

# Multiphase and Reactive Flow Modelling

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# Phases



## Mathematical description

using characteristic functions:

$$\chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \vec{\mathbf{r}} \text{ is in phase } p \text{ at time } t, \\ 0 & \text{if } \vec{\mathbf{r}} \text{ is in another phase at time } t. \end{cases}$$

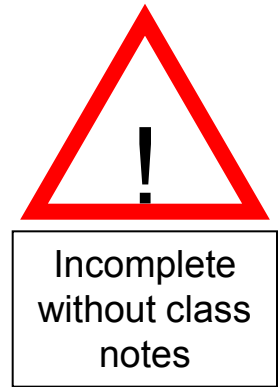
They resemble concentrations since one of them is redundant:

$$\sum_p \chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) = 1$$

but they are discrete and not continuous  
(either 0 or 1, but not in between)



# Interfaces

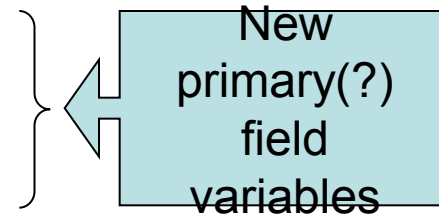


- Mathematical description of interfaces
  - normal, tangent, curvature
  - implicit description
  - parametric description
  - interface motion
- Transport through interfaces
  - Continuity and jump conditions:
    - mass balance
    - force balance
    - heat balance

# Interfaces and their motion

- Description of interface surfaces:

- parametrically
- by implicit function
- (the explicit description is the common case of the previous two)



- Moving phase interface:  
(only!) the normal velocity component makes sense



# Description of an interface by an implicit function

$$F(t, x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \nabla F / |\nabla F| \quad (\text{unit normal})$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{n} \quad (\text{mean curvature})$$

Type I surface integrals  $\leftrightarrow$  volume integrals :

$$\iint f(t, x, y, z) \cdot dA = \iiint f(t, x, y, z) \cdot \delta(F(t, x, y, z)) \cdot |\nabla F(t, x, y, z)| \cdot dV$$

Type II surface integrals  $\leftrightarrow$  volume integrals :

$$\iint \mathbf{v}(t, x, y, z) \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \iiint \mathbf{v}(t, x, y, z) \cdot \delta(F(t, x, y, z)) \cdot \nabla F(t, x, y, z) \cdot dV$$



# Equation of motion of an interface given by implicit function

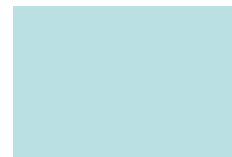
- Equation of interface
- Path of the point that remains on the interface (but not necessarily a fluid particle)
- Differentiate
- For any such point the normal velocity component must be the same
- Propagation speed and velocity of the interface

$$F(t, \mathbf{r}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t)$$

$$F(t, \mathbf{r}(t)) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} F(t, \mathbf{r}(t)) = \partial_t F + \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) \cdot \nabla F = 0$$



$$\partial_t F + u_{\perp}^* \cdot \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla F = 0$$

$$u_{\perp}^* = \mathbf{n} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{\perp}^* = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\perp}^*$$

Only the normal component makes sense



# Parametric description of interface motion

- Functional form of the surface:
- Curvilinear coordinates and
- path of a point that remains on the interface  
(not necessarily a fluid particle)
- Differentiate:
- Take the normal velocity component to get
- the propagation speed and velocity of the interface:

$$\mathbf{r}(t, a, b)$$

$$a(t), b(t)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t, a(t), b(t))$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{r}(t, a(t), b(t)) =$$

$$= \partial_t \mathbf{r} + \partial_a \mathbf{r} \cdot \dot{a}(t) + \partial_b \mathbf{r} \cdot \dot{b}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\partial_a \mathbf{r} \times \partial_b \mathbf{r}}{|\partial_a \mathbf{r} \times \partial_b \mathbf{r}|}$$

$$u_{\perp}^* = \mathbf{n} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{r}(t, a(t), b(t))$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{\perp}^* = \mathbf{n} \cdot u_{\perp}^*$$



# Mass balance through an interface

Steps of the derivation:

1. Describe in a reference frame that moves with the interface (e.g. keep the position of the origin on the interface)
2. Describe velocities inside the phases in the moving frame
3. Match mass fluxes





# The kinematical boundary conditions

The net mass flux through the interface :

$$\partial_t F + \mathbf{u}_\perp^* \cdot \nabla F = 0$$

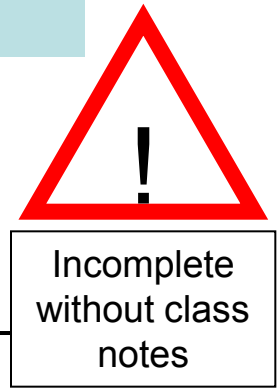
$$j_{\text{mass}}^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho^{(1)} (\mathbf{u}^{(1)} - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) \cdot \mathbf{n} \equiv \rho^{(2)} (\mathbf{u}^{(2)} - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$[\rho (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0$$

For the tangential components:

$$[\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n}] = \mathbf{0} \text{ (no slip condition)}$$

This condition does not follow from mass conservation



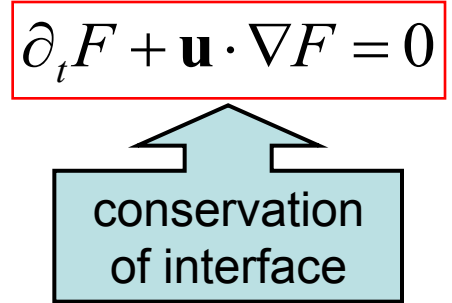
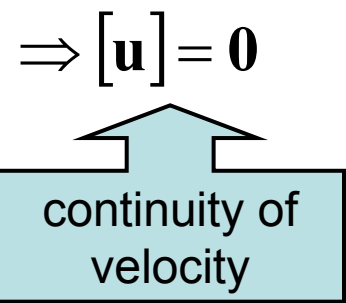
Without (net) mass transfer:

$$j_{\text{mass}}^* = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_\perp^* \cdot \mathbf{n} \equiv u_\perp^*$$

$$[\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0$$

tangential components:

$$[\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n}] = \mathbf{0}$$



# Diffusion through an interface

Mass flux of component  $k$  in the co-moving reference frame:

$$\rho_k(\mathbf{u}_k - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) = c_k \rho(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_\perp^* + \mathbf{u}_k - \mathbf{u}) = c_k \rho(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) + \mathbf{j}_k$$



Case of conservation of component mass:

- on a pure interface (no surface phase, no surfactants)
- without surface reactions (not a reaction front)

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\rho_k(\mathbf{u}_k - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0 \\ \Downarrow \\ [c_k] \cdot j_{\text{mass}}^* + [\mathbf{j}_k \cdot \mathbf{n}] = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

The component flux through the interface:

$$\begin{aligned} j_k^* &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho_k^{(1)}(\mathbf{u}_k^{(1)} - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) \cdot \mathbf{n} \equiv \rho_k^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}_k^{(2)} - \mathbf{u}_\perp^*) \cdot \mathbf{n} \\ &= c_k^{(1)} \cdot j_{\text{mass}}^* + \mathbf{j}_k^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{n} \equiv c_k^{(2)} \cdot j_{\text{mass}}^* + \mathbf{j}_k^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{n} \end{aligned}$$



# Examples

Impermeability condition

Surface reaction



# Momentum balance through an interface

Effects due to

- surface tension ( $S$ )
- surface viscosity
- surface compressibility
- mass transfer

# Dynamical boundary conditions with surface/interfacial tension

- Fluids in rest
  - normal component:
- Moving fluids without interfacial mass transfer

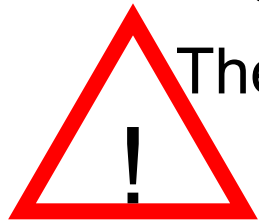


$$[p] = 2 S \kappa$$

Modifies the thermodynamic phase equilibrium conditions

- normal component:  $[p - \mathbf{n} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n})] = 2 S \kappa$
- tangential components:  $[-\mathbf{t} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n})] = \mathbf{t} \cdot \nabla S \quad (\mathbf{t} \perp \mathbf{n})$

The viscous stress tensor:  $\tau_{ij} = \mu \cdot (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)$



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# The heat conduction equation

## Transport equation in the bulk

- Fourier's formula
  - (thermodiffusion not included!)
- Volumetric heat sources:
  - viscous dissipation
  - direct heating
  - heat released in chemical reactions

$$\rho c_p (\partial_t T + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\text{heat}} + \dot{q}_{\text{heat}}$$

$$\mathbf{j}_{\text{heat}} = -\lambda \cdot \nabla T$$

## Conditions on the interfaces

- Thermal equilibrium
  - Heat flux:
    - continuity (simplest)
    - latent heat (phase transition of pure substance)
- Even more complex cases:
- chemical component diffusion
  - chemical reactions on surface
  - direct heating of surface

$$[T] = 0$$

$$[\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\text{heat}}] = 0$$

$$[\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\text{heat}}] = L \cdot j_{\text{mass}}^*$$

$$[\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\text{heat}}] = \dots$$

Jump conditions



# Summary of boundary conditions on moving interfaces

Physical balance equations imply conditions  
on the interface elements:

- continuity conditions
- jump conditions

These are different

- with and without mass transfer
- in case of special interfacial properties  
(`active interfaces')

# Classification of multiphase models

## **`Fine` models**

### **(single fluid models)**

- The position of the moving interfaces are described in the model

## **`Rough` models**

### **(interpenetrating media models)**

- The position of the interfaces are not described in the model
  1. *n*-fluid (e.g two-fluid) models
    - The phase transfer processes are modelled explicitly
  2. mixture models
    - The phase transfer processes are parametrised in the constitutive equations rather than being modelled explicitly



# Approaches of fine models

## Phase-by-phase

- Separate sets of governing equations for the domains of each phase
- Each phase is treated as a simple fluid
- Describing/capturing moving interfaces
- Prescribing jump conditions at the interfaces

## One-fluid

- A single set of governing equation covering the domains of all phases
- Complicated constitutional equations
- Describing/capturing moving interfaces
- Jumps on the interfaces are described as singular source terms in the governing equations

# Phase-by-phase mathematical models

1. A separate phase domain for each phase
2. A separate set of balance equations for each phase domain, for the primary field variables introduced for the single phase problems, supplemented by the constitutional relations describing the material properties of the given phase
3. The sub-model for the motion of phase domains and phase boundaries (further primary model variables)
4. Prescribing the moving boundary conditions: coupling among the field variables of the neighbouring phase domains and the interface variables (via jump conditions)

$$p^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}), \vec{u}^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}), \\ T^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}), \dots$$

$$\rho^{(p)}(T, p, \dots), \\ \mu^{(p)}(T, p, \dots), \\ k^{(p)}(T, p, \dots), \dots$$

$$\text{e.g. } F(t, \vec{r}) = 0$$



# The one-fluid mathematical model

1. A single fluid domain
2. Characteristic function for each phase
3. Material properties expressed by the properties of individual phases and the characteristic functions
4. A single set of balance equations for the primary field variables introduced for the single phase problems, supplemented by discrete source terms describing interface processes
5. The sub-model for the motion of phase domains and phase boundaries (further primary model variables)

$$\chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) = 1 \text{ or } 0$$
$$\sum_p \chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) = 1$$

$$\rho = \sum_p \chi^{(p)} \cdot \rho^{(p)}$$
$$\mu = \sum_p \chi^{(p)} \cdot \mu^{(p)}$$
$$k = \sum_p \chi^{(p)} \cdot k^{(p)}$$

$$p(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}), \vec{\mathbf{u}}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}),$$
$$T(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}), \dots$$

$$\chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) \text{ or something equivalent}$$

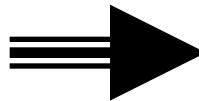
# The sub-models of phase motion (interface sub-models)

- The choice of the mathematical level sub-model is influenced by the available effective numerical methods.

