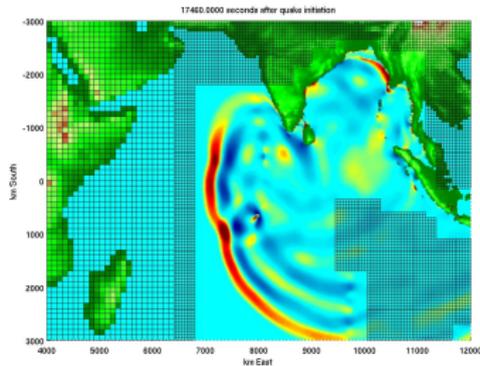


# Multiscale Modeling of Tsunami Propagation and Inundation

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**CLAWPACK Software:**

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# Outline

- Tsunami modeling, shallow water equations
- Finite volume methods for hyperbolic equations
- Riemann problems and Godunov's method
- Wave limiters and high-resolution methods
- Software: CLAWPACK
- Riemann problems for tsunamis: bathymetry and dry cells
- Adaptive mesh refinement
- AMR issues for tsunamis
- Validation and benchmarks

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# Tsunamis

Generated by

- Earthquakes,
- Landslides,
- Submarine landslides,
- Volcanoes,
- Meteorite or asteroid impact

There were 97 significant tsunamis during the 1990's, causing 16,000 casualties.

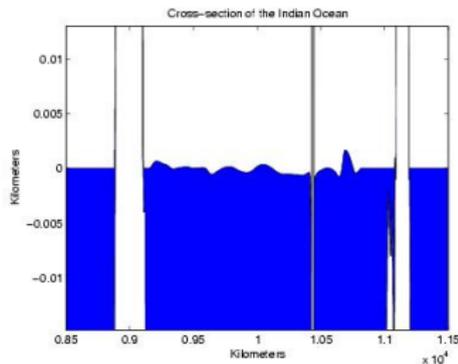
There have been approximately 28 tsunamis with run-up greater than 1m on the west coast of the U.S. since 1812.

# Tsunamis

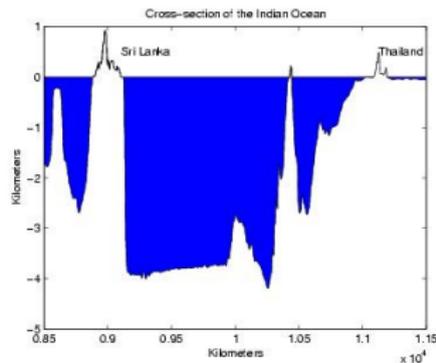
- Small amplitude in ocean ( $< 1$  meter) but can grow to 10s of meters at shore.
- Run-up along shore can inundate 100s of meters inland
- Long wavelength (as much as 200 km)
- Propagation speed  $\sqrt{gh}$  (bunching up at shore)
- Average depth of Pacific or Indian Ocean is 4km  
 $\implies$  average speed 200 m/s  $\approx$  450 mph

# Cross section of Indian Ocean & tsunami

Surface elevation  
on scale of 10 meters:



Cross-section  
on scale of kilometers:



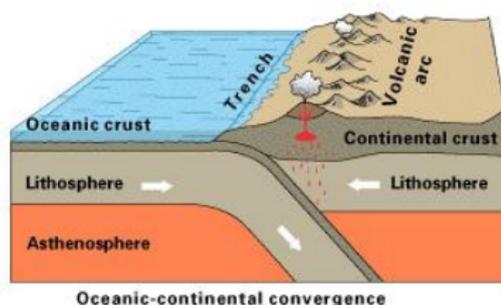
# Sumatra event of December 26, 2004

Magnitude 9.1 quake near Sumatra, where Indian tectonic plate is being subducted under the Burma platelet.

Rupture along subduction zone  
 $\approx 1200$  km long, 150 km wide

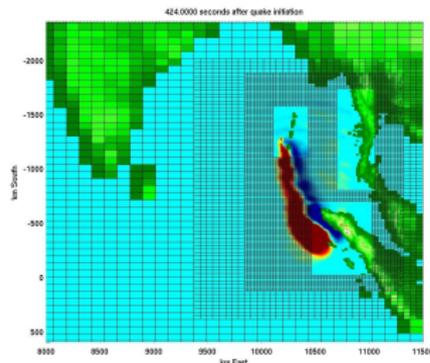
Propagating at  $\approx 2$  km/sec (for  $\approx 10$  minutes)

Fault slip up to 15 m, uplift of several meters.



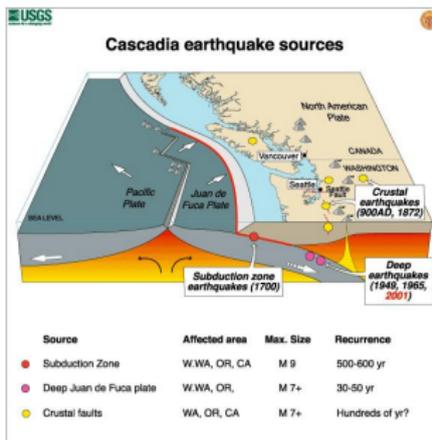
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USGS



(Similar to Cascadia subduction zone off WA coast)

# Cascadia subduction fault



- 1200 km long off-shore fault stretching from northern California to southern Canada.
- Last major rupture: magnitude 9.0 earthquake on January 26, 1700.
- Tsunami recorded in Japan with run-up of up to 5 meters.
- Historically there appear to be magnitude 8 or larger quakes every 500 years on average.

