

Chlorine and Bromine Isotopic Analyses of Groundwaters and Porewaters from the Bruce Nuclear Site

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Abstract

This study reports chlorine ($\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$) and bromine ($\delta^{81}\text{Br}$) isotopic values for groundwaters and pore fluids from early Paleozoic (Cambrian to Devonian) sedimentary rocks at the Bruce Nuclear Site near Kincardine, Ontario, Canada. The Cl and Br isotope data, in conjunction with their concentration data, are used to ascertain fluid origins as well as to identify processes responsible for isotopic fractionation.

The sampled groundwaters and porewaters (from boreholes DGR-3/4) have isotopic and geochemical signatures similar to formation fluids from the same geological units elsewhere in the Michigan Basin, based on comparison with regional sedimentary formation water databases. The Silurian Salina A1 and Guelph Formation groundwaters, sourced within the Michigan Basin, have low $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$. The Salina A1 samples appear to have been altered by halite dissolution and mixing with cold climate recharge. In contrast, the Cambrian groundwaters have high $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values that are similar to Cambrian brines found in the Appalachian Basin to the east and south. The halide isotopic signatures of the Cambrian groundwaters suggest that these fluids may be very old, and their isotopic compositions have been preserved since emplacement during basinal fluid migration events in the early Paleozoic.

In general, Devonian to Cambrian porewaters at the site have similar $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values as fluid samples from equivalent geological units listed in the combined regional database compiled from Shouakar-Stash (2008), Hobbs et al. (2011) and Skuce et al. (2015). However, some Cambrian and Ordovician porewater samples have $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values that are distinctive from regional sedimentary groundwaters found in the equivalent units.

The Early Silurian to Late Ordovician stratigraphic sequence (~400 m thick) at the site has been effectively defined as a diffusion-dominated system (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015). However, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values of the porewater samples at the site are not easily explained by a simple diffusion process across multiple geological layers of highly variable sedimentological characteristics. The halide isotopic profiles throughout the stratigraphic sequence was potentially impacted by several fractionation mechanisms over long geologic time frames. These physical or biological processes include organic and/or microbial halide gas production and degassing, salt dissolution, diagenesis/dolomitization (early Phanerozoic), tectonically-driven fluid migration

and/or hydrothermal fluid mixing (late Phanerozoic) as well as localized diffusional migration of porewater solutes within stratigraphic units. In addition, the initial depositional environment may have influenced the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic signatures of the sedimentary porewaters from the site. This depositional influence can be tied to temporal variations in the relative fluxes of continental weathering inputs and mantle inputs (degassing from ocean volcanic sources) of Cl and Br to seawater.

This study shows that an increased understanding of transport processes, and the origin and relative ages of potential end-member fluids, can be gained through the analyses of porewater Cl and Br isotope compositions together with chemical and isotopic parameters already used to assess solute longevity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) of Canada has proposed the geological media underlying the Bruce Nuclear Site near Kincardine, Ontario (Figure 1), as a location for a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for low- and intermediate-level nuclear waste. The Bruce Nuclear Site (herein called ‘the site’) is located in the Bruce structural block and lies on the eastern margin of the Michigan Basin – located west of the Algonquin Arch (Figure 1). The origin, movement and relative ages of the sedimentary formation fluids and salts found in the geological media at the site are important as a means to address both the long-term stability of the host rock and the potential for hydrochemical migration of radionuclides from the proposed repository.

The stable isotopes of Cl and Br have been used in previous studies to ascertain the origin of salts and fluids as well as to identify processes that cause isotopic fractionation (Kaufmann et al. 1992; Eggenkamp 1994; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Stotler et al. 2010; Eggenkamp 2014). This study will compare the halide isotopic signatures of groundwaters and porewaters from the sedimentary units (Devonian, Silurian, Ordovician, and Cambrian) found at the site to the halide isotopic signatures of a database consisting of regional sedimentary formation waters and evaporitic salts from southern Ontario and Michigan (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015). This comparison will be the first attempt to use these two isotopic systems together to evaluate sources, residence times, and processes causing isotopic fractionation at a site containing such a diverse number of sedimentary units.

The chlorine isotopic values ($\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$) of sedimentary formation waters from southern Ontario and the Michigan Basin (-1.3‰ to +1.8‰; Kaufmann et al. 1992; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Skuce et al. 2015) encompass a wider range compared to fluids from crystalline environments (-0.8‰ to +1.6‰; Stotler

et al. 2010), but span a much smaller range than that of man-made compounds (-3.0‰ to +4.2‰; Kaufmann et al. 1992; van Warmerdam et al. 1995; Skitmore 1997; Rosen 1999; Eggenkamp and Coleman 2000; Frappe et al. 2004; Stotler et al. 2010) (Figure 2). The range of bromine isotopic values ($\delta^{81}\text{Br}$) for sedimentary formation waters from southern Ontario and the Michigan Basin (-1.3‰ to +2.3‰; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Skuce et al. 2015) is also wider than fluids from crystalline environments (0‰ to +1.5‰; Stotler et al. 2010).

This study presents halide isotopic results from groundwater and porewater samples collected from two cored boreholes, DGR-3 and DGR-4, that intersect the entire 840 m thickness of the Paleozoic sedimentary sequence beneath the site (Figure 1 and 3). The hydrogeochemical and isotopic analyses are used to compare site-specific results against existing isotopic and chemical data from the same sedimentary formations found elsewhere in Ontario and Michigan, with a focus on Cl and Br concentrations and isotopic ratios, as well as light stable isotopes ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$).

Porewater solute and isotopic profiles from the site (refer to Figure 14a) (Clark et al. 2013) show a downward decrease in Cl and Br concentrations and water isotopic signatures from the Early Silurian to the Cambrian sedimentary units. The authors attributed this trend to the slow downward diffusive migration of a hypersaline evaporative Silurian brine that mixed with the less saline pore fluids found in the older geological units. Al et al. (2015) introduced the possibility of Cambrian and even Precambrian brines entering the pore spaces of the Early Ordovician units through upward diffusion/advection and mixing with downward percolating Ordovician seawater.

Additional halide isotopic signatures ($\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$) are used in this study to assess the origin of end-member components found in the groundwaters and pore fluids of the Ordovician and Cambrian strata at the site. One of these isotope systems ($\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$) has been used in a number of studies to assess

long-term diffusive migration in sediments and sedimentary rocks (Desaulniers et al. 1986; Gimmi and Waber 2004; Hesse et al. 2006; Le Gal La Salle et al. 2013; Rebeix et al. 2014). An increased understanding of the history of sedimentary formation water evolution and migration could be gained by measuring the halide isotopic values of groundwaters and porewaters at the Bruce site, and comparing these values to known isotopic values from similar aged formations found in the regional databases available to this study. This research would also allow an evaluation and comparison of the relationship of the halide isotopic results to previous interpretations at the site based on other geochemical and isotopic parameters (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015). The new halide isotope data are used to evaluate conceptual diffusional and fluid migration models regionally in southern Ontario and have application to interpretation of similar sites found elsewhere in the world (e.g. Desaulniers et al. 1986; Eggenkamp et al. 1994; Eggenkamp and Coleman 2009).

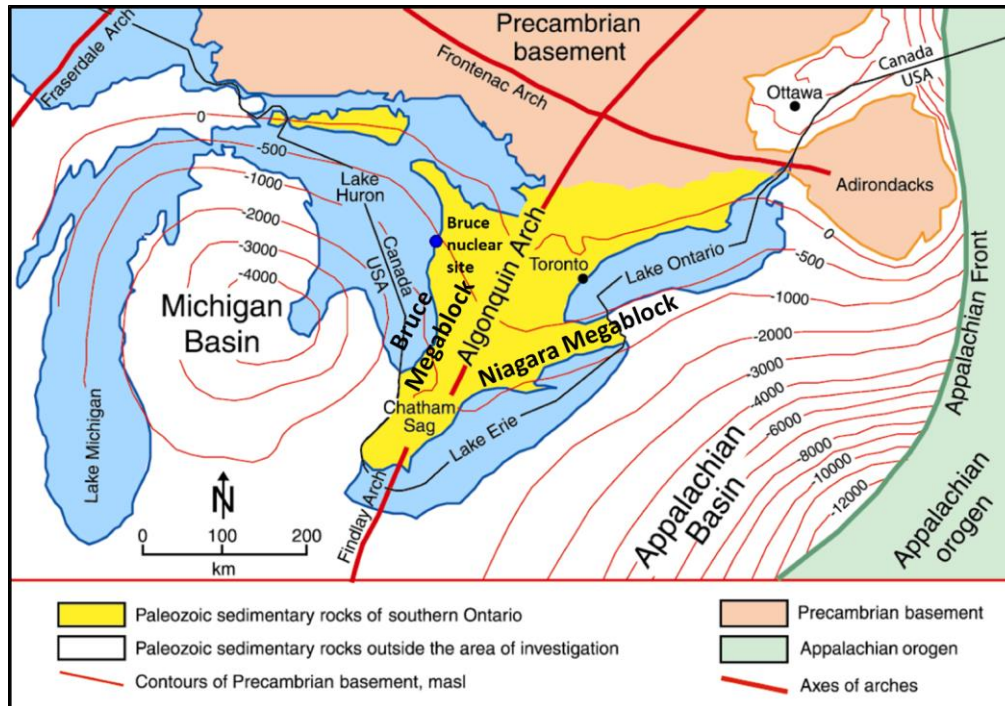


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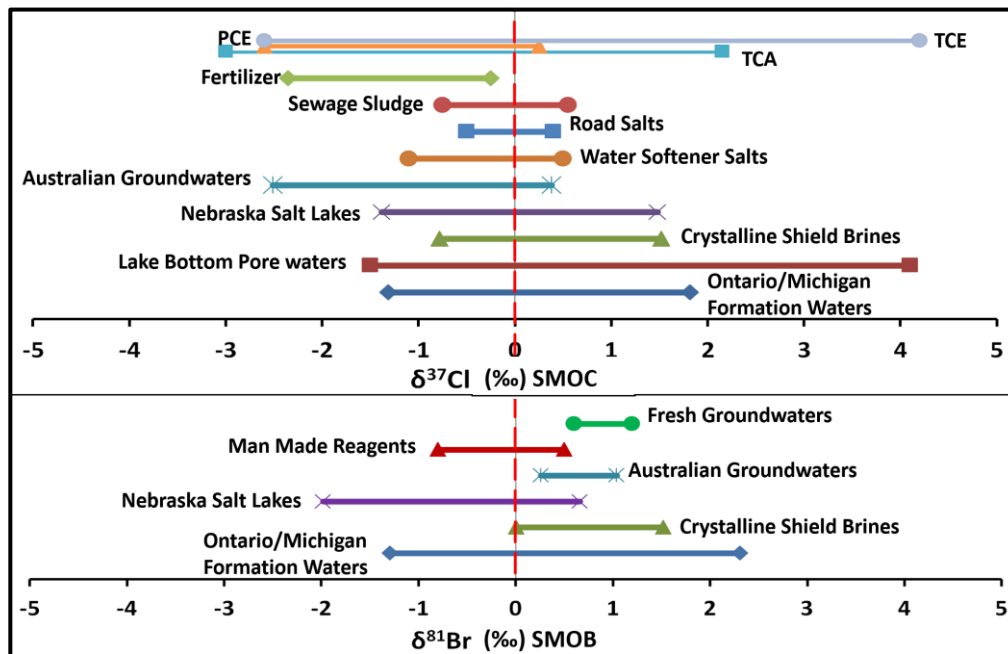


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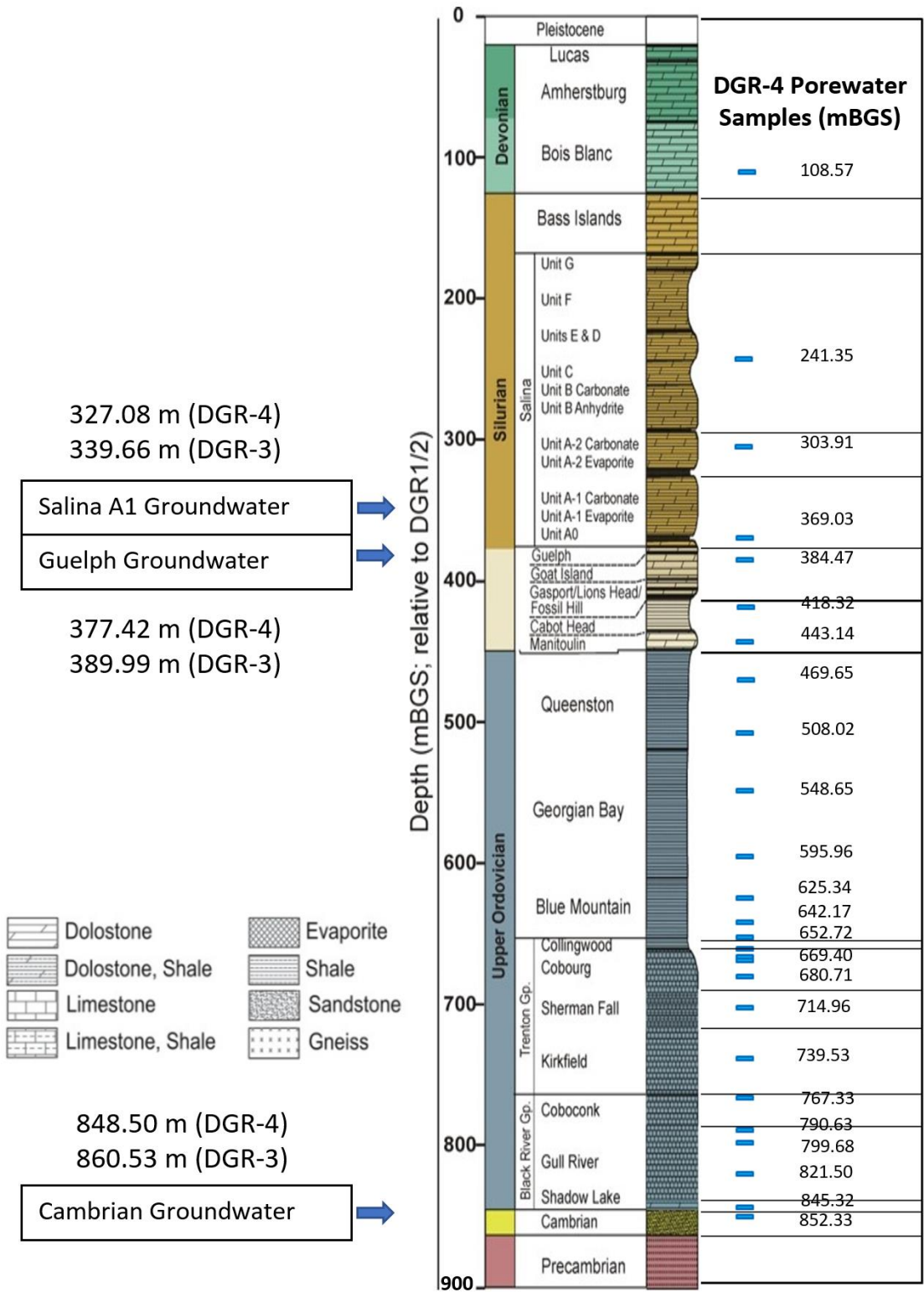


Figure 3: Lithostratigraphy of DGR-3 and DGR-4 boreholes at the Bruce Nuclear Site and locations of the groundwater and porewater samples from the DGR-4 borehole (Modified from Intera 2011).

1.1 Background

Earlier researchers have analyzed and described more than 190 samples of saline waters and brine from sedimentary formations in southern Ontario and the Michigan Basin (Dollar et al. 1991; Weaver et al. 1995; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015). These samples were analyzed for geochemistry and a selection of isotopic parameters including $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$. Figure 4a and Figure 4b illustrate the locations of samples from the regional databases used for comparison with the new data from the Bruce Nuclear Site in this study. Sedimentary formation fluids in the regional database were sampled from producing oil and gas wells, as well as research boreholes drilled as part of previous hydrogeological studies in the area. These sedimentary formation fluids were taken from stratigraphic units ranging in age from Cambrian to Devonian. The majority of samples were from the Niagara Structural Block in southern Ontario (Figure 1, 4a). A comprehensive review of the chemistry and isotopic signatures of the fluids can be found in Hobbs et al. (2011), and additional information can be found in the M.Sc. thesis of Dollar (1988), the Ph.D. theses of Weaver (1994) and Shouakar-Stash (2008), and publications by McNutt et al. (1987), Dollar et al. (1991) and Weaver et al. (1995). More recently, additional regional hydrogeochemical and isotopic data was published by Skuce et al. (2015).

Several observations can be made from the regional database of $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ in Shouakar-Stash (2008) (Figure 4a), and the additional data from Skuce et al. (2015) (Figure 4b). Shouakar-Stash (2008) observed that the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of samples from the Appalachian Basin east of the Algonquin Arch (Figure 4a) were isotopically heavier than the seawater standard (SMOB, 0‰) (red circle, group A), but samples from the Michigan Basin west of the Algonquin Arch were almost always isotopically lighter than SMOB (blue circle, group B). However, there are not any $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ data of the

Cambrian groundwaters from the Michigan Basin, thus, the assumption of a positive or negative $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ signature for the Cambrian groundwater to the west of the Algonquin Arch cannot be stated with any certainty. The present study plans to evaluate this relationship in more detail, in particular the signatures in groundwaters and porewaters with depth throughout the geological units at the site.

Based on the concentration and isotopic ratio of helium in porewaters beneath the site, it is likely that authigenic helium within the Ordovician shale aquiclude is isolated from allochthonous helium (derived from the deep Michigan Basin) in the underlying Ordovician carbonates (Clark et al. 2013). Therefore, these authors suggest that limited transport of the Ordovician brine occurred during Paleozoic time. Clark et al. (2013) proposed a conceptual model of downward diffusive migration of fluids from the hypersaline evaporative Silurian units into older geological units. In the Early Ordovician sediments, the hypersaline fluids encountered and mixed with less saline fluids attributed to Ordovician seawater (Coniglio et al. 1994; Clark et al. 2013). The porewater signatures related to this mixing process are preserved in these units due to extremely low permeability and, in some cases, secondary halite (salt) mineralization, which occluded the pore space and minimized porosity and effective diffusion coefficients in the Ordovician shale sequence (Clark et al. 2013).

Clark et al. (2013) estimated that the probable residence time of the porewaters found in the deeper geologic system (Ordovician shale and carbonate aquiclude) was greater than 260 Ma. This was based on the helium Nobel gas component and considered diffusion to be the dominant fluid migration method in their conceptual model. Similar age calculations were made at the Tournemire site in France based on diffusive transport, using just the Cl and Br concentrations. More recently, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ of porewaters from the Tournemire site were used to further define a diffusive exchange time between end members (85 ± 10 Ma) that was much greater than previously calculated values (53

Ma) (Le Gal La Salle et al. 2013). The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ analysis of porewaters will be used here to further investigate potential solute origins and mechanisms of solute transport and fractionation at the Bruce Nuclear site.

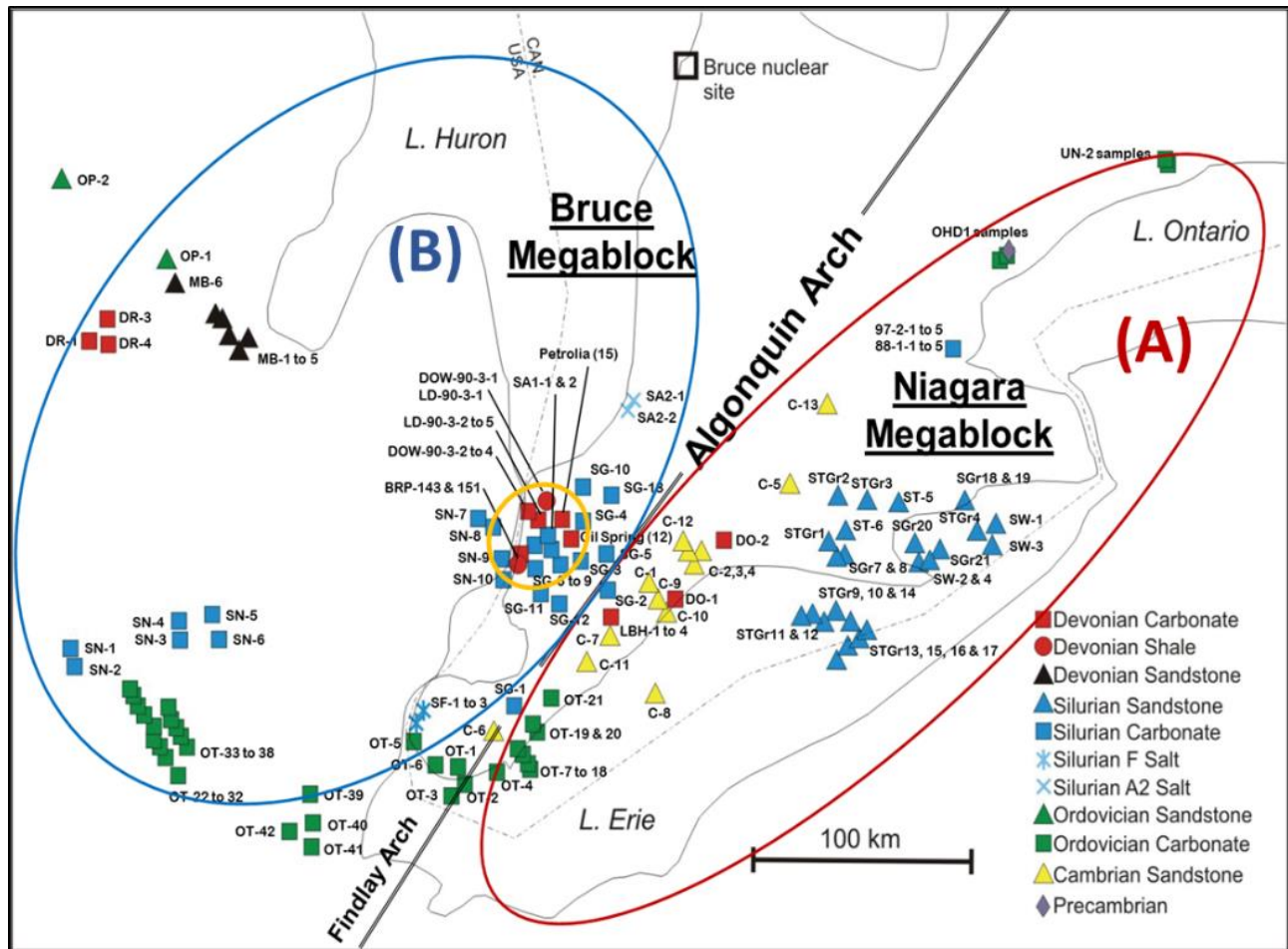


Figure 4a: Location of regional samples collected from the sedimentary formations in southwestern Ontario and in central and eastern Michigan, USA. Adapted from Hobbs et al. 2011 (from Frape et al. 1989; Shouakar-Stash 2008). The group A samples in the red circle were collected from southeast of the Algonquin Arch, while group B samples in the blue circle were from northwest of the Algonquin Arch. More dilute Devonian fluids (orange circle) were from the margin of the Michigan Basin.

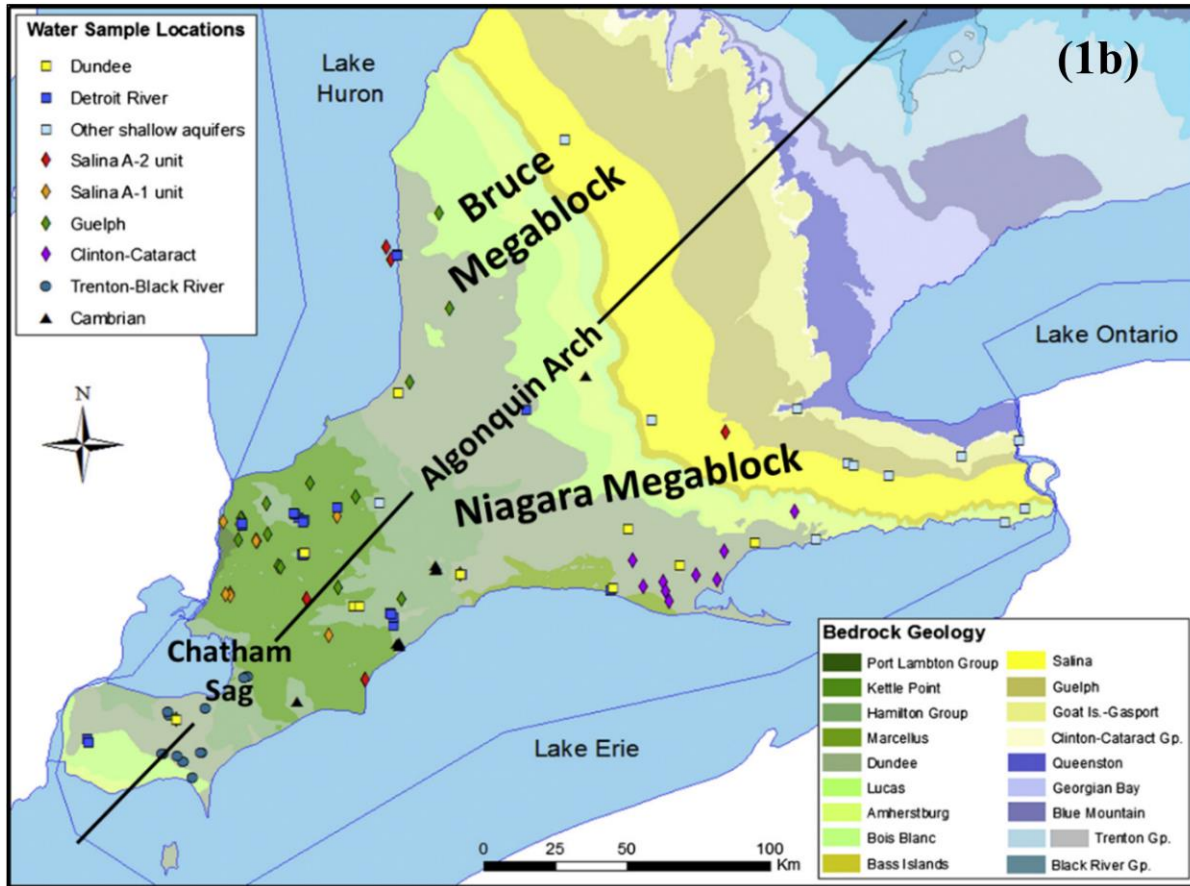


Figure 4b: Bedrock geology map of southwestern Ontario and locations of water samples collected in the study by Skuce et al. (2015).

1.2 Geology

Formation of the Michigan Basin initially started with mid-continental rifting (approximately 1,100 Ma) and was followed by tectonic subsidence of the Precambrian basement (about 580 to 500 Ma) (Klein and Hsui, 1987). With the increasing weight of sediments, the Michigan Basin experienced flexing and further subsidence (Sleep 1971; Sleep and Snell 1976; Nunn and Sleep 1984). However, other researchers (Howell and van der Pluijm 1990, 1999) primarily attributed the formation of the Michigan Basin to tectonic activities in the early Paleozoic (the Taconic and early Acadian Orogenies). For the last 200 Ma, eastern North America was in a passive margin phase (Figure 5a).

The Paleozoic sedimentary rocks within the Michigan and Appalachian basins were deposited in shallow seas (Sanford et al. 1985). The two basins represent two distinct tectonic environments. Johnson et al. (1992) concluded that two principal tectonic impacts: the orogenic activities at the eastern margin of North America and the subsequent tectonic forces, led to slightly different sedimentary rocks being deposited within the Michigan and Appalachian basins. In general, carbonates were deposited in the intracratonic Michigan Basin whereas argillaceous (clastic) sediments were deposited in the Appalachian foreland basin (Johnson et al. 1992; AECOM and ITASCA CANADA 2011).

Sanford et al. (1985) illustrated the conceptual fracture system associated with the fault framework in southern Ontario. As shown in Figure 5b, the Bruce Structural Block (Michigan Basin domain) and Niagara Structural Block (Appalachian Basin domain) are characterized by different fracture orientations (Johnson et al. 1992; Andjelkovic et al. 1998; Mazurek 2004). However, the conceptual fracture system has not been verified (Johnson et al. 1992). If it were correct, the more intensive fracture system conceptualized underneath the Niagara Megablock could enhance the migration of basinal fluids when compared to the sparser fracture system proposed for the Bruce Megablock.

Paleozoic sedimentary rocks in southwestern Ontario reflect a variety of depositional environments. In detail, the Cambrian deposits were a result of a transgressive sea that submerged the entire Algonquin Arch and extended into the subsiding Michigan Basin during the Early Cambrian (Hamblin 1999). Subsequently, the Cambrian deposits in southern Ontario were eroded over the Algonquin Arch (Bailey and Cochrane 1984a, b; Bailey 2005). Similar to the Cambrian, deposition of the Upper Ordovician Black River and Trenton groups is marked by major marine transgressions. Some researchers speculated that the collision between offshore volcanic islands and the ancient

passive Laurentian margin during the earlier Taconic Orogeny (543-440 Ma) probably had an influence on the deposition of the Trenton carbonates (Van der Voo 1982; Quinlan and Beaumont 1984; Melchin et al. 1994; Hamblin 1999). The overlying Blue Mountain Formation likely formed in an open marine depositional environment, whereas the overlying Georgian Bay Formation is considered to have formed on a shallowing storm-dominated shelf succession (Johnson et al. 1992). Subsequently, clastic sedimentary deposition in a deltaic environment in the southeastern Michigan Basin dominated during Late Ordovician time and resulted in the shale deposits of the Queenston Formation (Johnson et al. 1992).

The Silurian Period was dominated by relatively warmer temperature and higher global sea levels (Munnecke et al. 2010). The Lower Silurian Manitoulin Formation was deposited in a shallow carbonate ramp setting (Armstrong and Carter 2010), and the depositional environment of the overlying Lower Silurian Cabot Head Formation is considered to be an offshore basinal or marginal marine setting (Armstrong and Carter 2010). In general, the Middle Silurian (Gasport and Guelph Formations) is characterized by a marine transgression. The overlying Middle to Upper Salina Group and the Bass Islands Formation are interpreted as cyclical evaporite and carbonate deposits, and a relatively more open marine environment, respectively. Uyeno et al. (1982) suggested that a major marine transgression led to deposition of the Devonian carbonates, following a long period of exposure and erosion at the end of the Silurian.

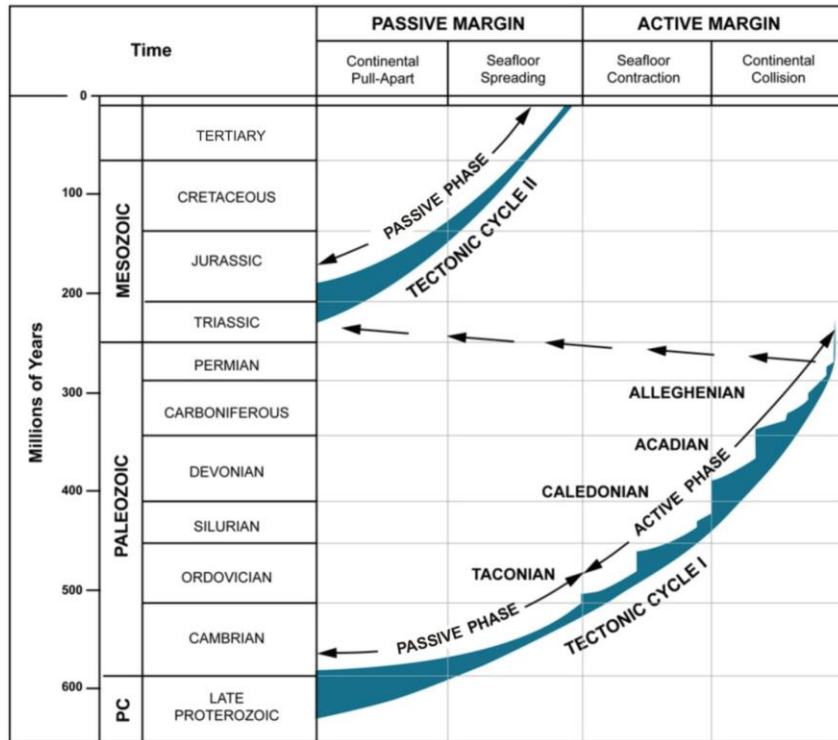


Figure 5a: Phanerozoic tectonic cycles (from Sanford et al. 1985). Note: Band widths represent relative tectonic intensity.

