

Use Riemann Solver for Atmospheric Modeling

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Introduction

- Modeling atmosphere requires to deal with
 - CFL condition: numerical instability
 - Stable advection scheme or semi-Lagrangian advection
 - High frequency modes (terms)
 - Time-split on different terms or semi-implicit time integration
- Solve both independently
 - Eulerian model, time-split on terms or semi-implicit
 - Semi-Lagrangian advection in grid-point model
- Solve both together
 - Semi-implicit semi-Lagrangian scheme in spectral model
 - Semi-Lagrangian advection along high frequent wave

Contents

- Introducing Riemann Solver by Riemann invariant characteristic equation (RICE)
 - Simple 1D for easy illustration
- Possible 2D
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- Discussion
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On dimensional shallow water equation (gravity waves)

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(uh)}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

can be written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g & u \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

And we can have a matrix L and its inverse matrix L^{-1} for the above matrix be diagonal matrix with eigenvector as

$$L^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g & u \end{pmatrix} L = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad LL^{-1} = 1$$

After we solve L, put it into above equation

we have

$$L^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \end{pmatrix} + L^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g & u \end{pmatrix} L L^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

then the shallow water equation can be written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial t} + C_1 \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial R_2}{\partial t} + C_2 \frac{\partial R_2}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$R_1 = \sqrt{gh} + u/2$$

$$R_2 = \sqrt{gh} - u/2$$

$$C_1 = u + \sqrt{gh}$$

$$C_2 = u - \sqrt{gh}$$

So the procedure to solve the 1D SWE by

1) Obtain R and C from u and h at any model grid as

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(t) &= \sqrt{gh(t)} + u(t)/2 & C_1(t) &= u(t) + \sqrt{gh(t)} \\ R_2(t) &= \sqrt{gh(t)} - u(t)/2 & C_2(t) &= u(t) - \sqrt{gh(t)} \end{aligned} \quad \&$$

2) Use advection eq to solve next time step of R by

$$\frac{\partial R_i}{\partial t} + C_i \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{to get} \quad R_1(t + \Delta t) \quad \text{and} \quad R_2(t + \Delta t)$$

3) Obtain next time step u and h and C by

$$\begin{aligned} u(t + \Delta t) &= R_1(t + \Delta t) - R_2(t + \Delta t) & C_1(t + \Delta t) &= u(t + \Delta t) + \sqrt{gh(t + \Delta t)} \\ h(t + \Delta t) &= \frac{1}{g} \left(\frac{R_1(t + \Delta t) + R_2(t + \Delta t)}{2} \right)^2 & C_2(t + \Delta t) &= u(t + \Delta t) - \sqrt{gh(t + \Delta t)} \end{aligned} \quad \&$$

4) Back to 2) for the next time

Select 1D case

- Follow Toda et al 2009 (JCP) weak nonlinear case
- Initial condition as

$$h(x, t = 0) = 1.0 + 0.01 \exp \left\{ - \left(\frac{x - x_m / 2}{5} \right)^2 \right\}$$

From Toda et al 2009

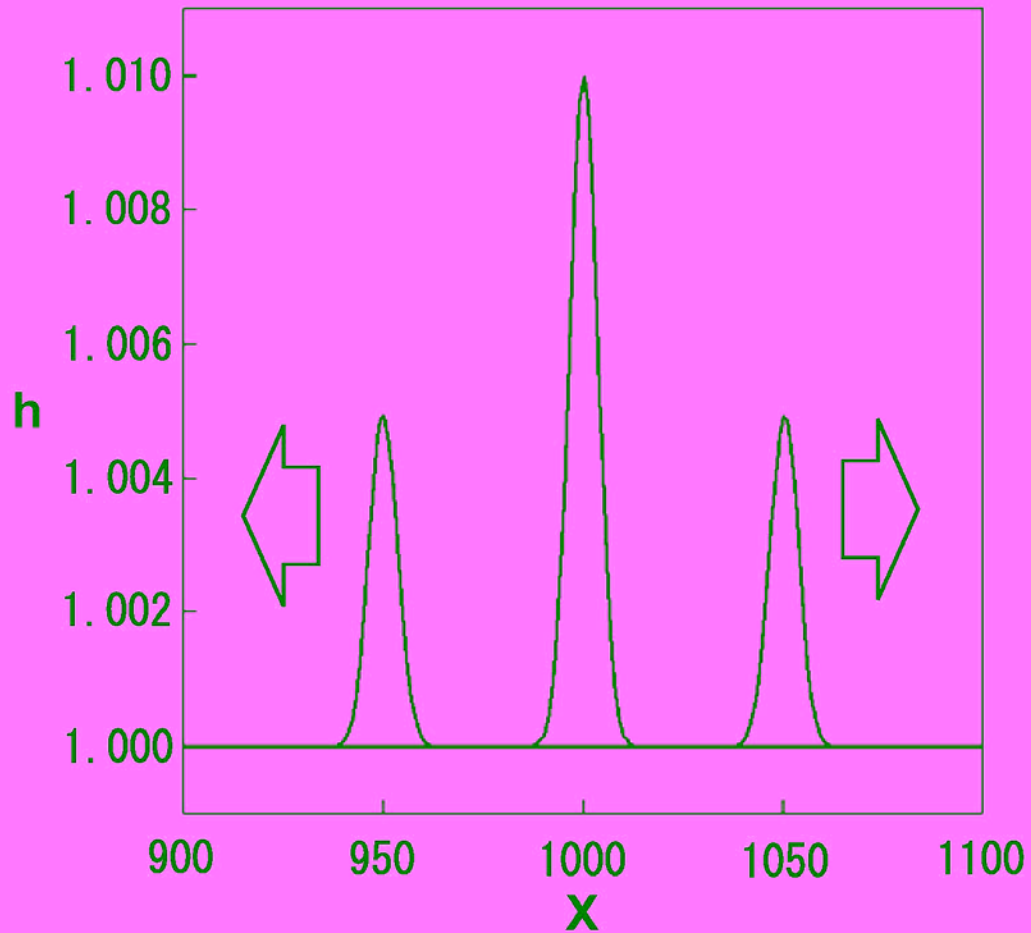


Fig. 6. Initial condition and solution behavior.

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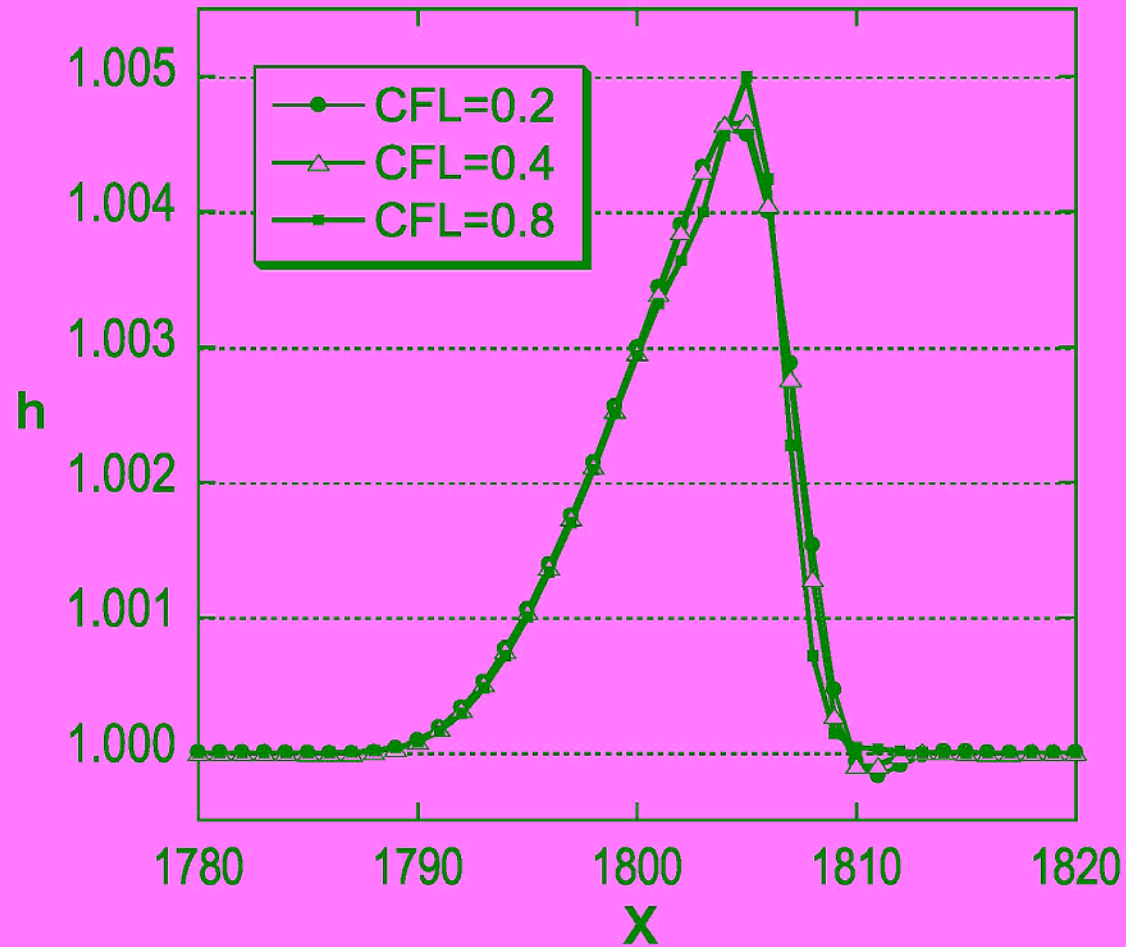


Fig. 9. Difference by CFL.

