



*Welcome to the 7th  
Basilisk (Gerris) Users' Meeting!*

# *What's new and future plans*

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## New features (in src/) 2023–2025

- 456 patches,  $\approx$  +24 230 lines

- Patch contributors:

Clément Robert, Nicolas Fintzi, Daniel Fuster, Youssef Saadeh, Antoon van Hooft, Alexandre Limare

- New “run” server for the wiki: 5 times faster machine, 2 RTX4090 GPUs
- New src/NEWS file for release documentation
- Bug fixes: at least one important

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\* Important memory bug fix for MPI and multigrid

- *Mostly “structural/infrastructure” changes*

- **Dimensional analysis**

A way to test the correctness of the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) grammar parser and type declaration system

A way to check that everybody is comfortable with dimensional analysis...  
(answer: no)

```
#include "layered/hydro.h"
```

```
...
```

```
double G = 9.81 [1,-2], H0 = 10. [1];
```

```
double c = G*H0;
```

```
...
```

```
foreach()
```

```
    u.x[] = c;
```

```
...
```

```
qcc -source -dimensions test15.c
```

```
test15.c:10: error: the dimensional constraints below are not  
compatible
```

```
test15.c:10: 'u.x[]': [u.x[]] = [1,-1]
```

```
test15.c:10: 'c':      [c] = [2,-2]
```

A way to catch difficult bugs e.g. is this code correct?

(from the relaxation function of the implicit multilayer solver)

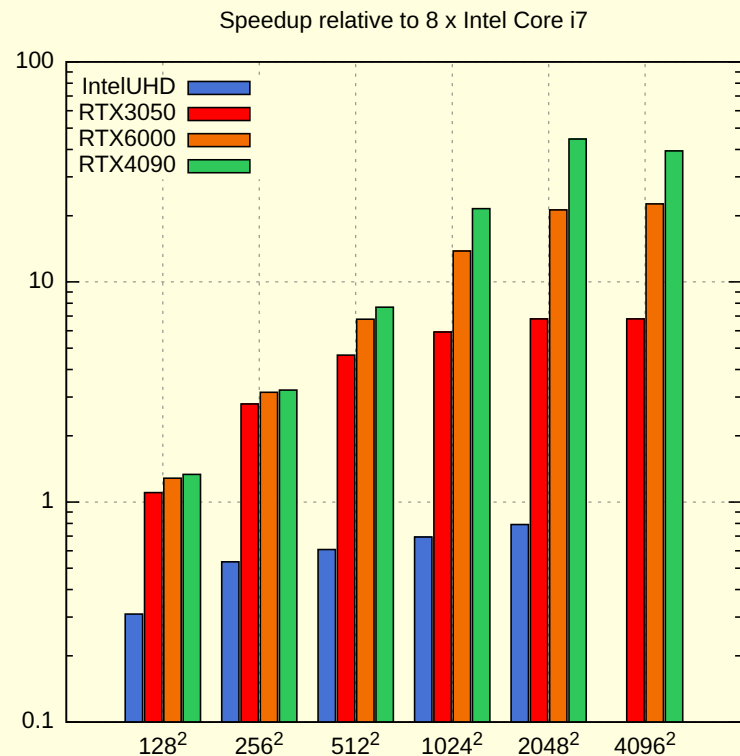
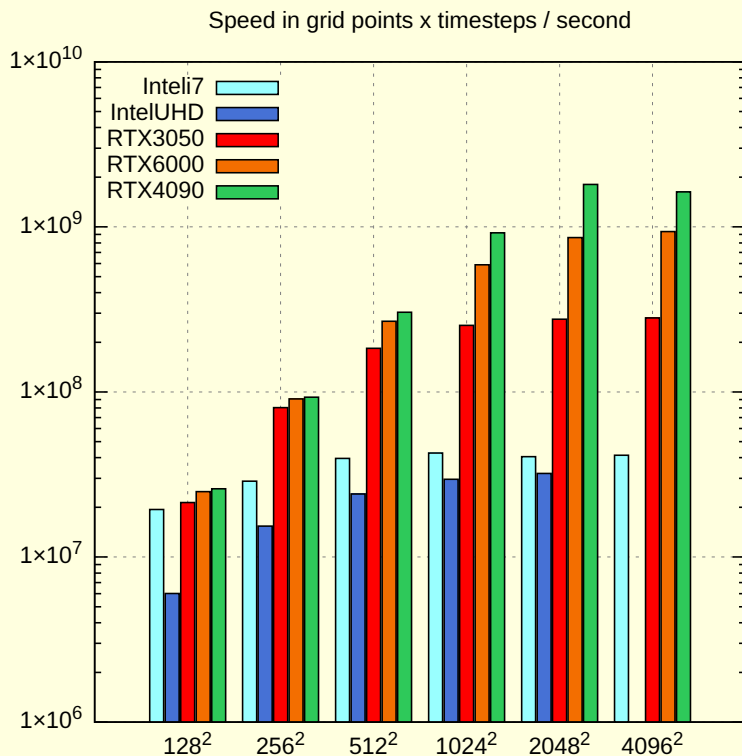
```
foreach_dimension() {  
    double s = Delta*slope_limited((dz.x - h[0,0,m] + h[-1,0,m])/Delta);  
    double sp = Delta*slope_limited((dzp.x - h[1,0,m] + h[0,0,m])/Delta);  
  
    d[l] -= a*(gmetric(0)*(h[-1,0,m] - s)*phi[-1,0,m] +  
gmetric(1)*(h[1,0,m] + sp)*phi[1,0,m] + 2.*theta_H*Delta*(hf.x[0,0,m]*a_baro (eta, 0) - hf.x[1,0,m]*a_baro (eta, 1)));  
    H[l*nl + l] -= a*(gmetric(0)*(h[0,0,m] + s) + gmetric(1)*(h[0,0,m] - sp));  
}
```

