

# **Fast Solvers for Incompressible Flow Problems IV**

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## Aside — parabolic smoothing

- Philip Gresho & David Griffiths & David Silvester  
Adaptive time-stepping for incompressible flow; part I:  
scalar advection-diffusion, SIAM J. Scientific  
Computing, 30: 2018–2054, 2008.

# Heat Equation – I

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$u(0, t) = 1, \quad u(1, t) = 0 \quad BC$$

$$u(x, 0) = 1, \quad 0 \leq x < 1, \quad u(1, 0) = 0 \quad IC$$

**Solution.**

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1-x}{\sqrt{4t}}\right) \\ (1-x) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{j\pi} e^{-j^2\pi^2 t} \sin j\pi x \end{cases}$$

# Heat Equation – II

## Spatial Discretization

Using linear FEM gives the ODE system

$$M\dot{\mathbf{u}} + A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

with  $M$  and  $A$  both symmetric positive definite matrices.

## Discrete solution.

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = (1 - x) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_u} a_k e^{-\lambda_k t} \mathbf{v}_k$$

where  $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{n_u}$  and  $\{\lambda_k, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  satisfy

$$M\mathbf{v}_k = \lambda_k A\mathbf{v}_k.$$

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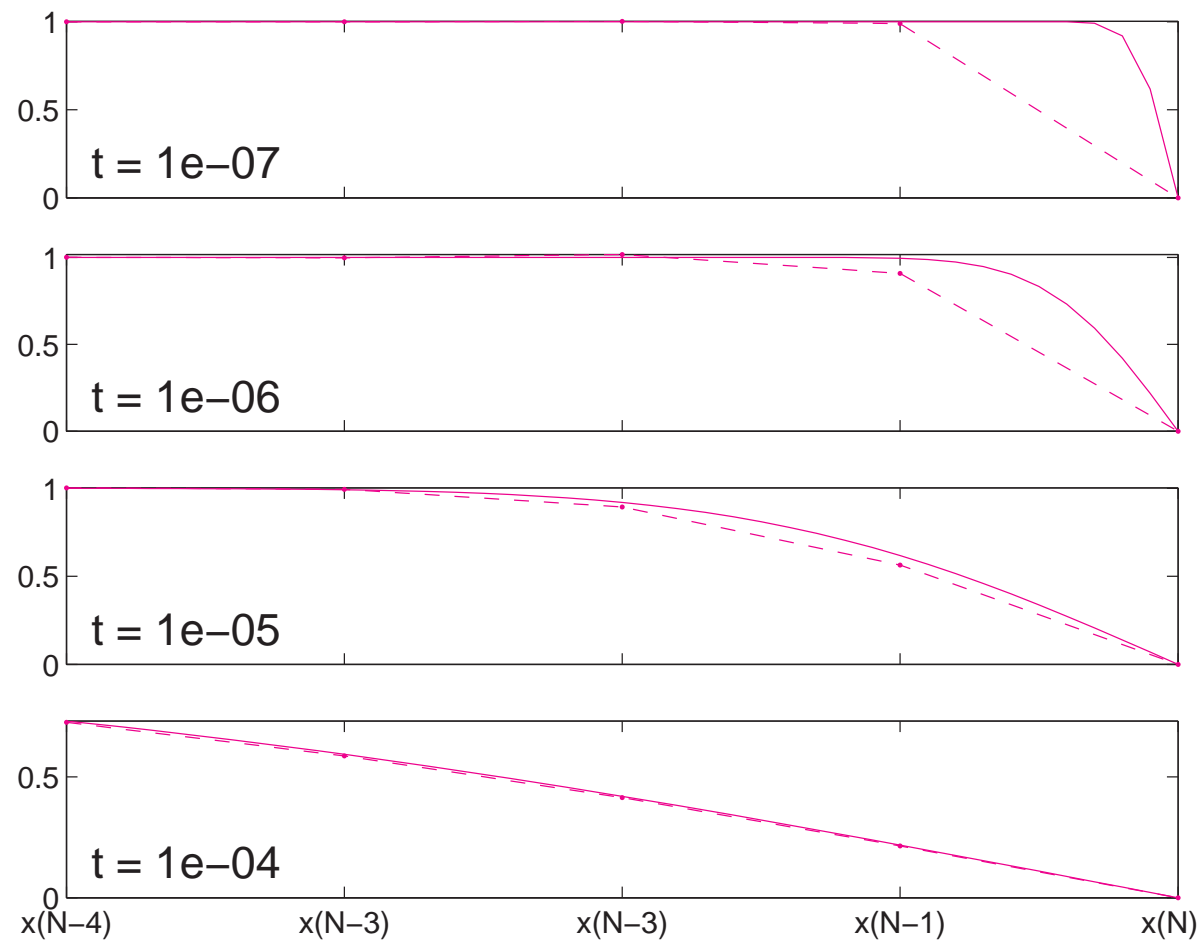
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$\tau_{\text{mtb}} \approx \frac{h^2}{4}$  is the “Minimum Time of Believability” for spatially discretized convection-diffusion problems—it is the time for discontinuities in **IC** to grow to size  $h$ .

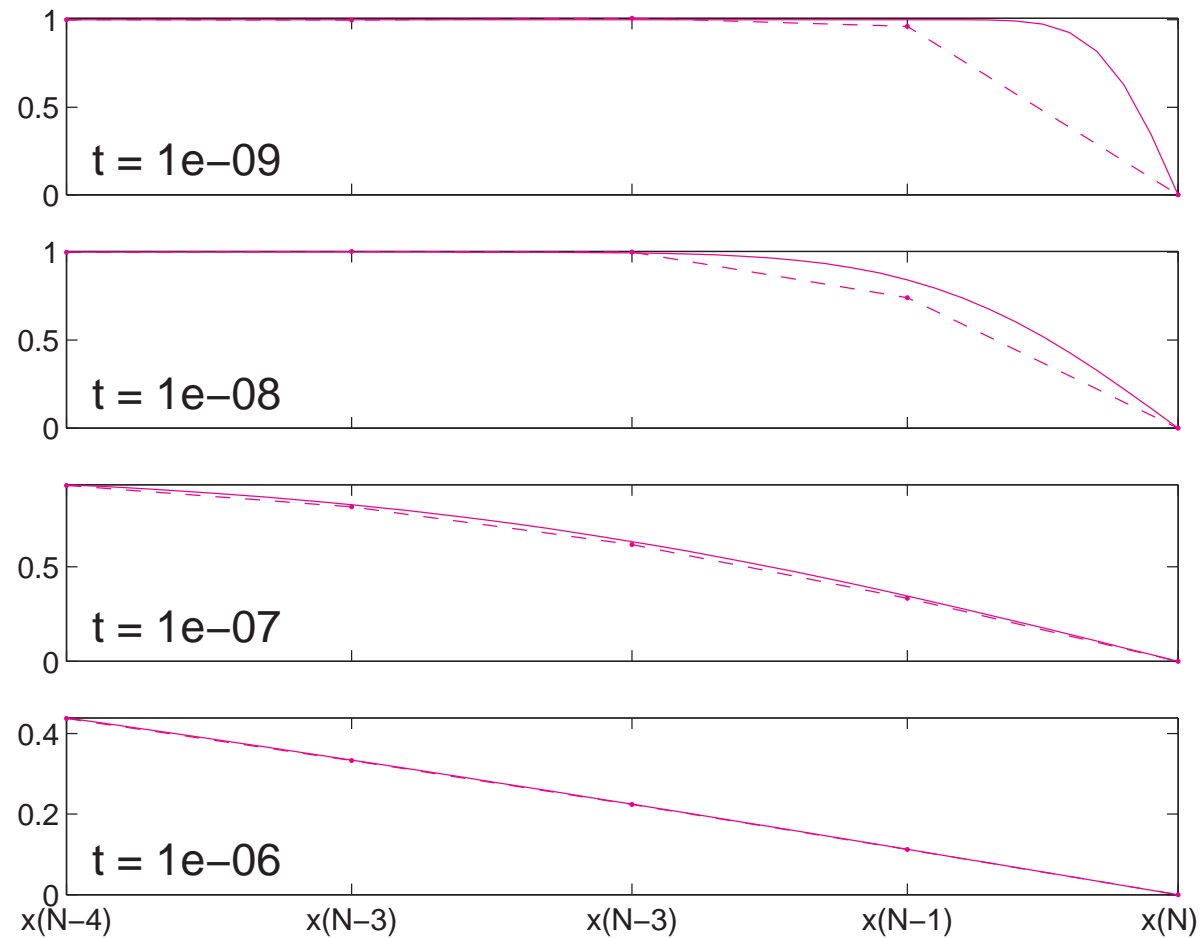
# Spatial discretization I

- Uniform:  $n_u = 255$ ,  $h = 1/256$ ,  $\tau_{mtb} \sim 4 \times 10^{-6}$



# Spatial discretization II

- Geometric:  $h_{\min} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $n_u = 255$ ,  $\tau_{\text{mtb}} \sim 10^{-8}$





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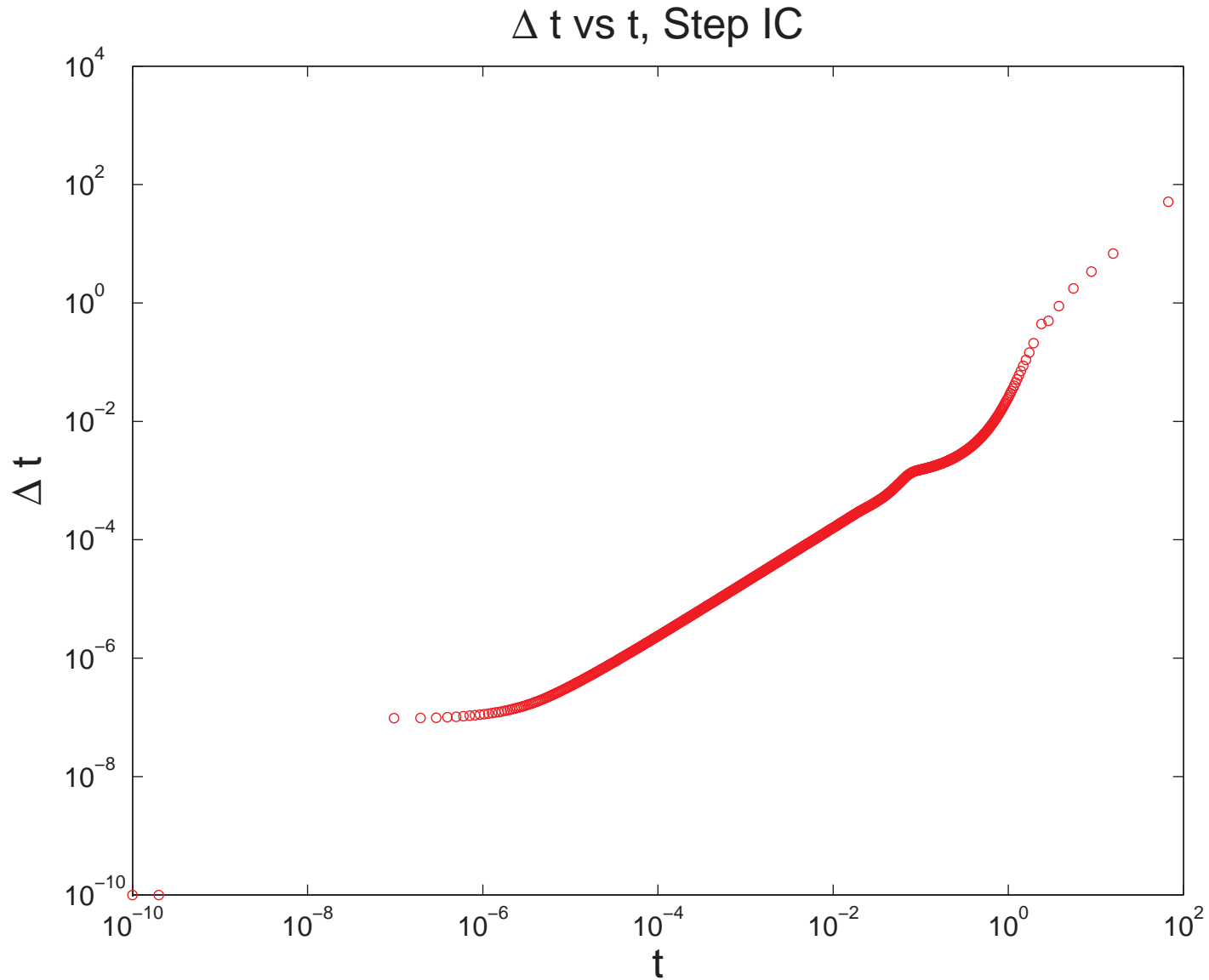
$$u(t) = (1 - x) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j e^{-j^2 \pi^2 t} \sin j \pi x$$

