

# Real-time Physics

## Part III, Nils Thuerey Fluids

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## Overview

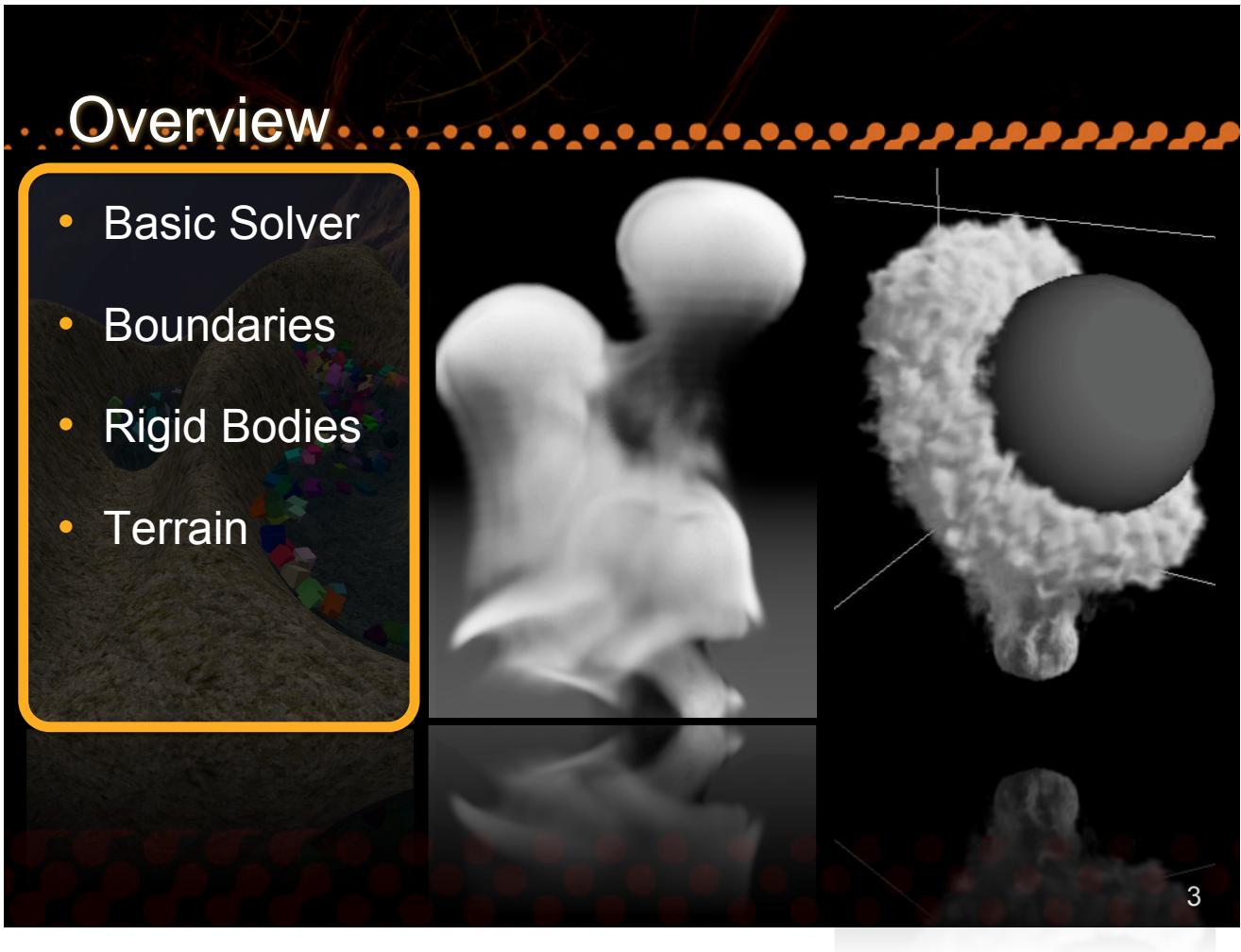
Shallow  
Water

3D Fluids  
/ LBM

Detailed  
Fluids

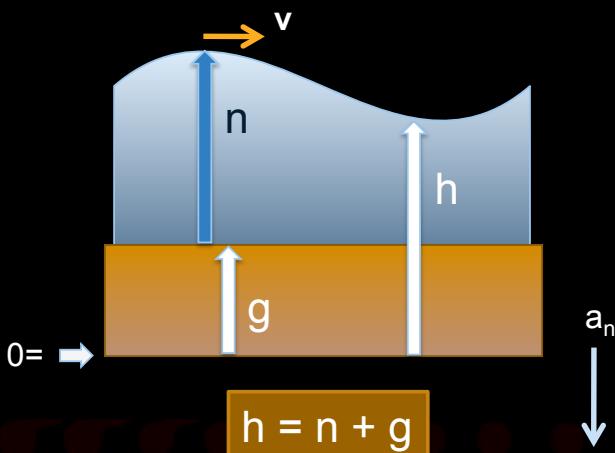
# Overview

- Basic Solver
- Boundaries
- Rigid Bodies
- Terrain



## Shallow Water Equations

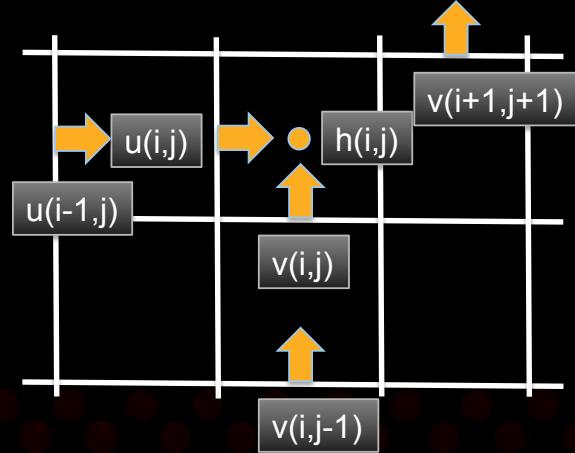
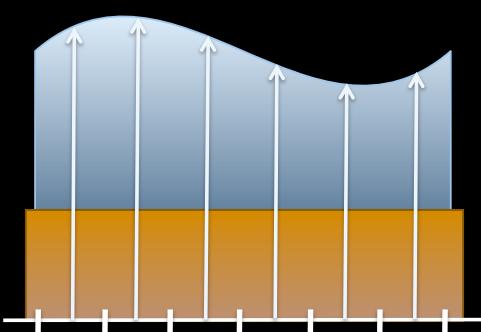
- Derived from the Navier-Stokes equations
- Simulate gravity waves on a fluid surface



$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + (\nabla \eta) \cdot \mathbf{v} = -\eta \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\nabla \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = a_n \nabla h ,$$

# Discretization

- Staggered grid, fixed time step
- Compute derivatives with finite differences



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# Basic algorithm

- Operator splitting
  - Compute advection
  - Then acceleration terms
- Algorithm
  - Advect  $n$
  - Advect  $v_1$
  - Advect  $v_2$
  - Update height
  - $h = n + g$
  - Update velocities

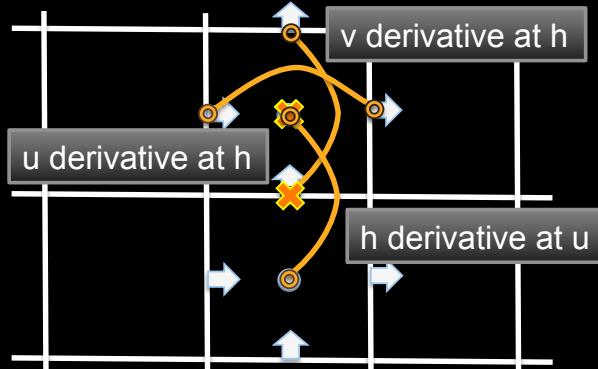
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$$\partial n / \partial t + (\nabla n) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{a}^n \cdot \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} .$$

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# Discretization

- Staggered grid
- Compute derivatives with finite differences

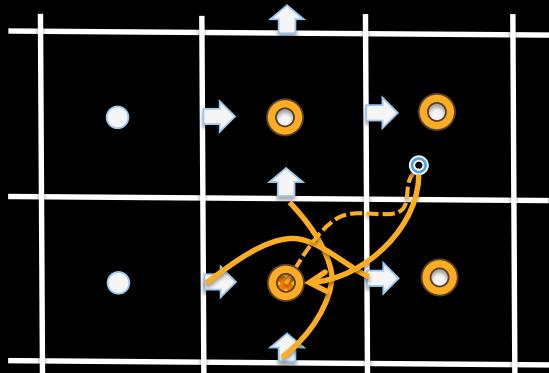


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# Advection

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- Semi-Lagrange step, e.g. for  $h$ :
  - Interpolate velocities
  - Backtrace
  - Interpolate
  - Write
- Repeat 3x
  - $n, v_1, v_2$



