

# A Scalable River Network Simulator for Extreme Scale Computers using the PETSc Library

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# Introduction

- Most flow routing models are not suitable river-basin scale and real-time applications
- Muskingum (kinematic) based parallel flow routing model developed
- Does not capture a wave propagation in the upstream direction
  - Backwater effect
  - Overestimate flood peak
  - $S_f \neq S_b$  in case of dam-break



Source: NASA (2016)

**Dynamic**

**Diffusive**

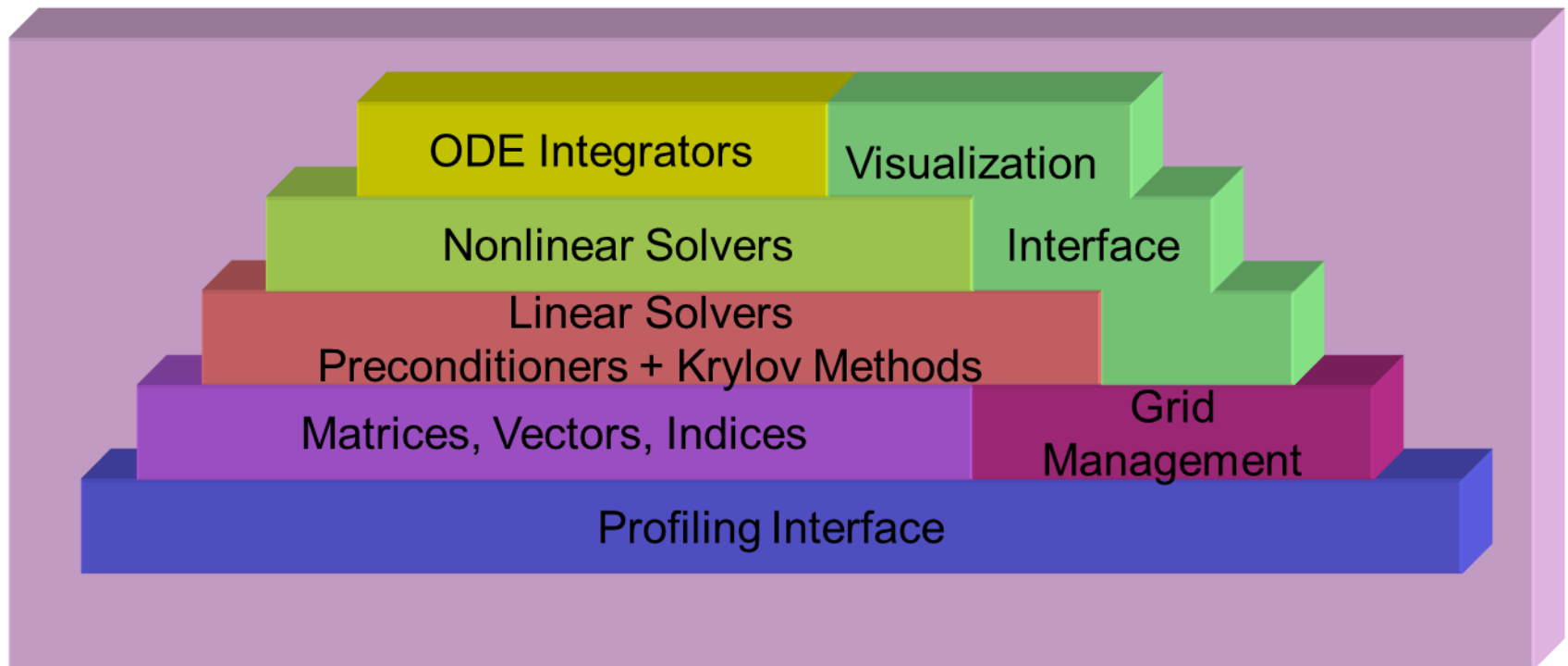
**Kinematic**

$$\frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{u}{g} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + (S_f - S_b) = 0$$

- Scalable River Network Simulator (SRNS) developed to solve SW equations using PETSc/DMNetwork

