

Final Presentation

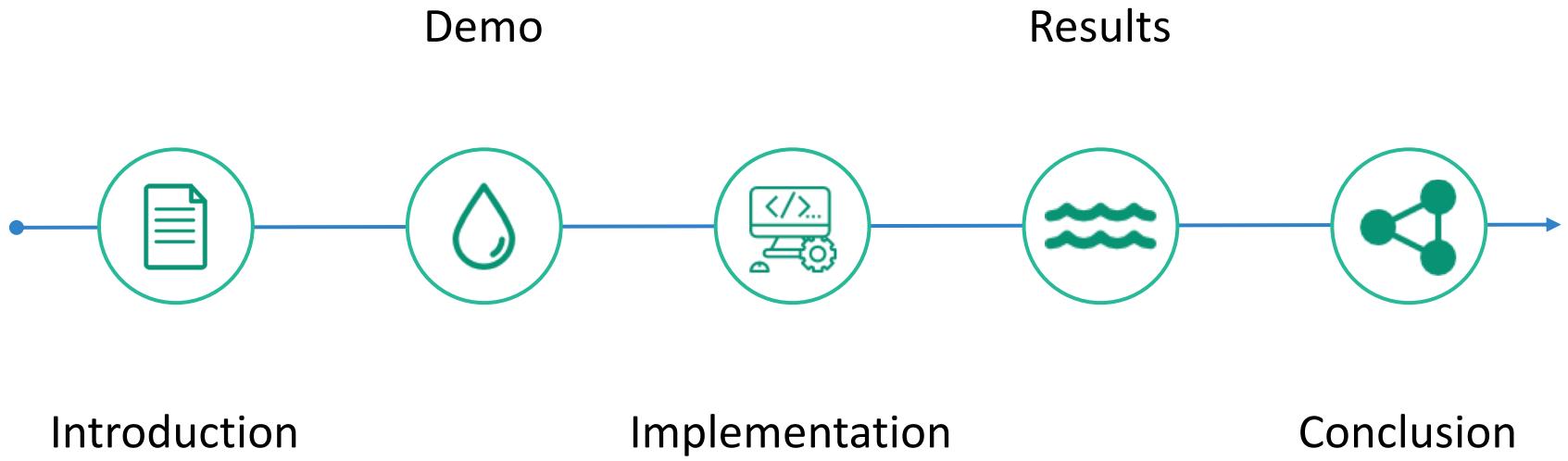
Particle Simulation

Building a particle based fluid simulator using
a Position Based Dynamics framework

Experimenting with different material
properties

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📍 Agenda



Background



Simulating fluids has been a long standing challenge in computer graphics

- Liquids are super awesome and add interesting features to any scene
- Relevant in computer games, movies, and 9gag gifs!



