

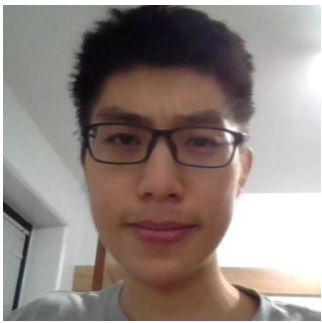
# Toward Information Geometric Mechanics

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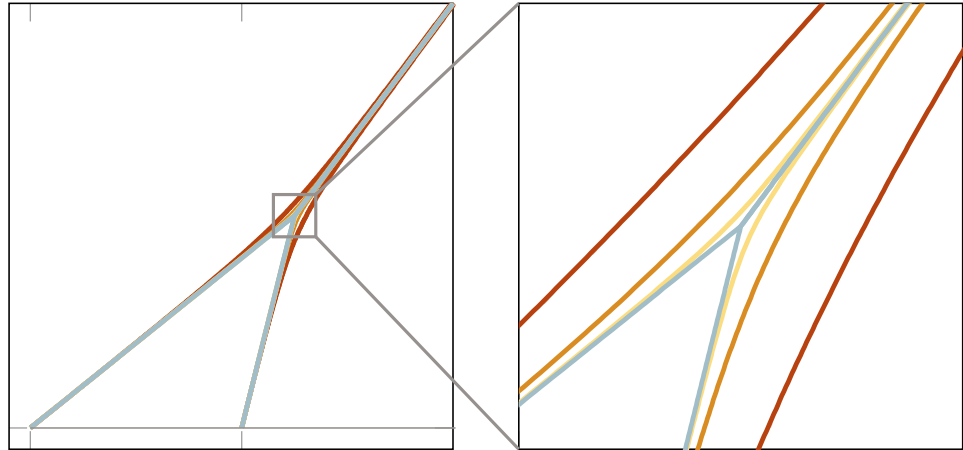
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Part I: New Methodology

# INFORMATION GEOMETRIC REGULARIZATION

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

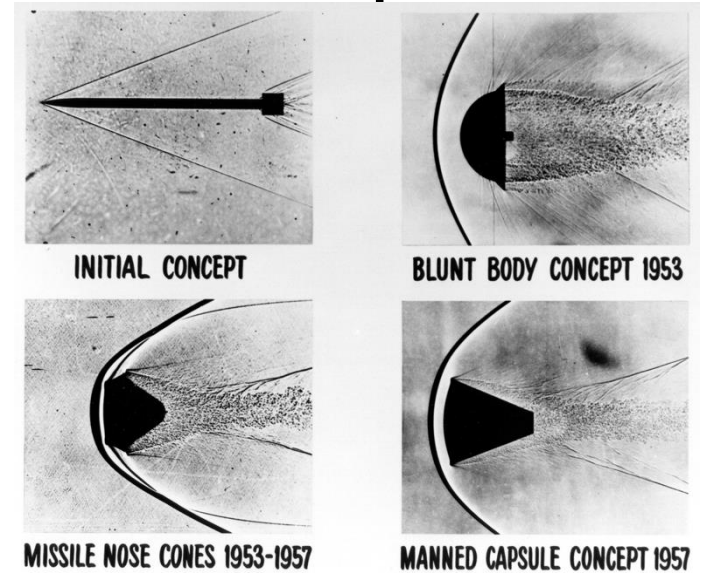
# Shocks in Gas Dynamics

## Astrophysics



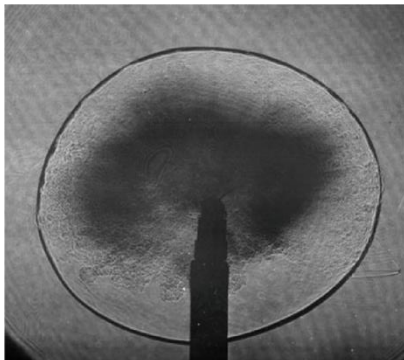
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## Aerospace

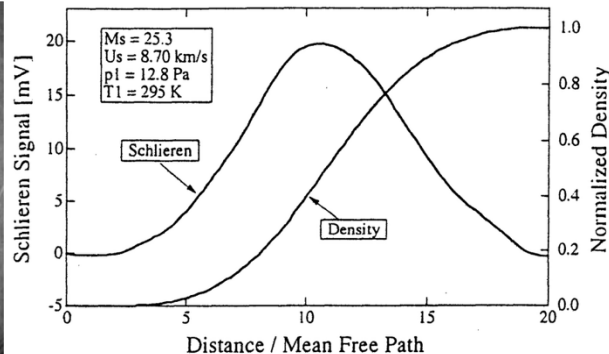


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**Shocks:** jumps in pressure, density, velocity



Takayama, 2019



Koreeda et al., 2019

Microscopically thin,  
can not resolve in  
simulation!

# Compressible Euler Equations

Model frictionless barotropic gas dynamics

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

$\mathbf{u}$

Velocity

$\rho \mathbf{u}$

Momentum

$\rho$

Density

$\mathbf{f}$

External force

$P(\rho)$

Pressure (increasing function)

Conservation  
of mass and  
momentum



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In one dimension:

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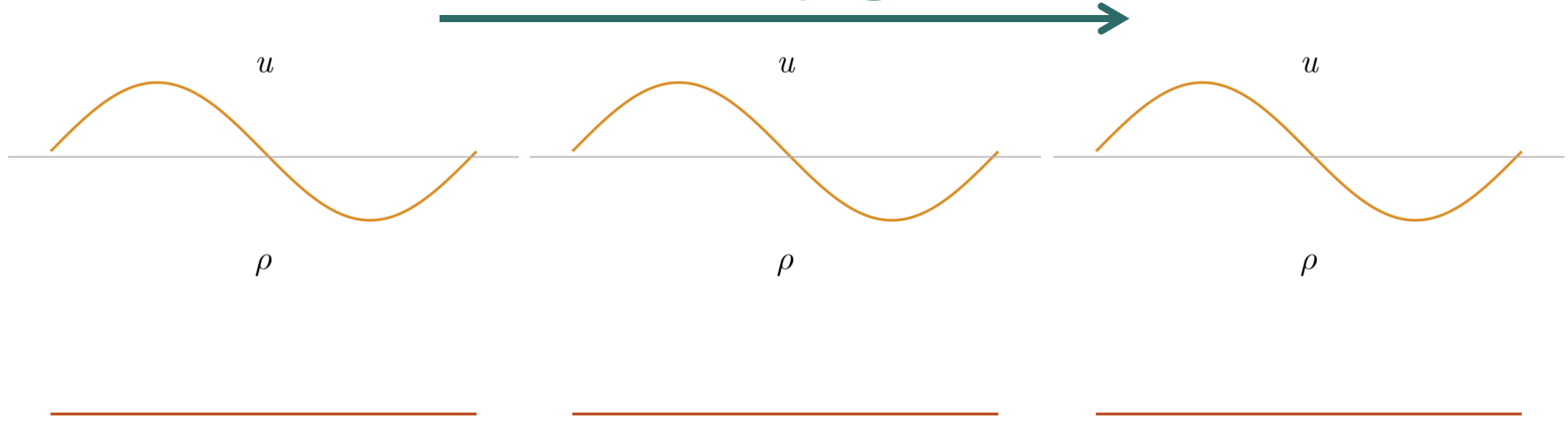
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# Vanishing Viscosity Solution

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

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

$\nu \rightarrow 0$

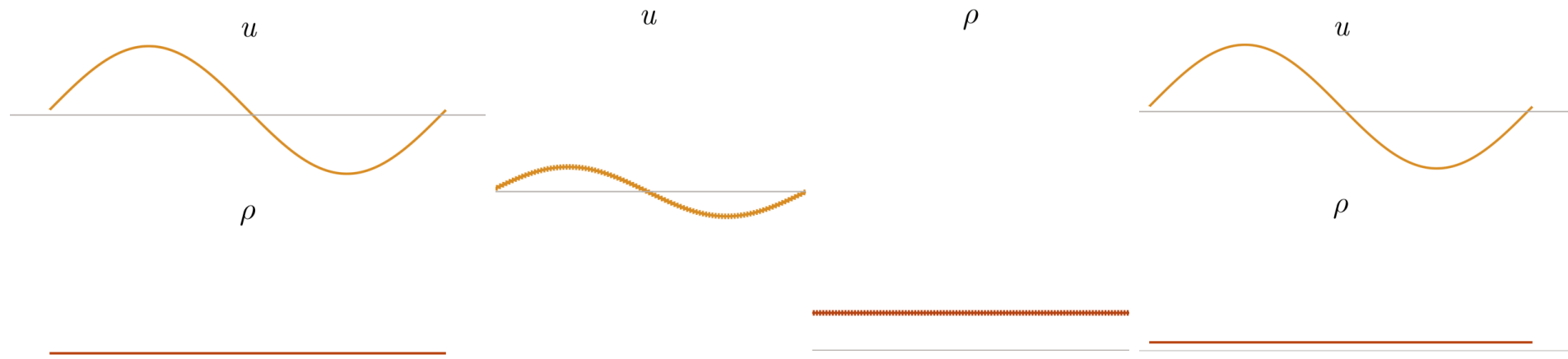


# Numerical solution

Choose small  $\nu$ , use standard methods?

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

Larger  $\nu$  smears out solution over time



# Nonlinear Diffusion

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

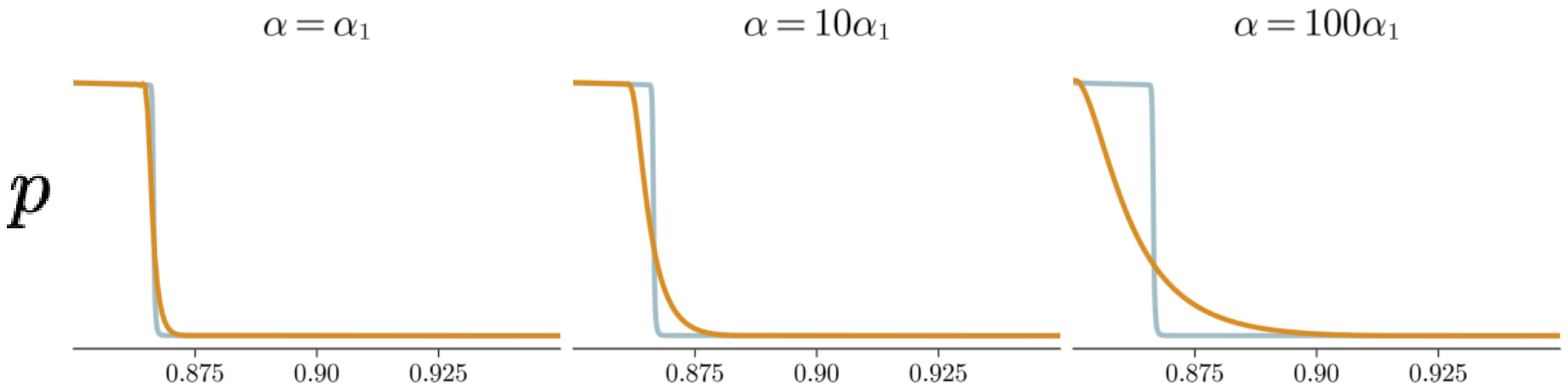
Idea: Choose viscosity *adaptively*, at shock

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

Try to avoid breakdown and oversmoothing

# Localized Artificial Diffusivity

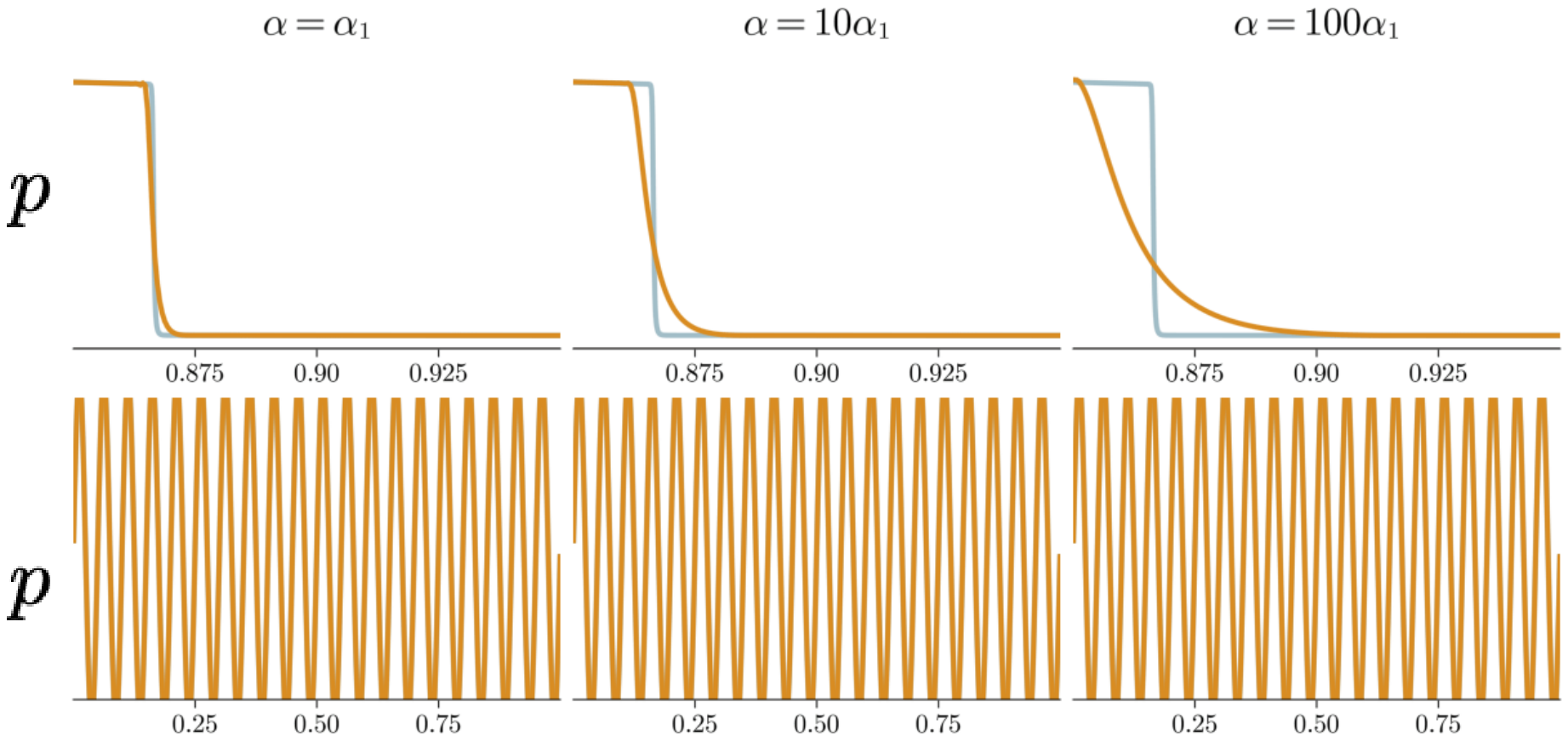
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Here: Use local artificial diffusivity following Mani et al. Numerous alternatives exist

# Alternative: Nonlinear Numerics

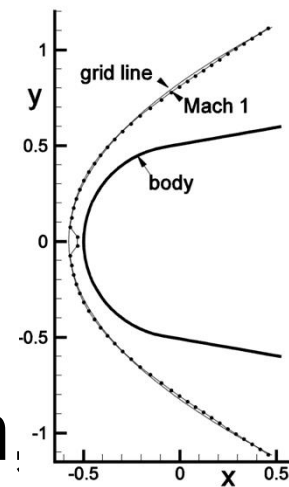
Alternative: Limiters (MUSCL, (W)ENO),  
Riemann Solvers, Shock tracking.

