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# FLUID EXAMPLE IN OPENVDB

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# GOVERNING EQUATIONS





# NAVIER-STOKES EQUATION



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$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = \rho \mathbf{g} - \nabla p$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$



1. Body Forces, i.e. apply gravity

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{g}$$

2. Enforce incompressibility/ remove divergence

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = 0, \text{ such that } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0.$$

3. Advection, i.e. move velocity field (and density field)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = 0$$





# POISSON EQUATION



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$$\nabla^2 p(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = f_D(\mathbf{x}) \quad \partial\Omega_D$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_N(\mathbf{x}) \quad \partial\Omega_N$$

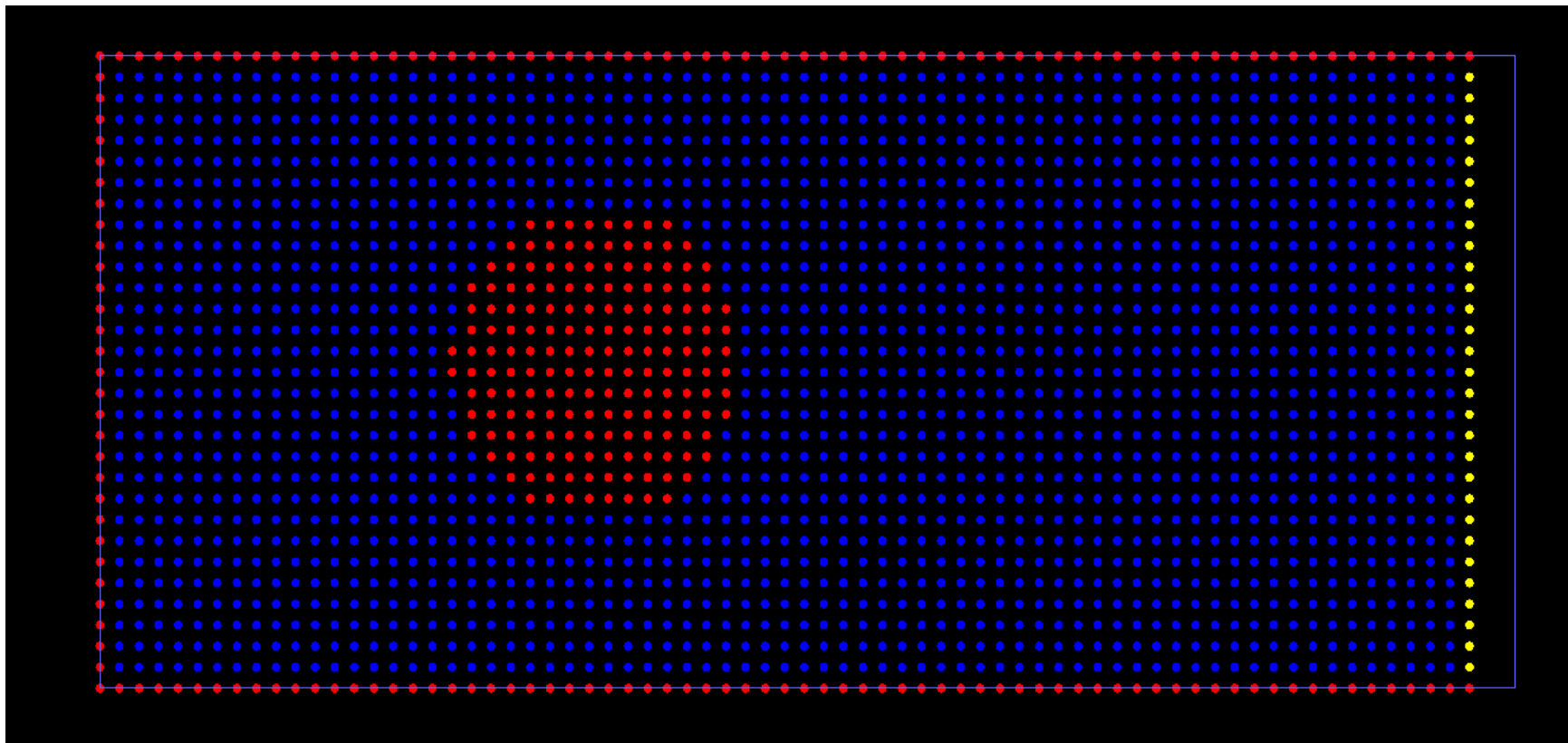




# TYPES OF DOFS IN A FLUID SIM



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- Red: Collider/Neumann pressure DOF
- BLUE: Fluids/Pressure DOF
- Yellow: Free surface, opening/Dirichlet DOF