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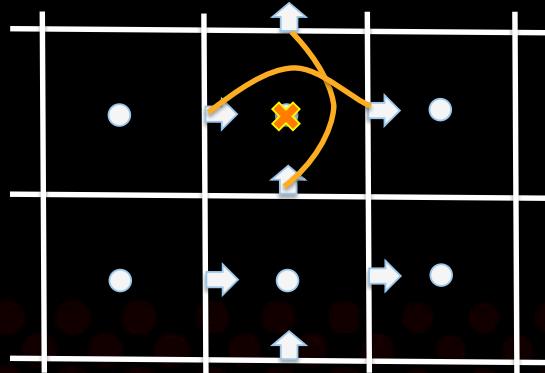
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- Height update:

- For all cells:

$$-\eta(i, j) \cdot \left( \frac{(v_1(i+1,j)-v_1(i,j))}{\Delta x} + \frac{(v_2(i,j+1)-v_2(i,j))}{\Delta x} \right) \Delta t$$



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# Accelerations

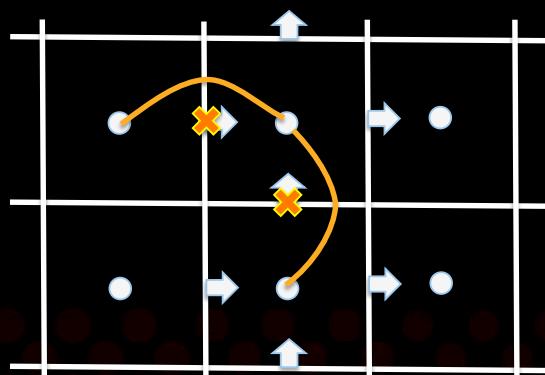
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- Velocity update:

- For all cells:

- Here:  $a = \text{gravity}$

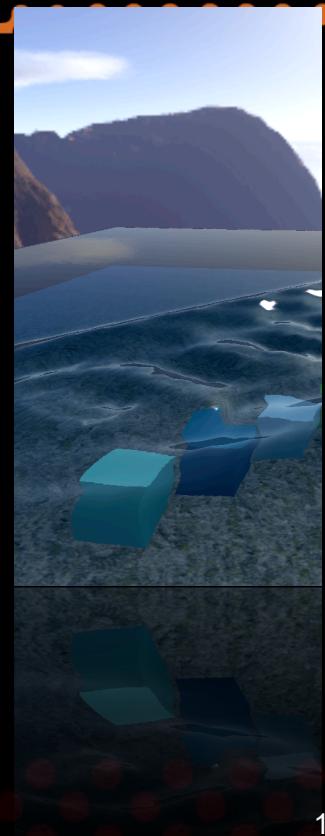
$$\begin{aligned}v'_1(i, j) &= a \left( \frac{h(i-1,j) - h(i,j)}{\Delta x} \right) \Delta t \\ v'_2(i, j) &= a \left( \frac{h(i,j-1) - h(i,j)}{\Delta x} \right) \Delta t\end{aligned}$$



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# Discussion

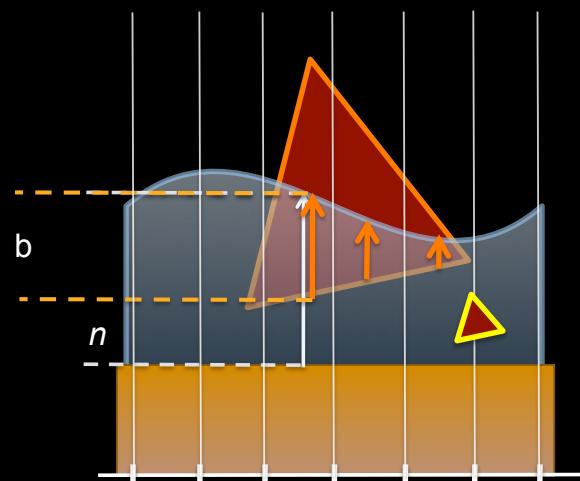
- Stability:
  - Explicit method, not always stable
  - Stable: implicit update
  - In practice: clamp...
- Advection can be left out
- Sharper waves than with wave equation
- Example source code on the course page



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# Rigid Body Coupling

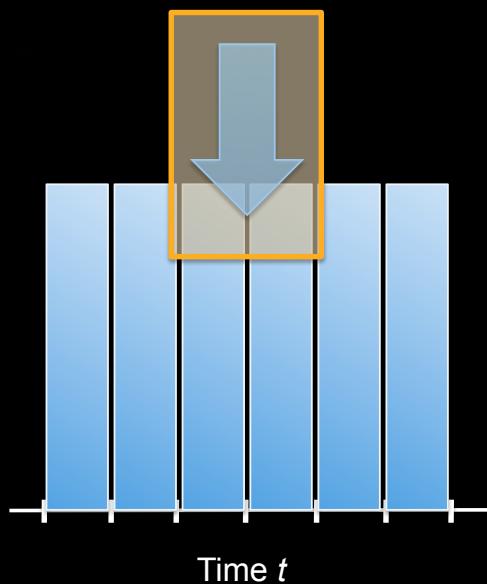
- For each covered cell:
  - Immersion depths  $b(\mathbf{x})$
  - Change over time
  - Distribute to NBs
- Sum up forces
  - Relative fluid velocity
  - Buoyancy (from  $b$ )
- Volume preserving
- Small objects: project



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# Rigid Body Example

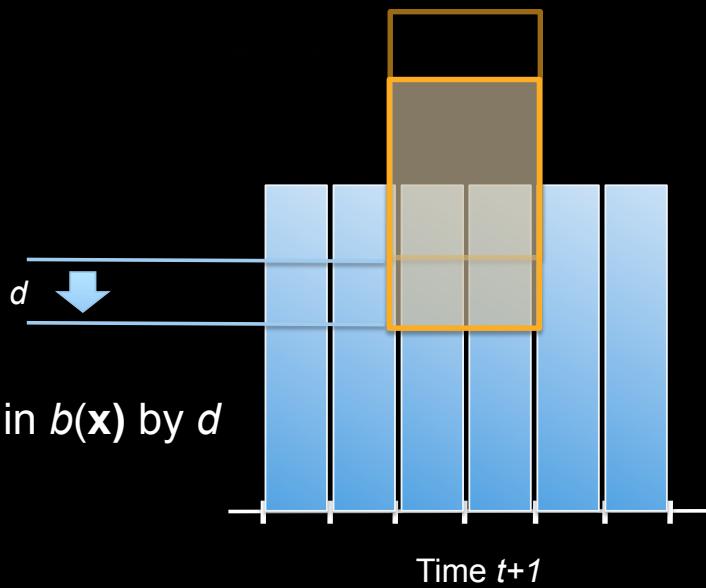
Move down -  
Increase volume



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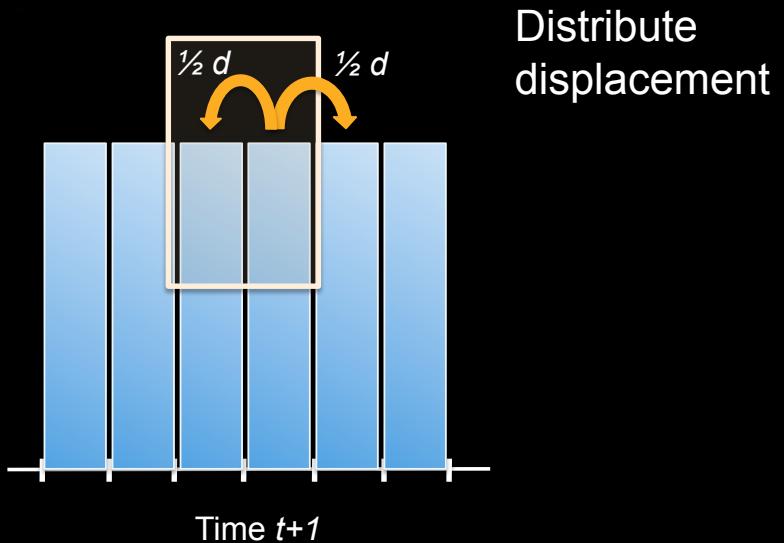
# Rigid Body Example

