

What's New

Japan CCS exhibited at Hokkaido Business EXPO

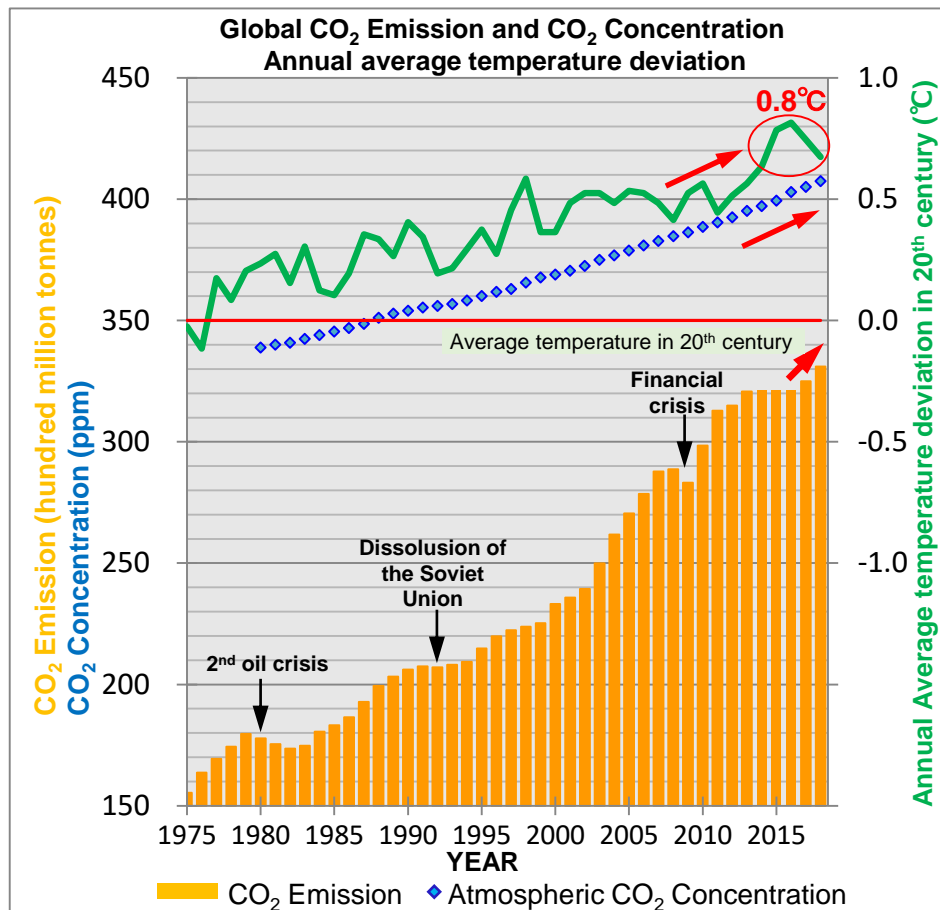
The 34th Hokkaido Business EXPO, one of the biggest business events in Hokkaido was held in Sapporo from November 5~6, 2020.

In light of the Covid-19 situation, the event was held in a hybrid physical/virtual form in line with the "New Hokkaido Style".



Japan CCS exhibited a “physical” booth with panels and pamphlets, was able to reach out to many people about CCS!

Global warming continues



Source: Created by JCCS from the documents of Global Energy & CO₂ Status Report 2018 (IEA, 2019), NOAA, Japan Meteorological Agency

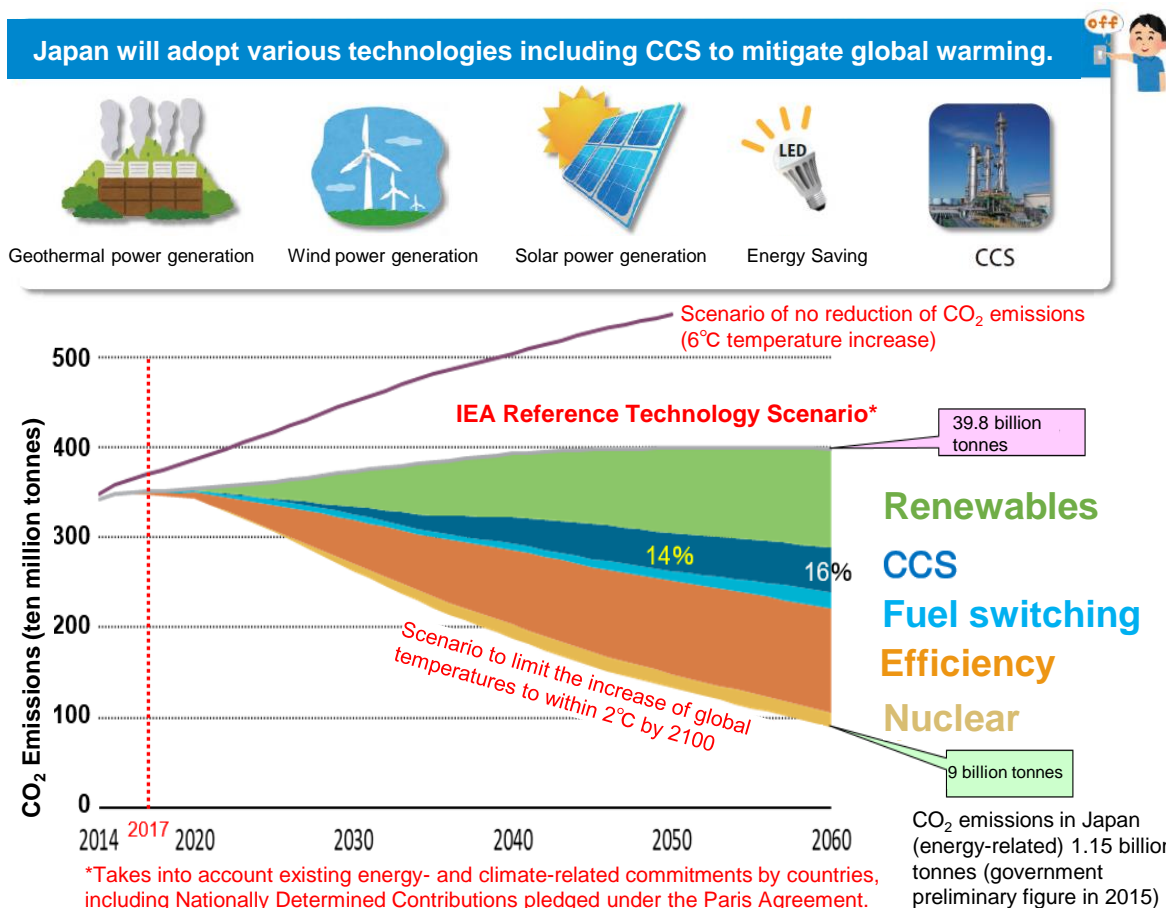


The increase in the concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is said to be the cause of global warming. In particular, the effect of carbon dioxide (CO₂) is large.

Global CO₂ emissions have been on the rise since the Industrial Revolution, and as a result, CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere have increased as well as global average annual temperatures.

In Japan, the number of days of heavy rain and hot days shows an increasing trend, which may be the effect of global warming.