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# FLIP SOLVER

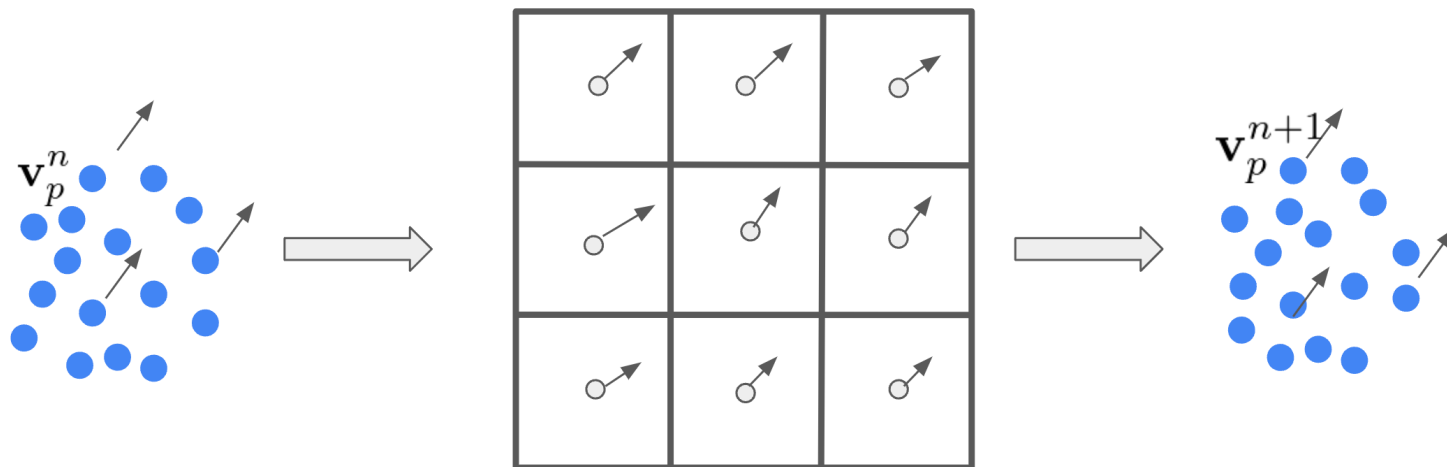
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# → WHAT IS A FLIP SIMULATION

1. Particles to Grid
2. Grid Velocity Update
  - a. Apply gravity
  - b. Remove divergence
3. Grid to Particles
4. Particles Advection







# INITIALIZATION



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- Particles states: stored as PointDataGrid

```
points::PointDataGrid::Ptr mPoints;
```

- Voxel grids:

```
FloatGrid::Ptr mCollider;  
  
BoolGrid::Ptr mInteriorPressure;  
Vec3SGrid::Ptr mVCurr;  
Vec3SGrid::Ptr mVNext;  
Vec3SGrid::Ptr mVDiff; // For FLIP (Fluid Implicit Particle)  
  
FloatGrid::Ptr mPressure;  
FloatGrid::Ptr mDivBefore;  
FloatGrid::Ptr mDivAfter;
```





# INITIALIZE SIMULATION STATES



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- Initialize particles by sampling it in a VDB, and append particle states

```
mPoints = points::denseUniformPointScatter(*fluidLSInit, mPointsPerVoxel);  
mPoints->setName("Points");  
points::appendAttribute<Vec3s>(mPoints->tree(),  
    "velocity" /* attribute name */,  
    Vec3s(0.f, 0.f, 0.f) /* uniform value */,  
    1 /* stride or total count */,  
    true /* constant stride */,  
    nullptr /* default value */,  
    false /* hidden */,  
    false /* transient */);
```

- Set up collider
- Create interior mask for interior pressure DOF

```
mInteriorPressure = BoolGrid::create(false);  
mInteriorPressure->tree().topologyUnion(mPoints->tree());  
mInteriorPressure->tree().topologyDifference(mCollider->tree());  
mInteriorPressure->tree().voxelizeActiveTiles();
```



