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## Multiscale Finite-Volume methods for subsurface flow

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## **Dynamic contact angle**



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## Outline

- Darcy-scale description of subsurface flow
  - Darcy, REV, balance equation
  - Flow and transport
  - Numerical discretization
- From Darcy-scale to reservoir scale
  - Upscaling vs. Multiscale (Up-/Down-scaling)
- The Multiscale Finite-Volume method
  - Conceptual
  - Basis functions, "correction function"
  - Matrix formulation
- Iterative Multiscale FV method
  - Improved localization
- Adaptivity
  - Coupling flow and transport
  - Adaptive up-/downscaling
  - Adaptive improvement of boundary conditions

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• Pore-scale simulations



## **Representative Elementary Volume (REV)**

• Porosity,  $\phi$ 



#### **Average flow rate**



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## **Darcy's law**

- Flux linearly proportional to pressure gradient •
- One of the empirical linear laws of the 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - Fourier's law (heat) [1822], Ohm's law (electric current) [1827], Fick's law (concentration) [1855]

 $[kg/m^3]$ 

[Pa s]

 $[m^3/s]$ 

[m<sup>2</sup>]

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• 
$$u = \frac{Q}{A}$$
 specific flux (or Darcy «velocity»)

$$\boldsymbol{u} = -\frac{\mathbf{k}}{\mu} (\nabla p - \rho \boldsymbol{g})$$

- Darcy velocity [m] U
- permeability tensor  $[m^2]$ k [Pa]
- pressure p
- density ρ
- viscosity μ
- gravity accelration  $[m/s^2]$ g
- flow rate Q
- section A



Darcy, Henry (1856). Les fontaines publiques de la ville de Dijon. Paris: Dalmont.



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## **Mechanical energy**

$$E = pV + mgz + \frac{mv^2}{2}_{\text{Small in porous media}}$$

Darcy (over damped)

Bernoulli (inviscid flow)

$$\frac{\Delta E}{V} = 0$$
  $\frac{\Delta E}{V} \sim L \cdot \frac{\mu}{k} v$  Viscous loss

Hydraulic head (mechanical energy per unit weight)

$$h = \frac{E}{mg} = \frac{\rho Vg}{mg}(h - z) + z \qquad \qquad \blacksquare \qquad \mathbf{u} = -K\nabla h$$

Groundwater potential (mechanical energy per unit volume)



## **Balance equation (with internal sources)**



Change in the volume = Flux across the surface + Sources in the volume

$$\frac{d}{dt}M_V = F_S + Q_V$$

$$egin{array}{rcl} \displaystyle \int_V rac{\partial}{\partial t} m \; d\omega & = & - \oint_S oldsymbol{j} \cdot oldsymbol{ds} + \int_V q \; d\omega \ & = & \int_V (- 
abla \cdot oldsymbol{j} + q) \; d\omega \end{array}$$

Control Volume, V Control surface, S=∂V

Balance equation in differential form

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}m + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{j} = q$$



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## **System of equations**

• Flow and (ideal tracer) transport: linear flow

$$\begin{cases} \beta \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{k}{\mu} \left( \nabla p - \rho \boldsymbol{g} \right) \right] = w \\ \boldsymbol{u} = -\frac{k}{\mu} \left( \nabla p - \rho \boldsymbol{g} \right) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \phi c \right) + \nabla \cdot \left[ c \boldsymbol{u} - \left( \mathbf{D}_d + D_m^* \right) \nabla c \right] = q_c \end{cases}$$

 $\rho = \rho(c)$ 

- Further complications: nonlinear flow
  - Density driven
  - Reactive transport  $\phi = \phi(c)$
  - Multiphase flow

$$\begin{array}{ll} k=k(c) & p=p^*+p_c(c) & \left[ \begin{array}{c} D=D(k,p_c)=D(c) \end{array} \right] \\ c\to S & \mbox{Saturation (pore-volume fraction occupied by the phase)} \end{array}$$

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[ possibly  $\mu = \mu(c)$  ]

