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Research Line II:

**Multiphysics, Inversion, and Petroleum**

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# me, myself, and I

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## 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

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1. **Motivation (Oil-Industry and Medical Applications).**
2. **Main Scientific Objectives: Joint Multiphysics Inversion.**
3. **Main Challenges and State-of-the-Art.**
4. **Method: Parallelization + hp-FEM + Automatic Grid Refinements + Goal-Oriented Methods + Fourier Method + De Rham Diagram.**
5. **Numerical Results.**
6. **Conclusions.**



# motivation and objectives

## Seismic Measurements

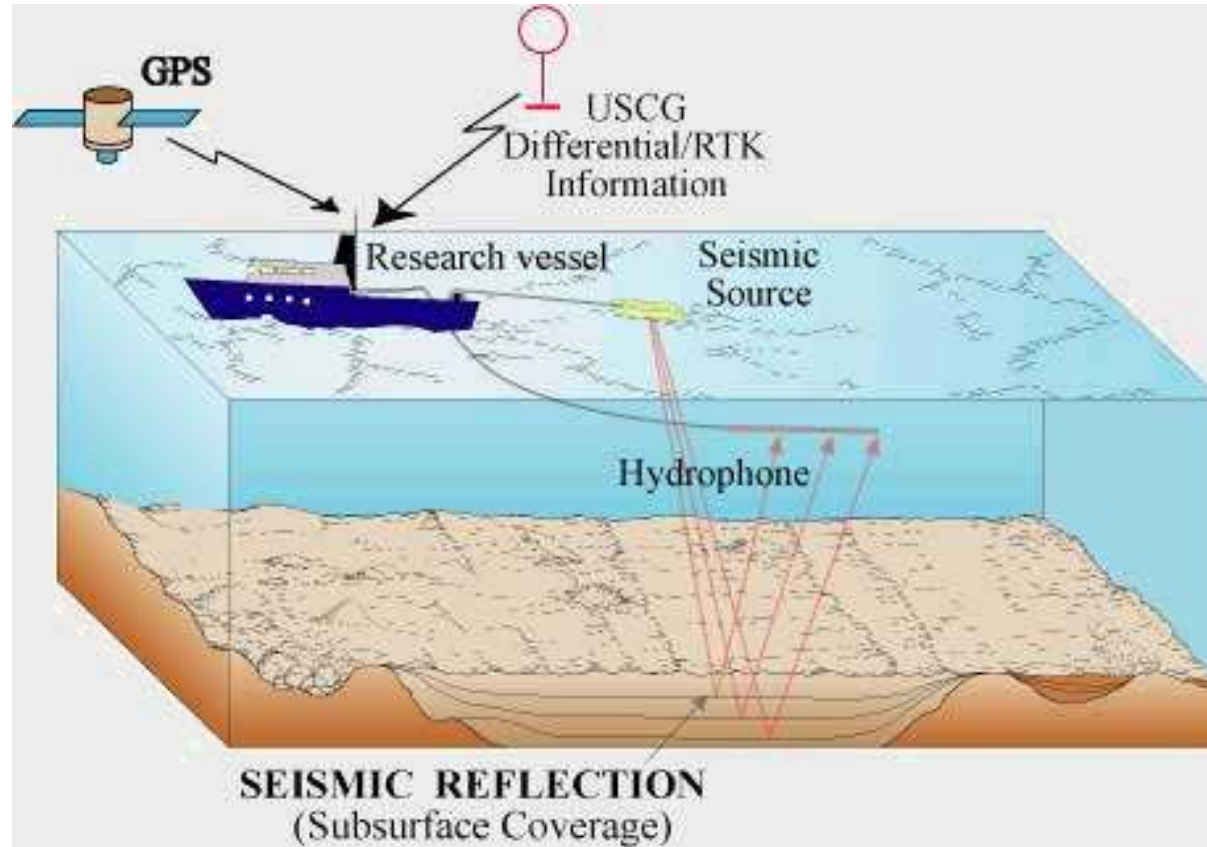


Figure from the USGS Science Center for Coastal and Marine Geology

# motivation and objectives

## Marine Controlled-Source Electromagnetics (CSEM)

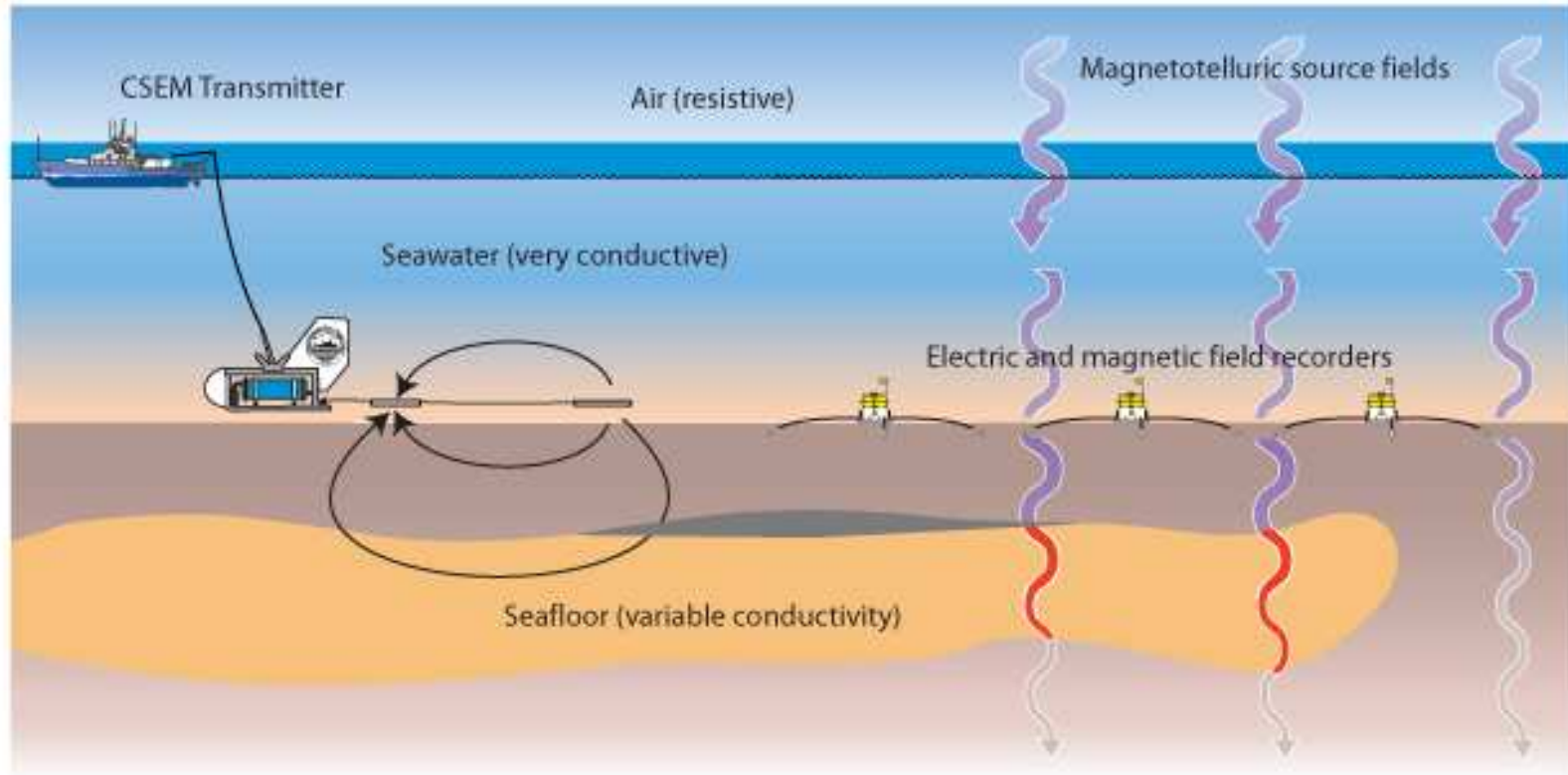
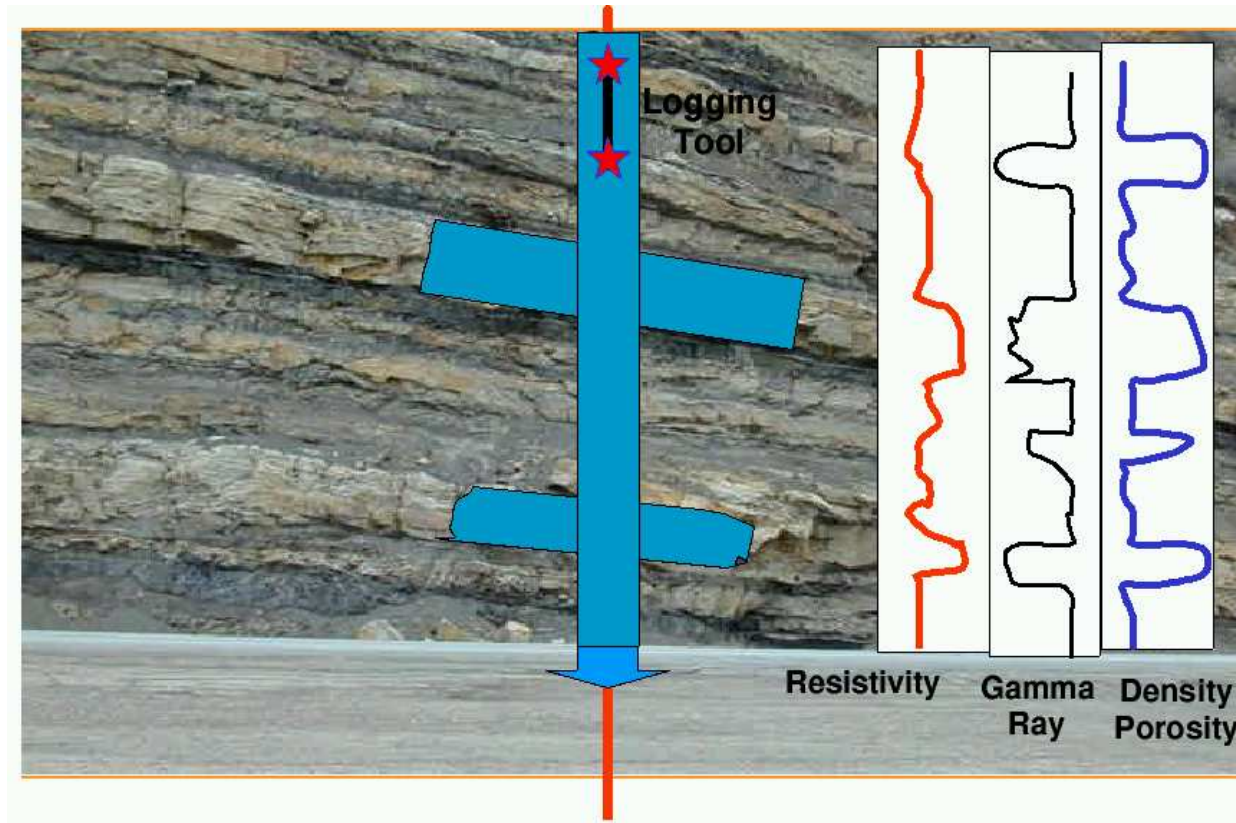


