



Uncertainty Quantification of Two-Phase Flow in Heterogeneous Porous Media

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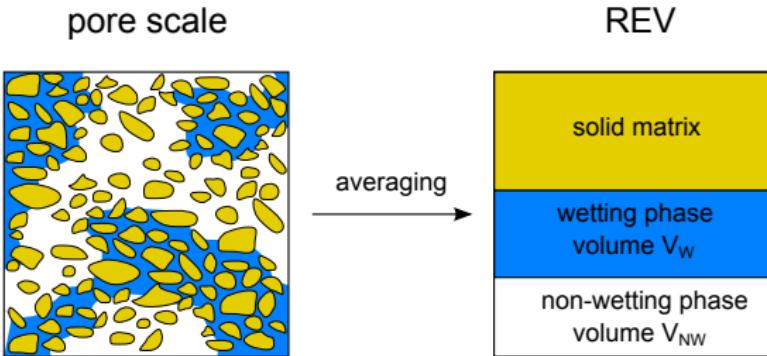


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Porous Media

Examples: sponge, subsurface, fuel cells, (human) tissues, etc



Parameters:

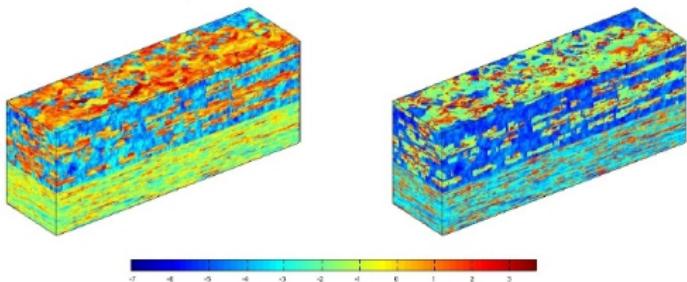
- averaged velocity (flux)
- permeability (proportionality constant in Darcys law)
- porosity (ratio of volumes)
- saturation (ratio of fluid phases)



Motivation

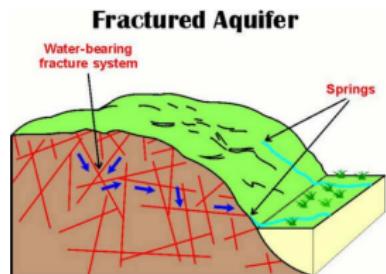
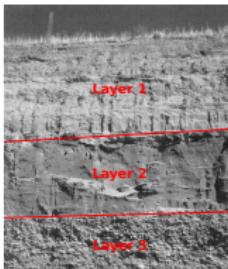
Multi-phase flow in heterogeneous porous media

- permeability
- layers
- fractures



Quantify uncertain system parameters,
e.g. location of the interfaces

Small stochastic dimension N





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Deterministic model

Capillarity-free fractional flow formulation of **two** immiscible and incompressible fluid phases ($D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, $T > 0$, $D_T := D \times (0, T)$)

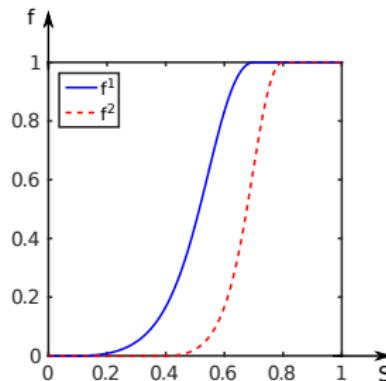
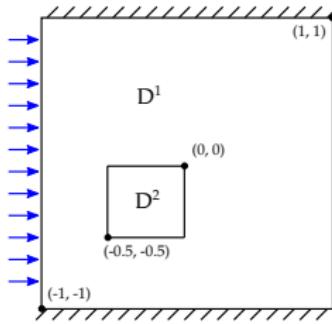
Unknowns: saturation S , total velocity \mathbf{v} , global pressure p

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{K}\lambda(S)\nabla p, \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}) = q, & \quad \text{in } D_T, \\ \phi S_t + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}f(\mathbf{x}, S)) - \tilde{q} = 0, & \quad \text{in } D_T, \\ S(\cdot, 0) = S_0, & \quad \text{in } D.\end{aligned}$$

Mixed **hyperbolic-elliptic** system coupled by \mathbf{v} , $\lambda(S)$ and $f(\mathbf{x}, S)$.

