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# Finite volume approximations of shear shallow water model on unstructured grids

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## Abstract

We develop and implement a finite volume method based on a conservative approach for the hyperbolic non-conservative system of the shear shallow water model. This model is a generalization of the shallow water model to include the effects of shear, which are ignored in the standard shallow water model. The existing path conservative scheme is extended to unstructured grids composed of triangles or quadrilaterals with the solution stored at the cell centers. The high-resolution scheme is based on a local solution reconstruction idea for which a new set of variables based on a Cholesky decomposition of velocity fluctuation tensor is developed, which is found to increase the robustness of the schemes by maintaining positive definiteness property. The scheme is applied to some test problems like 1D dam break, square dam break, roll waves, and radial hydraulic jump.

## 1 Introduction

Shallow flows are common in many situations, like the flow in the sea and oceans and even in some channel flows. Recently [12, 17] the shallow water model has been used as an analog of the accretion shock instability during a stellar core collapse. For these situations, shallow modeling can provide a simplified and accurate model that can be used in a numerical approach to estimate the behavior of these complex flows that are usually very expensive to solve with more general models. Indeed, the flow under concern can involve effects like hydrodynamics, free surface, neutrino interactions, general relativity, etc. The domain of validity of the shallow assumptions is that of thin film flows. In this context, since the depth is much smaller than the horizontal scales, the depth variations are ignored, and only the horizontal variations and velocity are modeled. The usual shallow modeling is derived by depth averaging the incompressible Euler equations and neglecting some terms that involve shear in the depth direction. The shear shallow water model retains some of these terms and can give a more accurate representation of the flow in cases where vertical

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shear is not insignificant [20]. This extended shallow water model was introduced in [20, 15] and numerically validated in [15, 5, 17, 10, 9].

The dominant mathematical structure of this model can be classified as a genuinely non-conservative hyperbolic system. Therefore, there is no uniqueness of the jump conditions [11], and the weak formulations for numerical strategies need to be appropriately defined. In our recent paper [10], this difficulty has been investigated, and a path conservative [11] approach was used to design a *generalized Rankine-Hugoniot (RH) jump conditions*. The SSW model can be written in different forms based on the choice of independent variables. While all states are identical for smooth solutions, they can lead to other weak solutions. In [10], a particular form of the PDE model was proposed for shear shallow flows which directly follows from the depth averaging process, and which is a re-writing of the models used in [15, 5]. This model admits a convex entropy function and is very similar to the 10-moment model of rarefied gas dynamics [18, 4].

Reference [10] also constructed HLL, 3-wave HLLC and 5-wave HLLC solver, with the last one including all the waves in the Riemann problem. Unlike previous works, we do not split the model into several sub-systems, but instead, we construct a unified Riemann solver for the whole system. The same PDE form was also used in [21] where entropy stable schemes were constructed. In the present work, the approximate Riemann solvers from [10] are used on the unstructured grids in the face normals directions to estimate the fluctuations. A higher-order version of the scheme is constructed following the method of lines approach based on Runge-Kutta time integration and an implicit treatment of the source terms, and the resulting semi-implicit system is solved exactly. While such path-conservative schemes provide a framework to construct stable numerical approximations, the theoretical analysis of such methods is not well developed.

Up to now, the numerical strategy in the published papers are mostly designed for structured Cartesian meshes. For the shock instability of the stellar accretion experience, the domain is cylindrical. In order to use structured meshes in this context, the formulation in cylindrical coordinates is applied in [17], and penalization strategy was used in [9] to account for the hole in the middle of the Cartesian grid. It is helpful to design a method on unstructured grids to be able to solve problems involving complex domain shapes where Cartesian meshes cannot be used to represent the boundaries.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present the SSW model in terms of the partial differential equations and its re-writing in an almost conservative model. Section 3 discusses path-conservative schemes and fluctuations. Section 4 deals with the reconstruction scheme and explains the finite volume method. Some numerical results are presented in Section 5, and the paper ends with some conclusions.

## 2 The SSW model

Figure (1) shows the schematic of the flow problem. Gravity is acting along the  $x_3$  axis and the flow happens in the  $x_1x_2$  plane. The top surface of the water is shown in red and the bottom surface shown in blue may have some spatial variations, which are measured with reference to some reference level. In the shallow water models, the top free surface is not explicitly modeled but is accounted for by the water depth function  $h$ . Let  $\nabla$  denote the two dimensional gradient operator

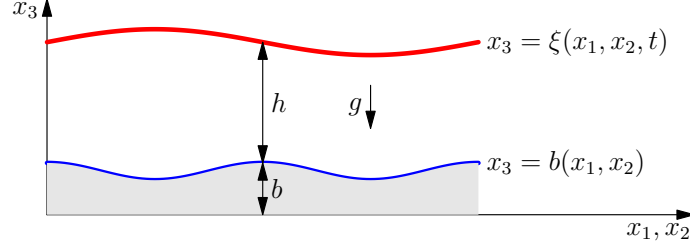


Figure 1: Shallow water flow:  $b$  denotes the profile of the bottom surface and  $h$  is the depth of water column

with respect to the variables  $(x_1, x_2)$ . The SSW model can be written as [15]

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{\partial(h\mathbf{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left( h\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} + \frac{gh^2}{2}I + h\mathcal{P} \right) = -gh\nabla b - C_f|\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{v} \quad (1b)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{P}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathcal{P} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P}(\nabla \mathbf{v})^\top = \mathcal{D} \quad (1c)$$

where  $h$  is the water depth,  $\mathbf{v}$  is the horizontal velocity,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a tensor that accounts for the shear and  $b$  is the bottom topography, see Figure (1). The tensor  $\mathcal{P}$  has the character of a Reynolds which measures the fluctuation of the three dimensional velocity field  $u_i$  relative to the depth averaged velocity field  $v_i$ ,

$$\mathcal{P}_{ij} = \frac{1}{h} \int_b^\xi (u_i - v_i)(u_j - v_j) dx_3$$

The momentum equation also contains a frictional source term to model bottom friction and the tensor  $\mathcal{D}$  represents the dissipation model used to close the system of equations obtained by depth averaging process. The SSW model can be written in an almost conservative form as first done in [10]. To do this, we define the symmetric tensors

$$\mathcal{R}_{ij} := h\mathcal{P}_{ij}, \quad \mathbf{E}_{ij} := \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}hv_iv_j, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq 2$$

where the quantity  $\mathcal{R}_{ij}$  is the total Reynolds stress tensor while  $\mathbf{E}_{ij}$  is a kinetic energy tensor that measures the energy in the average flow and the fluctuations. Then an elementary computation shows that the set of equations (1) can be written as the following system of non-conservative equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_2}{\partial x_2} + \mathbf{B}_1 \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} + \mathbf{B}_2 \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_2} = \mathbf{S} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{U} &= \begin{bmatrix} h \\ hv_1 \\ hv_2 \\ E_{11} \\ E_{12} \\ E_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} hv_1 \\ \mathcal{R}_{11} + hv_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \\ \mathcal{R}_{12} + hv_1v_2 \\ (E_{11} + \mathcal{R}_{11})v_1 \\ E_{12}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{R}_{11}v_2 + \mathcal{R}_{12}v_1) \\ E_{22}v_1 + \mathcal{R}_{12}v_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} hv_2 \\ \mathcal{R}_{12} + hv_1v_2 \\ \mathcal{R}_{22} + hv_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \\ E_{11}v_2 + \mathcal{R}_{12}v_1 \\ E_{12}v_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{R}_{12}v_2 + \mathcal{R}_{22}v_1) \\ (E_{22} + \mathcal{R}_{22})v_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{B}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ ghv_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}ghv_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}ghv_1 \\ ghv_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{S} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -gh\frac{\partial b}{\partial x_1} \\ -gh\frac{\partial b}{\partial x_2} \\ -ghv_1\frac{\partial b}{\partial x_1} \\ -\frac{1}{2}ghv_2\frac{\partial b}{\partial x_1} - \frac{1}{2}ghv_1\frac{\partial b}{\partial x_2} \\ -ghv_2\frac{\partial b}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}h\mathcal{D}_{11} \\ \frac{1}{2}h\mathcal{D}_{12} \\ \frac{1}{2}h\mathcal{D}_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -C_f|\mathbf{v}|v_1 \\ -C_f|\mathbf{v}|v_2 \\ -C_f|\mathbf{v}|v_1^2 \\ -C_f|\mathbf{v}|v_1v_2 \\ -C_f|\mathbf{v}|v_2^2 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

This is a hyperbolic system of equations in which the characteristic fields are either linearly degenerate or genuinely non-linear. The smallest and largest eigenvalues are genuinely non-linear, while the remaining four intermediate eigenvalues are linearly degenerate. Hence, the model can give rise to shock solutions even if the initial data is very smooth, which complicates the solution process both at the theoretical and numerical levels. The SSW model admits the conservation of total energy

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left[ \left( \mathbf{E} + \mathcal{R}_{11} + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \right) v_1 \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \left[ \left( \mathbf{E} + \mathcal{R}_{22} + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \right) v_2 \right] = \frac{1}{2}h\text{Tr}(\mathbf{D}) - C_f|\mathbf{v}|^3$$

where

$$\mathbf{E} = E_{11} + E_{22} + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 + ghb$$

is the total energy. The SSW model with gravity  $g = 0$  is the same as the 10-moment Gaussian moment closure equations of gas dynamics [18], where a convex entropy function and associated entropy condition is also shown. The function

$$\eta = \eta(\mathbf{U}) = -h \log \left( \frac{\det(\mathcal{P})}{h^2} \right)$$

is a convex entropy function concerning the set of variables  $\mathbf{U}$  for the model written as (2). The entrophy  $\Psi = \log \left( \frac{\det(\mathcal{P})}{h^2} \right)$  satisfies the equation

$$\frac{\partial(h\Psi)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (h\mathbf{v}\Psi) = h\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{D})$$

The shear shallow water modeling should dissipate the enstrophy. The enstrophy's dynamics will control the dissipation rate from large to smaller vortices. Therefore, the dissipation  $\mathcal{D}$  modeling should mimic the physical property of the flow under consideration. By analogy with the Stokes hypothesis, the dissipation tensor is modeled as [15, 17]

$$\mathcal{D} = \gamma \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})}{2} \mathcal{I} - \zeta \mathcal{P} \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the identity matrix,  $\gamma$  and  $\zeta$  are positive parameters to be properly modeled such as to achieved the dissipation of the total energy and the dissipation of the enstrophy. They respectively give the conditions

$$\text{Tr}(\mathcal{D}) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{D}) \leq 0$$

Using the relation  $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}^{-1}) = \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})}{\det(\mathcal{P})}$  and the positive definite property of  $\mathcal{P}$ , we obtain

$$\gamma - \zeta \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma \frac{(\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}))^2}{2 \det(\mathcal{P})} - 2\zeta \leq 0 \quad \implies \quad \gamma \leq \zeta \min \left( 1, \frac{4 \det(\mathcal{P})}{(\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}))^2} \right) = \zeta \frac{4 \det(\mathcal{P})}{(\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}))^2}$$

where in the last equality we have use the relation:  $4 \det(\mathcal{P}) - (\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}))^2 < 0$ . This relation is valid for any positive definite  $2 \times 2$  tensor. In [15, 17], two families of dissipation are investigated for  $\gamma = 0$ . As the factor  $\zeta$  scales as the inverse of a relaxation time, it can be evaluated using the ratio of a characteristic velocity over a characteristic distance. For the first family, scaling of  $\mathcal{P}$  as  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$  is used to estimate the ratio as  $\frac{\|\mathbf{v}\|^3}{h \text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})}$ . Then

$$\gamma = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta = \frac{2\|\mathbf{v}\|^3}{h \text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})} \max \left( 0, C_r \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}) - h^2 \varphi}{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})} \right) \quad (4)$$

For the second family, the ratio of characteristic velocity to distance is estimated as  $\frac{\sqrt{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})}}{h}$ , then

$$\gamma = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})}}{h} \max \left( 0, C_r \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P}) - h^2 \varphi}{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{P})} \right)$$

where  $C_r$  is a positive constant and  $\varphi$  is a scaling parameter characterizing the enstrophy of the smallest vortexes formed at the interaction with the bottom topography. The profiling of  $\zeta$  is designed to recover the model used in an earlier work [19]. Only the first family of models is considered in this work. Notice that, for the 10-moment equations in fluid dynamics, the dissipation is required for the entropy  $\eta$ .