Figure from the UCSD Institute of Oceanography

# motivation and objectives

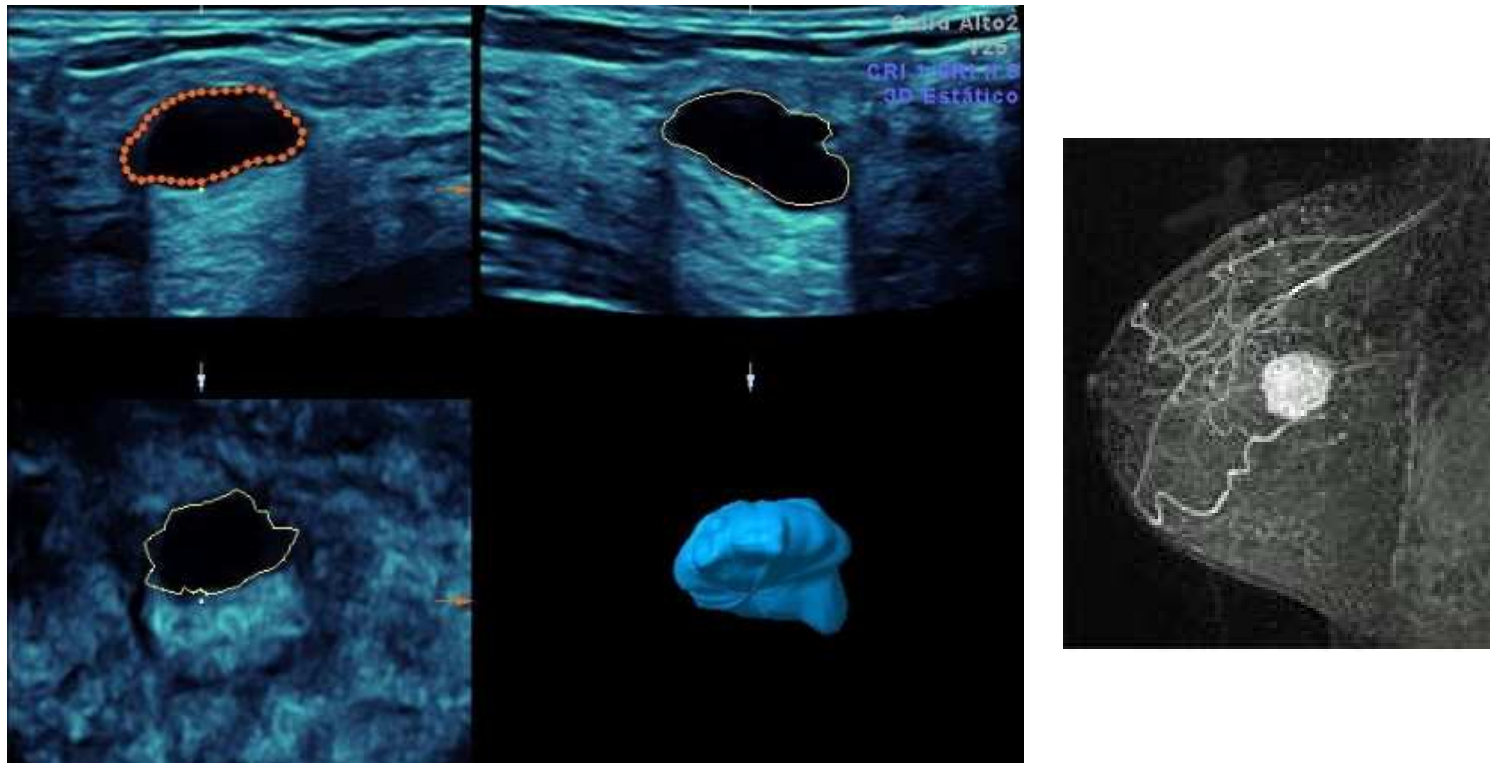
## Multiphysics Logging Measurements



**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

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- **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.

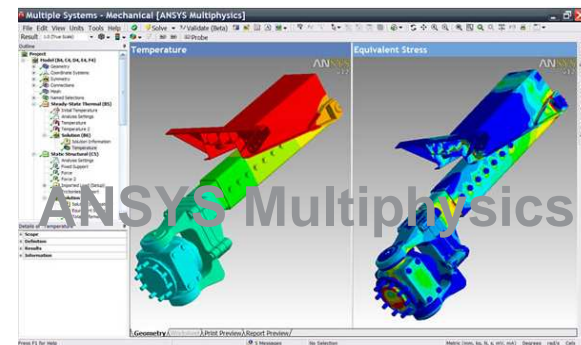
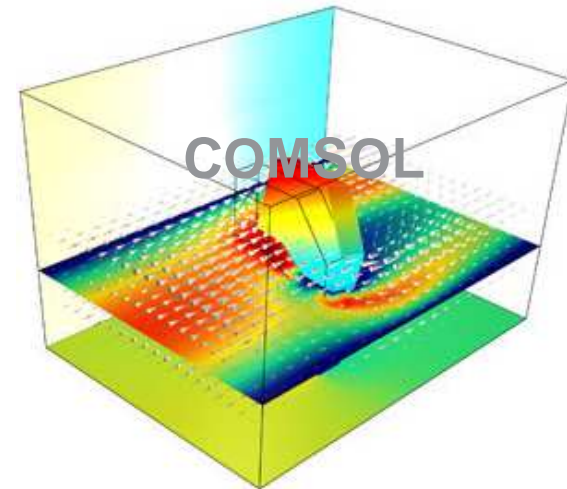




## state-of-the-art

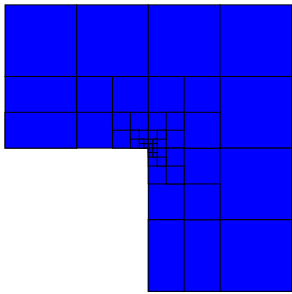
### Available Commercial Software:

- **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.



