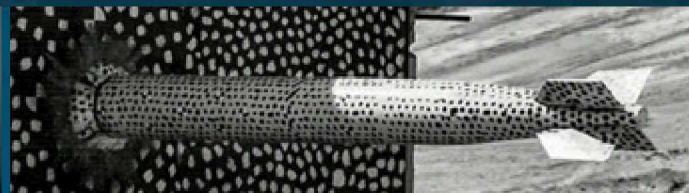
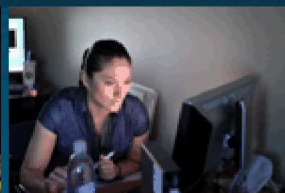


Coupled Machine Learning and Reservoir Simulations to Forecast Marine Sediment Properties



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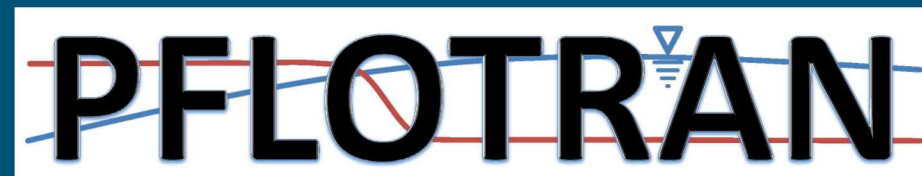
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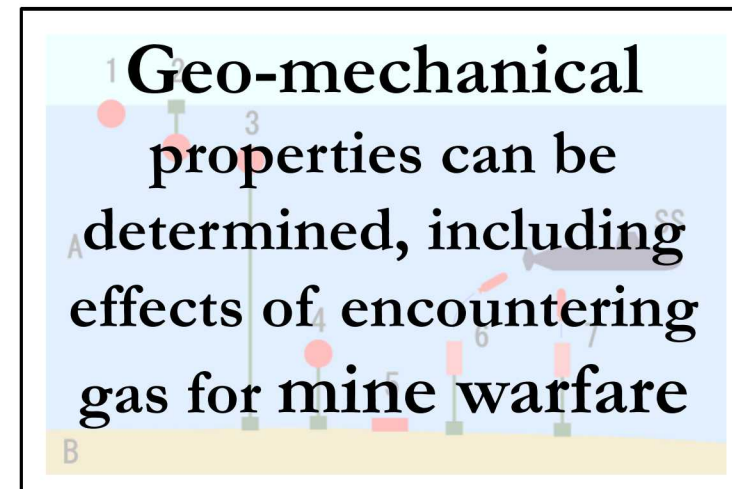
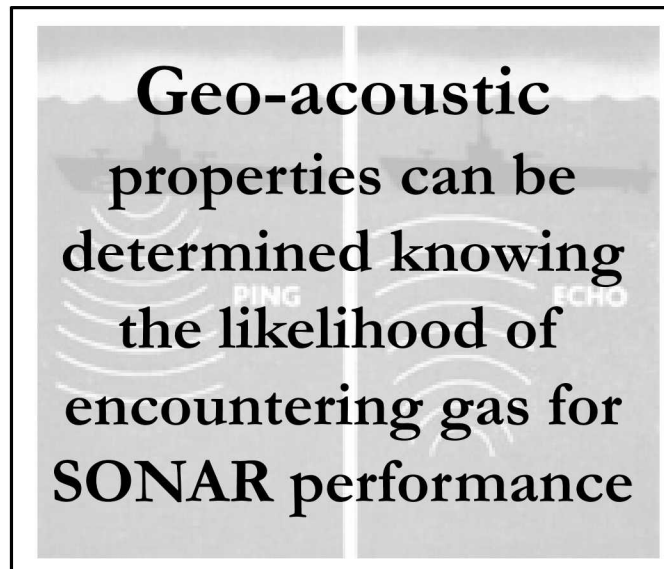
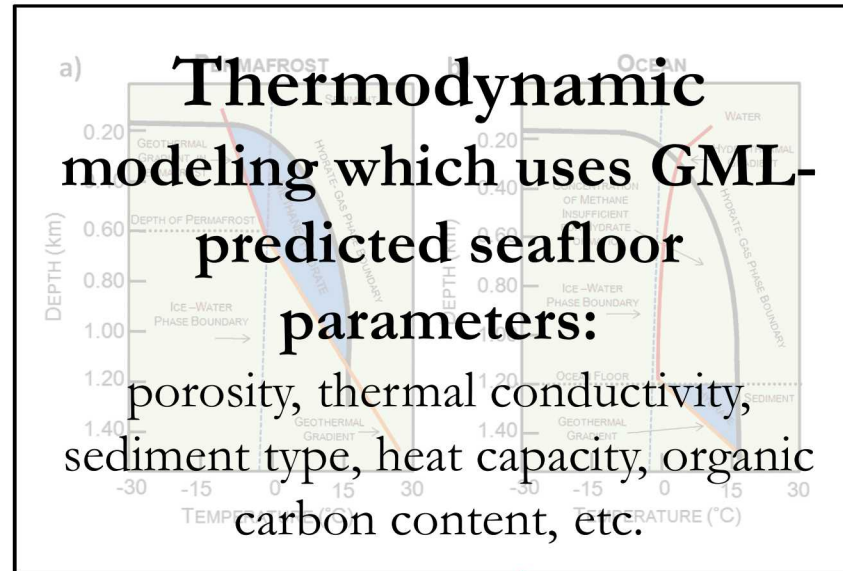
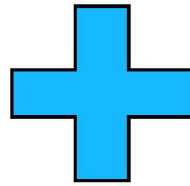
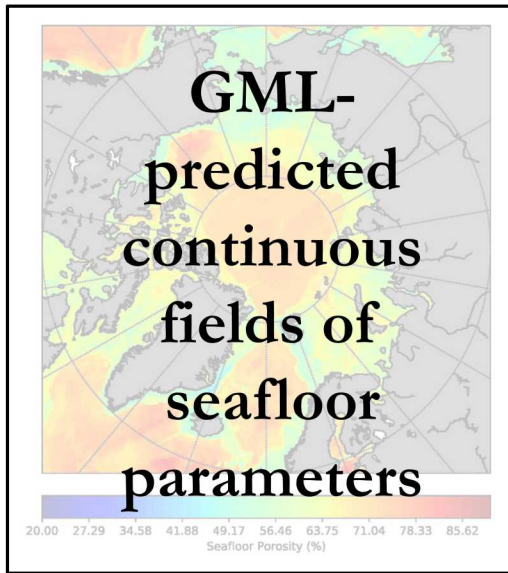
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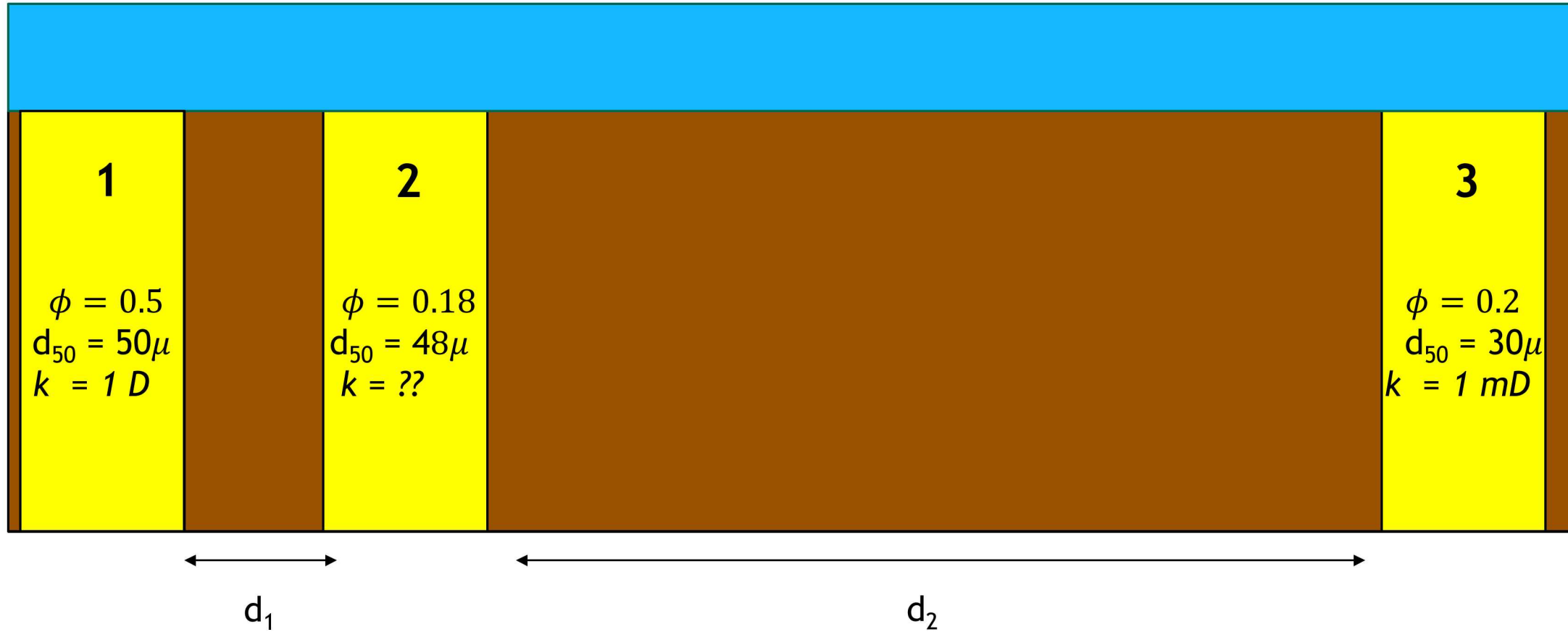
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GPSM





