

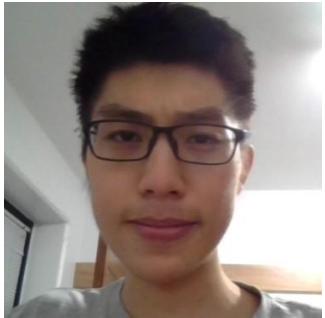
Toward Information Geometric Mechanics

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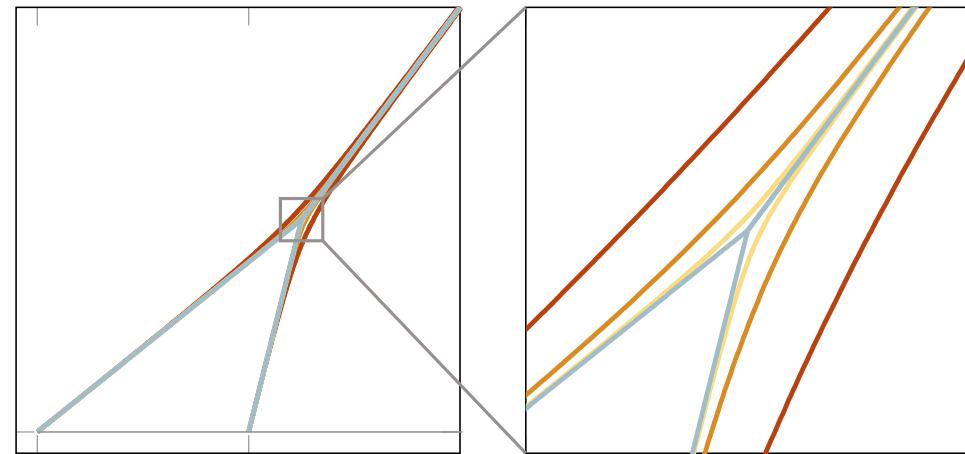
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Part I: New Methodology

INFORMATION GEOMETRIC REGULARIZATION

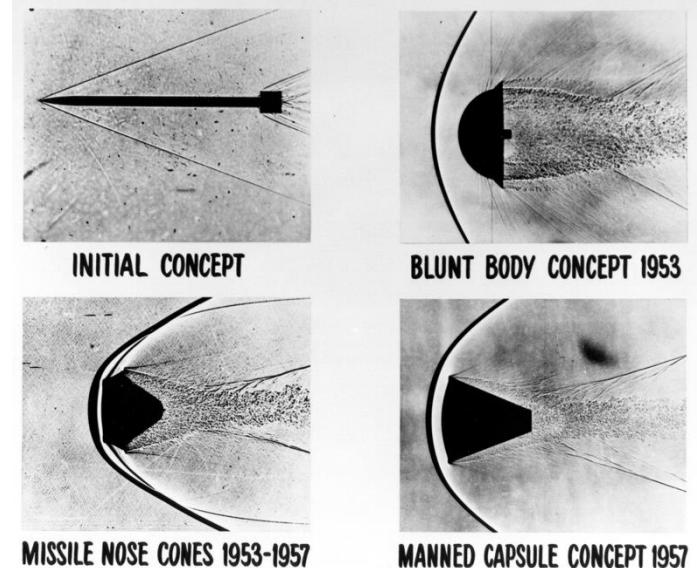
Cao, S, 2023 <https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.14127>

Shocks in Gas Dynamics

Astrophysics Aerospace

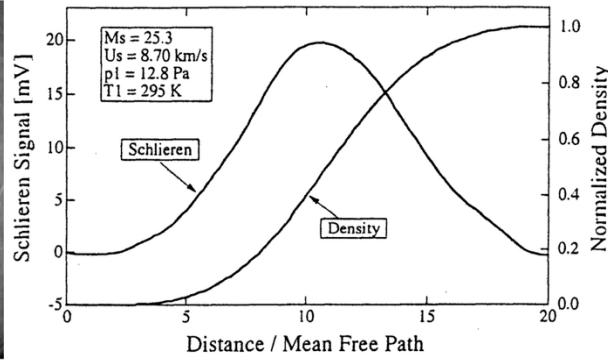
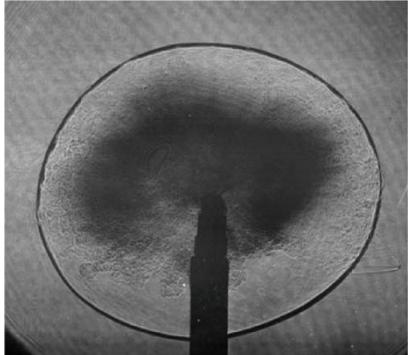


<https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/veil-nebula-supernova-remnant>



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atmospheric_entry#/media/File:Blunt_body_reentry_shapes.png

Shocks: jumps in pressure, density, velocity



Takayama, 2019

Koreeda et al., 2019

Microscopically thin,
can not resolve in
simulation!

Compressible Euler Equations

Model frictionless barotropic gas dynamics

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} + \operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \otimes u + P(\rho) \mathbf{I} \\ \rho u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

u Velocity

ρu Momentum Conservation
of mass and
momentum

ρ Density

f External force

$P(\rho)$ Pressure (increasing function)

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In one dimension:

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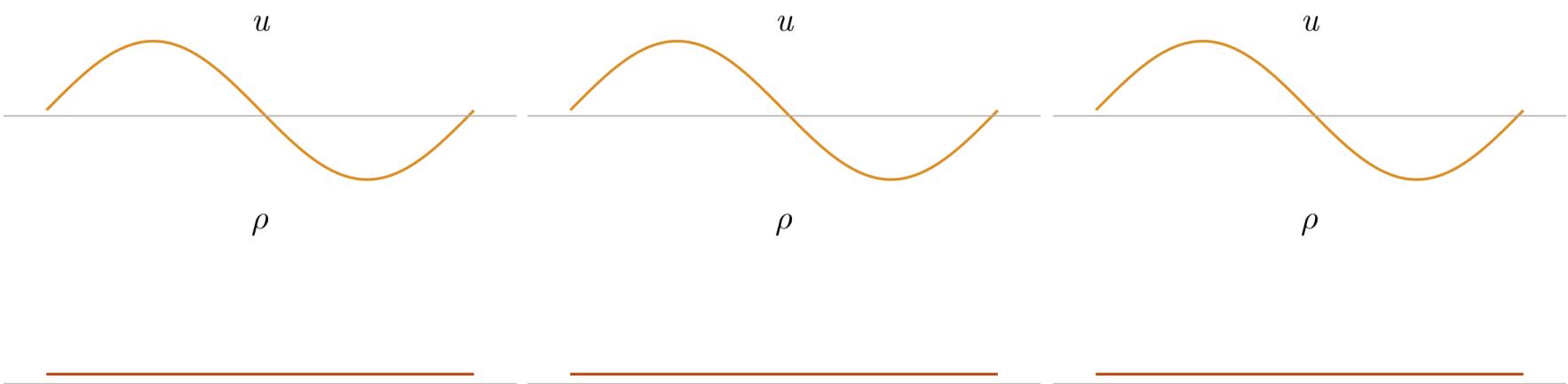
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Vanishing Viscosity Solution

Solution from vanishing viscosity limit $\nu \rightarrow 0$

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} \rho u^2 + P(\rho) - \nu \partial_x u \\ \rho u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0}$$

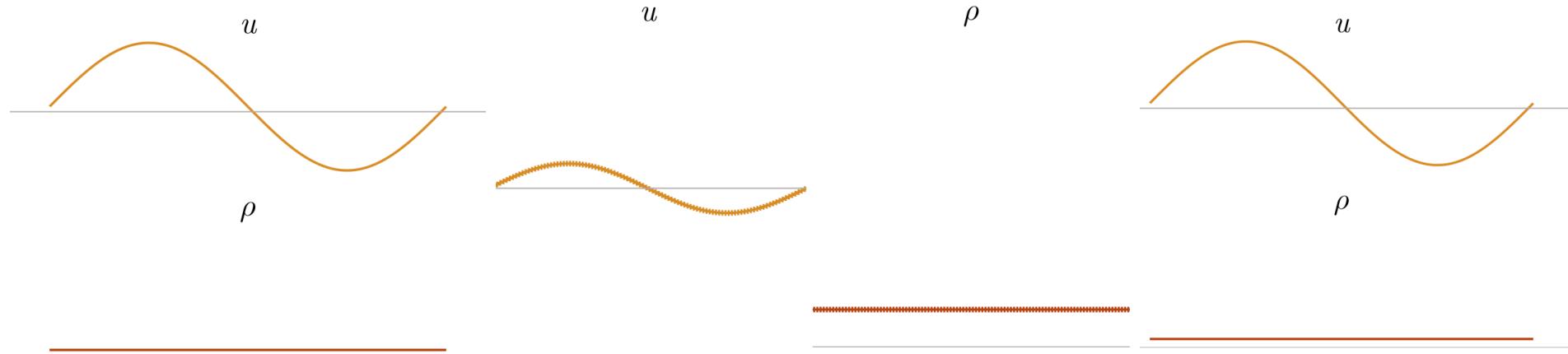


Numerical solution

Choose small ν , use standard methods?

(Near-)discontinuities cause numerics to blow up (Gibbs-Runge Phenomenon)

Larger ν smears out solution over time



Nonlinear Diffusion

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} \rho u^2 + P(\rho) - \nu(u, \rho) \partial_x u \\ \rho u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Idea: Choose viscosity *adaptively*, at shock

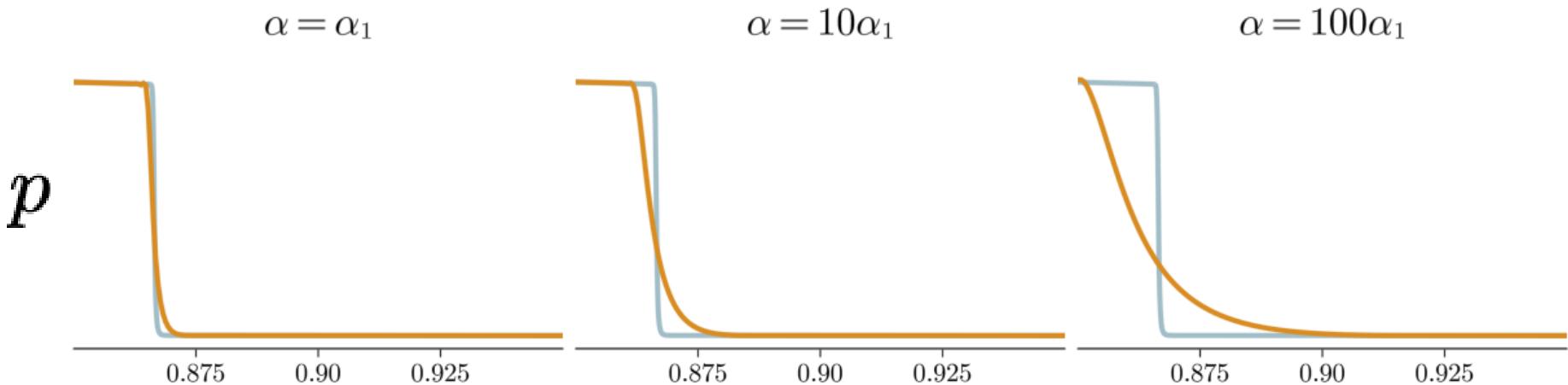
Shock Sensor $\nu(u, \rho)$ needs to detect shocks based on local information.

Try to avoid breakdown and oversmoothing

Von Neumann & Richtmeyer (1950), Dolejvi et al.(2003), Puppo (2004), Cook & Cabot(2005), Fiorina & Lele (2007), Mane et al. (2009), Barter & Darmofal (2010), Guermond et al. (2011), Bruno et al. (2022)

Localized Artificial Diffusivity

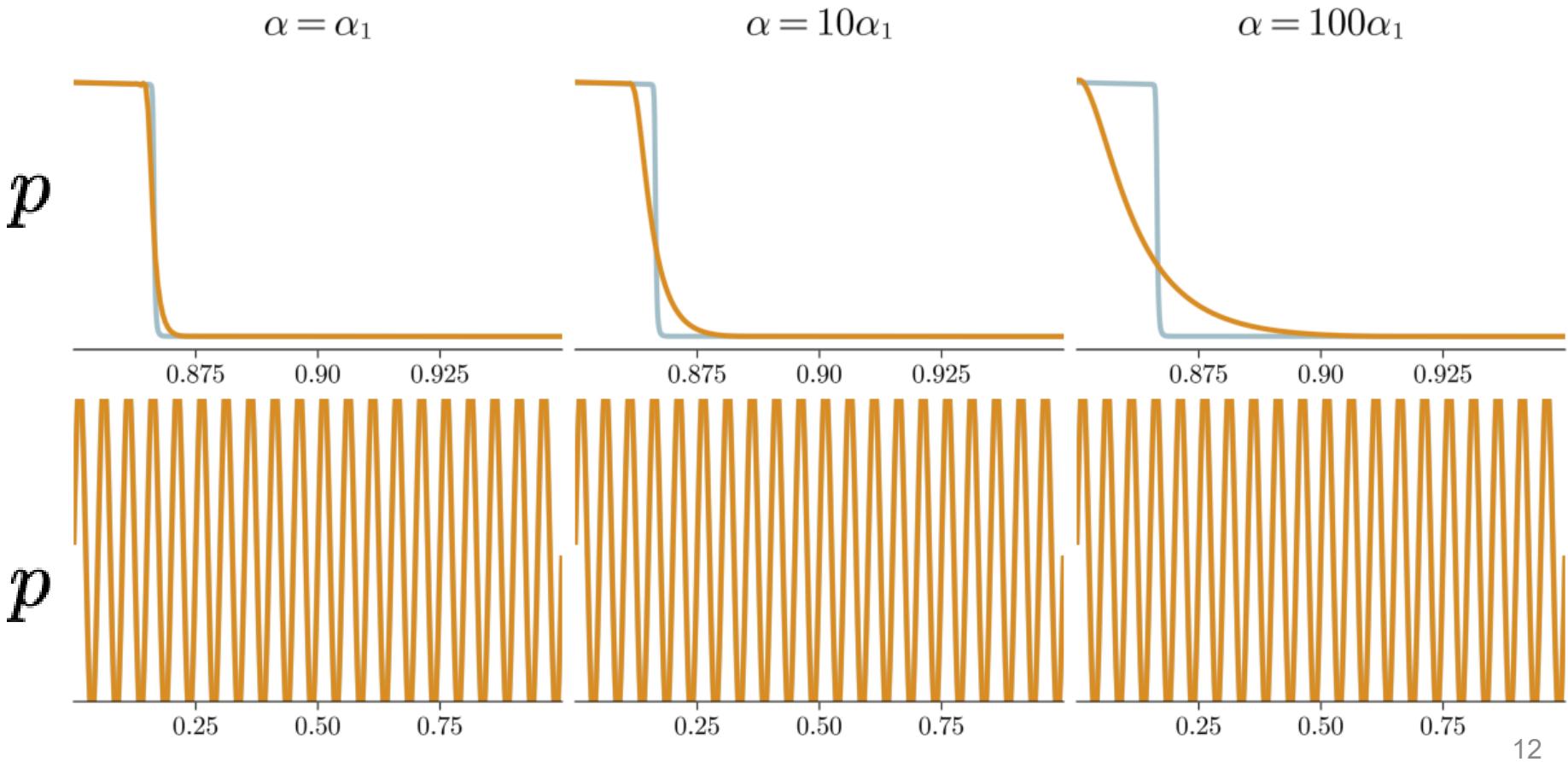
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Alternative: Nonlinear Numerics

Alternative: Limiters (MUSCL, (W)ENO),
Riemann Solvers, Shock tracking.

