

# Discrete conservation, entropy functions and induced means



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# Summary

- Structure Preserving discretization: motivations and a brief history
- Basic principles and discrete induced equations
- Compressible flows: KEP, EC and PEP formulations
- Extensions and current work
- Future topics

# SP discretization: a brief history

## The early era: the meteorological community

- Recognition of the nonlinear instability due to the accumulation of aliasing errors (Phillips, 1959)
- Design of *skew-symmetric* splitting to vorticity eq. to control the instability (Arakawa, 1966)
- Application to primitive variable formulations and theoretical analysis (Lilly, 1964, 1965)

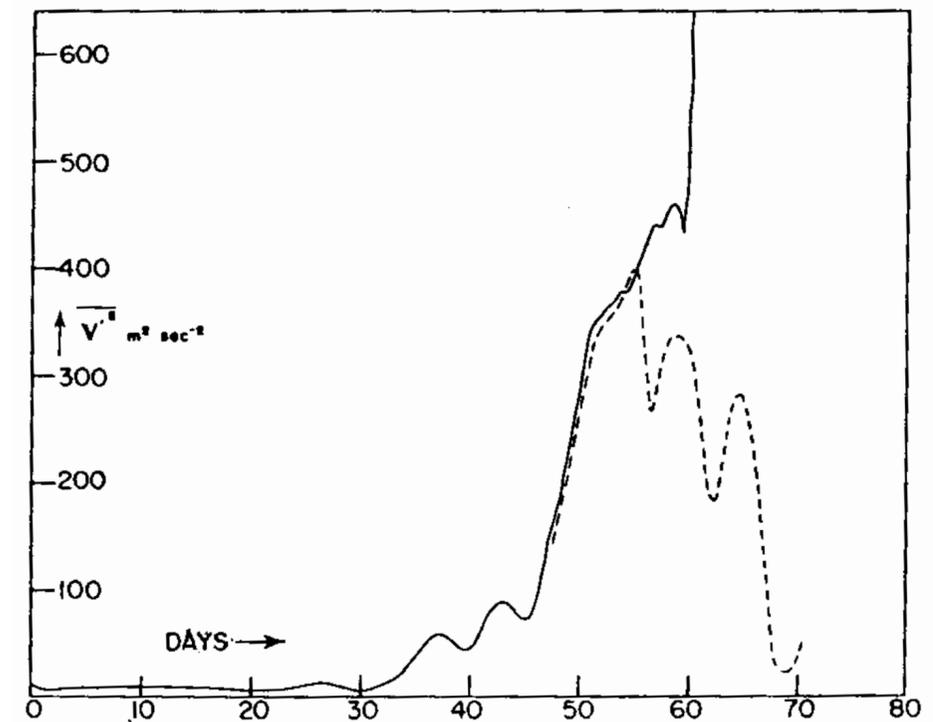


Fig. 1. Disturbance kinetic energy as a function of time. The solid curve was obtained without smoothing, the computations breaking down at about 56 days. The dashed curve was obtained by periodically introducing a filtering procedure.

# SP discretization: a brief history

## The *skew-symmetric* splitting and the product rule

- Arakawa used splitting techniques and staggered variables to obtain *enstrophy-preserving* (i.e. quadratic-invariants preserving) discretizations
- In modern terms, he devised *skew-symmetric* discretizations, guaranteeing (global) conservation of quadratic invariants

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textit{Divergence} & \frac{\delta ab}{\delta x} \\ \textit{Advective} & a \frac{\delta b}{\delta x} + b \frac{\delta a}{\delta x} \\ \textit{Skew-symmetric} & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\delta ab}{\delta x} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( a \frac{\delta b}{\delta x} + b \frac{\delta a}{\delta x} \right) \end{array}$$

- Harlow and Welch (1965) used staggered variables to obtain second-order, kinetic-energy preserving (i.e. quadratic-invariants preserving) discretizations using the divergence form

# Compressible flows: problem setup

## Compressible Euler equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} - \nabla p \\ \frac{\partial \rho E}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} E - \nabla \cdot p \mathbf{u}\end{aligned}$$

$$E = e + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} / 2$$

$$p = p(\rho, T)$$

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### Differences, analogies...

- Kinetic energy is not an invariant, nor a norm of the solution
- Triple products, more *advective* forms
- No need for staggering (no pressure-decoupling problem)
- More thermodynamic invariants (entropy) and induced properties



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### General framework:

- Semi-discretized approach: we focus on *spatial discretization*
- FD central (spatial) schemes (uniform Cartesian mesh, periodic BCs): *non dissipative, SBP*

$$\int u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx = - \int v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\sum u_i \delta v_i = - \sum v_i \delta u_i} \quad \text{with} \quad \boxed{\delta u = u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}} \quad \text{central difference}$$

- Negligible temporal errors: *time derivatives can be manipulated at the continuous level*
- Theory will be illustrated for the *ID system* and with *2nd order fluxes* (without loss of generality)

