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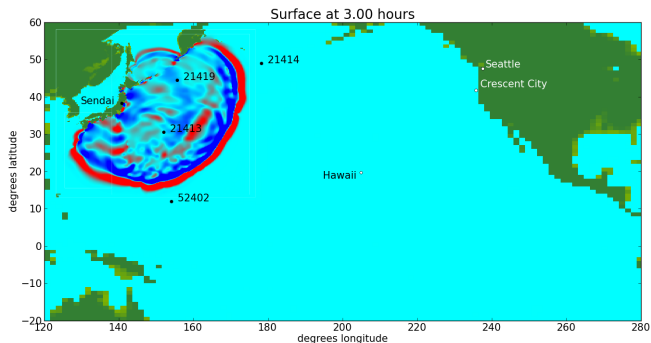
Lecture 3

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# Outline

- Shallow water equations with topography
- Approximate Riemann solvers
- f-wave formulation of wave-propagation method.
- Well-balanced methods to preserve ocean-at-rest.
- Dry state Riemann solvers

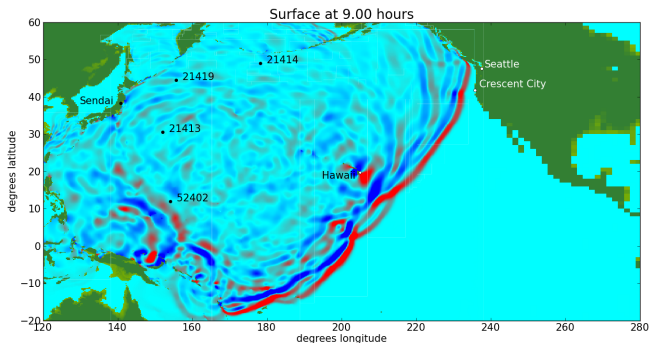
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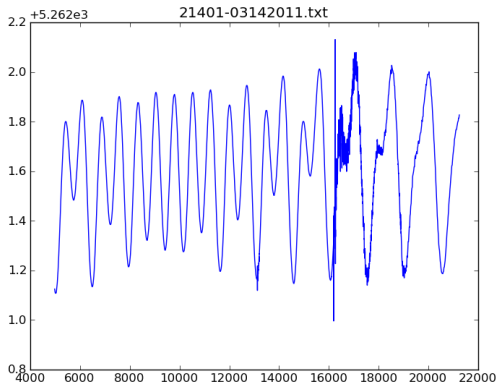
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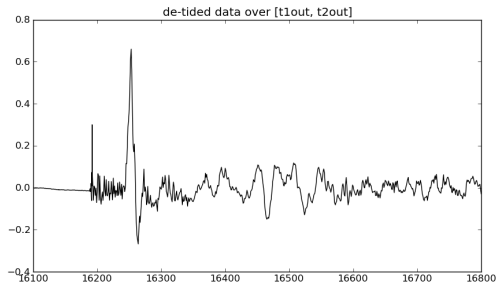
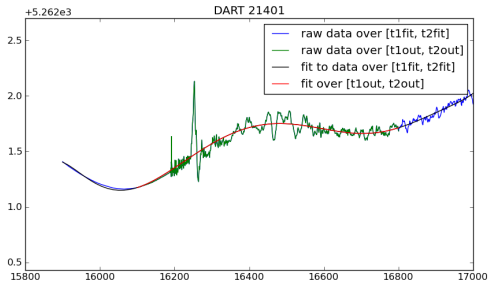
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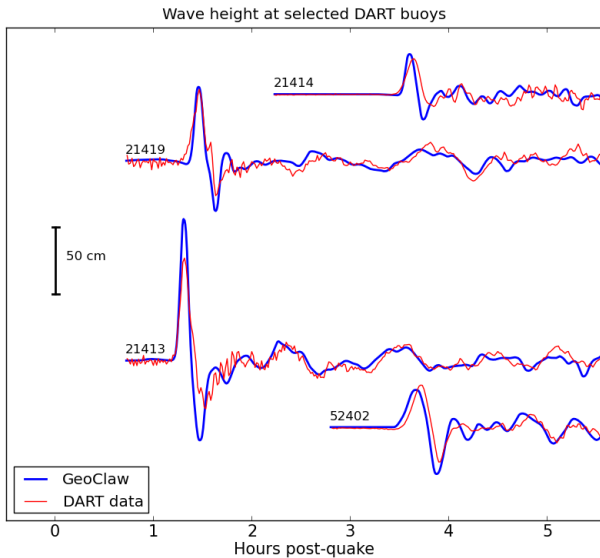
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# Shallow water equations

