

Solute Transport in Hydrosystems I

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Outline

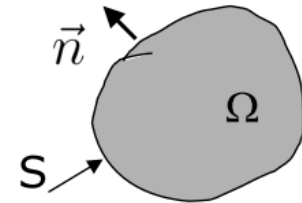
- Continuity Equation
- Advection, Dispersion, and Diffusion
- Sorption Isotherms and Decay
- Derivation of Advection Dispersion Equation (ADE) for a sorbing compound and decay
- Qualitative exercise on solute transport

Governing Equations

Continuity equation for an extensive quantity with volumetric density ρ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho d\mathbf{x} + \oint_{\partial\Omega=S} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{f} d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\Omega} q d\mathbf{x} \quad (\text{Eq. 0})$$

Or, in ordinary language:



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Rate of} \\ \text{accumulation for} \\ \text{unknown } \rho \text{ within} \\ \text{the volume } \Omega \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Net influx of } \rho \text{ into} \\ \text{the volume } \Omega \\ \text{through its} \\ \text{surface } S \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Net rate of } \rho \\ \text{production/} \\ \text{decay within} \\ \text{the volume } \Omega \end{array} \right\}$$

Governing Equations

Recall the Divergence Theorem (“Satz von Gauß”):

$$\oint_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{f} d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} d\mathbf{x}$$

So, our Eq. 0 becomes.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} q d\mathbf{x} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

Advection Dispersion Equation (ADE) in 1D

If write Eq. 1 in derivative form,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} = s \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

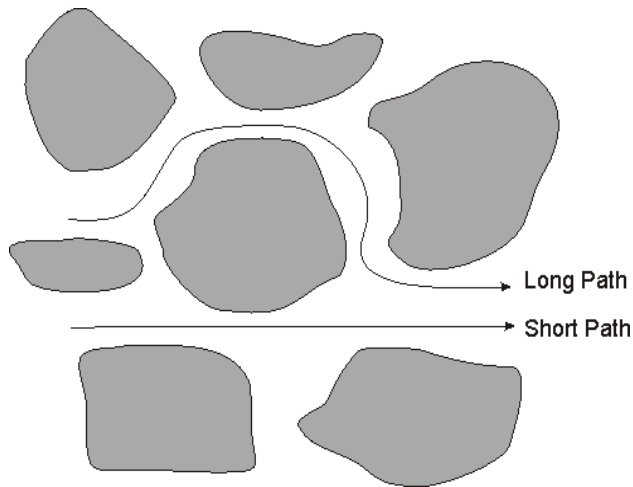
Source / Sink

Our primary unknown is solute mass,
where: volumetric density = concentration

$$\rho = c_w n_e$$

Our flux is composed of:

- 1) Advective flux
- 2) Diff./ Disp. flux



Advection (shift of location):

Flux of advection:

$$J_{adv} = qc_w$$

Darcy's law /
specific discharge:

$$q = -K \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

Linear average velocity:

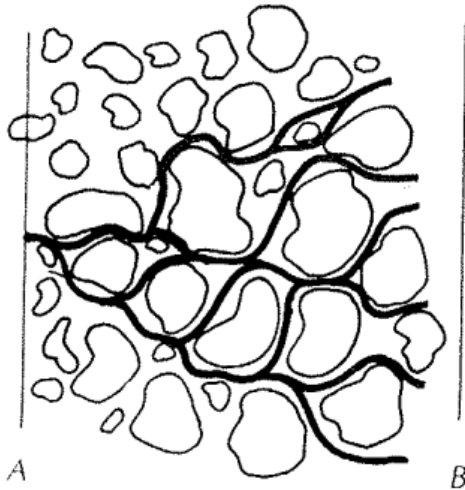
$$v = \frac{q}{n_e}$$

Specific discharge

Effective porosity

Velocity of a conservative tracer.

Advection Dispersion Equation (ADE) in 1D



Dispersion

Diff./ Disp. Flux (Fick's 1st Law)

$$J_{diff} = -n_e D_p \frac{\partial c_w}{\partial x} \quad 1D$$

Think about:
Why negative sign?

$$J_{Def} = -n_e D_L \frac{\partial c_w}{\partial x} \quad 3D$$

Hydrodynamic Dispersion (hydromechanical spreading)

Including diffusion:

$$D_L = \alpha_L v + D_p$$

$$D_T = \alpha_T v + D_p$$

Pore diffusion coefficient

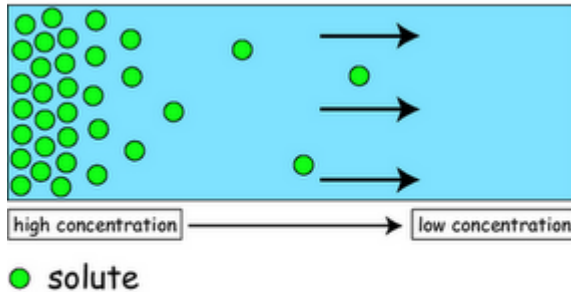
Longitudinal / transverse dispersivity

Note: Dispersivity values are often scale dependent!

$$\alpha_L = 0.83(\log L)^{2.414} \quad \text{Xu and Eckstein (1995)}$$

Advection Dispersion Equation (ADE) in 1D

Diffusion



Solute transport is from the left to the right; movement of the solutes is due to the concentration gradient (dC/dx).

Diffusion (Molecular spreading)

- In shallow aquifers, it is typically orders of magnitudes lower than dispersion
- Does not dependent on flow
- It is largely temperature dependent.

Putting advection and dispersion into Eq. (2) then:

The governing equation for non-sorbing solute transport with homogeneous coefficients is:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - D_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} = r$$

Diffusion of ions in sea water and in deep-sea sediments

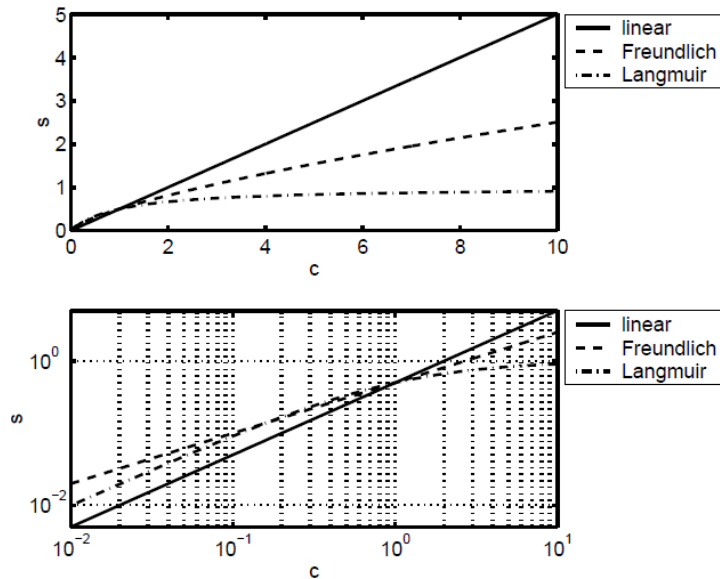
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Table 1. Tracer and self-diffusion coefficients of ions at infinite dilution

Cation	D_j^0 ($10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$)			Anion	D_j^0 ($10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$)		
	0°C	18°C	25°C		0°C	18°C	25°C
H ⁺	56.1	81.7	93.1	OH ⁻	25.6	44.9	52.7
Li ⁺	4.72	8.69	10.3	F ⁻	—	12.1	14.6
Na ⁺	6.27	11.3	13.3	Cl ⁻	10.1	17.1	20.3
K ⁺	9.86	16.7	19.6	Br ⁻	10.5	17.6	20.1
Rb ⁺	10.6	17.6	20.6	I ⁻	10.3	17.2	20.0
Cs ⁺	10.6	17.7	20.7	IO ₃ ⁻	5.05	8.79	10.6
NH ₄ ⁺	9.80	16.8	19.8	HS ⁻	9.75	14.8	17.3
Ag ⁺	8.50	14.0	16.6	S ²⁻	—	6.95	—
Tl ⁺	10.6	17.0	20.1	HSO ₄ ⁻	—	—	13.3
Cu(OH) ⁺	—	—	8.30	SO ₄ ²⁻	5.00	8.90	10.7
Zn(OH) ⁺	—	—	8.54	SeO ₄ ²⁻	4.14	8.45	9.46
Be ²⁺	—	3.64	5.85	NO ₂ ⁻	—	15.3	19.1
Mg ²⁺	3.56	5.94	7.05	NO ₃ ⁻	9.78	16.1	19.0
Ca ²⁺	3.73	6.73	7.93	HCO ₃ ⁻	—	—	11.8
Sr ²⁺	3.72	6.70	7.94	CO ₃ ²⁻	4.39	7.80	9.55
Ba ²⁺	4.04	7.13	8.48	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	—	7.15	8.46
Ra ²⁺	4.02	7.45	8.89	HPO ₄ ²⁻	—	—	7.34

Li Yuan-Hui, Sandra Gregory (1974) Diffusion of ions in sea water and in deep-sea sediments. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, Volume 38, Issue 5, 703-714

Sorption and Decay



- Sorption isotherm describes the distribution of a particular chemical component in the aqueous and solid phase.
- It is called an isotherm because it is measured at a constant temperature.
- Because of different property of the solid phase and sorption component, the isotherm behaves differently and can be described by different mathematical equations.
- Another important behavior of the chemical component is the decay process. Simplest decay process can be described as the first-order decay.
- The radioactive decay exactly follows this decay process.