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- Under these hypotheses the semi-discrete system of (1D) Euler equations is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\rho}{dt} &= -\mathcal{C}_\rho \\ \frac{d\rho u}{dt} &= -\mathcal{C}_{\rho u} - \mathcal{P}_{\rho u} \\ \frac{d\rho E}{dt} &= -\mathcal{C}_{\rho E} - \mathcal{P}_{\rho E}\end{aligned}$$

- Locally-conservative discretization: *discrete convective terms admit a ‘**difference of fluxes**’ form*

$$\mathcal{C}_{\rho\phi} = \frac{1}{h} \delta^- \mathcal{F}_{\rho\phi}$$

with  $\delta^- \mathcal{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \mathcal{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \mathcal{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$  *backward difference*

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- Compressible Euler equations are a hyperbolic system of conservation laws

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}^j(\mathbf{w})}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

- Symmetrizable systems of conservation laws admit a *convex entropy function*  $U(\mathbf{w})$  and fluxes  $F^j(\mathbf{w})$  satisfying

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

- *Entropy variables*  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{w}) = U_{\mathbf{w}}$  are a one-to-one mapping symmetrizing the system
- Expressed in entropy variables, the entropy flux  $F(\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{v}))$  has a symmetric Jacobian and admits a potential function such that  $\psi_{\mathbf{v}} = F(\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{v}))$

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For which a sufficient condition is

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- The general form of the set (KEP) of fluxes is

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and using  $\sum u_i \delta v_i = - \sum v_i \delta u_i$



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# Compressible flows: KEP schemes

## FD vs DoF formulations

- For *central* schemes, divergence, advective and ‘split’ forms are locally conservative (Ducros, 2000, Pirozzoli 2010)
- A correspondence between FD and FV formulations can be established. For algebraic (bilinear or trilinear) symmetric interpolations they are equivalent

$$\begin{array}{llll} \xi = 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}_\rho = \mathcal{C}_\rho^D & \mathcal{F}_\rho = \overline{\rho u}; \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho\phi} = \overline{\phi \rho u}, \\ \xi = 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}_\rho = \mathcal{C}_\rho^A & \mathcal{F}_\rho = \overline{\overline{\rho u}}; \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho\phi} = \overline{\overline{\phi \rho u}}, \\ \xi = 1/2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}_\rho = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{C}_\rho^D + \mathcal{C}_\rho^A) & \mathcal{F}_\rho = \overline{\rho} \overline{u}; \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho\phi} = \overline{\phi} \overline{\rho} \overline{u} \end{array}$$

- Jameson (2008) and Kennedy and Gruber (2008) independently formulated an equivalent scheme the same year!

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and

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# A selection of KEP schemes

Feiereisen *et al.* 1981

$$\mathcal{F}_\rho = \overline{\rho u}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho u} = \mathcal{F}_\rho \overline{u}, \quad \mathcal{F}_p = \overline{\overline{(p, u)}}$$

(KEP, PEP)

Kok 2009

$$\mathcal{F}_\rho = \overline{\rho} \overline{u}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho u} = \mathcal{F}_\rho \overline{u}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho e} = \mathcal{F}_\rho \overline{e}^G$$

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Pirozzoli 2010

$$\mathcal{F}_\rho = \overline{\rho} \overline{u}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho u} = \mathcal{F}_\rho \overline{u}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\rho H} = \mathcal{F}_\rho \overline{H}$$

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KEEP by Kuya *et al.* 2018  
(consistent with Coppola *et al.* 2019 )

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De Michele and Coppola 2023  
(inspired by Kok 2009, consistent  
with Rozema *et al.* 2014 and 2018)

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# EC schemes: Tadmor theory

## Entropy Conservative fluxes

- *Entropy Conservative* numerical fluxes  $\mathcal{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  satisfy (Tadmor 1987)

$$(\mathbf{v}_{i+1} - \mathbf{v}_i)^T \cdot \mathcal{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \psi(\mathbf{v}_{i+1}) - \psi(\mathbf{v}_i)$$

Assuming  $U = -\frac{\rho s}{\gamma - 1}$  for ideal gases the entropy variables are

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} - \frac{\log p / \rho^\gamma}{\gamma - 1} - \frac{\rho u^2}{2p}, \frac{\rho u}{p}, -\frac{\rho}{p} \right)$$

and the flux potential is  $\psi = \rho u$ .

# EC schemes

## Entropy Conservative fluxes

- Tadmor 1987: EC flux defined as an integral in entropy variables space
- Ismail and Roe 2009: 'affordable' EC fluxes based on the logarithmic mean
- Chandrashekar 2013: KEP and EC fluxes based on the logarithmic mean
- Ranocha and Gassner 2022: KEP, EC and PEP fluxes for ideal gases

$$\overline{\phi}^{\log} = \frac{\phi_{i+1} - \phi_i}{\log \phi_{i+1} - \log \phi_i}$$

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# Compressible flows: Real gases

- In the real gases cases the linear link between pressure and internal energy is lost.
- Entropy is an arbitrary function of pressure and density. **New averages need to be defined!**
- PEP methods are highly challenging (only approximate treatments seem possible)
- EC methods can be obtained with a general approach with potential broad applicability

