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## Adaptive triangular meshes for inundation modeling

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# Multiple scales

## Spatial Scales:

### Tides:

- Ocean-wide/ global range
- $O(10000)$  km

### Surge:

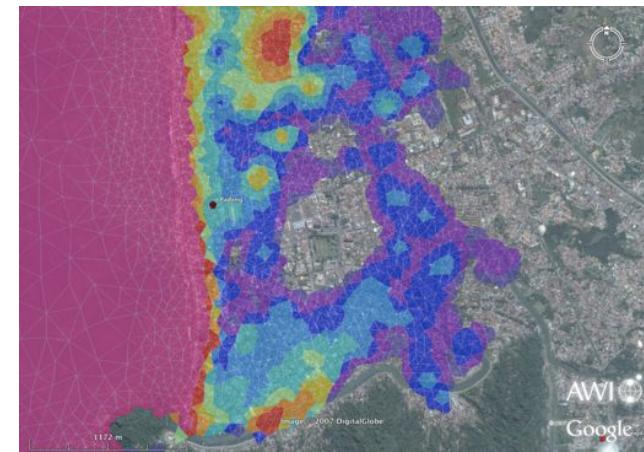
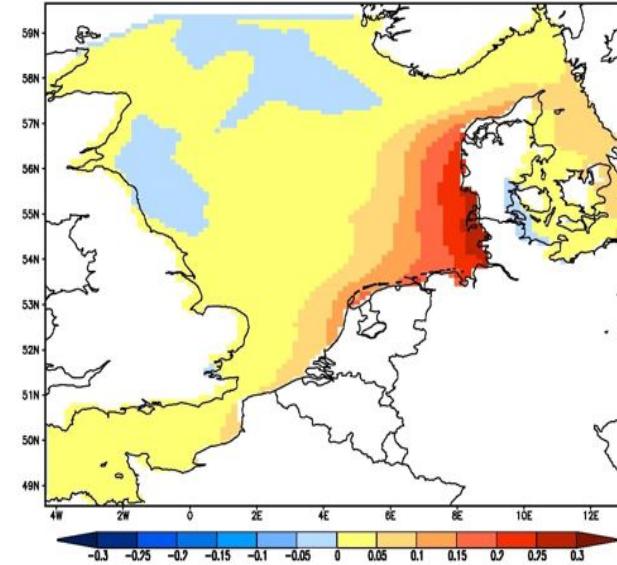
- Typical Length scale
- $O(100)$  km

### Near-shore waves:

- Shoaling effect
- $O(1-10)$  km

### Inundation (Parameterized):

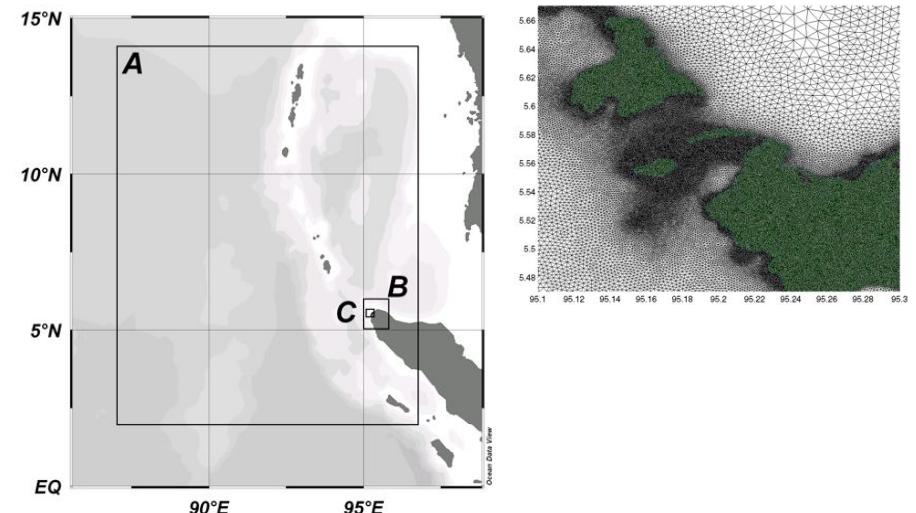
- No resolution of buildings, etc.
- $O(0.01-0.1)$  km



# Multiple scales – Computational consequences

## Computational cost uniform refinement

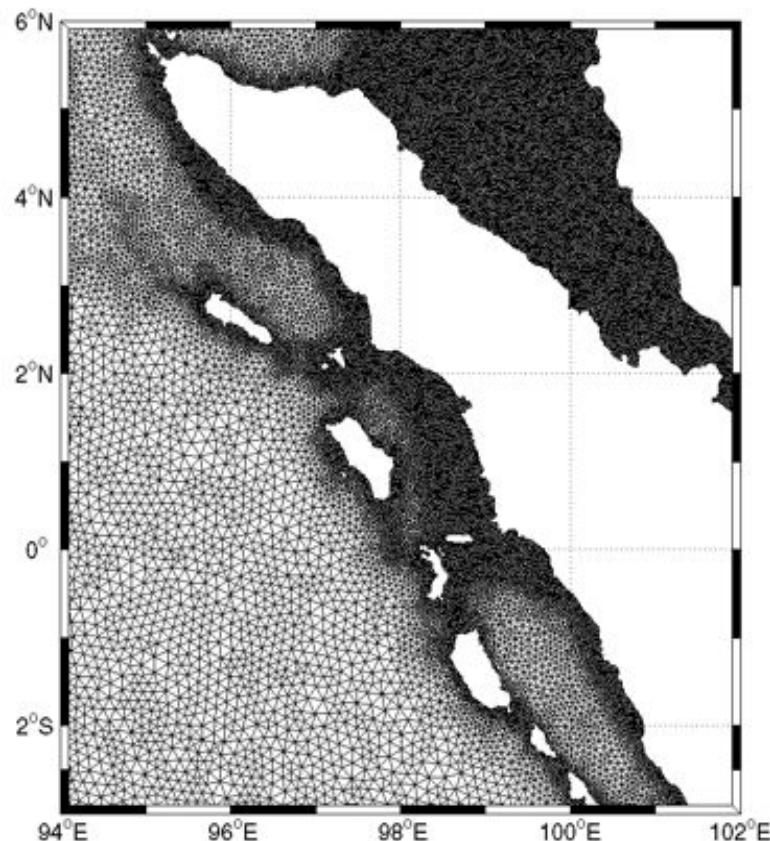
- $10^5$  grid points per dimension
- $(10^5)^2 = 10^{10}$  grid points
- That does not resolve streets, etc.



Variable resolution!

Intelligent grid control – adaptive mesh refinement

# Bridging the scale gap: multi-resolution

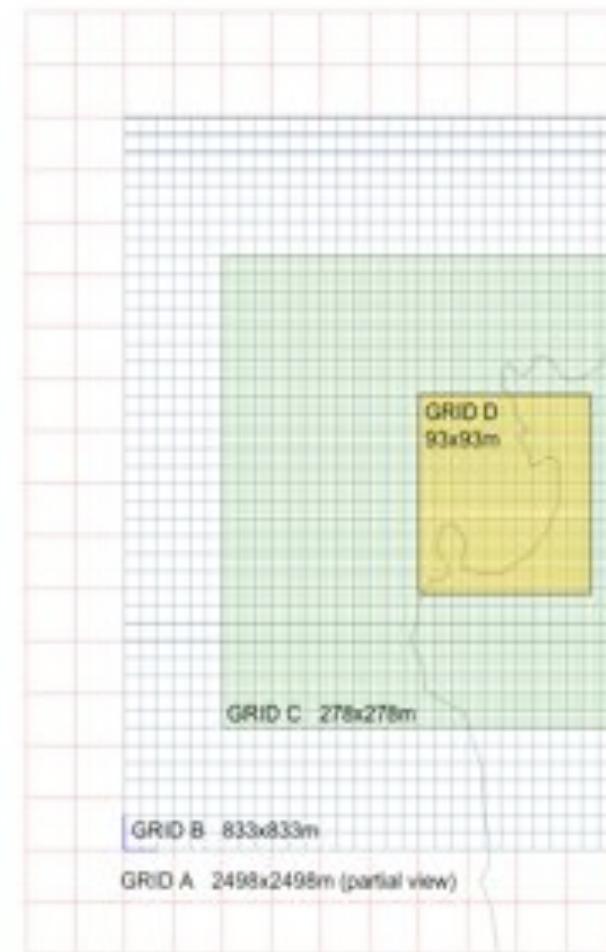


Resolution:  
generally 200 m-10 km  
In priority areas: 80 m



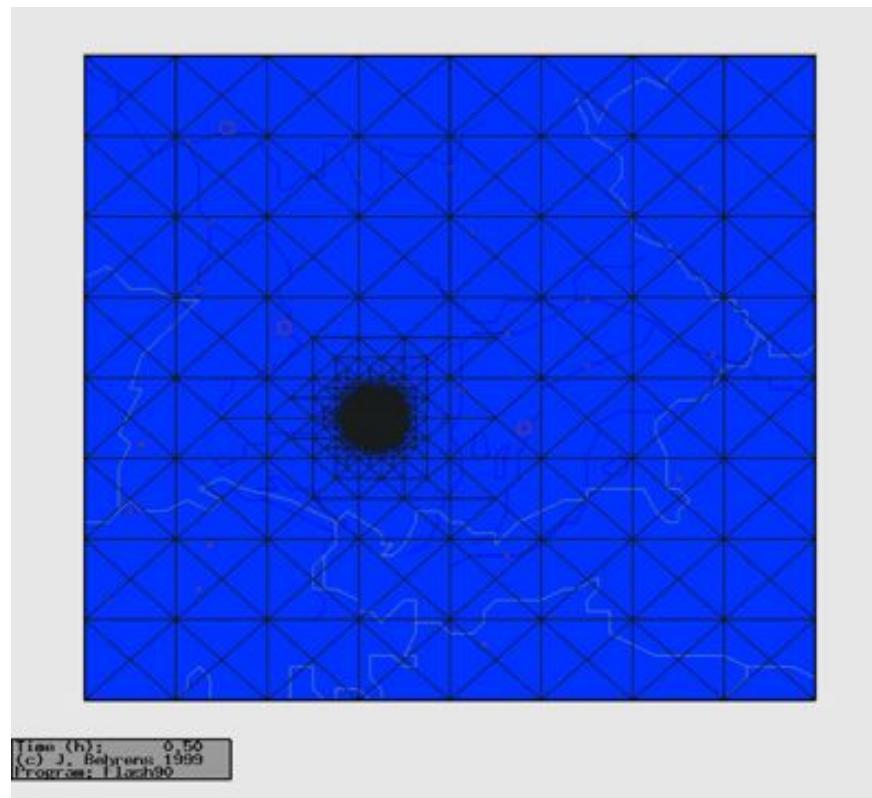
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# Adaptive Methods – Key Questions

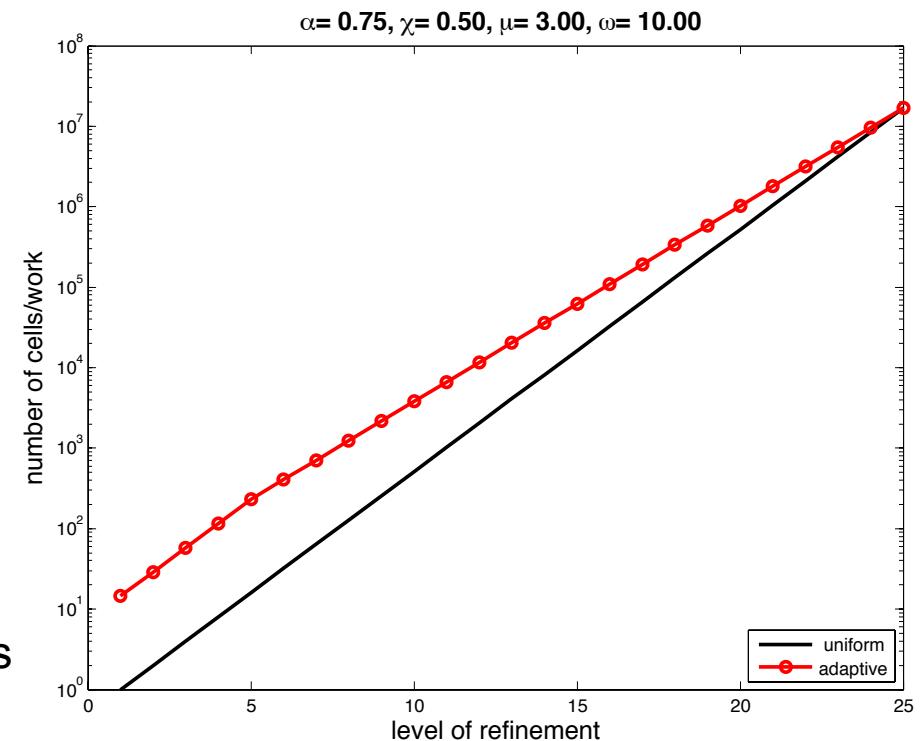
- When to apply an adaptive method?
- What is needed for numerical efficiency?
- What is needed for computational efficiency?



