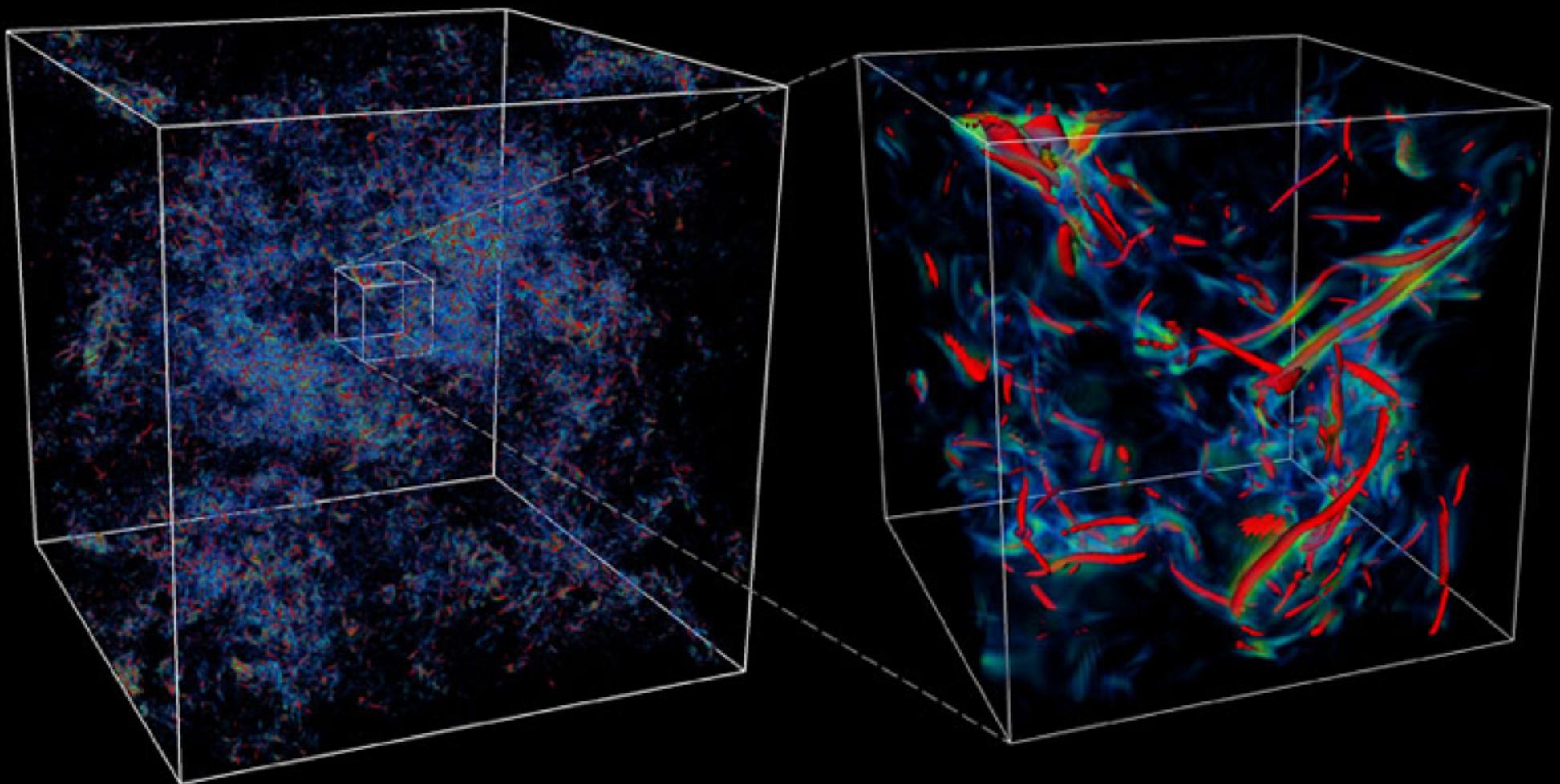


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NUMERICAL FLUID DYNAMICS

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Isotropic turbulence, Donzis and Yeung. <http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/scivis-gallery/isotropic-turbulence>

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Class #11 (Chapter 4.1)