- **GPUs:** `src/grid/gpu/grid.h`

Make heavy use of the AST and type system: why?

```
double a; // CPU "external" variable
...
foreach() {
    double b; // GPU local variable
    ...
    s[] += a + b; // GPU kernel uses "external" variables
}
```

## Two-dimensional turbulence benchmark: [src/grid/gpu/Benchmarks.md](#)



- Also relies heavily on Automatic Boundary Conditions (from 2023)

```
foreach()  
    s[] = x + y;  
/* boundary ({s}); // obsolete */  
foreach()  
    g.x[] = (s[1] - s[-1])/(2.*Delta);
```

boundary\_flux() is obsolete too...

... but boundary\_level() is not obsolete (yet...)



- New macro system: `src/ast/macro.h`

```
macro iterator (int start, int end, int index) {  
    for (int index = start; index <= end; index++)  
        {...}  
    printf ("do_something_after_the_loop\n");  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    iterator (0, 10, i)  
    printf ("%d\n", i);  
}
```

The implementations in `src/grid` have been rewritten

Used heavily in `src/grid/gpu/grid.h`

- Einstein summation notation: `src/ast/einstein_sum.h`

Done by Nicolas Fintzi during his PhD (already in his sandbox in 2023)

Example:

```
einstein_sum(i,j,k)
    C.i.j = A.i.k*B.k.j;
```

- Optional arguments in function calls

```
void example (float f = 0, double d = 0);
...
example (f = 2); // d = 0
example (d = 4, f = 1.2);
```

Note that the old “trick” with structures is deprecated e.g. from Antoon’s sandbox

```
struct ob_av {  
    scalar * list;    // List of scalar fields (mandatory)  
    double * v;       // array for the values (mandatory)  
    ...  
};  
...  
double interface_average (struct ob_av oa){  
    ...
```



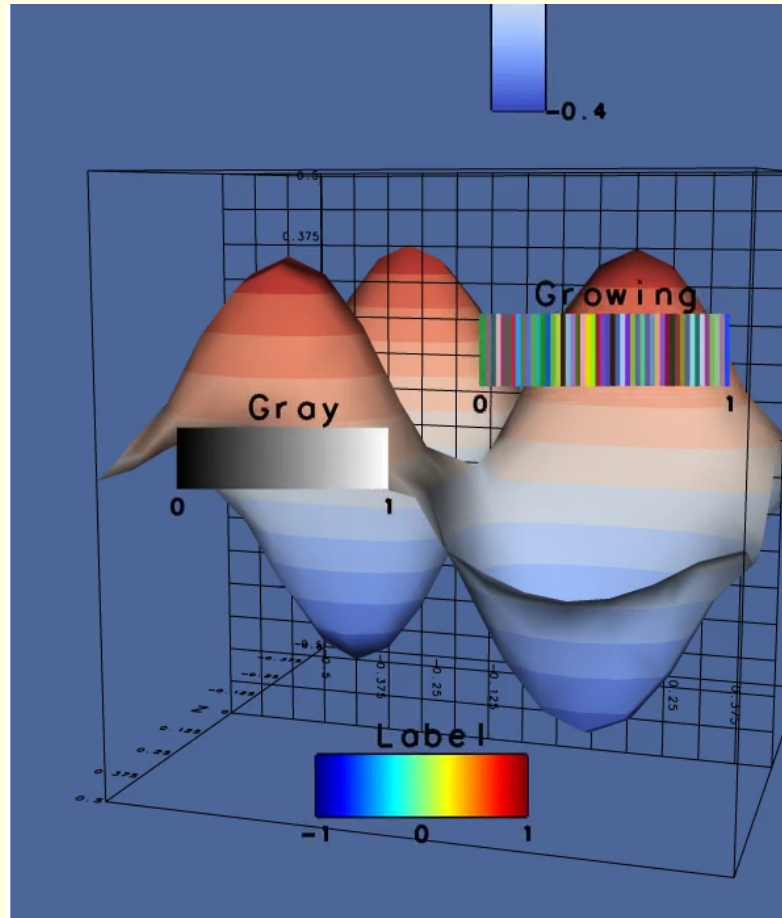
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[profile6.h:110](#): warning: obsolete optional/named arguments syntax

- Non-square/cubic boxes with `grid/multigrid.h` in serial, MPI and GPU  
[src/Tips#non-cubic-domains](#)

