

## Fluid - Structure - Interaction - A Still Challenging Topic

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Fluid structure interaction (FSI) problems are of great relevance in many engineering fields. Profound understanding of fluid structure interaction is essential to explain and predict a wide range of physical phenomena among which are fluid sloshing in tanks due to horizontal wind forces or earthquake, wind-induced vibration of slender bridges or high-rise buildings, vibrating pipes and the dynamics of offshore structures due to cyclic sea currents.

This talk focuses on a wide spread FSI-subclass which studies the behaviour of incompressible viscous flows and thin-walled structures exhibiting large deformations. Free surfaces often present additional challenges for such problems. In order to understand fluid structure interaction and to obtain reliable numerical results both the structural and the fluid part have to be adequately modelled and properly coupled.

The equations governing the first field, the fluid velocity and pressure, are naturally written in an Eulerian (spatial) framework. Thus the fluid is described in a spatial coordinate system. The structure field, on the other hand, is most appropriately formulated in a Lagrangean coordinate system which follows the material displacement.

In order to close the gap between these two descriptions an Arbitrary Lagrangean Eulerian (ALE) formulation is applied for the fluid field. This allows for solving the fluid equations on an arbitrarily moving grid. Furthermore free fluid surfaces can be included using an ALE framework. The ALE formulation however requires the solution for the fluid mesh which is treated as the third field within the coupled problem.

In order to ease coupling Finite Element approximations are chosen for all participating fields.

The fluid is modelled as an incompressible viscous Newtonian fluid. Its behavior is described by the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations on the temporarily varying fluid domain  $\Omega_f$ . These equations formulated for the unknown fields of velocity and pressure read

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^G) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - 2\nu \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) + \nabla p = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega_f \times (0, T)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_f \times (0, T),$$

with appropriate initial and boundary conditions. Here  $\mathbf{u}$  denotes the unknown fluid velocity,  $p$  the unknown kinematic pressure,  $\mathbf{u}^G$  the grid velocity,  $\nu$  the kinematic viscosity,  $\mathbf{f}$  the body force in the fluid,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}[\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T]$  the rate of deformation tensor and the stress tensor is defined by  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\nu \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})$ . Free surface effects are incorporated via a local Lagrange or height function approach.

The classical Galerkin FEM formulation of the incompressible Navier Stokes equations exhibits a number of numerical difficulties and problems and requires additional stabilization means. A Galerkin least-squares formulation is used in order to stabilize the variational form.

The structural domain is described by the equations of geometrically nonlinear elastodynamics

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{d}} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} + \rho \mathbf{b} \quad \text{in } \Omega_s \times (0, T)$$

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The fluid mesh is determined such that it sticks to the moving structural surface as well as rigid walls while keeping the mesh deformation small and retaining admissible element distortions. An example of a mesh, deforming with an rapidly changing fluid domain is depicted in figure 1 a). The mesh topology is kept while the single nodes move. Intelligent mesh moving strategies reduce the need for remeshing significantly.

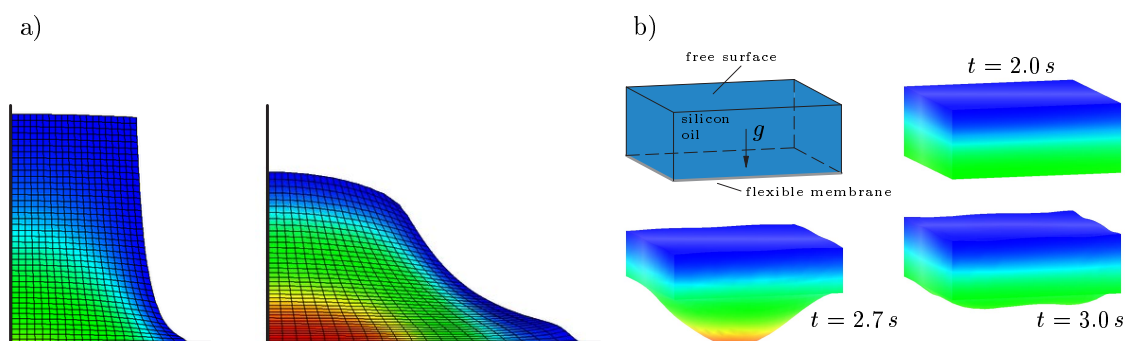


Figure 1: a) Collapsing water column with increasingly deforming ALE mesh b) Tank with flexible membrane bottom (pressure solution)

Fluid-structure interaction is a classical surface coupled multi field problem. Both fields influence each other along the common interface where information has to be exchanged during the simulation. It proves advantageous to solve the single fields sequentially. Hence a partitioned iterative staggered algorithm is used to solve the coupled system in every time step. Subiterations over the fields ensure continuity of displacements and forces along the coupling fluid-structure interface and guarantee a stable and accurate numerical simulation even over long time intervals.

The talk will include a short remark on turbulence modelling where an Large Eddy simulation (LES) based on the variational multiscale method (VMS) is stressed.

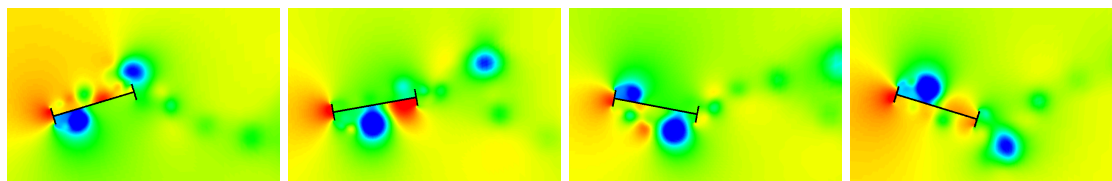


Figure 2: Bridge cross section subjected to wind induced vibrations (pressure solution)

A number of examples will be presented. Figure 2 shows the result of a long-time simulation. The depicted bridge cross section has been subjected to horizontally moving fluid. The cross section is sensitive to vortex shedding which causes increasing vibration. This eventually leads to failure of the structure.

