

## Reactive transport in porous media: formulations, non-linear solvers and preconditioners

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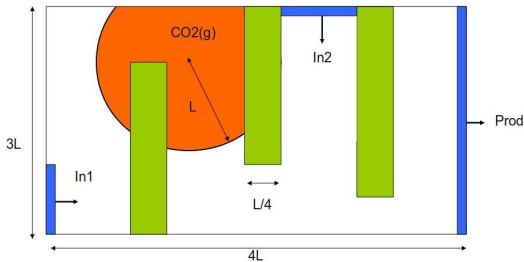
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# CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration: a synthetic model

Minimal chemical system that still "looks like" realistic for CO<sub>2</sub> storage



Dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub> in water, dissolution of calcite. Gas assumed immobile (capillary trapping), decouples two phase flow from reactive transport.

## Chemical system

- $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$  water dissociation
- $\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2(\text{aq})$  gas dissolution
- $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{H}^+$  dissociation of aqueous CO<sub>2</sub>
- $\text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}_2^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$  Dissolution of calcite

- 1 Numerical model
- 2 Formulations and solution methods
- 3 Preconditioning (joint work with A. Taakili)

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Morel formalism: 
$$\frac{(\underline{c}, \bar{c}) \text{ primary species} \quad | \quad (\underline{x}, \bar{x}) \text{ secondary species}}{(\underline{c}, \underline{x}) \text{ mobile species} \quad | \quad (\bar{c}, \bar{x}) \text{ fixed species}}$$

## Balance equations

$$\begin{aligned}\phi \partial_t \mathbf{c} + L\mathbf{c} &= S^T R_e^a + A^T R_e^h + H^T R_k(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{c}}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \phi \partial_t \mathbf{x} + L\mathbf{x} &= -R_e^a + K^T R_k(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{c}}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \phi \partial_t \bar{\mathbf{c}} &= B^T R_e^h + P^T R_k(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{c}}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \phi \partial_t \bar{\mathbf{x}} &= -R_e^h + Q^T R_k(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{c}}, \bar{\mathbf{x}})\end{aligned}$$

## L advection diffusion operator

$$L\mathbf{c} = \underbrace{-\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D} \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{c})}_{\text{dispersion}} + \underbrace{\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u} \mathbf{c})}_{\text{advection}}$$

$\mathbf{u}$  Darcy velocity (saturated flow model)

Dispersion tensor:  $\mathbf{D} = d_e \mathbf{I} + \alpha_T |\mathbf{u}| \mathbf{I} + (\alpha_L - \alpha_T) \frac{\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}}{|\mathbf{u}|}$

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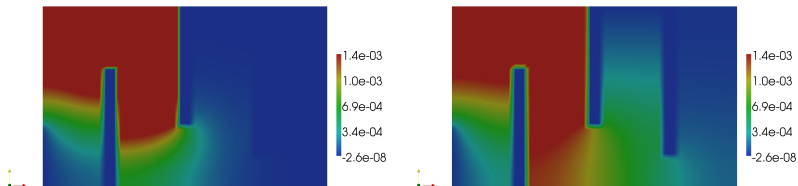
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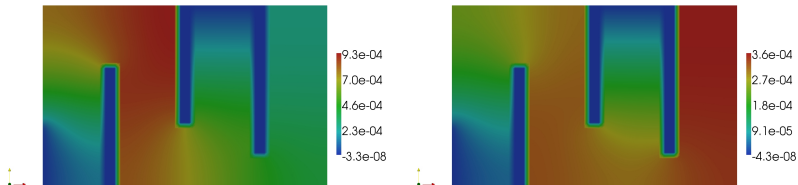
## Condense transport solver, one time step

$$C^{n+1} = \Psi_T(f^n, C^n)$$

# Transport for synthetic CO<sub>2</sub> example (M. Franco)



Left  $T = 1$  day, right  $T = 6$  days



Left  $T = 12$  day, right  $T = 37$  days

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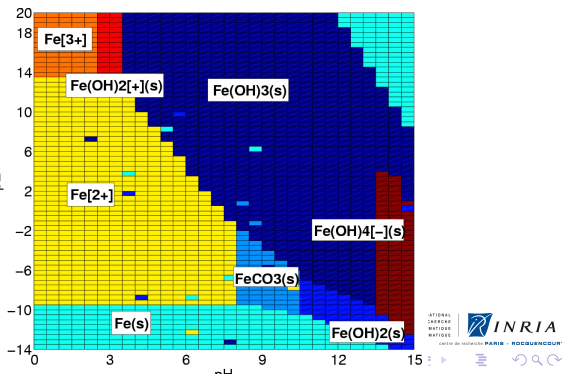
$$H \begin{pmatrix} \log c \\ \log \bar{c} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T \\ W \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F = \Psi_C(T, W)$$

# Handling minerals

- Reactions with threshold, **which** species appear unknown a priori.
- Standard procedure: **combinatorial** search, sequence of standard problems
- Reformulate as **complementarity** problem
- **Interior point** algorithm (Saaf et al. ('96), J.-Ch. Gilbert, I. Ben Gharbia)
- Also **semi-smooth** Newton (Kräutle)

pH-pE diagram for iron  $\downarrow$



## Elimination of equilibrium rates

$$\begin{aligned}\phi \partial_t \mathbf{C} + \phi \partial_t \mathbf{F} + L\mathbf{C} &= S_T R_k(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{W}) \\ \phi \partial_t \mathbf{W} &= S_W R_k(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{W})\end{aligned}$$

+ local chemical equilibrium.