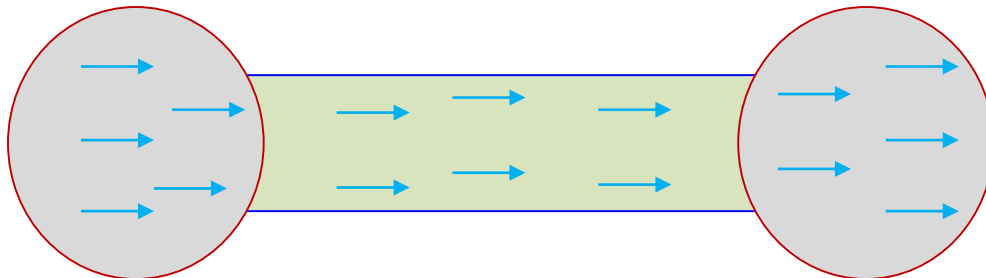
# PETSc (Portable Extensible Toolkit for Scientific computation)

- High-performance software for the **scalable** (parallel) solution of scientific applications

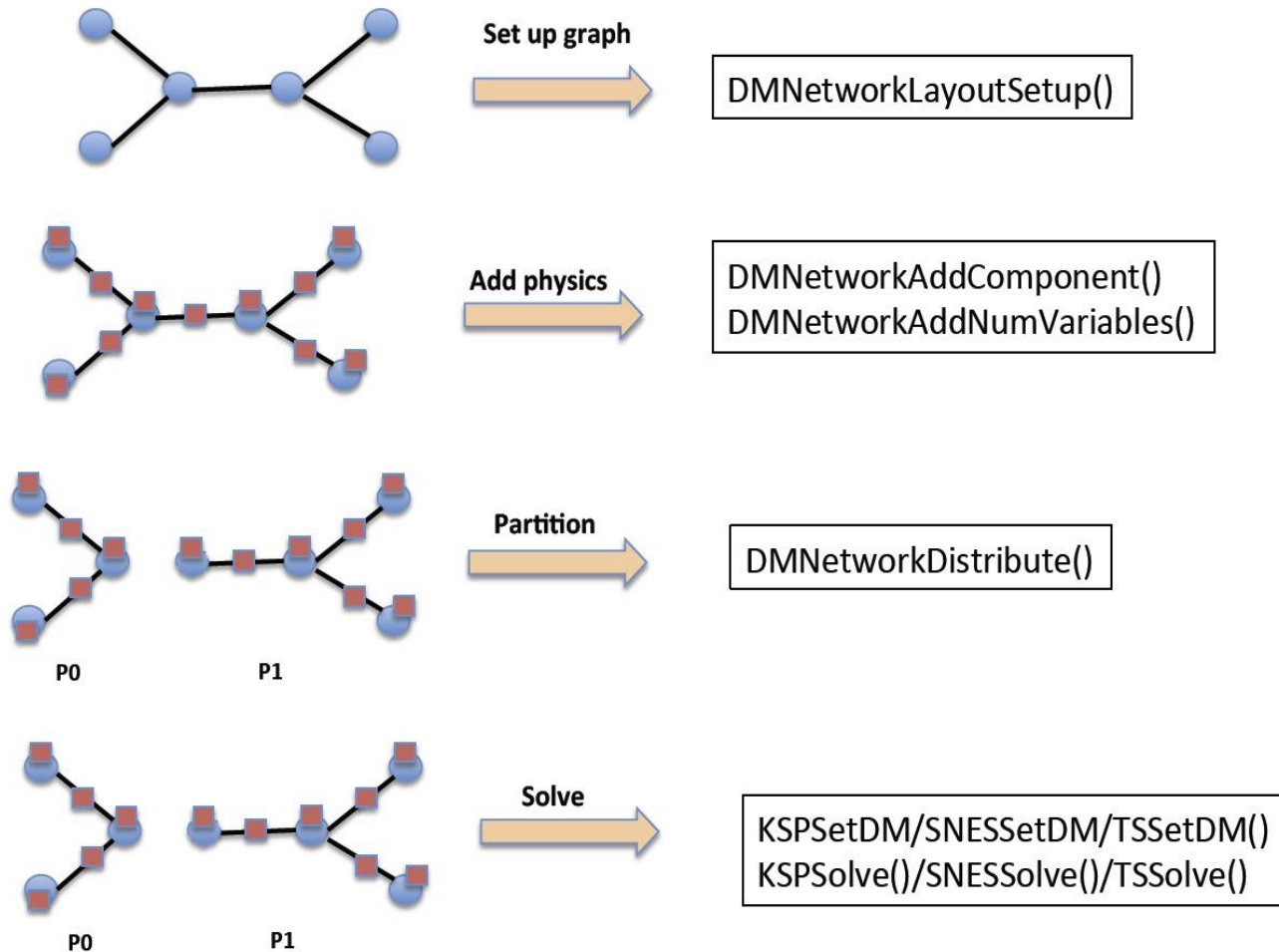


# DMNetwork

- It is one of data management packages in PETSc
- Data and topology management for multiphysics PDE-based network problems
  - Circuits, power grid, gas networks, electrical and water distribution
- Design elements
  - **Vertex:** connection points in topology graph
  - **Edge:** a connection between vertices
  - **Component:** physics associated with vertex and edges