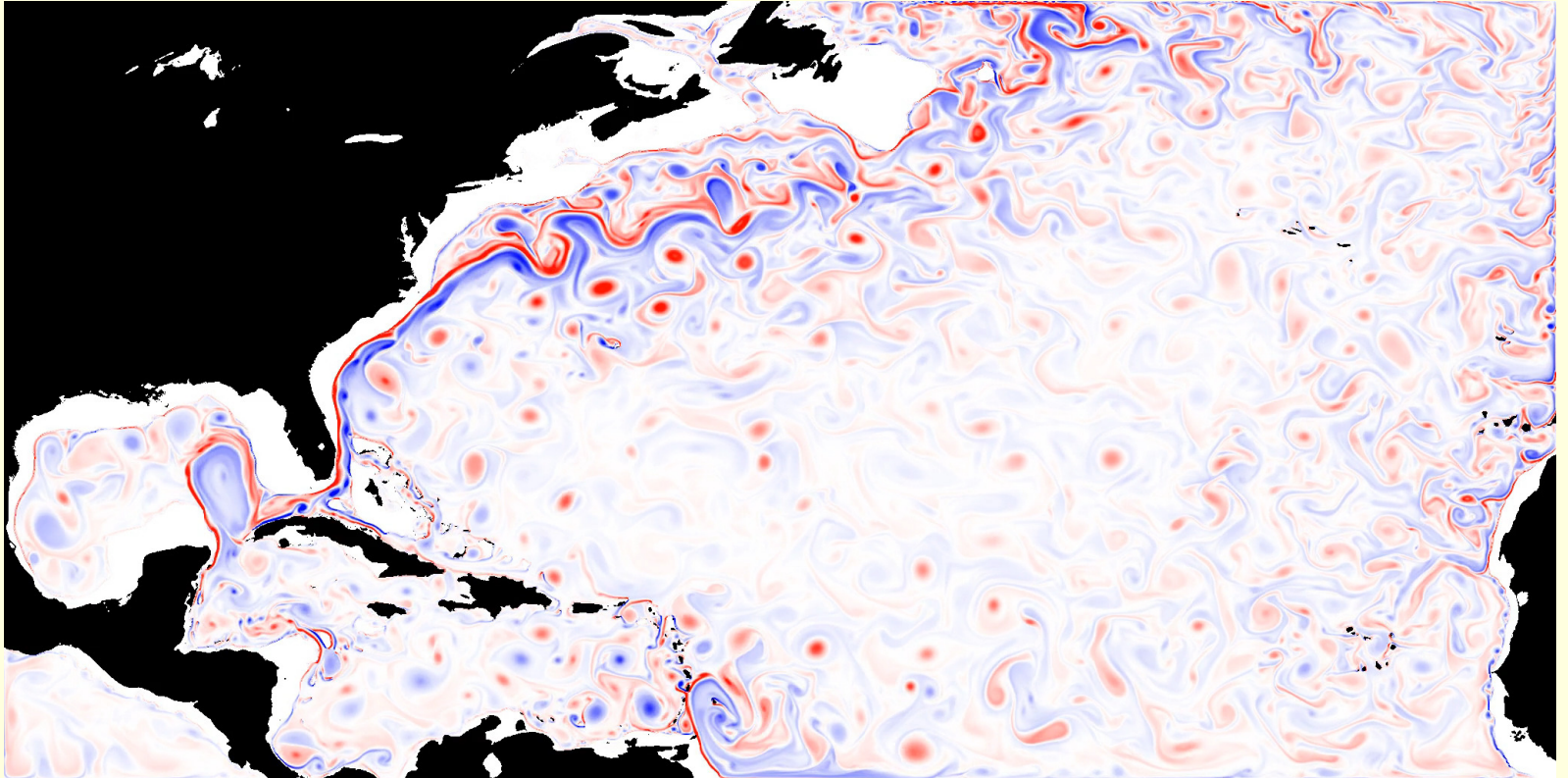
- The long-awaited colorbar for bview (Antoon)

[sandbox/Antoonvh/tcbar.c](#)