#### Weighted residual method



#### **Weighted residual method: Finite-Volume**



$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_j} m(\boldsymbol{x}) d\boldsymbol{x} + \oint_{\partial\Omega_j} \boldsymbol{f}(m(\boldsymbol{x})) \cdot \boldsymbol{n} d\boldsymbol{x} - \int_{\Omega_j} q(m(\boldsymbol{x})) d\boldsymbol{x} = 0 \qquad j = 1, 2, ..., N$$
$$V_{ij} = \int_{\Omega_j} \varphi_i(\boldsymbol{x}) d\boldsymbol{x} \qquad A_{ij} = \oint_{\partial\Omega_j} \boldsymbol{f}(\varphi_i(\boldsymbol{x})) \cdot \boldsymbol{n} d\boldsymbol{x} \qquad Q_{ij} = \int_{\Omega_j} q(\varphi_i(\boldsymbol{x})) d\boldsymbol{x}$$

$$\sum_{i} V_{ij} \frac{d}{dt} m_i + \sum_{i} A_{ij} m_i - \sum_{i} Q_{ij} m_i = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, ..., N$$



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# Finite-volume discretization of the balance equation



Change in the volume = Flux across the surface + Sources in the volume

$$\frac{d}{dt}M_V = F_S + Q_V$$

$$V_{C}\frac{d}{dt}m_{C} + F_{CN} + F_{CE} + F_{CS} + F_{CW} + F_{CU} + F_{CB} = Q_{C}$$



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#### **Finite Volume: spatial discretization**

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{f}(m) = q(m)$$
Balance equation with source term
$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial m}{\partial t} d\omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{f}(m) d\omega = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} m \ d\omega + \oint_{\partial\Omega} \boldsymbol{f}(m) \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \ da = \int_{\Omega} q(m) d\omega$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} m \ d\omega = V_C \frac{d}{dt} m_C$$
$$\oint_{\partial \Omega} \boldsymbol{f}(m) \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \ da = F_{CN} + F_{CE} + F_{CS} + F_{CW}$$
$$\int_{\Omega} q(m) \ d\omega = V_C q(m_C)$$

$$F_{CW}$$

$$F_{CW}$$

$$F_{CE}$$

$$F_{CS}$$

$$V_{C}\frac{d}{dt}m_{C} + F_{CN} + F_{CE} + F_{CS} + F_{CW} = V_{C}q(m_{C})$$



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## **Finite Volume: five-point stencil**

$$f(m) = -D\nabla m$$
 e.g.: linear diffusive flux

$$F_{NC} = \int_{\partial \Omega_{NC}} -D\nabla m \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \, da \approx -A_N [D]_{NC} \frac{m_N - m_C}{x_N - x_C} = T_{NC} (m_N - m_C)$$





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## **Finite Volume: five-point stencil**

- The coefficient matrix is penta-diagonal (5pt stencil!)
  - Only the element on 5 diagonals can be nonzero
  - 🔪 = non zero diagonals
  - N-pt stencil => N-diagonal





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## **Finite Volume: nine-point stencil (2D)**

- The coefficient matrix is ennea-diagonal (9pt stencil!)
  - Only the element on 9 diagonals can be nonzero
  - 🔪 = non zero diagonals
  - N-pt stencil => N-diagonal







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#### **One, two, three dimensions**





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## The upscaling (coarsening) approach

Heterogeneous permeability

Saturation field





Global problem (coarse-grained)





Unphysical "mixing": Higher solution or reaction rate, instability damping, etc.



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#### The Multiscale approach

Heterogeneous permeability

Saturation field









## **Multiscale Finite Volume (conceptual): operators**

Localized problems (<u>UP-&-DOWN-</u>scaling)

Global problem (coarse-grained)



[Pictorial representation: we actually use two coarse grids in full analogy with finite-volume (control-volume) discretization]



#### **Multiscale Finite Volume (conceptual): iterative**

$$p^{\mu} = p^{\mu-1} + \omega^{\mu-1} M^{-1} E(r - A p^{\mu-1})$$

Richardson iterations with GMRES (but only if more accurate localization is needed)





