Using the NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) for Estimating Natural and Enhanced Attenuation Timeframes

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ABSTRACT:

Mass discharge from DNAPL source zones (i.e. source strength) will decline naturally over time as a result of dissolution and other processes occurring in the source zone. Although the naturally-occurring decline in source strength may be relatively fast, some form of in-situ treatment is often a regulatory requirement to reduce the source strength to the extent practicable. A target reduction in source strength is used at some sites as an interim compliance goal, for determining when to transition from active to passive source treatment.

Alternatives which may be used to enhance DNAPL dissolution, and accelerate the reduction in mass discharge from a source zone into a downgradient plume, include enhanced in-situ bioremediation (EISB), in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO), and strategic pump-and-treat (SP&T). The selection of a technology for treating a DNAPL source zone is based in part on a cost-benefit-risk reduction analysis.

Two key questions arise when evaluating the relative benefit associated with enhanced DNAPL dissolution alternatives:

1. What is the attainable source strength reduction for an enhanced dissolution alternative?

2. How long will it take for an enhanced dissolution remedy to reach an interim compliance goal for source strength reduction?

Comparing the efficacy of MNA with that of enhanced remediation for a DNAPL source zone requires the estimation of attainable mass discharge reduction goals, and of the timeframe needed to achieve a target level of source strength reduction. This course presents fundamental concepts and hands-on exercises with a screening-level NAPL Depletion Model (NDM). The model is a Fortran-based program that enables users to better understand how key site characteristics influence attainable interim remedial goals and remediation timeframes.

NDM is useful as a screening tool for evaluating the relative timeframes for DNAPL source zone remedial alternatives, including MNA, EISB, ISCO, and SP&T to enhance dissolution. In addition, NDM may be used to provide input to solute transport models (e.g., REMCHLOR or MT3DMS) or to conduct a forensic analysis that helps refine the understanding of DNAPL architecture at a specific site.
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

After this course, participants will be able to:

1. Explain why mass discharge from DNAPL source zones declines over time, and identify the type of model (e.g. linear, exponential, or power) which is typically used to represent this source strength decline.

2. Identify the average source strength reduction attained during implementation of ISCO, EISB, and thermal remedies at other sites, which may be used as the basis for estimating an attainable site-specific interim compliance goal.

3. Use simple spreadsheet models to estimate mass discharge and mass remaining trends for a mixed DNAPL source zone (e.g. Falta et al., 2005), or for surface dissolution from a single DNAPL pool (Johnson and Pankow, 1992), and list the main limitation associated with each of these models with respect to remediation timeframe estimation.

4. Use the NAPL Depletion Model to simulate naturally-occurring and enhanced attenuation timeframes for mixed DNAPL source zones (i.e. “box model”), DNAPL pools, and/or layers of residual DNAPL.

5. List at least three site characteristics which have a significant influence on the naturally-occurring or enhanced DNAPL depletion timeframe.

6. Identify the typical range for DNAPL pool thickness observed at the field-scale for aged chlorinated solvent sites.

7. Use a spreadsheet model to estimate how the relative water permeability varies with NAPL saturation.

8. Use various regression equations to estimate NAPL Depletion Model input parameters for a wide range of soil textures (based on hydraulic conductivity) including: effective and total porosity, tortuosity coefficient, transverse dispersivity, irreducible water saturation, and the pore size distribution index and entry pressure-based parameters for the Van Genuchten permeability model.
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Course Overview

Section 1
NAPL Source Depletion

- Thousands of contaminated sites
  - NAPL is or was present
  - Naturally-occurring dissolution
  - Years to centuries before depleted
  - Regulated treatment or containment
  - Diffusion – decades to centuries+

- DNAPL Remediation challenges:
  1. Attainable Goals, Timeframe
  2. Source cleanup versus MNA+plume mgt

- Need for NAPL screening models
  - Improved understanding
  - More reliable estimates – time and $$$

Kavanaugh et al., 2003
DNAPL Source Zones – Single Pool Sub-zone

Source strength decline due to:

• Decline in NAPL-water interfacial area (i.e. pool length)
DNAPL Source Zones: Residual Sub-zone

**GW Flow Direction**

**Residual DNAPL (ganglia)**

**CLAY**

Source strength decline due to:
- Decline in NAPL-water interfacial area
- Intra-source by-passing
  - Decline in mass removal efficiency
DNAPL Source Zones

• A source zone may consist of one or more sub-zones

• Each sub-zone \( \rightarrow \) single pool or residual layer

• Plumes derived from each sub-zone are thin vertically
  
  • May be modeled individually, with a combined mass discharge (source strength) calculated over all sub-zones
**Mixed source zones:**

- Unable to distinguish smaller sub-zones
- Includes portions of aquifer without DNAPL (vertically and horizontally)
- Only able to model overall behavior
  - Mass discharge and mass remaining
DNAPL Depletion Models

• Academic – dissolution rate that declines with time
  • Parker and Park, 2004; Zhu and Sykes, 2004; Christ et al., 2006 and 2010
  • Predict mass discharge at each time step
  • Field-scale dissolution rates not predictable based on lab experiments

• Simple exponential decline rate: $Md = e^{-\lambda t}$

• Falta et al. (2005) Power Law Model: $Md/Md_0 = (M/M_0)^\beta$

$Md$ = mass discharge at time $t$ (kg/y)

$Md_0$ = mass discharge at time $t$ (kg/y)

$M$ = mass discharge at time $t$ (kg)

$M_0$ = mass discharge at time $t$ (kg)

$\lambda$ = source strength exponential decline rate (per time)

$\beta$ = mass discharge at time $t$ (dimensionless)
**NAPL Depletion Model (NDM)**

NAPL SUB-ZONE (i.e. layer)

Surface Dissolution ($M_{surf}$)

Back-diffusion in depleted portion of NAPL pool ($M_{b-diff}$)

Forward diffusion from pool into underlying aquitard ($M_{f-diff}$)

Through-flux ($M_{thru}$)

Carey et al. (2014a)
Source Zone Architecture

Modified from Anderson et al., 1992

Groundwater Flow

Carey et al. (2015e)

C > 100 mg/L
Source Zone Transect Example

Guilbeault et al. (2005)
NDM Uses

- Depletion timeframes – natural and enhanced
  - Relative benefit of enhanced treatment
  - Input for cost calculations
- Identify critical properties that need additional characterization or investigation to reduce uncertainty
- Improved understanding of factors influencing NAPL depletion
- Interpretive model – calibrate / eliminate architecture scenarios (model vs. observed source strength trends)
- Input for transport models
  - MT3DMS: source strength vs. time
  - REMchlor: Power law model, timeframe for enhanced attenuation


MdR vs. MR for Single & Multiple Pools

Multiple pools with heterogeneous thickness → exponential Md decline

\[ \frac{Md}{Md_o} = \left( \frac{M}{M_o} \right)^\beta \]

Carey et al. (2015e)
Example - CT Site Sub-Zones (plan view)

Sheetpile Enclosure

Carey et al. (2015e)

DNAPL source zone profile types:

Type 1
- Res. Pool
  - h=7.5 to 10 cm
  - h=5 to 7.5 cm

Type 2
- Res.
  - h=10 cm

Type 1 - Free phase and residual DNAPL at bottom of aquifer
Type 2 - Residual DNAPL at bottom of aquifer
Type 3 - Multiple layers of free phase and residual DNAPL
Type 4 - Suspended free phase and residual DNAPL
Type 5 - Bottom and suspended residual DNAPL
No DNAPL detected

Source zone region no. 1

Parker et al., 2003
Parker et al., 2004
Chapman and Parker, 2005
Stewart, 2002
Model of Brusseau et al. (2002) Experiment

(a) Comparison of NDM and Brusseau et al. (2002) numerical results

(b) NDM simulation results – $M_{d_{\text{tot}}}$, $M_{d_{\text{surf}}}$, and $M_{d_{\text{thru}}}$

Model comparison:

Carey et al. (2015d)
1D NDM model: 33 cells
Calibrated input: none

Brusseau et al. (2002)
3D model: 18,000 cells
Calibrated input: diss. rate

- Simulated – Total mass discharge (exponential decline in $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Simulated – $M_{d_{\text{thru}}}$ (exponential decline in $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Simulated – $M_{d_{\text{surf}}}$ (exponential decline in $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Simulated – Total mass discharge (Constant $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Brusseau et al. (2002) – Model a
- Brusseau et al. (2002) – Model b
- Observed

Carey et al. (2015d)
NDM Validation to Lab Studies
Ward et al., 2009 (EISB of PCE Pool)

Ward, 2009, ESTCP ER-0438

Carey et al. (2015f)
NDM for Forensic Analysis of LNAPL Architecture Schafer and Therrien, 1995 Field Study

**Case I:**
Initially thin with fast decline in thickness

**Case II:**
Initially thick with slow decline in thickness

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*Carey et al. (2015f)*

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**High $\alpha_z$**

**Low $\alpha_z$**

Xylene LNAPL Zone

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Mass Discharge (kg/y)

-3 y  t=0  0.5 y  1.4 y  2.4 y  3.4 y  4.5 y

0  500  1000  1500  2000  2500

$M_{d_{surf}}$  $M_{d_{thru}}$  Observed Total $M_d$
Course Overview

• DNAPL concepts (***)

• Spreadsheet analytical models

• NAPL Depletion Model (NDM)
  • Input parameter estimation
  • Model input and output files

• Example applications

• Influence of various properties on depletion timeframe
  • Focus investigations to support depletion modeling
DNAPL Sites: A Decade of Reflection

2003

Research and Guidance
- DoD / DOE research
- ITRC
  - Mass Flux
  - DNAPL Strategies
  - Alternative End Points
- EPA
  - TI Waivers
  - Site closure
  - DNAPL Delineation
- States
  - CA – Low Threat Closure

2012

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The New Paradigm

Site Characterization Tools

• Mass flux and Mass discharge
• Modeling back-diffusion timeframe

Remediation

• Mass discharge $\rightarrow$ Attainable interim goal
• Focus, Focus, Focus on the mass (Biggest Bang for $$\$$)

Management framework

• Integrated source-plume management
• Transition from active to passive source treatment
DENSE CHLORINATED SOLVENTS
and other DNAPLs in Groundwater: History, Behavior, and Remediation
James F. Pankow
John A. Cherry

Pankow and Cherry (1996)

Kueper et al. (2003)
Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL)

- DNAPLs are immiscible in groundwater
  - Separate phase
  - Dissolves slowly over time
Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL)

NAPL-water interface (curved):
- Under tension
- Pressure drop across interface ($\Delta P$)
- Higher pressure on DNAPL side

- Interfacial tension is a property of NAPL-water or air-water systems

$$\sigma_{\text{air-water}} = 72 \text{ dynes/cm}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{NAPL-water}} = 20 \text{ to } 50 \text{ dynes/cm}$$

1 N/m = 1,000 dynes/cm
Wetting vs. Non-Wetting Phase

- Below the water table, water is **wetting** phase
  - Preferentially spreads over sand grains
  - Tends to occupy smaller, constricted pore spaces

- DNAPL is **non-wetting** phase
  - Occupies larger pore spaces
  - Needs to overcome entry pressure threshold ($P_e$) to invade a pore space
Capillary Pressure

• Capillary pressure ($P_c$) is the difference in pressure between NAPL and water at the interface

$$P_c = \Delta P = P_{\text{non-wetting}} - P_{\text{wetting}}$$

$$= P_{\text{NAPL}} - P_{\text{water}}$$

• Entry pressure ($P_e$) is the minimum capillary pressure needed for DNAPL to invade a pore space:

DNAPL-water $P_e = 2 \sigma_{nw} / r$

where $r$ is the pore radius.

Air-water $P_e = 2 \sigma_{aw} / r$

DNAPL-water $P_e = (\sigma_{nw} / \sigma_{aw}) \times \text{Air } P_e$

DNAPL will first invade the largest pore spaces.
DNAPL Pool (Free Phase / Product)

DNAPL Pools
• Large mass
• Continuous
• Potentially mobile
• Dissolve slowly
• Water present throughout pool layer

Typical thickness: 2 to 10 cm

Source: Schwille, 1988
Residual DNAPL

- Small mass
- Discontinuous
- Ganglia extend over 1 to 10 pore spaces
- Immobile
- Dissolves quickly

Source: Schwille, 1988
Chlorinated Solvent Sites

Initially released as DNAPL (oil-like) into subsurface. DNAPL migrates chaotically – difficult to find after a release.

Source: Schwille, 1988
NAPL and Water Saturation Below Water Table

- Saturation is averaged over a volume of soil
- If no NAPL present
  - Pores completely filled with water
  - Water saturation \( (S_w) = 100\% \)
  - NAPL saturation \( (S_n) = 0\% \)
- Irreducible water saturation, \( S_{wr} = \) minimum water saturation

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**EXAMPLE:**

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\theta_t &= 0.40 \\
\theta_w &= 0.20 \\
S_w &= \theta_w / \theta_t = 50% 
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Irreducible Water Saturation ($S_{wr}$) vs. K

$S_{wr} = 0.015 \ K^{-0.218}$

$R^2 = 0.40$

(K units: cm/s)

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Rawls (1982), $S_{wr}$
- Rawls (1982), $S_{w}$ at -15 bar
- Rawls (1982), $S_{w}$ at -0.33 bar

Carey et al. (2015e)
NAPL Saturation ($S_n$) Below Water Table

- $S_n = 1 - S_w$
- Minimum $S_n = 0\%$
- Maximum $S_n = 1 - S_{wr}$
  
  e.g. if $S_{wr} = 10\%$, max. $S_n = 90\%$

Based on initial DNAPL mass in mixed source zone:

\[ S_n = \frac{M_o}{V_{sz} \theta_t \rho_{NAPL}} \]

- $M_o = \text{Initial DNAPL mass (kg)}$
- $V_{sz} = \text{Volume of source zone (m}^3\text{) = L} \times \text{W} \times \text{H}$
- $\theta_t = \text{total porosity}$
- $\rho_{NAPL} = \text{DNAPL density (kg/m}^3\text{)}$
Residual Saturation

• “Residual Saturation” refers to a threshold NAPL saturation, above which the NAPL is present as a continuous, potentially mobile pool
  • Also referred to as free phase NAPL

• Below this threshold – DNAPL is not continuous, and is immobile (ganglia) – Residual DNAPL

• Common residual saturation for TCE in the literature is 15% to 20%

• General range of 20% to 50% has been cited in other literature

• Residual saturation threshold depends on initial release conditions

\[ S_m = \text{maximum water saturation} = 1 - \text{residual saturation threshold} \]
**Experiment:** Measure $P_c$ at different $S_w$

1. Start with $S_w = 100\%$, $S_n = 0$.

2. Slowly increase $P_c$ until $P_e$ exceeded (NAPL enters soil sample) $\rightarrow P_e$ est.

3. Incrementally increase $P_c$ and measure corresponding $S_w$ as water drains and DNAPL imbibes (enters).

4. Plot $P_c-S_w$ points, and estimate curve characteristics
   - $P_e$, and pore size distribution
Capillary Pressure Saturation Curve

\[ P_c = 2 \frac{\sigma_{nw}}{r} \]

- As \( P_c \) increases, DNAPL invades progressively smaller pore spaces (r)

Slope of curve related to pore size distribution

Example: Coarse sand
Capillary Pressure Saturation Curve

**Fine silty sand:**
- Higher Pe (smaller pore spaces)
- Broader pore size distribution
- Larger $S_{wr}$

Example:
- **Coarse sand**
- **Fine silty sand**
Relative Water Permeability

- Intrinsic permeability \((k)\) of soil is proportional to pore size
  - Larger pores \(\rightarrow\) Larger \(k\) and \(K\), because more space for water to flow

- If NAPL partially clogging pores – reduced space for water to flow, \& reduced permeability

- Relative water permeability \((k_{rw})\) – depends on NAPL saturation \((S_n)\)

\[
K_1 \rightarrow K_2 < K_1
\]

\[p.\ 106-107\ in\ Pankow\ and\ Cherry,\ 1996;\ and\ Appendix\ B\ of\ course\ notes\]
Relative Water Permeability

• Van Genuchten (1980) and Mualem (1976)

• Two parameters used to estimate shape of $P_c(S_w)$ curve, and $k_{rw}$ based on $S_w$
  • Alpha, $\alpha = 1 / P_e$
  • Pore size distribution ($n$) $m=1-1/n$

• NDM – based on Van Genuchten model

• Also see Brooks-Corey and Burdine models in Pankow and Cherry (1996)
Regression of Pc(Sw) Characteristics vs. K

\[ a = 0.112K^{0.211} \]
\[ R^2 = 0.46 \]

\[ n = 13.14K^{0.246} \]
\[ R^2 = 0.84 \]
**Krw(Sn) Estimation Spreadsheet**

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**Note:** used Sm=1 consistent with DNAPL invasion stage
Transition Zones in DNAPL Pools

- Some DNAPL pools may have varying Sn with depth, and thus varying krw with depth
  - Lowest Sn is at the top of the pool (McWhorter and Kueper, 1996)
- Moreno-Barbero & Illangasekare, 2006 – refer to this upper zone with higher $k_{rw}$ as the transition zone
Vertical distribution of DNAPL in pool – above calculations based on Eq. 3.18 in McWhorter and Kueper (1996) and Eq. B-8 in Appendix B (assumes $P_c=0$ at the top of the pool).
Relative Water Permeability

• Mixed source zones: large areas without NAPL
  • Assume $k_{rw} = 1$

• Distinct NAPL layers (sub-zones) – estimate $k_{rw}$ if through-discharge is simulated
  • DNAPL pools may have higher through-discharge than typically believed, due to transition zone at top of pool
NAPL Source Zone Delineation

1.0 - Introduction

Groundwater contamination from classes of chemicals such as chlorinated solvents, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), cyanide, and coal tar is frequently encountered at hazardous waste sites (40, 41). These types of contaminants have low solubility in water and have densities greater than that of water. Therefore, they can exist in the subsurface as Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (DNAPLs) and have the potential to migrate as a separate liquid phase to significant distances below the water table in both unconsolidated materials and fractured bedrock. Many of the physical/chemical properties associated with DNAPLs, they migrate through the subsurface in a very selective and ternary manner (13, 27, 28). Thus, the majority of DNAPL present in the subsurface may not be found immediately below the water table and directly encompassing DNAPLs with conventional drilling techniques may be difficult.