Global Predictive Seafloor Model

- Developed at NRL by Warren Wood and Ben Phrampus

k-Nearest Neighbors Machine Learning

- Uses proximity in parameter space (predictor space) as a proxy for similarity
- Non-parametric (does not make assumptions about underlying probability distribution of observed data)
- Only predicts values from within the range of observed data (linear interpolation)
- Interpretive bias comes in selection of k

Observed Value
• e.g. permeability

Predicted value (predictand)
• e.g. permeability

Geospatial Machine Learning Algorithm

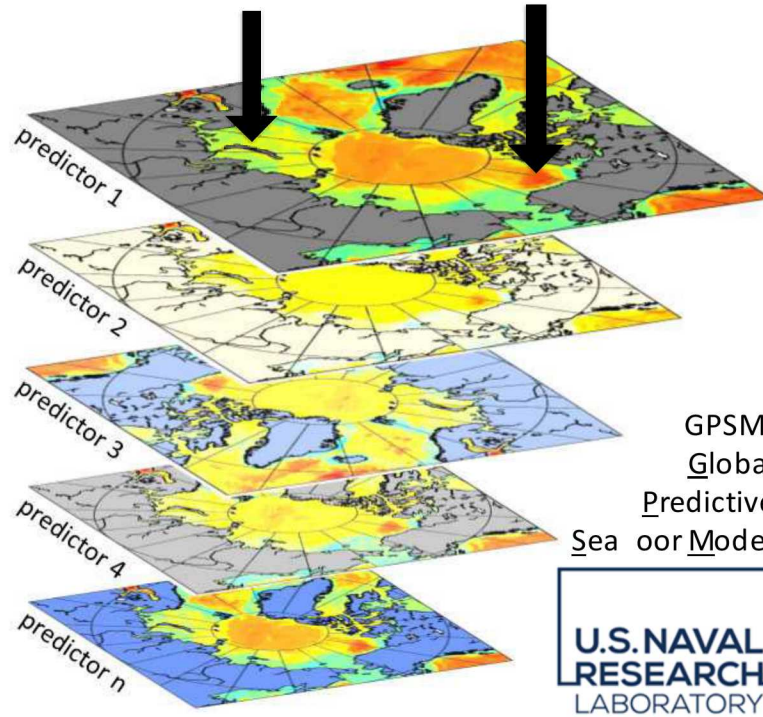
Find Correlations

vector of
observed values

vector of
predictor values

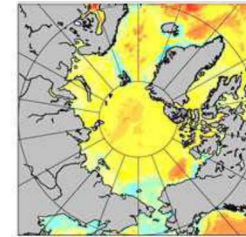
Ex.

1. ϕ
2. α
3. v_{sed}
4. dist.
5. etc.



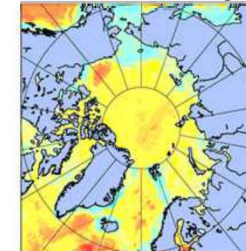
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Forecast



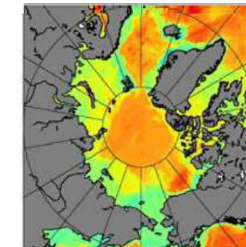
Based on sparse known data, and hundreds of dense calculated predictors, GML produces continuous maps of desired sea floor quantities, such as porosity, sediment type, total organic carbon content, etc.

Uncertainty



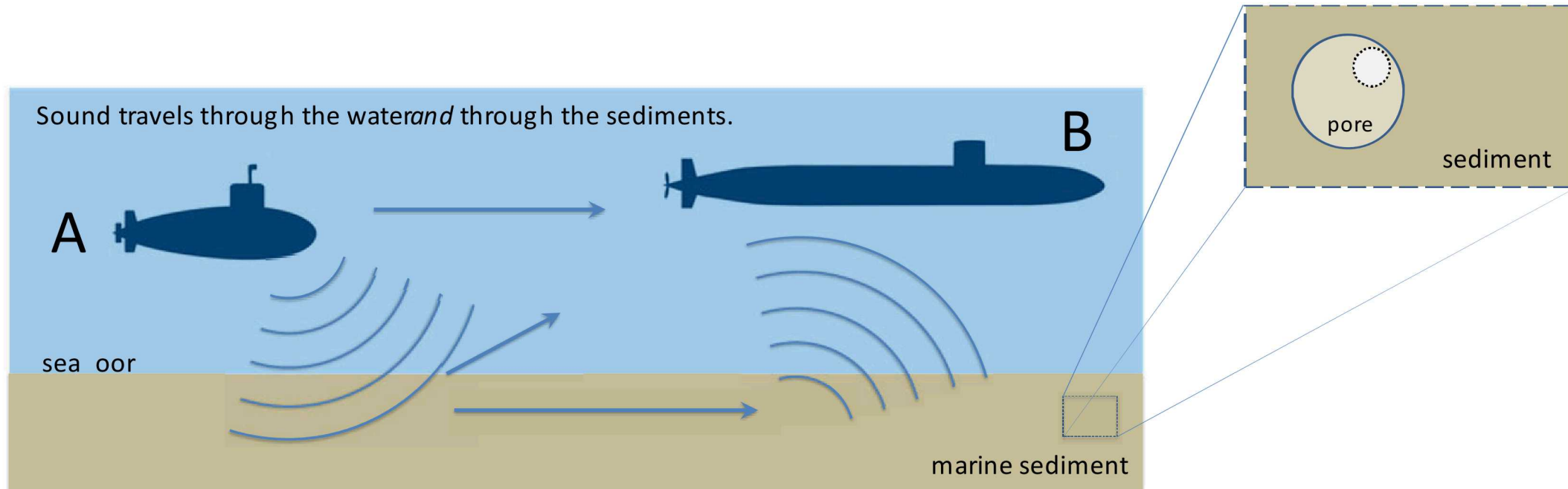
GML produces estimates of sea floor quantities and their uncertainty, which is based on prediction error. A well sampled parameter space will reduce parameter uncertainty.

Guide



Uncertainty results can be used to guide future data acquisition campaigns. Increasing observations where prediction error (uncertainty) is high will benefit predictive skill globally.

What geophysical properties would we want to predict?