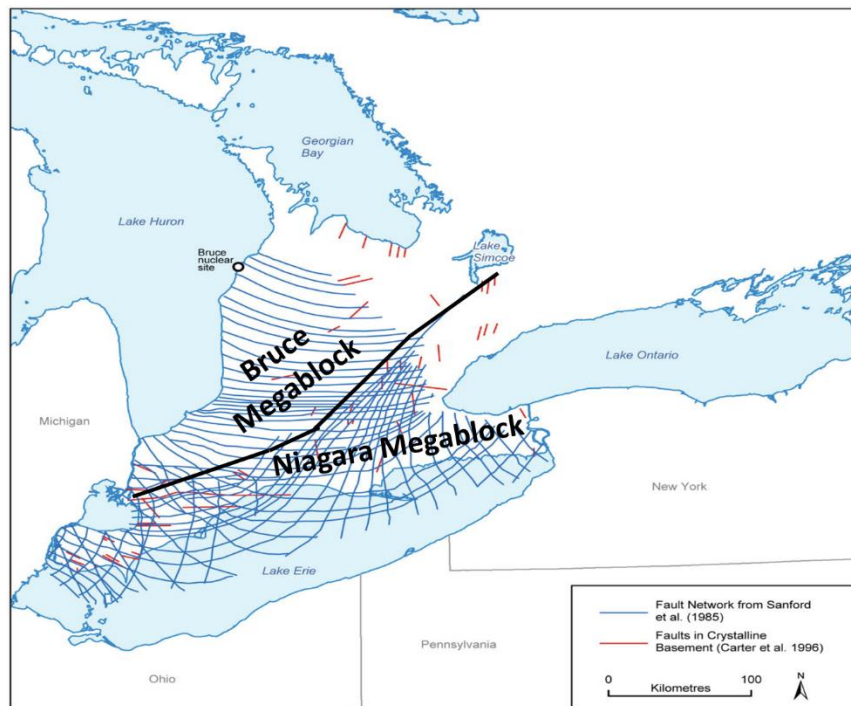


Figure 5b: Proposed fracture and fault frameworks in southern Ontario (Modified by AECOM and ITASCA CANADA (2011) from Mazurek (2004) after Carter et al. (1996) and Sanford et al. (1985)).

2. METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLE LOCATION

Geochemical and isotopic data were obtained in this study for three types of fluids: 1) regional sedimentary formation fluids, 2) Bruce Nuclear Site groundwaters, and 3) Bruce Nuclear Site pore waters. Regional sedimentary formation fluids associated with petroleum wells and deep research boreholes were analyzed in previous studies (Dollar et al. 1991; Weaver et al. 1995; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015). These highly saline waters and brines were compared to formation groundwaters from boreholes DGR-3 and DGR-4 at the Bruce Nuclear Site. Samples consisted of archived opportunistic groundwater samples, which were chosen for analyses in consultation with NWMO personnel. Geochemical data and stable water isotope compositions have been provided by NWMO for each sample for comparison with the new $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ data. This allowed the researchers to further address the relationship of the halide isotopic result to previous interpretations of other parameters from the site using the same or similar samples (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015). The data from the regional fluids and site groundwaters were compared to rock matrix pore fluids from borehole DGR-4 at the site. Pore fluid samples are University of Ottawa archival samples from the Clark et al. (2013) study. Porewater samples were prepared using the crush and leach technique described in Clark et al. (2010).

For the present study, the original porewaters are considered to be a combination of salts and matrix fluids that were trapped in the pore spaces of the rock matrix. These solutes have to be extracted from the matrix by the crush and leach technique (Clark et al. 2010). Groundwaters and/or formation fluids can freely flow through fractures and pore spaces if the opportunity arises. Therefore, when comparing the two fluid/salt reservoirs, the relative availability and ages of the potential salts for mixing as well as other processes such as diffusion must be considered.

2.1 Location of the Regional Formation Fluids

A total of 190 samples of saline waters and brines included in the Waterloo Regional Hydrogeochemistry Database (WRHD) are from Precambrian to Devonian sedimentary formations in southwestern Ontario and the Michigan Basin (Figure 4a). These samples were collected from northwest and southeast of the Algonquin Arch (Figure 1a). Sample depths range from near ground surface to almost four kilometers. Several researchers, including Dollar (1988), Sherwood-Lollar and Frappe (1989), Cloutier (1994), Weaver (1994), and Husain (1996) collected the samples over the past 30 years. A more recent regional geochemical database is also available from Skuce et al. (2015).

Sampling methods described by Lico et al. (1982) and Kharaka et al. (1987) were used to collect the samples, with slight modifications in certain situations. Weaver et al. (1995) and Hobbs et al. (2011) reported the specific procedures used for sample collection and handling.

2.2 Location of the DGR Groundwater Samples

Six groundwater samples are included in this study representing the only zones of flowing water from two deep vertical bedrock boreholes at the site (DGR-3 and DGR-4). The geology of the DGR-3 and DGR-4 boreholes are described in detail by Intera (2011) and NWMO (2011) (Figure 3). The formation fluid samples in the DGR-3 borehole at 339.66 m and in DGR-4 at 327.08 m are from the Salina A1 Unit (Upper Silurian), which consists of argillaceous dolostone and anhydritic dolostone. The formation fluid samples in DGR-3 at 389.99 m and in DGR-4 at 377.42 m are from the Guelph Formation (Middle Silurian), which consists of porous dolostone and dolomitic limestone. The formation fluid samples in DGR-3 at 860.53 m and in DGR-4 at 848.50 m are from the Cambrian

Formation, which consists primarily of sandstone and dolostone.

2.3 Location of the Porewater Samples

Porewater samples were obtained by the crush and leach (CL) technique (Clark et al. 2010) on selected core samples from geological units ranging from Silurian to Cambrian in age. These samples were provided by Professor Ian Clark, University of Ottawa. Sampling was concentrated on the lower part of the Upper Ordovician strata and moved upwards and downwards incorporating splits of the available porewaters from previous studies (Clark et al. 2013). The samples were sealed and refrigerated and therefore should not have changed isotopically due to the conservative nature of Cl and Br in solution (Cecil 2001). In the event that samples for analyses from a specific stratigraphic section of interest were missing, further extractions were undertaken, depending on the availability of core material, using the same methodology as Clark et al. (2010). In such a case, unpreserved core can be used to leach Br and Cl salts as these elements remain in the pore space of the core, are highly soluble, generally do not form insoluble salts upon desiccation, and are not recorded to be volatile at lower temperatures without the influence of microbial or photolytic processes (Hanlon et al. 2017). For example, Br and Cl isotopic standards of salts and fluids under long term storage in the Environmental Isotope Laboratory, University of Waterloo, have not shown any changes in isotopic signatures with repeated analyses performed years apart.

2.4 Measurement of Stable Isotopes

The ionic concentrations and stable isotope compositions ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$, and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$) of the sedimentary formation waters in Ontario were reported in several previous studies (Dollar 1988; Sherwood-Lollar and Frappe 1989; Cloutier 1994; Weaver 1994; Weaver et al. 1995; Husain 1996;

Martini and Walter 1998; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Skuce et al. 2015).

The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of fluids were analyzed for this study using Continuous Flow Isotope-Ratio Mass Spectrometry as described by Shouakar-Stash et al. (2005a, b). The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ measurements for formation fluids were completed for a PhD thesis (Shouakar-Stash 2008), but have not been published. As part of the current research, the same samples from Shouakar-Stash (2008) were reanalyzed for comparison and were found to have statistically identical values. The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic ratios are reported as permil (‰) deviations from an isotopic standard reference material using the conventional δ notation, where:

$$\delta_s = \left(\frac{R_s - R_{\text{STD}}}{R_{\text{STD}}} \right) \times 1000 (\text{‰})$$

Based on these methods, the analytical precision for both $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ is $\pm 0.10\text{‰}$ (STDV) for $n=12$ or less. Standard Mean Ocean Bromide (SMOB) and Standard Mean Ocean Chloride (SMOC) were used as the standards to calibrate the bromine and chlorine isotopic data, respectively. Two internal inter-lab standards were also used to calibrate data and test the linearity of the equipment at extreme values (with an internal precision of $\pm 0.03\text{‰}$). The methodology is summarized in Appendix A1 (Shouakar-Stash et al. 2005a, b)

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION (PART ONE)

3.1 Compilation of the Regional Database

The archival database for the geochemical and isotopic results of formation waters from the Michigan Basin and southern Ontario are listed in Table A1 and Table A2 in Appendix A (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015).

In southern Ontario and some parts of the Michigan Basin, the chlorine concentrations of formation water samples range from less than 1 mg/L to almost 300,000 mg/L, while the bromine concentrations range from less than 1 mg/L to approximately 8,500 mg/L (Shouakar-Stash 2008). The weight ratio between bromine and chlorine has a range between 0.0001 and 0.0389 (Shouakar-Stash 2008). The oceanic Br/Cl weight ratio is approximately 0.0034, which can be compared to Br/Cl ratios from brines and, in some cases, can be used to determine the extent of evaporation (Figure 13) (Carpenter 1978; McCaffrey et al. 1987).

The chlorine isotopic values for groundwater samples in the Waterloo Regional Hydrogeochemistry Database (WRHD) have a range from -1.31‰ to +1.82‰ based on the isotope studies conducted by earlier researchers and those analyzed in this study, and the bromine isotopic values have a range from -0.95‰ to +2.31‰ (Shouakar-Stash 2008) (Table A1). For the regional $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic data from Skuce et al. (2015), exclusive of the original WRHD, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values range from -0.49‰ to +1.00‰ and the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values range from -1.29‰ to +2.21‰, similar to the WRHD (Table A2).

The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic values of formation waters show large variations, as described by Shouakar-Stash (2008) and Hobbs et al. (2011). However, the values are within the known ranges

reported for formation waters by previous researchers (Figure 2) (Desaulniers et al. 1986; Eastoe and Guilbert 1992; Kaufmann et al. 1993; Eggenkamp 1994; Liu et al. 1997; Eggenkamp and Coleman 2000; Eastoe et al. 2001; Ziegler et al. 2001; Frape et al. 2004; Stewart and Spivack 2004; Shouakar-Stash et al. 2007). In the following sections, the major findings by previous researchers will be briefly described based on the Cl and Br concentrations, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $\delta^2\text{H}$, and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ - $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ results of formation waters from the Michigan Basin and southern Ontario (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015).

3.1.1 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ Compositions

In Figure 6, the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ isotopic values of major formation waters from the Michigan Basin and southern Ontario have higher $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ relative to modern day meteoric water, and plot to the right of and below the Global Meteoric Water Line (GMWL). The values all fall close to the end of Holser's (1979) evolutionary curve for very concentrated brines that have undergone extreme evaporation. The most concentrated samples (brines > 100g/L) show "clustering" of isotopic signatures for a given formation, and formation waters from different Paleozoic units are characterized by distinctive $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ signatures (Dollar et al. 1991; Cloutier 1994; Weaver et al. 1995; Husain et al. 2004; Hobbs et al. 2011) (Figure 6). However, some overlap between units and mixing trends with more dilute waters (lower $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$) are also observed.

Several researchers reported that formation waters from shallow Devonian carbonate units or glacial drift aquifers have lower $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$, suggesting a glacial melt-water end member (Dollar et al. 1991; Cloutier 1994; Weaver et al. 1995). The higher $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ isotopic signatures of the Silurian Formation waters have been attributed to significant water-rock interaction (Clayton 1966; Sheppard 1986; Farquhar et al. 1987; Coniglio et al. 2003). The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ isotopic signatures of many

Cambrian fluids have been attributed to mixing of Cambrian waters with brines from the underlying Precambrian crystalline rocks (Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015). However, none of the sedimentary formation fluids in either the previous studies or the present study exhibited the high $\delta^2\text{H}$ values above the meteoric waterline that are typical of Shield brines (Frape and Fritz 1987; Frape et al. 2003), as shown on Figure 6.

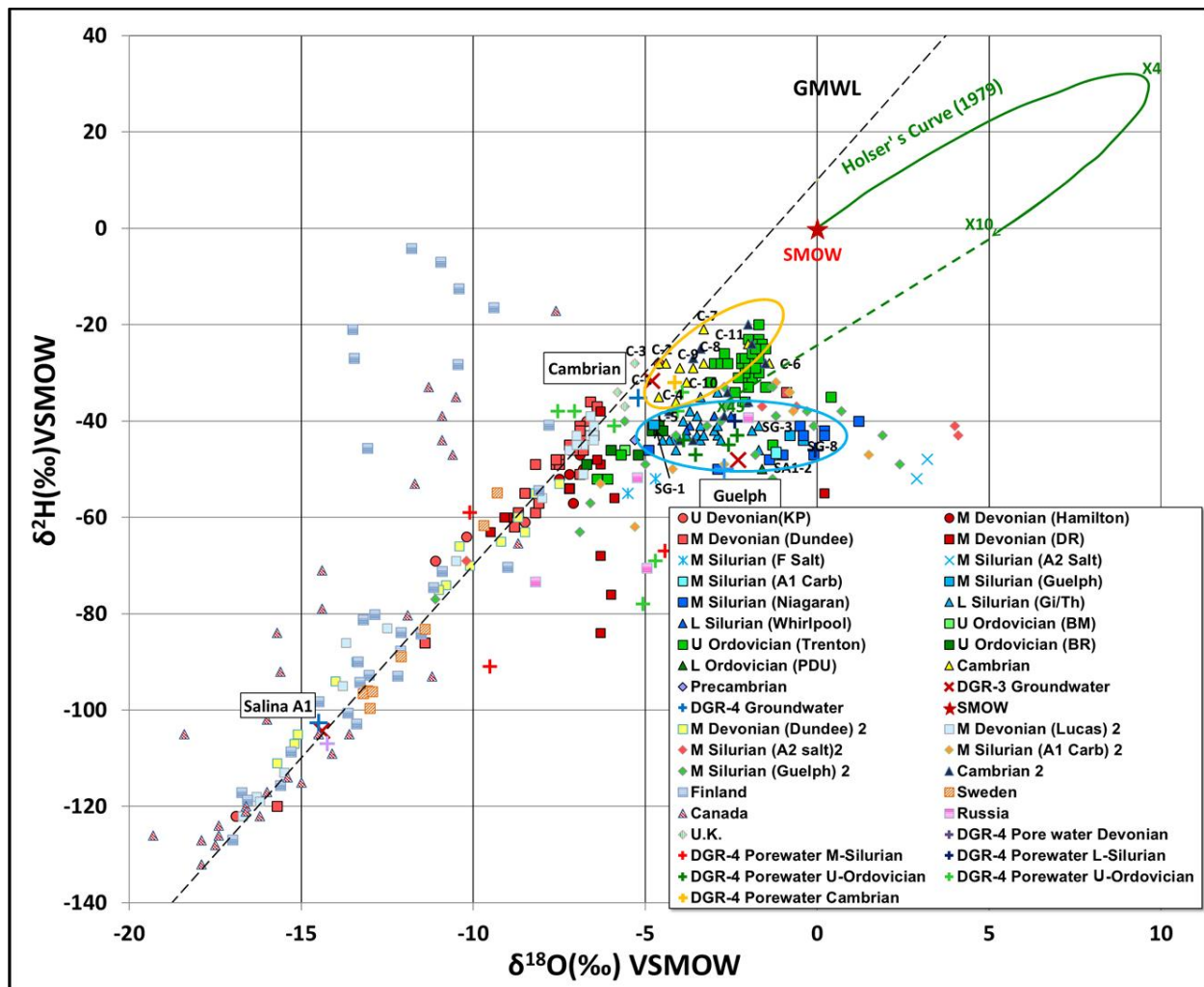


Figure 6: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ of groundwater in crystalline and sedimentary rocks. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other sedimentary data are from the WRHD. Additional data (symbols filled with lines) are from crystalline environments (Finland, Sweden, Canada, Russia and U.K.) and are from Frape et al. (2003). The Holser Evaporative Curve (1979) shows the evolutionary evaporation pathway for seawater and indicates that concentrated sedimentary formation brines in strata in the region could have a marine origin. Cambrian samples are circled by the orange line, Guelph Formation samples (SG) are circled by the blue line.

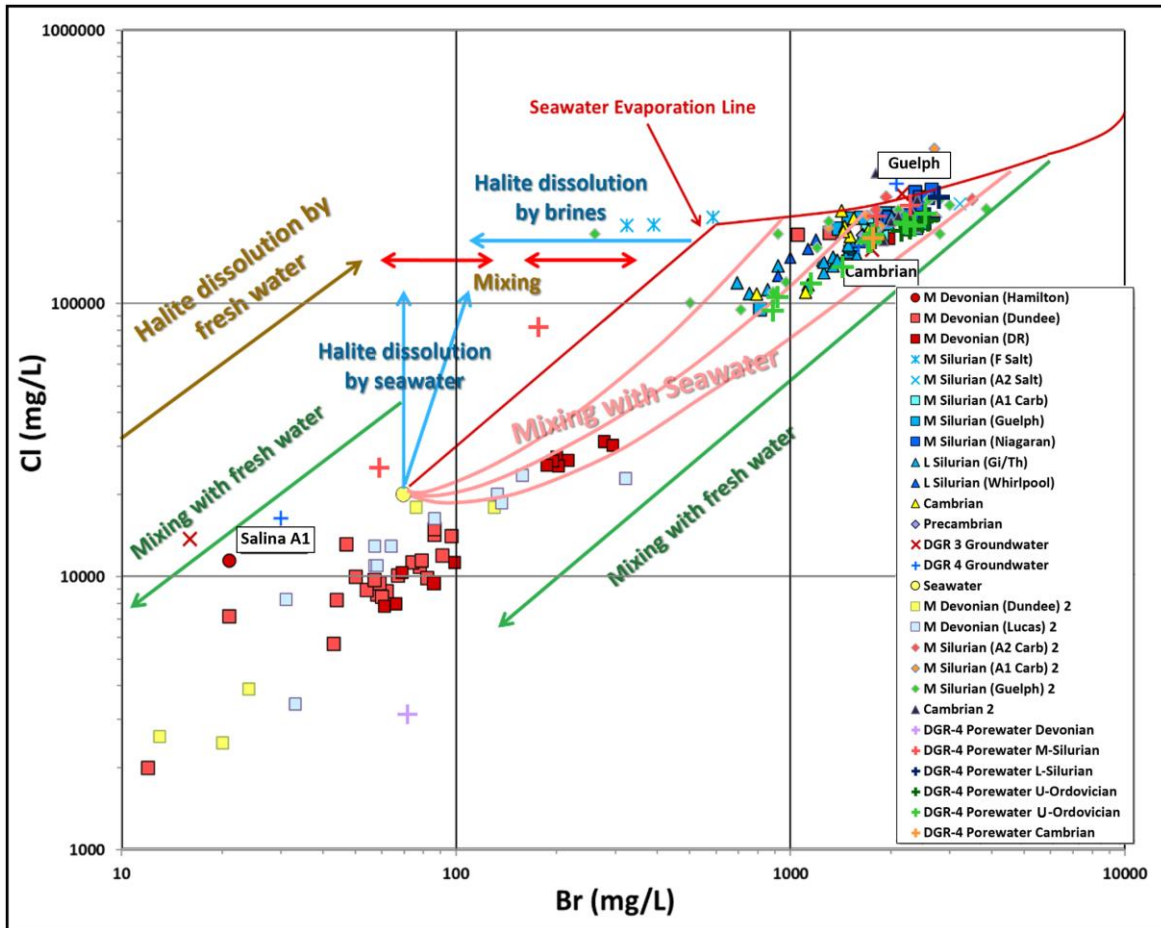


Figure 7: Trends for chloride versus bromide concentrations during the evaporation of seawater (McCaffrey et al. 1987) compared to groundwater samples from the Silurian and Cambrian strata at the site and sedimentary formation fluids. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other data are from the WRHD. Also shown are a number of processes such as halite dissolution and mixing scenarios that would alter the primary concentrations of the formation fluids (Rittenhouse 1967; Carpenter 1978). (Modified from Shouakar-Stash 2008).

3.1.2 Cl and Br Concentrations

Figure 7 illustrates the Cl and Br concentrations of the formation waters from southern Ontario and the Michigan Basin, and compares this data to the seawater evaporation line and several potential evolutionary processes (e.g. halite dissolution, fluid mixing) that can impact the Cl and Br concentrations of sedimentary formation fluids (Rittenhouse 1967; Carpenter 1978; Kharaka and Hanor 2004; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015). In general, most of the Cl

and Br concentrations of the formation waters fall on or just below the seawater evaporation line between the halite and sylvite precipitation stages. This suggests that formation waters have evolved from original paleo-seawater to very concentrated brines via evaporation. This aspect of the chemical signature of the sedimentary formation fluids is in agreement with high dissolved salt concentrations of the brines and the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ evolutionary trends (Figure 6) (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015). After initial evaporative concentration, it appears that many of the formation fluids were diluted by mixing with a less saline fluid similar to seawater or fresh water. Some of the Devonian and Silurian waters sampled from the basin margins plotted to the left and/or above the seawater evaporation line and thus would have been affected by halite dissolution with a fresh water end member (Sanford 1985; McIntosh and Walter 2005, 2006). However, due to the different mixing scenarios and diagenetic processes, it is difficult to assess the mixing proportions for most formation waters described in these studies.

3.1.3 $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ Signatures

On Figure 8, all of the concentrated (> 100 g/L) formation waters from group B (northwest of the Algonquin Arch) are characterized by lower $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic signatures in comparison to the concentrated (brine) formation waters from group A (southeast of the Arch). There is little or no overlap in $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values between these two groups whereas the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ signatures show some overlap. Shouakar-Stash (2008) could not determine if these isotopic variations were caused by different evolutionary processes in the two basins or different origins.

On Figure 8, similar to the plot for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$, individual formations and, more generally, strata of similar geological age have similar $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ vs. $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ signatures. For example, in Group A, the OT (Ordovician) fluids plot in a confined area with some overlap with the C (Cambrian) samples, similar

to what is shown for other isotopes (Figure 6). Most of the Devonian samples (orange circle) are much more dilute fluids sampled from petroleum wells near the Algonquin Arch, and have slightly higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values compared to Group B that plot in a distinctive grouping. However, these more dilute fluids have been inferred to have an origin from the deeper Appalachian Basin east of the Algonquin arch where fluids have higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ signatures (Barker and Pollock 1984; Powell et al. 1984).

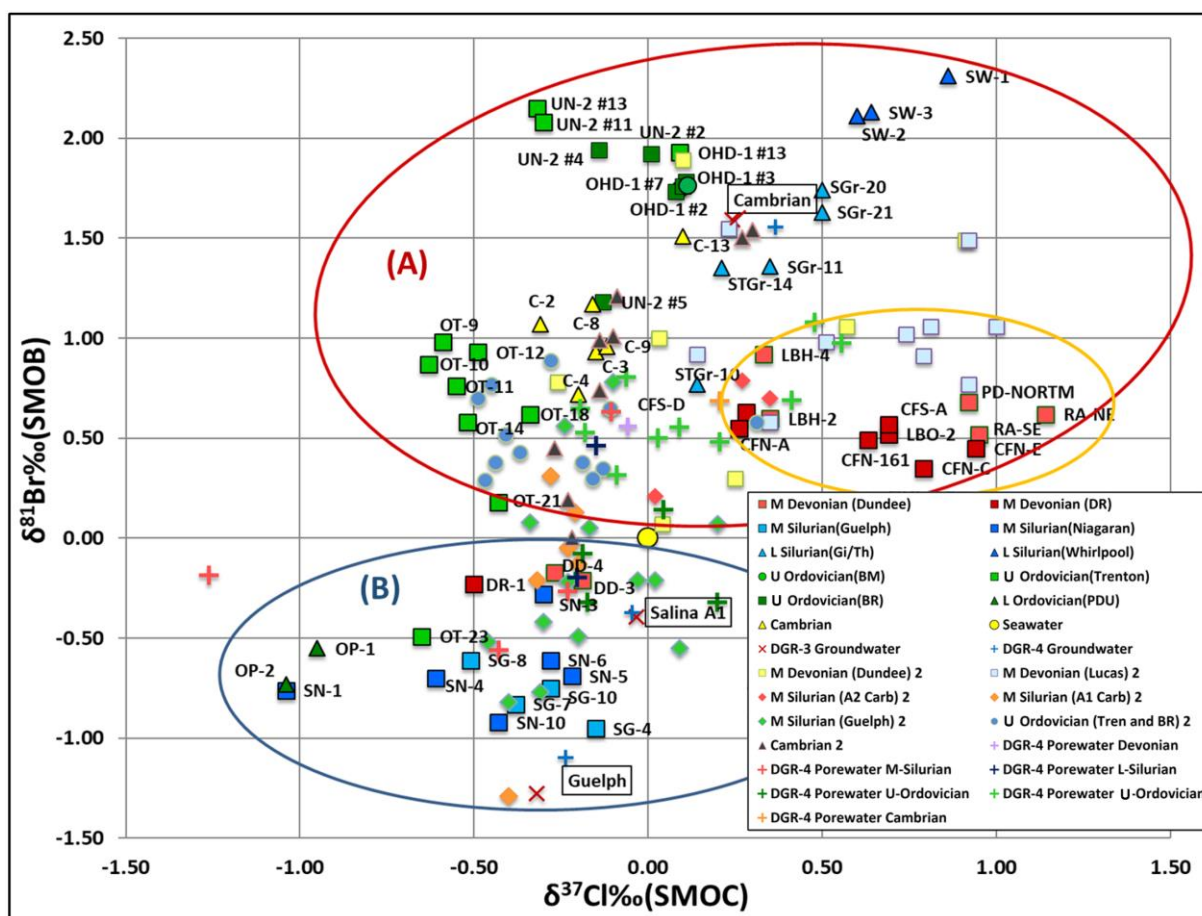


Figure 8: $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ versus $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ for DGR-3, DGR-4 and regional sedimentary formation fluids. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other data are from the WRHD. The data in the red circle (A) is from southeast of the Algonquin Arch, and data in the blue circle (B) is from northwest of the Algonquin Arch.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION (PART TWO)

Results of Groundwaters (DGR-3 and DGR-4)

The geochemical data (Table 1) presented and discussed below were obtained from groundwater samples taken from two deep boreholes, DGR-3 and DGR-4, at the Bruce Nuclear Site (Figure 1). The geochemical data were compared with the combined regional sedimentary formation fluid database obtained from Shouakar-Stash (2008), Hobbs et al. (2011), and Skuce et al. (2015).

4.1 Comparison of $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ between DGR groundwaters and regional sedimentary formation waters

4.1.1 Salina A1 Unit Fluids

Figure 8 also shows the isotopic results for $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ plotted against $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ for the DGR-3 and DGR-4 groundwater samples relative to data from the combined regional data set. On Figure 8, the DGR-3 (327.08 m) and DGR-4 (339.66 m) groundwater samples from the Salina A1 Unit plot in an area in close proximity to the majority of Silurian Guelph and Niagaran reef (SG and SN) samples from the combined regional database. Figure 9A compares the DGR fluids to regional sedimentary brines from Silurian-aged strata. Several of the fluids from the Silurian A1-A2 carbonate units in the Skuce et al. (2015) data set plot, within analytical error, of the DGR A1 samples.

The WRHD for sedimentary formation fluids in Ontario contains two fluid samples from the Salina A1 salt (SA1-1 and SA1-2), but these samples were only analyzed for $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (both have values of -0.35‰).

Table 1: Geochemical data for the formation fluids from boreholes DGR-3 and DGR-4 at the Bruce Nuclear Site. Samples were collected from three stratigraphic units (the Salina-A1 Unit, the Guelph Formation, and the Cambrian Formation).

| Borehole | Depth (m) | Stratigraphic Unit | TDS | Cl (mg/L) | Br (mg/L) | Sr (mg/L) | K (mg/L) | Na (mg/L) | Ca (mg/L) | Mg (mg/L) | SO ₄ (mg/L) | HCO ₃ (mg/L) |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| DGR-3 | 339.66 | Salina-A1 Unit | 27 | 13745 | 16 | 18 | 125 | 7914 | 1014 | 586 | 2403 | 186 |
| DGR-3 | 389.99 | Guelph Formation | 366 | 252239 | 2138 | 596 | 4375 | 103077 | 37918 | 9148 | 0 | 36 |
| DGR-3 | 860.53 | Cambrian Formation | 225 | 157885 | 1731 | 876 | 993 | 35022 | 39156 | 6373 | 251 | 28 |
| DGR-4 | 327.08 | Salina-A1 Unit | 30 | 16361 | 30 | 18 | 125 | 8595 | 1166 | 627 | 2556 | 316 |
| DGR-4 | 377.42 | Guelph Formation | 375 | 275163 | 2055 | 491 | 4391 | 118855 | 15610 | 9467 | 169 | 27 |
| DGR-4 | 848.50 | Cambrian Formation | 227 | 162512 | 1625 | 745 | 1017 | 34364 | 38896 | 6186 | 289 | 24 |

| Borehole | Depth (m) | Stratigraphic Unit | TDS | $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (SMOC) ‰ | $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (SMOB) ‰ | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (VSMOW) ‰ | $\delta^2\text{H}$ (VSMOW) ‰ | $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| DGR-3 | 339.66 | Salina-A1 Unit | 27 | -0.03 | -0.39 | -14.4 | -104 | 0.708694 |
| DGR-3 | 389.99 | Guelph Formation | 366 | -0.32 | -1.28 | -2.3 | -48 | 0.709096 |
| DGR-3 | 860.53 | Cambrian Formation | 225 | 0.24 | 1.59 | -4.8 | -32 | 0.710228 |
| DGR-4 | 327.08 | Salina-A1 Unit | 30 | -0.05 | -0.37 | -14.5 | -103 | 0.708596 |
| DGR-4 | 377.42 | Guelph Formation | 375 | -0.24 | -1.10 | -2.7 | -50 | 0.709127 |
| DGR-4 | 848.50 | Cambrian Formation | 227 | 0.36 | 1.56 | -5.2 | -35 | 0.710247 |

Note: Geochemical, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ analyses were from Heagle and Pinder (2010), and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ analyses were from Clark et al. (2010). The analytical precision for both $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ data is $\pm 0.11\%$ (stdv).

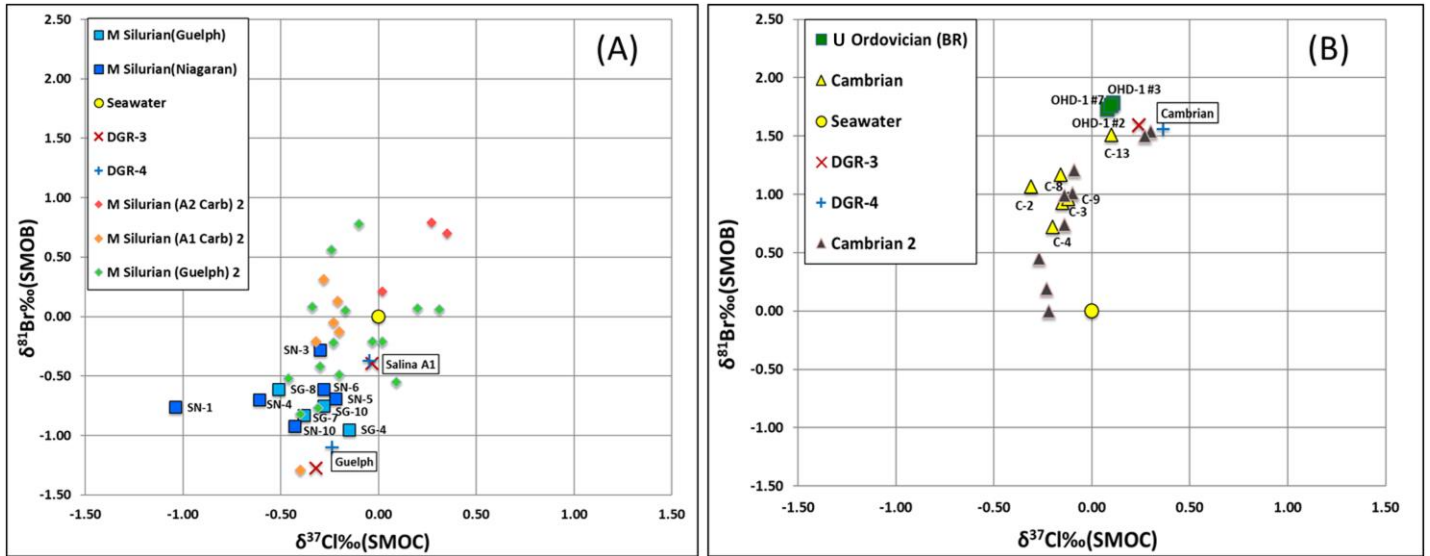


Figure 9: $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ versus $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ for fluid samples (A) from Silurian strata and (B) from Cambrian and Ordovician (Black River) strata. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other data are from the WRHD.