# Model for adaptive efficiency

## Assumptions:

- Tree refinement (binary tree here)
- Overheads for
  - refinement criterion
  - Less efficient numerics
  - Mesh management
- Refinement area as fraction
- Computational work = no. of unknowns



## Example:

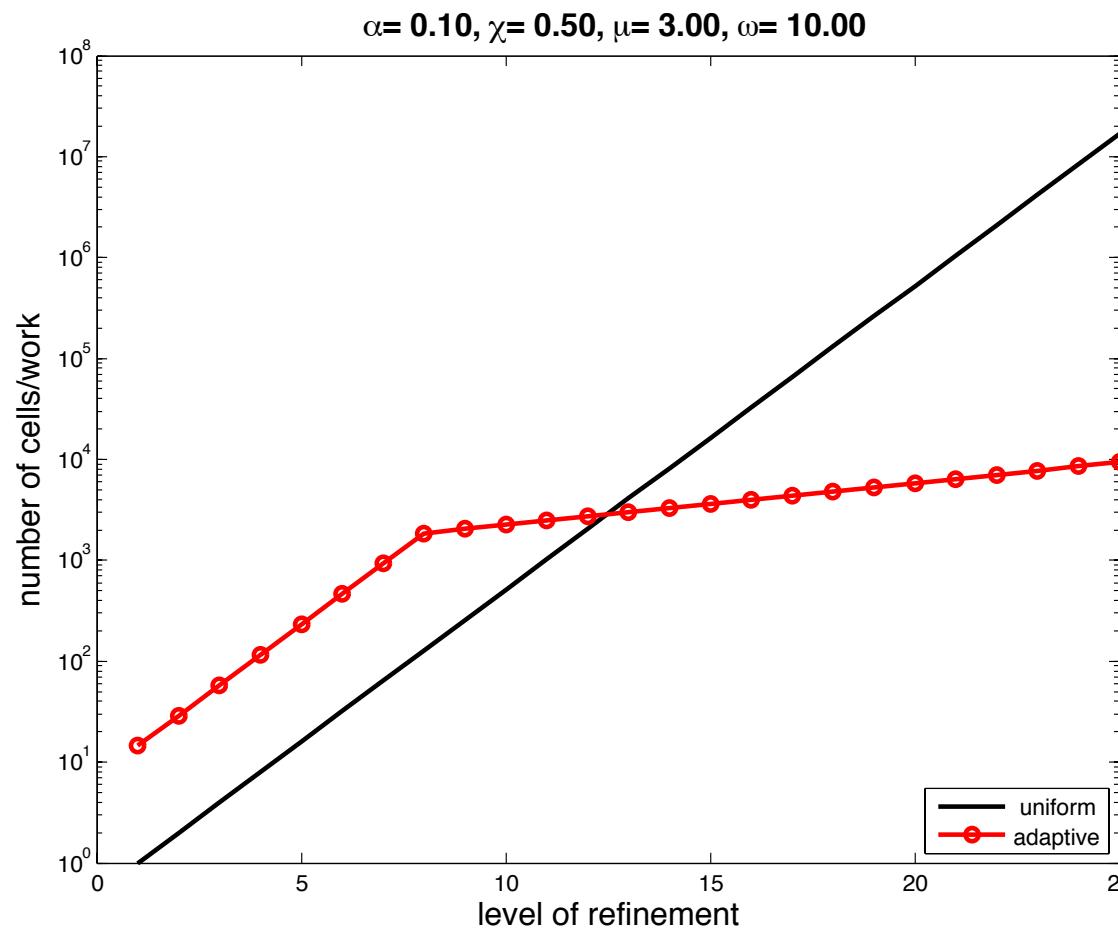
- Area of refinement large ( $\alpha=3/4$ )
- Overheads large:
  - Refinement criterion ( $\chi=1/2$  of a computational step)
  - Numerics slow ( $\omega= 10$  times slower as uniform comp.)
  - Mesh management demanding ( $\mu= 3$  times a comp. step)

# Model for adaptive efficiency – small adaptive area



Now:

- Area of refinement small ( $\alpha=1/10$ )
- Rest unchanged



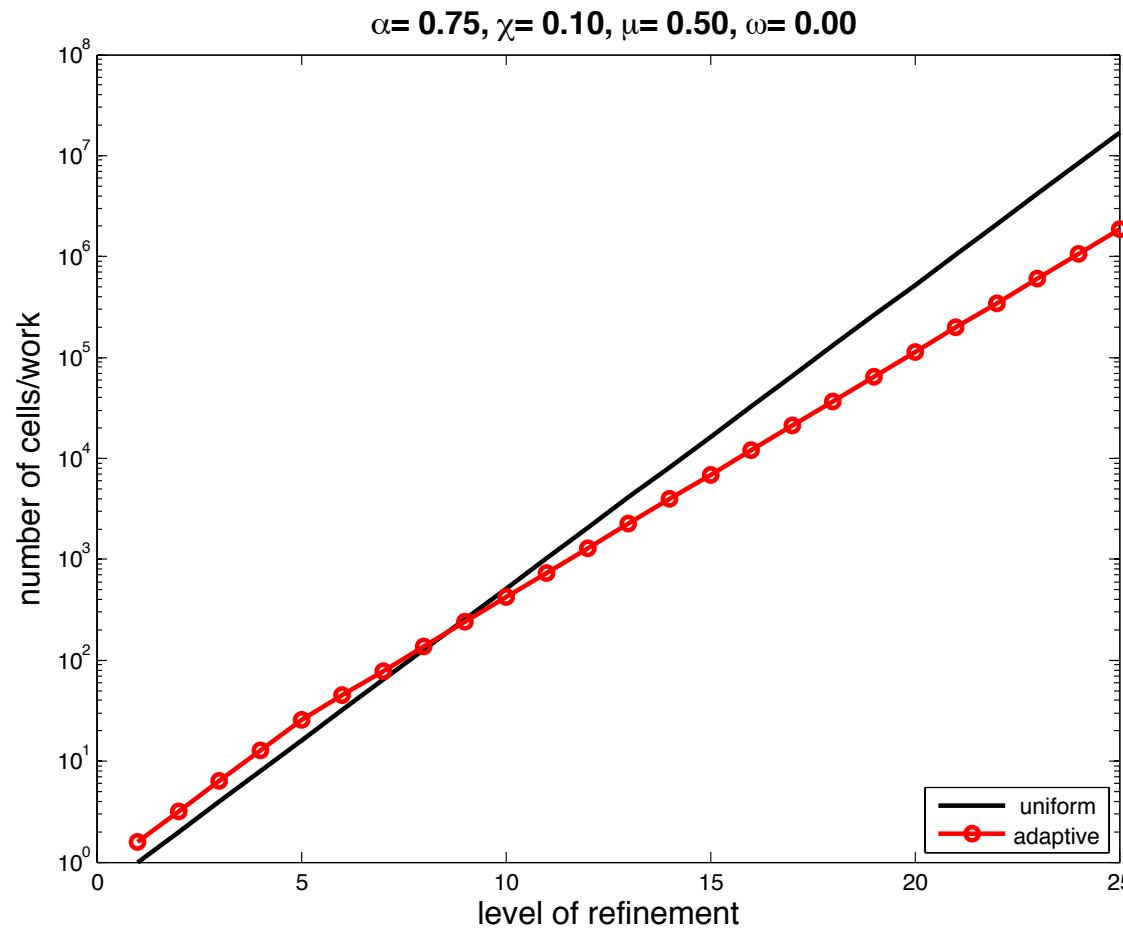
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# Model for adaptive efficiency – small adaptive area



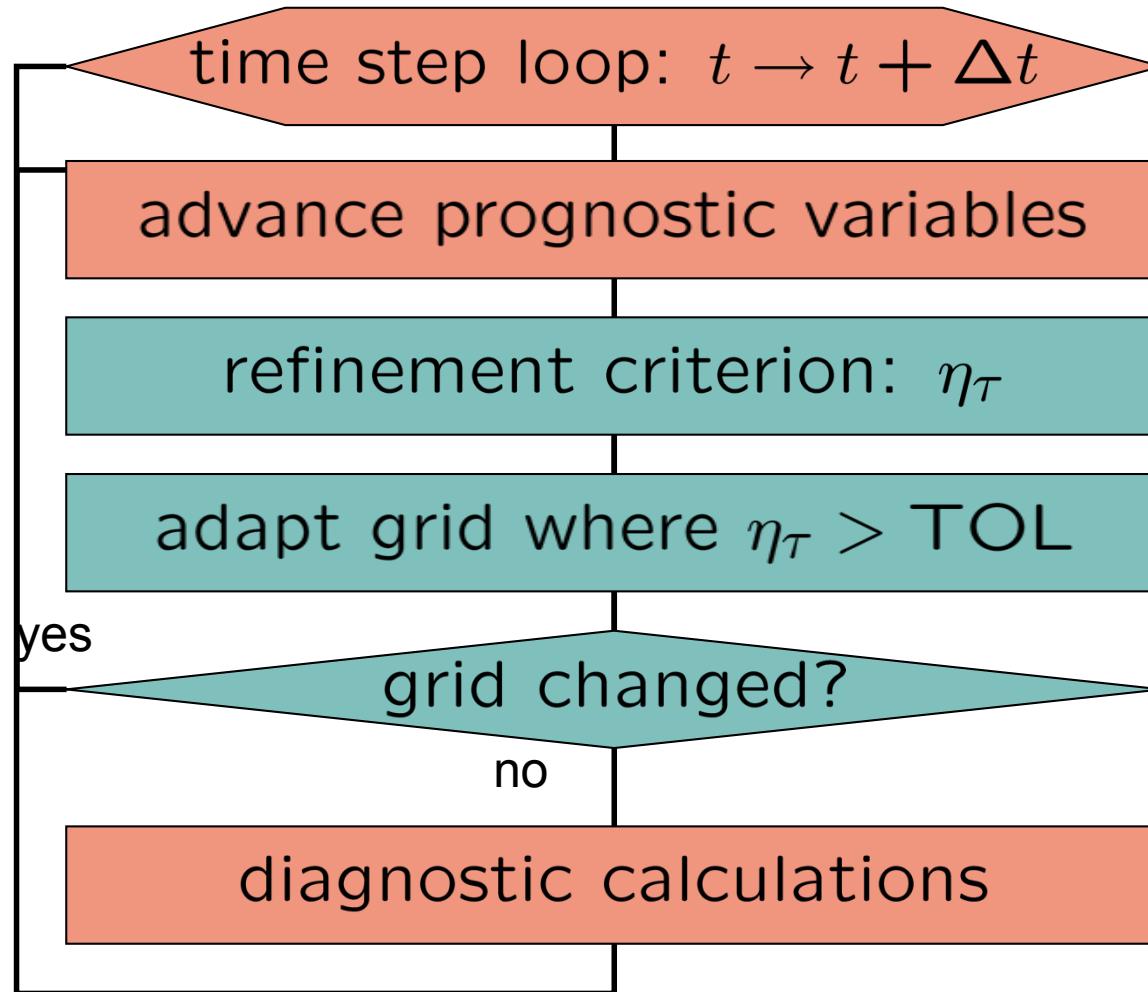
Now:

- Area of refinement large ( $\alpha=3/4$ )
- But efficient grid management and numerics!

