

# Fluid Leakage across a Pressure Seal

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Mathematical Model → Simulation

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Simulation → Mathematical Model

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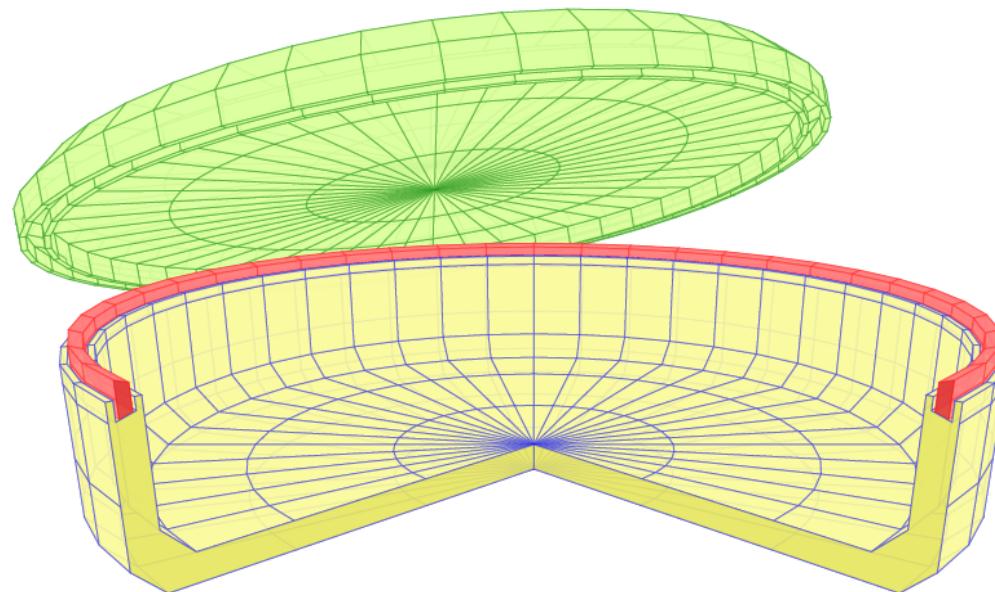
# Multi-Scale Modeling (Homogenization)

- Mathematical theory of coordination between phenomena happening at different scales

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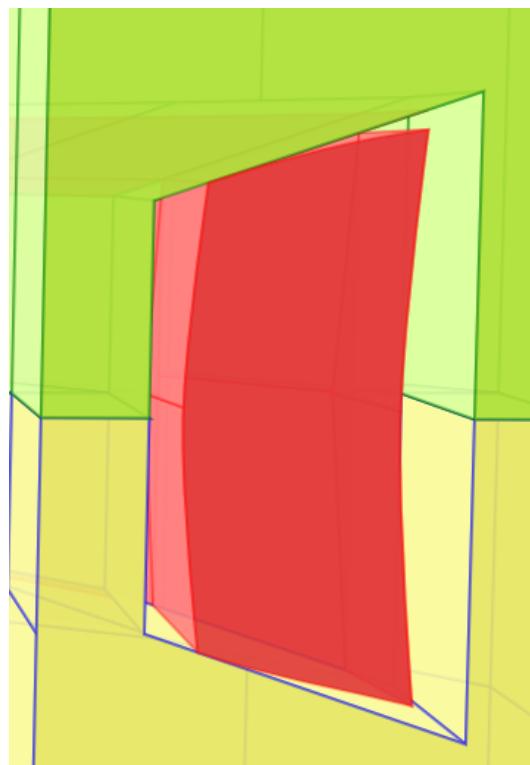
# Gasket Seals



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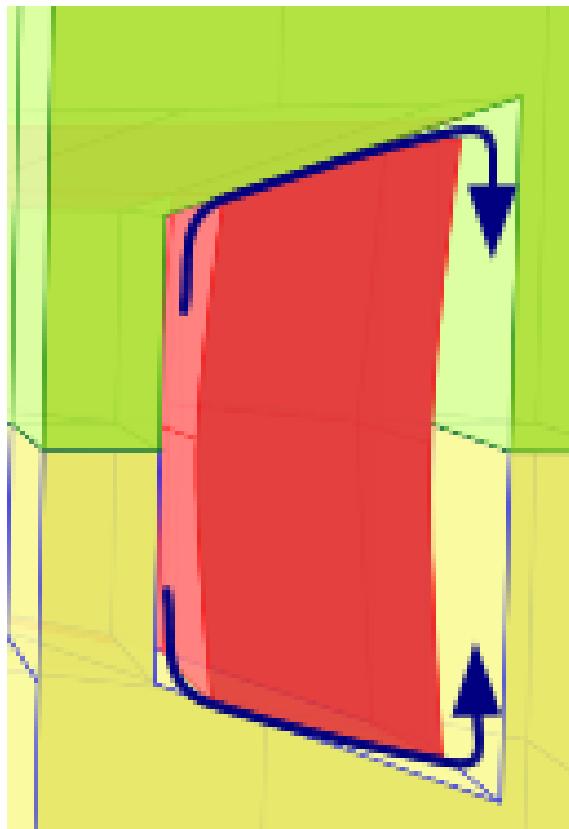
# Gasket Seals



Leakage rate depends on:

- Geometries
- Materials
- Surface characteristics
- Clamping forces
- Fluid pressure