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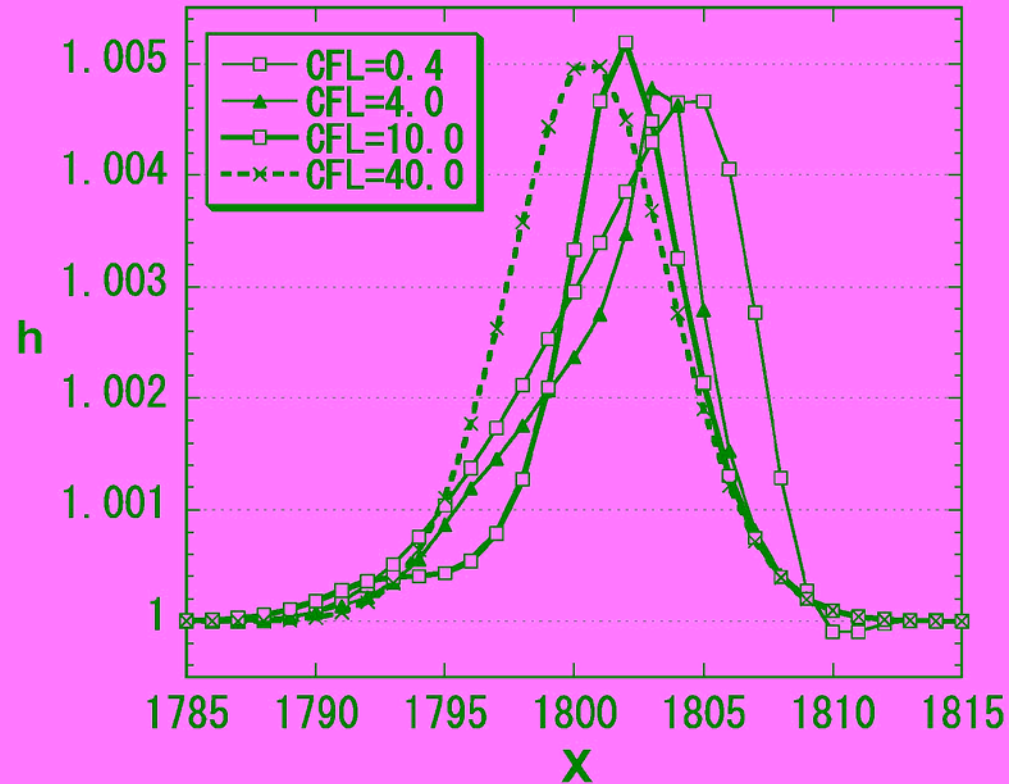
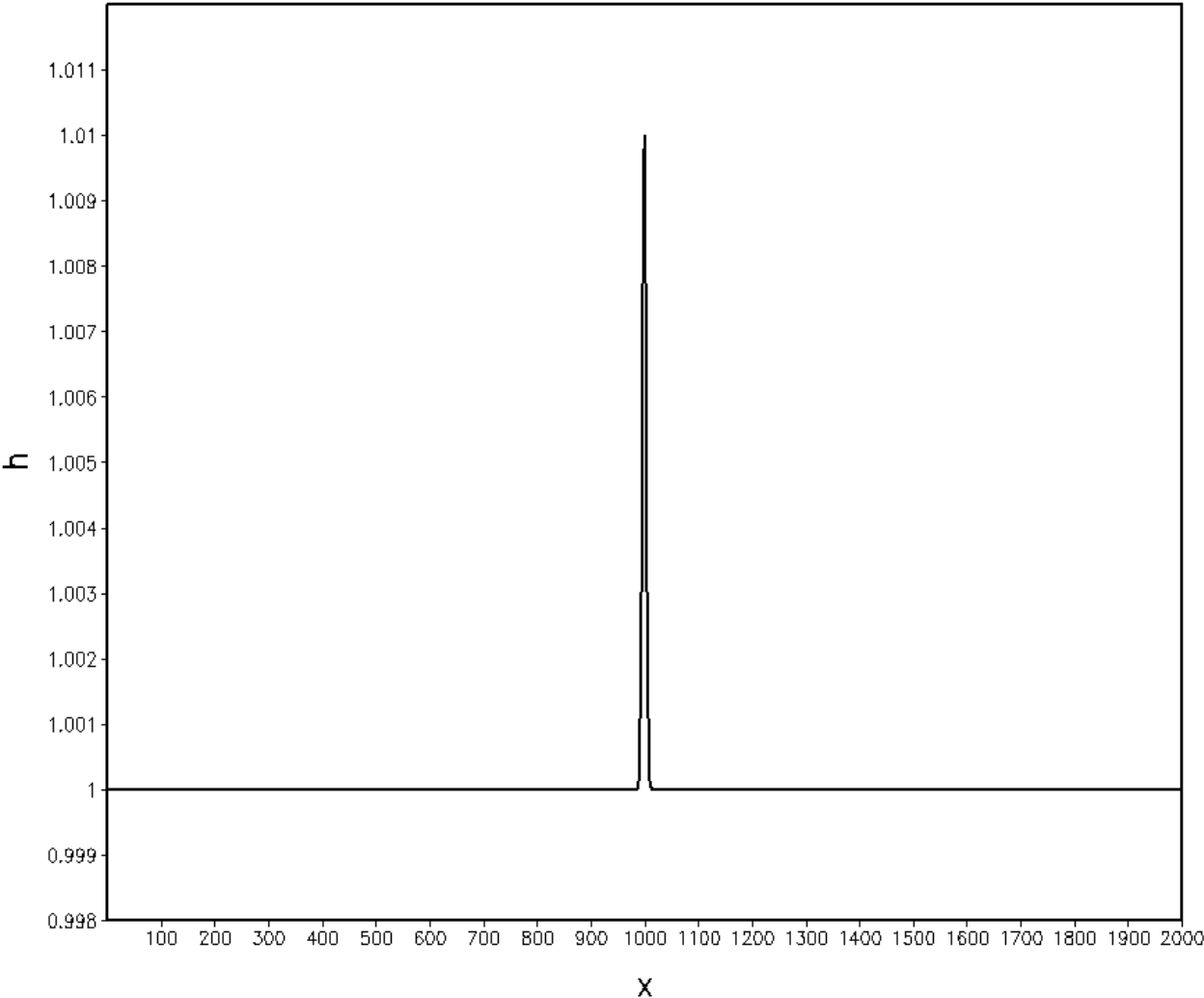
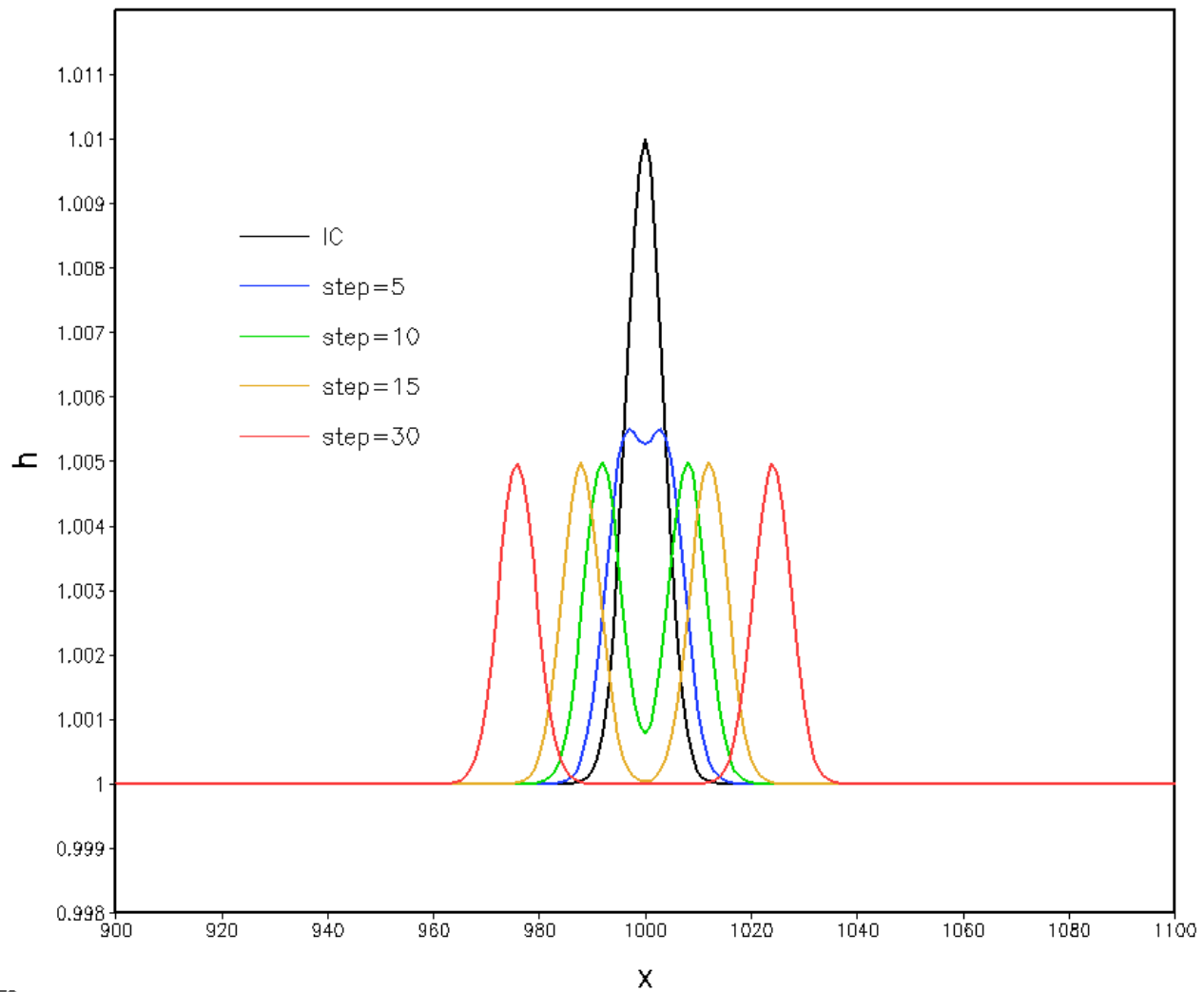


