

Coupled Hyperbolic Approach to Solve Buoyant Two-Phase Flow and Transport in Heterogeneous Porous Media

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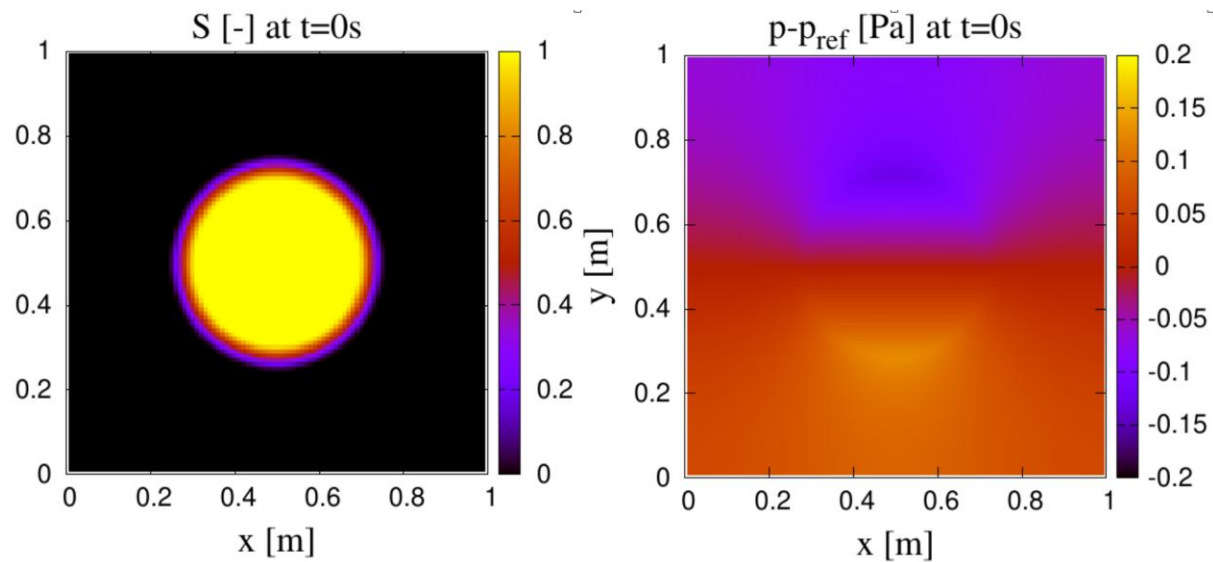
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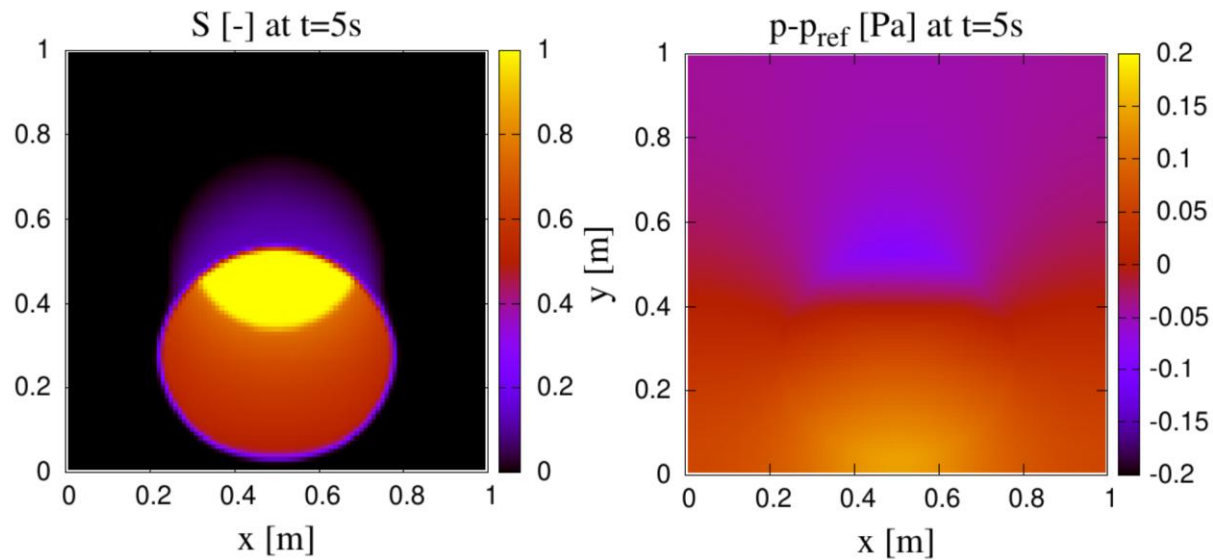
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- Adaptive in space and time
- For complex problems in 3D
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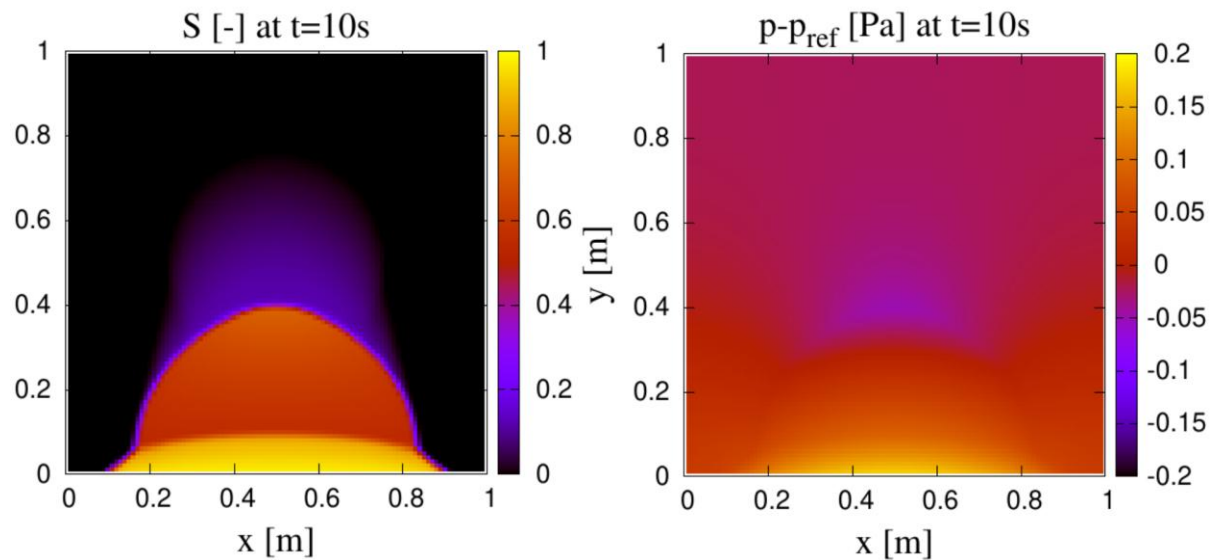
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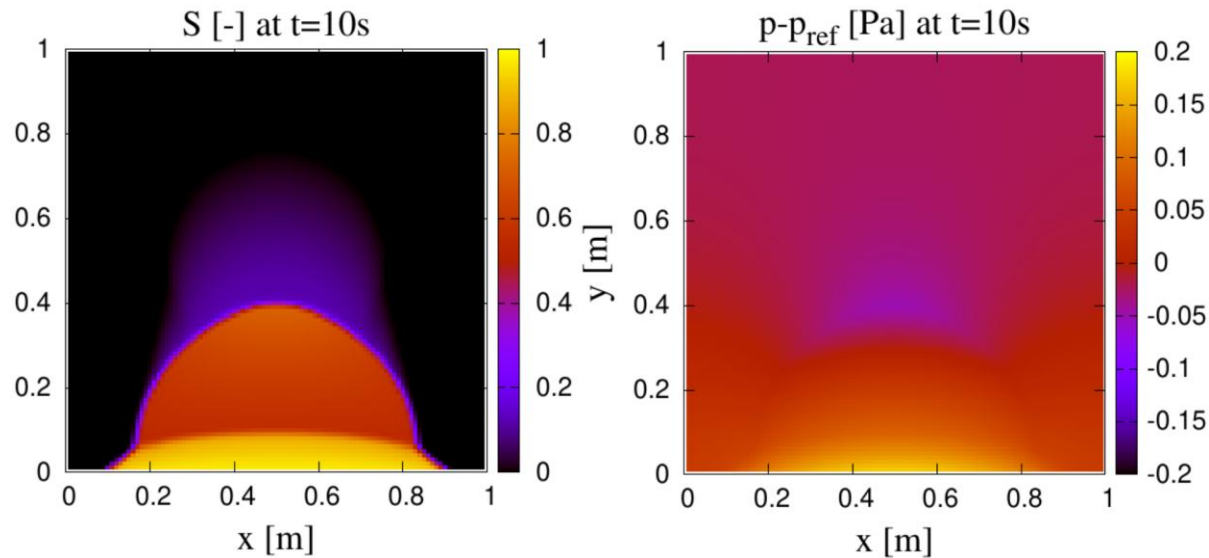
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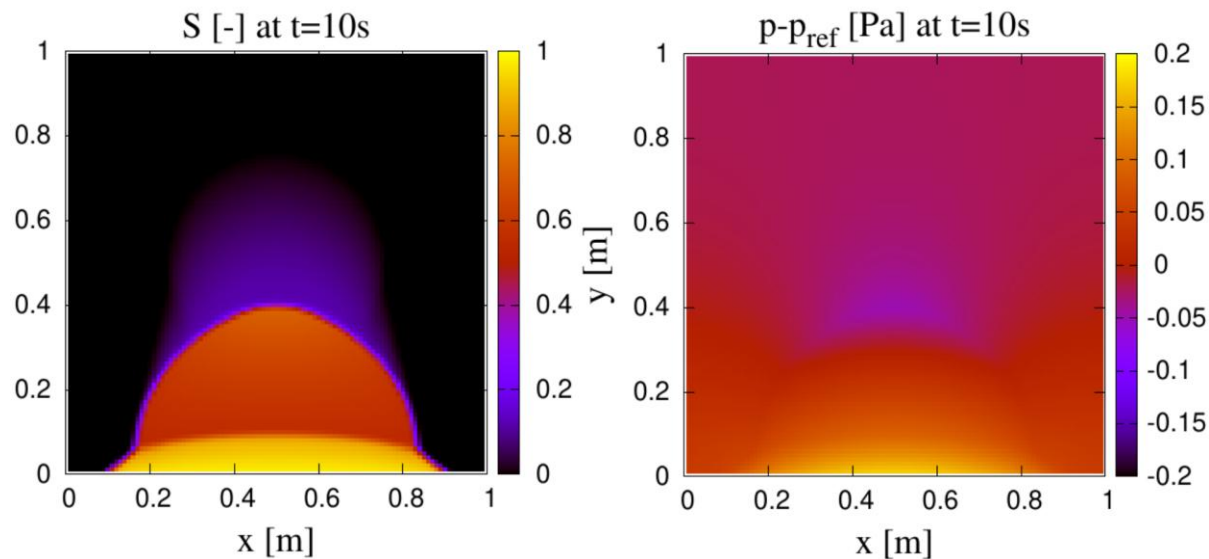


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 - Small relative density differences
 - Source Terms dominate

