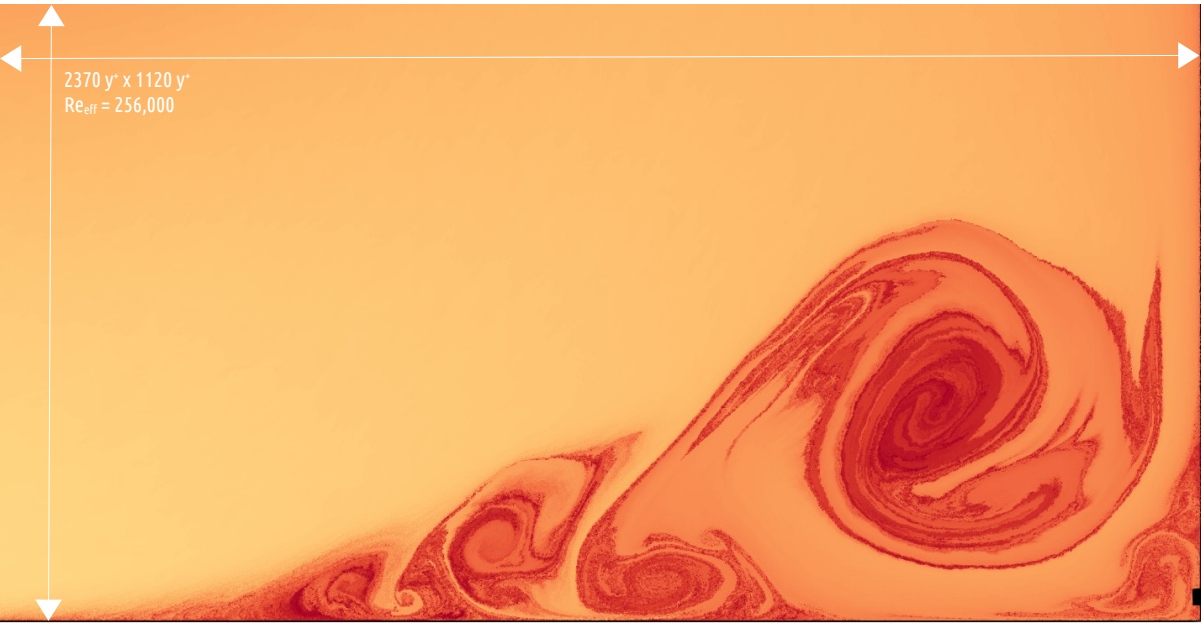
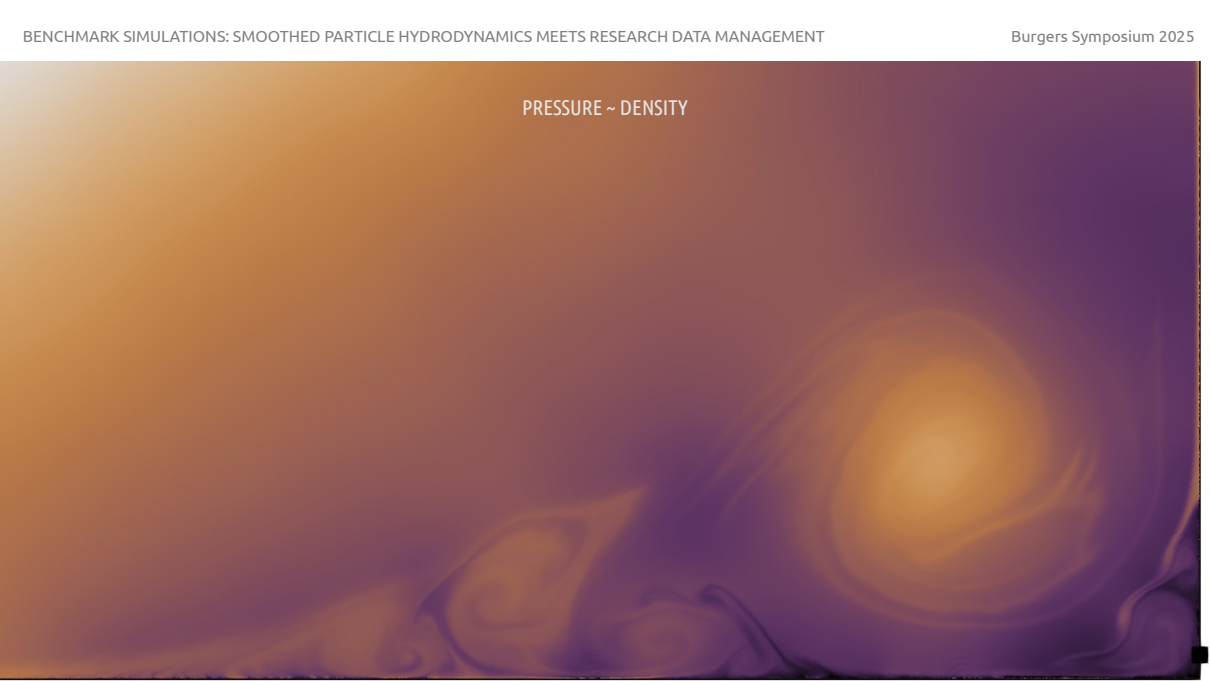
