
Equation-free computing: A lattice Boltzmann case study

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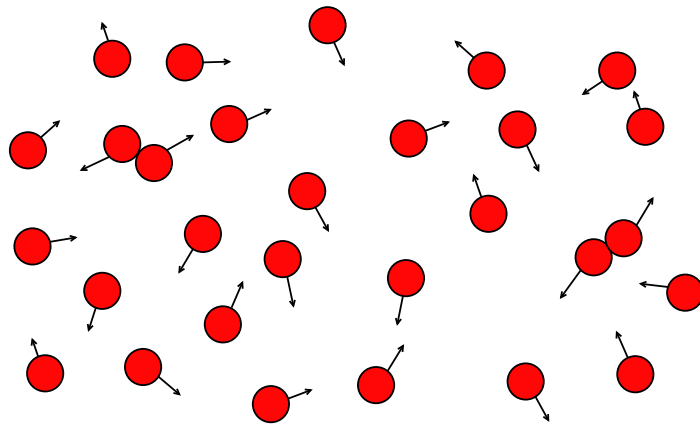
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Mathematical Models

Microscopic/Mesososcopic models

- Relations between micro. variables



- particles (e.g. fluid molecules) ...
- ... collide and propagate

Macroscopic models

- Relations between macro. variables

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla v = -\frac{\nabla P}{\rho} + \nu \nabla^2 v$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2} + F(\rho^a, \rho^b, \dots)$$

- ρ : density
- v : flow velocity

Microscopic/Mesosopic models

- Evolution of individual particles, distributions
- Detailed microscopic behavior
 - Fine space/time scales
 - Modeling flexibility (physics)
- Computationally expensive

Macroscopic models

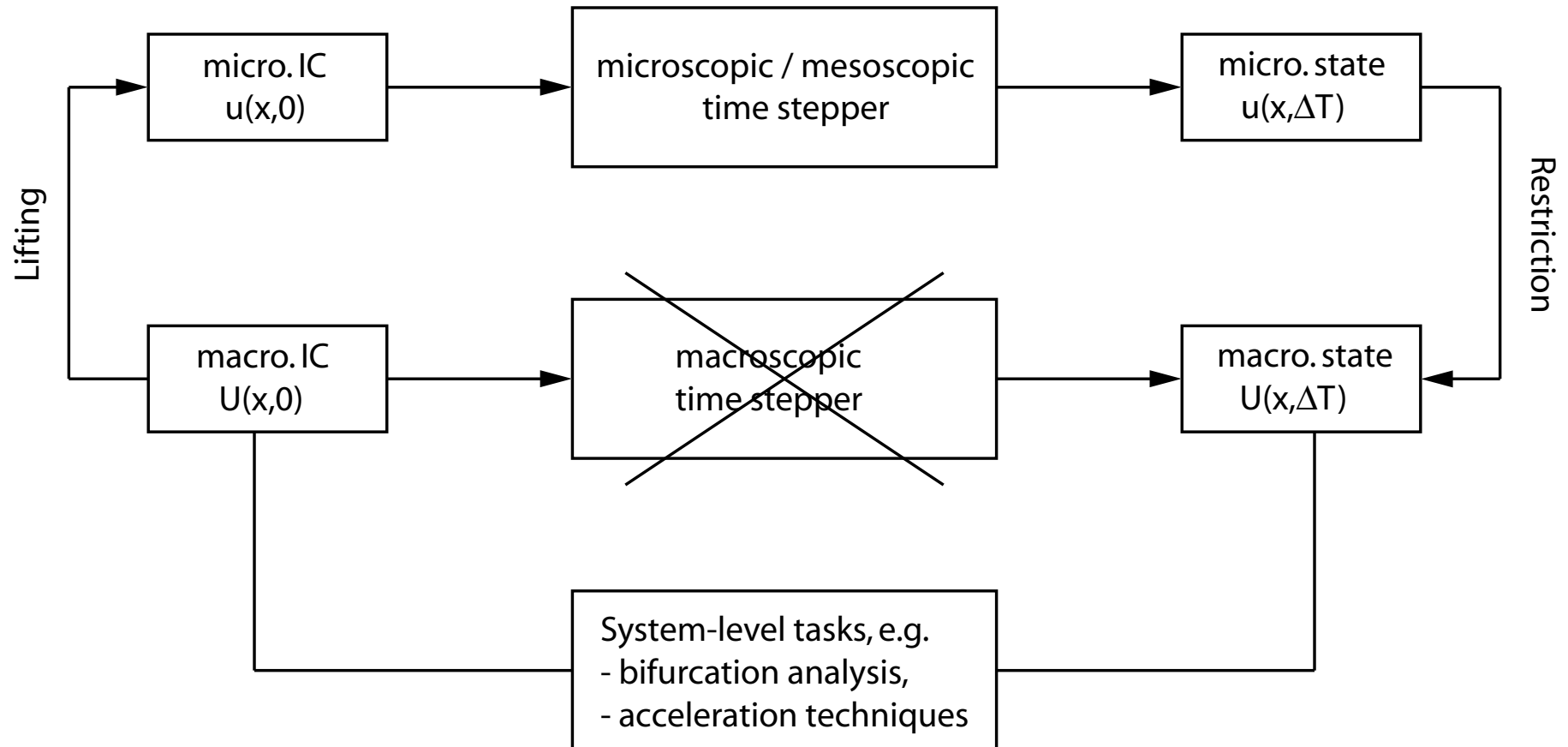
- Evolution of e.g. moments (density, momentum, ...)
- Averaged macro-scale behavior
 - Macroscopic space/time scales
 - Mathematical abstraction
- Efficient algorithms exist
- System tasks, e.g. bifurcation analysis



Coarse equation-free computing

- Simplifying assumptions, closures, ... are not always analytically possible
- Bypass the derivation of a macroscopic model

Equation-Free Computing



[Kevrekidis et al., 2000 — ...]

Mesoscopic lattice Boltzmann models are deterministic \Rightarrow no stochastic effects

Scale Separation

U : lower order moments: macroscopic variables

V : higher order moments

Conceptually in moment space:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = p(u) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \bar{P}(U, V) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \bar{Q}(U, V) \quad (2)$$

After short simulation with (1)-(2), **slaving relations** are attained

$$V = S(U) \quad \text{or} \quad u = s(U) \quad (3)$$

Substitute (3) in (1) to obtain **reduced equation** (PDE) which describes evolution on a **slow manifold**

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \bar{P}(U, S(U)) = P(U) \quad (4)$$

