

# Space–time domain decomposition methods for linear and non–linear diffusion problems

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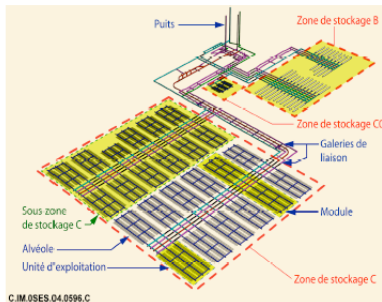
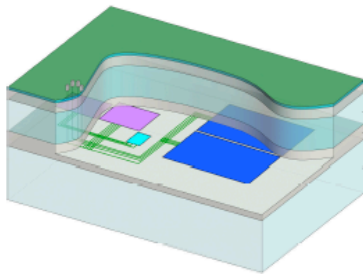
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# Geological repository for nuclear waste



Waste package 1.3m × Ø0.43m

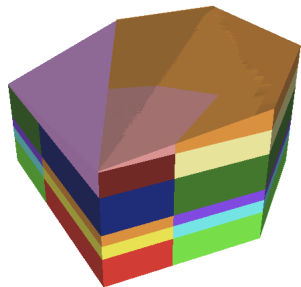


A repository 2km × 2km

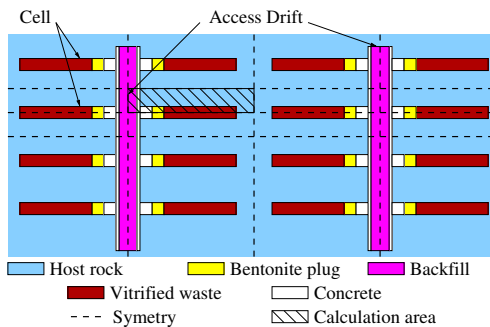


Geological formation 20km × 20km × 500m

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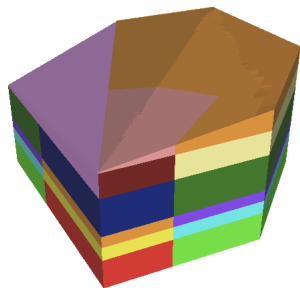
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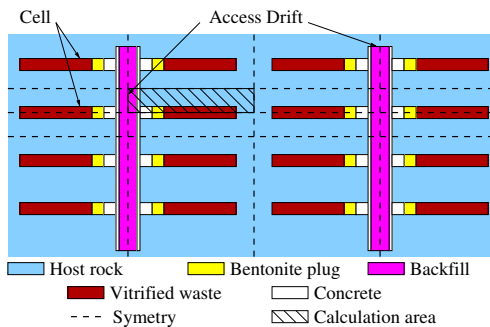
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⇒ Domain Decomposition methods  
**Global in Time**

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# Model problem: Two-phase immiscible flow

## Mathematical model

$$\partial_t (\omega \rho_\alpha S_\alpha) + \operatorname{div} (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha) = q_\alpha \quad \text{mass conservation}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_\alpha = - \frac{k_{r\alpha}}{\mu_\alpha} K (\nabla p_\alpha - \rho_\alpha \nabla g) \quad \text{Darcy's law}$$

$$S_n + S_w = 1$$

$$p_n - p_w = \pi(S_w) \quad \text{capillary pressure}$$

Phase  $\alpha = w$  water,  $n$  gas or oil.  $\pi(S_w)$  increasing function on  $[0, 1]$  (extend continuously to  $\mathbf{R}$ ).

- $\omega$  porosity
- $S_\alpha$  phase saturation
- $\mathbf{u}_\alpha$  phase velocity
- $k_{r\alpha}$  relative permeability
- $K$  permeability
- $p_\alpha$ : phase pressure
- $\rho_\alpha$  phase density
- $\mu_\alpha$  viscosity

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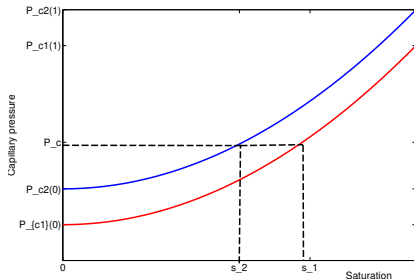
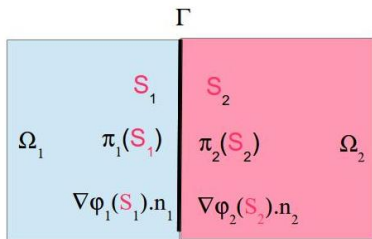
Simplified system: **neglect advection**

