



# Introducing Underworld: The code from down under

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# Underworld Facts

- A 3D Parallel, **Community based** Geodynamics Code. Capable of Convection and Deformation modelling.
- Has it's own visualisation software, called gLucifer.
- Written in C, but in an Object Oriented style.
- Uses PETSc libraries for optimised numerical solvers.
- Uses MPICH libraries for parallelism.
- Australian made, in Melbourne.

# Equations in Underworld

$$\tau_{ij,j} - p_{,i} = \rho(T, C, \dots) g_i - f_{,i}^{\Delta T}$$

$$u_{i,i} = 0$$

Momentum and Mass conservation

$$\frac{\nabla \tau_{ij}}{\mu} + \frac{\tau_{ij}}{\eta} + \alpha \Lambda_{ijkl} \tau_{kl} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}$$

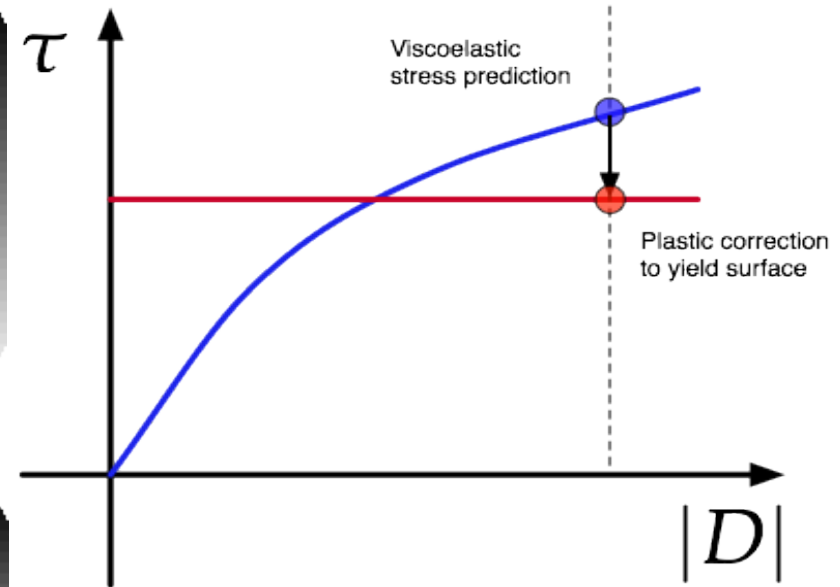
Constitutive rule

$$T_{,t} + u_i T_{,i} = (\kappa T_{,i})_{,i} + Q$$

Energy conservation

$$C_{,t} + u_i C_{,i} = 0$$

Advection of materials



Scheme for plastic correction

# Underworld History

## **Underworld originally started as a re-write of Ellipsis**

- 3D Hybrid Particle-In-Cell Finite Element Method code which solved Stokes Flow Problems.
- Well suited for modeling mantle convection and lithospheric deformations via Lagrangian material properties

