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Free-surface waves using extended shallow water models part 1

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1 Overview

Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50–9:00	<i>Opening</i>				
9:00–10:30	L3	L5	L2	L4	L6
10:30–11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00–12:30	L1	L1	L2	L4	L6
12:30–13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30–15:00	L3	L5	L3	L5	
15:00–15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>			
15:30–17:00	Poster session	L1			
17:45–19:00			<i>Social event</i>		

L1: Mon 11-12:30

- overview
- motivation
- derivation

L2: Tue 11-12:30

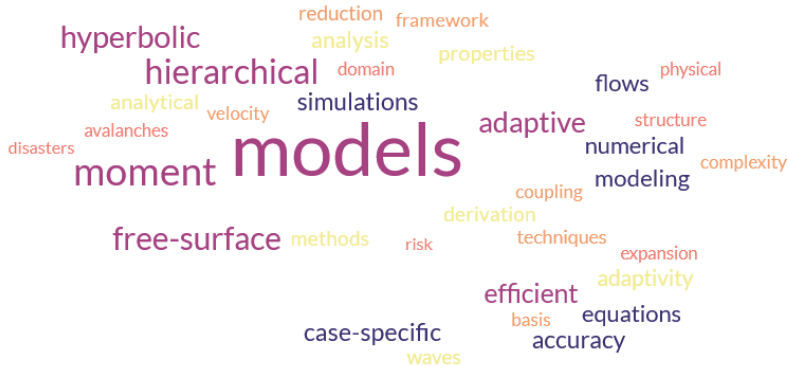
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L3: Tue 15:30-17

- selected papers
- outlook

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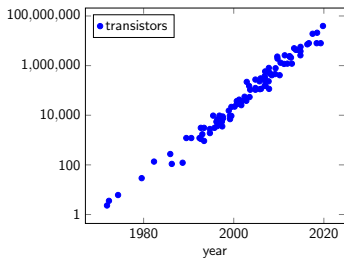


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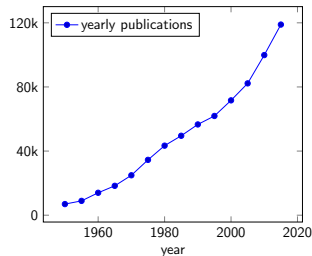
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- 4 Examples/Exercises

Progress in mathematical modeling and numerical simulation

Computing power increases (Moore's law)