Henry

$$s = K_d c_w$$

Freundlich

$$s = K c_w^n$$

Langmuir

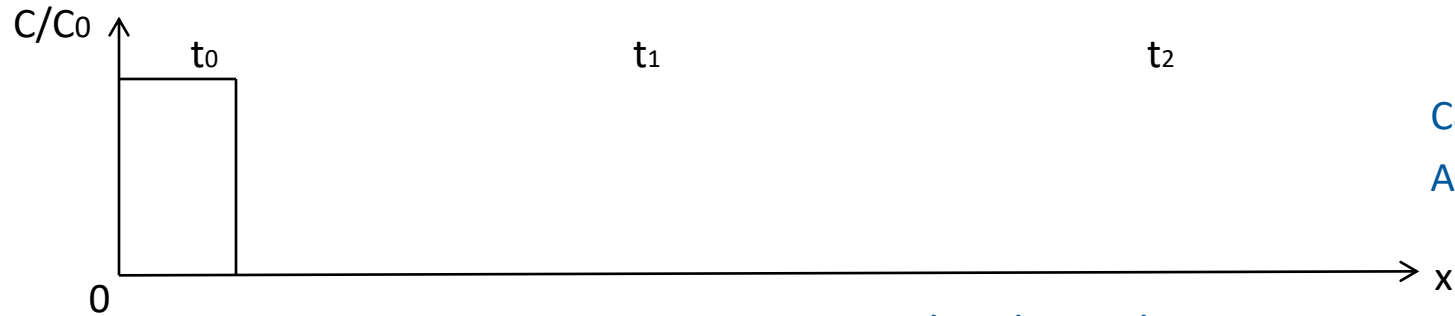
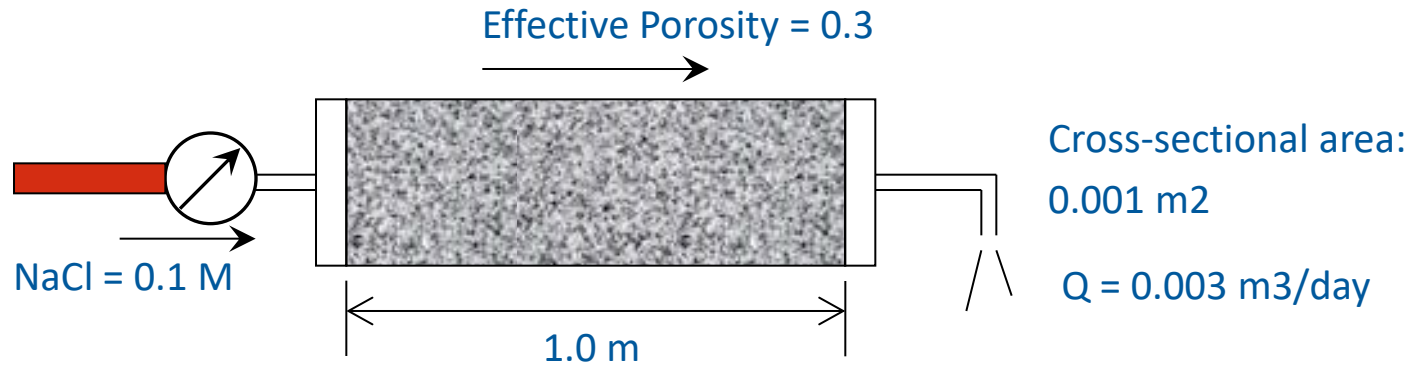
$$s = \frac{s_{max} c_w}{c_w + K}$$

1st-order decay

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\lambda c_w \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -R\lambda c_w$$

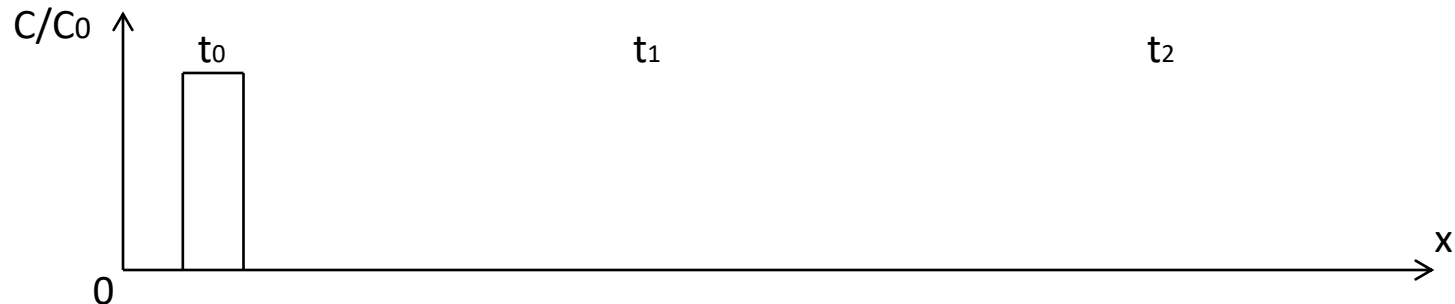
**Derivation of the advection
dispersion-reaction equation for
a sorbing compound and linear
decay from first principles**

Exercise: Draw qualitatively



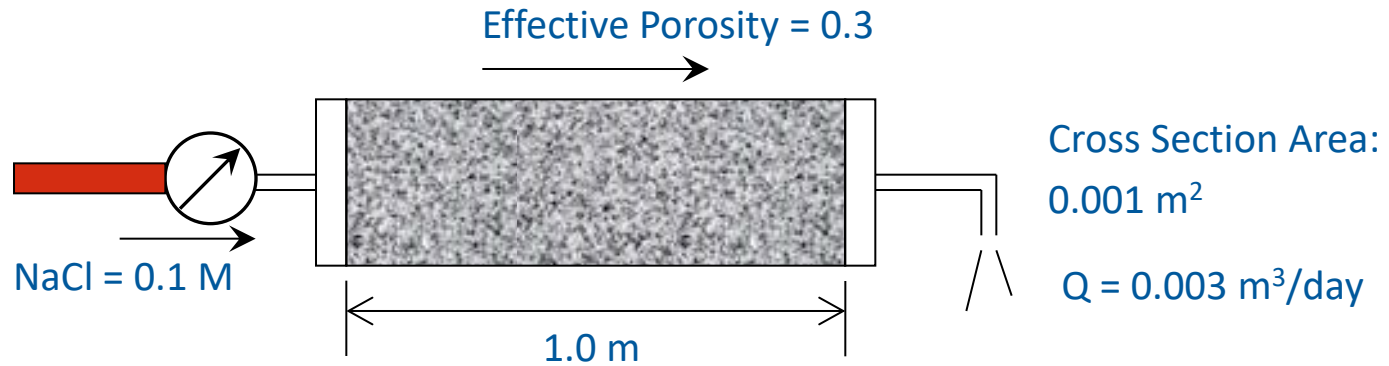
Case (1)
A continuous source

Conc. over space at $t_1=1d$ and $t_2=2d$



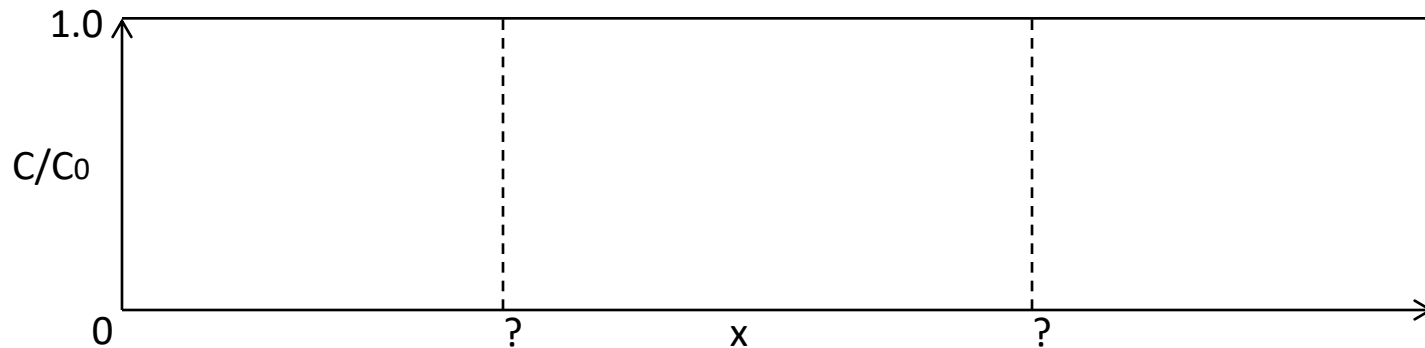
Case (2)
A shock source

Exercise



Case (3): Assuming soil grain density is 2650 kg/m^3 and $K_d = 2.0 \text{ mL/g}$, compute the retardation factor R ? How does this retardation effect influence the concentration profile?