# Numerical implementations of interface sub-models

## Main categories

- Grid manipulation
- Front capturing: implicit interface representation
- Front-tracking: parametric interface representation
- Full Lagrangian



### Specific methods

- MAC: (Marker-And-Cell)
- VOF: (Volume-of-Fluid)
- level-set
- phase-field
- CIP

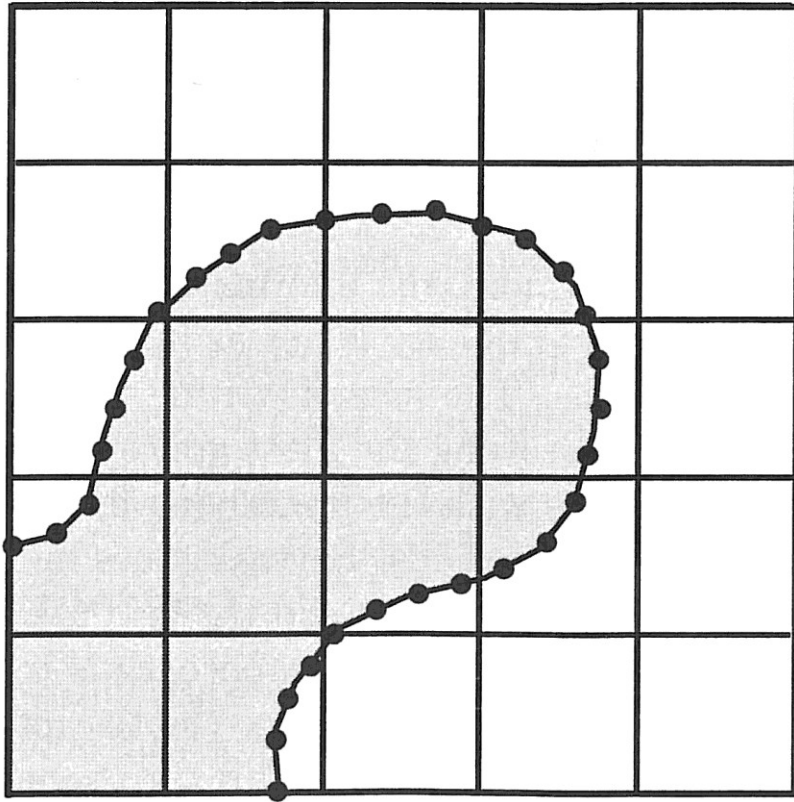


E.g. SPH



# Front tracking methods

on a fixed grid  
by connected *marker points*



(Suits the parametric  mathematical description)

- In 3D: triangulated unstructured grid represents the surface

Tasks to solve:

- Advecting the front
- Interaction with the grid (efficient data structures are needed!)
- Merging and splitting (hard!)



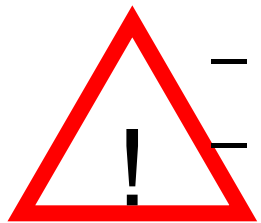
# MAC

## (Marker-And-Cell method)

- An interface reconstruction — front capturing — model (the primary variable is the characteristic function of the phase domain, the interface is reconstructed from this information)
- The naive numerical implementation of the mathematical transport equation  $\partial_t \chi + \nabla(\chi \cdot u) = 0$  :
  - 1st (later 2nd) order upwind differential scheme
- Errors (characteristic to other methods as well!):
  - numerical diffusion in the 1st order
  - numerical oscillation in higher orders

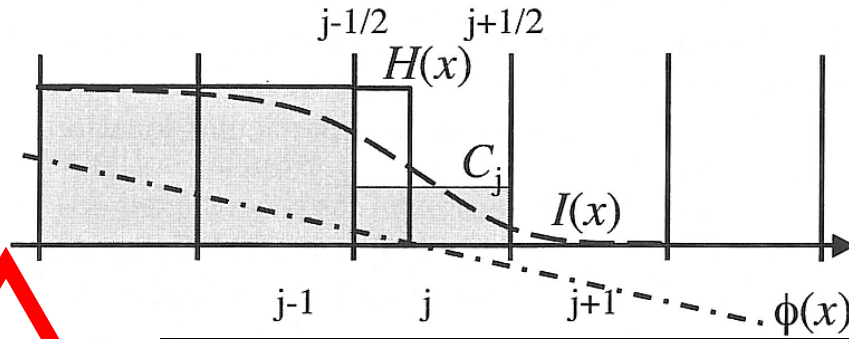


Due to the discontinuities of the function



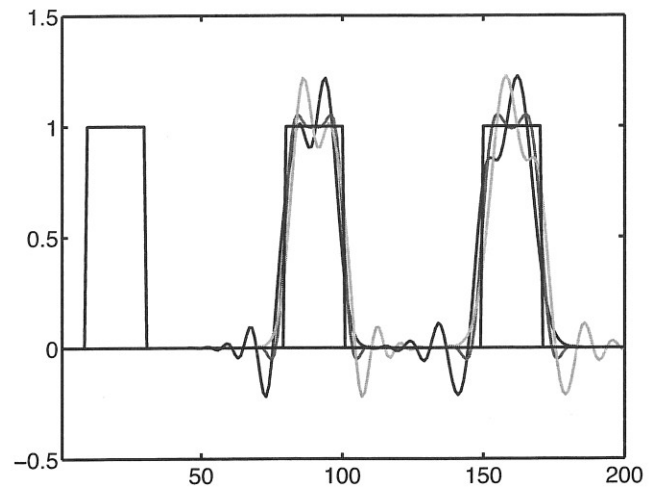
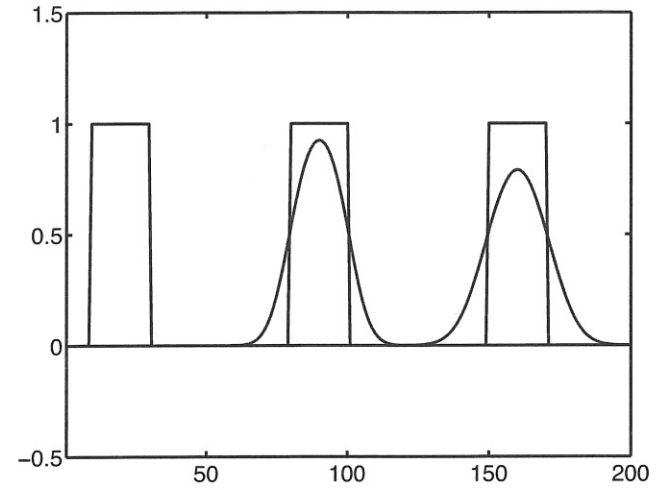
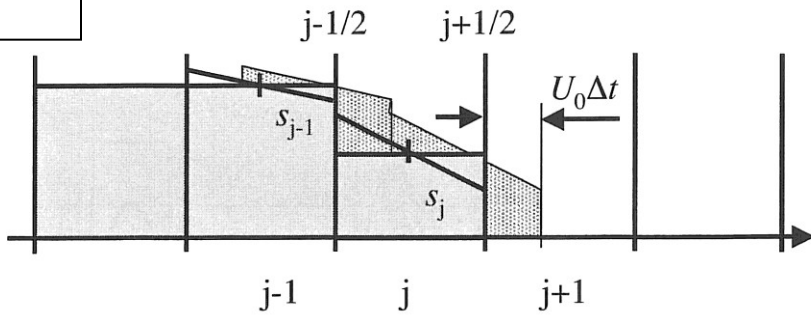
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# MAC



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$$C_j^{n+1} = C_j^n - \frac{u \cdot \Delta t}{h} \cdot (C_j^n - C_{j-1}^n)$$





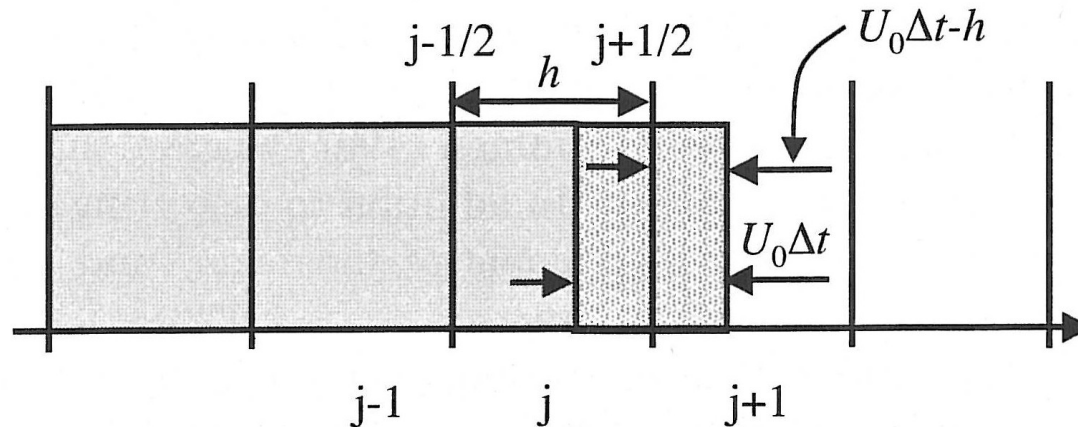
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## (Volume-Of-Fluid method)

