

# The user manual for StrataTrapper software

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## **The purpose of the software:**

Accurately considering the heterogeneity, particularly the capillary pressure heterogeneity, in reservoir characterisation, which is utilized for multiphase flow simulation.

## **The source of the software:**

Github project ([s.an@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:s.an@imperial.ac.uk))

## **The version of StrataTrapper:**

StrataTrapper for Windows system.

## **Pre-installed the software:**

Image Processing Toolbox in Matlab.

Optimization Toolbox in Matlab.

## **Steps to run StrataTrapper**

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**Algorithm 1:** Pore to Core to Field Scale Upscaling

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**Input** : The fluid properties in *Fluid\_transport\_properties.mat*

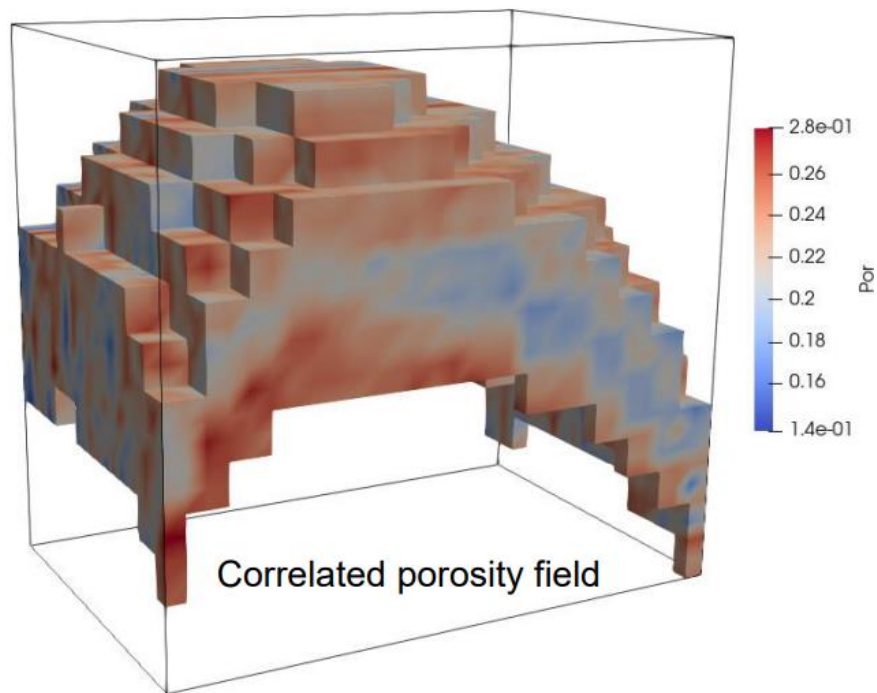
The structure and petrophysical properties in *A\_input.txt*

The specific relations from report stored in *A\_input\_report.m*

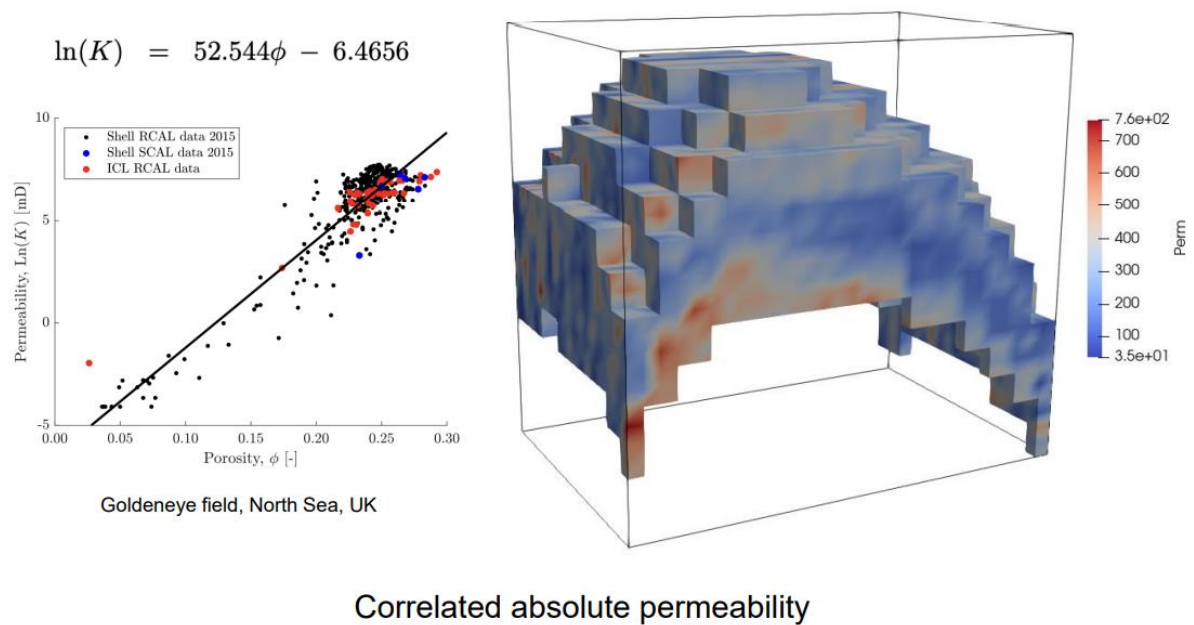
**Output** : The upscaled model for simulation

