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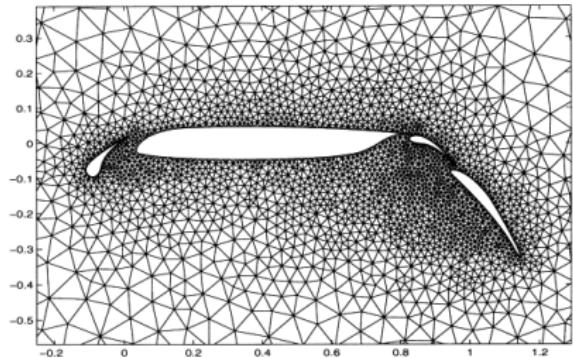
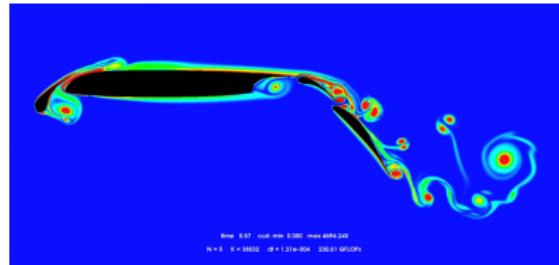
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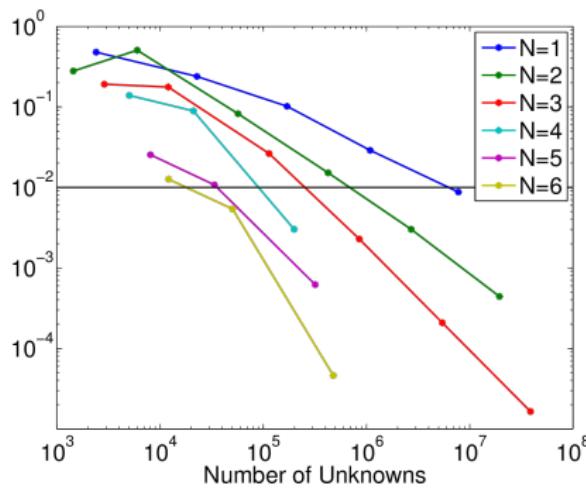
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Mesh from Slawig 2001.

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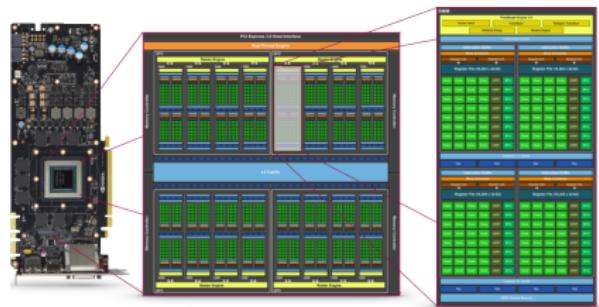
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For smooth solutions, high order methods deliver a lower error per degree of freedom.

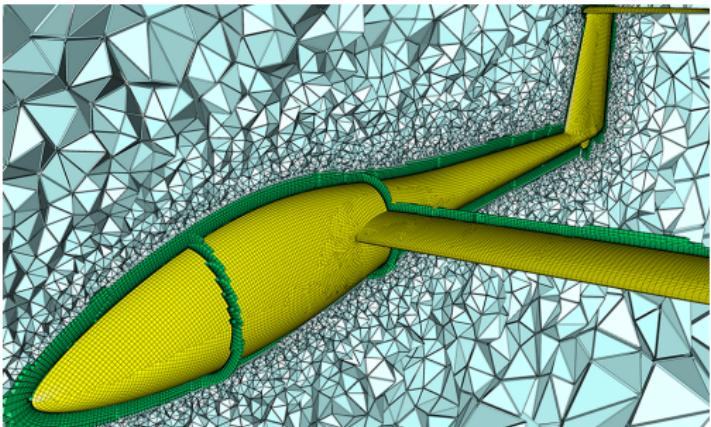
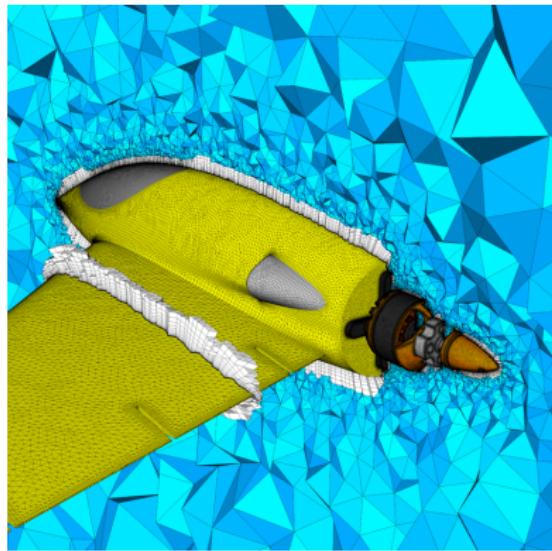
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Schematic of an NVIDIA graphics processing unit (GPU).

# Finite element methods: general unstructured meshes

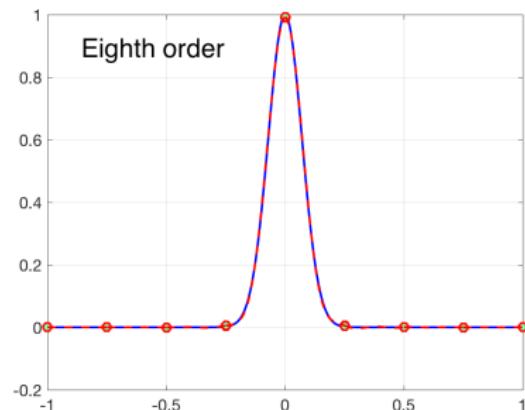
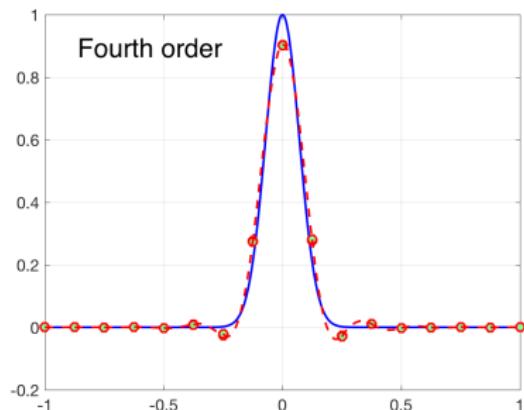
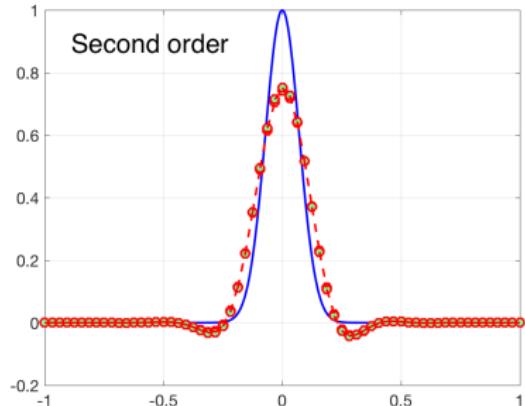
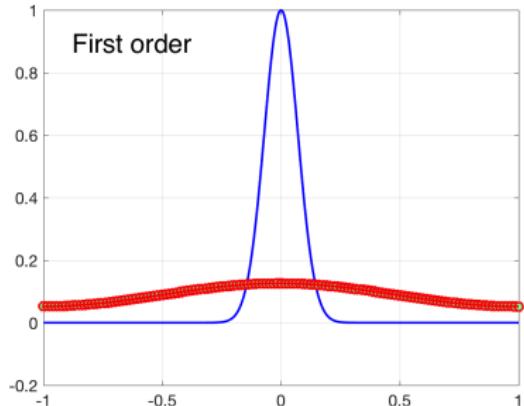


DG methods are compatible with unstructured meshes containing different types of elements (tetrahedra, hexahedra most common, but also prisms and pyramids).

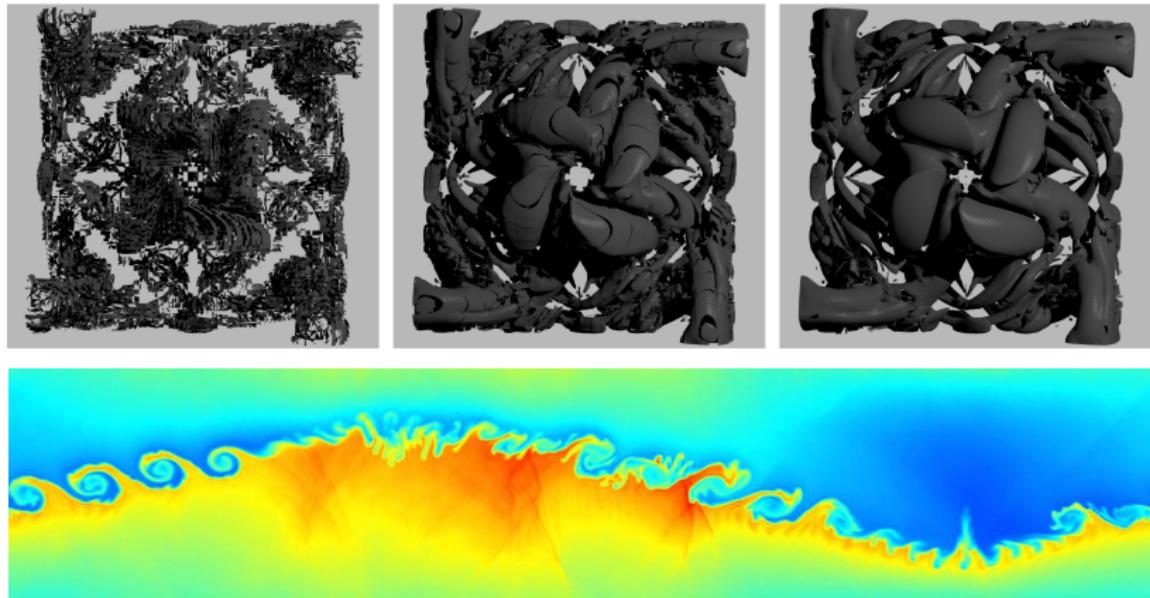
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2nd, 4th, and 16th order Taylor-Green (top), 8th order Kelvin-Helmholtz (bottom).

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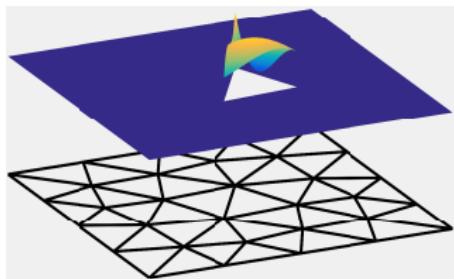
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# Basics of discontinuous Galerkin methods

Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods:

- High order accuracy, geometric flexibility.
- Weak continuity across faces.
- Continuous PDE (example: advection)



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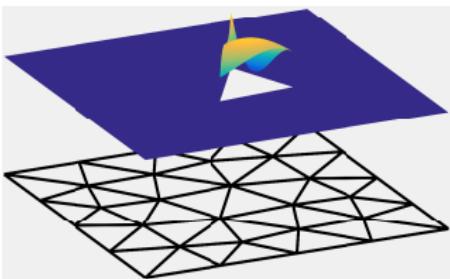
- Local DG form with numerical flux  $\mathbf{f}^*$ : find  $u \in P^N(D^k)$  such that

$$\int_{D_k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \phi = \int_{D_k} \frac{\partial f(u)}{\partial x} \phi + \int_{\partial D_k} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{f}^* - \mathbf{f}(u)) \phi, \quad \forall \phi \in P^N(D^k).$$

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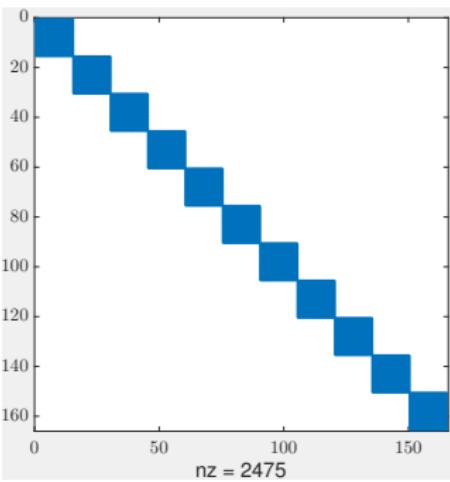
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DG in space yields system of ODEs

$$\mathbf{M}_\Omega \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}.$$

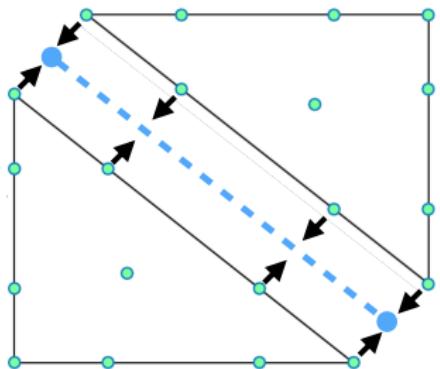
DG mass matrix decouples across elements,  
inter-element coupling only through  $\mathbf{A}$ .