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Nonlinear (degenerate) diffusion equation

# Discontinuous capillary pressure: transmission conditions

Two subdomains  $\bar{\Omega} = \bar{\Omega}_1 \cup \bar{\Omega}_2$ ,  $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2 = \emptyset$ .  $\Gamma = \bar{\Omega}_1 \cap \bar{\Omega}_2$



## Transmission conditions on the interface

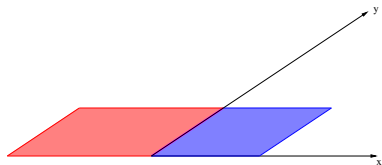
Continuity of capillary pressure  $\pi_1(\mathbf{s}_1) = \pi_2(\mathbf{s}_2)$  on  $\Gamma$

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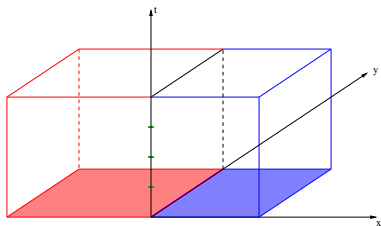
Chavent – Jaffré (86), Enchéry et al. (06), Cances (08), Ern et al (10), Brenner et al. (13).

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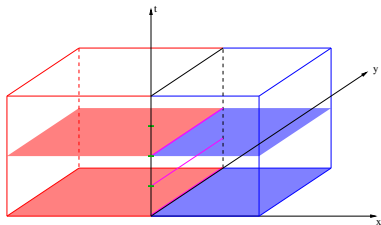
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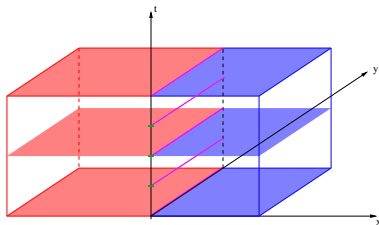
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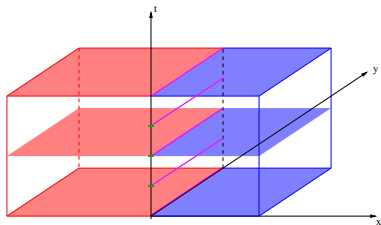
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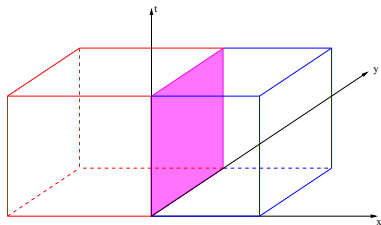
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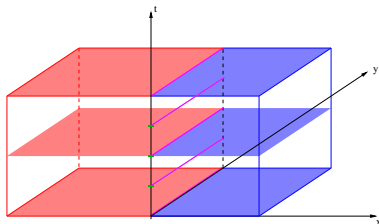


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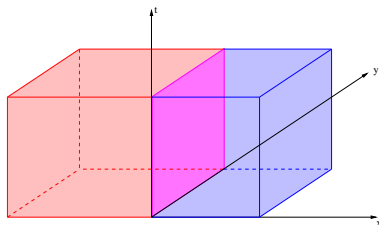
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- Solve **time-dependent** problems in the subdomains
- Exchange information through the **space-time interface**
- Enable local discretizations both in space and in time
  - **local time stepping**

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# Diffusion Problem in a mixed formulation

- ▶ Time-dependent diffusion equation

$$\omega \partial_t c + \operatorname{div}(-\mathbf{D} \nabla c) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T),$$

+ homogeneous Dirichlet BC & IC  $c(\cdot, 0) = c_0$ .