Fig. 13. The height at $t = 800.0$ under the initial condition of Eq. (39) for CFL = 0.4, 4.0, 10.0, 40.0.

$$h(x, t=0)$$

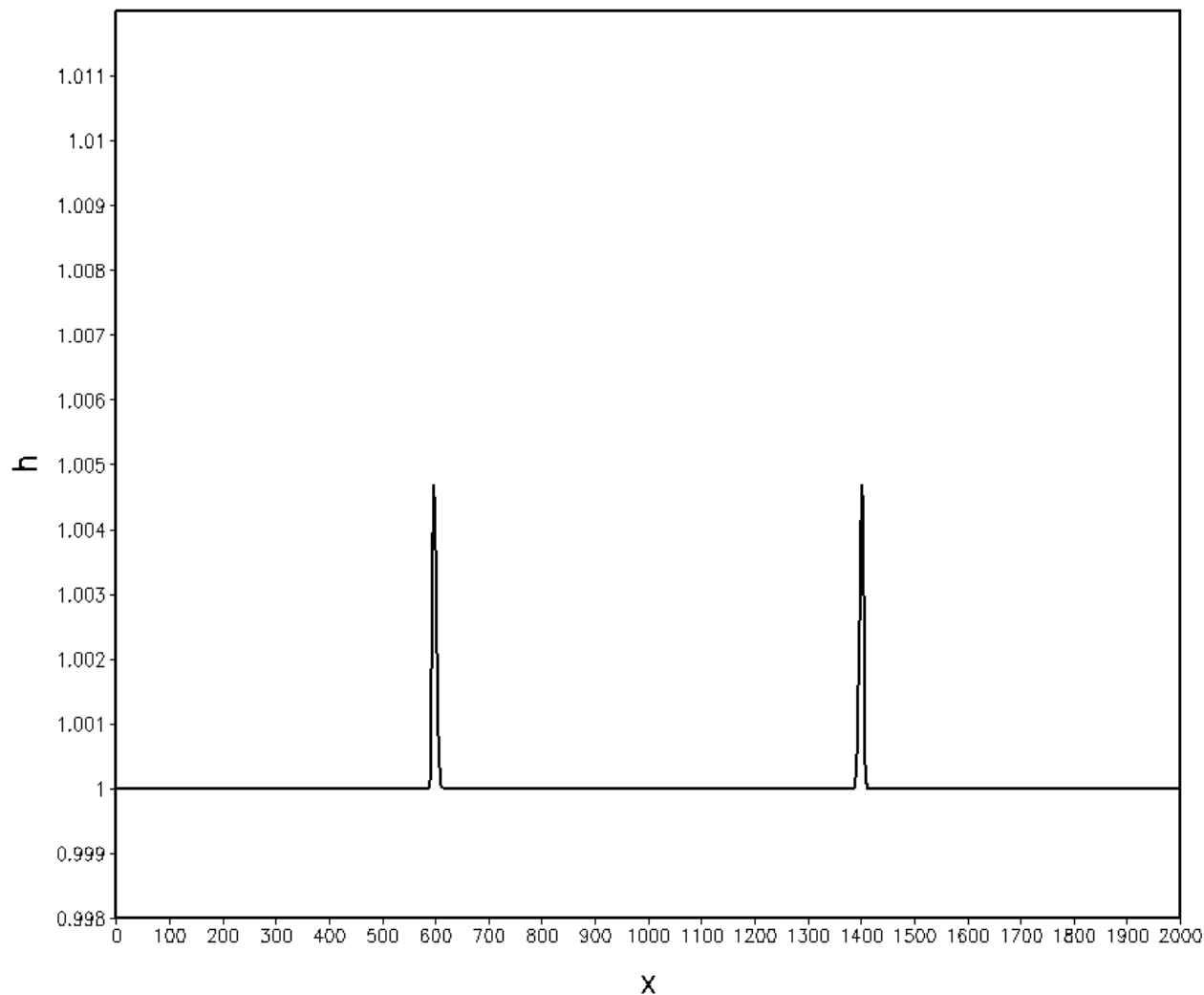


$h(x)$, CFL=0.8



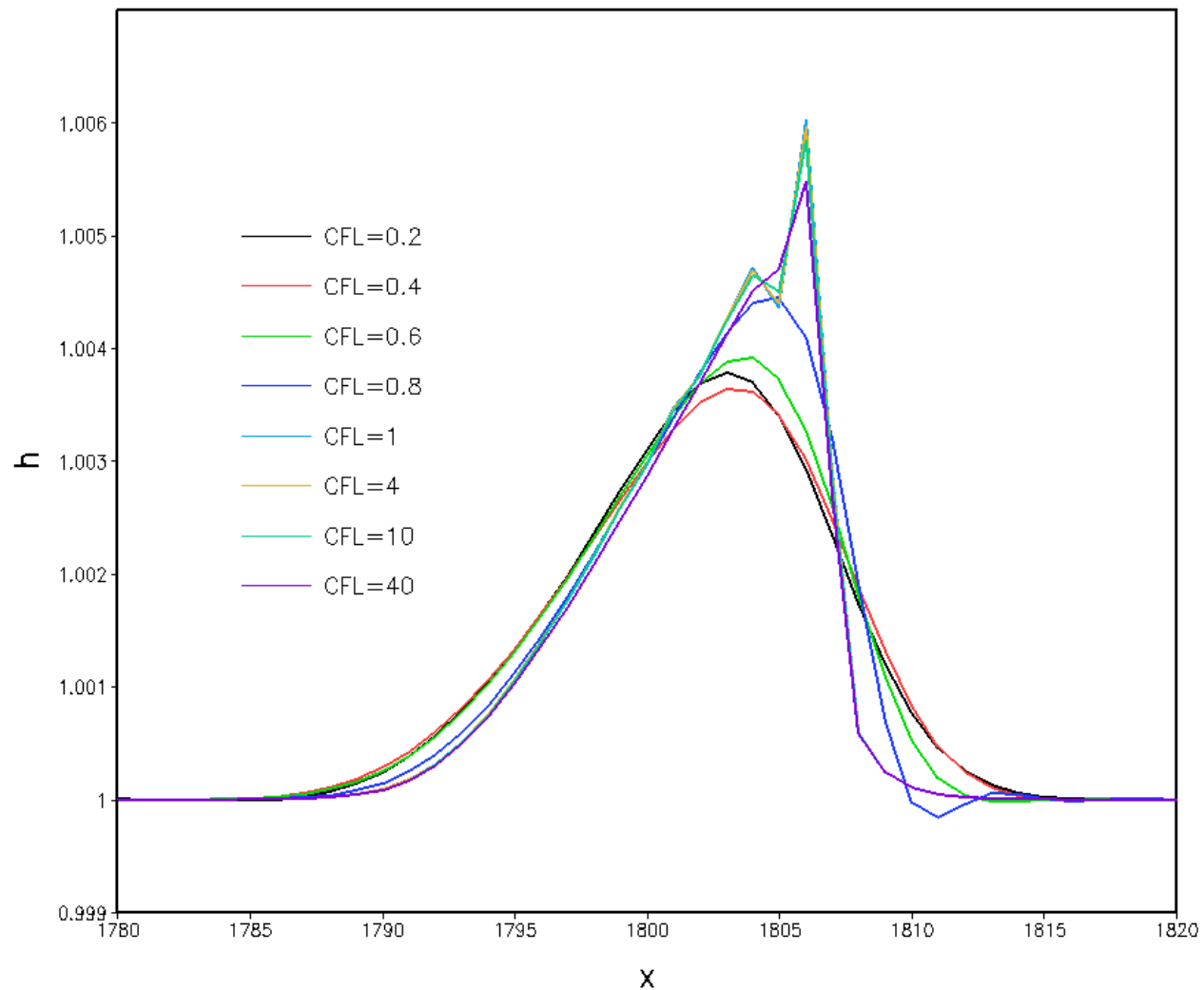
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$h(x, t=400s)$, CFL=0.8



