

A recovery-assisted DG code for the compressible Navier-Stokes equations

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Code Overview

Basic Features:

- **Spatial Discretization:** Discontinuous Galerkin, nodal basis
- **Time Integration:** Explicit Runge-Kutta (4th order and 8th order available)
- **Riemann solver:** Roe, SLAU2[†]
- **Quadrature:** One quadrature point per basis function

Non-Standard Features:

- **Discontinuity Sensor:** Detects shock/contact discontinuities, tags “troubled” elements
- **ICB reconstruction:** compact technique, adjusts Riemann solver arguments
- **Compact Gradient Recovery (CGR):** Mixes Recovery with traditional mixed formulation for viscous terms
- **Shock Capturing:** PDE-based artificial dissipation inspired by C-method^{††} of Reisner et al.

[†]Kitamura & Shima, JCP 2013

^{††}Reisner et al., JCP 2013

Shock Capturing for Euler Equations

Approach: Store and evolve artificial dissipation coefficients (C^x, C^y) as extra flow variables

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ E \\ C^x \\ C^y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ \rho uv \\ u(E + p) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \begin{bmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho uv \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ v(E + p) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Euler equations}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{bmatrix} \kappa^x \rho_{,x} \\ \kappa^x (\rho u)_{,x} \\ \kappa^x (\rho v)_{,x} \\ \kappa^x E_{,x} \\ \mu_s C_{,x}^x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \begin{bmatrix} \kappa^y \rho_{,y} \\ \kappa^y (\rho u)_{,y} \\ \kappa^y (\rho v)_{,y} \\ \kappa^y E_{,y} \\ 0 \\ \mu_s C_{,y}^y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ G^x - \frac{C^x}{\epsilon} \\ G^y - \frac{C^y}{\epsilon} \end{bmatrix}$$

Artificial dissipation +
C-diffusion

Source/Sink term for
C variable

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$$\kappa^x \sim C^x, \kappa^y \sim C^y$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{\text{element width}}{\text{polynomial order}}$$

$G^x, G^y = 0$ in non-troubled elements (known from sensor)

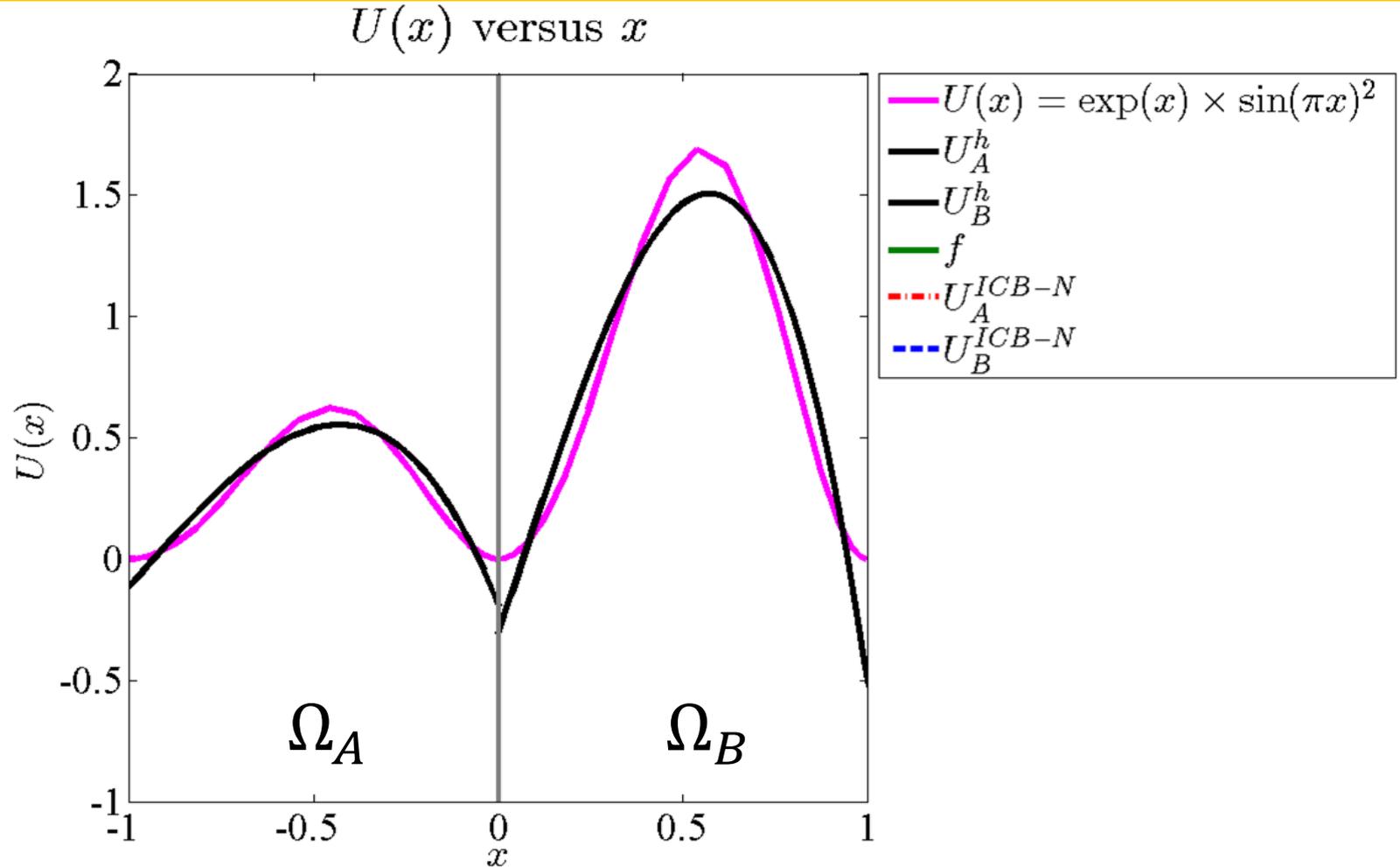
In troubled elements: $G^x \sim \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|, G^y \sim \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right|$

