



# Control of Interface Evolution in Multi-Phase Fluid Flows

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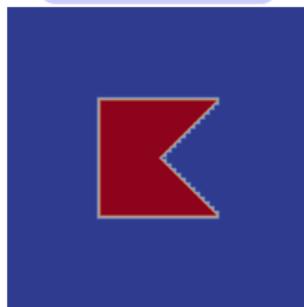
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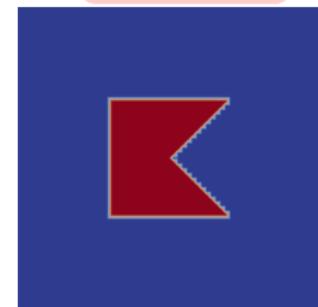


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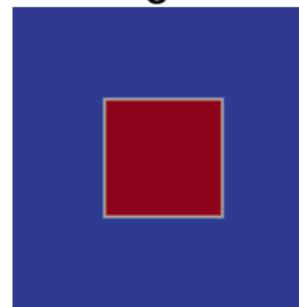




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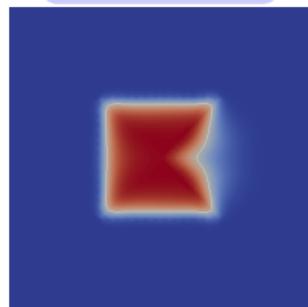
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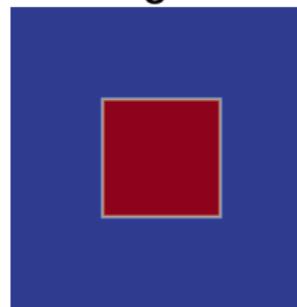
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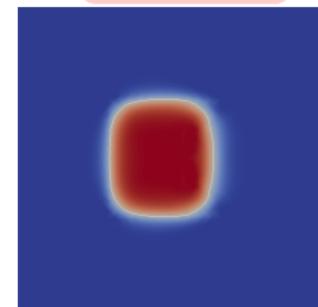
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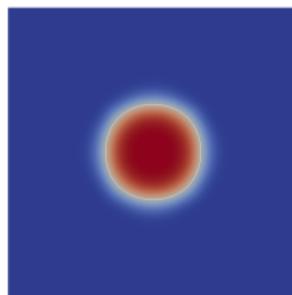


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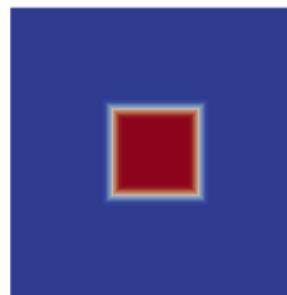


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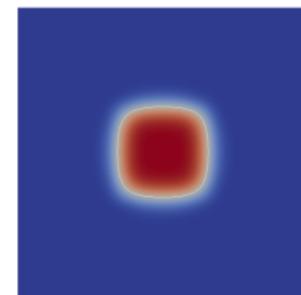


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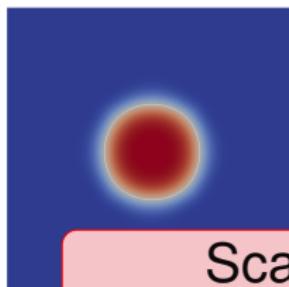
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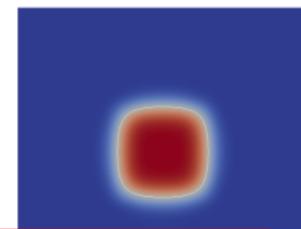
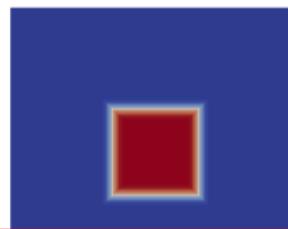
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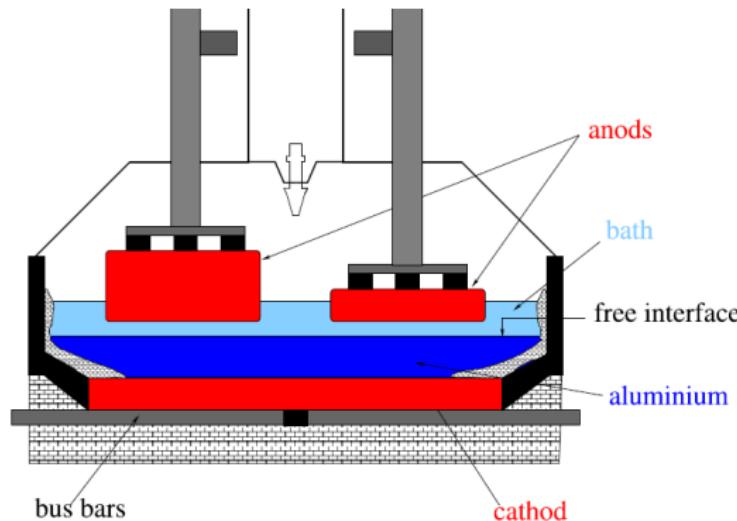
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Scaling of two parts is important!