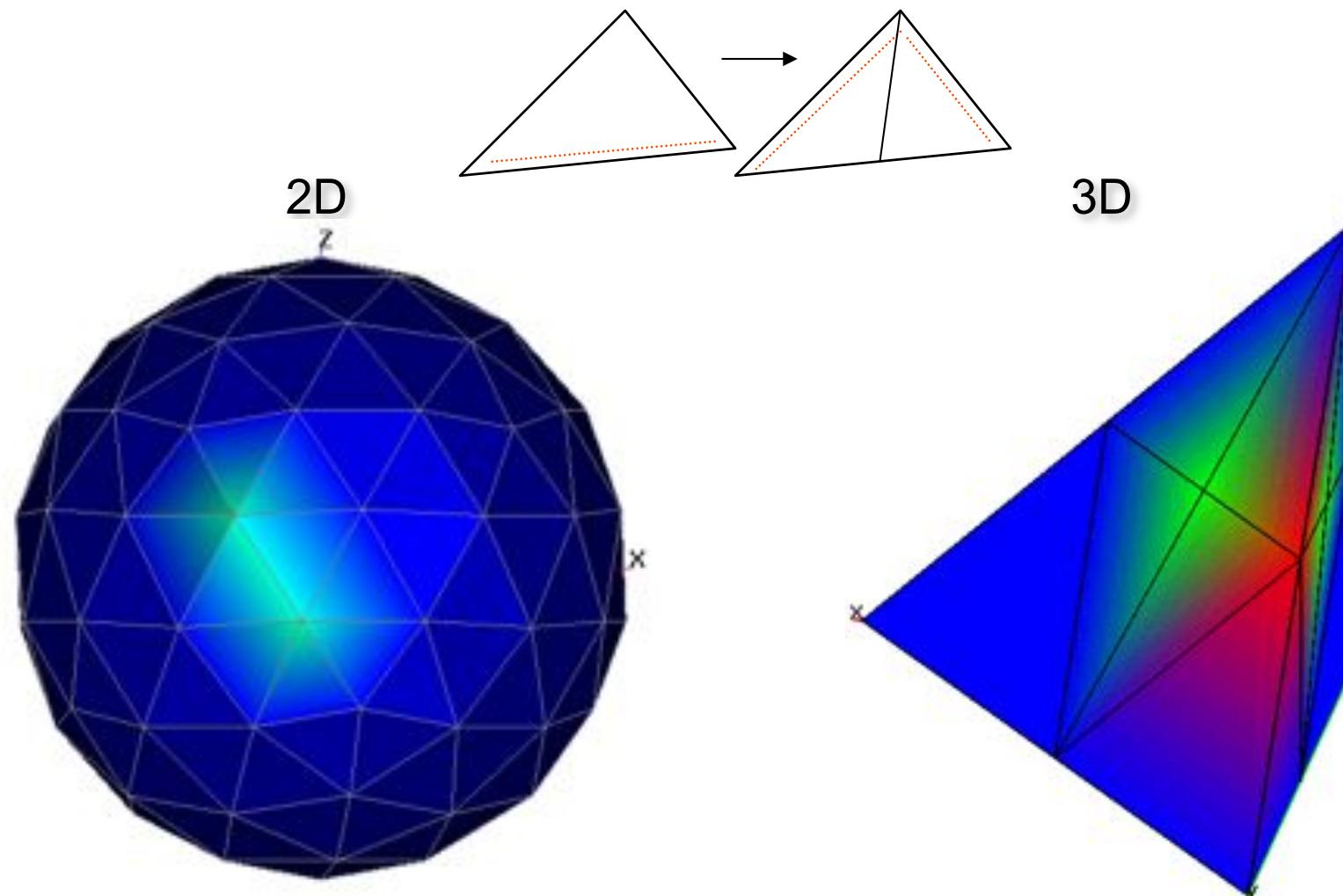


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## Adaptive algorithm



# 1. Efficient Mesh Refinement Strategy



Rivara (1984), Bänsch (1991), Grids created with amatos

## Refinement control: gradient based or averaging

### Gradient based

refine if  $\nabla h|_\tau > \theta_{\text{ref}} \max(\nabla h|_\tau)$   
 $\theta_{\text{ref}}$  threshold value

### Averaging

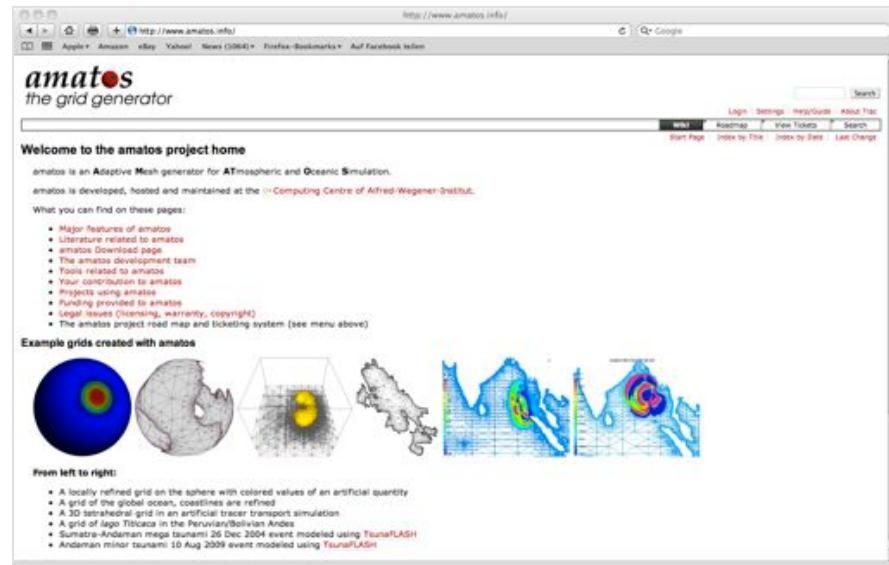
$$\eta = \|h|_\tau - \bar{h}\|, \quad \text{with } \bar{h} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{\text{neighbors } t} h|_t,$$

refine if  $\eta > \theta_{\text{ref}} \bar{\eta}$ , with  $\bar{\eta}$  mean error  
 $\theta_{\text{ref}}$  threshold value

- Simple
- Easy to compute
- Robust

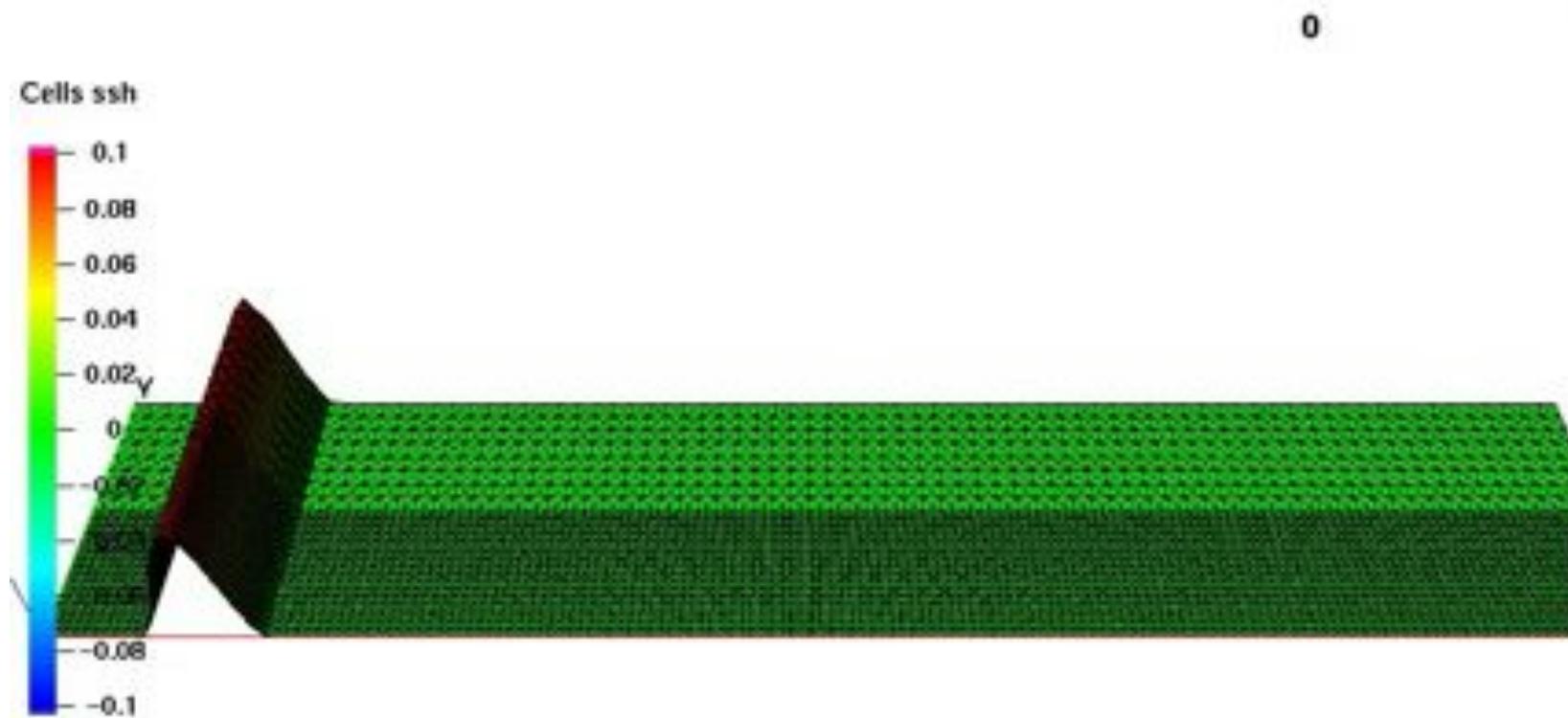
### 3. Efficient Programming Framework

-  Triangular grids with boundary
-  Object oriented + gather/scatter
-  Built in SFC ordering
-  Simple programming interface
-  Generic FEM/SEM support
-  Coupling capability
-  Parallel
-  2D plane and spherical geometries
-  Documentation, open source
-  <http://www.amatos.info>



## 4. Efficient and robust (!) numerical scheme

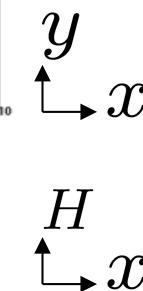
Independence of grid resolution!