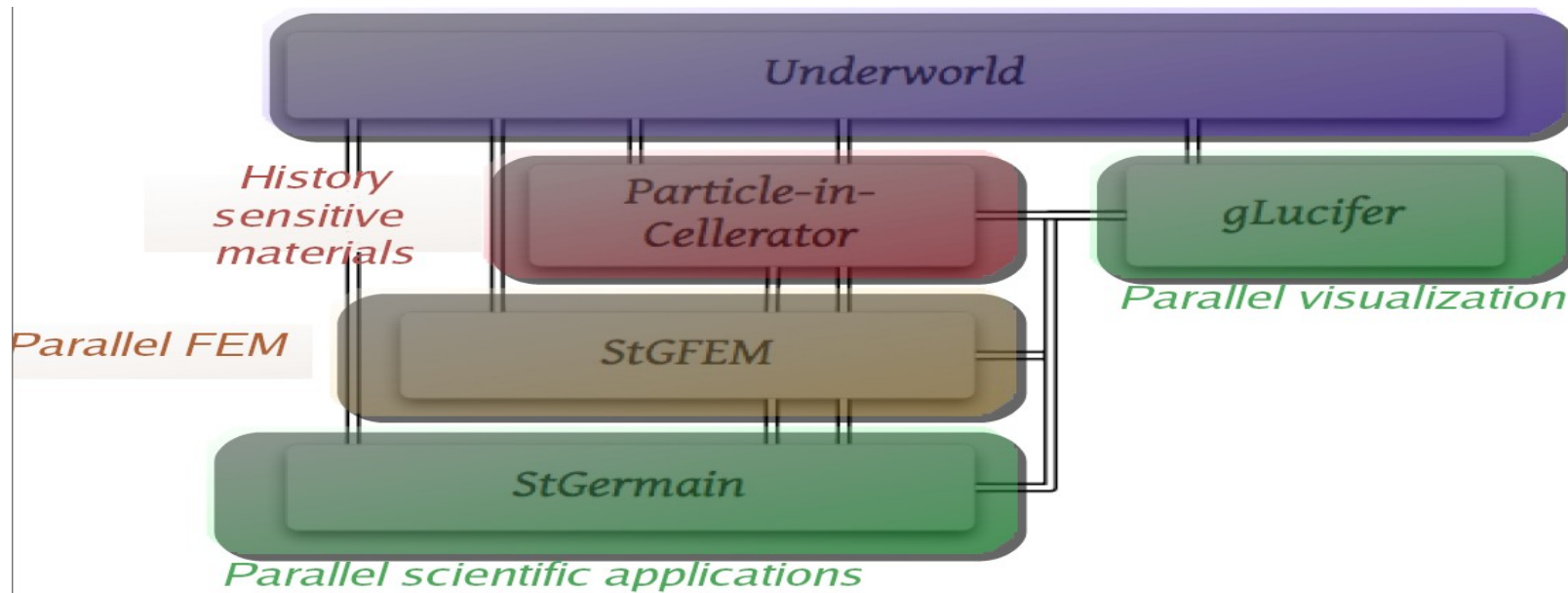
(for details L.Moresi et al. *“A Lagrangian integration point finite element method for large deformation modeling of viscoelastic geomaterials”*, J. of Comp. Phys, 184, 2003)

## **Underworld's initial purpose was to extend Ellipsis**

- Enable parallelism
- Enhance the extensibility of the code
- Develop an open source, Geodynamic code for the scientific community to use and develop

# The Underworld Framework Family

- To enable those ideas the code was broken into “frameworks”



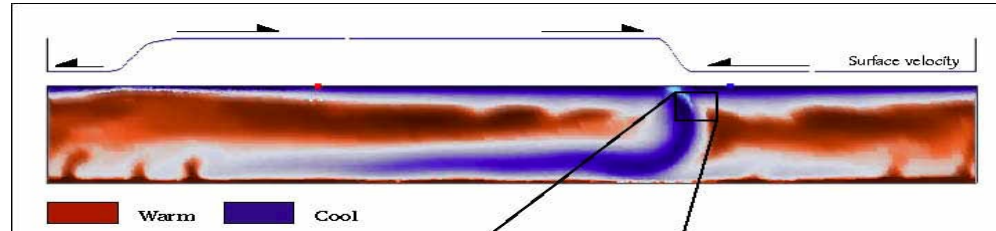
- Underworld is actually a geodynamics framework build on other more generic frameworks.
- Other frameworks provide:
  - Parallel FEM implementations (StgFEM)
  - Parallel PIC implementations (PICellerator)
  - Parallel 4D visualisation package. (gLucifer)

# Workflow through frameworks

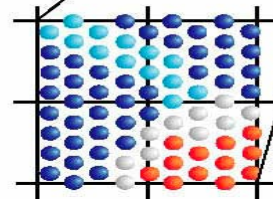
**Builds SLEs with  
a Geodynamic  
interpretation, via  
rheological rules**

**StgFEM  
Solves System of Linear  
Equation (SLE)**

**Solve for a Velocity  
and Pressure field  
on Eulerian Meshes**



**Underworld  
Constitutive Relationships  
and data analysis**



**PICellerator  
Handles Particle**

**Advects particles per timestep and  
maintains particle data structures**

# Main Community:

- Mcc (Monash Cluster Computing)  
Members: Scientist, PhD Students and me. ~10 people.  
*Activities: Scientific usage. Geodynamics and Numerics expertise.*  
*Lead development of the Underworld framework.*
- VPAC (Victorian Partnership of Advanced Computing)  
Members: Software engineers and computer scientist. ~7 people  
*Activities: Software engineering practices and framework design.*  
*Development for lower level frameworks. Maintain hardware.*
- CIG  
Members: Maintaining geodynamic code  
*Activities: Support for Geodynamics codes and development of GALE. see*  
<http://www.geodynamics.org/cig/software/packages/long/gale>

# Community Development

The Underworld project has a **distributed** developer and user community.

