



Efficient solution of large systems of
non-linear PDEs in science

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A Preconditioned Roe Scheme for All Mach Numbers

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We need simulation codes that...

- ▶ ... can resolve flows at low Mach number accurately.
- ▶ ... can simulate long time scales efficiently.

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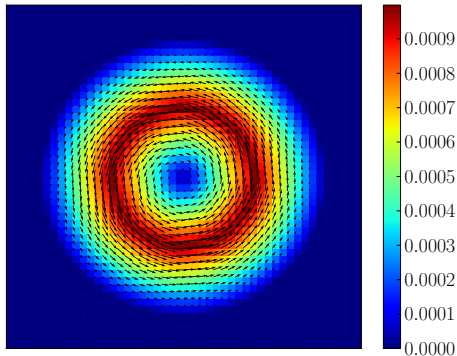
Two Decoupled Solution Spaces ($M_r \rightarrow 0$)

- ▶ sound waves governed by linear wave equation
- ▶ incompressible Euler equations
- ▶ $\hat{p} = \hat{p}^{(0)} + M_r\hat{p}^{(1)}$
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Gresho Vortex

- ▶ rotating vortex
- ▶ dynamic pressure counteracts centrifugal force
- ▶ stationary solution to the incompressible Euler equations

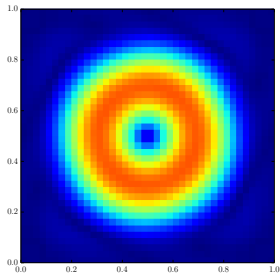
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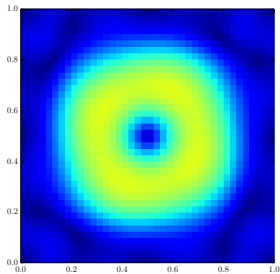
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Standard Roe scheme
Mach number at $t = 2$

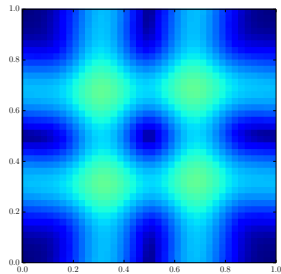
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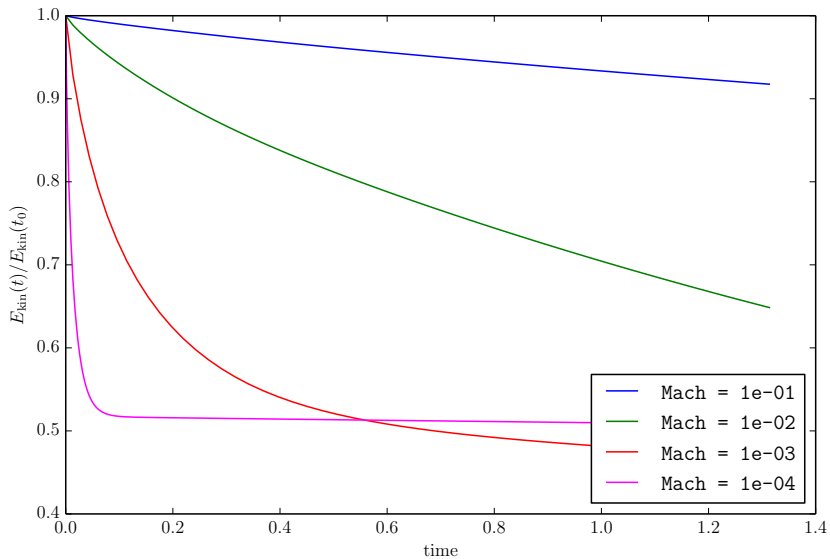
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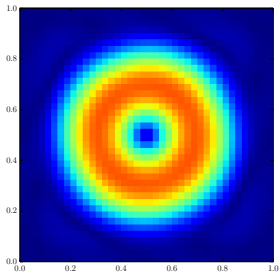
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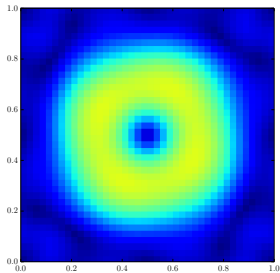
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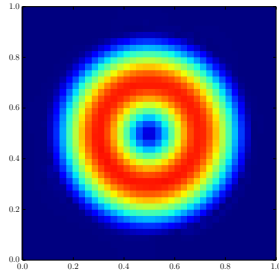
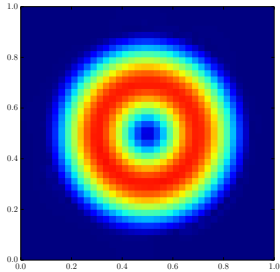
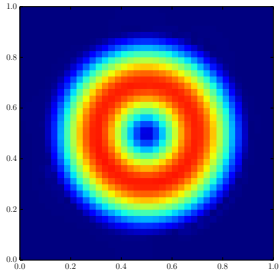
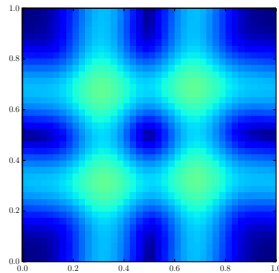
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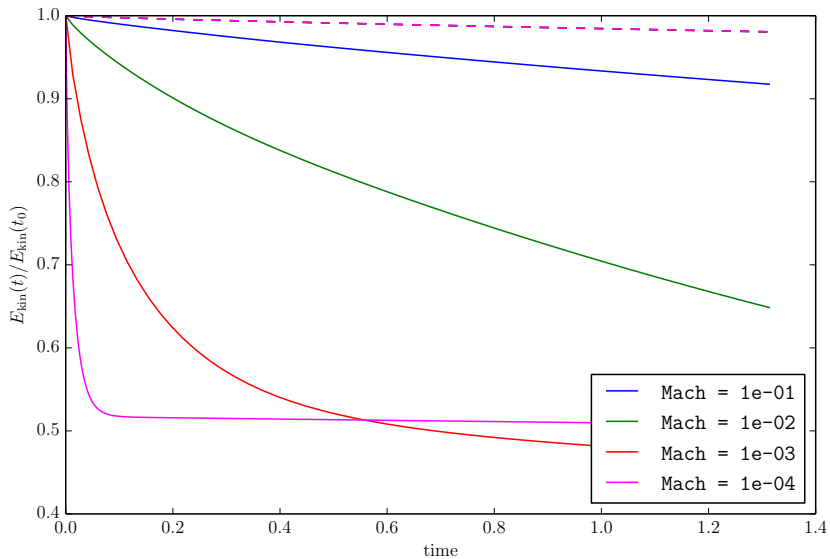
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SLH (Seven League Hydro) Code