Case (4): What if there is a 1st order decay on the transported contaminant with ($\lambda = 0.7 \text{ 1/day}$)



Modelling Reactive Transport Process with OpenGeoSys with Decay-Chain Benchmark as an Example

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How is Reactive Transport simulated by the Component Transport Process?

The component transport process can handle

- Fully saturated condition
- Variable-density flow
- Component transport with advection, dispersion, sorption and decay
- Reactive transport

There are two sets of process variables

- Pressure
- Concentration of each component

ComponentTransport

$$\frac{\partial (\phi \rho)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{q} \rho) + Q_p = 0$$

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

$$\frac{\partial (\phi R c_\alpha)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{q} c_\alpha - \mathbf{D} \nabla c_\alpha) + Q_{c_\alpha} + \phi \lambda R c_\alpha = 0$$

$$\mathbf{D} = (\phi D_p + \beta_T \|\mathbf{q}\|) \mathbf{I} + (\beta_L - \beta_T) \frac{\mathbf{q} \mathbf{q}^T}{\|\mathbf{q}\|}$$

$$\lambda = \ln 2 / t_{1/2}$$

$$R = 1 + \rho_b K_D / \phi$$

Modelling Reactive Transport Process with different algorithms

OP – Operator Splitting

Transport stage

K_{c1c1}			
	K_{c2c2}		
		K_{c3c3}	
			K_{c4c4}

C_1
C_2
C_3
C_4

 $=$

b_1
b_2
b_3
b_4

Reaction stage

Call Phreeqc to compute R^{\min}

M_{c1c1}			
	M_{c2c2}		
		M_{c3c3}	
			M_{c4c4}

C_1
C_2
C_3
C_4

 $=$

b_1
b_2
b_3
b_4

GIA - Global Implicit Approach

K_{c1c1}	K_{c1c2}		
	K_{c2c2}	K_{c2c3}	
		K_{c3c3}	K_{c3c4}
			K_{c4c4}

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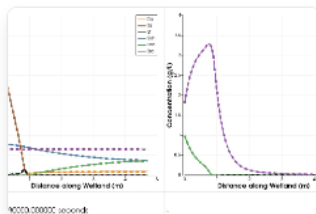
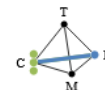
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      <stoichiometric_coefficients>-1 1 0 0 0 0</stoichiometric_coefficients>  
      <!-- t1_half_life = 1.56e7;  
           LOG(2) / t1_half_life / 3.1536e7 -->  
      <rate_constant>1.4089456993390242e-15</rate_constant>  
    </chemical_reaction>  
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</chemical_system>
```


Available benchmarks with Reactive Transport Process

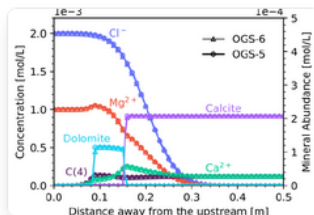
Find all RTP benchmarks here, along with the descriptions: <https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/reactive-transport/>

Docs > Processes > Reactive Transport

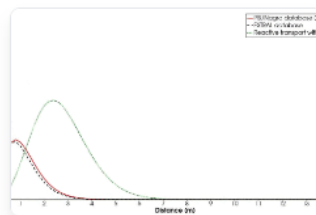
Reactive Transport



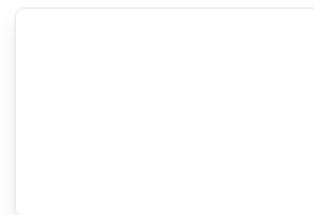
Complex kinetic reaction network



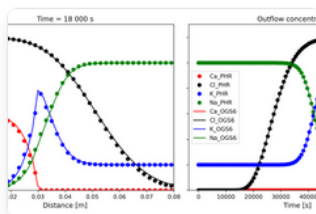
Precipitation/dissolution
equilibrium reactions in a saturated
column



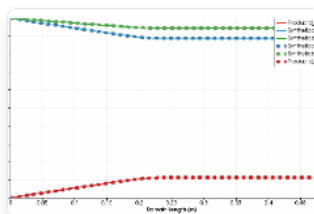
Sorption of U(VI) in porous media



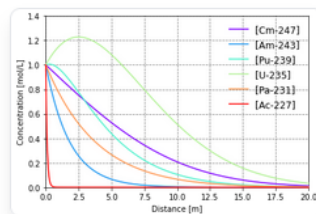
Tracer diffusion in a thermal
gradient



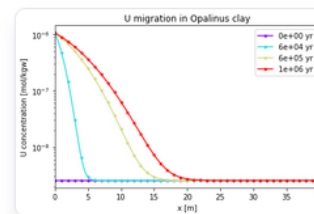
Transport and Cation Exchange



Solute transport including kinetic
reaction



Decay-chain problem

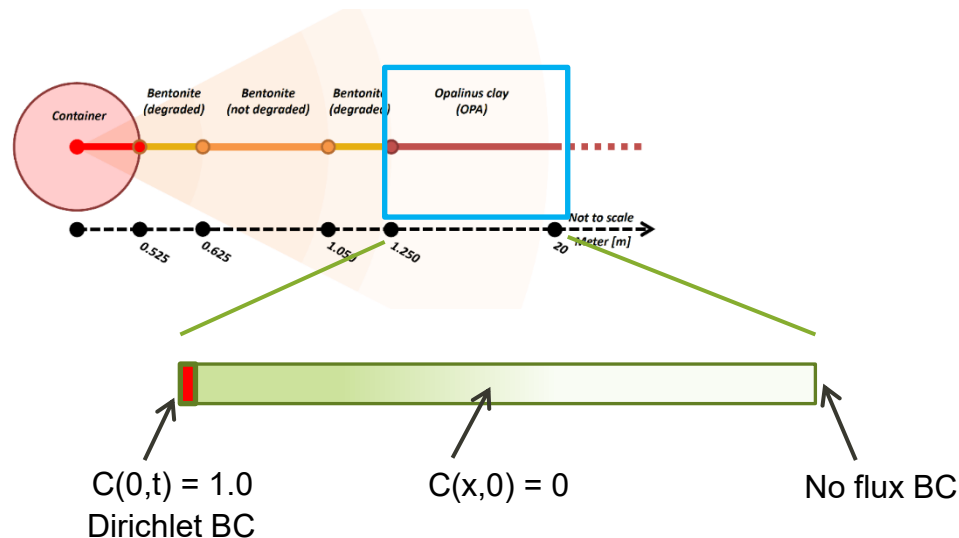
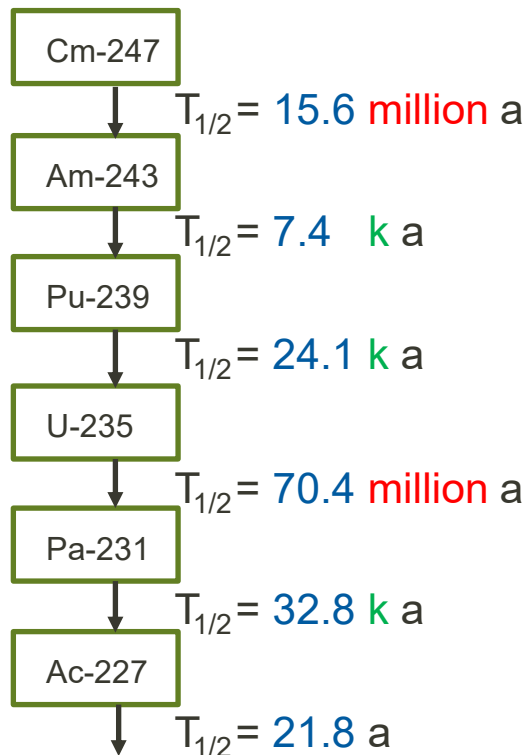


Radionuclides migration in
Opalinus clay

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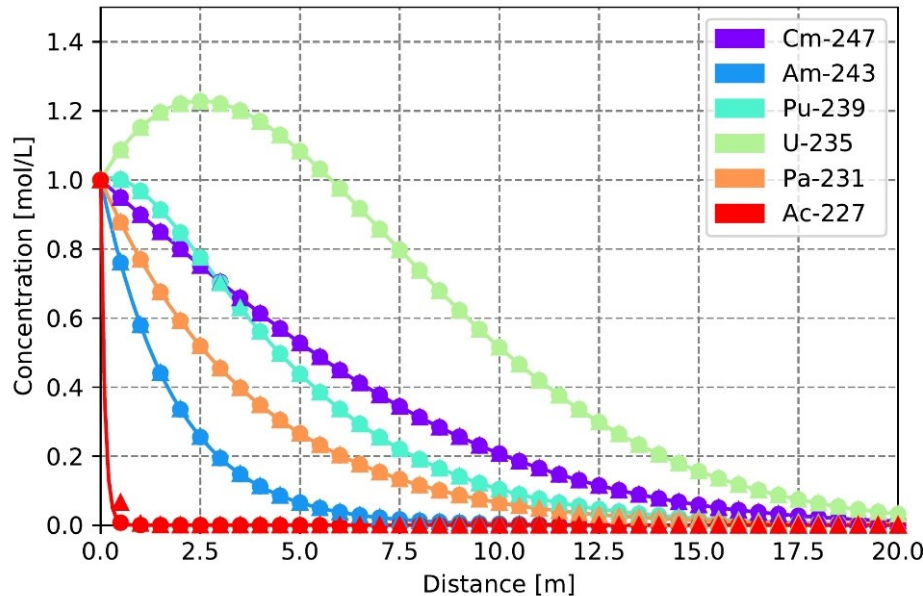
The Decay-Chain Benchmark



- 1D Domain $[200 \text{ m} \times 10^6 \text{ y}]$
- Only diffusion + decay is considered
- Uniform transport properties of OPA
 - Porosity 0.12
 - Pore diffusion coefficient $1\text{e-}11$