1) PDE with two variables

2) Shallow-water equations

3) Staggered grids in time

CLASS #12

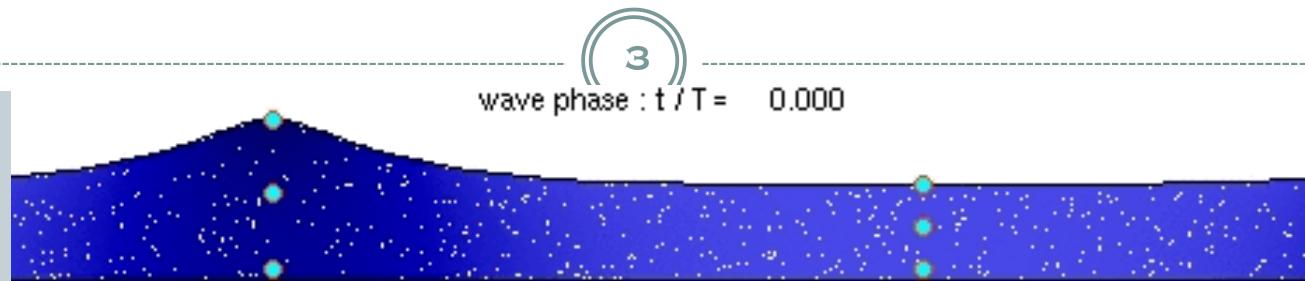
(CHAPTER 4.1, 4.2)

STAGGERED GRIDS
IN TIME AND SPACE

Outline

1. Shallow-water equations
 - Discrete-dispersion method
2. Staggered grid for shallow-water equations.
 - Staggered in space
 - Staggered in space & time
 - Forward-backward differencing
3. Examples (Codes)
4. Advantages/disadvantages

SHALLOW-WATER EQUATIONS



SHALLOW-WATER
EQUATIONS:

Momentum Equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

Continuity Equation:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + H \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

PHYSICS:

- Higher depth would be pulled down by gravity, which leads to horizontal motions.
- Building up of horizontal motions will lead to changes to water depths.
- Addition to this: advection of water depth and velocity by the mean flow.

DISCRETE-DISPERSION RELATION

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + H \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

LEAPFROG

CENTER
SPACE

$$\delta_{2t}u + U\delta_{2x}u + g\delta_{2x}h = 0$$

$$\delta_{2t}h + U\delta_{2x}h + H\delta_{2x}u = 0$$

$$u_j^n = u_0 e^{i(kj\Delta x - \omega n \Delta t)}, h_j^n = h_0 e^{i(kj\Delta x - \omega n \Delta t)}$$



$$\left(-\frac{\sin \omega \Delta t}{\Delta t} + U \frac{\sin k \Delta x}{\Delta x} \right) u_0 + g \frac{\sin k \Delta x}{\Delta x} h_0 = 0$$

$$\left(-\frac{\sin \omega \Delta t}{\Delta t} + U \frac{\sin k \Delta x}{\Delta x} \right) h_0 + H \frac{\sin k \Delta x}{\Delta x} u_0 = 0$$

DISCRETE-DISPERSION RELATION

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$$\left(-\frac{\sin \omega \Delta t}{\Delta t} + U \frac{\sin k \Delta x}{\Delta x} \right)^2 - gH \left(\frac{\sin k \Delta x}{\Delta x} \right)^2 = 0$$

Define $c = \sqrt{gH}$, discrete-dispersion relation:

$$\sin \omega \Delta t = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (U \pm c) \sin k \Delta x$$

If $\omega = \omega_r + i\omega_i$, then ω_r determines wave phase, ω_i gives growth rates

To avoid amplitude growth, ω cannot have imaginary part:

$$\left| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (U \pm c) \sin k \Delta x \right| = |\sin \omega \Delta t|$$

To satisfy this relation
anytime:

$$\left| \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (U \pm c) \right| \leq 1, \quad \text{if } U = 0, \left| c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right| \leq 1$$

Staggered grids: shallow-water eqs

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + H \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$



$$\delta_{2t} u + g \delta_x h = 0$$

$$\delta_{2t} h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} + H \delta_x u_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

Stability criterion: $\left| \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}$, more strict than unstaggered grid scheme.