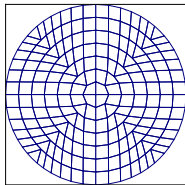
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The Non-Linear System

- ▶ Discretize spatial terms first. (Method of Lines)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{U})$$

- ▶ Explicit time step limited by sound speed (stability)

$$\Delta t_{\text{explicit}} \leq \text{CFL} \frac{\Delta x}{|u+c|} \stackrel{u \ll c}{\approx} \text{CFL} \frac{\Delta x}{c}$$

- ▶ Implicit time step limit by fluid velocity (accuracy)

$$\Delta t_{\text{implicit}} \leq \text{CFL} \frac{\Delta x}{|u|}$$

- ▶ Implicit time step larger by $1/M$

Example Backward Euler

$$\frac{U^{n+1} - U^n}{\Delta t} = \mathbf{R}(U^{n+1})$$

$$0 = \Delta t \mathbf{R}(U^{n+1}) - U^{n+1} + U^n$$

- ▶ non-linear system of $5N_x N_y N_z$ equations
- ▶ solve with Newton–Raphson
- ▶ sparse Jacobian with dense 5×5 blocks

Time Stepping

- ▶ implicit time stepping using Explicit first stage, Singly Diagonally Implicit Runge–Kutta schemes (ESDIRK23, ESDIRK34, ESDIRK46, ESDIRK58)
- ▶ **subsequent** solution of $N_{\text{stage}} - 1$ non-linear systems
- ▶ schemes offer an integrated error estimator
- ▶ lower limit in time step ensures it does not try to resolve sound waves
- ▶ pseudo time stepper to find steady states (e.g. hydrostatic equilibrium)

Non-Linear Solver

$$D_{i,j,k}(U) = R_{i,j,k}(U) + c_t U_{i,j,k} + C_{i,j,k} = 0$$

- ▶ Newton–Raphson: $U^{k+1} = U^k - \left(\lambda \frac{\partial D^k}{\partial U} \right)^{-1} D^k$
- ▶ last RK stage as initial guess
- ▶ scaled norm as the convergence indicator:
 $\frac{\|(D)_q\|}{\|(C)_q\|} \quad q \in \{\rho, \rho u, \dots\}$
- ▶ typical criterion for convergence $\approx 10^{-7}$
- ▶ monitor the dominant component to detect stalled convergence