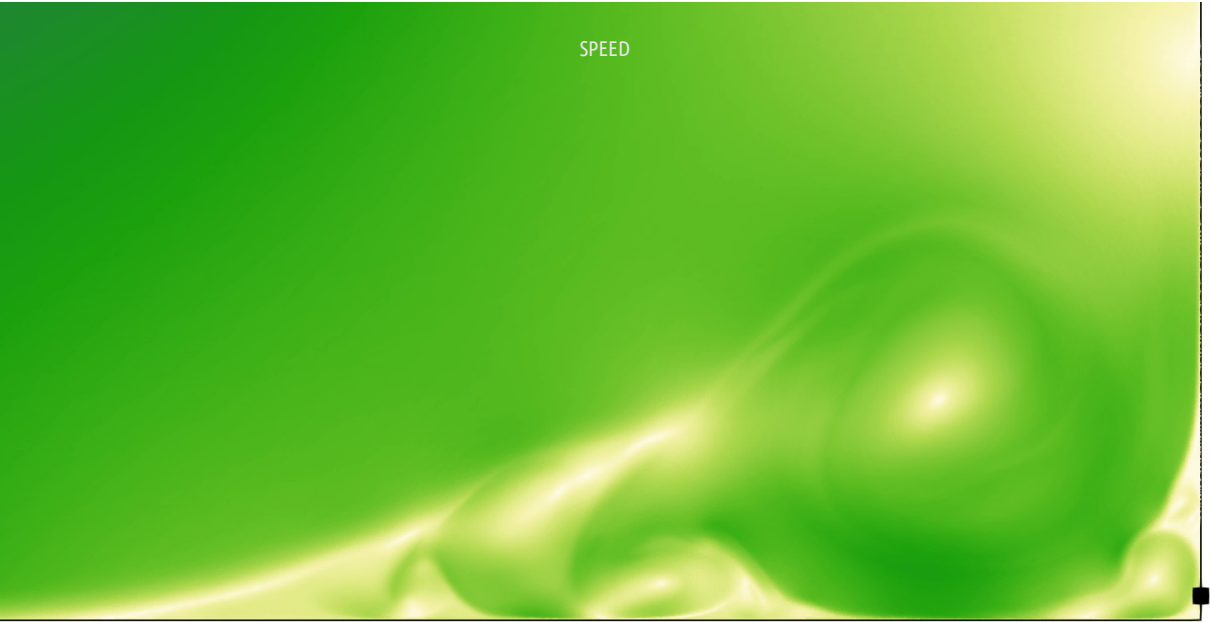




