

# SEAWAT with Flopy

Density-driven flow simulation

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- A computer program for simulation of 3D variable-density GW flow and transport
- We use SEAWAT version 4 released in 2014.
- Coupled version of MODFLOW and MT3DMS designed to simulate 3D **variable-density**, saturated ground-water flow.
- In specific, the variable-density ground-water flow equation is solved using a finite-difference approximation similar to the one solved by MODFLOW-2000. The solute- transport equation is solved using one of the approaches available with MT3DMS.

# SEAWAT installation

For Windows:

1. Download executable
  - from `https://water.usgs.gov/ogw/seawat/swt_v4_00_05.zip`
  - or go to SEAWAT webpage:  
`https://water.usgs.gov/ogw/seawat/index.html` and click “Download SEAWAT Version 4.00.05 program, source code, user guides, and example problems [12.3MB ZIP file] (updated October 19, 2012)”
2. Unzip the folders and copy `exe/swt_v4.exe` to your floppy working directory

For Mac and Linux:

1. Download or clone pyMake  
(`https://github.com/modflowpy/pymake`)
2. go to “examples” folder and run `make_swtv4.py`
3. copy “temp/swtv4” to your working directory

## Example 3 - Henry problem (Henry [1965], Voss and Souza [1987])

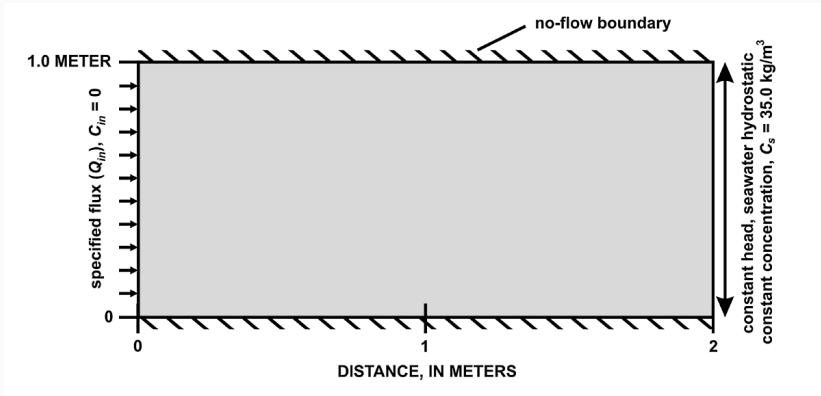


Figure 1: from figure 1 of Langevin and Guo (2006)

# Run SEAWAT simulation

Download a script from

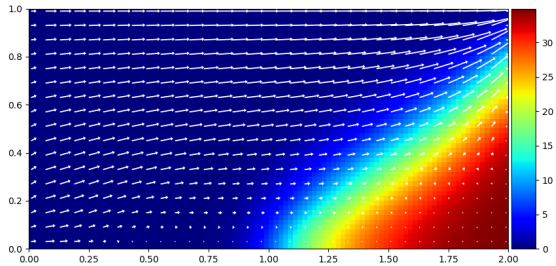
<https://www2.hawaii.edu/~jonghyun/classes/S18/CEE696/files/henry.py>

and run the script.

This script is adapted from [https:](https://github.com/modflowpy/flopy/blob/develop/examples/Notebooks/flopy3_SEAWAT_henry_problem.ipynb)

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# Result



# Governing Equations

Hydraulic head  $h$  in freshwater is defined as

$$h = \frac{p}{\rho g} + z \quad (1)$$

$h$  hydraulic head [L]

$p$  pressure [ $ML^{-1}T^{-2}$ ]

$\rho$  fluid density [ $ML^{-3}$ ]

$g$  gravity [ $LT^{-1}$ ]

$z$  the upward coordinate direction aligned with  $g$  [L]

We assume negligible viscosity differences (with lots of assumptions!) here. Then, the general form of Darcy's law for variable-density conditions

$$q = -\frac{k}{\mu} (\nabla p + \rho g \nabla z) \quad (2)$$

where  $k$  is the permeability,  $K = \frac{k\rho g}{\mu}$

$$\rho \approx \rho_f + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial C} C \approx \rho_f + \text{denseslp} * C \quad (3)$$

