



Overview of TNO Latest contributions to OPM

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Summary

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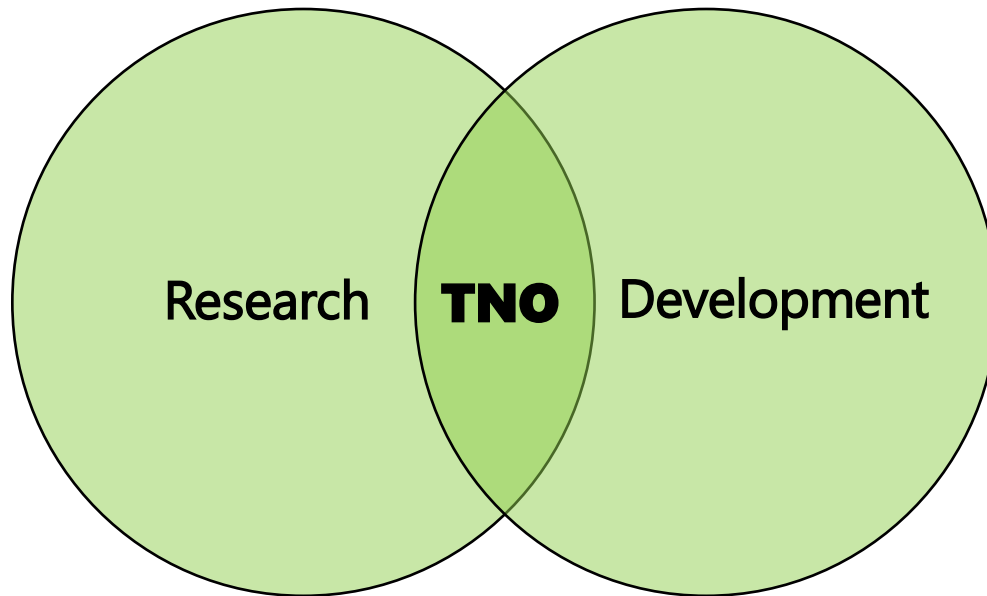
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Local Grid Refinement

TNO OPM Team Overview



OPM Project

- **Strategic Position:** TNO integrates Development and Advanced Usage of subsurface reservoir simulators.
- **OPM Team:** Our biggest strength lies in the complementary skill set of our team members:
 - Paul Egbert – Senior Generalist Researcher
 - Negar Khoshnevis – Reservoir Engineer Researcher
 - Peter Verveer – Development Specialist
 - Artur Castiel – Field Integrator – Experience in Development and Research in Reservoir Simulation
 - Eduardo Barros – Project Manager

Group Controlled Wells



In reservoir simulations, especially for complex field development, wells are grouped (e.g., by reservoir zone, surface facility, platform).

Example is an **auto choke group**:

- Wells are operated on a common THP.
- THP such that a group rate target is fulfilled

The **GCONPROD** keyword enables you to:

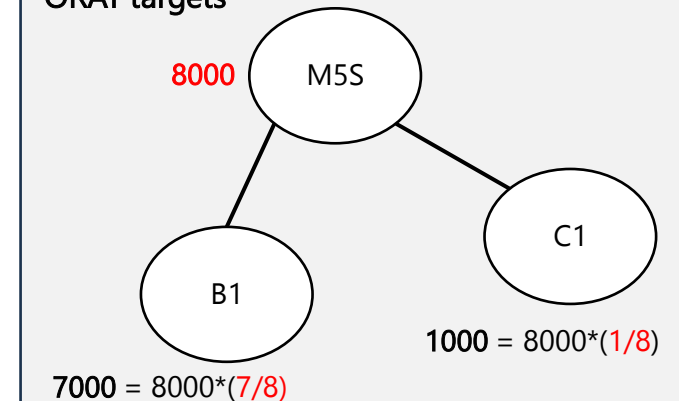
- Set production targets or limits **for groups** (e.g., total oil rate, gas rate, water rate, liquid rate).
- Apply **group** guide rates

Oil target				Guide rates			
							
GCONPROD--							
'M5S'	ORAT	8000	3*	'RATE'	'YES'	8.0	'OIL' 6* /
'B1'	FLD	1*	3*	'RATE'	'YES'	7.0	'OIL' 6* /
'C1'	FLD	1*	3*	'RATE'	'YES'	1.0	'OIL' 6* /

NODEPROP

--	NodeName	Press	AutoChoke
	PLAT-A	21.0	NO /
	M5S	1*	NO /
	B1	1*	YES /
	C1	1*	NO /

ORAT targets



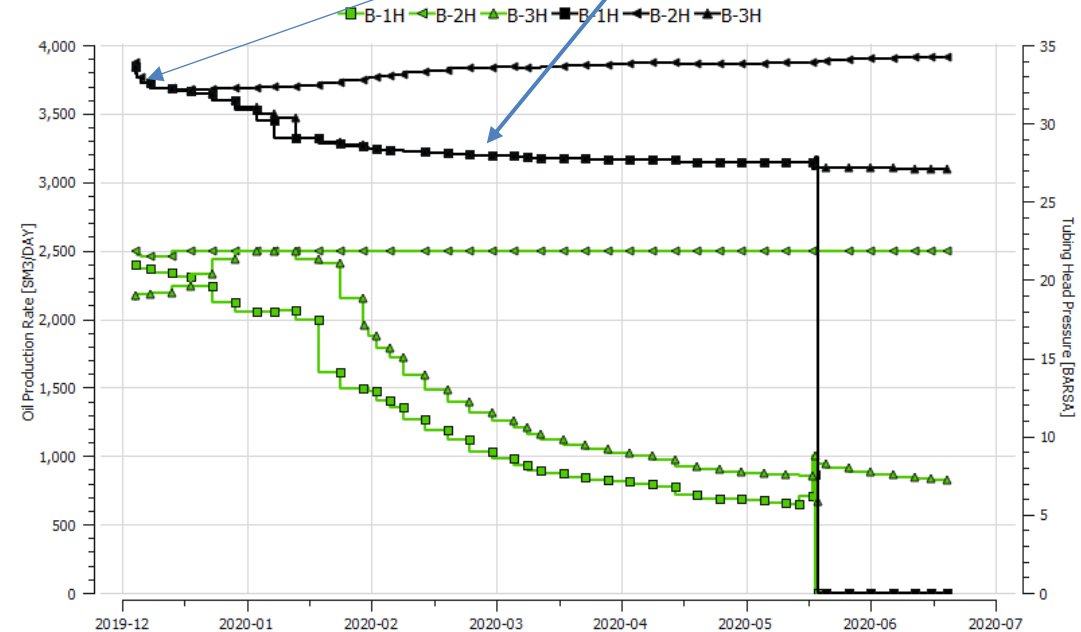
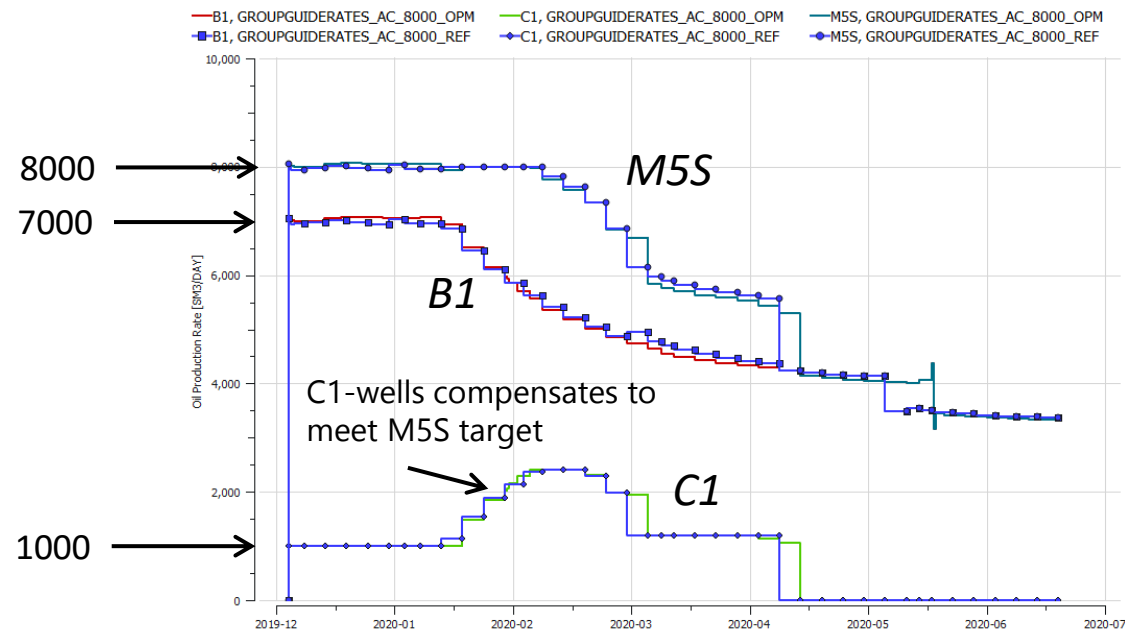
Group Controlled Wells

- Preliminary results show a good match between OPM and Reference Simulator in toy problems.