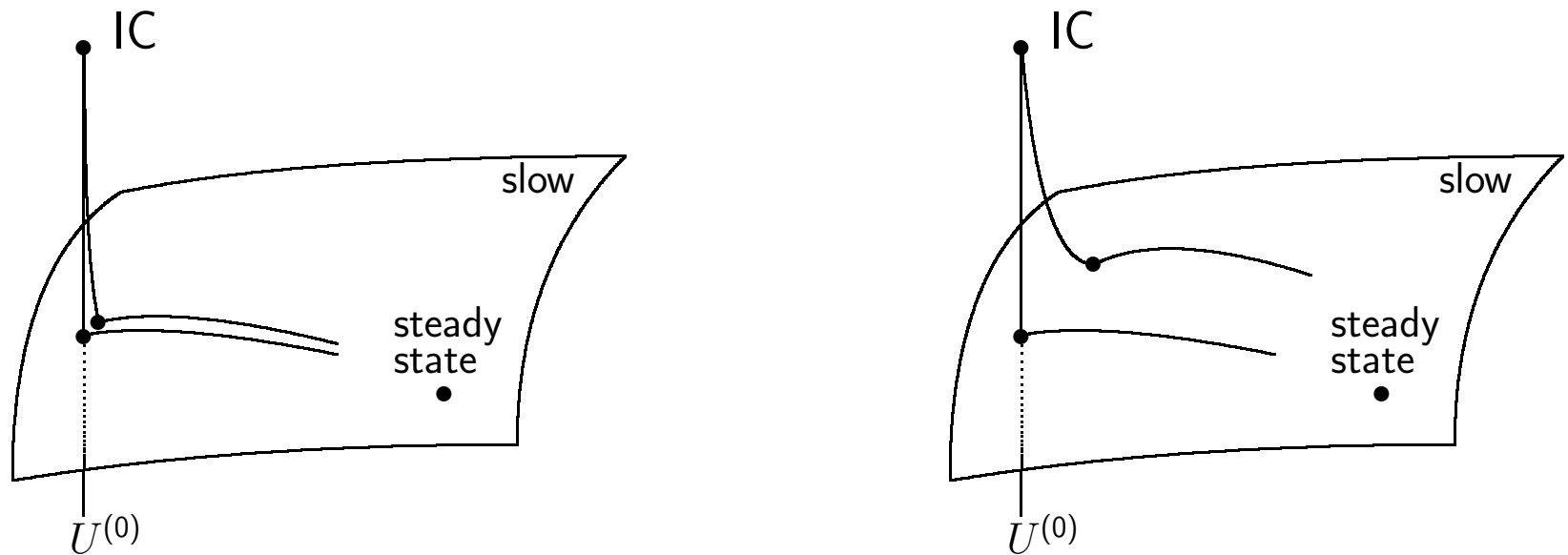
Equation-free: (3)-(4) unavailable, only microscopic time stepper $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = p(u)$

In singularly perturbed form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} &= \bar{P}(U, V) \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \bar{Q}(U, V)\end{aligned}$$

small $\epsilon \Rightarrow$ large gap in time scales between U and $V \Rightarrow$ fast slaving

Does not necessarily result in a small error (pure slow/fast variables, mixed)



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Lattice Boltzmann Model (LBM)

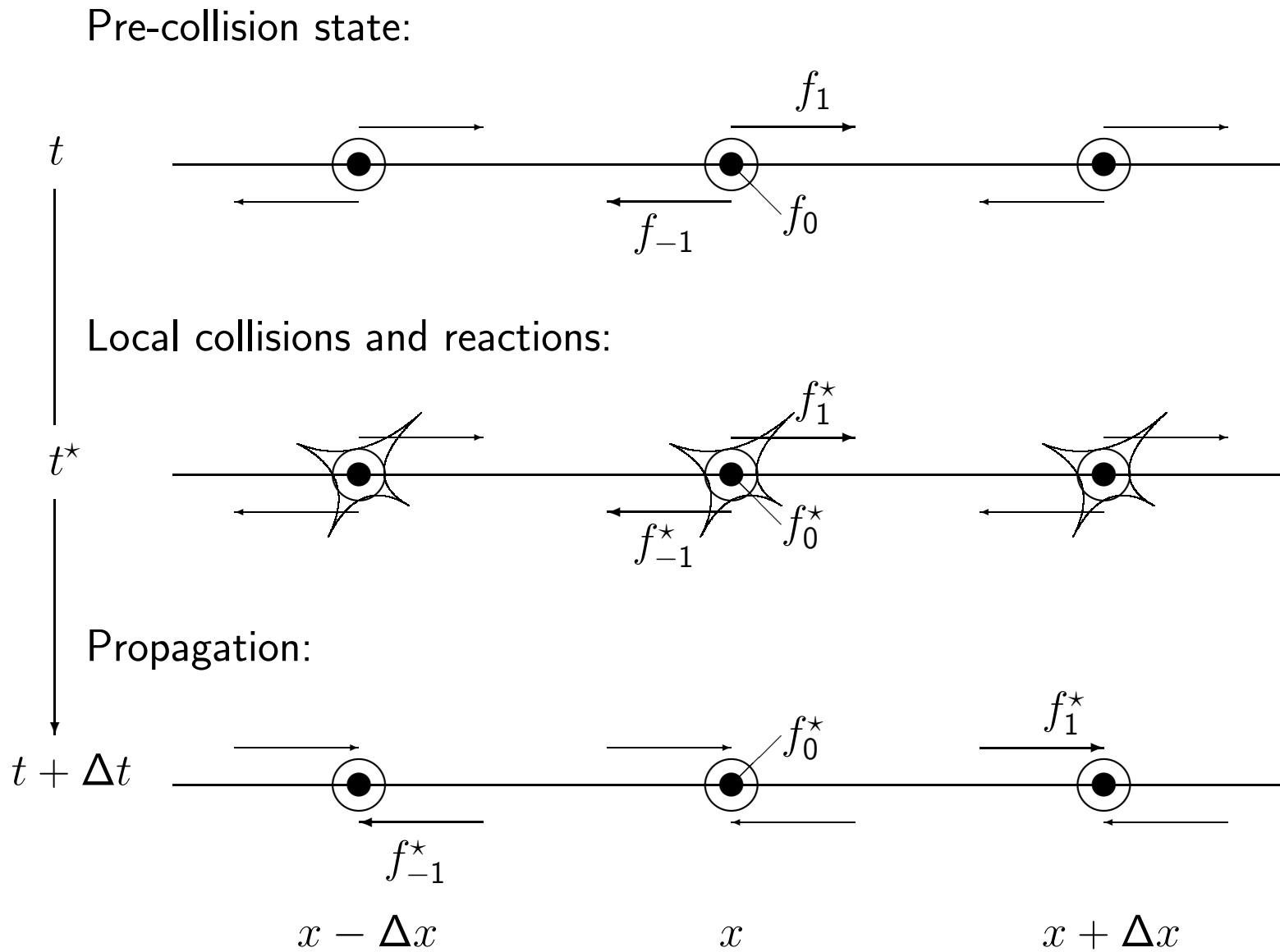
- For one-dimensional reaction-diffusion systems
- Discretize space x and time $t \Rightarrow \Delta x, \Delta t$
- Only 3 “particle” velocities (D1Q3 scheme)

$$v_i = i \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \quad \text{with} \quad i = -1, 0, 1$$

- “Microscopic” variables u : distribution functions $f_i(x, t)$. They relate to the probability that a particle enters a lattice site x at time t with velocity v_i
- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = p(u)$: LBM time stepper describes evolution:

$$f_i(x + i\Delta x, t + \Delta t) - f_i(x, t) = -\omega (f_i(x, t) - f_i^{eq}(x, t)) + \frac{\Delta t}{3} F(\rho(x, t))$$

with local diffusive equilibrium distribution $f_i^{eq}(x, t) = \frac{1}{3} \rho(x, t)$
and relaxation parameter ω (which depends on $D, \Delta x$ and Δt)



- Macroscopic variables U : **densities** ρ defined as zeroth order velocity moments

$$\rho(x, t) = \sum_{i=-1}^1 f_i(x, t)$$

- Higher order moments V : **“momentum”** ϕ and **“kinetic energy”** ξ

$$\phi(x, t) = \sum_{i=-1}^1 i f_i(x, t) \quad \xi(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=-1}^1 i^2 f_i(x, t)$$

- State of the LBM at (x, t) is completely described by either
 - the distributions $\mathbf{f} = [f_{-1} \ f_0 \ f_1]'$ or
 - the moments $\mathbf{m} = [\rho \ \phi \ \xi]'$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \phi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{-1} \\ f_0 \\ f_1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{m} = M \mathbf{f}$$

and vice versa $\mathbf{f} = M^{-1}\mathbf{m}$ (**one-to-one relationship**)