An example for a 3D-simulation of a filled liquid storage tank with rigid walls and a flexible membrane at its bottom is depicted in figure 1 b). For the numerical computation the system is kept in equilibrium until  $t = 2.1\text{ s}$  by a surface load at the bottom. Then the load is removed and the system starts to oscillate exhibiting large deformations.

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Fluid Structure Interaction –  
Coupling, Free Surface, Turbulence

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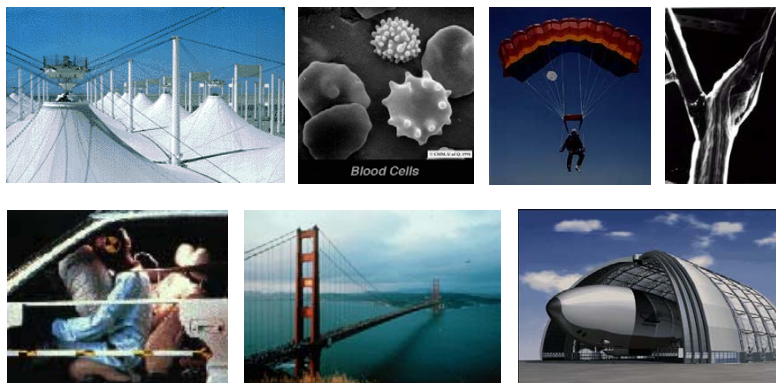
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Incompressible flows & thin-walled structures



Fluid Structure Interaction



- **Formulation**
- **Coupling**
- **Free Surface**
- **Turbulence**
- **Conclusions**

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Instationary, incompressible Navier–Stokes...


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plus b.c. & i.c.

with  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\nu^F \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u})$   
 and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T)$


- linear–viscous (Newtonian)
- isothermal
- isotropic
- (laminar)



Governing Equations


Lagrange

- mesh deformation
- remeshing (errors at transfer of variables, computational costs, ...)



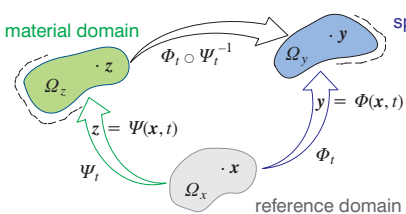
Euler

- inaccurate definition of boundaries
- interface tracking (surface tracking) or interface capturing (volume tracking) methods (MAC, VOF, ...)



Arbitrary Lagrangean Eulerian — ALE

material domain



reference domain

spatial domain

ALE fundamental equation:

$$\frac{Df}{Dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}} + c_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i}(\mathbf{y}, t)$$

CMD, GCL

Formulations for FSI

Instationary, incompressible Navier–Stokes...

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Nonlinear Elastodynamics

Cauchy equation of motion:

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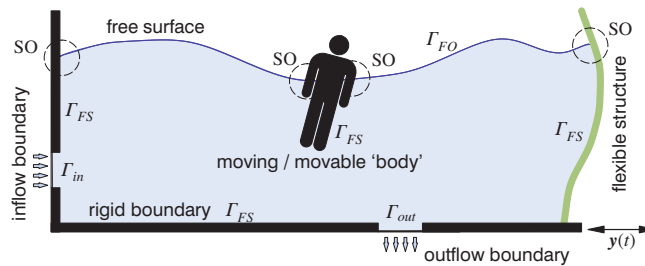
with  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C} : \mathbf{E}$   
 and  $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I})$

- linear–elastic (St. Venant / Kirchhoff)
- large deformations
- total Lagrange

...on time dependent domains (ALE)

with  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^G$

### Governing Equations



inflow boundary  $\Gamma_{in}$

⇒  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}$

outflow boundary  $\Gamma_{out}$

⇒ 'do nothing'

rigid boundary / flexible structure  $\Gamma_{FS}$

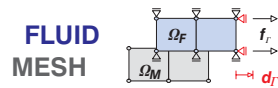
*kinematic* ⇒ no – slip :  $\mathbf{u} = \dot{\mathbf{d}}$

⇒ slip :  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \dot{\mathbf{d}} \cdot \mathbf{n}$

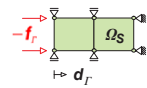
*mesh* ⇒  $\dot{\mathbf{d}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}^G \cdot \mathbf{n}$

*dynamic* ⇒  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^F \cdot \mathbf{n} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^S \cdot \mathbf{n}$

### Coupling – Boundary Conditions



**FLUID  
MESH**



**STRUCTURE**

**Instationary, incompressible Navier–Stokes...**

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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

with  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^G$ , b.c. & i.c.

Space: Stabilized Finite Elements, **ALE**

$$\mathbf{M}^F \dot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{N}^F(\mathbf{c}) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{G}^F \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{f}_{ext}^F$$

Time: One–step– $\Theta$ , Backward Euler, ...

...on moving mesh (pseudo–structure)

$$\mathbf{K}^M \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{f}^M(\mathbf{r}_T) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{r}_T = \mathbf{d}_T$$

$$\mathbf{u}^G = (\mathbf{r}^{n+1} - \mathbf{r}^n) / \Delta t \quad ((D)GCL!)$$

**Nonlinear Elastodynamics**

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with b.c. & i.c.

Structural model:

Three–dimensional shell formulation

Space: Hybrid–mixed Finite Elements

$$\mathbf{M}^S \ddot{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{D}^S \dot{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{N}^S(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{f}_{ext}^S - \mathbf{f}_T(\mathbf{p}_T, \boldsymbol{\tau}_T)$$

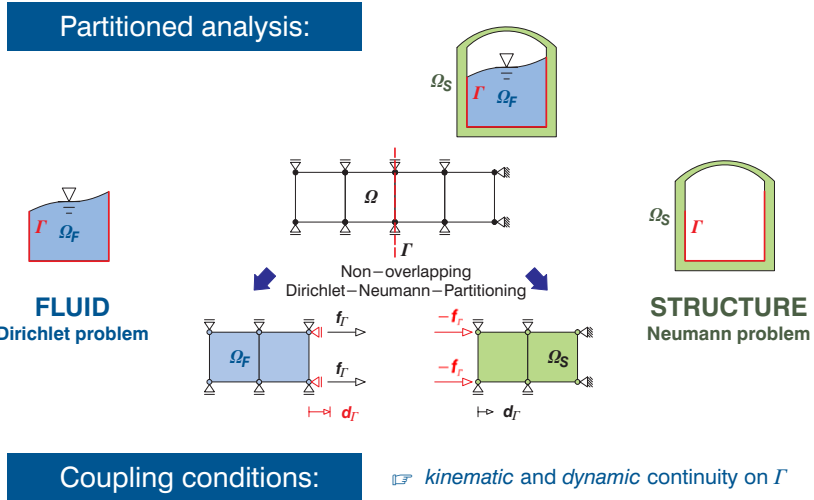
with  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_T = (2\nu^F \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u}))_T$

Time: Generalized– $\alpha$ , ...

