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How Many Grid Points are Required for Time Accurate Simulations?

Scheme Selection and Scale-Discriminant Stabilization

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Motivation

- computational efficiency
 - coarser grids
 - larger time steps

spatial concerns:

- how well are gradients captured? (resolution requirement)

spatial/temporal concerns:

- dispersion and dissipation error
 - better characteristics for a broader range of wavenumbers

scheme stabilization concerns:

- balancing accuracy with stability
 - artificial dissipation, filtering

Spectral Representation

Fourier basis:

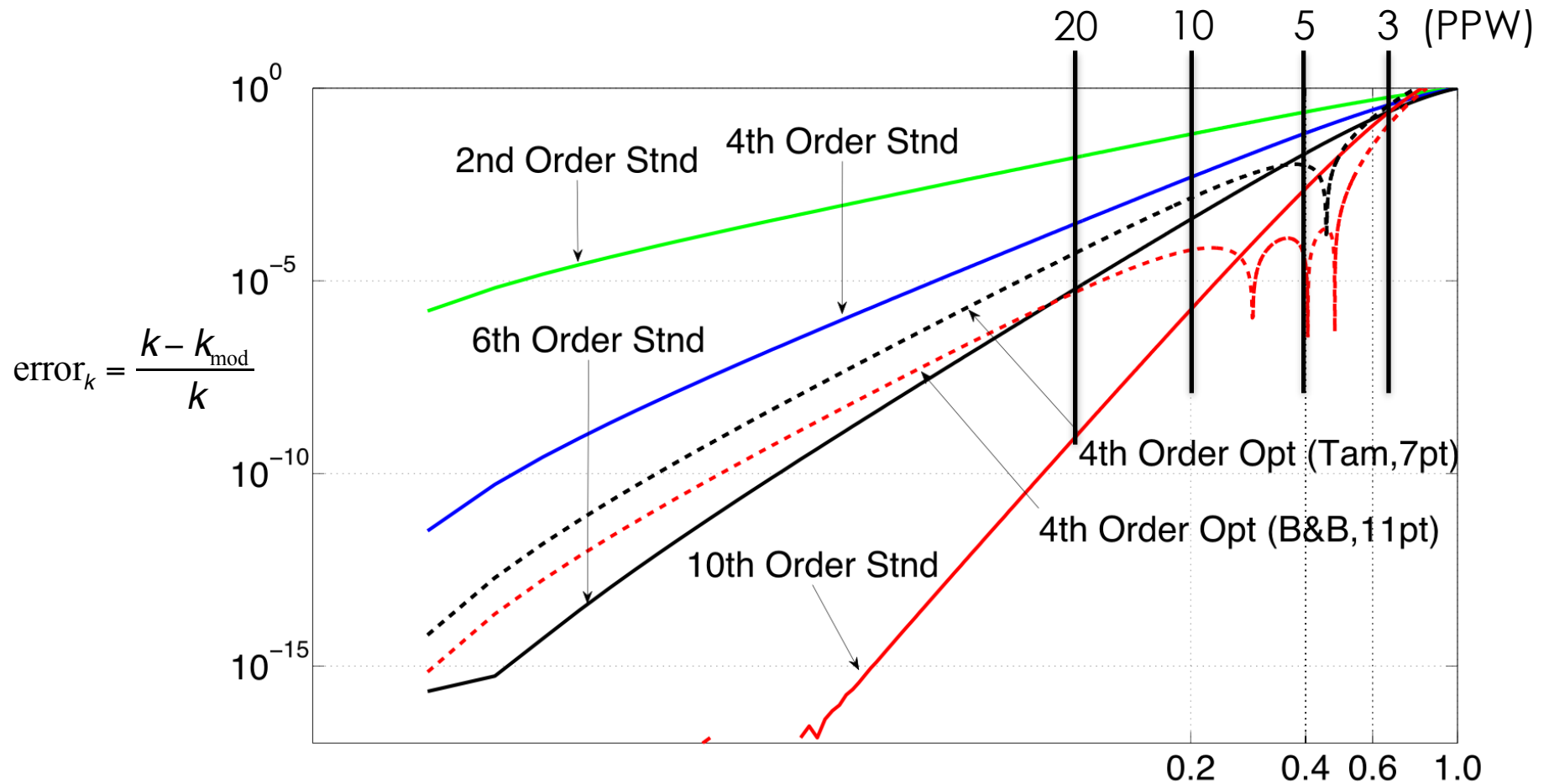
$$u_j = \sum_k \hat{u}(k) e^{ikx_j}$$

$$u_{j+1} = \sum_k \hat{u}(k) e^{ikx_j} e^{ik\Delta x} \quad \text{with} \quad \theta = (k\Delta x) \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

$$\delta_x u \rightarrow a_o u_j + \sum_{l=1}^L a_l (u_{j+l} - u_{j-l}) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[b_o u_j + \sum_{r=1}^R b_r (u_{j+r} - u_{j-r}) \right]$$

$$Z_{conv, spec} = i \odot k \rightarrow Z_{conv}(\theta) = b_o + i \odot \underbrace{\frac{2 \sum_{r=1}^R b_r \sin(r\theta)}{1 + 2 \sum_{l=1}^L a_l \sin(l\theta)}}_{\text{modified wavenumber}}$$