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- Starting point: Gibbs relations for temporal derivatives for an **arbitrary EOS**

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Internal-energy flux assuring  
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- KEP and EC formulations are possible **for arbitrary EOS** by suitably specifying the internal-energy flux 
- The **mass flux is still free** (additional properties can be enforced) 
- **High-order extension** is straightforward 
- The formulation admits an **entropy flux** (it is also *locally conservative!*) 
- The formulation is **potentially singular** (local fixes are available, as in the case of perfect gases) 

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# Numerical results I: real gases

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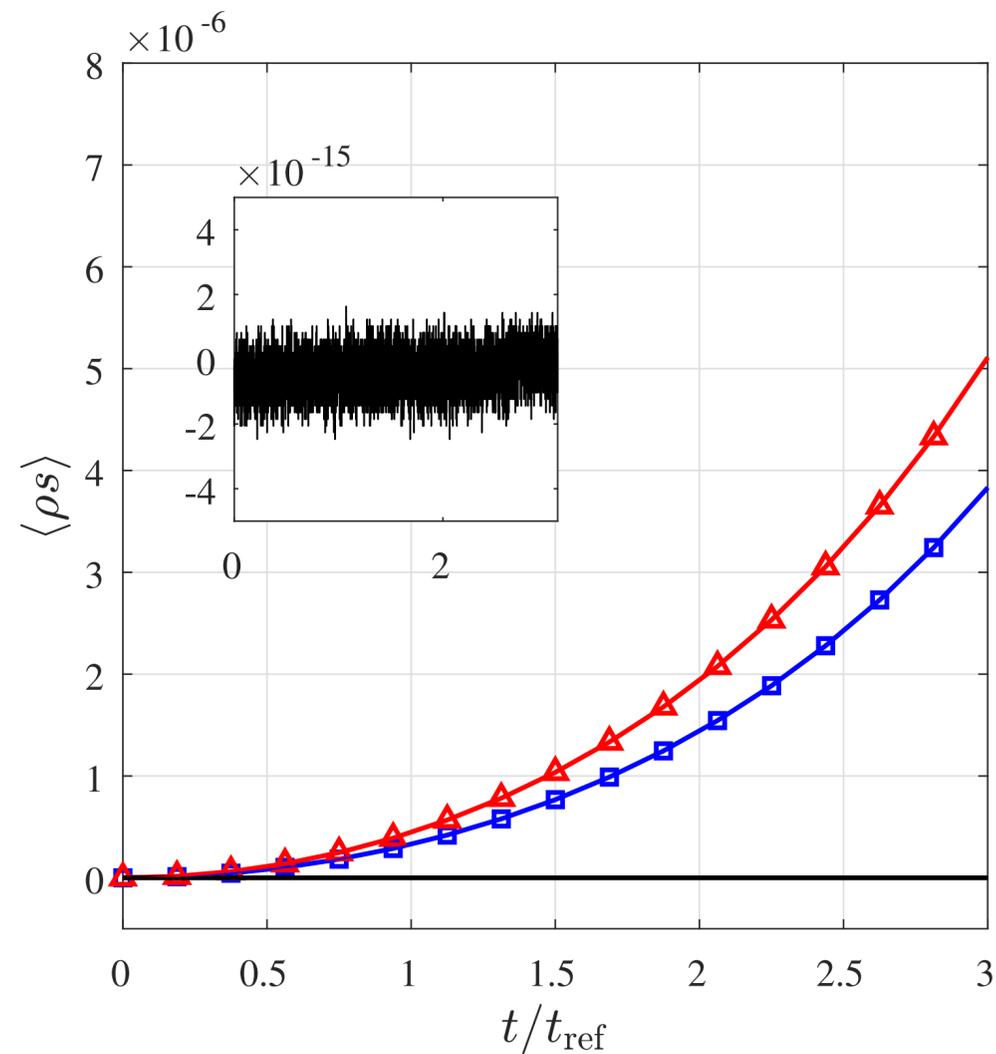
$$\begin{cases} u(x, y^\pm, 0) &= u_0 \left[ 1 \mp A \tanh \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right) \right] \\ v(x, y, 0) &= \epsilon \sin \left( \frac{k\pi}{L_x} x \right) e^{-4y^2/\delta} \\ T(x, y^\pm, 0) &= T_0 \left[ 1 \pm B \tanh \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right) \right] \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} A &= B = 3/8 \\ \epsilon &= 0.1 \\ \delta &= 1/15 \\ k &= 3 \\ u_0 &= 20 \text{ m/s} \\ T_0 &= 110 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

- Spatial domain  $L_x = 0.5 \text{ m}$ ,  $L_y = 0.25 \text{ m}$ ,  $N_x \times N_y = 32 \times 16$
- Periodic boundary conditions are used
- Time integration: RK4 with CFL = 0.005