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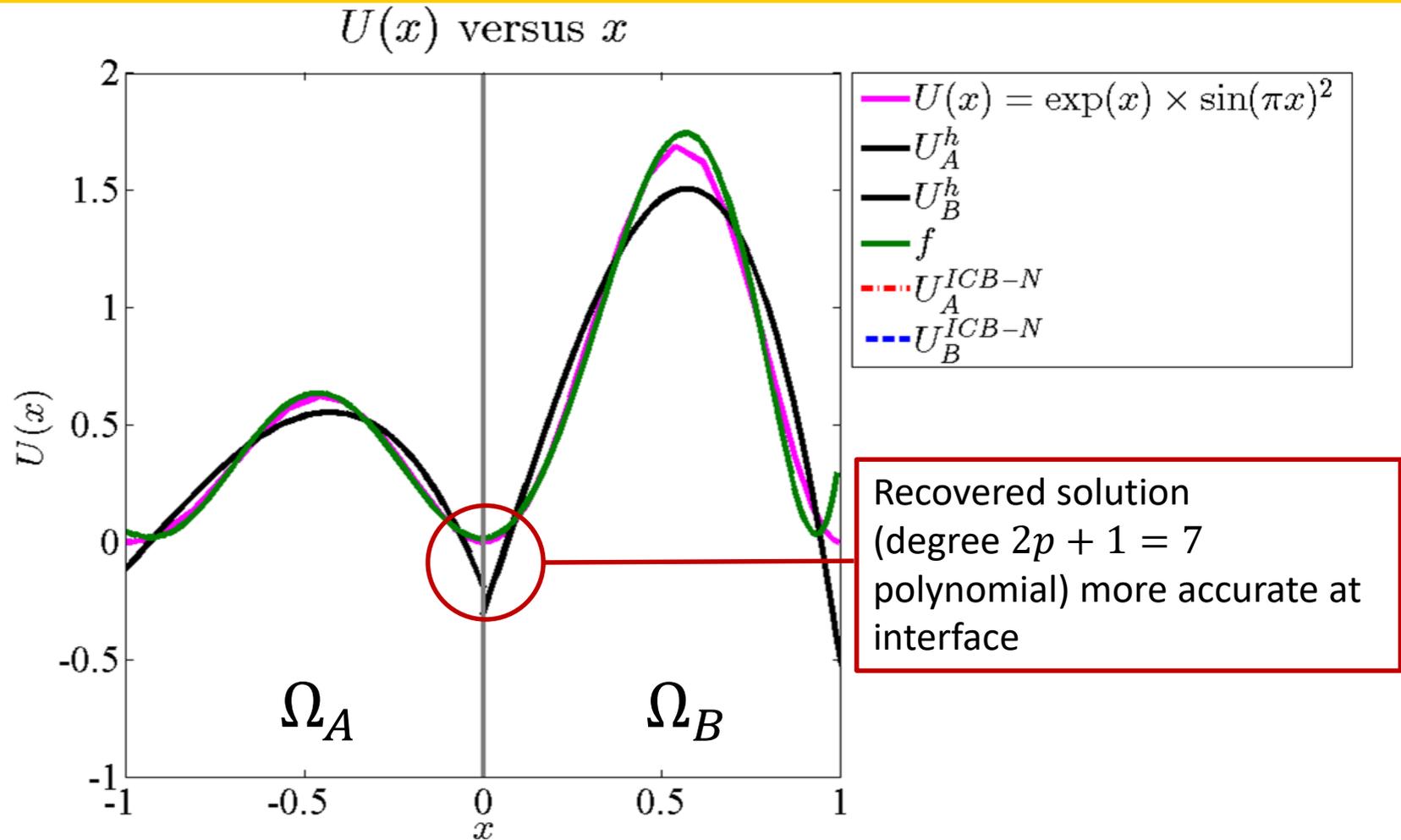
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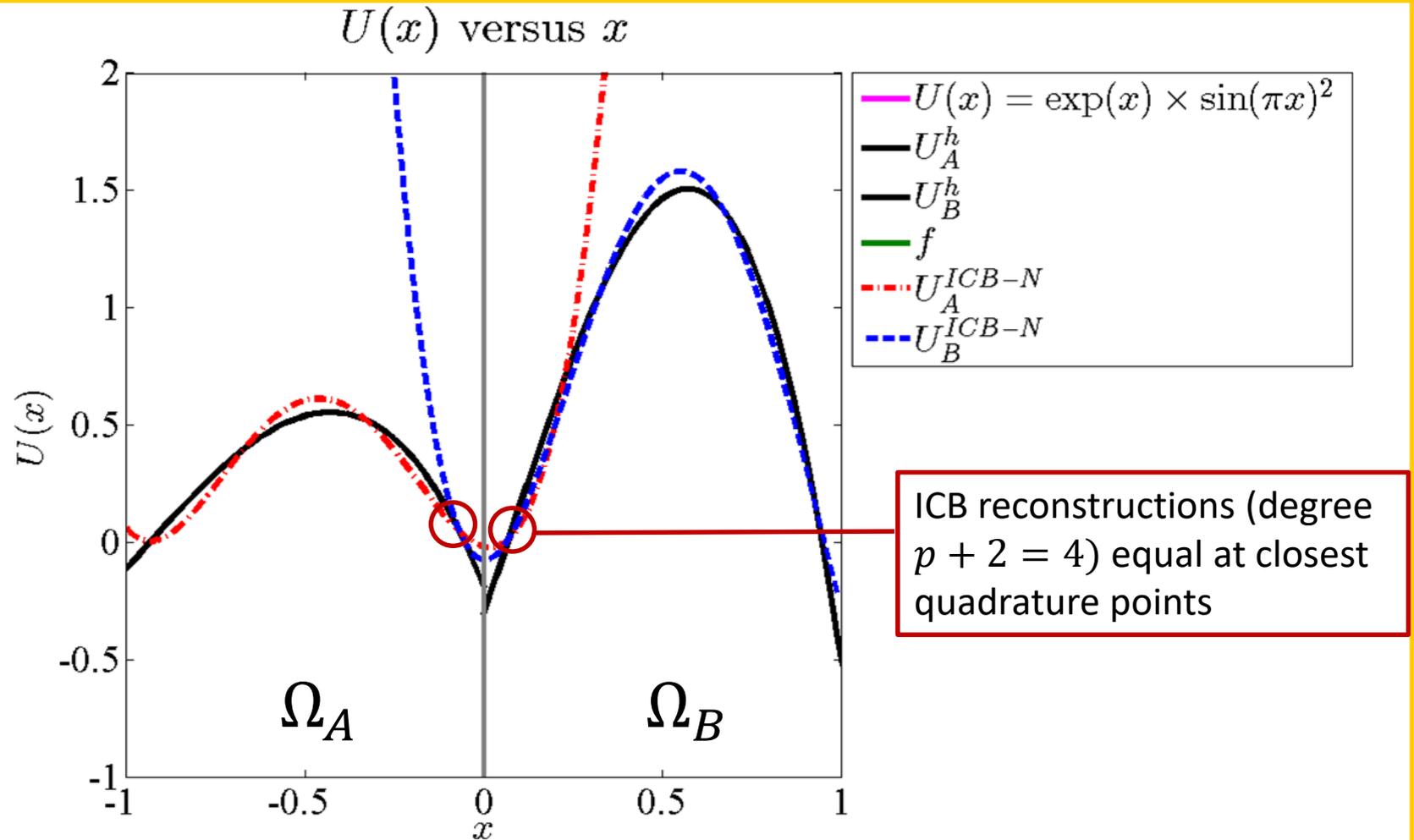
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Our Approach vs. Conventional DG

- For diffusive fluxes: CGR maintains compact stencil[†], offers advantages over BR2
 - Larger allowable explicit timestep size
 - Improved wavenumber resolution

- For advection problems:
$$\int_{\Omega_e} \phi_e^k \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_e^h d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\Omega_e} \phi_e^k \nabla \cdot \mathcal{F}(U^h) d\mathbf{x}$$

- DG weak form: Must calculate flux along interfaces
 - Conventional approach (upwind DG): plug in left/right values of DG solution

$$\int_{\Omega_e} \phi_e^k \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_e^h d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\partial\Omega_e} \phi_e^k (\tilde{\mathcal{F}} \cdot \mathbf{n}^-) ds + \int_{\Omega_e} (\nabla \phi_e^k) \cdot \mathcal{F}(U_e^h) d\mathbf{x}$$


- **Conventional approach:** $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \text{Rie}(U_L^h, U_R^h, n_L)$

- **Our approach:** ICB reconstruction scheme^{††}

- Replace left/right solution values with ICB reconstruction: $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \text{Rie}(U_L^{ICB}, U_R^{ICB}, n_L)$

[†] Johnson & Johnsen, AIAA Aviation 2017

^{††} Khieu & Johnsen, AIAA Aviation 2014

Vortex Transport Case (VI1)

