

# A multiscale restriction-smoothed basis method for high contrast porous media represented on unstructured grids

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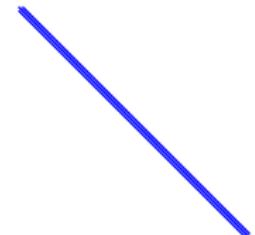
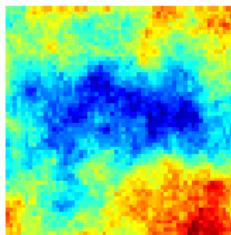
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# Multiscale idea formulated as discrete operators

$$Ax = q$$

Initial fine-scale system,  
incorporating all details of  
geological model

Illustration: cell-centered TPFA



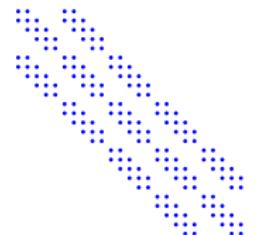
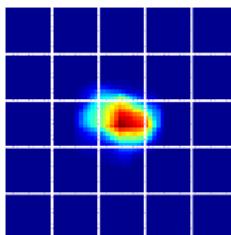
$$\boldsymbol{x} = P\boldsymbol{x}_c$$

$$P = \text{basis}(A)$$

$$A_c = RAP$$

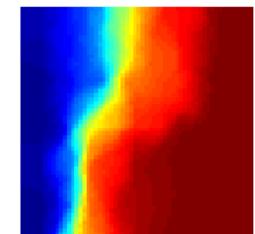
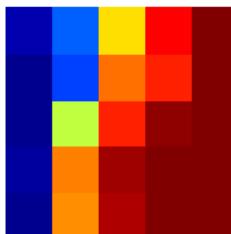
$$\boldsymbol{q}_c = R\boldsymbol{q}$$

**Multiscale expansion:**  
generate basis functions,  
restrict fine-scale system  
and right-hand side



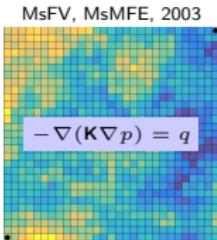
$$\boldsymbol{x}_c = A_c^{-1}\boldsymbol{q}_c$$
$$\boldsymbol{x} \approx P\boldsymbol{x}_c$$

Solve **reduced** system,  
**prolongate** to obtain  
approximate pressure

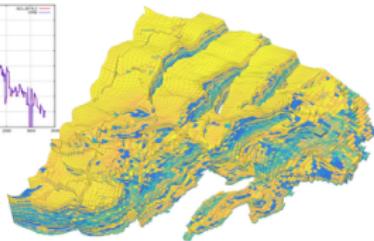
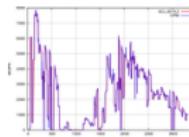


# From Poisson's equation to reservoir simulation

Flow physics



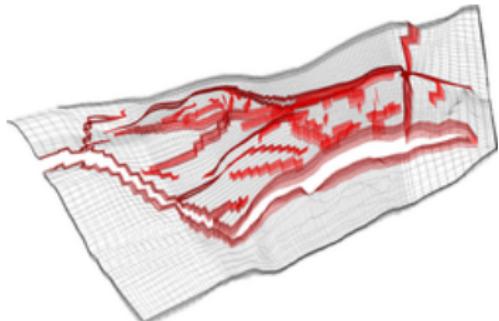
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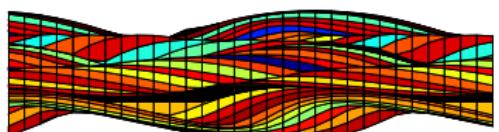
0 =  $\partial_t(\phi b_o S_o) + \nabla \cdot (b_o \vec{v}_o) - b_o q_o$   
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0 =  $\partial_t[\phi(b_g S_b + b_o r_{so} S_o)] + \nabla \cdot (b_g \vec{v}_g)$   
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Geology

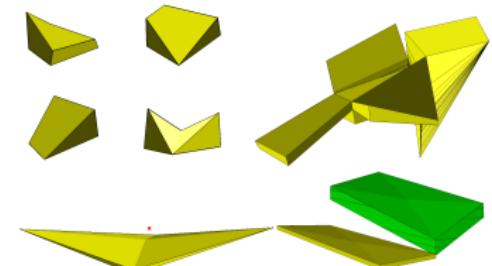
# Why is this challenging?



- Geological models: complex unstructured grids having many obscure challenges
- Flow models: system of highly nonlinear parabolic PDEs with elliptic and hyperbolic sub-character
- Well models: analytic sub-models, strong impact on flow

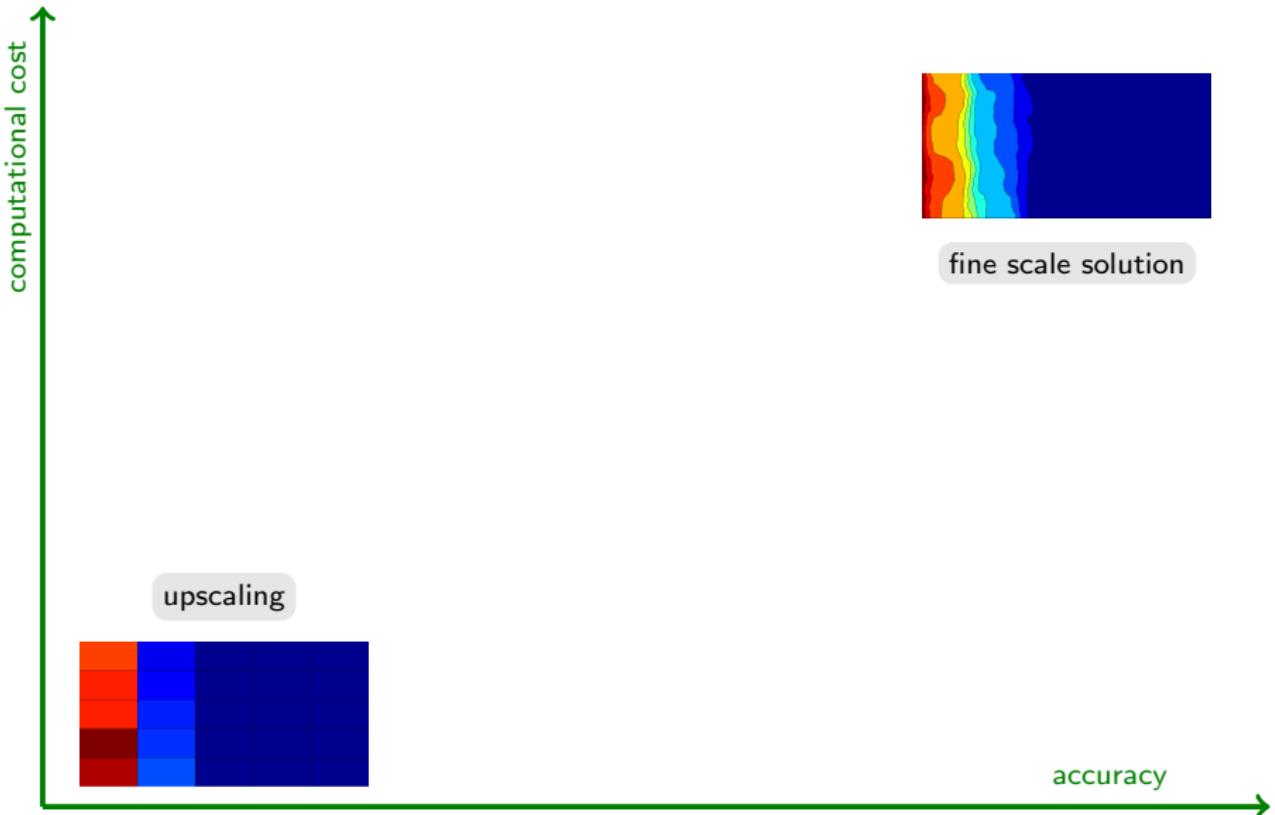


## Challenges:

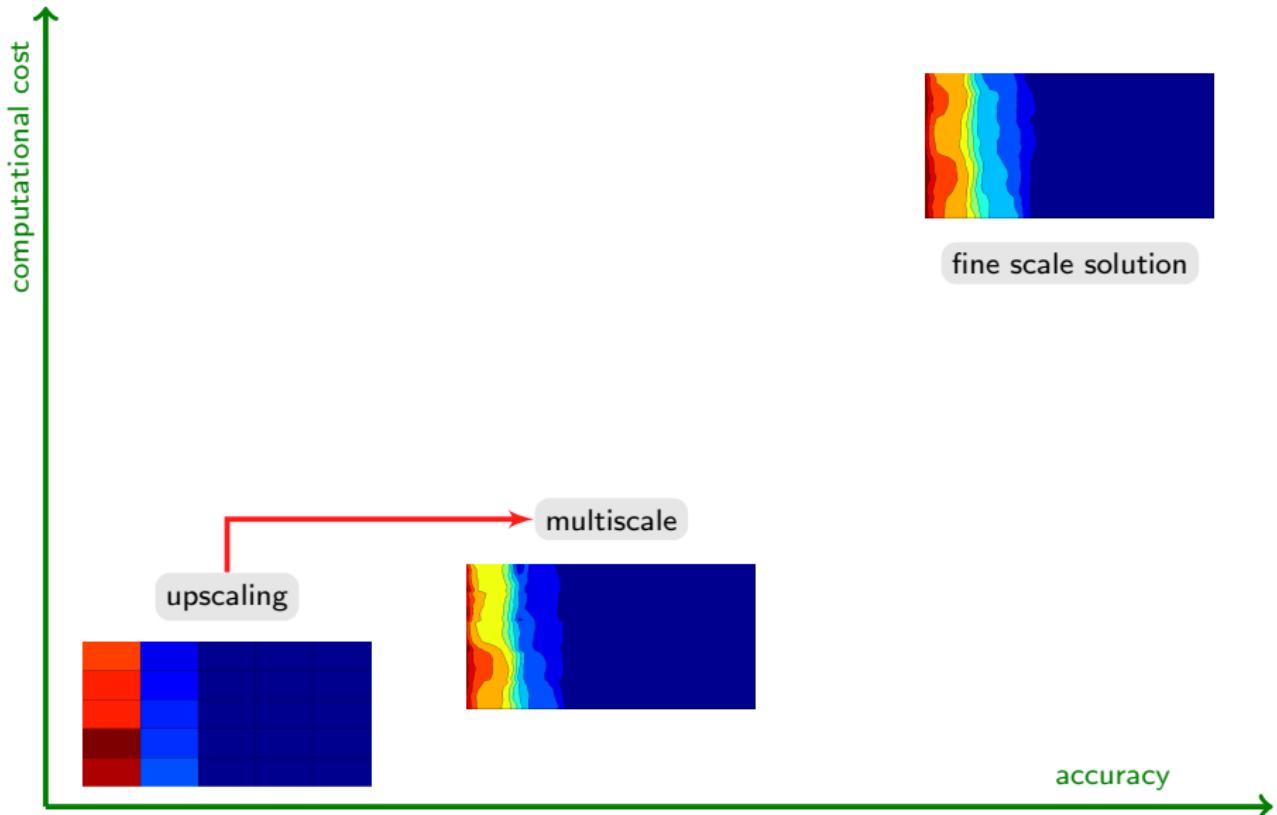


- Industry standard: corner-point / stratigraphic grids
- Grid topology is unstructured
- Geometry: deviates from box shape, high aspect ratios, many faces/neighbors, small faces, ...
- As a general rule: coarse blocks *will* be unstructured
- Coarse blocks will have strange shapes, many special cases to be handled
- Coarse partition should adapt to features relevant to flow: petrophysical properties, faults, flow direction, wells, ...

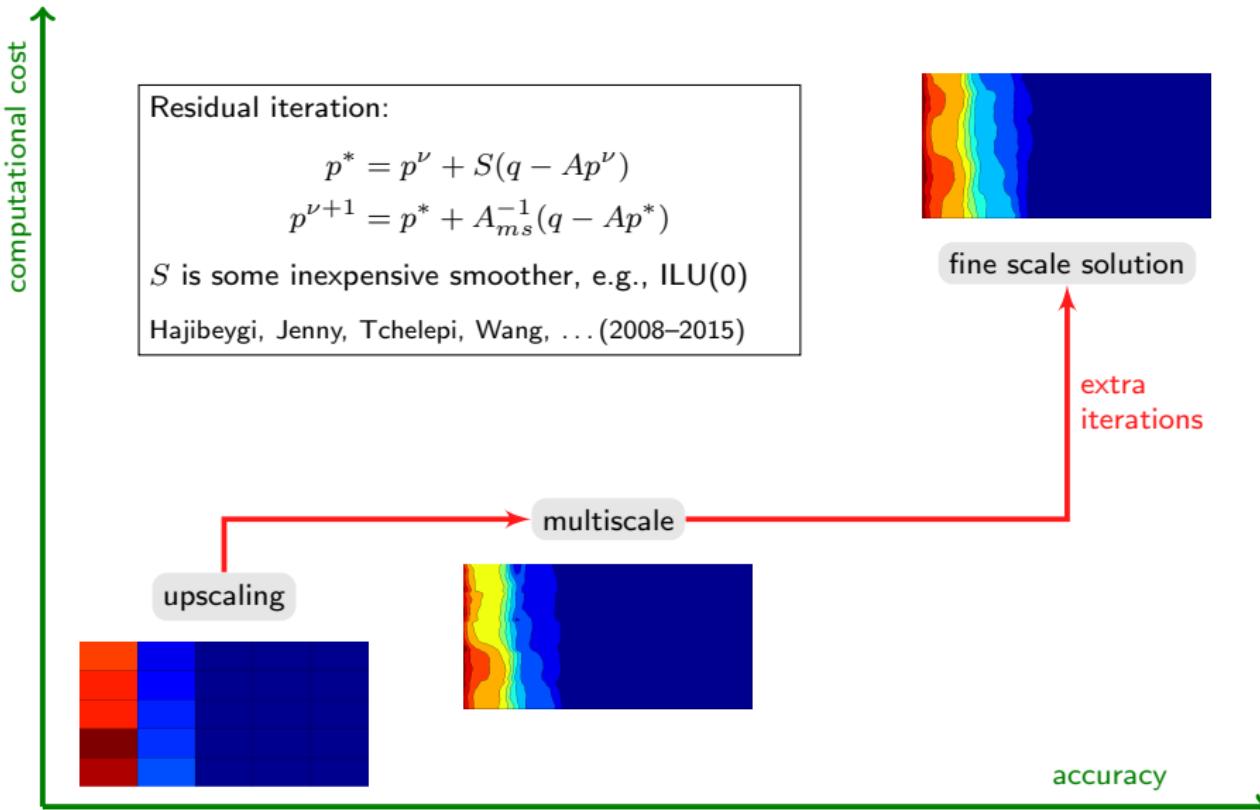
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# The multiscale finite-volume (MsFV) method

Developed by the INTERSECT research alliance (Chevron, Schlumberger,++)

In 2012: extensive research over the past decade, more than 40 papers by Jenny, Lee, Tchelepi, Lunati, Hajibeygi, etc:

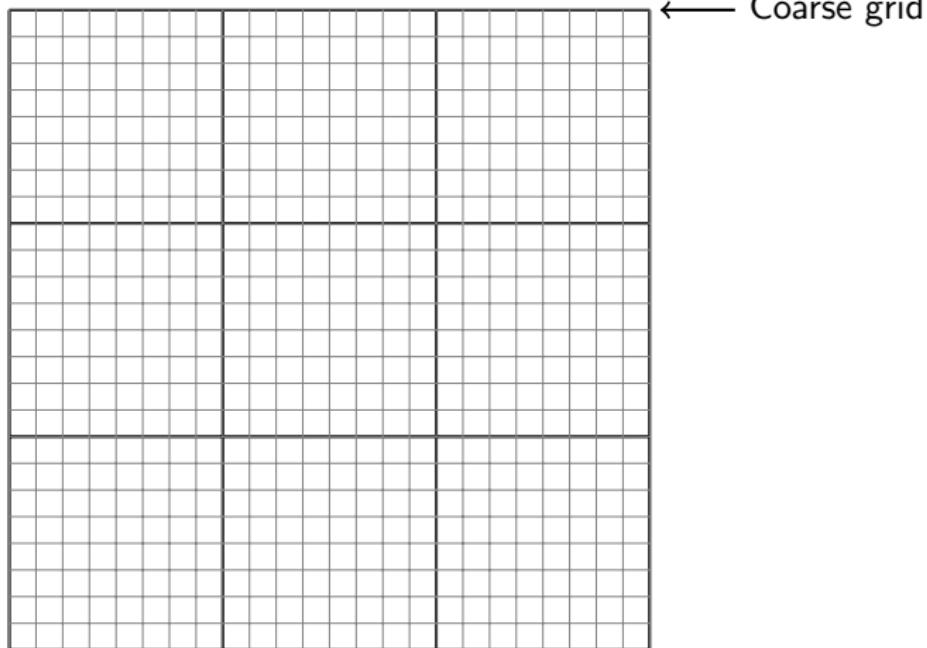
- correction functions to handle non-elliptic features
  - extension to compressible flow
  - adaptive updating of basis functions (and transport equations)
  - iterative formulation with smoothers (Jacobi, GMRES, . . . )
  - algebraic formulation
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However...