Can be more effective, but

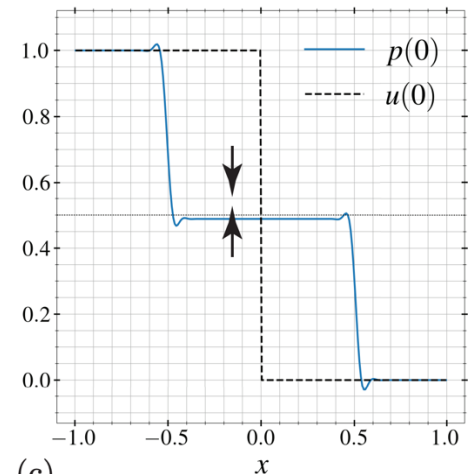
Numerical artefacts

Spurious sensitivities

Restricts discretization,  
causes technical debt

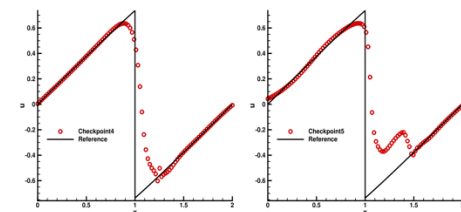


MacCormack, "The carbuncle CFD problem", 2022



(c)

Bodony & Fikl, "Adjoint-based sensitivity of shock-laden flows", 2022



(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

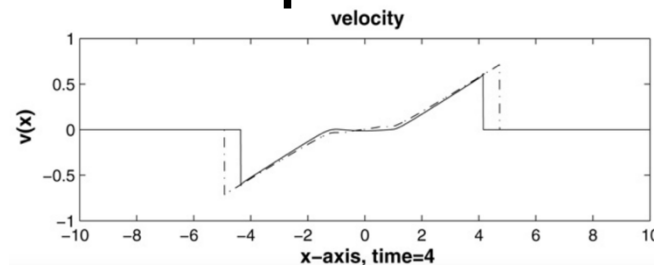
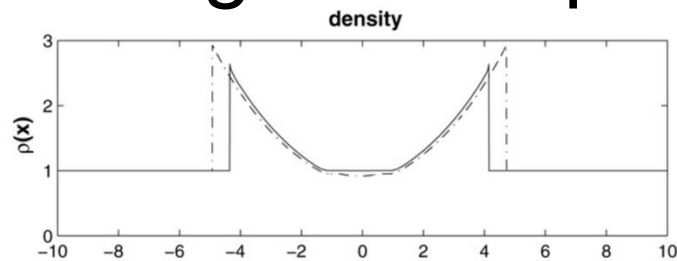
Godunov (1959), Van Leer (1979), Liu et al. (1994), Harten et al. (1997), Shu (1998)

# *Inviscid* PDE regularization?

## 1. Attempt “Leray Regularization”

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

Wrong shock speed  $\Rightarrow$  not practical

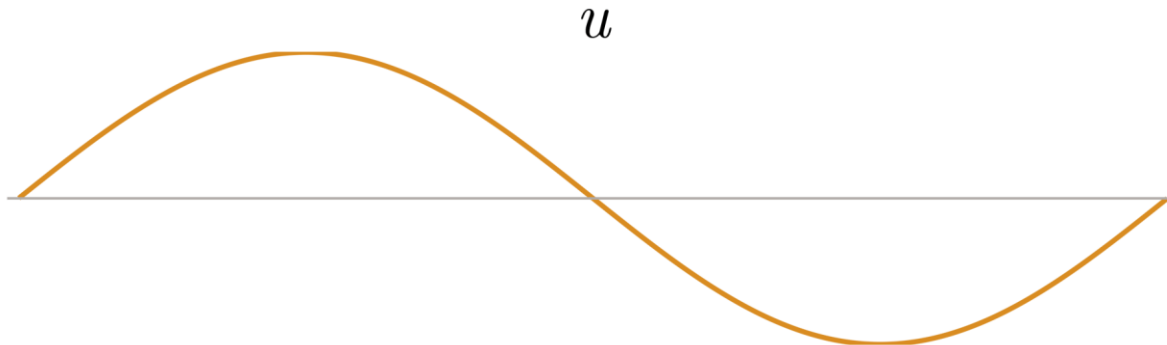


Bhat & Fetecau, “On a regularization of the compressible Euler equations for an isothermal gas”, 2009

## 2. Attempt “Saint-Venant Regularization”

Guelmame, Clamond, and Junca, 2020

Only 1-d, dissipation only in singularities



# Information Geometric Reg. (IGR)

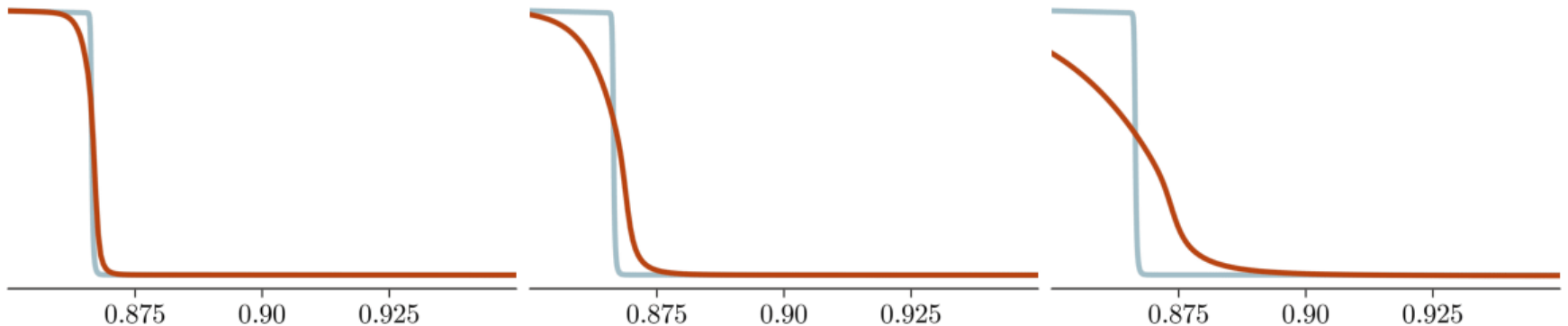
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$p$



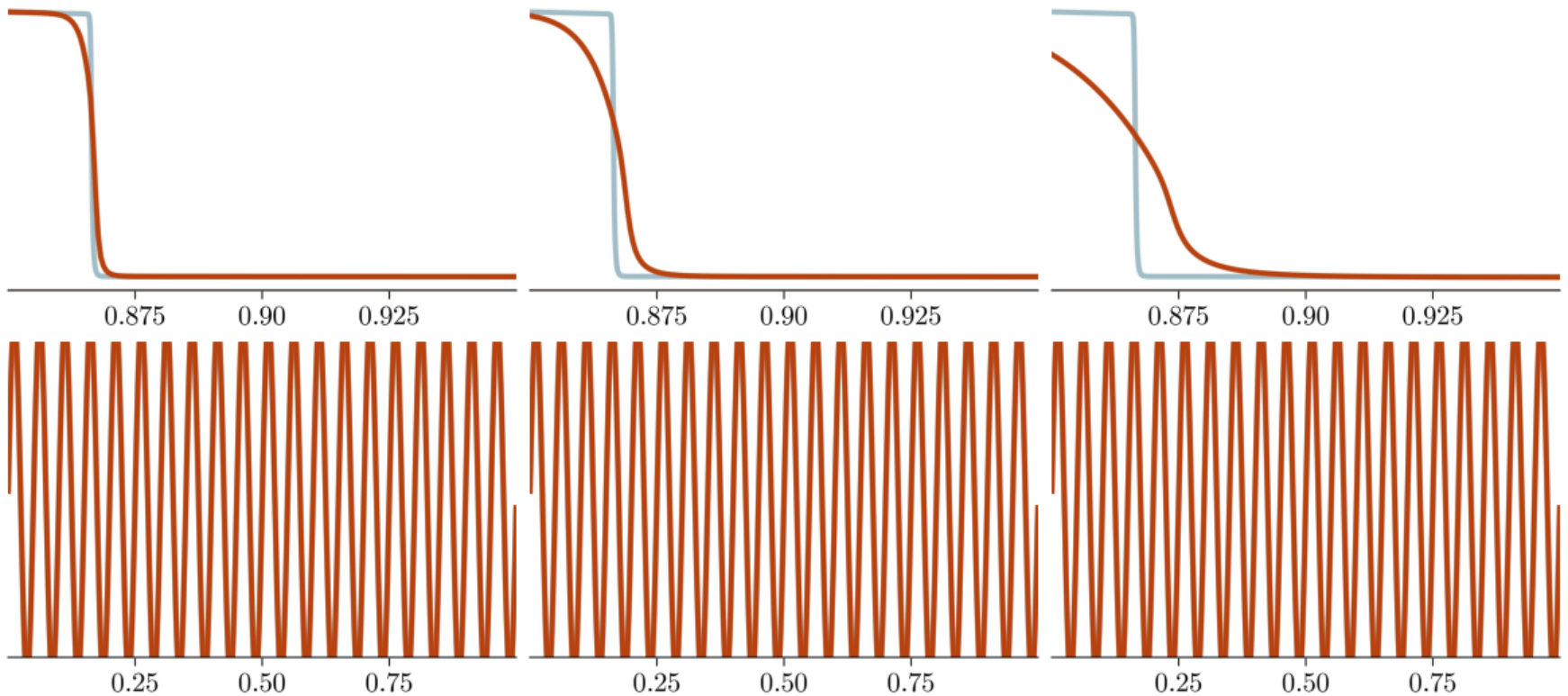
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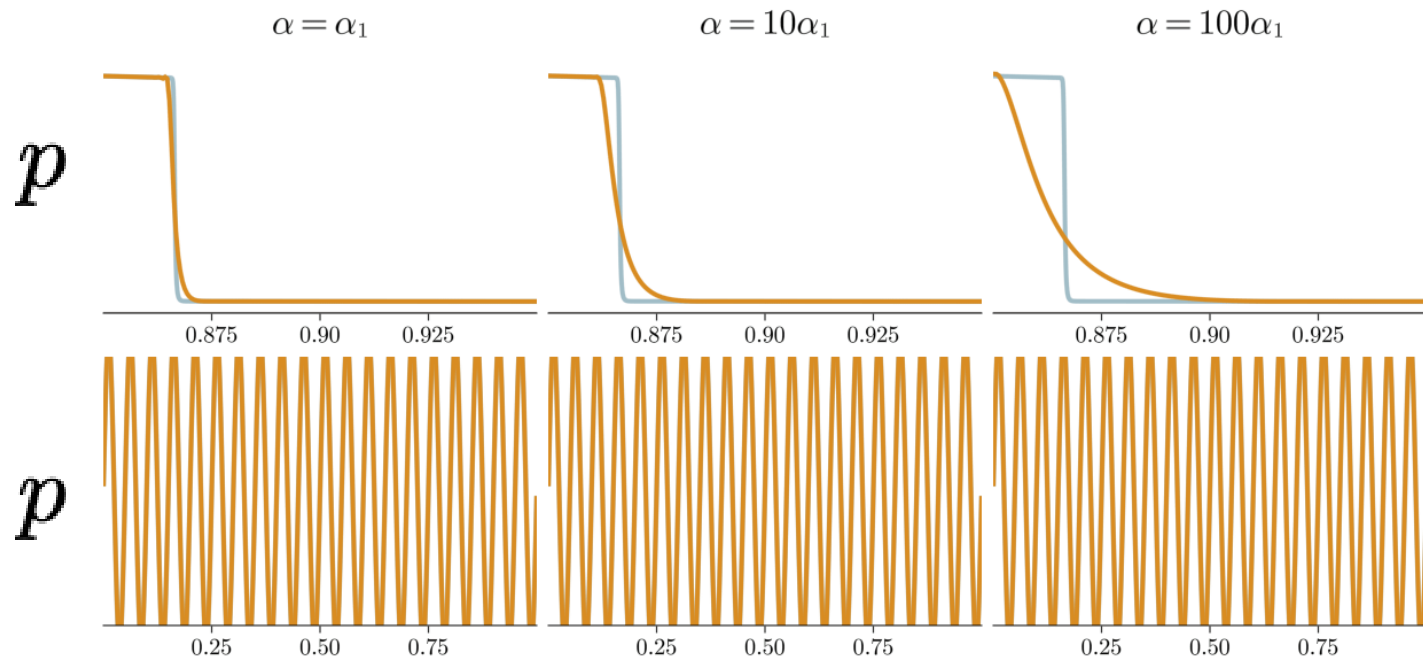
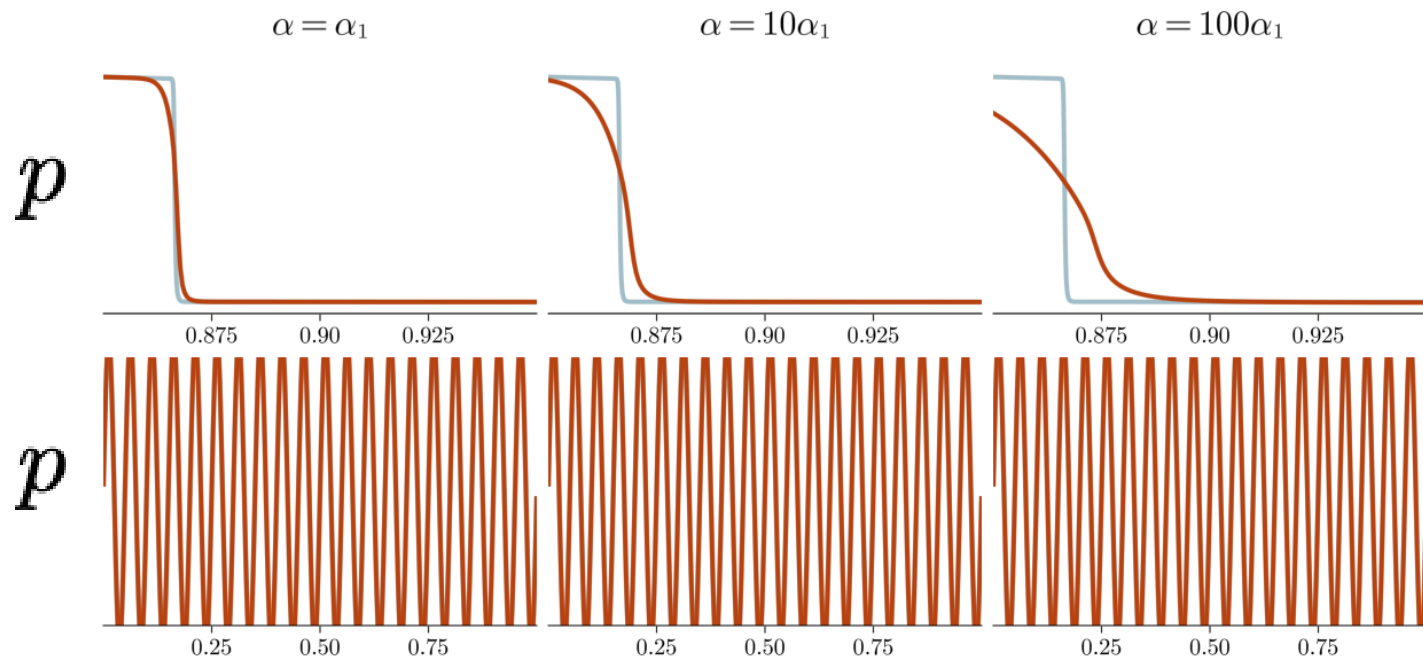
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Define family of paths