Determining the presence or absence of a DNAPL is an important component of the conceptual site model and is critical to the proper selection of the remediation approach. Subsurface DNAPLs act as a long-term source for dissolved-phase contamination and determine the spatial distribution and persistence of contaminant concentrations within the dissolved-phase plume. Only when these contaminants are identified within the subsurface, subsequent characterization activities are typically conducted to better delineate the boundaries of the DNAPL source zone. The DNAPL source zone is the overall volume of the subsurface contaminated and impacted DNAPL. It is therefore recognized that there will be an associated plume with the delineation of the DNAPL source zone. In addition to the DNAPL, there may be significant amounts of contaminant mass that have diffused into less permeable zones. Tracer diffusion of contaminant mass from these sources may result in dissolved-phase plumes for significant periods of time, even after DNAPL has been removed. It is therefore essential to accurately determine the presence and location of such non-DNAPL source zones is beyond the scope of this document.

In January 1997, EPA published a Fact Sheet entitled "Evaluating Potential DNAPL Source Zones at Superfund Sites" (42) with the goal of helping site parties determine whether DNAPL source zones are present. The objectives included evaluating the potential for DNAPL source zones in the subsurface, identifying potential approaches to address DNAPL source zones, and identifying potential approaches to address DNAPL source zones. The potential for DNAPL source zones in the subsurface was evaluated through the identification of potential DNAPL source zones.

2.0 - Nature of the DNAPL Source Zone

Groundwater flow will disperse DNAPLs in the form of contaminated plumes that spread outward. Leaded fuel oil is a significant example of this phenomenon. In addition, DNAPLs are typically characterized by their high density, high viscosity, and low solubility in water. This combination of properties allows DNAPLs to migrate through the subsurface in a very selective and ternary manner (13, 27, 28). Thus, the majority of DNAPL present in the subsurface may not be found immediately below the water table and directly encompassing DNAPLs with conventional drilling techniques may be difficult.

The publication of the latest fact sheet, these have been advances in the use of advanced methods, the improved understanding of DNAPL migration behavior, and the development of new technologies (22). The strategy described in this document is to identify potential DNAPL source zones in the subsurface and to evaluate the potential for migration of DNAPLs from these source zones. This will help determine the extent of potential DNAPL source zones and facilitate the development of appropriate remediation strategies.

- Lines of evidence approaches
- Confirmed NAPL zones
- Treatment
- Potential NAPL zones
- Containment
Examples of NAPL Indicators

• Saturation Threshold \((S_n \geq 5\%)\) (confirmed)

• Visible NAPL (confirmed)

• Dye testing – confirmed if positive (potential for false negatives e.g. \(S_n < 1\% \) or 2\%, or fine-grained soils)

• Partitioning threshold – soil and GW

• Stain or sheen with supporting evidence (e.g. elevated PID, odor, or other evidence of contamination)

• GW or vapor concentration trends, anomalies

• Site use/history (e.g. release locations)
Mass Discharge Trends

Fresh Source

Mass discharge from source zone (kg/y)

Modified from Parker et al., 2003
Mass Discharge Trends

Aged Source

Typical source zone mass discharge = 1 to 100 kg/year

Newell et al., 2006:
Median TCE DNAPL half-life of 6 years

Mass discharge reduction 30x in 30 years

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Mass discharge affects plume length, risk.

Easily estimated with pumping wells.

**Example:** If need 90% reduction in risk, then goal is 90% reduction in mass discharge from source.
Concentration Trends Highly Variable

Note: Mass discharge is a single metric – easier to evaluate overall performance.
If we can see where the mass is coming from, we can focus remediation.

Source: Guilbeault et al. (2005)
Back-Diffusion

Sand

DNAPL

Well

Diffusion Into Clay

Silt or Clay

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Back-Diffusion Out of Clay

Sand

Well

Silt or Clay
Back-Diffusion

Influencing factors:
- Velocity
- Thickness
- Retardation
- Diffusion rate
- Transverse dispersion
- Length of clay lens
- Biodegradation
- Contact time

THICK silt/clay:
- Sale et al., 2008
- Matrix Diffusion ToolKit
  (ESTCP, www.gsi-net.com)
Connecticut Site (Chapman & Parker, 2005)

Source: Modified from Chapman and Parker (2005)
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Connecticut Site (Chapman & Parker, 2005)

DNAPL Source Zone

Concentration reduction stalled at 93% (15x)

Source: Modified from Chapman and Parker (2005)

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High Resolution Soil Sampling

Note – convert soil to GW concentrations to confirm if back-diffusion profile with depth.

Back-Diffusion Modeling Example

Source: Carey et al. (2014b)
Distance of well from source: 270 m

Matrix Diffusion ToolKit (www.gsi-net.com)

Risk-based cleanup criterion of 0.05 mg/L

Source: Carey et al. (2014b)
Mass Discharge In/Out of Fine-Grained Layer (THICK)

• Seyedabbasi et al. (2012)
  • See Eq. B-23 and B-24 in Appendix B of course notes

• Small flux into clay from NAPL, relative to surface or through-discharge
  • May be ignored for NAPL depletion modeling purpose

• Mass discharge from fine-grained layers in plume cause substantially bigger influence on timeframe
Back-Diffusion Timeframe vs. NAPL Contact Time

Note – based on thick aquitard assumption.

- **NAPL Contact Time:** 1 y
  - Remediation Time: 25 y

- **NAPL Contact Time:** 10 y
  - Remediation Time: >100 y

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In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3  Dr. Chunmiao Zheng  PUBLIC DOMAIN
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

BioRedox RCT package

- Flexible reaction framework
- Redox zone visualization
- Mineral precip./dissolution
- Rate stimulation/inhibition
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

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BioRedox RCT package

Contact Time Calculator

Optimization Metric

Injected Volume: 2000 L

No. of IW's: 1

No. of IW's: 2

No. of IW's: 3

No. of IW's: 4

No. of IW's: 5

No. of IW's: 6
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

BioRedox RCT package

Contact Time Calculator

NAPL Depletion Model

DNAPL source zone profile types:

Type 1 - Free phase and residual DNAPL at bottom of aquifer
Type 2 - Residual DNAPL at bottom of aquifer
Type 3 - Multiple layers of free phase and residual DNAPL
Type 4 - Suspended free phase and residual DNAPL
Type 5 - Bottom and suspended residual DNAPL
No DNAPL detected
DNAPL source zone

Source zone region no. 1

Parker et al., 2003
Parker et al., 2004
Chapman and Parker, 2005
Stewart, 2002

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In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

BioRedox RCT package

Contact Time Calculator

NAPL Depletion Model

Local Domain Approach

Large model linked to local 1-D model(s).
Local Domain Approach

Global Model Domain

Area of interest for modeling diffusion
Local Model Domains for Silt
(1-D Diffusion)

Multiple 1-D vertical (Local) models are linked to sand seam concentrations in global model.

Silt layer is inactive to transport in global model.
Local Domain Approach

- Local domain (clay with limited extent, 50 layers)
  - Each clay lens: 20 to 100+ layers

- Global domain
  - Each clay lens: 10 to 100+ layers

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2-D Model Grid

TCE Source Model

DNAPL source removed at t=35 y.

TCE pool: S=1100 mg/L, 5 m x 0.05 m

Clay

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Simulated TCE After Source Removal

$M_{\text{clay}} = \text{TCE mass in clay assuming 20 m width.}$

$t = \text{time since source removal.}$

$t = 0$

$M_{\text{clay}} = 136 \text{ kg}$

$t = 20 \text{ y}$

$M_{\text{clay}} = 1.1 \text{ kg}$

$t = 30 \text{ y}$

$M_{\text{clay}} = 0.06 \text{ kg}$

30 years after source removal:

99.96% mass depletion in clay, avg. $C_{\text{well}} = 12$ to 126 ug/L

Md into top of clay = 15% to 40% of Md from DNAPL pool.

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Local Domain Approach

Local domain $\Delta x = 5 \text{ m}$, clay thickness varied.

Example C:

Avg. $C=775$

Global model

Local Domain

Global model

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Local Domain Dispersion

Hydrodynamic Dispersion ($D_z$)

- **Diffusion**
  - $D_m = \alpha_{tv} v_x$

- **Mechanical Mixing**
  - $D_e = D_o \tau$

- **Combined**
  - $D_z = D_m + D_e$

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DNAPL Source Remediation

• MNA

• Enhanced dissolution
  – ISCO, EISB, Strategic P&T

• Thermal

**Question:** How much reduction in mass discharge can we expect to attain?
Mass Discharge Reduction: Interim Goal

Source: Carey, McBean, and Feenstra, 2014
Goal Attainability Depends on:

• Conceptual Site Model
  • Where is plume mass coming from?
• Heterogeneity – geology and DNAPL
  • Site complexity is an important factor.
• DNAPL chemical properties
• DNAPL accessibility to groundwater flow
STEP 1: Active source treatment until interim source strength reduction goal is achieved.

STEP 2: After this goal is achieved, transition to MNA in source zone

Upcoming transition checklist: ITRC – Remediation Management of Complex Sites
Integrated Source-Plume Management

• Source treatment – recognize limitations in:
  • DNAPL removal
    • Attainable, interim reduction in mass discharge
    • Use interim goal to transition to passive src treatment
  • Plume restoration (back-diffusion)
    • Characterize mass stored in silts/clays, and time to deplete once source treated or contained
    • Plume area larger than source – governs timeframe
  • Ideally cost of source treatment is balanced with limitations in plume restoration
  • Regulatory mechanisms – alternative end points
Initial Framework for DNAPL Remedy Evaluation

1. Site characterization
   • DNAPL architecture – ganglia vs. pools
   • Mass discharge (Md) history
   • Potential for back-diffusion

2. Define attainable interim goals for DNAPL source zone
   e.g. Realistic mass discharge reduction based on comparison to other sites

3. Evaluate back-diffusion timeframe in plume

4. Predict time to attain interim goals for DNAPL treatment, to support cost-benefit analysis
Questions?

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Introduction to NAPL Depletion Model (NDM)

Section 3
NAPL Depletion Model (NDM)

**NAPL SUB-ZONE (i.e. layer)**

**Surface Discharge** ($M_{d_{surf}}$)

**Back-diffusion in depleted portion of NAPL pool** ($M_{d_{b-diff}}$)

**Forward diffusion from pool into underlying aquitard** ($M_{d_{f-diff}}$)

**Through-Discharge** ($M_{d_{thru}}$)

**Mdsurf (kg/y)**

$t_0$  $t_1$
Forward and Back-Diffusion

• Seyedabbasi et al. (2012) – analytical solution for forward and back-diffusion in silt/clay below DNAPL pools
  • Forward diffusive discharge from pool is negligible in pool mass balance – much smaller than surface discharge

• In terms of NAPL depletion, forward diffusion will not be considered in this course but can be easily modeled for discrete NAPL sub-zones using the solution in Seyedabbasi et al. (2012)

• Back-diffusion is a bigger problem for the downgradient plume relative to the source zone, because plumes occur over a larger area than source zones
NAPL Depletion Model (NDM)

**NAPL Sub-zone**
- Length
- Width
- Thickness
- $C_{eff}$, $S_n$, $\rho_n$
- $K_{sat}$
- Gradient
- Total porosity
- Column $\Delta x$
- Temporal discretization

**Md$_{surf}$**
- Tortuosity
- $D_o$
- $\alpha_{tv}$
- U/G sub-zone?
- $f_{surf}$ multiplier
  - $= 1$ or $2$

**Md$_{thru}$**
- Column application (first or uniform to all)
- Efficiency factor
- Optional Pool $S_n(z)$, $k_{rw}(z)$
  - Van Genuchten $\alpha_{aw}$, $n$
  - $\sigma_{nw}$, $\sigma_{aw}$
  - $S_{wr}$, $S_m$
  - Layer $\Delta z$
- Residual layer dilution factor $f_{thru}(t)$
- U/G sub-zone?

**Enhanced Attenuation**
- $f_{ed}$ (enhanced dissolution factor)
- $f_{grad}$ (enhanced hydraulic gradient)
- $f_{bio}$ (enhanced biodegradation)
- Daughter product ratios

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NAPL Depletion Model (NDM)

**NAPL Sub-zone**
- Length
- Width
- Thickness
- \( C_{eff}, S_{no}, \rho_n \)
- \( K_{sat} \)
- Gradient
- Total porosity
- Column \( \Delta x \)
- Temporal discretization

**Md\text{surf}**
- Tortuosity
- \( D_o \)
- \( \alpha_{tv} \)
- U/G sub-zone?
- \( f_{surf} \) multiplier
  - = 1 or 2

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  - \( S_{wr}, S_m \)
  - Layer \( \Delta z \)

- Residual layer dilution factor \( f_{thru}(t) \)
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**Enhanced Attenuation**
- \( f_{ed} \) (enhanced dissolution factor)
- \( f_{grad} \) (enhanced hydraulic gradient)
- \( f_{bio} \) (enhanced biodegradation)
- Daughter product ratios
Example No. 1: Mixed Source Zone

Section 3a
Example No. 1: Mixed Source Zone

- Mixed source zone – encompasses soil volume with DNAPL pools and/or residual DNAPL, and includes soil where DNAPL is absent

\[ C_{avg} < \text{Solubility} \]

- e.g. TCE \( C_{avg} = 140 \text{ mg/L} \) (10% of solubility)
Average Concentration Example

$C_{avg_o} = 88\%$ of Solubility

**Fresh Source**

**Multilevel Samplers**
- C = Solubility
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**Fresh Source Characteristics**
- Large NAPL thickness
- High **ganglia** to **pool** ratio
- High source strength
- Rapid reduction vs. time

17 multilevel samplers, all with concentrations equal to solubility because all screens are situated directly downgradient of a DNAPL sub-zone (pool or ganglia).
Average Concentration Example

\[ C_{avg} = 30\% \text{ of solubility} \]

**Multilevel Samplers**
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**Natural Dissolution**

**Aged Source Characteristics**
- Occasional NAPL lenses
- Low *ganglia* to *pool* ratio
- Lower source strength
- First-order or linear decline

**Note** – \( C_{avg} \) is a flux-weighted average calculation. If K is uniform then it may be as simple as calculating the arithmetic average concentration at a monitoring transect of wells directly downgradient of the source zone; otherwise the calculation is more complicated.
Average Concentration Example

• The average concentration at the downgradient source zone boundary is indicative of the relative number of streamtubes through the source zone that pass through NAPL

• In a large source zone, $C_{avg}$ will decline over time

• Initial dilution factor, $f_{io} = C_{avg,o} / \text{Solubility}$

• For example, if $C_{avg,o}$ after a large release is 140 mg/L and solubility is 1400 mg/L, then $f_{io} = 10\%$.

• Over time, the dilution factor will continue to decline as NAPL becomes depleted
Source Strength = mass discharge, or \( M_d = q A C_{avg} \)
Dilution Factor Concept

Source Strength = mass discharge, or $Md = q \times A \times C_{avg}$

$C_{avg}$ = average concentration at source zone boundary
Dilution Factor Concept

Source Strength = mass discharge, or \( \text{Md} = q A C_{\text{avg}} \)

\( C_{\text{avg}} \) = average concentration at source zone boundary

\( C_{\text{avg}_o} \) = initial average concentration
Dilution Factor Concept

Source Strength = mass discharge, or \( M_d = q A C_{avg} \)

\( C_{avg} = \) average concentration at source zone boundary

\( C_{avg,o} = \) initial average concentration

\( f_i = \) dilution factor at time \( t = \frac{C_{avg}}{\text{Solubility}} \)

The dilution factor represents the relative number of streamtubes in a source zone that pass through NAPL.
In case of a mixed DNAPL source zone, there are portions of the source zone where DNAPL is not present.

This is the simplest representation – a “black box” that averages conditions over the entire source zone.

This simplest case is used when individual DNAPL sub-zones (e.g. pools, or zones of residual DNAPL) are not readily identifiable.
Streamtube concept:

- Streamtubes through source zone (like pipes).
- Any streamtube intercepting DNAPL has $C =$ Solubility.
  - e.g. for TCE, $C_{sol} = 1,400 \text{ mg/L}$.
- Any streamtube that does not intercept DNAPL has $C = 0$.

References: Jawitz et al. (2005); Fure et al. (2006)
Streamtube concept:

Cross-section at downgradient boundary to
Cross-section looking upgradient into the source zone:

Streamtubes Intersecting:
- **Ganglia**
- **Pool**
- **No DNAPL**

Note – streamtube concentrations are the same for ganglia and pools. They are distinguished here because streamtubes that intercept a DNAPL pool will persist for a longer period of time.
Total number of streamtubes in section = 49.

20 streamtubes intercept DNAPL.

\[ C_{avg} = ? \]
Source Zone Transect with Streamtubes

Total number of streamtubes in section = 49.

20 streamtubes intercept DNAPL.

\[
C_{avg} = \frac{(20 \times \text{Solubility}) + (29 \times 0)}{49}
\]
Total number of streamtubes in section = 49.

20 streamtubes intercept DNAPL.

\[ C_{avg} = 40\% \text{ of Solubility} \]

\[ f_{io} = \text{initial dilution factor} = ? \]
Source Zone Transect with Streamtubes

Early Stage

Middle Stage

No. Streamtubes Intercepting DNAPL

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$f_i = \text{?}$

$C_{avg} = 20\% \text{ of Solubility}$

$f_i = \text{dilution factor}$

= proportion of streamtubes passing through NAPL
Ganglia deplete in several years; pools persist longer.

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Mass Discharge Monitoring

• Mass discharge (i.e. source strength) – overall metric of source behavior, directly tied to downgradient risk. (ITRC, 2010)

• Concentrations – vary between wells and over time, more difficult to predict point-specific behavior.

• NAPL depletion screening models – predict average concentration or mass discharge.
Tuscon Airport (Brusseau et al., 2011)

Note: Source strength = mass discharge (Md) at downgradient source zone boundary.

