



A Godunov-type projection scheme for sound-proof models

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Pseudo-incompressible model:

(Durran (1988))

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Anelastic model: *(Bannon (1996), from Dutton-Fichtl & Lipps-Hemler)*

$$\times \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$(\bar{\rho} \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{v}) + \bar{\rho} \nabla \pi = \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}} \bar{\rho} g \mathbf{k}$$

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$$\theta_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta = 0$$

$$\theta' = \theta(z) - \bar{\theta}(z)$$

Pseudo-incompressible

baroclinic torque / modified divergence

$$\rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$(1/\theta)_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla (1/\theta) = 0$$

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relevant for deep atmospheres / large scales*

*see, e.g., Smolarkiewicz & Dörnbrack (2007)

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Boussinesq approximation

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Pseudo-incompressible

zero-Mach, variable density flow

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Small scale limits

Structure

Remarks:

- Sound-proof, **ad-hoc**(?) models involving **advection** and **internal waves**

- Bannon (1996) (*merging Dutton-Fichtl / Lipps-Hemler*)

anelastic:

$$\rho \equiv \bar{\rho}(z) \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

small-scale limit:

Boussinesq

- Durran (1988)

pseudo-incompressible:

$$p^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \equiv \bar{P}(z) \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \bar{\theta} \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

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zero-Mach variable density

- Very close relatives of the full compressible flow equations

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Auxiliary variable projection scheme* – predictor step

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* incompr. case, 2nd-ord.: Schneider et al., JCP '99; 4th-ord.: Kadioglu, Minion, Klein, JCP '08

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Numerics

Advection version 1:

solve

$$(\rho\theta)_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho\theta\mathbf{v}) = 0$$

making explicit use of

$$\rho \equiv \bar{\rho}(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho}\mathbf{v}) \equiv 0$$

in 1D:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i^{n+1} &= \frac{(\bar{\rho}\theta)_i^{n+1}}{\bar{\rho}} = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \left\{ (\bar{\rho}\theta)_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left((\bar{\rho}\theta u)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - (\bar{\rho}\theta u)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right\} \\ &= \theta_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left\{ \underbrace{\bar{u}_i \left(\theta_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \theta_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right)}_{\text{green}} + \underbrace{\frac{\bar{\theta}_i}{\bar{\rho}} \left(\rho u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \rho u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right)}_{\text{red}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\bar{u}_i = \frac{1}{2\bar{\rho}} \left((\bar{\rho}u)_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + (\bar{\rho}u)_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\theta}_i = \frac{1}{2} \left(\theta_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \theta_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

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Second-order advection achieved for arbitrary divergence

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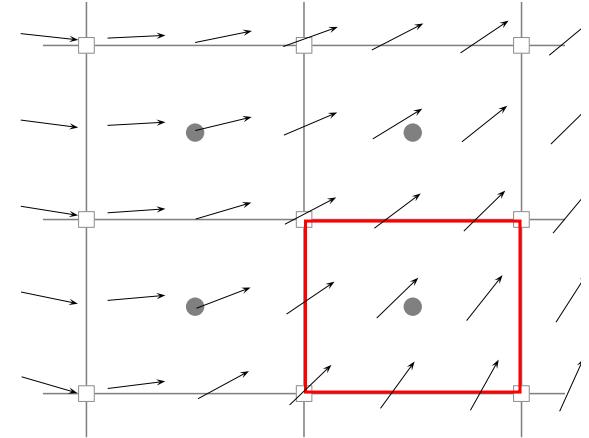
- 2nd-order gravity term
 - **first-order pressure gradient effect**
 - $P^* - P^n = O((\Delta t)^2)$
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Auxiliary variable projection scheme – MAC-projection

Constraint

$$\nabla \cdot (\overline{P} \mathbf{v})^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta\pi = \pi^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - \pi^n$$



Advection velocity correction (at cell interfaces)

$$(\overline{P} \mathbf{v})^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = (P \mathbf{v})^* - \frac{\Delta t}{2} P^* \theta^* \nabla \delta\pi$$

