

**Hyperbolic Conservation Laws  
And  
Visualization and Data Analysis  
In Chombo**

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# Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Introduction

- Hyperbolic Conservation Laws can be written in the form:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{F}(U) = S$$

- More explicit form:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \sum_{d=0}^{D-1} \frac{\partial F^d(U)}{\partial x^d} = S$$

- Changing to primitive variables,  $W = W(U)$ :

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \sum_{d=0}^{D-1} A^d(W) \frac{\partial W^d}{\partial x^d} = S'$$

$$A^d = \nabla_U W \cdot \nabla_U F^d \cdot \nabla_W U$$

$$S' = \nabla_U W \cdot S$$

## Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Examples

- 2D Gas Dynamics (Compressible Euler Equations):

$$U = (\rho, \rho u_1, \rho u_2, \rho E)$$

$$F^1 = (\rho u_1, \rho u_1^2 + p, \rho u_1 u_2, \rho u_1 E + u_1 p)$$

$$F^2 = (\rho u_2, \rho u_1 u_2, \rho u_2^2 + p, \rho u_2 E + u_2 p)$$

$$S = 0$$

$$W = (\rho, u_1, u_2, E)$$

$$p = (\gamma - 1)\rho e$$

$$e = \left(E - \frac{1}{2}(u_1^2 + u_2^2)\right)$$

# Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Examples

- Ideal MHD:

$$U = (\rho, \rho \vec{u}, \vec{B}, \rho E)$$

$$F = (\rho \vec{u},$$

$$\rho \vec{u} \vec{u} + (P + \frac{1}{8\pi} |\vec{B}|^2) I - \frac{1}{4\pi} \vec{B} \vec{B},$$

$$\vec{u} \vec{B} - \vec{B} \vec{u},$$

$$(\rho E + P + \frac{1}{8\pi} |\vec{B}|^2) \vec{u} - \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B})$$

$$S = 0$$

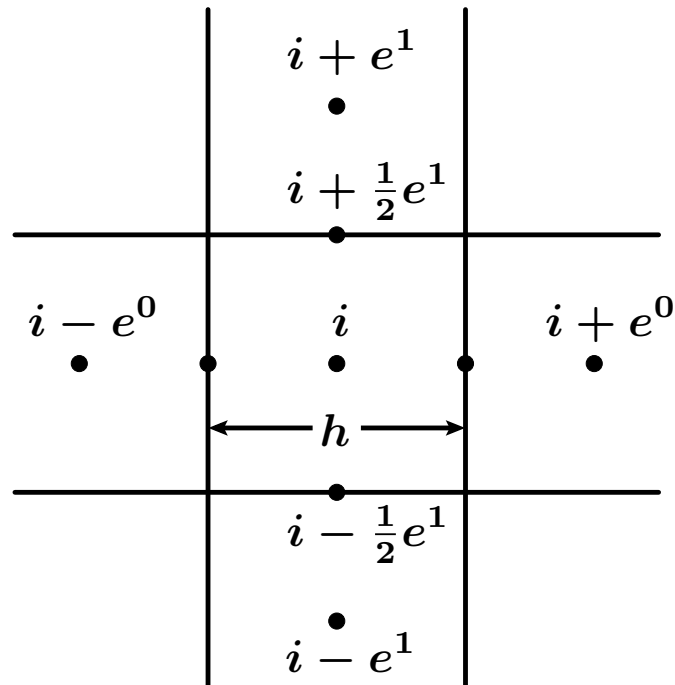
$$W = (\rho, \vec{u}, \vec{B}, E)$$

$$\rho E = \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho |\vec{u}|^2 + \frac{1}{8\pi} |\vec{B}|^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma-1} P \right)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