Fractional flux function with heterogeneity

Test case: vertical injection in porous medium with heterogeneous lense



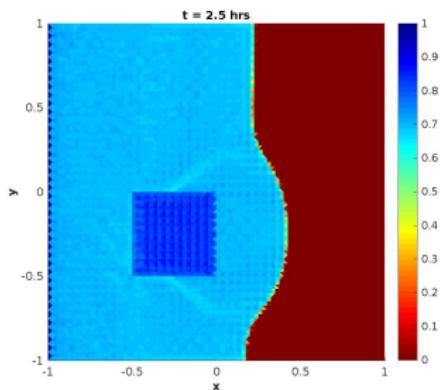
Non-linear flux function

$$f(\mathbf{x}, S, \gamma) := \gamma(\mathbf{x}) f^1(S) + (1 - \gamma(\mathbf{x})) f^2(S),$$

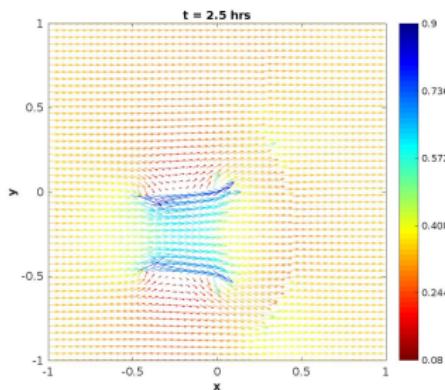
with

$$\gamma(\mathbf{x}) := \begin{cases} 1, & \mathbf{x} \in D^1, \\ 0, & \mathbf{x} \in D^2. \end{cases}$$

Vertical injection with heterogeneous lense (deterministic)



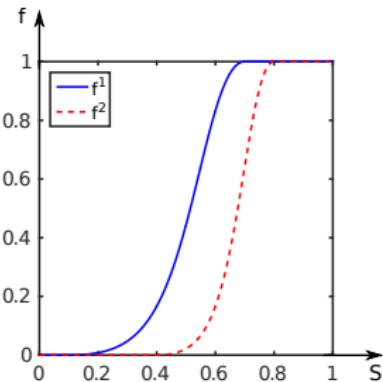
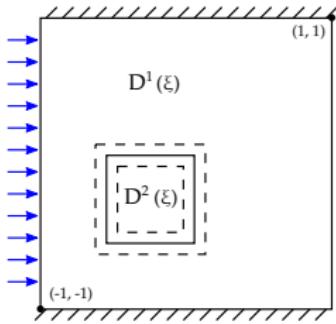
(a)



(b)

- **Saturation** (a) and **total velocity** (b),
- Standing shock wave at the heterogeneity interface,
- (a): central-upwind FV scheme (Kurganov & Petrova, 2005).
- (b): mixed finite elements (*Alberta*-FEM, Schmidt & Siebert, 2005).

Fractional flux function with heterogeneity and uncertainty



Let $\xi(\omega) := \{\xi_1(\omega_1), \dots, \xi_N(\omega_N)\}$ be a N -dimensional random vector on (Ω, \mathcal{P}) . The **non-linear** flux function reads

$$f(\mathbf{x}, S, \gamma, \boldsymbol{\xi}) := \gamma(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) f^1(S) + (1 - \gamma(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi})) f^2(S),$$

with

$$\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) := \begin{cases} 1, & \mathbf{x} \in D^1(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \boldsymbol{\xi} \in [0, 1]^N, \\ 0, & \mathbf{x} \in D^2(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \boldsymbol{\xi} \in [0, 1]^N. \end{cases}$$