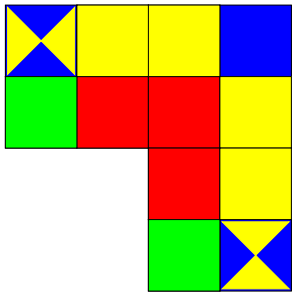
A large amount of commercial and non-commercial software for solving multiphysics problems has been generated during the last decade.

# method: hp finite element method



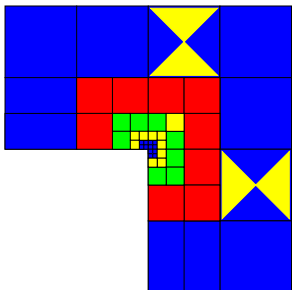
## The $h$ -Finite Element Method

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

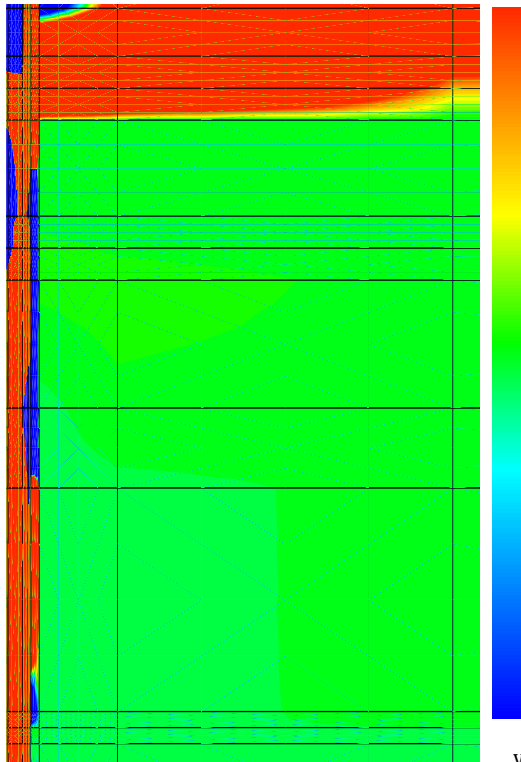
1. Exponential convergence feasible for ALL solutions.
2. **Optimal  $hp$ -grids DO converge exponentially in real applications.**
3. If initial  $hp$ -grid is not adequate, results will still be great.



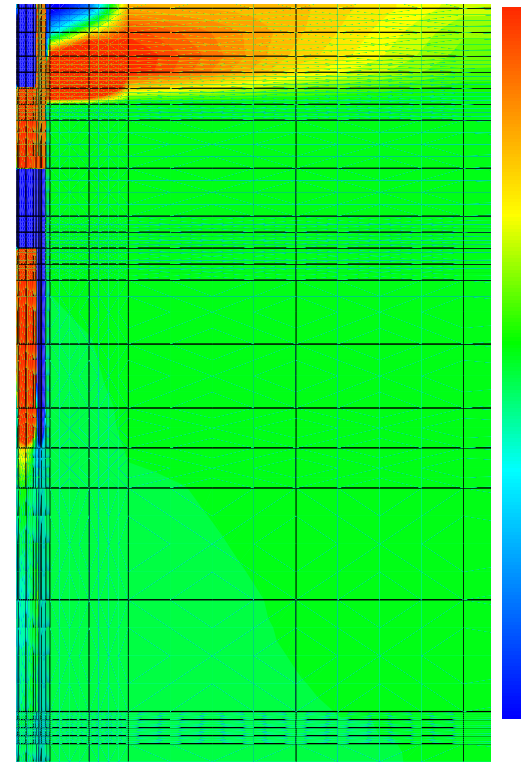
# method: hp goal-oriented adaptivity and solver

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 -



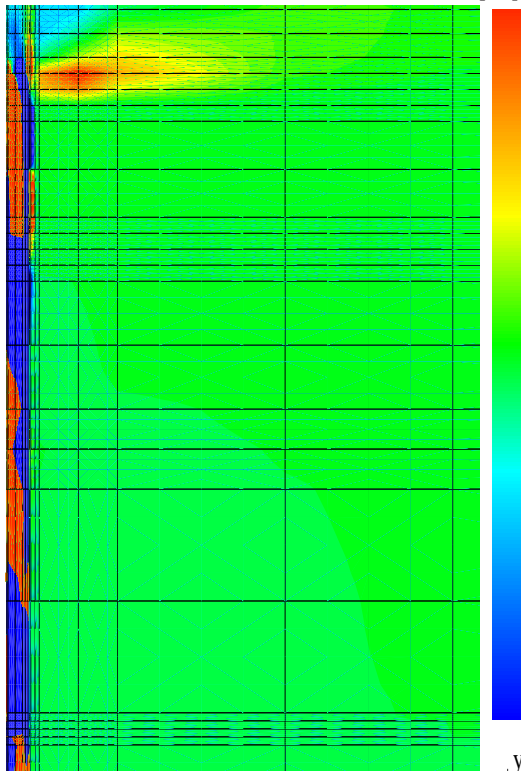
CONTRIBUTION TO  $L(\Psi)$   
- FINE GRID -