- **New examples for the (implicit) multilayer solver**

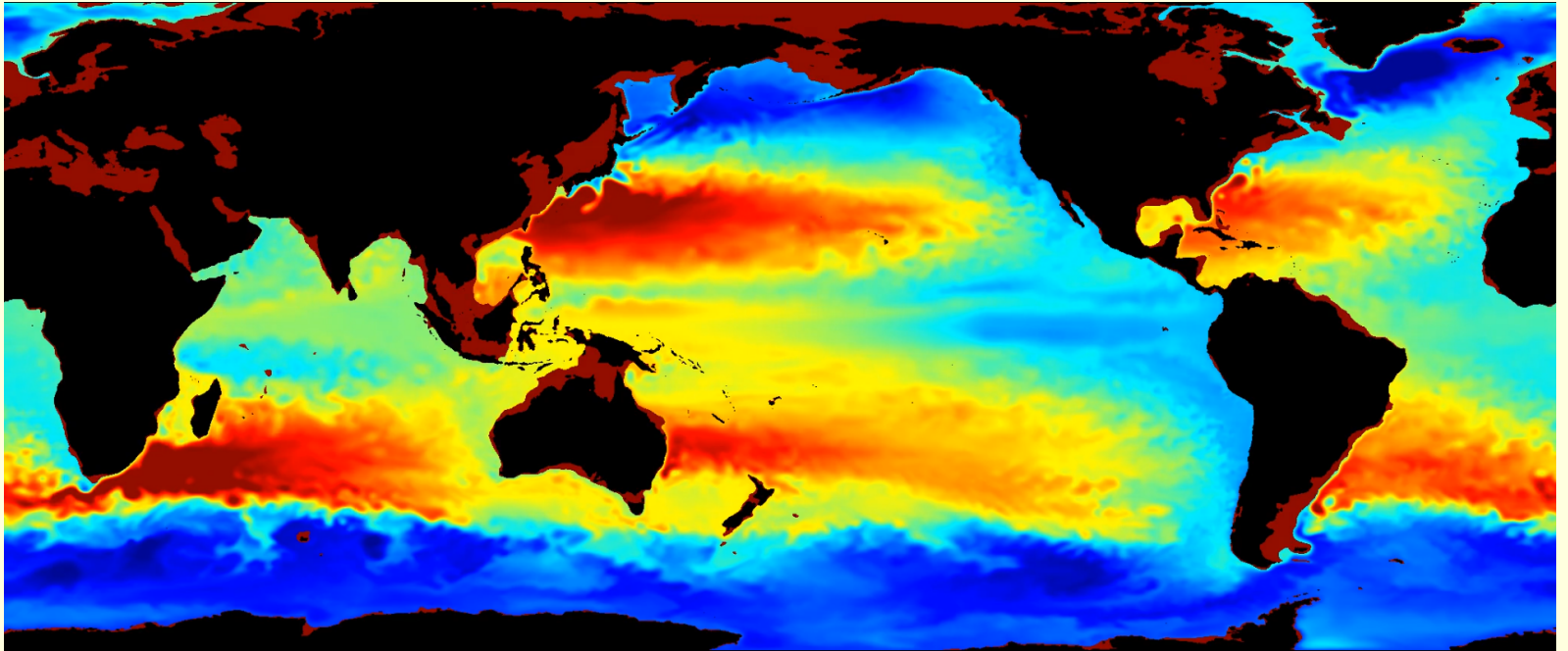
The Gulf Stream: [src/examples/gulf-stream.c](#)



Runs on the RTX4090 GPU card as fast as on 768 AMD MPI cores

Power consumption is at least 10 times lower

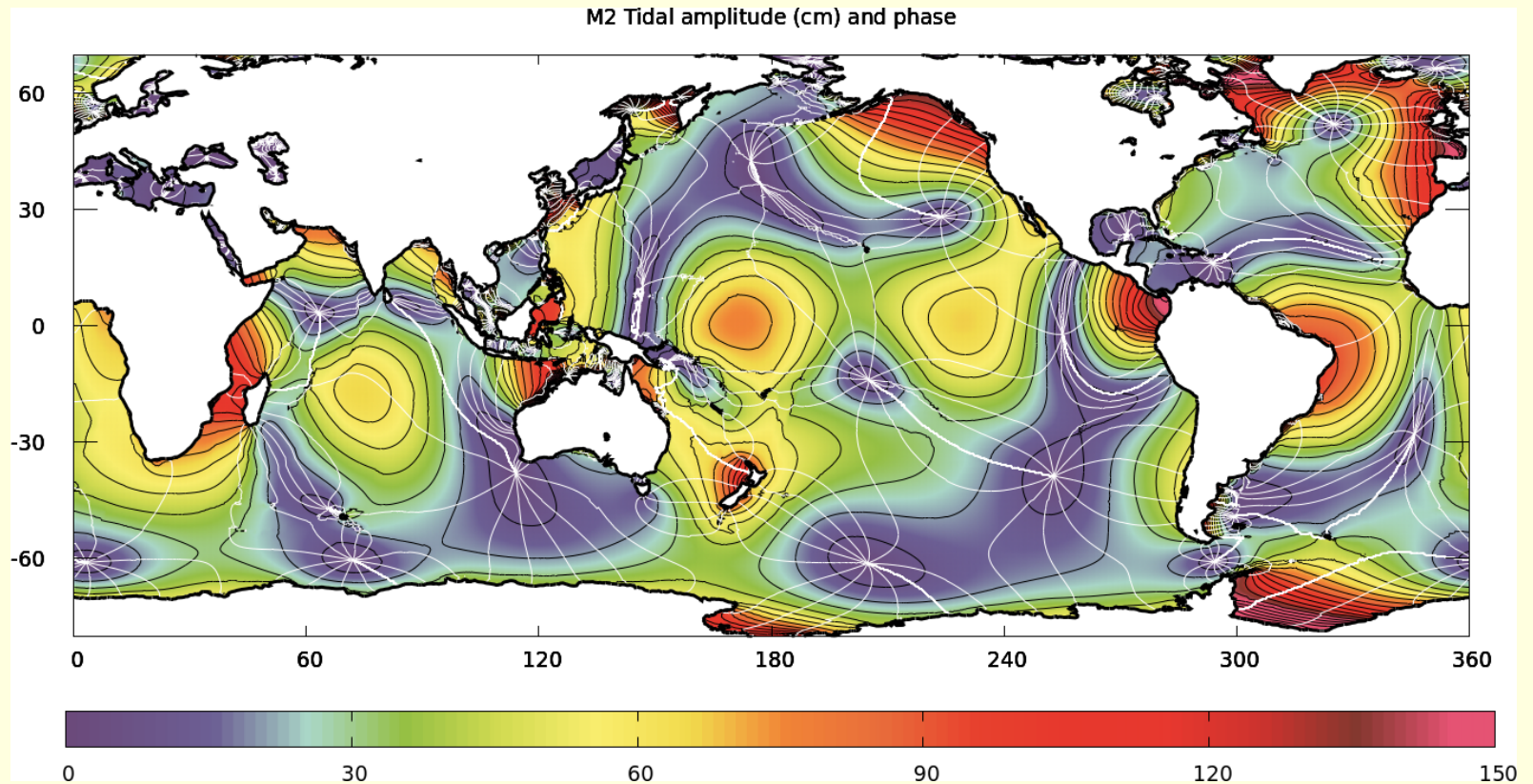
The Global Oceanic Circulation: <src/examples/global.c>



