

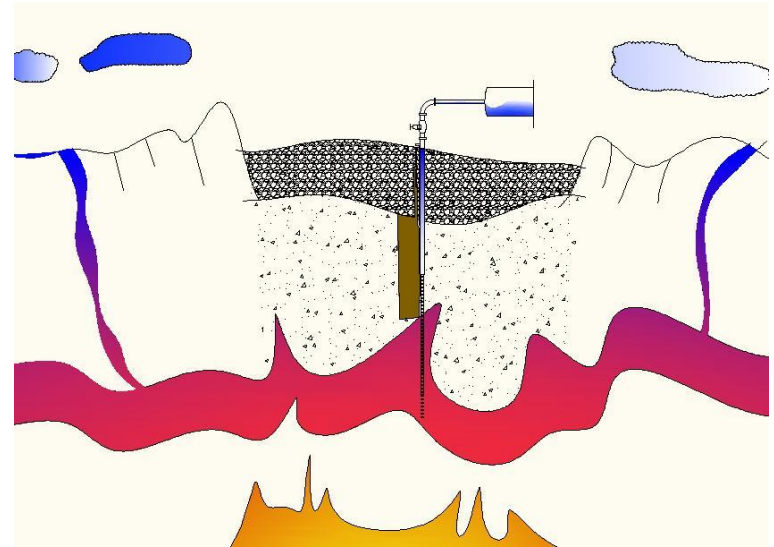


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**EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF  
GEO THERMAL MODELS  
USING INVERSE ANALYSIS (EIGMA)**

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# Introduction

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## Objectives :

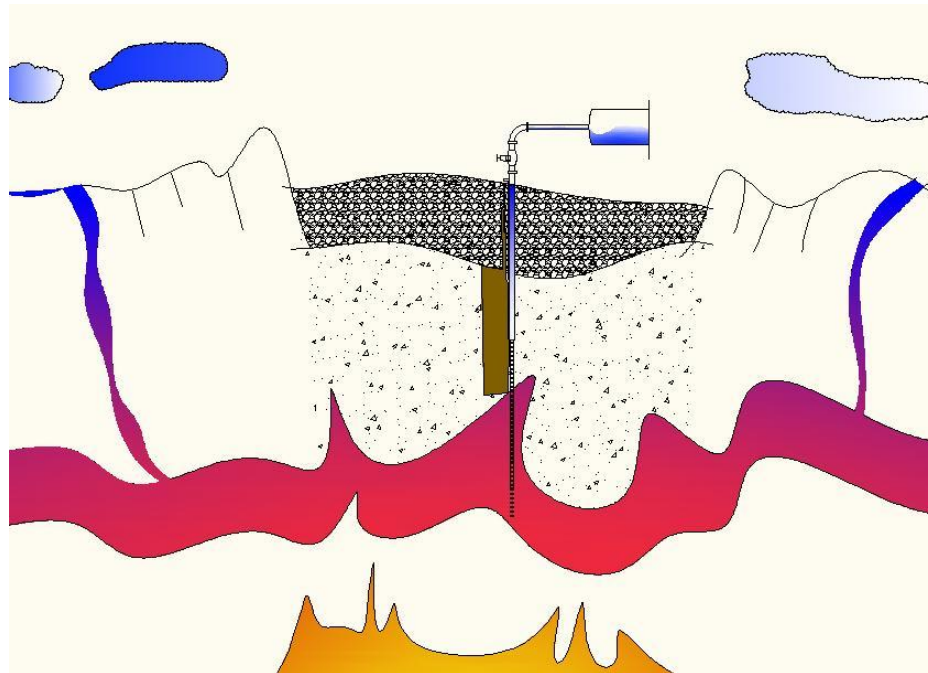
Develop a technology to improve usage of geothermal models for design of geothermal power plants

To better understand the flow and structure of geothermal reservoirs, wells, pipelines and separators.