#### **Computational costs vs. accuracy**



## Multiscale Finite-Volume (MsFV) Method

 $-\nabla\cdot\boldsymbol{v}=\nabla\cdot\mathbf{K}\nabla p=r$ 

1) Compute an approximate pressure

 $p\approx \cup_e \tilde{p}|_{\tilde{\Omega}^e}$ 

2) Compute (construct) an approximate, but <u>conservative</u> velocity

 $oldsymbol{v} pprox \cup_i oldsymbol{v}|_{ar{\Omega}_i}$ 

3) Then solve transport (sequential implicit coupling)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\phi S_{\alpha}) + \nabla \cdot (f_{\alpha}\boldsymbol{v}) - q_{\alpha} = 0$$



A	0	0	]	p		r
$B_{vp}$	$B_{vv}$	0		v	=	$q_v$
$C_{sp}$	$C_{sv}$	$C_{ss}$		S		$q_s$



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#### **Basis functions and correction function**



Extension of bilinear basis functions, K(x)





MsFV basis functions take into account heterogeneity (also MsFE, Hou and Wu, JCP, 1997)

Bilinear basis function



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#### **Basis functions and correction function**

$$p|_{\tilde{\Omega}^e} = \sum_j \tilde{\varphi}^e_j p_j + \tilde{\varphi}^e_*$$

homogeneous solution



basis functions: describe viscous forces

(Jenny, Lee and Tchelepi, JCP, 2003)

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particular solution





correction function: remaining physics and source terms

(Lunati and Jenny, CMWR, 2006; Comp. Geosci., 2008)

#### **Coarse problem**

$$p|_{ ilde{\Omega}^e} = \sum_j ilde{arphi}_j^e p_j + ilde{arphi}_*^e$$
  
 $w_i(oldsymbol{x}) = \chi_{ar{\Omega}_i}(oldsymbol{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & ext{if } oldsymbol{x} \in ar{\Omega}_i \\ 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

The coarse problem is obtained integrating over the coarse control volume,  $\bar{\Omega}_i$ 

$$M_{ij} = -\sum_{e} \int_{\partial \bar{\Omega}_{i} \cap \tilde{\Omega}^{e}} \mathbf{K} \nabla \tilde{\varphi}_{j}^{e} \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta} d\Gamma$$
$$q_{i} = \sum_{e} \int_{\partial \bar{\Omega}_{i} \cap \tilde{\Omega}^{e}} \mathbf{K} \nabla \tilde{\varphi}_{*}^{e} \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta} d\Gamma - \int_{\bar{\Omega}_{i}} r d\boldsymbol{x}$$



$$\sum_{j} M_{ij} p_j = q_i$$



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## **Construction of a conservative velocity**

$$p|_{\tilde{\Omega}^e} = \sum_{j} \tilde{\varphi}_{j}^{e} p_{j} + \tilde{\varphi}_{*}^{e}$$
$$\sum_{j} M_{ij} p_{j} = q_{i}$$

The locally conservative velocity is obtained solving problems on coarse control volume

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$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{K} \nabla \bar{\psi}_i = r & \text{in} & \bar{\Omega}_i \\ \nabla_\perp \bar{\psi}_i = \nabla_\perp \tilde{p} & \text{on} & \partial \bar{\Omega}_i \end{cases}$$

$$\boldsymbol{v} = \begin{cases} -\mathbf{K}\nabla\bar{\psi}_i & \text{in } \bar{\Omega}_i \\ -\mathbf{K}\nabla\tilde{p} & \text{on } \partial\bar{\Omega}_i \end{cases}$$



Remark: the conservative velocity cannot be written as the gradient of a scalar field



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## **Divergence and vorticity**



(Quarter five spot problem, single phase flow, homogeneous permeability field)

(Künze & Lunati, IAHR Valencia, 2010; also Lunati and Jenny MMS, 2007)



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#### Lock-exchange problem



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#### Water-saturation solutions: MsFV vs. reference



(Lunati and Jenny, Comp. Geosci., 2008)



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#### **Gravity currents: lock-exchange problem**





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#### Lock-exchange in a heterogeneous perm. field



(Lunati and Jenny, Comp. Geosci., 2008)



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#### A 2d model with two wells: strong gravity, $\rho_0=0.5$ , $\rho_W=1.0$



Fig. 5 Contour lines of water saturation for example 2 a 0.21 pore volumes injected (PVI), b 0.42 PVI, and c 0.64 PVI. Solid contours represent multiscale, dashed contours fine-scale results

(Lee, Wolfsteiner, and Tchelepi, Comp. Geosci., 2008)



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#### A 3D Model with two wells: fine 45x45x30, coarse 9x9x6



(Lee, Wolfsteiner, and Tchelepi, Comp. Geosci., 2008)



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## **Deterioration of the MsFV solution with anisotropy**



FIG. 5. Vector plot of the conservative velocity field  $\bar{u}$  computed with the original MSFV method for the TOP field at PVI = 0.5.

