

3D numerical simulation of coupled processes between two-phase flows and geochemical reactions in porous media

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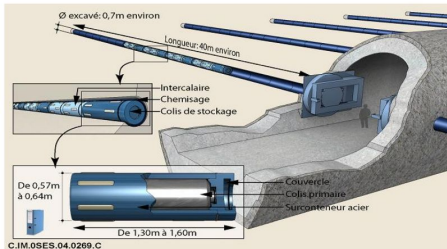
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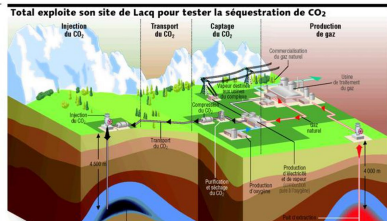
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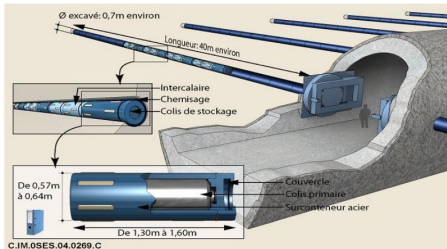


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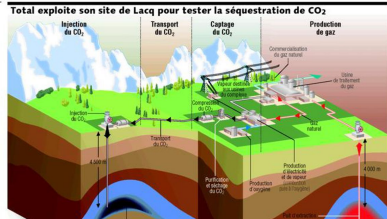
- The aim of **reactive transport modelling** in these applications is to make **forecasts** on large time-scales using numerical simulation on **storage reliability**.

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- Necessity to take into account **interactions** between **chemical** species, the rock matrix and the flow

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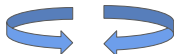
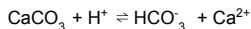
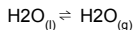
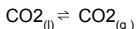
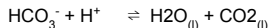
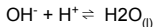
- Development of a **fully coupled, fully implicit, finite volume** scheme for **two-phase multicomponent** flows with reactive transport in porous media.
- Implementation of a **two-phase multicomponent reactive transport module** *2pNc - react* in the DuMu^x framework
- Validation of the module on **3D test cases in literature including CO₂ sequestration**
- **Comparison** of the **fully coupled fully implicit** and **operator splitting** approaches on particular test cases in a unified environment.
- **Improvement** of the fully coupled module:
 - improving the **nonlinear** solver (Newton method)
 - including **High performance computing**



Very competitive parallel reactive transport simulator

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- Example of chemical system for CO_2 sequestration:



Mass action law and
reactions rate



Mass conservation equations: (1)

❖ **Two-phase** compositionnel flow :

➤ S_l liquid saturation

➤ P_n gas pressure

➤ x_α^i molar fractions of components

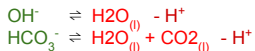
Closure relations:

- Darcy's law,
- capillary pressure law,
- state equations,
- solubility laws

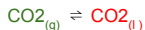
Difficulties: degeneracy, non linearities,
phase exchange

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi \rho_\alpha S_\alpha x_\alpha^i) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_\alpha x_\alpha^i \vec{q}_\alpha - \rho_\alpha \phi S_\alpha D_\alpha \nabla x_\alpha^i) = r^i, \quad i \in I \quad \alpha \in \{l, g\} \quad (1)$$

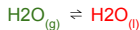
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Some notations :



- ❖ I = set of all the **chemical components** involved in the chemical reactions



- > I_p = **primary** components
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- Main unknowns are the **primary** components
- **Secondary** species can be seen as product or intermediary variables



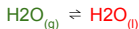
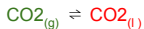
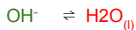
They are **eliminated** through their reaction rate by linear combination of the **mass conservation equations**, ex:

$$r_{\text{H}_2\text{O}(l)} = -r_{\text{H}_2\text{O}(g)} - r_{\text{HCO}_3^-} - r_{\text{OH}^-}$$

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[1] M. W. Saaltink, C. Ayora, and J. Ramírez. A mathematical formulation for reactive transport that eliminates mineral concentrations. *Water Resources Research*, 34:1649–1656, 1998.