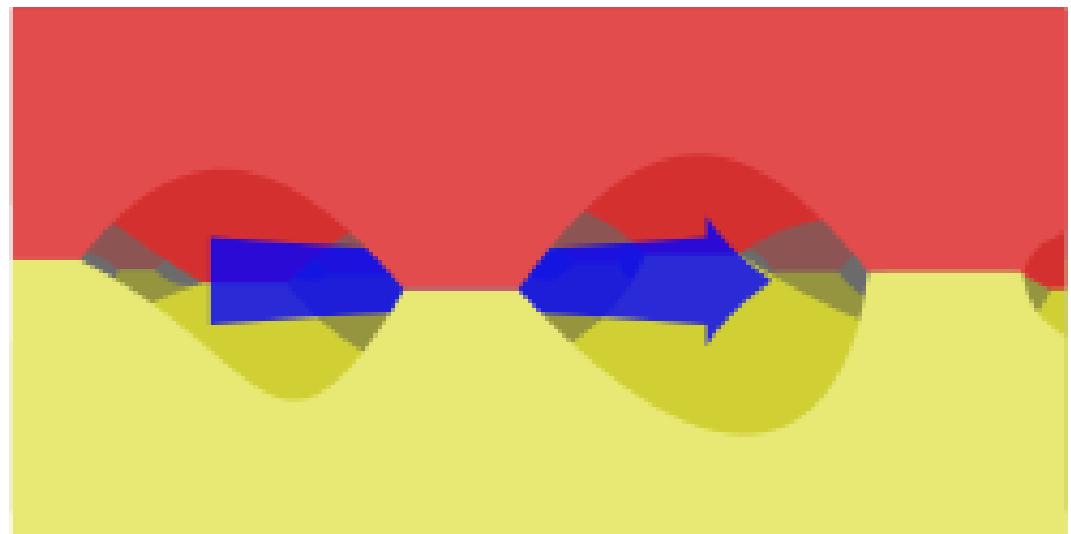
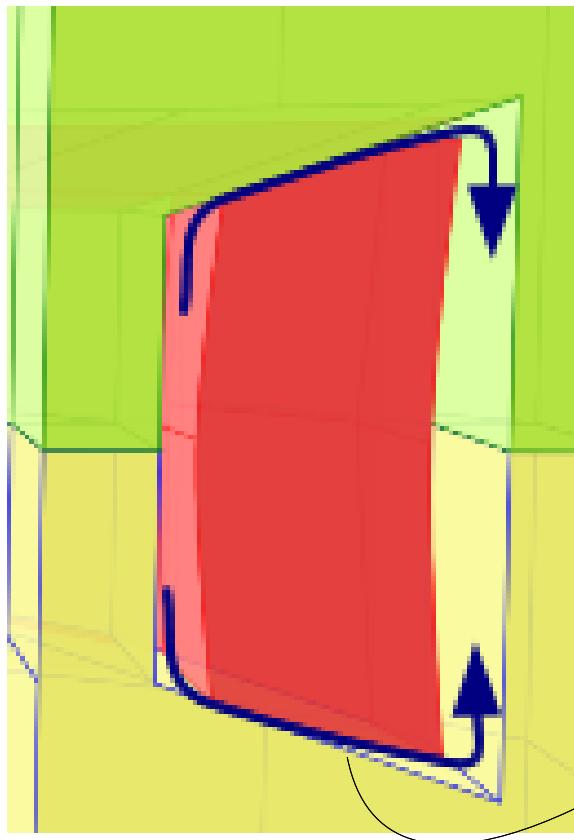
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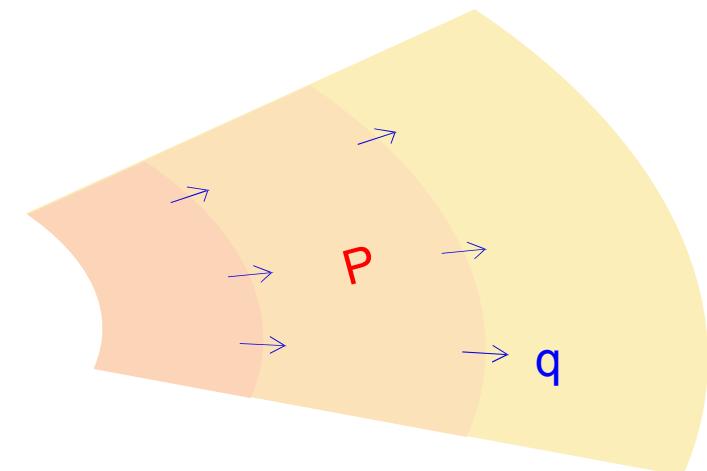
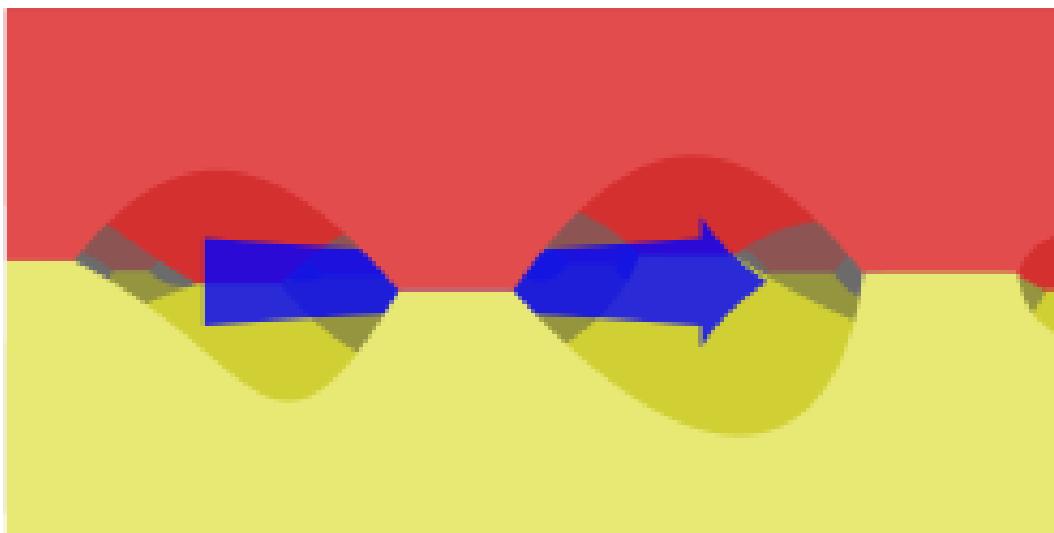
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# Homogenization