To keep track of Underworld's status we use several tools.

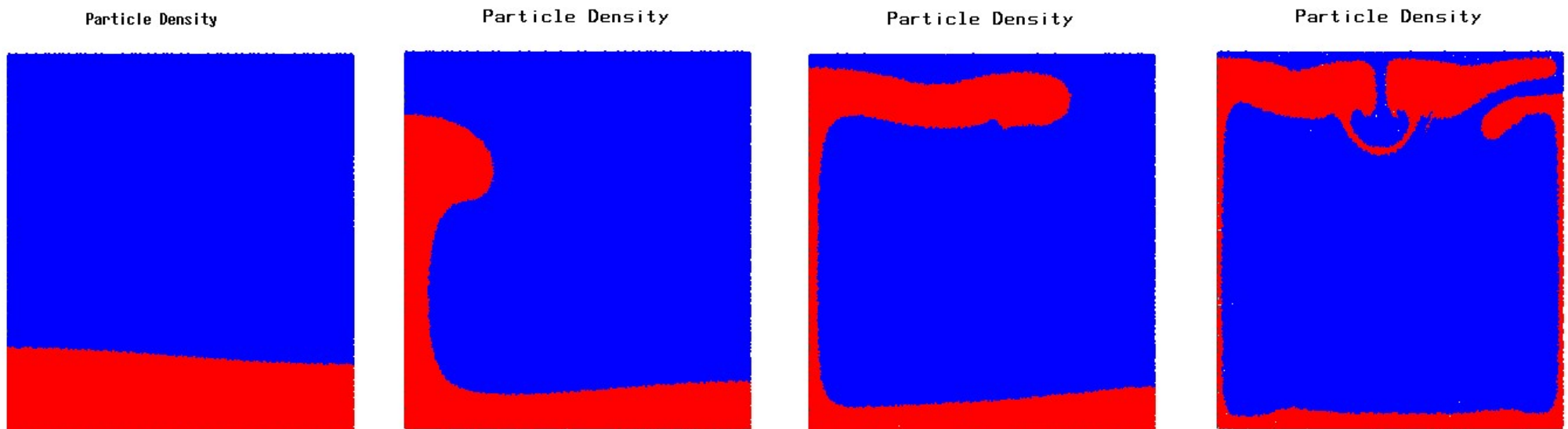
- **wiki.** Public information on Mcc + Underworld. User documentation.  
<http://www.mcc.monash.edu.au/Main>
- **svn** repositories. Revision history for the code.  
<https://www.mcc.monash.edu.au/stgUnderworld/trunk>
- **trac.** Bug and issue tracking.  
<http://csd.vpac.org/trac/CM/AuScope/Underworld>
- **email lists.** For users and developers  
[underworld-users@vpac.org](mailto:underworld-users@vpac.org)
- **Testing suit.**
  - Automated unit test, compiled & run every night.
  - Benchmark tests (system integration test)
  - Analytical solution to test code against.