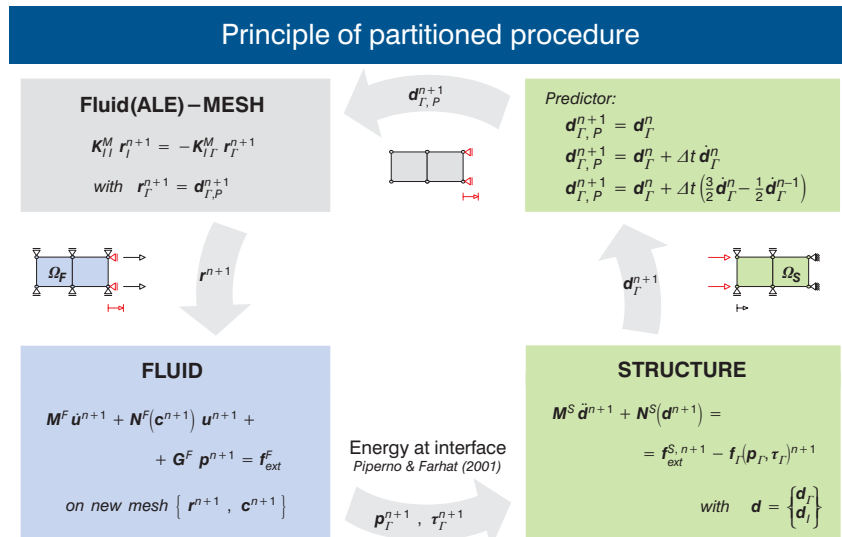
## Single Field Solver

- Formulation
- **Coupling**
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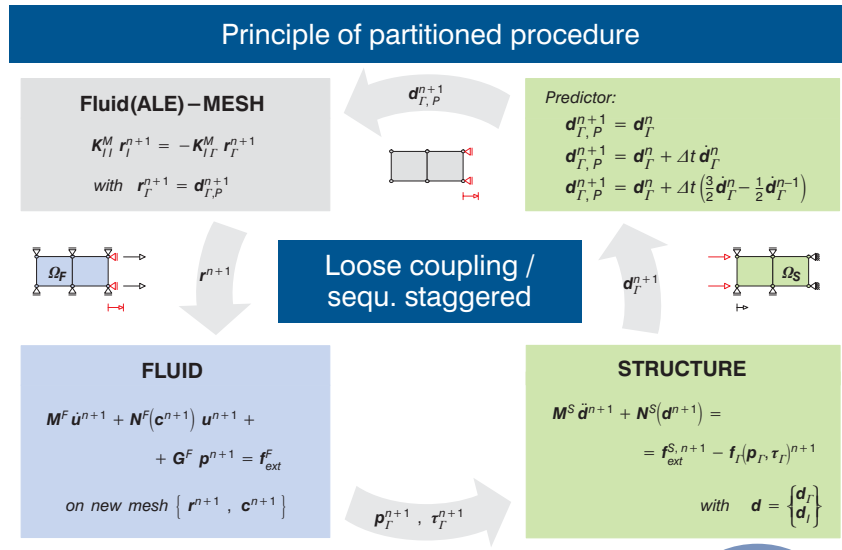