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- I_{se} = components in **equilibrium** reactions
 - I_{spm} = mobile species
 - I_{spe} = precipitated species
 - I_{si} = sorbed species
- I_{sk} = components in **kinetic** reactions

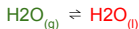
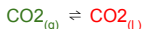
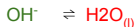
Equilibrium mass action law:

$$a^i = K_j \prod_{i \in I_p} (a^i)^{\nu_{ji}}, j \in I_{se}$$

Kinetic mass action law: ex CaCO_3

$$\frac{dc_s^i}{dt} = -K_i^s A_i^s \left(1 - K_i \prod_{j \in I_p} (a^j)^{\nu_{ji}} \right), i \in I_{sk}$$

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➤ I_{2p} = components present in both phases (H_2O , CO_2)

➤ I_{rt} = remaining components

- The I_{2p} components presents in both phases sometimes play part in phase displacement and thermodynamic state of the phase

Two-phase compositional flow: l_{2p} components mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\theta_l c_l^j + \theta_g c_g^j) + L_l(c_l^j) + L_g(c_g^j) + \sum_{j \in I_S \setminus I_{2p}} \nu_{ji} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\theta_{\alpha_j} c_{\alpha_j}^j) + L_{\alpha_j}(c_{\alpha_j}^j) \right] = 0, \quad i \in I_p \cap I_{2p}, \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{a}_g^j = K^j a_l^j, \quad \bar{i} \in I_S \cap I_{2p}. \quad (4)$$

Reactive transport problem: $l_p \setminus I_{2p}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\theta_{\alpha} c_{\alpha_i}^j + \sum_{j \in I_S \setminus I_{sk}} \nu_{ji} \theta_{\alpha_j} c_{\alpha_j}^j \right) + L_{\alpha_i}(c_{\alpha_i}^j) + \sum_{j \in I_S} L_{\alpha_j}(\nu_{ji} c_{\alpha_j}^j) = 0, \quad i \in I_{pm} \cap I_{rt} \quad \alpha_i = \{l, g\}, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(c_s^j + \sum_{j \in I_{si} \cup I_{spe}} \nu_{ji} c_s^j \right) = 0, \quad i \in I_{pi} \quad (6)$$

$$a_{\alpha_j}^j = K^j \prod_{i \in I_p} (a_{\alpha_i}^j)^{\nu_{ji}}, \quad j \in (I_{rt} \cap I_S) \setminus I_{sk}, \alpha_i = \{l, g\} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{dc_s^j}{dt} = -K_i^s A_i^s \left(1 - K_i \prod_{j \in I_p} (a_l^j)^{\nu_{ji}} \right), \quad i \in I_{rt} \cap I_{sk}. \quad (8)$$

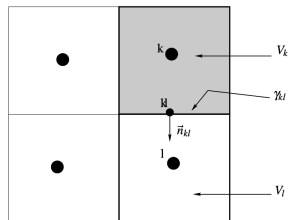
where: $L_{\alpha}(c_{\alpha}^j) = \nabla \cdot (c_{\alpha}^j \bar{q}_{\alpha}^j - \phi S_{\alpha} D_{\alpha}^j \nabla c_{\alpha}^j)$, $\theta_{\alpha} = \phi S_{\alpha}$ $\alpha = \{l, g\}$ $\theta_s = 1$.

Solving approaches:

- **Operator splitting methods:** Splitting into two sub-problems.
- **Fully implicit methods:** Coupling the two sub-problems.

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- Fully coupled, fully implicit scheme based on **Direct Substitutional Approach**
- **Implicit Euler scheme** for time discretization
- **Vertex or Cell-centered finite volume** approach for spatial discretization



- **Fully upwinding** scheme for convective terms

$$\{ \cdot \}_{kl}^{n+1} = \begin{cases} \{ \cdot \}_k^{n+1} & \text{if } \vec{a}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{n}_{kl} > 0 \\ \{ \cdot \}_l^{n+1} & \text{else.} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

- ∇P_{α} , ∇c_{α}^i are calculated on the interface between the cells using $\mathbb{P}_1/\mathbb{Q}_1$ **conforming Finite Element** scheme with piecewise linear elements for the diffusive terms.

