

# Symmetry Breaking Phenomenon in Free Floating and Melting Ice

Experiments and IBSE Method Simulation

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# Motivation

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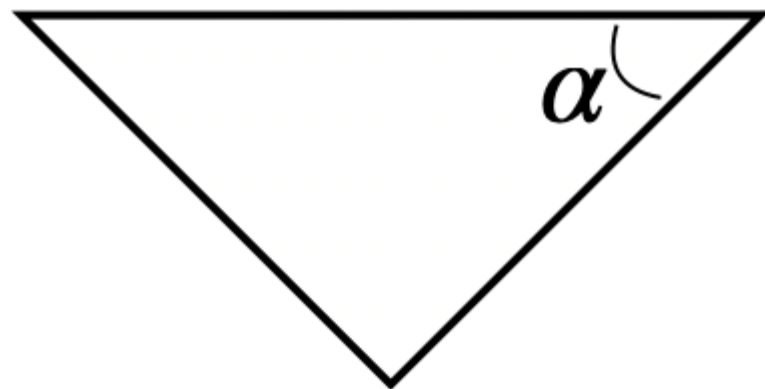
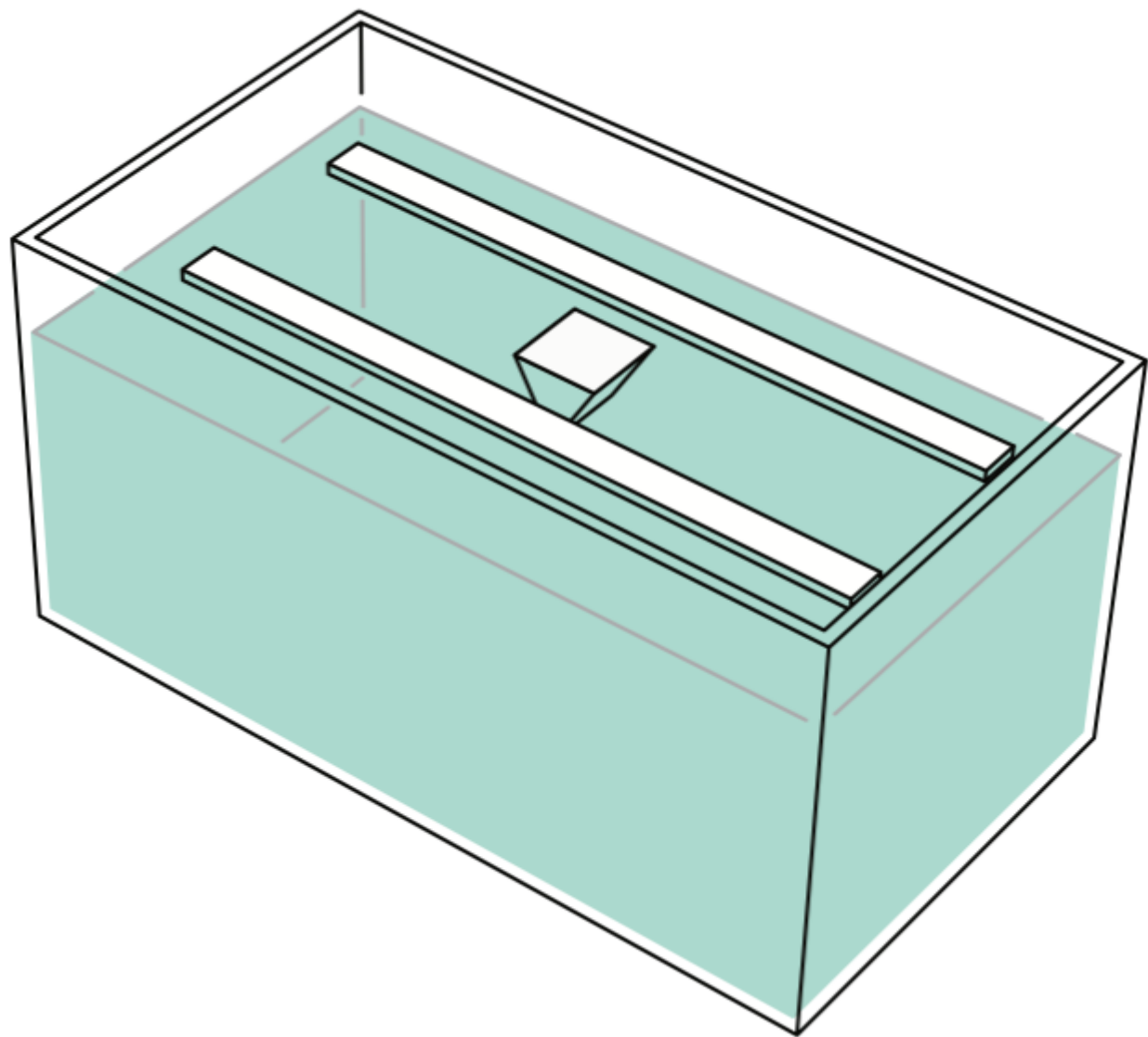
**The Insane Plan to Tow an Iceberg**