**Linear Regression**
Md = -31.805x + 599.13
R² = 0.54

**Exponential Regression**
Md = 659.1 e⁻⁰.₀₉₂x
R² = 0.58

Initial Md (Md₀) = 659.1 kg/y
Decline rate (λₜₘᵢᵦ) = 0.092 y⁻¹
Decline half-life = 7.5 y
Observed and estimated source strength decline at Tucson Airport Site prior to in-situ chemical oxidation. (a) Estimated source strength decline half-life based on varying number of years of initial monitoring data. (b) Observed and estimated source strength based on exponential decline model, with half-lives calculated based on 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 years of monitoring data. Observed source strength data were presented in Brusseau et al., 2011.
Mass Discharge Decline Models

• Newell et al., 2005 – natural attenuation trends matched using either linear or exponential models.
  • Exponential models, with tailing in longer term, more representative of mass discharge and concentration trends in DNAPL source zones.

• Carey et al., 2014a – exponential models clearly a better fit for mass discharge decline under EISB and ISCO, relative to a linear decline model.
  • Less than half of the monitoring wells in a multi-site dataset illustrated clear decline trends during EISB and ISCO.
Simple Approach for Estimating Mass in a DNAPL Source Zone

Estimating initial mass \( (M_o) \) in source zone (Newell et al., 2005):

\[
M_o = \frac{M_d}{\lambda_{thru}} \quad [M_o \text{ in kilograms, } M_d \text{ in kg/y, and } \lambda_{thru} \text{ in } y^{-1}.]
\]

Example calculation for Tuscon Airport Site:

\[
M_o = \frac{(659.1 \text{ kg/y})}{(0.092 \text{ y}^{-1})} = 7,164 \text{ kg}
\]

Then use a simple mass discharge decline model to estimate cumulative mass removed over time, and current mass remaining.

Calculation assumes uniform decline rate. May overestimate mass when substantial DNAPL pools present.
NDM Use of the Dilution Factor

• NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) predicts mass discharge (Md) as the global variable
  • Source strength = Md

• $\lambda_{thru}$ is the rate of decline in mass discharge and the dilution factor ($f_i$)

$$Md_{thru} = q \ A \ C_{sol} \ f_i$$

$\lambda_{thru}$ is the rate of decline in mass discharge and the dilution factor ($f_i$)

Single component NAPL: $C_{sol} = $ solubility
Multicomponent NAPL: $C_{sol} = $ effective solubility

$$f_i = f_{io} e^{-\lambda_{thru} t}$$

$fi$ = dilution factor = $C_{avg} / C_{sol}$
  = proportion of streamtubes passing through NAPL
Falta et al. (2005a) Model

**Power Law Model:**

\[
\frac{C_{avg}}{C_{avg_0}} = \frac{Md}{Md_o} = \left(\frac{M}{M_o}\right)^\beta
\]

**Input Parameters:**
- Specific discharge, \( q \) (m\(^3\)/m\(^2\)/y)
- Initial NAPL mass, \( M_o \) (kg)
- Initial \( C_{avg_0} \) (mg/L)
- Area, \( A = W \times H \) (m\(^2\))

**Calculated from Inputs:**
- Initial mass discharge, \( Md_o \) (kg/y)
  \[ Md_o = q \times A \times C_{avg_0} \]
- Mass \((M)\) and \( C_{avg} \) at time \( t \)

**Note:** The Falta et al. (2005a) model incorporates a mass degradation rate \((\lambda_s)\), which is different from the depletion rate due to NAPL dissolution. This can be specified to be very low (e.g. half-life of 10,000 y) when mass degradation is negligible. **(RECOMMENDED)**
Falta et al. (2005a) Model: $\beta \ll 1$

$$M = \left[ \frac{M_d o}{\lambda_s M_o^{\beta}} + \left( M_o^{1-\beta} + \frac{M_d o}{\lambda_s M_o^{\beta}} \right) e^{(\beta-1)\lambda_s t} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\beta}}$$

$$C_{avg} = \frac{C_{avg o}}{M_o^{\beta}} \left[ \frac{M_d o}{\lambda_s M_o^{\beta}} + \left( M_o^{1-\beta} + \frac{M_d o}{\lambda_s M_o^{\beta}} \right) e^{(\beta-1)\lambda_s t} \right]^{\frac{\beta}{1-\beta}}$$
Falta et al. (2005a) Model: \( \beta = 1 \)

\[
M = M_o e^{- (\lambda_{thru}) t}
\]

\[
C_{avg} = C_{avg_o} e^{- (\lambda_{thru}) t}
\]

\[
\lambda_{thru} = \frac{M_o}{M_o} = \text{rate of decline in } M \text{ and } Md
\]

Through-discharge = Md through source zone

Half-life = \( \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda_{thru}} \)
Influence of $\beta$

$\beta = 1$
- Md and M have same exponential decline rate (Falta et al., 2005)
- Typical for natural attenuation of mixed source zones with mass mainly in transmissive zone (Falta et al., 2005) and heterogeneous distribution

$\beta > 1$
- Large reduction in source strength for small mass reduction
- Large portion of NAPL mass in low-K zone, or caused by pore clogging during in-situ remediation

$\beta = 0.2$
- Single DNAPL pool
- Small reduction in source strength for large mass reduction
Example from Falta et al. (2005a): $\beta=1$

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NAPL depletion rate (1/y): $0.037$ \[\lambda_{\text{NAPL}} = \frac{M_d}{M_0}\]

NAPL depletion half-life (y): $18.7$
Example from Falta et al. (2005a): $\beta=2$

Average Concentration and Mass Remaining vs Time

Cavg/Cavg_o vs. M/Mo
Example from Falta et al. (2005a): $\beta=0.5$
Example from Falta et al. (2005a): $\beta=0.2$
Falta et al. (2005a) – Remediation Model

Falta Model – X% decline in mass between $t_1$ and $t_2$

Source: Falta et al. (2005a)
## NAPL Depletion Model vs. Falta et al. Model

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<td>Beta ($\beta$):</td>
<td>Output (influence from enhanced rem.)</td>
<td>Input</td>
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<td>Mixed, or discrete sub-zones (pools, res.)</td>
<td>Mixed only</td>
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General Concept for Mass Discharge (Md)

\[ M_{d_{thru}}^t = M_{d_0} \left( e^{-\lambda_{thru} t} \right) f_{ed}^t \]

where \( M_{d_{thru}}^t \) = source strength at time \( t \)
\( M_{d_0} \) = initial source strength
\( \lambda_{thru} \) = mass discharge exponential decline rate
\( f_{ed}^t \) = enhanced dissolution factor at time \( t \)

Notes:
1. Through-discharge refers to the mass discharge through the downgradient boundary of the DNAPL source zone, otherwise known as source strength.
2. For a one-block source zone, this simple model can easily be entered into Microsoft Excel.
General Concept for Mass Discharge (Md)

\[ Md_{thru}^t = Md_o \left( e^{-\lambda_{thru} t} \right) f_{ed}^t \]

Based on historical monitoring data
e.g. Tuscon Airport Site:
\[ Md_o = 659 \text{ kg/y} \]
\[ \lambda_{thru} = 0.092 \text{ y}^{-1} \]

Based on literature data
e.g. EISB \( f_{ed} = 2 \) to 3 (ITRC, 2008; Stroo et al., 2012)
NDM Simulation of Through-Discharge

\[ \text{Md}_{thru}^t = (k_{rw} \ q_x^t \ C_{sol}^t \ W \ H) \ f_i^t \ f_{ed}^t \]

where \( k_{rw} \) is the relative water permeability, \( q_x^t \) is the average specific discharge at time step \( t \), \( C_{sol}^t \) is the effective solubility (which is the same as solubility for a single component NAPL), \( w_i \) and \( h_i \) represent the width and height of source zone \( i \), \( f_i^t \) is a multiplier representing the proportion of the source zone cross-section which has streamtubes containing NAPL at time step \( t \), and \( f_{ed}^t \) is a multiplier for mass discharge through the zone representing potential enhanced dissolution at time step \( t \) as a result of active remediation. The current version of NDM does not consider transient \( k_{rw} \) during source depletion; further study is warranted to determine when transient representation of this parameter may be helpful.

As discussed above, NDM represents three types of decline models for the \( f_i^t \) term to provide a surrogate representation for the rate of decline in NAPL-water interfacial area (IA) in the source zone:

- **Exponential decline**, \( f_i^t = f_{io} e^{-\lambda_{thru,i} t} \) where \( f_{io} \) represents the initial proportion of the source zone cross-section which has streamtubes containing NAPL, and \( \lambda_{thru,i} \) represents the first-order rate of decline of the proportion of streamtubes containing NAPL at time step \( t \);
- **Linear decline**, \( f_i^t = f_{io} - f_{io} m_i^t t \) where \( m_i^t \) represents the linear decline slope at time step \( t \); and
- **Constant** \( f_i^t = f_{io} \).
Initial Dilution Factor

Note: for a mixed source zone, assume $k_{rw} = 1$

\[ f_{io} = \frac{Md_o}{(k_{rw} q_{x0} C_{sol} W H)} \]

OR

\[ f_{io} = \frac{C_{avg.o}}{C_{sol}} \]

e.g. $f_{io} \sim 40\%$

where $f_{io} = $ initial dilution factor; and

$C_{sol} = $ solubility for single component DNAPL
Exercise No. 1: Natural and Enhanced Dissolution in Mixed Source Zone

Goal: Use NDM to compare remediation timeframe for natural and enhanced dissolution of a mixed source zone.
# Exercise No. 1 – Base Case Scenario

## Scenario Properties

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<td>Horizontal hydraulic gradient (m/m)</td>
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<td>( q = K_i ) (m^3/m^2/d)</td>
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<td>Initial NAPL mass, ( M_o ) (kg)</td>
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## Parameters based on regression

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## Other Input Parameters

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<td>Simulation time (days)</td>
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## Notes:

- Input to NDM and used in exercise
- Input to NDM and not used in exercise
- Yellow highlight is calculated value.
Model Scenarios ($\beta = 1$)

- Base case – natural attenuation
- Case $q \times 2$ – GW velocity $\times 2$
- Case $q \times 4$ – GW velocity $\times 4$
- Question: how does increasing velocity, via strategic pump-and-treat (SP&T), influence the remediation timeframe?
  - Strategic pump-and-treat involves placement of extraction wells in vicinity of source zone boundary, and pumping at rates higher than needed simply for hydraulic containment
  - Higher velocity $\rightarrow$ faster NAPL depletion
### NDM Input File – Natural Attenuation

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<td>$f_{effm} = \lambda_{thru}$ for exponential decline (per day)</td>
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<td>2.52e-4</td>
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**ndm**

- **ipflux**: (0-no, 1=yes, flux from first seg only, 2=yes, flux uniform from all active pool segments, 3=yes, based on source regions)
- **fsurf, fsurfdep**
- **feffm**: slope of eff vs. time (units of per day, $\lambda_{thru}$)
- **fio, jfeffmol**: linear, exponential, or constant coefficient for eff

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**Notes**

- **Base**
- **Density (kg/m³)**
- **Solubility (mg/l)**
- **Free-water diffusion coefficient (m²/s)**
- **Hydraulic conductivity (m/s)**
- **Hydraulic gradient (m/m)**
- **Total porosity**
- **Transverse dispersivity (m)**
- **Tortuosity**
- **Simulation time (d)**
- **Delta-d (d)**
- **Minimum delta-d (d)**
- **Periods for enhanced dissolution**
- **Grad, and flag to optionally re-calculate eff (Md-thru decline rate) for exponential decline model (0-no, i=yes)**
- **Fgrad time period**
- **Timeunit-2 (1-years, 2-days) - for output times (all time input in units of days)**

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Natural depletion half-life ~ 7.5 y in this example

Note – the Tuscon Airport Site had pumping wells in the source zone, so the natural decline rate may be slower than a half-life of 7.5 y
NDM Case: q x 2

NDM provides option to adjust decline after increase in velocity, to maintain a B=1 condition (i.e. same rate for mass and source strength decline).

NDM simulated trends with decreases of more than 99% to 99.9% become less accurate – small differences in 3rd or 4th decimal places of input parameters may influence simulated mass remaining.
NDM Simulation Results-Natural Attenuation

Increase pumping at t=10 y

Source Strength (kg/y)

Time (years)

Target Md Reduction: 90%
RTF=10 Y
RTF=26 Y
RTF=17 Y
RTF=50 Y

Target Md Reduction: 99%

Base case
Velocity x 2
Velocity x 4
90% Reduction
99% Reduction

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Groundwater Velocity vs. Distance from Pumping Well

- Source width: 45 ft
- Natural groundwater velocity: 350 ft/y

- Q to contain source zone (gpm): 7
- Containment P&T enhanced gradient: 1.5x
- Source strength increase: 50%

- Q for SP&T (gpm): 28
- SP&T enhanced gradient: 3x
- Source strength increase: 200%

- Distance of wells from source zone: 30 ft
Questions?

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Miscellaneous
Notes on Velocity

• Specific discharge, \( q = K i \)
  • Darcy Velocity

• Average linear groundwater velocity, \( v = \frac{K i}{\theta_e} \)
  • Seepage velocity
  • Interstitial velocity
  • Pore velocity

• Mass discharge – calculated using \( q \), not \( v \)
Example No. 2
Single DNAPL Pool

Section 3b
Conceptual Model – Aged Source Zones

- Pool-dominated
  - Particularly if highly heterogeneous geology
- Some thin pools may have depleted so average $S_n$ is below residual saturation threshold
  - Horizontal layers of residual DNAPL
- Thin, high intensity GW plumes
- Persistent source strength with slow declines at discrete elevations
Example of DNAPL Pool Line of Evidence

Legend
- **Silt or Clay**
- **Sand**
- **PID reading**
- **Positive dye test**
Other lines of Evidence for Pools

- Visible NAPL in wells (free phase)
- NAPL seeping from soil cores
- Persistently high concentrations in transmissive formation (>1% solubility in monitoring wells)
- Slow source strength decline rate
- Heterogeneous or layered geology in aged NAPL source zone
- Thin aqueous plumes downgradient of source zone (pools or horizontal layers of residual DNAPL)
- Very high soil concentrations (>> partitioning threshold)
- CPT-MIP profiles
- Parker et al. (2003) – core drainage method
• **Partitioning Threshold** – soil concentration indicating NAPL presence

  • Higher than equilibrium conc. (dissolved, sorbed, and soil gas) at solubility

  e.g. TCE in soil sample below the water table

\[
\theta_t = \theta_w = 0.40 \\
\text{Specific gravity, } G_s = 2.67 \\
\rho_b = (1 - \theta_t) G_s = 1.60 \text{ g/mL} \\
f_{oc} = 0.1\% \\
K_{oc} = 125 \text{ mL/g} \\
C_{sol} = 1400 \text{ mg/L} \\
\]

Partitioning Threshold, \( C_t = 525 \text{ mg/kg TCE} \)

(single component DNAPL)
Calculation 2 – Threshold Chemical Concentration in Soil Based on Partitioning Relationships (see Ref. 11)

\[ C_i^T = \frac{C_i}{\rho_b} (K_d \rho_b + \theta_w + H' \theta_a) \]

- \( C_i^T \): soil concentration (mg/kg) threshold for component \( i \) [calculated].
- \( C_i \): effective solubility (mg/l) [see Calculation 3] of component \( i \) [calculated].
- \( \rho_b \): dry soil bulk density (g/cc) [site specific measurement].
- \( K_d \): soil-water partition coefficient (ml/g) [calculated using \( K_d = K_{oc} f_{oc} \)].
- \( \theta_w \): water-filled porosity (unitless) [calculated from site specific measurement of moisture content].
- \( H' \): unitless Henry’s constant [handbook].
- \( \theta_a \): air-filled porosity (unitless) [site specific measurement].
- \( K_{oc} \): organic carbon - water partition coefficient (ml/g).
- \( f_{oc} \): fraction organic carbon (unitless) [site specific measurement].

\( C_i^T \) represents the maximum amount of contaminant \( i \) that can be present in a porous media sample in the sorbed, aqueous, and vapor phases without a DNAPL phase present. The calculation can be applied below the water table by setting \( \theta_a = 0 \). Note that the water-filled porosity and the air-filled porosity sum to the total porosity. Note also that the calculation of \( C_i^T \) is typically more sensitive to \( f_{oc} \) than it is to the porosity values.
• **Saturation Threshold** – soil concentration if NAPL present with $S_n = 5\%$.

\[ C_D = S_n \phi \rho_N 10^6 + C^T \]

**Previous example:**
TCE Saturation threshold = 18,750 mg/kg (based on total porosity)

**Example Calculation**
PCE DNAPL ($\rho_N = 1.62$ g/cc) in a soil sample with $S_n = 0.05$, $\phi = 0.25$ and $\rho_b = 2.0$ g/cc corresponds to (ignoring the $C^T$ fraction) $C_D = 10.125$ mg/kg. Note that the quantity $C^T$ is typically negligible compared to the DNAPL saturation term. The above equation is applicable to single-component DNAPLs in unconsolidated porous media. See reference (25) for the relationship between $C_D$ and DNAPL saturation for a multi-component DNAPL. It should be noted that $0.05 \leq S_n \leq 0.10$ is suitable for geologic deposits having typical ranges of $f_{oc}$ values (i.e., less than 2%). In general, the value of $S_n$ should be chosen such that the resulting $C_D$ is at least an order of magnitude higher than the $C^T$ in calculation 2 arrived at using the highest $f_{oc}$ value measured at the site.
NAPL Soil Threshold Evaluation

• Partitioning threshold exceedance – potential NAPL
• Saturation threshold exceedance – confirmed NAPL
• In practice:
  • Soil samples may be diluted during sample collection, or off-gassing will result in underestimation of in-situ concentrations.
  • Given above, and that exceedances of saturation threshold are relatively rare even at pool-dominated sites – in some cases, exceedance of the saturation threshold may indicate presence of pooled NAPL (but not confirmed)

Previous example:
TCE 5% Saturation threshold = 18,750 mg/kg
TCE 15% saturation threshold (pool) = 56,250 mg/kg
### SOIL PARTITIONING THRESHOLDS FOR NAPL PRESENCE - SINGLE COMPONENT DNAPLs

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#### Mass distribution between phases

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DNAPL Pool Dissolution Dynamics
DNAPL Pool Mass Discharge Profile

NAPL SUB-ZONE (i.e. layer)

Surface Discharge ($M_{\text{surf}}$)

Back-diffusion in depleted portion of NAPL pool ($M_{b-diff}$)

Forward diffusion from pool into underlying aquitard ($M_{f-diff}$)

Through-Discharge ($M_{\text{thru}}$)

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Concentration Profile Above Pool

Johnson and Pankow, 1992

POOL
(Initial Length = 4 m, Solubility = 1100 mg/L)

$M_d = 1.4 \text{ kg/y per metre width}$

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Plume Thickness above a DNAPL Pool

Thickness of aquifer above a DNAPL pool with 90% of the mass discharge from the pool, as a function of pool length.

