



Stabilized Conservative Level Set Method with Adaptive Wavelet-based Mesh Refinement

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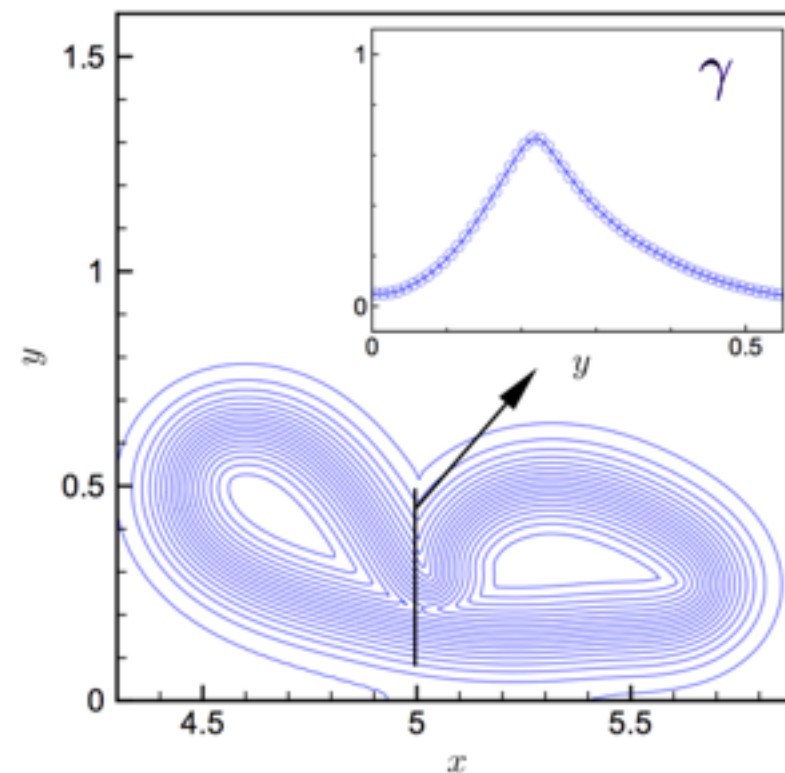
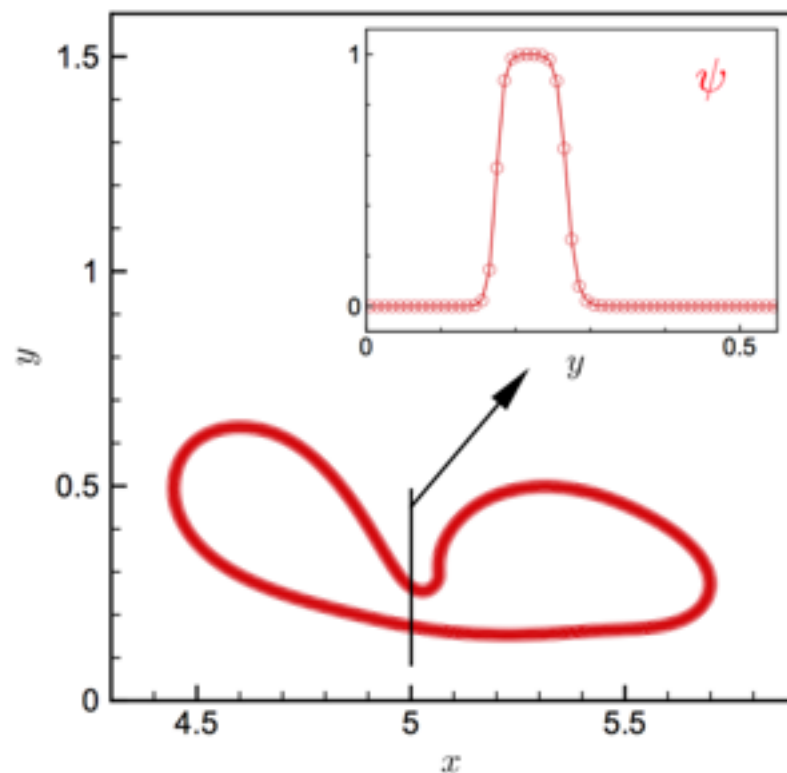
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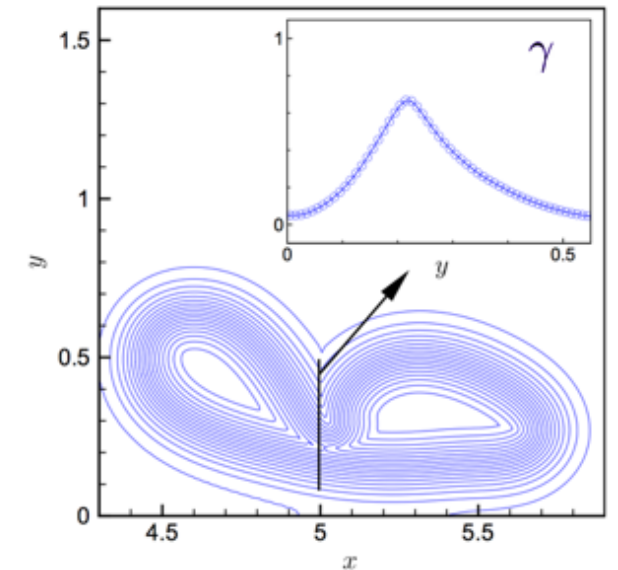