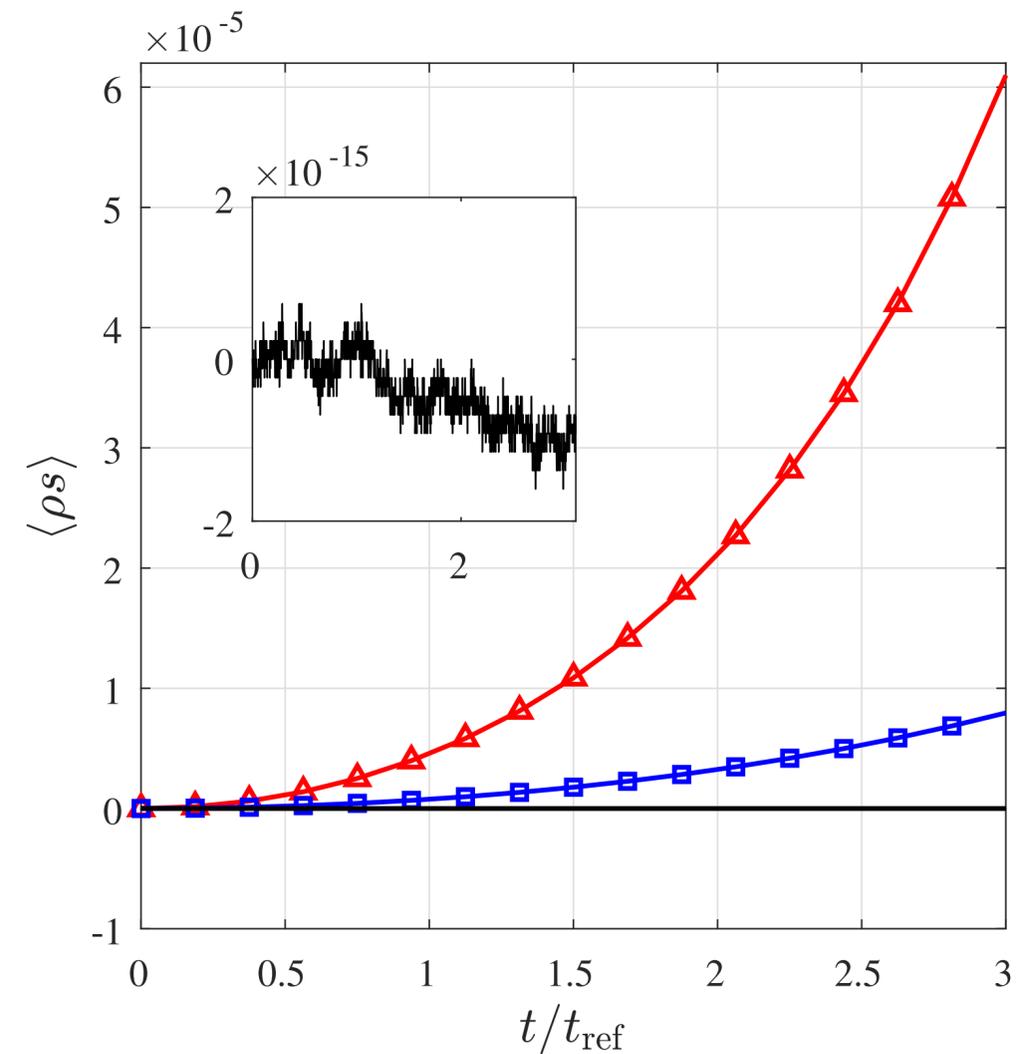
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(a) Van der Waals (4th order)



(b) Peng-Robinson (2nd order)