Note – dissolved plumes above DNAPL pools are very thin and easily missed. High resolution PID, particularly in sand directly above silt/clay, may be helpful for identifying pool depths.
Surface Discharge from a DNAPL Pool

\[ M_{d_{surf}} = \left( 2L_p W_p (0.001 \ C_{sol}) \frac{q_x}{\pi L_p} \right) \sqrt{\alpha_{TV} q_x + \theta_t \tau D_o} \]

- \( M_{d_{surf}} \) = surface discharge (kg/y)
- \( L_p \) = pool length (m)
- \( W_p \) = pool width (m)
- \( C_{sol} \) = solubility (mg/L)
- \( q_x \) = specific discharge (m³/m²/y)
- \( \alpha_{TV} \) = transverse dispersivity (m)
- \( \theta_t \) = total porosity
- \( \tau \) = tortuosity coefficient
- \( D_o \) = free-water diffusion coefficient (m²/y)
Analytical Solution: Constant-Length Model

USB\Models\Pool Constant-Length Model.xlsx

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<td>Solubility, $C_{sol}$ (mg/L): 1400</td>
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<td>Free-water diffusion coefficient, $D_o$ (m$^2$/s): 7.0E-10</td>
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<td>Hydraulic conductivity, $K$ (m/d): 8.64</td>
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<td>Horizontal hydraulic gradient, $i$ (m/m): 0.01</td>
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<td>Specific discharge, $q_x$ (m$^3$/m$^2$/d): 0.09</td>
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<td>Effective porosity, $\theta_e$: 0.23</td>
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<td>Groundwater velocity, $v$ (m/d): 0.38</td>
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<td>Tortuosity coefficient, $\tau$ (dim.): 0.46</td>
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<td>Transverse dispersivity, $\alpha_{TV}$ (mm): 0.35</td>
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<td>DNAPL density, $\rho_{NAPL}$ (kg/m$^3$): 1460</td>
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<td>Average NAPL saturation, $S_n$: 0.15</td>
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<td>Pool height (m): 0.05</td>
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<td>Surface discharge, $M_{d, surf}$ (kg/y): 4.3</td>
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<td>Initial mass, $M_o$ (kg): 33.4</td>
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<td>Constant-Length Model depletion time (y): 7.7</td>
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Example $M_d_{surf}$ for TCE pool ($L_p=4$ m, $W_p=2$ m)

Total initial $M_d_{surf} = 4.3$ kg/y

$L = 0$ to 2 m, $M_d_{surf} = 3.1$ kg/y
$L = 2$ to 4 m, $M_d_{surf} = 1.2$ kg/y

$L_p = 4$ m (Pool Segment $\Delta x = 0.2$ m)
Minimum = 0.00029 kg/y
Median = 10 kg/y
Maximum = 680 kg/y
Geometric mean = 8 kg/y

Typical Md: 1 to 100 kg/y
Pool Dissolution

- Pool length declines over time
  - Upgradient end dissolves first
- NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) – 1-D grid, segments become inactive when 100% depleted.
- $M_{d_{surf}}$ declines as pool length declines.
CLM simulated discharge with constant pool length

NDM simulated discharge with declining pool length

Pool thickness = 2 inches

Note: CLM refers to the Constant Length Model; NDM refers to the NAPL Depletion Model
Mass Discharge Decline

• One major reason for decline in source strength at NAPL source zones:
  • Decline in NAPL-water interfacial area (I.A.)
  • For example – decline in pool length and area
• Ganglia vs. pool I.A. decline

Most NAPL mass in pools is below the NAPL-water interface, and generally not available for dissolution.

Thicker pools $\rightarrow$ longer time to deplete.

Depletion timeframe $\alpha$ pool height $= V/A$
Source Strength vs. Source Mass

Individual Pool: \( \Gamma \sim 0.2 \)
Multiple pools, varying thickness: \( \Gamma \to 1 \)
Pool Dissolution Sensitivity Analysis

Sensitivity analysis of remediation timeframe based on hydraulic conductivity, pool thickness, and DNAPL through-discharge.

Md_{thru} = 0

Md_{thru} > 0

Colors for b) and d) should be consistent; check if data series missing in d)
Exercise No. 2: Pool Depletion Timeframe Sensitivity Analysis

Goal: Assess sensitivity of depletion timeframe to chemical properties.
Estimating Input Parameters for $M_d_{surf}$
## Estimating Input Parameters Based on K

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<td>$\theta_t = 0.30 \ K^{-0.026}$</td>
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<td>$\theta_e = 0.41 \ K^{0.064}$, $K \leq 1\times10^{-2}$ m/s</td>
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<td>$\theta_e = (0.29 \ K^{-0.026}) - 0.03$, $K &gt; 1\times10^{-2}$ m/s</td>
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<td><strong>Carey et al., 2015b</strong></td>
<td>$\alpha_{TV} = 0.08 \ K^{-0.16}$, $v \leq v_c$</td>
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<td>$\alpha_{aw} = 0.112 \ (100 \ K)^{0.211}$</td>
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<td>$n = 13.14 \ (100 \ K)^{0.246}$, $K \geq 1\times10^{-4}$ m/s</td>
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<td>$S_{wr} = 0.015 \ (100 \ K)^{-0.218}$</td>
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Total and Effective Porosity

a) Total porosity model (light dashed line) with mid-range and upper and lower $\theta_t$ limits for each soil texture.

b) Effective porosity model (dark dashed line) with mid-range and upper and lower $\theta_e$ limits for each soil texture.

Porosity Models

$\theta_t = 0.3 K^{-0.025} \text{, } K \text{ in } m/s$

$\theta_e = 0.40 K^{0.063}, K \leq 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$

$\theta_e = (0.3 K^{-0.025}) - 0.03, K > 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$
Tortuosity Coefficient

\[ \tau_{app} = 0.77 K^{0.040}, \text{K in m/s} \]

\[ (R^2 = 0.85) \]

Other diffusion experiments

Klinkenberg, 1951

Hydraulic Conductivity, K (m/s)

\[ \tau_{app} = f(K) \text{ regression line} \]

95% Confidence Interval

Carey et al. (2015a)
Transverse Dispersivity

Carey et al. (2015b):

\[ \alpha_{TV\_LE} = 0.08 K^{-0.16} \]

- **Used for trend analysis**: Black solid line
- **Olsson and Grathwohl, 2007**: Diamond shape
- **Chiogna et al., 2007**: Cross symbol
- **Rolle et al., 2012**: Plus symbol
- **Field studies**: Triangle shape
- **Chiogna Model Prediction**: Red line
- **Rolle et al., 2013**: X symbol

**Power (Used for trend analysis)**: Black dashed line

**Power (Used for trend analysis)**: Red dashed line
Velocity Influence on $\alpha_{tv}$

(a) Experiment 1A/1B

$\alpha_{TV,LE} = 0.10$ mm
$v_c = 6.0$ m/d

(b) Experiment 2A

$\alpha_{TV,LE} = 0.09$ mm
$v_c = 3.2$ m/d

(c) Experiment 2B

$\alpha_{TV,LE} = 0.17$ mm
$v_c = 0.3$ m/d

Exp. 1A
○ Exp. 1B
♦ Exp. 2A
△ Exp. 2B

Empirical Model

$\alpha_{TV} = \alpha_{TV,LE}v \leq v_c$

$\alpha_{TV} = \alpha_{TV,LE}0.8v_c/v, v > v_c$

Carey et al. (2015b)
Influence of Velocity and $\alpha_{tv}$ on DNAPL Pool Source Strength

a) $K = 1 \times 10^{-5}$ m/s

b) $K = 1 \times 10^{-4}$ m/s

c) $K = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ m/s

Notes:
- $i$ represents the horizontal hydraulic gradient, and $i \times 1$ represents the natural (i.e. pre-remedy) gradient.
- Percentages shown above the LE(K) Model result represent the difference in mass discharge relative to simulations based on the Empirical Model.

Carey et al. (2015b)
## Influence of Velocity and $\alpha_{tv}$ on DNAPL Pool Source Strength

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Carey et al. (2015b)

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Through-Discharge
Through-Discharge ($Md_{thru}$)

a) Elevation vs. NAPL saturation
b) Elevation vs. relative permeability
c) Through-pool discharge vs. pool thickness
NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) Options

- Model variable with options: IPFLUX

- **Option 0**: \( M_{d_{thru}} = 0 \)

- **Option 1**: \( S_n \) and \( k_{rw} \) vs. depth; applied at first active segment in pool.
  - Pool layer discretized into \( m \) layers. \( S_n, k_{rw}, \) and reduced \( q_x \) calculated in each layer.
  - Total \( q_x \) through pool used to estimate \( M_{d_{thru}} \).
NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) Options

• Model variable with options: IPFLUX

• **Option 0:**  $M_{d_{thru}} = 0$

• **Option 1:**  $S_n$ and $k_{rw}$ vs. depth; applied at first active segment in pool.

• **Option 2:**  Same as Option 1, except mass removed equally from all horizontal segments in pool.

• **Option 3:**  User inputs average $S_n$ and $k_{rw}$ over entire pool thickness. Mass removed from segment 1 only.
### Additional Input Parameters (IPFLUX = 1,2)

#### Other parameters for *Mdthru* calculation

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Exercise No. 3: Pool Depletion Time Sensitivity to Pool Dimensions and Through-Discharge

NDM Scenarios:
- TCE pools
- Lengths: 1, 2, 5, 10 m
- Thickness: 2, 5, 10, 20 cm
- Through-flux: Option 0 or 1
Questions?

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Example No. 3
Multiple DNAPL Pools

Section 3c
Connecticut Site Example

Carey et al. (2015e)
Connecticut Site (Chapman & Parker, 2005)

Source: Modified from Chapman and Parker (2005)
Example - CT Site Sub-Zones (plan view)

Sheetpile Enclosure

DNAPL source zone profile types:

Type 1
- Res. Pool
- h=7.5 to 10 cm
- h=5 to 7.5 cm

Type 2
- Res.
- h=10 cm

Type 1 - Free phase and residual DNAPL at bottom of aquifer
Type 2 - Residual DNAPL at bottom of aquifer
Type 3 - Multiple layers of free phase and residual DNAPL
Type 4 - Suspended free phase and residual DNAPL
Type 5 - Bottom and suspended residual DNAPL
No DNAPL detected

Source zone region no. 1

Res. Pool
- h=7.5 to 10 cm
- h=5 to 7.5 cm

DNAPL source zone

Parker et al., 2003
Parker et al., 2004
Chapman and Parker, 2005
Stewart, 2002
Example – CT Site (NDM Model)

\[ Md_{thru} > 0 \]
\[ \text{Half-life = 5.0 y} \]

\[ Md_{thru} = 0 \]
\[ \text{Half-life = 6.5 y} \]
Example – CT Site (NDM Model)

- **Pool \( M_{d_{thru}} = 0 \)**
- **Pool \( M_{d_{thru}} > 0 \)**

**Equation:**

\[ \frac{\text{Fractional Mass Discharge Remaining}}{M_d/M_o} \]

**Parameters:**

- \( \theta = 0.2 \)
- \( \theta = 0.5 \)
- \( \theta = 1.0 \)
Example of a Feasibility Study

Carey et al. (2014b)
Simulated pre-treatment plume boundary (TCE 0.05 mg/L) and extraction well capture zones for alternative with SP&T for source zone treatment and P&T for plume containment.
How long to reach goals?

Which characteristics have the greatest influence on timeframe?

Modified from Anderson et al., 1992
MdR vs. MR for Single & Multiple Pools

Multiple pools with heterogeneous thickness → exponential Md decline

\[
\frac{Md}{Md_o} = \left( \frac{M}{M_o} \right) ^ \beta
\]

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RTF Correlation with Pool Properties

\[ y = 304.91x - 6.9485 \quad R^2 = 0.9065 \]

\[ y = -7.375x + 74.633 \quad R^2 = 0.033 \]

\[ y = -13.136x + 89.726 \quad R^2 = 0.2375 \]

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Simulated Source Strength vs. Time

Interim MdR Goal
(10x reduction in source strength)
STEP 1: Active source treatment until interim source strength reduction goal is achieved.

STEP 2: After this goal is achieved, transition to MNA in source zone

Conceptual example using source strength reduction as an interim goal to determine when to transition from active source treatment to a more passive alternative like MNA.
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Notes:

1. Deployment O&M costs do not include cost of monitoring and reporting.
2. Annual monitoring and reporting costs are specified as follows: active source zone treatment, $50,000; passive source zone treatment, $25,000; plume containment, $50,000 (including periodic river monitoring).
3. Periodic cost not shown in table is $125,000 for a five-year review, which is common to all site alternatives.
Simulated Influent TVOC Profiles

Influent TVOC Concentration (mg/L) vs. Time since remedy implementation (y)

- Thermal
- SP&T
- MNA and PRB
- P&T
- EISB
Simulated Plume Strength at X=270 m

![Graph showing TVOC Plume Strength over time since remedy implementation. The graph compares different remediation techniques: Thermal, SP&T, MNA and PRB, P&T, and EISB.]
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Residual DNAPL Depletion

Section 3d
Effluent Trends

- Relatively homogeneous (?) DNAPL, Sn ~ 5 to 7%
• Early portion of studies, effluent concentration at solubility level
Effluent Trends

Time = $t_2$

Depleted DNAPL zone

- Then effluent concentration started to decline
Effluent Trends

- Early thinking was that decline caused by non-equilibrium dissolution at the NAPL-water interface of small ganglia
  - Rate-limited dissolution ($K_{eff}$)
More recent understanding (Imhoff et al., 1996; 2003), Rivett and Feenstra (2005), Farthing et al. (2012):

- Heterogeneity in geology ($K$) and DNAPL distribution ($S_n$)
- Causes fingering, preferential channeling in source zone
- Referred to as **intra-source bypassing**
- Apparent dilution effect $\rightarrow$ causes decline in source strength over time
- Analogous to a decline in the number of streamtubes intercepting DNAPL within the source zone, caused by preferential flow channel development
  - Leads to inefficiency in mass removal ($\beta > 1$)
Concentration Decline Models

Powers et al., 1994

\[
\frac{C_{avg}}{C_{eff}} = 1 - \exp \left( \frac{-K_{eff}L}{q} \right)
\]

\[
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Limited lab scale, not applicable to field scale

Carey et al., 2015d

\[
\frac{C_{avg}}{C_{eff}} = \frac{C_{avg,o}}{C_{eff}} \exp(-\lambda_{thru} t)
\]

\[
\lambda_{thru} = 0.8 \left(\frac{C_{eff} v}{M_o}\right)
\]

C_{avg} used to estimate M_{d_{thru}}

Applicable to lab scale, and small Field-scale experiment.

Large field-scale uncertain.
Example – Brusseau et al. (2002) Experiment

1,2-DCA Residual DNAPL Zone
\((S_n = 6.3\%, \ k_{rw} = 0.78)\)

- Used regression equations incl. \(\lambda_{thru}\), and other measured parameters to estimate NDM inputs
  - No parameters were calibrated in model
- Compared to Brusseau et al. 3-D model
  - Similar approach, but calibrated part of dissolution rate based on column studies

\[ L = 0.66 \text{ m} \]
\[ W = 0.06 \text{ m} \]
\[ H = 0.10 \text{ m} \]
Model of Brusseau et al. (2002) Experiment

(a) Comparison of NDM and Brusseau et al. (2002) numerical results

(b) NDM simulation results – $M_{d_{\text{tot}}}$, $M_{d_{\text{surf}}}$, and $M_{d_{\text{thru}}}$

Model comparison:

Carey et al. (2015d)
1D NDM model: 33 cells
Calibrated input: none

Brusseau et al. (2002)
3D model: 18,000 cells
Calibrated input: diss. rate

- Simulated – Total mass discharge (exponential decline in $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Simulated – $M_{d_{\text{thru}}}$ (exponential decline in $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Simulated – $M_{d_{\text{surf}}}$ (exponential decline in $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Simulated – Total mass discharge (Constant $f_{\text{thru}}$)
- Brusseau et al. (2002) – Model a
- Brusseau et al. (2002) – Model b
- Observed

Carey et al. (2015d)
Summary

• Residual DNAPL depletion is more complex and less understood than pool depletion

• Infinite depletion timeframe when $\beta = 1$, which is inconsistent with conceptual model that ganglia deplete quickly.

• For field-scale NDM applications – rely on historical source strength trends to estimate $\lambda_{thru}$

• Be aware that layers of residual DNAPL may have longer depletion timeframes than modeled due to intra-source by-passing (i.e. preferential channeling)
Questions?