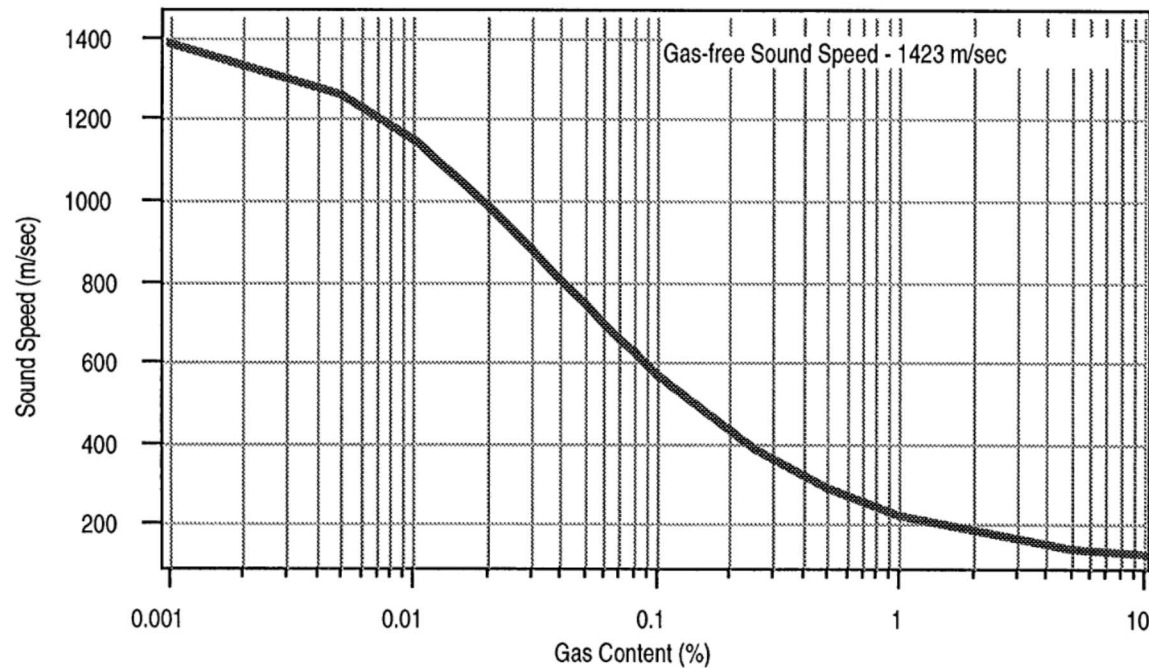


- Gas has a huge effect on the speed of sound in a composite medium

$$V_p = \sqrt{\frac{K + \frac{4}{3}G}{\rho}}$$

$$K_{composite} = f(K_{solid}, K_{fluid}, \phi)$$

$$G_{composite} = f(G_{solid}, \phi)$$



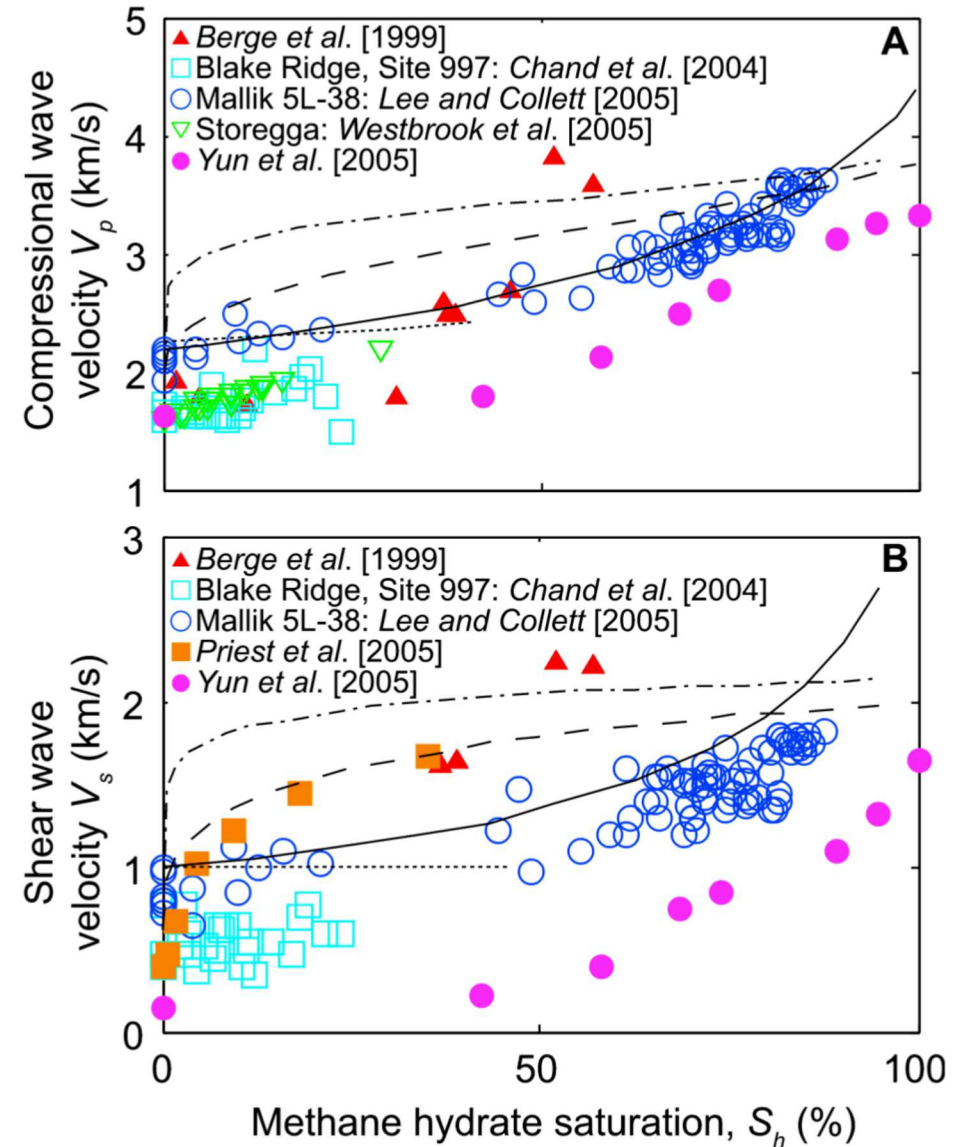
- V_p is a strong function of S_g
- S_g is $f(\phi, \rho_g, k, k_{rg}, T, P, \text{organic carbon content, and on and on and on...})$

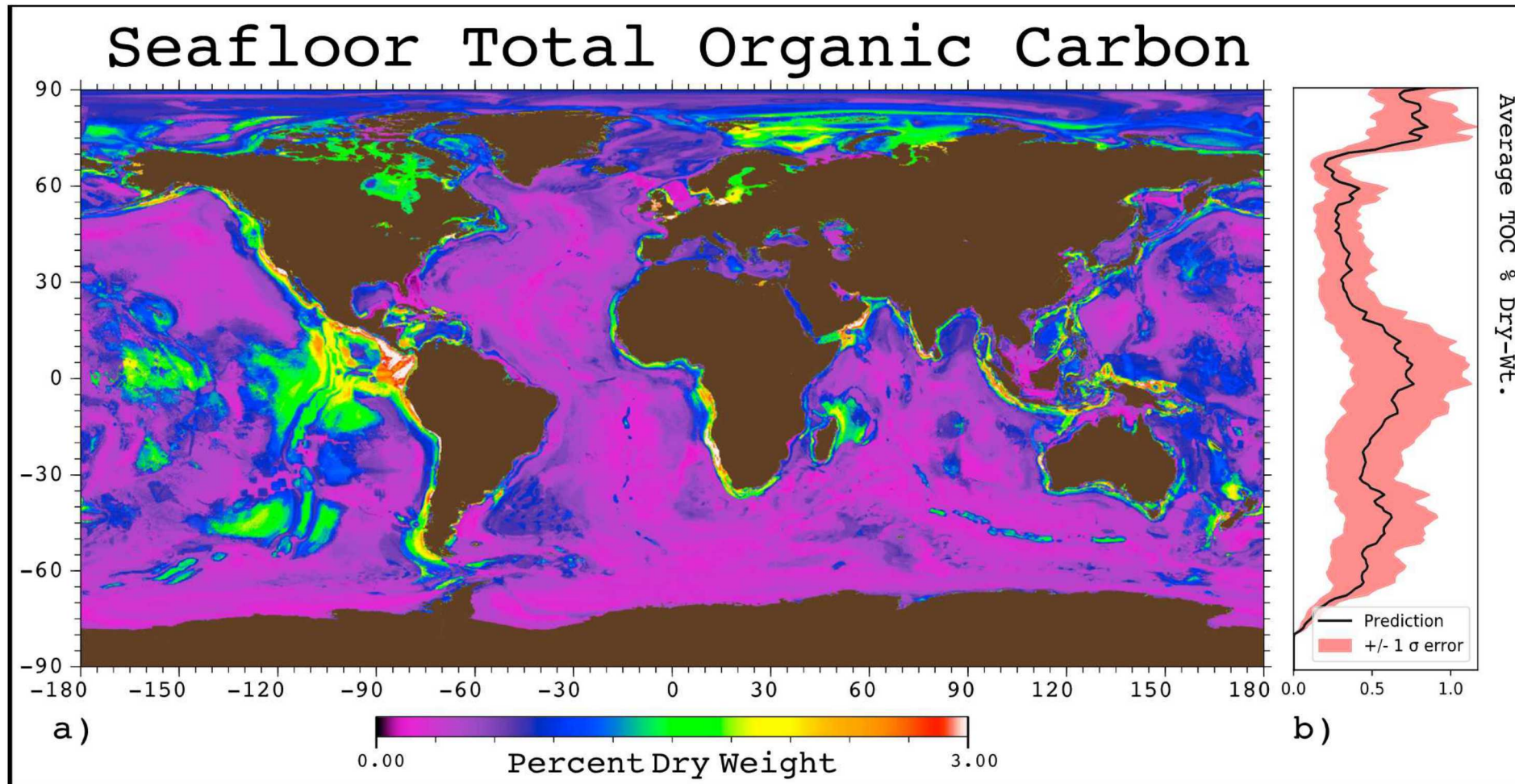
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$$V_s = \sqrt{\frac{G}{\rho}}$$