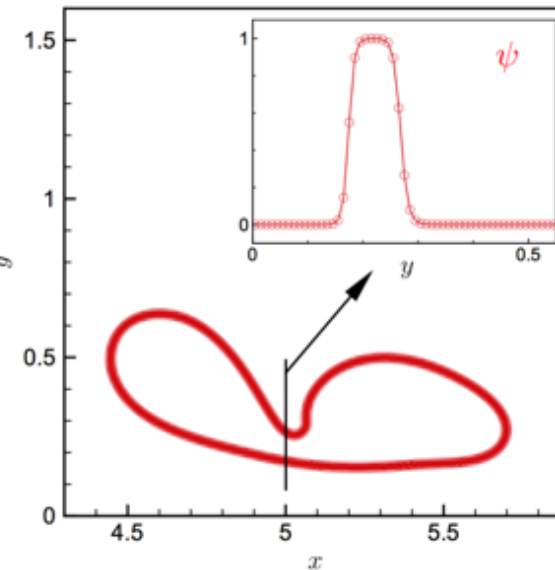
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- **Challenges**

- *Ill-defined normal vector*
- *High computational expense*
- *Potential discontinuity*

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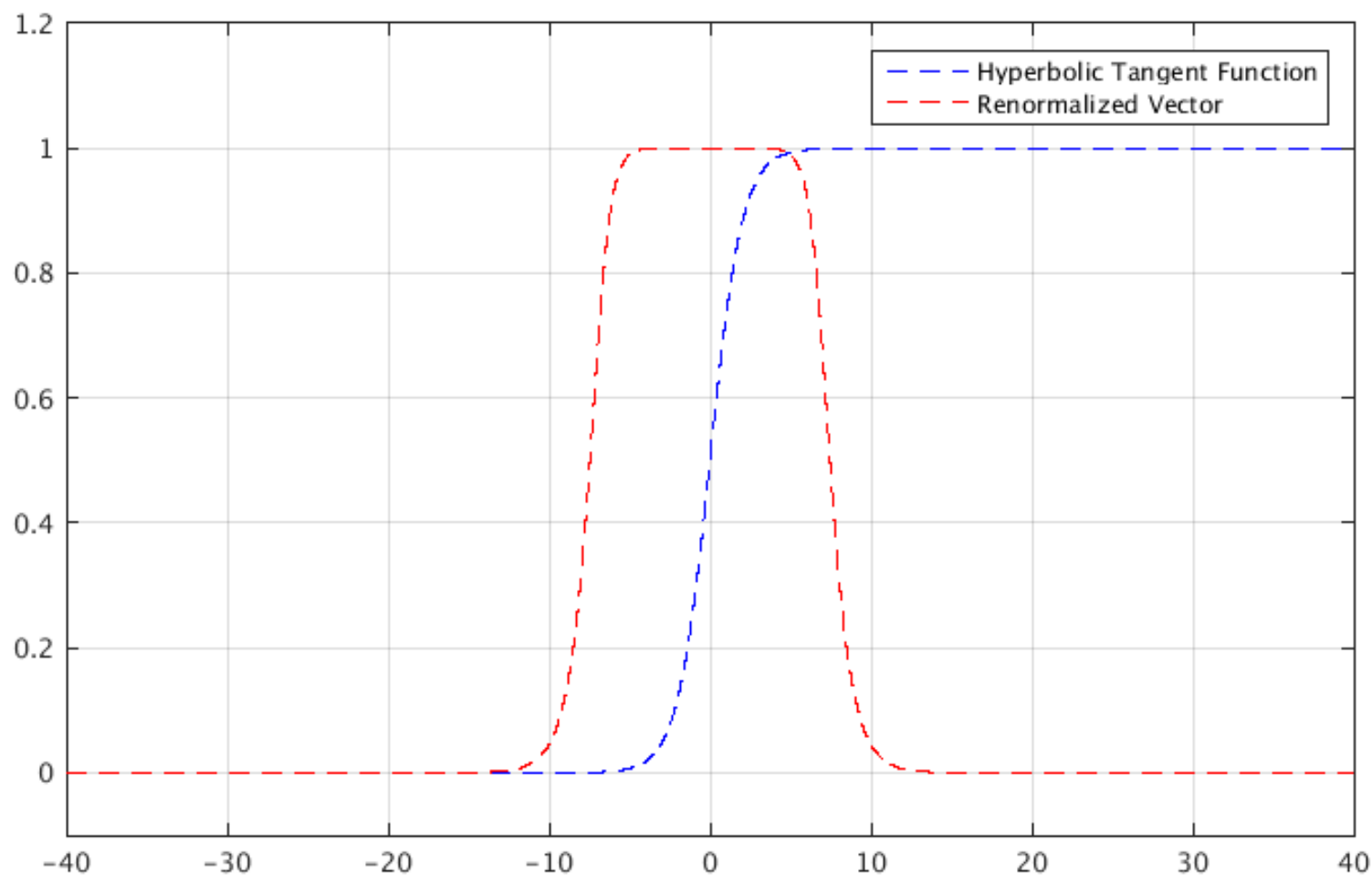