- ❖ **Newton-Raphson method** to solve the nonlinear system



The jacobian is calculated by **numerical differentiation**



New Jacobian reassembling strategy



Jacobian is partially reassembled only when more accuracy over the jacobian terms is needed to achieve convergence



Heuristic suggest of time step strategy



Adaptive Newton time step strategy based **maximum relative shift** at the first iteration and the number of Newton iterations

❖ **Linear solver** : Krylov space methods

- Bi-conjugate Gradient Stabilized
- Restarted GMRES



❖ **AMG preconditioner with ILU0 smoother**

◆ **The Framework**

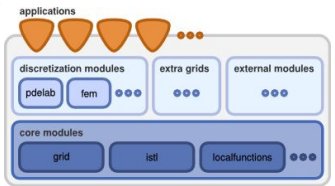
Open-source **Parallel** platform



DuMux, DUNE for Multi-{Phase, Component, Scale, Physics, ...}



<http://dune-project.org/>



Development and Implementation of **2pNc-react** a reactive transport module in DuMuX

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3D CO₂ injection in deep saline aquifer : Test case I

- Test case presented in [1].
 - [1] Y. Fan, L. J. Durlofsky, and H. A. Tchelepi. A fully-coupled flow-reactive-transport formulation based on element conservation, with application to CO₂ storage simulations. *Advances in Water Resources*, 42:47–61, 2012.
- **3D domain**, 100m of thickness, 15km of length and 15km of width.
- **Injection well** at 25m of the top of the aquifer.
- Injection during **20 years** (18.6×10^9 metric tons).
- Time of simulation = **2000 years**.

Porosity	$\phi = 0.18$	Absolute permeability	$K = 10^{-13} m^2$
Capillary pressure law	$P_c = 0$	Relative permeability	$k_{rl} = (S_l^*)^4$ $k_{rl} = (S_l^*)^4$ $S_l^* = \frac{S_l - S_{lr}}{1 - S_{lr}}$ $S_{lr} = 0.2$
Temperature	$T = 323 K$		
Liquid diffusion	$D_m = 1. \cdot 10^{-9} m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$	Gas diffusion	Model based on [1]
Liquid density	Model based on [2]	Liquid viscosity	Model based on [2]
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- Chemical system composed of **12 elements** (3 minerals) and **6 reactions** (3 kinetic reactions and 3 equilibrium).

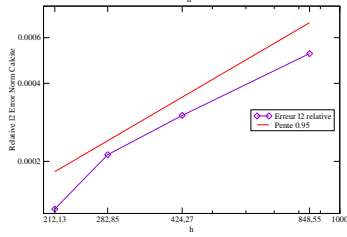
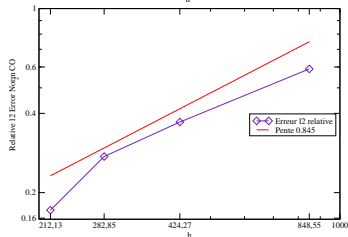
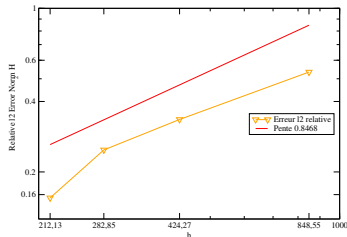
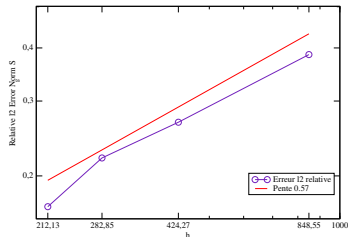
No.	Reactions	$\log_{10}(K_k^{eq})$
(1)	$\text{CO}_{2(l)} + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$	-13.2631
(2)	$\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}^+ = \text{HCO}_3^-$	-6.3221
(3)	$\text{OH}^- + \text{H}^+ = \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-10.2342
(4)	Anorthite + 8H ⁺ = 4H ₂ O + Ca ²⁺ + 2Al ³⁺ + 2SiO _{2(l)}	25.82
(5)	Calcite + H ⁺ = Ca ²⁺ + HCO ₃ ⁻	1.6
(6)	Kaolinite + 6H ⁺ = 5H ₂ O + 2Al ³⁺ + 2SiO _{2(l)}	6.82

Table: Chemical reactions, (Equilibrium in blue) (Kinetic in red).

Mineral	$\log_{10}(K_s)$ [mol.m ⁻² .s ⁻¹]	Surf. Area [m ² .m ⁻³]	Init. conc [mol.m ⁻³]
Anorthite	-12.0	88	87
Calcite	-8.80	88	238
Kaolinite	-13.0	17600	88

Table: Mineral, precipitation and dissolution parameters.