Setup 1: $p = 1$, RK4, SLAU Riemann solver

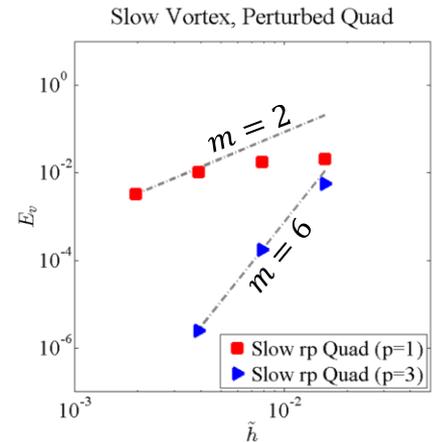
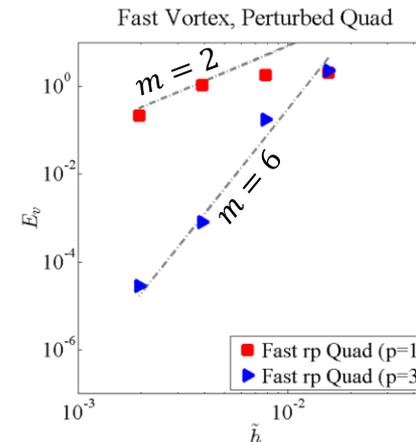
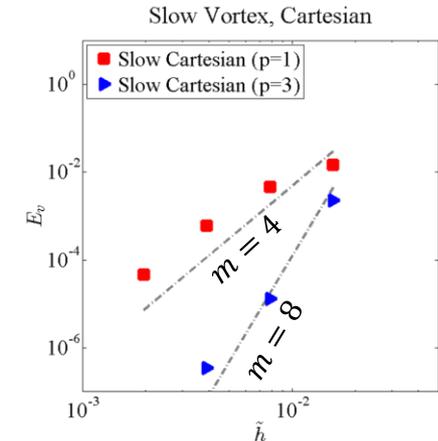
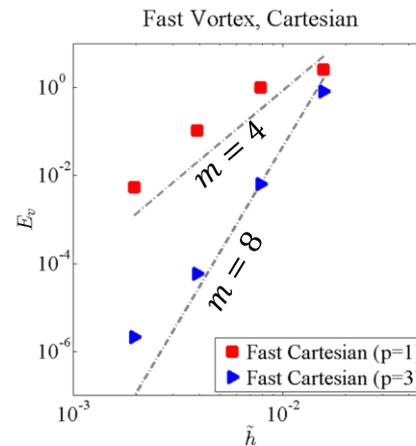
Setup 2: $p = 3$, RK8⁺ (13 stages), SLAU Riemann solver

ICB usage: Apply ICB on Cartesian meshes, conventional DG otherwise

EQ: Global L_2 error of v :

$$E_v = \sqrt{\frac{\int_{\Omega} (v - v_0)^2 dV}{\int_{\Omega} dV}}$$

Convergence: order $2p + 2$ on Cartesian mesh, order $2p$ on perturbed quad mesh



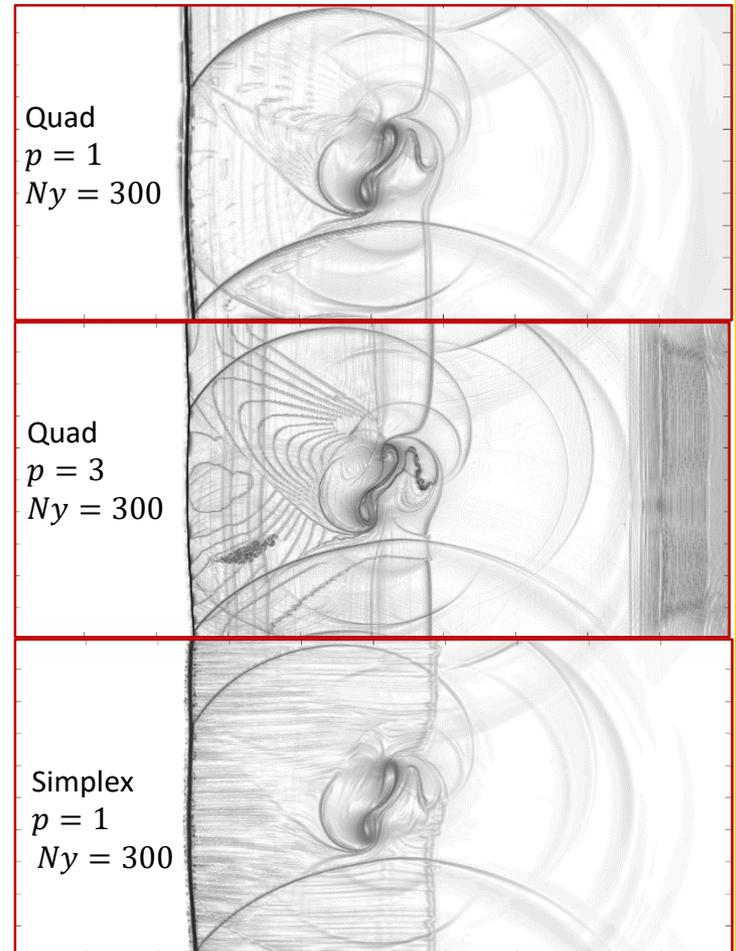
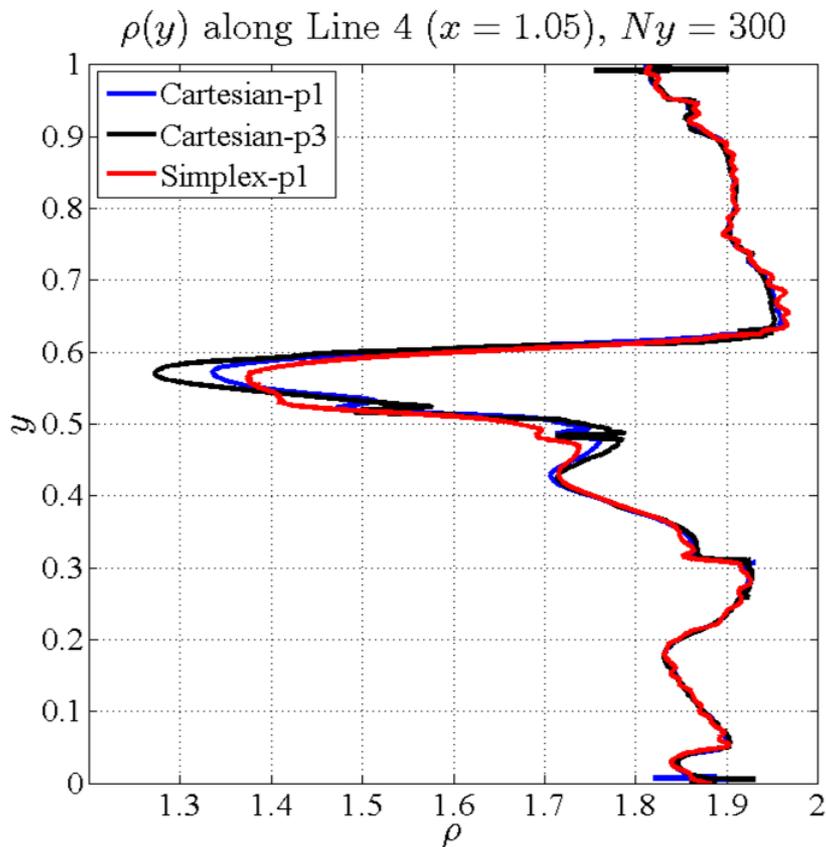
Shock-Vortex Interaction (CI2)

Configurations: Cartesian ($p = 1$), Cartesian ($p = 3$), Irregular Simplex ($p = 1$)

Setup: RK4 time integration, SLAU (Cartesian) and Roe (Simplex) Riemann solvers

Shock Capturing: PDE-based artificial dissipation

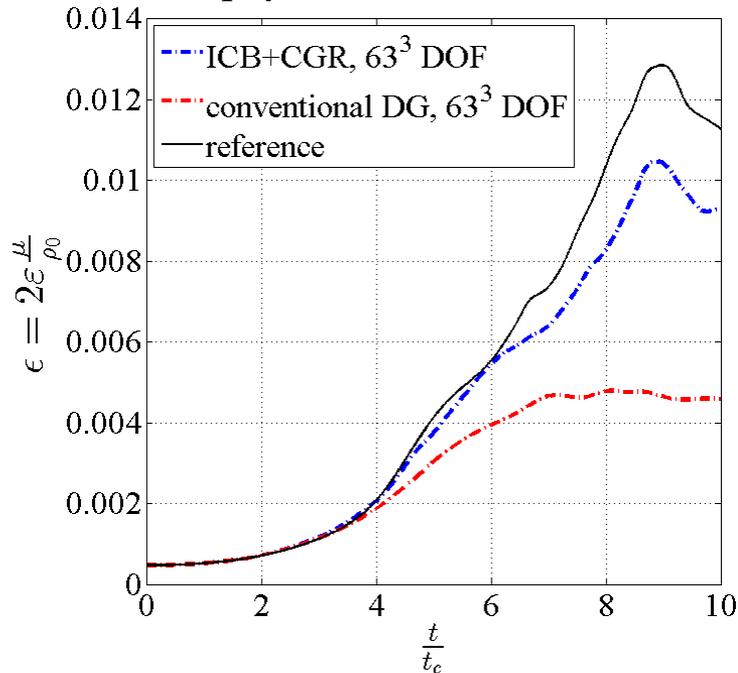
ICB usage: Only on Cartesian grids



Taylor-Green Test (WS1)