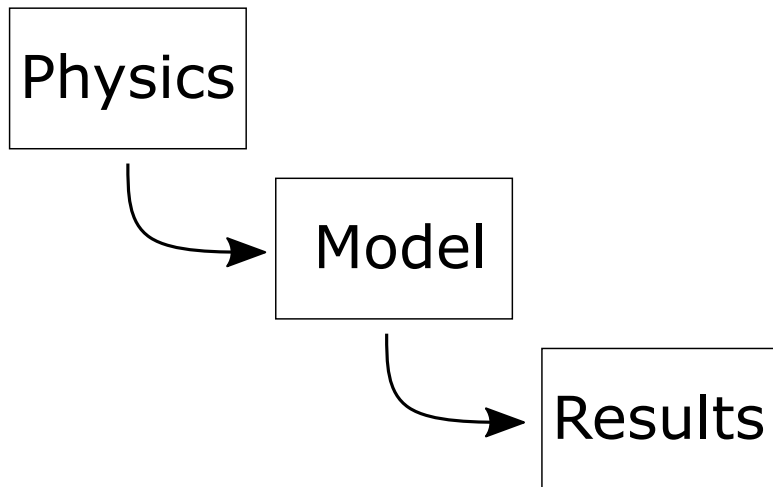


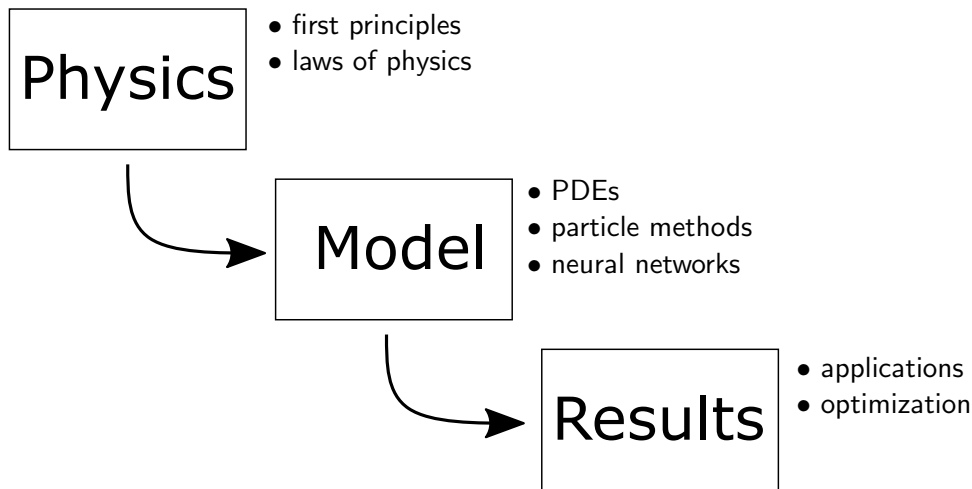
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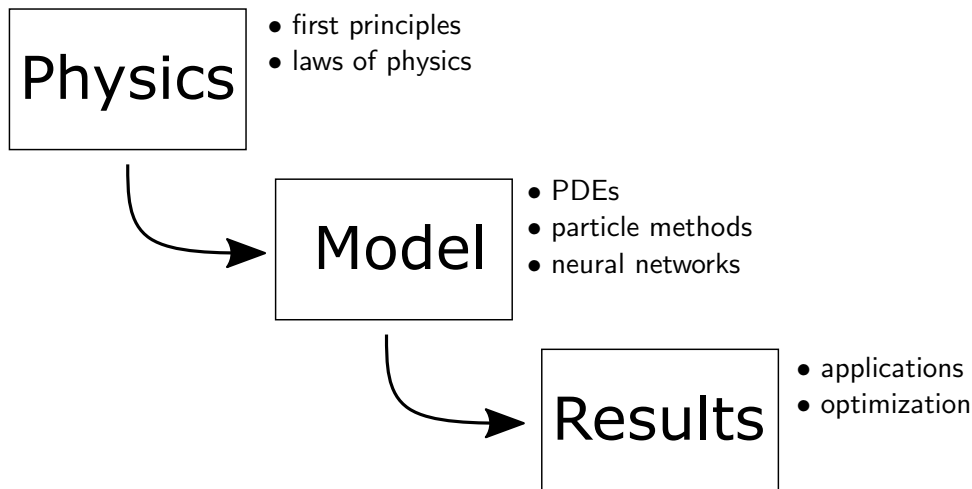


Status quo: diversity of complex models \Rightarrow repeated derivation, analysis, implementation

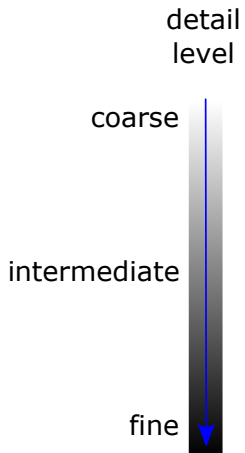
Question: How to use our resources efficiently?







Question: What are desirable model properties?

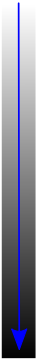


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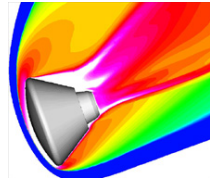
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intermediate

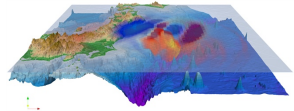
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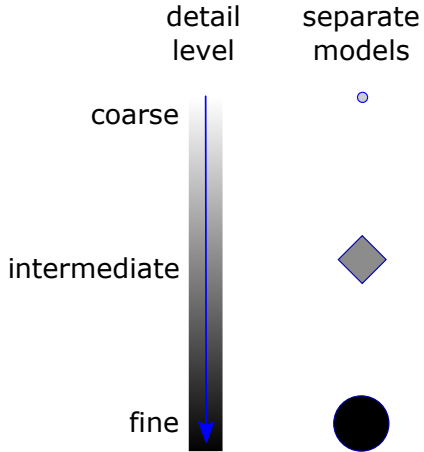


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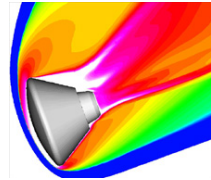


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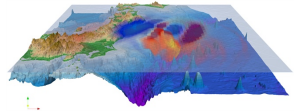