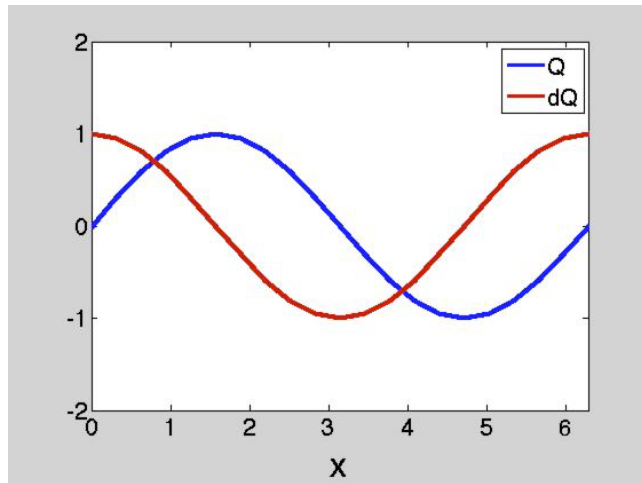
Modified Wavenumber



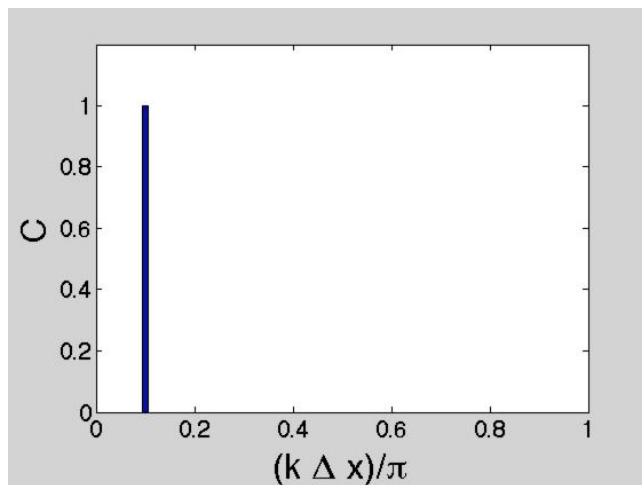
goal: proper representation of derivative

Gradient Capture vs. Resolution: Single Mode

Solution/Derivative:



FFT:

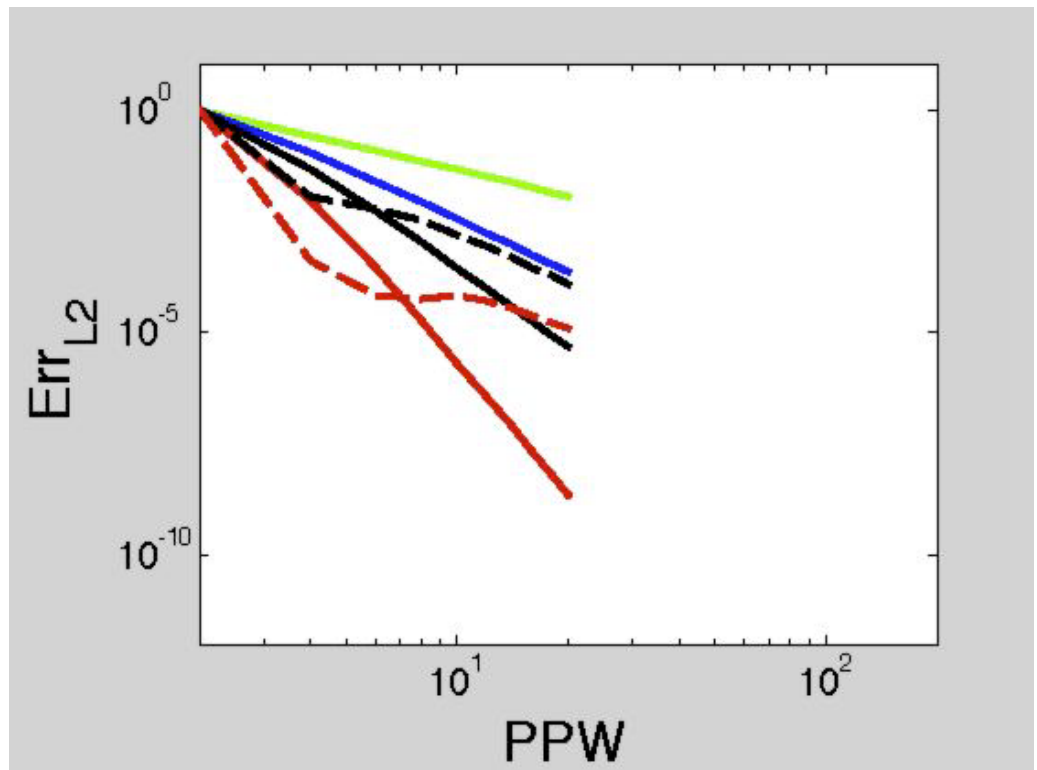


$$f(x) = \sin(x) \quad \text{with } x \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \cos(x)$$

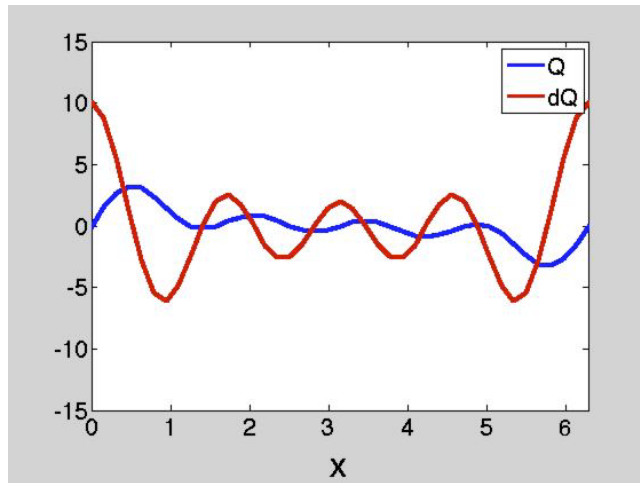
Convergence:

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- **CD04**
- **CD06**
- **CD04 (Tam, 7pt)**
- **CD10**
- **CD04 (B&B, 11pt)**

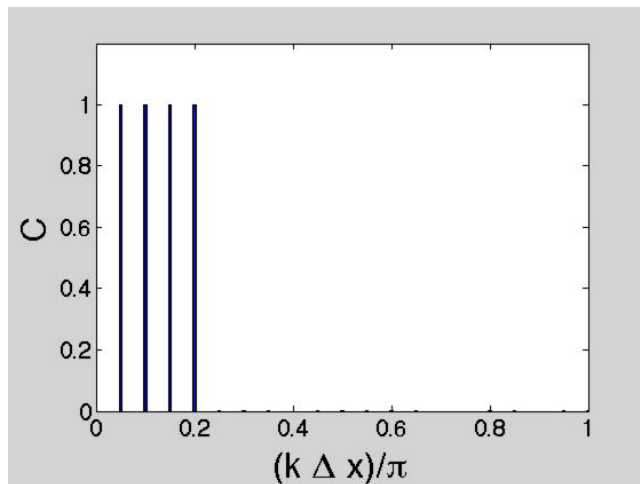


Gradient Capture vs. Resolution: Multiple Modes

Solution/Derivative:



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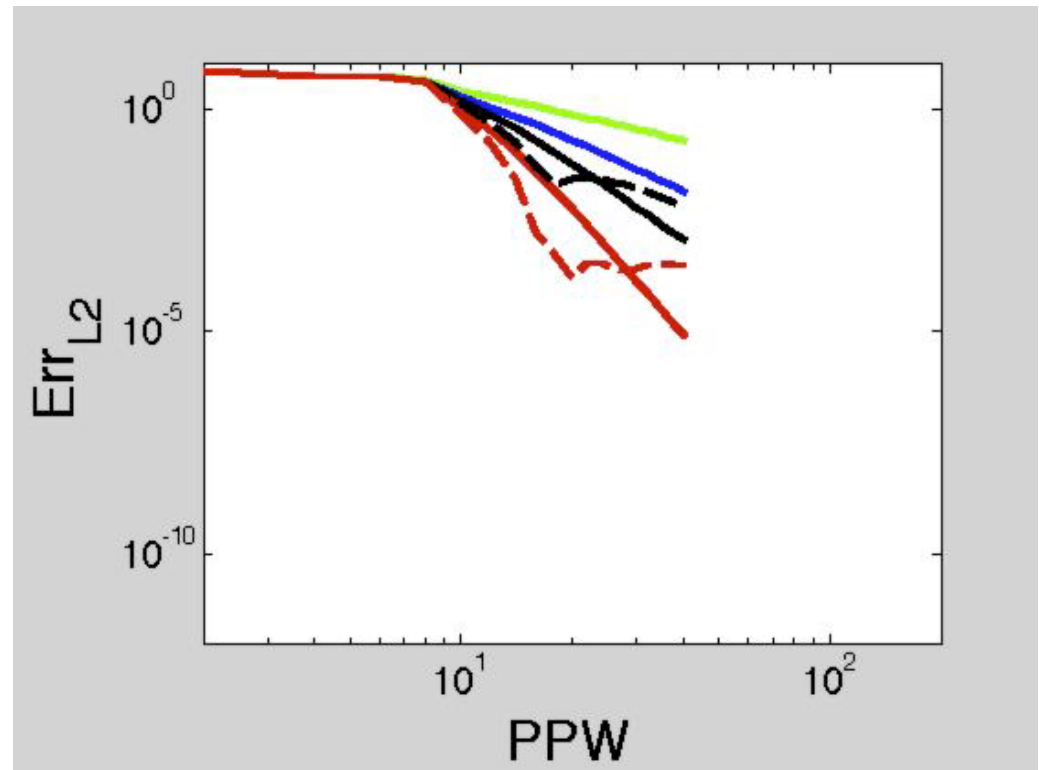


$$f(x) = \sum_{m=1}^4 \sin(mx) \quad \text{with } x \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \sum_{m=1}^4 m \cos(mx)$$

Convergence:

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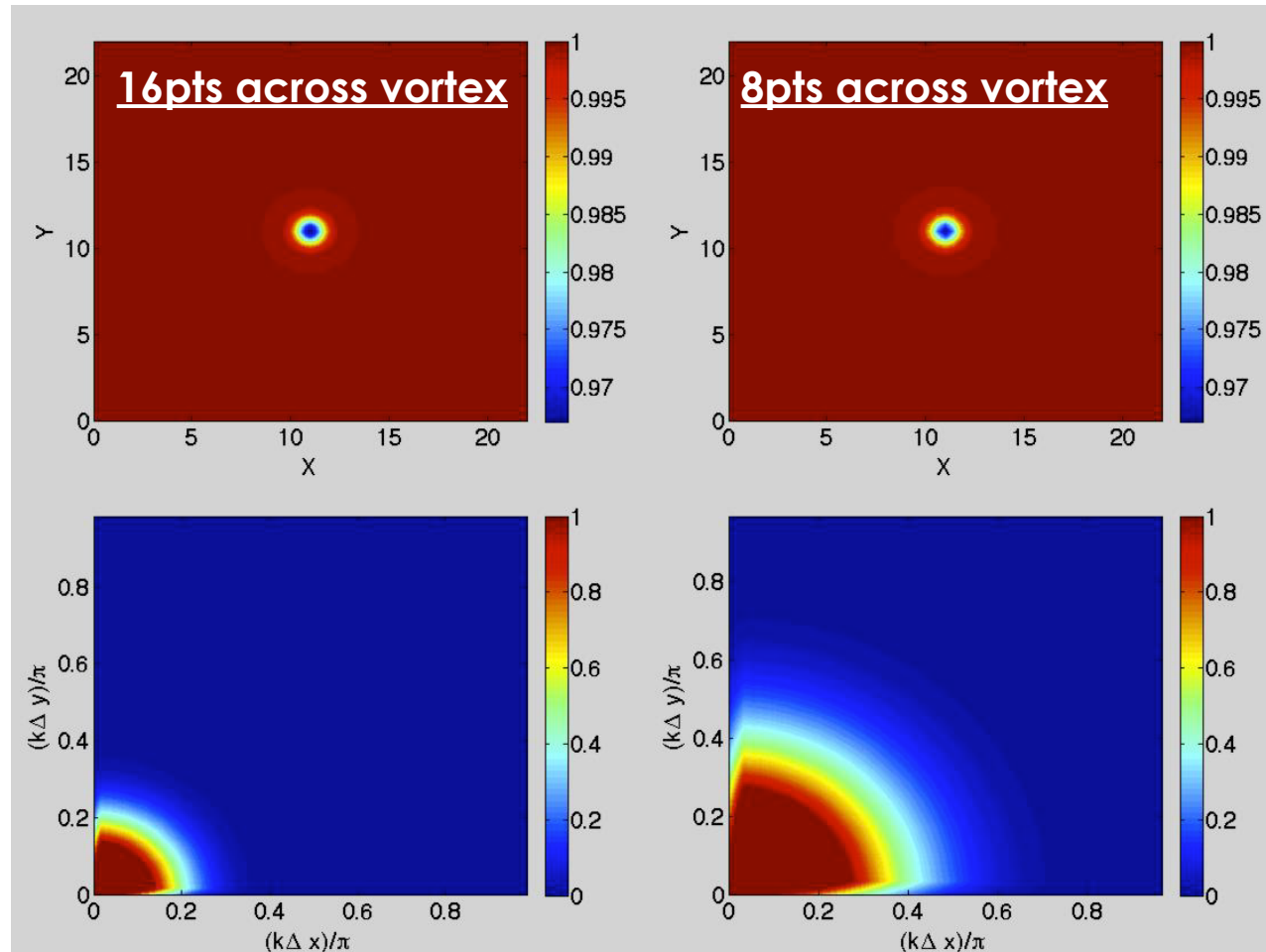
Isentropic Vortex: no Stabilization

$$M_{\infty} = 0.5$$

$$CFL_{u,1D} \approx 0.01 \quad \alpha = 1, \phi = 1$$

CD04 (11pt B&B)

need to stabilize
accumulation of high
frequency error



Stabilization: Artificial Dissipation and Filtering

Artificial Dissipation:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} + \sum_m (-1)^{m-1} (\Delta x)^{2m-1} \varepsilon_{2m} |\lambda_{u+c}| \frac{\partial^{2m} Q}{\partial x^{2m}}$$

damping strongly dependent on base scheme
(couples with temporal scheme)

Filtering:

$$\frac{\partial Q^*}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial x}$$

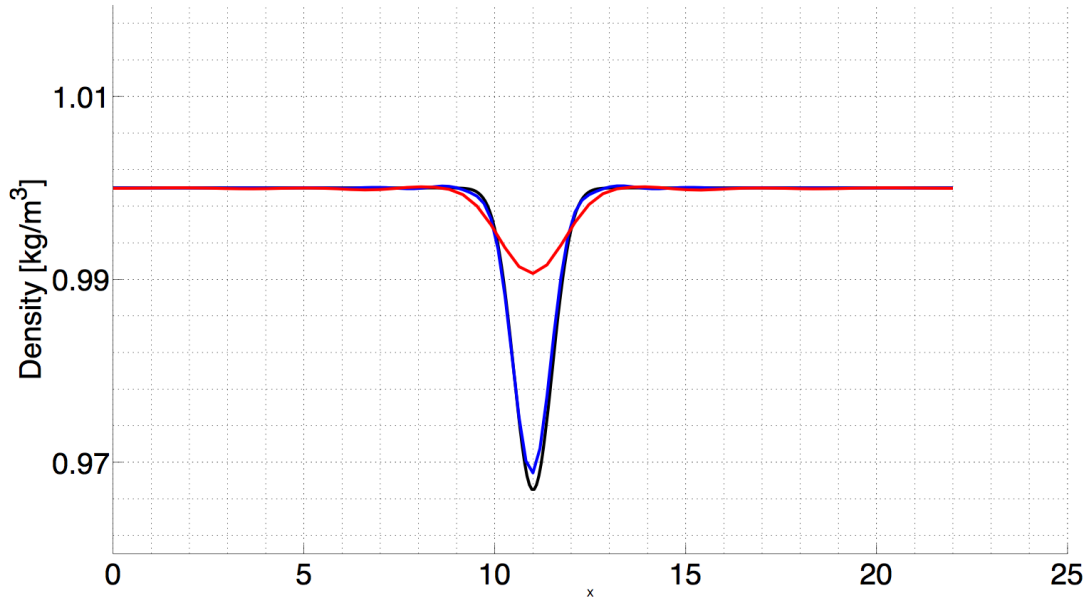
$$\left[1 + \sum_m^M (-1)^{m+1} \varepsilon_{IF,2m} \left(\frac{\Delta x}{2} \right)^{2m} \frac{\partial^{2m}}{\partial x^{2m}} \right] Q = \left[1 + \sum_n^N (-1)^{n+1} \varepsilon_{EF,2n} \left(\frac{\Delta x}{2} \right)^{2n} \frac{\partial^{2n}}{\partial x^{2n}} \right] Q^*$$

