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# WELL-BALANCING GRAVITY IN EULERIAN HYDRODYNAMICS



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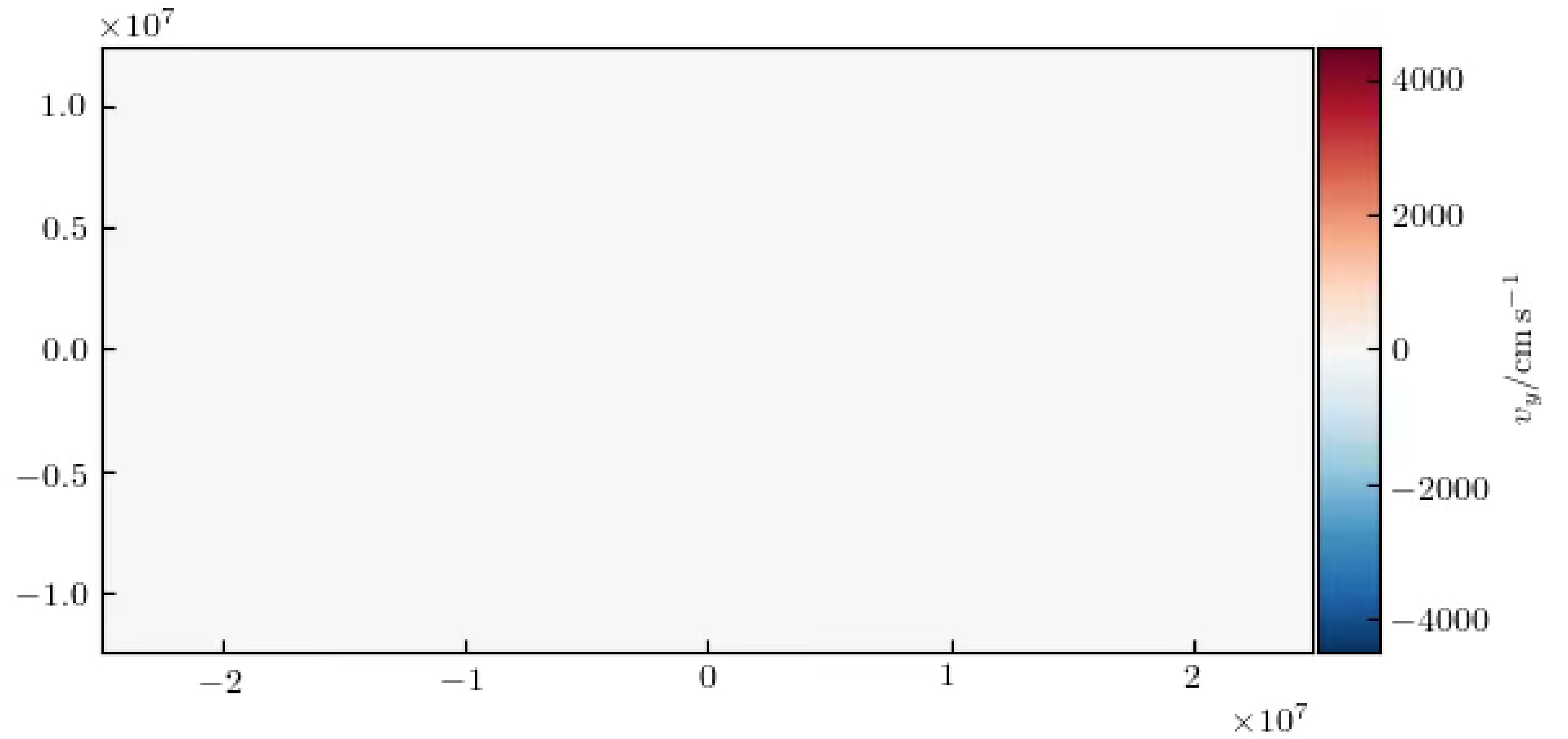
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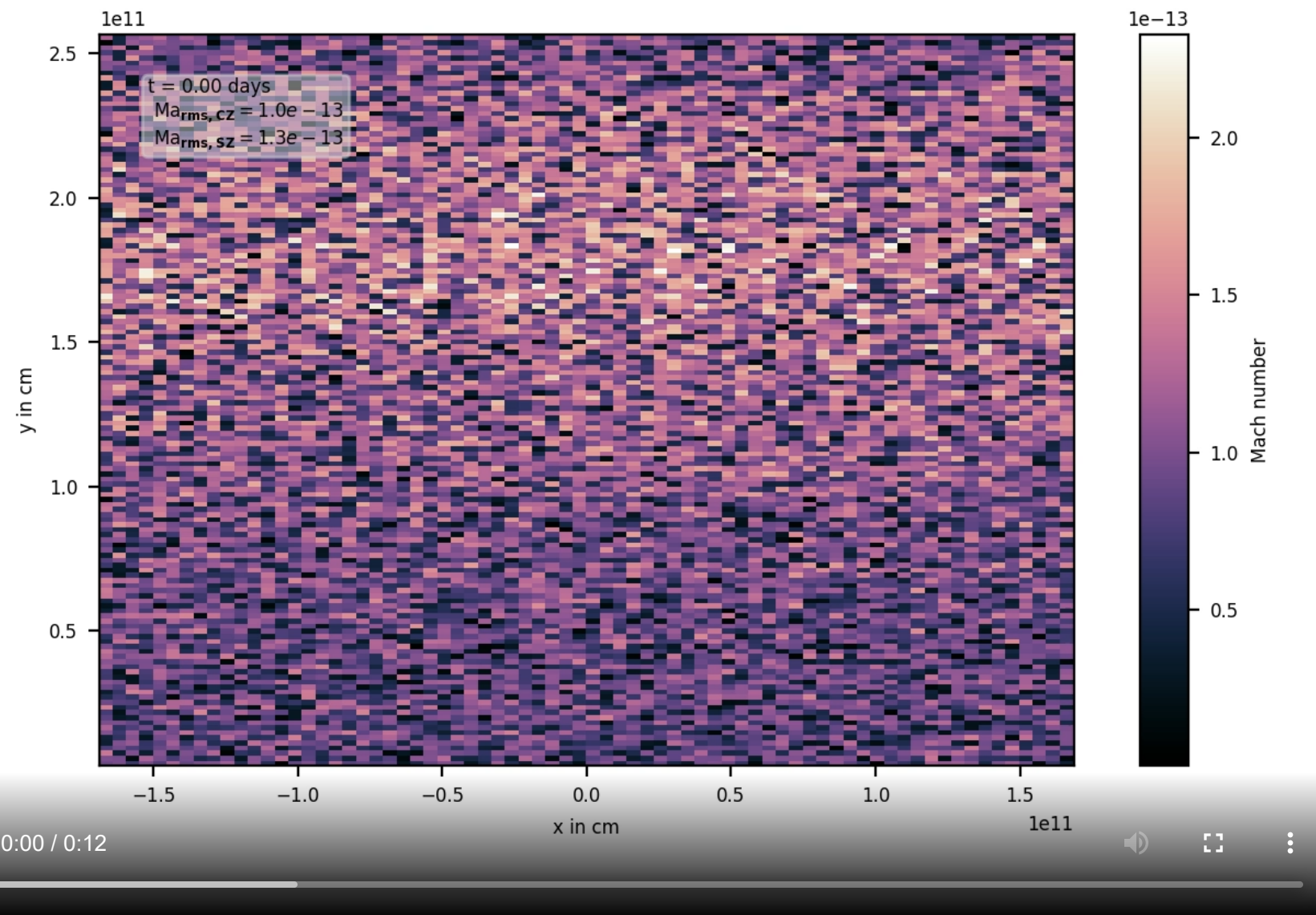


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same form as Euler equations without any source terms

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ F' \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + \Pi \\ u(F' + \Pi) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

modified equation of state:  $\Pi = p - q$ ,  $F' = E' + q$

$q$  corresponds to hydrostatic pressure profile

$q$  is evolved using advection equation:  $\frac{\partial(\rho q)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho q u)}{\partial x} = 0$

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subtract equilibrium eq. from Euler eq. for arbitrary  $\mathbf{U}$ , expressed using  $\Delta \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U} - \tilde{\mathbf{U}}$

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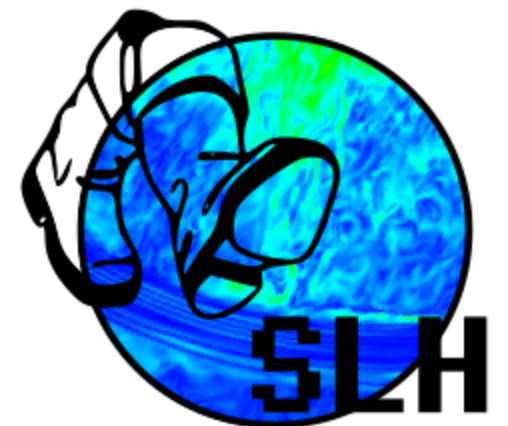
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# SEVEN-LEAGUE HYDRO CODE

- solves the compressible Euler equations in 1-, 2-, 3-D
- explicit and implicit time integration
- flux preconditioning to ensure correct behavior at low Mach numbers
- other low Mach number schemes (e.g. AUSM<sup>+</sup>-up)
- works for low and high Mach numbers on the same grid
- hybrid (MPI, OpenMP) parallelization (works up to 458 752 cores)
- several solvers for the linear system:  
BiCGSTAB, GMRES, Multigrid, (direct)
- arbitrary curvilinear meshes  
using a rectangular computational mesh
- gravity solver (monopole, Multigrid)
- radiation in the diffusion limit
- general equation of state
- general nuclear reaction network