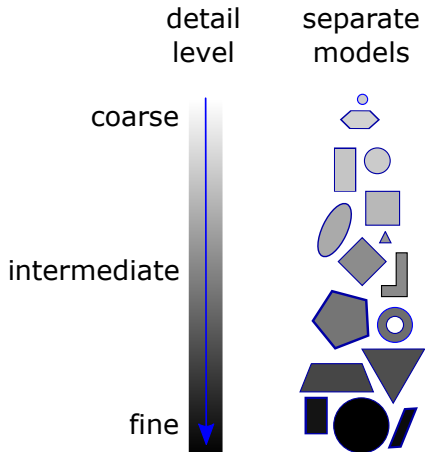


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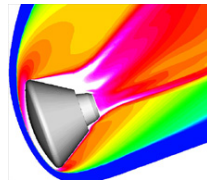


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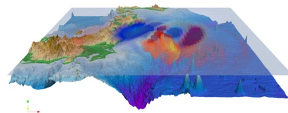


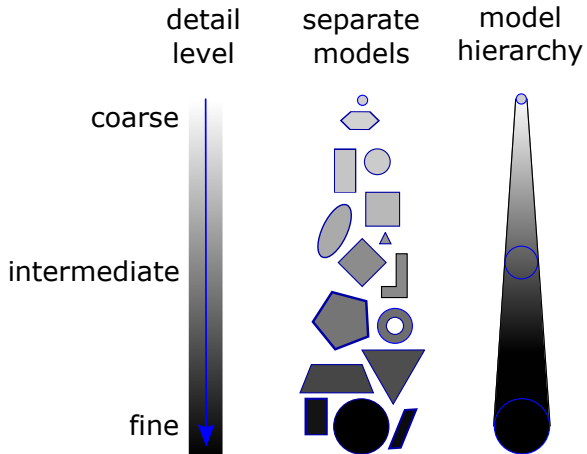


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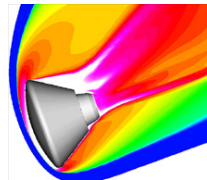


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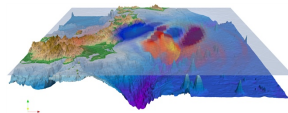


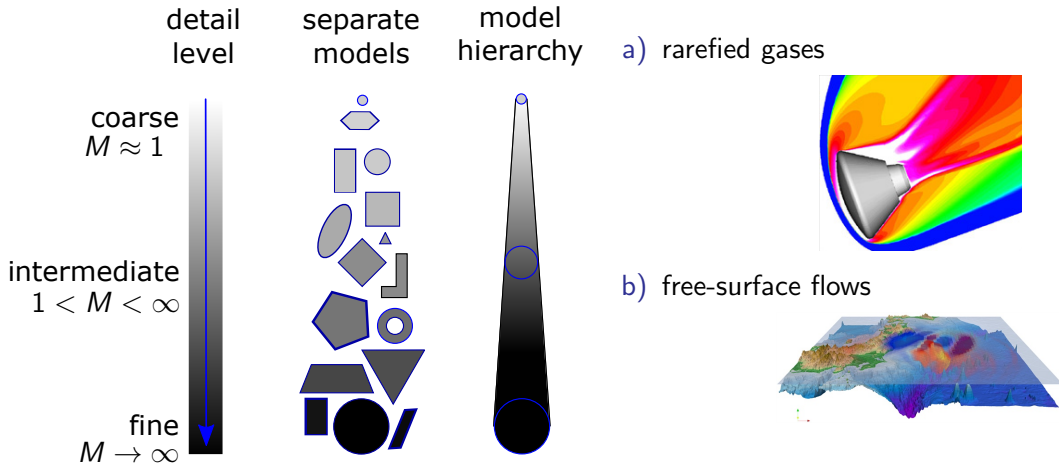


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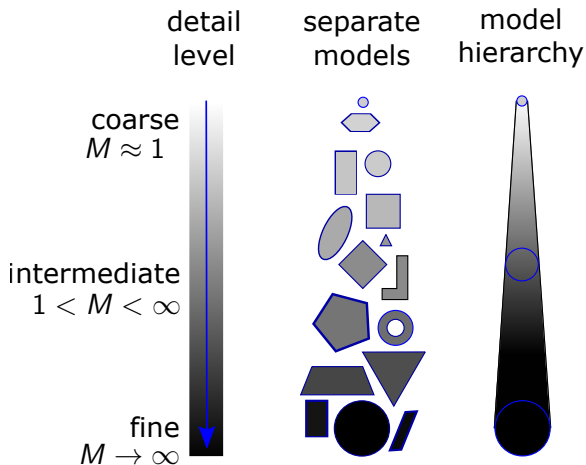


