



# Diffuse interface models and their application in float forming

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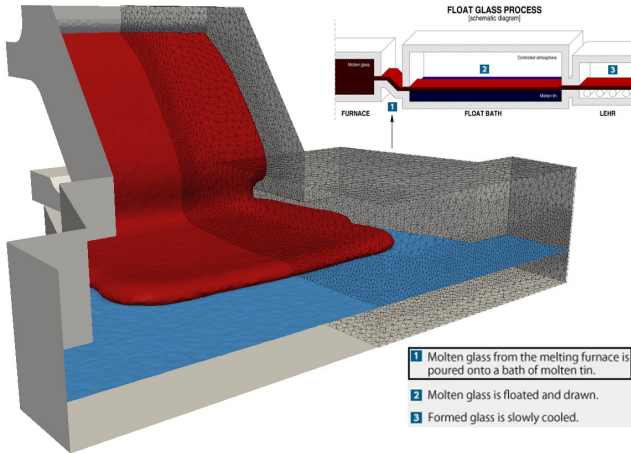
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# Target application

## Float glass process (Pilkington process)

- standard industrial scale process for making flat glass

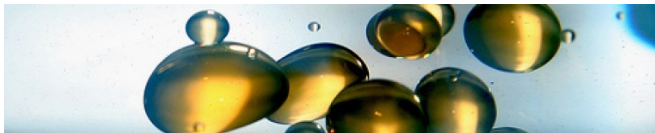


# Multiphase flows: General concepts

## Description

Simultaneous flow of materials with different

- states or phases (gas, liquid or solid)
- **chemical properties but in the same state or phase** (oil and water)



Source: [photographyblogger.net/18-interesting-pictures-of-oil-in-water/](http://photographyblogger.net/18-interesting-pictures-of-oil-in-water/)

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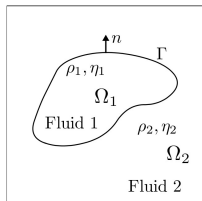
Industrial applications including

- **production of glass**, oil or gas
- food processing
- disposal of nuclear waste

# Multiphase flows: Specific setting

## Target

Several **immiscible (incompressible) fluids** in a **fixed domain**



Source: Junseok Kim. [Phase-field models for multi-component fluid flows](#).  
*Commun. Comput. Phys.*, 12(3):613–661, 2012

## Modelling approaches

- 1 Sharp interface (SI) approach:  
intuitive derivation vs. explicit interface tracking
- 2 Diffuse interface (DI) approach:  
implicit interface tracking vs. computational demands (HPC)

# Theoretical issues accompanying DI approach

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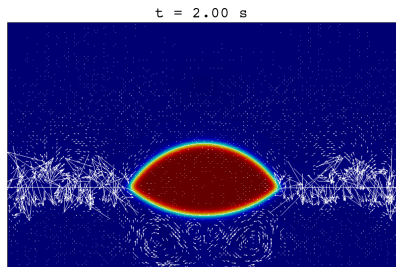
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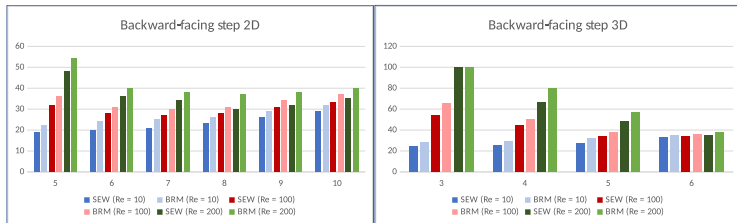
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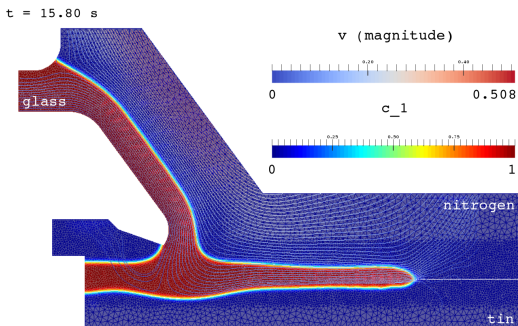
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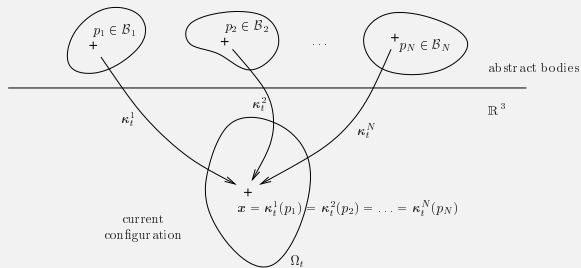
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Internal energy  $\rho \frac{d^m e^m}{dt} = \mathbb{T}^m : \mathbb{D}^m - \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}_e^m + \sum_{i=1}^N j_i^m \cdot (\mathbf{b}_i - \mathbf{b}) + \rho q$

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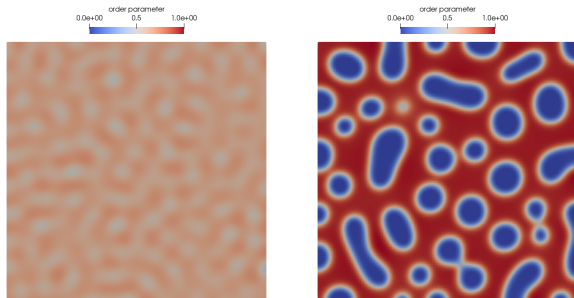
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# Thermodynamic considerations

How to ensure separation of phases?