Parabolic smoothing (Luskin & Rannacher)

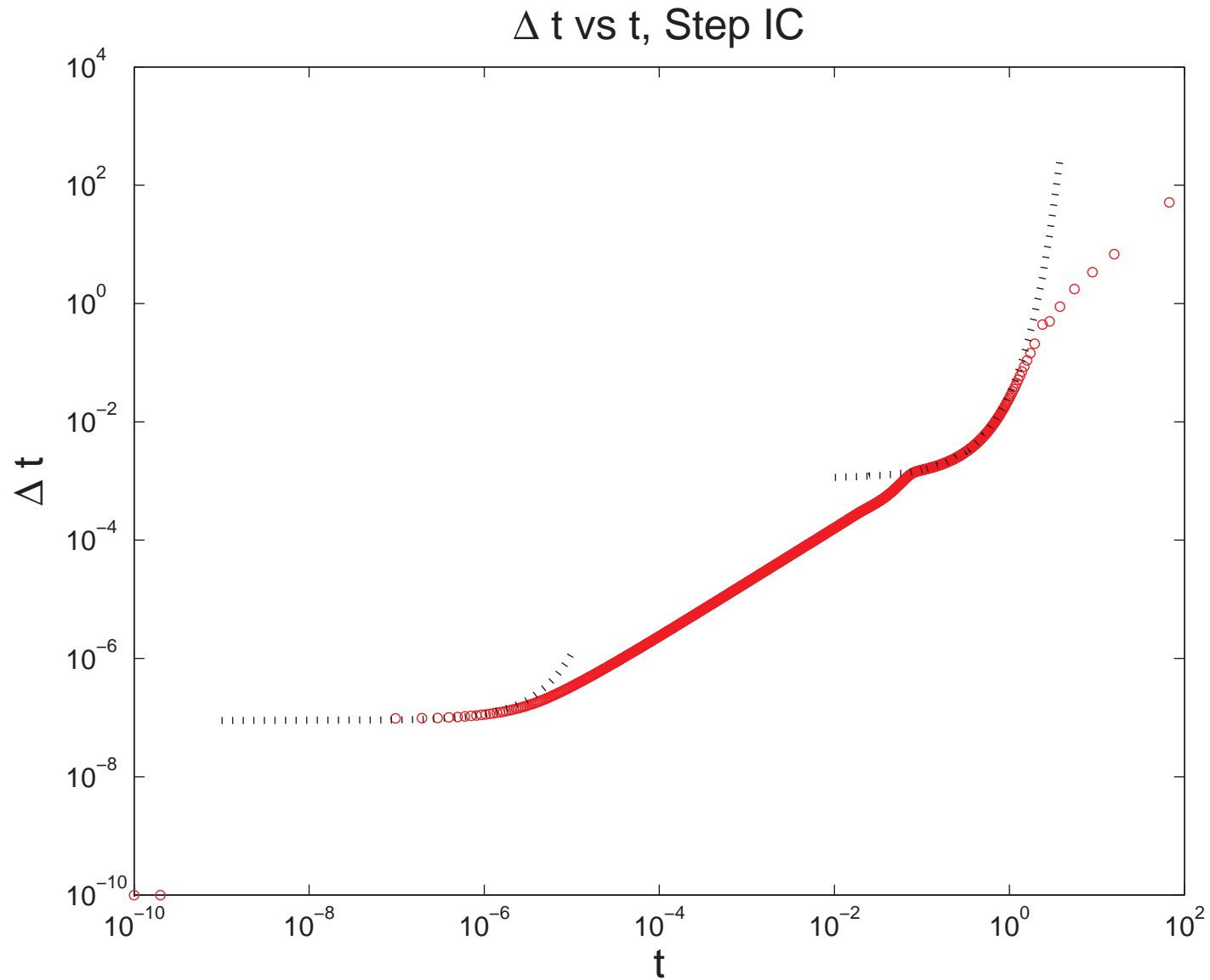
$$\begin{aligned} \|\ddot{\mathbf{u}}\|^2 &\leq C \|\ddot{\mathbf{u}}\|^2 \\ &= C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^6 a_j^2 e^{-2j^2 \pi^2 t} \\ &\leq C \max_j (j^{7+\epsilon} a_j^2 e^{-2j^2 \pi^2 t}) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^{1+\epsilon}} \leq \frac{C}{t^{11/2}} \end{aligned}$$

This gives the lower bound:  $\Delta t_n \geq Ct^{11/12}$

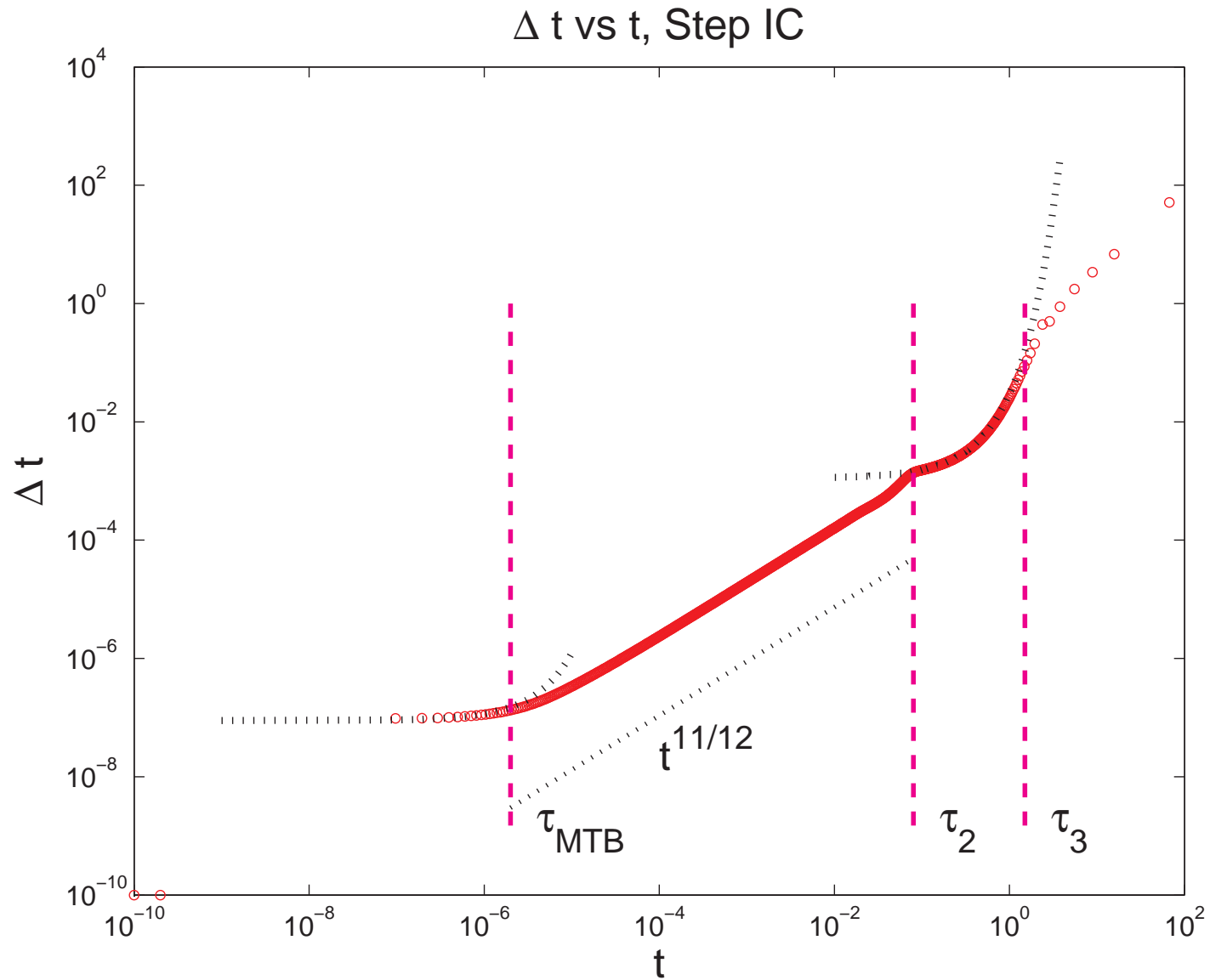
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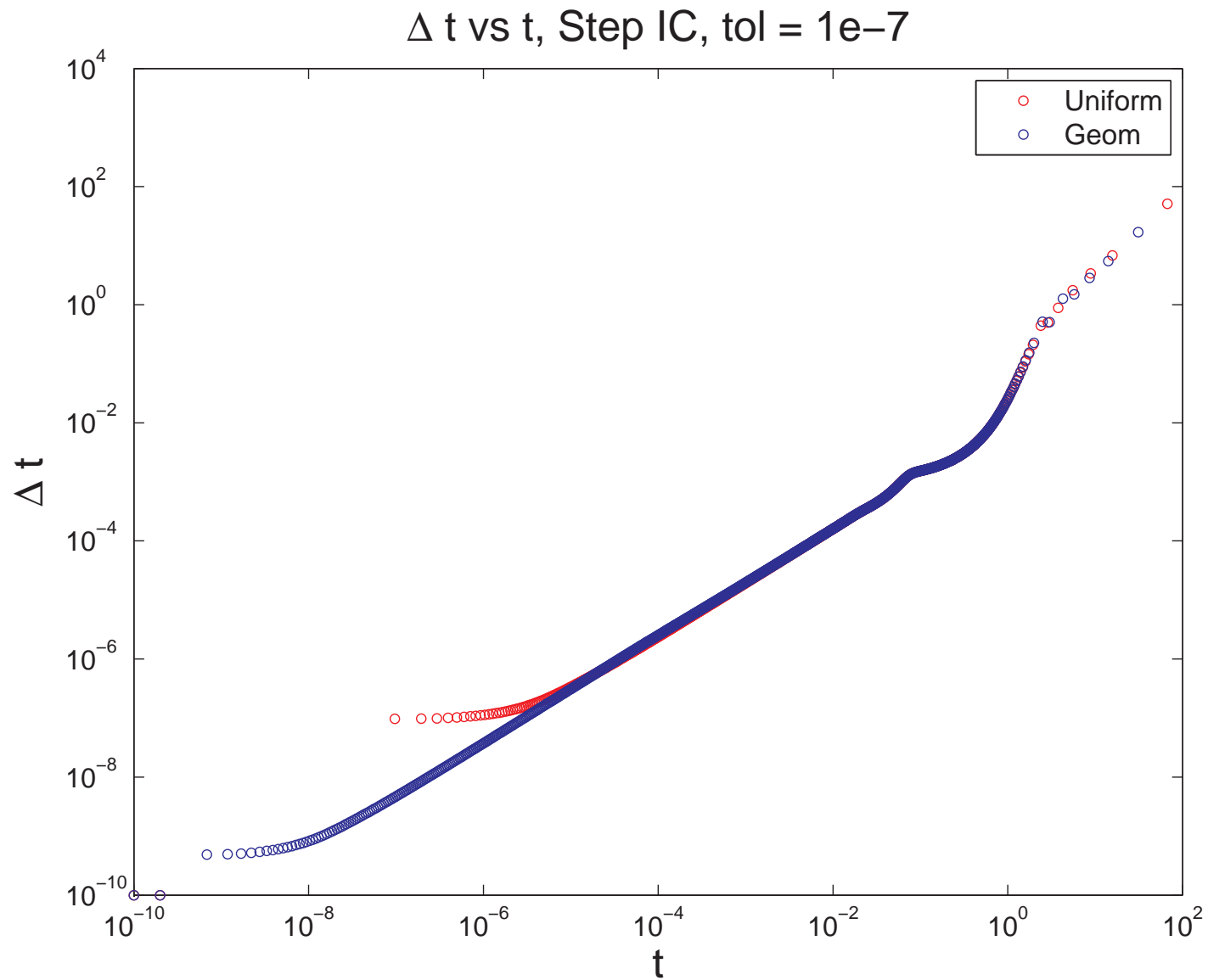
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# Uniform vs Geometric grid