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Multicomponent DNAPL Depletion

Section 3e
Single vs. Multicomponent DNAPLs

• Single component – use pure solubility
  e.g. TCE $C_{sol} = 1,400 \text{ mg/L}$

• Multicomponent – solubility of each compound is reduced due to interference from other constituents
  • Reduced solubility at NAPL-water interface
  • Effective solubility: $C_{eff} = X_{mol} C_{sol}$

• For example, if a DNAPL has 50% TCE by mole fraction, then $C_{eff} = 50\% \text{ of } 1400 = 700 \text{ mg/L}$

$C_{eff} = \text{effective solubility (mg/L)}$

$C_{sol} = \text{pure solubility (mg/L)}$

$X_{mol} = \text{mole fraction (dim.)}$
Multicomponent DNAPL Dissolution

- More soluble compounds preferentially depleted
- Less soluble compounds persist for longer time
- Evidenced by trends in dissolved concentrations downgradient of source zone
  - Declining conc. for more soluble compounds
    - Due to declining mole fraction as becomes depleted
  - Increasing conc. for less soluble compounds, as mole fraction (and effective solubility) increase over time
Calculating Mole Fraction \( (X_{mol}) \)

- Based on soil sample(s) in NAPL sub-zone
- Use soil concentrations and assumption of unit soil mass (1 kg):

1. \( Total \, Moles \) = \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{C_i}{1000 \, MW_i} \)

2. \( X_{mol,m} = \frac{C_m/(1000 \, MW_m)}{Total \, Moles} \)

where \( Total \, Moles \) = total number of moles of all constituents in the NAPL (mol)

\( C_i \) = soil concentration of constituent \( i \) (mg/kg)

\( MW_i \) = molecular weight of constituent \( i \) (g/mol)

\( n \) = number of constituents in the multicomponent DNAPL

\( m \) = current constituent for \( X_{mol} \) calculation

\( X_{mol,m} \) = mole fraction of constituent \( m \)

\( MW_m \) = molecular weight of constituent \( m \) (g/mol)
Emplaced Source Experiment – Borden (Rivett and Feenstra, 2005)

Source: Rivett and Feenstra (2005)
### Emplaced Source Experiment (Borden)

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Rivett and Feenstra (2006) cite study by Horvath which suggests TCE solubility at 10 C is 3.5% lower than at 25C

| effective solubility (mg/L) @ 10 C | 653 | 588 | 113 |
Emplaced Source Experiment

• Mechanisms for declining source strength:
  1. Reduction in effective solubility (TCM)
  2. Intra-source bypassing i.e. preferential channeling

• NDM-MC (Multicomponent DNAPL dissolution)
  • Customized for 3-component DNAPL
Calculation of the apparent $f_{avg}$ versus time with exponential regression models for TCM, TCE, and PCE in the Emplaced Source experiment at Borden, Ontario.

\[ f_{avg} = 0.74e^{-0.001x} \quad R^2 = 0.27 \]
\[ f_{avg} = 0.86e^{-0.002x} \quad R^2 = 0.72 \]
\[ f_{avg} = 0.82e^{-0.005x} \quad R^2 = 0.86 \]
Simulated versus observed $f_{\text{combined}}$ with the source length discretized into 20 grid cells and three scenarios for the dilution factor.

(a) Constant $f_{\text{thru}} = 0.8$

(b) $f_{\text{thru}}$ half-life of 1 y

(c) $f_{\text{thru}}$ half-life of 1.3 y for PCE, 1 y for TCE, and 0.5 y for TCM

Triangle: TCM-Observed
Square: TCE-Observed
Circle: PCE-Observed
Blue line: TCM-Model
Red line: TCE-Model
Black line: PCE-Model
Comparison of 1-D Grid to Box Model

Fractional Mass Discharge Reduction, $MdR$

Fractional Mass Reduction, $MR$

- Observed
- Beta=0.5
- Beta=1.0
- Beta=2.0
- 1-D Grid Model
- Box Model

$\frac{M}{M_0}$
Summary

• Cannot use analytical solution to estimate $M_{d_{surf}}$
  • Effective solubility varies along length of pool in a multicomponent DNAPL

• 1-D Grid model more accurately represents reduced mass removal efficiency due to intra-source bypassing

• Even a residual source zone that appears to be relatively homogeneous, may have sufficient heterogeneity to cause preferential channeling.
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EISB in DNAPL Source Zones

Section 4
EISB Concept – DNAPL Dissolution Enhancement

Rate of dissolution depends on concentration gradient at NAPL-water interface.

**EISB:** Larger concentration gradient $\rightarrow$ Faster dissolution
Chu et al. (2003) Model Results

**Case 1:**
- Low electron donor concentration
- Biofilm grew away from NAPL-water interface
- Less effective dissolution enhancement
- Created no-flow zone above NAPL

**Case 2:**
- Unlimited electron donor
- Biofilm grew adjacent to NAPL-water interface
- Most effective enhancement due to maximum concentration gradient
Sleep et al. (2006) DNAPL EISB Study

Source zone dimensions: 12 cm x 18 cm x 2.5 cm
Initial NAPL Saturation (Sn): 6.9% (residual DNAPL)
Sleep et al. (2006) DNAPL EISB Study

- PCE DNAPL introduced at t=0 (10 mL, 16.1 g)
- Soil from Dover AFB

**BOX 1**

Biostimulation only
- PCE did not degrade
- Methane build-up

**BOX 2**

Biostimulation + Bioaugmentation
- PCE degraded to ethene
- Methane build-up
EISB Monitoring

• Molarity (M) = # moles per liter of water (mol/L)

• Total molarity of chlorinated ethenes ($M_{CES}$)
  • PCE + TCE + cis-1,2-DCE + vinyl chloride + ethenes

• $MW_{PCE} =$ molecular weight of PCE (g/mol)

• Equivalent PCE concentration ($C_{PCE}$) indicates total mass discharge from DNAPL
  • Represents amount of PCE dissolved from the DNAPL, based on measured PCE + daughter species conc.

\[
C_{PCE} = 1000 \, M_{CES} \, MW_{PCE}
\]

Units:
- $C_{PCE}$ in mg/L
- $M_{CES}$ in mol/L
- $MW_{PCE}$ in g/mol
Effluent PCE Concentrations

Source: Modified from Sleep et al. (2006)

PCE Solubility, $S = 166$ mg/L

$C_{PCE} = 32\%$ of solubility at $t=185$ d

$f_{thru_0} = 0.32$

Mass removed in first 185 days = 1.8 g (11%)

Phase I: Stabilization Period

$t=0$ to 185 d

Start of Biostimulation

Box 1

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Effluent PCE Concentrations

PCE Solubility, $S = 166$ mg/L

Dilution at $t=185$ d influenced by:
- Clean GW flow above and below source zone.
  - Preferential flow channels at top of box.

Phase I: Stabilization Period
$t=0$ to 185 d

Box 1
Effluent PCE Concentrations

PCE Solubility, $S = 166 \text{ mg/L}$

Declining source strength after $t=150$ days:
1. Enhanced intra-source bypassing (NAPL depletion)
2. Methane gas build-up after $t=400$ d.
**Through-Discharge Decline Half-Life**

**Phase 1:** Stabilization Period
- $t = 0$ to 185 d
- **Half-life:** 600 d

**Phase 2:**
- $t = 185$ to 405 d
- **HL = 600 d**

**Phase 3:**
- $t = 405$ to 820 d
- **HL = 87 d**

**Phase 4:**
- $t = 820$ to 885 d
- **HL = $\infty$**

**Note:** increased decline rate due to clogged pores

**Half-life:** 88 d
Effluent Methane Trends

Source: Modified from Sleep et al. (2006)
Box 2 with Bioaugmentation

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Start of Biostimulation (Box 1 and 2)

Bioaugmentation (Box 2 only)
Box 2 had higher source strength than Box 1, prior to bioaugmentation.

May indicate higher $k_{rw}$ for box 2.

NDM calibration:
Box 1 $k_{rw} = 0.68$
Box 2 $k_{rw} = 0.85$
Box 1 – NDM Model vs. Observed
Box 1 Model Sensitivity Analysis

Exponential decline in source strength

Effects of clogging from gas bubbles:
1. Poor mass removal efficiency
2. Increased risk reduction

Note – preferential channels observed
At top of tank (above NAPL source zone)
Box 2 – Natural and Enhanced Dissolution

Equivalent PCE Mass Discharge (mg/day)

Time (days)

Natural Flushing (estimated)

Bioaugmentation

Natural Flushing (estimated)

Bioaugmentation
Box 2 – Enhanced Dissolution Factor ($f_{ed}$)
Competition for Electron Donor

• Sleep et al. (2006) estimated % of electron donor utilized for PCE degradation and other processes

• After bioaugmentation, dechlorination accounted for 1% to 7% of electron donor transformation

• Up to t=320 d: Fe-reduction 60% to 100

• After t=320 d: Methanogenesis 49% to 66% (when iron depleted)

• Competition for electron donors will reduce DNAPL dissolution enhancement
Summary

• EISB may enhance DNAPL dissolution

• Mass removal effectiveness limited by:
  • Pore clogging by biofilm and/or gas bubbles
    • May still result in significant source strength and risk reduction
  • Competition for electron donor
  • Inadequate supply of electron donor at DNAPL-water interface (e.g. pool)
    • Causes bioclogging above interface which inhibits water flow adjacent to DNAPL surface and limits DNAPL dissolution.
Questions?

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Course Summary

Section 5
• Aged DNAPL source zones
  • Pool-dominated
    • Typical thickness of 1 to 4 inches at chlorinated solvent sites
  • Declining source strength
    a) Declining NAPL-water interfacial area (e.g. pool lengths)
    b) Intra-source bypassing (preferential channelling) - streamtube analogy
  • MNA reasonable alternative if protective, based on cost-benefit analysis
• Strategic P&T may save significant $$ when treatment required, and infrastructure already exists at a site
Simple Approach for Estimating Mass in a DNAPL Source Zone

Estimating initial mass \( (M_o) \) in source zone (Newell et al., 2005):

\[
M_o = \frac{M_{do}}{\lambda_{thru}} \quad [M_o \text{ in kilograms}, \: M_{do} \text{ in kg/y, and } \lambda_{thru} \text{ in y}^{-1}.]
\]

Example calculation for Tuscon Airport Site:

\[
M_o = \frac{(659.1 \text{ kg/y})}{(0.092 \text{ y}^{-1})} = 7,164 \text{ kg}
\]

Then use a simple mass discharge decline model to estimate cumulative mass removed over time, and current mass remaining.

Calculation assumes uniform decline rate. May overestimate mass when substantial DNAPL pools present.
Influence of $\beta$

- $\beta = 1$
  - Md and M have same exponential decline rate (Falta et al., 2005)
  - Typical for natural attenuation of mixed source zones with mass mainly in transmissive zone (Falta et al., 2005) and heterogeneous distribution

- $\beta > 1$
  - Large reduction in source strength for small mass reduction
  - Large portion of NAPL mass in low-K zone, or caused by pore clogging during in-situ remediation

- $\beta = 0.2$
  - Single DNAPL pool
  - Small reduction in source strength for large mass reduction
Site Management Approach

- Interim treatment goals – attainable Md reduction for various technologies (mean vs. median)
  - Even thermal remediation, on average, will only reduce source strength by a factor of 30x
- Integrated source treatment/plume management
  - Negligible benefit from “over-treating” the source zone if back-diffusion sustains downgradient plume
  - Long-term management may still be required regardless of source treatment effectiveness
NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) Uses

• Depletion timeframes – natural and enhanced
  • Relative benefit of enhanced treatment
  • Input for cost calculations

• Identify critical properties that need additional characterization or investigation to reduce uncertainty

• Improved understanding of factors influencing NAPL depletion

• Interpretive model – calibrate / eliminate architecture scenarios (model vs. observed source strength trends)

• Input for transport models
  • MT3DMS: source strength vs. time
  • REMchlor: Power law model, timeframe for enhanced attenuation
Types of Models

• Box model – mixed source zone
  • Overall behavior
  • Historical observed decline used to define $\lambda_{thru}$
  • Evaluate influence of velocity changes, or enhanced dissolution

• Process-oriented model (sub-zones)
  • Distinct layers of pooled or residual DNAPL
  • Interpretive model – which site characteristics influence depletion time?
    • Improved understanding
NDM Use of the Dilution Factor

- NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) predicts mass discharge (Md) as the global variable
  - Source strength = Md

- \( \lambda_{thru} \) is the rate of decline in mass discharge and the dilution factor \( (f_i) \)

\[
Md = q A C_{sol} f_i
\]

\[
f_i = f_{io} e^{-\lambda_{thru} t}
\]

- Single component NAPL: \( C_{sol} \) = solubility
- Multicomponent NAPL: \( C_{sol} \) = effective solubility

\( f_i \) = dilution factor = \( C_{avg} / C_{sol} \)
  = proportion of streamtubes passing through NAPL
Estimating Input Parameters

• See regression relationships (p. 3b.26)

• High resolution PID and/or soil measurements may help to:
  • Identify DNAPL pool locations
  • Provide evidence for back-diffusion timeframe analysis

• Key factors influencing pool depletion timeframe
  • Pool thickness
  • Groundwater velocity
  • Chemical solubility (or effective solubility)

• Other relevant factors: pool length, through-discharge, transverse dispersivity, intra-source bypassing
Model Limitations

• Simplified representation of complex conditions

• Screening model does not represent tailing below 90% to 99% source strength reduction

• Process-oriented models – need dimensions of DNAPL pools, layers (thickness key, length less critical)
  • Useful for relative alternative comparisons, and improving our understanding of factors which influence depletion timeframes
  • Some sites may benefit from probabilistic model to evaluate range of outcomes (e.g. Monte Carlo)

• Multicomponent model – does not simulate $Md_{surf}$
Questions?

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APPENDIX A

Grant R. Carey Curriculum Vita
EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, 2015
M. Eng. Carleton University, Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2001
1997 One of two Canadian graduate students invited to a NATO Advanced Study Institute (Bioavailability of Organic Xenobiotics in the Environment) in the Czech Republic.
B.A.Sc. University of Waterloo, Civil Engineering, 1993

EMPLOYMENT

2006- Present President and CEO Present Porewater Solutions
2005- Associate, and Director of Corporate Training 2006 Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
2002-2004 Senior Engineer 2006 Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
2000-2002 President and CEO 2006 Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Environmental Institute for Continuing Education (EICE)
1996-2002 President and CEO 1996-2002 Environmental Software Solutions Inc. (ENSSI)
1996-1999 Carleton University Mediation Centre - Mediator, Conflict Resolution Program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- California Groundwater Resources Association
- National Ground Water Association
- Ontario Professional Engineer

PROFILE OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Summary of Experience

Mr. Carey has worked on hundreds of projects across North America and has extensive experience in:

- Litigation
- Groundwater modeling
- DNAPL characterization
- Chemical fate and transport
- Groundwater and sediment remediation
- Forensic assessment of releases at chemical plants
• Assessment of tidal fluctuations and density effects on groundwater flow and contaminant transport
• Development of guidance manuals related to site characterization and remediation
• Source water protection
• Development of computer models for public domain and commercial use
• Training using blended solutions (e.g. classroom, interactive e-learning, correspondence, etc.).

Mr. Carey has published more than 90 courses, presentations, and papers. Mr. Carey is familiar with a wide range of models and visualization software including: MODFLOW, Modflow-Surfact, FEFLOW, SWIFT, T2VOC, VAPOR-2D, EVS, and ArcGIS. Representative project experience is described below.

**Mathematical Modeling and Site Remediation**

• Aerospace manufacturing facility, San Diego, California – Expert peer review for implementation of a remedial investigation, feasibility study, and development of a Remedial Action Plan.
• Cedar Chemical Site, Phillips County, Arkansas – Supported a PRP De Minimis evaluation.
• San Fernando Valley Superfund Site, Los Angeles, California – Expert peer review for implementation of a basin-scale investigation for delineation of hexavalent chromium, and groundwater modeling to evaluate capture zones for regional supply wells.
• Former manufacturing facility, Burbank, California – Expert peer review for monitoring and remediation of hexavalent chromium and chlorinated solvents.
• Chemical Manufacturing Facility, Kentucky – Expert support for implementation of a large RI/FS at a site with multiple DNAPL and LNAPL source zones.
• USA Petroleum site, San Jose, California – Hired as an expert witness to testify regarding the fate of MTBE from a gas station release near a regional drinking water supply well.
• Former rocket manufacturing facility, Southern California – Conducted a detailed investigation of chemical fate (perchlorate and chlorinated solvents) including validation of a three-dimensional basin-wide groundwater flow model for the San Bernadino Basin.
• Manufacturing Facility, Phoenix, Arizona – Developed a regional groundwater flow and chemical transport model for litigation, to evaluate source release timing for a TCE plume in a multi-aquifer system with regional supply wells.
• Canadian Tire Site, Toronto, Ontario – Developed a high resolution groundwater flow and multispecies reactive transport model to evaluate enhanced in-situ bioremediation of petroleum hydrocarbons.
• Confidential site, Ottawa, Ontario – Calibrated a groundwater flow and chemical transport model for evaluation of persulfate diffusion and reactivity in bedrock.
• Seaspan Site, British Columbia – Calibrated a three-dimensional transient (tidal oscillation) freshwater groundwater flow model for a coastal site and evaluated remedial design alternatives and sediment cap performance based on groundwater flow and chemical transport modeling;
• Union Bay Site, British Columbia – Calibrated a three-dimensional transient (tidal oscillation) groundwater flow model based on seasonal positions of the freshwater-seawater interface, and used a one-dimensional groundwater flow and chemical transport model to compare remedial alternative performance based on mass discharge reductions;
• Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) – Invited to conduct a reactive transport modeling study to evaluate the mass balance for a chlorinated solvent plume attenuation at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (New York) on behalf of SRNL’s research efforts related to natural and enhanced attenuation.

• Vandenberg Air Force Base, California - Modeled tracer tests and bioremediation pilot tests to evaluate remedial performance as part of a Department of Defense (ESTCP) project related to the design of soluble substrate injection systems.

• Texas Central Gulf Coast Aquifer Groundwater Availability Model – calibrated a regional groundwater flow model that covered an area that represents more than 10% of the drinking water supply for Texas, and used this model to predict water supply resources over a 50-year period in the future.

• Source Water Protection Study, Region of Waterloo, Ontario – Peer reviewed a regional groundwater flow model which was developed to evaluate three-dimensional groundwater directions, velocities, and to support a regional vulnerability assessment.

• Mine Exploration Project, Alaska – calibration of a 5,000 km² watershed-scale groundwater flow model to evaluate how future mining operations may influence groundwater and surface water resources, including a transient water balance calibration for 14 subwatersheds.

• Birkerod Site, Denmark – Developed a density-dependent soil vapor flow and transport model to evaluate the distribution of TCE mass flux and to evaluate the performance of a soil vapor extraction system.

