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Research Line II: Multiphysics, Inversion, and Petroleum

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me, myself, and I

Professional Career of David Pardo

Univ. of the Basque Country.
Bachelors in Applied Mathematics
*Acquired Basic Knowledge in Mathematics.*
4 years (1996-2000).

ICES, UT Austin.
Ph.D. in Computational and Applied Mathematics
*Acquired Expertise in Computer Simulations.*
4 years (2000-2004).

Petroleum Engineering, UT Austin.
Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Associate in Engineering.
*Simulated Real-World Engineering (Oil-Industry) Problems.*
4 years (2004-2008).

BCAM.
Research Professor in Applied Mathematics.
*Coordinate a Research Team in Computer Based Simulations.*
8 years (2008-2015).
overview

1. Motivation (Oil-Industry and Medical Applications).

2. Main Scientific Objectives: Joint Multiphysics Inversion.


5. Numerical Results.

6. Conclusions.
motivation and objectives

Seismic Measurements

Figure from the USGS Science Center for Coastal and Marine Geology
motivation and objectives

Marine Controlled-Source Electromagnetics (CSEM)

Figure from the UCSD Institute of Oceanography
OBJECTIVES: To determine payzones (porosity), amount of oil/gas (saturation), and ability to extract oil/gas (permeability).
motivation and objectives

Joint Multiphysics Inversion (Medical Application)

Detection of breast cancer using an ecography vs. MRI.
main challenges

• **Mathematical challenges:**
  - Inverse problems are non-unique and ill-posed.
  - Stability and convergence properties of some multiphysics couplings may be unknown.
  - Choice of multiphysic couplings may affect performance.
  - Solutions corresponding to different physical phenomena may live in different spaces.

• **Physical challenges:**
  - Multiphysics couplings are possibly unknown/uncertain.
  - Possibly complex non-linearities and/or time-dependant phenomena.

• **Engineering challenges:**
  - We need goal-oriented algorithms, automatic grid generation/refinements (mesh-based methods), validation and verification (reliability).

• **Computer sciences challenges:**
  - There is a need for 3D computations (complex geometries, CPU time and memory consumption), parallelization, visualization, and efficient algorithms.
Available Commercial Software:

- **COMSOL** (structural, thermal, electromagnetics, chemical, acoustics, heat transfer, etc.).
- **ANSYS** multiphysics (structural, thermal, fluid and electromagnetism).
- **CFD-ACE+** (flow, heat transfer and turbulence) and **CFD-FASTRAN** (aerodynamic and aerothermodynamic).
- Other such as FlexPDE, LS-DYNA, NEi Nastran, IDC-SAC, OOFELIE, etc.

A large amount of commercial and non-commercial software for solving multiphysics problems has been generated during the last decade.
**method: hp finite element method**

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**The $h$-Finite Element Method**

1. Convergence limited by the polynomial degree, and large material contrasts.
2. Optimal $h$-grids do NOT converge exponentially in real applications.
3. They may “lock” (100% error).

**The $p$-Finite Element Method**

1. Exponential convergence feasible for analytical (“nice”) solutions.
2. Optimal $p$-grids do NOT converge exponentially in real applications.
3. If initial $h$-grid is not adequate, the $p$-method will fail miserably.

**The $hp$-Finite Element Method**

1. Exponential convergence feasible for ALL solutions.
2. Optimal $hp$-grids DO converge exponentially in real applications.
3. If initial $hp$-grid is not adequate, results will still be great.
method: hp goal-oriented adaptivity and solver

Goal-Oriented Adaptivity (solve the adjoint problem, and use the representation theorem of the quantity of interest $L(\Psi)$)

CONTRIBUTION TO $L(\Psi)$
- COARSE GRID -

CONTRIBUTION TO $L(\Psi)$
- FINE GRID -
method: *hp* goal-oriented adaptivity and *solver*

Goal-Oriented Adaptivity (solve the adjoint problem, and use the representation theorem of the quantity of interest $L(e)$)

CONTRIBUTION TO $L(e)$

CONTRIBUTION IN ABS VALUE TO $L(e)$
method: Fourier finite element method

Non-Orthogonal System of Coordinates

Fourier Series Expansion in $\zeta_2$

DC Problems: $-\nabla \sigma \nabla u = f$

\begin{align*}
  u(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) &= \sum_{l=-\infty}^{l=\infty} u_l(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jl\zeta_2} \\
  \sigma(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{m=\infty} \sigma_m(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jm\zeta_2} \\
  f(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} f_n(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jn\zeta_2}
\end{align*}

Fourier modes $e^{jl\zeta_2}$ are orthogonal high-order basis functions that are (almost) invariant with respect to the gradient operator.
method: de Rham diagram

De Rham diagram is critical to the theory of FE discretizations of multi-physics problems.

\[ \mathbb{R} \rightarrow W \xrightarrow{\nabla} Q \xrightarrow{\nabla \times} V \xrightarrow{\nabla \circ} L^2 \rightarrow 0 \]
\[ \downarrow id \quad \downarrow \Pi \quad \downarrow \Pi^{\text{curl}} \quad \downarrow \Pi^{\text{div}} \quad \downarrow P \]
\[ \mathbb{R} \rightarrow W^p \xrightarrow{\nabla} Q^p \xrightarrow{\nabla \times} V^p \xrightarrow{\nabla \circ} W^{p-1} \rightarrow 0. \]

This diagram relates two exact sequences of spaces, on both continuous and discrete levels, and corresponding interpolation operators.
method: parallelization

We Use Shared Domain Decomposition

Distributed Domain Decomposition

Shared Domain Decomposition

Processor 1
Processor 2
Processor 3
Processor 4
Processor 5
Processor 6
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numerical results: electromagnetic applications
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Groningen Effect

As we place the current return electrode B farther from the logging instrument, the Groningen effect diminishes.
Anisotropy is better identified when using deviated wells.
numerical results: acoustic applications

Final $hp$-grid and solution

8 KHz, acoustics, open borehole setting (no logging instrument).
conclusions: team and collaborations

I. Garay
Development of algorithms for solving multiphysics inverse problems.

F. de la Hoz
Development of fast iterative solvers.

M. Paszynski
Parallel computations.

M.J. Nam
Simulations of resistivity logging instruments.
conclusions: team and collaborations

L.E. García-Castillo

Electromagnetic computations.

Visualization.

I. Gómez

Three-dimensional computations.

Contacts with the oil industry.

E. Pérez

C. Torres-Verdín
conclusions

- We have recently created a research team working on advanced numerical analysis and computer based simulations of different physical phenomena.

- We are expanding our team to a size of 6-8 members to deal with more complex multi-physics problems. For that purpose, we are now looking for researchers (Ph.D. students, and postdoctoral fellows).

- We are interested in solving multi-physics problems, inverse and optimization problems, and simulation problems with real-world applications.

- We are interested in collaborations with different research centers. For that purpose, we typically identify projects where all collaborators have an expertise on a particular area of the project to be developed.