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Polynomial Chaos

We set $N = 1$. Let $\xi = \xi(\omega)$ be a random variable on (Ω, \mathcal{P}) and $\{\varphi_p(\xi)\}_{p \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ a family of polynomials satisfying

$$\langle \varphi_p(\xi), \varphi_q(\xi) \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} := \int_{\omega} \varphi_p(\xi) \varphi_q(\xi) d\mathcal{P}(\omega) = \delta_{pq} \quad \text{for } p, q \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

The random field $S = S(\mathbf{x}, t, \xi)$, $(\mathbf{x}, t) \in D_T$, with finite variance can be represented by

$$S(\mathbf{x}, t, \xi) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} S^p(\mathbf{x}, t) \varphi_p(\xi),$$

where

$$S^p := S^p(\mathbf{x}, t) := \langle S, \varphi_p \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \text{for } p \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

Expectation and variance are given by

$$\mathbb{E}[S] = S^0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}[S] = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (S^p)^2.$$



Stochastic Galerkin (SG) approach

Exemplarily we consider the **hyperbolic** equation for given velocity:

- We test the equation with $\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_{N_o}$ and obtain the system

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\phi S_t(\xi) + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v} f(S, \gamma, \xi)) - \tilde{q} \right) \varphi_p(\xi) d\mathcal{P}(\omega) = 0$$

for $p = 0, \dots, N_o$.

- We replace $S(\mathbf{x}, t, \xi)$ by the truncated PC-expansion

$$\Pi^{N_o}[S](\mathbf{x}, t, \xi) := \sum_{p=0}^{N_o} S^p(\mathbf{x}, t) \varphi_p(\xi).$$

Introduced by

- R.G. Ghanem and P.D. Spanos (1989) (elliptic problem),
- R. Abgrall (2008), B. Després et al. (2008) (hyperbolic problem)



Stochastic Galerkin

- Orthogonality of φ_p yields a truncated *SG system* for the **deterministic** coefficients S^0, \dots, S^{N_o}

$$\begin{aligned} \phi S_t^0 + \operatorname{div} \langle \mathbf{v} f(\Pi^{N_o}[S]), \varphi_0 \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} - \tilde{q}^0 &= 0, \\ &\vdots \\ \phi S_t^{N_o} + \operatorname{div} \langle \mathbf{v} f(\Pi^{N_o}[S]), \varphi_{N_o} \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} - \tilde{q}^{N_o} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

→ Hyperbolic $(N_o + 1)$ -dimensional system.

Numerical challenges:

- Strongly coupled.
- System complexity increases w.r.t. polynomial order N_o .
- Parallel computing requires synchronization in each time-step.
- Huge hyperbolic system and no structural information.



Hybrid stochastic Galerkin (HSG) approach

Multi-element discretization of the stochastic space with 2^{N_r} elements,

- R. Bürger, I. Kröker & C. Rohde (2013),
- (J. Trygøen, O. Le Maître & A. Ern (2012))

Let $\xi = \xi(\omega)$ be a random variable. Assume $\xi \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$. Define

$$\varphi_{i,l}^{N_r}(\xi) = 2^{N_r/2} \varphi_i(2^{N_r}\xi - l), \quad i = 0, \dots, N_o, \quad l = 0, \dots, 2^{N_r} - 1.$$

Here φ_i is the i -th Legendre polynomial.

The polynomials $\varphi_{0,0}^{N_r}, \dots, \varphi_{N_o, 2^{N_r}-1}^{N_r}$ satisfy

$$\left\langle \varphi_{i,k}^{N_r}, \varphi_{j,l}^{N_r} \right\rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl}.$$

and their support is $\text{Supp}(\varphi_{i,k}^{N_r}) = [2^{-N_r}k, 2^{-N_r}(k+1)]$.



