

Hamiltonian water wave model: balancing dispersion and nonlinearity

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Introduction

- **Depth-averaged shallow water equations** workhorse in coastal and marine engineering; **shallow** means horizontal scales \gg vertical ones:



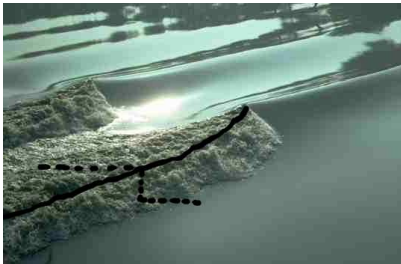
(a) Prediction of wave run-up/flooding in surf zone. Courtesy: J.-W. Wolf.



(b) Hydrodynamics and bed erosion. Pet-temerzeewering. Courtesy: wiki.

Shallow water equations are **simplified** with horizontal coordinates x, y and time t :

- variables are **depth** $h(x, y, t)$ and depth-averaged horizontal **velocity** $\mathbf{v}(x, y, t)$
- **bores** and hydraulic jumps arise as simplified model of breaking waves ...



(c) Undular bore in River Severn. Courtesy: D. Howell Peregrine



(d) Mascaret/bore River Risle; breaking/nonbreaking. Courtesy: Malandain '88

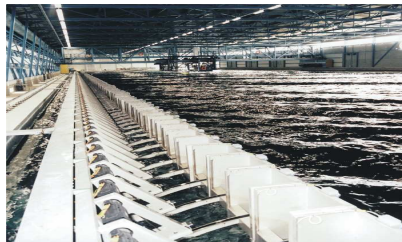
- **Free surface potential flow water wave model** under gravity is widely used for offshore and marine engineering problems:

→ accurate dispersion: (deep-water) waves of different wave length travel with different speeds

→ velocity irrotational $\mathbf{u} = \nabla\phi$



(e) Offshore oil platform “Thunder Horse” tilted by hurricane Dennis.



(f) Wave maker at MARIN, The Netherlands.

Both models approximations of 3D Euler equations with free-surface dynamics.

Advantages:

- inviscid (avoid numerical dissipation wave amplitude)
- SWE: less degrees of freedom due to depth-averaging
- Potential flow: simpler flow field

Disadvantages:

- SWE: no dispersion of waves
- Potential flow: no circulation/vortices, and bores.

Objective 1: Derive a hybrid model with accurate dispersion, bores, and horizontal depth-averaged circulation, via variational/Hamiltonian techniques.

Why variational/Hamiltonian techniques?

Preserve mathematical properties of PDE's and associated conservation laws, energy, mass, wave amplitude

Objective 2: Derive a conservative DGFEM for this new hybrid model to be compatible, no loss of wave amplitude except locally at bores.

Why DGFEM?

Flexibility at moving boundaries, differential geometry, flexibility regarding compatibility: crux lies in flux & function spaces.

Make waves!

with accurate dispersion, no amplitude loss, horizontal circulation and, locally, allow bores as breaking waves.

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Ockham: "Frusta fit per plura quod potest fieri per pauciora"

—it is futile to employ many principles when it is possible to employ fewer.

Nonlinear oscillator

- Dynamics of nonlinear oscillator contained in Action Integral

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \delta L[\chi, \dot{\chi}] &:= \delta \int_0^T K - V dt = \delta \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} \dot{\chi}^2 - V(\chi) dt \\ &= - \int_0^T (\ddot{\chi} + V'(\chi)) \delta \chi dt. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

position $\chi(t)$; $\dot{\chi} = d\chi/dt$; endpoints: $\delta\chi(0) = \delta\chi(T) = 0$.

- One finds therefore:

$$\ddot{\chi} + V'(\chi) = 0. \quad (2)$$

Add constraint:

- Legendre transform; use Lagrange multiplier λ :

$$0 = \delta \tilde{L}[\chi, \lambda, u] := \delta \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} u^2 - V(\chi) + \lambda(\dot{\chi} - u) dt \quad (3)$$

- Variation of u gives: $\delta u : u - \lambda = 0$; substitute $u = \lambda$ back into A1:

$$0 = \delta L^*[\chi, \lambda] := \delta \int_0^T \lambda \dot{\chi} - \left(\frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 + V(\chi) \right) dt \quad (4)$$

- Use similar (Lin) constraints for incompressible water waves in Eulerian case.