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## Theorem 1 (Well-posedness for homogeneous Dirichlet BCs)

If  $f \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$  and  $c_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  then (MVF) has a unique solution

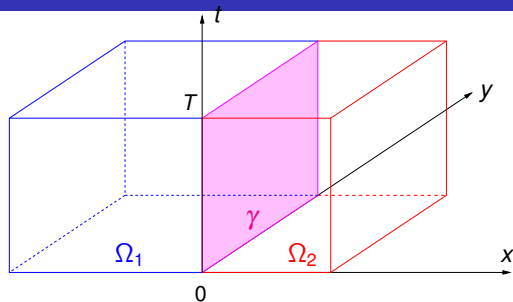
$$(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}) \in H^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \times (L^2(0, T; H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega))).$$

Moreover, if  $f \in H^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$  and  $c_0 \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$  then

$$(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}) \in W^{1,\infty}(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \times (L^\infty(0, T; H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)) \cap H^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega))).$$

# Multi-domain mixed formulation

Decomposition into **non-overlapping** subdomains.



Equivalent multi-domain formulation obtained by solving subproblems

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}_i^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i + \nabla c_i &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega_i \times (0, T) \\ \omega_i \partial_t c_i + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{r}_i) &= f && \text{in } \Omega_i \times (0, T) \\ c_i &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ c_i(\cdot, 0) &= c_0 && \text{in } \Omega_i, \end{aligned} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2,$$

with **transmission conditions** on space-time interface

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= c_2 \\ \mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, T).$$

- Dirichlet to Neumann operators, for  $i = 1, 2$ :

$$\mathcal{S}_i^{\text{DtN}} : (\lambda, f, c_0) \rightarrow (\mathbf{r}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)|_{\Gamma}$$

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- Space – time interface problem

$$\mathcal{S}_1^{\text{DtN}}(\lambda, f, c_0) + \mathcal{S}_2^{\text{DtN}}(\lambda, f, c_0) = 0 \iff \mathcal{S}\lambda = \chi, \text{ on } \Gamma \times [0, T]$$

- Solve with GMRES, preconditioned with Neumann – Neumann

# Schwarz waveform relation: Robin transmission conditions

- Equivalent Robin TCs on  $\Gamma \times [0, T]$ . For  $\beta_1, \beta_2 > 0$ :

$$-\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \beta_1 c_1 = -\mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \beta_1 c_2$$

$$-\mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 + \beta_2 c_2 = -\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 + \beta_2 c_1$$

$\beta_1, \beta_2$  numerical parameters, can be optimized to improve convergence rate

- Robin to Robin operators, for  $i = 1, 2, j = 3 - i$ :

$$\mathcal{S}_i^{\text{RtR}} : (\xi_j, f, c_0) \rightarrow (-\mathbf{r}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_j + \beta_j c_j)|_{\Gamma}$$

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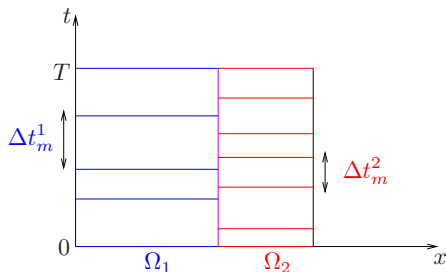
$$-\mathbf{r}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_j + \beta_j c_j = \xi_j \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, T)$$

- Space – time interface problem with two Lagrange multipliers

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &= S_1^{\text{RtR}}(\xi_2, f, c_0) \\ \xi_2 &= S_2^{\text{RtR}}(\xi_1, f, c_0) \end{aligned} \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times [0, T] \quad \text{or } S_R \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \kappa_R$$

- Solve with Richardson or GMRES

# Nonconforming discretization in time



Information on one time grid at the interface is passed to the other time grid at the interface using L2-projections

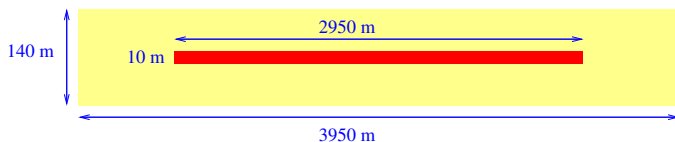
→ use an optimal projection algorithm, Gander-Japhet-Maday-Nataf (2005)