With suitable choice of constitutive assumption for the **free energy**



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## Model reduction

- Neglect “*less important*” interactions (may be difficult to decide)
- Reduce the number of governing equations
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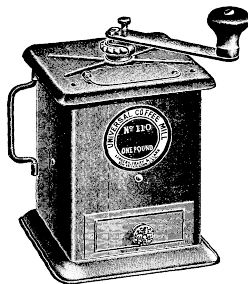
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or we will quickly rotate the handle (several turns) ...



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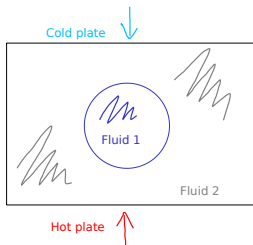
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## Space discretization using FEM

- $\mathbb{P}_{k+1}/\mathbb{P}_k$  to approximate  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $p$
- equal order elements to approximate  $\phi$  and  $\chi$ , typically  $\mathbb{P}_m$  with  $m = k$

### Monolithic scheme

$$\frac{\phi_i^{n+1} - \phi_i^n}{\Delta t} + \operatorname{div}(\phi_i^{n+\theta} \mathbf{v}^{n+\theta}) = \operatorname{div}(M_0 \nabla \chi_i^{n+1}), \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1,$$

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$$\mathbf{g}^{n+\theta} = \mathbf{g}(t^{n+\theta})\theta \mathbf{g}(t^n) + (1-\theta)\mathbf{g}(t^{n+1})$$

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## Different levels of decoupling

### Semi-decoupled scheme

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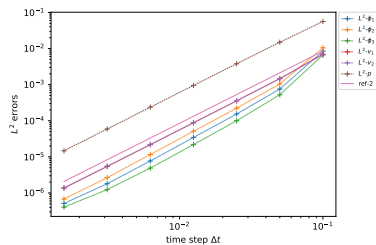
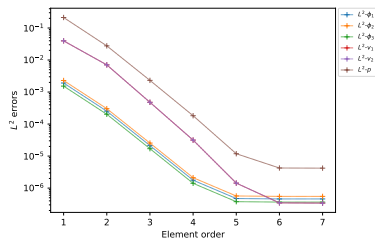
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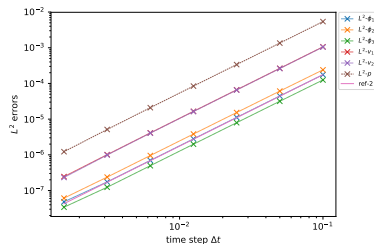
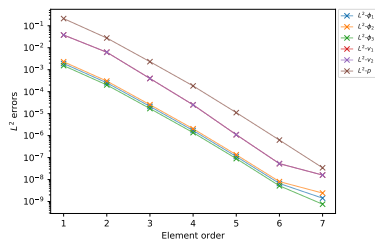
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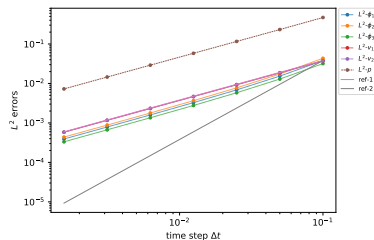
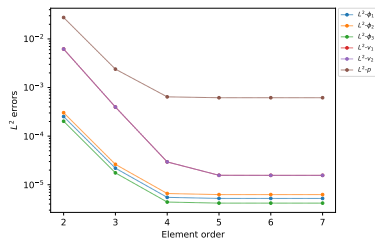
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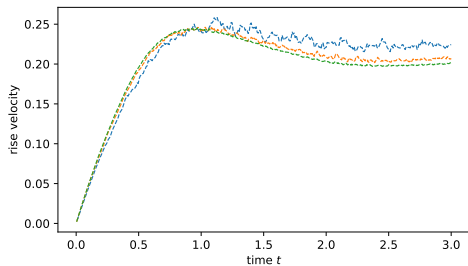