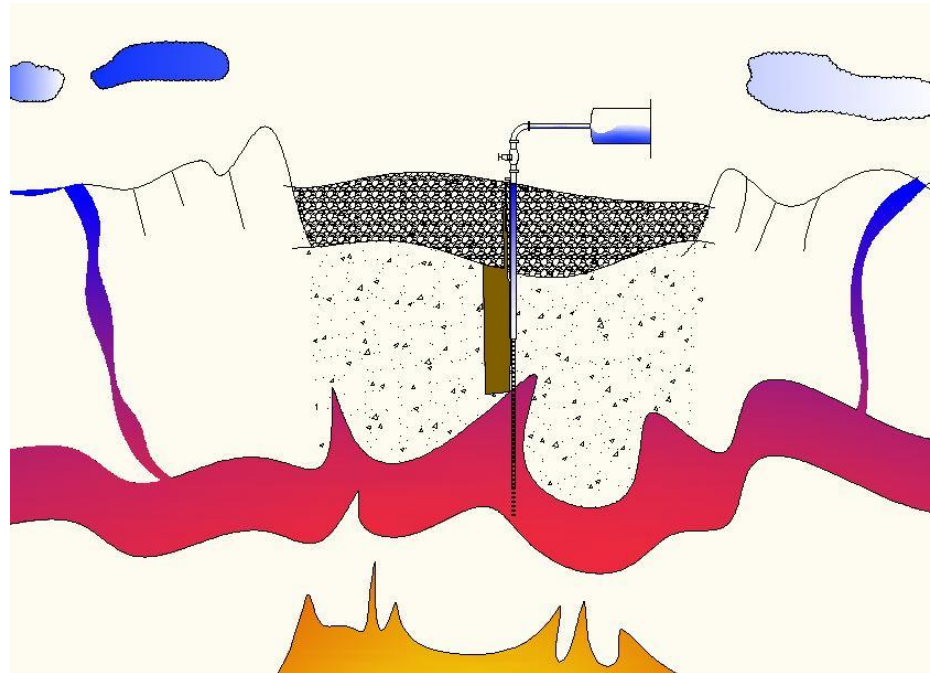
## Systems:

- Entity that is separable from the rest of the universe by a physical or conceptual boundary.