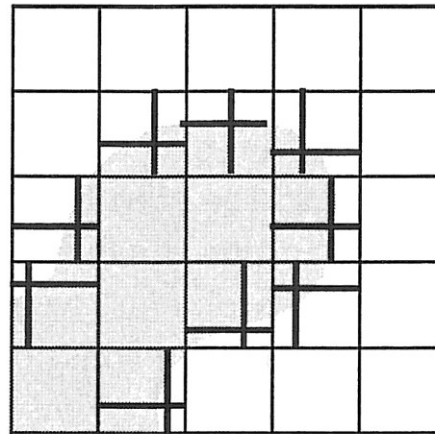
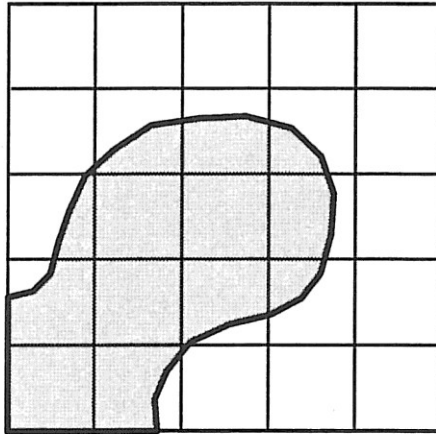
1D version (1st order explicit in time):

- Gives a sharp interface, conserves mass
- Requires special algorithmic handling

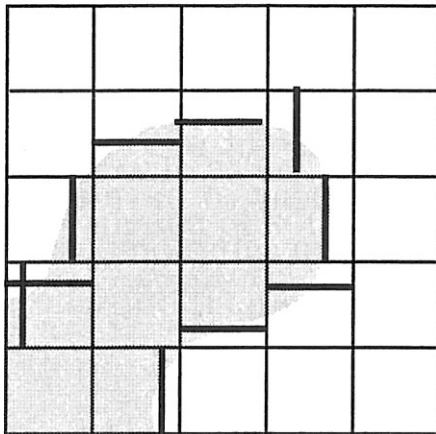
The scheme of evolution:



# VOF in 2D and 3D

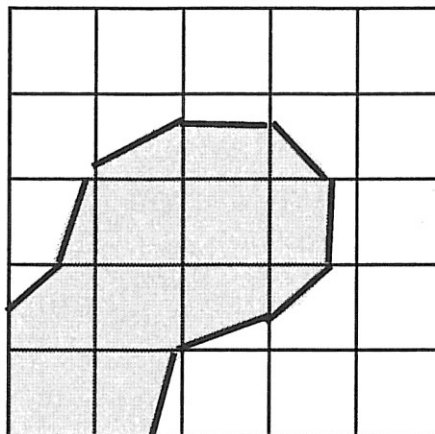


SLIC:  
Simple Line  
Interface Construction



Hirt & Nichols

**ANSYS**  
FLUENT®



PLIC:  
Piecewise Linear  
Interface Construction

**ANSYS**  
FLUENT®



# Numerical steps of VOF

## 1. Interface reconstruction within the cell

1. determine  $\mathbf{n}$ 
  - several schemes
2. position straight interface

## 2. Interface advection

- several schemes exist, competing goals:
  - conserve mass exactly
  - avoid diffusion
  - avoid oscillations

## 3. Compute the surface tension force in the Navier–Stokes eqs.

- several schemes

Why are so many possible schemes?

Information based on the cell and neighbour values are redundant (overdetermined)



# Implementation of VOF in

- Any number of phases can be present
- The transport equation for is adapted to allow
  - variable density of phases
  - mass transport between phases
- Contact angle model at solid walls is coupled
- Special (‘open channel’) boundary conditions for VOF
- Surface tension is implemented as a *continuous surface force* in the momentum equation
- For the flux calculations ANSYS FLUENT can use one of the following schemes:
  - Geometric Reconstruction: PLIC, adapted to non-structured grids
  - Donor-Acceptor: Hirt & Nichols, for quadrilateral or hexahedral grid only
  - Compressive Interface Capturing Scheme for Arbitrary Meshes (CICSAM): a general purpose scheme for sharp jumps (e.g. high ratios of viscosities) for arbitrary meshes
  - Any of its standard schemes (probably diffuse and oscillate)



# The level set method

## [hu: nívófelület-módszer]



$$F(t, x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \nabla F / |\nabla F|$$

$$\partial_t F + u_{\perp}^* \cdot \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla F = 0$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$\iint f(t, x, y, z) \cdot dA = \iiint f(t, x, y, z) \cdot \delta(F(t, x, y, z)) \cdot |\nabla F(t, x, y, z)| \cdot dV$$

$$\iint \mathbf{v}(t, x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{dA} = \iiint \mathbf{v}(t, x, y, z) \cdot \delta(F(t, x, y, z)) \cdot \nabla F(t, x, y, z) \cdot dV$$

$$\iiint 2S\kappa \cdot \delta(F(\dots)) \cdot \nabla F \cdot dV$$

- the interface is implicit

- $F$  is continuous

- **standard advection schemes work fine**

- the curvature can be obtained easily

- the effect of surface tension within a cell can be computed



# The level set method

$$F(t, x, y, z) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \nabla F$$

$$\partial_t F + u_{\perp}^* = 0$$



$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla^2 F$$

$$\iint f(t, x, y, z) \cdot dA = \iiint f(t, x, y, z) \cdot \delta(F(t, x, y, z)) \cdot dV$$

$$\iint \mathbf{v}(t, x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{dA} = \iiint \mathbf{v}(t, x, y, z) \cdot \delta(F(t, x, y, z)) \cdot \nabla F(t, x, y, z) \cdot dV$$

$$\iiint 2S\kappa \cdot \delta(F(\dots)) \cdot \nabla F \cdot dV$$

- If  $|\nabla F(t, x, y, z)| = 1$  then the computational demand can be substantially decreased



# Signed distance function as an implicit level-set function

$$F(t, x, y, z) = 0, \quad |\nabla F(t, x, y, z)| = 1$$

**i**

$$\partial_t F + \mathbf{u}_\perp^* \cdot \nabla F = 0$$

**i**

$$\partial_\tau F + S(F) \cdot (|\nabla F| - 1) = 0$$

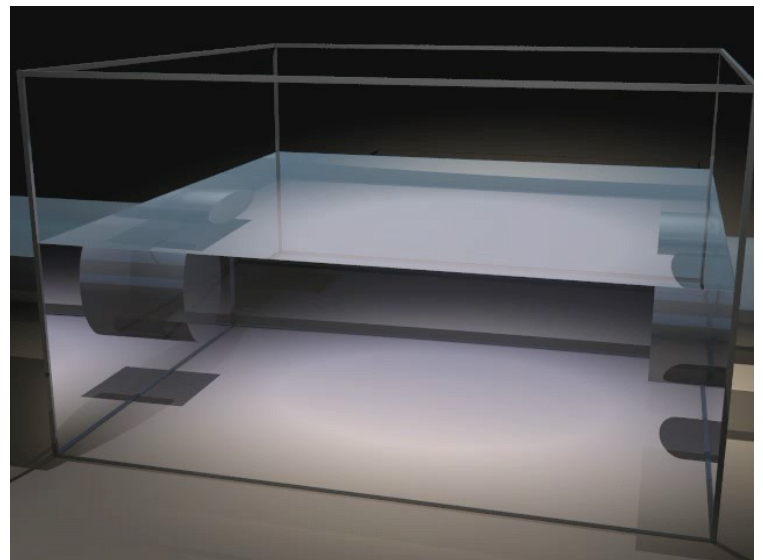
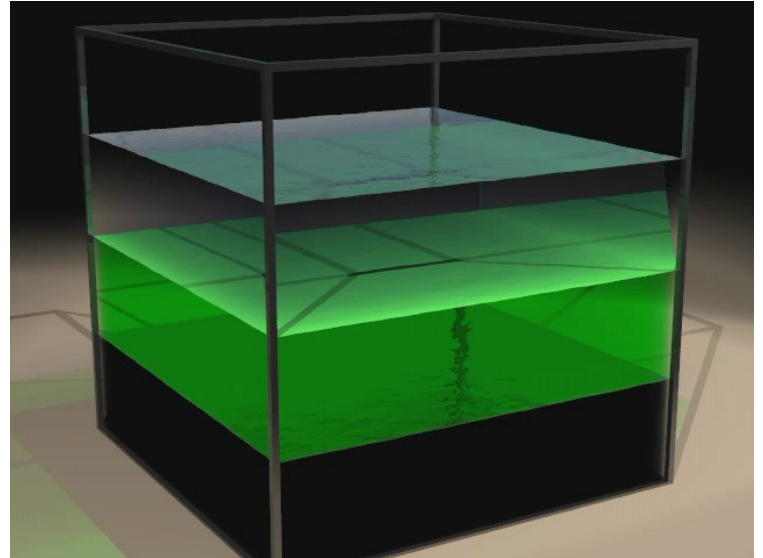
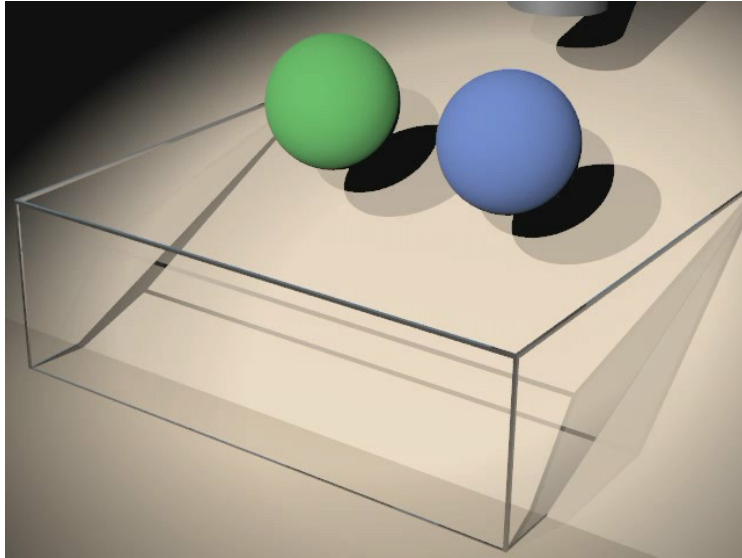
$$S(F) = \text{sgn}(F)$$

$$S(F) = \frac{F}{\sqrt{F^2 + h^2 |\nabla F|^2}}$$

- What kind of function is it?
- Signed distance from the interface!
- Alas,  $|\nabla F| = 1$  is not conserved.
- Relaxing  $F$ :  $\tau$  is pseudo-time ( $t$  is not changed)
- Apply alternatively!
- Unfortunately, mass is not conserved in the numeric implementation.
- A better numeric scheme



# Level set demo simulations





# Numerical implementation of the interfacial source terms in the transport equations

- Example: the normal jump condition due to surface tension can be expressed as an embedded singular source term in the Navier–Stokes equation:

$$\rho D_t \mathbf{v} = \rho \mathbf{g} - \nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + 2\kappa S \delta(F) \mathbf{n}$$

C.f. Level Set

C.f. VOF

- contribution to a single cell in a finite volume model:

i

$$\iiint_{\text{cell}} 2\kappa S \delta_\varepsilon(F) \nabla F dV$$

- Other source terms (latent heat, mass flux) in the transport equations can be treated analogously.