Change in  $b(\mathbf{x})$  by  $d$



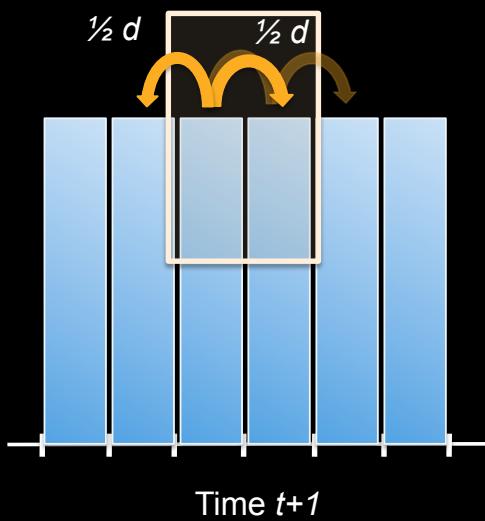
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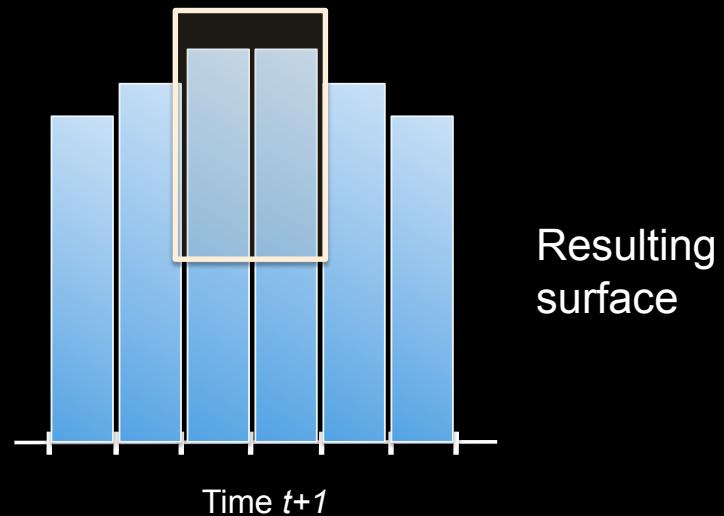
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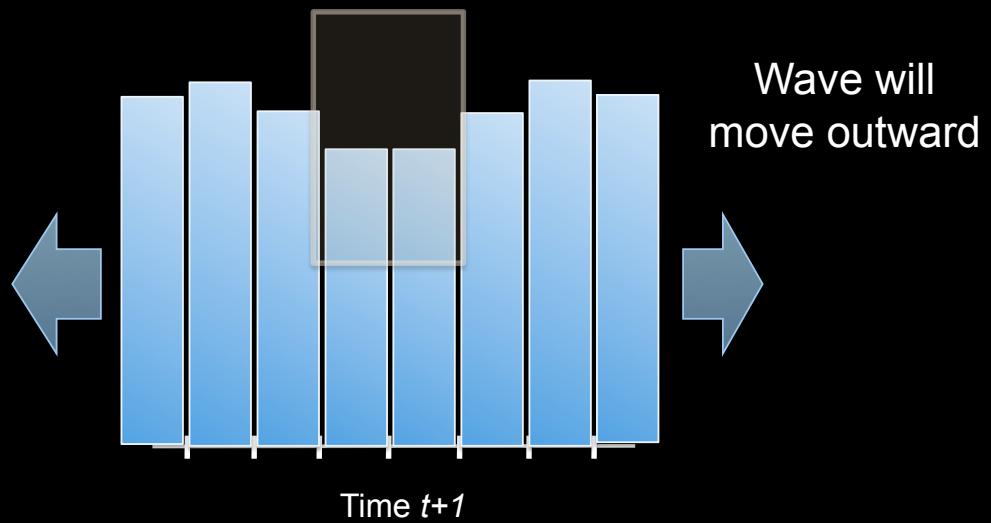
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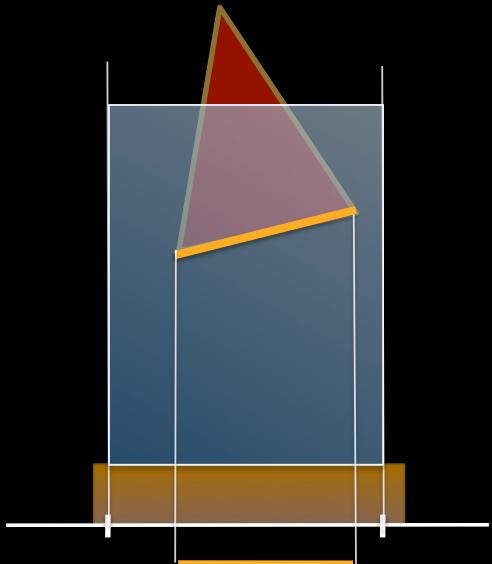
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# Rigid Body Coupling

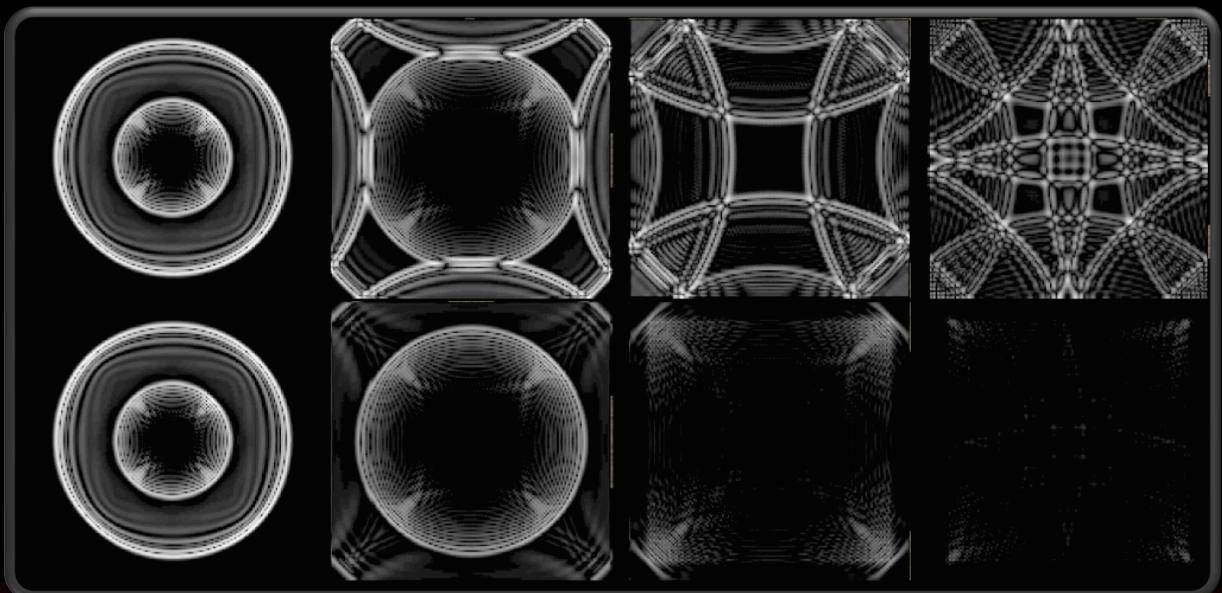
- Volume preserving
- For small objects:
  - Project faces to grid
  - Again: compute forces based on displaced volume



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# Boundaries

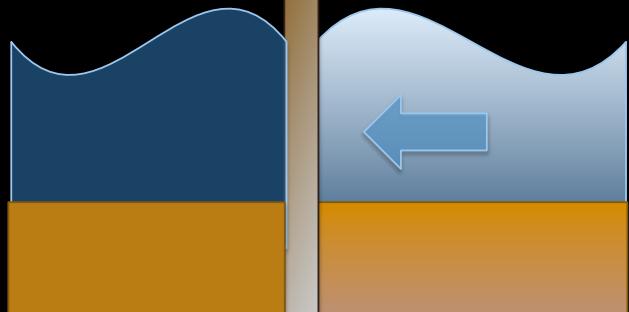
- Top-down example:



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# Boundaries

- Reflecting

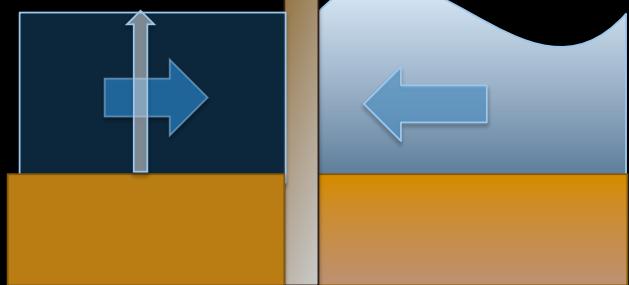


Reflection:  
Mirror Height

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# Boundaries

- Reflecting
- In/out flow



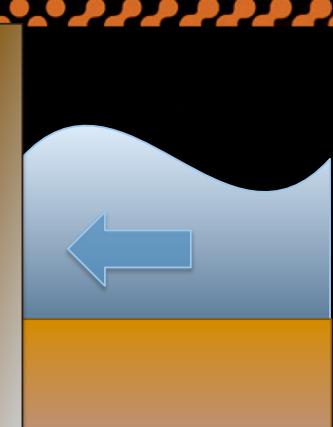
In/out flow:  
Specify values

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# Boundaries

- Reflecting
- In/out flow
- Absorbing

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) h = 0$$

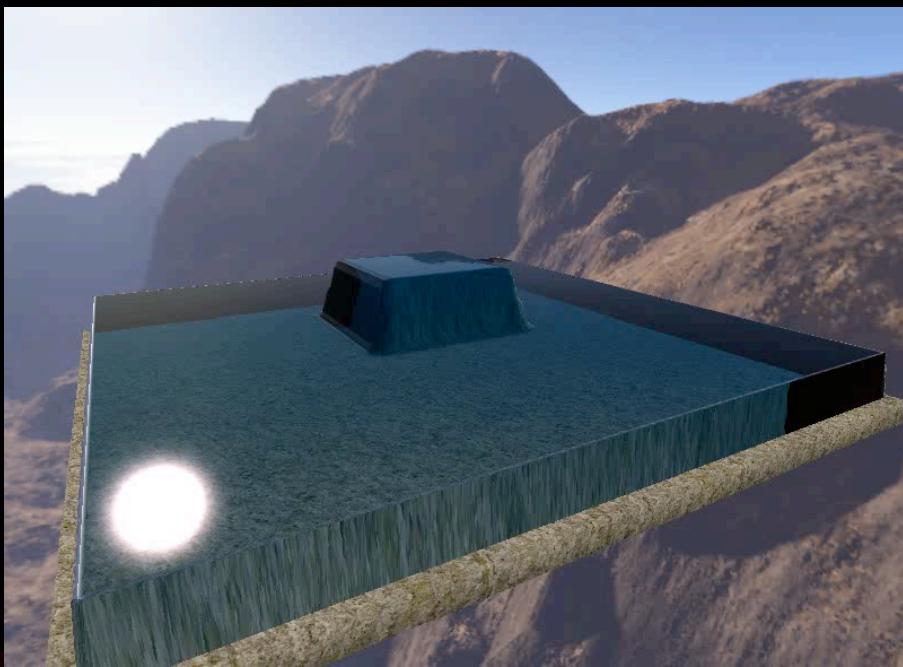


Absorbing:  
More complicated...

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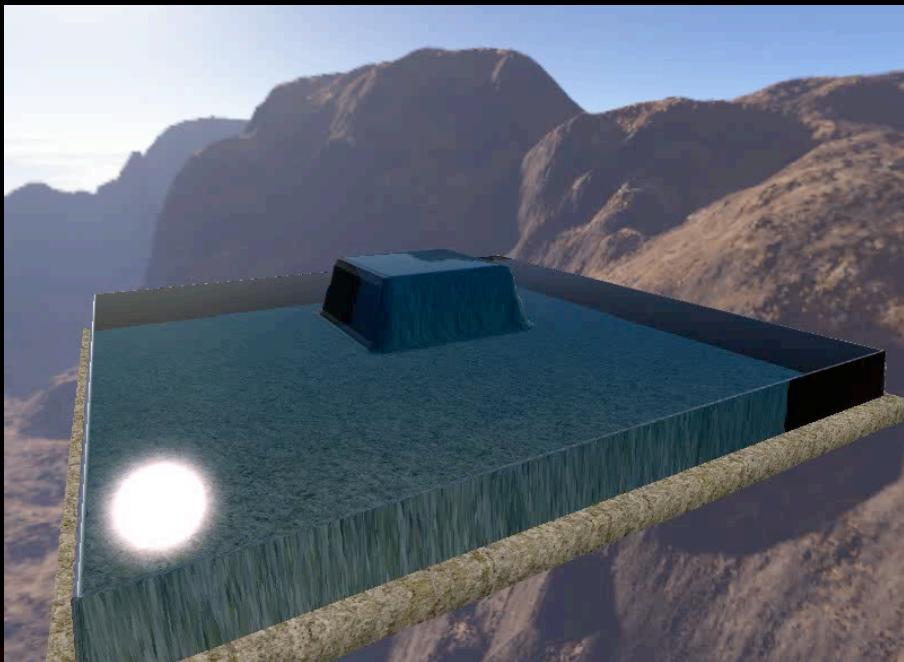
- Reflecting



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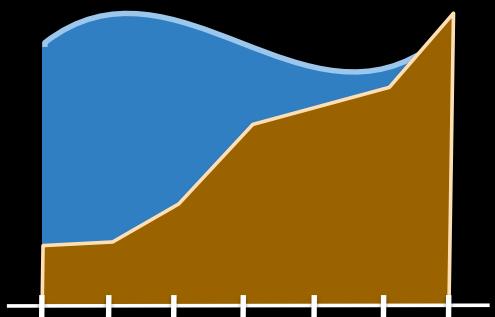
- Absorbing



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# Free surfaces / terrain

- Track covered area
- Prevent negative depths
- For rendering
  - Compute surface position
  - Construct front line



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## Free surfaces / terrain example



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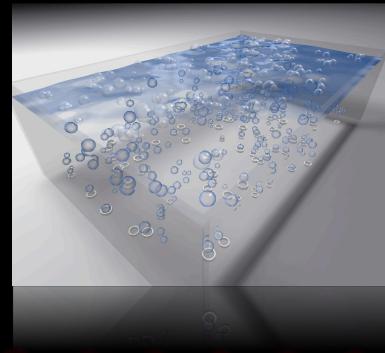
## Terrain & rigid bodies example



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# Outlook

- 3D effects - bubbles
- Terrain – erosion
- SWS on meshes – fluid characters



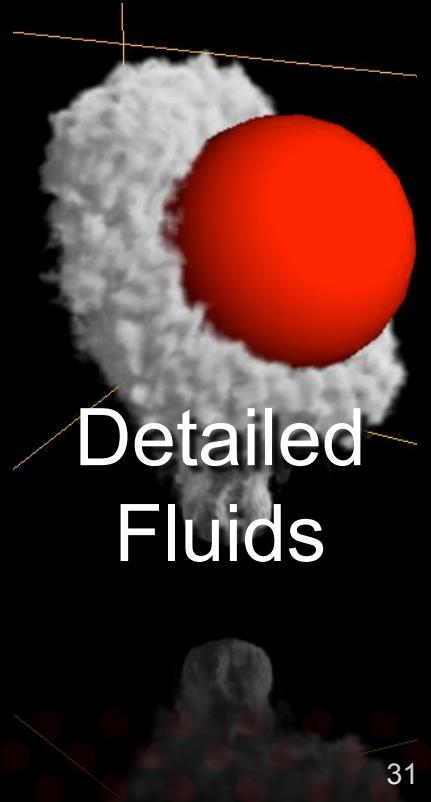
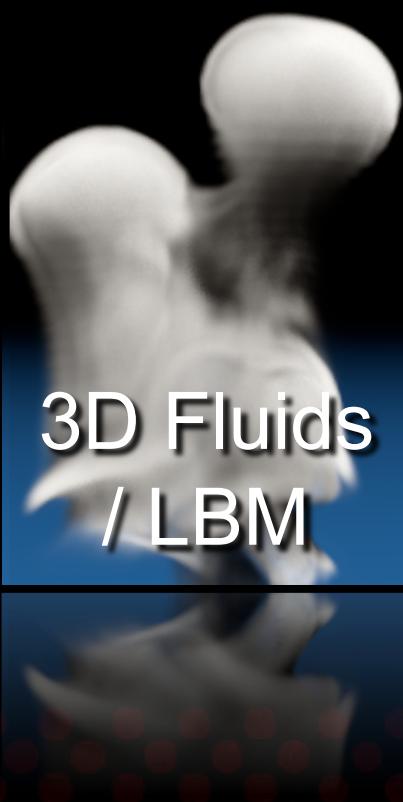
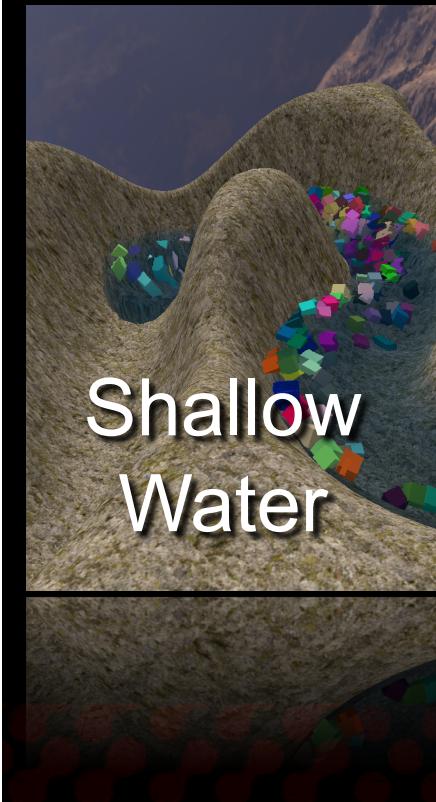
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## Shallow Water Simulations