The Decay-Chain Benchmark

After 10k years, the simulated results as follows, also verified against the analytical solution



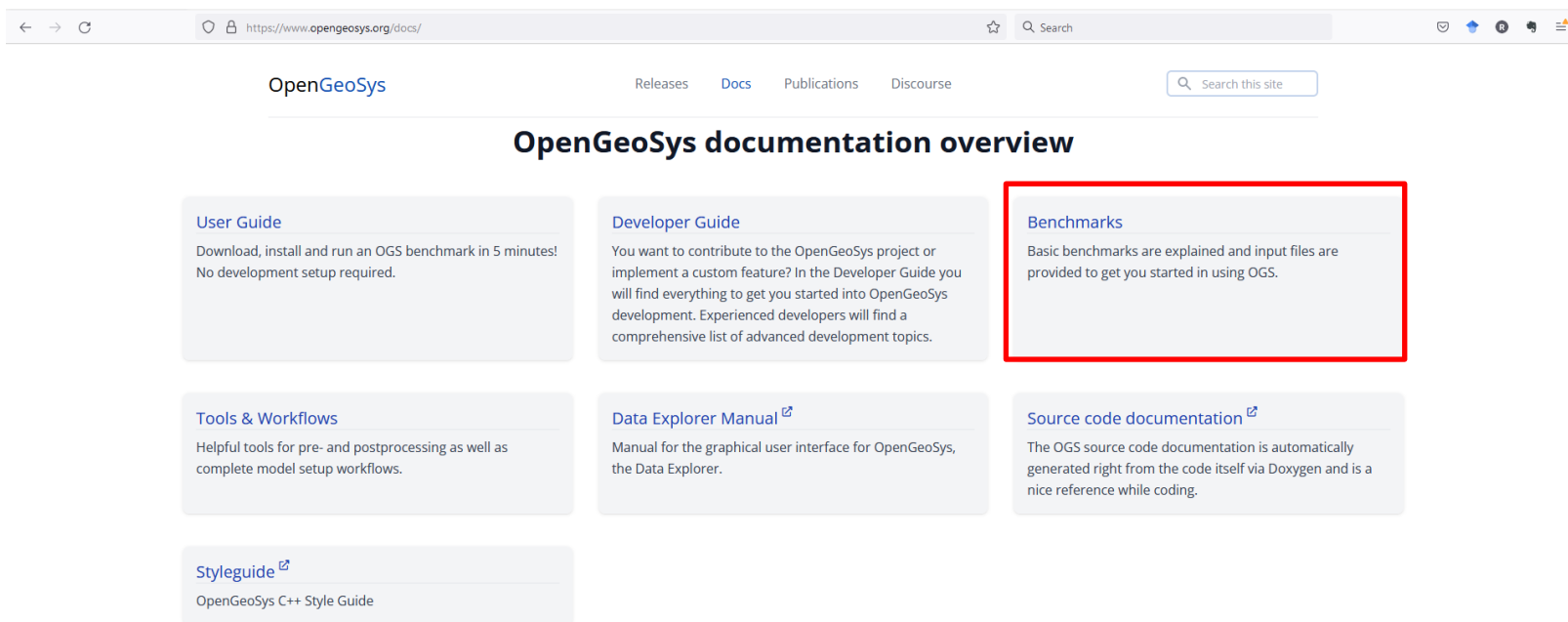
- In this case each component has the same pore diffusion coefficient, i.e some travels faster than others.
- U-235 is the slowest decaying component in this chain, therefore its concentration will accumulate over time and get more than 1.0
- Decay of Cm-247 is also slow, therefore it diffuses the second far
- Ac-227 is the fastest decaying component (only 23 years of half-life), therefore it can barely travel some distance

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Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File

<https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/>



The screenshot shows the OpenGeoSys documentation overview page. The browser address bar displays <https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/>. The page header includes the OpenGeoSys logo, navigation links for Releases, Docs, Publications, and Discourse, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "OpenGeoSys documentation overview" and contains several cards:

- User Guide**: Download, install and run an OGS benchmark in 5 minutes! No development setup required.
- Developer Guide**: You want to contribute to the OpenGeoSys project or implement a custom feature? In the Developer Guide you will find everything to get you started into OpenGeoSys development. Experienced developers will find a comprehensive list of advanced development topics.
- Benchmarks** (highlighted with a red border): Basic benchmarks are explained and input files are provided to get you started in using OGS.
- Tools & Workflows**: Helpful tools for pre- and postprocessing as well as complete model setup workflows.
- Data Explorer Manual** (with an external link icon): Manual for the graphical user interface for OpenGeoSys, the Data Explorer.
- Source code documentation** (with an external link icon): The OGS source code documentation is automatically generated right from the code itself via Doxygen and is a nice reference while coding.
- Styleguide** (with an external link icon): OpenGeoSys C++ Style Guide.

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File

<https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/reactive-transport/decaychain/>

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- This exercise is based on this benchmark

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File

In the source code folder

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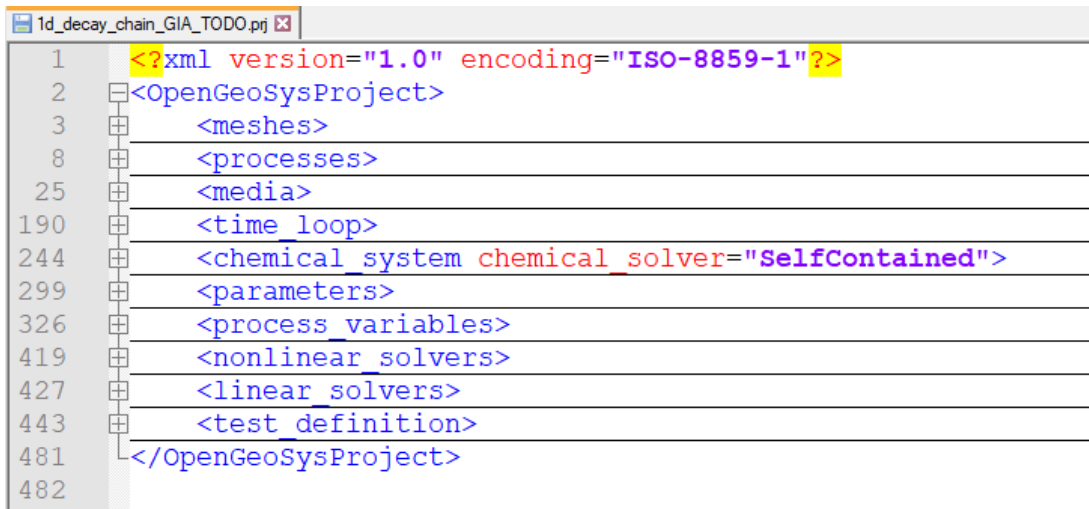
- **3 mesh files with *.vtu**
- ***.prj project configuration file**
- ***.PVD is the Paraview index file referring to all result files**
- **4 *.vtu files containing the simulation results from time step #0, #10, #100 and #1000**

ReactiveTransport > DecayChain > GlobalImplicitApproach					Search GlobalImplicitApproach
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Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File

- The prj file is the model configuration file in XML format
- You can expand / collapse each section by clicking on the + and – symbol
- The order of the section does not matter
- When error pops up while reading the configuration, messages will be recorded in the log file or on screen

