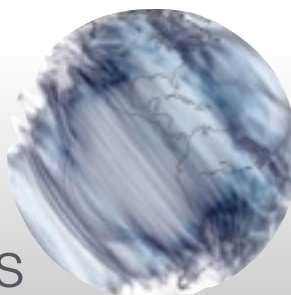
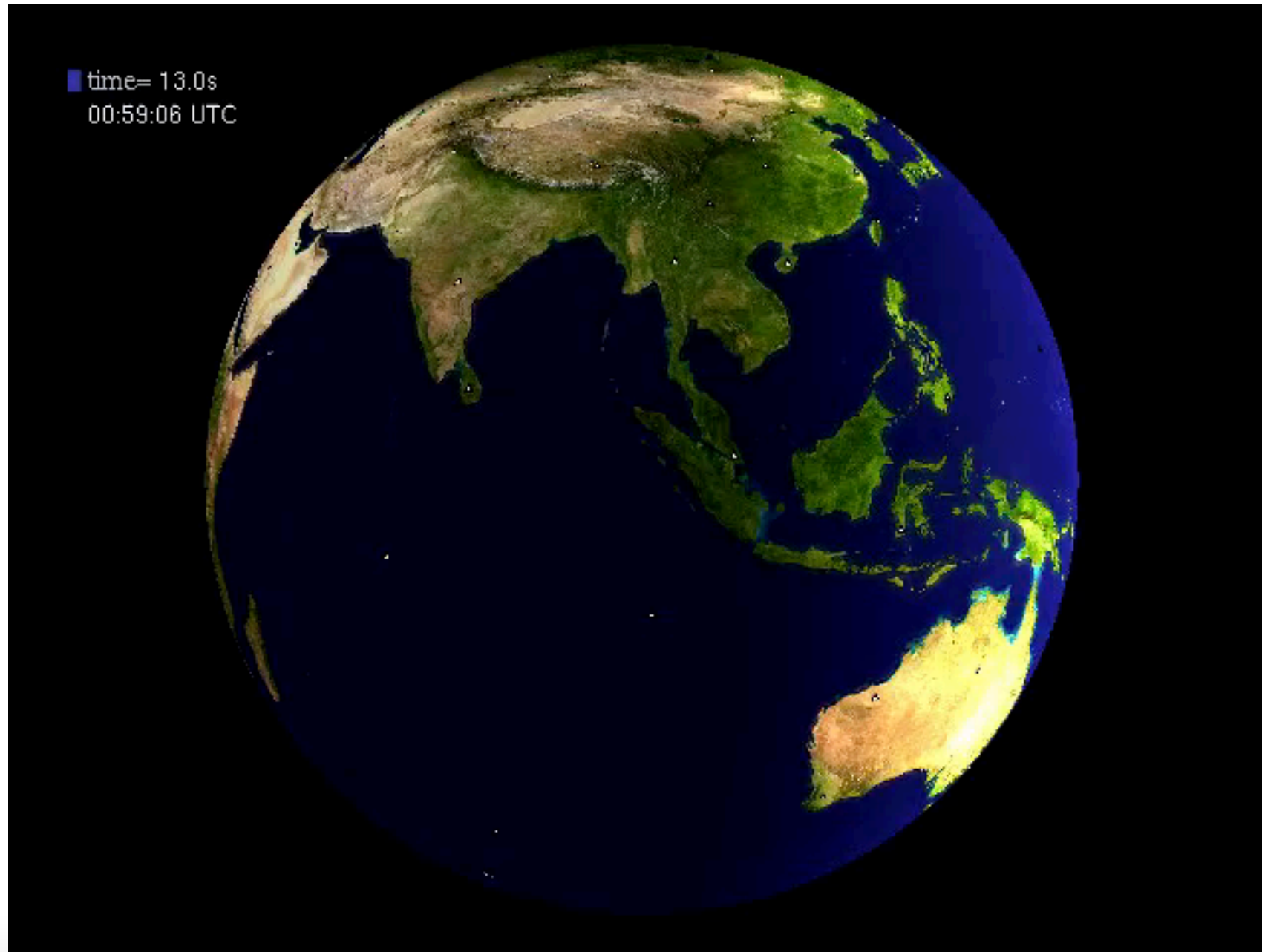