- Monotonicity issues requires many iterations for strong heterogeneity
- Method only applied to Cartesian models with conceptual faults

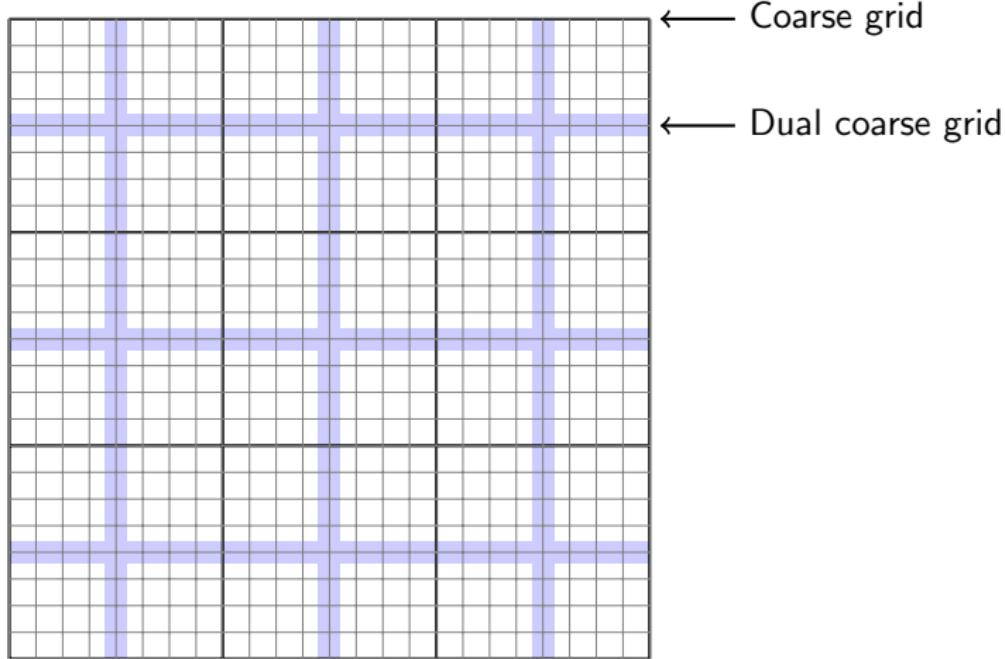
Our focus: Extension to unstructured grids with realistic geology

## MsFE/MsFV: prolongation operator in more detail



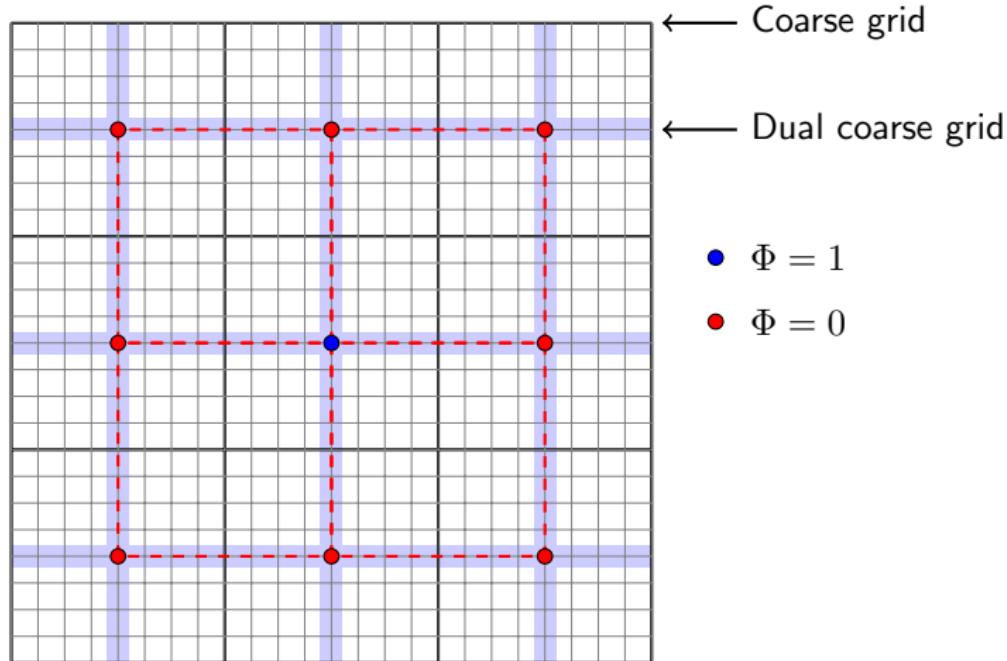
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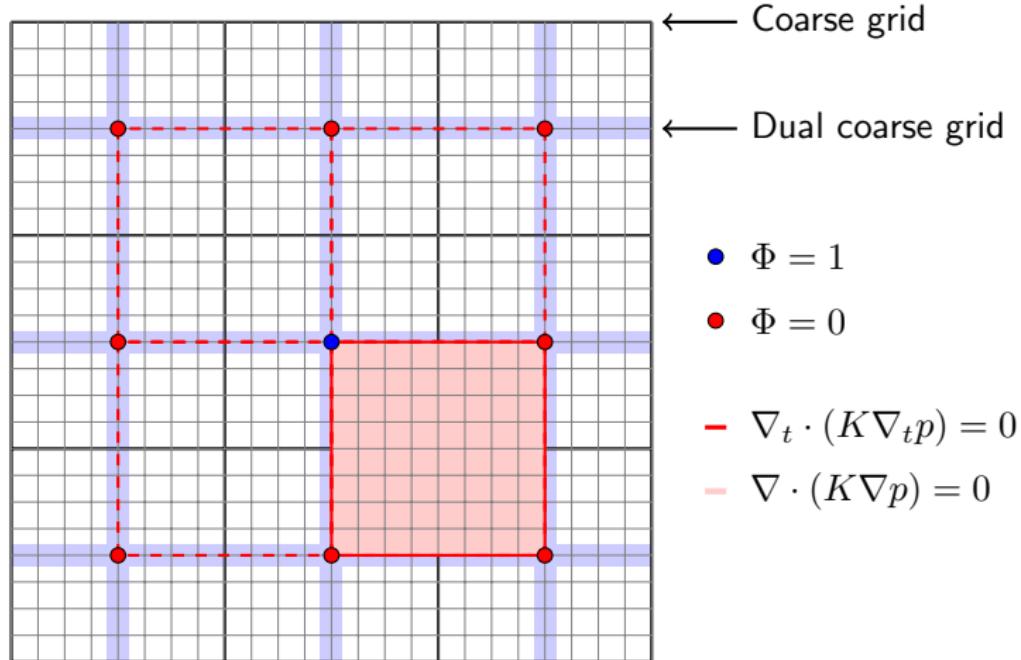
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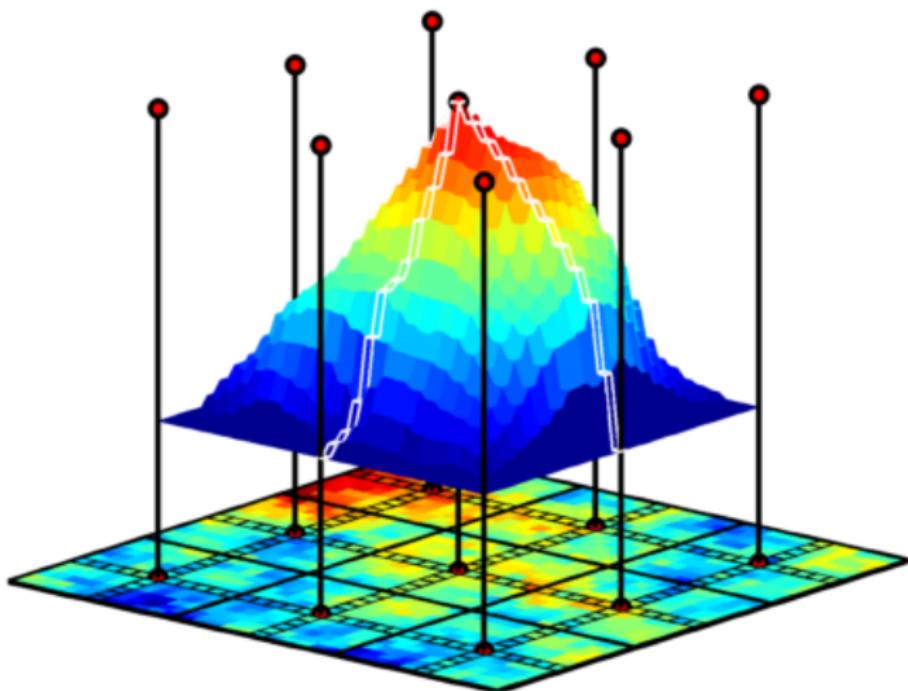
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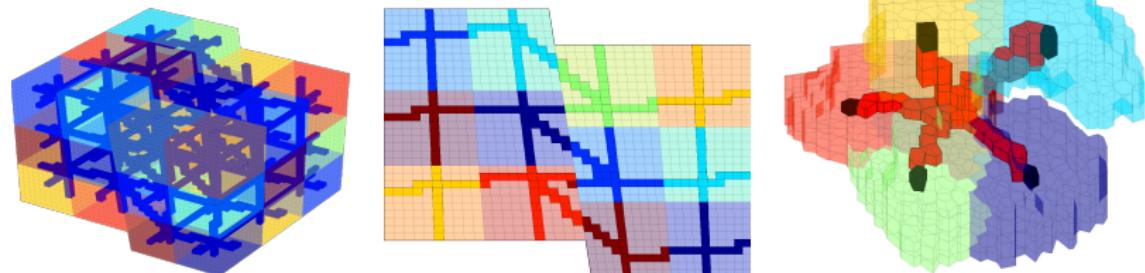


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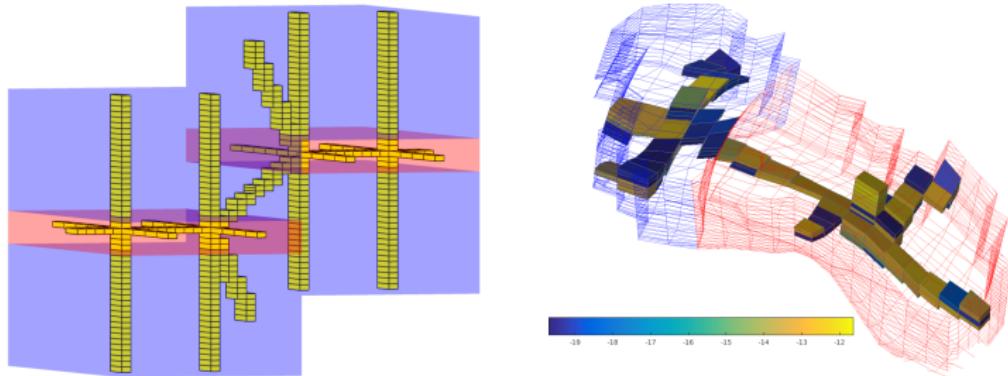
# MsFV for unstructured grids (Møyner & Lie, 2013)



Algorithm for generating admissible primal–dual partitions on general grids

- automated on rectilinear, curvilinear, triangular, and Voronoi grids
- semi-automated on corner-point grids and grids with non-matching faces

# Problems encountered: permeability contrasts



Automated algorithms will generally give:

- Dual block centers in low-permeable regions
  - Dual edges crossing strong permeability contrasts (twice)
  - Large number of cells categorized as edges
- nonmonotone multipoint stencil for coarse-scale equations  
→ poor decoupling, does not reproduce linear flow

# Rethinking the basis functions: Requirements

What do we want from numerical basis functions  $P$ ?

- Partition of unity to represent constant fields

$$\sum_j P_{ij} = 1 \rightarrow \text{Exact interpolation of constant modes}$$

- Algebraically smooth:

$$\text{Minimize } \|AP\|_1 \rightarrow APp_c \approx Ap \text{ locally.}$$

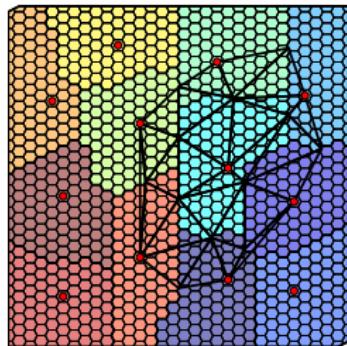
- Localization:

Coarse system  $A_c = RAP$  becomes dense as support of basis functions grow

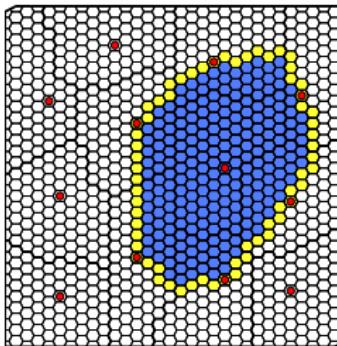
# Alternative approach: support regions (Møyner & Lie, 2015)

Basis functions require a **coarse grid** and a **support region**

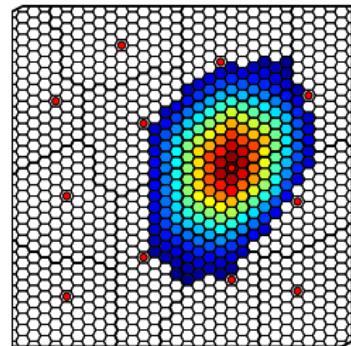
- Support region: logical indices, topological search, distance measures,..
- Region constructed using triangulation of nodal coarse neighbors, resulting in a multipoint stencil on the coarse scale
- Avoid solving reduced flow problem along perimeter
- Main point: simple to implement in 3D for fully unstructured meshes



Coarse grid + triangulation

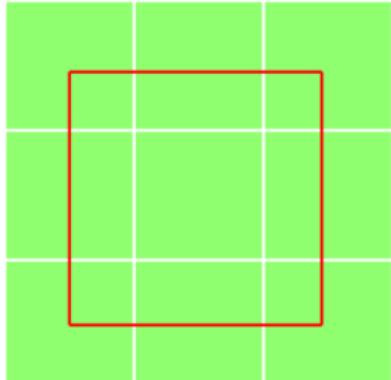


support region



basis function

# MsRSB: restricted, smoothed basis functions



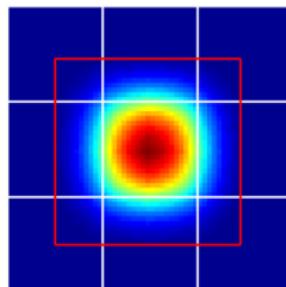
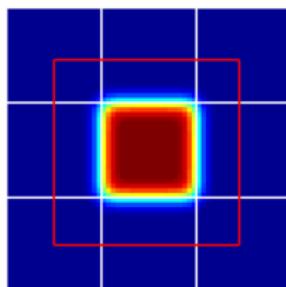
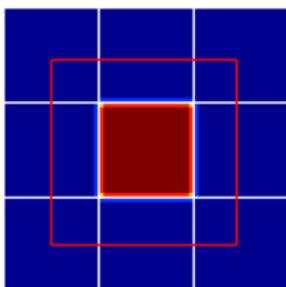
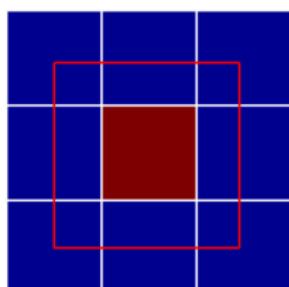
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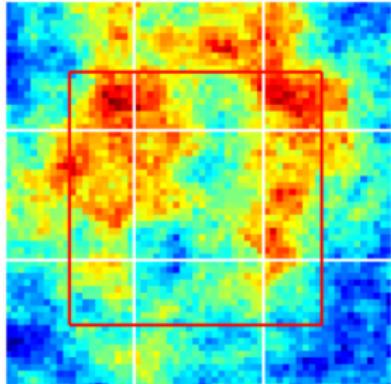
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- ② Apply Jacobi-like iterations as in algebraic multigrid methods (Vanek et al),

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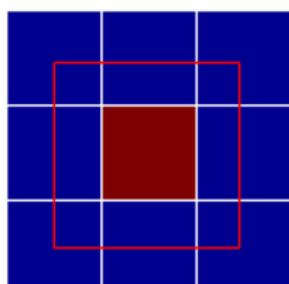
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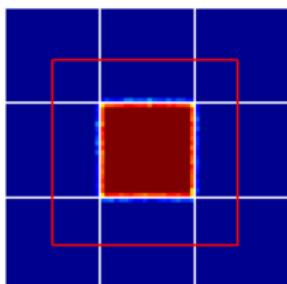
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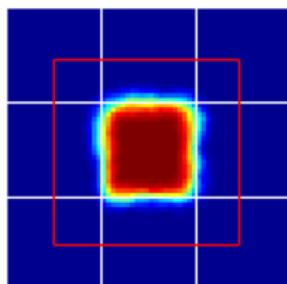
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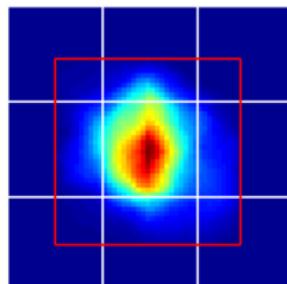
Initial constant basis



After one pass



After 10 passes



Converged ( $n \approx 100$ )

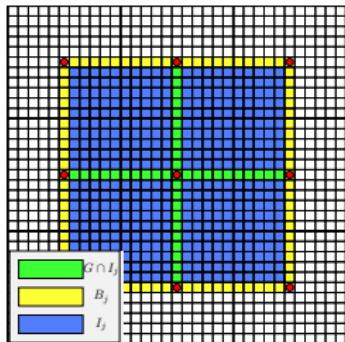
# MsRSB: computing basis functions

Define preliminary update by Jacobi relaxation,

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}}_j = -\omega D^{-1} A P_j^n.$$

Modify the update according to cell category,

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{\hat{d}_{ij} - P_{ij}^n \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}{1 + \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}, & i \in I_j, i \in G, \\ \hat{d}_{ij}, & i \in I_j, i \notin G, \\ 0, & i \notin I_j. \end{cases}$$



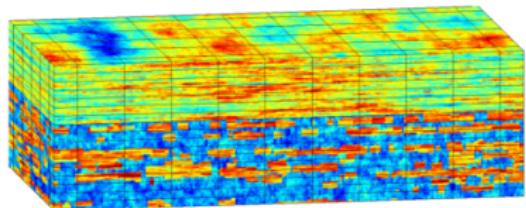
Finally, apply the update and proceed to next iteration

$$P_{ij}^{n+1} = P_{ij}^n + d_{ij}$$

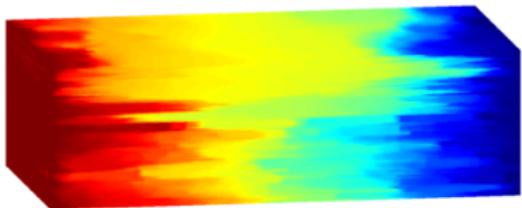
- Jacobi iteration ensures algebraic smoothness
- Limited support by construction
- Modified update for partition of unity

Examples: Single-phase flow

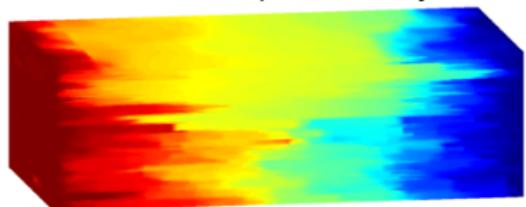
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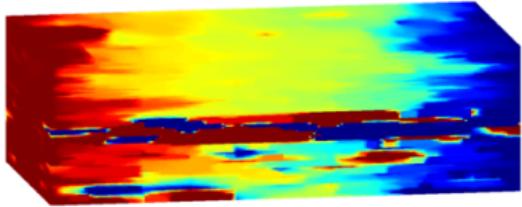
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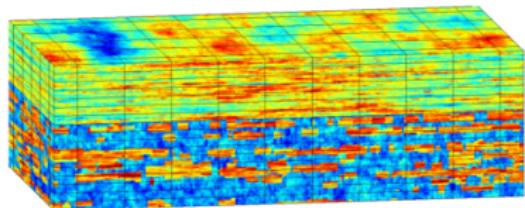
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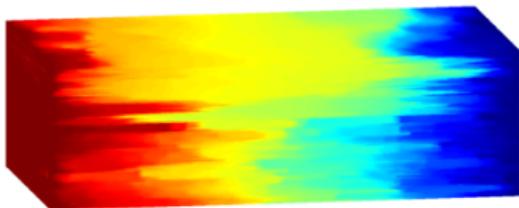
MsFV,

| Error | Grid                    | $p (L_2)$ | $p (L_\infty)$ | $v (L_2)$ | $v (L_\infty)$ |
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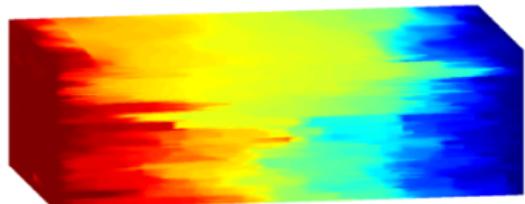
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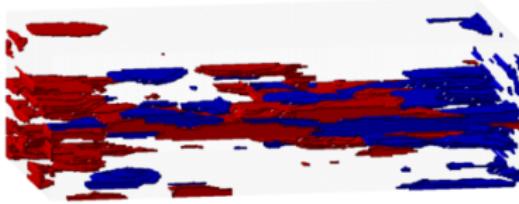
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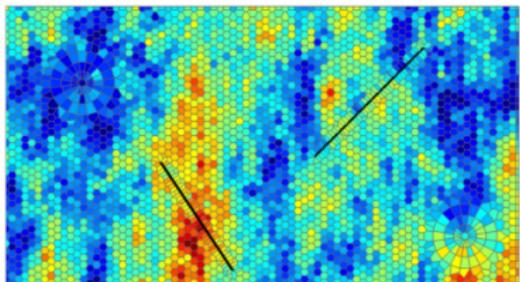
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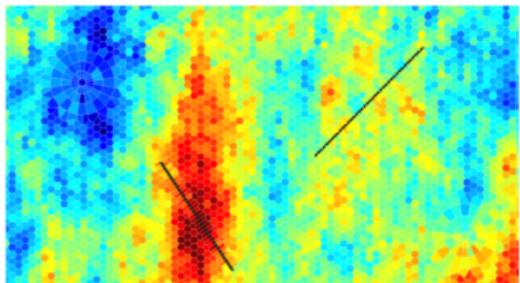
MsFV,  $p \notin [0, 1]$

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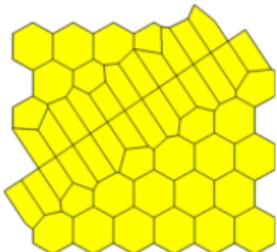
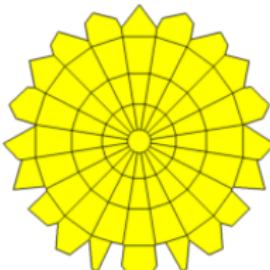
## Example: unstructured PEBI grid