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# FLIP::PARTICLES TO GRID

- Trilinear interpolation to (staggered) grid:  $\mathbf{v}_i = \sum_p \mathbf{v}_p N_i(\mathbf{x}_p)$
- Rasterize particle velocity to grid

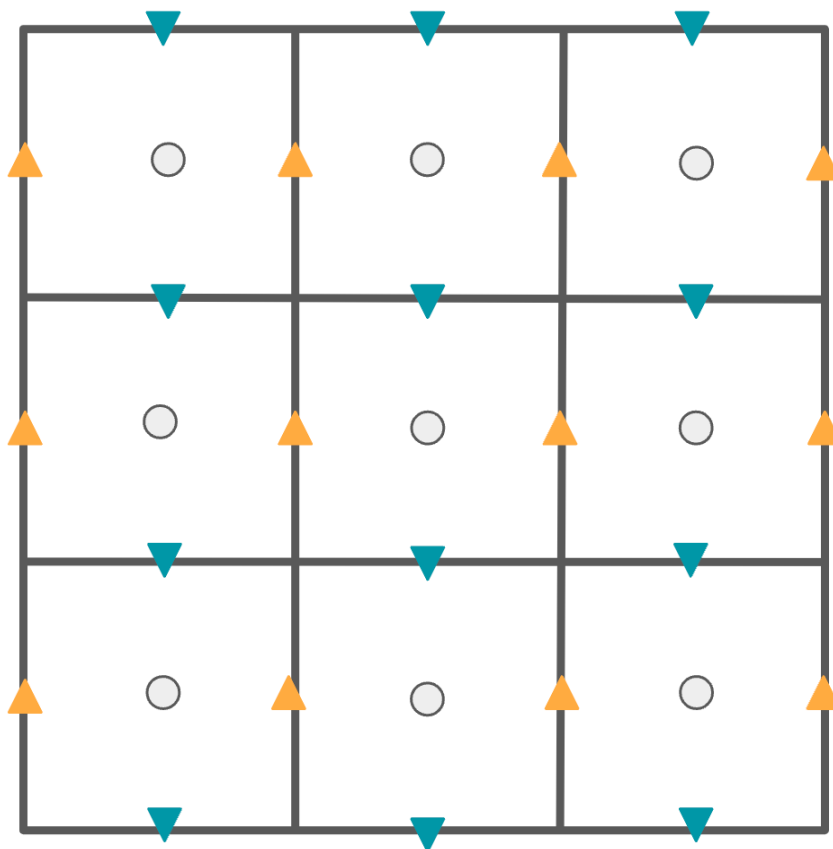
```
void  
FlipSolver::particlesToGrid(){  
    TreeBase::Ptr baseVTree = points::rasterizeTrilinear<true /* staggered */, Vec3s>(mPoints->tree(),  
"velocity");  
  
    Vec3STree::Ptr velTree = DynamicPtrCast<Vec3STree>(baseVTree);  
    mVCurr = Vec3SGrid::create(velTree);  
    mVCurr->setGridClass(GRID_STAGGERED);  
    mVCurr->setTransform(mXform);  
    mVCurr->setName("v_curr");  
  
    mVNext = mVCurr->deepCopy();  
    mVNext->setName("v_next");  
  
    // For FLIP update  
    mVDiff = mVCurr->deepCopy();  
    mVDiff->setName("v_flip");  
}
```



# STAGGERED/MAC GRID



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# FLIP::GRID VELOCITY UPDATE

## → FLIP::GRID VELOCITY UPDATE



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- Add body forces:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{g}$

- Implementation

```
struct ApplyGravityOp
{
    ApplyGravityOp(float const dt, Vec3s const gravity) : dt(dt), gravity(gravity) {}

    template <typename T>
    void operator()(T &leaf, size_t) const {
        for (typename T::ValueOnIter iter = leaf.beginValueOn(); iter; ++iter) {
            Vec3s newVal = *iter + dt * gravity;
            iter.setValue(newVal);
        }
    }
};

Vec3s const gravity;
float const dt;
}; // ApplyGravityOp
```