PRESSURE ~ DENSITY

The image is a visualization of a fluid simulation, likely using Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH). It shows a large, bright orange-yellow circular region on the right side, which appears to be a high-pressure or high-density area. This region is surrounded by a dark purple background. The left side of the image is a solid orange-yellow color. The text "PRESSURE ~ DENSITY" is centered at the top, indicating the relationship between the color and the physical quantities being simulated. The overall appearance is that of a scientific visualization, possibly from a research paper or a presentation.

SPEED



## 1. vision

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## 2. available materials

4TU.ResearchData

**High-resolution SPH simulations of a 2D dam-break flow against a vertical wall**

1 collection, 4 datasets, 735 GB, 1650 files

<https://doi.org/10.4121/c.5353691>

YouTube, animations playlist

<https://youtu.be/mJCVCVID-w>

SPHERIC 22 Dam Break Flow Benchmarks: Quo Vadis?

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6391457>

SPHERIC 25 The pressure signal in weakly compressible SPH

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14674511>

**Burgers Symposium 2025 this presentation**

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15486157>

## 3. history and acknowledgements

Nov 2020 – Apr 2021

tail to project `GPU acceleration and numerical optimization for SPH` 2018-2020

Delft Institute of Applied Mathematics, TU Delft

sponsor of compute resources ← GPU Nvidia Quadro GP100

Roel Janssen, 4TU.ResearchData Netherlands

deposit metadata

#### 4. dam-break benchmark

*Dammbbruch* (Ritter 1892)

free-surface flows

shallow-water equations

non-hydrostatic pressure

bores in open channels

collapse of retaining structures

impacts on structures

**experiment Lobovský et al 2013**

dry floor, impact on vertical wall

$Re = 516,000$

#### 5. modelling approach

single-phase system

without air  $\rightarrow$  blank = nothing

no surface tension

the deformed free surface is not stabilised

weakly compressible fluid

constant artificial (low) speed of sound

being the celerity of compression/rarefaction waves

linear equation of state

pressure  $\sim$  density

parabolic-hyperbolic PDEs

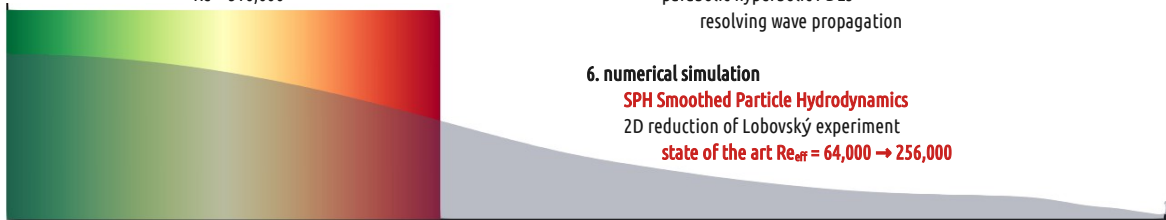
resolving wave propagation

#### 6. numerical simulation

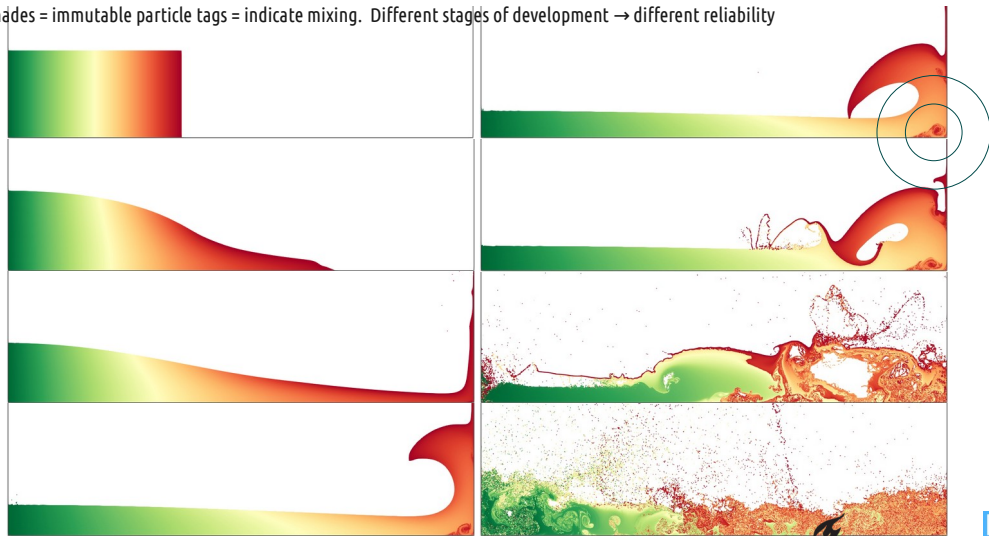
**SPH Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics**

2D reduction of Lobovský experiment

**state of the art  $Re_{\text{eff}} = 64,000 \rightarrow 256,000$**



Colour shades = immutable particle tags = indicate mixing. Different stages of development → different reliability



SPH → the forces on each **travelling computational node** are **smoothed interactions** with other node flowing by within a radius

## 7. particles for meshless numerical integration

- computational nodes with mass → not material particles, let alone `smoothed` ones
- travelling → not pinned to a stencil
- **do not confuse mass density and number density!**

## 8. hydrodynamics

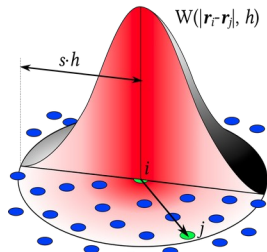
- Newtonian mechanics → not Lagrangian mechanics, yet consistent with it
- continuum approximation
- Navier-Stokes equations → also solid mechanics
- Lagrangian material derivative → **non-linearity is implicit**

