PARALLEL ADAPTIVE SIMULATION OF PROCESSES FROM SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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Short Bio

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The fundamental laws necessary for the mathematical treatment of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty lies only in the fact that application of these laws leads to equations that are too complex to be solved.

P.A.M. Dirac (1927)





Modelling Basics

- Morphology model
 - Geometry
 - Material properties
- Process model

based on first principles (balance laws)

reliable model with prognostic quality





Modelling Basics

- A model is an answer, it needs a question.
- The model should be as detailed as necessary to answer the question and as simple as possible. "Man soll die Dinge so einfach machen wie möglich, aber nicht einfacher." (Einstein)
- Complexity <-> Reliability
- Simulation technique is decisive for the complexity limit





Modeling and Simulation

Mathematical Model

System of differential equations

Numerical approximation Numerical methods discretisation and solver

Software Tools

Applications, Mathematics (Analysis)

Numerics

Computer Science





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Software Tools

Hardware



Mapping Reality

Errors, Complexity

Complexity, Flexibility, ...

Limiting Resource



Adaptivity

• Refine grid where needed







Peter Bastian





Complexity - HPC Paradoxon

Algorithm complexity: Execution time $E = O(n^q)$, q > 1

Buying a new computer: On a new i.e. larger and faster computer, larger problems will be computed. Assume the new computer is a factor $\alpha > 1$ faster and larger than the old one. To compute a problem of size $\alpha \cdot n$, the new computer needs

 $O(\alpha^{q} \cdot n^{q}) = \alpha^{(q-1)} \alpha E.$

The larger and faster the computer becomes, the longer the execution time will be!

Large scale computing needs q=1 i.e. optimal algorithms!

SIMULATION SYSTEM UG4

Adaptivity

Parallelism

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Multigrid



SIMULATION SYSTEM UG4 Engineering

- porous media flow
- CO₂ injection
- geothermal flows
- CFD
- struct. mechanics
- energy research
- chemical eng.
- process eng.
- biomass ferment.
- aeroacoustics

Finance

- option pricing
- credit risk estimation
- portfolio optimization

Medicine (Health)

- transdermal drug delivery
- signal processing in neurons
- HC virus replication
- infectious diseases



ng 4 DEVELOPERS

New code $\pi G4$ ≈ 200 person years for development

M. Breit S. Grein A. Grillo M. Heisig I. Heppner M. Hoffer S. Höllbacher M. Knodel M. Lampe L. Larisch B. Lemke D. Logaschenko I. Muha A. Nägel C. Poliwoda R. Prohl G. Queisser S. Reiter M. Rupp

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ng4 I. Heppner, A. Nägel, S. Reiter, M. Rupp, A. Vogel

- completely new code, strongly modularized
- hybrid unstructured grids, hanging nodes
- finite volumes of arbitrary order, finite elements
- parallel adaptive and robust multigrid
- highly scalable
- FAMG as separate module



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- efficient parallel data migration via MPI-based
 Parallel Communication Layer (PCL) (Reiter et al 2015)
- Tool for gridding: ProMesh (Reiter 2017)
- GUI based on VRL (Hoffer, W. 2014)





$\mathcal{T}_{G} 4 \ GU1 \ (\mathsf{M. Hoffer})$

- Based on VRL (Visual Reflection Library)
- allows graphical control of simulation



Mg 4 GUI (M. Hoffer)

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- allows graphical control of simulation



Parallel Scaling

- *cuG* 3 (1999):
 Parallelization based on DDD, strongly limited parallelization (≤ 4096 cores)
- *nG* 4 (2014):
 Parallelization based on PCL, perfect scaling up to 264144 cores.





