

Film formation studies using Basilisk

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Groenveld (1970):¹

Main idea: simplify N-S equations to

$$\mu \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} = \rho g \quad (1)$$

resulting in a parabolic profile inside the film. Defining dimensionless flux $Q = \frac{q}{u} \sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{\mu u}}$ and thickness $T = h \sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{\mu u}}$, (Blok & von Rossum, 1948) claim

$$Q = T \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} T^2\right) \quad (2)$$

integrating (1) around stagnation point "A" and using (2) yields $T_D = 0.52$ with $Q = 0.47$ around "D" point in Figure 2.

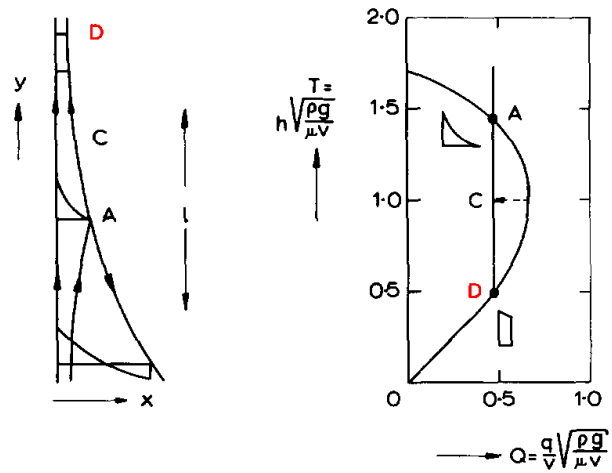


Figure: Thickness T vs. flux Q in high-Re number withdrawal (Groenveld, 70). A: stagnation point, C: acceleration region, D-the h_+ region.

¹P. Groenveld. "Laminar withdrawal with appreciable inertial forces". In: *Chemical Engineering Science* 25 (1970), pp. 1267–1273.

We find the high-inertia withdrawal theory of Groenveld² applicable.

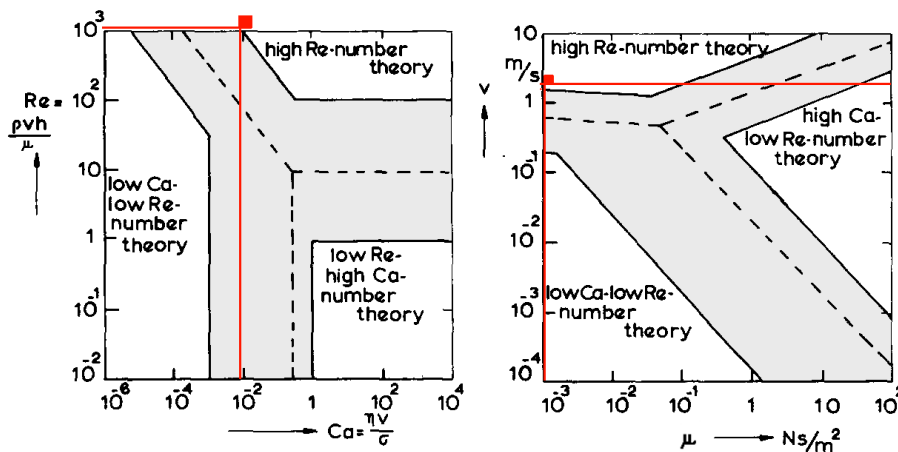


Figure: Presented case in (Re, Ca) and (v, μ) parameter spaces.

Groenveld's hi-Re theory predicts generally thicker films than LLD (capillary-dominated). Weak points: wave formations on the film in this regime.

$Ca = 9.05 \cdot 10^{-3}$, $Re \in [160, 220]$ (capillary- h_0 thickness).

²Groenveld, "Laminar withdrawal with appreciable inertial forces".

There's no way around this: "Groenveld's thickness"

$$h_D \approx 1.64 \cdot 10^{-4}, \quad (3)$$

i.e. $163 \mu\text{m}$.

For reference, in a domain of $L = .65$, $\Delta = L/2^{14} \approx 39 \mu\text{m}$

Figure: Film interface reconstructed at varying levels of refinement in Basilisk.