Divergence control

$$\frac{1}{P^n} \nabla \cdot (P^* \theta^* \nabla \delta\pi) = \frac{2}{(\Delta t)^2} \frac{1}{P^n} (P^* - P^n)$$

Post-correction of all advective flux contributions

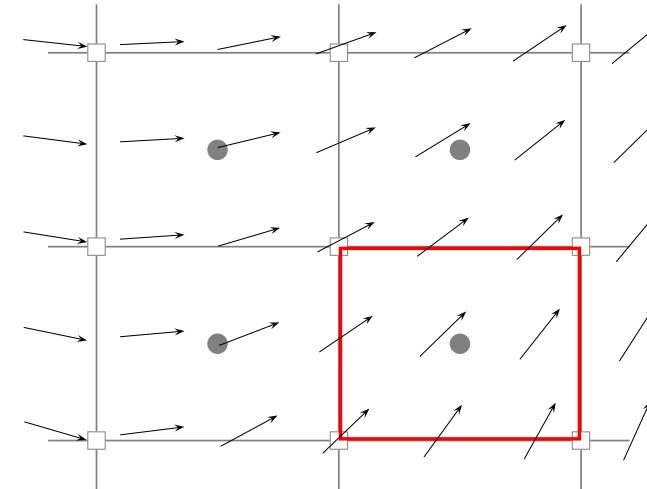
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MAC-projection controls
advection fluxes across grid cell interfaces

Advection velocities result from some
interpolation from the cell-centers

Danger: **pressure-velocity decoupling**



Previous approaches:

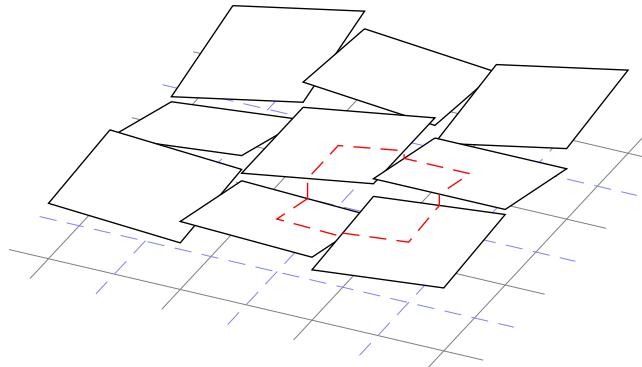
- Rhie-Chow stabilization
- Exact projection
- Approximate projection

compromises mass continuity
non-compact stencils
inexact divergence control

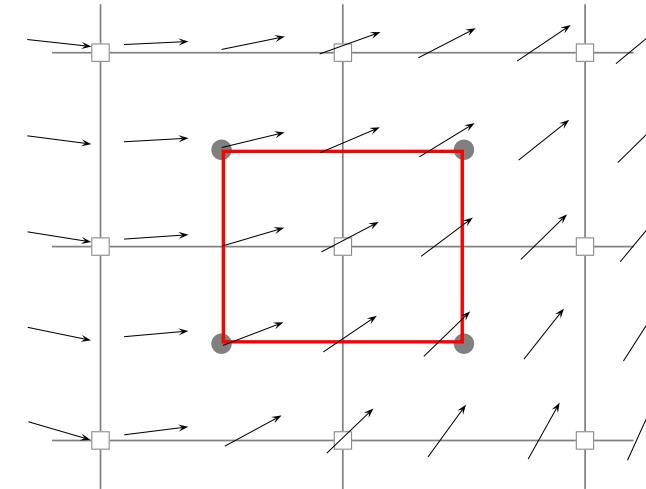
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Alternative route*: cell-centered exact projection

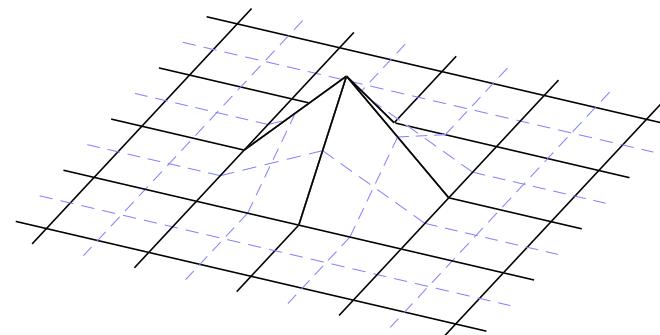
Exact control of divergence on **dual cells**



