Numerical Studies for the Characterization of Recoverable Resources from Methane Hydrate Deposits

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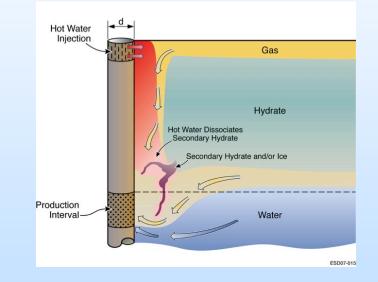
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Project Overview

Objective: To develop the knowledge base and quantitative predictive capability to describe the most important processes and phenomena associated with gas production from hydrate deposits

Project Components:

- TOUGH+HYDRATE: simulator for hydrate-bearing reservoirs
- Design and evaluation of DOE and industry production tests
- Behavior of hydrates in the natural environment
- Coordinated laboratory work
- Collaborations and training



This was the 1st year (\$500K) of a new project, part of a 20+-year DOE-funded hydrate program at LBNL

Technical Status

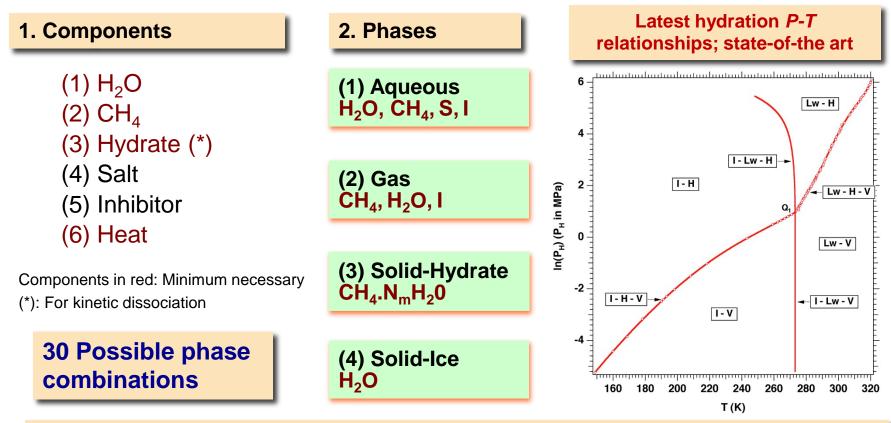
Continuing studies on the characterization and analysis of recoverable resources from gas hydrate deposits. FY 18-19:

- Task 1: Project Management and Planning
- Task 2: Code Maintenance, Updates, and Support
 - Publications
- Task 3: Support of DOE's Field Activities and Collaborations
 - Publications
 - Code Comparison Study
 - Alaska Field Test

Task 4: Exploration of High-Efficiency Modeling Methods for Hydrate Reservoir Simulation

- Novel ML Methods for Hydrate EOS
- **Task 5: Tech Transfer and Reporting**
 - Publications and Presentations

TOUGH+HYDRATE Codes

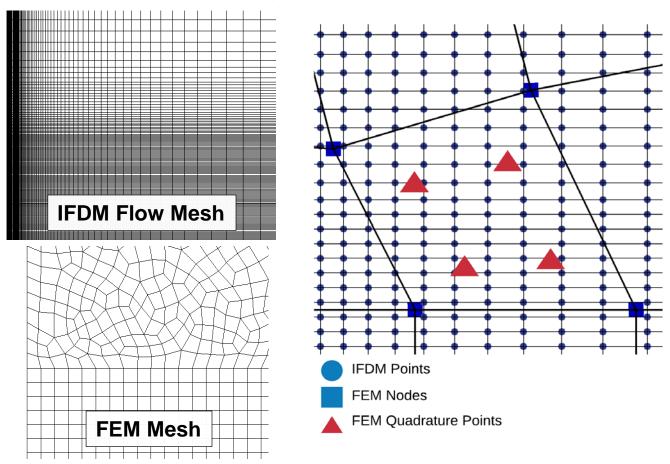


T+H is a fully compositional simulator capable of handling (a) equilibrium or kinetic dissociation, and (b) all possible dissociation mechanisms (depressurization, thermal stimulation, inhibitor effects, combinations)