# Numerical implementation of the interfacial source terms in the transport equations

$$H_\varepsilon(F) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } F \leq -\varepsilon \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{F}{2\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot F}{\varepsilon}\right) & \text{if } |F| < \varepsilon \\ 1 & \text{if } F \geq +\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

⇓

$$\delta_\varepsilon(F) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } F \leq -\varepsilon \\ \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \cos\left(\frac{\pi \cdot F}{\varepsilon}\right) & \text{if } |F| < \varepsilon \\ 1 & \text{if } F \geq +\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

$$H_\varepsilon(F(t, \mathbf{r})) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \chi^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{r})$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon(F) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta(F)$$

With  $\varepsilon = 1.5h$ , the interface forces are smeared out to a three-cell thick band



Only first order accurate in  $h$

# Evaluation criteria for comparison

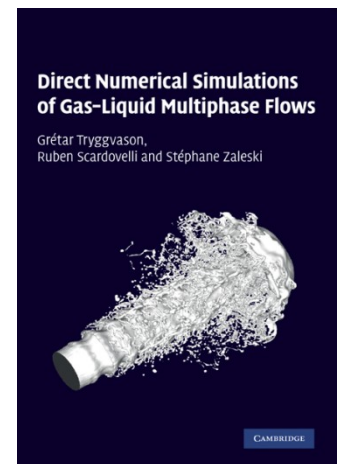
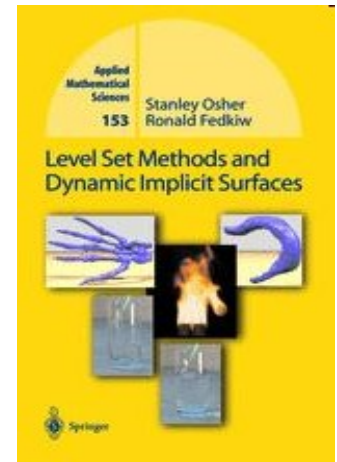
Not only for VOF and Level Set

- Ability to
  - conserve mass/volume exactly
  - numerical stability
  - keep interfaces sharp (avoid numerical diffusion and oscillation)
- Ability and complexity to model
  - more than 2 phases
  - phase transitions
  - compressible fluid phases
- Demands on resources
  - number of equations
  - grid spacing
  - grid structure
  - time stepping
  - differentiation schemes
- Limitations of applicability
  - grid types
  - differential schemes
  - accuracy



# Recommended books

- Stanley Osher, Ronald Fedkiw:  
**Level Set Methods and Dynamic Implicit Surfaces**  
Applied Mathematical Sciences, Vol. 153  
(Springer, 2003). ISBN 978-0-387-95482-0  
– Details on the **level set** method
- Grétar Tryggvason, Ruben Scardovelli,  
Stéphane Zaleski:  
**Direct Numerical Simulations of Gas–  
Liquid Multiphase Flows**  
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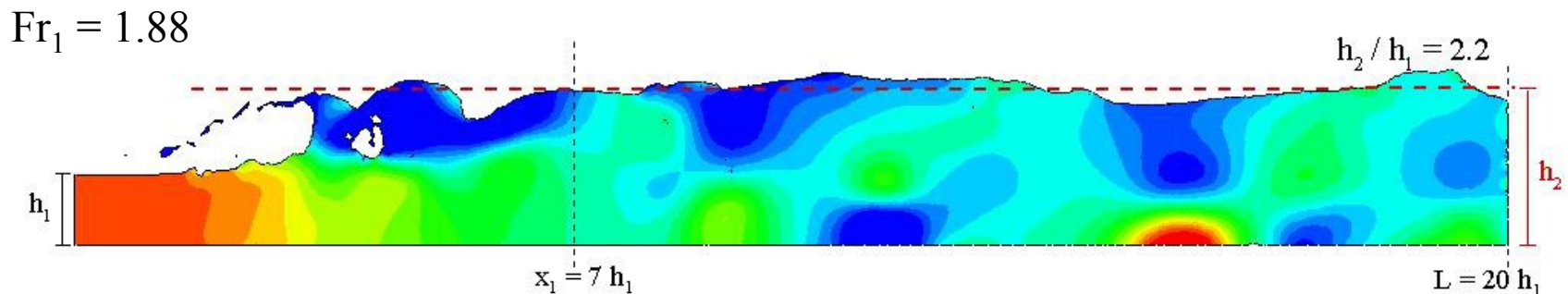
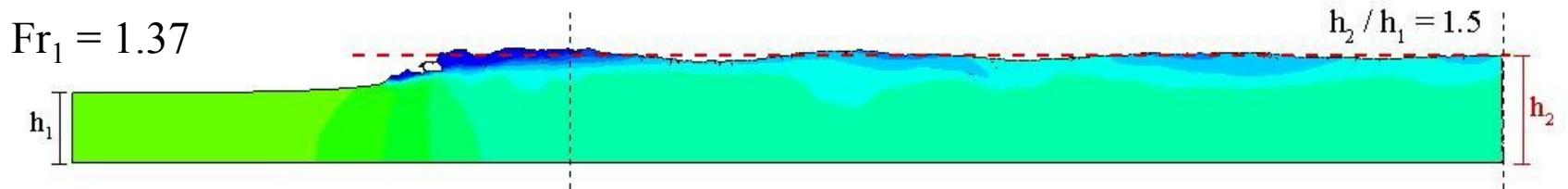
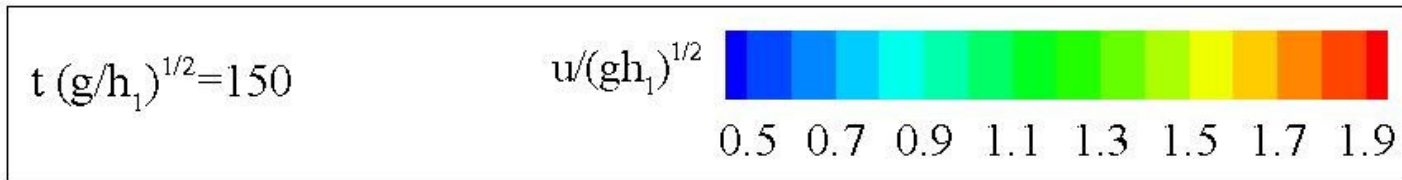
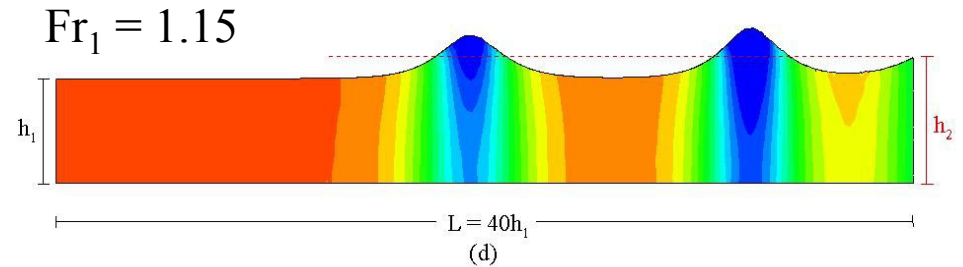
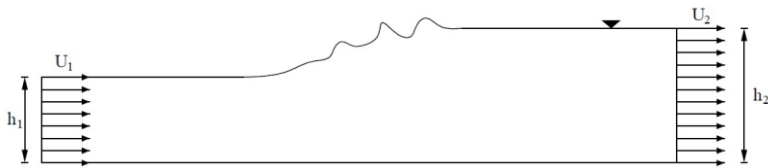
# SPH

## Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics

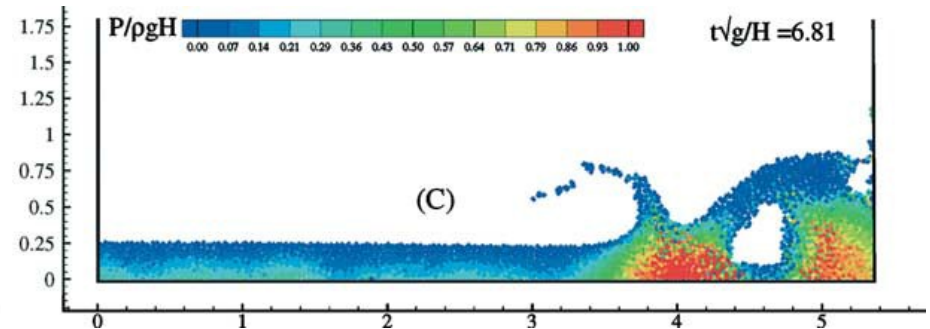
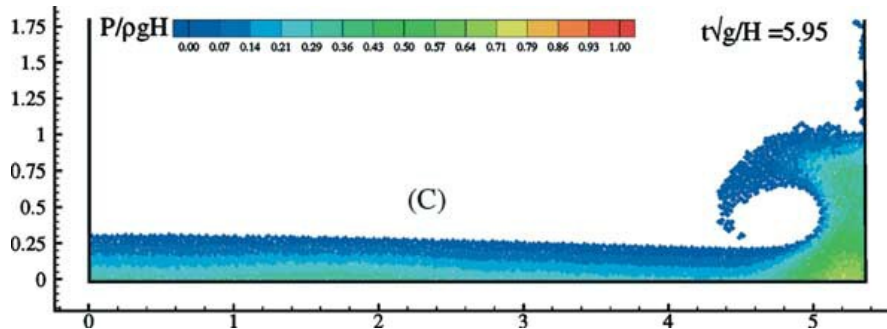
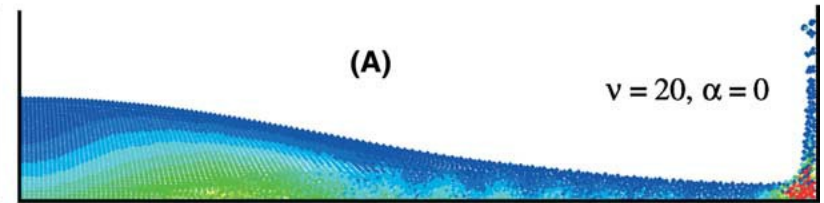
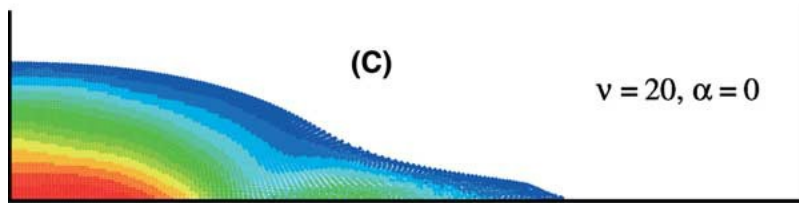
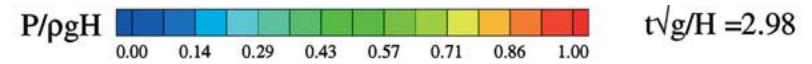
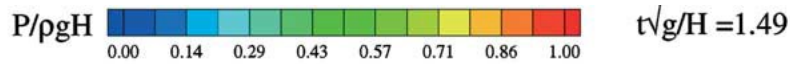
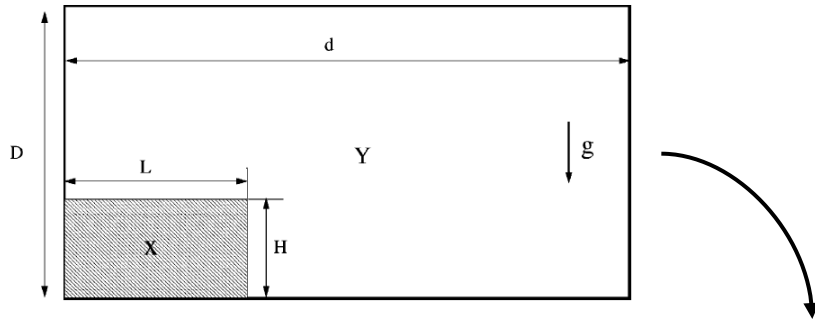
- The other extreme — *a meshless method*:  
The fluid is entirely modelled by moving representative fluid particles — fully Lagrangian
- There are no
  - mesh cells
  - interfaces
  - PDE
  - field variables
- Everything is described via ODE's



# SPH simulation of hydraulic jump

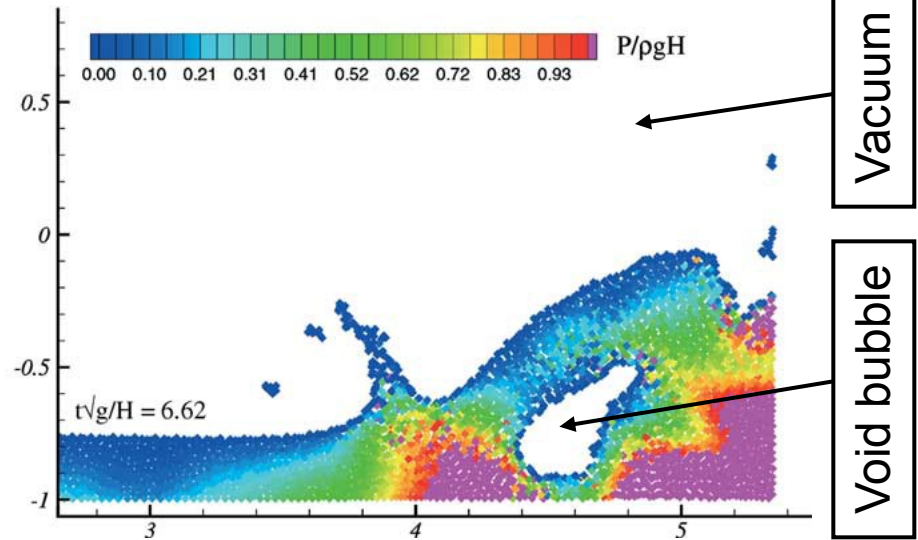
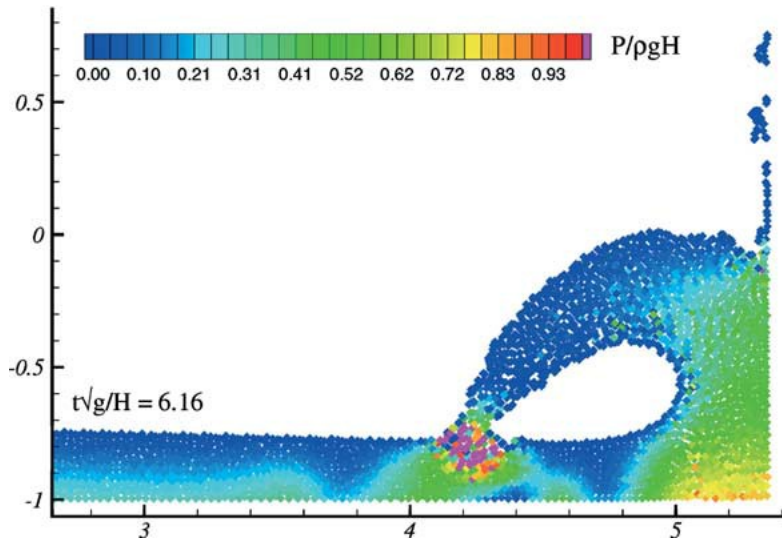
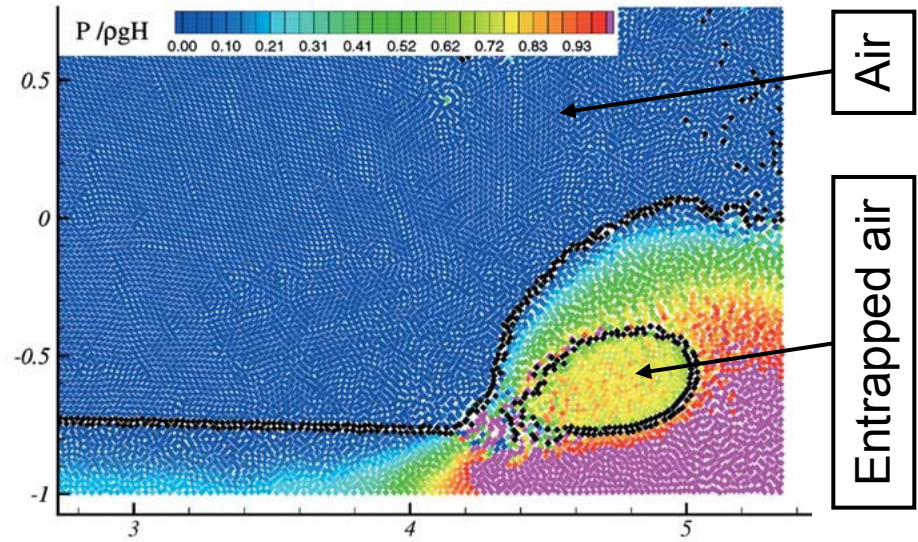
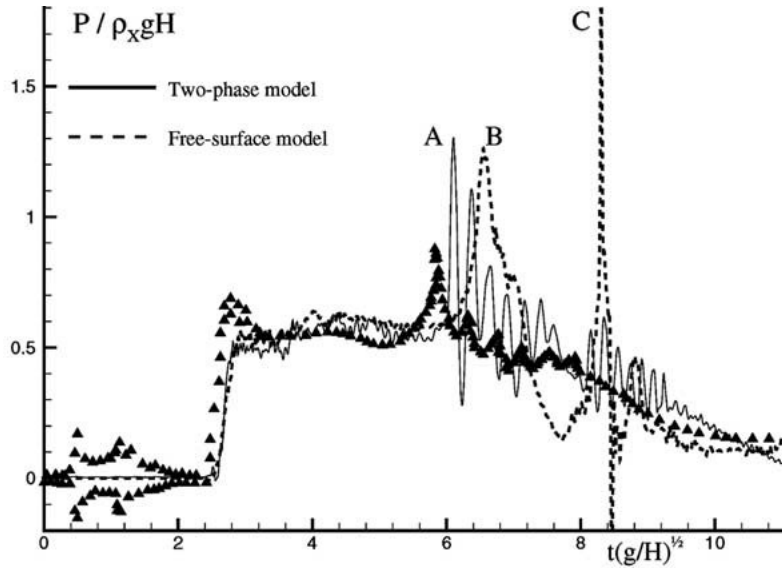


# SPH simulation of dam-break





# Liquid vs. liquid-gas simulation





# SPH demo



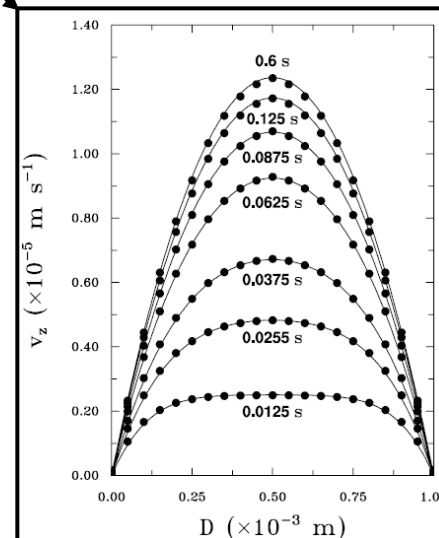
# Evaluation of SPH

## Advantages

- Conceptually easy
- Best suits problems
  - in which inertia dominates (violent motion, transients, impacts)
    - FSI modelling
  - with free surface or liquid–gas interface
    - Interface develops naturally
- Computationally fast
  - Easy to parallelise
  - Can be adapted to GPU's

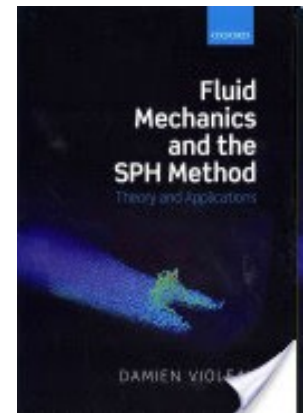
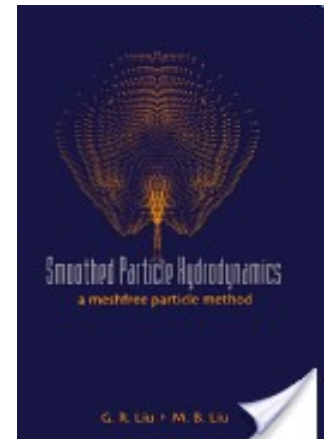
## Disadvantages