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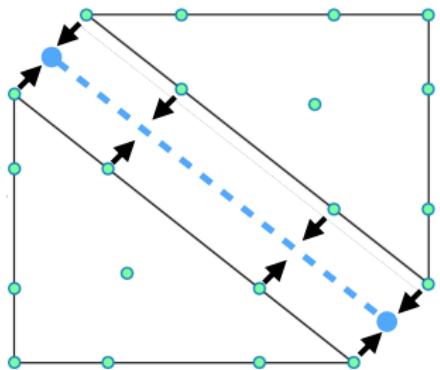


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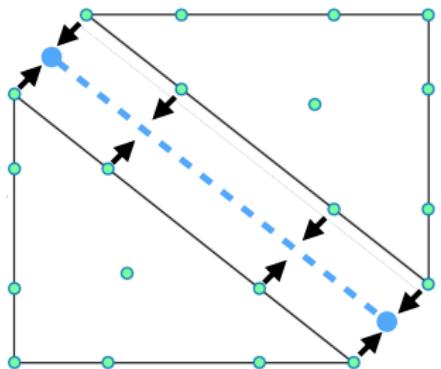


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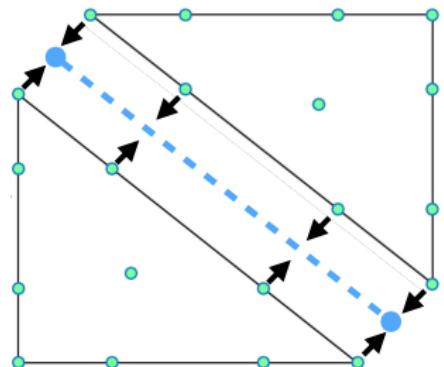


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**Pros:** simple, scalable, and efficient matrix-free implementation.

**Cons:** explicit time-stepping, high order methods prone to **instability**.  
Regularization (slope limiting, artificial viscosity) to avoid blow up!

Must ensure semi-discrete system is inherently *energy stable!*

# DG is semi-discretely energy stable for linear advection

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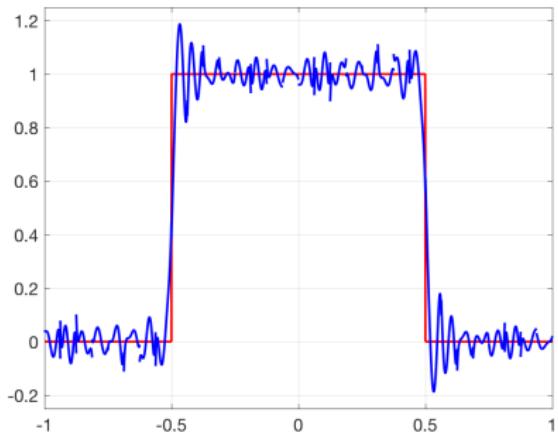
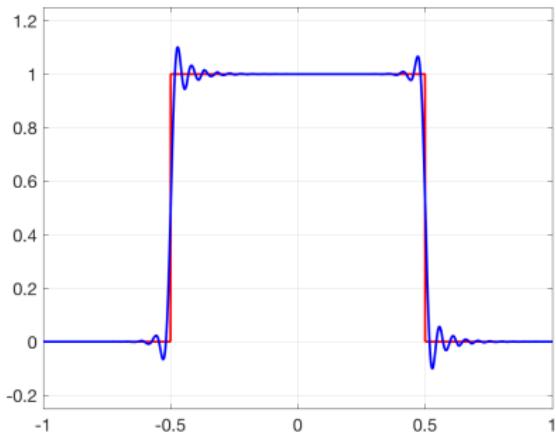
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# Energy conservative vs. energy stable DG methods

- Energy estimate: implies solution is non-increasing if  $\tau \geq 0$ .
- Energy conservative (non-dissipative) “central” flux when  $\tau = 0$ .
- Energy stable (dissipative) “Lax-Friedrichs” flux when  $\tau = 1$ .

(a) Energy conservative ( $\tau = 0$ )(b) Energy stable ( $\tau = 1$ )

# Generalization to nonlinear problems: entropy stability

- Generalizes energy stability to **nonlinear** systems of conservation laws (Burgers', shallow water, compressible Euler, MHD).

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u})}{\partial x} = 0.$$

- Continuous entropy inequality: given a convex **entropy** function  $S(\mathbf{u})$  and “entropy potential”  $\psi(\mathbf{u})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{v}^T \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u})}{\partial x} \right) = 0, \quad \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \\ \implies \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial S(\mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + \left( \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) - \psi(\mathbf{u}) \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Proof of entropy inequality relies on **chain rule**, integration by parts.

# Example: compressible flow and mathematical entropy

- Conservative variables: density, momentum, energy

$$\mathbf{u} = (\rho, \mathbf{m}, E), \quad \rho > 0, \quad E > \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{m}|^2/\rho.$$

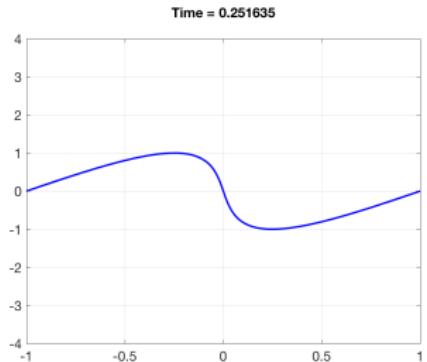
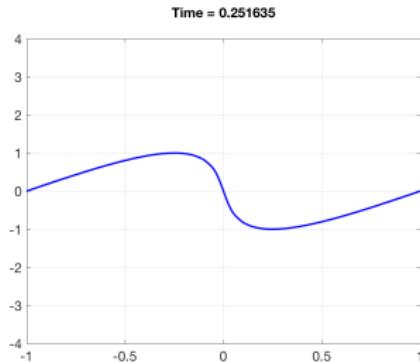
- Physical entropy  $s(\mathbf{u})$  always increasing; mathematical entropy  $S(\mathbf{u})$  always decreasing (analogous to energy).

$$s(\mathbf{u}) = \log \left( \frac{(\gamma - 1)\rho e}{\rho^\gamma} \right), \quad S(\mathbf{u}) = -\rho s(\mathbf{u}).$$

- Entropy variables  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{u})$ : invertible function of  $\mathbf{u}$

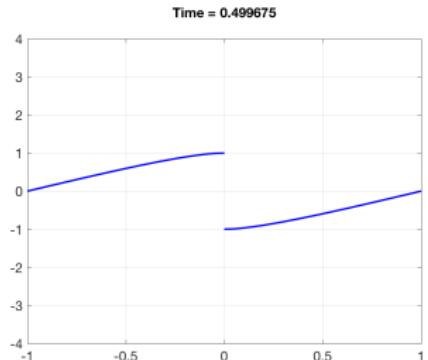
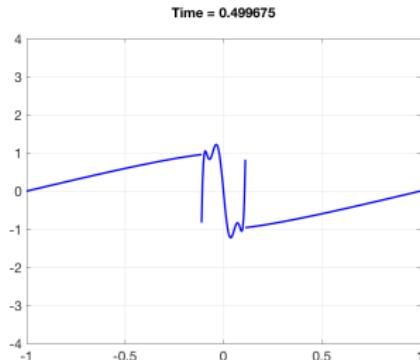
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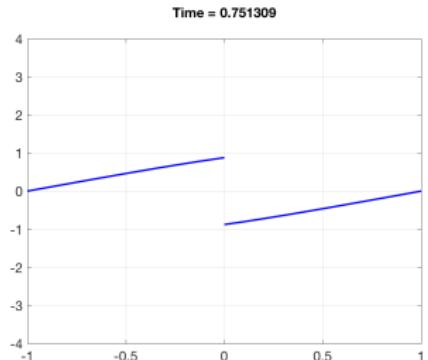
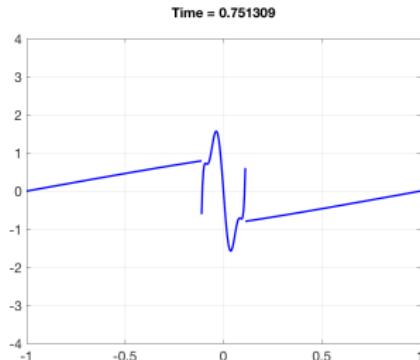
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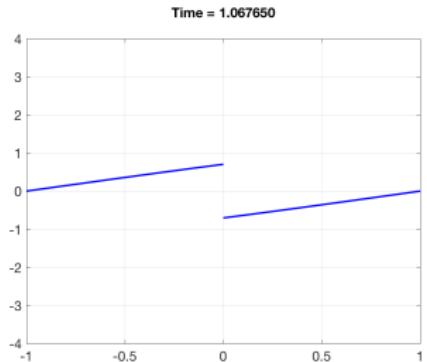
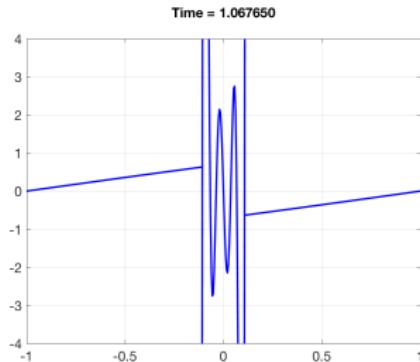
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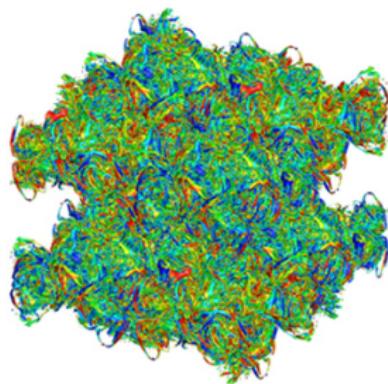
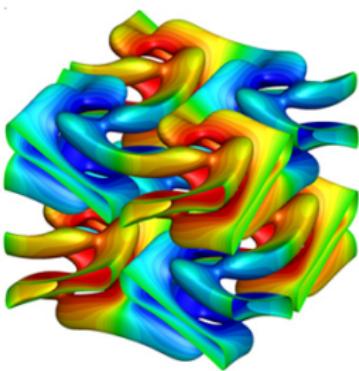
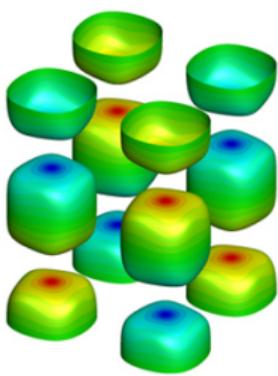
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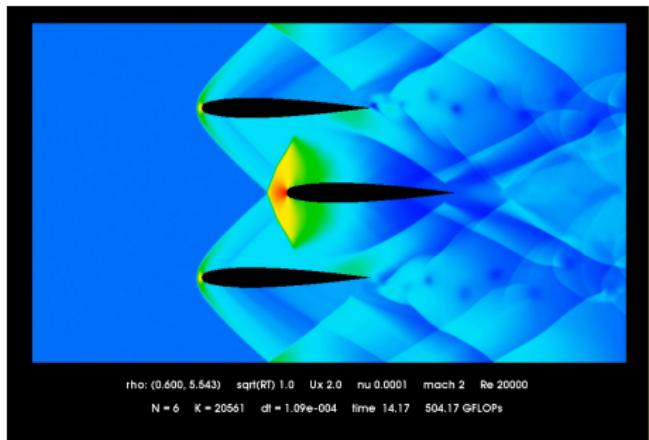
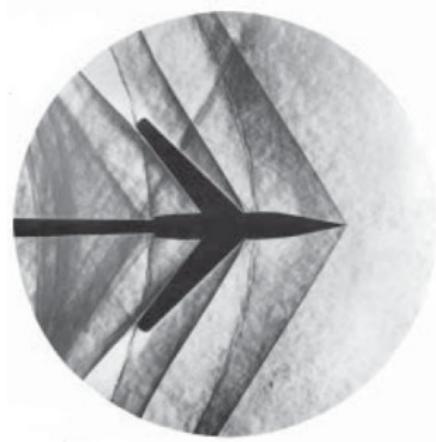
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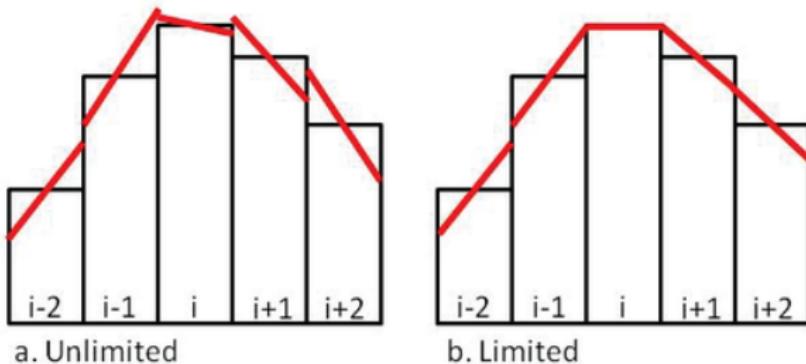
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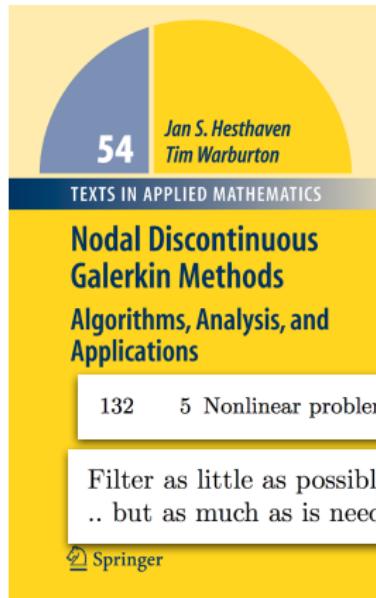
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Slope limiting for a finite volume method.