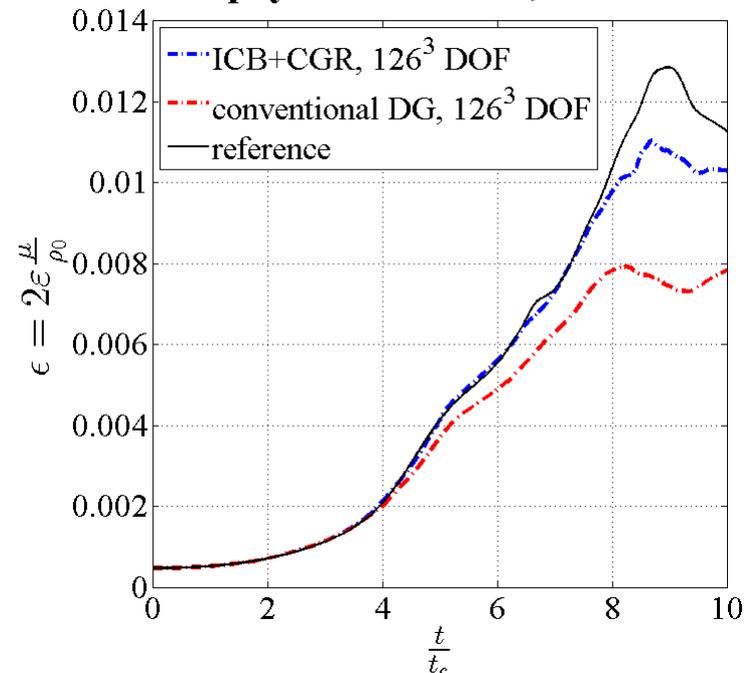
- **Code setup:** p2 elements, uniform hex mesh (27 DOF/element), RK4 time integration
 - Reference result taken from HiOCFD3 workshop
 - Our approach allows larger stable time step

Enstrophy-based KEDR, 21^3 elements



ICB+CGR: 2.5 CPU-hours
Conventional: 9.2 CPU-Hours

Enstrophy-based KEDR, 42^3 elements



ICB+CGR: 75 CPU-hours
Conventional: 304 CPU-Hours

Conclusions

- **Were the verification cases helpful and which ones were used?**
 - Vortex transport: Shows that ICB is implemented properly
 - TGV: demonstrates value of ICB+CGR for nonlinear problem
- **What improvements are needed to the test case?**
 - Meshes for vortex transport problem are tough to work with (GMSH input file preferred)
 - Shock-Vortex interaction: No improvement, test case is perfect
 - TGV: Standardize energy spectrum calculation and make reference data more easily accessible
- **Did the test case prompt you to improve your methods/solver**
 - Yes: added shock capturing on non-Cartesian elements

Conclusions

- **What worked well with your method/solver?**
 - Feature resolution on Cartesian meshes (ICB very helpful)
- **What improvements are necessary to your method/solver?**
 - Implicit/Explicit time integration for advection-diffusion
 - Recovery troublesome on non-Cartesian elements
 - Parallel efficiency with solution-adaptive approach
 - Curved elements

SciTech Talk

Title: A Compact Discontinuous Galerkin Method for Advection-Diffusion Problems

Session: FD-33, High-Order CFD Methods 1

Setting: Sun 2, January 10, 9:30 AM

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Spare Slides

CGR = Mixed Formulation + Recovery

Gradient approximation in Ω_e :
$$\sigma(x \in \Omega_e) = \sigma_e(x) = \sum_{k=0}^p \phi^k(\xi) \hat{\sigma}_e^k$$

Weak equivalence with ∇U :
$$\int_{\Omega_e} \phi^k \sigma_e dx = \int_{\Omega_e} \phi^k \nabla U^h dx \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$$

Integrate by parts for σ weak form:
$$\int_{\Omega_e} \phi^k \sigma_e dx = [\phi^k \tilde{U}]_L^R - \int_{\Omega_e} U_e^h \nabla \phi^k dx \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$$

- Must choose interface \tilde{U} approximation from available data
 - BR2: Take average of left/right solutions at the interface
 - **Compact Gradient Recovery (CGR):** \tilde{U} = recovered solution
- Interface gradient: CGR formulated to maintain compact stencil

The Recovery Concept

- Recovery: reconstruction technique introduced by Van Leer and Nomura[†] in 2005
- Recovered solution (f_{AB}) and DG solution (U^h) are equal in the weak sense
- Generalizes to 3D hex elements via tensor product basis

Recovered Solution for \mathcal{I}_{AB} :

$$f_{AB}(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{2p+1} \psi^n(r) \hat{f}_{AB}^n$$

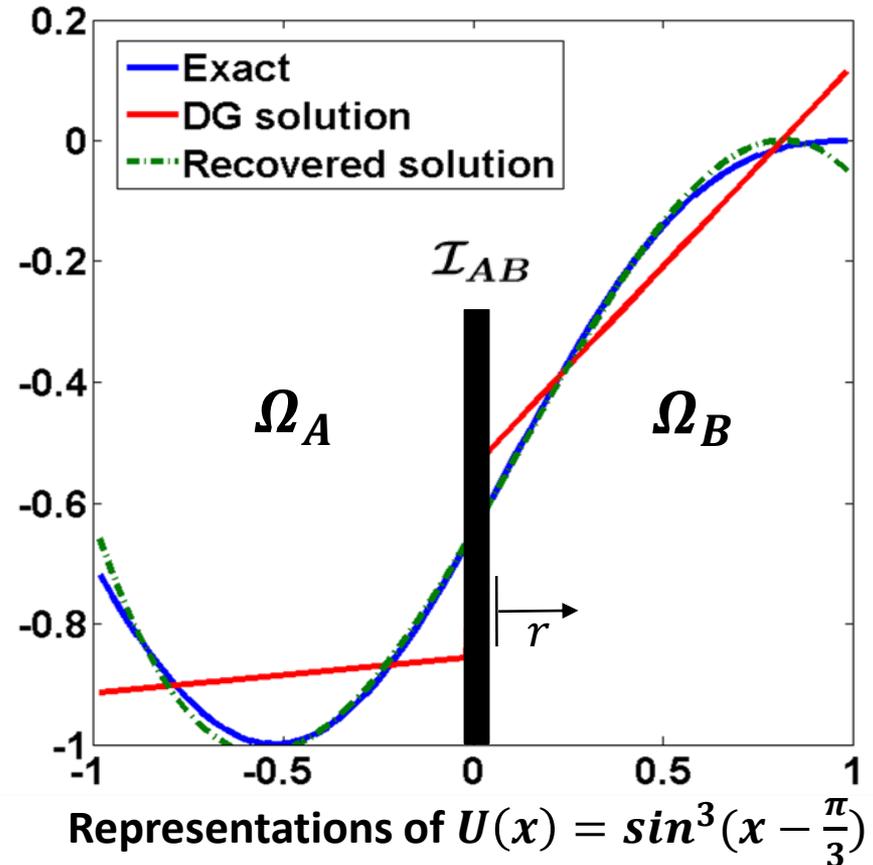
$K_R = 2p + 2$ constraints for f_{AB} :

$$\int_{\Omega_A} \phi_A^k f_{AB} dx = \int_{\Omega_A} \phi_A^k U_A^h dx \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_B} \phi_B^k f_{AB} dx = \int_{\Omega_B} \phi_B^k U_B^h dx \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$$

Interface Solution along \mathcal{I}_{AB} :

