

# An invariant domain preserving FE technique for hyperbolic systems

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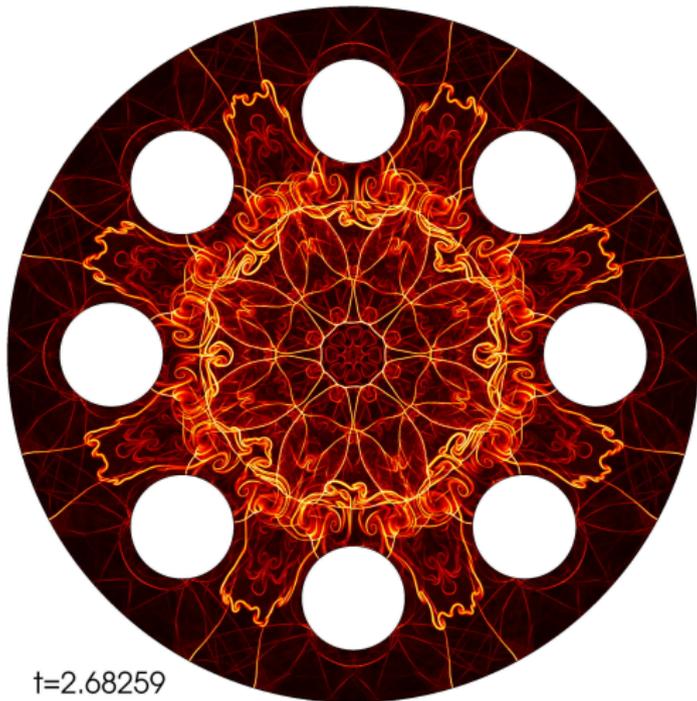
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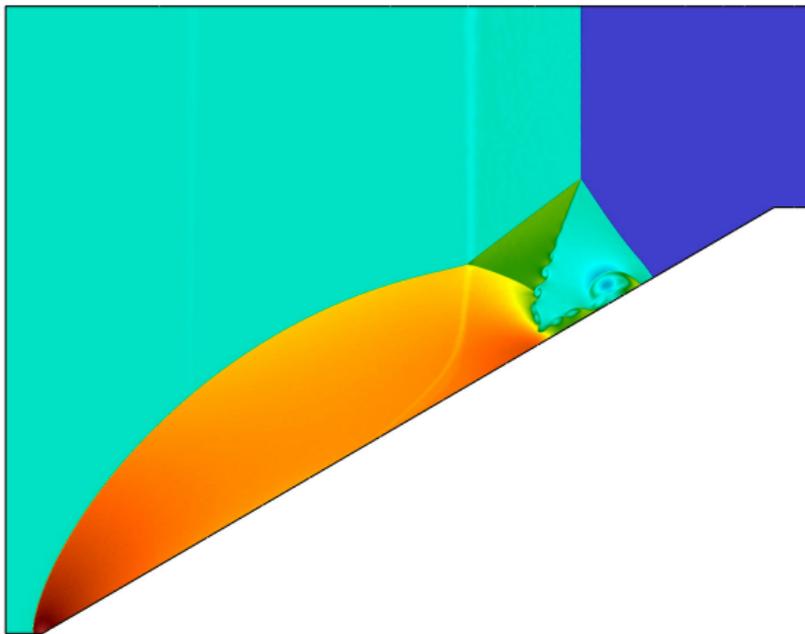
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## Conservation and invariant domain property

### Theorem (GPSY (2015))

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Provided CFL condition,  $(1 - 2 \frac{\Delta t}{m_i^n} |D_{ii}|) \geq 0$ .