# Lecture IV

- $$-\nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p = \vec{0}; \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

- $$\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p = \vec{0}; \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

- $$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p = 0; \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

- $$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p &= \vec{j}T; & \nabla \cdot \vec{u} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla T - \nu \nabla^2 T &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$



# Reference

- Howard Elman, Milan Mihajlović and David Silvester.  
[Fast iterative solvers for buoyancy driven flow problems](#)  
J. Computational Physics, 230: 3900–3914, 2011.

# Buoyancy driven flow

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p = \vec{j}T \quad \text{in } \mathcal{W} \equiv \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{W}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla T - \nu \nabla^2 T = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{W}$$

## Boundary and Initial conditions

$$\vec{u} = \vec{0} \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times [0, T]; \quad \vec{u}(\vec{x}, 0) = \vec{0} \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

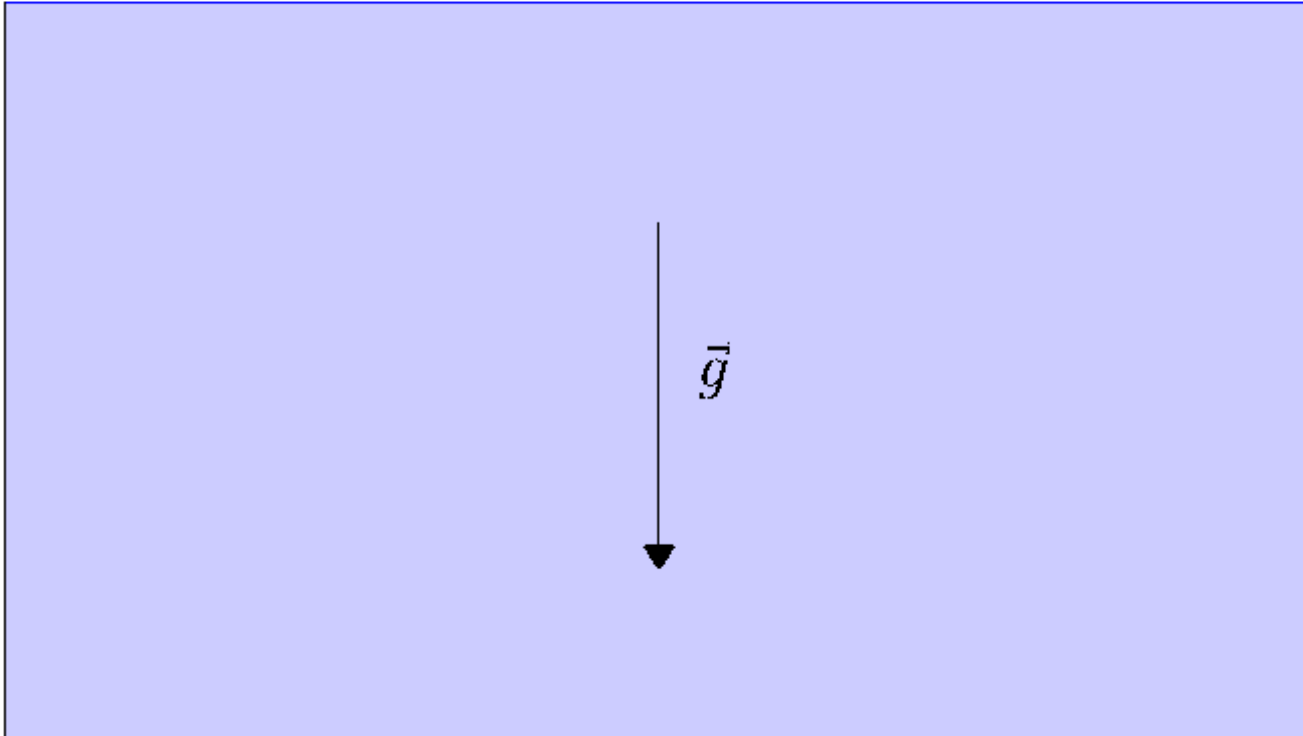
$$T = T_g \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D \times [0, T]; \quad \nu \nabla T \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \times [0, T];$$

$$T(\vec{x}, 0) = T_0(\vec{x}) \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

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# Rayleigh-Bernard convection

$T_c$



$T_h$

# “Smart Integrator” (SI)

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- **Solver efficiency:** see later ...

# Trapezoidal Rule (TR) time discretization

Subdivide  $[0, T]$  into time levels  $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^N$ . Given  $(\vec{u}^n, p^n, T^n)$  at time  $t_n$ ,  $k_{n+1} := t_{n+1} - t_n$ , compute  $(\vec{u}^{n+1}, p^{n+1}, T^{n+1})$  via

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# Linearization

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with  $\vec{w}^{n+1} = \left(1 + \frac{k_{n+1}}{k_n}\right) \vec{u}^n - \frac{k_{n+1}}{k_n} \vec{u}^{n-1}$ .

# Adaptive time stepping components

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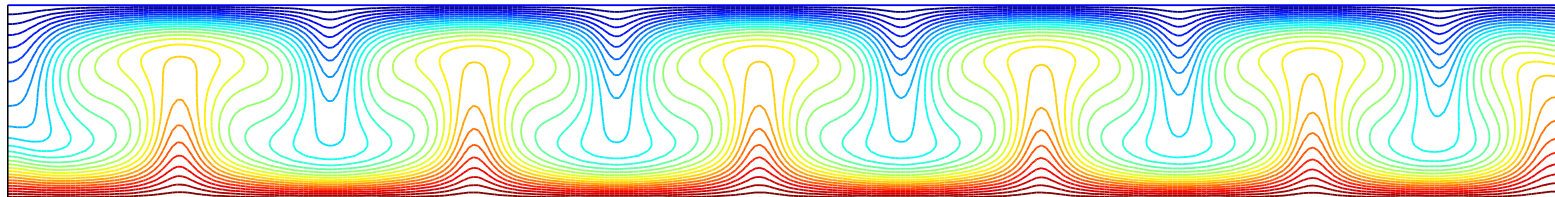
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- The following parameters must be specified:

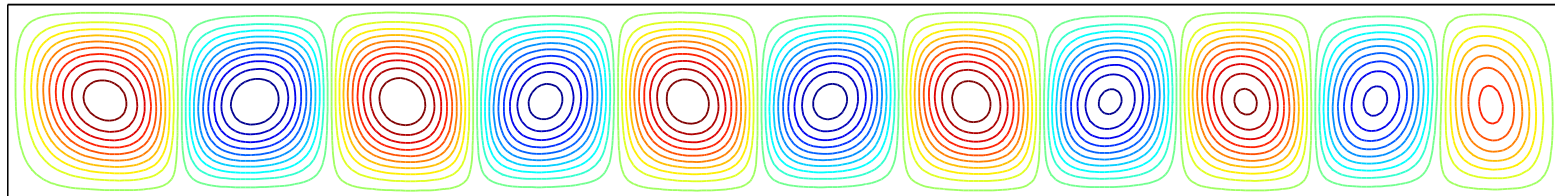
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| time accuracy tolerance      | $\varepsilon_t$ ( $10^{-5}$ )   |
| <b>GMRES</b> tolerance       | <code>itol</code> ( $10^{-6}$ ) |
| <b>GMRES</b> iteration limit | <code>maxit</code> (50)         |

