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A Dynamic Hybrid Multiscale Model for Simulating Flow and Mixing-Controlled Reactions in Porous Media

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Mixing-controlled reactions govern various systems, and play a central role in many industrial applications (e.g., CO₂ sequestration and microbially-induced calcite precipitation). However, at-scale models are limited in simulating such processes with high fidelity and computational efficiency, especially in describing those re-actively “hot spots” that often occur at fundamental scales but having significant effects on larger-scale system behaviors. In this study, we present a domain-decomposition based hybrid multiscale model combined with adaptive criteria that can dynamically determine pore-scale subdomains where/when needed and simulate pore-scale and Darcy-scale processes concurrently, namely the dynamic hybrid multiscale model (dHMM). Pore- and Darcy-scale multiple-relaxation-time lattice Boltzmann models (MRT-LBMs) are loosely-coupled in an iterative way via proper boundary conditions through a multiscale universal interface. To facilitate pore-scale subdomains, a dynamic threshold calculated based on real-time concentration distribution is utilized. Simulated results are first validated by comparing with analytical solutions. The dHMM is then applied to simulate mixing-controlled bimolecular reactions in both homogeneous and heterogeneous porous media. Results are cross-compared with data computed from our previously-developed HMM and at-scale models. We demonstrate that the dHMM serves as a powerful tool for numerical upscaling and studying the effects of small-scale processes to large-scale systems.

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