**To the Middle East**



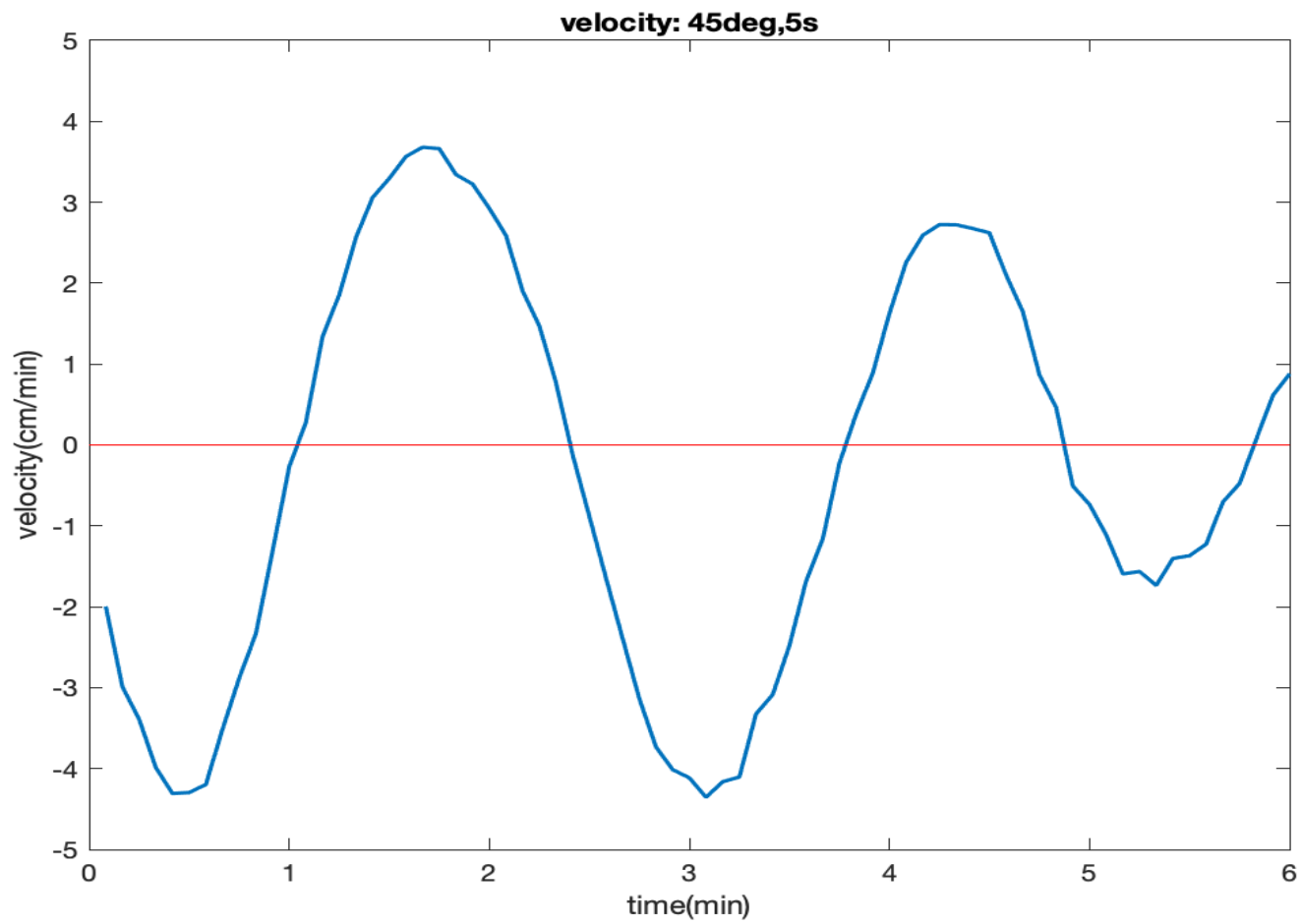