# Benchmarking Underworld

Two benchmarks we regularly hit are, both from P.E van Keken et al, 1997

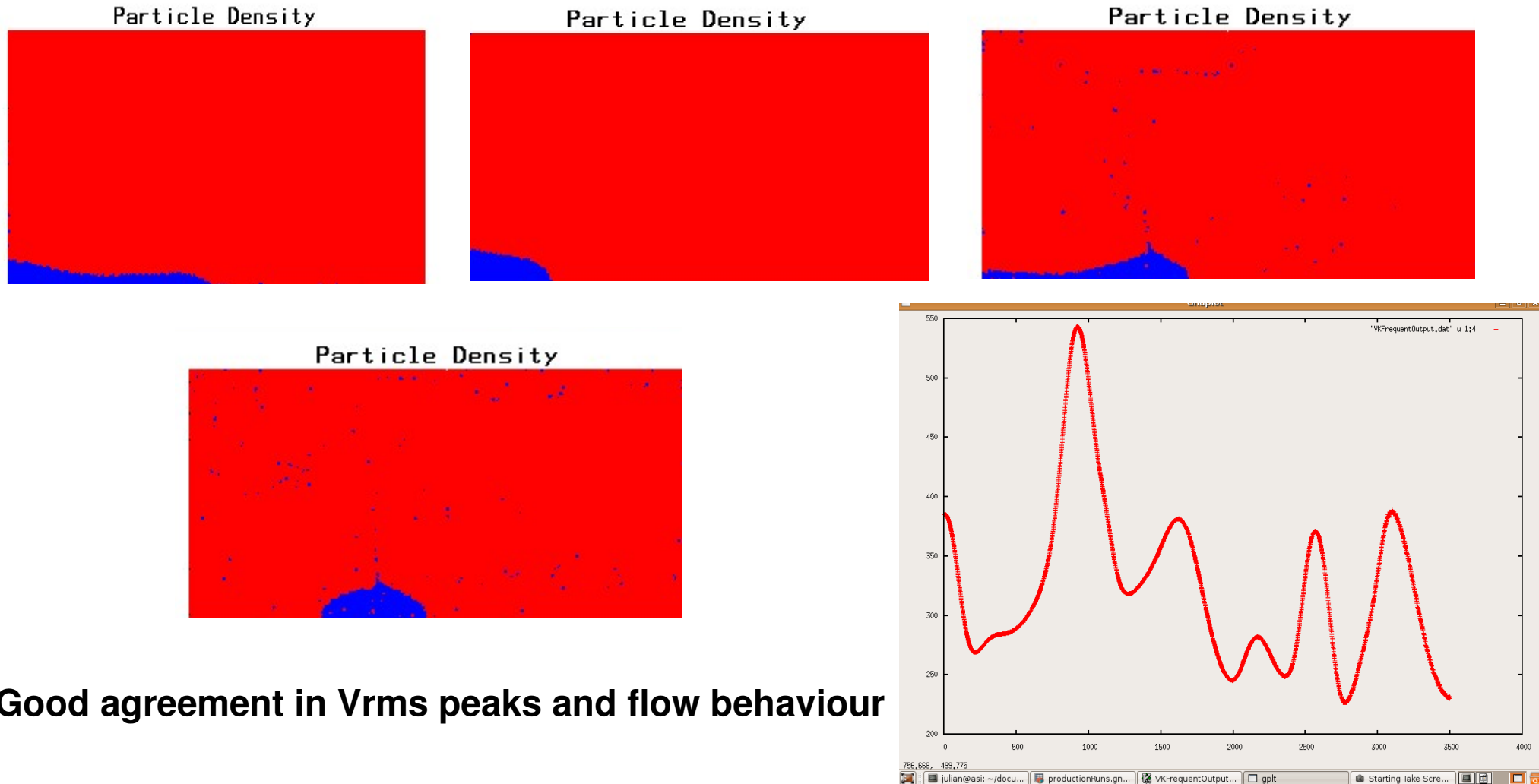
## 1) Isoviscous Rayleigh-Taylor instability