Slaving Relations

Chapman-Enskog expansion of the LBM (when density $\rho(x, t)$ varies smoothly)

⇒ **Slaving relations**

The distributions can be written as a functional of the macro. variable $\rho(x, t)$ only

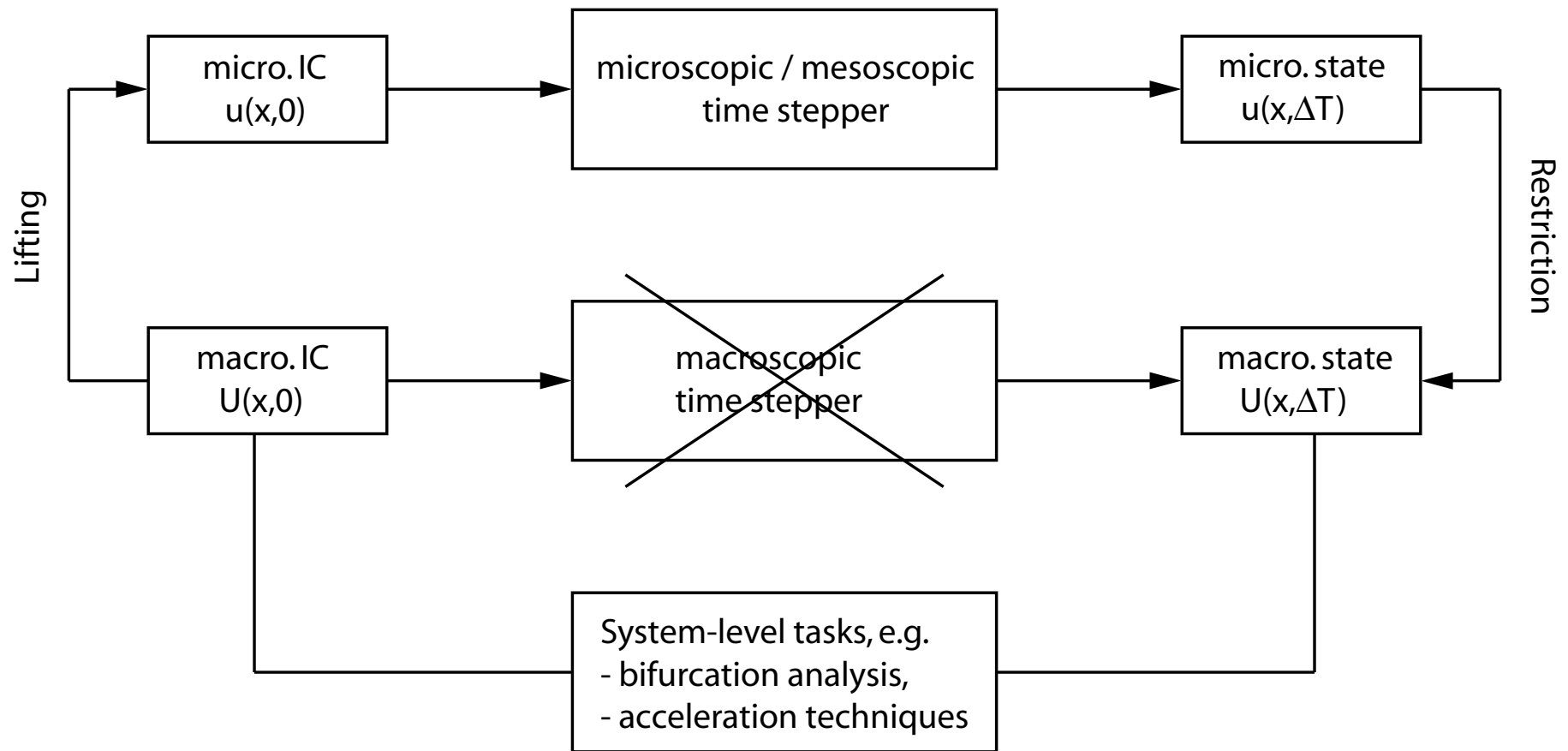
$$u = s(U) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad f_i = \frac{1}{3} \rho - \frac{i\Delta x}{3\omega} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2) \quad ; \quad i = -1, 0, 1$$

The corresponding higher order moments $\phi(x, t)$ and $\xi(x, t)$ are

$$V = S(U) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \phi &= -\frac{2\Delta x}{3\omega} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^3) \\ \xi &= \frac{1}{3} \rho + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2) \end{aligned}$$

⇒ **Reduced equation** is the standard reaction-diffusion PDE:

$$\frac{\partial U(x, t)}{\partial t} = P(U(x, t)) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \rho(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 \rho(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + F(\rho^a(x, t), \rho^b(x, t), \dots)$$



[Kevrekidis et al., 2000 — ...]

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Coarse Time Stepper for the LBM

Determine the macroscopic variables U : concentration $\rho(x, t)$ (cf. PDE)

(the microscopic variables u are the distributions $f_i(x, t)$)

One coarse time step ΔT :

1. **Lifting**: initialization is a **one-to-many** problem

$$\rho(x, 0) \mapsto f_i(x, 0) ; \text{ for } i = -1, 0, 1 \quad \text{with} \quad \rho(x, 0) = \sum_{i=-1}^1 f_i(x, 0)$$

Or: How to initialize the **missing higher order moments** $\phi(x, 0)$ and $\xi(x, 0)$?

2. **Mesoscopic simulation** using the LBM over a time interval ΔT
3. **Restriction**:

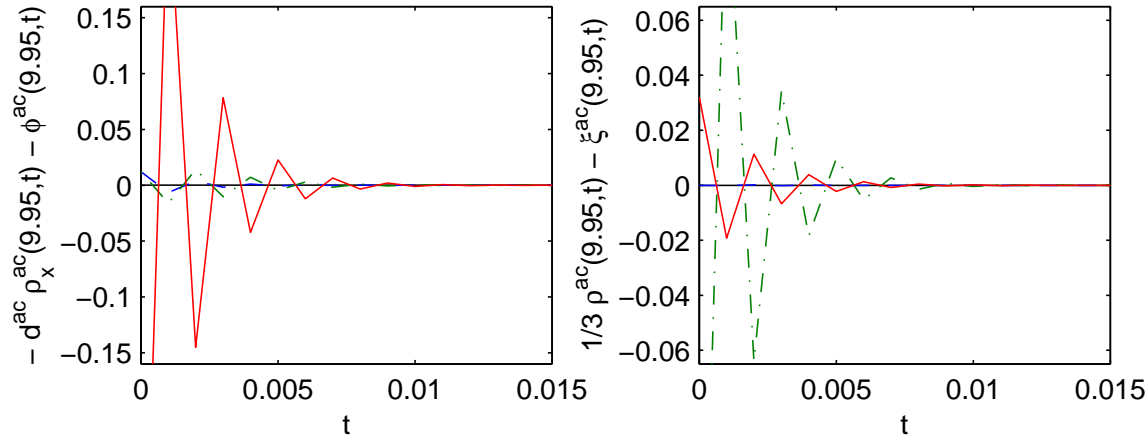
$$\rho(x, \Delta T) = \sum_{i=-1}^1 f_i(x, \Delta T)$$

Successively **repeat** procedure within time integration interval $[0, T]$

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Very fast slaving of higher order moments: $\Delta T_{healing} \approx 20\Delta t$