The goal is to build a particle based method for fluid simulation in real time

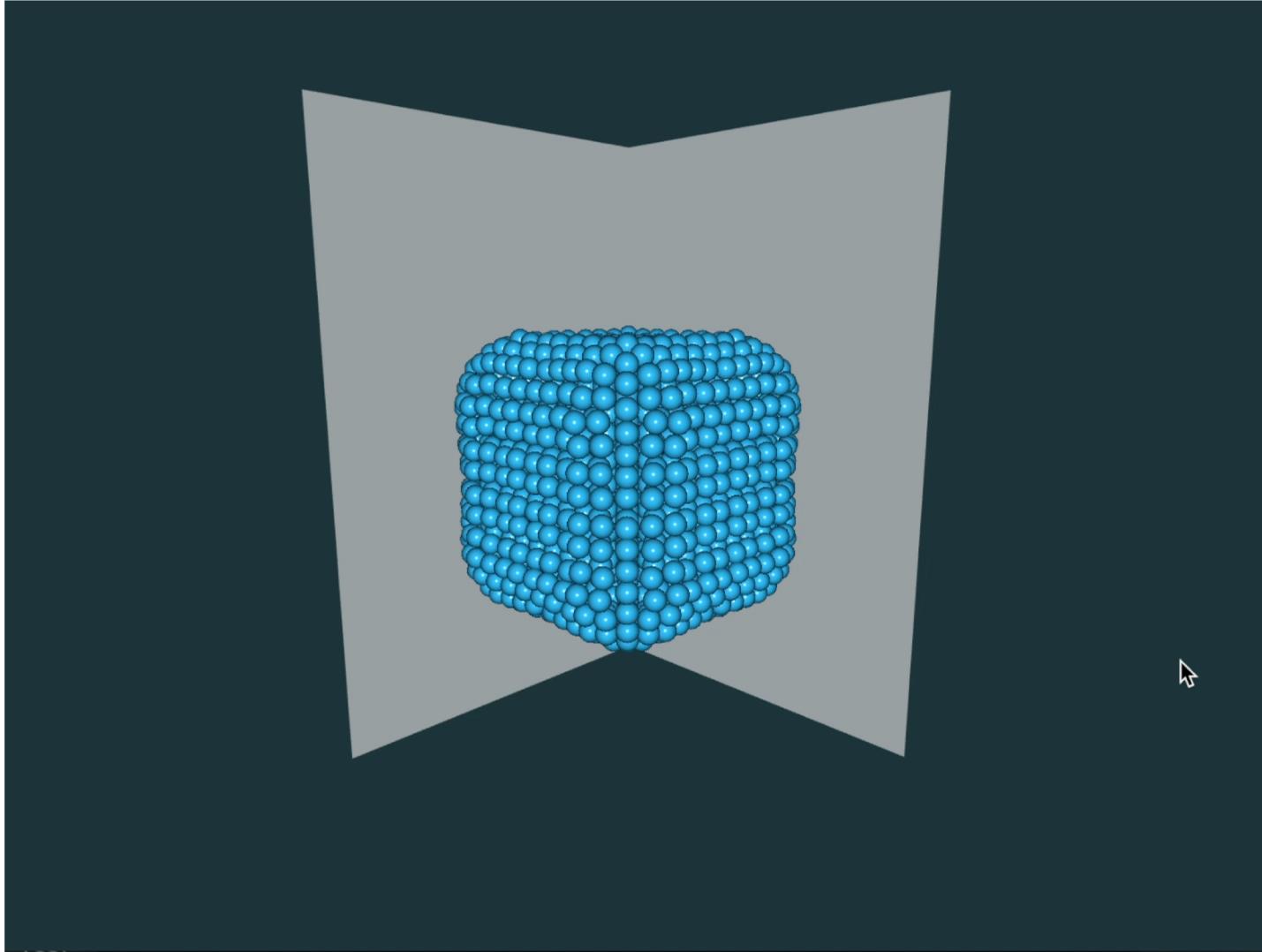
- Draw inspiration from an NVIDIA paper by Macklin and Muller
- Study how incompressible flow can be simulated using a Position Base Dynamics (PBD) framework



We started with [Dillon Yao's](#) code found in the [f2](#) repository

- It contained a really nice project directory structure and make files that were beautifully set up
- GUI that build an empty scene where particles can reside

Demo





Implementation Overview

Position Based Fluids by Miles Macklin and Matthias Muller

Position Based Dynamics

With an iterative density solver to converge to smoothed particle hydrodynamic solvers

Incompressible Flow

1. Using particle density constraints and constraint gradients to find particle lambda values

$$\lambda_i = -\frac{C_i(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n)}{\sum_k |\nabla_{\mathbf{p}_k} C_i|^2 + \epsilon},$$

2. Utilize this lambda value to calculate the next particle position

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_i = \frac{1}{\rho_0} \sum_j (\lambda_i + \lambda_j) \nabla W(\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j, h).$$

Vorticity Confinement and Viscosity

1. Estimate particle vorticity to find a corrective force for particle

$$\mathbf{f}_i^{vorticity} = \epsilon (\mathbf{N} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}_i).$$

2. Apply XSPH viscosity to calculate new particle velocity

$$\mathbf{v}_i^{new} = \mathbf{v}_i + c \sum_j \mathbf{v}_{ij} \cdot W(\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j, h)$$