Porosity and grid



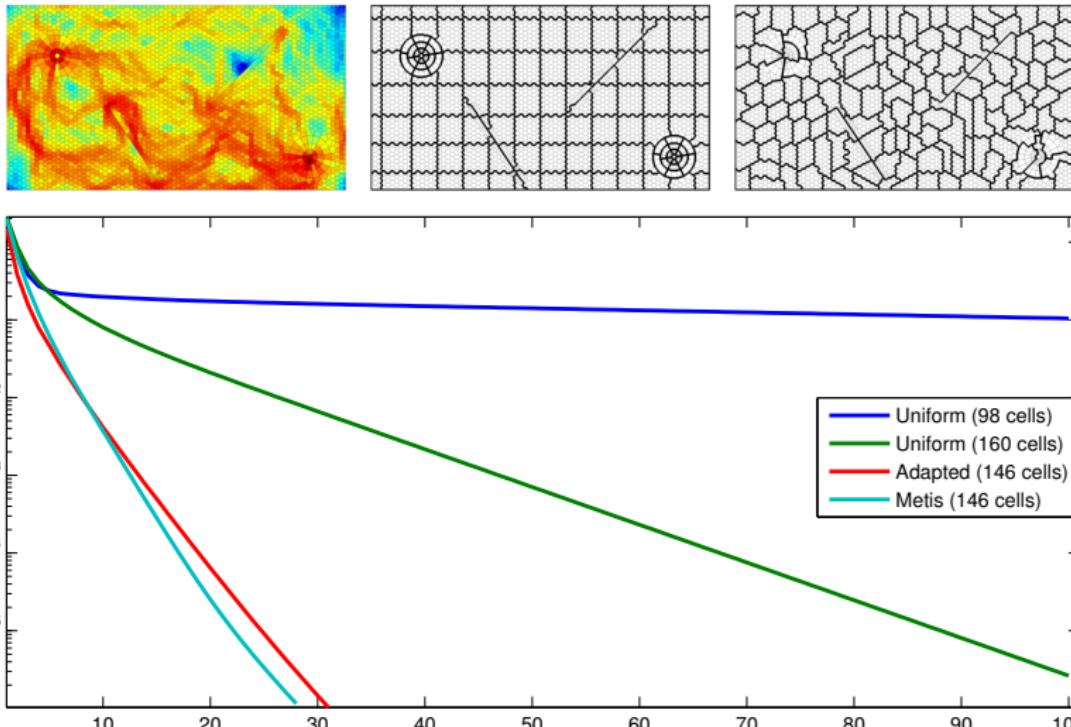
Permeability from SPE 10, Layer 35



Detailed view of refinement

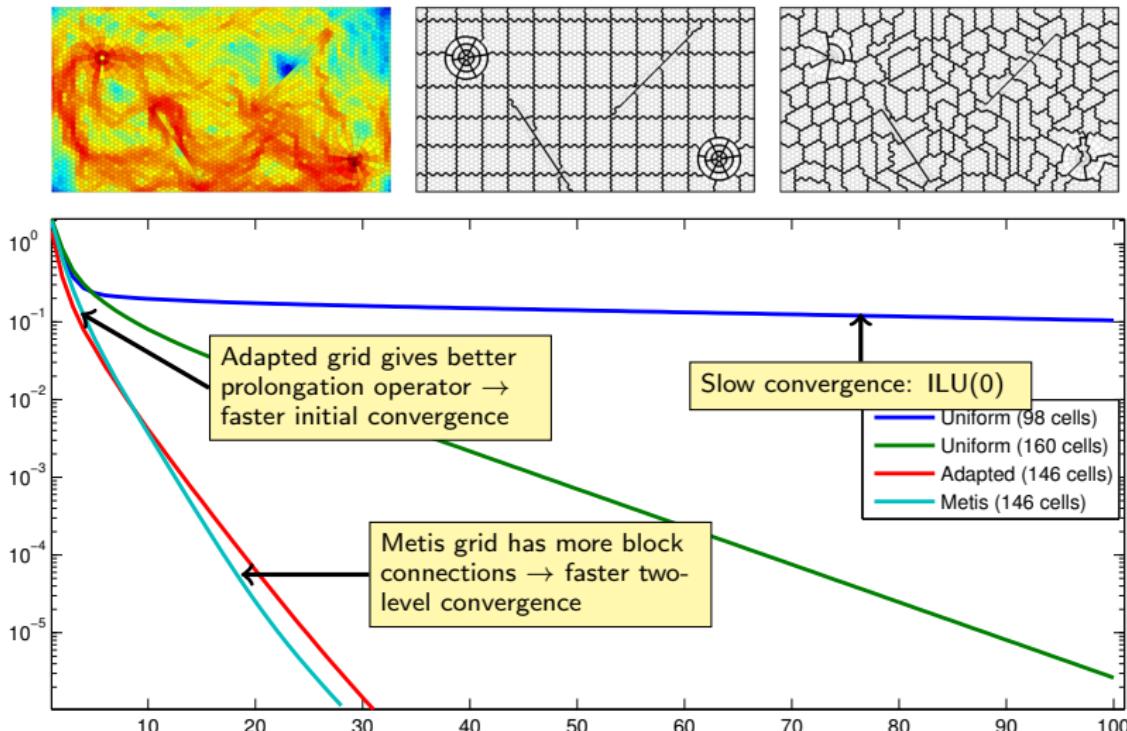
- Unstructured grid designed to minimize grid orientation effects
- Two embedded radial grids near wells
- Fine grid adapts to faults
- The faults are sealed, i.e. allow no fluid flow through

## Example: unstructured PEBI grid



Two-step preconditioner, ILU(0) as 2nd stage, Richardson iterations

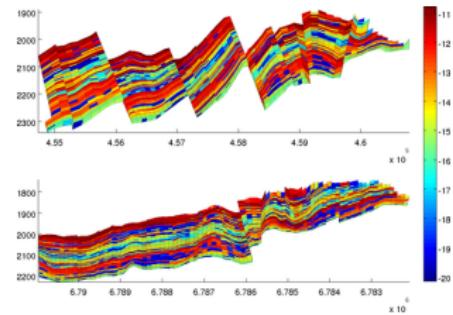
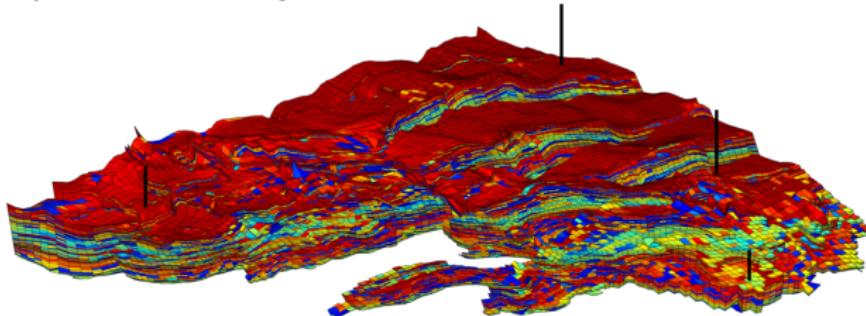
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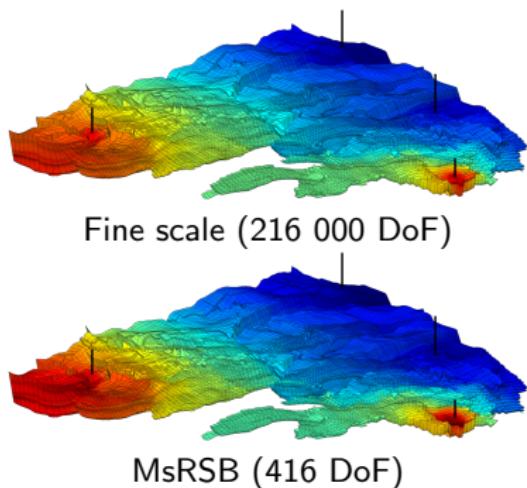
- Early field model of a giant reservoir from the Norwegian North Sea
- 216 000 cells with a large number of faults and eroded layers
- Very challenging anisotropic permeability and grid
- Model includes cells with nearly 40 faces
- Synthetic well configuration with four vertical wells



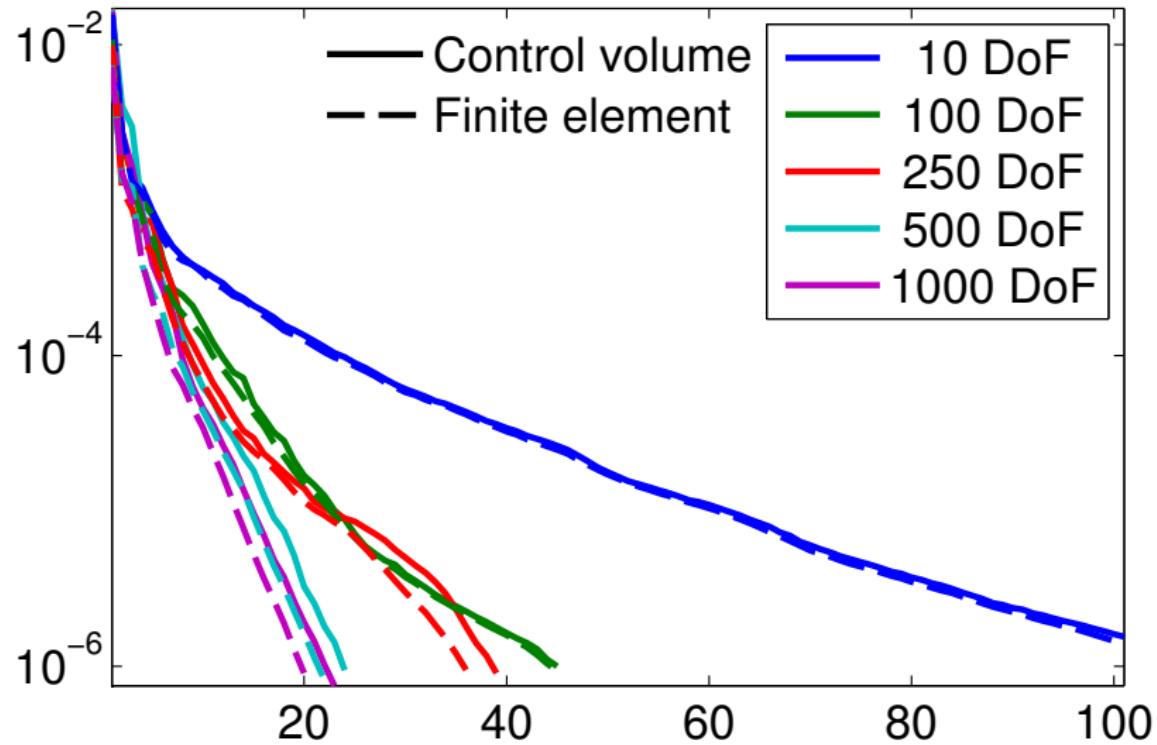
# MsRSB: Gullfaks field

- First coarsening strategy:  
Uniform blocks, split over faults
- Second coarsening strategy:  
Use Metis with same number of  
DoF

| Grid type                | DoF  | $\rho(L_2)$ | $\rho(L_\infty)$ |
|--------------------------|------|-------------|------------------|
| $15 \times 15 \times 20$ | 416  | 0.032       | 0.102            |
| Metis                    | 416  | 0.032       | 0.100            |
| $10 \times 10 \times 10$ | 1028 | 0.028       | 0.597            |
| Metis                    | 1028 | 0.015       | 0.112            |



# MsRSB: Gullfaks field



Examples: Compressible, multi-phase flow

# Industry-standard flow simulation

The black-oil equations on residual form:

$$\mathcal{R}_w = \frac{1}{\Delta t} [(\phi b_w S_w)^{n+1} - (\phi b_w S_w)^n] + \nabla \cdot (b_w \vec{v}_w)^{n+1} - (b_w q_w)^{n+1} = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_o = \frac{1}{\Delta t} [(\phi b_o S_o)^{n+1} - (\phi b_o S_o)^n] + \nabla \cdot (b_o \vec{v}_o)^{n+1} - (b_o q_o)^{n+1} = 0,$$

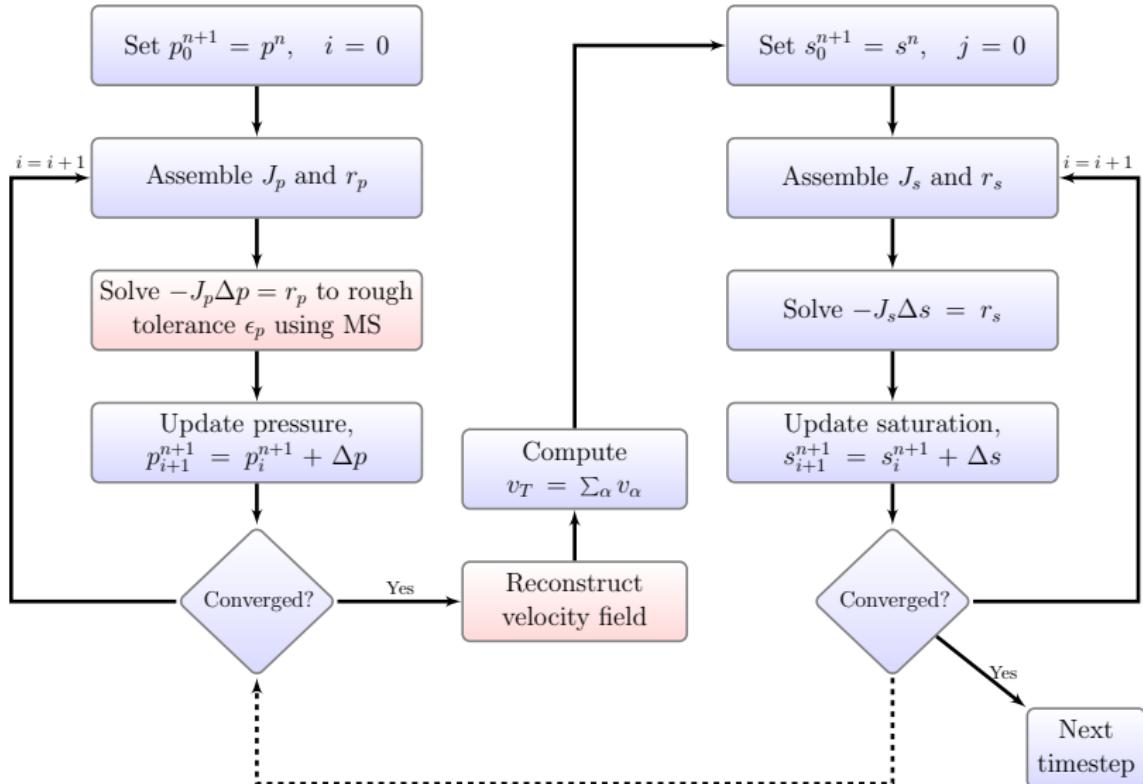
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_g = \frac{1}{\Delta t} & [(\phi b_g S_g + \phi r_{so} b_o S_o)^{n+1} - (\phi b_g S_g + \phi r_{so} b_o S_o)^n] \\ & + \nabla \cdot (b_g \vec{v}_g + b_o r_{so} \vec{v}_o)^{n+1} - (b_g q_g + b_o r_{so} q_o)^{n+1} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Pressure equation found by eliminating saturation values at the next time step,

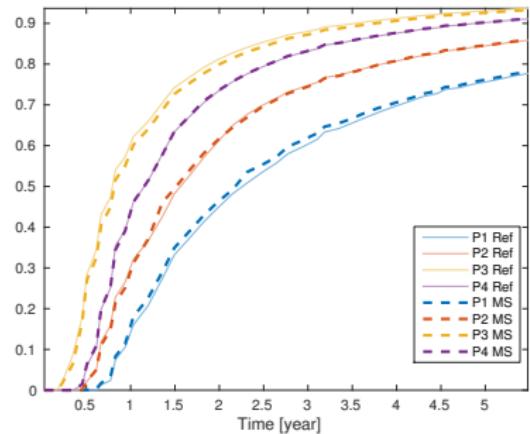
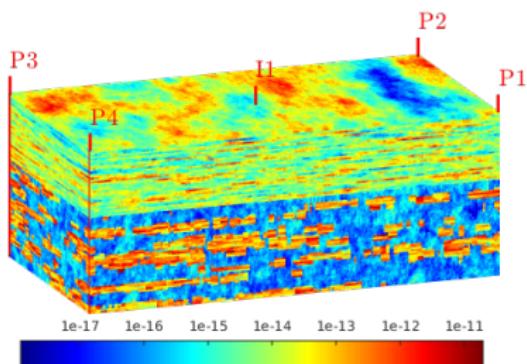
$$\mathcal{R}_p = \frac{\mathcal{R}_w}{b_w^{n+1}} + \left[ \frac{1}{b_o^{n+1}} - \frac{r_{so}^{n+1}}{b_g^{n+1}} \right] \mathcal{R}_o + \frac{\mathcal{R}_g}{b_g^{n+1}} = 0,$$

Transport step: fractional flow formulation with standard two-point, upstream-mobility weighting.