adds consistent amount of damping to base scheme
(decoupled from temporal integration)

Isentropic Vortex: Traditional Stabilization

EF10(1.0)

$$Q = \left[1 + \left(\frac{\Delta x}{2} \right)^{10} \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial x^{10}} \right] Q^*$$

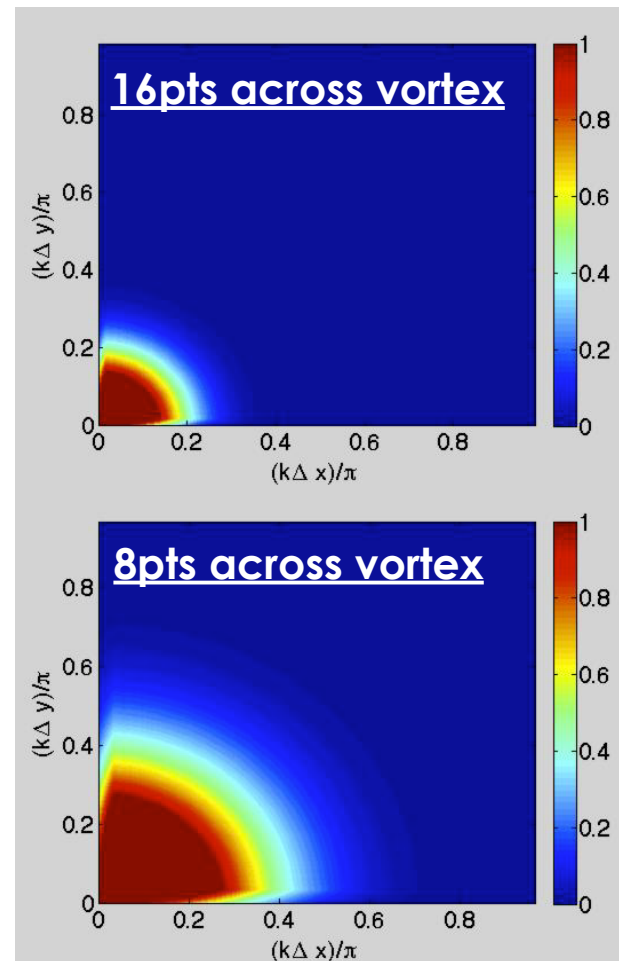


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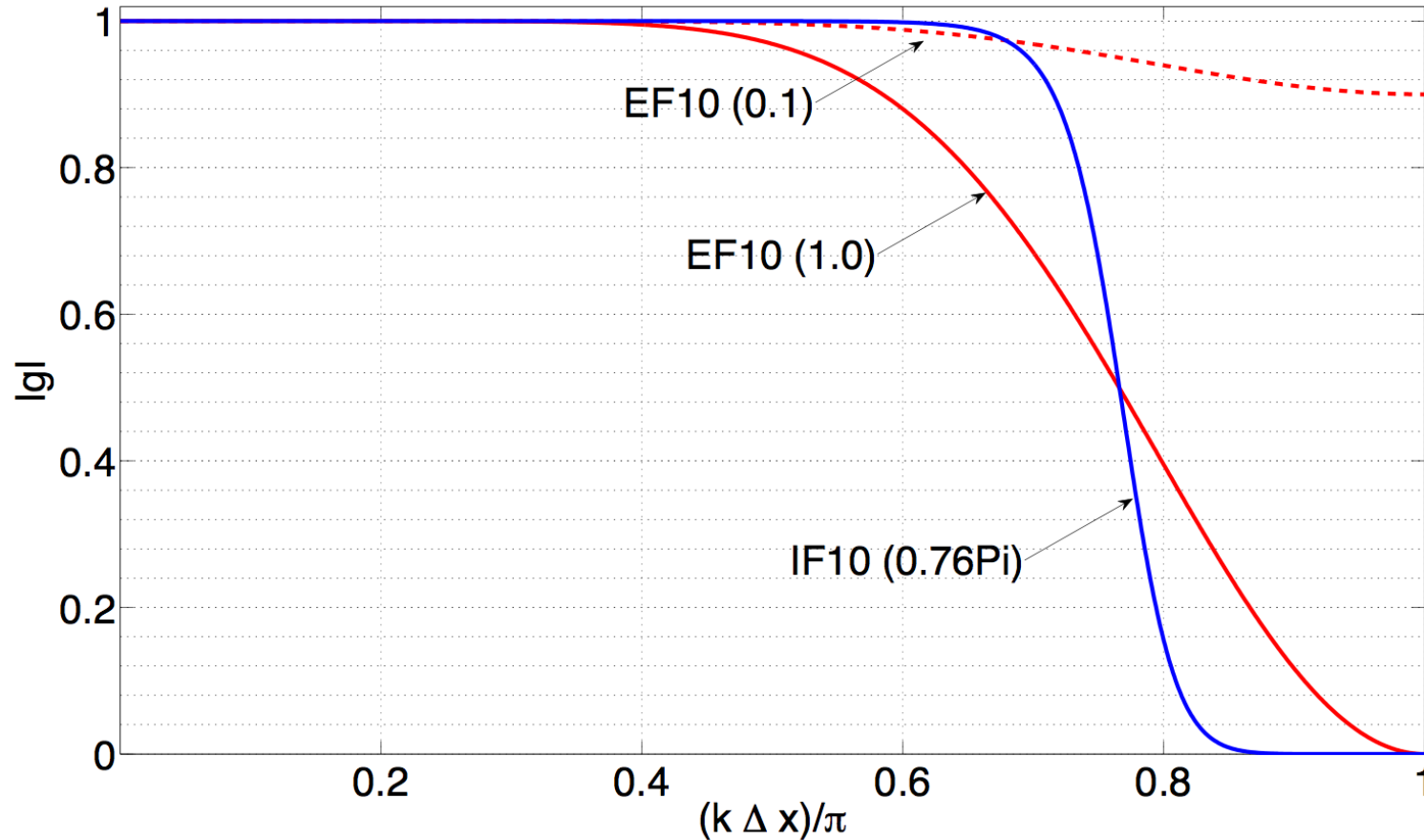
effectiveness of stabilization strategy dependent
on spectral content