$h(x, t)$  = depth

$u(x, t)$  = velocity (depth averaged, varies only with  $x$ )

Conservation of mass and momentum  $hu$  gives system of two equations.

mass flux =  $hu$ ,

momentum flux =  $(hu)u + p$  where  $p$  = hydrostatic pressure

$$\begin{aligned}h_t + (hu)_x &= 0 \\(hu)_t + \left( hu^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \right)_x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Jacobian matrix:

$$f'(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ gh - u^2 & 2u \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda = u \pm \sqrt{gh}.$$



# Shallow water equations

## Hydrostatic pressure:

Pressure at depth  $z > 0$  below the surface is  $gz$  from weight of water above.

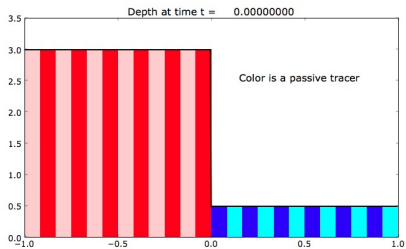
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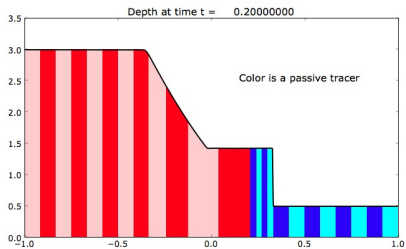
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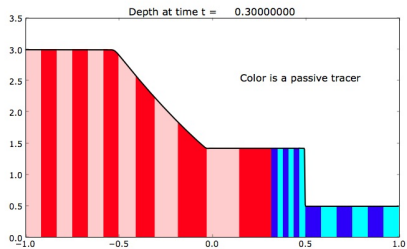
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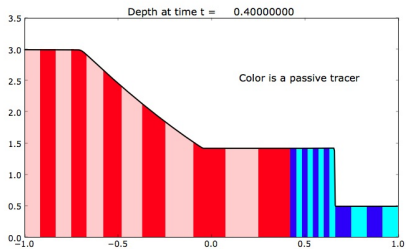


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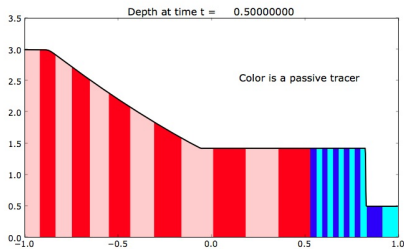


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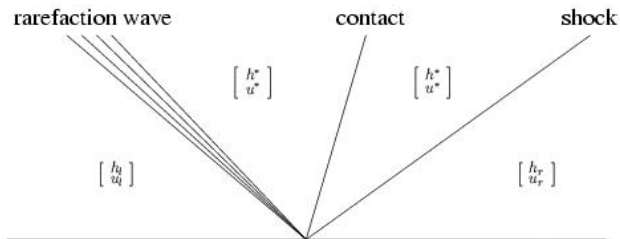
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# Riemann solution for the SW equations in $x-t$ plane



## Similarity solution:

Solution is constant on any ray:  $q(x, t) = Q(x/t)$

Riemann solution can be calculated for many problems.

Linear: Eigenvector decomposition. Nonlinear: more difficult.

In practice “approximate Riemann solvers” used numerically.

# An isolated shock

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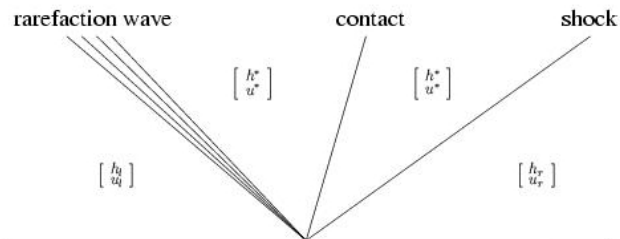
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For a **nonlinear system**, there will be  $m$  **curves** through  $q_l$  called the **Hugoniot loci**.