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

Obtain solution

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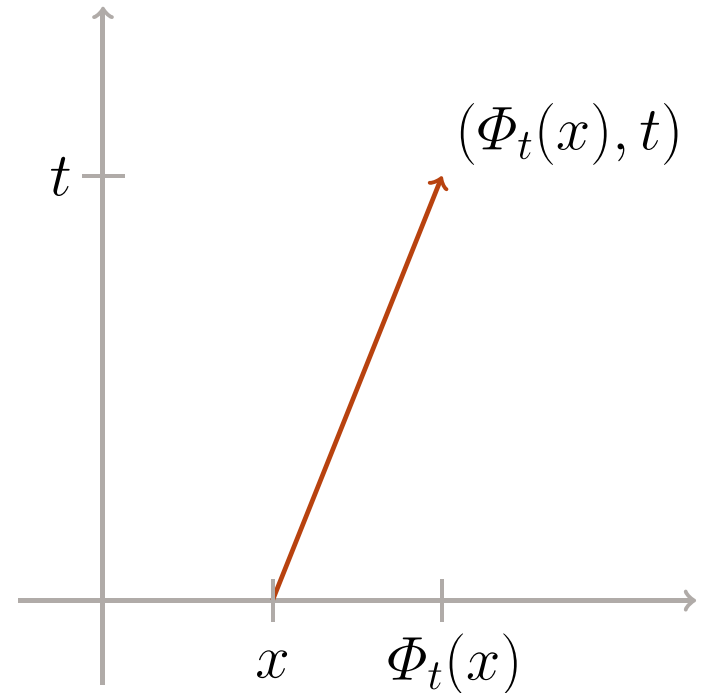
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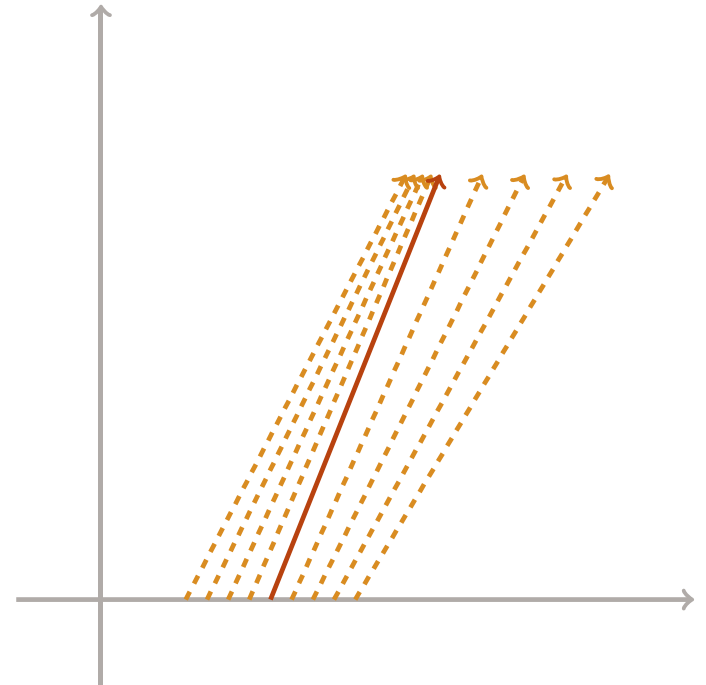
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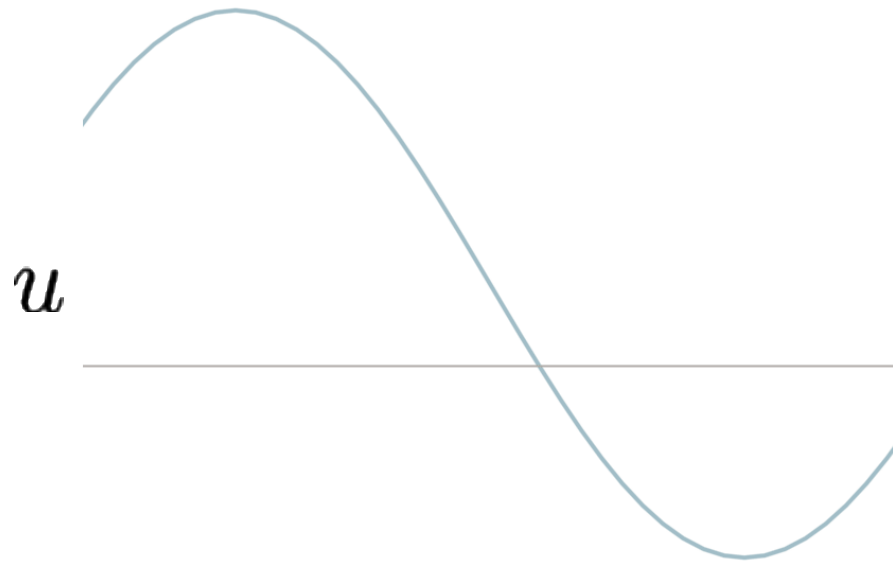
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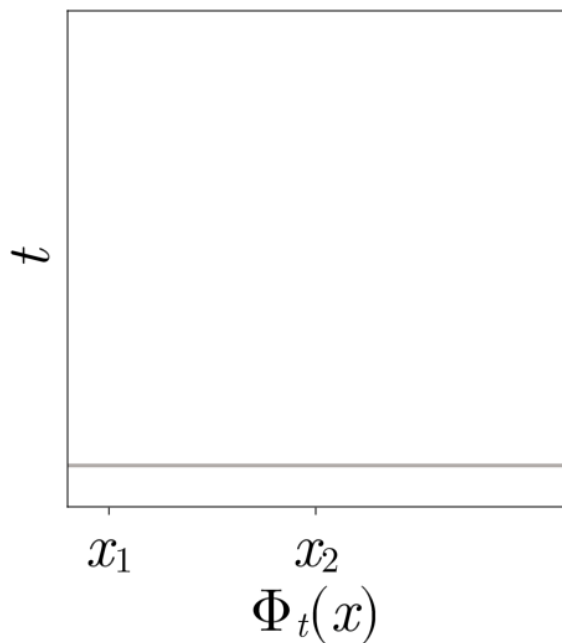
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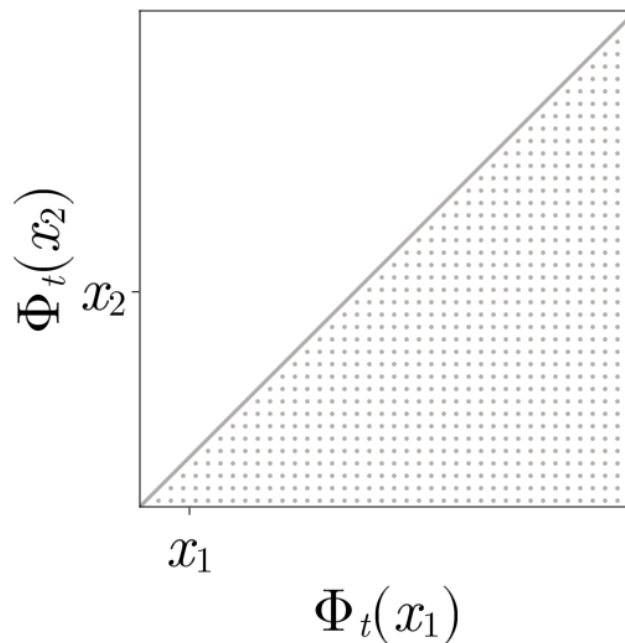
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## II: Boundary

Shocks form when  $\Phi_t$  hits boundary of diffeomorphism manifold



# Perspectives on Shocks

## III: Mass collapse

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

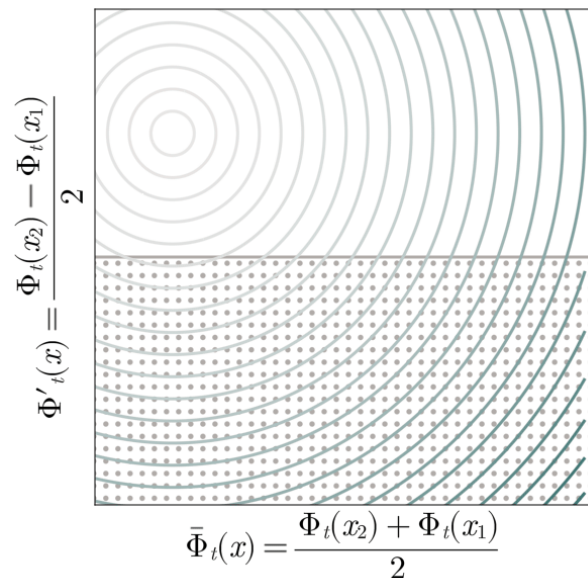
$\rho$

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## IV: Optimization

Shocks form when  
constraint activates.

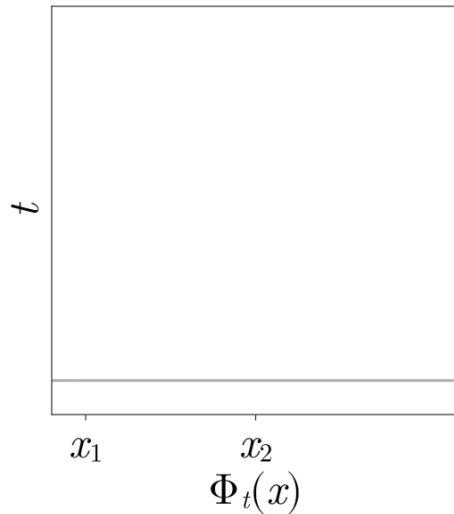
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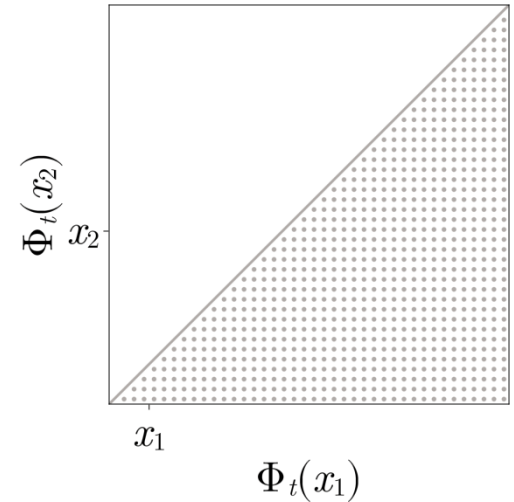
# After shock

## Vanishing viscosity solutions

merge  
trajectories

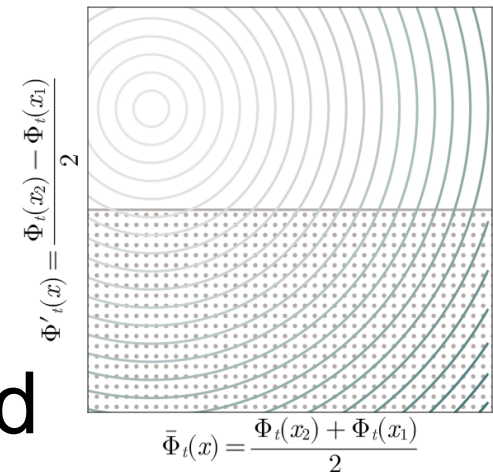


stick to  
boundary



propagate  
Diracs

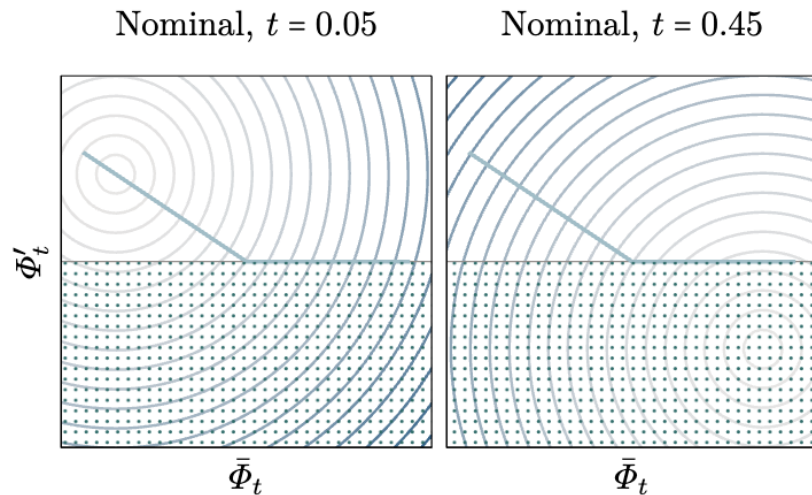
solve ineq.  
constrained  
problem



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Nominal problem:

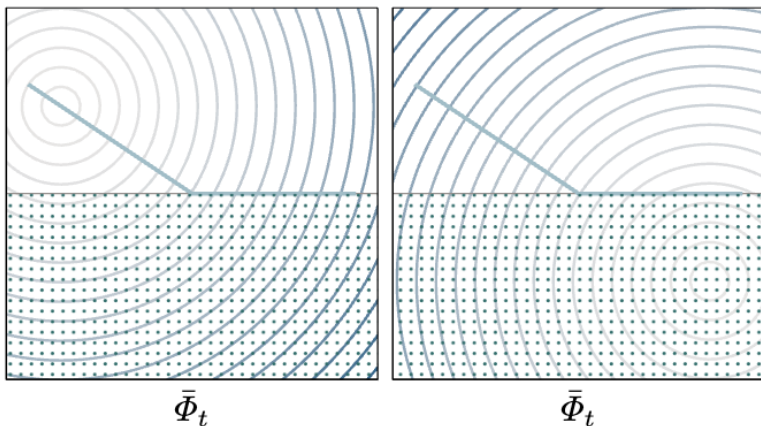
$$\psi_0(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\Phi(x))^2 \, dx$$

Regularized problem:

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

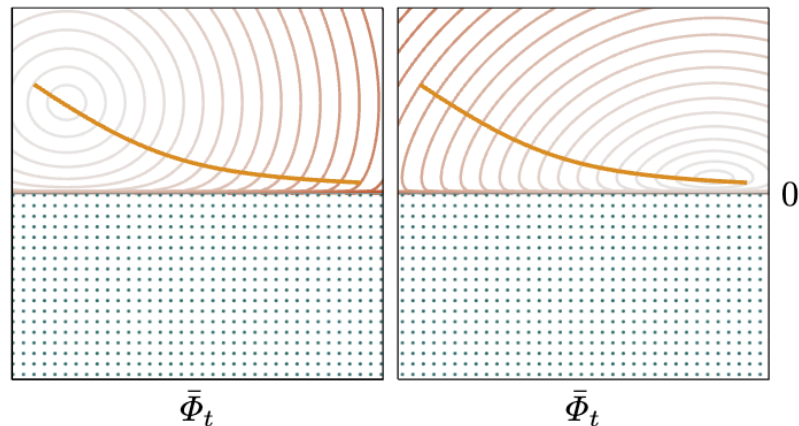
Nominal,  $t = 0.05$

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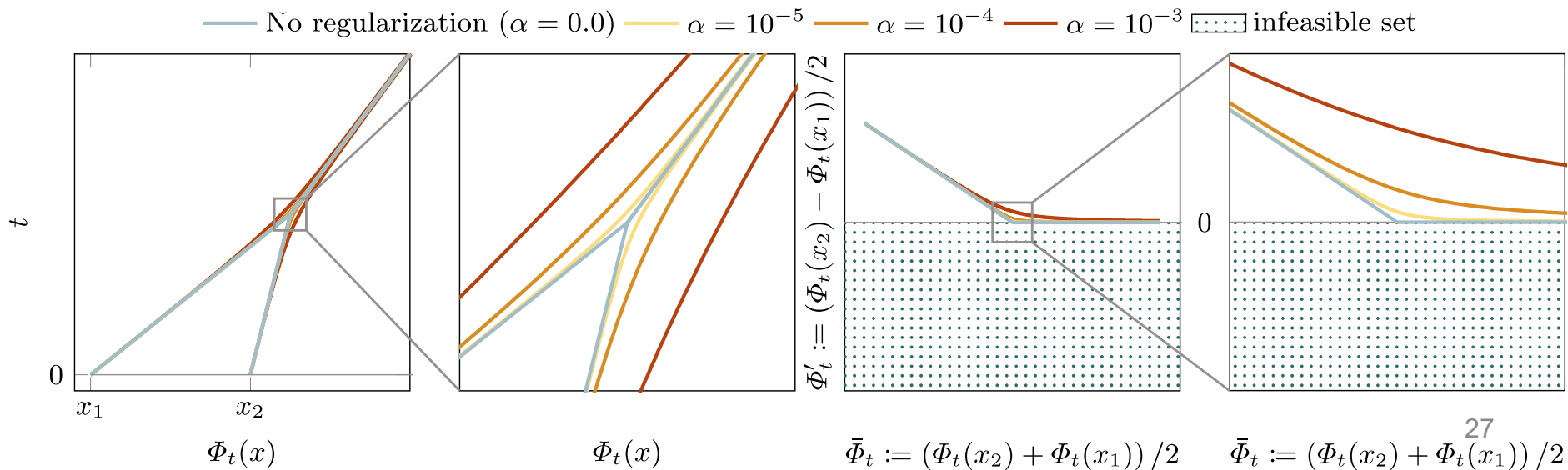


# Interior Point Methods for PDEs

Use  $\alpha$  to modulate regularization.

Particles converge, but don't collide!

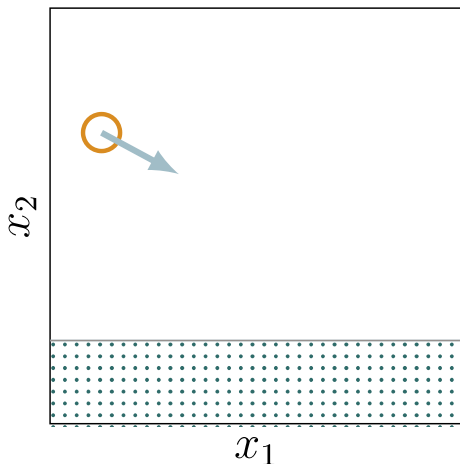
How to extend beyond variational case?



# Geometry of Barrier Functions

In differential geometry: Distinguish *points* on manifold and *directions* in tangent space

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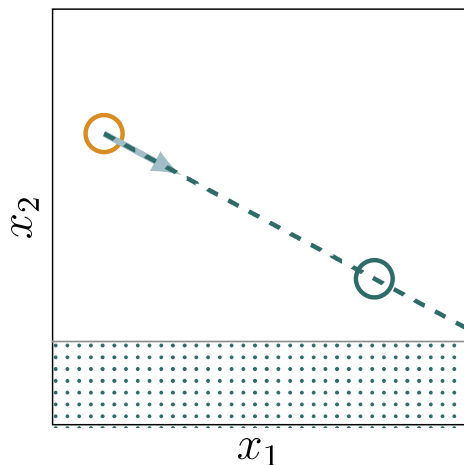


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Euclidean:  $\text{Exp}_p(v) = p + v$

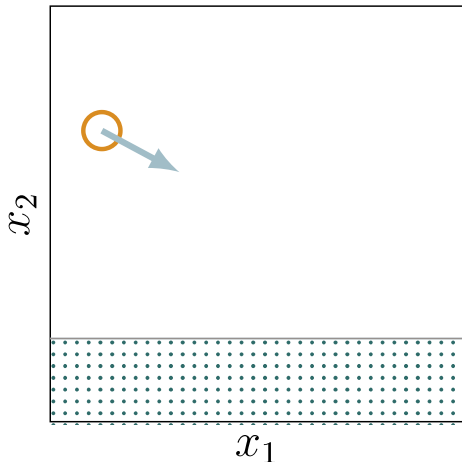


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Barrier function defines *dual* Exp. map

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

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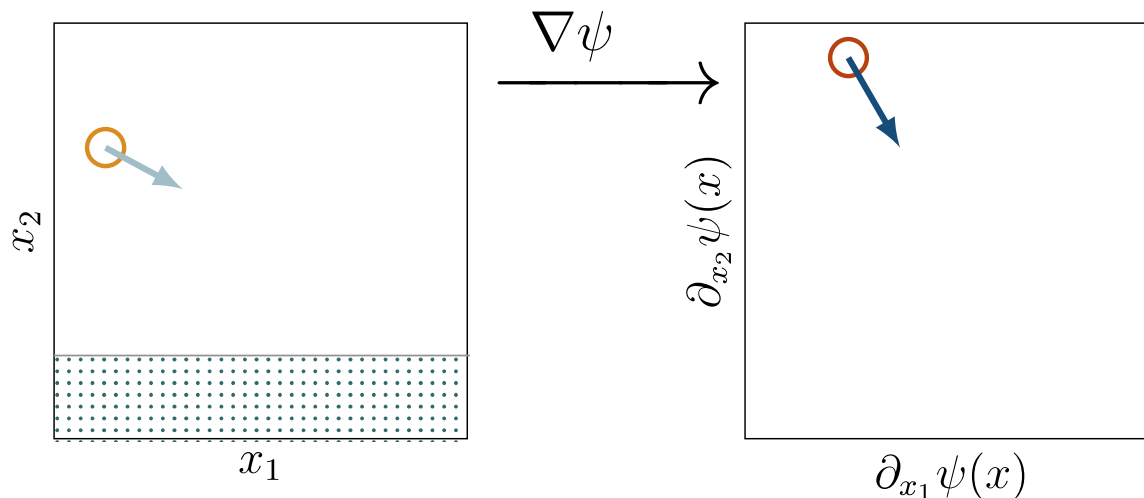


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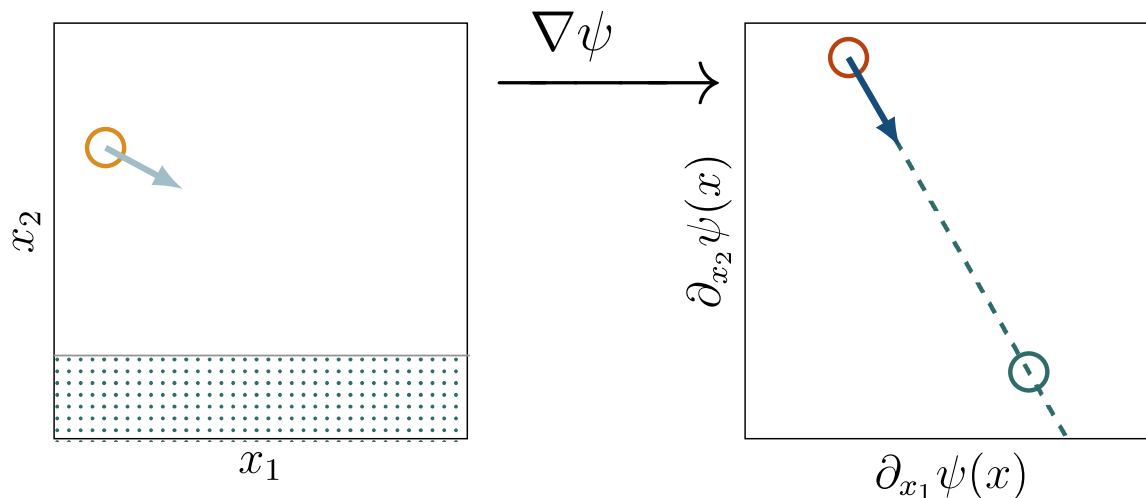


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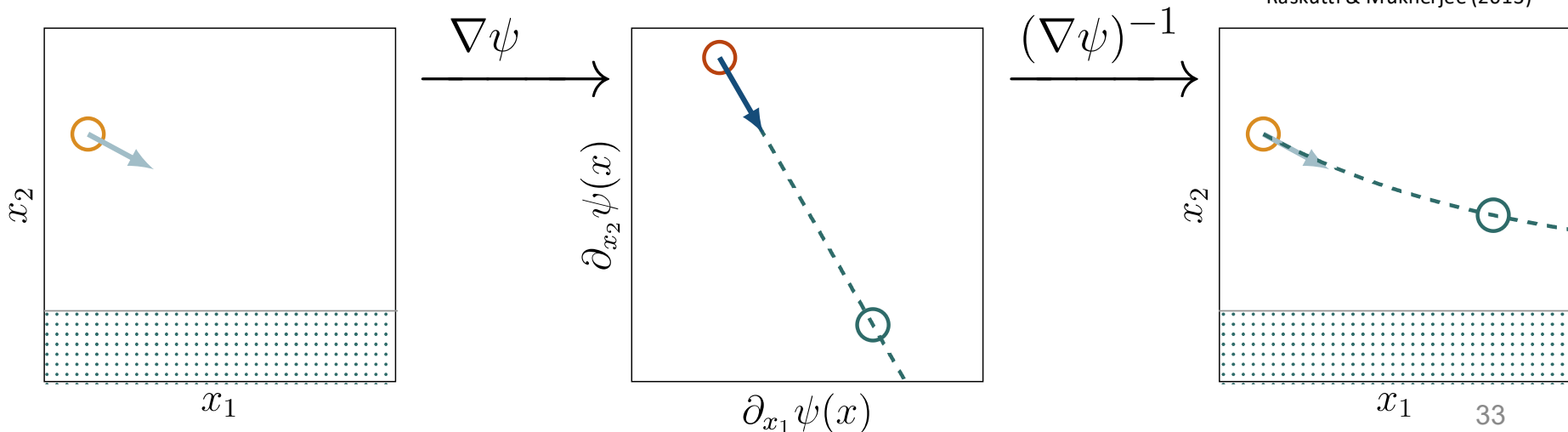
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Dual straight lines (a.k.a. geodesics) are  
Euclidean straight lines in  $\nabla\psi$ -space

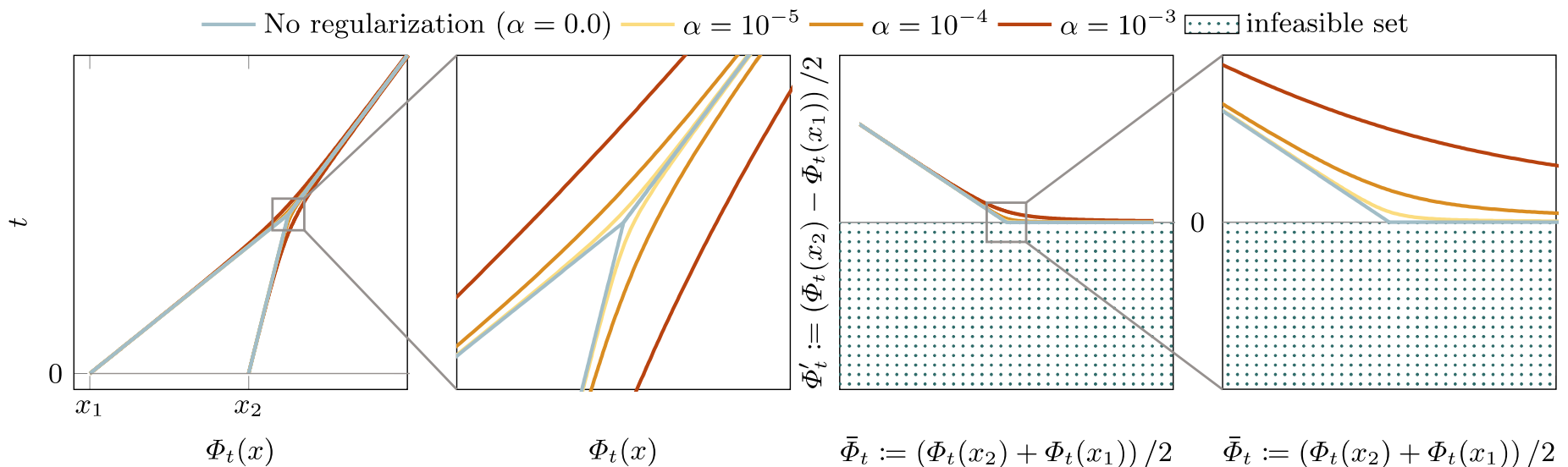
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# Geometry of Barrier Functions

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

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

yielding

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

and the *dual equation of motion*

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

# 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Time to Compute

Plug into dual equation of motion

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

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Add external forces & pressure

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# 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

