

LOCALIZATION AND SPREADING OF INTERFACES (CONTACT DISCONTINUITIES) IN PPM AND WENO SIMULATIONS OF THE INVISCID COMPRESSIBLE EULER EQUATIONS

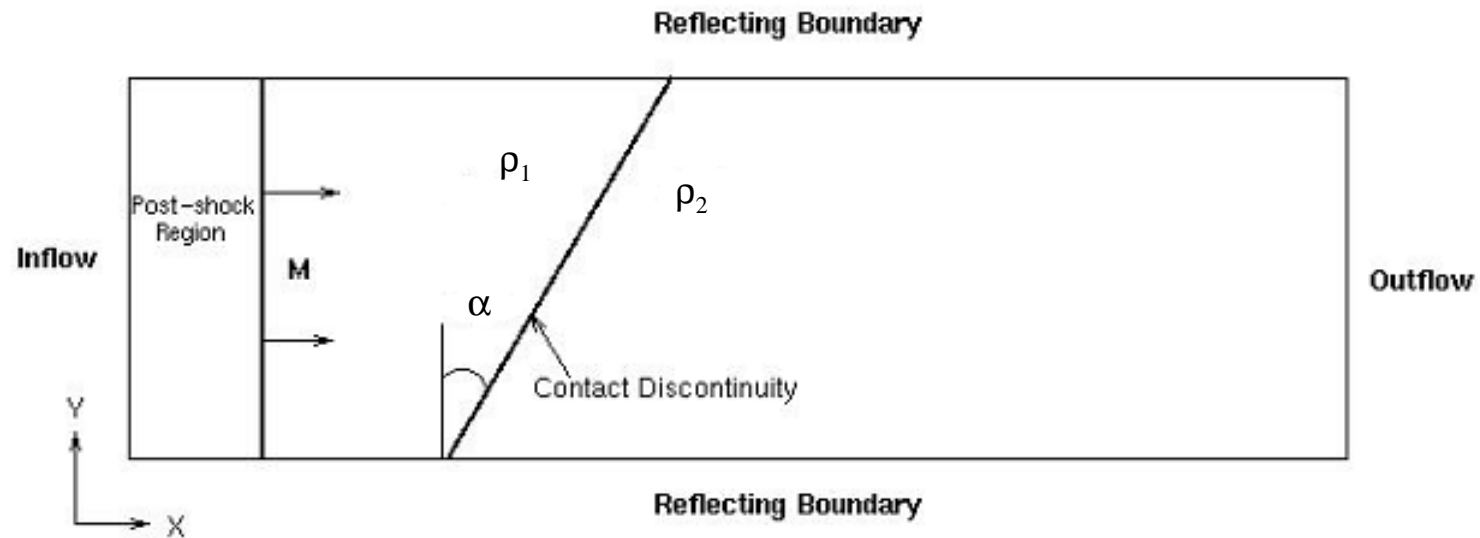


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OBJECTIVE

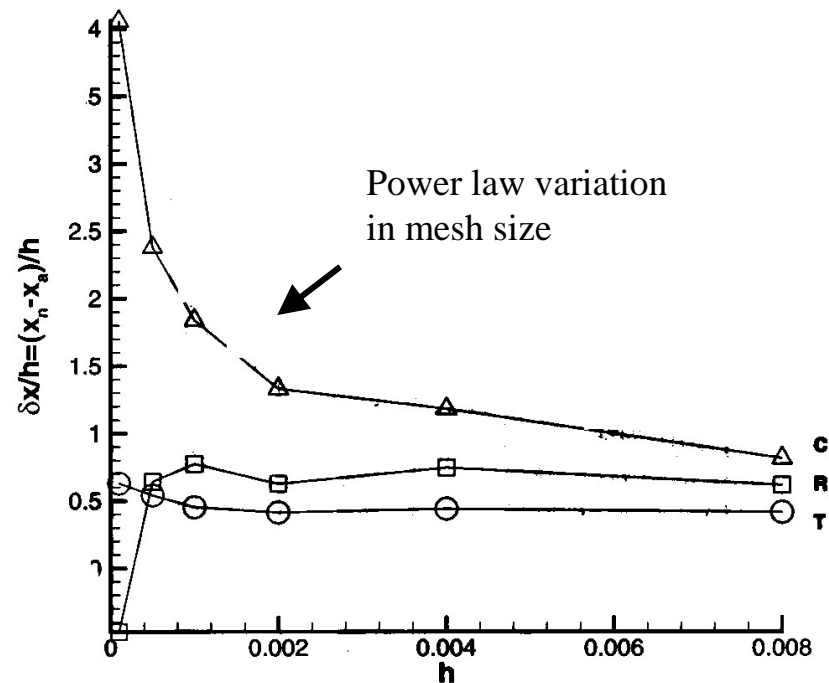
- Systematic approach to examine localization and temporal spreading of contact discontinuities(CDs) in 1D and 2D.
- Validity of near contact simulations of accelerated flows of high-gradient compressible media (RT and RM).
- Evolution of sinusoidal RM interface at late time and interfacial growth rate.