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## ErSE 326



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Fall Semester 2018

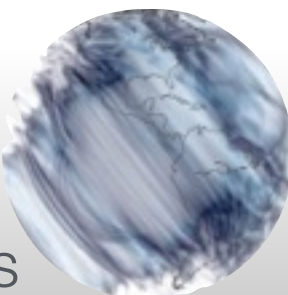
- Lectures:**
- This class will be given as a full semester course
  - Language of instruction: English
  - Tue/Wed, 10:30 – 12:00, building 9, room 4137
  - Lecture material available

**Objectives:**

An introduction to finite-difference, pseudo-spectral, finite-element, and spectral-element methods will be presented and applied to basic geophysical problems including heat flow and wave propagation. The course offers hands-on lab experience in numerically solving partial differential equations relevant to geophysics.

*Students will acquire the skills to program different numerical methods relevant for solving geophysical problems, in particular for heat flow and wave propagation.*

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## **Schedule:** (tentative)

week 1 Introduction to conservation laws for heat flow and wave propagation

week 2 Finite-differences method for heat flow

week 3 Finite-differences method for wave propagation

week 4 Higher-order Finite-differences method for tsunami waves

week 5 Introduction to Pseudo-spectral method

week 6 Pseudo-spectral method for wave propagation

week 7 Introduction to Finite-element method

week 8 Finite-element method for steady-state heat flow

week 9 Finite-element method for unsteady-state heat flow

- No classes - semester break

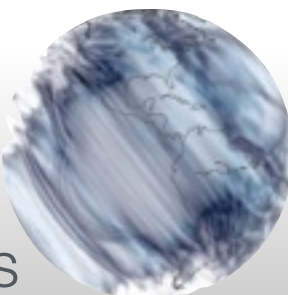
week 10 Introduction to spectral-element method

week 11 Spectral-element method for heat flow

week 12 Spectral-element method for 1D wave propagation

week 13 Spectral-element method for 2D elastic wave propagation

week 14 Spectral-element method for 3D viscoelastic wave propagation



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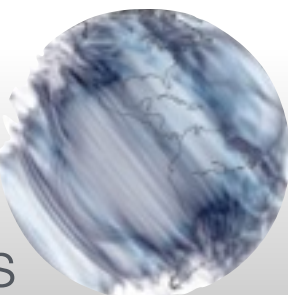
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## **Student work:**

Hands-on programming exercises and computer lab reports

## **Requirements:**

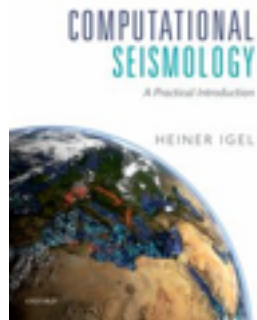
- Attendance (highly recommended)
- Grades will be given as follow:  
80% lab reports, 20% oral presentation



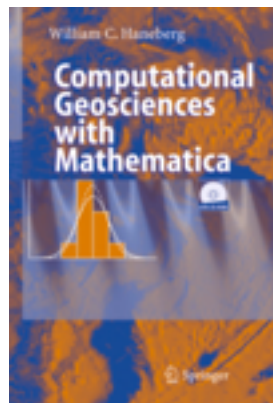
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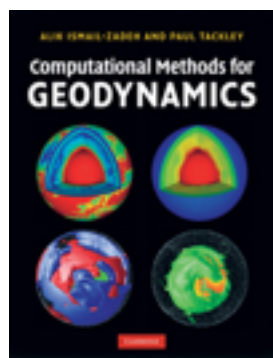
## Reading material:



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Oxford Press University, 2016.



**Haneberg, W.** *Computational Geosciences with Mathematica*  
Springer, 2004.



**Ismail-Zadeh, A. & Tackley, P.** *Computational Methods for Geodynamics*  
Cambridge University Press, 2010.