# Riemann solution for the SW equations in $x-t$ plane



**Nonlinear Riemann solution:** If we know the 1-wave is a rarefaction wave, 2-wave is a shock,  
Can find  $h^*$  by solving:

$$u_l + 2(\sqrt{gh_l} - \sqrt{gh^*}) = u_r + (h^* - h_r) \sqrt{\frac{g}{2} \left( \frac{1}{h^*} + \frac{1}{h_r} \right)}.$$

**Expensive to do at every cell interface!**

Harten – Lax – van Leer (1983): Use only 2 waves with

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Choice of speeds:

- Max and min of expected speeds over entire problem,
- Max and min of eigenvalues of  $f'(Q_\ell)$  and  $f'(Q_r)$ .

**Einfeldt:** Choice of speeds for gas dynamics (or shallow water) that **guarantees positivity**.

Based on characteristic speeds and Roe averages:

$$s_{i-1/2}^1 = \min_p(\min(\lambda_i^p, \hat{\lambda}_{i-1/2}^p)),$$
$$s_{i-1/2}^2 = \max_p(\max(\lambda_{i+1}^p, \hat{\lambda}_{i-1/2}^p)).$$

where

$\lambda_i^p$  is the  $p$ th eigenvalue of the Jacobian  $f'(Q_i)$ ,

$\hat{\lambda}_{i-1/2}^p$  is the  $p$ th eigenvalue using Roe average  $f'(\hat{Q}_{i-1/2})$

# Approximate Riemann Solvers

Approximate true Riemann solution by set of waves consisting of finite jumps propagating at constant speeds.

Local linearization:

Replace  $q_t + f(q)_x = 0$  by

$$q_t + \hat{A}q_x = 0,$$

where  $\hat{A} = \hat{A}(q_l, q_r) \approx f'(q_{ave})$ .

Then decompose

$$q_r - q_l = \alpha^1 \hat{r}^1 + \dots + \alpha^m \hat{r}^m$$

to obtain waves  $\mathcal{W}^p = \alpha^p \hat{r}^p$  with speeds  $s^p = \hat{\lambda}^p$ .

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One approach: determine  $Q^*$  = state along  $x/t = 0$ ,

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Wave-propagation algorithm uses:

$$\mathcal{A}^- \Delta Q = \sum_{p:s^p < 0} s^p \mathcal{W}^p, \quad \mathcal{A}^+ \Delta Q = \sum_{p:s^p > 0} s^p \mathcal{W}^p.$$

**Conservative only if**  $\mathcal{A}^- \Delta Q + \mathcal{A}^+ \Delta Q = f(Q_i) - f(Q_{i-1})$ .

This holds for **Roe solver**.

# Roe Solver

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Roe average  $\hat{A}$  can be determined analytically for many important nonlinear systems (e.g. Euler, shallow water).

# Roe solver for Shallow Water

Given  $h_l, u_l, h_r, u_r$ , define

$$\bar{h} = \frac{h_l + h_r}{2}, \quad \hat{u} = \frac{\sqrt{h_l}u_l + \sqrt{h_r}u_r}{\sqrt{h_l} + \sqrt{h_r}}$$

Then

$\hat{A}$  = Jacobian matrix evaluated at this average state

satisfies

$$A(q_r - q_l) = f(q_r) - f(q_l).$$

- Roe condition is satisfied,
- Isolated shock modeled well,
- Wave propagation algorithm is conservative,
- High resolution methods obtained using corrections with limited waves.

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Eigenvalues of  $\hat{A} = f'(\hat{q})$  are:

$$\hat{\lambda}^1 = \hat{u} - \hat{c}, \quad \hat{\lambda}^2 = \hat{u} + \hat{c}, \quad \hat{c} = \sqrt{g\bar{h}}.$$

Eigenvectors:

$$\hat{r}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{u} - \hat{c} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{r}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{u} + \hat{c} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Examples in Clawpack 4.3** to be converted soon!