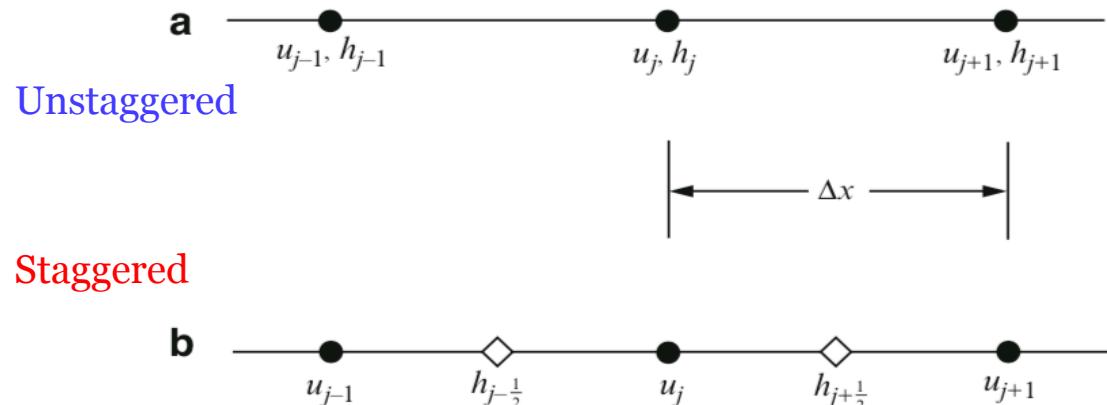


Fig. 4.1 Distribution of u and h on **a** an unstaggered and **b** a staggered mesh

Discrete-dispersion relation:

Durran's book

$$\sin \omega \Delta t = \pm \frac{2c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \sin \frac{k \Delta x}{2}$$

SUPERIOR PROPERTY OF STAGGERED GRID

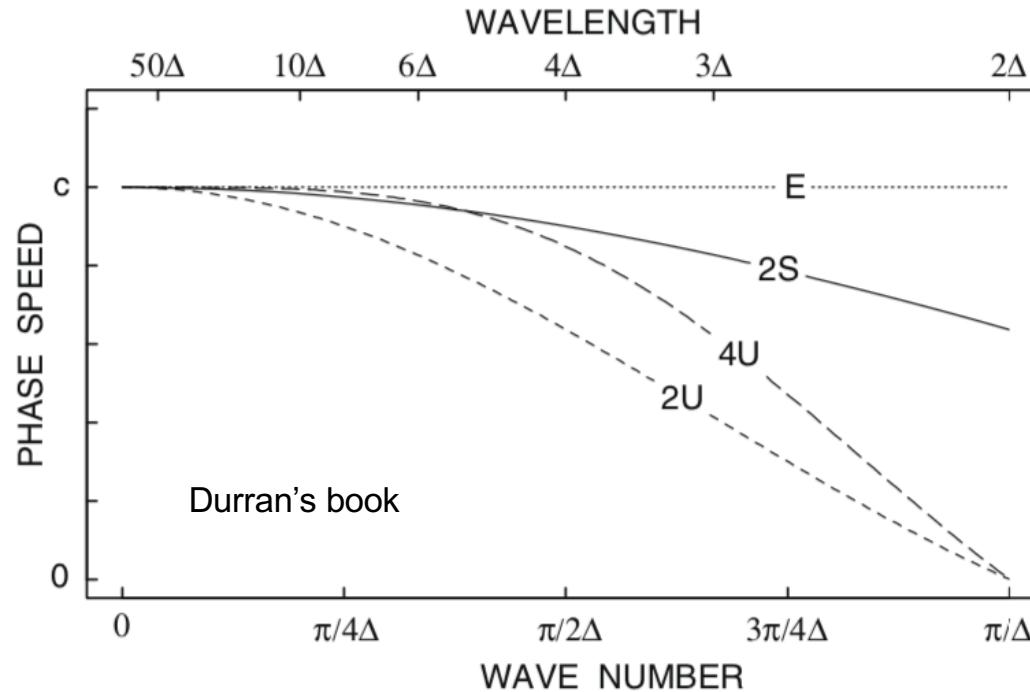


Fig. 4.2 Phase speed in the limit of good temporal resolution as a function of spatial resolution for the exact solution (E), for second-order approximations on a staggered mesh c_s ($2S$) and an unstaggered mesh c_u ($2U$), and for centered fourth-order spatial derivatives on an unstaggered mesh ($4U$)

