

3D flows of Newtonian and viscoplastic fluids with free surface

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Outline

- Models for Newtonian and viscoplastic fluid one-phase free-surface flow
- Level set method for free surface capturing
- Numerical scheme
- Verification tests
- Examples of 3D flows

A model for free-surface viscous fluid flow

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Newtonian fluid constitutive law

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mu \mathbf{Du} \quad \mathbf{Du} = \nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T$$

μ : viscosity parameter,

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Modeling error:

$$\|\mathbf{u}_0 - \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{H^1} \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

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Initial and boundary conditions:

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Balance of the surface tension and stress forces:

$$(\mu_\varepsilon \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} - p \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{n}_\Gamma = \varsigma \kappa \mathbf{n}_\Gamma - p_{\text{ext}} \mathbf{n}_\Gamma \quad \text{on } \Gamma(t),$$

and kinematic condition on $\Gamma(t)$

$$v_\Gamma = \mathbf{u}|_\Gamma \cdot \mathbf{n}_\Gamma.$$

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Interface capturing: Level set approach

Idea:(Sethian, Osher '87)

$\Gamma(t)$ = zero-level of a scalar function

The level set function $\phi(x, t)$

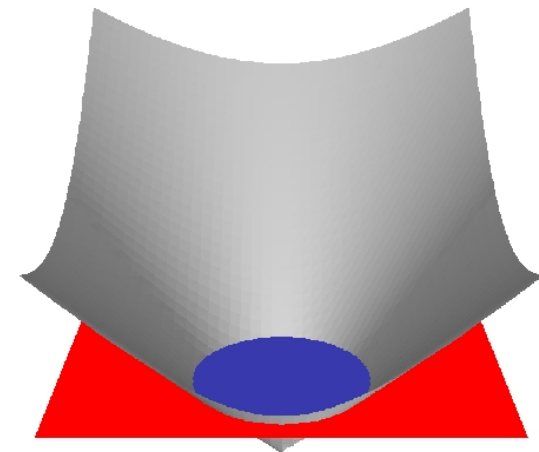
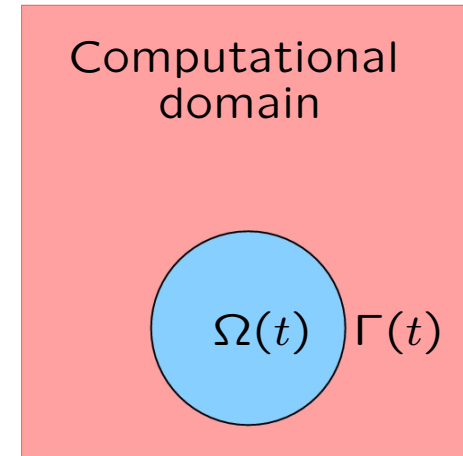
$$\phi(x, t) = \begin{cases} < 0 & \text{for } x \text{ in fluid domain } \Omega(t) \\ > 0 & \text{for } x \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^3 \setminus \Omega(t) \\ = 0 & \text{at the free surface} \end{cases}$$

should be an
“*approximate signed distance function*”.

$$x(t) \in \Gamma(t) \Rightarrow \phi(x(t), t) = 0.$$

Level set equation

$$\phi_t + \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^3$$



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Fundamentals for free-surface viscoplastic fluid flow, $\rho = 1$

- Energy inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega(t)} |\mathbf{u}(t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega(t)} K |\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}|^{1+n} + \tau_s |\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}| d\mathbf{x} dt' + \varsigma |\Gamma(t)| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega(t)} |\mathbf{u}(0)|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega(t)} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u} d\mathbf{x} dt' + \varsigma |\Gamma(0)|, \end{aligned}$$

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Note: This becomes energy equality (energy balance) for $\varepsilon > 0$, with $\int_0^t \int_{\Omega(t)} \mu_\varepsilon |\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}|^2$ standing for the dissipation term.

- Plug and yield regions.

Numerical method

Loop:

1. *Level set part:* $\Omega(t) \rightarrow \Omega(t + \Delta t)$
2. *Remeshing*
3. *Re-interpolation*
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$$\mathbf{y}^0 = \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{y}^{n+1} = \mathbf{y}^n - \alpha \phi_h(\mathbf{y}^n) \nabla \phi_h(\mathbf{y}^n), \quad \text{until } |\mathbf{y}^{n+1} - \mathbf{y}^n| \leq \varepsilon$$

set $u_h(\mathbf{x}) = u_h(\mathbf{y}^{n+1})$.

(b) Semi-Lagrangian step for $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0$

(c) Volume correction: Solve for δ : $\text{meas}\{\mathbf{x} : \phi(\mathbf{x}) < \delta\} = Vol^{\text{reference}}$ and correct $\phi^{new} = \phi - \delta$

(d) Update ϕ to satisfy $|\nabla \phi| = 1$: Invokes The Marching Cubes method (Lorenson & Cline, 1987)

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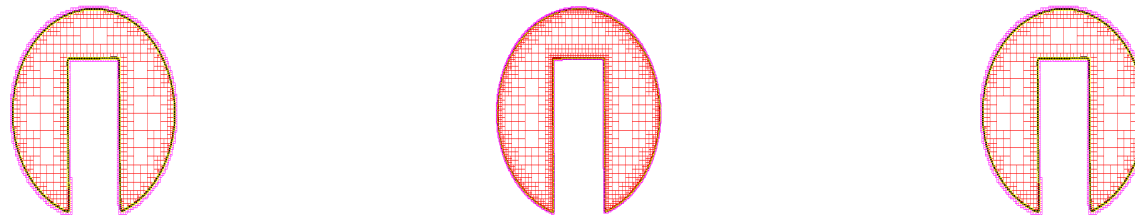
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Zalesak's test: advection by a prescribed velocity field

2-nd order semi-Lagrangian and enhanced with particle-level set



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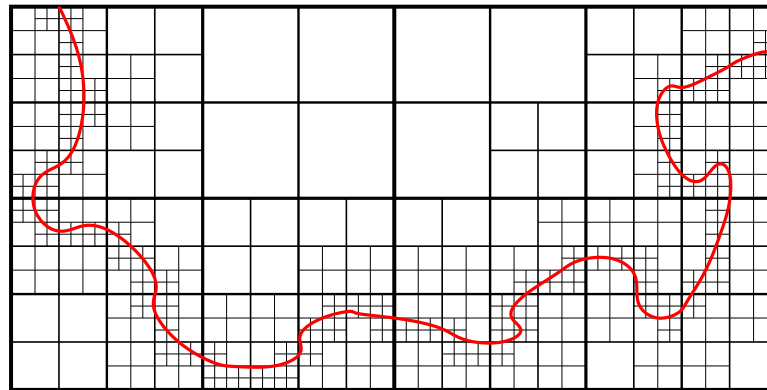
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(a) Graded octree cartesian mesh gradely adapted to $\Gamma(t + \Delta t)$ location.

(b) 2D Illustration:



3. *Re-interpolation*

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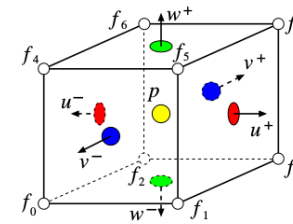
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(a) Staggered location of pressure-velocity nodes

(b) Chorin-Yanenko type splitting:

- Semi-Lagrangian meth. for advection and explicit visco-plastic step
- or Solve advection-diffusion for velocity $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$
- Curvature evaluation $\kappa = \nabla \cdot \nabla \phi / |\nabla \phi|$
- Standard projection (pressure-correction) step by the solution of Poisson equation with

$$p(t + \Delta t) = \varsigma \kappa(t + \Delta t) + p_{\text{ext}} \quad \text{on } \Gamma(t + \Delta t)$$

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Fundamentals of semi-discrete scheme for Newtonian fluid, $\rho = 1$

Assumptions: backward Euler, semi-Lagrangian step for \mathbf{u} , C^3 -smooth $\Gamma(t)$

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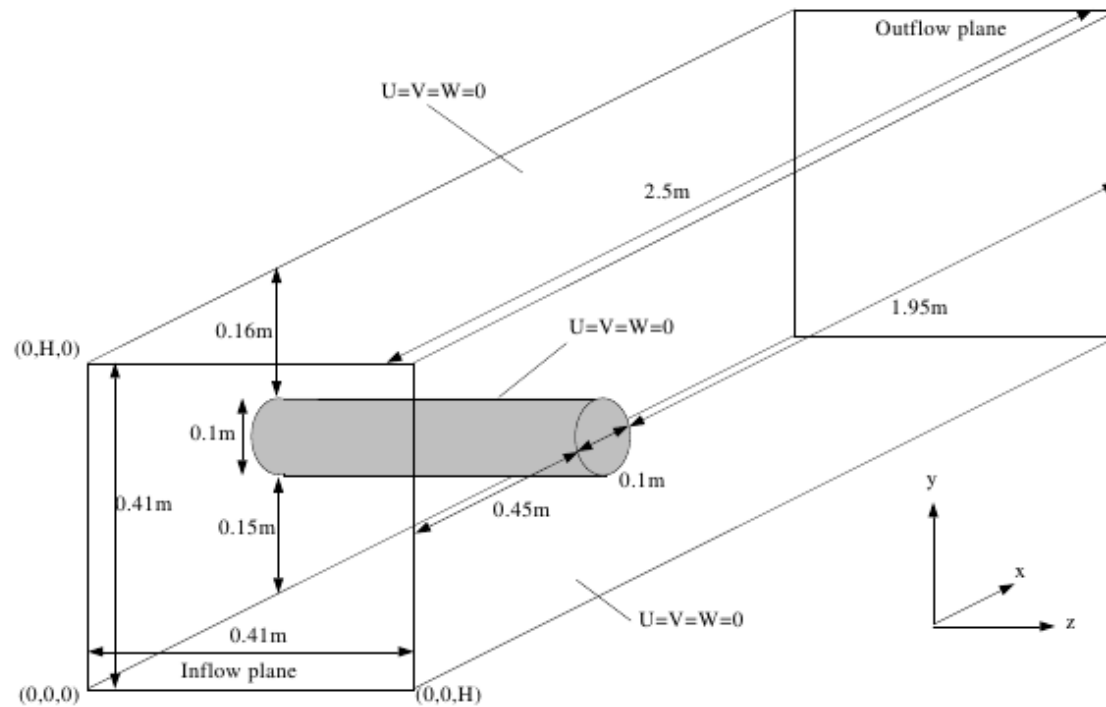
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- Energy stability bound:

$$\|\mathbf{u}^M\|_{\Omega_M}^2 + \sum_{n=1}^M \mu \Delta t \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}^n\|_{\Omega_n}^2 \leq C_\varsigma + \|\mathbf{u}^0\|_{\Omega_0}^2 + c \sum_{n=1}^M \Delta t \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\Omega_n}^2$$