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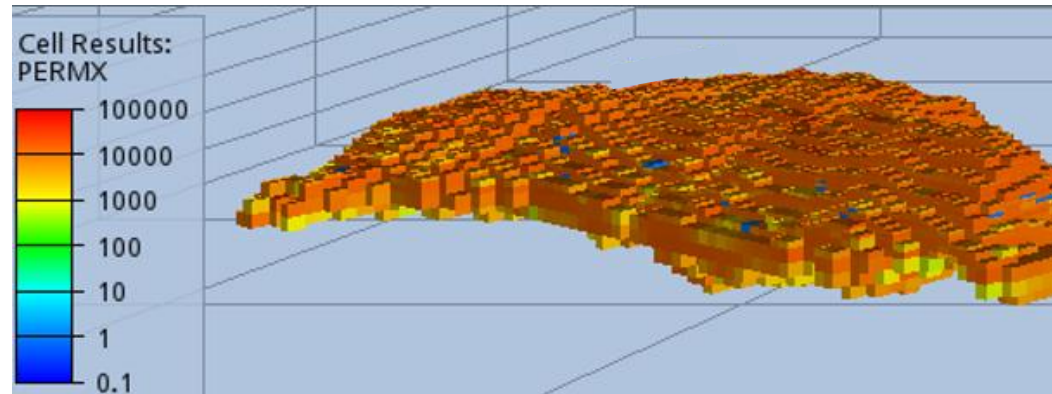
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'C1'	FLD	1*	3*	'RATE'	'YES'	1.0	'OIL'	6*	/

*B1 is an autochoke group:
wells having same THP*



Group Controlled Wells

- Testing on Field case ~1.2M cells:



Oil target

Water constraint

Guide rates

Guide rate phase

GCONPROD

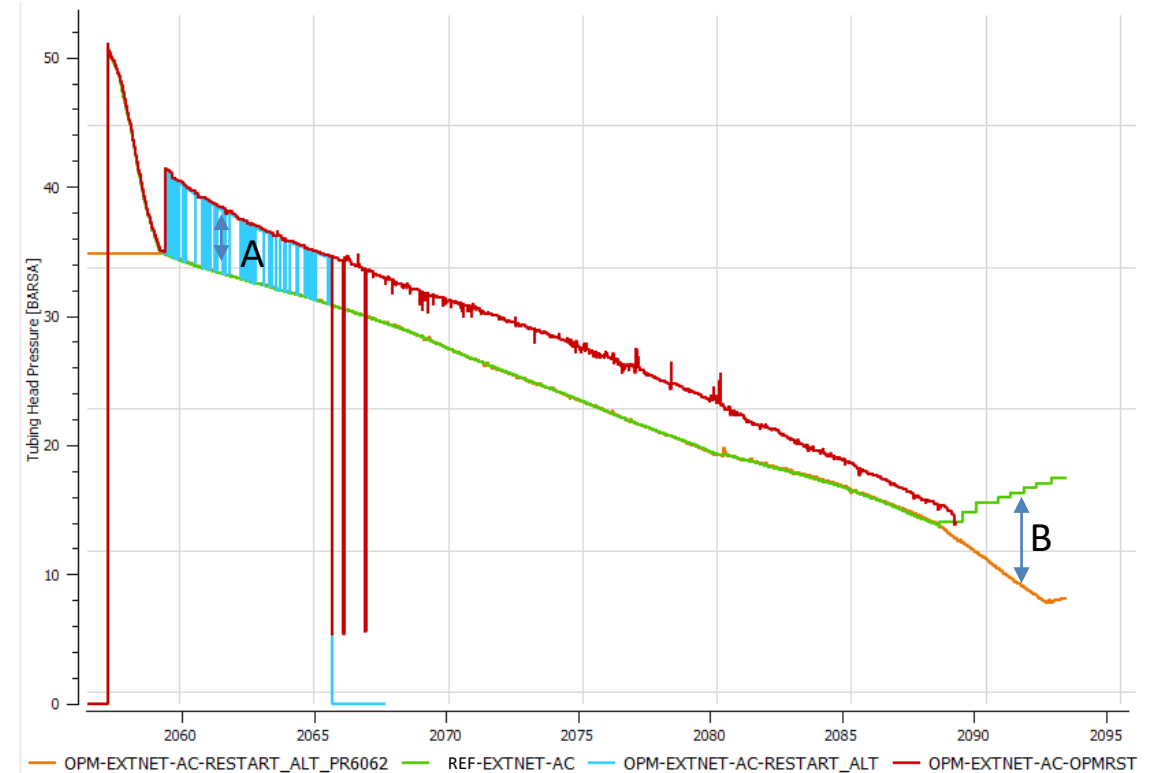
'AB'	'ORAT'	10000.0	5500.0	1*	10000.0	'RATE'	'YES'	10000.0	'LIQ'	'RATE'	'RATE'	'RATE'	3* /
'A'	'FLD'	1*	1*	1*	1*	'RATE'	'YES'	5000.0	'LIQ'	'RATE'	'RATE'	'RATE'	3*
'B'	'FLD'	1*	1*	1*	1*	'RATE'	'YES'	5000.0	'LIQ'	'RATE'	'RATE'	'RATE'	3* /

Parent AB, Children A and B are auto-choke groups

Group Controlled Wells

Initial Issues (Now Resolved)

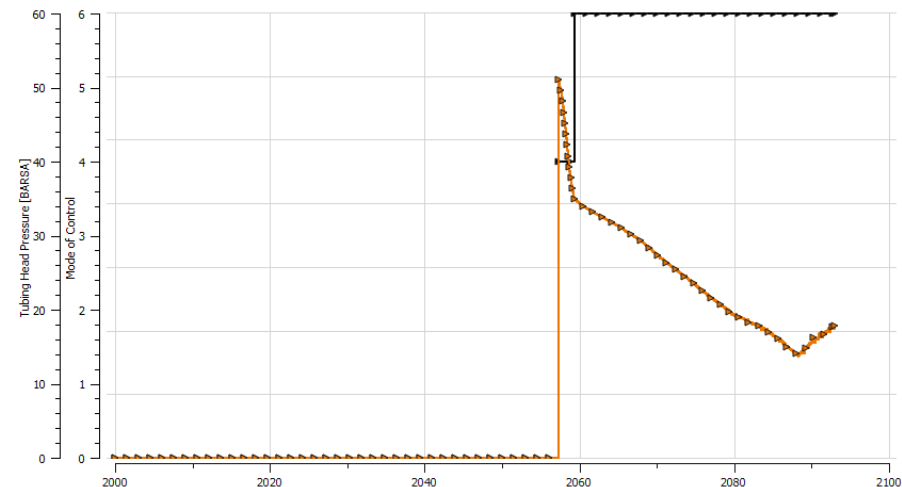
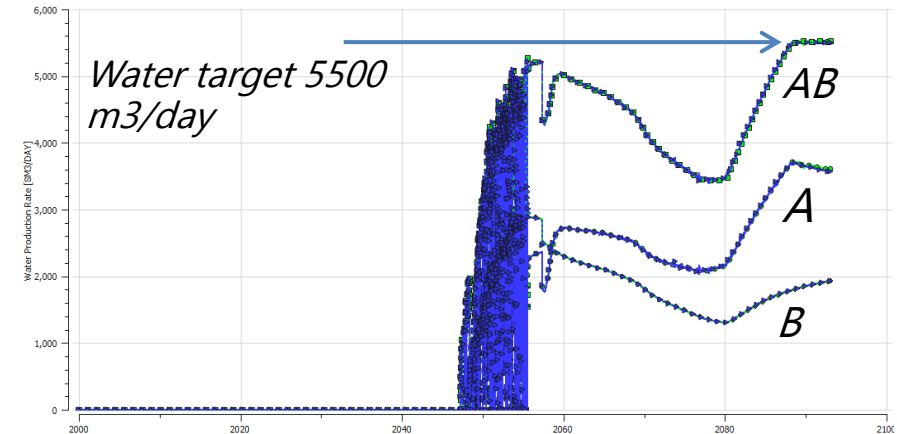
- Well X exhibited significant deviations from the reference simulator
- Two major differences observed in THP (Tubing Head Pressure) behavior:
 - Issue A:** Resolved by a recent PR from Tor
 - Not related to auto choke functionality
 - Issue B:** Also resolved
 - Caused by incorrect handling of target rate switch
 - Old implementation failed during transition from ORAT to WRAT



