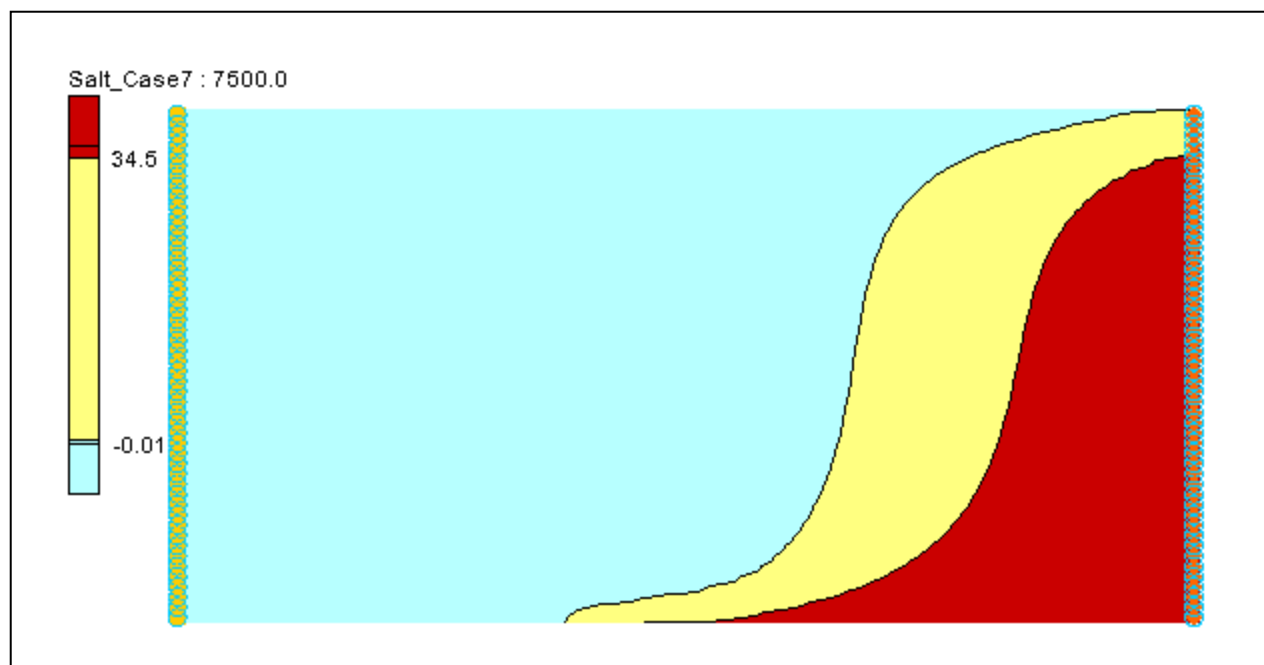


GMS 10.4 Tutorial

SEAWAT – Viscosity and Pressure Effects

Examine the Effects of Pressure on Fluid Density with SEAWAT



Objectives

Learn how to simulate the effects of viscosity and how pressure impacts the fluid density in SEAWAT.

Prerequisite Tutorials

- SEAWAT – Thermal Effects

Required Components

- Grid Module
- MODFLOW
- MT3D
- SEAWAT

Time

- 15–30 minutes



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1 Introduction

This tutorial describes how to simulate the impact of concentration and temperature on fluid viscosity using SEAWAT. Then it examines the effects of pressure on fluid density.

The problem is a confined aquifer with an initial temperature of 5°C (Figure 1). Warm freshwater is injected from the west side of the model at a 1 m³/day. The initial concentration of salt in the model is 35 kg/m³.

The tutorial looks at the effects of salinity and temperature on viscosity, and the effects of pressure on fluid density in this example. This example problem is very similar to the problem described in the SEAWAT documentation.¹

This tutorial will discuss and demonstrate importing an existing SEAWAT simulation, running SEAWAT with different scenarios, and examining the results.

