

May 8th, 2019  
IPS04

# Development of a simulation method specialized for flow in a long and narrow region

Anna KUWANA (Gunma Univ.)

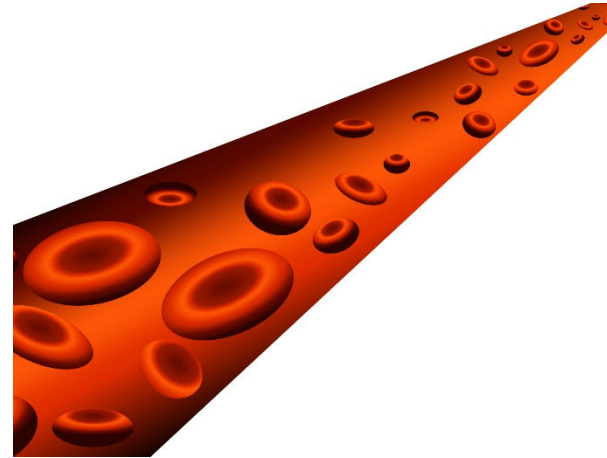
Tetuya KAWAMURA (Ochanomizu Univ.)

# Incompressible fluid flows in very long regions

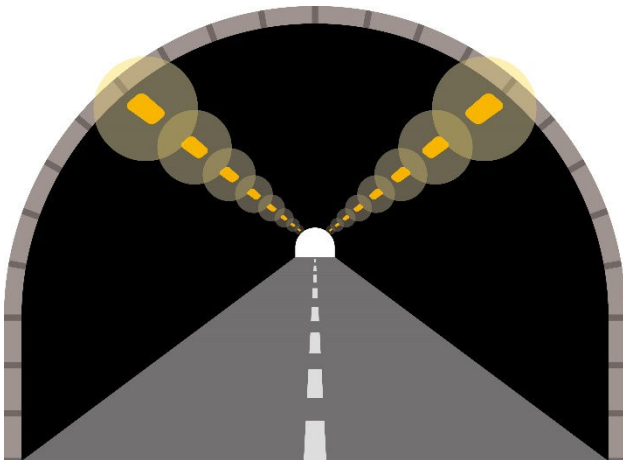
As a familiar example...



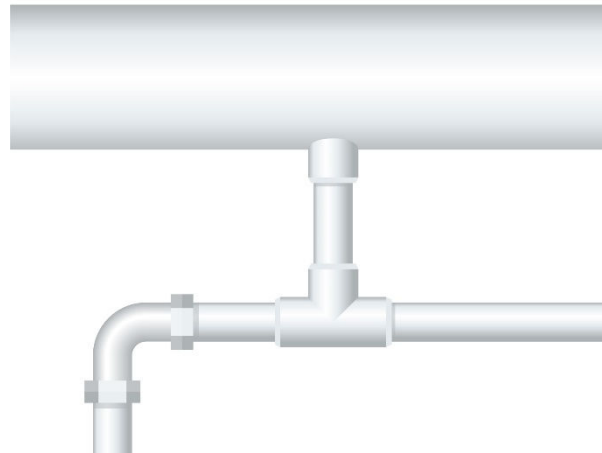
Rivers



Blood vessels



Tunnels



Pipes

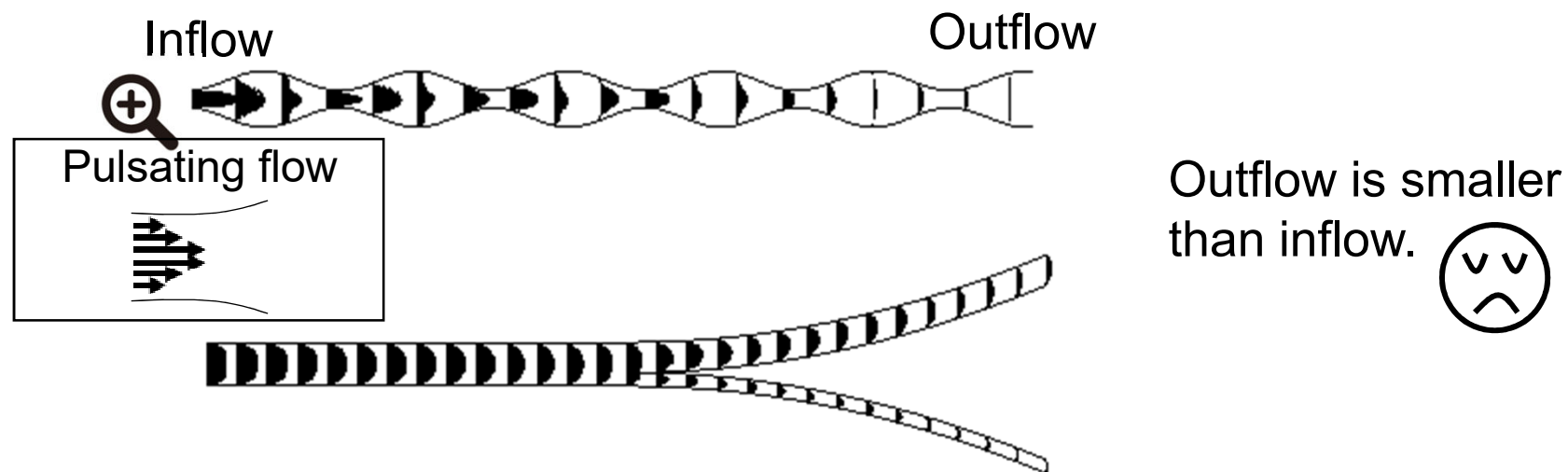


Straws

## Difficult to solve numerically

- MAC (marker and cell) method, fractional-step method
  - By accumulation of numerical error, it is quite difficult to satisfy the equation of continuity precisely.
  - It takes time to converge Poisson's equation of pressure by iterative method.
- Stream function-vorticity method
  - It can not be calculated in the region of complex shape. (Only for 2-dimensional or axisymmetric region)

Example: Calculated by conventional MAC method.



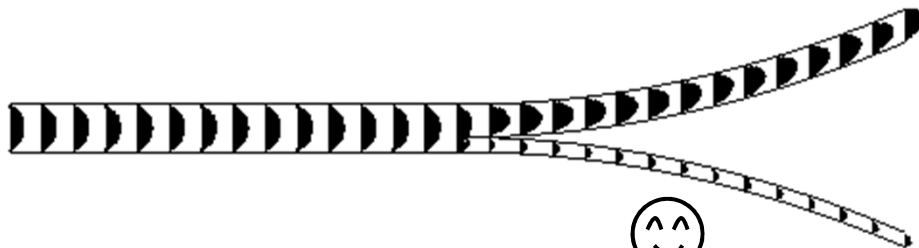
# Proposal of a method to solve the flow in a long and thin region in a short time



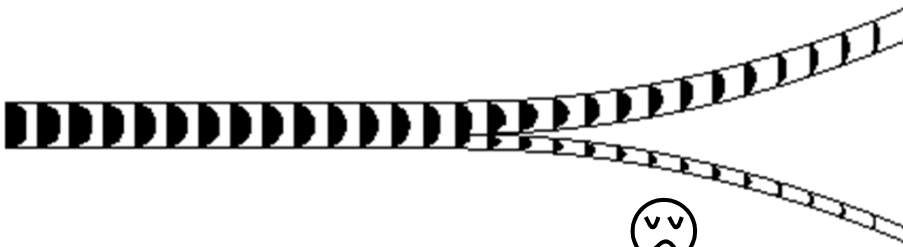
Proposed method.



Conventional MAC method.  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)



Proposed method.