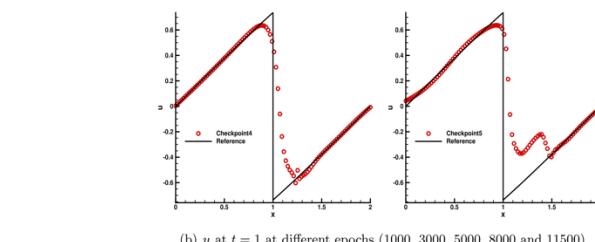
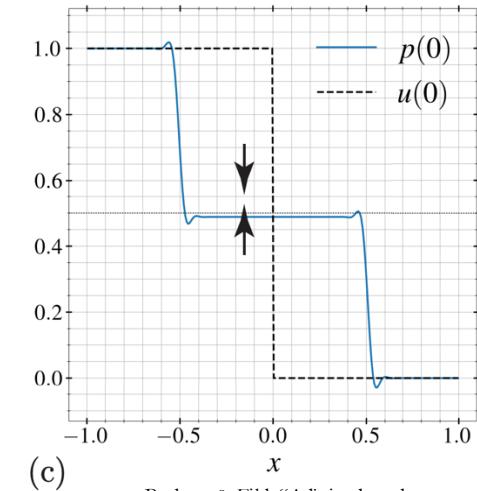
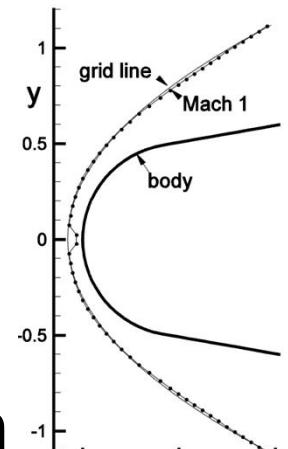
Can be more effective, but

Numerical artefacts

Spurious sensitivities

Restricts discretization
causes technical debt

Godunov (1959), Van Leer (1979), Liu et al.
(1994), Harten et al. (1997), Shu (1998)



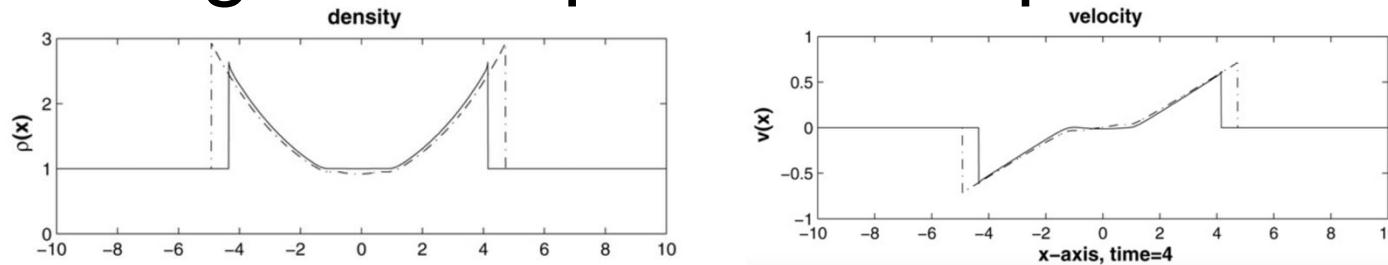
(b) u at $t = 1$ at different epochs (1000, 3000, 5000, 8000 and 11500)
Liu et al., "Discontinuity Computing Using Physics-Informed Neural Networks", 2024

Inviscid PDE regularization?

1. Attempt “Leray Regularization”

Bhat, Fetecau, also Marsden, Mohseni, West, 2003-2009

Wrong shock speed \Rightarrow not practical

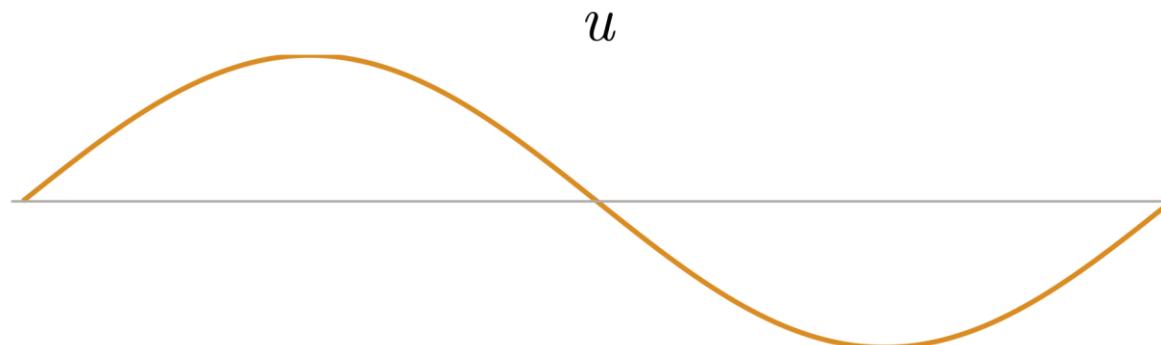


Bhat & Fetecau, “On a regularization of the compressible Euler equations for an isothermal gas”, 2009

2. Attempt “Saint-Venant Regularization”

Guelmame, Clamond, and Junca, 2020

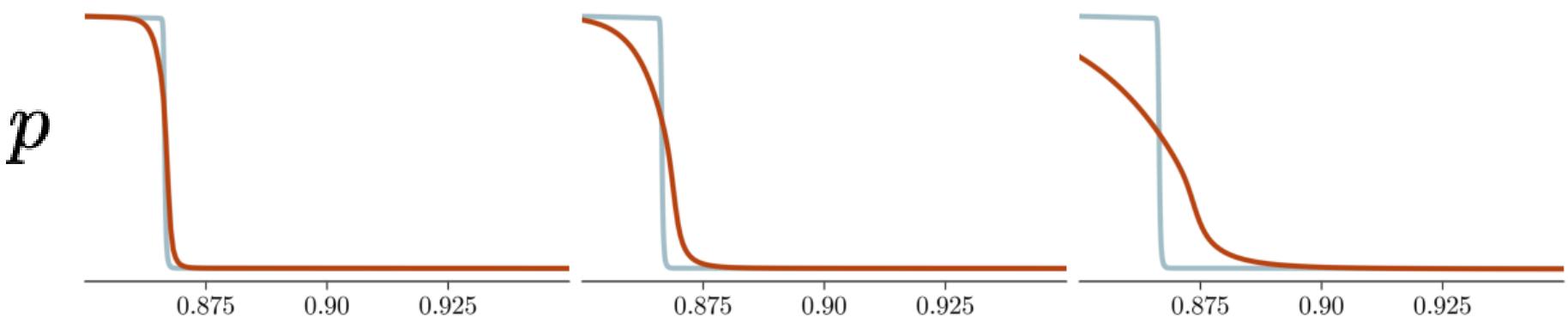
Only 1-d, dissipation only in singularities



Information Geometric Reg. (IGR)

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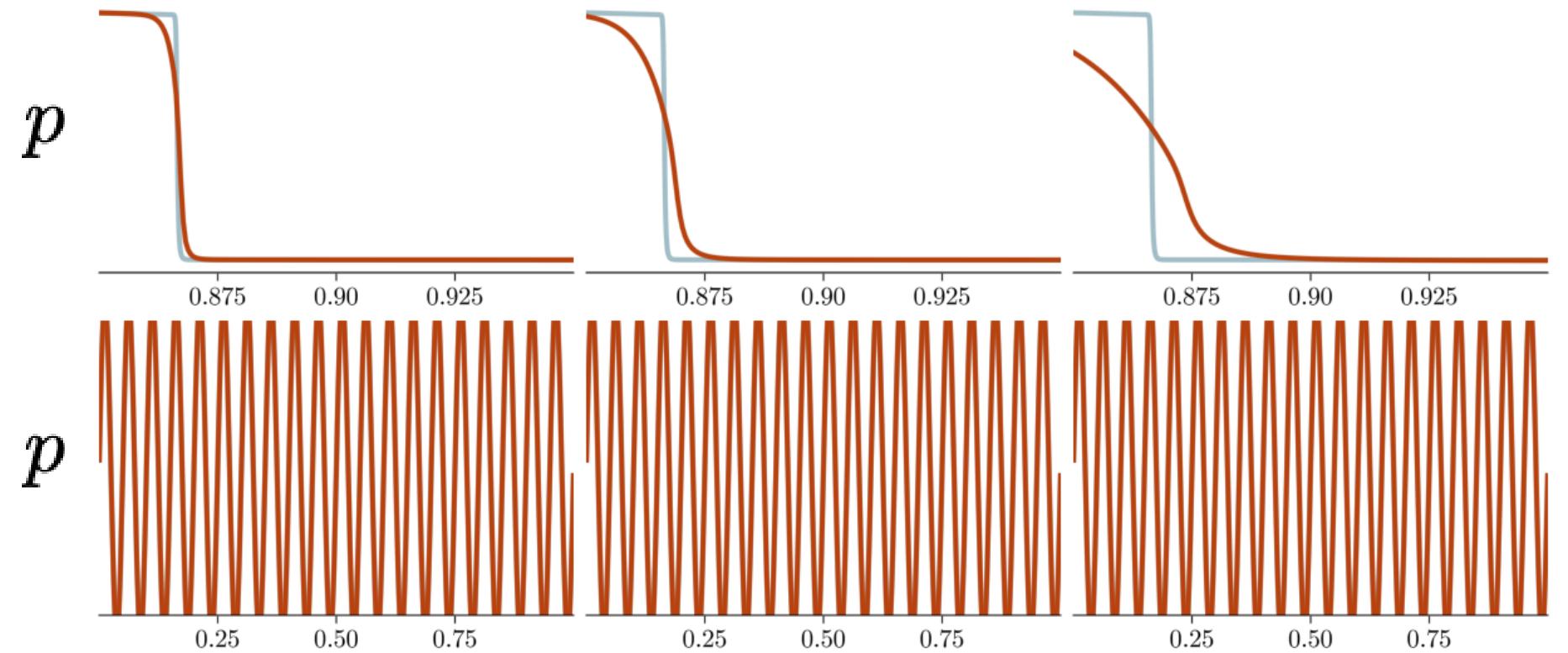
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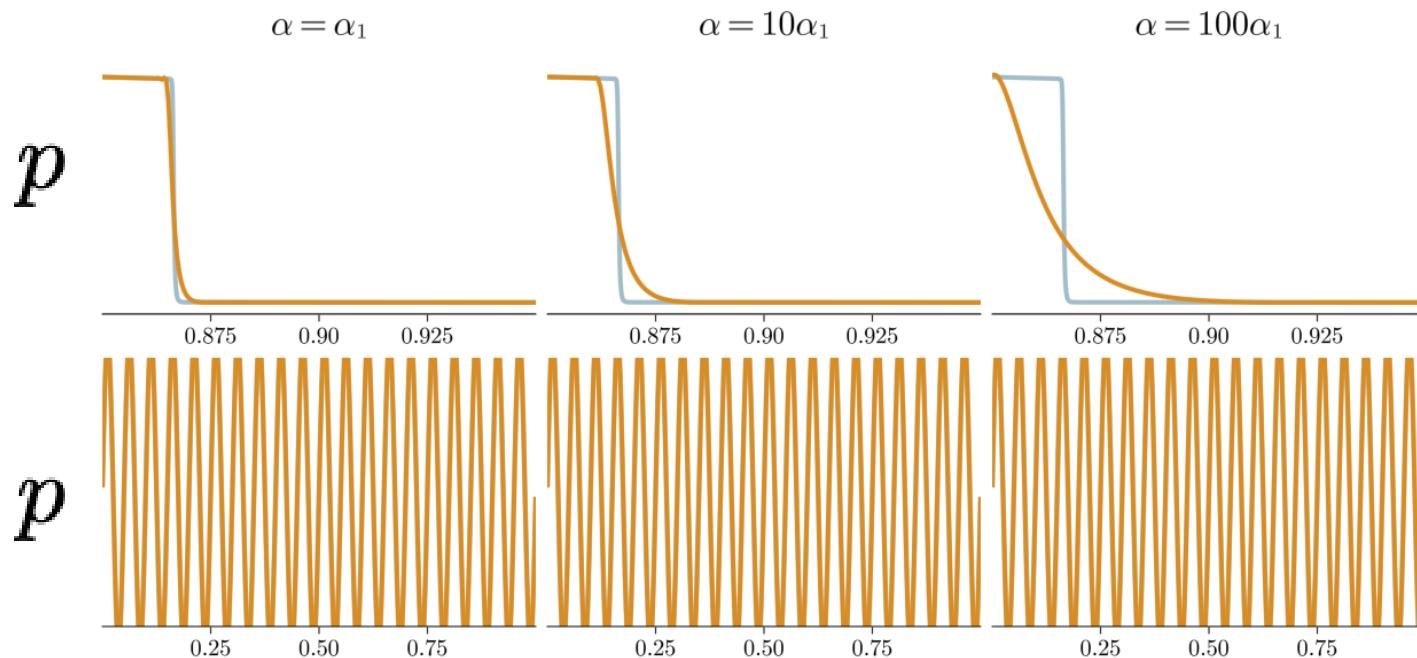
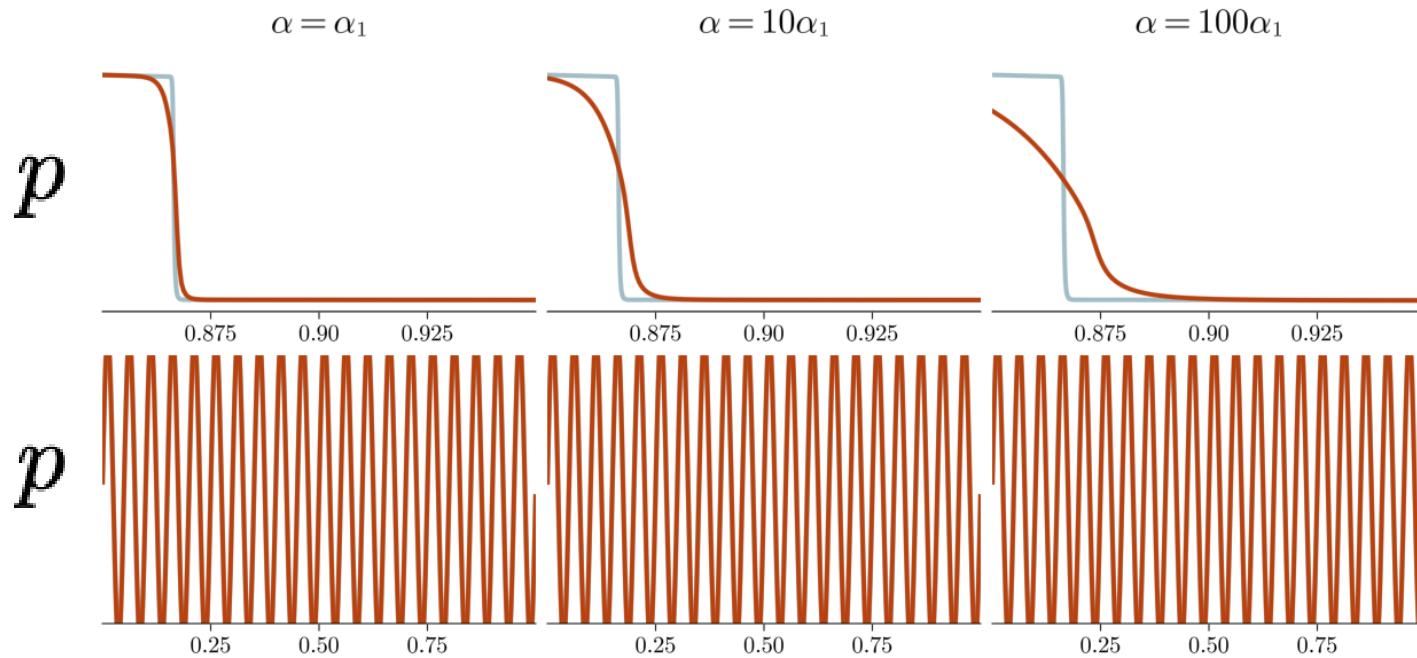
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Define family of paths