# Adaptive mesh refinement – simple example

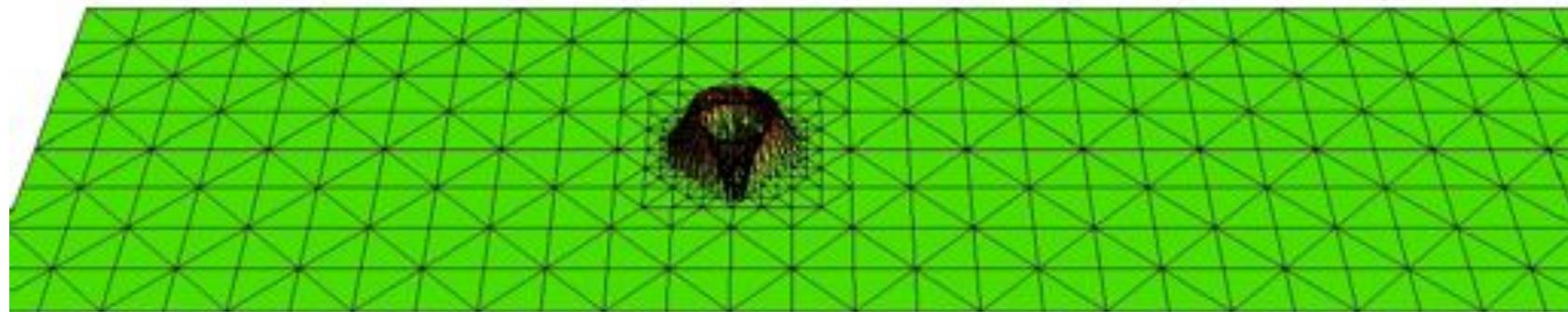


Model Domain

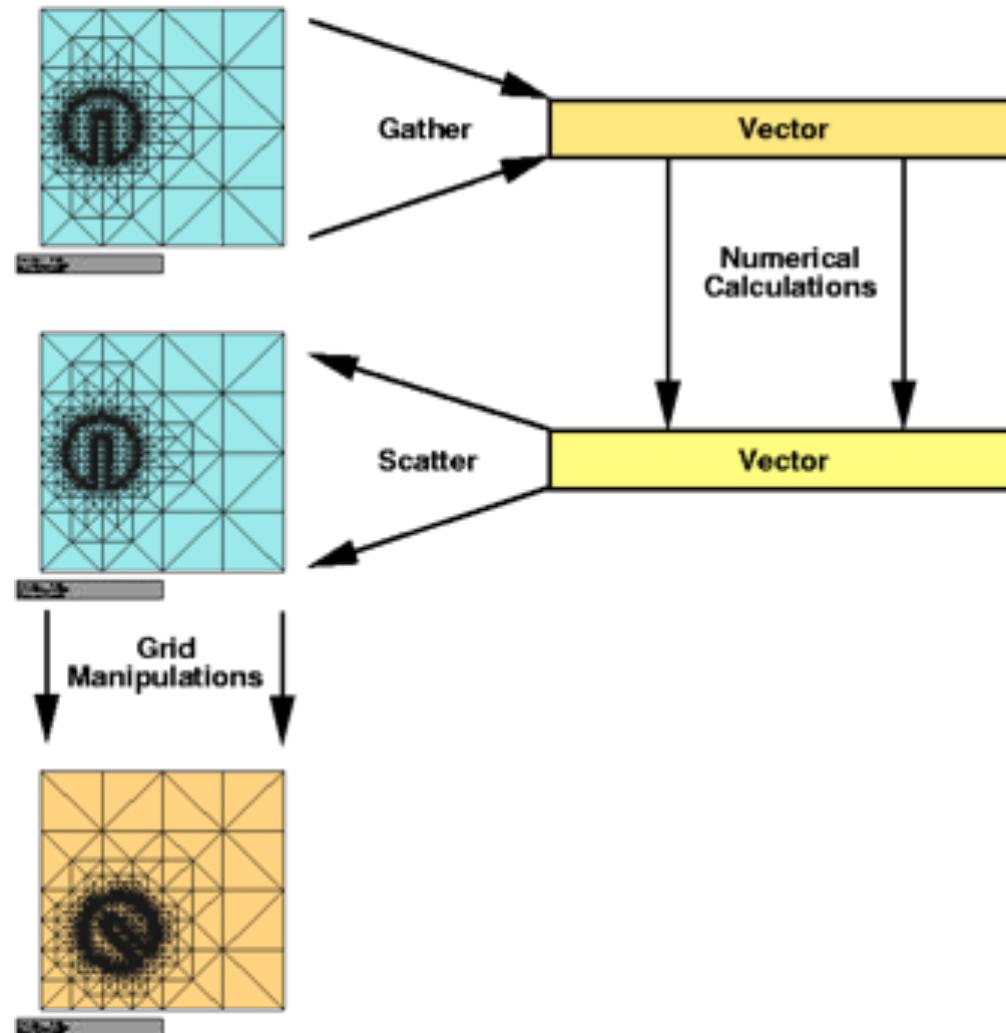


Initial values

(3, 1)

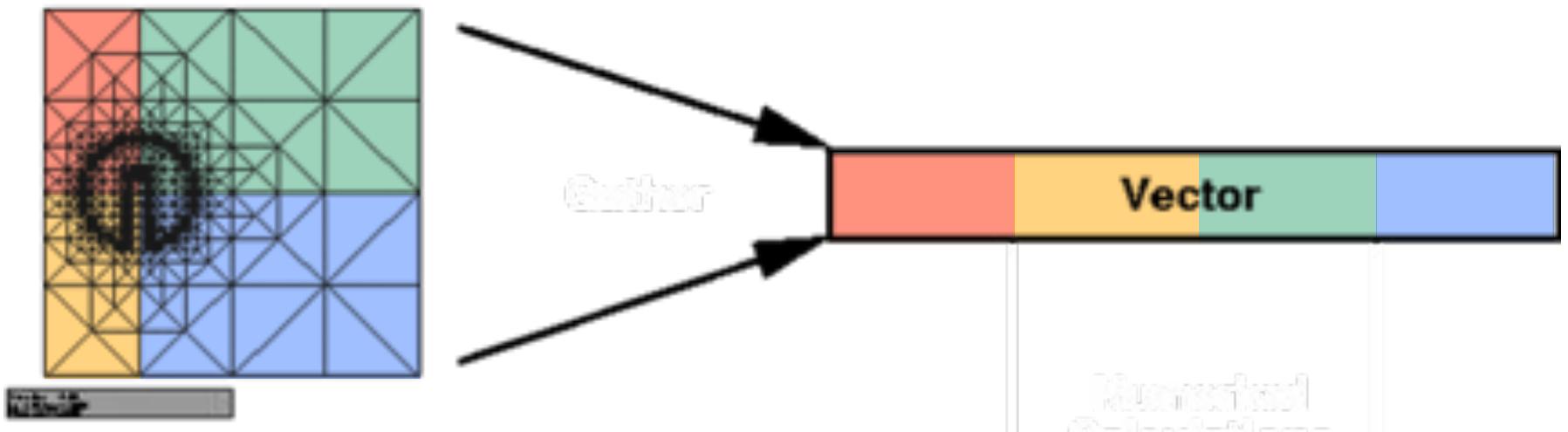


## 5. Efficient Data Management



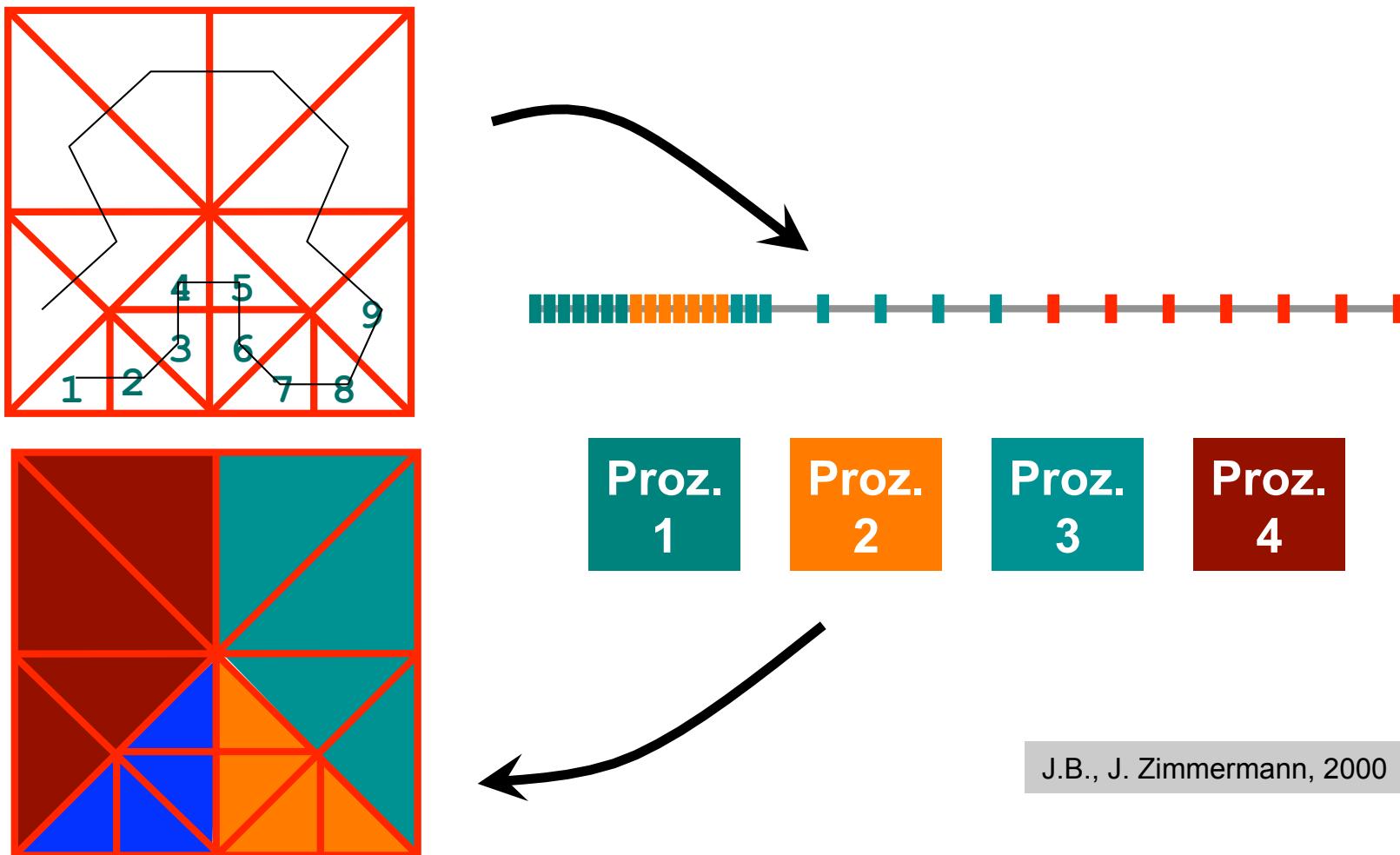
# Data Locality

We need data to stay local!



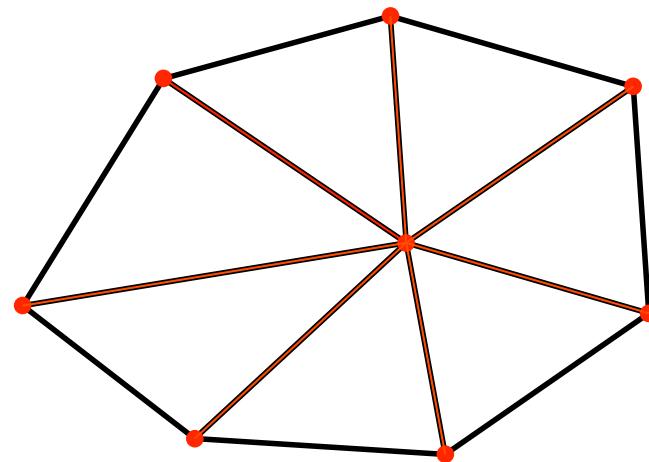
# Optimization: Parallel Partitioning

Space-filling curve (Sierpinski)

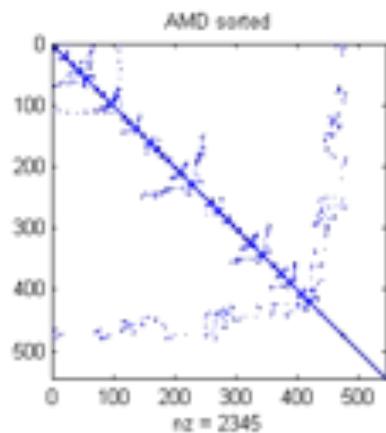
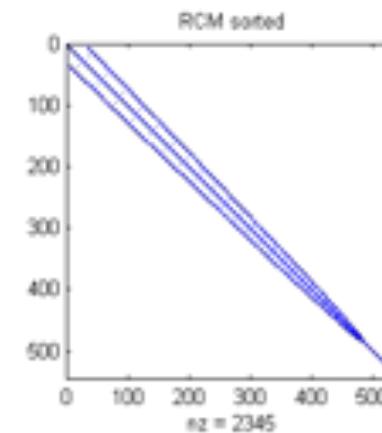
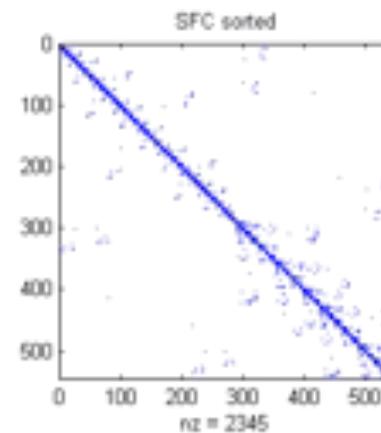
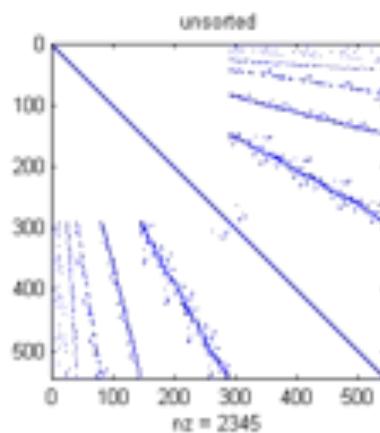


