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A Department of Energy geologic carbon sequestration site selection goal is to ensure, through numerical modeling and simulation that no more than 1% of injected CO₂ escape within 1000 years after injection. To predict long-term retention of CO₂ in a reservoir, the interaction of geochemical and geomechanical effects of injection must be modeled. The transport of gas phase CO₂ through microfractures, at the 100-micrometer scale, in porous sandstone and shale could lead to unwanted release of CO₂ back into the atmosphere. We model the buoyancy driven flow of a two-phase system consisting of a CO₂-H₂O vapor mixture phase, and an aqueous phase, composed of formation water, dissolved CO₂, and charged solutes formed from mineral dissolution. This two-phase system forms a plume of gaseous and aqueous CO₂ that can migrate upward due to differences in density between CO₂-rich phases and the surrounding formation fluid. We model the gas phase CO₂-H₂O composition using a Redlich and Kwong equation of state (EOS) with mixing rules, and the aqueous phase composition using the revised Helgeson Kirkham Flowers model for approximating thermodynamic properties of aqueous electrolytic solutions at high temperatures and pressures. Pitzer equations are used to compute solute activity coefficients. (Received September 26, 2017)