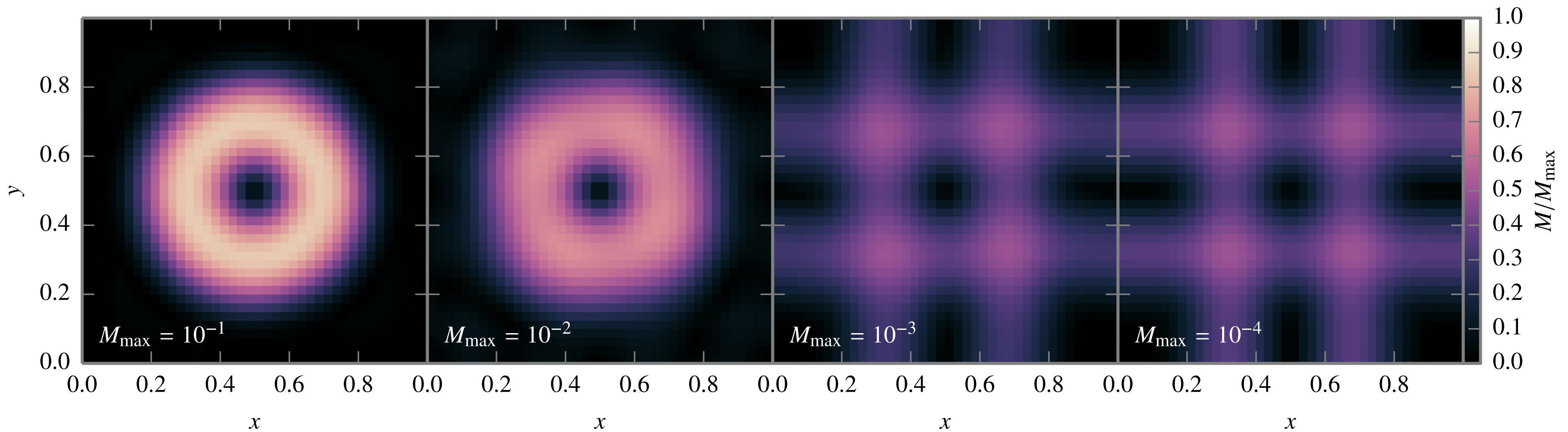
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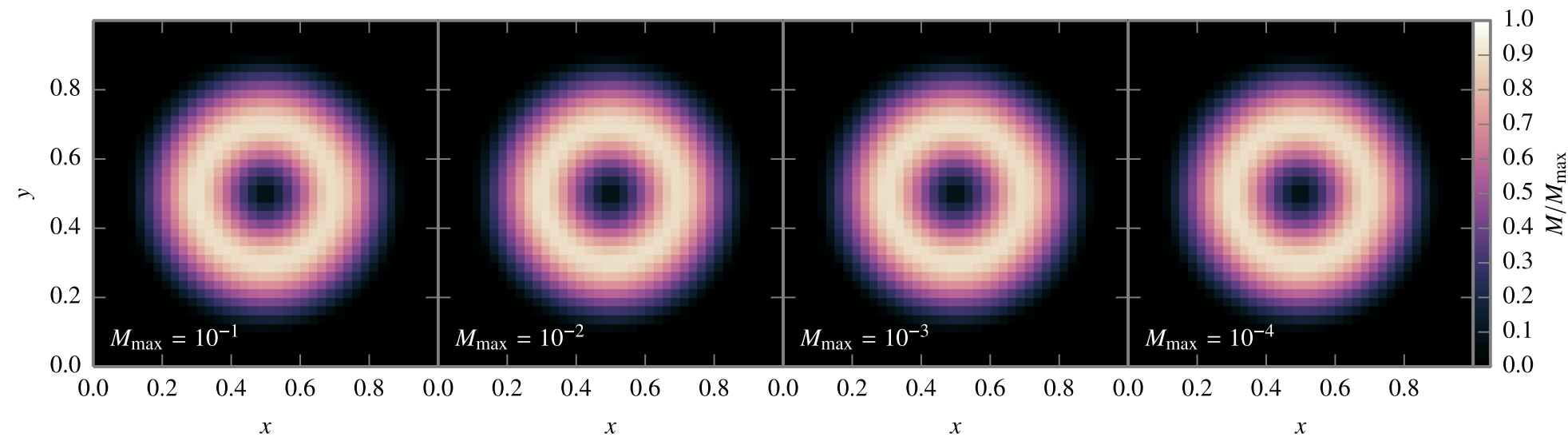
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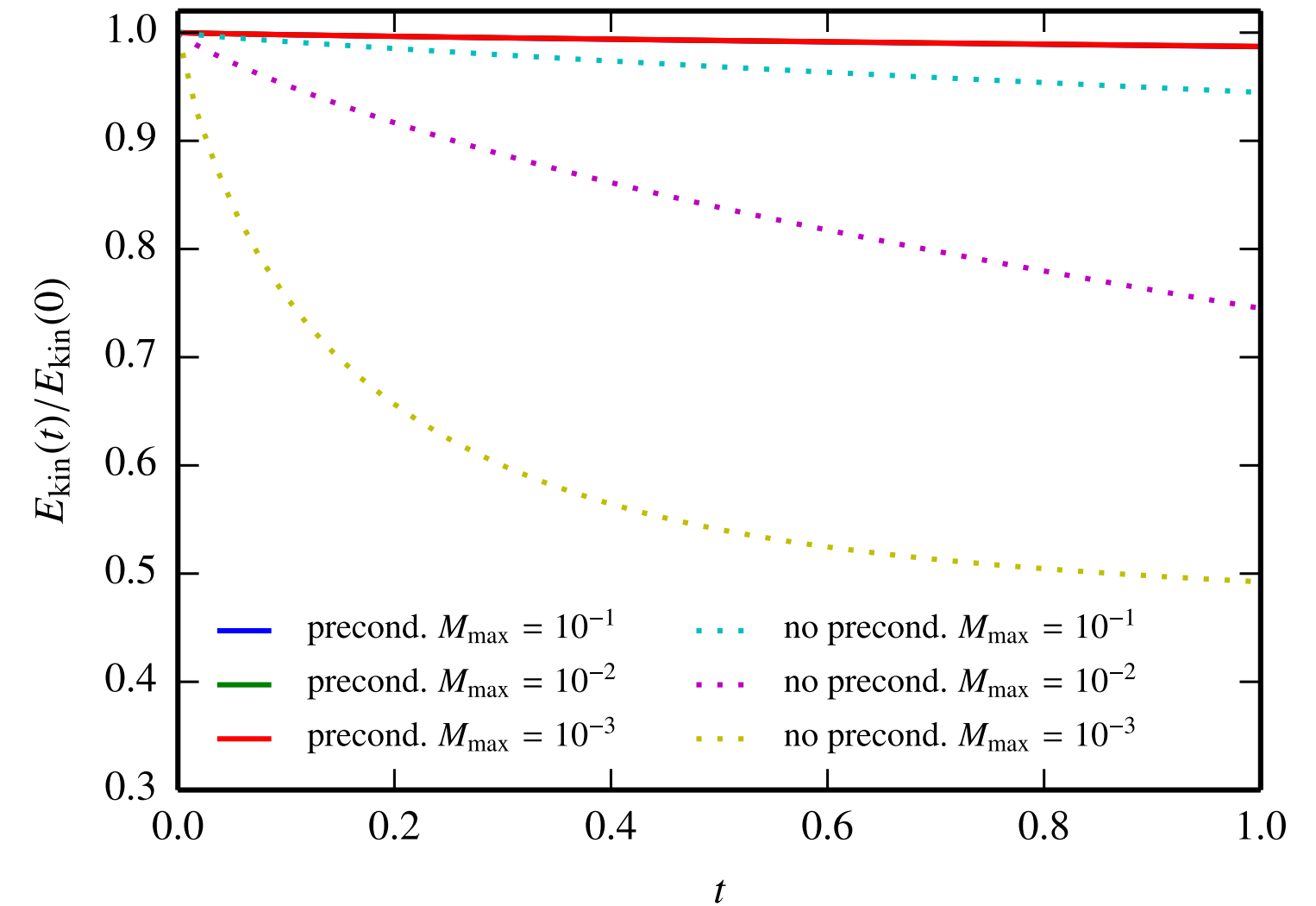
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### TIME STEP

$$M = \frac{|u|}{c}$$

$$\text{explicit: } \Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{|u| + c} \stackrel{M \ll 1}{=} \frac{\Delta x}{c}$$

$$\text{implicit: } \Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{|u|}$$