# Optimization: Matrix Ordering and Cache Optimization

Nearest neighbor communication (vertex-wise)

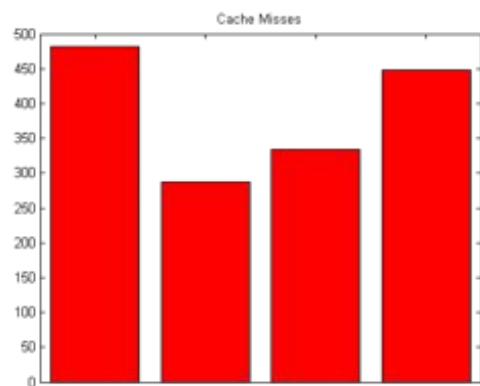
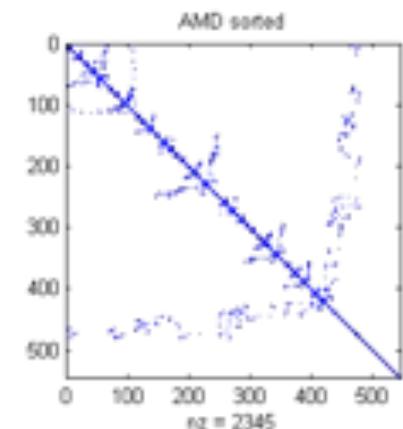
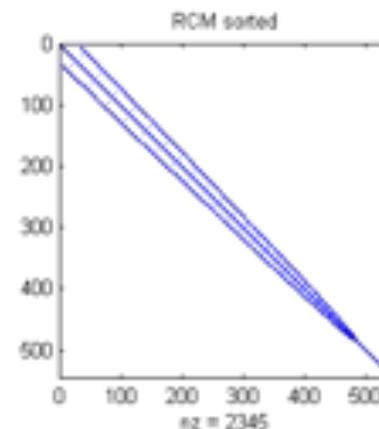
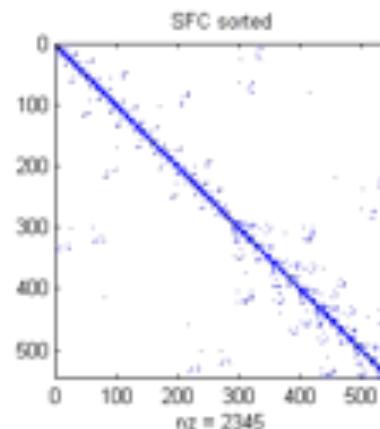
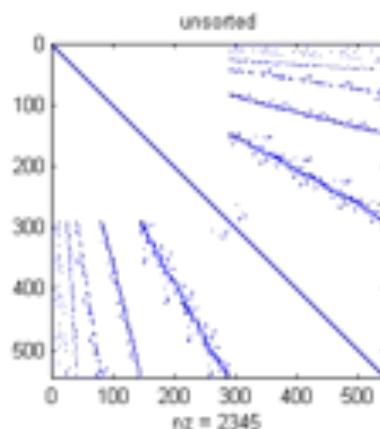


