
On Adaptive High Resolution Shock Capturing techniques for Multi-Class Traffic Flow problems

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Outline

- Multi-Class **Lighthill-Whitham-Richards** traffic models
- HRSC numerical schemes for LWR Multi-Class Models:
Characteristic-based schemes versus component-wise schemes.
 - Adaptive Mesh Refinement for Finite-Difference High Resolution Shock Capturing Schemes

Lighthill-Whitham-Richards (LWR) traffic model

Scalar hyperbolic conservation law for vehicle density $\rho(x, t)$:

- The total number of vehicles is conserved
- The *flow speed* v (average of speed of cars) is a function of $\rho(x, t)$.

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x (\rho v(\rho)) = 0,$$

where $v'(\rho) < 0$ and $(\rho v(\rho))'' < 0$ (concave flux).

Multi-Class LWR models

- Generalizations to multiple classes of drivers: e.g.
 - slow and fast cars (**Zhang & Jin 02**)
 - more general *Multiple classes* of drivers, depending on maximal speed attained under free flow
[Wong & Wong 02, Benzoni-Cavage & Colombo 03]

Class i , $1 \leq i \leq m$ with individual density $\rho_i(x, t)$ evolves by LWR equation

$$\partial_t \rho_i + \partial_x \underbrace{(\rho_i v_i(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m))}_{Q_i(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m)} = 0,$$

$$U_t + Q(U)_x = 0 \quad U_i = \rho_i, \quad Q_i = \rho_i v_i.$$

- Hyperbolicity of system by studying the Jacobian matrix DQ :

$$DQ_{ij} = \frac{\partial Q_i}{\partial \rho_j} = \delta_{i,j} v_i + \rho_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \rho_j}$$

MCLWR models

Working Assumption: Drivers belonging to different classes adjust their speed to the local traffic density **in the same way**.

- $v_i(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m) = v_i(\rho)$, $\rho = \sum \rho_i$ the **total car density**
- **[Wong& Wong 02, Benzoni-Cavage & Colombo 03]** Assume $v_i(\rho) := \beta_i V(\rho)$, $V(\rho)$ as in LWR model and $\beta_1 < \dots < \beta_m$.

- $\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \rho_j} = v'_i(\rho) = \beta_i V'(\rho)$, then :

$$DQ = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial U} = \text{diag}(v_i) + \begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 v'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_m v'_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Only numerical evidence** of hyperbolic character of MCLWR system until **Zhang et al 2006!**. By working out $\det(DQ - \lambda I) = 0$ shows that, under appropriate conditions, eigenvalues of DQ are roots of

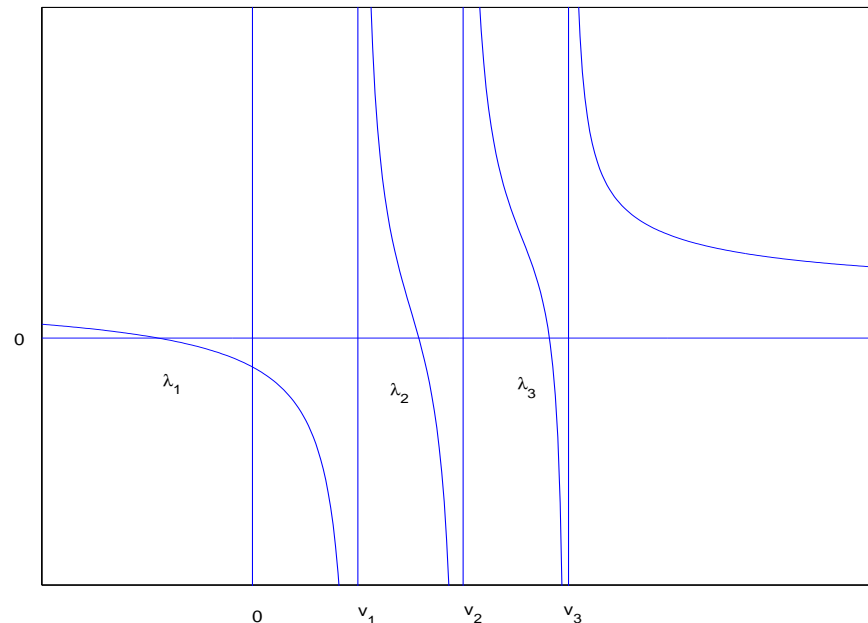
$$0 = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\rho_i v'_i(\rho)}{v_i(\rho) - \lambda} = R(\lambda)$$