Algorithm 1 Simulation Loop

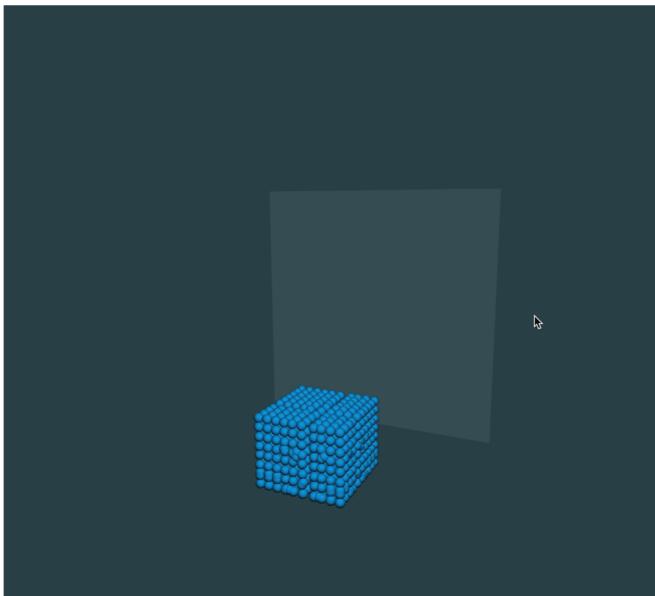
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1: for all particles  $i$  do
2:   apply forces  $\mathbf{v}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_i + \Delta t \mathbf{f}_{ext}(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 
3:   predict position  $\mathbf{x}_i^* \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_i + \Delta t \mathbf{v}_i$ 
4: end for
5: for all particles  $i$  do
6:   find neighboring particles  $N_i(\mathbf{x}_i^*)$ 
7: end for
8: while  $iter < solverIterations$  do
9:   for all particles  $i$  do
10:    calculate  $\lambda_i$ 
11:   end for
12:   for all particles  $i$  do
13:    calculate  $\Delta \mathbf{p}_i$ 
14:    perform collision detection and response
15:   end for
16:   for all particles  $i$  do
17:    update position  $\mathbf{x}_i^* \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_i^* + \Delta \mathbf{p}_i$ 
18:   end for
19: end while
20: for all particles  $i$  do
21:   update velocity  $\mathbf{v}_i \leftarrow \frac{1}{\Delta t} (\mathbf{x}_i^* - \mathbf{x}_i)$ 
22:   apply vorticity confinement and XSPH viscosity
23:   update position  $\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_i^*$ 
24: end for
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📍 Implementation Hurdles



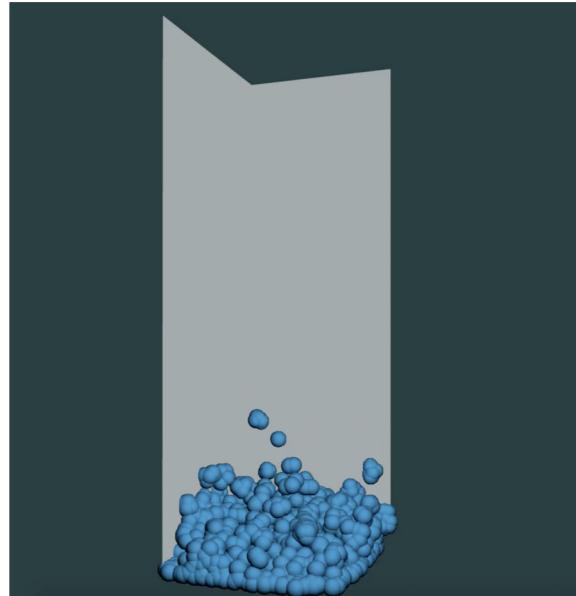
Box Set-Up

Plane collisions were not set up correctly and particles would escape corners and edges