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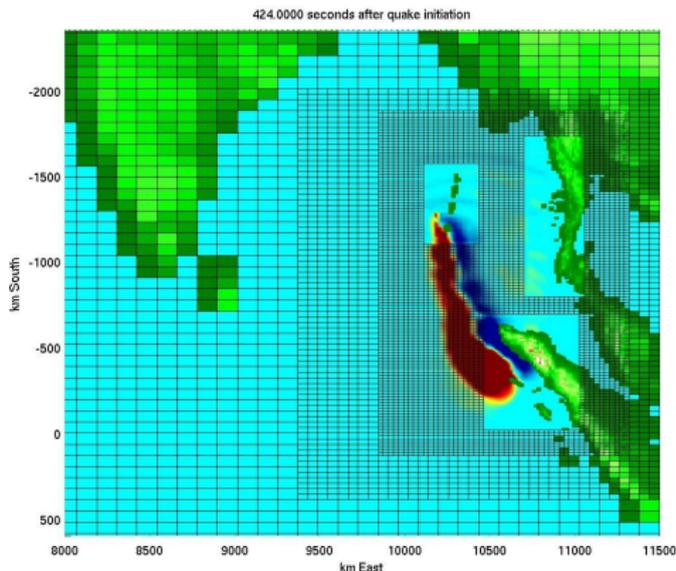
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# Tsunami simulations

- 2D shallow water + bathymetry
- Finite volume method
- Cartesian grid
- Cells can be dry ( $h = 0$ )
- Cells become wet/dry as wave moves on shore
- Mesh refinement on rectangular patches
- Adaptive — follows wave, more levels near shore



# Tsunami simulations

Movies:

Fault area

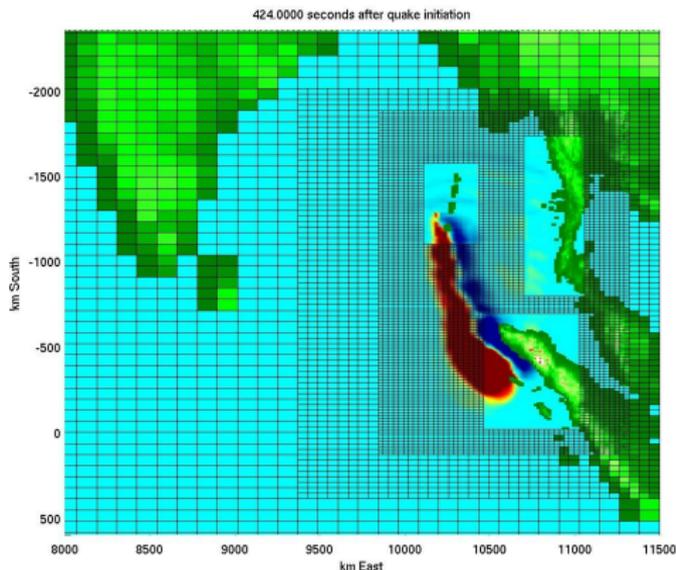
Bay of Bengal

Sri Lanka

Indian Ocean

Zoom on Madras

Slice of Madras Harbor



For movies, see

<http://www.amath.washington.edu/~dgeorge/research.html>

# Tsunami simulations

## Latest simulation:

- 4 levels of refinement.
- Level 1: 1 degree resolution ( $\Delta x \approx 60$  nautical miles)
- Level 2 refined by 8.
- Level 3 refined by 8:  $\Delta x \approx 1$  nautical mile (only near coast)
- Level 4 refined by 16:  $\Delta x \approx 100$  meters (only near Madras)

$\approx 6$  hours on single CPU PC. ( $< 2$  hours with only 3 levels)

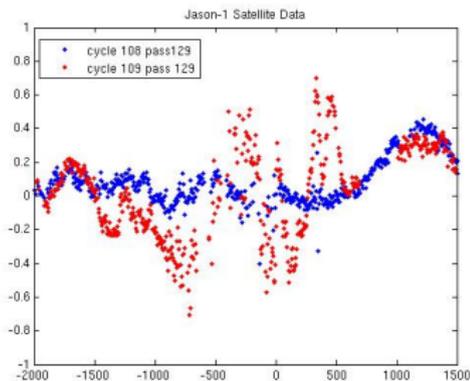
## Next:

- Obtain better topography (and bathymetry) data.
- Add seawall, buildings.
- Compare to field data collected by Harry Yeh in January.
- Global model on sphere, compare to tide gauge data.

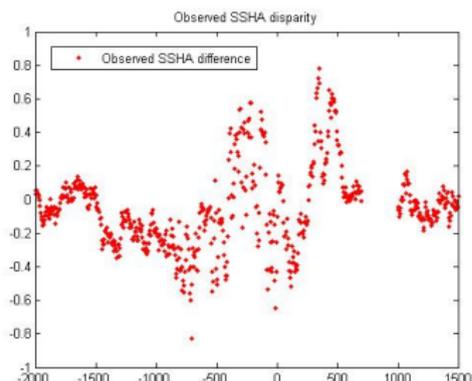
# Satellite data

Jason-1 Satellite passed over the Indian Ocean during the tsunami event.

