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- 19 Estimating the efficiency and sustainability of geological subsurface utilization, i.e., Carbon
- 20 Capture and Storage (CCS) requires an integrated risk assessment approach, considering the oc-
- curring coupled processes, beside others, the potential reactivation of existing faults. In this con-
- 22 text, hydraulic and mechanical parameter uncertainties as well as different injection rates have to
- 23 be considered and quantified to elaborate reliable environmental impact assessments. Conse-
- 24 quently, the required sensitivity analyses consume significant computational time due to the high
- 25 number of realizations that have to be carried out. Due to the high computational costs of two-
- 26 way coupled simulations in large-scale 3D multiphase fluid flow systems, these are not applica-
- 27 ble for the purpose of uncertainty and risk assessments.

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