- High number of particles
- Hard to achieve incompressibility
- Some important boundary conditions are not realised so far



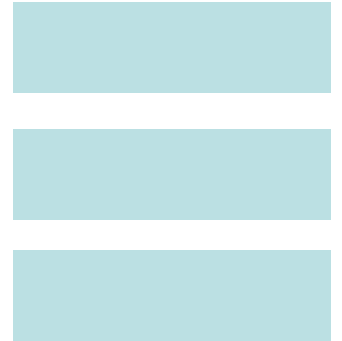
# Recommended books on SPH

- G. R. Liu, M. B. Liu:  
**Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics:  
A Meshfree Particle Method**  
(World Scientific, 2003 ). ISBN  
9812564403, ISBN13 9789812564405  
– First book on the **SPH** method
- Damien Violeau:  
**Fluid Mechanics and the SPH Method:  
Theory and Applications**  
(OUP Oxford, 2012 ). ISBN 0199655529,  
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– Latest achievements in **SPH**



# Approaches of `rough` models

- Multi-fluid (e.g. two-fluid) models
- Mixture models
- Modelling disperse phases



# Two key quantities

- Volume fraction

$$\alpha^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) \equiv \langle \chi^{(p)} \rangle =$$

$$= \left( \iiint \sum_p \chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) dV \right) / \left( \iiint dV \right)$$

also known as

– void fraction

in gas–liquid systems

– porosity

in gas–solid systems

- Interfacial area density

$$a(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) \equiv$$

$$= \left( \iiint \sum_p \delta(F(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}})) \cdot |\nabla F(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}})| dV \right) / \left( \iiint dV \right)$$

# Multi-fluid models

- Fluid elements (computational cells) are large, typically contain both/several phases
- This is described by volume fraction fields,  $\alpha^{(p)}$
- Each phase is described by its own phasic transport equations
- A common pressure field is shared
- There is no thermal equilibrium
- The interfaces are not resolved, but inter-phase processes must be parameterised and included in constitutional relations

# Balance Equations

$$\sum_p \alpha^{(p)} = 1$$

$$\forall p: \partial_t \left( \alpha^{(p)} \rho^{(p)} \right) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \alpha^{(p)} \rho^{(p)} \vec{\mathbf{u}}^{(p)} \right) = \sum_{p'} \left( \dot{\rho}^{(p' \rightarrow p)} - \dot{\rho}^{(p \rightarrow p')} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall p, i: \partial_t \left( \alpha^{(p)} \rho^{(p)} u_i^{(p)} \right) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \alpha^{(p)} \rho^{(p)} u_i^{(p)} \vec{\mathbf{u}}^{(p)} \right) &= \\ &= \alpha^{(p)} \rho^{(p)} g_i - \alpha^{(p)} \vec{\nabla} p + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \alpha^{(p)} \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(p)} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{p'} \left( \dot{\rho}^{(p' \rightarrow p)} u_i^{(p' \rightarrow p)} - \dot{\rho}^{(p \rightarrow p')} u_i^{(p \rightarrow p')} + g_i^{(p \rightarrow p')} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall p: \partial_t \left( \alpha^{(p)} \rho^{(p)} h^{(p)} \right) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \alpha^{(p)} \rho^{(p)} h^{(p)} \vec{\mathbf{u}}^{(p)} \right) &= \\ &= \alpha^{(p)} \partial_t p - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \vec{\mathbf{j}}_h^{(p)} + \dot{q}_h^{(p)} \right) + \left( \alpha^{(p)} \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(p)} \right) \bullet \left( \vec{\nabla} \vec{\mathbf{u}}^{(p)} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{p'} \left( \dot{\rho}^{(p' \rightarrow p)} h^{(p' \rightarrow p)} - \dot{\rho}^{(p \rightarrow p')} h^{(p \rightarrow p')} + \dot{q}_h^{(p \rightarrow p')} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Inter-phase processes

# Constitutive Relations

- Primary field variables:

$$\alpha^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}), \vec{\mathbf{u}}^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}), p(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}), h^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}})$$

- Constitutive equations

- Intrinsic:

$$\rho^{(p)}(p, h^{(p)})$$

$$\mu^{(p)}(p, h^{(p)})$$

$$k^{(p)}(p, h^{(p)})$$

- Heat sources:  $\dot{q}_h^{(p)}$
- Phase transition fluxes
  - Inter-phase processes:  
 $\dot{\rho}^{(p' \rightarrow p)}, \vec{\mathbf{u}}^{(p' \rightarrow p)}, h^{(p \rightarrow p')},$
  - Work  $g_i^{(p \rightarrow p')}$ ,
  - Heat transfer  $\dot{q}_h^{(p \rightarrow p')}$

It is possible to generalise to multi-component phases



# Pros and Cons

## TOO MANY EQUATIONS

- Intrinsic constitutive equations are the same as the single-phase ones
- One needs a lot of external constitutive equations
- Some of these require empirical correlations
- Sometimes there is not enough experimental data to establish such correlations
- Risk of unsubstantiated assumptions
- High computational demand (w.r.t. the one-fluid models)
- Low computational demand (w.r.t. fine models)
- Flexibility

If it makes sense, some simplification can be achieved by assuming thermal equilibrium among the phases



# Mixture model

- Derived by averaging and using simplifying assumptions
- The mixture is considered as a single fluid
- Common  $T$  and  $p$
- The interfaces are ignored
- All interface processes are transferred to constitutive laws

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(t, \vec{r}) &\equiv \langle \rho \rangle = \\ &= \left( \iiint \sum_p \chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}) \rho^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}) dV \right) / \left( \iiint dV \right) \\ \bar{\mathbf{u}}(t, \vec{r}) &\equiv \langle \rho \bar{\mathbf{u}} \rangle / \rho(t, \vec{r}) = \\ &= \left( \iiint \sum_p \chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}) \rho^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}) \bar{\mathbf{u}}(t, \vec{r}) dV \right) / \rho(t, \vec{r}) \\ e(t, \vec{r}) &\equiv \langle \rho e \rangle / \rho(t, \vec{r}) = \\ &= \left( \iiint \sum_p \chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}) \rho^{(p)}(t, \vec{r}) e(t, \vec{r}) dV \right) / \rho(t, \vec{r})\end{aligned}$$



# Pros and Cons

## TOO FEW EQUATIONS

- Do not describe small-scale phenomena at all
- The external constitutive equations must be based on empirical correlations
- Not even the intrinsic constitutive equations are general, they are problem-dependent
- Too much constrained to describe adequately the flow phenomena
- Lowest computational demand (w.r.t. fine models)

# Remedies

It is possible to extend the model by adding new primary fields to the model in addition to  $p(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}})$ ,  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}})$  and  $T(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}})$

Example: volume fraction field,  $\alpha^{(p)}$

1. Homogenous model
2. Generalised homogenous model
3. Slip model
4. Non-equilibrium model
5. Diffusion model

$$\alpha^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) \equiv \langle \chi^{(p)} \rangle = \frac{\left( \iiint \sum_p \chi^{(p)}(t, \vec{\mathbf{r}}) dV \right)}{\left( \iiint dV \right)}$$

- These include more constitutive equations and thus need more correlations
- The consistency of the system cannot be assured



# Modelling Disperse Phases

The previous models were based on the ‘Eulerian’ approach (time- and position-dependent fields)

- Ambient fluid: single-phase ‘Eulerian’ model
- Disperse phase — ‘Lagrangian’ model:
  - Establish equation of motion of particles subject to fluid forces
  - Solve this for each particle, and follow their path in the fluid
  - Draw conclusions from statistics upon particles

Mixed ‘Eulerian–Lagrangian’ approach



# Degrees of Disperse Phase Modelling

Increasing particle loading



1. Flow→particle: Track individual particles subject to ambient flow
2. Particle↔particle coupling: include interactions
3. Flow↔particles coupling: include effect of particles on the ambient flow
4. Consider particle–particle contacts

# Features of Disperse Phase Modelling

- Effects of various fluid dynamical actions
- Particle-wall interactions, depositions
- Sedimentation
- Bubbles and drops:
  - Growth and collapse
  - Coalescence and breakup
- Studying varying particle size distribution

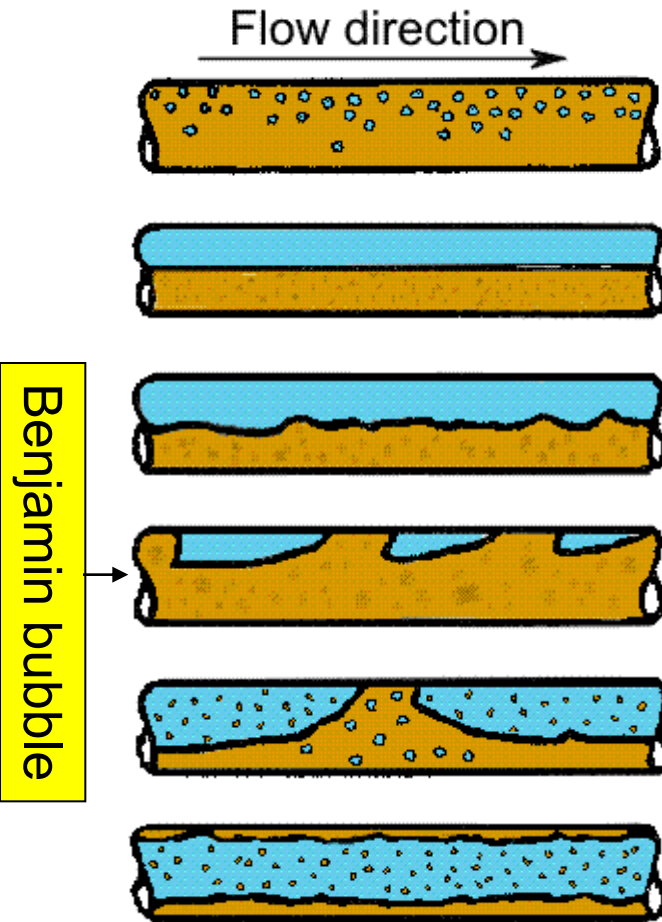


# Multiphase pipe flows

- Physical phenomena
- Modelling approaches



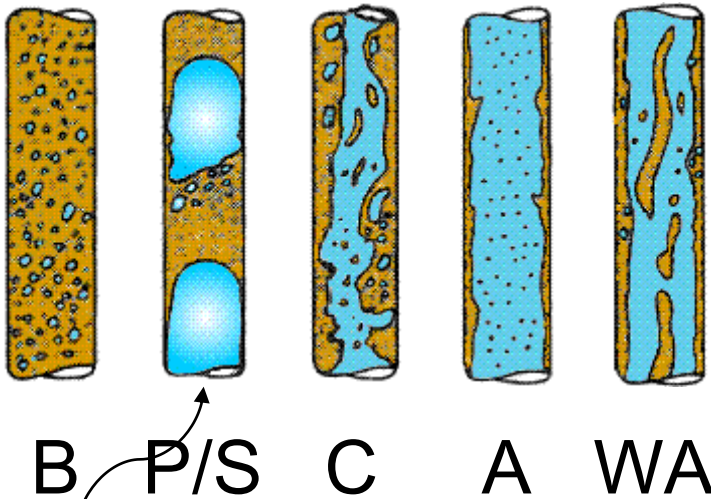
# Horizontal gas-liquid flow patterns



- Dispersed Bubble Flow
- Stratified Flow
- Stratified–Wavy Flow
- Plug Flow
- Slug Flow
- Annular–Dispersed Flow