Bi-/trilinear pressure ansatz functions



Piecewise linear, discontinuous ansatz functions
for momentum on primary cells



* S. Vater, R.K., Num. Math., revised (2008)

Numerics

Stabilizing “Second projection”:

inf-sup-stable Petrov-Galerkin scheme for **generalized saddle-point problem**

Find $(u, p) \in (\mathcal{X}_2 \times \mathcal{M}_1)$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b_1(\mathbf{v}, p) &= \langle f, v \rangle \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{X}_1 \\ b_2(\mathbf{u}, q) &= \langle g, q \rangle \quad \forall q \in \mathcal{M}_2 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$$

$$b_1(\mathbf{v}, p) = (\mathbf{v}, \nabla p)$$

$$b_2(\mathbf{u}, q) = (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, q)$$

(result currently available for 2D shallow water / homentropic gasdynamics)

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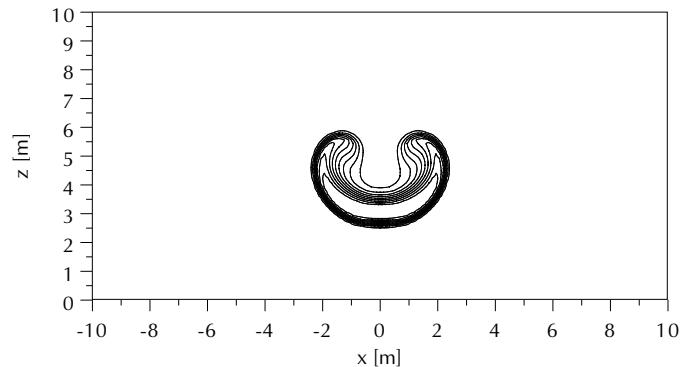
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- **Background nowhere invoked explicitly!!**

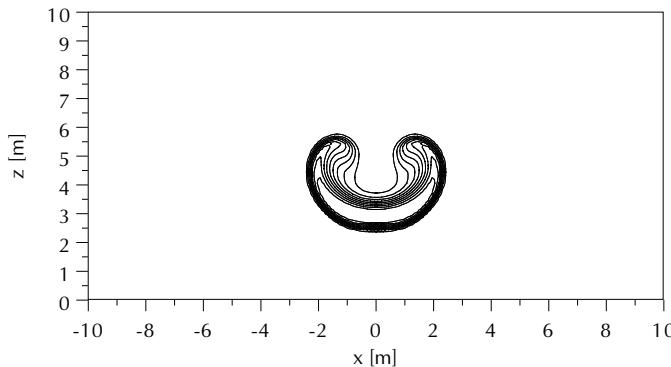
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Cold air blobs at small scales