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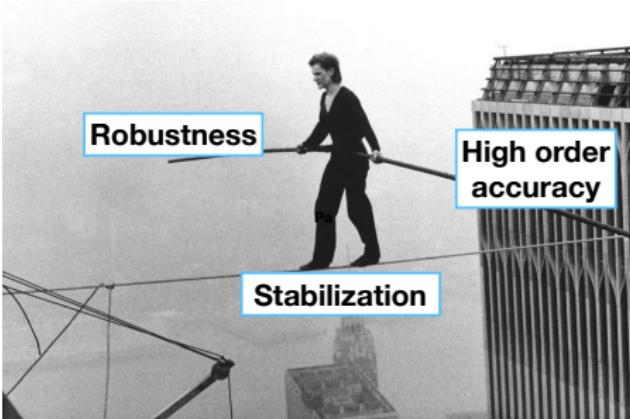
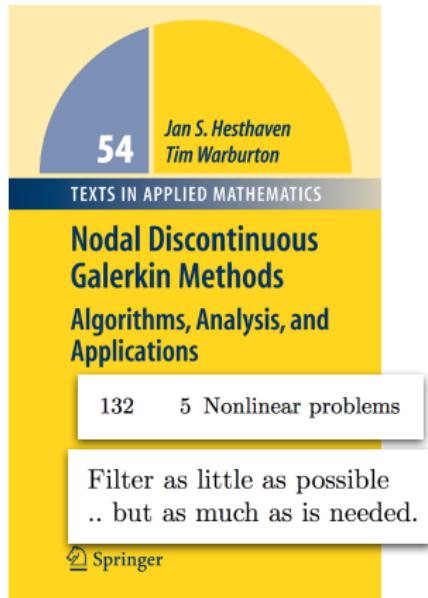
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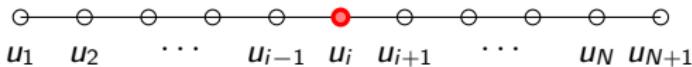


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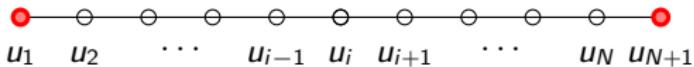


Simplest SBP finite difference matrix: combine 2nd order finite difference formulas at interior points with 1st order finite differences at boundary points .

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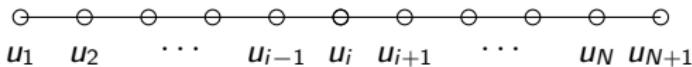


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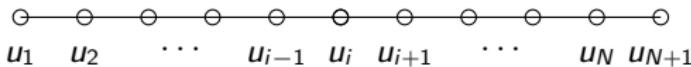
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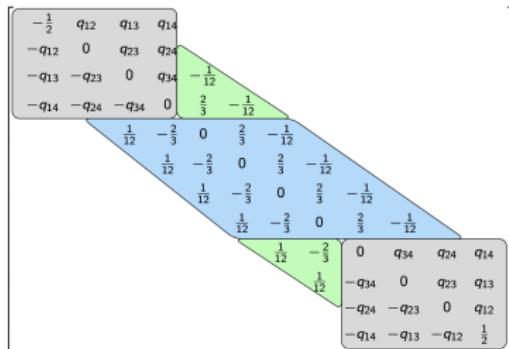
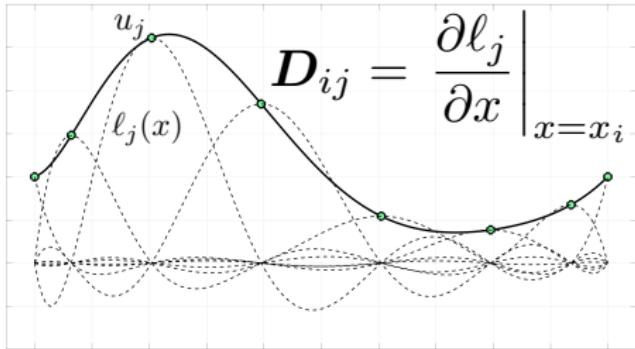
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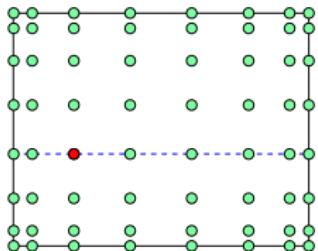
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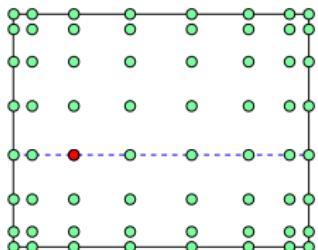
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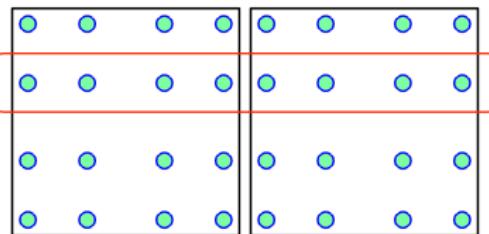
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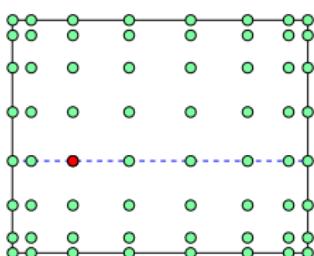
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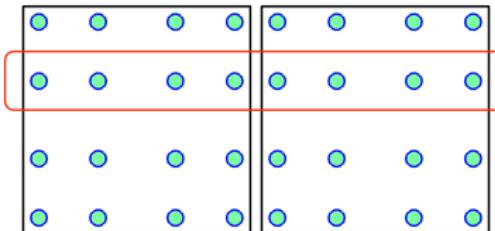
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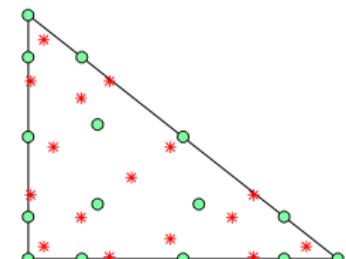
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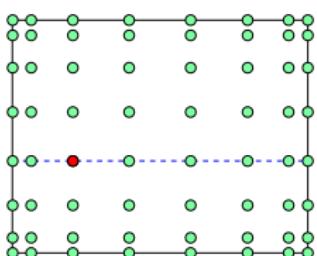
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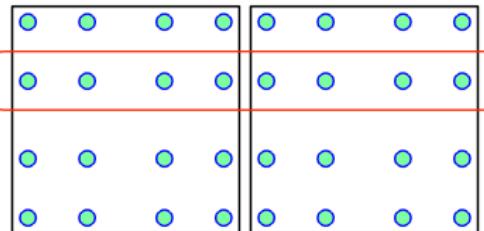
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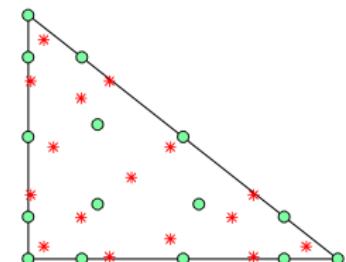
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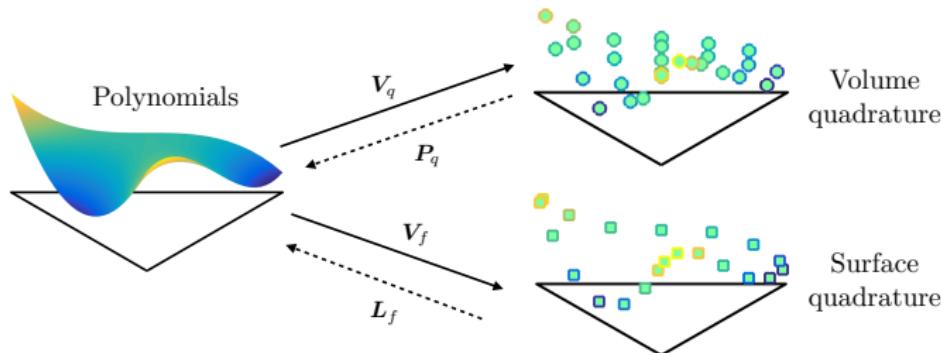
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- Matrix  $\mathbf{D}_q^i$ : evaluates derivative of  $L^2$  projection at points  $\mathbf{x}^q$ .

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- Summation-by-parts involving  $L^2$  projection:

$$\mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}_q^i + (\mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}_q^i)^T = (\mathbf{V}_f \mathbf{P}_q)^T \mathbf{W}_f \text{diag}(\mathbf{n}_i) \mathbf{V}_f \mathbf{P}_q.$$

- Equivalent to integration-by-parts + quadrature: for  $u, v \in L^2(\widehat{D})$

$$\int_{\widehat{D}} \frac{\partial P_N u}{\partial x_i} v + \int_{\widehat{D}} u \frac{\partial P_N v}{\partial x_i} = \int_{\partial \widehat{D}} (P_N u)(P_N v) \widehat{n}_i$$

- Quadrature may not contain boundary points: complicated **interface terms** for coupling between neighboring elements or imposing BCs.

# A “decoupled” block SBP operator

- Approx. derivatives also using **boundary traces** (compact coupling).
- On an element  $D^k$  with unit normal vector  $\mathbf{n}$ : approximate derivative with respect to the  $i$ th coordinate.

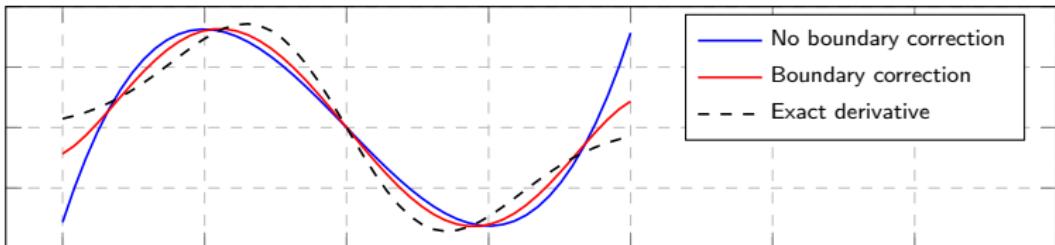
$$\mathbf{D}_N^i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}_q^i - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{V}_q \mathbf{L}_f \text{diag}(\mathbf{n}_i) \mathbf{V}_f \mathbf{P}_q & \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{V}_q \mathbf{L}_f \text{diag}(\mathbf{n}_i) \\ -\frac{1}{2}\text{diag}(\mathbf{n}_i) \mathbf{V}_f \mathbf{P}_q & \frac{1}{2}\text{diag}(\mathbf{n}_i) \end{bmatrix},$$

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$$\mathbf{Q}_N^i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} & \\ & \mathbf{W}_f \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}_N^i, \quad \mathbf{B}_N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{W}_f \mathbf{n}_i \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{Q}_N^i + (\mathbf{Q}_N^i)^T = \mathbf{B}_N} \sim \boxed{\int_{D^k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} g + f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} = \int_{\partial D^k} f g \mathbf{n}_i}.$$

# Decoupled SBP operators: adding boundary corrections



- $\mathbf{D}_N^i$  produces a high order approximation of  $f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$  at  $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}^q, \mathbf{x}^f]$ .

$$f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \approx [ \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{P}_q & \mathbf{L}_f \end{array} ] \text{diag}(\mathbf{f}) \mathbf{D}_N \mathbf{g}, \quad \mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{g}_i = f(\mathbf{x}_i), g(\mathbf{x}_i).$$

- Equivalent to a **skew-symmetric** variational problem for  $u(\mathbf{x}) \approx f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$  ( $P_N$  is the degree  $N$  polynomial  $L^2$  projection).

$$\int_{D^k} u(\mathbf{x}) v(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{D^k} f \frac{\partial P_N g}{\partial x} v + \int_{\partial D^k} (g - P_N g) \frac{(fv + P_N(fv))}{2}.$$

# Talk outline

- 1 Stability of high order DG: linear vs nonlinear PDEs
- 2 Summation by parts finite differences and high order DG
- 3 Entropy stable formulations and flux differencing
- 4 Numerical experiments
  - 1D experiments
  - Triangular and tetrahedral meshes
  - Quadrilateral and hexahedral meshes

# Burgers' equation: energy stable formulations

- Revisit split form of Burgers' equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

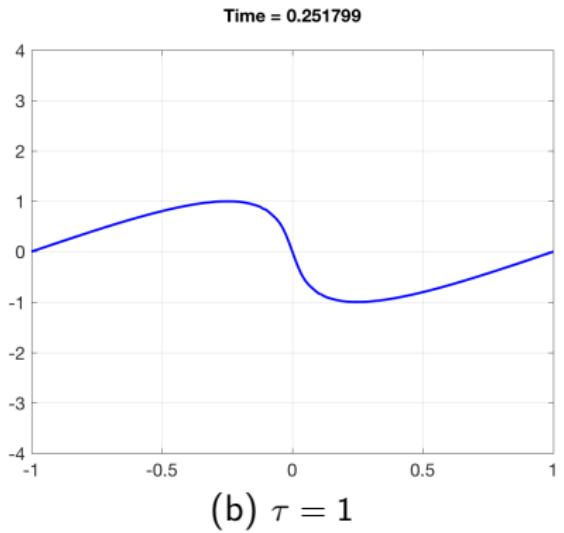
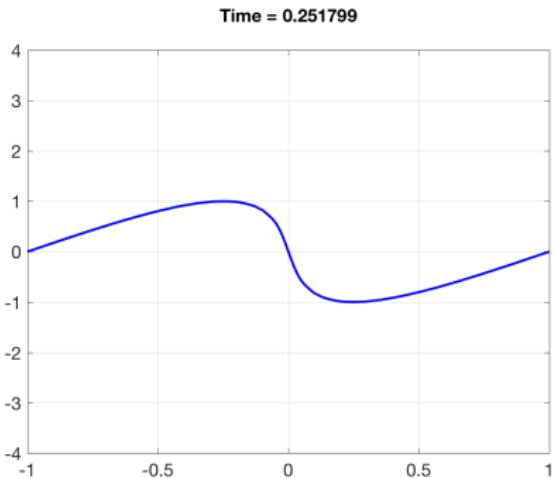
- Stable DG method: let  $u(x) = \sum_j \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \phi_j(x)$ . Find  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_q \\ \mathbf{V}_f \end{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \quad \mathbf{f}^* = \mathbf{f}^*(u^+, u) = \text{numerical flux} \\ \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}}{dt} + \frac{1}{3} [ \mathbf{P}_q \quad \mathbf{L}_f ] ( \mathbf{D}_N (\mathbf{u}^2) + \text{diag}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{D}_N \mathbf{u} ) + \mathbf{L}_f(\mathbf{f}^*) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

