

Running PFLOTTRAN

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Homogeneous permeability field version:

```
> cd $PFLOTTRAN_DIR  
> cd shortcourse/exercises/regional_doublet/  
> pflotran -input_prefix regional_doublet
```

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Stochastic permeability field version:

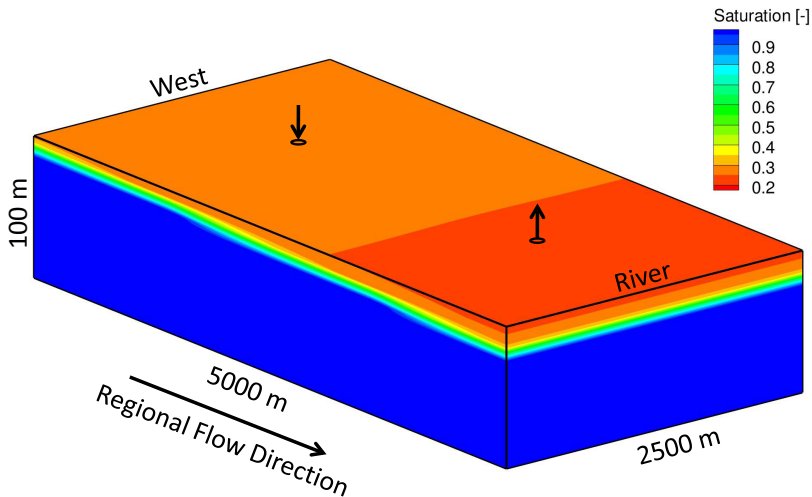
```
> cd $PFLOTTRAN_DIR  
> cd shortcourse/exercises/regional_doublet/  
> pflotran -input_prefix stochastic_regional_doublet  
-realization_id 5
```

Description of 3D Regional Flow and Transport Scenario

The “3D Regional Flow and Transport Scenario” simulates groundwater flow and solute transport within a large kilometer-scale domain:

- ▶ Problem domain: $5000 \times 2500 \times 100 \text{ m}^3$ ($x \times y \times z$)
- ▶ Grid resolution $50 \times 49.02 \times 5 \text{ m}^3$ ($100 \times 51 \times 20$ cells)
- ▶ Maximum time step size: 0.1 y (for $\text{CFL} \leq 1$)
- ▶ Total simulation time: 10 y

3D Regional Flow and Transport Scenario Schematic



Governing Flow Equations

Continuity Equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\varphi s \rho) + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{q} = Q$$

Darcy's Law:

$$\mathbf{q} = -\frac{\mathbf{k}k_r}{\mu} \nabla (P - \rho g z)$$

- ▶ φ = porosity
- ▶ s = saturation
- ▶ ρ = liquid density
- ▶ \mathbf{k} = intrinsic permeability tensor
- ▶ k_r = relative permeability
- ▶ μ = viscosity
- ▶ P = liquid pressure
- ▶ g = gravity
- ▶ z = distance in direction of gravity
- ▶ Q = source/sink

Constitutive Relations

► Capillary Pressure Relations

► van Genuchten

► Effective Saturation:

$$s_e = [1 + (\alpha|P_c|)^n]^{-m}$$

► Saturation:

$$s = s_e(1 - s_r) + s_r$$

► Relative Permeability (Mualem)

$$k_r = \sqrt{s_e} \left\{ 1 - \left[1 - s_e^{1/m} \right]^m \right\}^2$$

► s = saturation

► s_e = effective saturation

► s_r = residual saturation

► P_c = capillary pressure = $P_{\text{atm}} - P$

► α = inverse of air entry pressure [Pa^{-1}]

► n = van Genuchten n

► $m = 1 - 1/n$

Constitutive Relations [Cont.]