Schematic of Shock Interaction with an Inclined Discontinuity. M is the Mach number, α is the angle between shock and contact discontinuity, ρ_1 and ρ_2 are the densities of two gases.

MOTIVATION

- Study by Samtaney & Zabusky: Visualization and quantification of compressible flows in *Flow Visualization*(1999).
- Non-convergence of position of contact discontinuity($x_{\text{num}}-x_{\text{anal}}$)/ h to exact analytical solution for 1D.



Convergence study using difference in the numerical and analytical locations of high gradient regions (shocks and CDs) vs **mesh size** h . $M = 3.0$ shock interacts with a density discontinuity (CD, $\rho_2/\rho_1 = 3.0$) and yields a moving CD (C), upstream reflected shock (R), and downstream transmitted shock (T).

CONTINUUM LIMITS & DIFFERENTIAL APPROXIMATION

Consider a 1D Riemann problem for Euler System

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(U)}{\partial x} = 0.$$

with initial conditions,

$$u(x,0)=u_0, \quad p(x,0)=p_0, \quad \rho(x,0) = \begin{cases} \rho_1, & x < x_0 \\ \rho_2, & x > x_0 \end{cases}$$

Using **Differential Approximation** (Vorozhtsov and Yanenko, Springer1990) for a numerical method of **r-th** order spatial accuracy, system reduces to,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = (-1)^{r+1} \mu_{r+1} \frac{\partial^{r+1} \rho}{\partial x^{r+1}}$$

For $r = 1$,

$$\rho(x, t) = 0.5(\rho_1 + \rho_2)[1 + \text{erf}(\chi)] \quad (1)$$

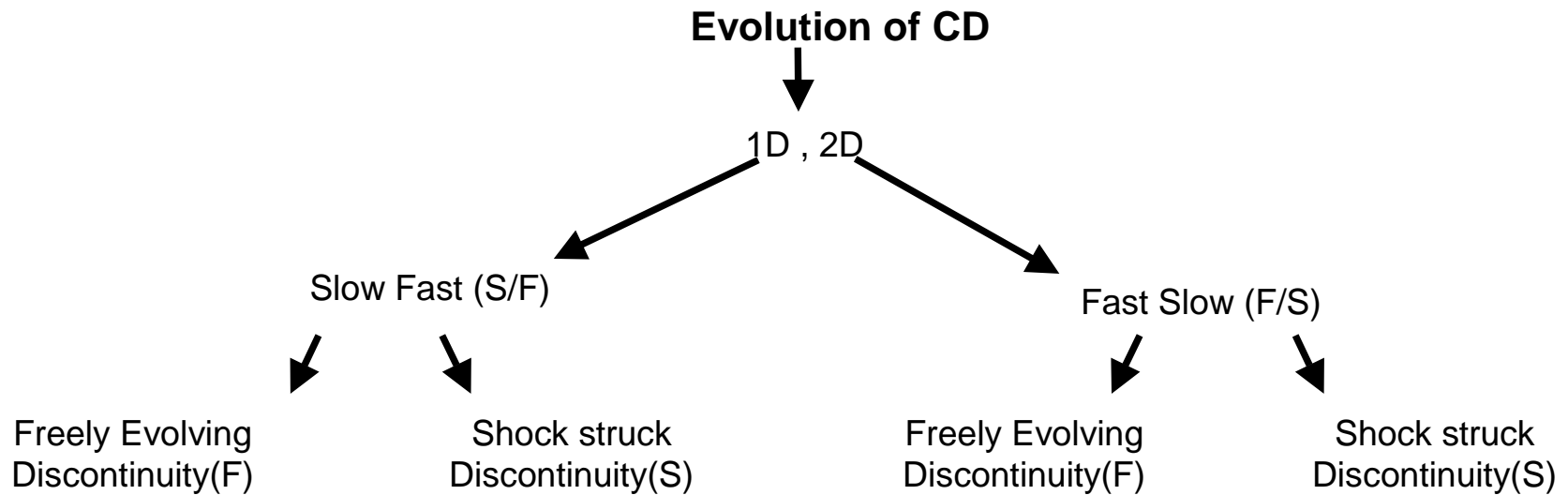
For $r = 2$,

$$\rho(x, t) = (2\rho_2 + \rho_1)/3 + (\rho_2 - \rho_1) \int_0^\chi \text{Ai}(\chi') d\chi' \quad (2)$$