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Hierarchical mathematical modeling



Hierarchical moment models

Advantages

1. general derivation
 2. structure preserving
 3. accurate results
- ⇒ adaptive simulations

Hierarchical Simulation Using Moment Models

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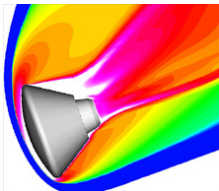
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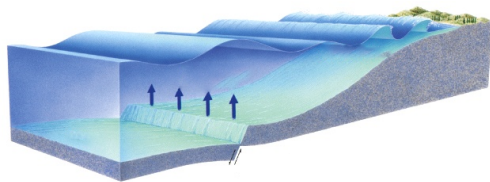
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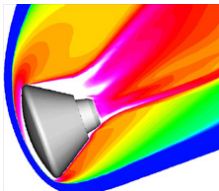


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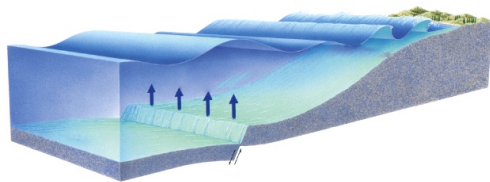
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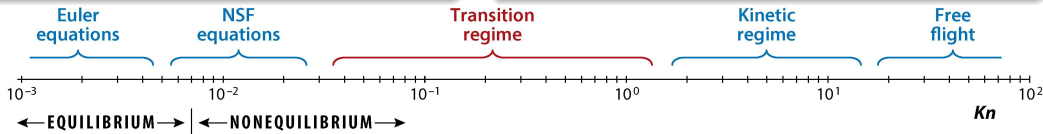
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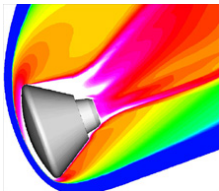
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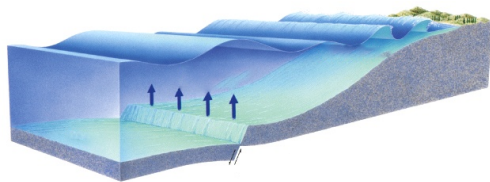
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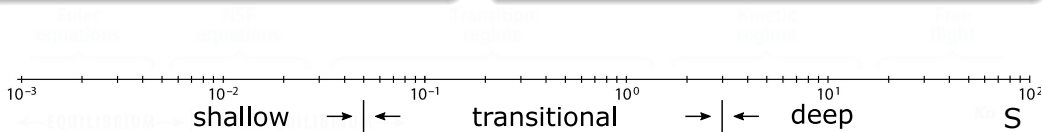
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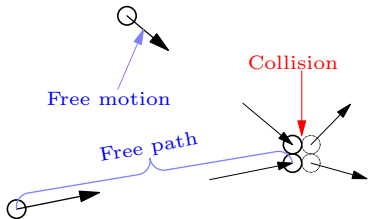


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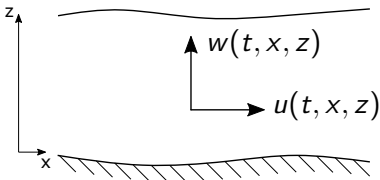
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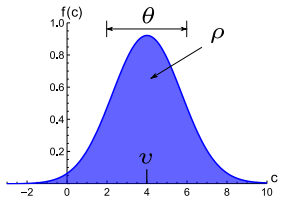


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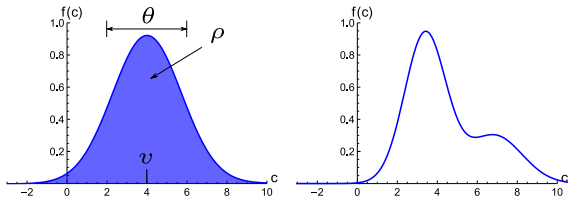
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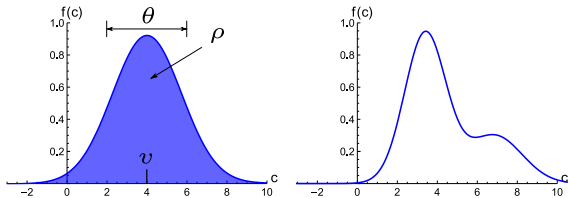
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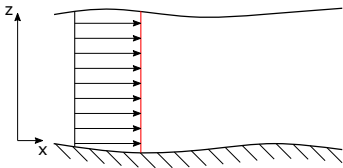