Connectivity matrix with different orderings

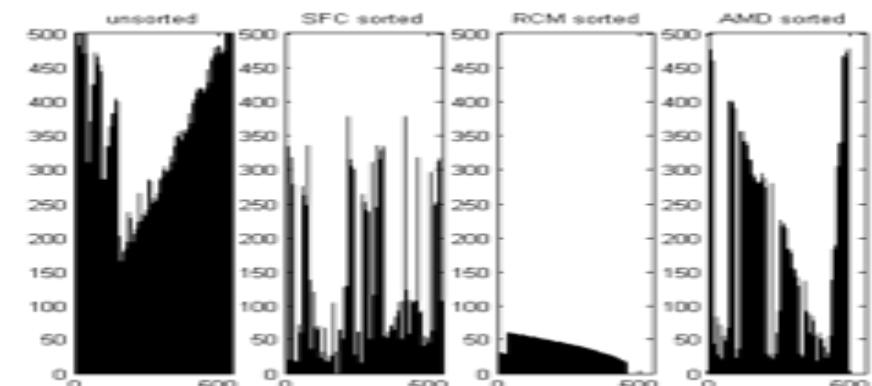


# Optimization: Cache Optimization

Connectivity matrix with different orderings

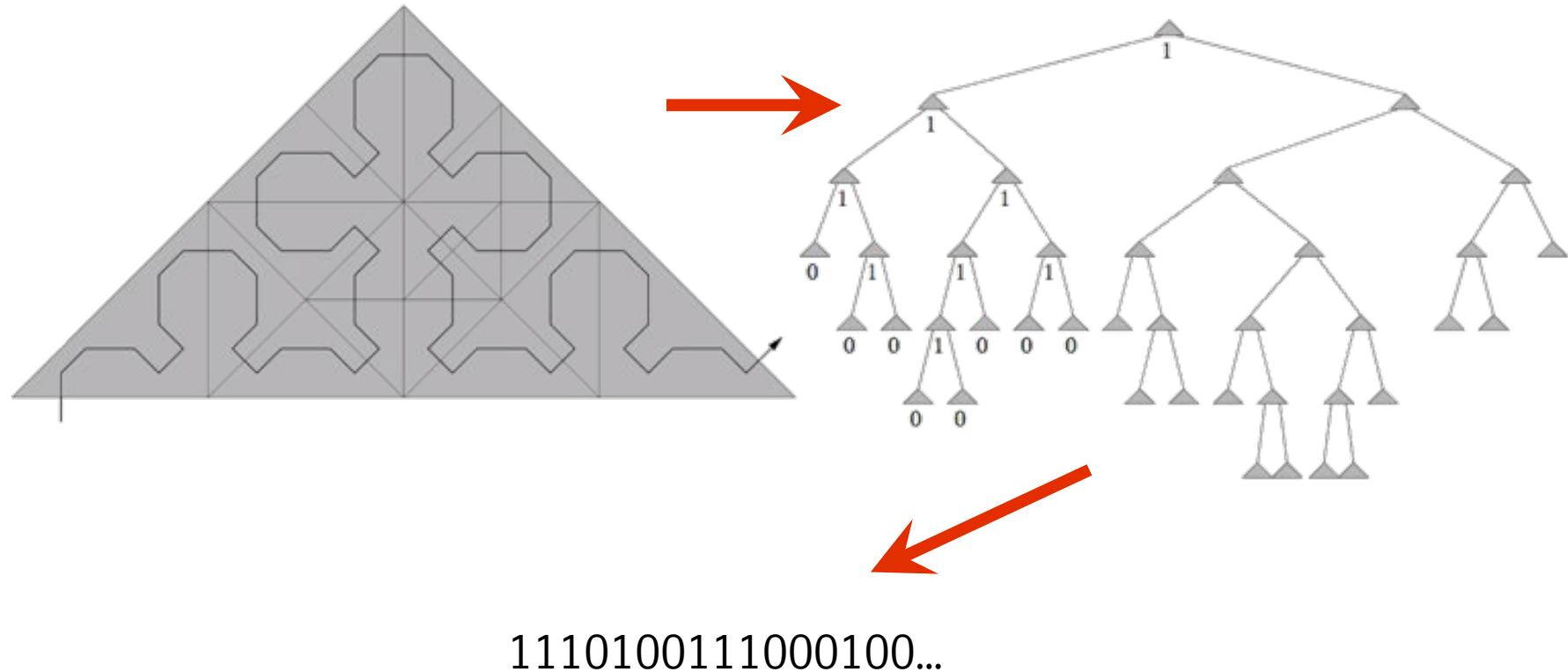


Cache misses



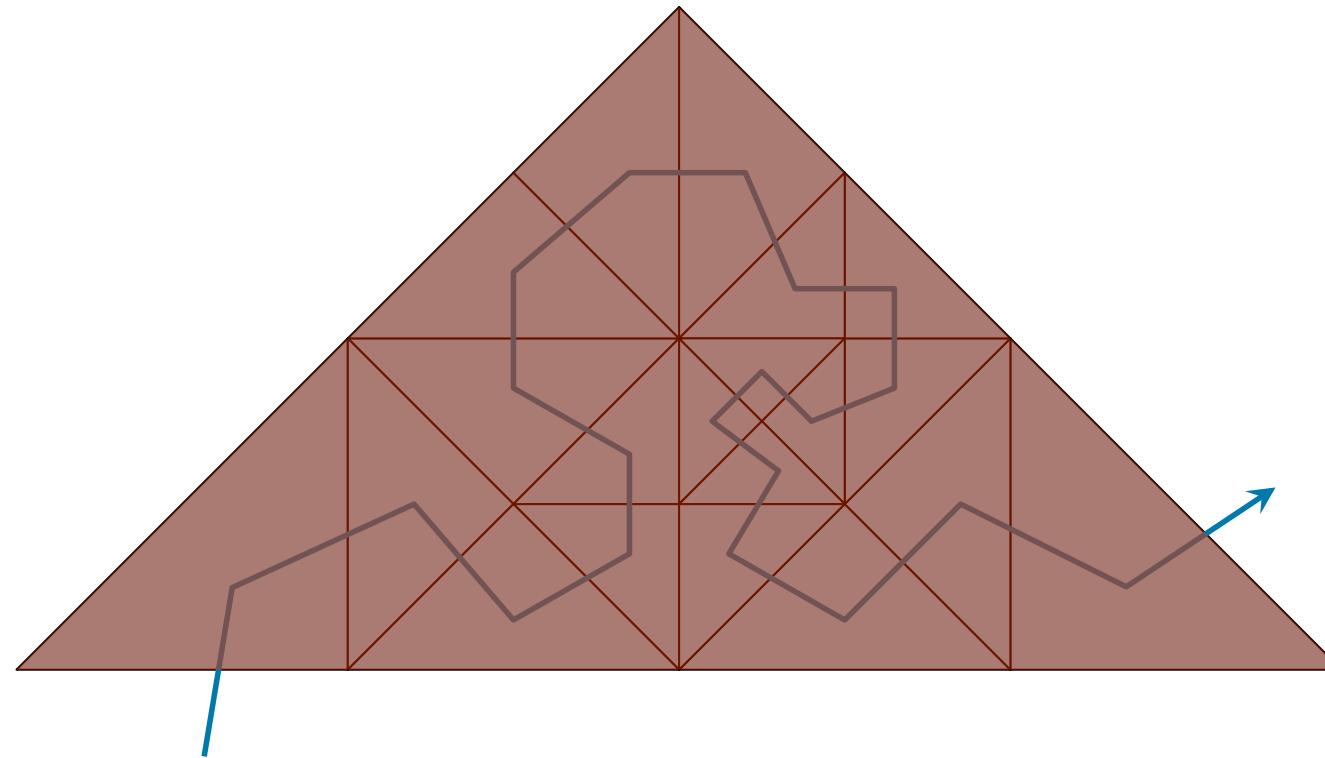
Distance structure

## Observation 1: Refinement tree



Refinement tree as bitstream

## Observation 2: Element-wise computation

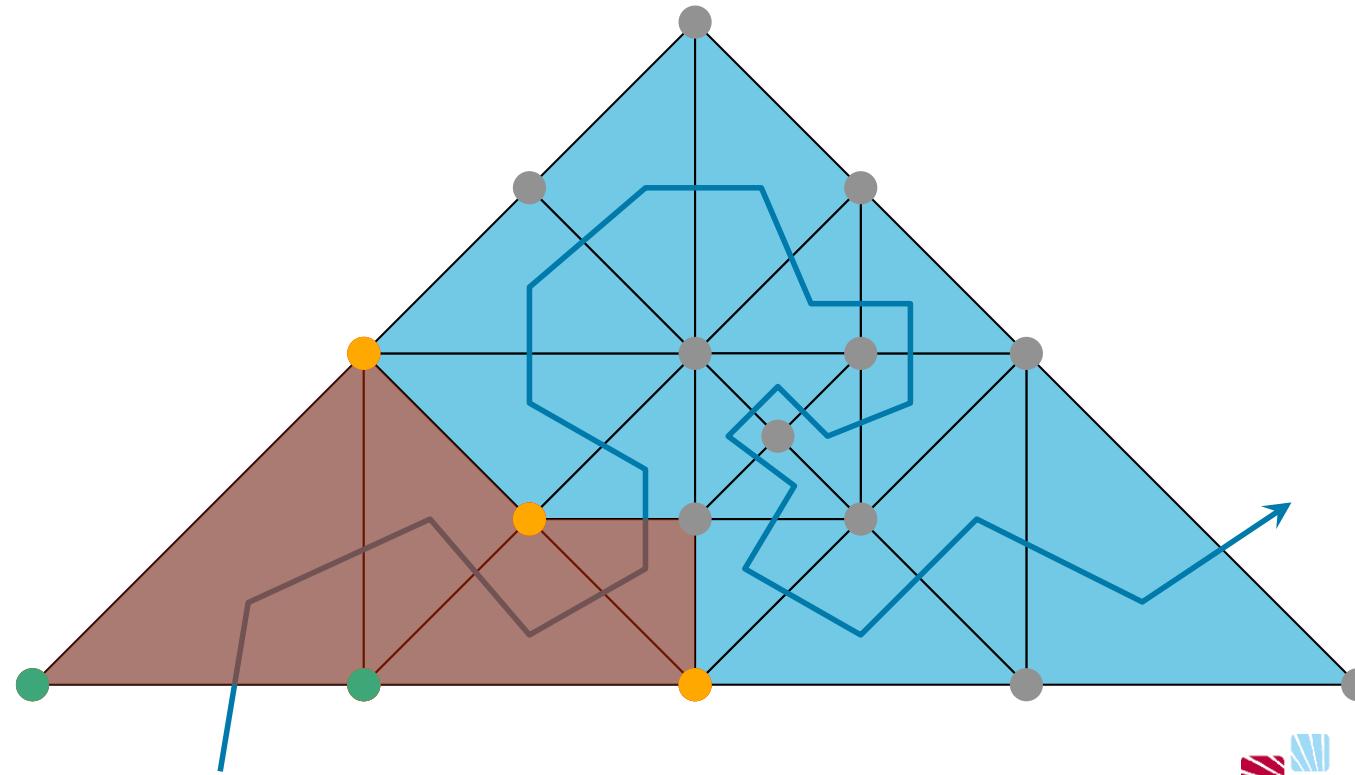


- Depth first traversal induces Sierpinski curve
- Element by element computation

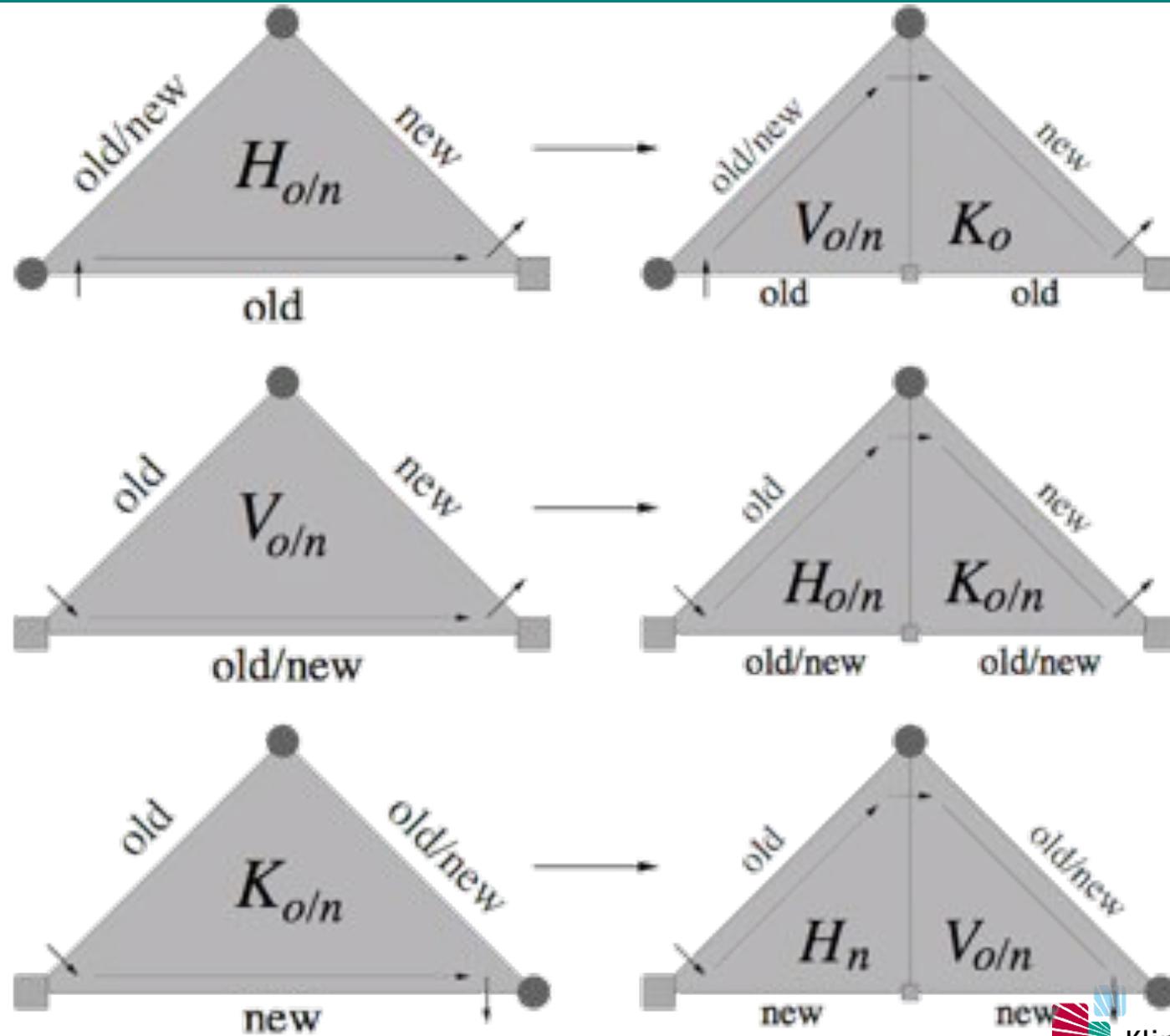


## Observation 3: Nodal computations

- not yet accessed
- just being computed
- waiting for further computation
- computations finished



## Observation 4: Tabulated element types



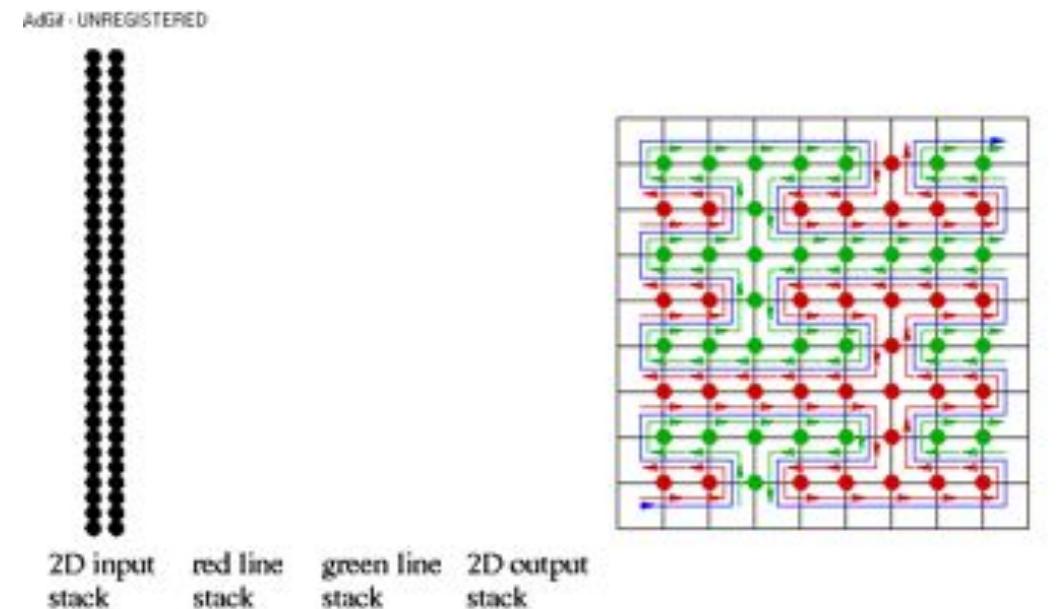
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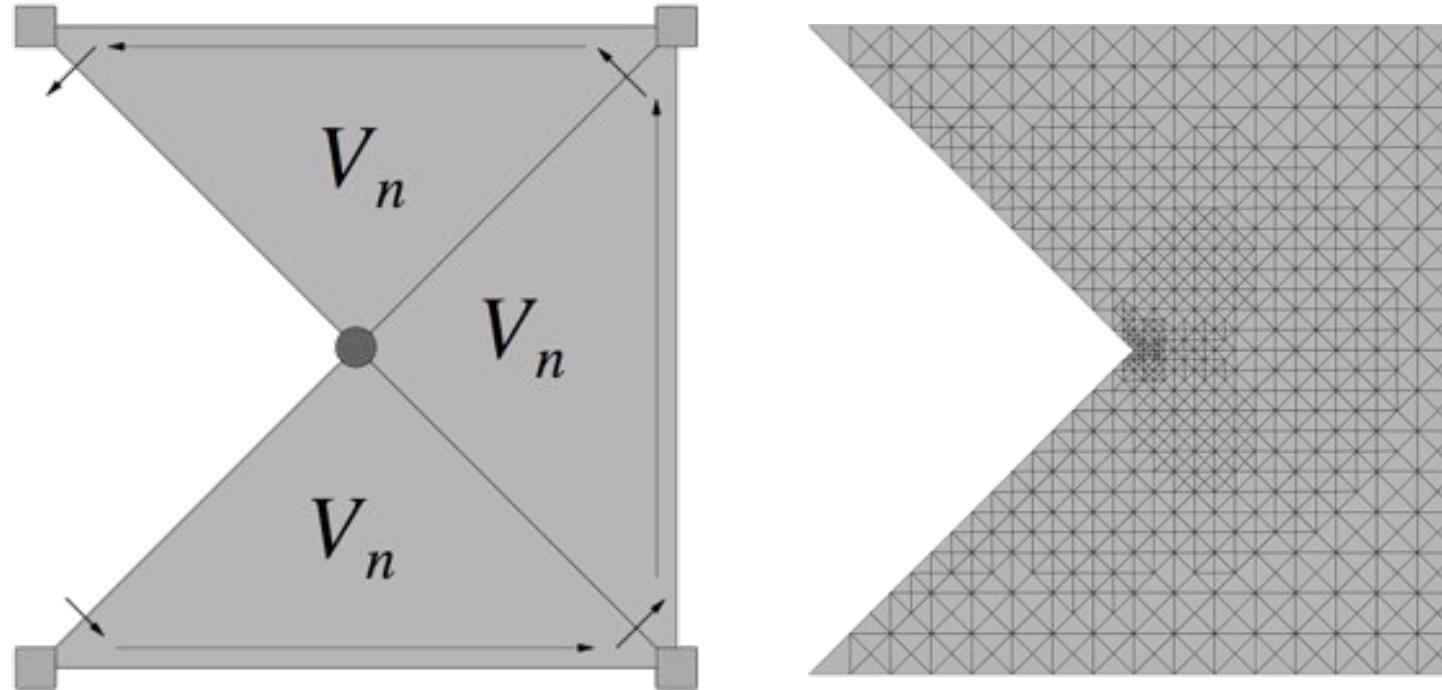
## Idea