### Partitioned Analysis

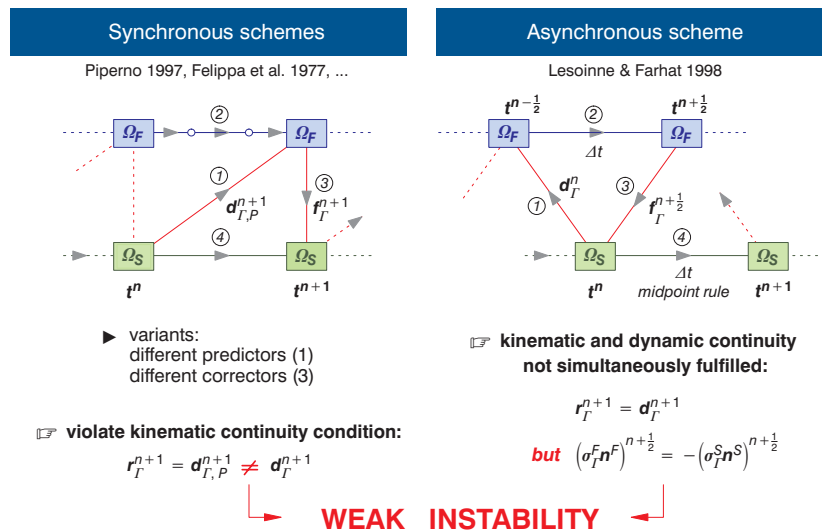


### Partitioned Analysis Schemes



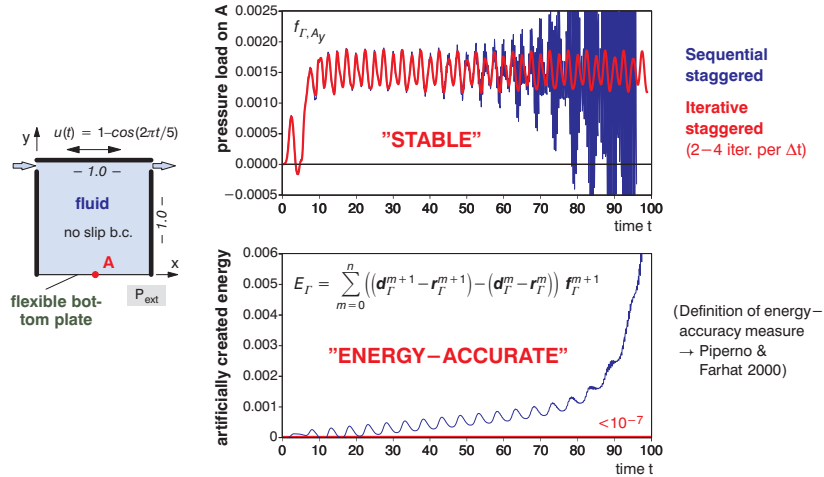


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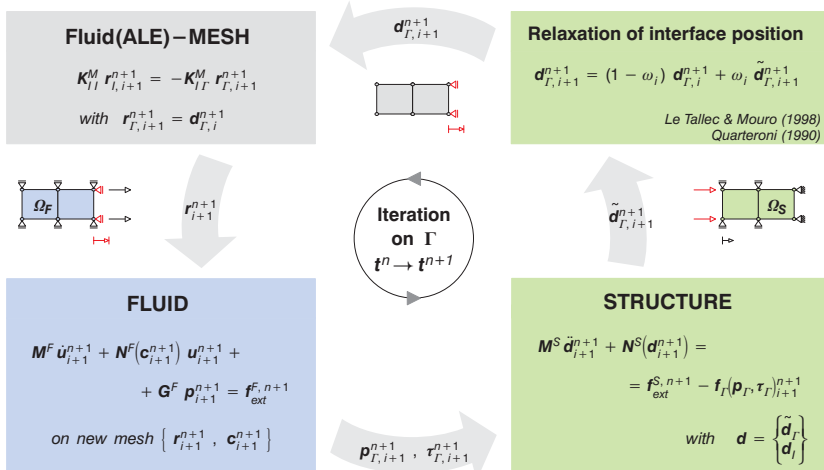
## Loose Coupling Schemes – Variants

Cavity with oscillating top and flexible bottom plate

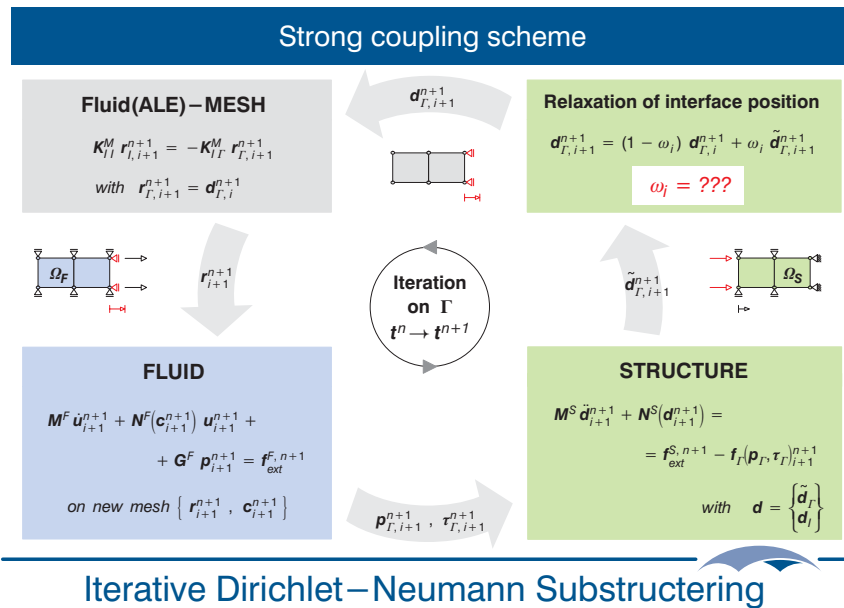


Iterative Staggered Schemes

Strong coupling scheme



Iterative Dirichlet-Neumann Substructuring



**Iteration rule:**

$$d_{I,i+1}^{n+1} = (1 - \omega_i) d_{I,i}^{n+1} + \omega_i \tilde{d}_{I,i+1}^{n+1}$$

$$d_{I,i+1}^{n+1} = d_{I,i}^{n+1} + \omega_i \left( \underbrace{S_S^{-1} f_{I,ext,mod.}}_{:= \tilde{f}} - \underbrace{S_S^{-1} (S_F + S_S) d_{I,i}}_{:= \tilde{A}} \right)$$

Schur complements (structure & fluid)

Gradient method  
(Method of steepest descent)

Aitken method  
for vector equations

Irons & Tuck (1969), based on Aitken's  $\Delta^2$ -method (1937)

$$\omega_i = \frac{g_i^T g_i}{g_i^T \cdot S_S^{-1} (S_F + S_S) \cdot g_i}$$

Residuum (local optimal search direction)

⇒ Schur complement free evaluation!

$$\omega_i = 1 - \mu_i^{n+1}$$

Aitken factor

$$\mu_i^{n+1} = \mu_{i-1}^{n+1} + (\mu_{i-1}^{n+1} - 1) \frac{(\Delta d_{I,i}^{n+1} - \Delta d_{I,i+1}^{n+1})^T \Delta d_{I,i+1}^{n+1}}{(\Delta d_{I,i}^{n+1} - \Delta d_{I,i+1}^{n+1})^2}$$

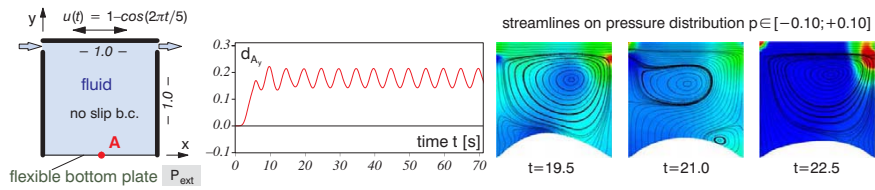
Robust & local optimal convergence +

Extremely cheap!