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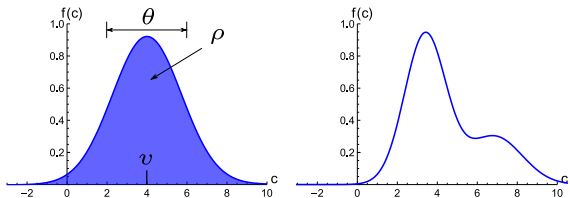


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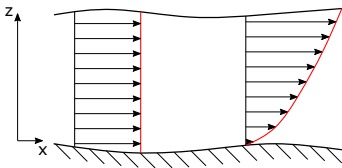
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Moment models

1. underlying model equation

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{U}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) = 0$$

2. expansion with ansatz

$$\mathbf{U}_{\mathbb{M}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{M}} \mathbf{U}_i(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \Phi_i^{\mathbf{U}}(\mathbf{y})$$

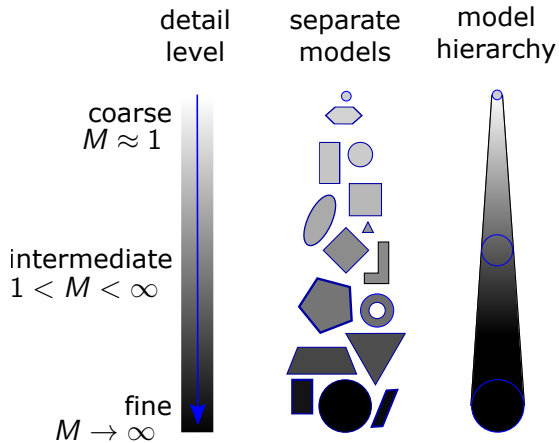
3. *moment* projection

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Moment model

Hierarchical system of lower-dimensional PDEs for $\mathbf{U}_i(t, \mathbf{x})$

General derivation of hierarchical moment models



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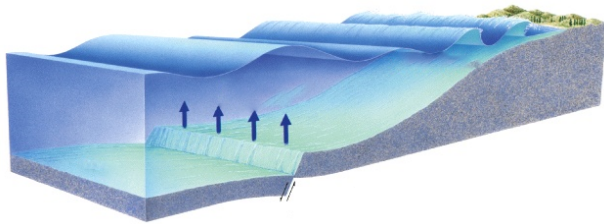
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Other models

- uncertainty quantification
- traffic flow

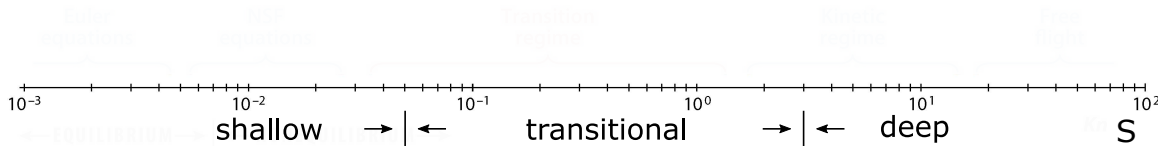
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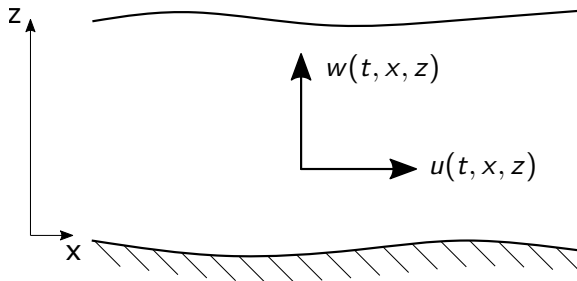
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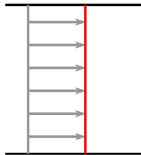
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Shallow flows: Micro-, Macro- and Meso-scale

macroscopic

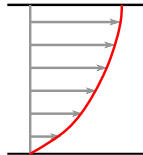


shallow water equations

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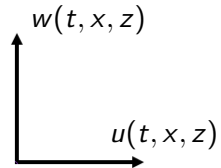
$$\partial_t(hu_m) + \partial_x\left(hu_m^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2\right) = -hg\partial_x h_b$$