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions



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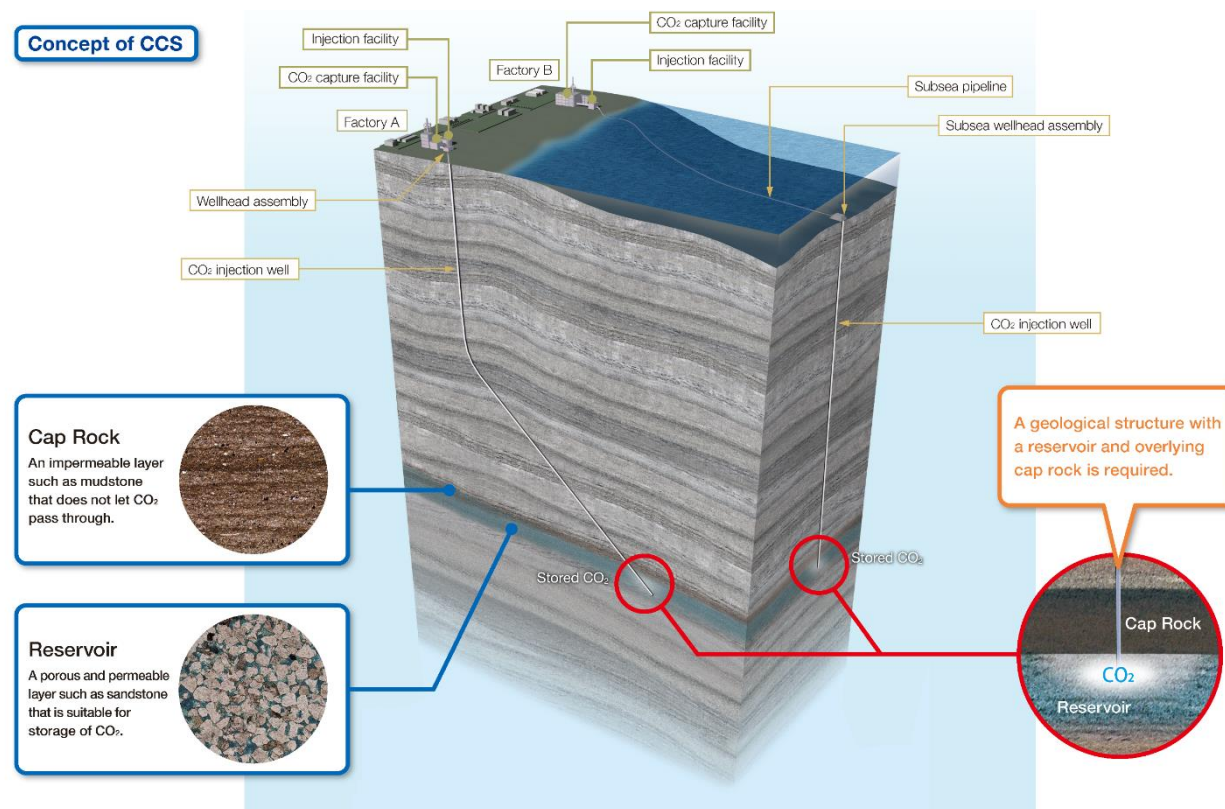
In order to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, it is necessary to employ all mitigation measures including the expanded use of renewable energy, the promotion of efficiency and CCS.

To keep the increase of global average temperature to within 2°C over the period to 2100, carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the second half of this century need to be net-zero, and the cumulative contribution of CCS (indicated in blue in the figure) in CO₂ reductions over the period to 2060 will be 14%, and 16% in the year 2060.

What is CCS?

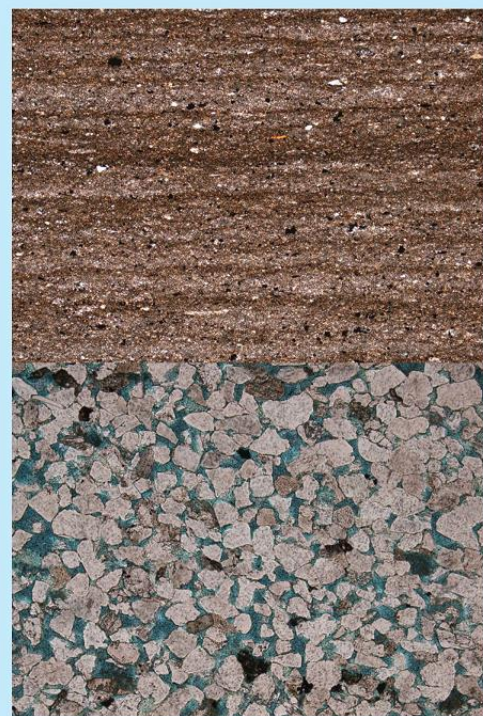
Carbon dioxide **C**apture and **S**torage

Concept of CCS



CCS is a technology to prevent carbon dioxide (CO₂) released into the atmosphere emitted by facilities such as power plants and factories. The technology involves capturing the CO₂, injecting it into underground geological formations and storing it permanently. Along with energy efficiency and renewable energy, CCS helps to tackle global warming.

How to store CO₂



■ Features of Caprock

Mudstone etc., made of fine mud grains

- Impervious
- Sufficient blocking ability
- Covering reservoir layer widely and thickly

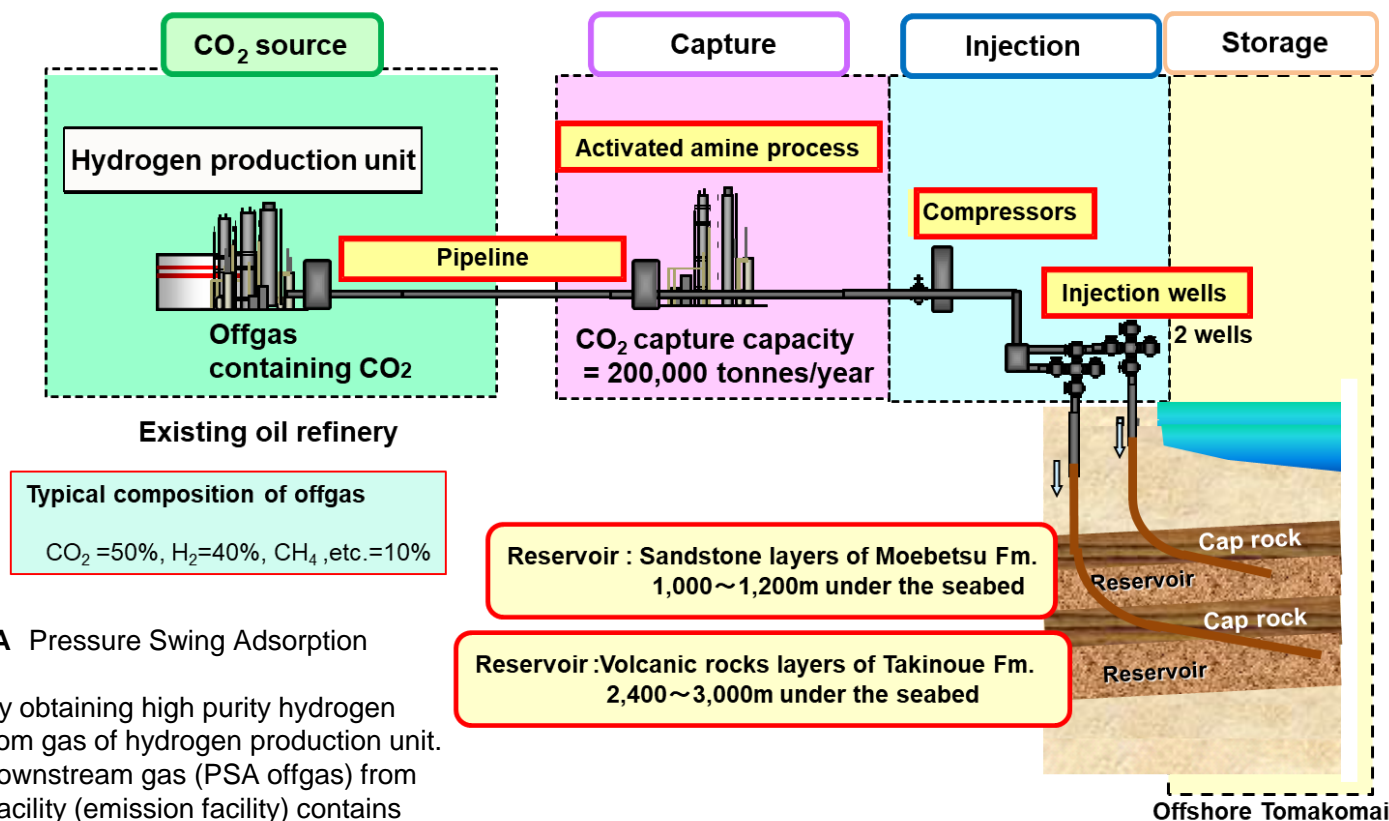
■ Features of Reservoir

Sandstone, volcanic rock, etc., made of coarse grains

- Sufficient pore spaces to store CO₂
- Pervious

In order to store CO₂ in the subsurface under the seabed, a geological structure where a reservoir is overlain by a cap rock is required. The cap rock blocks the leakage of injected CO₂ from the reservoir.