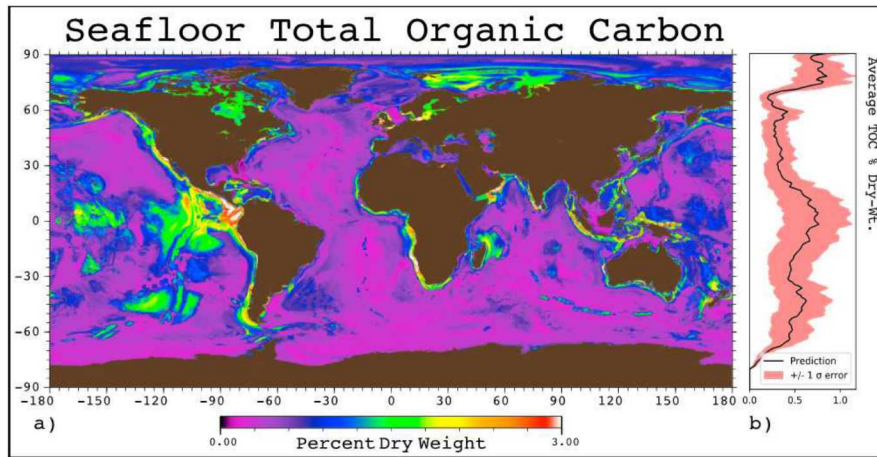
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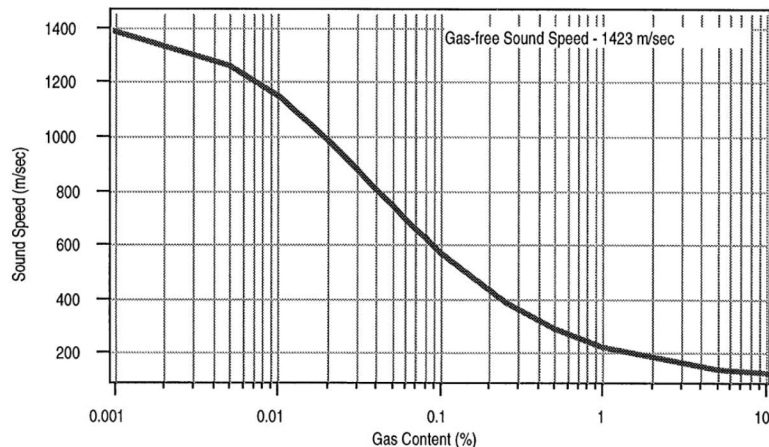




Coupled Machine Learning – Physics Model Approach



- Use machine learning to generate probabilistic maps constrained by physical principles



- Use maps of predictors (including probabilistic maps) as inputs to petrophysical models

$$P_c \approx P_{ce} f(S_w)$$

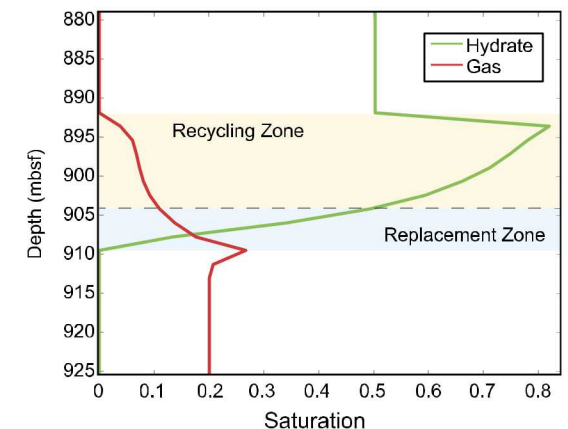
$$k_r = f(S_w, S_g)$$

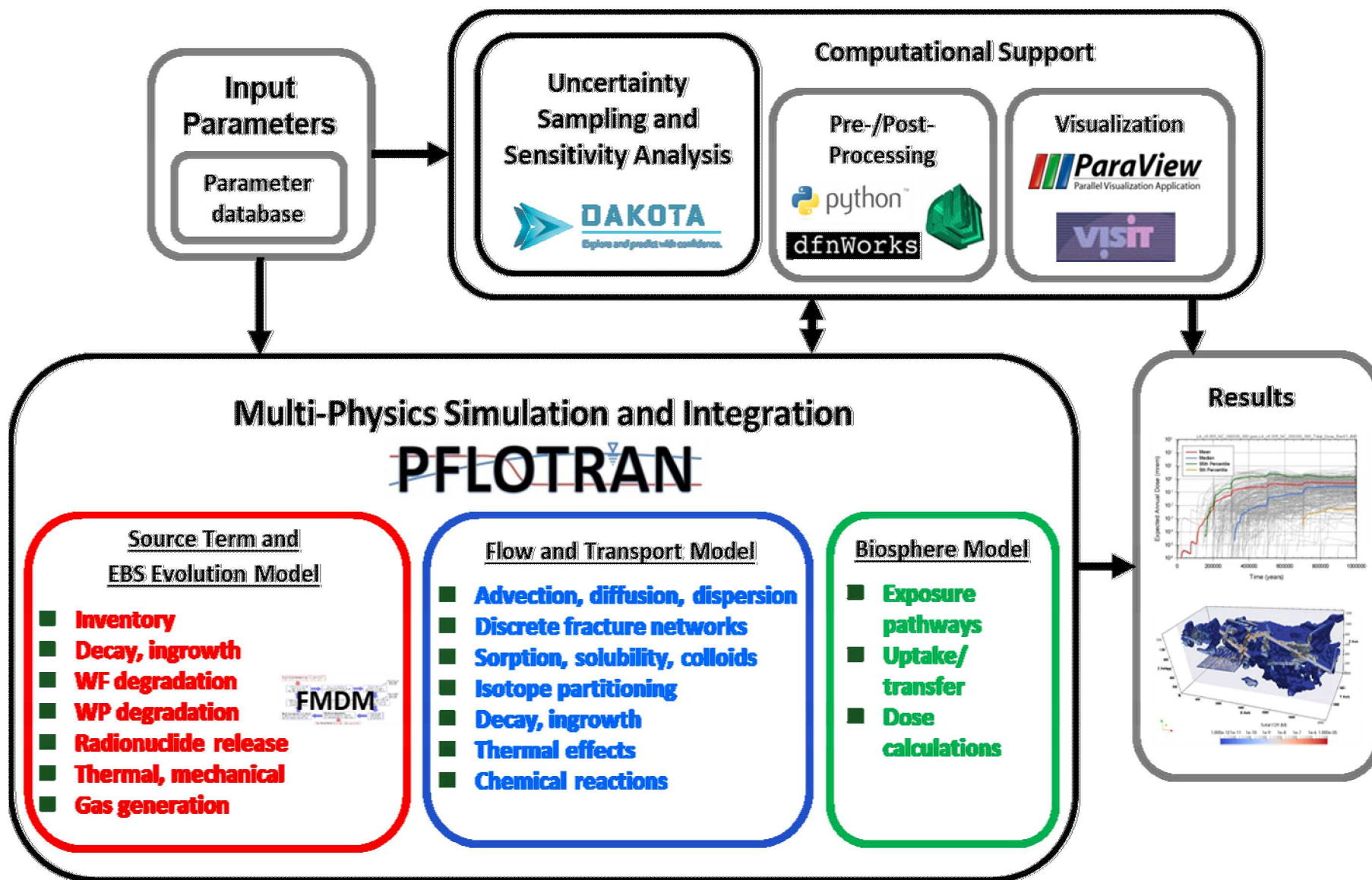
$$q^m(z) = k_\alpha \lambda \alpha$$

- Use petrophysical models to deterministically simulate for unknowns (i.e. S_g , S_h)

- Use maps of unknowns to update geophysical models (i.e. V_p)

Saturation Profiles





PFLOTRAN

Petascale reactive multiphase flow and transport code

Open source license (GNU LGPL 2.0)