Instantaneous sea surface elevation



Global Tides: [src/examples/global-tides.c](#)



Harmonic decomposition: [src/harmonic.h](#)

$$Z + \sum_i a_i \cos(\omega_i t) + b_i \sin(\omega_i t)$$

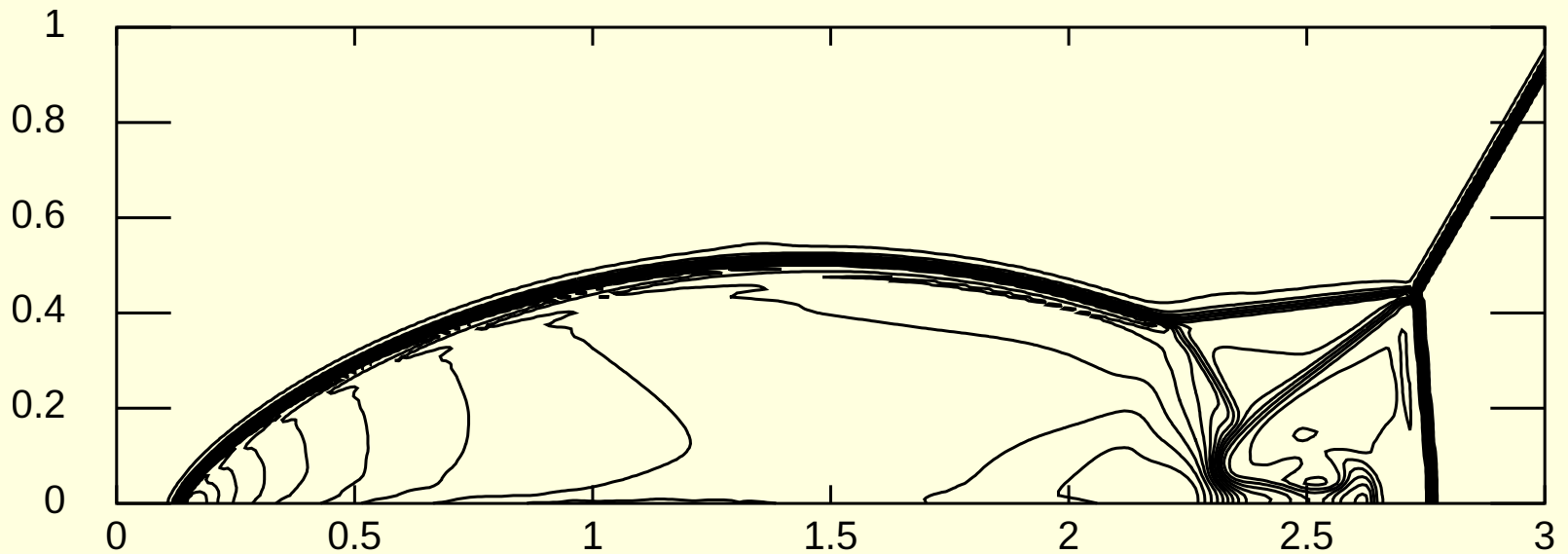
# Merged in src/

Code review, bug fixes and automated test cases

- The “All Mach” solver of Daniel and Youssef (thermal effects)

[src/all-mach.h](#)