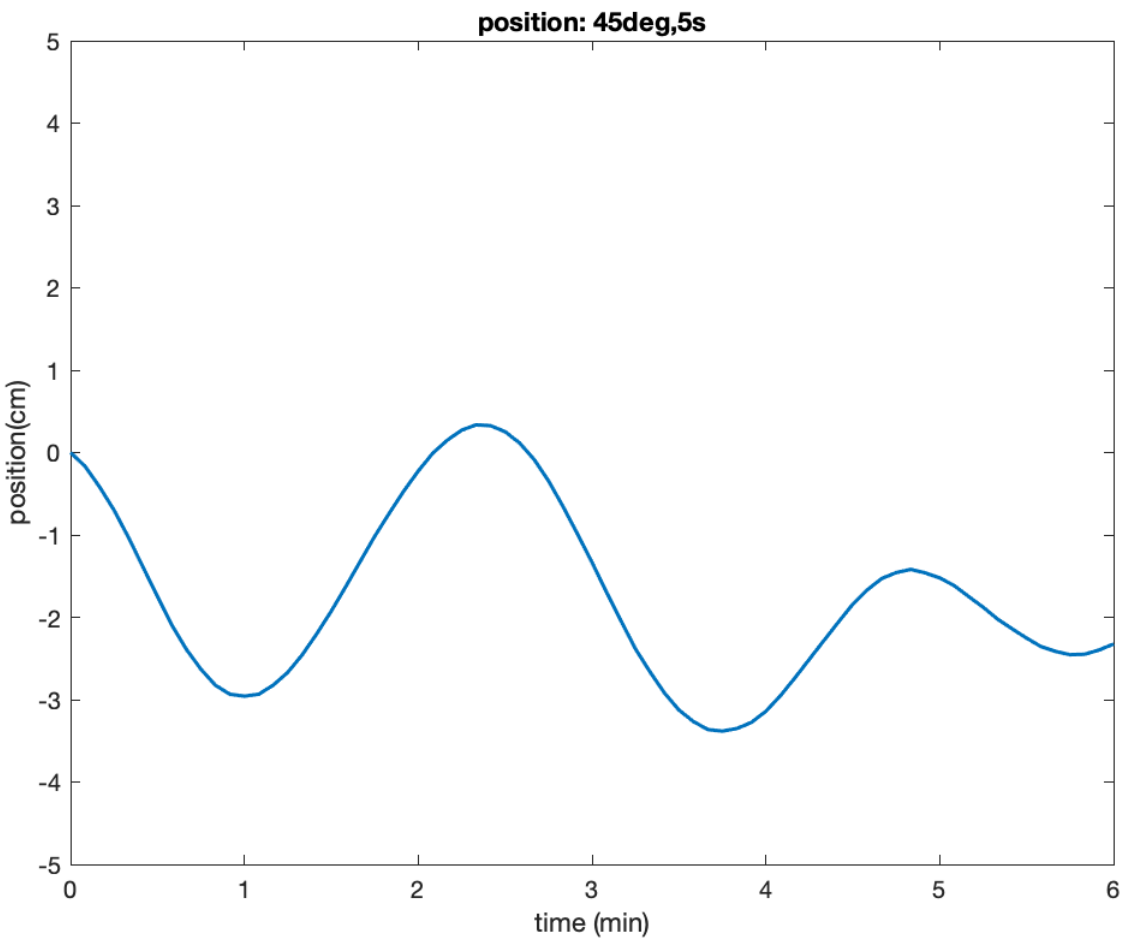
# Mathematician's Iceberg:

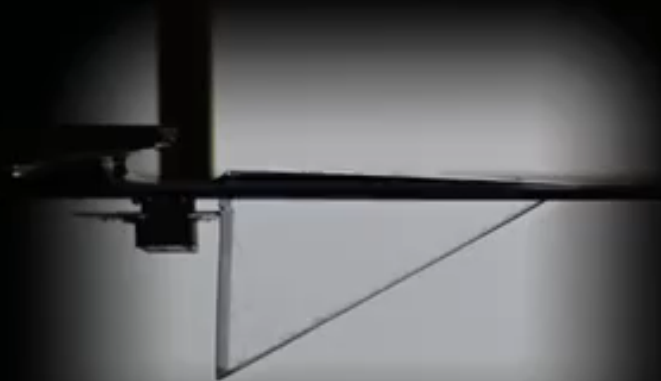
- Clear ice
- Fine cut prism shape
- 1d motion: 2 symmetric inclined surfaces















Melting

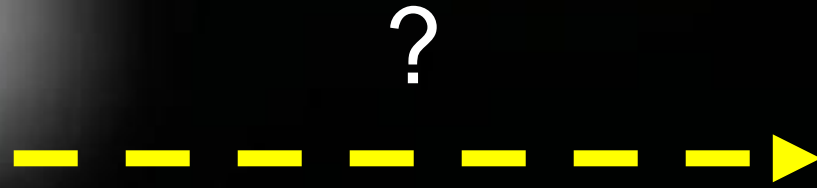
Conservation of momentum



Movement



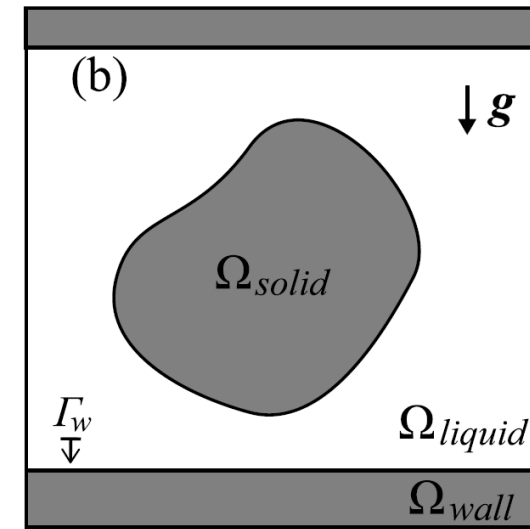
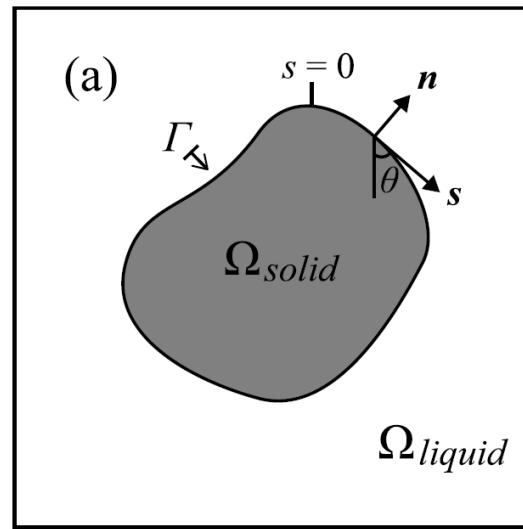
Melting



Oscillation

Negative feedback mechanism?