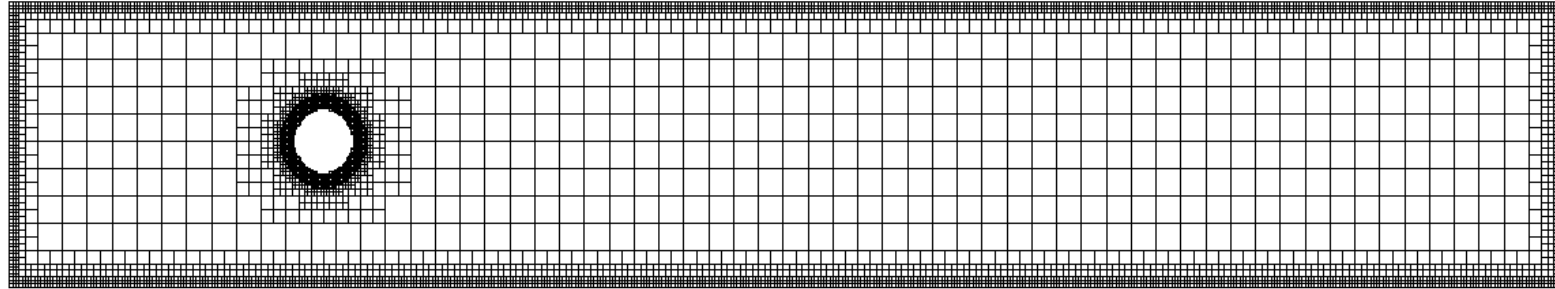
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3D flow around a cylinder, $Re=20$



- on walls $\mathbf{u} = 0$
- on inlet $\mathbf{u} = (0, 0, 16\tilde{U}xy(H-x)(H-y)/H^4)^T$ on Γ_{in} , $\tilde{U} = 0.45\text{m s}^{-1}$
- on outlet $\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - p\mathbf{n}|_{\Gamma_{\text{out}}} = 0$, $\mu = 10^{-3}\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$

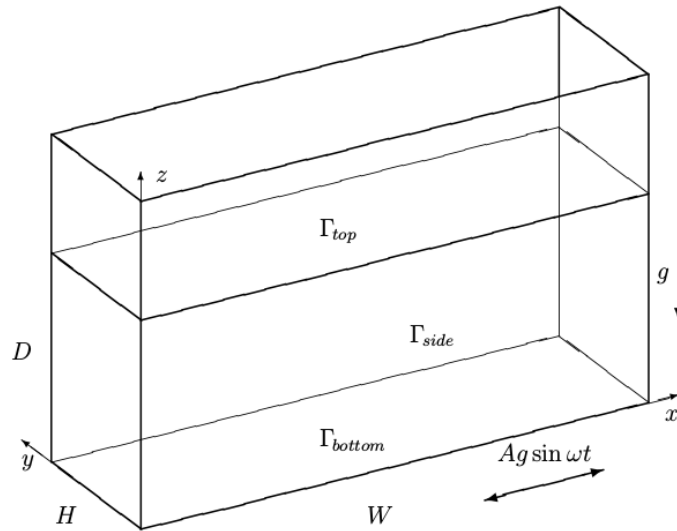
3D flow around a cylinder, $Re=20$



h_{min}	h_{max}	C_{drag}	C_{lift}	Δp
$l/128$	$l/64$	3.07235	-0.019821	0.13840
$l/256$	$l/64$	6.20151	0.00778	0.15961
$l/512$	$l/64$	6.15078	0.00962	0.16298
$l/1024$	$l/64$	6.14193	0.00990	0.16636
Braack & Richter		6.18533	0.009401	
Schäfer & Turek		6.05–6.25	0.008–0.01	0.165–0.175

$$C_{drag} = \frac{2}{DH\tilde{U}^2} \int_S \left(\mu \frac{\partial(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} n_x - pn_z \right) ds \quad C_{lift} = -\frac{2}{DH\tilde{U}^2} \int_S \left(\mu \frac{\partial(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} n_z + pn_x \right) ds$$

Sloshing tank



Value	dimensioned	adimensioned
Lengths	$D = 0.3 \text{ m}$ $H = 0.1 \text{ m}$ $W = 0.8 \text{ m}$	$\tilde{D} = 1.0$ $\tilde{H} = 0.3333$ $\tilde{W} = 2.6667$
Frequency	$f = 0.89 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\tilde{f} = 0.156$
Gravity acc.	$g = 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$	$\tilde{g} = 1.0$
Viscosity	$\nu = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$	$\tilde{\nu} = 1.943 \times 10^{-6}$

- Length of tank W and horizontal excitation period are chosen to generate the mode with $\lambda = 2W$
- After 10 periods excitation is turned off
- On walls we impose slip b.c.
- We measure heights of waves on walls $h_{left}(t), h_{right}(t)$
- We compare free surfaces after 1 period of excitation

Sloshing tank

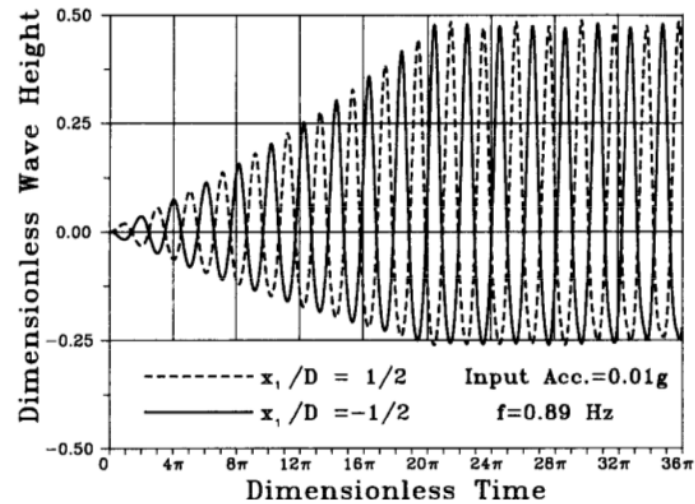
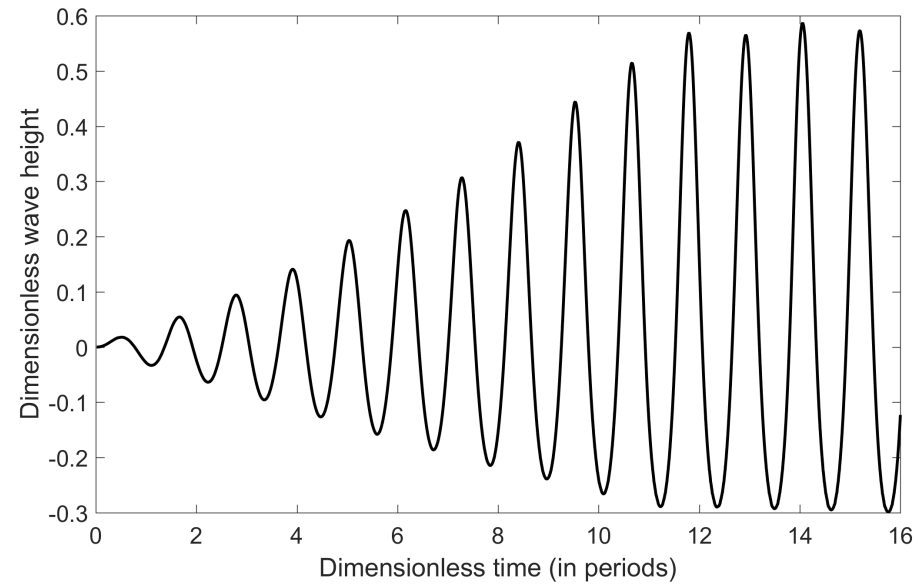


Fig. 27. Time histories of the wave heights at the wall.