Numerical convergence of some quantities of interest for test case I with their respective slopes at 100 years using the l2 relative error norm over all the domain.

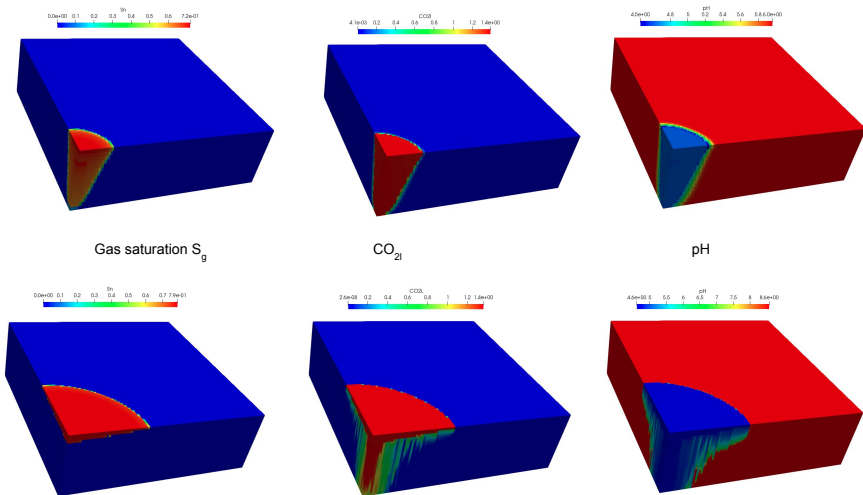


$$\text{Relative l2 error } l^2_{\text{relative}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{NOE}} (u_{\text{ref}}(i) - u_c(i))^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{NOE}} u_{\text{ref}}(i)^2}}$$

u_{ref} : reference solution, u_c coarse grid solution,
 NOE fine grid number of elements.

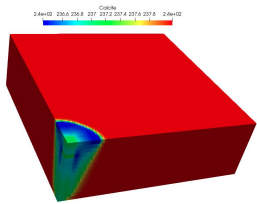
10 000 cells : $25 \times 25 \times 16$, $h = 848.55 \text{ m}$,
80 000 cells : $50 \times 50 \times 32$, $h = 424.27 \text{ m}$,
180 000 cells : $75 \times 75 \times 32$, $h = 282.85 \text{ m}$,
640 000 cells : $100 \times 100 \times 64$, $h = 212.13 \text{ m}$,
5 120 000 cells : $200 \times 200 \times 128$, $h = 212.13 \text{ m}$.
reference solution

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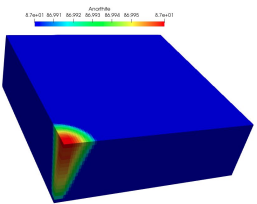


Evolution of the some quantities of interest from 20 to 2000 years on a 320 000 cells.

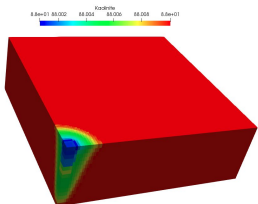
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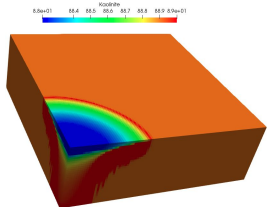
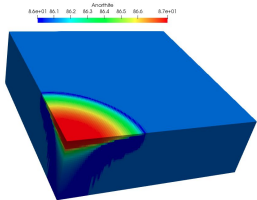
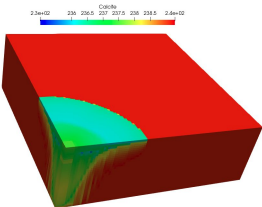
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Anorthite



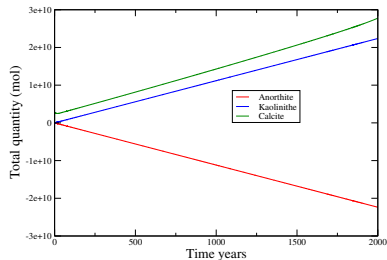
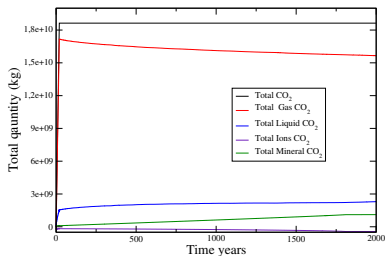
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The total quantity of CO₂ :