# Problem I: Rayleigh–Bernard

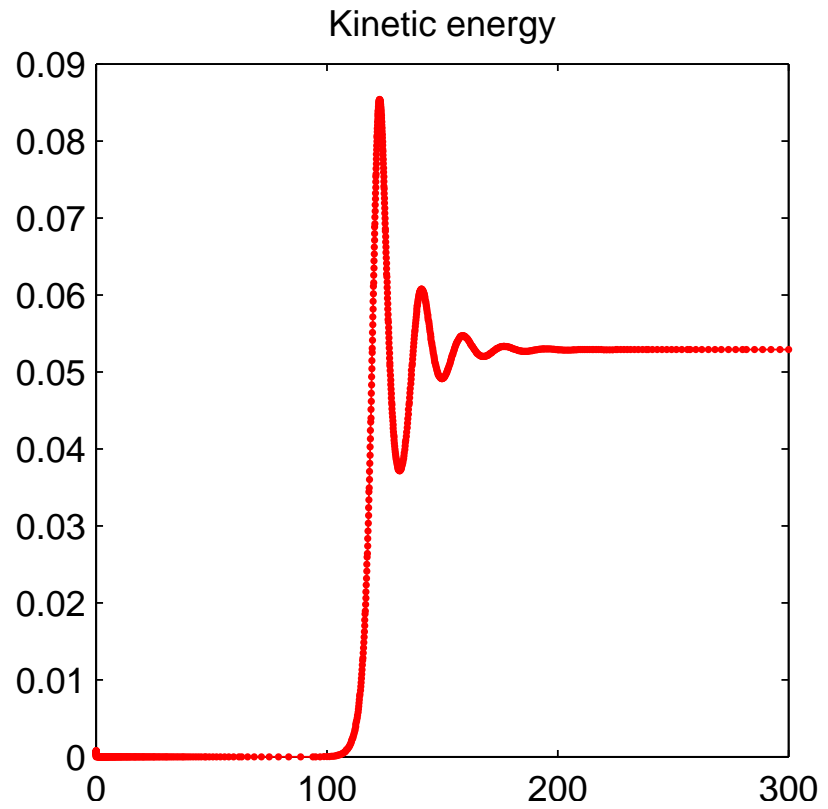
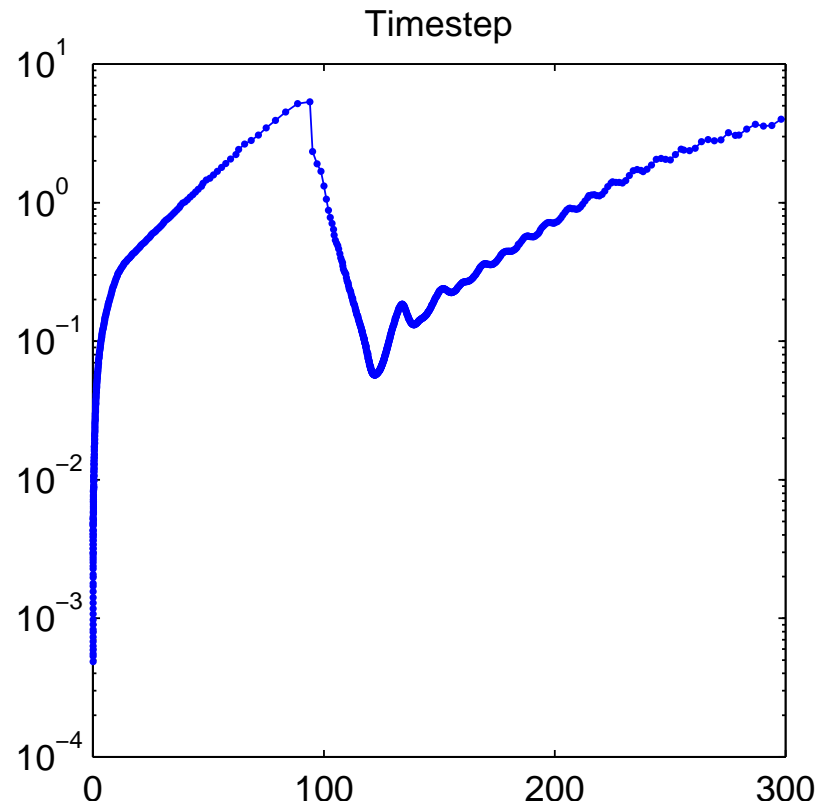
Isotherms :  $Ra=15000$ ;  $Pr=7.1$ ;  $time=300$



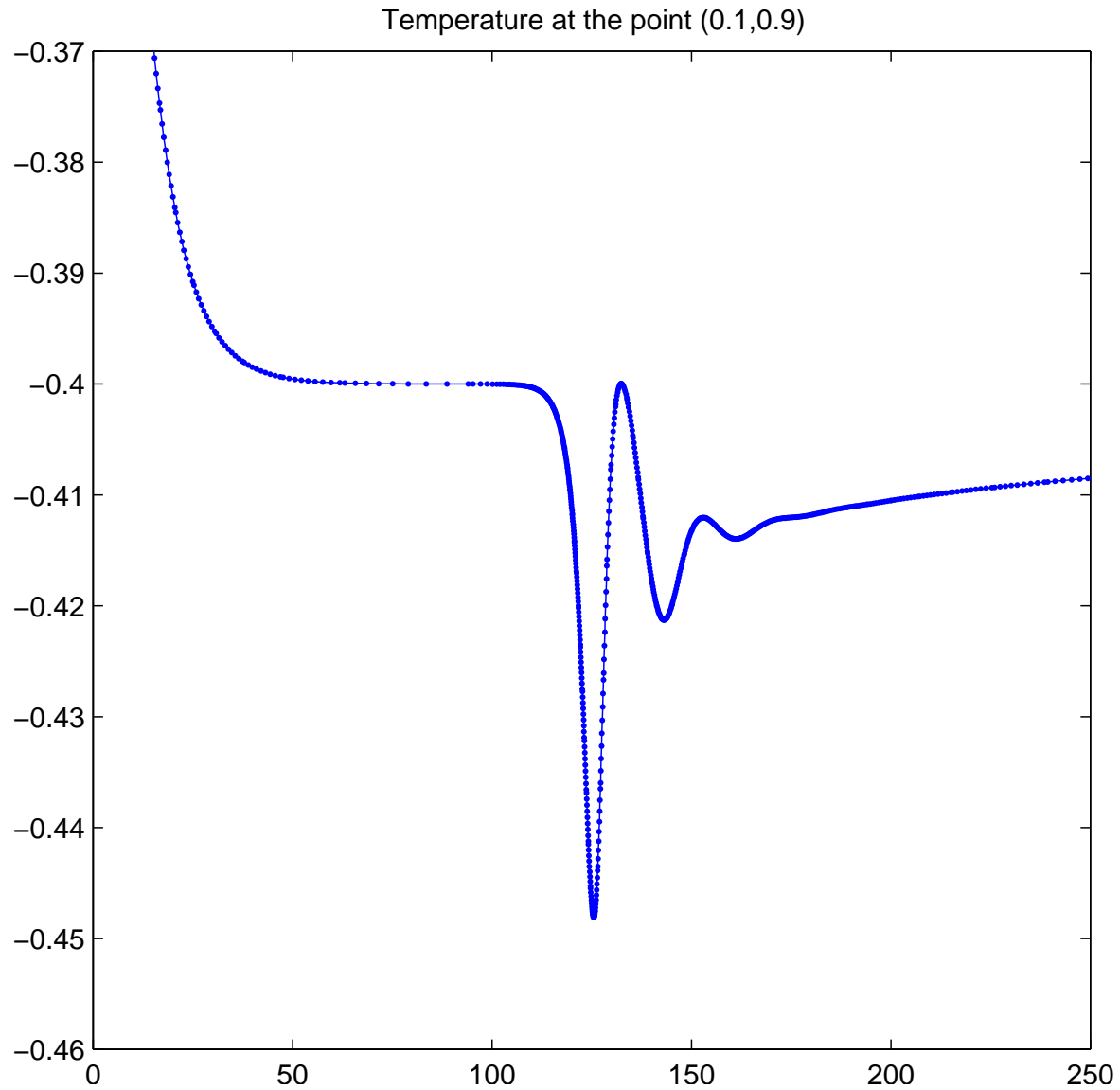
Velocity streamlines :  $time=300$



# Problem I: Timestep & Kinetic Energy : $\varepsilon_t = 10^{-6}$



# Reference Point Temperature : $\varepsilon_t = 10^{-6}$



# “Smart Integrator” (SI) revisited

- Optimal time-stepping
- Black-box implementation
- Algorithm efficiency
- **Solver efficiency:** the linear solver convergence rate is robust with respect to the mesh size  $h$  and the flow problem parameters.

# Finite element matrix formulation

Introducing the basis sets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_h &= \text{span}\{\vec{\phi}_i\}_{i=1}^{n_u}, & \text{Velocity basis functions;} \\ M_h &= \text{span}\{\psi_j\}_{j=1}^{n_p}, & \text{Pressure basis functions.} \\ T_h &= \text{span}\{\phi_k\}_{k=1}^{n_T}, & \text{Temperature basis functions;} \end{aligned}$$

gives the method-of-lines discretized system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} M & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F & B^T & -\overset{\circ}{M} \\ B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u} \\ p \\ T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{0} \\ 0 \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$

with a (vertical–) **mass** matrix:

$$\left(\overset{\circ}{M}\right)_{ij} = ([0, \phi_i], \phi_j)$$

# Preconditioning strategy

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T & -\frac{\circ}{M} \\ B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{P}^{-1} \mathcal{P} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^u \\ \alpha^p \\ \alpha^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}^u \\ \mathbf{f}^p \\ \mathbf{f}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

Given  $S = BF^{-1}B^T$ , a **perfect** preconditioner is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} F & B^T & -\frac{\circ}{M} \\ B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} F^{-1} & F^{-1}B^T S^{-1} & F^{-1}\frac{\circ}{M}F^{-1} \\ 0 & -S^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F^{-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathcal{P}^{-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ BF^{-1} & I & BF^{-1}\frac{\circ}{M}F^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

For an **efficient** preconditioner we need to construct a sparse approximation to the “exact” Schur complement

$$S^{-1} = (BF^{-1}B^T)^{-1}$$

For an efficient implementation we must also have an efficient AMG (convection-diffusion) solver ...