Object-oriented Fortran 2003/2008

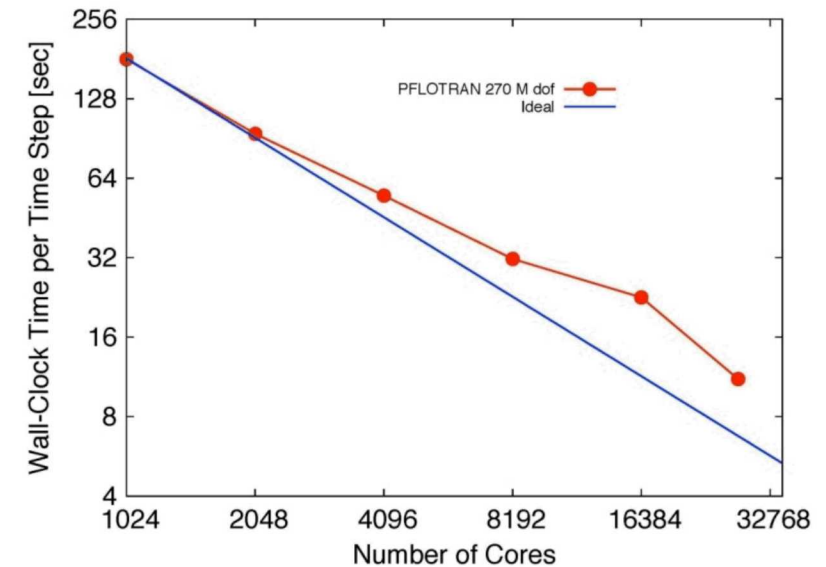
- Pointers to procedures
- Classes (extendable derived types with member procedures)

Founded upon well-known (supported) open source libraries

- MPI, PETSc, HDF5, METIS/ParMETIS/CMAKE

Demonstrated performance

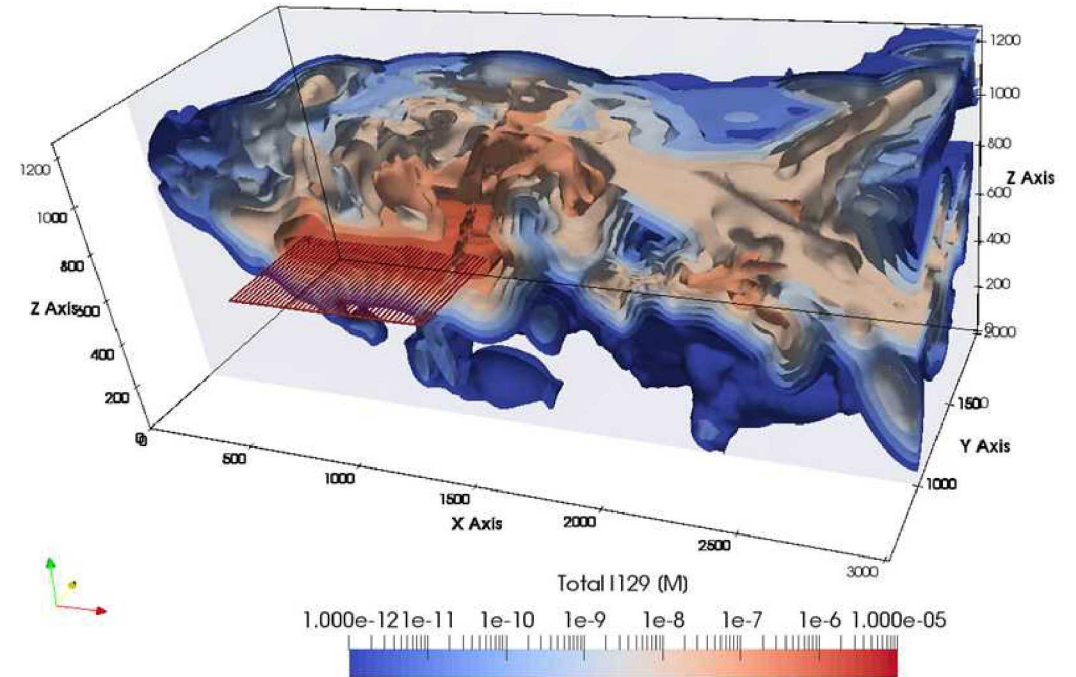
- Maximum # processes: 262,144 (Jaguar supercomputer)
- Maximum problem size: 3.34 billion degrees of freedom
- Scales well to over 10K cores



$$\frac{\partial m_a}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_l X_a^l \mathbf{q}_l + \rho_g X_a^g \mathbf{q}_g + \mathbf{J}_a^l + \mathbf{J}_a^g) + q_a^G,$$

$$\frac{\partial m_w}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_l X_w^l \mathbf{q}_l + \rho_g X_w^g \mathbf{q}_g + \mathbf{J}_w^l + \mathbf{J}_w^g) + q_w^G,$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_l H_l \mathbf{q}_l + \rho_g H_g \mathbf{q}_g - \kappa_{\text{eff}} \nabla T) + q_e^G,$$



Model Domains

- Hydrate reservoir
 - $\phi = 0.4$
 - $k = 10 \text{ mD}; 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$
 - Thickness: 200 m
- Bounding muds
 - $\phi = 0.3$
 - $k = 0.010 \text{ mD}; 1 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m}^2$
 - Thickness: 250 m on top and bottom
- Simulation:
 - Generate methane in situ to form hydrate for 100 kyrs
 - Dissolve + dissociate hydrate for 50 years
 - 1D: Pumping (mass sink)
 - 3D: Heating (heat source)
- 1D
 - Grid: 600 @ 1 m
 - Well
 - 10 m long
 - Pumping $8.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g/s}$ water, $1.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g/s}$ methane
 - **Runtime:** 6 sec
- 3D
 - Grid: 10 x 10 x 302
 - **X:** 10 @ 10m
 - **Y:** 10 @ 10m
 - **Z:** 2 @ 150 m on top and bottom; 300 @ 1 m in reservoir
 - Heat Source
 - 150 m long
 - 12 kW; 0.8 W/m^3
 - **Runtime:**
 - 4 cores
 - ~1 hr (mainly taken up in 3-phase state with buoyant flow)