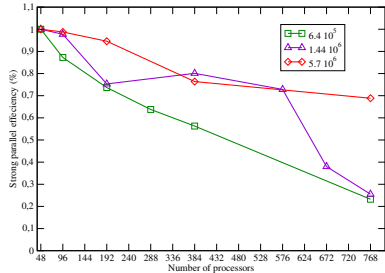
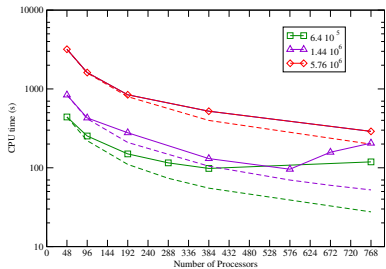
$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\text{CO}_2} &= \text{CO}_{2(l)} \text{ (dissolved)} \\
 &+ \text{CO}_{2(g)} \text{ (gaz)} \\
 &+ \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \text{ (ions)} \\
 &+ \text{CaCO}_3 \text{ (mineral)}
 \end{aligned}$$



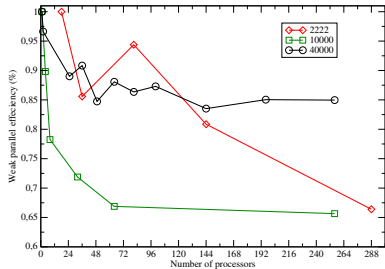
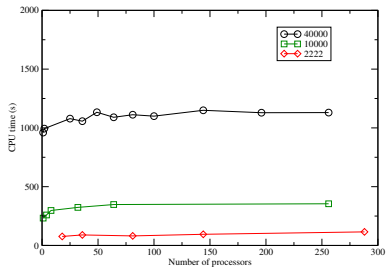
Evolution of CO₂ (left) and mineral (right) total quantities over the domain over 2000 years

Table: Final carbon distribution at 2000 years.

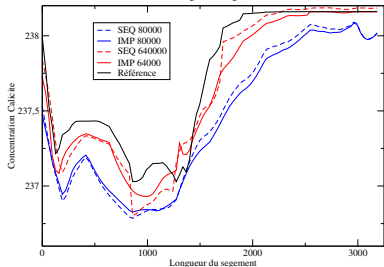
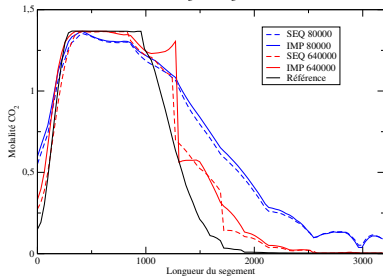
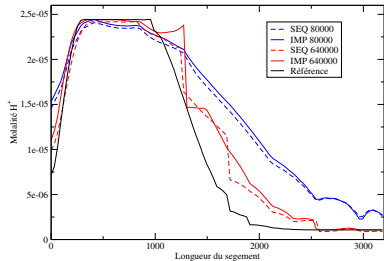
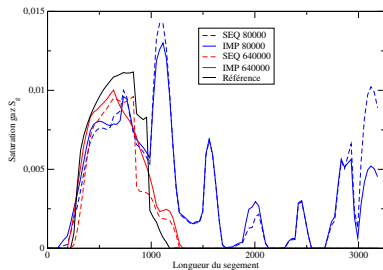
In CO _{2(g)}	In CO _{2(l)}	In ions	In minerals
84.02 %	12.33 %	0.2%	5%



CPU time and strong parallel efficiency as a function of the number of processors.

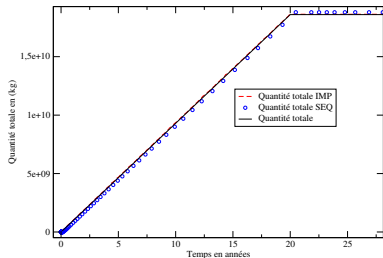


CPU time and weak parallel efficiency as a function of the number of processors.