Flow Scheme of Tomakomai CCS Demonstration Project



CO₂ is captured from the offgas containing CO₂ generated by a hydrogen production unit of a refinery, pressurized (up to 23 MPa) to the pressure required for injection, injected at a scale of about 100,000 tonnes of CO₂ per year and stored in two sub-seabed reservoirs offshore Tomakomai.

※PSA Pressure Swing Adsorption

Facility obtaining high purity hydrogen gas from gas of hydrogen production unit. The downstream gas (PSA offgas) from PSA facility (emission facility) contains high concentration of CO₂.

Source: Edited from the demonstration test plan at Tomakomai site, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

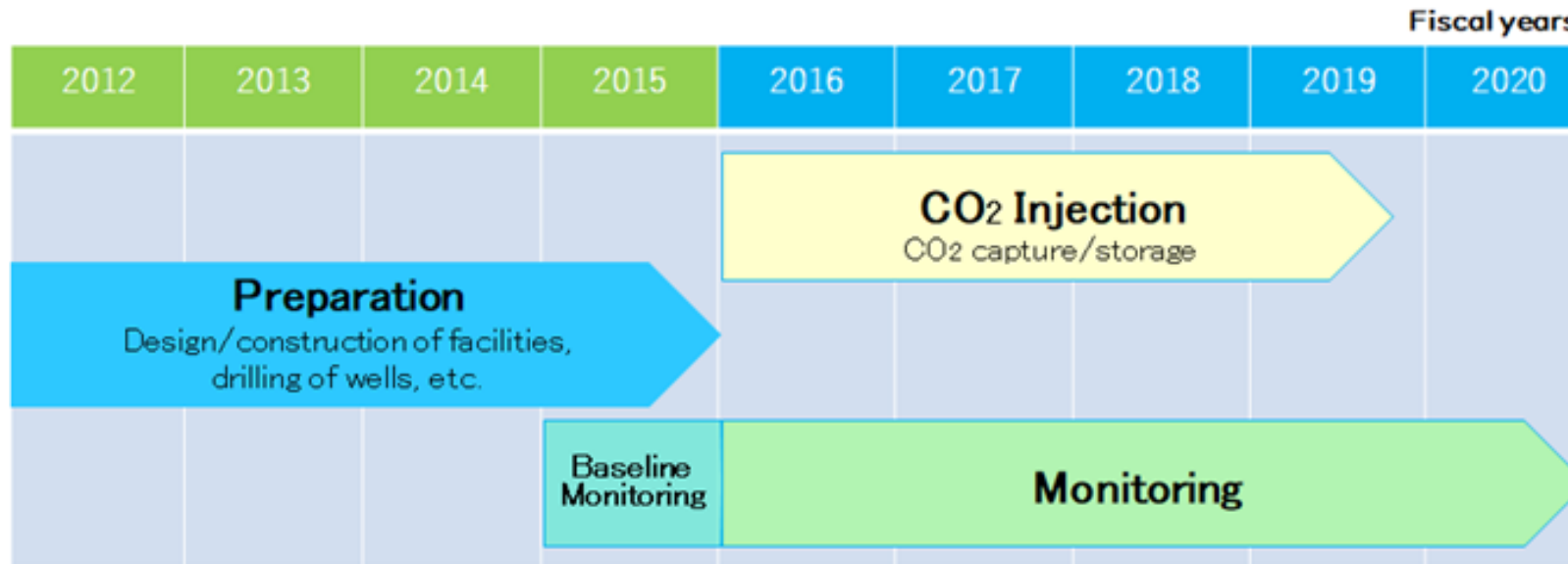
Schedule of Tomakomai Project

■ From JFY2012 to JFY2015 : Preparation, Construction

Activities including the design and construction of facilities, drilling of injection wells (to inject CO₂ into the subsurface), and preparation for demonstration operation were carried out.

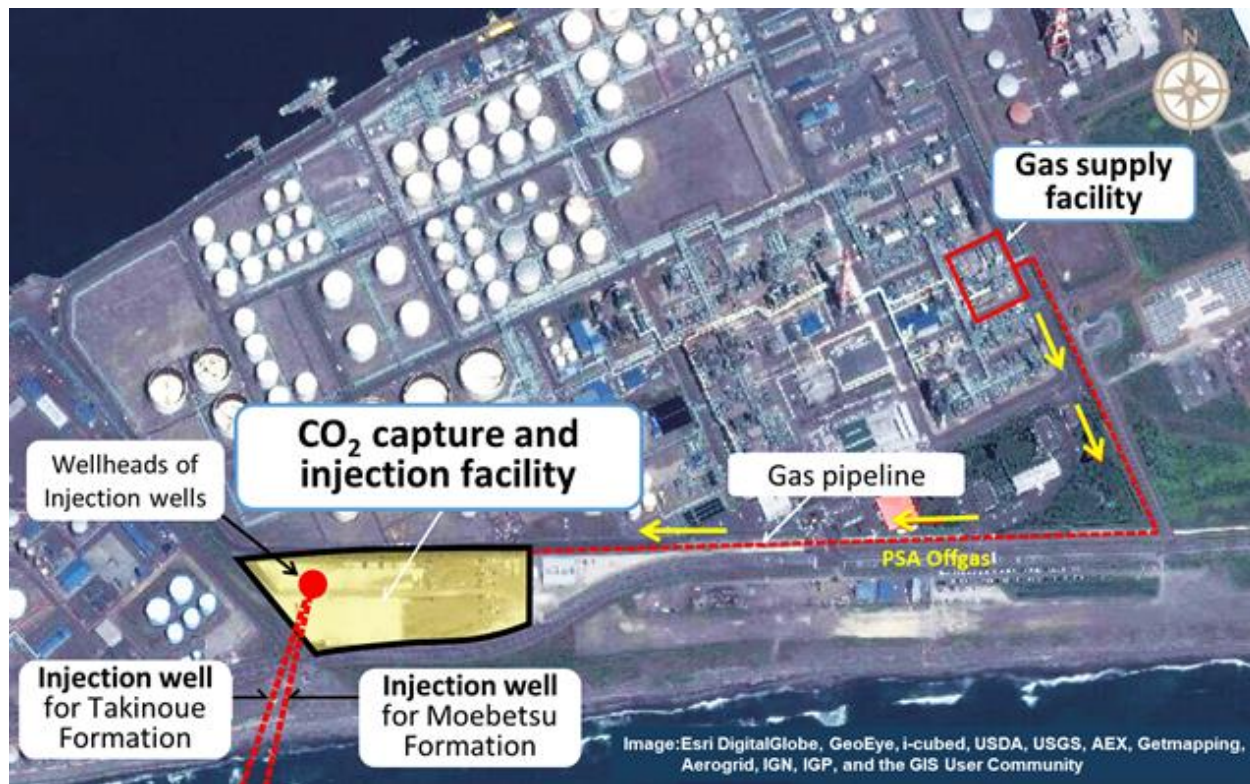
■ From JFY2016 to JFY2020 : Injection, Monitoring

On April 1, 2016, Japan CCS Co., Ltd. was commissioned by METI to conduct “Tomakomai CCS Demonstration Project (JFY2016)”, and commenced CO₂ injection on April 6. On November 22, 2019, the target of 300,000 tonnes of CO₂ injection was achieved, and injection was terminated. The monitoring of CO₂ is being continued.