### 3 Fluctuation distribution scheme

Our objective in this section is to formulate, at the interface between two states, the equivalent for our non-conservative system of what is the normal flow for conservative systems. The interfaces exchanges are expressed as fluctuations based on ‘‘path conservative methods’’ strategy. This strategy, developed in detail in [10], is now briefly recalled. Let us first write the model (2) in quasi-linear form

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{U}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial x_1} + \mathbf{A}_2(\mathbf{U}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial x_2} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{U})$$

where the Jacobian matrices are given by

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_1}{\partial \mathbf{U}} + [\mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{0}_{6 \times 5}], \quad \mathbf{A}_2 = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_2}{\partial \mathbf{U}} + [\mathbf{B}_2, \mathbf{0}_{6 \times 5}]$$

Let  $\mathbf{n}$  be a unit vector and define the Jacobian and fluxes in the direction of  $\mathbf{n}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{n}) &= \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{U})n_1 + \mathbf{A}_2(\mathbf{U})n_2, & \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{n}) &= \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{U})n_1 + \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{U})n_2 \\ \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{n}) &= \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{U})n_1 + \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{U})n_2 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{n})$  are given by

$$\lambda_1 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} - c_f, \quad \lambda_2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} - c_s, \quad \lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad \lambda_5 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} + c_s, \quad \lambda_6 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} + c_f$$

where  $c_s = \sqrt{\mathbf{n}^\top \mathcal{P} \mathbf{n}}$  and  $c_f = \sqrt{gh + 3\mathbf{n}^\top \mathcal{P} \mathbf{n}}$ . Let  $\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R$  be two states separated by a discontinuity surface with unit normal vector  $\mathbf{n}$  pointing from  $L$  to  $R$ . Consider a path connecting the two states  $\Psi(\xi; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R)$  such that

$$\Psi(0; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R) = \mathbf{U}_L, \quad \Psi(1; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R) = \mathbf{U}_R$$

If the discontinuity is moving with speed  $S$  in the normal direction  $\mathbf{n}$ , then the generalized Rankine-Hugoniot jump condition is given by

$$\int_0^1 [\mathbf{A}(\Psi(\xi; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R), \mathbf{n}) - S\mathbf{I}] \frac{d\Psi}{d\xi}(\xi; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R) d\xi = 0 \quad (5)$$

The choice of the correct path is important but it is usually not known. We will assume a linear path in the phase space of  $\mathbf{U}$  variables between the two states so that

$$\Psi(\xi; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R) = \mathbf{U}_L + \xi(\mathbf{U}_R - \mathbf{U}_L), \quad 0 \leq \xi \leq 1$$

Then the jump condition (5) can be written as

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_R, \mathbf{n}) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{B}(\bar{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{n})(h_R - h_L) = S(\mathbf{U}_R - \mathbf{U}_L) \quad (6)$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{U}} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{U}_L + \mathbf{U}_R)$$

The main tool used to derive the numerical scheme is to distribute the *total fluctuation*  $\mathbf{D}$  (associated to a given direction) into two parts  $\mathbf{D}^-$ ,  $\mathbf{D}^+$  corresponding to left moving and right moving waves arising in the Riemann solution,

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R, \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{D}^-(\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R, \mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{D}^+(\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R, \mathbf{n})$$

where the fluctuation is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R, \mathbf{n}) &:= \int_0^1 \mathbf{A}(\Psi(\xi; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R), \mathbf{n}) \frac{d\Psi}{d\xi}(\xi; \mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R) d\xi \\ &= \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_R, \mathbf{n}) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{B}(\bar{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{n})(h_R - h_L) \end{aligned}$$

The distributions  $\mathbf{D}^\pm$  of the total fluctuation can be performed in many different ways, according to the waves patterns used in the Riemann solver. In this work, we will adopt the HLL-type approach presented in [10] where 2-wave, 3-wave and 5-wave approximate Riemann solvers have been developed. The multi-state Riemann solution is obtained by satisfying the generalized jump conditions (6) to determine the intermediate states. This approach requires us to estimate the smallest and largest wave speeds  $S_L, S_R$  that arise in the Riemann problem. We refer the reader to [10, 1] for details on the choice of these speeds.

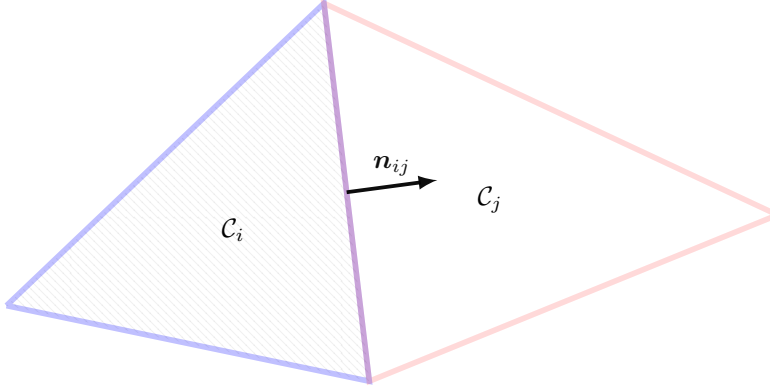


Figure 2: Interface between two triangular cells ( $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\mathcal{C}_j$ ) and the associated normal ( $\mathbf{n}_{ij}$ ).

## 4 Path-conservative finite volume method

We consider a non-overlapping conformal partition of the spatial domain  $\Omega$  into control volumes  $\mathcal{C}_i$  containing their gravity center  $\mathbf{x}_i$

$$\Omega = \bigcup_i \mathcal{C}_i \quad \text{with } \mathcal{C}_i \cap \mathcal{C}_j = \emptyset \quad \text{when } i \neq j \quad \text{and } \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{C}_i$$

This paper will adopt the cell-centered finite volume strategy, which means that, inside each cell, the solution is approximated by the cell average:  $\mathbf{U}_i$ . The design of numerical schemes is in a general framework where the cells can be of different shape. Nevertheless, all cells will be either triangles or quadrangles in the applications we consider. Let  $\vartheta(i)$  be the set of indices of the neighbor cells to the cell  $\mathcal{C}_i$ . The set  $\vartheta(i)$  is the von Neumann neighbours of the  $i$ 'th cell

$$\vartheta(i) = \{j, \text{ such that } \mathcal{C}_i \text{ and } \mathcal{C}_j \text{ have a common boundary}\}$$

Let  $\mathbf{n}_{ij}$  be the unit normal vector to the interface between cell  $i$  and cell  $j$ , which points into cell  $j$ , and let  $\|\boldsymbol{\eta}_{ij}\|$  be the length of this face.

$$\mathbf{n}_{ij} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\eta}_{ij}}{\|\boldsymbol{\eta}_{ij}\|} \quad \text{where} \quad \boldsymbol{\eta}_{ij} = \int_{\partial\mathcal{C}_{ij}} \mathbf{n} dS,$$

with  $\partial\mathcal{C}_{ij} = \partial\mathcal{C}_i \cap \partial\mathcal{C}_j$  the interface between the cells  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\mathcal{C}_j$  (see figure 2). Let  $\mathbf{Q} \equiv \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U})$  denote the variables used for high order reconstructions inside each cell. The reconstruction can be achieved either by conservative or by some other set of variables. Here we reconstruct some set of primitive variables which is found to be more robust and also easier to maintain positivity of the reconstructed states, than reconstructing the conserved variables. The interpolated states to the interface mid-point  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$ , associated to the two cells surrounding it are given by

$$\mathbf{Q}_{ij}^L = \mathbf{Q}_i + (\mathbf{x}_{ij} - \mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}}_i, \quad \mathbf{Q}_{ij}^R = \mathbf{Q}_j + (\mathbf{x}_{ij} - \mathbf{x}_j) \cdot \overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}}_j$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}_m \equiv \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}_m)$  for any  $m$  and  $\overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}}_m = (\overline{\partial_x \mathbf{Q}}_m, \overline{\partial_y \mathbf{Q}}_m)^\top$  denotes some estimate of the gradient in the  $m$ 'th cell. The finite volume formulation is obtained by integrating the equation



(2) over the cell  $\mathcal{C}_i$ . This procedure gives contributions that are, on the one hand, associated with the interior involving the non-conservative terms and, on the other hand, traces on the edge of the cell. In the present context where the considered system is non-conservative, the generalized jump relations between the states at the cell edge neighborhood are used to evaluate the traces at the edge in terms of fluctuations. The second order in space semi-discrete scheme then takes the following form

$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}_i}{dt} + \frac{1}{a_i} \sum_{j \in \partial(i)} \|\boldsymbol{\eta}_{ij}\| \left( \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) + \mathbf{D}^-(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) \right) + \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{U}_i) \overline{\partial_x h}_i + \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{U}_i) \overline{\partial_y h}_i = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{U}_i) \quad (7)$$

where  $a_i$  is the area of the  $i$ 'th cell, and  $(\overline{\partial_x h}_i, \overline{\partial_y h}_i)$  are approximations of derivatives of  $h$  at the cell center which is contained in the first component of  $\overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}}_i$  and  $\mathbf{U}_{ij}^{L/R} = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{Q}_{ij}^{L/R})$ . Under the Path-conservative framework, the trace of the integral at the interface  $\partial \mathcal{C}_{ij}$  is decomposed into left and right-going fluctuations. The left going fluctuation  $\mathbf{D}^-(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij})$  modifies the solution in cell  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and the right going fluctuation  $\mathbf{D}^+(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij})$  modifies the solution in cell  $\mathcal{C}_j$ .

We evaluate the fluctuations from different 1D Riemann solvers proposed in our previous paper [10]. These solvers use different wave structures of increasing richness, ranging from a two-wave structure (HLL) to a five-wave structure (HLLC5) through a three-wave structure (HLLC3). These Riemann solvers require the estimates of slowest and fastest wave speeds, in the normal direction  $\mathbf{n}$ , denoted by  $S_L, S_R$  respectively. Once the approximate Riemann solution is computed, the split fluctuations in the direction  $\mathbf{n}$  for the HLLC5 are obtained as

$$\mathbf{D}^\pm(\mathbf{U}^L, \mathbf{U}^R, \mathbf{n}) = S_1^\pm(\mathbf{U}_*^L - \mathbf{U}^L) + S_2^\pm(\mathbf{U}_{**}^L - \mathbf{U}_*^L) + S_3^\pm(\mathbf{U}_{**}^R - \mathbf{U}_{**}^L) + S_4^\pm(\mathbf{U}_*^R - \mathbf{U}_{**}^R) + S_5^\pm(\mathbf{U}^R - \mathbf{U}_*^R)$$

where the input of the solver are the unit normal  $\mathbf{n}$ , the outermost waves  $S_1 = S_L, S_5 = S_R$  in the direction  $\mathbf{n}$ , the states  $\mathbf{Q}^L = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}^L)$  and  $\mathbf{Q}^R = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}^R)$ . The other intermediate wave speeds  $(S_2, S_3, S_4)$  and intermediate states  $\mathbf{U}_{**}^{L/R}$  are computed in the Riemann solver process. The exponent (+) gives wave velocities  $S^+ = 0$  if  $S$  is negative and  $S^+ = S$  if  $S$  is positive. On the contrary, the exponent (-) gives wave velocities  $S^- = 0$  if  $S$  is positive and  $S^- = S$  if  $S$  is negative. In summary, the notation can be defined as  $S^\pm = \frac{S \pm |S|}{2}$ . The stability of the numerical scheme also relies on estimating the fastest ( $S_R$ ) and slowest ( $S_L$ ) wave velocities such that the numerical dependence cone is larger than the physical cone for the given Riemann data. On the other hand, the scheme's robustness also depends on the properties of the reconstructions at the cell interfaces, which is summarized in the approximation of the averaged slopes.

