

# Consistent Finite Elements for Optimal Control Problems in Computational Fluid Dynamics

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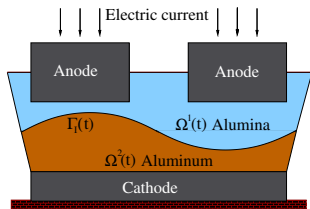


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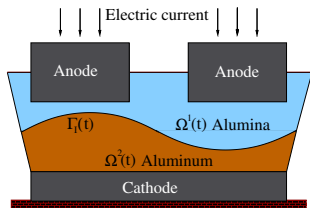


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## Theory

Optimal control of Oseen equations:  
(Kiel)

A priori error estimates for SUPG/PSPG  
stabilized finite elements

## Simulation

Phase-field model (Kiel)

Level-set method (Kiel)

Phase-field model in combination with  
geometric functional  
(Tübingen)

## Problems:

- Equal-order FE + small viscosity  $\Rightarrow$  stabilization terms
- “optimize-discretize”  $\neq$  “discretize-optimize”

**Question:** What are the differences in terms of accuracy?

## Results for SUPG/PSPG stabilized finite elements:

- Optimal order for “optimize-discretize” approach:

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_0 \lesssim \|\mathbf{u} - I_h \mathbf{u}\|_0 + \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{u}_h)) + \varepsilon_l(\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{u}_h)))$$

- Only suboptimal order for “discretize-optimize” approach:

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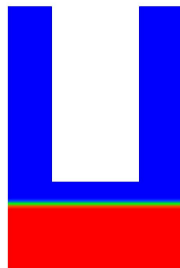
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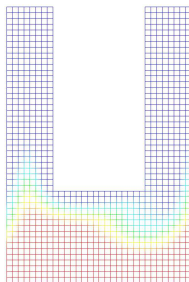
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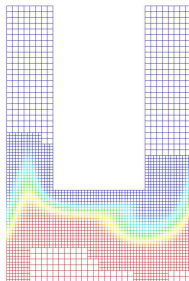
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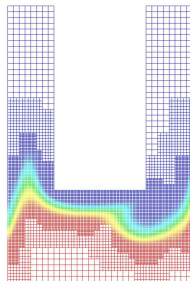
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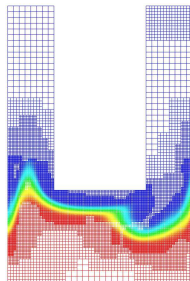
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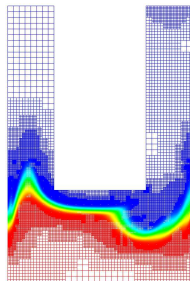
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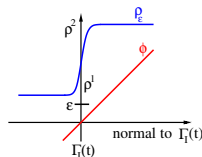
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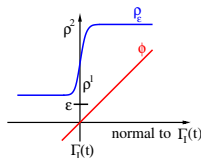
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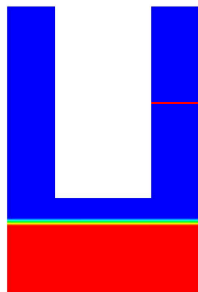


Figure: Domain  $\Omega$

## Configuration:

- Maximize flow rate of **fluid 1** through  $\Gamma_{ob}$
- Prevent **fluid 2** from passing  $\Gamma_{ob}$
- Observation line:

$$\Gamma_{ob} := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0.75 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

- Boundary control at inflow part:

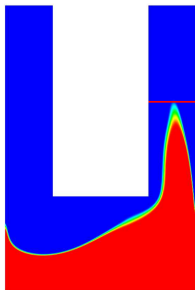
$$u = u_0 \sin(\pi t/2) x(x - 1/4), u_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

- **FEM-Library: Gascoigne**
- **Optimization toolkit: RoDoBo (Becker, Meidner, Vexler)**



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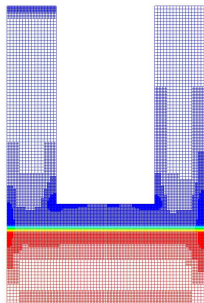


