

Volume of fluid methods for compressible multiphase flow

II: Eulerian interface sharpening approach

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Objective

Recall that our aim is to discuss a class of **volume of fluid** (vs. **level set**, **MAC**, **particles**) methods for interface problems with application to compressible multiphase flow

1. Adaptive **moving grid** approach (**last lecture**)
 - Cartesian grid embedded volume tracking
 - Moving mapped grid interface capturing
2. Eulerian **interface sharpening** approach (**this lecture**)
 - Artificial interface compression method
 - Anti-diffusion method

Outline

- Review interface sharpening techniques for viscous incompressible two-phase flow
 - Artificial interface compression
 - Anti-diffusion
- Extend method to compressible multiphase flow
 - Interface only problem
 - Problem with shock wave

This is a work in progress since August 2011

Incompressible 2-phase flow: Review

Consider unsteady, incompressible, viscous, immiscible 2-phase flow with governing equations

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad (\text{Continuity})$$

$$\partial_t (\rho \vec{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u} \otimes \vec{u}) + \nabla p = \nabla \cdot \tau + \rho \vec{g} + \vec{f}_\sigma \quad (\text{Momentum})$$

$$\partial_t \alpha + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \alpha = 0 \quad (\text{Volume fraction transport})$$

Material quantities in 2-phase coexistent region are often computed by **α -based weighted average** as

$$\rho = \alpha \rho_1 + (1 - \alpha) \rho_2, \quad \epsilon = \alpha \epsilon_1 + (1 - \alpha) \epsilon_2,$$

where

$$\tau = \epsilon (\nabla \vec{u} + \nabla \vec{u}^T), \quad \vec{f}_\sigma = -\sigma \kappa \nabla \alpha \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa = \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla \alpha}{|\nabla \alpha|} \right)$$

Interface sharpening techniques

Typical interface sharpening methods for incompressible flow include:

- Algebraic based approach
 - **CICSAM** (Compressive Interface Capturing Scheme for Arbitrary Meshes): Ubbink & Issa JCP 1999
 - **THINC** (Tangent of Hyperbola for INterface Capturing): Xiao, Honma & Kono Int. J. Numer. Meth. Fluids 2005
 - Improved THINC
- PDE based approach
 - **Artificial compression**: Harten CPAM 1977, Olsson & Kreiss JCP 2005
 - **Anti-diffusion**: So, Hu & Adams JCP 2011

Artificial interface compression

Our first interface-sharpening model concerns artificial compression proposed by Olsson & Kreiss

$$\partial_t \alpha + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \alpha = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \cdot \vec{n} [D (\nabla \alpha \cdot \vec{n}) - \alpha (1 - \alpha)]$$

where $\vec{n} = \nabla \alpha / |\nabla \alpha|$, $D > 0$, $\mu \gg 1$

Standard fractional step method may apply as

1. Advection step over a time step

$$\partial_t \alpha + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \alpha = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \partial_t \alpha + \nabla \cdot (\alpha \vec{u}) = 0$$

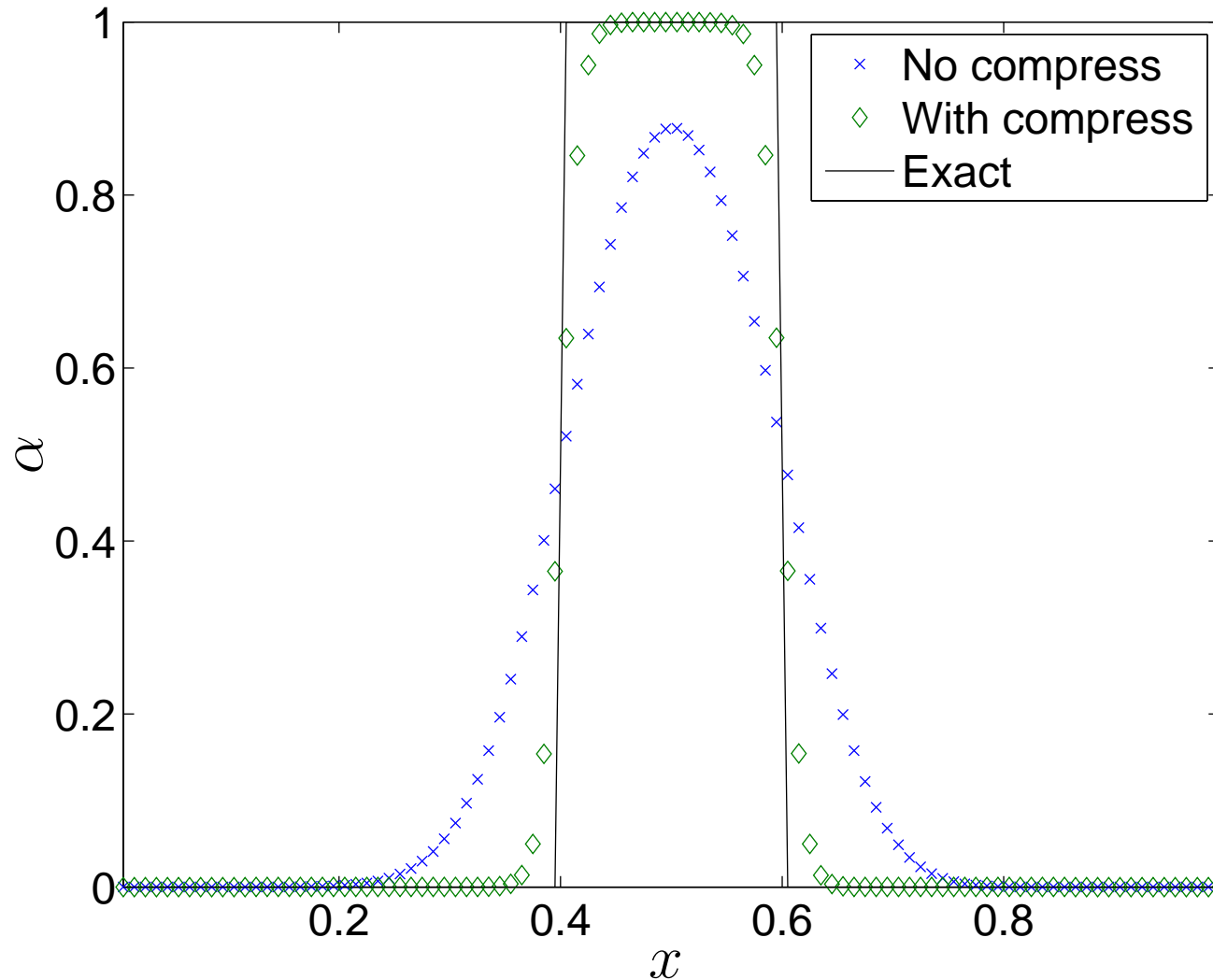
since by assumption $\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$

2. Interface compression step to

$$\partial_\tau \alpha = \nabla \cdot \vec{n} [D (\nabla \alpha \cdot \vec{n}) - \alpha (1 - \alpha)], \quad \tau = t/\mu$$

Square wave passive advection

Square-wave pulse moving with $u = 1$ after 4 periodic cycle



Interface compression: 1D case

To see why this approach works, consider 1D model

$$\partial_t \alpha + u \partial_x \alpha = \frac{1}{\mu} \partial_x \vec{n} \cdot [D (\partial_x \alpha \cdot \vec{n}) - \alpha (1 - \alpha)], \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0$$

with $\vec{n} = 1$ & initial $\alpha(x, 0) = \alpha_0(x) = 1 / (1 + \exp(-x/D))$.
Exact solution for this initial value problem is simply

$$\alpha(x, t) = \alpha_0(x - ut)$$

while solution with **perturbed data** $\tilde{\alpha}_0(x) = \alpha_0(x) + \delta(x)$ is

$$\alpha(\xi, \tau) = \tilde{\alpha}_0(\xi + \xi_0) \quad \text{as} \quad \tau \rightarrow \infty \quad (\xi = x - ut, \tau = t/\mu)$$

If perturbation is zero mass $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\xi, 0) d\xi = 0$ (which is true if model is solved conservatively), we have true solution with $\xi_0 = 0$, see Sattinger (1976) & Goodman (1986)

Interface compression: Multi-D case

Let $K = D \nabla \alpha \cdot \vec{n} - \alpha (1 - \alpha)$ with $\vec{n} = \nabla \alpha / |\nabla \alpha|$. In interface-compression step, we solve

$$\partial_\tau \alpha = \nabla \cdot \vec{n} [D (\nabla \alpha \cdot \vec{n}) - \alpha (1 - \alpha)] = K \nabla \cdot \vec{n} + \vec{n} \cdot \nabla K$$