Conventional MAC method.  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)

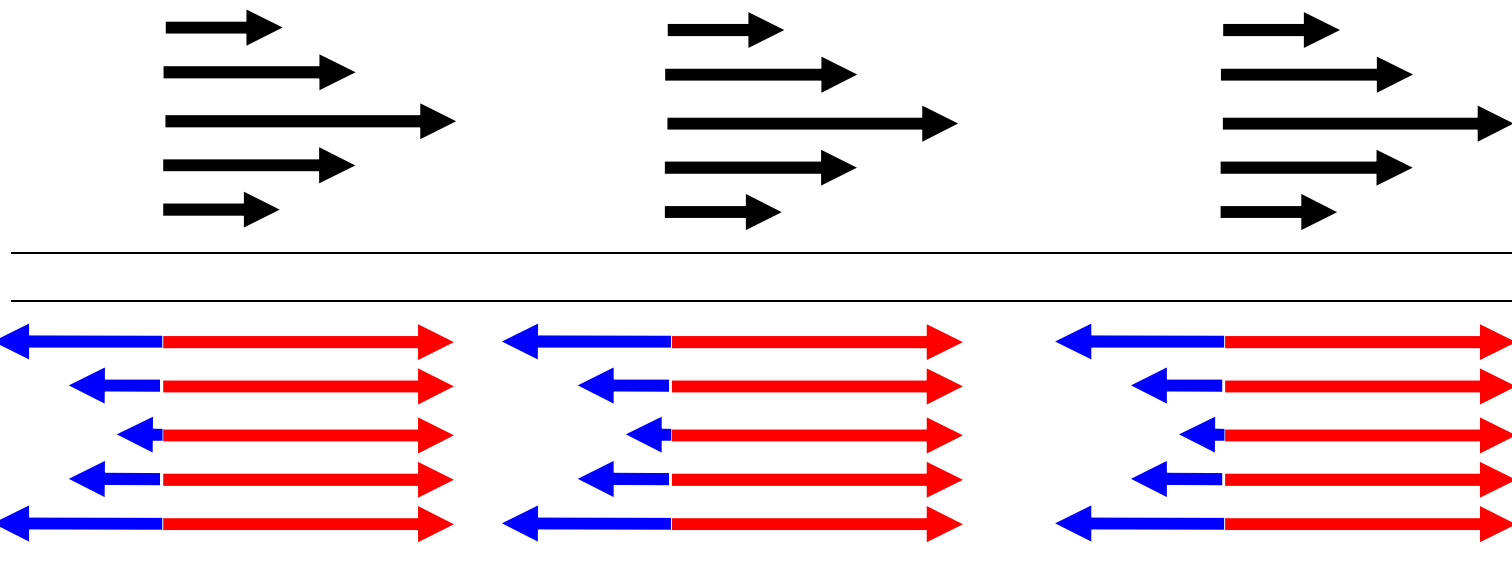


Even in the conventional MAC method, if the calculation time is sufficient, calculation can be performed accurately.

# Concept

Solution of original problem

= Solution of simplified problem + Deviation



- The long and narrow region is roughly dominated by one-dimensional flow
- Satisfy the equation of continuity from inflow to outflow with one-dimensional flow

# Details of Equations (1)

Original equations

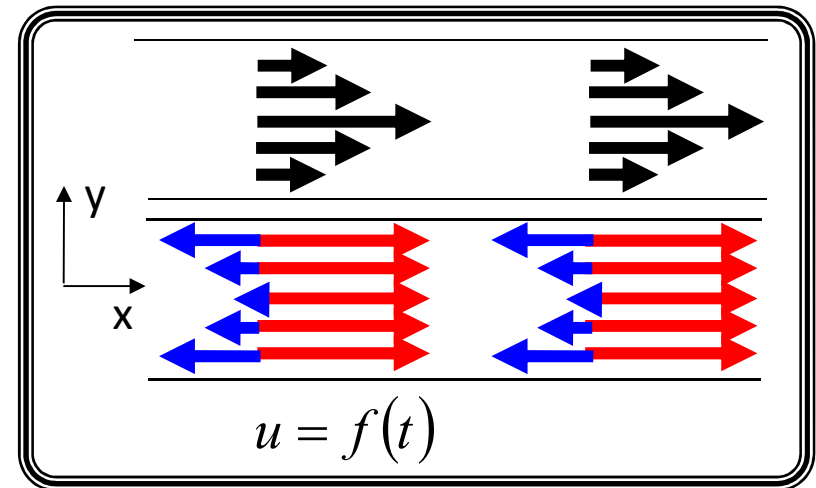
Equation of continuity

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Incompressible Navier-Stokes equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad \dots(3)$$



Simplification

One-dimensional flow temporally changing in  $x$  direction  $\Rightarrow v = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1) &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \dots(4) \\ (2) &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad \dots(5)$$

Solution of simplified problem

$$(4) \Rightarrow u \text{ does not change in } x \text{ direction} \Rightarrow u = f(t) \quad \dots(6)$$

$$(6) \text{ is assigned to } (5) \Rightarrow f'(t) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \text{Integrate at } x \Rightarrow p = -f'x + C \quad \dots(7)$$

$C : \text{constant}$

## Details of Equations (2)

### Solution of simplified problem

$$(6) \quad u = f(t) \quad (7) \quad p = -f'x + C$$

Solution of original problem

= **Solution of simplified problem** + **Deviation**

$$u = \underline{f(t)} + \underline{\tilde{u}}, \quad p = \underline{-f'x} + c + \underline{\tilde{p}}$$



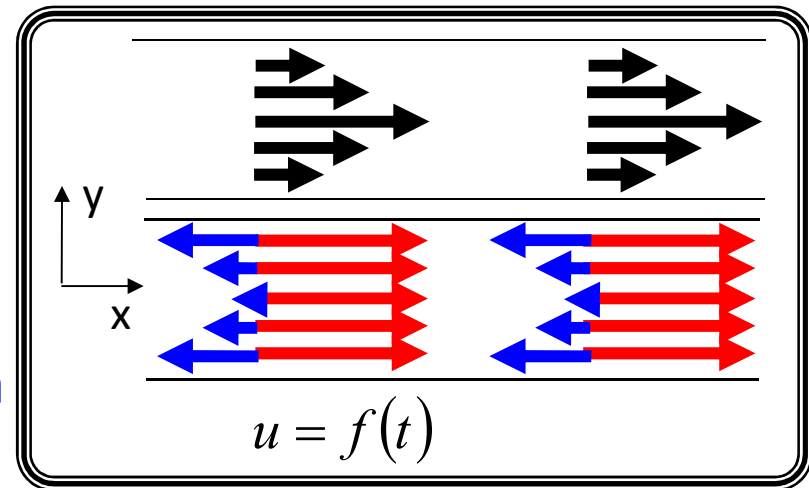
Assigned to original equations (1)(2)(3)

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + (f + \tilde{u}) \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (f + \tilde{u}) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

The form of the equations are almost the same as the original (1)(2)(3)



Equations could be written with  $f(t)$  and  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{p}$  instead of original  $u, p$ .  
They are solved by conventional MAC method.

# Boundary conditions

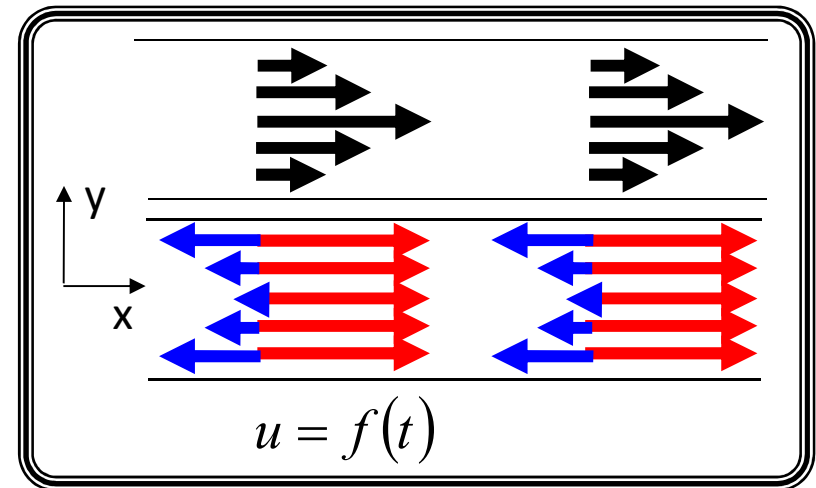
## Wall

Original problem:  $u = 0$  (no slip)

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0$$

Deviation:  $\tilde{u} = -f(t)$

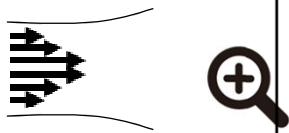
$$\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} = 0$$



Solution of simplified problem

$$f(t) = 1 + 0.5 \sin \omega t$$

Pulsating flow



## Inflow

Original problem:  $u = 1 + 0.5 \sin \omega t$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$$

Deviation:  $\tilde{u} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} = 0$$

## Outflow

Original problem:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$   
 $p = 0$

Deviation:  $\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} = 0$   
 $\tilde{p} = 0$

(no variation from original pressure)

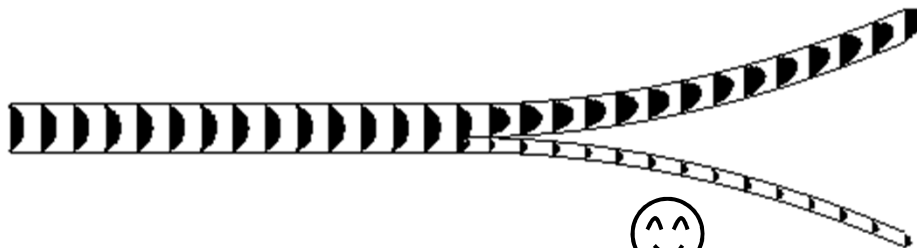
# Hump and branch region with pulsating inflow



Proposed method.



