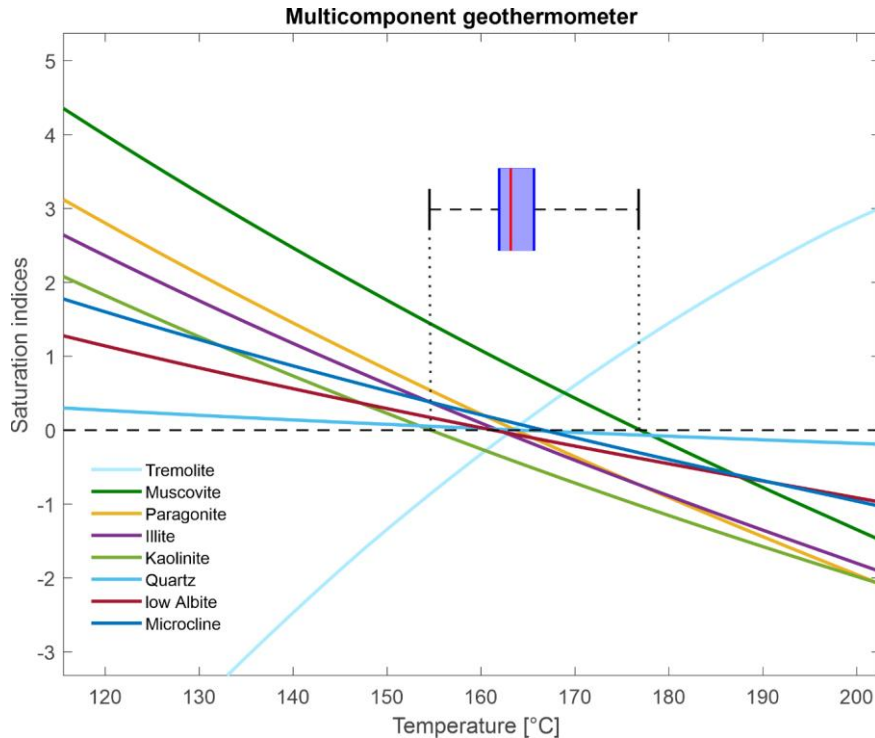


An Integrated Sensitivity Analysis for Multicomponent Geothermometer for High Temperature Settings

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Multicomponent geothermometry



- Using multiple mineral phases as geothermometer
- Plotting the saturation curves of minerals against temperature
- Temperature estimation is given when mineral phase is in equilibrium ($SI = 0$; intersecting dashed line)