& reach τ -steady state solution as $\mu \rightarrow \infty$, yielding $K = 0$ & 1D profile in coordinate normal to interface n^\perp as

$$\alpha = 1 / (1 + \exp(-n^\perp / D)) = (1 + \tanh(n^\perp / 2D)) / 2$$

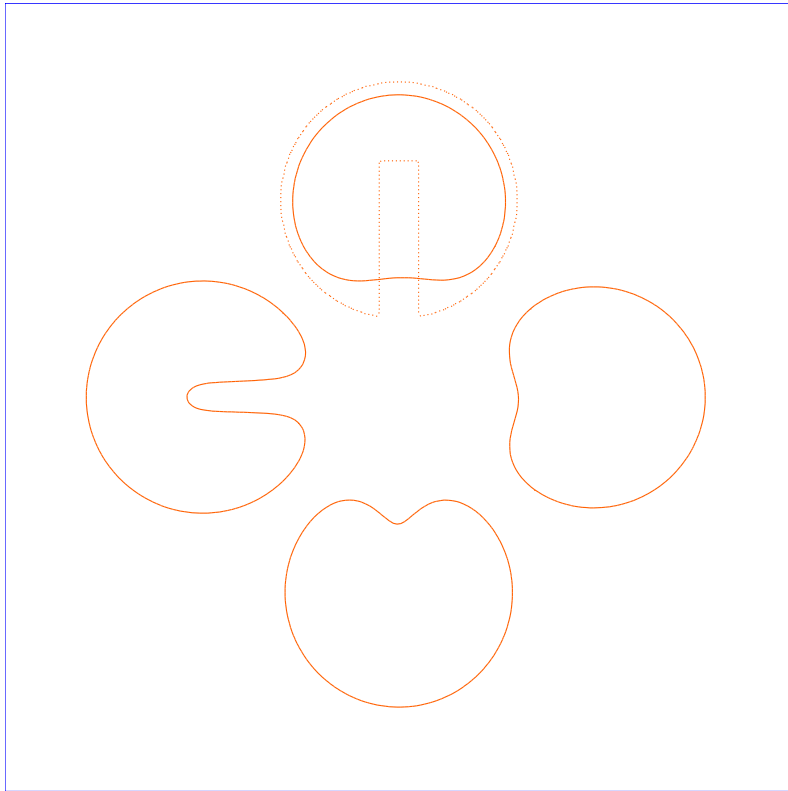
When μ finite, $K \neq 0$, i.e., $K \nabla \cdot \vec{n} + \vec{n} \cdot \nabla K \neq 0$, α & so interface would be changed both normally & tangentially depending on both strength & accuracy of curvature $\nabla \cdot \vec{n}$ evaluation numerically

Zalesak's rotating disc

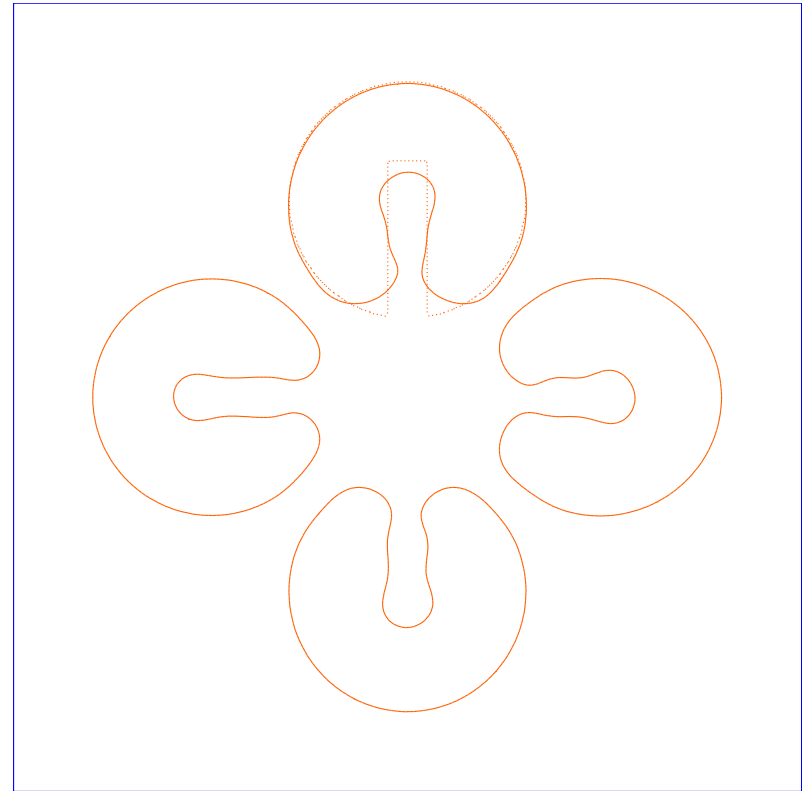
Contours $\alpha = 0.5$ at 4 different times within 1 period in that

$$\vec{u} = (1/2 - y, x - 1/2)$$

No compression



With compression

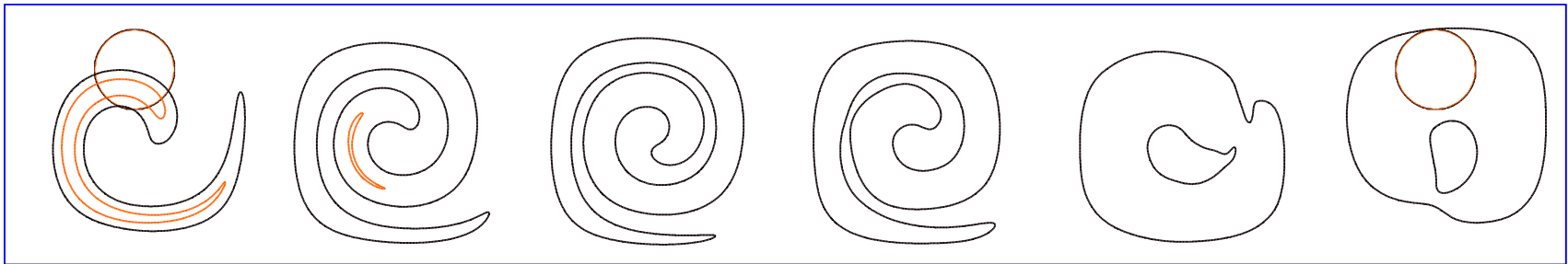


Vortex in cell

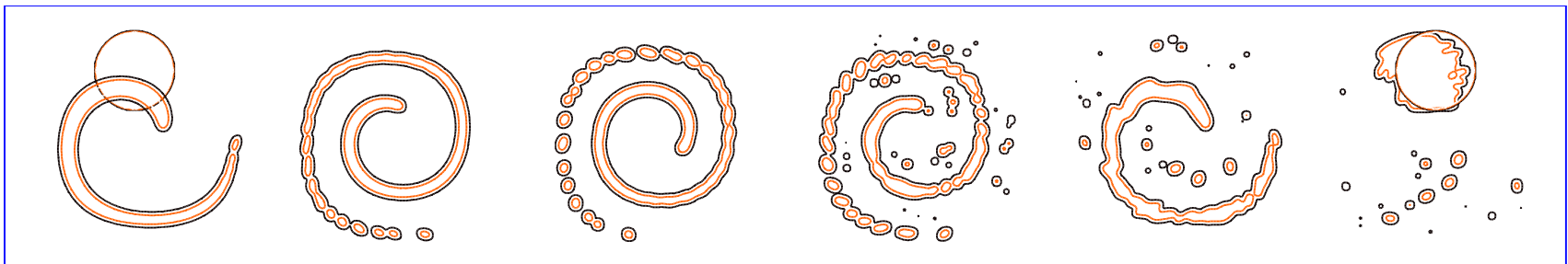
Contours $\alpha = (0.05, 0.5, 0.95)$ at 6 different times in 1 period

$$\vec{u} = \left(-\sin^2(\pi x) \sin(2\pi y), \sin(2\pi x) \sin^2(\pi y) \right) \cos(\pi t/8)$$

No compression



With compression



Interface compression runs

Methods used here are very elementary, *i.e.*,

1. Use Clawpack for advection in Step 1
2. Use simple first order explicit method for interface compression in Step 2

- Diffusion coefficient $D = \varepsilon \min_{\forall i} \Delta x_i$

- Time step $\Delta \tau$

$$\Delta \tau \leq \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{i=1}^d \Delta x_i^2$$

- Stopping criterion: simple 1-norm error measure

Extension to compressible flow

Shukla, Pantano & Freund (JCP 2010) proposed extension of interface-compression method for incompressible flow to compressible flow governed by **reduced 2-phase model** as

$$\partial_t (\alpha_1 \rho_1) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_1 \rho_1 \vec{u}) = 0$$

$$\partial_t (\alpha_2 \rho_2) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_2 \rho_2 \vec{u}) = 0$$

$$\partial_t (\rho \vec{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u} \otimes \vec{u}) + \nabla p = 0$$

$$\partial_t (\rho E) + \nabla \cdot (\rho E \vec{u} + p \vec{u}) = 0$$

$$\partial_t \alpha_1 + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{n} \cdot \nabla (D \nabla \alpha_1 \cdot \vec{n} - \alpha_1 (1 - \alpha_1))$$

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = \frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \vec{n} \cdot (\nabla (D \nabla \rho \cdot \vec{n}) - (1 - 2\alpha_1) \nabla \rho)$$

Mixture pressure is computed based on isobaric closure

Compressible flow: Density correction

To see how density compression term comes from, we assume $\nabla \rho \cdot \vec{n} \sim \nabla \alpha_1 \cdot \vec{n}$ & consider case when

$$K = D \nabla \alpha_1 \cdot \vec{n} - \alpha_1 (1 - \alpha_1) \approx 0 \quad \implies \quad D \nabla \alpha_1 \cdot \vec{n} \approx \alpha_1 (1 - \alpha_1)$$

yielding **density diffusion** normal to interface as

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla (D \nabla \rho \cdot \vec{n}) \cdot \vec{n} &\approx \nabla (\alpha_1 (1 - \alpha_1)) \cdot \vec{n} = (1 - 2\alpha_1) \nabla \alpha_1 \cdot \vec{n} \\ &\sim (1 - 2\alpha_1) \nabla \rho \cdot \vec{n} \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, we write density equation with correction as