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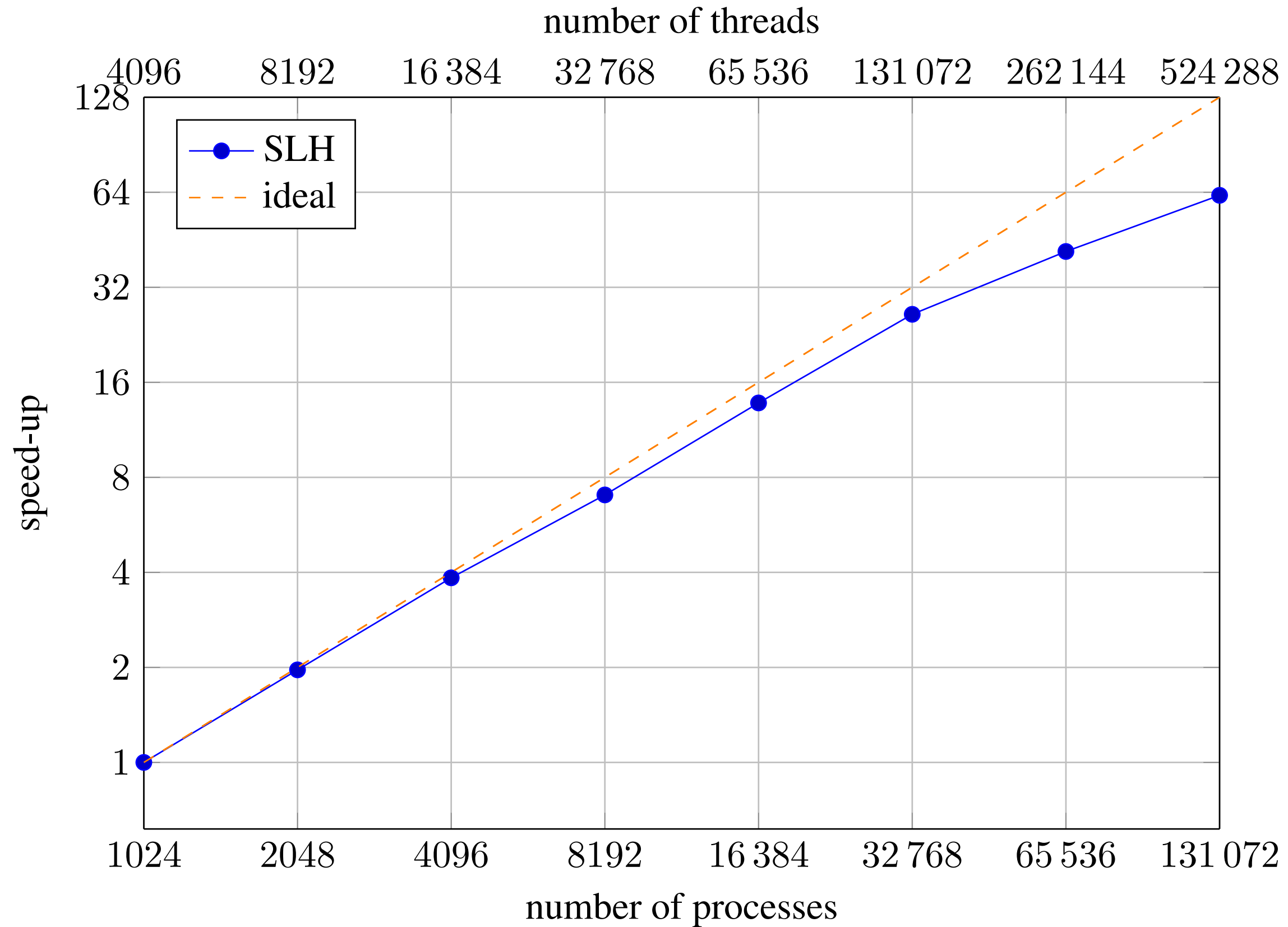
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- size:  $5N_xN_yN_z$  equations ( $6.7 \times 10^8$ )
- Jacobian:  $(5N_xN_yN_z)^2$  matrix ( $4.5 \times 10^{17} \hat{=} 3.1$  EiB)
- nonzero entries:  
 $325N_xN_yN_z$  ( $4.3 \times 10^{10} \hat{=} 325$  GiB)
- sparseness:  $9.7 \times 10^{-6}\%$

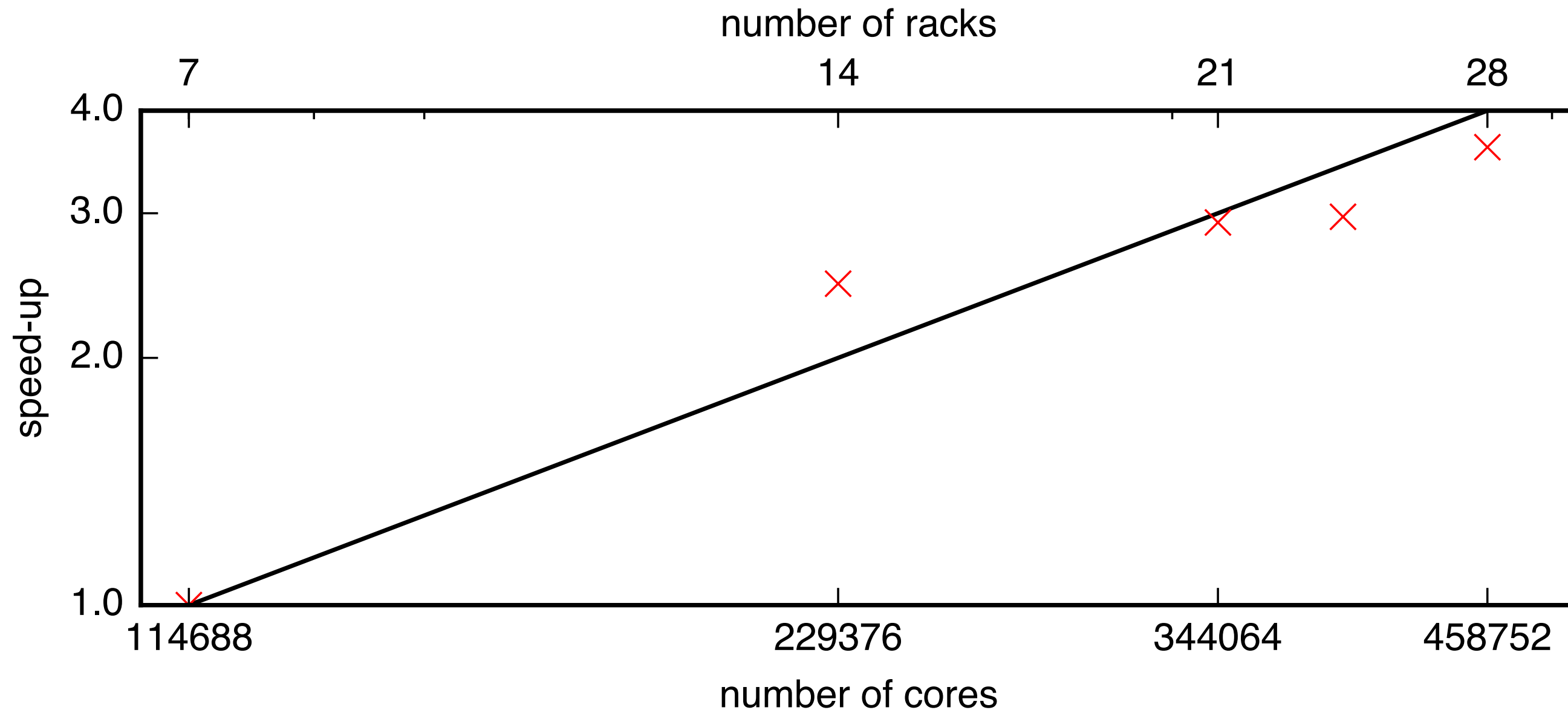
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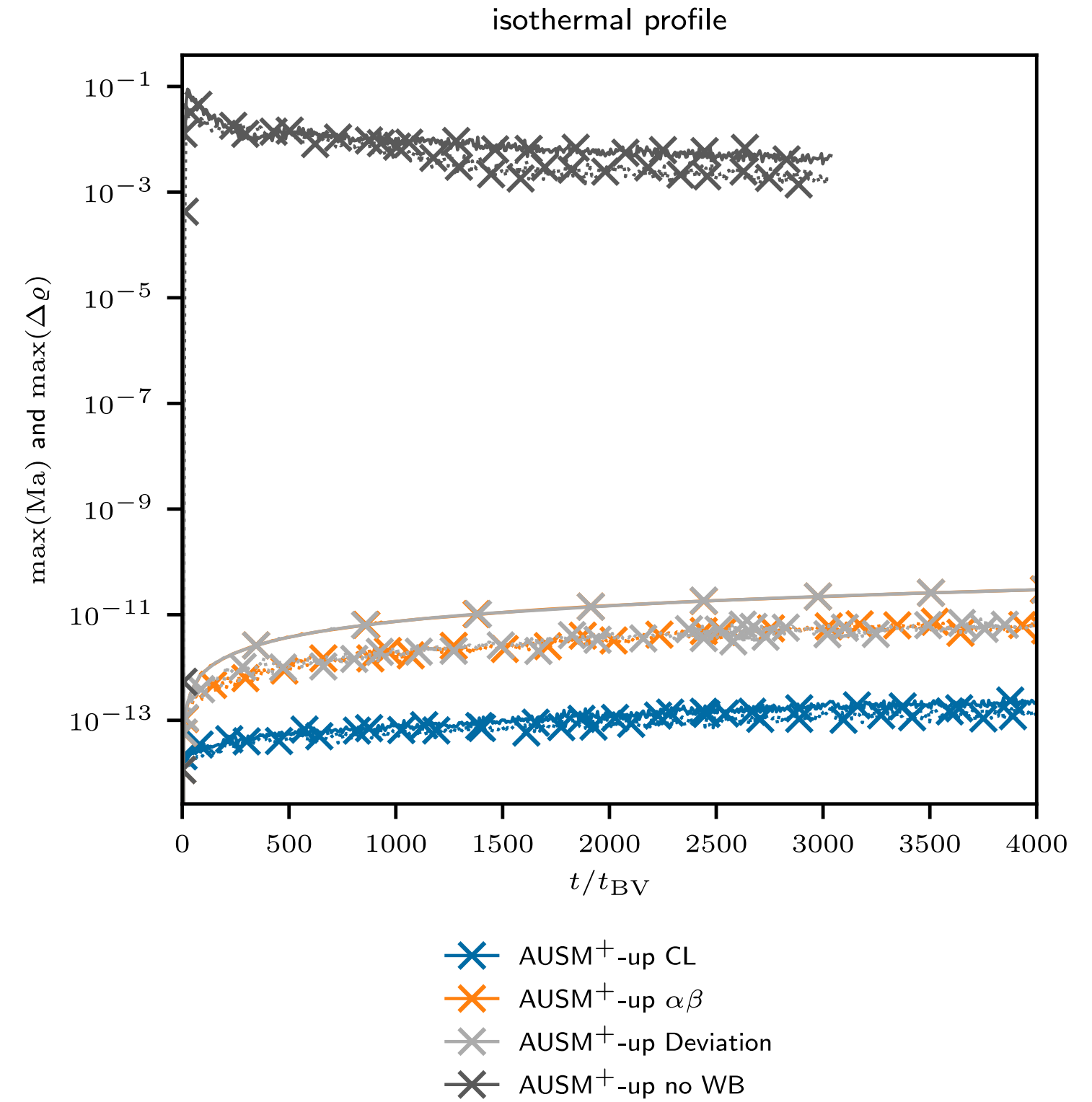
- all run with the SLH code
- 2D Cartesian box
- AUSM<sup>+</sup> -up all Mach number flux (Liou 2006)
- second-order MUSCL scheme
- ESDIRK23 time-stepping
- reconstruction either in  $\rho - P$  or  $\rho - T$  variables
- well-balancing: Cargo–Le Roux (CL),  $\alpha\beta$ , Deviation