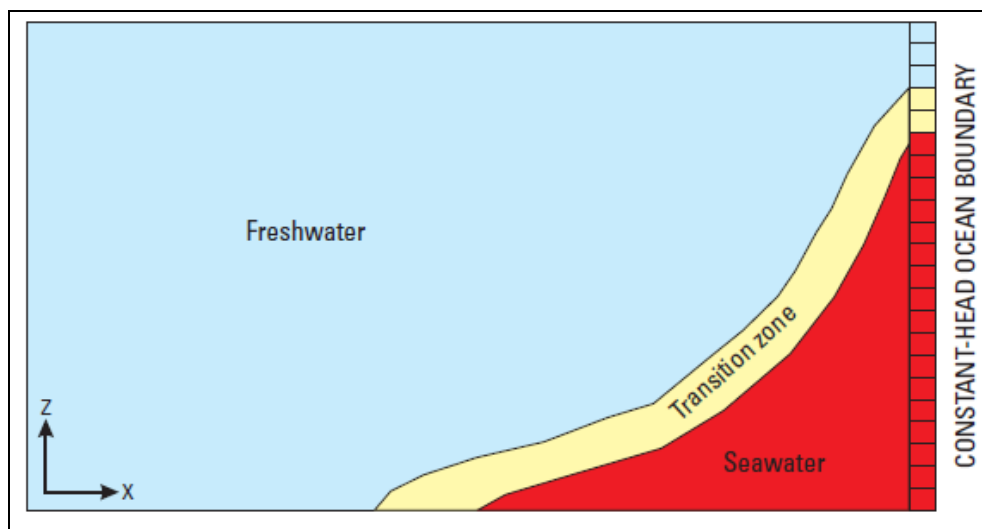


Figure 1 Site to be modeled with SEAWAT

¹ Langevin, Christian. D.; Thorne, Daniel T., Jr.; Dausman, Alyssa M.; Sukop, Michael C.; and Guo, Weixing. (2007). "SEAWAT Version 4: A Computer Program for Simulation of Multi-Species Solute and Heat Transport" in U.S. Geological Survey *Techniques and Methods Book 6*, Chapter A22, p. 13. <https://pubs.usgs.gov/tm/tm6a22/pdf/tm6A22.pdf>.

2 Getting Started

Do the following to get started:

1. If GMS is not running, launch GMS.
2. If GMS is already running, select *File* | **New** to ensure the program settings are restored to the default state.

2.1 Importing the Existing Model

Start with a model that has already been created.

1. Click **Open**  to bring up the *Open* dialog.
2. Select “Project Files (*.gpr)” from the *Files of type* drop-down.
3. Browse to the *Case_Studies\Sample\Case5* folder and select “case5.gpr”.
4. Click **Open** to import the project and exit the *Open* dialog.

The model should appear similar to Figure 2.

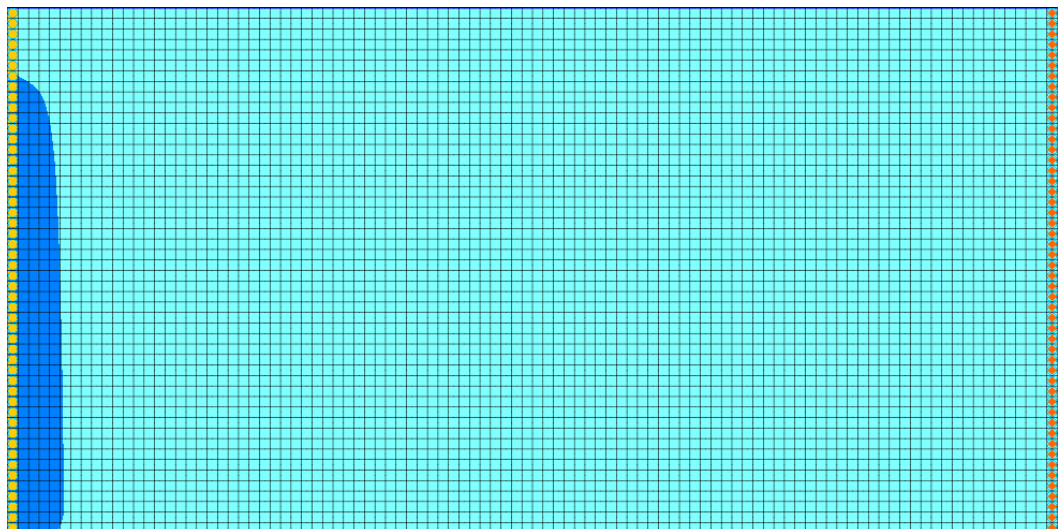


Figure 2 Initial model appearance

3 Adding the Effects on Fluid Viscosity

Use the VSC package to simulate changes to the fluid viscosity.