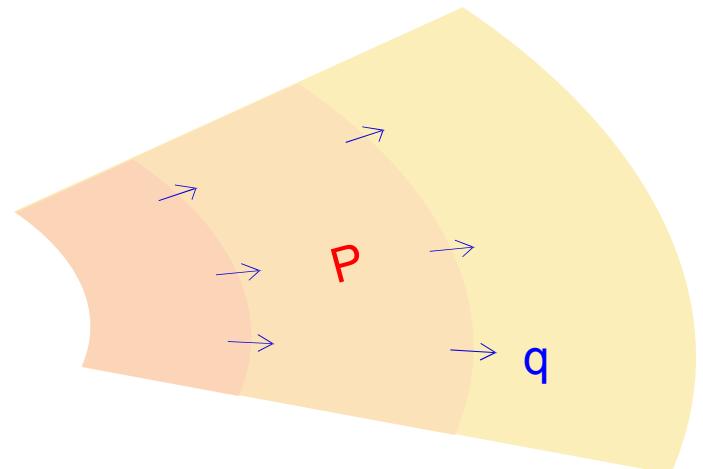


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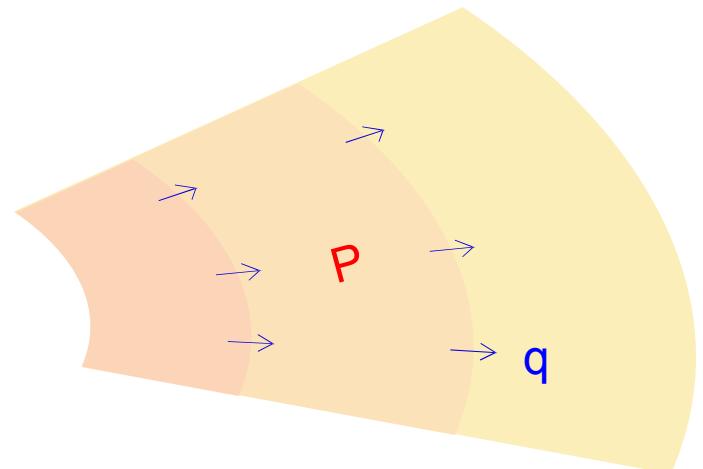
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# Homogenization

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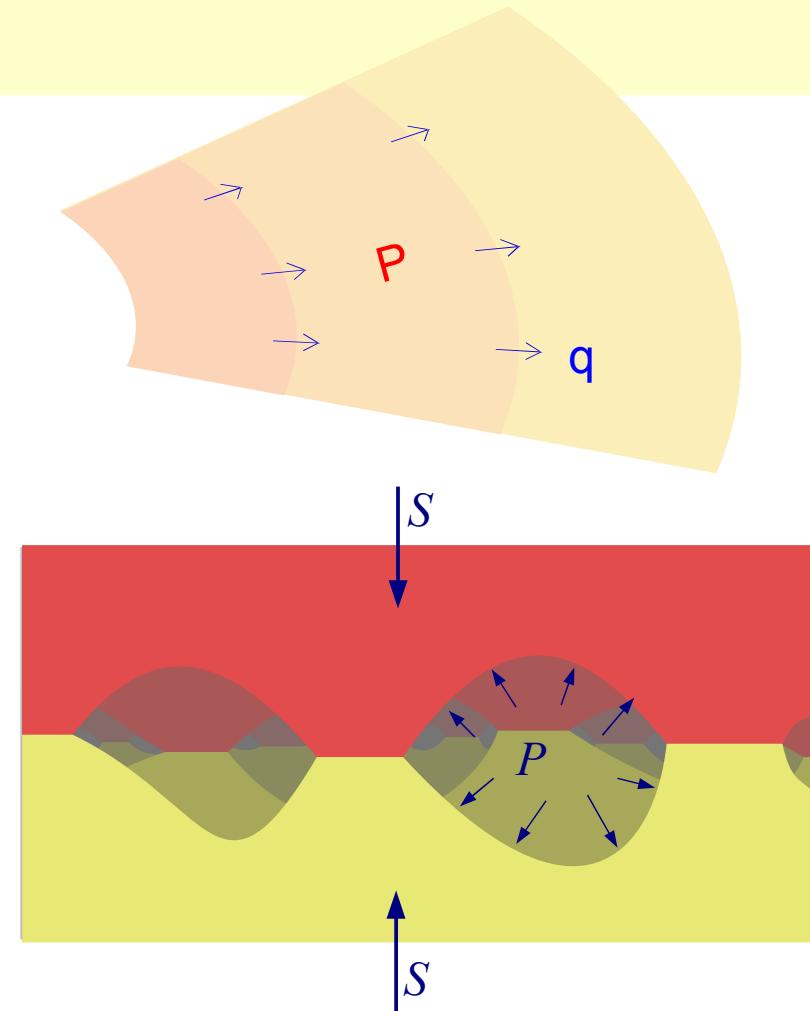
$$a = a(S, P, |\nabla P|)$$



# Homogenization

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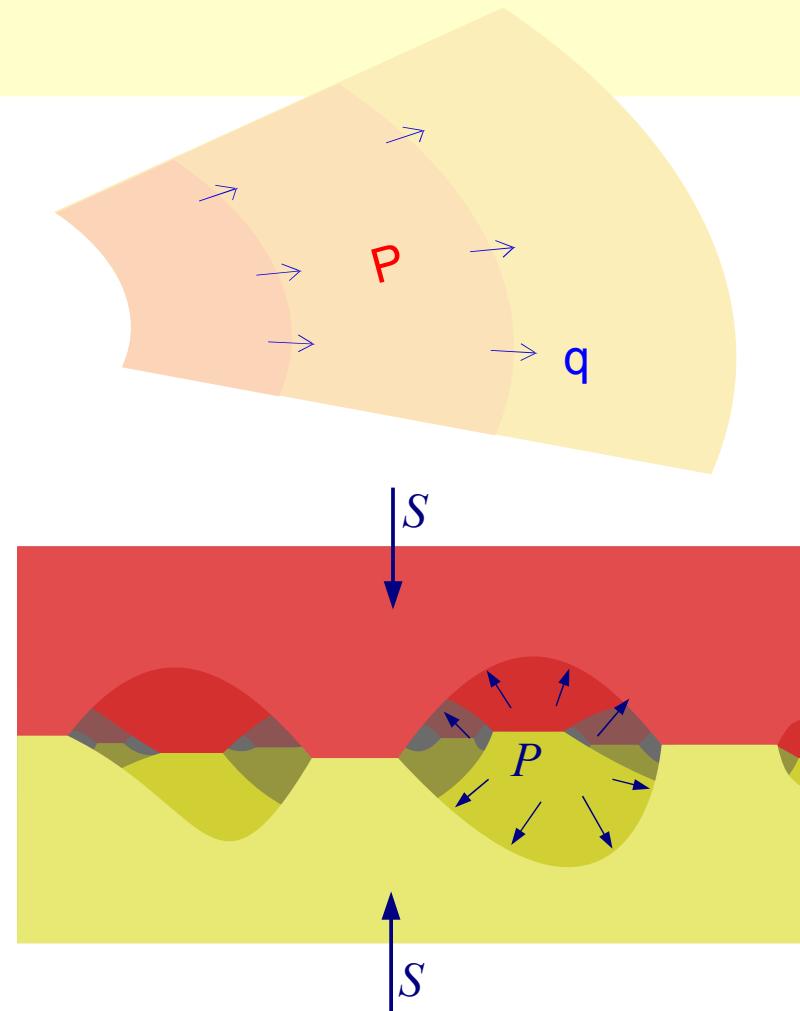