**Good agreement in  $V_{rms}$  peaks and flow behaviour**

# Benchmarking Underworld

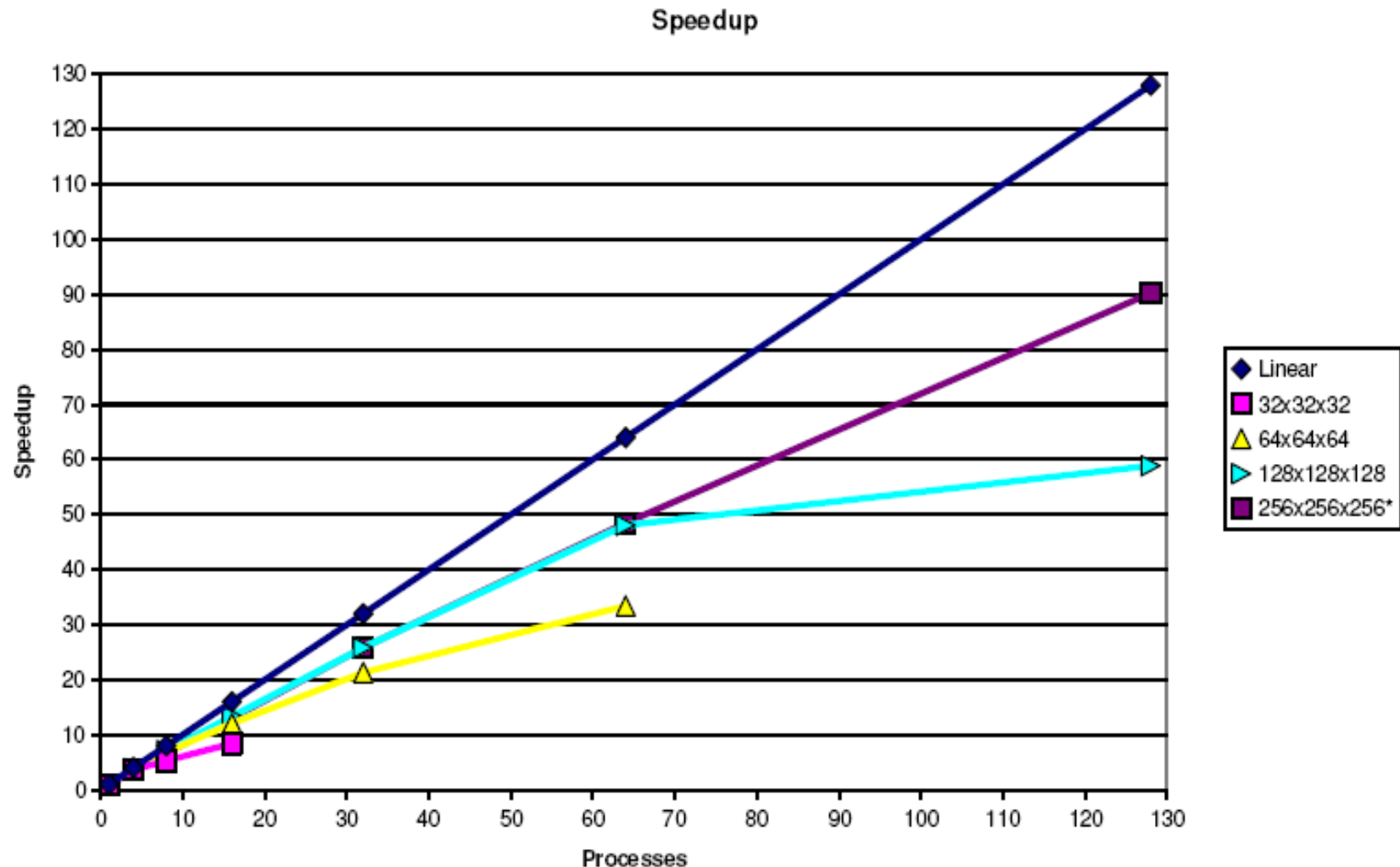
ThermoChemical Entrainment (van Keken et al. 1997)



# Parallel Benchmarking

Recently our code parallel algorithm was upgraded from a 1-D decomposition to 3-D composition. Improving parallelism

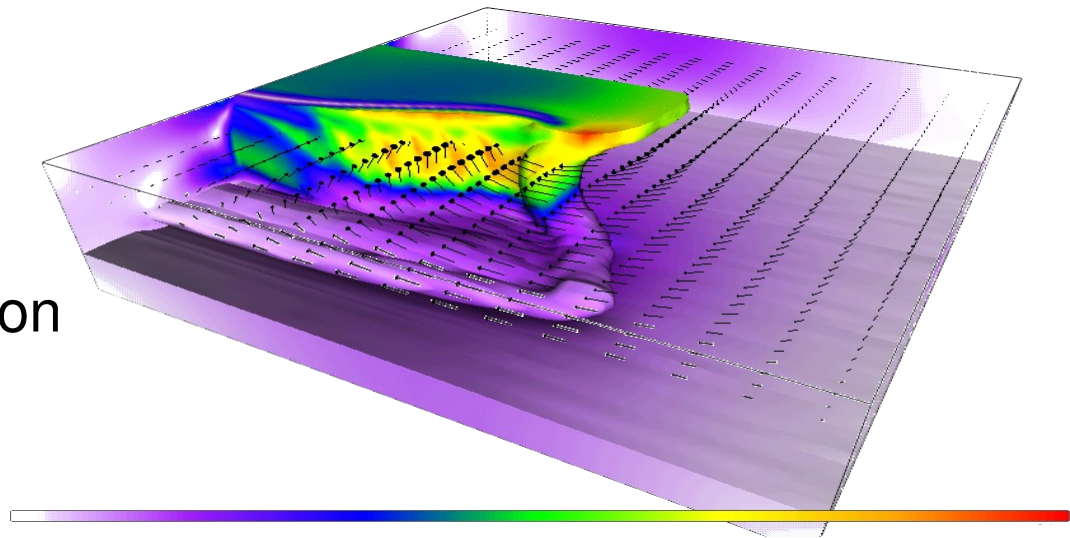
Speedup for non linear viscoplastic problem



# Underworld Science

The Underworld project is maturing into a valuable tool for Geodynamic investigations and other closely related disciplines. Examples include:

- W.P. Schellart et al. (2007) investigate the 3D nature of slab subduction evolution. With particular emphasis on the affect of slab width on subduction zones.