## FLIP::APPLY GRAVITY



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- Calls it with Leaf Manager foreach

```
void
FlipSolver::addGravity(float const dt) {
    tree::LeafManager<Vec3STree> lm(mVCurr->tree()); // LeafManager.h
    FlipSolver::ApplyGravityOp op(dt, mGravity);
    lm.foreach(op);
}
```

```
struct ApplyGravityOp
{
    . . .
    template <typename T>
    void operator()(T &leaf, size_t) const {
        for (typename T::ValueOnIter iter = leaf.beginValueOn(); iter; ++iter) {
            Vec3s newVal = *iter + dt * gravity;
            iter.setValue(newVal);
        }
    }
    . . .
}; // ApplyGravityOp
```



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# FLIP::PRESSURE PROJECTION



## REMOVE DIVERGENCE



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- Update  $\mathbf{v}^*$  according to

$$\mathbf{v}^{n+1} = \mathbf{v}^* - \nabla p$$

- $p$  is solved so that

$$0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^{n+1} = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v}^* - \nabla p) \iff \nabla^2 p = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^*$$

- Pseudo code

```
// Compute the divergence of the field after adding gravity  
// Set up the Poisson equation, pass the divergence of velocity as the right-hand side  
// Solve the Poisson equation to get pressure  
// Subtract the gradient of pressure from the velocity field
```

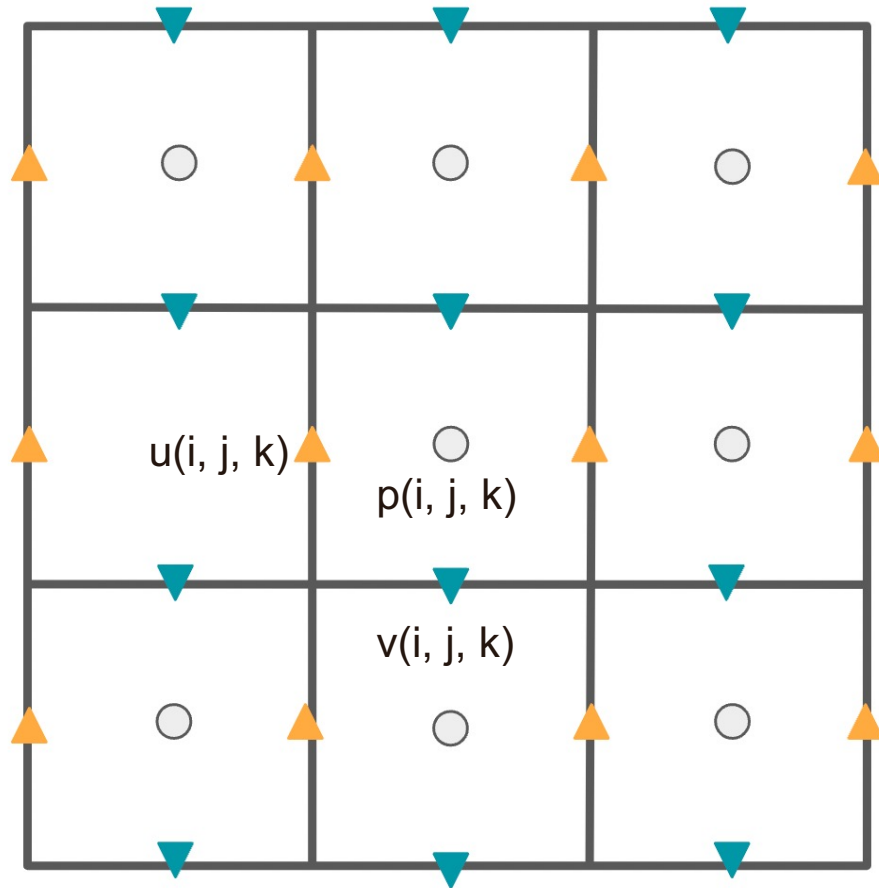




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- Pressure  $(i, j, k)$  identifies cell's center
- Each element  $(u, v, w)$  at index  $(i, j, k)$  is identified with  $(i-1/2, j, k)$  face,  $(i, j-1/2, k)$  face, and  $(i, j, k-1/2)$  face respectively.