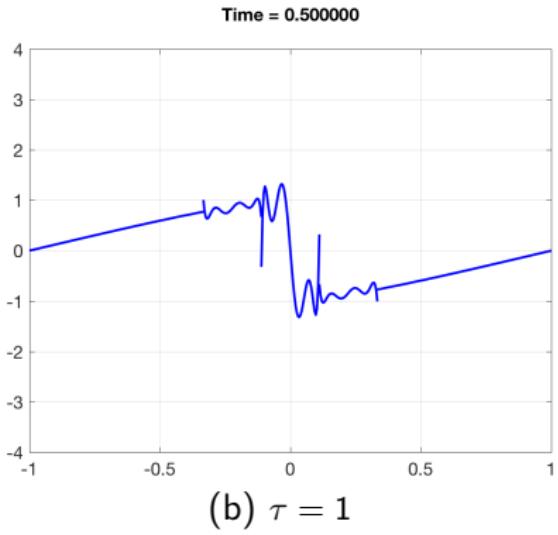
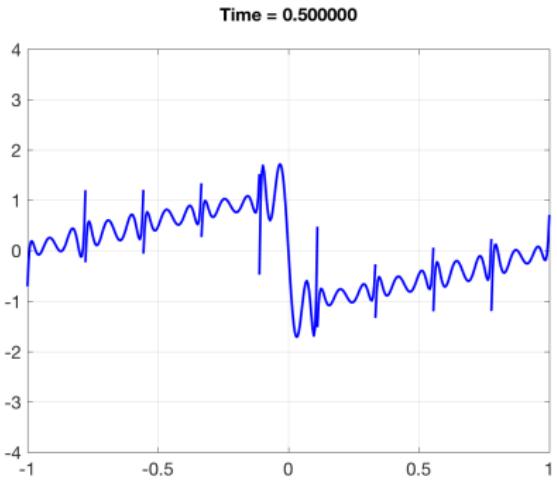
- Energy stability: multiply by  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{M}$ , use SBP, sum over  $D^k$

$$\sum_k \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{M} \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \|u\|_{L^2(D^k)}^2 \leq 0.$$

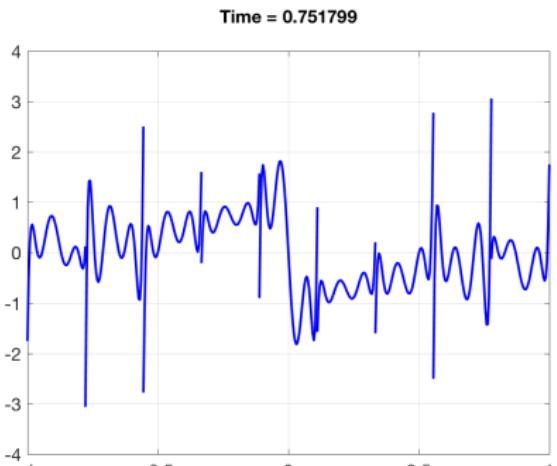
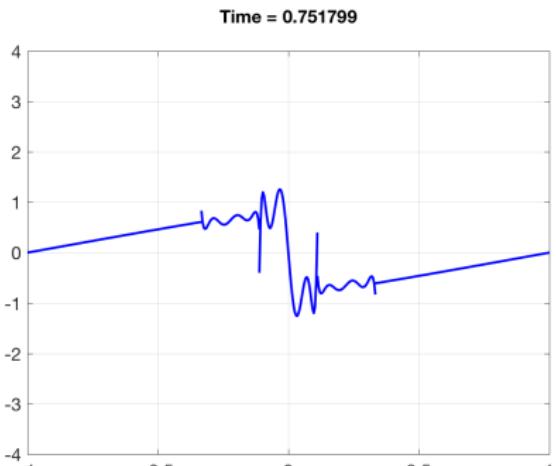
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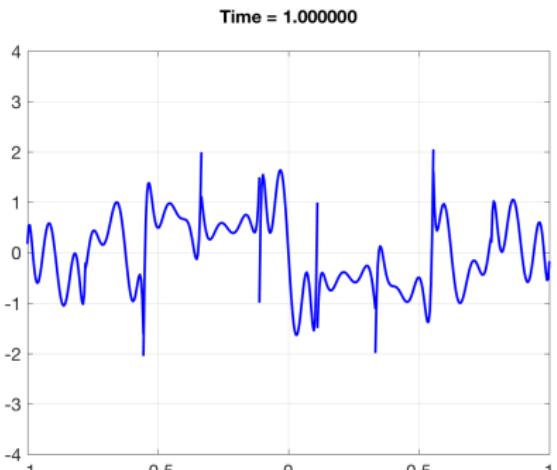
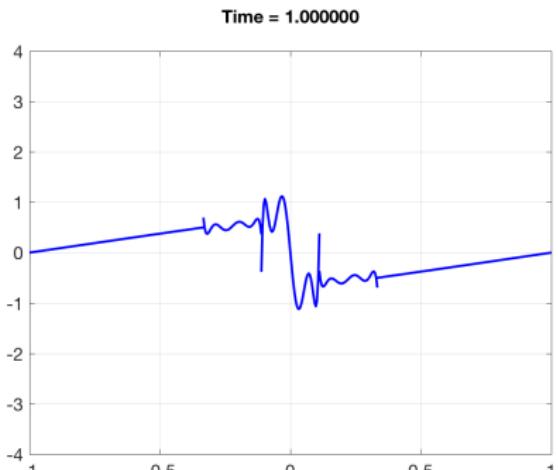
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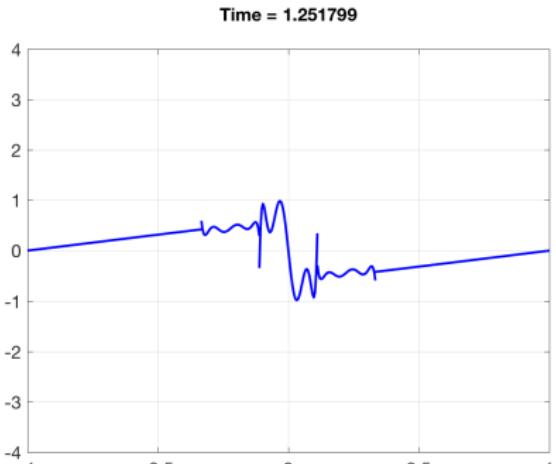
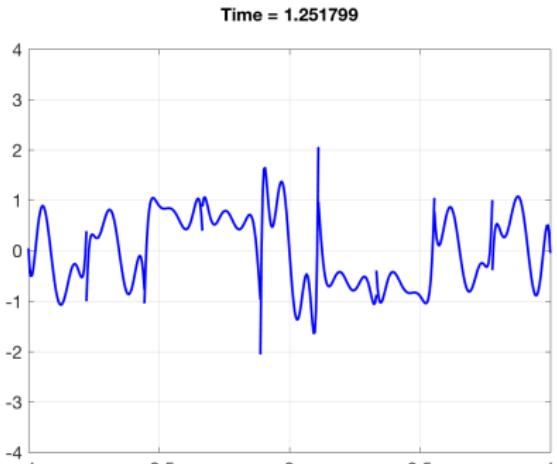
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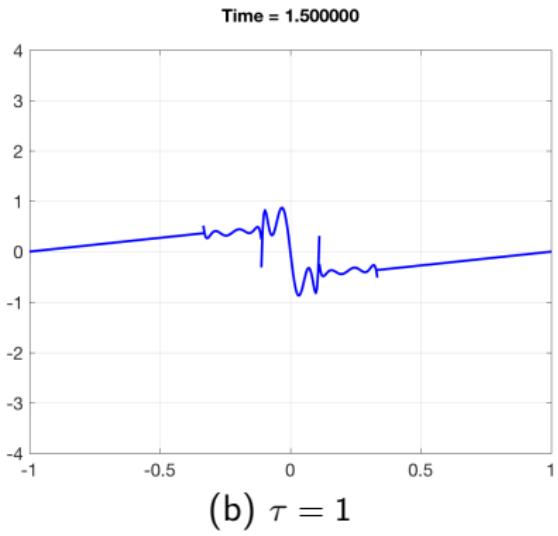
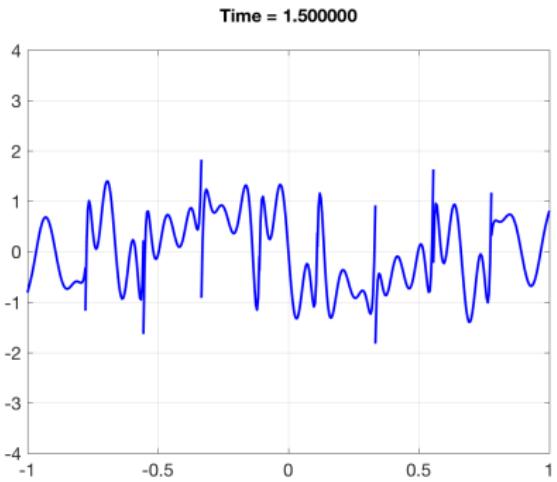
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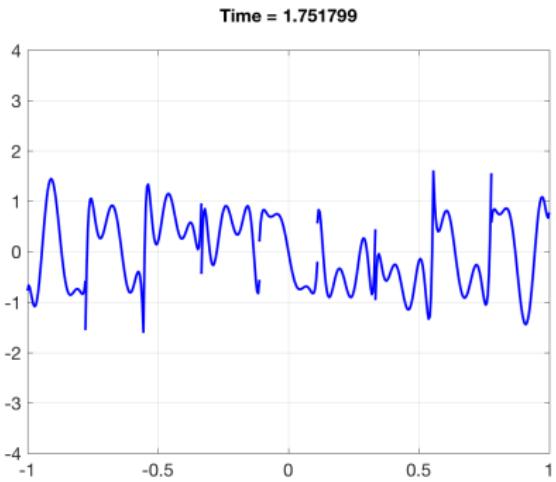
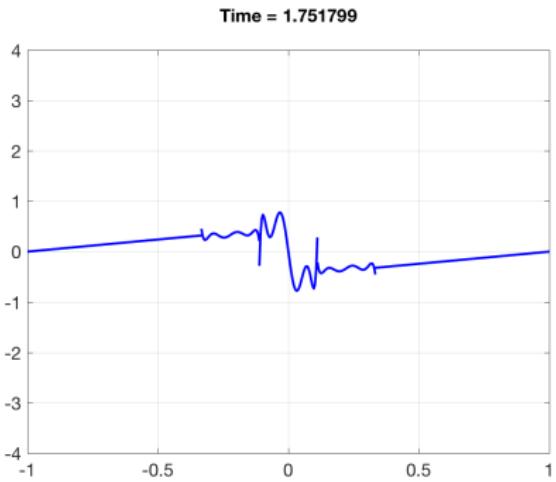
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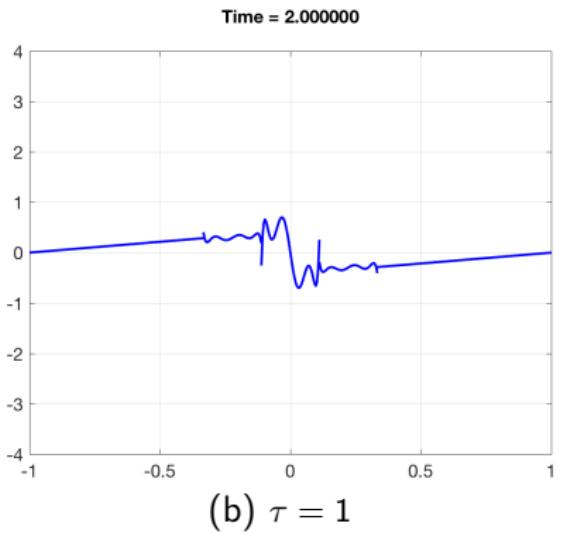
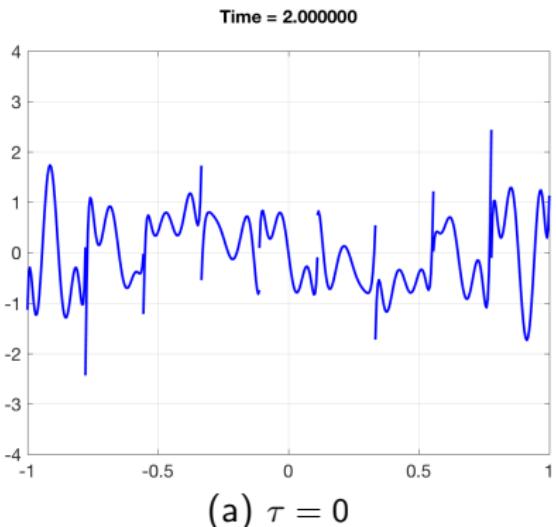
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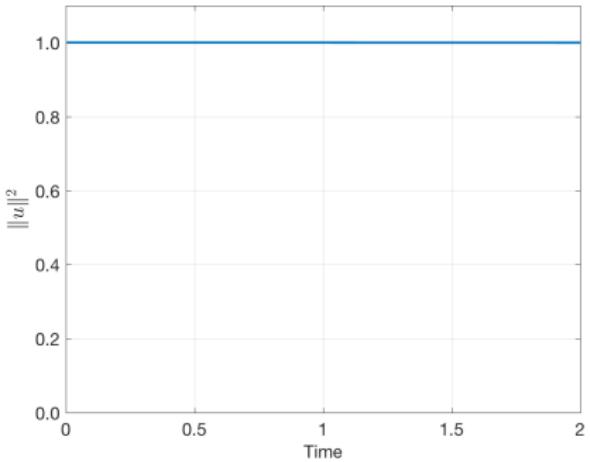
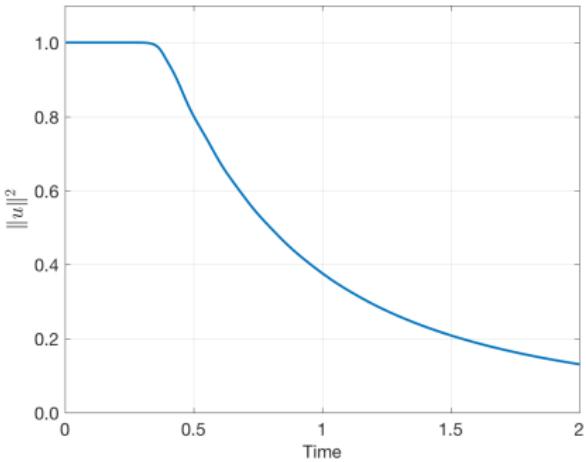
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- Fluxes do not necessarily correspond to split formulations!
- Example: entropy conservative flux for 1D compressible Euler

$$f_S^1(\mathbf{u}_L, \mathbf{u}_R) = \{\{\rho\}\}^{\log} \{\{u\}\}$$

$$f_S^2(\mathbf{u}_L, \mathbf{u}_R) = \frac{\{\{\rho\}\}}{2 \{\{\beta\}\}} + \{\{u\}\} f_S^1$$

$$f_S^3(\mathbf{u}_L, \mathbf{u}_R) = f_S^1 \left( \frac{1}{2(\gamma - 1) \{\{\beta\}\}^{\log}} - \frac{1}{2} \{\{u^2\}\} \right) + \{\{u\}\} f_S^2,$$