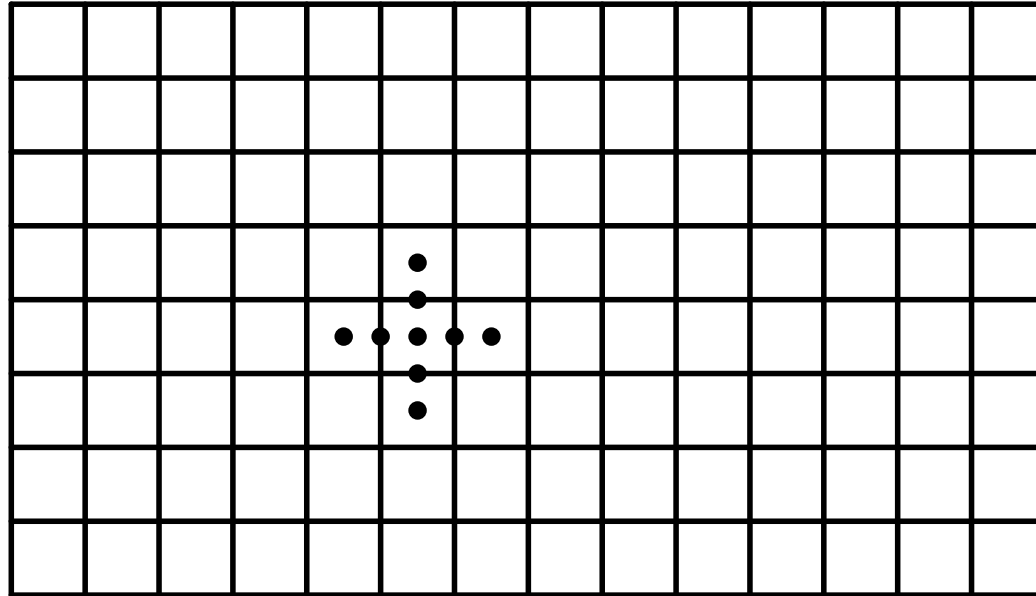
# Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Discretization

- Notation and indexing:  $i$  is a spatial index and  $n$  is a time index:

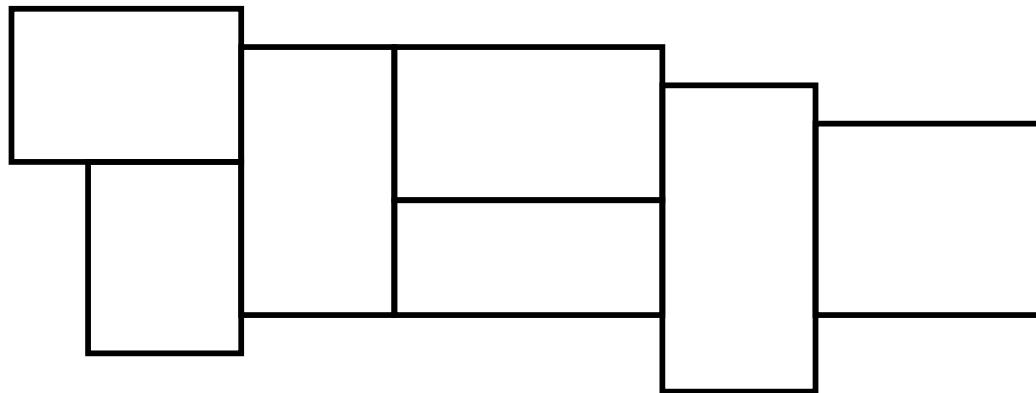


- The spatial index and the time index are related to physical coordinates via  $h$  and  $\Delta t$ , respectively

- Cells are grouped into boxes:

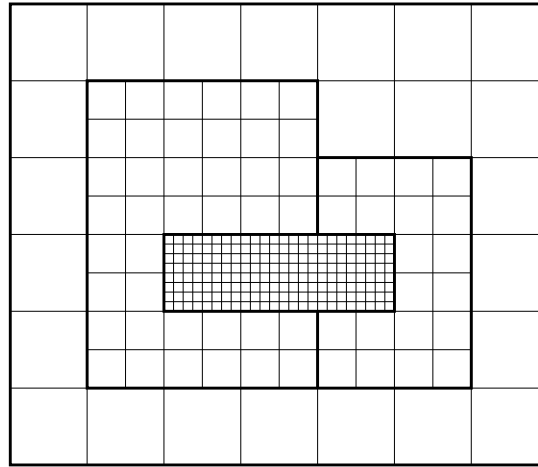


- Boxes are grouped into levels:

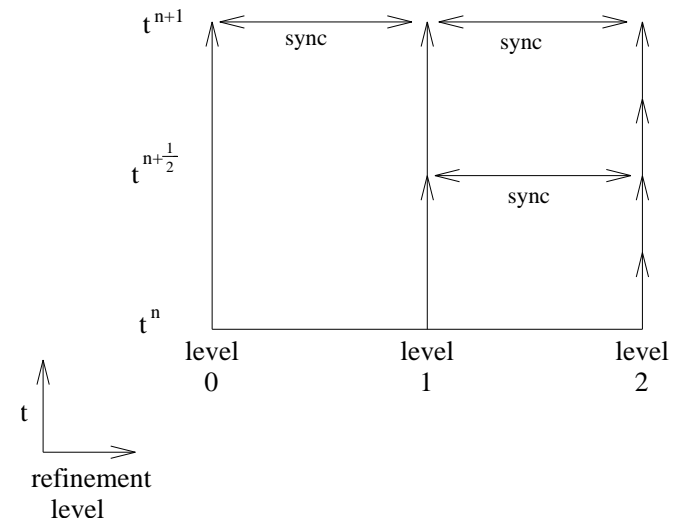
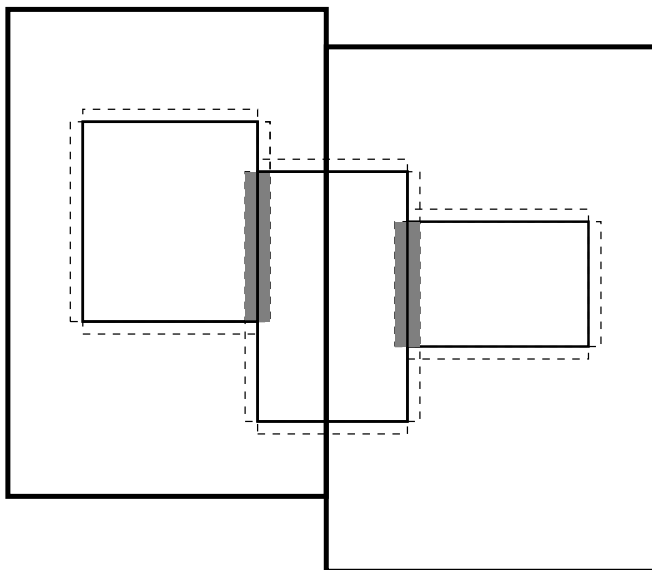


# Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Discretization

- Levels at different resolutions are nested:



- This nesting allows the coarser level to define the boundary conditions for the finer level:

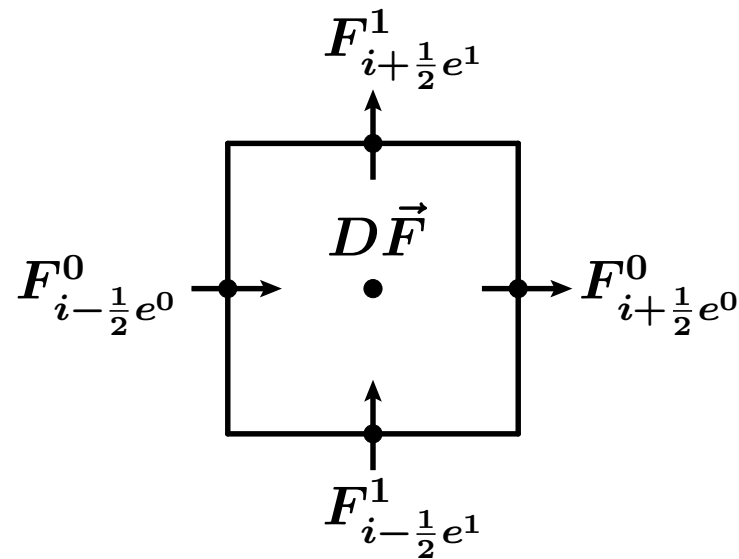




## Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Discretization

- Consider a single level (collection of boxes) at a fixed resolution
- Approximate the divergence of the flux in each cell of each box:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{F} \approx D\vec{F} \equiv \frac{1}{h} \sum_{d=0}^{D-1} (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^d)$$



- This is exact if  $\nabla \cdot \vec{F}$  was a cell average and the  $F_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^d$  were face averages (divergence theorem)

- Second-order accurate in space if fluxes are second-order accurate
- Update the solution:

$$U^{n+1} = U^n - \Delta t(D\vec{F}), \quad \vec{F} = \vec{F}(U^n)$$

- The critical element is the accurate computation of  $F^d$  in space and time
- Second-order accuracy in time is achieved by using a predictor-corrector method

## Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Algorithm

Given  $U_i^n$  and  $S_i^n$ , we want to compute a second-order accurate estimate of the fluxes:

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}e^d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \approx F^d(x_0 + (i + \frac{1}{2}e^d)h, t^n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t)$$

1. Compute the effect of the normal derivative terms and the source term on the extrapolation in space and time from cell centers to faces. For  $0 \leq d < D$ :

$$W_{i,\pm,d} = W_i^n + \frac{1}{2}(\pm I - \frac{\Delta t}{h}A_i^d)P_{\pm}(\Delta^d W_i)$$

$$A_i^d = A^d(W_i)$$

$$P_{\pm}(W) = \sum_{\pm\lambda_k > 0} (l_k \cdot W)r_k$$

$$W_{i,\pm,d} = W_{i,\pm,d} + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\nabla_U W \cdot S_i^n$$

where  $\lambda_k$  are eigenvalues of  $A_i^d$ , and  $l_k$  and  $r_k$  are the corresponding left and right eigenvectors.

2. Compute estimates of  $F^d$  suitable for computing 1D flux derivatives  $\frac{\partial F^d}{\partial x^d}$  using a Riemann solver for the interior,  $R$ , and for the boundary,  $R_B$ . Here, and in what follows,  $\nabla_U W$  need only be first-order accurate, e.g., differ from the value at  $U_i^n$  by  $O(h)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{i+\frac{1}{2}e^d}^{1D} &= R(W_{i,+ ,d}, W_{i+e^d,- ,d}, d) \\
 &\quad | R_B(W_{i,+ ,d}, (i + \frac{1}{2}e^d)h, d) \\
 &\quad | R_B(W_{i+e^d,- ,d}, (i + \frac{1}{2}e^d)h, d)
 \end{aligned}$$

3. In 3D compute corrections to  $W_{i,\pm ,d}$  corresponding to one set of transverse derivatives appropriate to obtain  $(1, 1, 1)$

diagonal coupling. In 2D skip this step:

$$W_{i,\pm,d_1,d_2} = W_{i,\pm,d_1} - \frac{\Delta t}{3h} \nabla_U W \cdot (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{1D} e^{d_2} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{1D} e^{d_2})$$

4. In 3D compute fluxes corresponding to corrections made in the previous step. In 2D skip this step:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} e^{d_1}, d_2 &= R(W_{i,+,d_1,d_2}, W_{i+e^{d_1},-,d_1,d_2}, d_1) \\ &| R_B(W_{i,+,d_1,d_2}, (i + \frac{1}{2} e^{d_1})h, d_1) \\ &| R_B(W_{i+e^{d_1},-,d_1,d_2}, (i + \frac{1}{2} e^{d_1})h, d_1) \end{aligned}$$