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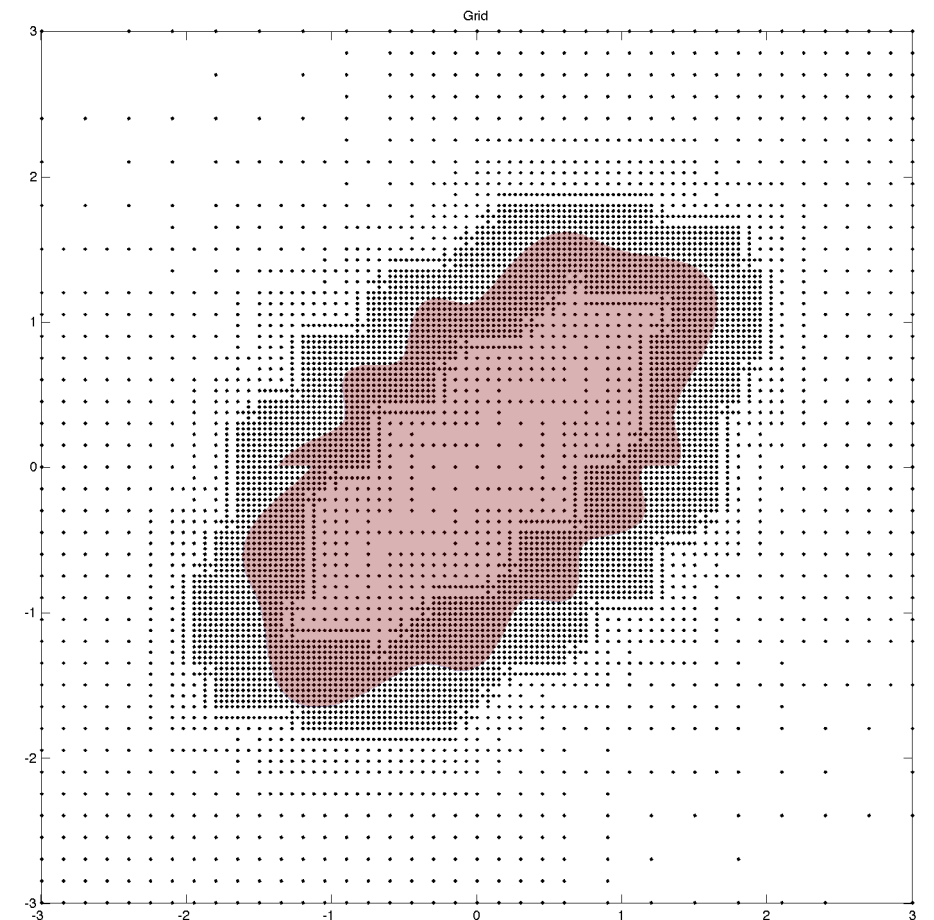
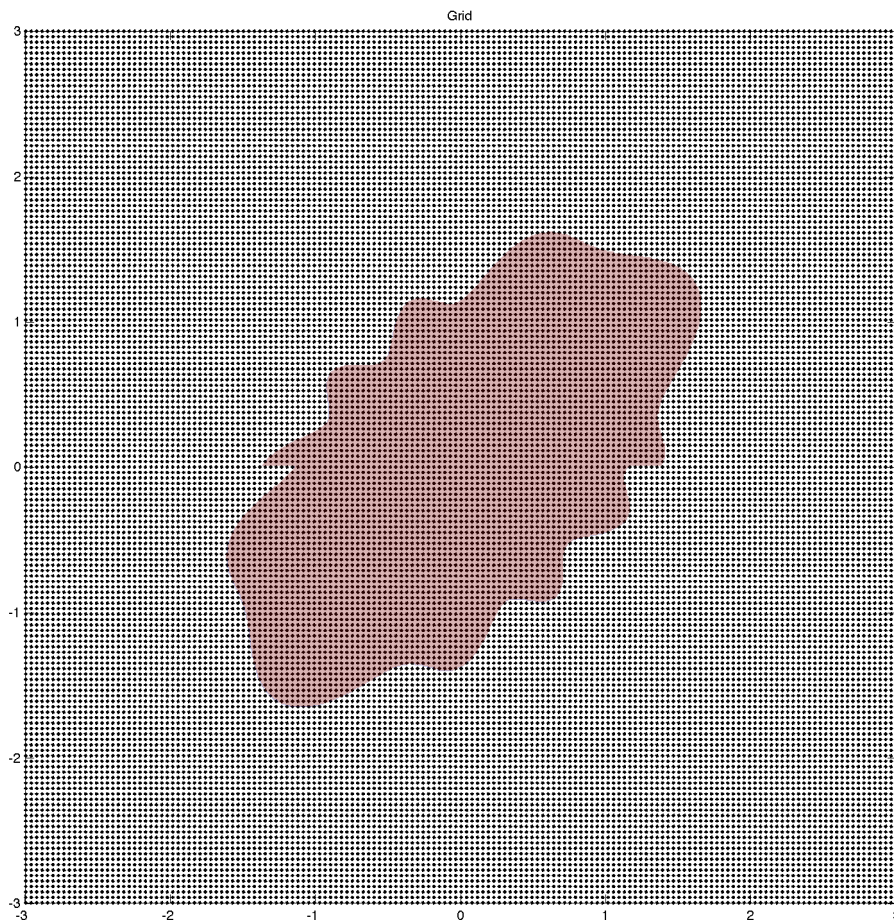
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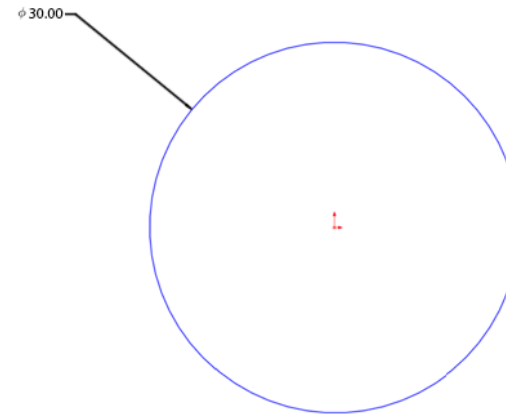