- ▶ Brooks-Corey

- ▶ Effective Saturation:

$$s_e = (\alpha |P_c|)^{-\lambda}$$

- ▶ Saturation:

$$s = s_e(1 - s_r) + s_r$$

- ▶ Relative permeability (Burdine)

$$\begin{aligned} k_r &= (s_e)^{(2+3\lambda)/\lambda} \\ &= (\alpha |P_c|)^{-(2+3\lambda)} \end{aligned}$$

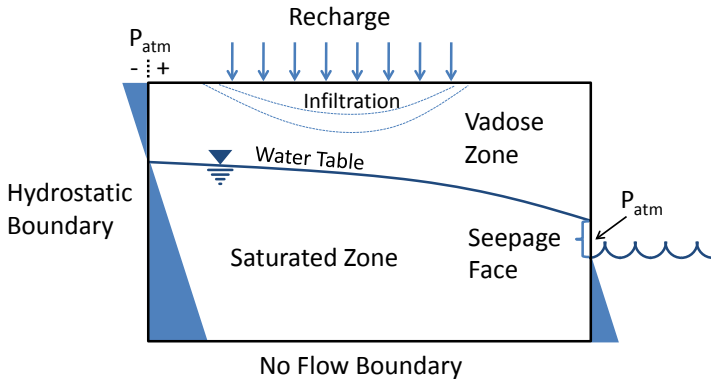
- ▶ α = inverse of air entry pressure [Pa^{-1}]

- ▶ λ = Brooks Corey function parameter λ

Flow Boundary Conditions

- ▶ Dirichlet (e.g. specified pressure)
- ▶ Neumann (e.g. specified flux)
- ▶ No Flow
- ▶ Recharge
- ▶ Hydrostatic
- ▶ Seepage Face

Flow Boundary Conditions Schematic



Flow Boundary Conditions

$$\mathbf{q} = -\frac{kk_r}{\mu} \left(\frac{P_{\text{cell}} - P_{\text{boundary}} - \rho g \mathbf{z}}{\Delta l} \right)$$

- ▶ \mathbf{q} units: $\left[\frac{l_{\text{water}}^3}{l_{\text{bulk}}^2 \cdot t} \right]$ where l = length and t = time
- ▶ No flow (Neumann) : $\mathbf{q} = 0$ or even better, no flux calculation at all
- ▶ Recharge (Neumann) : $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}_0$
- ▶ Hydrostatic (Dirichlet): $P_{\text{boundary}} = f(P_{\text{datum}}, x, y, z, \rho(P, T))$
- ▶ Seepage Face (Dirichlet) : $P_{\text{boundary}} = \max(\text{Hydrostatic}, P_{\text{atm}})$

Richards Equation - Averaging Schemes

$$\mathbf{q} = -\frac{\mathbf{k}k_r}{\mu}\nabla(P - \rho g z)$$

- ▶ \mathbf{k} : inverse distance-weighted harmonic
- ▶ k_r : upwind
- ▶ μ : upwind
- ▶ ρ : arithmetic

Governing Transport Equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\varphi s \Psi_j) + \nabla \cdot \Omega_j = S_j$$

$$\Omega_j = (\mathbf{q} - \varphi s \mathbf{D} \nabla) \Psi_j$$

φ = porosity; s = liquid saturation

Ψ_j = solute concentration for aqueous species j

S_j = source/sink term for aqueous species j

Ω = solute flux; \mathbf{q} = Darcy velocity

\mathbf{D} = hydrodynamic dispersion = $\mathcal{D}^* + \alpha_L |\boldsymbol{\nu}|$

\mathcal{D}^* = species **independent** coefficient of diffusion

α_L = longitudinal dispersity

$\boldsymbol{\nu}$ = pore water velocity = \mathbf{q}/φ

Transport Boundary Conditions

- ▶ Dirichlet (e.g. specified concentration)
- ▶ Neumann (e.g. specified mass flux)
- ▶ Zero Gradient (e.g. outflow boundary)

Transport - Averaging Schemes

$$\mathbf{\Omega}_j = (\mathbf{q} - \varphi s \mathbf{D} \nabla) \psi_j$$

- ▶ s : arithmetic
- ▶ φ : arithmetic

SIMULATION

Location of this example problem:

```
$PFLOTRAN_DIR/shortcourse/exercises/regional_doublet
```

```
regional_doublet.in
```

```
river_stage.txt
```