1. Select *SEAWAT* | **Global Options...** to open the *Global Options* dialog.
2. Turn on *Viscosity (VSC)*.
3. Click **OK** to exit the *Global Options* dialog.

3.1 Modifying the VSC Package

For the first scenario, simulate the effect of salinity on fluid viscosity in the simulation.

1. Select **SEAWAT | VSC Package...** to open the *SEAWAT VSC Package* dialog.
2. Enter “-1” as the *Fluid viscosity calc. (MT3DMUFLG)*.

This value means that the fluid viscosity will be calculated using one or more MT3DMS species. In this case, they are “Salt” and “Temperature”.

3. Enter “0.0008904” as the *Reference viscosity (VISCREF)*.
4. Select “(1)eq. 18 $A1 \cdot A2^{A3/(T+A4)}$ ” from the *Temp. affect on visc. (MUTEMPOPT)* drop-down.
5. Enter “2” as the *Temp. species id (MTMUTEMPSPEC)*.

The reference viscosity (*VISCREF*) is the viscosity of the reference fluid (warm freshwater).

MUTEMPOPT indicates which method (equation) is used to solve the fluid viscosity.

MTMUTEMPSPEC indicates the temperature species. In this project, the temperature species ID is “2”.

6. Turn on *Use default values for A1-A5*.

The default coefficients for this equation are specified according to SUTRA.² These default values are only valid for temperature in Celsius. Notice that GMS automatically fills in the values.

7. Click **Insert Row**  to insert a species row into the spreadsheet.
8. Enter “1” in *Species ID* column.

Notice that the *Species Name* changed to “Salt”.

9. Enter “1.923e-6” in the *DMUDC* column.
10. Enter “0.0” in the *CMUREF* column.

DMUDC indicates the slope of the linear equation, which relates fluid viscosity to solute concentration.

CMUREF indicates the reference concentration for species. The entries should match those in Figure 3.

11. Click **OK** to exit the *SEAWAT VSC Package* dialog.

² Voss, Clifford I. (1984). *A Finite-Element Simulation Model for Saturated-Unsaturated, Fluid-Density-Dependent Ground-Water Flow with Energy Transport or Chemically-Reactive Single-Species Solute Transport*: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 84-4369, 407 p.

SEAWAT VSC Package

Minimum viscosity (VISCMIN): 0.0 (kg/(m*d))

Maximum viscosity (VISCMAx): 0.0 (kg/(m*d))

Fluid viscosity calc. (MT3DMUFLG): -1

Reference viscosity (VISCREF): 0.0008904 (kg/(m*d))

Viscosity/conc. slope (DMUDC): 0.0 (kg/(m*d))

Reference conc. (CMUREF): 0.0 (kg/m^3)/(kg/m^3)

Temp. affect on visc. (MUTEMPOPT): (1) eq. 18 A1*A2*[A3/(T+A4)]

☒ Use default values for A1 - A5

Temp. species id (MTMUTEMPSPEC): 2 Temperature

"A1" in eq. 18-20 (AMUCOEFF-1): 0.00002394

"A2" in eq. 18-20 (AMUCOEFF-2): 10.0

"A3" in eq. 18-20 (AMUCOEFF-3): 248.37

"A4" in eq. 18-20 (AMUCOEFF-4): 133.15

"A5" in eq. 18-20 (AMUCOEFF-5): 0.0

Species Name	Species ID	DMUDC	CMUREF
Salt	1	1.923e-006	0.0

Help... OK Cancel

Figure 3 VSC Inputs

3.2 Saving the Model with a New Name and Running SEAWAT

Now save changes and run SEAWAT.

1. Select *File* | **Save As...** to bring up the *Save As* dialog.
2. Select "Project Files (*.gpr)" from the *Save as type* drop-down.
3. Enter "case6.gpr" as the *File name*.
4. Click **Save** to save the project under the new name and close the *Save As* dialog.
5. Select *SEAWAT* | **Run SEAWAT** to bring up the *SEAWAT* model wrapper dialog.
6. When SEAWAT finishes, turn on *Read solution on exit* and *Turn on contours* (if not on already).
7. Click **Close** to import the solution and close the *SEAWAT* dialog.

3.3 Viewing the Solution

Now view the results of the SEAWAT model run.

1. Fully expand the “3 D Grid Data” folder in the Project Explorer.
2. Select the “Salt” dataset below the “case6 (MT3DMS)”.
3. Select time step 10 (it has a value of “5000.0”) in the time step window.