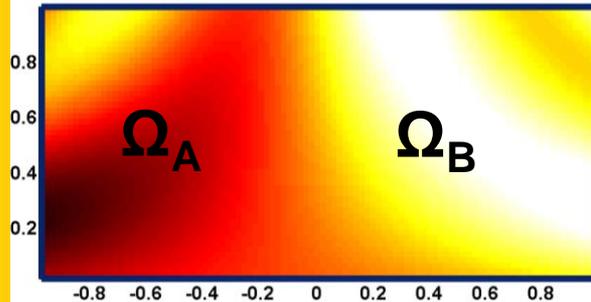
$$\mathcal{R}(U_A, U_B) = f_{AB}(0)$$



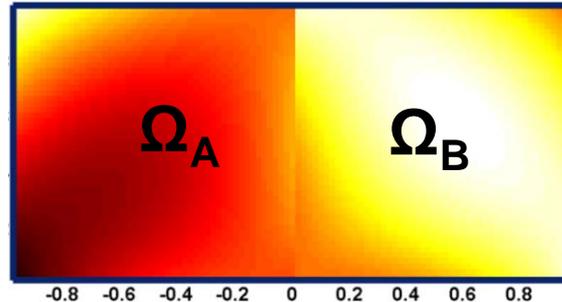
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Recovery DG†

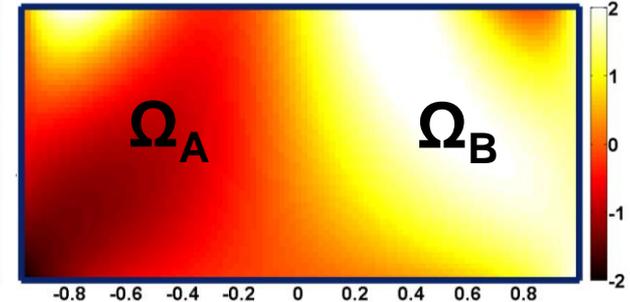
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DG solution: U_h^A, U_h^B



Recovered solution: f_{AB}

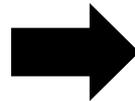


$$U = x + y + \sin(2\pi xy)$$



$$U_A^h = \sum_{m=1}^K \hat{U}_A^m \phi^m$$

$$U_B^h = \sum_{m=1}^K \hat{U}_B^m \phi^m$$



$$\int_{\Omega_A} f_{AB} \phi^k dA = \int_{\Omega_A} U_A^h \phi^k dA \quad \forall k \in \{1..K\}$$

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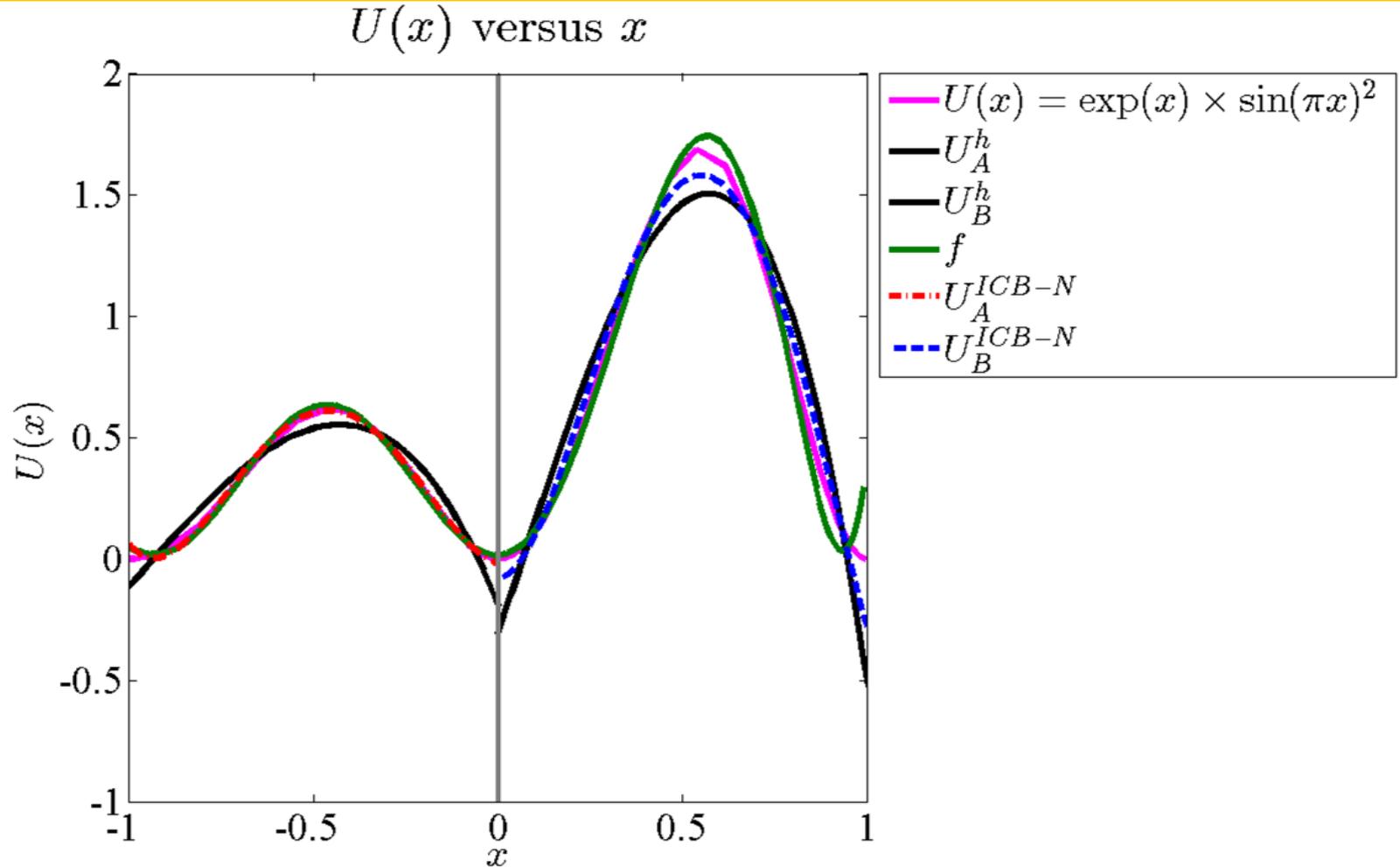
$$f_{AB} = \sum_{m=1}^{2K} \hat{f}_{AB}^m \psi^m(\vec{x})$$



Recovered solution is continuous across the interface, uniquely defines $(U, \nabla U)$

— Conventional DG approaches for Navier-Stokes lack this property

Recovery Demonstration: All Solutions



The ICB reconstruction

- Each interface gets a pair of ICB reconstructions, one for each element:

$K_{ICB} = p + 2$ coefficients per element:

$$U_A^{ICB}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^{K_{ICB}} \psi^n(\mathbf{r}) \hat{C}_A^n$$

$$U_B^{ICB}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^{K_{ICB}} \psi^n(\mathbf{r}) \hat{C}_B^n$$

Constraints for U_A^{ICB} : (Similar for U_B^{ICB})

