

# Geometric variational finite elements methods for fluids with application to MHD

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## PLAN:

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# 1. Geometric variational formulation of hydrodynamics

## 1.1 Lagrangian description of hydrodynamics:

Fluid dynamics in a compact manifold  $\Omega$  with boundary.

Lagrangian motion  $X \in \Omega \mapsto x = \varphi(t, X) \in \Omega$

Regarded as a dynamical system on a Lie group ([Arnold \[1965\]](#))

- Configuration Lie group:  $G = \text{Diff}(\Omega)$ , compressible fluids;  
 $G = \text{Diff}_{\text{vol}}(\Omega)$ , incompressible fluids
- Lagrangian:  $L : TG \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$L(\varphi, \dot{\varphi}) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \varrho_0 |\dot{\varphi}|^2 dX - \int_{\Omega} E(\varphi, \nabla \varphi, \varrho_0, S_0) dX$$

Depends on reference fields  $\varrho_0(X)$ ,  $S_0(X)$ .

- Hamilton's principle: critical action principle for the flow  $x = \varphi(t, X)$ :

$$\delta \int_0^T L(\varphi, \dot{\varphi}) dt = 0, \quad \delta \varphi \text{ arbitrary variations} \longrightarrow \text{Fluid equations in Lagr. variables.}$$

## 1.2 Eulerian (spatial) description of hydrodynamics

Invariance of  $L$  with respect to diffeomorphisms that preserve  $\varrho_0$  and  $S_0$

- Eulerian fields:

$$u := \dot{\varphi} \circ \varphi^{-1}$$

Eulerian velocity

$$\rho := (\varrho_0 \circ \varphi^{-1}) |\det D\varphi^{-1}|$$

Eulerian mass density

$$s := (S_0 \circ \varphi^{-1}) |\det D\varphi^{-1}|$$

Eulerian entropy density

- Lagrangian in Eulerian description:

$$\ell(u, \rho, s) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho |u|^2 - \epsilon(\rho, s) \right] dx$$

- Hamilton's principle in Eulerian form:

(Euler-Poincaré reduction, Holm, Marsden, Ratiu [1998])

$$\delta \int_0^T \ell(u, \rho, s) dt = 0, \quad \delta u = \partial_t \zeta + [u, \zeta], \quad \delta \rho = -\operatorname{div}(\rho \zeta), \quad \delta s = -\operatorname{div}(s \zeta).$$

- Equations of motion:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta u} + \mathcal{L}_u \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta u} = \rho \nabla \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta \rho} + s \nabla \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta s} \\ \partial_t \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho u) = 0, \quad \partial_t s + \operatorname{div}(s u) = 0. \end{cases}$$

**Goal:** carry out the numerical discretization in a geometry preserving way by respecting the geometric variational formulation.

### Main idea:

- “replace” this group by a finite dimensional Lie group approximation
- apply the variational principles on this finite dimensional Lie group
- temporal discretization in a structure preserving way

### – Original idea & incompressible ideal case:

Pavlov, Mullen, Tong, Kanso, Marsden, Desbrun [2010]

### – Several developments (motivated by GFD):

Rotating Boussinesq GFD equations: Desbrun, Gawlik, FGB, Zeitlin [2014]

Various generalizations of discrete group: Liu, Mason, Hodgson, Tong, Desbrun [2015]

Finite elements for incompressible: Natale and Cotter [2018]

Anelastic and pseudo-incompressible GFD & unstructured grids: Bauer and FGB [2017]

Compressible fluids & rotating shallow water: Bauer and FGB [2018]

On the sphere: Brecht, Bauer, Bihlo, FGB, MacLachlan [2019]

## 2. Discrete Lie group setting

SUMMARY OF THE APPROACH:

- **STEP 1:** Define the discrete diffeomorphism group
- **STEP 2:** Relate the Lie algebra of this group with discrete velocities
- **STEP 3:** Show that the space of discrete velocities is a Raviart-Thomas space  
(it is NOT a Lie subalgebra)
- **STEP 4:** Build a “Lie algebra-to-vector fields” map

## STEP 1: Discrete diffeomorphism groups

- **Discrete functions:** finite element space  $V_h \subset L^2(\Omega)$  associated to  $\mathcal{T}_h$  (shape-regular and quasi-uniform family  $\{\mathcal{T}_h\}$ )
- **Finite dimensional version of  $\text{Diff}(\Omega)$ :** chosen as

$$G_h = \{q \in GL(V_h) \mid q\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}\},$$

- **Lie algebra**

$$\mathfrak{g}_h = \{A \in L(V_h, V_h) \mid A\mathbf{1} = 0\}$$

- ~ Potential candidates to be discrete vector fields;
- ~ As linear maps these discrete vector fields act as discrete derivations on  $V_h$ ;
- ~ Natural to choose them as discrete distributional directional derivatives.