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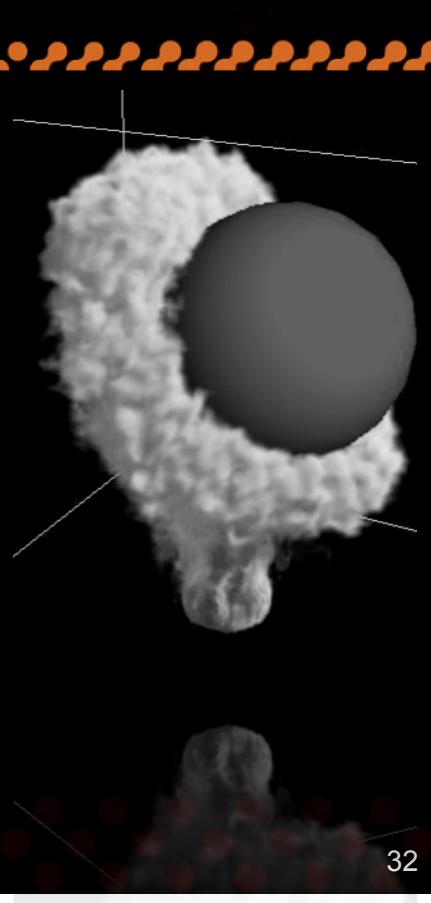
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- Navier-Stokes
- LBM
- Implementation



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# 3D Fluids

- Solve the full *Navier-Stokes* equations:

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}}_{\text{advection}} = -\underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p}_{\text{pressure}} + \underbrace{\nu \Delta \mathbf{u}}_{\text{viscosity}} + \mathbf{g}$$

(momentum equation)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

(continuity equation)

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# 3D Fluids

- Typical solver:
  - Advection (e.g. semi-Lagrange step)
  - Add forces (gravity, etc.)
  - Make divergence free (iterative solve)
- Full details in, e.g.:
  - *Bridson & Mueller*; SIGGRAPH course “Fluid Simulation”

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# Lattice-Boltzmann Method (LBM)

- Alternative to standard solver
- Properties:
  - Solves the NS equations
  - Explicit time step (slightly compressible)
  - Grid based
  - Single loop
  - Highly parallelizable



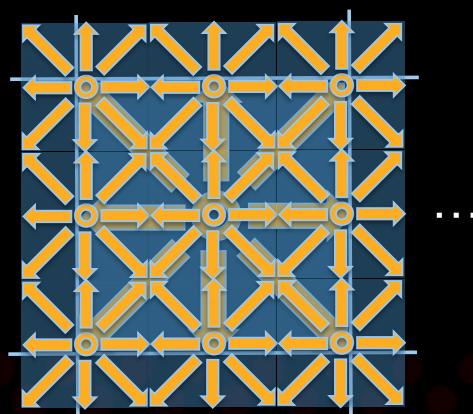
L. Boltzmann  
1844-1906

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## Setup

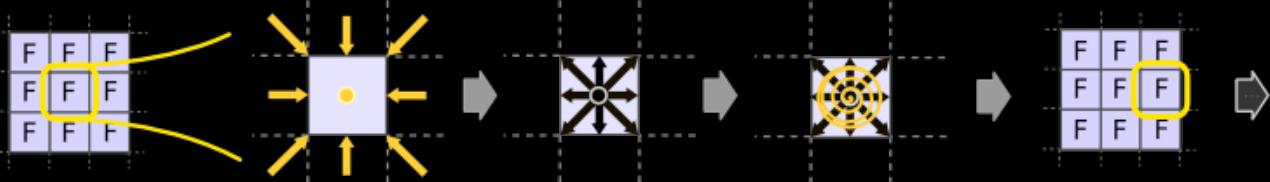
- Equi-distant Cartesian grid
- In 2D: 9 *distribution functions* (DFs) per cell
- = 9 floats, each represents fluid volume
- 9 fixed velocities

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# Overview – basic algorithm

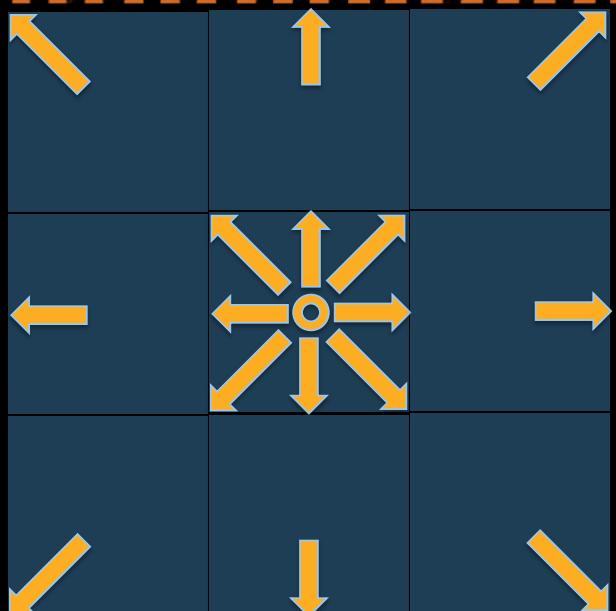


- For all cells:
  - Stream – copy neighboring DFs
  - Collide – compute collisions among particles

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## Streaming

- Computes the advection
- Velocities are normalized
- Pure copying of values



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# Collision

- Accounts for all the dynamics...
- Compute
  - Density = sum of all DFs
  - Velocity = sum of all DFs x velocity vector
- Compute 9 equilibrium DFs
- Weight old DFs and equilibrium
  - Viscosity effects

$$f_i^{eq} = w_i \left[ \rho + 3\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{u} - \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{u}^2 + \frac{9}{2}(\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 \right]$$

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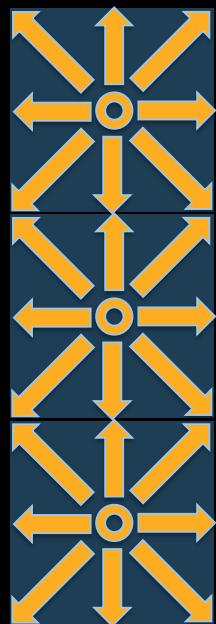
# Implementation

- Allocate 2 grids
- Loop over grid
  - 9x copy DFs
  - 9x sum DFs for density & velocity
  - 9x compute equilibrium
  - 9x weight old & new values
  - Write to other grid...