where

$$\chi(x, t) = (x - x_0 - u_0 t) / ((r+1)\mu_{r+1} t)^{1/r+1} \quad (3)$$

EXTRACTION OF CONTACT DISCONTINUITY



For 2D case, we examine a slice at $y=Y_{MAX}/2$

NUMERICAL METHODS

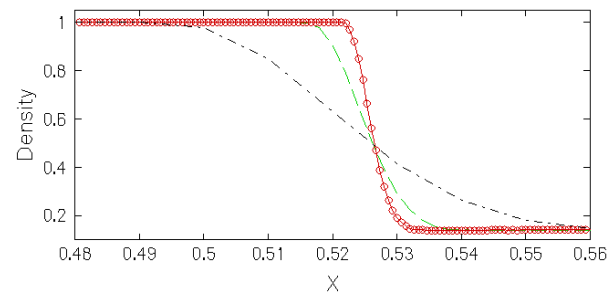
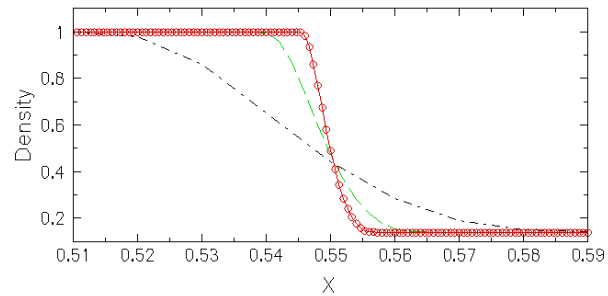
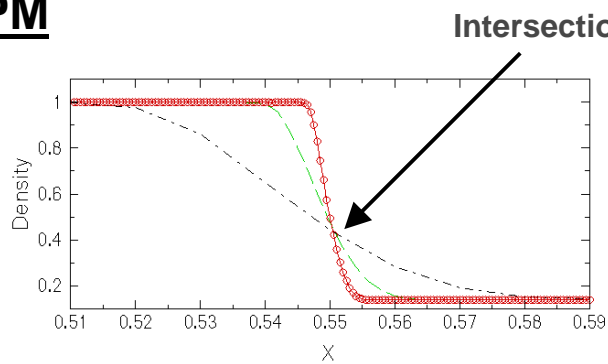
- Piecewise Parabolic Method (**PPM**)
- Weighted Essentially Non- Oscillatory (**WENO**, $r=5$)

EXTRACTION PROCEDURE FOR CD

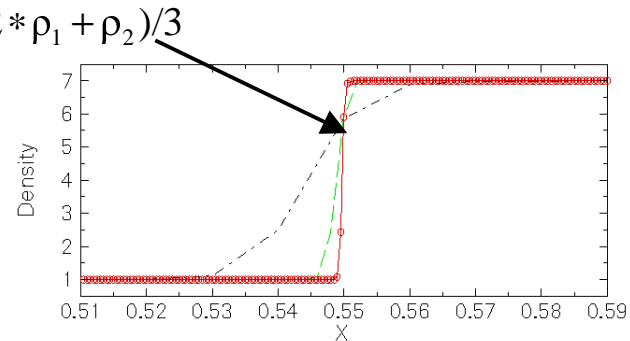
- Point-wise Algorithm (A variation of edge detection technique)
- Width of CD = $X(d^2\rho_{\max}) - X(d^2\rho_{\min})$ where $d^2\rho$ is the second central difference
- Shock – Elimination using cost functions
 - Divergence of velocity $|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}| < |\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}|_{\text{thresh}}$
 - Normalized pressure jump $dP < dP_{\text{thresh}}$

LOCALIZATION OF CD UNDER MESH REFINEMENT

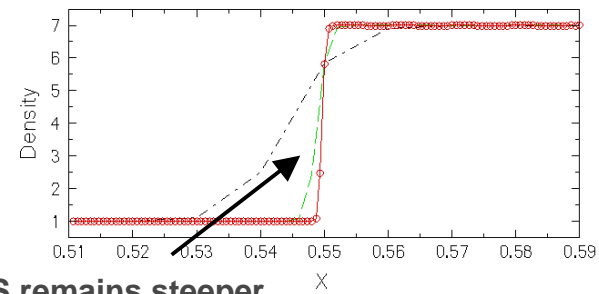
PPM



S/F(density ratio=0.14)

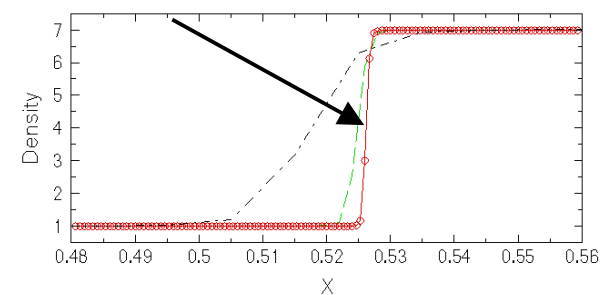


(a)



F/S remains steeper

(b)