Conventional MAC method.  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)



Proposed method.



Conventional MAC method.  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)



Even in the conventional MAC method, if the calculation time is sufficient, calculation can be performed accurately.

## 3-dimensional calculation including heat

It could be used to simulate fire in tunnels, subway, etc.

Proposed method.

Heat source

Upward flow is  
generated from  
heat source

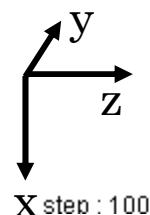
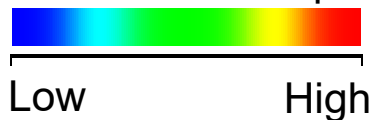
step : 100

Conventional MAC method.

(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)

Heat source

Dimensionless temperature



Gravity



## 3-dimensional calculation including heat

Previous example



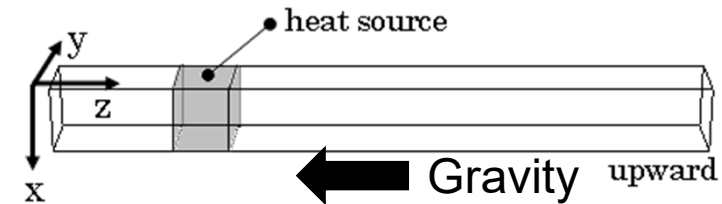
Inflow:  $u = 1 + 0.5 \sin \omega t$

**Solution of simplified problem**

$$f(t) = 1 + 0.5 \sin \omega t$$

- In the case of thermal convection, no inflow in initial stage of calculation.
- One-dimensional flow gradually increases.
- **Solution of simplified problem** of heat convection may be decided by average value of the velocity around the heat source  
(It can accurately express the original solution)

# Equations of 3-dimensional calculation including heat



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (f + \tilde{w}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + (f + \tilde{w}) \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + (f + \tilde{w}) \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{Gr}{\text{Re}^2} T$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + (f + \tilde{w}) \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{\text{Re} \cdot \text{Pr}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad \text{Buoyancy term}$$

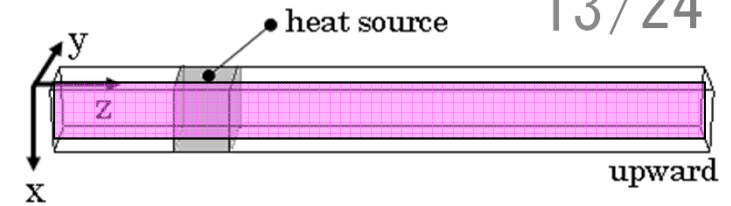
$$w = \underline{f(t)} + \underline{\tilde{w}(x, y, z, t)}, \quad p = \underline{-f'(t)z + C} + \underline{\tilde{p}(x, y, z, t)}$$

Solution of  
simplified problem

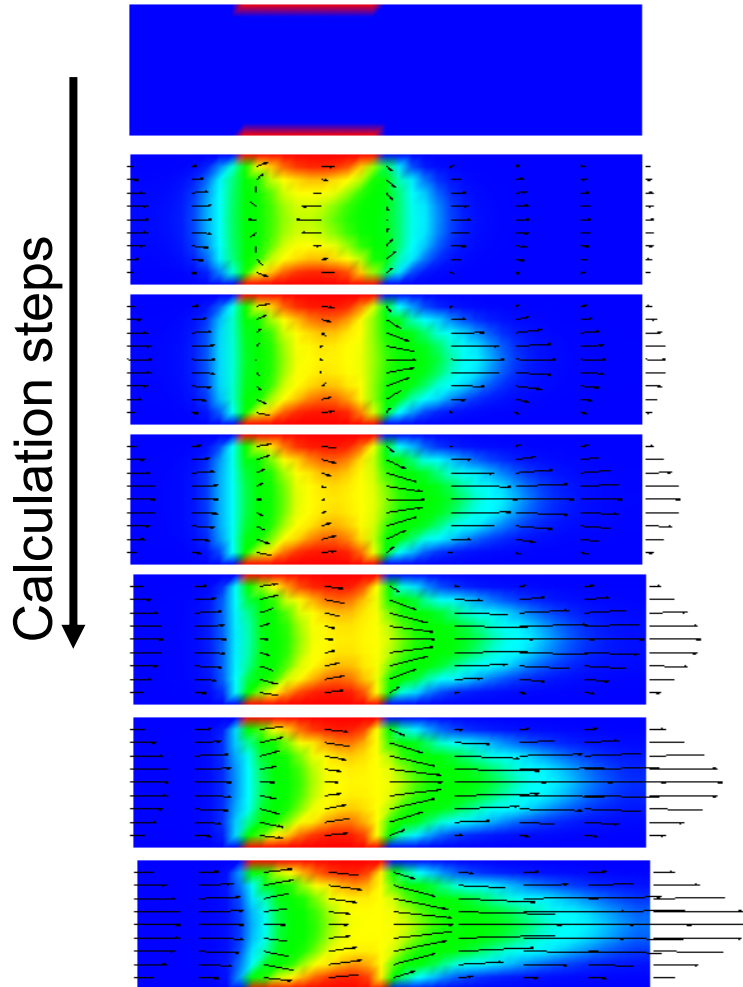
Deviation

# What is a LONG region?

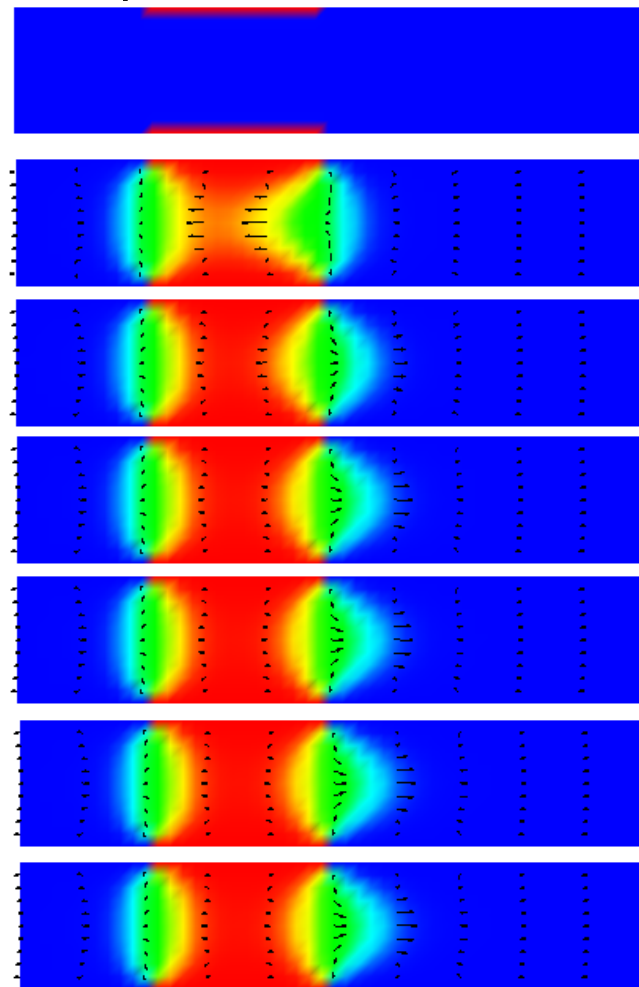
Calculation result by conventional MAC method.