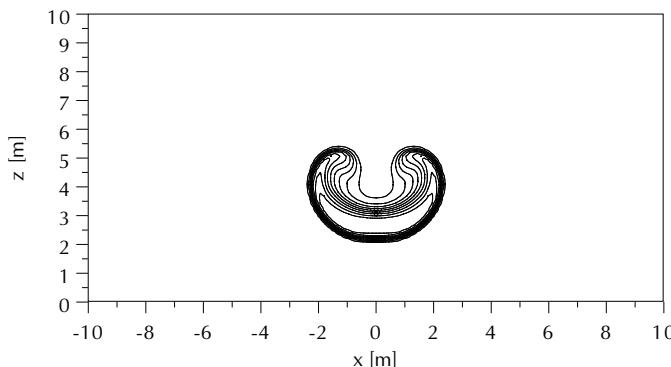
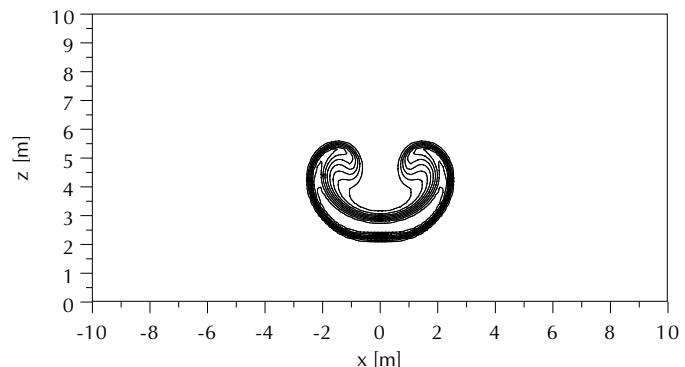
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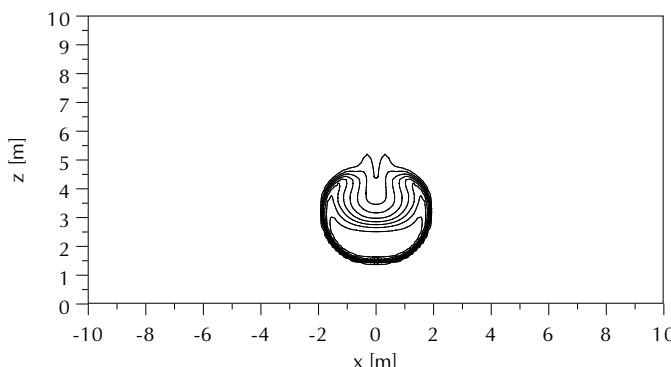
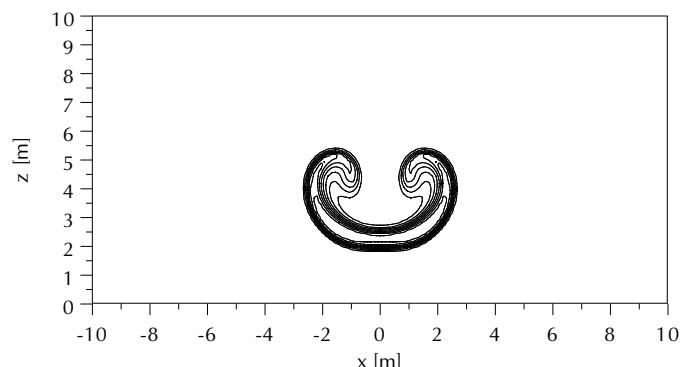
Durran



