

# TNO-USERS FEEDBACK

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## **OUTLINE**

- ) Overview of TNO users and applications
- ) Feedback on:
  - ) Hydrocarbon
  - Thermal module
  - ) CO<sub>2</sub> storage
  - ) H<sub>2</sub> storage
- ) Summary



## **USERS AND APPLICATIONS AT TNO**

- > ~10-15 users of OPM in TNO (mostly reservoir engineers and geologists)
- Main applications:
  - ) Oil & Gas
  - Geothermal / heat storage
  - CCS / H<sub>2</sub> storage
  - ) Geomechanical studies
  - Workflows: history matching, field development optimization, etc.
- **)** Why they choose OPM?
  - Possibility of running multiple runs simultaneously in HPC (free license)
  - User-friendly
  - Not a black-box
  - Proximity with developers / potential of extensions

- ) Other software's used:
  - Eclipse
  - ) CMG
  - TOUGH2 (+ PHREEQC)
  - DoubletCalc
  - ) Intersect
  - ) etc.





## **FEEDBACK ON OPM**

## **HYDROCARBON**

- ) User-friendliness:
  - ▶ Everybody loves ResInsight! ☺
  - Everybody already knew how to use Eclipse
  - Difficult to figure out input errors:

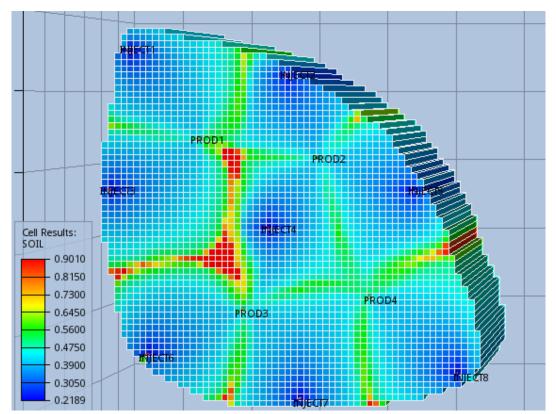
Example: if well diameter > grid cell size:

**Eclipse:** Error: UNREALISTIC CONNECTION DATA FOR all CONNECTION OF WELL. EITHER THE WELL RADIUS IS TOO BIG, OR...

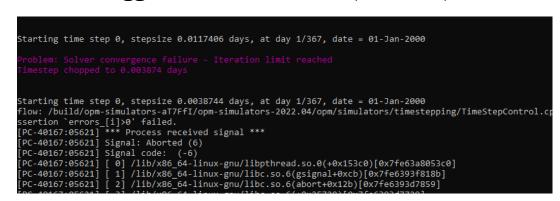
**OPM:** Start simulation, shuts well and give the error: Error: [BlackoilModelEbos.hpp:319] NaN residual found![Om Well will be shut because it cannot get converged.

- ) Improvements for workflows: well trajectory and fault parametrization
- Cannot run several benchmark cases
- ) Convergences issues, wells shutting, etc...
- ) New versions sometimes:
  - Break features in use
  - Convergence issues in previously running models

## Egg model in E100



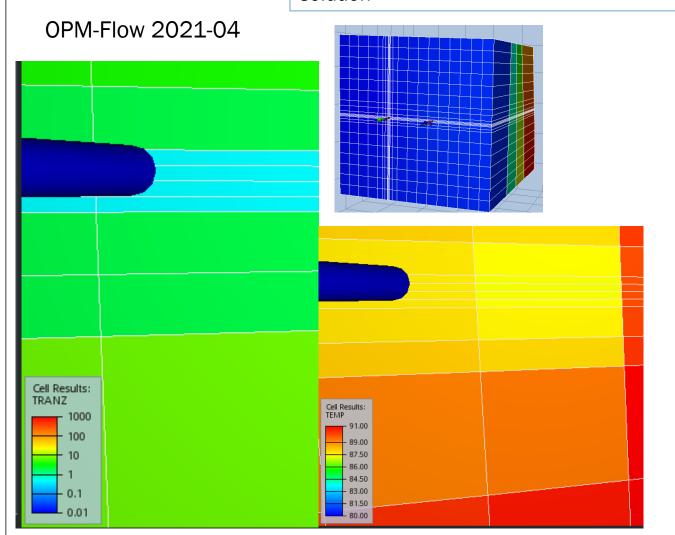
## Egg model in OPM-Flow (oil-water)