# Numerical results - II: TP gases

## Compressible (inviscid) TGV

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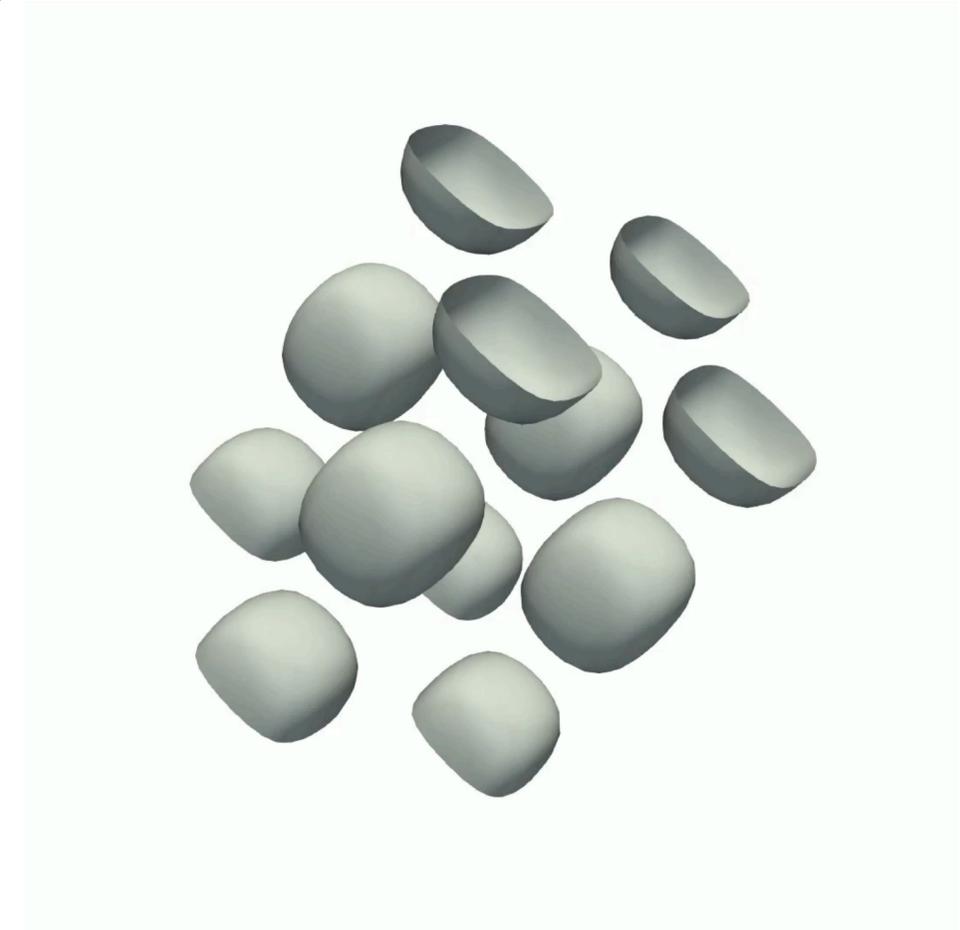
$$\rho(x, y, z, 0) = \rho_0$$

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$$w(x, y, z, 0) = 0$$

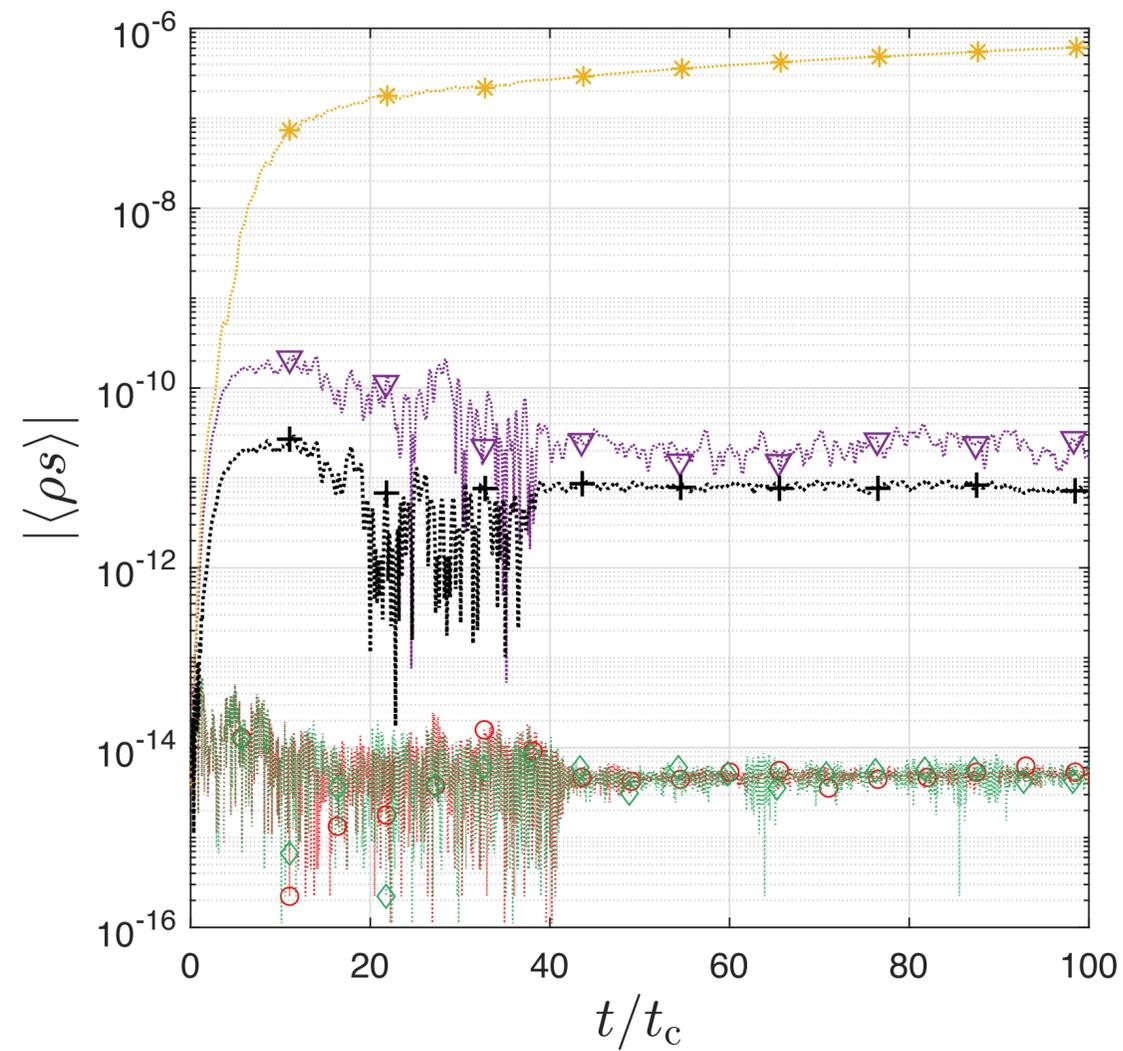
$$p(x, y, z, 0) = p_0 + \frac{\rho_0 u_0^2}{16} (\cos 2x + \cos 2y) (\cos 2z + 2)$$