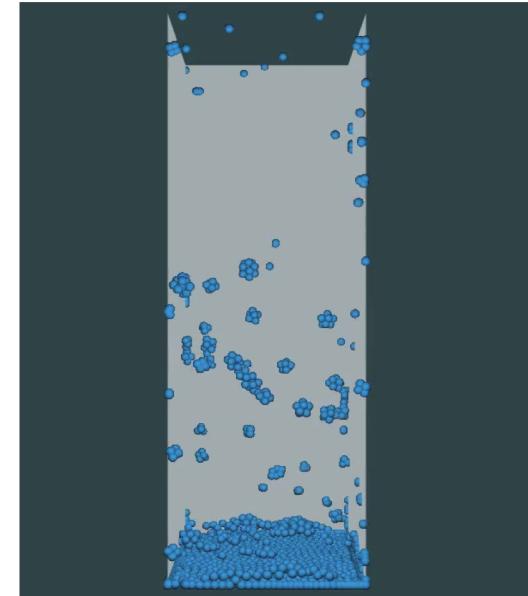
Boiling Water

Bugs in particle neighbors resulted in particles pushing each other away



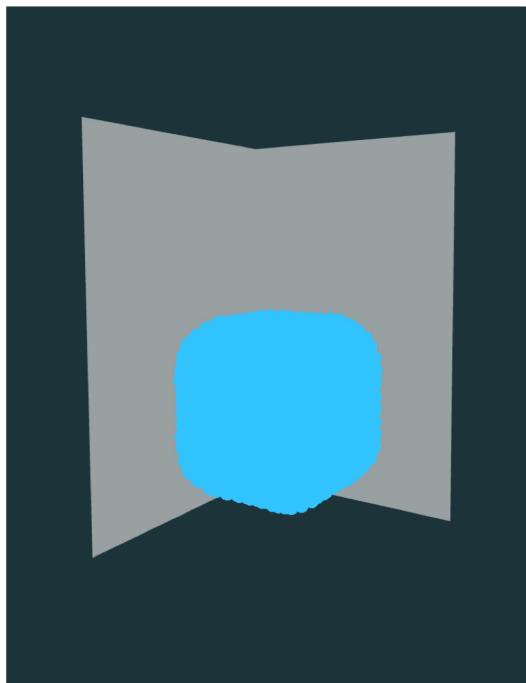
Vorticity

Bugs in our vorticity and viscosity implementation led to funky clumps and anti-gravity

