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**Major Goals:** We want to revisit numerical methods for solving nonlinear hyperbolic systems of conservation laws such as:

- 1) Compressible Euler equations
- 2) Shallow water equations
- 3) Multi-material fluid flows (Level set method)
- 4) Advection-dominated multi-phase flows
- 5) Free-boundary problems

The Numerical methods must be invariant domain preserving on any unstructured meshes in any space dimension. The methods should respect the physical dissipation of the PDE; i.e., they must be entropy consistent. The methods must be robust: no tuning parameters, mesh-dependent coefficients, or problem dependent stabilization. They should be easy to program and parallelize. They should not require any subtle mathematical knowledge from practitioners. The methods must be at least second-order in space and open to higher-order extensions. The above objectives must be reached by stating precise mathematical statements supported either by proofs or very strong numerical evidences.

**Accomplishments:** 1) Robust explicit first-order method for systems.

We have constructed a general numerical method to solve any hyperbolic systems in any space dimension using forward Euler time stepping and continuous finite elements on non-uniform grids. The properties of the method are based on the introduction of an artificial dissipation that is defined so that any convex invariant sets containing the initial data is an invariant domain for the method. The invariant domain property is proved for any hyperbolic system provided a CFL condition holds. The solution is also shown to satisfy a discrete entropy inequality for every admissible entropy of the system. The method is formally first-order accurate in space and can be made high-order in time by using Strong Stability Preserving algorithms.

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### 2) Error estimates.

We have proved error estimates for the above first-order method in the context of scalar conservation equations. The method converges strongly to the unique entropy solution in any space dimension.

### 3) Maximum principle preserving second-order extension for scalar equations.

We have proposed a technique for approximating nonlinear scalar conservation equations that uses continuous finite elements and is formally (at least) second-order accurate in space and maximum principle preserving. The method is explicit in time, uses unstructured continuous finite elements in space and works in any space dimension. The stability and the accuracy of the method is achieved by locally adapting the artificial viscosity.

### 4) Robust explicit first-order ALE method for systems. We

have extended our invariant domain preserving first-order method to the Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian (ALE) formulation of hyperbolic systems. The method is conservative, explicit in time, works with continuous finite elements and is first-order accurate in space. One originality of this work is that the artificial viscosity is unambiguously defined irrespective of the mesh geometry/anisotropy and does not depend on any ad hoc parameter. The proposed method is meant to be a stepping stone for the construction of higher-order methods in space by using appropriate limitation techniques.

### 5) Second-order approximation of the Shallow water equations. We have combined our general

first-order method for hyperbolic systems and its second-order maximum principle preserving extension to scalar conservation equations to make a new second-order approximation technique for the shallow water equations with topography. The method is explicit in time, uses continuous finite elements, and is shown to be well-balanced. The technique is parameter free, works well in the presence of dry states and can be made high-order in time by using strong-stability preserving time stepping algorithms.

### 6) Dispersive model for shallow water flows.

We have revisited an original relaxation technique introduced in Favrie-Gavrilyuk (2017) for solving the Green-Naghdi equations. We have proposed a version of the method and a space/time approximation thereof that is scale invariant. The approximation in time is explicit and the approximation in space uses a length scale for the relaxation that is proportional to the mesh size. The method is compatible with dry states and is provably positivity preserving under the appropriate CFL condition. The method is numerically validated against manufactured solutions and is illustrated by comparison with experimental results.

### 7) Entropy-viscosity LES. We have investigated the idea of using the notion of entropy-viscosity as a LES technique for the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations at high Reynolds numbers.

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**Training Opportunities:** During this project we have been approached by colleagues at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Vicksburg to collaborate on a shallow water project. The idea is to transition the theoretical results we have obtained during this grant period into applications that are useful for the ERDC. Our contacts at ERDC are Chris Kees and Matthew Farthing. Three graduate students have spent summer internships at ERDC (E. Tovar, M. Quezada, P. Spencer). Two post-doctoral researchers who have graduated from our group at Texas A&M have been recruited in the group of C. Kees and M. Farthing (M. Quezada, Y. Yang).

We also collaborate with the BLAST team at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore. Two graduate students have spent summer internships at LLNL (M. Quezada, V. Tomov). One post-doctoral researcher who has graduated from our group at Texas A&M has been recruited in the BLAST team, (V. Tomov).

We also used the grant to support visitors who collaborate with us on this project. Pascal Azerad (Prof. Univ. Montpellier, Fr) works with us on the shallow water project. Laura Saavedra (Assist. Prof., Universidad Polit'echnica de Madrid) works with us on compressible Lagrangian aerodynamics. Murtazo Nazarov (Assist. Prof., Uppsala University, Sweden) works with us on the high-order extensions of the proposed method.

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**Results Dissemination:** The following peer-reviewed articles have been published:

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**Technology Transfer:** Most of the work that is done in the context of this grant is transferred to our colleagues at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Vicksburg. The algorithms developed during the grant are being implemented in the software PROTEUS at ERDC. Our current student E. Tovar and former students M. Quezada, P. Spencer and Y. Yang are contributing to this project under the supervision of Chris Kees and Matthew Farthing.

A software has been developed: SWFEM

Brief Project Description: The acronym SWFEM stands Shallow Water Finite Element Method. This code solves the Saint-Venant shallow water equations. This system of partial differential equations models the motion of a body of water evolving under the action of gravity and friction effects under the assumption that the deformations of the free surface are small compared to the water height and the bottom topography varies slowly with respect to horizontal displacements. The model incorporates the so-called Serre-Green-Naghdi corrections which account for essential dispersive effects.

This piece of software is written in Fortran 2003. It uses continuous finite elements. The time stepping is done by using Strong Stability Preserving (SSP) Runge Kutta techniques.

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Additional Comments (optional): The code is available on request. The technology has been entirely transferred into the Proteus tool kit developed at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (Contact: Christopher Kees, Christopher.E.Kees@erdc.dren.mil)  
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