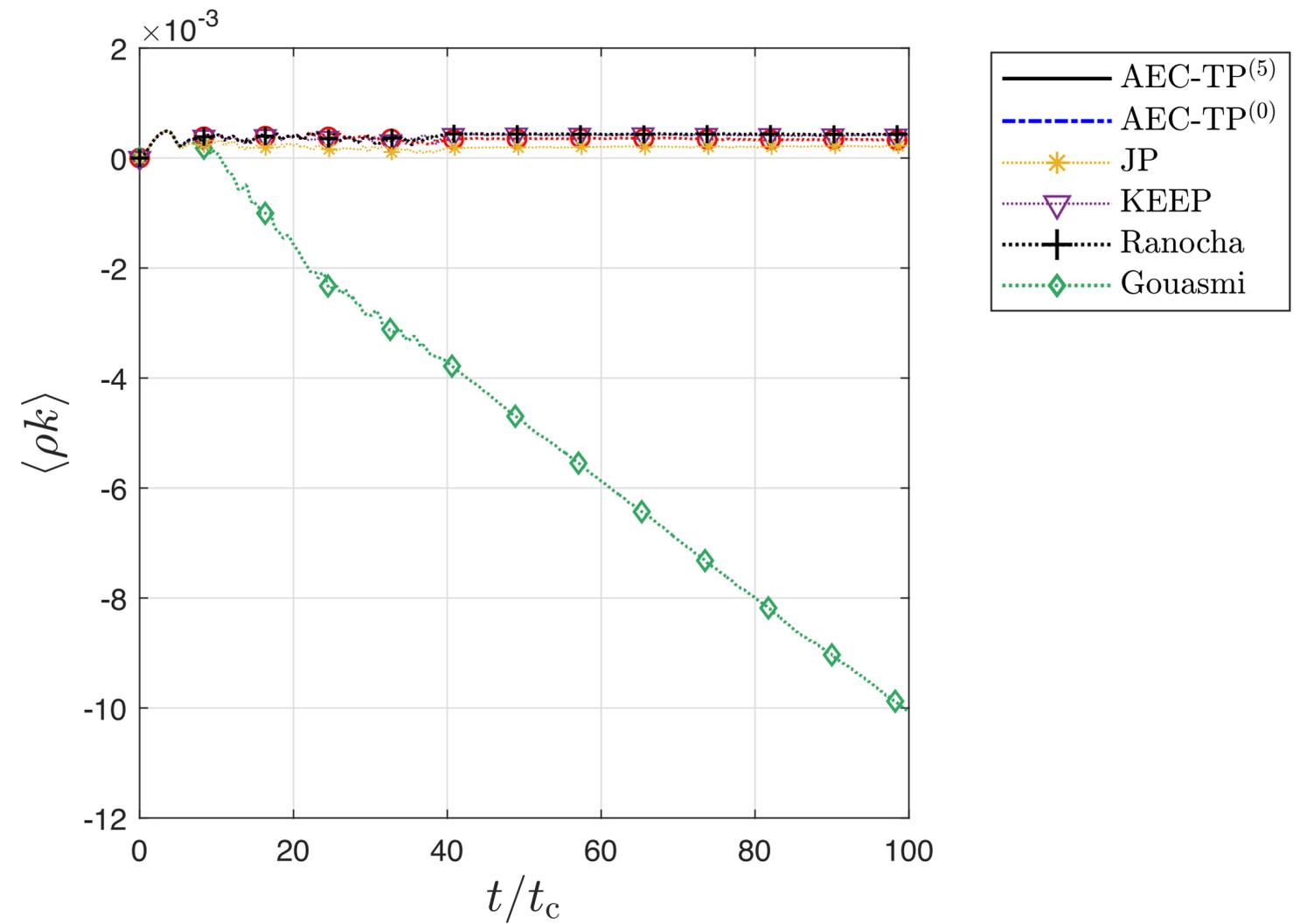
- Spatial domain has size  $L = 2\pi$  and is discretized with  $32 \times 32 \times 32$  points
- 6th order explicit schemes are used (STREAMS-2.0), with periodic BCs