# Vertical gas-liquid flow patterns



B P/S

C

A

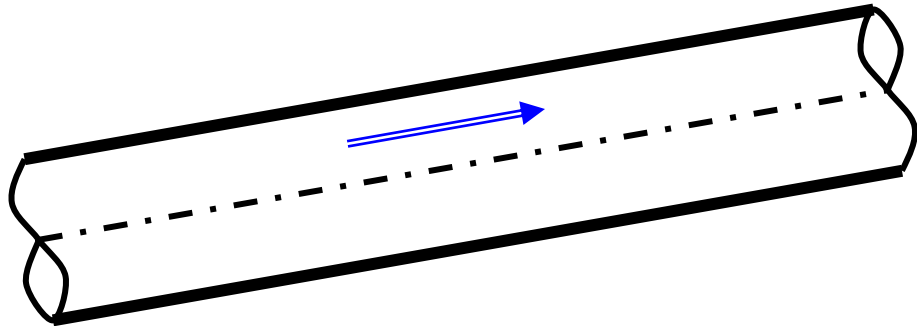
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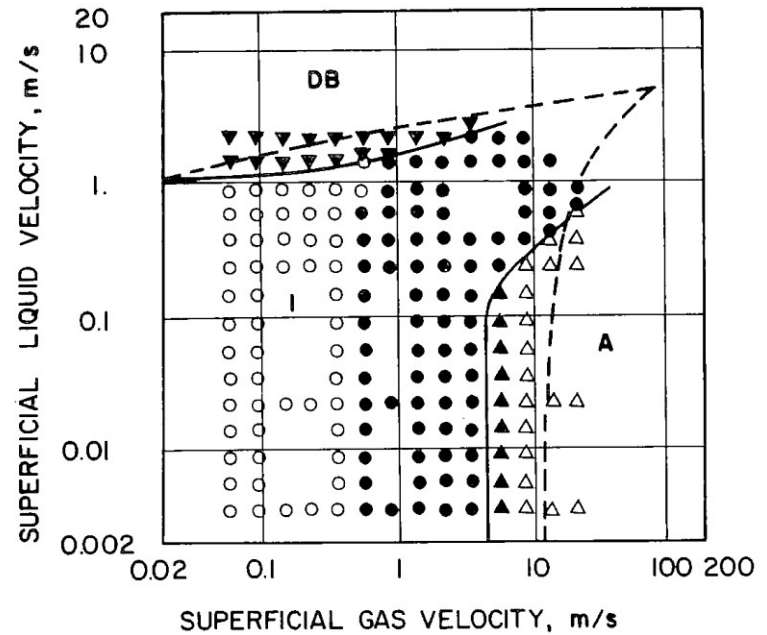
- Bubble Flow
- Plug or Slug Flow
- Churn Flow
- Annular Flow
- Wispy Annular Flow

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# The effect of pipe inclination



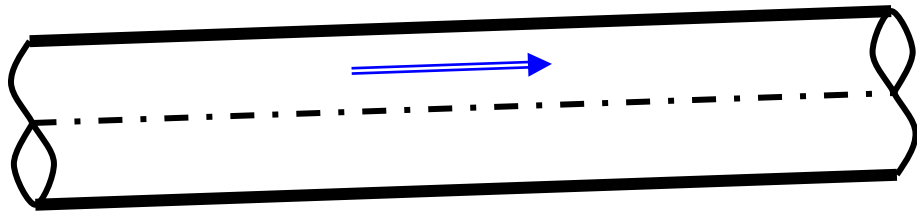
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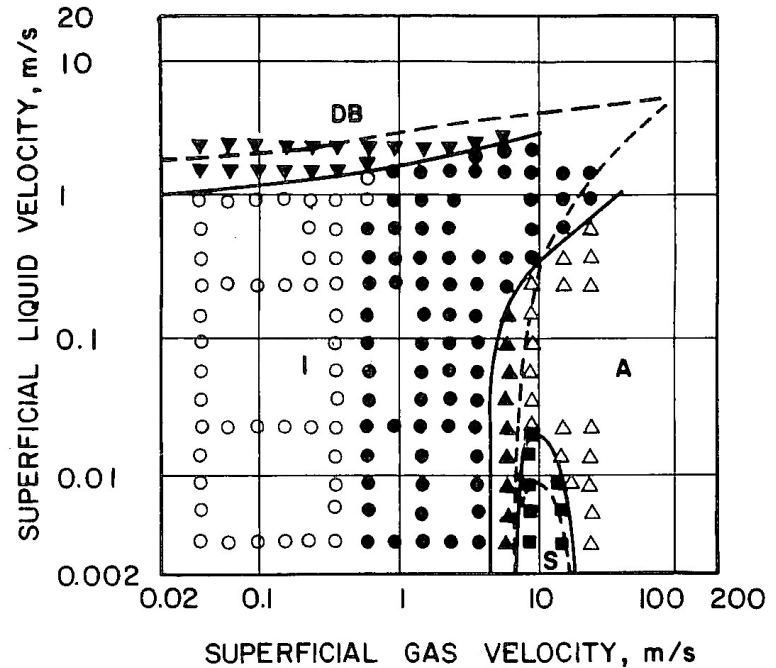
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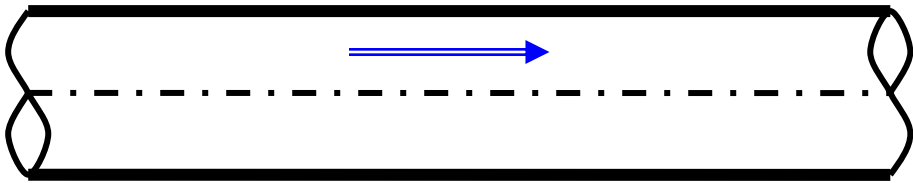
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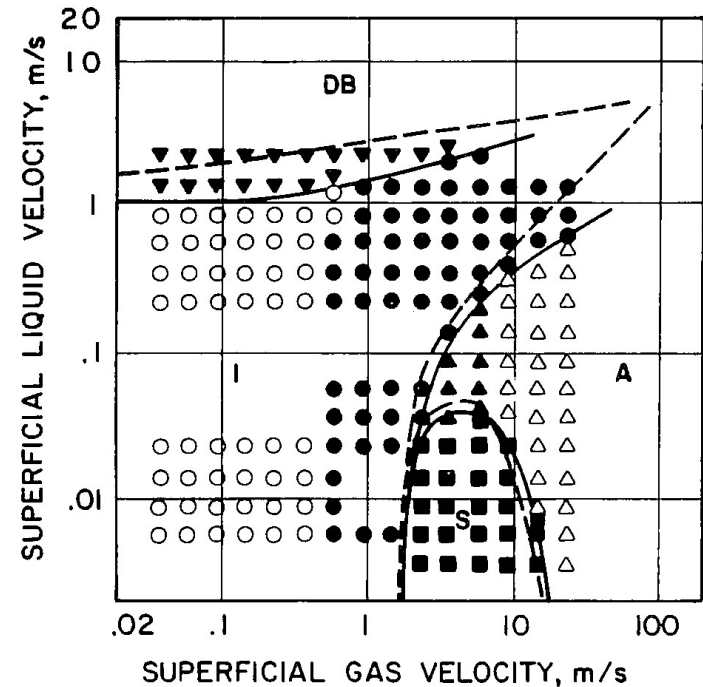
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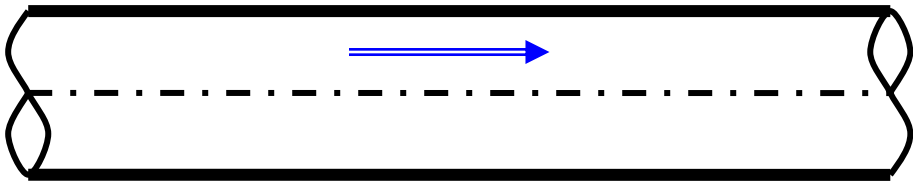
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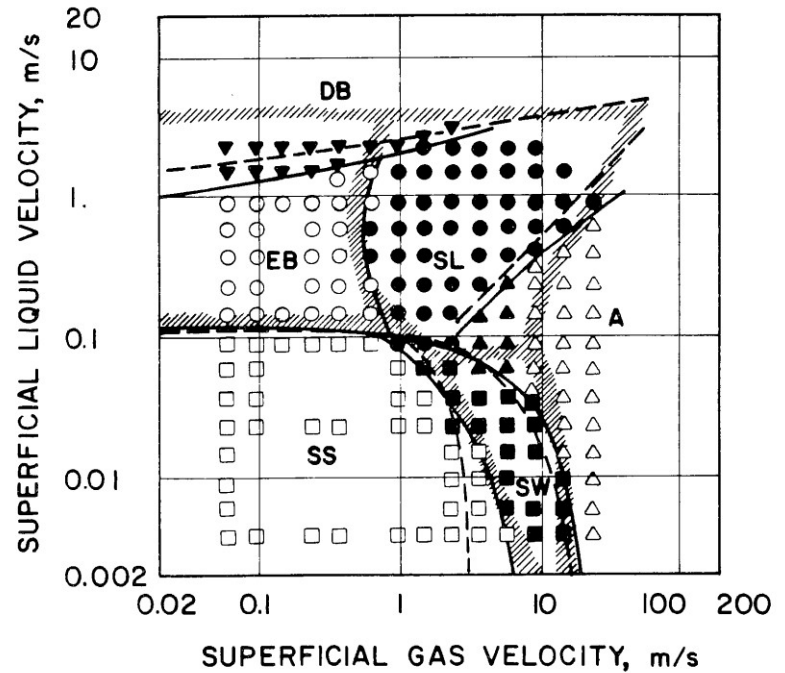
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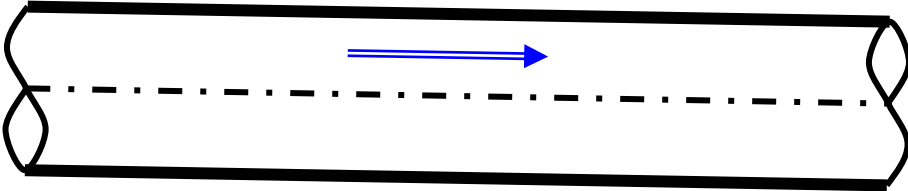
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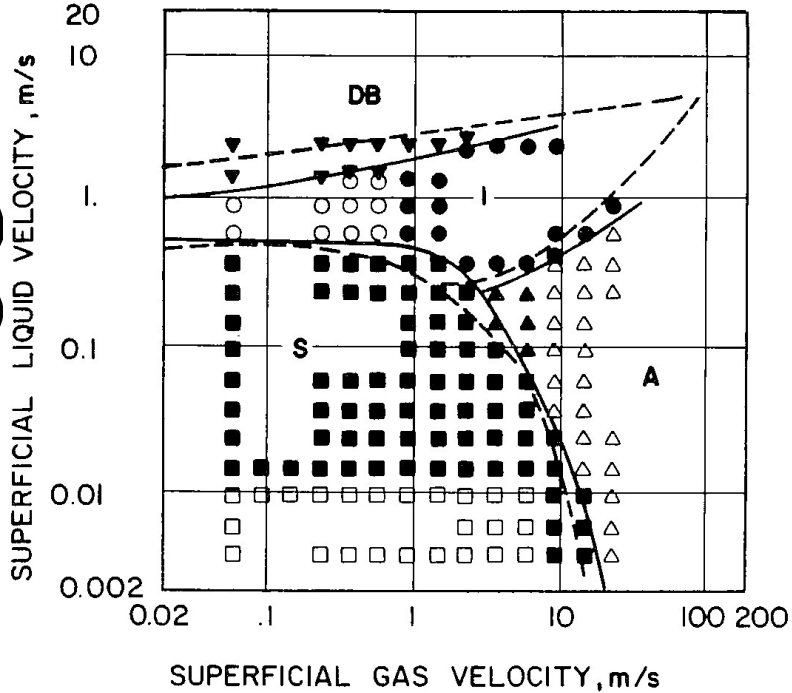
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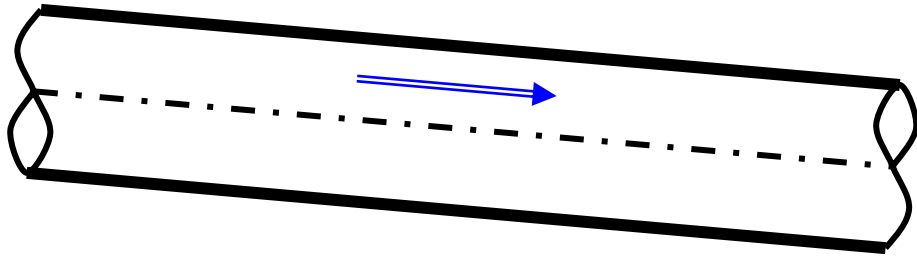
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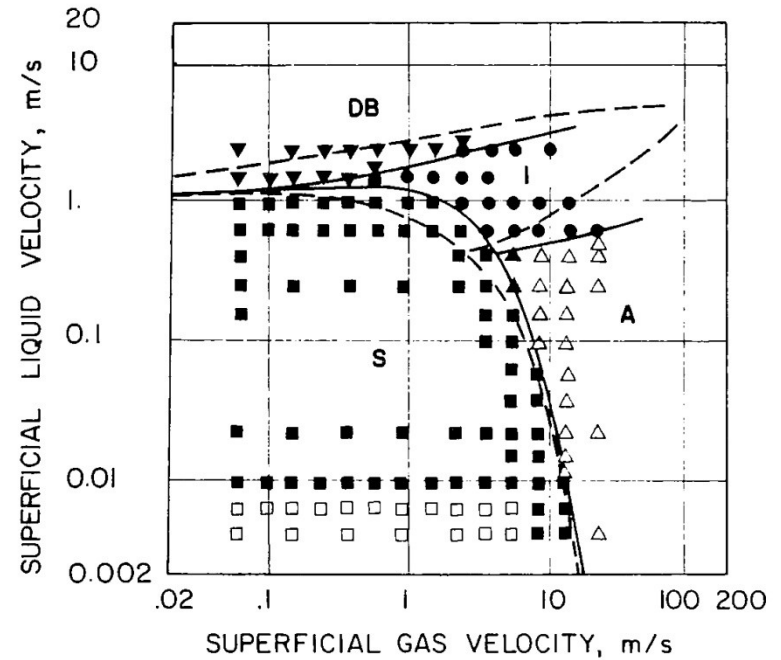
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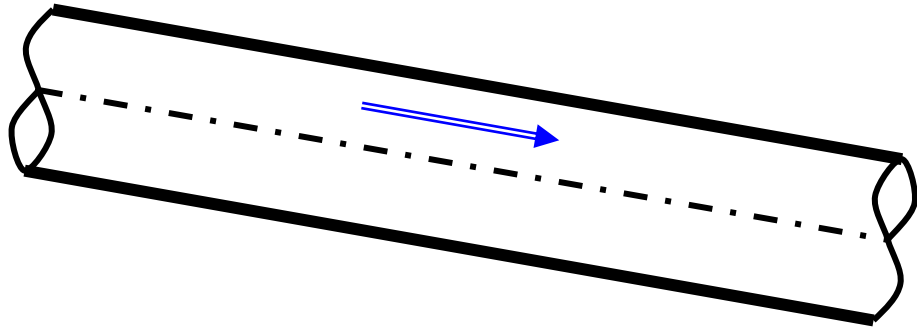