$$\theta_1/\theta_2 = 0.9$$



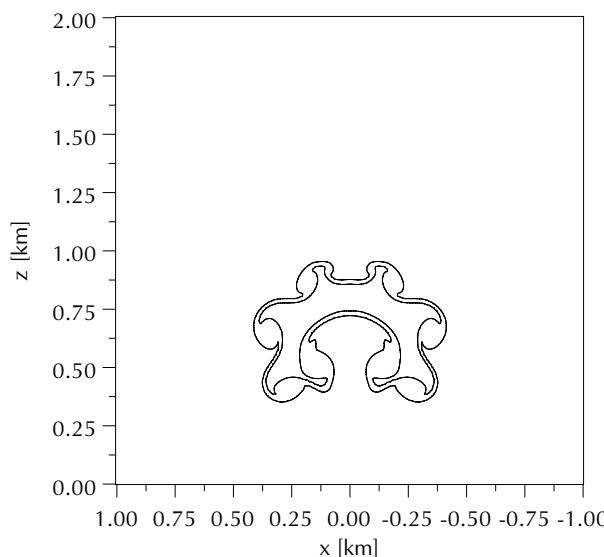
$$\theta_1/\theta_2 = 0.5$$



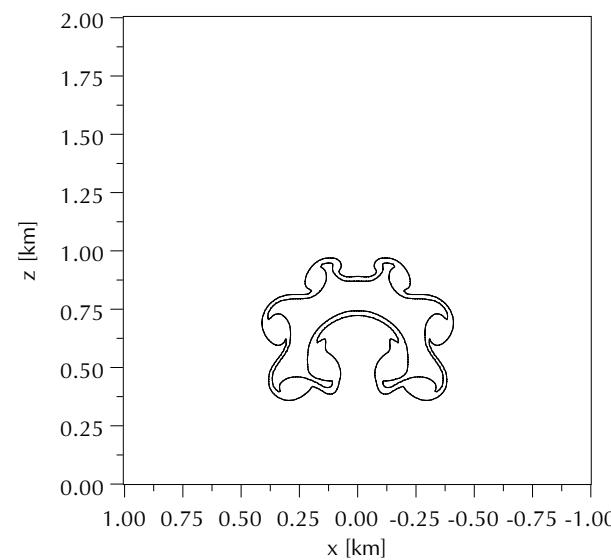
$$\theta_1/\theta_2 = 0.1$$

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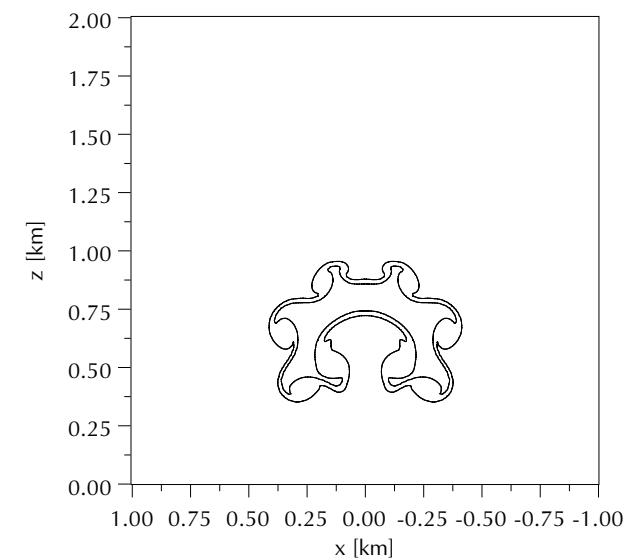
Rising sharp bubble, $\Delta\theta = 0.5K$