## STEP 2: Link with discrete velocities

$$H(\text{div}, \Omega) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega)^n \mid \text{div } u \in L^2(\Omega)\}.$$

$$H_0(\text{div}, \Omega) = \{u \in H(\text{div}, \Omega) \mid u \cdot n = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}.$$

$$V_h = V_h^r.$$

### Proposition (Gawlik and FGB)

- To each velocity  $u \in H_0(\text{div}, \Omega) \cap L^p(\Omega)^n$ ,  $p > 2$ ,  $r \geq 0$  integer, we can associate the Lie algebra element  $A_u \in \mathfrak{gl}(V_h^r)$  given by

$$\langle A_u f, g \rangle := \sum_{K \in T_h} \int_K (\nabla_u f) g \, dx - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h^0} \int_e u \cdot [\![f]\!] \{g\} \, ds, \quad \forall f, g \in V_h^r.$$

- $A_u$  is **consistent approximation** of the distributional derivative in direction  $u$ .

## STEP 3: Relation with Raviart-Thomas finite element spaces

Not all the Lie algebra elements are of the form

$$A_u \quad \text{for some} \quad u \in H_0(\text{div}, \Omega) \cap L^p(\Omega)^n, p > 2.$$

However:

### Theorem (Gawlik and FGB)

The space  $S_h^r := \{A_u \mid u \in H_0(\text{div}, \Omega) \cap L^p(\Omega)^n, p > 2\}$  is isomorphic to the Raviart-Thomas space of order  $2r$

$$RT_{2r}(\mathcal{T}_h) = \left\{ u \in H_0(\text{div}, \Omega) \mid u|_K \in (P_{2r}(K))^n + xP_{2r}(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\}.$$

Link between the geometric variational discretization and finite element methods.

## STEP 4: The “Lie algebra-to-vector fields” map

- Construct a method valid for a large class of Lagrangians  
    ~ Lie algebra-to-vector fields map
- Use of Lagrange-d'Alembert principle of nonholonomic mechanics  
(e.g. Bloch [2003])  
    ~ Lie algebra-to-vector fields map at least defined on  $S_h^r + [S_h^r, S_h^r]$

(cannot use  $A_u \mapsto u!!$ )

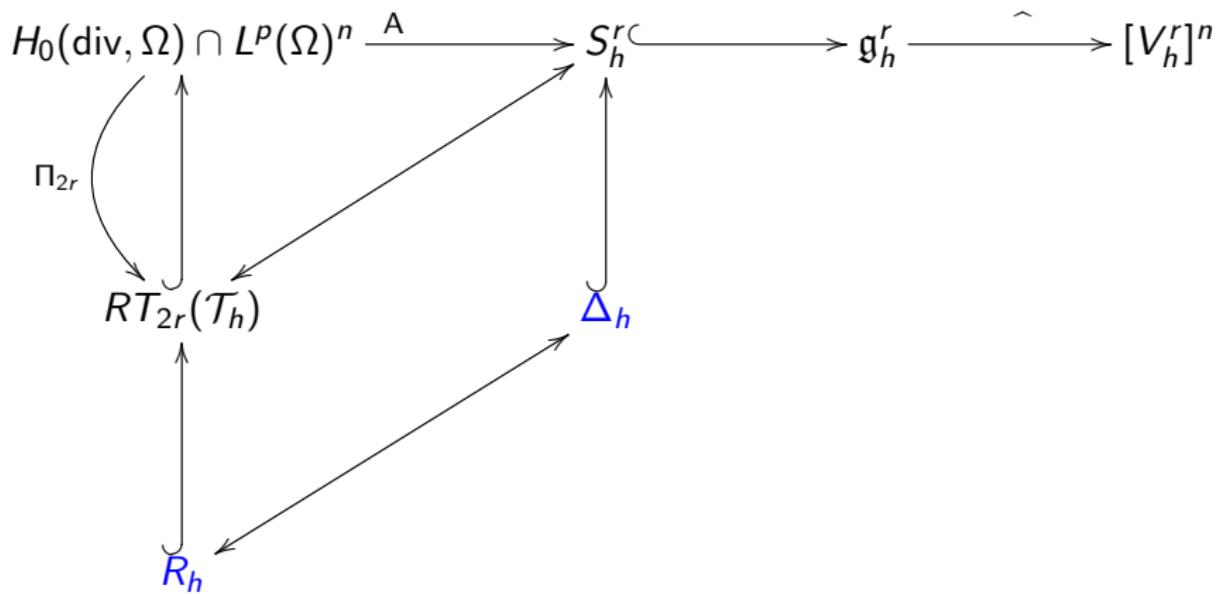
### Definition

For  $r \geq 0$  define **Lie algebra-to-vector field map**  $\hat{\cdot} : L(V_h^r, V_h^r) \rightarrow [V_h^r]^n$

$$\hat{A} := \sum_{k=1}^n A(I_h^r(x^k)) e_k,$$

$I_h^r : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow V_h^r$  :  $L^2$ -orthogonal projector onto  $V_h^r$ .