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# Discussion

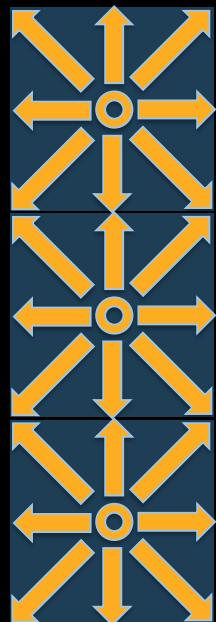
- Solves the NS equations!
- 3D: 19 instead of 9 velocities
- Restriction
  - Time step: velocity  $< 1/3$
  - Viscosity rel. high
- Low viscosity -> use turbulence model



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# Discussion

- Source code available:
  - Basic 3D solver
  - Main loop kernel: 42 lines of code
    - Nicely formatted
    - With comments
    - Including obstacle & acceleration handling
  - Support for Smagorinsky turbulence model
  - OpenMP support
  - ... but not interactive



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# Lid driven cavity

- Standard test setup:
  - Closed box with no-slip walls
  - Top “lid” is moving with fixed velocity



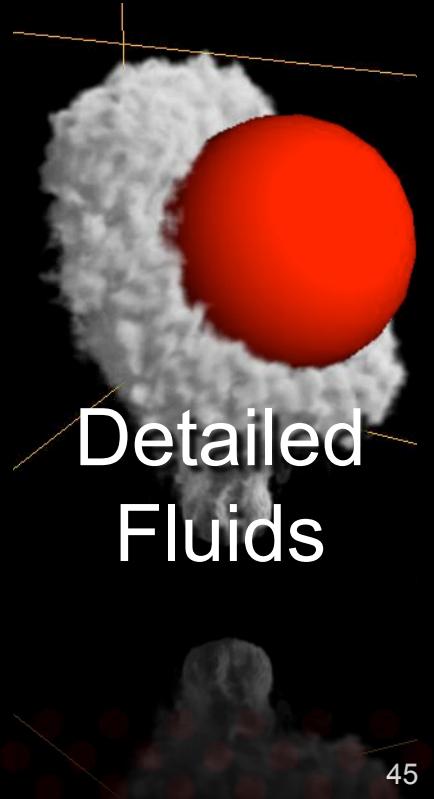
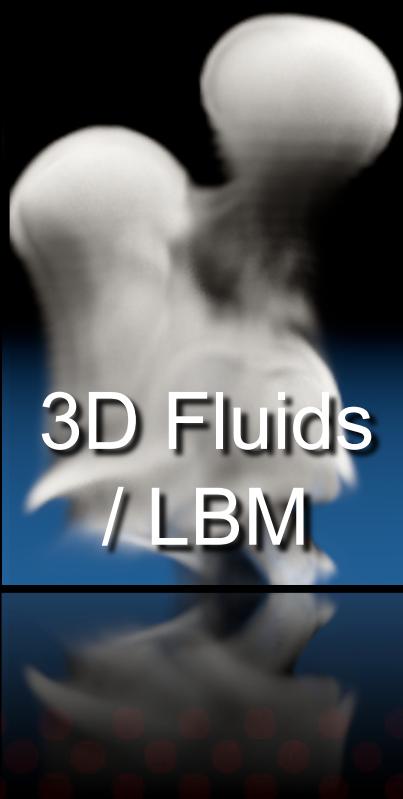
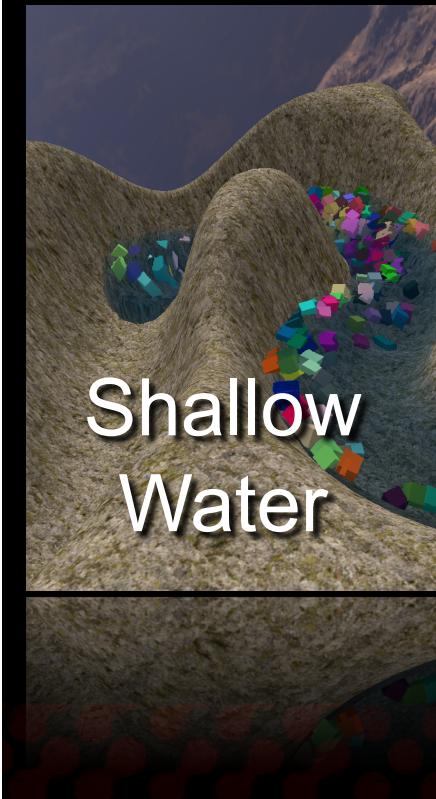
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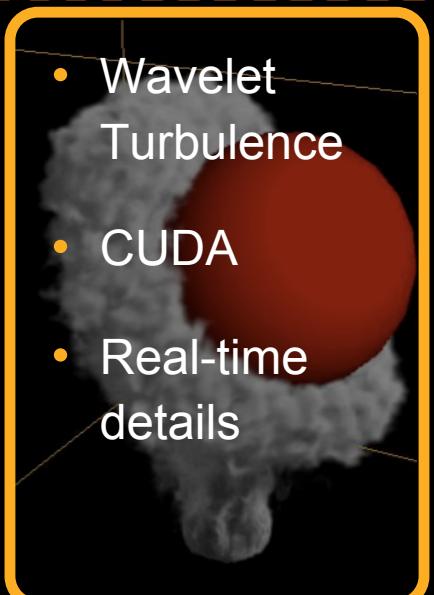
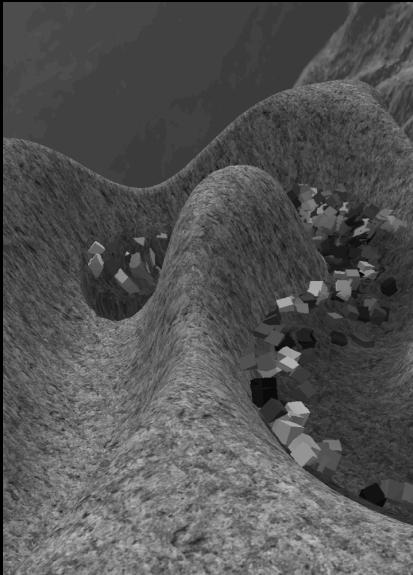
- Density advection
  - Add semi-Lagrange step
  - E.g. for smoke / fire
- Free surfaces
  - Add surface tracking
  - More complicated...
  - Try out in Blender!



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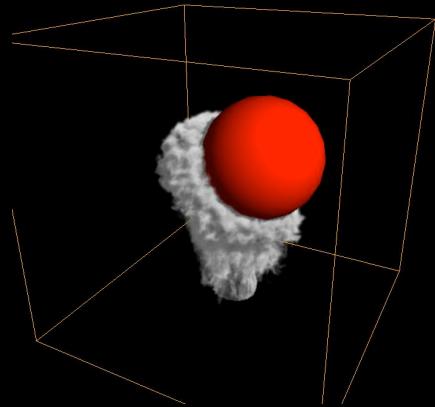
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- Full 3D simulation expensive

- Memory  $O(n^3)$
  - Calculations  $O(n^4)$

- Idea

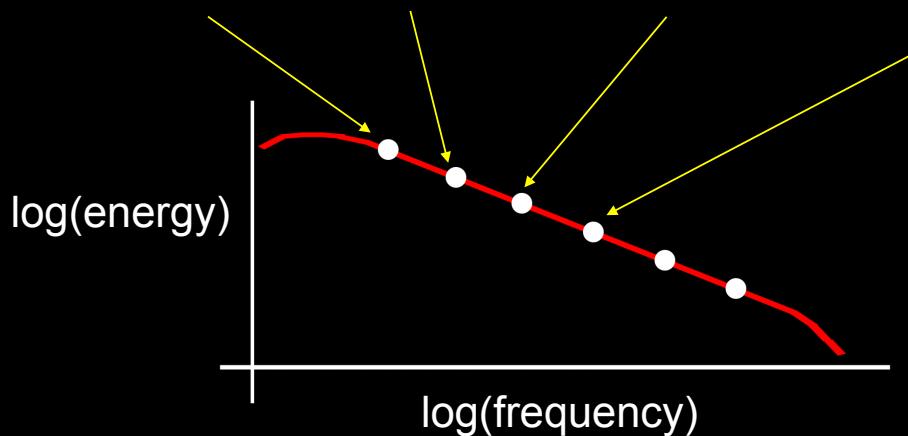
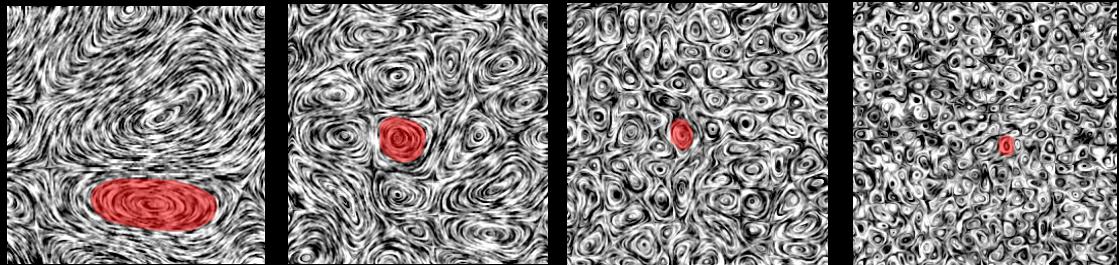
- Simulate as coarse as possible
  - Add detail for rendering
  - Here: wavelet turbulence