Aspect ratio: 4.0



Aspect ratio: 5.0

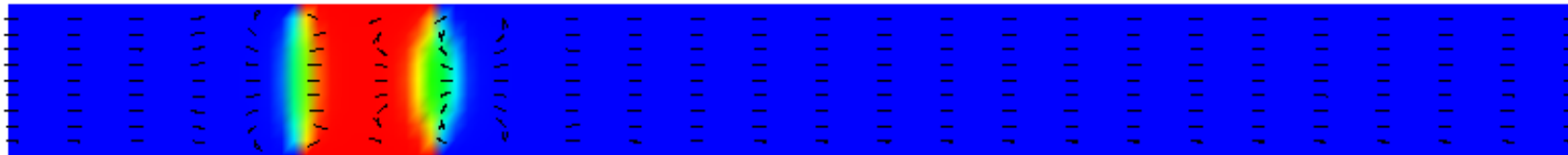


In the case of this condition, if the aspect ratio is 4.0 or less, it can be calculated without any problem even if by conventional MAC method.

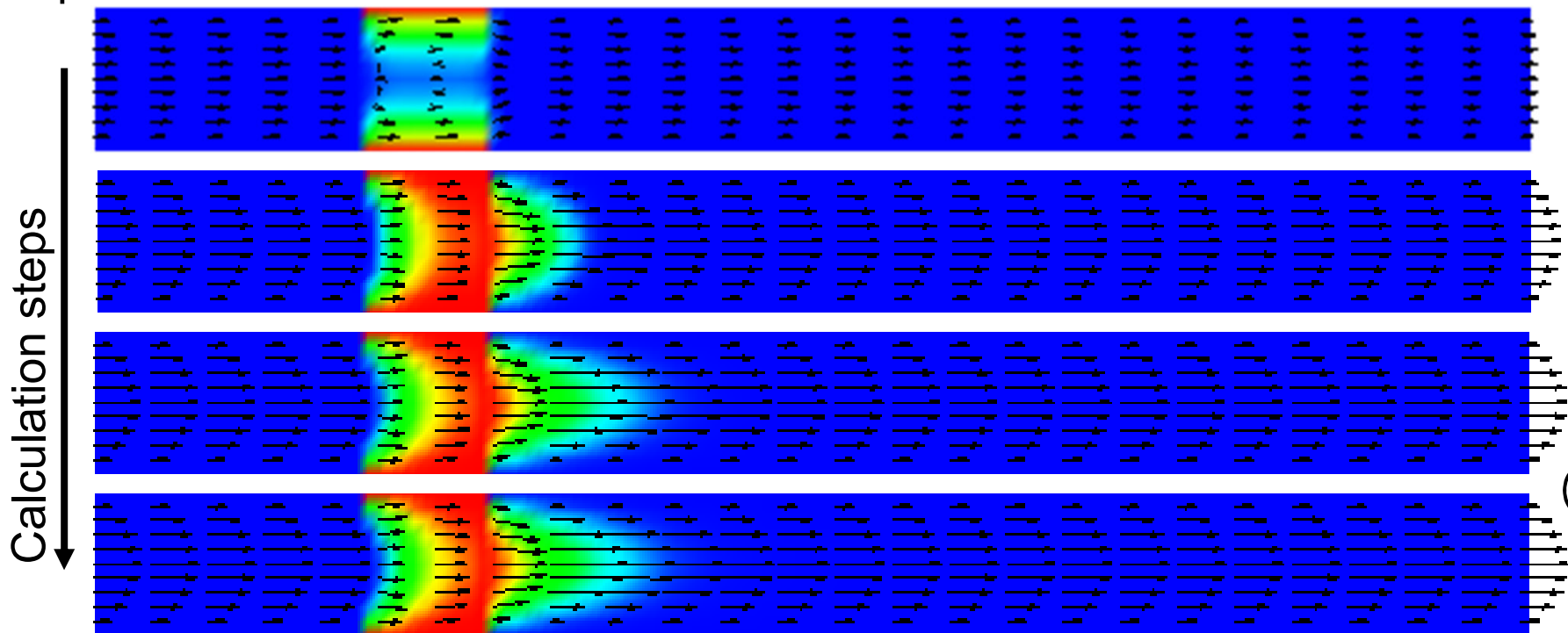
**Aspect ratio: 25.0**

Conventional MAC method.

(If the calculation time is same as proposed method)



Proposed method.

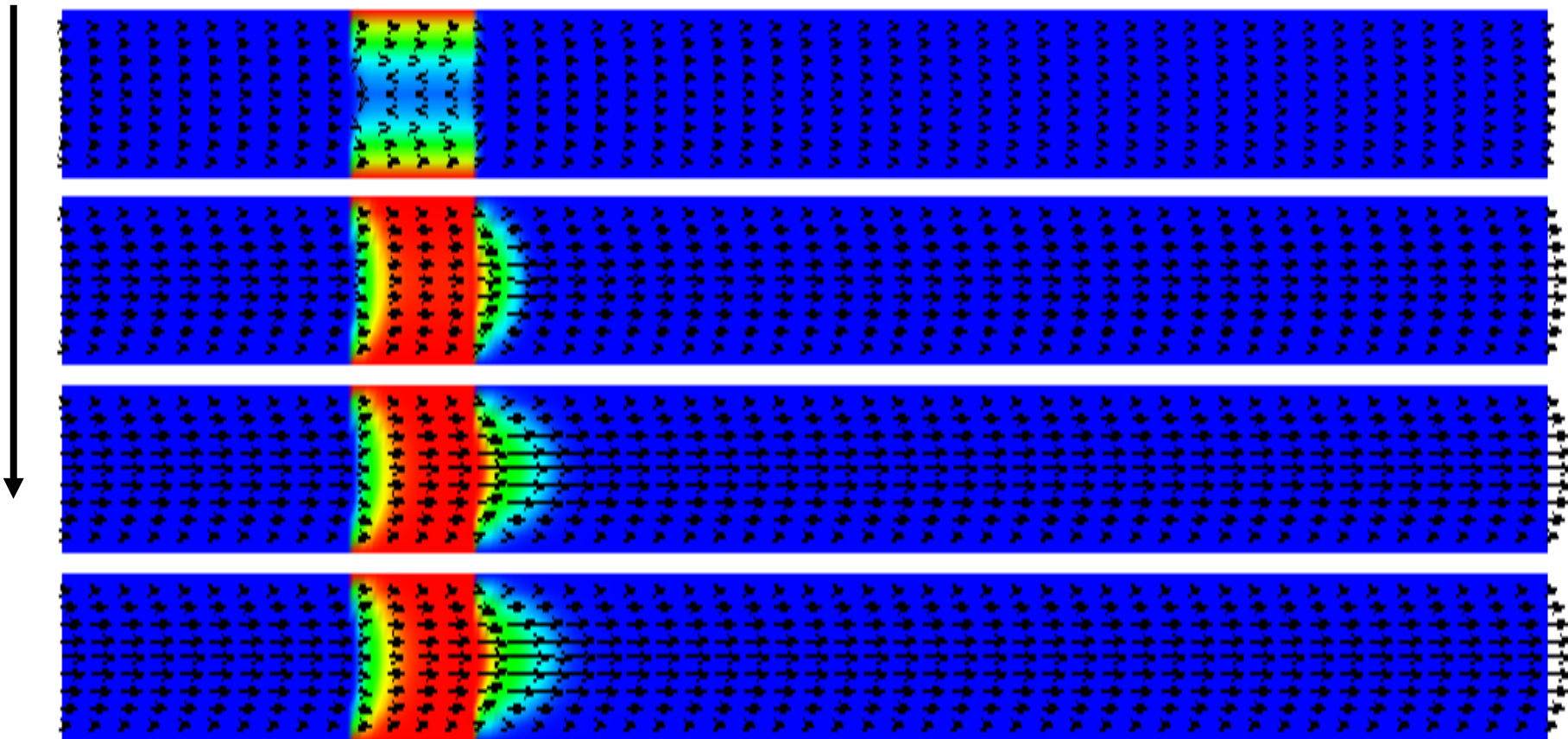


Reynolds number=50, Grashof number=5000, Prandtl number=0.71

# Aspect ratio: 50.0

Proposed method.