- **Basilisk** code (descendant of *Gerris*, also by S. Popinet³);
- Optimized for **speed** (hence the name) in serial and parallel runs;
- Built-in **C** parser/lexer for “targetted” minimalized compilations;
- Universal ODE/PDE (multiphysics) solver, **GPL** licence;
- Quad- and oct-tree grid structures available;
- Adaptive mesh refinement using wavelet-based approximation of discretization error;
- Beginner-friendly programming macros, very well documented ⁴, growing user base.

³S. Popinet. “An accurate adaptive solver for surface-tension driven interfacial flows”. In: *Journal of Computational Physics* 228 (16 2009), pp. 5838–5866.

⁴<http://basilisk.fr>


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event init ( t = 0) {
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1   restore ( file = ' dump ' );  
2   fraction ( f , 0.0937 - y );
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}
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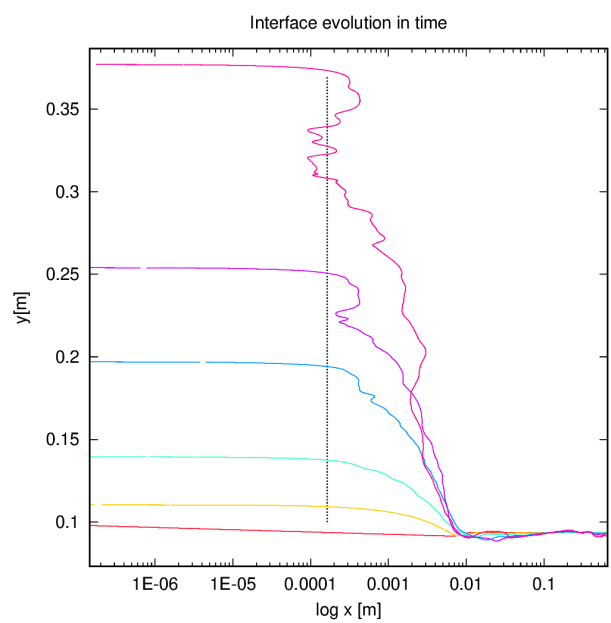
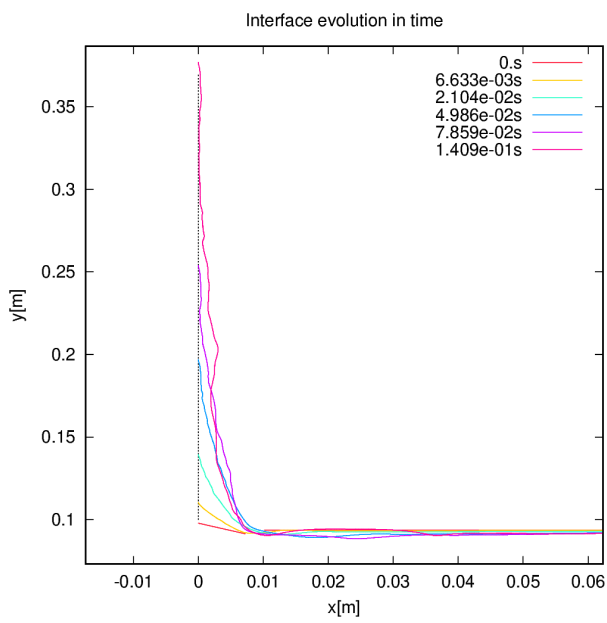


Figure: Interface geometry at chosen t values (with x in dec and log). The dashed line is 'Groenveld's thickness' of $163\mu\text{ m}$.