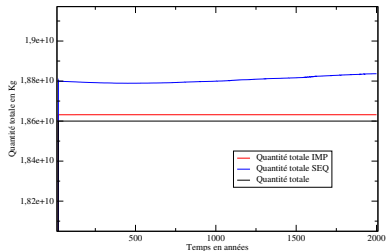


Comparison of results at the segment $[(0, 0, 0) (2250, 2250, 100)]$ of the fully implicit scheme and operator splitting method using DSA for reactive transport problem [1] on different mesh at 100 years.

- [1] E. Ahusborde, B. Amaziane, M. El Ossmani, Improvement of numerical approximation of coupled two-phase multicomponent flow with reactive geochemical transport in porous media, *Oil and Gas Science and Technology*, 2018.



Evolution from 0 to 20 years



Evolution from 20 to 2000 years

Comparison of CO₂ total quantity evolution, over the domain of the **fully implicit scheme** and **operator splitting method** using **DSA** for reactive transport problem [1]

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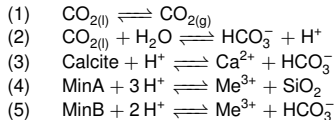
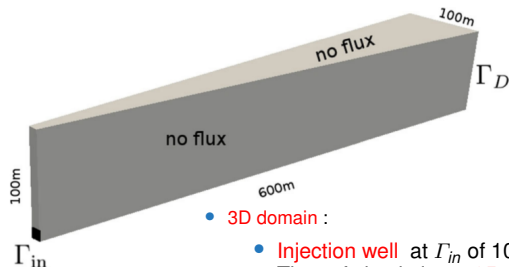
CPU time (s) for the the fully implicit method (FIM) and operator splitting method (OPM).

Grid number of cells	Approach	CPU time	Iteration number
320 000	FIM	6h 28min	892
	OPM	3h 34min	856
180 000	FIM	4h 15min	888
	OPM	3h 7min	856
80 000	FIM	4h 6min	823
	OPM	3h 22min	856
10 000	FIM	37min 30s	246
	OPM	41 min	326

- We have already reduced the CPU time up to **2x** , **3x** compared to the simulations made by the **default strategies (timestep, reassembling)**
- The DSA approach performed better compared to SIA approach on **single phase** flow on particular test case (SHPCO2) test case
- However the operator splitting approach using the DSA approach for the reactive transport subproblem still performs better (**sequential coupling of two implicit subproblems**)
- More optimisations over the non-linear solver can be made and improvement the preconditioning and linear solvers.

- Test case presented in [1].

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- 3D domain :

- Injection well at Γ_{in} of 10m height
- Time of simulation = 85 days

- Chemical reactions

- 5 equilibrium reactions,
- 3 precipitated minerals Calcite, MinA and MinB.

Table: Input parameters for the test case II

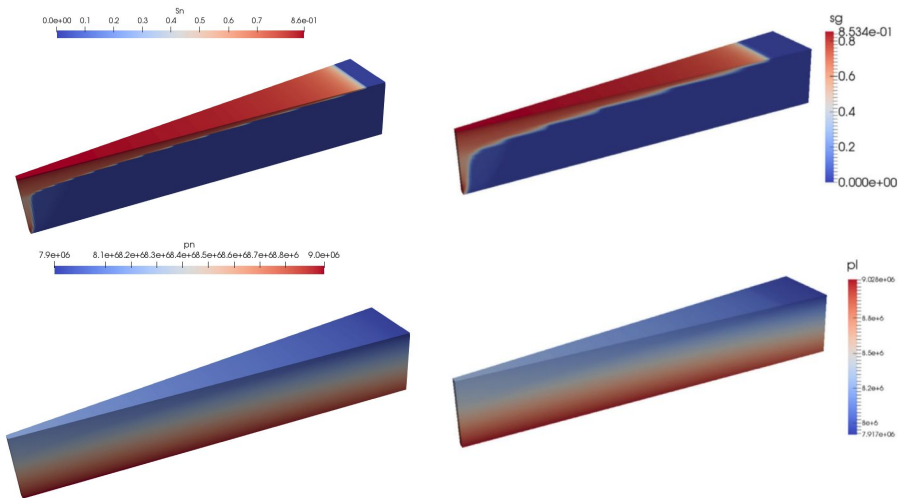
Porosity	$\phi = 0.2$	Absolute permeability	$K = 10^{-12} m^2$
Capillary pressure	$P_c = 0$	Relative permeability	Brooks-Corey $S_l(res) = 0.0 [-]$ $S_g(res) = 0.0 [-]$ $\lambda = 2.0 [-]$ $P_{entry} = 1000.0 Pa$
Temperature	$T = 313.15 K$		
Liquid diffusion	$D_m = 2. \cdot 10^{-9} m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$	Gas diffusion	Model based on [1]
Liquid longitudinal dispersion	$\alpha_L = 0.1 m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$	Liquid transversal dispersion	$\alpha_T = 0.01 m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$
CO ₂ injection rate	$2. \cdot 10^{-2} Kg \cdot m^{-2} \cdot s^{-1}$		
Liquid density (T=3.13.15K)	$992 Kg \cdot m^{-3}$	Gas density	Model based on [1]
Liquid viscosity (T=3.13.15K)	$\nu_l = 6.526 Pa \cdot s$	Gas viscosity	Model based on [2]