5. Compute final corrections to  $W_{i,\pm,d}$  due to the final transverse

derivatives:

$$2D: \quad W_{i,\pm,d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = W_{i,\pm,d} - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} \nabla_U W \cdot (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}e^{d_1}}^{1D} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}e^{d_1}}^{1D})$$

$$3D: \quad W_{i,\pm,d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = W_{i,\pm,d} - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} \nabla_U W \cdot (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}e^{d_1},d_2} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}e^{d_1},d_2}) \\ - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} \nabla_U W \cdot (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}e^{d_2},d_1} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}e^{d_2},d_1})$$

6. Compute final estimate of fluxes:

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}e^d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = R(W_{i,+,d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, W_{i+e^d,-,d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, d) \\ | \quad R_B(W_{i,+,d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, (i + \frac{1}{2}e^d)h, d) \\ | \quad R_B(W_{i+e^d,-,d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, (i + \frac{1}{2}e^d)h, d)$$

7. Update the solution using the divergence of the fluxes:

$$U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} \sum_{d=0}^{D-1} (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}e^d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}e^d}^{n+\frac{1}{2}})$$

- Fourth order slope calculations with limiting and flattening
- Extensions to piecewise parabolic methods (PPM)
- Second-order accurate in space and time
- “Accurate” shock capture - robust and stable
- This is an “unsplit” algorithm for the updating of the conservative quantities,  $U$
- Everything has been reduced to computations that can be computed box by box (if ghost cells are used) and all reduced to 1D

# Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Implementation

- All physics independent code has been implemented and requires no modification by the user:
  - The framework for time dependent, adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) computations, including: AMR mesh generation, time step control, interaction between levels
  - All the computations for hyperbolic conservation laws with the exception of a handful of physics dependent routines
  - Parallel computation without modifications to code - only recompilation



# Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Implementation

- Recall Step 1 of the algorithm:

$$W_{i,\pm,d} = W_i^n + \frac{1}{2}(\pm I - \frac{\Delta t}{h} A_i^d) P_{\pm}(\Delta^d W_i)$$
$$A_i^d = (\nabla_U W)_i \cdot \nabla_U F_i^d \cdot (\nabla_W U)_i$$

- The following physics dependent routines must be provided by the user:
  - Eigen-analysis of the linearization of  $A^d(W)$ :  
transformations between characteristic variables  
(eigenvectors) and primitive variables, computation of  
eigenvalues
  - The solution to 1D Riemann problems given the primitive  
variable values on each side of a face
  - Quasilinear update - computation of:  $A^d(W) P_{\pm}(\Delta^d W) / h$
  - Maximum wave speed (in a box) given the conserved

variable values (in the box)

- The transformation of conserved variables to primitive variables
- The computation of fluxes on a face given the value of the primitive variables on the face
- Physical boundary conditions - if the boundaries of the domain are periodic then this is trivial to provide
- Various bookkeeping functions - number of conserved variables, number of primitive variables, etc.

# Hyperbolic Conservation Laws - Additional Notes

- Some current work using Chombo's framework:
  - Gas Dynamics - Current example in Chombo library (PLM and PPM)
  - Ideal MHD - Ravi Samtaney (PPPL/ANAG), Rob Crockett (UCB Physics)
  - Self Gravitating Gas Dynamics with MHD and coupling to collisionless particles - Francesco Miniati (ETH)
- Current development:
  - Particle computations
  - Multifluid computations

# Visualization and Data Analysis - Introduction

- ChomboVis - visualization and data analysis tool for AMR data
- Some capabilities:
  - Grid display
  - Data slices
  - Contours / Isosurfaces
  - Streamlines
  - Clipping
  - Data selection and spreadsheets
  - State saving and restoring
  - Creation of derived quantities
- Driven by user's needs and funding
- One fulltime developer

