

## Downscaling Data Assimilation Techniques Applied to Low Froude Number Shallow Water Flows

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- ▶ dynamical downscaling becoming popular, easy to implement
- ▶ difficulties, e.g. gridded nudging discrete in nature
- ▶ Titi and co-workers: rigorous mathematical framework for downscaling and assimilation techniques

## **Aim:**

- ▶ extend developments, design new efficient algorithms for extreme-scale calculations
- ▶ computationally test efficiency and validity for practical situations

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## Spectrally-filtered discrete-in-time downscaling:

$$v_0 = Ju(t_0)$$
$$v^{n+1} = ES(t_{n+1}, t_n; v_n) + Ju(t_{n+1})$$
$$v(t) = S(t, t_n; v_n) \quad \text{for } t \in [t_n, t_{n+1})$$

Construct approximate solution  $v(t)$ , which converges to  $u(t)$  over time.

Let  $\Omega = [0, 2\pi]^2$  be the  $2\pi$ -periodic torus, find  $\mathbf{u}$ , s.th.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}_t - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{u}$ : fluid velocity,  $p$ : pressure  
 $\mathbf{f}$ : body force applied to the fluid  
 $\nu$ : kinematic viscosity

### Azouani et al., 2014:

Let  $\Omega = [0, L]^2$  and let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a solution to the NSE with periodic BC. If  $I_h$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\mathbf{u} - I_h(\mathbf{u})\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \gamma_1 h^2 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^1}^2 + \gamma_2 h^4 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2}^2$$

and

$$\frac{L^2}{h^2} \geq \frac{c_0 L^2 \mu}{\nu} \geq c_2 Gr(1 + \log(1 + Gr)), \quad c_0 = c_0(\gamma_1, \gamma_2), c_2 = \text{const.}$$

then  $\|\mathbf{v}(t) - \mathbf{u}(t)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Interpolant Observables

- Orthogonal projection onto low Fourier modes:

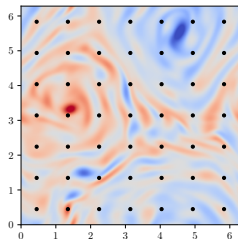
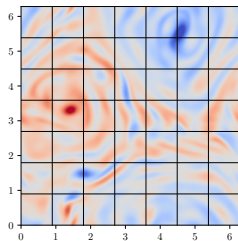
$$I_h(u)(x) = P_\lambda(u)(x) = \sum_{|k| \leq \lambda} \hat{u}_k e^{ik \cdot x}$$

- Interpolation from volume elements

$$I_h(u)(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N \bar{u}_j \chi_{Q_j}(x)$$

- Interpolation from nodal measurements

$$I_h(u)(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N u(x_j) \left( \chi_j(x) - \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \chi_j \right)$$



## The Zero Froude Number SWE

Shallow water equations:

$$\begin{aligned} h_t + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ (h\mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{v}) + \frac{1}{Fr^2} h \nabla h &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Zero Froude number limit ( $Fr \rightarrow 0$ ), rigid lid approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} h_t + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ (h\mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{v}) + h \nabla h^{(2)} &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $h = h_0(t)$  given through boundary conditions.
- ▶ mass conservation becomes **divergence constraint** for velocity field:

$$\int_{\partial V} h\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma = -|V| \frac{dh_0}{dt} \quad \text{for } V \subset \Omega$$

- ▶  $h^{(2)}$ : second order height perturbation; Lagrange multiplier

**Task:** Construct a scheme, which ...

- ▶ ... allows time steps **independent of the Froude number**
- ▶ ... **conserves** mass, momentum, total energy:

$$\mathbf{U}_C^{n+1} = \mathbf{U}_C^n - \frac{\Delta t}{|C|} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}_{\partial C}} |I| \mathbf{F}_I$$

- ▶ ... is **second order accurate** in time and space
- ▶ ... uses machinery of **Godunov-type methods**
- ▶ ... requires the solution of at most linear, scalar equations
- ▶ ... ensures, that for  $Fr = 0$ , advection velocities **and** final momentum satisfy divergence constraint



## Zero Froude number SWE:

$$\nabla \cdot (h_0 \mathbf{v}) = -\frac{dh_0}{dt}$$

$$(h_0 \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (h_0 \mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{v}) + h_0 \nabla h^{(2)} = 0$$

## Method in conservation form:

$$\mathbf{U}_C^{n+1} = \mathbf{U}_C^n - \frac{\Delta t}{|C|} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}_{\partial C}} |I| \mathbf{F}_I^{n+1/2}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_I^{n+1/2} := \mathbf{F}_I^* + \mathbf{F}_I^{\text{MAC}} + \mathbf{F}_I^{\text{P2}}$$

- ▶ advective fluxes  $\mathbf{F}_I^*$  from second order Godunov-type method
- ▶  $\mathbf{F}_I^{\text{MAC}}$  from **(MAC) projection**, corrects advection velocity divergence
- ▶  $\mathbf{F}_I^{\text{P2}}$  from **second projection**, which adjusts new time level divergence of cell-centered velocities

mimic Zero Froude Number results by decomposing height into:

$$h(t, \mathbf{x}; \text{Fr}) = h_0(t, \mathbf{x}) + \text{Fr}^2 h'(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$h_0(t, \mathbf{x}) = H_0(t) - b(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$h_t + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$(h\mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{v}) + h\nabla h' = 0$$

Extension of (zero Froude number) projection method by inclusion of **local time derivatives** of  $h'$  into projection steps

1. explicit predictor for advective fluxes
2. first correction (advection velocity components)
3. **second correction** (pressure term)