Phase
speeds:

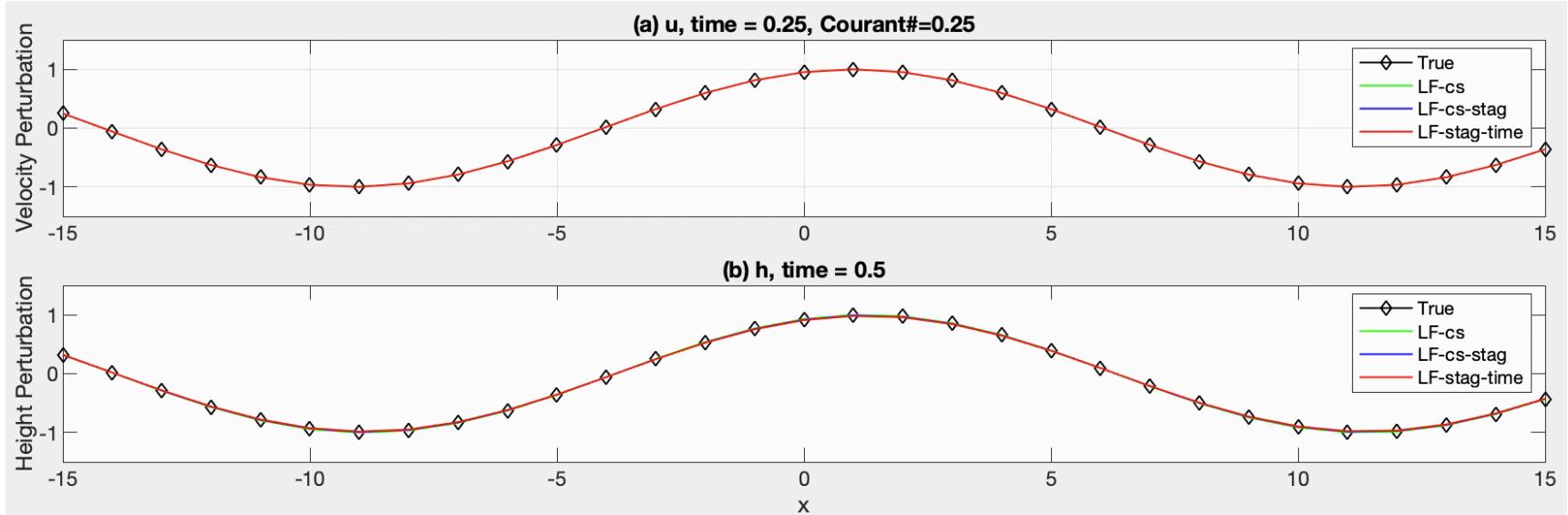
$$c_u = \frac{c}{k\Delta x} \sin k\Delta x$$

$$c_s = \frac{2c}{k\Delta x} \sin\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2}\right)$$

➤ Staggered grid: smaller differences in phases & less dispersive.