## Special case: no kinetic reactions

$$\begin{aligned}\phi \frac{\partial T^{ic}}{\partial t} + L(\mathbf{C}^{ic}) &= 0, \quad ic = 1, \dots, N_c \\ T_{ix}^{ic} &= \mathbf{C}_{ix}^{ic} + \mathbf{F}_{ix}^{ic} \quad ic = 1, \dots, N_c \text{ and } ix = 1, \dots, N_x \\ \mathbf{F}_{ix} &= \Psi(\mathbf{T}_{ix}) \quad ix = 1, \dots, N_x.\end{aligned}$$

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## CC formulation, explicit chemistry

$$\begin{cases} \phi \frac{dC}{dt} + \frac{dF}{dt} + LC = 0 \\ H(z) - \begin{pmatrix} C + F \\ W \end{pmatrix} = 0 \\ F - F(z) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Coupled system is index 1 DAE

$$K \frac{dy}{dt} + f(y) = 0$$

Use standard DAE software

C. de Dieuleveult (Andra thesis), J. Erhel, MK (JCP '09)

- + **Explicit** Jacobian
- + Chemistry function, no chemical **solve**
- – **Intrusive** approach (chemistry not a black box)
- – **Precipitation** not easy to include

# A global method from the fixed–point formulation (1)

## Discrete non-linear system

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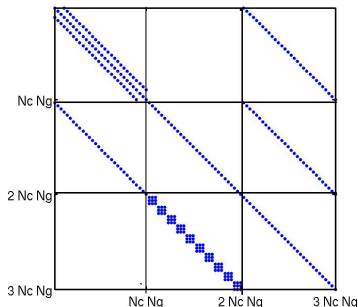
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Can be solved by block Gauss Seidel or by **Newton's** method

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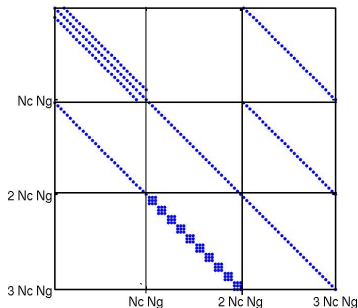


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Residual computation:

- 1 Apply  $\Psi_T$  : solve **transport** for each species,
- 2 Apply  $\Psi_C$  : solve **chemistry** for each grid cell.



# Solution by Newton–Krylov

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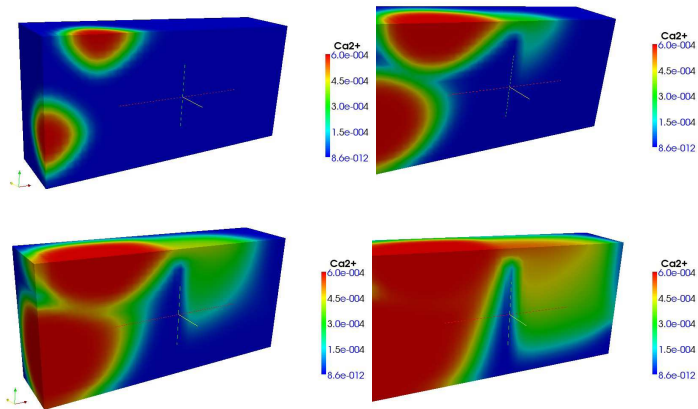
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## Inexact Newton

- **Approximation** of the Newton's direction  $\|f'(x_k)d + f(x_k)\| \leq \eta \|f(x_k)\|$
- Choice of **the forcing** term  $\eta$ ?
  - Keep quadratic convergence (locally)
  - Avoid oversolving the linear system
- $\eta = \gamma \|f(x_k)\|^2 / \|f(x_{k-1})\|^2$  (Kelley, Eisenstat and Walker)

L. Amir's thesis, Amir, MK (Comp. Geosci. 09)

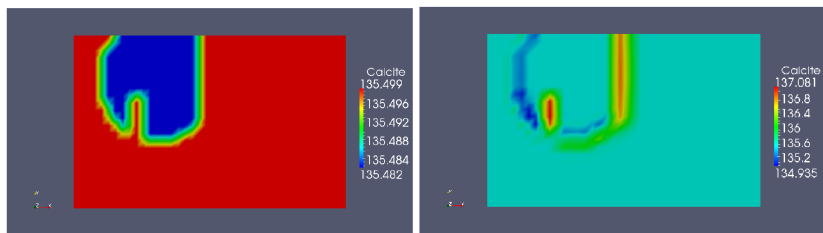
# 3D ion exchange example (O. Saouli)



# Application to SHPCO<sub>2</sub> model

Aqueous species, gas (Henry's law), equilibrium mineals

Calcite concentration: left  $t = 0$ , right  $t = 115$  days



Computations by B. Gueslin.