$$\Phi_t(x) = x + tu(x, 0)$$

Obtain solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} u(\Phi_t(x), t) \\ \rho(\Phi_t(x), t) \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} u(x, 0) \\ (\partial_x \Phi_t(x))^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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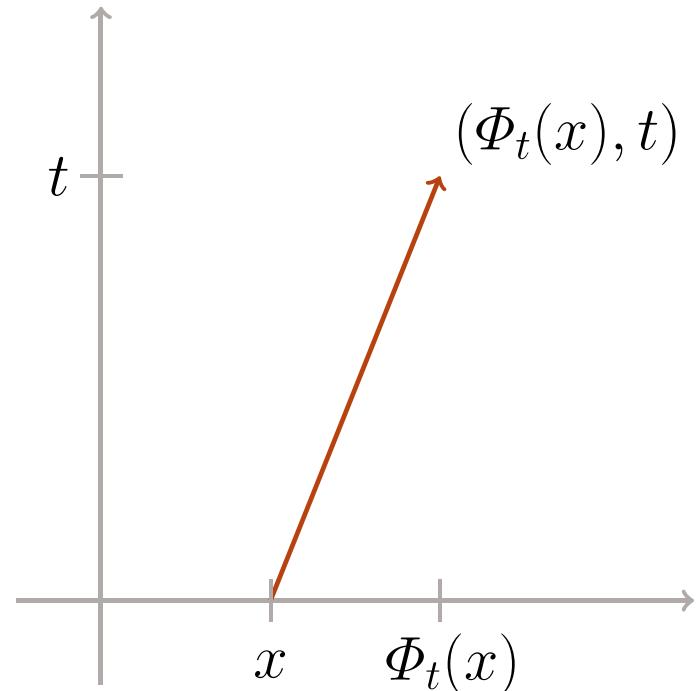
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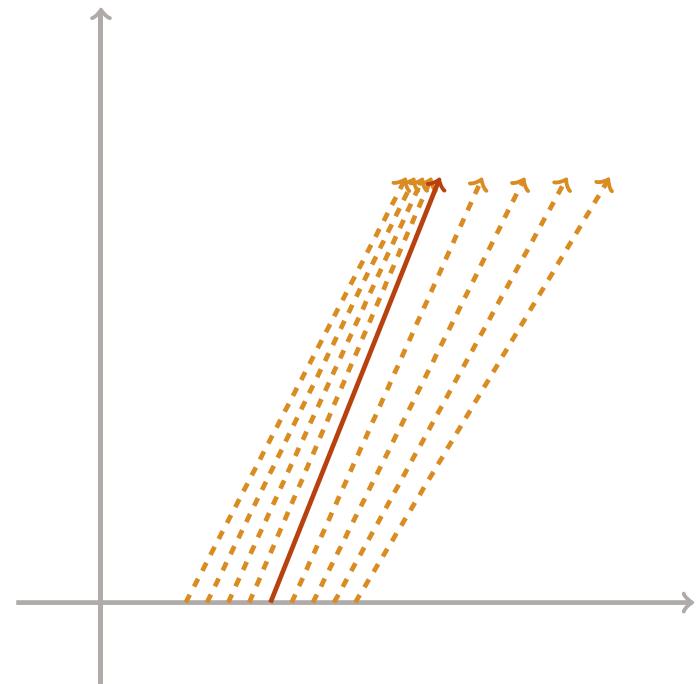
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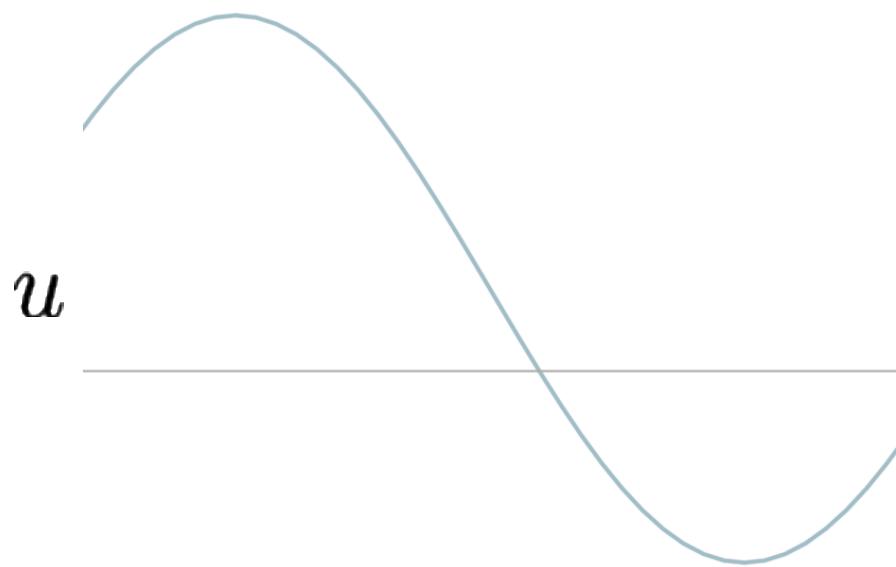
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Perspectives on Shocks

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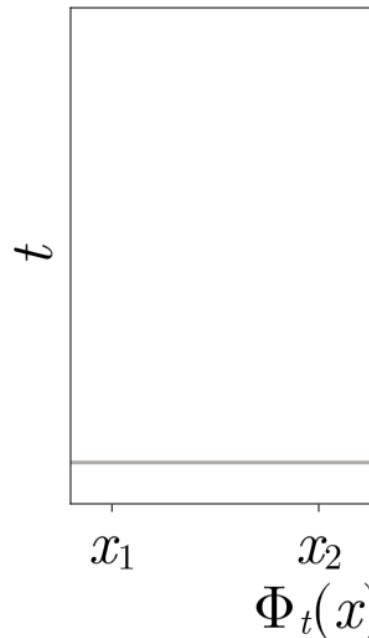
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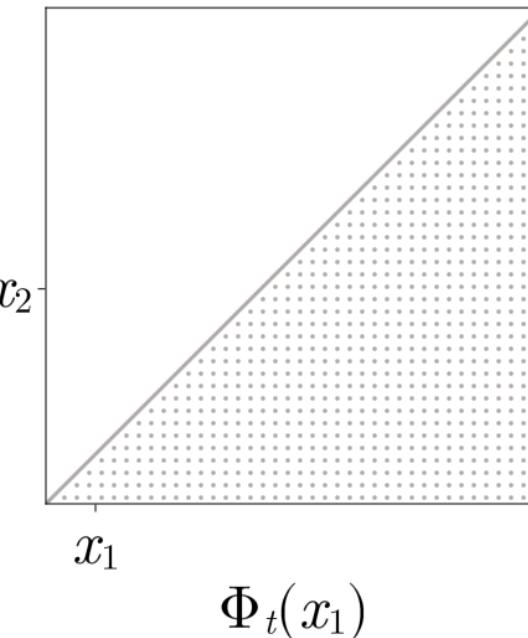
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II: Boundary

Shocks form when Φ_t hits boundary of diffeomorphism manifold



Perspectives on Shocks

III: Mass collapse

Shocks form when
pushforward $\rho = \Phi_{\#}\rho_0$
becomes singular

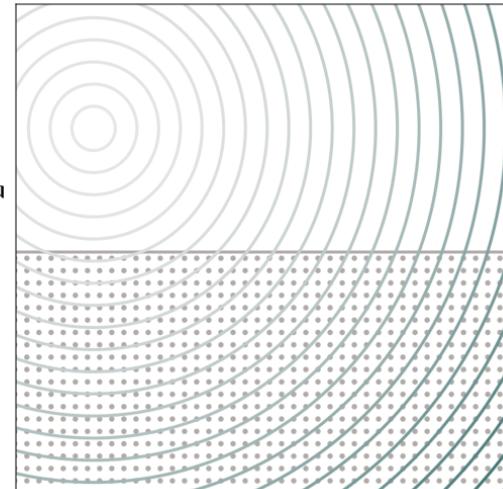
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IV: Optimization

Shocks form when
constraint activates.

$$-t \int_{\mathbb{R}} u_0(x) (\Phi(x) - x) \, dx$$

$$\min_{\partial_x \Phi \geq 0} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\Phi(x) - x)^2 \, dx$$



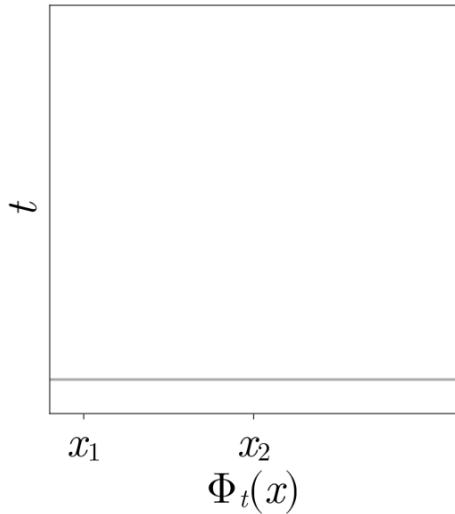
$$\Phi'_{\ell}(x) = \frac{\Phi_{\ell}(x_2) - \Phi_{\ell}(x_1)}{2}$$

$$\bar{\Phi}_{\ell}(x) = \frac{\Phi_{\ell}(x_2) + \Phi_{\ell}(x_1)}{2}$$

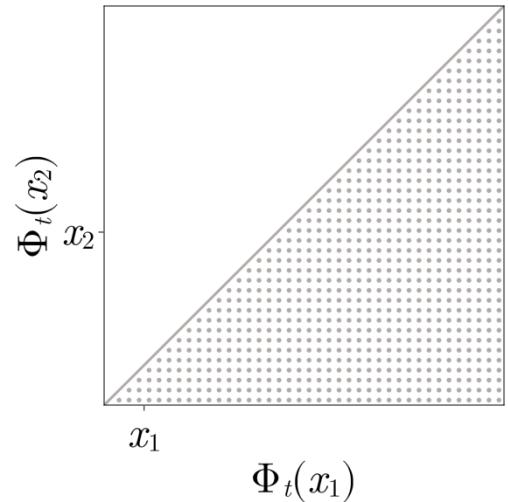
After shock

Vanishing viscosity solutions

merge
trajectories

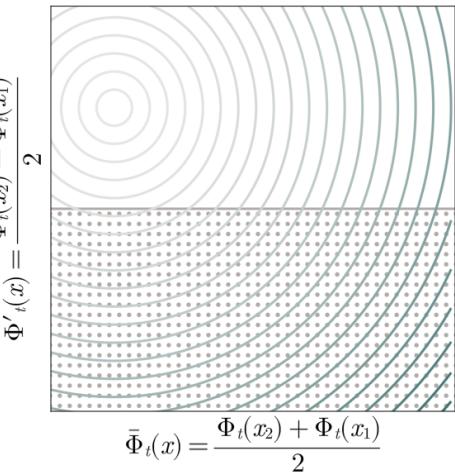


stick to
boundary



propagate
Diracs

solve ineq.
constrained
problem

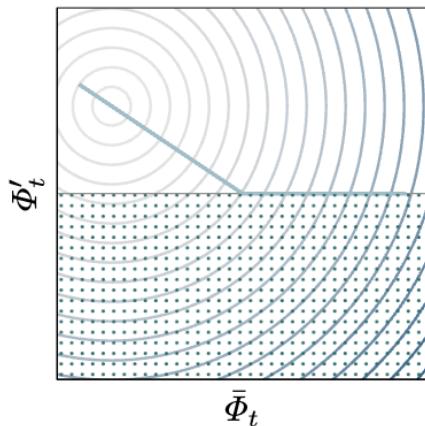


Interior Point Methods for PDEs

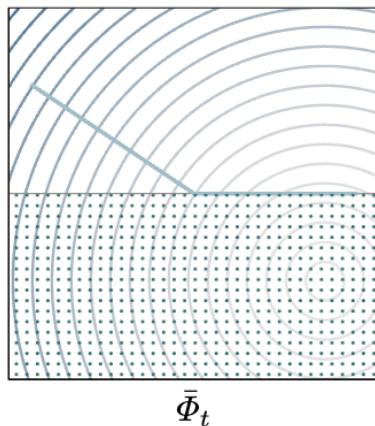
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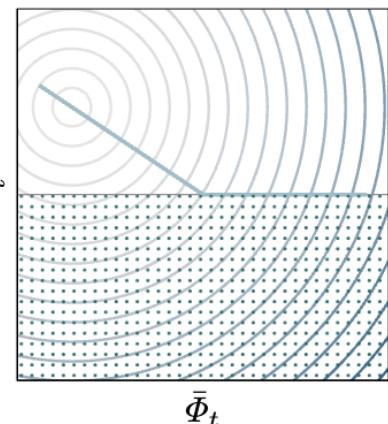
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$$\min_{\partial_x \Phi \geq 0} -t \int_{\mathbb{R}} u_0(x) (\Phi(x) - x) \, dx + \underbrace{\psi(\Phi) - \psi(\text{Id})}_{\text{strictly convex}} - [\text{D}\psi(\text{Id})] (\Phi - \text{Id})$$

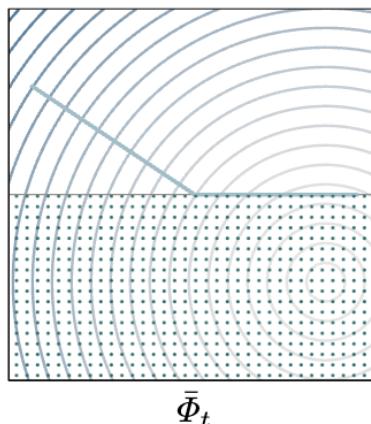
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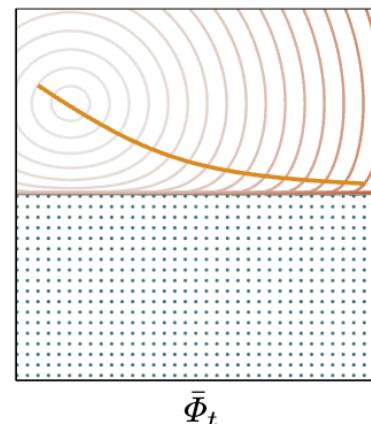
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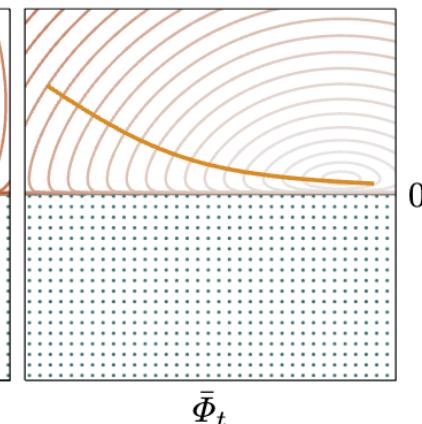
Regularized problem:

$$\psi_\alpha(\Phi) = \psi_0(\Phi) + \alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} -\log(\partial_x \Phi(x)) \, dx$$

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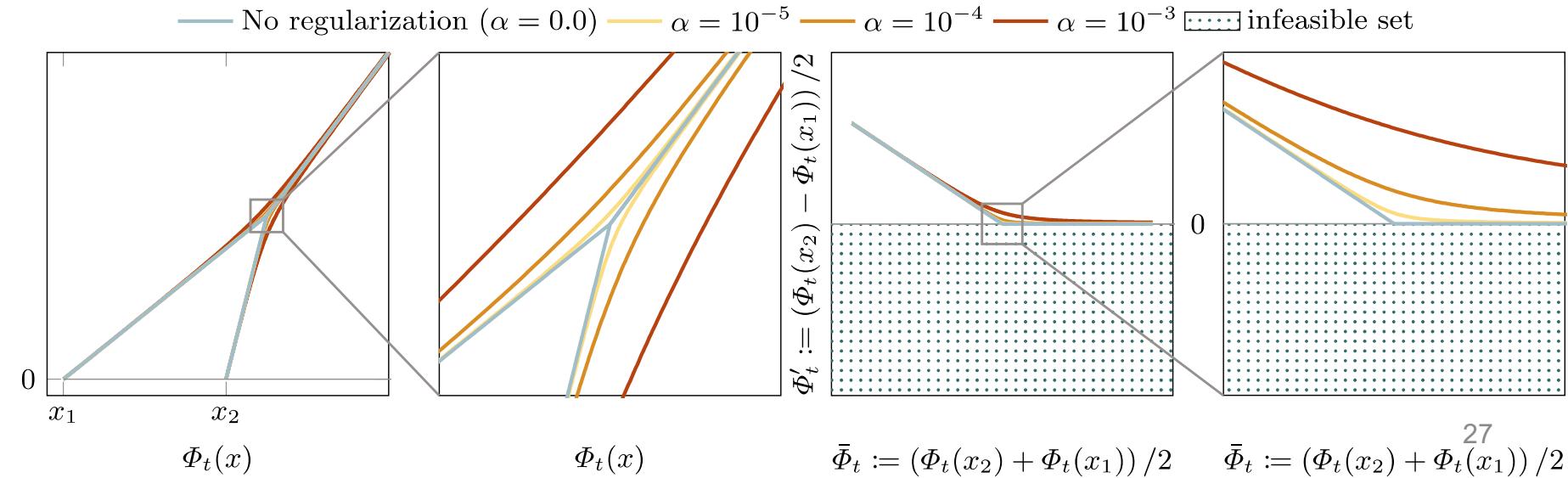


Interior Point Methods for PDEs

Use α to modulate regularization.