Hybrid stochastic Galerkin approach

The projection of a random field $S(\mathbf{x}, t, \cdot) \in L^2(\Omega)$ is defined by

$$\Pi^{N_o, N_r} [S] (\mathbf{x}, t, \xi) := \sum_{l=0}^{2^{N_r}-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N_o} S_{i,l}^{N_r}(\mathbf{x}, t) \varphi_{i,l}^{N_r}(\xi),$$

$$S_{i,l}^{N_r}(\mathbf{x}, t) := \left\langle S(\mathbf{x}, t, \cdot), \varphi_{i,l}^{N_r} \right\rangle.$$

For $N_r, N_o \in \mathbb{N}_0$ find $S_{i,l}^{N_r} : D_T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\phi \partial_t \Pi^{N_o, N_r} [S](\xi) + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v} f(\Pi^{N_o, N_r} [S], \gamma, \xi)) - \tilde{q} \right) \varphi_{i,l}^{N_r} d\mathcal{P}(\omega) = 0$$

for all (i, l) , where $i = 0, \dots, N_o$ and $l = 0, \dots, 2^{N_r} - 1$.

→ We obtain a $(N_o + 1)2^{N_r}$ -dimensional system



Hybrid stochastic Galerkin approach

Orthogonality of $\varphi_{i,l}^{N_r}$ leads to the **partially decoupled** system with 2^{N_r} blocks, each of dimension $(N_o + 1)$

$$\phi \partial_t S_{0,0}^{N_r} + \operatorname{div} \langle \mathbf{v} f (\Pi^{N_o, N_r} [S], \gamma), \varphi_{0,0}^{N_r} \rangle - \tilde{q}_{0,0}^{N_r} = 0,$$

⋮

$$\phi \partial_t S_{N_o,0}^{N_r} + \operatorname{div} \langle \mathbf{v} f (\Pi^{N_o, N_r} [S], \gamma), \varphi_{N_o,0}^{N_r} \rangle - \tilde{q}_{N_o,0}^{N_r} = 0,$$

⋮

$$\phi \partial_t S_{0,2^{N_r}-1}^{N_r} + \operatorname{div} \langle \mathbf{v} f (\Pi^{N_o, N_r} [S], \gamma), \varphi_{0,2^{N_r}-1}^{N_r} \rangle - \tilde{q}_{0,2^{N_r}-1}^{N_r} = 0,$$

⋮

$$\phi \partial_t S_{N_o,2^{N_r}-1}^{N_r} + \operatorname{div} \langle \mathbf{v} f (\Pi^{N_o, N_r} [S], \gamma), \varphi_{N_o,2^{N_r}-1}^{N_r} \rangle - \tilde{q}_{N_o,2^{N_r}-1}^{N_r} = 0.$$

- Better for parallel computing
- Reduction of polynomial order N_o



Stochastic Mixed Finite Element Method (SMFEM)

Consideration of the elliptic part

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}^{-1}\lambda^{-1}(S)\mathbf{v} + \nabla p &= 0 && \text{in } D \times (0, T), \\ \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}) &= q && \text{in } D \times (0, T). \end{aligned}$$

Basis functions of \mathbf{v} and p based on lowest order Raviart-Thomas (RT0) elements and HSG expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \approx \Pi^{N_o, N_r} [\mathbf{v}_h] &:= \sum_{l=0}^{2^{N_r}-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N_o} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} v_{j,i,l}^{N_r}(\mathbf{x}) \vartheta_j(\mathbf{x}) \varphi_{i,l}^{N_r}(\xi), \\ p(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \approx \Pi^{N_o, N_r} [p_h] &:= \sum_{l=0}^{2^{N_r}-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N_o} \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} p_{j,i,l}^{N_r}(\mathbf{x}) \chi_j(\mathbf{x}) \varphi_{i,l}^{N_r}(\xi). \end{aligned}$$

with N_e number of edges, N_t number of triangles, deterministic velocity and pressure basis functions $\vartheta_j(\mathbf{x})$ resp. $\chi_j(\mathbf{x})$.