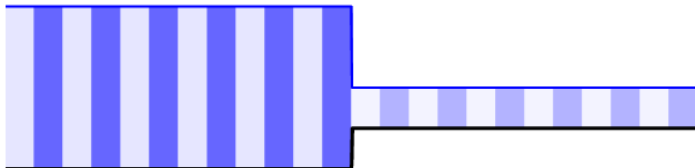
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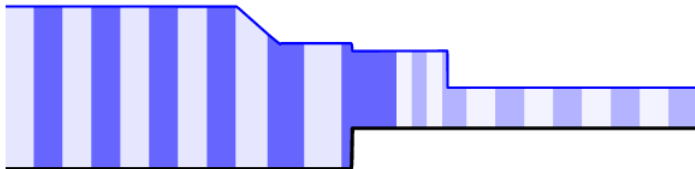
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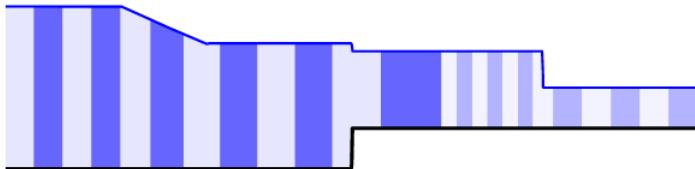
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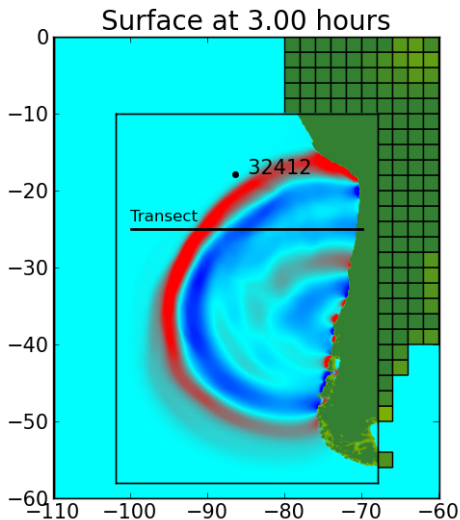
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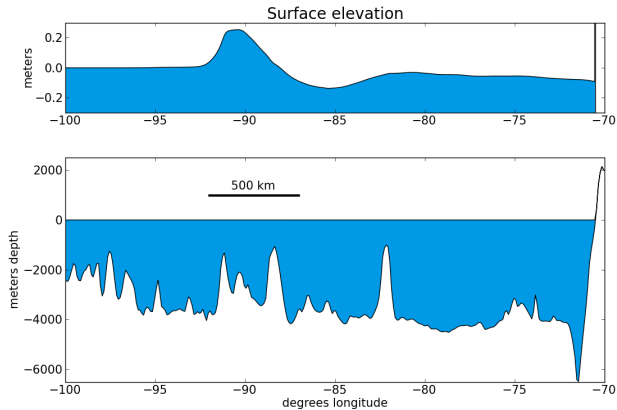




# Tsunami from 27 Feb 2010 quake off Chile

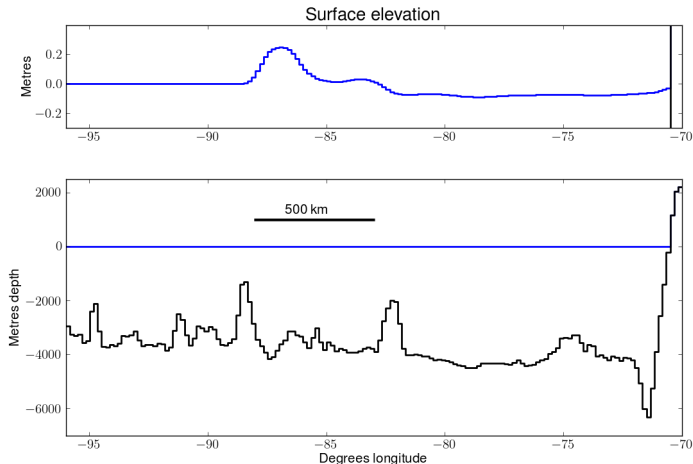


# Cross section of Atlantic Ocean & tsunami



# Transect of 27 February 2010 tsunami

Bathymetry, depth change by  $> 1000$  m from one cell to next,  
Surface elevation changes on order of a few cm.



# Source terms and quasi-steady solutions

$$q_t + f(q)_x = \psi(q)$$

Steady-state solution:

$$q_t = 0 \implies f(q)_x = \psi(q)$$

Balance between flux gradient and source.

Quasi-Steady solution:

Small perturbation propagating against steady-state background.

$$q_t \ll f(q)_x \approx \psi(q)$$

Want accurate calculation of perturbation.

Examples:

- Shallow water equations with bottom topography and flat surface
- Stationary atmosphere where pressure gradient balances gravity

# Fractional steps for a quasisteady problem

Alternate between solving homogeneous conservation law

$$q_t + f(q)_x = 0 \quad (1)$$

and source term

$$q_t = \psi(q). \quad (2)$$

When  $q_t \ll f(q)_x \approx \psi(q)$ :

- Solving (1) gives large change in  $q$
- Solving (2) should essentially cancel this change.