UG4: GMG Weak Scaling

• Laplacian 3d, GMG, structured



| Weak Scaling UG4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|--------|---------------|----------|---|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--|--|
| • | Linea | ar ela | asticity 3d | | displacement Magnitude 20 40 60 80 90.2 90.2 | | | | | | |
| | PE | level | DoF | $T_a(s)$ | $T_s(s)$ | $T_{a+s}(s)$ | $E_{a+s}(\%)$ | S_{a+s} | S_{ideal} | | |
| | 1 | 3 | 14'739 | 2.347 | 4.987 | 7.334 | - | - | - | | |
| | 8 | 4 | 107'811 | 2.352 | 5.070 | 7.422 | 98.8 | 7.9 | 8 | | |
| | 64 | 5 | 823'875 | 2.368 | 5.212 | 7.580 | 96.8 | 62.0 | 64 | | |
| | 512 | 6 | 6'440'067 | 2.375 | 5.414 | 7.789 | 94.2 | 482.3 | 512 | | |
| | 4'096 | 7 | 50'923'779 | 2.400 | 5.502 | 7.902 | 92.8 | 3'801.1 | 4'096 | | |
| | 32'768 | 8 | 405'017'091 | 2.371 | 5.711 | 8.082 | 90.7 | 29'720.6 | 32'768 | | |
| | 262'144 | 9 | 3'230'671'875 | 2.391 | 5.816 | 8.207 | 89.4 | 234'356.7 | 262'144 | | |



MODELING AND COMPUTATION OF THERMOHALINE FLOW IN HETEROGENOUS POROUS MEDIA

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DENSITY DRIVEN GROUNDWATER FLOW

• Saltwater intrusion

A CONTRACT OF CONTRACT

• Upconing

• Flow around saltdomes



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D³F

• Distributed Density Driven Flow

$$\frac{\partial(n\rho(c))}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho(c)\vec{v}) = Q_p(c),$$

$$\frac{\partial(n\rho(c)c)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho(c)(c\vec{v} - \mathbb{D}\nabla c)) = Q_c(c)$$

+ b.c.; with $\vec{v} = -K/\mu(c)(\nabla p - \rho(c)\vec{g}),$

$$\mathbb{D}(\vec{v}) := D_m \mathbb{I} + \alpha_t |\vec{v}| \mathbb{I} + (\alpha_l - \alpha_t) \vec{v} \vec{v} / |\vec{v}|,$$
$$\frac{1}{\rho} := \left(1 - \frac{c}{c_{\max}}\right) \frac{1}{\rho_f} + \frac{c}{c_{\max}} \frac{1}{\rho_s}$$



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D³F

• complicated domains w. unstructured grids (ng)











D³F

- Full density dependent non-linear dispersion
- fully parallel adaptive







D³F PARALLEL EFFICIENCY

• Uniform refinement

weak scaling

| Р | h | UKN | NIT[#] | TIT[<i>s</i>] | $S_S[#]$ | E_S |
|-----|------|------------|--------|-----------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 1/8 | 147.074 | 19 | 37.31 | 1 | 1.0 |
| 8 | 1/16 | 1.082.498 | 23 | 45.83 | 5.4 | 0.67 |
| 64 | 1/32 | 8.414.978 | 35 | 54.12 | 24 | 0.37 |
| 512 | 1/64 | 66.602.498 | 22 | 58.54 | 282 | 0.55 |

• Adaptive refinement

weak scaling

| h | UKN | TNLS[s] | TADAPT[<i>s</i>] | TLB[s] | TMIG[s] |
|------|-----------|---------|--------------------|--------|---------|
| 1/16 | 21.016 | 52.3 | 1.93 | 0.97 | 3.57 |
| 1/32 | 102.280 | 224. | 13.2 | 3.99 | 13.2 |
| 1/32 | 433.908 | 657. | 44.6 | 11.2 | 41.8 |
| 1/64 | 1.750.708 | 2708. | 160. | 27.9 | 108. |

• Lang, S., Wittum, G.: Large scale density driven flow simulations using parallel unstructured grid adaptation and local multigrid methods. Concurrency Computat., 17, 11, 1415 - 1440, Oct. 2005.