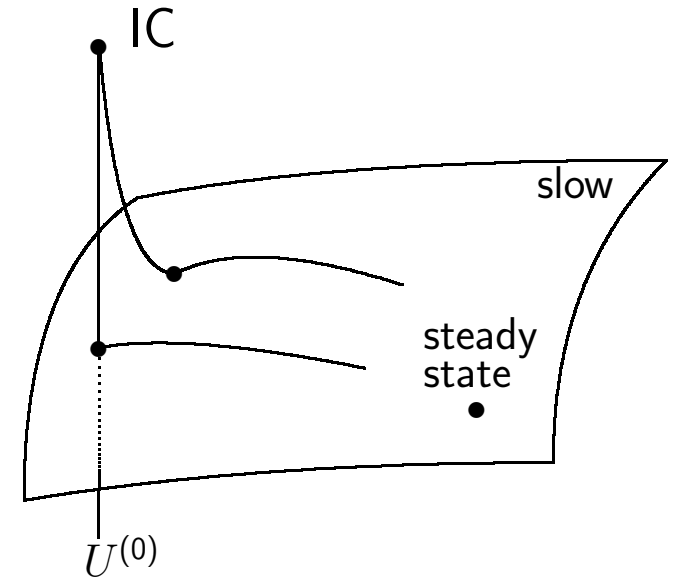
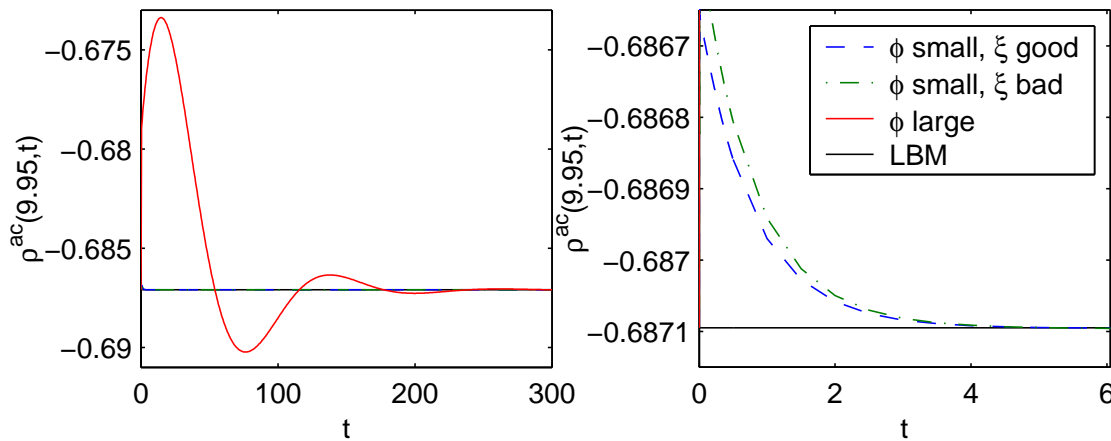
Lifting scheme:

$$f_i = w_i \rho ; \quad \sum_i w_i = 1$$

$$w_i = 1/3; \quad i = -1, 0, 1 \quad (\text{blue})$$

$$w_{-1} = w_1 = 0.01 \quad (\text{green})$$

$$w_{-1} = 0.75, \quad w_1 = 0.01 \quad (\text{red})$$



But lower order moment ρ also changes \Rightarrow different trajectory $\Rightarrow \Delta T \gg 20\Delta t$

[VL, Lust and Kevrekidis, Physica D (2005)]

- Inaccurate lifting can induce significant and persistent errors
- Time trajectory described by erroneous reaction-diffusion PDE [Vandekerckhove, VL and Roose, submitted (2007)]

$$\frac{\partial \rho(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\omega}{2 - \omega} \frac{\partial^2 \rho(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + F(\rho^a(x, t), \rho^b(x, t), \dots)$$

- Initialize micro. state $u^{(0)} = f_i(x, 0)$ from the macro. variables $U^{(0)} = \rho(x, 0)$ such that initial state is consistent with $U^{(0)}$ and lies on the slow manifold
- Accurate initialization possible using
 - known **analytical slaving relations**: Chapman-Enskog
 - **numerical alternative**: **Constrained runs scheme**
- Note: Results also useful in the context of LBM simulation itself (because a LBM is deterministic). E.g. one should not initialize with the BGK equilibrium (as is mostly done now)

$$f_i(x, 0) = f_i^{eq}(x, 0) = \frac{1}{3} \rho(x, 0)$$

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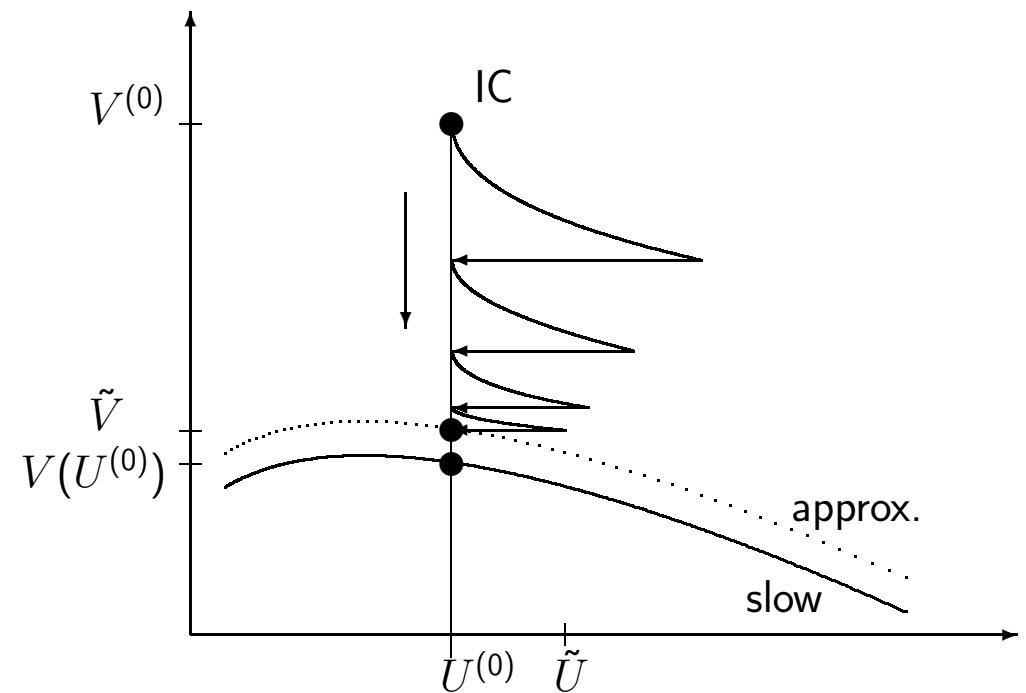
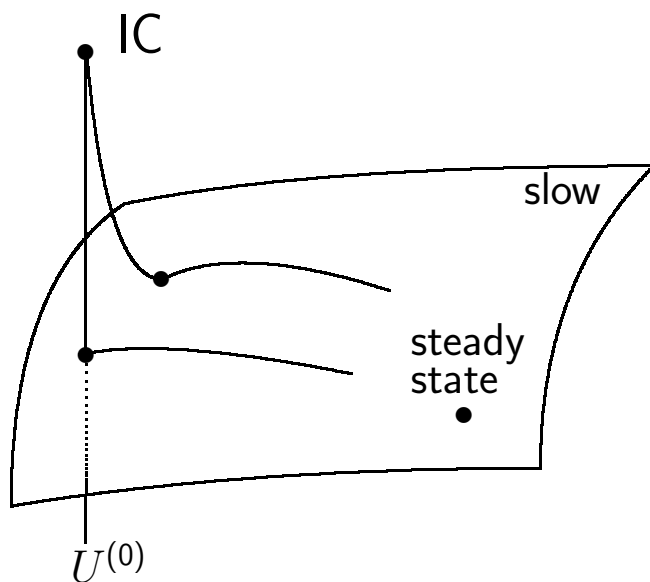
$$V = S(U) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \phi &\approx -\frac{2\Delta x}{3\omega} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^3) \\ \xi &\approx \frac{1}{3} \rho + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2) \end{aligned}$$

slaved to (are functionals of) the macroscopic variable $\rho(x, t)$ only

Needs analytical derivation, correct discretization, ...