- API call

```
vel->setGridClass(GRID_STAGGERED); // Types.h
```

- Other Grid Class

```
enum GridClass {  
    GRID_UNKNOWN = 0,  
    GRID_LEVEL_SET,  
    GRID_FOG_VOLUME,  
    GRID_STAGGERED  
}; // in Types.h
```



# COMPUTING DIVERGENCE



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- API call (note: want to intersect with interior pressure)

```
mDivBefore = tools::divergence(*mVCurr);  
mDivBefore->tree().topologyIntersection(mInteriorPressure->tree());  
mDivBefore->setName("div_before");
```

- Library function

```
class Divergence  
{  
    typename OutGridType::Ptr process(bool threaded = true) {  
        if (mInputGrid.getGridClass() == GRID_STAGGERED) {  
            Functor<math::FD_1ST> functor(mInputGrid, mMask, threaded, mInterrupt);  
            processTypedMap(mInputGrid.transform(), functor);  
            return functor.mOutputGrid;  
        } else {  
            Functor<math::CD_2ND> functor(mInputGrid, mMask, threaded, mInterrupt);  
            processTypedMap(mInputGrid.transform(), functor);  
            return functor.mOutputGrid;  
        }  
    }  
};
```





# POISSON SOLVE



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```
#include <openvdb/tools/PoissonSolver.h> // for poisson solve

{
    using TreeType = FloatTree;
    using ValueType = TreeType::ValueType;
    using MaskGridType = BoolGrid;
    using PCT = openvdb::math::pcg::JacobiPreconditioner<openvdb::tools::poisson::LaplacianMatrix>;
    const double epsilon = math::Delta<ValueType>::value();