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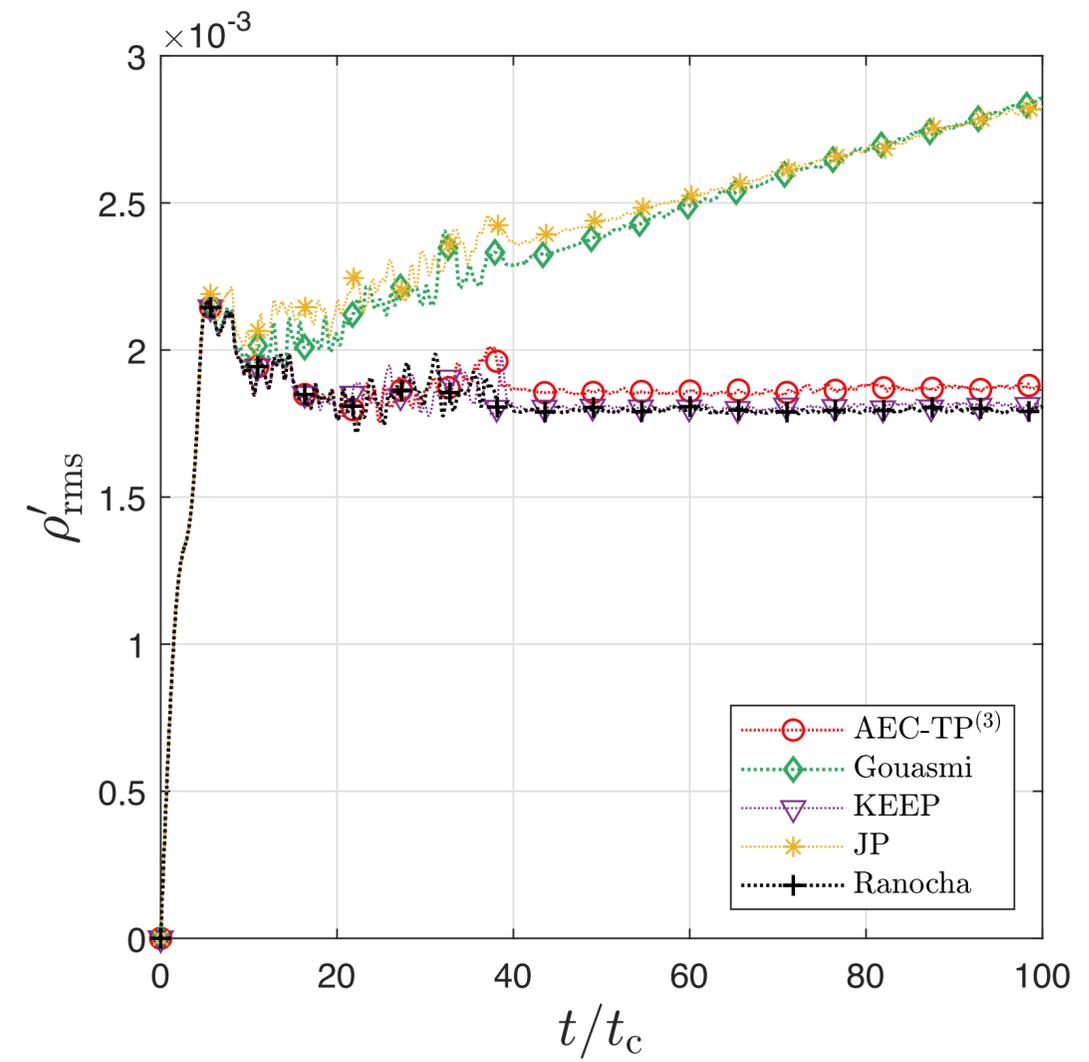
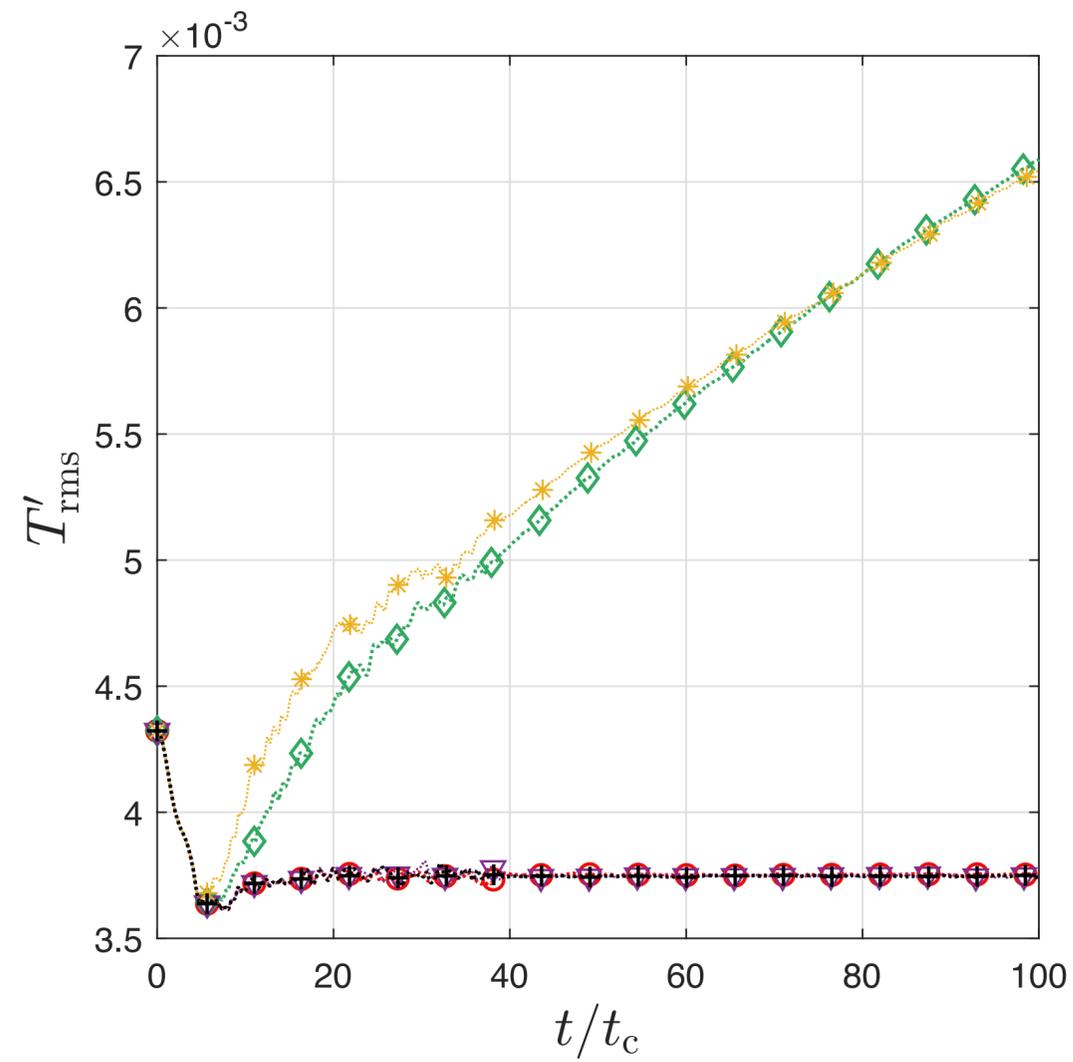
Entropy conservation