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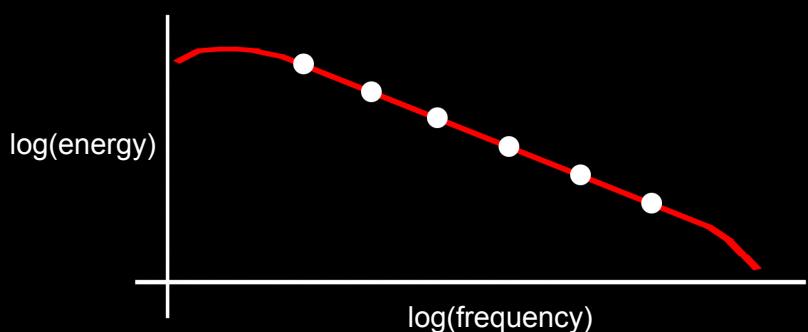
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## Wavelet Turbulence

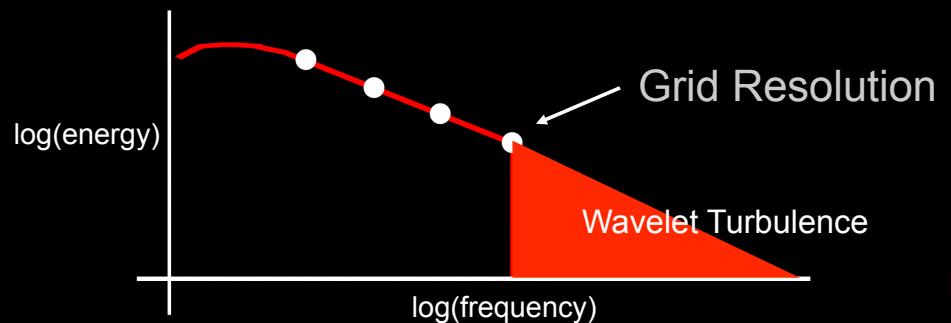


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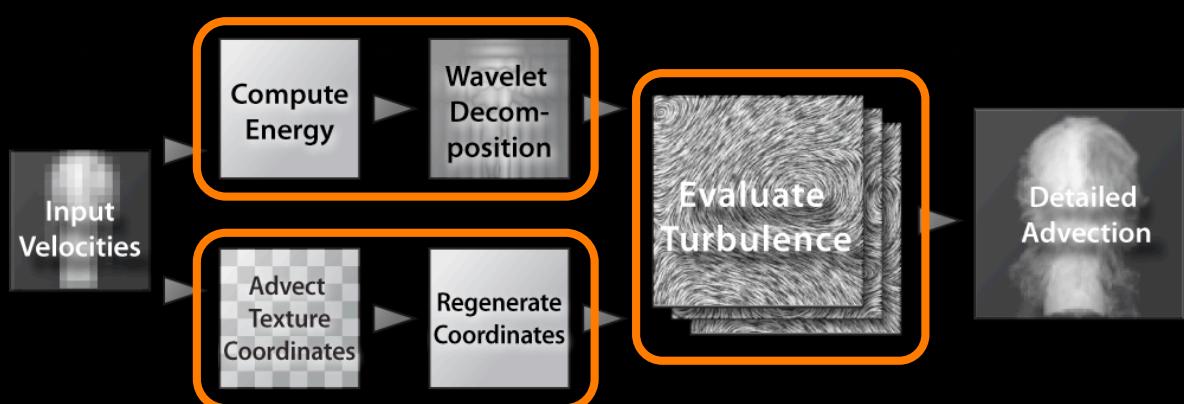
Ideal Result:



Simulation  
Result:



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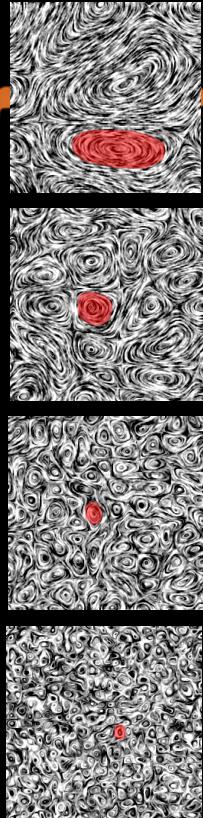
- Wavelet decomposition for coupling
- Combined texture advection & regeneration
- Wavelet noise for synthesizing vortices

# Turbulence Evaluation

- Main workload
- Not iterative, no dependencies
- Requires: position & look-up table

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=i_{\min}}^{i_{\max}} \mathbf{w}(2^i \mathbf{x}) 2^{-\frac{5}{6}(i-i_{\min})}$$

$i = i_{\min}$



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## Here:

- Simulation:
  - Standard solver (1)
  - LBM (2)
  - SPH (3)
  - CPU / GPU / Co-processor
- GPU detail & rendering:
  - Get velocities
  - Evaluate turbulence
  - Advect high-res
  - Render

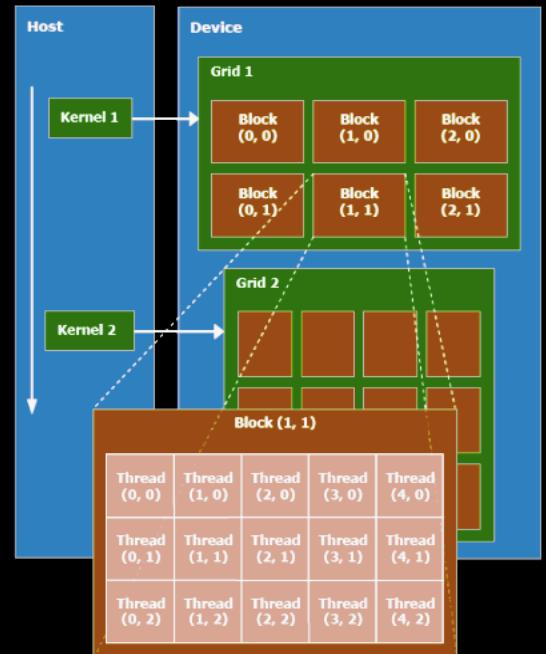


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# Implementation with CUDA

- Alternatives:
  - CTM, OpenCL, DirectX 11
- Approach:
  - High level language close to ANSI C
  - Kernel distributed to processing units
  - Massively parallel evaluation
  - Requires data transfer to / from GPU