## SUMMARY



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### 3. Variational integrator

#### 3.1 Semidiscrete Euler-Poincaré-d'Alembert equations

Continuous Lagrangian  $\ell(u, \rho) \rightsquigarrow$  Discrete Lagrangian  $\ell_d(A, \rho) := \ell(\widehat{A}, \rho)$ .

##### - Euler-Poincaré-d'Alembert variational principle

Given  $g(t) \in G_h^r$  define  $A(t) = \dot{g}(t)g(t)^{-1}$  and  $\rho(t) = \rho_0 \cdot g(t)^{-1}$

The following are equivalent for  $A(t) \in \Delta_h$  and  $\rho(t) \in V_h^r$ :

(i)  $\delta \int_0^T \ell_d(A, \rho) dt = 0, \quad \delta A = \partial_t B + [B, A] \quad \text{and} \quad \delta \rho = -\rho \cdot B,$

for all  $B(t) \in \Delta_h$  with  $B(0) = B(T) = 0$ .

(ii)  $\left\langle \partial_t \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A}, B \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A}, [A, B] \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta \rho}, \rho \cdot B \right\rangle = 0, \quad \forall t \in (0, T), \quad \forall B \in \Delta_h.$

equivalently  $\partial_t \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A} + \text{ad}_A^* \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A} - \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta \rho} \diamond \rho \in \Delta_h^\circ, \quad \forall t \in (0, T)$

Differential equation for  $\delta(t)$ :

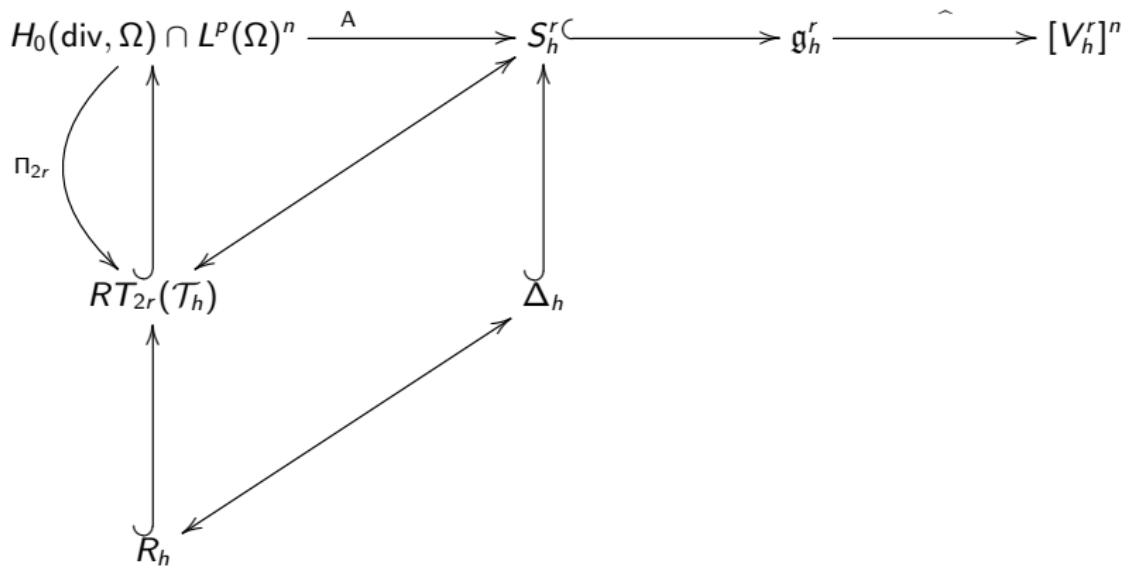
$$\langle \partial_t \rho, \sigma \rangle + \langle \rho, A \sigma \rangle = 0, \quad \forall t \in (0, T), \quad \forall \sigma \in V_h^r.$$

- Choice of  $\Delta_h$

$\Delta_h \subset S_h^r$  such that

$$A \in \Delta_h \rightarrow \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A}(A, \rho) \in (\mathfrak{g}_h^r)^*/\Delta_h^\circ$$

is a diffeomorphism for all  $\rho \in V_h^r$  strictly positive.