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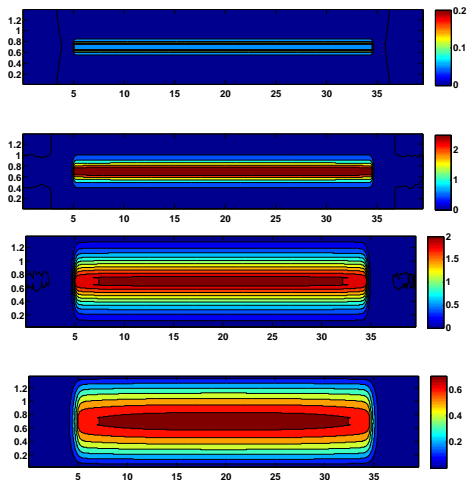


# A test case (Andra)



- Porosity  $\omega = 0.05$  in the clay layer (in yellow) and  $\omega = 0.2$  in the repository (in red).
- Permeability  $d = 5 \cdot 10^{-12}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s in the clay layer and  $d = 2 \cdot 10^{-9}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s in the repository.
- Source term  $f = 0$  in the clay layer, and  $f = \begin{cases} 10^{-5} & \text{for } t \leq 10^5 \\ 0 & \text{for } t > 10^5 \end{cases}$  in the repository.
- Decomposition: 9 rectangular subdomains. Non-uniform spatial mesh  $\Delta x = 1/300$ .
- Non-conforming time grids:  $\Delta t = 2000$  (years) in the repository and  $\Delta t = 10000$  (years) in the clay layer.
- 2 optimization techniques (discontinuous coefficients) for computing parameters  $\alpha_{i,j}$ :
  - Opt. 1: 2 half-space Fourier analysis.
  - Opt. 2: taking into account the length of the domains Halpern-Japhet-Omnes (DD20, 11)

# Snapshots of Solution



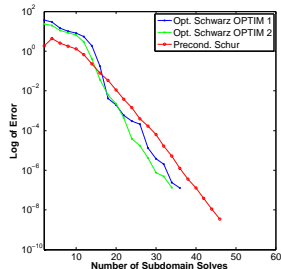
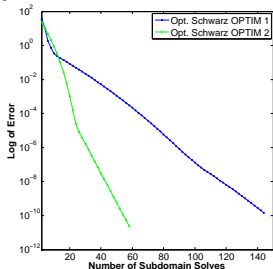
Snapshots of multi-domain solution at 2000 years,  $10^5$  years,  $2 \cdot 10^5$  years and 1 million years respectively.

Note. Color bars change.

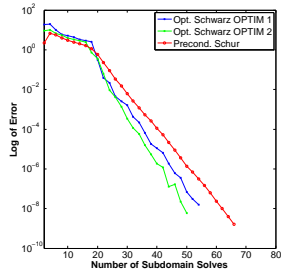
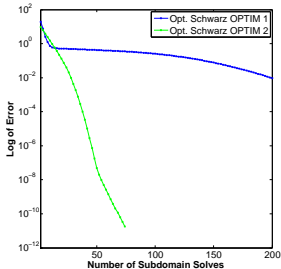
# Convergence History for Short/Long Time Interval

Error in concentration

$T = 2 \cdot 10^5$  years



$T = 10^6$  years



Jacobi

GMRES



- Splitting method: different time steps for advection and diffusion
- Steklov – Poincaré method

$$\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_h \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_a \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{\chi}_h \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times [0, T]$$

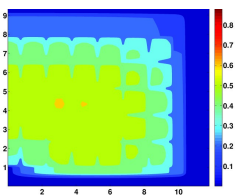
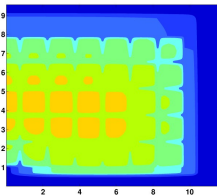
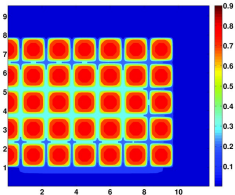
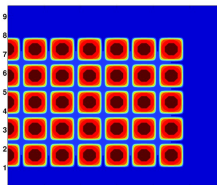
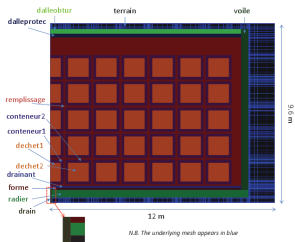
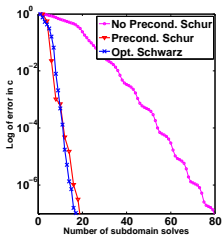
Generalized Neumann – Neumann preconditioner