# Steps for using DMNetwork



# One-dimensional Free Surface Flow Model

- Flow in a reach simulated

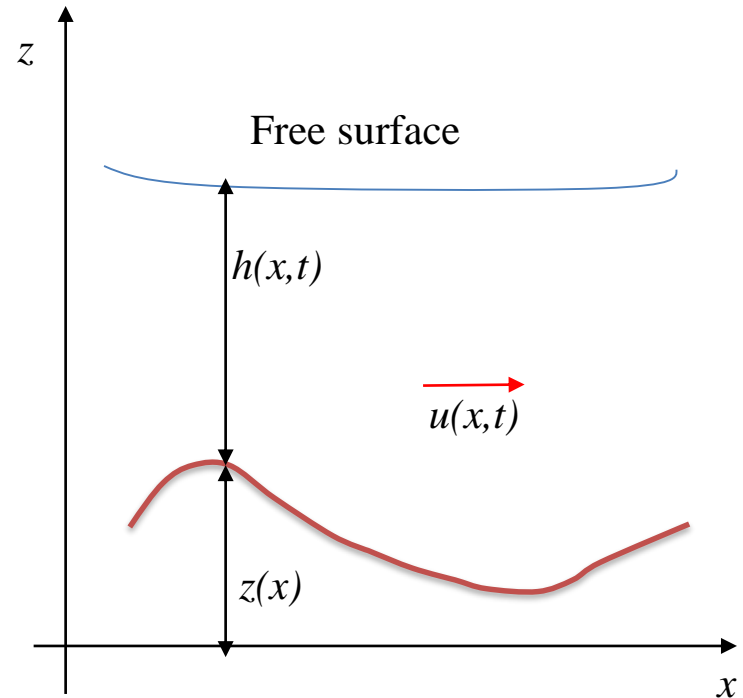
$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(hu)}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(hu)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(hu^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2)}{\partial x} = gh(S_b - S_f)$$

- Flow in a junction

$$\sum q_i = 0, \forall i$$

$$h_i = h_j, \forall i \neq j$$



$h$  is water depth

$u$  is flow velocity

$z$  bottom elevation

$S_b$  is bed slope

$S_f$  is friction term

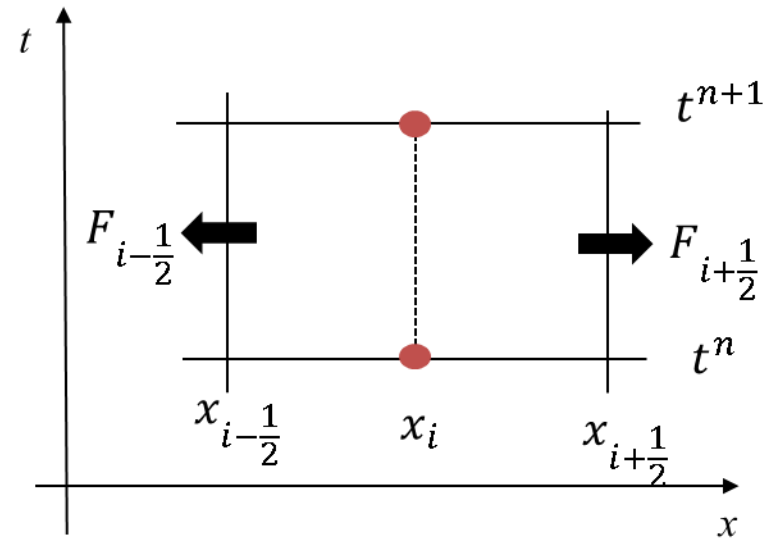
$q_i$  is flow rate

# Numerical Methods

- Finite volume method used

$$U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}]$$

$U_i = [h_i, q_i]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, ncells$  on a reach