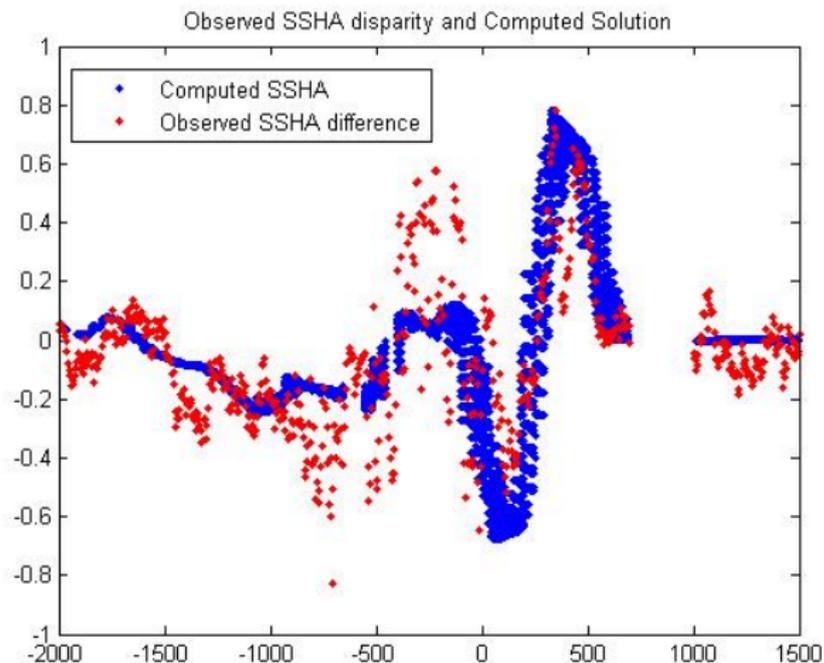
Surface height on two passes  
(one a week before)



Disparity shows tsunami:



# Comparison of simulation with satellite data



# Shallow water equations with topography $B(x)$

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

$h(x, t)$  = depth of water

$u(x, t)$  = horizontal velocity

This has the form of a conservation law with a source term:

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

where

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ hu \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(q) = \begin{bmatrix} hu \\ hu^2 + gh^2/2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \psi(q, x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -ghB'(x) \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Shallow water equations with topography $B(x, y)$

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## Applications:

- Tsunamis
- Estuaries
- River flooding, dam breaks
- Debris flows from volcanic eruptions

# High resolution finite volume methods

Hyperbolic conservation law:

$$1D : q_t + f(q)_x = 0$$

$$2D : q_t + f(q)_x + g(q)_y = 0$$

$$1D : q_t + f'(q)q_x = 0$$

$$2D : q_t + f'(q)q_x + g'(q)q_y = 0$$

Variable coefficient linear hyperbolic system:

$$1D : q_t + A(x)q_x = 0$$

$$2D : q_t + A(x, y)q_x + B(x, y)q_y = 0$$

Def: **Hyperbolic** if eigenvalues of Jacobian  $f'(q)$  in 1D or  $\alpha f'(q) + \beta g'(q)$  in 2D are real and there exists a complete set of eigenvectors.

Eigenvalues are wave speeds, eigenvectors yield decomposition of data into waves.

## Finite-difference Methods

- Pointwise values  $Q_i^n \approx q(x_i, t_n)$
- Approximate derivatives by finite differences
- Assumes smoothness

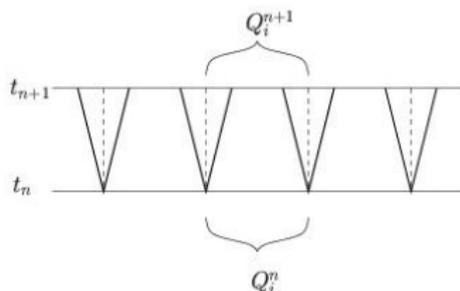
## Finite-volume Methods

- Approximate cell averages:  $Q_i^n \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(x, t_n) dx$
- Integral form of conservation law,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(x, t) dx = f(q(x_{i-1/2}, t)) - f(q(x_{i+1/2}, t))$$

leads to conservation law  $q_t + f_x = 0$  but also directly to numerical method.

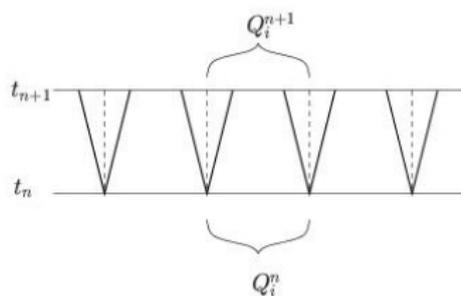
# Godunov's Method for $q_t + f(q)_x = 0$



1. Solve Riemann problems at all interfaces, yielding waves  $\mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}^p$  and speeds  $s_{i-1/2}^p$ , for  $p = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

**Riemann problem:** Original equation with piecewise constant data.

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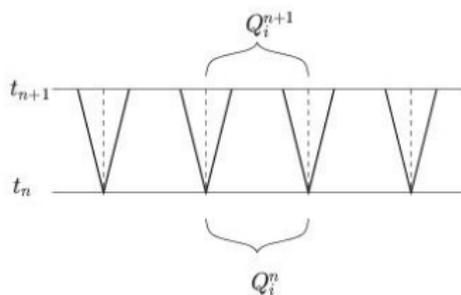


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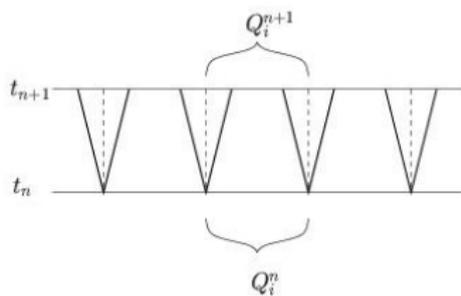


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2. Compute fluxes at interfaces and flux-difference,

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n]$$

# Godunov's Method for $q_t + f(q)_x = 0$



or ...