The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values of the two samples from the Salina A1 salts fall within the previously established range (-0.40‰ to -0.20‰) for this geological unit, as discussed in a recent study by Skuce et al. (2015). Referring to the bedrock stratigraphic column for DGR-3 and DGR-4 (Figure 3), the bedrock of the Upper Silurian Salina A1 Unit is comprised of argillaceous dolostone and anhydritic dolostone. The A1 units contain a variety of sulphate and chloride salts. Eggenkamp et al. (1994) proposed that the first salt precipitated from seawater has a higher $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ isotopic signature than the later precipitated salts. Salts precipitated during evaporation have lower $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and higher $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ than their corresponding residual fluids (Eggenkamp et al. 2016; Hanlon et al. 2017). Tan et al. (2009) concluded that the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ value for early halite is higher than 0‰, whereas the later-formed halite has a value between -0.50‰ and 0‰. Therefore, the lower $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values of the two Salina A1 salts (SA1-1 and SA1-2) suggest precipitation later in an evaporitic cycle. Therefore, halite dissolution could provide a possible source of solutes with the isotopic signature observed in the Salina A1 Unit samples from the site. Similar evolution and/or mixing/dilution processes appear to have occurred

in the Salina A1 Unit across much of southern Ontario, both in the Niagara and Bruce geological provinces (Hobbs et al. 2011).

4.1.2 Guelph Formation Fluids

The halide isotope data for the DGR-3 (389.99 m) and DGR-4 (377.42 m) fluids from the Silurian Guelph Formation plot near the Guelph Formation waters (SG-4, SG-7, SG-8, and SG-10) found in the WRHD and the equivalent Silurian Niagaran Formation waters from the Michigan Basin (Figure 9A). Referring to the stratigraphic cross-section of the site (Figure 3), the bedrock of the Guelph Formation is comprised of dolostone and dolomitic limestone. The formation waters for the SG-4, SG-7, SG-8, and SG-10 wells were collected from dolomitic limestone deposited in a reef environment west of the Algonquin Arch on the edge of the Michigan Basin (Liberty and Bolton 1971; Dollar 1988).

The $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values for the DGR-3 (389.99 m, -1.28‰) and DGR-4 (377.42 m, -1.10‰) Guelph Formation waters are lower than Guelph Formation samples (614-749 m, -0.95‰ to -0.61‰) from the Michigan Basin recorded in the regional database (Figure 9A). The evolution and/or mixing/dilution processes for Cl and Br in the samples from the various depths at the site appear to be identical to those for the very concentrated Guelph Formation fluids (Figure 7). The lower $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values (Figure 9A) are similar to Michigan Basin brines and, therefore, most likely represent fluids from a common source or evolutionary process.

4.1.3 Cambrian Formation Fluids

As shown in Figure 9B, Cambrian Formation fluids from the DGR-3 (860.53 mbgs) and DGR-4 (848.50 mbgs) boreholes have high $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values that are similar to Cambrian fluids from

regional oil wells in southern Ontario. These fluids have isotopic compositions similar to the deeper Ordovician Black River Group brines found in the Lakeview, Toronto research borehole OHD-1 (OHD-1 #2, OHD-1 #3, and OHD-1 #7), the C-13 sample from an oil well intersecting Cambrian-aged strata (from the WRHD), and two Cambrian samples from oil wells (Skuce et al., 2015 database).

The OHD-1 and Cambrian oil well samples are from the Niagara tectonic structural block, and the wells are located on the north shore of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie (Figure 4a). However, the OHD-1 samples were collected from relatively shallow depths (from 300 m to 368 m below ground surface). The Cambrian C-13 sample is from 887 m below ground surface, similar to the depth of the Cambrian samples from the DGR site. According to the bedrock lithology described by Liberty (1969), the OHD-1 #2, #3, and #7 fluids from the Lakeview, Toronto, boreholes are from craton-derived clastic rocks and impure carbonate rocks. The Cambrian Formation waters in C-13 are found in sandstones and sandy dolostone strata (Trevail 1990).

4.2 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$

The similarity of the fluids from the site to fluids in the same stratigraphic units across the region (particularly the Cambrian) needs to be confirmed using other geochemical and isotopic parameters. To this end, the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $\delta^2\text{H}$ results for groundwater samples from the site were examined and are discussed in the context of fluid origins – i.e., the concept of a sedimentary formation fluid origin versus a crystalline shield origin.

The $\delta^2\text{H}$ - $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data for the groundwater samples collected during site characterization activities at the Bruce Nuclear Site, obtained from NWMO (Intera 2011), is plotted in Figure 10a. The $\delta^2\text{H}$ - $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

data in Figures 10a and 10b show that the formation waters from the Salina A1 Unit at the site plot away from the other regional data for concentrated sedimentary formation fluids in Ontario and Michigan. The significantly lower values of the Salina A1 samples from DGR-3 (327.08 m) and DGR-4 (339.66 m) indicate mixing of the original saline formation water (evaporated paleo-seawater) with fresh water from a cooler time period and/or glacial melt water.

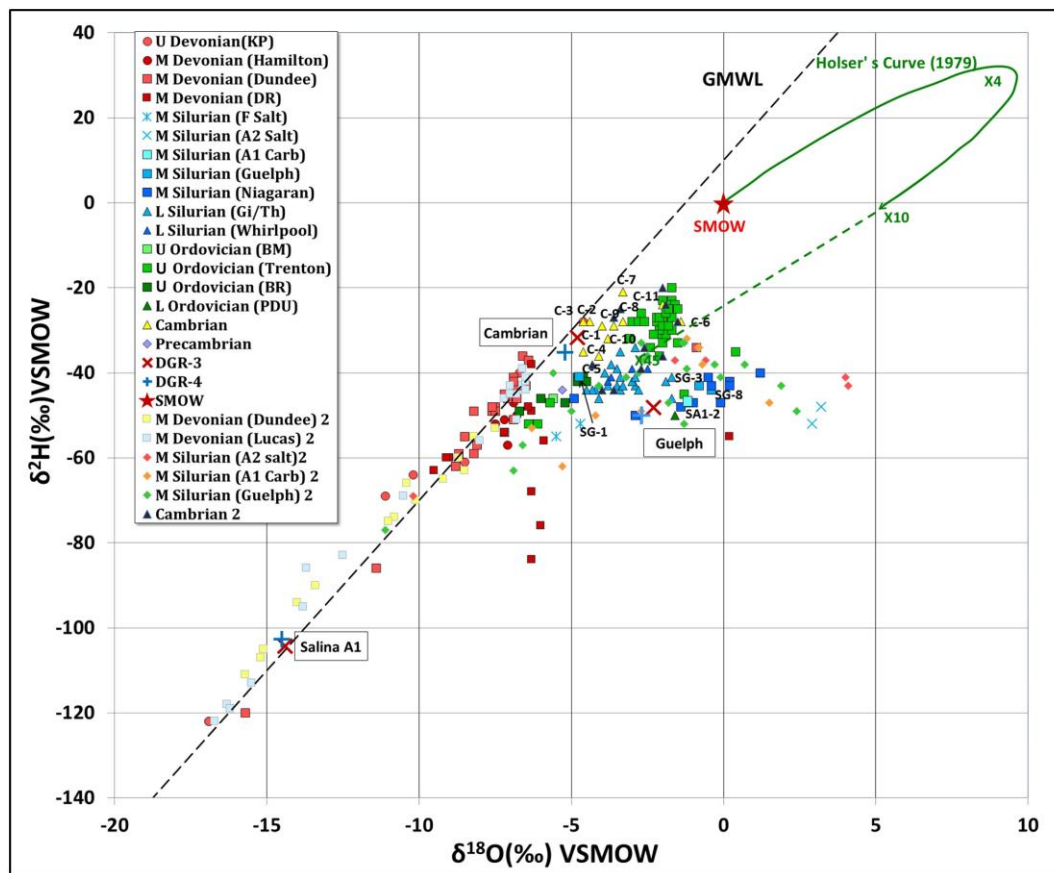


Figure 10a: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ versus $\delta^2\text{H}$ for sedimentary formation fluids in the regional databases and site groundwaters from this study. The number 2 behind symbols in the figure legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other data are from the WRHD. The Holser Evaporative Curve (1979) shows the evolutionary evaporation pathway for seawater and indicates that concentrated sedimentary formation brines in strata in the region could have a marine origin.

Glacial melt water has low $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, and lower concentrations of chlorine and bromine than underlying formation waters. Hence, dilution with fresh 'glacial' water will substantially change the

Br-Cl concentration and $\delta^2\text{H}$ - $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, but will have little or no impact on the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ of the Salina A1 groundwaters from the site. A number of Devonian-sourced fluids from southwestern Ontario in the combined regional database have also had their present water isotopic signatures attributed to mixing with glacial fluids (McNutt et al. 1987; Dollar 1988; Weaver et al. 1995; NWMO 2011; Intera 2011).

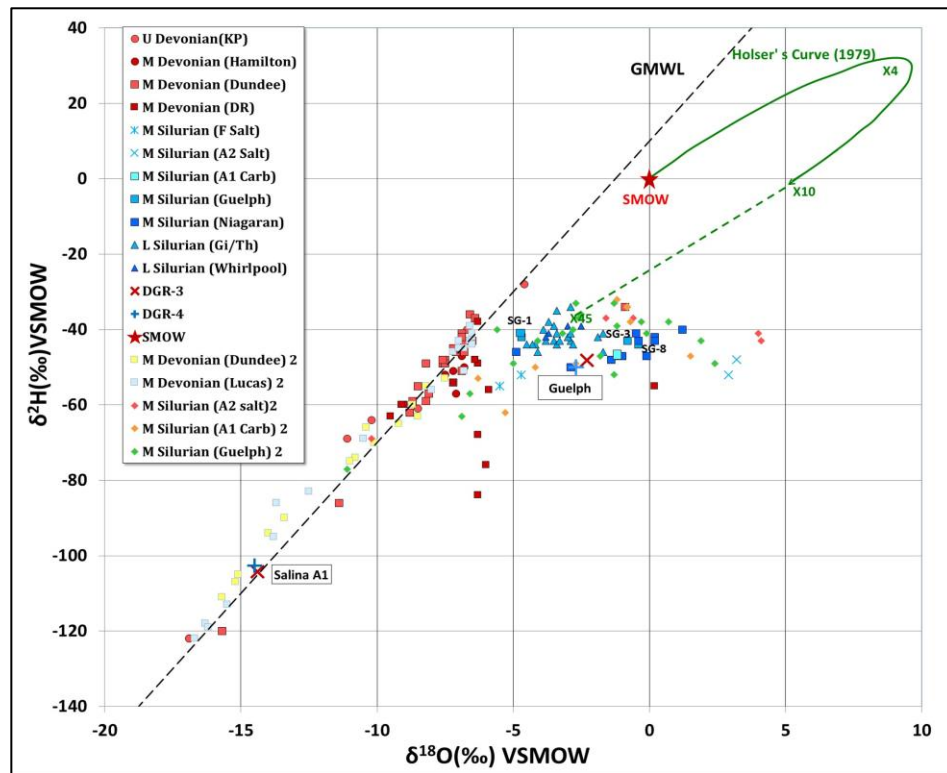


Figure 10b: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ in sedimentary formation fluids from Silurian and Devonian strata in the regional databases and site groundwaters. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other data are from the WRHD. The Holser Evaporative Curve (1979) shows the evolutionary evaporation pathway for seawater and indicates that concentrated sedimentary formation brines in strata in the region could have a marine origin.

Similar to the regional Guelph Formation waters formed elsewhere in the deeper bedrock of the Michigan Basin, the Guelph Formation water samples from the site have very high bromide and chloride concentrations and are dominated by Na-rich solutions (Table 1). Thus, the origins of the

Guelph Formation waters at both the site and regional scales are similar, based on their geochemistry. Both sets of data appear to be highly evolved and evaporated paleo-seawater, based on their locations on Figures 7 and 10b.

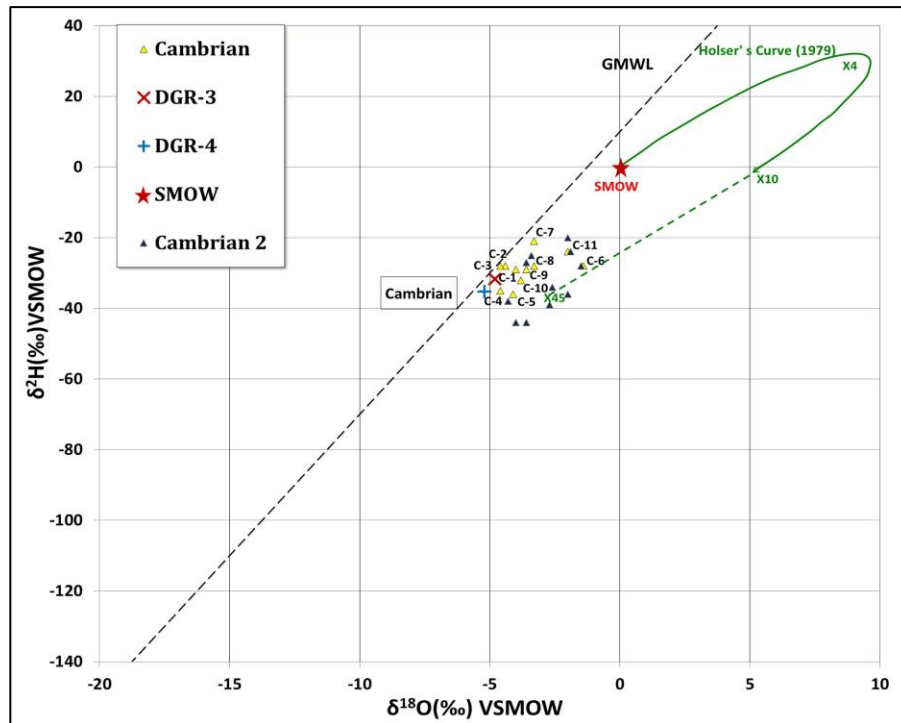


Figure 10c: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ in sedimentary formation fluids from Cambrian strata in the regional databases and site groundwaters. Black triangles are data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. The Holser Evaporative Curve (1979) shows the evolutionary evaporation pathway for seawater and indicates that concentrated sedimentary formation brines in strata in the region could have a marine origin.

Finally, the Cambrian samples from DGR-3 (860.53 m) and DGR-4 (848.50 m) at the site plot with the cluster of regional Cambrian samples in Ontario, and are located to the right and below the GMWL (Figure 10c). The Holser's curve (1979) evolution model indicates that the Cambrian Formation waters are derived from highly evaporated paleo-seawater. A comparison of the Cambrian data to crystalline shield brine data shows that samples with similar concentrations have very different $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $\delta^2\text{H}$ values (Figure 6). The shield samples plot above and to the left of the GMWL (Frape and Fritz 1987). Although shield brines also have high $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values (Stotler et al.

2010), it is more likely that the Cambrian halide isotopic signatures have a sedimentary origin based on their $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $\delta^2\text{H}$ signatures. The samples taken at the site from the Cambrian Formation plot close to the combined regional data sets for the same stratigraphic units east of the Algonquin Arch. Therefore, it is more probable that the Cambrian Formation fluids sampled from the site were derived from the same ancient sedimentary fluids that were present in both the Michigan and Appalachian basins during the Cambrian before the units were eroded across the present-day Algonquin Arch and became isolated in the two basins.

4.3 $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ Isotope and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ Analysis

Figure 11 shows the relationship between $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ for samples from the site (Intera 2011) and for fluids from the combined regional data sets. The regional formation fluids and the formation fluids from the site are divided into two groups. The deeper Cambrian-sourced fluids from the site are most similar to the Ordovician, Lower Silurian and Cambrian regional formation fluids, whereas the relatively shallower fluids from the Silurian units at the site lie within an area on Figure 11 with the Upper Silurian and Devonian regional formation fluids from the Michigan Basin. The Guelph Formation fluids have similar $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ as the regional Guelph Formation fluids. The Cambrian fluids from the site are slightly more radiogenic than regional Cambrian samples from the Niagara block; in particular, samples such as C-13 discussed earlier. The author does not feel this is a significant difference and may be due to slight mineralogical variations in the source rocks at the different locations. This similarity supports the hypothesis of the source (Michigan Basin origin) and evolutionary history (paleo-seawater evaporation) of the Guelph Formation fluids. Samples of the Salina A1 at the site have similar $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ as the regional Salina A1 samples reported by Skuce et al. (2015). In many additional plots of chemical parameters and isotopic parameters (not shown),

this similarity between fluids from the three depths at the Bruce Nuclear Site and those from the combined regional databases by Hobbs et al. (2011) and Skuce et al. (2015) are observed.

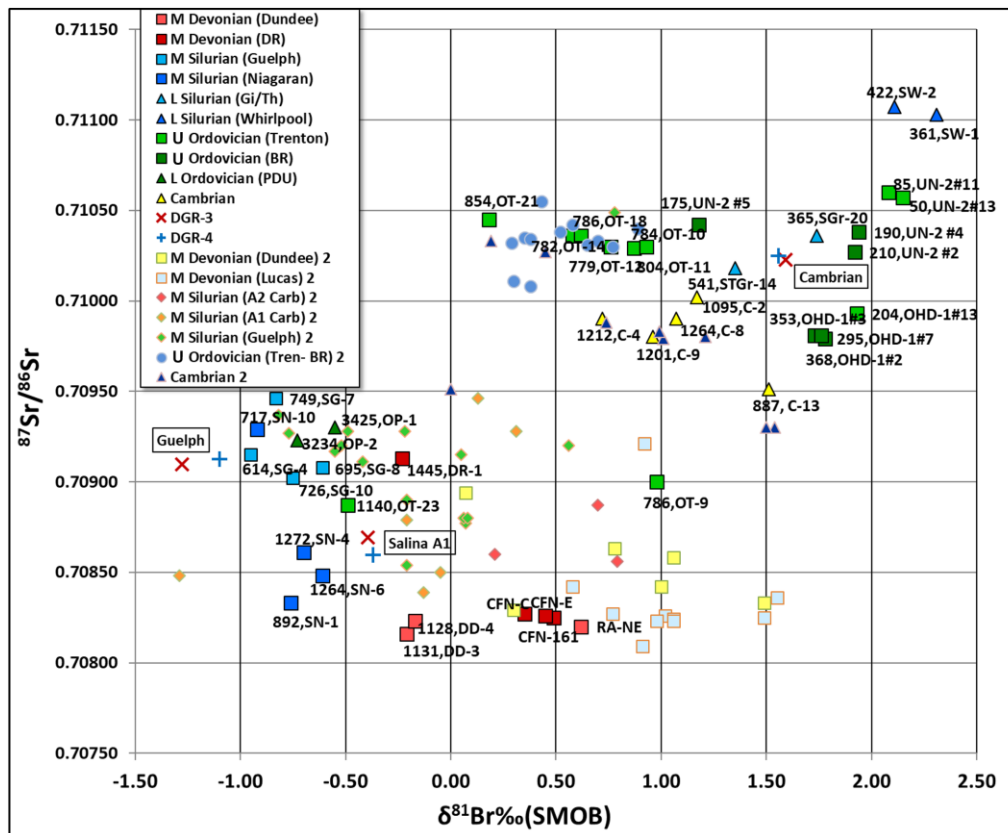


Figure 11: $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ versus $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ for sedimentary formation fluids from the regional databases vs groundwater from the site. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other data are from the WRHD.

4.4 $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ Versus Br Concentration

Figure 12 is a plot of $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ versus Br concentrations for the six groundwater samples from the site (see Table 1) and the combined regional data sets. The data from the Guelph Formation waters at the site plot in proximity to the Guelph and Niagaran Formation fluids in the WRHD. The Salina A1 samples from the site plot distinctly away from both the regional Silurian samples and the Guelph Formation waters from the site. The Salina A1 samples at the site have much lower Br concentrations

than most fluids in the WRHD. As stated earlier, this is most likely the result of dilution by glacial waters, as indicated by the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $\delta^2\text{H}$ data. The glacial waters, which are assumed to have low Br concentrations, would not appreciably affect the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the groundwater samples.

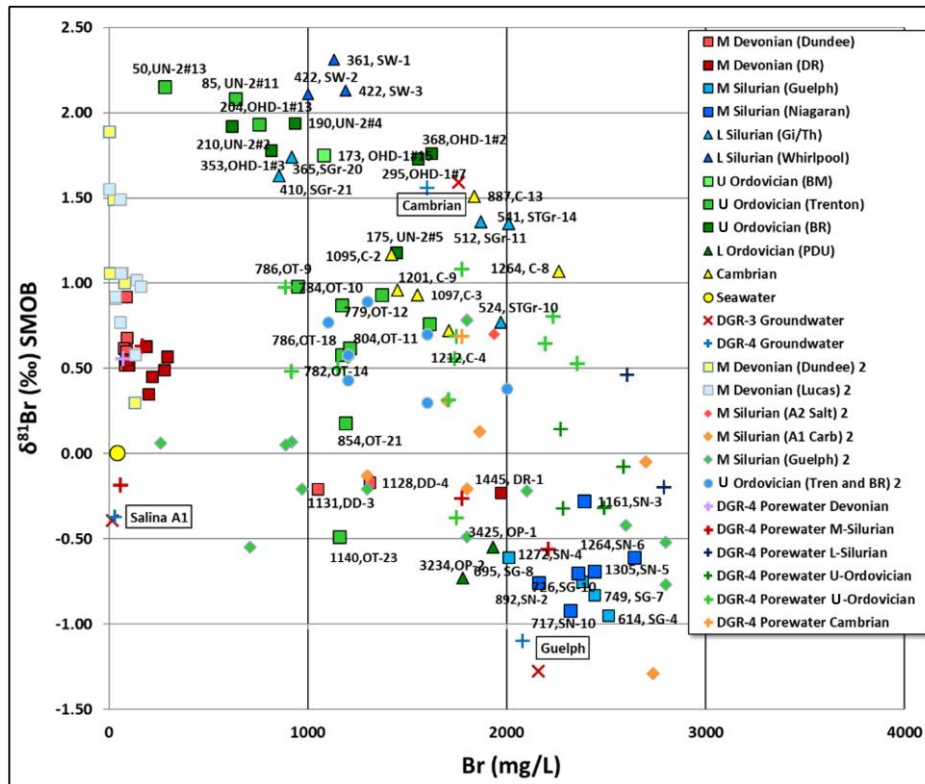


Figure 12: $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ versus Br concentrations in samples from the Bruce Nuclear Site compared to the combined regional databases. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database. All other regional data are from the WRHD.

Commonly, the dilution of formation waters is higher at the margin than the center of the Michigan Basin (McIntosh and Walter 2005, 2006). Halite dissolution, especially of the Salina salts in Ontario, had a small influence on the geochemical composition and concentration of chlorine and bromine (McIntosh and Walter 2005, 2006). The data on Figure 12 illustrate that the bromide concentrations of the Salina A1 Unit waters at the site are chemically and isotopically similar to a large number of overlying dilute shallow Devonian samples that have been shown to be impacted by mixing with

cold climate glacial waters (Figures 6, 7 and 10a).

The plot of $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ versus Br/Cl weight ratios (Figure 13) for the site groundwater samples versus the combined regional database samples supports many of the ideas discussed above. The Br/Cl weight ratios of the Guelph and Cambrian formation waters are greater than the ratio for seawater (0.0034) (Figure 13). As shown on Figure 7, the evaporation of sea water results in a rapid enrichment of Br concentration once halite (NaCl) begins to crystallize/precipitate. A residual evaporated paleo-seawater similar to the regional formation fluids appears to be the main end member of the Guelph and Cambrian groundwaters at the site (Figure 7).

The Salina A1 waters from DGR-3 and DGR-4 have a lower Br/Cl weight ratio than seawater (Figure 13). Therefore, the Salina A1 formation waters would appear to have a different end member(s) than the other groundwaters at the site. The Salina A1 samples from the site may have a non-marine water source and/or halite dissolution source based on the processes and mixing scenarios shown in Figure 7. Figure 13 shows that halite dissolution is more probable based on the low Br/Cl weight ratio (<0.002) of the samples. As halite is usually more deficient in Br relative to the fluid from which it precipitated, the dissolution of halite would significantly increase the Cl concentration relative to Br (Rittenhouse 1967; Collins 1975; Carpenter 1978; Kharaka et al. 1987; Land 1997). In addition, the Salina A1 fluids have low $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (-0.39% for DGR-3 and -0.37% for DGR-4). Halite salts have been shown to have low $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (Eggenkamp et al. 2014, 2016). Based on the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ data (Figure 6 and 10a), the low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of the Salina A1 samples from the site are consistent with the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signature of glacial waters.

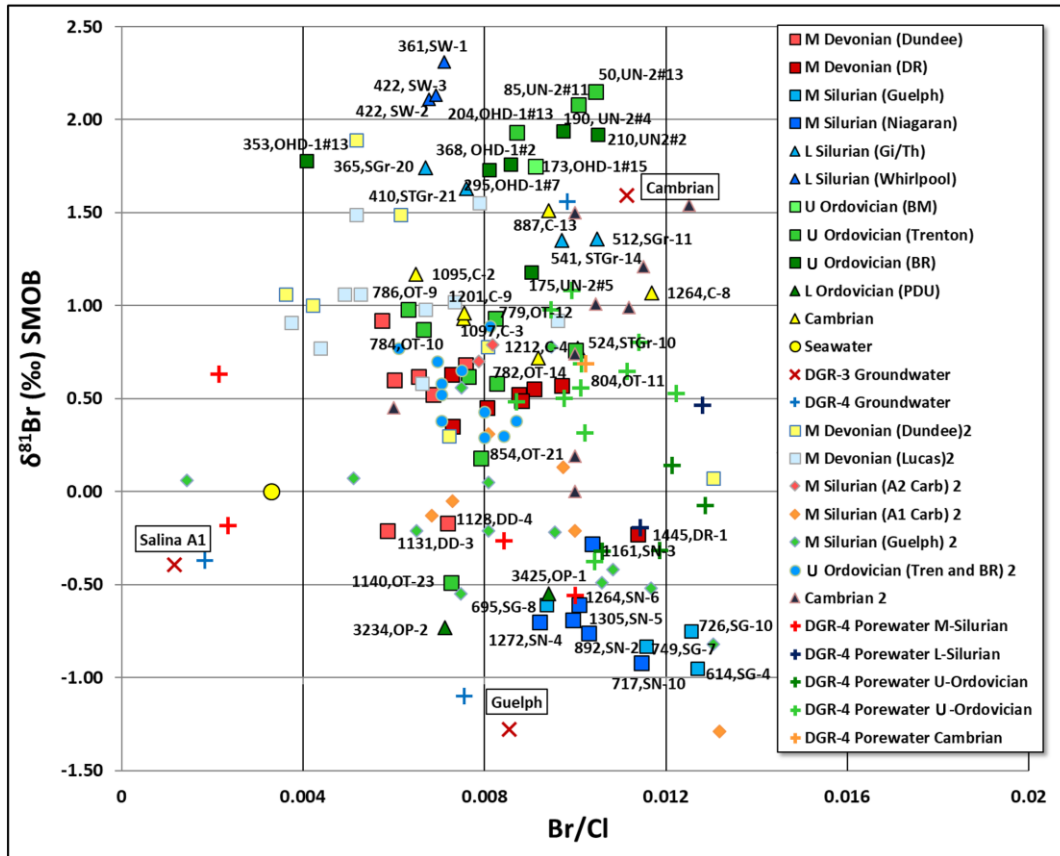


Figure 13: $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ versus Br/Cl weight ratio for groundwaters in the Silurian and Cambrian strata at the site compared to the regional database for sedimentary formation fluids. The number 2 behind symbols in the legend refers to data from the Skuce et al. (2015) database.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION (PART THREE)

5.1 Porewater Results (DGR-4)

The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values for the porewater samples from the DGR-4 borehole range from -1.26‰ to +0.55‰, and the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values range from -0.56‰ to +1.08‰ (Table 2). The Cl and Br isotopic results of the porewaters from DGR-4, measured as part of this study, are listed in Table 2, and illustrated in Figures 8, 14 and 15. The isotopic values generally fall within the ranges listed for formation groundwaters in the combined regional data sets (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015), found in Table A1 and Table A2 in the Appendix.

5.2 $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ for Porewaters in DGR-4

A significant trend in porewater chemistry with depth in the DGR-4 borehole is a decrease in Cl and Br concentrations through the Lower Silurian units into the Upper Ordovician shales (Figure 14a). This is followed by a general trend to lower pore-water salinity throughout the underlying Ordovician limestones (Figure 14a) (Clark et al. 2013). At the bottom of the profile, Cl and Br concentrations increase down-section through the lower part of the Ordovician limestones and the Cambrian sandstones (Clark et al. 2013). The lower Silurian to Cambrian stratigraphic sequence at the site has been defined as a diffusion-dominated system (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015). These diffusional mixing scenarios are calculated to take millions to hundreds of millions of years (> 260 Ma) (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015). However, a simple diffusion-dominated model through the geological sequence at the site does not easily explain the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ trends for porewaters in DGR-4 (Figure 14a).

Table 2: Geochemical data for the porewaters from DGR-4 at the Bruce Nuclear Site.

| Borehole | Depth rel. to DGR1/2 (m) | Stratigraphic Unit | Cl (mg/L) | Br (mg/L) | Sr (mg/L) | K (mg/L) | Na (mg/L) | Ca (mg/L) | Mg (mg/L) | SO ₄ (mg/L) | HCO ₃ (mg/L) | $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (SMOC) ‰ | $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (SMOB) ‰ | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (VSMOW) ‰ | $\delta^2\text{H}$ (VSMOW) ‰ |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DGR4 110.32-out-7 | 108.57 | Lucas-Bass Islands | 3310.8 | 70 | 123 | 164 | 851 | 1515 | 807 | 2882 | | -0.06 | 0.56 | -14.2 | -107 |
| DGR4 243.44-in-4 | 241.36 | Salina B evap | 24601 | 58 | 140 | 1212 | 20484 | 9579 | 1636 | 42939 | 522 | -1.26 | -0.18 | | |
| DGR4 304.05-in-1 | 303.92 | Salina A2 carb | 77617 | 167 | 245 | 586 | 48923 | 7334 | 2698 | 19884 | 1243 | -0.11 | 0.63 | -10.1 | -59 |
| DGR4 369.70-2 | 369.03 | Salina A1 evap | 210307 | 1773 | 2182 | 13997 | 69591 | 104203 | 17597 | 222667 | 2863 | -0.23 | -0.26 | -9.5 | -91 |
| DGR4 386.31-6 | 384.47 | Guelph | 220936 | 2209 | 1218 | 13489 | 63475 | 83643 | 22069 | 157731 | | -0.43 | -0.56 | -4.4 | -67 |
| DGR4 418.95-5 | 418.33 | Cabot Head | 203224 | 2604 | 1428 | 11847 | 40072 | 70016 | 8288 | 15946 | 159 | -0.15 | 0.46 | -2.4 | -40 |
| DGR4 442.58-3 | 443.14 | Manitoulin | 243824 | 2789 | 2865 | 14427 | 62326 | 146485 | 32326 | 350619 | 2926 | -0.21 | -0.20 | -0.1 | -46 |
| DGR4 469.13-7 | 469.65 | Queenston | 201047 | 2587 | 1016 | 14740 | 45727 | 44968 | 13198 | 1825 | 1964 | -0.19 | -0.08 | -2.6 | -45 |
| DGR4 508.95-2 | 508.03 | Queenston | 198799 | 2489 | 1095 | 13880 | 44233 | 42723 | 11569 | 3362 | 252 | 0.08 | | -2.3 | -43 |
| DGR4 549.21-7 | 548.65 | Georgian Bay | 191358 | 2269 | 1297 | 15835 | 50762 | 43966 | 9309 | 7108 | 928 | 0.20 | -0.32 | | |
| DGR4 595.38-3 | 595.97 | Georgian Bay | 188149 | 2283 | 1349 | 12355 | 48923 | 46250 | 7656 | 13256 | | 0.04 | 0.14 | | |
| DGR4 625.37-6 | 625.35 | Blue Mountain | 184306 | 2155 | 1376 | 10556 | 49038 | 47653 | 7219 | 13929 | 734 | -0.03 | | -3.9 | -44 |
| DGR4 643.15-3 | 642.18 | Blue Mountain | 172975 | 1792 | 1183 | 10400 | 45520 | 40278 | 7316 | 17963 | | -0.18 | -0.32 | -3.5 | -47 |
| DGR4 654.30-4 | 652.73 | Cobourg | 135399 | 1434 | 964 | 17320 | 47267 | 24408 | 13878 | 55523 | 3442 | -0.17 | | -5.3 | |
| DGR4 663.25-6 | 661.32 | Cobourg | 192425 | 2353 | 1227 | 14818 | 54785 | 33064 | 16236 | 34197 | 4680 | -0.18 | 0.53 | -4.9 | |
| DGR4 669.18-7 | 667.49 | Cobourg | 213154 | 2537 | 3601 | 20566 | 63475 | 268202 | 38572 | 778758 | | -0.18 | | | |
| DGR4 671.02-7 | 669.40 | Cobourg | 195619 | 2232 | 1384 | 15366 | 57107 | 35068 | 16698 | 44092 | 547 | -0.06 | 0.80 | | |
| DGR4 681.90-3 | 680.72 | Cobourg | 196856 | 2194 | 1490 | 16969 | 59199 | 40679 | 17645 | 73006 | | -0.20 | 0.65 | -4.4 | |
| DGR4 704.12-3 | 703.06 | Sherman Fall | 171766 | 1738 | 902 | 15561 | 53452 | 36150 | 12760 | 65897 | 2835 | 0.09 | 0.56 | -4.7 | -69 |
| DGR4 716.15-6 | 714.96 | Sherman Fall | 167391 | 1746 | 1008 | 16617 | 56877 | 40479 | 15045 | 74831 | | | -0.38 | -5.1 | -78 |
| DGR4 740.63-1 | 739.53 | Kirkfield | 167207 | 1708 | 1595 | 14584 | 54992 | 42843 | 10014 | 72045 | 5079 | -0.09 | 0.32 | -8.1 | |
| DGR4 768.52-5 | 767.33 | Coboconk | 172096 | 1746 | 1008 | 5005 | 46532 | 32022 | 13757 | 40537 | 3533 | 0.41 | 0.69 | -5.9 | -41 |
| DGR4 792.29-7 | 790.64 | Gull River | 93809 | 888 | 280 | 5200 | 41612 | 12785 | 5639 | 43323 | 5269 | 0.55 | 0.98 | -8.0 | |
| DGR4 801.10-3 | 799.68 | Gull River | 118034 | 1153 | 482 | 6295 | 41865 | 27614 | 12371 | 70892 | 1807 | 0.03 | 0.50 | -7.5 | -38 |
| DGR4 822.35-1 | 821.50 | Gull River | 105285 | 916 | 403 | 5278 | 38646 | 25570 | 5979 | 73390 | 1035 | 0.20 | 0.48 | -7.1 | -38 |
| DGR4 845.65-1 | 845.33 | Shadow Lake | 178630 | 1774 | 832 | 1603 | 42509 | 43044 | 16819 | 62343 | 517 | 0.48 | 1.08 | -3.9 | -34 |
| DGR4 852.77-5 | 852.34 | Cambrian | 173227 | 1773 | 797 | 2150 | 43635 | 58995 | | 145339 | 721 | 0.20 | 0.69 | -4.1 | -32 |

Note: Geochemical, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ analyses are from Clark et al. (2010). The analytical precisions for the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values are $\pm 0.15\%$, $\pm 1.50\%$, $\pm 0.11\%$ and $\pm 0.11\%$, respectively.