Particles converge, but don't collide!

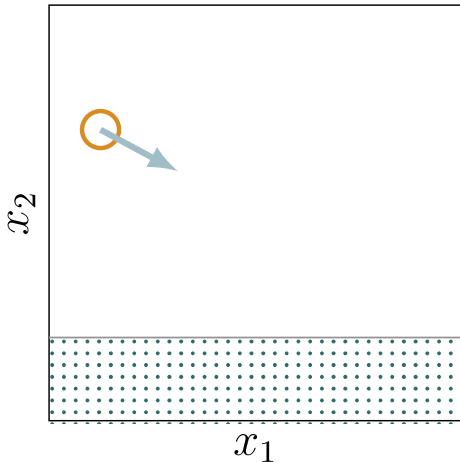
How to extend beyond variational case?



Geometry of Barrier Functions

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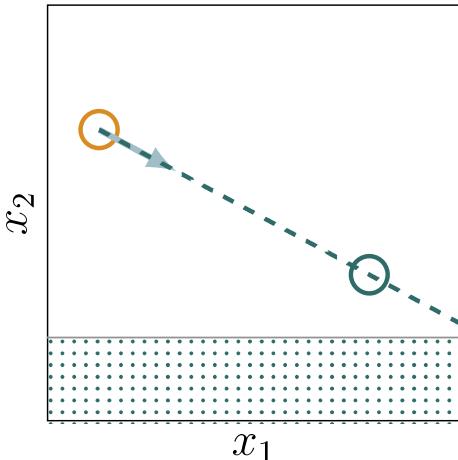


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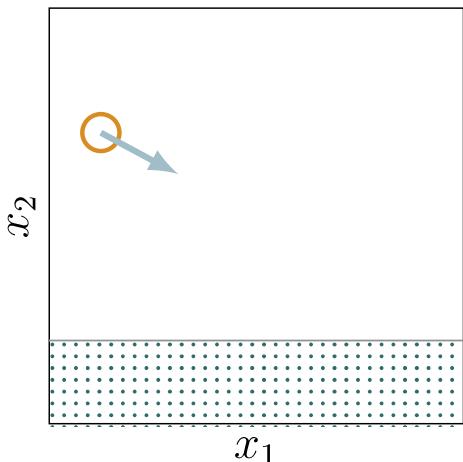


Geometry of Barrier Functions

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$$\text{Exp}_p^\psi(v) := \nabla\psi^{-1}(\nabla\psi(p) + [D^2\psi(p)]v)$$

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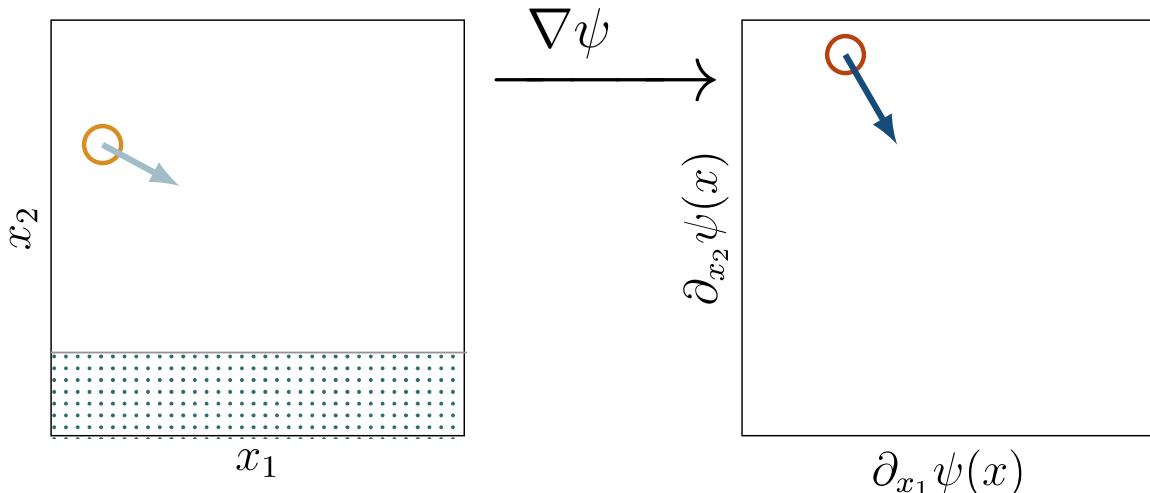


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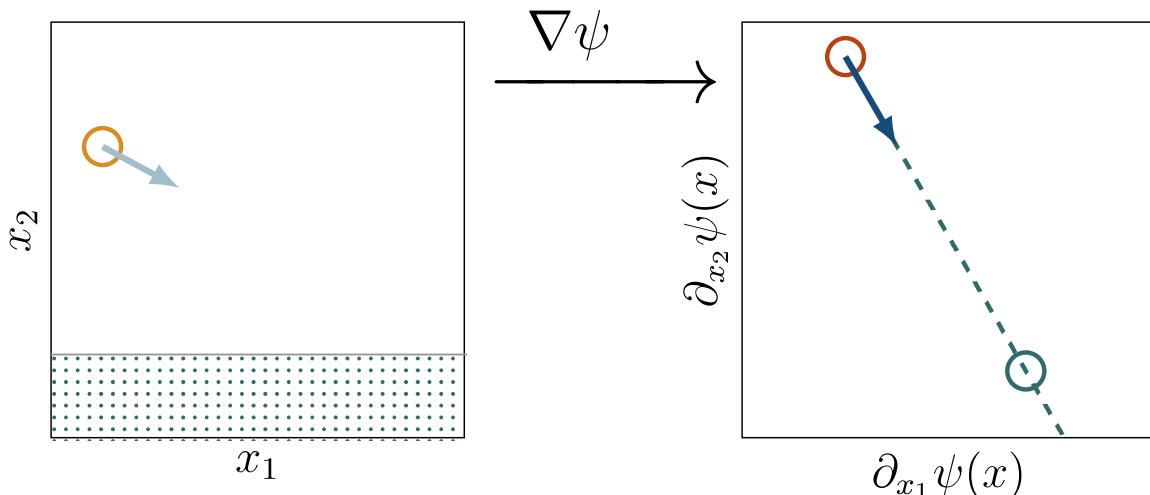


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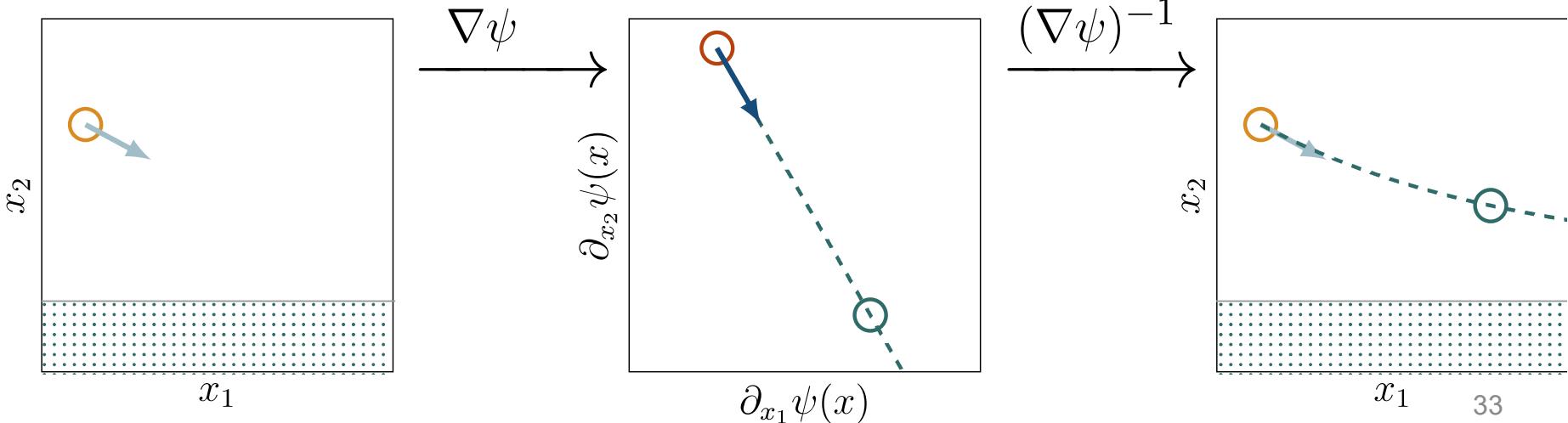
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Dual straight lines (a.k.a. geodesics) are
Euclidean straight lines in $\nabla\psi$ -space

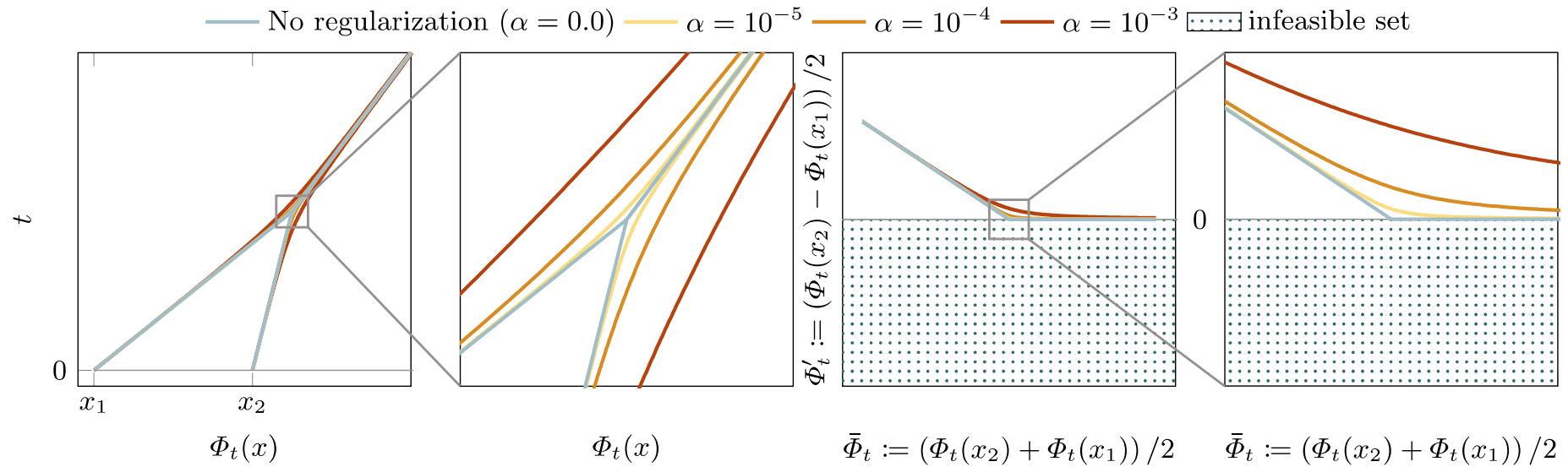
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Geometry of Barrier Functions

Solution Paths of IPMs are dual geodesics
[Amari 2016], also [Nesterov & Todd, 2002]

Replace characteristics with dual geodesics



The dual equation of motion

Straight lines have the form

$$\Phi_t = (\nabla \psi)^{-1} \left(\nabla \psi(\Phi_0) + t [D^2 \psi(\Phi_0)] \dot{\Phi}_0 \right),$$

yielding

$$\dot{\Phi}_t = [D^2 \psi(\Phi_t)]^{-1} [D^2 \psi(\Phi_0)] \dot{\Phi}_0,$$

and the *dual equation of motion*

$$\ddot{\Phi}_t = - [D^2 \psi(\Phi_t)]^{-1} [D^3 \psi(\Phi_t)] \left(\dot{\Phi}_t, \dot{\Phi}_t \right).$$

Time to Compute

$$\left(\frac{(x-1)^2}{2} - \alpha \log(x) \right)''' = \left((x-1) - \alpha \frac{1}{x} \right)'' = \left(1 + \alpha \frac{1}{x^2} \right)' = \left(-\alpha \frac{2}{x^3} \right)$$

and minor wrinkles.

$$[\mathrm{D}\psi(\Phi)](U) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\Phi(x) - x) U(x) \, dx + \alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} -\frac{\partial_x U(x)}{\partial_x \Phi(x)} \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \psi(\Phi) = \Phi - x + \alpha \partial_x \left(\frac{1}{\partial_x \Phi} \right).$$

$$[\mathrm{D}^2\psi(\Phi)](U, V) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} U(x) \cdot V(x) \, dx + \alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial_x U(x) \cdot \partial_x V(x)}{(\partial_x \Phi(x))^2} \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathrm{D}^2\psi(\Phi)] : U \mapsto U - \alpha \cdot \partial_x \left(\frac{\partial_x U}{(\partial_x \Phi)^2} \right).$$

$$[\mathrm{D}^3\psi(\Phi)](U, V, W) = -2\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial_x U(x) \cdot \partial_x V(x) \cdot \partial_x W(x)}{(\partial_x \Phi(x))^3} \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathrm{D}^3\psi(\Phi, \Phi')] : (U, V) \mapsto 2\alpha \partial_x \left(\frac{\partial_x U \cdot \partial_x V}{(\partial_x \Phi)^3} \right).$$

Time to Compute

Plug into dual equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\Phi}_t &= - [\mathrm{D}^2\psi(\Phi_t)]^{-1} [\mathrm{D}^3\psi(\Phi_t)] (\dot{\Phi}_t, \dot{\Phi}_t) \\ &= ((\cdot) - \alpha \partial_x ([\partial_x \Phi_t]^{-2} [\partial_x(\cdot)]))^{-1} (-2\alpha \partial_x ([\partial_x \Phi_t]^{-3} [\partial_x \dot{\Phi}_t]^2))\end{aligned}$$

Defining $u(\Phi(x)) := \dot{\Phi}(x)$, $\rho(\Phi(x)) := \frac{1}{\partial_x \Phi(x)}$,

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Time to Compute

Plug into dual equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\Phi}_t &= - [\mathrm{D}^2 \psi(\Phi_t)]^{-1} [\mathrm{D}^3 \psi(\Phi_t)] (\dot{\Phi}_t, \dot{\Phi}_t) \\ &= ((\cdot) - \alpha \partial_x ([\partial_x \Phi_t]^{-2} [\partial_x (\cdot)]))^{-1} (-2\alpha \partial_x ([\partial_x \Phi_t]^{-3} [\partial_x \dot{\Phi}_t]^2))\end{aligned}$$

Defining $u(\Phi(x)) := \dot{\Phi}(x)$, $\rho(\Phi(x)) := \frac{1}{\partial_x \Phi(x)}$,

Add external forces & pressure

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} + \operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} \rho u^2 + P(\rho) + \Sigma \\ \rho u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho^{-1} \Sigma - \alpha \partial_x (\rho^{-1} \partial_x \Sigma) = 2\alpha [\partial_x u]^2. \end{cases}$$

Extension to Multivariate case

Naïve extension to multivariate Euler

$$\psi(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|\Phi(x) - x\|^2 dx + \alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} -\log \det(D\Phi(x)) dx$$

Analog to
linear program \rightarrow semidefinite program.

