Presenting 3-D TOUGH2 Output with TECPLOT

- **TOUGH2 is not a finite element program**
  - These calculate a solution over all the problem domain using interpolating functions defined over a set of elements

- **TOUGH2 is not a finite difference program**
  - These calculate solutions at points in a finite element mesh

- **TOUGH2 is an integrated finite difference program**
  - Calculates the average value of the solution over some finite volume of space.

- **Most graphics programs understand finite element and finite difference data.**
2D data

- Associate TOUGH2 results with the center (of mass) of the cell
- Triangulate the data
- Interpolate over the triangles for contouring etc. as with finite elements
3D Data

- Associate TOUGH2 results with the center (of mass) of the cell
- Interpolate the data somehow onto a connected 3D-Grid
- Interpolate over the elements as with finite elements
- Same problems as in 2-D with non complex domains
There is another way

- Tecplot has a data type ‘cell centered data’ perfectly suited to TOUGH2 output
- Describe element geometry and add a header to your file like

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"Temperature" "Saturation" "Ph" ZONE
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