## 4. Compressible fluids

Focus on the barotropic fluid for simplicity

$$\ell(u, \rho) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho |u|^2 - \rho e(\rho) \right] dx$$

All results below can be naturally extended to more general Lagrangians (Gawlik and FGB [2020])

### 4.1 Discrete Lagrangian

$$\ell_d(A, \rho) := \ell(\widehat{A}, \rho) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho |\widehat{A}|^2 - \rho e(\rho) \right] dx.$$

$$\frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A} = I_h^r(\rho \widehat{A})^\flat, \quad \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta \rho} = I_h^r \left( \frac{1}{2} |\widehat{A}|^2 - e(\rho) - \rho \frac{\partial e}{\partial \rho} \right).$$

### 4.2 Choice of $\Delta_h$ ( $R_h$ )

Lemma

$$\ker \left( A \in \Delta_h \rightarrow I_h^r(\rho \widehat{A})^\flat \in (\mathfrak{g}_h^r)^*/\Delta_h^\circ \right) = \{0\} \iff R_h \subset BDM_r(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

## 4.3 Geometric variational element scheme for compressible fluids

- Equations of motion

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \partial_t(\rho \widehat{A}), \widehat{B} \rangle + \langle \rho \widehat{A}, \widehat{[A, B]} \rangle + \langle I_h^r \left( \frac{1}{2} |\widehat{A}|^2 - e(\rho) - \rho \frac{\partial e}{\partial \rho} \right), \rho \cdot B \rangle = 0, \quad \forall B \in \Delta_h \\ \langle \partial_t \rho, \sigma \rangle + \langle \rho, A \sigma \rangle = 0, \quad \forall \sigma \in V_h^r. \end{array} \right.$$

- Equivalently, in terms of  $\rho_h$ ,  $u_h = -\widehat{A}$ ,  $\sigma_h$ , and  $v_h = -\widehat{B}$ :  
Seek  $u_h \in R_h$  and  $\rho_h \in V_h^r$  such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \partial_t(\rho_h u_h), v_h \rangle + a_h(w_h, u_h, v_h) - b_h(v_h, f_h, \rho_h) = 0, \quad \forall v_h \in R_h \\ \langle \partial_t \rho_h, \sigma_h \rangle - b_h(u_h, \sigma_h, \rho_h) = 0, \quad \forall \sigma_h \in V_h^r, \end{array} \right.$$

- $w_h = I_h^r(\rho_h u_h)$ ,  $f_h = I_h^r \left( \frac{1}{2} |u_h|^2 - e(\rho_h) - \rho_h \frac{\partial e}{\partial \rho_h} \right)$ , and

- $a_h(w, u, v) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K w \cdot (v \cdot \nabla u - u \cdot \nabla v) dx + \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h^0} \int_e (v \cdot n[u] - u \cdot n[v]) \cdot \{w\} ds$

- $b_h(w, f, g) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K (w \cdot \nabla f) g dx - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h^0} w \cdot [[f]] \{g\} ds$ .

## 4.4 Temporal discretization

OPTION 1: variational discretization

OPTION 2: energy preserving discretization

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \left\langle \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A_k} - \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A_{k-1}} \right), B_k \right\rangle \right\rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \left\langle \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A_{k-1}} + \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A_k}, [A_{k-1/2}, B_k] \right\rangle \right\rangle + \langle F_{k-1/2}, \rho_{k-1/2} \cdot B_k \rangle = 0, \quad \forall B_k \in \Delta_h, \\ & \left\langle \frac{\rho_k - \rho_{k-1}}{\Delta t}, E_k \right\rangle + \langle \rho_{k-1/2} \cdot A_{k-1/2}, E_k \rangle = 0, \quad \forall E_k \in V_h^r. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$F_{k-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \widehat{A_{k-1}} \cdot \widehat{A_k} - f(\rho_{k-1}, \rho_k), \quad f(x, y) = \frac{ye(y) - xe(x)}{y - x}$$

(reminiscent of a discrete gradient method Hairer, Lubich, Wanner [2006])

## 4.5 Rayleigh-Taylor instability

$$\ell(u, \rho, s) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho |u|^2 - \rho e(\rho, \eta) - \rho \phi \right] dx, \quad e(\rho, \eta) = K e^{\eta/C_v} \rho^{\gamma-1}$$