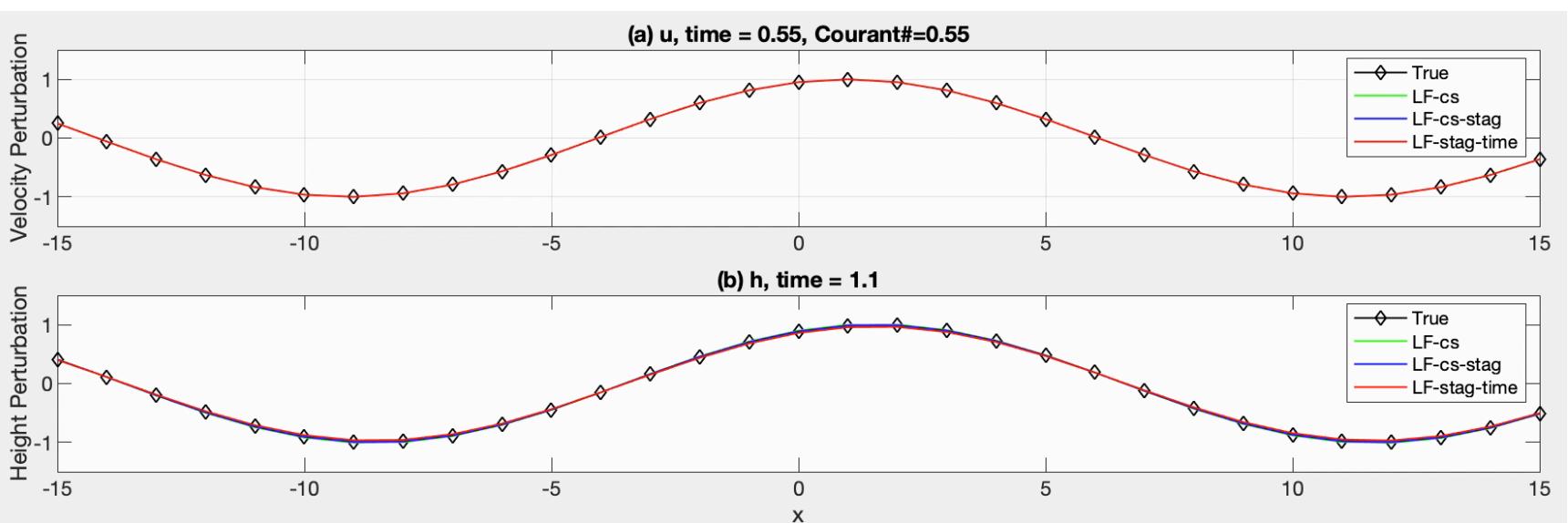
PROGRAMMING & COMPARISON OF STAGGERED AND UNSTAGGERED SCHEMES