**Remark 1.** *The properties of the fluctuation operators allow the following relations:*

$$\mathbf{D}^-(\mathbf{U}_{ji}^L, \mathbf{U}_{ji}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ji}) = \mathbf{D}^+(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij})$$

Moreover, for conservative models, we recover the flux formulation and a conservative scheme. Indeed, in that context, we use the fact that  $\mathbf{U}_{ji}^L = \mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ji} = -\mathbf{n}_{ij}$  and  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_{ji}^L, \mathbf{n}_{ji}) = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij})$  to derive the following relations

$$-\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) + \mathbf{D}^+(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) - \mathbf{D}^-(\mathbf{U}_{ij}^L, \mathbf{U}_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij})$$

This relation also says that

$$D^+ (U_{ij}^L, U_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) + D^- (U_{ij}^L, U_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) = \mathbf{F} (U_{ij}^R, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) - \mathbf{F} (U_{ij}^L, \mathbf{n}_{ij})$$

#### 4.1 Variables used for slope reconstructions

We obtain the first-order scheme in space by setting all the average gradients to zero. However, we must define the gradient according to the given mean states for second-order schemes. Estimating average gradients is done using the total variation diminishing properties (TVD). The choice of variables for reconstruction is essential to ensure robustness in maintaining the TVD properties. Moreover, the reconstruction scheme may not keep the positive definiteness of the symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{R}$ . We propose a set of primitive variables to be interpolated to ensure the positive definite property of the tensor  $\mathcal{R}$ . Let us perform a Cholesky decomposition of the tensor  $\mathcal{R}$  and obtain

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ L_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & L_{12} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have opted for an alternative Cholesky decomposition that avoids using square roots in the change of variables, which is usually called  $LDL^\top$  Cholesky decomposition. The transformation between the variables  $(\mathcal{R}_{11}, \mathcal{R}_{12}, \mathcal{R}_{22})$  and  $(d_1, d_2, L_{12})$  is given by

$$\mathcal{R}_{11} = d_1, \quad \mathcal{R}_{12} = d_1 L_{12} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}_{22} = d_1 L_{12}^2 + d_2. \quad (8)$$

and inversely

$$d_1 = \mathcal{R}_{11}, \quad d_2 = \frac{\det \mathcal{R}}{\mathcal{R}_{11}} \quad \text{and} \quad L_{12} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_{12}}{\mathcal{R}_{11}} \quad (9)$$

If we reconstruct  $d_1, d_2, L_{12}$  and the reconstructed values satisfy  $d_1 > 0$  and  $d_2 > 0$ , which can be ensured by suitably limiting the gradient estimate  $\overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}}$ , then the reconstructed tensor  $\mathcal{R}$  satisfies the properties

$$\mathcal{R}_{11} = d_1 > 0, \quad \mathcal{R}_{22} = d_1 L_{12}^2 + d_2 > 0, \quad \det \mathcal{R} = d_1 d_2 > 0$$

This ensures the positive definiteness of the reconstructed tensor  $\mathcal{R}$  at the faces, which is not guaranteed if we reconstruct primitive or conserved variables. For classical shallow-water models, it is customary to consider the water level and velocity components as high-order reconstruction variables. For the shear shallow water model, we will consider for high order reconstruction the following set of variables

$$\mathbf{Q} \equiv \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}) = [h, v_1, v_2, d_1, L_{12}, d_2]^\top$$

To estimate the gradient in a cell, we have the current cell's average value  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}_i)$  and the neighboring cells' average values :  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}_j)$  for  $j \in \vartheta(i)$ . Each cell is assumed convex, and its boundary is described by a set of connected edges so that there are at least three different neighbor states. On the other hand, to compute a 2D gradient, we need data corresponding to three non-aligned points. Consequently, we have more data than we need to evaluate the average slope. We will then use least squares first to assess the mean gradient. This first evaluation has no reason to satisfy any particular property. In particular, it does not prevent, at the interfaces, have interpolated quantities that go out of the bounds defined by the cell's average data. It is usual to apply a slope limiting technique to fix this issue. In this way, the moderate gradients  $\overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}}_i$  are computed so that,

if initially, the quantities  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}_j)$  were all positive, we are assured that the amounts interpolated will be positive too. In passing, let us note that in previous articles published on this topic, gradients reconstruction uses the components of the symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{P}$  without guaranteeing its positivity. On the contrary, by guaranteeing here the positivity of  $h$  and  $\mathcal{R}$ , the positivity of the  $\mathcal{P}$  tensor is realized.

For the computation of the gradient using least squares for cell  $i$ , we consider its Moore neighborhood stencil  $\varphi(i)$  defined as

$$\varphi(i) = \{j, \text{ such that } \mathcal{C}_i \text{ and } \mathcal{C}_j \text{ has either a common edge or a common vertex}\}$$

Let us write a truncated Taylor expansion around cell  $i$ ,

$$\mathbf{Q}_j = \mathbf{Q}_i + (\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}_i}, \quad j \in \varphi(i)$$

which is an over-determined system of equations for the unknown gradient  $\overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}_i}$ . We use the least squares method as shown in [3] which allows for weighting of the equations corresponding to each neighbour by some weighting coefficient of our choice, i.e., we minimize

$$\sum_{j \in \varphi(i)} w_{ij}^2 (\mathbf{Q}_j - \mathbf{Q}_i - (\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}_i})^2$$

with respect to  $\overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}_i}$ . In this work, we weight each equation by inverse of the distance between cell  $i$  and neighbor cell  $j$ , i.e.,  $w_{ij} = 1/|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i|$ , which provides a better estimate of gradient for unstructured mesh, especially in case of stretched cells. The gradients obtained by the least squares procedure are limited such that

$$\min_{k \in \{i\} \cup \vartheta(i)} \mathbf{Q}_k \leq \mathbf{Q}_i + (\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) \cdot \overline{\nabla \mathbf{Q}_i} \leq \max_{k \in \{i\} \cup \vartheta(i)} \mathbf{Q}_k, \quad \text{for all } j \in \vartheta(i)$$

is satisfied. This limitation is necessary to avoid the generation of Gibbs-type oscillations in high resolution schemes around regions of sharp solution variation. The limiting also ensures that the reconstructed values of  $Q_4 = d_1$ ,  $Q_6 = d_2$  will be positive if the corresponding cell values are positive, and hence the reconstructed solution will ensure positive definiteness of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

## 4.2 Time integration steps

The spatial discretization in (7) leads to a system of ordinary differential equations which can be written as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U}) + \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{U})$$

where  $\mathbf{R}$  is the hyperbolic part and  $\mathbf{S}$  is the source term. The source terms can lead to loss of positive definite-ness of the tensor  $\mathcal{P}$  or  $\mathcal{R}$  if explicit time stepping is used. Hence we would like to treat the source terms in an implicit manner by using an operator splitting approach based on Strang splitting. Let us first define the method to update the solution using the two individual operators.

**Explicit scheme for hyperbolic part:**  $U^{n+1} = \mathbf{R}(U^n; \Delta t)$  The update of the solution due to the hyperbolic part  $\mathbf{R}(U)$  is achieved by the two stage, explicit strong stability preserving Runge-Kutta scheme given by

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= U^n + \Delta t \mathbf{R}(U^n) \\ U^{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}U^n + \frac{1}{2}[U^* + \Delta t \mathbf{R}(U^*)] \end{aligned}$$

**Implicit scheme for source part:**  $U^{n+1} = \mathbf{S}(U^n; \Delta t)$  The update of the solution due to the source term  $\mathbf{S}(U)$  is achieved by the following scheme

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= U^n + \Delta t \mathbf{S}(U^*) \\ U^{**} &= U^* + \Delta t \mathbf{S}(U^{**}) \\ U^{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}U^n + \frac{1}{2}U^{**} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the first two steps in the source update scheme are backward Euler schemes (implicit) which are designed to be unconditionally stable and positive.

We use the above two schemes for the two operators  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  in a Strang splitting strategy. The update  $U^n \rightarrow U^{n+1}$  is done by the following three steps. First, we update the initial state  $U^n$  to the state  $U^{(1)}$  with source term by time step  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta t$ . Second, we update the state  $U^{(1)}$  to the state  $U^{(2)}$  with with hyperbolic term by time step  $\Delta t$ . Finally, we update the state  $U^{(2)}$  to the state  $U^{n+1}$  with source term by time step  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} U^n &\rightarrow U^{(1)} = \mathbf{S}\left(U^n; \frac{1}{2}\Delta t\right) \rightarrow U^{(2)} = \mathbf{R}\left(U^{(1)}; \Delta t\right) \\ &\rightarrow U^{n+1} = \mathbf{S}\left(U^{(2)}; \frac{1}{2}\Delta t\right) \end{aligned}$$

The first and last steps of the solution update are implicit schemes, by the strategy used to update the source terms. Fortunately, these implicit schemes do not induce coupling between cells, and therefore, we only have to invert several nonlinear systems of six unknowns associated with each cell which can be done explicitly as explained in [10].

## 5 Numerical results

The method is implemented in a C++ code based on MPI and PETSc [2], and can deal with triangular and quadrilateral grids. The grids are generated with GMSH [16] and we use DMPLEX in PETSc to manage the unstructured grid. The time step is based on a CFL condition and is given by

$$\Delta t = \text{CFL} \cdot \min_i \left( \frac{a_i}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{D}(i)} \lambda_{ij} \|\boldsymbol{\eta}_{ij}\|} \right) \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda_{ij} = |\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ij}| + \sqrt{gh_i + 3\mathbf{n}_{ij}^\top \mathcal{P}_i \mathbf{n}_{ij}}$$

where  $a_i$  is the volume of the cell  $\mathcal{C}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_{ij}$  is the unit normal,  $\|\boldsymbol{\eta}_{ij}\|$  denotes the length of the face between the cells  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $\mathcal{C}_j$ , and the minimum is taken over all cells in the mesh.

## 5.1 Exact smooth solution: second-order convergence analysis

In order to estimate the order of convergence of the proposed method, we use an analytical solution developed in [15]. The solution can be written as

$$h = \frac{h_0}{1 + \beta^2 t^2}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta^2 t^2} \begin{bmatrix} \beta t x + y \\ -x + \beta t y \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{(1 + \beta^2 t^2)^2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + \gamma \beta^2 t^2 & (\lambda - \gamma) \beta t \\ (\lambda - \gamma) \beta t & \gamma + \lambda \beta^2 t^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The values of the parameters used in our numerical experiment are

$$h_0 = 1.0 \text{ (m)}, \quad \lambda = 0.10 \text{ (m}^2/\text{s}^2), \quad \gamma = 10^{-2} \text{ (m}^2/\text{s}^2), \quad \beta = 10^{-3} \text{ (s}^{-1})$$

We compute  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  norm of the numerical solution errors at time  $t = 50$  seconds on the domain of size  $[0, 10] \times [0, 10]$  and use Dirichlet boundary conditions by setting ghost cell values to the analytical solution. To perform convergence analysis, we use different levels of mesh refinement. The following table shows the number of cells used at each level of mesh refinement. We can not straightforwardly generate Cartesian and unstructured mesh of the same number of cells. Therefore, we perform comparisons with slightly different cell numbers.

| Mesh  | $10 \times 10$ | $20 \times 20$ | $40 \times 40$ | $80 \times 80$ | $160 \times 160$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cartesian                                     | 100            | 400            | 1600           | 6400           | 25600            |
| Unstructured                                  | 104            | 374            | 1578           | 6396           | 25350            |
| Number of cells for each level of refinement. |                |                |                |                |                  |

We are tracking the evolution of the numerical error against mesh size estimated as  $(1/\sqrt{\text{number of cells}})$ . In log-scale, this error curve's asymptotic slope is the numerical convergence error. Whatever we use as a Riemann solver, we asymptotically recover the second-order convergence for Cartesian (Figure 3) and unstructured (Figure 4) meshes. However, the rate of convergence and the level of errors differ with the enrichment of the Riemann solver. This fact is visible in the errors associated with the components  $E_{ij}$  of the kinetic energy tensor.