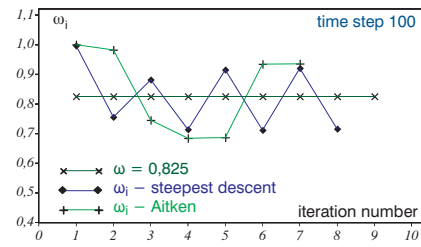
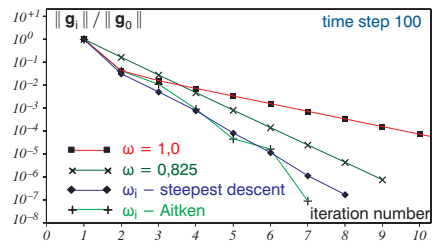
Numerical costs -

No convergence analysis for vector case

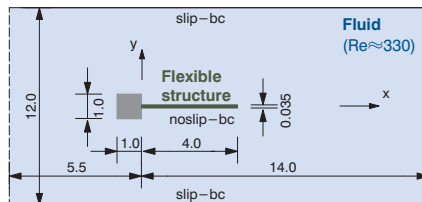
## Acceleration of Convergence



$\omega$ - time step 1	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.70	<b>0.85</b>	0.90	1.00	1.20	$\geq 1.42$
Iterations	div.	45	19	11	<b>8</b>	11	15	34	div.

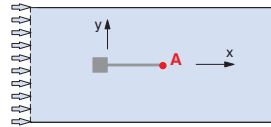


### Convergence and Relaxation Parameter History

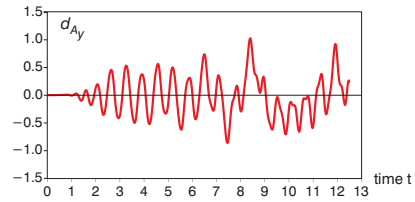


► Experiments for benchmarking

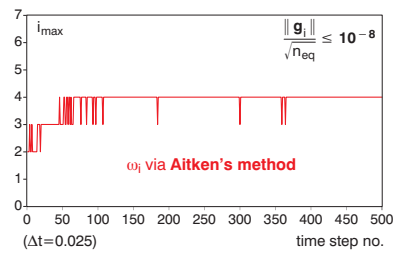
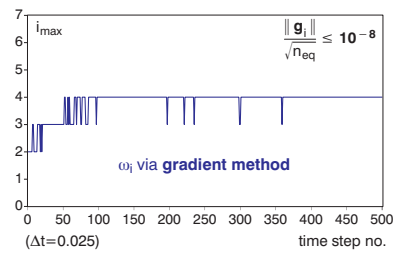
### Vortex Induced Vibrations



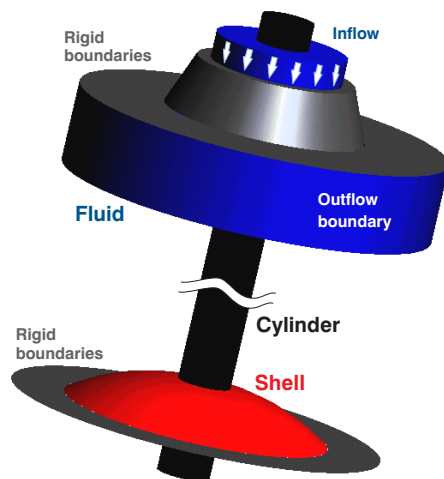
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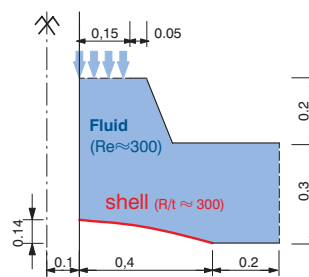
Number of subiterations per time step:



### Vortex Induced Vibrations



Problem definition



### Snap through of Gasket

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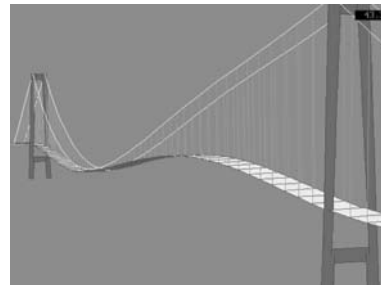
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(Collapse 7.11.1940)

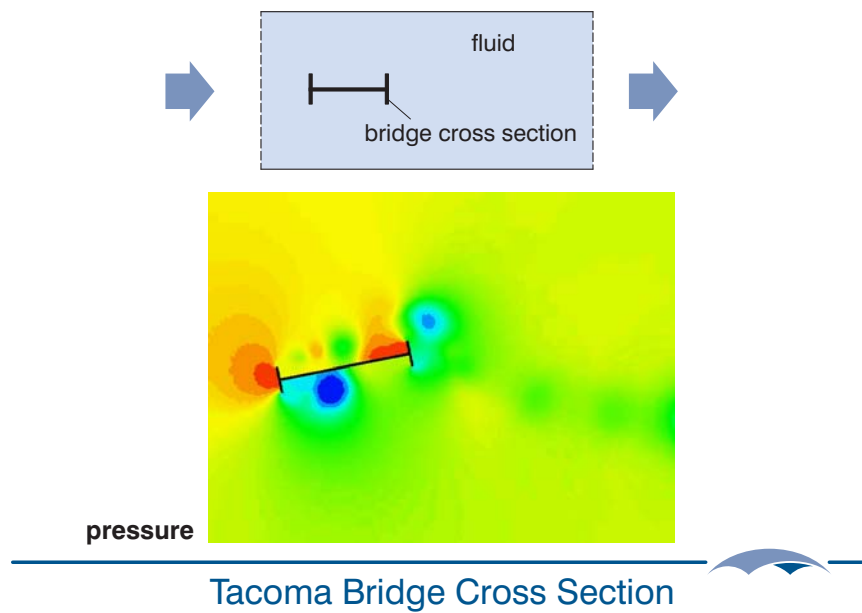
**Höga Kusten Bridge, Sweden**  
Simulation wind induced vibration



KOVACS, WEINSTADT 1995

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Vibration of Bridges



**Dynamic boundary conditions**

Dynamic boundary condition

$$\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{h} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{FS}$$

with  $\sigma = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\nu\epsilon(\mathbf{u})$

The diagram shows a curved free surface  $\Gamma_{FS}$ . A normal vector  $\mathbf{n}$  is shown pointing upwards from the surface. A radius  $R$  is indicated, representing the curvature radius of the surface.