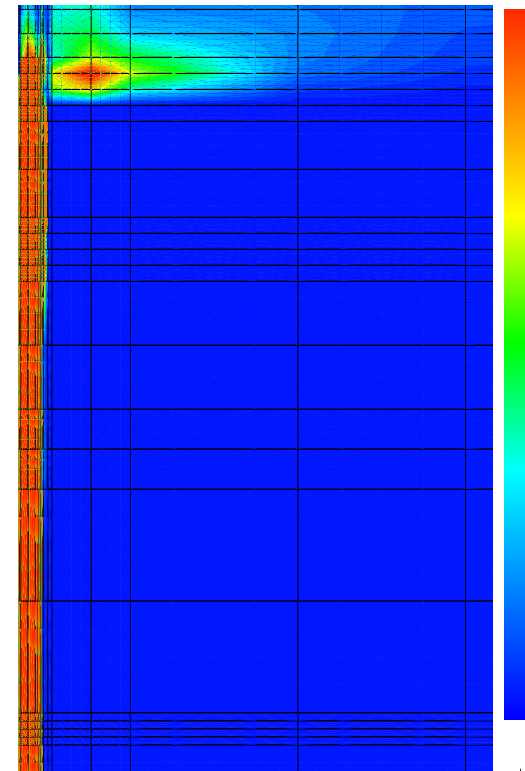
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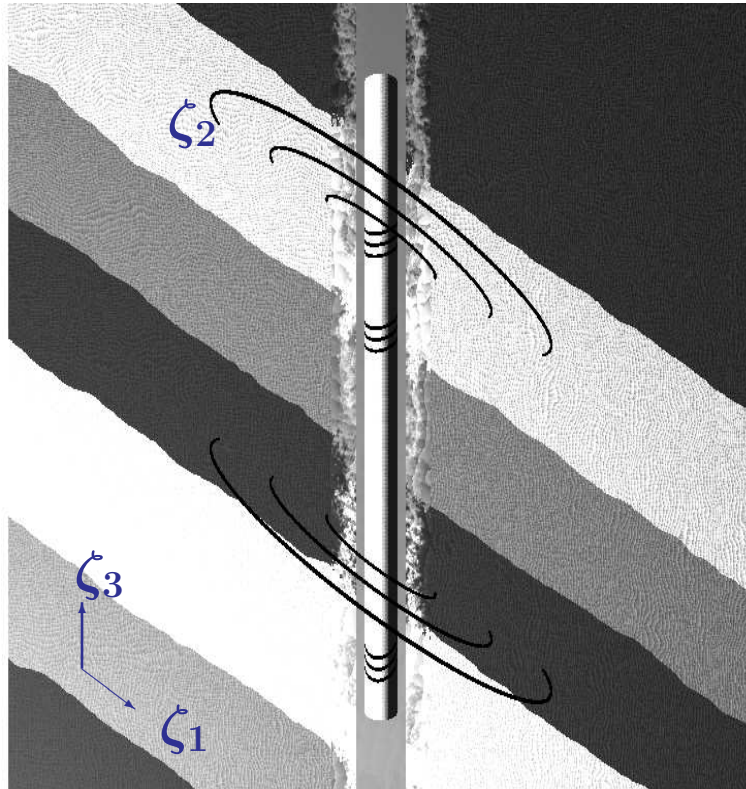


CONTRIBUTION IN ABS VALUE TO  $L(e)$



# method: Fourier finite element method

## Non-Orthogonal System of Coordinates



## Fourier Series Expansion in $\zeta_2$

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

$$u(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{l=\infty} u_l(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jl\zeta_2}$$

$$\sigma(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{m=\infty} \sigma_m(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jm\zeta_2}$$

$$f(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} f_n(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jn\zeta_2}$$

**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

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

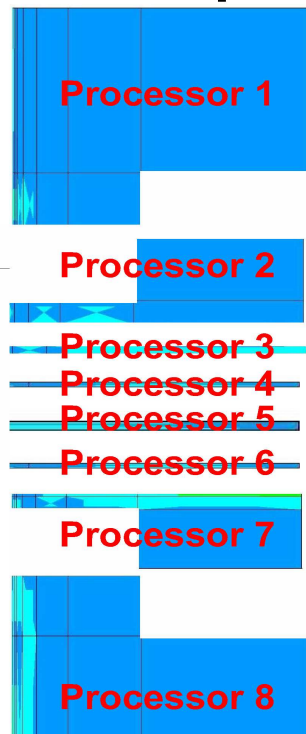
$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
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 \downarrow id & & \downarrow \Pi & & \downarrow \Pi^{\text{curl}} & & \downarrow \Pi^{\text{div}} & & \downarrow P & & \\
 \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & W^p & \xrightarrow{\nabla} & Q^p & \xrightarrow{\nabla \times} & V^p & \xrightarrow{\nabla \circ} & W^{p-1} & \longrightarrow & 0 .
 \end{array}$$