(Lunati and Jenny, MMS, 2007; see also: Kippe et al., Comp. Geosci., 2008)



# Localization and reduced problem



$$\nabla \cdot [(\boldsymbol{\eta}\boldsymbol{\eta}^T)\boldsymbol{v}] = [(\boldsymbol{\eta}\boldsymbol{\eta}^T)\nabla] \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = \nabla_{\perp} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = 0$$

- Reduced problem
  - neglects transversal fluxes
  - reduced dimensionality



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## **Estimate of transverse fluxes**



- Two natural candidates
  - approximate pressure (computed on duals)
  - approximate fluxes (computed on coarse cells



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# **Domain decomposition Approach**



**Remark:** domain decomposition methods are iterative linear solvers



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#### Natural reordering based on dual coarse grid



(From here on tildes and bars will be skipped to simplify notation and permutation operators will not be written explicitly; the appropriate reordering must be applied)

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## **The MsFV operator**



(Lunati et al., CMWR, 2008; Lunati and Lee, MMS, 2009)



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## **The MsFV pressure**

$B = \begin{bmatrix} A_{ii}^{-1} A_{ie} M_{ee}^{-1} A_{en} \\ -M_{ee}^{-1} A_{en} \\ I_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$
$C = \begin{bmatrix} A_{ii}^{-1} & -A_{ii}^{-1}A_{ie}M_{ee}^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & M_{ee}^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
$M_{ee} = A_{ee} + \operatorname{diag}\left(\Sigma_i A_{ie}^T\right)$
$M_{nn} = \chi AB$
$M^{-1} = BM_{nn}^{-1}R + C$
$Q = I - R^T R + R^T \chi - R^T \chi A C$
$p = M^{-1}Qr$
$M^{-1}Q = BM_{nn}^{-1}(\chi - \chi AC) + C$

Basis function operator

Correction function operator

Reduce problem operator

Coarse-scale operator (  $\chi$  is the summation operator)

Inverse of the MsFV operator (  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & I_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  is the restriction operator)

Right-hand-side operator

MsFV pressure solution

(Identical to the Schur complement with tangential approximation, Nordbotten and Bjørstad, Comp. Geosci., 2008; Lunati and Lee, MMS, 2009)

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## **The MsFV operator**



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#### **Iterative MsFV method**





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# **Krylov subspace projection methods**





## **Krylov subspace projection methods**



## **Overlapping Domain iterations (2 steps prec.)**





## **Conservative velocity and transport**

$$p \leftarrow p + \omega M^{-1}Q(r - Ap)$$
 Pressure solution

$$D\psi = r - (A - D)p$$

$$v = \begin{cases} \mathcal{D}\psi & \text{in} & \Omega_i \\ \mathcal{D}p & \text{on} & \partial\Omega_i \end{cases}$$

Conservative velocity

$$A_T S = r_T$$

Transport problem  $(A_T \text{ depends on } v \text{ --advective})$ Part- and on the diffusive part)

$$S \leftarrow S + D_T^{-1}(r_T - A_T S)$$

Schwarz iterations



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## Anisotropy



**Fig. 7.** Convergence history for varying grid aspect ratio  $\alpha = \Delta x / \Delta y$  in a homogeneous permeability field. The simulations are performed on a 100 × 100 fine grid with a 20 × 20 coarse grid for the QFS flow configuration employing: (a) MsFV-GMRES; (b) MsFV-OD with DMS.

(Lunati, Tyagi, and Lee, CMWR, 2008, JCP 2011)



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#### **Impermeable shale layers: convergence history**



Fig. 9. (a) The natural logarithm of heterogeneous field consisting of multiple shale layers embedded in a  $10^6$ -times more transmissive matrix (SHALE-field). The field is represented on a  $125 \times 125$  grid and MsFV simulations employ a  $25 \times 25$  coarse grid. (b) Convergence history of MsFV and MsFV-OD iterations for a quarter five spot (QFS) configuration (wells are at the top-left and bottom-right corners). (c) Approximate pressure solutions obtained with the original MsFV method. (d) Converged pressure solution.