Numerical Approximation: Constrained Runs (CR) Scheme

- Slaving relations difficult to compute analytically \rightarrow numerical approximation
- [Gear and Kevrekidis, J. Sci. Comp. (2005)]
- Short simulations and 'resetting' of U to $U^{(0)}$



Constrained Runs Scheme for the LBM

Require: $\rho^{(0)} = \rho(x, 0)$

$$f_i^{(0)} = w_i \rho^{(0)} \text{ e.g. } w_i = 1/3$$

repeat

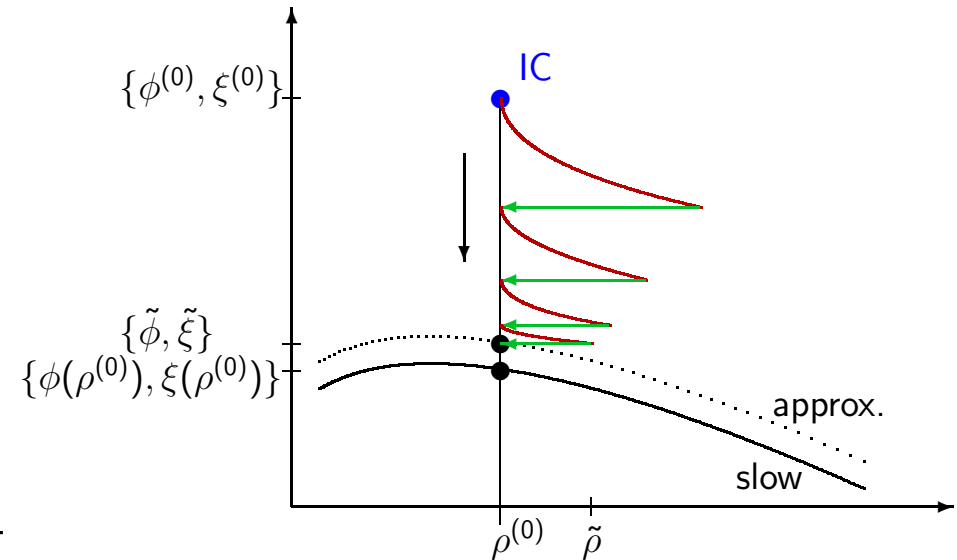
$$\mathbf{f}^{(k+1)} = \text{LBM}_{\delta t}(\mathbf{f}^{(k)})$$

$$\mathbf{m}^{(k+1)} = M \mathbf{f}^{(k+1)}$$

$$\rho^{(k+1)} = \rho^{(0)}$$

$$\mathbf{f}^{(k+1)} = M^{-1} \mathbf{m}^{(k+1)}$$

until convergence heuristic $< \epsilon$, with $\epsilon \ll 1$



Fixed point iteration for the higher order moments ϕ and ξ , given $\rho^{(0)}$

$$\mathbf{m}^{(k+1)} = [\rho^{(0)} \ \phi^{(k+1)} \ \xi^{(k+1)}]' = \mathcal{C}_{\delta t}(\mathbf{m}^{(k)}) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

with fixed point $\{\rho^{(0)}, \tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\xi}\}$

Proven: CR scheme is **unconditionally stable** with convergence rate $|1 - \omega|$

Convergence to Approximation of Slaved State

Fixed point $\{(\rho^{(0)}), \tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\xi}\}$ (given here for pure diffusion)

$$\tilde{\phi} = -\frac{2\Delta x}{3\omega} \frac{\partial \rho^{(0)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta x}{\omega^2} \frac{(-2\omega + 2)}{(\omega - 2)} \frac{\partial(\tilde{\rho} - \rho^{(0)})}{\partial x}$$

$$\tilde{\xi} = \frac{1}{3}\rho^{(0)} + \frac{1}{2\omega}(\tilde{\rho} - \rho^{(0)})$$

is a **first order approximation** of the unknown slaved state (Chapman-Enskog)

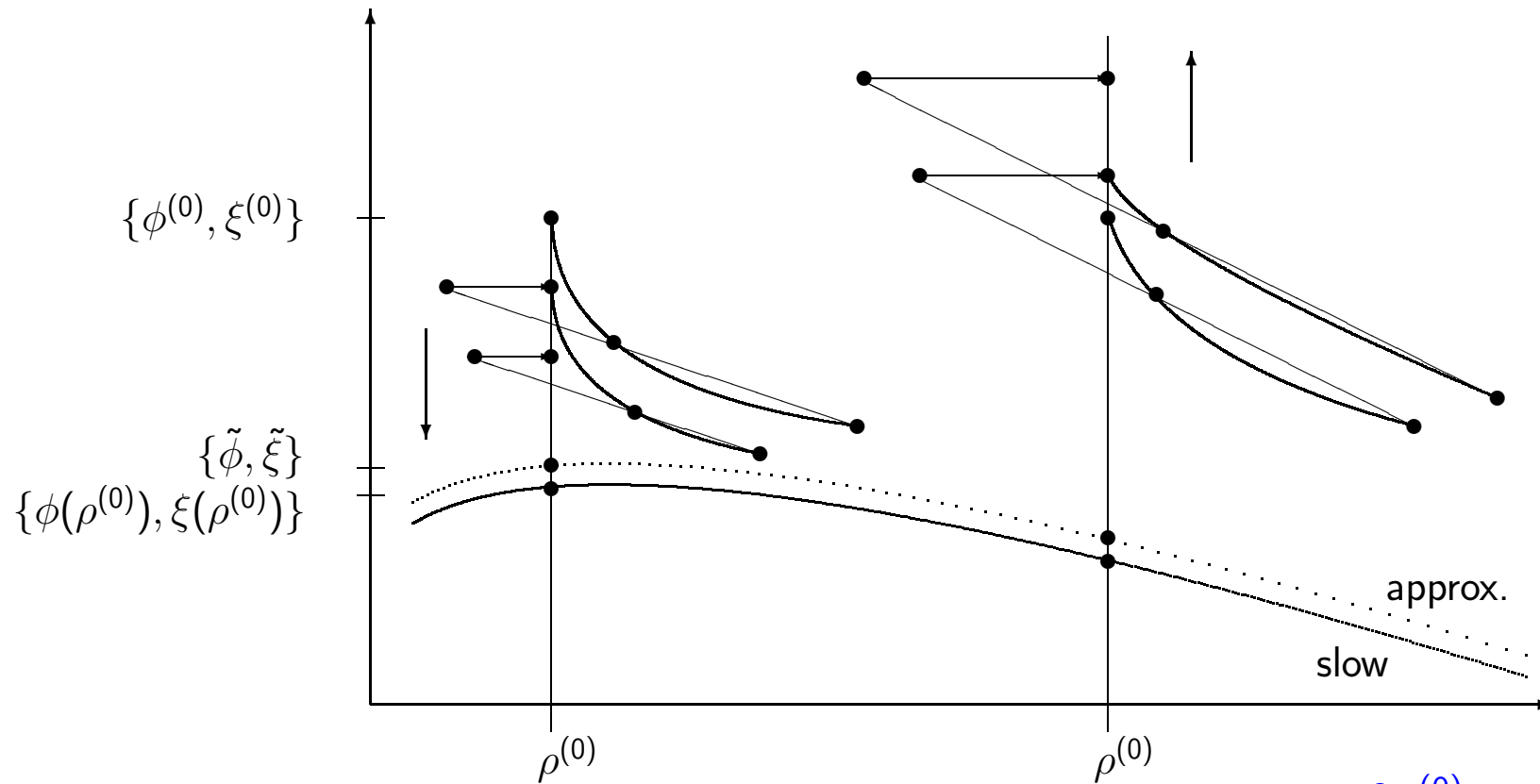
$$\phi(\rho^{(0)}) = -\frac{2\Delta x}{3\omega} \frac{\partial \rho^{(0)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta x \Delta t}{3\omega^2} \frac{(-2\omega^2 + 2\omega - 2)}{(\omega - 2)} \frac{\partial^2 \rho^{(0)}}{\partial x \partial t} + \dots$$