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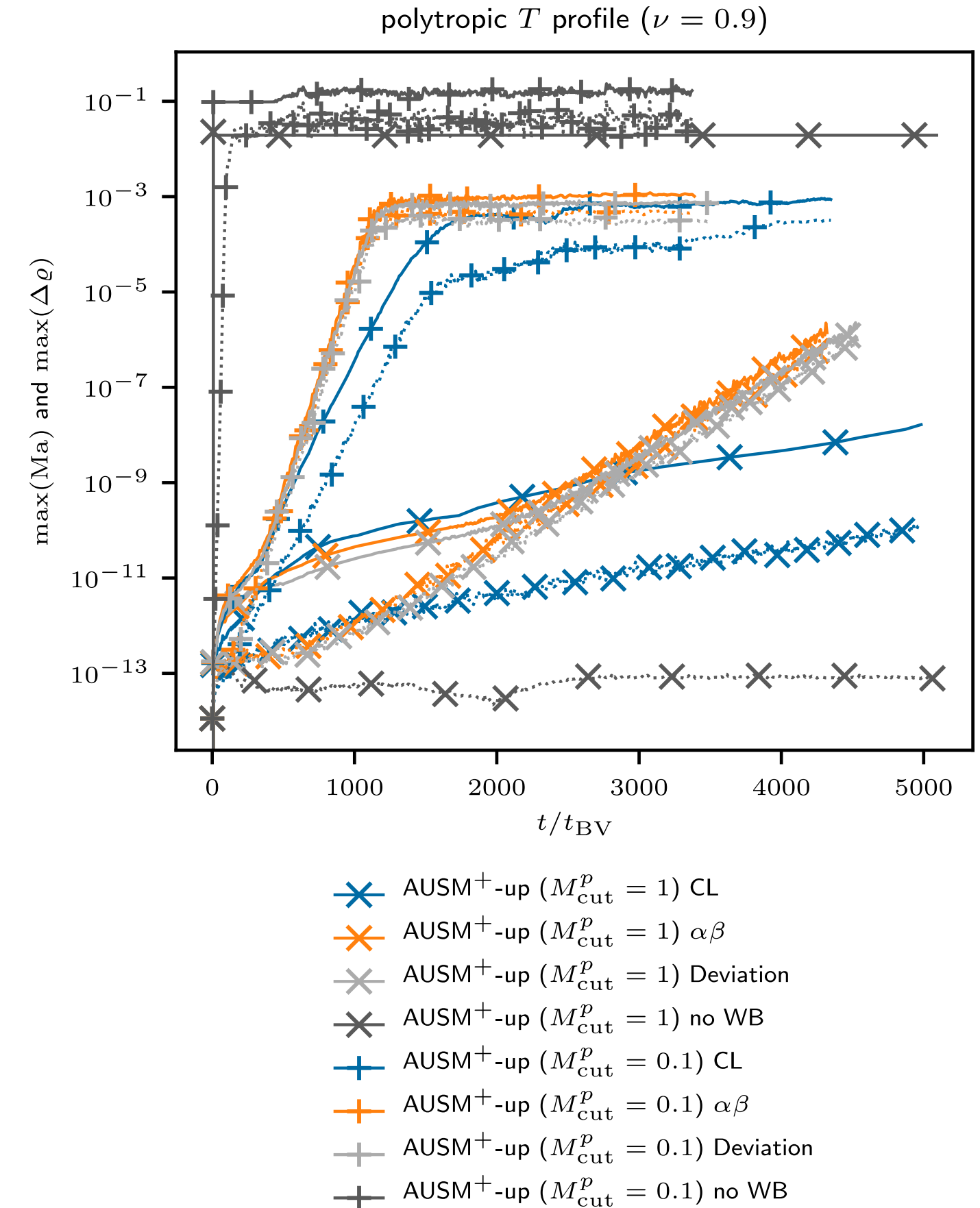
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$$\rho = \rho_0 \theta^{\frac{1}{\nu-1}}, \quad p = p_0 \theta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu-1}}, \quad T = \frac{p_0 \mu}{\rho_0 R} \theta = T_0 \theta.$$

- $\nu = 0.9$  (convectively stable,  $\nu < \gamma = 1.4$ )
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We expect the bubble (region with  $\Delta A/A > 0$ ) to rise without any region going to negative  $\Delta A/A$ .