## 9. smoothing for spatial integration

- convolution with a well-behaved **kernel** function, supported within a set radius of influence
- for gradient operators → integral → action of force terms inside the kernel support
- computational nodes → numerical quadrature → summations

## 10. assumed you all the physics is in order, SPH is reliable so long as particles really follow the underlying flow

- clumps and voids → coverage grows uneven → mitigation
- no/few particles in the kernel → interfaces and boundaries → mitigation
- weakly compressible fluid → numerical rounding-off causes waves → noise → mitigation



drawing by Jlcercos, Wikipedia

## 11. simulation = 2D reduction of Lobovský experiment

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brute-force approach...

6400 particles per water column ( $H/dx$ )  $\rightarrow$  the fluid is made of **82 million** particles

$\rightarrow$  **estimated** viscous sublayer: 4 particles per  $y^*$   $\rightarrow$  DNS-like at  $Re_{\text{eff}}$

density, velocity, particle tag  $\rightarrow$  3 quantities of interest + 2 coordinates

single-precision variables (FP32)  $\rightarrow$  4B

size of the problem  $\rightarrow$  **984 MB per time level**

...and a bit of convergence analysis  $\rightarrow$  likewise for  $H/dx = 800, 1600, 3200 \rightarrow 1, 5, 20$  million particles

## 12. explicit time integration

compute-bound, embarrassingly parallel task  $\rightarrow$  number crunching on GPUs  $\leftarrow$  **solver** DualSPHysics 5.0 <https://dual.sphysics.org/>

stability criterion  $\rightarrow$  increase particle spacing  $\rightarrow$  reduce the time step

$\rightarrow$  variable, based on the fastest particle (strict)  $\leftarrow \Delta t = C \min_i \frac{1}{\frac{c_0}{h} + \max_j \frac{|\mathbf{u}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}|}{r_{ij}^2}}$

82 million particles  $\rightarrow$  **11,743,221 time levels**  $O(10^7) \rightarrow$  average time step  $O(10^{-6})$

20 seconds of simulated flow  $\rightarrow$  **54' runtime to simulate 1 physical second (2021)**

$\rightarrow$  **19,2 PB ( $10^{15}$ )** worth of information processed  $\leftarrow$  **1TB storage at 4TU.ResearchData**

## 13. performance

2021 GPU Nvidia GP100 (3,584 cores, ...)  $\rightarrow$  **20M particles 138 hours, 82M particles 45 days**

2025 GPU Nvidia H100 (16,896 cores, ...)  $\rightarrow$  20M particles **40 hours**  $\leftarrow$  courtesy SURF / EUROCC



**14. FAIR data** findable accessible interoperable reproducible

**2024 Dutch Data Prize** ← jury-nominated **finalist** → only nominee in (computational) fluid dynamics

# HIGH-RESOLUTION SPH SIMULATIONS OF A 2D DAM-BREAK FLOW AGAINST A VERTICAL WALL

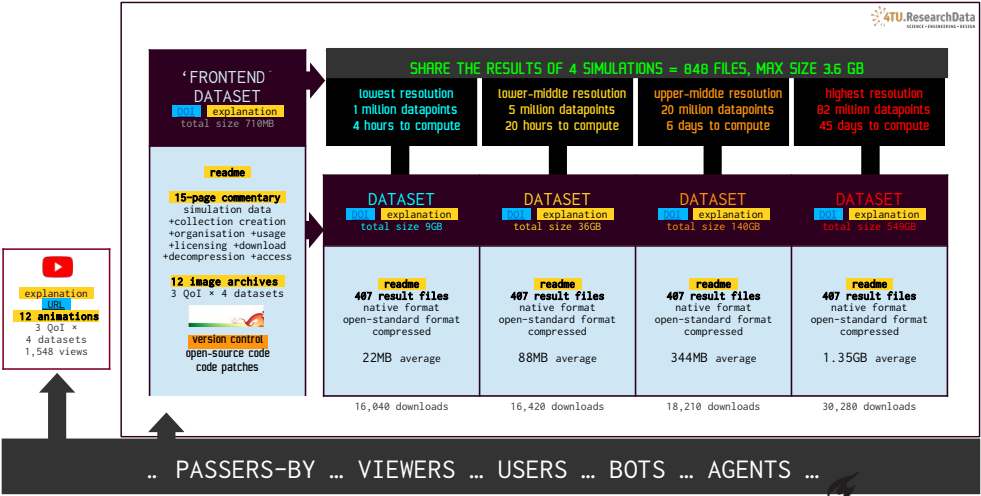
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17 October 2024