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# HSL

# HSL\_MI20

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PACKAGE SPECIFICATION

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## 1 SUMMARY

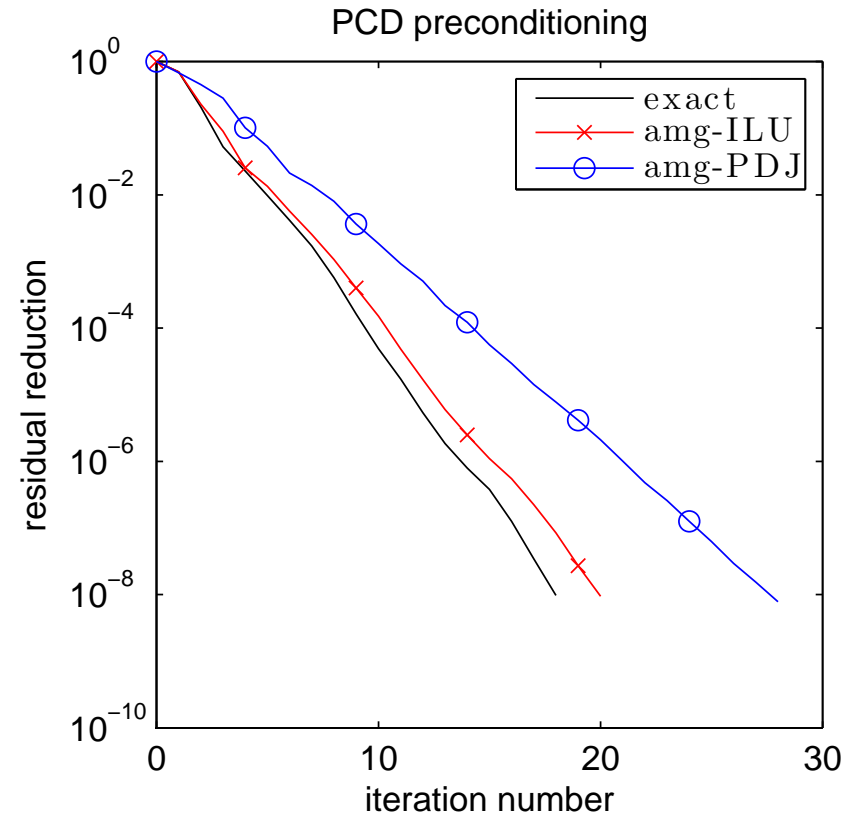
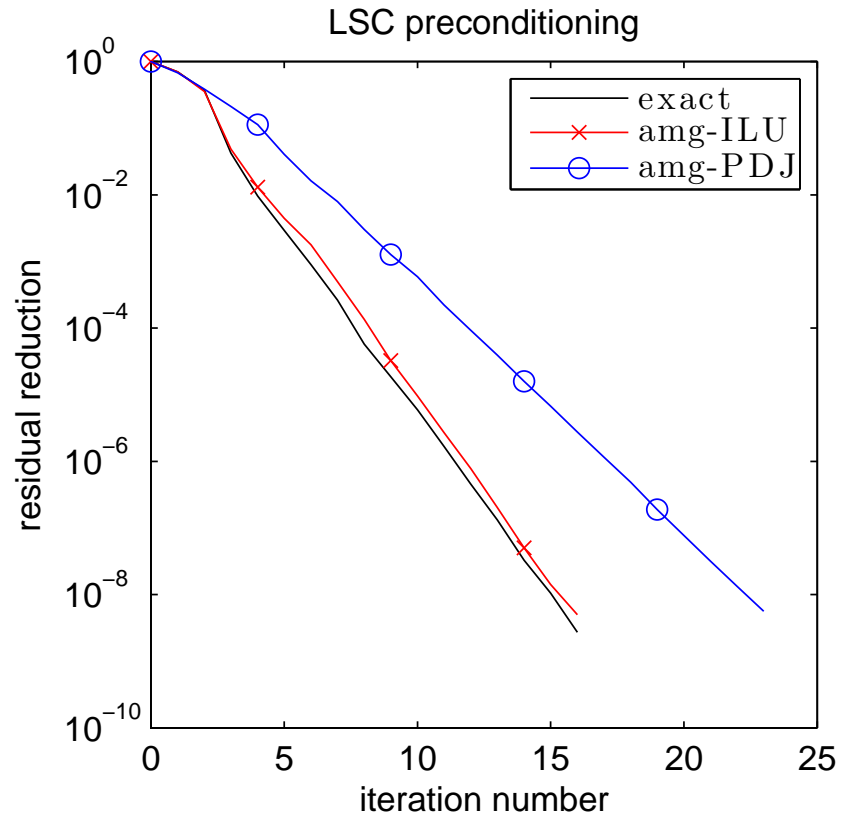
Given an  $n \times n$  sparse matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and an  $n$ -vector  $\mathbf{z}$ , HSL\_MI20 computes the vector  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Mz}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is an algebraic multigrid (AMG)  $v$ -cycle preconditioner for  $\mathbf{A}$ . A classical AMG method is used, as described in [1] (see also Section 5 below for a brief description of the algorithm). The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  must have positive diagonal entries and (most of) the off-diagonal entries must be negative (the diagonal should be large compared to the sum of the off-diagonals). During the multigrid coarsening process, positive off-diagonal entries are ignored and, when calculating the interpolation weights, positive off-diagonal entries are added to the diagonal.

### Reference

[1] K. Stüben. *An Introduction to Algebraic Multigrid*. In U. Trottenberg, C. Oosterlee, A. Schüller, eds, 'Multigrid', Academic Press, 2001, pp 413-532.

**ATTRIBUTES** — **Version:** 1.1.0 **Types:** Real (single, double). **Uses:** HSL\_MA48, HSL\_MC65, HSL\_ZD11, and the LAPACK routines `_GETRF` and `_GETRS`. **Date:** September 2006. **Origin:** J. W. Boyle, University of Manchester and J. A. Scott, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. **Language:** Fortran 95, plus allocatable dummy arguments and allocatable components of derived types. **Remark:** The development of HSL\_MI20 was funded by EPSRC grants EP/C000528/1 and GR/S42170.

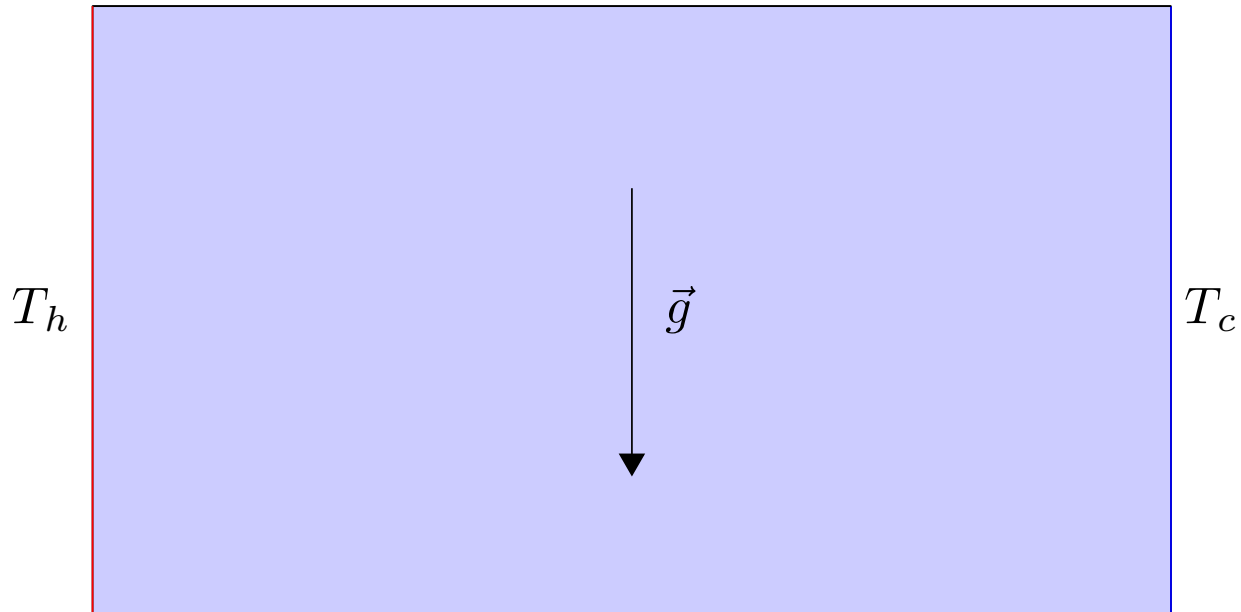
# Solver performance



GMRES convergence close to steady state with  $k_n \sim 4$ .  
Note that  $\nu = 0.0218$  and  $\nu = 0.00306$ .