- Flux on cell interface is estimated
  - The Godunov method (first order)
  - Second order methods will be implemented



# Numerical Methods Cont'd

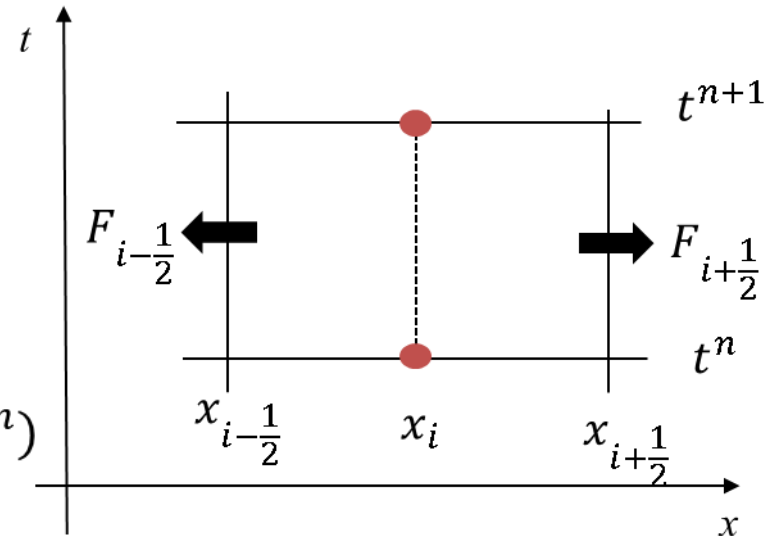
- Forward Euler used for time stepping

Step 1: Initialization at all grid cells

$$\frac{dU_i}{dt} = 0$$

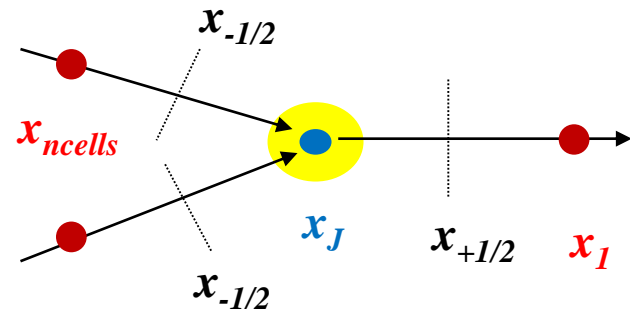
Step 2: Interior reach cells ( $i=2$  to  $ncell-1$ )

$$\frac{dU_i}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\Delta x_i} \left[ F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(t^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}(t^n) \right] + S_i(t^n)$$



Step 3: Junction cell

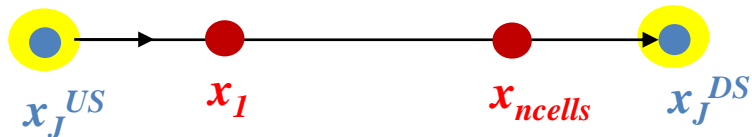
$$\frac{dU_J}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[ \sum F_{+\frac{1}{2}} - \sum F_{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$



# Numerical Methods Cont'd

- Post-step processing at  $t^{n+1}$

Step 1: Update ending cell points on a reach



$$h_1 = h_J^{US}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{q_J^{US}}{n_{out}}$$