Balance of tractions at surface

$$\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sigma^a \cdot \mathbf{n} + \gamma\kappa\mathbf{n}$$

↑ surface tension stresses in air

Simplified definition:

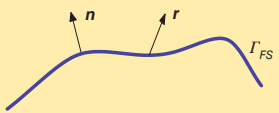
$$\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} = \gamma\kappa\mathbf{n} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{FS}$$

$\gamma$  ... surface tension coefficient  
 $\kappa = \frac{1}{R}$  ... curvature of free surface

**Free Surface Flows**

Kinematic boundary conditions

Kinematic boundary condition

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}^G \cdot \mathbf{n} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{FS}$$


*n ... surface normal*  
*r ... grid displacement*

General elevation equation

$$-u_1 \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial x_1} - u_2 \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial x_2} + u_3 + u_1^G \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial x_1} + u_2^G \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial x_2} - u_3^G = 0$$

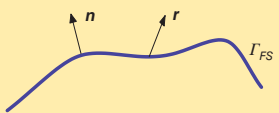
with  $u_i^G = \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial t}$

⇒ 'closure problem'

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local Lagrangean approach

$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^G = 0$$

height function approach ⇒  $r_1 = r_2 = 0$

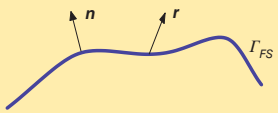
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For general cases (curved boundaries, fsi, ...)

⇒ general elevation equation + dimensionally reduced pseudo-structural approach



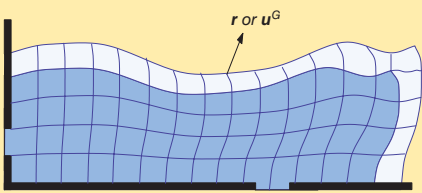
Free Surface Flows

**Partitioned implicit**

► Idea: Decomposition of fluid domain

$$\Omega = \Omega_{int} \cup \Omega_{FS}$$

element layer or boundary layer with constraints



► Introduce  $\mathbf{r}$  or  $\mathbf{u}^G$  as additional unknown on  $\Gamma_{FS}$  and include weak form of the respective kinematic boundary condition on  $\Gamma_{FS}$

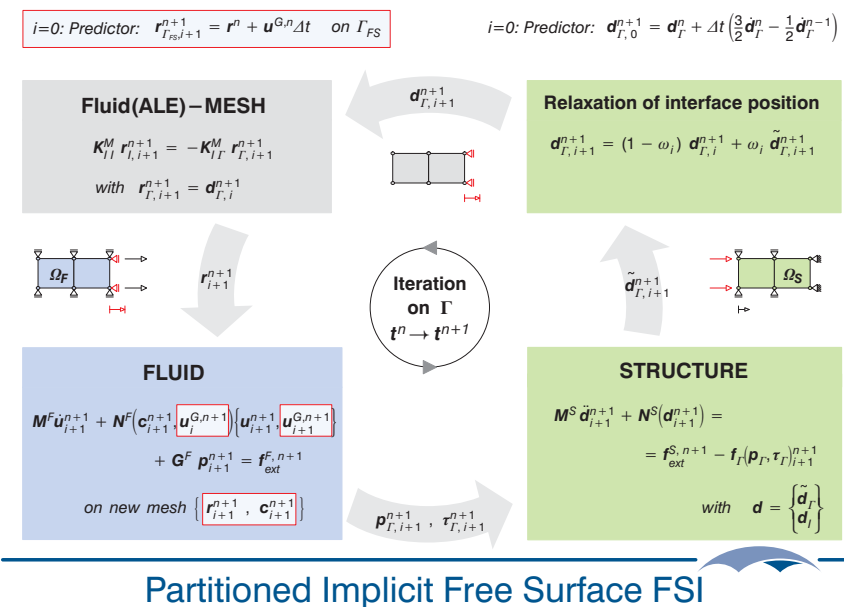
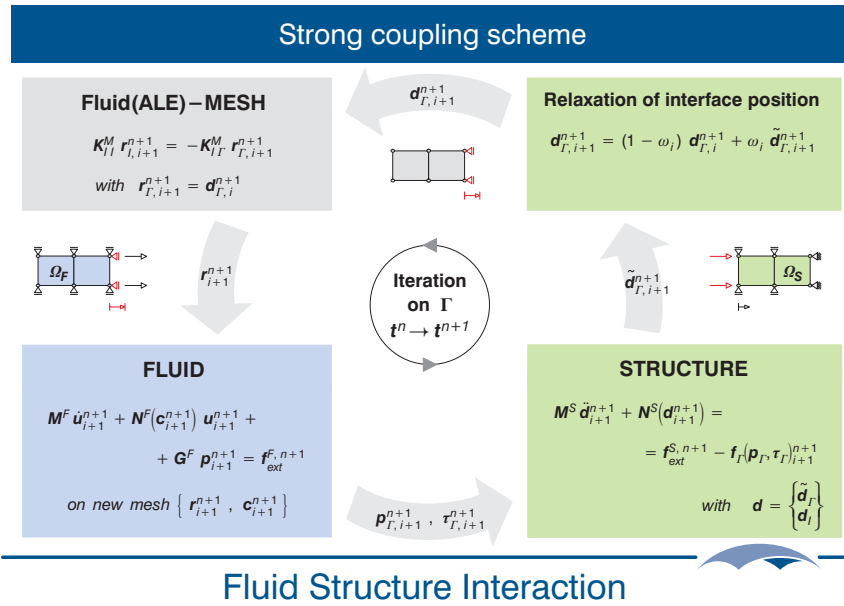
plus stabilization as additional term in variational formulation