Clark et al. (2013) attribute the stratigraphic $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ trend shown in Figure 14a to a combination of downward diffusive migration from the hypersaline Silurian units to the underlying less saline Ordovician limestones. These authors also introduce the possibility of Cambrian and even Precambrian brines entering the pore spaces of the lower part of the Ordovician units through upward diffusion/advection and mixing with the pre-existing Ordovician marine seawaters (Al et al. 2015). As shown earlier, concentrated fluids from the regional Silurian salt units have a wide range of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (-5.5‰ to +3.2‰). Precambrian shield brines have $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ that is significantly different from sedimentary formation fluids (Figure 6). A simple diffusion model cannot easily explain the complex fluid migration processes in the subsurface of the site suggested by the halide isotopic profiles (Figure 14b). Therefore, in the present study, the diffusive processes within the Ordovician sequence are divided into three parts to be discussed as follows: first – through the Cobourg Formation and upper Sherman Fall Formation; second – through the Coboconk Formation; and third – from the middle Gull River Formation to the Cambrian Formation.

First, there is a slight increase in halide isotopic ratios with depth in DGR-4. At the bottom of the isotopic profile (Figure 14b), there are multiple reversals in the trends for both $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ throughout the lower part of the Ordovician limestones (Figure 14b). The high $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of porewaters in the Ordovician limestones (through the Cobourg and upper Sherman Fall Formations) appear enclosed between two zones of low $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ in the lower Blue Mountain Formation and the lower Sherman Fall Formation. The concave-shaped $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ profile with depth between the lower Blue Mountain Formation and the lower Sherman Fall Formation may be explained by binary bromide diffusion from the lower Cobourg Formation due to higher halide concentrations as shown on Figure 14b. This is a similar process invoked in other studies from a number of sites worldwide (Coleman et al. 2000; Hendry et al. 2000; Hesse et al. 2000; Eastoe et al. 2001; Waber et al. 2001).

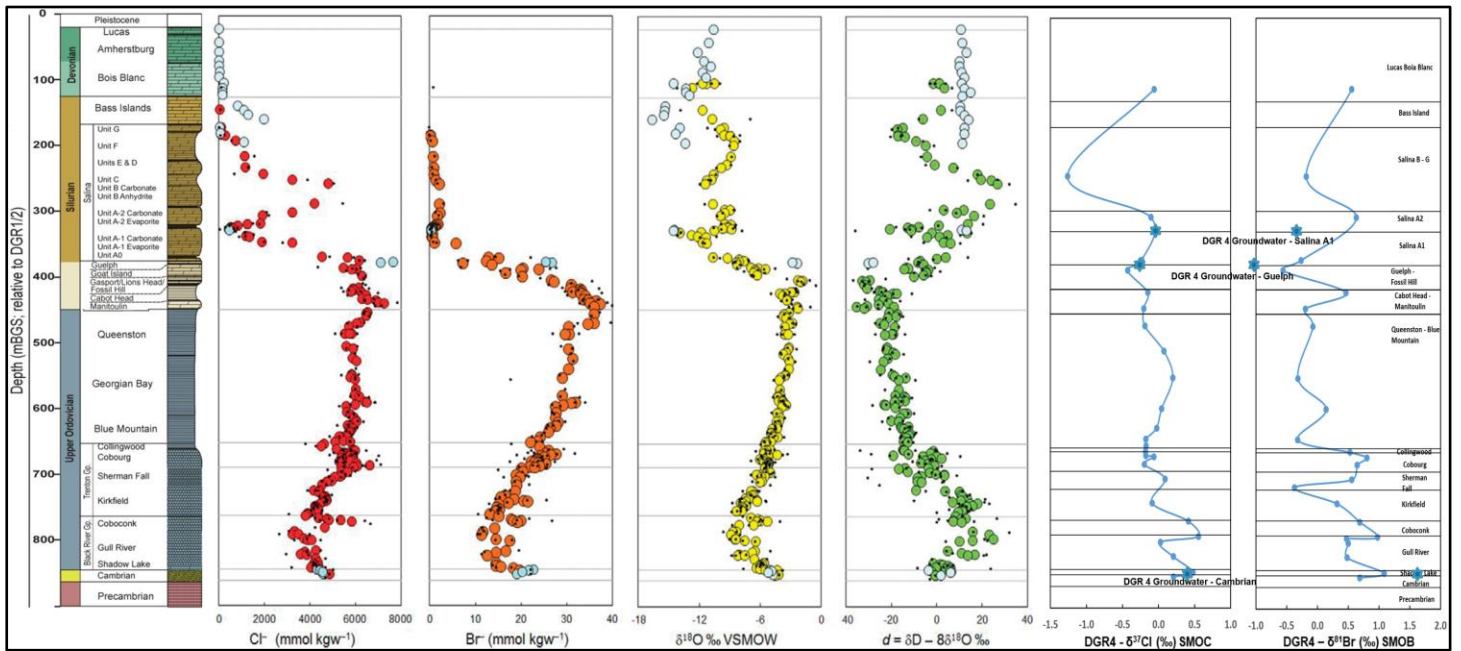


Figure 14a: Stratigraphy and porewater tracer profiles (Cl-Br concentrations, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, d , $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$, and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$) from the Bruce Nuclear Site (borehole DGR-4), Ontario, Canada (Modified from Clark et al. 2013).

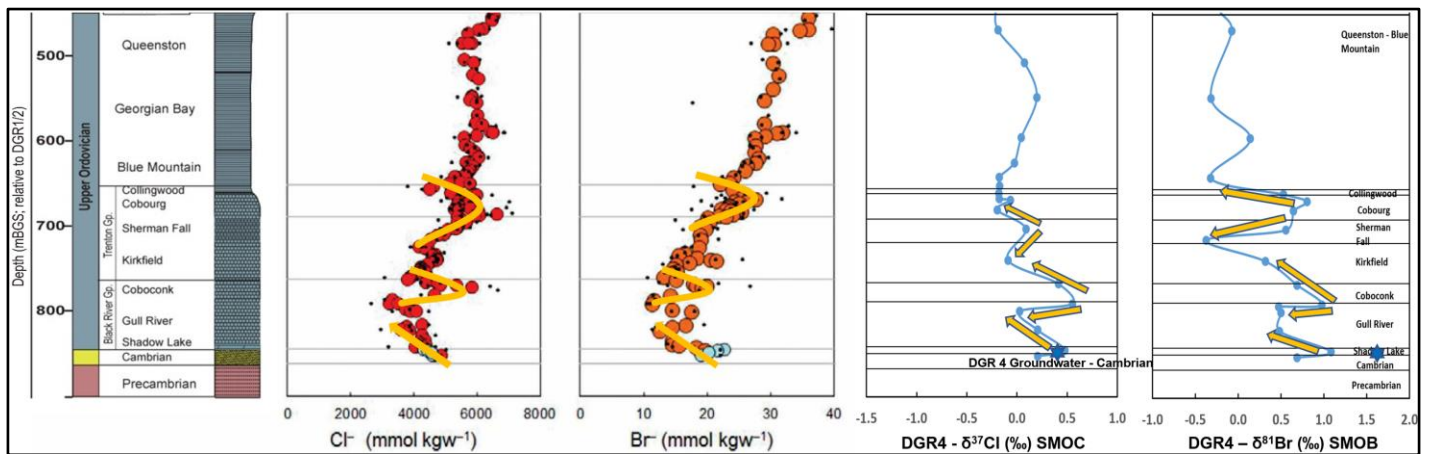


Figure 14b: Ordovician to Precambrian stratigraphy and porewater tracer profiles (Cl-Br concentrations, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$, and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$) from the Bruce Nuclear Site (borehole DGR-4), Ontario, Canada (Modified from Intera 2011 and Clark et al. 2013).

Porewaters from the Coboconk Formation were characterized by a slight enrichment in the halide concentrations and slightly higher isotopic values compared with porewaters between the Kirkfield and Gull River Formations in the lower part of the Ordovician sediments (Figure 14b). A two-sided

isotopic diffusion process from the Coboconk Formation into the surrounding layers could also be invoked to explain the observed halide isotopic profile in this part of the stratigraphic sequence.

There is a reversal for the halide concentration profile at the bottom of the Ordovician limestones (Figure 14b), accompanied by higher isotopic values, with depth from the middle Gull River Formation to the Cambrian Formation. The bromide isotopic profile between the Gull River Formation and the Cambrian Formation raises the possibility of upward diffusive migration from the Cambrian Formation to the lower part of the Ordovician limestones, possibly driven by hydrothermal circulation, as suggested by other authors to explain parallel geochemical trends (Coniglio et al. 1994; Hobbs et al. 2011). In such a case, greater halide concentrations and relatively higher halide isotopic values in the Cambrian Formation at the site could be attributed to an external input from either deeper in the Michigan Basin or from the underlying Precambrian crystalline rocks whose present day $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ has been shown to be higher than SMOB worldwide (Stotler et al. 2010). As proposed by others (Clark et al. 2013), such a process would require the Cl-Br solutes to diffuse or advect independently of the water O molecules if the underlying shield brines were invoked as a source, because shield brines have a very different $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ than the pore fluids and groundwaters in the Cambrian strata. In addition, the crystalline shield rocks have much lower porosity and therefore the volume of fluid is significantly lower than the Cambrian sedimentary rocks and insufficient to appreciably change the resident sedimentary fluid chemistry.

5.3 Porewaters Versus Groundwaters and Regional Formation Waters

In this section, porewater data are compared to the site groundwater and regional formation fluid data to identify similarities and differences in isotopic values. Regional studies have identified porewater isotopic signatures in the lower Paleozoic as most likely representing the old marine

formation signatures emplaced at or shortly after deposition of the units. As well, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of porewaters in the Cambrian and lower part of the Ordovician are often distinctive from each other and from other regional geological units.

It should be understood that this will be a first attempt to use the Br and Cl isotope systems together at a site where usually low permeability geological material is being assessed for potential diffusive properties. As shown on Figure 14a, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ for the three groundwater samples at the site are very close to the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ of the porewater samples at the same depths. By contrast, the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the groundwaters from the DGR-4 borehole are lower for the two Silurian units (A1 and Guelph) and higher in the Cambrian sample compared to porewaters at the same depths.

Figure 15 compares porewater $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ from DGR-4 and the combined regional hydrogeochemistry data set. In general, porewater fluids from DGR-4 have similar $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values as samples from the equivalent geological units in the combined regional database, even though the WRHD is compiled primarily from groundwaters associated with oil and gas wells in the Niagara tectonic structural block, located south of the Bruce tectonic block where the site is located (Figure 4a).

Porewater data from the Devonian units at the site is limited, but is isotopically similar to regional fluids (Figure 15A). Porewater fluids from the Silurian units at the site are generally isotopically similar to regional fluids in the database (Figure 15B). The halide isotopic similarity for the Silurian pore fluids from the site and the combined regional database suggests a similar origin for the fluids. As discussed before, the formation waters from the Silurian-aged zone at the site can be described isotopically as fluids sourced within the Michigan Basin based on the dominantly low $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (Shouakar-Stash 2008).

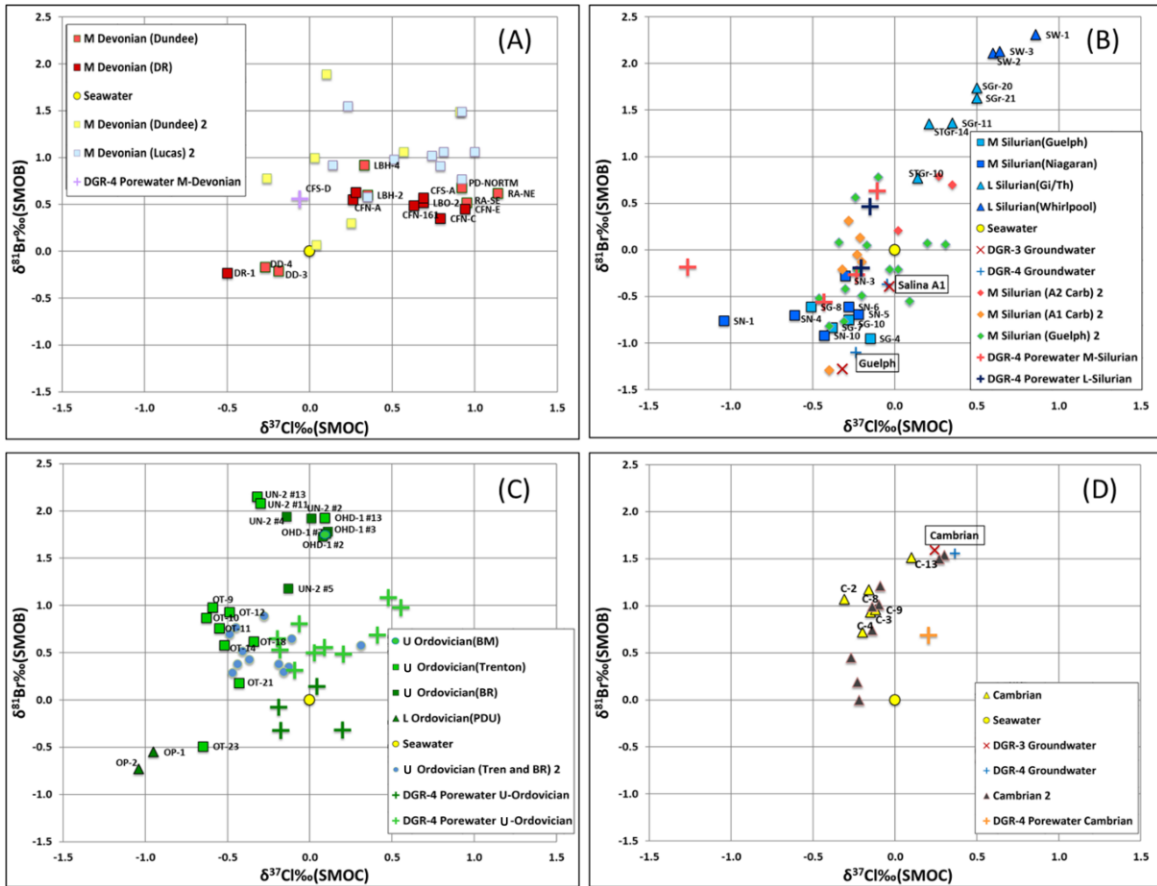


Figure 15: A comparison of $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ for porewaters and groundwaters at the site versus the southern Ontario regional sedimentary formation fluid database in (A) Devonian strata, (B) Silurian strata, (C) Ordovician strata, and (D) Cambrian strata (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Skuce et al. 2015).

In general, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ of the porewaters sampled from the Ordovician units at the site are isotopically heavier than Ordovician isotopic values from the regional database (Figure 15C). As shown on Figure 15D, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ of the Cambrian groundwater fluids are similar to the porewater fluids shown on the profile, but the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the groundwater samples are slightly higher than porewater samples for similar depths at the site.

In addition, both the Lower Silurian and the top of the Upper Ordovician porewaters in DGR-4 have $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ similar to the regional formation waters from equivalent units in the regional databases (Figure 6). The Ordovician Trenton and Black River porewaters also have similar $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ as

the regional Ordovician formation waters, although two porewater samples from the Gull River Formation plot slightly to the left and above the GMWL (Figure 6). However, the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ for these Gull River Formation fluids are not sufficiently above the GMWL (Figure 6) to be classified as having any significant component of Precambrian brine fluids. As well, the Na-Ca-Cl chemistry of these fluids are very different from Canadian Shield brines (Frape et al. 1984).

Based on the geological ages of the units at the site and tectonic events during the early Paleozoic, it is reasonable to assume that some differences in halide isotopic signatures between pore fluids and regional sedimentary formation fluid or groundwater could exist. Several processes in the past or ongoing, such as diffusion, membrane filtration and organic or microbial activity, may result in variation of the halide isotopic signatures of the porewater fluids at the site. In most cases, diffusion within the geological units was previously considered to be the main impact causing changes in stable isotopic and chemical values at the site (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015).

The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the porewater samples at the site are potentially impacted by a variety of fractionation mechanisms over time. The halide isotopic variations seen at the site are not easily explained by a simple diffusion process across multiple geological layers of highly-variable sedimentological media. Instead, these variations most likely are the result of multiple influencing factors that have modified the halide isotopic signatures of the porewaters at the site on numerous occasions in the geologic past.

6. DISCUSSION OF PROCESSES THAT COULD IMPACT THE Cl AND Br ISOTOPIC COMPOSITIONS OF THE POREWATERS

In natural systems, the range of $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ is much greater than $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (Figure 2). Eggenkamp (2014) suggested that bromine and chlorine stable isotopes often fractionate in opposite and independent ways from one other. There are several major mechanisms, including diffusion, mineral precipitation, and organic/microbial processes, to be considered when discussing chlorine and bromine isotopic fractionation in natural environments (Eggenkamp 2014). However, the influence of these specific mechanisms on halide isotopic fractionation, especially for bromine isotopes, are poorly known and only described in a few studies (Kaufmann et al. 1992; Eggenkamp 2009, 2014; Stotler et al. 2010; Hanlon et al. 2017).

6.1 Depositional Environment

The Paleozoic sedimentary rocks within the Michigan and Appalachian basins were deposited in a marine environment when shallow seas covered the majority of these two basins in the early Paleozoic (Sanford et al. 1985).

Schilling et al. (1978) hypothesized that the accumulation of Cl and Br in the Earth's surface reservoirs, such as the ocean, was due to continuous degassing associated with volcanic events over long geologic time periods. These authors further proposed that the degassing rate of Cl and Br by volcanic activities at approximately 1,500 Ma was almost double the present-day degassing rates (Schilling et al. 1978). Volcanic gases, which have low $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (Hesse et al. 1989; Eggenkamp et al. 2014), would have been dissolved in the oceans or deposited directly on the

continental surface (Brown et al. 1989; Graedel and Keene 1996). The chlorine isotopic composition of mantle material such as basalts and other volcanic rocks was analyzed by previous researchers (e.g. Eggenkamp and Koster van Groos 1997; Barnes et al. 2008, 2009; Bonifacie et al. 2008; Layne et al. 2009; John et al. 2010; Sharp et al. 2013). As an example, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ of the mid-ocean ridge basalts indicate that the mantle-derived rocks have lower $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ ($\leq -1.6\%$, Bonifacie et al. 2008) than surface reservoirs ($\sim 0\%$) (Sharp et al. 2007; Bonifacie et al. 2007, 2008). Based on such studies, there are two major input factors for Cl and Br in the natural environment that were likely relevant in the geologic past, including continental weathering and mantle degassing (volcanic activities), and these processes would affect the chlorine and bromine isotopic compositions of seawater (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Eggenkamp et al. 2014).

As discussed above, the top of the Upper Ordovician sedimentary rocks is mainly comprised of extensive clastic sediments (shale sequence) as a result of the Late Taconic Orogeny (Figure 5a), however, the extensive Hirnantian glaciation occurred during the Late Ordovician and led to an increasing mantle contribution of solutes to the marine environment as a result of reduced continental weathering inputs to the ocean (Finnegan et al. 2011). In this case, the lower $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ in these rock units can be explained. In contrast, the Upper Ordovician Trenton and Black River sediments are primarily characterized by higher $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$. This could be due to an increasing contribution of halides to the ocean from continental weathering. The top of the Upper Ordovician clastic sediments on the other hand have lower halide isotopic values that could be mainly derived from an increased mantle input (Sharp et al. 2007; Bonifacie et al. 2007, 2008; Layne et al. 2009) compared with the isotopically heavier Ordovician limestones. Another way of evaluating the porewater data is to compare it to the isotopic compositions shown in several seawater curves constructed by others and also for this study. `

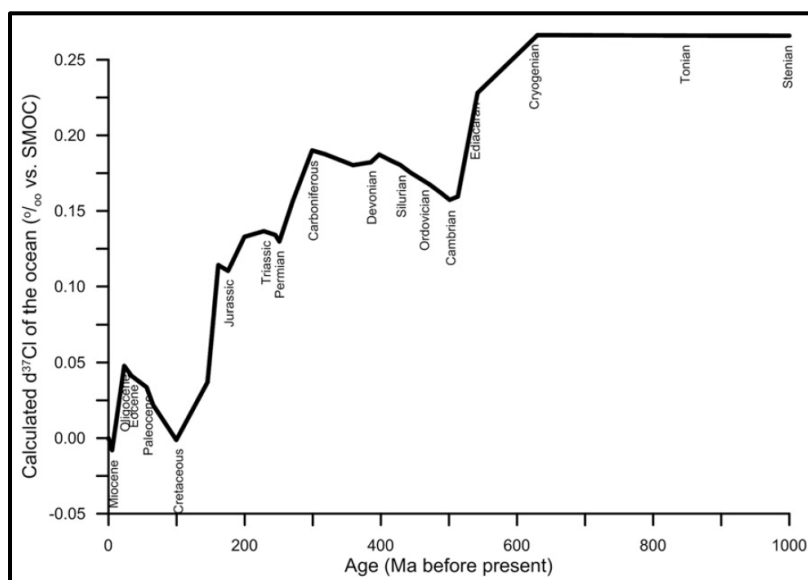


Figure 16a: Calculated evolution of seawater $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (‰) (SMOC) during the last one billion years (from Eggenkamp et al. 2016). Both the extraction (precipitation of evaporites) and salt erosion data are from Hay et al. (2006).

Eastoe et al. (2007) and Eggenkamp et al. (2016) suggested that the chlorine isotopic values of paleo-seawater did not change significantly during the Phanerozoic Eon based on the small range of isotopic compositions in Phanerozoic evaporates (Figure 16a). A regional bromine isotopic study of sedimentary formation fluids from the Willston, Michigan and Appalachian Basins by Shouakar-Stash (2008) shows that the bromide concentration of seawater may have changed significantly during the Phanerozoic, which could have directly influenced seawater $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (Figure 16b, 16c) (Eggenkamp et al. 2015, 2016). All of the observed $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ from this study fit the suggested range (between -1‰ and +2‰) for Phanerozoic seawater (Eggenkamp et al. 2015, 2016). Therefore, the variation in porewater $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (Figure 14a) at the site may be explained by variation in seawater $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ in southern Ontario during the early Paleozoic.

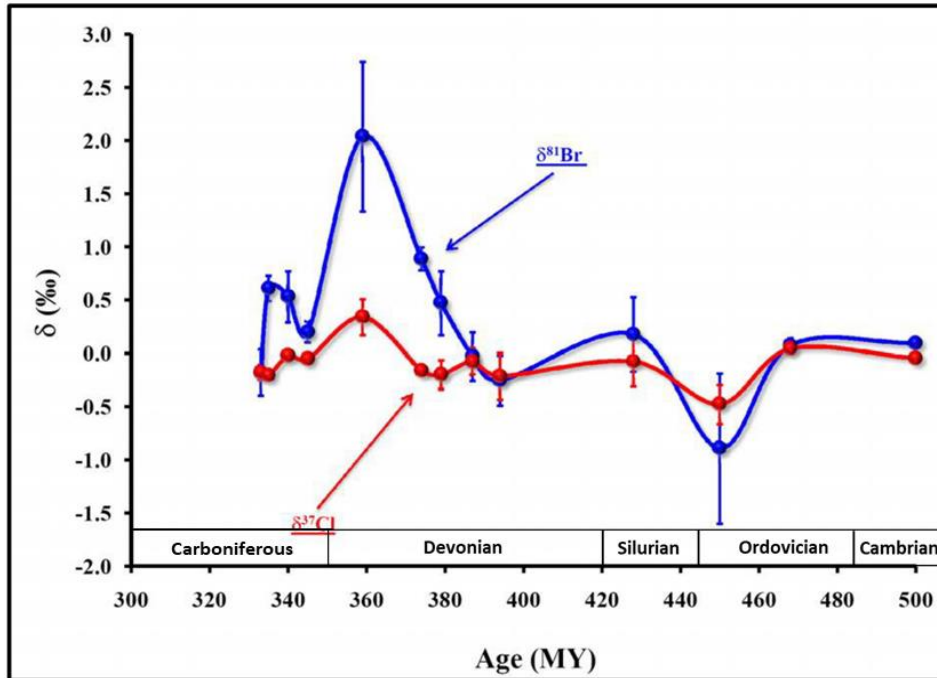


Figure 16b: $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (‰) (SMOB) and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (‰) (SMOC) versus Age (Ma) of the Williston Basin formation waters (Mississippian – Cambrian). The bars represent the isotopic ranges in each specific formation, and the dots represent the average isotopic values of these stratigraphic units (modified from Shouakar-Stash 2008).

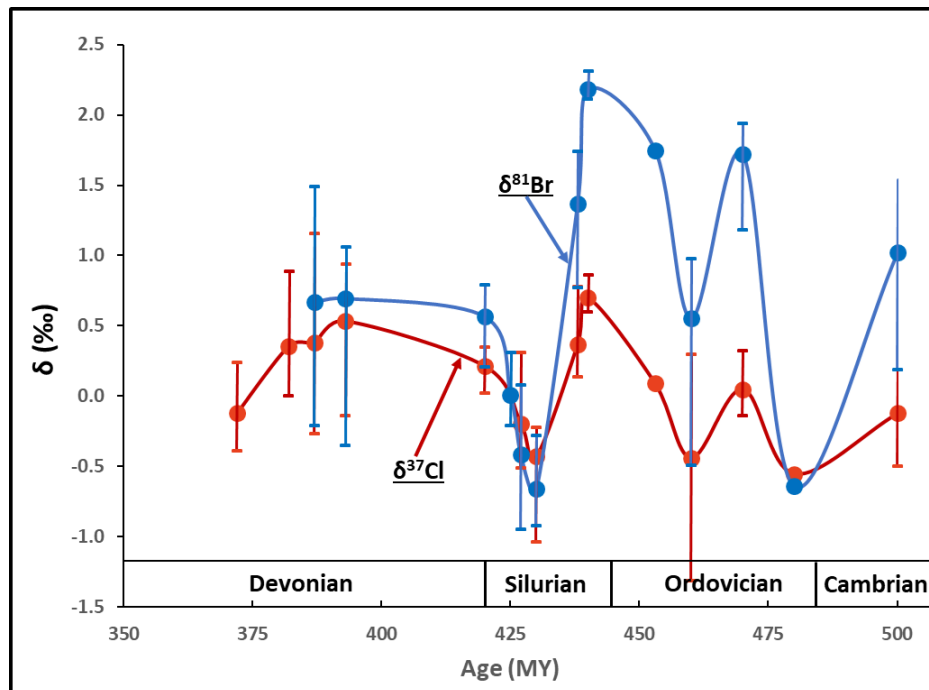


Figure 16c: $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (‰) (SMOB) and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (‰) (SMOC) versus Age (Ma) of the Michigan Basin and the Appalachian Basin (southern Ontario) formation waters (Devonian – Cambrian). The bars represent the isotopic ranges in each specific formation, and the dots represent the average isotopic values of these stratigraphic units. Data from WRHD (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015).

Figure 14a shows the porewater halide isotopic variations obtained from core samples throughout the stratigraphic units of borehole DGR-4. Figure 16d was constructed to compare these porewater halide isotopic values to the average isotopic values for each unit from the WRHD. It is apparent that in some cases, the average calculated seawater values for many units are quite different from DGR-4 porewater values. Therefore, other depositional or post-depositional processes must be evaluated to aid in the interpretation of the isotopic profiles shown in Figures 14a and 16d.

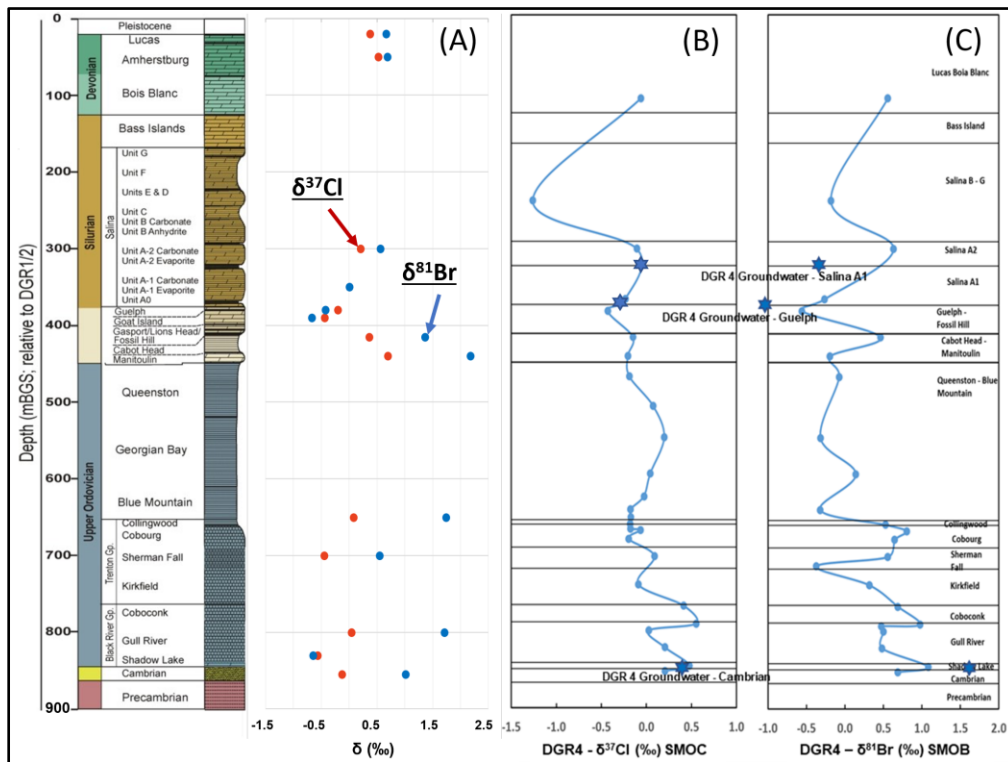


Figure 16d: (A) Stratigraphy (Devonian to Precambrian), and the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (‰) (SMOC) and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (‰) (SMOB) profiles of average regional formation waters from the Michigan Basin and southern Ontario (Data from WRHD; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Hobbs et al. 2011; Skuce et al. 2015), (B) $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ profile of DGR-4 porewaters, and (C) $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ profile of DGR-4 porewaters.