Gas Hydrate Simulation Capability in PFLOTRAN

Seafloor: ~1.5 kmbsl

$T_{sf} = 5^{\circ}\text{C}$

$G = 19^{\circ}\text{C/km}$

600 m

Mud

Reservoir

methanogenesis

Mud

300 m

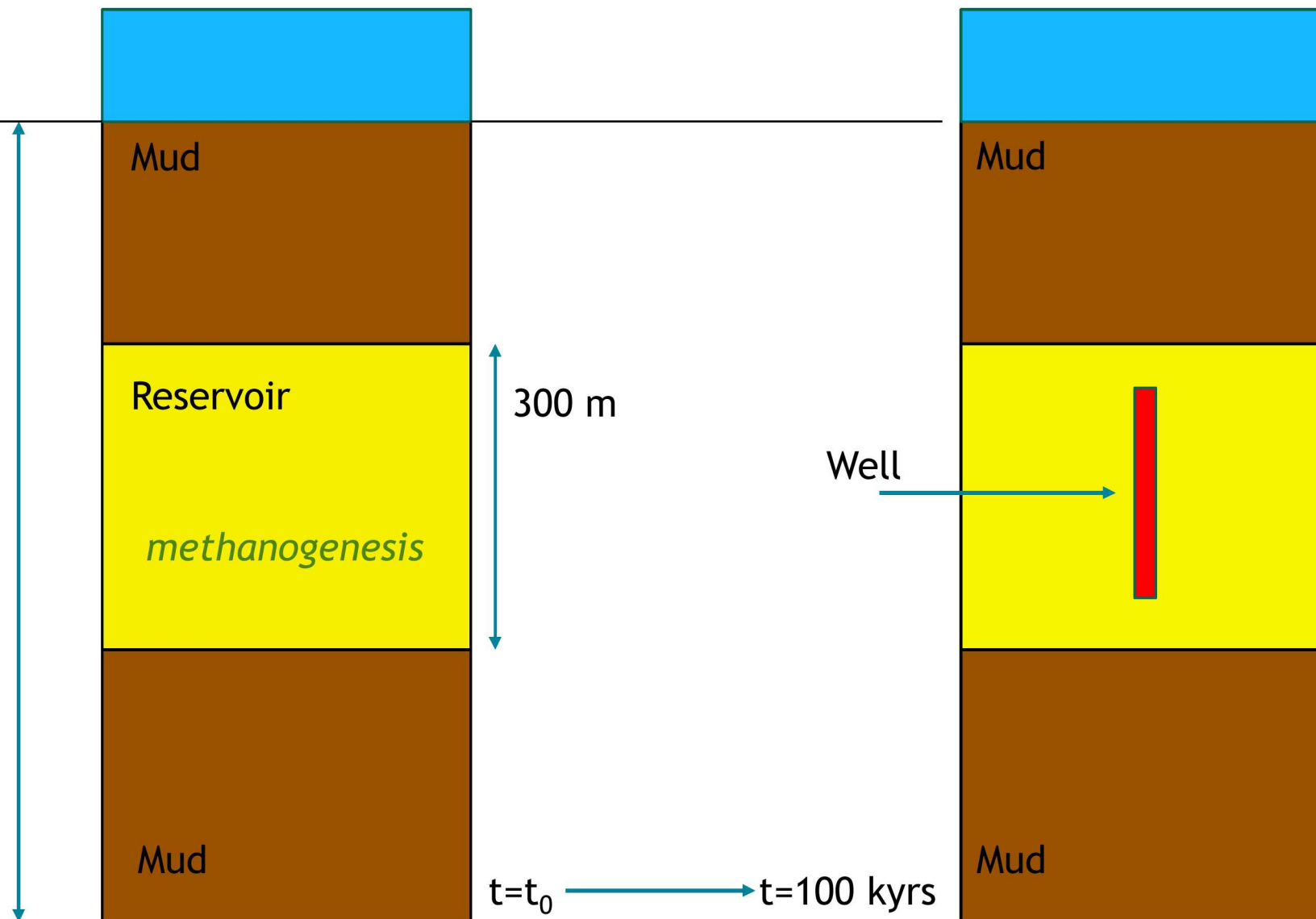
Well

$t=t_0$

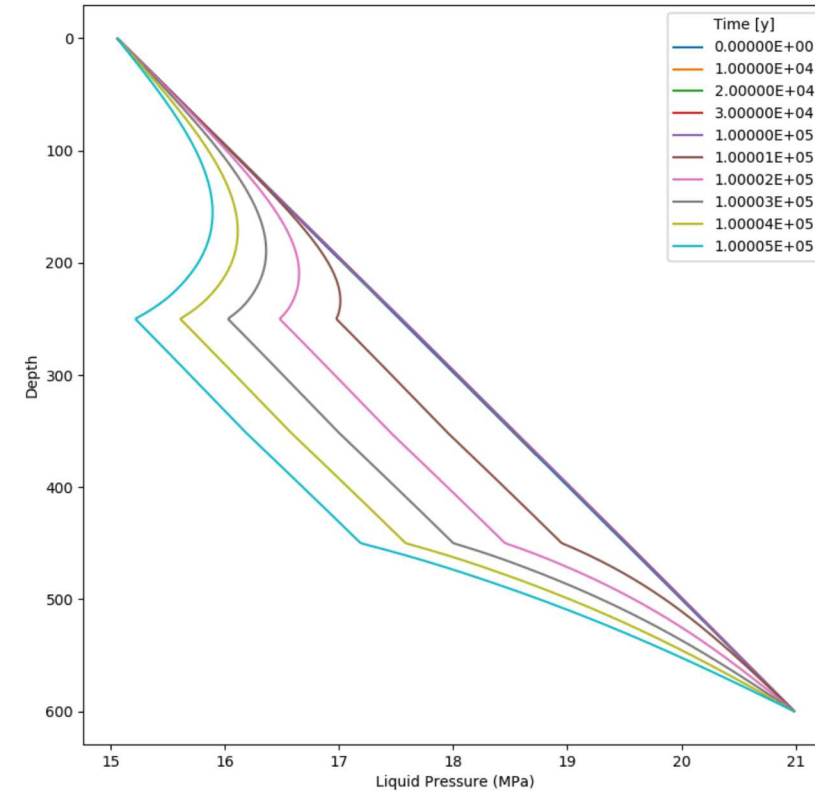
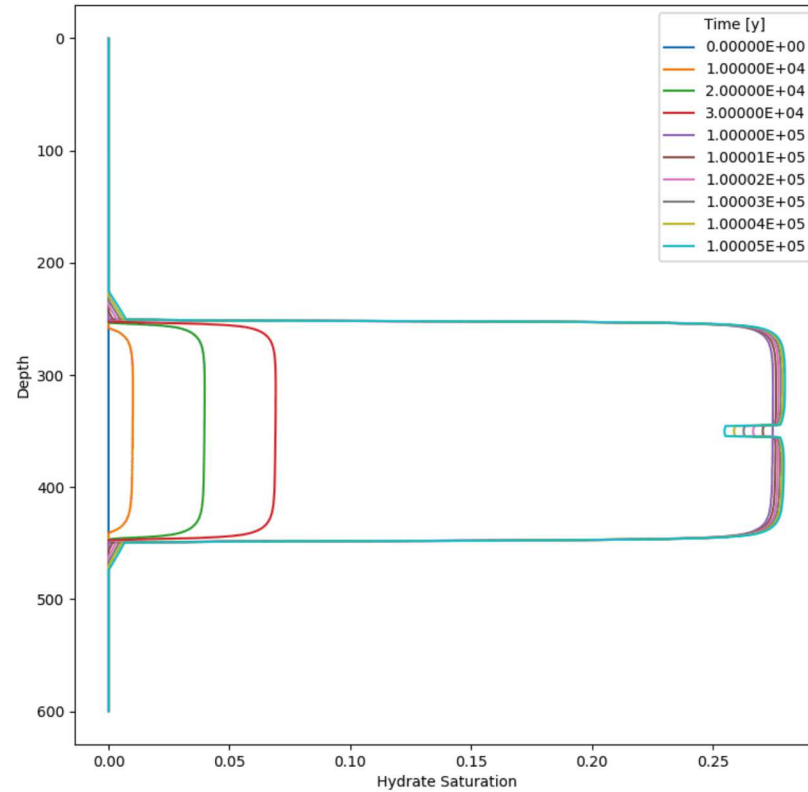
$t=100 \text{ kyrs}$

Mud

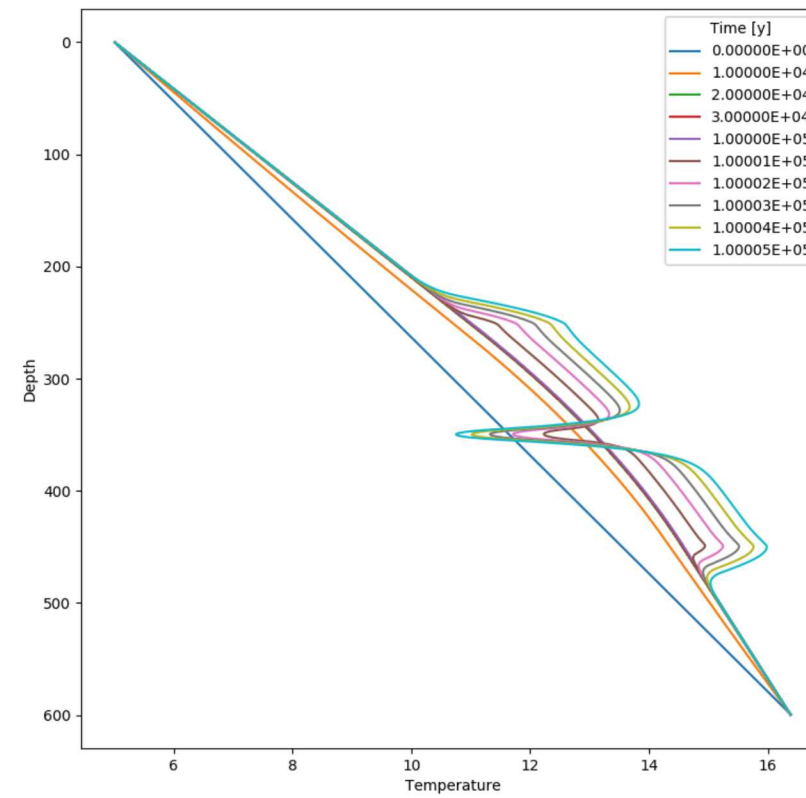
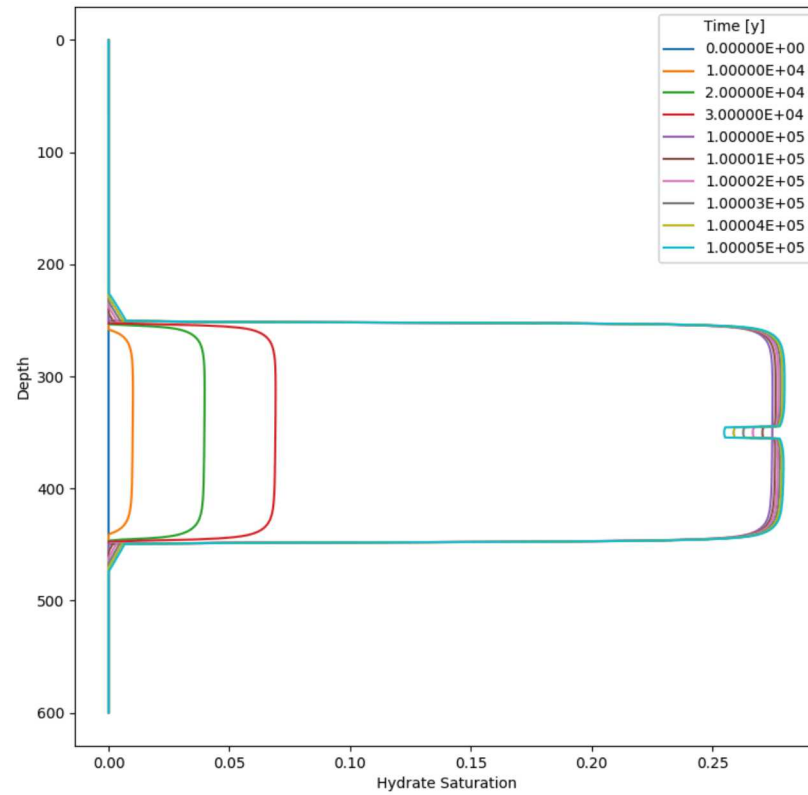
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Gas Hydrate Simulation Capability in PFLOTTRAN