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = \frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \vec{n} \cdot (\nabla (D \nabla \rho \cdot \vec{n}) - (1 - 2\alpha_1) \nabla \rho)$$

$H(\alpha_1) = \tanh(\alpha_1(1 - \alpha_1)/D)^2$ is localized-interface function

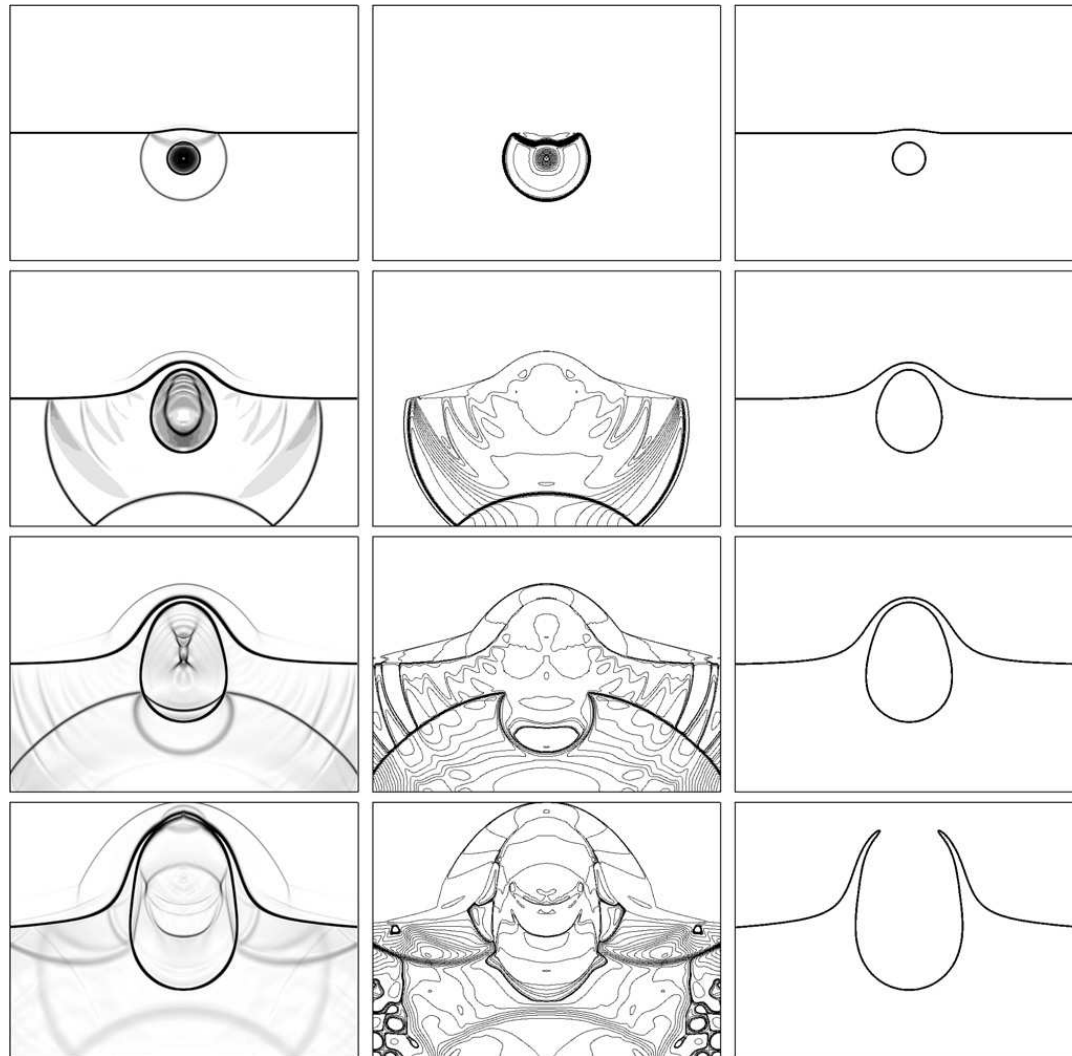
Shukla *et al.* interface compression

In each time step, Shukla's interface-compression algorithm for compressible 2-phase flow consists of following steps:

1. Solve **model equation without interface-compression** terms by state-of-the-art shock capturing method
2. Compute primitive variable $w = (\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho, \vec{u}, p, \alpha_1)$ from conservative variables $q = (\alpha_1 \rho_1, \alpha_2 \rho_2, \rho \vec{u}, \rho E, \alpha_1)$
3. Iterate **interface & density compression equations** to τ -steady state until convergence
4. Update **conserved variables** at end of time step from primitive variables in step 2 & new values of ρ , α_1 from step 3

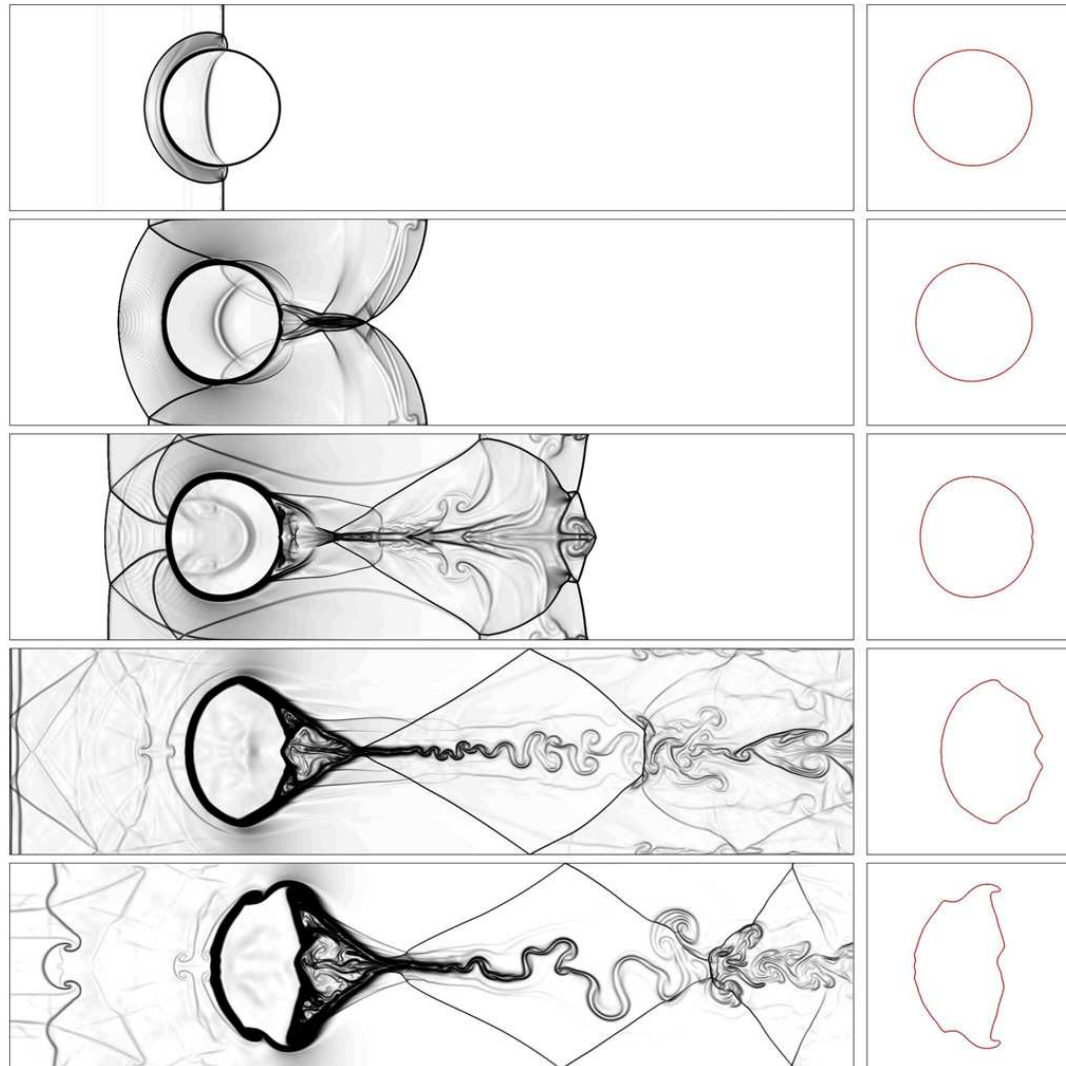
Underwater explosion

Solution adapted from Shukla's paper (JCP 2010)