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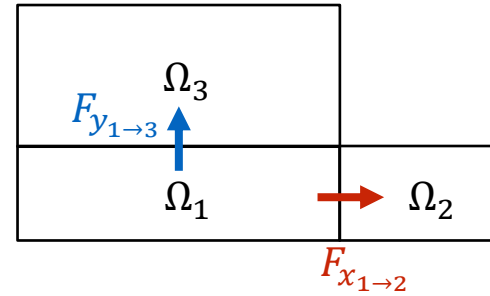
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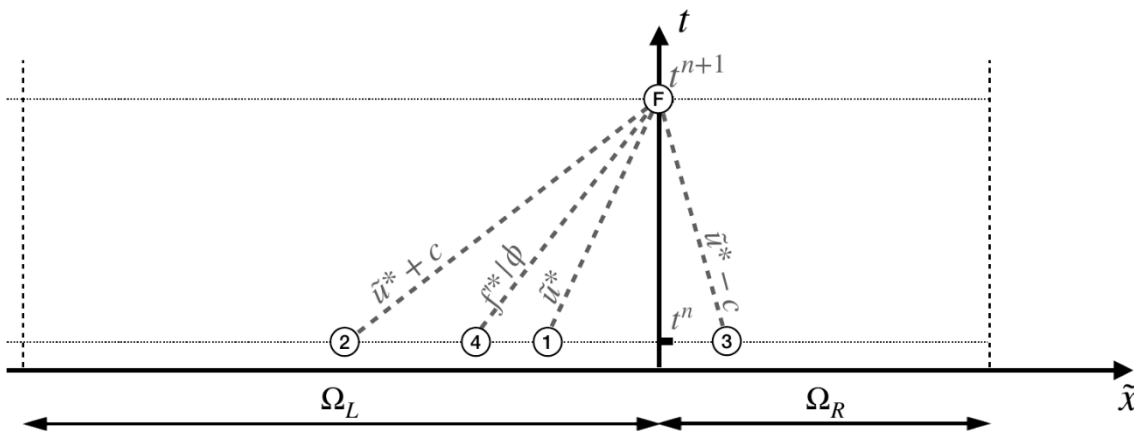
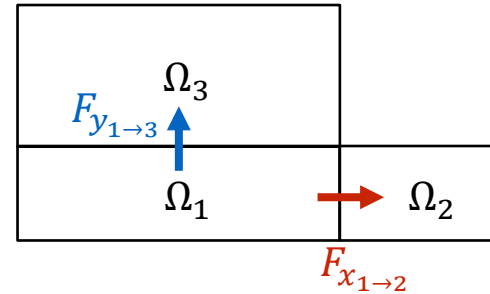
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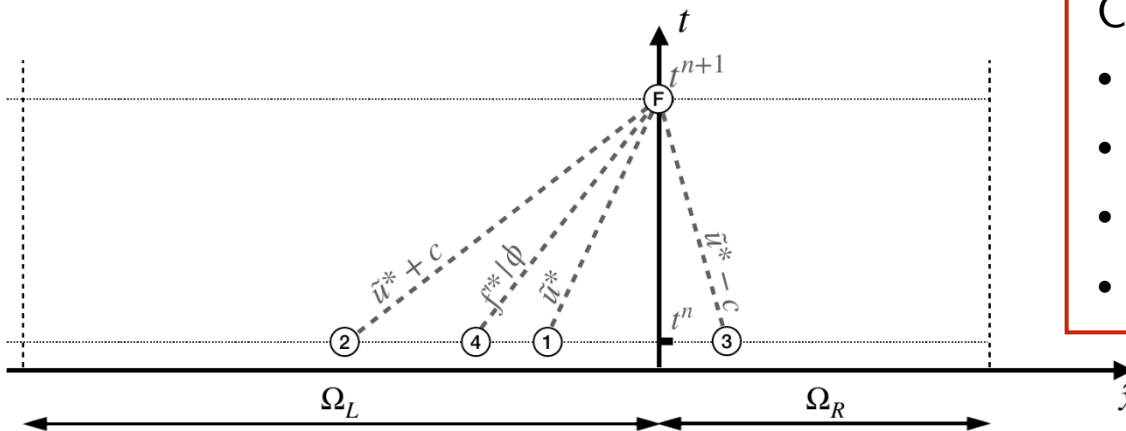
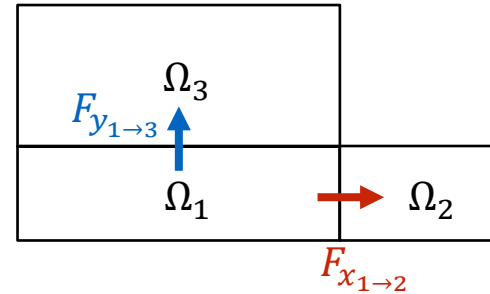
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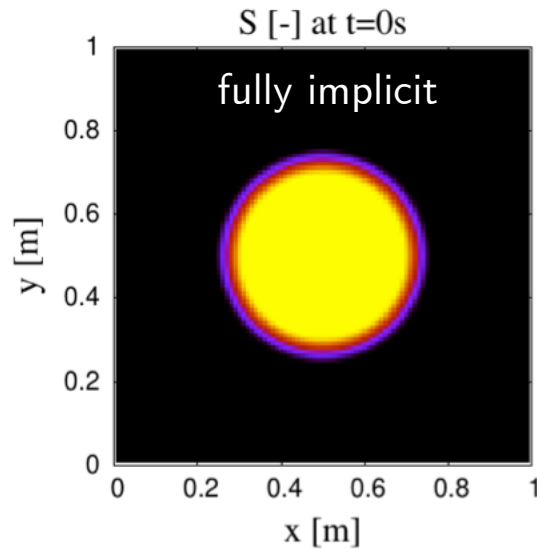
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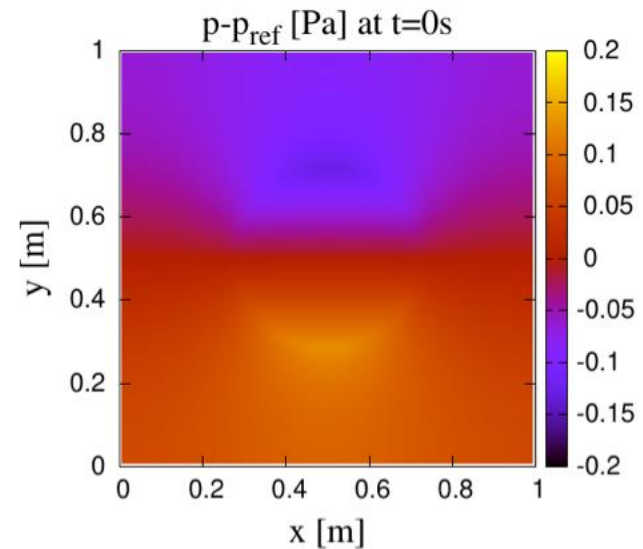
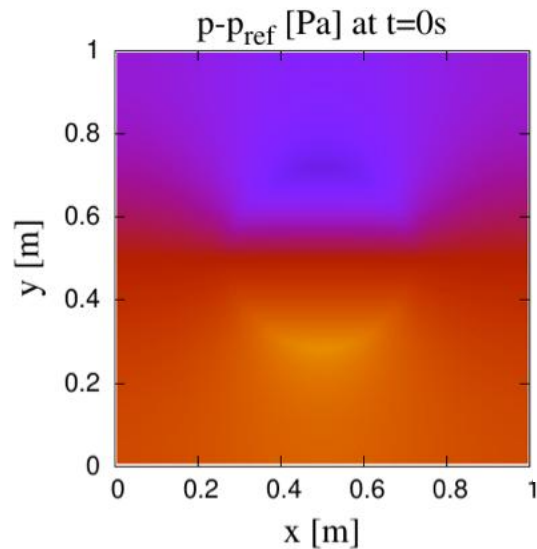
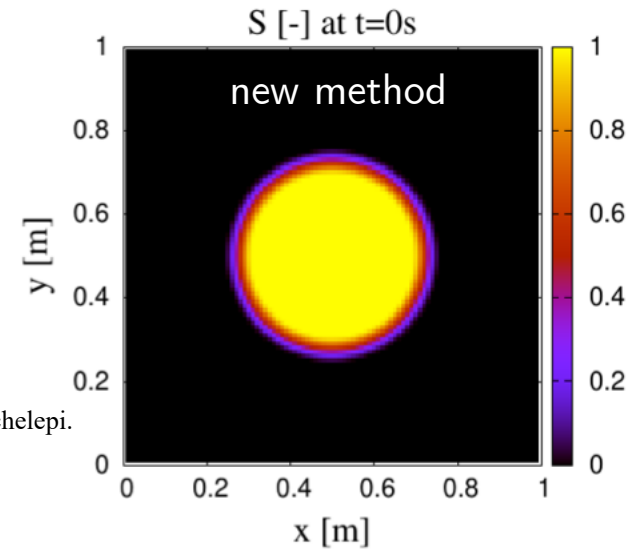