3. Update old cell averages by contributions from all waves entering the cell.

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

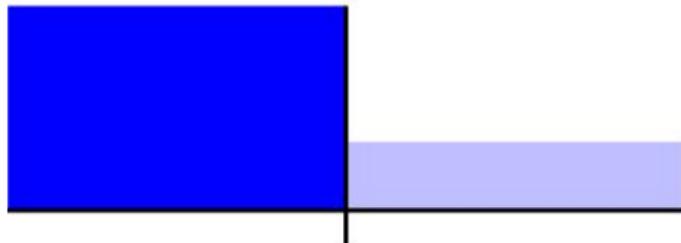
where  $\mathcal{A}^\pm \Delta Q_{i-1/2} = \sum_{i=1}^m (s_{i-1/2}^p)^\pm \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}^p$ .

# The Riemann problem

The Riemann problem for  $q_t + f(q)_x = 0$  has special initial data

$$q(x, 0) = \begin{cases} q_l & \text{if } x < x_{i-1/2} \\ q_r & \text{if } x > x_{i-1/2} \end{cases}$$

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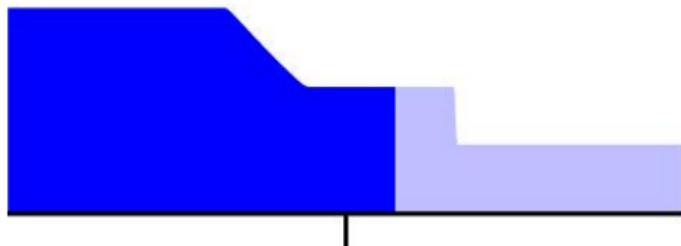


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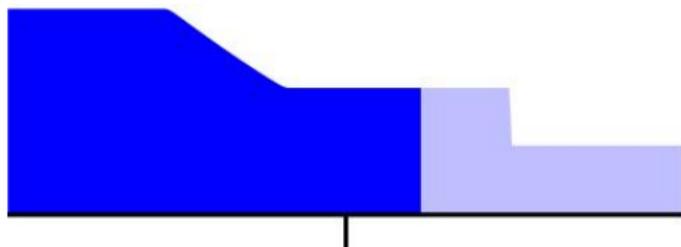


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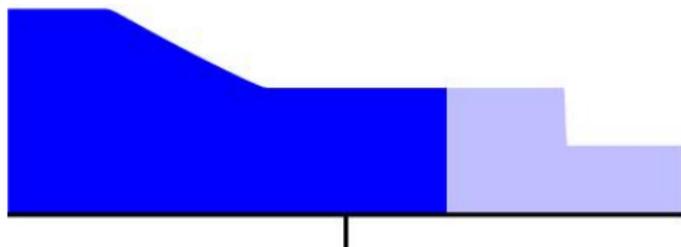


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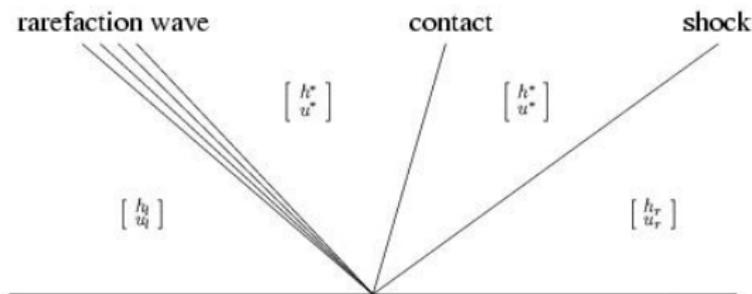
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# Riemann solution for the SW equations



The Roe solver uses the solution to a linear system

$$q_t + \hat{A}_{i-1/2} q_x = 0, \quad \hat{A}_{i-1/2} = f'(q_{ave}).$$

All waves are simply discontinuities.

Typically a fine approximation if jumps are approximately correct.

# Upwind wave-propagation algorithm

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[ \sum_{p=1}^m (s_{i-1/2}^p)^+ \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}^p + \sum_{p=1}^m (s_{i+1/2}^p)^- \mathcal{W}_{i+1/2}^p \right]$$

where

$$s^+ = \max(s, 0), \quad s^- = \min(s, 0).$$

Note: Requires only waves and speeds.

Applicable also to hyperbolic problems not in conservation form.

For  $q_t + f(q)_x = 0$ , conservative if waves chosen properly,  
e.g. using Roe-average of Jacobians.

Great for general software, but only first-order accurate (upwind method for linear systems).

# Wave-propagation form of high-resolution method

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

Correction flux:

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

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1/2}^p$  is a **limited** version of  $\mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}^p$  to avoid oscillations.

(Unlimited waves  $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}^p = \mathcal{W}^p \implies$  Lax-Wendroff for a linear system  $\implies$  nonphysical oscillations near shocks.)

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- Fortran codes with Matlab graphics routines.
- Many examples and applications to run or modify.
- 1d, 2d, and 3d.
- Adaptive mesh refinement, MPI for parallel computing.