Weak Scaling UG4

• Thermohaline flow in porous media, 2d Elder problem

| pe | L | DoFs | N_{iter} | T_{ass} | E_{ass} | T_{init} | E_{init} | T_{gmg} | E_{gmg} | T_{all} | E_{all} |
|---------|----|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 32 | 8 | 2.102.274 | 11 | 6,15 | - | 4,93 | - | 8,62 | - | 37,96 | - |
| 128 | 9 | 8.398.850 | 11 | 6,16 | 99,8 | 4,86 | 101,4 | 8,70 | 99,1 | $38,\!15$ | 99,5 |
| 512 | 10 | 33.574.914 | 11 | $6,\!11$ | 100,7 | 4,97 | 99,2 | 9,31 | 92,6 | 39,37 | 96,4 |
| 2.048 | 11 | 134.258.690 | 11 | $6,\!18$ | 99,5 | 5,09 | 96,9 | $9,\!45$ | 91,2 | 40,18 | 94,5 |
| 8.192 | 12 | 536.952.834 | 11 | $6,\!13$ | 100,3 | 5,03 | 98,0 | 9,96 | 86,6 | 41,11 | 92,3 |
| 32.768 | 13 | 2.147.647.490 | 10 | $6,\!17$ | $99,\!6$ | 6,22 | 79,3 | 10,84 | 79,6 | 48,45 | 78,3 |
| 131.072 | 14 | 8.590.262.274 | 10 | $6,\!10$ | 100,7 | $5,\!99$ | 82,3 | 10,66 | 80,9 | $53,\!37$ | $71,\!1$ |



• Solving $\phi_f \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}_f}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\hat{\rho}_f \mathbf{q}_f) = 0,$ $\phi_f \frac{\partial (\hat{\rho}_f \omega_s)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\hat{\rho}_f \omega_s \mathbf{q}_f + \mathbf{J}_d) = 0,$ $\phi_f \hat{\rho}_f \Theta \frac{\mathbf{D}_f \hat{S}_f}{\mathbf{D}t} + (1 - \phi_f) \rho_r \Theta \frac{\partial \hat{S}_r}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{J}_T - \hat{\mu}_{sw} \mathbf{J}_d) = 0,$

with
$$\mathbf{q}_f = -\frac{k}{\nu_f} (\nabla p - \rho_f \mathbf{g})$$
 (Onsager)

$$\mathbf{J}_{d} = -\phi_{f}\rho_{f}D\nabla\omega_{s} - \phi_{f}\rho_{f}D\frac{k_{p}}{p}\nabla p - \phi_{f}\rho_{f}DS\omega_{s}(1-\omega_{s})\nabla\Theta,$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{T} = -\phi_{f}\rho_{f}DQ\nabla\omega_{s} - \phi_{f}\rho_{f}DQ\frac{k_{p}}{p}\nabla p - \left[L_{TT} - \phi_{f}\rho_{f}\frac{DQh_{sw}}{\Theta\frac{\partial\widehat{\mu}_{sw}^{i}}{\partial\omega_{s}}}\right]\nabla\Theta,$$



Solving

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_f \frac{\partial \widehat{\rho}_f}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\widehat{\rho}_f \mathbf{q}_f) &= 0, \\ \phi_f \frac{\partial (\widehat{\rho}_f \omega_s)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\widehat{\rho}_f \omega_s \mathbf{q}_f + \mathbf{J}_d) &= 0, \\ \phi_f \widehat{\rho}_f \Theta \frac{\mathcal{D}_f \widehat{S}_f}{\mathcal{D}t} + (1 - \phi_f) \rho_r \Theta \frac{\partial \widehat{S}_r}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{J}_T - \widehat{\mu}_{sw} \mathbf{J}_d) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

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• opposite effects of temperature and salt concentration

Temperature ↑

salt water ↓

- connection of mass flux with temperature gradient (Ludwig–Soret effect)
- connection of heat flux with concentration gradient (Dufour effect)





EXAMPLE

• Moving parcel, benchmark problem from Oldenburg, Pruess, 1999 (2d)





• Dufour effect – negative buoyancy









• Ludwig effect – positive buoyancy









GRID DEPENDENCE



Symmetry breaking due to grid refinement The number of fingers depends on grid size and time.