Group Controlled Wells

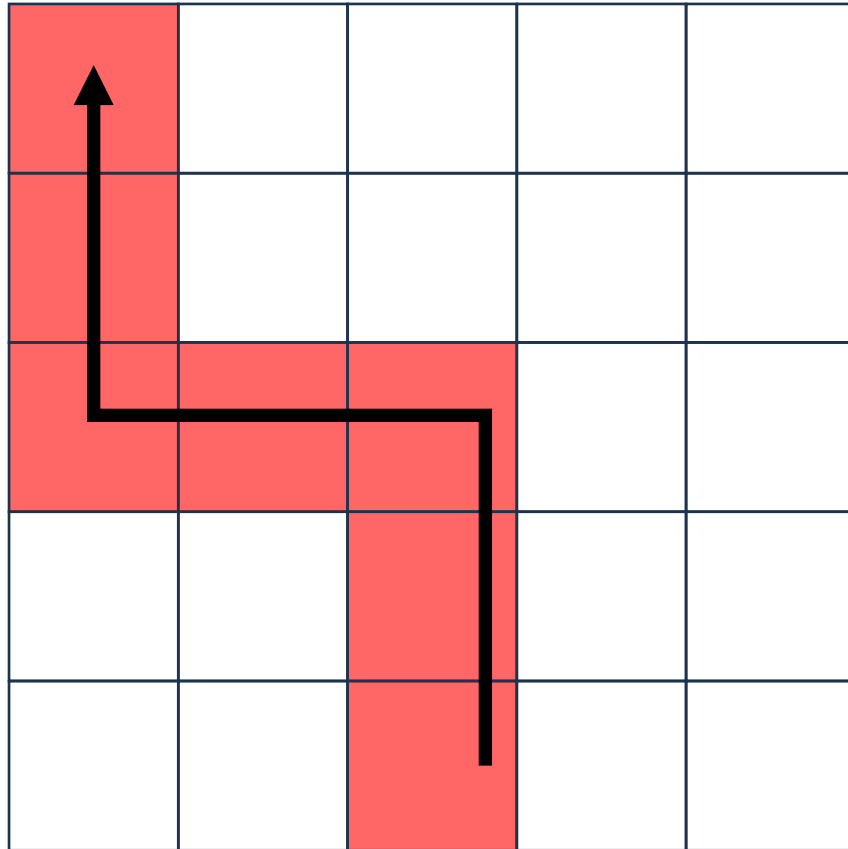
Progress and Next Steps

- ✓ Good match with reference simulator for field case
- ✓ Merged PRs:
 - opm-simulators#5754 and opm-common#4355: Enable group guide rates
 - opm-tests#1276: Test updates merged
- 📄 Upcoming PR to be released:
 - 🔄 More testing required
 - 🛠️ Fix in progress: Allow wells to be defined after reading NODEPROP
 - 🚀 Performance optimization still needed



Grid-independent Wells

Grid Dependent Well



Wells are treated as zero-D objects with no internal flow!

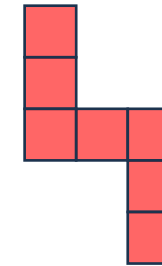


Well Geometry



User projects Well Geometry
onto Reservoir Grid

**WELSPECS +
COMPDAT**

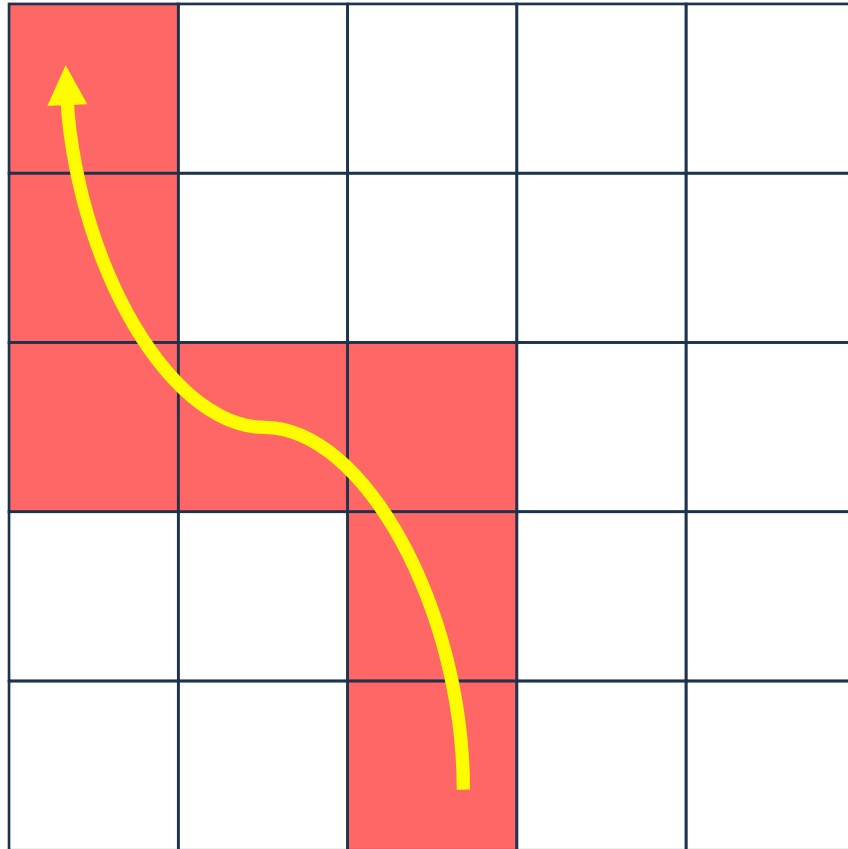


Well location on the mesh is
manually defined. Physical
parameters such as Connection
Factor are provided by user.

If mesh is modified, wells
need to be redefined.

Grid-independent Wells

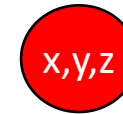
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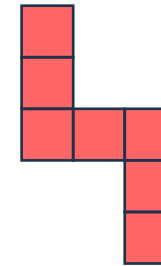


Well Geometry
(X,Y,Z)



User provides a piecewise
linear representation of the well
geometry

**WELTRAJ +
COMPTRAJ**



Well location on the mesh and
Connection Factor are
automatically defined by OPM.

WELTRAJ and COMPTRAJ
keywords are identical regardless
of the mesh.

Grid-independent Wells



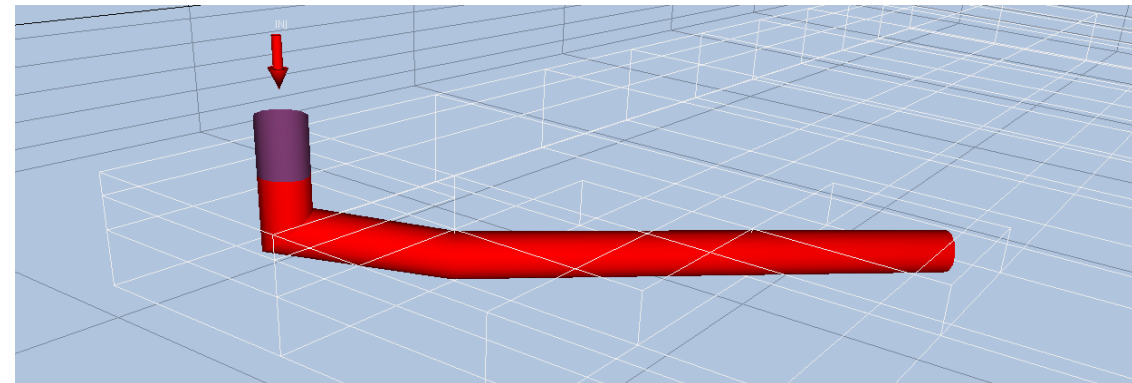
Original Implementation

- Pull Request #3384 – Author: Paul Egberts
Introduced initial support for well trajectory (WELTRAJ) and component trajectory (COMPTRAJ) handling.



Key Fixes & Improvements

- PR #4279 – Author: Peter Verveer
Refinements to enhance robustness and support complex configurations.



Fix / Enhancement



Saturation Table Defaulting



Support for Non-Trivial Origins (MAPAXES)



Non-Linear Trajectory Bug Fix



New Tests Added

Description

Ensures proper default behavior when saturation table is omitted in COMPTRAJ.

Correctly interprets coordinate transforms via MAPAXES for trajectory origin.