※ Years are in Japanese Fiscal Years (April of calendar year to March of following year)

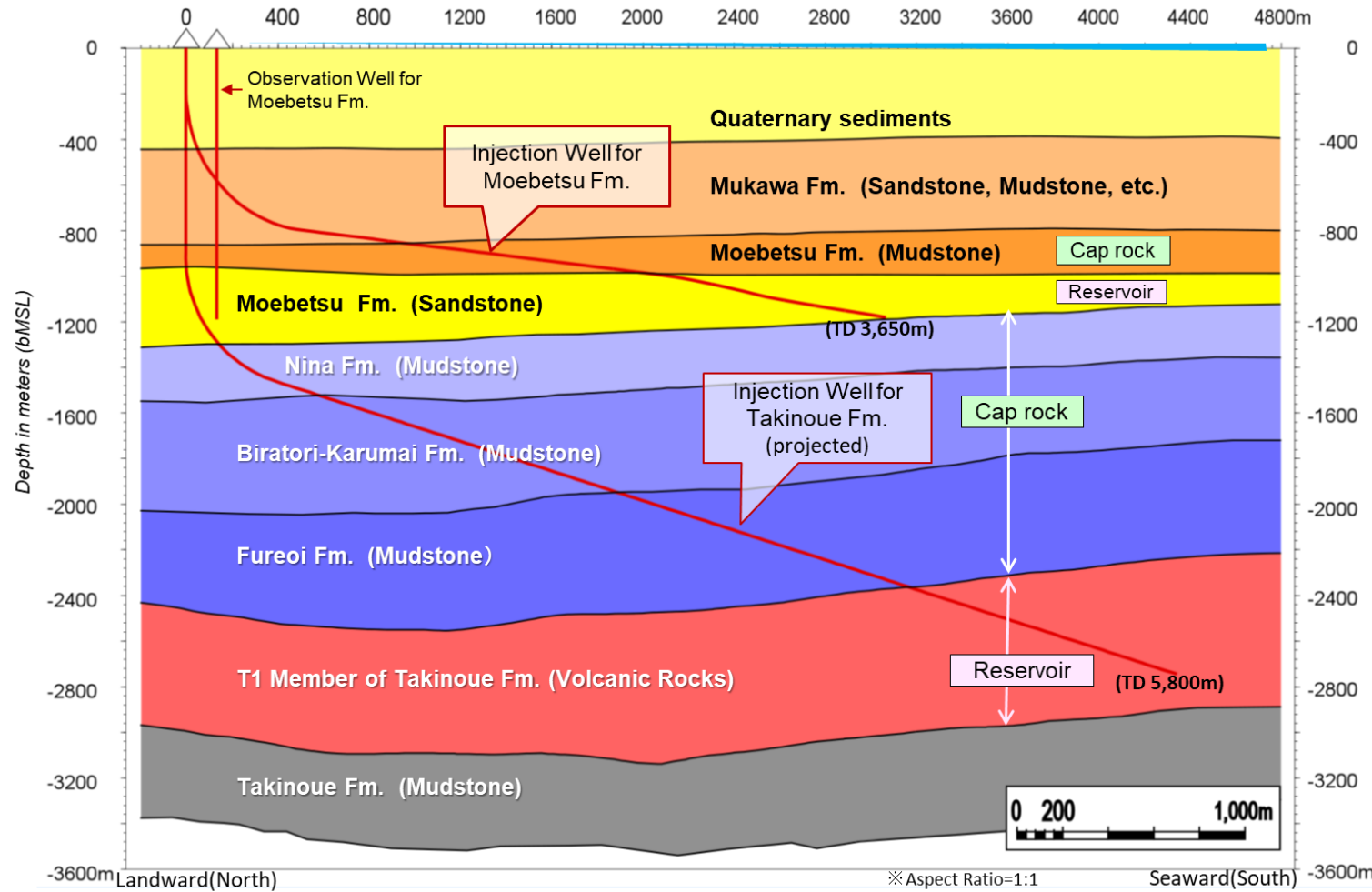
Positional Relation of Onshore Facilities



In the "Gas supply facility", PSA offgas (CO₂ containing gas) is generated in the hydrogen production process of the refinery and sent to the Tomakomai Project "Capture and injection facility" via a 1.4 km gas pipeline.

At the "Capture and injection facility", CO₂ is captured at purity of 99% or more from the PSA offgas sent through the Gas pipeline, pressurized by compressors, and injected by 2 injection wells into offshore sub-seabed reservoirs for storage.

Schematic Geological Section



This is a schematic geological section showing how the CO₂ is injected by two injection wells extending to the two reservoirs, the Takinoue Formation T1 Member (volcanic rocks) and Moebetsu Formation (sandstone).

The Takinoue Formation injection well is a directional well with a total depth of 5,800m and maximum inclination of 72 degrees. The Moebetsu Formation injection well is a directional well with a total depth of 3,650m and maximum inclination of 83 degrees.

Bird's Eye View of Capture and Injection Facilities



CO₂ Capture Facilities and Compressors

3 stage CO₂ Compressors

Increases pressure
of captured CO₂ to
the pressure
required for injection



CO₂ Capture Facility
Captures CO₂ from PSA
Offgas

CO₂ Injection Report

Injection was suspended on November 22, 2019.

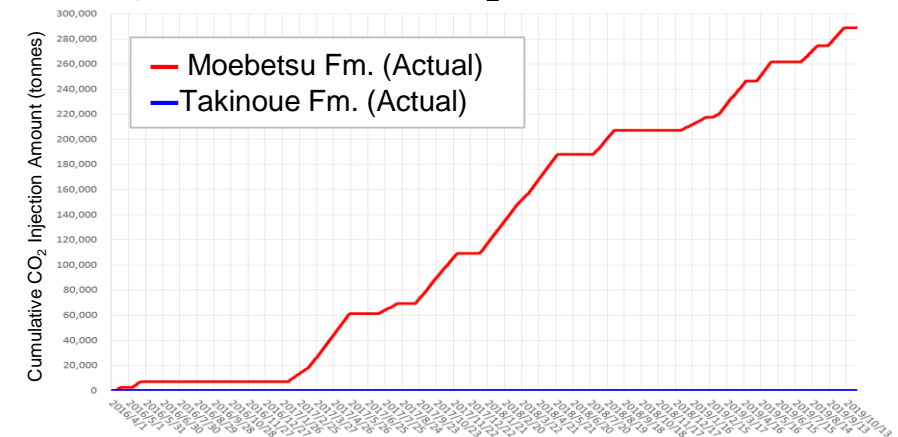
Cumulative CO₂ Injection amount
(April 06, 2016~November 22, 2019)