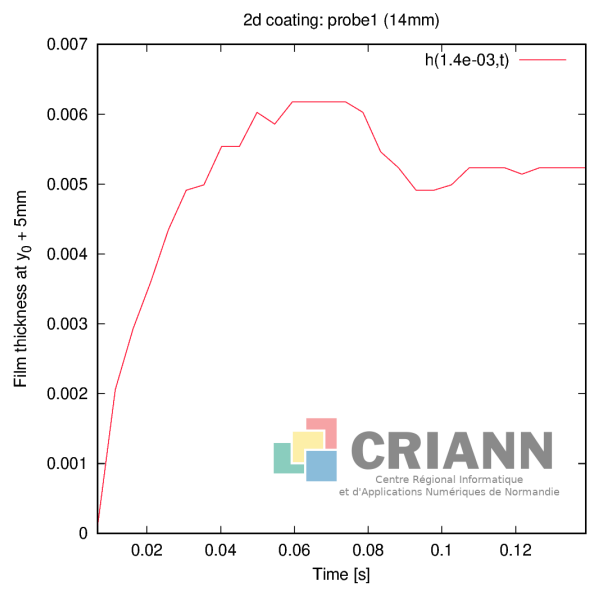
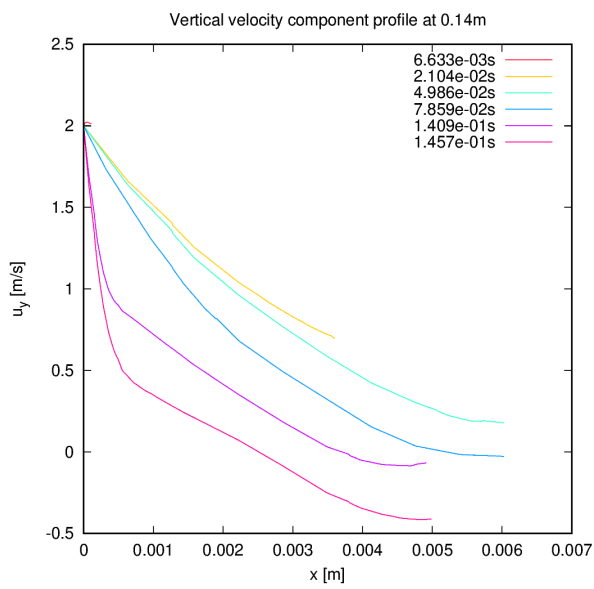


Figure: Left: $u_y(x)$ profiles through the film at varying t values taken from Fig. 4. Right: Film thickness evolution at $h = 0.14\text{m}$.

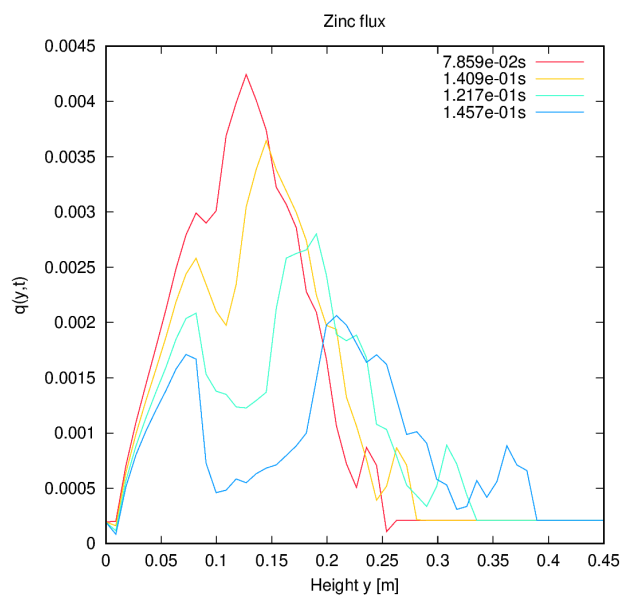


Figure: Net flux distribution along y axis at varying time in the simulation using 2^{14} (16384^2 equivalent) grid.