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

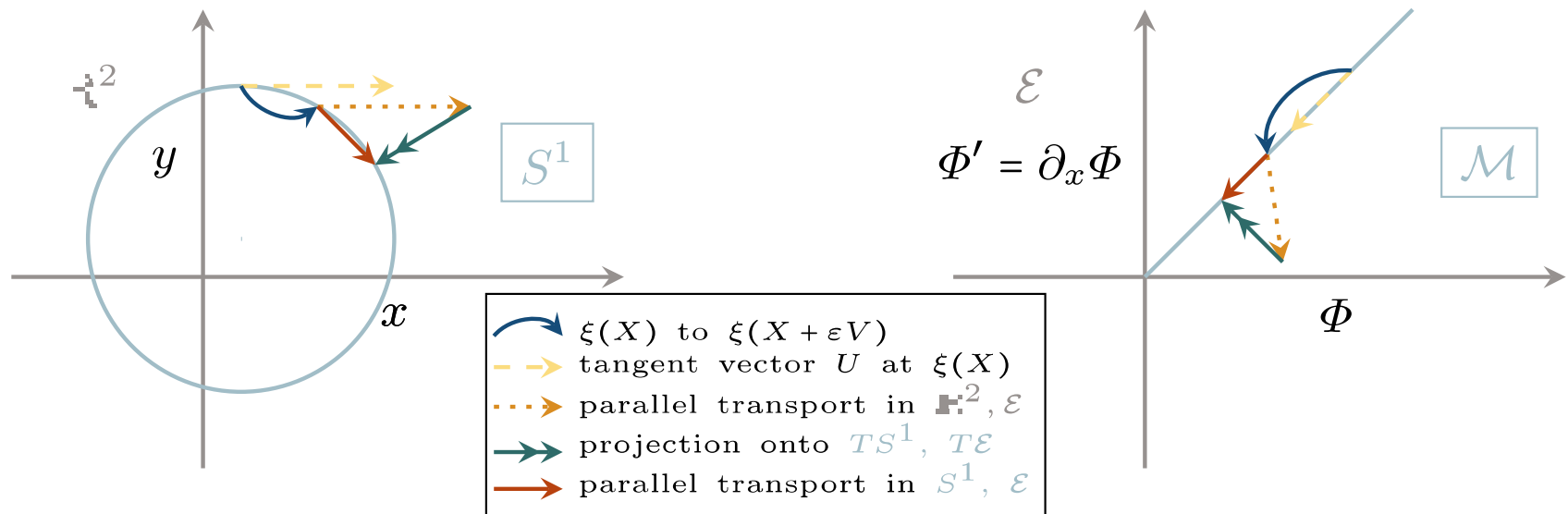
with embedding

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



# Extension to Multivariate case

Embedding induces exp. on submanifold



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

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

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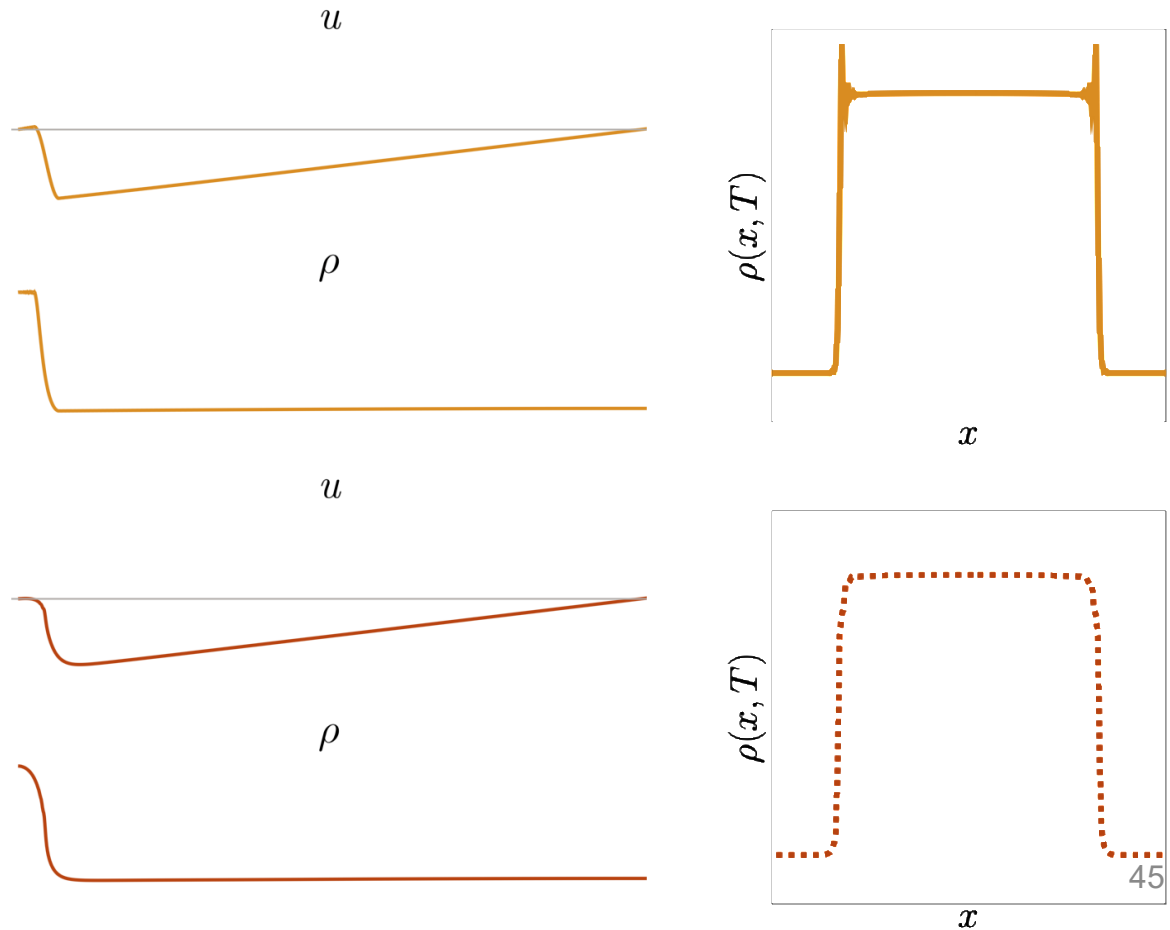
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*“Viscosity”* nonlocal and nonpositive

# Nonlocality reduces oscillation

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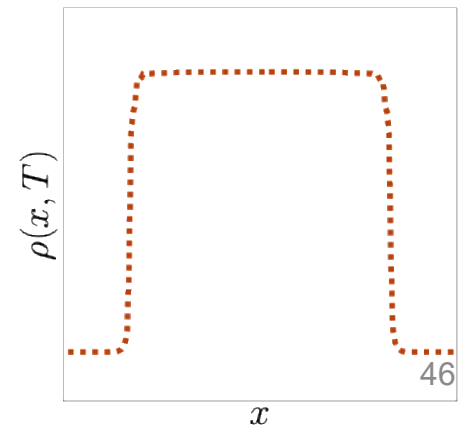
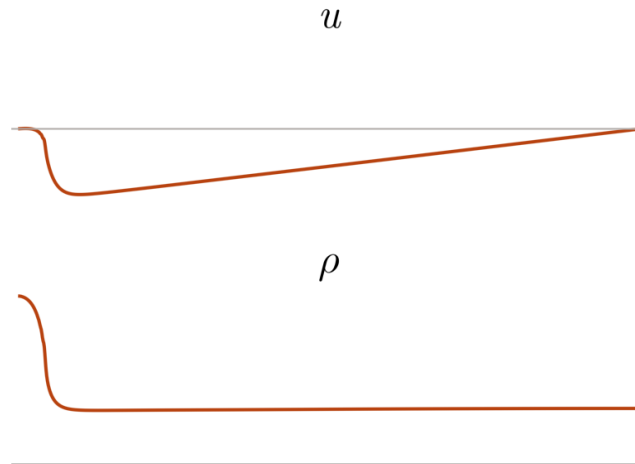
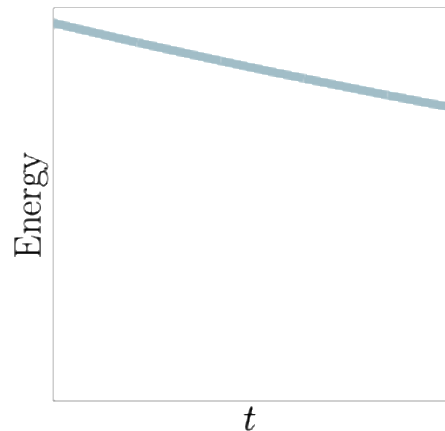
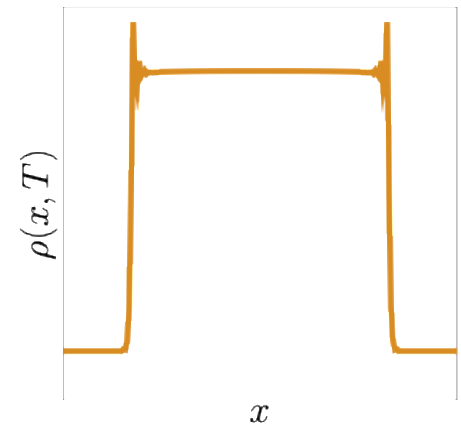
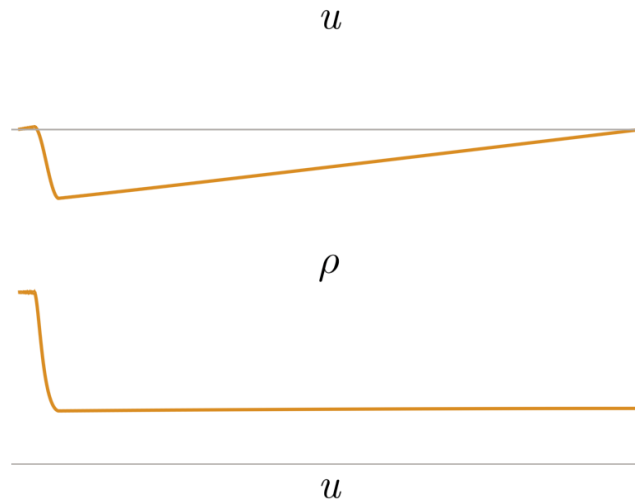
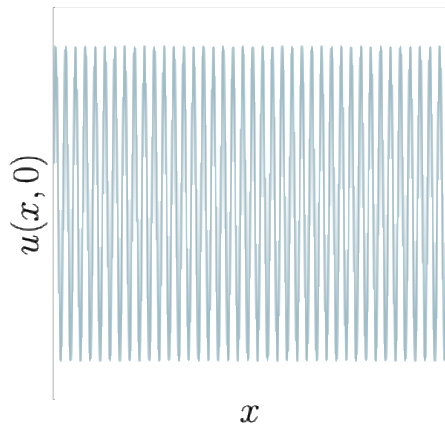
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# Nonpositivity reduces dissipation