$$CFL_{u,1D} \approx 0.01 \quad \alpha = 1, \phi = 1$$

CD04 (11pt B&B)



Damping Characteristics: Growth Factor



- need scale-discriminant, tunable formulations
- strong preservation of resolvable modes

Scale-Discriminant Stabilization

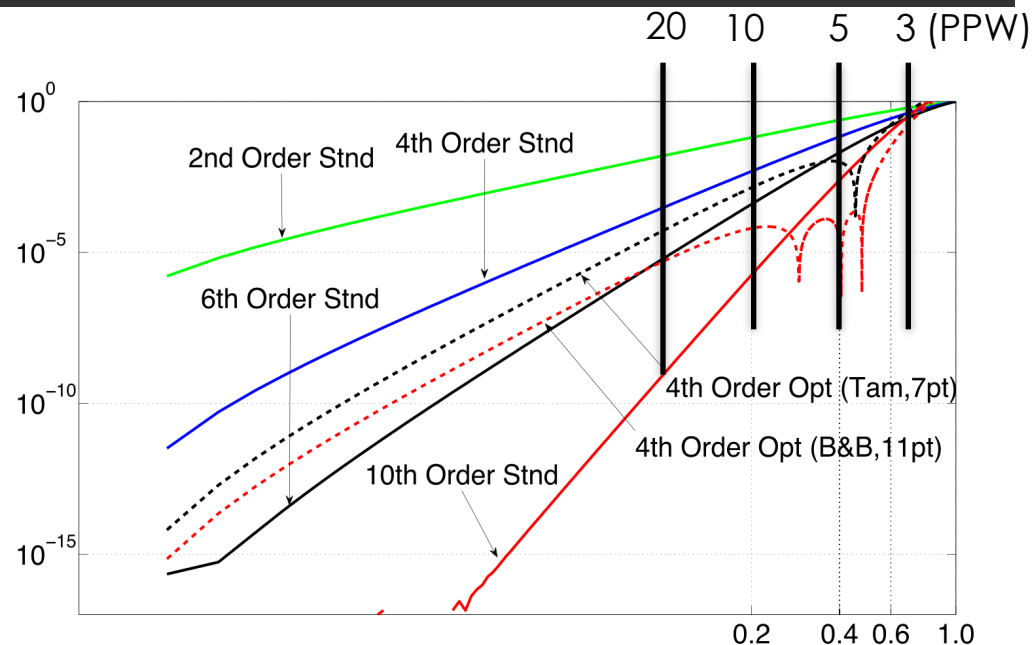
goal:

preserve accurately resolved frequencies and remove error-prone content

scale-discriminant dissipation

$$\text{error}_k = \frac{k - k_{\text{mod}}}{k} = 0.01$$

FD stencil	$(k\Delta x)_{\text{cutoff}} / \pi$	~PPW
CD02	0.08	25
CD04	0.24	9
CD06	0.35	6
CD10	0.46	5
CD04 (7pt Tam)	0.48	5
CD04 (11pt B&B)	0.55	4



for the isentropic vortex...