$U=0$



$\lambda = 20\Delta x$

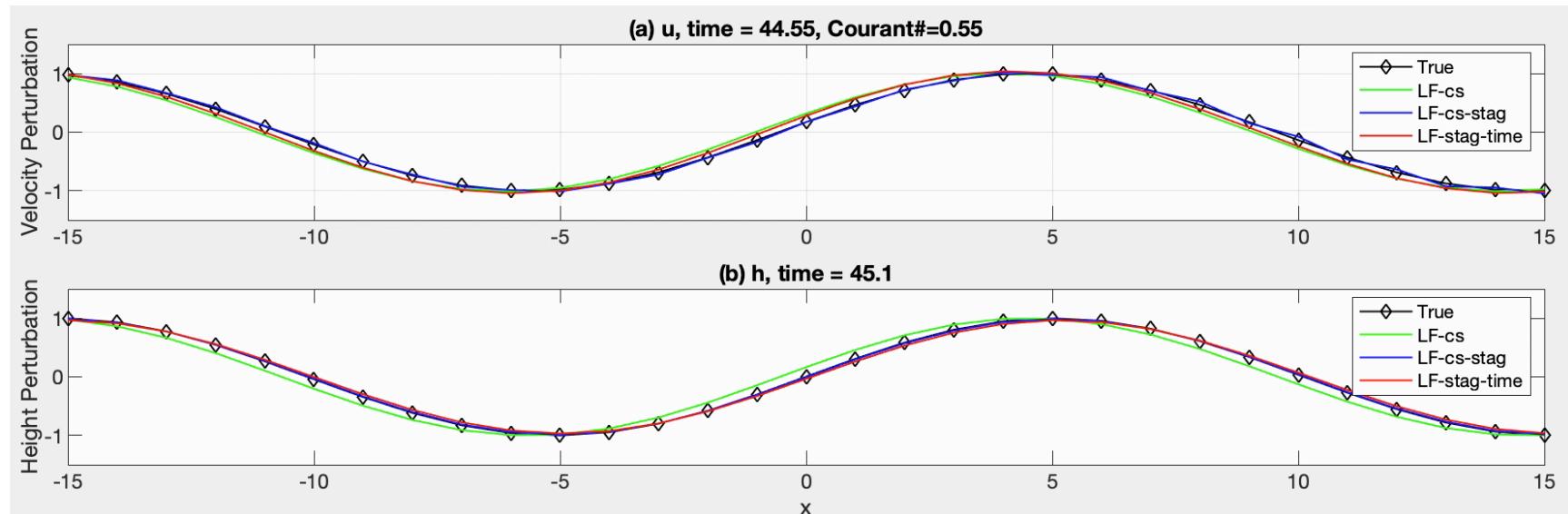
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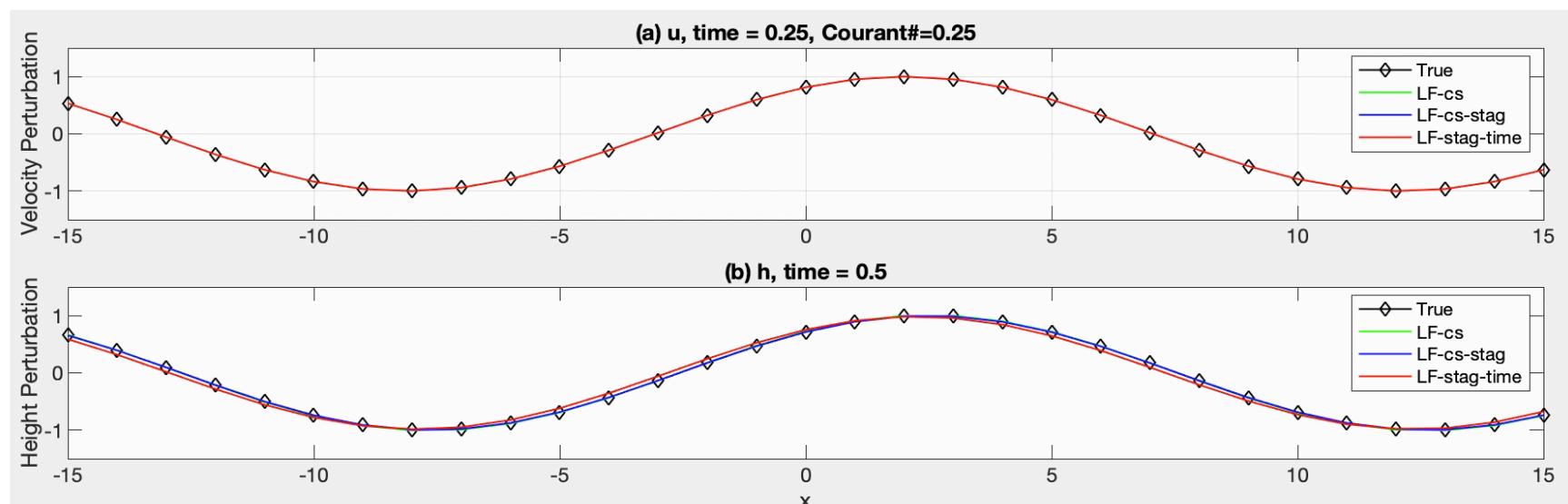
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$\lambda = 20\Delta x$

$U=1$



Temporal Staggering

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + H \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

Stagger
in space

$$\delta_{2t} u + g \delta_x h = 0$$

$$\delta_{2t} h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} + H \delta_x u_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