Hyperbolicity of Multi-class LWR models

- Since $v'_i = \beta_i V'(\rho) < 0$, roots of $R(\lambda) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\rho_i v'_i(\rho)}{v_i(\rho) - \lambda}$ verify:

$$v_1(\rho) + \sum_{i=1}^m \rho_i v'_i(\rho) < \lambda_1 < v_1(\rho) < \lambda_2 < \dots < v_{m-1}(\rho) < \lambda_m < v_m(\rho)$$

- Strictly hyperbolic system**, with only one possibly negative eigenvalue λ_1 .



Eigen-structure of Multi-class LWR models

- Exploit structure of $DQ = D + ae^T$ to obtain its eigen-decomposition!
- **Theorem** Let $\rho_i \neq 0, \forall i$ and $0 < \beta_1 < \beta_2 < \dots < \beta_n$.
Then the eigenvalues of DQ are the real roots of the function

$$0 = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\rho_i v_i'(\rho)}{v_i(\rho) - \lambda} = R(\lambda)$$

- Right and Left (non-normalized) eigenvectors by

$$r_i(\lambda) = \frac{\rho_i v_i'(\rho)}{v_i(\rho) - \lambda}, \quad l_i(\lambda) = \frac{1}{v_i(\rho) - \lambda}.$$

Numerical schemes for Multi-class LWR models

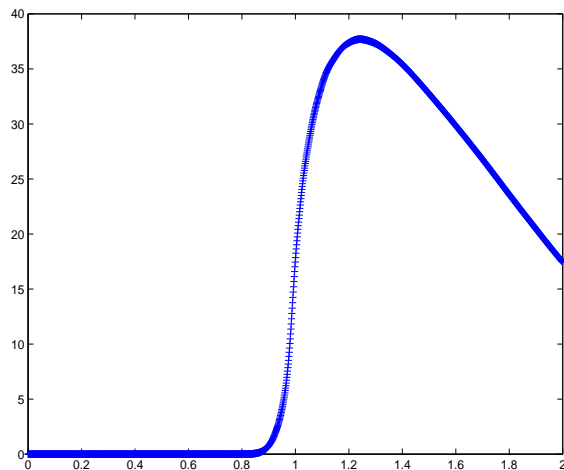
Conservative Numerical Schemes:
$$\frac{dU_i}{dt} + \frac{1}{\Delta x} (\bar{Q}_{i+1/2} - \bar{Q}_{i-1/2}) = 0$$

First Numerical Results [**Wong, Wong**]: Global Lax-Friedrichs (**GLF**)

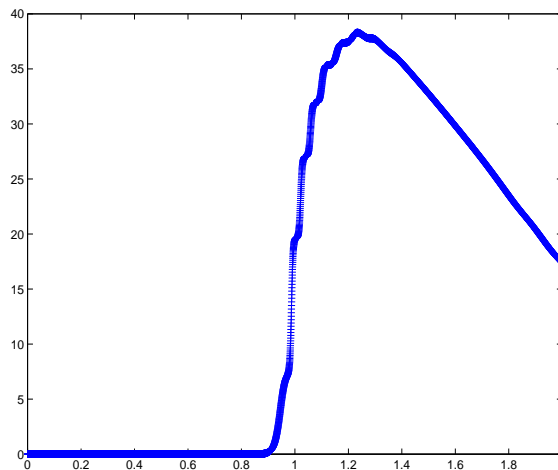
$$\bar{Q}_{j,i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_j + \alpha\rho_j) + \frac{1}{2}(Q_{j+1} - \alpha\rho_{j+1}), \quad \alpha = \max_{\rho} \{|v_1(\rho)|, \dots, |v_m(\rho)|\}$$