User supplies:

- Riemann solver, splitting data into waves and speeds  
(Need not be in conservation form)
- Boundary condition routine to extend data to ghost cells  
Standard `bc1.f` routine includes many standard BC's
- Initial conditions — `qinit.f`
- Source terms — `src1.f`

## Some other applications

- Volcanic flows, dusty gas jets, pyroclastic surges
- Acoustics, ultrasound, seismology, lithotripsy
- Elasticity, plasticity, nonlinear elasticity
- Electromagnetic waves, photonic crystals
- Flow in porous media, groundwater contamination
- Oil reservoir simulation
- Geophysical flow on the sphere
- Hyperbolic equations on general curved manifolds (CLAWMAN)
- Chemotaxis and pattern formation
- Semiconductor modeling
- Traffic flow
- Multi-fluid, multi-phase flows, bubbly flow
- Incompressible flow (projection methods or streamfunction vorticity)
- Combustion, detonation waves
- Astrophysics: binary stars, planetary nebulae, jets
- Magnetohydrodynamics, plasmas
- Relativistic flow, black hole accretion
- Numerical relativity — gravitational waves, cosmology

## Issues:

- Bottom topography varies on scale of 4km
- Wave amplitude on scale of 1m
- Some cells are dry
- Cells become wet or dry as wave moves along shore

# 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  $s^p = \hat{\lambda}^p$ .

# HLL Solver

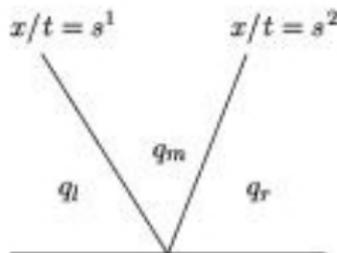
**Harten – Lax – van Leer:** Use only 2 waves with

$s^1$  = minimum characteristic speed

$s^2$  = maximum characteristic speed

Conservation implies unique value for middle state  $q_m$ .

**Einfeldt:** Also use Roe speeds in min and max.



# Relaxation Schemes (Jin and Xin)

$u_t + f(u)_x = 0$  is replaced by the relaxation system

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + v_x &= 0 \\v_t + D^2 u_x &= \frac{1}{\tau}(f(u) - v)\end{aligned}$$

where  $D = \text{diag}(d^1, \dots, d^m)$  (or more general...)

Gives linear hyperbolic system plus a relaxation source term:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ D^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (f(u) - v)/\tau \end{bmatrix}.$$

Eigenvalues are  $\pm d^j$ .

Convergence to original solution as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  if the *subcharacteristic condition* holds:

$$\min(-d_j) \leq \lambda \leq \max(d_j) \quad \text{for eigenvalues of } f'(u).$$

# Relaxation Scheme

- 1 Given  $U^n$  and  $V^n$ , update over time  $\Delta t$  by solving the homogeneous linear hyperbolic system

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ D^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}_x = 0.$$

Call the new values  $U^*$  and  $V^*$ .

- 2 Update  $U^*$ ,  $V^*$  to  $U^{n+1}$ ,  $V^{n+1}$  by solving the equations

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= 0 \\ v_t &= \frac{1}{\tau}(f(u) - v) \end{aligned}$$

Note:

- $U^{n+1} = U^*$ .
- For  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  (the relaxed scheme of Jin and Xin),

$$V^{n+1} = f(U^*) = f(U^{n+1}).$$

# Another view of relaxed scheme

- 1 Given  $U^n$  and  $V^n$ , update over time  $\Delta t$  by solving the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ D^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}_x = 0.$$

This gives the new value  $U^{n+1}$ .

- 2 Set  $V^{n+1} = f(U^{n+1})$ .

**Even simpler:** Store only  $U^n$ .

As “approximate Riemann solver”, decompose

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_r - U_l \\ f(U_r) - f(U_l) \end{bmatrix}$$

into eigenvectors of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ D^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use resulting waves to update  $U$ . **Note:** There are now  $2m$  waves.

RJL and M. Pelanti: Relaxation Riemann Solvers (JCP 2001)

# Riemann problem for spatially-varying flux

$$q_t + f(q, x)_x = 0$$

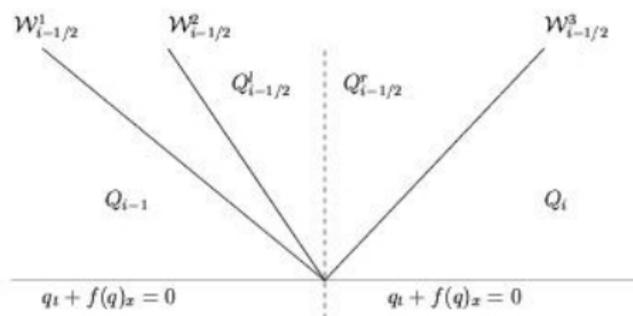
## Applications:

- Wave propagation in heterogeneous nonlinear media
- Flow in heterogeneous porous media
- Traffic flow with varying road conditions
- Solving conservation laws on curved manifolds

# Riemann problem for spatially-varying flux

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Cell-centered discretization: Flux  $f_i(q)$  defined in  $i$ th cell.



Need  $f_{i-1}(Q_{i-1/2}^*) = f_i(Q_{i-1/2}^*) \implies m$  propagating waves plus jump in  $q$  ( $= m$  waves for the  $m$  components of  $q$ ).