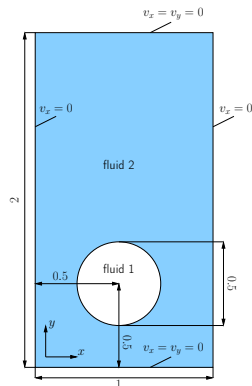
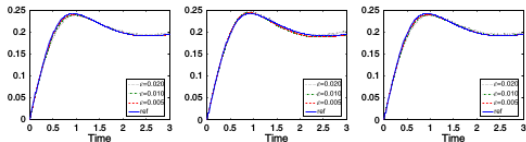
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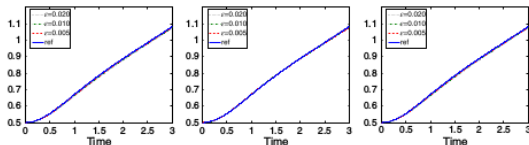
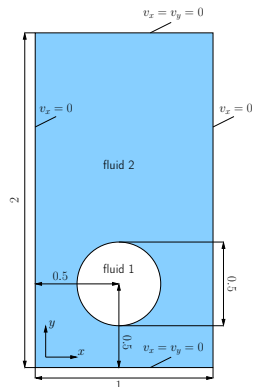
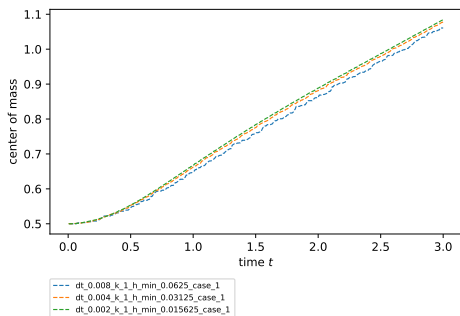
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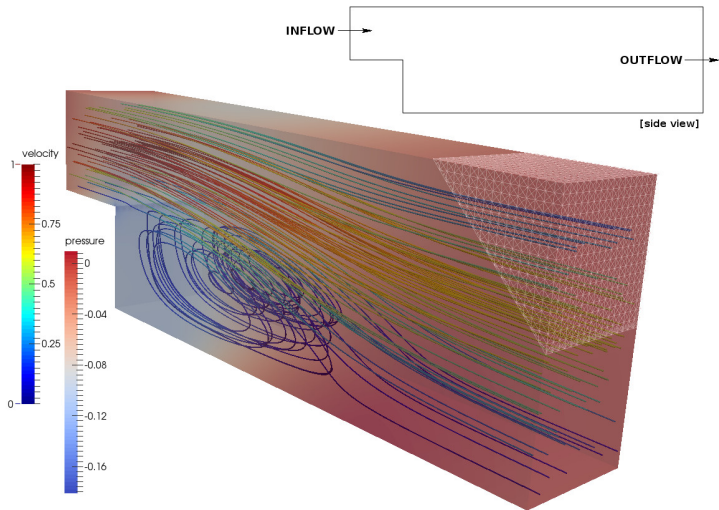
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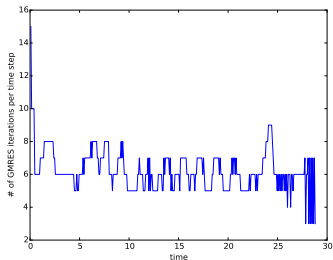
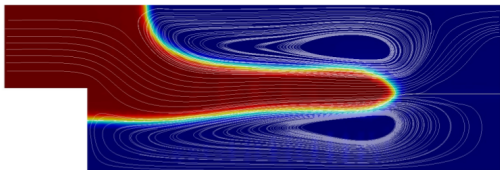
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# PCD preconditioning



**FENaPack:** FEniCS Navier-Stokes preconditioning package

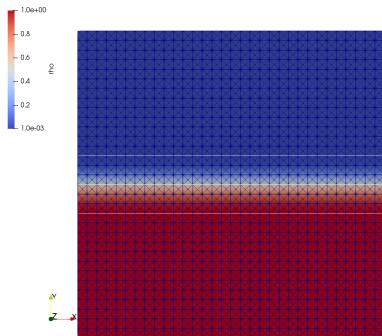
- Coefficients  $\rho$  and  $\nu$  are both spatially and time dependent.
- At each time step:
  - Cahn–Hilliard is resolved using MUMPS
  - Oseen type problem is resolved using GMRES with PCD preconditioning



- **Modelling challenges:**
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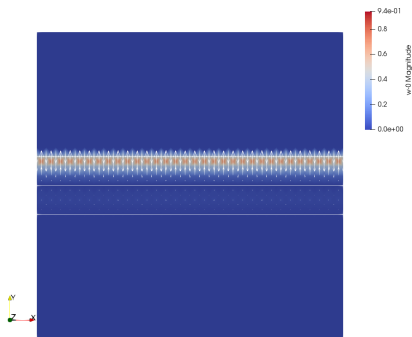
- $\phi$  is a given function of  $r = y - \frac{1}{2}$ , namely

$$\phi(r) = \begin{cases} 0, & r \in \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right], \\ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{r}{\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r}{\varepsilon}\right), & r \in \left[-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right], \\ 1, & r \in \left[-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right). \end{cases}$$

- $\varrho(\phi) = (\varrho_1 - \varrho_2)\phi + \varrho_2$  with  $\varrho_1 \approx 10^3$ ,  $\varrho_2 \approx 1$
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