Numerical difficulties:

- (1) and (2) are solved by very different methods. Generally will not have proper cancellation.
- Nonlinear limiters are applied to  $f(q)_x$  term, not to small-perturbation waves. Large variation in steady state hides structure of waves.

# Incorporating source term in f-waves

$$q_t + f(q)_x = \psi \text{ with } f(q)_x \approx \psi.$$

Concentrate source at interfaces:  $\Psi_{i-1/2} \delta(x - x_{i-1/2})$

$$\text{Split } f(Q_i) - f(Q_{i-1}) - \Delta x \Psi_{i-1/2} = \sum_p \mathcal{Z}_{i-1/2}^p$$

Use these waves in wave-propagation algorithm.

Steady state maintained: (Well balanced)

$$\text{If } \frac{f(Q_i) - f(Q_{i-1})}{\Delta x} = \Psi_{i-1/2} \text{ then } \mathcal{Z}^p \equiv 0$$

Near steady state:

Deviation from steady state is split into waves and limited.

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$$\begin{aligned} f(Q_i) - f(Q_{i-1}) - \Psi_{i-1/2}(B_i - B_{i-1}) &= \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}gh_i^2 - \frac{1}{2}gh_{i-1}^2\right) + \frac{g}{2}(h_{i-1} + h_i)(B_i - B_{i-1}) \\ &= \frac{g}{2}(h_{i-1} + h_i)((h_i + B_i) - (h_{i-1} + B_{i-1})) \\ &= 0 \quad \text{if } h_i + B_i = h_{i-1} + B_{i-1} = \bar{\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

# Flux-based wave decomposition (f-waves)

Choose  $r^p$  (e.g. eigenvectors of linearized Jacobian).

Then decompose flux difference:

$$f_r(q_r) - f_l(q_l) = \sum_{p=1}^m \beta^p r^p \equiv \sum_{p=1}^m \mathcal{Z}^p$$

rather than jump in  $q$ :

$$q_r - q_l = \sum_{p=1}^m \alpha^p r^p \equiv \sum_{p=1}^m \mathcal{W}^p$$

For linear system or Roe solver,

$$\mathcal{Z}^p = s^p \mathcal{W}^p, \quad s^p = \text{eigenvalue.}$$

Bale, RJL, Mitran, Rossmanith, SISC 2002 [\[link\]](#)

RJL, Pelanti, JCP 2001 [\[link\]](#)

# Wave-propagation algorithm using waves

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [\mathcal{A}^+ \Delta Q_{i-1/2} + \mathcal{A}^- \Delta Q_{i+1/2}] - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [\tilde{F}_{i+1/2} - \tilde{F}_{i-1/2}]$$

**Standard version:**  $Q_i - Q_{i-1} = \sum_{p=1}^m \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}^p$

$$\mathcal{A}^- \Delta Q_{i+1/2} = \sum_{p=1}^m (s_{i+1/2}^p)^- \mathcal{W}_{i+1/2}^p$$

$$\mathcal{A}^+ \Delta Q_{i-1/2} = \sum_{p=1}^m (s_{i-1/2}^p)^+ \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}^p$$

$$\tilde{F}_{i-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^m |s_{i-1/2}^p| \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} |s_{i-1/2}^p| \right) \tilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1/2}^p.$$

# Wave-propagation algorithm using f-waves

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Using *f-waves*:  $f_i(Q_i) - f_{i-1}(Q_{i-1}) = \sum_{p=1}^m \mathcal{Z}_{i-1/2}^p$

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## f-wave approximate Riemann solver

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$$\hat{A} = f'((q_l + q_r)/2).$$

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If  $\hat{A} =$  Roe average, then this is equivalent to usual Roe Riemann solver, and  $\mathcal{Z}^p = s^p \mathcal{W}^p$ .

Clawpack: Use library routine [step1fw.f](#) instead of [step1.f](#).