- ▣ maintain coherence of vortex
- ▣ preserve vortex intensity

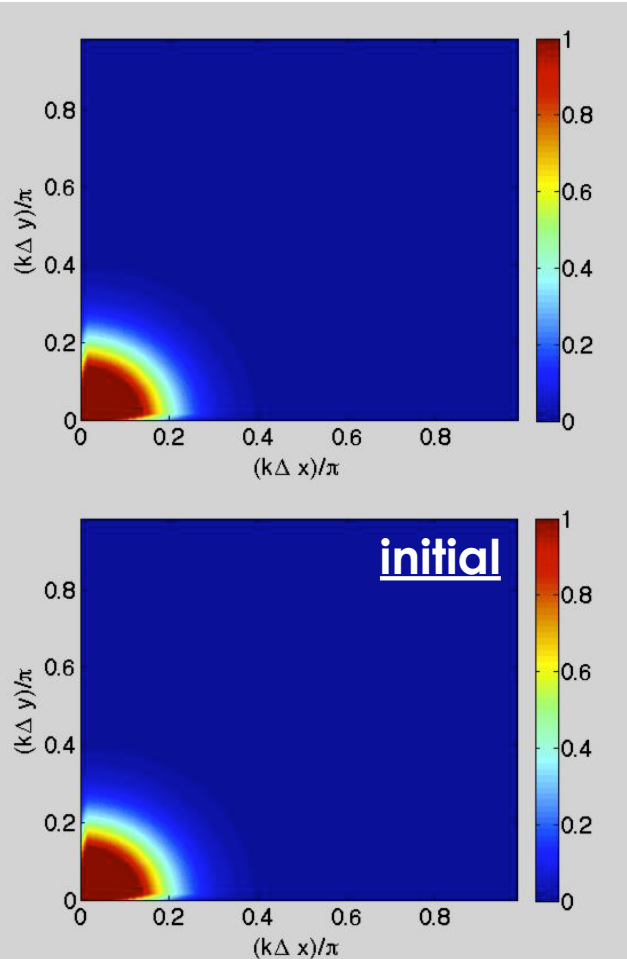
Isentropic Vortex: Scale-Discriminant Stabilization

$$CFL_{u,1D} \approx 0.01 \quad \alpha = 1, \phi = 1$$

CD04 (11pt B&B) + IF10 (2/3Pi)

— ref
— IF10 (2/3Pi)
— EF10

16 points across vortex



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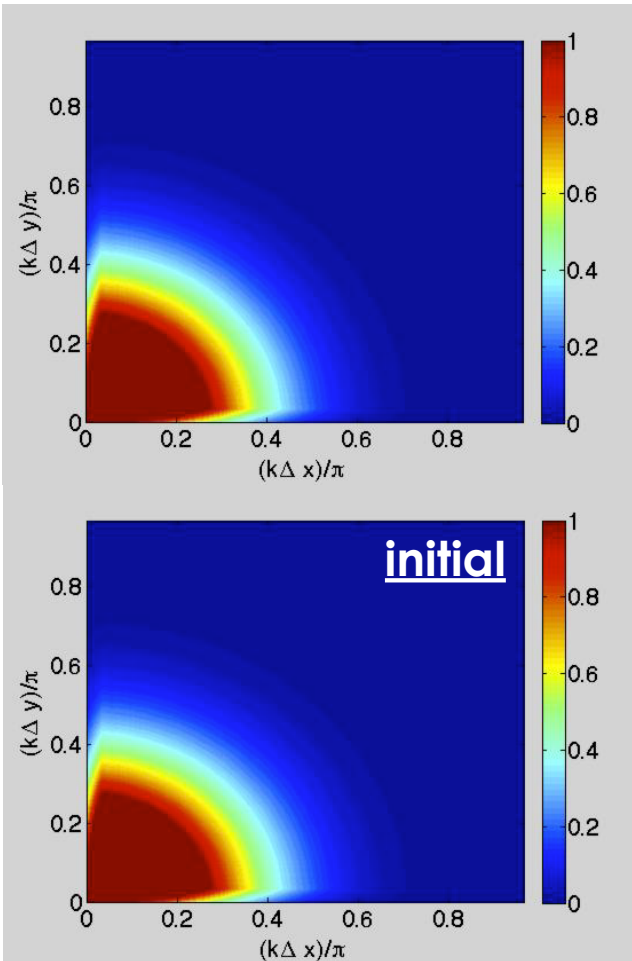
- traditional dissipation is sufficient when spectrum is well resolved

Isentropic Vortex: Scale-Discriminant Stabilization

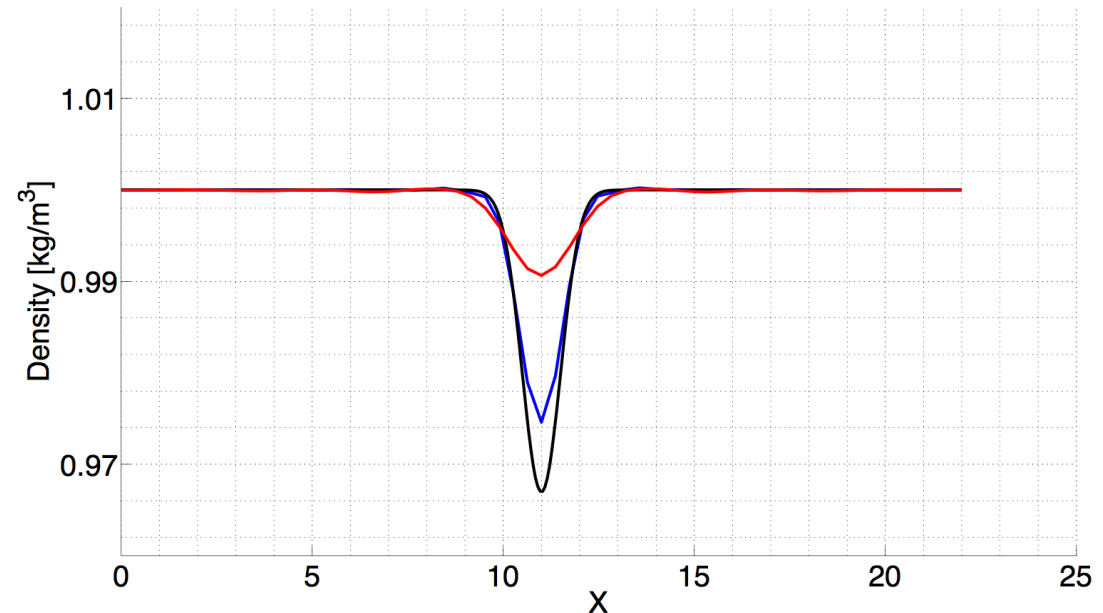
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CD04 (11pt B&B) + IF10 (2/3Pi)