Qualitative behaviour OK **BUT Very Poor Resolution** (First order scheme)

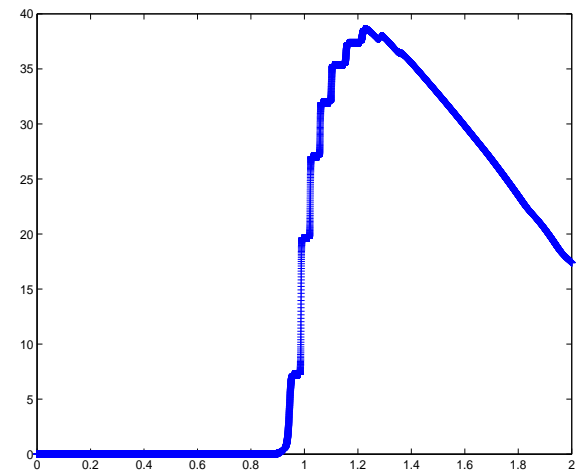
$N = 1600$



$N = 6400$



$N = 25600$



HRSC schemes for Multi-class LWR models

Shu-Osher HRSC framework:

Characteristic-based Local Lax FriedrichsLLF Numerical Flux function:

$$\bar{Q}_{i+1/2} = \sum_{k=1}^m r^k \left(\mathcal{R}^+(l^k \cdot \frac{Q + \alpha_k U}{2}; x_{i+1/2}) + \mathcal{R}^-(l^k \cdot \frac{Q - \alpha_k U}{2}; x_{i+1/2}) \right)$$

α_k estimate of the local k -th speed at the $i + 1/2$ interface.

● BUT Eigen-structure of $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial U}$ WAS NOT explicitly known,

[Wong et al] propose to use a component-wise WENO5GLF scheme:

$$\bar{Q}_{j,i+\frac{1}{2}} = \mathcal{R}^+(\frac{1}{2}(Q_j + \alpha \rho_j); x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) + \mathcal{R}^-(\frac{1}{2}(Q_j - \alpha \rho_j); x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}),$$

$\mathcal{R}^\pm \equiv \pm$ -biased WENO5-rec.

Adaptive WENO schemes

[Burger, Kozakevicius, JCP]

- Same GLF-WENO5 Component-wise flux splitting

$$\bar{Q}_{j,i+\frac{1}{2}} = \mathcal{R}^+\left(\frac{1}{2}(Q_j + \alpha\rho_j); x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{R}^-\left(\frac{1}{2}(Q_j - \alpha\rho_j); x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}\right),$$

$$\alpha = \max_{\rho} (|v_1(\rho) + \sum_{i=1}^m \rho_i v'_i(\rho)|, v_m(\rho));$$

- Multiresolution-based Sparse-Point-Representation (MR-SPR) of numerical solution.
- Adaptive techniques optimize computational resources, while maintaining the HRSC properties of the basic underlying scheme.

Characteristic-Based Shu-Osher WENO

BUT Eigen-structure of $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial U}$ can be obtained by

- numerically solving $R(\lambda) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\rho_k v'_k(\rho)}{v_k(\rho) - \lambda} = 0$.
- Given λ_k , Compute r^k, l^k (and normalize)

$$r_l^k = \frac{\rho_l v'_l(\rho)}{v_l(\rho) - \lambda_k}, \quad l_l^k = \frac{1}{v_l(\rho) - \lambda_k}.$$

Characteristic-based Local Lax Friedrichs **LLF** Numerical Flux function:

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$$\alpha_k = \max\{|\lambda_k(\rho_{i-1/2})|, |\lambda_k(\rho_{i+1/2})|, |\lambda_k(\rho_{i+3/2})|\}$$