$$\xi(\rho^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{3}\rho^{(0)} + \frac{\Delta t}{6\omega} \frac{\partial \rho^{(0)}}{\partial t} + \dots$$

Approximation error depends on $\tilde{\rho} - \rho^{(0)}$, i.e. the error made by constraining (resetting) the macro. variables

Because $(\tilde{\rho} - \rho^{(0)}) \sim \Delta t \frac{\partial \rho^{(0)}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow$ Use smallest possible simulation time $\delta t = \Delta t$

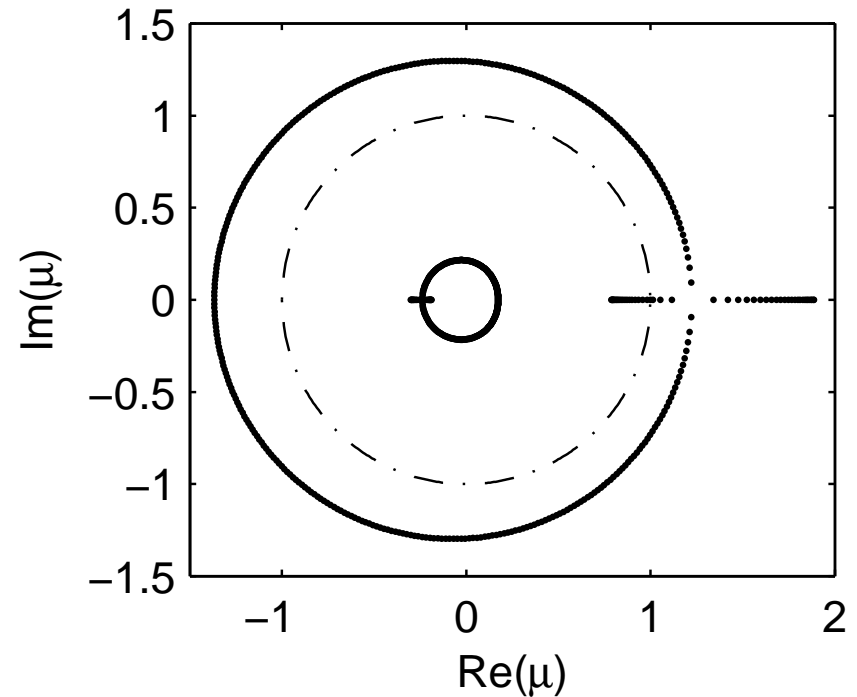
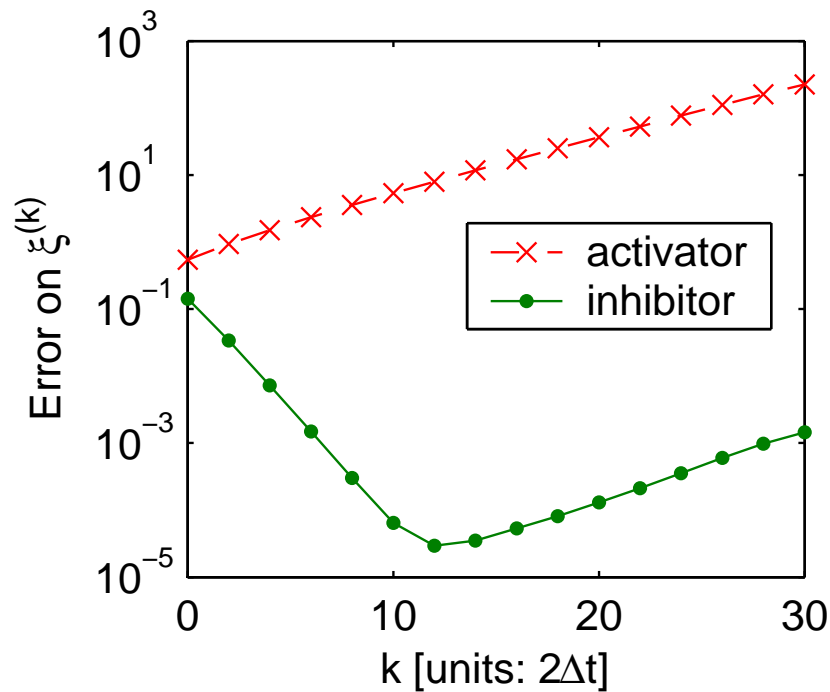
[VL, Vanroose and Roose, TW444, submitted (2005)]



Error of regular constrained runs scheme related to $(\tilde{\rho} - \rho^{(0)}) \sim \Delta t \frac{\partial \rho^{(0)}}{\partial t}$
 Interpolate higher order moments and reset lower order ones:

$$\xi^{(k+1)} = \xi_1 - \Delta t \frac{\partial \xi_1}{\partial t} = \xi_1 - \Delta t \frac{\xi_2 - \xi_1}{\Delta t} = 2\xi_1 - \xi_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \rho^{(k+1)} = \rho^{(0)}$$

Rely on slaving and attraction towards slow manifold: $\xi(\rho^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{3}\rho^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$



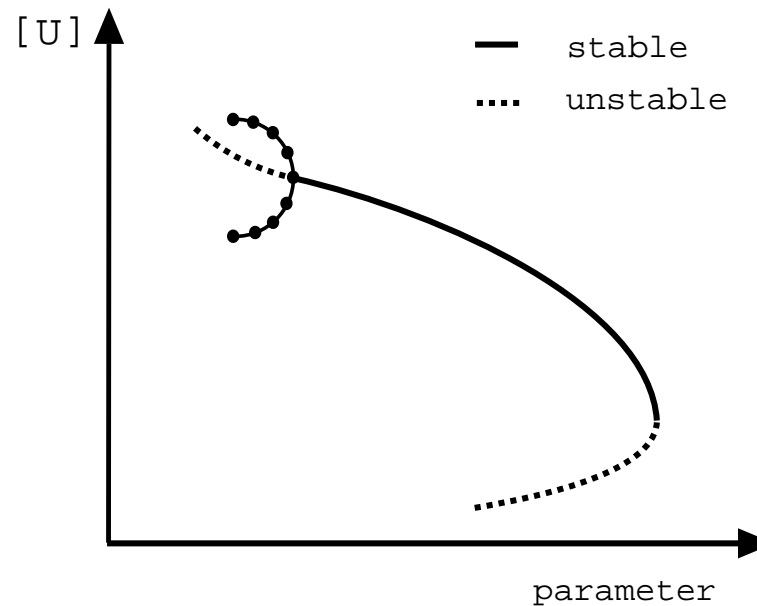
- Fixed point closer to slow manifold \Rightarrow higher accuracy
- But possibly unstable: restricted range of ω -values, e.g. $\omega \in (0.69, 1.29)$
- Analysis of CR schemes for stiff singularly perturbed ODEs
[Gear, Kaper, Kevrekidis and Zagaris, SIADS (2005) & submitted (2007)]
- Compute fixed point numerically with e.g. Newton-Krylov, GMRES
[Vandekerckhove, Kevrekidis and Roose, submitted (2007)]