SIMULATION

- ▶ Single-phase variably saturated flow
- ▶ Conservative solute transport

SIMULATION

```
SIMULATION_TYPE SUBSURFACE
```

```
PROCESS_MODELS
```

```
  SUBSURFACE_FLOW flow
```

```
    MODE RICHARDS
```

```
  /
```

```
  SUBSURFACE_TRANSPORT transport
```

```
    MODE GIRT
```

```
  /
```

```
 /
```

```
END
```

```
SUBSURFACE
```

```
...
```

```
END_SUBSURFACE
```


GRID

- ▶ Problem domain: $5000 \times 2500 \times 100$ m ($x \times y \times z$)
- ▶ Grid resolution $50 \times 49.02 \times 5$ m

GRID

TYPE structured

NXYZ 100 51 20

BOUNDS

0.d0 0.d0 0.d0

5000.d0 2500.d0 100.d0

/

END

REGION I

- ▶ Delineate regions in the 3D domain for:
 - ▶ entire domain
 - ▶ west boundary face
 - ▶ east boundary face
 - ▶ top boundary face
 - ▶ well screens

```
REGION all
```

```
COORDINATES
```

```
0.d0      0.d0      0.d0
```

```
5000.d0 2500.d0 100.d0
```

```
/
```

```
END
```

REGION II

```
REGION layer2          ! layer of domain
```

```
  COORDINATES
```

```
    0.d0    0.d0    30.d0
```

```
    5000.d0 2500.d0 50.d0
```

```
  /
```

```
END
```

```
REGION Top             ! top surface
```

```
  COORDINATES
```

```
    0.d0    0.d0    100.d0
```

```
    5000.d0 2500.d0 100.d0
```

```
  /
```

```
  FACE TOP
```

```
END
```

REGION III

```
REGION Extraction_well
  COORDINATES                ! vertical line
    3750.d0 1250.d0 20.d0
    3750.d0 1250.d0 55.d0
  /
END

REGION Obs_pt_center        ! point
  COORDINATE 2500.d0 1250.d0 60.d0
END
```

MATERIAL_PROPERTY

► Anisotropic permeability

```
MATERIAL_PROPERTY soil3
```

```
  ID 3
```

```
  POROSITY 0.25d0
```

```
  TORTUOSITY 0.5d0
```

```
  CHARACTERISTIC_CURVES cc1
```

```
  PERMEABILITY          ! diagonal permeability tensor
```

```
    PERM_X 5.d-11        !   x component
```

```
    PERM_Y 5.d-11        !   y component
```

```
    PERM_Z 5.d-12        !   z component
```

```
  /
```

```
END
```

CHARACTERISTIC_CURVES

- ▶ van Genuchten saturation function
- ▶ Mualem relative permeability

```
CHARACTERISTIC_CURVES cc1
  SATURATION_FUNCTION VAN_GENUCHTEN
    ALPHA 1.d-4
    M 0.5d0
    LIQUID_RESIDUAL_SATURATION 0.1d0
    MAX_CAPILLARY_PRESSURE 1.d8
  /
  PERMEABILITY_FUNCTION MUALEM_VG_LIQ
    M 0.5d0
    LIQUID_RESIDUAL_SATURATION 0.1d0
  /
END
```

FLUID_PROPERTY

- ▶ Assign a molecular diffusion coefficient of $10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ to all aqueous species

```
FLUID_PROPERTY
```

```
    DIFFUSION_COEFFICIENT 1.d-9    ! [m^2/s]
```

```
END
```

CHEMISTRY I

- ▶ Two tracers
- ▶ Database is not needed!

```
CHEMISTRY
  PRIMARY_SPECIES
    Tracer
    Tracer2
  /
END
```


FLOW_CONDITION I

```
FLOW_CONDITION initial
  TYPE
    PRESSURE HYDROSTATIC ! hydrostatic condition
  /
  DATUM 0.d0 0.d0 90.d0 ! point in space
  GRADIENT
    PRESSURE -0.002 0. 0. ! gradient for pressure [m/m]
  /
    ! unless dz specified [Pa/m]
  PRESSURE 101325.d0 ! pressure at datum
END
```