300,110.3
tonnes

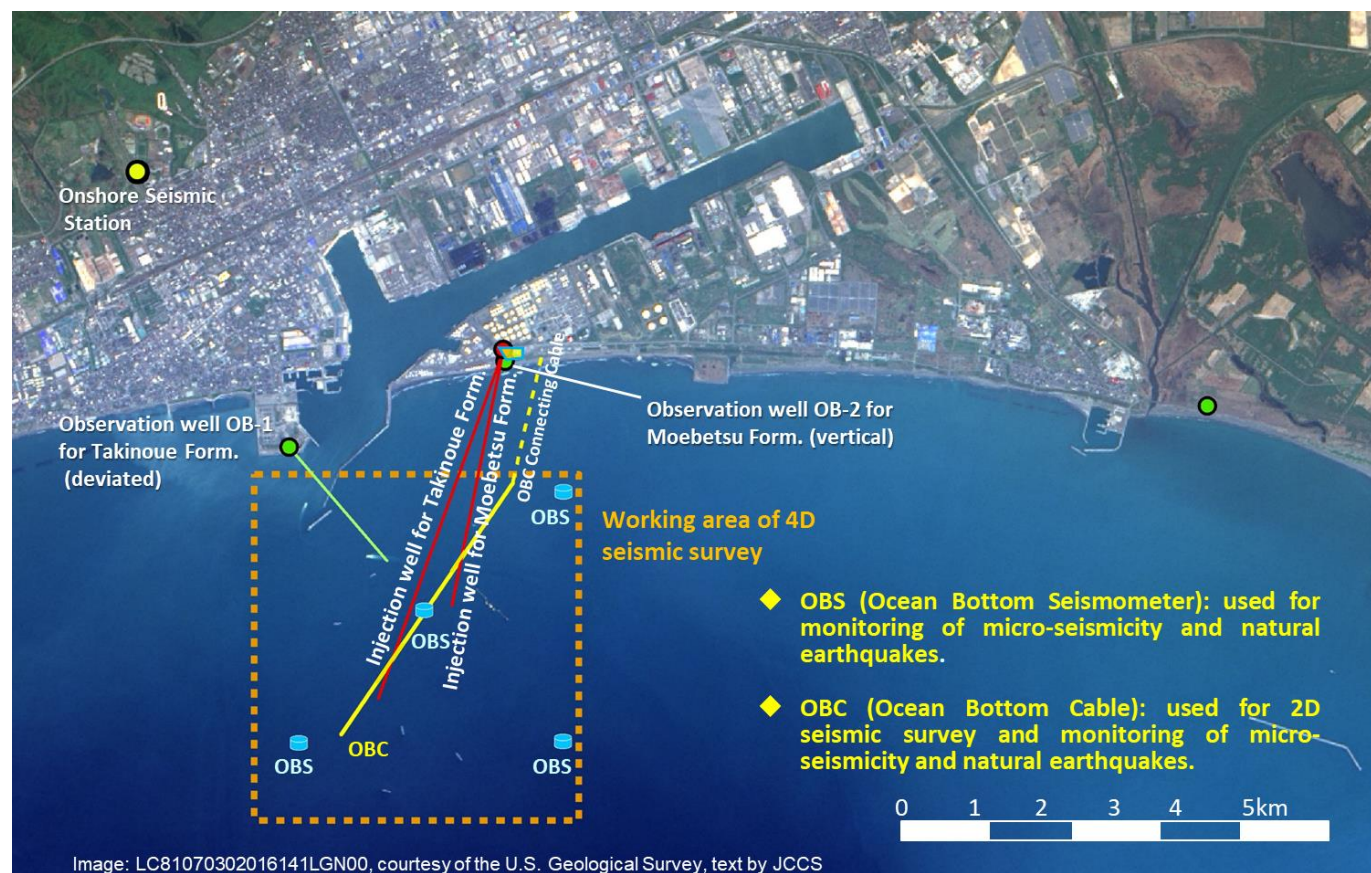
Injection Amount in November 2019

	Injection Amount/month (November 2019)	Cumulative CO ₂ Injection Amount (As of November 22)
Moebetsu Fm.	10,793.5 tonnes	300,012.2 tonnes
Takinoue Fm.	0.0 tonnes	98.2 tonnes

Change of cumulative CO₂ Injection Amount



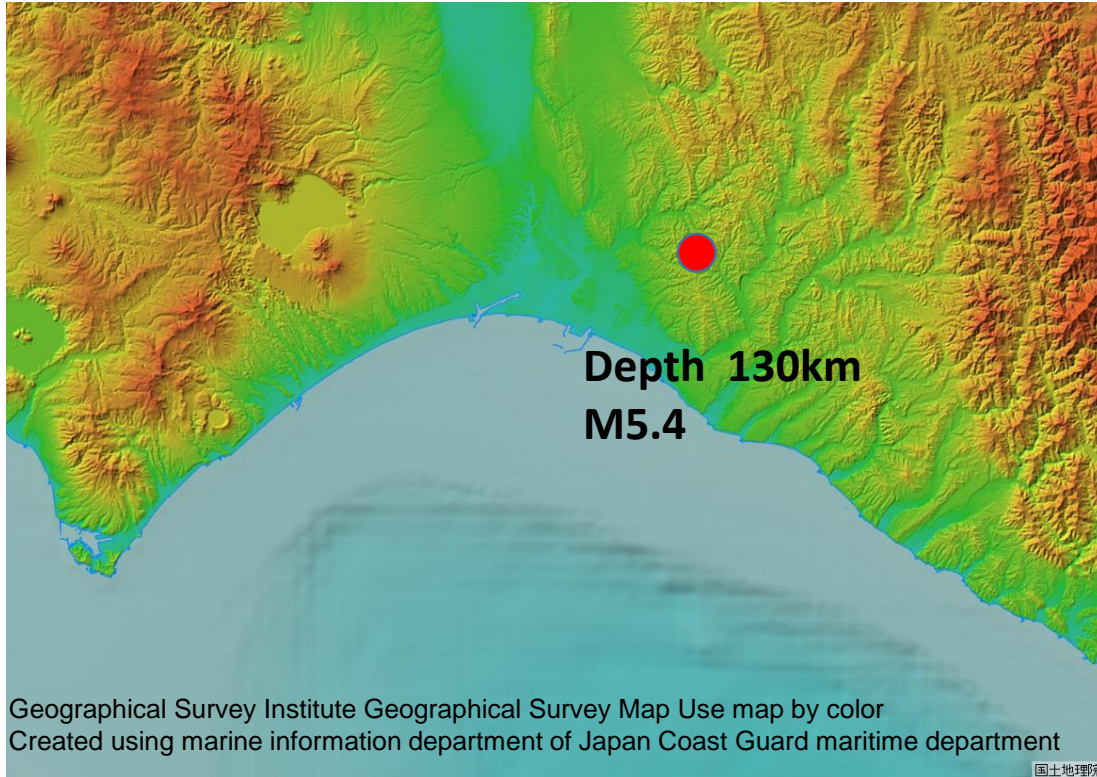
Layout of Monitoring Network



■ A monitoring network was constructed near and around the CO₂ injection point, and continuous monitoring over six years comprising before CO₂ injection (1 year), during CO₂ injection (3 years) and after termination of injection (2 years) is being carried out.

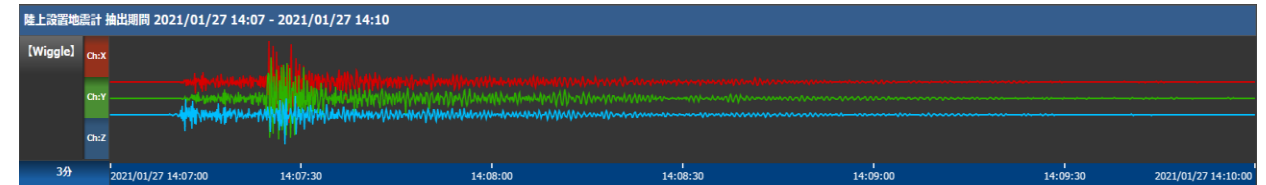
- The formation pressures and temperatures of the wells - observation wells (3 wells) drilled around the CO₂ injection point and CO₂ injection wells (2 wells) are being monitored.
- Seismometers were installed in the observation well and on the seabed to monitor earthquakes (including micro-seismicity - minute tremors that cannot be felt by humans).
- Observed data is controlled centrally at the Tomakomai Demonstration Center and constant monitoring for the presence of abnormal conditions is carried out.