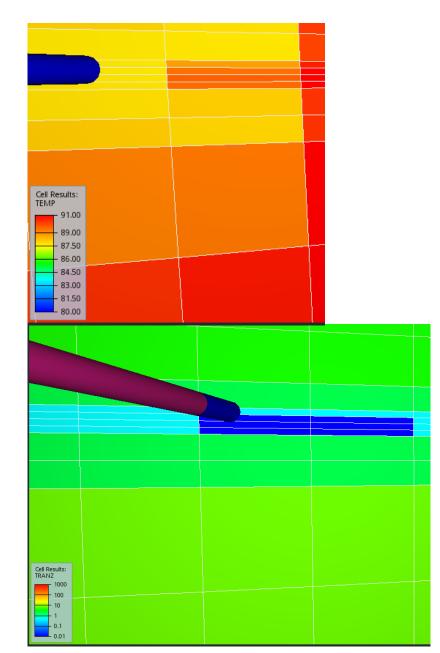


## **FEEDBACK ON OPM**

## **TARTAN GRID**

In new versions, some small cells have zero transmissibility's, leading to discontinuity in the solution

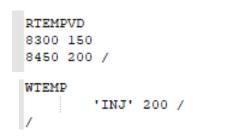




## **GEOTHERMAL APPLICATIONS**

## OPM-TESTS: SPE1CASE2\_THERMAL\_ONEPHASE.DATA

) "Hot" injection: similar run time for E100 and OPM-Flow





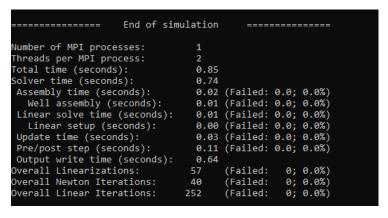
> Cold injection: OPM-Flow takes 300 times longer to finish run

```
WTEMP 'INJ' 30 /
```

#### E100

```
Error summary
Comments 1
Warnings 1
Problems 0
Errors 0
Bugs 0
Final cpu 1.37 elapsed 1.37
Total number of time steps forced to be accepted 0
```