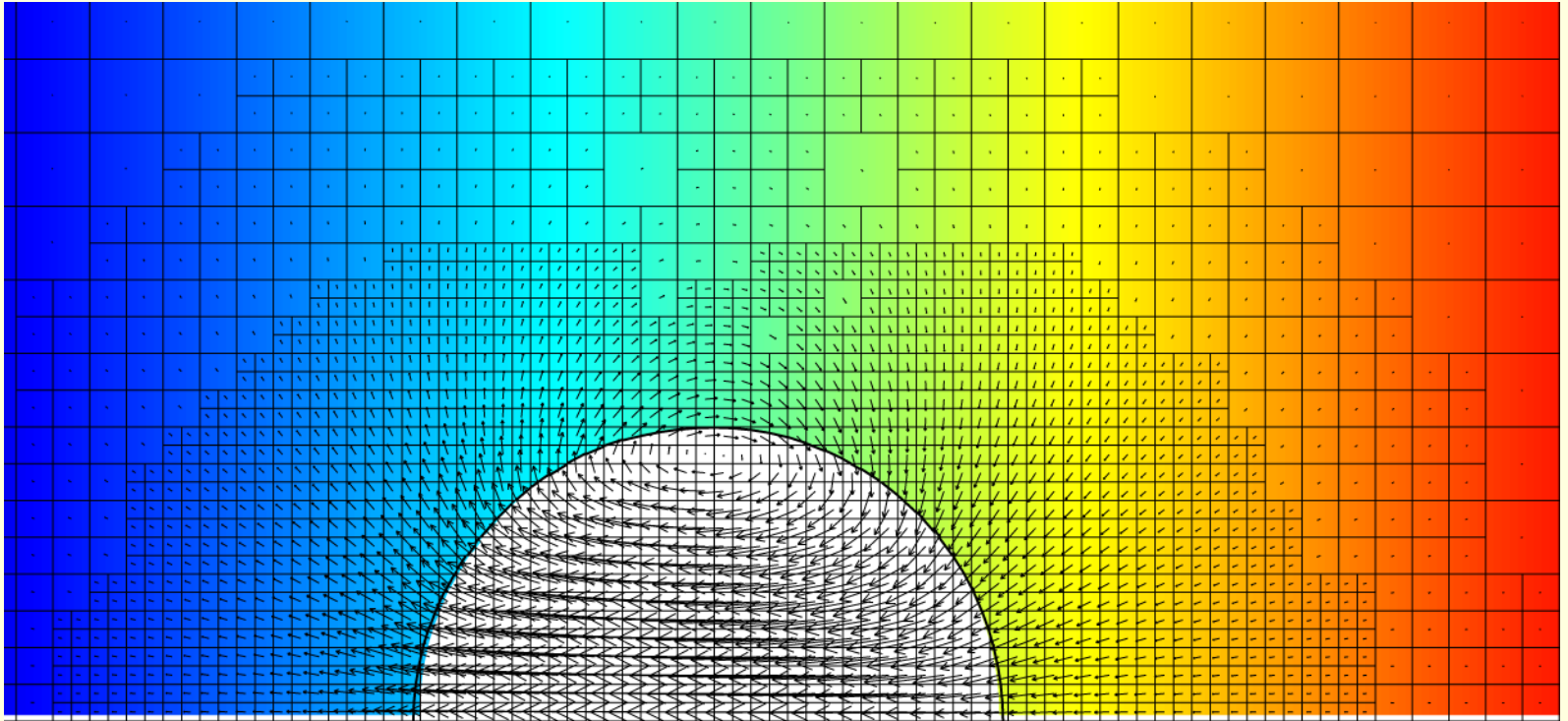
[src/test/README#compressible-two-phase-flows](#)





- New levelset, CLSVOF and integral surface tension formulation (in 2D)