FRACTURED MEDIA







FRACTURED MEDIA

• Low dimensional formulation

Multiphase flow



R. Helmig; O. Kolditz; V. Reichenberger; ...

 Multiscale modeling and numerics: Dynamic coupling between micro and macroscales





FLOW IN FRACTURED MEDIA

low dimensional <-> full dimensional



Representation of fractures:

- 1. Polyhedral faces + pointwise thickness
- 2. expand to volume





FRACTURE EXTRUSION IN 3D



Extrusion of a triangle and a quadrilateral.



Extrusion of a 2d fractured geometry. Left: 2d source, Middle: boundary surfaces, Right: Volume geometry. Created with ProMesh3.







• Grid follows the anisotropic direction rectangularly



successful treatment of anisotropy possible: ARTE





LOW DIMENSIONAL MODEL

• Density driven flow model

average across fracture

$$\langle F \rangle(t, x, y) := \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_{-\epsilon/2}^{\epsilon/2} F(t, x, y, z) \mathrm{d}z.$$

+transmission conditions





TRANSMISSION CONDITIONS

• Full dimensional:

Continuity of normal fluxes

$$-\rho(c_f)\frac{K_f}{\mu}\left(\frac{\partial p_f}{\partial n} - \rho(c_f)g_n\right) = -\rho(c_m)\frac{K_m}{\mu}\left(\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial n} - \rho(c_m)g_n\right)$$
$$-D_f\left(1 - \frac{\rho'}{\rho^{pW}}c_f\right)\frac{\partial c_f}{\partial n} = -D_m\left(1 - \frac{\rho'}{\rho^{pW}}c_m\right)\frac{\partial c_m}{\partial n}.$$

Continuity of pressure and concentration $p_f = p_m$, and $c_f = c_m$





TRANSMISSION CONDITIONS (Grillo)

• Low dimensional

the auxiliary vector fields

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\alpha} := \rho^{pW} \mathbf{q}_{\alpha} - \rho' \mathbf{J}_{\alpha}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}_{\alpha} := c_{\alpha} \mathbf{q}_{\alpha} + \mathbf{J}_{\alpha};$$

with
$$\mathbf{q}_{\alpha} = -\frac{\mathbf{K}_{\alpha}}{\mu} [\nabla p_{\alpha} - \rho_{\alpha}(c_{\alpha})\mathbf{g}], \qquad \rho' = \frac{\rho^{pB} - \rho^{pW}}{\rho^{pB}}$$

 $\mathbf{J}_{\alpha} = -\left(\frac{\rho^{pW}}{\rho^{pW} + \rho' c_{\alpha}} \mathbf{D}_{\alpha}\right) \nabla c_{\alpha}$

are continuous across the fracture interfaces

$$Q_{fn}^{(k)} = Q_{mn}^{(k)}, \text{ and } P_{fn}^{(k)} = P_{mn}^{(k)}$$





LOWER DIM. REPRESENTATION

$$\frac{\partial(\phi_{\Sigma}\rho_{f}c_{f})}{\partial t} + \nabla_{\Sigma} \cdot (\rho_{f}c_{f}\mathbf{q}_{\Sigma} - \rho_{f}\mathbf{D}_{\Sigma}\nabla_{\Sigma}c_{f}) + \frac{1}{\epsilon}(\rho_{f}c_{m}\mathbf{q}_{\perp} - \rho_{f}D_{\perp}\delta c_{m})|_{b}^{a} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(\phi_{\Sigma}\rho_{f})}{\partial t} + \nabla_{\Sigma} \cdot (\rho_{f}\mathbf{q}_{\Sigma}) + \frac{1}{\epsilon}(\rho_{f}\mathbf{q}_{\perp})|_{b}^{a} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{q}_{\Sigma} = -\frac{K_{\Sigma}}{\mu_{f}}(\nabla_{\Sigma}p_{f} - \rho_{f}\mathbf{g}_{\Sigma})$$

$$\mathbf{q}_{\perp} = -\frac{K_{\perp}}{\mu_{f}}(\delta p - \rho_{f}\mathbf{g}_{\perp})$$

$$(\delta c_{m})|_{a} := \frac{c_{a} - c_{f}}{\epsilon/2} \quad , \quad (\delta p)|_{a} := \frac{p_{a} - p_{f}}{\epsilon/2}$$