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

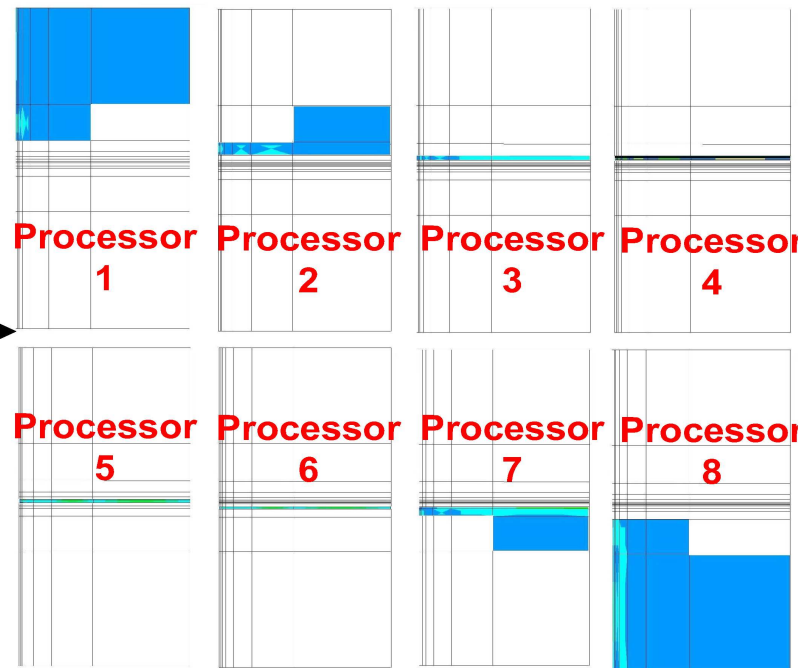
# method: parallelization

We Use Shared Domain Decomposition

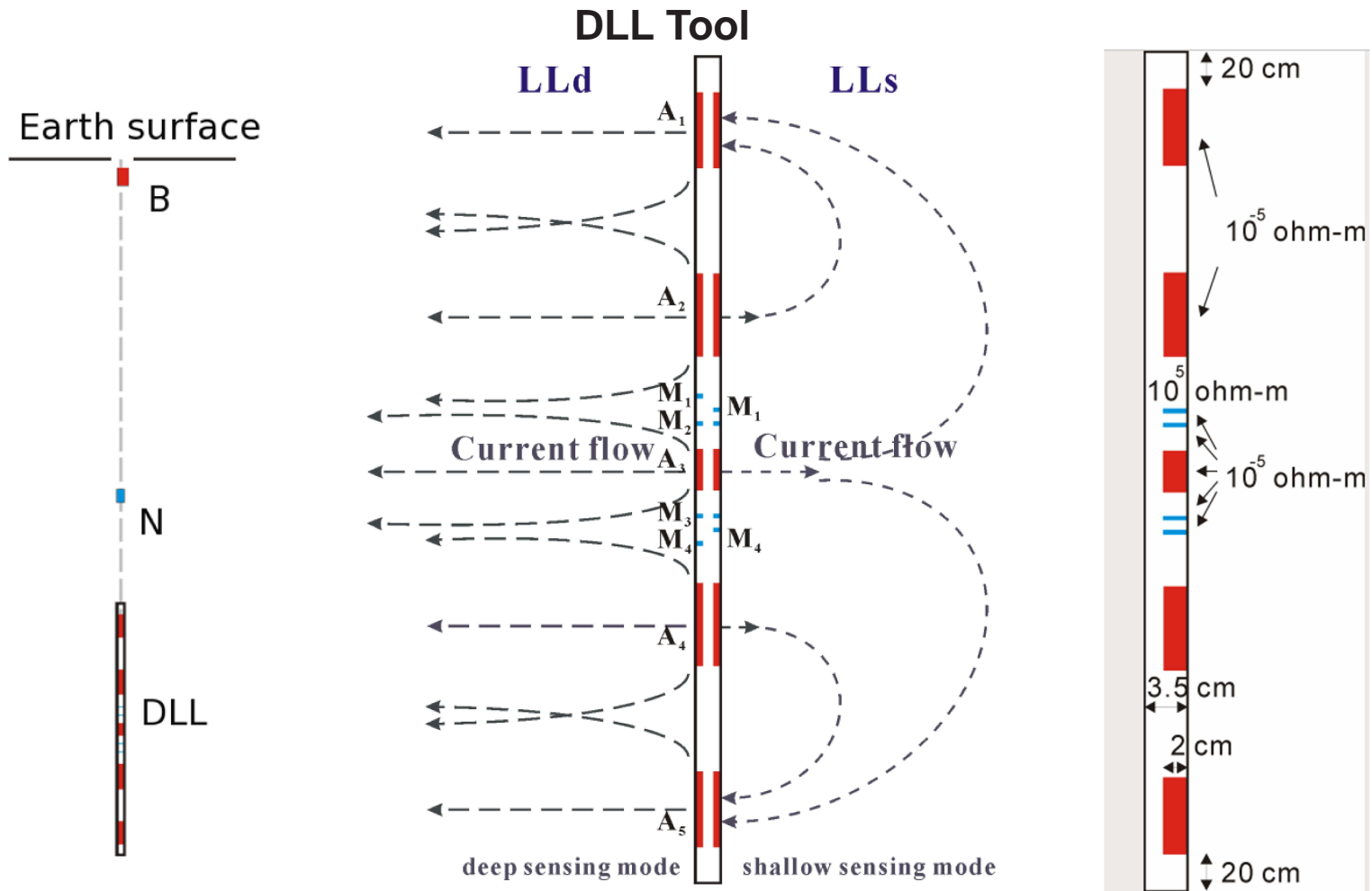