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$h(x)$, $t=800s$



GrADS: COLA/IGES

advantages

- Advection and high frequency mode are merged into one prognostic variable
- Solve it with a pure semi-Lagrangian advection (here by NDSL)
- No need to select method to get gradient either by grid-point method or spectral method
- Put high frequency mode into the same time step as semi-Lagrangian scheme
- Much less diffusive than Eulerian scheme (such as results from Toda et al)

Nonhydrostatic system

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - RT \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \gamma \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$$

For Riemann solver, we let the above be

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ u \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u & \gamma \\ RT & u \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ u \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{R}_1}{\partial t} = -c_1 \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}_1}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{R}_2}{\partial t} = -c_2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}_2}{\partial x}$$

or

$$\frac{dR_1}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dR_2}{dt} = 0$$

where

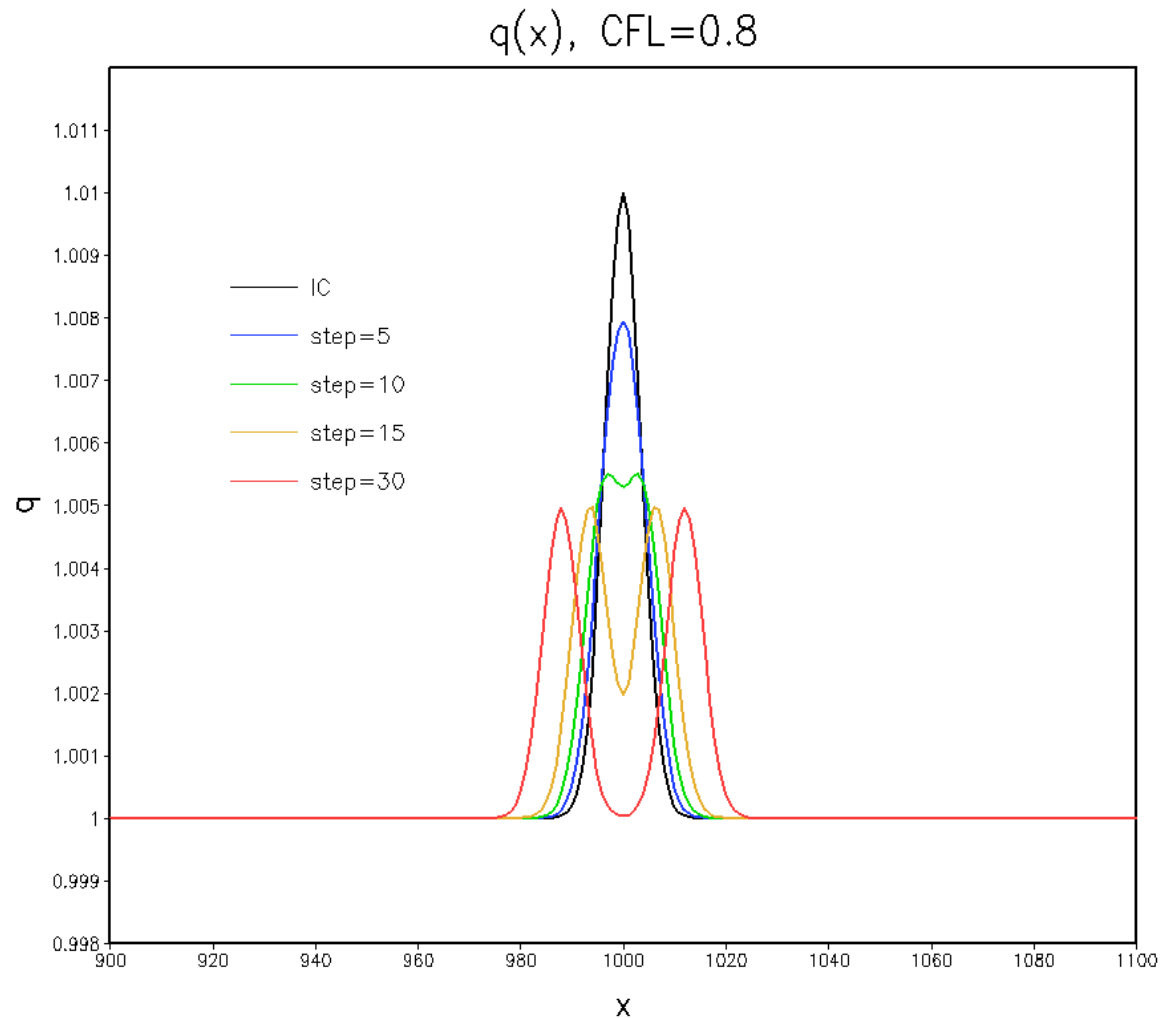
$$R_1 = \sqrt{RT/\gamma} Q + u$$

$$R_2 = \sqrt{RT/\gamma} Q - u$$

$$c_1 = u + \sqrt{\gamma RT}$$

$$c_2 = u - \sqrt{\gamma RT}$$

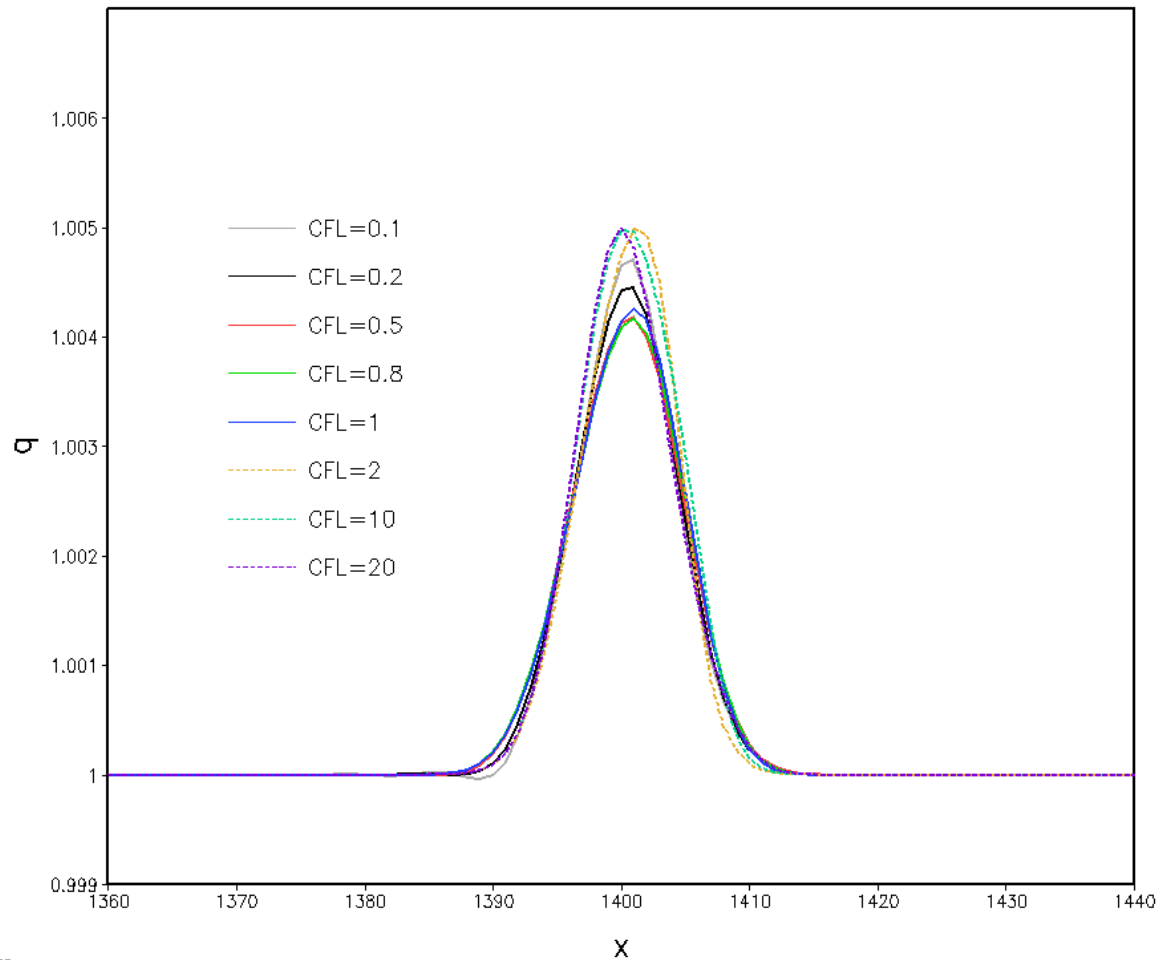
The initial acoustic spread



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After 800s with different CFL

$q(x)$, $t=800s$



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2D SWE on spherical coordinates can be written as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{1}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \lambda} + v \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \phi} + \frac{g}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} - \left(f + \frac{u \tan \phi}{a} \right) v = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{1}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \lambda} + v \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} + \frac{g}{a} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi} + \left(f + \frac{u \tan \phi}{a} \right) u = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + u \frac{1}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda} + v \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \phi} + \frac{h}{a \cos \phi} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\partial v \cos \phi}{\partial \phi} \right) = 0$$

where

$$u = a \cos \phi \frac{d\lambda}{dt}$$

$$v = a \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

$$H = h + h_s$$

let

$$\frac{1}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda'}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi'}$$

rewrite the previous SWE into

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u & h & 0 \\ g & u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda'} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 & h \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ g & 0 & v \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi'} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\tan \phi}{a} hv \\ -fv - \frac{\tan \phi}{a} uv + g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \lambda'} \\ fu + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} uu + g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \phi'} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Then dimensional split into