$$h_{ncells} = h_J^{DS}$$

$$q_{ncells} = \frac{q_J^{US}}{n_{in}}$$

$n_{out}$ : number of out going reaches at  $x_J^{US}$

$n_{in}$ : number of incoming reaches at  $x_J^{DS}$

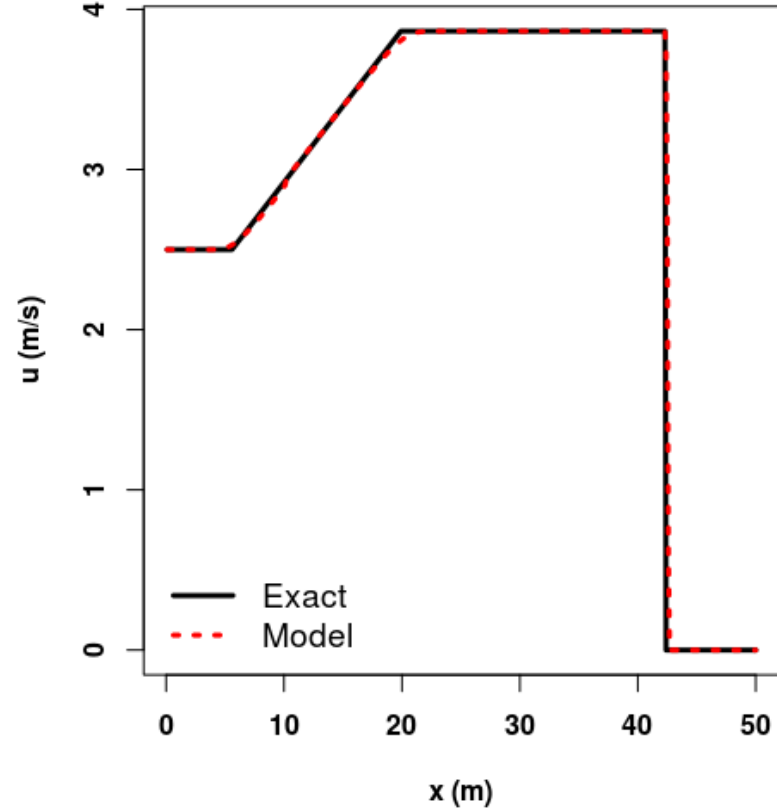
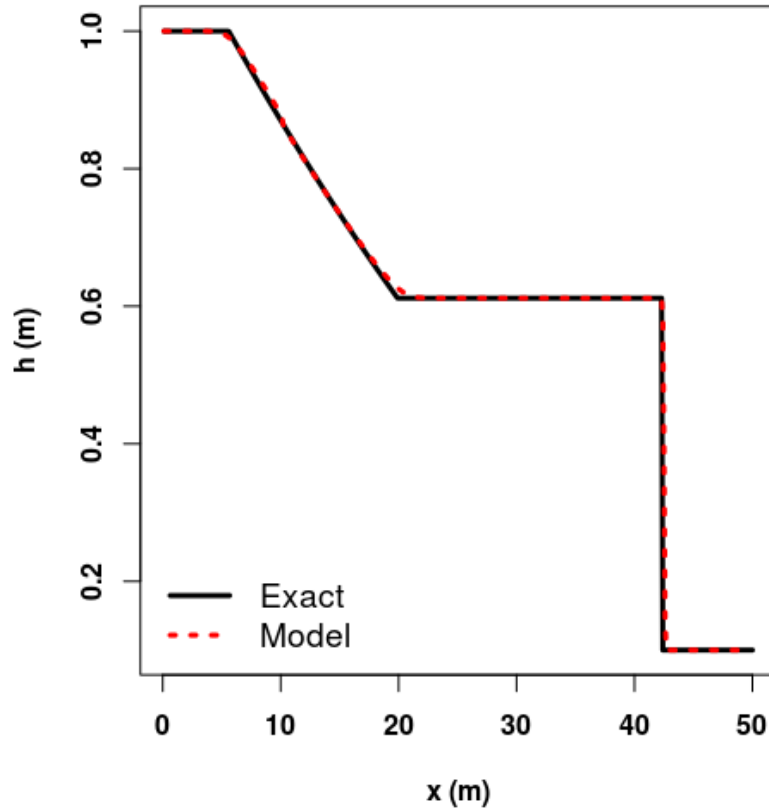
Step 2: Update boundary vertex points

- Reservoir
- Demand
- Inflow
- Others

# Benchmark Test 1: Dam-break Problems (Toro, 2001)

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} h_L = 1 & 0 < x \leq 10 \\ h_R = 0.1 & 10 < x \leq 50 \end{cases} \quad u(x) = \begin{cases} u_L = 2.5 & 0 < x \leq 10 \\ u_R = 0.0 & 10 < x \leq 50 \end{cases}$$

