

# Iterative methods and preconditioning for a model of transport with sorption

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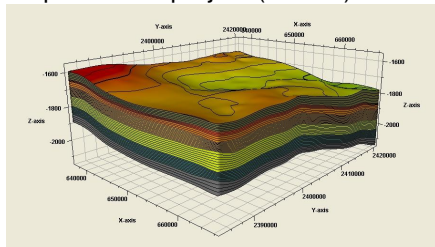
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## Multi-species reactive transport

- Chemistry with equilibrium reactions
- Transport of aqueous species
- Large nonlinear system

## Large scale geologic model for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration project (BRGM)



## Difficulties

- Iterative methods: fixed point vs Newton
- Exact or inexact Newton (Newton–Krylov)?
- Preconditioning for Newton–Krylov

## Convection-difusion equation

$$\omega \partial_t c - \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D} \nabla c - \mathbf{q} c) = F \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

- $c$  solute concentration
- $\mathbf{D}$  diffusion coefficient
- $\omega$  porosity
- $\mathbf{q}$  Darcy velocity (assumed known)

$F$  Reaction term, from chemistry

## Discretization based on operator splitting

- Advection step**
- Explicit finite volumes
  - Locally conservative
  - sub time step (respect CFL)
- Diffusion step**
- Mixed finite elements
  - Implicit, locally conservative

# A simplified coupled model

One species model, with sorption

$c$  mobile concentration,  $\bar{c}$  fixed concentration.

$$F = -(1 - \omega)\rho_S\partial_t\bar{c}$$

$\bar{c} = \Psi(c)$ ,  $\Psi$  sorption isotherm

$$\begin{cases} \omega\partial_t c + (1 - \omega)\rho_S\partial_t\bar{c} - \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{D}\nabla c - qc) = 0 \\ \bar{c} = \Psi(c) = \frac{k_f \sigma c}{k_b + k_f c} \quad (\text{Langmuir isotherm}) \end{cases}$$

Structure of nonlinear problem similar to multicomponent chemistry case

## References

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**Relax** the iterations to restore convergence: introduce **total** concentration,

$$T = c + \bar{c}, \text{ equivalent to relaxation with } \theta = \frac{1}{1 + K}.$$

Relaxed method always converges

# Solution by Newton–Krylov

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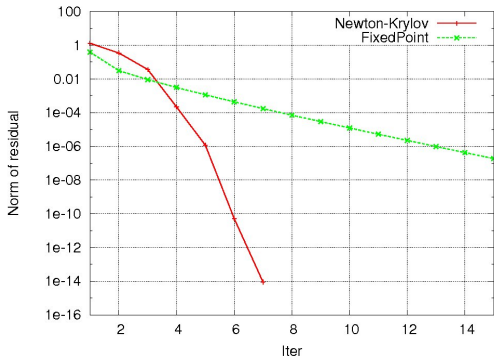
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## Inexact Newton

- **Approximation** of the Newton's direction  $\|f'(x_k)d + f(x_k)\| \leq \eta \|f(x_k)\|$
- Choice of **the forcing** term  $\eta$ ?
  - Keep quadratic convergence (locally)
  - Avoid oversolving the linear system
- $\eta = \gamma \|f(x_k)\|^2 / \|f(x_{k-1})\|^2$  (Kelley, Eisenstat and Walker)

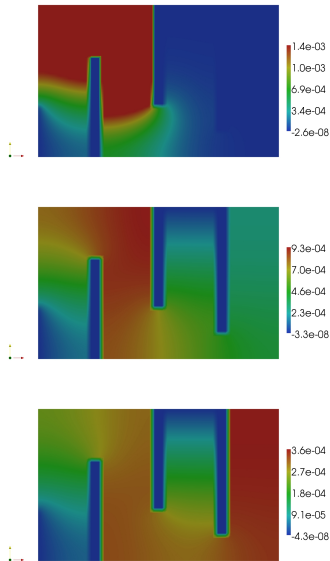
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# Performance of Newton's method



Convergence of Newton and fixed point

LifeV (EPFL, MOX, INRIA),  
KINSOL (Sundials, LLNL)



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Alternative formulation,  $\tilde{J} = I + DA^{-1}M$  is Schur complement of  $JP^{-1}$

**Equivalent** to Schur complement of GS, at the **non-linear level**.

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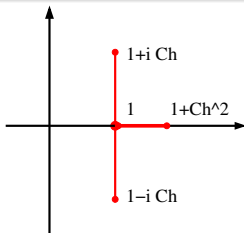
## Eigenvalues of preconditioned operators

**Assumption**  $\lambda(A) \simeq O(h^{-2})$  (True for FD discretization)

Jacobi  $\Lambda(P_J^{-1}J) \subset [1 - iCh, 1 + iCh]$  ( $\mu_J = 1 \pm \frac{i}{\sqrt{\lambda_A}}$ ).

Gauss-Seidel  $\Lambda(P_{GS}^{-1}J) \subset [1, 1 + Ch^2]$ , ( $\mu_{GS} = 1 + \frac{1}{\lambda_A}$ , or  $\mu_{GS} = 1, n$ -fold),

Schur  $\Lambda(\tilde{J}) \subset [1, 1 + Ch^2]$  ( $\mu_{Sch} = \mu_{GS}$ ,  $\mu_{Sch} \neq 1$ ).

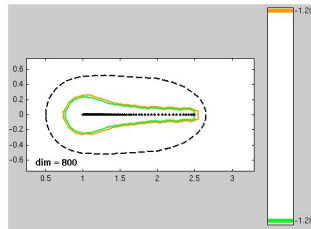
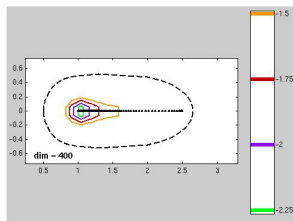


**Bounded** away from 0  
independently of  $h$ .

## GMRES convergence

$W(A) \equiv \left\{ \frac{x^* Ax}{x^* x} \mid x \in \mathbb{C}^n, x \neq 0 \right\}$ , convex set, contains eigenvalues of  $A$

$$\frac{\|r_k\|_2}{\|r_0\|_2} \leq 2 \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k^*} \max_{z \in W(A)} |p(z)|.$$



Eigenvalues, field of values and pseudospectrum for GS preconditioning

# Preconditioner performance

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- Newton–Krylov method can be applied on “fixed–point” formulation
- Connection between block–preconditioning and elimination at non-linear level
- Inverting transport gives **mesh independent convergence** for both linear (LI) and nonlinear (NI) iterations.
- In practice: approximate inverse should give spectral equivalence
- Future work: Prove FOV results, extension to multicomponent chemistry