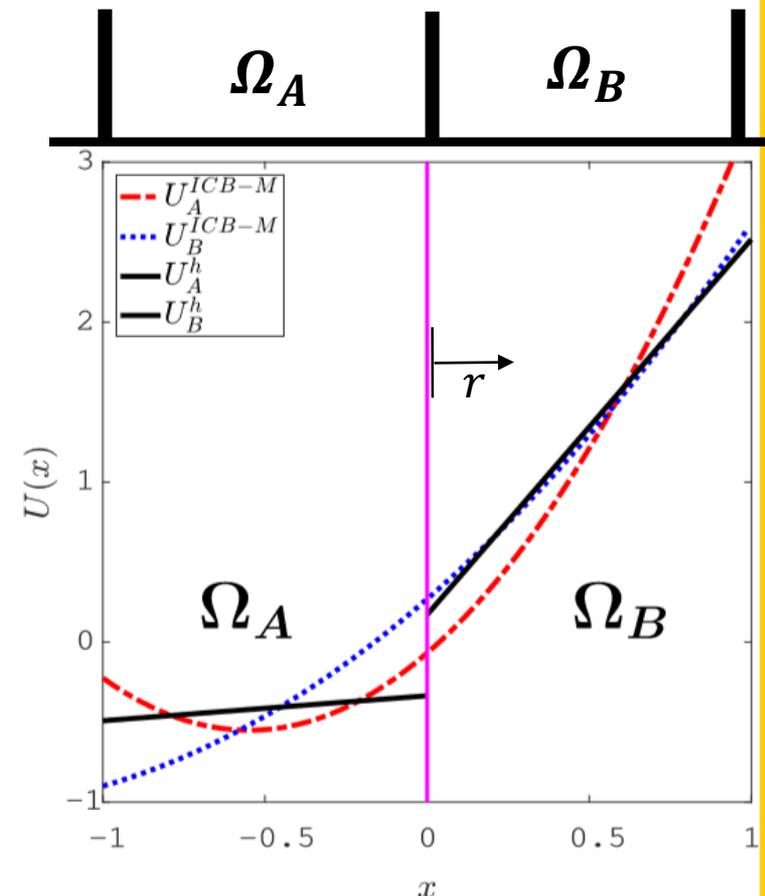
$$\int_{\Omega_A} \phi_A^k U_A^{ICB} dx = \int_{\Omega_A} \phi_A^k U_A^h dx \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_B} \Theta_B U_A^{ICB} dx = \int_{\Omega_B} \Theta_B U_B^h dx$$

- Choice of Θ_B affects behavior of ICB scheme
 - Illustration uses $\Theta_B = 1$

Example: $p = 1$ (2 DOF/element)

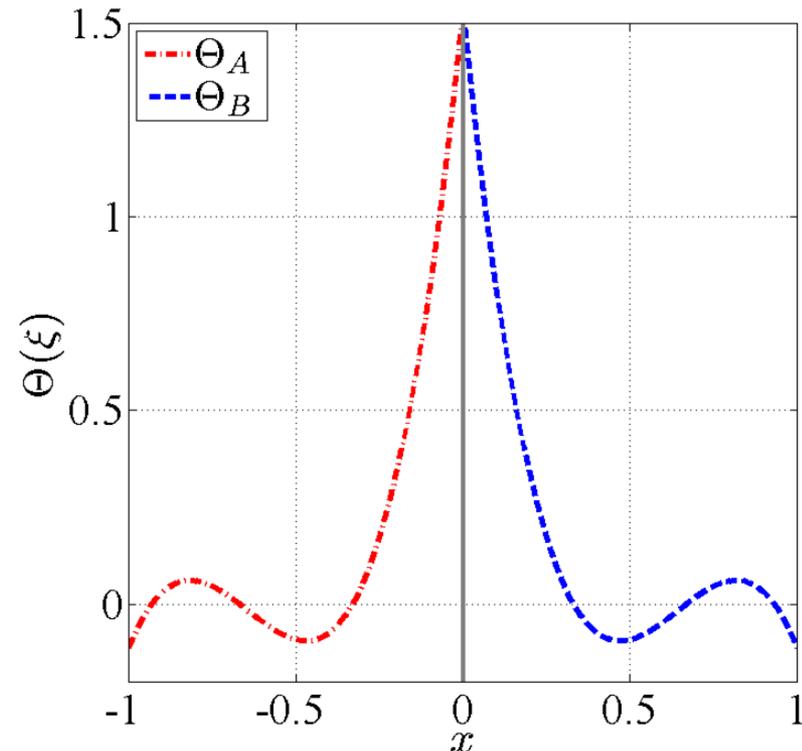
$$U = e^x \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{4}\right)$$



The Θ Function: ICB-Modal vs. ICB-Nodal

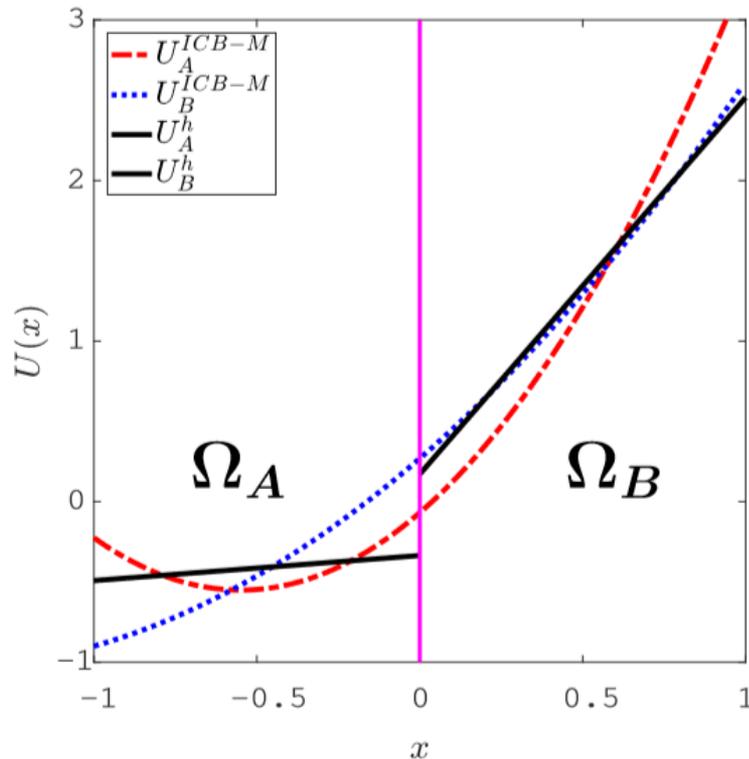
- **ICB-Modal (original):** $\Theta_A = \Theta_B = 1$ is lowest mode in each element's solution
- **ICB-Nodal (new approach):** Θ is degree p Lagrange interpolant
 - Use Gauss-Legendre quadrature nodes as interpolation points
 - Take Θ nonzero at closest quadrature point

Sample Θ choice for $p = 3$:
Each Θ is unity at quadrature point nearest interface

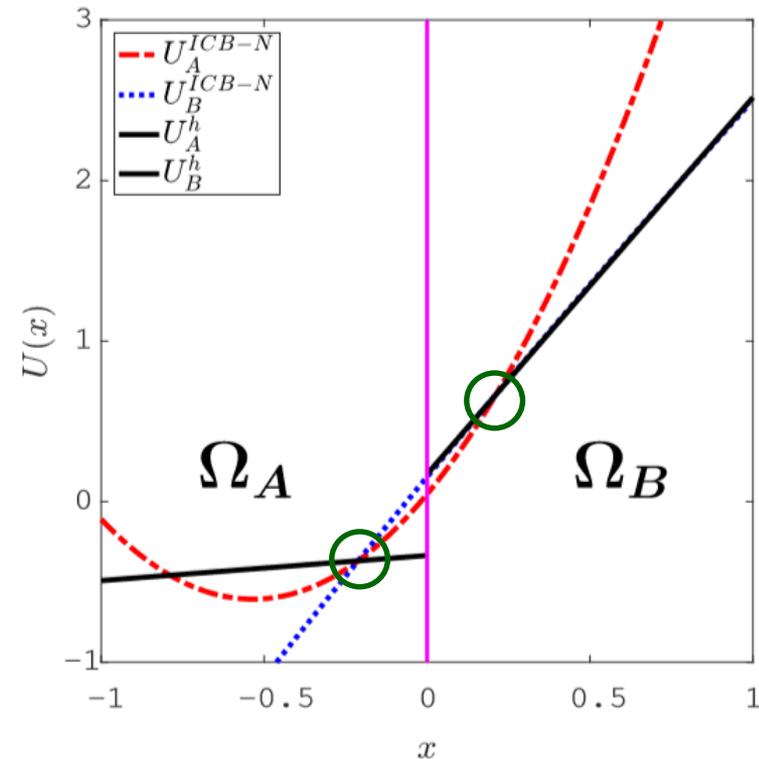


The Θ Function: ICB-Modal vs. ICB-Nodal

ICB-Modal: Each U^{ICB} matches the average of U^h in neighboring cell



ICB-Nodal: Each U^{ICB} matches U^h at near quadrature point



Fourier Analysis

- Fourier analysis performed on 2 configurations:
 - Conventional: Upwind DG + BR2
 - New: ICB-Nodal + CGR