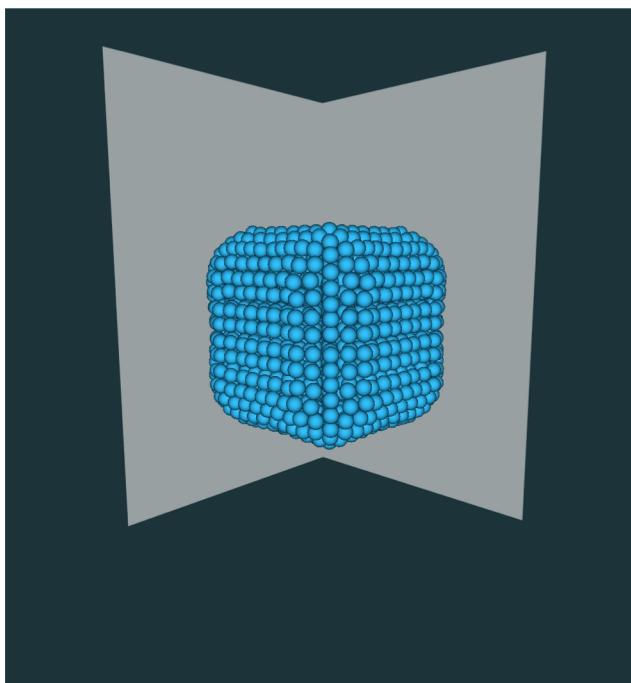




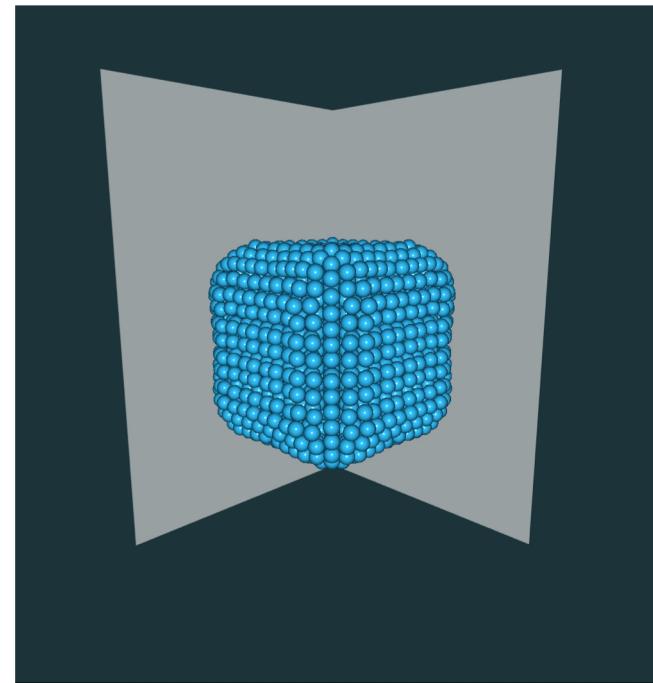
Results -- Water



No particle shading