New "Millstone" Coupled Geomechanical Simulator

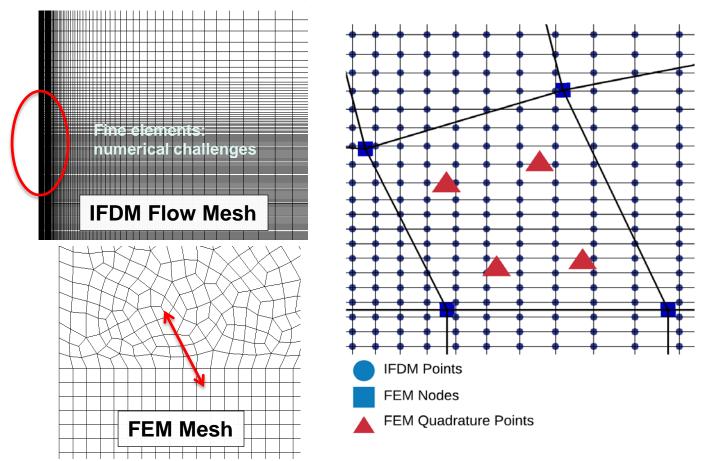


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• New coupled T-H-M codebase published in April 2019:

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Support of International Collaborations

- Multiple international collaborations/field studies resulted in new publications in FY19:
- Moridis, G.J., Reagan, M.T., Queiruga, A.F., Collett, T.S., Boswell, R., Evaluation of the Performance of the Oceanic Hydrate Accumulation at the NGHP-02-9 Site of the Krishna-Godavari Basin During a Production Test and Under Full Production, *J. Marine and Petroleum Geology*, in press, doi: 10.1016/j.marpetgeo.2018.12.001.
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International effort to compare coupled flow-thermal-geomechanical simulators used for the simulation of gas hydrate production

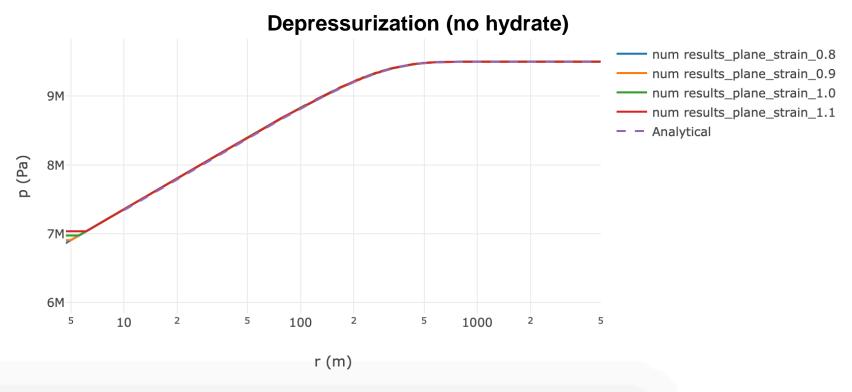
- 5 shared test problems ranging from 1D flow simulations to 3D T-H-M production cases
- LBNL problem lead for Problem #3 (radially symmetric flow and geomechanics, compared to analytical solution)
- LBNL tested flow-geomechanics against an analytical solution
- LBNL also tested mesh convergence for standard Darcy-based hydrate simulation methods
 - How do we design our meshes?
 - Are we using the correct discretization?





Results: Coupled flow-geomechanics gives close match to analytical solution (Rudnicki, 1986).

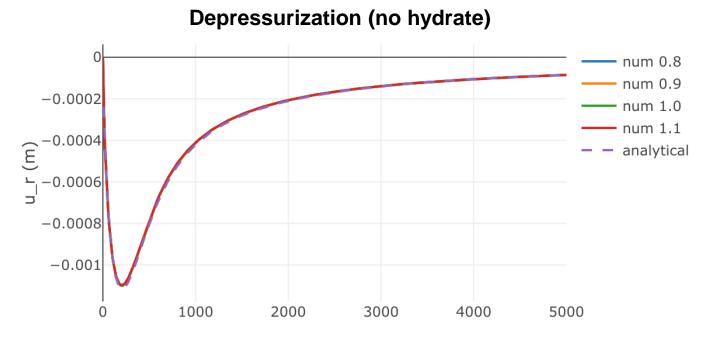
$$P = \frac{Q_S/h}{4\pi k/\eta} E_1(\xi(r,t)) \quad u_r = \frac{(Q_S/h)\alpha f(\xi(r,t))r}{8\pi (k/\eta)(K_d + 4G/3)}$$