• Sydney Tar Ponds, Sydney, Nova Scotia – Senior Modeler for groundwater flow and transport modeling in Phase II/III Environmental Assessment.

• Superfund site in Tacoma, Washington – developed the conceptual and simulation models for a groundwater trench recirculation system in a tidally-influenced aquifer, including the simulation of tidal effects on time-varying groundwater extraction/injection rates using SWIFT/486.

• ArvinMeritor Site, Allegan, Michigan – developed a groundwater flow model for a site next to the Kalamazoo River to evaluate the design of a permeable reactive barrier.

• Chemical manufacturing facility in Elmira, Ontario – developed groundwater flow model for designing a shallow aquifer extraction system adjacent to a surface water tributary, and assisted in the development of a phased approach for construction and testing of the extraction network.

• Former sand and gravel quarry, Maryland - Developed and calibrated a groundwater flow model to evaluate the range in dewatering pumping rates in support of a large excavation and bioremediation program.

• Evaluated MNA for groundwater contaminated by chlorinated solvents and/or petroleum hydrocarbons at numerous sites.

• Evaluated the influence of permeable and low-permeability landfill caps on the natural attenuation of chlorinated solvents such as TCE in an underlying aquifer.

• Manufacturing Facility, Cambridge, Ontario – involved with regulatory negotiations and development of a field program to evaluate potential presence of an on-site solvent source and delineate contribution from an upgradient plume.

• Forest Waste Landfill Superfund Site, Michigan – developed a reactive transport model to simulate kinetic oxygen demand from various geochemical solutes, pyrite, DOC, and 20 organic chemicals of concern. The modeling of kinetic COD demonstrated that an in-situ oxygen curtain was a feasible remedy, which saved the client more than $500,000.
• North Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site, Dayton, Ohio – managed the application of a multispecies reactive transport model to evaluate risks associated with natural attenuation of a landfill leachate plume, including representation of a number of chlorinated solvents, petroleum hydrocarbons, and inorganic chemicals of concern including manganese and arsenic.

• Rockwell Site, Cambridge, Ontario – conducted a modeling evaluation of matrix diffusion effects on TCE attenuation in groundwater using an analytical model (CRAFLUSH) and a one-dimensional numerical model (MT3DMS).

• Former Alsons Facility, Hillsdale, Michigan – evaluated potential for DNAPL migration in underground utilities and relative contributions from multiple sites.

• Fike Superfund Site, West Virginia – conducted a comprehensive assessment of MNA lines of evidence at a former pharmaceutical facility, including an evaluation of natural attenuation for 30 organic chemicals (chlorinated solvents and PAHs) and nine inorganic constituents.

• U.S. Navy flight facility, California – developed a custom subroutine for a redox-dependent transport model (BioRedox-MT3DMS) to evaluate the performance of a biosparging remedy for a BTEX plume.

• Municipal landfill, Waterloo, Ontario – Used a one-dimensional variably saturated flow and transport model to assess leachate migration potential through the vadose zone: 1) municipal landfill in Waterloo, Ontario, and 2) sludge lagoon in Cincinnati, Ohio

• Collaborated with a scientist from the U.S. Army Corps. Waterways Experiment Station to conduct a study of how BioRedox-MT3DMS could be applied to predict the natural attenuation of common explosives such as TNT and RDX

• Assisted researchers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands in applying BioRedox-MT3DMS to model conditions observed during field research studies involving the natural attenuation or enhanced bioremediation of various organic pollutants.

• Former manufacturing facility, Illinois – chemical fingerprinting to delineate plumes from multiple sources and evaluated kinetics associated with 1,1,1-TCA degradation pathways to 1,1-DCE and 1,1-DCA in preparation for litigation.

• Douglas Autotech Facility – conducted a preliminary cost allocation assessment for TCE and DCE plumes involving numerous facilities, and presented results of this evaluation to opposition parties as part of a pre-litigation meeting.

• Manufacturing Facility, Barrie, Ontario – peer reviewed a fate and transport assessment conducted on behalf of a neighboring facility, and developed an alternate assessment of cost allocation that was used in litigation settlement discussions.

• Municipal landfill, Los Angeles, California – conducted a landfill gas modeling study and a critique of the proponent's groundwater modeling study, in support of an environmental hearing involving the closure of a municipal landfill site (affecting $4 billion dollars in future revenue).

• Proposed municipal landfill in an abandoned quarry, Hamilton, Ontario – conducted a critique of proponent's groundwater modeling study in support of an environmental permit hearing.

• Sand and gravel quarry, Caledon, Ontario – Conducted a detailed critical review of a groundwater modeling to assess the impact of water resource management alternatives in support of an environmental permit hearing.
Soil/Landfill Gas

- Municipal landfill, Los Angeles, California – used a two-dimensional density-dependent vapor flow and transport model (Vapor-2D) to simulate the extent of landfill gas impact on underlying groundwater resources, and peer reviewed opposition report for a multi-billion dollar landfill impact assessment hearing
- Hazardous waste landfill, Phoenix, Arizona – used a two-dimensional density-dependent vapor flow and transport model to assess the extent of potential migration of 1,2-DCA from a spill
- Used a two-dimensional landfill gas model (Vapor-2D) to simulate the performance of vertical barrier walls in controlling gas migration from the landfill: 1) municipal landfill, Toronto, Ontario, and 2) municipal landfill, Mississauga, Ontario
- Developed three-dimensional vapor flow models to aid in the optimization of soil vapor extraction/injection systems: 1) hazardous waste landfill Superfund site in Phoenix, Arizona, and 2) municipal landfill and former drum disposal Superfund site in Lapeer County, Michigan
- Conducted feasibility studies and remedial designs for soil vapor extraction and/or injection systems: 1) Municipal landfill and former drum disposal Superfund site in Lapeer County, Michigan, 2) Hazardous waste landfill in Phoenix, Arizona, 3) former drum dispel Superfund site (once ranked 4th in priority among all NPL sites in the United States) Hardeman County, Tennessee, 4) Automobile manufacturing facility in Pontiac, Michigan, and 5) Manufacturing facility in Frewsburg, New York

Landfill Remediation

- Municipal landfill, Rhinelander, Wisconsin – developed a natural attenuation analysis used to successfully negotiate reduced scope in the landfill cap to an environmental hearing (cost savings of $8 million)
- Municipal landfill and former drum disposal Superfund site, Lapeer County, Michigan - developed a $600,000 field program to support remediation by natural attenuation at a municipal landfill site, coordinated the field work, managed the data analysis and participated in negotiations with the USEPA and state regulatory agency to reduce the scope of the groundwater remedy (cost savings of more than $5 million)
- Municipal landfill, Allegan County, Michigan – evaluated the adverse influence of landfill cap installation on groundwater quality in the underlying aquifer
- Initiated the joint analysis of landfill natural attenuation at a Superfund site involving key scientists from the USEPA Office of Research and Development, and Thomas Christensen from the Technical University of Denmark

Guidance Manual Development and Peer Review

- Participated (and currently participating) on various ITRC teams to develop guidance manuals for site characterization and remediation including the following teams: Remediation of Complex Sites, DNAPL Site Characterization, Contaminated Sediments – Remediation, Integrated DNAPL Site Strategies (IDSS), and Enhanced Attenuation of Chlorinated Organics (EACO). Currently one of the internet-based training instructors for two ITRC seminars: Mass Flux and Mass Discharge, and
Remediation of Contaminated Sediments. Received the EACO team Industry Affiliates Program Award that recognizes outstanding contributions from industry members.

- Managed a contract with the Ministry of the Environment to edit the 2nd draft of the Ontario Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Technical Guidance Manual;

**Model Development**

Mr. Carey has developed a variety of commercial and public domain software tools, including:

- **In-Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)** – three-dimensional reactive transport model based on the MT3DMS framework, for simulating the performance of in-situ remediation technologies, including enhanced in-situ bioremediation (EISB) and in-situ chemical oxidation. Model includes an innovative local domain approach for modeling forward and back-diffusion, and also includes the reaction package from BioRedox.

- **NAPL Depletion Model** – semi-analytical screening model for simulating the depletion timeframe for LNAPL or DNAPL source zones.

- **BioRedox-MT3DMS (1999)** – a three-dimensional finite difference model for simulating multispecies contaminant transport, including advection, dispersion, sorption, and coupled biodegradation-redox reactions between electron donors and electron acceptors. BioRedox-MT3DMS can simulate oxidation, reduction, and co-metabolic reactions, and is capable of modeling sequential transformation pathways for chlorinated solvents and petroleum hydrocarbons. BioRedox-MT3DMS is also capable of simulating equilibrium or rate-limited dissolution of light or dense NAPL sources, and includes a leachate composition model to represent time-varying landfill constituent concentrations leaching to underlying aquifers. BioRedox-MT3DMS was previously available in the public domain.

- **SEQUENCE (1999)** – a visualization tool that uses a modified radial diagram approach to illustrate the effects of natural attenuation on groundwater redox conditions. SEQUENCE may also be used to evaluate spatial and temporal trends for chlorinated solvent species. The visual aids prepared using SEQUENCE provide convincing evidence for the effectiveness of remediation by natural attenuation. SEQUENCE integrates these radial diagram tools with a comprehensive data management system is available. SEQUENCE was previously sold as a commercial product.

- **BioTrends (1999)** – a suite of tools for evaluating spatial and temporal trends using x-y charts with unique features that were specifically designed for evaluating chemical analytical data. Additional tools are provided for calculating first-order degradation rates between well pairs, or the average degradation rates along a flowpath based on a log-linear regression analysis, using the methods presented in the USEPA and AFCEE natural attenuation protocols. Another tool is provided to calculate the natural attenuation "score" for a site based on criteria presented in the USEPA protocol. BioTrends is integrated with a chemical properties database (CHEMbase), and the same project data management system used for the SEQUENCE visualization tool. BioTrends was previously sold as a commercial product.

- **BioTracker (1999)** – a one-dimensional screening model that is integrated with visualization tools for transport model calibration and documentation. BioTracker utilizes a one-dimensional version of the BioRedox finite difference model to simulate multispecies transport processes including advection, dispersion, sorption, and single or sequential transformation reactions with optional...
halogen accumulation. BioTracker incorporates a particle tracking tool that delineates flowpaths downgradient from one or more point source locations. The customized particle tracking routine utilizes Surfer contour maps of observed or simulated groundwater elevations as input. BioTracker is also integrated directly to the same project data management system used with BioTrends and SEQUENCE, and it is integrated with a chemical properties database (CHEMbase). BioTracker was previously sold as a commercial product.

Rate Inverse Models (1998) - two-dimensional and three-dimensional analytical solutions based on the Domenico solution for estimating first-order chemical biodegradation rates based on field-measured data. These models were previously distributed at short courses.

Vapor-2D (1992) – a two-dimensional finite element model that simulates multispecies, density-dependent vapor flow and transport. Vapor-2D was modified to predict the migration of gasoline vapors from a subsurface spill area, and includes a multicomponent NAPL source model. Vapor-2D was successfully validated by simulating laboratory experiments of vapor flow and transport of heptane in the vadose zone, and Vapor-2D has been used to assess density-dependent vapor migration at field sites. Vapor-2D is currently a proprietary model.

LEACHATE (1997) – developed a batch flushing model to simulate rate-limited mass transfer of leachate from a landfill with varying infiltration rates, including a component to quantify the effects of biodegradation for chlorinated solvents.

Training Services

- Toronto District School Board, Toronto, Ontario - Developed the outline and script for an interactive multimedia online course on Supervisor responsibilities that includes the development of a Health and Safety Action Plan for school Principals, Vice-Principals, and Superintendants.
- Walkerton Clean Water Centre, Walkerton, Ontario – designed and facilitated two think tank sessions involving provincial water quality experts and stakeholders representing all levels of government, First Nations groups, and training agencies. Also prepared the Operator Training Work Plan for the Walkerton Clean Water Centre based on feedback from the think tank sessions.
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment Vendor of Record for Technical Training – Project Manager for this Vendor of Record, and CRA was the only vendor selected in all four available training categories that included the development of classroom courses, instruction of classroom courses, development of technology assisted training, and development of correspondence courses.
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment Brownfields Legislation Training – designed and developed an interactive internet seminar that was broadcast to more than 20 MOE offices across Ontario, to provide training to provincial officers on the new Brownfield site legislation.
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment Agriculture Training – designed and developed a four-week course for training new ministry agricultural enforcement officers.
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment Health and Safety Awareness for Water Treatment Plant Inspectors– Technical advisor for the development of a storyboard for an e-learning health and safety course targeted to MOE officers involved with water treatment plant inspections.
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment – attended the four-day MOE workshop “Effective Facilitation Techniques” with the Brownfields Transition Team, with an emphasis on collaborative and interactive learning exercises.
Florida Department of Environmental Protection – provided technical advice for the design and development of a series of online courses to be delivered to professionals across Florida, involving risk assessment and remediation topics.

CRA Institute Workforce Training – Director of Corporate training programs delivered to more than 2,000 staff in more than 60 offices in North America, South America, and Europe.
  - K-W Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence for Workforce Training – Runner-up for the 2005 Award.
  - Managed corporate meetings broadcast utilizing webcast and teleconference software to more than 50 offices and involving more than 300 people.
  - Directed all business operations for the Environmental Institute for Continuing Education, including the delivery of more than 200 webcasts in a three-year period, sales of more than 100 asynchronous CD-ROM and web-based seminars, and certification of participation for professional engineers and scientists.

Developed an easy-to-use e-learning interface that allows for cost-effective development of Flash-based multimedia courses.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**

- received extensive training over a 3-year period in advanced mediation, facilitation, and coaching skills
- attended workshops on advanced mediation training, with an emphasis on diagnosing conflict, the transformative mediation model, and strategies for managing high-conflict mediations
- mediated disputes involving intercultural issues, organizational team-building and strategic planning
- provided professional coaching and role-playing services to the Graduate Certificate Program in Conflict Resolution, Carleton University (Department of Law)
- assisted in the development of several workshops related to alternative dispute resolution

**SHORT COURSES, WORKSHOPS, AND TRAINING SEMINARS**

- Invited Instructor for the ITRC webinar entitled "Remediation of Contaminated Sediments" offered from 2014 and 2015.
- Invited Instructor for the ITRC webinar entitled "Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge" offered from 2010 through 2015.
Instructor for a DNAPL workshop with presentation entitled “NAPL Dissolution and Fate of Groundwater Plumes”, Louisville, Kentucky, December 7, 2012.

Invited instructor for the Smart Remediation short course with presentation entitled “The Influence of Back-Diffusion on Remediation Success”, Ottawa, Ontario, April 15, 2011.

Instructor for the one-hour seminar entitled “Improving Groundwater Model Defensibility in Litigation”, San Francisco, California, May 21, 2014. (pre-approved for MCLE credit)

Invited instructor on behalf of ITRC for a session entitled: Development of Remedial Goals Based on Mass Discharge Reductions, at the NEWMOA Enhanced In-Situ Bioremediation short course offered in Westford Massachusetts and Dayville Connecticut on October 5th and 6th, 2010.


Senior Instructor for the following seminars which were delivered by webcast or on CD-ROM to clients in North America, Europe, Australia, and Africa:

- Application of SEQUENCE Radial Diagrams for Visualizing Natural Attenuation Trends for Chlorinated Solvents and Redox Indicators;
- Avoiding Common Mistakes when Estimating First-Order Biodegradation Rates;
- Arsenic Mobilization during Natural Attenuation of Organic Compounds;
- Biodegradation Process and Biodegradability of Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Chlorinated Solvents;
- Case Study of Innovative Techniques for Evaluating In-Situ Remediation;
- Introduction to Biogeochemical Processes;
- Overview of Bioremediation Transport Models for Evaluating Natural and Enhanced Bioremediation;
- Overview of Monitored Natural Attenuation: Key Concepts and Regulatory Issues;
- Overview of the Remediation ToolKit: Trend Analysis, Visualization, and Modeling Tools;
- Reactive Transport Modeling for Evaluating Natural and Enhanced Bioremediation;
- Visualizing the Effectiveness of MNA and Enhanced Attenuation Remedies Using SEQUENCE;
- Visual Trend Analysis Methods for Evaluating Monitored Natural Attenuation Trends

Senior instructor for a half-day short course “Evaluating the Effectiveness of Monitored Natural Attenuation and Enhanced Attenuation Remedies, delivered to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, New Jersey, June 28, 2006.
• Co-author of a half-day short course “Evaluating the Effectiveness of In-Situ Remediation”, which was delivered to CRA clients, regulators, and other consultants in Phoenix, Houston, Atlanta, and Princeton in 2005.

• Invited to co-present a seminar at the University of Waterloo Department of Earth Sciences, “Case Study of Innovative Modeling and Visualization Techniques for Evaluating In-Situ Remediation Technologies”, Waterloo, Ontario, December 3, 2004.

• Instructor for a two-hour seminar entitled “Summary of the Ontario Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Technical Guidance Manual”, which was delivered at an Ontario Ministry of the Environment workshop in Toronto, Ontario, March 13, 2003.

• Senior Instructor for a half-day short course “Visualization and Modeling of Monitored Natural Attenuation” Hartford, Connecticut, March 13, 2003.

• Senior Instructor for a half-day short course “Practical Reactive Transport Modeling for Evaluating In-Situ Bioremediation”, presented at the Sixth International Symposium on In Situ and On-Site Bioremediation, San Diego, California, June 4-7, 2001

• Senior Instructor for a 3-day short course “Advanced Ground Water Modeling Techniques for Evaluating Performance of Natural Attenuation and Enhanced Bioremediation: A computer workshop using the three-dimensional BioRedox model”, organized by the National Ground Water Association and offered in February 2000 (Albuquerque, New Mexico) and September 2000 (Toronto, Ontario).

• Senior instructor for a 3-day short course “Innovative Tools for the Analysis, Visualization, and Modeling of Natural Attenuation: Featuring the MoNA ToolKit and Visual Modflow”, organized by Waterloo Hydrogeologic and offered in Waterloo, Ontario, October 2-4, 2000

• Senior instructor for a 1-day short course “Innovative Tools for the Analysis, Visualization, and Modeling of Natural Attenuation: Featuring the MoNA ToolKit” Waterloo, Ontario, October 1, 2000.