Related work of the mixed elliptic problem by

- L. Traverso, T.N. Phillips, Y. Yang (2014)
- O.G. Ernst et al. (2009)



Stochastic Mixed Finite Element Method

This yields a matrix saddle-point problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{A} & -\hat{B}^T \\ \hat{B} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{p}} \\ \mathbf{q} \end{bmatrix},$$

with block matrices \hat{A} and \hat{B} given by

$$\hat{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{0,0} & \cdots & A_{0,\tilde{P}-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{\tilde{P}-1,0} & \cdots & A_{\tilde{P}-1,\tilde{P}-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$\hat{B} = G \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{0,0} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & B_{\tilde{P}-1,\tilde{P}-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

with $\tilde{P} := (N_o + 1)2^{N_r}$ and diagonal, stochastic matrix G ,



Stochastic Mixed Finite Element Method

and block vectors

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_{N_o 2^{N_r}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_e(N_o+1)2^{N_r}}, \quad \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}_{N_o 2^{N_r}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_t(N_o+1)2^{N_r}},$$

where each vector block is of size $\dim(\mathbf{v}_l) = N_e$ resp. $\dim(\mathbf{p}_l) = N_t$ for $l = 0, \dots, N_o 2^{N_r}$. Analogous for $\bar{\mathbf{p}}$ and \mathbf{q} .

Remark:

- system matrix is not fully assembled
- degrees of freedom: $(N_t + N_e)(N_o + 1)2^{N_r}$.
- appropriate preconditioning necessary



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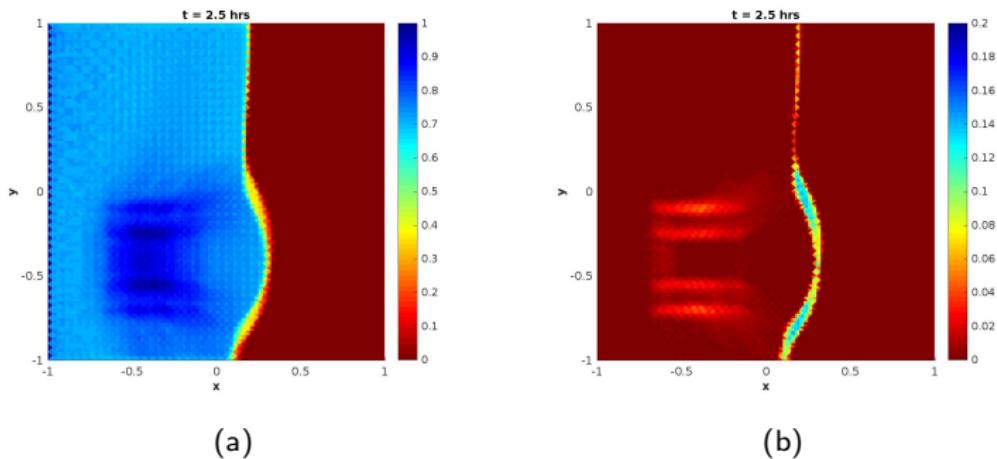
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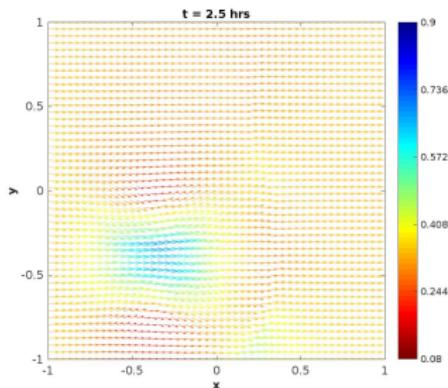
Vertical injection with heterogeneous lense & randomness