- Characteristics-based Riemann solver:
- Cheap
 - Robust
 - Accurate
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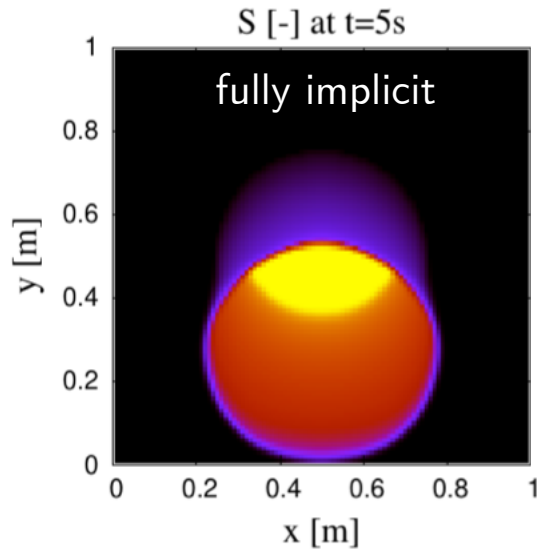
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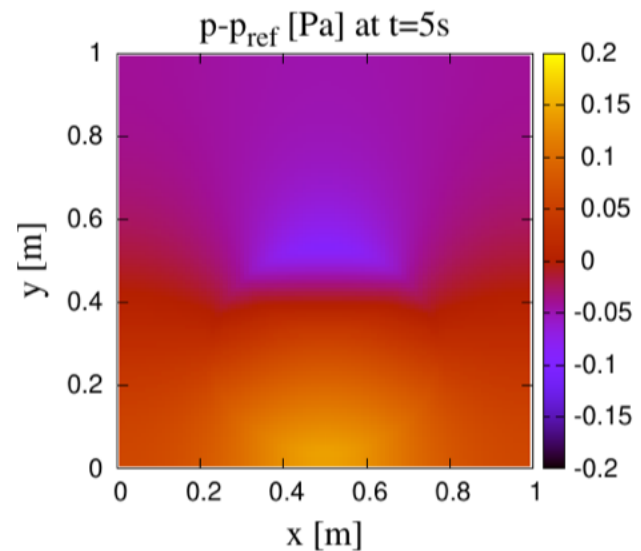
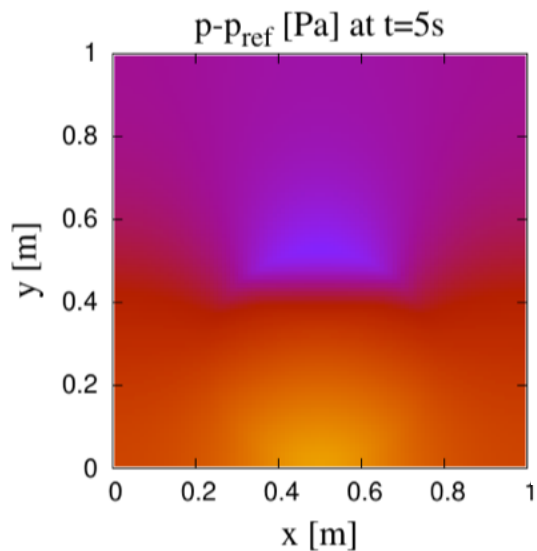
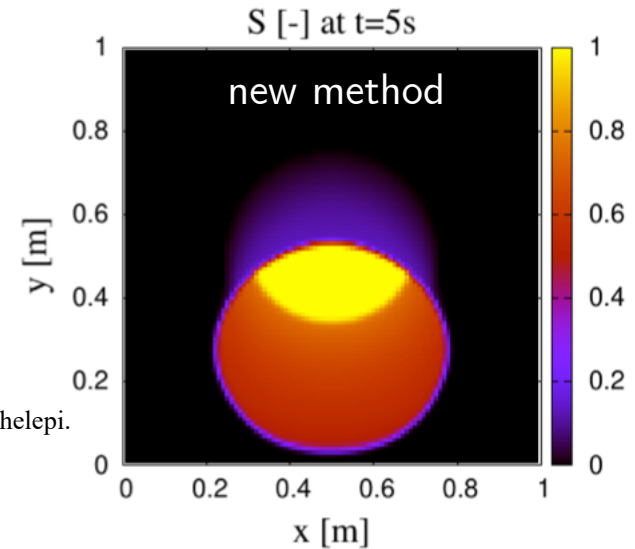
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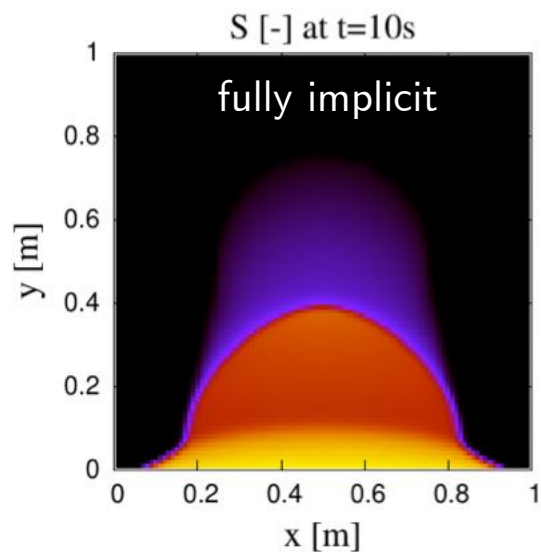
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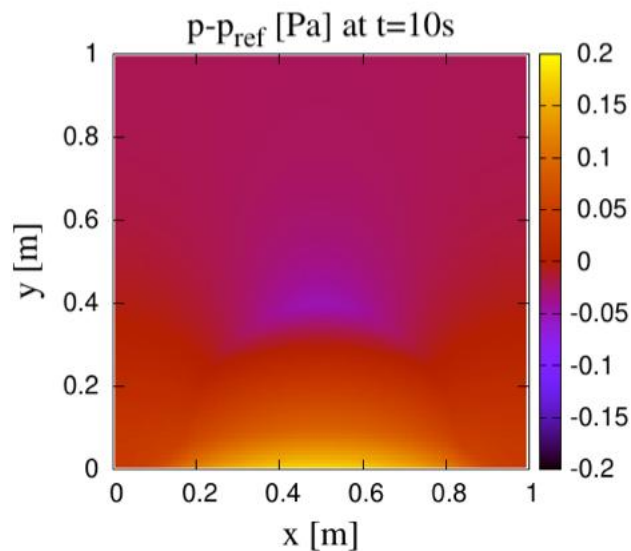
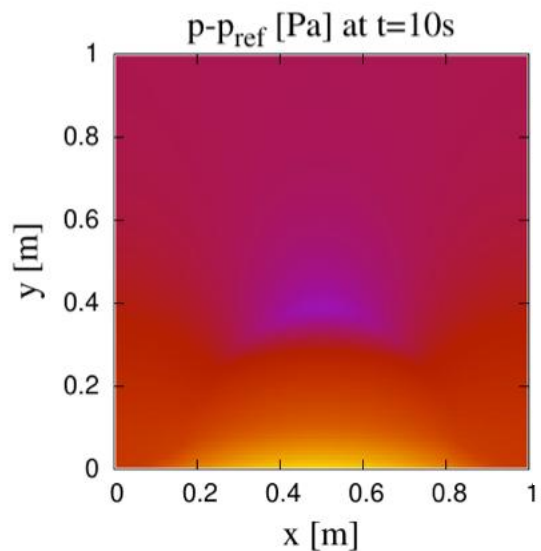
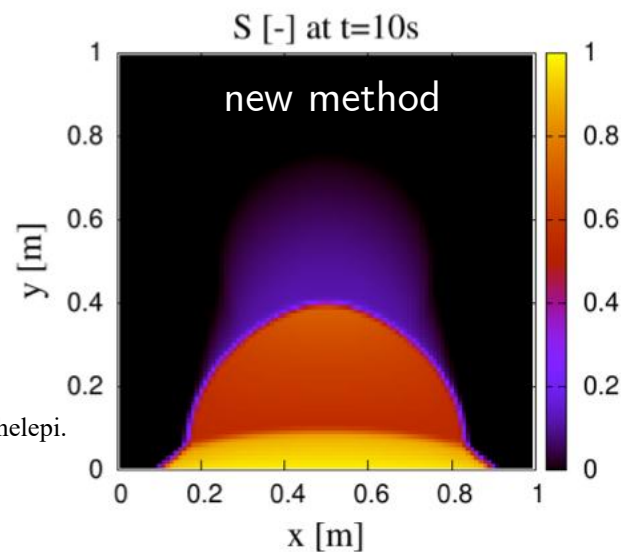
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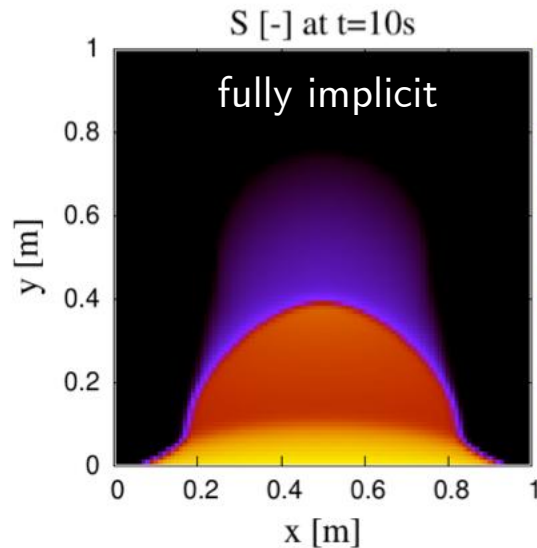
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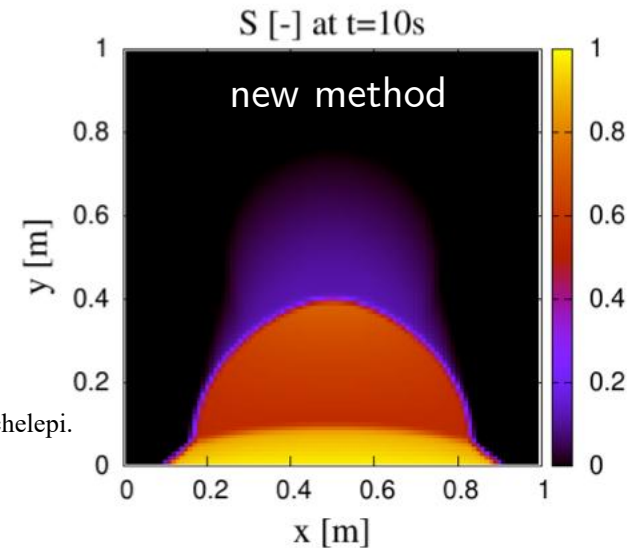
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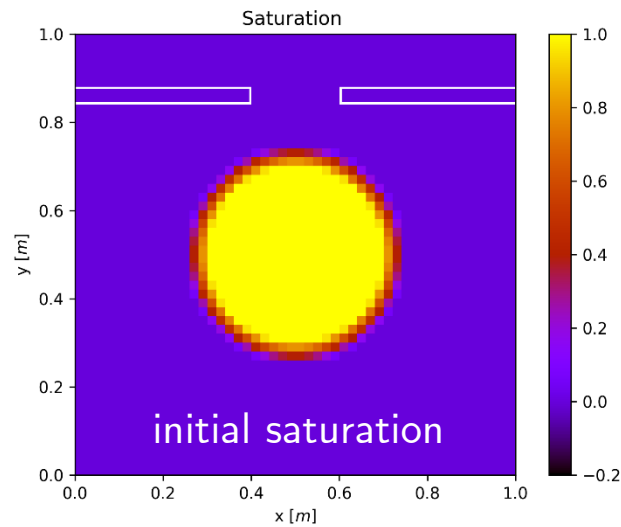
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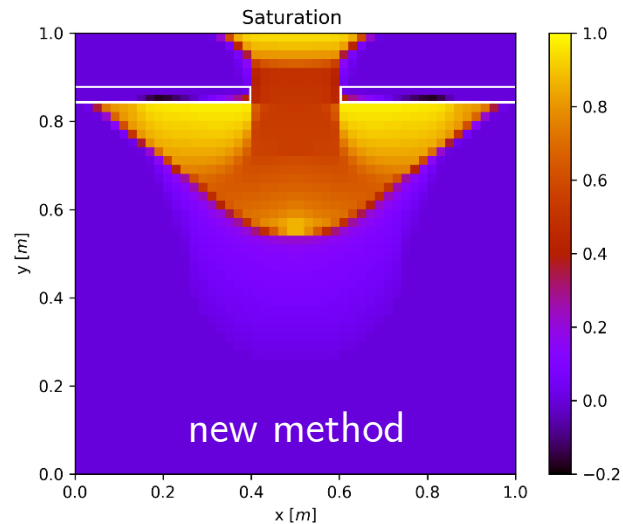
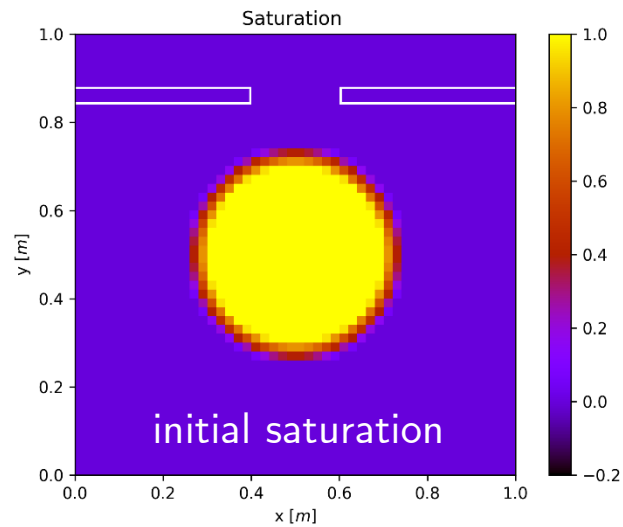
Hyperbolic vs Standard Simulator