mesoscopic



moment equations

microscopic



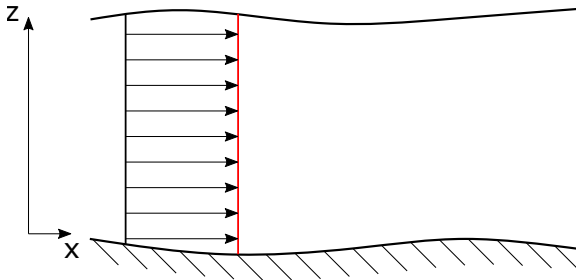
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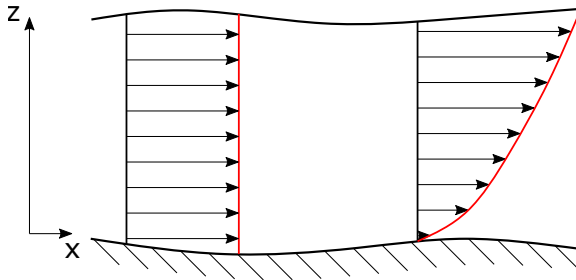
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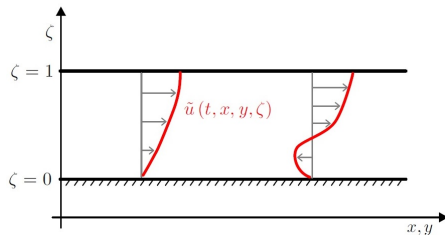
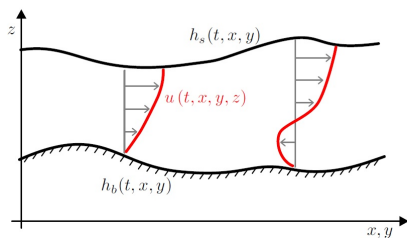


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$$z \mapsto \zeta = \frac{z - h_b}{h_s - h_b} = \frac{z - h_b}{h}$$

$$z \in [h_b(t, x), h_s(t, x)] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \zeta \in [0, 1]$$

From NSE to transformed system

NSE

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u + \partial_x(u^2) + \partial_z(uw) &= -\frac{1}{\rho}\partial_x p + \frac{1}{\rho}\partial_x \sigma, \\ \partial_x u + \partial_z w &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

The pressure is assumed hydrostatic $p = (h_s - z)g$.
transformed system

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t h + \partial_x(hu_m) + \partial_y(hv_m) &= 0, \\ \partial_t(hu + \frac{g}{2}h^2) + \partial_\zeta\left(hu\omega - \frac{1}{\rho}\sigma_{xz}\right) &= gh\partial_x h_b.\end{aligned}$$

The vertical coupling ω is defined as

$$\omega = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^\zeta \left(\int_0^1 \partial_x(hu(\check{\zeta})) d\check{\zeta} - \partial_x(hu(\hat{\zeta})) \right) d\hat{\zeta}.$$

Boundary conditions example

- no slip boundary condition at the bottom
- zero Neumann boundary condition at the top

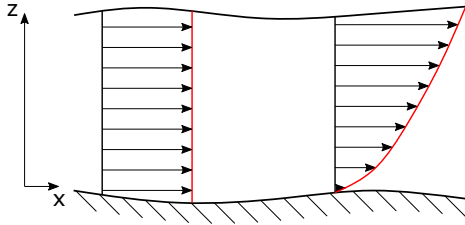
$$\partial_{\zeta} u \mid_{\zeta=1} = 0$$

$$u \mid_{\zeta=0} = 0$$

- slip boundary condition or friction at the bottom are possible
- for mud flows or land slides, Mohr-Coloumb friction law has to be used

Represent variations over depth with polynomials

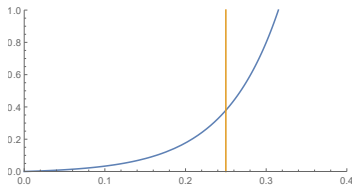
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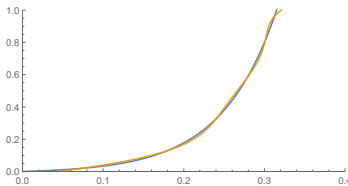
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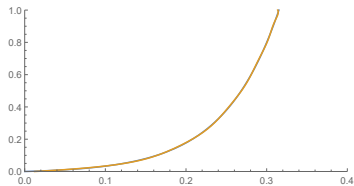
$M = 0$