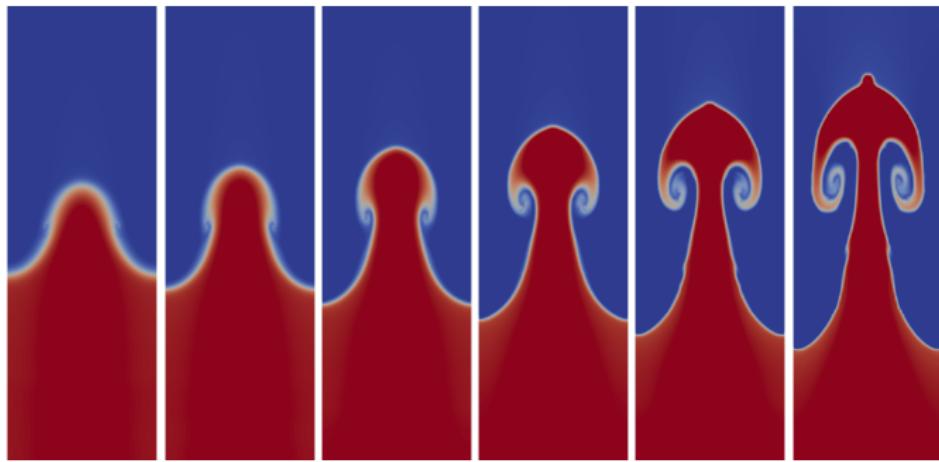
where  $\gamma = 5/3$ ,  $K = C_v = 1$ ,  $\phi = -y$

$\Omega = (0, 1/4) \times (0, 1)$ ,  $R_h = RT_0(\mathcal{T}_h)$  and  $V_h^1$  on uniform  $\mathcal{T}_h$ ,  $h = 2^{-8}$ , with upwinding (later),  $\Delta t = 0.01$ .

$$\rho(x, y, 0) = 1.5 - 0.5 \tanh \left( \frac{y - 0.5}{0.02} \right)$$



Contours of the mass density at  $t = 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0$  in the Rayleigh-Taylor instability simulation with the energy-preserving time discretization



Energy preserved exactly up to roundoff errors.

# 5. Incompressible fluid with variable density

## 5.1 Equations and variational principle

- Lagrangian version (Hamilton's principle): seek  $\varphi : [0, T] \rightarrow \text{Diff}_{\text{vol}}(\Omega)$  such that

$$\delta \int_0^T L(\varphi, \dot{\varphi}) dt = 0, \quad L(\varphi, \dot{\varphi}) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \varrho_0 |\dot{\varphi}|^2 dX$$

for all  $\delta\varphi$  vanishing at the endpoints.

- Eulerian version (Euler-Poincaré)

$$\delta \int_0^T \ell(u, \rho) dt = 0, \quad \ell(u, \rho) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \rho |u|^2 dx$$

for all variations  $\delta u, \delta \rho$  of the form

$$\delta u = \partial_t \zeta + [u, \zeta], \quad \delta \rho = -\text{div}(\rho \zeta)$$

- Incompressible fluids with variable density

$$\begin{cases} \rho(\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u) = -\nabla p, \\ \partial_t \rho + \text{div}(\rho u) = 0, \quad \text{div } u = 0. \end{cases}$$

## 5.2 Discrete setting

$$G_h^r = \{q \in GL(V_h^r) \mid q\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}, \langle qf, qg \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle\},$$

$$\mathfrak{g}_h^r = \{A \in L(V_h^r, V_h^r) \mid A\mathbf{1} = 0, \langle Af, g \rangle + \langle f, Ag \rangle = 0, \forall f, g \in V_h^r\}$$

$$R_h = \{u \in BDM_r(\mathcal{T}_h), \operatorname{div} u = 0\} \rightsquigarrow \Delta_h \subset \mathfrak{g}_h^r$$

$$\ell_d(A, \rho) := \ell(\widehat{A}, \rho) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \rho |\widehat{A}|^2 d\mathbf{x}.$$

$$\frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta A} = I_h^r(\rho \widehat{A})^\flat, \quad \frac{\delta \ell_d}{\delta \rho} = I_h^r\left(\frac{1}{2} |\widehat{A}|^2\right).$$

## 5.3 Spatial discretization

### Proposition (Gawlik & FGB)

The semidiscrete solution satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \rho_h dx = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \rho_h^2 dx = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \rho_h |u_h|^2 dx = 0, \quad \operatorname{div} u_h = 0$$

## 5.4 Temporal discretization

### Proposition (Gawlik & FGB)

The fully discrete solution of incompressible fluid with variable density satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho_{k+1} dx = \int_{\Omega} \rho_k dx, \quad \int_{\Omega} \rho_{k+1}^2 dx = \int_{\Omega} \rho_k^2 dx,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \rho_{k+1} |u_{k+1}|^2 dx = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \rho_k |u_k|^2 dx, \quad \operatorname{div} u_k = 0$$

(upwind version exists which preserves all equalities except the 2<sup>nd</sup> which becomes  $\leq$ )

## 5.5 Rayleigh-Taylor instability

Finite element spaces  $u_k \in R_h = RT_0(\mathcal{T}_h)$ ,  $\rho_k \in DG_1(\mathcal{T}_h)$ , and  $p_k \in DG_0(\mathcal{T}_h) \cap L^2_{f=0}(\Omega)$  on uniform  $\mathcal{T}_h$ ,  $h = 2^{-j}$ ,  $j = 4, 5, 6$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.01$ , with upwind.