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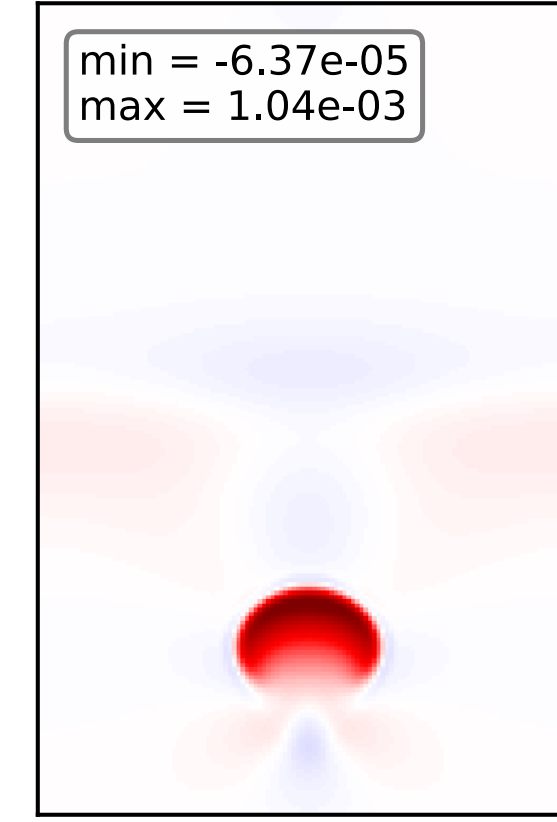
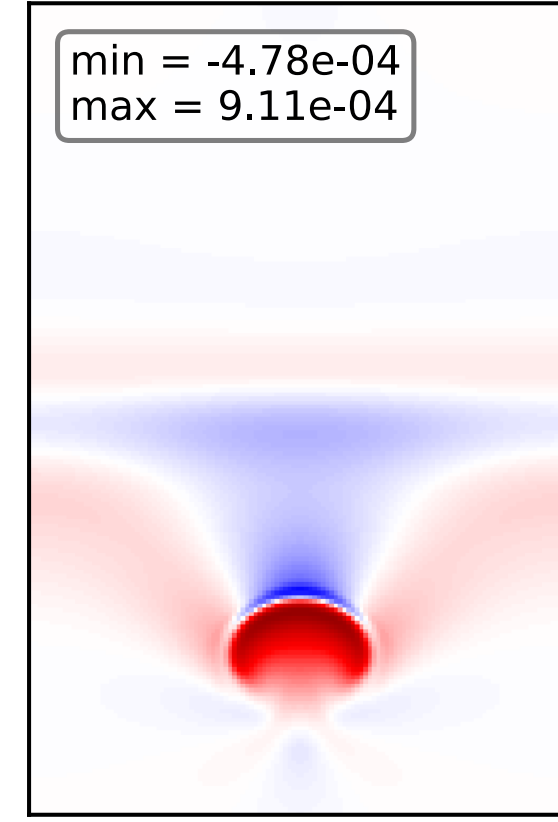
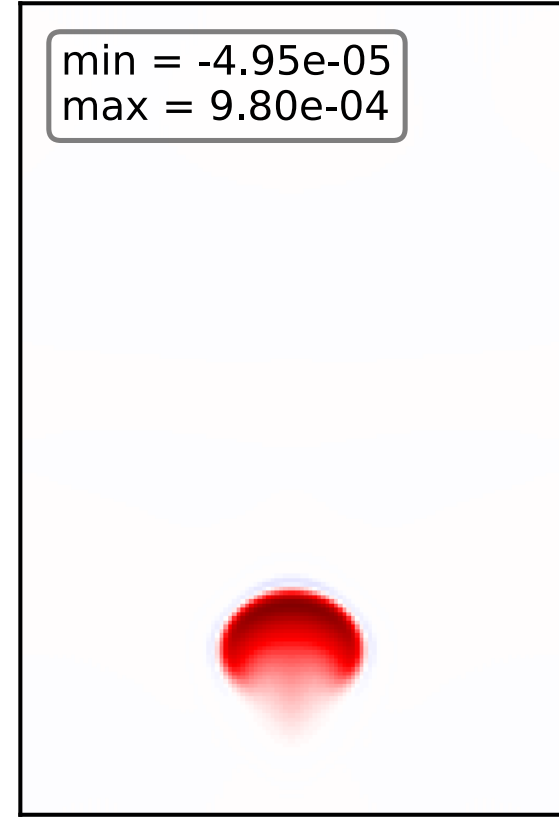
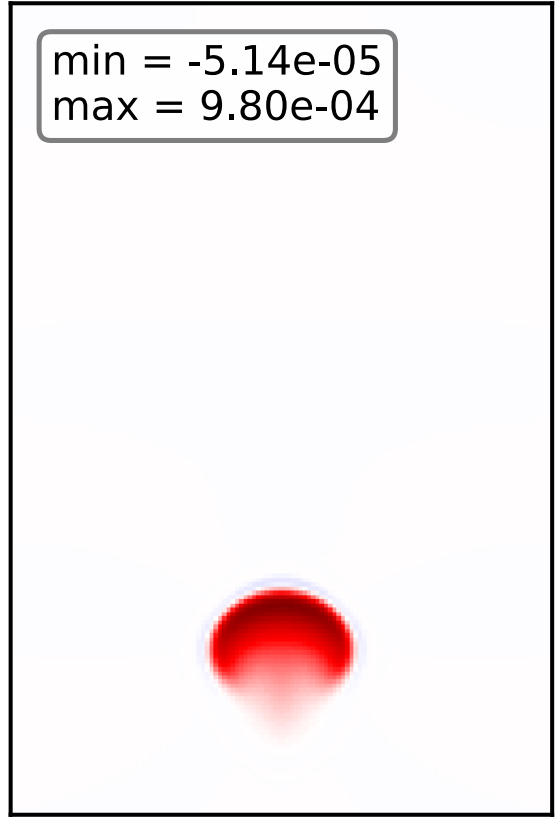
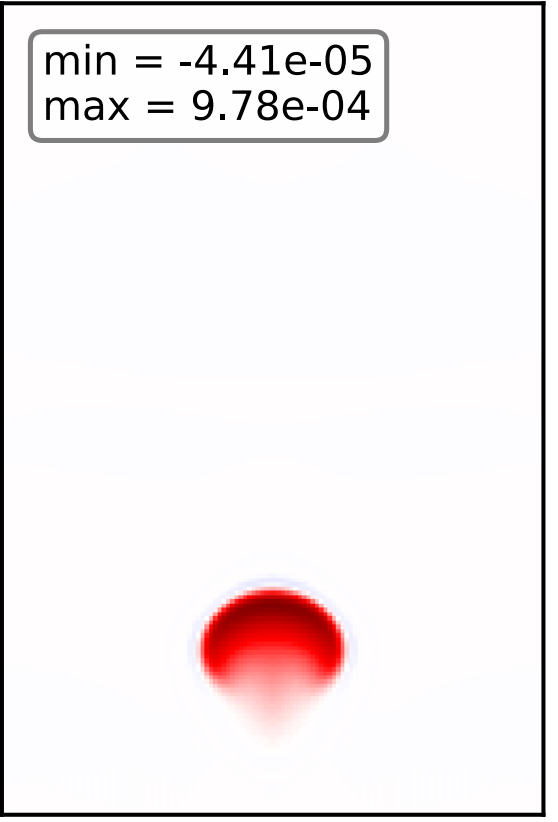
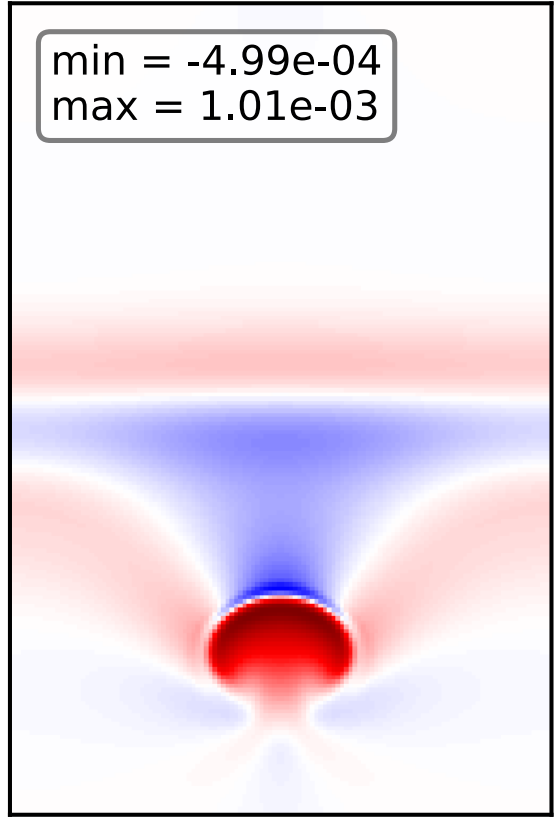
Deviation WB  
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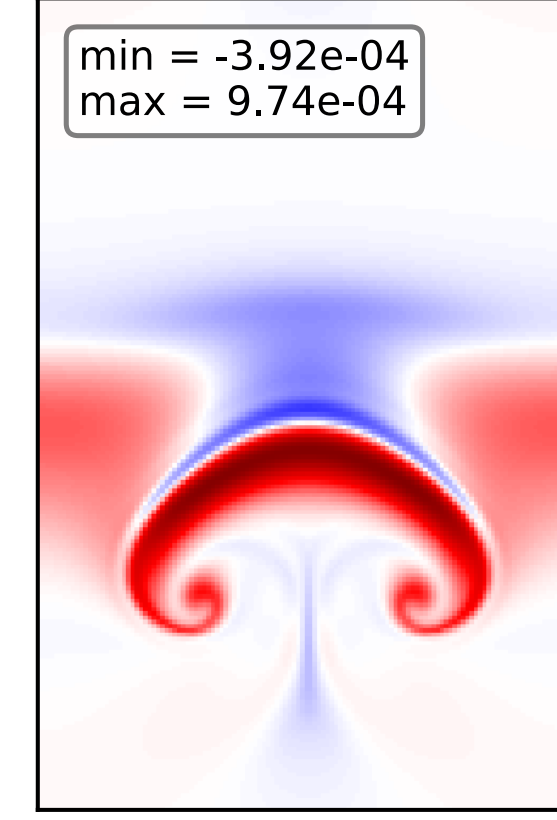