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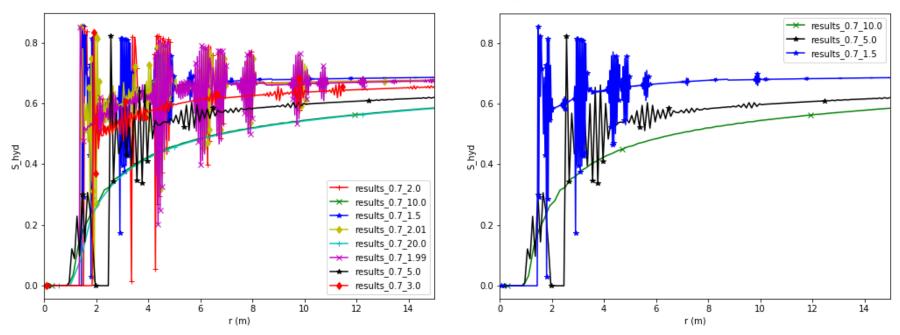
- First known convergence and validation study for T+H+M+Hydrates
- TOUGH+HYDRATE/Millstone validation work to be published in FY20





Results: Current "fine" meshes converge

- Lensing behavior appears as discretization becomes finer
- Net production response not as sensitive to mesh (1D)



Depressurization w/hydrate





Alaska Field Test

- Simulation studies delayed pending receipt of data/geological models
- Preliminary data received in July 2019
- Geological model and meshes in active development