# Sequentially-implicit solution strategy



# Example: SPE 10 model 2 benchmark



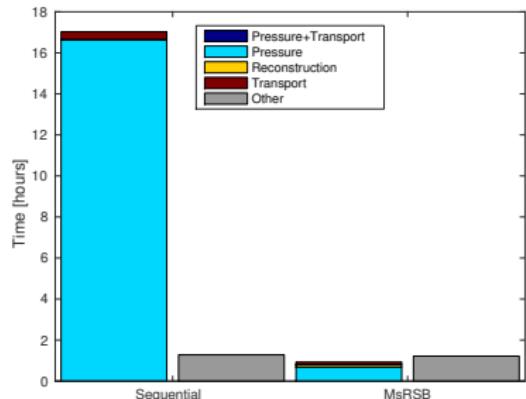
Iterated sequential solver:

- 0.001 pressure increment tolerance
- $10^{-6}$  tolerance for algebraic multigrid

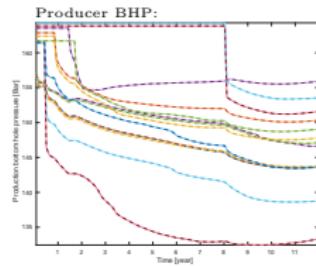
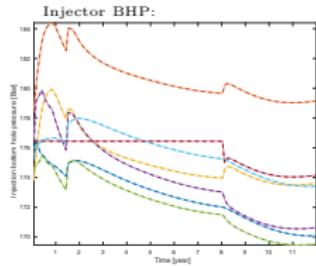
Iterated multiscale solver:

- 0.005 pressure increment tolerance
- $10^{-2}$  tolerance for MsRSB solver

Approximate MsRSB solver is ten times faster than baseline sequential



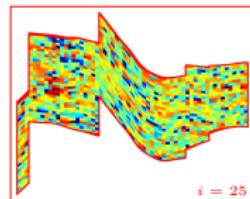
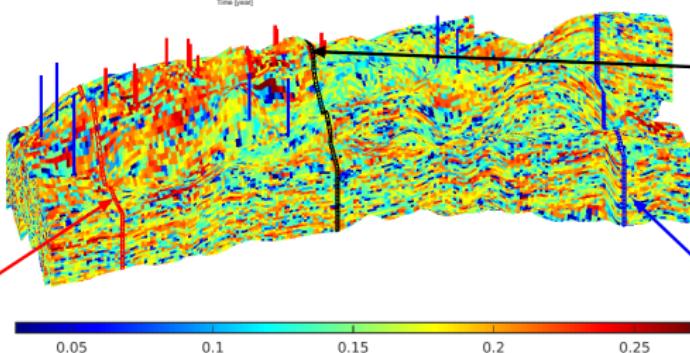
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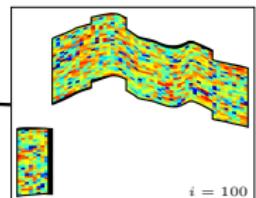
Watt Field: water flooding

415 711 active cells, three rock types

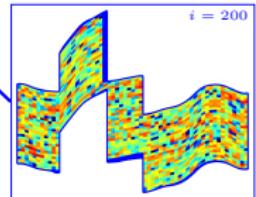
7 injectors, 15 horizontal producers



Møyner & Lie, SPE J. (2016)

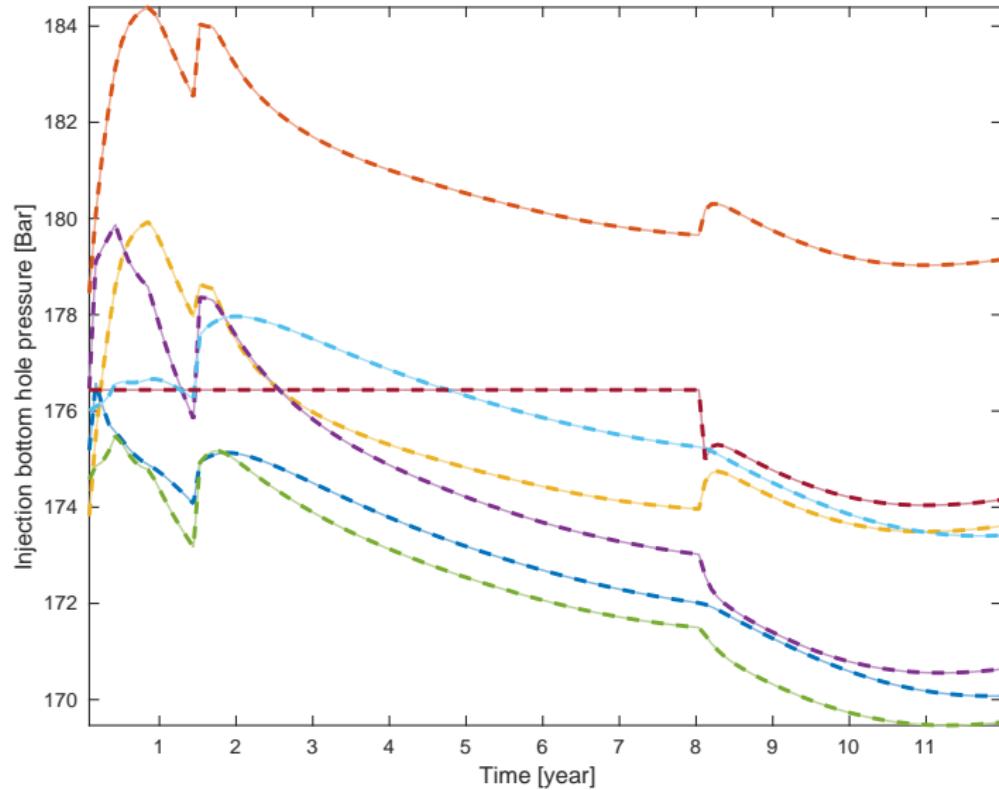


$i = 100$



$i = 200$

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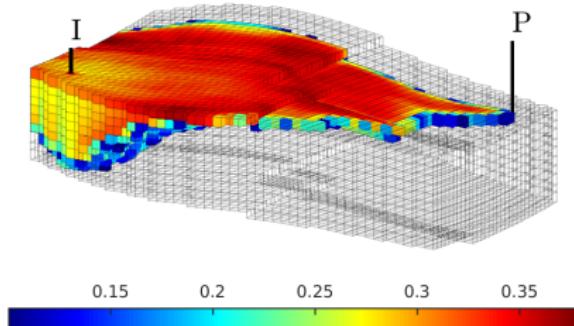
Thin solid: fine-scale solution  
Thick dashed: multiscale solution

Multiscale: 800 blocks, tolerance 0.05  
Solver speedup: 9×

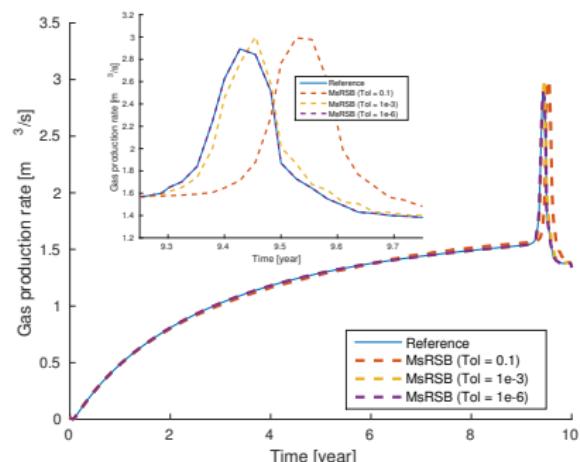
# Example: 3-phase flow

- Synthetic model with fluid model based on SPE1 benchmark
- Gas is injected at constant rate into a undersaturated reservoir
- Producer at fixed bottom hole pressure
- Highly sensitive to pressure approximation

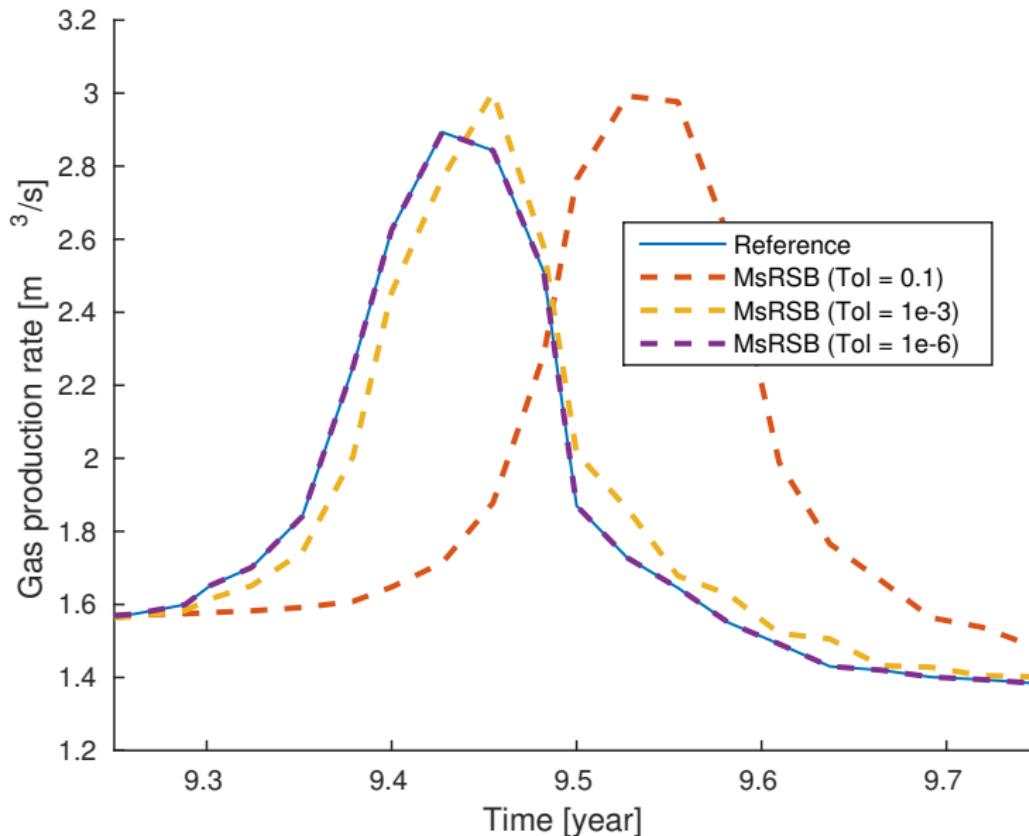
Gas saturation at breakthrough



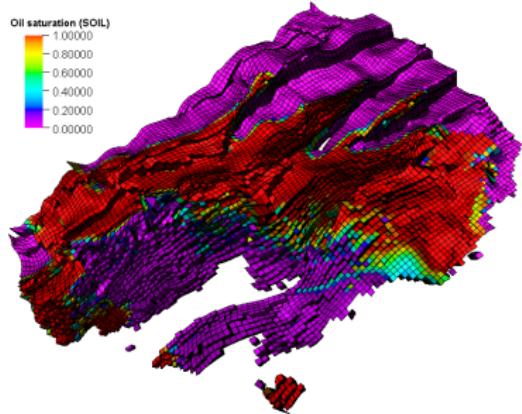
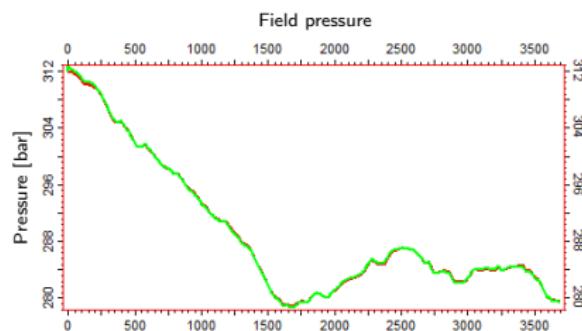
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## Example: 3-phase flow



# Example: INTERSECT Prototype on Gullfaks



- Giant North Sea field, started production in 1986
- Mainly water injection, but also gas and water-alternating-gas in some areas
- Coarse  $80 \times 100 \times 19$  simulation model with real history (3-phase black oil)
- MsRSB basis functions in Intersect R&P Multiscale simulator

Lie, Møyner, Natvig, Kozlova, Bratvedt, S. Watanabe, Z. Li, Successful Application of Multiscale Methods in a Real Reservoir Simulator Environment, Comput. Geosciences 2017

Recent developments: Compositional flow

# Compositional flow: Governing equations

Aqueous phase,

$$\mathcal{R}_w = \partial_t(\phi\rho_w S_w) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_w \vec{v}_w) - \rho_w q_w = 0.$$

Component  $i$ ,

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \partial_t(\phi [\rho_l S_l X_i + \rho_v S_v Y_i]) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_l X_i \vec{v}_l + \rho_v Y_i \vec{v}_v) - \rho_l X_i q_l - \rho_v Y_i q_v = 0.$$

- Hydrocarbons assumed to exist in vapor/liquid – not in aqueous
- Generalized cubic equation-of-state (Peng-Robinson in examples)
- Lohrenz-Bray-Clark viscosity correlation

Møyner & Tchelepi, SPE RSC (2017)

# Isothermal flash

- Flash equations,

$$f_{il}(p, T, x_1, \dots, x_n, Z_l) - f_{iv}(p, T, y_1, \dots, y_n, Z_v) = 0, \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

$$z_i - Lx_i - (1 - L)y_i = 0, \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x_i - y_i = 0.$$

- Applies in cells with two hydrocarbon phases.
- Overall composition: Flash to be solved at every iteration

## Sequential total mass scheme: Pressure

Scheme suggested by Hajibeygi & Tchelepi (SPE J, 2014), where pressure is found by total mass balance,

$$\mathcal{R}_p = \frac{\phi}{\Delta t} [R_t^{n+1} - R_t^n] + \nabla \cdot \vec{V}_t - Q_t = 0.$$

from unweighted sum over component equations.

Define total density, total mass fluxes

$$R_t = \sum_{\beta=w,l,v} \rho_\beta S_\beta, \quad \vec{V}_t = \sum_{\beta=w,l,v} \rho_\beta \vec{v}_\beta, \quad Q_t = \sum_{\beta=w,l,v} \rho_\beta q_\beta.$$

Total mass does not change during transport – *reasonable?*

## Sequential-implicit total mass scheme: Transport

Transport equation for hydrocarbon component  $i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_{ti} = \frac{\phi}{\Delta t} & \left[ (X_i R_l)^{n+1} + (Y_i R_v)^{n+1} - (X_i R_l)^n - (Y_i R_v)^n \right] \\ & + \nabla \cdot \left( X_i \vec{V}_l + Y_i \vec{V}_v \right) - X_i Q_l - Y_i Q_v = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Where we have used fixed masses to obtain,

$$R_\alpha = \frac{\rho_\alpha S_\alpha}{\sum_{\beta=w,l,v} \rho_\beta S_\beta} R_t, \quad Q_\alpha = \frac{\rho_\alpha \lambda_\alpha}{\sum_{\beta=w,l,v} \rho_\beta \lambda_\beta} Q_t,$$

$$\vec{V}_\alpha = \frac{\lambda_\alpha \rho_\alpha}{\sum_{\beta=w,l,v} \lambda_\beta \rho_\beta} (\vec{V}_t + K \sum_{\beta=w,l,v} \rho_\beta \lambda_\beta (\rho_\beta - \rho_\alpha) \vec{g} \nabla z)$$

## Sequential total volume scheme: Pressure

Pressure equation as total volume balance

Defined weighted sum (see Watts, 1986 or review by Coats, 2000)

$$\mathcal{R}_p = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \mathcal{R}_i$$

Weights (partial component volumes) chosen such that accumulation

$$A_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N w_i (\rho_l S_l X_i + \rho_v S_v Y_i) \right]$$

has zero derivatives w.r.t. all primary variables except pressure.

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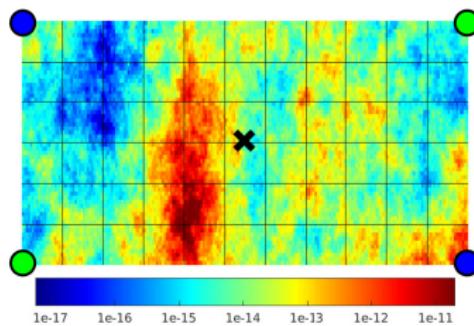
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Phase velocity by fractional flow, keeping total velocity fixed

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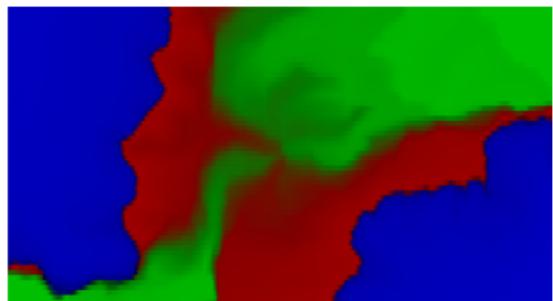
# CO<sub>2</sub> injection: Layer of SPE 10 Model 2

- Six component fluid from Mallison et al (2005)
- Initial concentration
  - ▶ N<sub>2</sub>+CH<sub>4</sub>: 0.463
  - ▶ CO<sub>2</sub>: 0.01640
  - ▶ C<sub>2-5</sub>: 0.20520
  - ▶ C<sub>6-13</sub>: 0.19108
  - ▶ C<sub>14-24</sub>: 0.08113
  - ▶ C<sub>25-80</sub>: 0.04319
- CO<sub>2</sub> and water injected at opposite corners

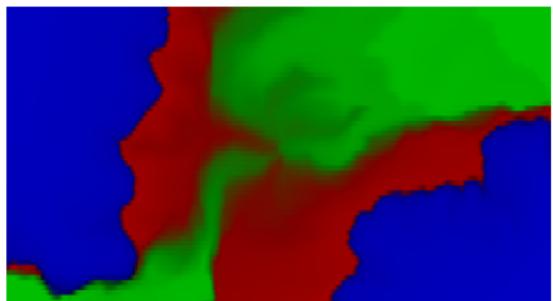


Water and gas injection

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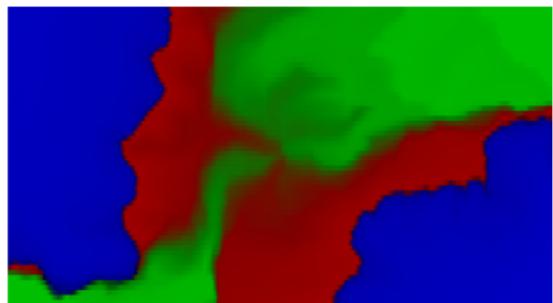


Sequential saturation at 2/3 PVI

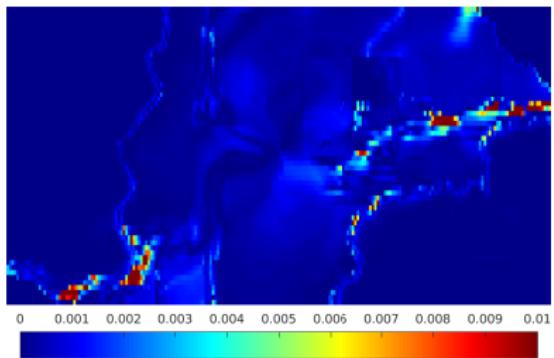


MsRSB saturation at 2/3 PVI

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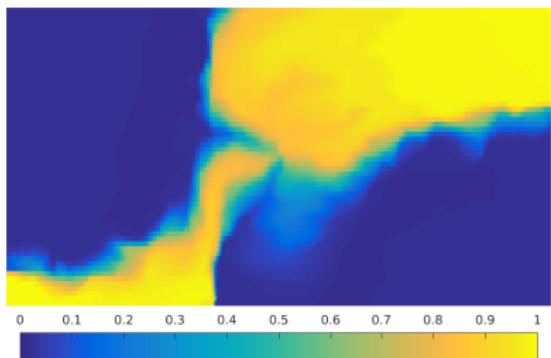
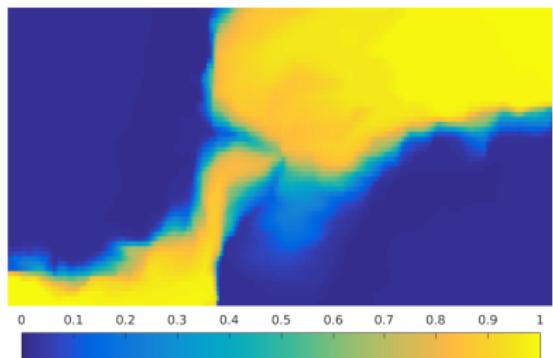


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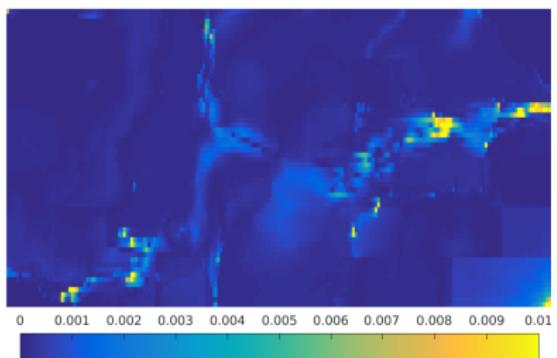
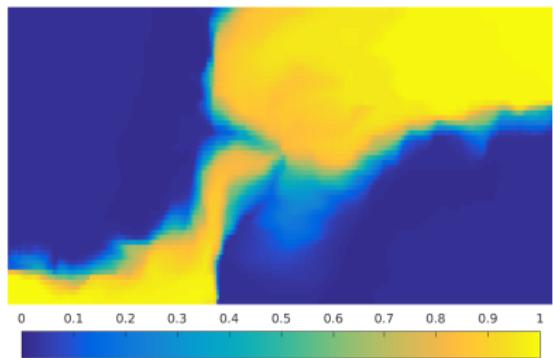