**Distributed Domain Decomposition**



**Shared Domain Decomposition**



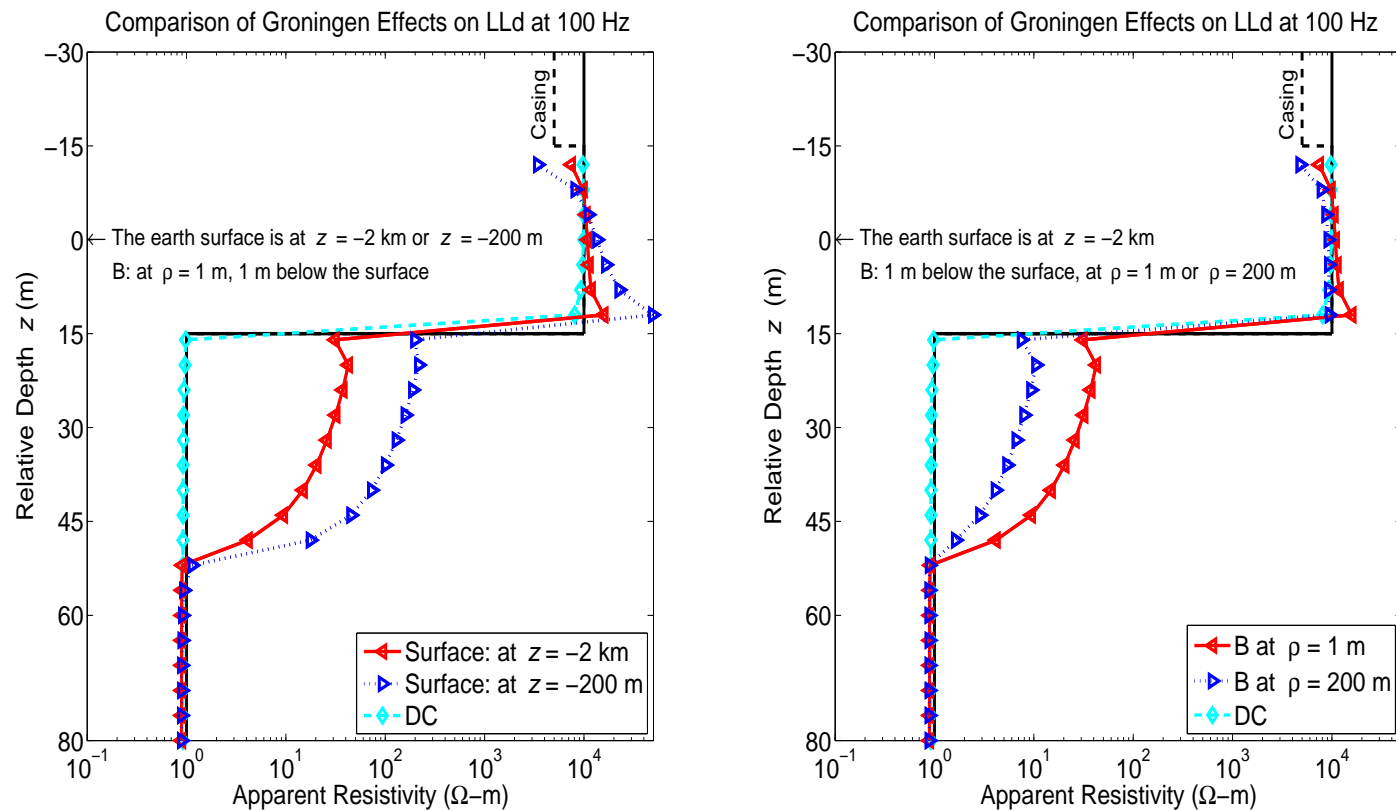
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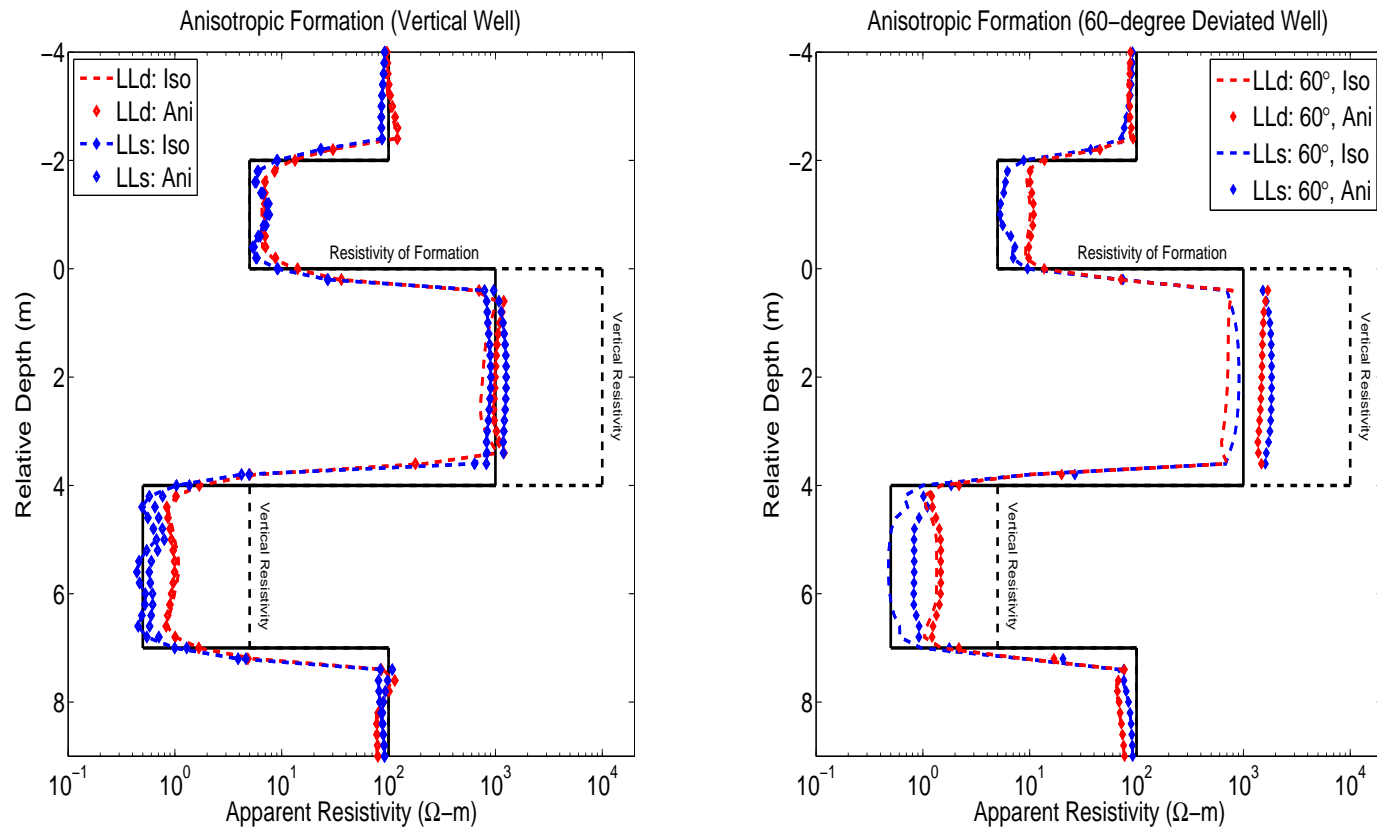
## Groningen Effect