#### **OPM**

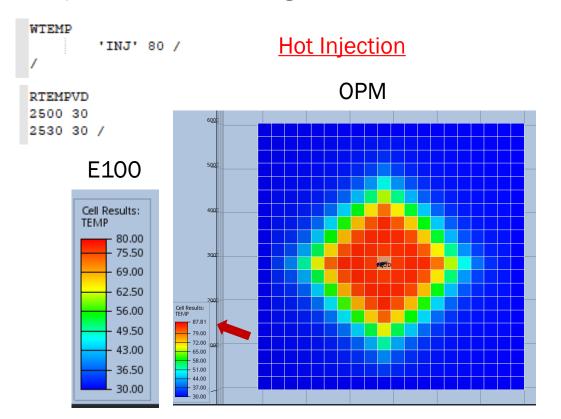
```
End of simulation
lumber of MPI processes:
Threads per MPI process:
fotal time (seconds):
Solver time (seconds):
                               304.19
Assembly time (seconds):
                                91.95 (Failed: 75.7; 82.3%)
  Well assembly (seconds):
                                16.05 (Failed: 12.8; 80.0%)
 Linear solve time (seconds):
                               23.16 (Failed: 20.3; 87.5%)
 Linear setup (seconds):
                                11.85 (Failed: 10.4; 87.6%)
Update time (seconds):
                               129.80 (Failed: 106.8; 82.3%)
                                17.51 (Failed: 2.2; 12.5%)
Pre/post step (seconds):
Output write time (seconds):
verall Linearizations:
                            298955
                                      (Failed: 249753; 83.5%)
Overall Newton Iterations: 282558
                                      (Failed: 249753; 88.4%)
Overall Linear Iterations: 282706
                                      (Failed: 249786; 88.4%)
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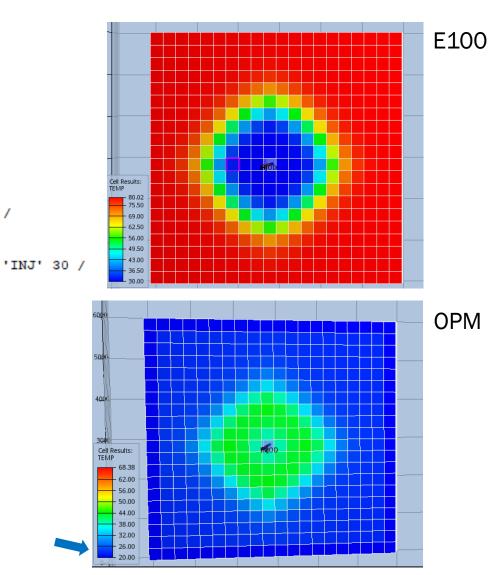
## THERMAL APPLICATIONS

## THERMAL FRONT

- ) OPM-Flow shows temperature out of range (initial, injection)
- Cold injection leads to non-physical solution, with reservoir temperatures not following RTEMPVD



## Cold Injection



RTEMPVD

2500 80

WTEMP

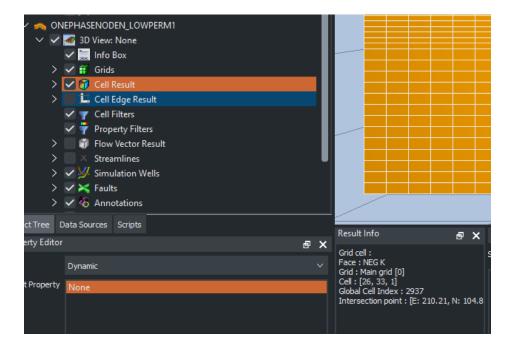
2530 80 /

## **GEOTHERMAL APPLICATIONS**

## WATDENT AND WATVISCT

- Several bugs fixes related to WATVISCT and WATDENT
- Cases can run, but still convergence issues and very long runs times (time-steps chopped to less than 0.1 day)
  - WATDENT and WATVISCT keywords cannot run together in a reasonable time
  - Due these issues, DoubletCalc (in-house geothermal simulator TNO) is currently used for heat storage in TNO

Real heat storage case in the Netherlands





## CCS

## **DEPLETED GAS FIELDS**

- ) Missing features:
  - Advanced PVT
    - > PVT table as function (P, T)
    - With current inter-tables interpolation:viscosity becomes up to twice the real values
  - Supercritical phase of CO2
  - Thermal model and performance
    - Combining JT + Evaporation
- ) Challenges:
  - Thermodynamics of phase transition
  - Sub-zero injection temperatures after shut-ins
- ) E300 and GEM have trouble near critical point
- STARS can handles water evaporation + energy

#### THERMAL\_DEPLETED\_GAS\_COLDINJ.DATA

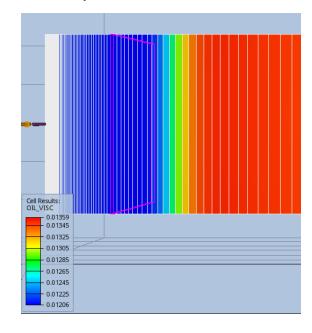
Modelling CO<sub>2</sub> with oil-phase in OPM:

```
OILVISCT
-- TEMP VISC
30 0.0118
80 0.0133 /
```

#### rror:

An error occurred while creating the reservoir properties Internal error: Incorrect ordering of values in column: Viscosity

#### In Eclipse:



- Should loosen up restrictions for PVT tables? Or create a CO<sub>2</sub> phase?
- Eclipse can use oil-gasthermal module. In OPM-Flow only three-phase (or water) + thermal



## **HYDROGEN STORAGE**

## **DEPLETED GAS FIELDS**

- > TNO Reservoir Engineers are searching for a simulation tool to model H<sub>2</sub> storage
- **)** Research-development on-going on DuMu<sup>X</sup> (coding by TUC):
  - Microbiological activities
    - Sulfate-reducing bacteria
    - Methanogenic archae
    - ) Homoacetogenic archea
  - > Chemical reactions (solid-gas), e.g. pyrite reduction:

$$FeS_2 + H_2 \longrightarrow FeS + H_2S$$

- Pore clogging
- > Will OPM-flow be the tool for large field-case studies?



## **SUMMARY**

## TNO USER'S FEEDBACK

- ) TNO OPM users pool has grown a lot in in these to years
- Missing things that block users from choosing OPM-Flow
  - New versions: breaking of old features and convergence issues in previously running models
  - Convergence issues
  - Often heard: "It runs in Eclipse, why not in OPM?"
- ) Main wishes:
  - More advanced PVT/ (simplified) compositional modelling
  - Better control of reporting (important for workflows)
  - Broader options of grid output (e.g., fluid properties)
  - More advanced boundary modelling (important for thermal and geomechanical studies)
  - More advanced wellbore modelling or coupling
- Comparing with other simulators
  - Difficult to find cause of errors
  - Slow performance (specially for thermal cases)
  - How to motivate people to report issues?



# THANK YOU!