Henry's Problem (2d)

Intrusion of saltwater into freshwater aquifer



Parameters in fracture: $\phi_{\Sigma} = 2\phi_m, \ K_{\Sigma} = 10^3 \cdot K_m$





HENRY'S PROBLEM

• Parameters

| Symbol | Quantity | Value | Unit |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| D_d | Diffusion coefficient | $18.8571 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $[m^2 s^{-1}]$ |
| $D_m = \phi_m \ D_d$ | Diffusion coefficient in the medium | $6.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $[m^2 s^{-1}]$ |
| $D_f = \phi_f \ D_d$ | Diffusion coefficient in the fracture | $13.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $[m^2 s^{-1}]$ |
| g | Gravity | 9.81 | $[m \ s^{-2}]$ |
| K_m | Permeability of the medium | $1.019368 \cdot 10^{-9}$ | $[m^2]$ |
| K_{f} | Permeability of the fracture | $1.019368 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $[m^2]$ |
| ϕ_m | Porosity of the medium | 0.35 | - |
| ϕ_f | Porosity of the fracture | 0.7 | - |
| $\dot{\mu}$ | Viscosity | 10^{-3} | $[\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}]$ |
| $ ho_w$ | Density of water | $1\cdot 10^3$ | $[\mathrm{kg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}]$ |
| $ ho_s$ | Density of brine | $1.025\cdot 10^3$ | $[\mathrm{kg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}]$ |
| a^t_{lpha} | Transversal dispersivity length | 0 | [m] |
| a^l_{lpha} | Longitudinal dispersivity length | 0 | [m] |





HENRY'S PROBLEM W. FRACTURE

$\epsilon = 3 \text{ mm}, \text{T} = 5 \text{ h}$



HENRY'S PROBLEM W. FRACTURE





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HENRY'S PROBLEM W. FRACTURE



COMPARISON D-1 AND D DIM

averaged c







ROTATIONAL FLOW







THIN FRACTURE

ε = 0.006







Rotational Flow

 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = 0.024$







VORTICITY

$$\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{q} = \frac{\rho' K}{\mu} \nabla c \times \mathbf{g}$$

with
$$\mathbf{q} = -\frac{K}{\mu}(\nabla p - \rho \mathbf{g})$$

and $\rho_{\alpha}(c_{\alpha}) = \rho^{pW} + \rho' c_{\alpha},$

Vorticity is maximum, if the concentration gradient is perpendicular to gravity (i.e. isolines are parallel)





Henry in 3D







3D











PROFILE

Full dimensional







$\epsilon = 0.024$



OBSERVATIONS

- For very thin fractures a low dim. model suffices
- In wider fractures, rotational flow can occur





FLOW CHARACTERIZATION

$$\theta_f := \frac{|\mathbf{q}_f|}{|\mathbf{q}_{\text{rot}}|} \qquad \mathbf{q}_{\text{rot}} := \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{K_f}{K_m} \frac{\omega_f}{\omega_\theta} (\nabla \times \mathbf{q}_f)$$

$\mathbf{q}_{\mathrm{rot}}$ rotational flow velocity

- θ_f is dimensionless, characterizes flow
- $|\mathbf{q}_f| > |\mathbf{q}_{\text{rot}}|$ rotational flow can be neglected