	Molar mass $Kg \cdot mol^{-1}$	Initial concentration $mol \cdot m^{-3}$
CO _{2(l)}	4.4×10^{-2}	1×10^{-2}
H ₂ O	1.8×10^{-2}	55333.33
HCO ₃ ⁻	6.1×10^{-2}	1×10^{-2}
H ⁺	1×10^{-3}	1×10^{-3}
Ca ²⁺	4×10^{-3}	1×10^{-1}
Me ³⁺	1.5×10^{-2}	1×10^{-4}
SiO _{2(l)}	6×10^{-2}	1×10^{-2}
Calcite	-	0.1
MinA	-	0.2
MinB	-	0.0

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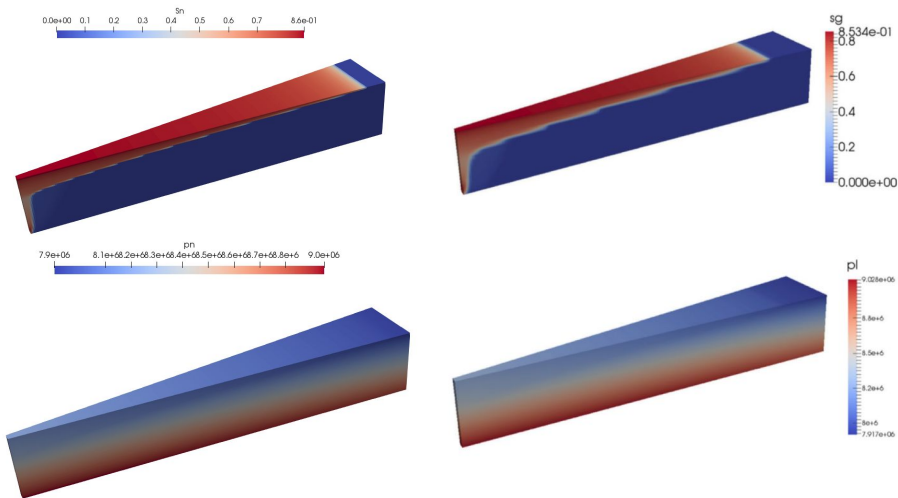
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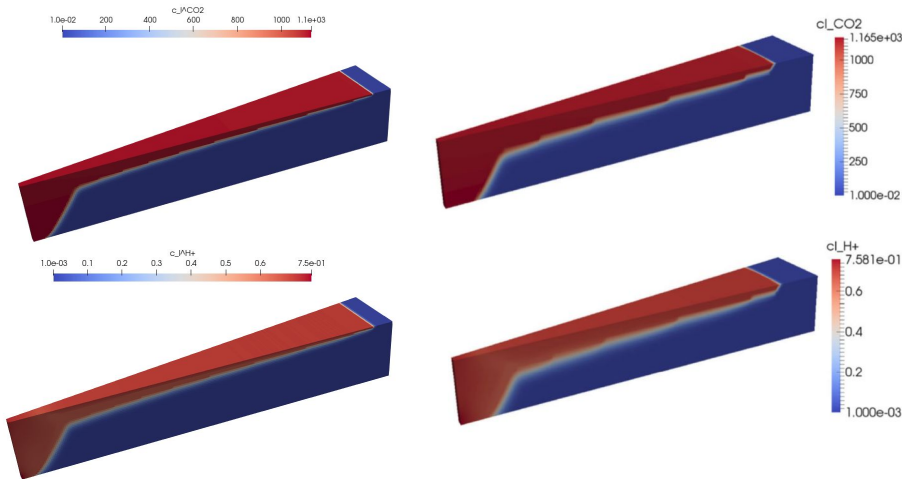
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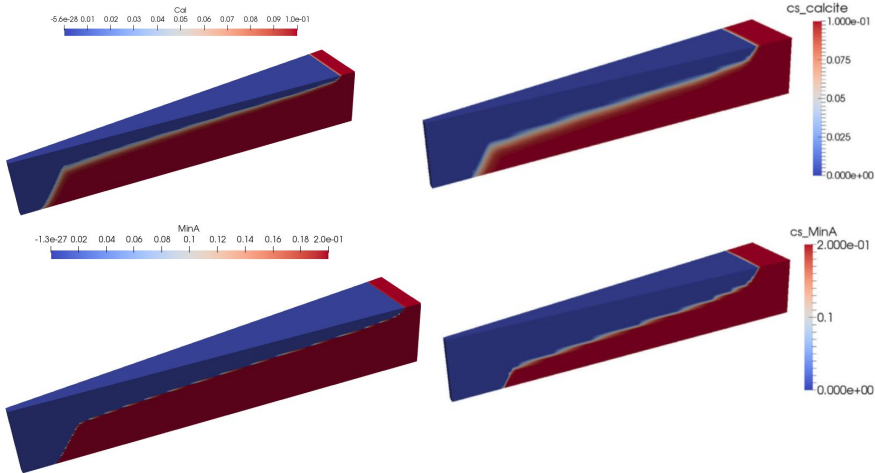
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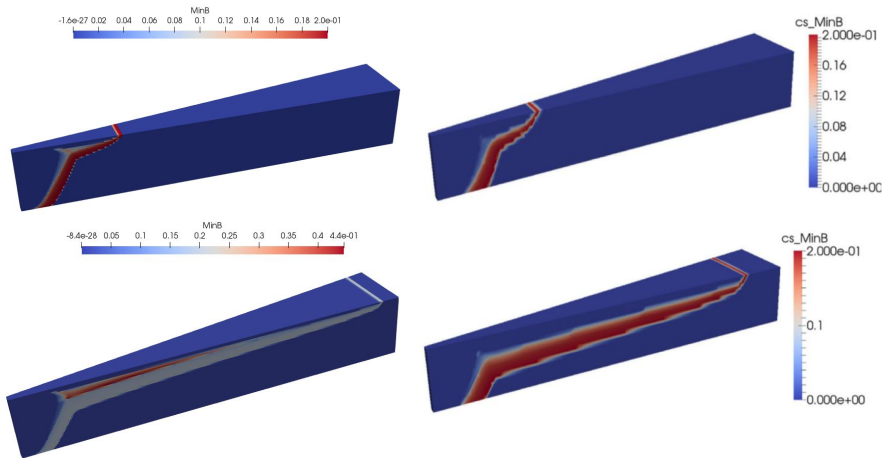
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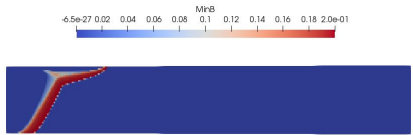
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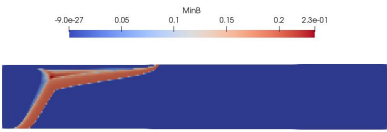
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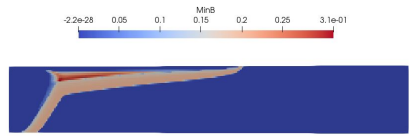
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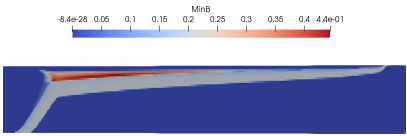
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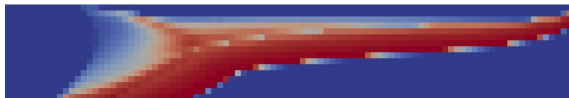
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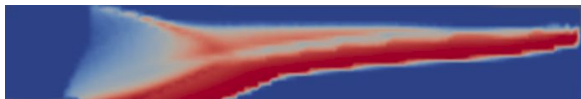
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Our results on coarse mesh



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Results comparison on coarse grid (600 cells) of MinB at 85 days with a 2D version.

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Thank you for your attention:

Questions ?



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