				SINGLE CASE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION			ALTERNATIVE PERM CASES					
			sum of all components = 1					CASE A (core)		CASE B (NMR log)		
		Porosity model	Sh	BOU	UND	FREE	NOT	VATER	Keff	Kintrinsic	Keff	Kintrinsic
MD	TVDss	PhT	Hydrate saturation within PhiT	Clay Bound	Cap Bound	Free	Hydrate volume	Matrix volume	Add cutoff: Ki min (=0.001) set	Add cutoff: Kamin constrain		Lower of T
		(2.69-Rho_c) .(2.69-1)	DMR method in reservoirs. Set to Zero elsewhere	câms	3ms-10ms	>10ms + "False hydrate"	PhiT*Sh	1- (CBW+BF W+FFW+V mh)	= Kintrinsic where Sh=0 Final KI	(=0.001) Final Ka		and KC methods
ft.		13/13	13/13	f3133	13/13	13/13	13/13	13/13	mD	mD	mD	mD
2537	2334.8	0.356	0.000	0.009	0.063	0.284	0.000	0.644	909.449	909.449	1036.456	1036.4
2537.5	2335.27	0.352	0.000	0.010	0.005	0.277	0.000	0.648	854,680	864,680	989.611	589.6
2538	2335.74	0.335	0.000	0.025	0.054	0.258	0.000	0.665	528.751	528.751	657,405	667.4
2538.5	2336.21	0.318	0.000	0.014	0.073	0.231	0.000	0.682	531.903	531.903	465.930	465.9
2539	2336.68	0.324	0.000	0.009	0.080	0.235	0.000	0.676	633.482	633.482	540.073	540.0
2539.5	2337.15	0.332	0.000	0.022	0.070	0.240	0.000	0.668	540.354	540.354	412.496	412.4
2540	2337.61	0.335	0.000	0.022	0.081	0.232	0.000	0.665	565.607	565.607	321.476	321.4
2540.5	2338.08	0.324	0.000	0.013	0.080	0.231	0.000	0.676	577.853	577.853	338.095	338.0
2541	2338.55	0.307	0.000	0.018	0.067	0.223	0.000	0.693	431.886	431.886	339.378	339.3
2541.5	2339.02	0.294	0.000	0.029	0.054	0.211	0.000	0.706	291.769	291.769	409.285	409.2
2542	2330.49	0.299	0.000	0.017	0.055	0.228	0.000	0.701	400.226	400.226	481.417	481.4
2542.5	2339.95	0.320	0.000	0.019	0.051	0.249	0.000	0.680	493.663	493.663	646.162	646.1
2543	2340.42	0.339	0.000	0.034	0.045	0.260	0.000	0.661	451,216	461.216	717.364	717.3
2543.5	2340.89	0.339	0.000	0.033	0.049	0.257	0.000	0.661	455.052	465.052	653.042	653.0
2544	2341.36	0.337	0.000	0.020	0.054	0,263	0.000	0.663	600.017	600.017	795.115	795.1
2544.5	2341.83	0.334	0.000	0.017	0.054	0.263	0.000	0.666	605.026	605.026	774,775	774.7
2545	2312.3	0.344	0.000	0.001	0.058	0.284	0.000	0.656	919.403	919.403	938.002	938.0
2545.5	2342.76	0.349	0.000	0.000	0.058	0.291	0.000	0.651	1001.195	1001.196	1006.569	1006.5
2546	2343.23	0.353	0.000	0.001	0.064	0.283	0.000	0.647	1037.188	1037.188	1044.631	1044.6
2546.5	2343.7	0.356	0.000	0.002	0.075	0.279	0.000	0.644	1050.342	1050.342	1045.342	1045.3
2547	2344.17	0.345	0.000	0.004	0.084	0.257	0.000	0.665	895.531	895.531	629.653	629.6
2547.5	2344.64	0.339	0.000	0.012	0.077	0.251	0.000	0.661	719.507	719.507	563.898	563.8
2548	2345.1	0.322	0.000	0.010	0.083	0.229	0.000	0.678	605.244	605.244	486.025	485.0
25/8.5	2345.57	0.323	0.000	0.009	0.073	0.241	0.000	0.677	620.966	620.966	611.213	611.2
2549	2346.04	0.325	0.000	0.006	0.066	0.253	0.000	0.675	674,750	674,750	694.792	694.7
2549.5	2346.51	0.325	0.000	0.005	0.060	0.260	0.000	0.675	687.323	687.323	736.016	736.0
2550	2346.98	0.316	0.000	0.005	0.068	0.242	0.000	0.664	609.498	609.498	642.261	642.2
2550.5	2347.45	0.325	0.000	0.011	0.056	0.257	0.000	0.675	610.687	610.687	714.664	714.6
2551	2347.91	0.325	0.000	0.015	0.055	0.255	0.000	0.675	568.641	568.641	699.050	699.0
2551.5	2348.38	0.326	0.000	0.007	0.057	0.262	0.000	0.674	668.879	668.879	737.736	737.7
2552	2348.85	0.320	0.000	0.005	0.060	0.255	0.000	0.680	642.156	642.156	691.312	691.3
2552.5	2349.32	0.317	0.000	0.002	0.051	0.265	0.000	0.683	654.669	664,669	679.747	679.7
2553	2349.79	0.321	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.264	0.000	0.679	711.893		714,786	714.7
2553.5	2350.26	0.328	0.000	0.001	0.078	0.249	0.000	0.672	769.530		571.267	571.2
2554	2350.72	0.327	0.000	0.006	0.096	0.225	0.000	0.673	690.546	690.546	277.662	277.6
2554.5	2351.19	0.314	0.000	0.012	0.096	0.205	0.000	0.686	529.157	529.157	169.168	169.1
2555	2351.00	0.301	0.000	0.019	0.105	0.178	0.000	0.699	395.188	395.188	85.435	85.4
2555.5	2352.13	0.285	0.000	0.024	0.105	0.158	0.000	0.715	236.081	286.081	59.201	59.2
2556	2352.6	0.281	0.000	0.021	0.104	0.156	0.000	0.719	290.011	290.011	83.135	83.1
2556.5	2353.07	0.277	0.000	0.015	0.110	0.153	0.000	0.723	310.133	310.133	89.781	89.7