## 5.2 2D simulations of a 1D Dam break problem

In this section, we repeat the one-dimensional Riemann problems from [10, 1] on different 2D meshes. The aim is to show how non-alignment of the mesh with the direction of wave propagation can lead to transverse disturbances. The initial conditions of this test case define the following 1D Riemann problem. Indeed, we set the gravity  $g = 9.8$ , the source terms to zero, the topography is considered as flat, the initial velocity is zero everywhere, and the components of the stress tensor are  $\mathcal{P}_{11} = \mathcal{P}_{22} = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{12} = 0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ , while the initial depth has a discontinuity given by

$$h(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0.02 \text{ m} & x < 0.5 \text{ m} \\ 0.01 \text{ m} & x > 0.5 \text{ m} \end{cases}$$

This problem is purely 1D, and we can compute the exact solution under the constraint of consistency with the conservation of the total energy [1]. The detailed solution profile contains one rarefaction wave and one shock wave separated by a contact discontinuity. The numerical resolution is performed in a 2D domain  $[0, 1] \times [0, 0.02]$ . We applied periodic boundary conditions in the  $y$ -direction, and the final simulation time is such that no wave has had time to interact with the  $x = 0$  or  $x = 1$  boundaries. On these edges, we apply Dirichlet boundary conditions. Figure

(5) and (6) compares with the exact 1D solution, numerical solutions obtained, at the final time  $T = 0.5$ , with Cartesian, unstructured quadrangular, and triangular meshes. All these meshes are of approximately the same number of points:  $\simeq 500 \times 10 = 5000$  points. We use different Riemann solvers: HLL, HLLC3, and HLLC5. The pattern of these Riemann solvers contains 2-waves (HLL), 3-waves (HLLC3), and 5-waves (HLLC5). The 1D plots as a function of  $(x)$  have all the values computed on the 2D points: for the same position  $x$ , we plot the points values for different values of  $y$  in the computational domain. Numerical results (Figure 5) on the depth ( $h$ ) show that, for the meshes used, we preserve at the discrete level the 1D property of the solution (no important difference between values associated with the same coordinate  $x$ ). However, more deviation exists between the numerical solution on unstructured meshes and the exact solution. Using second-order accurate approximations reduced the differences. The situation is slightly different with the profiles of the  $\mathcal{P}_{11}$  component of the Reynolds stress tensor (Figure 6). In particular, we can see a large discrepancy between the exact and numerical solutions, irrespective of the mesh, the Riemann solver, and numerical accuracy. Here, the discrete solution no longer matches with the 1D profile of the exact solution. This tendency, already present in previous work, is largely accentuated here by the non-alignment of the mesh. Probably, this situation results due to the fact that the conservation of total energy is not fully satisfied at the discrete level, and future work will specifically focus on the improvement of this point.

### 5.3 Square dam break in a square domain

This test consists of a square dam-break in a square domain  $\Omega = [-5, 5] \times [-5, 5]$ , with periodic boundary conditions. In this context, we set the source terms to zero and assume a flat bottom. Initially, the flow is at rest, and the depth has a 2D pattern with discontinuities:

$$h = \begin{cases} 0.02 & \text{if } -1.5 \leq x \leq 1.5 \quad \text{and} \quad -1.5 \leq y \leq 1.5 \\ 0.01 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The remaining quantities are constant in space and are given by

| $v_1(m/s)$ | $v_2(m/s)$ | $\mathcal{P}_{11}(m^2/s^2)$ | $\mathcal{P}_{12}(m^2/s^2)$ | $\mathcal{P}_{22}(m^2/s^2)$ |
|------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.0        | 0.0        | $10^{-4}$                   | 0                           | $10^{-4}$                   |

In this context, the stress tensor is initially very small and almost at the limit where there is no shear:  $\det(\mathcal{P}) = 10^{-8}$ . The initial data has two lines of symmetry, horizontal ( $y = 0$ ) and vertical ( $x = 0$ ). Periodic boundary conditions along  $x$  and  $y$  ensure the preservation of the property of the initial solution at each time.

The numerical strategy uses the HLLC5 Riemann solver with a second-order scheme in time and space. Figures (7), (8) and (9) draw the numerical solutions ( $h$  and  $P_{11}$  variables) for structured and unstructured meshes. Computed solutions, using structured or unstructured meshes, preserve the symmetries numerically. The Cartesian and unstructured mesh of triangular elements give quantitative and qualitatively similar results. However, the unstructured mesh results are slightly more jagged in places without affecting the global dynamics. This test case demonstrates the numerical strategy's robustness in computing multiple interacting wave contexts. Particularly, the tensor  $\mathcal{P}$  determinant remains positive at each time step of these numerical simulations.

## 5.4 Roll wave test

Uniform stationary flows on an inclined plane can, under certain circumstances, become unstable. The flow then forms a more or less periodic succession of breaking waves that roll down the slope. These waves, often large, are characterized by a turbulent roll, a swirling zone just behind the wavefront. This phenomenon is called roll waves and has been experimentally studied by Brock [6, 7]. Brock applied a frequent disturbance at the channel's beginning to obtain periodic rollers. For the shear shallow water model, in [19], the conditions of the appearance of roll wave trains are established. Then, the parameters of the SSW modeling that fit with some Brock experiments were provided. In this context, we use one of these settings with periodic boundary conditions in the slope direction. According to [19], the computational domain is  $\Omega = [0, L_x] \times [0, 0.5]$  and the boundary conditions are periodic in both directions. The initial state is given by

$$h = h_0 \left( 1 + a \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{L_x} \right) \right), \quad v_1 = \sqrt{\frac{gh_0}{C_f}}, \quad v_2 = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{11} = \mathcal{P}_{22} = \frac{1}{2}\varphi h^2, \quad \mathcal{P}_{12} = 0, \quad b = -x \tan(\theta)$$

where  $L_x(m)$  is the critical wave length,  $a$  is the level of transverse perturbation,  $\theta(rad)$  is the bottom slope angle,  $h_0(m)$  the still water depth,  $C_f$  and  $C_r$  the dissipation coefficients; the values of the various parameters are taken as

$$L_x = 1.3, \quad a = 5 \cdot 10^{-2}, \quad \theta = 0.05011, \quad h_0 = 0.00798,$$

$$C_f = 0.0036, \quad C_r = 0.00035, \quad \varphi = 22.76$$

The quadrilateral (Cartesian) mesh has 554400 cells, while the triangular mesh has 1464510 cells. Both meshes were generated using Gmsh with the same characteristic grid spacing of 1.3/1200.

We have carried out numerical simulations with various Riemann solvers. In line with previously published results, we first observe the development of a 1D front independent of the Riemann solver. In the second phase, using a Riemann solver with at least three waves, transverse perturbations of the one-dimensional front develop (Figure 10 (a) and (b)). These developments appear everywhere for meshes aligned with the 1D front (Cartesian quadrangular and triangular). Non-aligned meshes (triangular and quadrangular) reduce and localize the front perturbations at the interaction with boundaries (Figure 10 (c)). We can also observe in Figure (11) that the solution profiles behave similarly except at the front location. These results suggest that the stability of the 1D roll wave profile depends on the nature of the transverse perturbations generated by both the mesh and the numerical solver used. Unfortunately, no theoretical results exist on the stability of such 1D profiles for this non-conservative hyperbolic equation system. Our results are consistent with those we obtained in [5] using completely different numerical strategies. Namely, the 1D profile appears stable (at least over very long times) for non-aligned meshes (unstructured triangles and quadrangles). Nevertheless, in [9], with a numerical strategy based on thermodynamical compatibility construction combined with a Path-conservative ADER-DG scheme, the 1D profile is stable even when using an aligned mesh. In the same article [9], simulations of the hydraulic jump in a radial flow show transverse structures at the front surface. They are similar to those present when Brock's profile is transversely unstable (roll wave). Consequently, we can only speculate on the nature of the observed instabilities of Brock's profile: physically present in the model or a purely numerical artifact as the carbuncle phenomenon in high speed aerodynamics [14].

## 5.5 Hydraulic jumps in radial flows

Circular hydraulic jumps are commonly observed in a kitchen sink when a vertically falling tap water jet strikes a horizontal plate and spreads radially outwards. Radial symmetry can break at the hydraulic jump front based on the value of some physical parameters such as viscosity or capillarity [8]. A similar pattern arises for convergent radial flows when a liquid is radially injected inwards and strikes a hollow cylinder in the center, through which the water flows out. Using this setup, a fundamental hydrodynamic instability, playing a determining role in the explosion of massive stars, has been explained with the analogy between acoustic waves in a gas and a thin layer of convergent radial flow. Based on the flow of a thin layer of water, it was possible to reproduce experimentally and study an analog of the instabilities causing a profound asymmetry in the explosion of a star and the birth of a neutron star. In [13], an experiment is set up with a converging radial shallow water flow to reproduce the non-circular dynamics of the shock front during a supernova's explosion. The topography has a cylindrical symmetry for this shallow water analog of a standing accretion shock instability. The bottom radial profile is a segment of a straight line inclined towards the center of symmetry where there is a hollow cylindrical obstacle of a radius  $R^-$ , symbolizing a bottomless hole, see Figure (12). The hollow cylinder, relative to the point of intersection with the inclined plane, has a height of  $A$ . In practice, we are using a modified profile as shown in Figure (13) for numerical simulation by enlarging the thickness of the bottomless cylinder. A similar strategy was used in [17] and allowed progressively accelerating the fluid to make the flow supercritical at the neighborhood of the  $R^-$  position. This strategy is advantageous for imposing boundary conditions at the bottomless cylinder outlet efficiently and straightforwardly.

The bottom topography for the SWASI test case is given by

$$b(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{A((r-R^-+L_*)^2-L_*^2)}{L_*^4} & \text{if } R^- - 2L_* \leq r \leq R^- \\ (r - R^-) \tan \beta & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Notice that  $L_b = (R^+ - R^-) \tan \beta$ . At the outer boundary, where  $r = R^+$ , there are  $n = 16$  injectors with an average mass flux  $q_0$ . In practice, we use perturbed velocity to start-up the shock instability. The boundary conditions for the incoming flow, at  $r = R^+$  and at any time  $t$ , are given by

$$h = h_0, \quad u_r = -\frac{q_0}{R^+ h_0} (1 + 10^{-2} \sin n\theta), \quad u_\theta = 0.0, \quad \mathcal{P}_{rr} = \mathcal{P}_{\theta\theta} = \frac{\varphi h_0^2}{2}, \quad \mathcal{P}_{r\theta} = 0$$

where  $u_r = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{e}_r$ ,  $u_\theta = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{e}_\theta$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{rr} = \mathcal{P} : \mathbf{e}_r \otimes \mathbf{e}_r$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{r\theta} = \mathcal{P} : \mathbf{e}_r \otimes \mathbf{e}_\theta$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{\theta\theta} = \mathcal{P} : \mathbf{e}_\theta \otimes \mathbf{e}_\theta$  with  $\mathbf{e}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_\theta$  the unit vectors of the cylindrical coordinates. We complete the shallow water analogue to standing accretion shock instability (SWASI) by the following inputs data

| $h_0[m]$          | $\beta[rad]$ | $C_r$ | $C_f$               | $\varphi[s^{-2}]$ | $q_0[m^3/s]$        | $R^+[m]$   | $R^-[m]$ | $A[m]$            | $L_1[m]$          |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $3 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 0.07         | 1.0   | $3.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 2                 | $1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $\sqrt{2}$ | 0.12     | $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $6 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |

Compared to the data used in [17], we applied a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$  to the outer circle radius to better match the scales used in the experiments [13], particularly the total flux on injected mass. Moreover, the definition of  $R^-$  is slightly different but without changing the dimensionless parameters of the simulations. All the other parameters used are left unchanged. The input data ensures that the



incoming flow Froude number is more significant than one, a necessary condition for developing an unstable shock front.