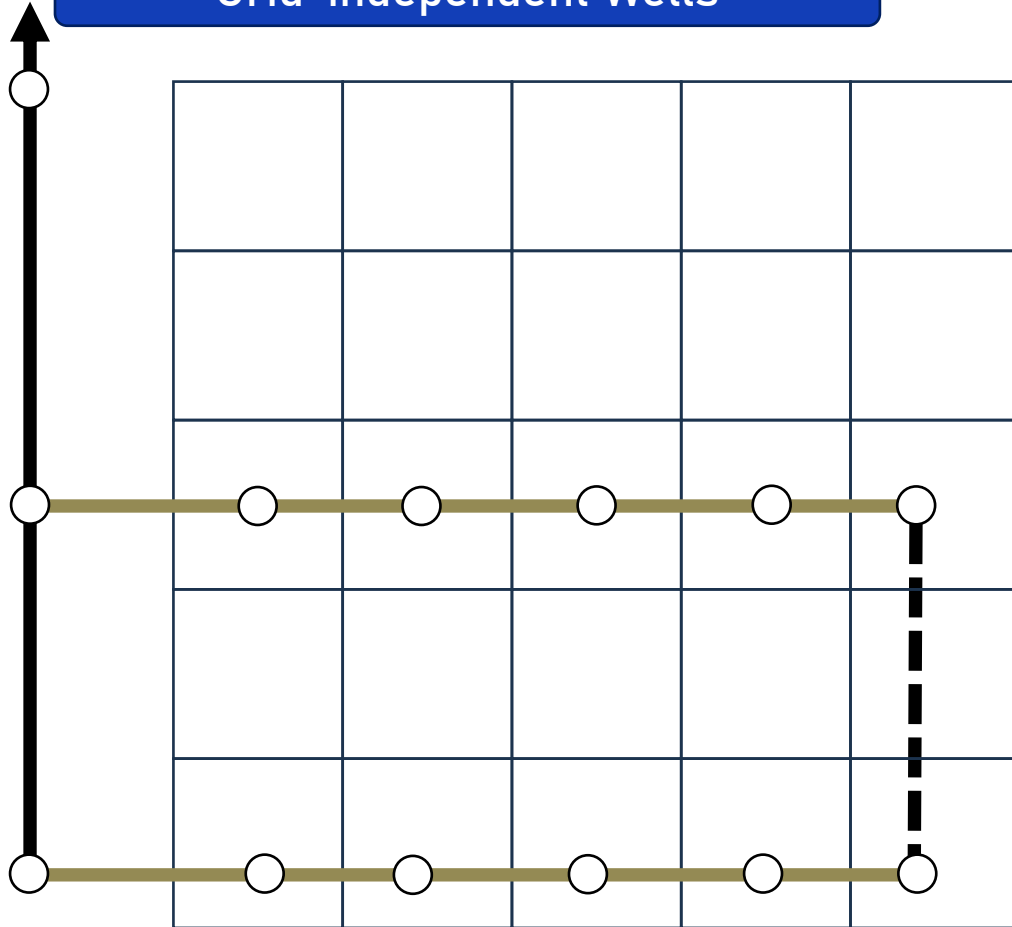
Addresses issues when dealing with curved or bent well paths.

Verifies compatibility with non-linear paths and complex MAPAXES setups.

```

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400  -- WELL BRANCH_NO X      Y      TVD      MD
401  'PROD'  1*      11500  12500  -10.0     0.0 /
402  'PROD'  1*      11500  12500  8425.0    8425.0 /
403  'INJ'   1*      2500   3500   -100.0     0.0 /
404  'INJ'   1*      2500   3500   8325.0    8325.0 /
405  'INJ'   1*      2750   3750   8375.0    8375.0 /
406  'INJ'   1*      3500   4500   8400.0    8400.0 /
407  'INJ'   1*      4500   5500   8425.0    8425.0 /
408  /
409
410  --PERF REF is MD or TVD, now assumed MD
411  COMPTRAJ
412  -- WELL BRANCH PERF      PERF      PERF COMPL STATE SAT      CONN DIAM KH      SKIN D_FACT
413  -- NAME NO      TOP      BOT      REF NO      -- TABLE FACT -- -- -- --
414  'PROD'  1*      8325.0   8425.0  1*  1*  1*  1*  1*  0.5  1*  0.1  1*  /
415  'INJ'   1*      8325.0   8425.0  1*  1*  1*  1*  1*  0.5  1*  0.1  1*  /
416  /
    
```

Grid-independent Wells



Wells is divided into segments. Flow is calculated segment-wise. Effects such as pressure and temperature gradient can be considered.

- **Multisegmented Wells (MSW)**
Representation of wells with nodes and segments.
DOF on nodes. Useful to compute wellbore effects.

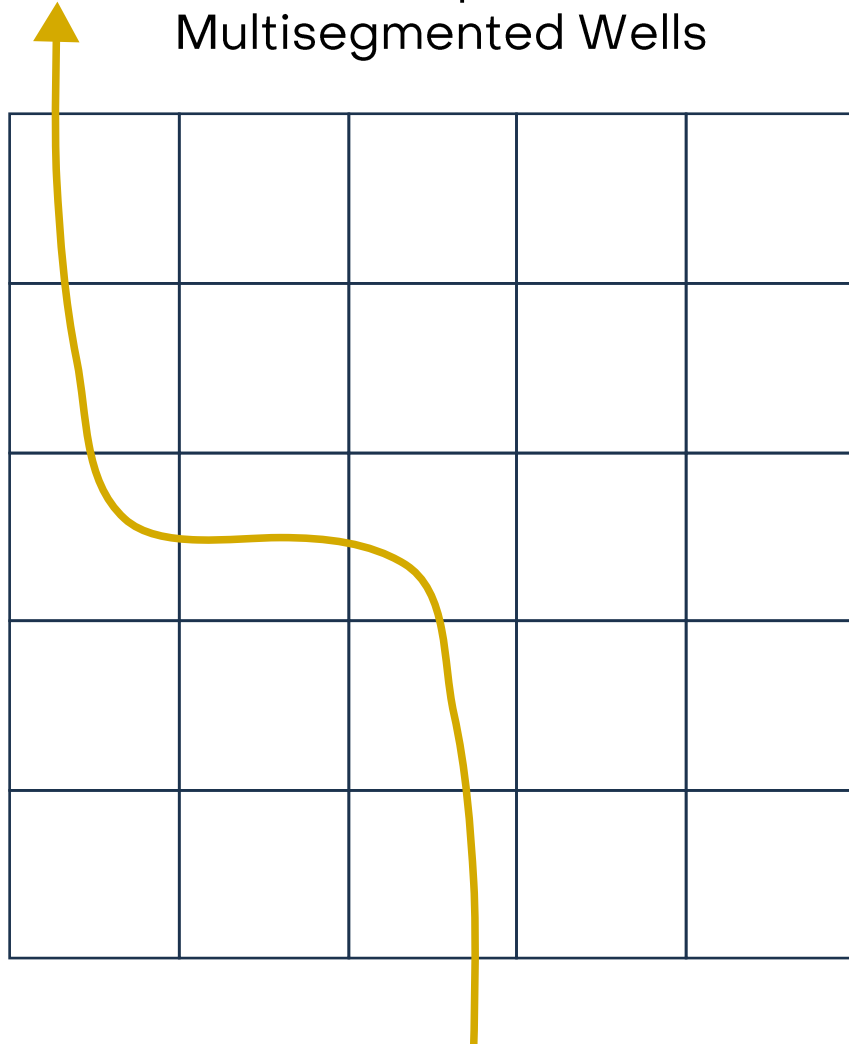
When are MSW required?

- **Long Horizontal Wells**
- **Multilateral Wells**
Representation of wells branching out.
- **Looped Wells**
Representation of closed loop wells.

Multisegmented Wells are currently grid dependent on OPM.

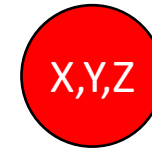
Grid-independent Wells

Grid-Independent
Multisegmented Wells



Well Geometry
(X,Y,Z)