• Instructor for a 2-day natural attenuation course organized by EPIC Education Program Innovations Centre: “Remediation by Natural Attenuation”, October 18-19, 1999, Etobicoke, Ontario

• Presented a seminar “Visualizing Natural Attenuation Trends” at the Groundwater Pollution and Hydrology short course organized by Princeton Groundwater, December 7-11, 1998, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Publications**

**Book Contributions**


**Refereed Journal Papers**


**Software Manuals**


Other Publications and Presentations

Carey, G.R., 2015, ISR-MT3DMS for Modeling Back-Diffusion Timeframe, to be presented at Cleanup 2015 Conference, organized by CRC Care, Melbourne, Australia, September 13-16 (invited presentation).

Carey, G.R., 2015, Case Studies of LNAPL and DNAPL Depletion Modeling Based on High Resolution Architecture Characterization, to be presented at Cleanup 2015 Conference, organized by CRC Care, Melbourne, Australia, September 13-16 (invited presentation).


Carey, G.R., P.J. Van Geel, J.R. Murphy, E.A. McBean, and F.A. Rovers, 1999, Modeling Natural Attenuation at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Presented at the Fifth International Symposium on In Situ and On-Site Bioremediation, San Diego, California, April 19-22, 1999


B. NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) Development

B.1 Conceptual Model

The NAPL Depletion Model (NDM) is a semi-analytical screening model which may be used to estimate NAPL depletion under conditions of naturally-occurring or enhanced dissolution. NDM is a process-oriented model, which means that it explicitly represents various porous media and NAPL characteristics which influence the rate of dissolution for one or more NAPL sub-zones within an overall source zone. A sub-zone refers to a NAPL body (e.g. layer) which is relatively continuous, and may not be further discretized into smaller sub-zones on the basis of geometry, porous media characteristics, and/or NAPL characteristics (e.g. chemical composition, NAPL saturation, or density). A NAPL source zone in NDM is comprised of one or more individual sub-zones.

NDM is an alternative to the use of simpler up-scaled models, which typically represent domain-averaged dissolution rates or decline rates for a uniform source zone. NDM may be used for LNAPL or DNAPL, and was developed with the flexibility to simulate NAPL pools, residual sub-zones, and/or mixed zones of NAPL. NDM simulates three types of dissolution or discharge processes: (a) surface dissolution at the top or bottom of a sub-zone; (b) reduced groundwater flow through a sub-zone based on a user-specified or model-calculated relative water permeability; and (c) flux into or out of lower-permeability zones adjacent to one or more NAPL sub-zones.

The key output variables for NDM are the mass discharge and NAPL mass remaining for each individual sub-zone, and the total metrics for the combined source zone. NDM does not simulate changes in aqueous concentrations outside of the NAPL sub-zones, although it is possible to use simple multipliers to simulate or calibrate the ratios of daughter product formation for mass discharge calculations.

Uses of NDM may include:

- Interpretation of NAPL architecture based on calibration of a model to historical discharge trends;
- Estimation of future mass discharge decline rates and depletion timeframes for an existing alternative;
- Evaluation of the relative performance of various potential alternatives as part of feasibility study;
- Quantifying the relative sensitivity of predicted trends (e.g. depletion timeframe) to various site characteristics, in order to identify those characteristics which require further investigation.

NDM is a Fortran-based program which offers a number of options for representing NAPL pools, residual NAPL sub-zones, and/or mixed NAPL zones. A simple mass balance approach is
used within NDM to simulate the mass discharge, and mass remaining, in each NAPL sub-zone of a simulation at the end of each time step. The analytical governing equations for NDM are described in more detail below. General functionality in NDM includes:

- Use of a one-dimensional grid to represent each NAPL sub-zone, with user-defined length, width, thickness, and average NAPL saturation (or depth-specific NAPL saturation calculations performed by the model for NAPL pools with a capillary pressure of zero at the top surface).
- NDM simulates dissolution from the upgradient end of each sub-zone, and upgradient grid cells that become depleted in mass during a simulation are defined to be inactive for the remainder of the simulation. In this manner, the pool-scale declining NAPL-water interfacial area may be represented, as well as the corresponding influence on mass discharge associated with surface dissolution.
- Option to apply through-discharge to the upgradient-most, active cell in a NAPL sub-zone, or uniformly to all cells within a NAPL sub-zone.
- A user-defined multiplier which allows for simulation of surface discharge for none, one, or both the top and bottom surfaces of a NAPL sub-zone, or for simulating an accelerated specific discharge adjacent to the NAPL-water interface.
- Option to make the start of surface and/or through discharge for a NAPL sub-zone to be dependent on the depletion of another zone (e.g. an upgradient sub-zone, or an overlying or underlying layer of NAPL).
- Option for constant, exponential or linear decline models to represent the transient influence of intra-source bypassing and other rate-limited kinetics on the through-discharge with a NAPL sub-zone;
- Quasi-2D representation of discharge through the transition zone in the upper portion of NAPL pools where the relative water permeability is sufficiently large to allow for significant mass discharge, and the NAPL saturation is optionally calculated at specific depths within the pool;
- Enhanced dissolution corresponding to temporal changes in hydraulic gradient (e.g. at the start of pumping near a source zone), or an enhanced dissolution factor associated with in-situ remedies such as enhanced in-situ bioremediation (EISB) or in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO).
- Automated non-linear calibration of the $\beta$ term in $M_d/M_{do} = (M/M_o)$ for each sub-zone;
- An adaptive time-stepping scheme to account for changing system dynamics when a sub-zone grid cell becomes inactive; and
- Option for through-discharge simulations for multicomponent NAPL (see Section A.6).
- Batch mode so that hundreds of simulations may be executed automatically. (A separate processor may be used to generate text input files and post-process output files for use with monte carlo or latin hypercube realizations.)
B.2 Sub-zone Mass Balance

As long as mass remains in NAPL sub-zone \( i \), the total mass discharge related to NAPL dissolution to the aqueous phase is based on

\[
Md_{i,diss}^t = Md_{i,thru}^t + Md_{i,surf}^t + Md_{i,diff}^t
\]  

(B-1)

where

- \( Md_{i,diss}^t \) = total mass discharge from dissolution of NAPL to the aqueous phase in sub-zone \( i \) at time step \( t \) [ML\(^{-1}\)];
- \( Md_{i,thru}^t \) = mass discharge from dissolution of NAPL into groundwater flowing through sub-zone \( i \) at time step \( t \) [ML\(^{-1}\)];
- \( Md_{i,surf}^t \) = mass discharge from dissolution of NAPL into groundwater flowing across the top and/or bottom of sub-zone \( i \) at time step \( t \) [ML\(^{-1}\)]; and
- \( Md_{i,diff}^t \) = mass discharge from dissolution of NAPL and subsequent diffusion into a low-permeability unit above and/or below sub-zone \( i \) at time step \( t \) [ML\(^{-1}\)].

The mass remaining in each grid cell \( j \) of NAPL sub-zone \( i \) at the end of the time step \( t \) is calculated using

\[
M_{ij}^t = M_{ij}^{t-1} - \left( Md_{ij,thru}^t + Md_{ij,surf}^t + Md_{ij,diff}^t \right) \Delta t
\]  

(B-2)

Where \( M_{ij}^{t-1} \) refers to the mass remaining in NAPL sub-zone \( i \) cell \( j \) at the end of the previous time step [M], and \( \Delta t \) represents the length of the time step [T]. The total NAPL mass remaining in sub-zone \( i \) at the end of the time step is calculated by summing the NAPL mass remaining in each cell of the sub-zone grid. The total mass added to storage in low-permeability unit(s) adjacent to each NAPL source zone is also accounted for in the mass balance.

The equations and potential uses of each of the individual mass discharge terms in Eq. B-1 are discussed further below.

Finally, the source strength contributing to the downgradient plume from NAPL dissolution is calculated as

\[
Md_{i,source}^t = \left( Md_{i,thru}^t + Md_{i,surf}^t \right) f_{RXN1}^t
\]  

(B-3)

Where \( f_{RXN1}^t \) represents a multiplier for the reduction in source strength due to chemical transformations occurring in the source zone when NAPL is present. This term is useful for simple, quasi-representation of transformation reactions that may occur upon implementation of an active remedial technology such as EISB or ISCO.
When mass has been completely depleted in NAPL sub-zone \( i \), mass discharge contributing to ongoing source strength via back-diffusion from adjacent diffusive source zones (if simulated) is then simulated for the time step using

\[
Md_{i,source}^t = \left(Md_{b-diff}^t\right) f_{RXN2}
\]

where \( f_{RXN2} \) represents a multiplier for the reduction in source strength due to chemical transformations occurring in the source zone once NAPL has been depleted. This term may be used to represent sustained transformation reactions which may occur after the cessation of EISB.

### B.3 Sub-Zone Through-Discharge

#### Residual/Mixed Source Zones

For residual and mixed NAPL source zones, mass discharge due to dissolution of NAPL into groundwater flowing through sub-zone \( i \) is given by

\[
Md_{i,thr}^t = \left(krw_i q_x^t C_{eff}^t w_i h_i\right) f_i^t f_{ed1}^t
\]

where \( krw_i \) is the relative water permeability, \( q_x^t \) is the average specific discharge at time step \( t \), \( C_{eff}^t \) is the effective solubility (which is the same as solubility for a single component NAPL), \( w_i \) and \( h_i \) represent the width and height of source zone \( i \), \( f_i^t \) is a multiplier representing the proportion of the source zone cross-section which has streamtubes containing NAPL at time step \( t \), and \( f_{ed1}^t \) is a multiplier for mass discharge through the zone representing potential enhanced dissolution at time step \( t \) as a result of active remediation. The current version of NDM does not consider transient \( krw_i \) during source depletion; further study is warranted to determine when transient representation of this parameter may be helpful.

As discussed above, NDM represents three types of decline models for the \( f_i^t \) term to provide a surrogate representation for the rate of decline in NAPL-water interfacial area (IA) in the source zone:

- **Exponential decline**, \( f_i^t = f_{io} e^{-\lambda_i t} \) where \( f_{io} \) represents the initial proportion of the source zone cross-section which has streamtubes containing NAPL, and \( \lambda_i \) represents the first-order rate of decline of the proportion of streamtubes containing NAPL at time step \( t \);
- **Linear decline**, \( f_i^t = f_{io} - f_{io} m_i t \) where \( m_i \) represents the linear decline slope at time step \( t \); and
- **Constant** \( f_i^t = f_{io} \).

As an example, if a transect across the downgradient boundary of a source zone has 10% of the cross-sectional area with NAPL upgradient of the transect, \( f_{io} \) will be specified as 0.10. At field sites, it is expected that exponential decline models will typically be used to represent aged
sources and/or sources with a heterogeneous NAPL distribution, and the constant \( f_i^t \) model will be used to represent high-saturation portions of pools with relatively homogeneous distributions of NAPL.

For sites where an exponential decline model is applicable, the first-order rate (\( \lambda \)) may be estimated based on historical monitoring data. Of note is the relationship summarized by Newell and Adamson (2005) such that \( \lambda = M_{do}/M_o \), where \( M_{do} \) represents the source strength at the time of characterization and \( M_o \) represents an estimate of initial source mass contributing to the this source strength. If the first-order rate can be estimated from site monitoring data, then an estimate of \( M_o \) and the corresponding average NAPL saturation (\( S_{no} \)) in a source zone can also be readily estimated. For residual and mixed source zones, the average NAPL saturation source zone (\( S_{no} \)) is an input parameter for NDM to facilitate estimation of the initial NAPL mass in a source zone.

To represent the influence of changes in the specific discharge rate which may occur during active remediation, the time-dependent exponential and linear decline rates are calculated respectively based on:

\[
\lambda_i^t = \lambda_{io}q_x^t/q_{xo}
\]

\[
m_i^t = m_{io}q_x^t/q_{xo}
\]

**Pool Source Zones**

Given the higher NAPL saturation in pools and the corresponding reduction in water permeability, as well as the occurrence of some pools that form in topographic depressions on the surface of a low-permeability layer, a relatively small flux of groundwater will occur through the body of the pool.

To facilitate a comparison of the mass discharge which may occur through pool sub-zones relative to the discharge arising from surface dissolution, NDM incorporates the flexibility of simulating the rate of reduced water flow at various depths within a NAPL pool. NDM also incorporates the option of specifying an average \( S_{nio} \) and \( krwi \) for use in estimating the initial mass discharge through the NAPL source zone based on Equation B-5, or to specify a mass discharge of zero based on the assumption that the relative permeability in the pool layer is negligible relative to the mass discharge from the surface of the pool.

McWhorter and Kueper (1996) document the following equation for estimating the elevation in a pool corresponding to an effective saturation:

\[
z = T - \frac{P_o}{\Delta \rho g} \left[ \left( \frac{Sw-Swr}{Sm-Swr} \right)^{-1/m} - 1 \right]^{1-m}
\]
where $z$ refers to an elevation in a pool layer with height $T$, $P_o$ is the reference capillary pressure defined as $\rho_o g / \alpha$, where $\alpha$ [L$^{-1}$] and $m$ [dim.] are capillary pressure-saturation curve coefficients defined by Van Genuchten (1980), $\rho_o$ is the density of water [ML$^{-3}$], $g$ is the gravitational acceleration constant [LT$^{-2}$], $\Delta \rho$ is the difference between NAPL and water density [ML$^{-3}$], $S_w$ is the water saturation, $S_{wr}$ is the irreducible water saturation, and $S_m$ is the maximum water saturation.

Re-arranging the above equation and solving for $S_n = 1 - S_w$ at elevation $z$ gives

$$Sn(z) = 1 - S_{wr} - (S_m - S_{wr}) \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\alpha \Delta \rho (T - z)}{\rho_w} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - m}} \right]^{-m} \tag{B-9}$$

Van Genuchten (1980) defines the relative water permeability for a two-phase system as

$$krw = S_{krw}^{1/2} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - S_{krw}^{1/m} \right)^m \right]^2 \tag{B-10}$$

where $S_{krw}$, the effective saturation used to estimate relative water permeability, is given by

$$S_{krw} = \frac{S_{w} - S_{wr}}{1 - S_{wr}} \tag{B-11}$$

To estimate the total mass discharge through a pool layer with variable $Sn(z)$, the pool layer is vertically discretized into $m$ layers with uniform thickness $\Delta z$. The NAPL saturation in each layer ($S_{nim}$) is calculated by substituting the pool height ($h_i$) for $T$ in Equation B-8. The effective saturation $S_{krw}$ is calculated by substituting $S_{wim} = 1 - S_{nim}$ for $S_w$ in Equation B-11, and the relative water permeability in layer $m$ of the pool source zone $i$ ($krw_{im}$) is then calculated using Equation B-10. The mass discharge arising from NAPL dissolution into groundwater flowing through source zone $i$ at time step $t$ is then calculated by summing the depth-specific discharges using

$$Md_{i, thru}^t = (\Sigma_{m=1}^{nlay} krw_{im} q_{i}^t C_{eff}^t w_{i} \Delta z) f_i^{t} f_{ed1}^t \tag{B-12}$$

Equation B-12 includes a time-dependent enhanced dissolution multiplier, which may be used to represent enhanced dissolution periods within an overall model simulation (e.g. EISB or Strategic Pump-and-Treat). Note that NDM does not represent potential mobilization of NAPL that may occur with some in-situ remediation technologies. Care must be exercised during in-situ remediation to ensure that expansion of the source zone does not occur.

**B.4 Sub-Zone Surface Discharge**

NAPL pools are typically characterized by a relatively limited NAPL-water interfacial area at the surface of pools where dissolution into flowing groundwater occurs. Solute transport at this surface interface is driven by transverse vertical dispersion. The solute transport equation is
\[
\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \theta D_z \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} - \frac{q_x}{\theta} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \quad (B-13)
\]

where \( C \) is the solute concentration [ML\(^{-3}\)], \( D_z \) is the hydrodynamic dispersion coefficient [L\(^2\)T\(^{-1}\)], and \( q_x \) is specific discharge [L\(^3\)L\(^{-2}\)T\(^{-1}\)]. In this form of the advection-dispersion equation, the hydrodynamic dispersion coefficient is calculated using

\[
D_z = \alpha_{TV} v_x + D_e, \quad \text{and} \quad D_e = \tau D_o \quad (B-14)
\]

where \( \alpha_{TV} \) is the transverse vertical dispersivity [L], \( v_x (=q_x/\theta) \) is the average linear groundwater velocity [LT\(^{-1}\)], \( D_e \) is the effective diffusion coefficient [L\(^2\)T\(^{-1}\)], \( \tau \) is the tortuosity coefficient, and \( D_o \) is the free-water molecular diffusion coefficient [L\(^2\)T\(^{-1}\)].

In some cases, the above equation B-13 is written as

\[
\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D_z \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} - v_x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \quad (B-15)
\]

where the hydrodynamic dispersion coefficient and effective molecular diffusion coefficient are estimated based on Equation B-14. In contrast, Hunt et al. (1988) expressed the advection dispersion equation based on an alternative form of the governing equation

\[
\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D_z^* \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} - q_x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \quad (B-16)
\]

where the adjusted hydrodynamic dispersion coefficient is calculated using

\[
D_z^* = \alpha_{TV} v_x + D_e^*, \quad \text{and} \quad D_e^* = \theta \tau D_o \quad (B-17)
\]

In other words, when specific discharge is used in the advection term of the governing equation and for calculating mechanical dispersion, it is important to include a porosity term in the term representing the effective molecular diffusion coefficient.

