

SPH Fluid Simulation

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Quiz 1

- Next Class!
- Conceptual questions:
 - E.g., When to use SPH vs Shallow Water?
- Topics:
 - Physical Sim, Numerical Integration, Particle Systems, Cloth Simulation, Drag, Numerical Stability, SPH, Shallow Water, Eulerian vs. Lagrangian, Spatial Data Structures

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Spatial Data Structures

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Fluid Simulation

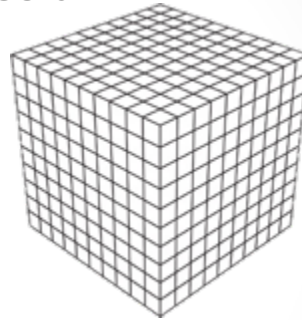
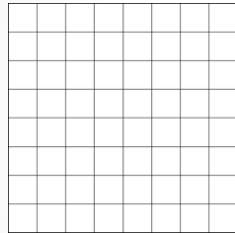
- Lagrangian vs Eulerian
- Lagrangian
 - Follow single parcel of fluid over time
- Eulerian
 - Follow changes in flow over a single location in space
- Frame of reference
 - Lagrangian – moving with particle
 - Eulerian – fixed in space
- Lagrangian – very similar to mass-spring

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Eulerian Dynamics

- Discretize space into cells



- Compute dynamics for each grid cell
 - Density and Velocity

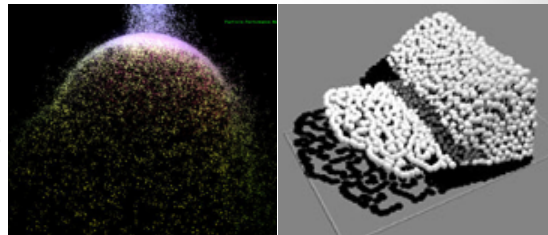
$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{f}$$

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Lagrangian Dynamics

- Examples
 - SPH fluids
 - Particle systems



- Must derive how particle state changes over time

$$\mathbf{F} = m \cdot \mathbf{A} = G$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_a}{dt} = - \sum_b m_b \left(\frac{P_a}{\rho_a^2} + \frac{P_b}{\rho_b^2} \right) \nabla W_{ab}$$

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Lagrangian (SPH)

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SPH - Background

- Introduced in 1970s for astrophysics simulations



- Gained popularity quickly in other areas
 - Esp. Computer graphics
- Represents fluids as a collection of particles
 - Particles represent fluid attributes
 - Lagrangian simulation method

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Discussion

- How might you make a particle-based fluid simulation?
- What forces effect a drop of water?



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SPH Principles

- $F = ma \rightarrow a = F/m$
- Potential Forces:
 - Gravity
 - Incompressibility \rightarrow Pressure
 - Surface tension
- Mass:
 - Density

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Fluid Dynamics

- Euler equation (inviscid fluid)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla P + \mathbf{b},$$

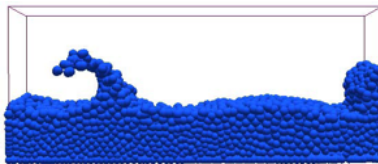
- \mathbf{v} – velocity, ρ – density
 - P – pressure, ∇ – gradient
 - \mathbf{b} – external force (e.g., gravity)
- SPH Simulation:
 - Represent fluid as several particles
 - Estimate values locally around each particle
 - Update each particle according to $d\mathbf{v}/dt$

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SPH – Evaluating Quantities

- Fluid is sampled collection of particles



- Each particle has some attributes (mass, density, position, ...)
- How to evaluate the attribute at an arbitrary location \mathbf{r} :
 - Weighted, spatial average – smoothing function W

$$A(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_b \frac{A_b}{\rho_b} W(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_b, h) m_b$$

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SPH - cont

- Computing particle density

$$\rho_a = \sum_b m_b W(\mathbf{r}_a - \mathbf{r}_b, h)$$

- Approximating derivatives

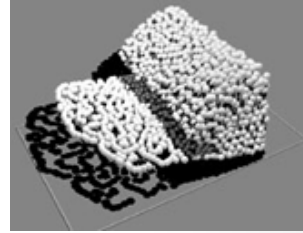
$$\nabla A(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_j m_j \frac{A_j}{\rho_j} \nabla W(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j|, h).$$

- Pairwise approximations to conserve momentum

◦ E.g.