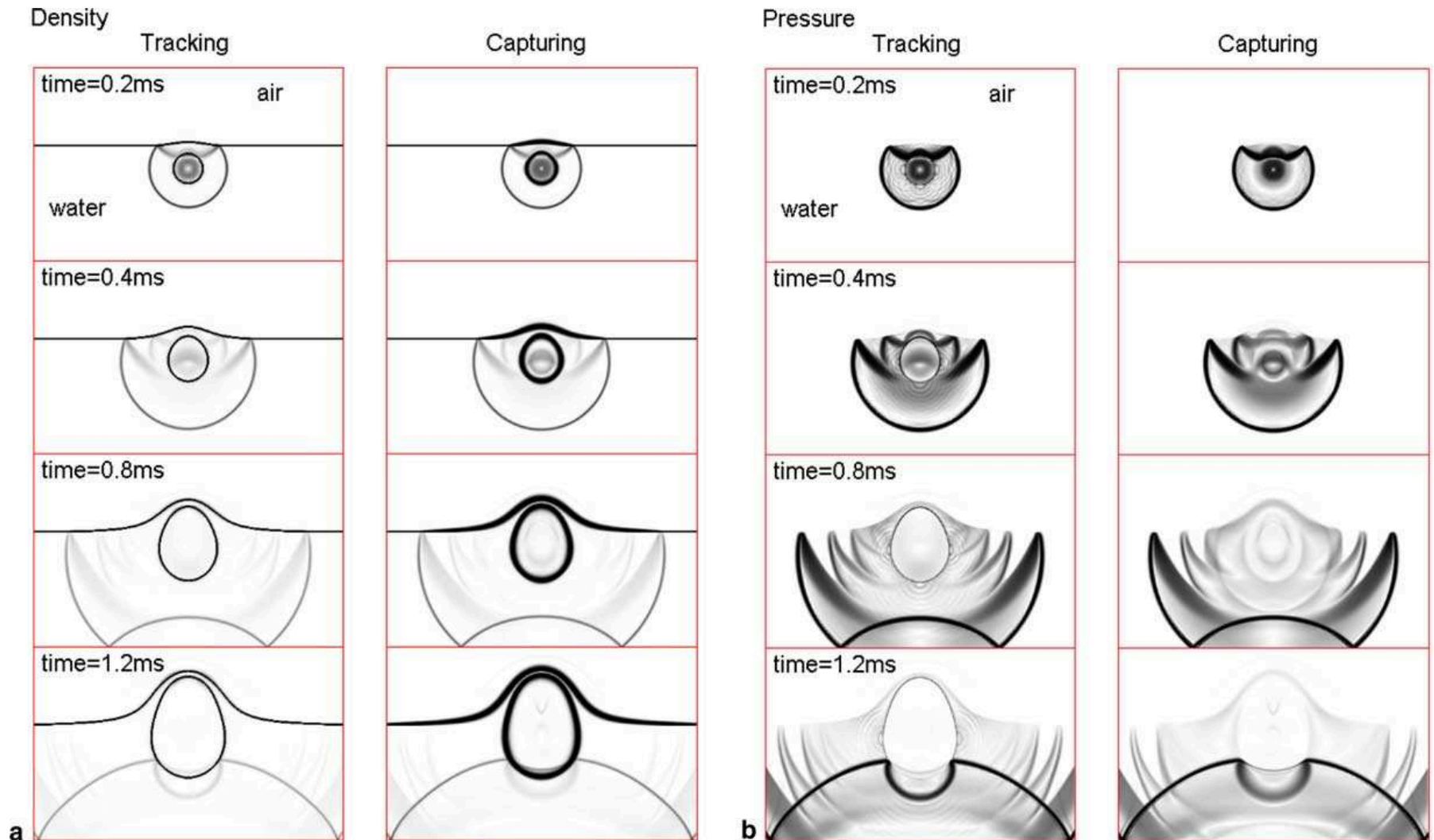
Shock in air & water cylinder

Solution adapted from Shukla's paper (JCP 2010)



Underwater explosion (revisit)

Solution adapted from Shyue's paper (JCP 2006)



Shukla *et al.* algorithm: Remark

In Shukla's results there are **noises in pressure contours** for UNDEX means **poor calculation of pressure** near interface

To understand method better, consider simple **interface only problem** where p & \vec{u} are constants in domain, while ρ & **material quantities** in EOS have **jumps** across interfaces

Assume **consistent** approximation in step 1 for model equation without interface-compression, yielding

smeared $(\alpha_1 \rho_1, \alpha_2 \rho_2, \alpha_1)^*$ & **constant** $(\vec{u}, p)^*$

In step 3, $\rho^* = (\alpha_1 \rho_1)^* + (\alpha_2 \rho_2)^*$ & α_1^* are compressed to $\tilde{\rho}$ & $\tilde{\alpha}_1$, which in step 4, for **total mass & momentum**, we set

$$(\rho, \rho u)^{n+1} = (\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{\rho} \vec{u}^*) \implies \vec{u}^{n+1} = \tilde{\rho} \vec{u}^* / \tilde{\rho} = \vec{u}^* \quad \text{as expected}$$

Shukla *et al.* algorithm: Remark

In addition, for total energy, we set

$$(\rho E)^{n+1} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{u}|^2 + \rho e \right)^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\rho} |\vec{u}^*|^2 + \tilde{\rho} e(?)$$

Consider **stiffened gas** EOS for phasic pressure $p_k = (\gamma_k - 1) (\rho e)_k - \gamma_k \mathcal{B}_k$, $k = 1, 2$. We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho} e &= \sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_k \rho_k e_k = \sum_{k=1}^2 \tilde{\alpha}_k \frac{p^* + \gamma_k \mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \\ &= p^* \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} + \sum_{k=1}^2 \tilde{\alpha}_k \frac{\gamma_k \mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \end{aligned}$$

yielding equilibrium pressure $p^{n+1} = p^*$ if

$$\left(\frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \right)^{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \quad \& \quad \left(\frac{\gamma \mathcal{B}}{\gamma - 1} \right)^{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^2 \tilde{\alpha}_k \frac{\gamma_k \mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1}$$

Shukla *et al.* algorithm: Remark

Next example concerns **linearized Mie-Grüneisen** EOS for phasic pressure $p_k = (\gamma_k - 1) (\rho e)_k + (\rho_k - \rho_{0k}) \mathcal{B}_k$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho e} &= \sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_k \rho_k e_k = \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_k p^*}{\gamma_k - 1} - (\tilde{\alpha}_k \rho_k^* - \tilde{\alpha}_k \rho_{0k}) \frac{\mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \\ &= p^* \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} - \sum_{k=1}^2 (\tilde{\alpha}_k \rho_k^* - \tilde{\alpha}_k \rho_{0k}) \frac{\mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \end{aligned}$$

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Shukla *et al.* algorithm: Remark

In Shukla *et al.* algorithm, there is a **consistent** problem as

$$\sum_{k=1}^2 (\alpha_k \rho_k)^{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^2 \tilde{\alpha}_k \rho_k^* \neq \tilde{\rho} = \rho^{n+1}$$

One way to remove this inconsistency is to include compression terms in $\alpha_k \rho_k$, $k = 1, 2$, via

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t (\alpha_k \rho_k) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_k \rho_k \vec{u}) = \\ \frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \vec{n} \cdot (\nabla (D \nabla (\alpha_k \rho_k) \cdot \vec{n}) - (1 - 2\alpha_1) \nabla (\alpha_k \rho_k)) \end{aligned}$$

We set $\rho^{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^2 (\alpha_k \rho_k)^{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^2 \tilde{\alpha}_k \tilde{\rho}_k$

Validation of this approach is required

Anti-diffusion interface sharpening

Alternative interface-sharpening model is anti-diffusion proposed by **So, Hu & Adams (JCP 2011)**

$$\partial_t \alpha + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \alpha = -\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha), \quad D > 0, \quad \mu \gg 1$$

Standard fractional step method may apply again as

1. Advection step over a time step

$$\partial_t \alpha + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \alpha = 0$$

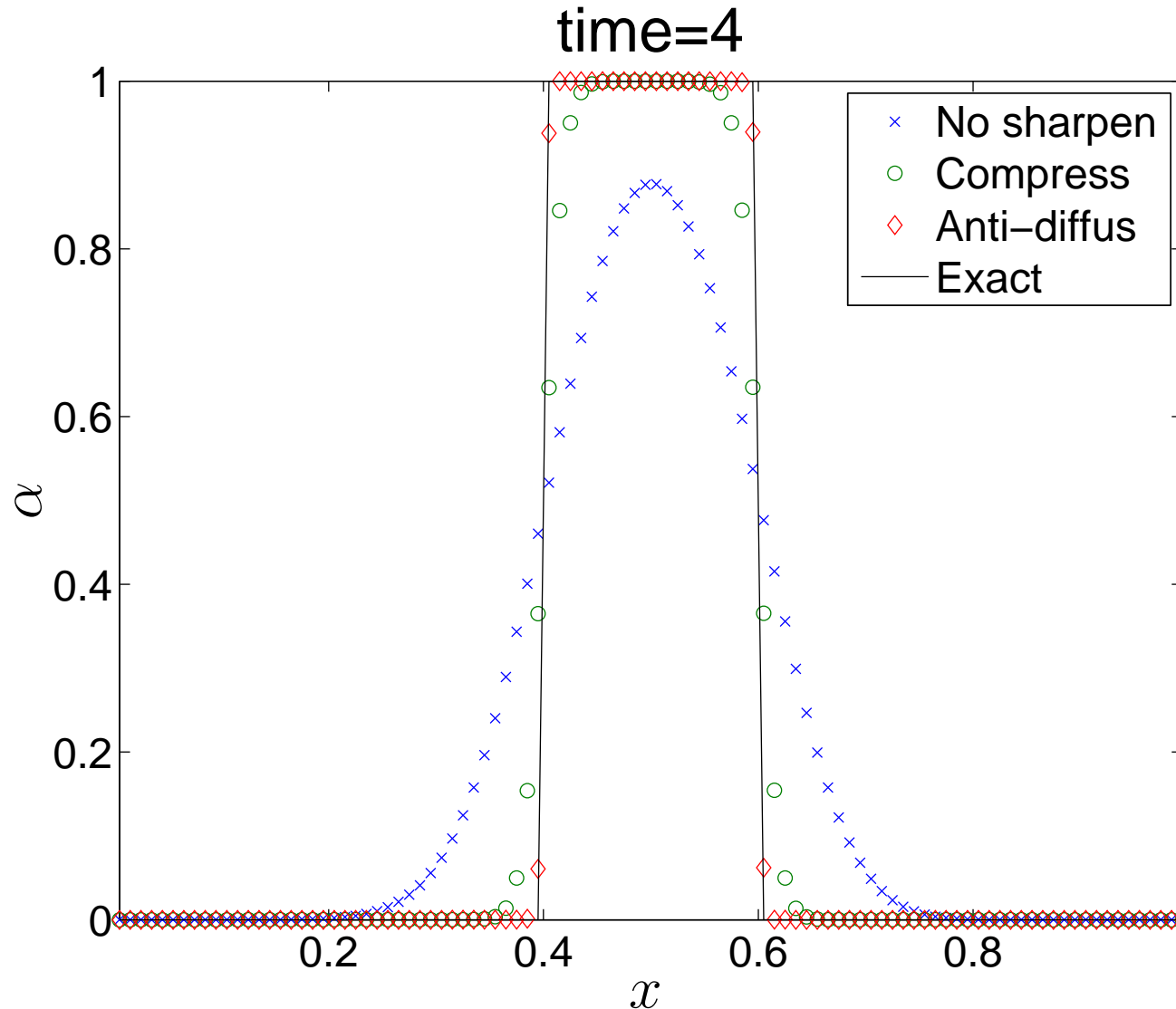
2. Anti-diffusion step towards “sharp layer”