# Henry problem - Parameters

**Table 1**  
**Input and Numerical Solution Parameters for the Henry Problem**

	Value
<b>Input parameters</b>	
$Q_{in}$ (Henry)	5.702 m <sup>2</sup> /d
$Q_{in}$ (modified Henry)	2.851 m <sup>2</sup> /d
$C_{in}$	0.0 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$K_f$	864 m/d
$n$	0.35
$\alpha_L, \alpha_T$	0 m
$D_m$	1.62925 m <sup>2</sup> /d
$C_s$	35 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$\rho_s$	1025 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$\rho_f$	1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Numerical solution parameters</b>	
Cell size (columns 1 to 20); dx, dz	0.1 × 0.1 m
Cell size (column 21); dx, dz	0.01 × 0.1 m
Solution of flow equation	
Matrix solution technique	PCG
Head convergence value	1 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> m
Flow convergence value	1 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> kg/d
Solution of transport equation	
Advection term	TVD
Dispersion and source terms	Implicit finite difference; generalized conjugate gradient
Time-step length	Calculated during simulation using Courant value of 0.1
Concentration convergence value	1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>

**Figure 2:** from figure 2 of Langevin and Guo (2006) - not exactly same in our example



## Example 3 - Henry problem (Henry [1965], Voss and Souza [1987])

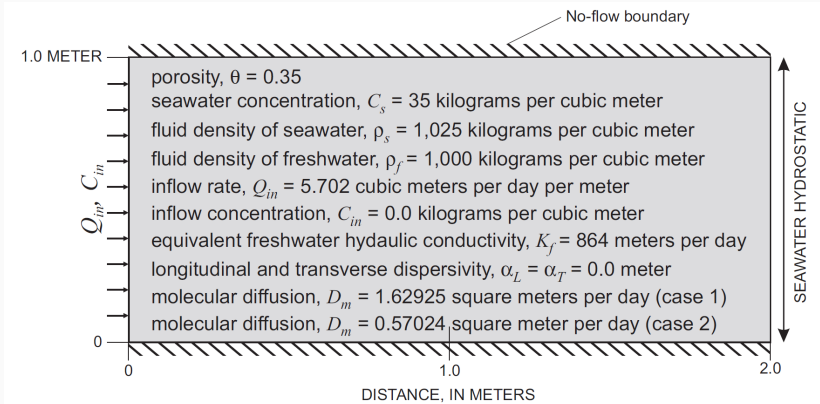


Figure 3: from figure 12 of User's Guide to SEAWAT (2002)

## Input variables for the Henry Problem

```
Lx = 2.; Lz = 1.  
nlay = 50; nrow = 1; ncol = 100  
delr = Lx / ncol; delv = Lz / nlay  
delc = 1.0  
henry_top = 1.  
henry_botm = np.linspace(henry_top-delv,0.,nlay)  
qinflow = 5.702 #m3/day  
dmcoef = 0.57024 #m2/day  
hk = 864. #m/day
```

# Seawat Object

```
# Create the basic Seawat model structure
modelname = 'henry'
swt = flopy.seawat.Seawat(modelname,
                           exe_name='./swt_v4.exe')
```

For Linux and Mac users,

```
swt = flopy.seawat.Seawat(modelname,
                           exe_name='./swtv4')
```

## Flow model setup (1)

```
# Add DIS package to the MODFLOW model
dis = flopy.modflow.ModflowDis(swt, nlay, nrow, ncol,
                                nper=1, delr=delr,
                                delc=delc, laycbd=0,
                                top=henry_top, botm=henry_botm,
                                perlen=1.5, nstp=15)

# Variables for the BAS package
ibound = np.ones((nlay, nrow, ncol), dtype=np.int32)
ibound[:, :, -1] = -1 # right const. head bc
bas = flopy.modflow.ModflowBas(swt, ibound, 0)

# Add LPF package to the MODFLOW model
lpf = flopy.modflow.ModflowLpf(swt, hk=hk, vka=hk,
                                ipakcb=53)
```

## Flow model setup (2)

```
# Add PCG Package to the MODFLOW model
pcg = flopy.modflow.ModflowPcg(swt, hclose=1.e-8)

# Add OC package to the MODFLOW model
oc = flopy.modflow.ModflowOc(swt,
    stress_period_data={(0, 0): ['save head', 'save budget']},
    compact=True)
```

Almost same as what we did for MODFLOW before!