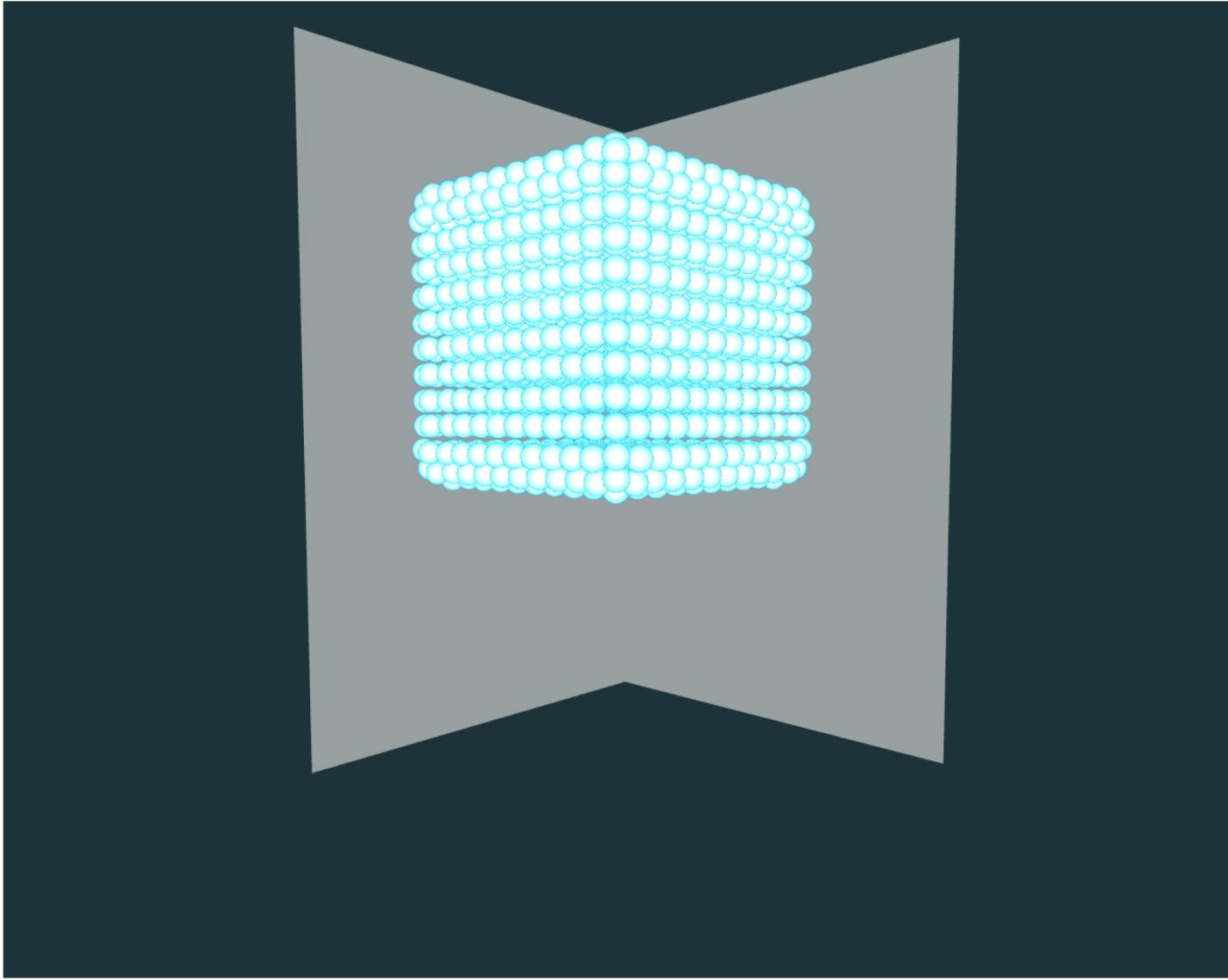
Blinn Phong Diffuse Shading



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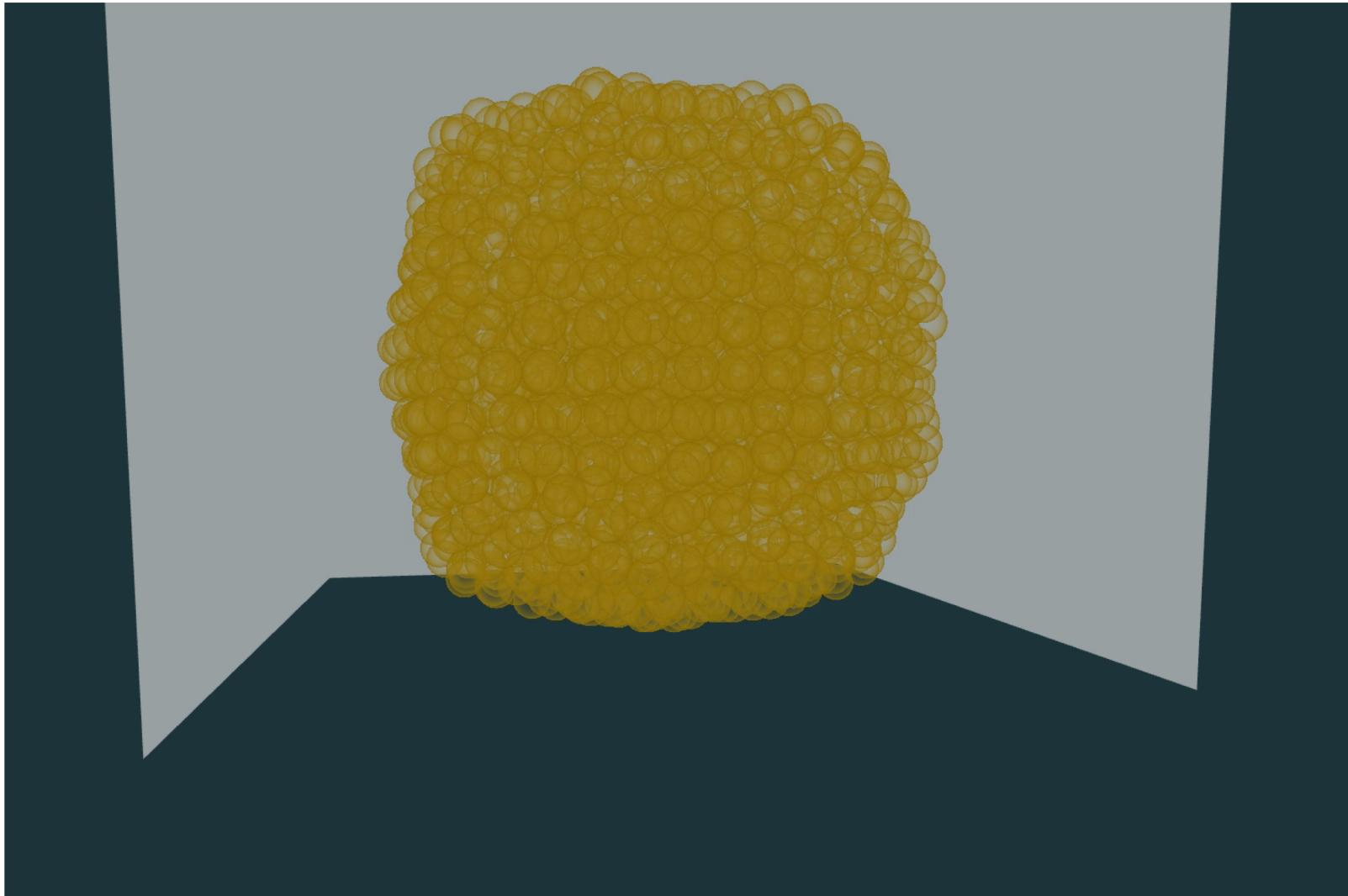


