## 1131-53-27 Pushpi J Paranamana\* (pushpi.paranamana@ttu.edu), Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79410, and Eugenio Aulisa, Magdalena Toda and Akif Ibragimov. Hypersurface model of the fracture for nonlinear fluid flows. Preliminary report.

In this work, we analyze the flow filtration process of slightly compressible fluids in porous media containing fractures with complex geometries. We model the coupled fracture-porous media system where the linear Darcy flow is considered in porous media and the nonlinear Forchheimer equation is used inside the fracture. Also, we devise a model to address the complexity of the fracture geometry which examines the flow inside fractures with variable thickness on a general manifold. The fracture is represented as the normal variation of a surface immersed in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and using Laplace Beltrami operator, we formulate an equation that describes the flow and then further simplifications were done. Using the model, pressure profile of a nonlinear flow is analyzed and compared with the actual pressure profile obtained numerically in order to validate the model. (Received May 26, 2017)