The most recent noticeable tremors observed in Tomakomai



Observation record of Onshore Seismometer

Observation record at Midorigaoka Park



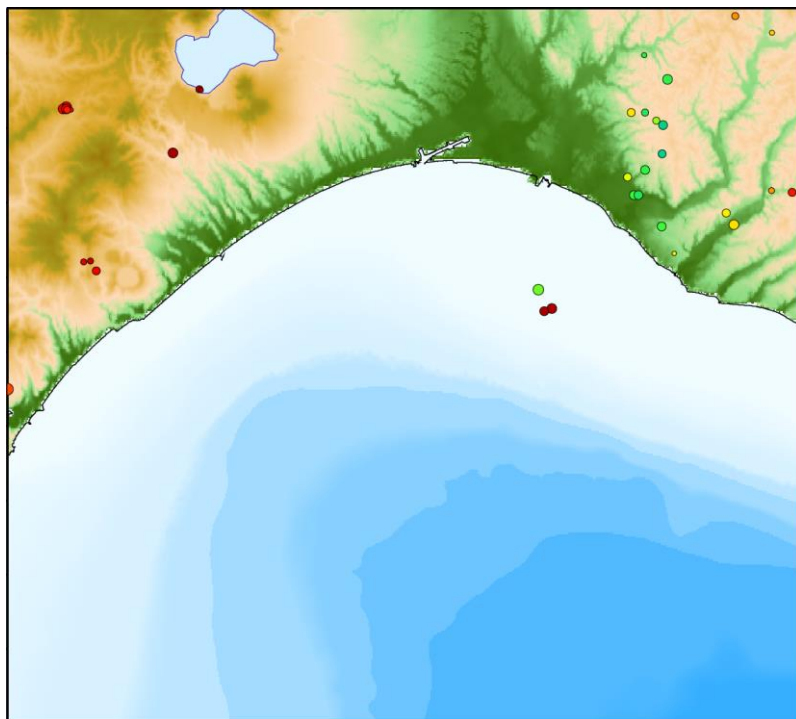
Earthquake Information

Announced by the Japan Meteorological Agency

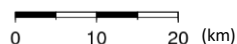
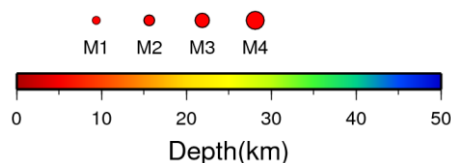
Time & Date	14:07 (JST) 27 Jan, 2021		
Hypocenter	Lat.	42°	42'N
	Lon.	142°	00'E
	Depth	130km	
Magnitude	5.4		
Seismic Intensity at Tomakomai-city	2		

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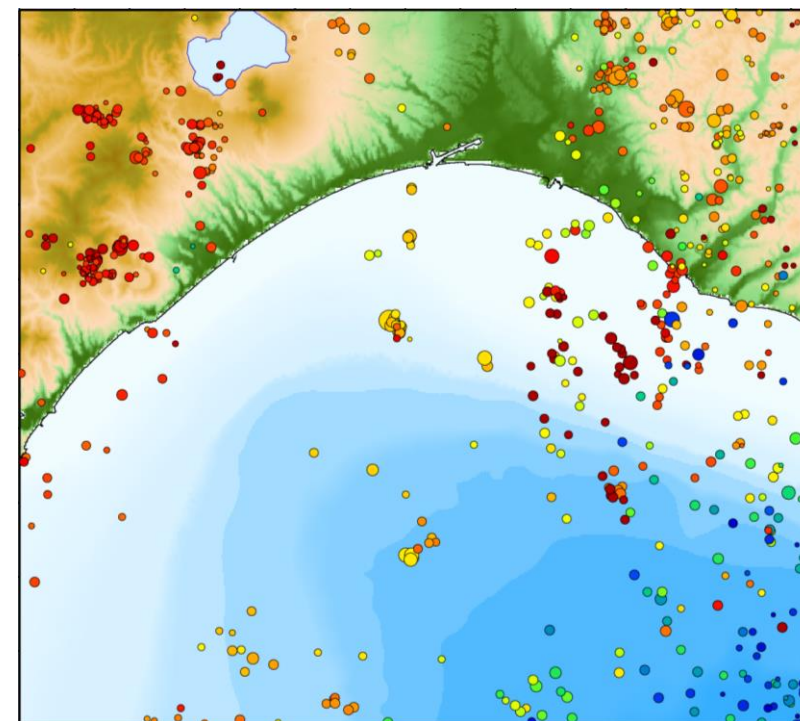
Distribution of Natural Earthquakes around Tomakomai



Natural earthquake hypocenter distribution in December 2020



Geomorphic map is prepared from Geographical Survey Institute numerical map 250 m mesh (altitude) and Japan Marine Safety Agency 'Japan Oceanographic Data Center' 500 m mesh water depth data

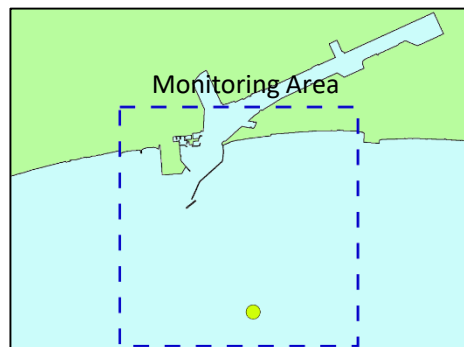


Natural earthquake hypocenter distribution occurred from 2001 to 2010

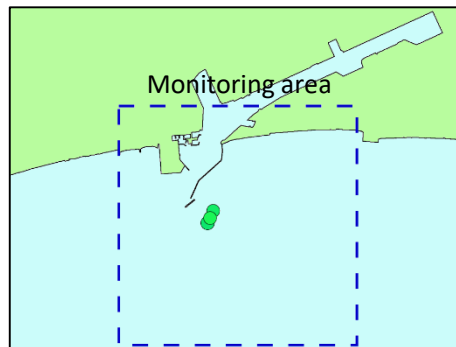
The hypocenters in the figure is from the JMA Unified Hypocenter Catalog.
Earthquakes with the hypocenter depth of 50 km or less are displayed.

Micro-seismic events nearby injection point

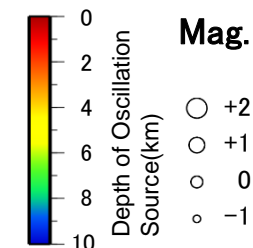
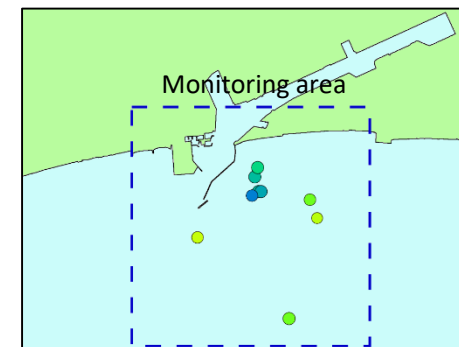
Distribution over last 6 months (2020/7/1-2020/12/31)



During injection period (2016/4/6-2019/11/22)