- Very good agreement
- Sharper shocks with hyperbolic simulator

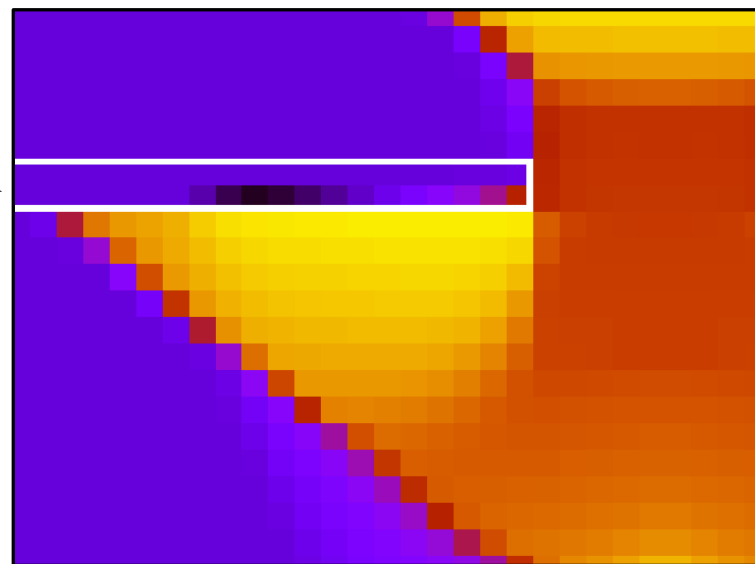
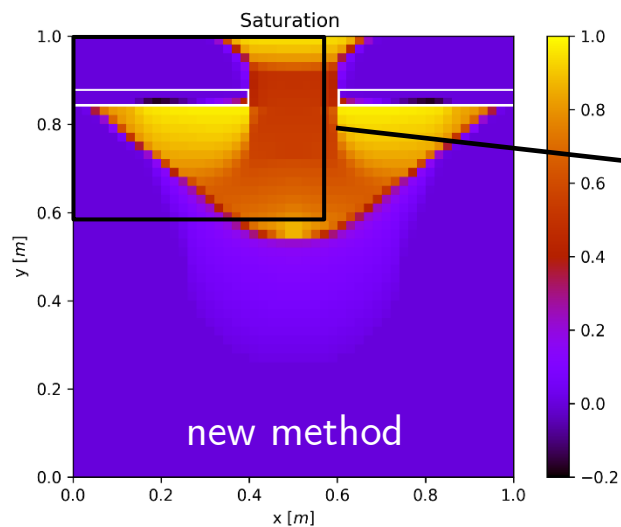
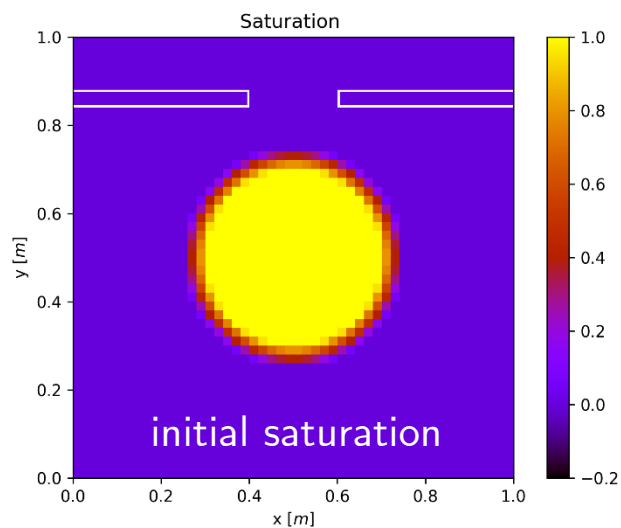
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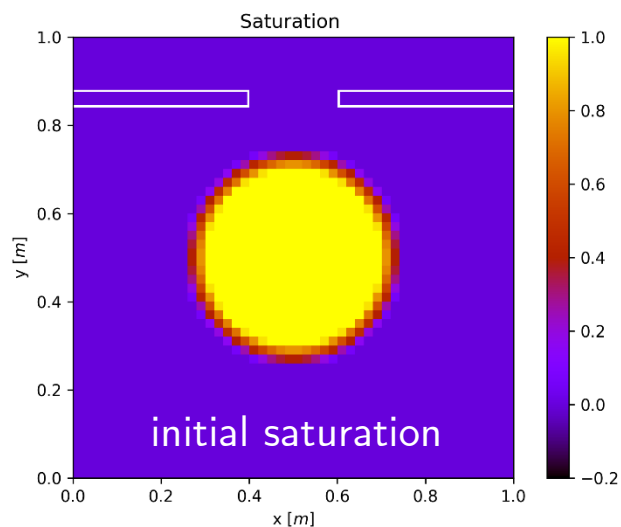
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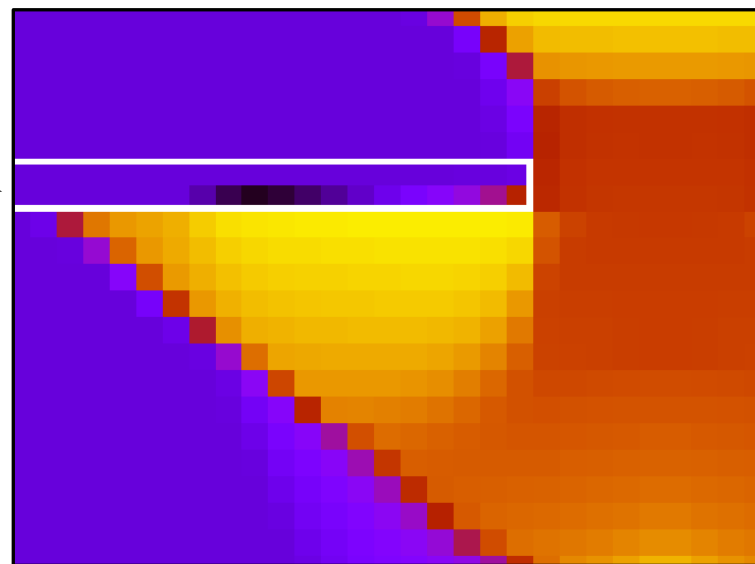
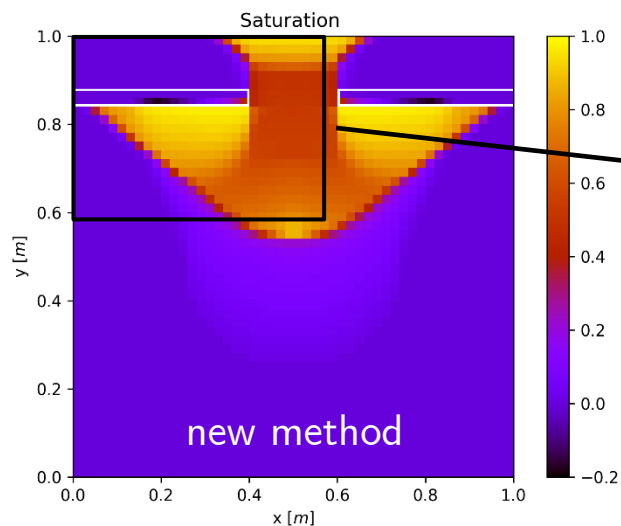


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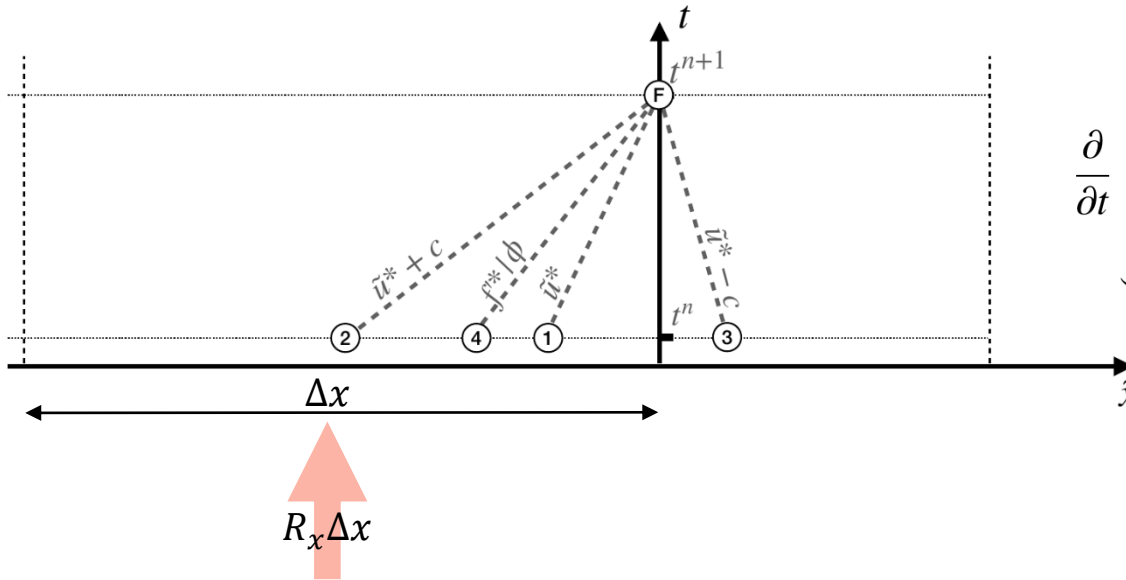