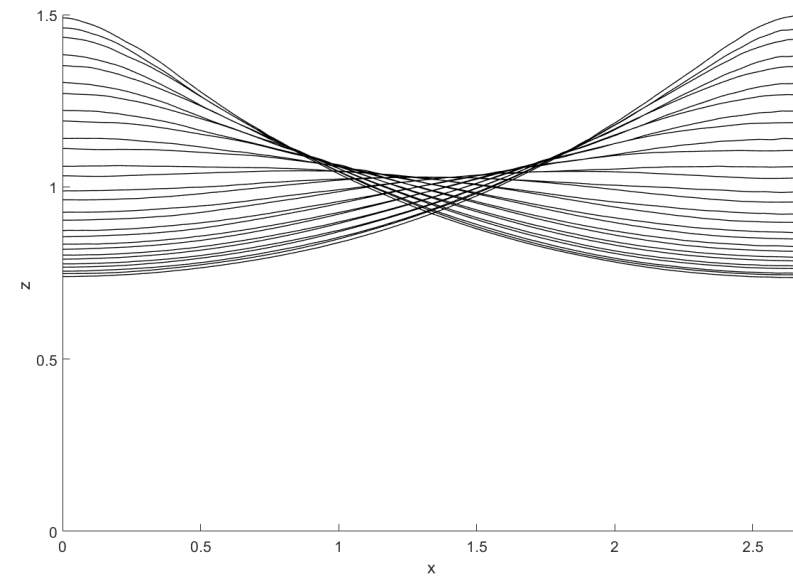
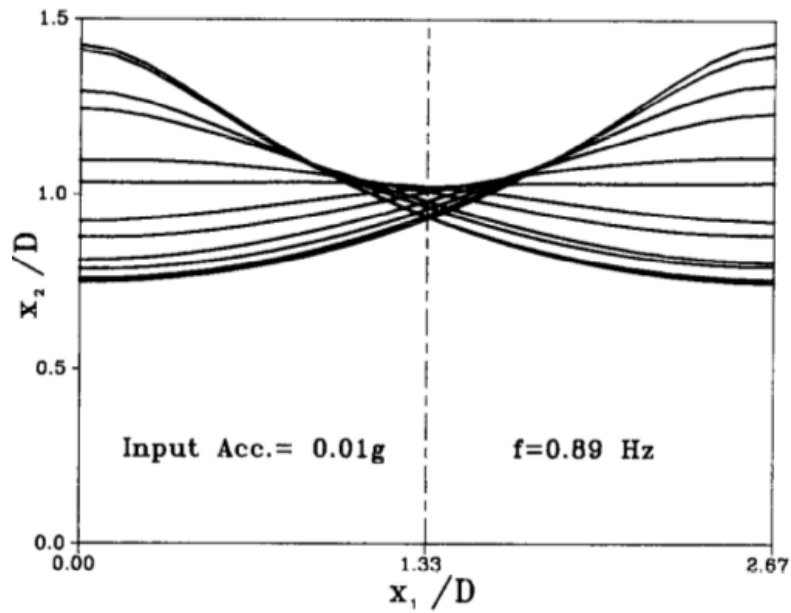


Reference heights

Computed heights

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Reference free surface after 1 period

Computed free surface after 1 period

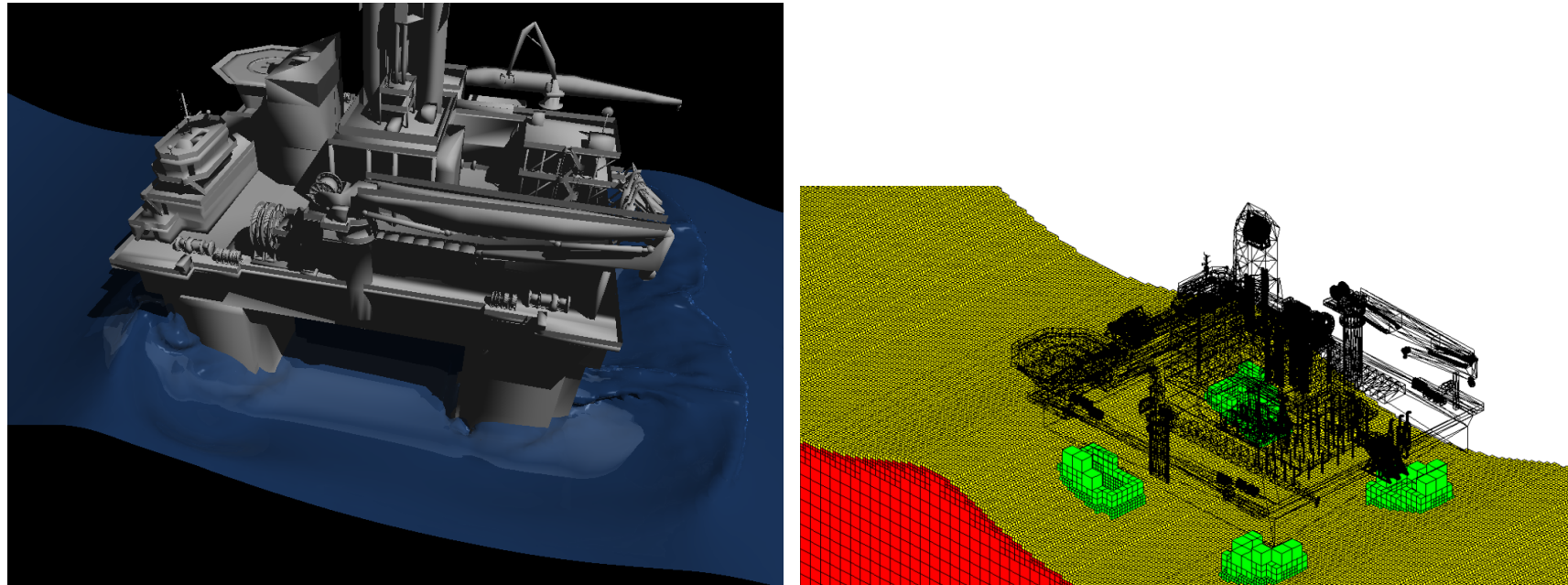
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Free surface flow passing offshore oil platform

- Bulk computational domain: $440\text{m} \times 110\text{m} \times 110\text{m}$.
- The sea depth 55m
- Wave length $\lambda = 110\text{m}$, height $A = 11.5\text{m}$, period $T = 8.4\text{s}$ (maximal for Kara sea)
- Inlet $x = 0$ and outlet boundaries $x = 440\text{m}$ have prescribed Dirichlet b.c.
- Other boundaries (except free surface) have slip b.c.
- Compute highest water levels at the platform and dynamic forces experienced by the construction

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An operating offshore unit and the mesh for wave runup simulation

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Velocities at inlet and outlet are given by the 3d order Stokes waves

$$\mathbf{u}_{\text{wave}}(x, y, z, t) = (u(x, z, t), 0, w(x, z, t))^T \quad \text{for } z \leq \eta_{2D}(x, y, t),$$

where $\eta_{2D}(x, y, t) = \eta(x, t)$ is the free surface level.

The 3d order Stokes waves are defined by superposition of the 1st order waves:

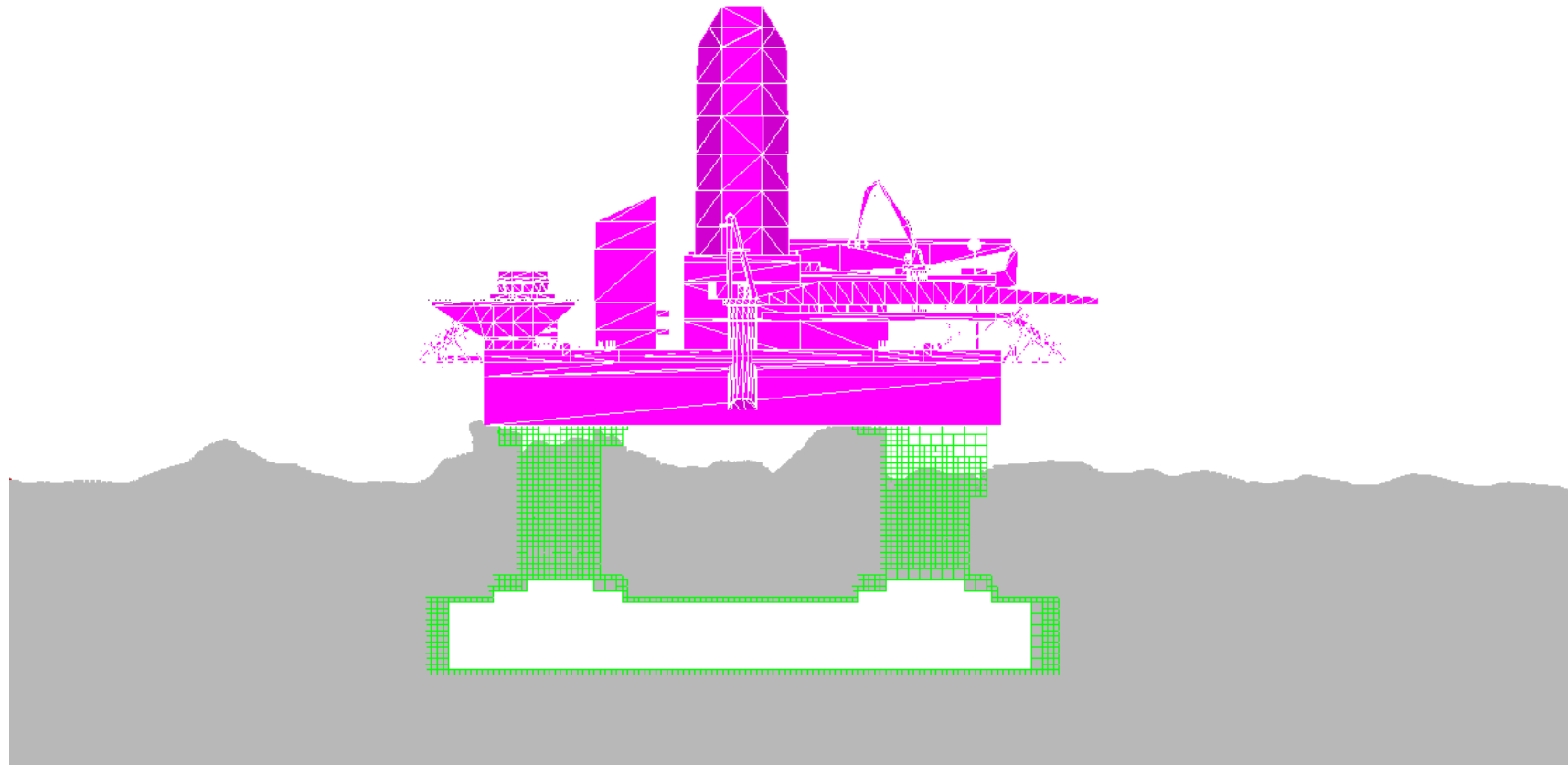
$$\eta(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$u(x, z, t) = A\omega e^{-kz} \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$w(x, z, t) = A\omega e^{-kz} \sin(kx - \omega t).$$