Simulated left rarefaction and right shock waves

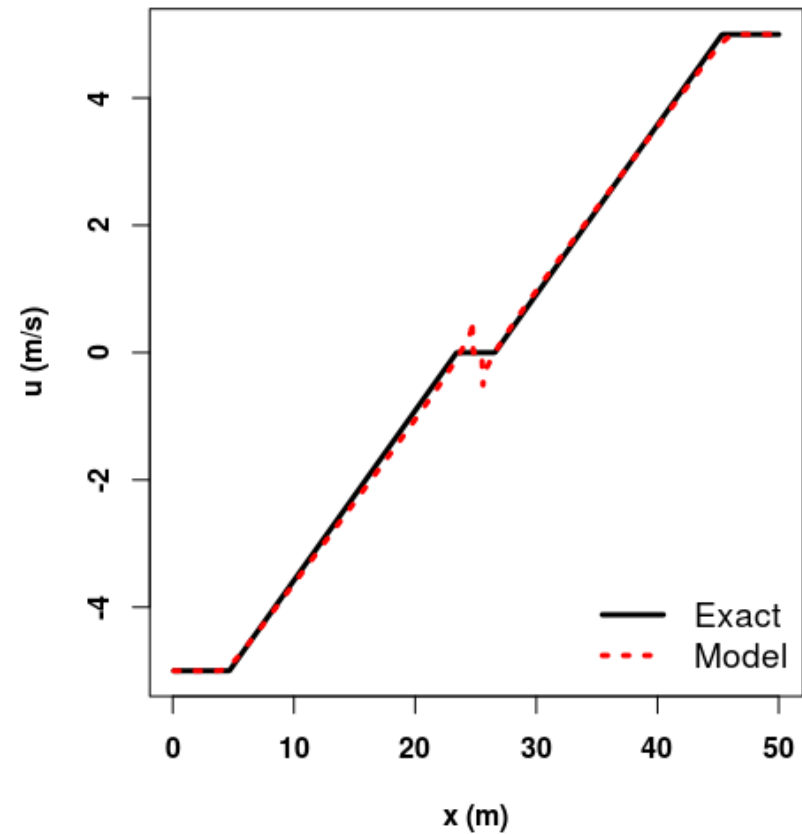
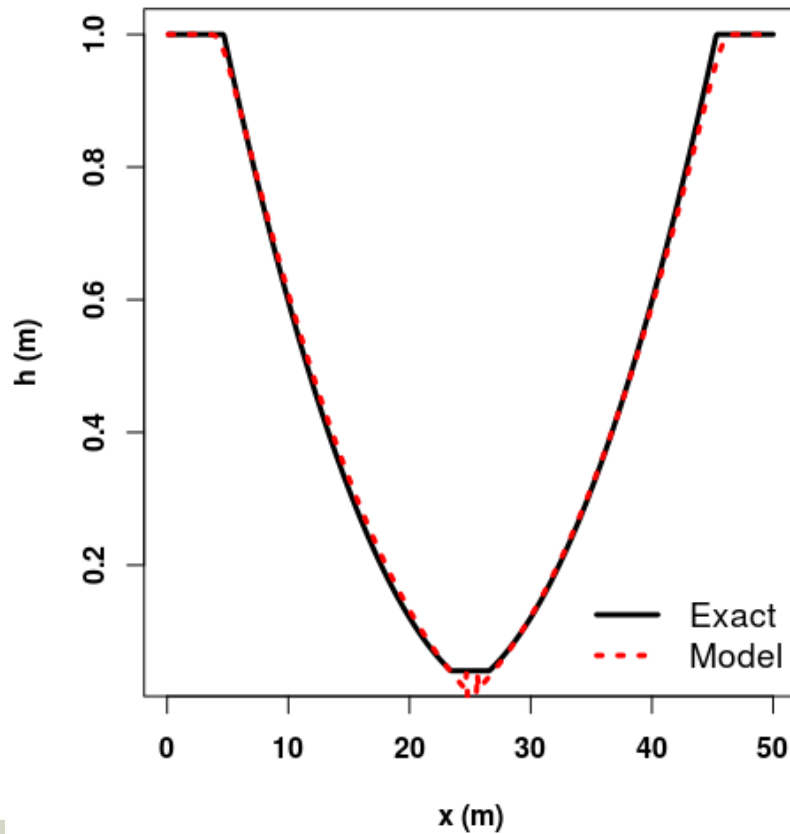


# Benchmark Test 2 : Dam-break Problems (Toro, 2001)

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} h_L = 1 & 0 < x \leq 25 \\ h_R = 1 & 25 < x \leq 50 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} u_L = -5 & 0 < x \leq 25 \\ u_R = 5 & 25 < x \leq 50 \end{cases}$$