```
<property>
  <name>pore_diffusion</name>
  <type>Constant</type>
  <value><!--TODO #4 Set this to 1e-11, unit is m2/s--></value>
</property>
```



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1d_decay_chain_GIA_TODO.prj
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
2  <OpenGeoSysProject>
3    <meshes>
8    <processes>
25   <media>
190  <time loop>
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299  <parameters>
326  <process variables>
419  <nonlinear solvers>
427  <linear solvers>
443  <test definition>
481  </OpenGeoSysProject>
482
```

- The key words are always surrounded by the “Klammer” structure
- <!-- ... --> means comments, which will not be read into the program
- You need to change the content when seeing the TODOs
- There are 10 TODOs in total

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Mesh and Processes

There are 3 mesh files here

- The entire domain
- Upstream boundary nodes
- The reaction domain (TODO#1)

We have to set the process type to

- ComponentTransport (TODO#2)

The process variables include the concentration of each component (TODO#3)

- [Cm-247]
- [Am-243]
- [Pu-239]
- [U-235]
- [Pa-231]
- [Ac-227]

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1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
2 <OpenGeoSysProject>
3   <meshes>
4     <mesh>1d_decay_chain.vtu</mesh>
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6     <mesh><!-- TODO #1 Fill in here the file name for reactive domain --></mesh>
7   </meshes>
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11      <type><!-- TODO #2 The process type is ComponentTransport --></type>
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27      </process_variables>
28      <specific_body_force>0</specific_body_force>
29    </process>
30  </processes>
31  <media>
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Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Media Properties

We divide the media into 3 phases

- AqueousLiquid
(the only phase in DecayChain)
- Solid
- Gas

For each component in Aq. phase

- Pore diffusion coefficient
- Retardation Factor set to 1 (no sorption)
- Decay Rate (set to 0 in this case)

Please repeat it for all components



```
1d_decay_chain_GIA_TODO.prj
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26   <medium id="0">
27     <phases>
28       <phase>
29         <type>AqueousLiquid</type>
30         <components>
31           <component>
32             <name>[Cm-247]</name>
33             <properties>
34               <property>
35                 <name>pore_diffusion</name>
36                 <type>Constant</type>
37                 <value><!--TODO #4 Set this to 1e-11, unit is m2/s-->
38                   </value>
39               </property>
40               <property>
41                 <name>retardation_factor</name>
42                 <type>Constant</type>
43                 <value><!--TODO #5 Set this to 1, i.e. no retardation-->
44                   </value>
45               </property>
46               <property>
47                 <name>decay_rate</name>
48                 <type>Constant</type>
49                 <value>0</value>
50               </property>
51             </properties>
52           </component>
53         </components>
54       </phase>
55     </phases>
56   </medium>
57 </media>
```

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Media Properties

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151      </components>
152      <properties>
153        <property>
154          <name>density</name>
155          <type>Constant</type>
156          <value>1e3</value>
157        </property>
158        <property>
159          <name>viscosity</name>
160          <type>Constant</type>
161          <value>1e-3</value>
162        </property>
163      </properties>
164    </phase>
165  </phases>
166  <properties>
167    <property>
168      <name>permeability</name>
169      <type>Parameter</type>
170      <parameter_name>kappa</parameter_name>
171    </property>
172    <property>
173      <name>porosity</name>
174      <type>Parameter</type>
175      <parameter_name>porosity</parameter_name>
176    </property>
177    <property>
178      <name>longitudinal_dispersivity</name>
179      <type>Constant</type>
180      <value>0</value>
181    </property>
182    <property>
183      <name>transversal_dispersivity</name>
184      <type>Constant</type>
185      <value>0</value>
186    </property>
  </properties>
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This section is the property of water

- Density (1000 kg/m3)
- Viscosity (0.001 Pa sec)

This section is about the porous media properties

- Permeability
(refer to the kappa in the parameters list)
- Porosity
(refer to the value in the parameters list)
- Longitudinal and transversal dispersivity
(0 = no dispersion)

Exercise: Set up the parameters (TODO #6 and #7)

Give the following values in the parameters list (TODO #6 and #7)

- Set permeability to $1.157\text{e-}12$ m/s
- Set porosity to 0.12

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  <parameter>  
    <name>kappa</name>  
    <type>Constant</type>  
    <values><!--TODO #6 Set permeability kappa to 1.157e-12--></values>  
  </parameter>  
  <parameter>  
    <name>porosity</name>  
    <type>Constant</type>  
    <value><!--TODO #7 Set porosity to 0.12--></value>  
  </parameter>
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  <name>TimeDependentDirichlet_right</name>  
  <type>TimeDependentHeterogeneousParameter</type>  
  <time_series>  
    <pair>  
      <time>0</time>  
      <parameter_name>bc_right_ts1</parameter_name>  
    </pair>  
    <pair>  
      <time>1180</time>  
      <parameter_name>bc_right_ts59</parameter_name>  
    </pair>  
    <pair>  
      <time>1200</time>  
      <parameter_name>bc_right_ts60</parameter_name>  
    </pair>  
    <pair>  
      <time>2000</time>  
      <parameter_name>bc_right_ts100</parameter_name>  
    </pair>  
  </time_series>  
</parameter>
```

A parameter can be defined as

- A constant value
- Time dependent
- Space dependent

<https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/liquid-flow/time-dependent-heterogeneous-source-term-and-boundary-conditions/>

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Types of Boundary Conditions

For solving the elliptic problem $k \Delta h = 0$ in Ω <https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/elliptic/elliptic-neumann/>

- Dirichlet → Given Value of Primary Variable

$$h = g_D \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D,$$

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92 | <boundary_condition>
93 |   <geometrical_set>square_1x1_geometry</geometrical_set>
94 |   <geometry>bottom</geometry>
95 |   <type>Dirichlet</type>
96 |   <parameter>p_dirichlet</parameter>
97 | </boundary_condition>
```

<https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/elliptic/elliptic-neumann/>

- Neumann → Given Flux Value

$$k \frac{\partial h}{\partial n} = g_N \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N,$$

```
98 | <boundary_condition>
99 |   <geometrical_set>square_1x1_geometry</geometrical_set>
100 |   <geometry>right</geometry>
101 |   <type>Neumann</type>
102 |   <parameter>p_neumann</parameter>
103 | </boundary_condition>
```

<https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/elliptic/elliptic-robin/>

- Robin → Given Flux calculated by Primary Variable

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial n} = \alpha(h_0 - h(x)) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_R,$$

```
97 | <boundary_condition>
98 |   <geometrical_set>line_1_geometry</geometrical_set>
99 |   <geometry>left</geometry>
100 |   <type>Robin</type>
101 |   <alpha>alpha</alpha>
102 |   <u_0>u_0</u_0>
103 | </boundary_condition>
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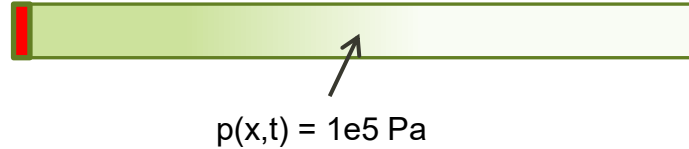
<https://www.opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/python-bc/elder/>

- More complex BC via Python script

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169 | <boundary_condition>
170 |   <geometrical_set>elder</geometrical_set>
171 |   <geometry>whole_domain_boundary</geometry>
172 |   <type>Python</type>
173 |   <bc_object>bc_c</bc_object>
174 | </boundary_condition>
```

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Initial and Boundary Conditions