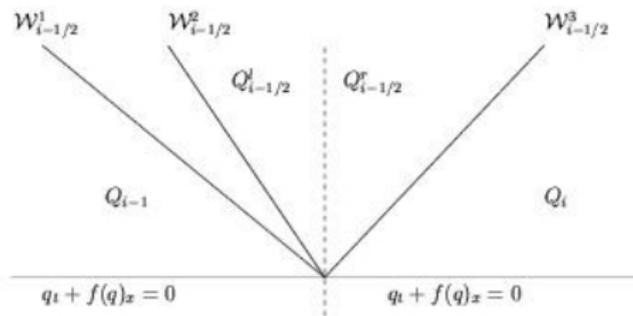
Total of  $2m$  waves, which can be found by decomposing

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{c} Q_i - Q_{i-1} \\ f_i(Q_i) - f_{i-1}(Q_{i-1}) \end{array} \right] &= \alpha^1 \left[ \begin{array}{c} r^1 \\ s^1 r^1 \end{array} \right] + \cdots + \alpha^m \left[ \begin{array}{c} r^m \\ s^m r^m \end{array} \right] \\ &+ \alpha^{m+1} \left[ \begin{array}{c} e^1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] + \cdots + \alpha^{2m} \left[ \begin{array}{c} e^m \\ 0 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that this simplifies to first solving for  $\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^m$  from

$$f_i(Q_i) - f_{i-1}(Q_{i-1}) = \alpha^1 s^1 r^1 + \cdots + \alpha^m s^m r^m$$

In fact this is all we need for the wave-propagation algorithms.

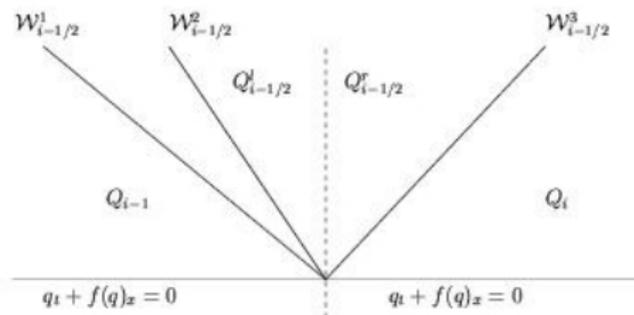


# Flux-based wave decomposition (f-waves)

Choose waveforms  $r^p$  (e.g. eigenvectors of Jacobian on each side).

Then decompose flux difference:

$$f_i(Q_i) - f_{i-1}(Q_{i-1}) = \sum_{p=1}^m \beta^p r^p \equiv \sum_{p=1}^m \mathcal{Z}^p$$



# Wave-propagation algorithm using f-waves

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

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

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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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# 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.

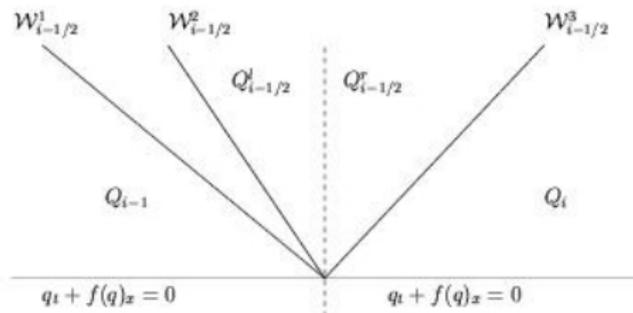
# Incorporating source term in f-waves

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

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

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**Steady state maintained:**

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

**Near steady state:**

**Deviation** from steady state is split into waves and limited.

# Riemann solver for shallow water with bathymetry

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ hu \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(q) = \begin{bmatrix} hu \\ hu^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \psi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ ghB'(x) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Robust solver (Dave George):

Split the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta h \\ \Delta(hu) \\ \Delta f_2 \\ \Delta B \end{bmatrix}$  into 4 waves.

Modifications for dry cell problem (One of neighboring cells is dry or becomes dry).

# Adaptive Mesh Refinement (AMR)

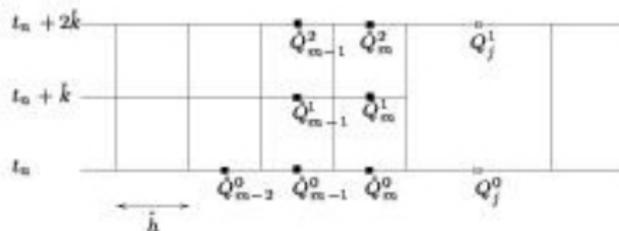
- Cluster grid points where needed
- Automatically adapt to solution
- Refined region moves in time-dependent problem

## Basic approaches:

- Cell-by-cell refinement  
Quad-tree or Oct-tree data structure  
Structured or unstructured grid
- Refinement on “rectangular” patches  
Berger-Colella-Oliger style  
(AMRCLAW and CHOMBO-CLAW)

# Time stepping algorithm for AMR

- Take 1 time step on coarse grid.
- Use space-time interpolation to set ghost cell values on fine grid near interface.
- Take  $K$  time steps on fine grid. ( $K =$  refinement ratio)
- Replace coarse grid value by average of fine grid values on regions of overlap — better approximation and consistent representations.
- Conservative fix-up.



# AMR time stepping for tsunami model

Normally  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ ,  $\Delta t$  are all refined by same factor  $K_L$  going from level  $L$  to  $L + 1$ .

(Courant number is then the same on all grids)

For tsunami: Max wave speed in each cell is  $|u| + \sqrt{gh}$ .

In deep ocean:  $\sqrt{gh} \approx 200m/s$ ,  $\Delta t \approx 0.005\Delta x$ .