$$\partial_\tau \alpha = -\nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha) \quad \text{or} \quad \partial_\tau \alpha = -\nabla \cdot \vec{n} (D \nabla \alpha \cdot \vec{n}), \quad \tau = t/\mu$$

Numerical regularization is required such as employ **MINMOD limiter** to stabilize $\nabla \alpha$ in discretization, **Breuß et al. ('05, '07)**

Square wave passive advection (revisit)

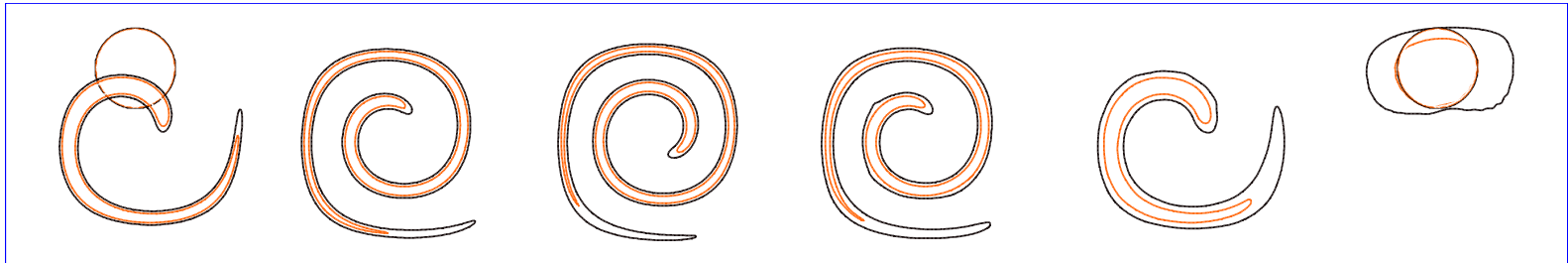
Square-wave pluse moving with $u = 1$ after 4 periodic cycle



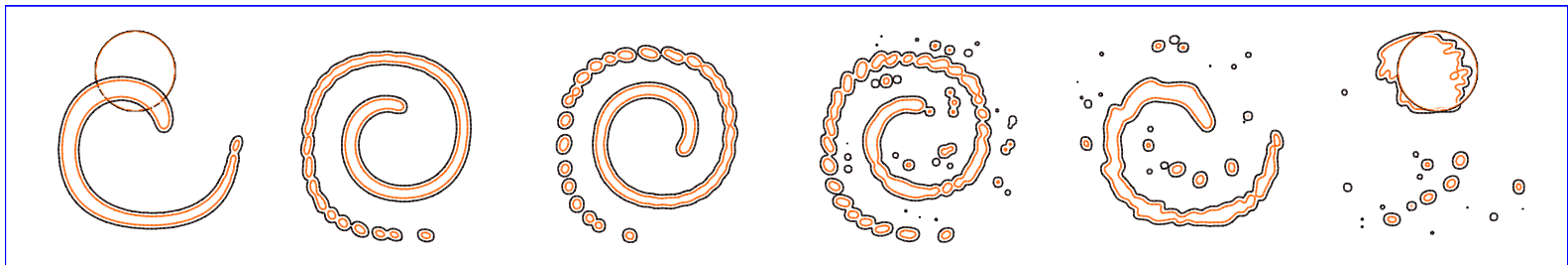
Vortex in cell (revisit)

Contours $\alpha = (0.05, 0.5, 0.95)$ at 6 different times in 1 period

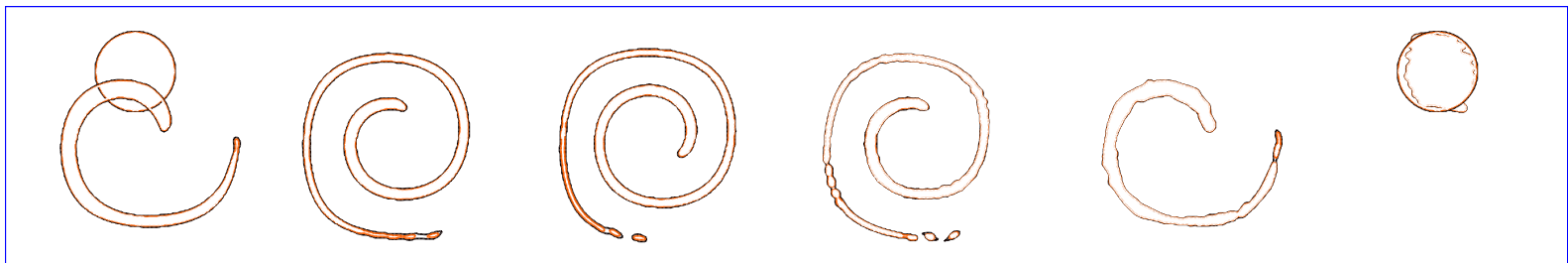
No interface sharpening (second order)