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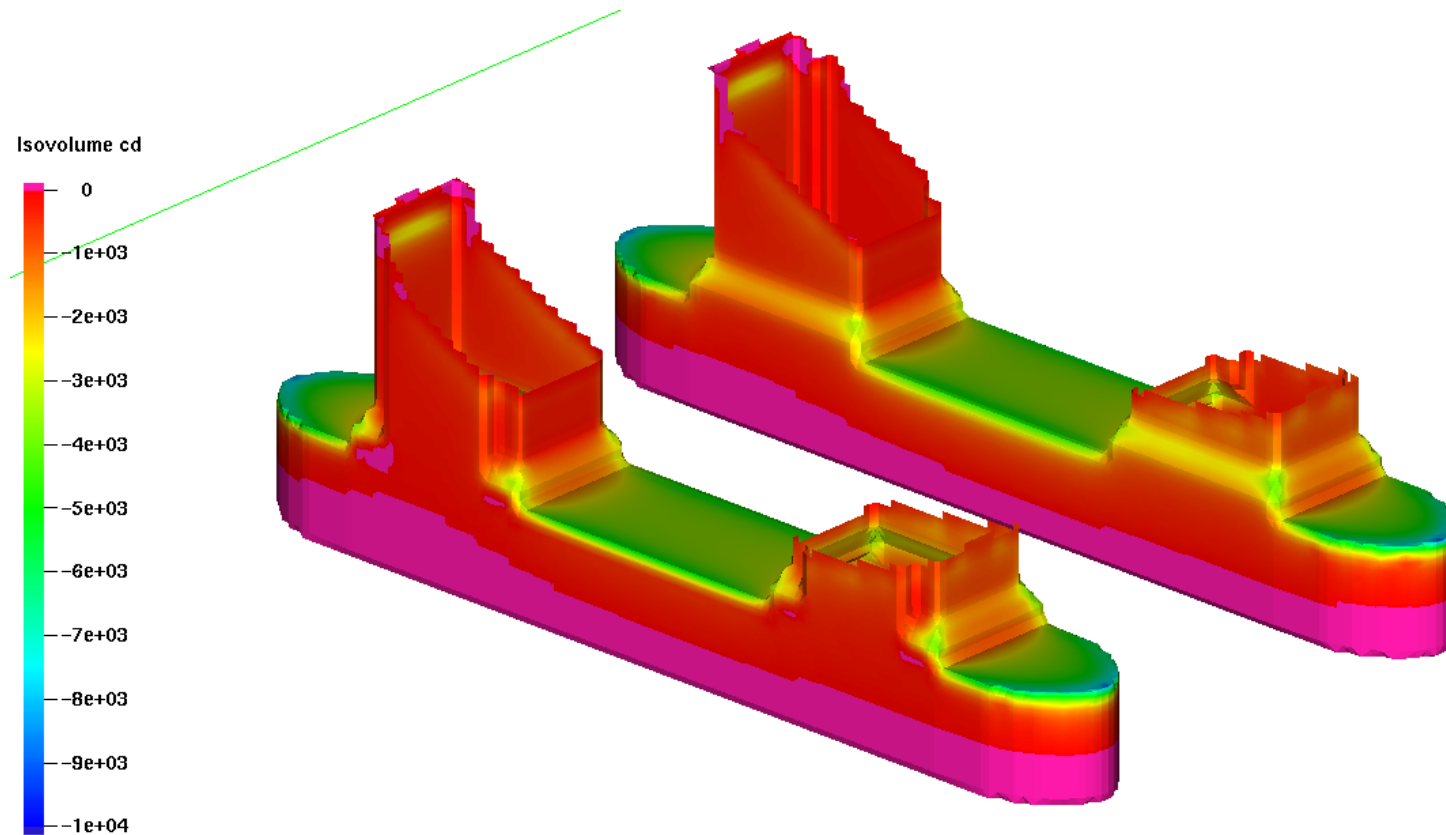
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Maximum observed water level, central cross-section of the computational domain

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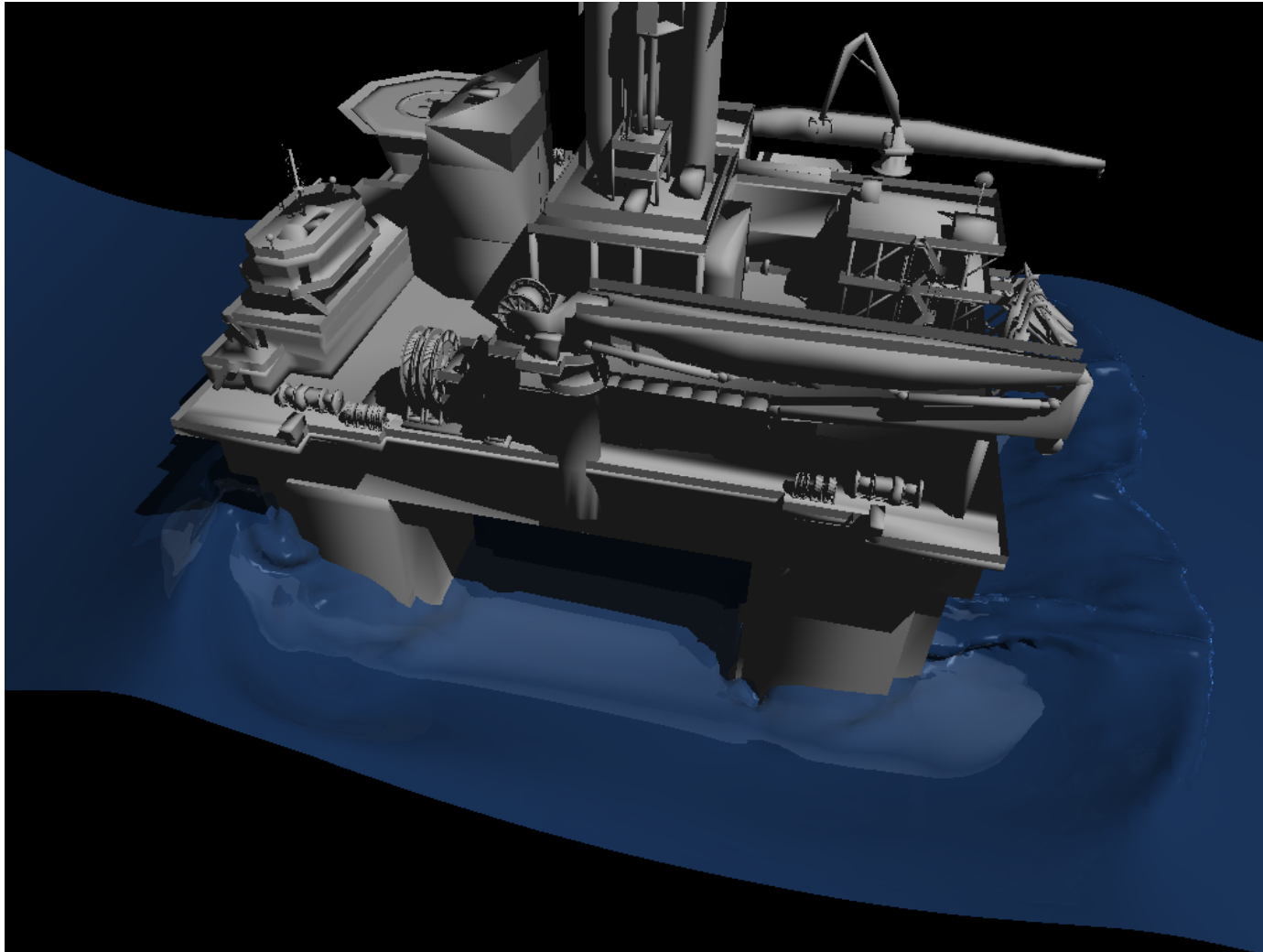
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A field of normal stresses projection at x -direction

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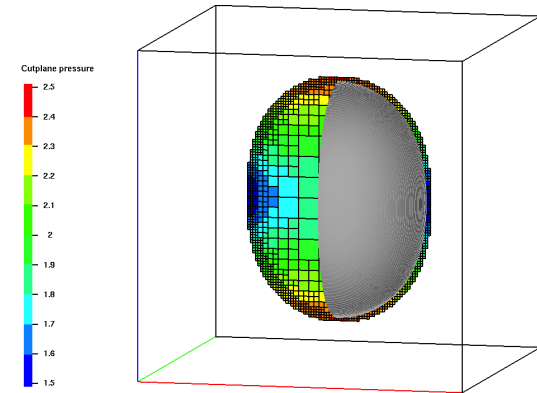
Freely oscillating droplet problem

Computations for Newtonian fluid

Initial shape:

$$r = r_0 \left(1 + \tilde{\varepsilon} S_2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) \right),$$

S_2 : second spherical harmonic, $r_0 = 1$,
Surface tension: $\zeta = 1$, $\tilde{\varepsilon} = 0.3$, $K = 1/150$.