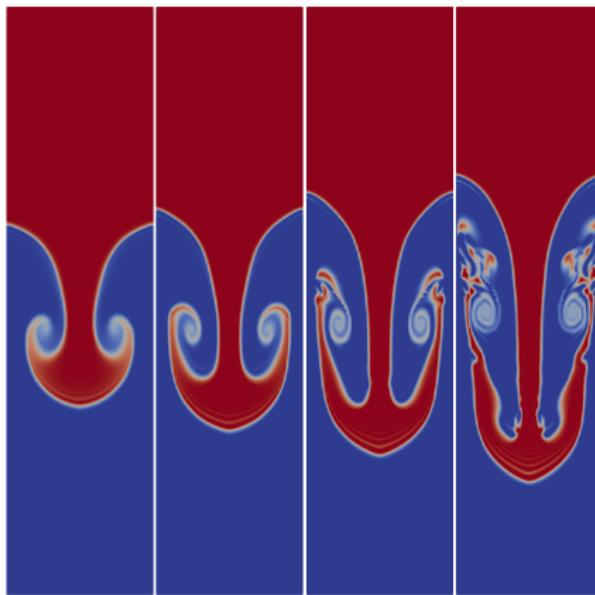
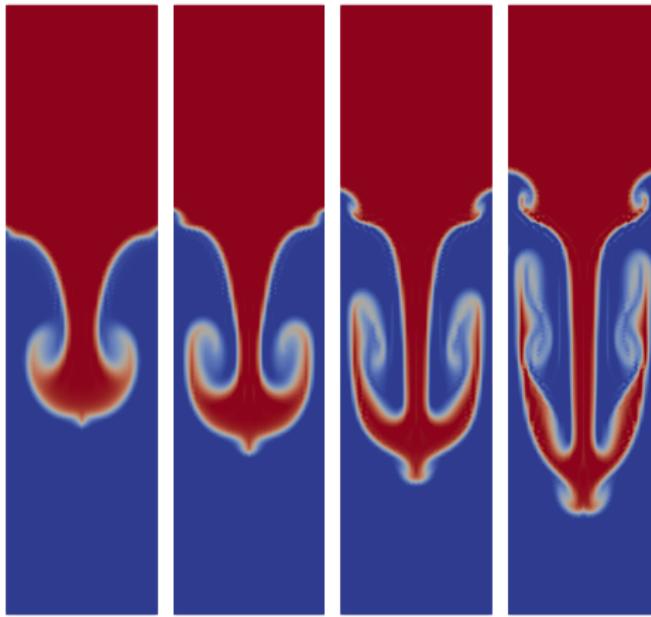


Figure: Density contours at  $t = 0.8, 0.95, 1.1, 1.25$  in the Rayleigh-Taylor instability simulation with  $h = 2^{-6}$ .



**Figure:** Density contours at  $t = 0.8, 0.95, 1.1, 1.25$  in the Rayleigh-Taylor instability simulation, obtained using Guermond and Quartapelle [2000] with  $h = 2^{-5}$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.01$  (preserves the 3 invariants only before temporal discretization, preserves incompressibility in a weak sense).

The two methods under comparison produce qualitatively similar results for  $t < 1$ , and begin to deviate somewhat as  $t$  increases.

## 6. MHD

Same variational philosophy applies to MHD.

- Eulerian fields:

$$u := \dot{\varphi} \circ \varphi^{-1}$$

Eulerian velocity

$$\rho := (\varrho_0 \circ \varphi^{-1}) |\det D\varphi^{-1}|$$

Eulerian mass density

$$B := \varphi_* B_0$$

Eulerian magnetic field

- Lagrangian in Eulerian description:

$$\ell(u, \rho, B) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho |u|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |B|^2 \right] dx$$

- Hamilton's principle in Eulerian form (Euler-Poincaré):

$$\delta \int_0^T \ell(u, \rho, B) dt = 0, \quad \delta u = \partial_t \zeta + [u, \zeta], \quad \delta \rho = -\operatorname{div}(\rho \zeta), \quad \delta B = \nabla \times (\zeta \times B).$$

- Equations of motion:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta u} + \mathcal{L}_u \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta u} = \rho \nabla \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta \rho} + B \times (\nabla \times \frac{\delta \ell}{\delta B}) \\ \partial_t \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho u) = 0, \quad \partial_t B - \nabla \times (u \times B) = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Boundary conditions:

$$u \cdot n = B \cdot n = 0.$$



Preserving magnetic helicity, cross-helicity,  $\operatorname{div} u = 0$ ,  $\operatorname{div} B = 0$  at the discrete level, turns out to be a very delicate issue!