The results from “case6” (Figure 4) and “case5” (Figure 5) are very similar. This suggests that viscosity variation has minimal effect on the simulated salinity and temperature in this case.

The figures show salt concentration at 5000 days.

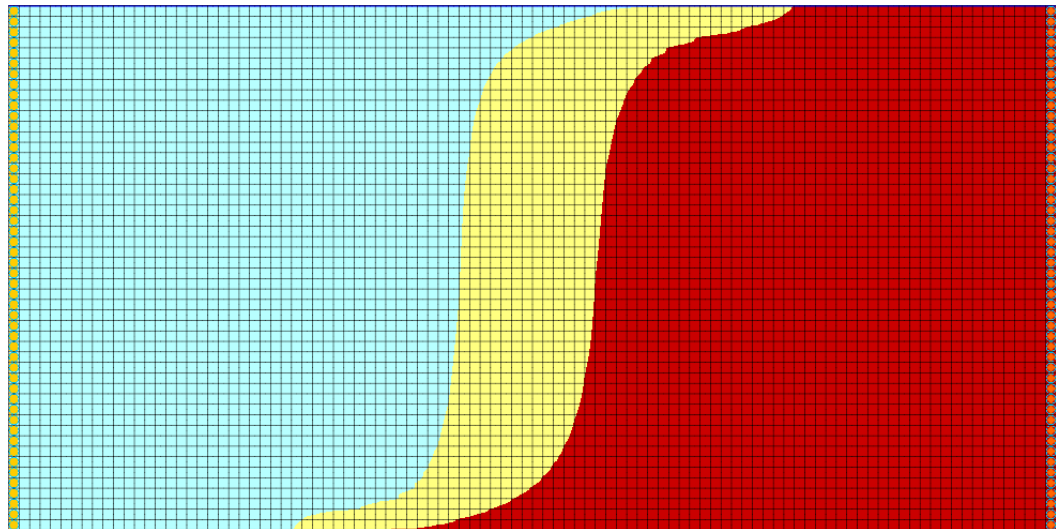


Figure 4 Time step 10 in case 6

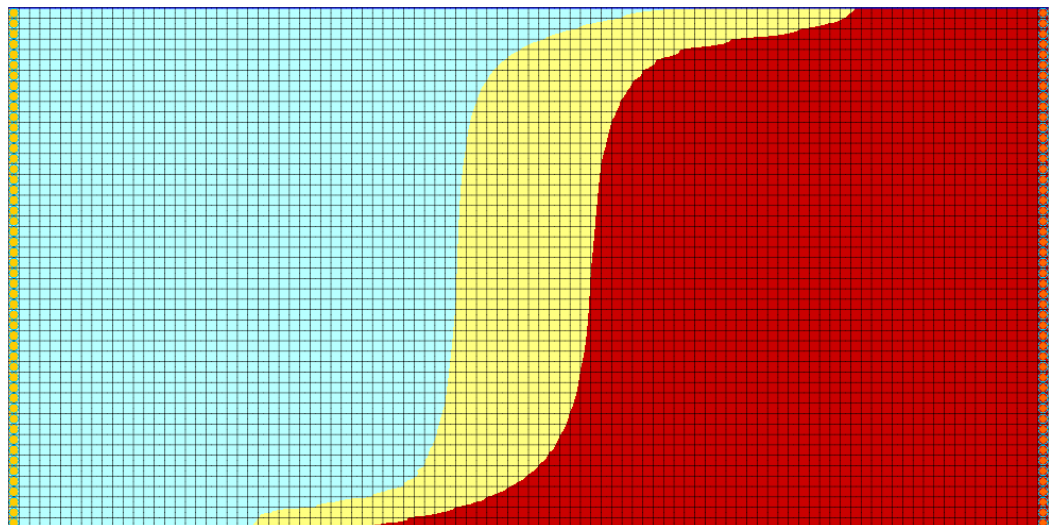


Figure 5 Time step 10 in case 5

4 Adding the Effects of Pressure on Fluid Density

For the next scenario, look at how pressure affects the fluid density.

4.1 Saving the model with a new name

Now it is possible to start making changes for another scenario. First, save the model with a new name.

1. Select *File* | **Save As...** to bring up the *Save As* dialog.
2. Select “Project Files (*.gpr)” from the *Save as type* drop-down.
3. Enter “case7.gpr” as the *File name*.
4. Click **Save** to save the project under the new name and close the *Save As* dialog.