- Rational functions: logarithmic mean and “inverse temperature”  $\beta$

$$\{\{u\}\}^{\log} = \frac{u_L - u_R}{\log u_L - \log u_R}, \quad \beta = \frac{\rho}{2p}.$$

# Flux differencing: implementational details

- Define  $\mathbf{F}_S$  by evaluating  $\mathbf{f}_S$  at all combinations of quadrature points

$$(\mathbf{F}_S)_{ij} = \mathbf{f}_S(u(\mathbf{x}_i), u(\mathbf{x}_j)), \quad \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}^q, \mathbf{x}^f]^T.$$

- Replace  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  with  $\mathbf{D}_N$  + projection and lifting matrices.

$$2 \frac{\partial f_S(u(x), u(y))}{\partial x} \Big|_{y=x} \implies [\mathbf{P}_q \quad \mathbf{L}_f] \operatorname{diag}(2\mathbf{D}_N \mathbf{F}_S).$$

- Efficient **Hadamard product** reformulation of flux differencing  
(efficient on-the-fly evaluation of  $\mathbf{F}_S$ )

$$\operatorname{diag}(2\mathbf{D}_N \mathbf{F}_S) = (2\mathbf{D}_N \circ \mathbf{F}_S) \mathbf{1}.$$

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- Conservative variables  $\mathbf{u}_h$  and test functions are polynomial, but the entropy variables  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{u}_h) \notin P^N!$
- Evaluate flux  $\mathbf{f}_S$  using **modified** conservative variables  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{u}(P_N \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{u}_h)).$$

- If  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{u})$  is an invertible mapping, this choice of  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$  ensures that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{v}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}) = P_N \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{u}_h) \in P^N.$$

- Local conservation w.r.t. a generalized Lax-Wendroff theorem.

# A discretely entropy conservative DG method

Theorem (Chan 2018)

Let  $\mathbf{u}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{u}(P_N \mathbf{v})$ . Let  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  locally solve

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Assuming continuity in time,  $\mathbf{u}_h(\mathbf{x})$  satisfies the quadrature form of

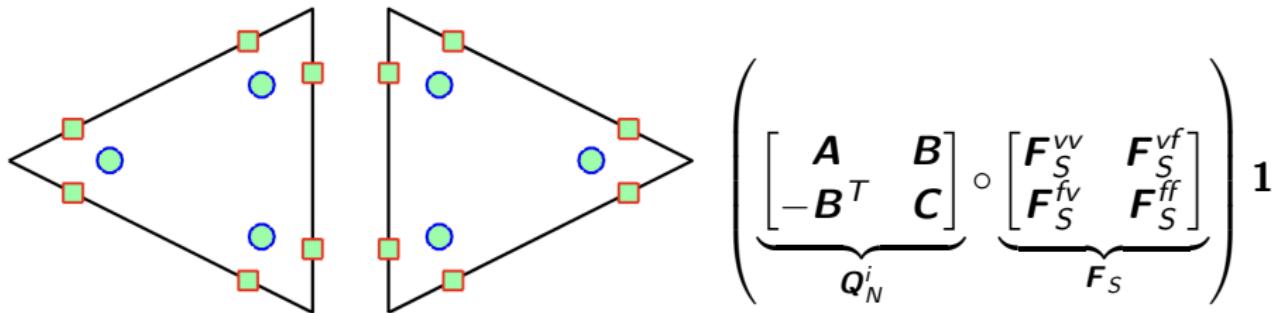
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- Can modify interface flux (e.g. Lax-Friedrichs or matrix dissipation) to change the entropy equality to an entropy **inequality**.

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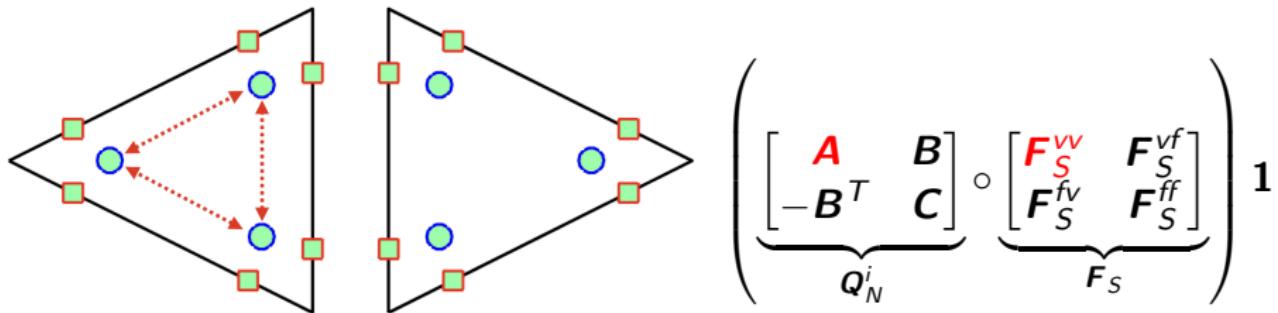
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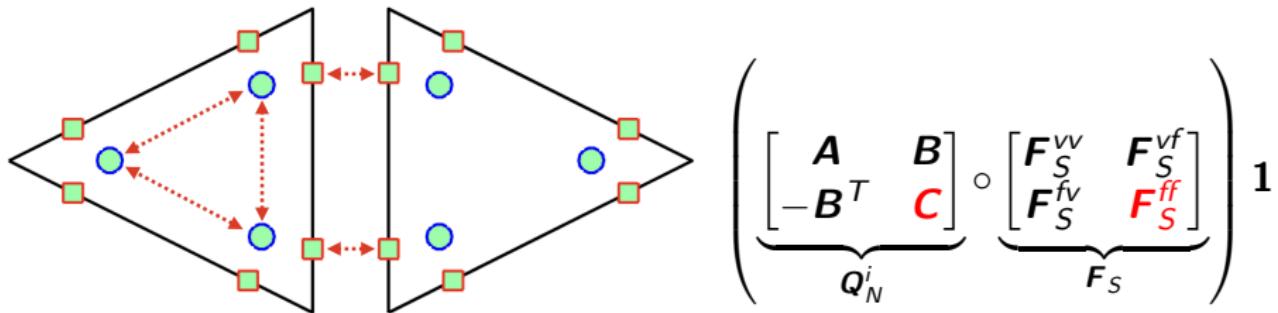
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- Compute interactions between surface nodes of neighboring elements
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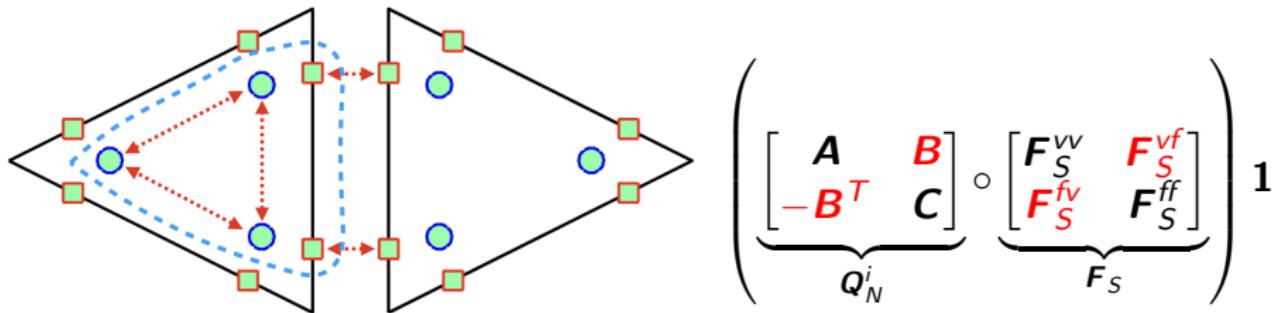
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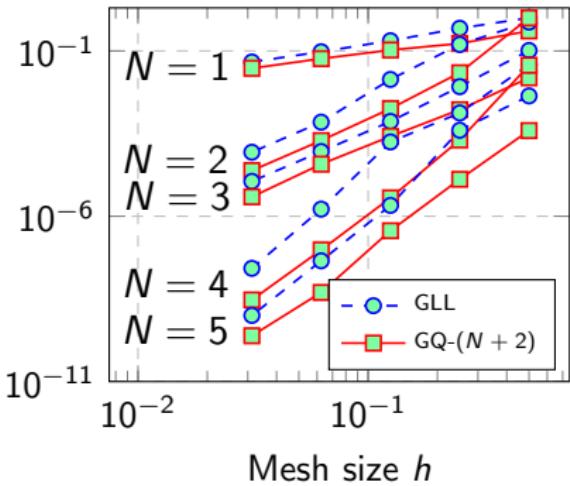
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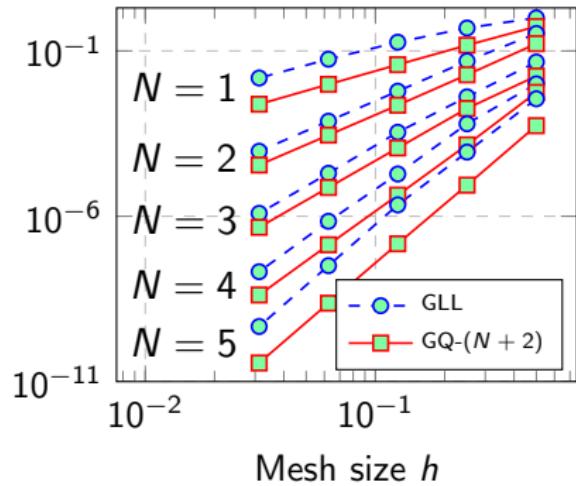
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# 1D compressible Euler equations

- Inexact Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto (GLL) vs Gauss (GQ) quadratures.
- Entropy conservative (EC) and dissipative Lax-Friedrichs (LF) fluxes.
- No additional stabilization, filtering, or limiting.



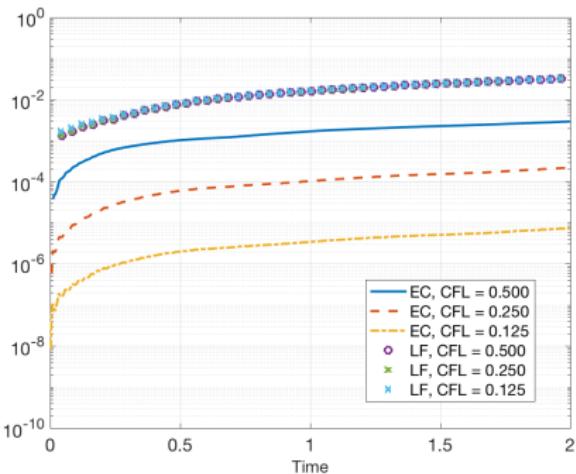
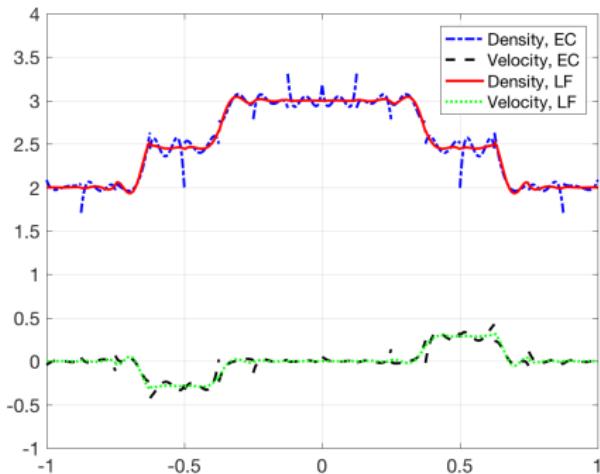
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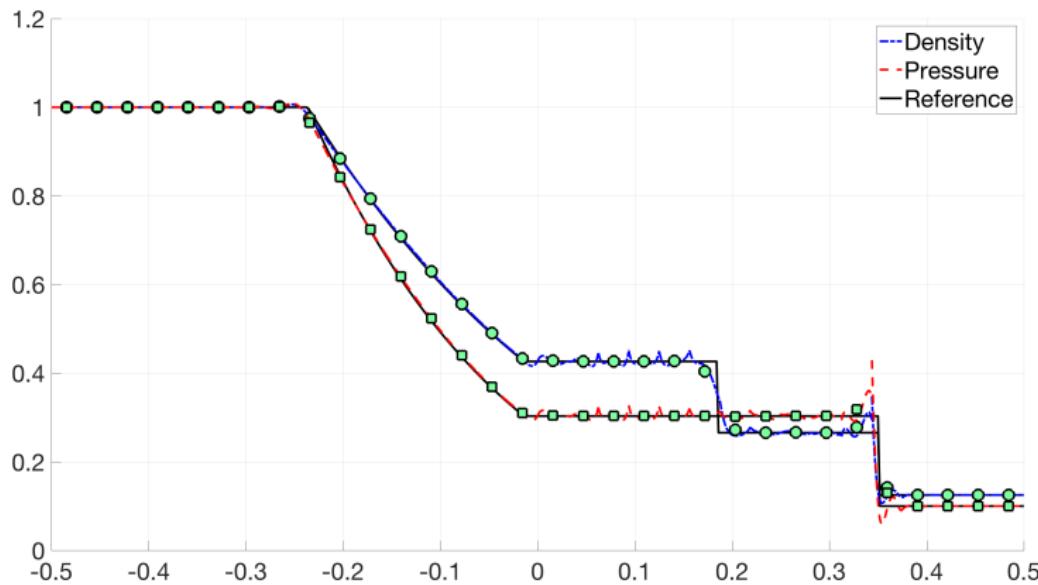
- Entropy conservation: *semi-discrete*, not fully discrete.
- $\Delta S(\mathbf{u}) = |S(\mathbf{u}(x, t)) - S(\mathbf{u}(x, 0))| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ .

(a)  $\Delta S(\mathbf{u})$  for various  $\Delta t$ (b)  $\rho(x), u(x)$  ( $N = 4, K = 16$ )

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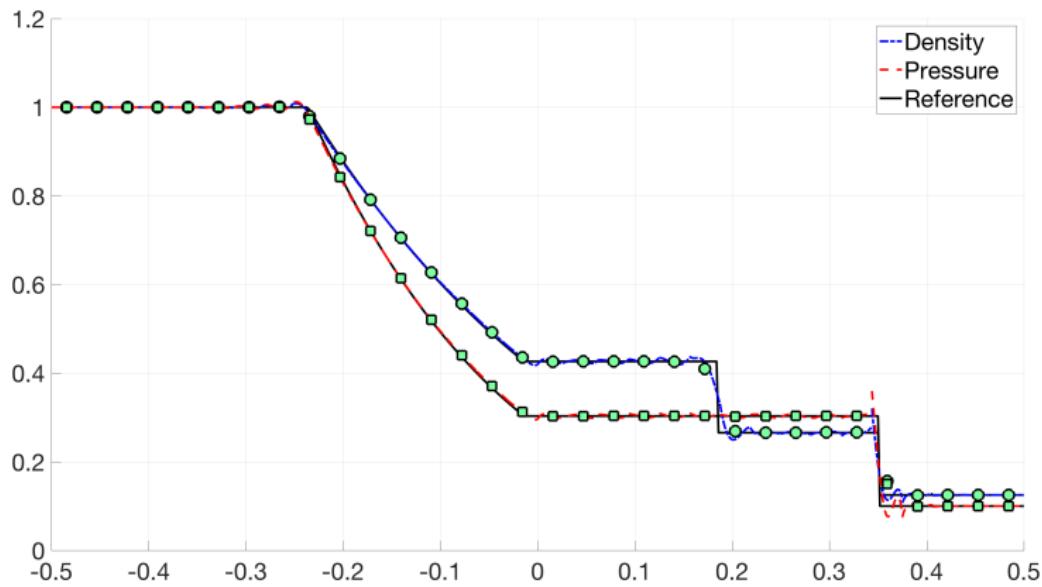
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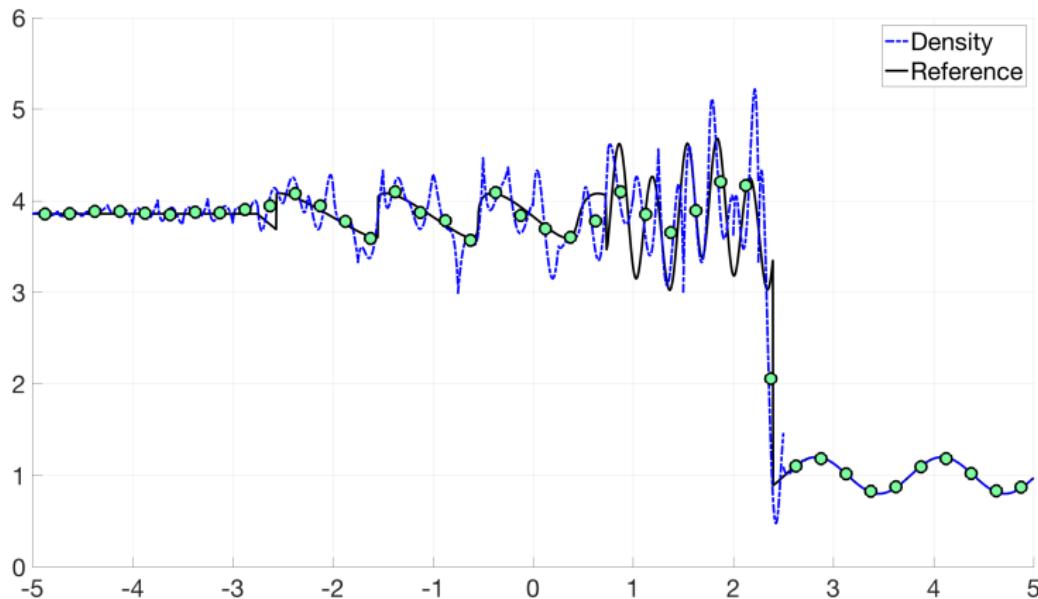
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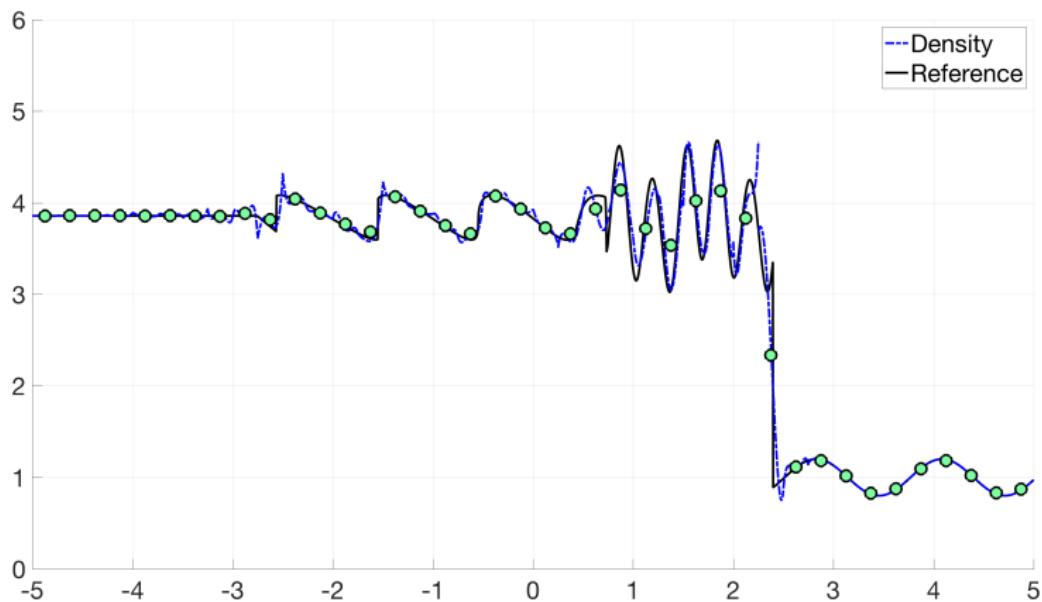
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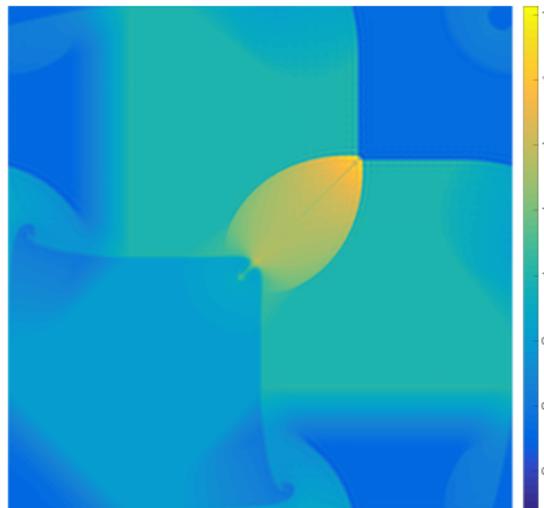
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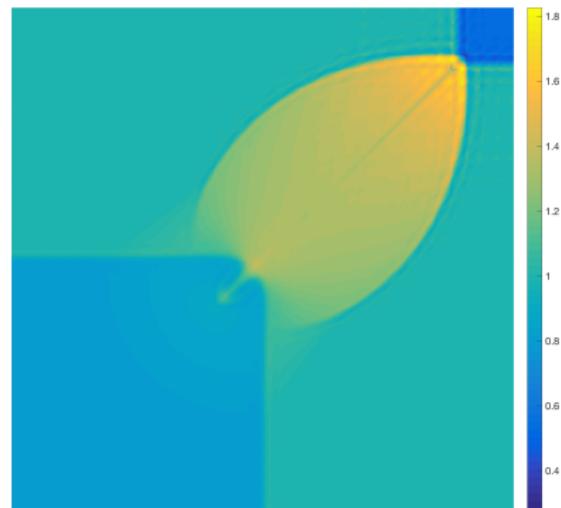
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# 2D Riemann problem

- Uniform  $64 \times 64$  mesh:  $N = 3$ , CFL .125, Lax-Friedrichs stabilization.
- No limiting or artificial viscosity required to maintain stability!
- Periodic on larger domain (“natural” boundary conditions unstable).

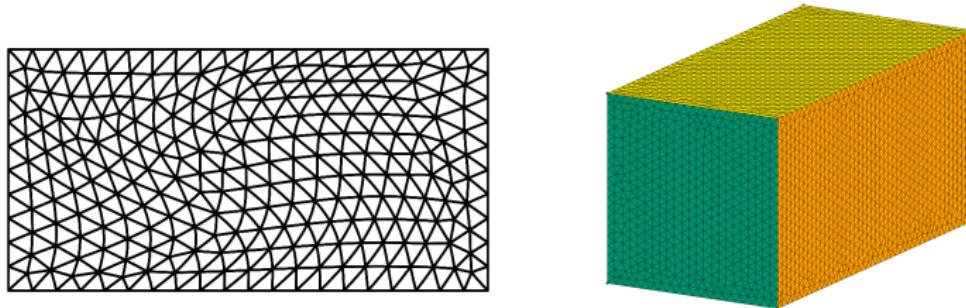


(a)  $\Omega = [-1, 1]^2$



(b)  $\Omega = [-.5, .5]^2$ , 32  $\times$  32 elements

# Smooth isentropic vortex and curved meshes in 2D/3D



(a) 2D triangular mesh

(b) 3D tetrahedral mesh

Figure: Example of 2D and 3D meshes used for convergence experiments.

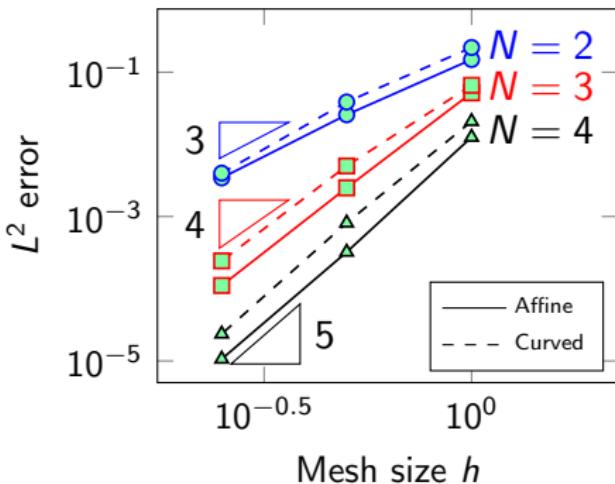
- Entropy stability: needs discrete geometric conservation law (GCL).
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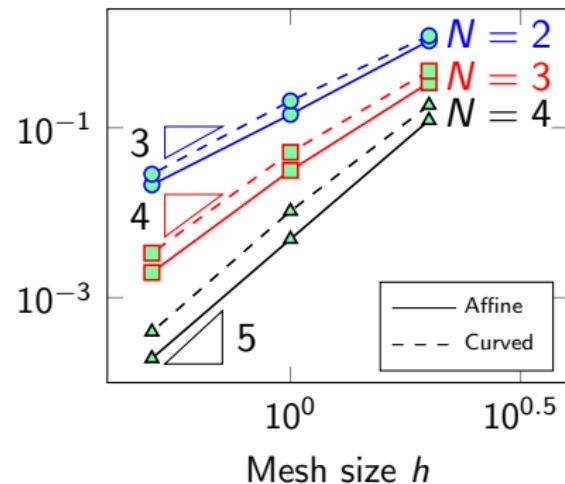
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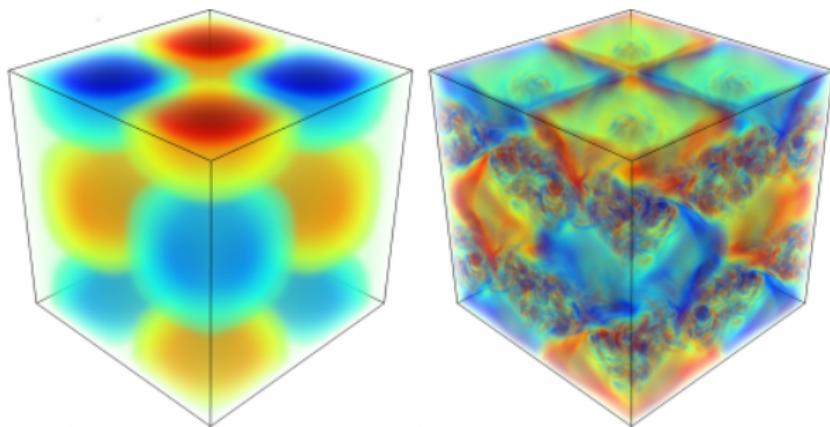
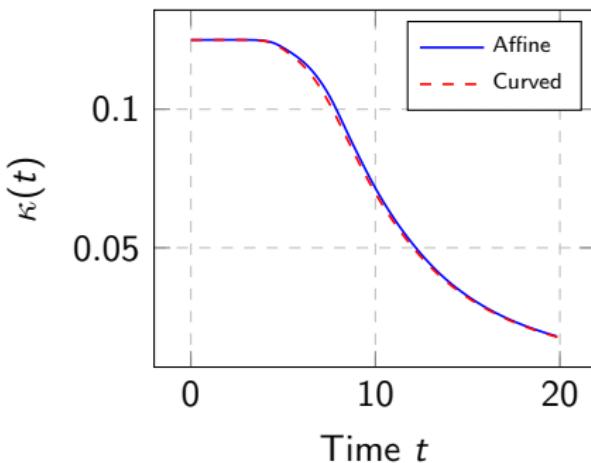


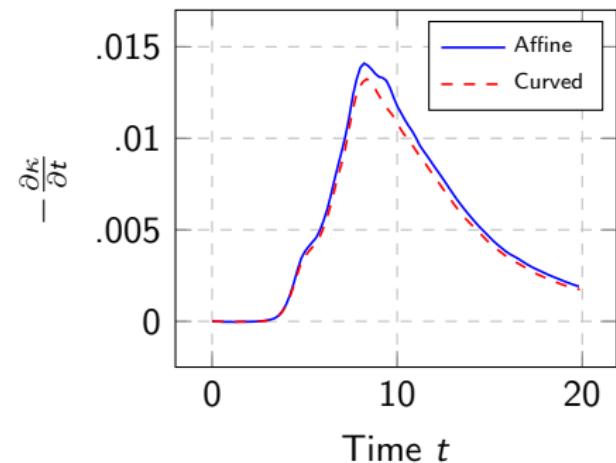
Figure: Isocontours of  $z$ -vorticity for Taylor-Green at  $t = 0, 10$  seconds.