(Lunati, Tyagi, Lee., SIAM Denver, 2009; JCP 2011)



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#### **SPE 10 bottom layer: pressure**



(Lunati, Tyagi, Lee., SIAM Denver, 2009; JCP 2011)



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#### **SPE 10 bottom layer: convergence history**



(Lunati, Tyagi, Lee., SIAM Denver, 2009; JCP 2011)



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#### **Effects of restart – SPE10 bottom layer**



Fig. 12. Effects of restart for the SPE10 bottom layer test case with a 44  $\times$  12 coarse grid and upscaling factor 5  $\times$  5 (Fig. 10(a)): (a) MsFV-GMRES; (b) MsFV-OD with DMS.

(Lunati, Tyagi, Lee., SIAM Denver, 2009; JCP 2011)



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#### **Compressible flow**



**Fig. 4.** 1D single-phase gas injection test case: pressure at three different times. Shown are the new MSFV and fine-scale reference solutions (left) using 105 fine and 5 coarse cells together with previous multiscale solutions presented in [25] (right) using 100 fine and 5 coarse cells. FSA based multiscale method was developed by Lunati and Jenny [24] and OBMM method was developed by Zhou and Tchelepi [25].

(Hajibeygi and Jenny, JCP, 2009; see also Lunati and Jenny, CMWR, 2006)



# Magnetic Resonance Imaging of 3D Density Fingers









(Oswald, Spiegel, and Kinzelbach, M.R. Imag., 2007)





 $t = 241 + 2549 \ s$ 







(Johannsen, Oswald, Held, Kinzelbach, Adv. Water. Res., 2006)

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# **Density-driven fingers (single phase)**





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#### (Künze & Lunati, IAHR Valencia, 2010)



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# **Multiscale simulation of gravity fingers**



(Johannsen, Oswald, Held, Kinzelbach, Adv. Water. Res., 2006)



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#### Adaptive iteration to improve localization



Not only numerical efficiency, but "*better than fine-scale*" simulation: The MsFV method as a **grid refinement** (**downscaling**) technique, or as a platform for hybrid models (Navier-Stokes/Darcy flow)

Künze and Lunati, IAHR Valencia, 2010; Künze and Lunati, preprint, [in preparation]

## **Complex behavior after CO<sub>2</sub> injection**

Hydrodynamic trapping



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## **CO<sub>2</sub> fingering in a Hele-Shaw cell**



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Fluid properties	
Temperature	$T = 22^{\circ}C$
Pressure	P = 1.013 bar
Salinity	$X_{\rm S} = 0$
Dissolved CO <sub>2</sub> concentration	X = 0
Viscosity	$\mu = 0.954766 \times 10^{-3}$ Pa-s
Water density	$\rho = 997.889 \text{ kg/m}^3$
Dissolved CO <sub>2</sub> mass fraction at the	$X_0 = 1.53377 \times 10^{-3}$
top boundary	
Density increase of aqueous phase	$\Delta \rho = 0.287 \text{ kg/m}^3$
from CO <sub>2</sub> dissolution	
Diffusivity	$D = 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
Formation properties	
Porosity	$\phi = 1.0$
Permeability	$k = 4.08 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2$
Model domain	
Height	H = 0.24  m
width	W = 0.24  m

Kneafsey and Pruess, Laboratory Flow Experiments for Visualizing Carbon Dioxide-Induced, Density-Driven Brine Convection, TPM, 2010



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## **Density-driven convections: CO<sub>2</sub> fingers**





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## Hybrid models (Darcy flow and pore flow)





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#### **Iterative error reduction**



Figure 3: Fine-scale reference results after 0.2 PVI gas injection obtained by  $220 \times 60$  grid cells: pressure (top-left) and saturation (top-right) maps. Also shown are the original non-iterative MSFV results after the same 0.2 PVI injection of gas using a  $20 \times 12$  coarse grid: pressure (bottom-left) and saturation (bottom-right) maps.