But logdet non-convex on general matrices.
Set of diffeomorphisms is not convex!

Extension to Multivariate case

Idea: Lift to $\mathcal{E} := (\mathbf{I} + S(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)) \times (1 + S(\mathbb{R}^d))$

$$\psi(\Phi, \Phi') = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|\Phi(x) - x\|^2 dx + \alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} -\log(\Phi'(x)) dx$$

View diffeomorphisms as submanifold

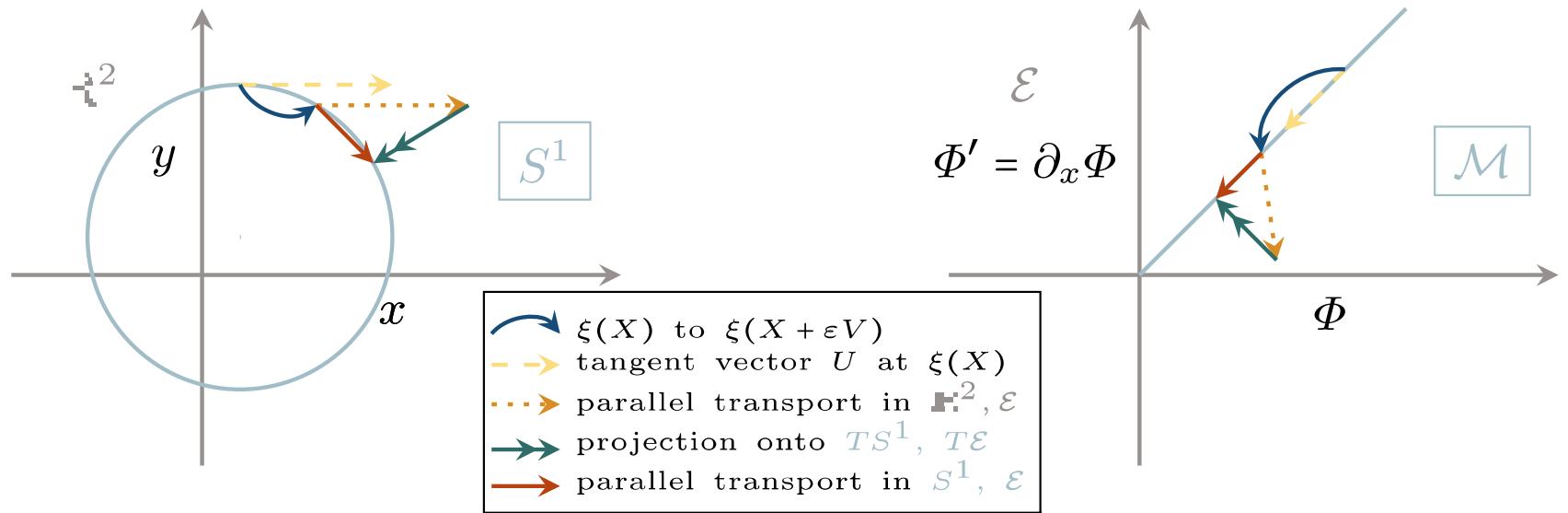
$$\{(\Phi, \Phi') : \Phi' = \det(D\Phi)\}$$

with embedding

$$\xi : \Phi \mapsto (\Phi, \det(D\Phi))$$

Extension to Multivariate case

Embedding induces exp. on submanifold



$$0 = \ddot{\Phi} + ([D\xi(\Phi)]^* [D^2\psi(\xi(\Phi))] [D\xi(\Phi)])^{-1} [D\xi(\Phi)]^* [D^2\psi(\xi(\Phi))] \\ \left([D^2\xi(\Phi)] (\dot{\Phi}, \dot{\Phi}) + [D^2\psi(\Phi)]^{-1} [D^3\psi(\xi(\Phi))] \left([D\xi(\Phi)] \dot{\Phi}, [D\xi(\Phi)] \dot{\Phi} \right) \right).$$

Curvature of embedding Curvature of barrier geometry

Extension to Multivariate case

Re-express as Eulerian conservation law

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IGR and diffusion

IGR provides *inviscid* regularization

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But squinting a lot, reminds of viscous reg.

IGR vs LAD

Example: Localized Artificial Diffusivity (LAD)

[Cook & Cabot 2005, Kawai & Lele 2008, Mani et al. 2009] and others

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IGR} \quad & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} \rho u^2 + P(\rho) + \Sigma \\ \rho u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ : \\ \rho^{-1} \Sigma - \alpha \partial_x (\rho^{-1} \partial_x \Sigma) = 2\alpha [\partial_x u] \quad [\partial_x u]. \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

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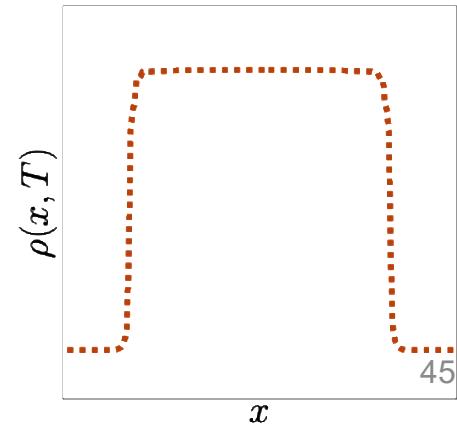
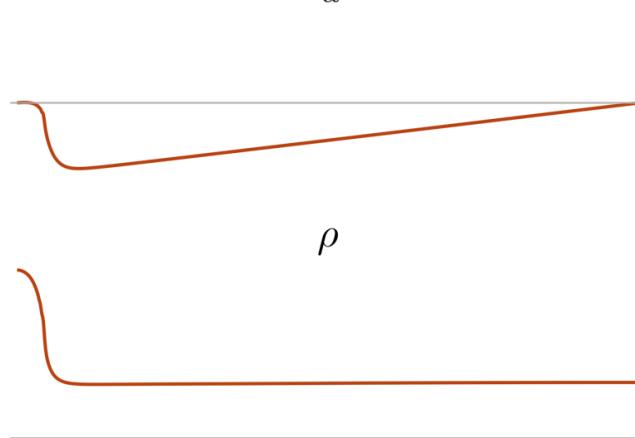
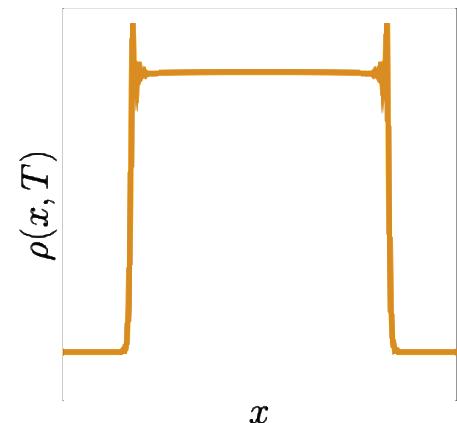
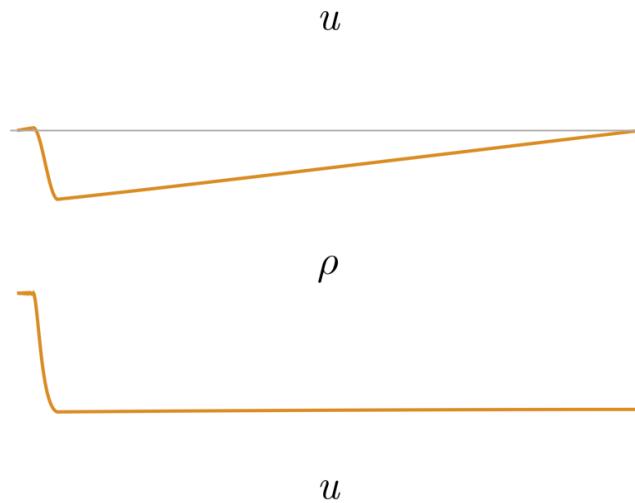
“Viscosity” nonlocal and nonpositive

Nonlocality reduces oscillation

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— Localized Artificial Diffusivity - - - Information Geometric Regularization

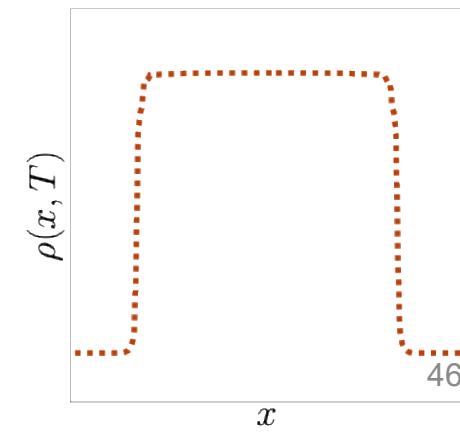
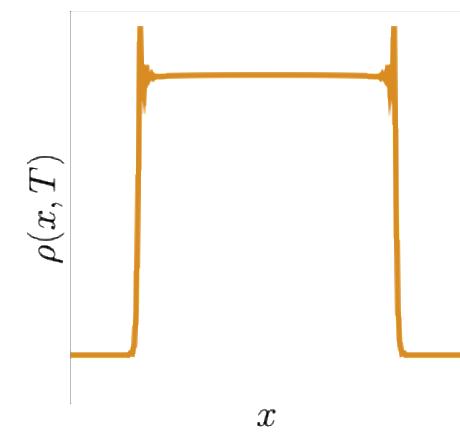
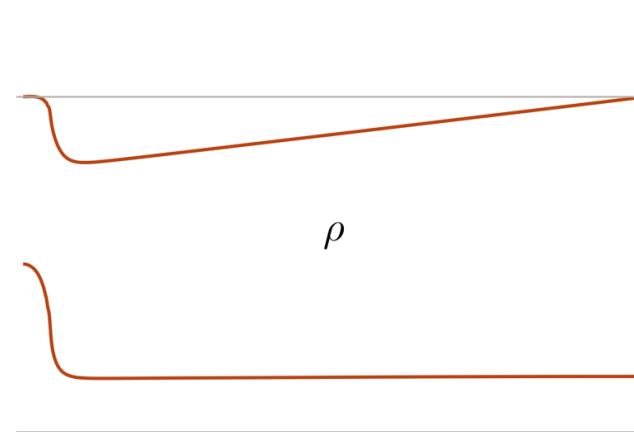
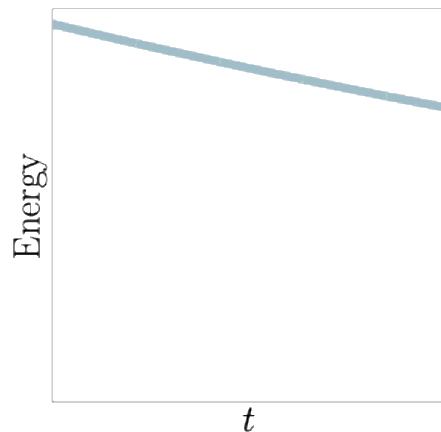
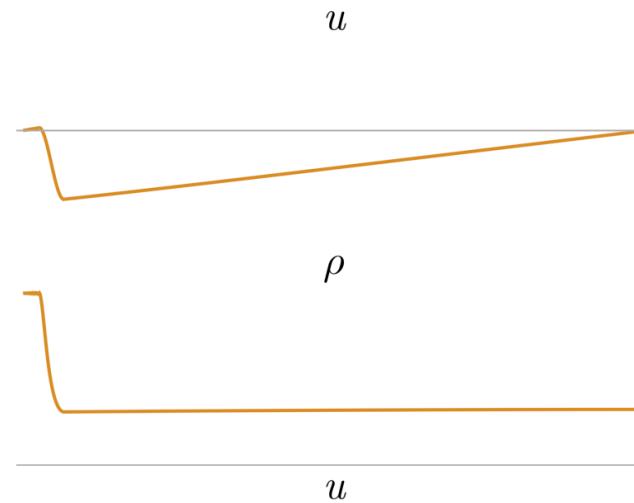
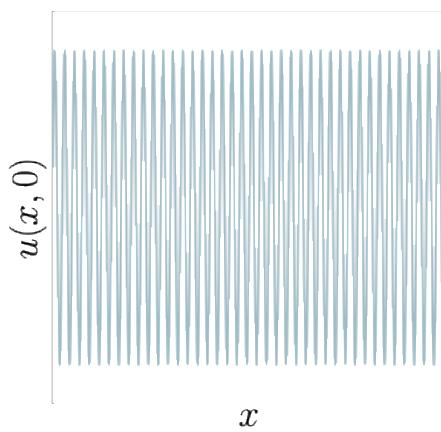


Nonpositivity reduces dissipation

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— Unregularized

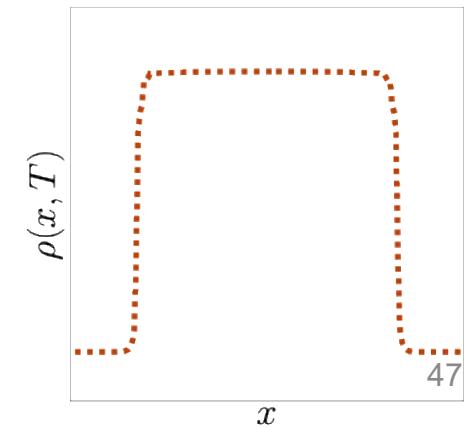
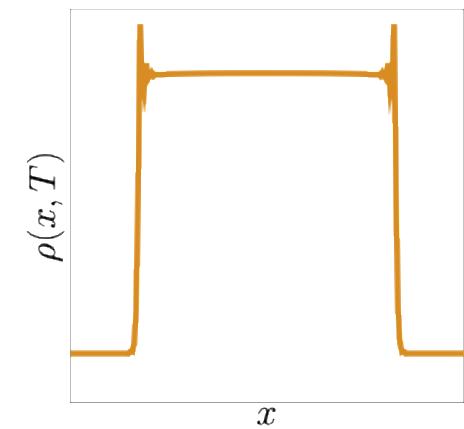
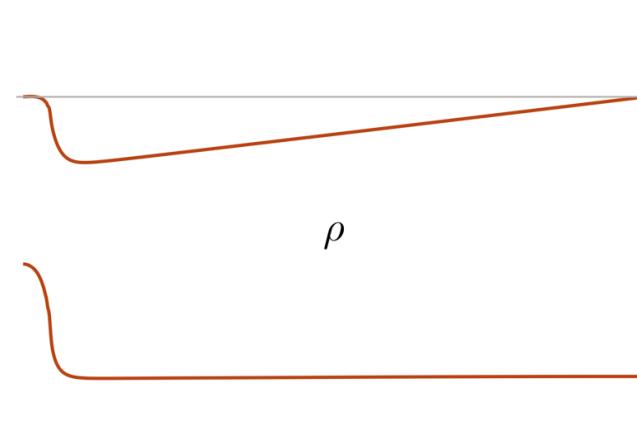
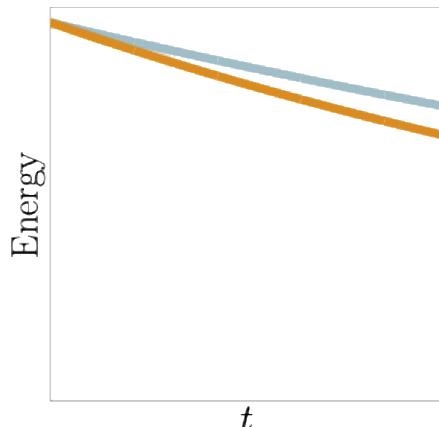
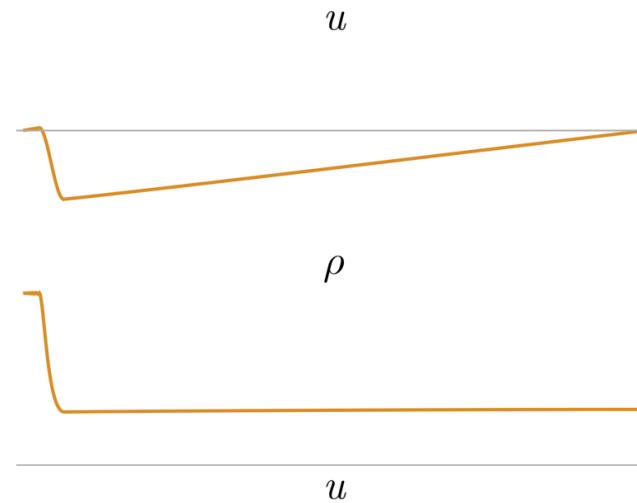
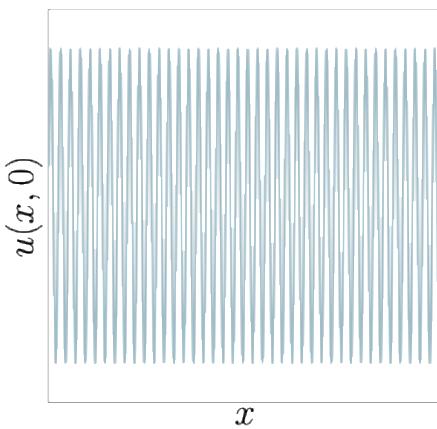