With interface compression



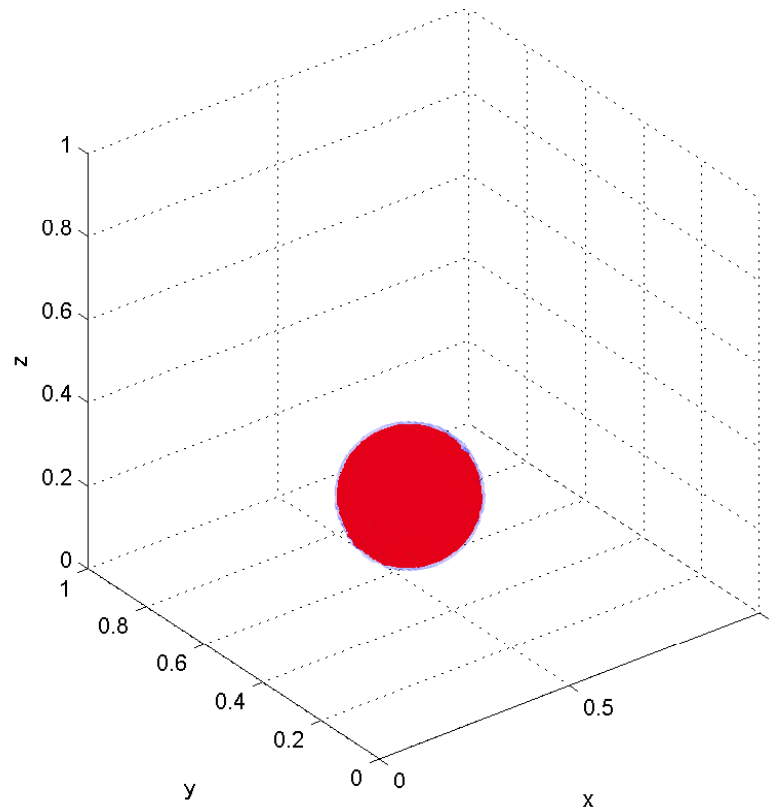
With anti-diffusion



Deformation flow in 3D

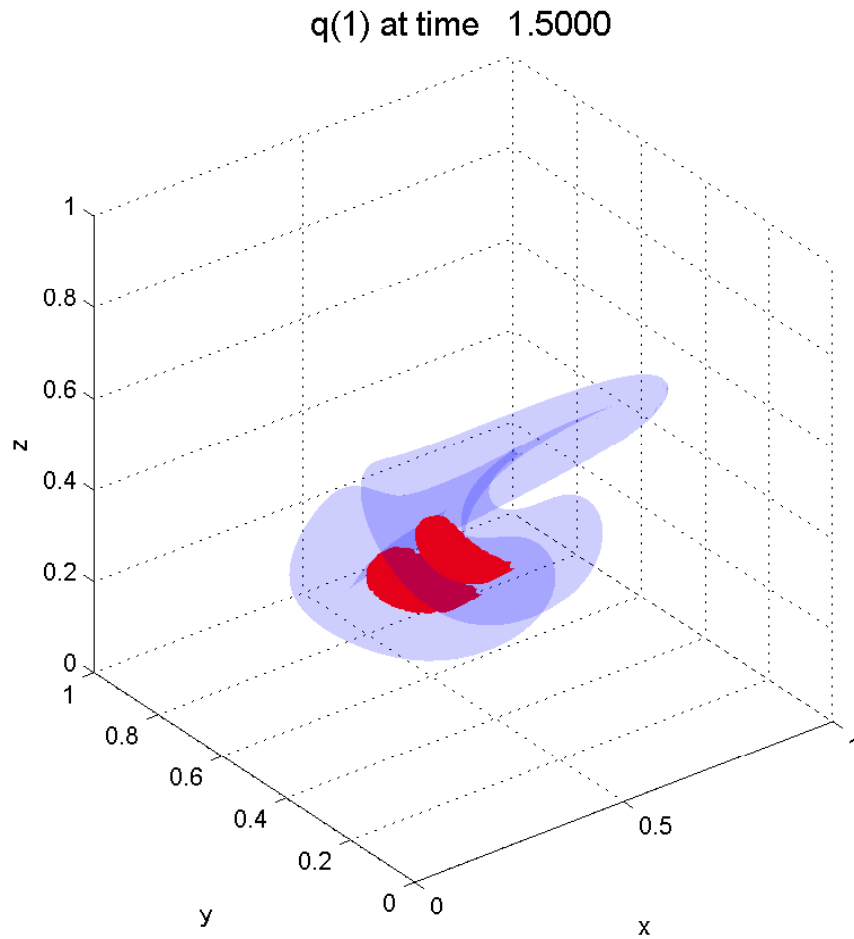
In this test, consider velocity field

$$\vec{u} = \left(2 \sin^2(\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \sin(2\pi z), -\sin(2\pi x) \sin^2(\pi y) \sin(2\pi z), \right. \\ \left. -\sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \sin^2(\pi z) \right) \cos(\pi t/3)$$