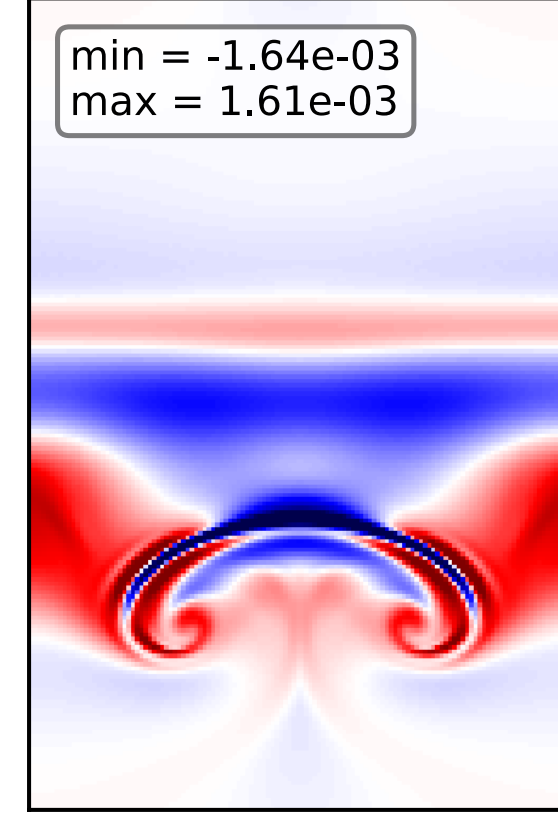
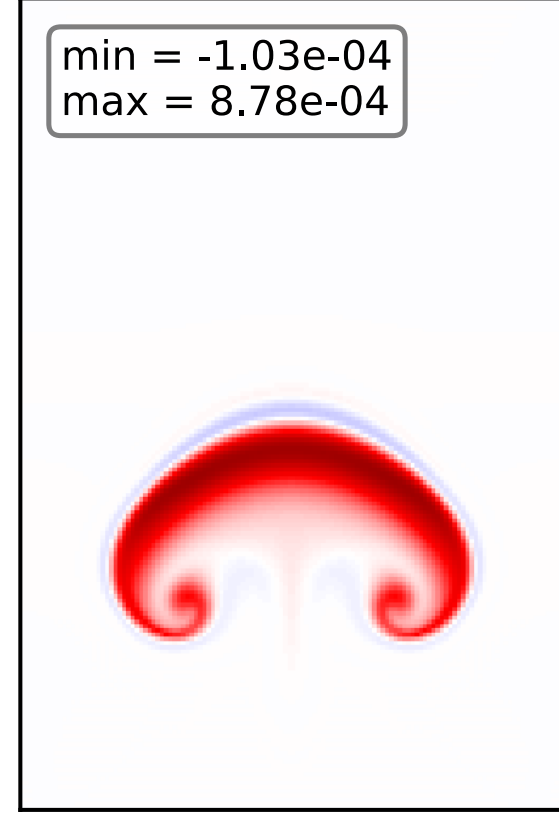
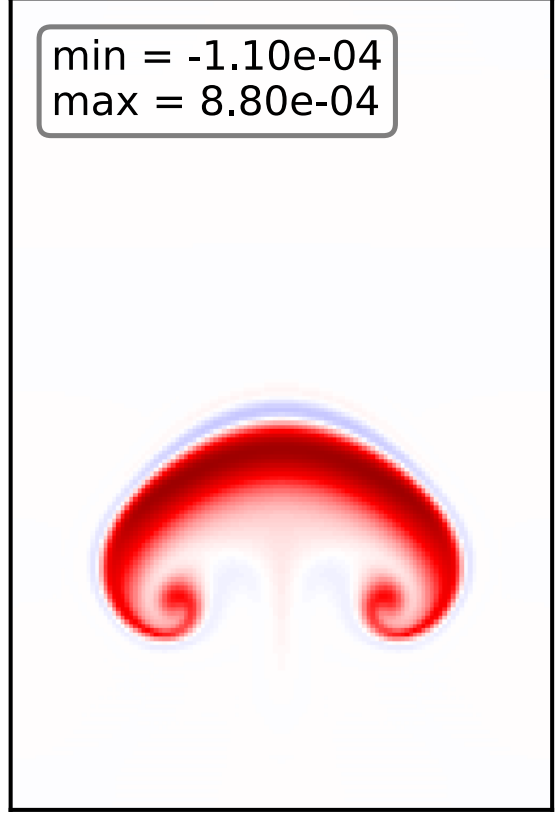
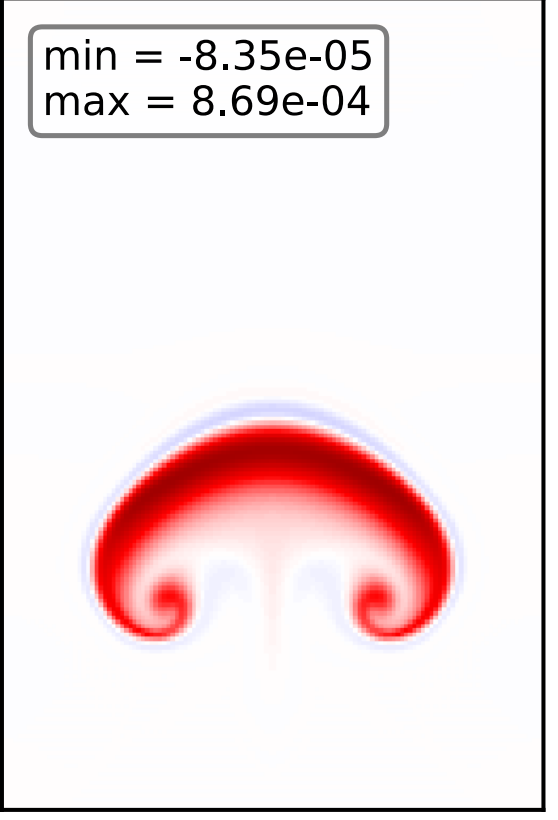
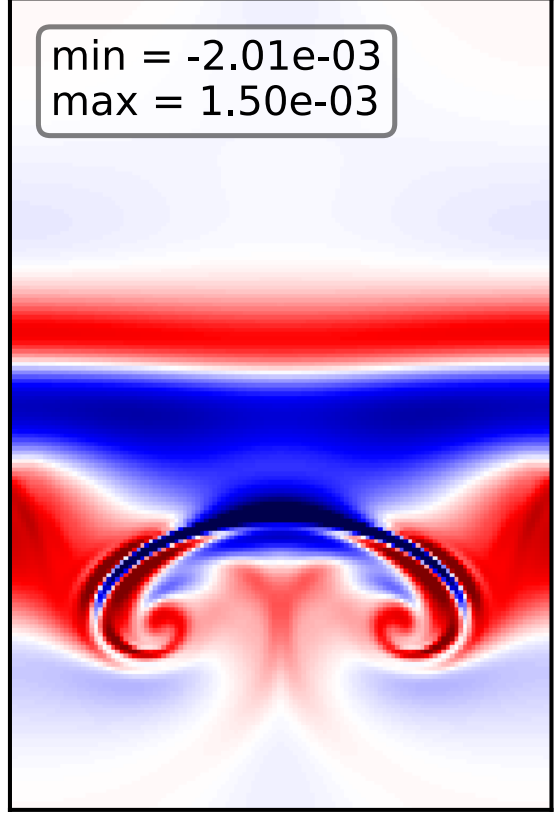
no WB  
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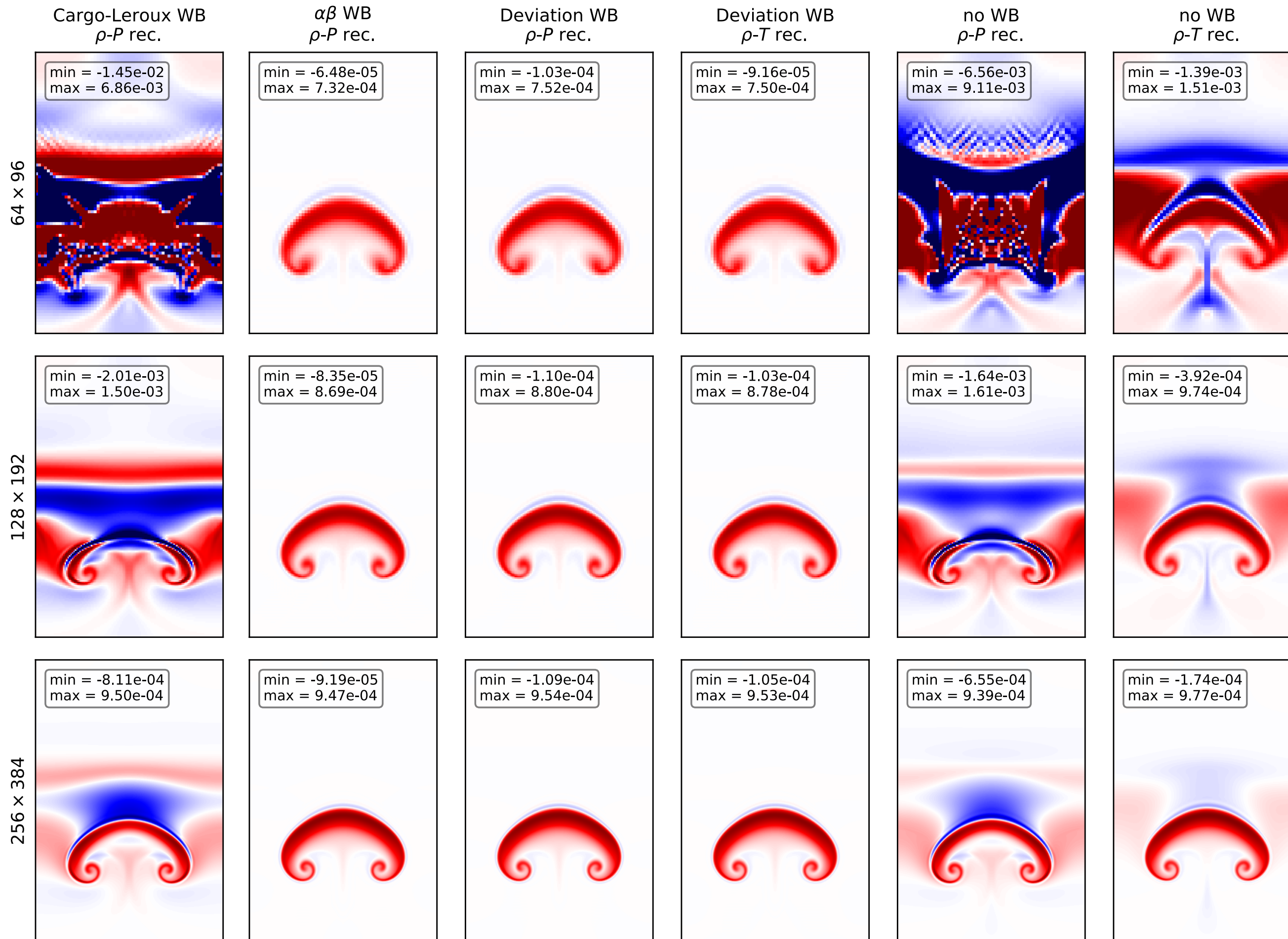
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$t = 150$  s