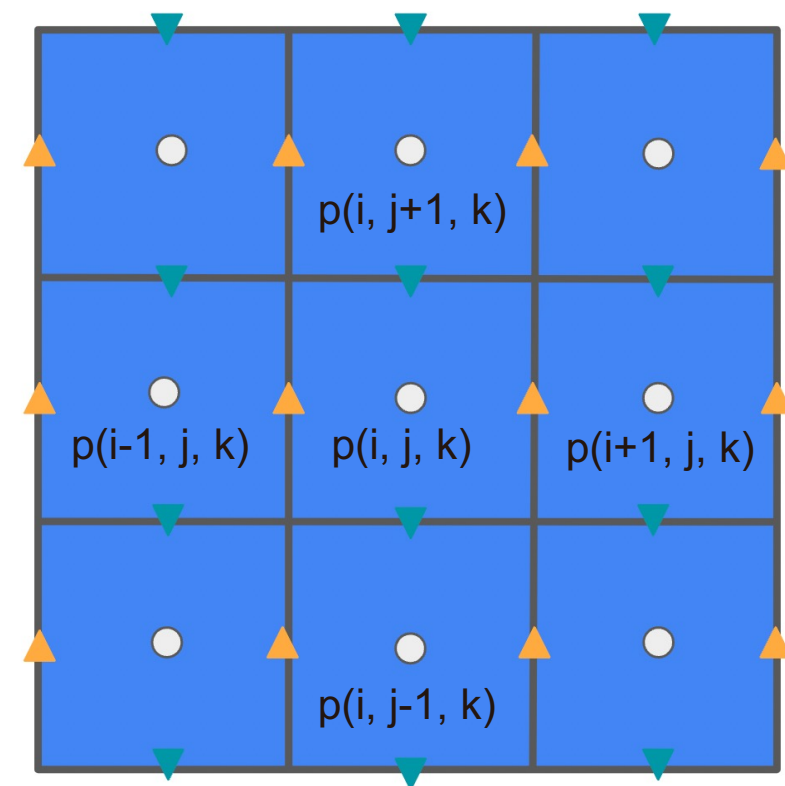
    math::pcg::State state = math::pcg::terminationDefaults<ValueType>();
    state.iterations = 100000;
    state.relativeError = state.absoluteError = epsilon;
    FlipSolver::BoundaryOp bop(mVoxelSize, mCollider, mVCurr);
    util::NullInterrupter interrupter;
    FloatTree::Ptr fluidPressure = tools::poisson::solveWithBoundaryConditionsAndPreconditioner<PCT>
        (mDivBefore->tree(), mInteriorPressure->tree(), bop, state, interrupter, /*staggered=*/true);
}
```



## → BOUNDARY OPERATOR DEEP DIVE

- Interior discrete equation

$$-6p_{i,j,k} + p_{i-1,j,k} + p_{i+1,j,k} + p_{i,j-1,k} + p_{i,j+1,k} + p_{i,j,k-1} + p_{i,j,k+1} = \text{rhs}_{i,j,k}$$



 BLUE: Fluids DOF





# → DIRICHLET (FREE SURFACE) BOUNDARY CONDITION

- What the solver computes out of the box

$$-5p_{i,j,k} + 0 + p_{i+1,j,k} + p_{i,j-1,k} +$$

$$p_{i,j+1,k} + p_{i,j,k-1} + p_{i,j,k+1} = \text{rhs}_{i,j,k}$$