6.2 Processes Influencing $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$

There are a number of processes that could fractionate and change the halide isotopic signatures of porewater fluids during or after deposition. These physical or biological processes include: organic

and/or microbial activities, diagenesis/dolomitization (early Phanerozoic), tectonic fluid migration and/or hydrothermal activity (later Phanerozoic), and diffusional migration of porewater solutes.

6.2.1 Later Tectonics and Diffusion

For the last 200 Ma, eastern North America was in a passive margin phase (Sanford 1985). Sedimentary deposition during this time further resulted in compacting the underlying geologic layers, especially for the Ordovician shales (AECOM and ITASCA CANADA 2011). Therefore, some researchers inferred that diffusion would become the main process impacting changes in the Cl and Br concentrations and potentially halide isotopic fractionation of the porewater solutes at the site since 260 Ma (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015).

The stable isotopes of Cl and Br have been used in a variety of research projects to ascertain the origin of salts and fluids containing these elements, as well as to identify processes that cause isotopic fractionation (Kaufmann et al. 1992; Eggenkamp 1994; Shouakar-Stash 2008; Stotler et al. 2010; Eggenkamp 2014). Previous studies suggested that diffusion is the most important physical process to facilitate halide isotopic fractionation in porous media (Desaulniers et al. 1986; Eggenkamp et al. 1994; Eggenkamp et al. 1997), as lighter halide isotopes are transported faster than the heavier isotopes. Desaulniers et al. (1986) were the first to discuss the relationship of Cl concentration and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ in a natural porous media and attribute the resulting depth profiles to diffusive processes. In their case, the chloride concentration and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ both increased with depth. This was attributed to the upward diffusive migration of the lighter isotope (^{35}Cl) into an original chloride-free glacial till from the underlying chloride-rich bedrock. Several studies have used $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ profiles to assess long term diffusive migration in low permeability sediments and sedimentary rocks (Desaulniers et al. 1986; Eggenkamp et al. 1994; Eggenkamp et al. 1997; Gimmi and Waber 2004; Lavastre et al. 2005; Hesse

et al. 2006; Le Gal La Salle et al. 2013; Rebeix et al. 2014).

Several examples of the use of halide isotopes in diffusional studies are available and were chosen for comparison to the results in the present study. One of these is the case study in the eastern part of the Paris Basin (France) using chlorine isotopes to investigate long-term transport processes

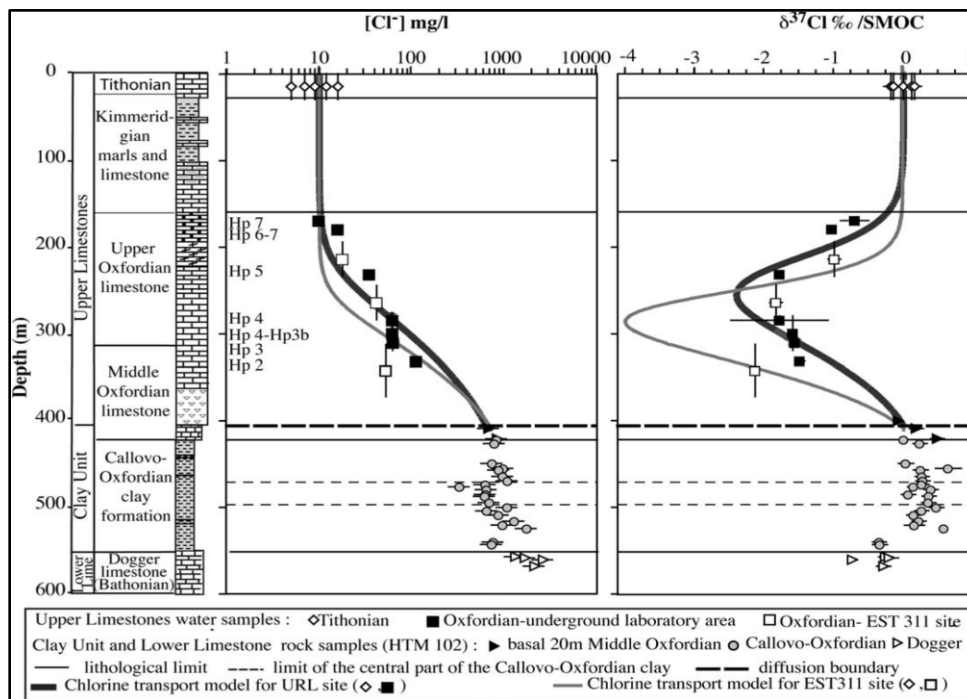


Figure 17a: Model of chlorine transport in Upper Limestones, Paris Basin, France. Lower Limestone, Clay Unit and Upper Limestones in the laboratory area, with from left to right: a simplified log, water chlorine concentrations and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (from Lavastre et al. 2005).

through a very low permeability clay sequence (Callovo-Oxfordian Formation) (Lavastre et al. 2005). The researchers suggested that the chloride concentration and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ depth profiles (Figure 17a) reflect an early upward diffusion process from the Callovo-Oxfordian clay formation that was subsequently erased partially by a later chloride input from Trias evaporites below the section (as shown on Figure 17a) into the lower portion of the profile (Dogger-Callovo-Oxfordian clay) (Lavastre et al. 2005). Modelling results also illustrated that diffusion was the main process

transporting the chloride out of the Callovo-Oxfordian clay layer into the units above this layer (Middle-Upper Oxfordian limestone). In this example, a slight increase in $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ occurs in the clay unit, and lower $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and lower Cl concentrations are observed in the overlying Oxfordian limestones.

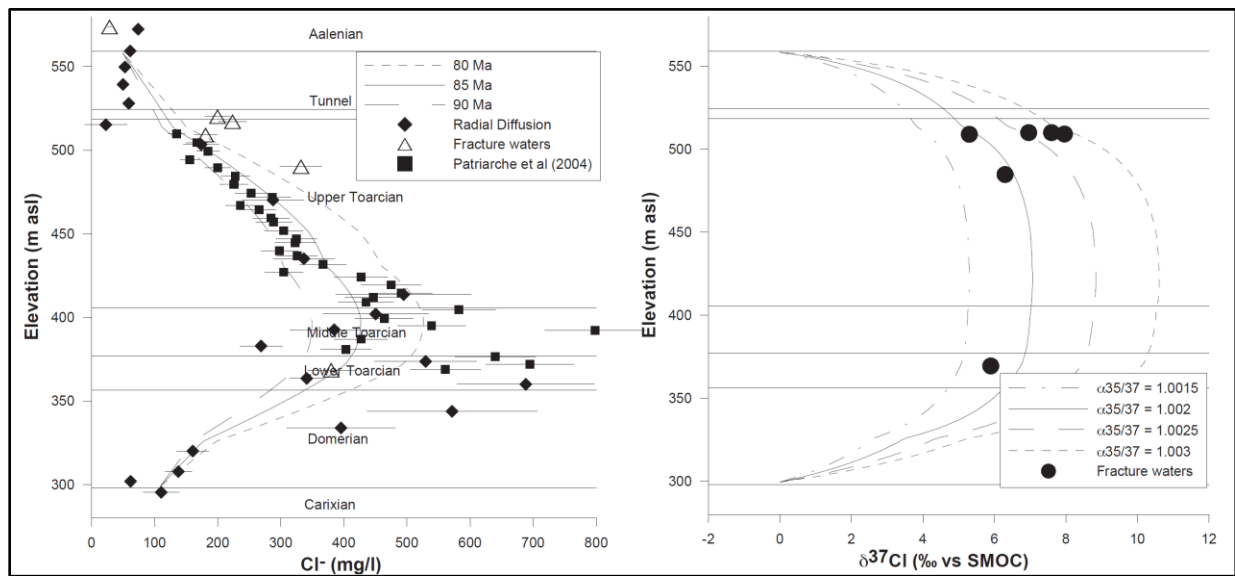


Figure 17b: (a) Experimental chloride profile compared to modelled curves of a diffusive exchange between seawater and freshwater since aquifer activation. (b) Comparison of $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values in fracture water with model curves obtained for a diffusive exchange (from Le Gal La Salle et al. 2013).

In another case from Tournemire, France, a 250 m thick low permeability argillite layer (of Toarcian age) containing saline water is enclosed between two freshwater aquifers (Figure 17b). The chloride concentration (decreases away from the argillite) and isotopic values (higher $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ in the argillite than SMOC) of porewaters from the Tournemire site were used to model the diffusive transport process. These authors calculated a diffusive travel time between end members (85 ± 10 Ma), which was much greater than the initially proposed time (53 Ma) by Patriarche et al. (2004) based on the Pyrenean orogeny as the driving force for diffusion (Le Gal La Salle et al. 2013). Le Gal La Salle et al. (2013) suggested a two-sided diffusion model to explain the concave shape of the Cl concentration

and isotope profiles for porewaters across the Toarcian/Domerian argillite at Tournemire.

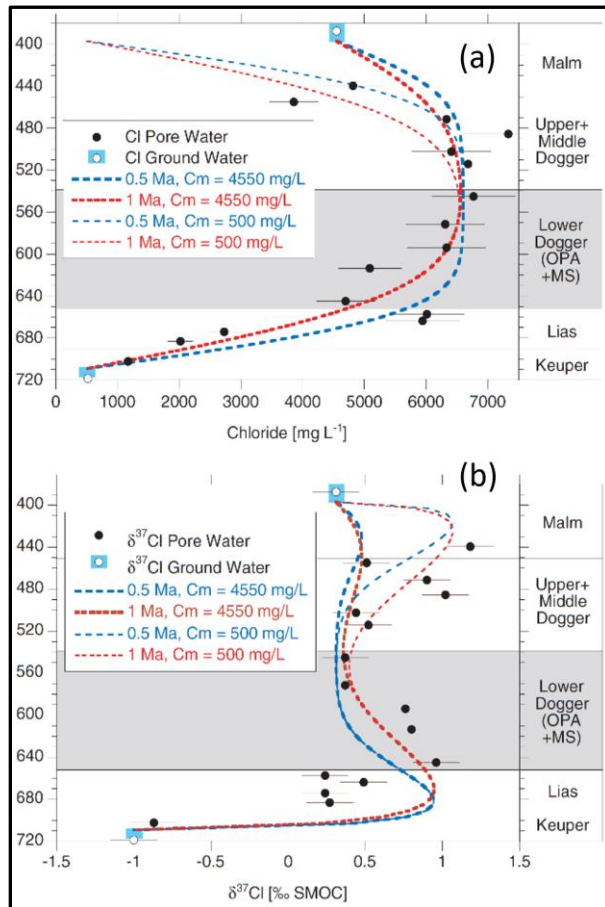


Figure 17c: Calculated profiles of (a) chloride and (b) $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ for the base case and for a constant, lower Cl concentration at the Malm boundary (from Gimmi and Waber 2004). Y-axis represents the depth (mbgs) below ground surface.

However, not every case involving a deep geologic sequence can be explained by a simple diffusive mechanism. In the deep borehole at Benken (northeastern Switzerland), a sequence of aquifers and argillaceous aquitards was investigated (Gimmi and Waber 2004). In this case, the Dogger aquitard is surrounded by the Malm and the Keuper aquifers, in a similar arrangement to the Tournemire site. In this case, the chloride concentration profile (Figure 17c – a) appears to be a two-sided diffusion profile from the Dogger aquitard to the Malm and Keuper aquifers. However, the chloride isotopic

profile was not interpreted as a simple two-sided diffusion process (Figure 17c – b). In particular, it was concluded that there must have been multi-diffusional reversals over time, or some other older processes occurring during burial, for example, which would have modified the chlorine isotopic signatures of porewaters before or after the diffusive transport process was fully developed. In this example, Gimmi and Waber (2004) ran multiple mathematical simulations in an attempt to duplicate the geochemical and isotopic results from the site. Figure 17c is one of the better simulations that most closely models the observed data.

From the above examples, it is apparent that applying a simple diffusional scenario to a multi-layered porous media may not always reproduce the observed geochemical results. Therefore, other processes must be considered to explain the data at the Bruce Nuclear Site.

6.2.2 Diagenesis / Fluid Migration

In the present study, the halide isotopic and concentration trends (Figure 14) do not necessarily agree and are much more complicated than the examples discussed above. In some cases, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ depth profiles trend in opposite directions from each other and the concentration data. These complex halide isotopic trends cannot be explained by a simple diffusion mechanism similar to those shown for the Paris Basin (France) and Benken (Switzerland).

An altered zone occurs beneath the Precambrian/Cambrian unconformity, and is comprised of secondary chlorite, illite and K-rich feldspar (Carter and Easton 1990). This zone was formed by interaction between the host crystalline rock and regional brine that migrated westward from the Appalachian Basin into southern Ontario in response to the Taconic Orogeny (543-440 Ma) (Ziegler and Longstaffe 2000a, b). The present halide isotopic signatures of the porewaters in the lower part

of the Upper Ordovician limestones and the Cambrian sandstones may thus have been modified by mixing with external fluids, which contained different halide isotopic signatures compared to the host fluids.

6.2.3 Dolomitization

Diagenetic fluids/brines are inferred to have migrated through the underlying Cambrian sandstones in the Michigan and Appalachian Basins during the Paleozoic (Sanford et al. 1985; Middleton et al. 1990; Davies and Smith 2006). During the late Paleozoic and early Mesozoic, the southern Ontario region probably underwent substantial surficial erosion, resulting in the removal of up to 1000 m of ca. 325-260 Ma rocks (Sanford et al. 1985; Wang et al. 1994; Dickinson et al. 2010). Erosion may have caused compaction pressure release and could have enhanced the upward migration of underlying Precambrian brines (with high salinity, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$) into the overlying Cambrian sandstones and Ordovician limestones.

There were numerous diagenetic events and processes that altered the Paleozoic rocks (Coniglio and Williams-Jones 1992). Among these, dolomitization is the most significant process that affected the stratigraphy and permeability (Sanford et al. 1985; Middleton et al. 1993; Conglio et al. 1994). The higher homogenization temperatures (from approximately 100 to 200 °C) found in fluid inclusions in secondary dolomites points to hydrothermal fluid flow during the Ordovician to Late Silurian (Legall et al. 1981; Coniglio et al. 1994). Therefore, these authors attributed the porous and permeable zones within the Ordovician limestones in southern Ontario to hydrothermal dolomitization.

During the Ordovician to Late Paleozoic, it was speculated that most dolomitization events occurred

after marine carbonate deposition corresponding to peak burial compaction (Morrow 1990). Fracturing/faulting significantly increased porosity and permeability within the deeper Paleozoic formations of the Niagara Block (Sanford et al. 1985; Carter 1991; Middleton et al. 1993; Coniglio et al. 1994; Carter et al. 1996). Hence, the dolomitized fluids could have migrated upward along discrete faults and fracture systems south of the site through the Cambrian sandstones that underlie the Ordovician limestones of the Trenton and Black River groups (Frape et al. 1989; Budai et al. 1991; Ziegler and Longstaffe 2000a, b; Bailey 2005). The driving force for the transport of dolomitizing fluids within the Ordovician units in southern Ontario could either be the compaction-driven force, which forces the deep basinal brines to migrate from deeper in the Michigan Basin to the margin (Coniglio and Williams-Jones 1992), or hydrothermally-driven brines forced by a heat source in the Precambrian basement associated with tectonic events during the Paleozoic and early Mesozoic (Sanford et al. 1985; Middleton et al. 1993; Conglio et al. 1994; Carter et al. 1996). Both driving forces could have caused the Cambrian brines, and even Precambrian brines, to migrate upward into the overlying, lower part of the Ordovician limestones of the Niagara Block during the Alleghenian Orogeny between approximately 350 and 250 Ma (Hobbs et al. 2011). However, at the site, fracturing of the Ordovician carbonates is sparse and fracturing of the Cambrian is moderate. The relatively sparse fracturing of these units (e.g., when compared to other regions of southern Ontario) make it difficult to comment on the extent of dolomitization processes in the Bruce block in the context of this thesis. U-Pb geochronology of the Devonian and Upper Silurian calcite veins at the Bruce Nuclear Site yields an age of 318 ± 10 Ma (ID-TIMS method) for the Silurian Salina A1 unit (DGR-4, 344.18 m) (Davis et al. 2016). This age suggested that the geologic timeframe (318 ± 10 Ma) for post-depositional fluid mobility above Upper Silurian Salina salts is consistent with the Alleghenian Orogeny in the Appalachian Basin. Therefore, it supports the hypothesis that the

Alleghenian Orogeny is the driving force for hydrothermal dolomitization during the Late Devonian in southern Ontario.

Due to hydrothermal dolomitization in southern Ontario, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the Silurian and Ordovician formation waters at the site may be affected by the migrated fluids from the underlying Precambrian shield or the deeper Appalachian basin, both containing fluids with enriched halide isotopic signatures (Shouakar-Stash 2008; Stotler et al. 2010). As previously discussed, invoking Precambrian Shield brines requires unreasonably large volumes of fluid and hence is not a viable scenario to explain the halide isotopic compositions of Silurian and Ordovician formation waters. Previous researchers attributed the Cambrian halide isotopic signatures to an external input, including either the hydrothermal fluids from the underlying Precambrian crystalline shield or regional fluids from the Appalachian Basin that migrated through faults and fracture systems in southern Ontario (Frape et al. 1989; Budai et al. 1991; Ziegler and Longstaffe 2000a, b; Bailey 2005). Under these post-depositional tectonic scenarios, the Cambrian Formation waters may not preserve their original chemical or isotopic characteristics during burial diagenesis. However, to completely understand the halide isotopic variations within the porewaters of the Ordovician sequence, other processes than hydrothermal dolomitization need to be considered.

6.2.4 Salt Precipitation

Apart from the dolomitization process mentioned above, salt dissolution has been proposed to influence the salinity in many fluids found in southern Ontario and Michigan (Sanford et al. 1985; Dollar et al. 1988; Frape et al. 1992). Such a process would have an influence on the halide concentrations and isotopic values in the site samples. The majority of salt dissolution would have occurred along regional fractures and faults through the Silurian salt-rich units primarily at the

margin of the Michigan Basin during the Late Caledonian Orogeny (425-400 Ma) and subsequent Acadian Orogeny (375-325 Ma) (Sanford et al. 1985). As halite is usually more deficient in Br relative to the fluid from which it precipitated, the dissolved halite would increase the Cl concentration relative to Br after dissolution, as seen on Figure 7.

Eggenkamp et al. (1994) proposed that the first salt precipitated from the seawater has higher $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ than later precipitated salts. Recent studies have speculated that salt dissolution could increase $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ while decreasing $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ in a fluid (Eggenkamp 2015; Hanlon et al. 2017) because precipitated salts have isotopically heavier chlorine and isotopically lighter bromine than the residual fluids (Stotler et al. 2010; Eggenkamp 2014, 2015; Hanlon et al. 2017). However, the bromide concentration in salts such as halite (NaCl) is proportionally less than the chloride concentration compared to the fluid that precipitates the salt. Therefore, fractionation due to adsorption or occlusion during salt precipitation might be a minor process affecting the bromine isotopic system (Eggenkamp 2014).

As discussed previously, the Salina A1 groundwater samples from the DGR site could be inferred as having a glacial water source that caused halite dissolution during recharge – based on chemical and isotopic results shown earlier (Figure 6, 7, 13). The evaporites in parts of the Salina Formation may have influenced halide isotopic signatures. Therefore, the lower $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the fluids found in Silurian-aged strata at the site could be derived at least partially from halite dissolution.

Chloride and bromide are involved in different molecular reactions during diagenesis. In brief, chloride preferentially goes into mineral precipitates (evaporites). Bromide will participate in inorganic reactions such as salt precipitation, but often it is also involved in organic and/or biologic activities due to its redox behavior (Manley 2002; Blei et al. 2010, 2012; Leri and Myneni 2012; Leri et al. 2010, 2014; Eggenkamp et al. 1998, 2015). Therefore, not only the diagenetic processes but

also organic/microbial activities should be considered in order to fully understand the halide isotopic fractionations.

6.2.5 Organic and Microbial Activities

Organic and microbial activities have also been invoked to explain higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of sedimentary formation waters over long geological time periods (Eggenkamp 2014, 2015). Eggenkamp (2015) stated that the impact of organic and microbial activities on bromine isotopes are larger than those affecting chlorine isotopes due to the differences in redox behavior and the role of each element in biological processes (Manley 2002; Blei et al. 2010, 2012; Leri and Myneni 2012; Leri et al. 2010, 2014; Eggenkamp et al. 1998, 2015). Bromine isotopes are more effectively used than chlorine isotopes during organic or microbial activities, as it takes less energy (organic and/or inorganic) to oxidize the bromide ion than to oxidize the chloride ion (Eggenkamp 2015). Leri et al. (2010) demonstrated the effect of organic carbon on bromine in marine sediments. The organobromine tends to be highly associated with organic carbon in marine sediments due to covalent bonding between them, even though bromine is often treated as a conservative element in marine environments (Leri et al. 2010, 2014).

As the lighter isotope of bromine is preferentially removed from brine into organic matter and is also released as gases (HBr, CH₃Br), residual brines should have isotopically heavier Br (Horst et al. 2014; Eggenkamp 2015; Hanlon et al. 2017). Such processes could occur both in the early depositional environment before burial and in the post-depositional environment, and would alter either an initial paleo-seawater signature or a sedimentary formation fluid signature.

Total organic carbon (TOC) contents in the DGR-4 borehole porewaters was presented by Jackson

(2009) in the NWMO Technical Report (TR-08-29). As shown on Figure 18, TOC contents have a parallel trend in many cases to the bromine isotopic profile. Several higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values are associated with higher TOC within a specific geologic unit (shown by red arrows, Figure 18). It is apparent that the TOC content increases from the Upper Ordovician shales and reaches the highest value in the Collingwood Member of the Cobourg Formation (Figure 18). Similarly, a large increase in TOC in the Coboconk Formation correlates with higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$. The organic-rich zones provide an environment that is ideal for organobromine reactions to preferentially remove the lighter Br isotope during deposition or diagenesis.

The enriched $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic values of the Cobourg and Coboconk Formation waters are associated with relatively high TOC contents. Organic matter bromination was proposed to change the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of waters via isotopic fractionation during biologically-mediated bromide oxidation (Manley 2002; Blei et al. 2010, 2012; Leri and Myneni 2012; Leri et al. 2010, 2014; Horst et al. 2014; Eggenkamp et al. 1998, 2015; Hanlon et al. 2017). Therefore, the organic and microbial activities could further modify the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic signatures of the brines from the Ordovician limestones at the site after, or parallel with, other diagenetic processes discussed in the previous sections. Apart from two-sided diffusive transport, the organic and/or microbial activities provide another possible explanation for the higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the porewaters in TOC-rich parts of the DGR-4 borehole.

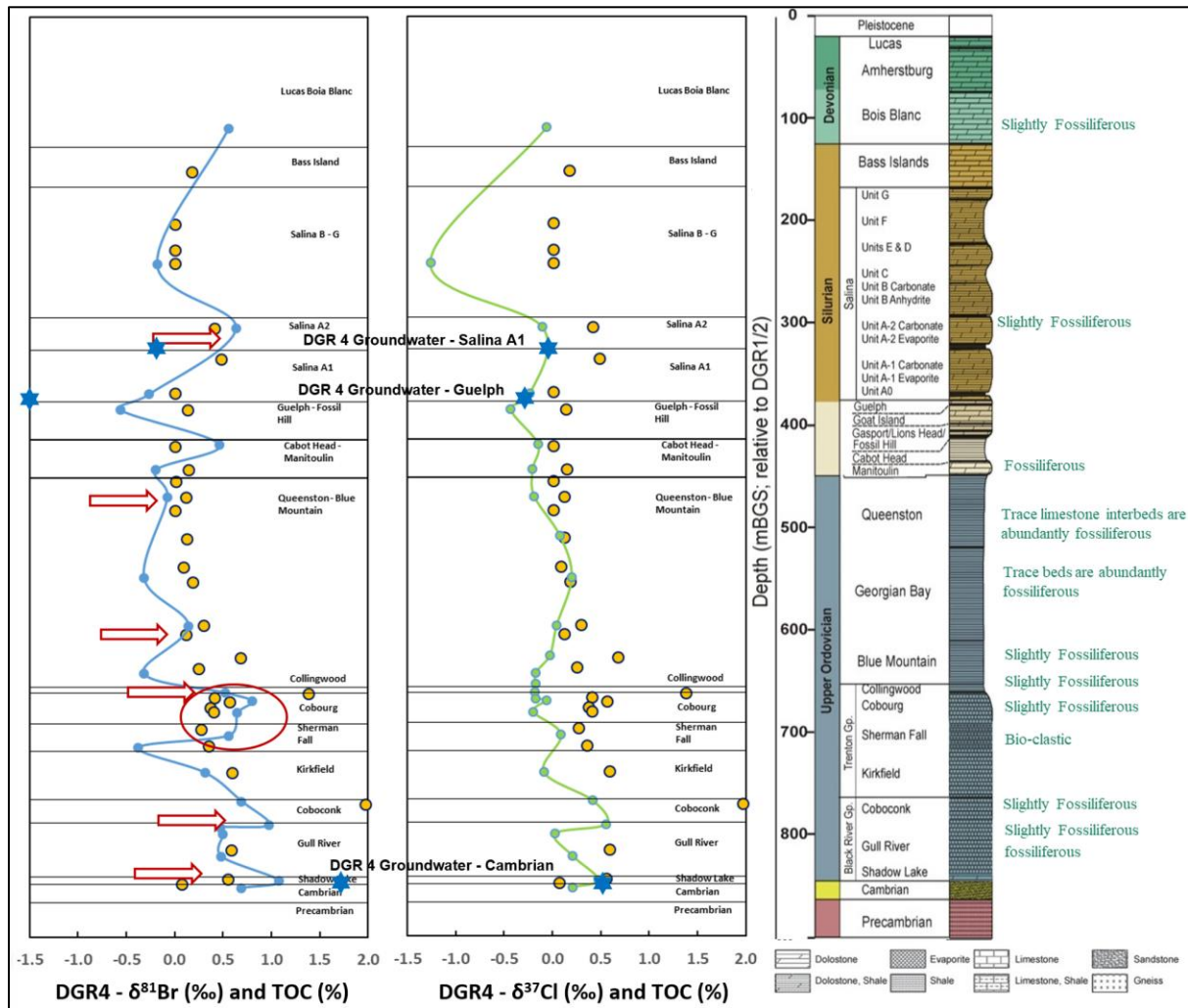


Figure 18: $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ - $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (green and blue lines) and total organic carbon (TOC) profiles (orange dots) of DGR-4 porewater samples, and accompanying lithostratigraphy of the DGR-4 borehole at the Bruce Nuclear Site (TOC data from Jackson 2009).

6.2.6 Microbial and Photolytic Conversion to Gas Phase

Previous researchers observed the degassing processes of volatile halide gases (e.g., HBr, CH₃Br, CH₃Cl, BrO, etc.) through microbial, vegetative, or photolytic processes above and near high-salinity lakes and salt flats (e.g., Hönninger et al. 2004; Monks 2005; Huset 2007; Blei et al. 2012; Pratt et al. 2013). There are very few studies concerning the microbial use of chloride, though some researchers have found that microbial activities can lead to higher $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ in residual soils and salts

after microbial reduction of chlorinated organic compounds (e.g., Numata et al. 2002; Sturchio et al. 2003; Abe et al. 2009; Wiegert et al. 2013; Palau et al. 2013). In general, volatile HBr and CH₃Br gases are produced from carbon macromolecules that reacted with bromide ions and protons, as shown in Figure 19 below. Analogously, bromine isotopic fractionation also resulted in higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the residual solution following microbial reduction of brominated phenols or the release of methyl bromides (Bernstein et al. 2013; Zakon et al. 2013; Horst et al. 2014). Methyl halide gases are characterized as having lower $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ than the organic material and residual brine source materials (Horst et al. 2014). Most likely, the release of volatile brominated compounds from surficial reservoirs was a result of either photolytic processes or microbial activity (Eggenkamp 2015; Hanlon et al. 2017) and most likely has occurred over long periods of geological time. Therefore, degassing of methyl halide gases also needs to be considered when explaining the distinctive isotopic features of porewaters over geological time scales at the site.

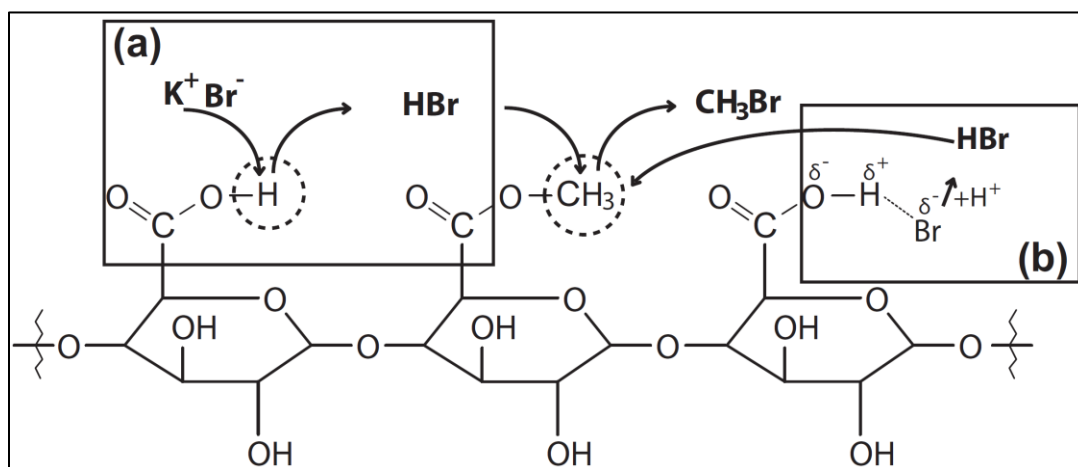


Figure 19. The microbial reduction of bromine to HBr and CH₃Br (Horst et al. 2014).

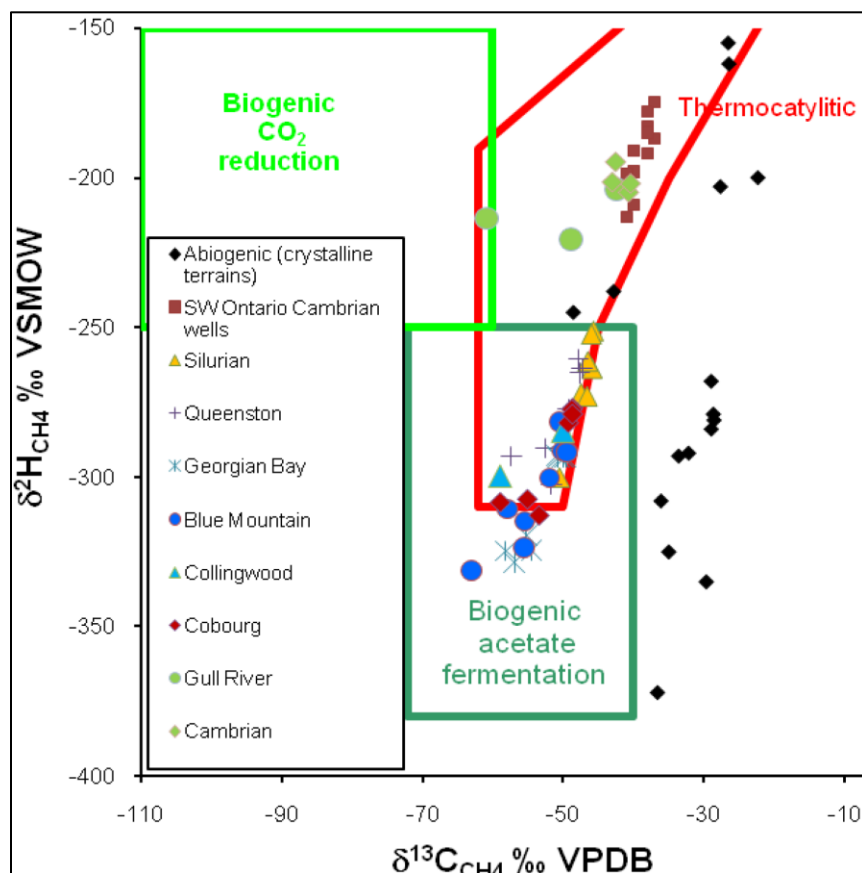


Figure 20: Isotopes of CH₄ in cores from the Bruce Nuclear Site (from Jackson 2009).

