

# Sand wave simulation on large domains

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## Context

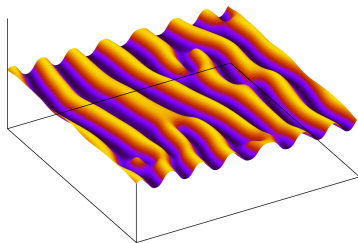
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## Approach

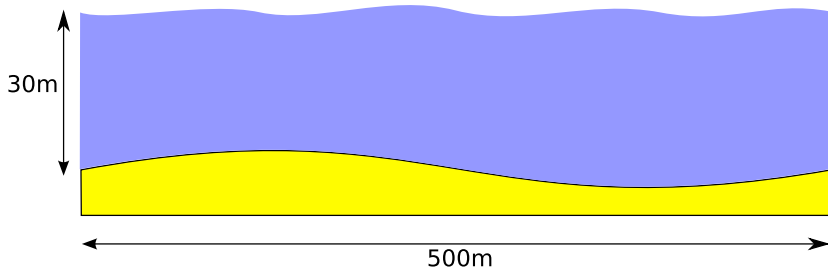
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- Benefit
- Technique

## Results

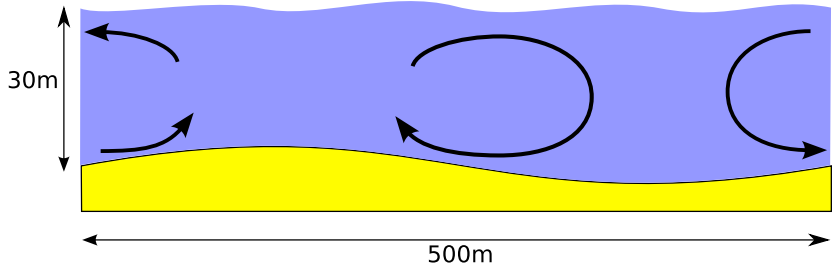
## Future outlook



# Physical setting



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## Practical relevance



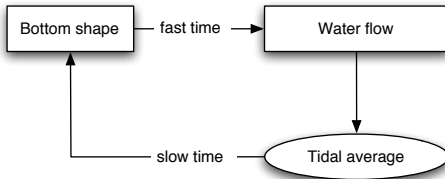
*courtesy Google maps*

- ▶ Shipping routes
- ▶ Oil pipes
- ▶ Telecommunication cables
- ▶ Construction of artificial islands
- ▶ Off shore wind turbines

## Other research

- ▶ Linear stability analysis (Hulscher, Gerkema, Besio)
- ▶ Trend fitting (Wüst, Knaapen, probably numerous others)
- ▶ Numerical simulation (Németh)

# Problem characteristics



- ▶ Two time scales
- ▶ Most computation effort into flow
- ▶ Two consecutive flows are alike

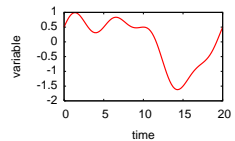
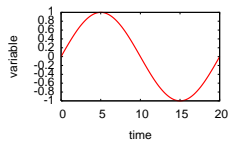
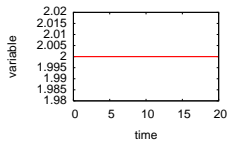
# Why you should stay awake