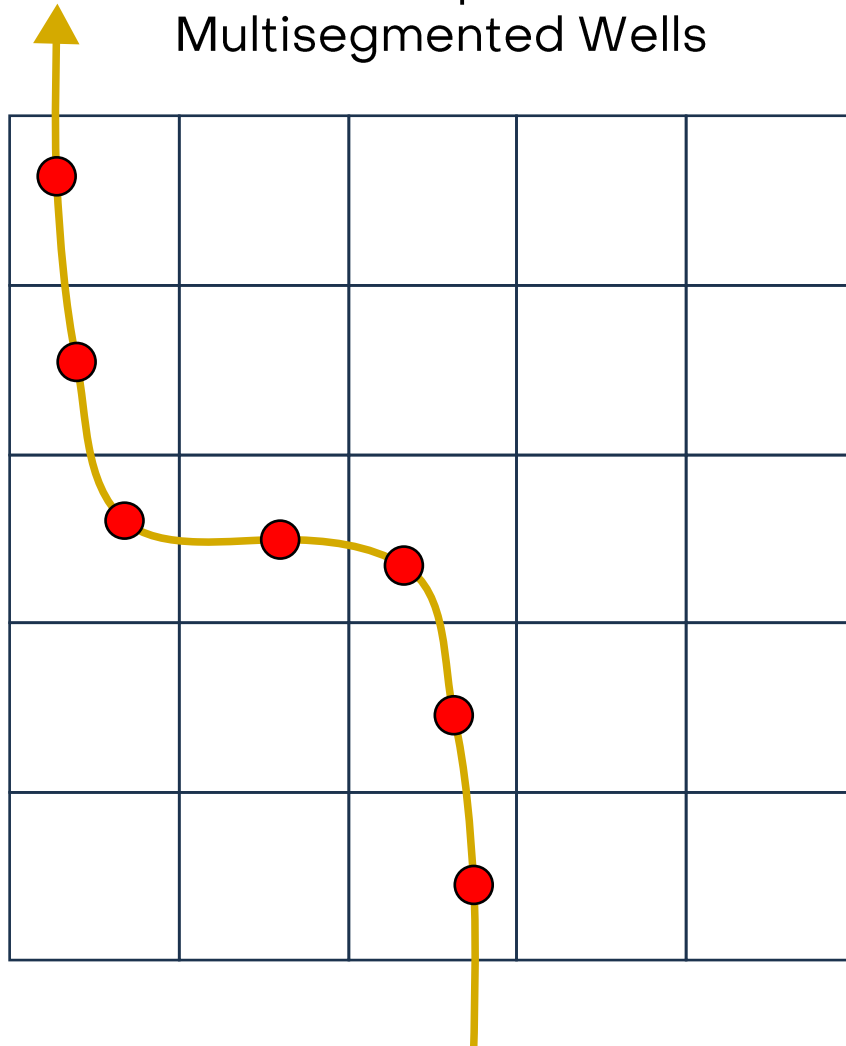
User inputs sampled well
geometry



WELTRAJ + COMPTRAJ can now
transform geometric well description into
Multisegmented Wells

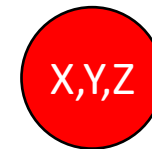
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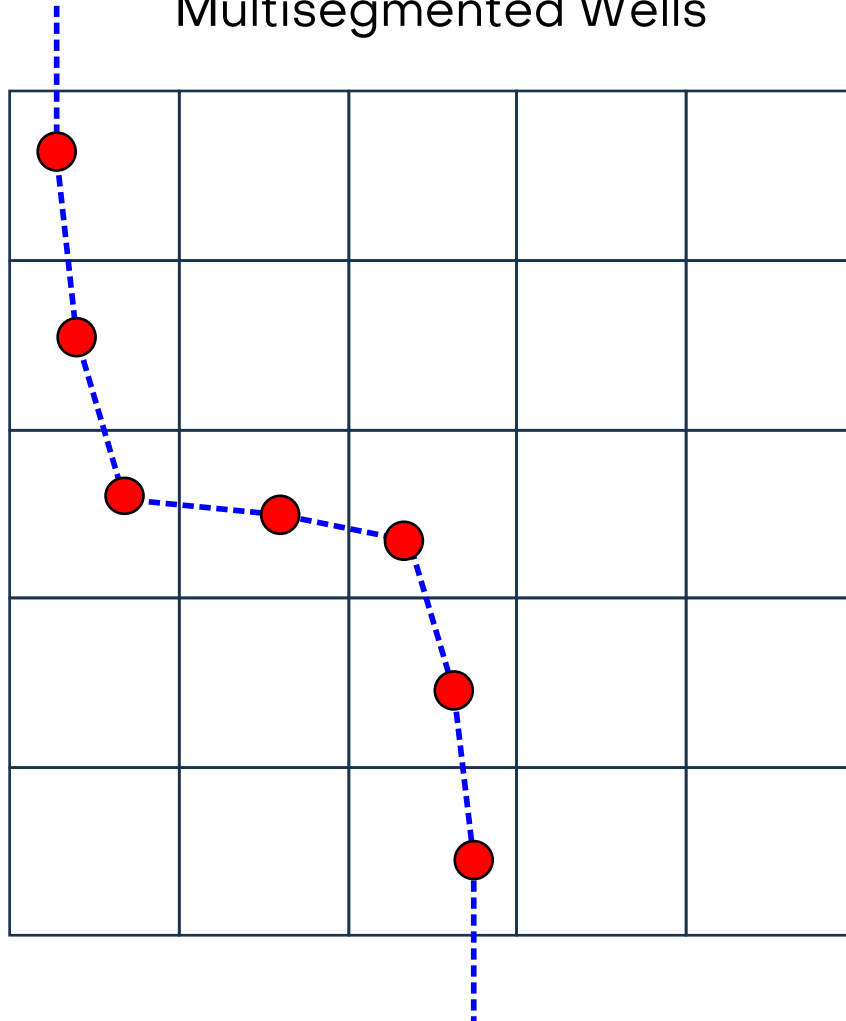
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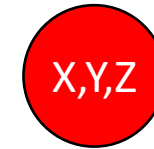
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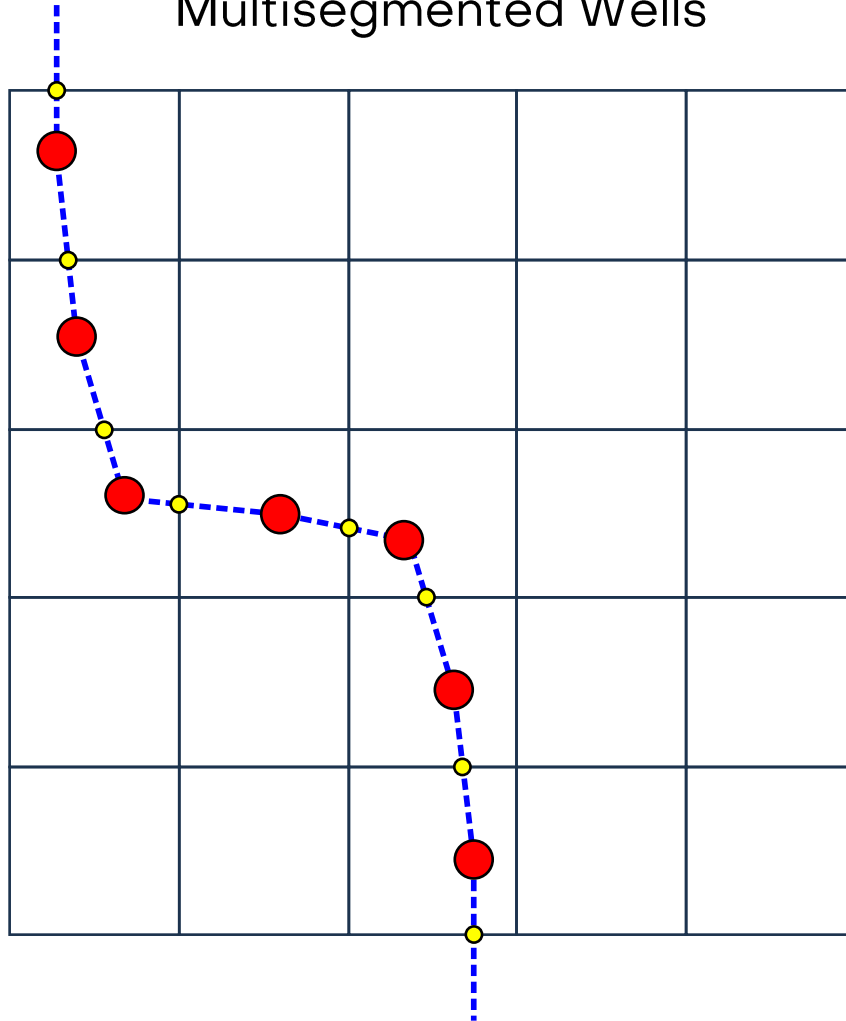
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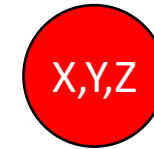
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Grid-Independent Multisegmented Wells



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Piece-wise linear well geometry (specified by user)



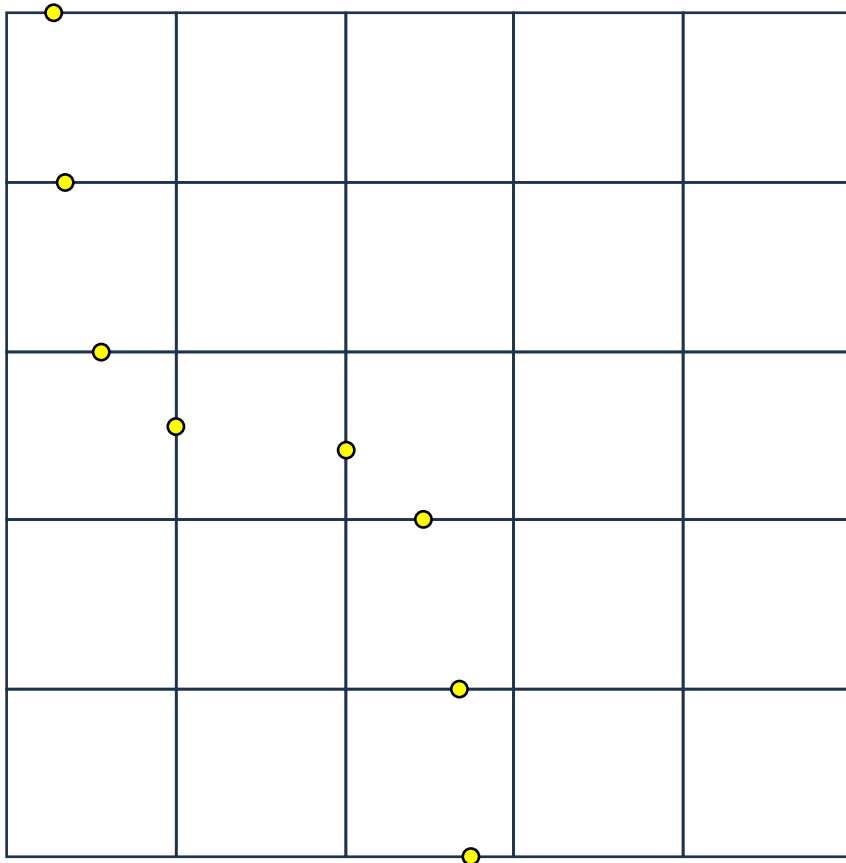
Position of well segment nodes (calculated by OPM-Flow)