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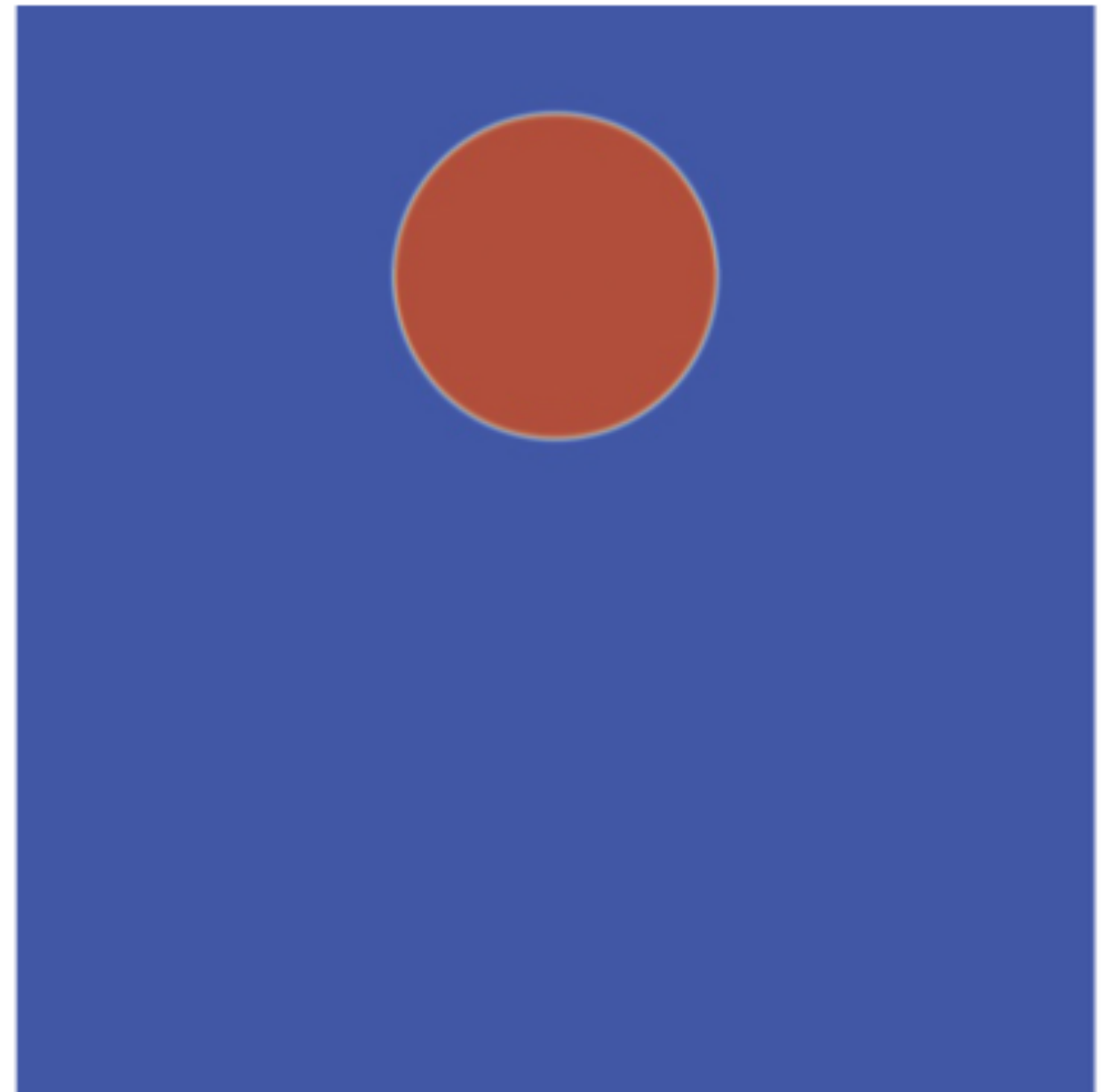


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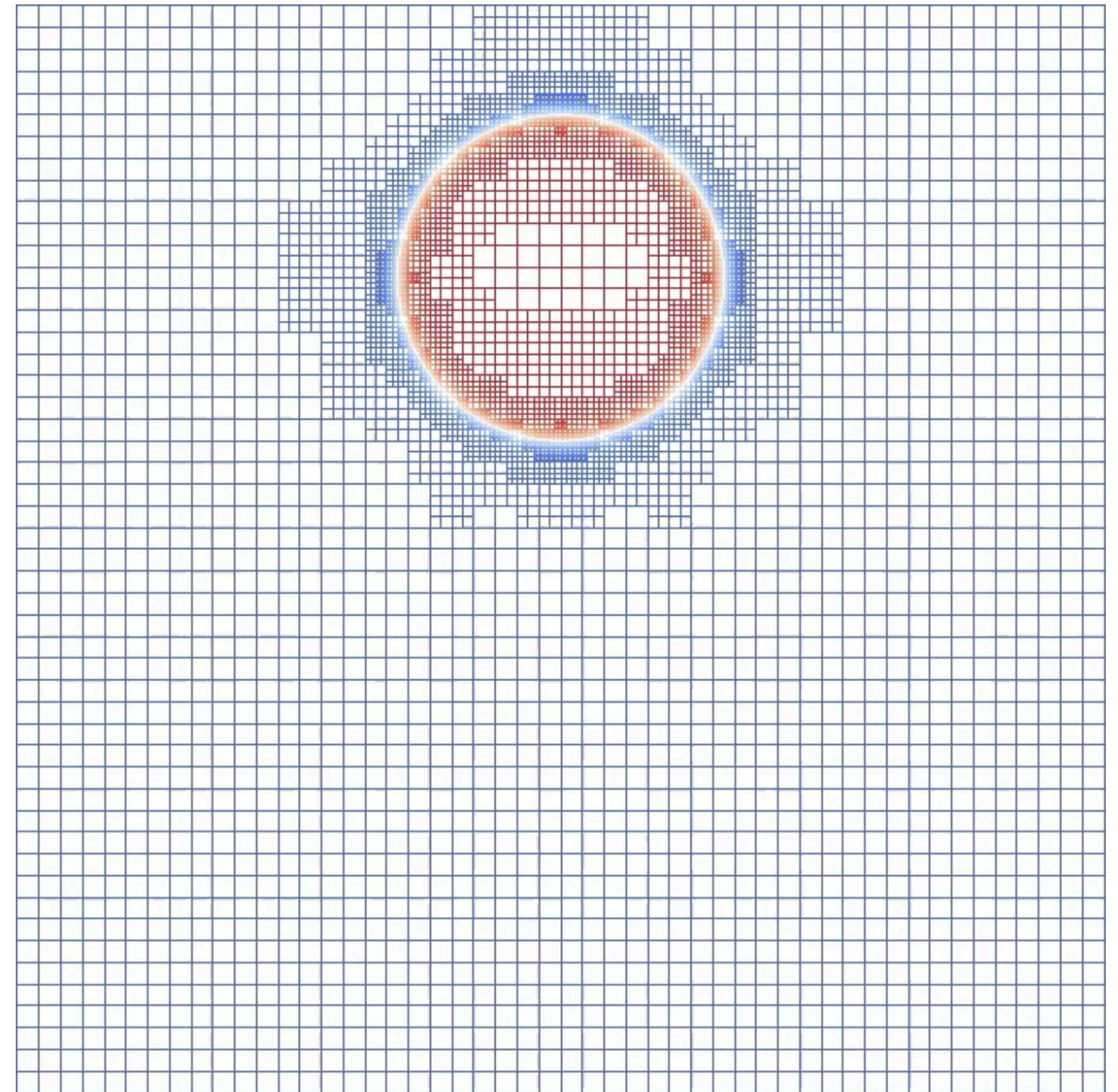


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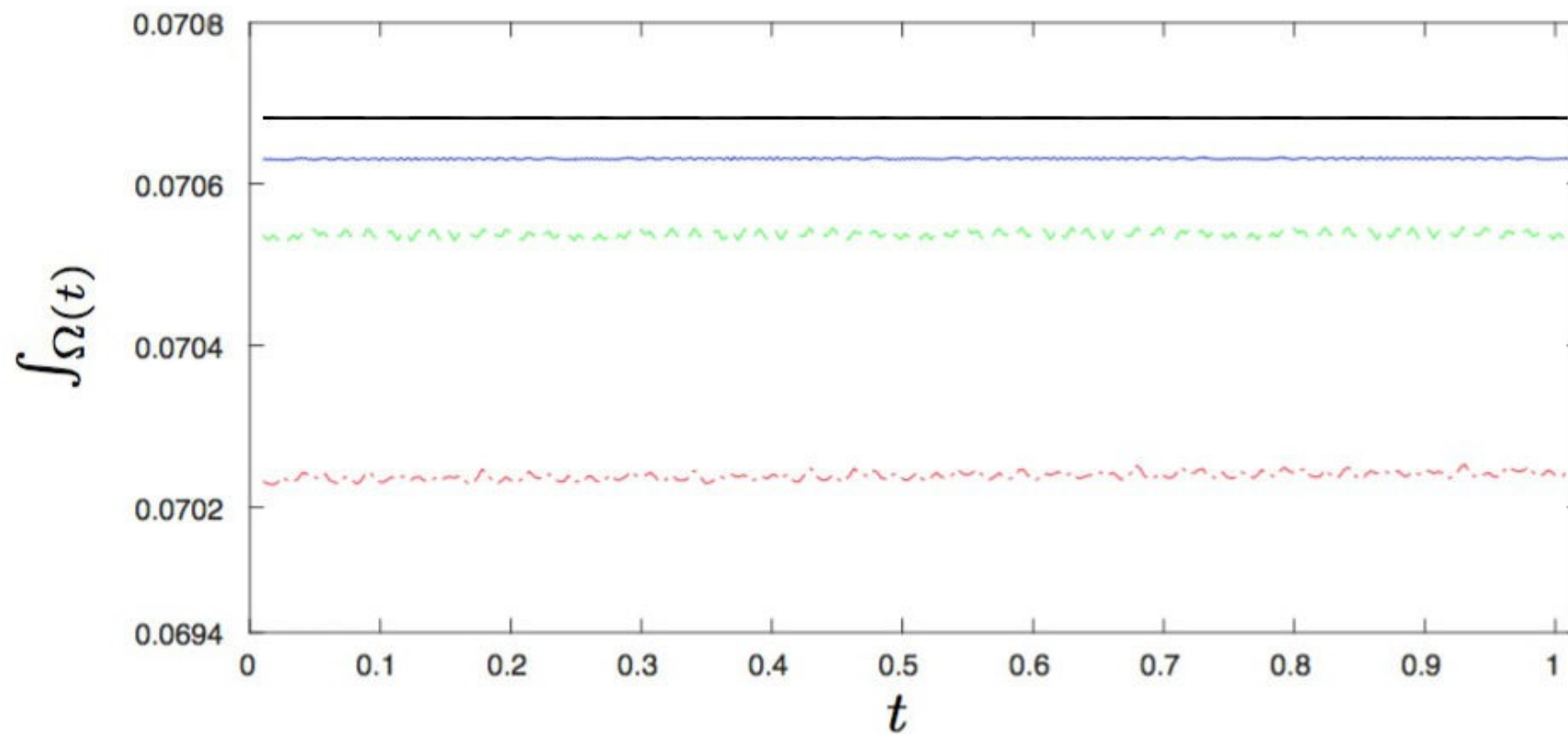
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