**As we place the current return electrode B farther from the logging instrument, the Groningen effect diminishes**

# numerical results: electromagnetic applications

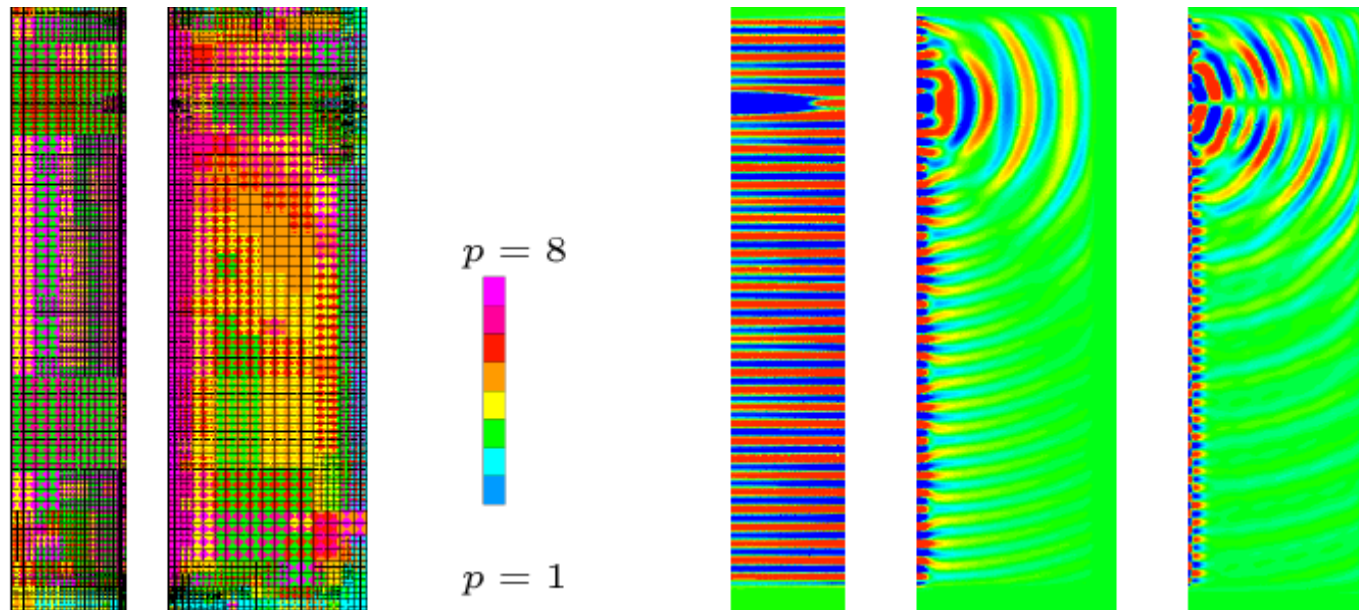
## DC DLL in Deviated Wells



**Anisotropy is better identified when using deviated wells**

# numerical results: acoustic applications

## Final $hp$ -grid and solution



acoustic elastic

$hp$ -mesh  $hp$ -mesh

acoustic

$p_{\text{acoust}}$

elastic

$u_r$

elastic

$u_z$

**8 KHz, acoustics, open borehole setting (no logging instrument).**

## conclusions: team and collaborations

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*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

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L.E. *García-Castillo*



**Electromagnetic computations.**

E. *Pérez*



**Visualization.**

I. *Gómez*



**Three-dimensional computations.**

C. *Torres-Verdín*



**Contacts with the  
oil industry.**



## conclusions

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- 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 reserchers** (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.