# Visualization and Data Analysis - Design/Architecture

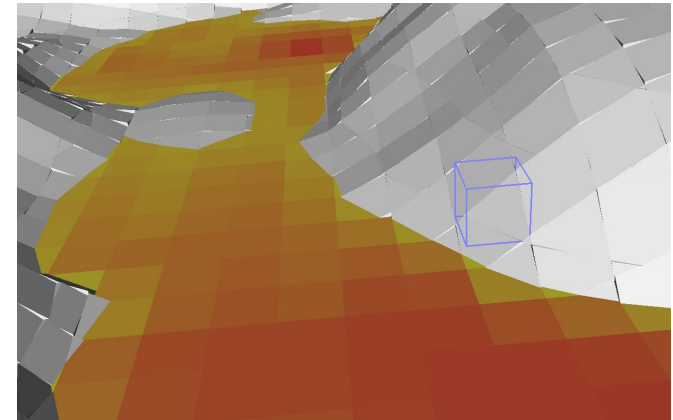
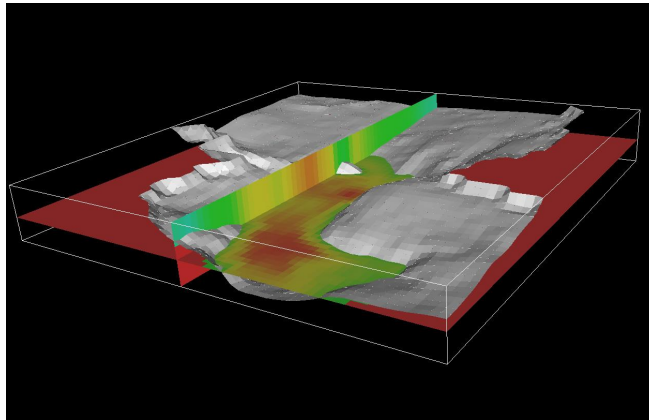
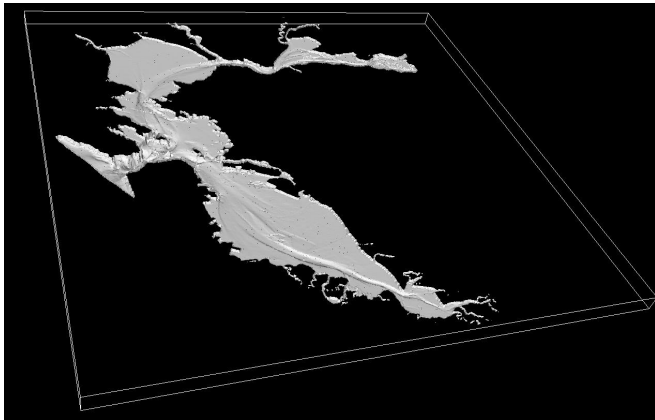
- Built modularly using existing software packages: Python, VTK, Tk, HDF5
- Scripting language with all functionality available
- Data viewing and analysis a core requirement
- Use of OpenGL graphics acceleration including advanced graphics capabilities (e.g., texture mapping)
- Reads and writes data using HDF5 which is machine independent/portable
- Customization via startup file using scripting language
- Data read and stored only on demand
- Non-graphical versions of ChomboVis provided
- Core visualization and data analysis tool of developers

# **Visualization and Data Analysis - Capabilities**

Demonstration and Movies

## Visualization and Data Analysis - Features

- Different data centerings
- Multiple tools synchronized (master/slave)
- Offscreen rendering
- Rendering directly to encapsulated PostScript (vector output)
- Particles
- Embedded Boundaries
- Multifluids



## Remarks - Software Availability

- Software and documentation is available locally on “joshuatree” under “/usr/local/chombo”
- Also available on the ANAG WWW site:  
**<http://seesar.lbl.gov/anag>** under “**Software**”
- E-mail to the developers:
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  - **<http://seesar.lbl.gov/anag/staff/ligocki/index.html>** under the IPAM link



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