CRITERION

$$\theta_{\mathscr{F}} := \max_{\mathscr{F}} \{\theta_f\}$$

$$\theta_{\mathscr{F}} < 1-\delta$$
 d-dimensional
 $\theta_{\mathscr{F}} > 1+\delta$ $(d-1)$ -dimensional





CRITERION

$$\theta = \frac{\epsilon |\omega_f|}{\|v_\theta\|} \frac{K_f}{K_m} \frac{c_f}{c_\theta}$$

 $\max \theta > \theta_0 \quad => \text{ full dimensional} \\ \max \theta \le \theta_0 \quad => \text{ low dimensional} \\$





DIMENSIONAL ADAPTIVITY

- The fracture representation is adapted during the computation
- Full-dimensional resolution is used only, if necessary
- We need:
 - 2 grids (low and full dimensional)
 - Transfer operators between these grids
 - Criterion, when to use which formulation





TRANSFER OPERATORS

"Full -> Low":

- Copy values on the interface (p corrected)
- Value on the interface is mean value across the fracture

"Low -> Full":

• We assume quadratic behaviour of the function in the fracture. Values on the interface with corrected p and mean values are given.





TRANSFER OPERATORS



DIMENSIONAL ADAPTIVI



 $\epsilon = 0.006$





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 $\epsilon = 0.024$





Comparison in 3d $\epsilon = 0.003$



С

 $C_{l} - C_{u}$





Comparison in 3d $\epsilon = 0.024$



С

 $C_{l} - C_{u}$





Test Example



- Variation of
 - Thickness and length of fracture
 - Angle with gravity
 - Parameters (Conductivity,...)
 - Boundary conditions




Test Example

- 3 simulation runs for each configuration:
 - d-dimensional
 - (d-1)-dimensional
 - dimensional-adaptive
- Comparison of results:
 - d-dim. is reference solution
 - max. rel. error





Test Example: Results



Test Example: Results

| | | $E_{\mathrm{rel}}(\hat{\omega}_f)$ [%] | | $E_{\rm rel}(\omega_m^{(2)}-\omega_m^{(1)})~[\%]$ | |
|--------------|---|--|------------|---|------------|
| | | (d-1)-dim. | dimadaptiv | (d-1)-dim. | dimadaptiv |
| Maximum | $\max_{\{i=1,\dots,N\}} E_i$ | 87 | 31 | > 100 | 76 |
| Mean value | $\bar{E} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} E_i$ | 12 | 2 | 24 | 4 |
| Mean dev. | $\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} E_i - \bar{E} $ | 14 | 3 | 40 | 7 |
| 0.75-Quantil | $F^{-1}(0.75)$ | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0.9-Quantil | $F^{-1}(0.9)$ | 34 | 5 | 28 | 3 |

Statistics of N = 1261 test problems





Comparison in 3d $\epsilon = 0.024$



С

 $C_{l} - C_{u}$





Results Criterion







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Transdermal Drug Delivery

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Skin Anatomy

Primary Barrier: Stratum Corneum (SC)





Goals:

- Characterize Barrier (Permeability, Lag Time)
- Prediction of behavior in an exposure scenario



Aims

- Quantitative understanding of diffusion through stratum corneum and of permeation pathways
- Influence of corneocyte permeability
- Are corneocytes permeable?
- Influence of layer offset
- Deriving reduced models





Detailed SC Models



Brick-and-mortar: Ribbon (2D), Cuboid (3D) (Heisig et al, 1996; Wang et al., 2006; Rim et al., 2007; ...)