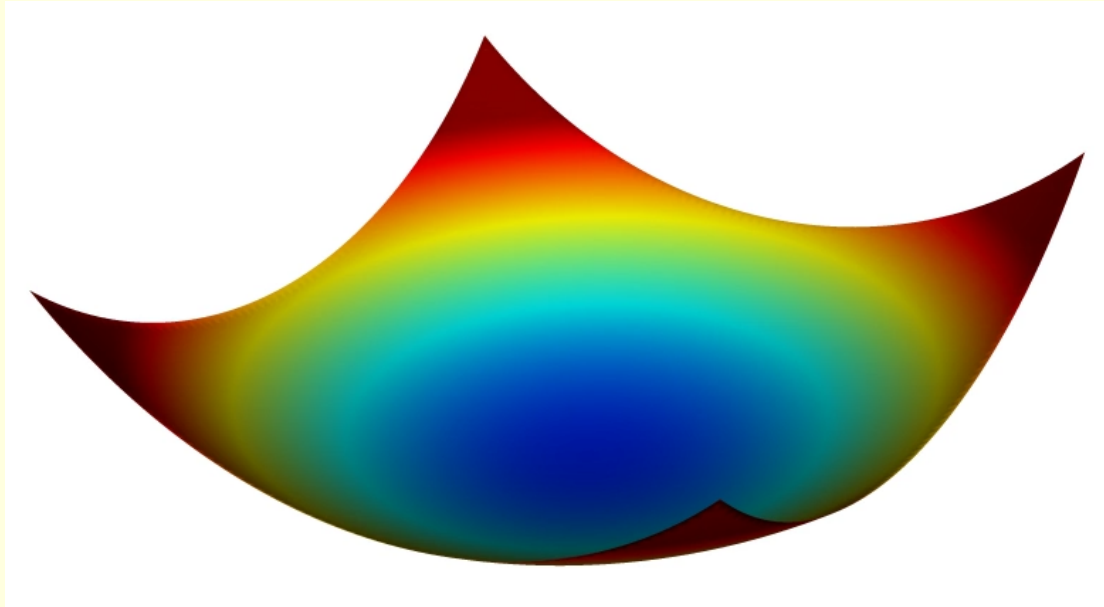
`src/test/marangoni.c`



Also runs on GPUs

- Implicit surface tension in the multilayer solver

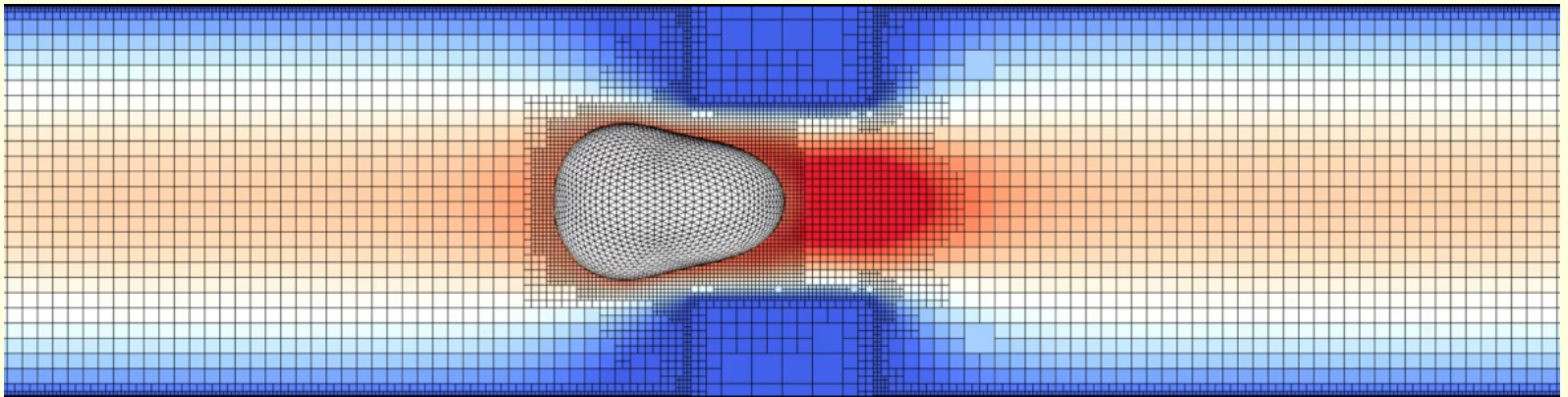
[src/test/meniscus3D.c](#)



- No-coalescence VOF algorithm (Mani and Nicolas)

## Codes in sandbox/ waiting for integration

- Mathilde's (and others) contact angles on embedded solids
- Elasto-visco-plastic materials (Pepe, Vatsal, Lucas, etc...)
- Surfactants (from Palas and others)
- Anton's fourth-order Navier–Stokes solver (since 2023)
- Several phase change / evaporation implementations: Gabriele, Eduardo, Palas, Bradley etc. (since 2023)
- Moving solids (Arthur, UBC): using embedded boundaries (since 2019)
- Coupled fluid/capsule mechanics (Damien Huet) (since 2023)



- Adaptive Lattice Boltzmann (Zihao) (since 2023)
- Phase change / solidification / melting (Alexandre): using embedded boundaries and levelset (since 2023)

# Short-term development priorities

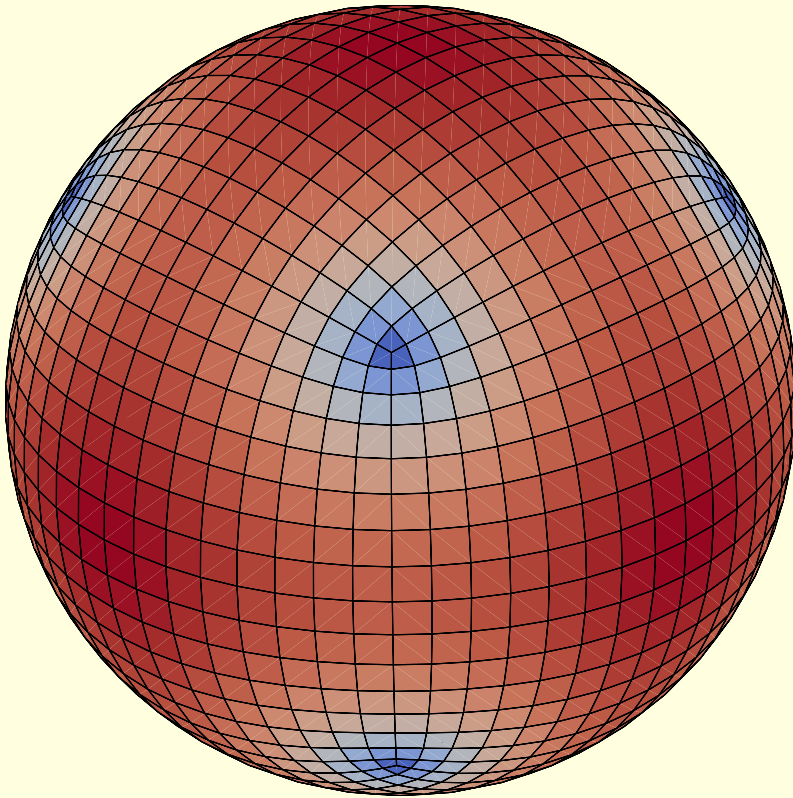
- 3D multigrid and tree grids on GPUs
- Adaptivity for the multilayer solver (e.g. for adaptive ocean models)
- More general storage for cell data

MPI-parallel STL geometries → New MPI-parallel “particule” data structure (from 2019)

- `mask()` will go... and be replaced (to some degree) by “multi-box” topologies (à la Gerris) (from 2019)
- Re-implementation of `adapt_wavelet()` (from 2019)
- Improved documentation / workshops (continued...)