Start / end of well segments (calculated by OPM-Flow)

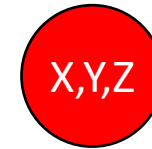
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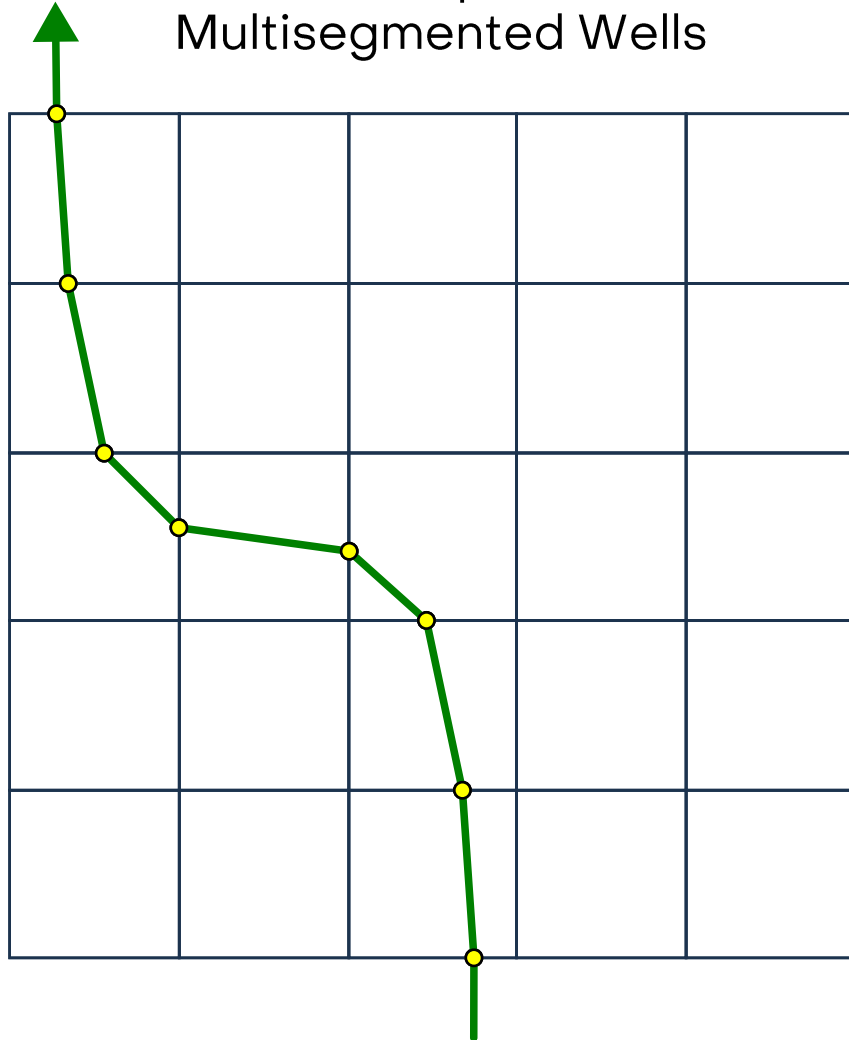
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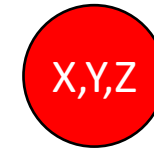
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Grid-independent Wells

WELSPECS

```
-- Item #: 1 2 3 4 5 6
'PROD' 'G1' 1* 1* 1* 'OIL' /
'INJ' 'G1' 1* 1* 8335 'GAS' /
/
```

WELTRAJ

```
-- WELL BRANCH_NO X Y TVD MD
'PROD' 1* 11500 12500 -10.0 0.0 /
'PROD' 1* 11500 12500 8425.0 8425.0 /
'INJ' 1* 2500 3500 -100.0 0.0 /
'INJ' 1* 2500 3500 8325.0 8325.0 /
'INJ' 1* 2750 3750 8375.0 8375.0 /
'INJ' 1* 3500 4500 8400.0 8400.0 /
'INJ' 1* 4500 5500 8425.0 8425.0 /
/
```

--PERF REF is MD or TVD, now assumed MD

COMPTRAJ

```
-- WELL BRANCH PERF PERF PERF COMPL STATE SAT CONN DIAM KH SKIN D_FACT MSW
-- NAME NO TOP BOT REF NO -- TABLE FACT -- -- -- --
'PROD' 1* 8325.0 8425.0 1* 1* 1* 1* 1* 0.5 1* 0.1 1* YES /
'INJ' 1* 8325.0 8425.0 1* 1* 1* 1* 1* 0.5 1* 0.1 1* YES /
/
```

WELTRAJ + COMPTRAJ for Multisegmented Wells

The following WELSEGS options have been defaulted for now:

- PRESSURE_COMPONENTS is defaulted to “HF-”
- WELLBORE_VOLUME is defaulted to 1e-5.
- ROUGHNESS is defaulted to 0.0.

PR #4279 – Author: Peter Verveer (Under Review)
Grid-Independent Multisegmented Well

New option

Grid-independent Wells

WELSEGS/COMPSEGS

MULTI-SEGMENT WELL: SEGMENT STRUCTURE

You, 2 weeks ago • Add segmented wells examples

:WELLNAME:	SEG :	BRN :	MAIN :	:	SEGMENT :	TOT LENGTH:	DEPTH :	T.V. DEPTH:	DIA OR F:	VFP TAB OR:	AREA :	VOLUME :	P DROP :
: AND :	NO :	NO :	INLET :	OUTLET:	LENGTH :	TO END :	CHANGE :	AT END :	SCALING:	ABS ROUGHN:	X-SECTN :	:	MULT :
:SEG TYPE:	:	:	SEGMENT:	SEGMENT:	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	M**2 :	M3 :	FACTOR 1 :
:INJ	: 1 :	1 :	2 :	0 :	8325.0 :	8325.0 :	8325.0 :	8325.0 :	0 :	0 :	0 :	0.000 :	1.000 :
: HF-	: 2 :	:	3 :	1 :	10.000 :	8335.0 :	10.000 :	8335.0 :	0.5000 :	0.000000 :	0.01824 :	0.349 :	1.000 :
:	: 3 :	:	4 :	2 :	25.000 :	8360.0 :	25.000 :	8360.0 :	0.5000 :	0.000000 :	0.01824 :	0.874 :	1.000 :
:	: 4 :	:	5 :	3 :	19.166 :	8379.1 :	19.166 :	8379.1 :	0.5000 :	0.000000 :	0.01824 :	0.670 :	1.000 :
:	: 5 :	:	6 :	4 :	18.750 :	8397.9 :	18.750 :	8397.9 :	0.5000 :	0.000000 :	0.01824 :	0.655 :	1.000 :
:	: 6 :	:	0 :	5 :	20.833 :	8418.7 :	20.833 :	8418.7 :	0.5000 :	0.000000 :	0.01824 :	0.728 :	1.000 :

WELTRAJ/COMPTRAJ:

MULTI-SEGMENT WELL: SEGMENT STRUCTURE

:WELLNAME:	SEG :	BRN :	MAIN :	:	SEGMENT :	TOT LENGTH:	DEPTH :	T.V. DEPTH:	DIA OR F:	VFP TAB OR:	AREA :	VOLUME :	P DROP :
: AND :	NO :	NO :	INLET :	OUTLET:	LENGTH :	TO END :	CHANGE :	AT END :	SCALING:	ABS ROUGHN:	X-SECTN :	:	MULT :
:SEG TYPE:	:	:	SEGMENT:	SEGMENT:	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	M**2 :	M3 :	FACTOR 1 :
:INJ	: 1 :	1 :	2 :	0 :	8325.0 :	8325.0 :	8325.0 :	8325.0 :	0 :	0 :	0 :	0.000 :	1.000 :
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1: The pressure drop multiplier is not implemented in opm/flow and will always show the default value 1.0.