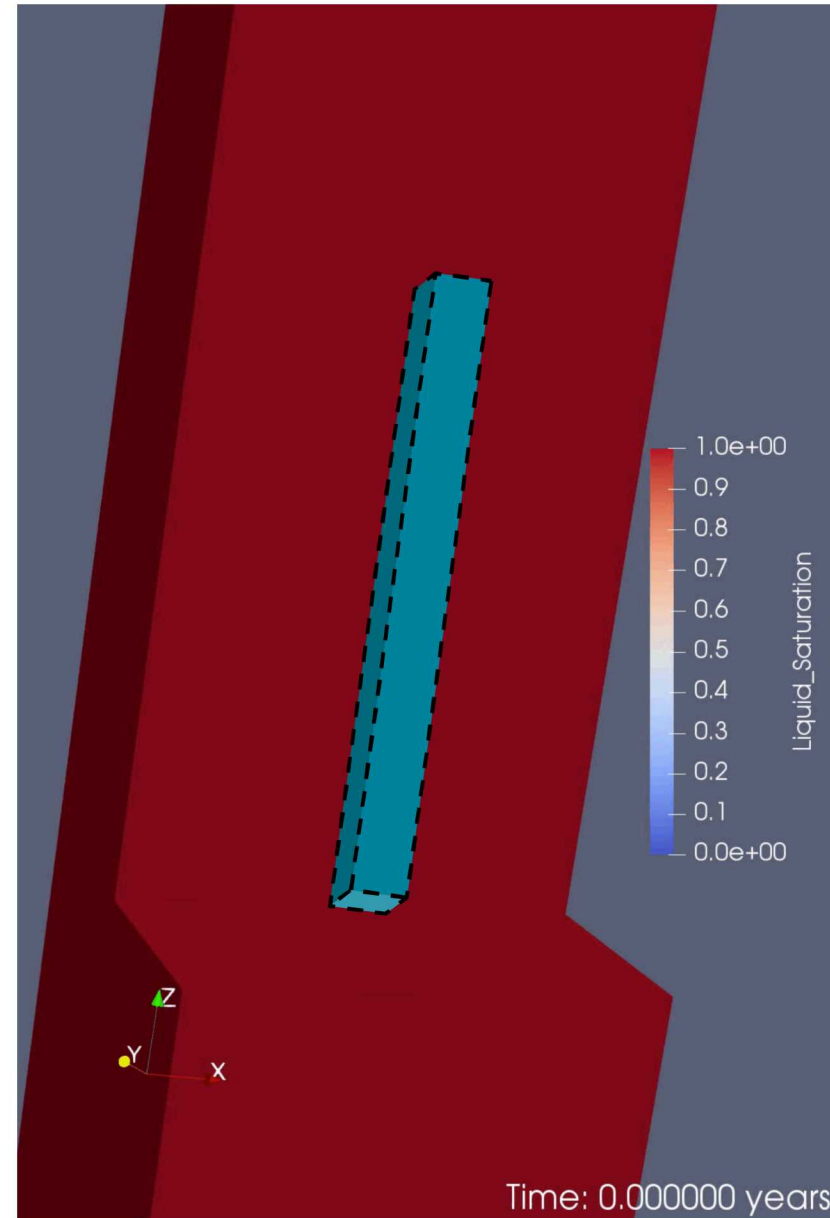


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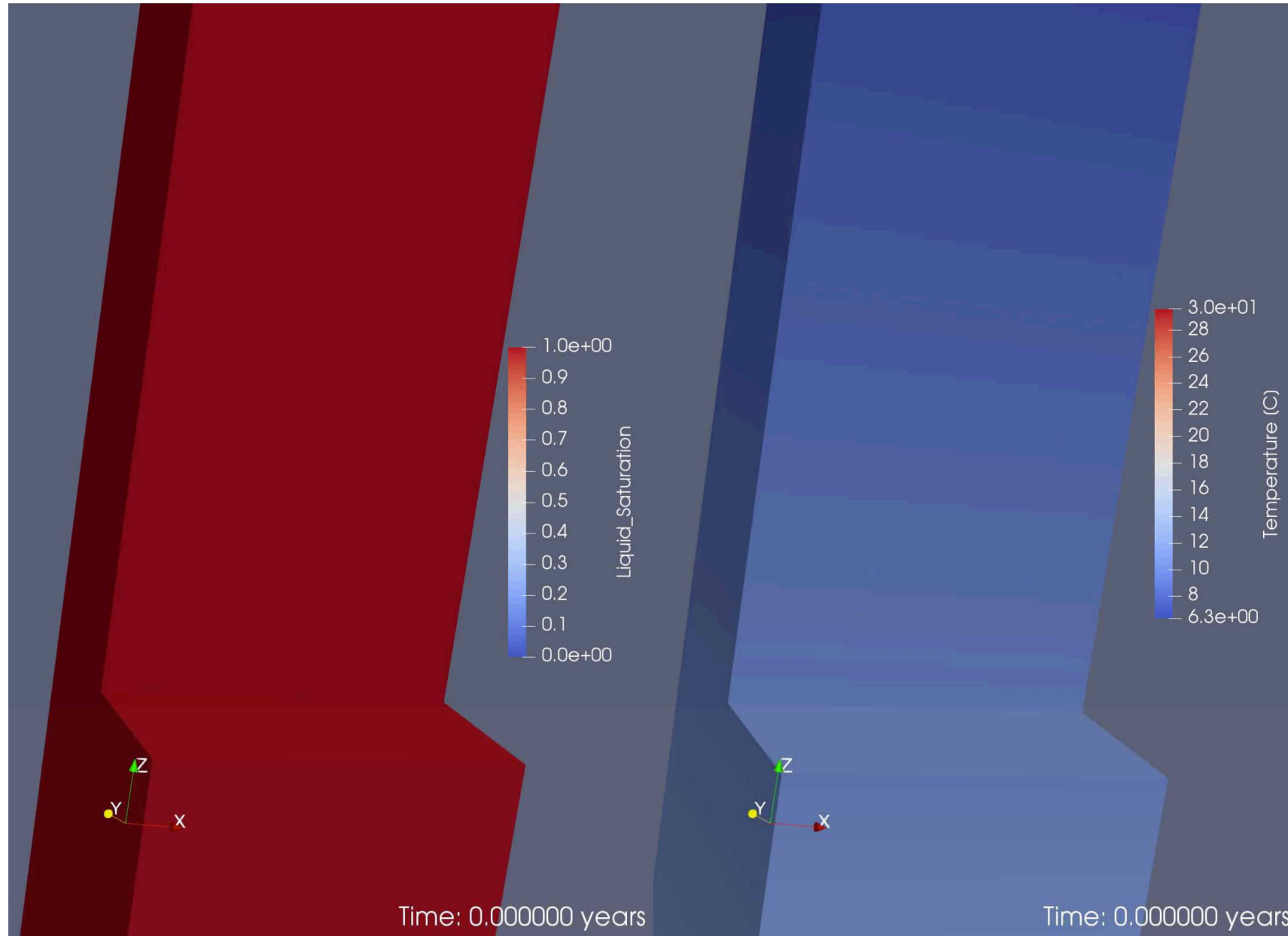