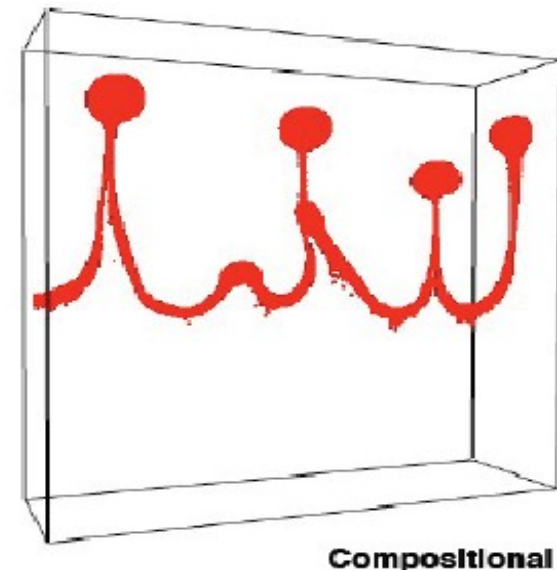
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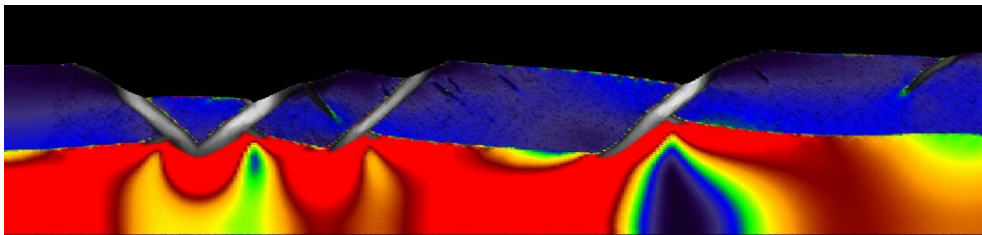
# Underworld Science (cont.)

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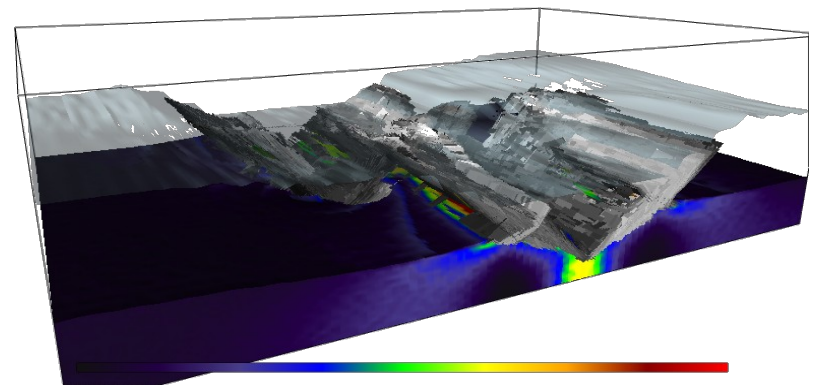
- L. Moresi et al. “Computational approaches to studying non-linear dynamics of the crust and mantel”, *Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors*, 163:69-82, 2007.



- L. Moresi, H.-B. Mühlaus. “Anisotropic viscous models of large-deformation Mohr-Coulomb failure”, *Philo. Magazine*, 86:3287-3305, 2006



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# Becoming Involved

The Underworld Project is seeking to further it's scientific scope and community base.

Project plans for future development include:

- Improved numerical scheme, solver methods
- Inclusion of “real world” data into models
- Adaptive Mesh Refinement (AMR)

As such, collaborations into development efforts and scientific investigation are welcome. If you'd like to know more please

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**<http://www.mcc.monash.edu.au/Software/UnderWorld>**

**Or.... try the LiveCD**

# ... The Underworld LiveCD

## **This LiveCD contains:**

- A stripped down version of Underworld-1.0
- Facilitated by an custom made Ubuntu 7.04 LiveCD distribution
- Relevant documentation of Underworld which can be found on our wiki  
<http://www.mcc.monash.edu.au/Software/UnderWorld>

## **It is a temporary environment:**

Everything you do using this LiveCD will only effect the RAM of your machine, **not the hard disk** (includes any output files). A usb drive can be used to record data from the tutorial environment.