- ▶ Add as source term into explicit predictor
- ▶ Split-implicit method, using Strang Splitting:

$$(h\mathbf{v})^* = P_{\text{adv}}^{\Delta t/2} \left( P_{\text{diff}}^{\Delta t} \left( P_{\text{adv}}^{\Delta t/2} (h\mathbf{v})^n \right) \right)$$

Crank-Nicholson Scheme for diffusion step:

$$(h\mathbf{v})^{n+1} = (h\mathbf{v})^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [\nabla \cdot \nu h \nabla (\mathbf{v}^{n+1}) + \nabla \cdot \nu h \nabla (\mathbf{v}^n)]$$

Solution of two Helmholtz problems for the velocity components

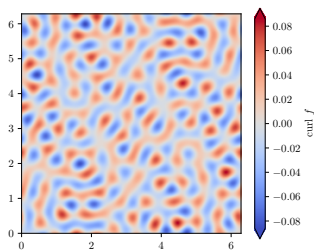
## Body Force $f$

- ▶ Let  $f = \gamma f_0$  being a time-independent forcing function.
- ▶  $f_0$  supported on an annulus of Fourier modes, such that  $10 \leq |k| \leq 12$
- ▶  $f_0$  specified in vorticity representation in terms of  $g_0 = \nabla \times f_0$  with

$$\hat{f}_k = \frac{\hat{g}_k}{k_1^2 + k_2^2} \begin{pmatrix} -ik_2 \\ ik_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad g = \sum_{10 \leq |k| \leq 12} \hat{g}_k \phi_k$$

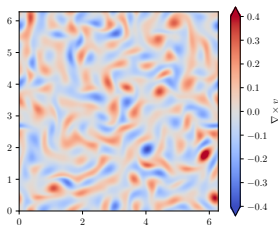
with  $\hat{f}_k = \overline{\hat{f}_{-k}}$  and  $k \cdot \hat{f}_k = 0$

- ▶ Fourier coefficients  $\hat{g}_k$  Gaussian distributed (see Olson and Titi, 2008)
- ▶ discrete  $f_h$  further projected into space of discretely divergence-free functions.

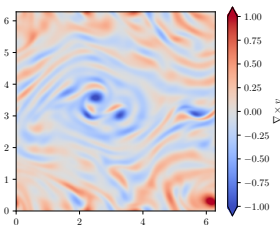


# Resulting Flow, $\nu = 0.0001$

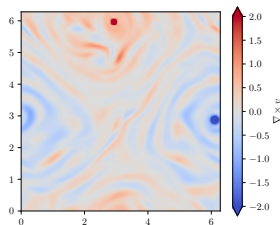
Depending on scaling  $\gamma$ , different flow regimes:



$$Gr(f) = 175\,000$$



$$Gr(f) = 1\,500\,000$$

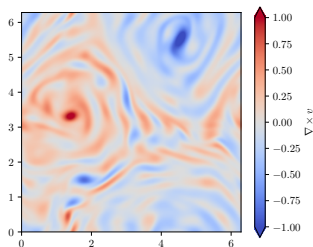


$$Gr(f) = 2\,500\,000$$

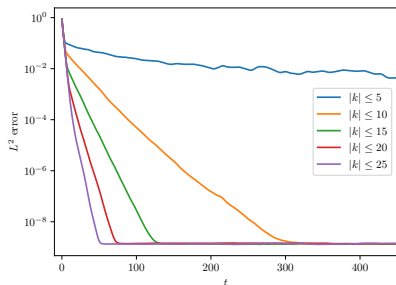
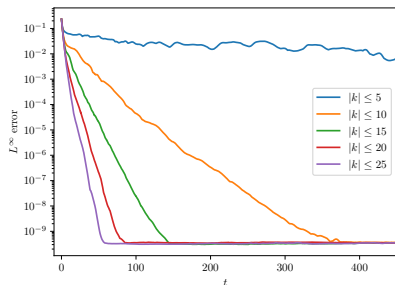
$$Gr(f) = \frac{1}{\nu^2} \|f\|_{L^2}^2 \text{ (Grashof number)}$$

# Data Assimilation Experiments

- ▶ forcing function  $f$  with  $Gr(f) = 1\,500\,000$
- ▶ viscosity  $\nu = 0.0001$
- ▶  $\Omega = [0, 2\pi]^2$  with  $256^2$  grid cells
- ▶ CFL number 0.8 (determined by explicit predictor)
- ▶ zero velocity field at  $t = -6600$ , evolve until  $t = 0$  for initial condition
- ▶ DA by nudging with projection onto low Fourier modes:  $\lambda = 5, 10, 15, 20, 25$

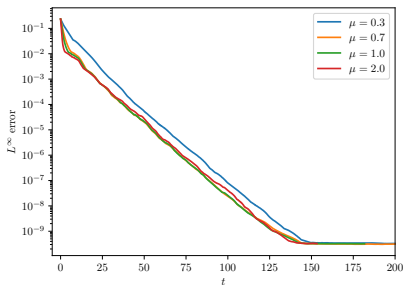


initial velocity field  
(reference solution)

**Error with respect to reference solution ( $\mu = 0.7$ ):**

~ 80 modes needed to experimentally obtain convergence in time!  
(see also Olson and Titi (2008), Gescho et al. (2015), ...)

## Convergence wrt $\mu$ :





- ▶ data assimilation by **interpolant observables**
- ▶ finite volume **projection method** for zero Froude number flows
- ▶ **semi-implicit extension** for low Froude number SWE
- ▶ DA with **spectral nudging**
  
- ▶ Outlook
  - ▶ different interpolant observables, downscaling
  - ▶ modeling of atmospheric flows with moisture, stochastic models
  - ▶ effective methods to treat ensemble of system states