Barker and Pollack (1984) and Sherwood-Lollar et al. (1994) characterized the natural gases sampled from the Silurian, Ordovician and Cambrian strata in southwestern Ontario. These researchers suggested the possibility of gas formation and migration within the geological units in southwestern Ontario. Sherwood-Lollar et al. (1994) proposed that the pore gases from the Gull River and Cambrian Formations are characterized by thermogenic methane. However, some pore gases sampled from the Blue Mountain Formation and Collingwood Member had $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ outside the thermo-catalytic zone, and instead represent a biogenic origin (Sherwood-Lollar et al. 1994; Jackson 2009) (Figure 20). The isotopic composition of pore gases between the Upper Ordovician shales and Cambrian point to mixing of the biogenic and thermogenic endmembers (Jackson 2009).

Therefore, the carbon and hydrogen isotope evidence for biogenic and thermogenic methane production raises the possibility that gas generation and migration influenced the halide isotopic signatures of the porewaters within the Ordovician limestones at the site.

The extensive volcanic activities induced by the Taconic Orogeny and the relatively high subsurface temperatures during the Ordovician could have significantly facilitated the degassing processes of methyl halides, which could have resulted in preferential accumulation of heavier Br isotopes on the surface of the continents and/or shallow marine areas (primarily within the paleo-Appalachian region).

7. SUMMARY

The six groundwater samples from the Bruce Nuclear Site analyzed in this study were pumped from three zones: the Silurian Salina A1 Carbonate, the Silurian Guelph Formation, and the Cambrian Formation. For the many combinations of isotopic and geochemical parameters examined, including $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$, the site groundwaters were, for the most part, found to be similar to regional sedimentary formation fluids from the same geological units found in the Niagara tectonic structural block to the south of the site (Figure 4a). The WRHD is compiled primarily from oil and gas wells in the Niagara tectonic structural block, which is south of the Bruce tectonic block where the study site is located (Figure 1).

Groundwaters sampled from the Salina A1 Carbonate unit at the site have low Br/Cl weight ratios (Figure 13), which are less than the seawater ratio, and are also unique in having low $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (Figures 9A, 11, 12), $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, and $\delta^2\text{H}$ (Figures 6 and 10a). Based on these isotopic characteristics, the Cl-Br source for the Salina A1 Carbonate samples at the site appears to have been derived from halite

dissolution (Figure 7), most likely by cold climate recharge (Figure 6). Weaver et al. (1995) describe a very similar situation to the south of the site involving the same Silurian stratigraphic units.

Groundwater fluids from the Guelph Formation at the site have low $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (Figure 9a, 11, 12), similar to fluids from the Guelph/Niagaran petroleum-producing wells in southern Ontario and the Michigan Basin. The $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ (Figure 8), and Br/Cl ratios (Figure 13) of the groundwaters from the Salina A1 Unit and the Guelph Formation in both DGR boreholes are consistent with previous hypotheses that Michigan Basin fluids have low $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ (Figure 8) (Shouakar-Stash 2008). Thus, the groundwaters from the two Silurian-aged rock units at the site can be described as fluids with similar geochemical and isotopic characteristics as many of the fluids found within stratigraphic units of the Michigan Basin.

The halide isotopic similarity for the Cambrian groundwaters from the site with Cambrian fluids from the regional database suggests a similar origin for these fluids. Both the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ of the groundwaters are high and similar to fluids sourced in the Appalachian Basin (Figure 8) from petroleum wells to the east and south of the site. This suggests that Cambrian samples from the site, located west of the Algonquin Arch, may have the same origin as the Cambrian fluids east of the Algonquin Arch, but a different origin from the Silurian groundwater samples at the site. This would further suggest that the fluids within the Cambrian may be old and have maintained some aspects of their isotopic signatures since they were emplaced by a regional fluid event at a time when Cambrian sediments were continuous across the Michigan and Appalachian basins before sea-level fall and the Algonquin Arch rise created the present stratigraphic boundaries. Several authors have invoked large-scale basinal fluid movements at various times in the geologic past that resulted in dolomitization and the emplacement of hydrothermal mineral and petroleum resources in southern

Ontario (Frape et al. 1989; Middleton et al. 1990; Budai et al. 1991; Coniglio et al. 1992; Ziegler and Longstaffe 2000a, b; Bailey 2005). In addition, the dolomitized fluids are hypothesized to have migrated along faults and fracture systems through the Cambrian sandstones underlying the Ordovician limestones of the Trenton and Black River groups (Frape et al. 1989; Middleton et al. 1990; Budai et al. 1991; Coniglio et al. 1992; Ziegler and Longstaffe 2000a, b; Bailey 2005).

Understanding the timing of events at the site, such as large-scale mixing, hydrothermal fluid circulation, and dissolution of halite by fluid recharge, is limited and based on only three groundwater fluid-producing zones in the Silurian and Cambrian. In an attempt to expand our knowledge base of the distribution of halide isotopes at the site, a pore fluid sampling study was conducted.

The porewater samples from the Bruce Nuclear Site analyzed in this study were extracted from Devonian to Cambrian stratigraphic units in the DGR-4 core. However, the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of site porewaters from the Cambrian and the lower part of the Upper Ordovician units (i.e., Shadow Lake, Gull River and Coboconk) are often distinctive from the equivalent geological units in the combined regional database compiled from Shouakar-Stash (2008), Hobbs et al. (2011) and Skuce et al. (2015) (Figure 15). Based on the geological ages of the units at the site and the tectonic events during the Paleozoic, it is reasonable to assume that some differences in isotopic signatures between pore fluids and sedimentary formation fluids could exist. The $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values of the groundwater samples from the site are very close to the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ values of the porewater samples at similar depths. However, the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values of two Silurian groundwaters from the DGR-4 are more depleted and the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values of the Cambrian groundwaters from the DGR-4 are more enriched compared to the porewaters at the same depths (Figure 14a).

Previous studies suggested that diffusion of a hypersaline brine from the lower part of the Upper

Silurian through the stratigraphic sequence to be the primary process causing changes in the water isotopic values and Cl-Br concentrations of the pore fluids (Clark et al. 2013). The modified conceptual model by Al et al. (2015) suggests that high-salinity brines with high $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ pervaded the entire shale units prior to peak consolidation of the sediments. This process would have occurred over many millions of years, particularly during restricted basin conditions with high-salinity brines moving in during the Late Silurian (Al et al. 2015). After peak compaction and burial, the high salinity brines reached the Cobourg Formation, but not stratigraphically underlying units, and diffusion remained the only potential active process (Al et al. 2015). Diffusional transport downward below the Cobourg Formation is presumed to have been very slow, possibly even minimal, and is used to explain the trends only in the Trenton Group and some of the Black River Group carbonates (Al et al. 2015). However, the halide isotopic variations seen in this study are not easily explained by a simple downward density-driven diffusion process across multiple sedimentologically variable layers (Figure 16d, 18). Instead the observed stratigraphic trends (Figure 14a) are most likely the result of multiple factors that modified the halide isotopic signatures of the porewaters on numerous occasions in the geologic past. These physical or biological processes include organic and/or microbial halide gas production and degassing, salt dissolution, diagenesis/dolomitization (early Phanerozoic), tectonically-driven fluid migration and/or hydrothermal fluid mixing (late Phanerozoic), and localized diffusional migration of porewater solutes within stratigraphic units.

The sedimentary geologic units from the DGR-4 borehole are characterized by distinctive and variable depositional environments. The initial $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the pore fluids would have been impacted initially by each different depositional environment. The earliest diagenesis processes, such as lithification and geochemical reactions, likely altered the halide isotopic signatures of the

pore fluids. Fluid migration, mixing and diffusion during diagenesis could also impact the halide isotopic signatures of pore fluids at the site.

To evaluate the potential influence of seawater halide isotopic compositions from different depositional environments, data from the regional databases was averaged to produce a potential paleo-sea water curve for southern Ontario and the Michigan Basin (Figure 16d). This approach ignores the origin of the formational fluids (primarily petroleum-producing wells) used to produce the curve. However, the curve can be used to compare with the porewater values from the site. It is apparent that the average calculated seawater values (Figure 16d) are quite different in some cases from those of the DGR-4 porewater values (Figure 16d). Therefore, other depositional or post-depositional processes were evaluated and considered to aid in the interpretation of the isotopic profiles seen in Figure 14a and 16d.

In the present study, the halide isotope and concentration trends (Figure 14) are often complicated and cannot be explained by a simple diffusion mechanism along the geologic sequence. Instead, the heat source in the Appalachian Basin induced by the Taconic Orogeny (543-440 Ma) forced external fluids, with high $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$, to migrate into the Cambrian units in southern Ontario (Ziegler and Longstaffe 2000a, b). As shown in Figure 16d, there are different bromine isotopic signatures for the Cambrian Formation groundwater and porewater. Phanerozoic tectonic cycles (Sanford et al. 1985) illustrated that southern Ontario was impacted by several tectonic orogenies between the Middle and Late Paleozoic; as a result, it is necessary to consider the impact of diagenesis, especially hydrothermal dolomitization, on the halide isotopic signatures and concentrations of pore fluids at the site.

In the geologic past, the removal of up to 1000 m of Paleozoic rock (325 to 260 Ma) in southern

Ontario (Sanford et al. 1985; Wang et al. 1994; Dickinson et al. 2010) could have enhanced the upward migration of underlying Precambrian brines containing high salinity and high $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ into the overlying Cambrian and the lower part of the Upper Ordovician units along discrete faults and fracture systems in southern Ontario. This provides an alternative explanation to the similarities between Cambrian groundwaters at the site and regional fluids. The problem with this scenario is the lack of similarity between crystalline shield water isotopic signatures ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $\delta^2\text{H}$) and the Cambrian formation fluid isotopic signatures and the groundwater values from the site (Figure 6). As well, the porosity differences and volumes of available fluid from the crystalline rocks are orders of magnitude lower than the Cambrian rocks, such that the impact of a Precambrian fluid input during mixing would most likely be a negligible change in the geochemical composition of fluids in the overlying units.

Salt dissolution also has an influence on the halide concentrations and isotopic values (Sanford et al. 1985; Dollar et al. 1988; Frape et al. 1992) during the Late Silurian to Devonian, possibly induced by events such as the Caledonian Orogeny (425-390 Ma) and subsequent Acadian Orogeny (375-325 Ma) (Sanford et al. 1985). Dissolution of evaporites in parts of the Salina Formation may have influenced the halide isotopic signatures. Therefore, the lower $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the fluids found in Silurian-aged strata at the site could be derived, at least partially, from halite dissolution (Eggenkamp 2014, 2016).

For the last 200 Ma, eastern North America was in a passive margin phase (Sanford 1985) and the Ordovician shales had significantly low permeability due to their fine grain size and high pressure from the overlying sedimentary deposits. To date, some researchers attributed diffusion as the main process causing changes in the Cl and Br concentrations and potentially halide isotopic compositions

of the porewater solutes at the site since 260 Ma (Clark et al. 2013; Al et al. 2015). However, the halide isotopic variations in porewaters in the DGR-4 core at the site are not easily explained by a simple diffusion process across multiple geological layers of highly variable sedimentological media (Figure 14a). Therefore, diffusive processes within the Ordovician sequence have been discussed in terms of three separate stratigraphic sections of the borehole: first – through the Cobourg Formation and upper Sherman Fall Formation; second – through the Coboconk Formation; and third – from the middle Gull River Formation to the Cambrian Formation (Figure 14b). Diffusion in the geologic sequence is believed to be an ongoing process. In addition, other physical and biological processes likely affected the halide isotopic signatures and concentrations of the pore fluids in DGR-4 at the site.

Another interesting correlation observed in the study was the relationship of total organic content (TOC) in some geological units with the bromine isotopic values (Figure 18). In Figure 18, the TOC contents have a similar stratigraphic trend as the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ profile. Several high $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ values are associated with higher TOC contents within a specific geologic unit (Figure 18). The variation in $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ is larger than $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ within the same geological units, which can be explained by their different redox behavior and biological processes (Manley 2002; Blei et al. 2010, 2012; Leri and Myneni 2012; Leri et al. 2010, 2014; Eggenkamp et al. 1998, 2015). Therefore, organic and/or microbial factors could further explain the apparent two-sided diffusive transport model and be invoked to account for the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ trends seen in the Collingwood-Cobourg-Sherman Fall, Kirkfield-Coboconk-Gull River, and Gull River-Shadow Lake-Cambrian profiles on Figure 18. The potential mobilization of bromine as gas by organic and/or microbial activities associated with the zones of higher TOC provide another possible explanation for the higher $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the porewaters in DGR-4 at the site. Such processes may have occurred during deposition (before burial and consolidation)

and diagenesis, and thus may have altered the halide isotopic signatures (particularly Br) of either an initial paleo-seawater signature or a sedimentary formation fluid signature. Furthermore, the carbon and hydrogen isotopic composition of pore gases between the Upper Ordovician shales and Cambrian sandstones? indicate mixing of biogenic and thermogenic methane (Jackson 2009). Therefore, the combination of biogenic and thermal activities further confirms that complex processes potentially impacted and changed the halide isotopic signature of the porewaters within the Ordovician carbonates at the site.

This study is the first attempt to use $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ together to evaluate sources, residence times, and processes causing isotopic fractionation at a site involving a large number of different sedimentary units and ages of deposition (ranging from Cambrian to Devonian). The present study was forced to use archived samples that were limited in numbers for many of the key stratigraphic sequences where processes such as diffusion and/or microbial redox reactions may have changed, or are changing, isotopic porewater values. This was a major limitation and hence a more detailed scientific study of the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ of the porewater samples is needed to better define stratigraphic trends and understand the geologic processes that occurred at the Bruce Nuclear Site in southern Ontario.

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APPENDIX A: Br-Cl Isotopic Analysis Methods and Regional Geochemical and Isotopic Data

A.1 Br-Cl Isotopic Analysis Methods

Continuous Flow Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (CF-IRMS) method with gas chromatography (GC) was used to analyze the $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopes from the Bruce Nuclear Site at the University of Waterloo (Shouakar-Stash et al. 2005a, b).

a) Brief procedure for Bromine isotope analysis

1) Bromide Separation

- Solution is separated in the special distillation apparatus to isolate Bromine gas from impure solution, which depends on the differences of oxidation-reduction behavior of different halogens (Figure 1A). Separation technique is described in the CF-IRMS paper by Shouakar-Stash et al. (2005a).

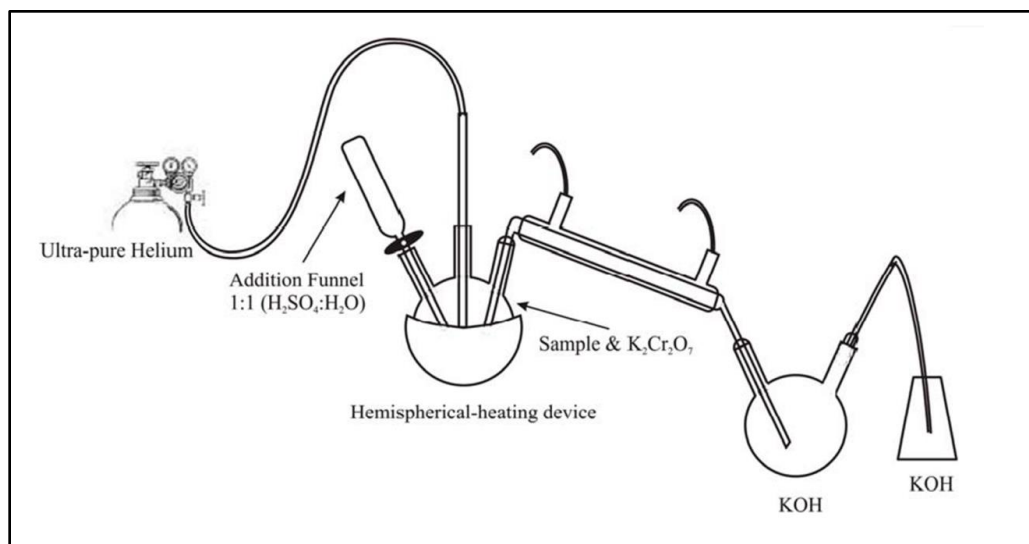


Figure 21: Bromine Distillation Apparatus (from Shouakar-Stash 2005a).

2) Silver Bromide Preparation

- The solution is first acidified to pH ~ 2 by adding ultra-pure concentrated nitric acid (HNO₃).
- 18 g of potassium nitrate (KNO₃) is added to the solution to increase the ionic strength.
- 2 mL of silver nitrate (AgNO₃) solution (0.2 M) is added to precipitate AgBr.
- Stored in a dark environment (24 hours) during AgBr settling.
- Then rinsed twice with 5% HNO₃.

- Placed into an oven at 80°C overnight to dry.

3) Methyl Bromide Preparation

- 0.5 mg AgBr samples are moved into 20 mL amber crimp vials to react with methyl iodide (CH₃I) completely. The whole process is conducted in a glove bag under helium flow.
- CH₃I (100 µL) is added to the samples, and then vials (4-6) are sealed.
- Place vials in an oven for 56 ± 5 hours at 80°C for the reaction to complete.

4) Isotope analysis

- The first step is sample injection, which is done automatically via an autosampler (CombiPAL).
- The second step is gas separation via the gas chromatograph (GC).
- The third step is the analysis of the CH₃I by mass spectrometer.

The internal precision using pure methyl bromide gas is less than 0.03‰ (STDV), while the external precision using seawater standard could be 0.06‰ (STDV) for n = 12 or less (Shouakar-Stash et al., 2005a).

b) Brief procedure for Chlorine isotope analysis

1) Silver Chloride Preparation

- Adding ultra-pure water, or evaporate the solution, to get desired concentration.
- Solution is acidified to pH~2 with ultra-pure nitric acid (HNO₃) and heated at 80°C for a few minutes to drive off CO₂.
- Then, 0.4 M potassium nitrate (KNO₃) solution is added to reach a high ionic strength.
- Anhydrous sodium phosphate dibasic (Na₂HPO₄) and citric acid monohydrate (HOOC (CH₂CO₂H)₂CO₂H.H₂O) (0.0004 and 0.0098 mol, respectively) are added to buffer pH at ~2 and to remove small amounts of sulfide, phosphate and carbonate from the precipitate.
- 1 mL silver nitrate (AgNO₃) solution (0.2 M) is added to the residual solution to separate the AgCl from solution.
- 24 hours' storage in a dark cabinet for AgCl settling, and then placement into an oven at 80°C overnight to dry.

2) Methyl Chloride Preparation

- 0.2 mg AgCl samples are moved into 20 mL amber crimp vials to react with methyl iodide (CH₃I) completely. The whole process is conducted in a glove bag under helium flow.
- CH₃I (100 µL) is added to the samples and then vials (3-4) are sealed.
- Place vials in an oven for 48 hours at 80°C for the reaction to complete.

3) Isotope analysis

- Sample analysis is conducted under three protocols including CombiPAL (sample injection), the Agilent 6890 GC setup (gas separation), and the mass spectrometry method (chlorine isotope analysis).

The internal precision using pure CH₃Cl gas is less than 0.04‰ (STDV), while the external precision using seawater standard could be 0.07‰ (STDV) for n = 12 or less (Shouakar-Stash et al. 2005b).

A.2 Geochemical and Isotopic Data from Southern Ontario and Michigan

Table A1: Geochemical data and stable water isotopic data for the formation waters from southern Ontario and Michigan (from Shouakar-Stash 2008). The samples and data presented in this table were compiled from various authors: [1] Dollar 1988; [2] Walter, Pers. Comm.; [3] Cloutier 1994; [4] Husain 1996; [5] Weaver 1994; [6] Sherwood-Lollar and Frapre 1989.

| Author Sample Name | Rock Type | Water Type | Depth m | Ca mg/L | Na mg/L | Mg mg/L | K mg/L | Sr mg/L | Cl mg/L | Br mg/L | SO ₄ mg/L | HCO ₃ mg/L | F mg/L | Br/Cl | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ² H (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) (‰) | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) (‰) | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | TDS mg/L |
|--|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Late Devonian (Kettle Point Antrim) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [3] | LD-90-3-5 | Shale | Na-Cl | 52 | 127 | 5410 | 120 | 31 | 5 | 8600 | 7 | 1 | 1210 | 0.000814 | -11.1 | -69 | 1.82 | | | 15511 |
| [3] | DOW-90-3-4 | Shale | Na-Cl | 44 | 8.41 | 189 | 0.1 | 11 | 0.5 | 164 | 0.7 | 42 | 164 | 0.004268 | -8.5 | -61 | | | | 641 |
| [4] | BRP-143 | Shale | Na-Cl | 44 | 39.6 | 278 | 14 | 5 | 0.8 | 393 | 0.4 | 10 | 194 | 0.001018 | -16.9 | -122 | 0.01 | | | 934 |
| [4] | BRP-151 | Shale | Na-Cl | 46 | 26.5 | 338 | 12 | 9 | 0.5 | 390 | 0.3 | 6 | 202 | 0.000769 | -16.9 | -122 | 0.24 | | | 984 |
| [2] | SP A2-32 | Shale | Na-Cl | | 6770 | 82600 | 3590 | 667 | 323 | 147000 | 307 | <5 | 5 | 0.002088 | -4.6 | -28 | -0.39 | | 0.71000 | 241262 |
| [2] | WSMC2-10 | Shale | Na-Cl | | 7700 | 63700 | 4690 | 487 | 424 | 128200 | 454 | | 16 | 0.003541 | -6.7 | -40 | -1.11 | | | 205671 |
| [2] | HGR D4-6 | Shale | Na-Cl | | 3280 | 42400 | 2140 | 370 | 221 | 74300 | 179 | | 24 | 0.002409 | -10.2 | -64 | -0.35 | | | 122914 |
| Late Devonian (Hamilton) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [3] | LD-90-3-4 | Shale | Na-Cl | 68 | 122 | 3K40 | 68 | 29 | 3 | 5800 | 5 | 349 | 200 | 0.000862 | -7.5 | -52 | 0.89 | | | 10415 |
| [3] | LD-90-3-3 | Shale | Na-Cl | 89 | 104 | 2590 | 59 | 47 | 4 | 3530 | 5 | 783 | 376 | 0.001416 | -7.2 | -51 | 0.67 | | | 7499 |
| [3] | LD-90-3-2 | Shale | Na-Cl | 131 | 200 | 4230 | 137 | 41 | 14 | 7260 | 0 | 324 | 724 | 0.000000 | -6.9 | -47 | 0.18 | | | 12930 |
| [3] | DOW-90-3-3 | Shale | Na-Cl | 77 | 164 | 3760 | 75 | 47 | 3 | 6080 | 6 | 379 | 214 | 0.000987 | -7.1 | -57 | 0.00 | | | 10728 |
| [3] | DOW-90-3-2 | Shale | Na-Cl | 106 | 367 | 5940 | 208 | 67 | 8 | 11500 | 21 | 572 | 404 | 0.001826 | -6.8 | -50 | 0.03 | | | 19086 |
| Middle Devonian (Dundee) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [3] | DOW-90-3-1 | Carbonate | Na-Cl | 142 | 127 | 2920 | 70 | 48 | 3 | 3880 | 9 | 819 | 504 | 0.002320 | -6.9 | -51 | -0.72 | | | 8380 |
| [3] | LD-90-3-1 | Carbonate | Na-SO ₄ -Cl | 142 | 92 | 1510 | 28.9 | 136 | 2 | 793 | 4 | 1830 | 470 | 0.005044 | -7.2 | -54 | | | | 4866 |
| [1] | DD-1 | Carbonate | Na-Cl | 108 | 660 | 3690 | 632 | 85 | 29 | 10000 | 50 | 795 | 293 | 0.005000 | -11.4 | -86 | 0.05 | | 0.70852 | 15940 |
| [1] | DD-2 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 97 | 623 | 414 | 83 | 19 | 12 | 2000 | 12 | 98 | <7 | 0.006000 | -15.7 | -120 | | | 0.70949 | 3260 |
| [1] | DD-3 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1131 | 31500 | 70600 | 5410 | 3030 | 750 | 179000 | 1050 | 166 | <7 | 0.005866 | | | -0.19 | -0.21 | 0.70816 | 291500 |
| [1] | DD-4 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1128 | 40300 | 56600 | 6990 | 3370 | 1120 | 182200 | 1310 | 150 | 90 | 0.007190 | -0.9 | -34 | -0.27 | -0.17 | 0.70823 | 292000 |
| [5] | PD-COCH | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1180 | 3470 | 715 | 91 | 23 | 8650 | 58 | 1700 | 264 | 0.006705 | -7.5 | -48 | | | 0.70822 | 16155 |
| [5] | PD-NORTH | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | | 15K0 | 4830 | 898 | 115 | 29 | 12000 | 91 | 2200 | 325 | 0.007583 | -6.9 | -41 | 0.92 | 0.68 | | 22073 |
| [5] | PD-RAL | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1580 | 4390 | 908 | 117 | 30 | 10900 | 78 | 2000 | 158 | 0.007156 | -6.8 | -43 | | | 0.70820 | 20166 |
| [5] | PD-WEST | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1400 | 3870 | 793 | 105 | 26 | 9920 | 82 | 1940 | 258 | 0.008266 | -7.1 | -46 | | | | 18399 |
| [5] | RA-N | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1140 | 3420 | 675 | 85 | 24 | 8870 | 62 | 1380 | 348 | 0.006990 | -7.6 | -49 | | | | 16008 |
| [5] | RA-NE | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | | 1410 | 4360 | 808 | 105 | 28 | 11300 | 74 | 1810 | 499 | 0.006549 | -6.8 | -46 | 1.14 | 0.62 | 0.70820 | 20145 |
| [5] | RA-SE | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | | 1490 | 4530 | 858 | 111 | 28 | 11500 | 79 | 1920 | 320 | 0.006870 | -7.2 | -45 | 0.95 | 0.52 | | 20540 |
| [5] | RA-SW | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | | 1320 | 3970 | 758 | 100 | 25 | 10100 | 67 | 1690 | 308 | 0.006634 | -7.5 | -49 | | | | 18342 |
| [5] | LAI-1 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1270 | 3670 | 818 | 103 | 25 | 9500 | 59 | 1790 | 589 | 0.006211 | -6.6 | -36 | | | | 17828 |

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|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Middle Devonian (Dundee) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [5] | LAI-2 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1300 | 3520 | 803 | 102 | 26 | 8980 | 54 | 2010 | 548 | | 0.006013 | -6.5 | -43 | 1.02 | | 0.70821 | 17346 |
| [5] | LAI-3 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1220 | 3430 | 773 | 107 | 23 | 8240 | 44 | 2110 | 561 | | 0.005340 | -6.4 | -37 | | | | 16512 |
| [5] | WB-11 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 736 | 2100 | 450 | 62 | 51 | 5700 | 43 | 751 | 572 | | 0.007544 | -8.5 | -55 | 1.16 | | 0.70813 | 10470 |
| [5] | WB-2 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 918 | 2620 | 593 | 76 | 21 | 7190 | 21 | 787 | 599 | | 0.002921 | -8.2 | -49 | | | | 12829 |
| [5] | WB-7 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1100 | 3090 | 6XK | 85 | 22 | 8450 | 60 | 1320 | 512 | | 0.007101 | -7.6 | -48 | 1.25 | | | 15334 |
| [5] | WB-8 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1240 | 3590 | 843 | III | 27 | 9750 | 57 | 1230 | 536 | | 0.005846 | -6.9 | -42 | | | 0.70820 | 17388 |
| [5] | LBH-1 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1700 | 4450 | 1170 | 152 | 32 | 13200 | 47 | 1400 | 157 | | 0.003561 | -8.7 | -59 | | | | 22314 |
| [5] | LBH-2 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 2000 | 4950 | 1320 | 156 | 34 | 14300 | 86 | 2340 | 5 | | 0.006014 | -8.8 | -62 | 0.35 | 0.60 | | 25194 |
| [5] | LBH-3 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1940 | 4900 | 1340 | 169 | 36 | 14100 | 97 | 2140 | 5 | | 0.006879 | -8.2 | -59 | | | 0.70827 | 24731 |
| [5] | LBH-4 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1760 | 5150 | 1300 | 171 | 36 | 15000 | 86 | 1220 | 112 | | 0.005733 | -8.1 | -57 | 0.33 | 0.92 | | 24839 |
| Middle Devonian (Detroit River) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [5] | LBO-2 | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 1530 | 4030 | 940 | 131 | 34 | 11300 | 99 | 448 | 40 | | 0.008761 | -7.5 | -53 | 0.69 | 0.52 | | 18556 |
| [5] | LBO-3 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1640 | 3130 | 920 | 125 | 35 | 10400 | 69 | 630 | 113 | | 0.006635 | -7.2 | -54 | | | | 17066 |
| [5] | CFN-14 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1310 | 2390 | 608 | 85 | 29 | 7990 | 66 | 796 | 219 | | 0.008260 | -9.5 | -63 | 0.50 | | 0.70833 | 13500 |
| [5] | CFN-A | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1570 | 3170 | 830 | 123 | 35 | 9460 | 86 | 916 | 171 | | 0.009091 | -9.0 | -60 | 0.26 | 0.55 | | 16365 |
| [5] | CFN-B | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 1190 | 2590 | 673 | 98 | 27 | 7810 | 61 | 398 | 297 | | 0.007810 | -9.1 | -60 | | | | 13148 |
| [5] | CFN-161 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 5990 | 10900 | 2750 | 445 | 100 | 31400 | 277 | 1240 | 328 | | 0.008822 | -6.3 | -84 | 0.63 | 0.49 | 0.70825 | 53400 |
| [5] | CFN-C | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 3830 | 8690 | 2430 | 307 | 70 | 27400 | 200 | 760 | 221 | | 0.007299 | -6.3 | -38 | 0.79 | 0.35 | 0.70827 | 43912 |
| [5] | CFN-E | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 4020 | 8090 | 2270 | 288 | 67 | 26800 | 216 | 1220 | 328 | | 0.008060 | -5.9 | -56 | 0.94 | 0.45 | 0.70826 | 43304 |
| [5] | CFS-A | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 4320 | 9330 | 2330 | 311 | 70 | 30300 | 294 | 1390 | 345 | | 0.009703 | -6.0 | -76 | 0.69 | 0.57 | | 48694 |
| [5] | CFS-B | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 4240 | 9700 | 2270 | 325 | 67 | 25500 | 202 | 1350 | 148 | | 0.007922 | -6.3 | -49 | 0.49 | | | 43805 |
| [5] | CFS-C | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Mg-Cl | | 3800 | 8910 | 2160 | 309 | 67 | 26600 | 195 | 941 | 206 | | 0.007331 | -6.4 | -48 | 0.72 | | | 43192 |
| [5] | CFS-D | Carbonate | Na-Mg-Ca-Cl | | 3500 | 8320 | 2150 | 299 | 67 | 25700 | 187 | 808 | 421 | | 0.007276 | -6.3 | -68 | 0.28 | 0.63 | | 41456 |
| [1] | DR-1 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 1445 | 64900 | 23400 | 7960 | 8320 | 2060 | 173100 | 1970 | 205 | 258 | 14 | 0.011381 | 0.2 | -55 | -0.50 | -0.23 | 0.70913 | 281900 |
| Middle Silurian (F Salt) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | SF-1 | Salt | Na-Cl | 150 | 8200 | 100000 | 2850 | 2600 | 214 | 207000 | 587 | 750 | | | 0.002836 | -5.5 | -55 | -0.20 | | 0.70866 | 322200 |
| [1] | SF-2 | Salt | Na-Cl | 150 | 10300 | 94500 | 3100 | 2780 | 197 | 194100 | 390 | 510 | 73 | | 0.002009 | | | | | | 305900 |
| [1] | SF-3 | Salt | Na-Cl | 150 | 9630 | 94400 | 3370 | 2600 | 158 | 192900 | 325 | 595 | 76 | | 0.001685 | -4.7 | -52 | | | | 304000 |
| Middle Silurian (A2 Salt) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | SA2-1 | Salt | Ca-Na-Mg-Cl | 250 | 48400 | 33400 | 16600 | 5000 | 1620 | 232000 | 3220 | 110 | | | 0.013879 | 2.9 | -52 | | | 0.70853 | 340400 |
| [1] | SA2-2 | Salt | Ca-Na-Mg-Cl | 250 | 46800 | 33600 | 16200 | 6400 | 1620 | 232000 | 3214 | 106 | | | 0.013853 | 3.2 | -48 | | | 0.70866 | 340000 |
| Middle Silurian (A1 Carbonate) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | SA1-1 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 645 | 52000 | 37700 | 11400 | 4520 | 740 | 176000 | 1880 | 167 | 76 | | 0.010682 | | | -0.35 | | | 284400 |
| [1] | SA1-2 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 649 | 54700 | 37900 | 10900 | 4760 | 969 | 195300 | 1700 | 193 | 18 | | 0.008705 | -1.1 | -47 | -0.35 | | 0.70849 | 306400 |
| Middle Silurian (Guelph) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | SG-1 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 354 | 15000 | 41200 | 3780 | 1430 | 263 | 95500 | 810 | 810 | 127 | 164 | 0.008482 | -4.7 | -42 | | | 0.71029 | 158800 |
| [1] | SG-2 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 448 | 31300 | 65500 | 7770 | 1880 | 436 | 189100 | 1390 | 250 | 69 | 8 | 0.007351 | | | | | 0.70931 | 297600 |
| [1] | SG-3 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 553 | 44500 | 61300 | 9000 | 2740 | 599 | 206900 | 1620 | 127 | 43 | | 0.007830 | -0.8 | -43 | -0.40 | | | 326800 |
| [1] | SG-4 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 614 | 60300 | 46600 | 8250 | 3040 | 1220 | 197800 | 2510 | 119 | <7 | | 0.012690 | | | -0.15 | -0.95 | 0.70915 | 319800 |