Calculation steps

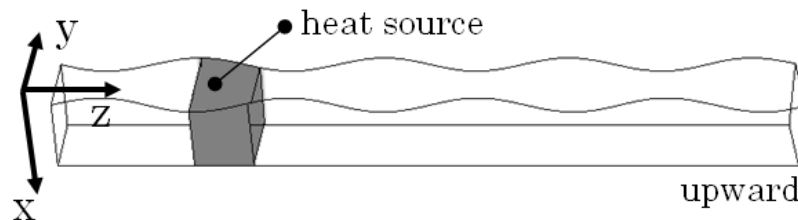


Reynolds number=50, Grashof number=5000, Prandtl number=0.71

# Complex shape region

General coordinate transformation

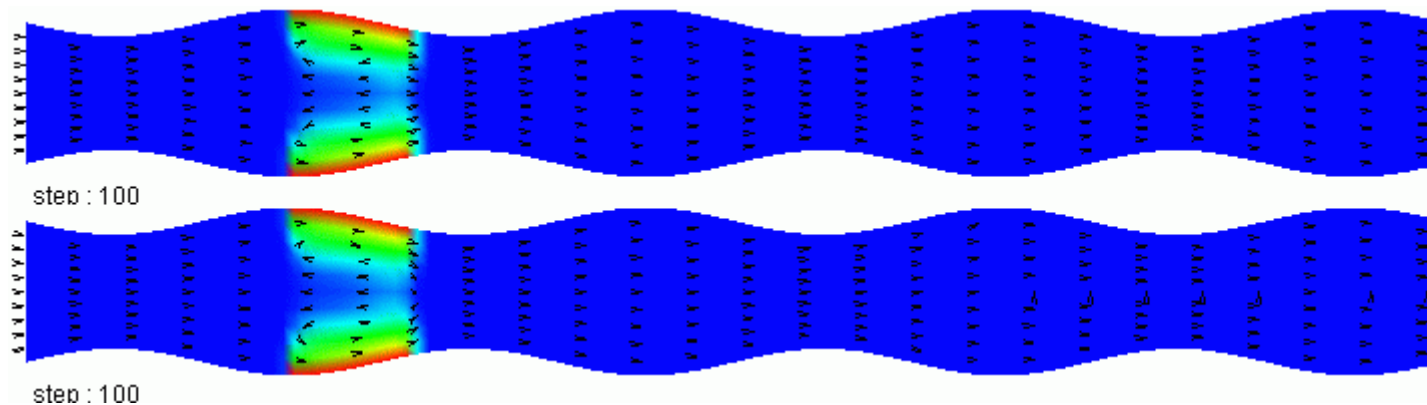
$$\xi = \xi(x, y, z) \quad \eta = \eta(x, y, z) \quad \zeta = \zeta(x, y, z)$$



Aspect ratio: 25.0  
Actual shape

Dimensionless temperature  
Low High

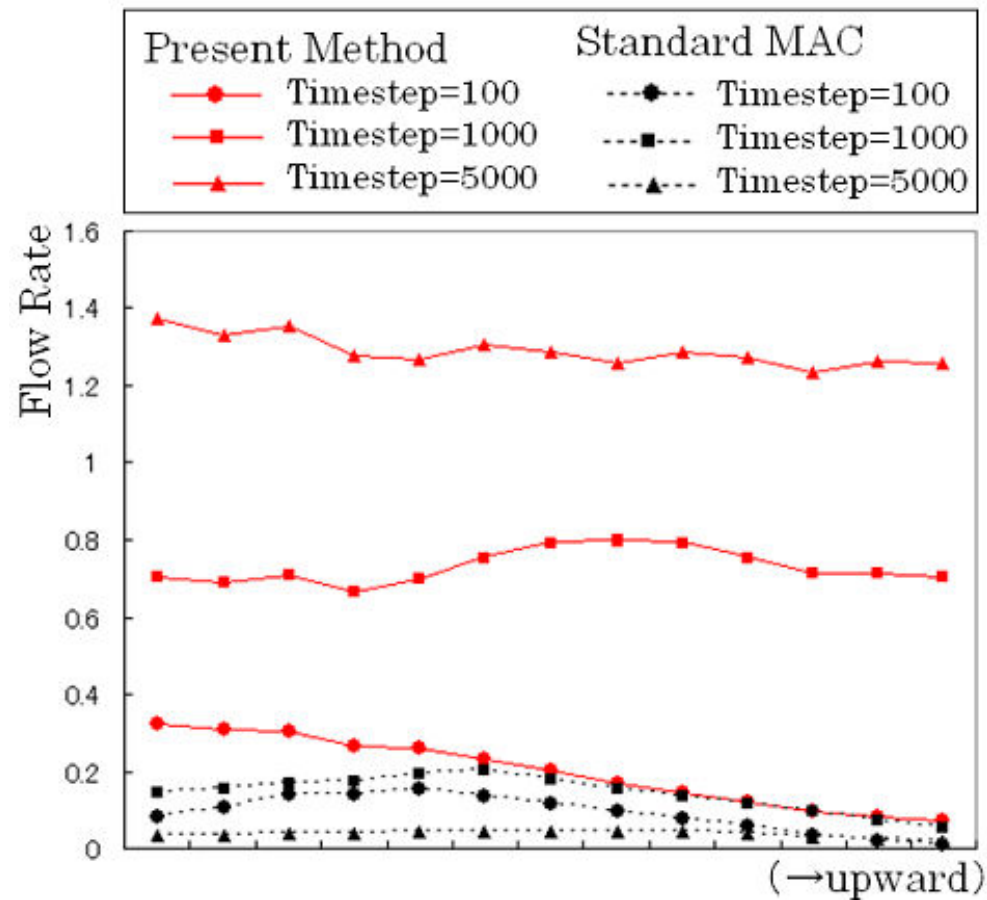
Proposed method.



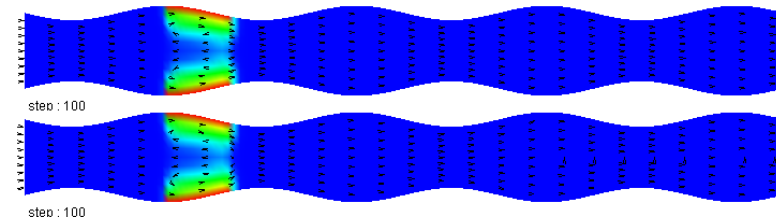
Conventional MAC method.

(If the calculation time is same as proposed method)