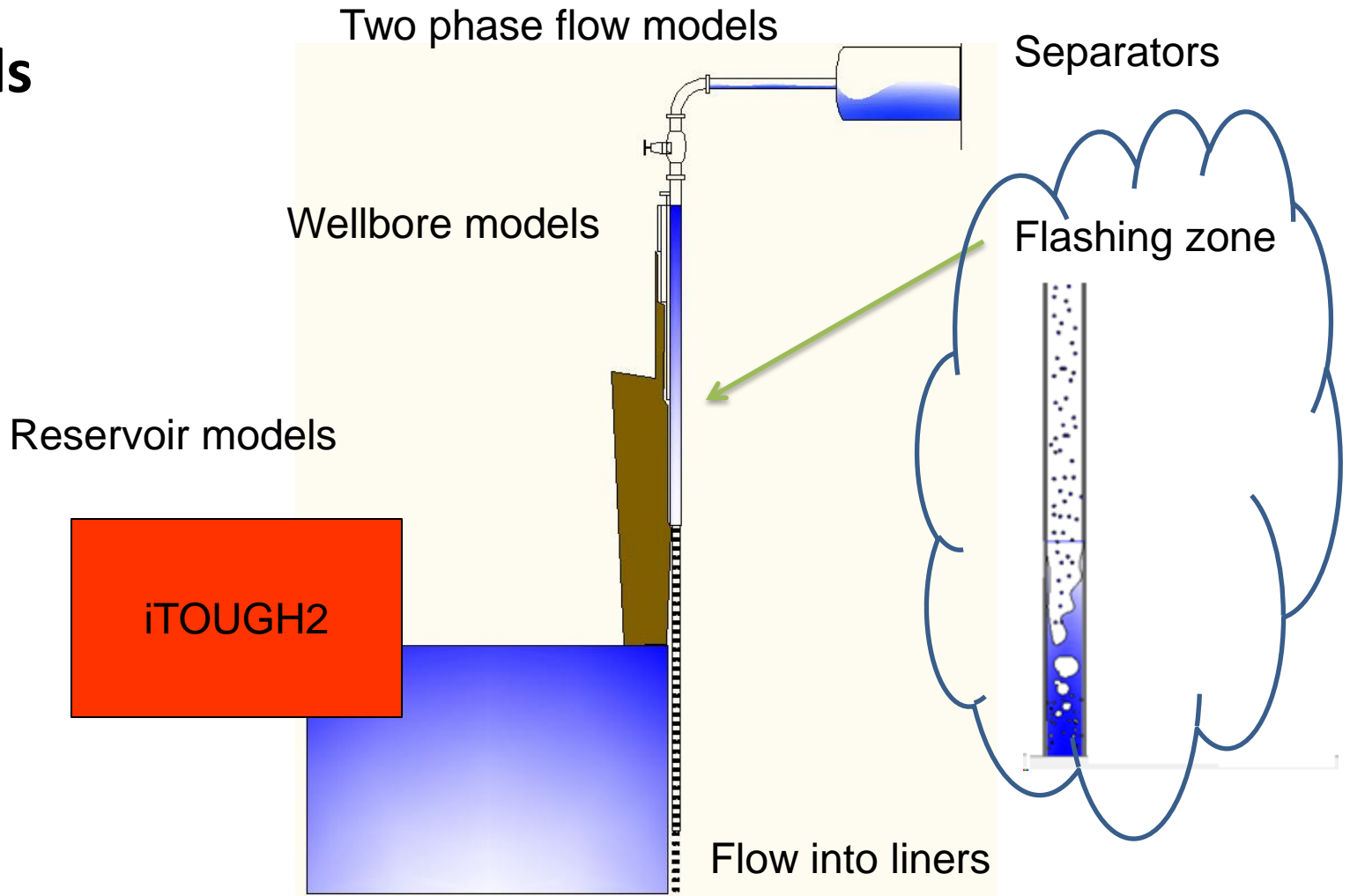


## Models:

- Simplified, abstracted constructs of a system used to predict the behavior of the system.



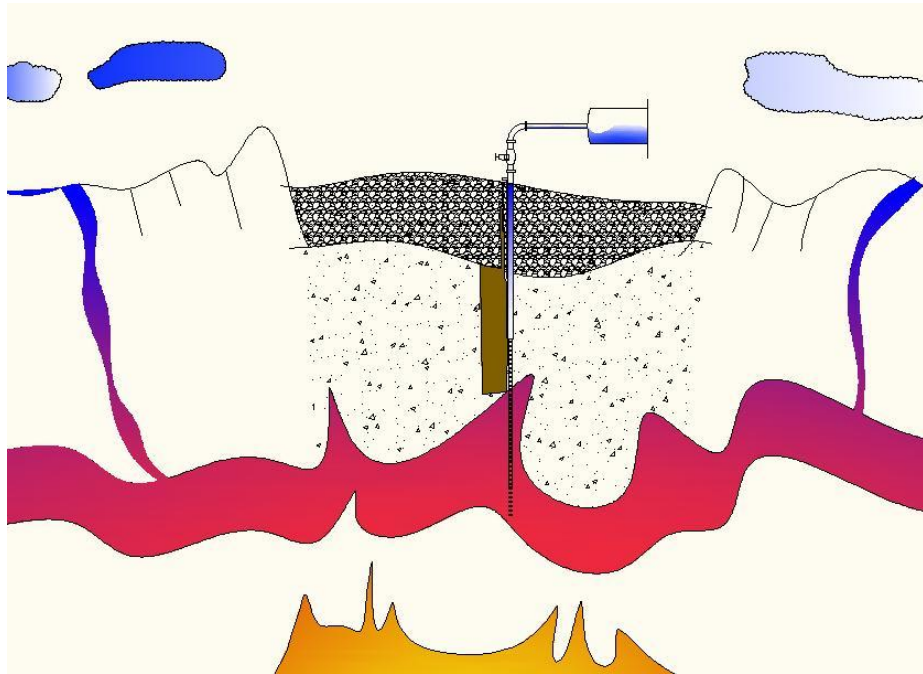
## Models





## Inverse modeling

- Inverse modeling consists of estimating model parameters from measurements of the system.