- ▶ Many calculations
- ▶ Slightly different settings
- ▶ Profit



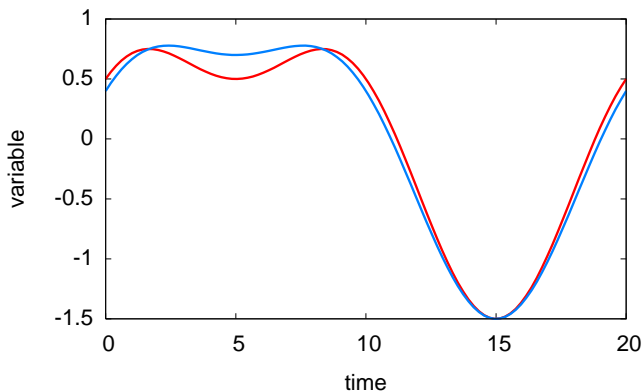
# Applicability

## Implicit solver, or time dependency harmonic



# Benefit

Compute small changes instead of whole trajectory



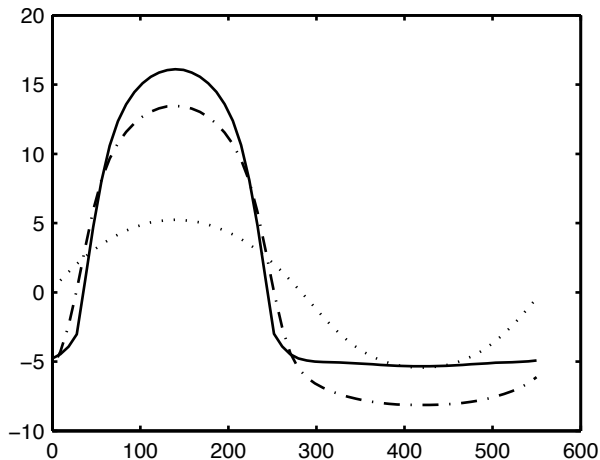
# How do we do that?

- ▶ Newton iterator from previous solution
- ▶ Sparse LU / GMRES
- ▶ Use previous LU as preconditioner for GMRES

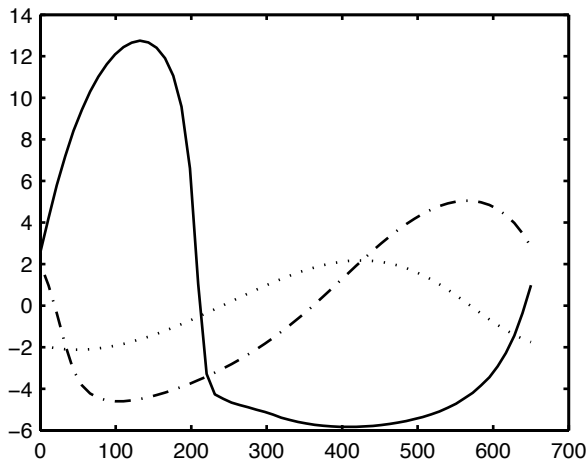
# On sparse LU

- ▶ Local discretisation in space
- ▶ Tactical ordering of the discrete equations
- ▶ Band matrix with little fill in during LU
- ▶  $N_z < N_x$  gives small bandwidth

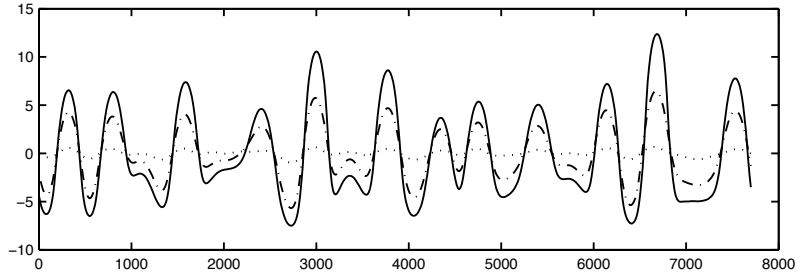
# 1 Wave



# 1 Wave with migration



# Wave field



# Future outlook

- ▶ How do the variations evolve in time?
- ▶ Extensions: turbulence modelling, sediment transport
- ▶ Simplifications: better understanding of mechanism behind residual flow



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# If you ask for it

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u + w \partial_z u = A_v \partial_z^2 u - g \partial_x \zeta + F(t) \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_x u + \partial_z w = 0 \quad (2)$$

# If you ask for it

$$A_v \partial_z u = Su|_{z=h(x)} \quad (3)$$

$$w - u \partial_x h = 0|_{z=h(x)} \quad (4)$$

$$\partial_z u = 0|_{z=H+\zeta(x,t)} \quad (5)$$

$$w = \partial_t \zeta + u \partial_x \zeta|_{z=H+\zeta(x,t)} \quad (6)$$

# If you ask for it

$$B = \alpha \sqrt{|\tau_b|} [\tau_b - \lambda_1 \partial_x h - \lambda_2 |\tau_b| \partial_x h] \quad (7)$$

$$\tau_b = A_v \partial_z u|_{z=h(x)} \quad (8)$$

$$\partial_t h = -\partial_x B \quad (9)$$