# Geometric Result

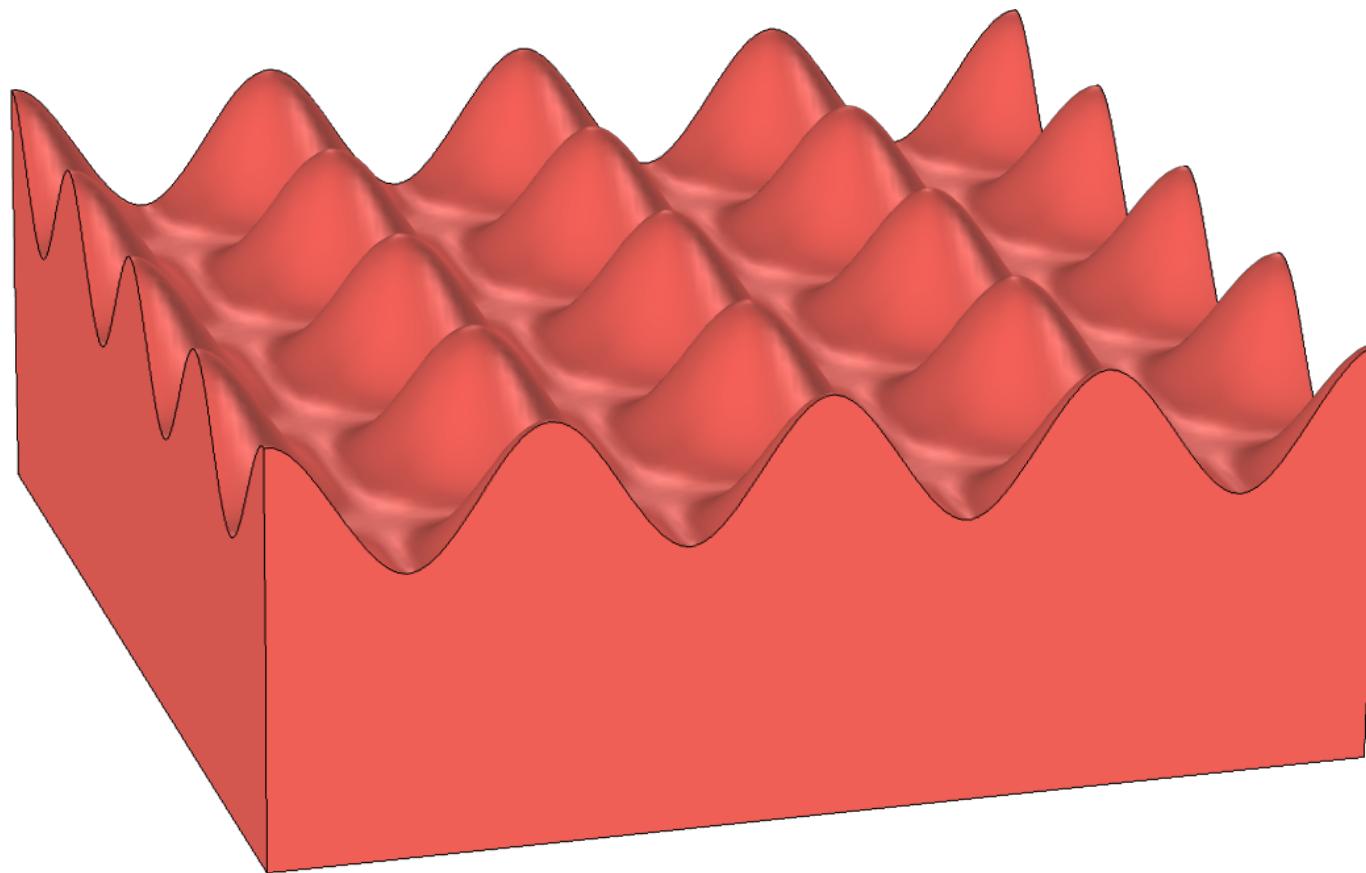
$$q = a \nabla P$$

$$a = a(S, P, |\nabla P|)$$

Geometry of  
microcaverns depends  
only on  $S - P$