Artifacts at shale surface

- Hypothesis: Due to source terms
- Fix: Adapt Riemann solver



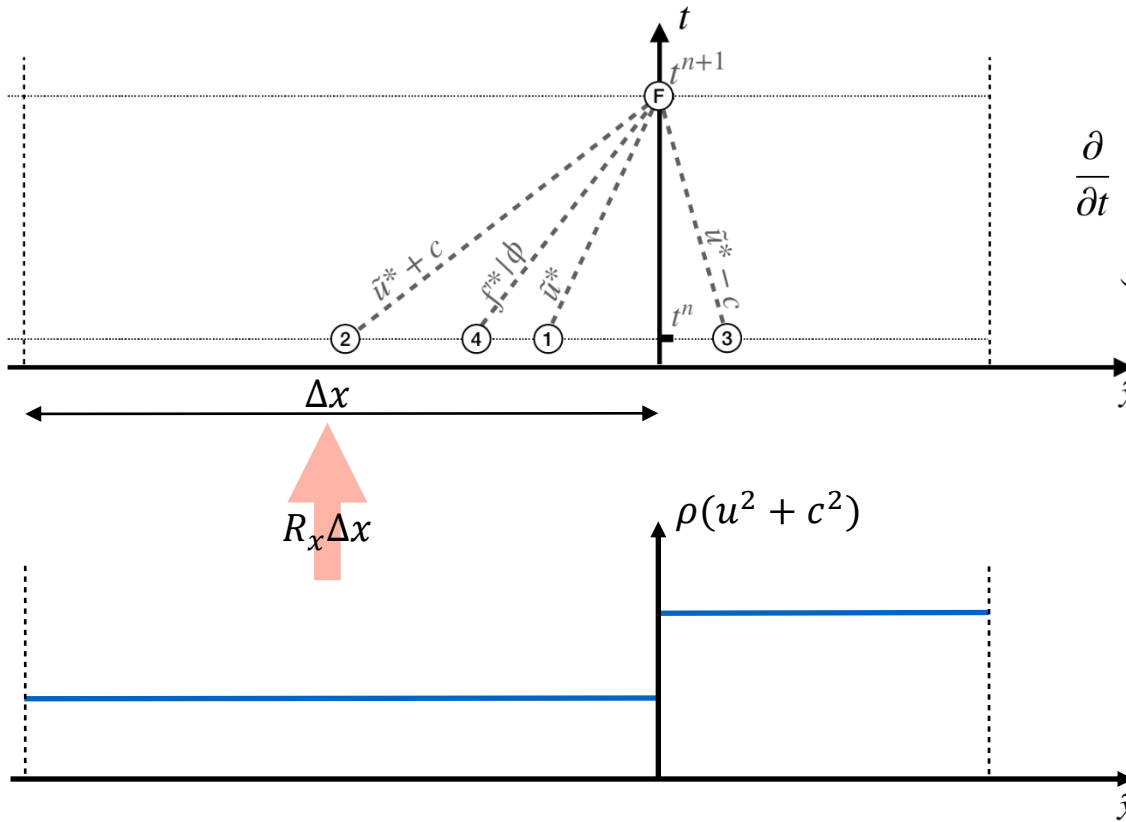
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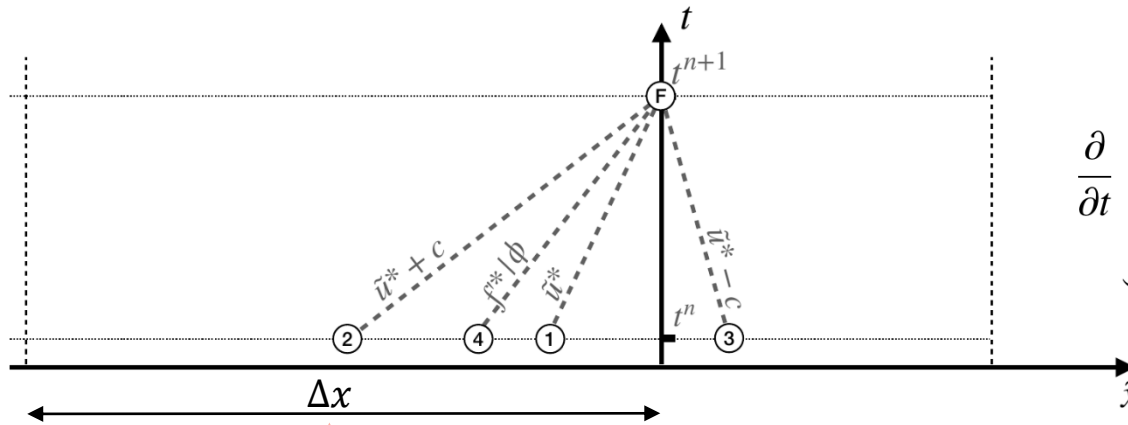
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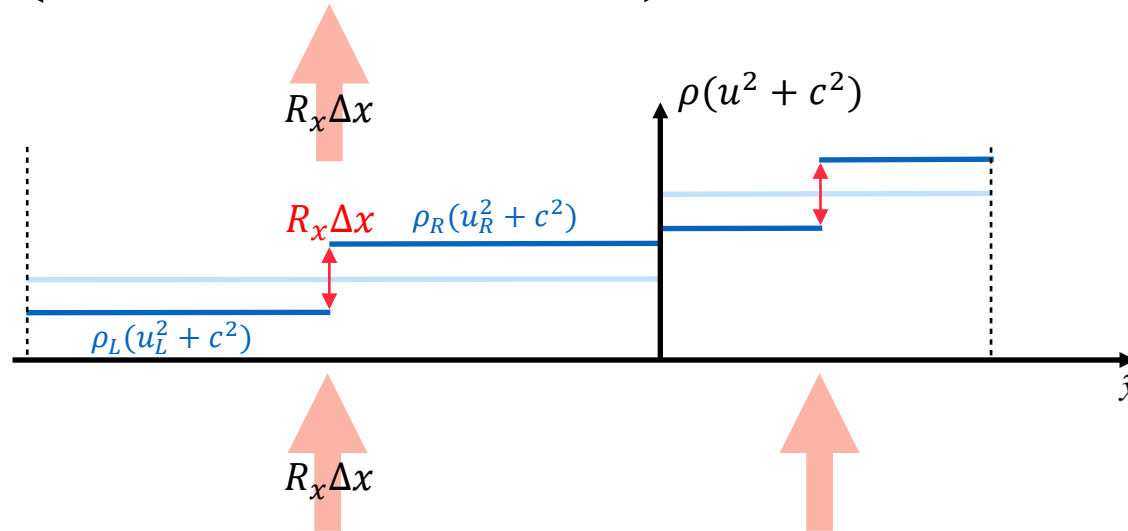
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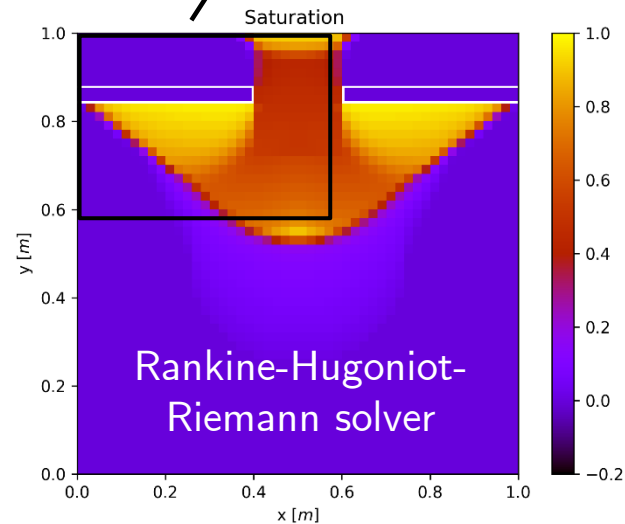
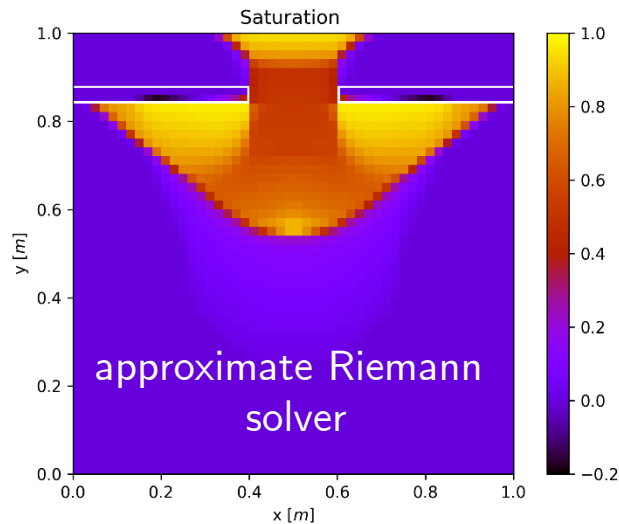
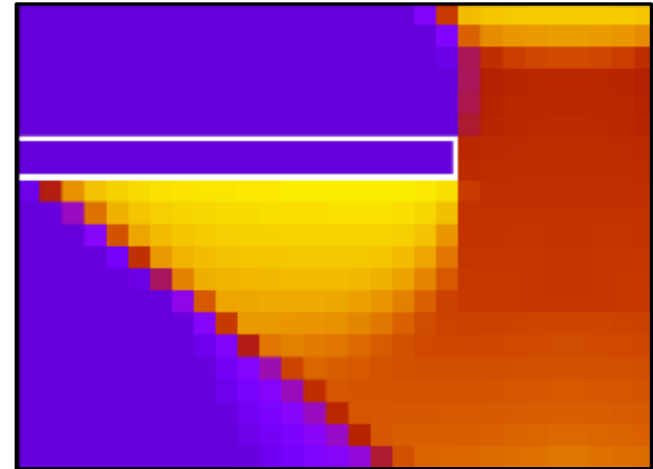
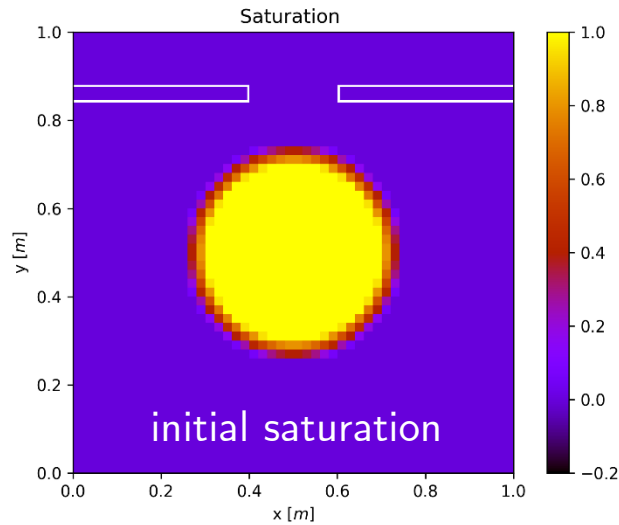