Results – Styrofoam Balls



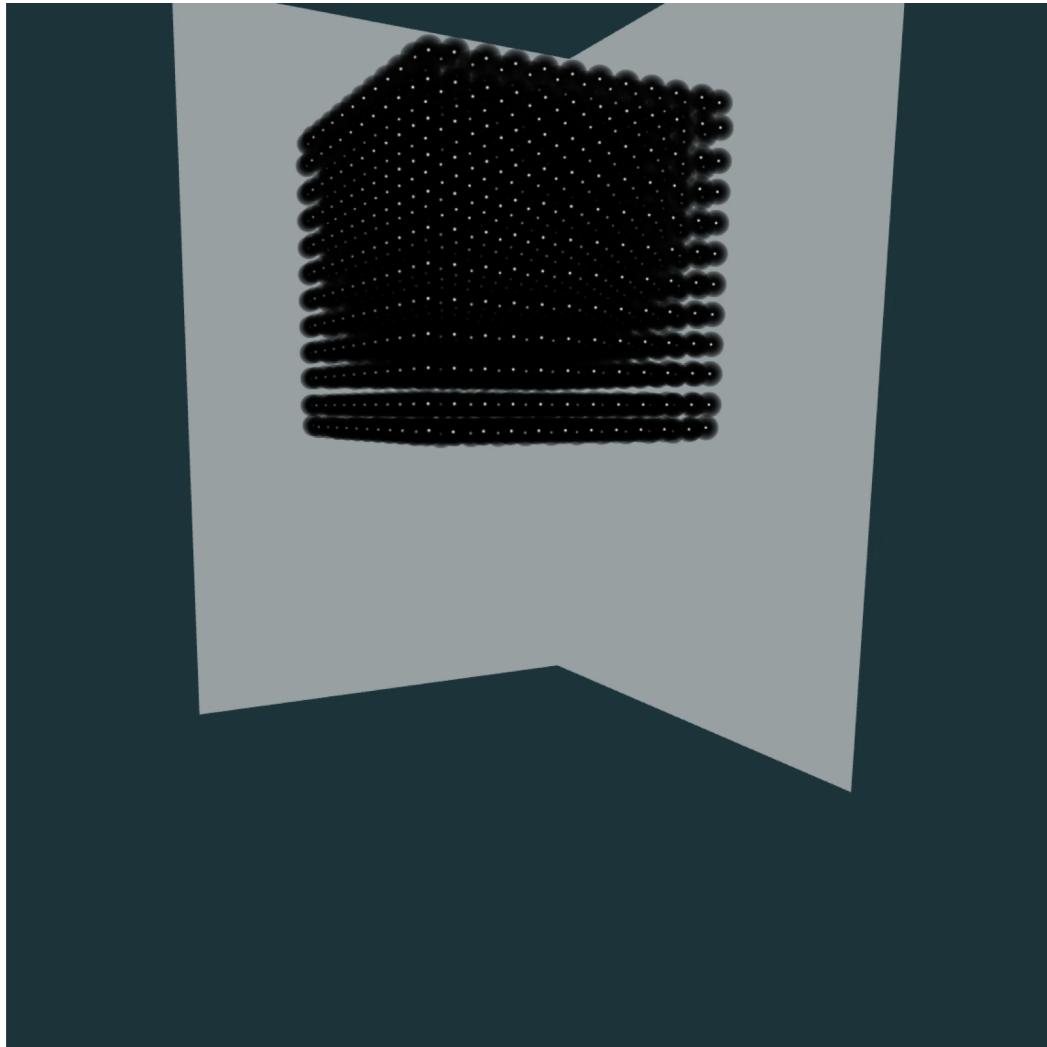


Results – Oil





Results – Boba!



Boba particle simulation uses a **velocity based** color changing scheme



Faster particles are more **transparent**

Conclusion

Lessons Learned:

-  Fluid Dynamics is fascinating and we wish we had time to take physics while in college
-  Working across three different computers in parallel can be challenging and exciting
-  Optimizing runtime by sacrificing memory can have tremendous improvements to over all performance

Our Favorite Part:

Seeing Justin's face when he finally got vorticity to work



Thank You:

Thanks Dillon for the countless debugging advice, and ridiculous patience