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_a}{dt} = - \sum_b m_b \left(\frac{P_a}{\rho_a^2} + \frac{P_b}{\rho_b^2} \right) \nabla W_{ab}$$

where $\nabla W_{ab} = \nabla W(\mathbf{r}_a - \mathbf{r}_b, h)$



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SPH – Neighbor Search

- Finding neighbors is very time consuming $O(n^2)$
- Not every particle has a meaningful effect on every other particle
- Close neighbors effect more
 - Only compute values over close neighbors
- Use Spatial Data Structure

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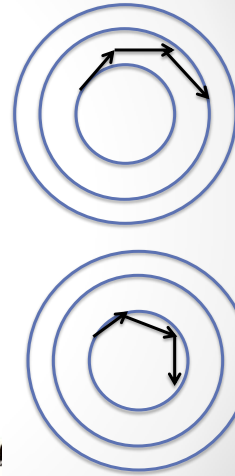
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SPH - Damping

- Eulerian integration is bad!
 - $x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + f(t)\Delta t$
 - Unstable
- Damp changes
 - Create fictional damping force

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_a}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_a$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_a}{dt} = -\nu\mathbf{v}_a - \sum_b m_b \left(\frac{P_a}{\rho_a^2} + \frac{P_b}{\rho_b^2} \right) \nabla W_{ab} + \mathbf{b}_d$$



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Putting It All Together

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bL80G1HX9w>
- C# code at - <http://rene-schulte.info/>

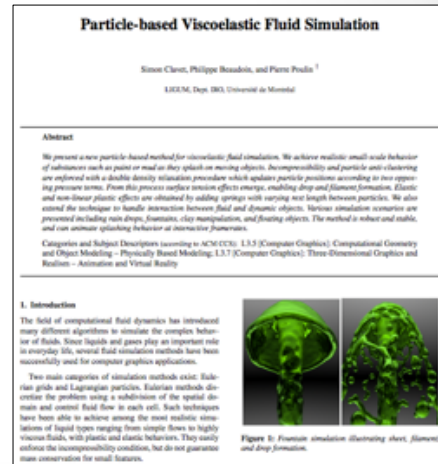


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Particle-based Viscoelastic Fluid Sim.

- Clavet et al., Symp. Comp. Animation 2005
- Fun & approachable SPH formulation
 - Flexible system that captures many phenomena
- If you implement SPH start here!



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Computing Fluid State

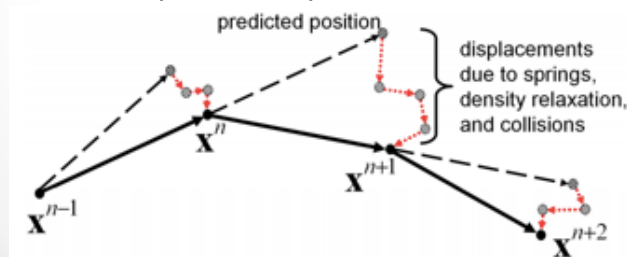
- Density: $\rho_i = \sum_{j \in N(i)} (1 - r_{ij}/h)^2$
- Pressure: $P_i = k(\rho_i - \rho_0)$!?!
- Displacement: $\mathbf{D}_{ij} = \Delta t^2 P_i (1 - r_{ij}/h) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij}$
- Assumptions:
 - “Weakly compressible” fluid
 - True water is incompressible
 - All particles, have same mass
 - User will tune k and ρ_0 until it looks good

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Prediction-Relaxation

- Improve integration through a prediction-relaxation step
- 1st Integrate previous velocity over time to guess new positions
- 2nd Apply spring / penalty forces to refine the updated position
- 3rd Use this updated position to infer velocities



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Pseudocode

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FOREACH PARTICLE p:
  p.vel = (p.pos - p.posOld) / dt
  p.posOld = pos
  p.vel += gravity * dt
  p.pos += p.vel * dt
  p.dens = 0

FOREACH PARTICLE p:
  FOREACH PARTICLE p2
    if (dist(p,p2) < K_smoothingRadius)
      createPair(p, p2)