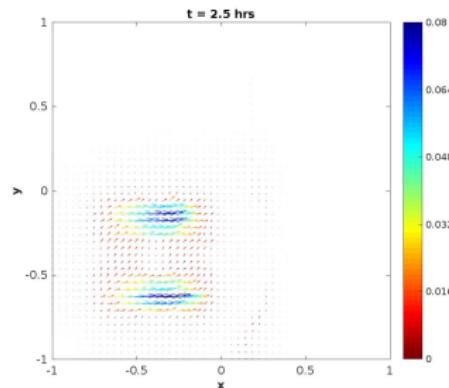
- **Expectation (a) and variance (b) of the saturation,**
- $N = 2$ (stoch. dim), $N_r = 1$, $N_o = 1$, (hyp system is 12-dimensional),
- Smeared heterogeneity interface due to uncertainty.



Vertical injection with heterogeneous lense & randomness



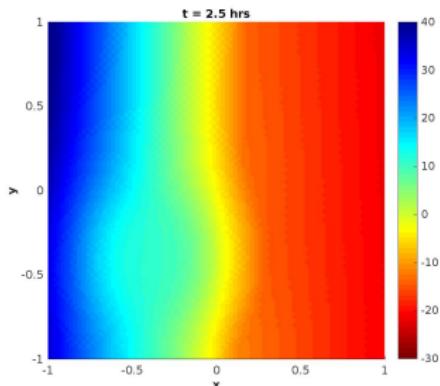
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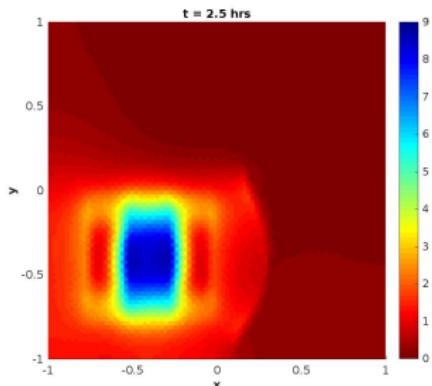
(b)

- **Expectation (a) and diag. of covariance (b) of the velocity [m/h],**
- $N = 2$ (stoch. dim), $N_r = 1$, $N_o = 1$, (ellipt dim: $12 \cdot (N_t + N_e)$),
- smooth transition at vertical boundaries of the lense due to uncertainty.

Vertical injection with heterogeneous lense & randomness



(a)



(b)

- **Expectation (a) and variance (b) of the pressure [bar],**
- $N = 2$ (stoch. dim), $N_r = 1$, $N_o = 1$, (ellipt dim: $12 \cdot (N_t + N_e)$).



Model performance

$N_r/\#\text{cores:}$	0 / 1	1 / 2	2 / 4	3 / 8	4 / 16	5 / 32
$N_o = 1, h$	6.8	8.4	10.0	12.0	14.0	13.5
$N_o = 2, h$	20.5	20.7	26.3	27.8	27.1	28.3
$N_o = 3, h$	36.8	41.6	53.4	54.5	56.8	51.9
$N_o = 1, \emptyset$	28.7	26.6	25.6	22.9	21	19
$N_o = 2, \emptyset$	29.2	28	24.5	22.5	20.4	18.7
$N_o = 3, \emptyset$	30.5	28	23.9	22.6	20.1	18.9
$N_o = 1, \%$	8.5	7	6.4	5.4	5.3	4.3
$N_o = 2, \%$	8.7	7.8	6.5	6.4	6.6	4.9
$N_o = 3, \%$	10.2	8.8	6.7	6.0	5.5	4.7

Table: Computation time (hours h), average iteration counts (\emptyset) and time ratio of all elliptic solves to global solve (%) with preconditioner ($N = 1$).



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- First uncertainty quantification (UQ) for full (hyperbolic-elliptic) two-phase system in 2D based on SG.
- The HSG approach requires a higher dimensional system than SG, but this system is partially decoupled and needs lower polynomial order.
- Effective parallel computations.

Outlook

- Apply HSG to fractured porous media
- Comparison with other UQ techniques



Thank you for your attention!



Questions