| Author Sample Name | Rock Type | Water Type | Depth m | Ca mg/L | Na mg/L | Mg mg/L | K mg/L | Sr mg/L | Cl mg/L | Br mg/L | SO ₄ mg/L | HCO ₃ mg/L | F mg/L | Br/Cl | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ² H (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) (‰) | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) (‰) | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | TDS mg/L | |
|---|---------------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Middle Silurian (Guelph) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | SG-5 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 571 | 29000 | 70000 | 8200 | 2040 | 449 | 189100 | 1390 | 259 | 84 | 8 | 0.007351 | | | | | 0.70934 | 300400 |
| [1] | SG-6 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 646 | 53700 | 42100 | 9520 | 3240 | 744 | 186300 | 1780 | 227 | <7 | 8 | 0.009554 | | | | | 0.70889 | 297600 |
| [1] | SG-7 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 749 | 66000 | 42300 | 8440 | 3270 | 1120 | 210900 | 2440 | 239 | <7 | 8 | 0.011569 | | | -0.38 | -0.83 | 0.70946 | 334700 |
| [1] | SG-8 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 695 | 61500 | 46000 | 10600 | 3400 | 997 | 214600 | 2010 | 61 | <7 | | 0.009366 | -0.4 | -44 | -0.51 | -0.61 | 0.70908 | 339200 |
| [1] | SG-9 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 770 | 53100 | 42900 | 13300 | 2150 | 580 | 205500 | 1490 | 203 | <7 | 8 | 0.007251 | | | | | 0.70929 | 319200 |
| [1] | SG-10 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 726 | 57200 | 39400 | 8670 | 3340 | 1220 | 189500 | 2380 | 172 | <7 | | 0.012559 | | | -0.28 | -0.75 | 0.70902 | 301900 |
| [1] | SG-11 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 518 | 52600 | 49900 | 9500 | 4840 | 702 | 213700 | 1920 | 170 | 245 | | 0.008985 | | | | | 0.70893 | 333300 |
| [1] | SG-12 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 597 | 34700 | 53200 | 7080 | 2390 | 572 | 155200 | 1510 | 300 | <7 | 27 | 0.009729 | | | | | 0.70931 | 255000 |
| [1] | SG-13 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 670 | 50200 | 54800 | 8230 | 2810 | 684 | 208200 | 1920 | 170 | 77 | 8 | 0.009222 | | | | | 0.70907 | 327000 |
| Middle Silurian (Niagaran) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | SN-1 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 892 | 62000 | 40800 | 8680 | 6080 | 1270 | 209700 | 2160 | 79 | <7 | 319 | 0.010300 | 0.2 | -42 | -1.04 | -0.76 | 0.70833 | 330800 |
| [1] | SN-2 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 895 | 61300 | 40300 | 8530 | 5920 | 1270 | 208500 | 1880 | 79 | <7 | 295 | 0.009017 | -1.4 | -48 | | | | 327800 |
| [1] | SN-3 | Carbonate | Ca-Cl | 1161 | 73800 | 24800 | 17900 | 8560 | 2040 | 230400 | 2390 | 59 | <7 | | 0.010373 | -2.9 | -50 | -0.30 | -0.28 | | 359900 |
| [1] | SN-4 | Carbonate | Ca-Cl | 1272 | 78500 | 25300 | 17900 | 9280 | 2170 | 256200 | 2360 | 38 | <7 | | 0.009212 | -4.9 | -46 | -0.61 | -0.70 | 0.70861 | 391700 |
| [1] | SN-5 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 1305 | 77300 | 31000 | 11900 | 10300 | 2040 | 245300 | 2440 | 42 | <7 | | 0.009947 | 1.2 | -40 | -0.22 | -0.69 | | 380300 |
| [1] | SN-6 | Carbonate | Ca-Cl | 1264 | 79500 | 25200 | 15500 | 9820 | 2500 | 261800 | 2640 | 49 | <7 | | 0.010084 | -1.0 | -47 | -0.28 | -0.61 | 0.70848 | 397000 |
| [1] | SN-7 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 1010 | 62900 | 45300 | 8550 | 4320 | 1160 | 210700 | 2270 | 94 | <7 | 8 | 0.010774 | 0.2 | -43 | -0.30 | | 0.70935 | 335300 |
| [1] | SN-8 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 1001 | 61900 | 45100 | 8080 | 3900 | 1190 | 187800 | 2240 | 105 | <7 | 11 | 0.011928 | -0.5 | -41 | -0.30 | | 0.70939 | 310300 |
| [1] | SN-9 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 713 | 54900 | 46000 | 9600 | 3560 | 919 | 207100 | 1970 | 89 | <7 | | 0.009512 | -0.4 | -43 | | | 0.70909 | 324100 |
| [1] | SN-10 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 717 | 62600 | 42600 | 8530 | 3370 | 1060 | 202500 | 2320 | 89 | <7 | 8 | 0.011457 | -0.1 | -47 | -0.43 | -0.92 | 0.70929 | 323100 |
| [2] | Cold Springs WHI-29 | Carbonate | Ca-Cl | | 88643 | 26275 | 10176 | 18285 | 3661 | 244975 | 2570 | 36 | | | 0.010491 | | | -0.39 | | | 394620 |
| Early Silurian (Grimsby/Thorold) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | STGr-1 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 431 | 29000 | 48100 | 5980 | 1000 | 464 | 137600 | 1340 | 385 | <7 | | 0.009738 | -3.5 | -43 | | | | 223900 |
| [1] | STGr-2 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 380 | 36700 | 51900 | 7030 | 1410 | 611 | 158500 | 1550 | 259 | <7 | | 0.009779 | -2.9 | -34 | | | 0.70977 | 258000 |
| [1] | STGr-3 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 374 | 27400 | 42200 | 6620 | 899 | 463 | 129400 | 1260 | 447 | <7 | | 0.009737 | -4.2 | -44 | | | | 208700 |
| [1] | STGr-4 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 414 | 34700 | 49400 | 6100 | 981 | 536 | 149200 | 1580 | 320 | <7 | | 0.010590 | -2.9 | -43 | | | | 242800 |
| [1] | ST-5 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 292 | 30500 | 44500 | 5830 | 1010 | 490 | 148100 | 1340 | 413 | <7 | | 0.009048 | -4.1 | -46 | 0.78 | | 0.71014 | 232200 |
| [1] | ST-6 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 408 | 33700 | 45200 | 6210 | 1040 | 544 | 143400 | 1430 | 339 | <7 | | 0.009972 | -3.4 | -44 | | | | 231900 |
| [1] | SGr-7 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 424 | 33600 | 50600 | 5880 | 1010 | 530 | 160800 | 1510 | 332 | <7 | | 0.009391 | -3.3 | -43 | | | | 254300 |
| [1] | SGr-8 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 426 | 34200 | 49500 | 5840 | 1130 | 522 | 164300 | 1540 | 345 | <7 | | 0.009373 | -3.0 | -42 | | | | 257400 |
| [1] | STGr-9 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 522 | 42100 | 49700 | 7500 | 1260 | 697 | 179000 | 1650 | 272 | <7 | | 0.009218 | -2.8 | -44 | | | | 282200 |
| [1] | STGr-10 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 524 | 45700 | 58000 | 8000 | 1390 | 784 | 195800 | 1970 | 164 | <7 | | 0.010061 | -1.9 | -42 | 0.14 | 0.77 | | 311800 |
| [1] | SGr-11 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 512 | 44600 | 58700 | 7700 | 1450 | 745 | 178300 | 1870 | 174 | <7 | | 0.010488 | -1.7 | -41 | 0.35 | 1.36 | | 293500 |
| [1] | SGr-12 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 524 | 26900 | 38900 | 5310 | 878 | 456 | 117500 | 1130 | 657 | <7 | | 0.009617 | -3.9 | -40 | | | | 191700 |
| [1] | STGr-13 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 547 | 31400 | 45100 | 5630 | 877 | 509 | 144300 | 1380 | 423 | <7 | | 0.009563 | -3.4 | -41 | 0.35 | | | 229600 |
| [1] | STGr-14 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 541 | 47700 | 58600 | 8230 | 1400 | 883 | 207000 | 2010 | 123 | <7 | | 0.009710 | -1.7 | -46 | 0.21 | 1.35 | 0.71018 | 325900 |
| [1] | SGr-15 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 554 | 34600 | 46900 | 6280 | 930 | 564 | 163600 | 1490 | 404 | <7 | | 0.009108 | -3.5 | -39 | | | | 254800 |
| [1] | SGr-16 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 572 | 28100 | 45800 | 4870 | 911 | 452 | 144200 | 1250 | 530 | <7 | | 0.008669 | -3.4 | -35 | | | 0.71076 | 226100 |
| [1] | STGr-17 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 544 | 29100 | 43300 | 5070 | 846 | 483 | 142200 | 1260 | 450 | <7 | | 0.008861 | -2.9 | -41 | 0.13 | | | 222700 |
| [1] | SGr-18 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 289 | 39700 | 22800 | 6780 | 664 | 347 | 109200 | 755 | 560 | <7 | | 0.006914 | -4.3 | -44 | | | | 180800 |
| [1] | SGr-19 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 335 | 39800 | 20900 | 3540 | 637 | 358 | 119400 | 694 | 235 | <7 | | 0.005812 | -4.5 | -44 | 0.37 | | 0.71092 | 185600 |
| [1] | SGr-20 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 365 | 42700 | 30300 | 5470 | 822 | 481 | 137400 | 920 | 405 | <7 | | 0.006696 | -3.7 | -38 | 0.50 | 1.74 | 0.71036 | 218500 |
| [1] | SGr-21 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 410 | 42000 | 26400 | 3930 | 713 | 426 | 112600 | 855 | 329 | <7 | | 0.007593 | -3.8 | -43 | 0.50 | 1.63 | | 187300 |

| Author Sample Name | Rock Type | Water Type | Depth m | Ca mg/L | Na mg/L | Mg mg/L | K mg/L | Sr mg/L | Cl mg/L | Br mg/L | SO ₄ mg/L | HCO ₃ mg/L | F mg/L | Br/Cl | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ² H (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) (‰) | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) (‰) | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | TDS mg/L | |
|--|-----------|------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Early Silurian (Whirlpool) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | SW-1 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 361 | 50400 | 32400 | 4250 | 782 | 489 | 158800 | 1130 | 320 | 47 | 8 | 0.007116 | -3.0 | -39 | 0.86 | 2.31 | 0.71103 | 248600 |
| [1] | SW-2 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 422 | 47300 | 29900 | 3710 | 763 | 452 | 147500 | 1000 | 376 | 60 | | 0.006780 | -3.7 | -41 | 0.60 | 2.11 | 0.71107 | 231000 |
| [1] | SW-3 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 422 | 51100 | 36400 | 5500 | 870 | 507 | 171600 | 1190 | 375 | <7 | | 0.006935 | -2.5 | -39 | 0.64 | 2.13 | | 267500 |
| [1] | SW-4 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 459 | 43400 | 28200 | 4460 | 770 | 420 | 126100 | 920 | 433 | <7 | | 0.007296 | -3.8 | -42 | | | 0.71112 | 204700 |
| Late Ordovician (Blue Mountain) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [6] | OHD-1 #15 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 173 | 38600 | 21800 | 4520 | 404 | 702 | 118300 | 1080 | 120 | 44 | | 0.009129 | -5.6 | -46 | 0.09 | 1.75 | | 185570 |
| Middle Ordovician (Trenton) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | OT-1 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 647 | 15600 | 35700 | 3680 | 1600 | 529 | 98700 | 578 | 453 | <7 | 4 | 0.005856 | -2.1 | -31 | -0.36 | | 0.70978 | 156900 |
| [1] | OT-2 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 657 | 16000 | 35300 | 3510 | 1600 | 540 | 99800 | 725 | 742 | 34 | | 0.007265 | -1.7 | -23 | 0.00 | | 0.70980 | 158200 |
| [1] | OT-3 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 645 | 15800 | 35800 | 3500 | 1630 | 467 | 101100 | 563 | 575 | <7 | 5 | 0.005569 | -1.9 | -31 | 0.30 | | 0.70976 | 159400 |
| [1] | OT-4 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 738 | 23300 | 39800 | 5480 | 1970 | 402 | 111300 | 832 | 630 | <7 | 6 | 0.007475 | -1.7 | -30 | | | 0.70996 | 183700 |
| [1] | OT-5 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 743 | 23500 | 41400 | 6130 | 2120 | 739 | 131800 | 856 | 152 | <7 | 6 | 0.006495 | -1.9 | -29 | -0.60 | | 0.70973 | 206700 |
| [1] | OT-6 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 771 | 17400 | 36900 | 4280 | 1690 | 574 | 103200 | 550 | 410 | 58 | 4 | 0.005329 | -2.2 | -28 | -0.30 | | 0.70982 | 165000 |
| [1] | OT-7 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 790 | 35200 | 43600 | 7410 | 2310 | 606 | 149500 | 920 | 263 | 17 | | 0.006154 | | | | | | 239800 |
| [1] | OT-8 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 775 | 32600 | 46800 | 6520 | 2410 | 525 | 148100 | 1190 | 353 | 33 | | 0.008035 | -2.1 | -30 | | | 0.71041 | 238500 |
| [1] | OT-9 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 786 | 36500 | 48800 | 7410 | 2270 | 612 | 150500 | 950 | 263 | <7 | | 0.006312 | -2.1 | -27 | -0.59 | 0.98 | 0.70900 | 247300 |
| [1] | OT-10 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 784 | 36700 | 48700 | 7930 | 2330 | 633 | 175900 | 1170 | 260 | | | 0.006652 | -2.3 | -31 | -0.63 | 0.87 | 0.71029 | 273600 |
| [1] | OT-11 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 804 | 36730 | 45700 | 7270 | 2320 | 733 | 160900 | 1610 | 271 | | | 0.010006 | -1.9 | -26 | -0.55 | 0.76 | 0.71030 | 255500 |
| [1] | OT-12 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 779 | 39200 | 45300 | 6910 | 2120 | 729 | 166100 | 1370 | 321 | | | 0.008248 | -2.0 | -29 | -0.49 | 0.93 | 0.71030 | 262100 |
| [1] | OT-13 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 791 | 32600 | 55200 | 7300 | 2390 | 578 | 161200 | 1150 | 320 | 32 | | 0.007134 | -2.1 | -27 | -0.50 | | 0.71007 | 260700 |
| [1] | OT-14 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 782 | 33000 | 48700 | 6750 | 2390 | 548 | 141400 | 1170 | 358 | <7 | 8 | 0.008274 | -2.0 | -33 | -0.52 | 0.58 | 0.71036 | 234300 |
| [1] | OT-15 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 787 | 31300 | 46100 | 6530 | 2300 | 527 | 149500 | 1120 | 380 | 60 | 8 | 0.007492 | -2.2 | -27 | -0.40 | | 0.71023 | 237800 |
| [1] | OT-16 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 778 | 32800 | 46100 | 6600 | 2680 | 529 | 148600 | 1220 | 347 | 49 | 13 | 0.008210 | -2.1 | -36 | -0.55 | | 0.71034 | 238900 |
| [1] | OT-17 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 781 | 29700 | 43200 | 5960 | 2150 | 568 | 138600 | 1270 | 366 | <7 | | 0.009163 | | | | | 0.71036 | 221800 |
| [1] | OT-18 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 786 | 34100 | 45400 | 6700 | 2310 | 658 | 158300 | 1210 | 348 | | | 0.007644 | | | -0.34 | 0.62 | 0.71036 | 249000 |
| [1] | OT-19 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 844 | 31100 | 42000 | 5440 | 2190 | 518 | 147000 | 780 | 393 | 12 | | 0.005306 | -1.8 | -24 | -0.70 | | | 229400 |
| [1] | OT-20 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | | 27200 | 46500 | 5170 | 2080 | 467 | 142300 | 765 | 485 | 45 | | 0.005376 | -2.0 | -23 | | | | 225000 |
| [1] | OT-21 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 854 | 32500 | 49700 | 5960 | 2070 | 619 | 150300 | 1190 | 335 | <7 | 246 | 0.007917 | -3.1 | -32 | -0.43 | 0.18 | 0.71045 | 242700 |
| [1] | OT-22 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1225 | 21700 | 41900 | 4470 | 3230 | 493 | 122700 | 625 | 620 | 49 | | 0.005094 | | | | | 0.70962 | 195700 |
| [1] | OT-23 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1140 | 31000 | 48000 | 5450 | 3390 | 595 | 159800 | 1160 | 327 | 86 | | 0.007259 | -1.3 | -45 | -0.65 | -0.49 | 0.70887 | 249700 |
| [1] | OT-24 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1247 | 21800 | 42300 | 4270 | 3130 | 494 | 122000 | 925 | 402 | 66 | 168 | 0.007582 | -1.7 | -27 | -1.13 | | 0.70958 | 195300 |
| [1] | OT-25 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1238 | 18300 | 40300 | 3790 | 3060 | 447 | 117600 | 797 | 538 | 90 | 160 | 0.006777 | -2.0 | -27 | | | 0.71000 | 184800 |
| [1] | OT-26 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-CT | 1203 | 19200 | 41300 | 4360 | 3330 | 490 | 118500 | 857 | 256 | 81 | 171 | 0.007232 | -2.1 | -27 | | | 0.70991 | 188300 |
| [1] | OT-27 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-CT | 1287 | 20500 | 42500 | 4620 | 3490 | 505 | 123200 | 917 | 312 | 69 | 184 | 0.007443 | -1.9 | -26 | | | 0.70977 | 196000 |
| [1] | OT-28 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-CT | 1299 | 19800 | 42000 | 4320 | 3460 | 489 | 119400 | 650 | 622 | 48 | 8 | 0.005444 | | | | | 0.70980 | 190700 |
| [1] | OT-29 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1278 | 21400 | 41200 | 4670 | 3490 | 512 | 117600 | 917 | 418 | 66 | 191 | 0.007798 | -1.6 | -24 | | | 0.70985 | 190200 |
| [1] | OT-30 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 1280 | 54900 | 53200 | 7790 | 5250 | 1060 | 222000 | 1780 | 129 | 95 | 10 | 0.008018 | 0.4 | -35 | -0.31 | | 0.70827 | 346100 |
| [1] | OT-31 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1279 | 23800 | 46200 | 5070 | 3960 | 564 | 137300 | 909 | 411 | 73 | 10 | 0.006621 | -1.7 | -20 | -1.31 | | 0.70992 | 218200 |
| [1] | OT-32 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1259 | 23800 | 45900 | 5170 | 3770 | 546 | 134100 | 890 | 400 | 61 | 708 | 0.006637 | -1.5 | -25 | | | | 214600 |
| [1] | OT-33 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1289 | 21600 | 41900 | 4110 | 3890 | 518 | 117500 | 725 | 460 | 57 | 7 | 0.006170 | | | | | | 190700 |
| [1] | OT-34 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1290 | 22200 | 44100 | 4280 | 3990 | 550 | 133000 | 911 | 474 | 71 | 6 | 0.006850 | -1.8 | -29 | | | 0.71027 | 209500 |

| Author | Sample Name | Rock Type | Water Type | Depth m | Ca mg/L | Na mg/L | Mg mg/L | K mg/L | Sr mg/L | Cl mg/L | Br mg/L | SO ₄ mg/L | HCO ₃ mg/L | F mg/L | Br/Cl | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ² H (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) (‰) | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) (‰) | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | TDS mg/L |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Middle Ordovician (Trenton) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | OT-35 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1292 | 20700 | 42500 | 4090 | 3650 | 507 | 126400 | 872 | 535 | 96 | 8 | 0.006899 | -1.8 | -25 | | | 0.71010 | 199300 |
| [1] | OT-36 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1292 | 21400 | 42500 | 3960 | 3770 | 478 | 126100 | 650 | 505 | 48 | 8 | 0.005155 | | | | | | 199400 |
| [1] | OT-37 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-CT | 1288 | 20900 | 43000 | 4130 | 3760 | 508 | 125700 | 877 | 491 | 75 | 7 | 0.006977 | -1.5 | -33 | | | 0.71003 | 199400 |
| [1] | OT-38 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 1293 | 25300 | 41800 | 4720 | 3300 | 477 | 131800 | 789 | 507 | <7 | 7 | 0.005986 | -2.4 | -34 | | | 0.70994 | 208700 |
| [1] | OT-39 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 637 | 13100 | 38800 | 3670 | 2010 | 473 | 101900 | 510 | 415 | 61 | | 0.005005 | -2.7 | -26 | | | 0.70958 | 160900 |
| [1] | OT-40 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 308 | 9850 | 36400 | 3720 | 1840 | 524 | 86600 | 460 | 66 | 66 | | 0.005312 | -3.0 | -28 | -1.09 | | 0.70929 | 139500 |
| [1] | OT-41 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 310 | 10800 | 36400 | 3850 | 1850 | 496 | 87000 | 440 | 66 | 137 | | 0.005057 | -2.8 | -28 | -0.60 | | 0.70938 | 140900 |
| [1] | OT-42 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 614 | 10500 | 37500 | 3670 | 1880 | 567 | 87500 | 460 | <15 | 76 | | 0.005257 | -2.6 | -28 | | | 0.70929 | 142100 |
| [6] | UN-2 #13 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 50 | 6250 | 8120 | 1840 | 141 | 277 | 26975 | 282 | 175 | 53 | | 0.010454 | -6.4 | -52 | -0.32 | 2.15 | 0.71057 | 44113 |
| [6] | OHD-1 #13 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 204 | 26600 | 18400 | 3280 | 321 | 515 | 86700 | 755 | 125 | 41 | | 0.008708 | -6.1 | -52 | 0.09 | 1.93 | 0.70993 | 136737 |
| [6] | UN-2 #11 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 85 | 15100 | 17900 | 4080 | 271 | 705 | 63050 | 635 | 210 | 32 | | 0.010071 | -5.7 | -47 | -0.30 | 2.08 | 0.71060 | 101983 |
| Middle Ordovician (Black River) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [6] | OHD-1 #7 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 295 | 58000 | 37100 | 7080 | 636 | 1210 | 192045 | 1555 | 140 | <7 | | 0.008097 | -4.8 | -41 | 0.08 | 1.73 | 0.70981 | 297766 |
| [6] | UN-2 #5 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Mg-Cl | 175 | 36000 | 40800 | 11200 | 709 | 1130 | 159900 | 1445 | 165 | 26 | | 0.009037 | -6.0 | -46 | -0.13 | 1.18 | 0.71042 | 251375 |
| [6] | OHD-1 #5A | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 326 | 57800 | 35700 | 7100 | 641 | 1200 | 186000 | 1620 | 145 | 29 | | 0.008710 | -4.8 | -42 | | | | 290235 |
| [6] | OHD-1 #5B | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 326 | 59000 | 38500 | 7230 | 651 | 1220 | 182000 | 1595 | 155 | <7 | | 0.008764 | -4.6 | -42 | 0.32 | | | 290351 |
| [6] | OHD-1 #3 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Cl | 353 | 58500 | 35100 | 7150 | 649 | 1220 | 200500 | 817 | 150 | <7 | | 0.004075 | -4.6 | -41 | 0.11 | 1.78 | 0.70979 | 304086 |
| [6] | UN-2 #2 | Carbonate | Na-Ca-Cl | 210 | 15000 | 17400 | 4090 | 322 | 335 | 59000 | 619 | 575 | 44 | | 0.010492 | -6.7 | -49 | 0.01 | 1.92 | 0.71027 | 97385 |
| [6] | UN-2 #4 | Carbonate | Ca-Na-Mg-Cl | 190 | 23400 | 24900 | 7230 | 469 | 488 | 96000 | 935 | 520 | 45 | | 0.009740 | -5.2 | -47 | -0.14 | 1.94 | 0.71038 | 153987 |
| [6] | OHD-1 #2 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 368 | 58300 | 37600 | 7200 | 657 | 1220 | 189000 | 1620 | 155 | <7 | | 0.008571 | -4.5 | -42 | 0.10 | 1.76 | 0.70981 | 295752 |
| Early Ordovician (Prairie du Chien) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | OP-1 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 3425 | 68000 | 26700 | 7200 | 14200 | 2350 | 205000 | 1930 | 63 | <7 | | 0.009415 | -1.6 | -50 | -0.95 | -0.55 | 0.70930 | 325400 |
| [2] | LAHAR 1-7 | Sandstone | Ca-Cl | | 89200 | 30120 | 7560 | 12720 | 3632 | 245673 | 1719 | 83 | | | 0.006997 | | | -0.26 | | | 390707 |
| [2] | FOSTER 1-21 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | | 65250 | 43500 | 5568 | 9483 | 2906 | 215081 | 2311 | 43 | | | 0.010745 | | | -0.18 | | | 344142 |
| [2] | PRASS 1-12 | Sandstone | Ca-Cl | | 67600 | 22702 | 5744 | 10600 | 2848 | 179576 | 2229 | 91 | | | 0.012413 | | | -0.34 | | | 291389 |
| [1] | OP-2 | Sandstone | CaCl | 3234 | 87500 | 22600 | 8700 | 18400 | 2850 | 249700 | 1780 | <30 | <7 | | 0.007129 | | | -1.04 | -0.73 | 0.70923 | 391500 |
| Cambrian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [1] | C-1 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1217 | 47900 | 41000 | 6750 | 1410 | 1210 | 179000 | 1680 | 277 | <7 | | 0.009385 | -4.0 | -29 | -0.24 | | 0.71028 | 279200 |
| [1] | C-2 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1095 | 60000 | 47700 | 6710 | 1340 | 1640 | 218700 | 1420 | 52 | 21 | | 0.006493 | -4.4 | -28 | -0.16 | 1.17 | 0.71002 | 337600 |
| [1] | C-3 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1097 | 60200 | 48500 | 6680 | 1330 | 1690 | 205600 | 1550 | 47 | 19 | | 0.007539 | -4.6 | -28 | -0.15 | 0.93 | | 325600 |
| [1] | C-4 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1212 | 57800 | 49900 | 7710 | 1480 | 1170 | 186100 | 1710 | 96 | <7 | 11 | 0.009189 | -4.6 | -35 | -0.20 | 0.72 | 0.70990 | 306000 |
| [1] | C-5 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1070 | 32100 | 24900 | 3240 | 645 | 1010 | 110100 | 1110 | 980 | <7 | | 0.010082 | -4.1 | -36 | 0.19 | | 0.70957 | 174100 |
| [1] | C-6 | Sandstone | Na-Ca-Cl | 1011 | 22400 | 40100 | 4380 | 2060 | 418 | 108400 | 792 | 645 | <7 | 11 | 0.007306 | -1.4 | -28 | -0.50 | | 0.71007 | 179200 |
| [1] | C-7 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1209 | 46500 | 43400 | 5860 | 1380 | 1210 | 176500 | 1510 | 247 | <7 | | 0.008555 | -3.3 | -21 | | | 0.70986 | 276600 |
| [1] | C-8 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1264 | 51200 | 50800 | 6510 | 1810 | 1320 | 193400 | 2260 | 134 | <7 | | 0.011686 | -3.3 | -28 | -0.31 | 1.07 | 0.70990 | 307400 |
| [1] | C-9 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1201 | 52800 | 45000 | 7060 | 1560 | 1290 | 191800 | 1450 | 131 | 17 | | 0.007560 | -3.6 | -29 | -0.12 | 0.96 | 0.70980 | 301100 |
| [1] | C-10 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1203 | 50500 | 43600 | 6900 | 1550 | 1210 | 183800 | 1440 | 169 | 17 | | 0.007835 | -3.8 | -32 | -0.06 | | | 289200 |
| [1] | C-11 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1149 | 43600 | 47700 | 5340 | 1570 | 1130 | 168700 | 1610 | 210 | <7 | | 0.009544 | -2.0 | -24 | -0.40 | | 0.71029 | 269900 |
| [1] | C-12 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 1087 | 53500 | 42100 | 5670 | 1150 | 1230 | 183000 | 1770 | 138 | <7 | | 0.009672 | | | | | | 288600 |
| [1] | C-13 | Sandstone | Ca-Na-Cl | 887 | 54800 | 44200 | 7180 | 937 | 1210 | 194900 | 1835 | 146 | <1 | | 0.009415 | | | 0.10 | 1.51 | 0.70951 | 305200 |
| Precambrian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [6] | OHD-1 #1 | Granitic | Ca-Na-Cl | 380 | 68500 | 32200 | 5030 | 499 | 1400 | 178400 | 1635 | 143 | <1 | | 0.009165 | -5.3 | -44 | 0.30 | | | 287807 |

Table A2: Geochemical data and stable isotopes of the formation waters in southern Ontario (from Skuce et al. 2015).