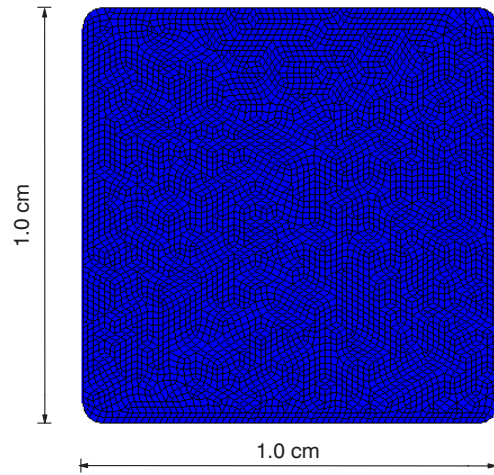
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$$u_i - u_i^G = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial r_3}{\partial t} + u_1 \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial x_1} + u_2 \frac{\partial r_3}{\partial x_2} - u_3 = 0$$

Partitioned Implicit Free Surface Algorithm





Material Parameter:

$$\rho = 1.0 \frac{g}{cm^3}$$

$$\nu = 1.0 \frac{g}{cm \cdot s}$$

$$\gamma = 73.0 \frac{g}{s^2}$$

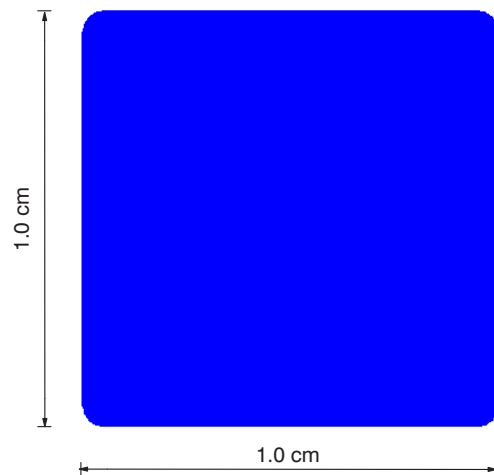
Boundary Conditions:

- no Dirichlet-BCs
- include surface tension

Discretisation:

10363 Q1Q1 fluid elements

Example: Nonequilibrium Rod



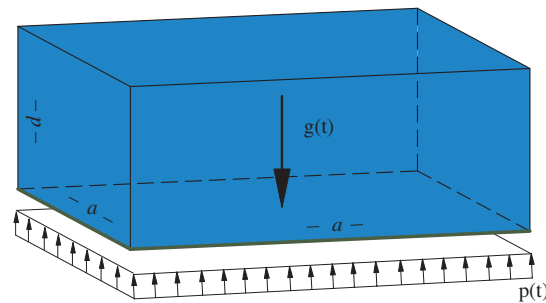
Material Parameter:

$$\rho = 1.0 \frac{g}{cm^3}$$

$$\nu = 1.0 \frac{g}{cm \cdot s}$$

$$\gamma = 73.0 \frac{g}{s^2}$$

Example: Nonequilibrium Rod



Geometry:

$$a = 10.0 \text{ cm}$$

$$d = 10.0 \text{ cm}$$

Discretisation:

20 x 20 x 8 Q1Q1 fluid elements

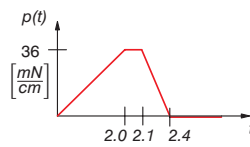
20 x 20 linear elastic shell elements

Material Parameter (Oil):

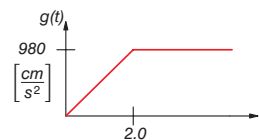
$$\rho = 0.92 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

$$\nu = 9.0 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}$$

External Load:



Gravity:



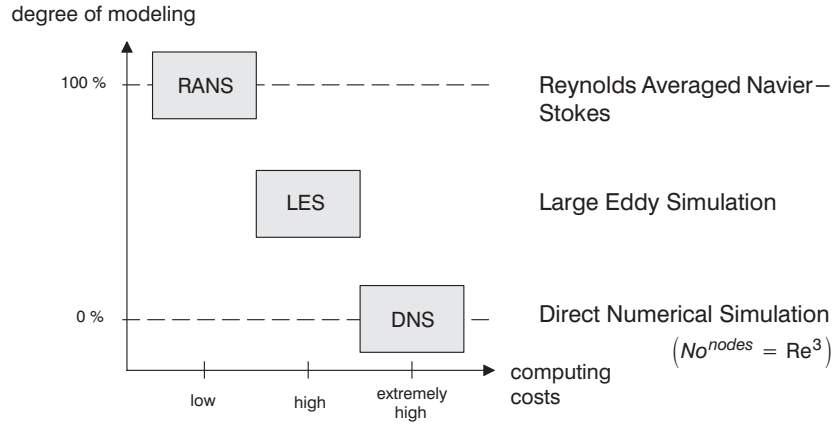
Example: Tank with flexible bottom plate

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**Schematic Classification of Alternative Procedures**

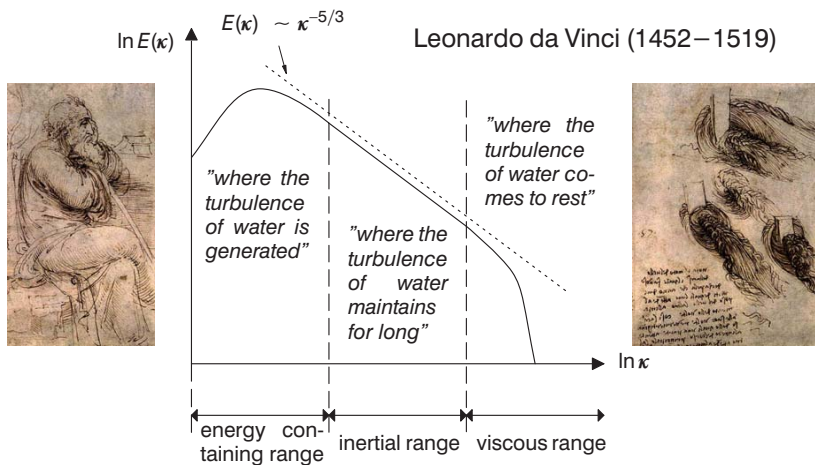
(Breuer 2000)