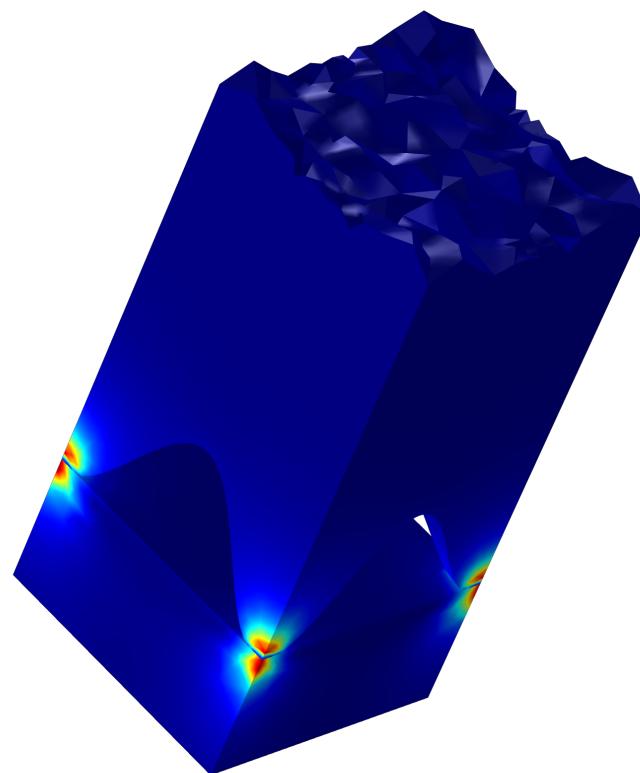
# Idealization



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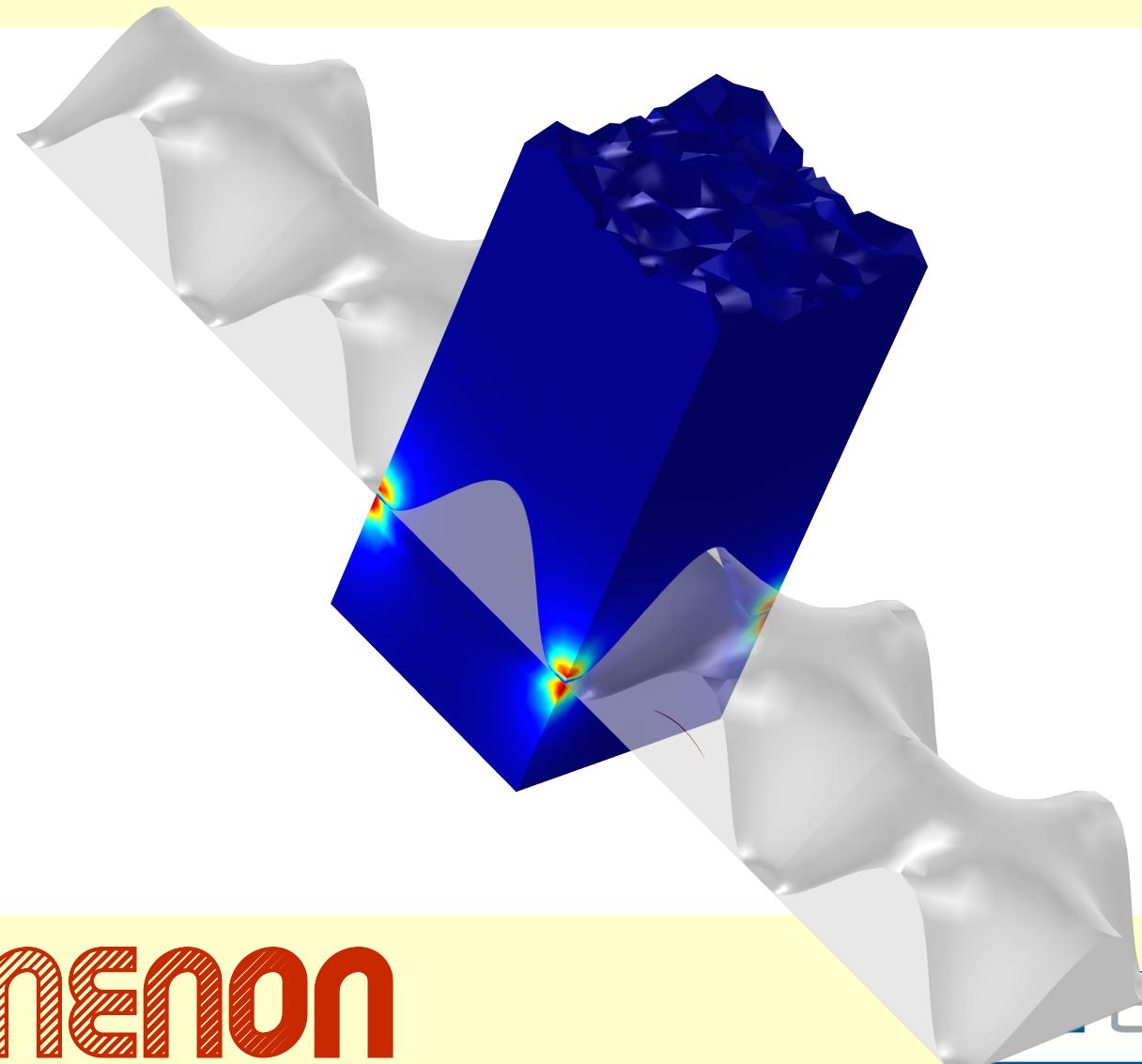
# Mechanical Simulation