- Simple turbulence-like behavior (generation of small scales).
- Inviscid Taylor-Green: tests robustness w.r.t. under-resolved solutions.

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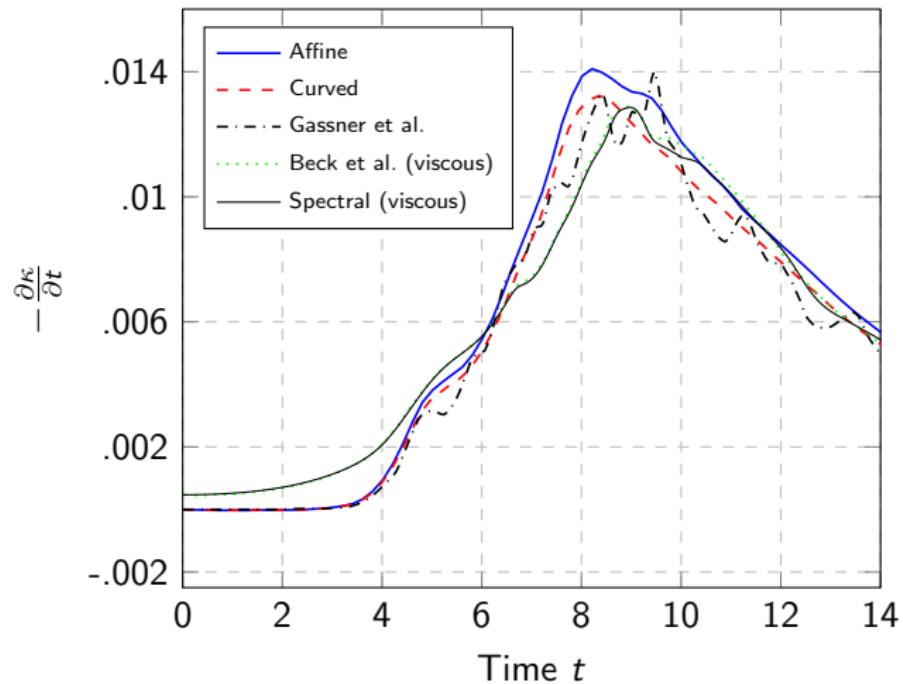
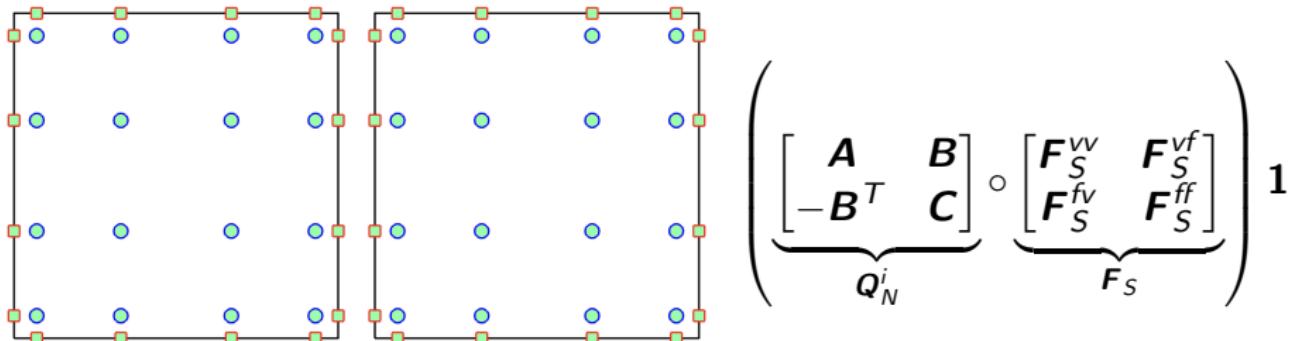


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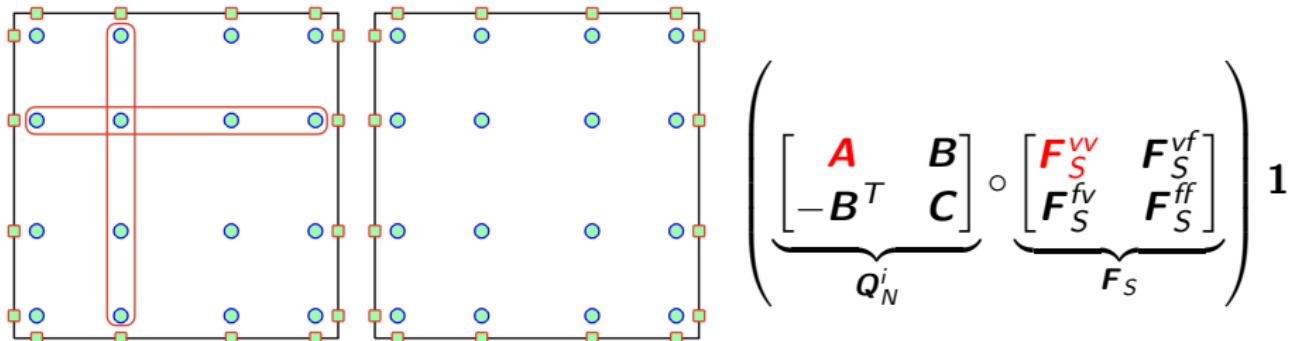
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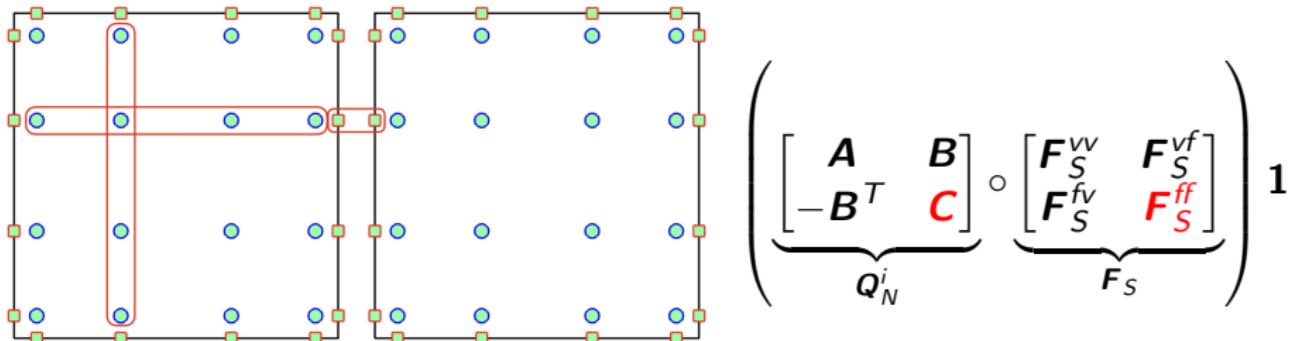
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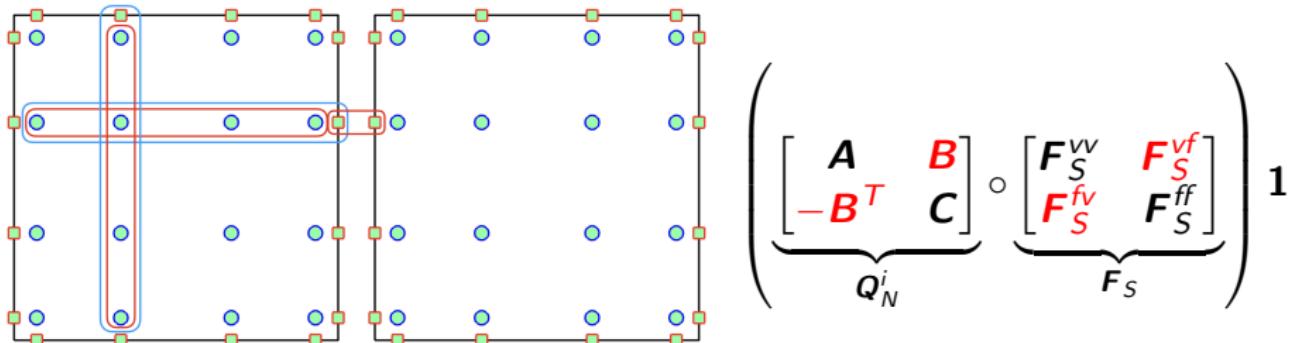
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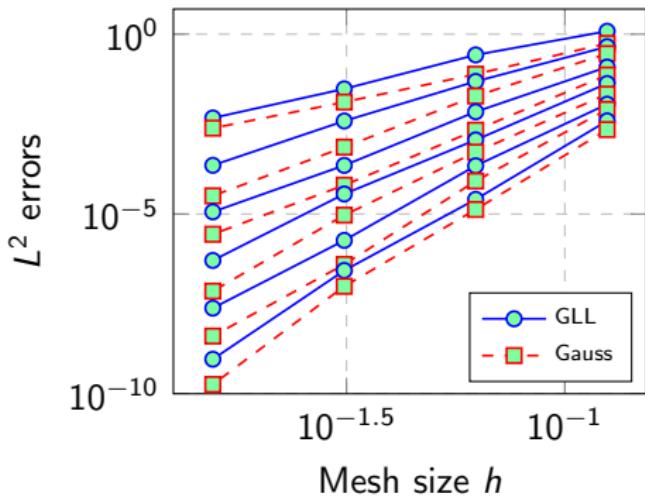
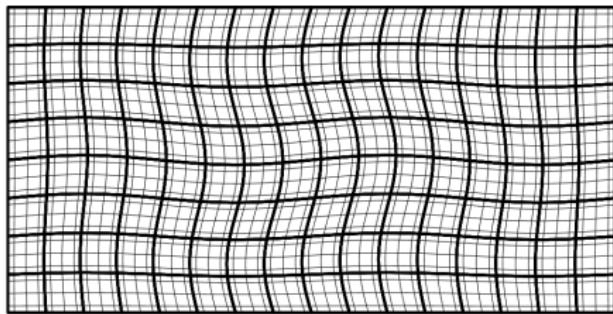


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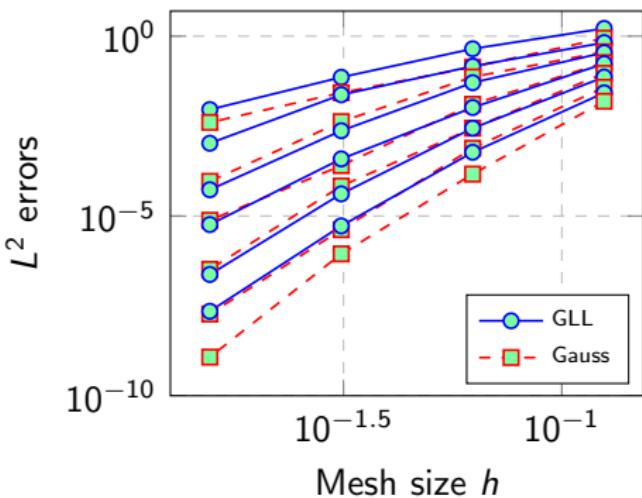
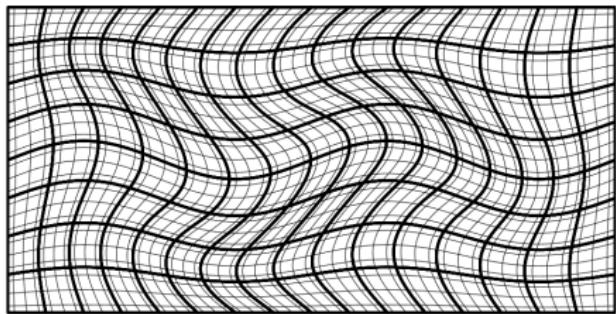