LifeV library (EPFL, Milano, INRIA), Kinsol (LLNL)

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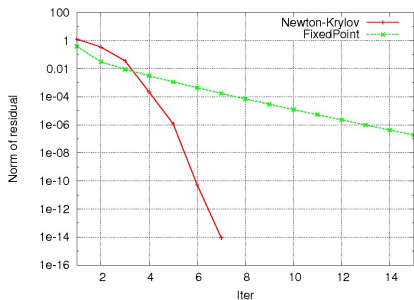
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$$F \begin{pmatrix} C \\ F \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{M} + \Delta t \mathbf{L})C + \mathbf{M}F + b \\ F - \Psi(C) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

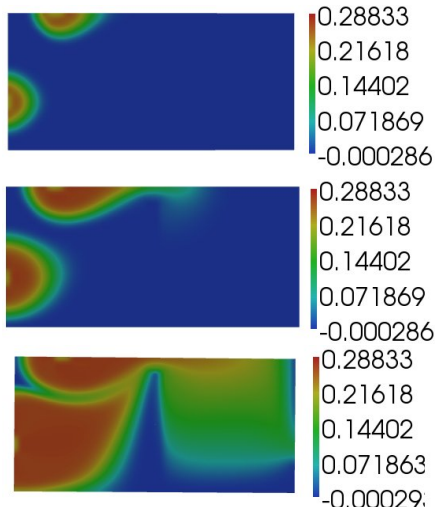
Eliminate  $F$   $F_1(C) = (\mathbf{M} + \Delta t \mathbf{L})C + \mathbf{M}\Psi(C) - b^n$

Eliminate  $C$   $F_2(F) = F - \Psi(\mathbf{M} + \Delta t \mathbf{L})^{-1}(b - \mathbf{M}F)$

# Performance of Newton's method



Convergence of Newton and fixed point



# Jacobian preconditioning

Jacobian for coupled formulation, with  $D = \text{diag}(\Psi'(C_1), \dots, \Psi'(C_N))$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M} + \Delta t \mathbf{L} & \mathbf{M} \\ -\mathbf{D} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

$J_2 = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{M} + \Delta t \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{M}$  is Schur complement of  $J$

## Block preconditioning

**Jacobi** Solve transport at each step

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M} + \Delta t \mathbf{L} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Gauss–Seidel** Solve transport at each step, some coupling

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Elimination of  $\mathbf{C}$  is **equivalent** to Schur complement of Gauss–Seidel.



# Gmres convergence: field of values analysis

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## Eigenvalues of preconditioned operators

Assume spectrum( $\mathbf{M} + \delta t \mathbf{L}$ )  $\approx O(1/h^2)$ .

Jacobi  $\Lambda(P^{-1}J) \subset [1 - iCh, 1 + iCh]$

Gauss-Seidel  $\Lambda(P^{-1}J) \subset [1, 1 + Ch^2]$ , 1 is multiple ev

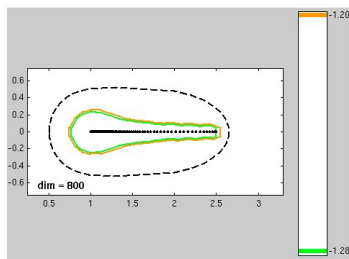
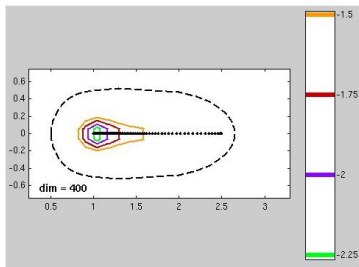
Schur  $\Lambda(J_2) \subset [1, 1 + Ch^2]$

**Bounded** independent of  $h$ .

## GMRES convergence

$W(A) \equiv \left\{ \frac{x^* Ax}{x^* x} \mid x \in \mathbb{C}^n, x \neq 0 \right\}$ , convex set, contains eigenvalues of  $A$

$$\frac{\|r_k\|_2}{\|r_0\|_2} \leq 2 \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k^*} \max_{z \in W(A)} \|p(z)\|_2.$$



Eigenvalues, field of values and pseudospectrum for GS preconditioning

# Preconditioner performance

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Inverting transport gives **mesh independent convergence** for both linear (LI) and nonlinear (NI) iterations.

In practice: approximate inverse should give spectral equivalence