FOREACH PAIR p (of particles A B)
  p.q = 1 - dist(A, B) / K_smoothingRadius
  p.q2 = p.q^2
  A.dens += p.q2
  B.dens += p.q2
  
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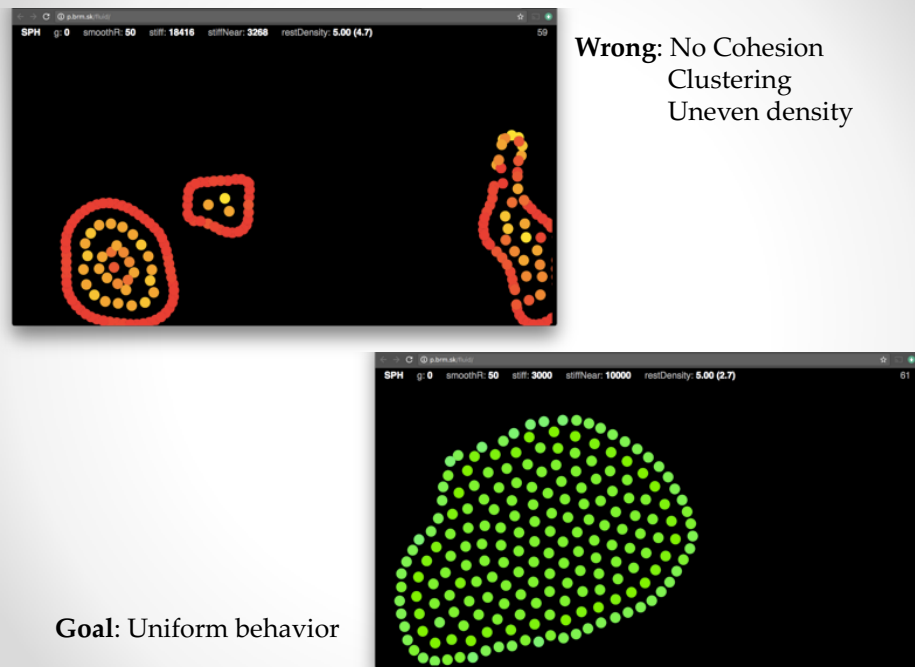
FOREACH PARTICLE p
  p.press = K_stiff * (p.dens - K_restDensity)