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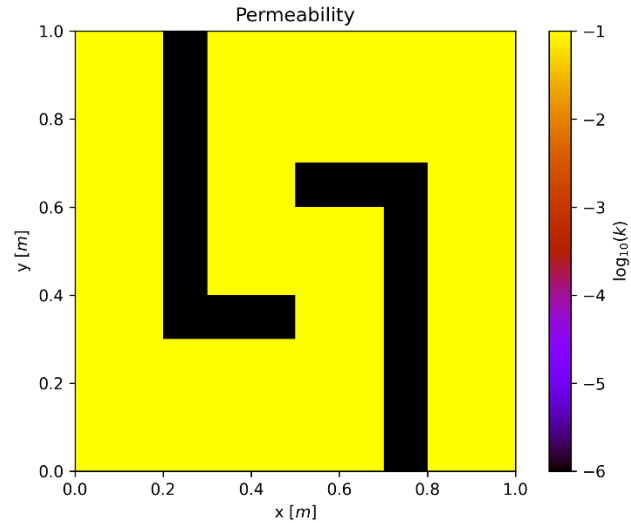
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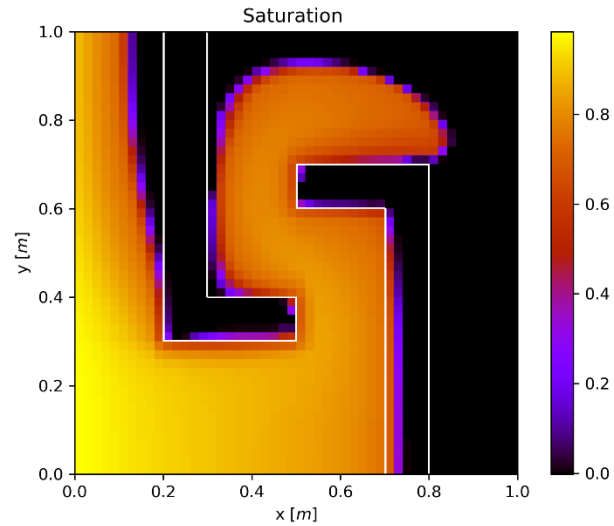
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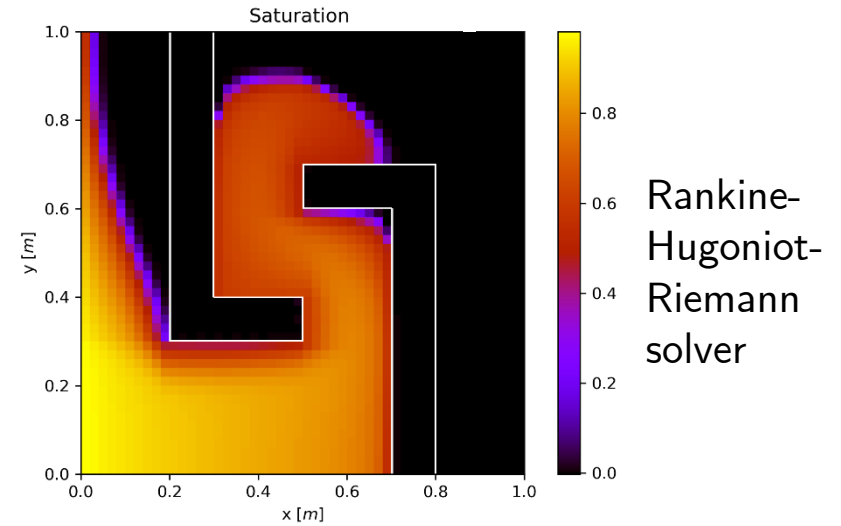
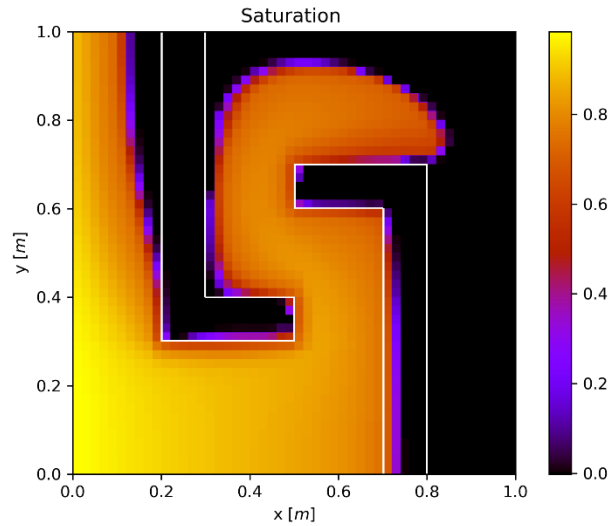
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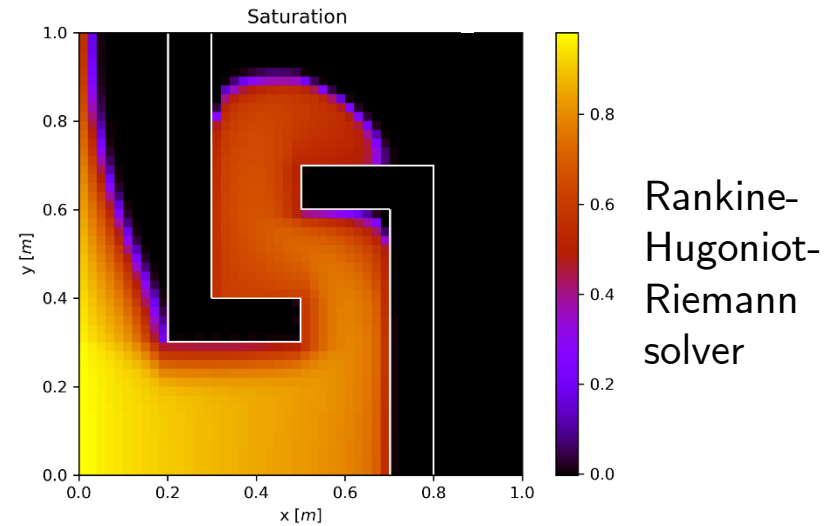
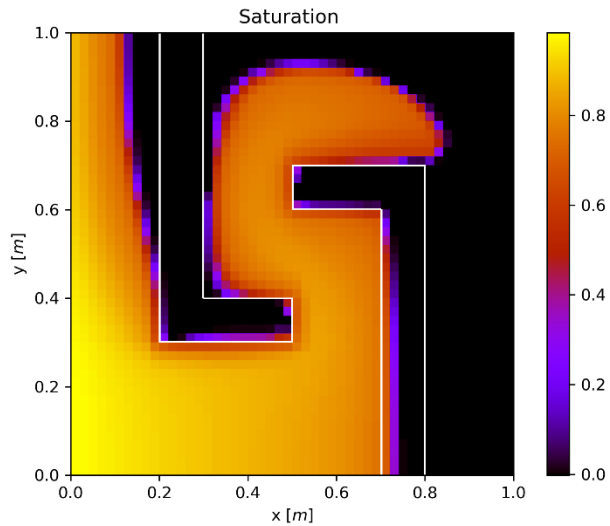
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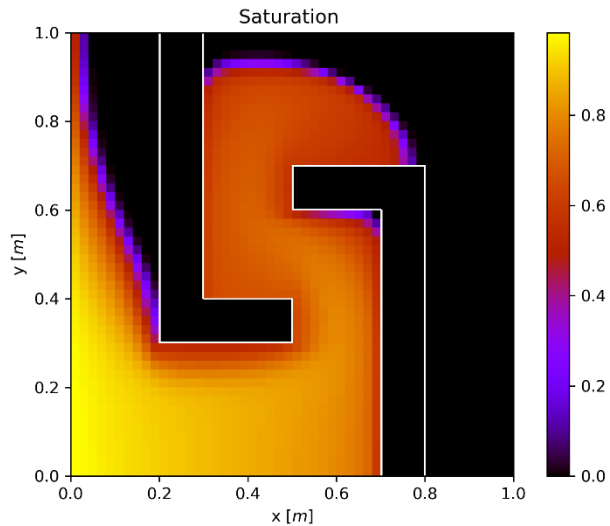


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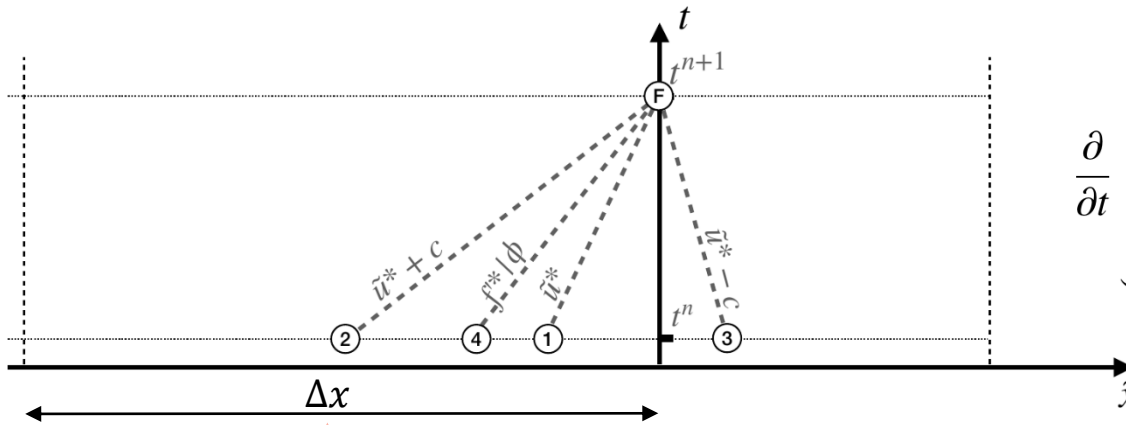
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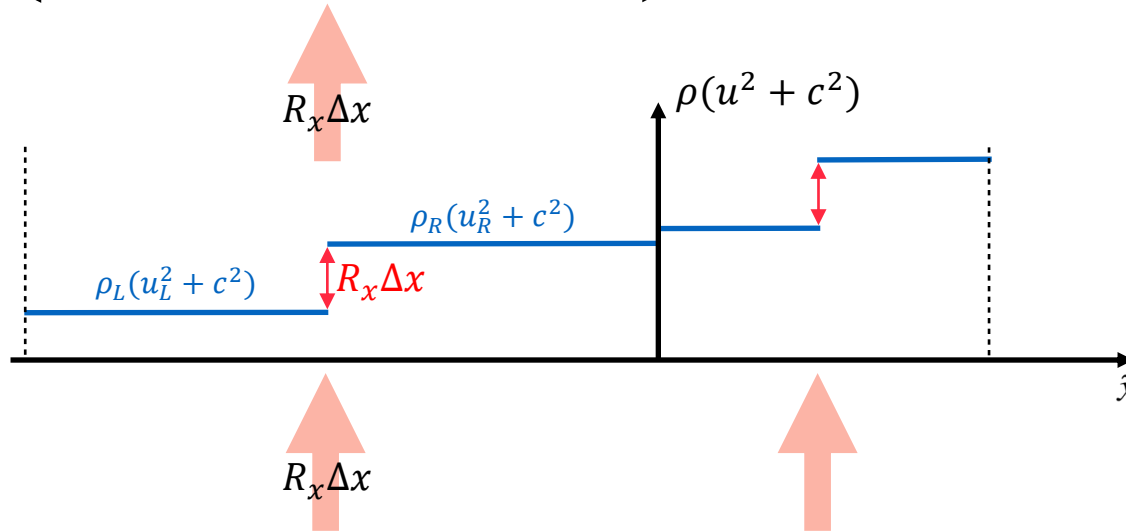


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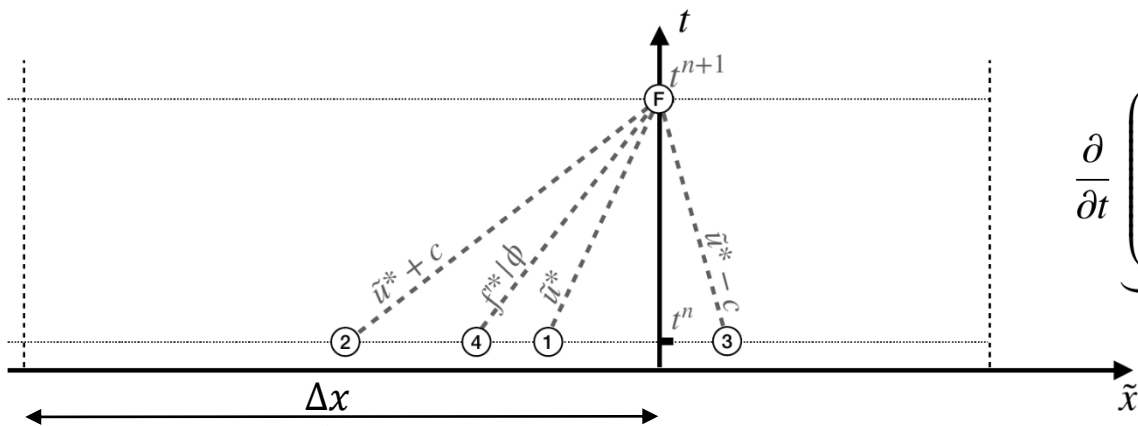