- Schwarz WR with Robin TC

$$\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{R,h} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_a \\ \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{\chi}_{R,h} \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times [0, T]$$

Optimize Robin parameters for diffusion only,  $\neq$  fully implicit method

# Example: transport in a near-surface repository



Joint with C. Japhet, J. Roberts, PhD thesis of Ph. Hoang Thi Thao

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# Non-linear Schwarz algorithm

## Robin transmission conditions

$$\nabla \phi_1(\mathbf{S}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \beta_1 \pi_1(\mathbf{S}_1) = -\nabla \phi_2(\mathbf{S}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 + \beta_1 \pi_2(\mathbf{S}_2)$$

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## Schwarz algorithm

Given  $\mathbf{S}_i^0$ , iterate for  $k = 0, \dots$

Solve for  $\mathbf{S}_i^{k+1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, j = 3 - i$

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$(\beta_1, \beta_2)$  are **free parameters** chosen to accelerate convergence

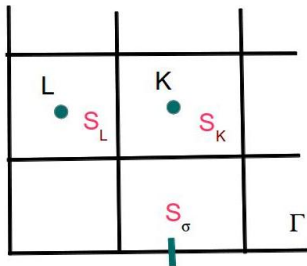
Basic ingredient: subdomain solver **with Robin bc.**

# Finite volume scheme (1)

Extension to Robin bc of cell centered FV scheme by Enchéry et al. (06).

Triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ , cells  $K \in \mathcal{T}$ , boundary faces  $\sigma \subset \Gamma$ .

Unknowns : cell values  $(S_K)_{K \in \mathcal{T}}$ , boundary face values  $(S_\sigma)_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma}$



Notations:  $K|L =$  edge between  $K$  and  $L$ ,  $\tau_{K|L} = \frac{m(K|L)}{\bar{K}_{K|L}}$  (eg harmonic average).



## Interior equation

$$m(K) \frac{S_K^{n+1} - S_K^n}{\delta t} + \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}(K)} \tau_{K|L} (\phi(S_K^{n+1}) - \phi(S_L^{n+1})) + \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma \cap \mathcal{E}_K} \tau_{K,\sigma} (\phi(S_K^{n+1}) - \phi(S_\sigma^{n+1})) = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}.$$

## Robin BC for boundary faces

$$-\tau_{K,\sigma} (\phi(S_K^{n+1}) - \phi(S_\sigma^{n+1})) + \beta m(\sigma) \pi(S_\sigma^{n+1}) = g_\sigma, \quad \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma$$

Implemented with Matlab Reservoir Simulation Toolbox (K. A. Lie et al. (14))  
Solver with automatic differentiation : no explicit computation of Jacobian

# MRST Code

```
grad = @(x)-C*x;
div = @(x)C'*x;

vEq=@(p) T .* grad(phi(p) - g*rho.*z) ;
pressureEq = @(p, p0, dt,p_rr) (1/dt) .* (p - p0) - div( vEq(p) ) +Arobin(p_rr);
robinEq =@(p,p_rr) ft(face_robin).*phi(p_rr)+beta.*pc(p_rr).*G.faces.areas(face_robin) ...
    -ft(face_robin).*phi(p(Cellsonrobin));

[p_ad, p_rrad] = initVariablesADI(p_init, p_rrinit);

while t < totTime,
    t = t + dt;    p0 = double(p_ad);
    while (resNorm > tol) && (nit < maxits)
        % Create equations:
        eqs = cell([2, 1]);
        eqs{1} = pressureEq(p_ad, p0, dt,p_rrad);
        eqs{2} = robinEq(p_ad,p_rrad)-bc(step+1).value(1:length(face_robin));

        % Concatenate equations and solve:
        eq = cat(eqs{:});
        J = eq.jac{1}; % Jacobian
        res = eq.val; % residual
        upd = -(J \ res); % Newton update

        % Update variables
        p_ad.val = p_ad.val + upd(pIx); p_rrad.val = p_rrad.val + upd(pRx);

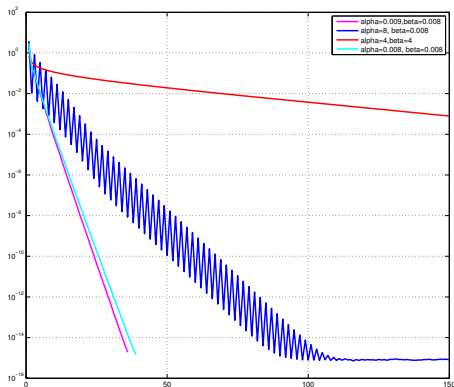
        resNorm = norm(res); nit = nit + 1;
    end
end
```