Suppose finest grids are only near shore, where

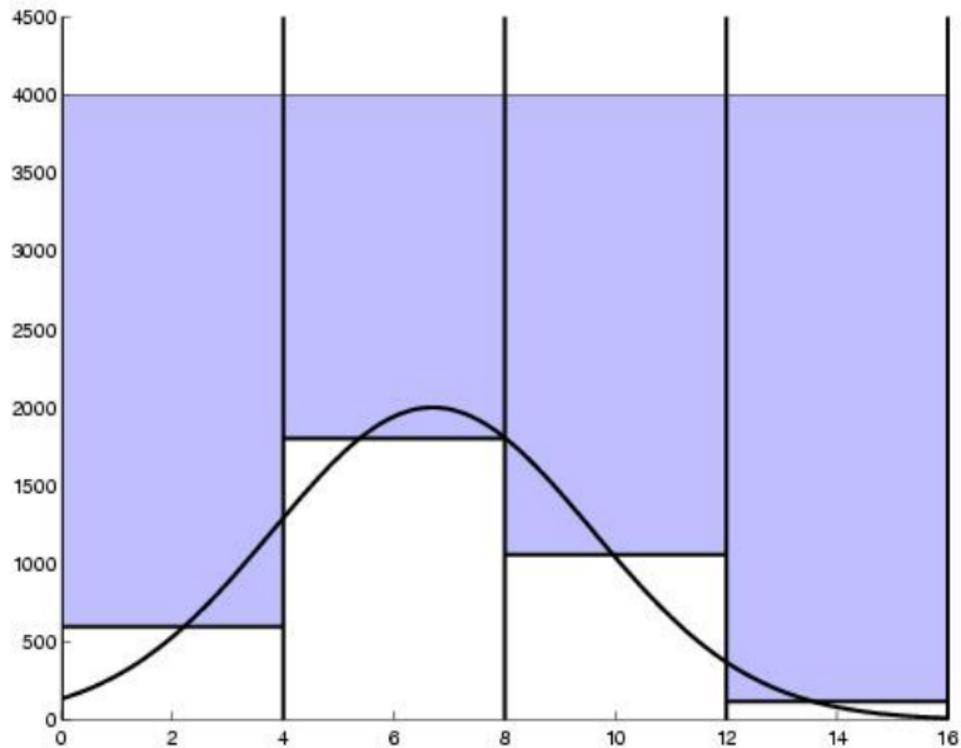
$|u| + \sqrt{gh} < 10$ , say.  $\implies$  can take  $\Delta t_f \approx 0.1\Delta x_f$

**Anisotropic refinement:** In going from level  $L$  to  $L + 1$ ,

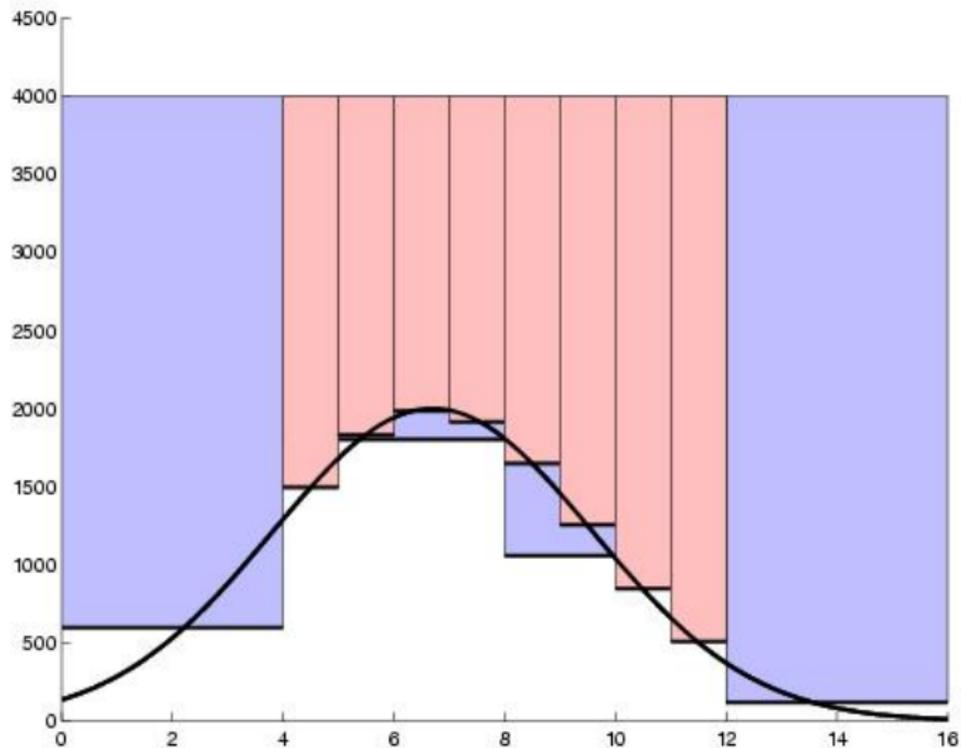
Refine  $\Delta x$  by  $K_{Lx}$ ,  $\Delta y$  by  $K_{Ly}$ ,  $\Delta t$  by  $K_{Lt}$ .

Near shore:  $K_{Lx} = K_{Ly} = 8$ ,  $K_{Lt} = 1$ .