Characteristic-based versus component-wise HRSC

● LLF-Characteristic-based WENO5

$$\bar{Q}_{i+1/2} = \sum_{k=1}^m r^k \left(\mathcal{R}^+ \left(l^k \cdot \frac{Q + \alpha_k U}{2}; x_{i+1/2} \right) + \mathcal{R}^- \left(l^k \cdot \frac{Q - \alpha_k U}{2}; x_{i+1/2} \right) \right)$$

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● GLF- Component-wise WENO5

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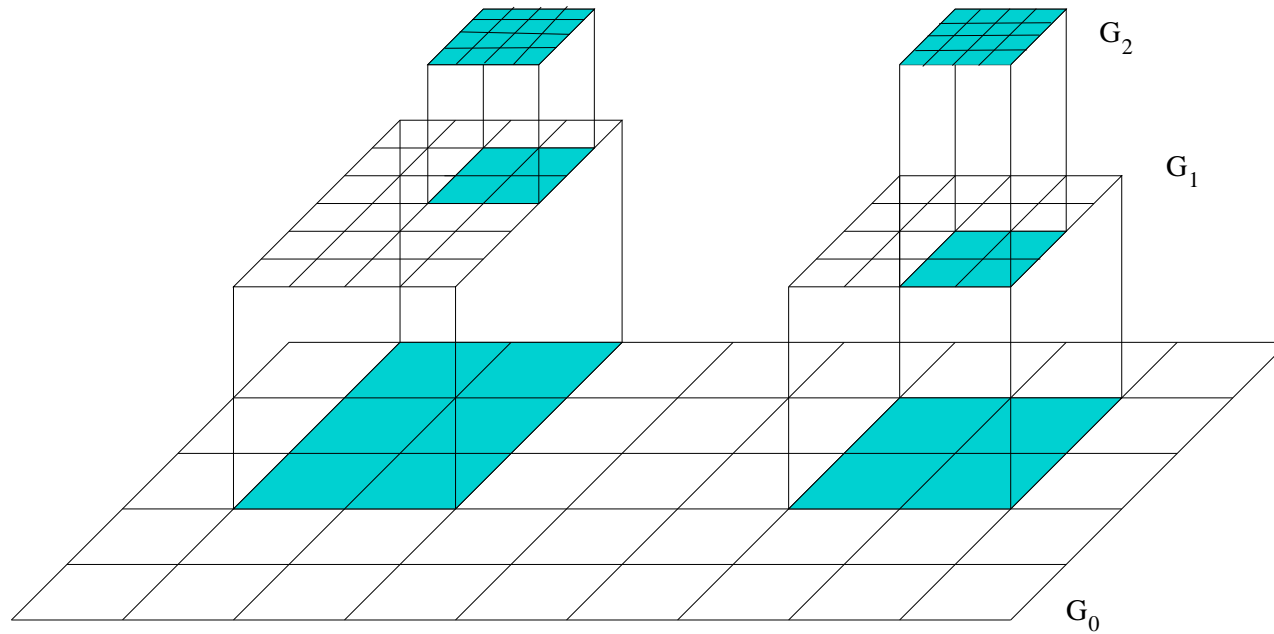
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● GLF-Component-wise PHM:

● $\mathcal{R}^{\pm} \equiv \pm$ -biased Piecewise hyperbolic reconstruction, [Marquina]

- Numerical studies using Adaptive Mesh Refinement code
AMR [Baeza,Mulet, IJNMF06] for basic Shu-Osher style scheme.

Memory Savings: AMR [Berger & Olinger]



- $G_l = \bigcup_{k=1}^{N_l} G_{l,k}$, $G_{l,k} = \prod_{i=1}^d [a_i, b_i]$, $h_l = h_{l-1}/r_l$
- Nestedness $G_L \subseteq G_{L-1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_0$
- $u_l = u_l(G_l)$, solution on grid G_l
- Patches at same level can overlap, but information in u_l is maintained coherently.