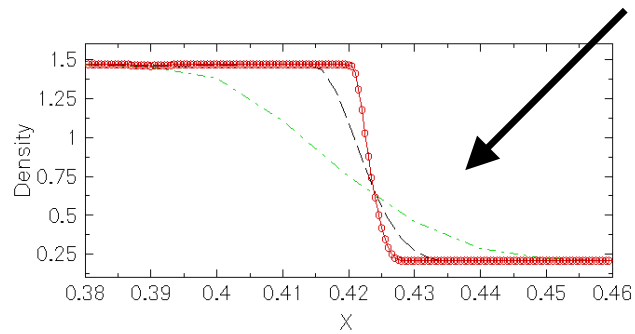


F/S (density ratio=7.0)

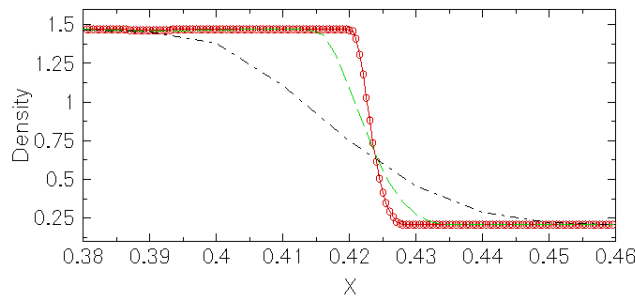
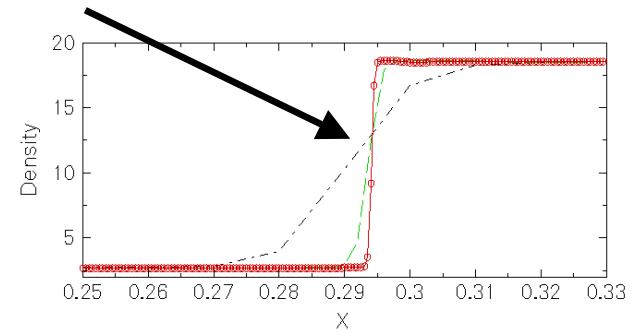
(c)

Density profiles for **Diffusing Contact Discontinuity** ($u_0 = 1.5$) at $t=0.3$. Top to Down (a) 1D (b) 2D, $\alpha = 0$ (c) 2D, $\alpha = 30$. The solid line with open circles is the highest resolution 0.0005 and - - - and - . - . - are 0.002 and 0.01 respectively.

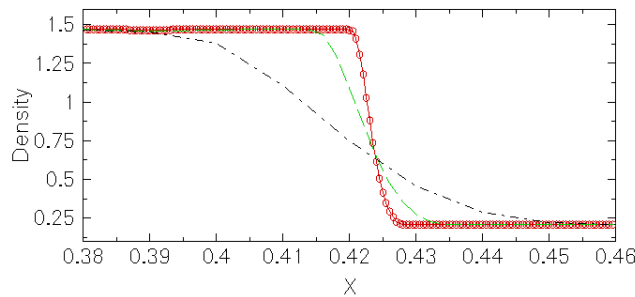
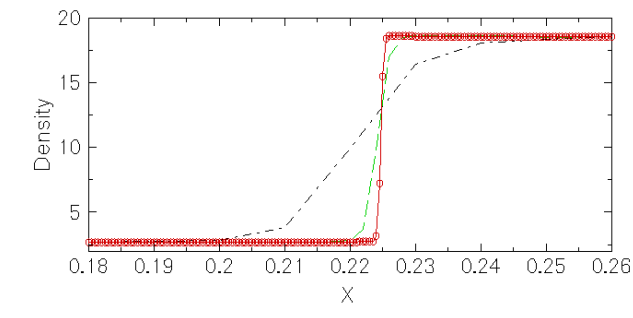
Intersection point $\approx (2\rho_1^* + \rho_2^*)/3$



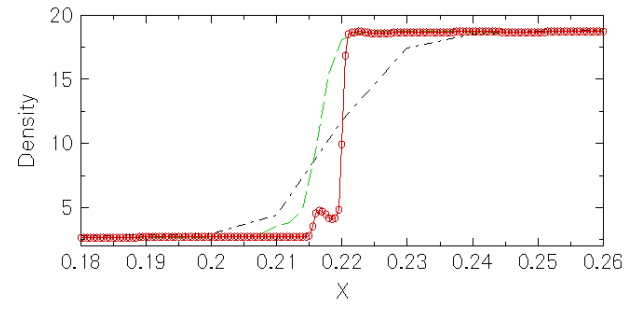
(a)



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(c)