For pressure, We set both initial and boundary conditions to 1 bar (1e5 Pa),

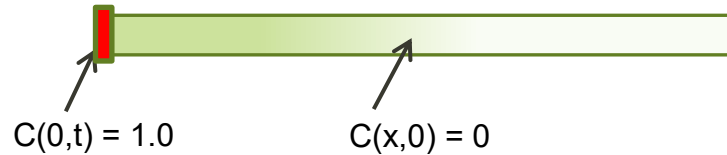


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326 <process_variables>
327   <process_variable>
328     <name>pressure</name>
329     <components>1</components>
330     <order>1</order>
331     <initial_condition>p0</initial_condition>
332     <boundary_conditions>
333       <boundary_condition>
334         <mesh>1d_decay_chain_ReactiveDomain</mesh>
335         <type>Dirichlet</type>
336         <parameter>p0</parameter>
337       </boundary_condition>
338     </boundary_conditions>
339   </process_variable>
340 </process_variables>
```

- Since there is no difference in pressure, there will be no advection. Hence, the transport is only controlled by diffusion and decay.

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Initial and Boundary Conditions

For concentration, we set initial condition to 0 and boundary condition to 1,



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<process_variable>
  <name>[Cm-247]</name>
  <components>1</components>
  <order>1</order>
  <initial_condition>c0_default</initial_condition>
  <boundary_conditions>
    <boundary_condition>
      <mesh>1d_decay_chain_upstream</mesh>
      <type>Dirichlet</type>
      <parameter>c_default</parameter>
    </boundary_condition>
  </boundary_conditions>
</process_variable>
```

- Values set for each component
- Initial condition set to 0
- Boundary condition applied on a subset of the domain (just the boundary node in this case)
- Boundary condition set to 1

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Decay Reactions

- The stoichiometry is filling in following each reactions

- The order of participating components are following the order of process variables

		Components					
		Cm-247	Am-243	Pu-239	U-235	Pa-231	Ac-227
Reactions	0 = -1 [Cm-247] + 1 [Am-243]	-1	1	0	0	0	0
	0 = -1 [Am-243] + 1 [Pu-239]	0	-1	1	0	0	0
	0 = -1 [Pu-239] + 1 [U-235]	0	0	-1	1	0	0
	0 = -1 [U-235] + 1 [Pa-231]	0	0	0	-1	1	0
	0 = -1 [Pa-231] + 1 [Ac-227]	0	0	0	0	-1	1
	0 = -1 [Ac-227] + 1 [n]	0	0	0	0	0	-1

```

248 <chemical_reactions>
249   <chemical_reaction>
250     <!-- 0 = -1 [Cm-247] + 1 [Am-243] -->
251     <stoichiometric_coefficients>-1 1 0 0 0 0
252     </stoichiometric_coefficients>
253     <reaction_type>FirstOrderReaction</reaction_type>
254     <!-- t1_half_life = 1.56e7 years;
255           LOG(2) / t1_half_life / 3.1536e7 secs-->
256     <first_order_rate_constant>1.4089456993390242e-15
257     </first_order_rate_constant>
258   </chemical_reaction>
  
```

- Rate of reaction is first order type

$$Rate = \frac{d[C]}{dt} = k[C]$$

- Rate constant is according to the half-life of this radionuclide

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Decay Reactions (TODO #8 and TODO #9)

- What is the stoichiometric coefficients of the last reaction?
- How much is the reaction rate constant for this reaction?

		Components					
		Cm-247	Am-243	Pu-239	U-235	Pa-231	Ac-227
Reactions	0 = -1 [Cm-247] + 1 [Am-243]	-1	1	0	0	0	0
	0 = -1 [Am-243] + 1 [Pu-239]	0	-1	1	0	0	0
	0 = -1 [Pu-239] + 1 [U-235]	0	0	-1	1	0	0
	0 = -1 [U-235] + 1 [Pa-231]	0	0	0	-1	1	0
	0 = -1 [Pa-231] + 1 [Ac-227]	0	0	0	0	-1	1
	0 = -1 [Ac-227] + 1 [n]	0	0	0	0	0	-1

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289 <chemical_reaction>
290 <!-- 0 = -1 [Ac-227] + 1 [n] -->
291 <stoichiometric_coefficients><!--TODO #8 Define the stoichiometric vector
of this reaction--></stoichiometric_coefficients>
292 <reaction_type>FirstOrderReaction</reaction_type>
293 <!-- t6_half_life = 21.773 years;
294 k6 = LOG(2) / t6_half_life / 3.1536e7 secs-->
295 <first_order_rate_constant><!--TODO #9 Define the first-order decay rate
constant of this reaction--></first_order_rate_constant>
296 </chemical_reaction>
297 </chemical_reactions>
```

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Time Stepping Scheme

```
190 <time_loop>
191   <processes>
192     <process ref="hc">
193       <nonlinear_solver>basic_picard</nonlinear_solver>
194       <convergence_criterion>
195         <type>PerComponentDeltaX</type>
196         <norm_type>NORM2</norm_type>
197         <reltols>1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14</reltols>
198       </convergence_criterion>
199       <time_discretization>
200         <type>BackwardEuler</type>
201       </time_discretization>
202       <time_stepping>
203         <type>FixedTimeStepping</type>
204         <t_initial>0.0</t_initial>
205         <t_end>3.1536e12</t_end>
206         <timesteps>
207           <pair>
208             <repeat>1000</repeat>
209             <delta_t>3.1536e9</delta_t>
210           </pair>
211         </timesteps>
212       </time_stepping>
213     </process>
214   </processes>
```

- A FixedTimeStepping scheme is set here
- Other stepping schemes are:
- Each step is set to be 100 years
- Repeating 1000 times gives 100 k years

Exercise: Linear Solver

The linear solver is internally calling one of the following external lib:

- LIS solver
- Eigen solve (default)
- PETSC solver

The following sparse linear solvers in Eigen library has been included:

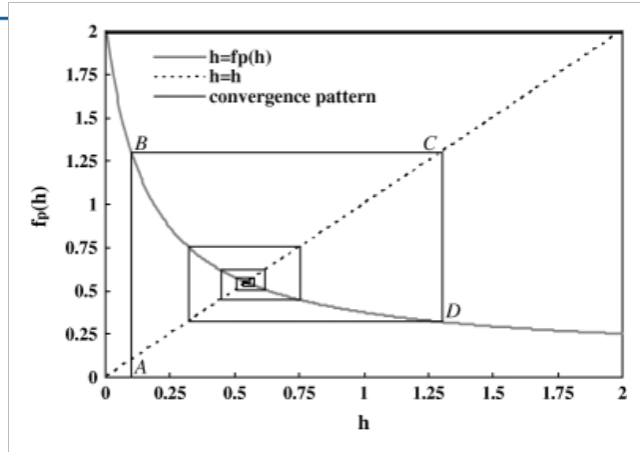
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| ▪ BiCGSTAB | ▪ PardisoLU |
| ▪ IDRS | ▪ GMRES |
| ▪ IDRSTABL | |

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427 <linear_solvers>
428   <linear_solver>
429     <name>general_linear_solver</name>
430     <lis>-i cg -p jacobi -tol 1e-16 -maxiter 20000</lis>
431     <eigen>
432       <solver_type>BiCGSTAB</solver_type>
433       <precon_type>ILUT</precon_type>
434       <max_iteration_step>10000</max_iteration_step>
435       <error_tolerance>1e-14</error_tolerance>
436     </eigen>
437     <petsc>
438       <prefix>hc</prefix>
439       <parameters>-hc_ksp_type bcgs -hc_pc_type bjacobi -hc_ksp_rtol 1e-8
440                   -hc_ksp_max_it 20000</parameters>
441     </petsc>
442   </linear_solver>
</linear_solvers>
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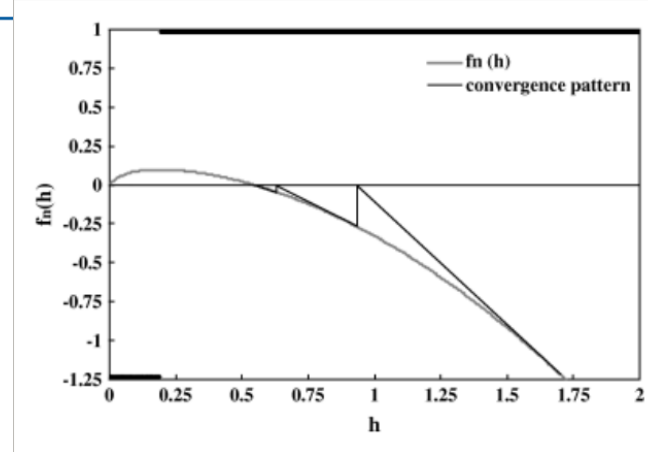
- In Eigen solver, one can choose different solver type and also preconditioners
- PETSC solver is prepared for parallel computing with MPI library (distributed memory type)
- Another choice of linear solve is the PADISO solver provided by Intel MKL lib

Exercise: Non-Linear Solvers

PICARD



NEWTON



Source: Mehl (2006) doi: 10.1111/j.1745-6584.2006.00207.x

```
<nonlinear_solvers>
  <nonlinear_solver>
    <name>basic_picard</name>
    <type>Picard</type>
    <max_iter>10</max_iter>
    <linear_solver>general_linear_solver</linear_solver>
  </nonlinear_solver>
</nonlinear_solvers>