MULTI-SEGMENT WELL: CONNECTION DATA

: WELL :	CONNECTION:	SEGMENT:	BRANCH :	TUB LENGTH:	TUB LENGTH:	TUB LENGTH:	TUB LENGTH:	CONNECTION:	SEGMENT :	GRID BLOCK:
: NAME :	:	NUMBER:	ID :	:START PERFS:	END PERFS :	CENTR PERFS:	END SEGMT :	DEPTH :	DEPTH :	DEPTH :
:	:	:	:	: METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :	METRES :
: INJ	: 1, 1, 1:	2 :	1 :	: 8325.0 :	8345.0 :	8335.0 :	8335.0 :	8335.0 :	8335.0 :	8335.0 :
:	: 1, 1, 2:	3 :	1 :	: 8345.0 :	8375.0 :	8360.0 :	8360.0 :	8360.0 :	8360.0 :	8360.0 :
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Next Steps:

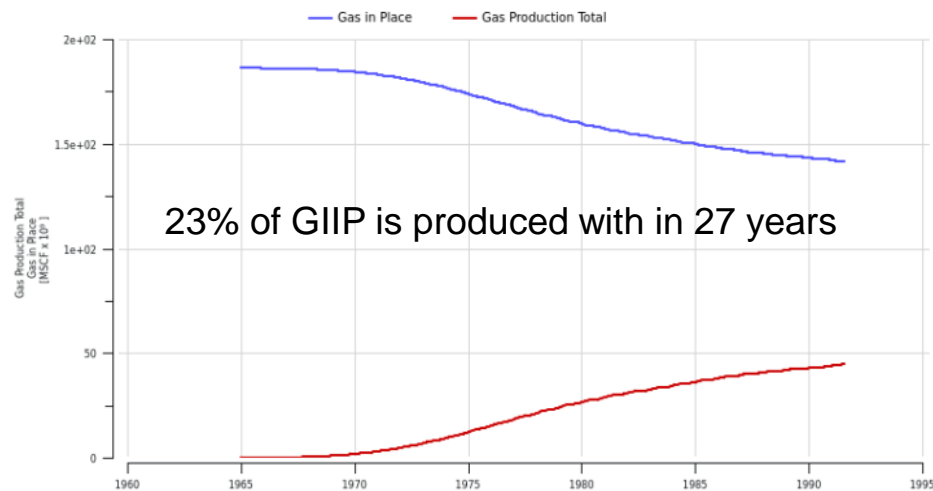
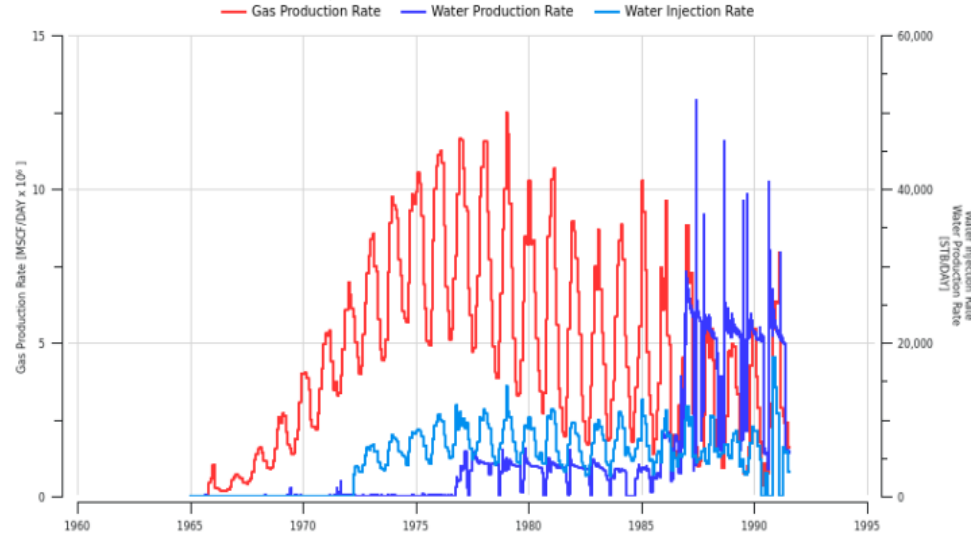
- Add more entries to keywords for currently defaulted options (PRESSURE_COMPONENTS, WELLBORE_VOLUME, ROUGHNESS)
- Enable multi-lateral wells (multiple branches)
- Add option to pipe calculated connections (WELSPECS + COMPDAT) and segments (WELSEGS + COMPSEGS) to separate file

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Groningen Model

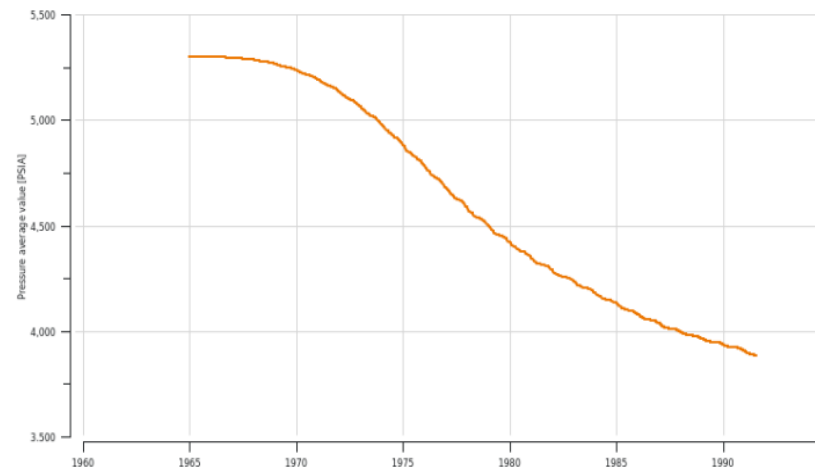
It is possible to run the model in reference simulator after cleaning.

1965-2023, water and gas production rates, water injection rate



Region	Initial pressure (psia)	Gas in place (MSCF)
1	5779	2,05E+10
2	5600	1,80E+09
3	5140	3,72E+06
4	5175	6,92E+09
5	5048	4,19E+09
6	5087	1,92E+10
7	5411	4,94E+10
8	5172	5,38E+10
9	5190	7,70E+09
10	5760	2,61E+10
11	5090	7,13E+10

1965-2023, average reservoir pressure,



Field gas in place: 2.61×10^{11} MSCF
Average field pressure: 5289 psia
Water in place: 2.79×10^{11} STB

Groningen Model

Creating corner-point grid from keywords COORD, ZCORN and others
Initializing Carter Tracey aquifers from AQUCT in /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/AQUIFER/AQF_CT_NewFace_AdjYESNO.INC line 16
2 fluid phases are active
Initializing aquifer connections from AQUANCON in /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/AQUIFER/AQF_CT_NewFace_AdjYESNO.INC line 390

Warning: Problem with keyword AQUANCON
In /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/AQUIFER/AQF_CT_NewFace_AdjYESNO.INC line 390
Connection to inactive cell (131,55,4) is ignored
...
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Connection to inactive cell (131,58,4) is ignored

Warning: Message limit reached for message tag: AQUANCON_INACTIVE_CELL

Warning: Problem with keyword AQUANCON
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20613 connections to inactive cells are ignored

Loading faults from FAULTS in
/remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/GRID/ECL.ftt line 9

Processing dynamic information from
ECLDECKONEDAYNO2.DATA line 366
Initializing report step 0/966 at 1964-12-31 0 DAYS line 366
Processing keyword TUNING at line 377
Reading from: /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/WELLS/18M_WELLSPEC.INC line 1
Processing keyword WELSPES at line 1
Reading from: /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/WELLS/WLIST.INC line 2
Processing keyword WLIST at line 2
Reading from: /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/WELLS/18M_COMPDAT.INC line 1
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 1
Reading from: /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/WELLS/WCON.INC line 3
Processing keyword WCONHIST at line 3
Processing keyword WCONINJH at line 369
Processing keyword WELTARG at line 379
Complete report step 1 (1 DAYS) at 1965-01-01 (0 DAYS)

OPM Groningen model Error!