# Grid refinement with bathymetry



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# Grid refinement with bathymetry

Refining grid requires assigning interpolated  $Q$  values

- Simple linear interpolation of  $h$  doesn't work
- From  $h_i$  calculate  $\eta_i = h_i + B_i$
- Interpolate  $\eta_i$  to fine grid to obtain  $\eta_j$  for  $j = 1 : r$   
preserves constant surface!
- Compute  $h_j$  on fine grid from  $h_j = \eta_j - B_j$
- Conservative provided  $\frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r B_j = B_i$

Coarsening grid:

- Set  $h_i = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r h_j$
- Then  $h_i + B_i = \frac{1}{r} \sum (h_j + B_j)$

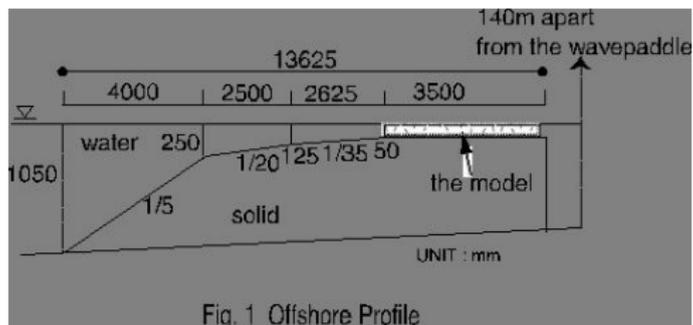
# Validation of shallow water code

- 1d exact solutions of waves on a beach
- 2d benchmark problem with wave tank comparison
- Indian Ocean tsunami — lots of data
  - Jason-1 satellite data
  - run-up and inundation data from many coastal surveys
  - Data near Madras from Harry Yeh's survey
  - Tide gauge data from around the world

# Catalina Workshop — June, 2004

3rd Int'l workshop on long-wave runup models

Benchmark Problem 2: Scale model of part of coastline of Okushiri Island, site of 1993 tsunami.

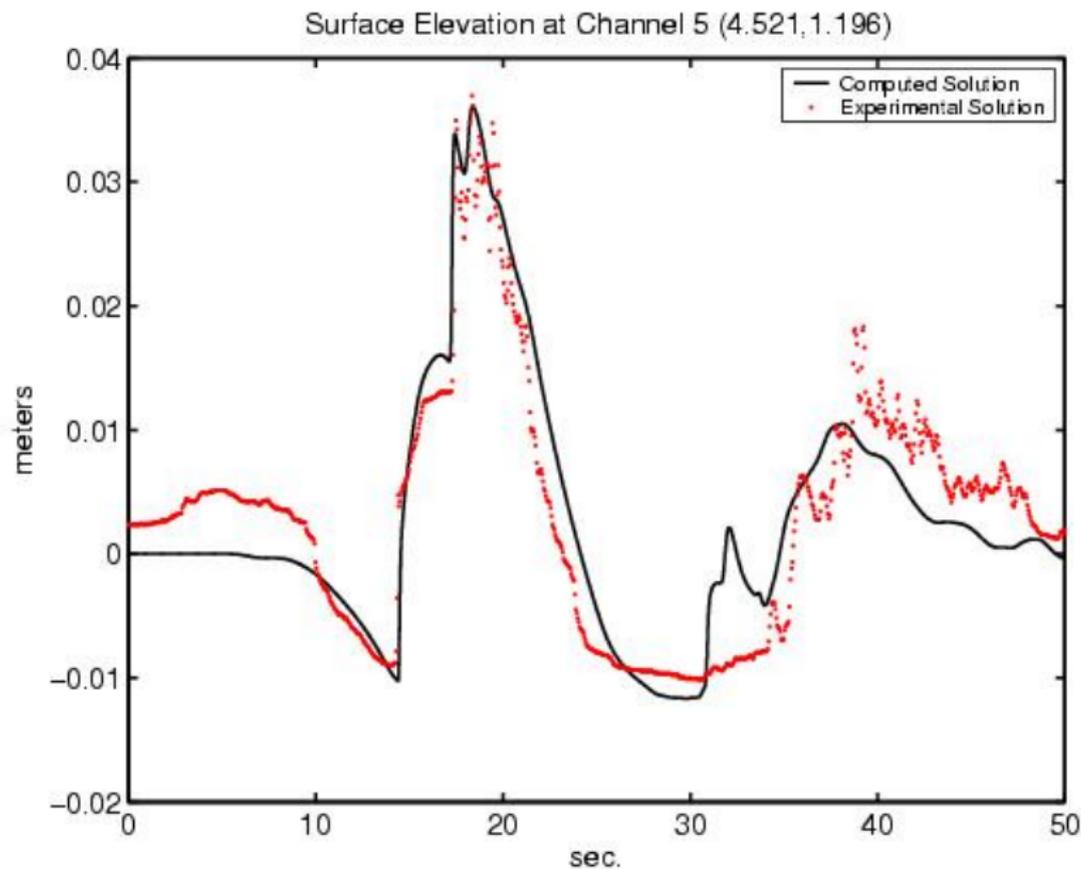


Movie of wave tank

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Movie of simulation

# Tide gauge data



# Summary

- Tsunami model can handle global scale and local scale simultaneously.
- Preliminary validation looks good.
- Wave propagation problems are generally formulated as hyperbolic systems.
- Many practical applications in science and engineering.
- General software for high-resolution methods, AMR:  
`http://www.amath.washington.edu/~claw`
- Papers and simulations:  
`http://www.amath.washington.edu/~rjl/research.html`  
`http://www.amath.washington.edu/~rjl/research/tsunamis`