Scheme	\tilde{F}	\tilde{U}
uDG + BR2	$\text{Rie}(U_A^h, U_B^h, n_A^-)$	$\{\{U^h\}\}$
ICB + CGR	$\text{Rie}(U_A^{ICB}, U_B^{ICB}, n_A^-)$	$\mathcal{R}(U_A^h, U_B^h)$

Analysis Procedure † :

- 1) Linear advection-diffusion, 1D:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} - a \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$$

- 2) Define element Peclet number:

$$PE_h = \frac{ah}{\mu}$$

- 3) Set Initial condition: $U(x, 0) = \exp(i\omega'x)$ $\omega = h\omega'$ $\hat{U}_{m+J} = \exp(iJ\omega) \cdot \hat{U}_m$

- 4) Cast numerical scheme in matrix-vector form:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{U}_m = \frac{\mu}{h^2} \cdot \mathcal{A}(\omega, PE_h) \hat{U}_m$$

Fourier Analysis

5) Diagonalize the update matrix:

$$\mathcal{A} = V\Lambda V^{-1}$$

6) Calculate initial expansion weights, β :

$$V\beta = \hat{U}_m(\omega, 0)$$

- Watkins et al. derived estimate for initial error growth:

— $\lambda^n = n^{\text{th}}$ eigenvalue of \mathcal{A}

$$\mathcal{E}(\omega, PE_h) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p+1}} \sum_{n=1}^{p+1} |\beta_n| |\lambda_n - \lambda^{ex}|$$

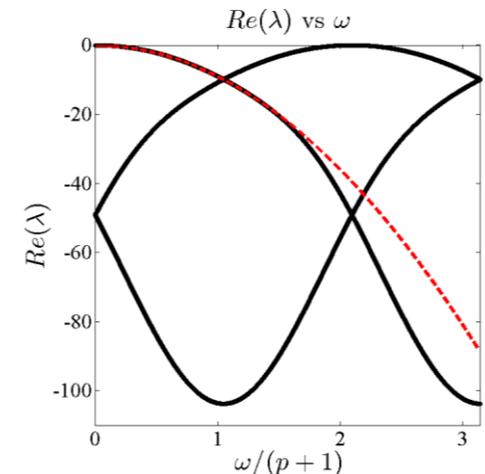
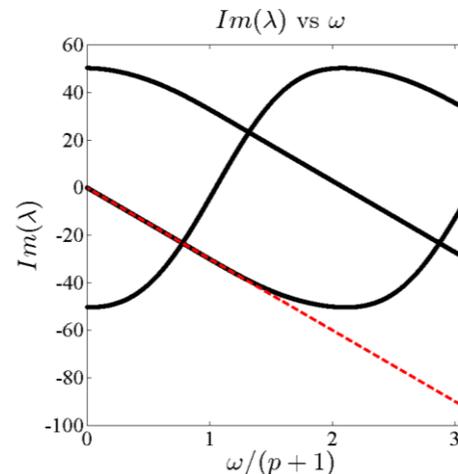
Eigenvalue corresponding to exact solution:

$$\lambda^{ex} = -i(PE_h\omega) - \omega^2$$

Eigenvalue Example:

ICB+CGR, $p = 2$, $PE_h = 10$,

$$\lambda^{ex} = -i(10\omega) - \omega^2$$



Wavenumber Resolution

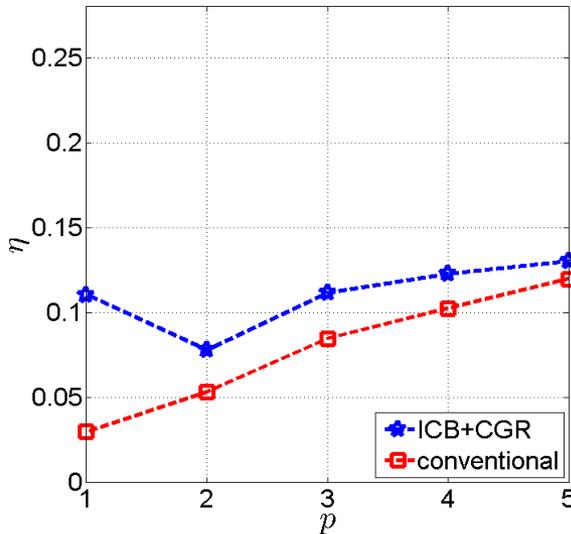
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- To calculate wavenumber resolution:
 - 1) Define some error tolerance(ϵ) and Peclet number (PE_h)
 - 2) Identify cutoff wavenumber, ω_f according to: $\mathcal{E}(\omega, PE_h) \leq \epsilon$ for all $\omega \in [0, \omega_f]$.
 - 3) Calculate resolving efficiency: $\eta = \frac{\omega_f}{(p+1)\pi}$

Scheme Comparison: $PE_h = 10$

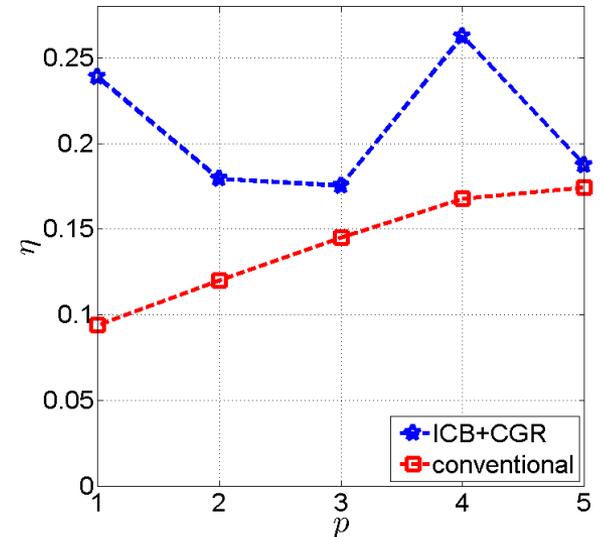
- Fourier analysis, Linear advection-diffusion
- Resolving efficiency measures effectiveness of update scheme's consistent eigenvalue

Resolving Efficiency: $\epsilon = 1/10, PE_h = 10$



P	Conventional	ICB + CGR
1	0.0296	0.1103
2	0.0531	0.0776
3	0.0844	0.1113
4	0.1022	0.1225
5	0.1196	0.1304

Resolving Efficiency: $\epsilon = 1, PE_h = 10$



P	Conventional	ICB + CGR
1	0.0940	0.2389
2	0.1200	0.1793
3	0.1451	0.1755
4	0.1677	0.2628
5	0.1743	0.1874

Compact Gradient Recovery (CGR) Approach

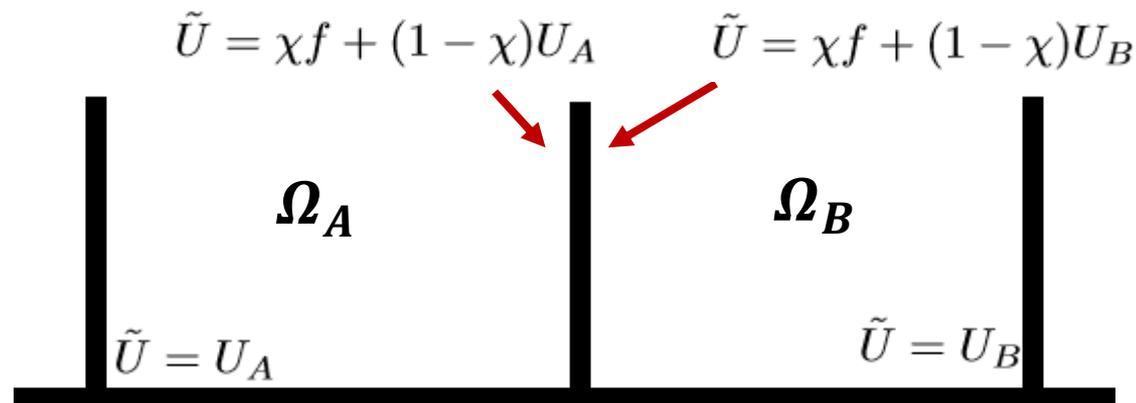
- Similar to BR2: Manage flow of information by altering gradient reconstruction
- 1D Case shown for simplicity: Let g_A, g_B be gradient reconstructions in Ω_A, Ω_B
 - Perform Recovery over g_A, g_B for $\tilde{\sigma}$ on the shared interface

$$\int_{\Omega_A} \phi^k g_A dx = \int_{\Omega_A} \phi^k \nabla U^h dx \quad \forall k \in \{1..K\}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_B} \phi^k g_B dx = \int_{\Omega_B} \phi^k \nabla U^h dx \quad \forall k \in \{1..K\}$$