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Figure 4: Error maps of the MSFV results corresponding to the results of Fig. 3: pressure error (top-left) and saturation error (top-right) maps. Also shown on the bottom row are the error maps of the i-MSFV results with  $\epsilon = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ : pressure error (bottom-left) and saturation error (bottom-right) maps. Note that error is defined as difference with respect to the fine-scale reference solution.

(Hajibeygi, Lunati, and Lee, SPE, 2011)



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#### **Iterative error reduction**



Figure 5: Saturation error second norm growth during the simulation time for the i-MSFV simulations with  $\epsilon = 5 \times 10^{-2}$  and  $\epsilon = 2 \times 10^{-2}$  which result in 0.55 and 1.36 additional iterations per pressure solver call, respectively.



Figure 6: I-MSFV iteration histories for  $\epsilon = 5 \times 10^{-2}$  (left) and  $\epsilon = 2 \times 10^{-2}$  (right) vs. the pressure call index, corresponding to the results of Fig. 5 Note that with the same tight criterion for the pressure-saturation outer loop convergence, i.e.  $||S^{v+1} - S^{v}||_{\infty} < 10^{-3}$ , loosening the residual threshold value results in more employed outer iterations. This effect will be minimal if slightly looser convergence criteria are used.

(Hajibeygi, Lunati, and Lee, SPE, 2011)



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## SPE10 bottom layer (channelized k-field)



Figure 8: Fine-scale pressure (top-left) and gas saturation (top-right) maps. Also shown are the MSFV and i-MSFV error maps: MSFV pressure error (middle-left), MSFV saturation error (middle-right), i-MSFV pressure error (bottom-left), and i-MSFV saturation error (bottom-right). The i-MSFV results are obtained with  $\epsilon = 5 \times 10^{-2}$  leading to 2.1 average additional iterations.

(Hajibeygi, Lunati, and Lee, SPE, 2011)



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# **Saturation error and mass conservation**

• What happens if we do not iterate till convergence?

 $m{v} = m{v}^* + m{v}'$  approximate velocity = exact + deviation

• If the approximate velocity is mass conservative, errors are introduced only where f varies

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\phi S_{\alpha}) + \nabla \cdot (f_{\alpha} \boldsymbol{v}^*) - q_{\alpha} = -\epsilon_s$$

$$\epsilon_s = \nabla \cdot (f_\alpha \boldsymbol{v}') = f_\alpha \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}' + \boldsymbol{v}' \cdot \nabla f_\alpha$$

- error clearly depends from the pressure residual
  - $\epsilon_s \sim r Ap$  acts a spurious source term

**Remark:** For the same pressure residual, the saturation error is greatly reduced if the approximate velocity is conservative



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#### **Saturation error and pressure residual**

$$\epsilon_{s} = \nabla \cdot (f_{\alpha} \boldsymbol{v}^{*}) = f_{\alpha} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}' + \boldsymbol{v}' \cdot \nabla f_{\alpha}$$

$$\epsilon_{s} \sim r - Ap$$

$$\epsilon_{s} = \boldsymbol{v}' \cdot \nabla f_{\alpha} \approx \left\{ \underbrace{-K\lambda_{t} \nabla}_{\mathcal{D}} \underbrace{[(-\nabla \cdot K\lambda_{t} \nabla)^{-1}}_{A^{-1}} \underbrace{(q_{t} + \nabla \cdot K\lambda_{t} \nabla \tilde{p}^{\nu})]}_{\epsilon_{p} = r - Ap} \right\} \cdot \underbrace{\nabla f_{\alpha}}_{df}$$

$$\epsilon_{s} \approx [\mathcal{D}A^{-1}\epsilon_{p}]^{T}[df] \approx [\mathcal{D}M^{-1}\epsilon_{p}]^{T}[df]$$

**Remark:** For the same pressure residual, the saturation error is greatly reduced if the approximate velocity is conservative -> fewer iterations...