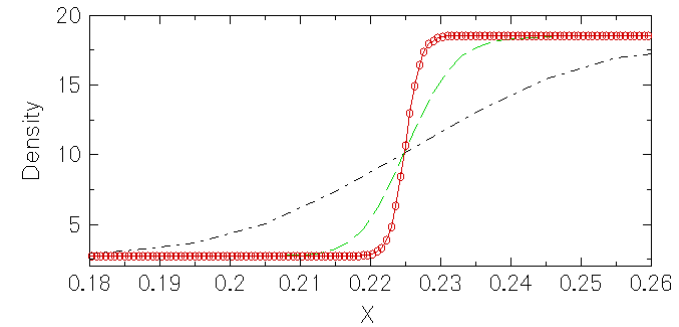
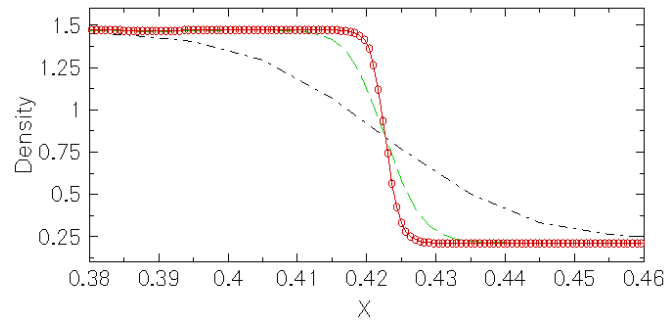
S/F(density ratio=0.14)

F/S (density ratio=7.0)

Density profiles for **Shock Contact Discontinuity Interaction** ($M=1.5$) at $t=0.3$. Top to Down (a) 1D (b) 2D, $\alpha=0$ (c) 2D, $\alpha=10$. The solid line with open circles is the highest resolution 0.0005 and - - - and - · - · - are 0.002 and 0.01 respectively. ρ_1^* , ρ_2^* are the post shock densities.

LOCALIZATION OF CD UNDER MESH REFINEMENT(CONT.)

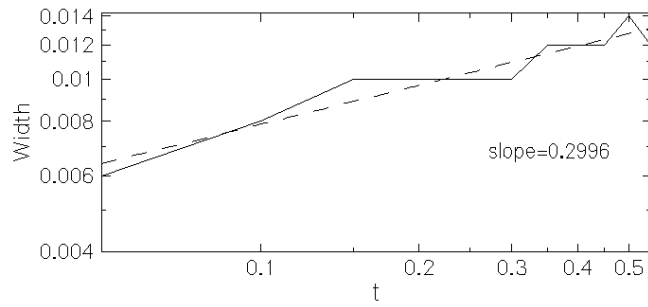
WENO



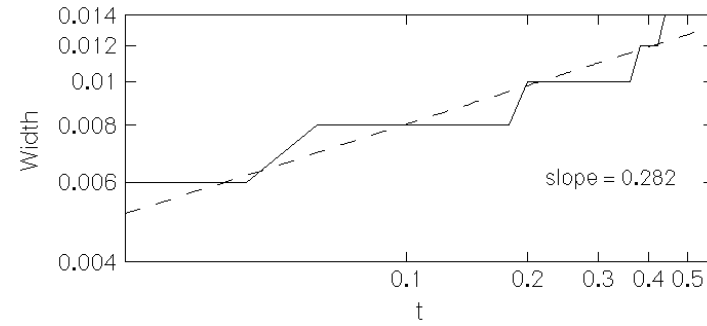
Density profiles for 1D **Shock Contact Discontinuity Interaction** ($M=1.5$) at $t=0.3$. The solid line with open circles is the highest resolution 0.000667 and - - - and - - - - are 0.002 and 0.01 respectively.

SPREADING OF CD UNDER MESH REFINEMENT

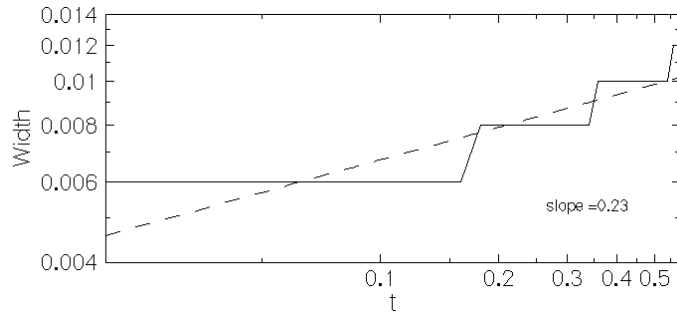
PPM ($\text{width} \propto t^{1/3}$)



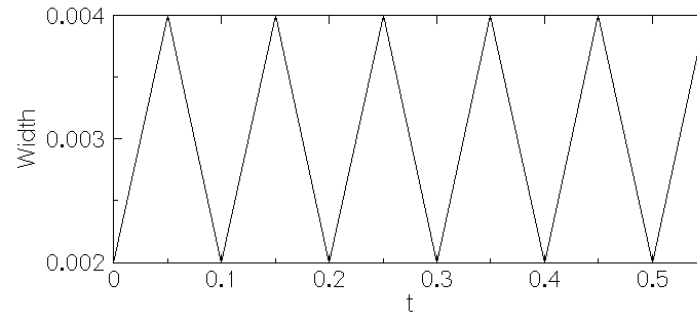
(a)



