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# Surface Only Ferrofluids

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### Introduction: What?

- Ferrofluid: magnetic fluid
- Spikes: minima of
  - Surface tension
  - Gravity energy
  - Magnetic energy





### Introduction: How?

• How to solve magnetic fields?













Related Ferrofluid Simulation

Huang et al. 2019
 Radial basis functions
 Inter-particle forces
 Surface tension?

Ni et al. 2020

 Cartesian grids
 Pressure boundary condition
 Extra air DOF?







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- The interior velocity is uniquely defined by the boundary velocity.







# Surface Only Liquids

- Main steps:
  - 1. Move boundaries to new positions
  - 2. Make new velocity fields harmonic (curl-free and div-free)
  - 3. Add forces as harmonic vector fields.



- Basis: add forces as gradient of harmonic function
- Example: gravity (top pressure=0), constant gradient







• Still gravity, but in a real simulation:







• Gravity energy = negative integral of gravity body forces

 $f_{gravity} = \rho g$ 





• Surface tension energy = negative integral of surface forces







• Magnetic energy = negative integral of magnetic body + surface forces





•  $E = E_{Surface} + E_{Gravity} + E_{Magnetic}$ 







Put it all together:

- 1. Solve the magnetic field (BEM)
- 2. Get magnetic energy on surface
- 3. Add gravity, surface tension
- 4. Solve the gradient with BEM
- 5. Add the gradient to the velocity















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Surface Tension



Field Strength















- Incorporate magnetic effects by adding magnetic energy on the surface using BEM
- Benefits:
  - Less unknowns
  - Accurate surface tension
- Drawbacks:
  - Limited to linear material
  - Complex boundary handling
  - Difficult implementation



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