$M = 5$



$M = 10$



Example/Exercise 1: Polynomial velocity expansions

We expand the velocity profile $u(t, x, \zeta)$ in Legendre polynomials as follows:

$$u(t, x, \zeta) = u_m(t, x) + \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t, x) \cdot \phi_i(\zeta),$$

where the first three Legendre polynomials are given by:

$$\phi_1(\zeta) = 1 - 2\zeta, \quad \phi_2(\zeta) = 1 - 6\zeta + 6\zeta^2, \quad \phi_3(\zeta) = 1 - 12\zeta + 30\zeta^2 - 20\zeta^3,$$

with normalization $\phi_i(0) = 1$ and orthogonality on $[0, 1]$

$$\int_0^1 \phi_i(\zeta) \phi_j(\zeta) d\zeta = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{2i + 1}.$$

Compute the values of the variables $u_m, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ for the following velocity profiles:

- ❶ Constant profile: $u(t, x, \zeta) = 0.25$.
- ❷ Linear profile: $u(t, x, \zeta) = 0.5\zeta$.
- ❸ Quadratic profile: $u(t, x, \zeta) = 1.5\zeta(1 - \zeta)$.

Moment models

1. underlying model equation

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Moment model

Hierarchical system of lower-dimensional PDEs

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t h + \partial_x (hu_m) = 0, \\ \partial_t (hu_m) + \partial_x \left(hu_m^2 + h \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\alpha_j^2}{2j+1} \right) + gh \partial_x (b+h) = -\frac{\nu}{\lambda} \left(u_m + \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \right), \\ \partial_t (h\alpha_i) + \partial_x \left(h \left(2u_m \alpha_i + \sum_{j,k=1}^N A_{ijk} \alpha_j \alpha_k \right) \right) = u_m \partial_x (h\alpha_i) - \sum_{j,k=1}^N B_{ijk} \alpha_k \partial_x (h\alpha_j) \\ \quad - (2i+1) \left(-\frac{\nu}{\lambda} \left(u_m + \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \right) + \frac{\nu}{h} \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ij} \alpha_j \right) \end{array} \right.$$

A_{ijk}, B_{ijk}, C_{ij} are constant coefficients:

$$\frac{A_{ijk}}{2i+1} = \int_0^1 \phi_i \phi_j \phi_k d\xi, \quad \frac{B_{ijk}}{2i+1} = \int_0^1 \phi'_i \left(\int_0^\xi \phi_j d\xi \right) \phi_k d\xi, \quad \text{and} \quad C_{ij} = \int_0^1 \phi'_i \phi'_j d\xi.$$

Example/Exercise 2: free-surface flow friction

The transformed equation includes a friction term $-\frac{1}{\rho}\partial_{\zeta}\tilde{\sigma}_{xz}$.

Compute the final term in the moment equations obtained by projection with test function $\psi_j = \phi_j$ using

- Expansion $u(t, x, \zeta) = u_m(t, x) + \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t, x) \cdot \phi_i(\zeta)$.
- Orthogonal Legendre basis with normalization $\phi_i(\zeta)|_{\zeta=0} = 1$.
- Newtonian friction law in the bulk: $\zeta \in [0, 1] : \frac{1}{\rho}\tilde{\sigma}_{xz} = \frac{\nu}{h} \cdot \partial_{\zeta}u(\zeta)$ and:
 - 1 No slip boundary condition at the top: $\zeta = 1 \Rightarrow \tilde{\sigma}_{xz}(1) = 0$.
 - 2 Slip boundary condition at the bottom: $\zeta = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho}\tilde{\sigma}_{xz}(0) = \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \cdot u(0)$ with slip length λ and viscosity coefficient ν

($M = 0$)

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} h \\ hu_m \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} hu_m \\ hu_m^2 + g \frac{h^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ gh \partial_x b \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u_m \end{pmatrix},$$

for slip friction law at bottom with slip length λ and viscosity ν .

$$M = 1$$

First order model: $u(\zeta) = u_m + \alpha_1 \phi_1(\zeta)$, $\phi_1(\zeta) = 1 - 2\zeta$

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} h \\ hu_m \\ h\alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} hu_m \\ hu_m^2 + g\frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{1}{3}h\alpha_1^2 \\ 2hu_m\alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & u_m \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} h \\ hu_m \\ h\alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} P$$

with

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u_m + \alpha_1 \\ 3(u_m + \alpha_1 + 4\frac{\lambda}{h}\alpha_1) \end{pmatrix}$$