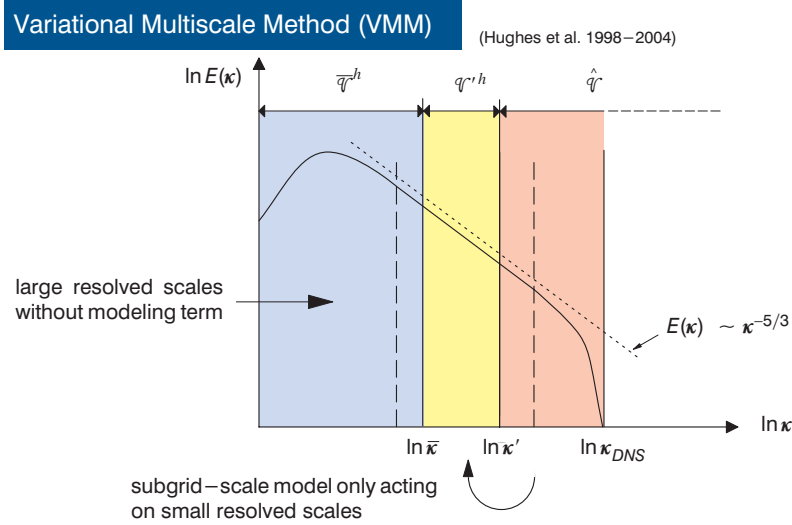
**Simulation of Turbulent Flows**

**Kolmogorov Energy Spectrum**

(Kolmogorov 1941)



**Energy Spectrum of Turbulent Flows**



**VMM – Separation of 3 Scales**

**Variational multiscale method for Navier–Stokes equations (3 scales)**

(Collis 2001, Gravemeier 2003)

separ. of function space  $\mathcal{V}_u = \bar{\mathcal{V}}_u \oplus \mathcal{V}'_u \oplus \hat{\mathcal{V}}_u$

separ. of solution and weighting functions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &= \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{u}' + \hat{\mathbf{u}} & \mathbf{w} &= \bar{\mathbf{w}} + \mathbf{w}' + \hat{\mathbf{w}} \\ p &= \bar{p} + p' + \hat{p} & q &= \bar{q} + q' + \hat{q} \end{aligned}$$

3 subproblems

$$B_{NS}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}^h, \bar{q}^h; \bar{\mathbf{u}}^h + \mathbf{u}' + \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \bar{p}^h + p' + \hat{p}) = (\bar{\mathbf{v}}^h, \mathbf{f})_{\Omega} + (\bar{\mathbf{v}}^h, \mathbf{h})_{\Gamma_h} \Rightarrow \text{large-scale eq.}$$

$$B_{NS}(\mathbf{v}', q'; \bar{\mathbf{u}}^h + \mathbf{u}' + \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \bar{p}^h + p' + \hat{p}) = (\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{f})_{\Omega} + (\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{h})_{\Gamma_h} \Rightarrow \text{small-scale eq.}$$

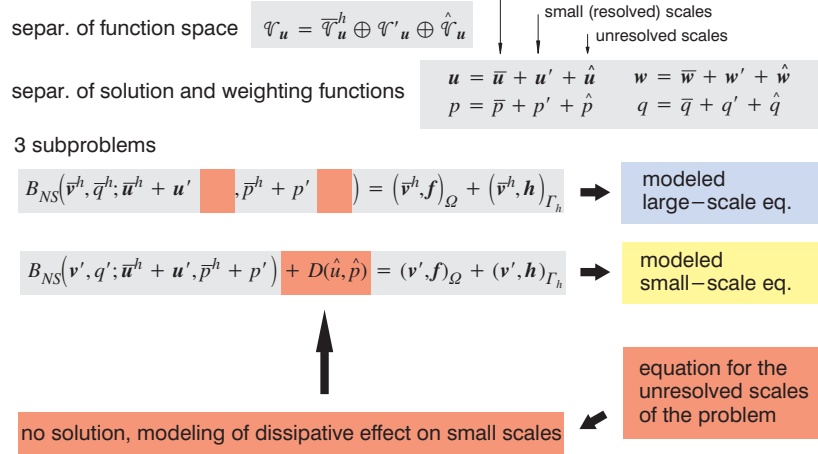
$$B_{NS}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}, \hat{q}; \bar{\mathbf{u}}^h + \mathbf{u}' + \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \bar{p}^h + p' + \hat{p}) = (\hat{\mathbf{v}}, \mathbf{f})_{\Omega} + (\hat{\mathbf{v}}, \mathbf{h})_{\Gamma_h} \Rightarrow \text{equation for the unresolved scales of the problem}$$

no solution, modeling of dissipative effect on small scales

**VMM – Separation of 3 Scales**

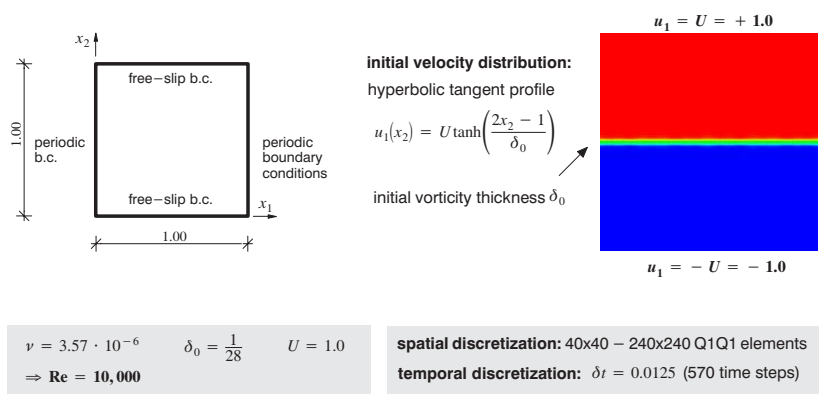
Variational multiscale method for Navier–Stokes equations (3 scales)

(Collis 2001, Gravemeier 2003)



VMM – Separation of 3 Scales

Plane mixing layer



Turbulent Flow Example

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Conclusion 