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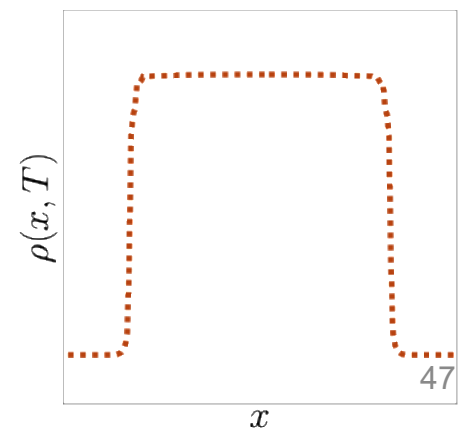
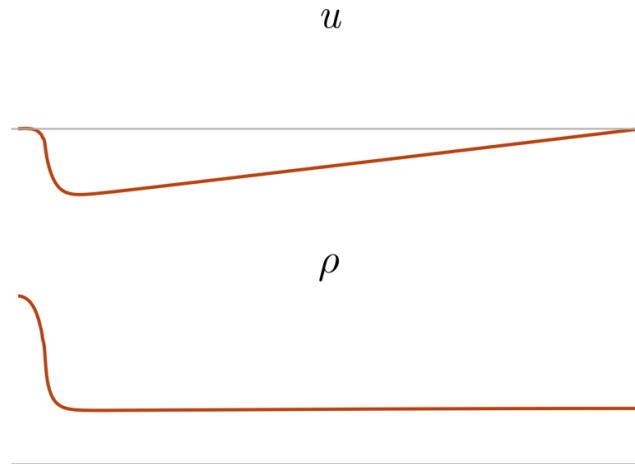
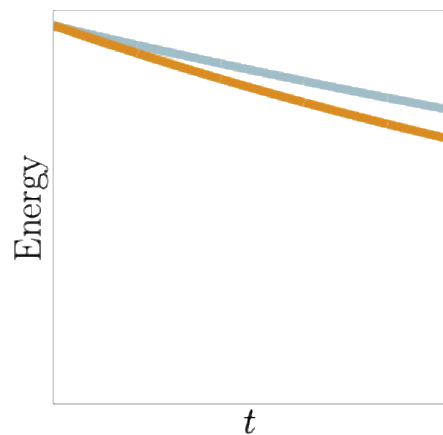
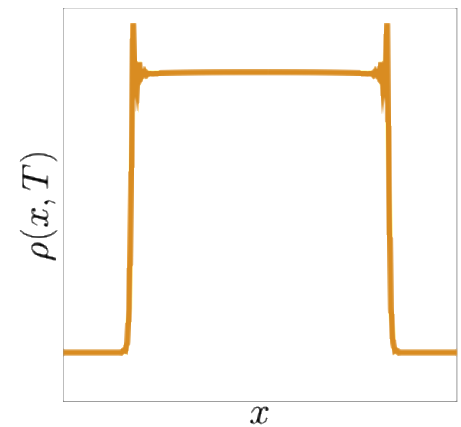
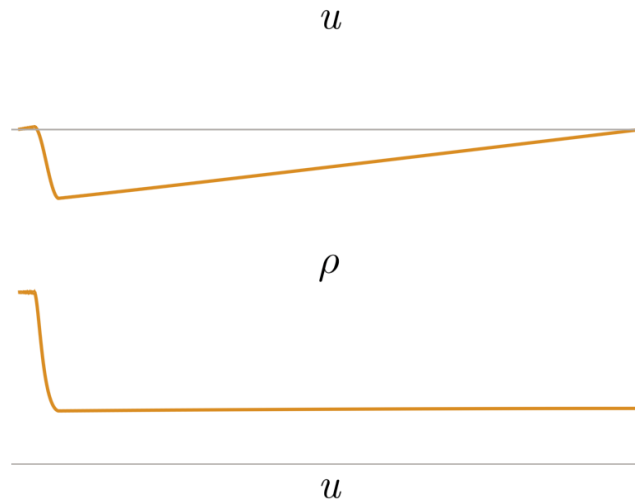
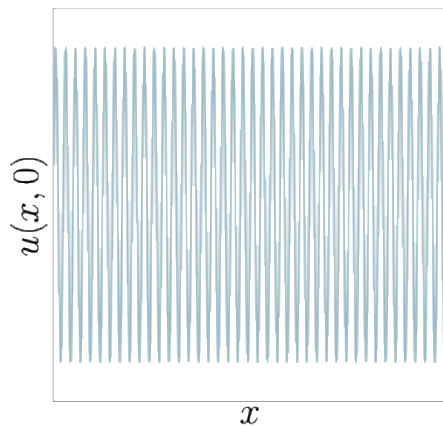
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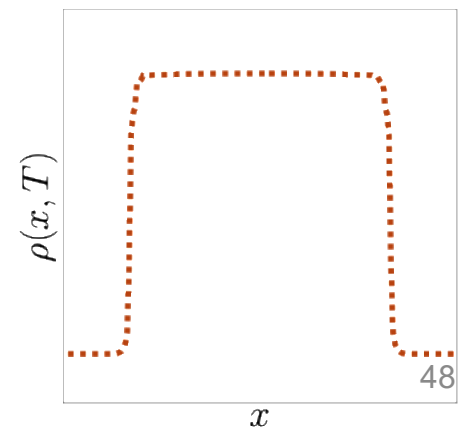
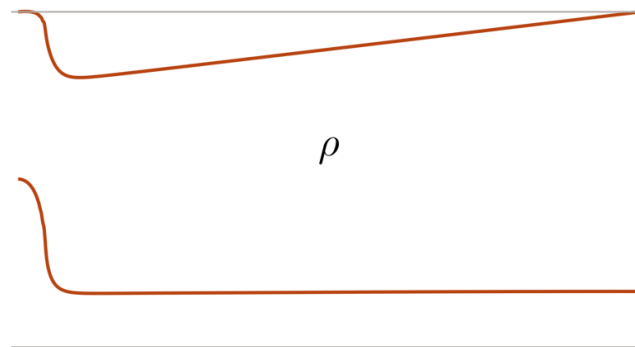
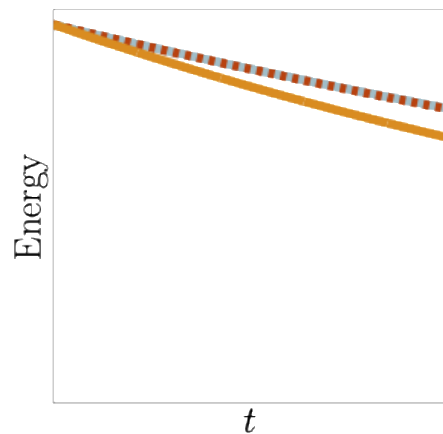
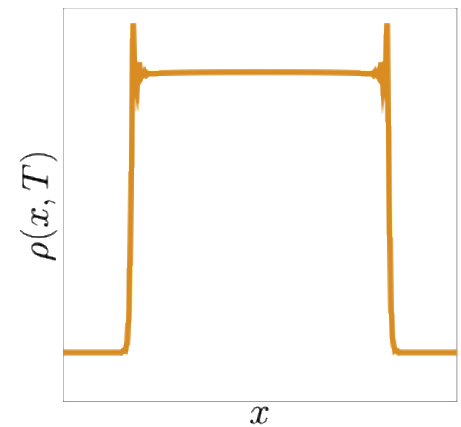
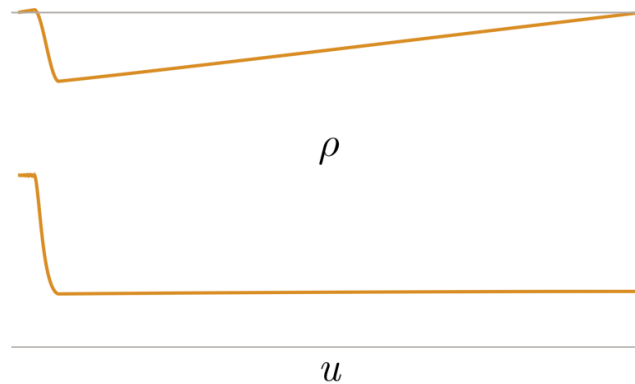
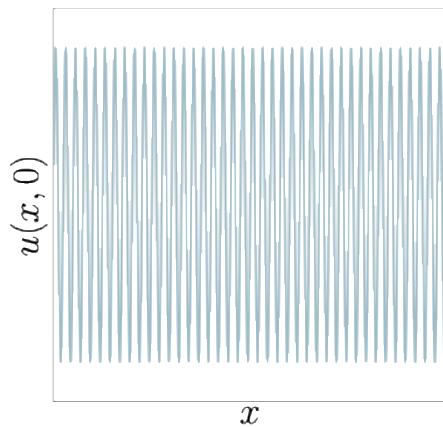
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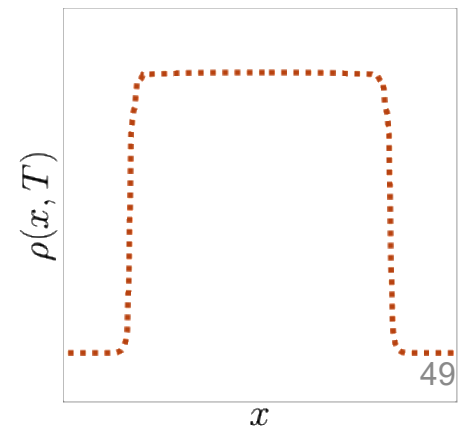
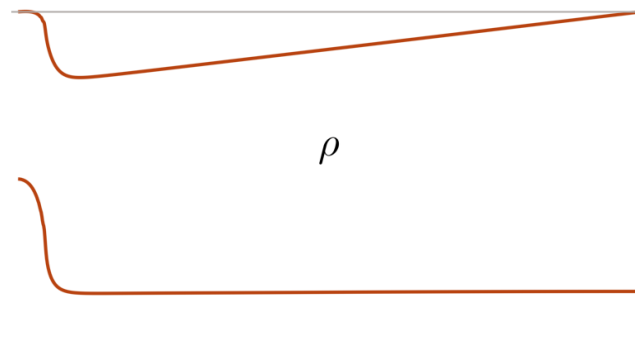
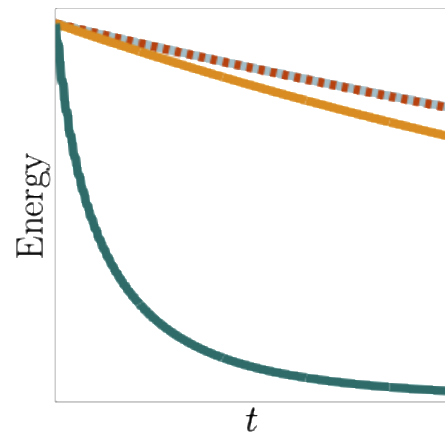
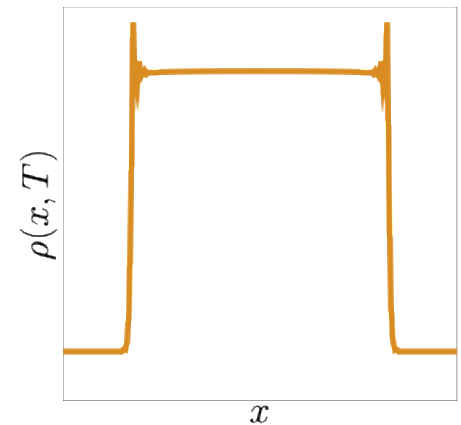
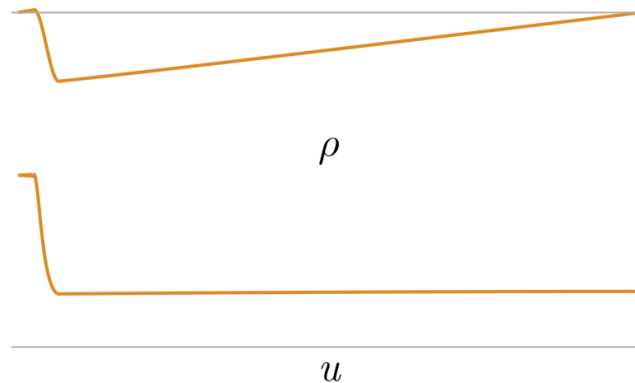
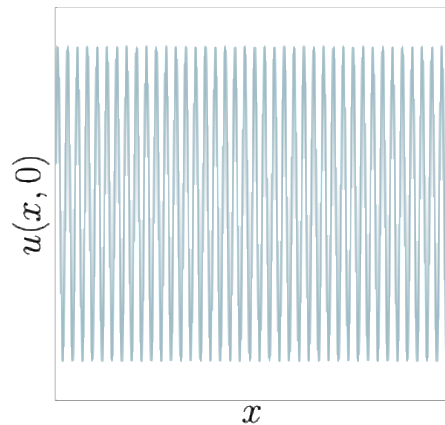




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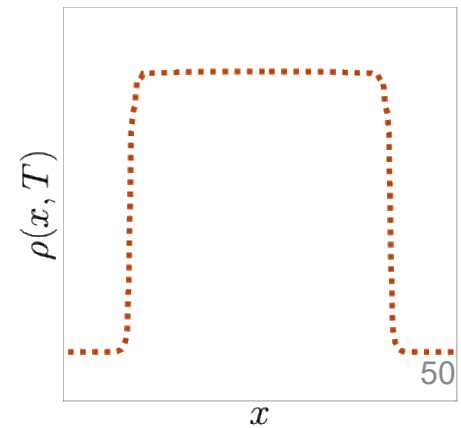
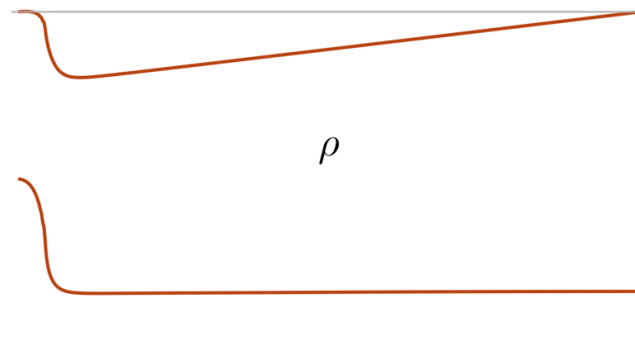
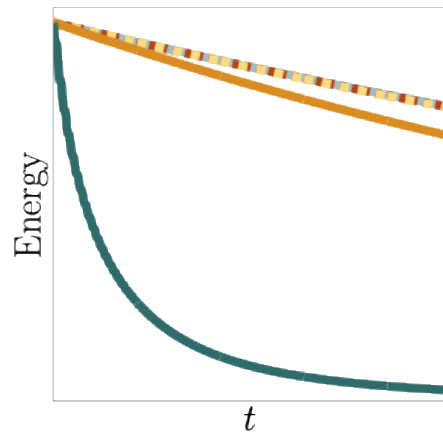
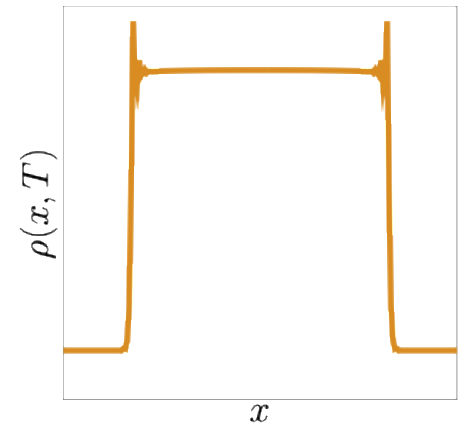
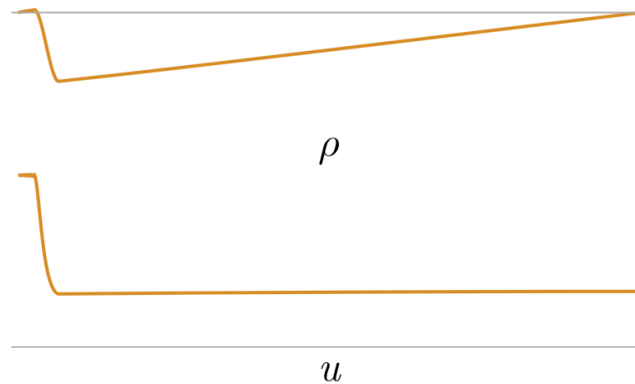
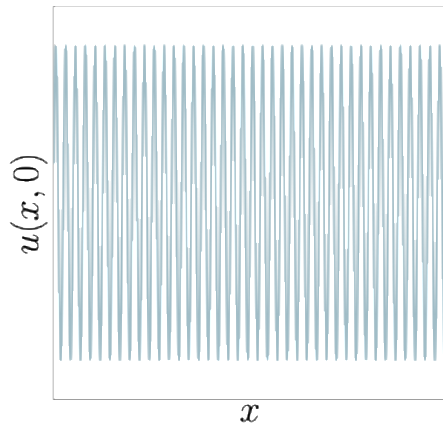
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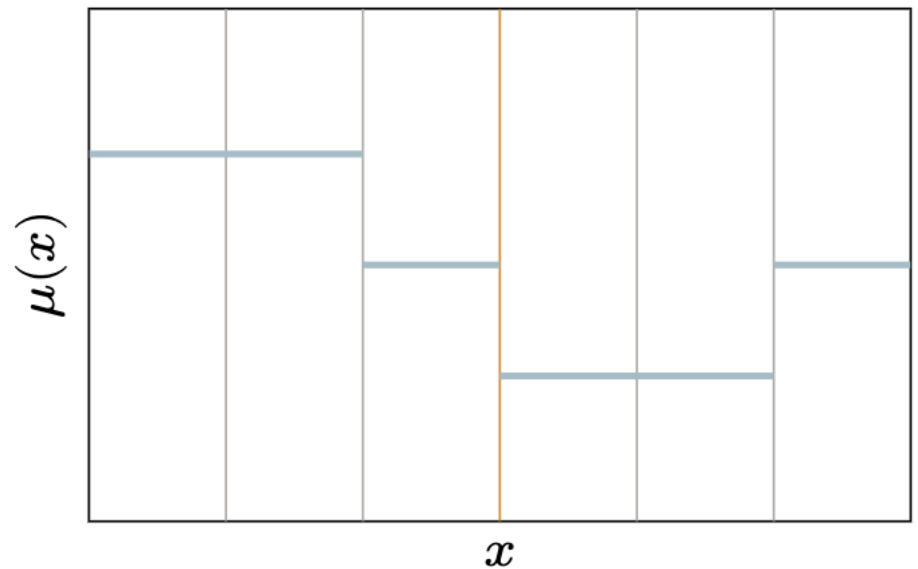
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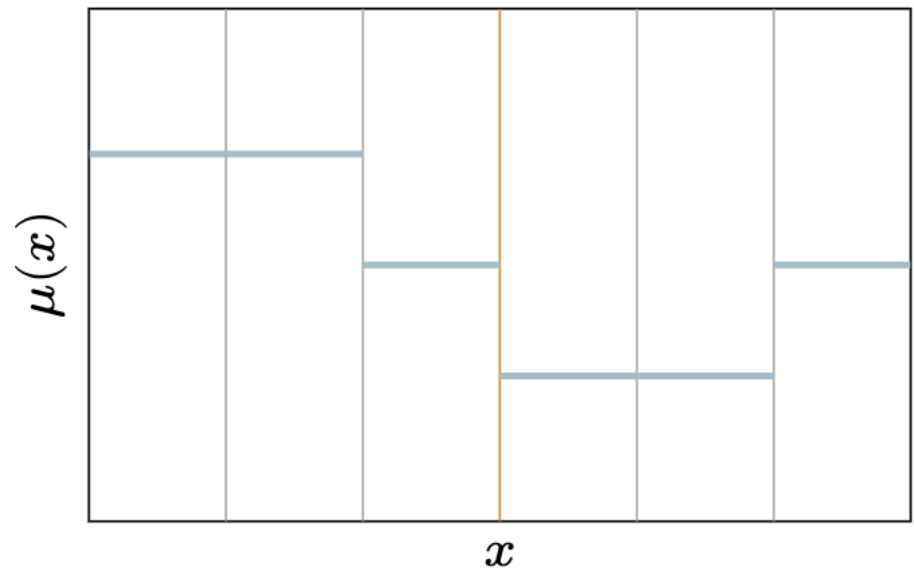
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Compute left/right reconstruction