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# Fluid Domain

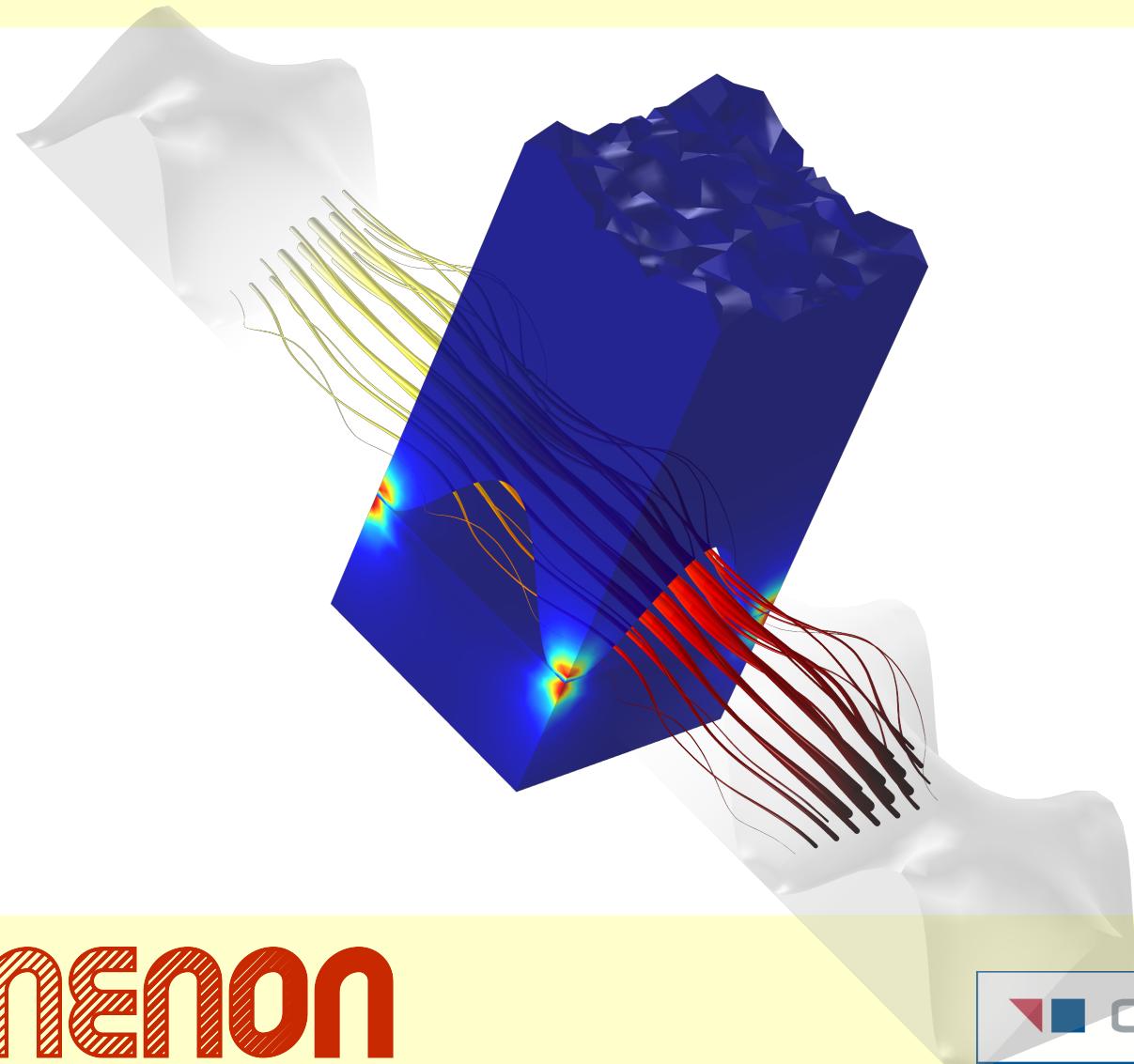


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# Fluid Flow



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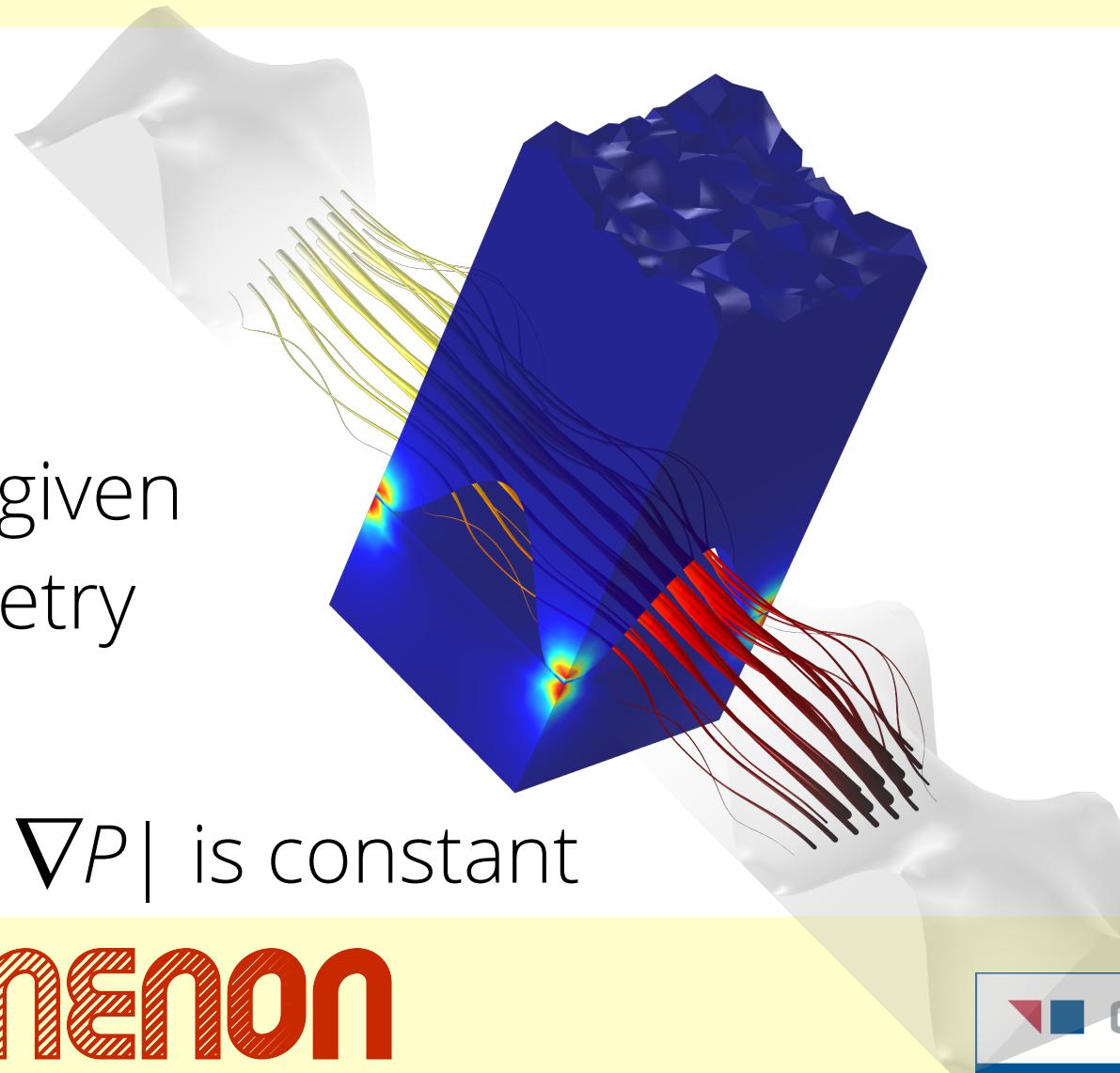