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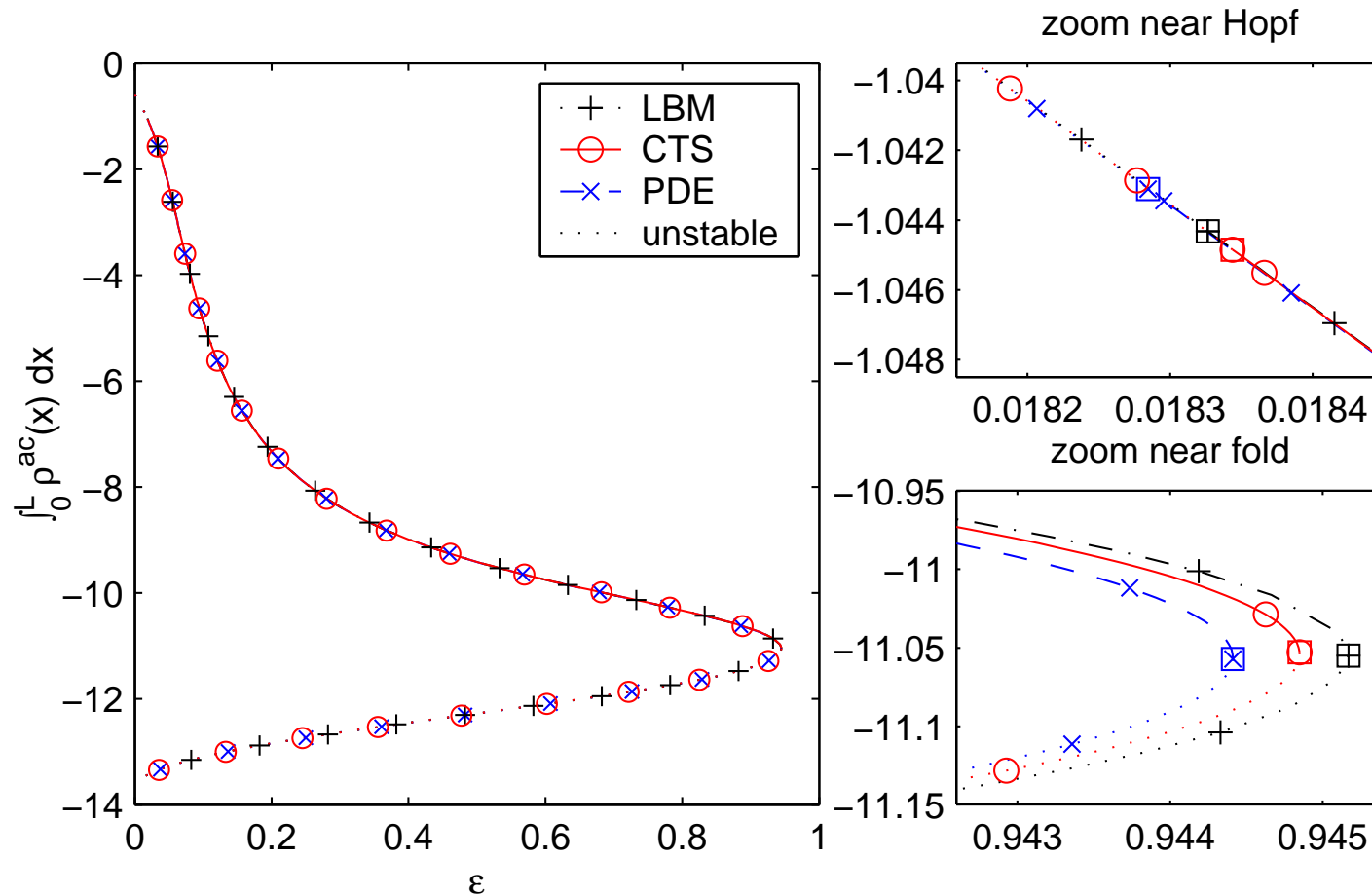
System-Level Tasks: Numerical Bifurcation Analysis

Non-linear models: Evolution of asymptotic states of macro. variables (steady states, periodic solutions) and their stability as function of system parameters



- **Classical bifurcation analysis:** requires linearization, Jacobian matrix, ...
- **Time stepper based bifurcation analysis:** 'matrix-free'
 - Condition on time stepper: few dominant eigenvalues at fixed point solution
 - Given only a truly microscopic model: use coarse time stepper

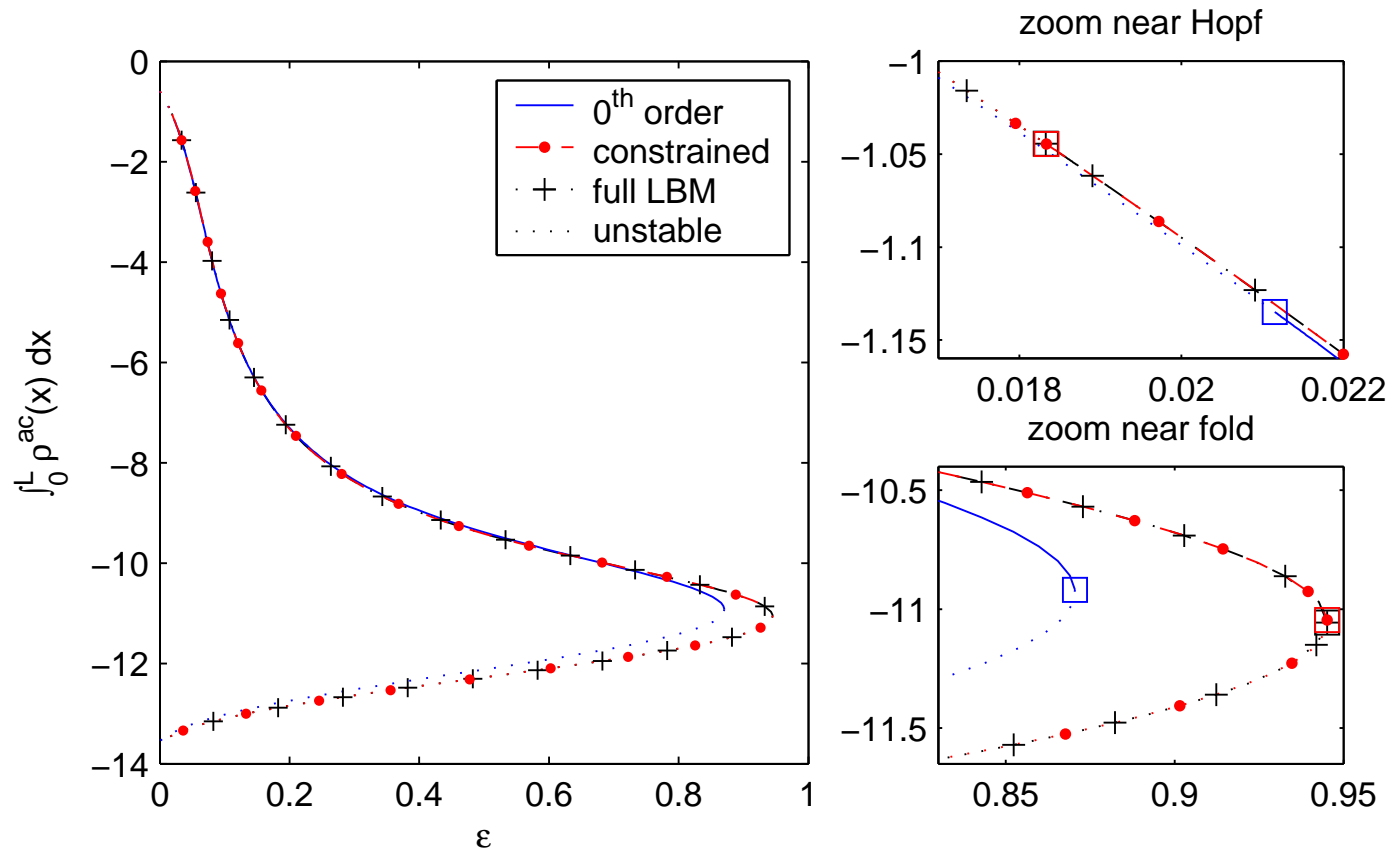
Steady state bifurcation diagram for large $\Delta T = T = 5 = 5000\Delta t$