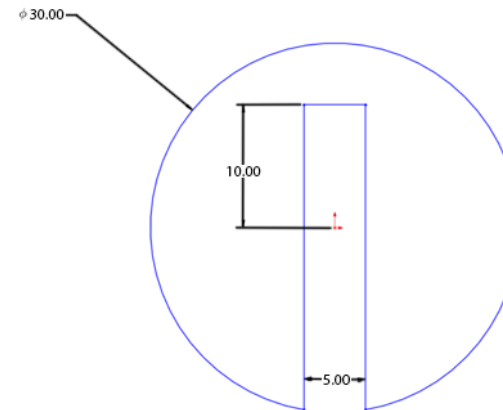
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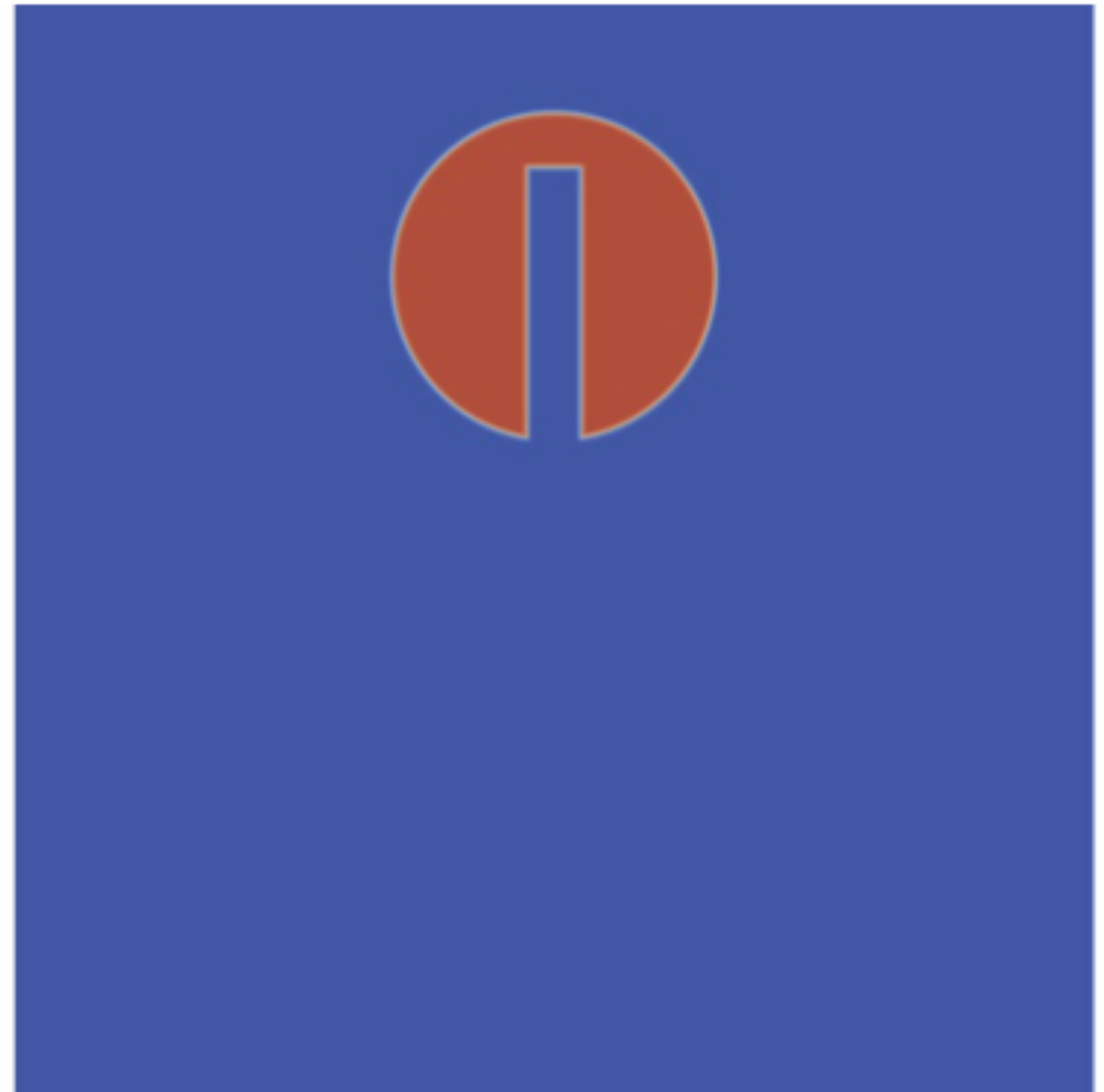


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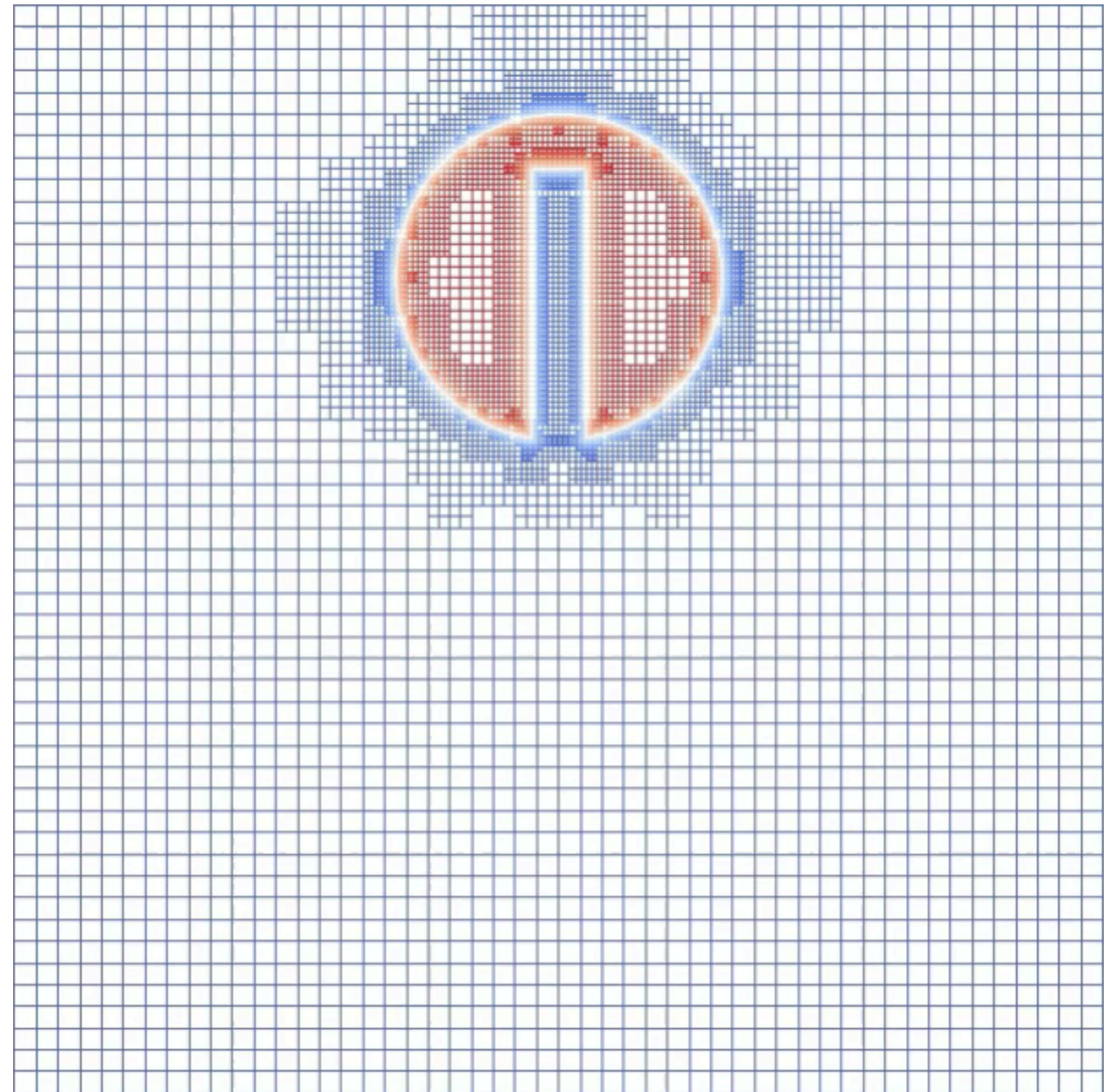


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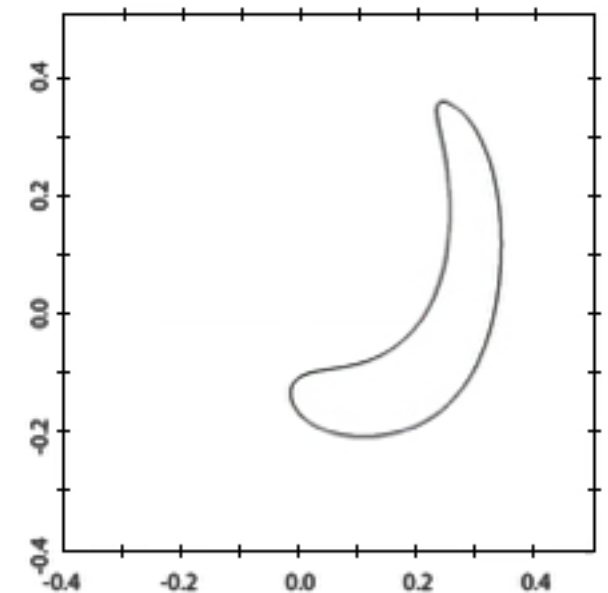