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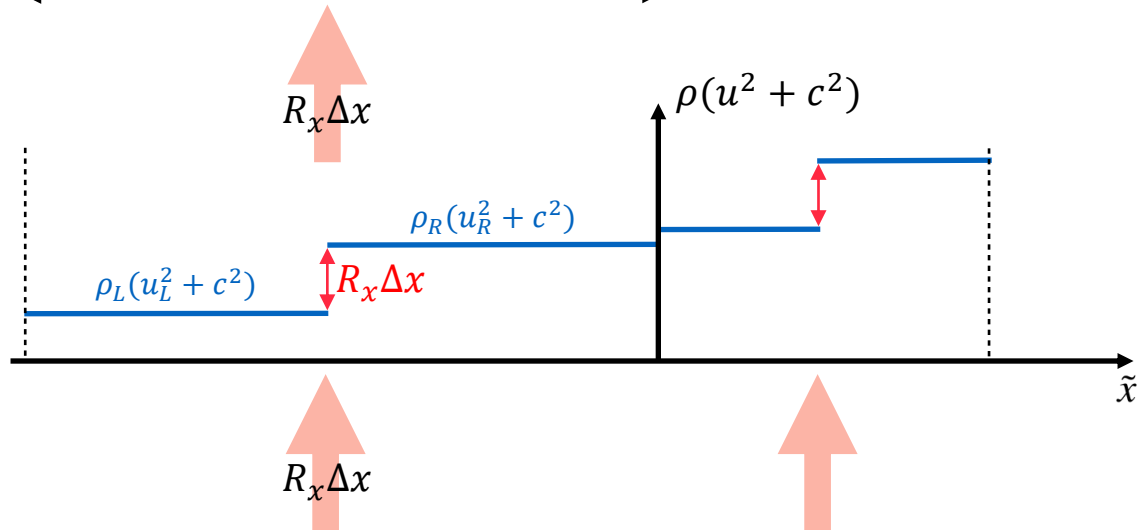


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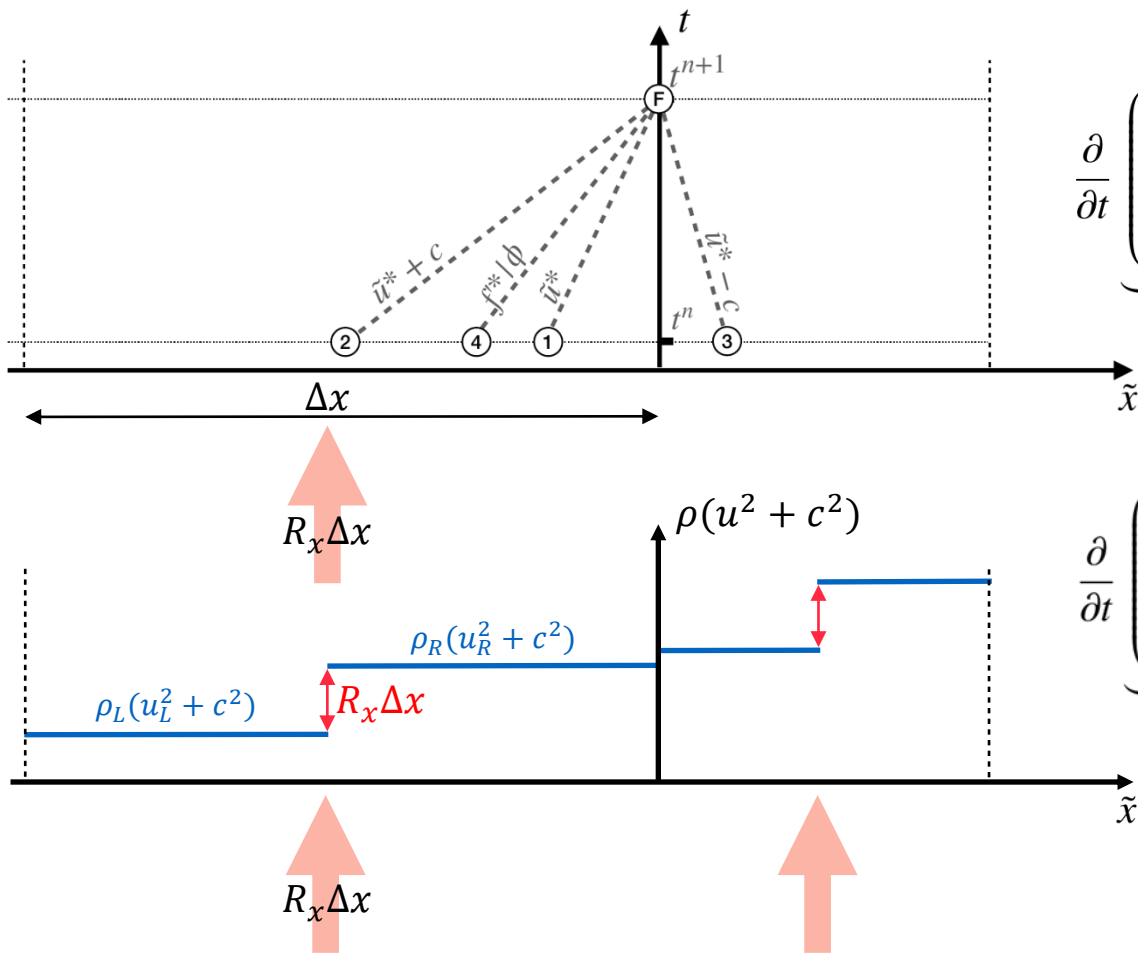


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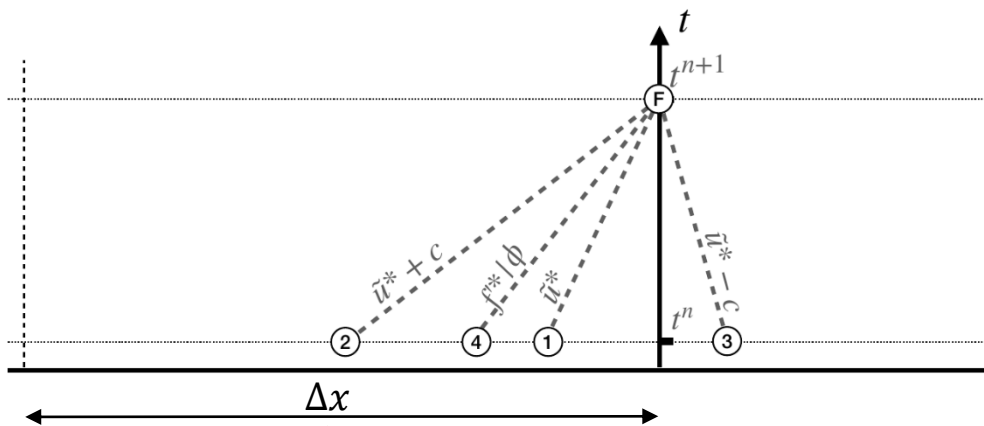


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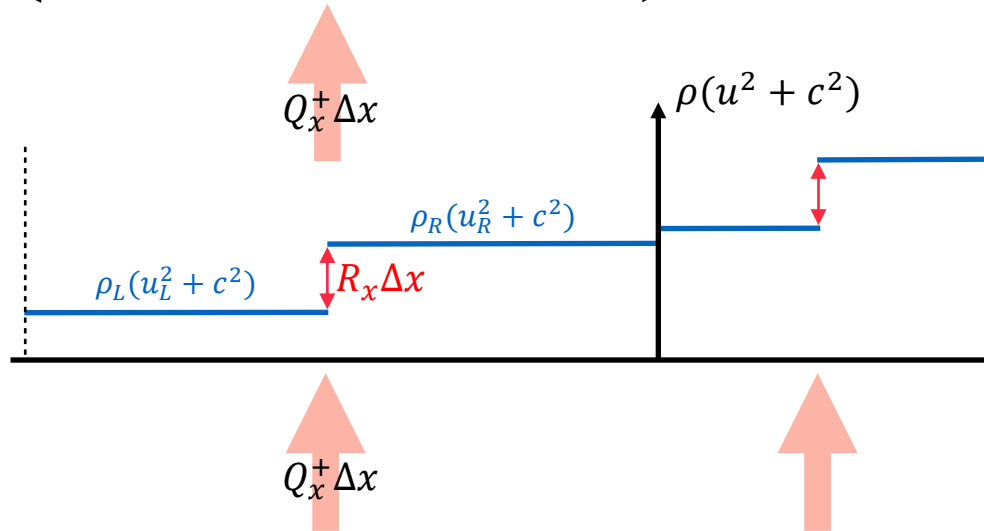
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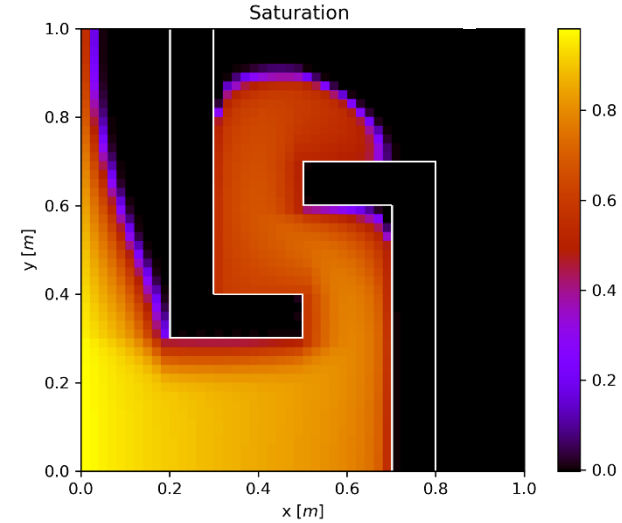
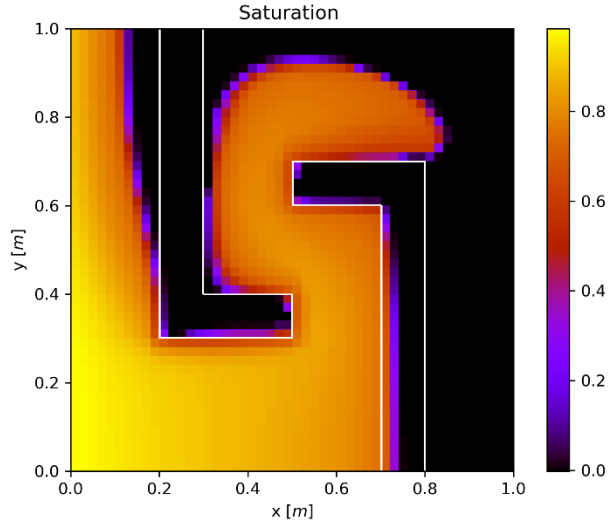