Energy balance for Newtonian fluid:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega(t)} |\mathbf{u}(t)|^2 d\mathbf{x} + K \int_0^t \int_{\Omega(t)} |\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} dt' + |\Gamma(t)| = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega(0)} |\mathbf{u}(0)|^2 d\mathbf{x} + |\Gamma(0)|,$$

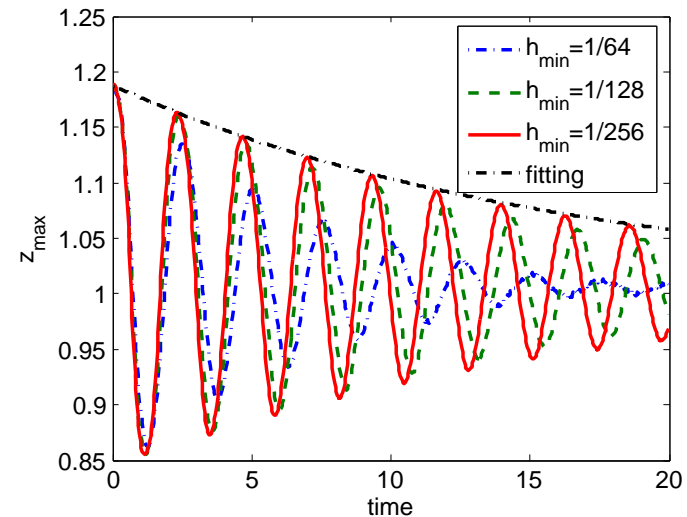
here $|\Gamma(t)| = meas(\Gamma(t))$.

For the Newtonian case:

Top tip trajectories on z axes

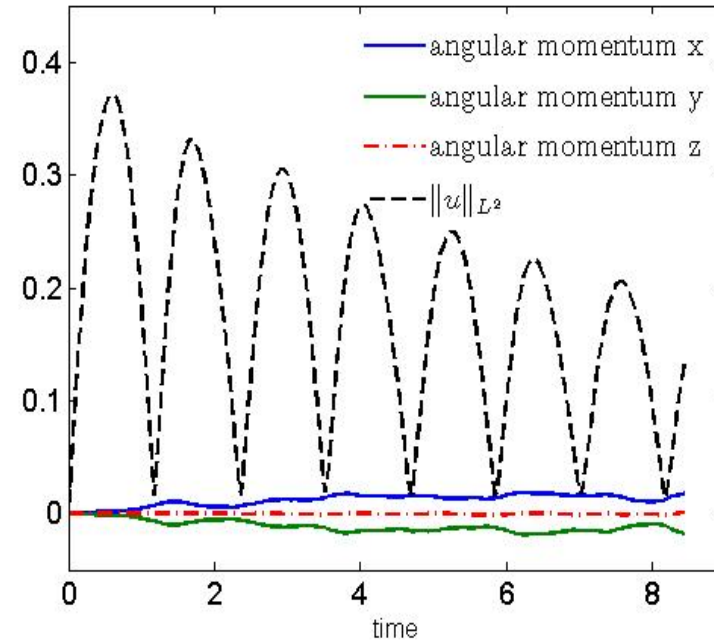
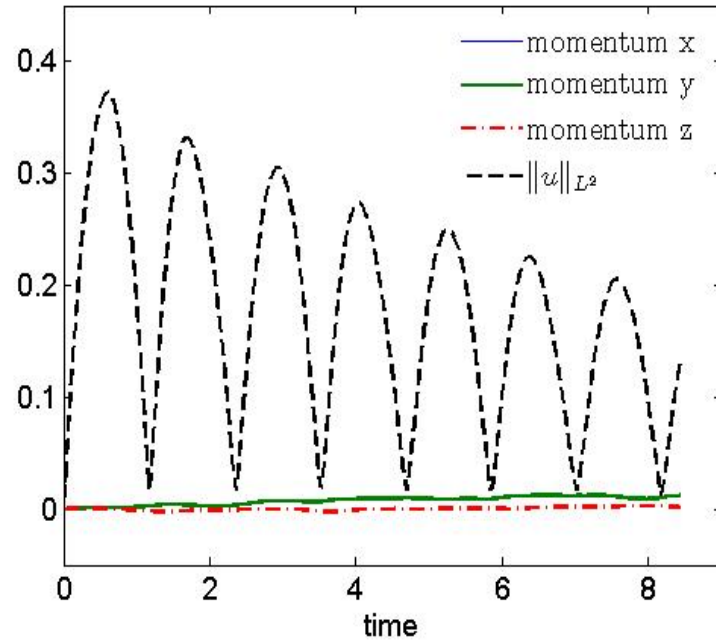
and

fitting curve $z = r_\infty + c \exp(-\frac{t}{\delta})$
with $\delta = 16.2 \Rightarrow$ numerical dissipation is an issue.



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Momentum and angular momentum of freely oscillating droplet



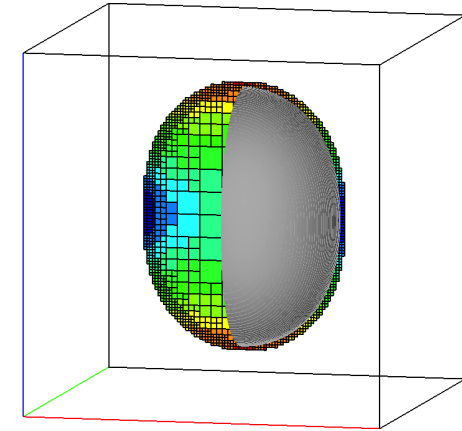
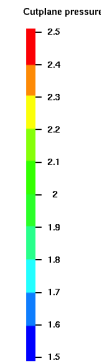
Freely oscillating droplet problem

Computations for Herschel-Bulkley fluid,
 $n = 1 \Rightarrow$ Bingham

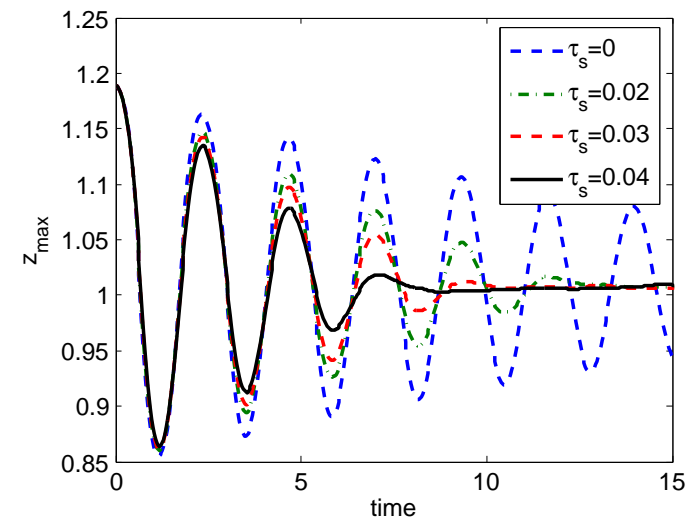
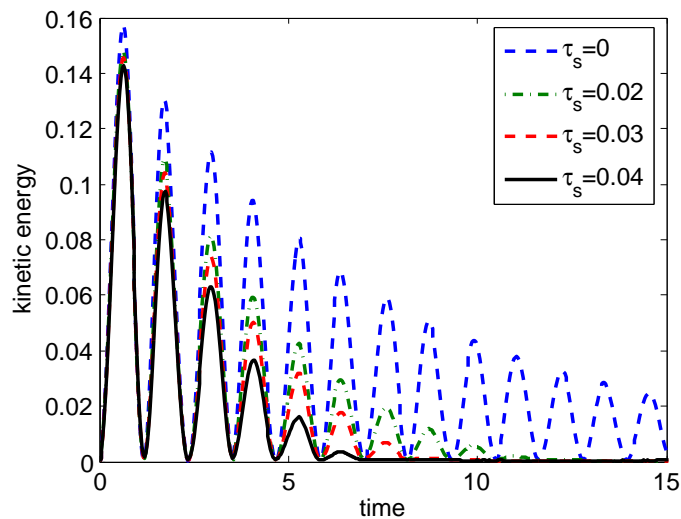
Viscoplastic case, $\tau_s > 0$



Finite cessation times?



The kinetic energy decay (left) and top tip trajectories (right) for different stress yield parameter values, $\tau_s \in \{0, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04\}$.