4.2 Modifying the VDF Package

The pressure effects can be activated using the *DRHODPRHD* parameter.

1. Select *SEAWAT* | **VDF Package...** to open the *SEAWAT VDF Package* dialog.
2. Enter “0.00446” as the *Density/press. slope (DRHODPRHD)*.
3. Enter “0.0” as the *Reference press. head (PRHDREF)*.

The VDF inputs should be the same as those in Figure 6.

4. Click **OK** to exit the *SEAWAT VDF Package* dialog.

☐ Active variable-density water table corrections (IWTABLE)

Intermodal density calculation (MFNADVFD): Upstream-weighted algorithm (ne. 2)

Minimum fluid density (DENSEMIN): 0.0 (kg/m³)

Maximum fluid density (DENSEMAX): 0.0 (kg/m³)

Length of first transport time step (FIRSTDT): 1.0 (d)

Flow and transport coupling procedure

Flow/transport coupling (NSWTCPL): 0 explicitly coupled

Convergence criteria (DNSCRIT): 0.01

Fluid density calculation

Fluid density calc. (MT3DRHOFGL): -1

Reference fluid density (DENSEREF): 1000.0 (kg/m³)

Density/conc. slope (DRHODC): 0.7143

Density/press. slope (DRHODPRHD): 0.00446 (kg/m³)/(m)

Reference press. head (PRHDREF): 0.0 (m)

Species Name	Species ID	DRHODC	CRHOREF
Salt	1	0.7	0.0
Temperature	2	-0.375	25.0

Figure 6 SEAWAT VDF Package dialog detail

4.3 Saving and running SEAWAT

Now to save the changes and run SEAWAT.

1. **Save**  the project
2. Select **SEAWAT | Run SEAWAT...** to bring up the *SEAWAT* dialog.
3. When SEAWAT finishes, turn on *Read solution on exit* and *Turn on contours (if not on already)*.
4. Click **Close** to import the solution and exit the *SEAWAT* dialog.

4.4 Viewing the Solution

Now view the results of the SEAWAT model run.

1. Select the “ Salt” dataset below the “ case7 (MT3DMS)” solution.
2. Select time step 10 (value of “5000.0”) in the time step window.

The compressibility of water due to pressure has very little effect on salinity and temperature (Figure 7) due to the shallow depth (500 m) of the aquifer in this case. The effect of pressure on fluid density is negligible for shallow aquifers.

Feel free to review and compare time steps for the “ Salt” and “ Temperature” datasets in the various solutions.

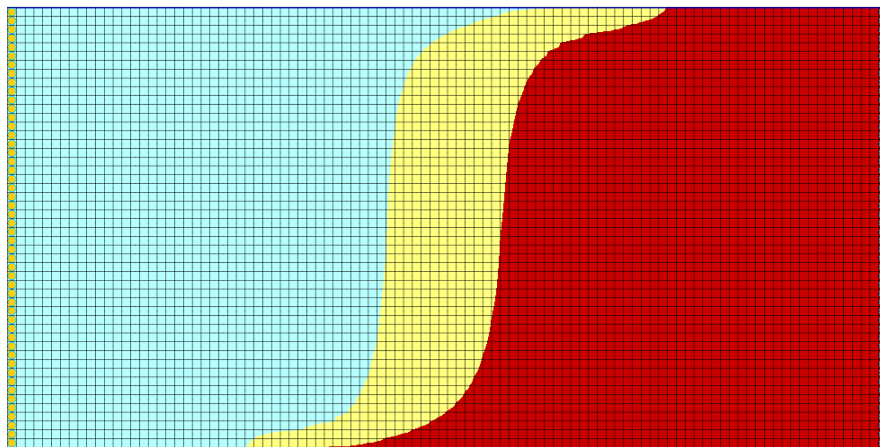


Figure 7 Time step 10 in case 7

5 Conclusion

This concludes the “SEAWAT Viscosity and Pressure Effects” tutorial. The following key concepts were discussed and demonstrated in this tutorial:

- SEAWAT combines MODFLOW and MT3DMS to solve variable density groundwater flow and solute transport problems.
- SEAWAT can simulate the effect of concentration and temperature on fluid viscosity.
- SEAWAT can simulate the effect of pressure on fluid density.