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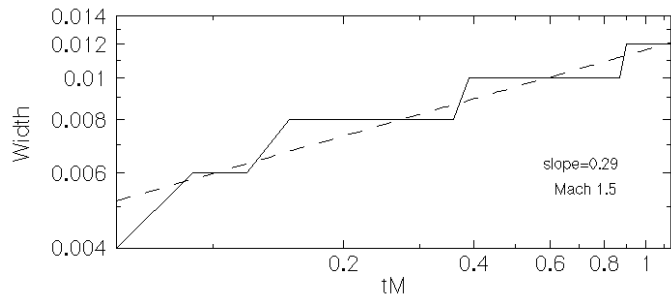


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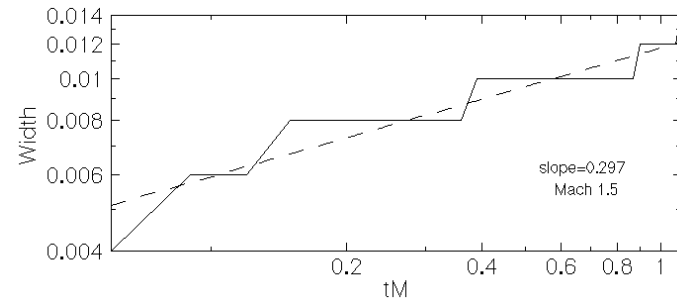


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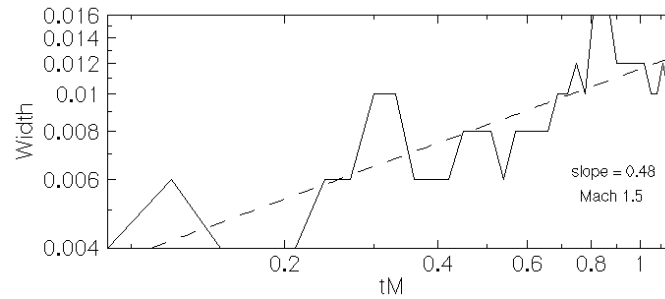
Growth of width of CD with time in **Diffusing Contact** for a resolution of 0.002 (a) S/F (1D) (b) S/F (2D, $\alpha=0$) (c) S/F (2D, $\alpha=30$). For (d) F/S, 1D **Width oscillates** between two values. Dashed line is the power law fit.



(a)



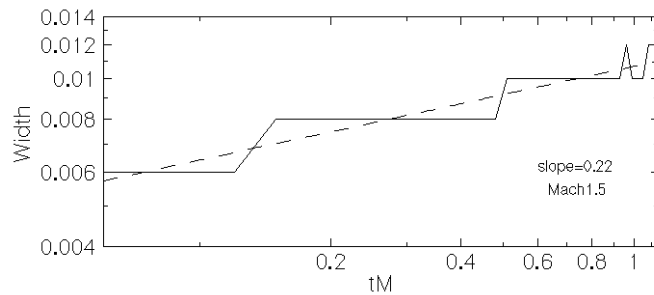
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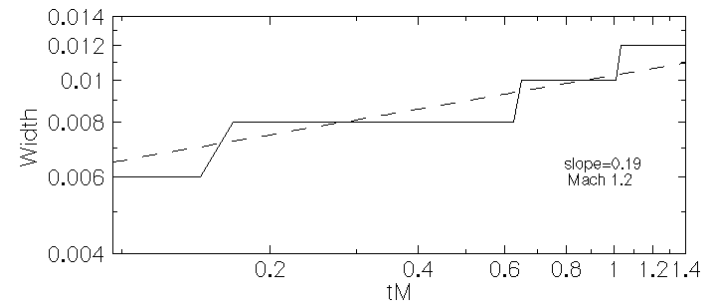
(c)

Growth of width of CD with time in **Shock Contact** interaction (Mach 1.5) for a resolution of 0.002 (a) S/F (1D) (b) S/F (2D, $\alpha = 0$) (c) S/F (2D, $\alpha = 10$). Dashed line is the power law fit.

WENO (width $\propto t^{1/4}$)



(a)



(b)

Growth of width of CD with time in **Shock Contact** interaction for a resolution of 0.002 (a) S/F (b) F/S Dashed line is the power law fit.