$|S_{ms} - S|$  at 2/3 PVI

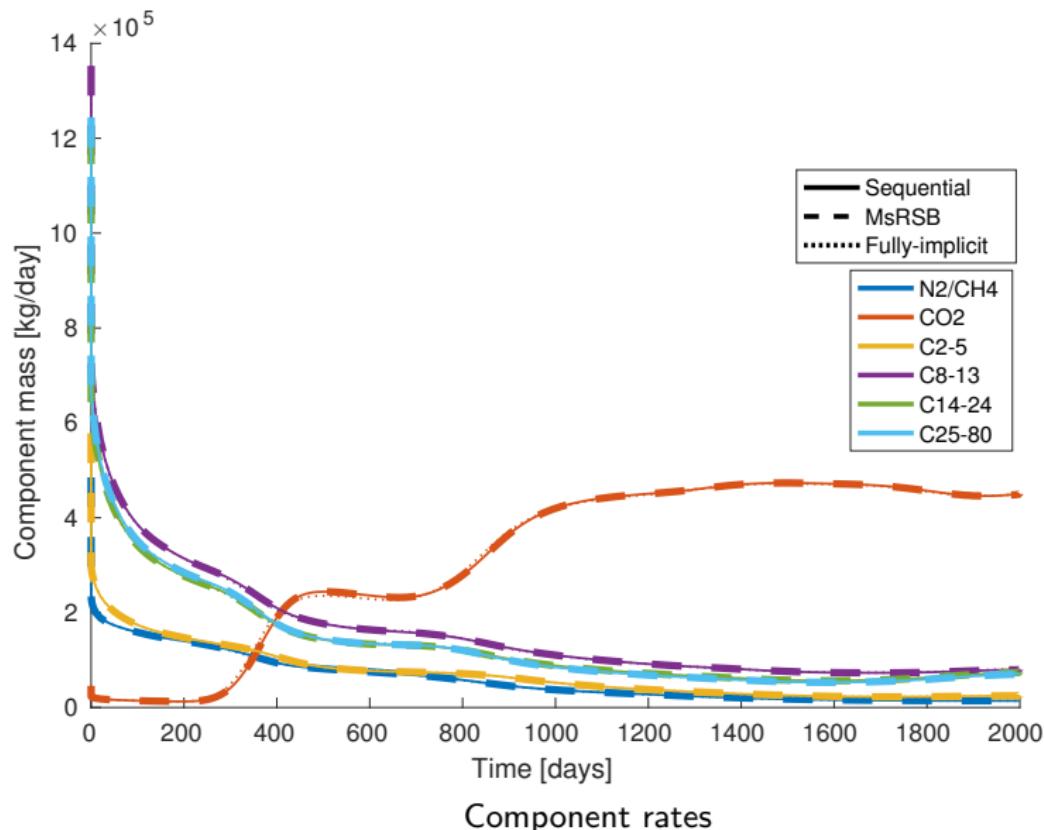
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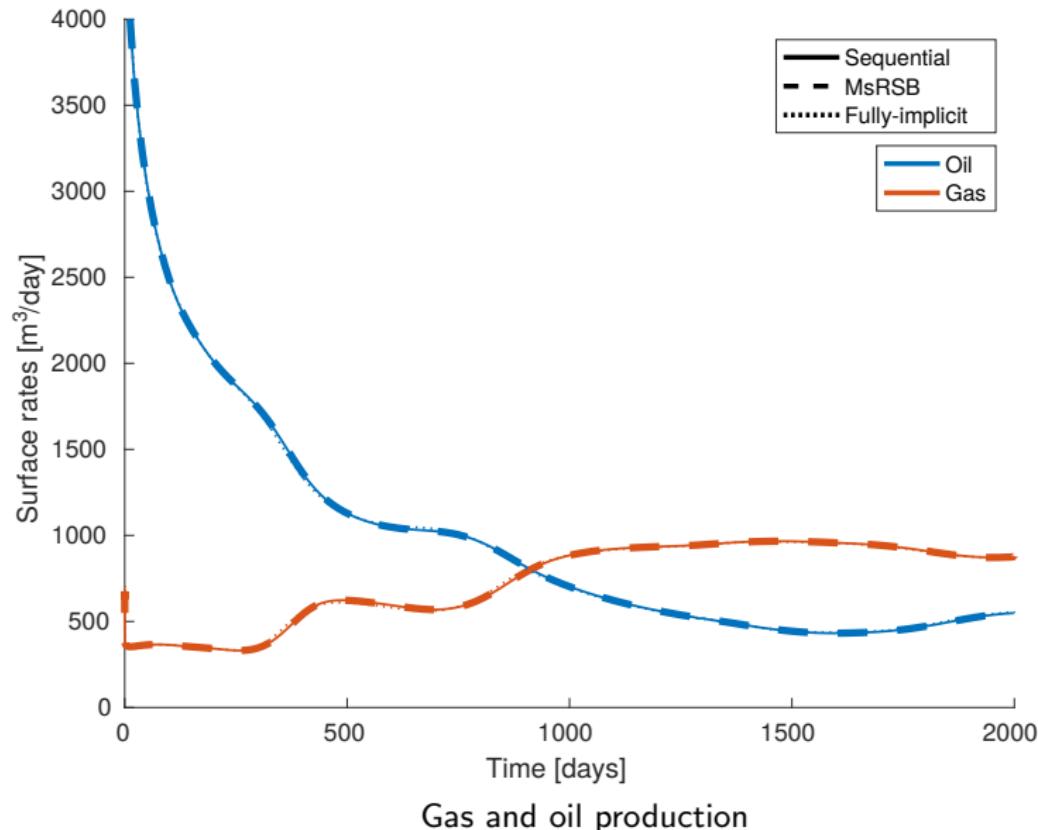
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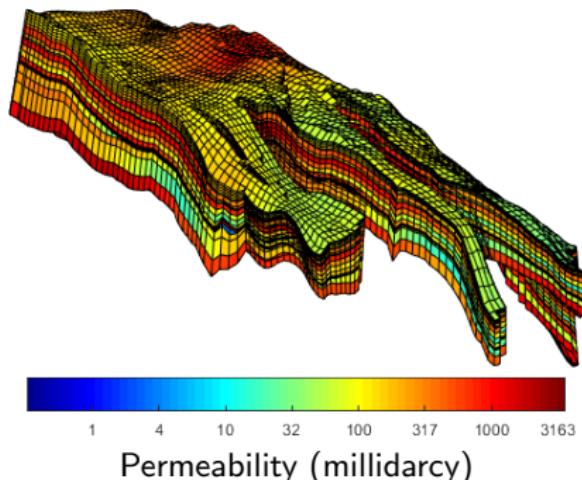


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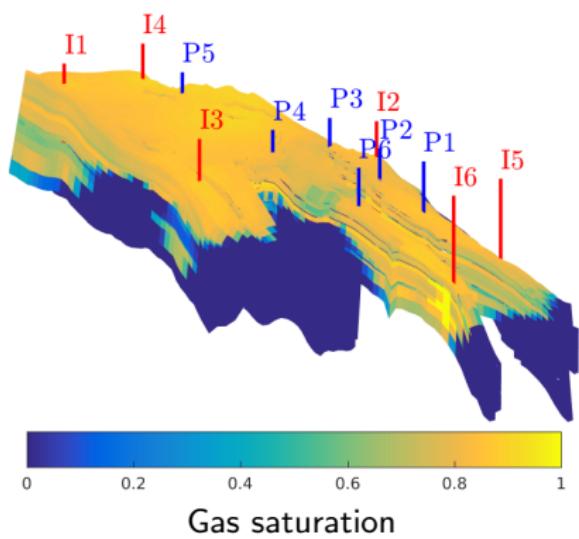
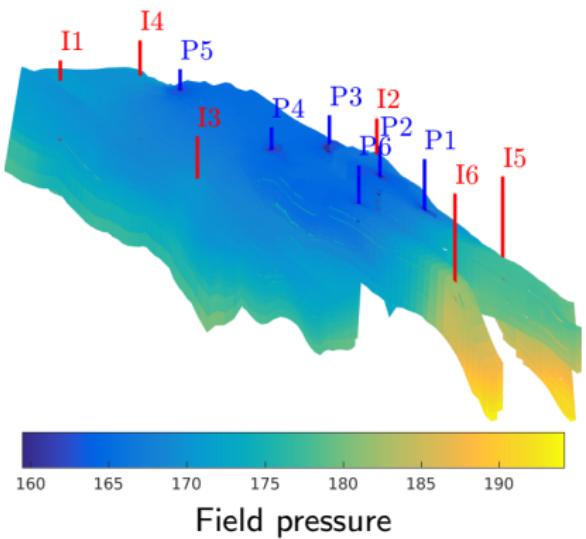


## Example: Norne field

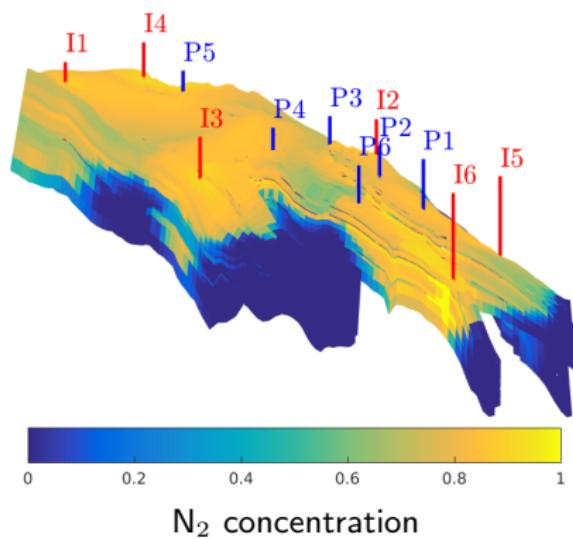
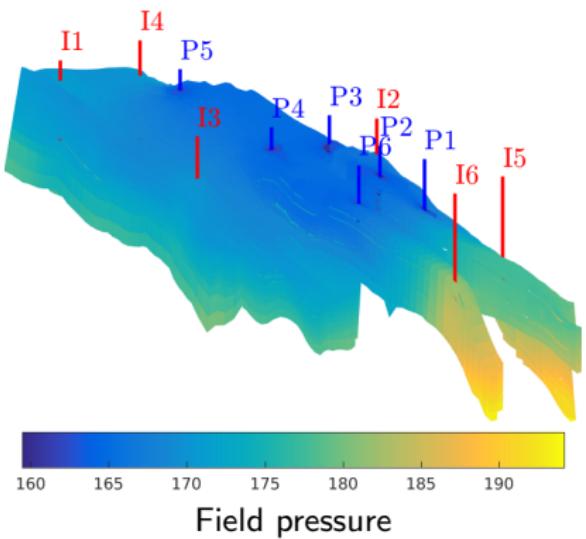
- Subset of Norne field model
- Synthetic wells injecting N<sub>2</sub>
- Reservoir contains Methane, n-Pentane and n-Decane
- Low field pressure makes phase behavior sensitive
- Model contains faults, anisotropy, pinched cells, ...
- 40,000 fine cells, 200 coarse blocks



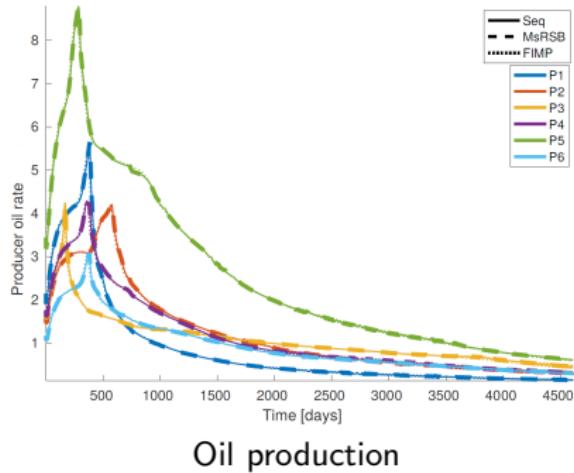
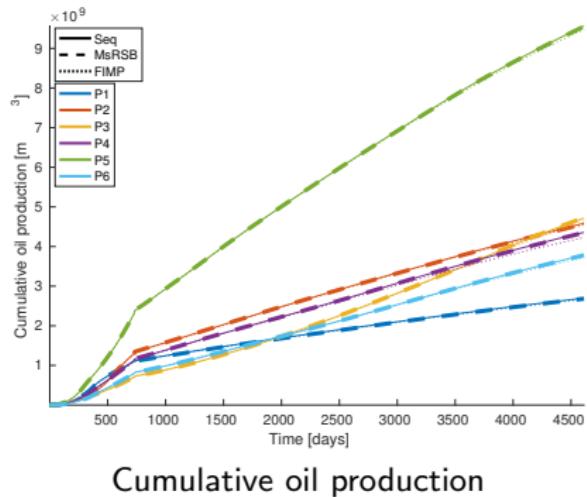
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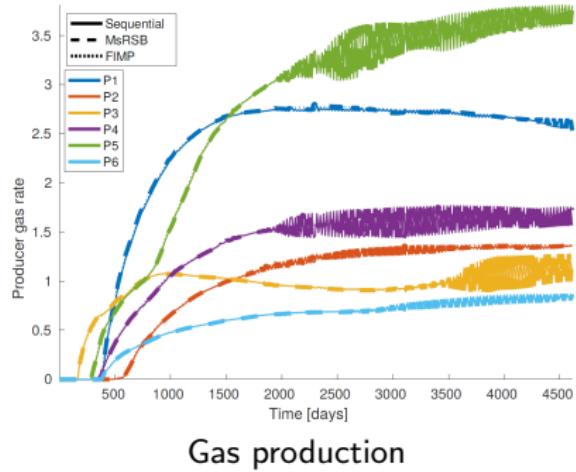
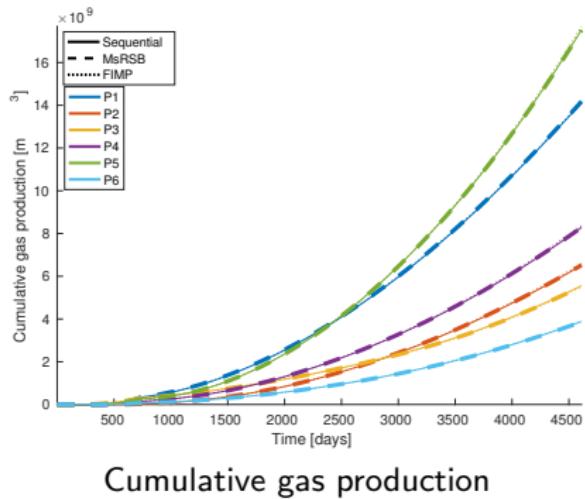
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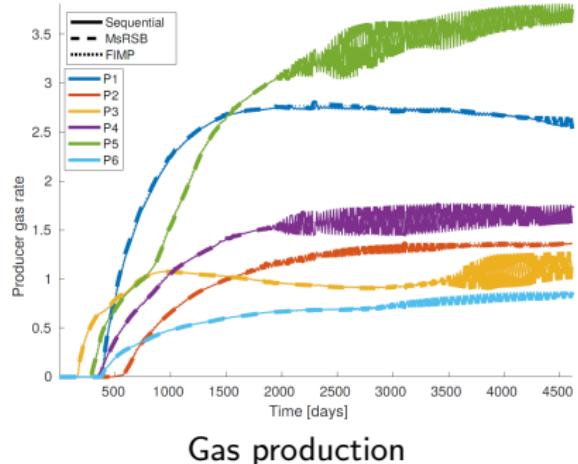
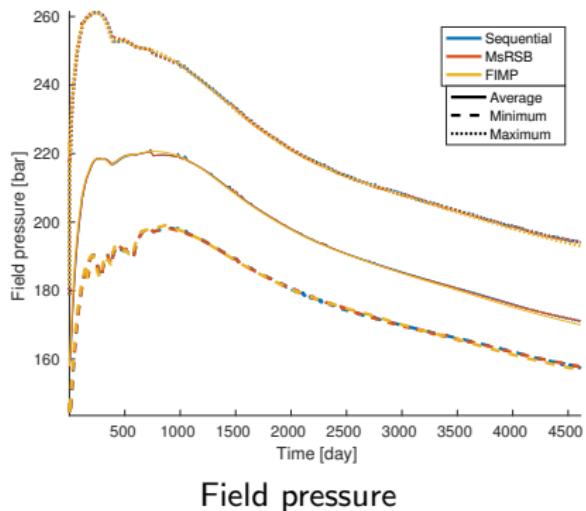
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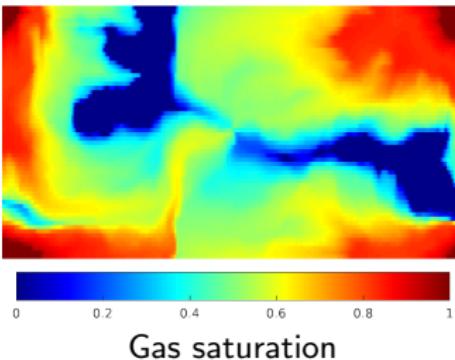
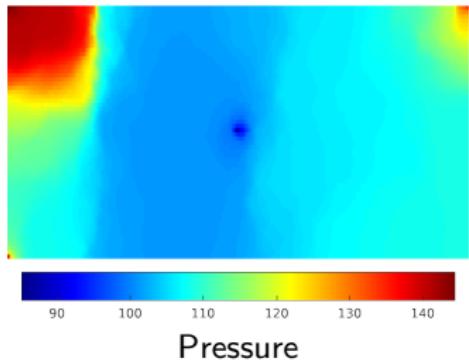
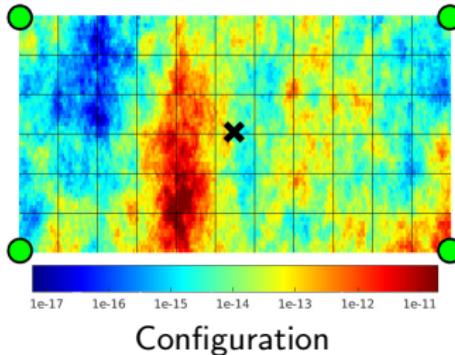


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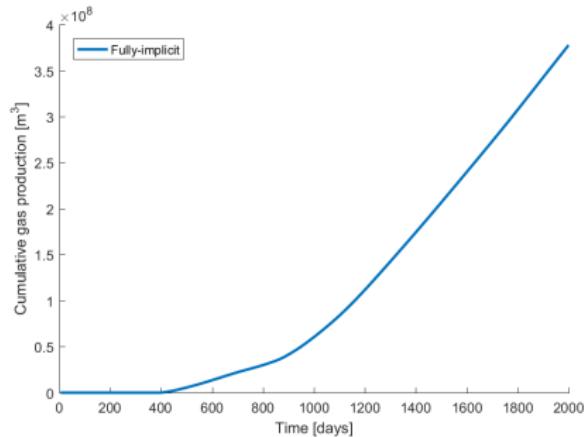
# Example: Nitrogen test

- SPE 10 model with very thin layer
- Use same fluid as for Norne field
- Constructed to produce oscillations in mass-scheme
- Compare total mass and total volume schemes