## **To get the LiveCD working:**

- Make sure the BIOS is set to “Boot of CD” first. (Hold 'c' mac users)
- Insert CD and reboot your computer

# Utilities

Basic tools from the command line:

- gedit or vim ..... the default editor
- evince ..... the default pdf viewer
- gthumb or eog ..... the default image viewer
- vlc ..... the default movie viewer
- Underworld ..... commandline executable of Underworld-1.0

Or you can use the 'nautilus' file manager.



# XML 101

- Input files are in XML
- Open the file ExampleXML/ExampleInputFile.xml.
- Things of interest:

`<include>Underworld/BaseApps/ThermalConvection.xml</include>`

*XML files are used hierarchically*

`<list name="plugins" mergeType="merge">`

*Plugins list usually related to output*

`<struct name="components" mergeType="merge">`

*Components list, "Objects" used in simulation*

# Running Underworld

To run code type:

```
:~$ Underworld ExampleXML/ExampleInputFile.xml
```

( **<Ctrl> + c** , to stop simulation )

notice the output directory created.

```
:~$ ls output, to view
```

- images, .png
- movie, .mpeg
- FrequentOutput.dat
- Full time-stamped version of the XML file used

# XML 102

Majority of the XML files you will call hierarchically are located in  
/usr/local/Underworld-1.0.0/lib/StGermain/

Includes:

- Visualisation definitions – see Viewports directory
- Initial and Boundary Conditions definitions – see VariableConditions directory

Comments in XML: `<!-- Bonjour le monde-->`

Concatenate all xml files your simulation use with the **FlattenXML** command.

`:~$ FlattenXML myInputFile.xml`

# Material Definitions

```
<struct name="components" mergeType="merge">  
  <struct name="temperatureDependence">  
    <param name="Type">Arrhenius</param>  
    <param name="TemperatureField">TemperatureField</param>  
    <param name="eta0">1.0e-6</param>  
    <param name="activationEnergy">27.63102112</param>  
  </struct>  
  <struct name="shape">  
    <param name="Type">Everywhere</param>  
  </struct>  
  <struct name="material">  
    <param name="Type">RheologyMaterial</param>  
    <param name="Shape">shape</param>  
    <param name="Rheology">temperatureDependence</param>  
  </struct>  
</struct>
```



Class type



User defined  
name



Simply input  
parameters

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See *Codex* for input parameter help

# Codex

- Location: [www.mcc.monash.edu.au/codex/web.html](http://www.mcc.monash.edu.au/codex/web.html)
- Explains input parameters required for Components
  - *Parameters* are simple inputs i.e numbers, booleans
  - *Dependencies* are other Components
- It's experimental and incomplete (so be patient)
- Preserves object oriented structure
- Best used with browsers “find” command