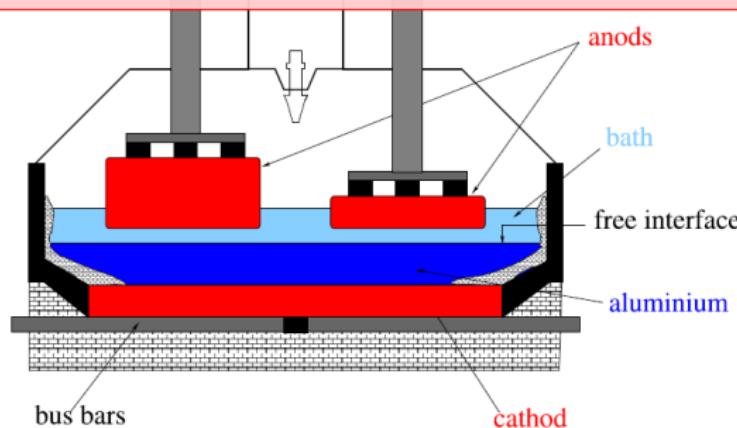
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Anodes shall not touch the interface!  
⇒ Interface control





## Goals

- ▶ Existence of optimum
- ▶ Optimality conditions
- ▶ Numerical scheme with low order Finite Elements
- ▶ Convergence of the numerical scheme

## Known result

- ▶ Optimization (analysis, no numerics) of  $L^2$ -functional (no geometric term) subject to Stokes equation, cf. [Kunisch and Lu, 2011].
- ▶ Convergent numerical scheme for equation (low regularity), cf. [Baňas and Prohl, 2010].



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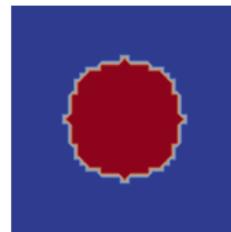
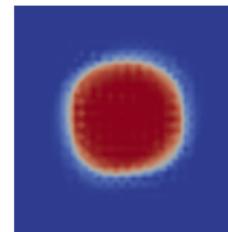
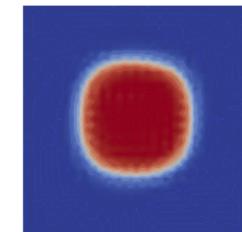
**Necessary** condition for convergence of the whole system is

$$\delta \approx \varepsilon.$$



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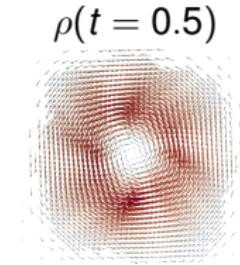
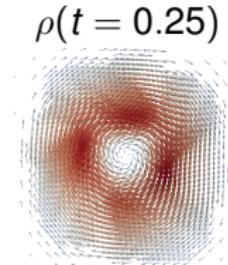
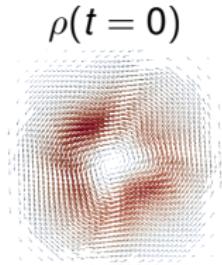
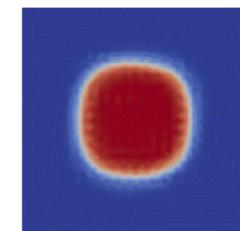
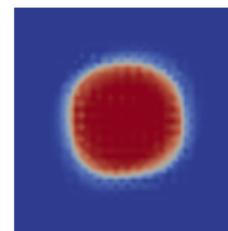
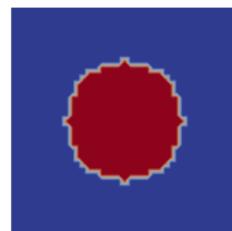
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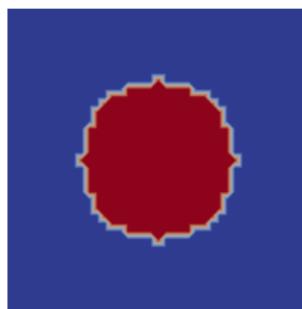
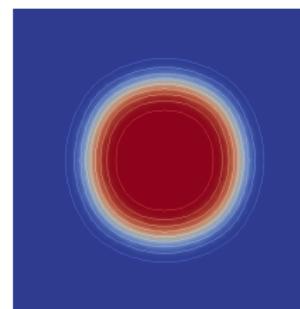
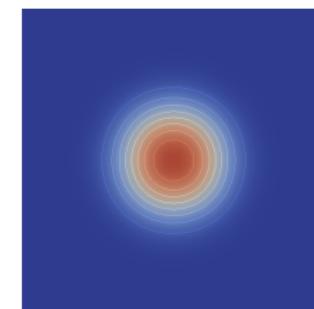
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 $\rho(t = 0)$  $\rho(t = 0.5)$   
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big  $\varepsilon$



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## Numerical framework

- ▶ Density space  $R_h$ : standard piecewise linear FE space.
- ▶ Velocity/pressure space  $\mathbf{V}_h/M_h$ : standard inf-sup-stable FE spaces (e.g., Taylor–Hood).
- ▶ Control  $\mathbf{u}$  is automatically discretized by means of the other variables.