- Linearize grid structure by depth-first-traversal/Sierpinski curve
- Take element types for computing order
- Use heap data structures for storing intermediate values
- Use input/output stream



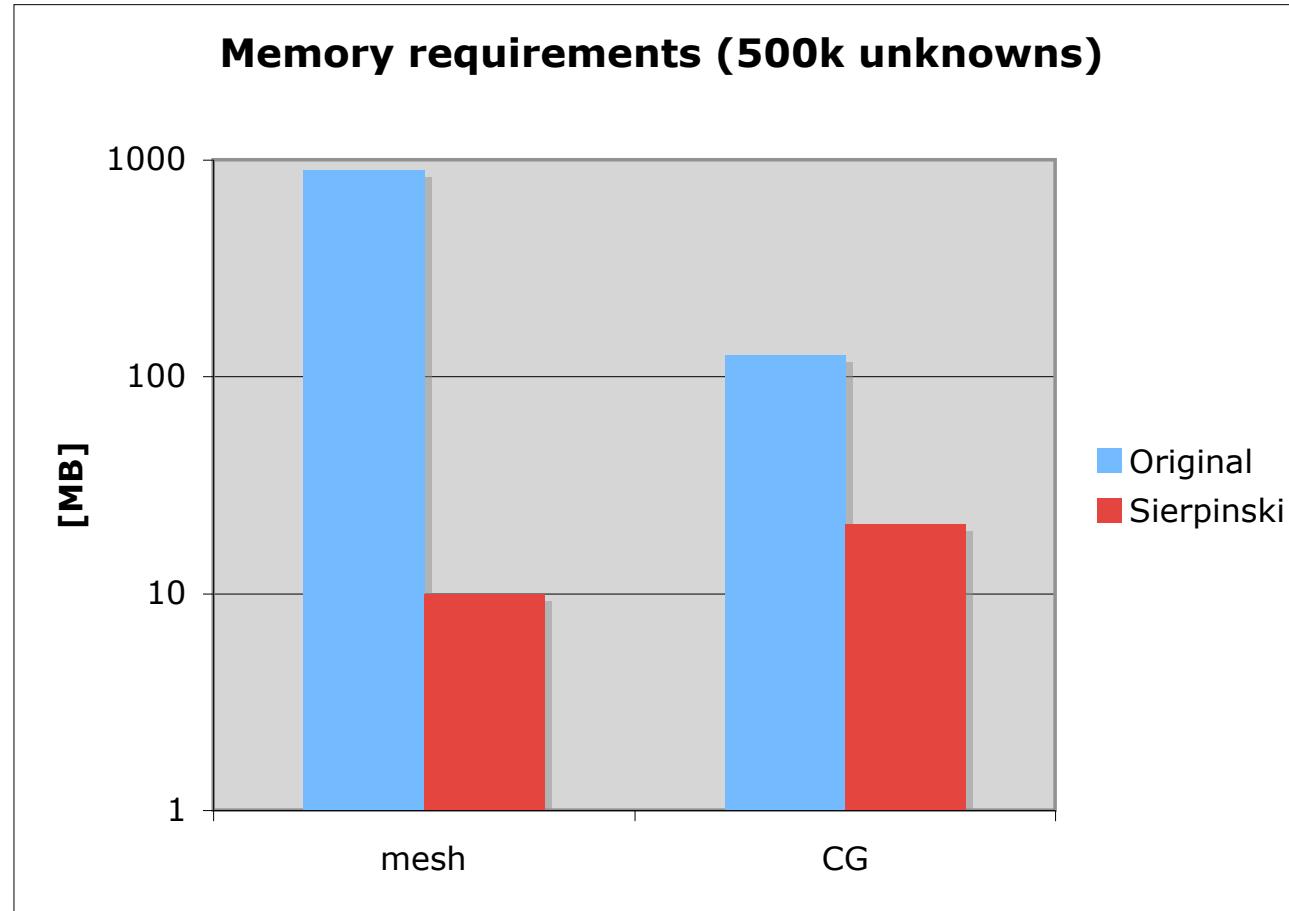
Mehl, Zenger (2004)

## Preliminary result Reentrant corner



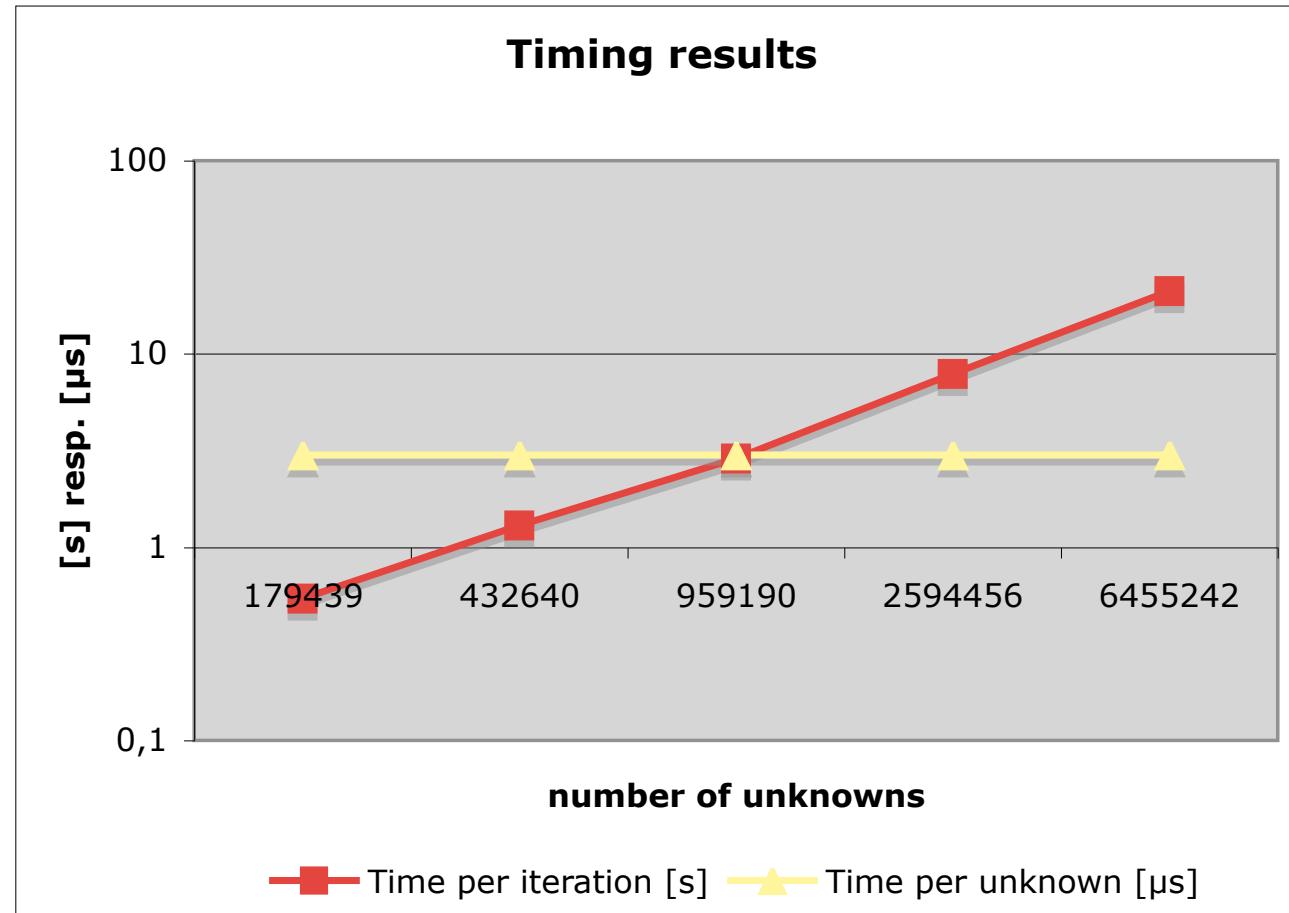
- Poisson's eq. with local refinement
- Solver: MG preconditioned CG
- Refinement criterion: hierarchical basis based (Deuflhard)

## Preliminary result Reentrant corner



J.B., M. Bader (2009)

## Preliminary result Reentrant corner



 99% cache hits

J.B., M. Bader (2009)

## Basic equations

### Shallow Water Equations

Continuity equation (flux form)

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v}(\zeta + H)) = 0$$

Momentum equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + g \nabla \zeta + \boxed{f \times \mathbf{v}} - \frac{\mathbf{n}^2 \mathbf{v} |\mathbf{v}|}{\sqrt[3]{H}} - \boxed{\nabla \cdot (K_h \nabla \mathbf{v})} = 0$$

Coriolis term      Bottom friction      Viscosity term

## Boundary conditions

Radiation boundary condition (open/liquid boundary)

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{H + \zeta}} \zeta$$

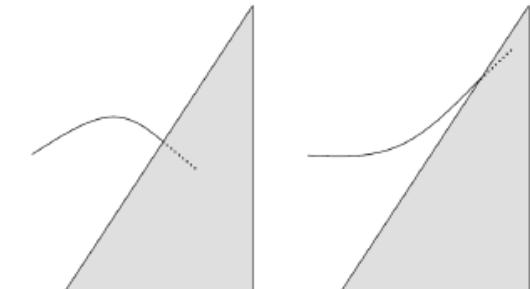
No-slip boundary condition (solid boundary)

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

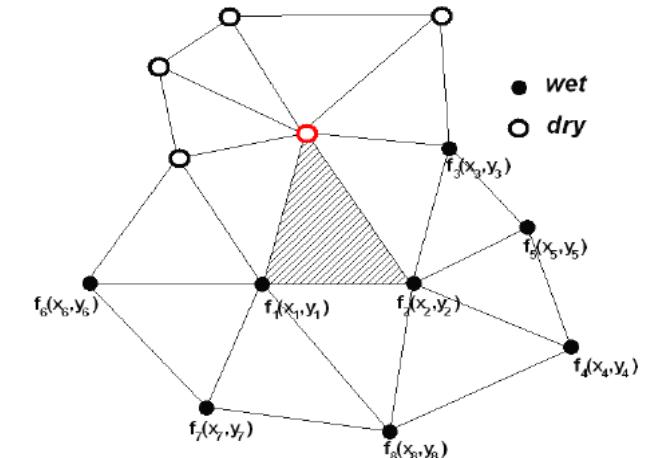
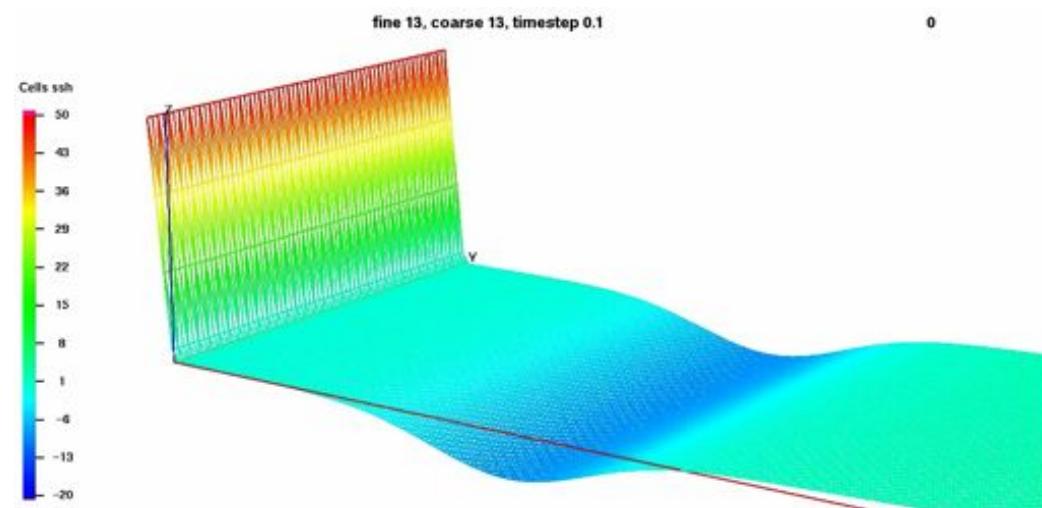
**Note:** inundation boundary conditions  
according to Lynett/Wu/Liu (2002)