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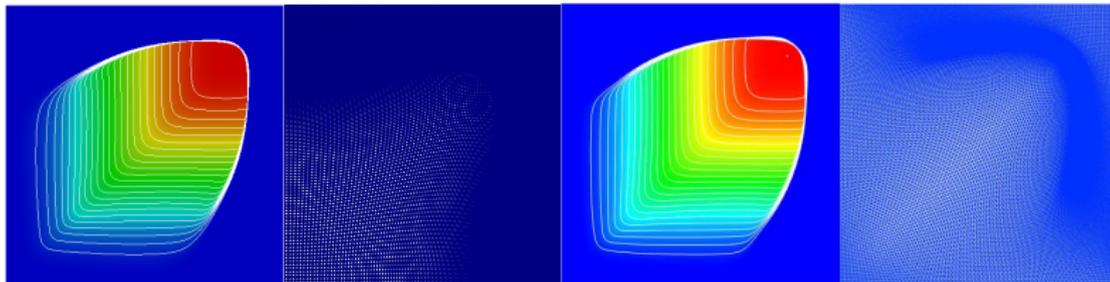
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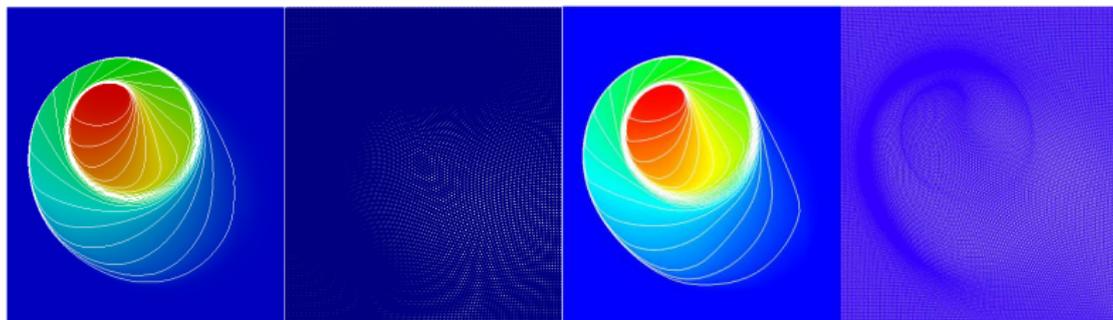


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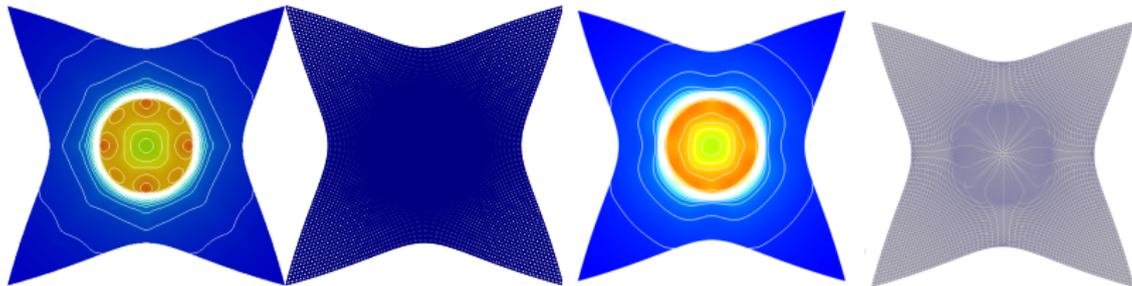
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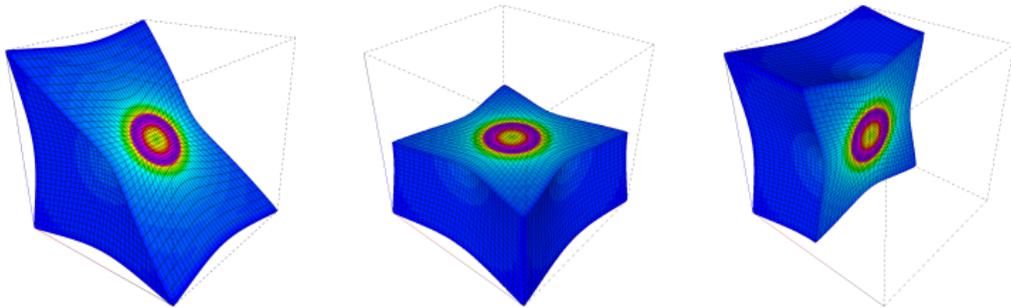
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Figure: Density cuts for the 3D Noh problem at  $t = 0.6$ .

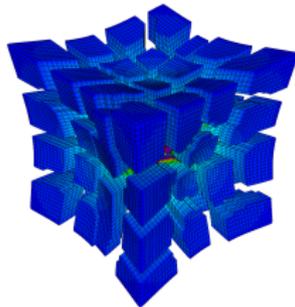


Figure: 3D Noh problem at  $t = 0.6$ . 64 MPI tasks division.