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# A summary of adaptive strategies

- Adaptive update of the MsFV operator
  - Adaptive update basis functions in multiphase flow
- Adaptive iterations
  - Do not iterate convergence, only to obtain the desired S accuracy
- Space adaptive iterations
  - Iterations only in region of large residuals
- Adaptive refinement
  - Local fine scale are solved only where needed
  - MsFV/IMsFV as a grid refinement (downscaling) technique
- Adaptive physical description (NS/Darcy)
  - MsFV as a framework to couple different physical descriptions
  - Consistent description without needs iteration





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# **Direct pore-scale simulation of interfaces**

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regional scale (aquifer or reservoir) ~ 1 km - 100 km





#### Linear vs. nonlinear flow in a fracture

Linear (Ideal tracer)



fracture aperture



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#### Linear vs. nonlinear flow in a fracture



# limitation of the continuum approach

- difficulties in applying the continuum approach in case of
  - multiphase flow

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light box

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clamp

porous medium

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outle

- instabilities (intermittency)
- non-equilibrium processes



Méheustet al., Phys. Rev. E, 2002



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# Flow regimes in the parameter space



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# gravity instability - decreasing the velocity (Ca)

- water, but  $\theta = 90^\circ$ ; Bo ~ 0.08;
- an extension of Saffman-Taylor stability criterion:
  - $\operatorname{Bo}^* = \operatorname{Bo} \operatorname{Ca} b^2/k$ 
    - (e.g., Méheust et al., 2002)

$$- Bo^* = Bo - f Ca$$

$$Ca = \frac{\mu U}{\gamma} \qquad \qquad f = \int_{\Sigma_M} \frac{\partial u'_{\parallel}}{\partial x'_{\perp}} da'$$
$$Bo = \frac{\rho g b^2}{\gamma \ (d-1)} \qquad \qquad k = b^2 / f$$





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# **Volume of fluid method - VoF**

- Well-established technique for modeling free surfaces
  - computational fluid dynamics
    - splash of drops
- Interface tracking coupled with grid-based NS solver
  - finite volume to compute the velocity field
    - solution of NS equations
  - VoF for interface advection
    - the interface in not tracked directly
    - the fluid indicator function F is advected
      - F = 1 in the fluid;
      - F = 0 in the void;
      - 0<F<1 at the surface</li>
    - interface is reconstructed
- For fractures and porous media: contact angle model





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# **Velocity and Continuum Surface Force model**

- finite-volume discretization
  - two-step projection method for incompressible NS equations

• 1. 
$$\frac{\mathbf{V}^* - \mathbf{V}^{(i)}}{\Delta t} + \left(\mathbf{V}^{(i)} \cdot \nabla\right) \mathbf{V}^{(i)} = \frac{\mu}{\rho} \nabla^2 \mathbf{V}^{(i)} + \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{b}}^{(i)}$$

• 2. 
$$\frac{\mathbf{V}^{(i+1)} - \mathbf{V}^*}{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P^{(i+1)} \qquad \mathbf{\&} \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}^{(i+1)}$$

- continuum surface force (csf - Brackbill et al. 1992)

$$\lim_{\Delta v \to 0} \int_{\Delta v} \mathbf{F}_{sv}(\mathbf{x}) dv = \int_{\Delta s} \mathbf{F}_{sa}(\mathbf{x}_s) ds$$
$$\mathbf{F}_{sa}(\mathbf{x}_s) = \sigma \kappa(\mathbf{x}_s) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}_s)$$
$$\mathbf{F}_{sv}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma \kappa(\mathbf{x}) \nabla F$$



- stability constraints
  - viscous flow; csf stability; Courant (VoF)



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# interface advection and reconstruction

• advection of fluid function

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V}F) = 0 \qquad F(\vec{x}, t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{in the fluid;} \\ > 0, < 1, & \text{at the free surface;} \\ 0, & \text{in the void.} \end{cases}$$

• Young's reconstruction (piecewise linear interface calculation - PLIC)  $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\nabla F}{|\nabla F|}$ 



#### Huang et al.,2005



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# boundary condition at the wall

• advection of fluid function

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V}F) = 0 \qquad F(\vec{x}, t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{in the fluid;} \\ > 0, < 1, & \text{at the free surface;} \\ 0, & \text{in the void.} \end{cases}$$





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# contact angle adjustment in the VoF method



FIGURE 6. The shape of the advancing (right) and receding (left) menisci obtained with the VOF method for a partially wetting liquid ( $\theta_m = 40^\circ$ ). Shown are the meniscus shapes of three different slugs of dimensionless size  $1/\epsilon = 4$  (solid line), 20 (dashed line), and 40 (dashed-dotted line).