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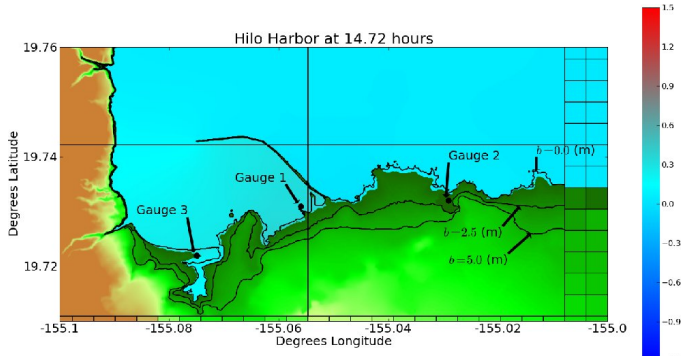
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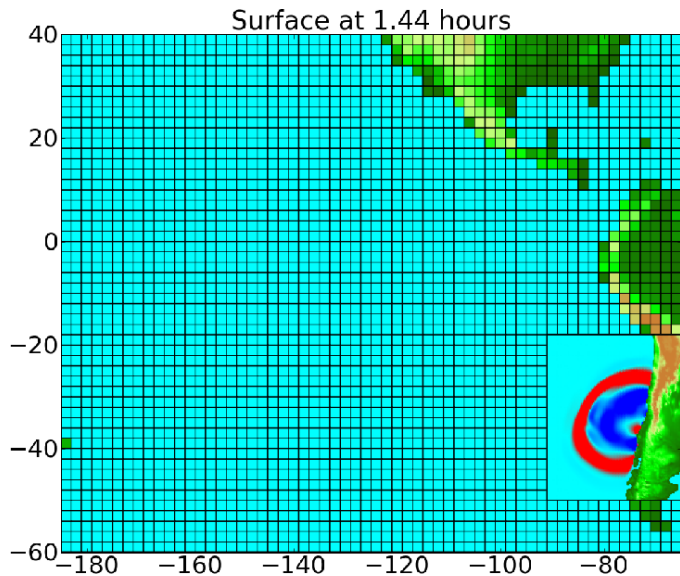
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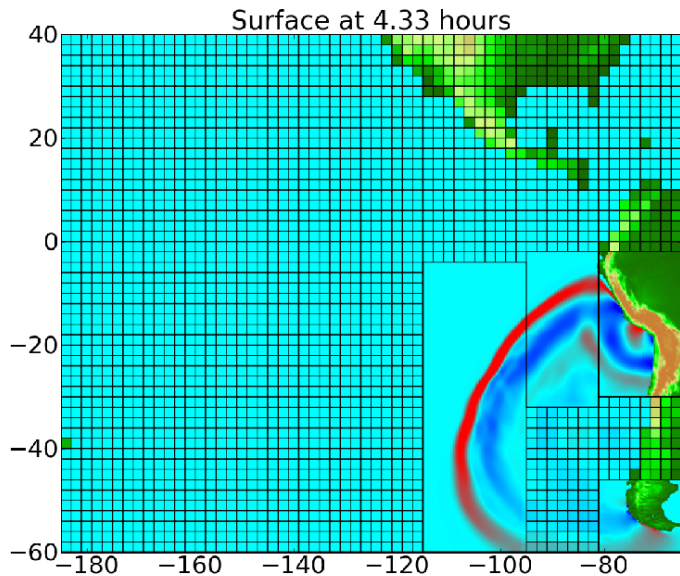