Main AMR-steps

- **Adaption process:**
 - **Flagging** (+ safety region) [Gradients (Quirk), Higher order interpolation (Baeza-Mulet)]
 - **Clustering:** Creations of rectangular patches
 - **Transfer** of solution between patches

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● Flow Integration and time refinement:

Each single patch is integrated 'in isolation', using its own time step, so that $\Delta t_l / h_l = \text{constant}$ (indep. of l)

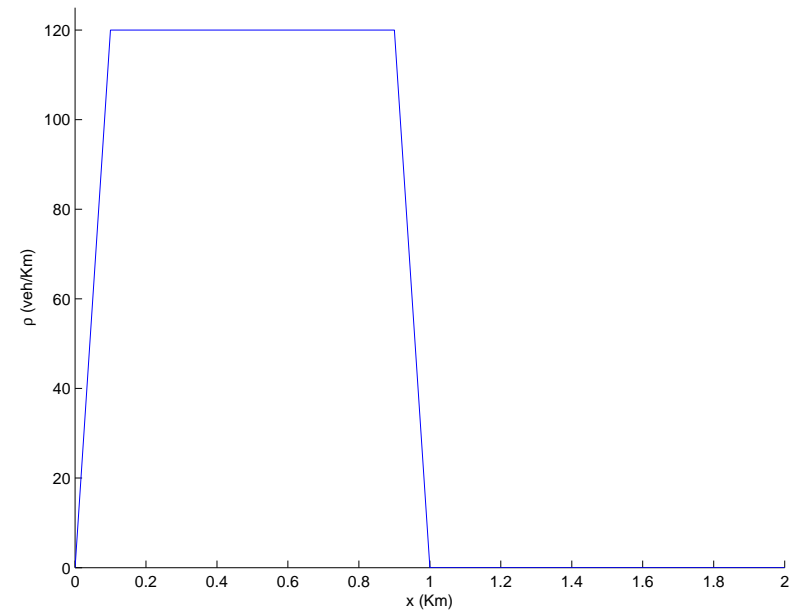
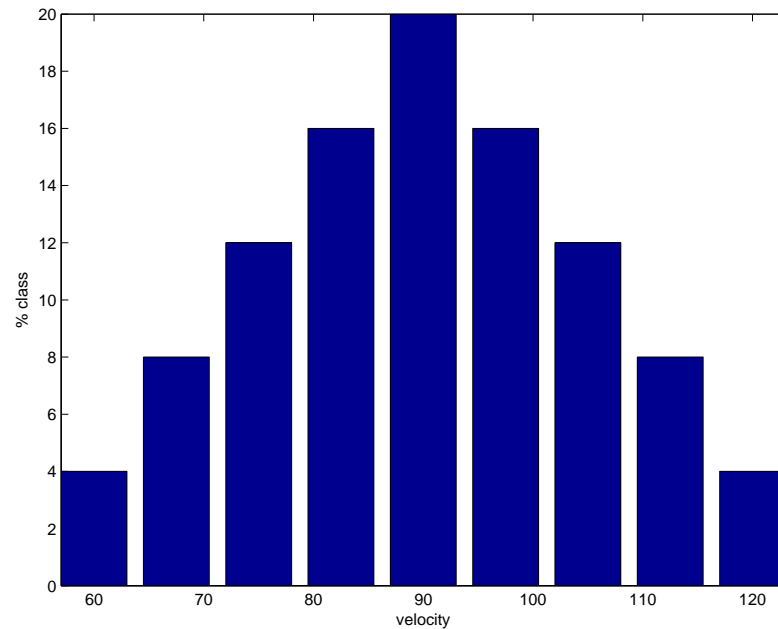
- **Treatment of patch boundaries** (Filling up the ghost cells)
- **Conservative update** (Flux Projection) (Sub-grid Transfer of Information. From fine to coarse).