Shallow Water Moment Equations [KOWALSKI, TORRILHON, 2019]

$M = 2$

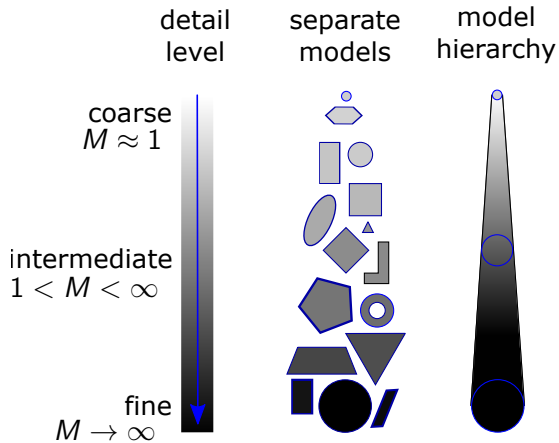
Second order model: $u(\zeta) = u_m + \alpha_1 \phi_1(\zeta) + \alpha_2 \phi_2(\zeta)$, $\phi_2(\zeta) = 1 - 6\zeta + 6\zeta^2$

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} h \\ hu_m \\ h\alpha_1 \\ h\alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} hu_m \\ hu_m^2 + g \frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{1}{3} h \alpha_1^2 + \frac{1}{5} h \alpha_2^2 \\ 2hu_m \alpha_1 + \frac{4}{5} h \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \\ 2hu_m \alpha_2 + \frac{2}{3} h \alpha_1^2 + \frac{2}{7} h \alpha_2^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & u_m - \frac{\alpha_2}{5} & \frac{\alpha_1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_1 & u_m + \frac{\alpha_2}{7} \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} h \\ hu_m \\ h\alpha_1 \\ h\alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\nu}{\lambda} P$$

with

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u_m + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \\ 3 \left(u_m + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 4 \frac{\lambda}{h} \alpha_1 \right) \\ 5 \left(u_m + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 12 \frac{\lambda}{h} \alpha_2 \right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

General derivation of hierarchical moment models



Ansatz:

$$\mathbf{U}_{\mathbb{M}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{M}} \mathbf{U}_i(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \Phi_i^U(\mathbf{y})$$

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Other models

- uncertainty quantification
- traffic flow

4 Exercises/Examples

Example/Exercise 3: kinetic equation 1

Derive a moment model for the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t, x, c) + c \partial_x f(t, x, c) = 0,$$

with $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and the following ansatz:

$$f(t, x, c) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{c^2}{2}} \sum_{i=0}^M \alpha_i(t, x) \cdot He_i(c),$$

for orthonormal Hermite polynomials $He_i(c)$ following the recursions:

$$c He_i(c) = \sqrt{i+1} He_{i+1}(c) + \sqrt{i} He_{i-1}(c),$$

$$\int He_i(c) He_j(c) \cdot w(c) dc = \delta_{ij},$$

for weight function $w(c) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{c^2}{2}}$.

Example/Exercise 4: kinetic equation 2

Derive a moment model for the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t, x, c) + c \partial_x f(t, x, c) = 0,$$

with $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and the following ansatz:

$$f(t, x, c) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{c^2}{2}} \sum_{i=0}^M f_i(t, x) \cdot He_i(c)$$

with orthogonal, but non-orthonormal Hermite basis polynomials $He_i(c)$:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} He_i(c) \cdot He_j(c) \cdot w(c) dc = j! \delta_{i,j},$$

$$c He_i(c) = He_{i+1}(c) + i \cdot He_{i-1}(c),$$

for weight function $w(c) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{c^2}{2}}$.

Example/Exercise 5: Uncertainty quantification and stochastic Galerkin

The hot shower model is given by the delay differential equation:

$$\dot{x}(t) = -(K + w) \cdot x(t - \tau),$$

with

x : target temperature difference

w : uniformly distributed uncertainty $w \sim U(-0.1, 0.1)$

K : reaction parameter

τ : delay.

- 1 Rewrite the model with normalized uncertainty $w \sim U(-1, 1)$.
- 2 Use the polynomial chaos expansion (PCE) $x(t, w) = \sum_{i=0}^N x_i(t) \phi_i(w)$, with ϕ_i Legendre polynomials, orthonormal on $[-1, 1]$, to derive a stochastic Galerkin model for the evolution of the coefficients x_i in matrix-vector form.

summary

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