LSCE, Cast3M code

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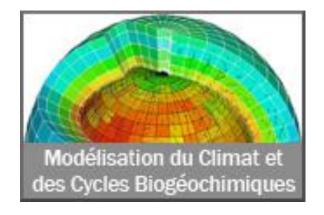








LSCE activities













Cast3M (www-cast3m.cea.fr)

- Finite Element code developed at CEA (French Atomic Energy Commission) for Nuclear Reactor applications (mechanics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer ...)
- Since the end of the 90s, equations of transfer in porous media included with MHFE and FV numerical schemes
 - Flow (Darcy, Richards, two phase)
 - Transport (Lagrangian, Eulerian)
- Reference code for Nuclear waste storage applications

Coupled TH model, Cast3M code

Water budget

$$\left(S_{w}\frac{\partial\epsilon\rho_{w}}{\partial\rho}\right)\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \nabla\cdot\left[\rho_{w}K_{w}\vec{\nabla}p\right] + \nabla\cdot\left[\rho_{w}K_{w}\vec{\nabla}z\right] - \left(\epsilon(\rho_{w}-\rho_{i})\frac{\partial S_{w}}{\partial T}\right)\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Heat budget

$$\left(\rho_{w}S_{w}C_{w}\epsilon + \rho_{i}S_{i}C_{i}\epsilon + (1 - \epsilon)\rho_{s}C_{s} + \epsilon\rho_{i}L\frac{\partial S_{i}}{\partial T}\right)\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\lambda_{t}\nabla T) + \nabla \cdot \left[\rho_{w}c_{w}T \cdot \vec{\nabla}p + \rho_{w}c_{w}T \cdot \vec{\nabla}z\right]$$

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- Time discretization: fully implicit and constant time step
- Picard scheme (interate between both equations until distance between two successive p and T fields are below threshold)
- Under-relaxation scheme to stabilize resolution of heat equation
- FV were preferred proving more robust than MHFE

Cold regions hydrology at LSCE

- On the longer term
 - Include Richards equations
 - ➤ How good Richards compares with three-phase (air, liquid water, ice)?
 - Support studies involving water bodies in Yakutia (2D / 3D)
 - Consider evolution of thermokarstic systems (geometrical changes)

Study of river taliks & their evolution in the context of climate change (N. Roux phD work)

- Collaboration Univ. Orsay and Permafrost Institute (Yakutsk, Siberia)
- Approach coupling
 - Field work (Lena river and Alas valley in Yakutia, Sibéria),
 - Numerical simulation,
 - Analogical simulation in cold room.

