Speeding up reactive transport simulations: statistical surrogates and caching of simulation results in lookup tables

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Chemistry is the computational bottleneck in coupled reactive transport simulations: use pre-trained surrogates instead. *Real chemistry* called only if their inaccuracy is too large



- Operator splitting, sequential coupling, only advection
- Multiple multivariate regression (one regressor per output)
- Model hierarchy: mass balance as accuracy control
- R/PHREEQC 1D benchmark implementation: https://gitext.gfz-potsdam.de/delucia/RedModRphree



Using xgboost as regressor, speedup is achieved already for 50-elements grid

and it increases for larger grids. Trade-off: accuracy vs speedup



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Caching chemistry in Distributed Hash Tables (DHT) for further reuse during simulations produces large speedup in common scenarios: making good use of available RAM

Grow table

Chemistry

No: compute

- Low overhead: MPI One-Sided Communication
- Simple to implement in existing code
- No accuracy loss (fixed signif. digits)
- Retrieves exact input combination



Mpi: master-slave with variable package size Ketzin grid, 648420 elements, 200 iterations Homogeneous initial state



Next steps

Combine use of surrogates and caching (DHT) to make large scale reactive transport possible on desktop PC!



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