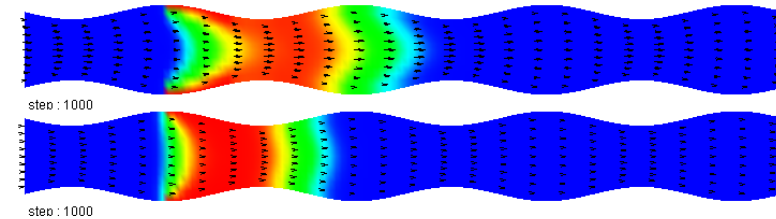
# Complex shape region



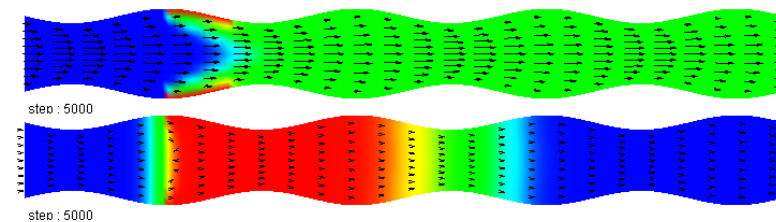
Timestep=100



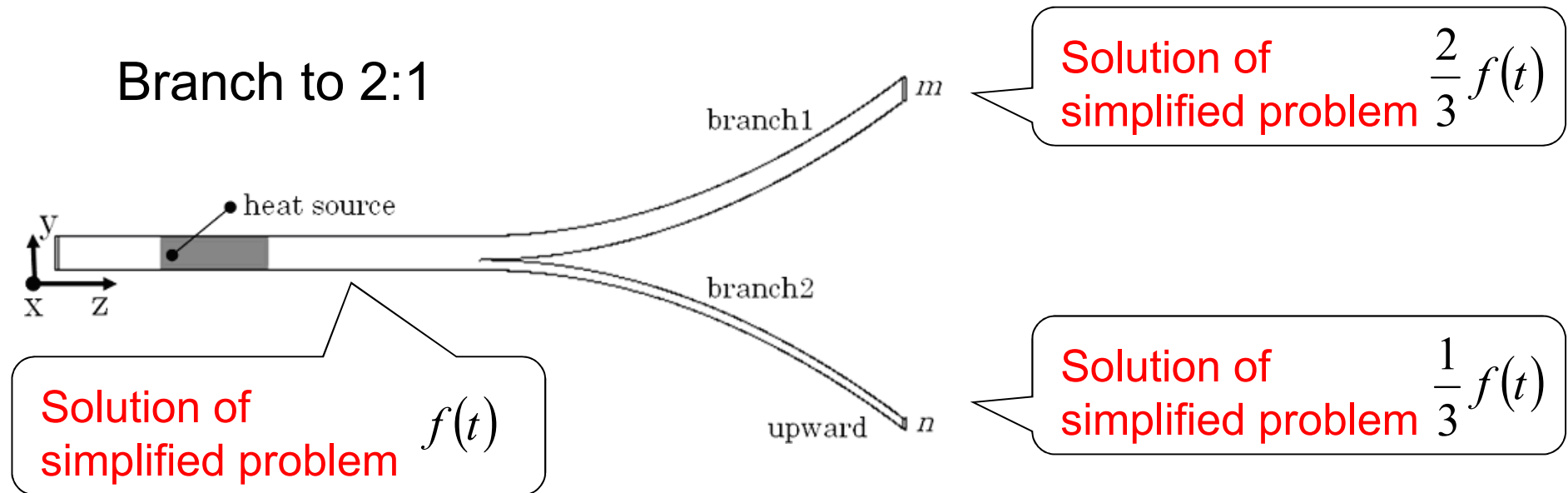
Timestep=10000



Timestep=50000



## Region with branch

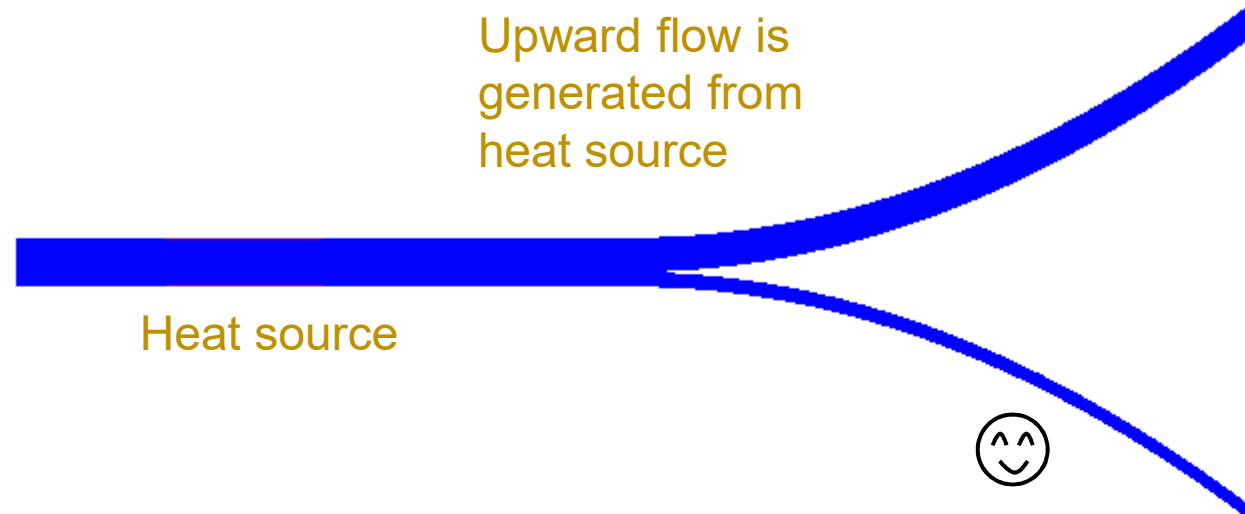


Actual flow rate will not be 2:1.  
(Narrow branch is highly affected by wall friction)

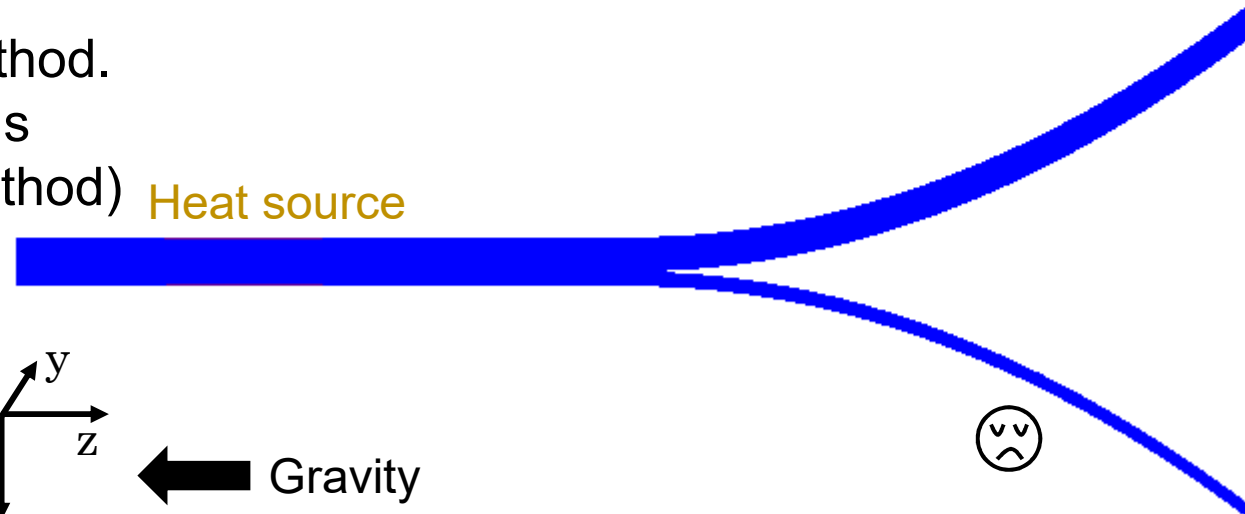
The **Solution of simplified problem** is set to 2:1  
for convenience and corrected with **Deviation**.

## Region with branch

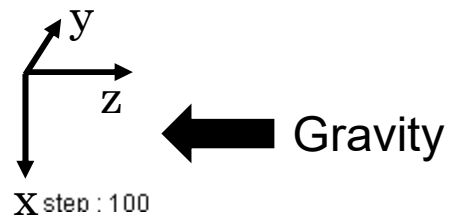
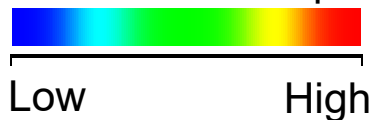
Proposed method.



Conventional MAC method.  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)