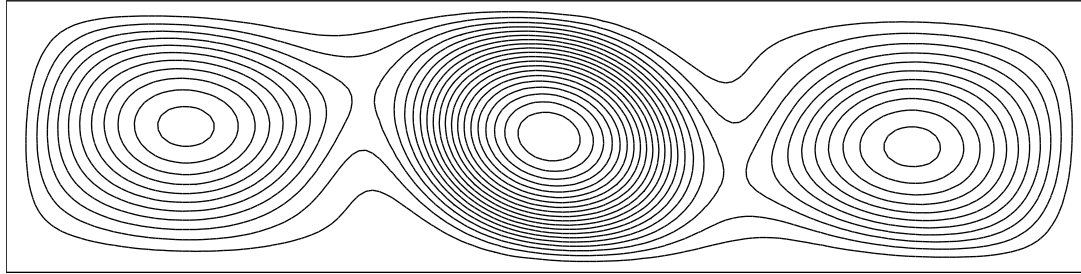
# Problem II: 1:4 cavity domain

Lateral heating: Hopf Bifurcation

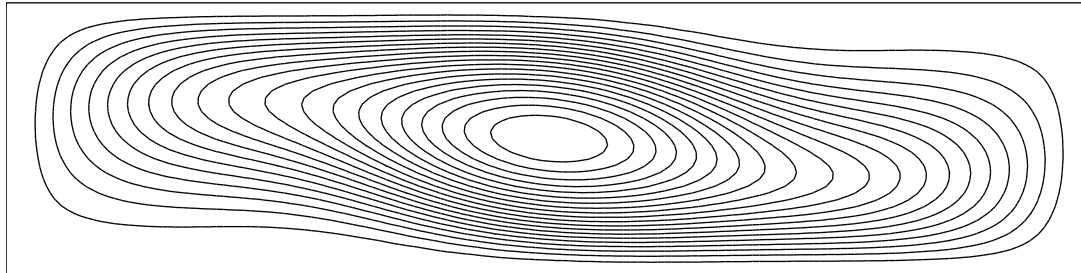


# Problem II: Gallium Arsenide

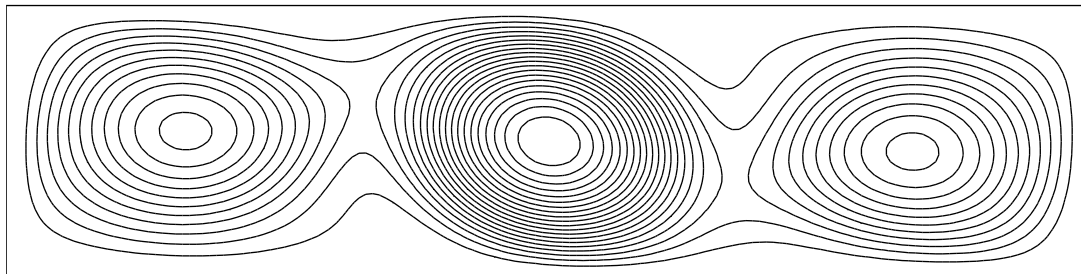
Velocity streamlines : time= 223.90



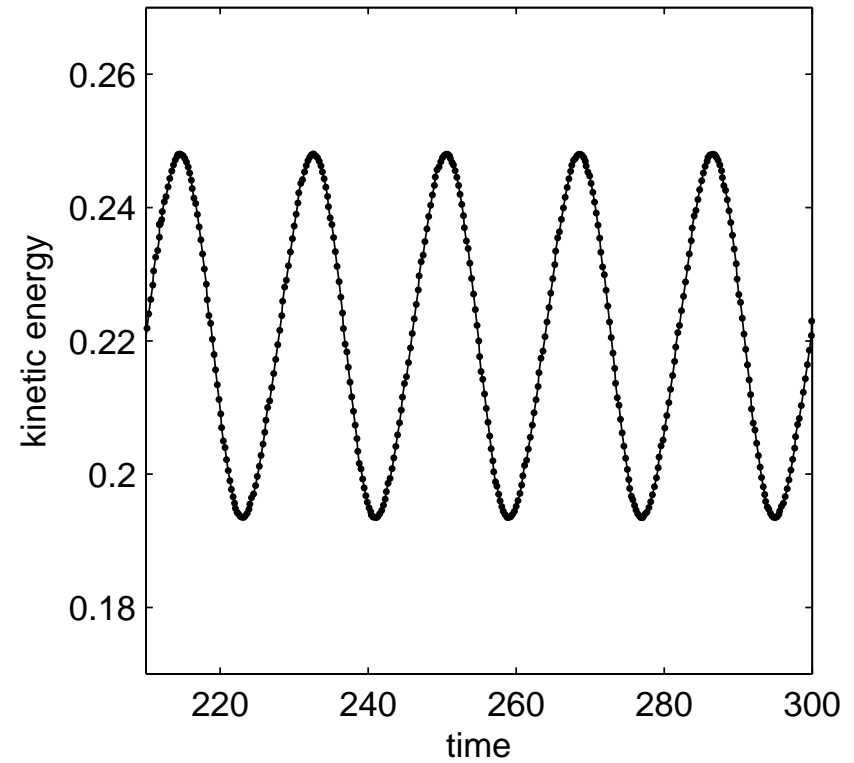
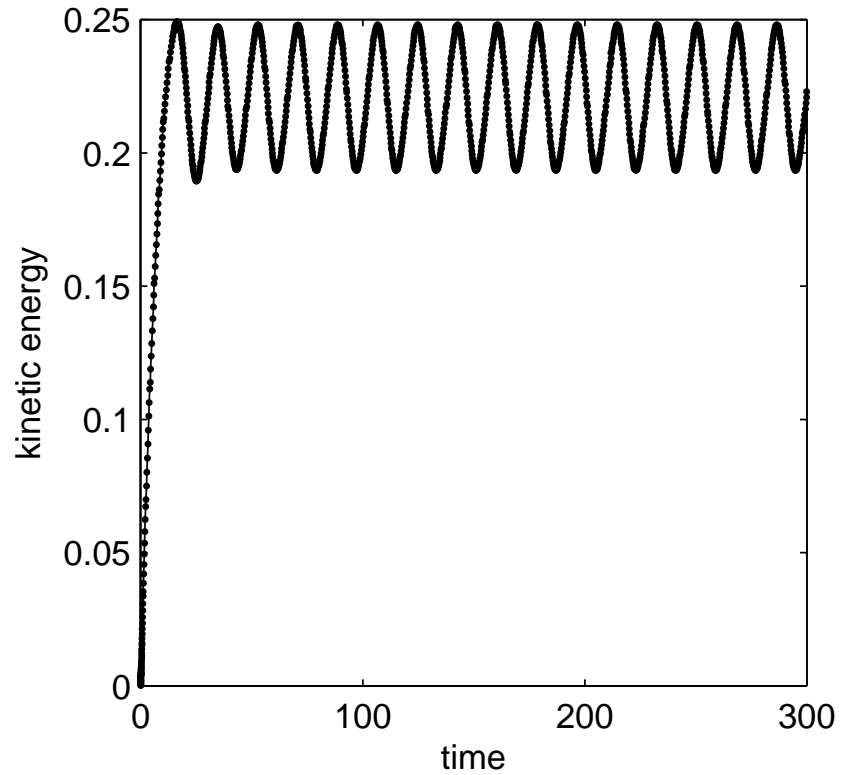
Velocity streamlines : time= 232.95



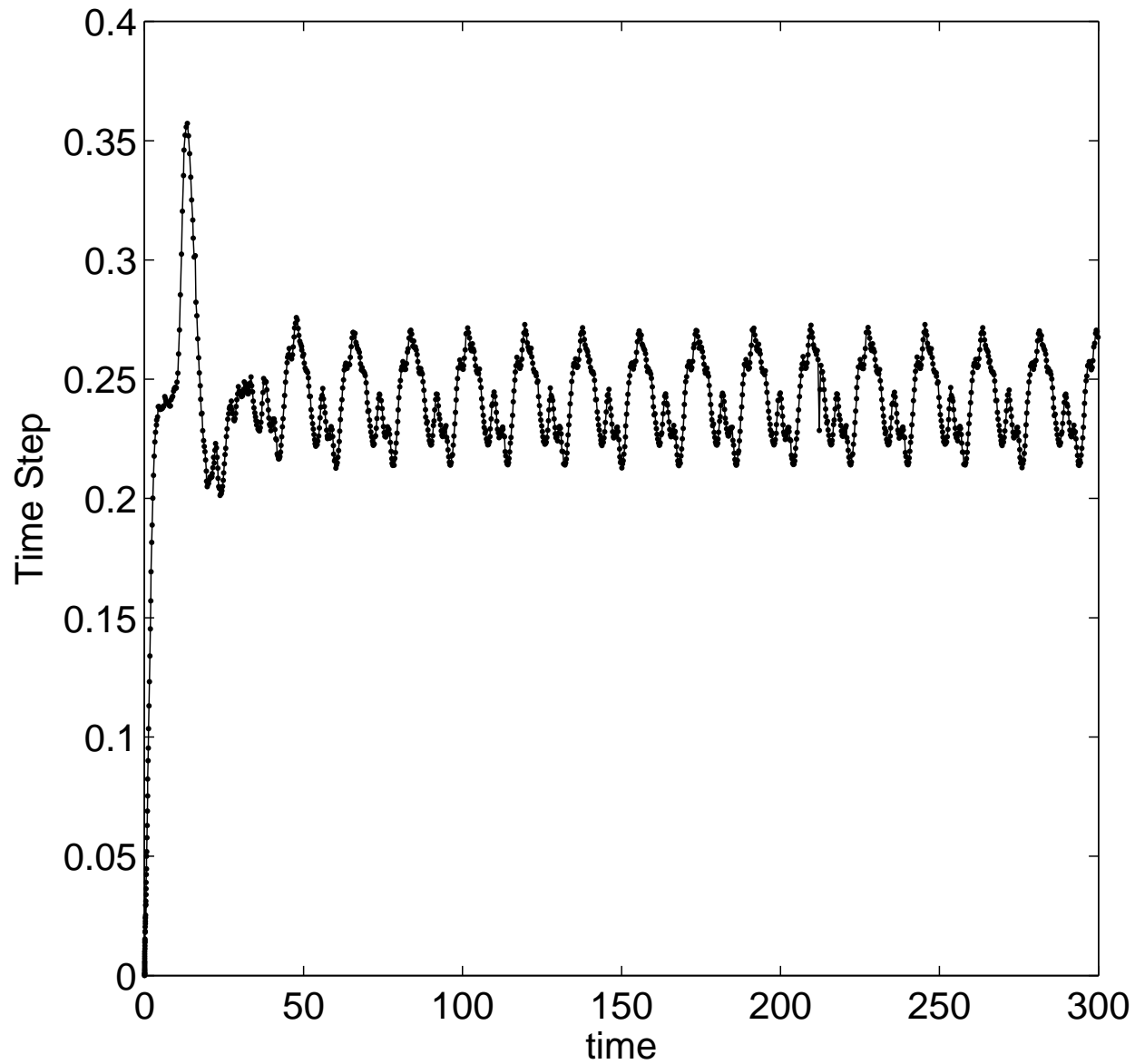
Velocity streamlines : time= 241.84



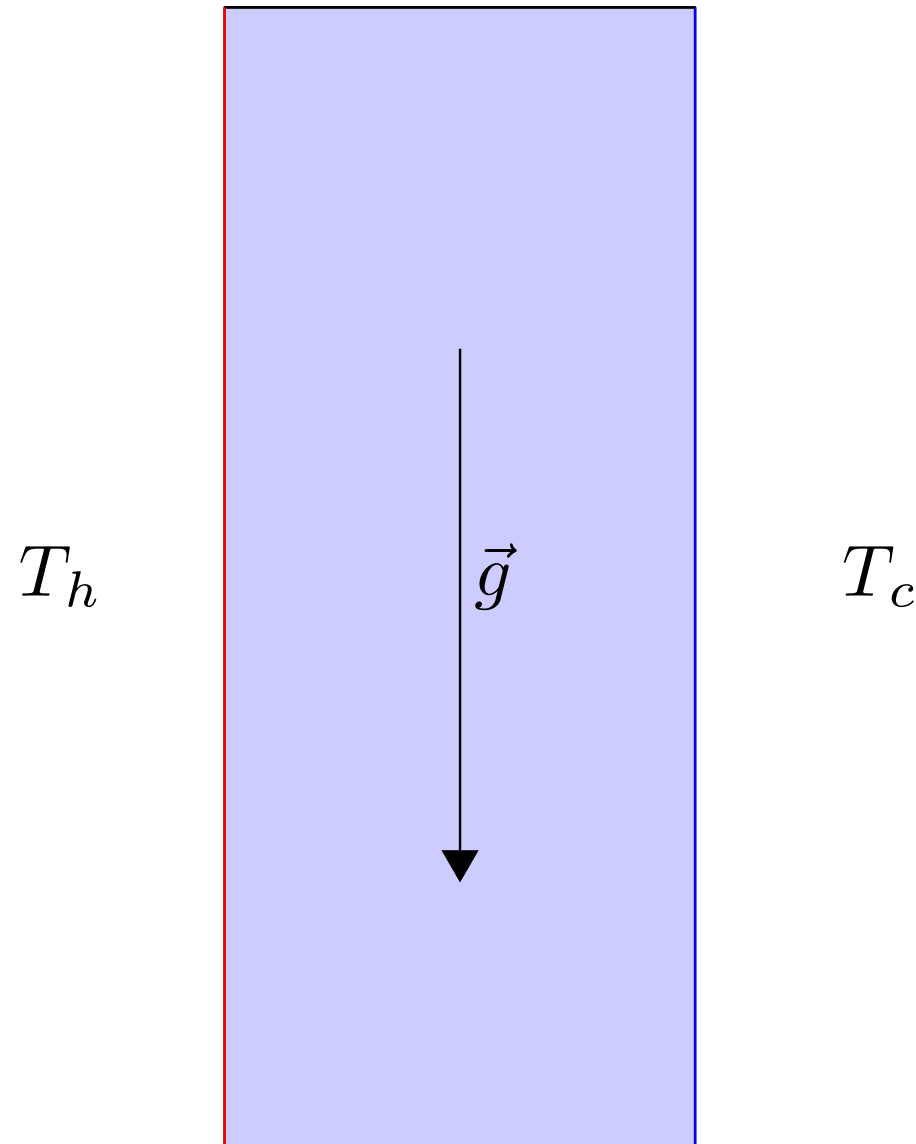
# Problem II: Kinetic Energy : $\varepsilon_t = 3 \times 10^{-5}$