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u & h & 0 \\ g & u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda'} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -fv - \frac{\tan \phi}{a} uv + g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \lambda'} \\ fu + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} uu + g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \phi'} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 & h \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ g & 0 & v \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi'} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2\frac{\tan \phi}{a} hv \\ -fv - \frac{\tan \phi}{a} uv + g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \lambda'} \\ fu + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} uu + g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \phi'} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

From latitudinal direction, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g & u \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda'} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ u \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \left(f + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} u \right) v \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \lambda'} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial \lambda'} + \frac{1}{2} \left(f + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} u \right) u + \frac{1}{2} \left(g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \lambda'} \right) = 0$$

So we need matrix L^{-1} and L to satisfy following

$$L^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g & u \end{pmatrix} L = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad LL^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

to diagonalize to get eigenvalues by

$$\begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g & u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = C \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{SO} \quad \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} u & h \\ g & u \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Det} \begin{vmatrix} u-C & h \\ g & u-C \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{SO} \quad \begin{aligned} C_1 &= u + \sqrt{gh} \\ C_2 &= u - \sqrt{gh} \end{aligned}$$

In summary, we have three equations in advection form as

$$\frac{\partial R_1}{\partial t} + C_1 \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial \lambda'} - \frac{1}{4} \left[f + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} u \right] v + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial g h_s}{\partial \lambda'} = 0$$

$$R_1 = \sqrt{gh} + u/2$$

$$\frac{\partial R_2}{\partial t} + C_2 \frac{\partial R_2}{\partial \lambda'} + \frac{1}{4} \left[f + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} u \right] v - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial g h_s}{\partial \lambda'} = 0$$

$$R_2 = \sqrt{gh} - u/2$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial \lambda'} + \frac{1}{2} \left(f + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} u \right) u + \frac{1}{2} g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \phi'} = 0$$

$$C_1 = u + \sqrt{gh}$$

$$C_2 = u - \sqrt{gh}$$

then we solve R and v by C and u with semi-Lagrangian

$$R_1^a = R_1^d + \frac{\Delta t}{4} f_m v^m - \frac{\Delta t}{4} \left(\frac{(gh_s)^a - (gh_s)^d}{(\lambda^a - \lambda^d)} \right)$$

$$f_m = \left(f + \frac{\tan \phi}{a} u \right)^m$$

$$R_2^a = R_2^d - \frac{\Delta t}{4} f_m v^m + \frac{\Delta t}{4} \left(\frac{(gh_s)^a - (gh_s)^d}{(\lambda^a - \lambda^d)} \right)$$

$$h^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{1}{g} \left(\frac{R_1^{t+\Delta t} + R_2^{t+\Delta t}}{2} \right)^2$$

$$v^a = v^d - \frac{\Delta t}{2} f_m u^m - \frac{\Delta t}{4} \left\langle \left(g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \phi'} \right)^a + \left(g \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial \phi'} \right)^d \right\rangle$$

$$u^{t+\Delta t} = R_1^{t+\Delta t} - R_2^{t+\Delta t}$$

The same procedure in latitudinal direction.

Then

The wavenumber 4 Rossby-Haurwitz wave on sphere as case 6 of Williamson et al 1992 is tested.

The non-iteration dimensional-split semi-Lagrangian is used for solving the equation as mentioned.

Reduced Gaussian grid is carried as model grid.

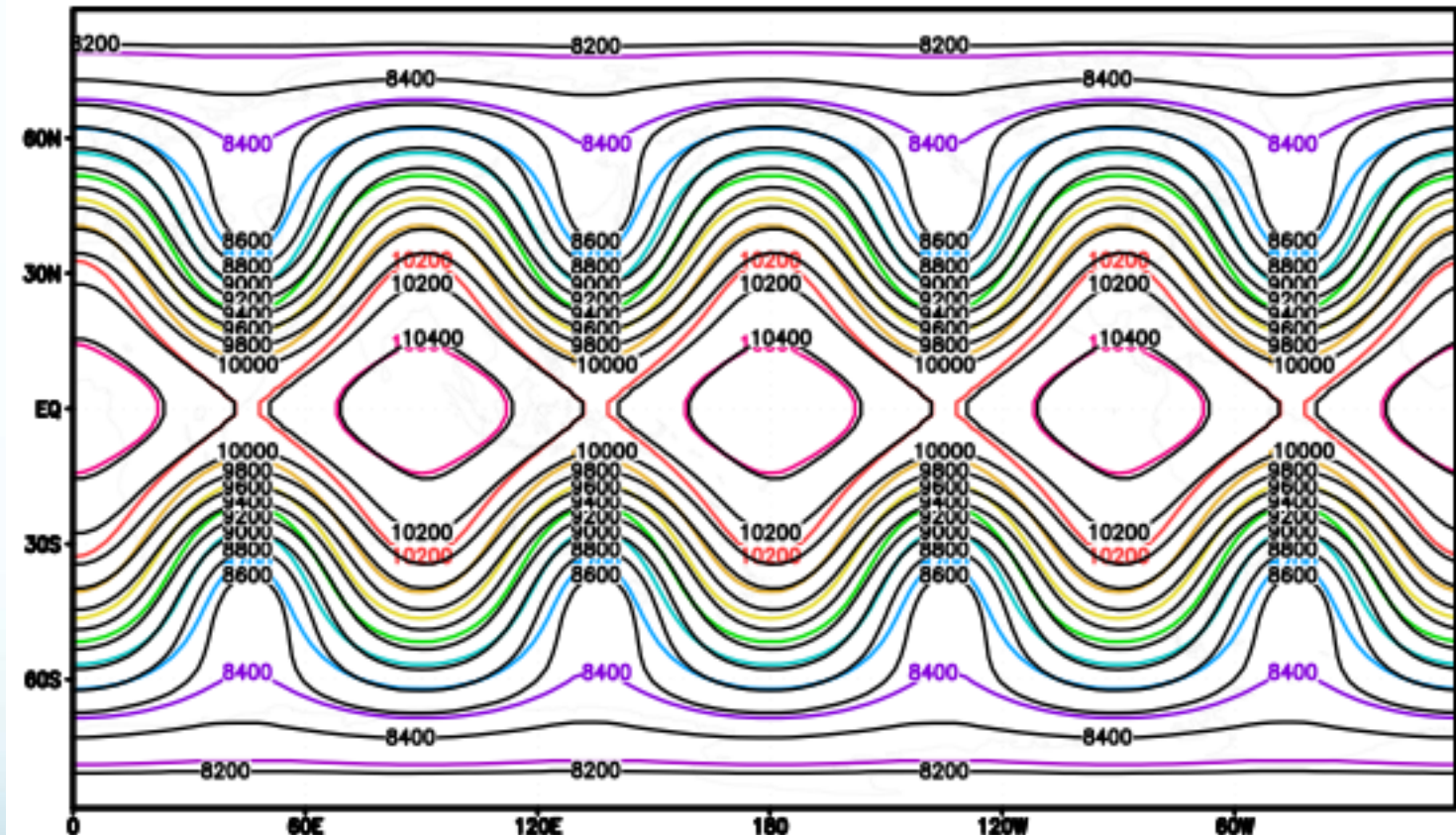
Equal latitude/longitude A grid is utilized for splitting.

Cubic Spline under tension is used for interpolation.