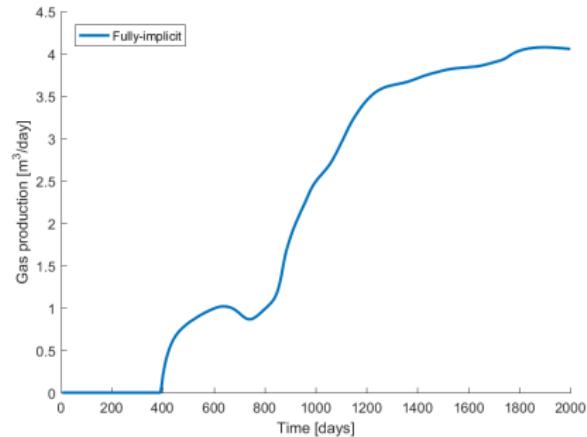


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Fully implicit



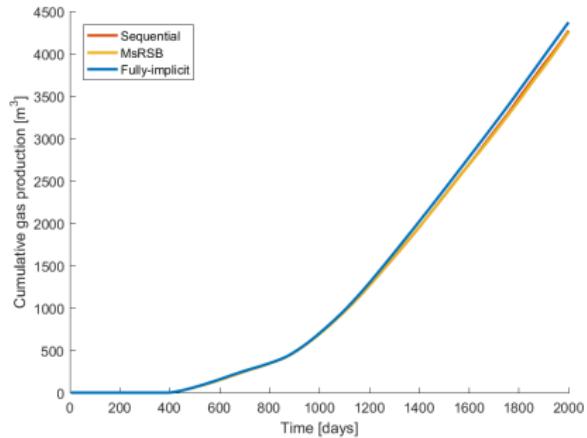
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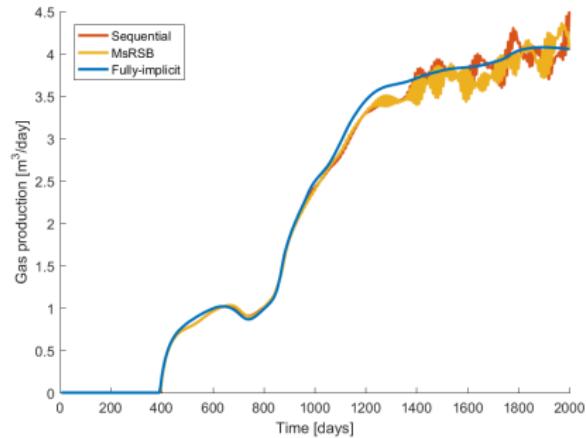
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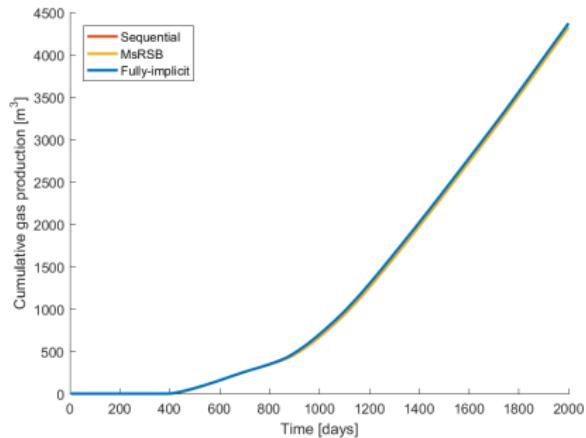
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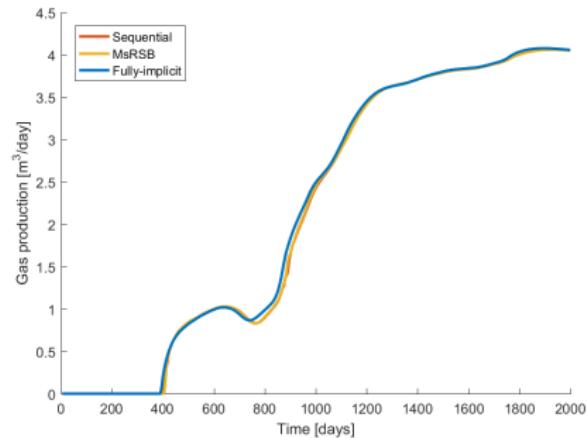
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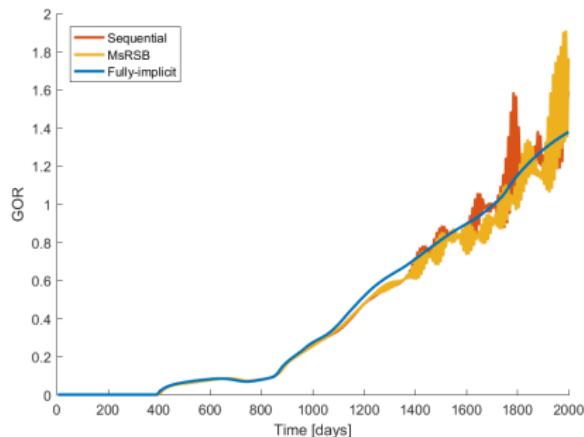
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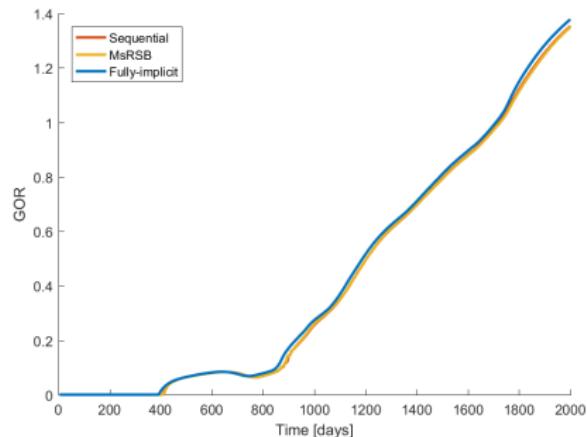
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# Example: Nitrogen test

Producer gas-oil-ratio



Total mass splitting



Total volume splitting

Recent developments: Feature-enrichment

# Room for improvements

- Slow convergence in certain cases with strong contrasts and long correlation lengths
- Desire to adapt coarse grid to geological features
- Want improved resolution near wells
- Flux reconstruction for transport can be expensive

Previous work:

- generalized multiscale element methods (Efendiev et al)
- hybrid finite-volume/Galerkin method (Cortinovis and Jenny)

## New idea: multiple multiscale operators

Assume  $N$  prolongation operators  $P^1, \dots, P^N$  that may come from different coarse grids and support regions, or different multiscale methods (MsRSB, MsFV, ...)

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Multiplicative multistep method:

$$p^* = p^{k+(\ell-1)/N} + S(q - Ap^{k+(\ell-1)/N})$$

$$p^{k+\ell/N} = p^* + P^\ell \underbrace{(R^\ell A P^\ell)^{-1}}_{A_{ms}^\ell} R^\ell (q - Ap^*),$$

Example setup:  $P^1$  is *general* and covers domain evenly, whereas  $P^2, \dots, P^N$  are *feature specific*

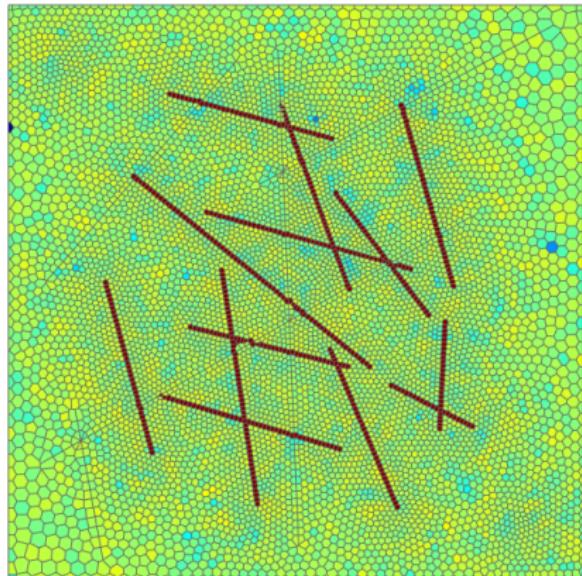
Lie, Møyner, Natvig, SPE RSC 2017

## Minimal assumptions on operators

1.  $P^\ell$  and  $R^\ell$  are constructed from a non-overlapping partition of the fine grid. Each column  $j$  in  $P^\ell$  is called a *basis function* and is associated with a coarse grid block  $\bar{\Omega}_j^\ell$
2. The support  $S_j^\ell$  of each basis function is compact and contains  $\bar{\Omega}_j^\ell$
3. The columns of  $P^\ell$  form a partition of unity, i.e., each row in  $P^\ell$  has unit row sum

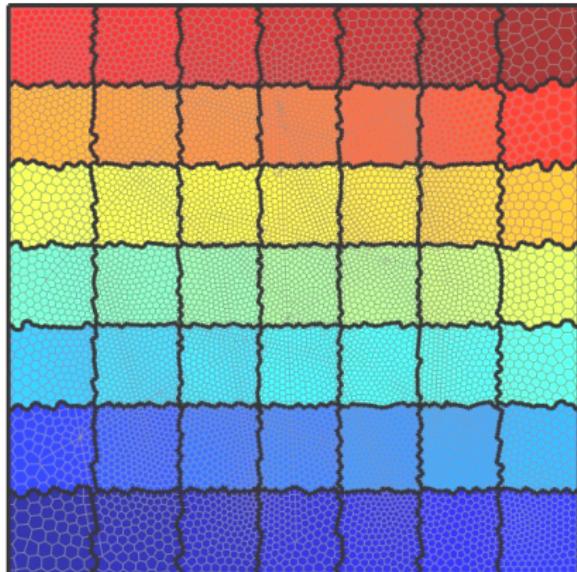
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- Rectilinear or structured subdivisions
- Adapting to facies, rock types, saturation regions, etc
- Partitions adapting to faults, fractures,...
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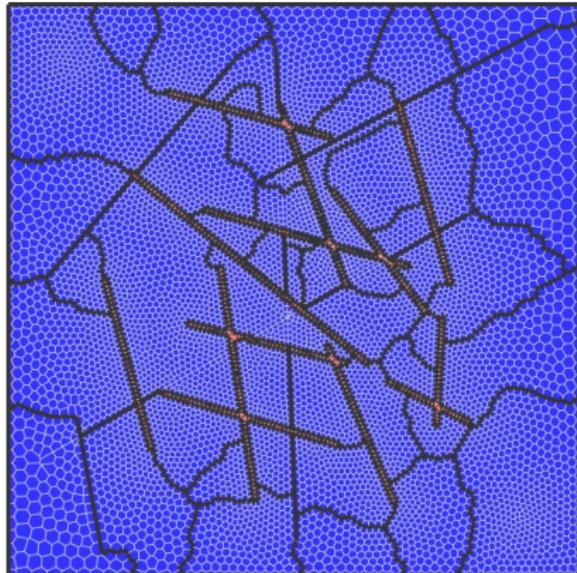
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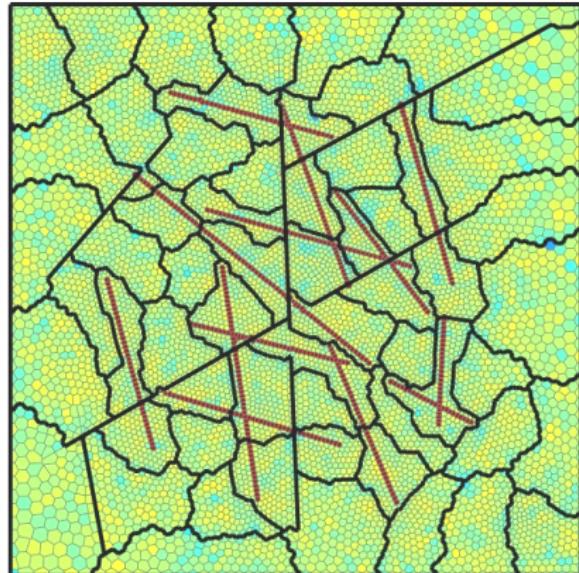
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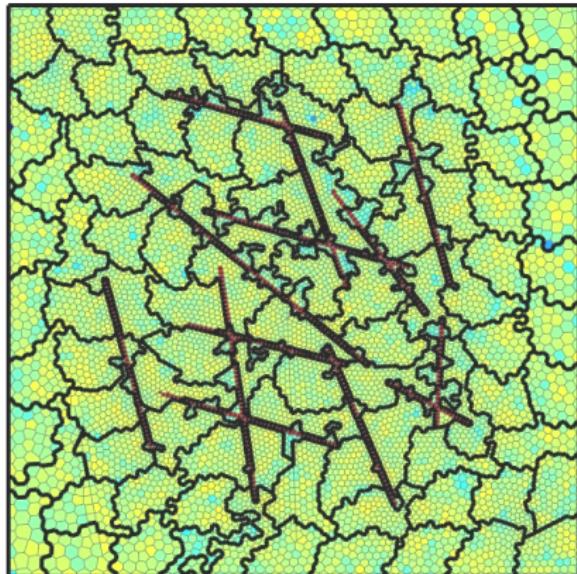
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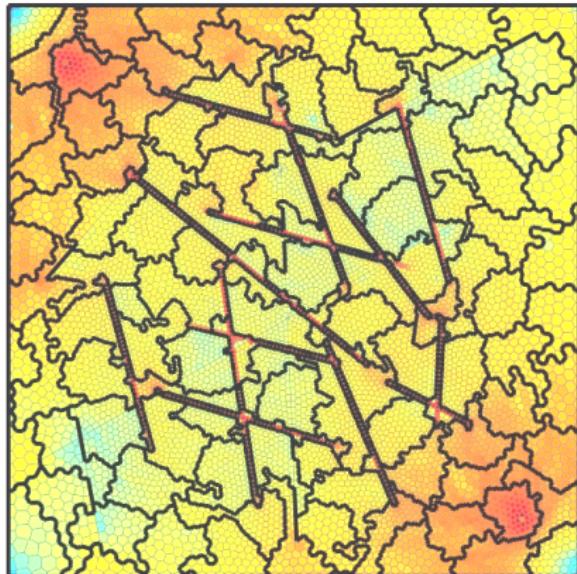
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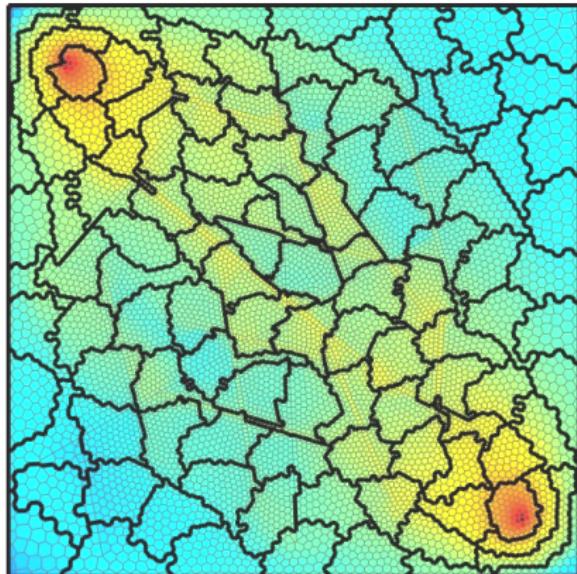
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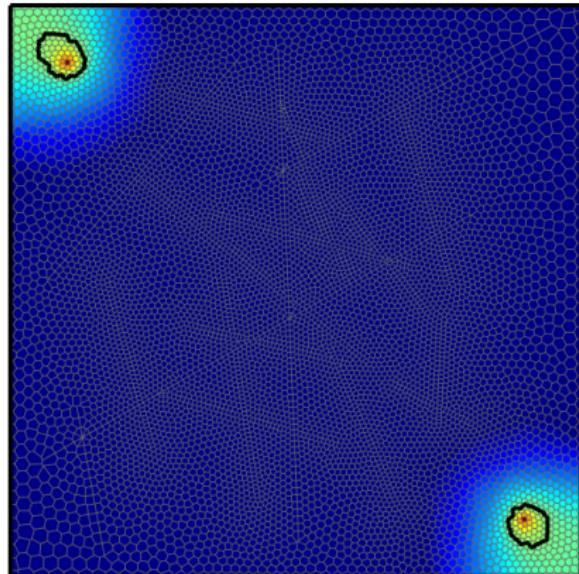
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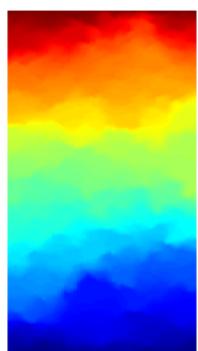
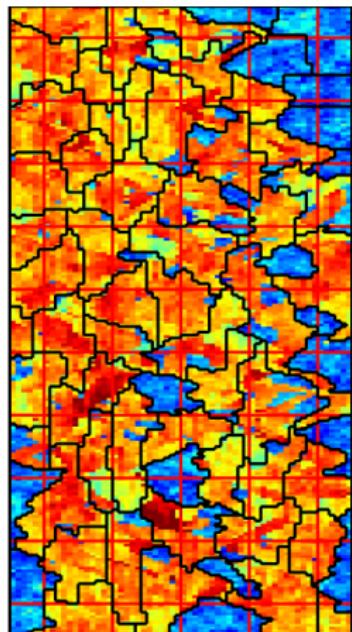


# Examples of partition types

- Rectilinear or structured subdivisions
- Adapting to facies, rock types, saturation regions, etc
- Partitions adapting to faults, fractures,...
- From block-structured grids, LGR,...
- Unstructured graph-based partitions
- Amalgamations based on indicators
- Adapting dynamically to flow
- Separating near-well and far-field
- ...



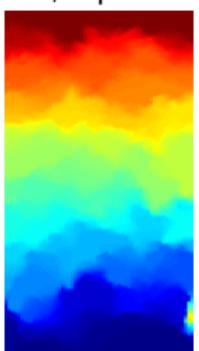
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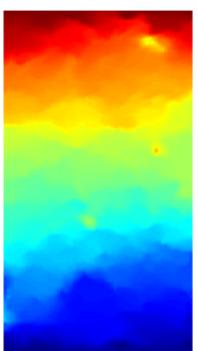
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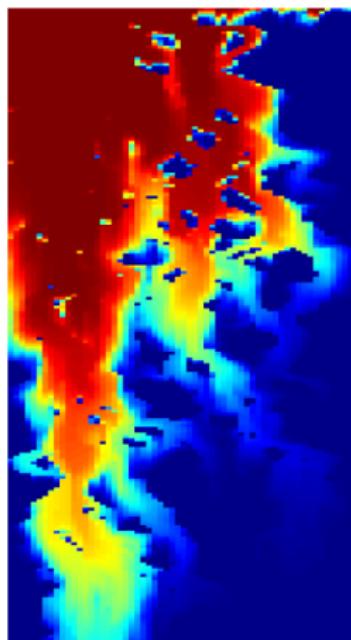
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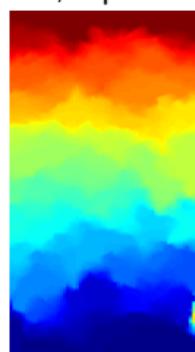
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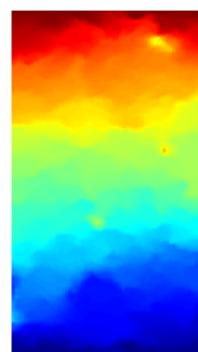
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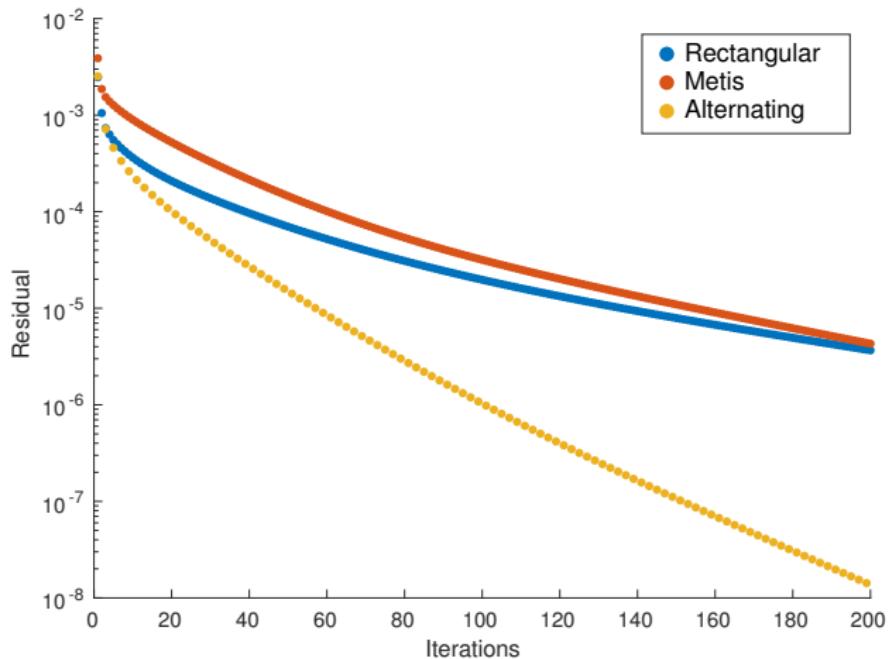
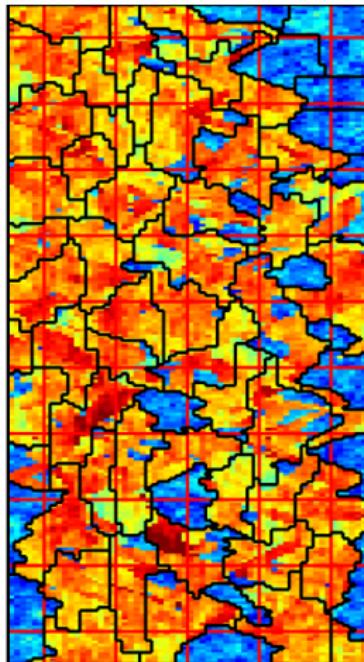