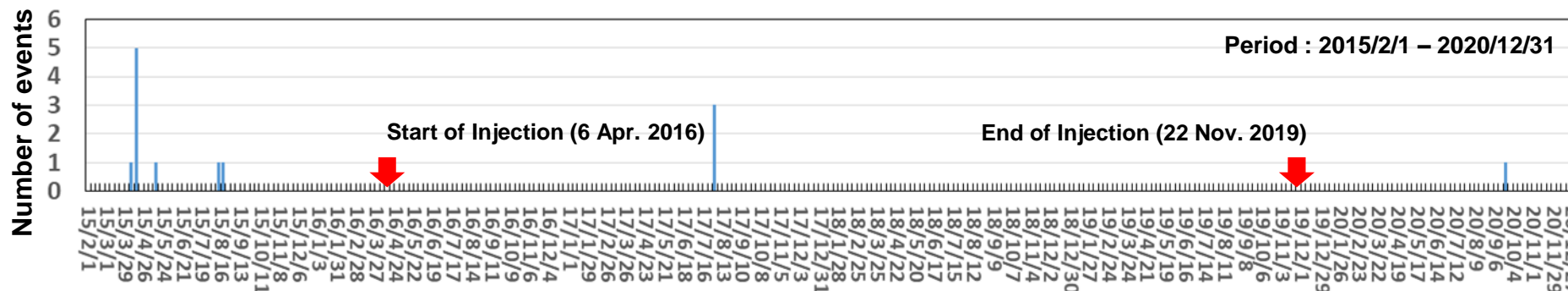


Distribution over 14 months pre-injection (2015/2/1-2016/3/31)



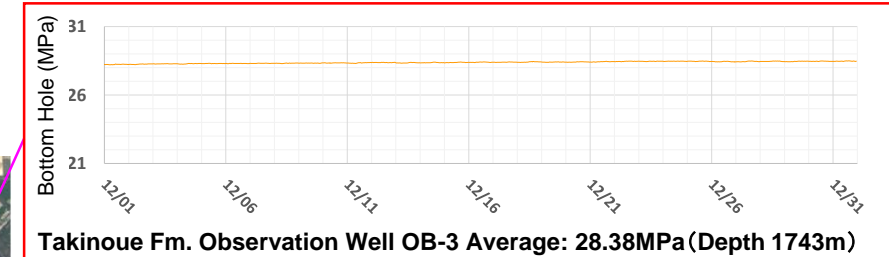
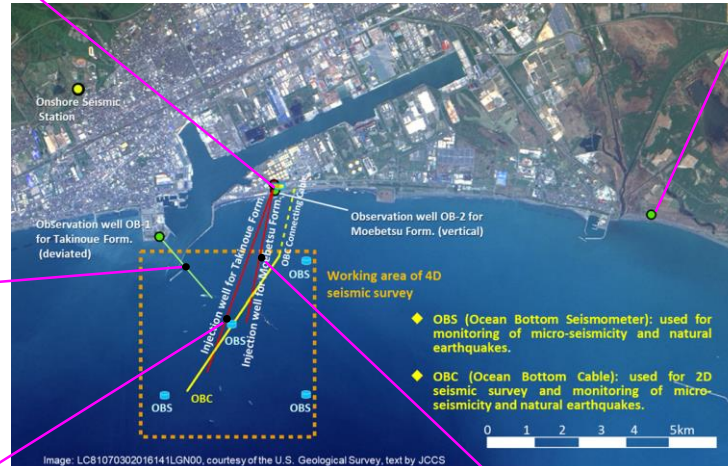
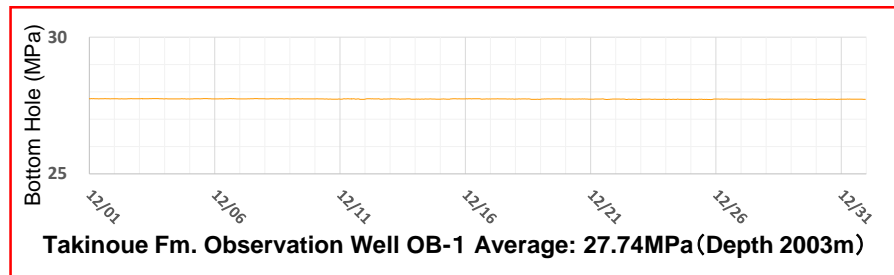
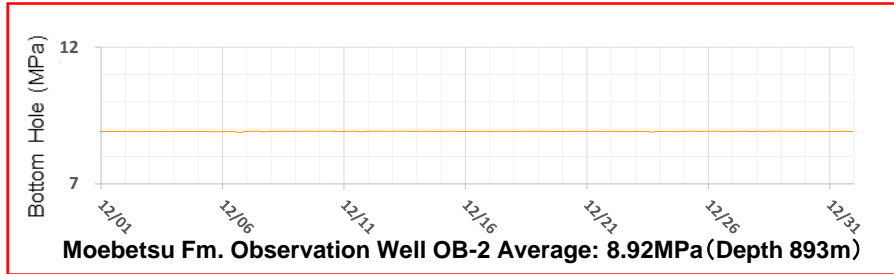
The left map is created based on the base map Information coastline data of Geospatial Information Authority of Japan.

Detection of micro-seismic events (weekly)

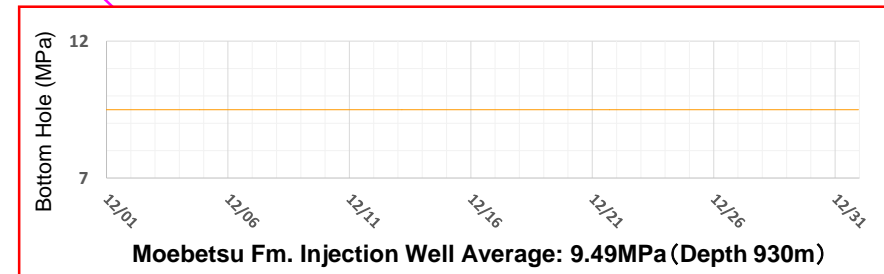
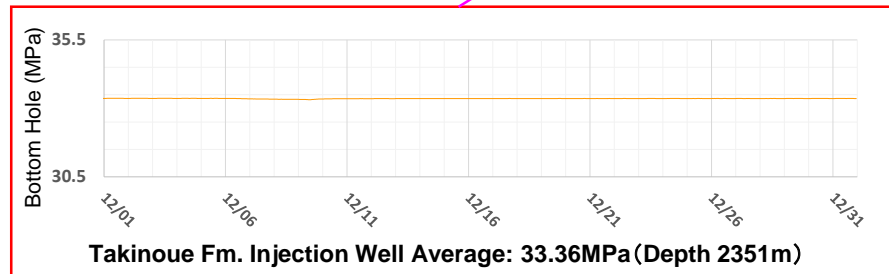


- There are perceptible earthquakes that can be felt, and imperceptible earthquakes that cannot be felt even though there are actual vibrations.
- In this project, particularly small (less than magnitude 1) imperceptible earthquakes are defined as micro-seismicity.
- In this project, micro-seismicity with a magnitude of -0.5 or more with a depth of less than 50 km in the vicinity of the injection point are monitored, due to restrictions on the placement of observation points, and constraints on seismograph detection capability, etc.