  <nonlinear_solver>basic_picard</nonlinear_solver>
  <convergence_criterion>
    <type>PerComponentDeltaX</type>
    <norm_type>NORM2</norm_type>
    <reltols>1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14 1e-14</reltols>
  </convergence_criterion>
```

- The maximum num of iterations is set to 10
- This is the relative tolerance for each component

Exercise: Set up the Decay-Chain prj File :: Output Control (TODO #10)

- The output file will always start with this prefix
- Followed by the time step and time info
- Here we define when we want to output
 - T = 0 is always printed out (initial condition, 0th step)
 - Then output after 10 steps (10th step)
 - Then after 90 steps (100th step)
 - Then after 900 steps (1000th step)
- Under the keyword <variables>, we specify all variables that will appear in the vtu result files

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<output>
  <type>VTK</type>
  <prefix>ld_decay_chain_GIA</prefix>
  <suffix>_ts_{:timestep}_t_{:time}</suffix>
  <timesteps>
    <pair>
      <repeat>1</repeat>
      <each_steps>10</each_steps>
    </pair>
    <pair>
      <repeat>1</repeat>
      <each_steps><!--TODO #10 We want the
        100-th step to be printed out--></each_steps>
    </pair>
    <pair>
      <repeat>1</repeat>
      <each_steps><!--TODO #10 We want the
        1000-th step to be printed out--></each_steps>
    </pair>
  </timesteps>
  <variables>
    <variable>[Cm-247]</variable>
    <variable>[Am-243]</variable>
    <variable>[Pu-239]</variable>
    <variable>[U-235]</variable>
    <variable>[Pa-231]</variable>
    <variable>[Ac-227]</variable>
    <variable>pressure</variable>
  </variables>
</output>
</time_loop>
```

Overview

- Overview of Reactive Transport Process Features
- The Decay-Chain Benchmark
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- **Simulation and Visualization**

Different Approaches of Simulation

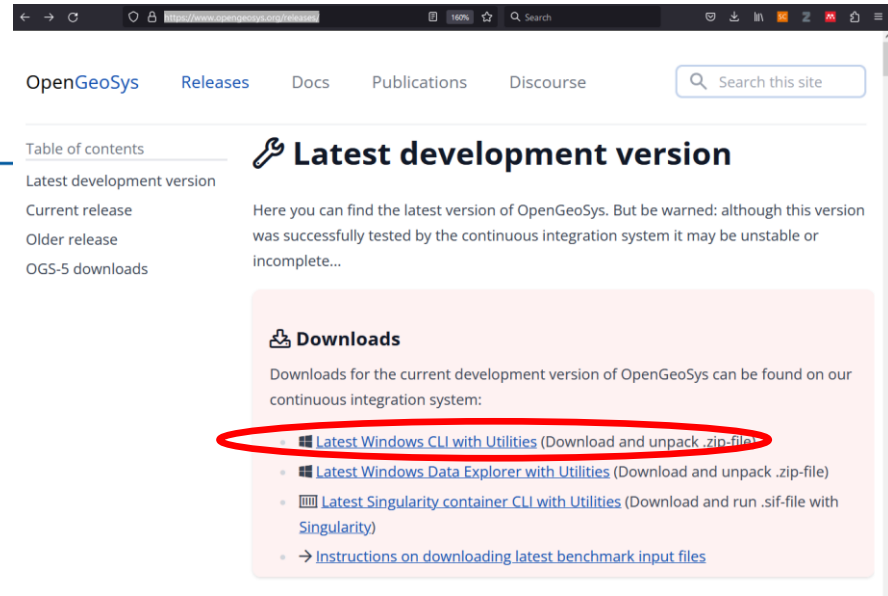
- Download OGS software package from the web

<https://www.opengeosys.org/releases/>

- Unzip the package into a folder called “ogs”

- Run simulation

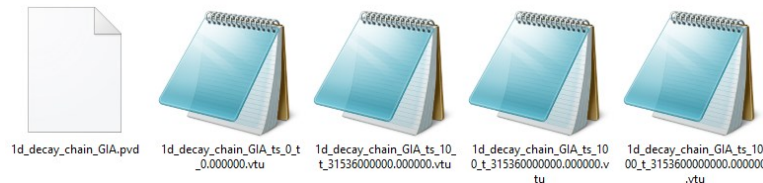
Syntax: `ogs.exe path_to_the_project_file`



The screenshot shows the OpenGeoSys website. The navigation bar includes links for OpenGeoSys, Releases, Docs, Publications, and Discourse, along with a search bar. A table of contents on the left lists: Latest development version, Current release, Older release, and OGS-5 downloads. The main heading is 'Latest development version' with a wrench icon. Below it, a warning states: 'Here you can find the latest version of OpenGeoSys. But be warned: although this version was successfully tested by the continuous integration system it may be unstable or incomplete...'. A 'Downloads' section follows, stating: 'Downloads for the current development version of OpenGeoSys can be found on our continuous integration system:'. A list of download links is provided, with the first link, 'Latest Windows CLI with Utilities (Download and unpack .zip-file)', circled in red. Other links include 'Latest Windows Data Explorer with Utilities', 'Latest Singularity container CLI with Utilities', and 'Instructions on downloading latest benchmark input files'.

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C:\work\CloudStation\2023_conferences_and_trips\20230630_TU_Dresden\DecayChain_DONE>..\ogs\bin\ogs.exe 1d_decay_chain_GIA.prj
```

- When simulation starts, time-series data files will be generated (.pvd file + .vtu files)



Different Approaches of Simulation

- Display output messages

C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

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info: [time] Iteration #1 took 0.0438331 s.
info: [time] Assembly took 0.0194844 s.
info: [time] Applying Dirichlet BCs took 0.0014799 s.
info: -----
info: *** Eigen solver computation
info: -> solve with Eigen iterative linear solver BiCGSTAB (precon ILUT)
info: iteration: 0/10000
info: residual: 3.322583e-24
info: -----
info: [time] Linear solver took 0.0128669 s.
info: Convergence criterion, component 0: |dx|=0.0000e+00, |x|=2.4515e+06, |dx|/|x|=0.0000e+00
info: Convergence criterion, component 1: |dx|=0.0000e+00, |x|=1.3593e+01, |dx|/|x|=0.0000e+00
info: Convergence criterion, component 2: |dx|=0.0000e+00, |x|=9.3455e+00, |dx|/|x|=0.0000e+00
info: Convergence criterion, component 3: |dx|=0.0000e+00, |x|=1.3881e+01, |dx|/|x|=0.0000e+00
info: Convergence criterion, component 4: |dx|=0.0000e+00, |x|=1.9006e+01, |dx|/|x|=0.0000e+00
info: Convergence criterion, component 5: |dx|=0.0000e+00, |x|=1.1422e+01, |dx|/|x|=0.0000e+00
info: Convergence criterion, component 6: |dx|=0.0000e+00, |x|=3.0790e+00, |dx|/|x|=0.0000e+00
info: [time] Iteration #2 took 0.0381688 s.
info: [time] Solving process #0 took 0.0828339 s in time step #1000
info: [time] Time step #1000 took 0.0864828 s.
info: [time] Output of timestep 1000 took 0.0085149 s.
info: The whole computation of the time stepping took 1000 steps, in which
      the accepted steps are 1000, and the rejected steps are 0.
info: [time] Execution took 98.7813 s.
info: OGS terminated on 2023-06-29 14:33:51+0200.
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Syntax: ogs.exe path_to_the_project_file >

log.txt

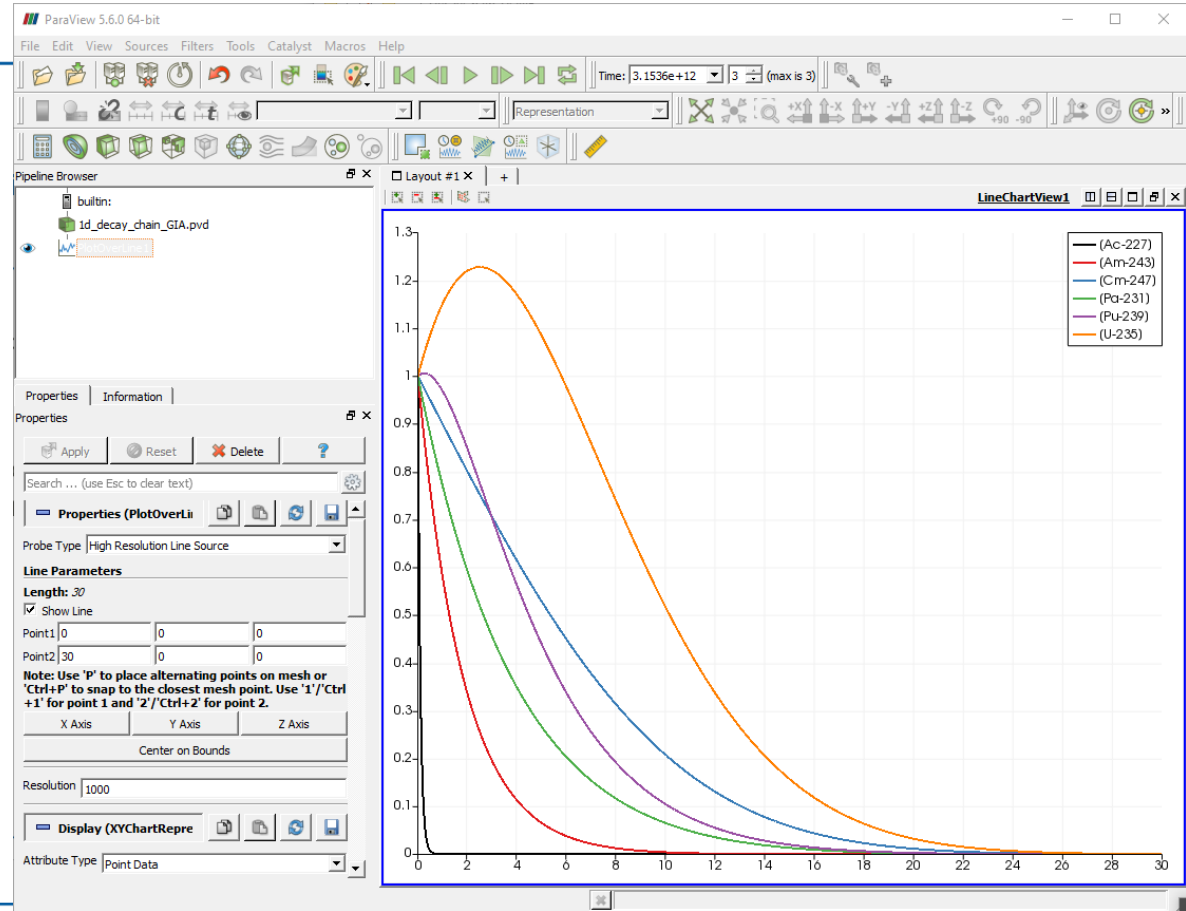
- Visualization