(Lunati and Or, Phys. Fluids, 2009)



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# **Dynamic contact angle**



$$f_w \sim \operatorname{Ca} \int \frac{1}{h} dh = \infty$$

- singularity at the contact line
  - friction is logarithmically infinite
    - » "not even Herakles could sink a solid if the physical model were entirely valid, which is not." Hue and Scriven, J. Colloid Interf. Sci., 1971





# **Dynamic contact angle**



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#### **Steady velocity of slug in capillaries**

- Bico & Quéré, J. Coll. Int. Sci., 2001
  - liquid: silicon oil ( $\gamma$  = 20.6 mN/m,  $\mu$  = 16.7 mPa s,  $\rho$  = 0.95)
  - vertical glass tube (radius:  $b = 127 \mu m$ ; dry and prewetted, film 1.5  $\mu m$ )



#### **Force resultant: pressure force**



$$\int_{S} \kappa \ n_{j} ds = \oint_{\partial S} \ t_{j} dl$$
$$\int_{S} p \ n_{j} \ ds = \gamma \Delta_{\theta} \oint_{\partial S} \ dl$$

capillary drag:  $\Delta_{\theta} = \cos \theta_R - \cos \theta_A$ 



- valid if the hydrodynamic description holds, i.e.  $p=\gamma\kappa$ 
  - capillary force proportional to the curvature
  - not restricted to spherical menisci
- no additional capillary drag of hydrodynamic origin

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# **Dimensionless force balance**



• integrated NS equation in dimensionless form:

$$-\epsilon \Delta_{\theta} - f \mathbf{Ca} + \mathbf{Bo} = 0$$

- capillary number
- Bond number
- length to radius ratio
- Capillary drag

$$\Delta_{\theta} = \cos \theta_R - \cos \theta_A$$

 $Ca = \frac{\mu U}{\gamma}$  $Bo = \frac{\rho g b^2}{\gamma (d-1)}$  $\epsilon = \frac{b}{L}$ 

– Shape function

$$f(\theta_A, \theta_R, \operatorname{Ca}, \operatorname{Bo}, \epsilon) = \int_{z'_A}^{z'_R} \frac{\partial u'_z}{\partial r'}\Big|_{r'=1} d\zeta > 0$$

(Lunati & Or, Phys. Fluids, 2009)

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# **Meniscus behavior in a corner**

- description of the transition in the energy-volume space
  - wetting fluid
  - no gravity; slow flow (negligible viscous forces)
  - convex meniscus has higher energy
- at transition viscous forces are not negligible



• investigation by means of VoF

# pressure distribution: contact angle 30°

- contact angle 30°
- Re = U (2b) ρ/μ~ 1
- Bo = 0
- Ca ~ 10<sup>-5</sup>
  - water; 2b ~ 1mm; v ~ 1mm/s





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#### **Transition for different injection velocity**



**Figure 4.** Surface energy as a function of the injected water volume for a contact angle  $\theta=80^{\circ}$ . The inlet velocities are:  $10^{-3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (circles),  $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (asterisks), and  $10^{-2} \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (squares), which correspond to  $Ca=2\times 10^{-5}$ ,  $Ca=10^{-4}$ , and  $Ca=2\times 10^{-4}$ , respectively. (a) shows the results of the whole simulation; (b) shows the dynamics of the configuration change in greater detail. The upper, resp. lower, continuous lines is the surface energy evaluated from Eq. 4, resp. Eq. 7; whereas the vertical dotted line indicates the volume for which the static meniscus touches the corner and becomes unstable.

#### Table 1 Phase properties used for the numerical simulations

	ho [kg m <sup>-3</sup> ]	$\mu [\mathrm{kg}\mathrm{m}^{-1}\mathrm{s}^{-1}]$	γ [N m <sup>-1</sup> ]
Water	1000	10 <sup>-3</sup>	5×10 <sup>-2</sup>
Crude oil	500	10 <sup>-2</sup>	5×10

Maniero and Lunati, ECMOR 2010



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#### **Oscillations**





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# **Hysteresis effects (irreversible transition)**



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#### **Dewetting – VoF simulation**



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