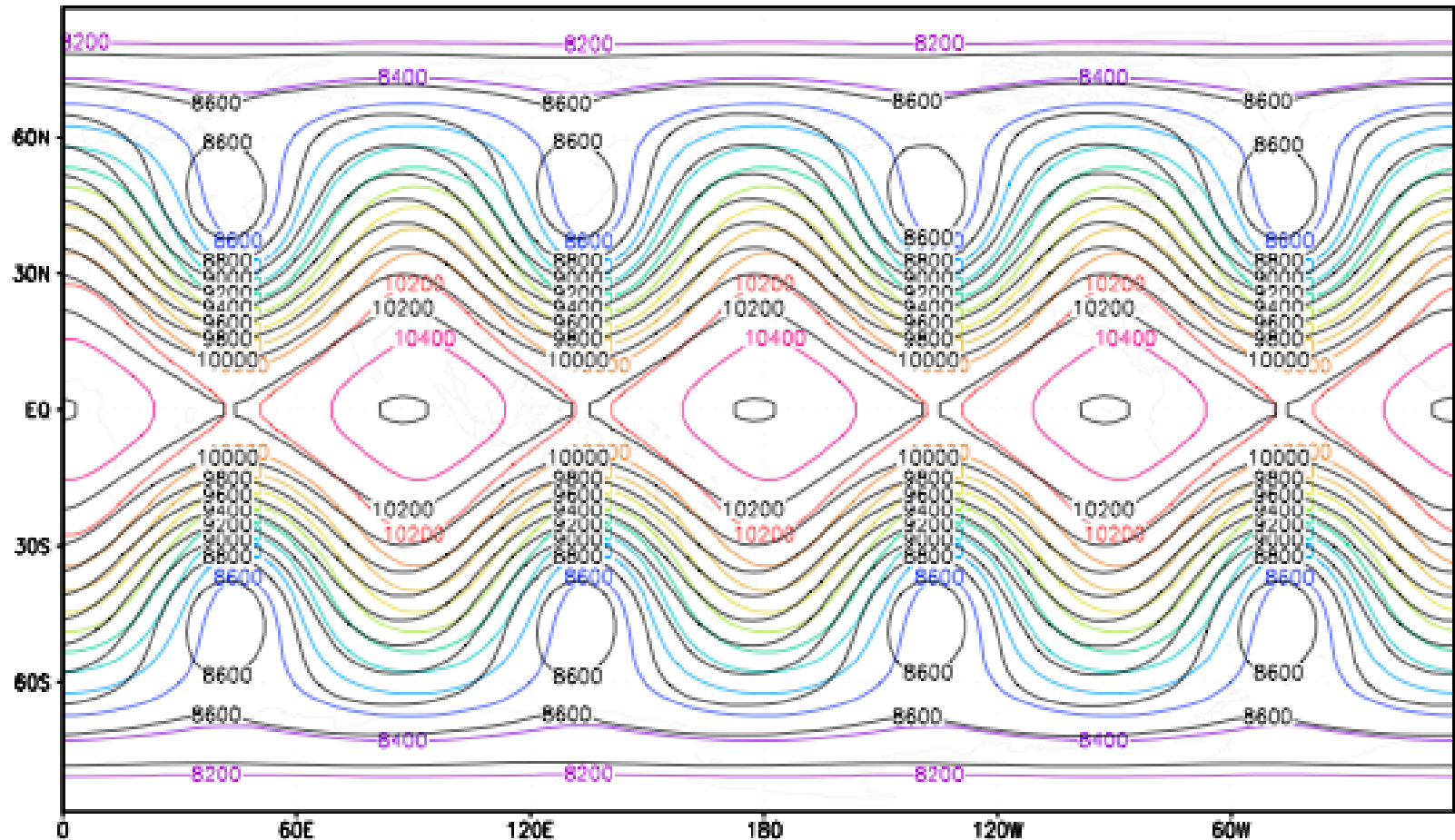
No mass conservation is considered yet.

No polar filter is applied yet.

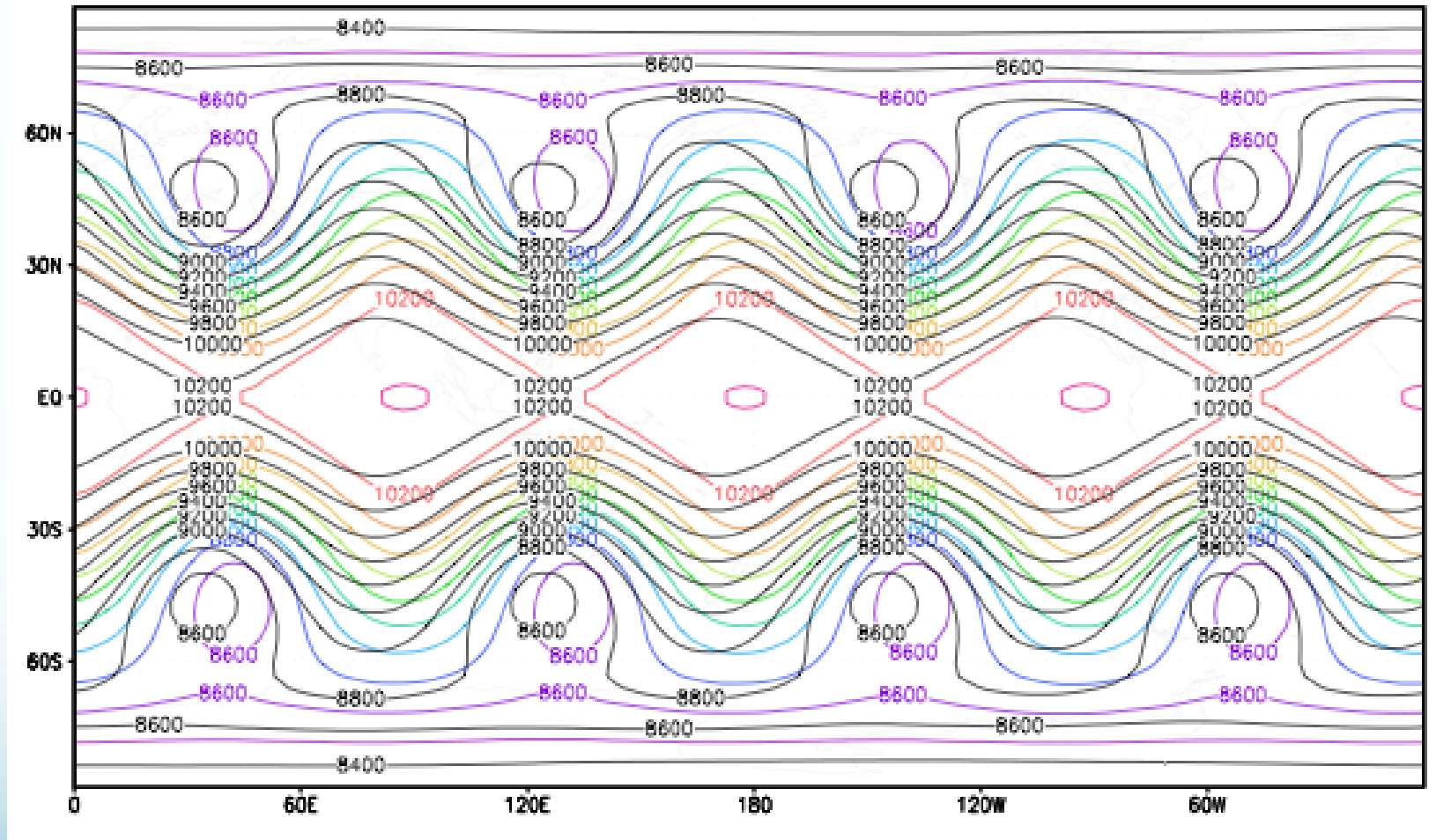
H(m) for day 0 (color) and day 7.9 (mono) 128x64x600



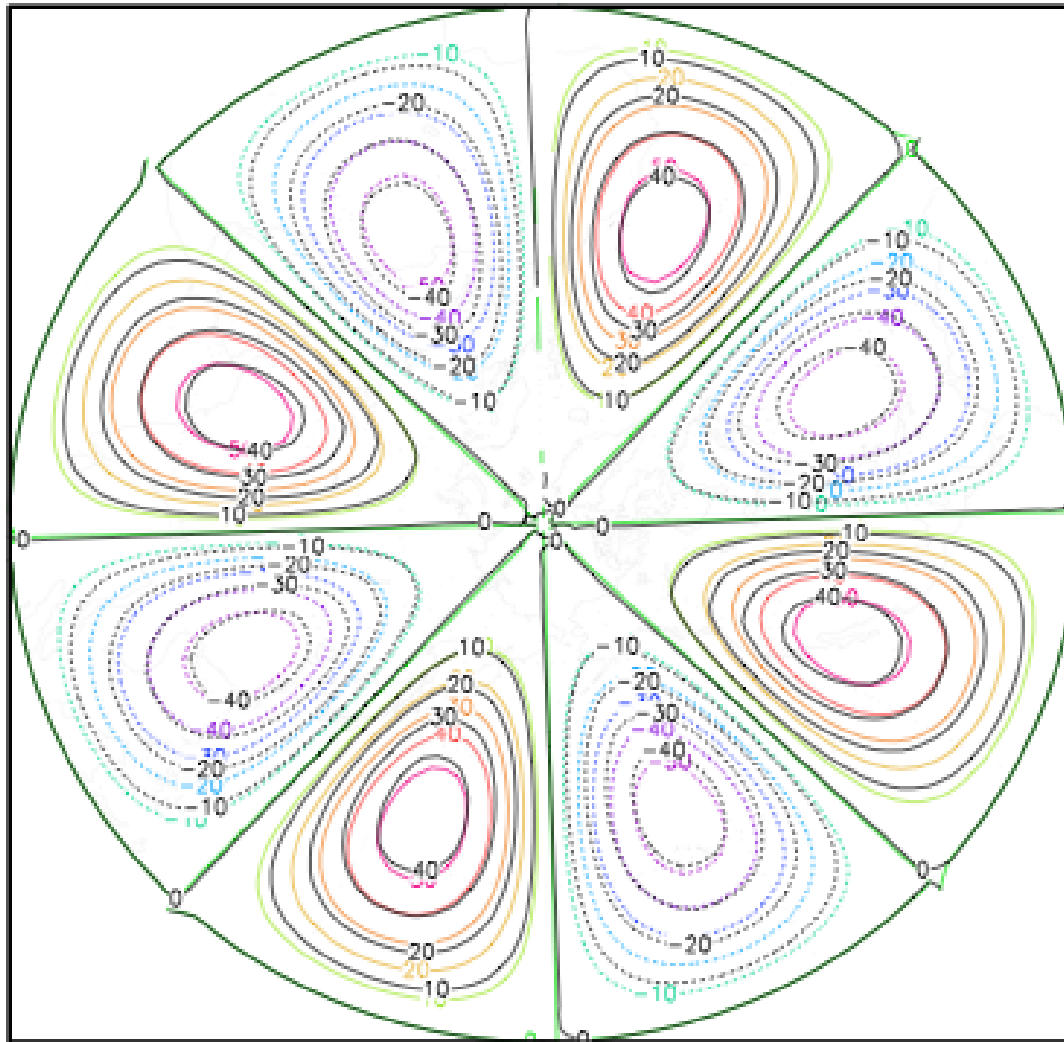
H(m) for day 8 (color) and day 16 (mono) 128x64x600



