

A 3D visualization of a geomechanical simulation. It shows a subsurface reservoir with multiple wells (represented by vertical lines) and several pie charts at different depths, likely representing stress or strain distributions. The background is a color-coded map of the reservoir's mechanical properties. The entire scene is framed by large white brackets on the left and right sides.

Geomechanical Simulation

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Thermo-Poro-Elastic System

- The rock is
 - ✓ Heated
 - ✓ Porous
 - ✓ Elastic
 - ✓ What's gonna happen?

Rock is Heated

- The rock
 - ✓ Wants to expand
 - ✓ But it is confined
 - ✓ The rock gets a thermal stress
- How much is the rock thermally stressed?
 - ✓ β is the linear thermal expansion coefficient
 - ✓ The volumetric expansion coefficient is 3β
 - ✓ Volumetric strain = $3\beta(T - T_{ref})$
 - ✓ Thermal stress = $3\beta K(T - T_{ref})$

Rock is Porous

- The rock
 - ✓ Has fluid in the porous space
 - ✓ And the fluid defies external stresses
- How much is the rock effectively stressed?
 - ✓ Total (external) stress – Biot's coefficient * Pore pressure
 - ✓ $\sigma' = \sigma - \alpha P$

Rock is Elastic

- The rock deforms elastically
- What is the relation between stresses and elastic strains?

$$\checkmark \sigma_{xx} = 2G\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$$

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Thermo-Poro-Elastic System

- How much stressed is the rock effectively when the rock is heated, porous, and elastic?
 - ✓ $\sigma' = \sigma - \alpha P + 3\beta K(T - T_{ref})$
 - ✓ Effective stress = Total stress – Pore pressure + Thermal stress
- What is the relation between effective stress and elastic strain when the rock is heated, porous, and elastic?
 - ✓ $\sigma_{xx} - \alpha P + 3\beta K(T - T_{ref}) = 2G\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$
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Mean Normal Stress and Volumetric Strain

$$1) \quad \sigma_{xx} - \alpha P + 3\beta K(T - T_{ref}) = 2G\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$$

$$2) \quad \sigma_{yy} - \alpha P + 3\beta K(T - T_{ref}) = 2G\varepsilon_{yy} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$$

$$3) \quad \sigma_{zz} - \alpha P + 3\beta K(T - T_{ref}) = 2G\varepsilon_{zz} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$$

$$4) \quad \sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz}}{3}$$

5) Substitute 4) into 1) + 2) + 3)

$$6) \quad \sigma_m - \alpha P + 3\beta K(T - T_{ref}) = \left(\lambda + \frac{2}{3}G\right)(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$$

$$7) \quad \sigma_m = \alpha P - 3\beta K(T - T_{ref}) + \left(\lambda + \frac{2}{3}G\right)(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$$

$$8) \quad \varepsilon_v = \varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\sigma_m - \alpha P + 3\beta K(T - T_{ref})}{\lambda + \frac{2}{3}G}$$

$$9) \quad \sigma_m = \varepsilon_v\left(\lambda + \frac{2}{3}G\right) + \alpha P - 3\beta K(T - T_{ref})$$

$$10) \quad \Delta\sigma_m = \Delta\varepsilon_v\left(\lambda + \frac{2}{3}G\right) + \alpha\Delta P - 3\beta K\Delta T$$

Force Equilibrium Equation

$$\bullet \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zx}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_x = 0$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zy}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_y = 0$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_z = 0$$

Substitution the Constitutive Relation into the Force Equilibrium Equation

- $\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zx}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_x = 0$
- $\frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zy}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_y = 0$
- $\frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_z = 0$
- $\sigma_{xx} = \alpha P - 3\beta K(T - T_{ref}) + 2G\varepsilon_{xx} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})$
- $\sigma_{yx} = 2G\varepsilon_{yx}$
- $\sigma_{zx} = 2G\varepsilon_{zx}$
- $\alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{xx}}{\partial x} + \lambda \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})}{\partial x} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{yx}}{\partial y} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{zx}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_x = 0$
- $\alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{yy}}{\partial y} + \lambda \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})}{\partial y} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{xy}}{\partial x} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{zy}}{\partial z} + \rho_b B_y = 0$
- $\alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{zz}}{\partial z} + \lambda \frac{\partial(\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy} + \varepsilon_{zz})}{\partial z} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{yz}}{\partial y} + 2G \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{xz}}{\partial x} + \rho_b B_z = 0$

Relation between Strain and Displacement

$$\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & \epsilon_{xy} & \epsilon_{xz} \\ \epsilon_{yx} & \epsilon_{yy} & \epsilon_{yz} \\ \epsilon_{zx} & \epsilon_{zy} & \epsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right) & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) & \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right) & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right) & \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

↖ $\epsilon_{xy} = \epsilon_{yx}$

$$\nabla u = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} [u_x \quad u_y \quad u_z] = \begin{bmatrix} \partial u_x / \partial x & \partial u_y / \partial x & \partial u_z / \partial x \\ \partial u_x / \partial y & \partial u_y / \partial y & \partial u_z / \partial y \\ \partial u_x / \partial z & \partial u_y / \partial z & \partial u_z / \partial z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla u + \nabla u^T]$$

Strains can be expressed using displacements

Substitution Relation between Strain and Displacement (1)

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (2G + \lambda) \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} \right) + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right) + \rho_b B_x &= 0 \\ \alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + (2G + \lambda) \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial y} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y \partial z} + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial y} \right) + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y \partial z} \right) + \rho_b B_y &= 0 \\ \alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + (2G + \lambda) \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z \partial y} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial z} + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial z} \right) + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y \partial z} \right) + \rho_b B_z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Substitution Relation between Strain and Displacement (2)

$$\alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (G + \lambda) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x \partial z} \right) + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + \rho_b B_x = 0$$


$$\alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + (G + \lambda) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y \partial z} \right) + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z^2} \right) + \rho_b B_y = 0$$

$$\alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - 3\beta K \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + (G + \lambda) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right) + G \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right) + \rho_b B_z = 0$$

$$\alpha \nabla P - 3\beta K \nabla T + (\lambda + G) \nabla(\nabla \cdot \bar{u}) + G \nabla^2 \bar{u} + \rho_b \bar{B} = 0$$

Rock Deformation and Porosity

Mass Balance : During a very short time,
inlet fluid mass = outlet fluid mass
in a very small rock volume

mathematically 
$$\nabla \cdot (\rho V) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi \rho) = \frac{1}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} \frac{\partial (\rho V_{ext})}{\partial t}$$

However, if we consider rock deformation caused by effective stress changes in the rock, then the bulk volume changes.

In the mass balance equation, we assume that the bulk volume(=very small rock volume) is constant, but this is not valid any longer if the rock is deformed.

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