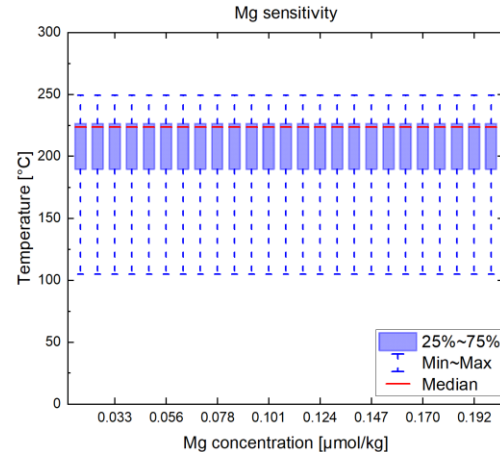
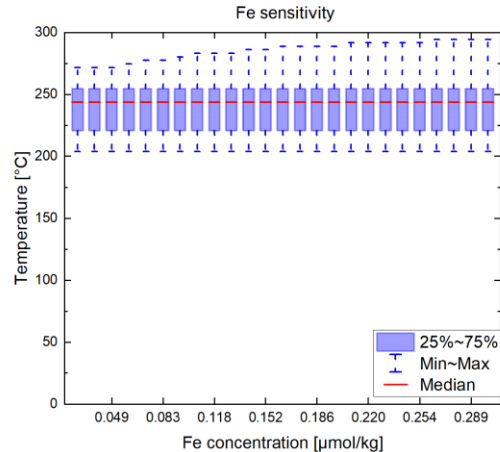
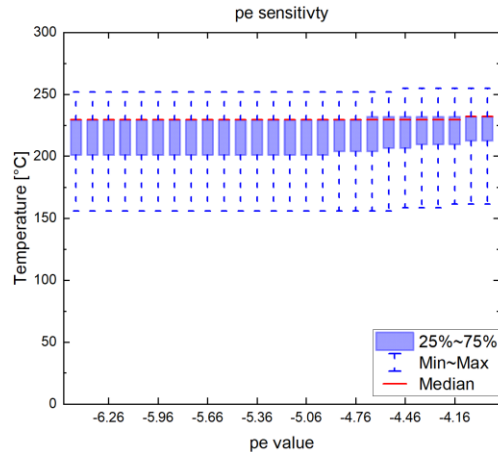
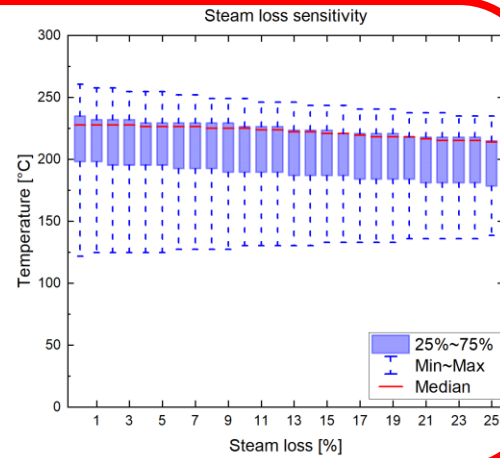
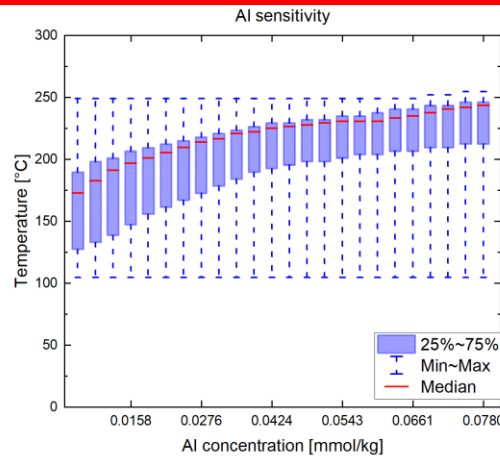
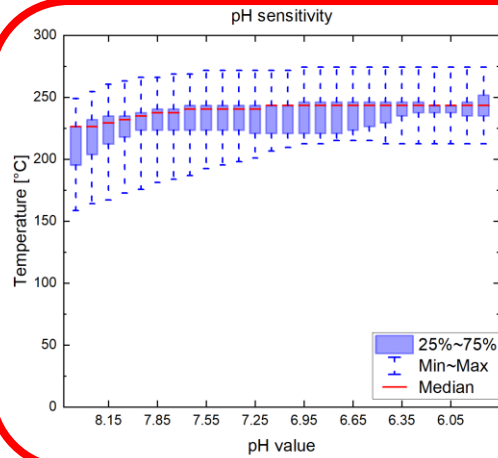
$$SI(T) = \left(\frac{IAP}{K(T)} \right)$$

SI = saturation index, T = temperature, IAP = ion activity product, K = thermodynamic equilibrium constant

Uncertainties

- Fluid is vulnerable to secondary processes while ascending to the surface, disturbing the equilibria of mineral phases:
 - Boiling
 - Phase segregation
 - Mixing
 - Dilution
 - Precipitation
- Performing sensitivity analyses to reconstruct reservoir conditions