Reading from: /remotefs/ka_uprojects/060/4/47222_unix/Users/Khoshnevis/GRONINGEN-OPM/opm-2025/WELLS/SCHED_CRAT.INC line 2
Initializing report step 2/966 at 1965-01-01 (0 DAYS) line 2
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 7
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 13
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 48
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 83
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 113
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 141
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 175
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 192
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 211
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 250
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 285
Complete report step 2 (1 DAYS) at 1965-01-02 (1 DAYS)

Initializing report step 3/966 at 1965-01-02 (1 DAYS) line 297
Processing keyword WCONHIST at line 302
Processing keyword WCONINJH at line 667
Complete report step 3 (29 DAYS) at 1965-01-31 (2 DAYS)

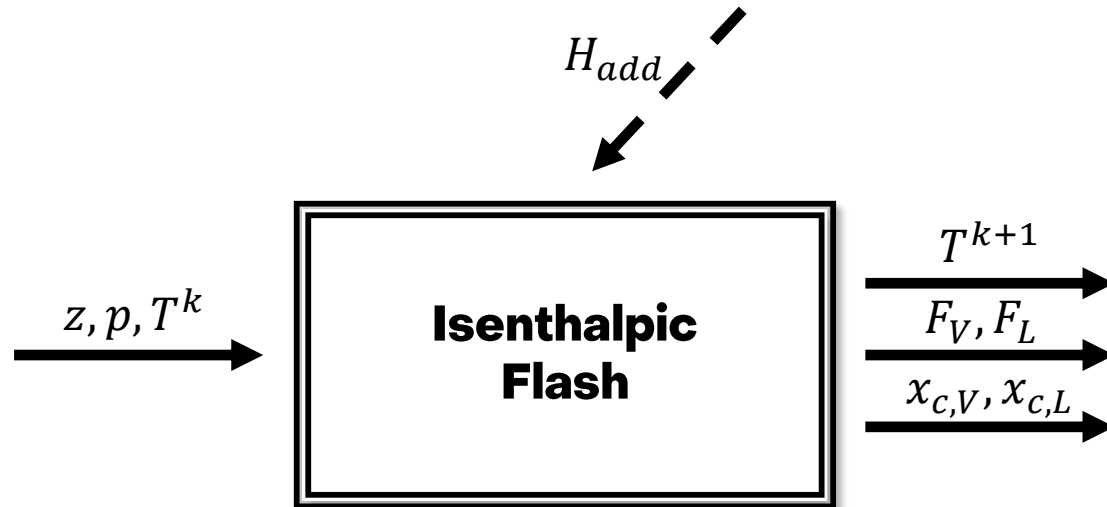
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Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 683
Processing keyword COMPDAT at line 693
Complete report step 4 (1 DAYS) at 1965-02-01 (31 DAYS)

Initializing report step 5/966 at 1965-02-01 (31 DAYS) line 717
Processing keyword WCONHIST at line 722
Processing keyword WCONINJH at line 1087
Complete report step 5 (28 DAYS) at 1965-03-01 (32 DAYS)

Processing grid

flow: /tmp/ra-team-reservoir/spack-stage/spack-stage-opm-grid-2024.04-lteo3vg6wg7phdpwhqlcg6tnw7br2k6u/spack-src/opm/grid/cpgrid/EntityRep.hpp:121: void Dune::cpgrid::EntityRep<codim>::setValue(int, bool) [with int codim = 0]: Assertion `index_arg >= 0' failed.
/cm/local/apps/slurm/var/spool/job1803115/slurm_script: line 8: 1059927 Aborted (core dumped) flow ECLDECKONEDAYNO2.DATA

Isenthalpic Flash



$$H_{spec} = H_{in} + H_{add}$$

$z, p, H_{spec} \rightarrow$ Remain Constant

Why Isenthalpic Flash?

Accurately models temperature-varying environments:

Essential when:

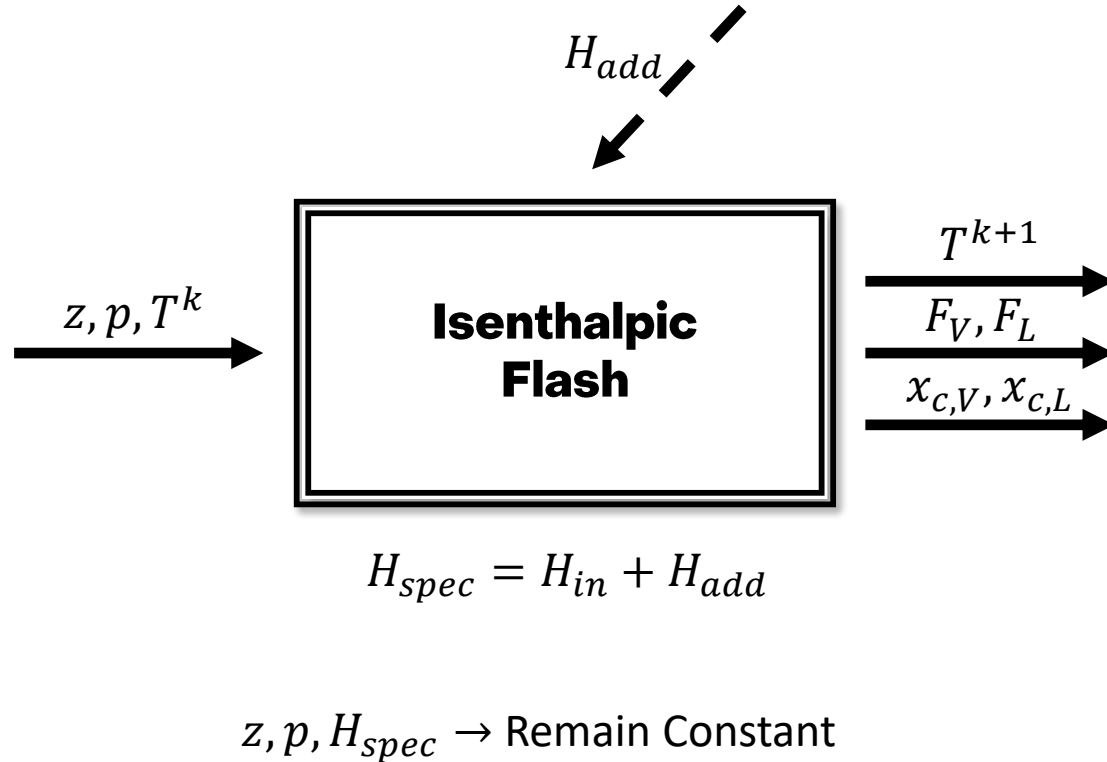
- Fluids exhibit narrow boiling point
- Even small temperature changes cause significant phase transitions, such as Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)
- Temperature is a secondary variable

Isenthalpic Flash Complexity

A saddle-point problem

- ▼ Minimizes Gibbs free energy
- ▲ Maximizes entropy

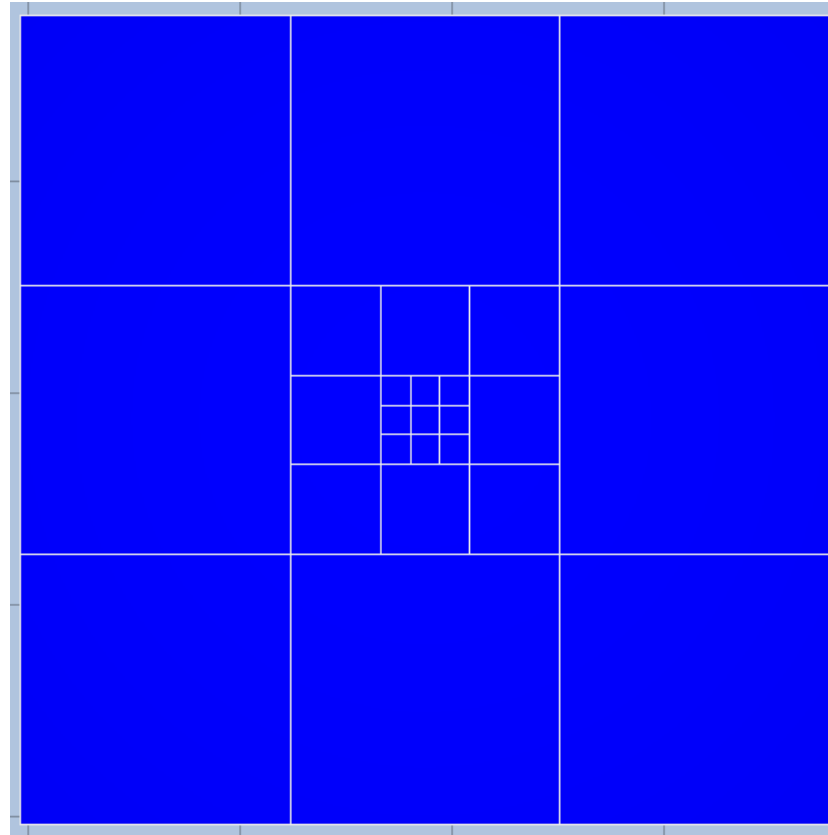
Isenthalpic Flash



What have we done so far?

- TNO, in collaboration with SINTEF, has conducted a thorough review to enable the integration of PH-Flash into the OPM framework.
- Performed a comprehensive literature review to formulate a robust and efficient numerical algorithm.
- Analyzed the existing flash algorithms in OPM to identify integration points and necessary adaptations.
- Developed a detailed pseudocode, outlining the required modifications for implementing the initial PH-Flash prototype within OPM.

Integrating LGR into Simulator framework



Specific presentation on this topic
tomorrow



Overview of TNO Latest contributions to OPM

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