# Numerical Simulation: PDE system



$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \frac{1}{\text{Pr} \sqrt{\text{Gr}}} \Delta T \text{ in } \Omega_{\text{liquid}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Gr}}} \Delta \mathbf{u} - \nabla p + T \hat{\mathbf{y}} \text{ in } \Omega_{\text{liquid}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_{\text{liquid}}$$

$$V_n = -\frac{\text{St}}{\text{Pr} \sqrt{\text{Gr}}} \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} \text{ on } \Gamma$$

St: Stefan number  
Pr: Prandtl number  
Gr: Grashof number.

Take convection-diffusion eq as example:  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \frac{1}{Pe} \Delta T$

Time discretization:  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \approx \frac{T^{t+\Delta t} - c^t}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow$

$$\left( \mathbb{I} - \frac{\Delta t}{Pe} \Delta \right) T^{t+\Delta t} = T^t - \Delta t (\mathbf{u}^t \cdot \nabla T^t)$$

General form(Helmholtz eq):

$$(\mathbb{I} - \sigma_T \Delta) T^{t+\Delta t} = f_T (T^t, \mathbf{u}^t)$$

If we write Helmholtz operator as  $\mathcal{L}_T = (\mathbb{I} - \sigma_T \Delta)$ , then this becomes

$$\mathcal{L}_T T = f_T$$

History: Peskin, 1972  $\rightarrow$  Stein et al, 2016,  $\rightarrow$  Mac et al, 2021.

Idea: Find an  $\eta$  smoothly extending the unknown  $T$  from  $\Omega_{liquid}$  to  $C = \Omega_{liquid} \cup \Omega_{solid}$ , such that  $\eta \in C^k(C)$  and first  $k$  derivatives of  $T$  and  $\eta$  match on the boundary  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega_{liquid}$ . To impose boundary conditions on  $\Gamma$ , we need to

- ▶ Interpolate the fluid velocity (as well as mass) to the structure (Lagrangian)
- ▶ spread structural forces to the fluid grids (Eulerian)

Interpolation operators  $S_{(j)}^*$  :

$$\left( S_{(j)}^* \xi \right) (\alpha) = (-1)^j \int_C \xi(\chi) \frac{\partial^j \delta(\chi - X(\alpha))}{\partial n^j} d\chi$$

Spread operators  $S_{(j)}$ :

$$\left( S_{(j)} F \right) (\chi) = (-1)^j \int_{\Gamma} F_j(\alpha) \frac{\partial^j \delta(\chi - X(\alpha))}{\partial n^j} dX(\alpha)$$

We compute a smooth enough  $\eta$  by solving a high-order PDE of the form  $\mathcal{H}^k \eta = 0$  in  $C$ , where  $\mathcal{H}^k$  is e.g. polyharmonic operator  $\Delta^{k+1}$ . This  $\eta$  defines an extension to the original RHS  $f_T$  to be  $\chi_{\Omega_{solid}} \mathcal{L}_T \eta + \chi_{\Omega_{liquid}} f_T$ , defined all over  $C$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_T T &= \chi_{\Omega_{solid}} \mathcal{L}_T \eta + \chi_{\Omega_{liquid}} f_T && \text{in } C, \\
 \mathcal{H}^k \eta + T_k F_T &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega_{solid}, \\
 R_k^* (\eta - T) &= 0 && \text{at } \Gamma, \\
 S_{(0)}^* T &= g && \text{at } \Gamma,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_k^* = \left( S_{(1)}^* \cdots S_{(k)}^* \right)^\top$  provides an interpolation of the first  $k$  normal derivatives to the boundary, excluding the function value itself.