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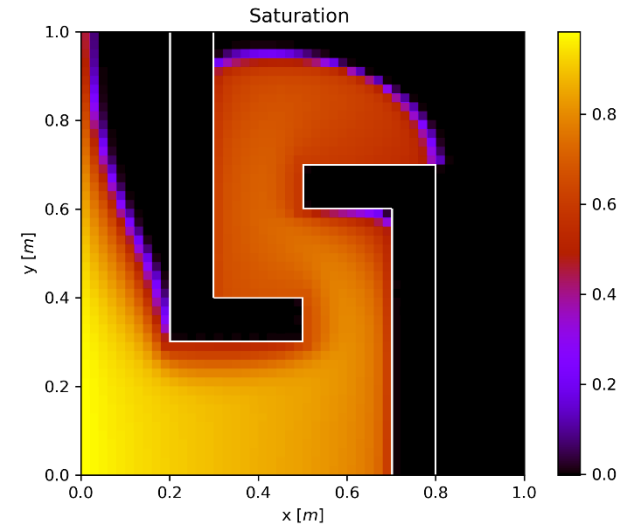
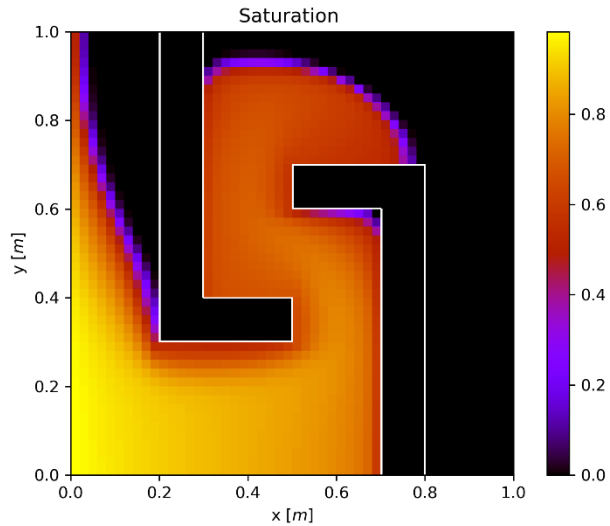
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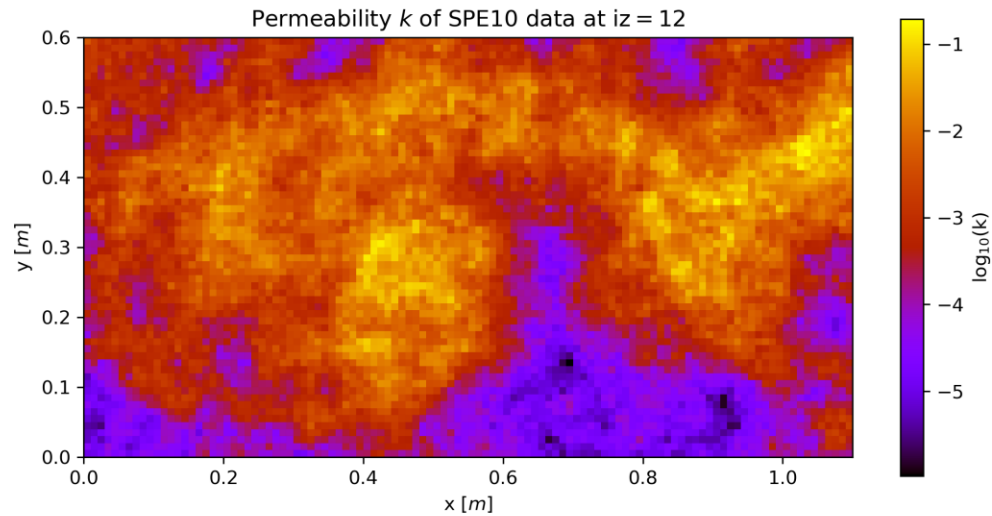
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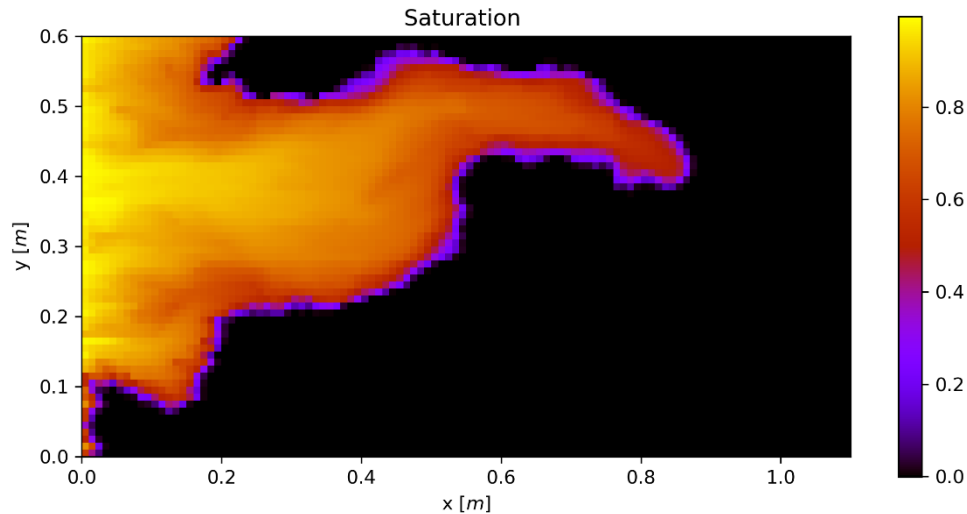
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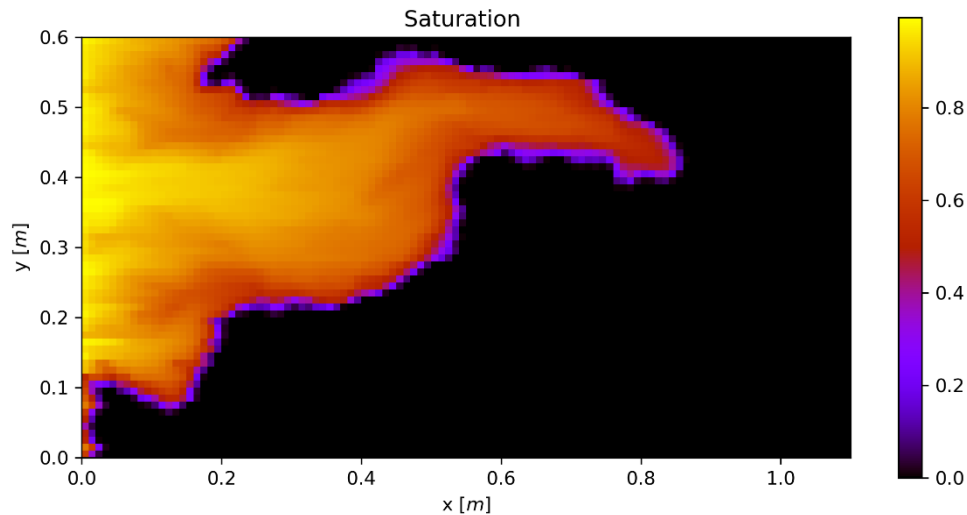


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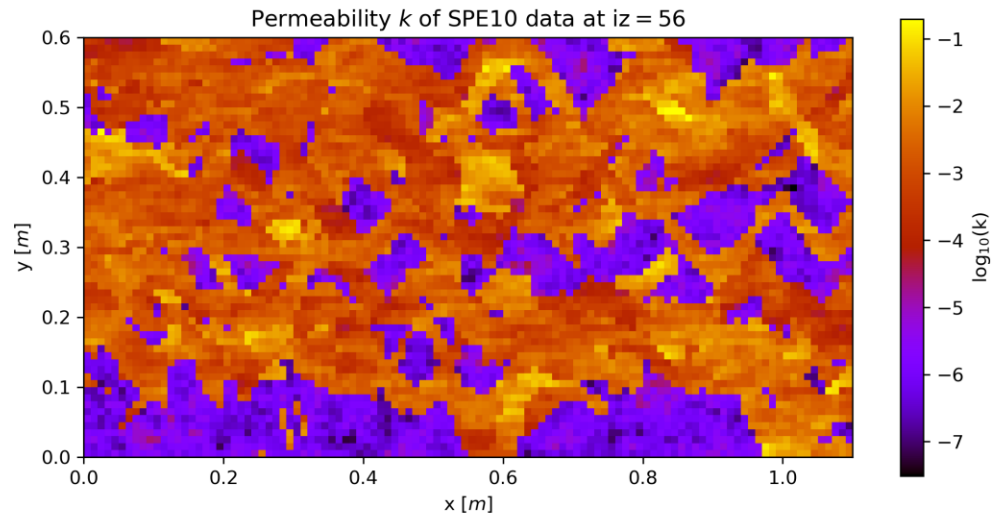
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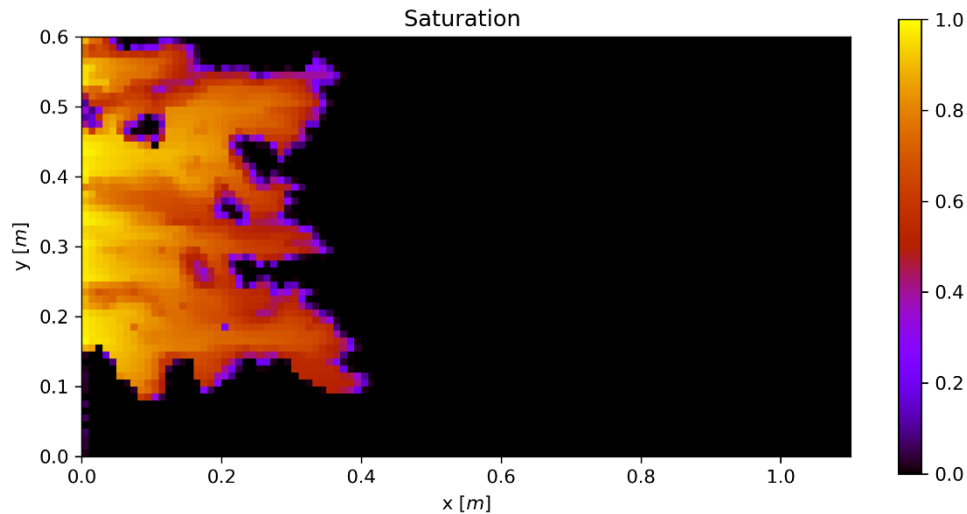


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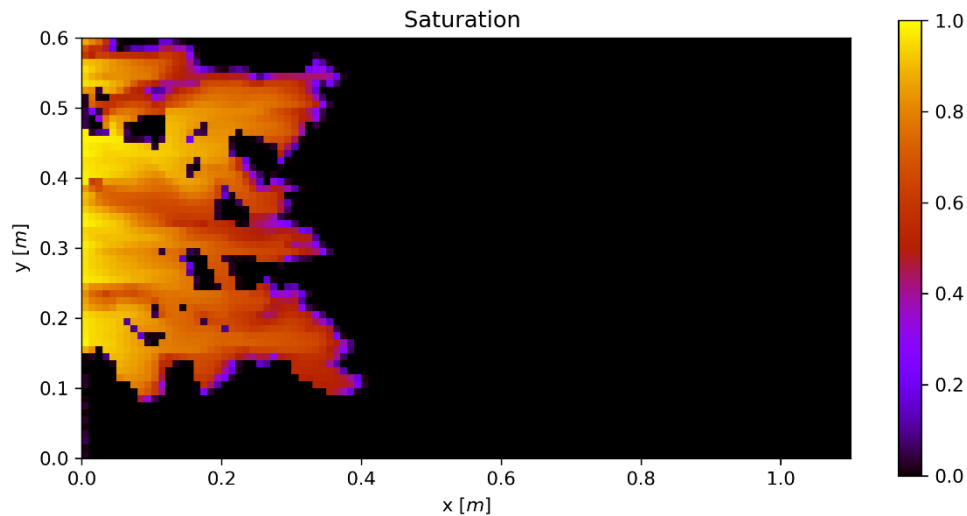


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Conclusions

- System of hyperbolic conservation laws describe coupled flow and transport
- Shale layers can be included thanks to RHR solver
- Two-dimensional effects with additional source term
- Proposed solution algorithm is well-suited for GPUs