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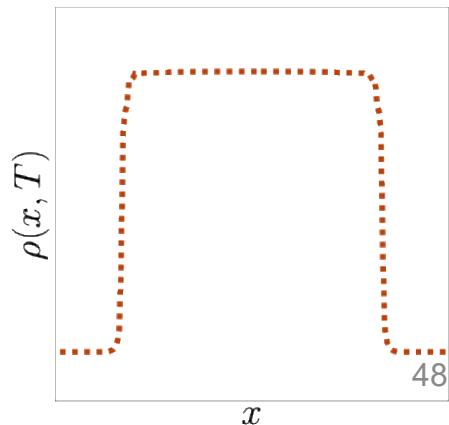
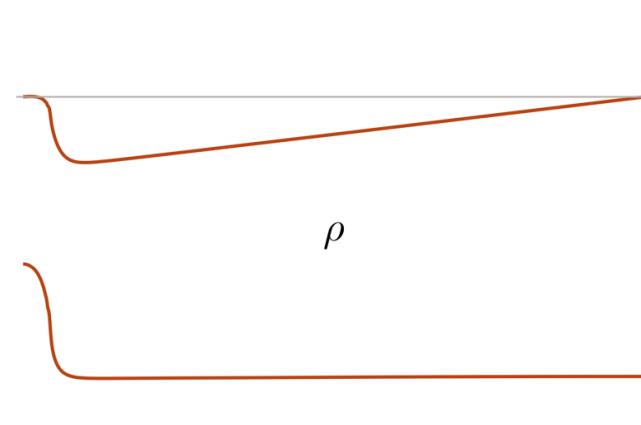
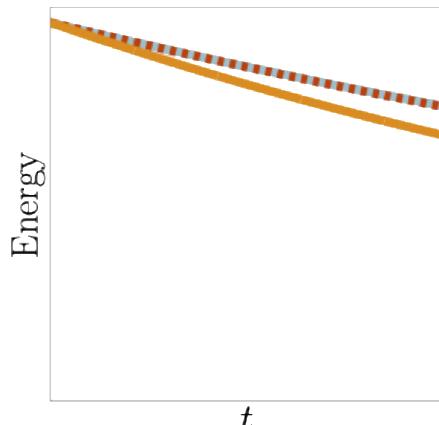
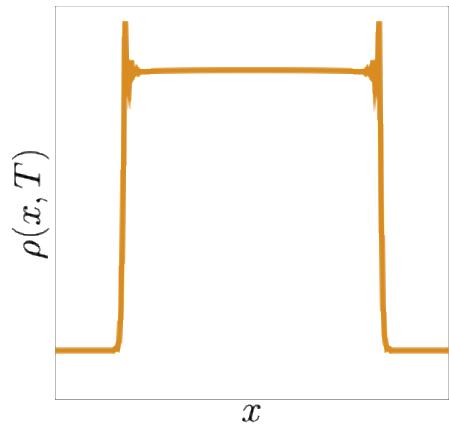
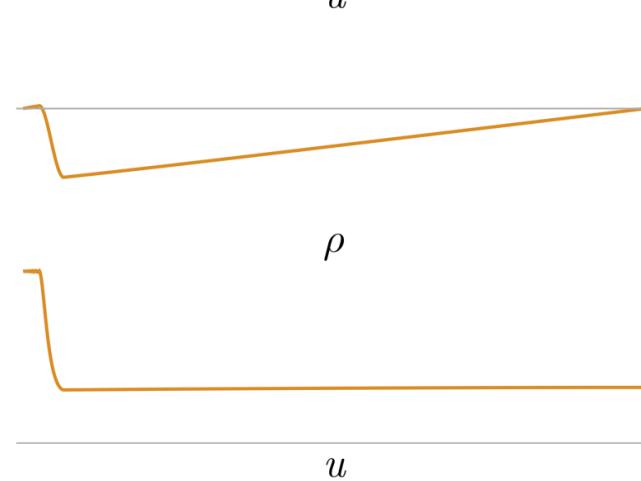
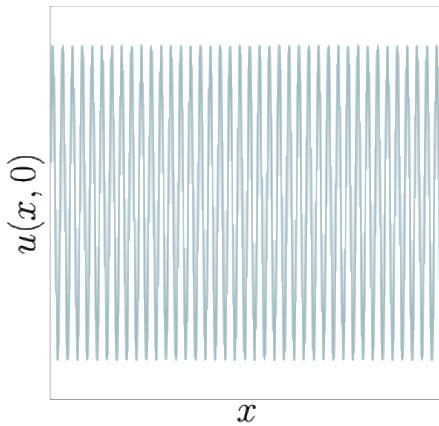


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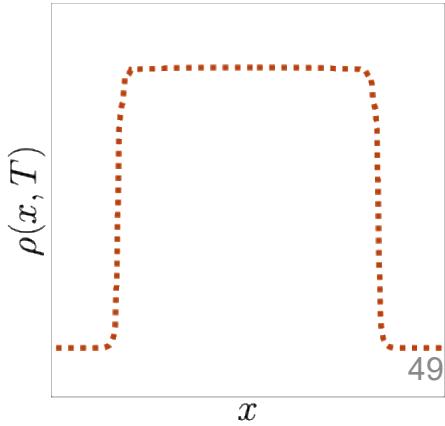
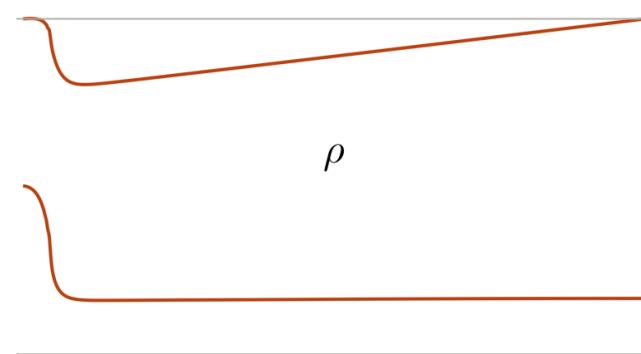
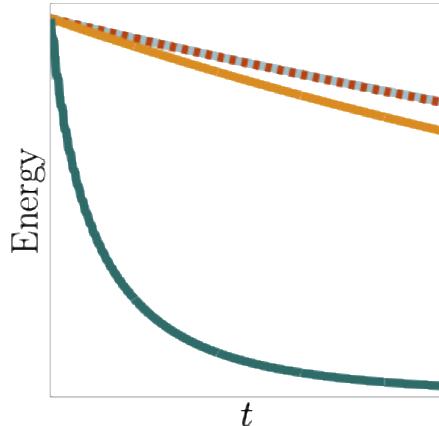
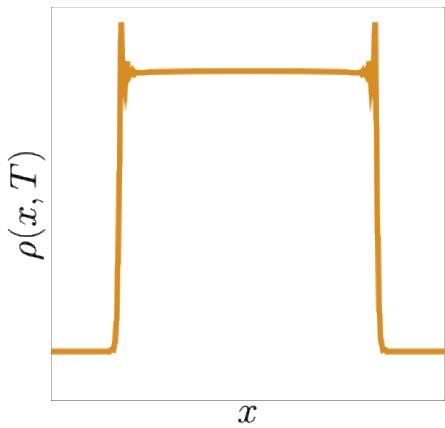
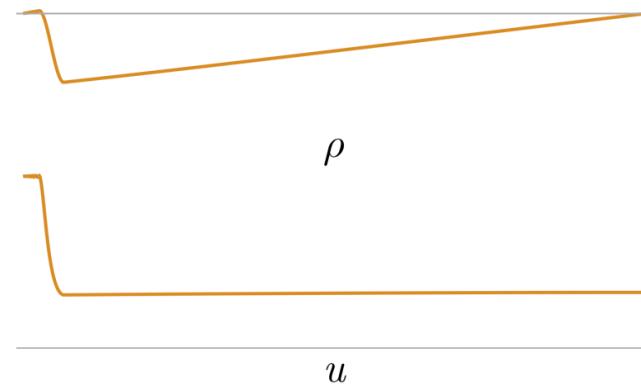
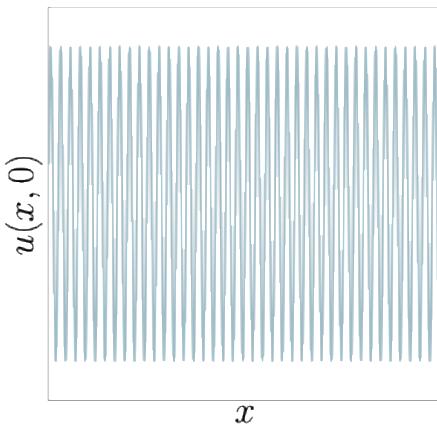


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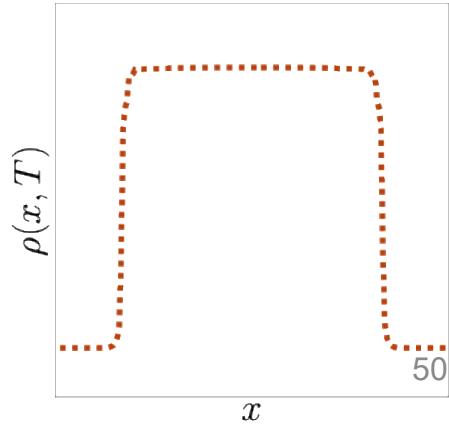
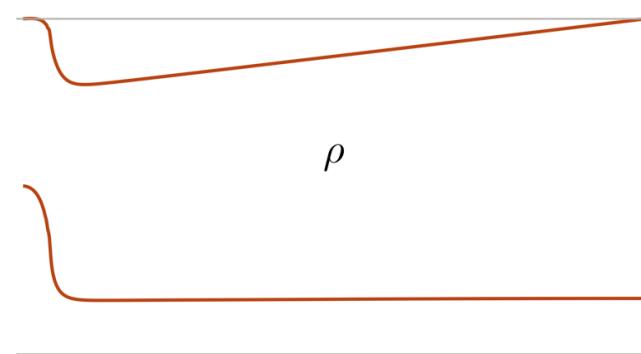
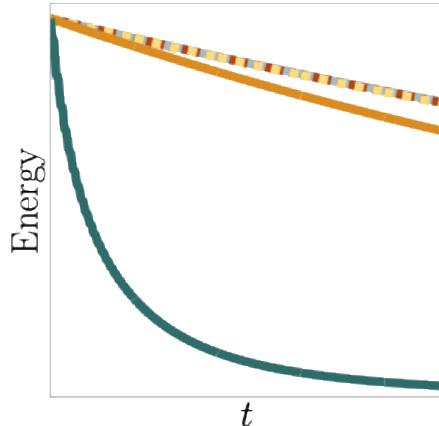
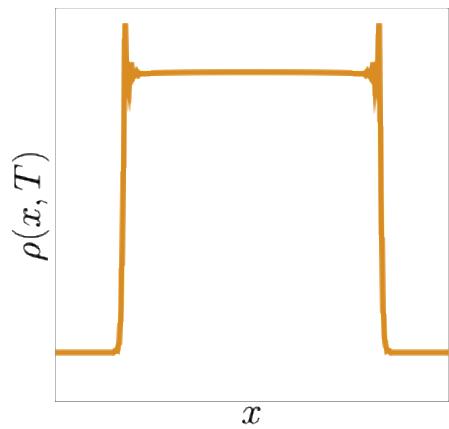
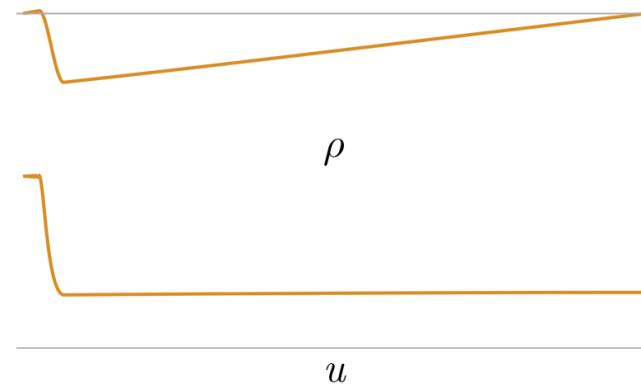
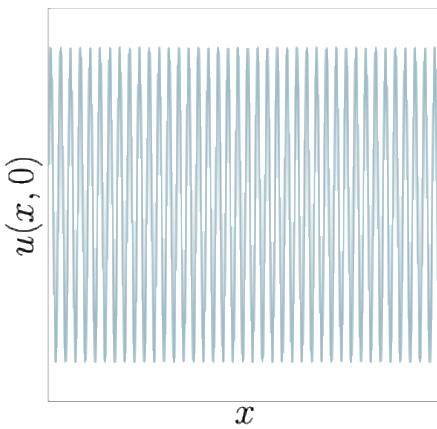


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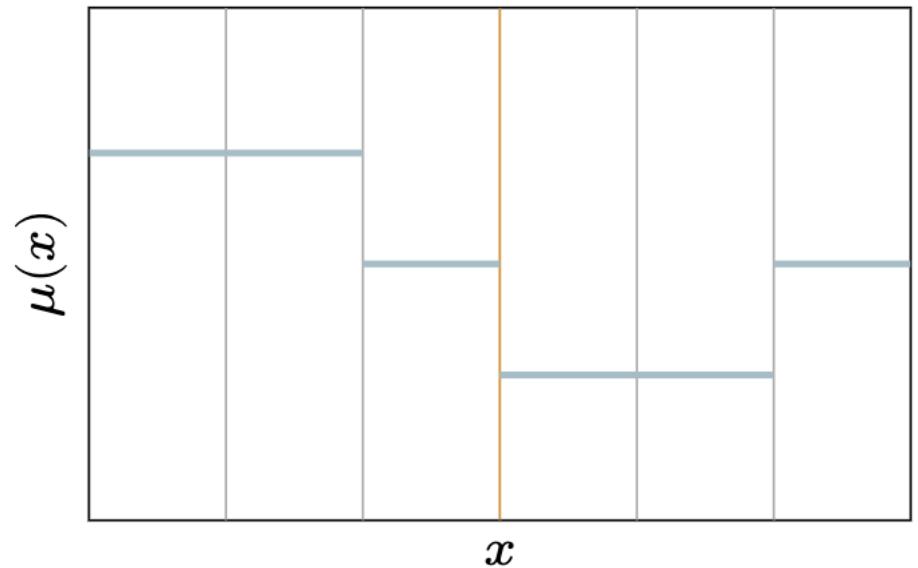
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Finite Volume Methods