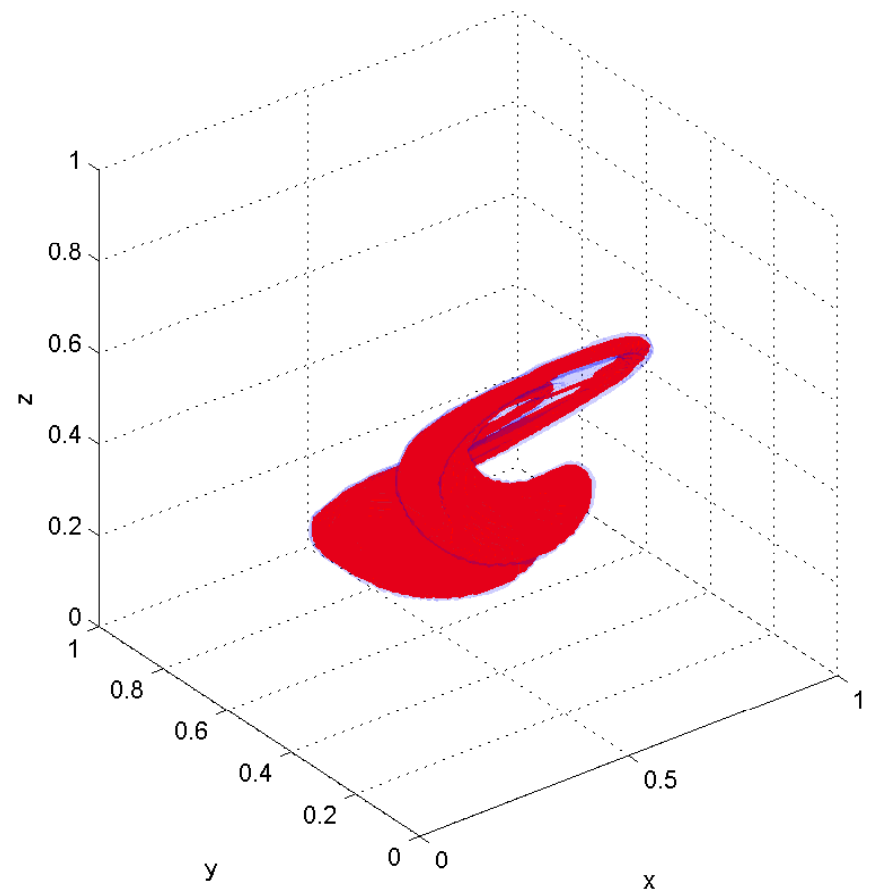


Deformation flow in 3D

No anti-diffusion

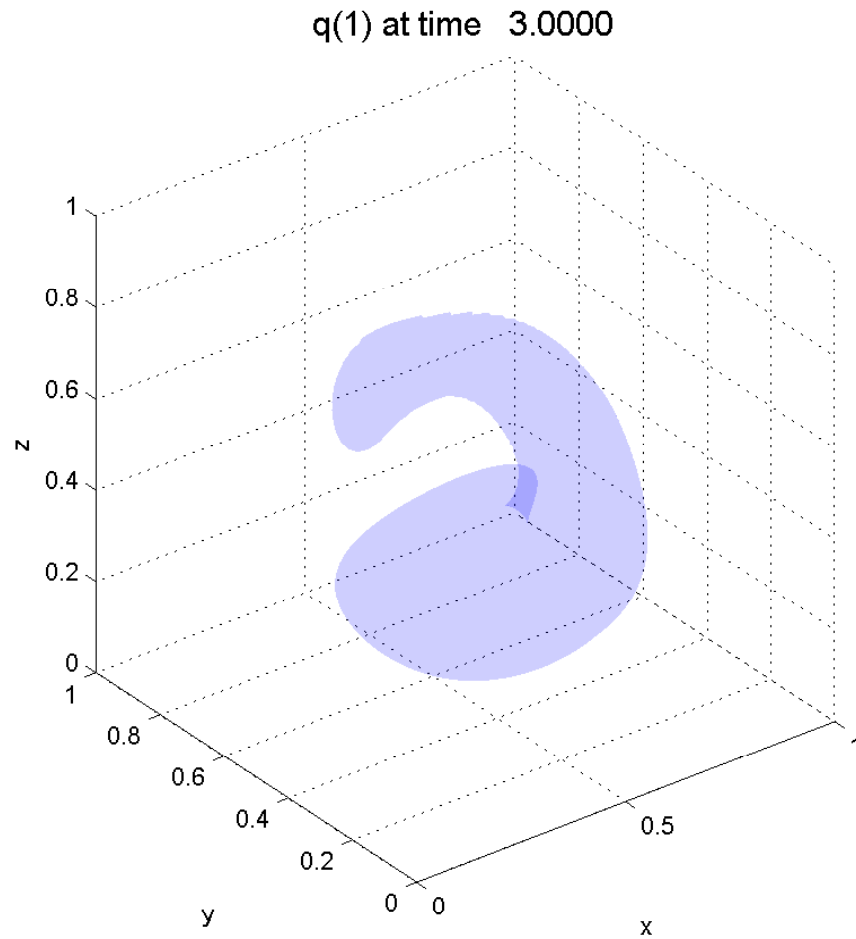


With anti-diffusion

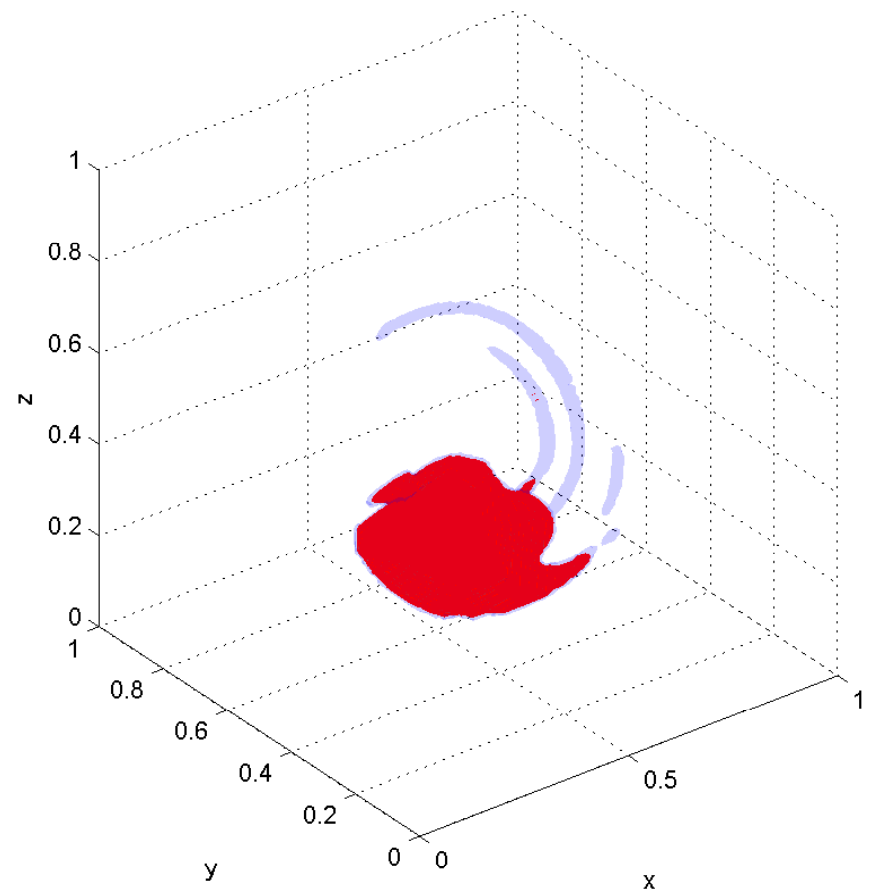


Deformation flow in 3D

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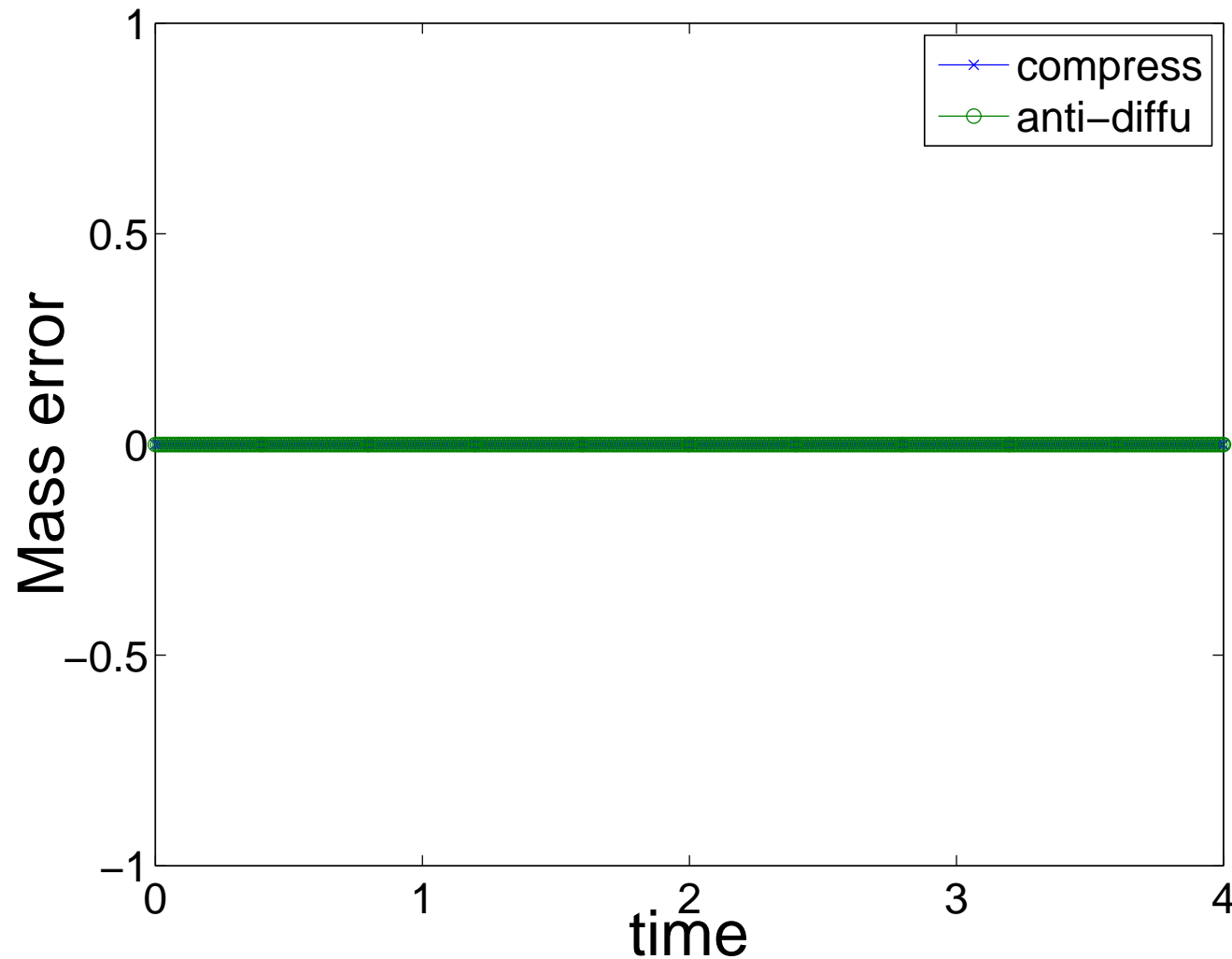


With anti-diffusion



Passive advection: Conservation

Mass error for sample interface sharpening methods



Anti-diffusion runs

Methods used here are the same as artificial interface compression runs, *i.e.*,

1. Use Clawpack for advection in Step 1
2. Use first order explicit method for anti-diffusion in Step 2

- Diffusion coefficient $D = \max |\vec{u}|$

- Time step $\Delta\tau$

$$\Delta\tau \leq \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{i=1}^d \Delta x_i^2$$

- Stopping criterion: some **measure of interface sharpness**

Positivity & accuracy

In compressible multiphase flow, positivity of volume fraction, *i.e.*, $\alpha_k \geq 0$, $\forall k$, is of fundamental importance ; this is because it provides, in particular,

1. information on **interface location**
2. information on **thermodynamic states** such as ρ_e & p in numerical “mixture” region & so ρ_k from $\alpha_k \rho_k$

It is known & have been mentioned many times in this conference that devise of **oscillation-free higher-order method** is still an open problem (if I have stated correctly)

In this regards, **interface-sharpening** of some kind should be a useful tool as opposed to higher-order methods or other volume-of-fluid methods

Anti-diffusion to compressible flow

Reduced 2-phase model with anti-diffusion (Shyue 2011)

$$\partial_t \alpha_1 + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \alpha_1 = -\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha_1)$$

$$\partial_t (\alpha_1 \rho_1) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_1 \rho_1 \vec{u}) = -\frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha_1 \rho_1)$$

$$\partial_t (\alpha_2 \rho_2) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_2 \rho_2 \vec{u}) = -\frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha_2 \rho_2)$$

$$\partial_t (\rho \vec{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u} \otimes \vec{u}) + \nabla p = -\frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \vec{u} \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \rho)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t (\rho E) + \nabla \cdot (\rho E \vec{u} + p \vec{u}) = \\ -\frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \mathcal{L} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{u}|^2 \right) - \frac{1}{\mu} H(\alpha_1) \mathcal{L} (\rho e) \end{aligned}$$

Denote \mathcal{L} as an diffusion operator

Anti-diffusion to compressible flow

To find $\mathcal{L} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{u}|^2 \right)$, assuming $|\vec{u}|^2$ is constant, we observe

$$\nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{u}|^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{u}|^2 \nabla \rho \quad \text{yielding} \quad \mathcal{L} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{u}|^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{u}|^2 \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \rho)$$

To find $\mathcal{L}(\rho e)$, we need to know equation of state. Now in **stiffened gas** case with $p_k = (\gamma_k - 1) (\rho e)_k - \gamma_k \mathcal{B}_k$,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(\rho e) &= \nabla \left(\sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_k \rho_k e_k \right) = \nabla \left(\sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_k \frac{p + \gamma_k \mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^2 \left(\frac{p + \gamma_k \mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \right) \nabla \alpha_k = \left(\frac{p + \gamma_1 \mathcal{B}_1}{\gamma_1 - 1} - \frac{p + \gamma_2 \mathcal{B}_2}{\gamma_2 - 1} \right) \nabla \alpha_1 \\ &= \beta \nabla \alpha_1 \quad \text{yielding} \quad \mathcal{L}(\rho e) = \beta \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

Anti-diffusion to compressible flow

We next consider case with **linearized Mie-Grüneisen** EOS
 $p_k = (\gamma_k - 1) (\rho e)_k + (\rho_k - \rho_{0k}) \mathcal{B}_k$ $k = 1, 2$, & proceed same procedure as before

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(\rho e) &= \nabla \left(\sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_k \rho_k e_k \right) = \nabla \left(\sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_k \frac{p - (\rho_k - \rho_{0k}) \mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{p + \rho_{0k} \mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \nabla \alpha_k + \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\mathcal{B}_k}{\gamma_k - 1} \nabla (\alpha_k \rho_k) \\ &= \beta_0 \nabla \alpha_1 + \sum_{k=1}^2 \beta_k \nabla (\alpha_k \rho_k) \end{aligned}$$

We choose $\mathcal{L}(\rho e) = \beta_0 \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha_1) + \sum_1^2 \beta_k \nabla \cdot (D \nabla \alpha_k \rho_k)$

Anti-diffusion to compressible flow

Write anti-diffusion model in compact form

$$\partial_t q + \nabla \cdot \vec{f} + B \nabla q = -\frac{1}{\mu} \psi(q)$$

with q , \vec{f} , B , & ψ defined (not shown)

In each time step, proposed anti-diffusion algorithm for compressible 2-phase flow consists of following steps:

1. Solve **model equation without anti-diffusion** terms

$$\partial_t q + \nabla \cdot \vec{f} + B \nabla q = 0$$

2. Iterate model equation **with anti-diffusion terms**

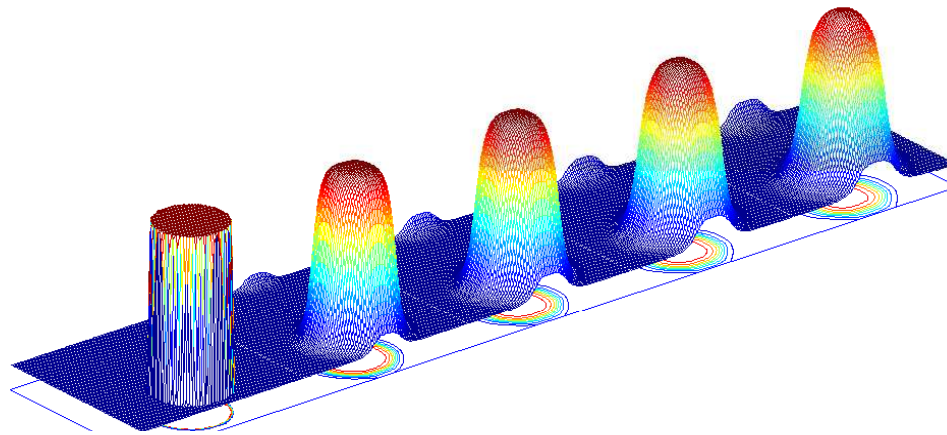
$$\partial_\tau q = \psi(q)$$

to τ -steady state until convergence

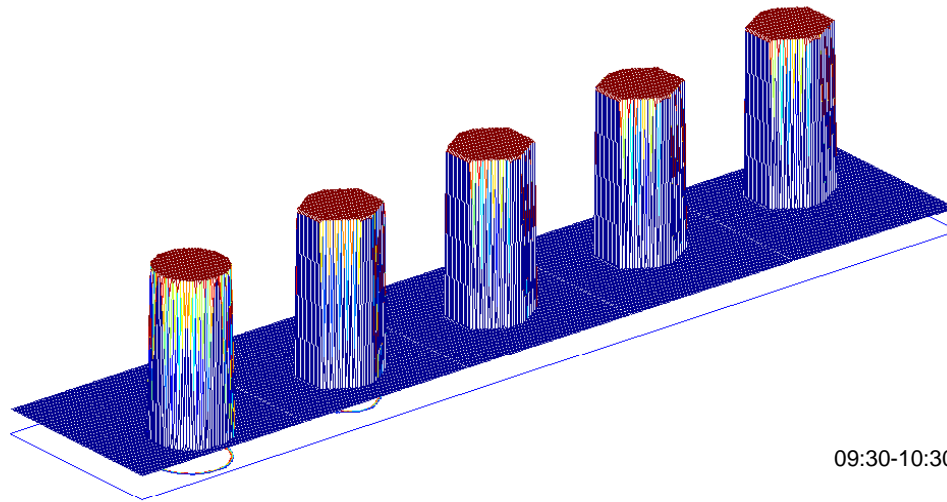
Circular water column advection

Density surface plot (Moving speed $\vec{u} = (1, 1/10)$)

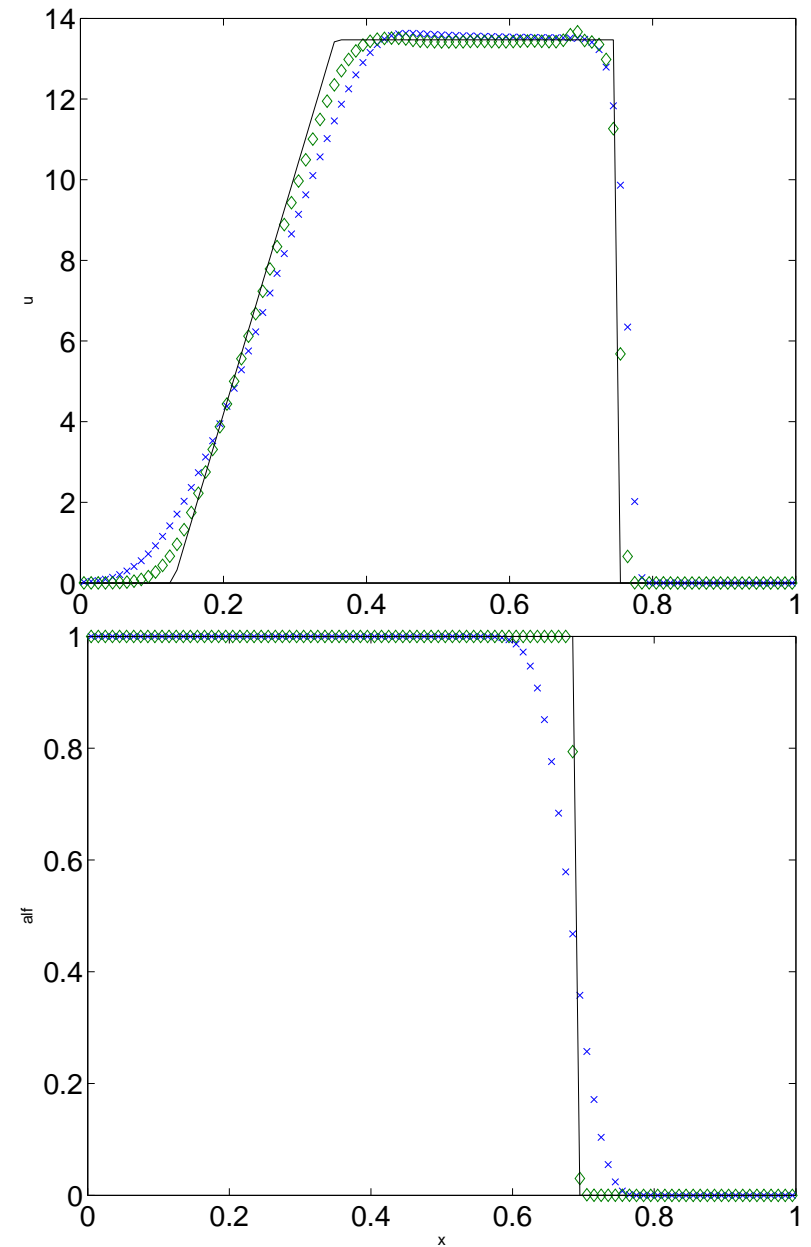
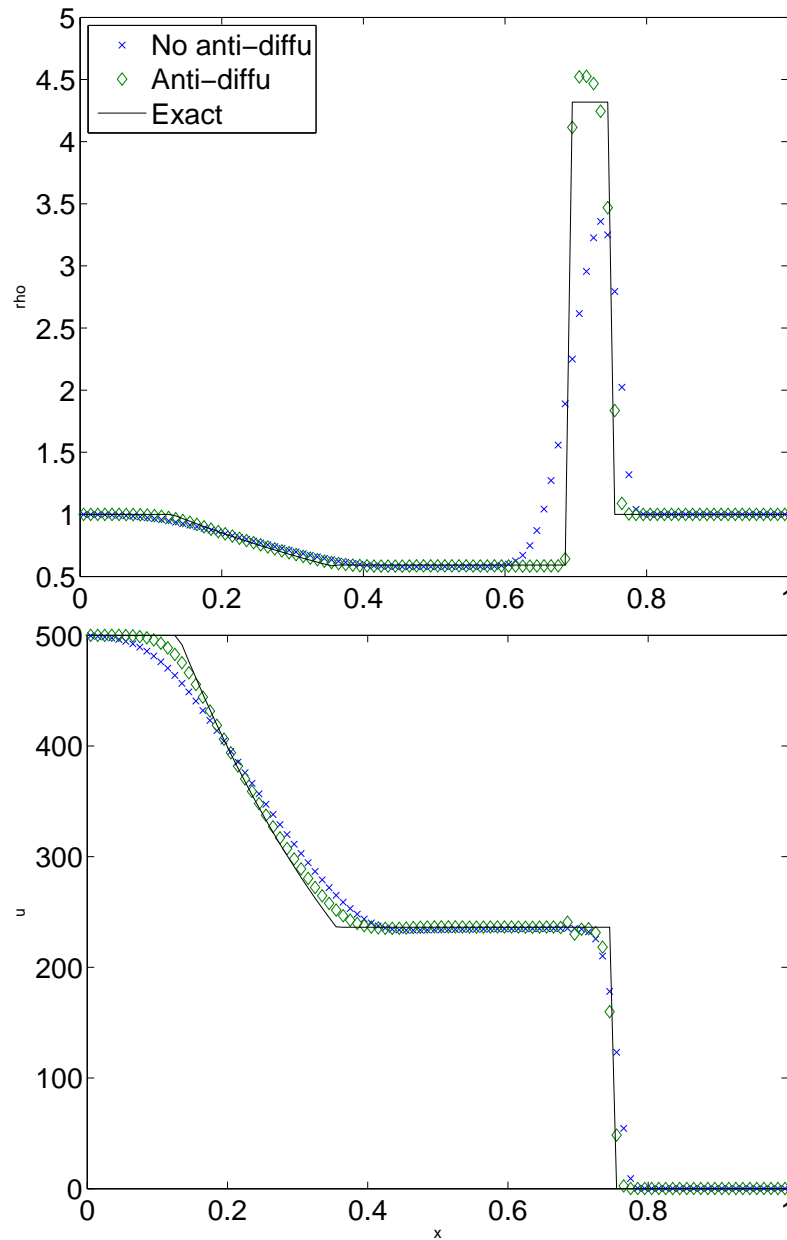
No anti-diffusion



With anti-diffusion



Air-Helium Riemann problem



Future perspectives

- Effect of local interface identification $H(\alpha)$
 - Algebraic approach

$$H(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \tanh(\alpha(1-\alpha)/D)^2 \\ \tanh\left(\sqrt{\alpha(1-\alpha)/D}\right) \end{cases} \quad (\text{Shukla } et al.)$$

- PDE approach
- Anti-diffusion on moving mapped grid
- Extension to other multiphase model

Thank you