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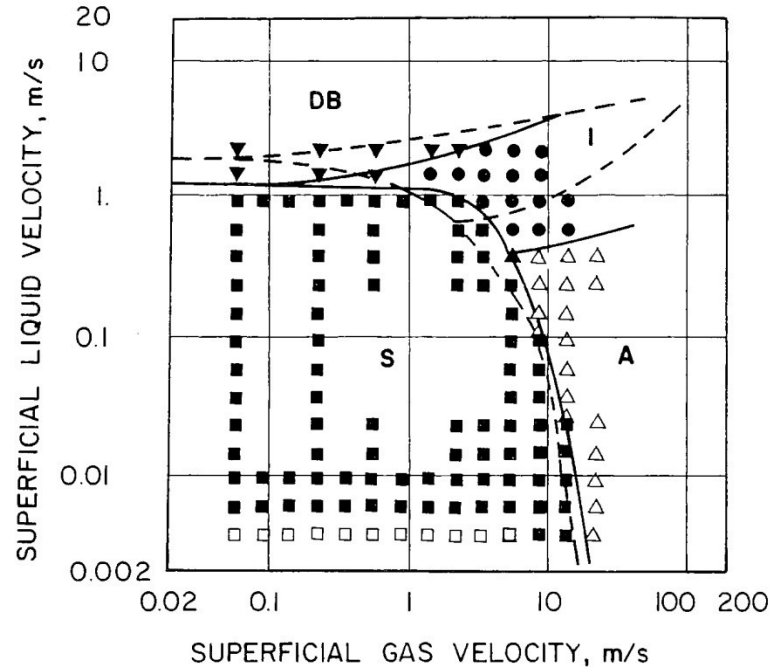




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- Relative flow directions
  - Co-current flow (as shown above)
  - Counter-current flows (one of the mass flow rates is negative): some of the flow patterns exist with opposite flow directions too
- Somewhat analogous flow patterns can be identified in liquid-liquid, liquid-solid and gas-solid systems

- Even more complex flow patterns in three phase pipe flows
- Flow classification is
  - somewhat arbitrary and subjective in pipes
  - hardly possible in 3D containers
- Further points to observe:
  - Heat transfer phenomena
  - Phase transition phenomena



# Pipe flow modelling alternatives

- Flow patterns
- Flow regimes
- Flow pattern maps
- Tasks:
  - Model flow region boundaries
  - Model flow behaviour within each flow region

Create a single one fluid model that can correctly reflect fluid behaviour in all flow regimes and thus automatically describes flow pattern transitions

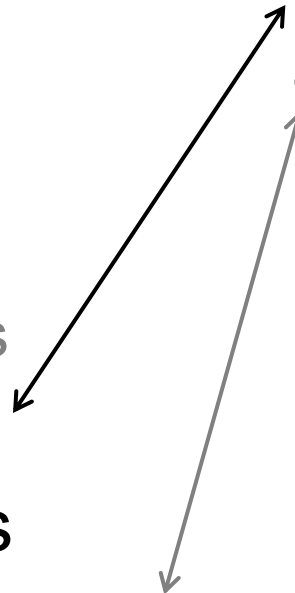
# Parameters of one-phase pipe flow

## Control (input) parameters:

- Pipe geometry
  - shape
  - size
  - inclination
  - wall roughness
- Mass flow rate
- Fluid properties
- External heat source

## Measured (output) parameters:

- Pressure drop
- Transported heat



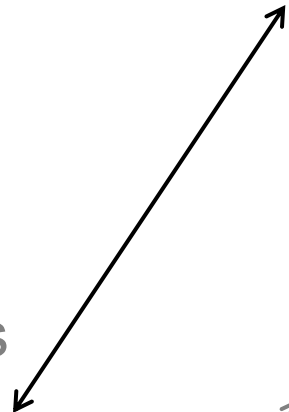
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  - shape
  - size
  - inclination
  - wall roughness
- Mass flow rates
- Fluid properties
- External heat source

## Measured (output) parameters:

- Pressure drop
- Volume (void) fraction
- Interfacial area density
- Transported heat



# Model variables in pipe systems

- Cross sectional integral quantities
  - linear densities
  - flow rates
- Cross sectional average ('mean') quantities
  - 'mean' densities
  - 'mean' fluxes

Purpose: reduction of independent variables:  $(t,x,y,z) \rightarrow (t,x)$

# Definitions and measurements of void fraction

- Local (time averaged)
- Chordal
- Cross sectional averaged
- Volume averaged