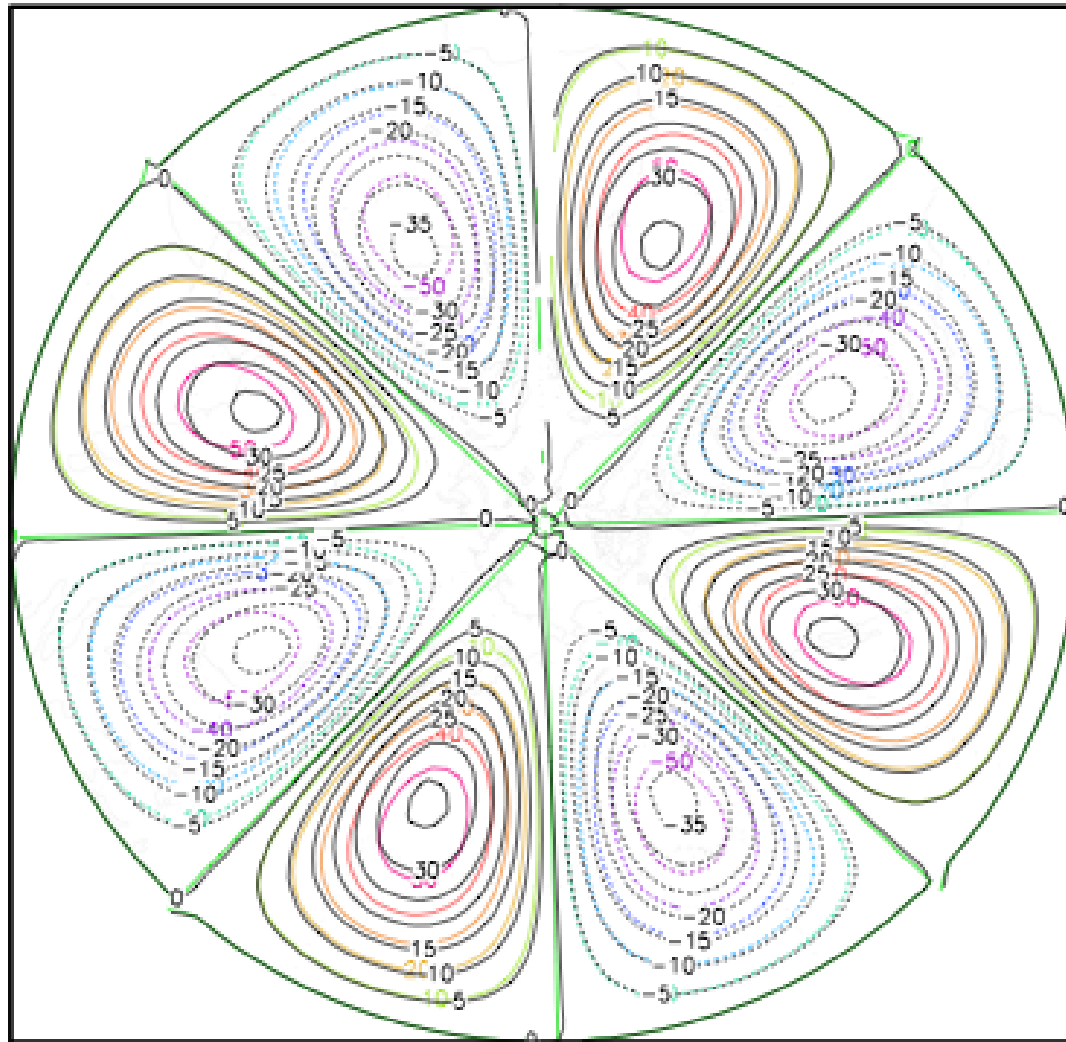
H(m) for day 16 (color) and day 24 (mono) 128x64x600



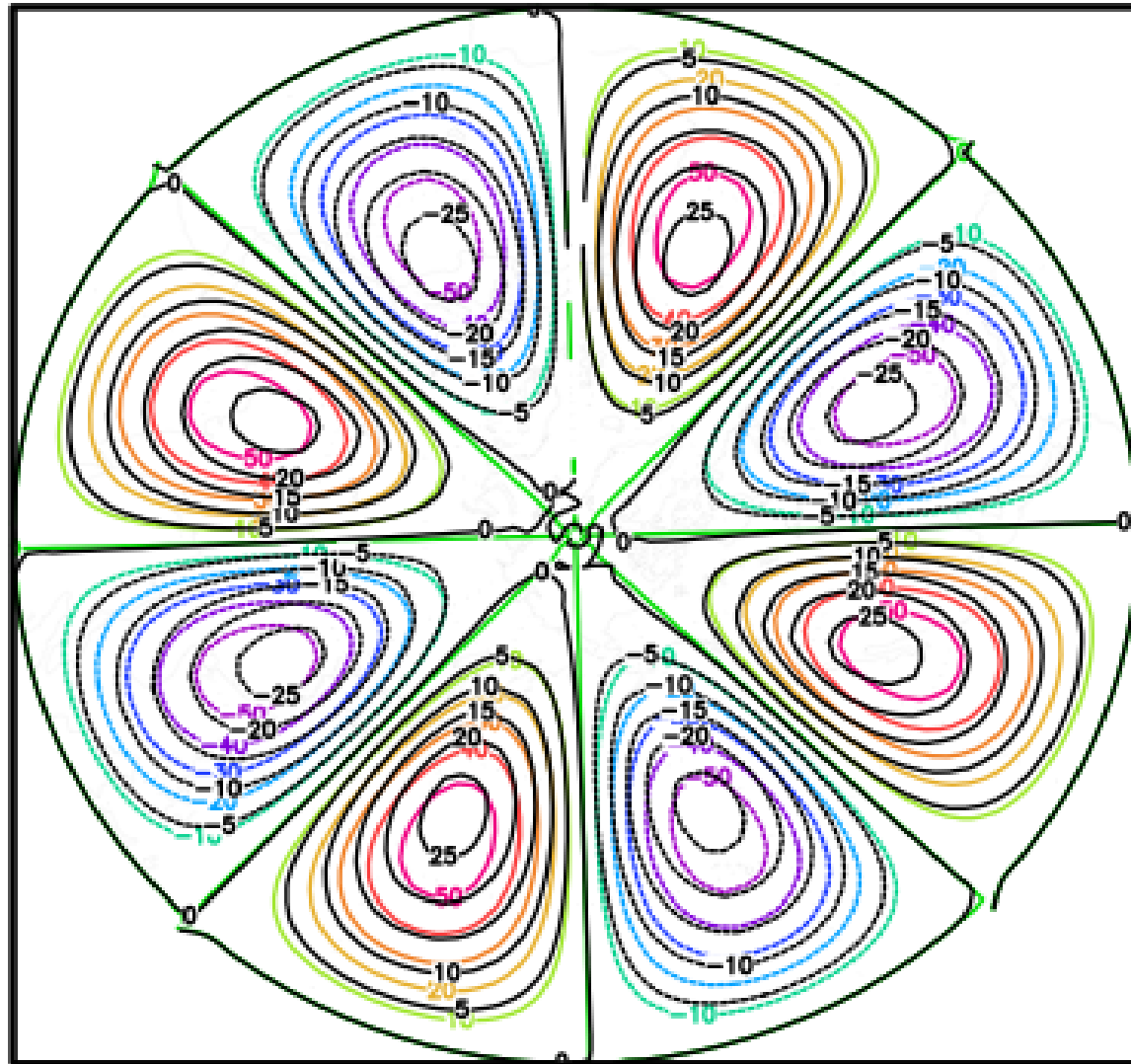
V(m/s) for day 0 (color) and day 7.9 (mono) 128x64x600



I (m/s) for day 0 (color) and day 16.25 (mono) 128x64x60C



V(m/s) for day 0 (color) and day 25 (mono) 128x64x600



2D nonhydrostatic tests in x-z with isotherm

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - R\bar{T} \frac{\partial Q'}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - R\bar{T} \frac{\partial Q'}{\partial z}$$