Durran, $\text{divtol} = 10^{-6}$

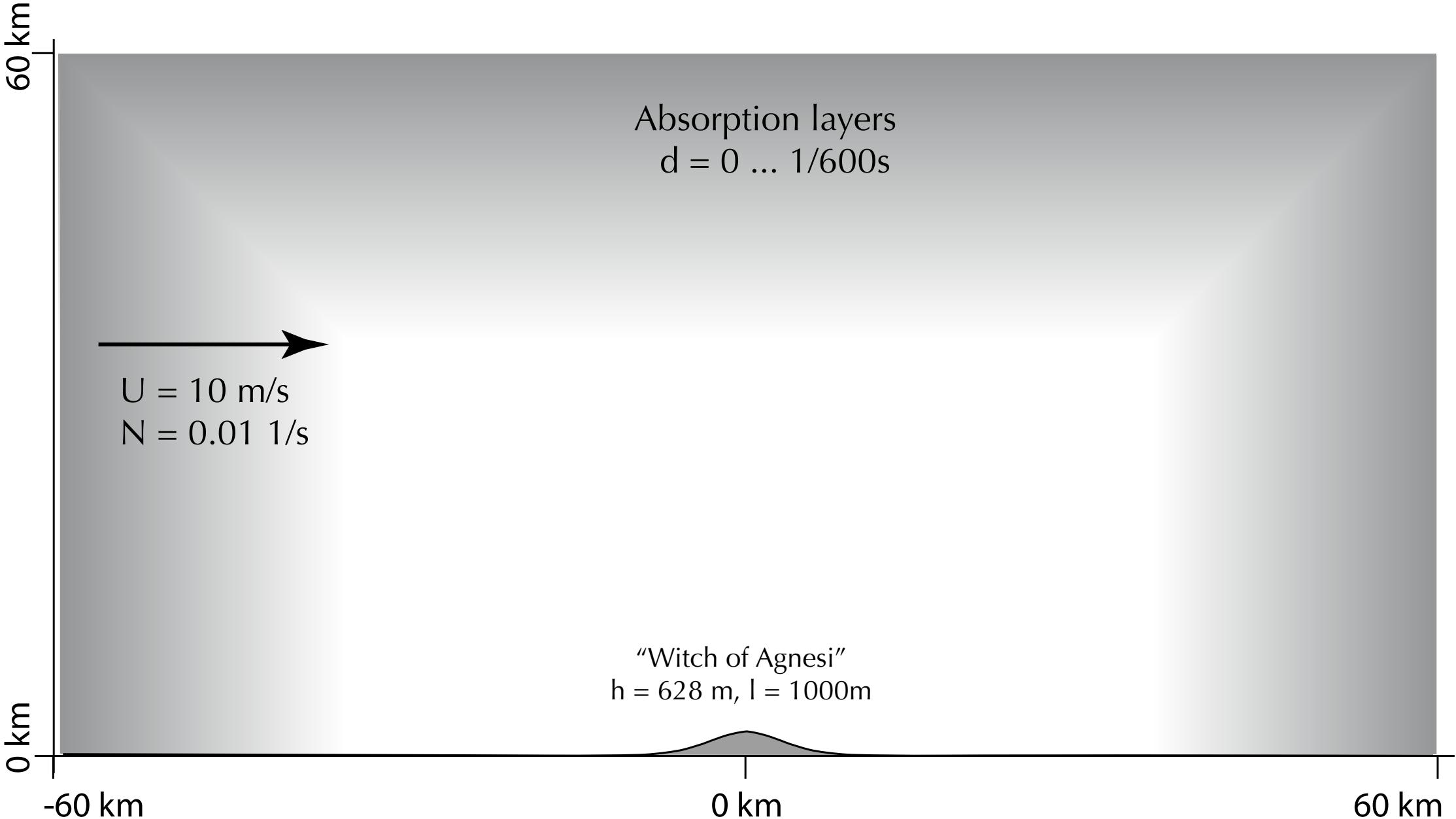


Durran, $\text{divtol} = 10^{-2}$

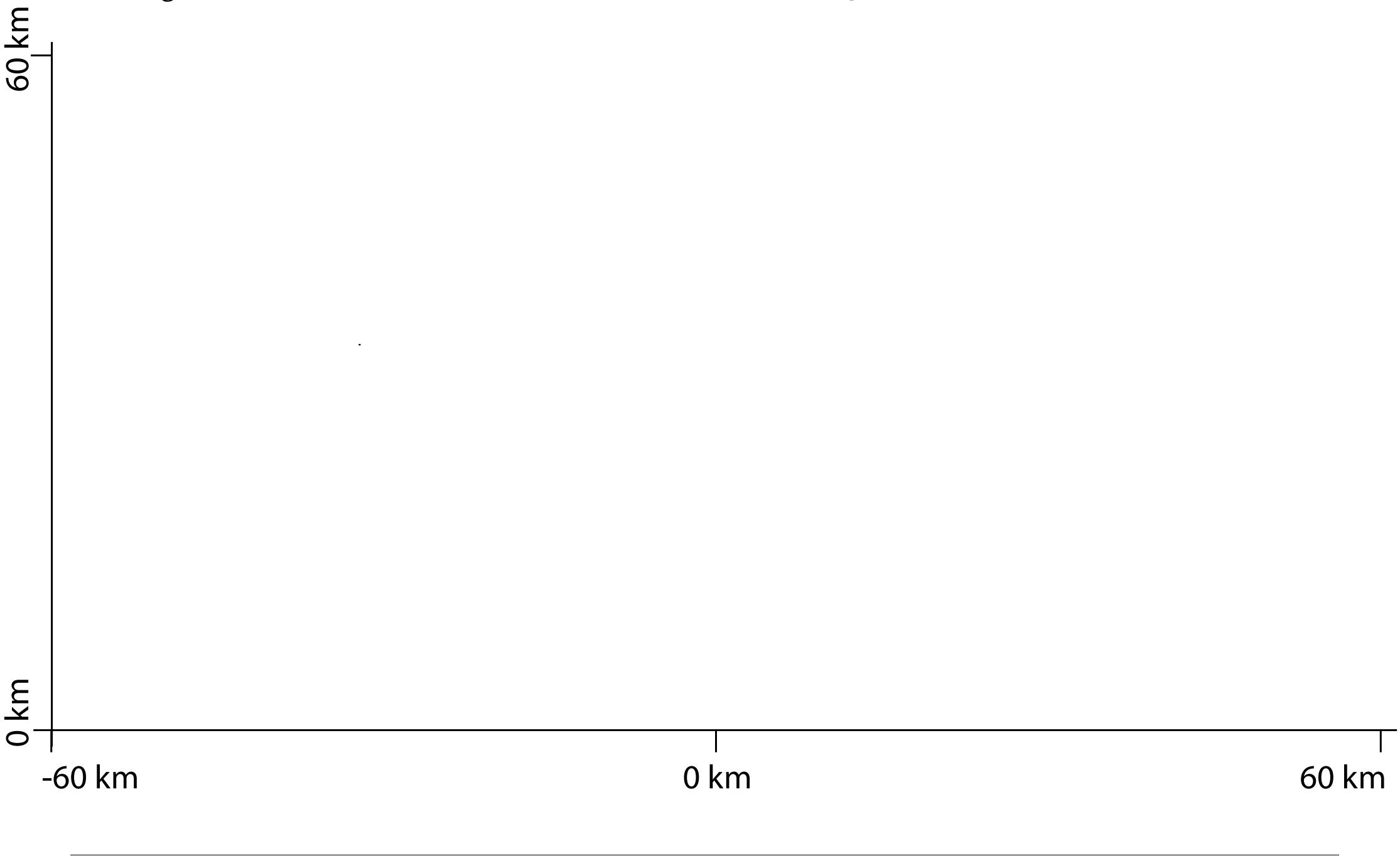


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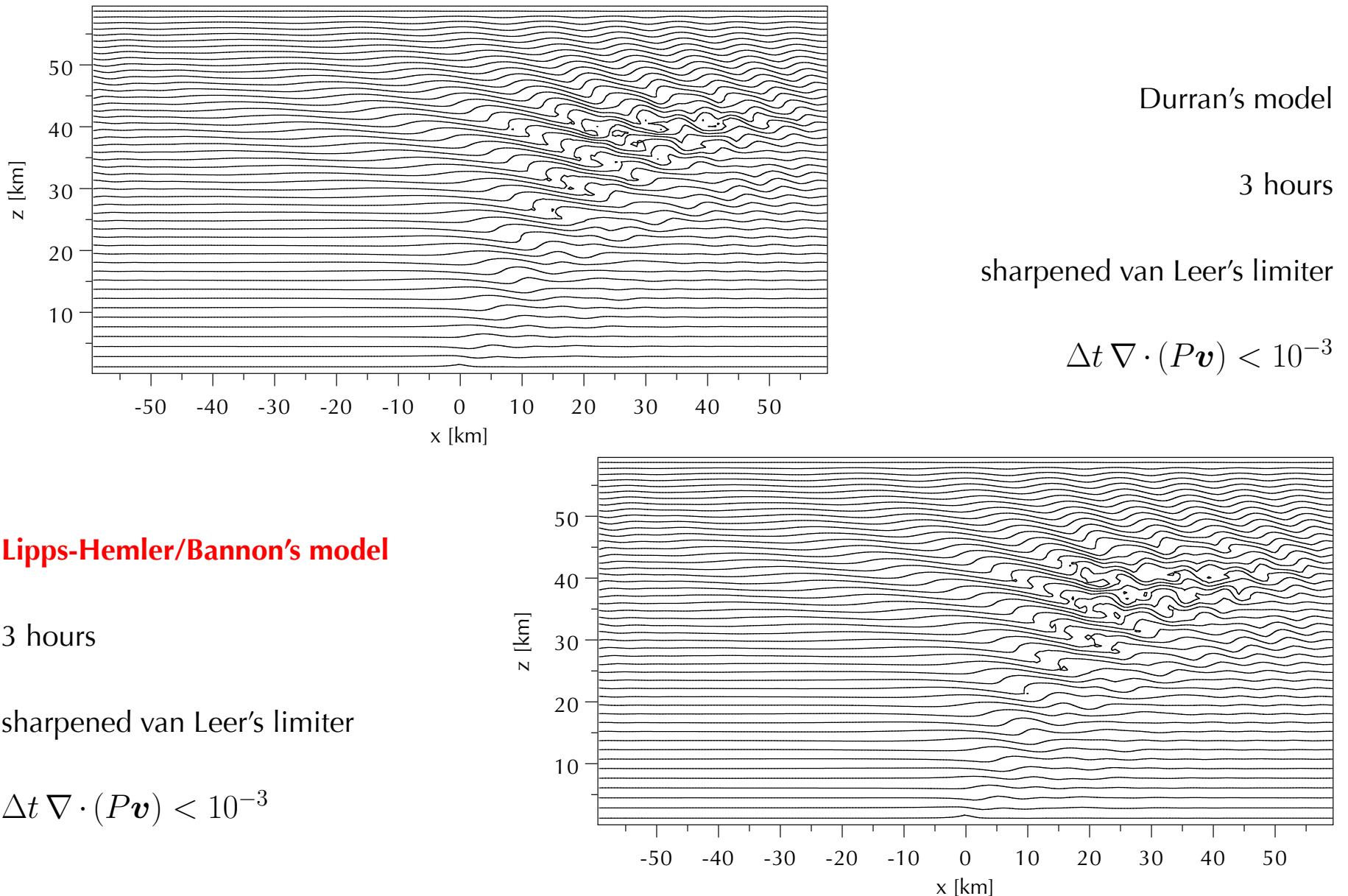
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$$\rho \theta = p^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, \quad \gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}, \quad \text{Fr} = \frac{u_{\text{ref}}}{\sqrt{gh_{\text{sc}}}} \sim \frac{u_{\text{ref}}}{\sqrt{p_{\text{ref}}/\rho_{\text{ref}}}} = \mathbf{M}$$