MD	TVD	Porosity	Sh	Sw-irr	Sw-bound	Sw-free	K eff KC	K int KC
ft	ft	model %	model	model	model	model	md	md
	0	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	50	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	100	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	150	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	200	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	250	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	300	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	350	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	400	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	450	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	500	38%	0%	8%	50%	42%	1000	1000
	550	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
	600	38%	0%	8%	70%	22%	800	800
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	650	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
	675	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
	700	38%	0%	8%	70%	22%	800	800
	725	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
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	775	38%	0%	8%	70%	22%	800	800
	800	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
	825	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
	850	38%	0%	8%	70%	22%	800	800
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	1200	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
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	1275	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
	1300	27%	0%	48%	48%	4%	15	15
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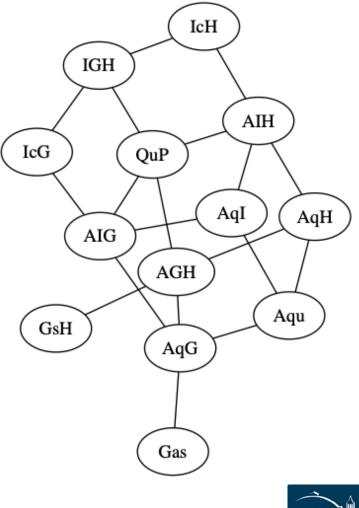
Novel ML Methods for Hydrate Reservoir Simulation

(Broad) Challenge:

- Multiphase, multicomponent, reactive equations of state are complex to derive, program, and numerically solve.
- Extending with new physics or tweaking numerical algorithms seems intractable
- A common bottleneck in hydrate simulations is switching back and forth between states

Goal: Improve computational efficiency and simplify development using machine learning methods.

13 phase combinations for "just" methane hydrates:

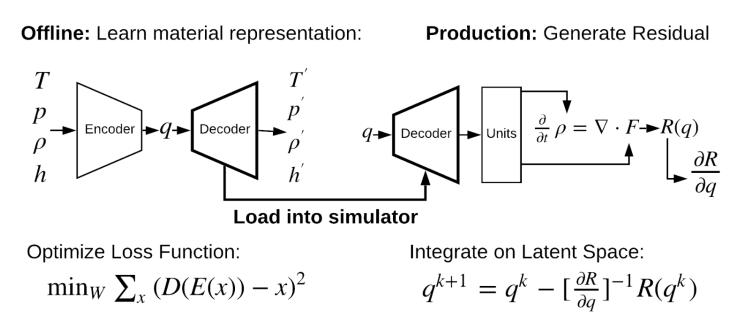




Differentiable Programming through Deep Learning

New Approach: Use **autoencoder** dimensionality reduction to search for new "primary variables" and representations

• Replace primary variables and states with an ML "database" (q)

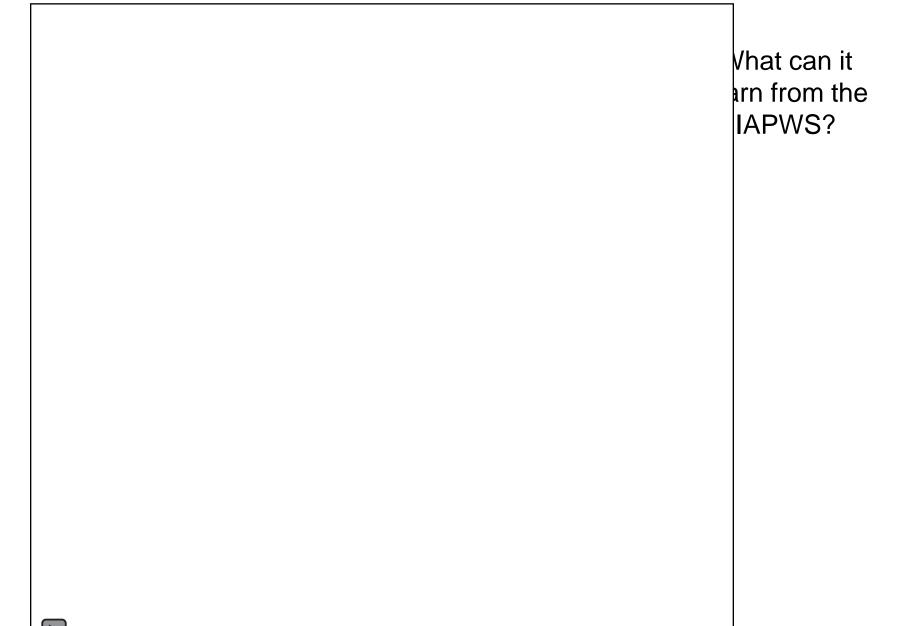


- Not just doing neural networks; superset of "Deep Learning"
- Carefully crafted architectures informed by thermodynamics