| Sample ID | Formation of Origin | Ca mg/L | Na mg/L | Mg mg/L | K mg/L | Sr mg/L | Cl mg/L | Br mg/L | SO ₄ mg/L | HCO ₃ mg/L | Br/Cl | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ² H (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) (‰) | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) (‰) | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | TDS mg/L |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Port Dover Quarry | Dundee (subcrop) | 190 | 227 | 26 | 7.5 | 2.3 | 230 | <3 | 42 | 168 | 0.0130 | -7.5 | -53 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.70894 | 901 |
| T012149 (D) | Dundee (subcrop) | 487 | 846 | 155 | 33.1 | 30.3 | 2478 | 20 | 370.8 | 145 | 0.0081 | -10.8 | -74 | -0.26 | 0.78 | 0.70863 | 4678 |
| T012101 | Dundee | 149 | 627 | 99 | 20.3 | - | 1128 | 8 | 16 | - | 0.0071 | -15.7 | -111 | | | | 2518 |
| T011050 | Dundee | 140 | 587 | 51 | 55.8 | 2.7 | 910 | 3.3 | 79.5 | 522 | 0.0036 | -10.4 | -66 | 0.57 | 1.06 | 0.70858 | 2356 |
| T012150 (D) | Dundee | 834 | 1160 | 23 | 101 | 28.8 | 3900 | 24 | 180 | 146 | 0.0062 | -13.4 | -90 | 0.91 | 1.49 | 0.70833 | 6385 |
| T009537 | Dundee | 2050 | 6850 | 1460 | 216 | 46.3 | 18000 | 130 | 2100 | 351 | 0.0072 | -8.5 | -63 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.70829 | 31260 |
| T008979 | Dundee | 1110 | 4830 | 943 | 129 | 29.3 | 18000 | 76 | 540 | 276 | 0.0042 | -9.2 | -65 | 0.03 | 1.00 | 0.70842 | 25952 |
| F013661 | Dundee | 255 | 290 | 59 | 10.8 | 6.8 | 450 | <3 | 27 | 365 | 0.0067 | -11 | -75 | | | 0.70851 | 1453 |
| F005427 | Dundee | 649 | 202 | 49 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 580 | 3 | 320 | 141 | 0.0052 | -15.1 | -105 | | | | 1963 |
| T012111 | Dundee | 155 | 676 | 82 | 29 | 12.9 | 993 | ND | 18.9 | - | - | -14 | -94 | | | 0.70866 | 1976 |
| T012111 (3) | Dundee | 144 | 755 | 118 | 28.4 | 9.7 | 2600 | 13 | 260 | 3 | 0.0050 | -10.1 | -70 | 0.10 | 1.89 | 0.70862 | 3945 |
| TAQA North battery | Columbus | 183 | 830 | 149 | 22.5 | 23.5 | 1900 | 13 | 13 | 379 | 0.0068 | -15.7 | -115 | 0.21 | 0.72 | 0.70826 | 3542 |
| T009308 | Columbus | 388 | 2410 | 381 | 62.3 | 36.5 | 5600 | 33 | 17 | 646 | 0.0059 | -14.2 | -104 | 0.15 | 1.37 | 0.70812 | 9618 |
| T007578 | Columbus | 212 | 833 | 150 | 16.7 | 16.2 | 1500 | 9.8 | 39 | 339 | 0.0065 | -15.8 | -118 | 0.22 | 0.97 | 0.7083 | 3133 |
| T012124(L) | Lucas | 895 | 424 | 0.5 | 91.1 | - | 963 | 5.6 | 77 | - | 0.0058 | -13.7 | -86 | | | | 2592 |
| T012145 (L1) | Lucas | 3060 | 8312 | 1540 | 454 | 67.1 | 20077 | 133 | 1352.1 | 159 | 0.0066 | -6.6 | -43 | 0.35 | 0.58 | 0.70842 | 35688 |
| T012145 (L2) | Lucas | 1585 | 7530 | 1185 | 136 | 100 | 16378 | 86 | 1323.6 | 255 | 0.0053 | -6.6 | -39 | | | 0.70813 | 29278 |
| T012146 | Lucas | 641 | 3350 | 459 | 91.7 | 60.5 | 8300 | 31 | 640 | 101 | 0.0037 | -6.8 | -51 | 0.79 | 0.91 | 0.70809 | 13696 |
| Oil Springs 2 | Lucas | 2854 | 6474 | 1674 | 252 | 69.3 | 18680 | 137 | 937.2 | 217 | 0.0073 | -7.2 | -46 | 0.74 | 1.02 | 0.70826 | 32142 |
| Oil Springs 3 | Lucas | 3473 | 8316 | 2071 | 308 | 83.3 | 23556 | 158 | 994.9 | 201 | 0.0067 | -6.5 | -44 | 0.51 | 0.98 | 0.70823 | 40156 |
| Oil Springs 4 | Lucas | 3248 | 7811 | 1890 | 334 | 81.6 | 22938 | 321 | 948 | 210 | 0.0140 | -6.8 | -45 | | | 0.70818 | 38663 |
| T012152 (L) | Lucas | 743 | 1247 | 142 | 78 | 18.7 | 3434 | 33 | 56.7 | 160 | 0.0096 | -15.5 | -113 | 0.14 | 0.92 | 0.70921 | 5944 |
| T009650 | Lucas | 1880 | 5080 | 916 | 198 | 30.3 | 13000 | 57 | 1900 | 241 | 0.0044 | -7 | -43 | 0.92 | 0.77 | 0.70827 | 23328 |
| T005511 | Lucas | 1440 | 5770 | 928 | 135 | 30.1 | 13000 | 64 | 1900 | 308 | 0.0049 | -7 | -45 | 0.81 | 1.06 | 0.70824 | 23601 |
| LAI front battery | Lucas | 1490 | 4630 | 876 | 155 | 25.1 | 11000 | 57 | 1800 | 250 | 0.0052 | -6.5 | -42 | 0.92 | 1.49 | 0.70825 | 20339 |
| T011323 | Lucas | 1310 | 4290 | 852 | 122 | 31.5 | 11000 | 58 | 1900 | 344 | 0.0053 | -6.5 | -41 | 1.00 | 1.06 | 0.70823 | 19929 |
| T012149 (L) | Lucas | 556 | 301 | 198 | 11 | 14.6 | 355 | 1.6 | 2000 | 270 | 0.0045 | -13.8 | -95 | | | 0.70815 | 4343 |
| McGregor Quarry 1 | Lucas | 467 | 204 | 225 | 16.6 | 12.6 | 380 | <3 | 1690.1 | 125 | 0.0079 | -16.3 | -118 | 0.23 | 1.55 | 0.70836 | 3769 |
| McGregor Quarry 2-1a | Lucas | 350 | 94 | 169 | 6.2 | 12.8 | 170 | <3 | 1319.9 | 242 | 0.0176 | -16.2 | -119 | | | 0.70844 | 2792 |
| McGregor Quarry 2-1b | Lucas | 353 | 253 | 175 | - | 13.8 | 301 | - | 1401 | - | - | -16.7 | -122 | | | | 2497 |
| St. Mary's Quarry | Lucas | 146 | 64 | 32 | 2.5 | 16 | 22 | <3 | 210 | 85 | 0.1364 | -10.5 | -69 | | | 0.70815 | 580 |
| Goderich harbour well | Lucas | 519 | 102 | 114 | 1.9 | 14.9 | 230 | 3 | 1300 | 183 | 0.0130 | -12.5 | -83 | | | 0.70807 | 2474 |
| T012135 | Amherstberg | 15500 | 36100 | 3890 | 1240 | 226 | 80000 | 658 | 366 | 5 | 0.0082 | -6.7 | -53 | -0.15 | 0.45 | 0.70928 | 138066 |
| T012152 (DR) | Amherstberg | 2520 | 2680 | 1.1 | 260 | 73.3 | 9700 | 85 | 13 | 50 | 0.0088 | -8.6 | -63 | -0.04 | 0.53 | 0.70925 | 15342 |
| T012177 | Basslands | 629 | 370 | 20 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 870 | <3 | 1300 | 27 | 0.0034 | -11.2 | -74 | | | 0.70817 | 3241 |
| T012177 (2) | Basslands | 543 | 836 | 45 | 33.8 | 16.3 | 1600 | <3 | 1300 | 21 | 0.0019 | -10.5 | -77 | | | 0.70823 | 4382 |
| T002484 | Salina E-unit (subcrop) | 799 | 1320 | 149 | 80.7 | 17 | 3500 | 33 | 56 | 160 | 0.0094 | -9 | -62 | 0.40 | 1.69 | 0.70868 | 6208 |
| Sulphur Springs C. A. | Salina E-unit (subcrop) | 567 | 7 | 52 | 2.1 | 12.6 | 8.6 | 3 | 1200 | 212 | 0.3488 | -11.7 | -81 | | | 0.7085 | 2070 |

| Sample ID | Formation of Origin | Ca mg/L | Na mg/L | Mg mg/L | K mg/L | Sr mg/L | Cl mg/L | Br mg/L | SO ₄ mg/L | HCO ₃ mg/L | Br/Cl | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ² H (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) (‰) | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) (‰) | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | TDS mg/L |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Brantford spring | Salina A-2 (subcrop) | 567 | 61 | 28 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 500 | 0.3 | 38 | 284 | 0.0006 | -10.2 | -69 | | | 0.70881 | 1488 |
| Goderich salt mine N | Salina A-2 carbonate | 84085 | 31007 | 15177 | 7431 | 1470 | 240000 | 3502 | 89 | 22 | 0.0146 | 4 | -41 | 0.02 | 0.21 | 0.7086 | 383732 |
| T007498 | Salina A-2 carbonate | 38900 | 91900 | 6050 | 5690 | 747 | 245695 | 1936 | 200 | 38 | 0.0079 | -1.6 | -37 | 0.35 | 0.70 | 0.70887 | 391550 |
| T008641 | Salina A-2 carbonate | 57700 | 79300 | 8940 | 5600 | 1070 | 220000 | 1800 | 230 | 5 | 0.0082 | -0.6 | -37 | 0.27 | 0.79 | 0.70856 | 374770 |
| T008633 | Salina A-1 carbonate | 35982 | 62939 | 7680 | 2660 | 708 | 191512 | 1863 | 244 | <2 | 0.0097 | -1.2 | -32 | -0.21 | 0.13 | 0.70946 | 303892 |
| T007583 | Salina A-1 carbonate | 54222 | 52336 | 8269 | 3654 | 924 | 207443 | 2734 | 150 | <2 | 0.0132 | -0.7 | -38 | -0.40 | -1.29 | 0.70848 | 330281 |
| T001539 | Salina A-1 carbonate | 74600 | 48300 | 14100 | 7330 | 1240 | 370000 | 2700 | 110 | <2 | 0.0073 | 1.5 | -47 | -0.23 | -0.05 | 0.7085 | 518533 |
| T011888 | Salina A-1 carbonate | 42100 | 46100 | 8300 | 6910 | 839 | 180000 | 1800 | 250 | 84 | 0.0100 | -2.7 | -49 | -0.32 | -0.21 | 0.70879 | 286440 |
| T008596 | Salina A-1 carbonate | 39900 | 79200 | 9270 | 4880 | 946 | 190000 | 1300 | 360 | 16 | 0.0068 | -4.2 | -50 | -0.20 | -0.13 | 0.70839 | 325930 |
| T003536 | Salina A-1 carbonate | 35600 | 99600 | 13500 | 4130 | 780 | 210000 | 1700 | 250 | 5 | 0.0081 | -0.8 | -34 | -0.28 | 0.31 | 0.70928 | 365643 |
| T008657-1 | Guelph | 11886 | 36917 | 2617 | 697 | 185 | 100904 | 501 | 624 | - | 0.0050 | -4.1 | -43 | | | | 154554 |
| T008657-2 | Guelph | 26665 | 85500 | 5874 | 1623 | 408 | 180000 | 920 | 330 | 2 | 0.0051 | -3.2 | -41 | 0.20 | 0.07 | 0.70877 | 301858 |
| T002235-1 | Guelph | 6780 | 112000 | 987 | 600 | 143 | 180000 | 260 | 1200 | 4 | 0.0014 | -11.1 | -77 | 0.31 | 0.06 | 0.7088 | 302015 |
| T002235-2 | Guelph | 6800 | 143300 | 1100 | 605 | 161 | 160000 | 280 | 1400 | 4 | 0.0018 | -2.6 | -37 | | | | 313207 |
| T012124 (G) - A | Guelph | 36432 | 47580 | 7862 | 2121 | - | 169944 | 1741 | 203 | - | 0.0102 | -2.5 | -36 | | | | 265883 |
| T012124 (G) - B | Guelph | 35863 | 46874 | 7707 | 2033 | - | 170591 | 1769 | 201 | - | 0.0104 | -2.7 | -33 | -0.24 | 0.56 | 0.7092 | 265039 |
| T012150 (G) | Guelph | 20100 | 98000 | 4850 | 2790 | 403 | 160000 | 1200 | 660 | 93 | 0.0075 | -1.2 | -39 | -0.20 | -0.49 | 0.70928 | 288158 |
| North Seckerton battery | Guelph | 43200 | 56100 | 6850 | 3540 | 1140 | 170000 | 1800 | 340 | 16 | 0.0106 | -1.3 | -33 | -0.23 | -0.22 | 0.70928 | 283048 |
| Corunna battery | Guelph | 44700 | 76600 | 6700 | 4100 | 943 | 220000 | 2100 | 250 | <2 | 0.0095 | -0.1 | -41 | -0.31 | -0.77 | 0.70927 | 355477 |
| Seckerton battery | Guelph | 69600 | 52700 | 8210 | 4810 | 1210 | 180000 | 2800 | 130 | 13 | 0.0156 | 0.7 | -38 | -0.30 | -0.42 | 0.70911 | 319540 |
| Ladysmith battery | Guelph | 70300 | 54896 | 10620 | 5550 | 1310 | 240000 | 2600 | 130 | <2 | 0.0108 | 2.4 | -49 | -0.46 | -0.52 | 0.7092 | 385484 |
| Moore Brine Facility | Guelph | 102000 | 72600 | 16800 | 5420 | 1420 | 240000 | 2800 | 120 | 3 | 0.0117 | 1.9 | -43 | -0.40 | -0.82 | 0.70937 | 441259 |
| Den-Mar Brine Facility | Guelph | 99500 | 61700 | 13700 | 6020 | 1550 | 230000 | 3000 | 130 | 26 | 0.0130 | -0.3 | -38 | -0.10 | 0.78 | 0.71049 | 415714 |
| T004912 | Guelph | 91900 | 71000 | 5660 | 1570 | 2030 | 190000 | 1800 | 100 | <2 | 0.0095 | -5.6 | -40 | 0.09 | -0.55 | 0.70917 | 364171 |
| T004678 | Guelph | 13800 | 38000 | 3120 | 1190 | 294 | 95000 | 710 | 1000 | 70 | 0.0075 | -2.8 | -40 | -0.03 | -0.21 | 0.7089 | 153210 |
| T005442 | Guelph | 30700 | 106000 | 5740 | 3430 | 817 | 200000 | 1300 | 360 | 31 | 0.0065 | -6.6 | -57 | -0.17 | 0.05 | 0.70915 | 348436 |
| Lowrie Dawn battery | Guelph | 18700 | 52000 | 4360 | 1730 | 423 | 110000 | 890 | 140 | 5 | 0.0081 | -1.3 | -52 | -0.34 | 0.08 | 0.7088 | 188314 |
| T010097 | Guelph | 80825 | 31308 | 13753 | 3696 | 1306 | 222203 | 3853 | 95 | <2 | 0.0173 | -6.9 | -63 | 0.02 | -0.21 | 0.70854 | 358146 |
| T001521 | Guelph | 21400 | 83400 | 4950 | 2670 | 415 | 120000 | 970 | 740 | <2 | 0.0081 | -3 | -36 | | | | 234622 |
| T008932 | Clinton-Cataract | 37804 | 50782 | 6599 | 1207 | - | 152763 | 1566 | 421 | - | 0.0103 | -3.2 | -47 | | | | 251142 |
| T008812 | Clinton-Cataract | 31237 | 47267 | 5679 | 1086 | - | 135938 | 1324 | 458 | - | 0.0097 | -4.1 | -38 | | | 0.71033 | 222989 |
| T011830 | Clinton-Cataract | 29300 | 48200 | 5510 | 765 | 543 | 150000 | 1100 | 560 | <2 | 0.0073 | -4 | -39 | | | | 236120 |
| T010691 | Clinton-Cataract | 27307 | 40097 | 6138 | 978 | - | 122542 | 1133 | 519 | - | 0.0092 | -3.1 | -48 | | | | 198714 |
| T011549 | Clinton-Cataract | 30052 | 45848 | 6326 | 1070 | - | 145041 | 1408 | 475 | - | 0.0097 | -2.9 | -36 | | | | 230220 |
| T005741 | Clinton-Cataract | 33932 | 48770 | 5631 | 1024 | - | 150503 | 1511 | 340 | - | 0.0100 | -3.5 | -54 | | | | 241711 |
| T004185 | Clinton-Cataract | 35462 | 50741 | 6416 | 1177 | - | 153560 | 1562 | 297 | - | 0.0102 | -0.9 | -39 | 0.29 | 1.59 | 0.71045 | 249215 |
| T003188 | Clinton-Cataract | 58000 | 59300 | 10800 | 1670 | 1220 | 250000 | 2400 | 180 | <2 | 0.0096 | -1.9 | -42 | 0.25 | 1.50 | 0.71036 | 383666 |
| T011814 | Clinton-Cataract | 53000 | 59500 | 9920 | 1700 | 1130 | 280000 | 1900 | 260 | <2 | 0.0068 | -1.2 | -20 | -0.13 | 0.35 | 0.71035 | 407661 |

| Sample ID | Formation of Origin | Ca mg/L | Na mg/L | Mg mg/L | K mg/L | Sr mg/L | Cl mg/L | Br mg/L | SO ₄ mg/L | HCO ₃ mg/L | Br/Cl | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ² H (VSMOW) (‰) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) (‰) | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) (‰) | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | TDS mg/L |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| T009153 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 27300 | 57400 | 5610 | 3340 | 768 | 180000 | 1100 | 330 | <2 | 0.0061 | -1.5 | -22 | -0.45 | 0.77 | 0.7103 | 275902 |
| T010019 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 27800 | 79000 | 6220 | 3120 | 871 | 150000 | 1200 | 360 | <2 | 0.0080 | -1.6 | -20 | -0.37 | 0.43 | 0.71055 | 268628 |
| T007330 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 28500 | 57500 | 5710 | 3120 | 631 | 170000 | 1200 | 350 | <2 | 0.0071 | -1.7 | -24 | 0.31 | 0.58 | 0.71042 | 267071 |
| T007636 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 28950 | 62900 | 5730 | 3070 | 634 | 160000 | 1300 | 380 | <2 | 0.0081 | -1.5 | -22 | -0.28 | 0.89 | 0.7104 | 263024 |
| T008358 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 30100 | 75700 | 6620 | 3200 | 758 | 170000 | 1200 | 400 | 20 | 0.0071 | -1.4 | -23 | -0.41 | 0.52 | 0.71038 | 288050 |
| T009605 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 32500 | 89400 | 7360 | 3730 | 965 | 150000 | 1200 | 300 | <2 | 0.0080 | -1.4 | -21 | -0.47 | 0.29 | 0.71032 | 285523 |
| T007954 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 27400 | 58100 | 6067 | 3100 | 806 | 170000 | 1200 | 210 | 3 | 0.0071 | -1.6 | -18 | -0.44 | 0.38 | 0.71034 | 266940 |
| T008313 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 27900 | 61100 | 6200 | 3090 | 686 | 160000 | 1200 | 360 | 8 | 0.0075 | -0.9 | -31 | -0.11 | 0.65 | 0.71031 | 260593 |
| T008057 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 70900 | 85900 | 9180 | 3940 | 1220 | 230000 | 1600 | 300 | <2 | 0.0070 | -1.8 | -27 | -0.49 | 0.70 | 0.71033 | 403179 |
| T009859 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 38900 | 63100 | 8080 | 3600 | 843 | 190000 | 1600 | 250 | <2 | 0.0084 | -1.2 | -25 | -0.16 | 0.30 | 0.71011 | 306446 |
| T007240 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 42700 | 71900 | 7620 | 2890 | 1070 | 230000 | 2000 | 200 | <2 | 0.0087 | -1.5 | -24 | -0.19 | 0.38 | 0.71008 | 358453 |
| T006658A | Trenton-BlackRiver | 41335 | 65700 | 7090 | 2800 | 956 | 182278 | 1935 | 197 | <2 | 0.0106 | -2.6 | -11 | | | 0.70991 | 302689 |
| T007793 | Trenton-BlackRiver | 1360 | 1830 | 321 | 46 | 10.1 | 4143 | 22 | 7.2 | <2 | 0.0053 | -2 | -36 | -0.14 | 0.74 | 0.70988 | 7934 |
| T005912 | Cambrian | 85000 | 86500 | 8440 | 2490 | 1510 | 210000 | 2100 | 140 | 3 | 0.0100 | -1.5 | -28 | -0.22 | 0.00 | 0.70951 | 396232 |
| T001591 | Cambrian | 37300 | 90100 | 8220 | 4000 | 766 | 200000 | 2000 | 220 | 8 | 0.0100 | -3.4 | -25 | -0.09 | 1.21 | 0.7098 | 342669 |
| T001303 | Cambrian | 48800 | 62000 | 6760 | 2200 | 1420 | 200000 | 2300 | 220 | <2 | 0.0115 | -2.6 | -34 | -0.10 | 1.01 | 0.70979 | 323747 |
| T011362 | Cambrian | 94200 | 72200 | 8540 | 2780 | 1750 | 220000 | 2300 | 160 | <2 | 0.0105 | -2.7 | -39 | | | | 402027 |
| T001343 | Cambrian | 37600 | 50400 | 6240 | 1950 | 889 | 170000 | 1900 | 470 | <2 | 0.0112 | -3.6 | -27 | -0.14 | 0.99 | 0.70983 | 269504 |
| T008532 | Cambrian | 56634 | 49690 | 6740 | 1232 | 1385 | 191086 | 2390 | 120 | <2 | 0.0125 | -4.3 | -38 | 0.30 | 1.54 | 0.7093 | 309954 |
| T008532 (2) | Cambrian | 78200 | 47400 | 9590 | 1760 | 1910 | 240000 | 2400 | 120 | <2 | 0.0100 | -3.6 | -44 | 0.27 | 1.50 | 0.7093 | 381499 |
| T007369 | Cambrian | 47535 | 50228 | 5768 | 1615 | 1131 | 180000 | 1800 | 200 | <2 | 0.0100 | -2 | -20 | -0.23 | 0.19 | 0.71033 | 288769 |
| T007369 (2) | Cambrian | 46700 | 64300 | 6250 | 2390 | 1170 | 300000 | 1800 | 240 | <2 | 0.0060 | -1.9 | -24 | -0.27 | 0.45 | 0.71027 | 422936 |
| F014364 | uncertain shallow aquifer | 17 | 80 | 9 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 20 | <3 | 22 | 259 | 0.1500 | -10.2 | -70 | | | 0.70919 | 419 |
| F020066 / T012165 | uncertain shallow aquifer | 615 | 330 | 182 | 18.2 | 12 | 760 | 8.7 | 1800 | 81 | 0.0114 | -10.7 | -73 | -0.01 | 1.90 | 0.70895 | 3814 |
| T012116 | uncertain shallow aquifer | 637 | 30 | 37 | 3.9 | 8.1 | 80 | 0.7 | 640 | 163 | 0.0088 | -10.3 | -70 | | | 0.70843 | 1602 |
| Hemlock Creek 1 | uncertain shallow aquifer | 70 | 36 | 27 | 5.7 | 1.2 | 63 | 0.3 | 120 | 166 | 0.0048 | -9.8 | -68 | | | 0.70894 | 493 |
| Ancaster sulphur spring | uncertain shallow aquifer | 750 | 1450 | 182 | 59 | 34.3 | 4000 | 43 | 420 | 181 | 0.0108 | -10.6 | -69 | -0.11 | 2.21 | 0.70995 | 7130 |
| Church Road Spring | uncertain shallow aquifer | 710 | 461 | 227 | 42.3 | 12.8 | 960 | 11 | 1800 | 160 | 0.0115 | -12.1 | -90 | | | 0.70881 | 4391 |
| Twelve Mile Creek | uncertain shallow aquifer | 114 | 37 | 39 | 3.1 | 1 | 68 | 0.5 | 72 | 383 | 0.0074 | -10.5 | -78 | | | 0.71072 | 724 |
| TAQA North flood water | drift aquifer | 77 | 197 | 38 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 620 | 3 | 2 | 249 | 0.0048 | -16.5 | -121 | | | 0.70876 | 1209 |
| T0121355 | probably Dundee/Lucas | 192 | 1320 | 178 | 30.3 | 11.1 | 1500 | 11 | 110 | 281 | 0.0073 | -14.2 | -98 | | | 0.70871 | 3673 |

Table A3: Geochemistry and stable water isotopes of the porewaters from DGR-3 at the Bruce Nuclear Site. (Due to potential errors in crush and leach preparation the $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ and $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ isotopic values for DGR-3 are suspect and not used in the discussion)

Note: Geochemical, ^{18}O and ^2H analyses are from Clark et al. (2010). The analytical precisions for the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^2\text{H}$, $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ and $\delta^{81}\text{Br}$ isotopic values are $\pm 0.15\text{‰}$, $\pm 1.50\text{‰}$, $\pm 0.15\text{‰}$ and $\pm 0.09\text{‰}$, respectively.

| Borehole | Depth rel. to DGR1/2 (m) | Stratigraphic Unit | Cl (mg/L) | Br (mg/L) | Sr (mg/L) | K (mg/L) | Na (mg/L) | Ca (mg/L) | Mg (mg/L) | SO ₄ (mg/L) | HCO ₃ (mg/L) | δ ³⁷ Cl (SMOC) ‰ | δ ⁸¹ Br (SMOB) ‰ | δ ¹⁸ O (VSMOW) ‰ | δ ² H (VSMOW) ‰ |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| DGR3 161.67-4 | 142.91 | Bass Islands | 2249 | | 1086 | 141 | 2529 | 3274 | 1371 | 13737 | | | | -14.3 | -107 |
| DGR3 187.72-8 | 169.72 | Salina G | 389 | 1 | 175 | 246 | 874 | 8256 | 1833 | 28530 | 93 | | | -11.2 | -107 |
| DGR3 198.96-8 | 181.13 | Salina F | 8984 | 1 | 149 | 704 | 5862 | 10260 | 1322 | 35350 | | | | -8.0 | -80 |
| DGR3 207.94-4 | 190.39 | Salina F | 20293 | 19 | 149 | 860 | 12645 | 8216 | 812 | 28242 | | | | -7.9 | -70 |
| DGR3 248.47-4 | 230.45 | Salina E | 45639 | 41 | 184 | 1095 | 34853 | 12745 | 814 | 50239 | 158 | | | -10.3 | -72 |
| DGR3 270.29-4 | 250.26 | Salina C | 138813 | 117 | 61 | 12 | 345 | 10581 | 126 | 27377 | | | | | |
| DGR3 274.38-4 | 255.66 | Salina C | 179481 | 141 | 166 | 1408 | 110789 | 19678 | 1184 | 55715 | | | | -11.9 | -61 |
| DGR3 298.73-4 | 285.93 | Salina B evap | 193254 | 249 | | | | | | | 8 | | | -8.3 | -67 |
| DGR3 311.79-3 | 299.70 | Salina A2 carb | 74870 | 100 | 718 | 821 | 54762 | 6853 | 3621 | 27953 | 126 | 0.86 | | -9.7 | -70 |
| DGR3 348.31-2 | 333.95 | Salina A1 carb | 54775 | 30 | 1174 | 1408 | 62142 | 43845 | 9090 | 190679 | 821 | | | | |
| DGR3 379.89-2 | 367.07 | Salina A1 carb | 173422 | 1157 | | | | | | | 2747 | | | | |
| DGR3 399.31-2 | 385.90 | Goat Island | 208995 | 2101 | 1726 | 16108 | 64142 | 118911 | 23406 | 228623 | 1403 | | -0.19 | | |
| DGR3 417.60-5 | 404.84 | Goat Island-Fossil Hill | 577210 | 2843 | 3356 | 6256 | 243418 | 80877 | 32739 | 73774 | 652 | -0.09 | -0.22 | | |
| DGR3 432.79-4 | 420.63 | Cabot Head | 221439 | 2482 | 1700 | 14818 | 46532 | 57071 | 12590 | 672 | 104 | 0.20 | 0.85 | -2.4 | -49 |
| DGR3 445.08-1 | 432.47 | Cabot Head | 228204 | 2952 | 1709 | 17320 | 47727 | 68974 | 13854 | 31316 | 220 | 0.12 | | -3.5 | -51 |
| DGR3 453.95-6 | 442.45 | Manitoulin | 253808 | 3187 | 2173 | 17281 | 57107 | 139512 | 32277 | 202687 | | | 1.37 | | |
| DGR3 462.01-1 | 452.39 | Queenston | 227084 | 2970 | 1498 | 16929 | 52164 | 75066 | 12809 | 44668 | 510 | | 1.17 | -3.1 | -46 |
| DGR3 478.13-4 | 467.63 | Queenston | 226796 | 3162 | 1157 | 14584 | 47038 | 47813 | 14705 | 2786 | | 0.07 | 0.00 | -2.8 | -49 |
| DGR3 496.75-2 | 485.24 | Queenston | 215685 | 2616 | 1174 | 17516 | 47819 | 48294 | 13392 | 11815 | | 0.47 | 0.49 | -2.6 | -48 |
| DGR3 517.30-6 | 504.67 | Queenston | 216029 | 2300 | 1297 | 16147 | 48417 | 51580 | 11180 | 20941 | | 0.03 | 0.15 | -3.2 | -49 |
| DGR3 539.46-1 | 526.26 | Georgian Bay | 280610 | 2520 | 1586 | 15913 | 79453 | 53544 | 14632 | 18636 | | -0.09 | 1.52 | -2.6 | -47 |
| DGR3 559.95-5 | 547.26 | Georgian Bay | 218713 | 2279 | 1533 | 15483 | 53498 | 53143 | 9285 | 7012 | | -0.27 | 0.43 | -3.1 | -49 |
| DGR3 581.28-3 | 569.12 | Georgian Bay | 212431 | 2371 | 1542 | 16030 | 54325 | 50138 | 12614 | 25648 | 5628 | 0.19 | 1.59 | -3.9 | -54 |
| DGR3 604.99-1 | 593.42 | Georgian Bay | 205727 | 2145 | 1446 | 13880 | 51176 | 49857 | 8774 | 20173 | 2413 | 0.04 | 0.57 | -3.4 | -56 |
| DGR3 629.38-7 | 617.87 | Blue Mountain | 216682 | 2267 | 1770 | 15756 | 64004 | 65047 | 10232 | 19212 | | -0.26 | 1.20 | -4.5 | -59 |
| DGR3 641.00-1 | 628.76 | Blue Mountain | 211842 | 2040 | 1586 | 12863 | 57935 | 59035 | 8823 | 20845 | 1719 | 0.19 | | -4.5 | -57 |
| DGR3 651.99-8 | 639.71 | Blue Mountain | 207166 | 1958 | | | | | | | 2059 | -0.03 | | -4.6 | -49 |
| DGR3 662.21-2 | 649.58 | Blue Mountain | 205323 | 1870 | | | | | | | 5445 | -0.25 | 0.63 | -6.0 | -68 |
| DGR3 675.69-5 | 662.27 | Cobourg | 206372 | 2083 | 1770 | 16265 | 71775 | 48454 | 22142 | 48126 | 2370 | -0.60 | 0.70 | -5.0 | -49 |
| DGR3 685.04-5 | 671.89 | Cobourg | 191918 | 1976 | 1411 | 16108 | 61843 | 42443 | 18302 | 53890 | | -0.87 | 0.56 | | |
| DGR3 702.54-5 | 689.73 | Sherman Fall | 208297 | 2044 | 1735 | 17047 | 64740 | 88051 | 30673 | 141208 | 4148 | -0.52 | 1.02 | -5.5 | -72 |
| DGR3 723.88-1 | 710.42 | Sherman Fall | 160726 | 1486 | 1016 | 15366 | 55958 | 37232 | 9528 | 34293 | 8113 | -1.02 | 1.06 | -6.4 | -48 |
| DGR3 737.74-2 | 724.10 | Kirkfield | 155745 | 1322 | 771 | 9696 | 52210 | 23726 | 5080 | 2786 | 7108 | 0.23 | 0.69 | -6.3 | -55 |
| DGR3 765.95-1 | 752.34 | Kirkfield | 147804 | 1209 | 789 | 8875 | 52279 | 22684 | 5858 | 3650 | 6605 | -0.20 | 0.52 | -7.2 | -64 |
| DGR3 783.2-5 | 769.38 | Coboconk | 184285 | 1522 | 1384 | 4496 | 54555 | 37072 | 18472 | 21133 | | -0.08 | 0.47 | -5.7 | -41 |
| DGR3 800.18-1 | 785.91 | Sherman Fall | 109780 | 947 | 421 | 6412 | 51314 | 16713 | 6878 | 16042 | 35423 | -0.57 | 0.66 | -8.3 | -50 |
| DGR3 803.14 | 788.84 | Sherman Fall | | | | | | | | | | -1.02 | 1.03 | | |
| DGR3 810.98 | 796.68 | Gull River | | | | | | | | | | -0.36 | 0.52 | | |
| DGR3 814.42-1 | 800.68 | Gull River | 158415 | 1448 | 815 | 3206 | 46325 | 30259 | 15312 | 9126 | 4671 | -0.73 | 0.99 | -6.4 | -47 |
| DGR3 818.45 | 804.82 | Gull River | | | | | | | | | | -0.97 | 0.57 | | |
| DGR3 823.95 | 809.65 | Gull River | | | | | | | | | | -0.21 | 0.83 | | |
| DGR3 831.67 | 817.37 | Gull River | | | | | | | | | | -0.96 | 0.83 | | |
| DGR3 838.56 | 824.26 | Gull River | | | | | | | | | | -0.69 | 0.63 | | |
| DGR3 842.74 | 828.44 | Gull River | | | | | | | | | | -0.61 | 1.31 | | |
| DGR3 851.96-6 | 839.71 | Shadow Lake | 147272 | 1111 | 771 | 2737 | 43405 | 34748 | 5736 | 2017 | | -0.35 | 1.41 | -6.3 | -47 |
| DGR3 855.66-5 | 843.96 | Cambrian | 166381 | 1425 | 929 | 2541 | 45658 | 35108 | 11423 | 2113 | | -0.56 | 1.34 | -5.4 | -48 |