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time to compute F with/without derivative

- ▶ Roe scheme: ≈ 4
- ▶ AUSM⁺-up: ≈ 17

Iterative Linear Solvers

- ▶ size of matrix: $n \times n = (5N_x N_y N_z)^2$ ($n \approx 10^7$ for 128^3 grid)
- ▶ non-zero entries: $13 \times 5^2 \times N_x N_y N_z$
- ▶ density of Jacobian: $13/(N_x N_y N_z)$ ($\approx 6 \times 10^{-4}$ % for 128^3 grid)
- ▶ no symmetry
- ▶ flexible linear solver framework to combine different solvers and preconditioners
- ▶ available methods: BiCGSTAB(ℓ), GMRES, Multigrid, ...
- ▶ available preconditioners: transformation to different variables, non-dimensionalization, inverse of the block-diagonal elements

Parallelization

- ▶ MPI
 - ▶ domain decomposition and ghost cells
 - ▶ each process computes its part of the Jacobian locally
 - ▶ linear solvers work on distributed matrices
- ▶ OpenMP
 - ▶ can be used in conjunction with MPI
 - ▶ important on modern HPC systems with many cores per node
 - ▶ reduces number of ghost cells per grid cell
 - ▶ special effort taken to ensure that a thread always work on the same slice of an array

Gresho vortex, ESDIRK34, Roe-Lowmach scheme
advective CFL time step

Compared Solvers

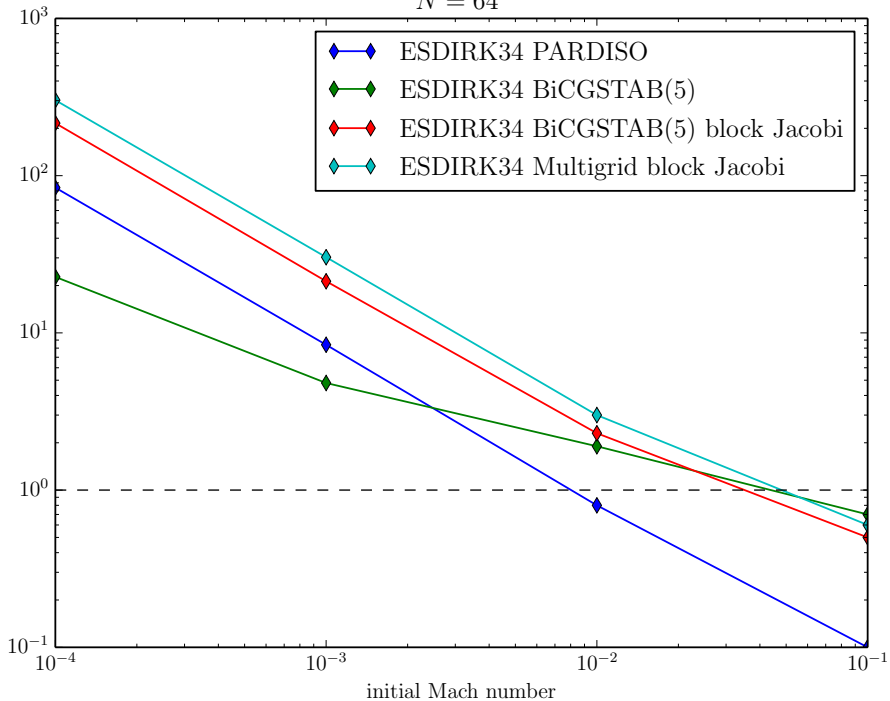
- ▶ direct solver PARDISO
- ▶ BiCGSTAB(5)
- ▶ BiCGSTAB(5) with block Jacobian preconditioning
- ▶ Multigrid with block Jacobian preconditioning and GMRES(20) and BiCGSTAB(5) smoothing

Measure of Performance

- ▶ speedup in computation time with respect to explicit RK3 for the same physical simulation time