Above eq can be written in block form as

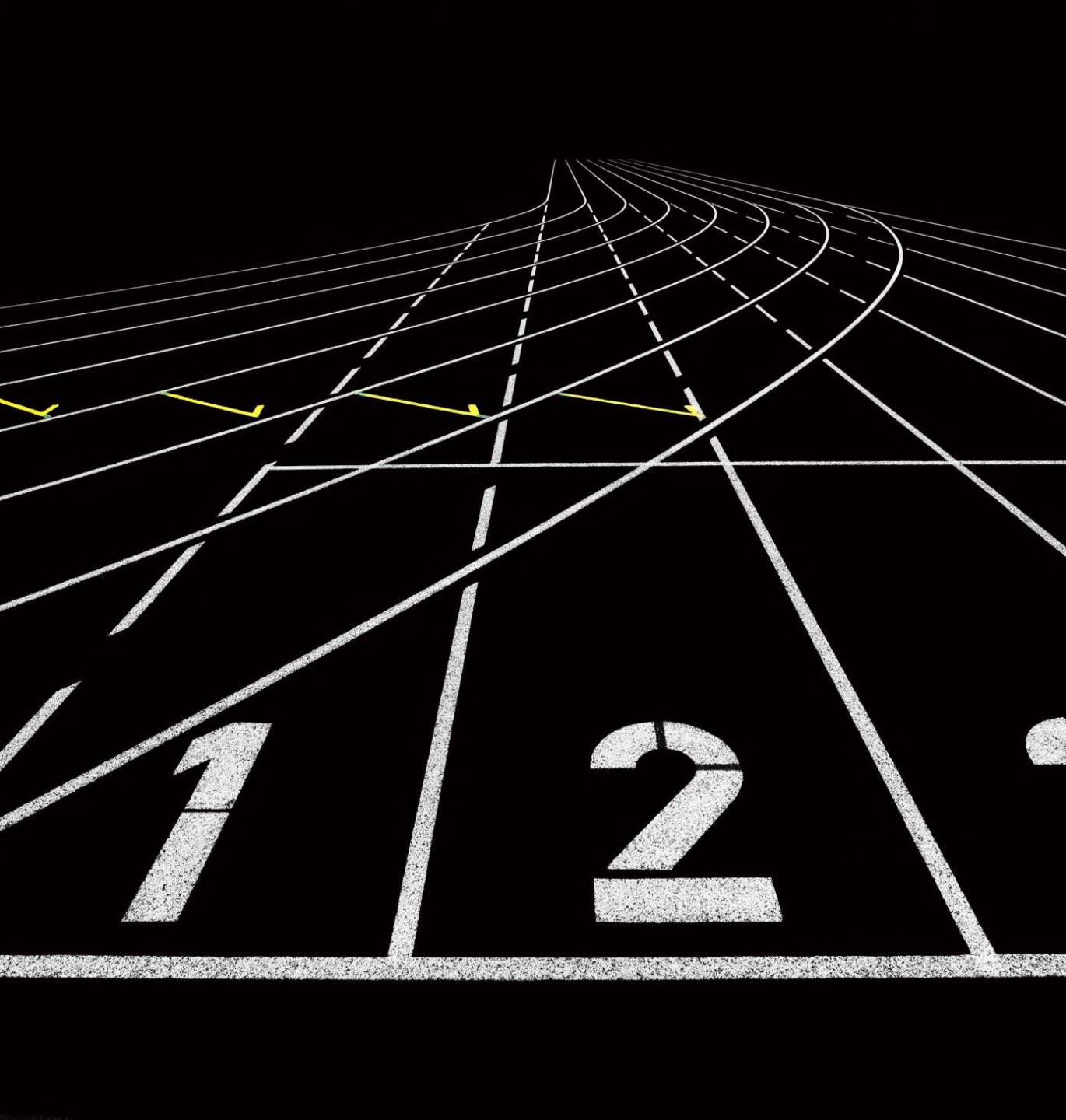
$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \mathcal{L}_T & -\chi_{\Omega_{solid}} \mathcal{L}_T & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{H}^k & T_k \\ \hline R_k^* & -R_k^* & \mathbf{0} \\ S_{(0)}^* & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} T \\ \eta \\ F_T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\Omega_{liquid}} f_c \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ g \end{pmatrix}.$$

To reduce computation, we compute the Schur complement (SC)



current time: 0.9980,  $f_x = 0.0002$ ,  $L/L_0 = 99.92\%$





# Next Steps

- Stably reproduce experiment
- Track & analyze simulation data



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