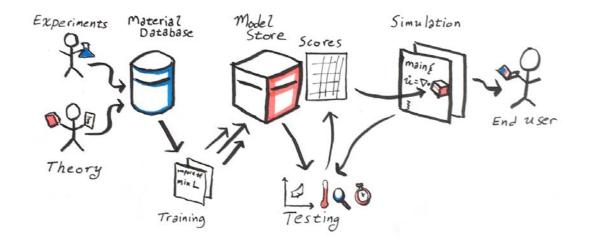


Unsupervised Classification



Novel ML Methods for Hydrate Reservoir Simulation

- Differentiable simulator allows improved and real-time history matching (i.e. field tests)
- Going for the future of software engineering by replacing
 - 100k lines of Fortran, fits hand-typed into routines, with:
 - Combination of Python and compiled ML models that learn new representations of the physics
- Replace painstaking programming of logic with program synthesis and optimization
- Next: implementing in reservoir simulator







Tech Transfer and Reporting

• Five publications

- 1. Moridis, G.J., Reagan, M.T., Queiruga, A.F., "Simulation of Gas Production from Multilayered Hydrate-Bearing Media with Fully Coupled Flow, Thermal, Chemical and Geomechanical Processes Using TOUGH+Millstone, Part I: The Hydrate Simulator," *Transport in Porous Media*, **128**, 405-430, **doi: 10.1007/s11242-019-01254-6**.
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Tech Transfer and Reporting

• Four presentations (two invited):

- 1. Reagan, M., "Numerical Studies for the Characterization of Recoverable Resources from Methane Hydrate Deposits," Mastering the Subsurface, Carbon Storage and Oil and Natural Gas Conference, Pittsburgh, PA 13-16 August 2018.
- 2. Reagan, M., "Numerical Studies for the Characterization of Recoverable Resources from Methane Hydrate Deposits," Project Wrapup Meeting. 28 September 2018.
- 3. Queiruga, A., **(invited)** "Machine Determination of Better Representations of Multiphase Equation of States for Subsurface Flow Simulation" at Machine Learning in Solid Earth Geosciences, Santa Fe, NM, 18-22 March 2019.
- 4. Queiruga, A., **(invited)** "Fully Coupled Multimesh Algorithms for Nonisothermal Multiphase Flow and Mechanics in Geological Formations," SIAM Conference on Mathematical & Computational Issues in Geosciences, Houston, Texas, March 2019.





Technical Status

Milestone Title	Milestone Description	Planned Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Status / Results
PMP	Maintenance and update of the Project Management Plan	August 30, 2018	Included with SOPO 7/25/18	Submitted
Deliverable	Updated versions serial and parallel versions of the T+H/Millstone code	May 30, 2019	April, 2019	Three-paper series describing software published in TiPM.
Deliverable	Report describing the design and performance of the proposed field test.	August 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	Simulations of the field test delayed pending disclosure of data.
Deliverable	Completion participation in the code comparison study; contributions to reports and publications	August 31, 2019	Ongoing	Problem #3 writeup drafted
Deliverable	An assessment of the feasibility, effectiveness and robustness of ROMs	August 31, 2019		

Paths Forward

Task 1: Project Management and Planning (\$1K) Task 2: Code Maintenance, Updates, and Support (\$15K)

Task 3: Support of DOE's Field Activities and Collaborations (\$29K)

- IGHCCS2 Completion and Publication
- Support for US-Korea collaboration
- Support for US-India collaboration

Task 4: Design support for a DOE field test on the Alaska North Slope (\$350K)

- First data received in July 2019
- Beginning with creation of geological model/meshing
- Results in September 2019

Task 5: Tech Transfer and Reporting (\$5K)