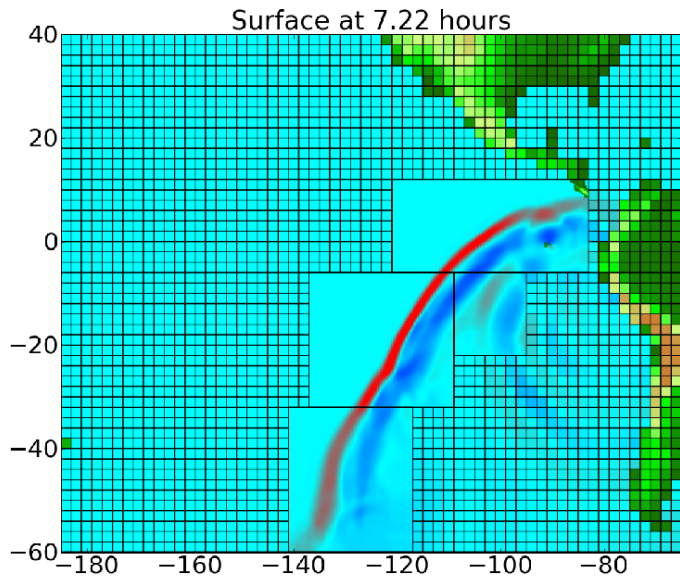
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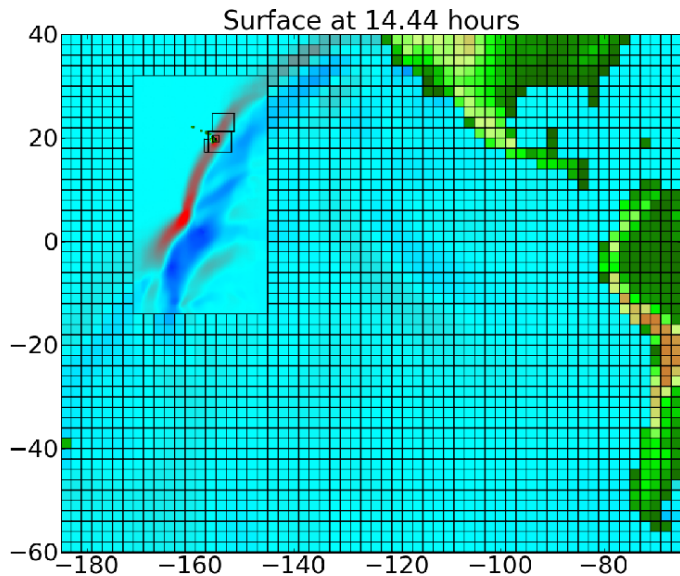
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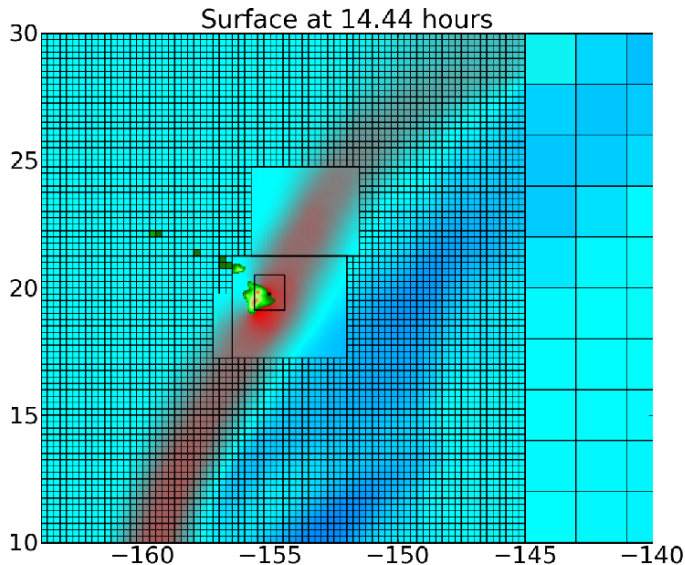
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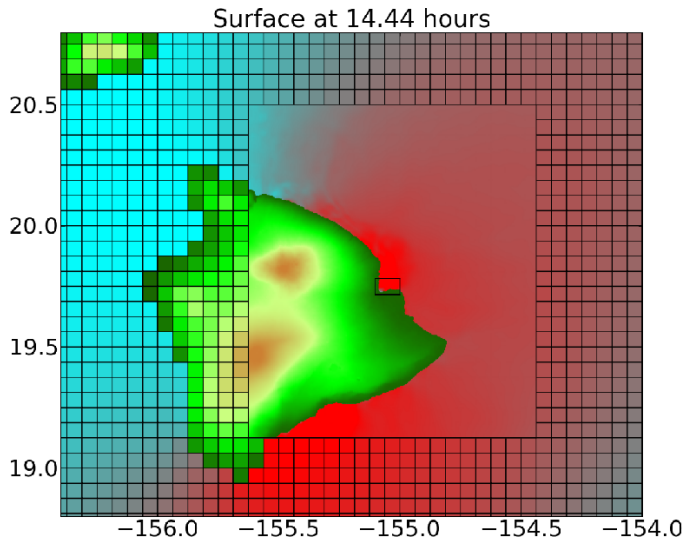
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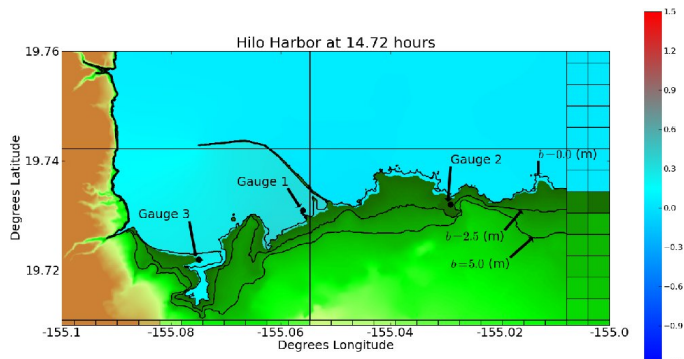
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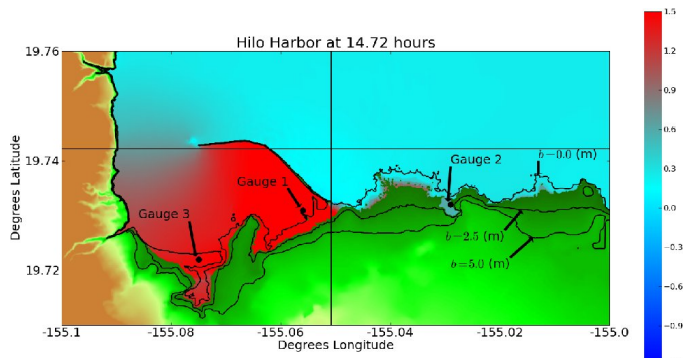
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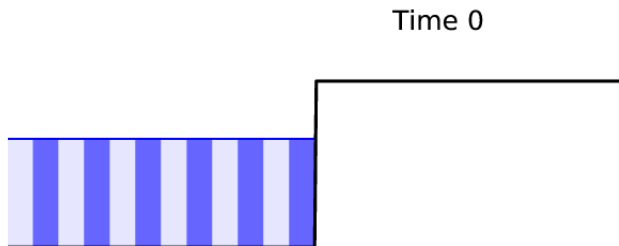