- Given

$$p_{i-1,j,k} = d_{i-1,j,k}$$

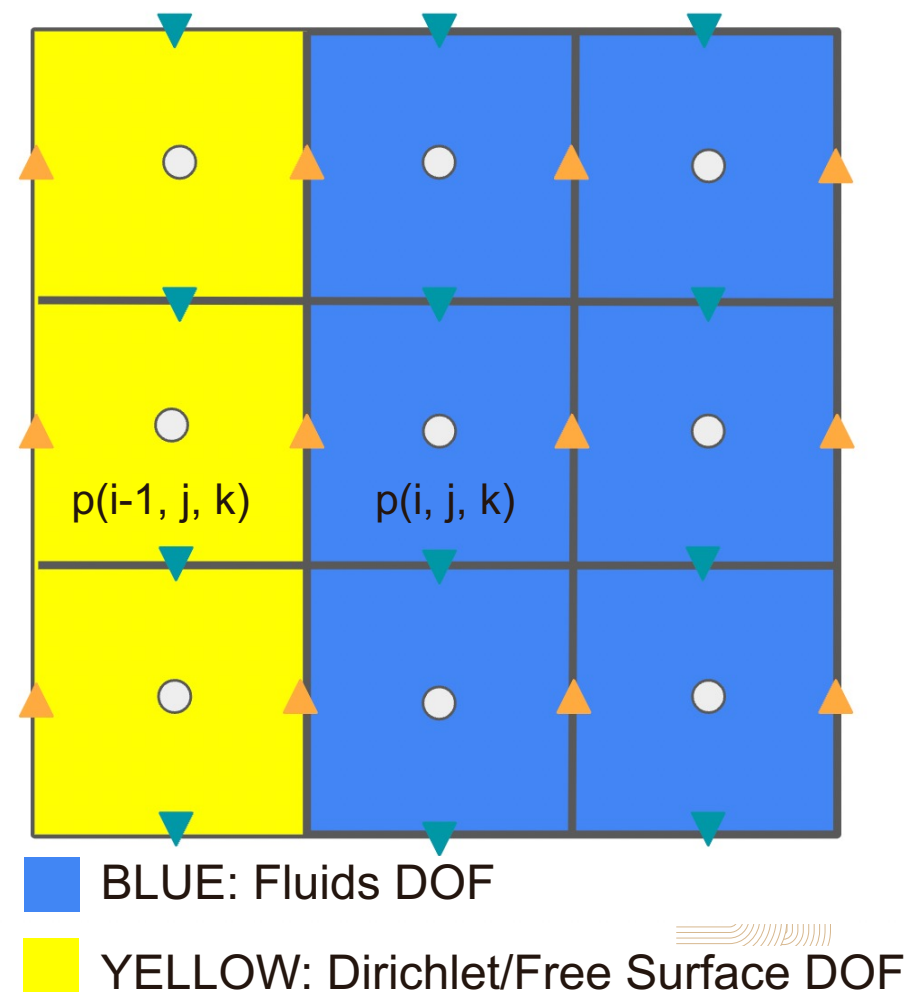
- “New” equation

$$-6p_{i,j,k} + 0 + p_{i+1,j,k} + p_{i,j-1,k} +$$

$$p_{i,j+1,k} + p_{i,j,k-1} + p_{i,j,k+1} = \text{rhs}_{i,j,k} - d_{i-1,j,k}$$

- Subtract 1 from diagonal

- Subtract Dirichlet condition from source



## → NEUMANN (SOLID) BOUNDARY CONDITION

- What the solver computes out of the box

$$-5p_{i,j,k} + 0 + p_{i+1,j,k} + p_{i,j-1,k} +$$

$$p_{i,j+1,k} + p_{i,j,k-1} + p_{i,j,k+1} = \text{rhs}_{i,j,k}$$

- Given

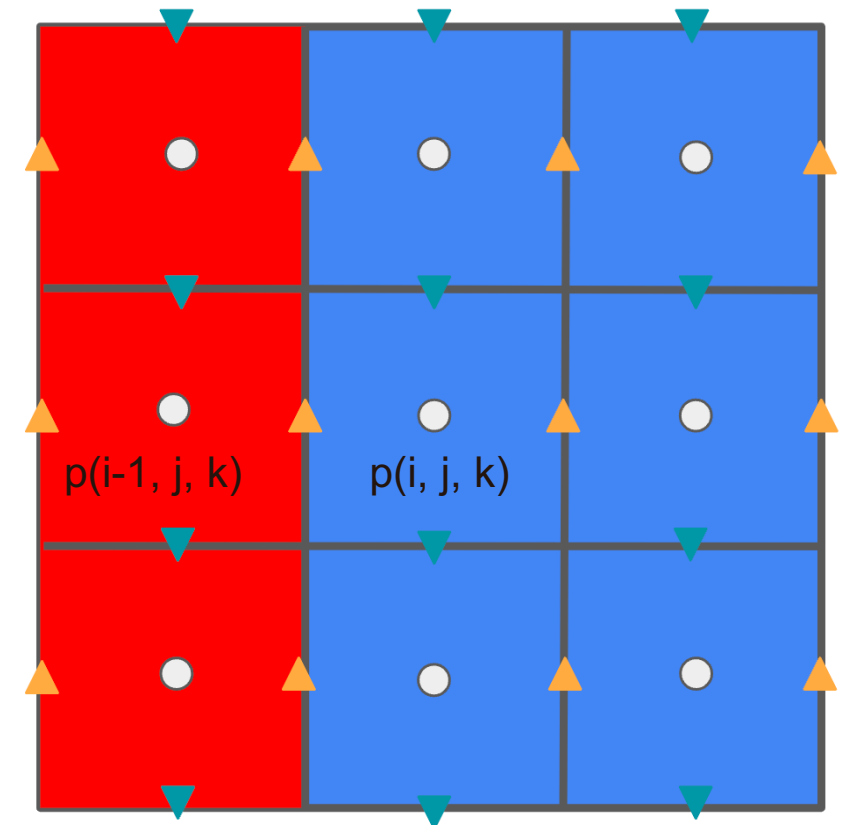
$$p_{i,j,k} - p_{i-1,j,k} = \Delta x \cdot n_{i-1,j,k}$$

- “New” equation

$$-5p_{i,j,k} + 0 + p_{i+1,j,k} + p_{i,j-1,k} +$$

$$p_{i,j+1,k} + p_{i,j,k-1} + p_{i,j,k+1} = \text{rhs}_{i,j,k} + \Delta x \cdot n_{i-1,j,k}$$

- Subtract/add voxel size  $\times$  Neumann condition from source



 BLUE: Fluids DOF

 RED: Neumann/Collider DOF



# → BOUNDARY OPERATOR FOR POISSON SOLVE