$t = 300$  s

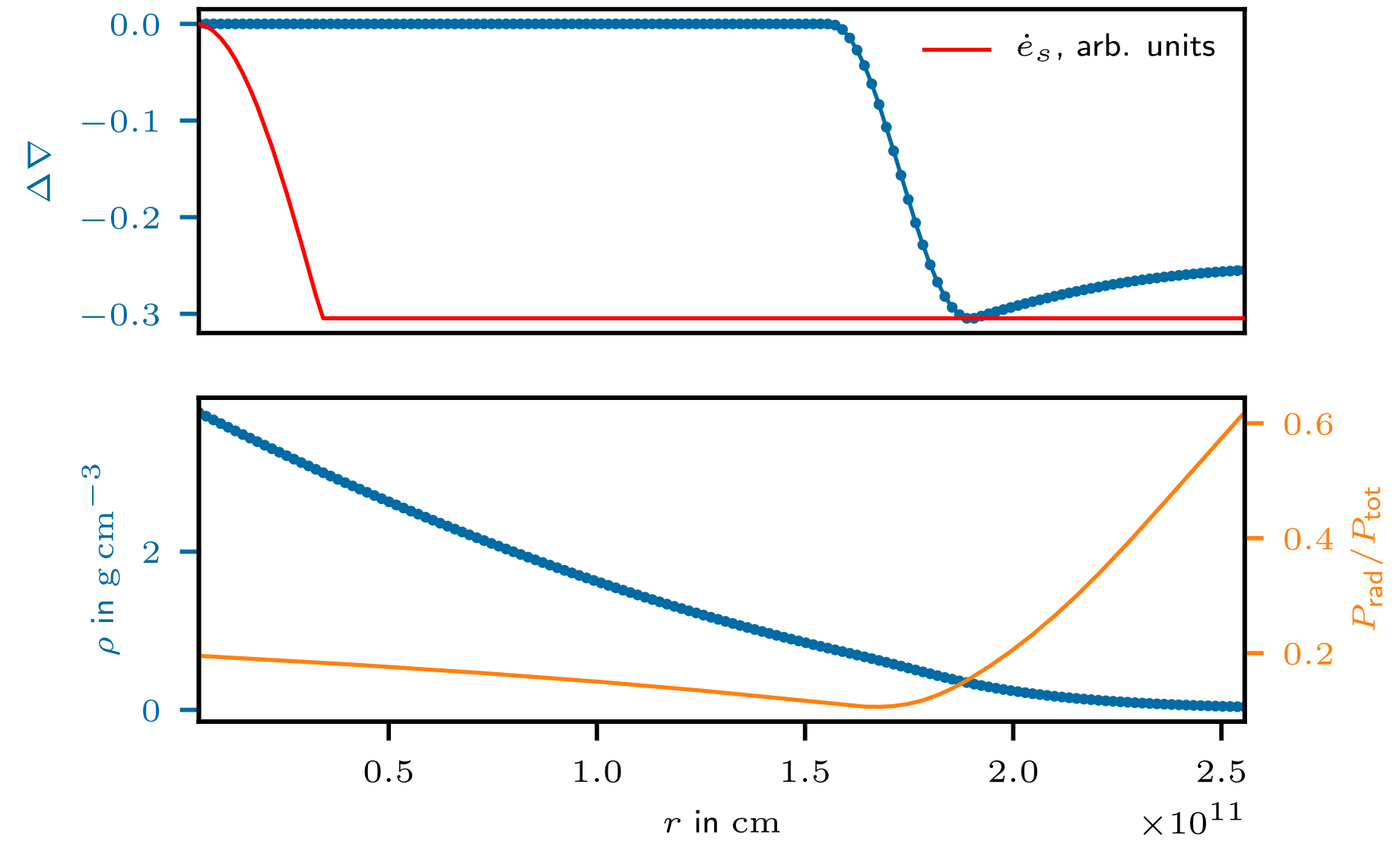


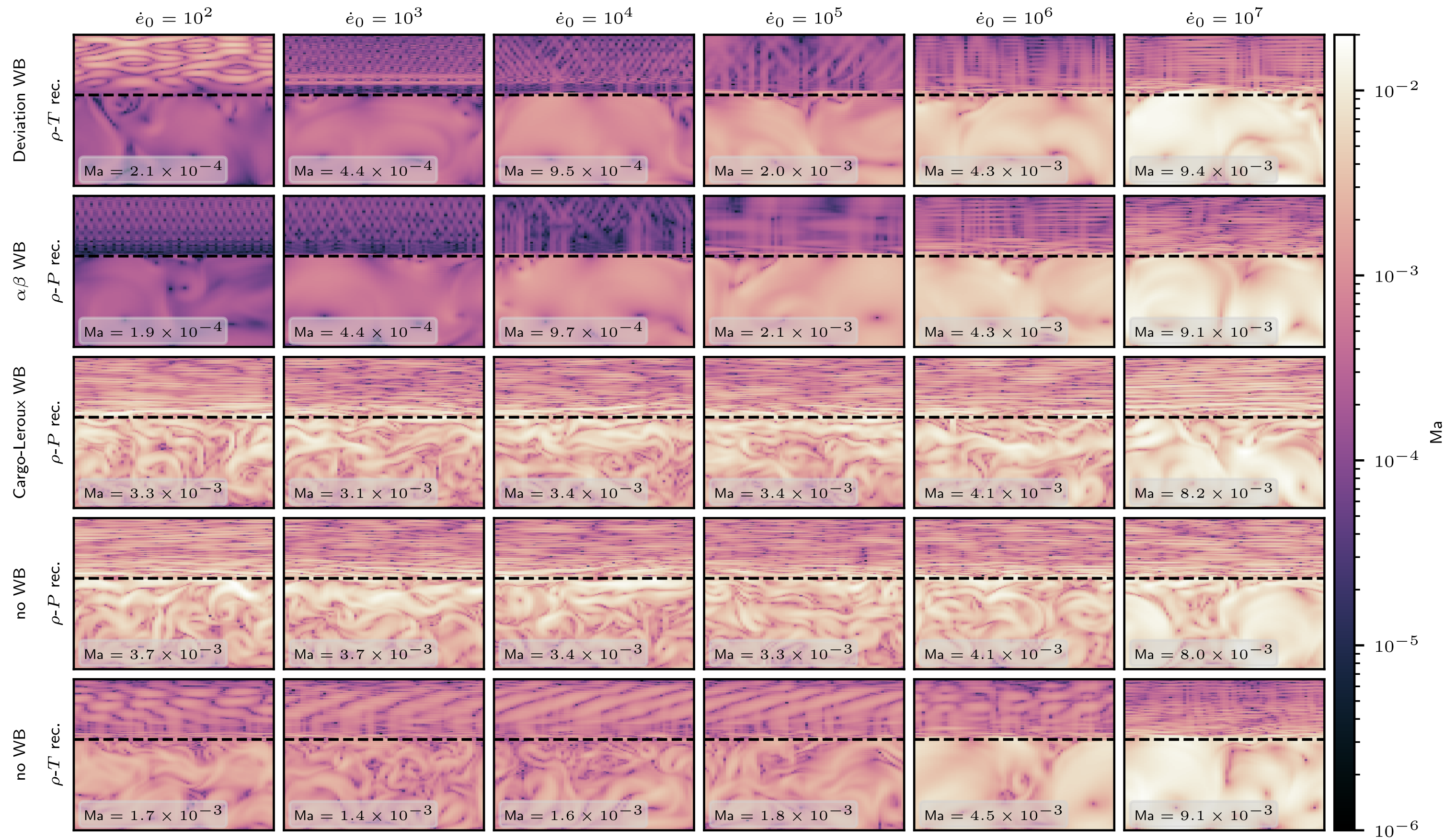


## CONVECTIVE BOX

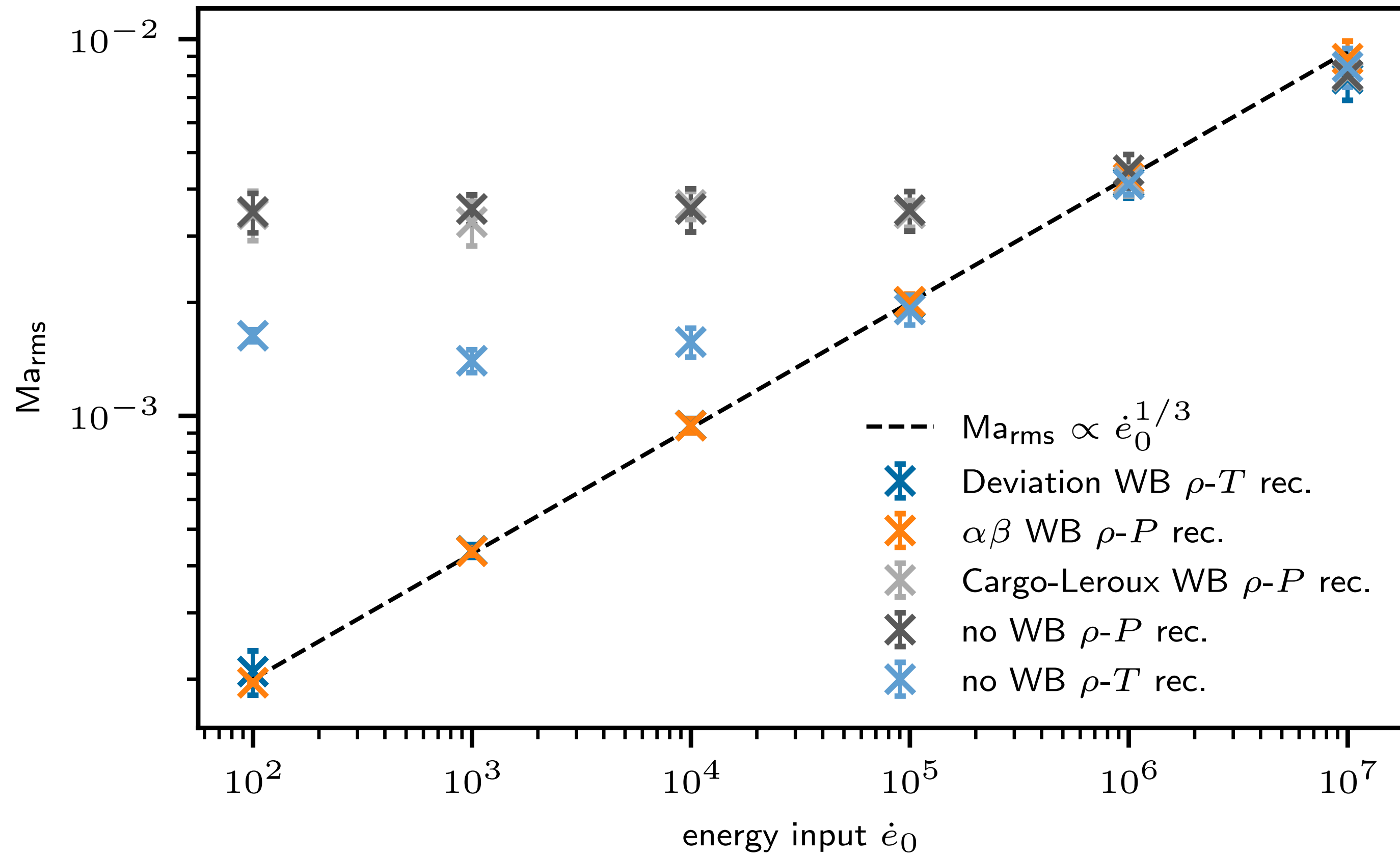
- Cartesian box with convective region (CR) at bottom, stable region at top
- resolved heating term at the bottom of the CR
- heating can be adjusted reach given Mach number:

$$\text{Ma} \propto \dot{e}^{1/3}$$





theoretical scaling of Mach number with heating term:  $\text{Ma} \propto \dot{e}^{1/3}$



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# KEPLERIAN DISK

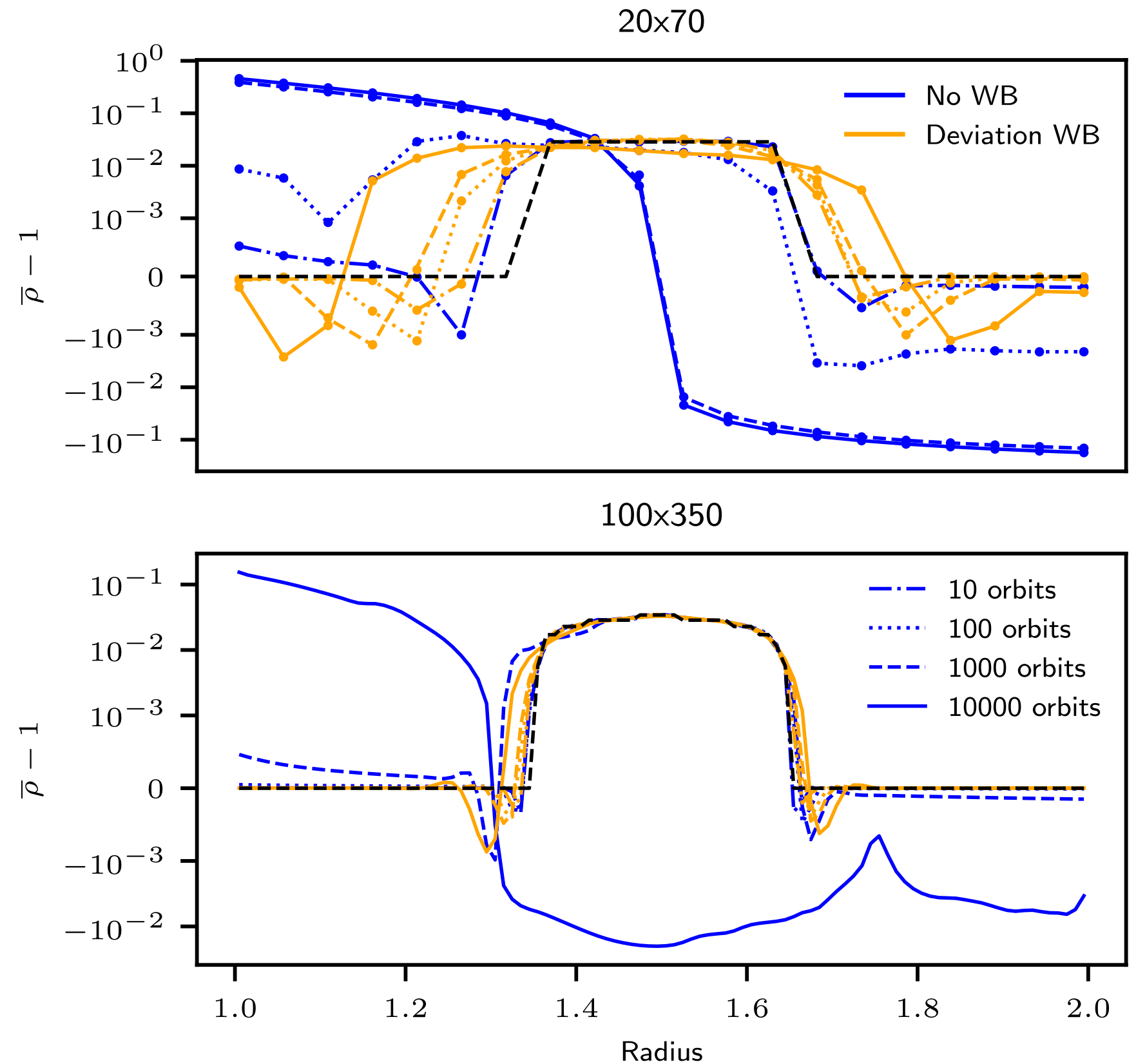
setup from Gaburro+ (2018)

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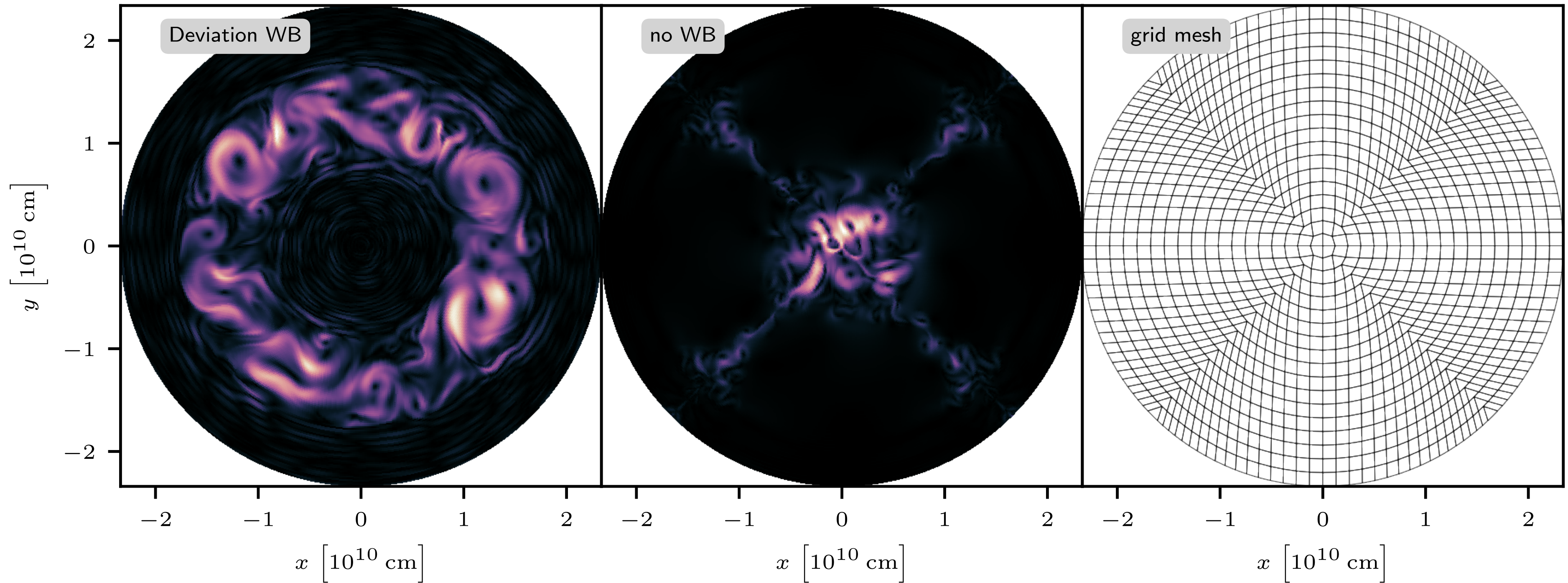
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# CURVILINEAR MESH

logically rectangular cubed sphere



## CONCLUSIONS

- Setups close to hydrostatic equilibrium can suffer from large errors due to discretization discrepancies
- Errors can cause stable regions to become unstable and prevent reaching low Mach numbers.
- Well-balancing (WB) methods prevents discretization errors.
- Different approaches: change EoS, reconstruction
- Choice of reconstruction variables is crucial for low Mach convection ( $\rho - T$  better than  $\rho - P$ )
- Inclusion of potential energy in the total energy improves results.
- WB can prevent unphysical results on complex meshes.

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