FOREACH PAIR p (of particles A B)
  press = A.press + B.press
  displace = (press*p.q) * (dt^2)
  a2bN = directionNormal(A, B)
  A.pos += displace * a2bN
  B.pos += -displace * a2bN
  
```

Wrong!
 Clavel et al., 2015, "Particle-Based
 Viscoelastic Fluid Simulation"

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SPH g: 0 smoothR: 50 stiff: 18416 stiffNear: 3268 restDensity: 5.00 (4.7)

Wrong: No Cohesion
Clustering
Uneven density

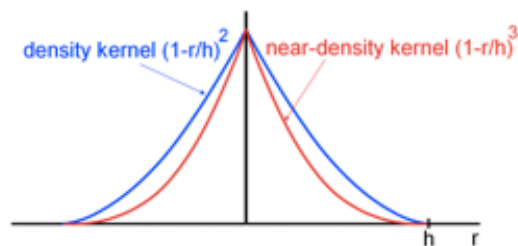
Goal: Uniform behavior

SPH g: 0 smoothR: 50 stiff: 3000 stiffNear: 10000 restDensity: 5.00 (2.7)

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Issue

- All the particles rush in small clusters
 - Minimum energy solution
- Idea: Add cohesion force to nearby neighbors
 - 2nd pressure computation
 - 2nd ρ_0 of 0 (always stick together)
 - 2nd density function which drops to zero faster



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Improved Pseudocode

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  p.posOld = pos
  p.vel += gravity * dt
  p.pos += p.vel * dt
  p.dens = p.densN = 0

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  p.q = 1 - dist(A, B) / K_smoothingRadius
  p.q2 = p.q^2
  p.q3 = p.q^3
  A.dens += p.q2
  B.dens += p.q2
  A.densN += p.q3
  B.densN += p.q3

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FOREACH PARTICLE p
  p.press = K_stiff * (p.dens - K_restDensity)
  p.pressN = K_stiffN * p.densN

FOREACH PAIR p (of particles A B)
  press = A.press + B.press
  pressN = A.pressN + B.pressN
  displace = (press*p.q + pressN*p.q2) * (dt^2)
  a2bN = directionNormal(A, B) // or b2a
  A.pos += displace * a2bN
  B.pos += -displace * a2bN

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Clavet et al. 2005, "Particle-Based Viscoelastic Fluid Simulation"

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Javascript Implimentation

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aWuXfwZ8zg>
 - <http://p.brm.sk/fluid/> <- Live Demo!

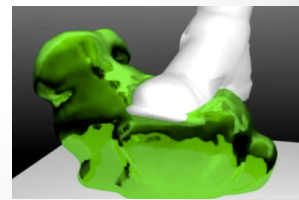
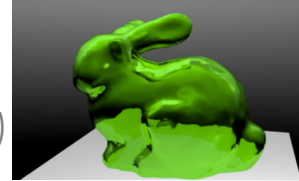


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Other Cool Ideas

- Object/fluid Interaction:
 - Allow particles to impart an impulse on objects
 - (add velocity)
- Elasticity (Squishy/firm objects):
 - Add springs between particles
 - Rest-length = interaction radius(h)
- Plasticity (Deformation):
 - Rest length stretches based on length or force



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SPH – Wrap-up

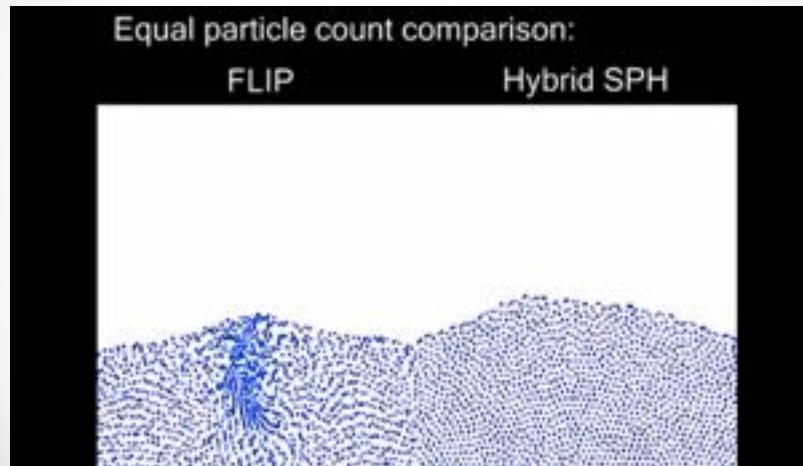
- Concept is very simple
- Lots of great research in this area
- Implementation is very easy to get wrong
 - Lots of parameters to tune:
 - Shape of W , h
 - Hacky forces for surface tension, or to deal with timestep issues
- You will need a very small timestep
- It will run surprisingly slowly
- Start with 2D!

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More

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxDeVrJO5yY>

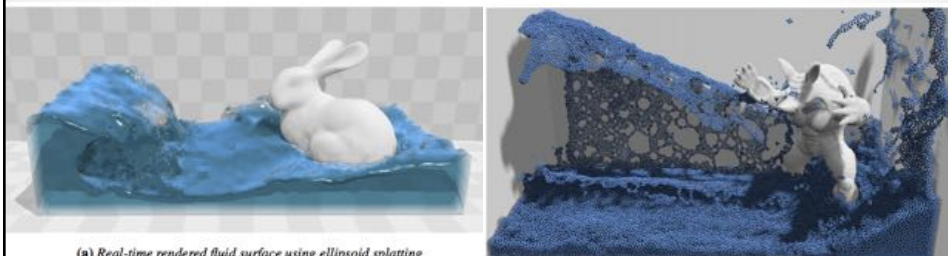


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More Recent Work

- *Position Based Fluids*, Siggraph 2013
http://mmacklin.com/pbf_sig_preprint.pdf
- Large-scale, realtime fluid simulation
- Clear pseudocode!



(a) Real-time rendered fluid surface using ellipsoid splatting

Great Demos: <http://blog.mmacklin.com/2013/07/25/siggraph-slides/>

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