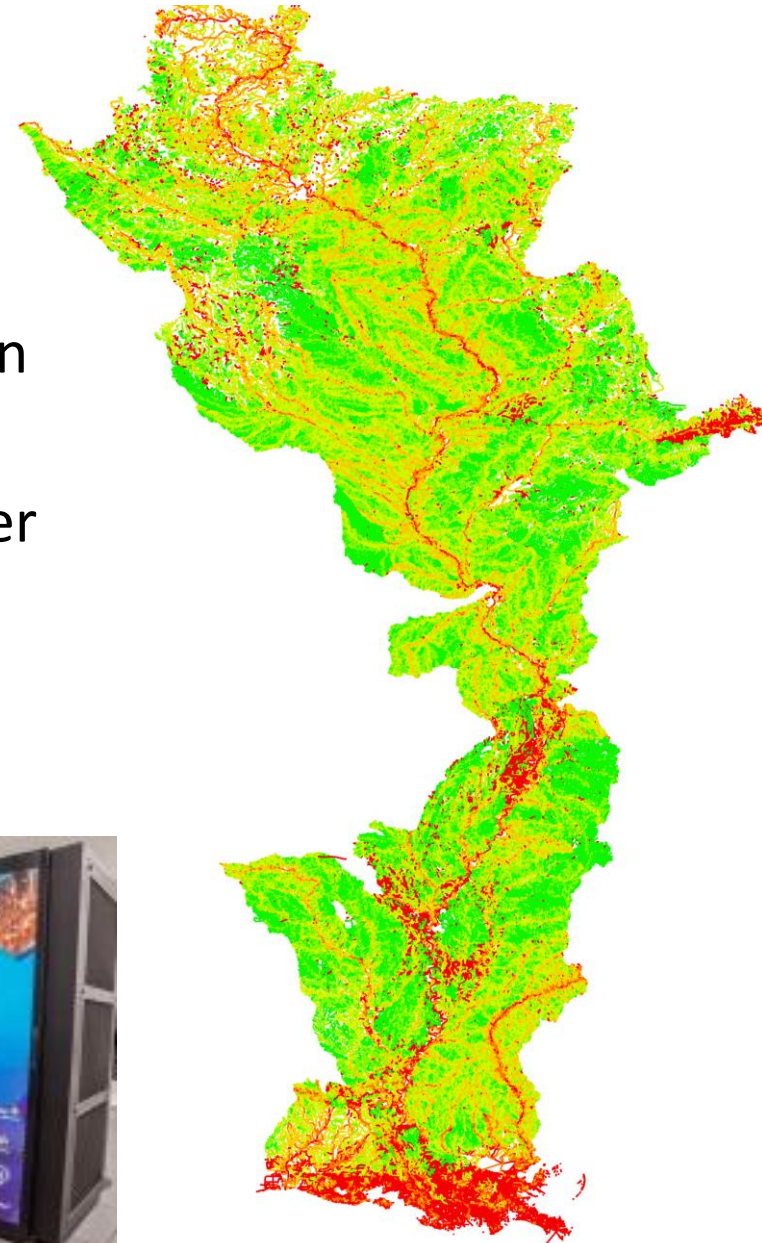
Simulated left and right rarefaction waves which generate nearly dry bed



# Scaling Study

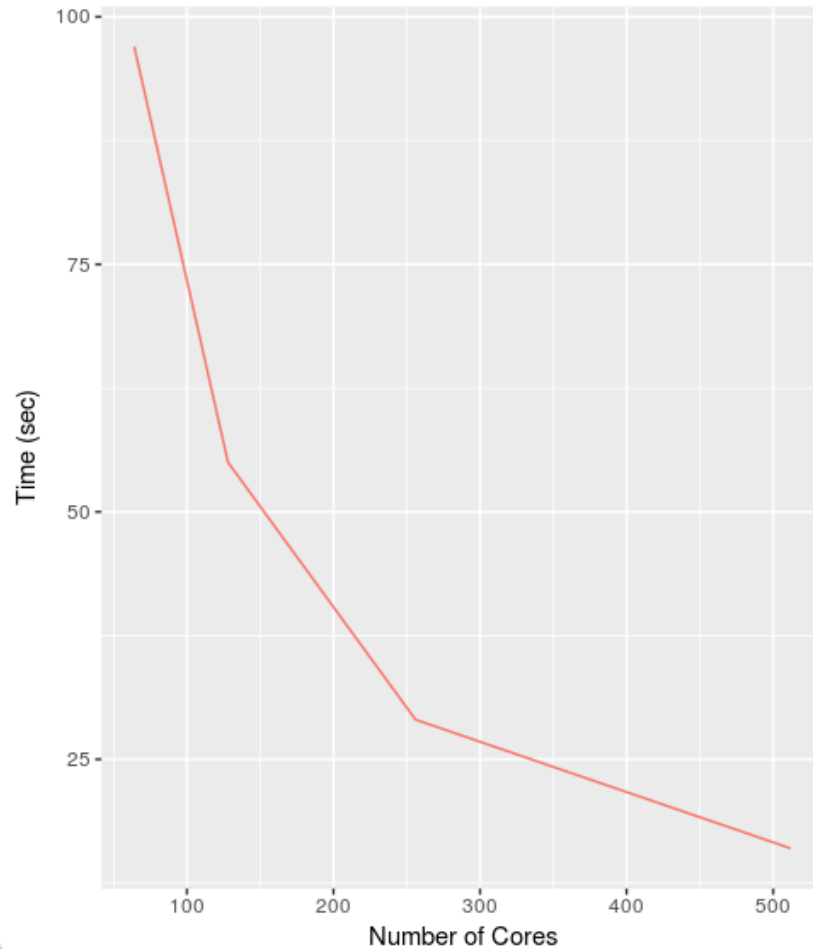
- The Mississippi River simulated for scaling test
- Represents  $1/8^{\text{th}}$  of the total reaches in the conterminous U.S.
- NHDPlus dataset used to setup the river network
- Simulation conducted on Theta at ANL