Appropriate choice of the finite element spaces leads to

### Proposition (Gawlik & FGB)

The fully discrete solution of incompressible MHD with variable density satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho_{k+1} dx = \int_{\Omega} \rho_k dx, \quad \int_{\Omega} \rho_{k+1}^2 dx = \int_{\Omega} \rho_k^2 dx, \quad \operatorname{div} u_k = 0, \quad \operatorname{div} B_k = 0,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \rho_{k+1} |u_{k+1}|^2 + B_{k+1} \cdot B_{k+1} dx = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \rho_k |u_k|^2 + B_k \cdot B_k dx$$

$$\int_{\Omega} A_{k+1} \cdot B_{k+1} dx = \int_{\Omega} A_k \cdot B_k dx$$

$$(\text{if } \rho_0 \equiv 1) \quad \int_{\Omega} u_{k+1} \cdot B_{k+1} dx = \int_{\Omega} u_k \cdot B_k dx$$

with  $A_k$  any vector field satisfying  $\nabla \times A_k = B_k$  and  $A_k \times n|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ .

- upwind version exists which preserves all equalities except the 2<sup>nd</sup> which becomes  $\leq$ .
- compressible MHD ([Gawlik and FGB \[2021\]](#)): more involved, preserves exactly total energy, magnetic helicity, mass,  $\operatorname{div} B = 0$ .
- much of the literature focuses on the setting of [constant density](#).

Some previous works in that setting

energy-stable schemes that preserve  $\operatorname{div} B = 0$  [Hu, Ma, Xu \[2017\]](#);

energy-stable schemes that preserve  $\operatorname{div} u = \operatorname{div} B = 0$  [Hiptmair, Mao, Zhen \[2018\]](#);

schemes that preserve energy, cross-helicity, and  $\operatorname{div} u = \operatorname{div} B = 0$  [Liu, Wang \[2001\]](#),  
[Gawlik, Mullen, Pavlov, Marsden, Desbrun \[2011\]](#);

schemes that preserve energy, cross-helicity,  $\int_{\Omega} A \, dx$ , and  $\operatorname{div} u = \operatorname{div} B = 0$  in two dimensions [Kraus and Maj \[2017\]](#);

scheme that preserves energy, cross-helicity, magnetic helicity, and  $\operatorname{div} B = 0$  [Hu, Lee, and Xu \[2020\]](#) (not the same boundary conditions for  $u$ , weak divergence free condition,  $\rho$  constant).

Illustration of the structure-preserving properties in 3D:

$\Omega = [-1, 1]^3$  with initial conditions

$$u(x, y, z, 0) = (ye^{-4(x^2+y^2)}, -xe^{-4(x^2+y^2)}, 0)^1,$$

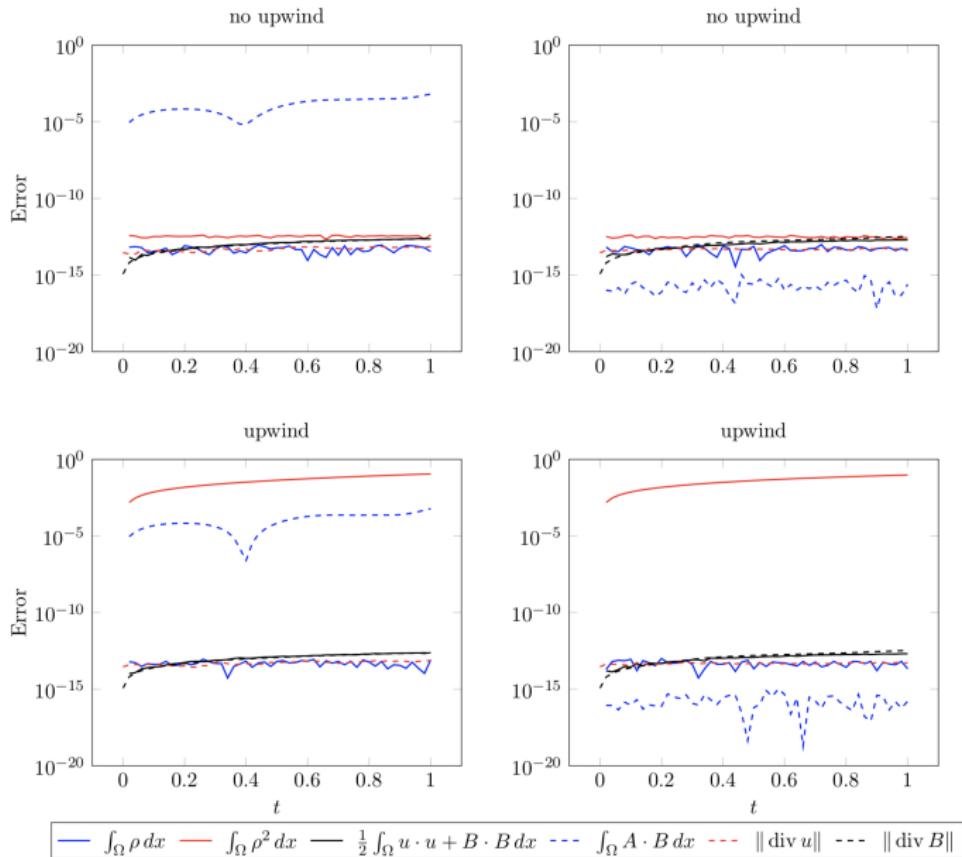
$$B(x, y, z, 0) = \nabla \times ((1-x^2)(1-y^2)(1-z^2)v(x, y, z)),$$