# Correlation

For a given  
geometry

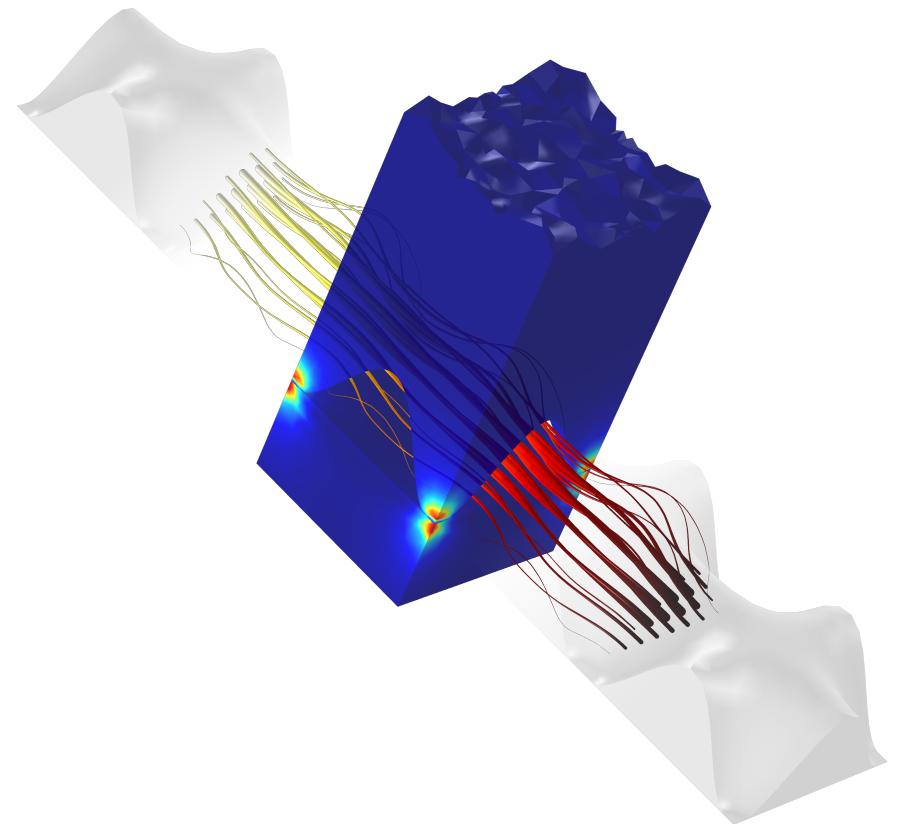
- $q / P | \nabla P |$  is constant

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# New Formula

- $q = f(S - P) P |\nabla P|$
- For a given geometry
- $q / P |\nabla P|$  is constant

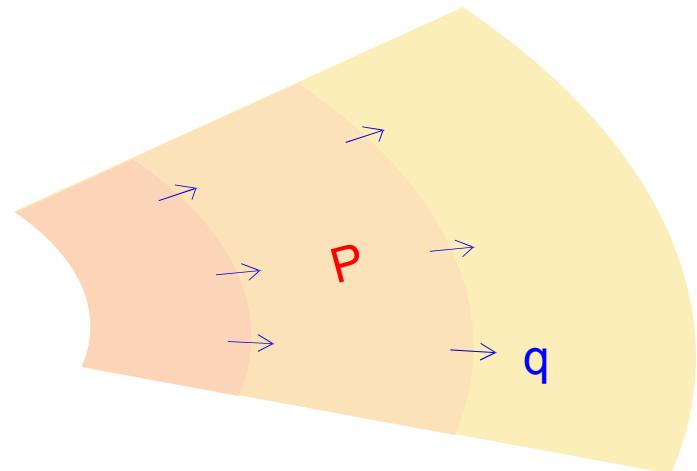


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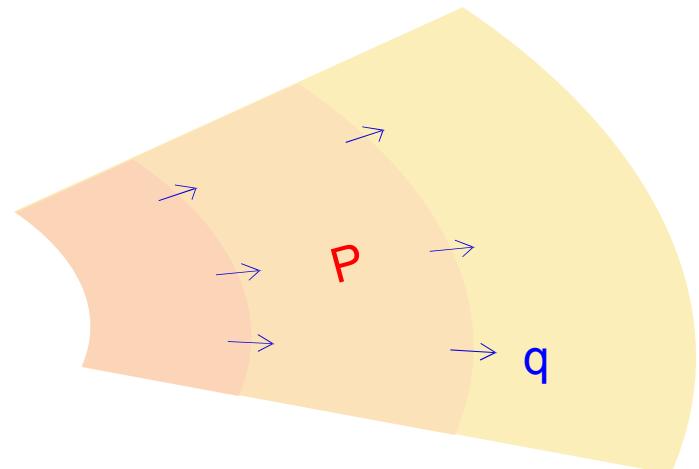
# New PDE!!!