```
void operator()(const openvdb::Coord& ijk,
               const openvdb::Coord& neighbor,
               double& source,
               double& diagonal) const {
    float const dirichletBC = 0.f;
    auto vNnbr = Vec3s(0.f, 0.f, 0.f); // static collider
    bool isInsideCollider = collider->tree().isValueOn(neighbor);

    if (isInsideCollider) {
        double delta = 0.0;
        // Neumann pressure from bbox
        if (neighbor.x() + 1 == ijk.x() /* left x-face */) {
            delta += vNnbr[0]; }
        if (neighbor.x() - 1 == ijk.x() /* right x-face */) {
            delta -= vNnbr[0]; }
        . . .
        source += delta / voxelSize;
    } else /* Dirichlet */ {
        diagonal -= 1.0;
        source -= dirichletBC;
    }
}
```





# SUBTRACTING GRADIENT



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- Serial pseudocode (see repository for parallel implementation)

```
auto vCurrAcc = mVCurr->getAccessor();
auto vNextAcc = mVNext->getAccessor();
auto interiorAcc = mInteriorPressure->getAccessor();
for (auto iter = mVCurr->beginValueOn(); iter; ++iter) {
    math::Coord ijk = iter.getCoord();
    math::Coord im1jk = ijk.offsetBy(-1, 0, 0);
    math::Coord ijm1k = ijk.offsetBy(0, -1, 0);
    math::Coord ijk1m = ijk.offsetBy(0, 0, -1);
    // Assumes that mVCurr was set up using mVCurr value
    // Only updates velocity if it is a face of fluid cell
    if (interiorAcc.isValueOn(ijk) || interiorAcc.isValueOn(im1jk) ||
        interiorAcc.isValueOn(ijm1k) || interiorAcc.isValueOn(ijk1m)) {
        Vec3s gradijk;
        gradijk[0] = pressureAcc.getValue(ijk) - pressureAcc.getValue(ijk.offsetBy(-1, 0, 0));
        gradijk[1] = pressureAcc.getValue(ijk) - pressureAcc.getValue(ijk.offsetBy(0, -1, 0));
        gradijk[2] = pressureAcc.getValue(ijk) - pressureAcc.getValue(ijk.offsetBy(0, 0, -1));
        auto val = vCurrAcc.getValue(ijk) - gradijk * mVoxelSize;
        vNextAcc.setValue(ijk, val);
    }
}
```



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# FLIP::GRID TO PARTICLES

# → GRID TO PARTICLES, A.K.A. INTERPOLATION



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```
void  
FlipSolver::gridToParticles() {  
    // Interpolate PIC velocity  
    points::boxSample(*mPoints, *mVNext, "v_pic");  
  
    // Interpolate FLIP velocity  
    points::boxSample(*mPoints, *mVDiff, "v_flip");  
}
```





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# FLIP::UPDATE PARTICLES



## → PARTICLE VELOCITY UPDATE

- Update particle velocity (solving advection equation in a Lagrangian manner)

$$\mathbf{v}_p^{\text{PIC}} = \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} N_i(\mathbf{x}_p^n)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_p^{\text{FLIP}} = \sum_i (\mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} - \mathbf{v}_i^n) N_i(\mathbf{x}_p^n)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_p^{n+1} = \alpha(\mathbf{v}_p^n + \mathbf{v}_p^{\text{FLIP}}) + (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{v}_p^{\text{PIC}}$$

- Implement using Leaf Manager

```
tree::LeafManager<points::PointDataTree> leafManager(mPoints->tree());  
FlipSolver::FlipUpdateOp op(vIdx, vPicIdx, vFlipIdx, 0.9f /* alpha in PIC/FLIP update */);  
tbb::parallel_for(leafManager.leafRange(), op);
```





# PARTICLE VELOCITY UPDATE IMPLEMENTATION



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```
void operator()(const tree::LeafManager<points::PointDataTree>::LeafRange& range) const {
    for (auto leafIter = range.begin(); leafIter; ++leafIter) {
        points::AttributeArray& velArray = leafIter->attributeArray(velAtrIdx);
        points::AttributeArray const& vPicArray = leafIter->constAttributeArray(vPicAtrIdx);
        points::AttributeArray const& vFlipArray = leafIter->constAttributeArray(vFlipAtrIdx);
        points::AttributeWriteHandle<Vec3s> velHandle(velArray);
        points::AttributeHandle<Vec3s> vPicHandle(vPicArray);
        points::AttributeHandle<Vec3s> vFlipHandle(vFlipArray);
        // Iterate over active indices in the leaf.
        for (auto indexIter = leafIter->beginIndexOn(); indexIter; ++indexIter) {
            auto curVel = velHandle.get(*indexIter);
            auto vPic = vPicHandle.get(*indexIter);
            auto vFlip = vFlipHandle.get(*indexIter);
            auto newVel = alpha * (curVel + vFlip) + (1.f - alpha) * vPic;
            velHandle.set(*indexIter, newVel);
        }
    }
}
```





# UPDATE PARTICLE POSITION



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```
void  
FlipSolver::advectParticles(float const dt) {  
    Index const integrationOrder = 4; // RK4  
    int const steps = 1;  
    points::advectPoints(*mPoints, *mVNext, integrationOrder, dt, steps);  
}
```





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## LESSON LEARNED



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- Setting up Poisson solve in OpenVDB, working with MAC grid.
- Being careful with the topology of the domain is crucial.
- Sparse grid implementation requires extrapolation.
- Often good workflow: define the topology of your grid first, then fill in the values.
- Not covered: how to do extrapolation and optimization methods (e.g. using memory pool instead of allocating new grids at each step).



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