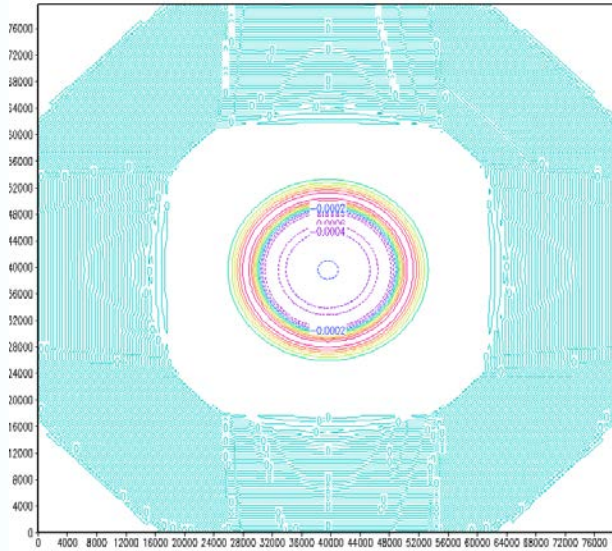
$$\frac{\partial Q'}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial Q'}{\partial x} - w \frac{\partial Q'}{\partial z} - \gamma \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{gw}{R\bar{T}}$$

where

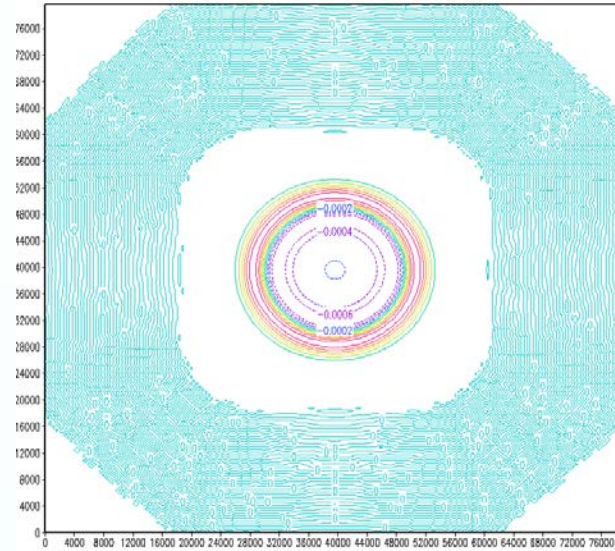
$$\frac{\partial \bar{Q}}{\partial z} = -\frac{g}{R\bar{T}}$$
$$Q = \bar{Q} + Q'$$

2D tests in x-z (non-forcing) – Q' (t=30s)

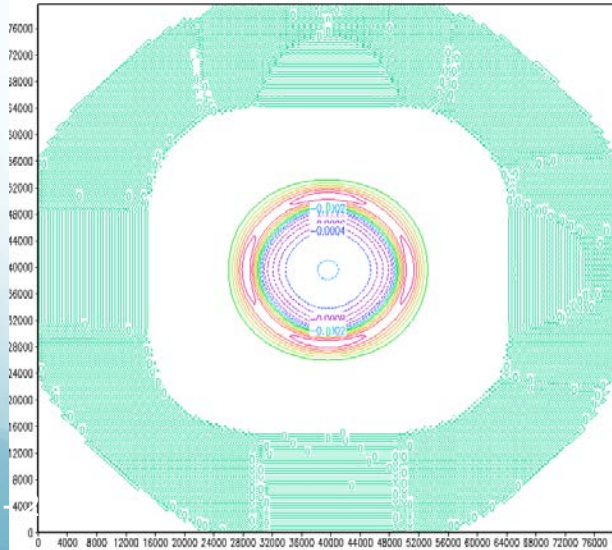
Qpron (t=30s, Ts=0.2, CFL=0.35)



Qpron (t=30s, Ts=0.5, CFL=0.875)

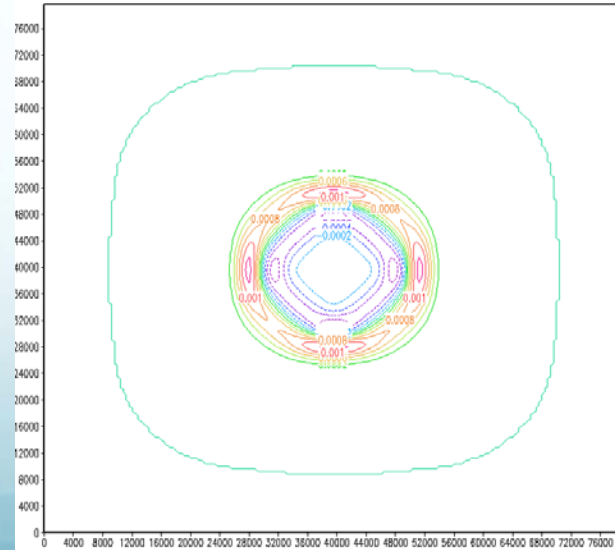


Qpron (t=30s, Ts=1, CFL=1.75)



Q'@S: 00A/IGS

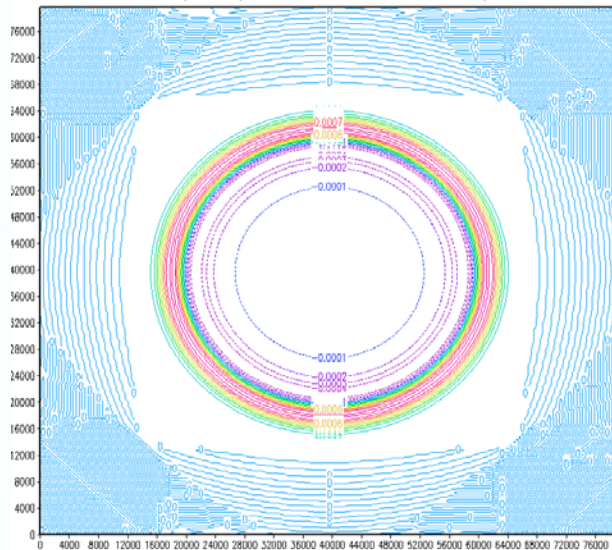
Qpron (t=30s, Ts=2, CFL=3.5)



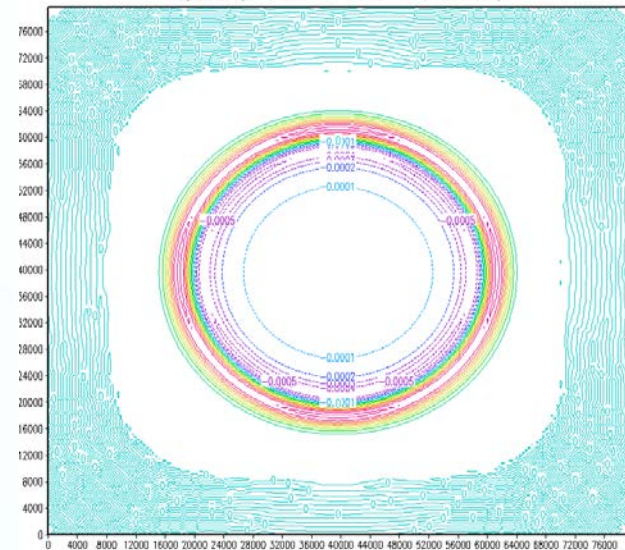
Q'@S: 00A/IGS

2D tests in x-z (non-forcing) – Q' (t=60s)

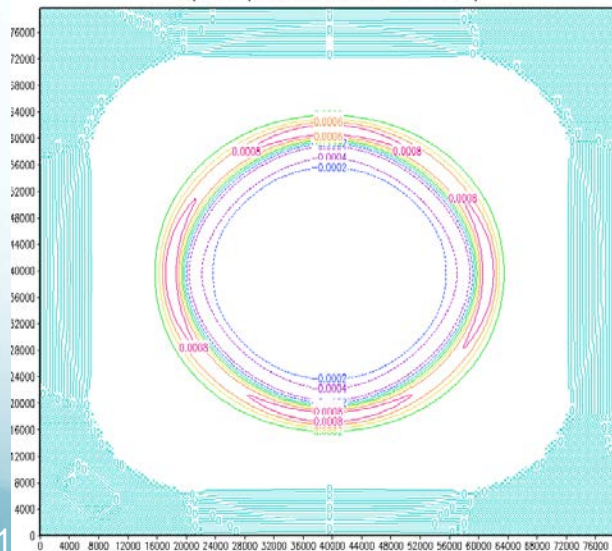
Qpron (t=60s, $T_s=0.2$, CFL=0.35)



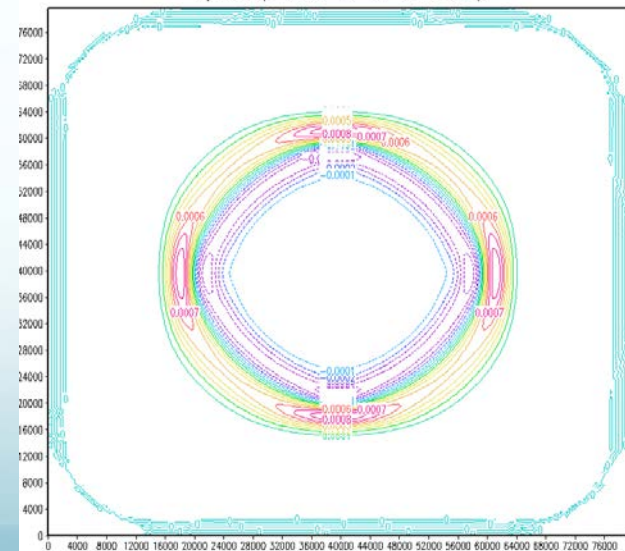
Qpron (t=60s, $T_s=0.5$, CFL=0.875)



Qpron (t=60s, $T_s=1$, CFL=1.75)



Qpron (t=60s, $T_s=2$, CFL=3.5)



Discussion

- 1D system is impeccable.
- 2D system should be evaluated carefully
 - CFL >1 shows distortion
 - Splitting error?
- While 2D has no problem, 3D system can be done by applying splitting method, do 2D in horizontal first then 1D in vertical.
- Since it becomes an advection equation, semi-Lagrangian with splitting can be used to solve it with stable integration.