# Inundation boundary conditions

Extrapolation of wave height



Extrapolation based on neighbors

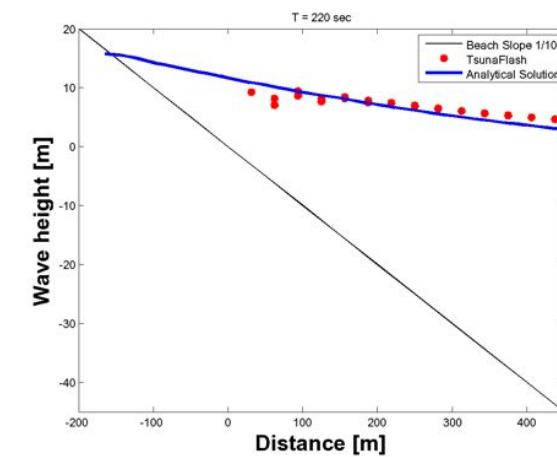
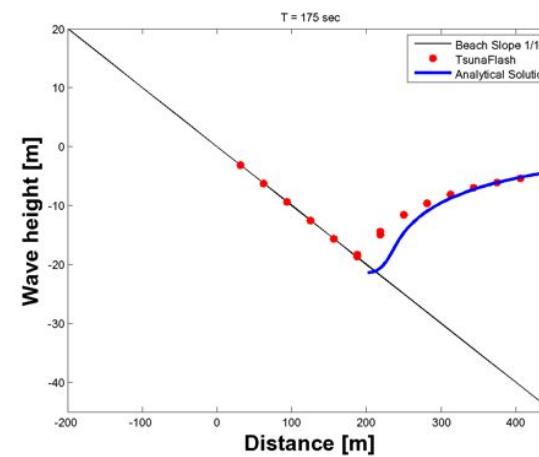
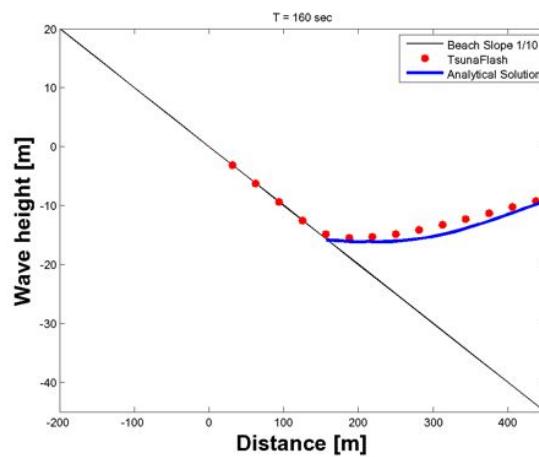
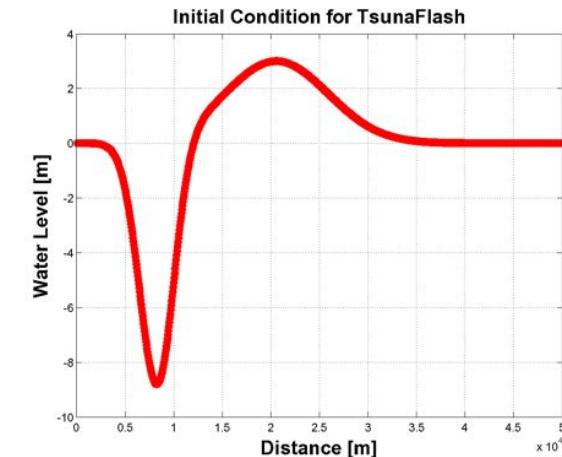


Lynnet, Wu, Liu, 2002

# Validation: Inundation test case

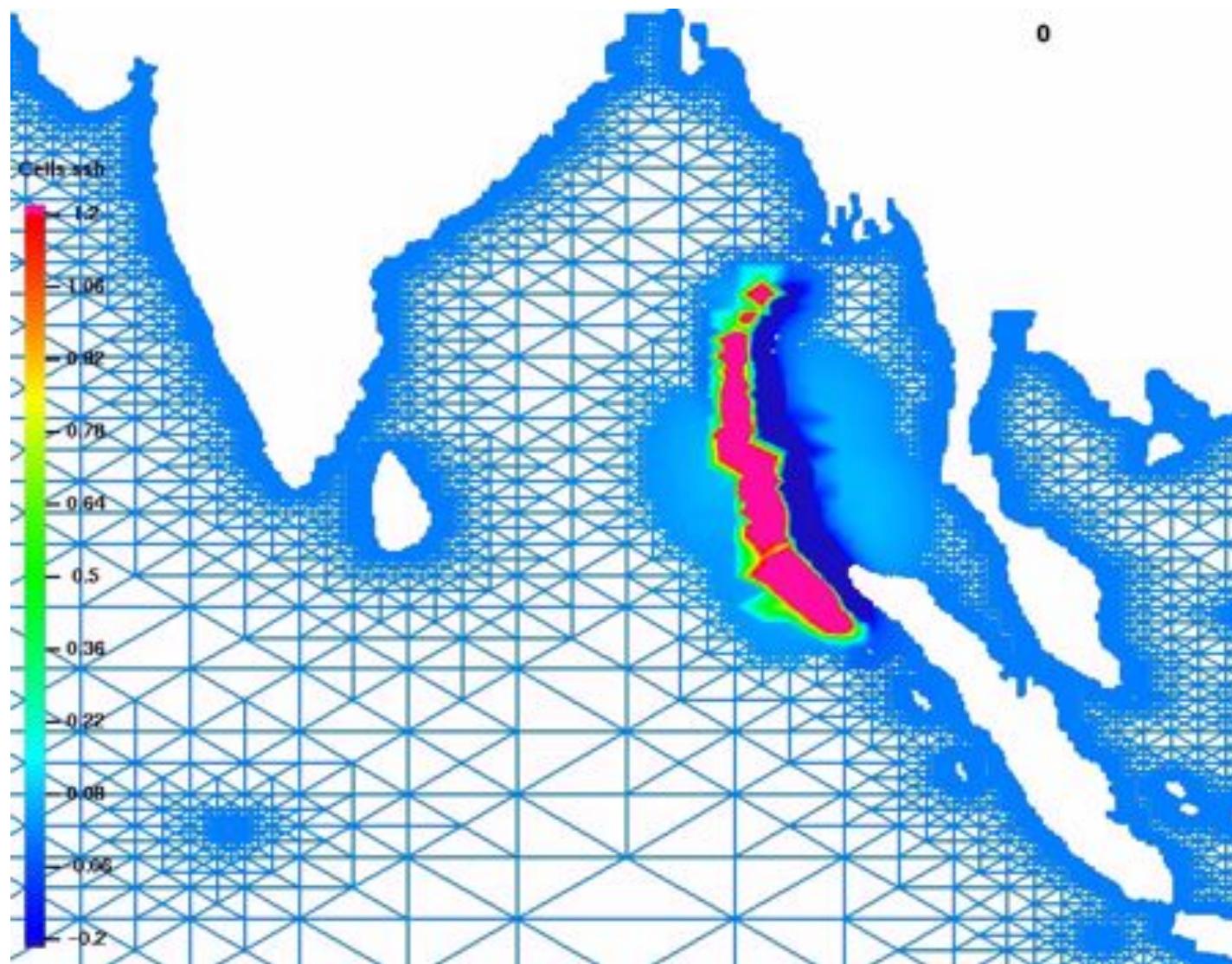
## Sloping Beach test case [Liu et al., 2008]

- UH Pre-scribed initial condition
- UH Analytical solution
- UH Simplified quasi-1D test case



W.S. Pranowo (2010)

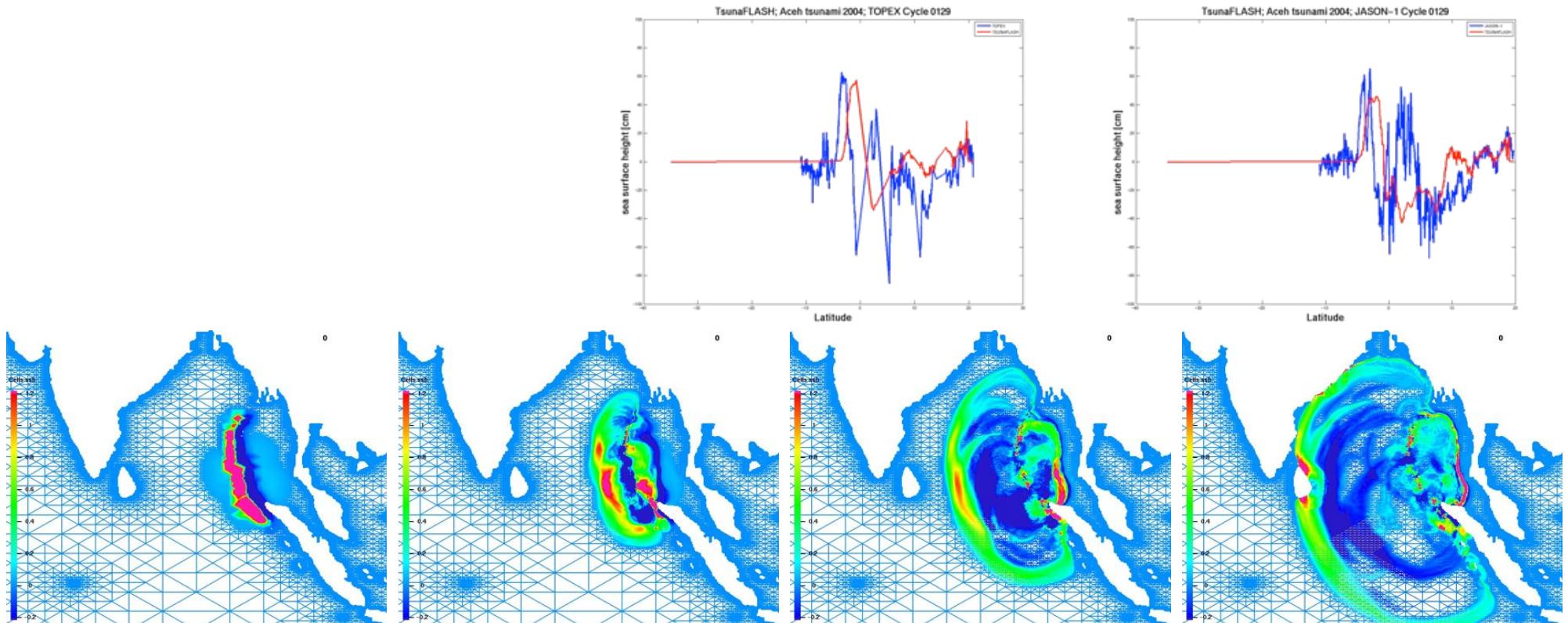
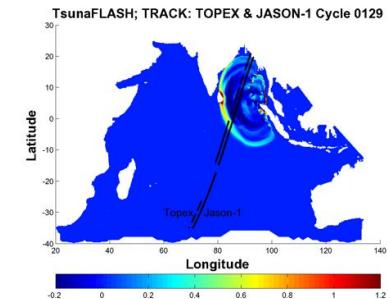
# Andaman-Sumatra Rupture



# Validation: Comparison to field data

## Field Data from 2004 Sumatra Tsunami

- Initial condition [Höchner et al., 2008]
- Sattelite track data PMEL/NOAA [Smith et al., 2005]



# Conclusions and outlook

- Multiple scales need numerical representation
- Model for adaptive computation gain
- 5 Efficiency ingredients (meshing, refinement, programming, numerics, data managmnt.)
- Optimization

## Challenges:

- Extend equations by surface wind stress term
- Extend equations by tidal forcing term
- Include (surface-) wave model?