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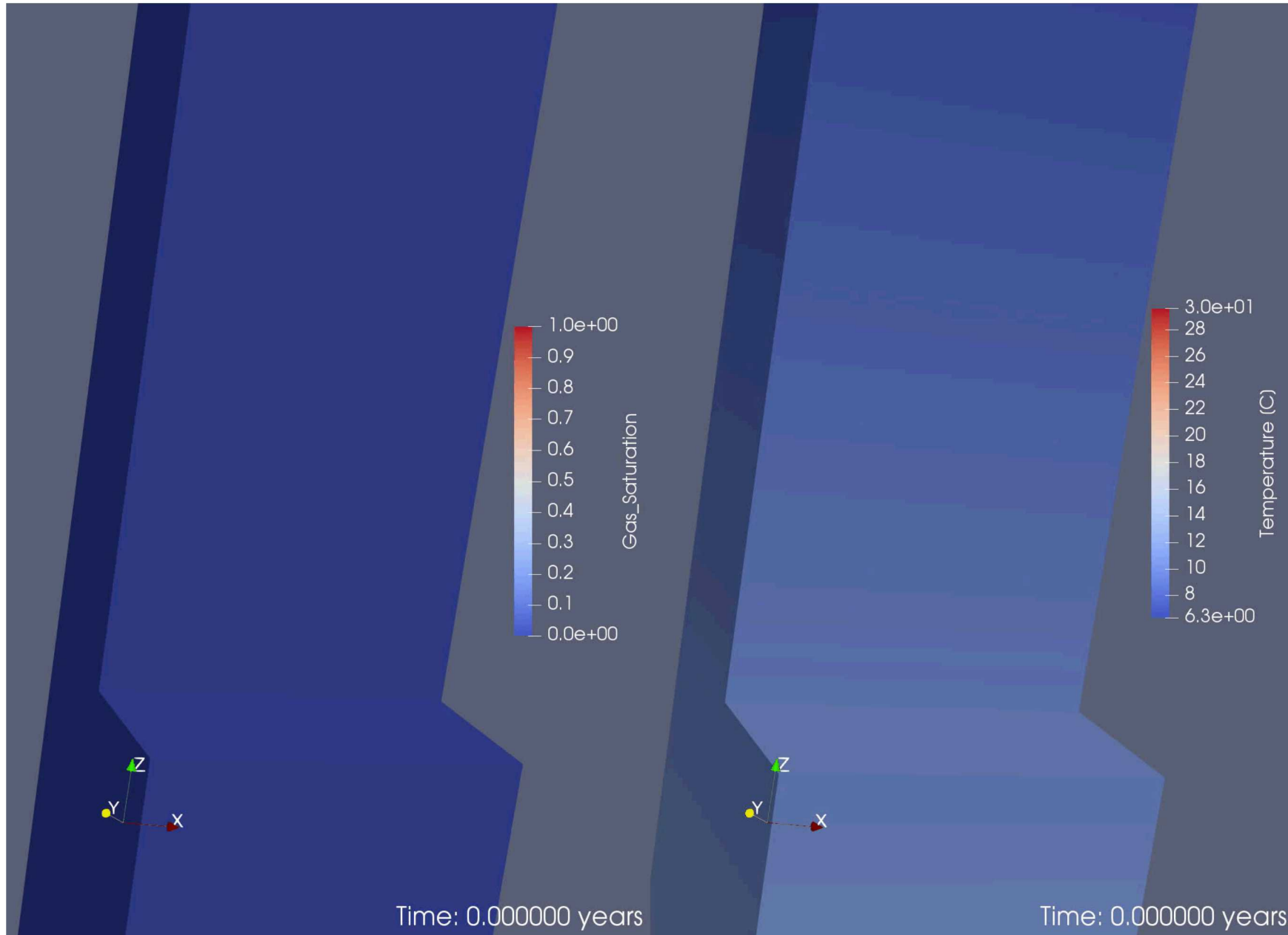
- Cross section of 3D model domain cut to show insertion of the heat source in the center of the reservoir (outlined)
- $S_h = 1 - S_l - S_g$
- Gas hydrate is generated from an in situ source for 100 kyrs
- Heat source is turned on at 100 kyrs for 50 yrs



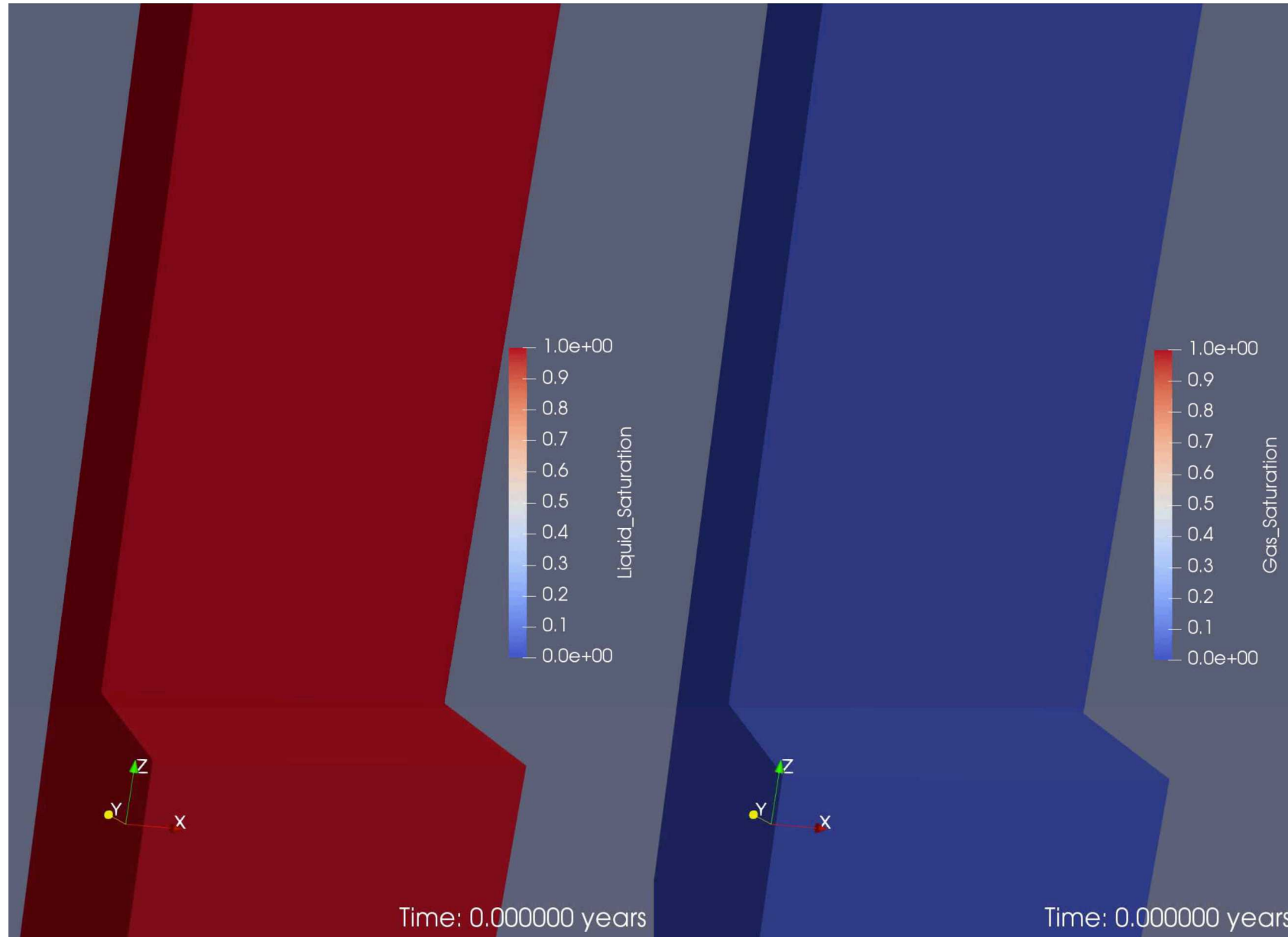
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Gas Hydrate Simulation Capability in PFLOTTRAN



Gas Hydrate Simulation Capability in PFLOTRAN



Opportunities

- An open source gas hydrate systems simulator
- Can take advantage of HPC resources (basin-scale, probabilistic runs)

Areas for Improvement

- Arctic focus will require ice implementation as well
- Salinity effects should be fully coupled in (right now this can be achieved through sequential coupling)
- Heterogeneity parameterization
- Better description of capillary phenomena
- Integration with petrophysical models
- Coupling with geomechanics



Thank You

