A multilayer model for non-hydrostatic multiscale free-surface flows

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Examples of possible vertical discretisations



Edward Norton Lorenz, Energy and numerical weather prediction, 1960.

Which one is best? \rightarrow choose the best dispersion relation based on the *linearised* perturbation system ($h_k = \bar{h}_k + h'_k e^{i(\hat{k}x - \omega t)}$, $u_k = u'_k e^{i(\hat{k}x - \omega t)}$, etc.)

$$\begin{aligned} -\omega \, h'_k + \bar{h}_k \, u'_k \, \hat{k} &= 0, \\ &- \bar{h}_k \, u'_k \, \omega &= -g \, \hat{k} \, \bar{h}_k \sum h'_k - \bar{h}_k \, \hat{k} \, \frac{\phi'_{k+1} + \phi'_k}{2}, \\ &- \bar{h}_k \, \frac{w'_k + w'_{k-1}}{2} \, \omega \, i &= \phi'_k - \phi'_{k+1}, \\ &\bar{h}_k \, u'_k \, \hat{k} \, i + w'_k - w'_{k-1} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

Computing the determinant then gives (for two layers)

$$\omega_2^2(\hat{k}) = 8 g \frac{h_0 h_1^2 \hat{k}^4 + (h_1 + h_0) \hat{k}^2}{3 h_0^2 h_1^2 \hat{k}^4 + 3 (3 h_0^2 + h_0 h_1 + h_1^2) \hat{k}^2 + 8}$$

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 6000×8000 km, spatial resolution: 1–250 km

Serre–Green–Naghdi



CPU runtime: 7h30

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Detail of flooding



Sendai plain: 140 \times 200 km



Multilayer hydrostatic



Riemann solver



Navier-Stokes VOF



Multilayer (runtime: 3 min)



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Navier-Stokes VOF (runtime: 1h15)



3D breaking Stokes wave

t = 0.00 T0

0.6 0.5 0.4 0.1 0.3 0 0.2 -0.1 0.1 -0.2 0 z -0.3 -0.1 -0.4 -0.5 0.5 -0.6 0.4 0.3 0.2 -0.7 0.1 -0 0 -0.3 y -0.1 -0 -0.1 -0.2 -0.3 х -0.4

0.5-0.5

- A semi-discrete consistent representation of the incompressible Euler/Navier–Stokes equations with a free-surface.
- This new set of equations has a clear physical interpretation and makes a seamless link between the Euler, Saint-Venant and Boussinesq equations.
- The same model gives accurate and efficient solutions for the evolution of metre-scale to kilometer-scale waves.
- Work in progress:
 - Multimaterial flows: densities, rheologies, surface tension etc.
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- Preprint on HAL and basilisk.fr