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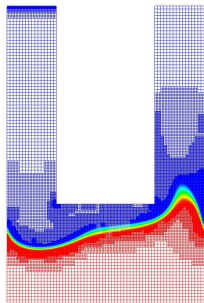


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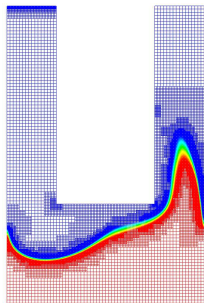


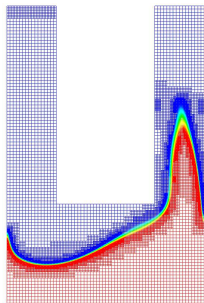
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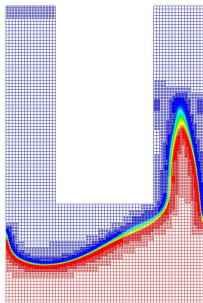


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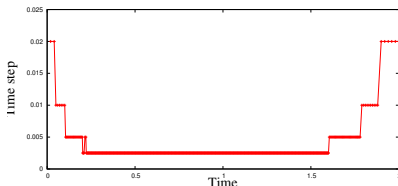


Figure: Adaptive time steps

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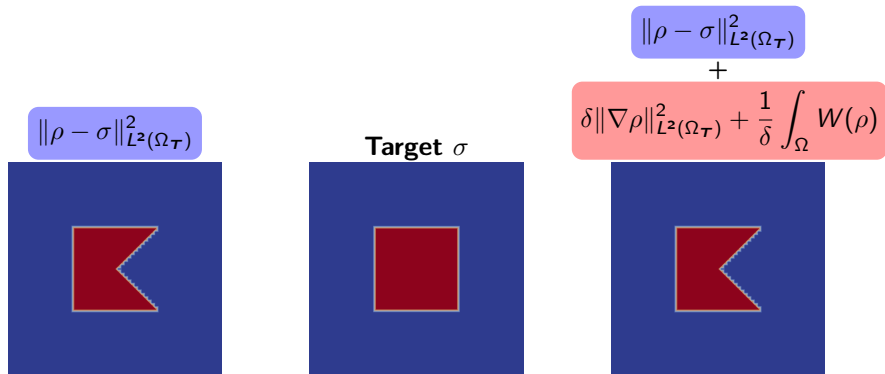
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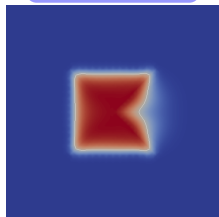
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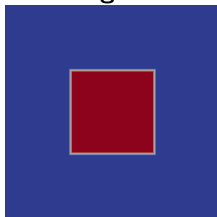
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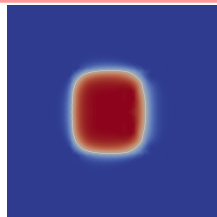


better corners

Target  $\sigma$



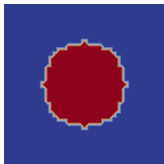
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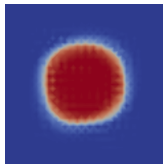
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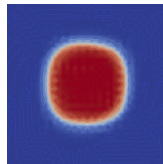
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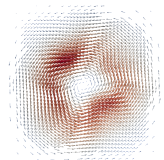
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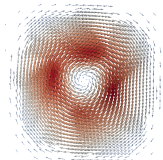
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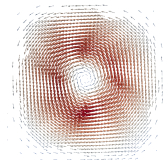
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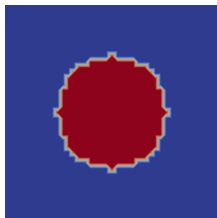
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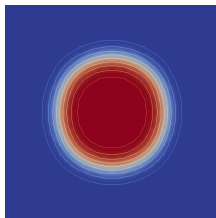
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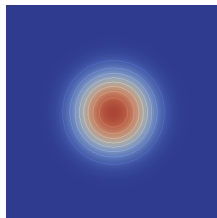
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