The numerical solution we are proposing is intended to complement work carried out recently [17, 9]. We share with them a similar physical model with a few nuances. In [17], the model uses the specific Reynolds stress tensor as a variable and a first-order numerical strategy on structured meshes based on polar coordinates reformulation. In [9], reformulation of the specific Reynolds tensor introduces a new object as a variable to guarantee some valuable model properties at the discrete level. The numerical strategy uses a high-order path-conservative ADER-DG on Cartesian meshes, and the penalization strategy enforces boundary conditions on circular immersed boundaries. In contrast, we use the unstructured mesh fitting with the physical domain boundaries and second-order approximation methods with the kinetic energy tensor as a variable in place of the Reynolds stress tensor [1].

We perform numerical simulations until the final time  $T = 150$  s, for unstructured quadrangular and triangular meshes of 261584 and 241680 cells, respectively. In both cases, we recover the scenario observed experimentally and numerically [12, 17, 9], that starts with the appearance of a symmetric hydraulic jump, followed by the development of transverse structures similar to what is also observed for planar hydraulic jump (see Figure 11), and after all the destabilization of the hydraulic jump with the appearance of the sloshing-type oscillatory pattern. At this latter step, a macroscopic singular point (cusp) appears at the jump front and starts rotating with an oscillatory period of about six seconds ( $T_s = 6$ s). This specific point, visible in the figures 16 and 17, is at the junction between the main front and a protrusion facing the inner hole. We have plotted the evolution of the hydraulic jump front with the positions of the macroscopic singular point for quadrangular (Figure 16) and triangular (Figure 17) meshes. We use the plot of the Schlieren function of the depth ( $h$ ) to highlight areas of relatively strong depth gradients. We define the Schlieren as  $\exp\left(-\frac{\|\nabla h\|}{\max(\|\nabla h\|)}\right)$  where  $\|\nabla h\|$  is the L2-norm of the local depth gradient.

## 6 Summary and conclusions

This study extends the scope of the SSW model by exploring its use in the context of complex geometries. In this direction, we have improved the construction of high-order schemes by applying slope reconstruction on a set of adapted variables that guarantee the symmetry and positivity properties of the Reynolds stress tensor. Similarly, the source term integration step uses an implicit scheme, a more numerically stable approach, which fits into a second-order Strang decomposition. The results confirm that the proposed numerical strategy is globally second-order for a regular analytic solution. Applications to a complex interaction between multiple waves while preserving positivity demonstrate the method’s robustness. Finally, the results obtained for a multi-dimensional turbulent hydraulic jump formed in convergent radial flow., qualitatively compare to the experimental observations. Nevertheless, there are still a few grey areas. In the 2D roll waves test cases, transverse instability patterns are present only when aligned meshes and multiples waves HLLC Riemann solvers are used. We can’t definitively reject the purely numerical origin of these transverse patterns that, as in the Quirk test case, can come from perturbations along the propagation direction. On the contrary, hydraulic jump in radial flow, the rotation pattern experimentally observed, is reproduced numerically in a reasonable time scale only when we consider misaligned meshes. Aligned polar mesh of quadrangular elements produces radial structures, but transverse perturbations are

not powerful enough to trigger experimental observations where transverse asymmetries are present. We emphasize that other existing numerical results presented in the literature use strategies that generate strong numerical perturbations. Whether through the geometric terms of the polar coordinate formulation [17] or the boundary conditions on a circular immersed boundary in a Cartesian mesh [9]. Beyond these grey areas in the physical interpretation of numerical results, computations over complex geometries call for a mesh that can precisely adapt to boundary contours. The primary purpose of this paper was to propose a numerical strategy that accurately fits complex boundaries through discretization with unstructured meshes. Moreover, unstructured meshes also open the way to local mesh adaptation.

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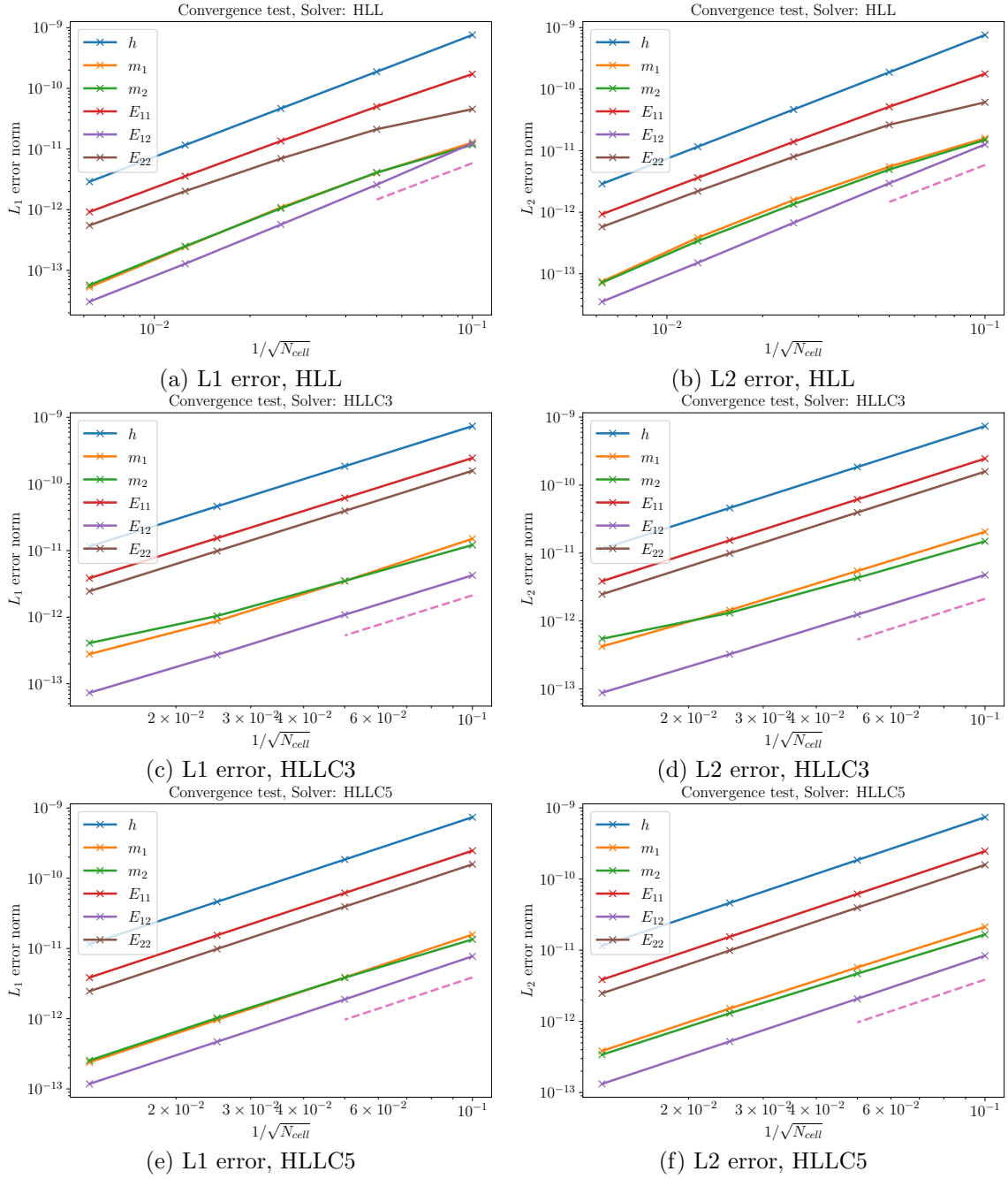