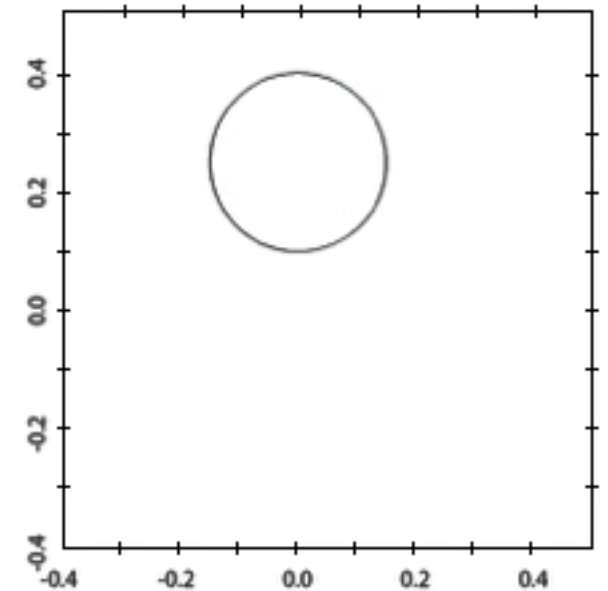


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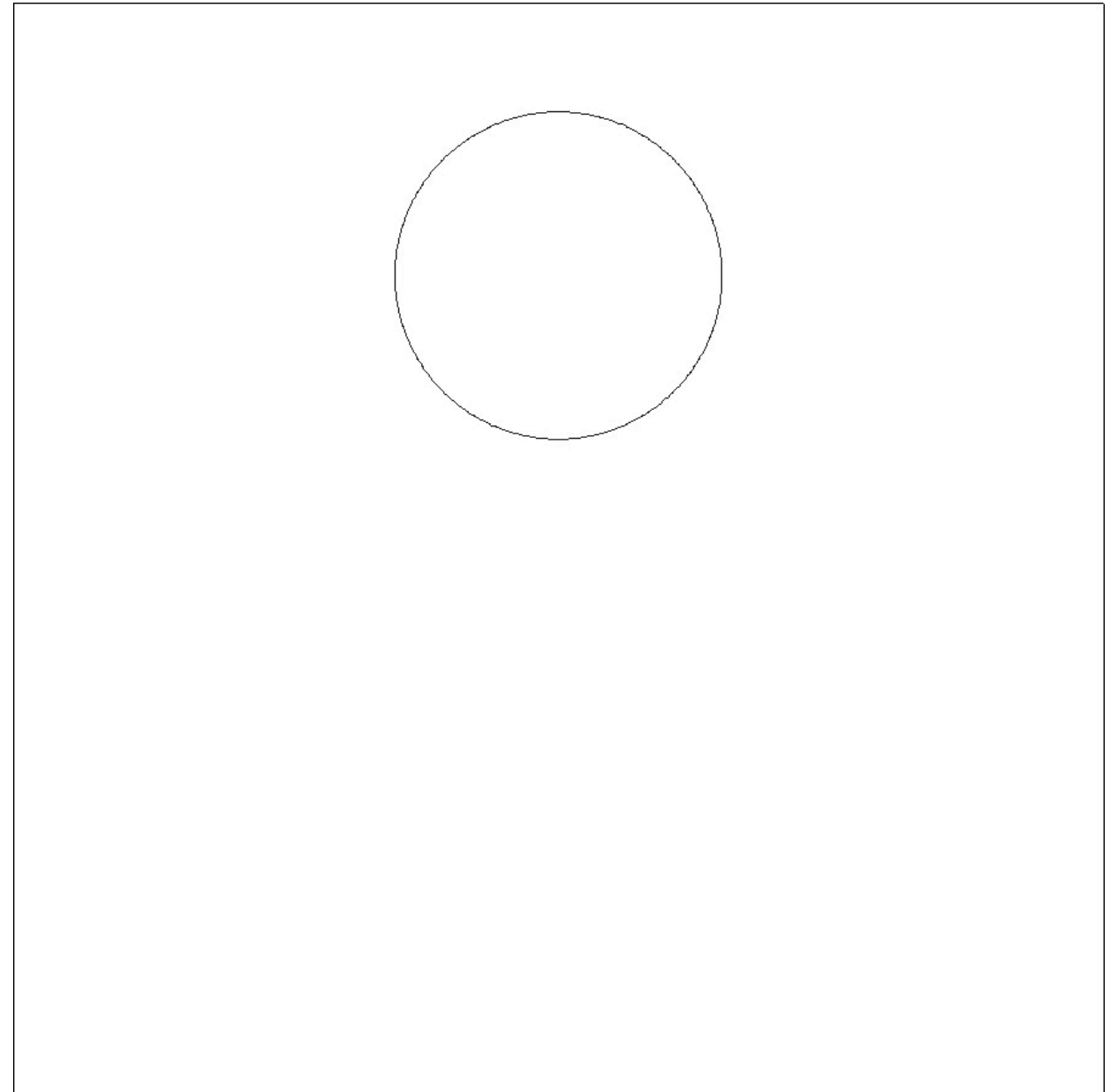
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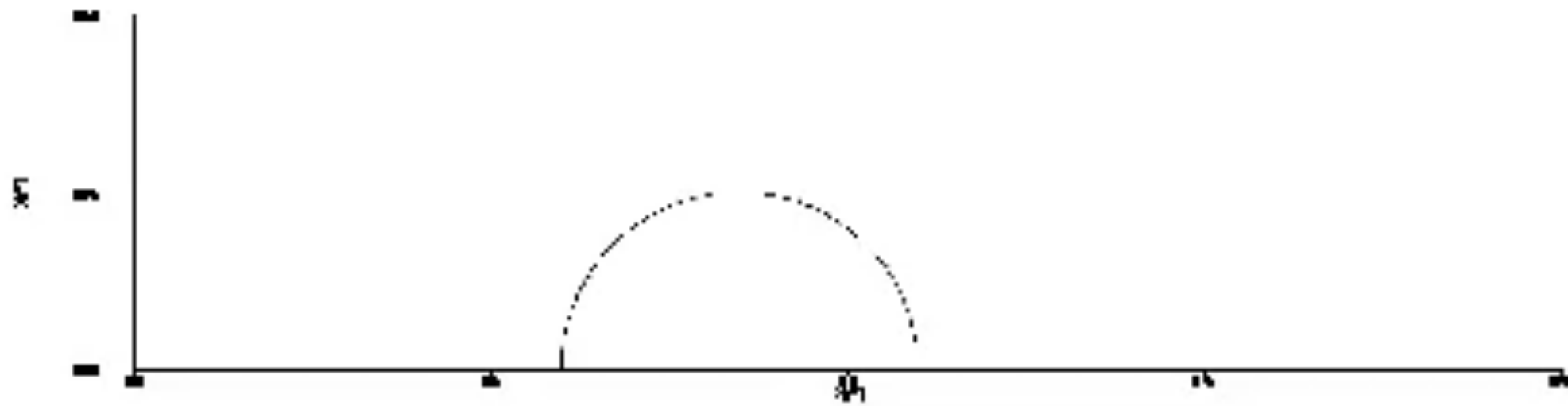