$$\rho(x, y, z, 0) = 2 + \sin(xy),$$

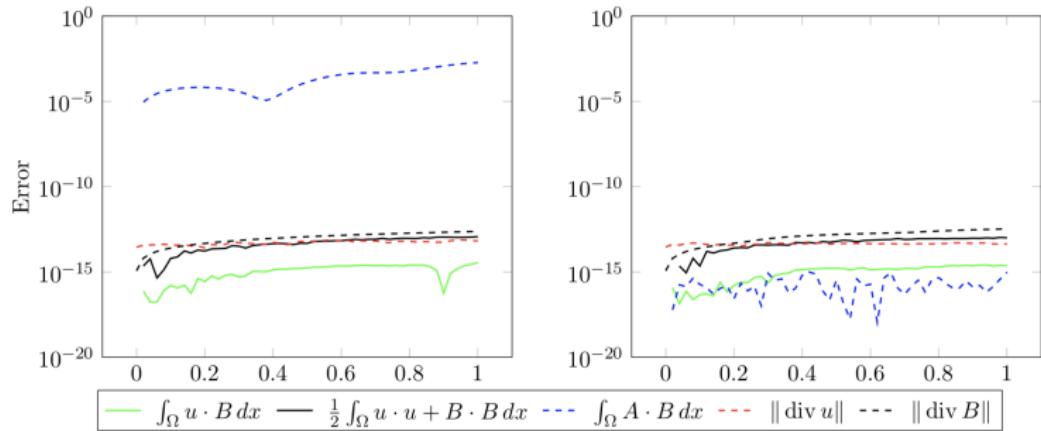
with  $v(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin \pi x, \sin \pi y, \sin \pi z)$ .

- uniform triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_h$  of  $\Omega$  with maximum element diameter  $h \approx 0.433$
- $u_h, B_h \in U_h^{\text{div}} = RT_0(\mathcal{T}_h)$ ,  $\rho_h \in DG_0(\mathcal{T}_h)$ ,  $p_h \in DG_0(\mathcal{T}_h) \cap L_{f=0}^2(\Omega)$ .
- $\Delta t = 0.02$

<sup>1</sup> This vector field does not satisfy  $u \cdot n = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ ; hence, we used the nearest (in the  $L^2$ -norm) element of  $U_h^{\text{div}} \cap \dot{H}(\text{div}, \Omega)$  to  $u(x, y, z, 0)$  as our initial condition for  $u$ .



**Figure:** Error  $|F(t) - F(0)|$  in conserved quantities during a three-dimensional simulation with variable density (left: a simpler version that does not preserve  $\int A \cdot B dx$  exactly).



**Figure:** Error  $|F(t) - F(0)|$  in conserved quantities during a three-dimensional simulation with constant density (left: a simpler version that does not preserve  $\int A \cdot B dx$  exactly).

## 7. Conclusion

- Used the **geometric formulation of hydrodynamics** to design structure preserving **spatial** and **temporal** discretization of fluid flow valid in 2D and 3D.
- Common approach to a **large class of fluid models** (GFD: SWE, QG, full compressible fluids, anelastic, etc).
- All the steps are **guided by geometry** (including choice of finite element space).
- The geometric approach yields **new schemes** via a **constructive approach** and **more conservation properties**.
- This geometric framework allows for several natural **extensions** to other fluid models - under investigation.



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