- 1 Load reservoir & petrophysical properties. Define upscaling, and do the interpolation.  
*A1\_1\_Generate\_global\_parameters.m*
- 2 Generate the correlated porosity field (Figure. 1) in the fine-scale grid, which is utilized to calculate the permeability distribution (Figure. 2), as well as derive the entry capillary pressure field (Figure. 3) using the Leverett-J function. *A2\_1\_Gene\_data\_stru\_fine.m*
- 3 Polygon transect fitting to reveal on-site geo-structure. *A2\_1\_Gene\_shift\_structure\_fine2.m*
- 4 Construct the data structure and calculate the porosity distribution in the upscaled gid (Figure. 4). *A2\_2\_Generate\_data\_structure\_upscaled.m*
- 5 **for**  $k \in \text{all coarse cells}$  **do**
  - 6 **for**  $i = 1 \cdots n$  (All aimed saturation points) **do**
    - 7 Calculate capillary pressure ( $P_c$ ) at  $S_{w,aim}$  using the Brooks-Corey equation with average entry pressure in the coarse cell. Set  $P_c$  as the initial guess for the macroscopic boundary pressure,  $P_b$ . And define an initial  $S_w$ .
    - 8 **while**  $(S_{w,aim}^i - S_w) > E_{thresh}$  **do**
      - 9 Perform Macroscopic Invasion Percolation (MIP): the local system is invaded with non-wetting phase at  $P_b$  starting from the boundary cells and working inwards. A fine-scale cell is invaded if 1) it is connected to a cell which is connected to the boundary and 2)  $P_b$  is greater than the cell's entry pressure.
      - 10 Once all accessible cells are invaded, calculate the upscaled  $S_w$  (the fine-scale saturation distribution is inverted from the fine-scale capillary pressure distribution. The upscaled saturation is volume averaging one).
      - 11 Update  $P_b$  based on the updated  $S_w$ .
    - 12 **end**
    - 13 The fine-scale relative permeability distribution is calculated using the known fine-scale saturation. *A3\_1\_Perform\_MIP\_upscaling.m*
  - 14 **end**
  - 15 Simulate the single-phase flow in each direction using the fine-scale system. **CMG based. *A4\_1.m* & *A4\_2.m* (6 hours, 750 cells)**
  - 16 The macroscopic relative permeability at each phase saturation is calculated with Darcy's Law. The data points are subsequently fitted with a functional form.  
*A4\_3\_Post\_process\_single\_phase\_files.m*
  - 17 **end**

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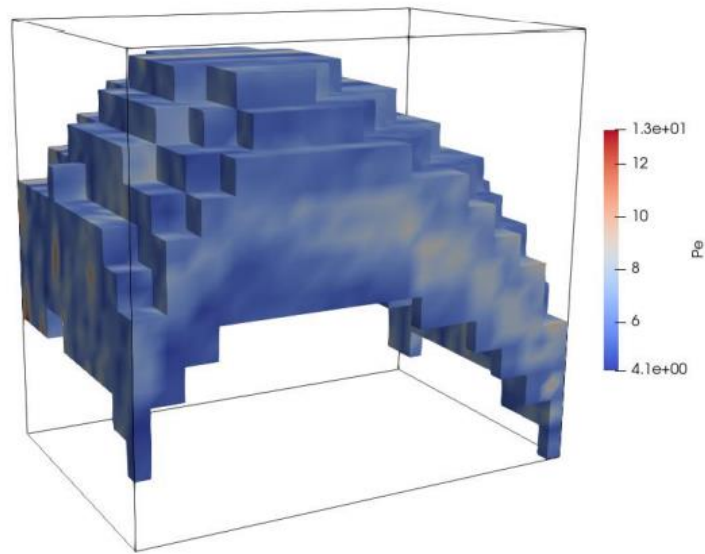
**Figure 1.** The correlated porosity field in fine-scale grid



**Figure 2.** The correlated absolute permeability field in fine-scale grid

### Correlated entry capillary pressure

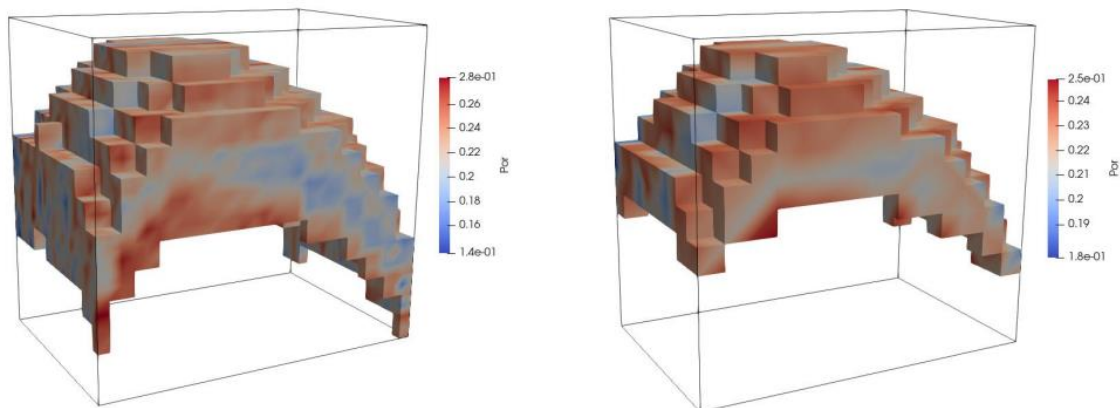
$$J(S_w) = \frac{P_c}{\gamma \cos \theta} \sqrt{\frac{K}{\phi}}$$