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- **General, robust, and easy to implement.**
- **SCLS in combination with adaptive wavelet-based mesh refinement**
- **Accurately advect corners, sharp angles, and resolve thin filaments, while preserving excellent conservation properties of the conservative level set method.**

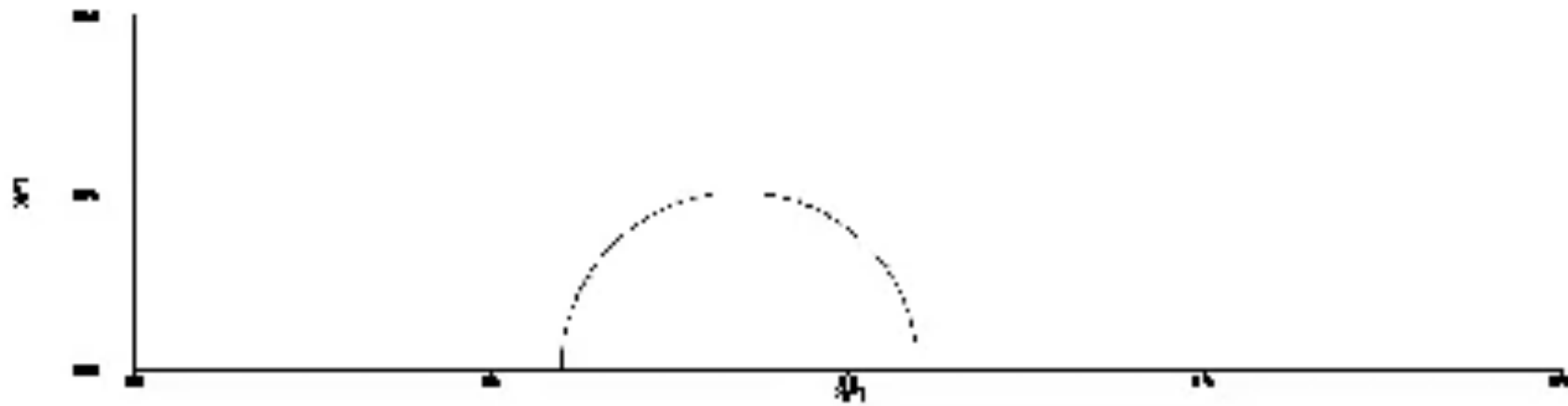
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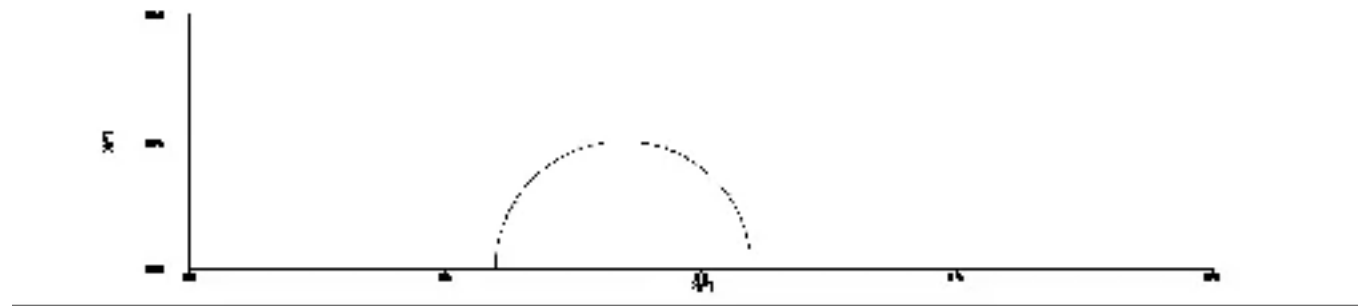
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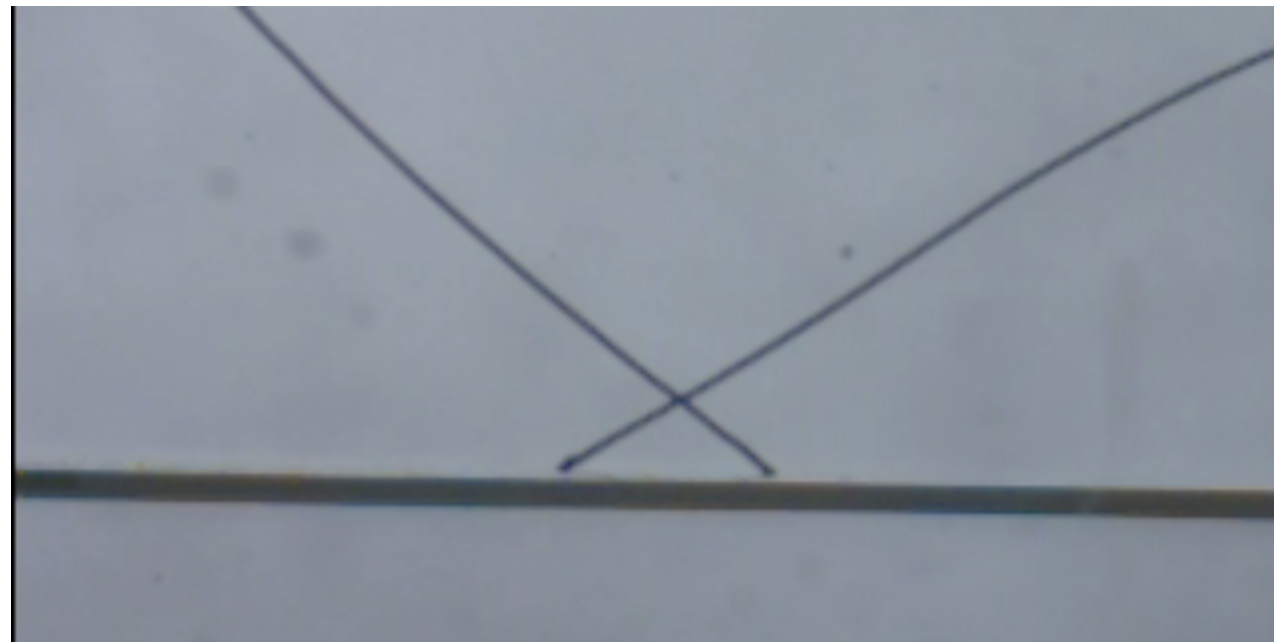


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