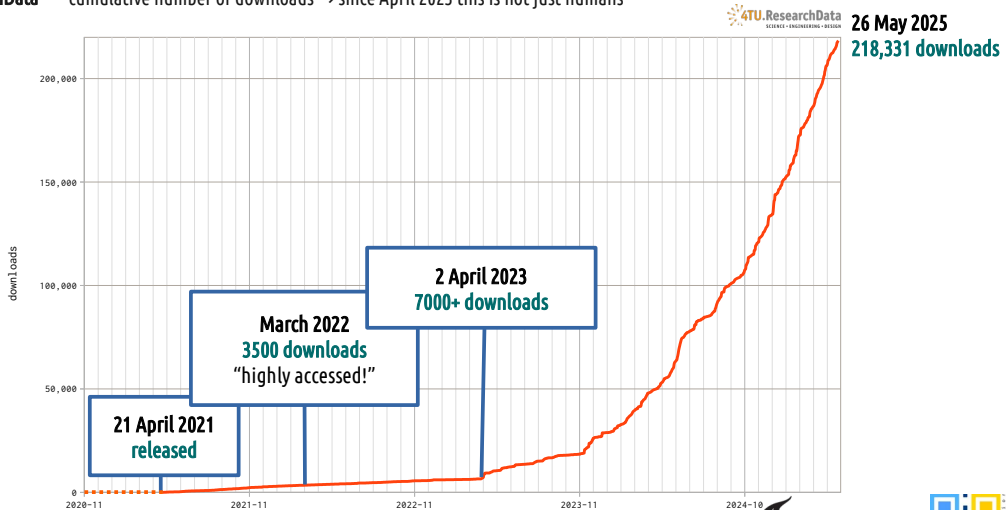
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DATA  
PRIZE

BY RDNL

15. FAIR upscale challenge      4 simulations 1650 files 750 GB → how to make exploration inviting for viewers? → <https://doi.org/10.4121/c.5353691>



## 16. 4TU.ResearchData cumulative number of downloads → since April 2023 this is not just humans

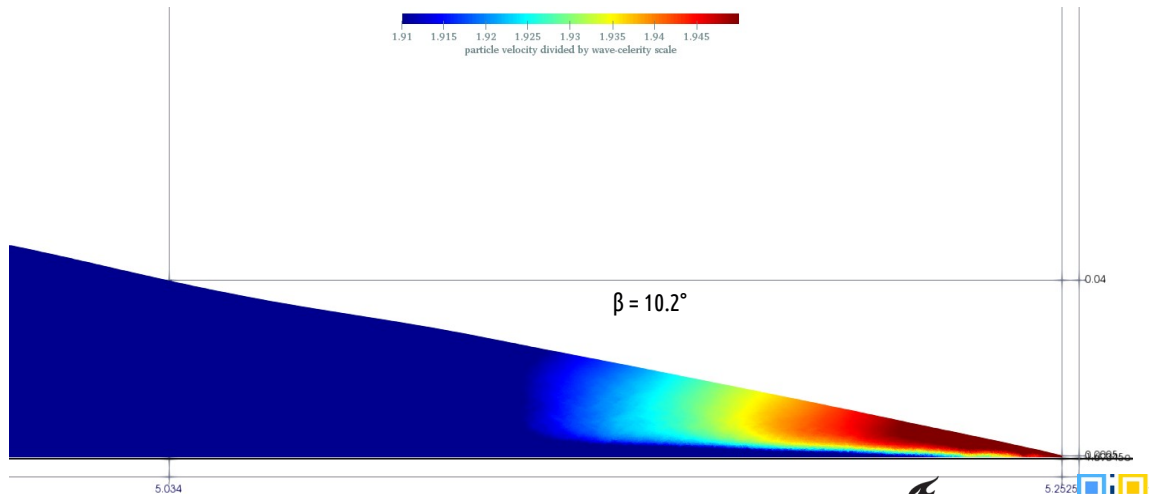


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18. **extra** slope angle and velocity distribution in the surge toe ← presented at SPHERIC 22 <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6391457>



**19. extra** simulated impact pressure at four resolutions versus measurements by Lobovský ← SPHERIC 22 <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6391457>