**Figure 3.** The correlated absolute permeability field in fine-scale grid

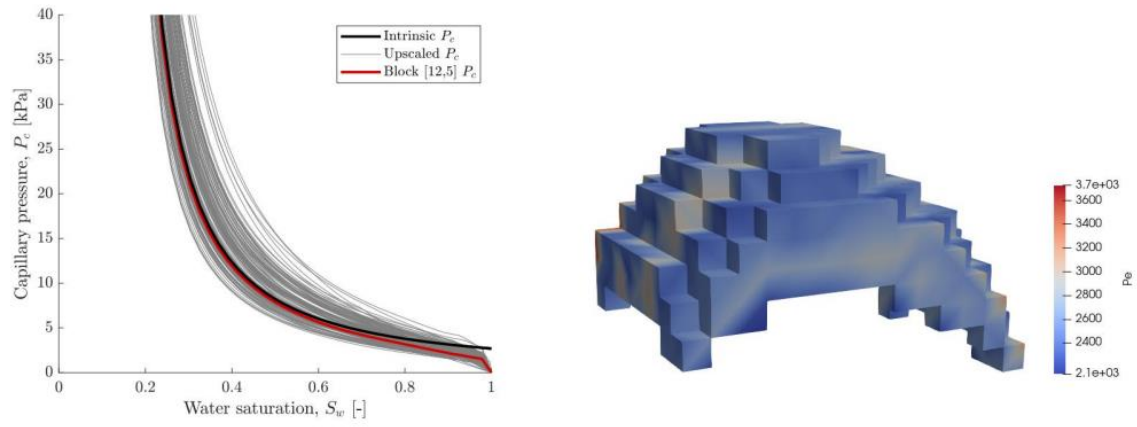
### Upscaled correlated porosity

Fine grid size (10,20,30)  $\xrightarrow{\text{2 times in each direction}}$  Upscaled size (5, 10, 15) m



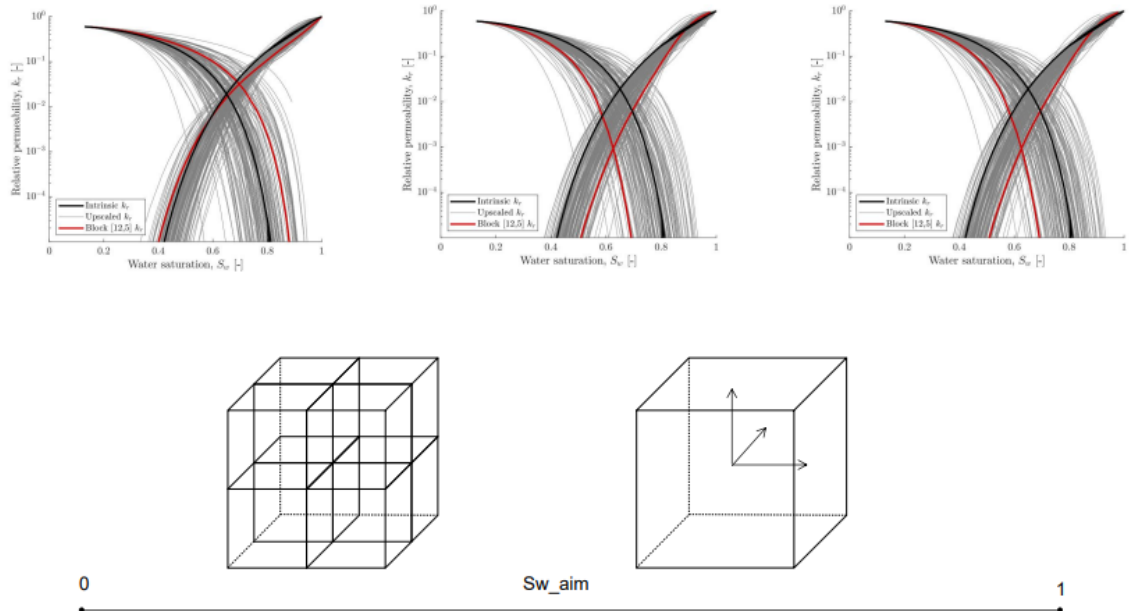
**Figure 4.** The upscaling of correlated porosity field

## Upscaled capillary pressure in each block



**Figure 5.** Upscaled capillary pressure curve in each block

## Upscaled relative permeability



**Figure 6.** Directionally upscaled relative permeability in coarsen cells