



Thermal Simulation

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Energy Conservation Equation

- In a control volume, the accumulation rate of energy equals the external source rate of energy minus the transport (outflow by convection and diffusion) rate of energy through the neighboring control surfaces

- $$\frac{\partial(\rho C_\psi)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (C_\psi \rho u) = \nabla \cdot (D \nabla C_\psi) + S_\psi$$

- If ψ is energy (e),

- ✓
$$\frac{\partial(\rho e_{\text{formation}})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (e_{\text{flowing fluid}} \rho v) = \nabla \cdot (K \nabla T) + S_e$$

- ✓ T is the temperature

- Conduction is driven by temperature difference
 - The temperature of the rock and the fluid at a grid cell is assumed to be same

- ✓
$$\rho e_{\text{formation}} = (1 - \phi) \rho_{\text{rock}} \text{SHC}_{\text{rock}} T + \phi u_{\text{fluid}} = (1 - \phi) \rho_{\text{rock}} C_{\text{rock}} T + \phi \sum_{\beta} S_{\beta} \rho_{\beta} u_{\beta}$$

- u_{β} is the specific internal energy in phase β
 - SHC_{rock} is the specific heat (비열) of the rock

- ✓
$$\nabla \cdot (e_{\text{flowing fluid}} \rho v) = \nabla \cdot \sum_{\beta} h_{\beta} \rho_{\beta} v_{\beta}$$

- h is the specific enthalpy

- $$v = -\frac{k_a k_{r,\beta}}{\mu_{\beta}} \nabla (P_{\beta} + \rho_{\beta} g \Delta z)$$

- ✓ K is the thermal conductivity of the formation

- $$K = (1 - \phi) K_{\text{rock}} + \phi K_{\text{fluid}} = (1 - \phi) K_{\text{rock}} + \phi \sum_{\beta=1,2,3} S_{\beta} K_{\beta}$$

- ✓ The temperature at each grid cell is obtained by solving the energy conservation equation