Micrograph of mouse ear SC (D. Menton, Am J Anat, 145:1-22, 1976)







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Corneocytes ----surrounding lipid layer -----







Grid Problem

- highly anisotropic (aspect ratio: 150/1)
- => large approximation error
- remedy:
- anisotropic ("blue") refinement! (Kornhuber, 1990)





2d Brick and Mortar





Base Grid

Gridlines follow jumps of coefficients





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Cuboid modeller (C. Wagner, 2007)





Tetrakaidekahedron (TKD)



Babett Lemke







Tetrakaidekahedra Model

• Basic Element:

• Tetrakaidekahedron (14 faces)









Tetrakaidekahedra Model

- Theory of densest packing (Kepler 1611)
- What space-filling arrangement of regular polyhedra has minimal surface area?
- W. Thompson (Kelvin) 1885: Tetrakaidekahedron





TKD for cells in tissue

- Cells fill tissue => polyhedral form except for special functions (neuron, hepatocyte,...)
- Cell membrane is from lipid bilayers, a special material quite costly for the cell => surface minization





Tetrakaidekahedra Model

• Flattening of Corneocytes



Dirk Feuchter



Tetrakaidekahedra Model







Dirk Feuchter



Process Model: Diffusion

 $\frac{\partial c(x,t)}{\partial t} = \nabla^T \cdot (\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x})\nabla c(x,t)) \text{ in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

with $\mathbf{D}(x) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{D}_{Lip}(x) & \text{for } x \in \text{Lipid} \\ \mathbf{D}_{Cor}(x) & \text{for } x \in \text{Corneocyte} \end{cases}$





Process Model: Diffusion

Boundary and initial conditions

$$\frac{\partial c(x,t)}{\partial \overrightarrow{n}} = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega_l, \partial \Omega_r$$

and $c(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \in \Omega_u \\ 1 & \text{for } x \in \Omega_o \end{cases}$

Transmission conditions on internal interfaces

$$\mathbf{D}_{Lip} \nabla c_{Lip}(x,t) \cdot \overrightarrow{n} = \mathbf{D}_{Cor} \nabla c_{Cor}(x,t) \cdot \overrightarrow{n}$$
$$K_{Cor/Lip} c_{Lip}(x,t) \big|_{n-} = c_{Cor}(x,t) \big|_{n+}$$



Simulation Results T=T.../3







Simulation Results T=2T_∞/3





 $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$

 $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$





Simulation Results T=T_∞



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Characterization

• Flux across upper boundary

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$$F_{\Gamma_0}(t) = \int_{T_0} D \, \frac{du}{dt} d\sigma = f_\infty + \sum_j \alpha_j e^{-\lambda_j t}$$

Mass transported across upper boundary

$$M_{\Gamma_0}(T) = \int_0^T F_{\Gamma_0}(t)dt = f_\infty T + m_0 + \sum_j \beta_j e^{-\lambda_j t}$$



Experiment (schematic)





Characterization Lag Time



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Analytical Solutions

1. $\epsilon = 1$ (homogenuous membrane): $T_{lag} = 20$ sec

2. $\epsilon = 0$ (impermeable corneocytes): $T_{lag} \approx 1 h$

 $T_{lag,\infty} = \frac{L^2}{6D}$



Computed Lag Times







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Tlag vs. E and Kcor/lip





T_{lag} vs. ε and ω




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Tetrakaidekahedra based model A. Nägel



Morphology & Process = Effect $\partial_t (Ku) + \partial_x [-DK\partial_x u] = 0$

Transport equation (w/ diffusion and partition coefficients)





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Weak Scaling UG4

 Robust GMG solver for skin problem (transdermal drug delivery)







Weak Scaling UG4 A. Nägel

 Robust GMG solver for transdermal drug delivery problem (JuQueen)
 > 10⁹ unknowns









Skin Problem: TKD

Sebastian Reiter

Base solver UG4: Parallel adaptive multigrid
 acceleration from 10² to 10⁶ by adaptivity







Parallel Adaptivity

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Resolution [nm]

25.91

2,70

uniform

adaptive

Base solver UG4: Parallel adaptive mg

 acceleration by 512 by adaptivity



Importance of adaptivity increases with problem size!



Parallel Adaptivity

- Key strategy for
 - saving CPU time (99.5%),
 - saving power (99.5%),
 - improving accuracy (uniform needs 3 more levels to reach same error)
- Higher order effect without additional smoothness
- Importance of adaptivity increases with problem size!
- Multi-scale modeling necessary.



Thank you!