# Example 1

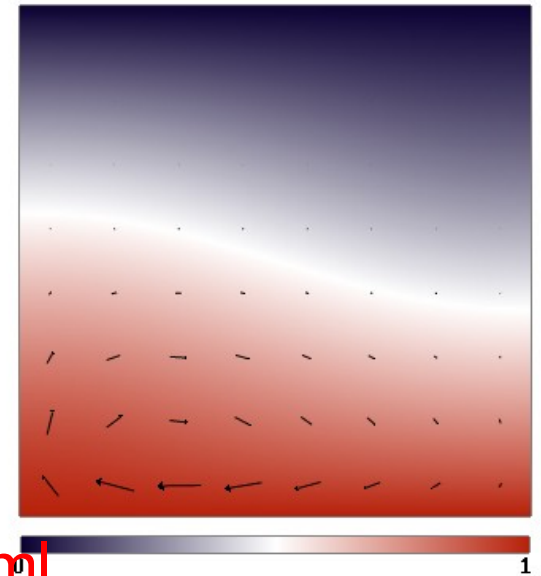
Straight thermal convection. FEM only

See ~/ExampleXML/FrankKamenetskii.xml

Run with

**:~\$ Underworld ExampleXML/FrankKamenetskii.xml**

TemperatureField and Velocity Arrows



**Examine output in output directory.**

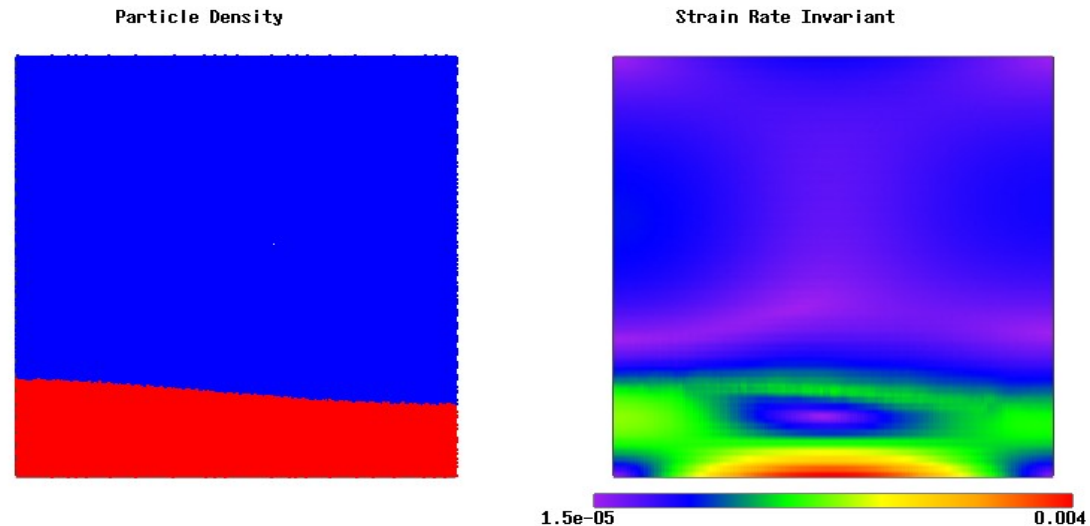
**Modify the # timesteps and output directory.**

**Add another visualisation viewport**

# Example 2

Straight Chemical convection. FEM + PIC

See ~/ExampleXML/RayleighTaylorBenchmark.xml



**Modify the geometry of the lighter fluid**

see the “Codex” in the Underworld Documentation for help on shape geometries

**Now modify the density contrast between the materials**

**Try 3D job at low resolution.**

# Further Features

## **Checkpointing / Restart**

Checkpointing – is a snap shot of the fields and swarm

Can be used to restart simulations from previous runs.

## **FrequentOutput.dat**

Information from your run. Most plugins alter output into this File.

## **PerformanceTests directory**

Contains some analytical solutions which we test against and the setups we have for Benchmarks.

Analytical solutions are described in a pdf documents `all_solns.pdf`

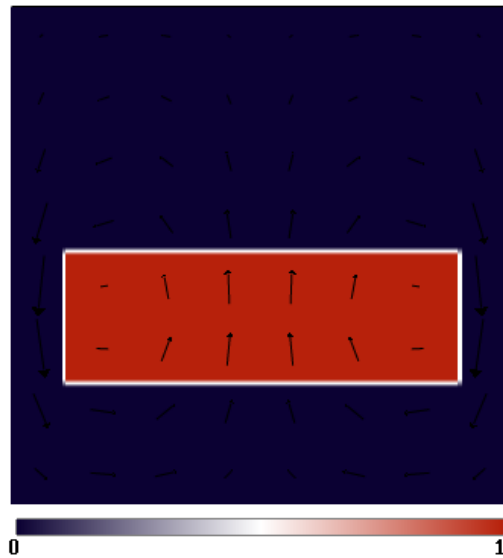


# Example 3

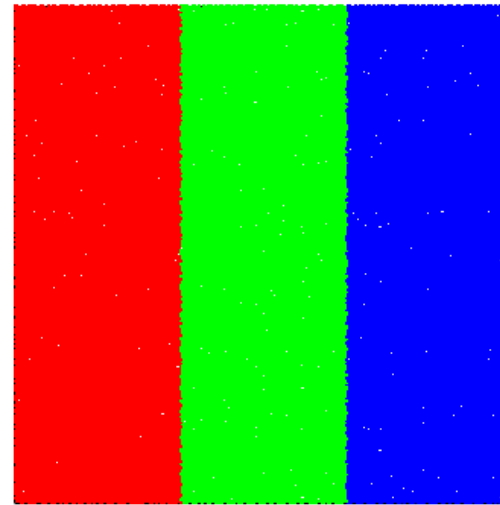
Thermal Convection, multiple materials. FEM + PIC

See ~/ExampleXML/MultiThermalDiffusivity.xml

TemperatureField and Velocity Arrows



Particle Types



**Change the shape of the initial thermal patch.**

**Alter Diffusivity values**

**Change Rayleigh number.**

# The End

**Thank you for listening**

Underworld wiki page

<http://www.mcc.monash.edu.au/Software/UnderWorld>

Codex (Documentation)

<http://www.mcc.monash.edu.au/codex/web.html>

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