- $q = f(S - P) P |\nabla P|$

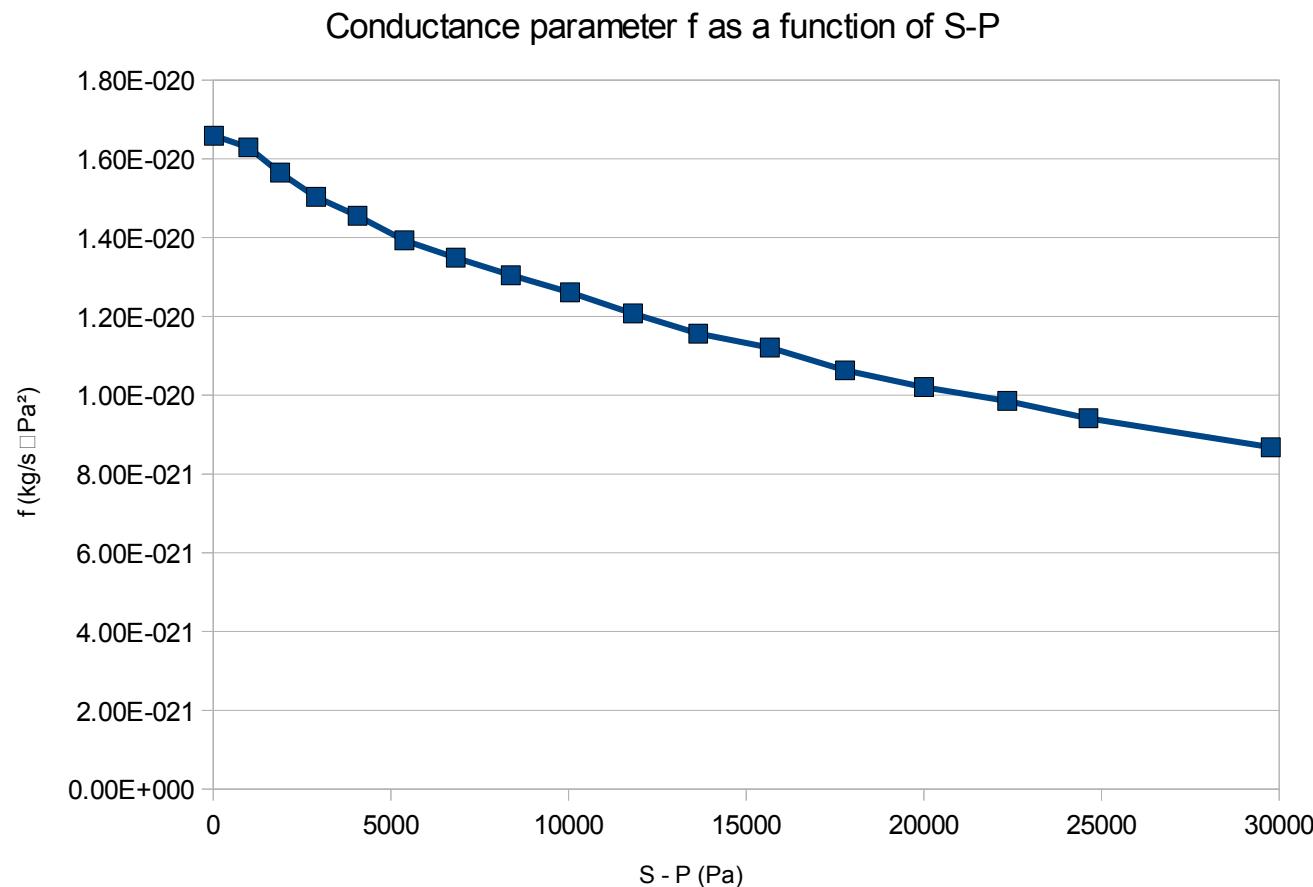


# New PDE!!!

- $q = f(S - P) P |\nabla P|$
- $\nabla \cdot q = 0$

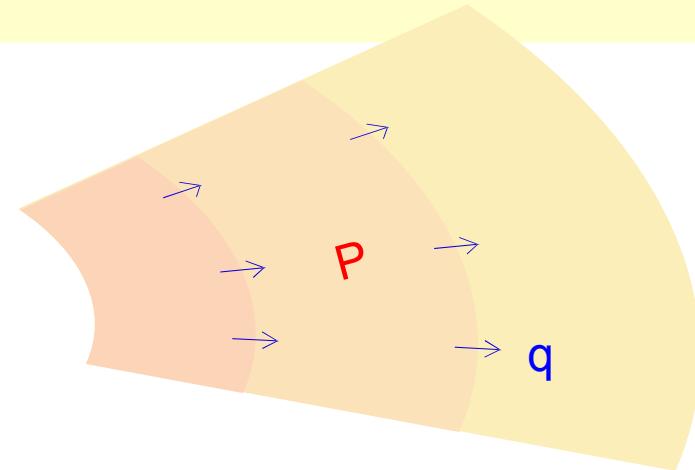


$$q = f(S - P) P |\nabla P|$$



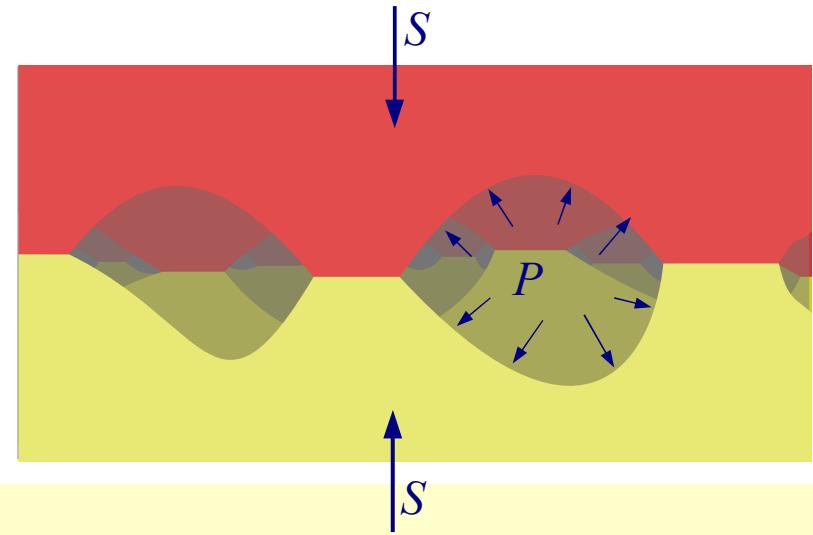
# What we have achieved

$$q = a(S, P, |\nabla P|) \nabla P$$



- $q = f(S - P) P |\nabla P|$

$$\nabla \cdot q = 0$$



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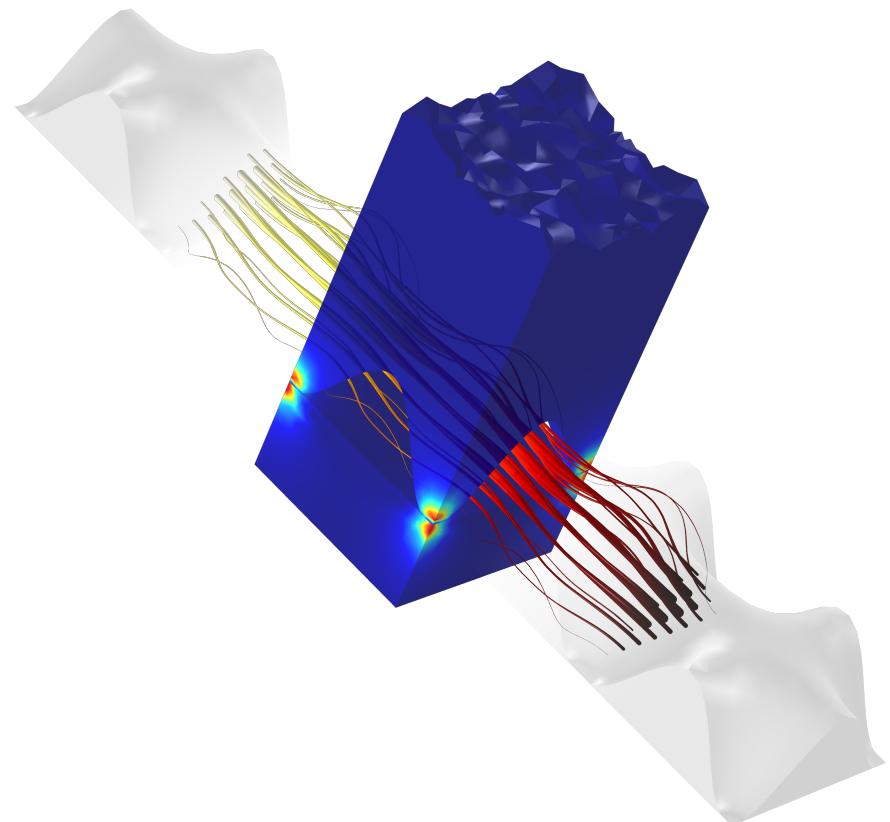


# Thank you!

$$q = a(S, P, |\nabla P|) \nabla P$$

- $q = f(S - P) P |\nabla P|$

$$\nabla \cdot q = 0$$



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