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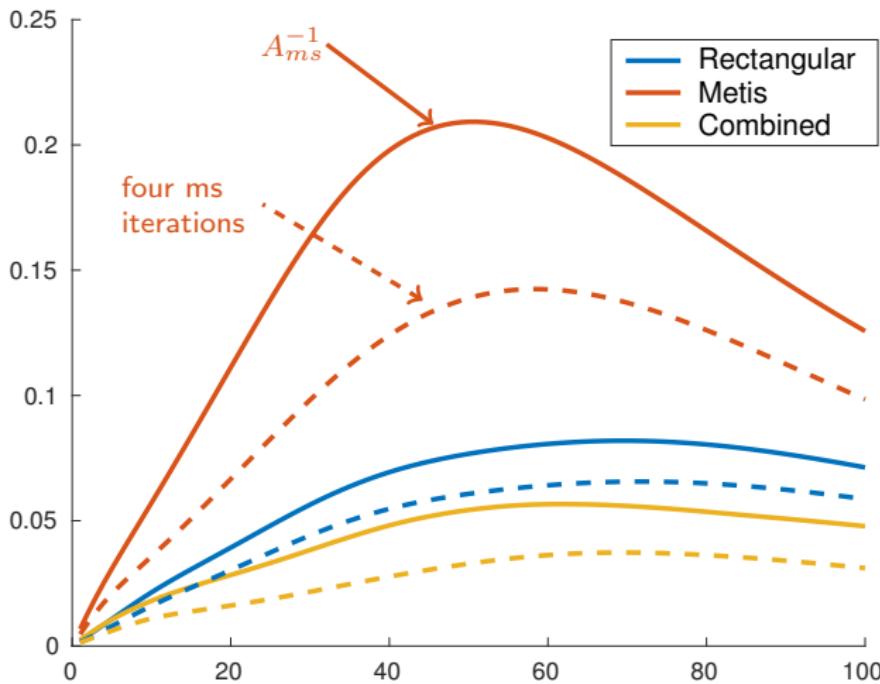
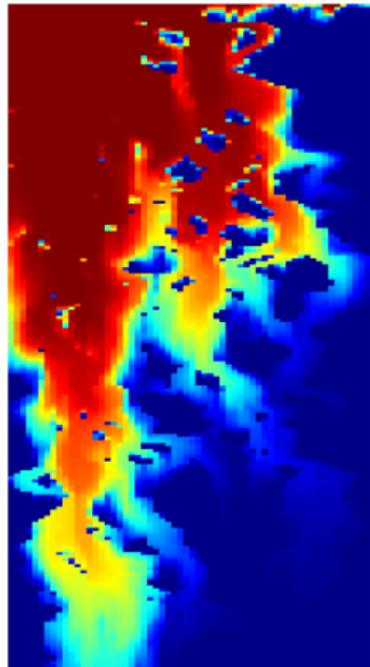
Layer 85:  $220 \times 60$  subsample, pressure drop from north to south, linear relperm, equal viscosities

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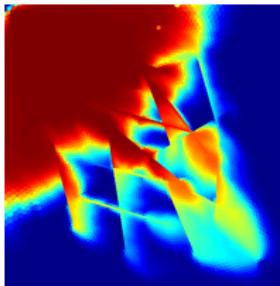
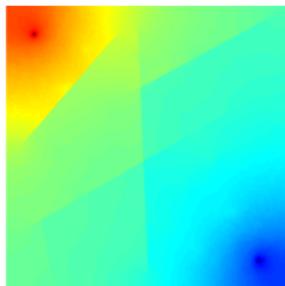
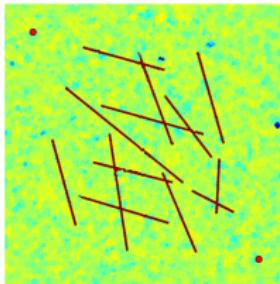
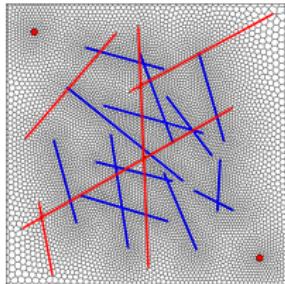
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# Numerical example: Unstructured grid



PEBI grid adapting to five faults and thirteen volumetric fractures.

Faults: 0.01 trans. multiplier

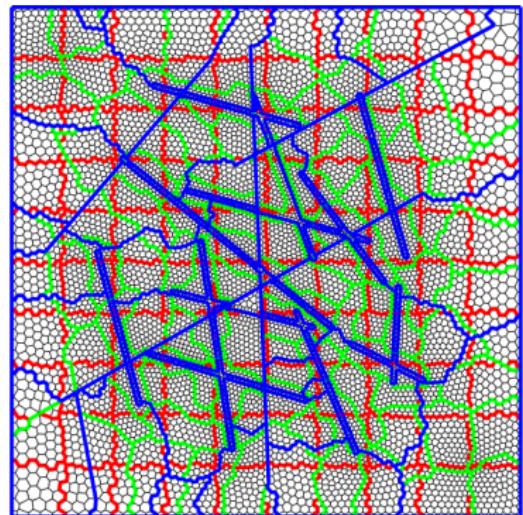
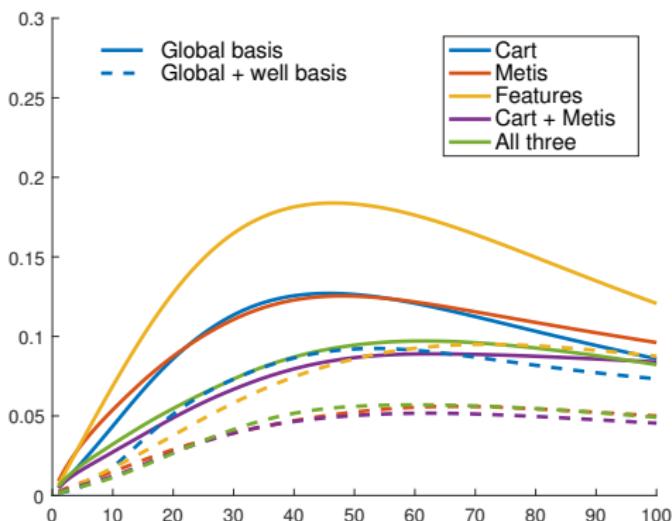
Fractures: 5 darcy

Background: average 100 md

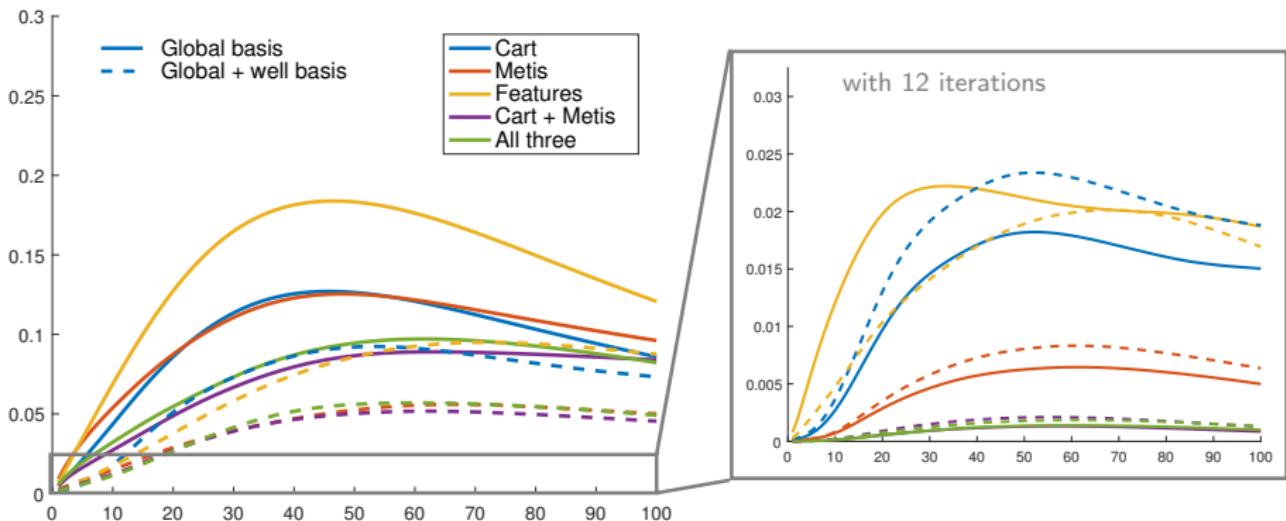
Wells:

- injector, bhp: 500 bar
- producer, bhp: 200 bar

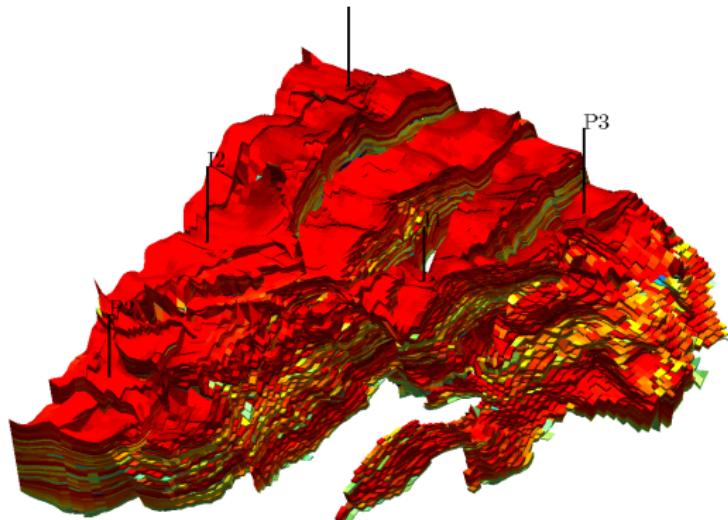
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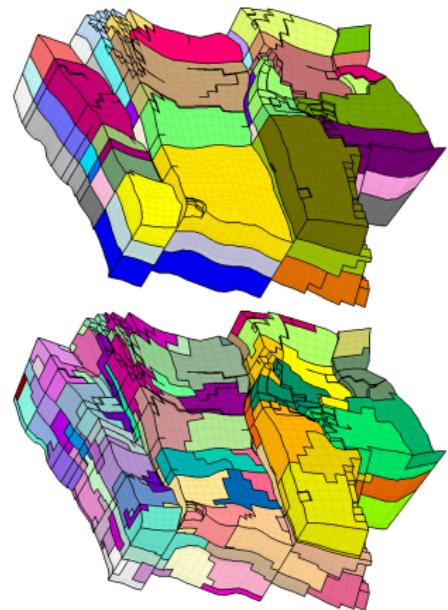
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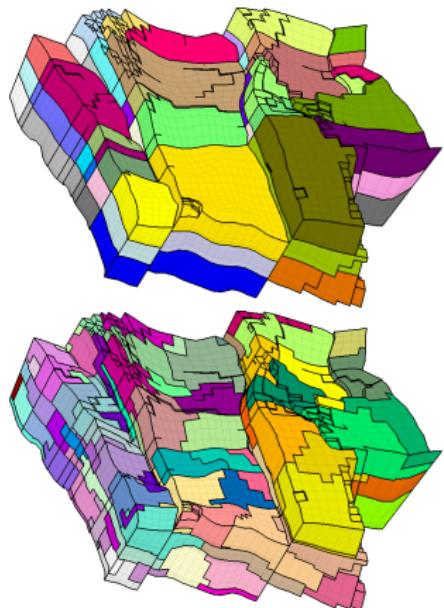
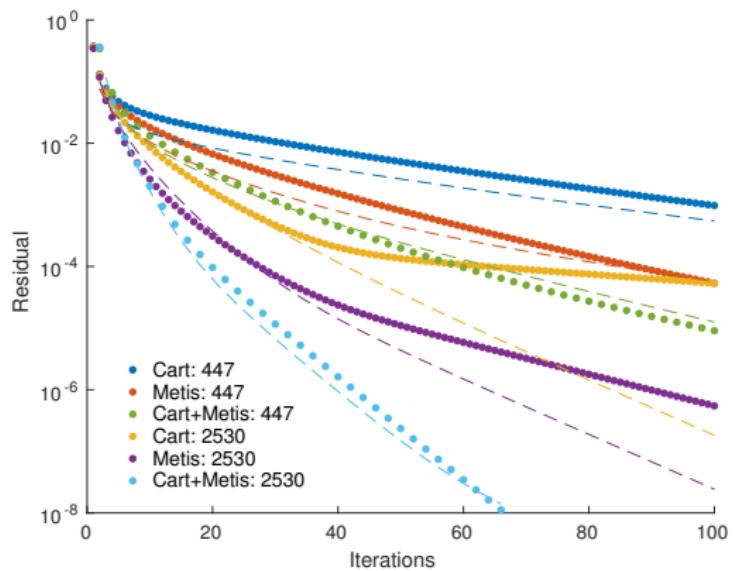
# Numerical example: Gullfaks



Higher resolution:  $80 \times 100 \times 52$  cells, 416 000 active  
Partition: rectangular (upper) and by Metis (lower)



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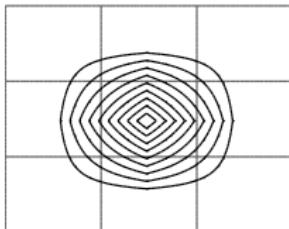
# Conclusion

- Multiscale basis functions for pressure, fully unstructured
- Applicable to wide range of flow problems through finite-volume framework
- Emphasis on robust local method for fine-scale transport
- Unstructured coarsening allows for adaption to features
- Very simple to implement regardless of grid complexity
- Prototype in commercial simulator and MRST

Backup slides

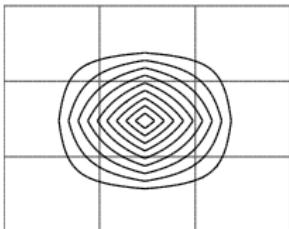
# Basis functions: MsFV vs MsRSB

MsFV,  $\mathbf{K}_x = \mathbf{K}_y$



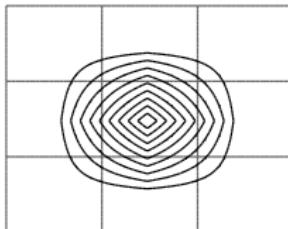
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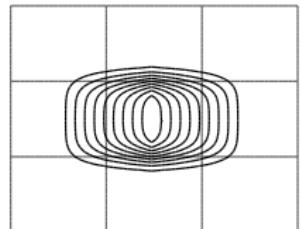
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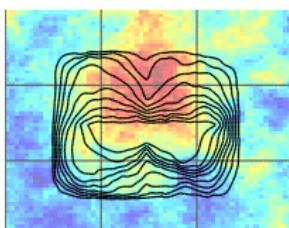
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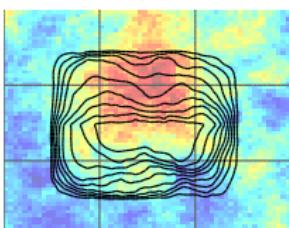
$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.03 & +0.05 & -0.04 \\ -0.48 & -0.48 & -0.48 \\ -0.03 & +0.05 & -0.04 \end{bmatrix}$$

MsFV, Tarbert



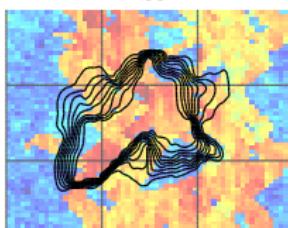
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MsRSB, Tarbert



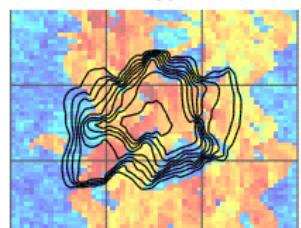
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MsFV, Upper Ness



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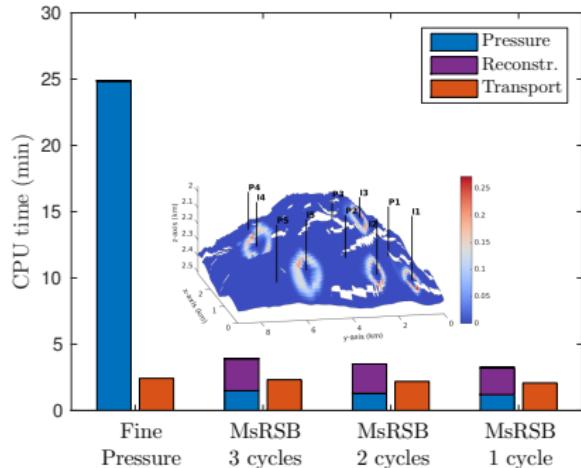
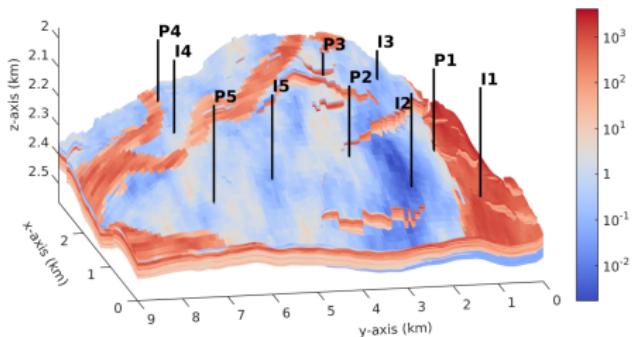


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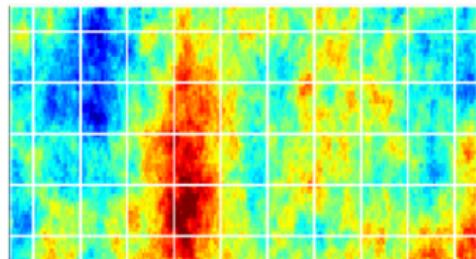
The matrices report the net fluxes into or out of the neighboring coarse blocks induced by a unit pressure differential

# Example: water-based EOR

- Full Eclipse 100 polymer model with adsorption, Todd-Langstaff mixing, inaccessible pore volume, and permeability reduction
- Polymer concentration changes water viscosity to achieve better sweep
- Model includes shear thinning, i.e., water-polymer viscosity depends on the velocity.
- Non-Newtonian fluid rheology makes the pressure equation highly nonlinear



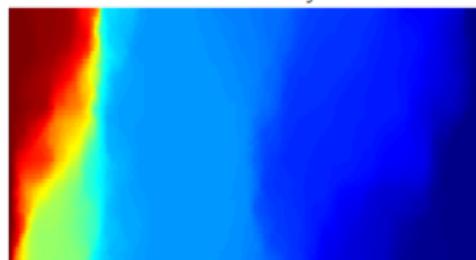
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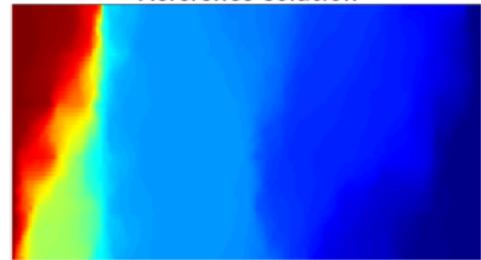
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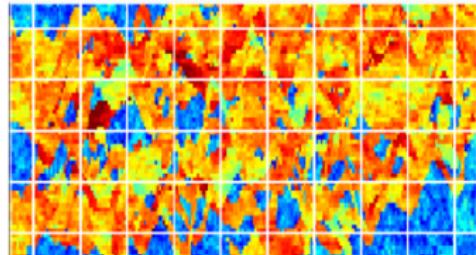
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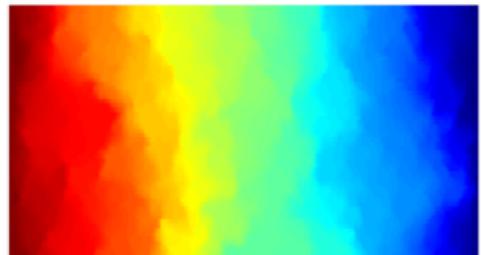
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|-------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| MsFV  | $6 \times 11$ | 0.0313        | 0.0910             | 0.1138        | 0.4151             |
| MsRSB | $6 \times 11$ | 0.0204        | 0.0766             | 0.0880        | 0.4071             |