SPREADING RATES

Evolution	η or η^*	Vel(U_0 or M)	nD	α	C/r	Exponent(p)
F	0.14	1.5	1	N/A	PPM/2	0.2996
F	0.14	1.5	2	0	PPM/2	0.282
F	7.0	1.5	1	N/A	PPM/2	Oscillating
S	0.142	1.2	1	N/A	PPM/2	0.245
S	0.142	1.5	1	N/A	PPM/2	0.31
S	0.142	2.0	1	N/A	PPM/2	0.337
S	0.142	2.5	1	N/A	PPM/2	0.327
S	0.142	1.5	2	0	PPM/2	0.297
S	0.142	1.2	2	10	PPM/2	0.26
S	0.142	1.5	2	30	PPM/2	0.16
S	0.142	1.2	1	N/A	WENO/3	0.18
S	0.142	1.5	1	N/A	WENO/3	0.22
S	0.142	2.0	1	N/A	WENO/3	0.25
S	6.83	1.2	1	N/A	WENO/3	0.19
S	6.83	2.0	1	N/A	WENO/3	0.25

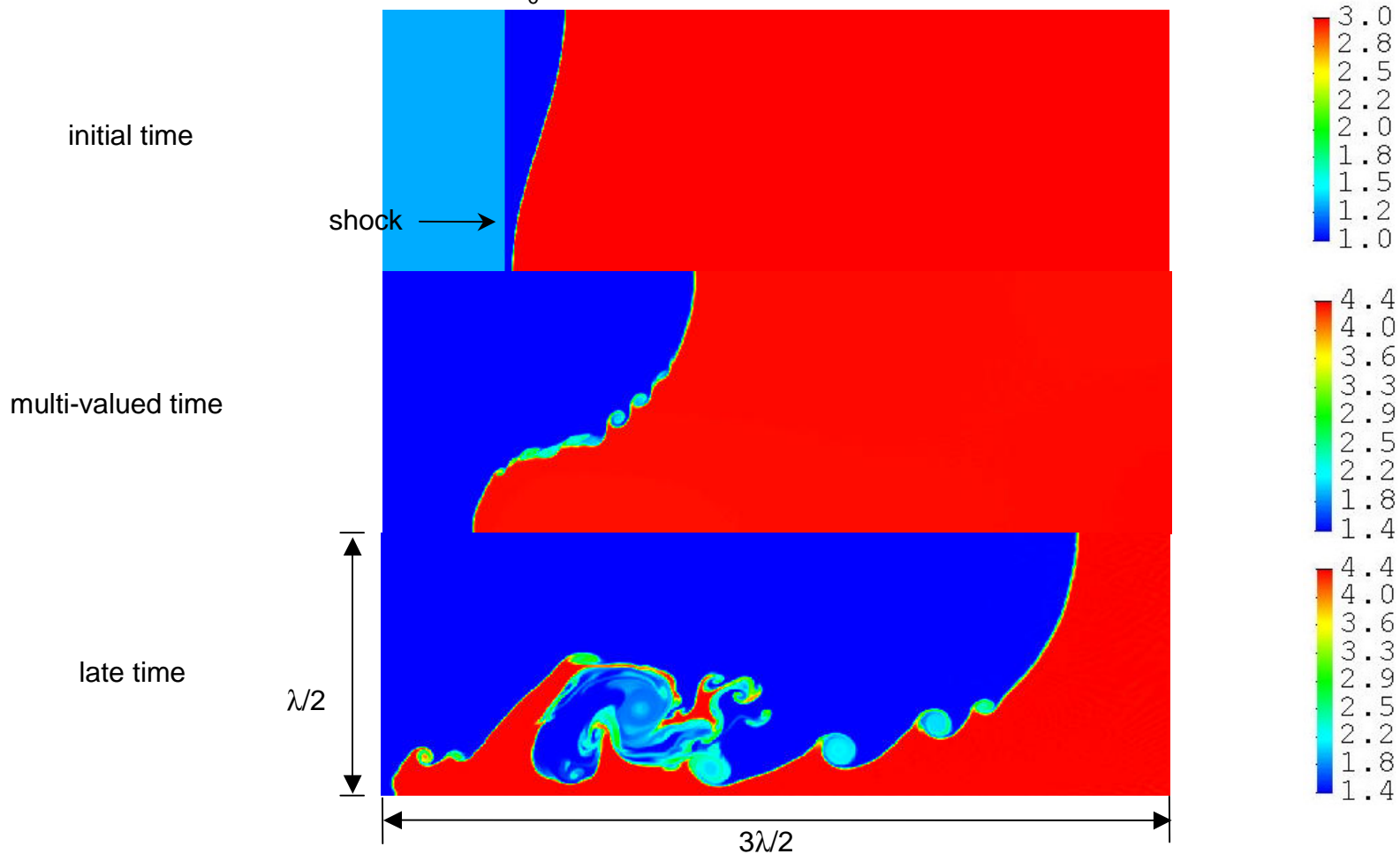
F or S – Freely evolving or Shock struck η or η^* - Density ratio before and after shock passage