FLOW_CONDITION II

```
FLOW_CONDITION river
  TYPE
    PRESSURE SEEPAGE      ! seepage face condition
  /
  INTERPOLATION LINEAR    ! dataset time interpolation
  CYCLIC                  ! cycle dataset
  DATUM FILE river_stage.txt ! read transient datum
  PRESSURE 101325.d0       ! dataset from file
END
```

FLOW_CONDITION III

! Contents of river_stage.txt:

! Note: assumes SI units

: time x y z

0.d0	5000.d0	0.d0	80.d0	! 0 yr
7884000.d0	5000.d0	0.d0	77.d0	! 0.25 yr
15768000.d0	5000.d0	0.d0	79.d0	! 0.5 yr
23652000.d0	5000.d0	0.d0	79.d0	! 0.75 yr
31536000.d0	5000.d0	0.d0	80.d0	! 1 yr

FLOW_CONDITION IV

```
FLOW_CONDITION recharge
  TYPE
    FLUX NEUMANN
  /
  FLUX LIST
    TIME_UNITS yr
    DATA_UNITS cm/yr
    0.d0 25.d0
    1.d0 23.d0
    ...
    4.d0 24.d0
    5.d0 29.d0
  /
END
```

FLOW_CONDITION V

FLOW_CONDITION injection

```
TYPE                                ! volumetric flow
    RATE SCALED_VOLUMETRIC_RATE    ! rate scaled by
/                                  ! f(permeability)
RATE 1.d5 m^3/day ! flow rate 100,000 [m^3/day]
```

END

FLOW_CONDITION extraction

```
TYPE
    RATE SCALED_VOLUMETRIC_RATE
/
RATE -1.d5 m^3/day ! flow rate -100,000 [m^3/day]
END                ! negative rate = extraction
```

TRANSPORT_CONDITION / CONSTRAINT I

- ▶ Set up three transport conditions and constraints for tracers
- ▶ Constraints embedded within transport conditions
 - ▶ Embedded constraints may not be transient

TRANSPORT_CONDITION / CONSTRAINT II

```
TRANSPORT_CONDITION initial      ! previous approach
  TYPE DIRICHLET_ZERO_GRADIENT
  CONSTRAINT_LIST                ! list of constraints
    0.d0 initial
/
END
```

```
TRANSPORT_CONDITION initial      ! embedded approach
  TYPE DIRICHLET_ZERO_GRADIENT
  CONSTRAINT initial
    CONCENTRATIONS              ! single constraint @ time 0.
      Tracer 1.d-10 T           ! background concentration set
      Tracer2 1.d-10 T          ! to a small value, not zero
/
/
END
```

TRANSPORT_CONDITION / CONSTRAINT III

```
TRANSPORT_CONDITION west
  TYPE DIRICHLET_ZERO_GRADIENT
  CONSTRAINT west
    CONCENTRATIONS
      Tracer  1.d-10 T
      Tracer2 1.d0   T
    /
  /
END
```

```
TRANSPORT_CONDITION injection
  TYPE DIRICHLET_ZERO_GRADIENT
  CONSTRAINT injection
    CONCENTRATIONS
      Tracer  1.d0   T
      Tracer2 1.d-10 T
    /
  /
END
```


STRATA

- Couple material types with regions

```
STRATA
```

```
  REGION layer1
```

```
  MATERIAL soil1
```

```
END
```

```
STRATA
```

```
  REGION layer2
```

```
  MATERIAL soil2
```

```
END
```

```
...
```

```
STRATA
```

```
  REGION layer4
```

```
  MATERIAL soil4
```

```
END
```

OBSERVATION

- Couple observation points with regions in model

```
OBSERVATION  ! observation point assigned region name
  REGION Obs_pt_center  ! region name
  AT_CELL_CENTER        ! do not interpolate
  VELOCITY              ! include velocity
END
```

```
OBSERVATION
  REGION Obs_pt_west
  AT_CELL_CENTER
  VELOCITY
END
```

...