# Numerical example

Homogeneous medium,  $\Omega_1 = (0, 100)^3$ ,  $\Omega_2 = (100, 200) \times (0, 100)^2$ .

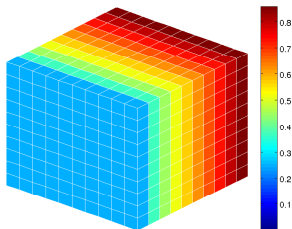
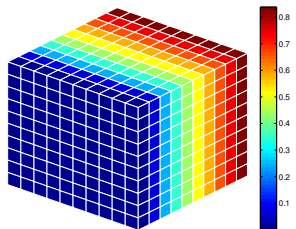
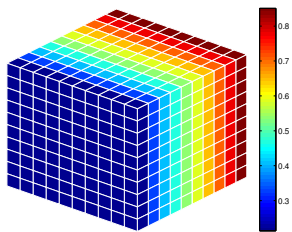
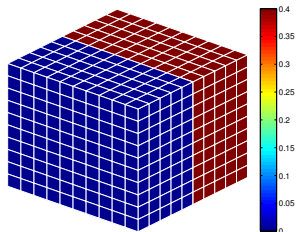
Mobilities  $\lambda_0(\mathbf{S}) = \mathbf{S}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} \in [0, 1]$ ,

Capillary pressure  $\pi(\mathbf{S}) = 5\mathbf{S}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{S} \in [0, 1]$



Convergence history for various parameters

# Evolution of the concentration



## Local solver

$$S_i(g) = (\tau_{L,\sigma} (\phi(\mathbf{S}_L^n) - \phi(\mathbf{S}_{L,\sigma}^n)) + \beta_j m(\sigma) \pi(\mathbf{S}_{L,\sigma}^n))_{L \in \mathcal{T}, \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma}^{n=0, \dots, N}$$

where  $(\mathbf{S}_L^n, \mathbf{S}_{L,\sigma}^n)_{L \in \mathcal{T}, \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma}^{n=0, \dots, N}$  solves the local problem.

$$\begin{aligned} m(K) \frac{\mathbf{S}_K^{n+1} - \mathbf{S}_K^n}{\delta t} + \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}(K)} \tau_{K|L} (\phi(\mathbf{S}_K^{n+1}) - \phi(\mathbf{S}_L^{n+1})) \\ + \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma \cap \mathcal{E}_K} \tau_{K,\sigma} (\phi(\mathbf{S}_K^{n+1}) - \phi(\mathbf{S}_\sigma^{n+1})) = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}, \\ - \tau_{K,\sigma} (\phi(\mathbf{S}_K^{n+1}) - \phi(\mathbf{S}_\sigma^{n+1})) + \beta m(\sigma) \pi(\mathbf{S}_\sigma^{n+1}) = g_\sigma, \quad \sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma \end{aligned}$$

Multi-domain problem is equivalent to

Find  $(\Psi_{\sigma,1}, \Psi_{\sigma,2})_{\sigma \in \mathcal{E}_\Gamma}^{n=0, \dots, N}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{\sigma,2} &= S_1(\Psi_{\sigma,1}) \\ \Psi_{\sigma,1} &= S_2(\Psi_{\sigma,2}) \end{aligned}$$

- Convergence for Schwarz algorithm
- Use DD for **fractured media** (Ventcell BC, cf Hoang, Japhet, K. Roberts, to appear)
- Study influence of parameter  $\beta$
- Find **optimal** parameter, compare
- Study **interface problem** for non-linear case, Jacobi (SWR) vs Newton
- Extension to **full** two-phase model
- **Convergence** of Schwarz alg. for nonlinear case
- Large scale **parallel** solver (MdS)