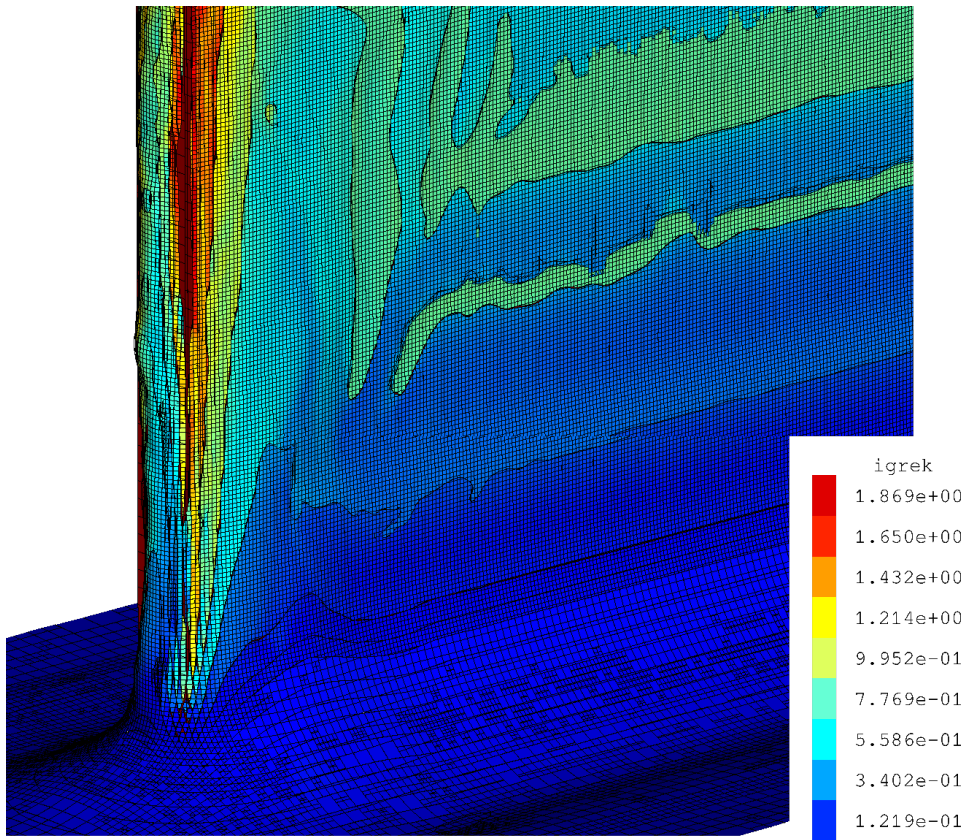


Figure: Three dimensional film geometry at $t \approx 0.1$ s into the coating process. The surface is colored with y velocity component.

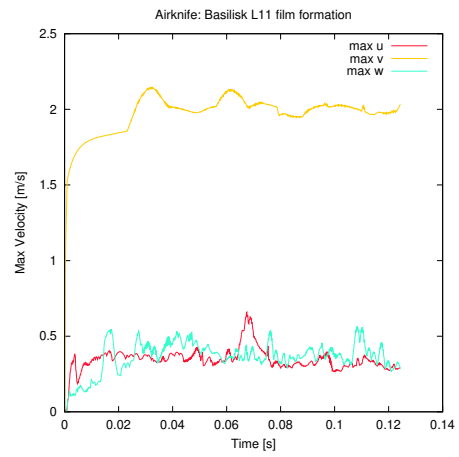
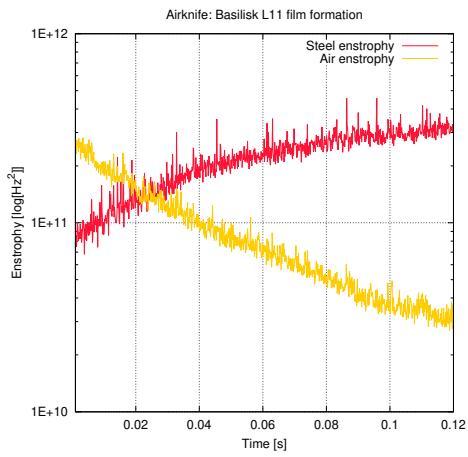


Figure: 3D Coating simulation with a 2^{11} -equivalent grid: global velocity maxima (left) and enstrophy integrals (right) for individual phases.