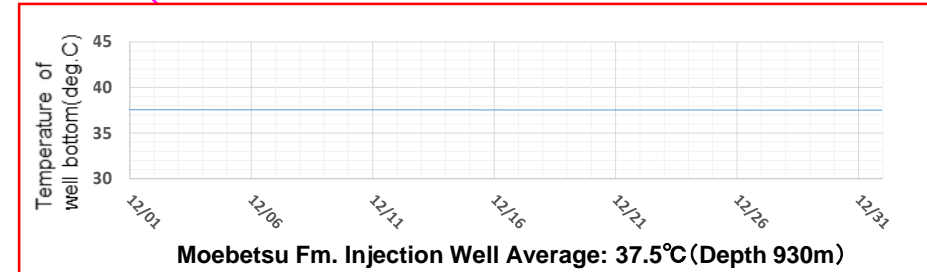
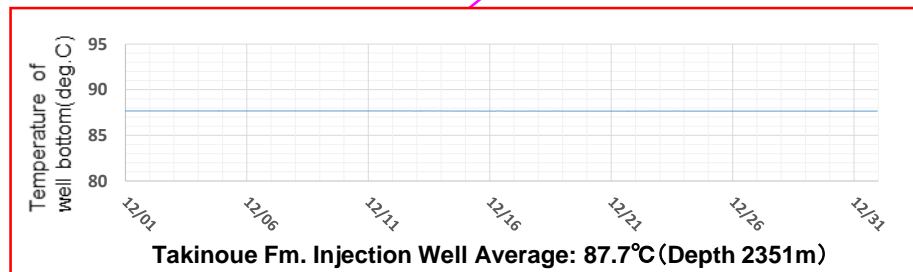
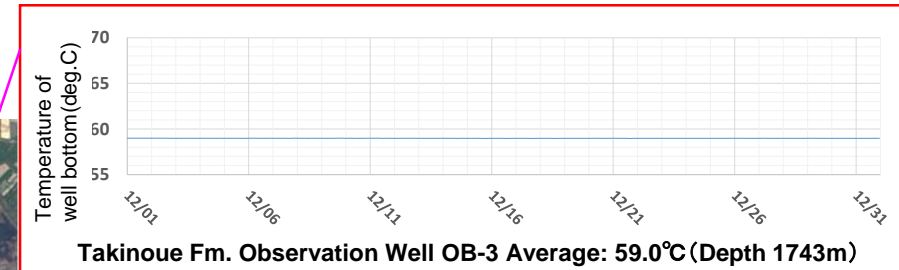
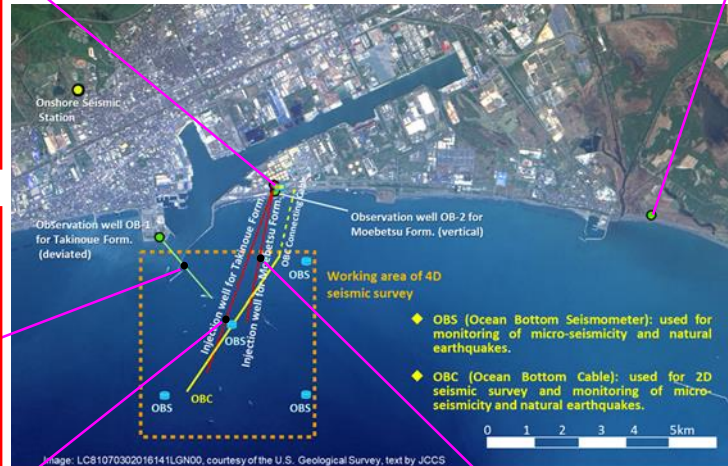
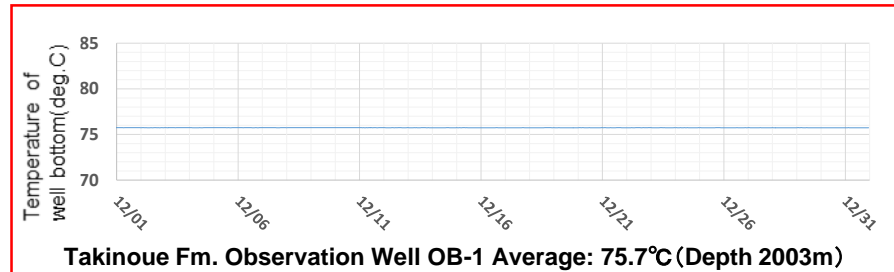
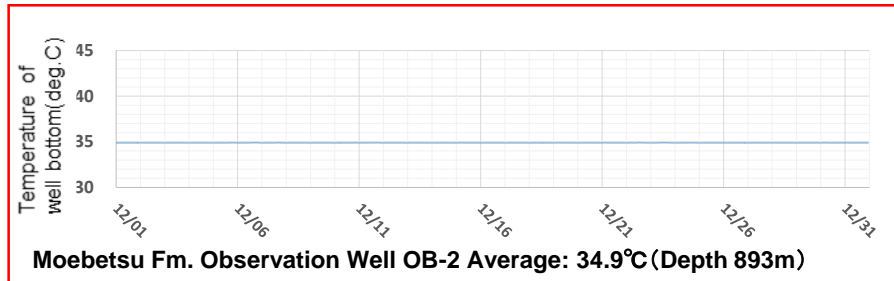
Observation of pressure in the wells (December 2020)



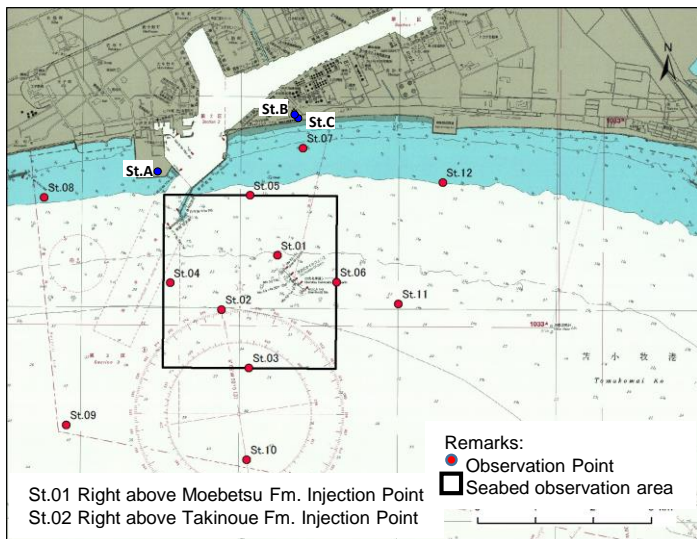
As the pressure inside the borehole was released during regular maintenance work, the pressure reduction occurred. As return to original pressures required about 6months.



Observation of temperature in the wells (December 2020)



CO₂ Concentration around injection point (seasonal)



Cruise to the Japan Coast Guard issue navigation chart (W1034)

Seasonal observation of CO₂ concentration is conducted at three onshore points (St.A to C) and 12 offshore points (St.01 to 12). The concentration of CO₂ is indicated as

Volume ratio (unit: ppm) at the onshore observation points, and as partial pressure (unit: μ atm) at the offshore points. The figures of the offshore points are based on the measurement at 2 meters above the seabed.

	2013				2014				2015				2016				2017				2018				2019			
	Spring	Smmr	Fall	Winter	Spring	Smmr	Fall	Winter	Spring	Smmr	Fall	Winter	Spring	Smmr	Fall	Winter	Spring	Smmr	Fall	Winter	Spring	Smmr	Fall	Winter	Spring	Smmr	Fall	Winter
St.01		323	425	388	424								372	401		339	228	474	410	403	301	386	348	304	351	402	528	359
St.02		364	432	393	428								475	389		351	255	484	440	399	308	454	371	307	346	415	497	389
St.03		343	410	377	420								477	386		347	254	431	424	390	328	450	355	280	427	415	550	388
St.04		351	399	393	436								432	394		335	239	485	440	395	312	384	355	248	324	428	499	388
St.05		326	352	387	430								370	416		309	247	354	372	369	256	348	356	261	300	360	562	353
St.06		283	417	395	424								411	366		332	259	450	426	390	306	408	356	303	325	435	545	382
St.07		314	353	368	424								358	517		316	273	371	384	366	270	343	355	216	307	364	530	364
St.08		370	349	366	327								360	439		316	277	320	366	375	276	356	327	228	313	409	510	349
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St.11		350	415	394	418								443	391		338	264	448	436	384	310	397	353	330	319	408	542	394
St.12		317	377	383	420								334	447		334	252	349	383	389	260	348	344	263	305	400	556	369
St.A					396	379	412	400	397	394	399	424	417	404	407	432	414	404	414	413	411	395	401	419	430	411	454	445
St.B					365	382	405	407	400	394	388	415	411	397	405	417	413	392	408	414	412	395	423	424	425	411	429	444
St.C					403	395	403	403	392	406	396	409	423	410	412	403	413	417	428	417	427	404	421	421	430	414	438	440

* Offshore observation was not conducted in fall 2016.

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