U_0 or M – Constant initial velocity or Mach number

nD – Number of dimensions C/r - Code/Order of code

VORTEX LOCALIZATION & NONLINEAR EVOLUTION SINGLE-MODE RM INTERFACE

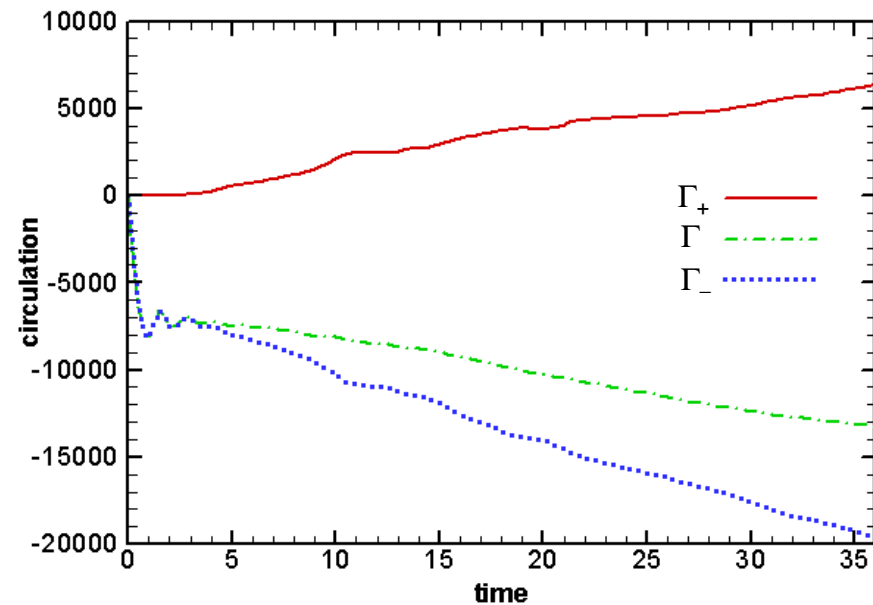
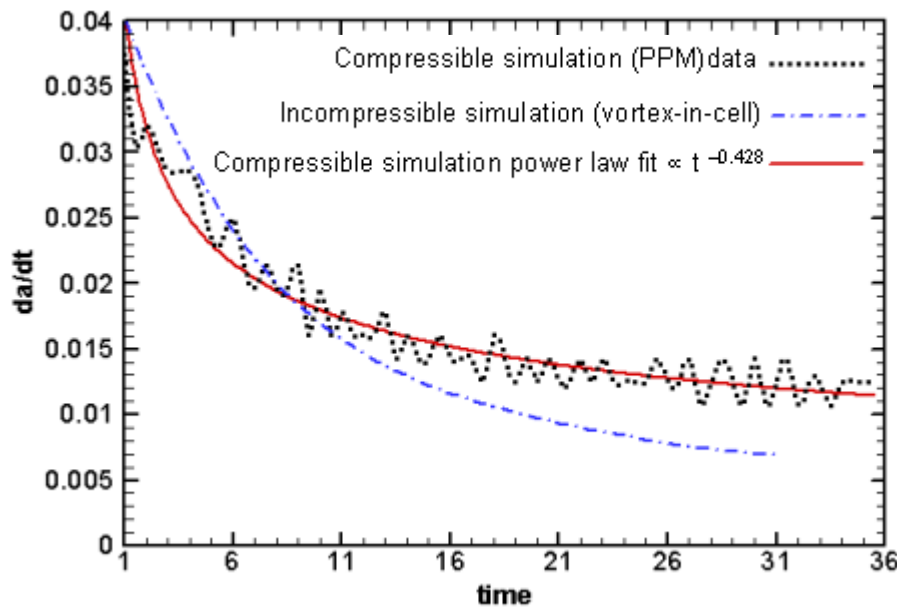
$A = 0.5$, $a_0/\lambda = 0.05$, $M = 1.2$, resolution 840×280



Three stages (*density*) of RM instability in shock-sinusoidal interaction : "initial time", "multi-valued" and "late time." The actual times are 0, 6.0 and 36; Atwood number is 0.5; initial density ratio is 3.0; Incident shock is $M = 1.2$; the perturbation is $a_0/\lambda = 0.05$; resolution 840×280 (PPM)

INTERFACIAL GROWTH RATE AND GLOBAL CIRCULATION

$$A = 0.5, a_0/\lambda = 0.05, M = 1.2$$



Interfacial growth rate obtained from compressible simulation(PPM), incompressible simulation (vortex-in-cell) and power law fitting for compressible simulation (PPM) data. For the power fitting: total RMS error $\sim 8.7\%$, but for $16 < t < 36$, $da/dt = 0.013-0.15/t$ and RMS error $\sim 7\%$.

Positive (Γ_+), negative (Γ_-) and net (Γ) circulations obtained from compressible simulation (PPM). Secondary vorticity generation and associated instability contribute to interfacial growth rate.

CONCLUSIONS

- We present a systematic approach to quantify interfacial localization and temporal spreading in one dimension.
- We observe asymmetry in interfacial spreading rates for the one and two dimensional PPM simulations for F/S and S/F configurations. These are not present in a WENO simulations.
- Evolution of sinusoidal RM interface at late time exhibits large growth of positive and negative “secondary” baroclinic circulation. Interfacial growth rate is not $(1/t)$ and depends on Atwood number.