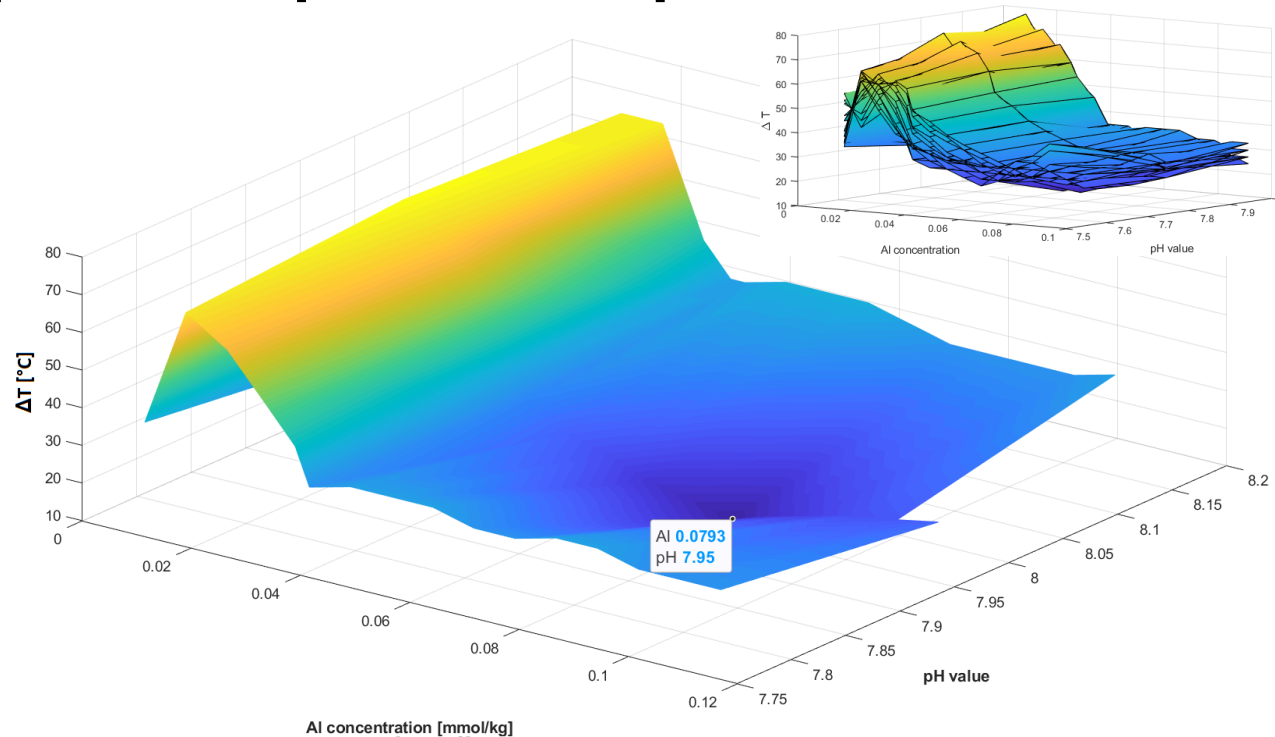
Multiple sensitivity analyses of the well K-28, Krafla (Iceland)



Sensitive parameters

- pH value:
 - Uncertainties due to CO_2 and H_2S buffering, temperature dependence, steam loss and boiling, measuring errors (field / laboratory)
- Aluminium concentration:
 - Uncertainties due to pH changes, forming and precipitation of aluminium complexes, fluid sampling (filter), measurement close to detection limit
- Steam loss / dilution:
 - Uncertainties due to element concentration errors

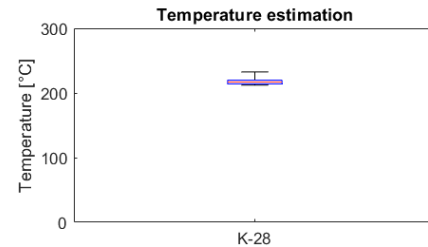
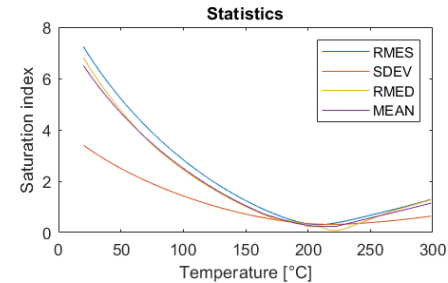
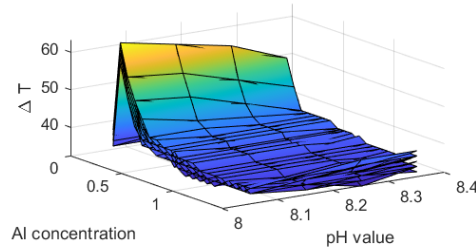
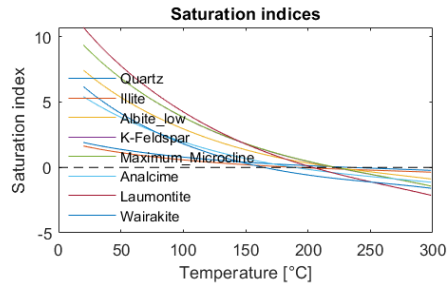
Interdependent optimisation process



■ Global minimum: Al concentration 0.079 mmol/kg, pH 7.95 ,and 14 % steam loss

Result given by Mult_predict

K-28



Reservoir temperature estimation for the well K-28, Krafla (Iceland)