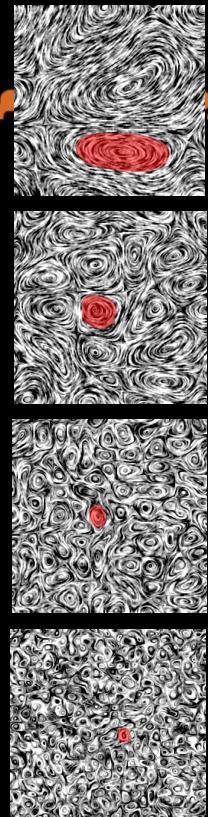


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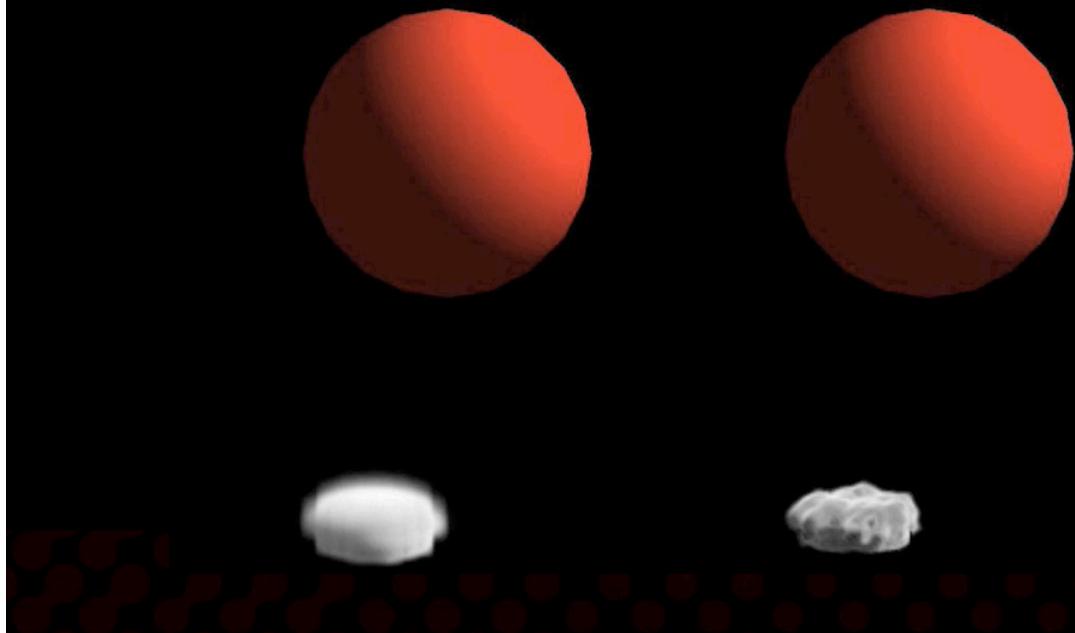
- Implementation example:

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1) texture< float4, 3, cudaMemcpyKind::cudaReadModeElementType > tex_noise_ocave1;
2) __constant__ float2 const_w0[ 3 ][ 32 ];
3) __global__ void cuda_noise_inject(float* velocity, . . .) {
4)     const int i = threadIdx.x;
5)     const int j = blockIdx.x*blockDim.y+threadIdx.y;
6)     const int k = blockIdx.y*blockDim.z+threadIdx.z;
7)
8)     if (0 < i && i < sizeX - 1 &&
9)         0 < j && j < sizeY- 1  &&
10)        0 < k && k < sizeZ - 1 )  {
11)            . . .
12)    }
13) }
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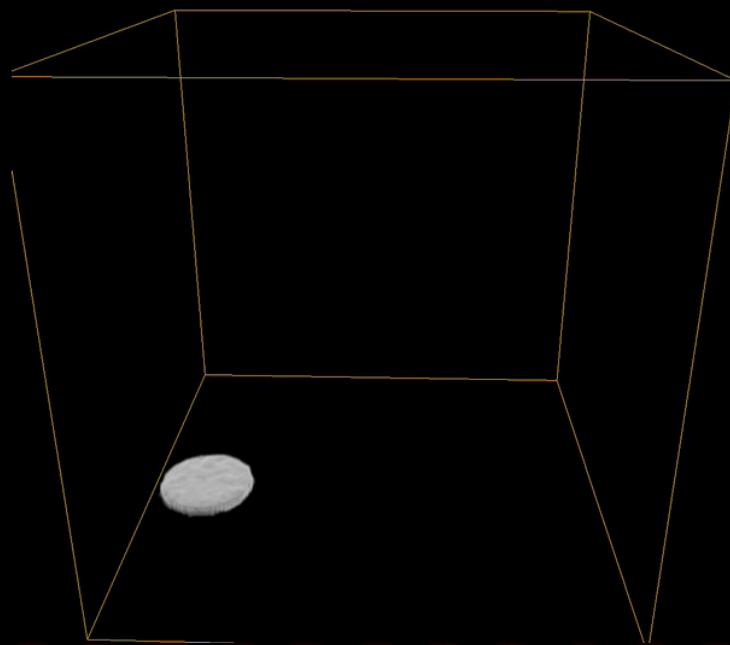
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## Sphere example – comparison



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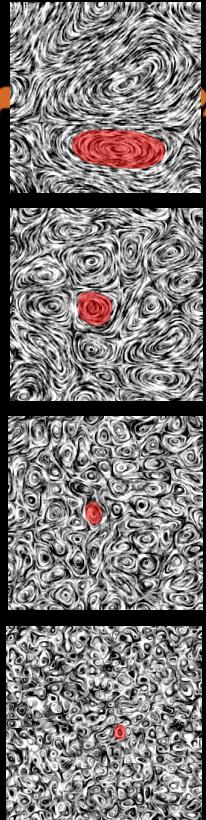
## Moving obstacle example 1



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# Performance

- Final resolution  $240^3$ 
  - Turbulence evaluation: 3.8 FPS
- Final resolution  $128^3$ 
  - Overall: 8.9 FPS
  - 37% turbulence, 27% CPU-simulation, 17% rendering, 19% overhead
- Precomputations,  $240^3$ 
  - 11.7 FPS, with  $\frac{3}{4}$  for advection



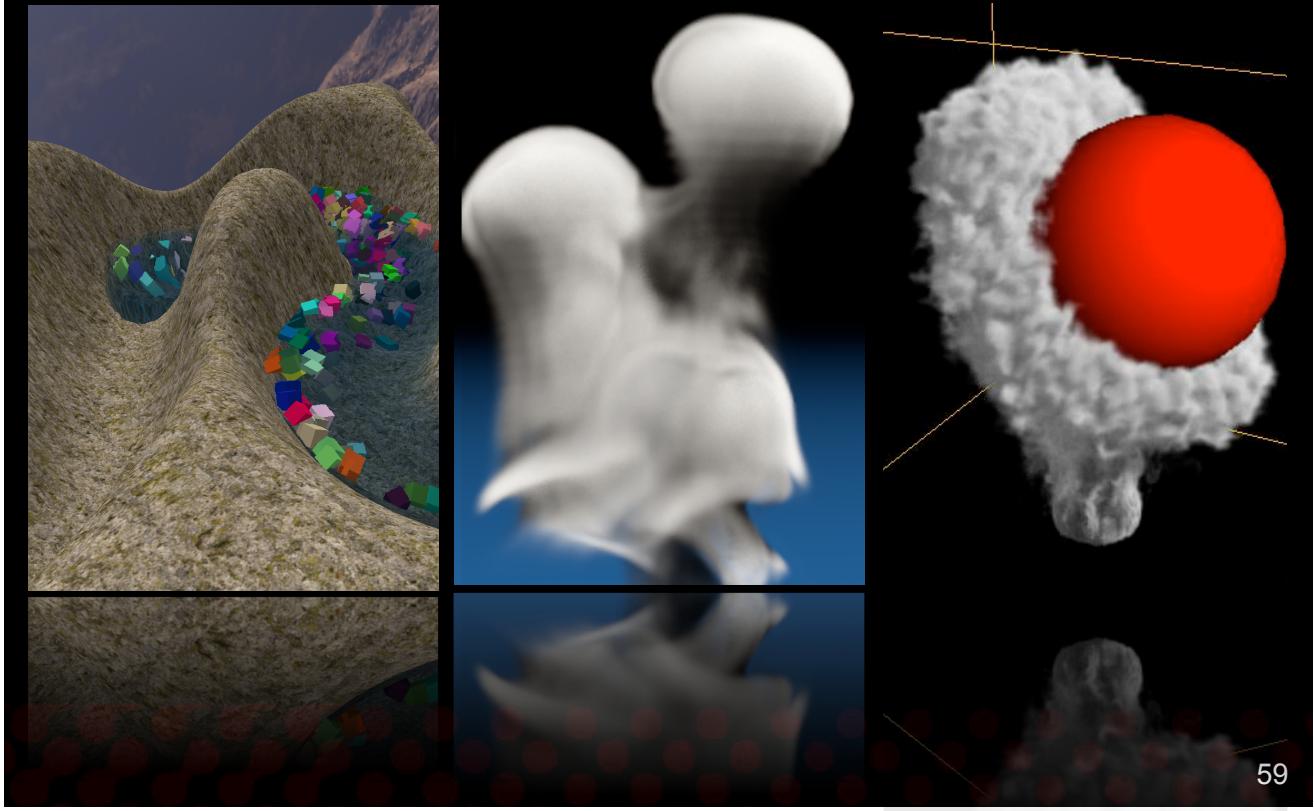
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- Shallow water simulations
  - Interesting right now for real-time
- 3D Fluids / LBM
  - Possible efficiently in parallel settings
- Rendering / post-processing
  - Detailed simulations with wavelet turbulence

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# End

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- Questions...?



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