# Inverse modeling

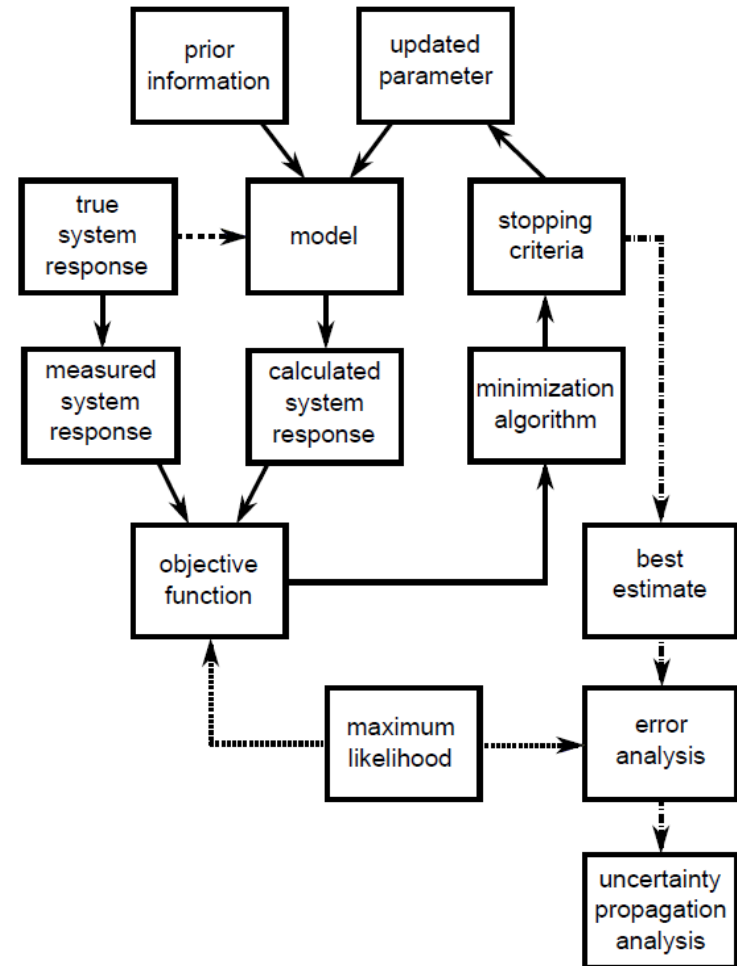
## Inverse Modeling Procedure: Major Steps

Step	Description	Issue
1.	Development of a numerical model, representing the system.	- Model conceptualization
2.	Selection of parameters to be estimated.	- Parameter selection
3.	Selection of initial parameter values information/initial.	- Prior guess
4.	Selection of data; identification of points in space and time for calibration.	- Calibration points
5.	Assignment of weights to each calibration point.	- Stochastic model
6.	Calculation of system state.	- Forward simulation
7.	Comparison of calculated and observed system state.	- Objective function
8.	Updating parameters in order to decrease the objective function.	- Min. algorithm
9.	Iteration of Steps 6 through 8 until no further improvement of the fit can be obtained.	- Convergence crit.
10.	Analysis of residuals and estimation uncertainties.	- Residual and error analyses

# Inverse modeling

## Major steps:

Flow chart of the major steps of inverse analysis



# Next step

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## **GEORG course:**

UI and LBNL will arrange an Inverse Modeling course:

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Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August