Eulerian action principle

- with explicit constraints reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} D |\mathbf{u}|^2 - g D z + p(1 - D) - \underbrace{D\boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot (\partial_t \mathbf{a} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{a})}_{\text{labels term}} \\
 + \phi (\partial_t D + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} D)) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega_s} \lambda (\partial_t h + \mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla (h + b) - w_s) \, dx dy dt \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

- 3D parcel labels $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, t)$
- Lagrange multipliers $D\boldsymbol{\pi}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ constraining label advection by velocity \mathbf{u}
- Lagrange multiplier ϕ constraining density D to satisfy mass continuity
- Lagrange multiplier λ for kinematic free surface condition
- Lagrange multiplier p for incompressibility constraint $D - 1 = 0$.

Strategy

- with explicit constraints:

$$0 = \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} D |\mathbf{u}|^2 - g D z + p(1 - D) - \underbrace{D \boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot (\partial_t \mathbf{a} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{a})}_{\text{labels term}} + \underbrace{\phi (\partial_t D + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} D))}_{\text{density}} dx dt \quad (6)$$

- Potential flow:** remove labels term; constraint: $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi$ (Luke 1967)
- New model:** approximate labels term to horizontal/depth-averaged ones

$$\frac{1}{h} \int_b^{h+b} D dz \partial_t \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{h} \int_b^{h+b} D \mathbf{u} dz \cdot \nabla \mathbf{a} = 0. \quad (7)$$

New model with horizontal circulation

- Horizontal labels $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}(x, y, t)$ and multipliers $\boldsymbol{\pi} = \boldsymbol{\pi}(x, y, t)$ are kept

$$0 = \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} D |\mathbf{u}|^2 - g D z + p(1 - D) + \phi (D_t + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} D)) \\ - D \boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot (\partial_t \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{a}) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega_s} \lambda (\partial_t h + \mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla (h + b) - w_s) dx dy dt$$

- \mathbf{u} -variation yields: $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi + \mathbf{v} \equiv \nabla \phi + (\nabla \mathbf{a})^T \boldsymbol{\pi}$ with $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}(x, y, t)$
- Substitution

- Substitute $\mathbf{u} = \nabla\phi + \mathbf{v} \equiv \nabla\phi + (\nabla\mathbf{a})^T\boldsymbol{\pi}$ and $\lambda = D_s\phi_s$ into principle and clean up:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} D\partial_t\phi + D\boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \partial_t\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}D|\nabla\phi + \mathbf{v}|^2 + Dgz + p(D-1) \, dxdt \\
 &\equiv \delta \int_0^T \left(\int_{\Omega_H} \int_b^{b+h} D\partial_t\phi + D\boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \partial_t\mathbf{a} \, dx dy dz + \mathcal{H} \right) dt
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

- with Hamiltonian/energy \mathcal{H} .
- Structure similar to canonical one: $0 = \delta \int_0^T -p\dot{q} + H(p, q) dt$.
- Variation wrt pairs $\{D, \phi\}, \{(\phi)_s, h\}, \{D\boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{a}\} \dots$ yields **Hamiltonian** modification of water wave equations.

- System:

$$\nabla^2 \phi + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (9a)$$

$$(\partial_t \phi)_s + \frac{1}{2} |(\nabla \phi)_s + \mathbf{v}|^2 + g(h + b) - \mathbf{v} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}} = 0 \quad (9b)$$

$$\partial_t h + \nabla \cdot (h \bar{\mathbf{u}}) = 0 \quad (9c)$$

$$\partial_t (h \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (h \bar{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{v}) + h \mathbf{v} \nabla \bar{\mathbf{u}} = 0 \quad (9d)$$

$$h \bar{\mathbf{u}} = \int_b^{b+h} \nabla_H \phi dz + h \mathbf{v}. \quad (9e)$$

- Depth-averaged $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}(x, y, t)$ and **potential vorticity** $q(x, y, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{v}/h$:

$$(\partial_t + \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla) q = 0.$$

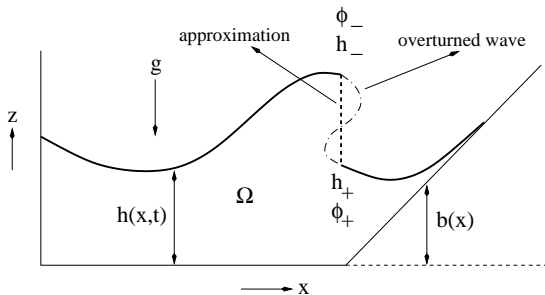
- **Potential flow** limit: $\mathbf{v} = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \nabla_H \varphi$.