Figure 3: Second order convergence on Cartesian grid

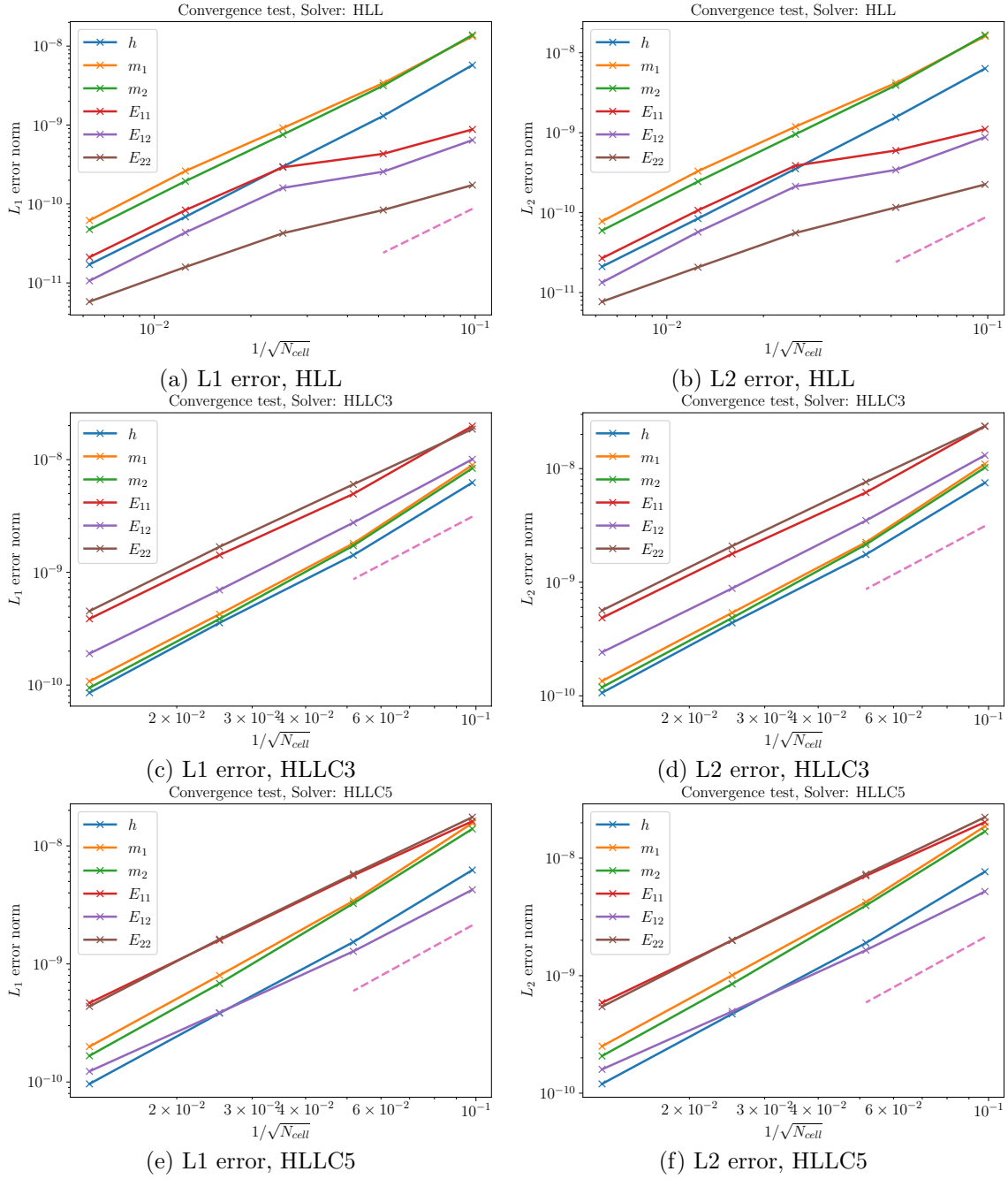


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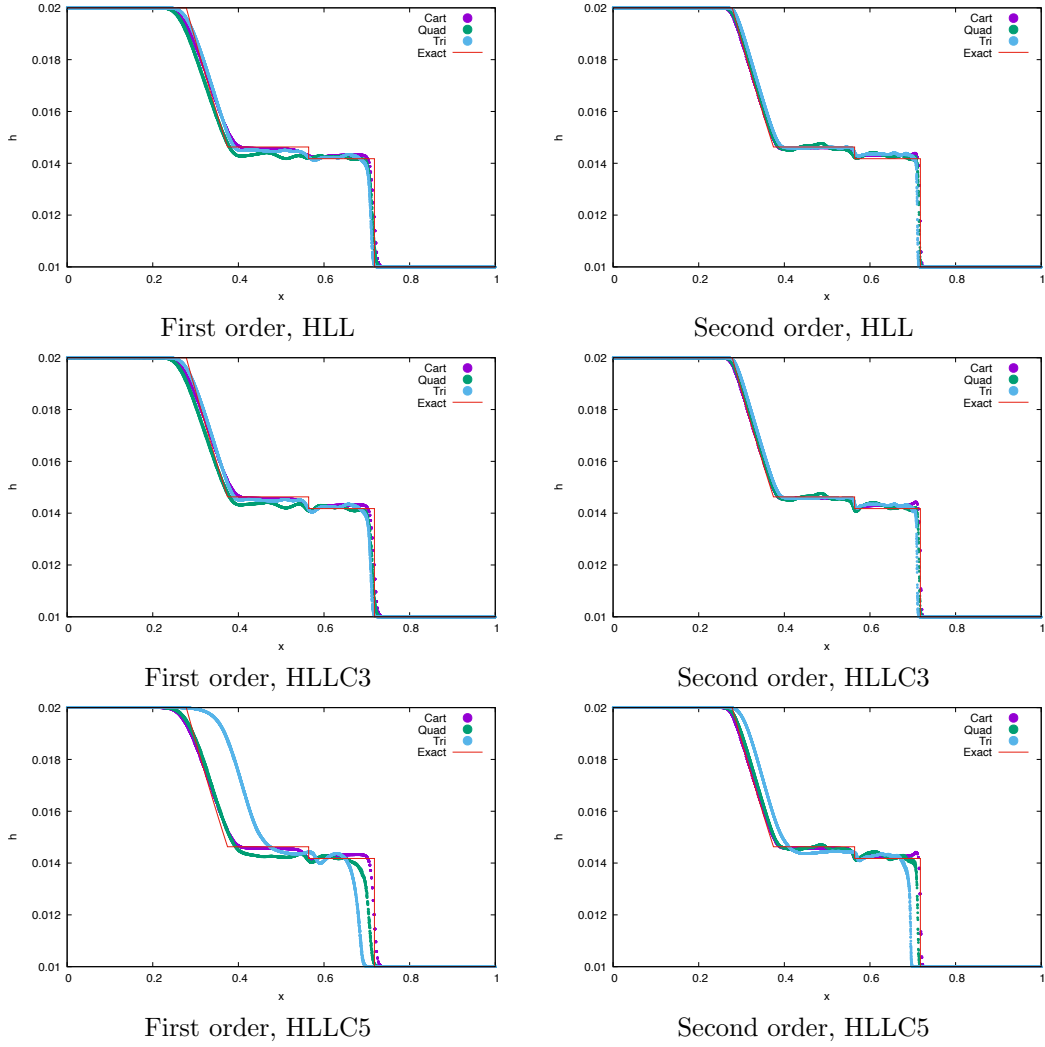


Figure 5: 1-D dam break problem solved on 2-D mesh. Profile of the depth ( $h$ ) at the final time  $T = 0.5$ . The meshes are Cartesian (quadrangular), unstructured quadrilateral and unstructured triangular.

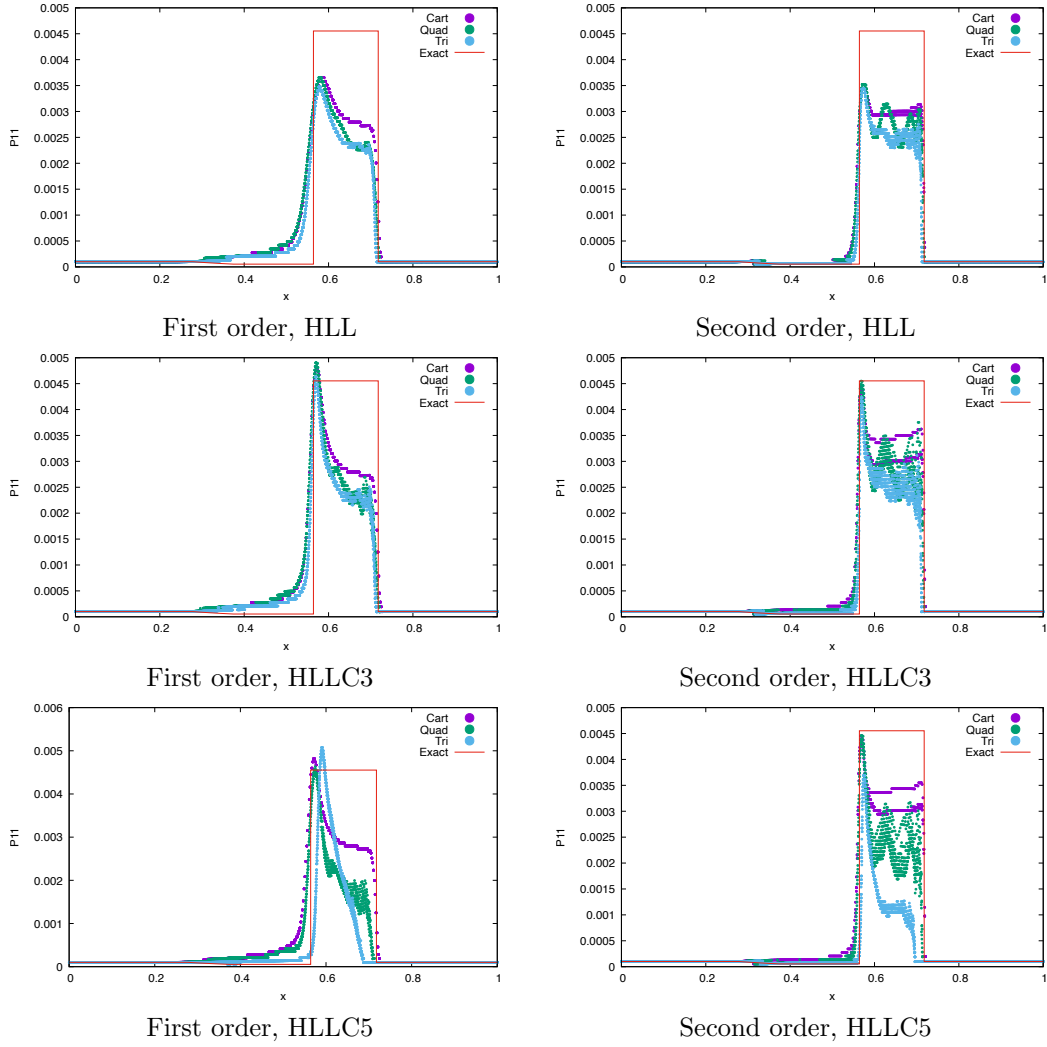


Figure 6: 1-D dam break problem solved on 2-D mesh. Profile of the stress tensor component ( $\mathcal{P}_{11}$ ) at the final time  $T = 0.5$ . The meshes are Cartesian (quadrangular), unstructured quadrilateral and unstructured triangular.

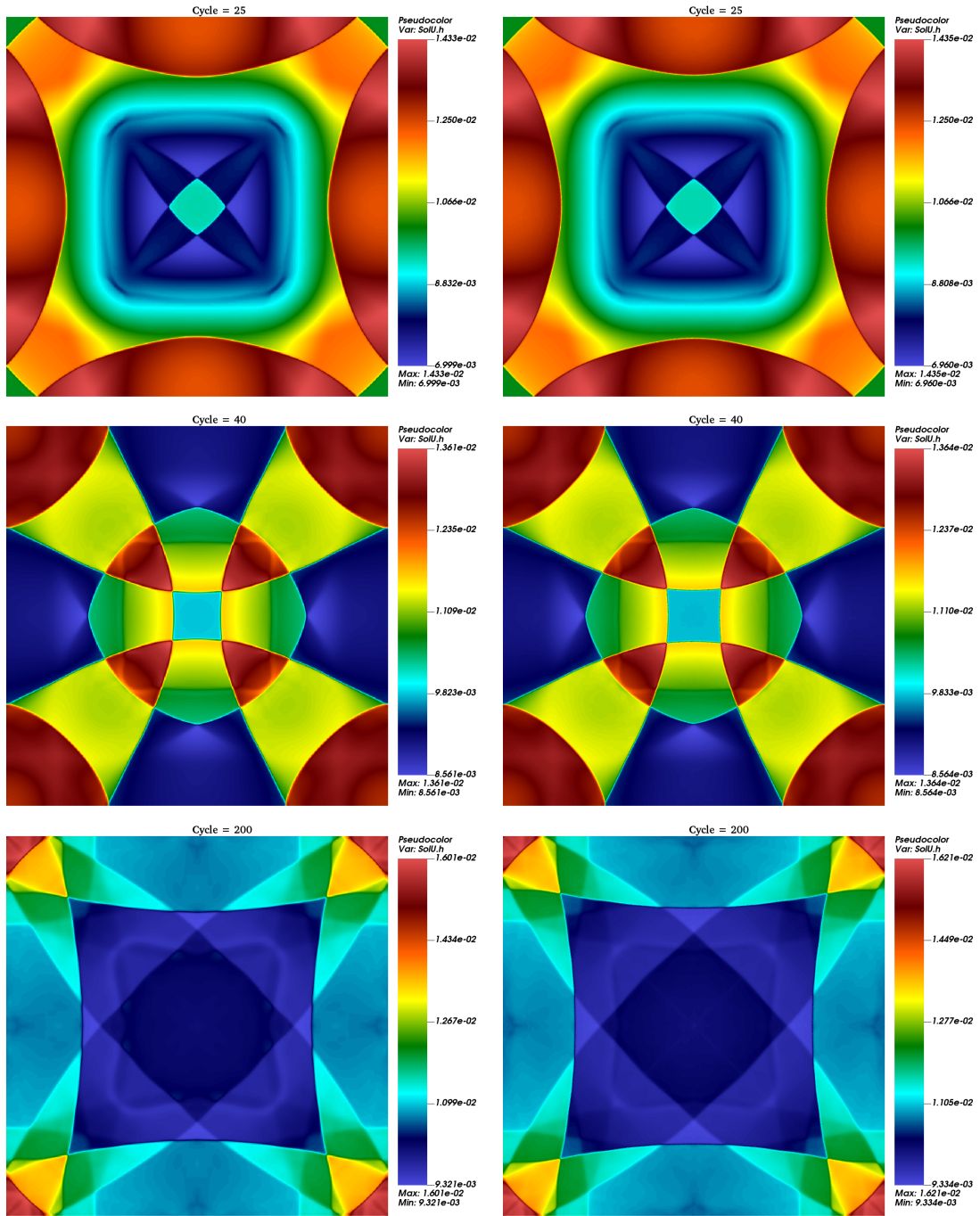


Figure 7: Square dam break: contours of  $h$ . Top row:  $t = 12.5$ , middle row:  $t = 20.0$ , bottom row:  $t = 100.0$ . Left column: Cartesian mesh, right column: triangular mesh.