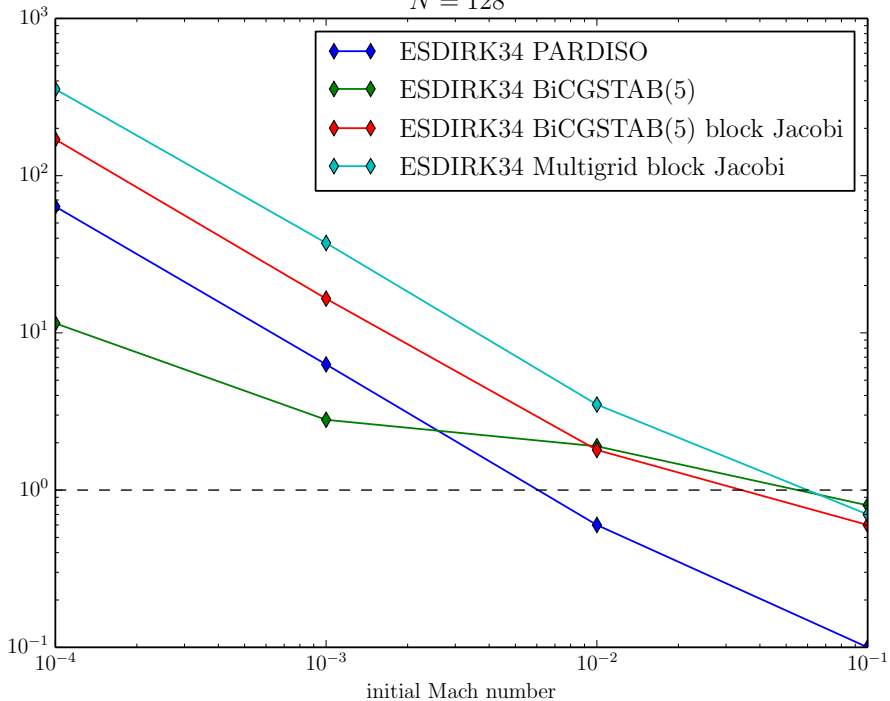
$N = 64^2$

speedup w.r.t. explicit RK3



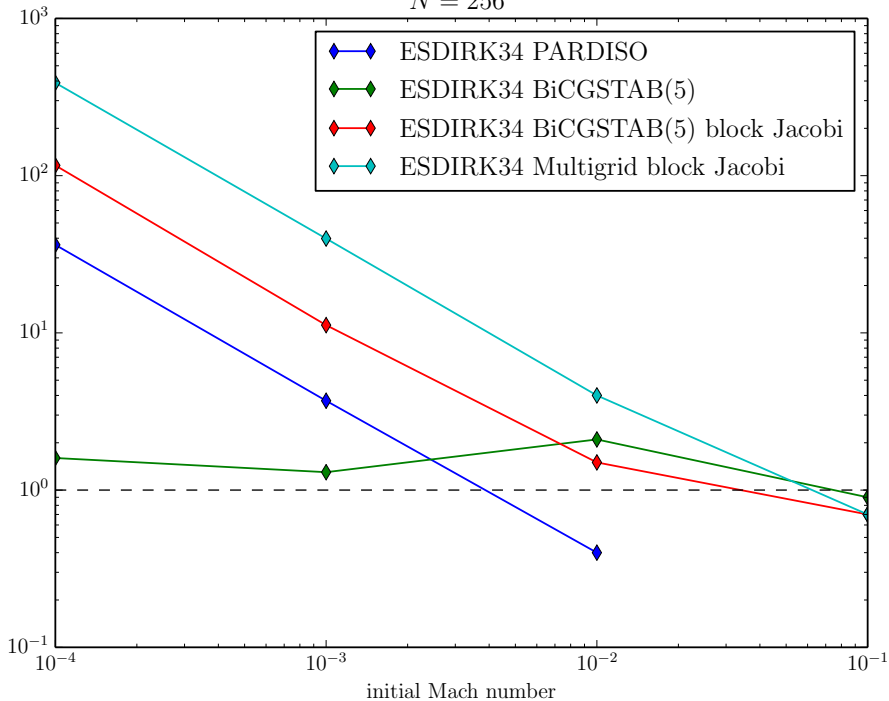
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speedup w.r.t. explicit RK3