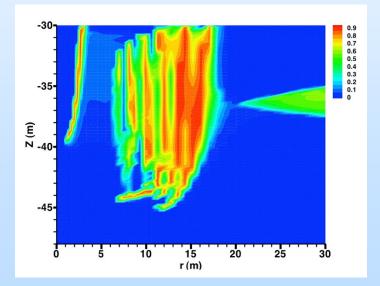
Accomplishments to Date

TOUGH+HYDRATE and pTOUGH+HYDRATE are used:

- by **40+** research organizations in 18 countries
- by 8 international oil and gas companies

LBNL and/or T+H have been involved in the planning and design of *nearly* every international field test or proposed field test:

- Mallik (DOE/Japan)
- PBU-L106 (DOE)
- "Mt. Elbert" Unit-D (DOE)
- Ignik Sikumi (DOE/ConocoPhillips)
- AC818/"Tigershark" (DOE/Chevron)
- Ulleung Basin (DOE/KIGAM)
- India NGHP-02 (DOE/India)
- Shenhu (China) (T+H code)



Accomplishments to Date

Other activities:

- Nearly 20 years of experience in laboratory and simulation work
- Over 110 publications (50+ peer-reviewed, 60 reports and conference papers)
- Over 70+ national and international presentations (many invited)
- 10 keynote presentations
- Invited presentations at the 2010, 2012, 2018 Gordon Research Conferences (2018 Keynote)
- Feature articles in Journal of Petroleum Technology, Oil and Gas Reporter, Nature Reports Climate Change
- Regular training courses (national and international)
- 2 MSc and 3 PhD students

Lessons Learned

Recently understood:

- Our hunches concerning meshing have been good
- Basic flow-geomechanic problem validates

Long-term experience tells us:

- Complex hydrate systems are challenging to simulate!
 - Sharp fronts \rightarrow small timesteps
 - Consumption of CPU-hours: 10⁶++
- Practical production targets must have good boundaries
- Simulations constrained by data limitations
 - Are we capturing enough heterogeneity?
 - Are the meshes fine enough? (CCS)
- Geomechanical response critical to evaluating potential

Synergy Opportunities

- The 2nd Code Comparison Study is identifying the most critical issues related to simulator design and simulation techniques
- **Comparisons of results** obtained using the various approaches builds confidence in the results and the program
- The large scale of hydrate development requires international collaboration
- LBNL and/or T+H have been involved in the planning and design of nearly every international field test or proposed field test

Appendix

Benefit to the Program

The objectives of the overall Program are to:

- Identify and accelerate development of economically-viable technologies to more effectively locate, characterize, and produce natural gas and oil resources, in an environmentally acceptable manner
- Characterize emerging oil and natural gas accumulations at the resource and reservoir level and publish this information in a manner that supports effective development
- Catalyze the development and demonstration of new technologies and methodologies for limiting the environmental impacts of unconventional oil and natural gas development activities

Benefit to the Program

Benefits to the program include:

- Developing the necessary knowledge base and quantitative predictive capability for the description of the most important processes and phenomena associated with gas production from hydrate deposits
- Developing the fastest and most advanced numerical simulation capabilities for the solution of the difficult problems of stability, characterization, and gas recovery from methane hydrate deposits
- Involvement in the planning and design of nearly every US and international field test of hydrate technologies

Project Overview

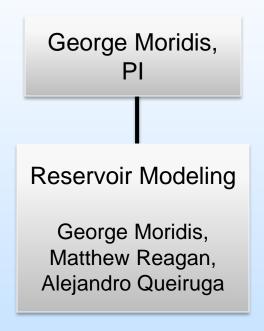
Goals and Objectives

The overall objective of this effort is to further enhance earlierdeveloped powerful numerical simulators, and

- Use them to perform studies on the characterization and analysis of recoverable resources from gas hydrate deposits,
- Evaluate of appropriate production strategies for both permafrost and marine environments,
- Analyze the geomechanical behavior of hydrate-bearing sediments,
- Provide support for DOE's hydrate-related activities and collaborative projects

The research will support the hydrate scientific community by making available the fastest and most advanced numerical simulation capabilities for the solution of the difficult problems of stability, characterization, and gas recovery from methane hydrate deposits.

Organization Chart



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