FINEL3D
THREE-DIMENSIONAL NON-HYDROSTATIC FLOW MODEL

FINEL3D is a fully three-dimensional, parallel, non-hydrostatic flow solver based on the Finite Element Method (FEM), suitable for the computation of (shallow) water flow and transport processes in rivers and coastal waters. FINEL3D is based on the complete Navier-Stokes equations; no assumptions are made with respect to the vertical pressure distribution, hence the model is especially suited to compute flows with significant 3D effects. If preferred, the user can switch to a 3D-hydrostatic flow modus.

The scientific basis of FINEL3D is given by research work by Labeur (2009) and Labeur & Wells (2012), who developed a 3D Navier-Stokes solver based on the novel Galerkin Interface Stabilization (GIS) approach; this is an advantageous combination of continuous and discontinuous Finite Element techniques. FINEL3D is an implementation which applies the scientific concepts by Labeur (2009) and Labeur & Wells (2012), but as the model has been developed in-house Svašek Hydraulics is fully responsible for the quality of the model.

FINEL3D employs triangular or tetrahedral grids that can be generated by various mesh generators. It is possible to use the same grid as for the 2-dimensional shallow water flow model FINEL2D. This 2D grid can be extended in vertical direction with an arbitrary number of vertical grid points per vertex. This procedure makes the schematisation process flexible and efficient, as special features in the area of interest can be easily incorporated within the model.

FINEL3D is also able to compute flow over weirs and barriers, drying and wetting events, as well as density currents resulting from cold-warm and salt-fresh interactions (and the combination of both).

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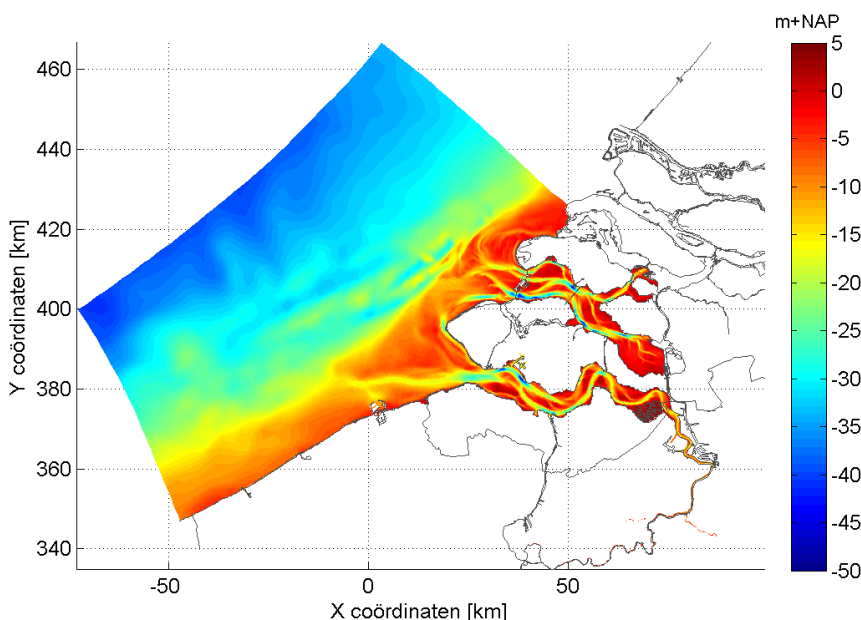
MAIN FEATURES

- 3D flow and transport processes in rivers and coastal waters
- Free-surface flow or rigid-lid flow
- Moving mesh in vertical direction
- Density currents
- Wind stress and air pressure
- Coriolis effect
- Bottom friction parameterizations
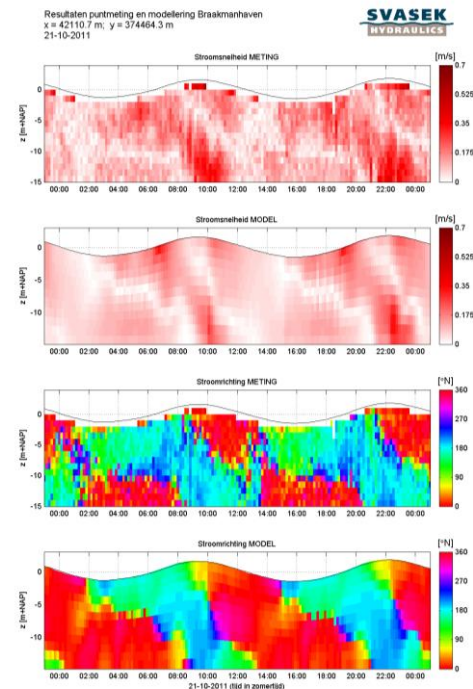- Vertical/horizontal turbulence models
- Transport of passive and active scalars (salinity, temperature, silt)
- Flow over weirs and barriers/structures
- Drying/wetting algorithm
- Second-order accurate in space and time
- Parallelisation with Message Passing Interface (MPI) library, using automatic domain decomposition

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