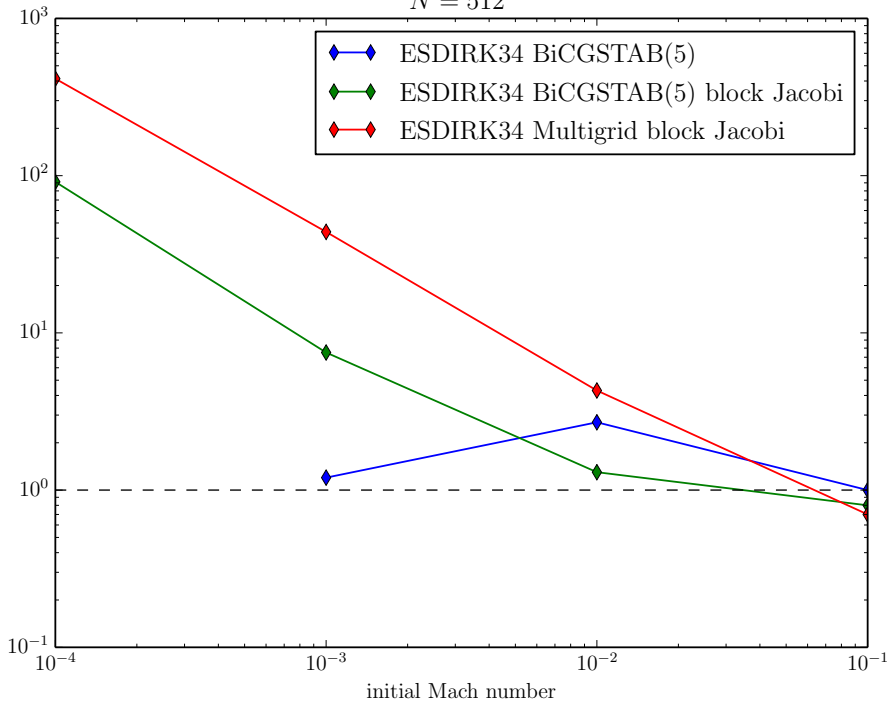
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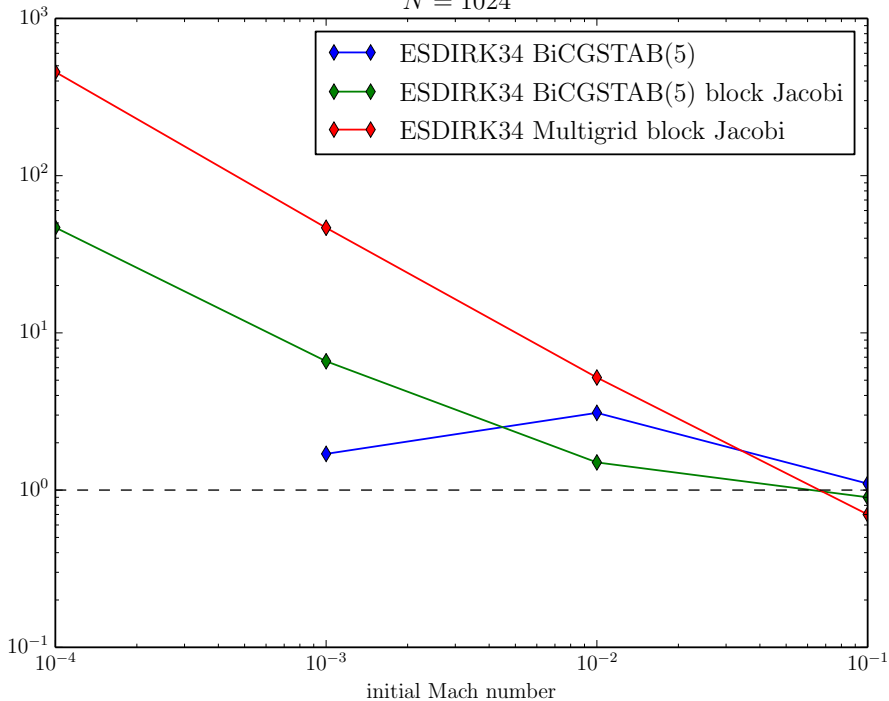
$N = 512^2$

speedup w.r.t. explicit RK3



$N = 1024^2$

speedup w.r.t. explicit RK3



Conclusions

- ▶ Simulations of stellar interiors greatly benefit from implicit time stepping.
- ▶ Many traditional finite volume schemes show excessive dissipation at low Mach number flows.
- ▶ The Roe scheme can be modified to behave properly at low Mach numbers.
- ▶ Implicit time stepping is more efficient than explicit time stepping already at moderately low Mach numbers ($\approx 10^{-2}$).
- ▶ Multigrid and block Jacobian preconditioning well also for large systems.

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