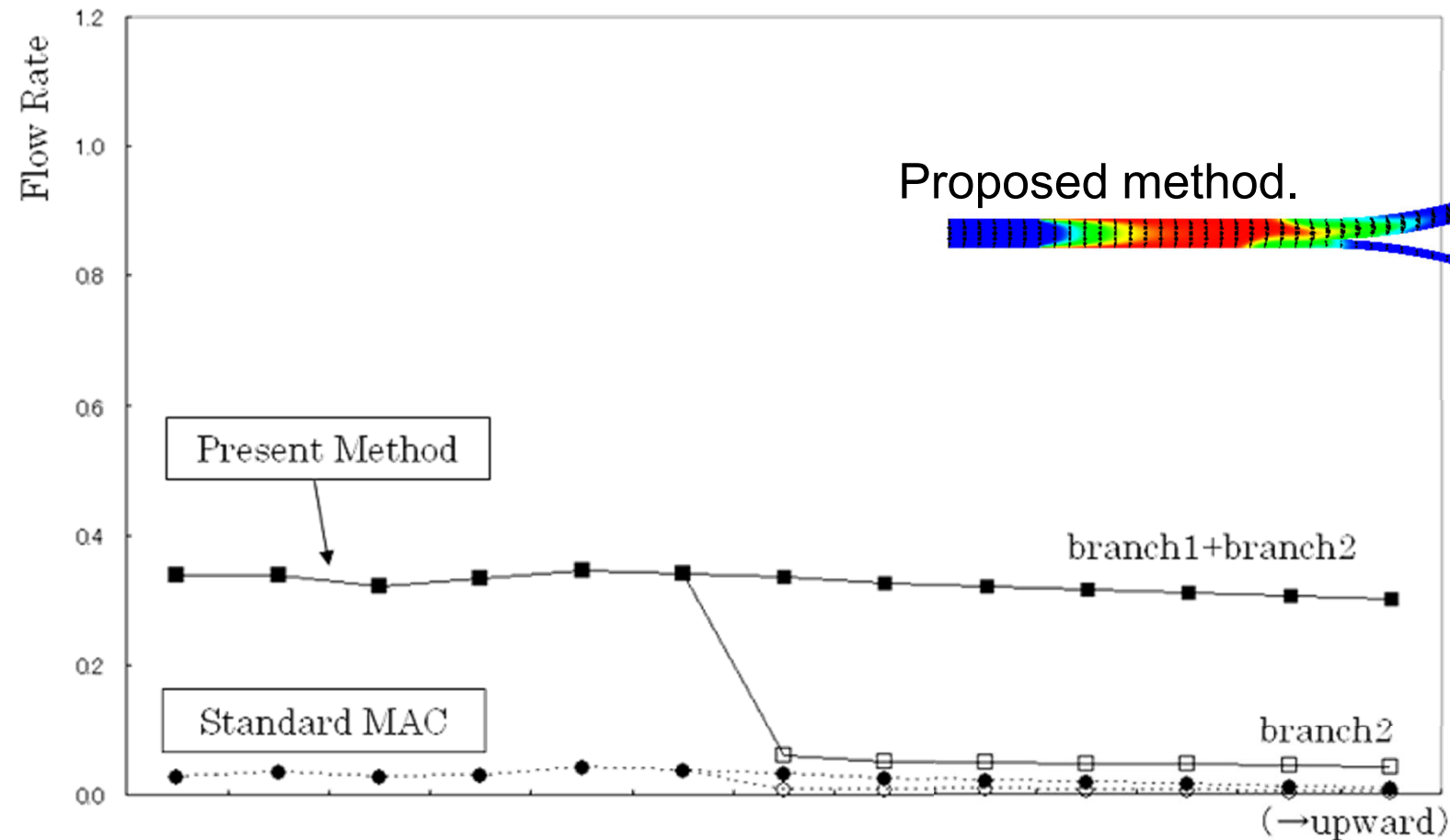


Dimensionless temperature



# Region with branch

Timestep=1000

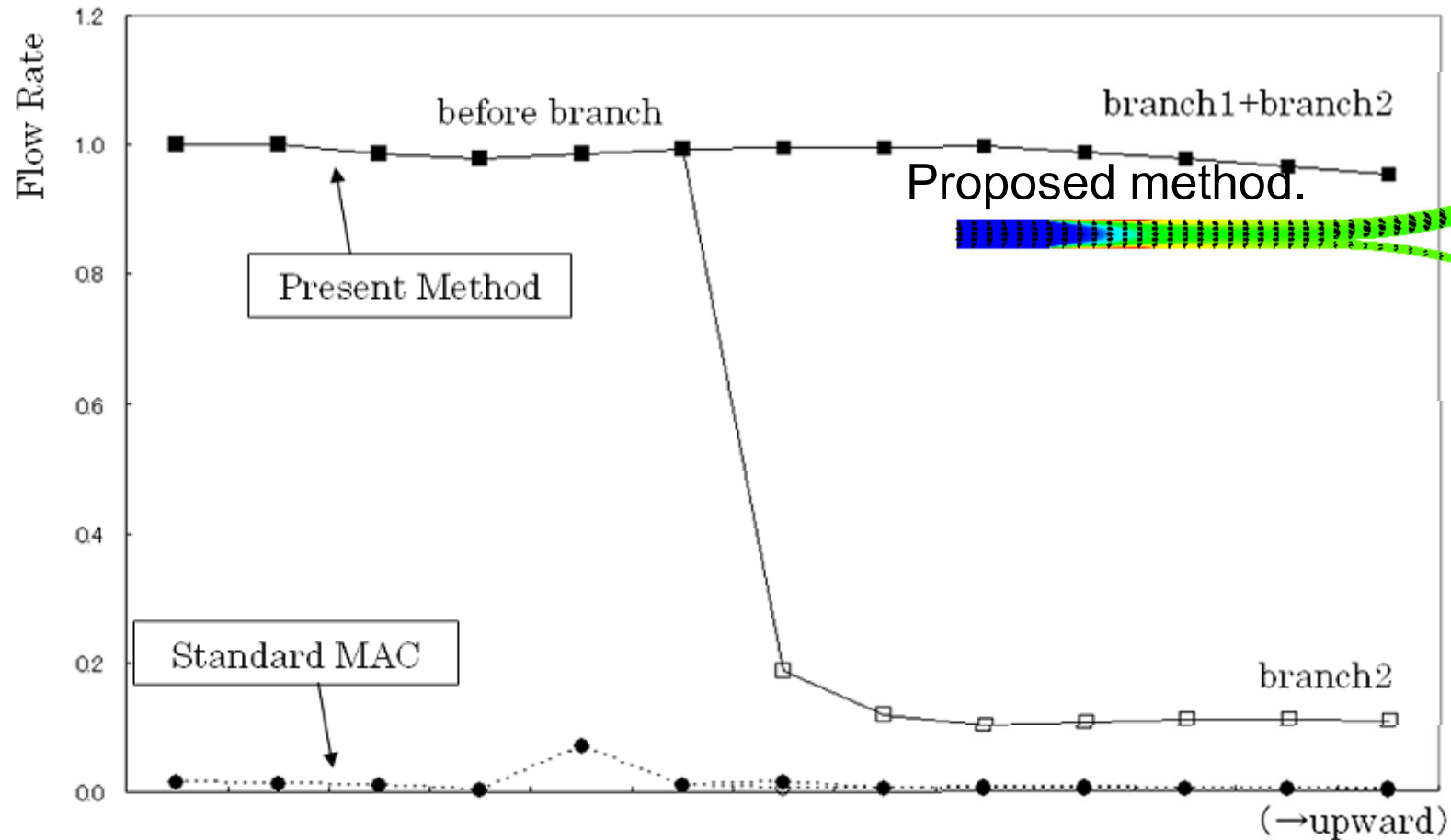


Proposed method.

Conventional MAC method.  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)

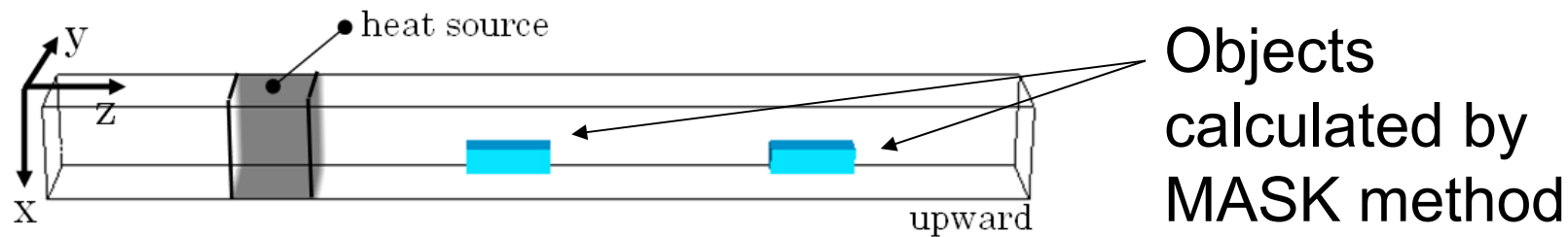
## Region with branch

Timestep=4000



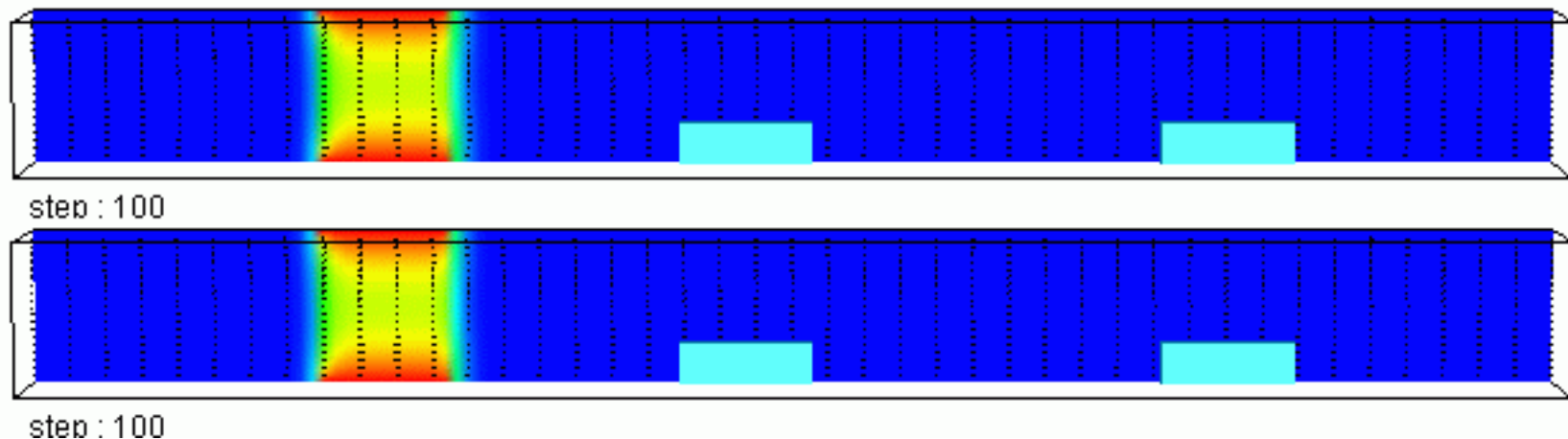
Conventional MAC method.  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)