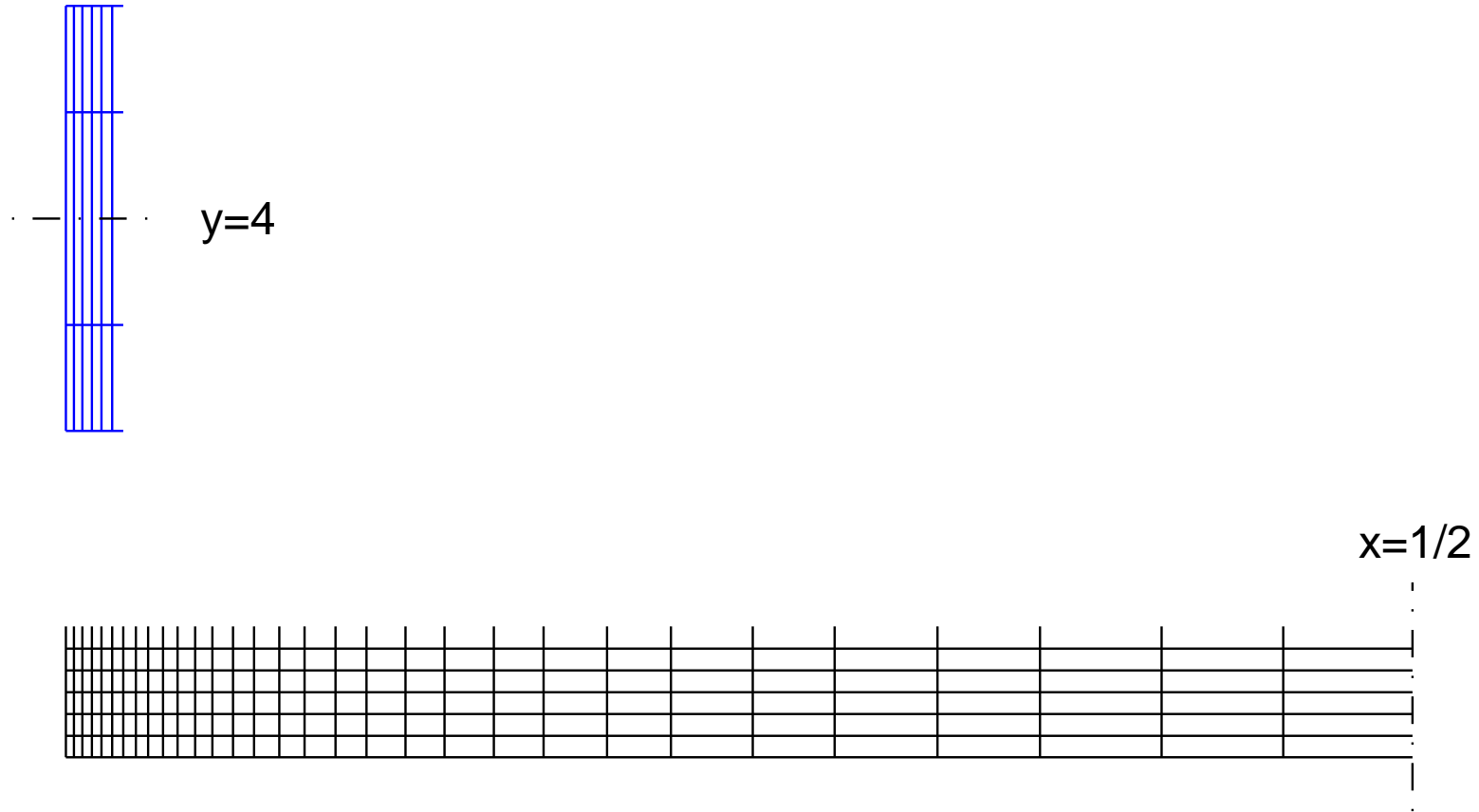
# Problem II: Time step history : $\varepsilon_t = 3 \times 10^{-5}$



# Problem XXX: 8:1 cavity domain



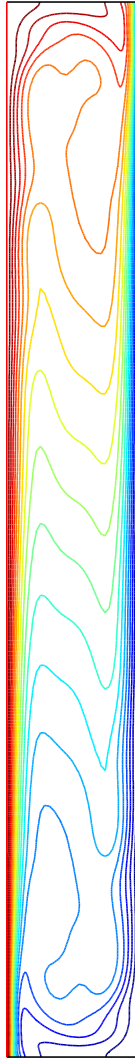
# Problem XXX: $31 \times 248$ stretched grid



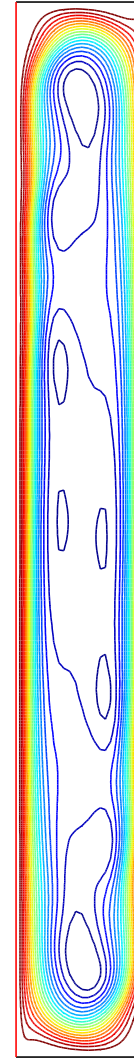


# Problem XXX: Snapshot Solution

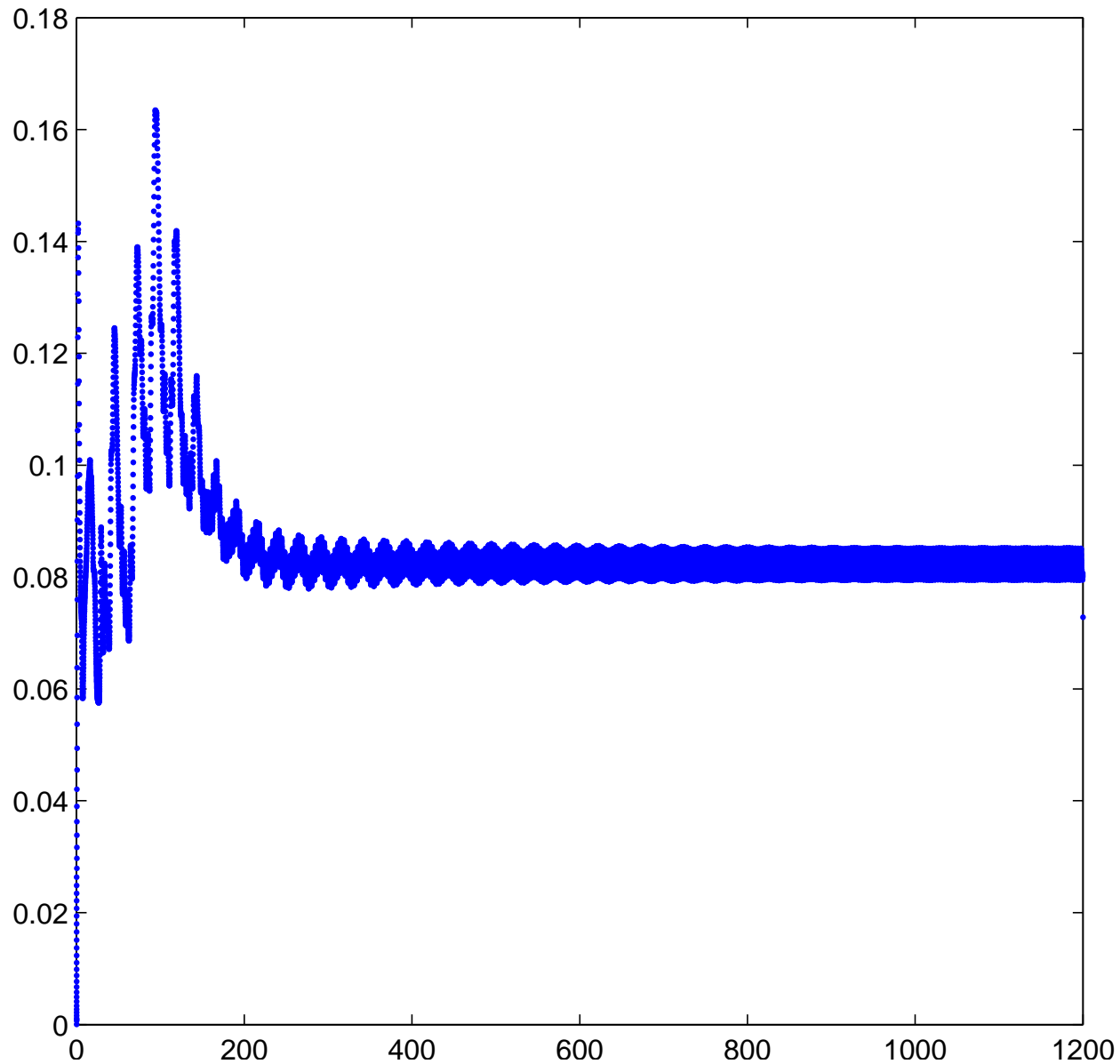
Isotherms :  $t=1200$



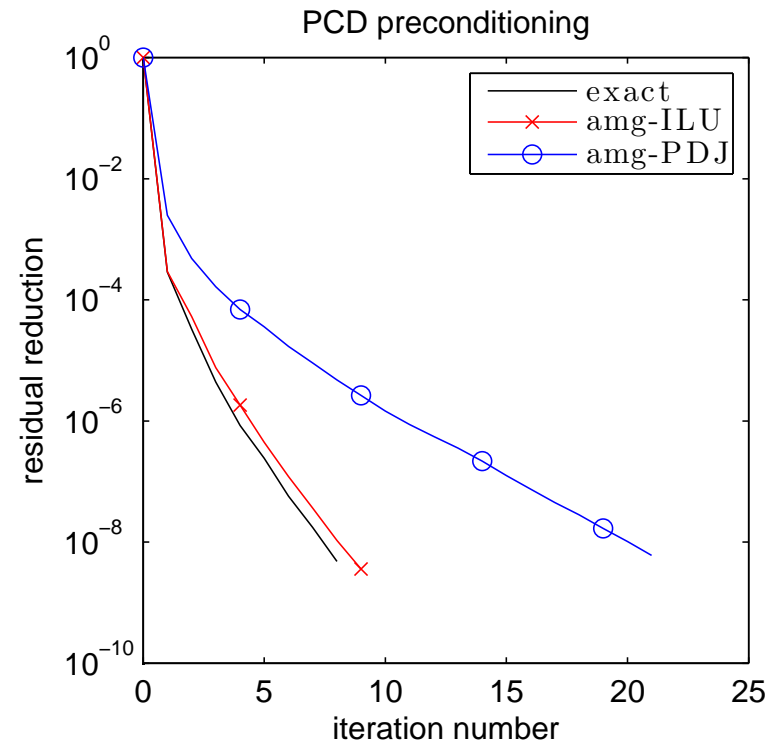
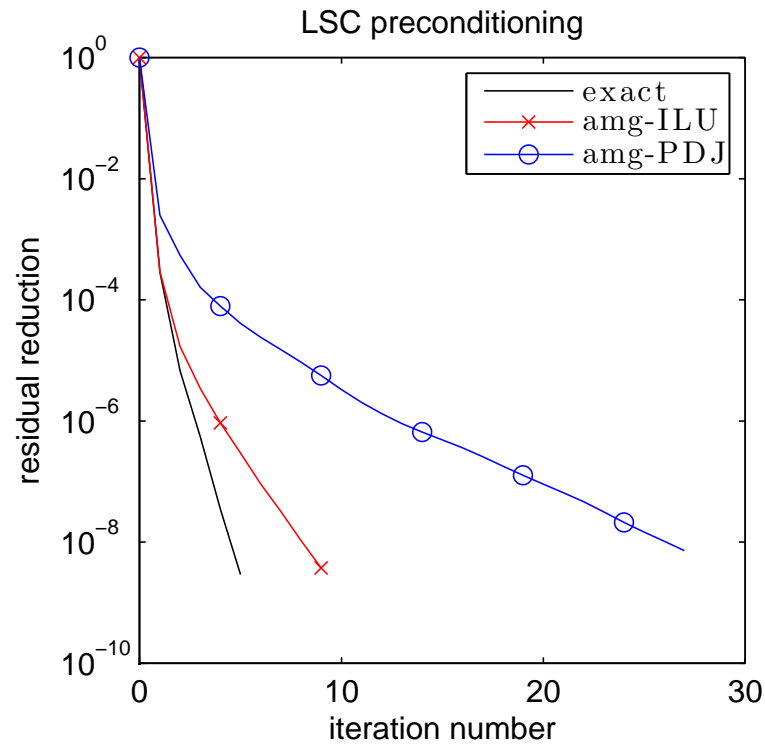
Streamlines :  $t=1200$