11.69 petaflops system  
4,392 (node) x 64 (cores)  
Total cores = 281,088

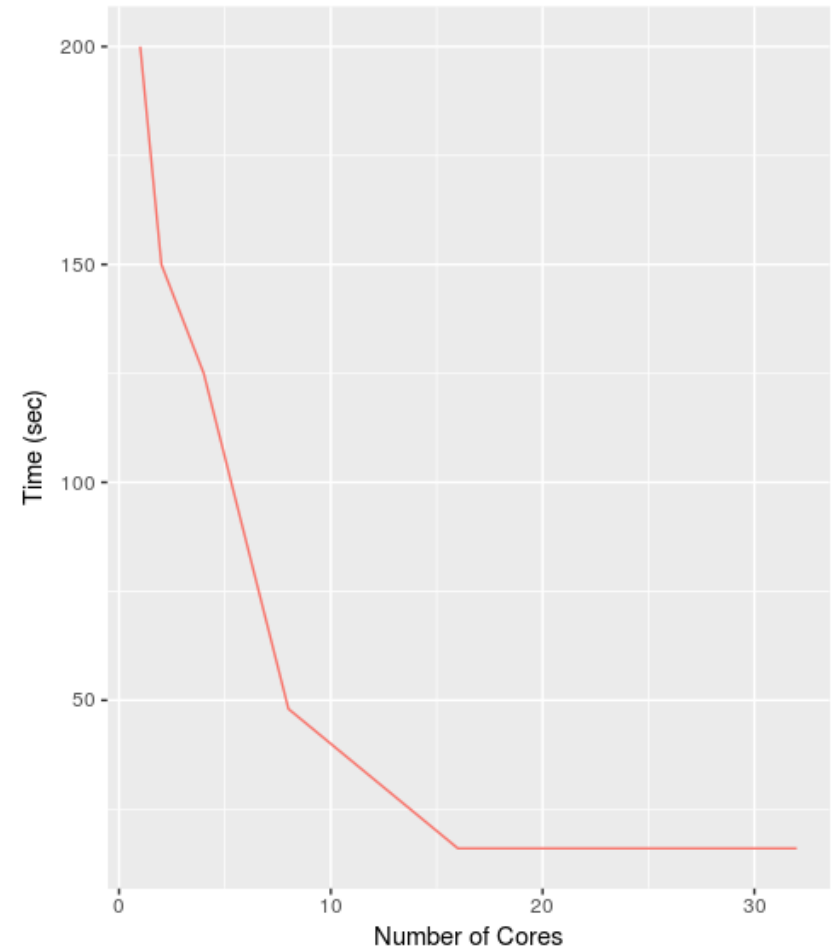


# Scaling Results

SRNS: 28,894,804 unknowns



RAPID (David et al. 2011): Upper Mississippi simulation



# Future work

- Implement second order methods to compute flux
- Conduct additional tests to verify the improved implementation
- Simulate the river networks for the conterminous U.S. using subnetwork option provided by DMNetwork
- Couple it with Earth System Models



# Thank you!

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