**Analytical Solution for Mass Discharge from a Pool Surface**

Based on the analytical solution cited by Johnson and Pankow (1992) for the steady-state form of Equation B-15, mass discharge from dissolution along the surface of a pool with length \( L \) and width \( w \) is

\[
Md = LwC_{eff} \theta \sqrt{\frac{4D_z v_x}{\pi L}} \quad (B-18)
\]

Hunt et al. (1988) present the analytical solution based on Equation E-16 as

\[
Md = LwC_{eff} \sqrt{\frac{4D_z^* q_x}{\pi L}} \quad (B-19)
\]
Note that both Equations E-18 and E-19 yield the identical solution provided that $\theta$ is used to estimate $v_x$. Equation E-19 can be further re-arranged to yield

$$Md = \left(2LwC_{eff} \sqrt{ \frac{q_x}{\pi L}} \right) \sqrt{\alpha T_v q_x + \theta \tau D_o} \quad (B-20)$$

It is not clear whether $\theta$ should represent total or effective porosity, since both advection and diffusion contribute to solute transport to some degree during surface dissolution from a pool. From Equation B-20 it is clear that under high specific discharge conditions, mechanical dispersion will dominate over the effective molecular diffusion term and porosity will have a negligible influence on the mass discharge calculation. In low specific discharge environments, molecular diffusion is likely to dominate the hydrodynamic dispersion term and it is appropriate then to assign $\theta$ as total porosity. When considering the middle case where mechanical dispersion and effective molecular terms are equal in a fine sand, the total porosity may be twice as high as effective porosity (e.g. 0.40 vs. 0.20, respectively). In this case, mass discharge calculated using total porosity is approximately 20% higher than the discharge that would be calculated using effective porosity. There is a smaller range for total vs. effective porosity for a coarse sand (e.g. 0.35 to 0.275), resulting in a smaller difference for mass discharge calculated based on total versus effective porosity.

Given that these differences are relatively minor when compared to uncertainty in specific discharge or pool dimensions, and that total porosity is more directly measured at the site and more applicable under conditions of low specific discharge, it is recommended that the total porosity be used when estimating mass discharge on the basis of Equation B-20.

It is also recommended that the solution in Equation B-20 be used for estimating mass discharge instead of Equation B-18, since $v_x$ is typically calculating using effective porosity which is not the appropriate porosity to use in Equation B-18 for sites where transport is diffusion-dominated.

Based on the analytical solution presented in Equation B-20, NDM estimates the mass discharge from the surface of source zone $i$ discretized in $j=1$ to grid cells using the equations

$$Md_{i, surf} = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{n_{col}} (Md_{i, surf, j}^t - Md_{i, surf, j-1}^t) \right] \quad (B-21)$$

$$Md_{i, surf, j}^t = \left[ x_{ij} w_i C_{eff}^t \sqrt{ \frac{4D_{x, i}^t q_x^t}{\pi x_{ij}}} \right] f_{ed2} f_{surf} \quad (B-22)$$

where $x_{ij}$ is the length from the upgradient edge of the pool to the downgradient end of column $j$, $f_{ed2}^t \geq 1$ is a multiplier that is used during the portion of the simulation where a dissolution enhancement technology has been implemented, and $f_{surf}$ is a multiplier that is equal to 0, 1, or 2
to represent the number of source zone surfaces where dissolution is occurring into overlying and/or underlying groundwater. \( f_{surf} \) may also be assigned a real number to represent a multiplier for accelerated specific discharge adjacent to the boundary surface of the NAPL sub-zone. For a pool source zone, typically \( f_{surf} = 1 \) (e.g. when the pool is underlain by a low-permeability silt or clay). For a residual NAPL layer that has transmissive layers both above and below it, \( f_{surf} = 2 \).

B.5 Diffusive Mass Discharge Into and Out of Low-Permeability Units

Seyedabbasi et al. (2012) present the analytical equations used to estimate mass discharge associated with both forward diffusion into the low-permeability unit (which is based on work presented in Parker et al., 1994), as well as for back-diffusion into the more transmissive unit.

Mass discharge from a single component NAPL source zone \( i \) to a low-permeability unit is estimated based on

\[
Md_{i,diff}^t = \varphi L_i w_i C_s \sqrt{\frac{R \sigma D_0}{\pi t}} \quad ; \quad t < t_{depletion} \quad (B-23)
\]

where \( \varphi \) is total porosity in the low-permeability unit \([L^3L^{-3}]\), \( C_s \) is solubility \([ML^{-3}]\), \( R \) is the retardation coefficient in the low-permeability unit, \( \tau' \) is the tortuosity coefficient for the low-permeability unit, and \( t_{depletion} \) is the simulation time at which all NAPL in the source zone has been depleted. This equation is based on the assumption that the low-permeability unit is a semi-infinite domain; therefore, this equation is only valid when the low-permeability unit is sufficiently thick that significant mass does not diffuse through the exit boundary of the low-permeability unit. This equation also assumes a constant solubility in time in the source zone and therefore is not applicable for multicomponent NAPLs when effective solubility changes significantly over time.

The analytical solution for estimating the time-varying mass discharge associated with back-diffusion from the low-permeability unit into the depleted source zone is presented in Seyedabbasi et al. (2012) as

\[
Md_{i,b-diff}^t = \varphi L_i w_i C_s \left( \sqrt{\frac{R \sigma D_0}{\pi t}} - \sqrt{\frac{R \sigma D_0}{\pi (t-t')}} \right) \quad ; \quad t > t_{depletion} \quad (B-24)
\]

The reader is referred to Seyedabbasi et al. (2012) for an evaluation of the relative longevity of plumes sustained by back-diffusion relative to the initial NAPL dissolution period. These analytical models may be used to compare the magnitude of the diffusive discharge from a NAPL pool, to surface and/or through-discharge. Generally, the diffusive discharge is much lower in magnitude, on average, relative to the other two types of mass discharge from a NAPL pool.
B.6 Multicomponent NAPL Dissolution

A version of NDM has been prepared to simulate multicomponent NAPL dissolution (NDM-MC). The present version of NDM-MC is limited in that surface discharge is not simulated; only through-discharge may be simulated for a multicomponent NAPL, and the maximum number of species in this current version is limited to three.

The model equations are similar to those described above for NDM, with the main difference being that the effective solubility for each species is calculated in each sub-zone grid cell at the end of each time step, based on an automated re-calculation of the species molar fraction in each cell. If an upgradient cell has a smaller effective solubility for a species than a downgradient cell, then mass will be dissolved from the downgradient cell to ensure that local equilibrium is achieved at the NAPL-water interface. Similarly, if an upgradient cell has a larger effective solubility than a downgradient cell, then mass will be re-dissolved into the NAPL in the downgradient cell to maintain equilibrium. The influence of intra-source by-passing may be simulated using one of the transient dilution factor equations (see Section A.3).

For further information regarding the availability of NDM-MC, please contact Grant Carey at Porewater Solutions (email: gcarey@porewater.com; telephone: 613-270-9458).
ISR-MT3DMS for Modeling Back-Diffusion Timeframe

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Forward Diffusion
Back-Diffusion
Remediation Timeframe?

Influencing factors:
- Velocity
- Thickness
- Retardation
- Diffusion rate
- Transverse dispersion
- Length of clay lens
- Biodegradation
- Contact time

THICK silt/clay:
- Sale et al., 2008
Modeling Challenges

- Analytical solutions not available for:
  - Thin silt/clay lenses
  - Enhanced degradation rates
- Numerical models
  - Small grid spacing, time steps
  - Prohibitive for 3-D models
- ISR-MT3DMS: new approach
Introduction

• Case Study #1 – Model limitations

• ISR-MT3DMS overview

• Case Study #2 – Florida site (thin clay)
  • Model input estimation
  • ISR-MT3DMS proof of concept, verification
  • Timeframe sensitivity analysis
Case Study #1 – Ontario Site

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Case Study #1 – Ontario Site

Sequenced Injections:
1. Surfactant (NAPL)
2. Hydrogen peroxide
3. CaO₂
4. Waterloo emitters

Legend:
- Treatment zone
- Groundwater elevation contour
- Waterloo Emitter
- Other injection well

Scale, in meters:

0 5 10
Model Grid

Minimum spacing = 4 inches (Waterloo Emitter diameter)

2-D: 450 columns, 280 rows

Time step = 0.05 d

Phase I – 5 solutes (4-hour run-time)

Phase I – Waterloo Emitters horizontal influence
Phase I: Waterloo Emitters (t=3y)

Case 1: PHC Koc = 5,000 mL/g

Electron Donors:
- GRO, DRO, Fe(II)

Electron Acceptors:
- DO, Fe(III)_s

Reactions:
- Instantaneous or first-order
- Reductive dissolution

Case 2: PHC Koc = 50,000 mL/g

Electron Donors:
- GRO, DRO, Fe(II)

Electron Acceptors:
- DO, Fe(III)_s

Reactions:
- Instantaneous or first-order
- Reductive dissolution

Phase II model:
- Hydrogen peroxide
- CaPO
- GRO/DRO Conc.
- **Diffusion into silt**
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

Dr. Chunmiao Zheng

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Carey, Van Geel, and Murphy (1999)
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

BioRedox RCT package

- Flexible reaction framework
- Redox zone visualization
- Mineral precip./dissolution
- Rate stimulation/inhibition

Carey, Van Geel, and Murphy (1999)
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

BioRedox RCT package

Contact Time Calculator

Optimization Metric

Injected Volume: 2000 L

No. of IW's: 1

No. of IW's: 2

No. of IW's: 3

No. of IW's: 4

No. of IW's: 5

No. of IW's: 6

Contact Time (months)
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

BioRedox RCT package

Contact Time Calculator

NAPL Depletion Model

Carey, McBean, and Feenstra (2014a,b; 2015a,b,c)
In Situ Remediation (ISR-MT3DMS)

MT3DMS v5.3

BioRedox RCT package

Contact Time Calculator

NAPL Depletion Model

Local Domain Approach

Large model linked to local 1-D model(s).
Local Domain Approach

Global Model Domain

Area of interest for modeling diffusion
Cross-Section in Global Model (3 layers)

Source Area

Sand Seam #1

SILT

Sand Seam #2

Global model domain
Local Model Domains for Silt (1-D Diffusion)

Area of Interest

Multiple 1-D vertical (Local) models are linked to sand seam concentrations in global model.

Silt layer is inactive to transport in global model.
Local Domain Approach

Water Table

Global domain

Local domain (clay with limited extent, 50 layers)

Each clay lens: 10 to 100+ layers

1

Each clay lens:
10 to 100+ layers

2

100+ layers

3

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Case Study #2 – Florida Site

Site Characteristics
- Beach sand aquifer
- Continuous, thin clay layer across site
- Other discontinuous, thin silt/clay layers
- Multiple, thin suspended DNAPL layers in source zone

Source: Modified from Parker et al., 2008
TVOC Trend at MW-2B

Hydraulic isolation system started August 2002

Expected trend without back-diffusion

TCE MCL = 5 ug/L

Source: Modified from Parker et al., 2008
2-D Model Grid

200 columns, 158 rows (layers)
Minimum grid spacing: $\Delta z = 1.25 \text{ cm}$, $\Delta x = 0.5 \text{ m}$
Run-time = 45 minutes for 85-y simulation ($\Delta t = 0.24 \text{ d}$)

- TCE pool
  - $v = 130 \text{ ft/y}$
  - $\alpha_{tv} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$

- Clay layer thickness = 0.2 m, foc = 0.5%
  - $v = 65 \text{ ft/y}$
  - $\alpha_{tv} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$
2-D Model Grid

DNAPL source removed at t=35 y.

TCE pool: S=1100 mg/L, 5 m x 0.05 m

16 layers in clay

TCE Source Model

C=1,100 mg/L

t=35 y
t=85 y

Clay

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2-D Model: Horizontal Wells

RTF versus clay layer length? (C < 0.005 mg/L)
Multiple Well Screen Lengths

Influence of screen length on remediation timeframe?

Well lengths = 0.1, 1.5, and 3 m
Tortuosity Coefficient

\[ \tau \text{ proportional to } \theta_e \text{ (not } \theta_t) \]

\[ \tau = 0.77 \ K^{0.40} \]

\[ R^2 = 0.85 \]

Silt/clay:
\[ \tau = 0.25 \text{ to } 0.40 \]
(average 0.33)

Carey, McBean, and Feenstra, 2015d
Transverse Dispersivity (LE) vs. K

Calculated $\alpha_{tv}$ (mm)

Parker et al. (2008) $\alpha_{tv} = 1.5$ mm

$\alpha_{tv} = 0.5$ mm

Field study
(100’s to 1000’s of meters)

Lab (tracer test)

Lab (NAPL diss.)

Predicted using Chiogna et al. (2010)

$\text{Lab } \alpha_{TV\_LE} = 0.07 \ K^{-0.18}$

Note – results not shown for glass bead studies.

LE = Local equilibrium.

Carey, McBean, and Feenstra, 2015e
Dispersivity Influence on Remediation Timeframe

X = 50 m, Well screen length = 3 m

- $a_{tv} = 0.5$ mm
- $a_{tv} = 1.5$ mm
- $a_{tv} = 5.0$ mm
- $a_{tv} = 20$ mm

Transverse Dispersivity, $a_{tv}$ (mm)

Remediation Timeframe (y)
Transverse Dispersivity vs. Velocity

Re-calculated dispersivity based on Seagren et al., 1999 experiments.

\[ \alpha_{TV} = \alpha_{TV\_LE}, v \leq vc \]
\[ \alpha_{TV} = \alpha_{TV\_LE} 0.8 \sqrt{v_c / v}, v > vc \]

Non-equilibrium transverse dispersion at high velocity:
- Klenk and Grathwohl, 2002
- Chiogna et al., 2010
Simulated TCE After Source Removal

\[ M_{\text{clay}} = \text{TCE mass in clay assuming 20 m width.} \]
\[ t = \text{time since source removal.} \]

- **t = 0**
  - \( M_{\text{clay}} = 136 \) kg

- **t = 20 y**
  - \( M_{\text{clay}} = 1.1 \) kg

- **t = 30 y**
  - \( M_{\text{clay}} = 0.06 \) kg

30 years after source removal:
- 99.96% mass depletion in clay, avg. \( C_{\text{well}} = 12 \) to 126 ug/L
- \( Md \) into top of clay = 15% to 40% of \( Md \) from DNAPL pool.
Local Domain Approach

Local domain $\Delta x = 5$ m, clay thickness varied.

Example C:

Avg. $C = 775$

Global model

Local Domain

5 m
Local Domain Dispersion

\[ D = D_0 \tau \]

\[ D_m = \alpha_v V_x \]

\[ D_z = D_m + D_e \]

Hydrodynamic Dispersion \((D_z)\)
Influence of Mechanical Mixing

• Horizontal velocity above clay - increases transverse dispersion and mass flux into/out of clay (3x higher at this site)

• 1-D models or flux calculations typically based on $D_e$ ($D_m$ assumed to be zero)
  • May substantially underestimate mass flux into and out of clay

$$\text{Flux} = -D_z \theta \Delta C / \Delta x$$
Remediation Timeframe

Mass balance = 0.04%

No Local domains
Remediation Timeframe

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- No Local domains
- 200 Local domains

200 Local domains, \( \Delta x = 0.5 \) m
Remediation Timeframe

Mass balance = 0.04%

- No Local domains
- 200 Local domains
- 20 Local domains

\[ \Delta x = 0.5 \text{ m} \]

![Graph showing remediation timeframe for different domain sizes with mass balance values.]
Influence of Thickness and R

No. local domains = 200 ($\Delta x = 0.5$ m)

7 model runs with different clay thickness
- 0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.6, and 1 m

$x = 50$ m

Remediation Timeframe (y)

Clay Layer Thickness (m)

foc = 1.5%
R = 9

foc = 0.5%
R = 3.5
Sensitivity Analysis:
Length of Clay Layer

$L_1 \sim 30 \text{ ft}$

$L_2 \sim 300 \text{ ft}$

Length $\times 10 \quad \rightarrow \quad RTF \times 2$
Sensitivity Analysis:

Velocity (x=50 m, scrn L=3 m)

Note – ISR-MT3DMS simulation did not consider potential decrease in $\alpha_{tv}$ at higher velocity.
Influence of Contact Time (Thin Layer)

X = 50 m, Well screen L = 3 m

Contact time - between DNAPL and clay layer.
Sensitivity Analysis: Well Screen Length

Screen L: 4 inch 10 ft
RTF + 25% to 40%

Sand

RTF + 8%

Clay

RTF

5 ft

10 ft

Shorter screen → Longer RTF
Sensitivity Analysis: Well Screen Length

Example

10-ft well: $RTF = 30 \text{ y}$
5-ft well: $RTF + 3 \text{ y}$
4-inch well: $RTF + 8 \text{ to } 12 \text{ y}$

Distance of 15 to 300 ft from source.
Conclusions

• ISR-MT3DMS – Local Domain
  • Proof of concept, verification
  • Model inputs: $\tau$ and $\alpha_{tv}$
  • Mechanical mixing vs. diffusion
  • Back-diffusion in thin layers: RTF most sensitive to $v$, $b$, $foc$
ISR-MT3DMS Next Steps

- On-going development, verification

**Demonstration sites (w/reactions) & beta testing**

- Short course at Battelle symposium in May 2015
  - NDM and ISR-MT3DMS
  - Beta version release

- GUI Developers

- Target release date: 2016 (FREE)
Questions?

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Local Domain Approach

1. Global domain section (example)

- 0.2 m clay layer
- Sand
Local Domain Approach

2. Inactive transport in clay zone, in global domain.
Local Domain Approach

3. Insert 200 local domains ($\Delta x = 0.5 \text{ m}, \Delta z = 1.25 \text{ cm}$).
Local Domain Approach

4. Associate global domain conc. with local domain boundaries.
Local Domain Boundary Conditions

Scenario A – same vertical discretization in local and global domains

$C_{LD-BC} = C_{global}$

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Local Domain Boundary Conditions

Scenario B – Global domain has larger vertical grid spacing.

\[ C_{LD-BC} = C_{global} \times f_{mult} \]

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\( f_{\text{mult}} \) Trends (\( t = 3 \) to 85 y)

(Travel time from source to d/g boundary \( \sim 2.5 \) years)

\[ f_{\text{mult}} = \frac{C_1}{C_{\text{avg}}} \]

Narrow range in \( f_{\text{mult}} \) over x and time – suggests average may be used to define local domain boundary condition with coarser global domain grid spacing (to be confirmed).
Example Applications
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Global domain

Local domain

Scale, in meters
0 1 2 3
Modeling Goals at Complex Sites

• Improve process understanding

Interpretive Tool

• Optimize remediation performance
• Timeframe range (RTF)
• Establish realistic expectations