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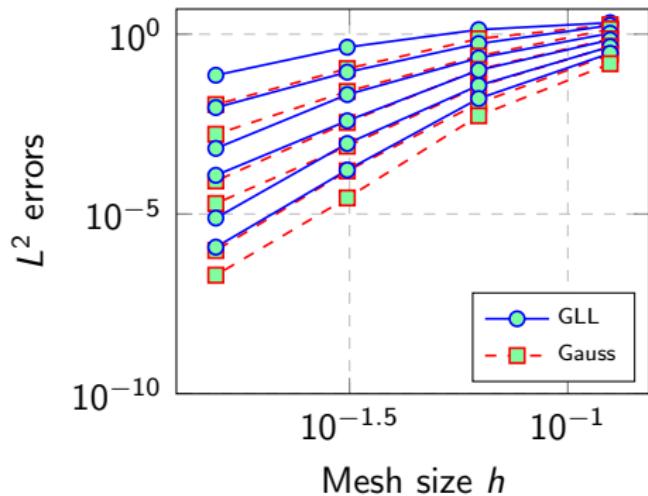
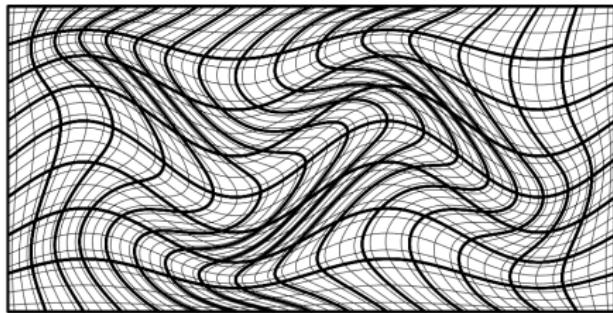
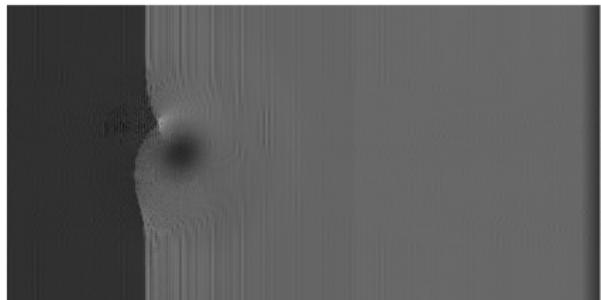
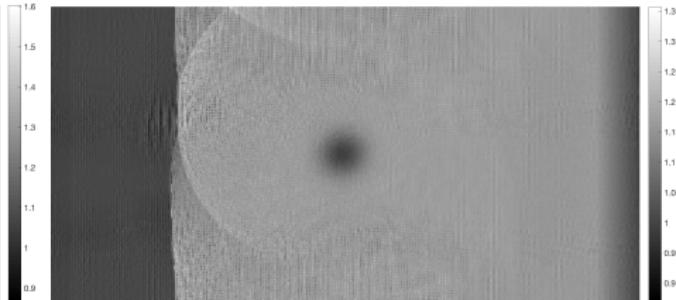


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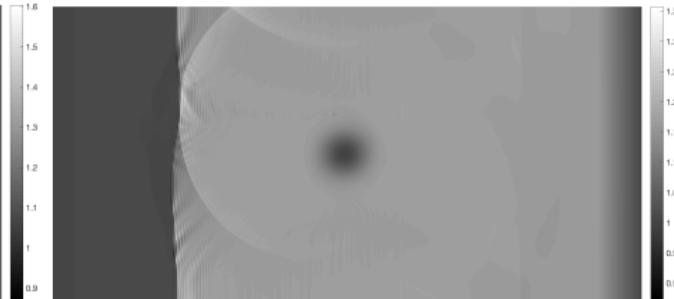
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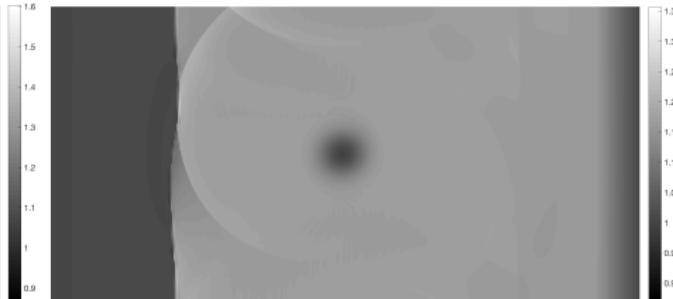
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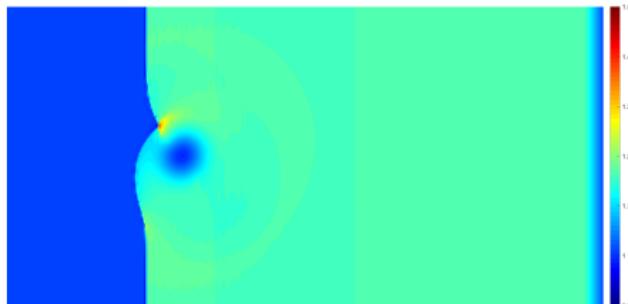


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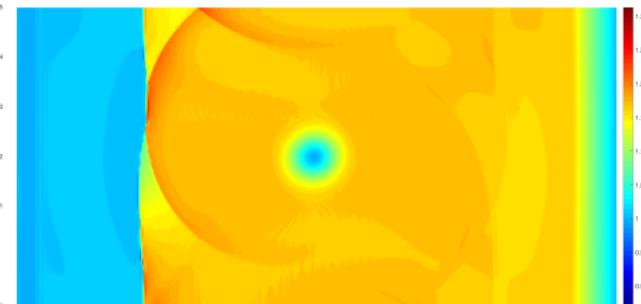
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# Summary and future work

- Entropy stable high order discontinuous Galerkin methods:  
semi-discrete stability, improved robustness.
- Additional work required for strong shocks, positivity preservation.
- Currently: hybrid + non-conforming meshes, multi-GPU.
- This work is supported by DMS-1719818 and DMS-1712639.

Thank you! Questions?



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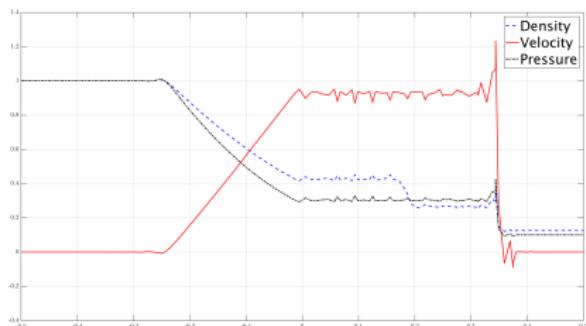
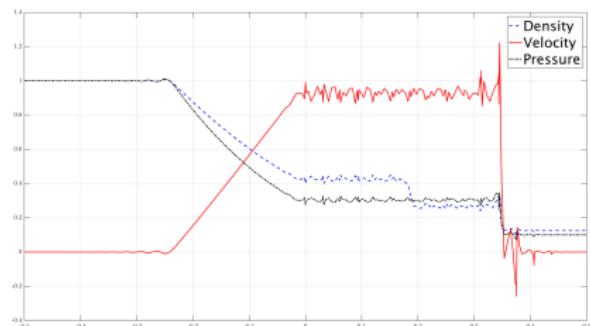
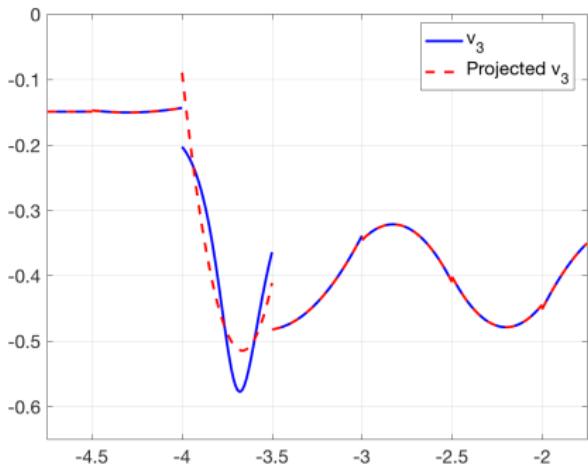
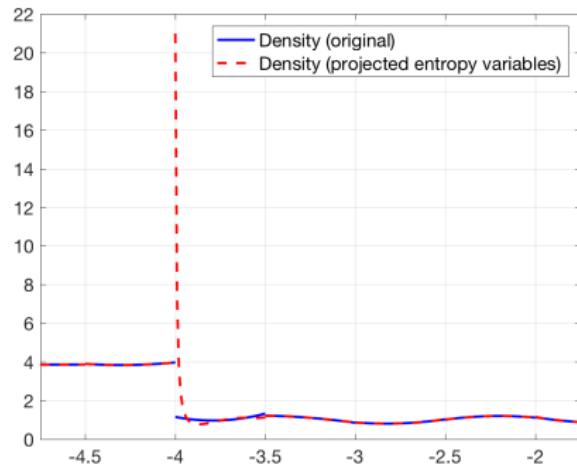
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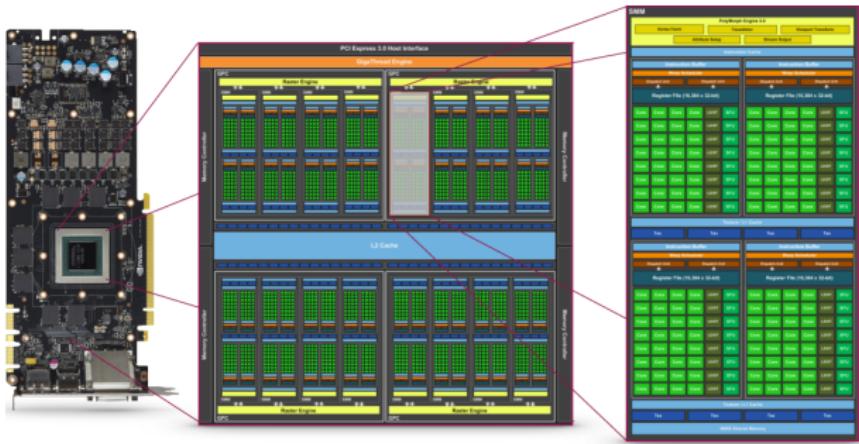


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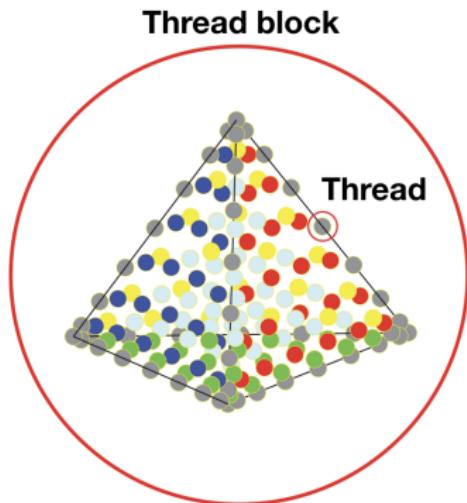


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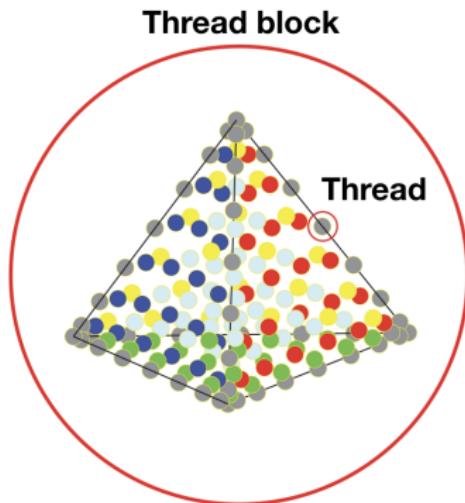


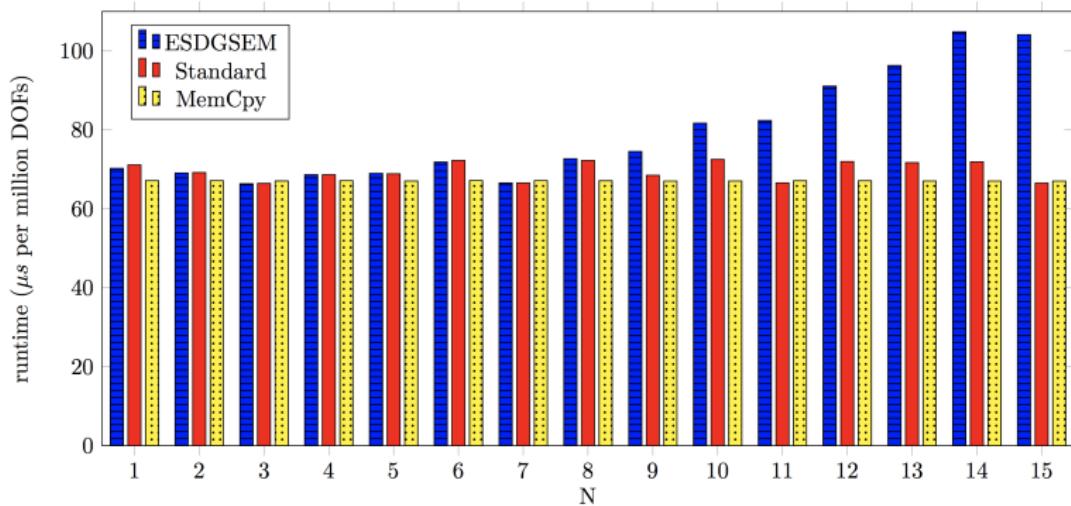
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# Implementing high order entropy stable DG on GPUs

- “FLOPS are free, **but** . . . ”  
(bytes are expensive) / (memory is dear) / (**postage is extra**)
- Standard considerations: minimize CPU-GPU transfers, structured data layouts, reduce global memory accesses, maximize data reuse.
- Arithmetic vs memory latency: need roughly  **$O(10)$  operations per byte** of memory accessed (high arithmetic intensity).
- Standard mat-vec: **only  $1/10 - 1/2$  FLOPS per byte!**

# GPUs and flux differencing: when FLOPS are free



- High arithmetic intensity: compute while waiting for global memory.
- On GPUs, extra operations don't increase runtime until  $N \geq 9$ !

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