- **Shallow water limit:** $\phi \rightarrow \phi_s$, follows from rewritten form

$$\partial_t h + \nabla \cdot (h \bar{\mathbf{u}}) = 0 \quad (10a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t (h \bar{\mathbf{u}}) + \nabla_H \cdot (h \bar{\mathbf{u}} \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{2} g h^2) + g h \nabla b + h \nabla_H (\partial_t \phi)_s - h \partial_t (\overline{\nabla_H \phi}) + \\ \frac{1}{2} h \nabla_H (|\mathbf{u}_s|^2 - |\bar{\mathbf{u}}|^2) + h (\bar{\mathbf{u}} \nabla \overline{\nabla_H \phi} - \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \overline{\nabla_H \phi}) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (10b)$$

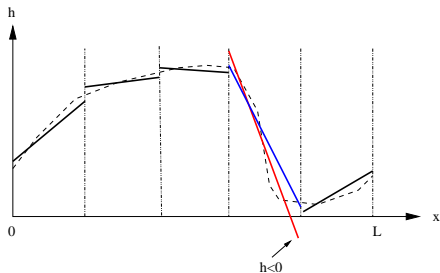
- Also leads to weak formulation for **bore and hydraulic jumps:**



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Discontinuous Galerkin finite element models

- Variables represented by continuous functions/polynomials within element K but are discontinuous across



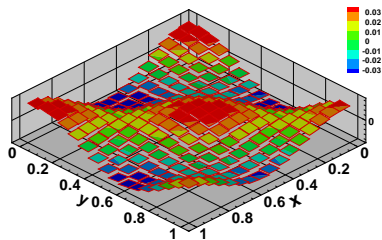
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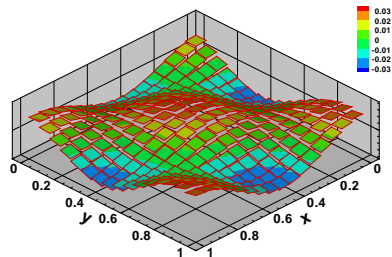
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(h) Variational space-time DG scheme



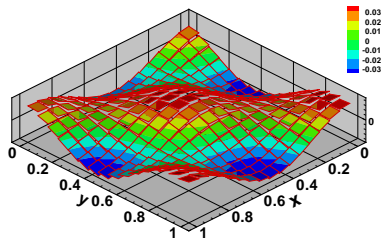
(i) Standard space-time DG scheme

Figure: Free surface evolution at $t = T$ on a grid of size $16 \times 16 \times 4$.

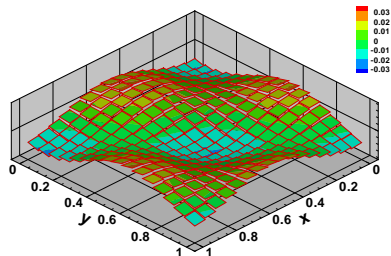
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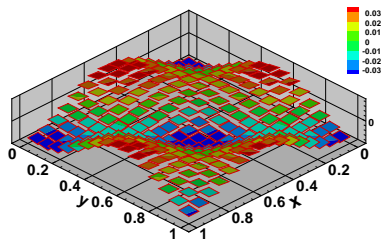
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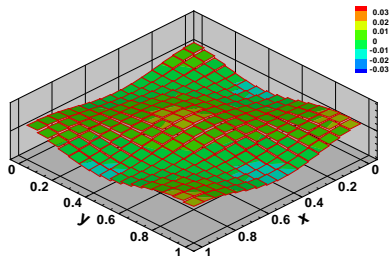
(b) Standard space-time DG scheme

Figure: Free surface evolution at $t = 2T$ on a grid of size $16 \times 16 \times 4$.

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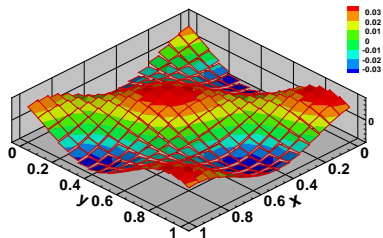
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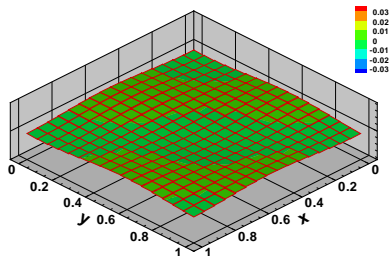
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Figure: Free surface evolution at $t = 4T$ on a grid of size $16 \times 16 \times 4$.