Numerical analysis challenge:

For the explicit time stepping treatment of visco-plastic term $\mathbf{div} \mu_\varepsilon \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$ one might expect stability condition:

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{h_{\min}^2}{\max |\mu_\varepsilon|}, \quad (\text{in practice } \max |\mu_\varepsilon| \gtrsim 10^7).$$

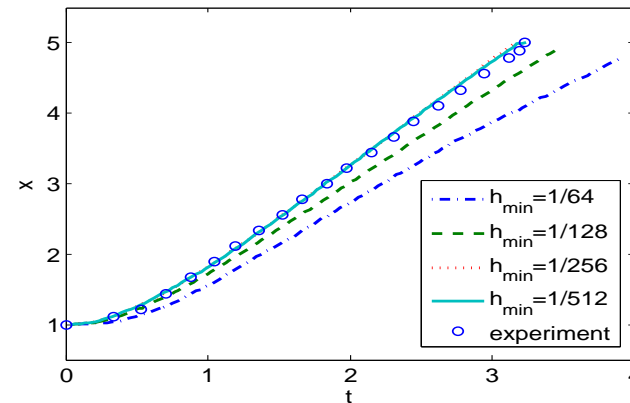
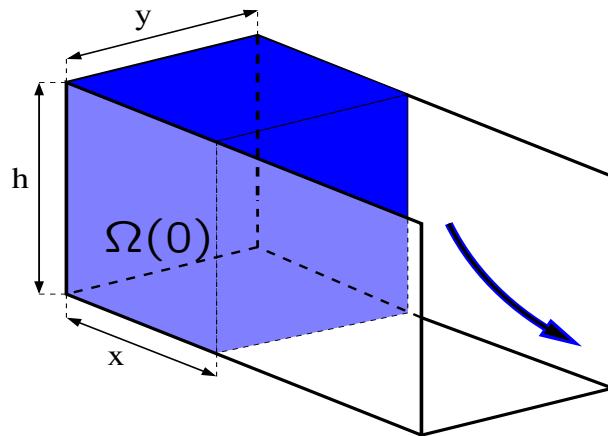
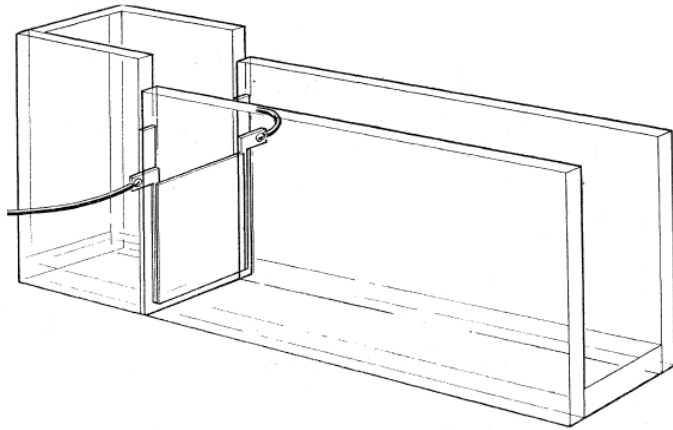
Was not observed in practice!

Observed stability can be related with the non-linear dependence of μ_ε on \mathbf{u} (for large μ_ε the solution is constrained)...

More rigorous explanation would be very desirable.

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Comparison to experiment: Collapsing water column (a.k.a. broken dam).



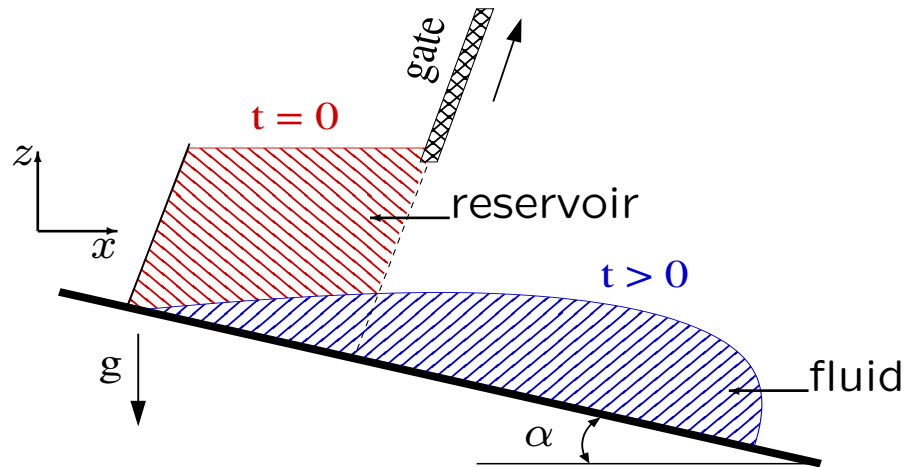
⇐ Convergence to experimental data for refined adapted meshes

Calculation for NSE + level set on octree dynamic meshes

versus

J. Martin and W. Moyce, *An experimental study of the collapse of liquid columns on a rigid horizontal plane*, Philos.Trans.R.Soc.Lond.Ser.A, 244 (1952).

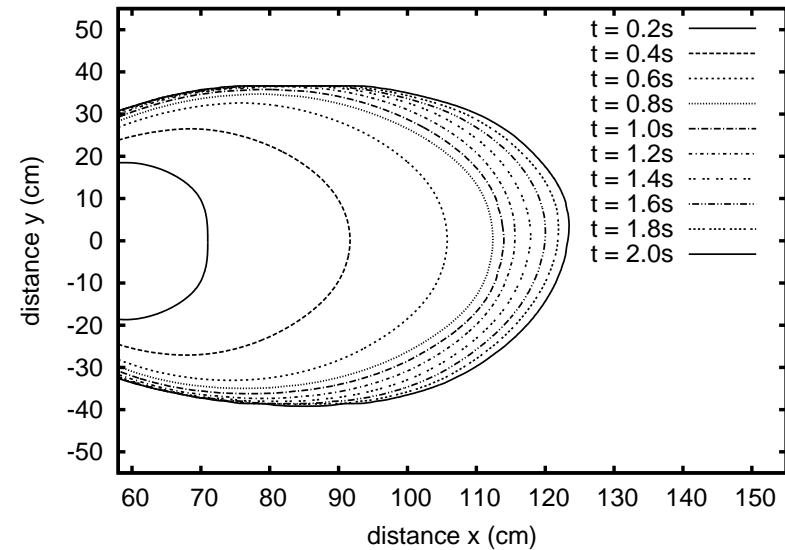
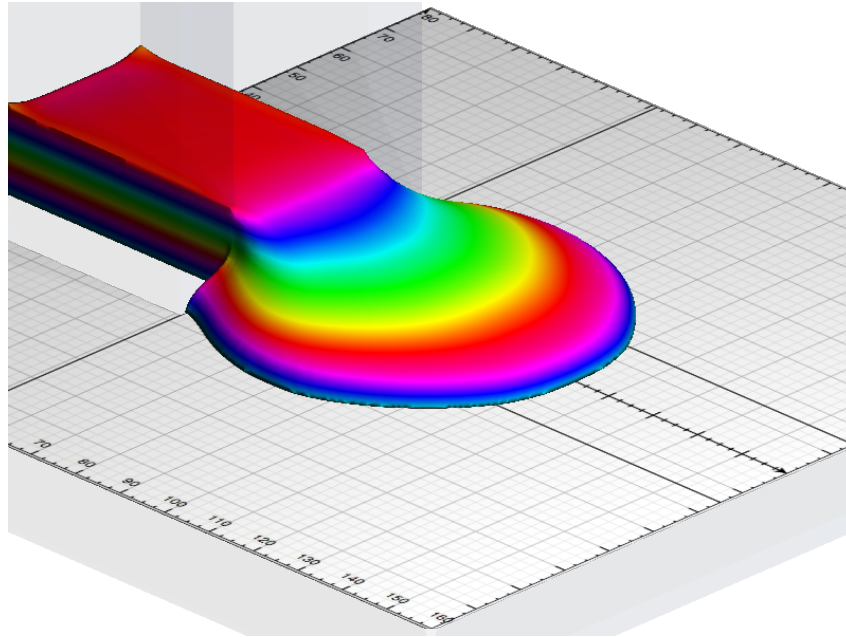
Computations for Herschel-Bulkley fluid



The sketch of the flow configuration: viscoplastic fluid flows over incline planes.

Compare to experimental results with Carbopol Ultrez 10 gel from S. Cochard, C. Ancey, Experimental investigation of the spreading of viscoplastic fluids on inclined planes, J. Non-Newtonian Fluid Mech. 158 (2009).

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Flow animation: viscoplastic fluid flows over incline planes.

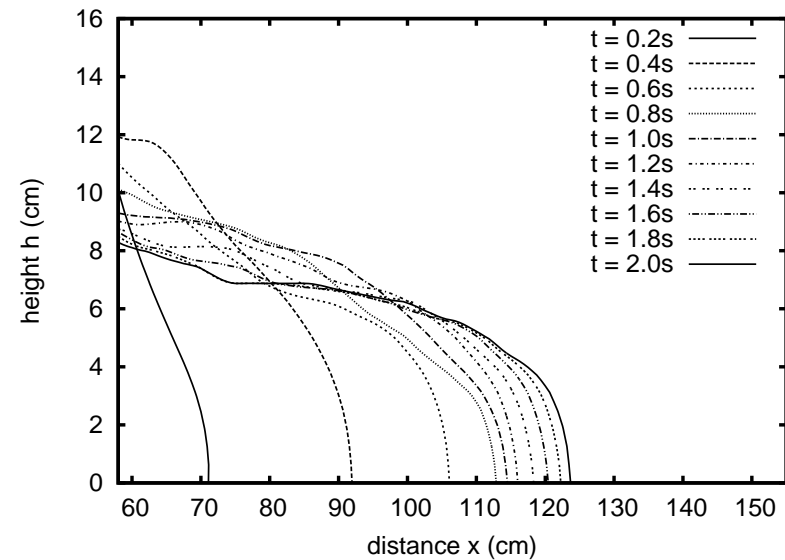
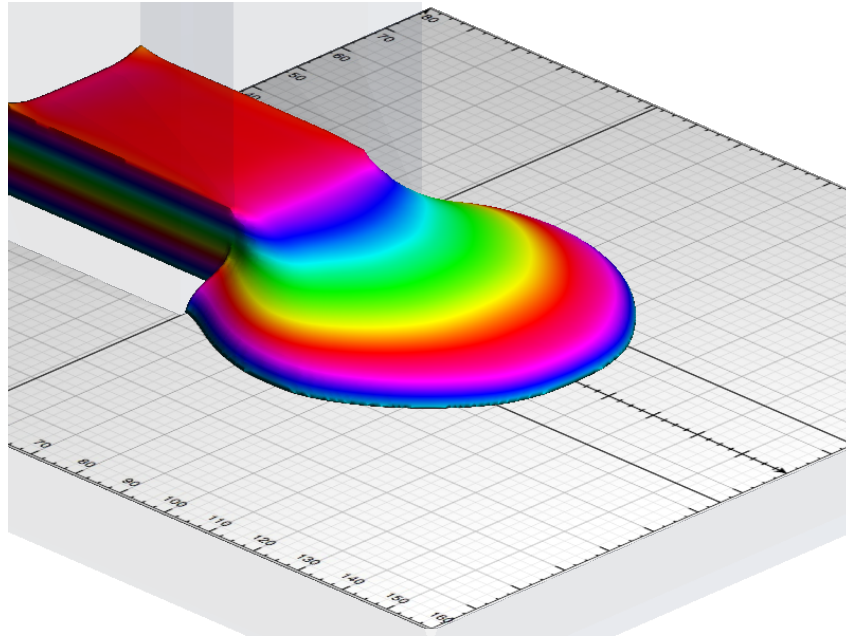
Plots: evolution of the contact line of the free-surface