# Objects in pipe



Aspect ratio: 25.0  
Actual shape

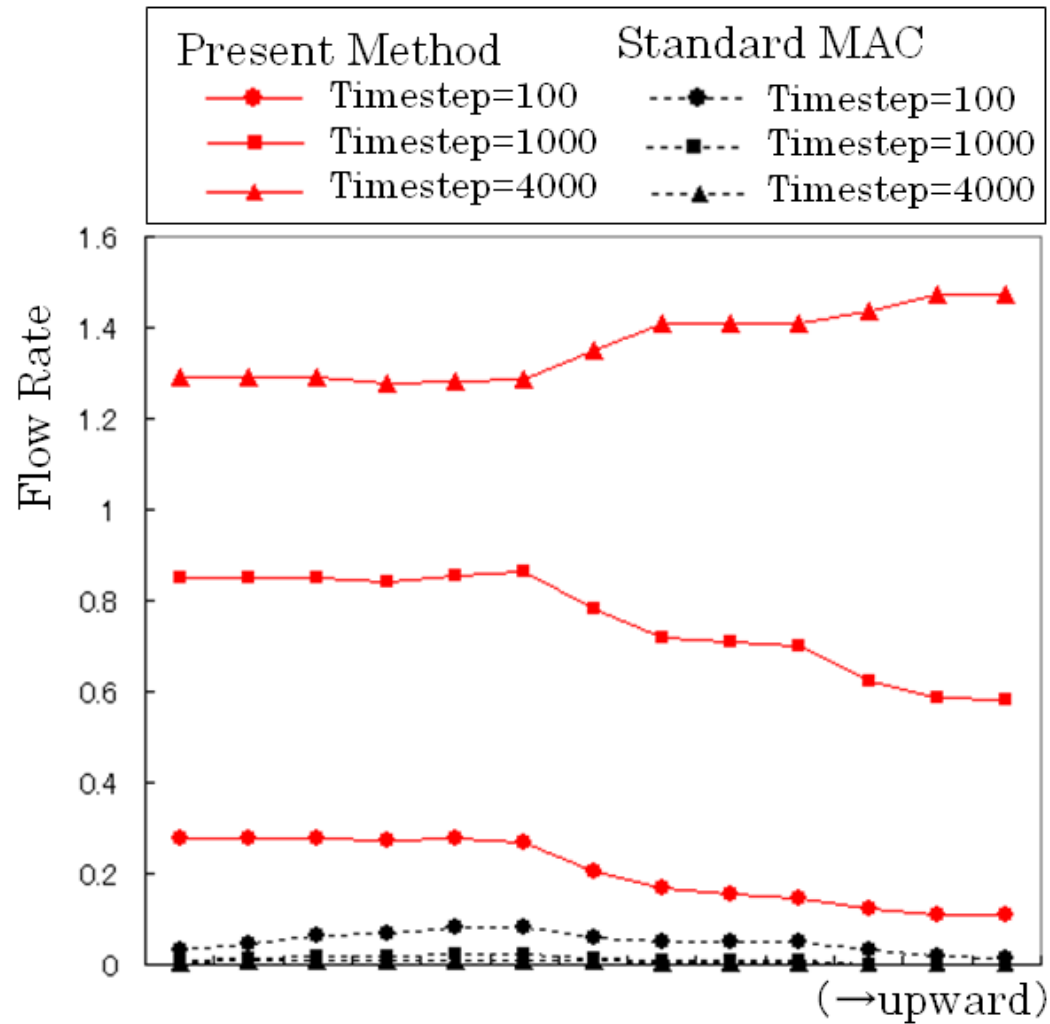
Proposed method. 😊



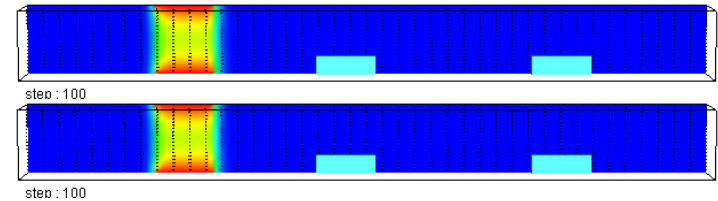
Conventional MAC method. ☹️  
(If the calculation time is  
same as proposed method)



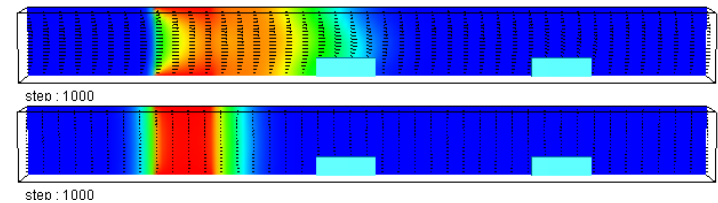
# Objects in pipe



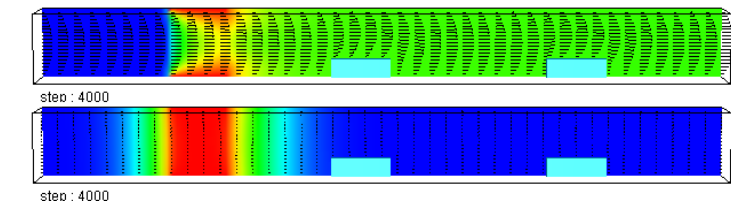
## Timestep=100



## Timestep=1000



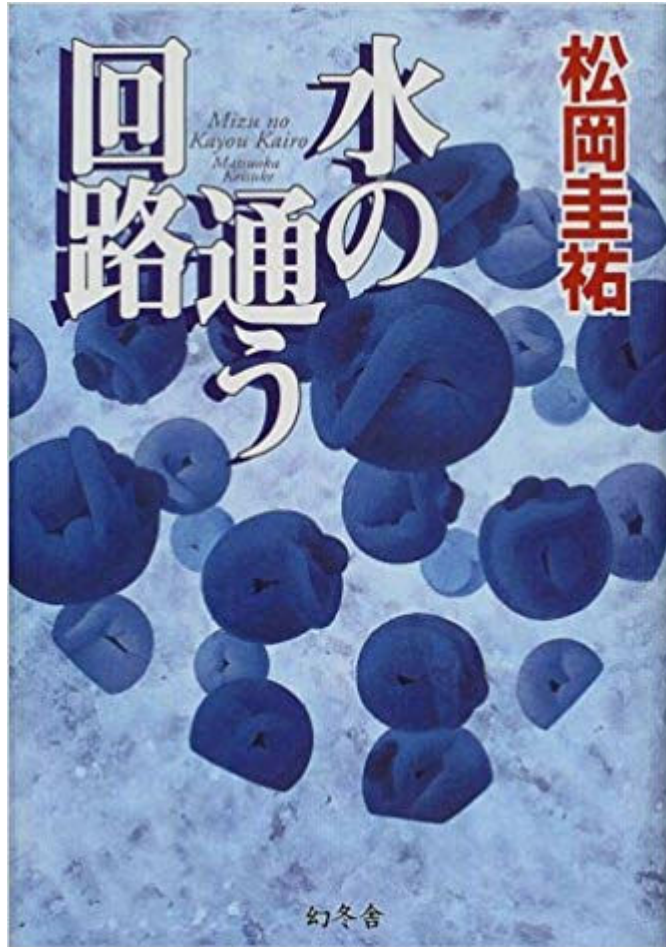
## Timestep=4000



## Conclusions

- A method to solve the flow in a long and thin region in a short time is proposed.
- Concept: Solution of original problem  
= **Solution of simplified problem** + **Deviation**
- Simulation Verifications are carried out.  
Better results than conventional MAC method  
(calculation time is same as proposed method)  
were obtained.
- Limitations of the proposed method
  - When "solution of simplified problem" is complicated and can not be determined.
  - When not along and thin regions.

# Circuit philosophy



Meaningful words

Turbid water  
in the water passing circuit.

Please read this book if you have interest in both circuit & fluid!