrologic conditions in arctic regions and (3) development of fiber-optic DTS techniques for monitoring subsurface processes. Currently I am the Principal Investigator for collaborations supporting two international carbon storage demonstration projects: the Otway Project in Victoria, Australia and the EU funded CO2SINK program in Ketzin, Germany.

#### **Selected Journal Publications:**

Freifeld, B. M., 2009, The U-tube: a new paradigm in borehole fluid sampling, *Scientific Drilling*, 8, doi:10.2204/iodp.sd.8.07.2009

Freifeld, B. M., Finsterle, S., Onstott, T. C., Toole P., and Pratt, L. M., 2008, Ground surface temperature reconstructions: using in situ estimates for thermal conductivity acquired with a fiber-optic distributed thermal perturbation sensor, *Geophys. Res. Lett.* 35, L14309, doi:10.1029/2008GL034762, LBNL-1755E.

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Kneafsey, T.J., L. Tomutsa, G.J. Moridis, Y. Seol, B.M. Freifeld, C.E. Taylor and A. Gupta, 2007, Methane hydrate formation and dissociation in a partially saturated core-scale sand sample, *Journal of Petroleum Science and Engineering* **56**, pp. 108–126

Freifeld, B. M. & Trautz, R. C., 2006, Real-time quadrupole mass spectrometer analysis of gas in borehole fluid samples acquired using the U-tube sampling methodology. *Geofluids* 6 (3), 217-224. doi: 10.1111/j.1468-8123.2006.00138.x

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Kharaka Y.K., Cole D.R., Hovorka S.D., Gunter W.D., Knauss K.G., and Freifeld, B.M. (2006) Gas-water-rock interactions in Frio Formation following CO<sub>2</sub> injection: Implications for the storage of greenhouse gases in sedimentary basins. Geology: Vol. 34, No. 7 pp. 577–580.

Freifeld, B.M.; Kneafsey, T.J., and Rack, F., 2006, "On-Site Geologic Core Analysis Using a Portable X-ray Computed Tomographic System," From: Rothwell, R.G., 2006, New Techniques in Sediment Core Analysis. Geological Society, London, Special Publications, 267, 165–178. 0305-8719/06/, The Geological Society of London.

Freifeld, B.M., Trautz, R.C., Yousif K.K., Phelps, T.J., Myer, L.R., Hovorka, S.D., and Collins, D., 2005, The U-Tube: A novel system for acquiring borehole fluid samples from a deep geologic CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration experiment, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 110, B10203, doi:10.1029/2005JB003735.

Cook, P. J., Salve, R., Freifeld, B. M. and Tsang, Y. T., 2003, A measurement system for systematic hydrological characterization of unsaturated fractured welded tuff in a mined underground tunnel. Ground Water (41) 4.

Freifeld, B. M. and C.M.Oldenberg, 2000, The restricted interval Guelph permeameter: theory and application, *Water Resources Research*, 36 (6) 1373–1380.

### **Patents and Inventions:**

**U-Tube Sampling System**—Developed a deep-well sampling methodology for collecting and analyzing fluids maintained at *in situ* conditions. Techniques for handling multiphase fluid collected at high frequency permit characterization of tracer elution curves for multi-well transport studies. Currently in use or proposed for use in numerous locations in N. America, Greenland, Australia, and Europe.

**Portable X-ray Core Imager (US Patent 7082185)**—A transportable x-ray core imaging system with a novel shielding arrangement that provides for a cabinet-safe system. Using an optimized compensator system enhanced dynamic range while imaging cylindrical objects using the cone-beam geometry is obtained.

## Dissertation:

Freifeld, B.M., Estimation of Fracture Porosity in an unsaturated fractured welded tuff using gas tracer test, Ph.D. dissertation, U.C. Berkeley, Fall 2001

## Awards:

2006 LBNL Outstanding Performance Award– Methane Hydrate Research Team

2006 LBNL Outstanding Performance Award- Frio Brine Pilot Research Team

2004 LBNL Outstanding Performance Award– Transuranic Waste Shipment Team

2003 LBNL Outstanding Performance Award– Engineering Task Force

1998 LBNL Outstanding Performance Award-Contributions to Yucca Mountain Project Field Studies