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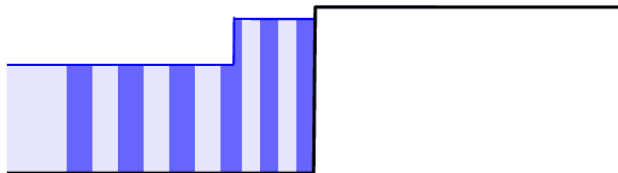
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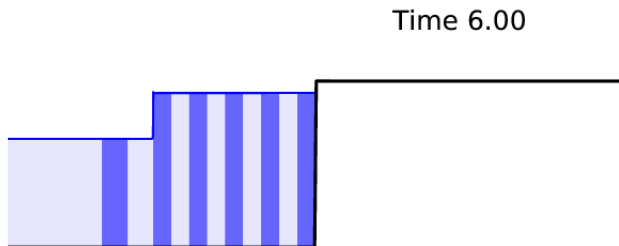


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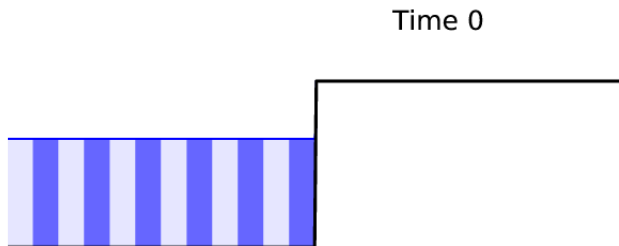


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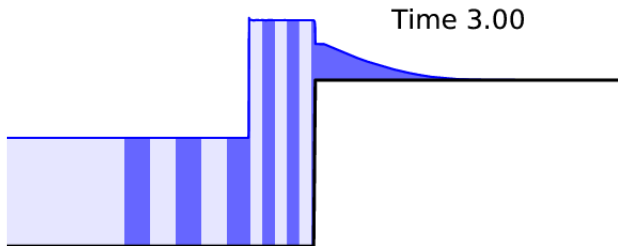


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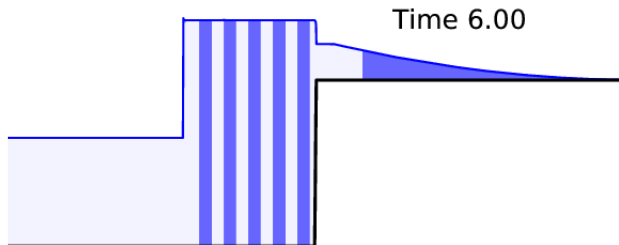


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