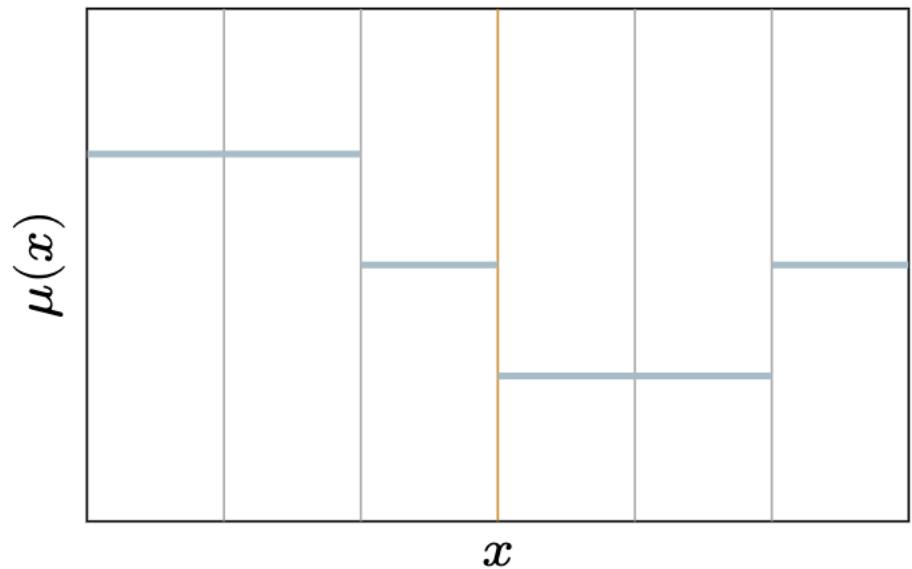
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Finite Volume Methods

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Compute left/right reconstruction

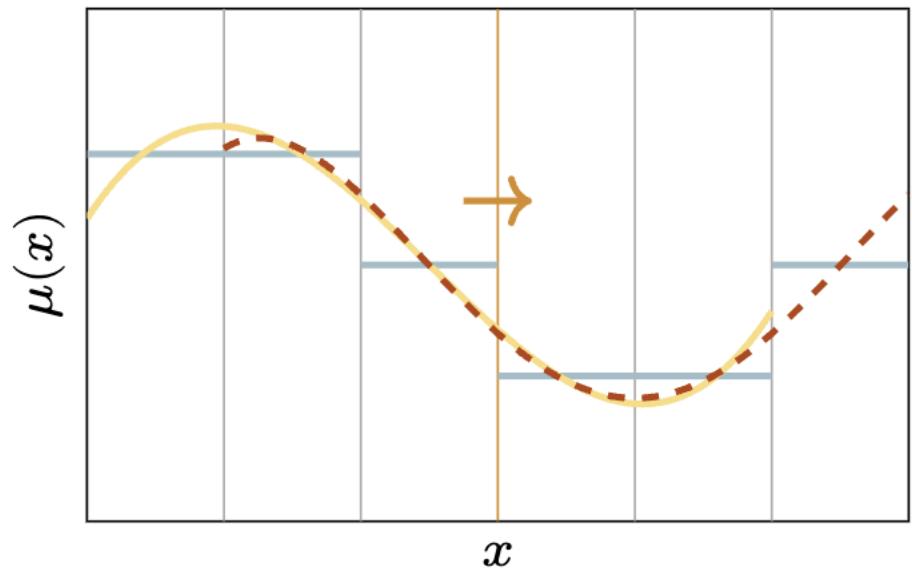


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Compute flux through interface

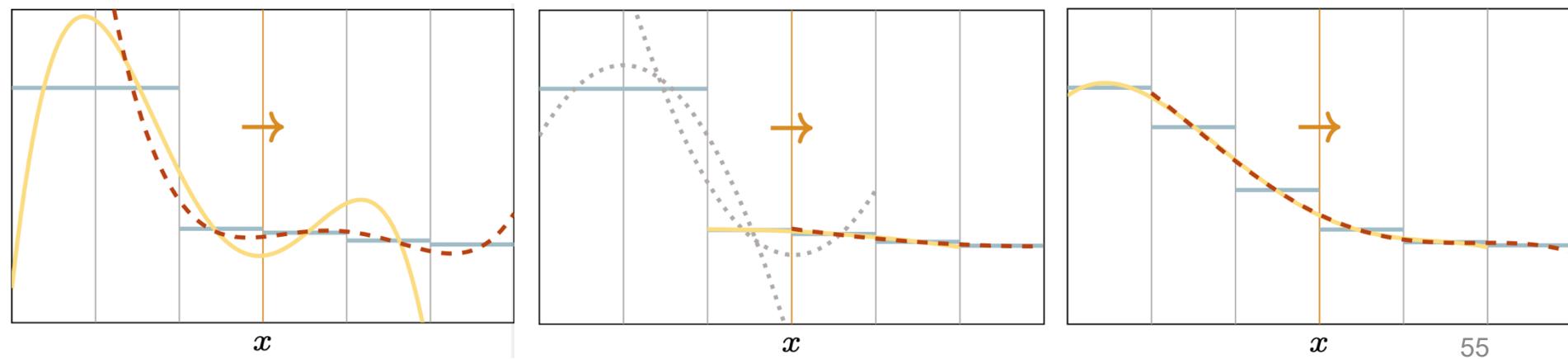


Shocks and Oscillations

Discontinuities cause oscillations

Common remedy: (W)ENO type limiters

With IGR, can use standard reconstruction



But is it not too costly?

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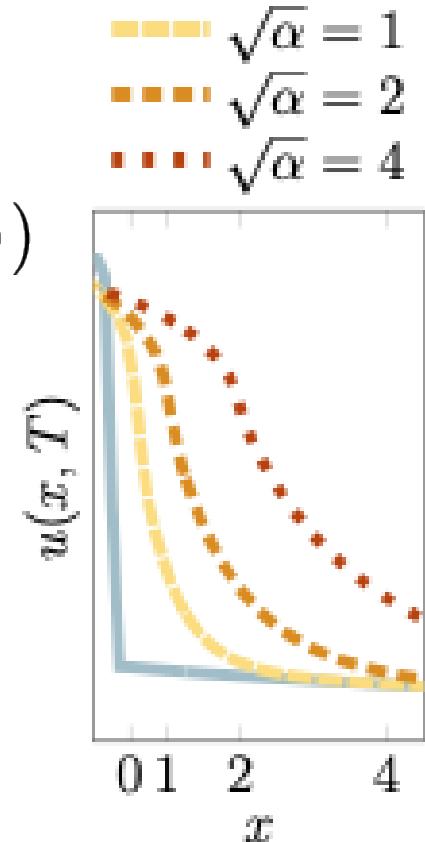
Computing flux needs solving for Σ

Elliptic Pb., But shock width is $\sqrt{\alpha}$

Choose $\sqrt{\alpha} \propto$ mesh width
⇒ system is well-cond.

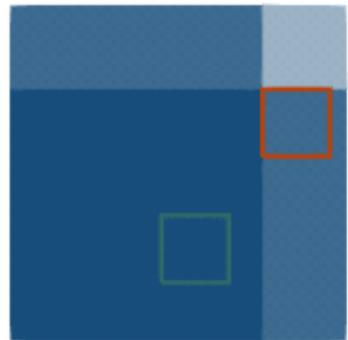
Two Jacobi iters suffice, negligible cost

Beyond Barotropic: Add Σ to pressure

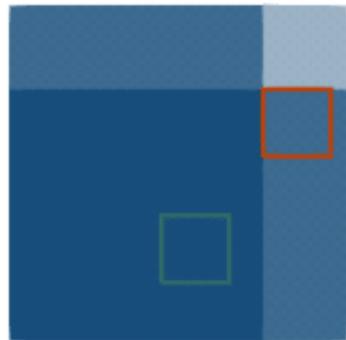


Riemann pb. with entropy wave

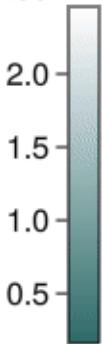
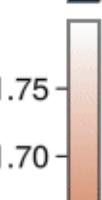
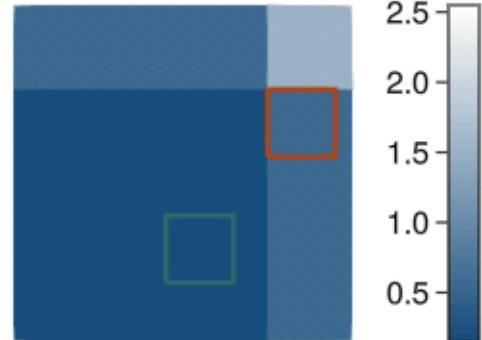
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IGR, no limiter., 750^2 grid

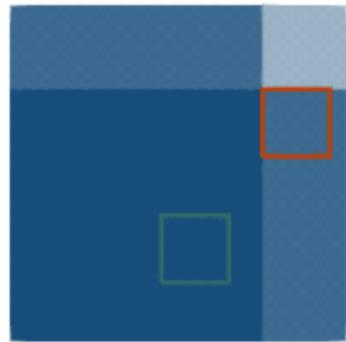


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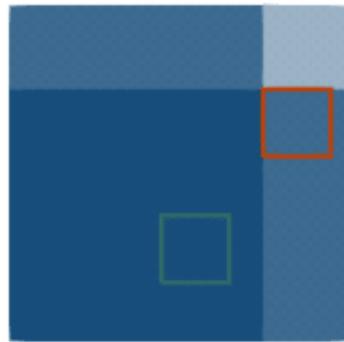


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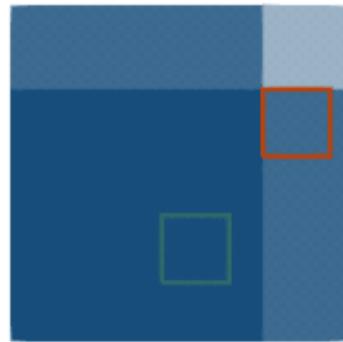
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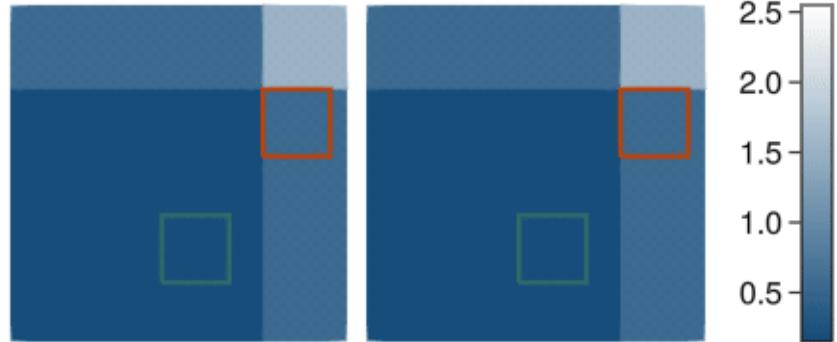
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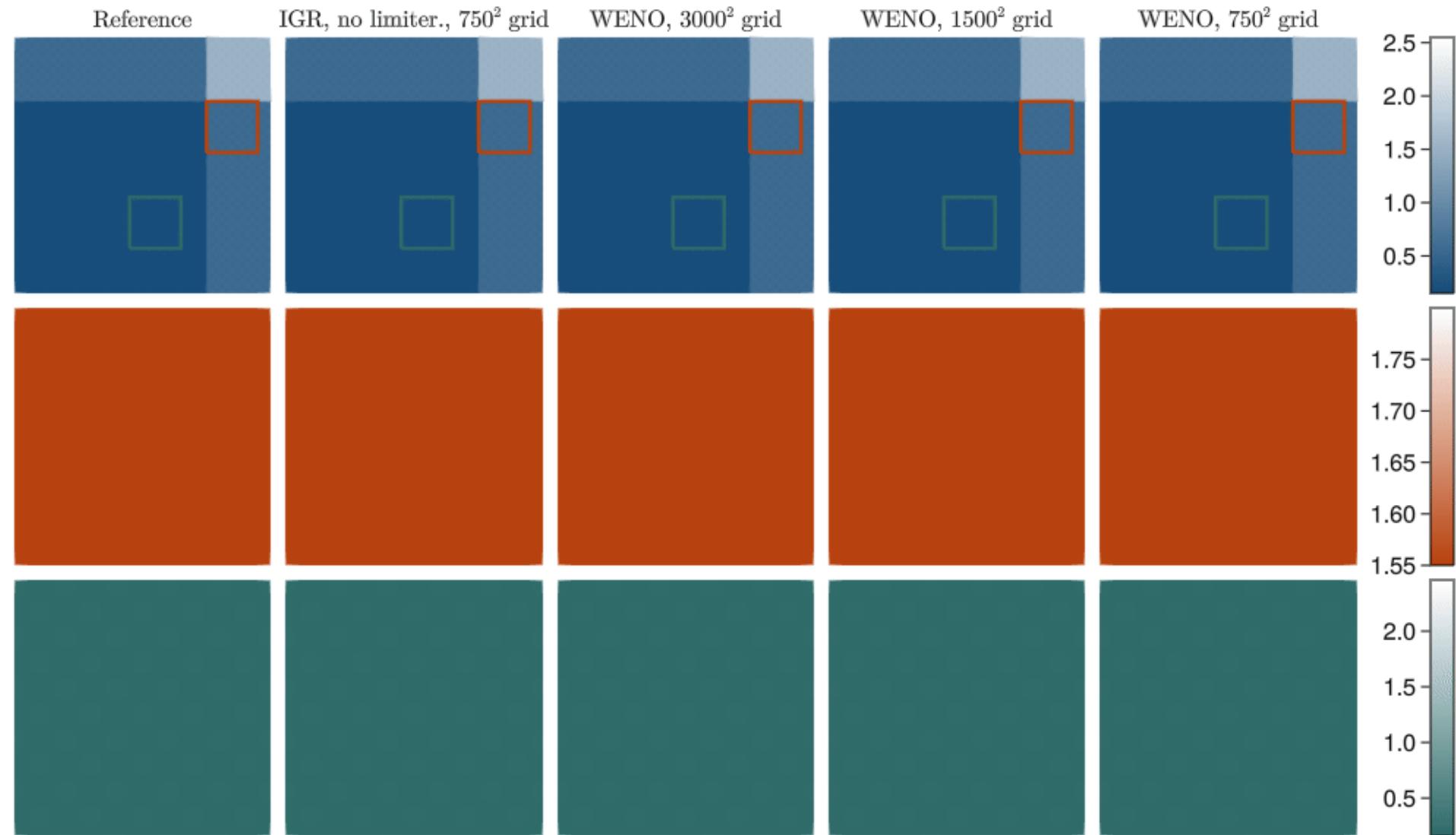
WENO, 1500^2 grid



WENO, 750^2 grid



Riemann pb. with entropy wave



Application at Exascale

Collaborative effort to achieve largest ever compressible CFD simulation

Integrate IGR into MFC code developed by Bryngelson group

Simulate back heating in multi-engine rockets

Simulating many-engine spacecraft: Exceeding 1 quadrillion degrees of freedom via information geometric regularization

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Application at Exascale

Removing Riemann Solvers + Limiters
enables 20x problem size and 4x speedup.

Further size improvements through unified
memory and mixed precision computation

First CFD simulation with
>1 quadrillion dofs

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Information Geom. Reg.

Exp^ψ extends IPMs from opt. to dynamics

On prob. simplex Δ_{n-1} , define neg-entropy

$$\psi(x) := - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log(x_i)$$

Exp^ψ is the only exp. map on Δ_{n-1} invariant under sufficient statistics, geodesically complete, and flat! [Chentsov 1972]

Geometries of samples and distributions

Log determinant is neg.

Shannon entropy of ρ

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \log \det([\mathrm{D}\Phi](x)) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \log \det([\mathrm{D}\Phi] \circ \Phi^{-1}(x)) \det([\mathrm{D}\Phi]^{-1} \circ \Phi^{-1}(x)) \, dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x) \log(\rho(x)) \, dx$$

$\|\phi\|_{L^2}^2$: Particle geometry, Wasserstein geodesic

Logdet: Information geometry, dual geodesic

IGR combines the two. Appropriate for statistical estimator of physical truth!