KE evolution

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# Generalized FD formulations

## What about Finite Differences?

- The introduction of more general averages in the definition of EC numerical fluxes naturally leads to the question of FD compatible formulations
- Classical FD formulations can be associated only with algebraic (bilinear or trilinear) interpolations. Differences are due to the failure of the *product rule*
- For arbitrary nonlinear flux functions, classical FD formulations need to include suitable *nonlinear* transformations, for which the *chain rule* plays a role

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- Employing split forms and various difference operators leads to the classical EC schemes based on the logarithmic mean, and **generate new ones!**

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- A sufficiently general set of nonlinear transformations is given by

$$\phi = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} \frac{d\phi^{\beta+1}}{d\phi^{\beta}}$$

- Many nonlinear averages can be generated

- $\beta = 1 \rightarrow$  Arithmetic mean:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d\phi^2}{d\phi} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta\phi^2}{\delta\phi} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta_{2pt}\phi^2}{\delta_{2pt}\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi_a^2 - \phi_b^2}{\phi_a - \phi_b} = \frac{\phi_a + \phi_b}{2} = \bar{\phi}$$

- $\beta = 0 \rightarrow$  Logarithmic mean:

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- $\beta = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow$  Geometric mean:

$$-\frac{d\sqrt{\phi}}{d(1/\sqrt{\phi})} \approx -\frac{\delta\sqrt{\phi}}{\delta(1/\sqrt{\phi})} \rightarrow \frac{\delta_{2pt}\sqrt{\phi}}{\delta_{2pt}(1/\sqrt{\phi})} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{\phi_a} - \sqrt{\phi_b}}{1/\sqrt{\phi_a}} - \frac{\sqrt{\phi_a} - \sqrt{\phi_b}}{1/\sqrt{\phi_b}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi_a}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi_b}}} = \sqrt{\phi_a \phi_b} = \bar{\phi}^G$$

- $\beta = -2 \rightarrow$  Harmonic mean:

$$2 \frac{d\phi^{-1}}{d\phi^{-2}} \approx \frac{\delta\phi^{-1}}{\delta\phi^{-2}} \rightarrow \frac{\delta_{2pt}\phi^{-1}}{\delta_{2pt}\phi^{-2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\phi_a} - \frac{1}{\phi_b}}{\frac{1}{\phi_a^2} - \frac{1}{\phi_b^2}} = 2 \frac{\phi_b \phi_a}{\phi_b + \phi_a} = \bar{\phi}^H$$

- This approach can be used to obtain more EC, KEP and PEP methods within a FD approach, even based on biased (non central) operators

# Future work

## Topics for the future

- SP methods is an active and important field, with exciting challenges and expanding applications
- Possible future topics include
  - Refinement of existing theories: singularity of the fluxes, efficient implementation...
  - Explore new structural properties e.g. positivity preserving, multicomponent flows...
  - Temporal integration
  - Unstructured meshes
  - ...