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Second line becomes skew symmetric as (cf. [Liu and Walkington, 2007])

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**Assume:** Triangulation is strongly acute (iff angles of interior edges are bdd away from  $90^\circ$ )

$\Rightarrow$  **M-matrix property for mass equation  $\Rightarrow$  lower bound for  $R^n$**



## Lemma (Bounds for primal variables)

There exists a solution  $\{(R^n, Y^n, P^n)\}$  and a constant  $C = C(\varepsilon, \delta, T)$  with

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The time interpolants  $(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{P})$  hold

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## Lemma (Bounds for primal and dual variables)

There exists a solution  $\{(R^n, Y^n, P^n)\}$  and a constant  $C = C(\varepsilon, \delta, T)$  with

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$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left[ \|\nabla \mathcal{Y}(t)\|^2 + \|\Delta_h \mathcal{R}(t)\|^2 \right] + \int_0^T \|\Delta_h \mathcal{Y}(t)\|^2 + \|d_t \mathcal{Y}(t)\|^2 + \|d_t \nabla \mathcal{R}(t)\|^2 dt \leq C.$$

Moreover, there exist Lagrange multipliers  $(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{E})$  such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left[ \|\nabla \mathcal{E}\|^2 + \|\mathcal{Z}\|^2 \right] + \int_0^T \|\nabla \mathcal{Z}\|^2 + \|d_t \mathcal{Z}\|^2 dt \leq C.$$



# Main result

## Theorem (Convergence)

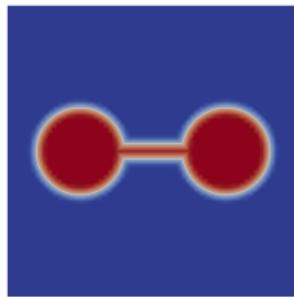
There exist  $\mathbf{y}, p, \rho; \mathbf{z}, q, \eta; \mathbf{u} : \Omega_T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(2)}$ , such that the solutions of the fully discrete optimality system converge to them in some norms (up to subsequences). The limit functions solve the original fully continuous optimality system.

## Proof.

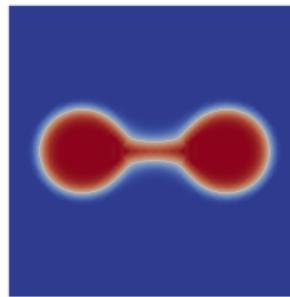
Use bounds from last slide. □



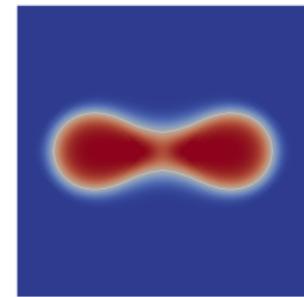
$$\min \int_0^T \mathcal{H}^1(S_\rho) dt .$$



$\rho(t = 0)$



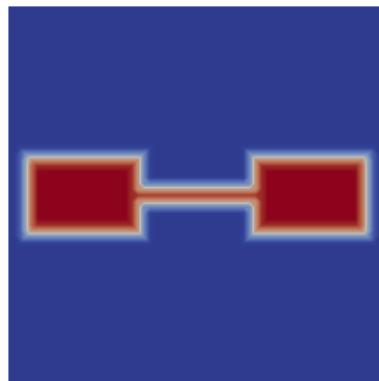
$\rho(t = 0.15)$



$\rho(t = 1)$



$$\min \int_0^T \mathcal{H}^1(S_\rho) dt$$



$\rho(t = 0)$

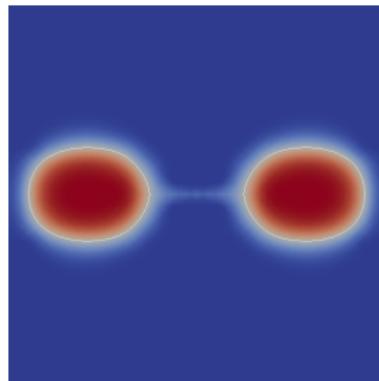


$$\min \int_0^T \mathcal{H}^1(S_\rho) dt$$

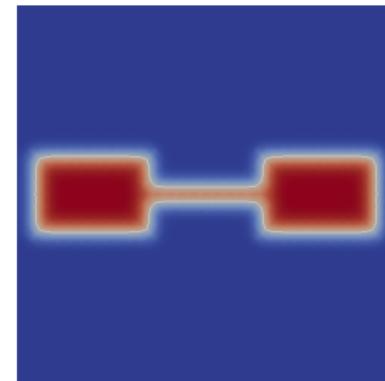


$$\min \int_0^T \mathcal{H}^1(S_\rho) dt$$

Control  $u \equiv 0$



$\rho(t=1)$



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## Done

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