Newton-Picard method — FitzHugh-Nagumo reaction-diffusion system
[Accurate bifurcation and stability information](#) for all models (eigenvalues!)
 [VL, Lust and Kevrekidis, Physica D (2005)]

Steady state bifurcation diagram for small $\Delta T = 20\Delta t$

- Zeroth order lifting: $f_i = \frac{1}{3}\rho$ (blue)
- First order lifting: constrained runs (red)

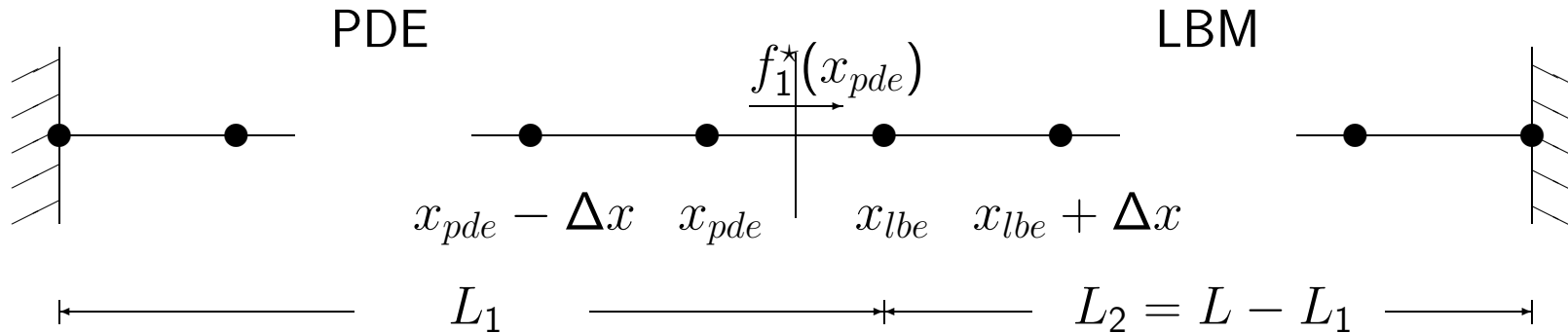


No computational gain; to be combined with projective integration

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Hybrid Spatial Coupling

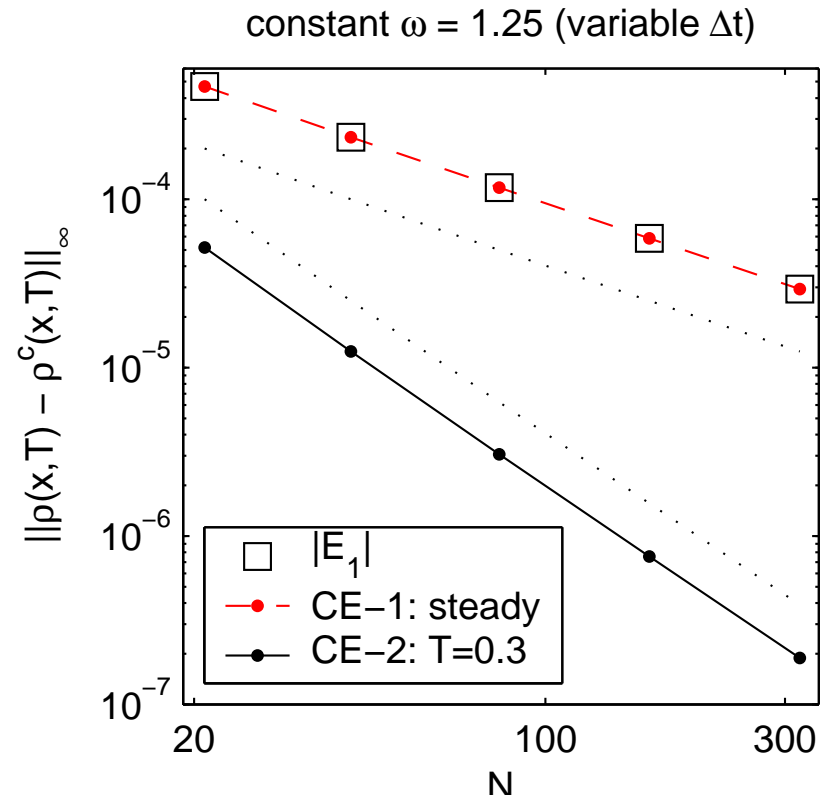


- LBM domain: **Unknown** post-collision distribution $f_1^*(x_{pde}, t)$:

$$f_1(x_{pde}, t) = \frac{\rho(x_{pde}, t)}{3} - \frac{\Delta x}{3\omega} \frac{\rho(x_{lbe}, t) - \rho(x_{pde} - \Delta x, t)}{2\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2) \quad (*)$$

- LBM local collisions and reactions to obtain $f_1^*(x_{pde}, t)$
- Propagate this value to x_{lbe} , i.e. $f_1(x_{lbe}, t + \Delta t) = f_1^*(x_{pde}, t)$
- Variant with overlap [Albuquerque, LNCS (2004), I. J. Mult. Comp. Eng. (2006)]

Alternative to above CE-1 coupling scheme: Replace (*) with **constrained runs**



Spatial discretization error $E(x)$ at steady state: $E(x) = \rho(x) - \rho^c(x)$

Maximal $E(x)$ for CE-1 coupling scheme (and constant reaction term):

$$E_1 = E(x_{lbe}) = \frac{L_1 L_2}{L} (1 - \omega) \frac{\Delta x}{6\omega} (\omega - 2) \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 \rho^c(x_{lbe})}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \rho^c(x_{lbe} + \Delta x)}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

[VL, Vandekerckhove, Vanroose and Roose, to appear in MMS (2007)]

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Conclusions

- **LBM test case** for multiscale and equation-free computing (no stochastic effects!)
- **Lifting/Initialization is critical** step in equation-free/LBM simulation
- Influence on size ΔT / significant errors
- **Constrained runs** scheme for LBM for 1D reaction-diffusion
 - Unconditionally **stable** with convergence factor $|1 - \omega|$
 - Converges to a **first order approximation** of the slaved state
- **Higher order constrained runs** schemes: more accurate, possibly unstable
- **Time stepper based bifurcation analysis of LBM** is feasible
 - Steady states and periodic solutions
 - Both full LBM and coarse equation-free time stepper for LBM
- **Hybrid spatial coupling** of LBM and discretized PDE
 - Use slaving relations or constrained runs at the interface
 - Spatial discretization error **one order less** accurate than local interface error