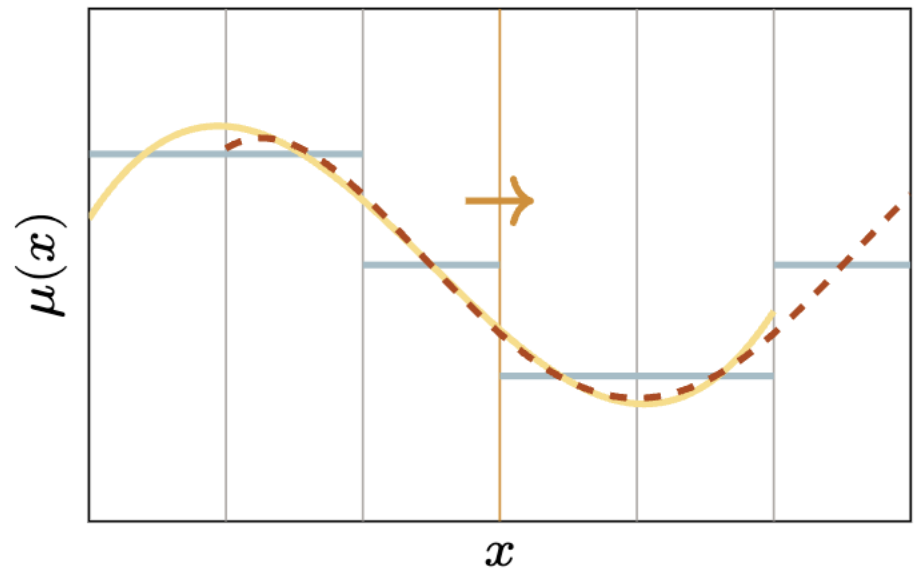


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Compute flux through interface

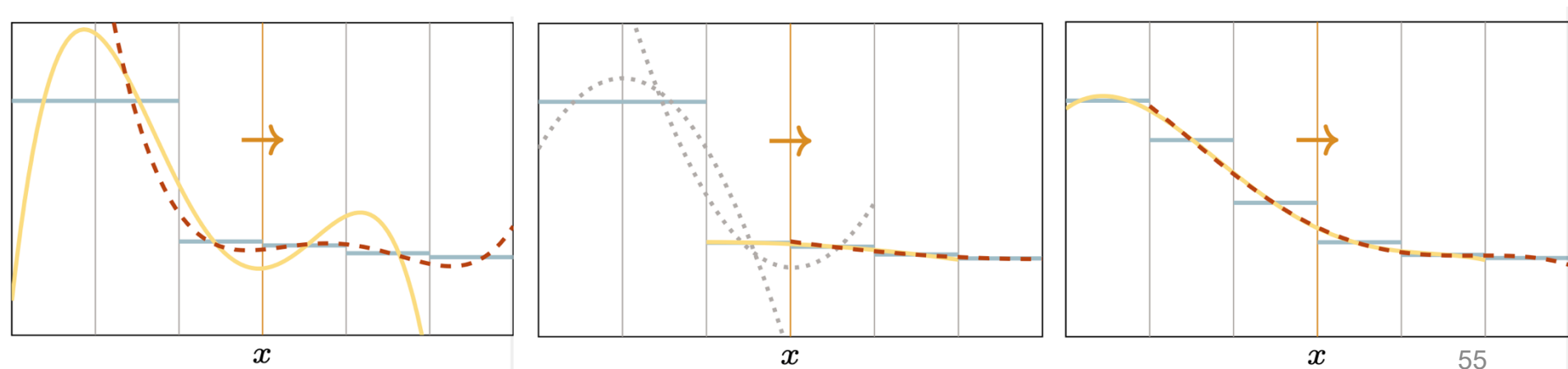


# Shocks and Oscillations

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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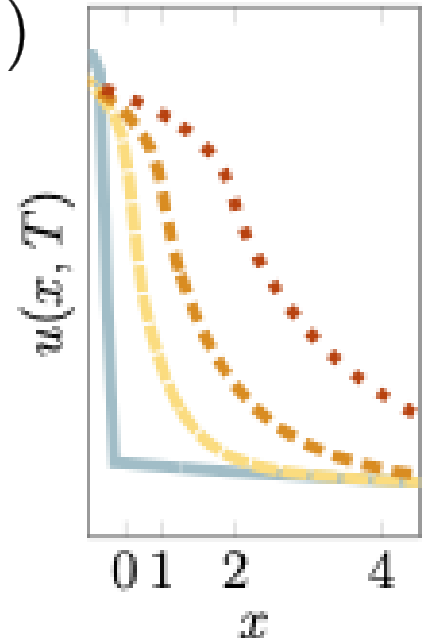
Legend for shock width  $\sqrt{\alpha}$ :

- $\sqrt{\alpha} = 1$  (Yellow dashed line)
- $\sqrt{\alpha} = 2$  (Orange dashed line)
- $\sqrt{\alpha} = 4$  (Red dotted line)

Computing flux needs solving for  $\Sigma$

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

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



Two Jacobi iters suffice, negligible cost

Beyond Barotropic: Add  $\Sigma$  to pressure

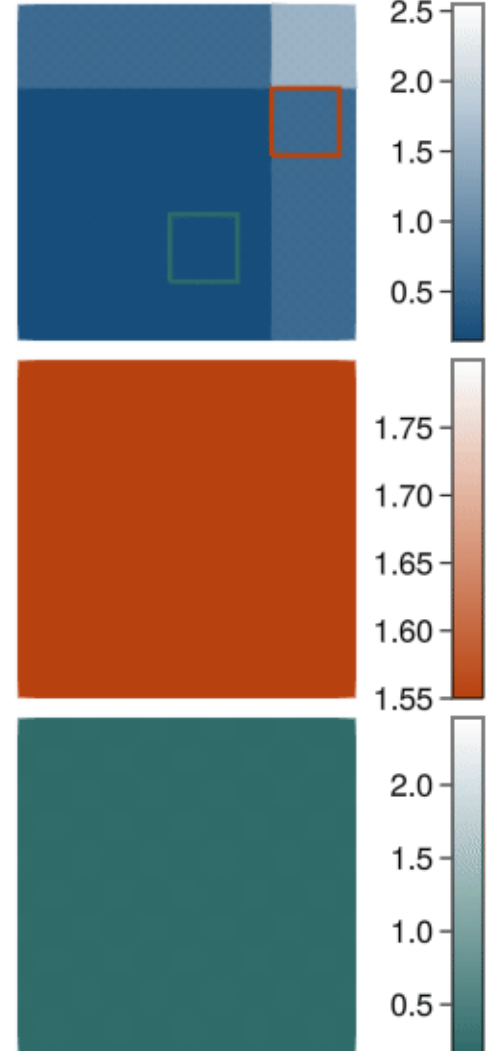
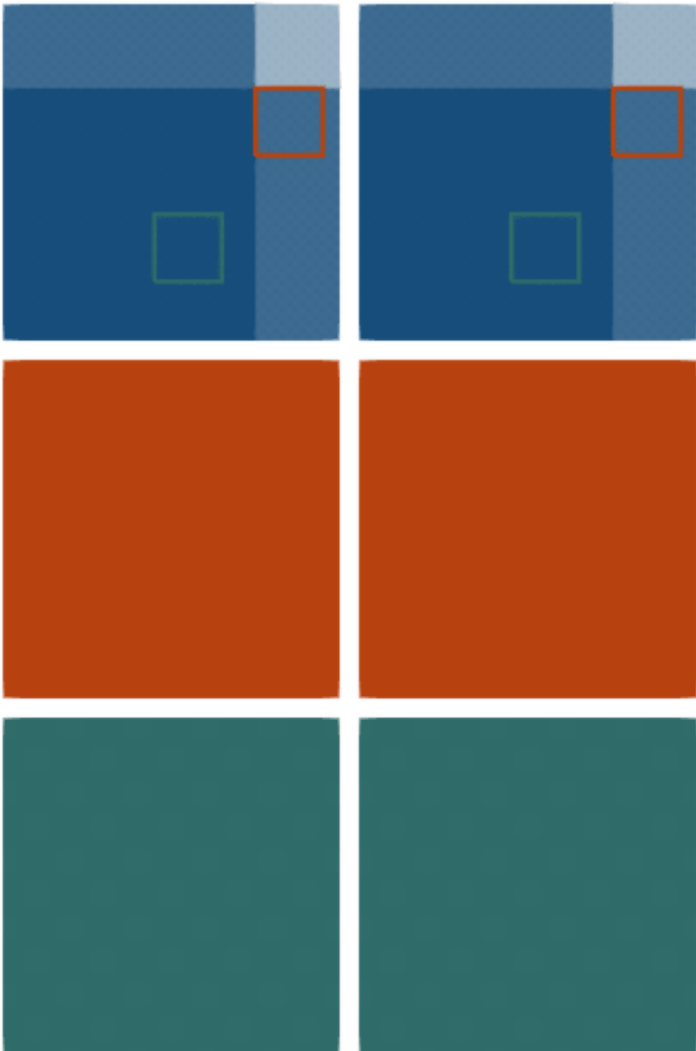
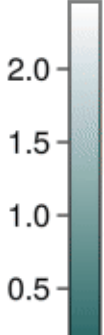
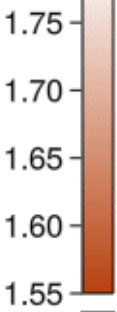
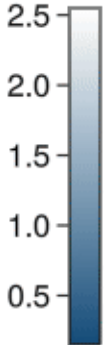


# Riemann pb. with entropy wave

Reference

IGR, no limiter.,  $750^2$  grid

WENO,  $750^2$  grid



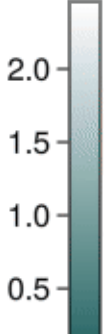
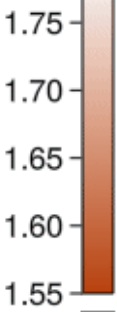
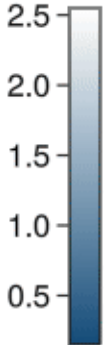
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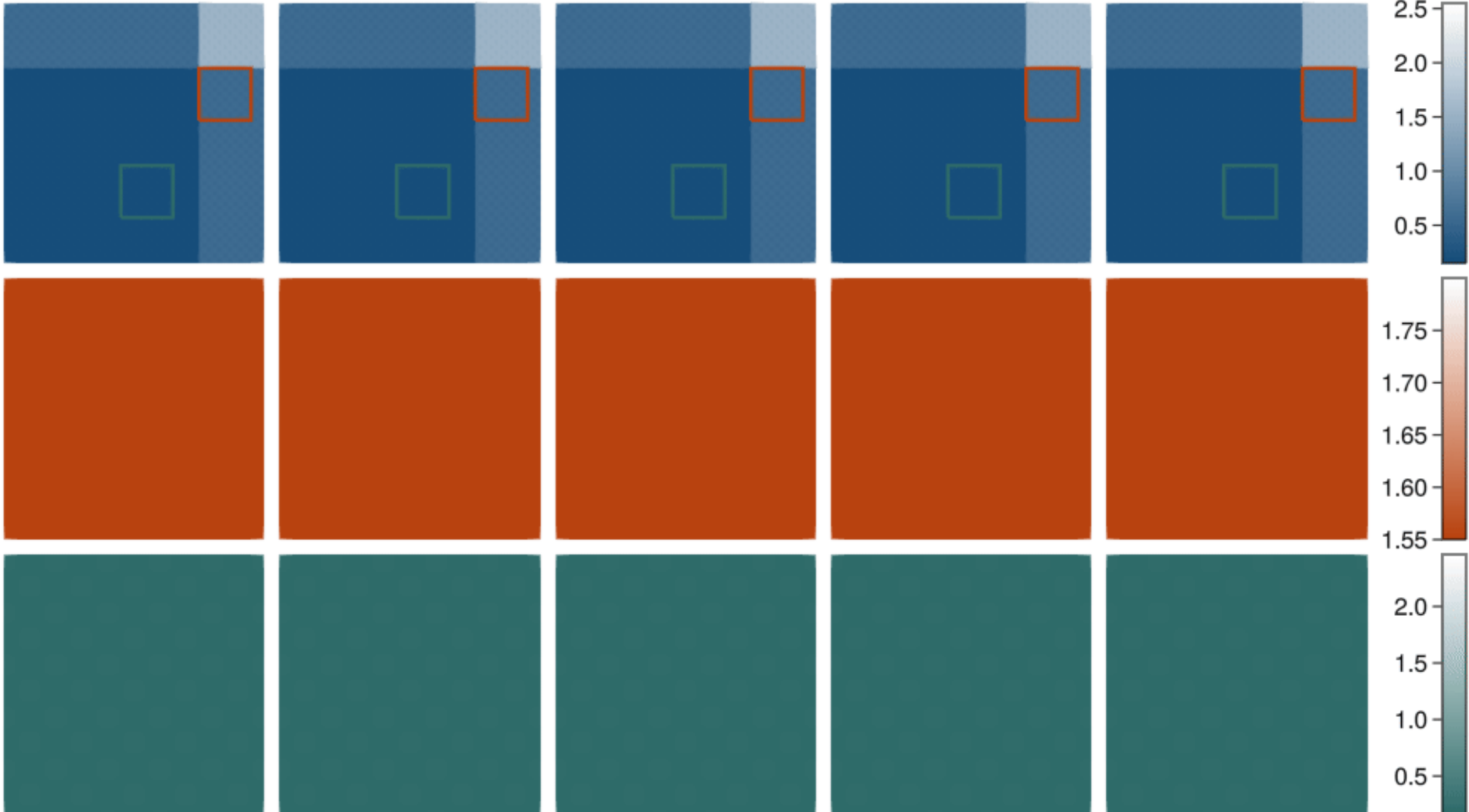
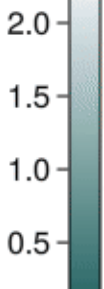
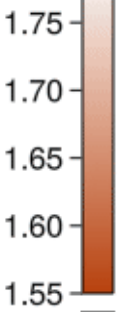
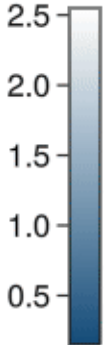
Reference

IGR, no limiter.,  $750^2$  grid

WENO,  $3000^2$  grid

WENO,  $1500^2$  grid

WENO,  $750^2$  grid



# 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

2025 Gordon Bell  
Prize Finalist



# *Information* Geom. Reg.

$\text{Exp}^\psi$  extends IPMs from opt. to dynamics

On prob. simplex  $\Delta_{n-1}$ , define neg-entropy

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

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

# Geometries of samples and distributions

Log determinant is neg.

