# A New Residual Distribution Hydro Solver for Astrophysics

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# Why we are here ...

#### • What is a residual distribution solver?

- Residual calculation
- Distribution mechanism

#### • Why invest the time to implement one?

- Fundamental advantages Truly Multidimensional
- Early results
- Future work for the solver
  - Extension to 3D, sources, adaptive time stepping, moving mesh



#### Moving mesh schemes

Combine shock handling of grid schemes with the resolution adaption of the particle schemes

# **Fluid on an Unstructured Mesh**

#### **Standard Approaches**

#### Residual Distribution (RD) Approach







Fluid state stored at vertices of triangular mesh

Calculate contribution to change from each triangle

Space broken into cells Calculate movement of material through faces

Update state of fluid in cells

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### **Fluid Equations**



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# **The Distribution**

- Split residual amongst vertices of triangle
- Different distribution schemes for different conditions
  - Low Diffusion A (LDA) -> smooth flows
  - N-scheme -> shocks
    - Blended

-> combination

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Distribution based on geometry of triangle and **fluid state** at each vertex



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 $\phi_i^{LDA} = \beta_i \phi^T$ 

4. The Evolution

#### **Calculating the evolution**



# **Noh Problem**

Initial Conditions:

Roe

RD

- Uniform density
- Velocity radially inward

Solution:

• Expanding shock



Figure 21. Density at t = 3 for the Noh problem. Top panels: results obtained with the first-order Roe solver; bottom panels: results obtained with the first-order N scheme. Resolution increases from left to right:  $32 \times 32$ ,  $128 \times 128$ ,  $512 \times 512$ .

(S.-J. Paardekooper, 2017) Increasing resolution

# My own RD implementation ...

- 2D RD solver on static grid
- Preliminary testing completed
- Reproduces basic hydro tests (e.g. Sod shock tube)
- Still in development:
  - Extension to 3D
  - Adaptive time stepping
  - Moving mesh



# **Summary**

- Implementing a new class of hydro solver the RD solver
  - Truly multidimensional 2nd order hydro solver
  - Takes advantage of the innate form of unstructured meshes
- Promising results so far
- Future work for the solver
  - Extension to 3D, sources, adaptive time stepping, moving mesh

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#### **History and Background**

- Family of methods developed to solve sets of PDEs
- Developed over the past 30 years
- Used for a range of fluid dynamics applications
  - Jet engine design to shallow wave modelling
- Not widely used in astrophysics (S.-J. Paardekooper, 2017)
- Key advantages
  - Truely multidimensional
  - 2nd order accurate on narrow stencil
  - Natural source term inclusion