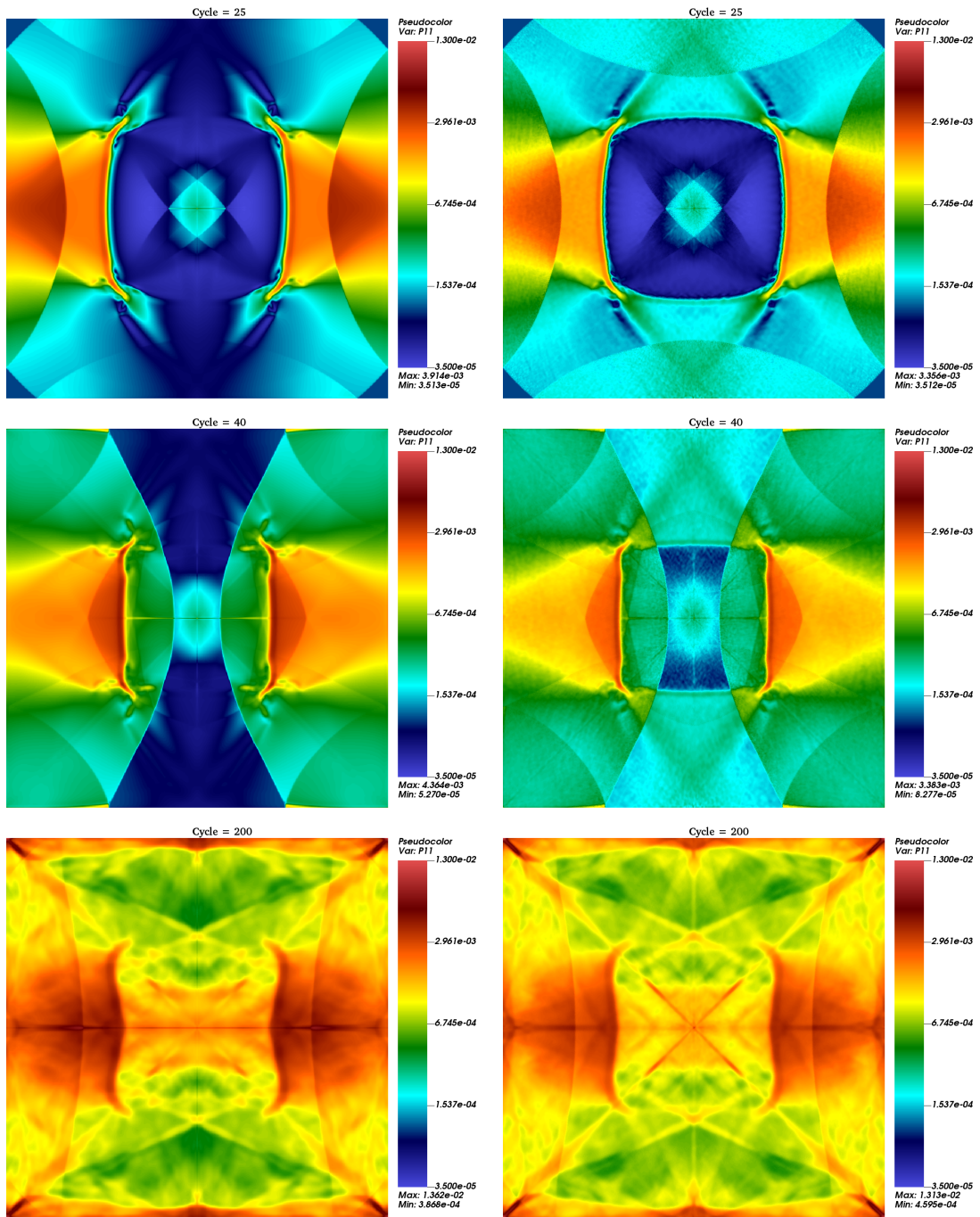


Figure 8: Square dam break: evolution of the contours plot of  $\mathcal{P}_{11}$  in log scale. Top row:  $t = 12.5$ , middle row:  $t = 20.0$ , bottom row:  $t = 100.0$ . Left column: Cartesian mesh, right column: triangular unstructured mesh.

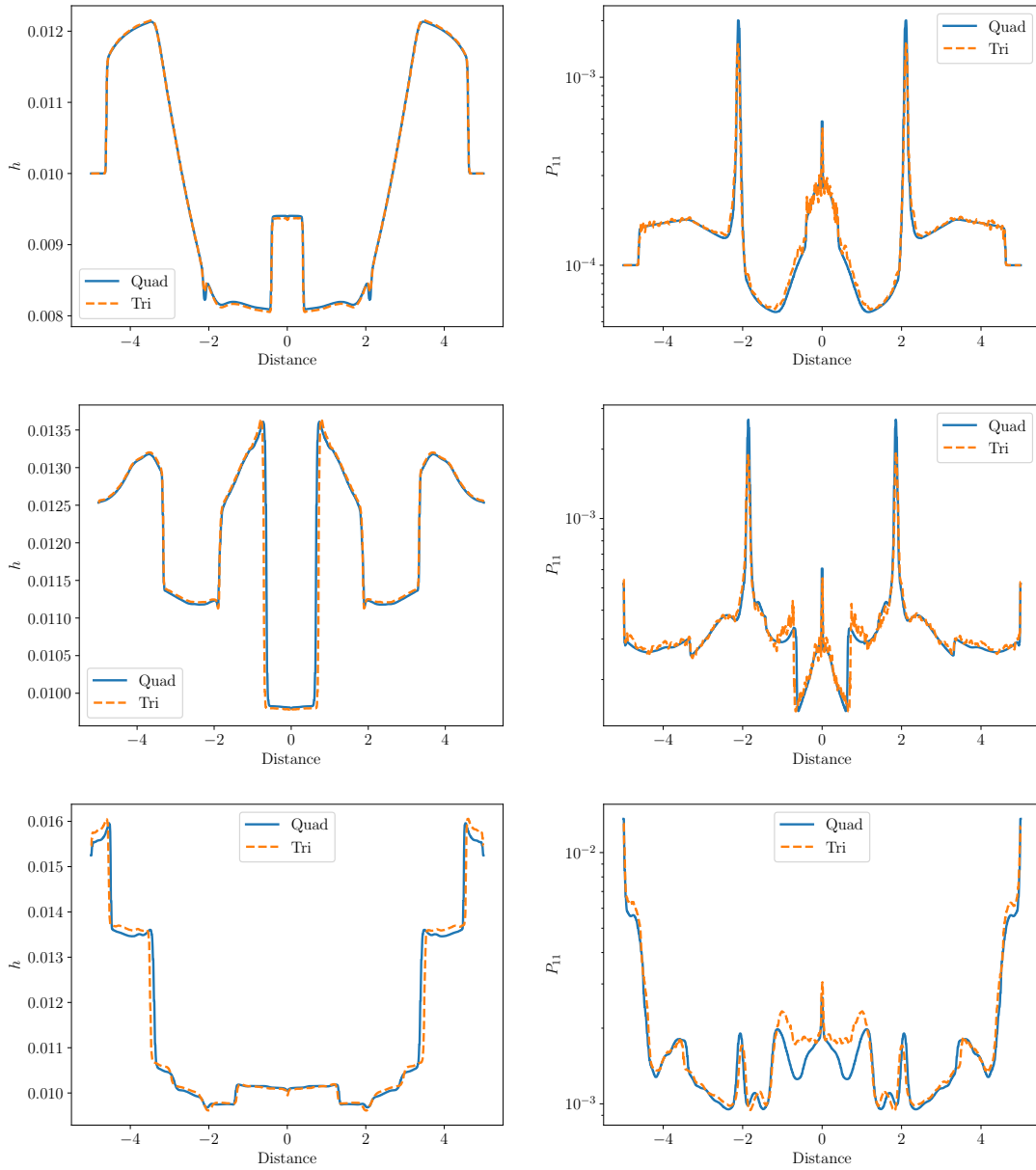


Figure 9: Comparison between Cartesian and unstructured triangular meshes : evolution of  $h$  (left column) and  $\mathcal{P}_{11}$  (right column) profiles along diagonal. Top row:  $t = 12.5$ , middle row:  $t = 20.0$ , bottom row:  $t = 100.0$ . Profiles of  $\mathcal{P}_{11}$  are in log-scale.

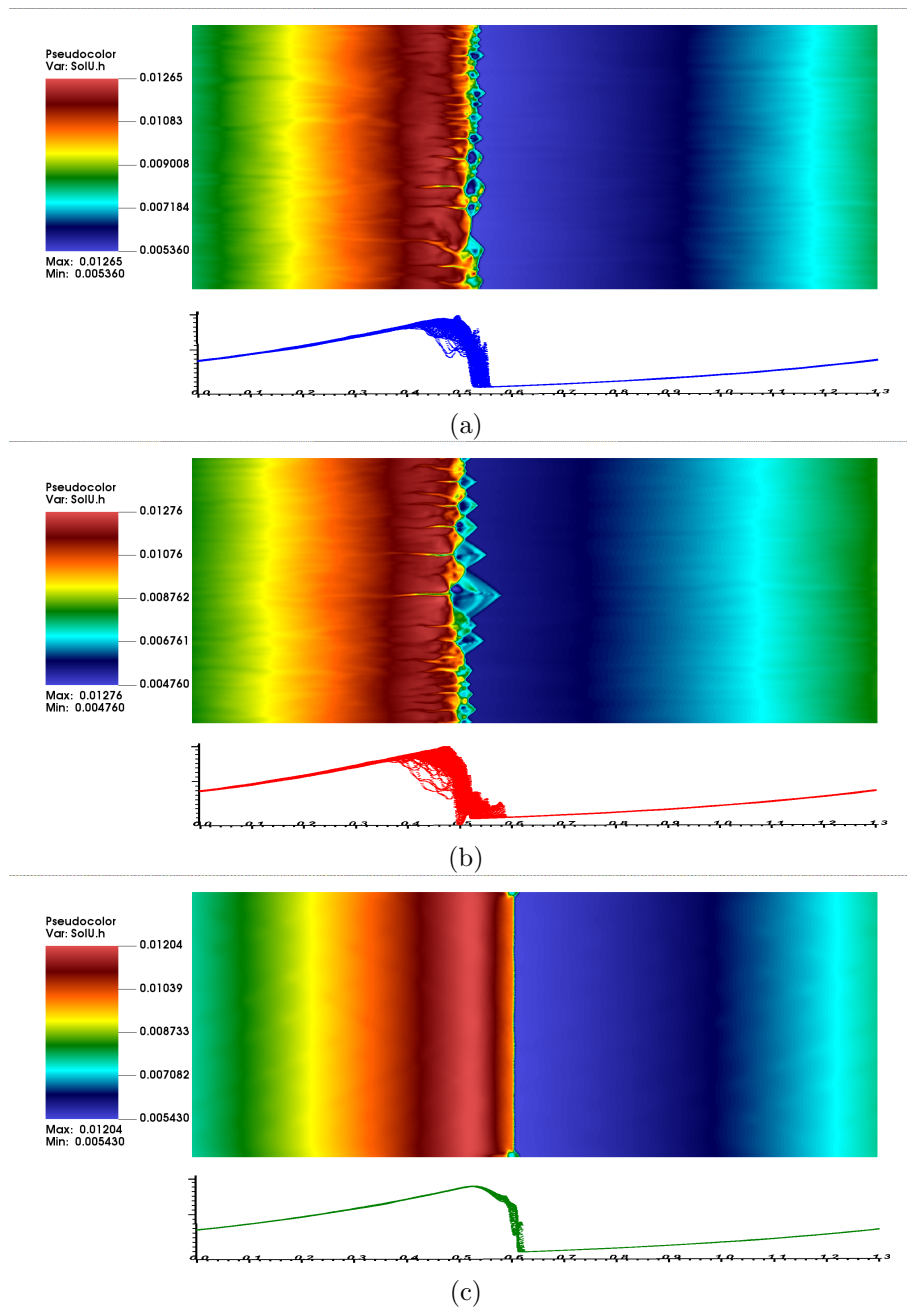


Figure 10: Roll waves problem on different meshes. (a) Cartesian, (b) Cartesian triangles, (c) unstructured triangles.

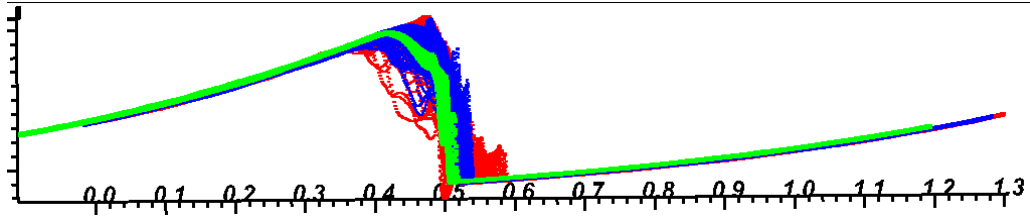


Figure 11: Roll waves problem (2D) with second order scheme: 1D profiles of the water depth for shifted Cartesian quadrangular (blue), Cartesian triangular (red), and shifted unstructured triangular (green) meshes.