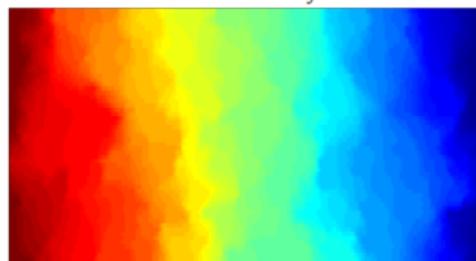
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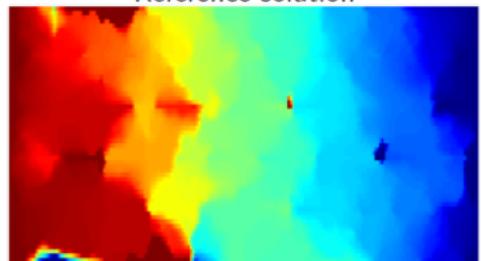
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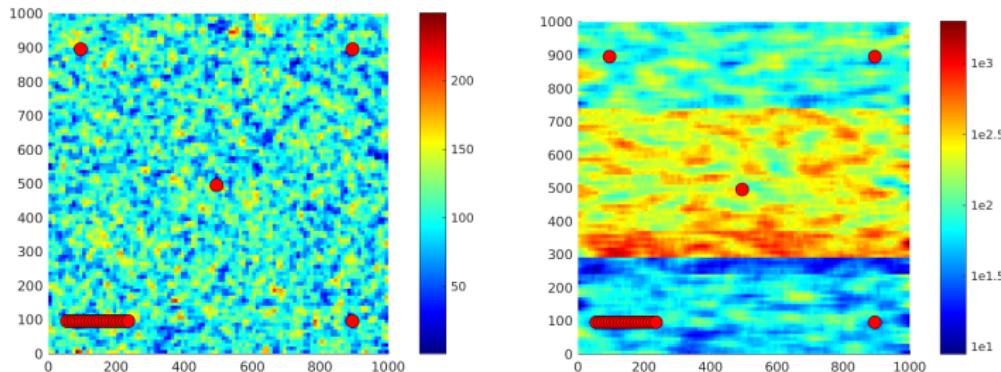
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# Numerical example: well basis

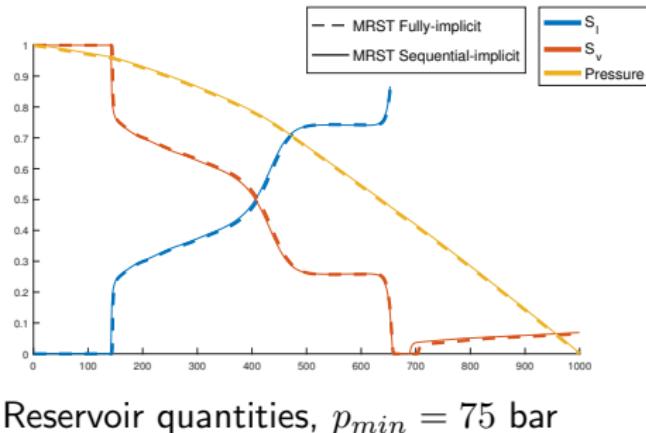


| Basis                     | Gaussian |            | Layered |            |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|---------|------------|
|                           | $L^2$    | $L^\infty$ | $L^2$   | $L^\infty$ |
| $6 \times 6$              | 0.0641   | 0.1679     | 0.0619  | 0.1750     |
| Well basis                | 0.0760   | 0.1131     | 0.1015  | 0.1215     |
| Well basis + $6 \times 6$ | 0.0303   | 0.1136     | 0.0280  | 0.0634     |

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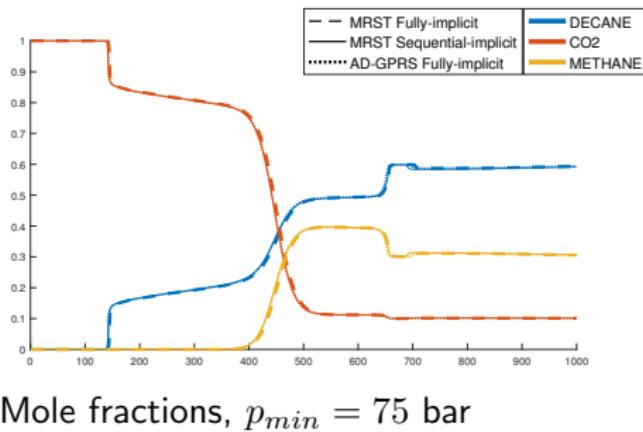
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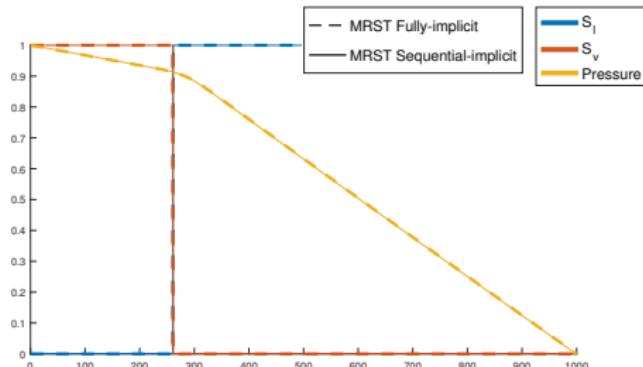
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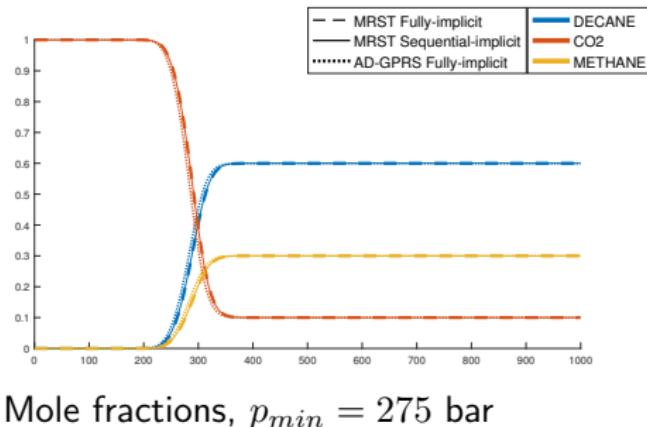


Reservoir quantities,  $p_{min} = 275$  bar

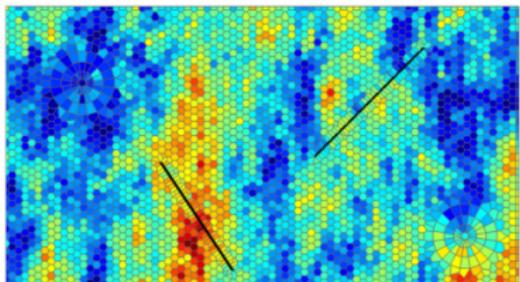
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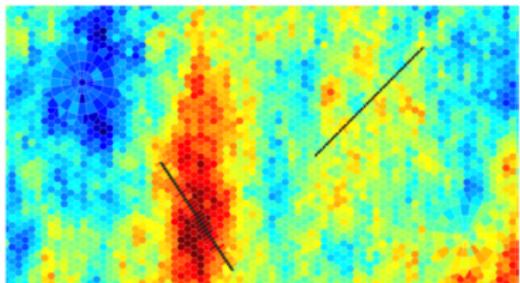
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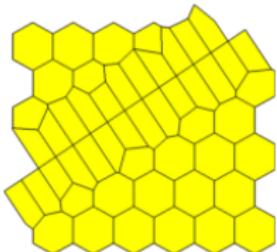
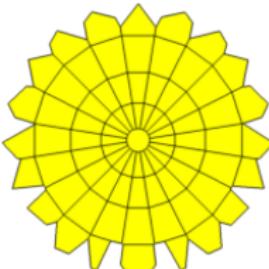
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Porosity and grid



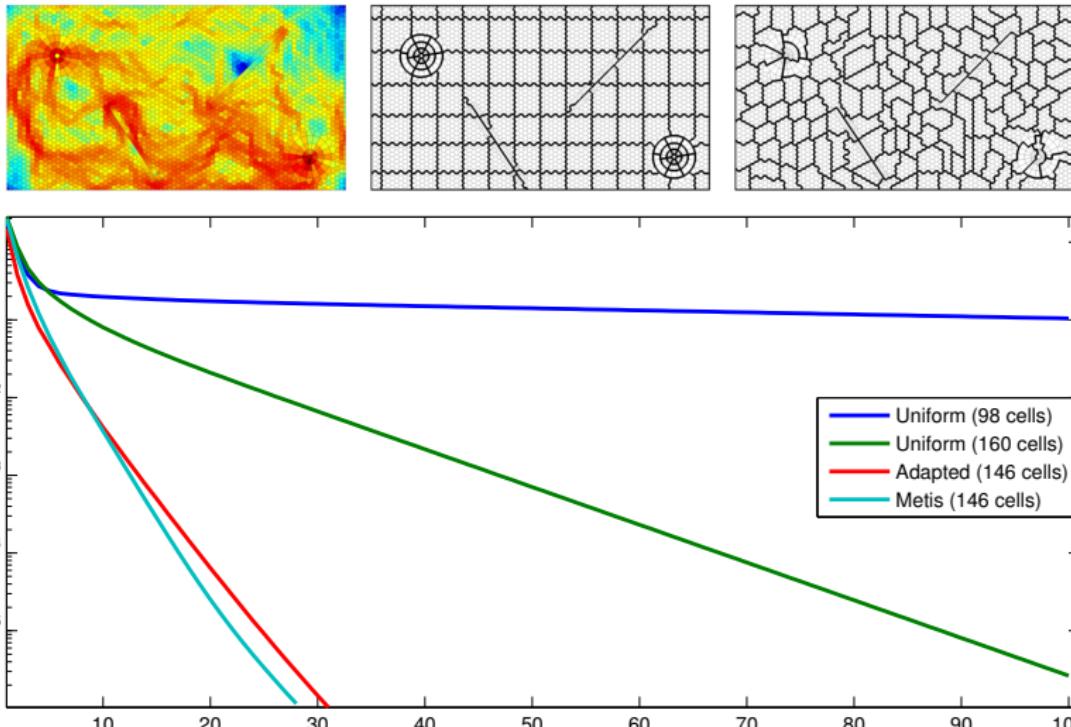
Permeability from SPE 10, Layer 35



Detailed view of refinement

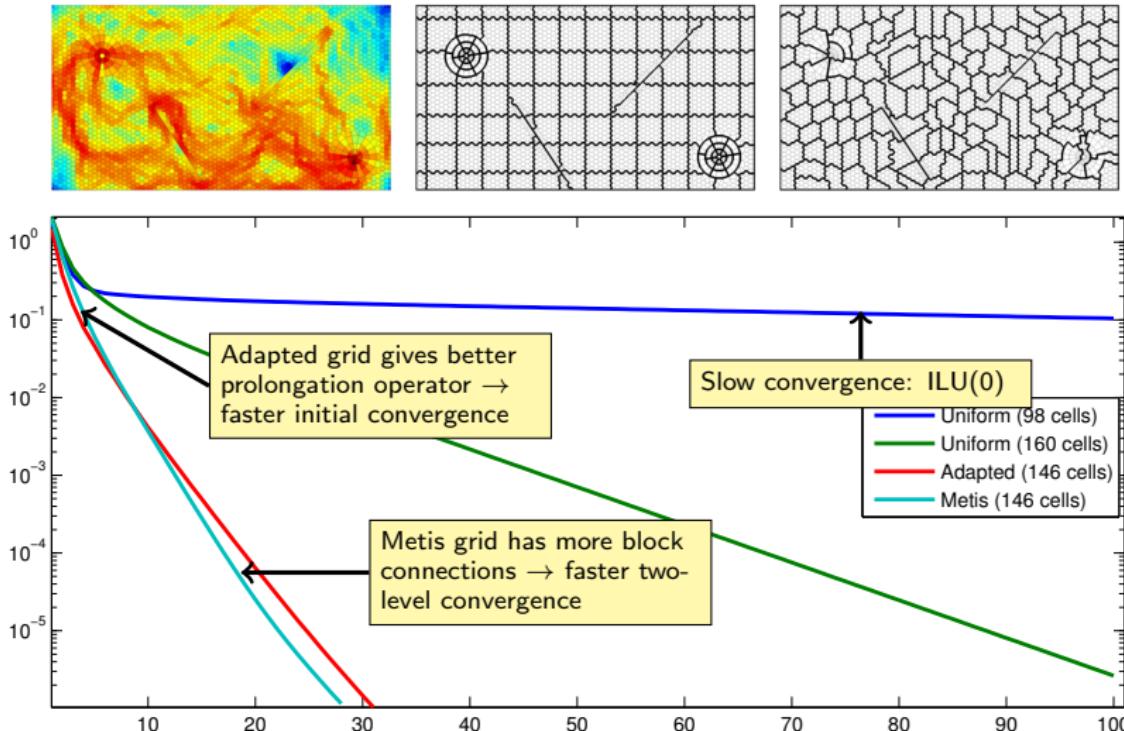
- Unstructured grid designed to minimize grid orientation effects
- Two embedded radial grids near wells
- Fine grid adapts to faults
- The faults are sealed, i.e. allow no fluid flow through

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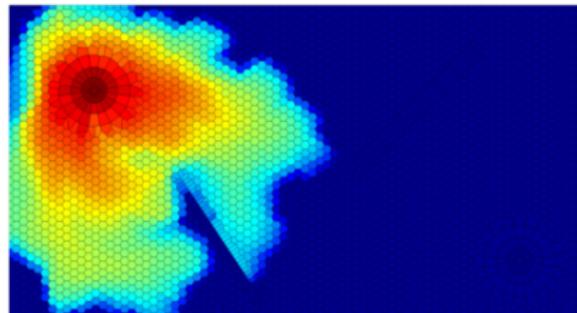
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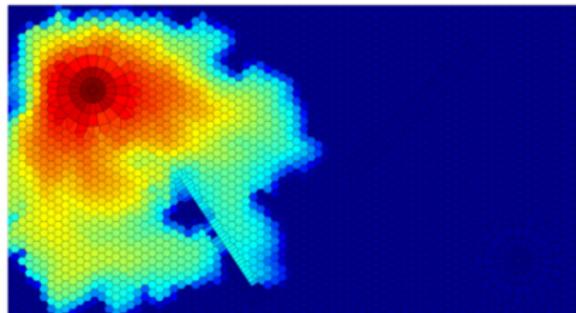


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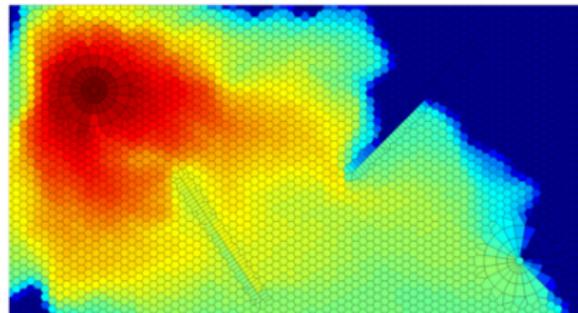
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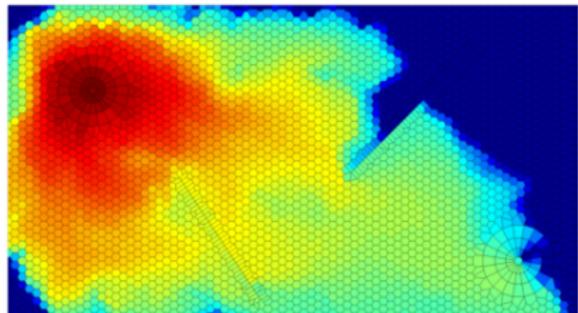
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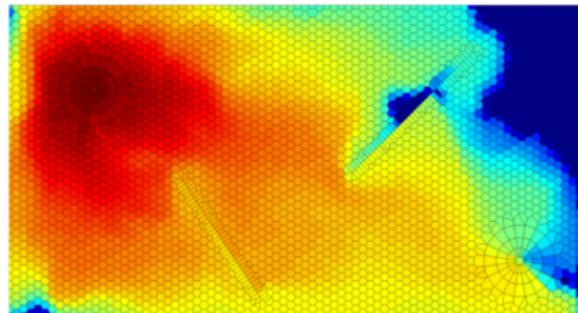
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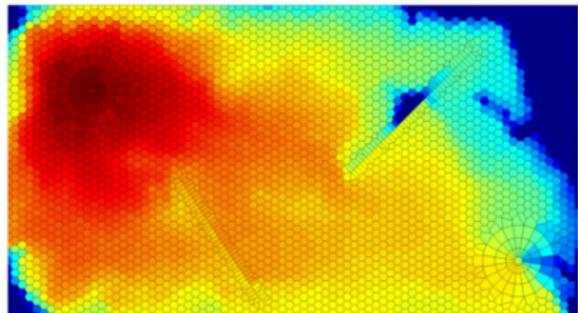
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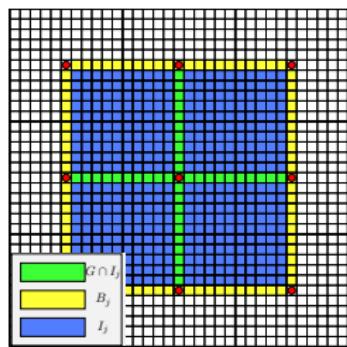
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# MsRSB: computing basis functions

Divide set of fine cells  $F$  into  $m$  coarse blocks,

$$C_j \subseteq F, \quad C_j \cap C_i = \emptyset \quad \forall \quad i \neq j, \quad i, j \in [1, m], \quad |F| = n.$$



Define support  $I_j$  and its boundary  $B_j$  for each block,

$$P_j(\mathbf{x}) > 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in I_j \quad P_j(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

For convenience, define global boundary/dual as union of all boundaries

$$G = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_{m-1} \cup B_m.$$

For cells in  $G$ , let  $H_i$  be the set of blocks where it is active,

$$H_i = \{j \mid i \in I_j, i \in G\}.$$

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Define preliminary update by Jacobi relaxation,

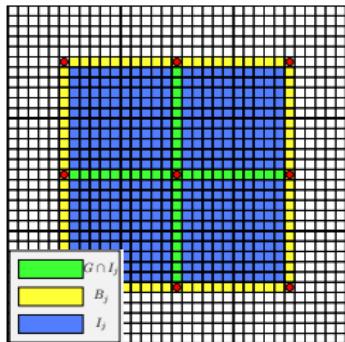
$$\hat{\mathbf{d}}_j = -\omega D^{-1} A P_j^n.$$

Modify the update according to cell category,

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{\hat{d}_{ij} - P_{ij}^n \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}{1 + \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}, & i \in I_j, i \in G, \\ \hat{d}_{ij}, & i \in I_j, i \notin G, \\ 0, & i \notin I_j. \end{cases}$$

Finally, apply the update and proceed to next iteration

$$P_{ij}^{n+1} = P_{ij}^n + d_{ij}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}\sum_j P_{ij}^{n+1} &= \sum_j P_{ij}^n - \frac{\omega}{A_{ii}} \sum_j \sum_k A_{ik} P_{kj}^n \\ &= 1 - \frac{\omega}{A_{ii}} \sum_k A_{ik} \left( \sum_j P_{kj}^n \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\omega}{A_{ii}} \sum_k A_{ik} = 1.\end{aligned}$$

We have used that  $\sum_{j \in H_i} P_{ij}^n = 1$  by assumption and that  $P_{ij}^n$  is nonzero only in  $H_i$ .

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- Does the proposed basis functions have partition of unity?

Two cases:  $i \in G$  and  $i \notin G$ . Next, consider  $i \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{j \in \{1, \dots, m\}} P_{ij}^{n+1} &= \sum_{j \in H_i} \left( P_{ij}^n + \frac{\hat{d}_{ij} - P_{ij}^n \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}{1 + \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}} \right) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{j \in H_i} \frac{\hat{d}_{ij} - P_{ij}^n \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}{1 + \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}{1 + \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}} - \frac{\sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}}{1 + \sum_{k \in H_i} \hat{d}_{ik}} \sum_{j \in H_i} P_{ij}^n = 1.\end{aligned}$$

We have used that  $\sum_{j \in H_i} P_{ij}^n = 1$  by assumption and that  $P_{ij}^n$  is nonzero only in  $H_i$ .