

1. From Fluid Continuity [1] [Note]

Sum of mass fluxes = rate of loss or mass in the volume

$$\frac{\Delta m_f}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\partial \rho_f q_x}{\partial x} \Delta x (\Delta y \Delta z) - \frac{\partial \rho_f q_y}{\partial y} \Delta y (\Delta x \Delta z) - \frac{\partial \rho_f q_z}{\partial z} \Delta z (\Delta x \Delta y) + \tilde{S}$$

$$= -\nabla \cdot (\rho_f \vec{q}) \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_f \vec{q}) V$$

$$m_f = \rho_f V_f = \rho_f \phi V$$

Ignore change of  $\rho_f$  in space:  $\nabla \cdot (\rho_f \vec{q}) = \rho_f \nabla \cdot \vec{q}$  ( $\rho = \rho_f$ )

$$[1] \quad \frac{\partial (\rho \phi)}{\partial t} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{q} + \tilde{m} \quad (\tilde{m} = \frac{S}{V})$$

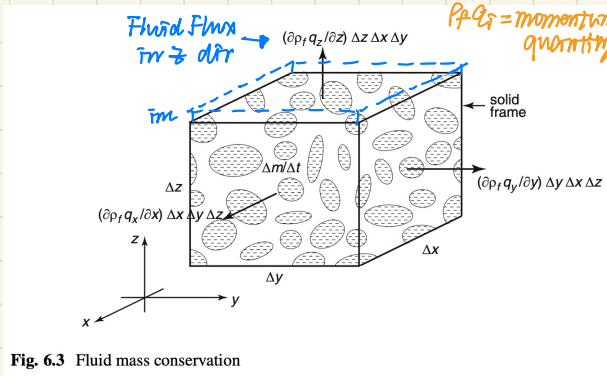


Fig. 6.3 Fluid mass conservation

$\rho_f$ : fluid density  $[\frac{M}{L^3}]$   
 $q_i$ : fluid flux in  $i$  direction  $[\frac{L}{T}]$   
 $\tilde{S}$ : source term rate  $[\frac{M}{T}]$   
 $p$ : pressure  $[\frac{M}{LT^2}]$   
 $k$ : permeability

Substitute Darcy's Law [2] in [1]:

$$\vec{q} = -\frac{k}{\mu} \nabla p$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho \phi)}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{\mu} \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla p) + \tilde{m}$$

Consider 2D case, homogeneous and isotropic permeability

$$\frac{\partial (\rho \phi)}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \rho \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) + \tilde{m}$$

Introduce formation volume factor  $B_w$  ( $B_w \sim 1.0$  for water)

$$B_w = \frac{V_{sc}}{V_{sc}} = \frac{\rho_{sc}}{\rho_{sc}}$$

sc: surface condition  
rc: reservoir condition.

replace  $\rho$  by  $\frac{\rho_{sc}}{B_w}$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\rho_{sc}}{B_w} \phi \right) = \frac{k}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\rho_{sc}}{B_w} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) + \tilde{m}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \phi \right) = \frac{k}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\tilde{m}}{\rho_{sc}}$$

Expand chain and product rule on both sides

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \right) \phi + \frac{1}{B_w} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p} \right) = \frac{k}{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{B_w} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{\tilde{m}}{\rho_{sc}}$$

(chain rule)

Define

By definition

$$C_r = \frac{1}{V_p} \frac{\partial V_p}{\partial p} = \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p} \quad (\text{rock compressibility})$$

$$C_f = - \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial p} \Big|_T = \frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} \Big|_T = \frac{B_w}{\rho_{sc}} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{\rho_{sc}}{B_w} \right) = B_w \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \right)$$

(fluid compressibility)

$$C_t = C_r + C_f \quad (\text{total compressibility})$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \underbrace{\phi \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \right) + \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p} \right)}_{C_t} = \frac{k}{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{C_f}{B_w} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right) + \frac{\tilde{m}}{\rho_{sc}}$$

can ignore for small fluid compressibility ( $< 10^{-5}$ )

Take  $B_w = 1.0$ , then

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{\mu \phi C_t} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\tilde{m}}{\rho_{sc} \phi C_t}$$

$p$ : pressure

$t$ : time

$k$ : permeability

$\phi$ : porosity

$C_t$ : total compressibility

$\hat{m}$ : source rate (per unit volume)

$\rho_{sc}$ : surface fluid density

Nondimensionalize the system:

$$p = \sigma_m \hat{p}$$

$$t = \frac{k}{v_o} \hat{t}$$

$$x = L_x \hat{x}$$

$$\hat{m} = m_o \hat{\hat{m}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{p}}{\partial \hat{t}} = \frac{kL}{\mu \phi C_t L_x^2 v_o} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{p}}{\partial \hat{x}^2} + \frac{m_o L}{\rho \phi C_t \sigma_m v_o} \hat{\hat{m}}$$

2. Show analytical solution of peak values of diffusion equation (in terms of time)

Start from fundamental solution of diffusion equation:

$$G(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}}$$

$$@ x=0 \quad G = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D t}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$$

We could view constant injection rate as continuous point source and use Duhamel integral.

$$p|_{x=0} = \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D t}} = \sqrt{\frac{t}{\pi D}} \propto \sqrt{t}$$