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Shannon entropy of  $\rho$

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

$||\phi||_{L^2}^2$ : 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  $\theta$ , logdet of IGR is its entropy



# Information Geometric Mechanics

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

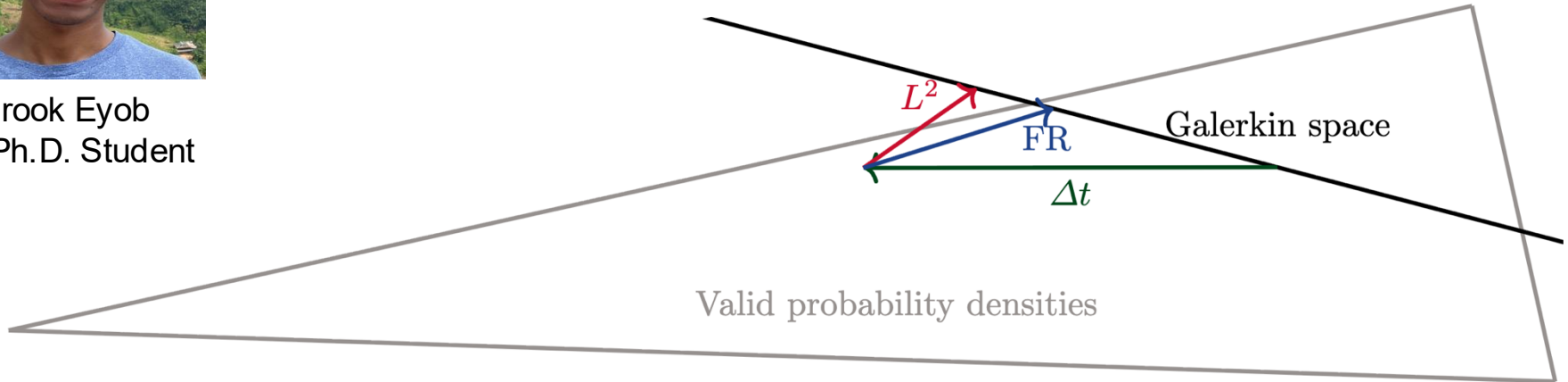
Instead: View as describing *parameters of prob. dists.*, subject to information geometry

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

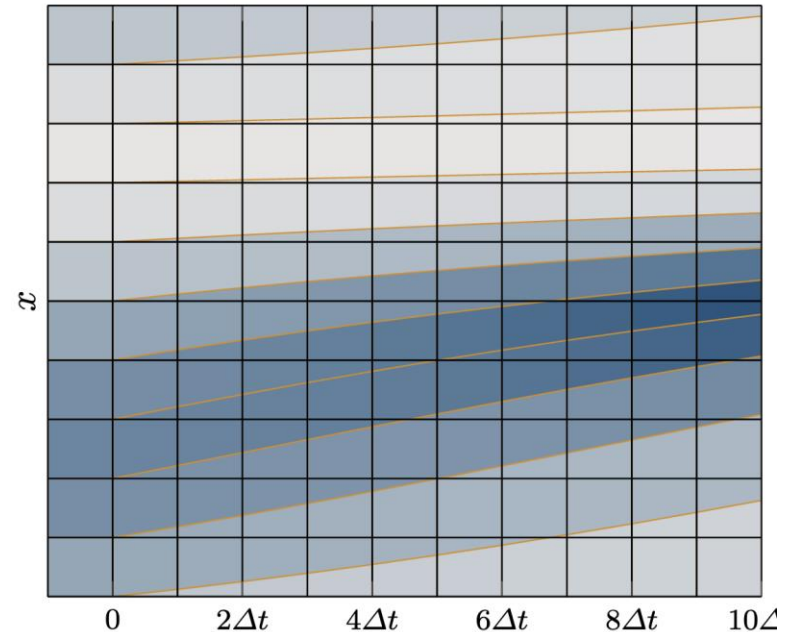
# Solving Transport

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

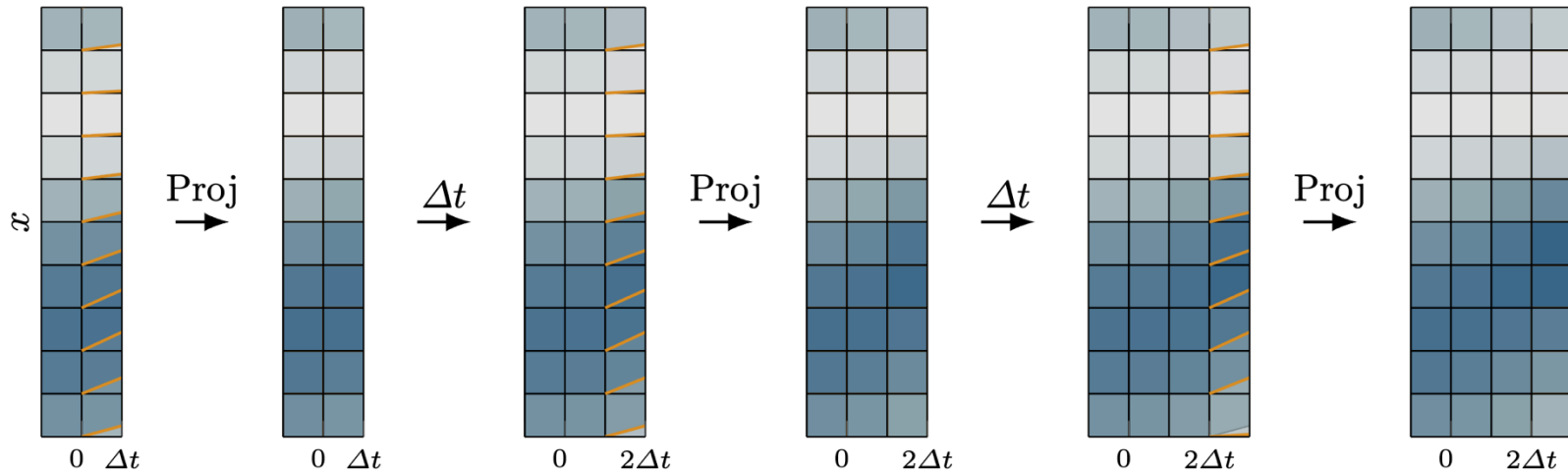
Galerkin ansatz:  $\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i(t) \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \in V$

But solution leaves  
ansatz space over time:

Need to project back!



# Maximum Likelihood Discretization



Standard approach:  $L^2$  projection

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

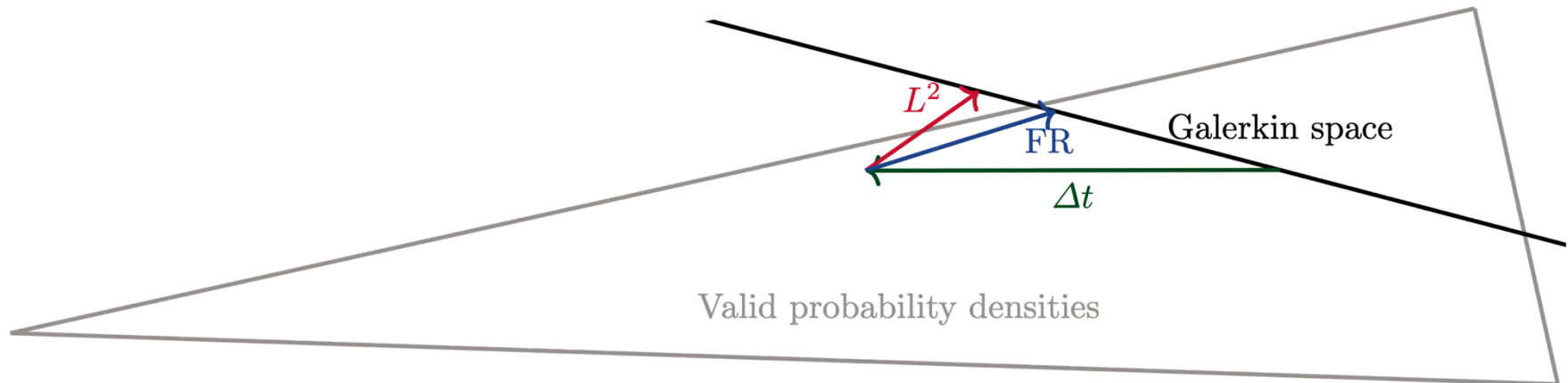
Method of moment for estimating  $\hat{\rho}$  from advected particles. Prone to loss of  $\hat{\rho} \geq 0$

# 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

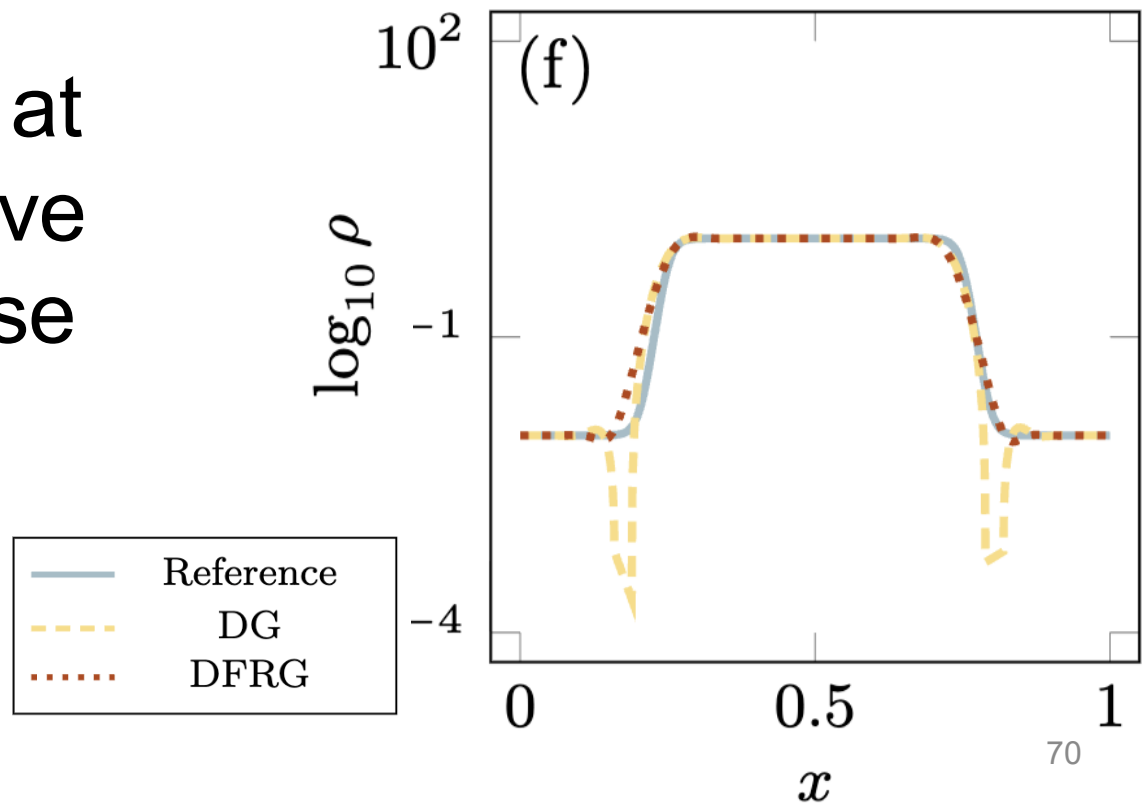
$$\int \frac{\hat{\sigma} \dot{\hat{\rho}}}{\hat{\rho}} d\mathbf{x} + \int \frac{\hat{\sigma} \operatorname{div} (\hat{\rho} \mathbf{u}_t)}{\hat{\rho}} d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad \forall \hat{\sigma} \in V$$



# Relative Accuracy

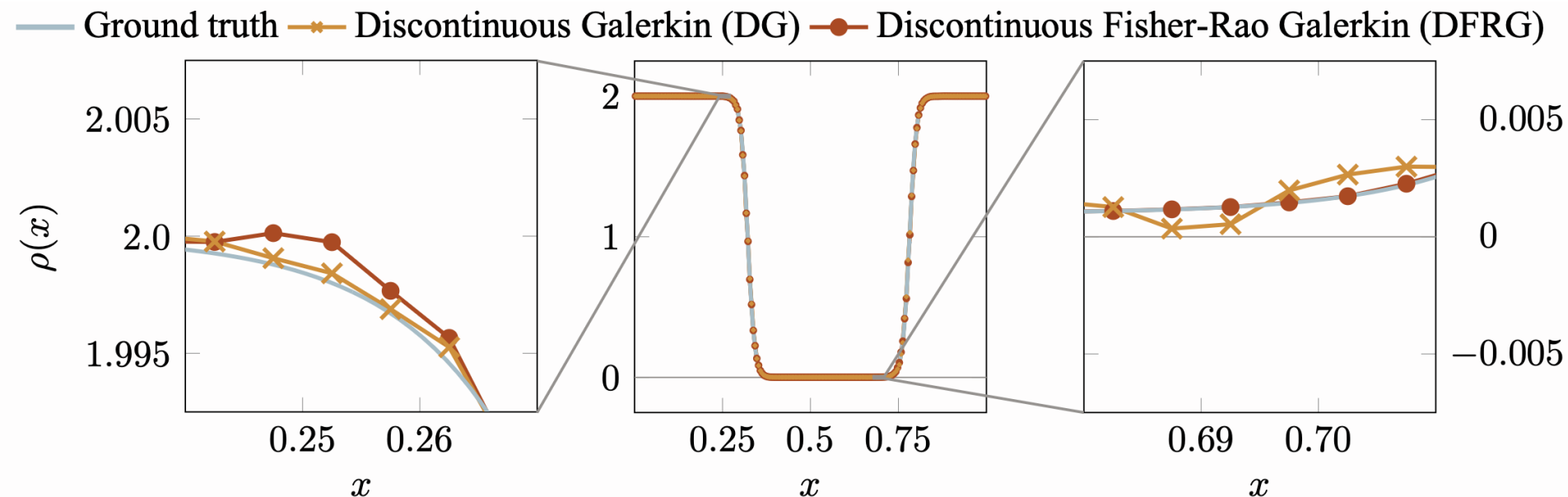
Positivity preserving, conservative, global error bounds in KL-divergence.

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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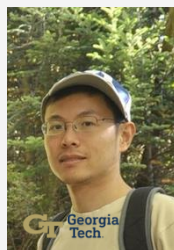


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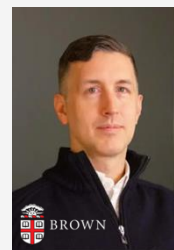


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Part 4:

# BACKUP SLIDES