Information Geometric Mechanics

“Ground truth:” Boltzmann equation

$$\partial_t p_t(x, v) + v \cdot \nabla_x p_t(x, v) = \mathcal{C}(p_t)(x, v)$$

Euler eqn. = Gaussian ansatz for Boltzmann

[Levermore 1996]

$$p(x, v) = \rho(x) \mathcal{N}(v | u(x), \theta(x))$$

For constant θ , logdet of IGR is its entropy

Information Geometric Mechanics

Common: PDE sols. describe *representative volumes*, subject to geometry of *particles*

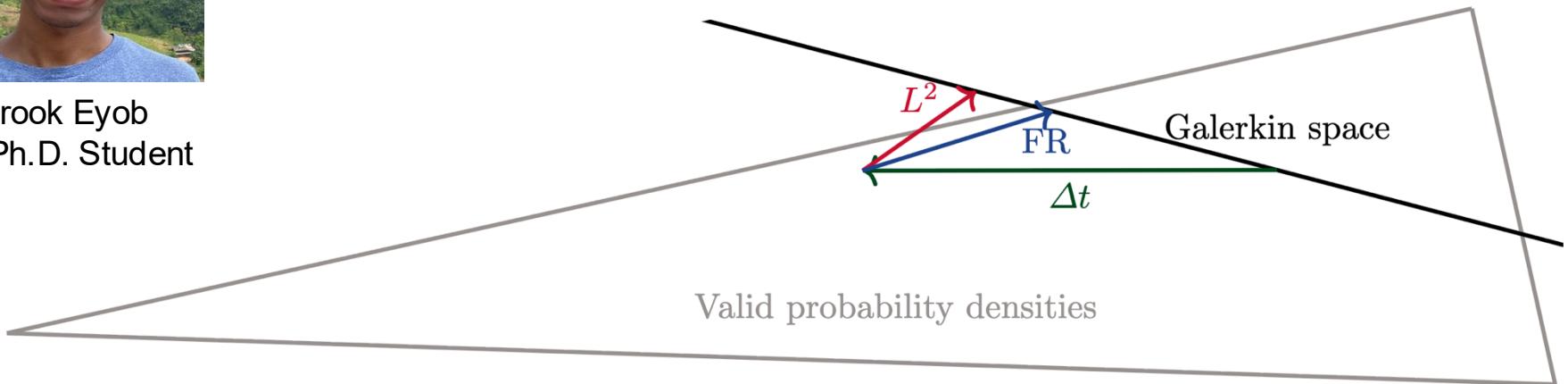
Instead: View as describing *parameters of prob. dists.*, subject to information geometry

IGR is only the first step!

- Maximum likelihood discretization
- Kinetic effects, Plasmas, Solids
- Interaction with model uncertainties
- Reduced order modeling across scales



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Part III:

MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD DISCRETIZATION

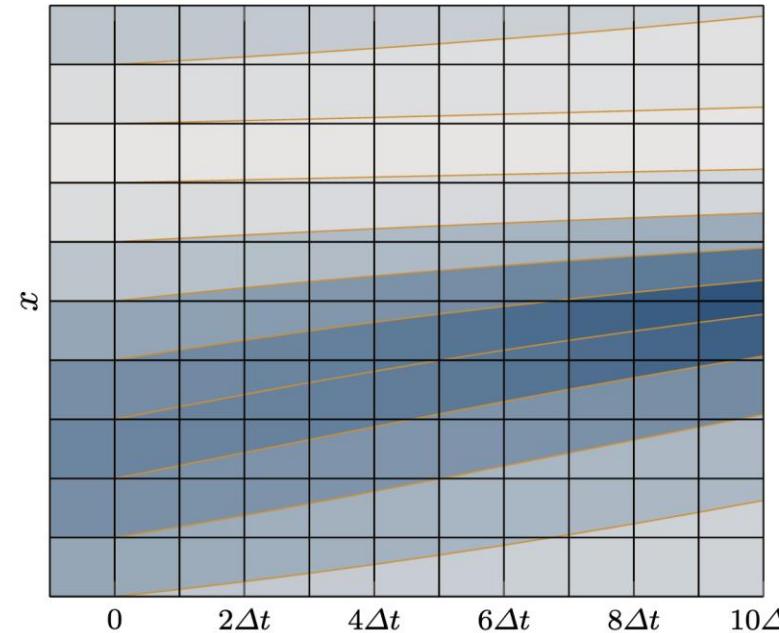
Solving Transport

Consider mass transport $\partial_t \rho_t + \operatorname{div}(\rho_t \mathbf{u}_t) = 0$

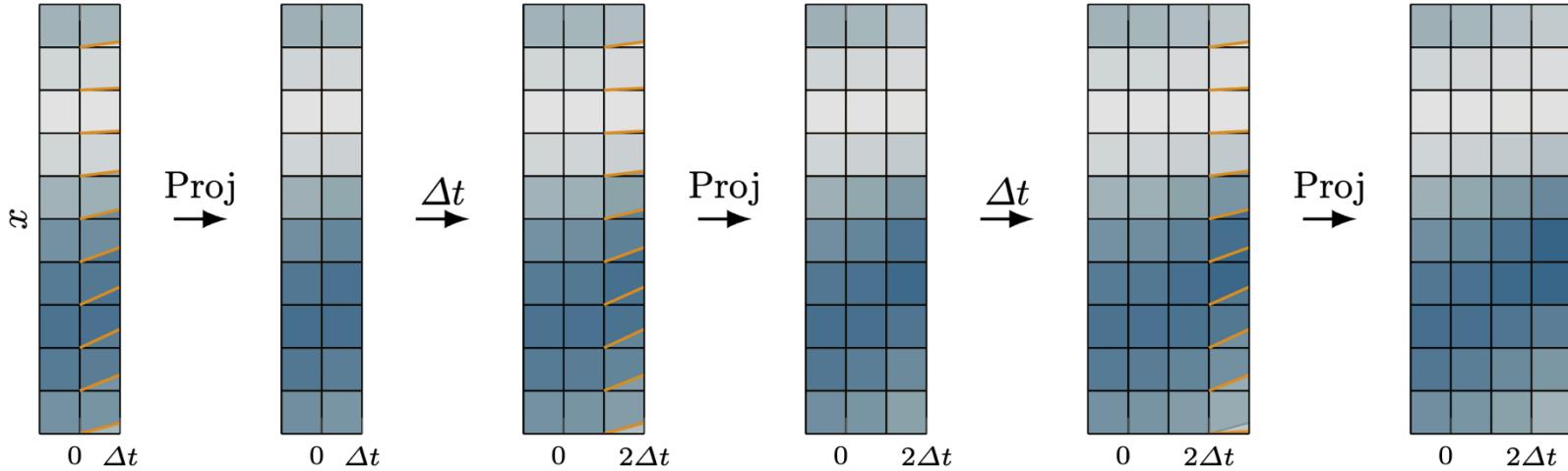
Galerkin ansatz: $\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i(t) \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \in V$

But solution leaves
ansatz space over time:

Need to project back!



Maximum Likelihood Discretization



Standard approach: L^2 projection

$$\int \hat{\sigma} \dot{\hat{\rho}}_t \, dx + \int \hat{\sigma} \operatorname{div} (\hat{\rho}_t \mathbf{u}_t) \, dx = 0, \quad \forall \hat{\sigma} \in V.$$

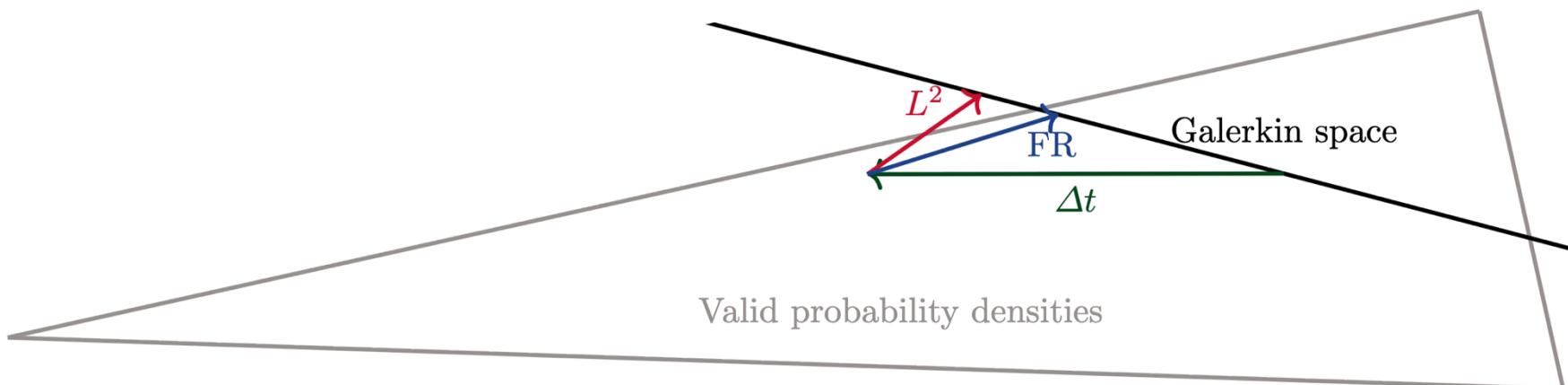
Method of moment for estimating $\dot{\hat{\rho}}$ from advected particles. Prone to loss of $\hat{\rho} \geq 0$

Instead: Use Maximum Likelihood

$$\mathbf{r}(t + \delta_t) = \arg \max_{\hat{\mathbf{r}} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \begin{cases} \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \log \left(\frac{dP_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}}{dP_{\mathbf{r}(t), \delta_t \mathbf{u}_t}} (\mathbf{x}) \right) dP_{\mathbf{r}(t), \delta_t \mathbf{u}_t}, & \text{if } P_{\mathbf{r}(t), \delta_t \mathbf{u}_t} \ll P_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}}, \\ -\infty, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Results in Fisher-Rao projection

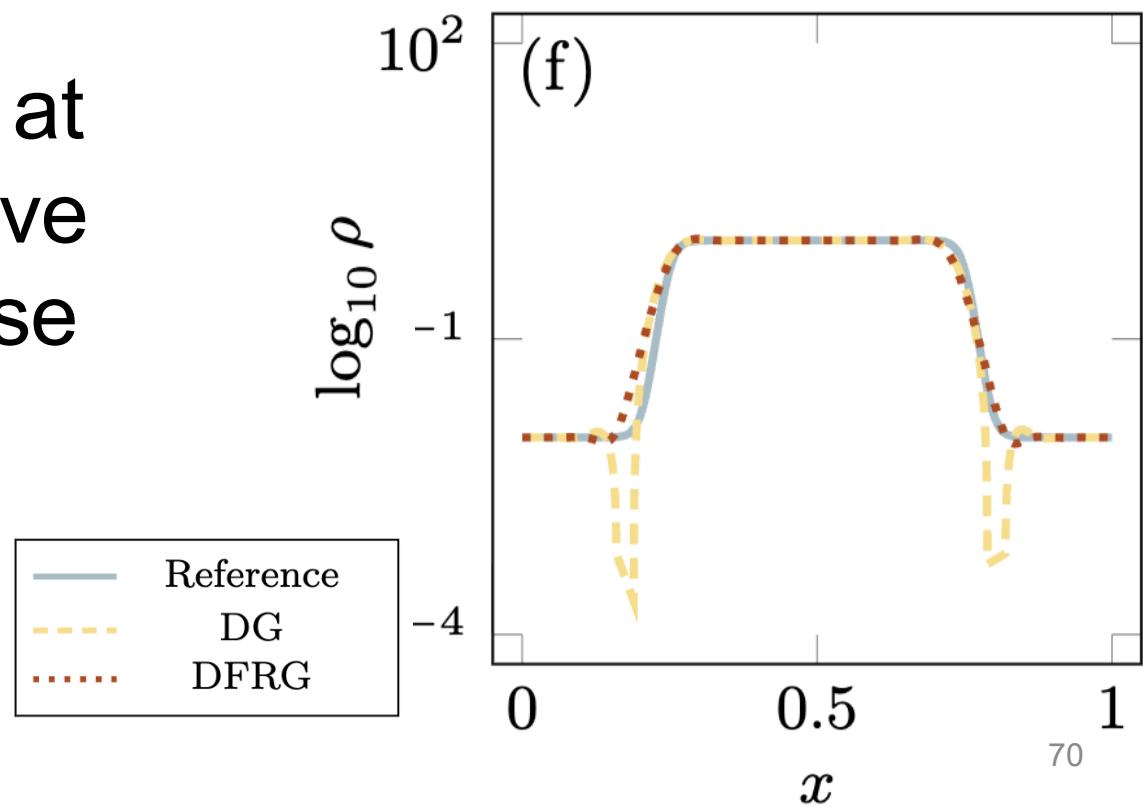
$$\int \frac{\dot{\hat{\sigma}} \hat{\rho}}{\hat{\rho}} d\mathbf{x} + \int \frac{\hat{\sigma} \operatorname{div}(\hat{\rho} \mathbf{u}_t)}{\hat{\rho}} d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad \forall \hat{\sigma} \in V$$



Relative Accuracy

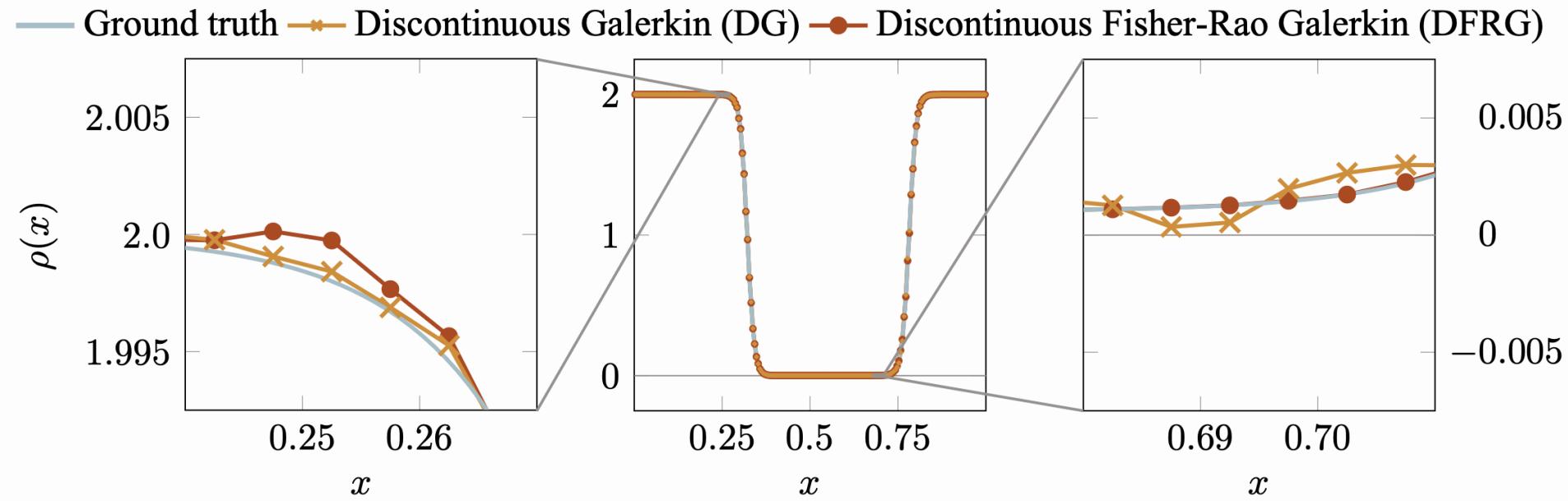
Positivity preserving, conservative, global error bounds in KL-divergence.

Especially good at preserving relative accuracy, promise for reactions



Integration in Euler Equation

Extreme temperature gradients can lead to vanishing density, causing blow-up of sim.



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Part 4:

BACKUP SLIDES