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Order $O(1)$ accelerations require

$$(p, \rho, \theta) = (\bar{p}, \bar{\rho}, \bar{\theta})(z) + \mathbf{M}^2(p', \rho', \theta')$$

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$$\theta'_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \theta' + \frac{\textcolor{green}{S}}{\textcolor{red}{M}^2} w = 0$$

$w \neq 0$ requires*

$$\textcolor{green}{S} = \frac{h_{\text{sc}}}{\bar{\theta}} \frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dz} = O(\textcolor{red}{M}^2)$$

* Ogura & Phillips (1962)

Asymptotics

Characteristic (inverse) time scales

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advection	$\frac{u_{\text{ref}}}{h_{\text{sc}}}$	1
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For single-scale models with advection & internal waves:^{*}

$$\frac{h_{\text{sc}}}{\bar{\theta}} \frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dz} = O(\mathbf{M}^2) \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta\bar{\theta} \sim 0.3 \text{ K}$$

* Ogura & Phillips (1962)

Asymptotics & Thermodynamics

Isothermal flows ($T \equiv T_{\text{ref}}$, $h_{\text{sc}} = RT_{\text{ref}}/g$)

$$\frac{\bar{p}}{p_{\text{ref}}} = \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\rho_{\text{ref}}} = \exp\left(-\frac{z}{h_{\text{sc}}}\right), \quad \frac{\bar{\theta}}{T_{\text{ref}}} = \exp\left(\frac{R}{c_p} \frac{z}{h_{\text{sc}}}\right)$$

Homentropic-to-isothermal range is accessible in an anelastic model, if

$$\Delta\bar{\theta} = O(\mathbf{M}^2), \quad \text{i.e., if*} \quad \frac{R}{c_p} = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} = O(\mathbf{M}^2)$$

But:

- the leading-order model then is “Ogura & Phillips (1962)”
- $\bar{\theta}$ -variations (e.g., in $g(\theta - \bar{\theta})/\bar{\theta}$) \Rightarrow **higher-order corrections**

* Bannon (1996); Klein, Majda (2006)

Asymptotics

Ogura & Phillips (1962):

$$\nabla \cdot (\underline{\rho} \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$(\bar{\rho} \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{v}) + \bar{\rho} \nabla \pi = \bar{\rho} \theta' g \mathbf{k}$$

$$(\bar{\rho} \theta')_t + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \theta' \mathbf{v}) = 0$$



Structure

Numerics

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Conclusions



- **Asymptotics:**
 - multiple vertical scales
 - moist processes
 - **Numerics:**
 - weakly compressible motions
 - large aspect ratios
 - multiple scales
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