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- Simplification **new model** in vertical under investigation, with bore relations; explore relation with Klopman et al's Boussinesq model (2010).
- Extension variational DGFEM to **nonlinear free surface waves** underway.
- Extension to compatible DGFEM for **new water wave model with accurate dispersion and horizontal circulation**: NWO project, Ph.D. position.
- **MACE —Maths Assails Coastal Erosion**: fast/accurate flood/storm wave predictions along coast.

Conclusions

- Gone towards goal:

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Variational principles: Euler fluid with free surface

Lagrangian action principle incompressible Euler equations with free surface:

- reads, in extension of finite-dimensional case $\chi \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\chi}$ & $V(\chi) \rightarrow g\chi_3$:

$$0 = \delta L[\boldsymbol{\chi}, \partial_\tau \boldsymbol{\chi}, p] = \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_0} \frac{1}{2} |\partial_\tau \boldsymbol{\chi}|^2 - g\chi_3 + p(1/D - 1) \, d\mathbf{a} d\tau \quad (11)$$

- fluid parcel position: $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z)^T = \boldsymbol{\chi}(\mathbf{a}, \tau)$ and time $t = \tau$
- continuum of fluid labelled: $\mathbf{a} = (a, b, c)^T = \boldsymbol{\chi}(\mathbf{a}, 0)$
- Jacobian density D : $D^{-1} = \partial(\boldsymbol{\chi})/\partial(\mathbf{a})$; $D \, d\mathbf{x} = d\mathbf{a}$
- endpoint conditions: $\delta \boldsymbol{\chi}(\mathbf{a}, 0) = \delta \boldsymbol{\chi}(\mathbf{a}, T) = 0$
- acceleration of gravity g
- Lagrange multiplier and pressure p incompressibility constraint $1/D - 1 = 0$.
- Variations yield:

$$\delta \boldsymbol{\chi} : \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{\chi}}{\partial \tau^2} = -(\nabla p + g\mathbf{z}) \circ \boldsymbol{\chi} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta p : D = 1 \quad (12)$$

- Note that, with $\partial_\tau \boldsymbol{\chi} = \mathbf{u} \circ \boldsymbol{\chi}$:

$$\partial_\tau D^{-1} = D^{-1} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \circ \boldsymbol{\chi} \stackrel{D=1}{\Rightarrow} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Eulerian action principle, $\chi(\mathbf{a}, \tau) \rightarrow \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, t)$:

- reads

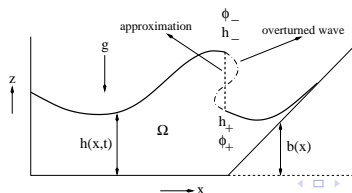
$$0 = \delta L[\mathbf{a}, \partial_t \mathbf{a}, p] = \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} D |\mathbf{u}|^2 - Dgz + p(1 - D) \, dxdt \quad (13)$$

- velocity $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = (u, v, w)^T$.
- Variations yield incompressible Euler equations, incompressibility condition, and kinetic free-surface condition at S : $z = h + b$, depth $h = h(x, y, t)$ and topography $b = b(x, y)$ with \mathbf{v}_s at S :

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla(p + gz) = 0 \quad (14a)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (14b)$$

$$\partial_t h + \mathbf{v}_s \cdot \nabla(b + h) - w_s = 0 \quad (14c)$$



Luke's variational principle: potential flow water waves

- Variation of

$$0 = \delta \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} D |\mathbf{u}|^2 - g D z + p(1 - D) + \phi (\partial_t D + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} D)) \, dx dt, \quad (15)$$

- wrt \mathbf{u} yields potential flow: $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi$; substitute into variational principle
- to get **Luke's variational principle** $0 = \delta L[\phi, \phi_s, h]$ (when we set $D = 1$):

$$0 = \delta \int_0^T \iint \int_b^{b+h} \frac{1}{2} D |\nabla \phi|^2 + D g z + D \partial_t \phi + p(1 - D) \, dx dy dz dt \quad (16)$$

- Variations give **water wave equations** and Bernoulli:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Bernoulli:} & p = \partial_t \phi + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi|^2 + g z \\ \text{3D Laplace:} & \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \\ \text{free surface} & (\partial_t \phi)_s + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi|_s^2 + g(h + b) = 0 \\ \text{dynamics} & \partial_t h + (\nabla \phi)_s \cdot \nabla (h + b) - (\partial_z \phi)_s = 0. \end{array} \quad (17)$$