# Problem XXX: Time step history : $\varepsilon_t = 3 \times 10^{-5}$



# Problem XXX: Solver performance

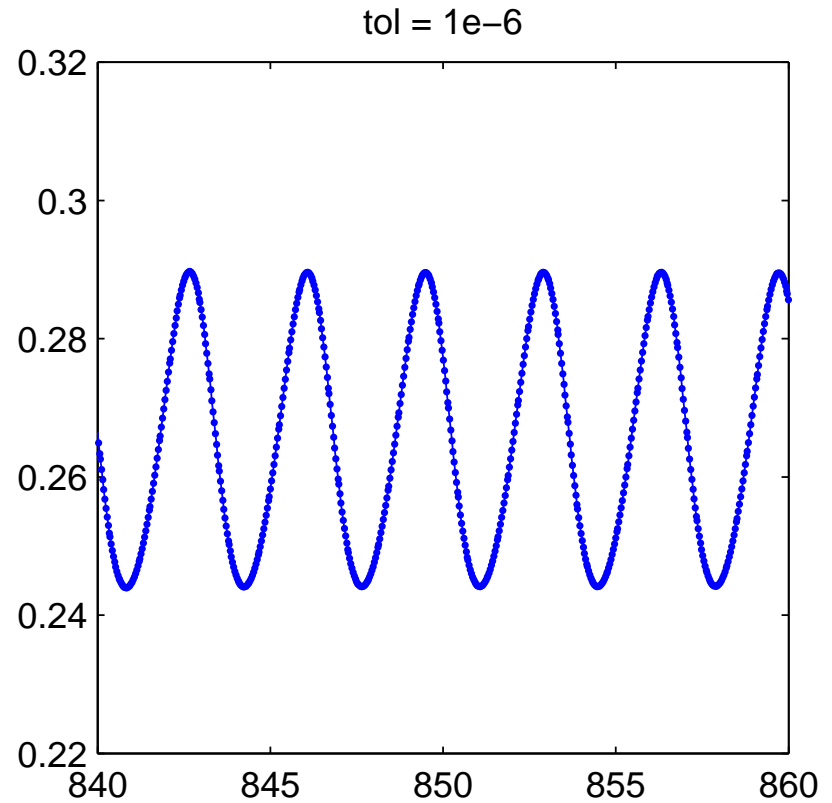
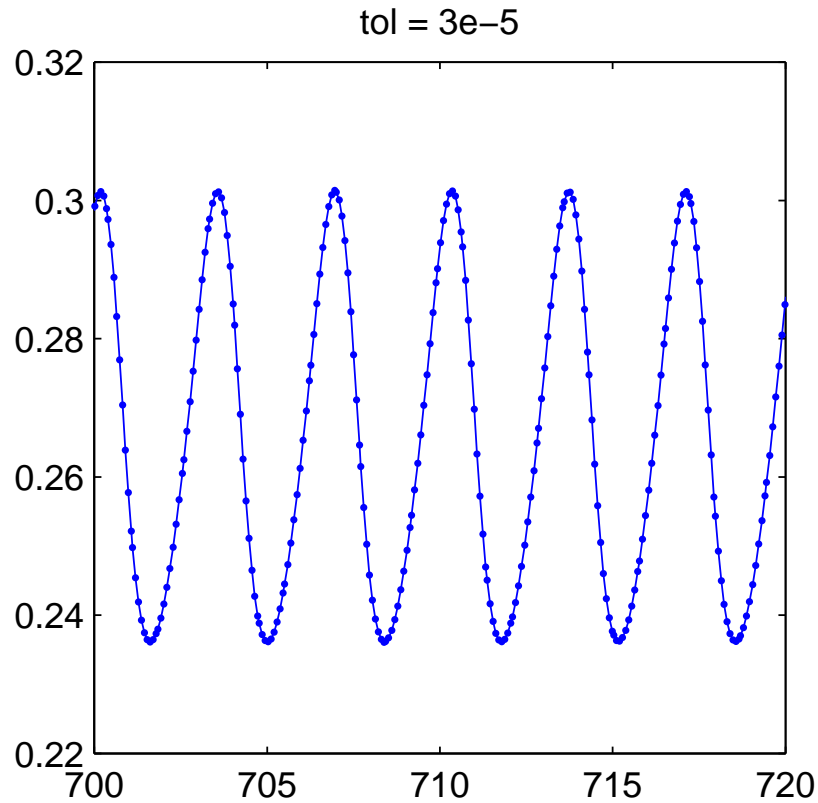


GMRES convergence for snapshot solution with  $k_n \sim 0.082$ .  
Note that  $\nu = 0.00145$  and  $\nu = 0.00203$ .

# Problem XXX: Reference statistics

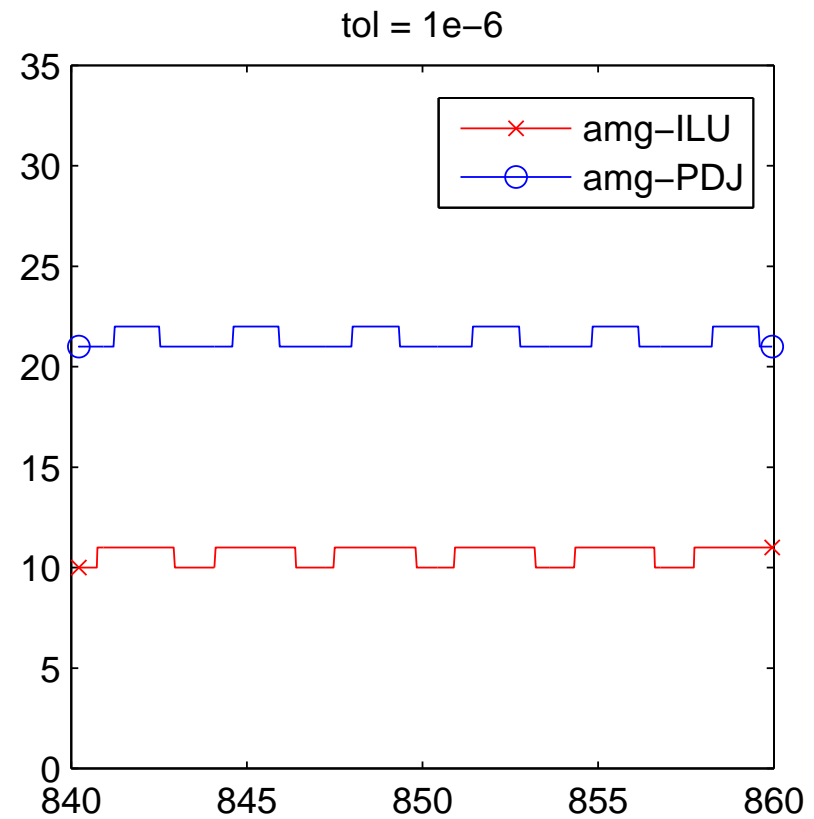
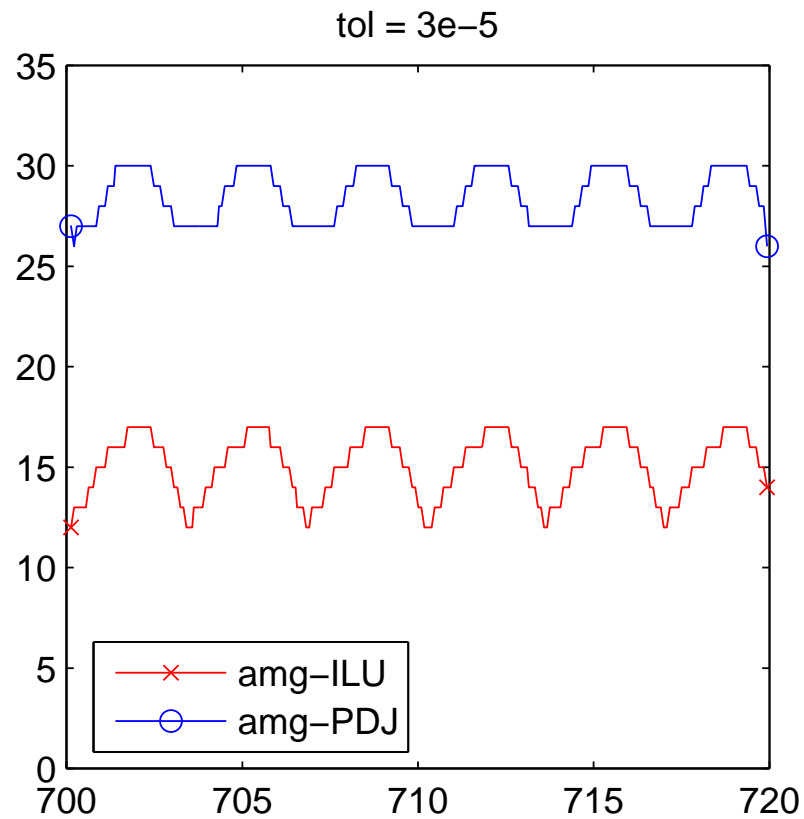
|                       | MIT Benchmark | $\varepsilon_t = 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $\varepsilon_t = 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| $(\Delta p)_{\min}$   | -0.0125       | -0.0178                           | -0.0135                           |
| $(\Delta p)_{\max}$   | 0.0074        | 0.0116                            | 0.0082                            |
| $\Delta(\Delta p)$    | 0.0198        | 0.0294                            | 0.0218                            |
| $\overline{\Delta p}$ | -0.0026       | -0.0031                           | -0.0027                           |
| $T_{\min}$            | 0.2461        | 0.2362                            | 0.2442                            |
| $T_{\max}$            | 0.2872        | 0.3012                            | 0.2896                            |
| $\Delta T$            | 0.0411        | 0.0650                            | 0.0454                            |
| $\overline{T}$        | 0.2666        | 0.2687                            | 0.2669                            |
| Period                | 3.4135        | 3.382                             | 3.412                             |

# Problem XXX: Tolerance comparison



Temperature evolution at the MIT reference point.

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Iteration counts using inexact PCD preconditioning.

## What have we achieved?

- **Black-box implementation:** few parameters that have to be estimated a priori.
- **Optimal complexity:** essentially  $O(n)$  flops per iteration, where  $n$  is dimension of the discrete system.
- **Efficient linear algebra:** convergence rate is (essentially) independent of  $h$ . Given an appropriate time accuracy tolerance convergence is also robust with respect to  $\nu$