$\tilde{\sigma} = \mathcal{R}(g_A, g_B)$

$$\int_{\Omega_e} \phi^k g_e dx = (\phi^k \tilde{U})_R - (\phi^k \tilde{U})_L - \int_{\Omega_e} (\nabla \phi^k) U^h dx \quad \forall k \in \{1..K\}$$



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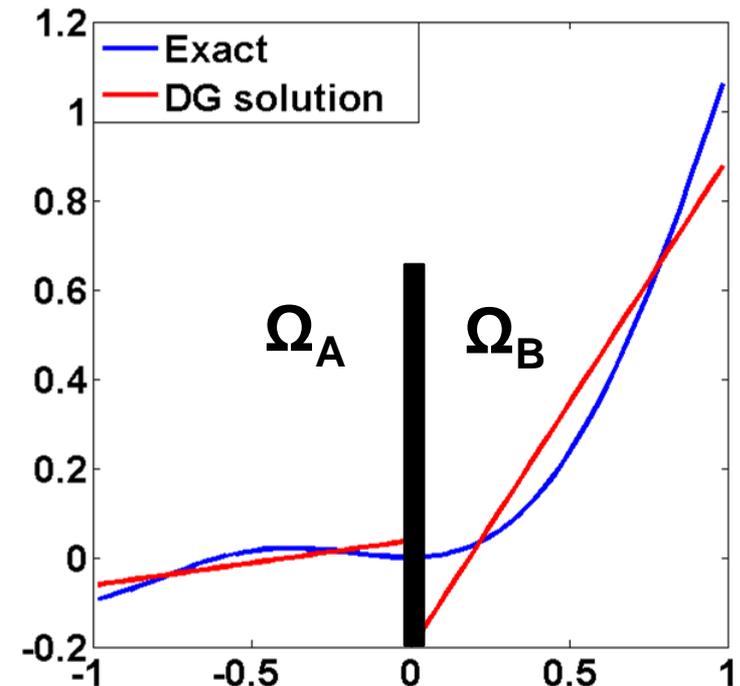
- Recovery is applicable ONLY for viscous terms; unstable for advection terms.
- Interface-Centered Binary (ICB) reconstruction scheme modifies Recovery approach for hyperbolic PDE.

Process Description:

1. Start with the DG polynomials U_A^h in Ω_A and U_B^h in Ω_B .

Example with $p=1$ elements:

Representations of $U(x) = \sin^3(x) + \frac{x^2}{2}$



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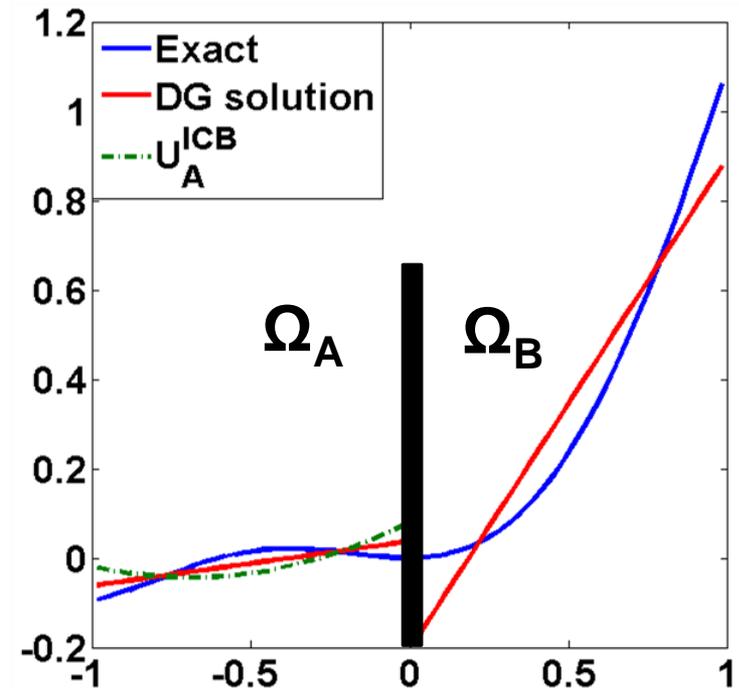
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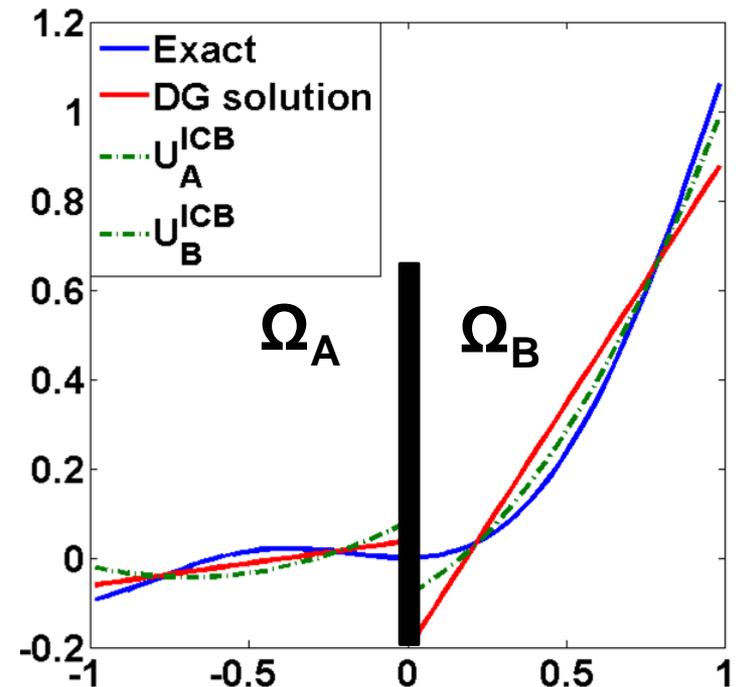
3. Perform similar operation for U_B^{ICB}

4. Use ICB solutions as inputs to $\hat{H}_{conv}(U^+, U^-)$

- ICB Method achieves $2p + 2$ order of accuracy
- Generalizes to 2D via tensor-product basis

Example with $p=1$ elements:

Representations of $U(x) = \sin^3(x) + \frac{x^2}{2}$



Discontinuity Sensor

Approach: Check cell averages for severe density/pressure jumps across element interfaces

- 1) Calculate \bar{U} =cell average for each element
- 2) At each interface, use sensor of Lombardini to check for shock wave:
 - i. If Lax entropy condition satisfied (hat denotes Roe average at interface):

$$u_L - c_L > \hat{u} - \hat{c} > u_R - c_R$$

- ii. Check pressure jump:

$$\phi = \frac{|p_R - p_L|}{p_L + p_R}, \quad \Phi = \frac{2\phi}{(1 + \phi)^2}$$

- iii. If $\Phi > 0.01$, tag both elements as “troubled”

- 3) At each interface, check for contact discontinuity

- i. Calculate wave strength propagating the density jump:

$$\Delta \hat{\alpha}_2 = \frac{\Delta \rho \hat{c}^2 - \Delta p}{\hat{c}^2}$$

- ii. Check relative strength:

$$\xi = \frac{|\Delta \alpha_2|}{\rho_L + \rho_R}, \quad \Xi = \frac{2\xi}{(1 + \xi)^2}$$

- iii. If $\Xi > 0.01$, tag both elements as “troubled”