Parameters: $\alpha = 12^\circ$, $K = 47.68 \text{ Pa s}^{-n}$, $n = 0.415$, $\tau_s = 89 \text{ Pa}$.

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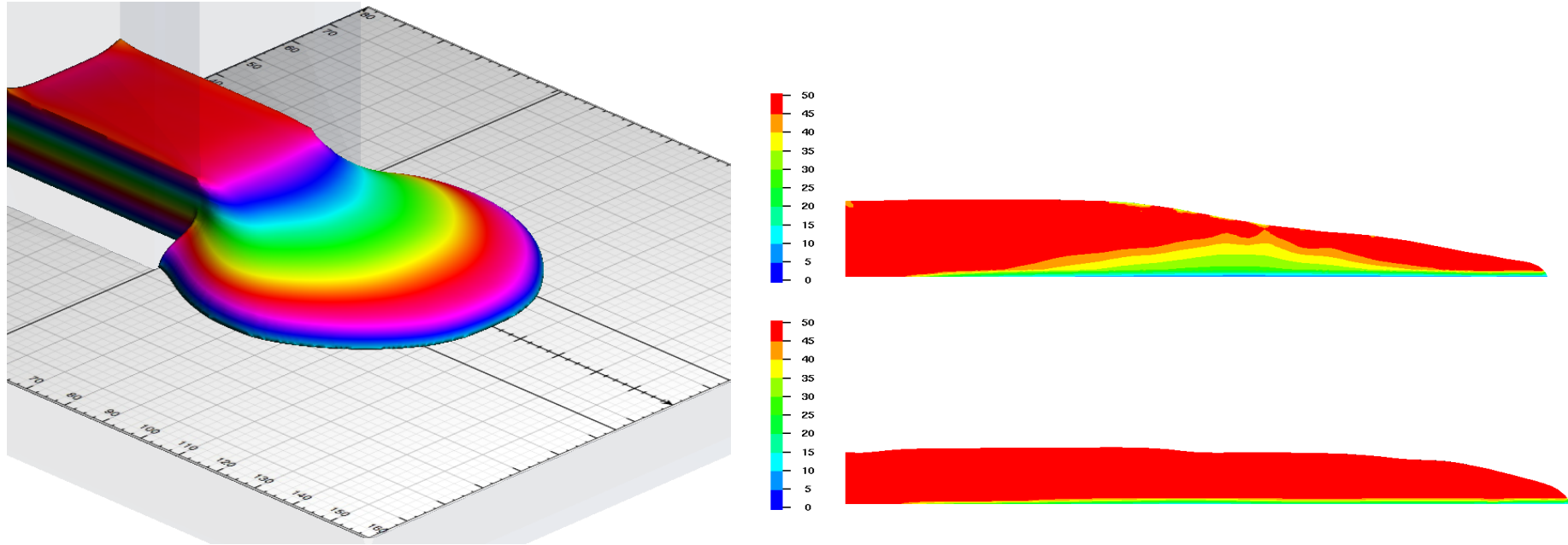
Plots: evolution of the midplane flow-depth profile

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Flow animation: viscoplastic fluid flows over incline planes.

Plots: Effective viscosity μ_ϵ on midplane at $t = 0.6s$ and $t = 1s$

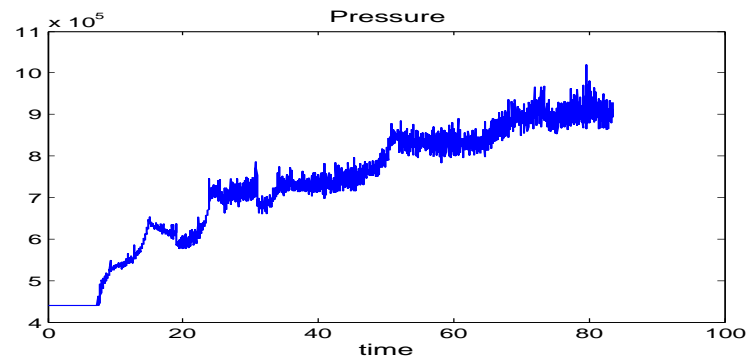
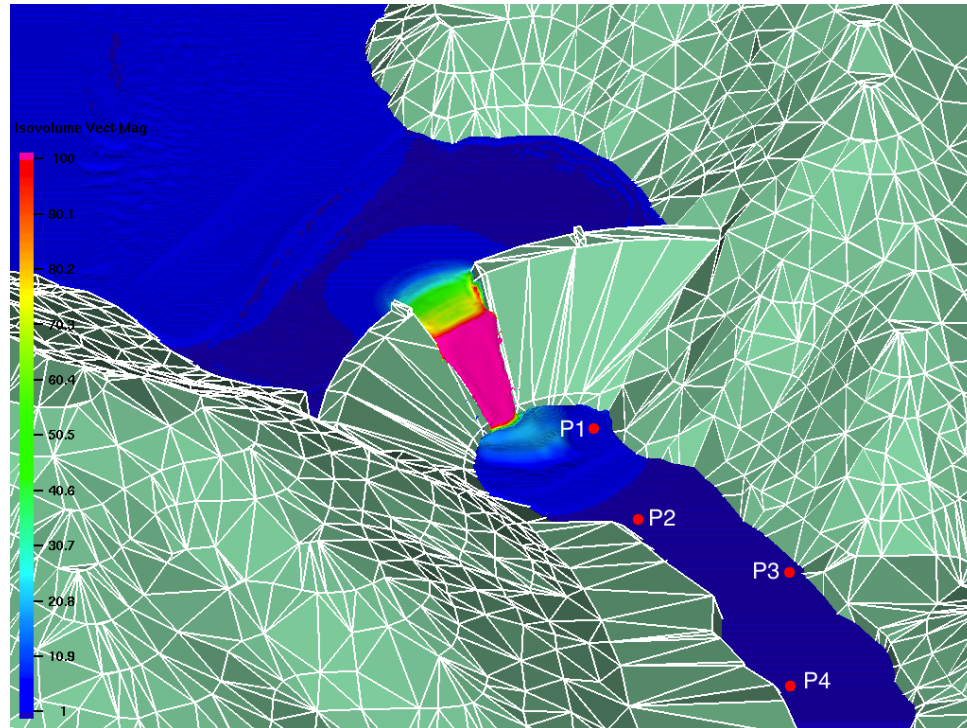
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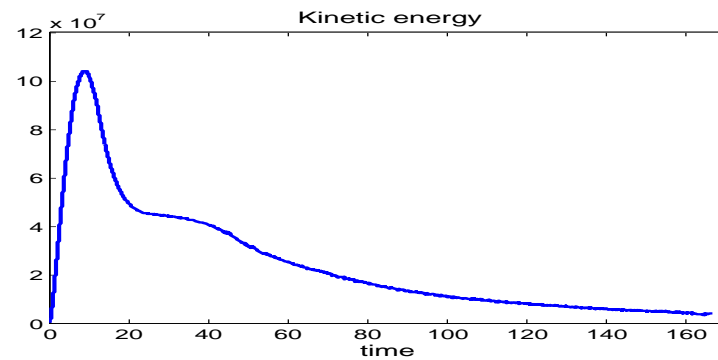
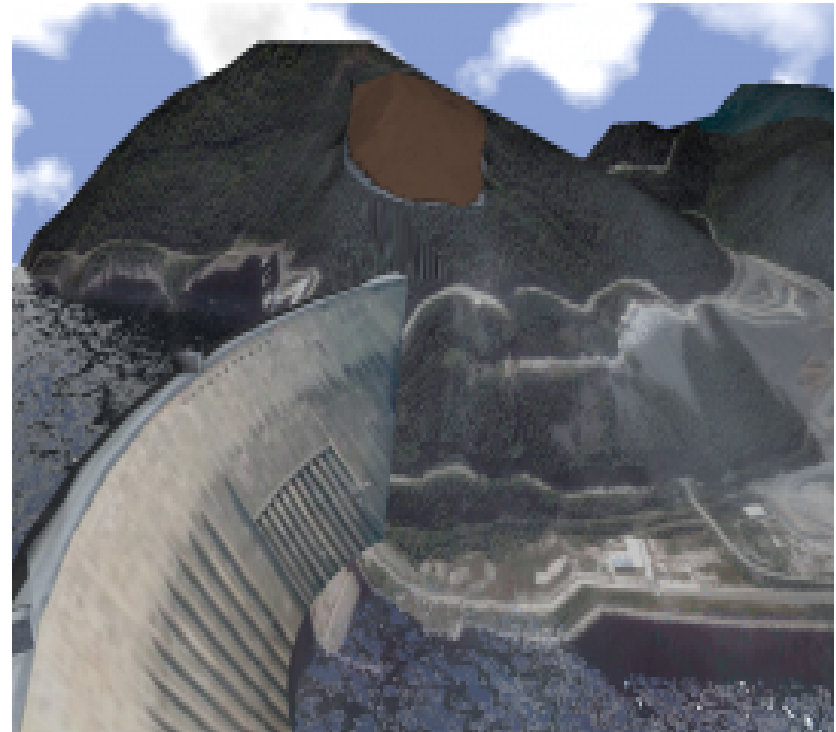
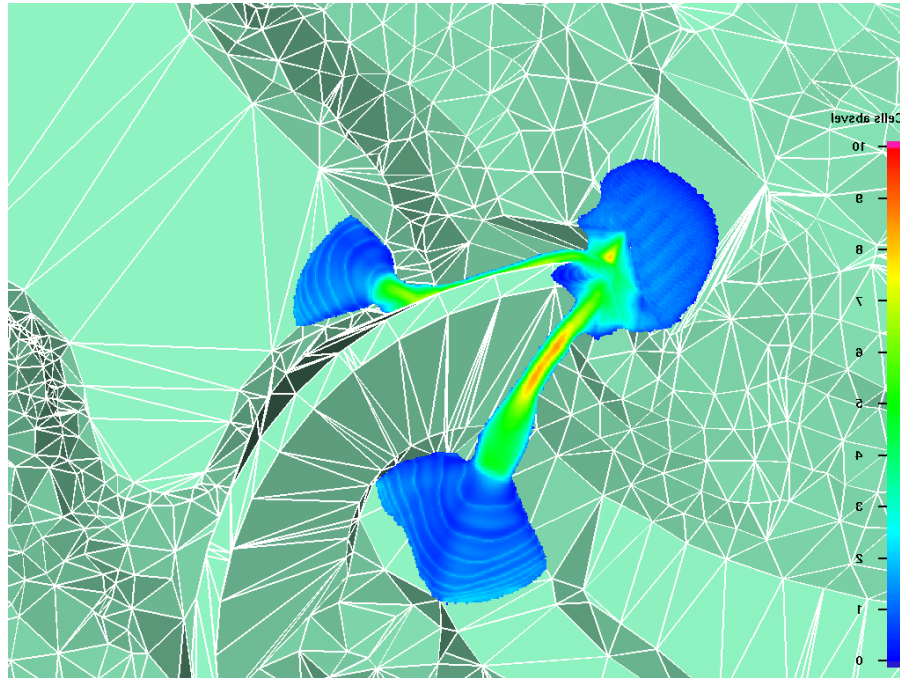
Newtonian fluid