## Boundary Conditions

```
itype = flopy.mt3d.Mt3dSsm.itype_dict()
wel_data = {} # for flow
ssm_data = {} # for transport
wel_sp1 = []
ssm_sp1 = []
for k in range(nlay):
    # Q = totalQ/nlay for each layer
    wel_sp1.append([k, 0, 0, qinflow / nlay])
    # zero concentration at the left boundary
    ssm_sp1.append([k, 0, 0, 0., itype['WEL']])
    # C = 35 at the right boundary
    ssm_sp1.append([k, 0, ncol - 1, 35., itype['BAS6']])
wel_data[0] = wel_sp1
ssm_data[0] = ssm_sp1
wel = flopy.modflow.ModflowWel(swt, stress_period_data=w
```

Treat left flux boundary as well injection

## Transport Setup

```
btn = flopy.mt3d.Mt3dBtn(swt, nprs=-5, prsity=0.35,  
                        sconc=35., ifmtcn=0,  
                        chkmas=False, nprobs=10,  
                        nprmas=10, dt0=0.001)  
adv = flopy.mt3d.Mt3dAdv(swt, mixelm=0)  
dsp = flopy.mt3d.Mt3dDsp(swt, al=0., trpt=1., trpv=1.,  
                        dmcoef=dmcoef)  
gcg = flopy.mt3d.Mt3dGcg(swt, iter1=500, mxiter=1,  
                        isolve=1, cclose=1e-7)  
ssm = flopy.mt3d.Mt3dSsm(swt,  
                        stress_period_data=ssm_data)
```

Similar to typical MT3DMS setup

# Seawat Variable-Density Flow (VDF) package

```
vdf = floppy.seawat.SeawatVdf(swt, iwtable=0, densemin=0,  
                               densemax=0, denseref=1000.,  
                               denseslp=0.7143, firstdt=1e-3)
```

**iwtable** a flag used to activate the variable-density water-table corrections (Guo and Langevin, 2002, eq. 82). If 0, the water-table correction will not be applied. If > 0, the water-table correction will be applied.

**densemin** the minimum fluid density if 0, no limitation

**densemax** the maximum fluid density if 0, no limitation

**denseref** the fluid density at the reference concentration, temperature, and pressure

**denseslp** the slope of the linear equation of state that relates fluid density to solute concentration

**firstdt** the length of the first transport timestep used to start the simulation if transport time step is larger than firstdt



## Run SEAWAT simulation and plot results

```
# write inputs
swt.write_input()
# Run!
v = swt.run_model(report=True)

# Load data
import flopy.utils.binaryfile as bf

cnobj = bf.UcnFile('./MT3D001.UCN', model=swt)
times = cnobj.get_times()
concentration = cnobj.get_data(totim=times[-1])
cbbobj = bf.CellBudgetFile('./henry.cbc')
times = cbbobj.get_times()
qx = cbbobj.get_data(text='flow right face',
                      totim=times[-1])[0]
qz = cbbobj.get_data(text='flow lower face',
                      totim=times[-1])[0]
```

# References

- SEAWAT version 4 manual  
<https://pubs.usgs.gov/tm/tm6a22/pdf/tm6A22.pdf>
- Lengevin and Guo, Groundwater [2006] [https://water.usgs.gov/ogw/seawat/langevin\\_guo\\_GW2006.pdf](https://water.usgs.gov/ogw/seawat/langevin_guo_GW2006.pdf)