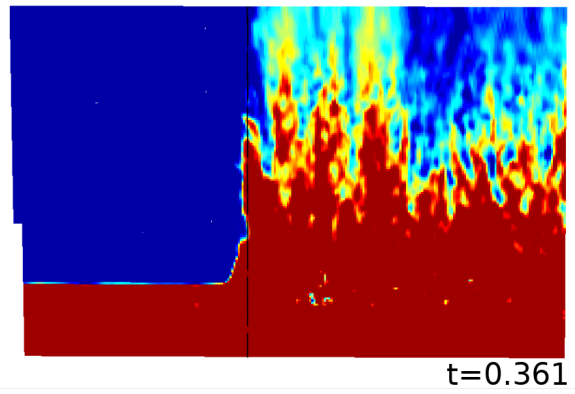
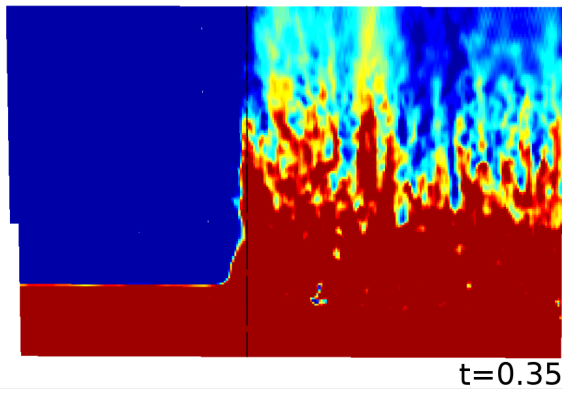
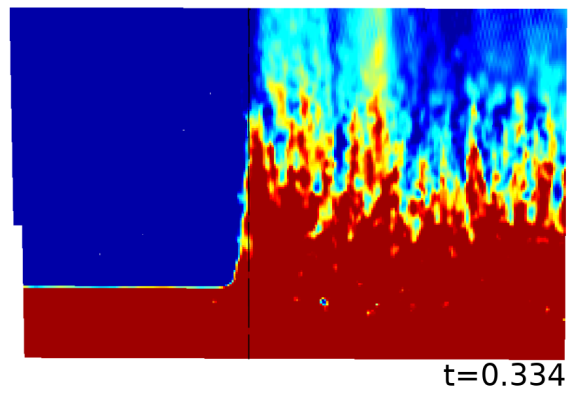
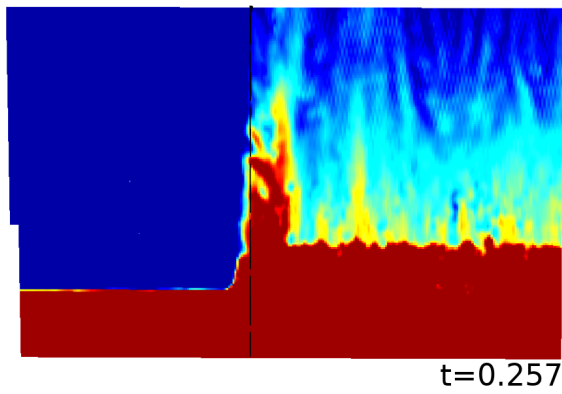


Figure: System geometry in simulation using 2^{10} -equivalent grid: Cutplane through $x = 0.005\text{m}$ at $t \in [0.257, 0.361]\text{s}$.

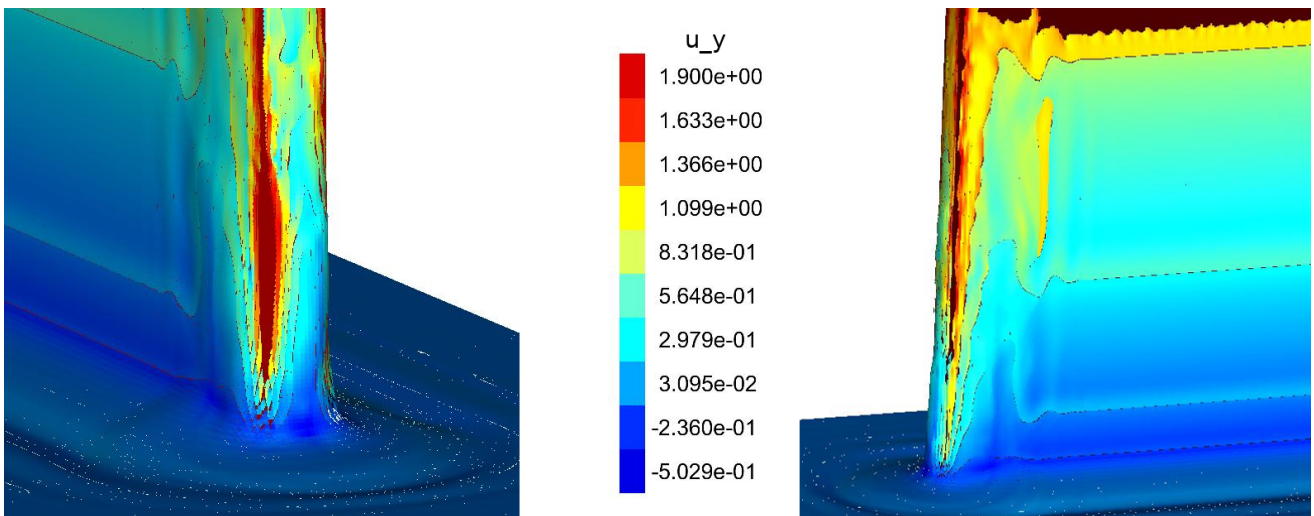


Figure: System geometry in simulation using 2^{11} equivalent grid: $t \approx 0.06s$