## Future plans

- Periodic boundary conditions and more general topologies e.g. cubed sphere (for geophysical fluid dynamics) (since 2017)



“Multi-boxes” but more flexible than Gerris (2:1 box connections)

- Automated dimensional analysis
- Automatic differentiation?
- Other ideas?

# Important non-technical issues

- Merging sandbox contributions in /src

Why this is **very important!**

delegate code review (volunteers?)

“public consultation” on what to merge

- “Forks” in the sandbox/ and on github

Read carefully [Help#How to re-use, modify or fix codes in the sandbox](#)

- Attribution / Authorship
- Communication / Training



## Some statistics

927 members in basilisk-fr google group (197 in 2017, 328 in 2019, 730 in 2023)

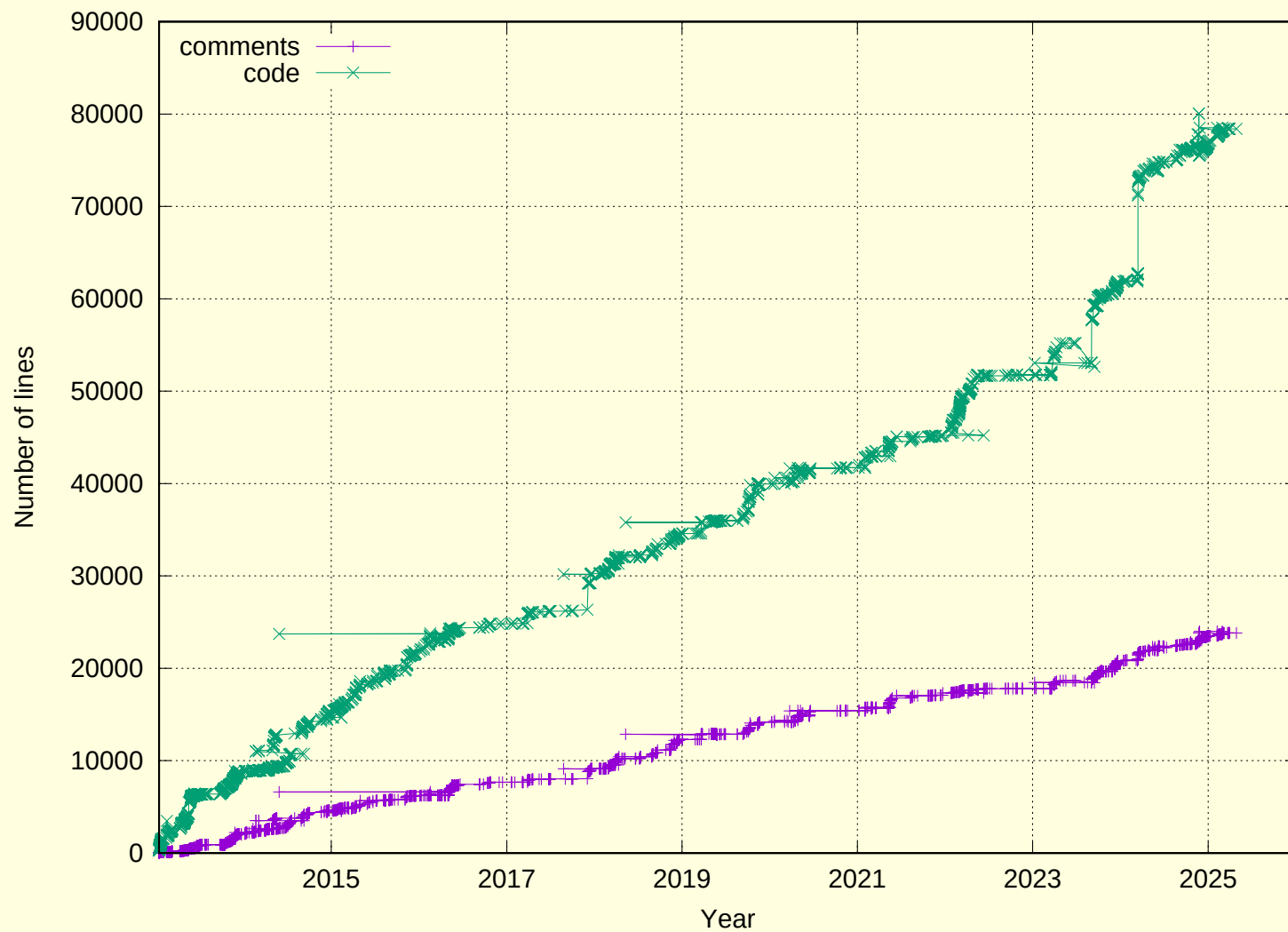
Published papers or PhD manuscripts: [basilisk.fr/Bibliography](https://basilisk.fr/Bibliography)

24 in 2025, 40 in 2024, 43 in 2023, 34 in 2022, 39 in 2021, 30 in 2020, 12 in 2019 etc...

*Journal of Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics, Physical Review Fluids, Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Ocean Modelling, Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences, Nuclear Science and Engineering, International Journal of Multiphase Flow, Journal of Computational Physics, Chemical Engineering Science, Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, Journal of Geophysical Research, Geophysical Research Letters, Physical Review Letters, etc...*

Several covers of *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*.

# Lines of code (in /src)



# Number of patches (in /src)