```
C:\work\CloudStation\2023_conferences_and_trips\20230630_TU_Dresden\DecayChain_DONE>..\ogs\bin\ogs.exe 1d_decay_chain_GIA.prj > log.txt
```

Visualizing the simulation results

- Load the PVD file in Paraview
- Remember to “Apply” the View
- Add a “Plot over Line” Filter
- Just need to see from 0 to 30 m
- The results include from 0 to 100k years
- Choose which components to display (6 of them)
- Try to see the Spreadsheet View
- Try to export the data to CSV file



~The End~



Solute Transport in Hydrosystems II, Dresden, Germany

Some Analytical Solutions for Solute Transport in 1D

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Advective-Dispersive Transport for a Point Source

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - D_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} = -\lambda c$$

Initial condition:

$$c(t_0, x) = \frac{m}{An_e} \delta(x)$$

with

m = "solute mass"

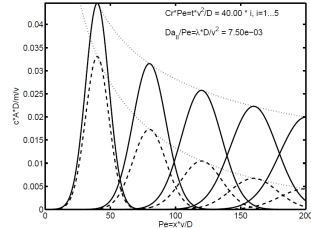
A = "cross-sectional area perpendicular to x "

$\delta(x)$ = "Dirac delta function"

Boundary conditions:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} c(t, x) = 0$$

$$c(x, t) = \frac{m}{An_e} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D_{eff} t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - vt)^2}{4D_{eff} t}\right) \exp(-\lambda t)$$



Gaussian distribution with mean: $x = vt$ and variance: $\sigma^2 = 2D_{eff} t$

Characteristic times and dimensionless numbers

Table: Characteristic time scales in advective-dispersive-reactive transport

Process	Symbol	Definition
Advection	τ_{adv}	$\frac{x}{v}$
Dispersion	τ_{disp}	$\frac{x^2}{D_{eff}}$
1st-Order-Decay	τ_{reac}	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$

Table: Dimensionless numbers used in transport computations

Name	Symbol	Meaning	Definition
Peclet number	Pe	<u>characteristic time of diffusion/dispersion</u>	$\frac{vx}{D_{eff}}$
Damköhler number I	Da_I	<u>characteristic time of advection</u>	$\frac{\lambda x}{v}$
Damköhler number II	Da_{II}	<u>characteristic time of reaction</u>	$\frac{\lambda x^2}{D_{eff}}$
Courant number II	Cr	<u>characteristic time of diffusion/dispersion</u>	$\frac{tv}{x}$
Neumann number II	Ne	<u>characteristic time of reaction</u>	$\frac{tD_{eff}}{x^2} = \frac{Cr}{Pe}$
		<u>real time</u>	
		<u>characteristic time of advection</u>	
		<u>real time</u>	
		<u>characteristic time of diffusion/dispersion</u>	

Be aware: If you use rates instead of characteristic times, the "meaning" is flipped, but the "Definition" stays the same

Advective-Dispersive Transport for a Rectangular Source

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - D_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} = -\lambda c$$

Initial condition:

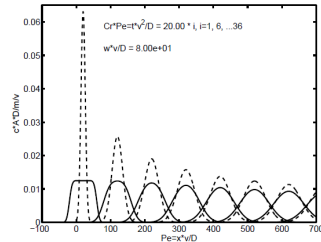
$$c(t_0, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < -\frac{w}{2} \\ c_{ini} & \text{for } -\frac{w}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{w}{2} \\ 0 & \text{for } x > \frac{w}{2} \end{cases}$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} c(t, x) = 0$$

$$c(x, t) = \frac{c_{ini}}{2} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x + \frac{w}{2} - vt}{\sqrt{4D_{eff}t}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x - \frac{w}{2} - vt}{\sqrt{4D_{eff}t}} \right) \right) \exp(-\lambda t)$$

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(x) = 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^x \exp(-\xi^2) d\xi$$



One-Dimensional Transport in a Semi-Infinite Domain I

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - D_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} = -\lambda c$$

⇒ Constant-Concentration Boundary Condition (Ogata & Banks, 1961)

Initial condition:

Boundary conditions:

$$c(t_0, x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} c(t, x) = 0$$

$$c(t, x_0) = c_0$$

$$c(x, t) = \frac{c_0}{2} \exp\left(\frac{xv}{2D_{eff}}\right) \left(\exp\left(-\frac{xv\gamma}{2D_{eff}}\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x - vt\gamma}{\sqrt{4D_{eff}t}}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{xv\gamma}{2D_{eff}}\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x + vt\gamma}{\sqrt{4D_{eff}t}}\right) \right)$$

$$\text{with } \gamma = \sqrt{1 + 4\frac{\lambda D}{v^2}}$$

One-Dimensional Transport in a Semi-Infinite Domain II

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - D_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} = -\lambda c$$

⇒ Constant-Flux Boundary Condition (Kinzelbach, 1992)

Initial condition:

$$c(t_0, x) = 0$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} c(t, x) = 0$$

$$J(t, x_0) = n_e \left(cv - D_{eff} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0} = J_{in}(t)$$

$$c(x, t) = \frac{c_{in}}{2} \exp\left(\frac{xv}{2D_{eff}}\right) \left(\exp\left(-\frac{xv\gamma}{2D_{eff}}\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x - vt\gamma}{\sqrt{4D_{eff}t}}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{xv\gamma}{2D_{eff}}\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x + vt\gamma}{\sqrt{4D_{eff}t}}\right) \right)$$

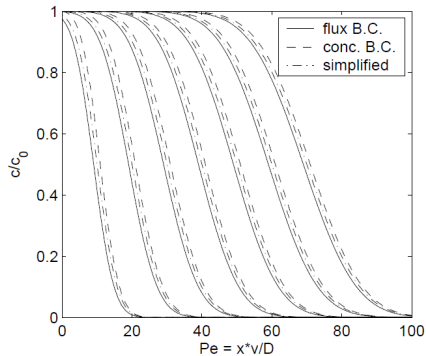
$$\text{with } \gamma = \sqrt{1 + 4\frac{\lambda D}{v^2}}$$

Comparison of Solutions

Solution for the Riemann problem with initial condition:

$$c(t_0, x) == c_{ini} H(-x) = \begin{cases} c_{ini} & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \frac{c_{ini}}{2} & \text{for } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$c(x, t) = \frac{c_{ini}}{2} \operatorname{erfc} \left(\frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{4D_{eff}t}} \right) \exp(-\lambda t)$$



Exercises