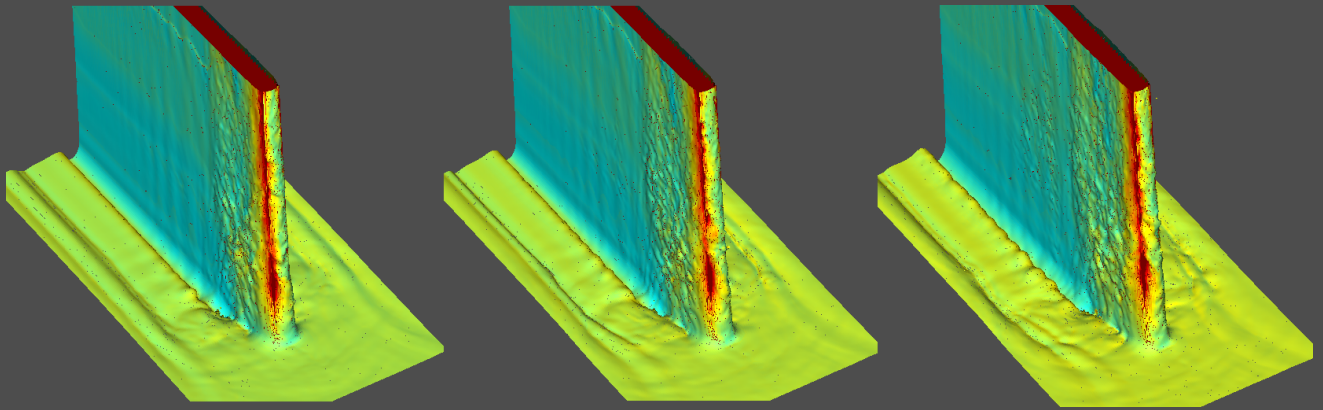


Figure Coating using 2^{11} grid, $t \in [0.25, 0.29]$ s.

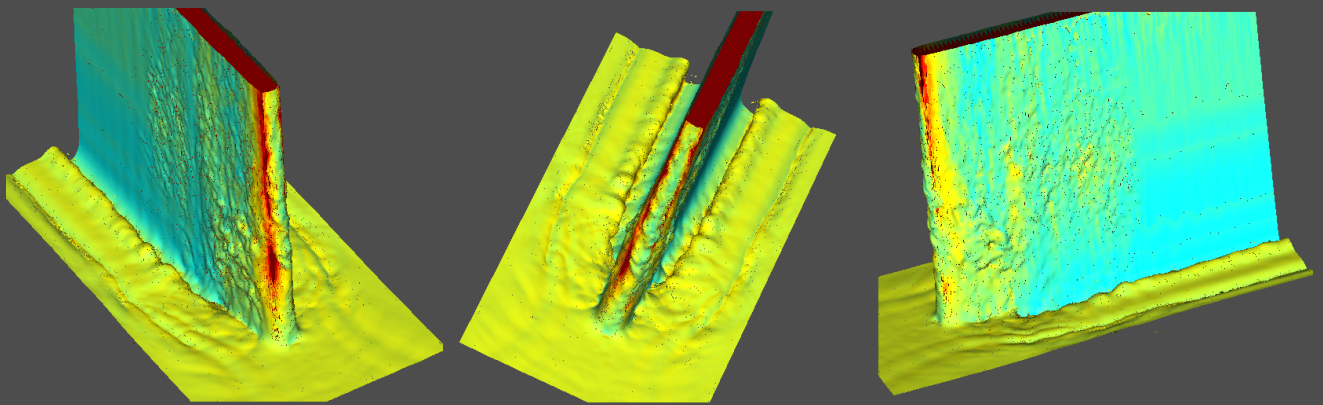


Figure: Coating using 2^{11} grid, $t \approx 0.32s$.