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— EF10



8 points across vortex



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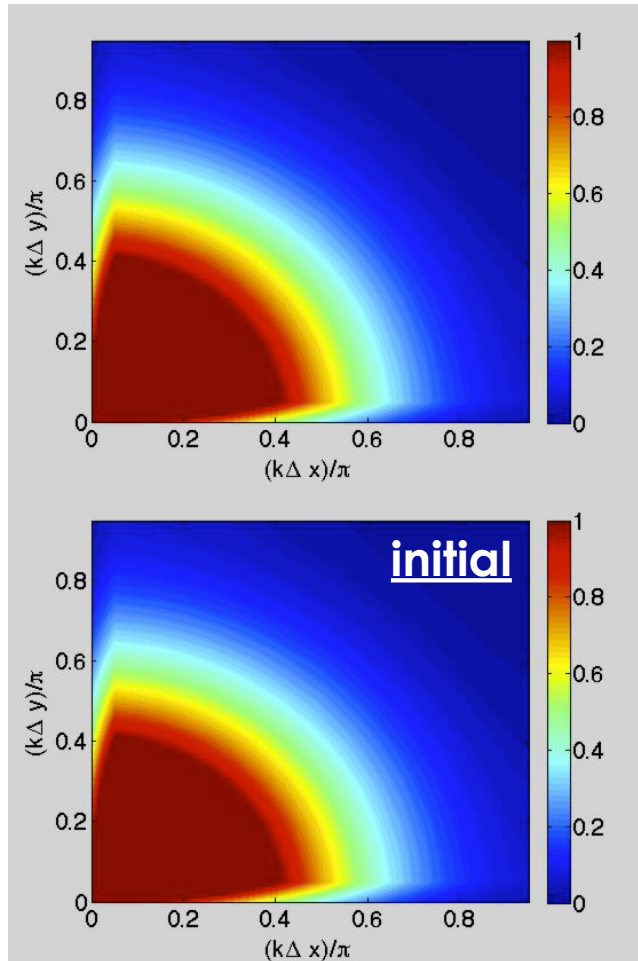
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- robustness requires tuning to scheme resolvability
- efficacy limited by dissipation scheme

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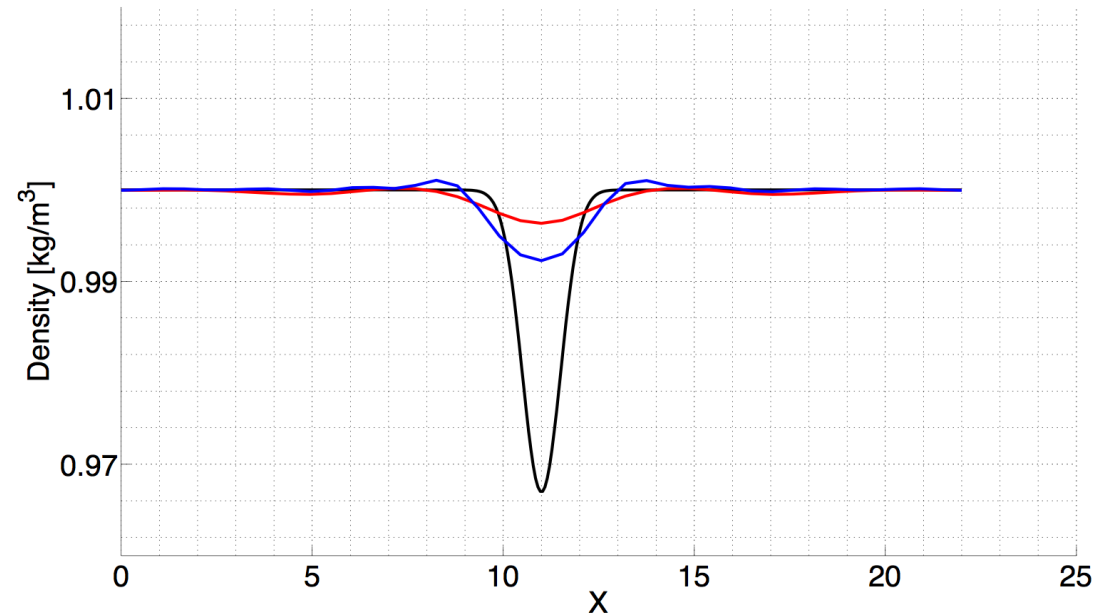
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CD04 (11pt B&B) + IF48 (2/3Pi)

— ref
— IF48 (2/3Pi)
— EF10



4 points across vortex



distance traveled: 500 widths

- scale-discriminant dissipation preserves structure
- robustness requires tuning to scheme resolvability
- efficacy limited by dissipation scheme

Conclusions/Going Forward

- non-linear instabilities instigated by high frequency error (i.e.: dispersion, aliasing)
- remove error with respect to overall scheme resolvability – a robust strategy
- scale-discriminant dissipation provides stability while minimizing dissipation error

going forward:

- non-linear stability (residual filtering, skew-symmetric forms etc...)
- incorporating temporal error
- applications to explicit LES