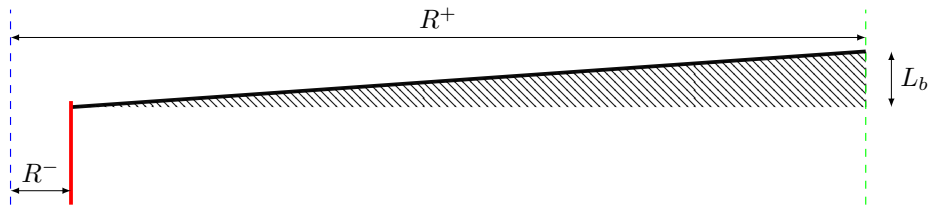


Figure 12: Radial bottom profile of the SWASI experiment set up.

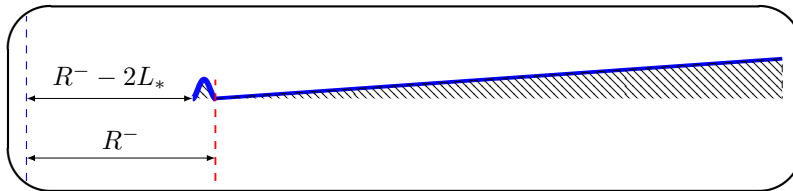


Figure 13: Zoom around the bottomless hole : augmented radial bottom profile (blue line) used for numerical simulations.

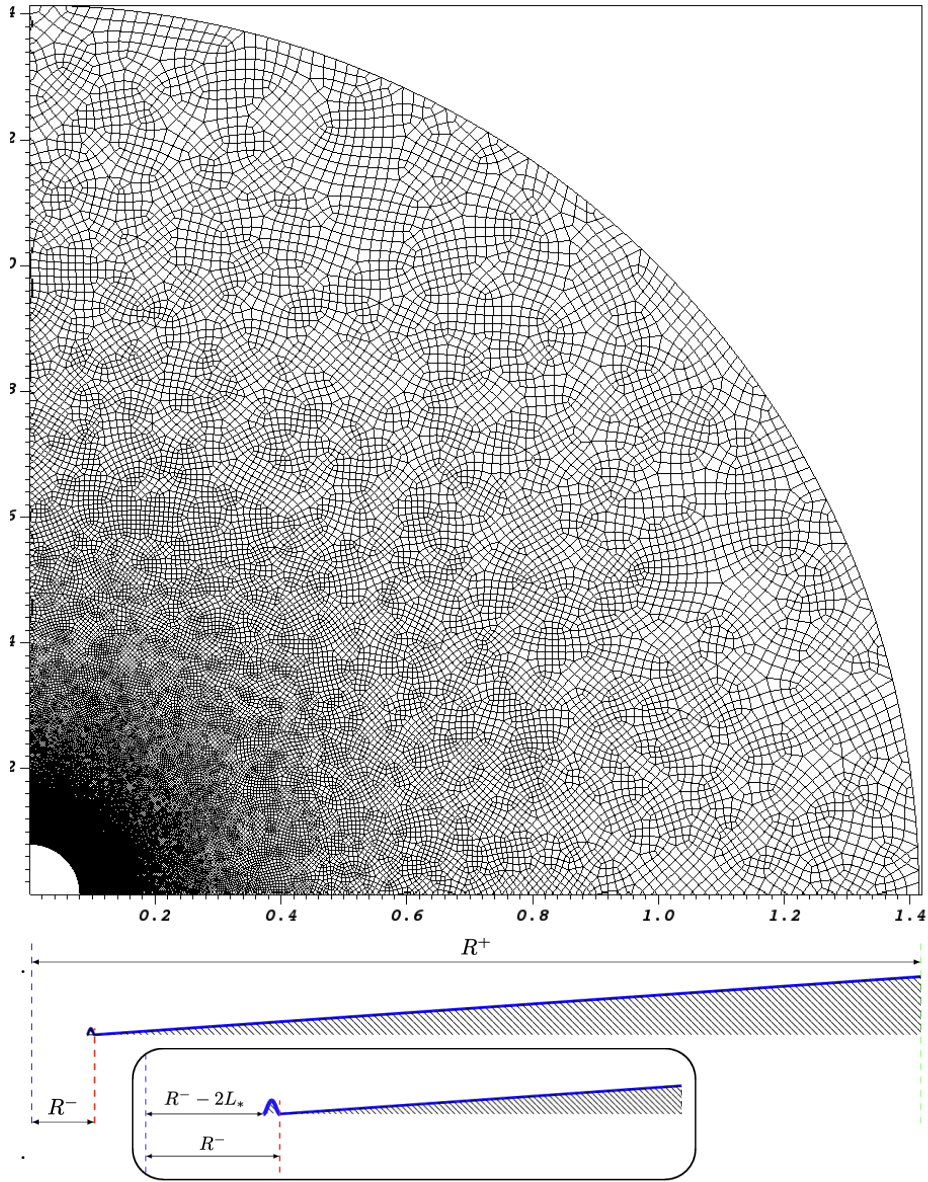


Figure 14: SWASI experiment test case : View of  $\simeq 1/4$  of the 2D unstructured quadrangular mesh :  $R^- = 0.12\text{ m}$  and  $R^+ = \sqrt{2}\text{ m}$  and bottom profile used with  $L_* = 2\text{ cm}$ ,  $\beta = 0.07\text{ rad}$  and  $A = 0.5\text{ cm}$ .

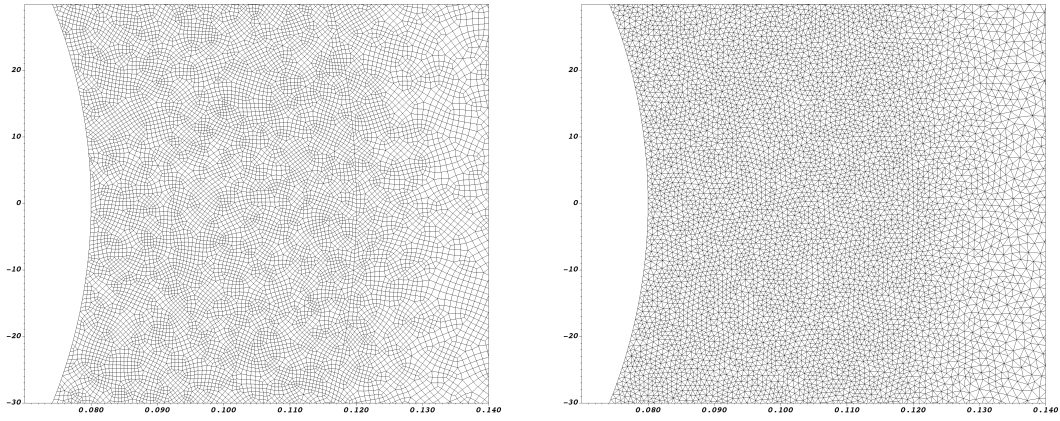


Figure 15: Zoomed view near inner boundary of unstructured meshes used to simulate the SWASI experiment :  $R^- = 0.12$  and  $L_* = 0.02$ . (a) mesh of quadrilateral cells, (b) mesh of triangular cells. The circle  $r = R^-$  is visible inside the meshes.



Figure 16: SWASI test on an unstructured quadrilateral mesh (261584 cells): Schlieren of the fluid depth ( $h$ ) starting at  $t = 144.5$  seconds and plot at time intervals of 0.5 seconds, top-left to bottom-right. The cusp rotates counter clockwise with a period of about 6 seconds.

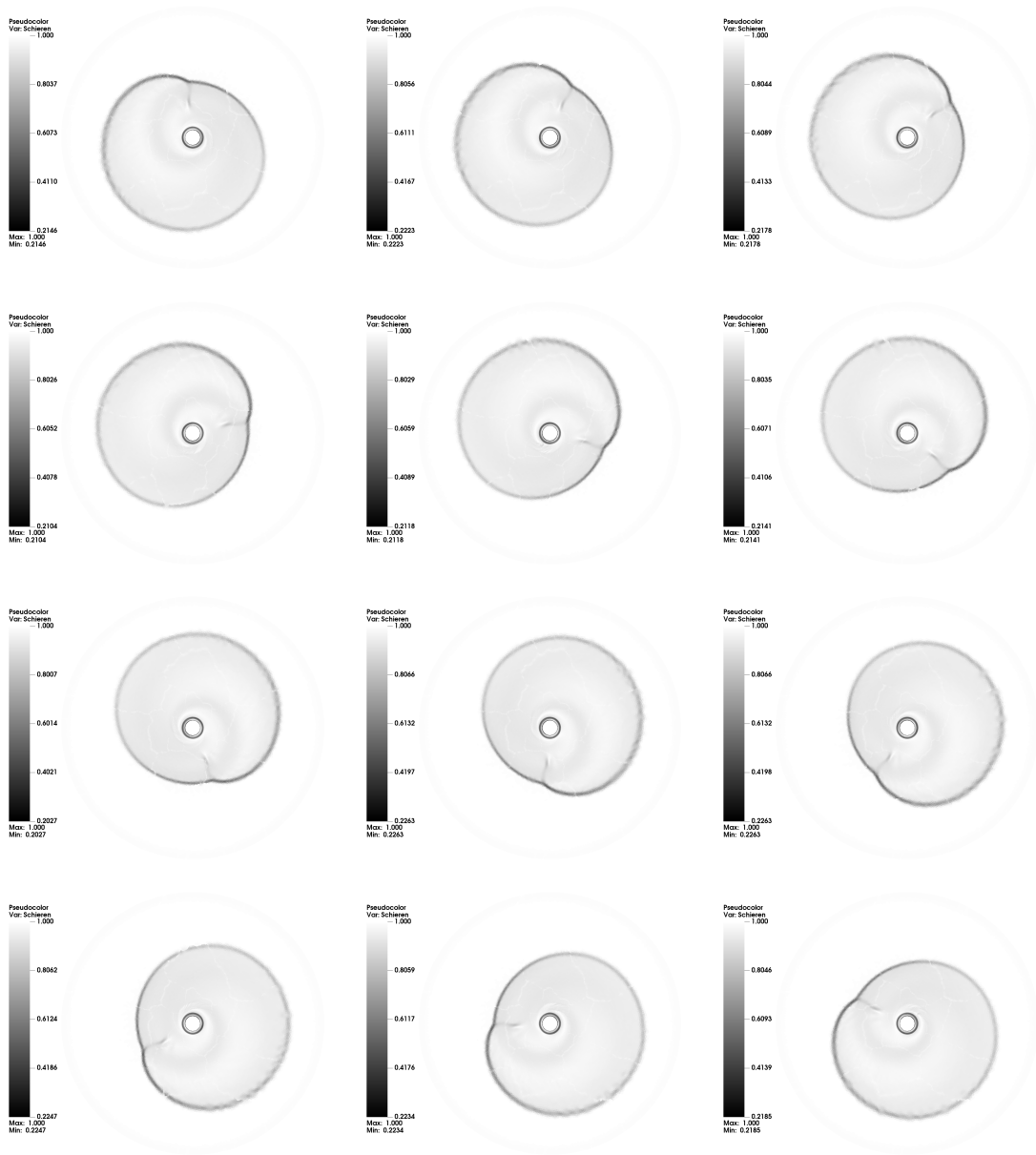


Figure 17: SWASI test on an unstructured triangular mesh (241680 cells): Schlieren of the fluid depth ( $h$ ) starting at  $t = 144.5$  seconds and plot at time intervals of 0.5 seconds, top-left to bottom-right. The cusp rotates clockwise with a period of about 6 seconds.