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Tuesday 9th April 2013 5:30 pm to 8 pm

### **Parsons Brinckerhoff offices**

Ernst & Young Centre Level 26, 680 George Street, Sydney CBD

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IAH NSW proudly presents a talk by **David Garces**, former employee of the USGS

#### **SEAWAT and the Salt Lake Benchmark Test**

SEAWAT was used to simulate three-dimensional, variable-density, transient groundwater flow by combining MODFLOW and MT3DMS into a single program that solves the coupled flow and solute-transport equations. The objective of this presentation is to introduce a benchmark problem proposed by Simmons (1999) to be used to validate the SEAWAT code. In this case a known density dependent model was implemented, where the phenomena observed in salt lake systems with a high density brine, which overlies less dense groundwater, were simulated. This is a complex benchmark, as it involves a number of simultaneously interacting hydrologic processes: ET, recharge, brine accumulation and downward convective fingering. The high salinity lake problem was not verified analytically but in a laboratory with a Hele-Shaw cell where the dynamical variables controlling the subsurface distributions of salts can be approximated.

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