Sayano-Shushenskaya Dam Break (real-life topography)

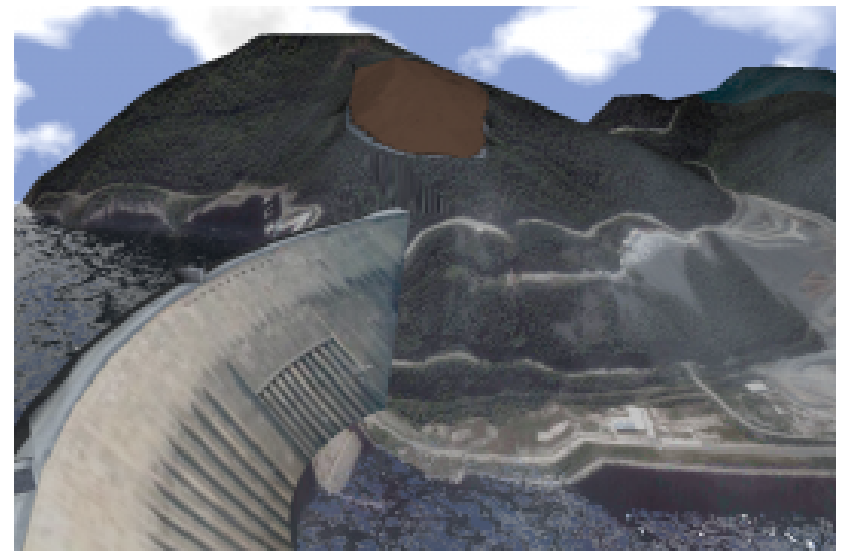
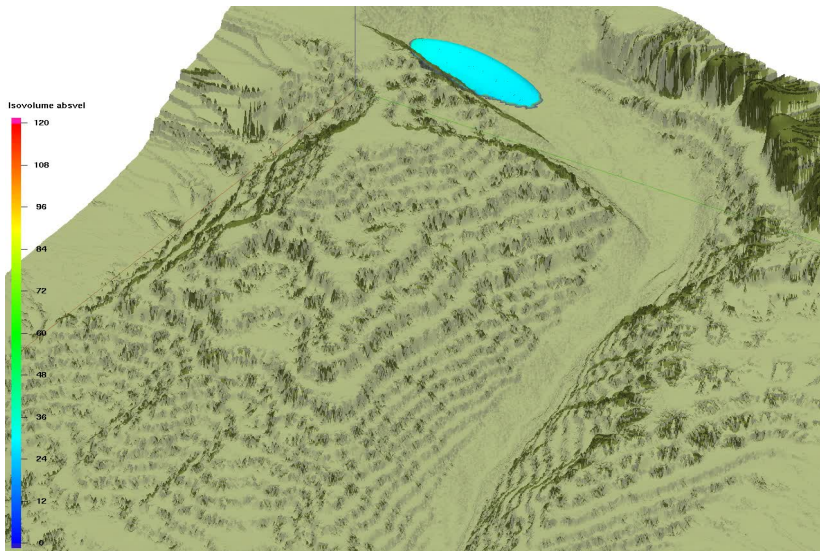
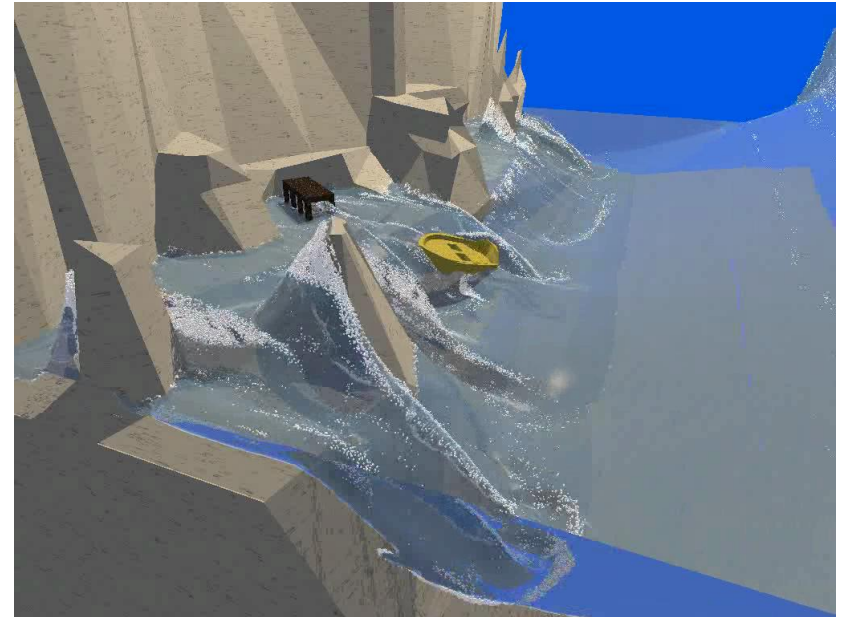
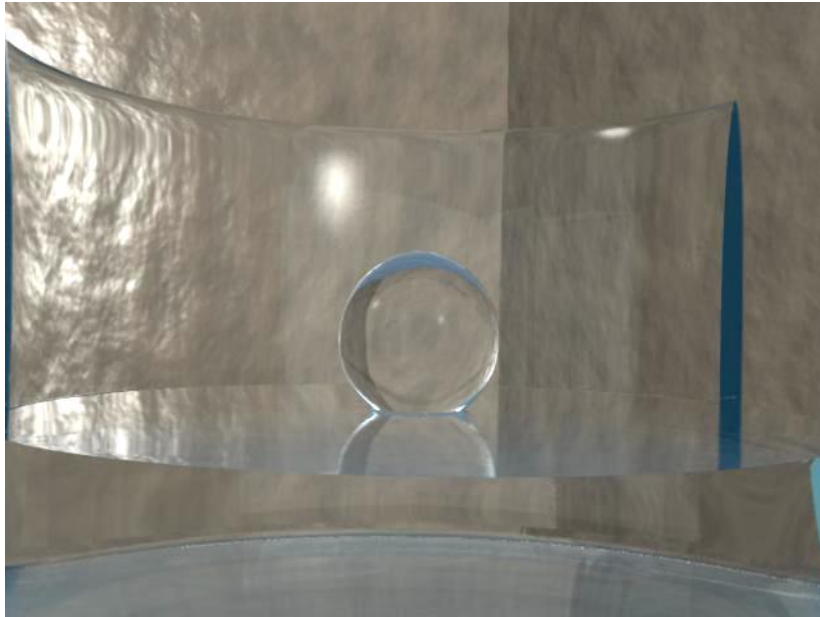


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Sayano-Shushenskaya Dam Landslide (real-life topography)



Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids



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