NEWTON_SOLVER

- ▶ Set converged if maximum pressure change within all cells is less than 1 Pa.

```
NEWTON_SOLVER FLOW  
  ITOL_UPDATE 1.d0    ! infinity norm of update vector  
END
```

INITIAL_CONDITION

- ▶ Couple the **initial** flow and transport conditions with region **all** for the initial condition

```
INITIAL_CONDITION  
  FLOW_CONDITION initial  
  TRANSPORT_CONDITION initial  
  REGION all  
END
```

BOUNDARY_CONDITION I

```
BOUNDARY_CONDITION west  
  FLOW_CONDITION initial  
  TRANSPORT_CONDITION west  
  REGION west  
END
```

```
BOUNDARY_CONDITION east  
  FLOW_CONDITION river  
  TRANSPORT_CONDITION initial  
  REGION east  
END
```

```
BOUNDARY_CONDITION top  
  FLOW_CONDITION recharge  
  TRANSPORT_CONDITION initial  
  REGION top  
END
```

SOURCE_SINK I

```
SOURCE_SINK injection_well      ! source/sink name (optional)
    FLOW_CONDITION injection      ! flow condition name
    TRANSPORT_CONDITION injection ! tran. condition name
    REGION injection_well        ! location of source/sink
END
```

```
SOURCE_SINK extraction_well
    FLOW_CONDITION extraction
    TRANSPORT_CONDITION initial
    REGION extraction_well
END
```

TIME

- ▶ Set final simulation time to 10 years
- ▶ Set initial time step size to 1.e-2 days
- ▶ Set maximum time step size to 0.1 years

TIME

FINAL_TIME 10.d0 y

INITIAL_TIMESTEP_SIZE 1.d-2 d

MAXIMUM_TIMESTEP_SIZE 0.1 y ! ensures CFL $\sim \leq 1$.

END

OUTPUT

- ▶ Print entire solution (a snapshot) in ASCII Tecplot block formatted datapacking and binary PFLOTTRAN HDF5 format compatible with ParaView and VisIt
- ▶ Specifically, we want to see the liquid pressure, saturation, material IDs, and liquid phase velocities
- ▶ Print a snapshot every 0.25 years between 0 and 2 years to see fluctuation in river stage
- ▶ Print a snapshot every year of the simulation
- ▶ Print the solution at observation points for every time step

OUTPUT

OUTPUT

SNAPSHOT_FILE

PERIODIC TIME 0.25 y between 0. y and 2. y ! specific times

PERIODIC TIME 1. y between 0. y and 10. y ! specific times

FORMAT TECPLOT BLOCK ! Tecplot BLOCK format

FORMAT HDF5 ! PFLOTRAN HDF5 Visit format

PRINT_COLUMN_IDS ! Adds column ids to obs. header

VARIABLES

LIQUID_PRESSURE

LIQUID_SATURATION

MATERIAL_ID_KLUDGE_FOR_VISIT

/

/

OBSERVATION_FILE

PERIODIC TIMESTEP 1 ! observ. every step

/

VELOCITY_AT_CENTER ! include velocities

END

CHECKPOINT/RESTART I

- ▶ Checkpointing: saving the “state” of the simulation at a point in time, from which the entire solution can be reconstructed.
 - ▶ Fault tolerance
 - ▶ Restarting from a saved initial condition
 - ▶ Checkpoint files named “pflotran-ts#.chk” where # is the time step number (e.g. pflotran-ts100.chk)
 - ▶ Checkpoint files named “pflotran-#unit.chk” where # is the time and unit is the unit of time (e.g. pflotran-2yr.chk)
 - ▶ Restart file named “pflotran-restart.chk”
- ▶ Restart: resetting a simulation to a “state”

CHECKPOINT/RESTART II

```
SIMULATION
  SIMULATION_TYPE SUBSURFACE
  PROCESS_MODELS
    SUBSURFACE_FLOW flow
    MODE RICHARDS
  /
  ...
/
CHECKPOINT                                ! write a checkpoint file
  PERIODIC TIMESTEP 50                    ! write it every 50 timesteps
  PERIODIC TIME 2 yr                      ! write it every 2 years
/
RESTART restart.chk RESET_TO_TIME_ZERO
END                                       ! restart simulation using
                                       ! file restart.chk
                                       ! and reset time to 0.
```

How To Run the Python Script to Plot

When the simulation is finished running, you can plot the results using the python script called `regional_doublet_center_obs.py`
To run the python script:

```
> python regional_doublet_center_obs.py
```