# Maximum wave speed



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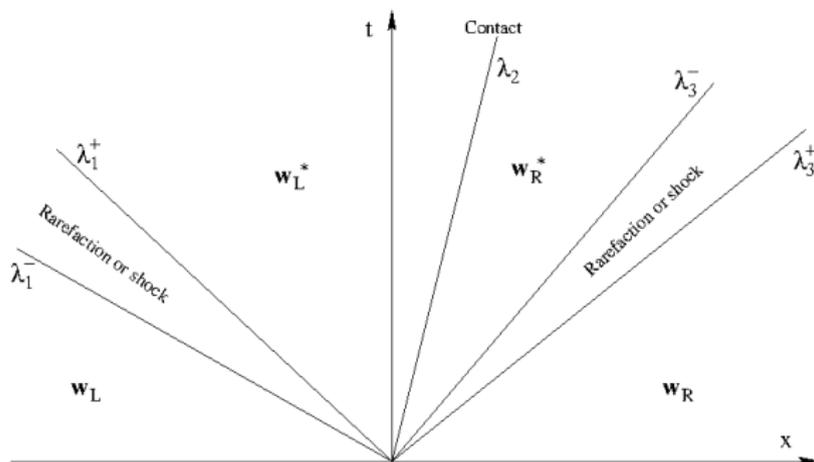


## How to compute local viscosity?

- $d_{ij}^n := 2\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{n}_{ij}, \mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{U}_j) \|\mathbf{c}_{ij}\|_{\ell^2}$ , for  $j \neq i$ .
- $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{n}_{ij}, \mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{U}_j)$  is max wave speed for Riemann problem



## Riemann fan for Euler, $p = (\gamma - 1)\rho e$



- Structure of the Riemann problem ([Lax \(1957\)](#), [Bressan \(2000\)](#), [Toro \(2009\)](#)).
- Waves 1 and 3 are genuinely nonlinear (either shock or rarefaction)
- Wave 2 is linearly degenerate (contact)
- $\mathbf{w}_L = (\rho_L, u_L, p_L)$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_L^* = (\rho_L^*, u^*, p^*)$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_R^* = (\rho_R^*, u^*, p^*)$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_R = (\rho_R, u_R, p_R)$ ,



## Maximum wave speed bound

Euler system,  $p = (\gamma - 1)\rho e$

- Given the states  $U_L$  and  $U_R$ , we have

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- To avoid computing  $p^*$ , it is a common practice to estimate  $\lambda_{\max}$  by  $\max(|u_L| + a_L, |u_R| + a_R)$
- This estimate is **inaccurate** and can be **wrong**.



## Maximum wave speed bound

- Counter-example 1: 1-wave and the 3-wave are both shocks [Toro 2009, §4.3.3](#)

$\rho_L$	$\rho_R$	$u_L$	$u_R$	$p_L$	$p_R$
5.99924	5.99242	19.5975	-6.19633	460.894	46.0950

- $\lambda_{\max} \approx 12.25$  but  $\max(|u_L| + a_L, |u_R| + a_R) \approx 29.97$ , [large overestimation](#)



## Maximum wave speed bound

- Counter-example 2: 1-wave is a shock and the 3-wave is an expansion

$\rho_L$	$\rho_R$	$u_L$	$u_R$	$p_L$	$p_R$
0.01	1000	0	0	0.01	1000

- $\lambda_{\max} \approx 5.227$  but  $\max(|u_L| + a_L, |u_R| + a_R) \approx 1.183$ , **large underestimation**



## Definition of $\tilde{p}^*$

- Let  $\tilde{p}^*$  be the zero of  $\phi_R$ , then

$$\tilde{p}^* = \left( \frac{a_L + a_R - \frac{\gamma-1}{2}(u_R - u_L)}{a_L p_L^{-\frac{\gamma-1}{2\gamma}} + a_R p_R^{-\frac{\gamma-1}{2\gamma}}} \right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

### Lemma (GP (2016))

We have  $p^* < \tilde{p}^*$  in the physical range of  $\gamma$ ,  $1 < \gamma \leq \frac{5}{3}$ .

- $\tilde{p}^*$  is an **upper bound** on  $p^*$ .
- $\min(p_L, p_R) \leq p^* \leq \tilde{p}^*$  (starting guess for cubic Newton alg., **GP (2016)**)



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