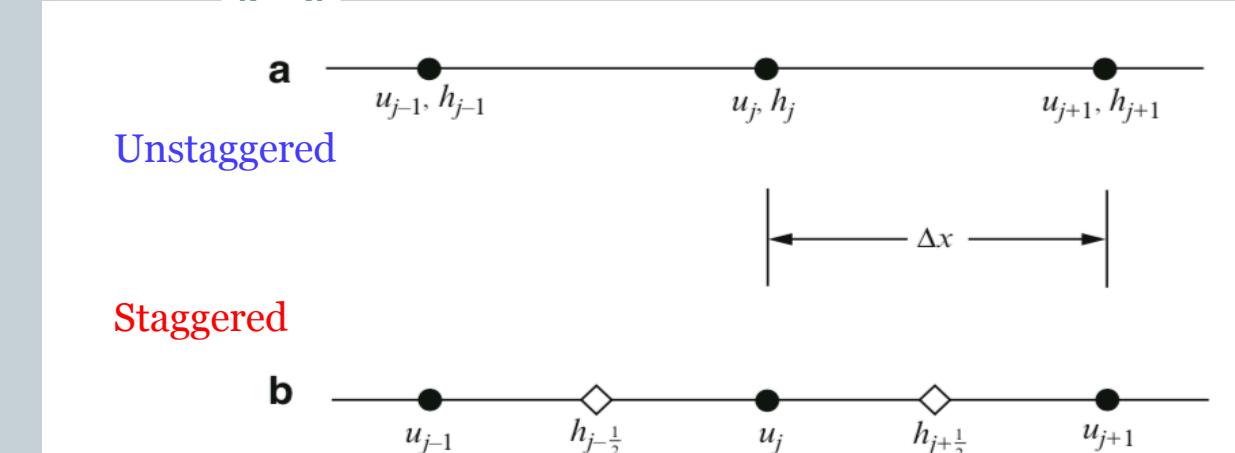


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Stagger
in time

Durran's book

$$\delta_t u_j^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + g \delta_x h_j^n = 0$$

Time step is
divided by 2

$$\delta_t h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + H \delta_x u_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = 0$$

Forward-Backward Differencing

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$$\delta_t u_j^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + g \delta_x h_j^n = 0$$

$$\delta_t h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + H \delta_x u_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{\Delta t} + g \frac{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x} = 0$$

$$\frac{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} + H \frac{u_{j+1}^{n+1} - u_j^{n+1}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

Space staggering: u is evaluated at integral grid point (u_j), while h is evaluated at half point ($h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}$).

Time staggering: u is evaluated at odd time levels ($[2n + 1]\Delta t$), while h is evaluated at even time levels ($[2n]\Delta t$).

Discrete-Dispersion Relation

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Stagger in time

$$\delta_{2t} u + g \delta_x h = 0$$

$$\delta_{2t} h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} + H \delta_x u_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

Stagger in time and space

$$\delta_t u_j^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + g \delta_x h_j^n = 0$$

$$\delta_t h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + H \delta_x h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\sin \omega \Delta t = \pm \frac{2c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \sin \frac{k \Delta x}{2}$$

$$\left| \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Stability criterion is relaxed in staggered grids in both time and space

$$\sin \frac{\omega \Delta t}{2} = \pm \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \sin \frac{k \Delta x}{2}$$

$$\left| \frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \right| \leq 1$$

Forward-Backward Differencing

$$\delta_t u_j^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + g \delta_x h_j^n = 0$$

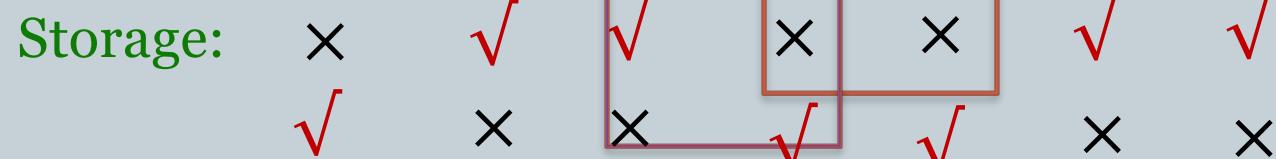
$$\delta_t h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + H \delta_x u_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{\Delta t} + g \frac{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x} = 0$$

$$\frac{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} - h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta t} + H \frac{u_{j+1}^{n+1} - u_j^{n+1}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

Time staggering: u is evaluated at odd time levels ($[2n + 1]\Delta t$), while h is evaluated at even time levels ($[2n]\Delta t$).

$$u_1, h_1 \xrightarrow{\text{update momentum eq}} u_2 \xrightarrow{h_1} h_2 \xrightarrow{u_2} u_3 \xrightarrow{h_2} h_3 \xrightarrow{u_3} u_4 \xrightarrow{h_3} h_4 \xrightarrow{u_4} u_5$$



u at even time levels, h at odd time levels are all intermediate values:

SAVE STORAGE. (go to code)

Advantage/Disadvantage

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	Stability	Phase Performance	Storage	Mean flow limitation
Leapfrog time Center space	$\left \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right \leq 1$	Most dispersive	More	No
Leapfrog time Staggered space (middle points)	$\left \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right \leq \frac{1}{2}$	Least dispersive	More	No
Forward- Backward time Staggered space	$\left \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right \leq 1$	Less dispersive	Less	$U \ll c$ U is very small