AMR-based Convergence Studies

- Drake model for traffic velocity:

$$V(\rho) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^2}, \rho_0 = 50\text{veh/Km}$$

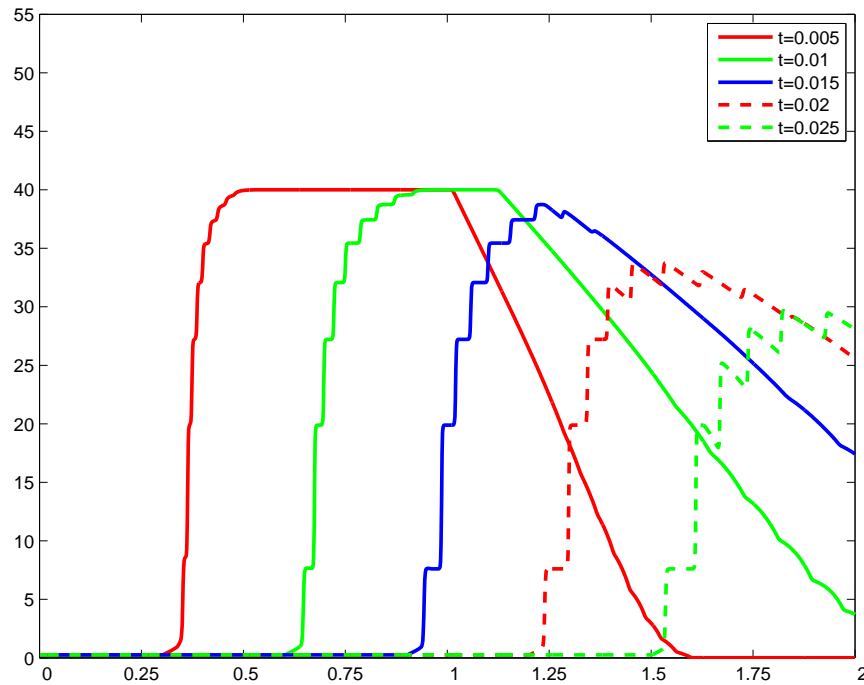
- Nine-class model with distribution and total density [Wong et al, JCP 06]:



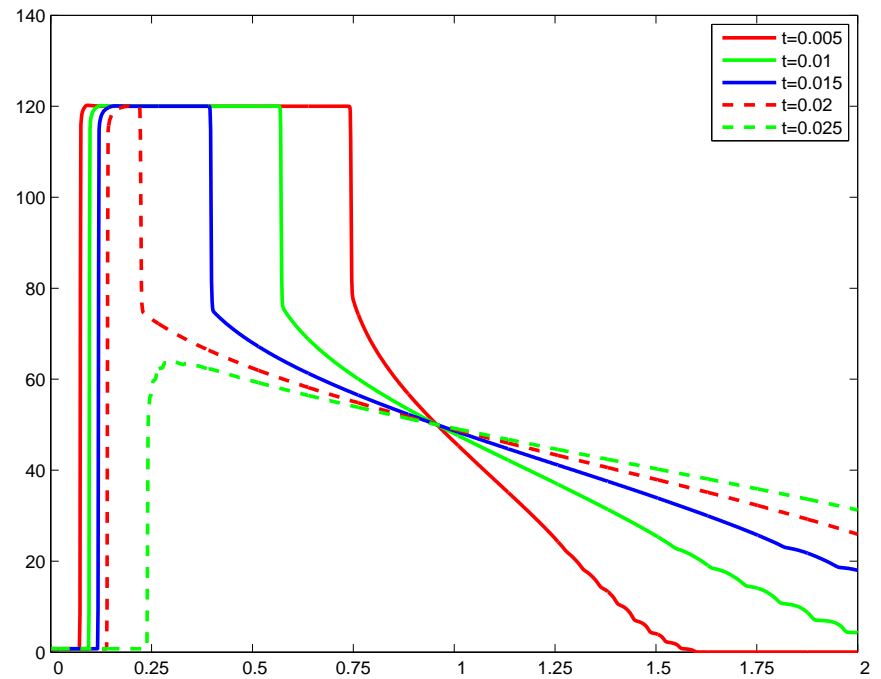
Non-Congested versus Congested traffic

Initial platoon with maximum density ρ_{max}

$\rho_{max} = 40 \text{ veh/Km}$

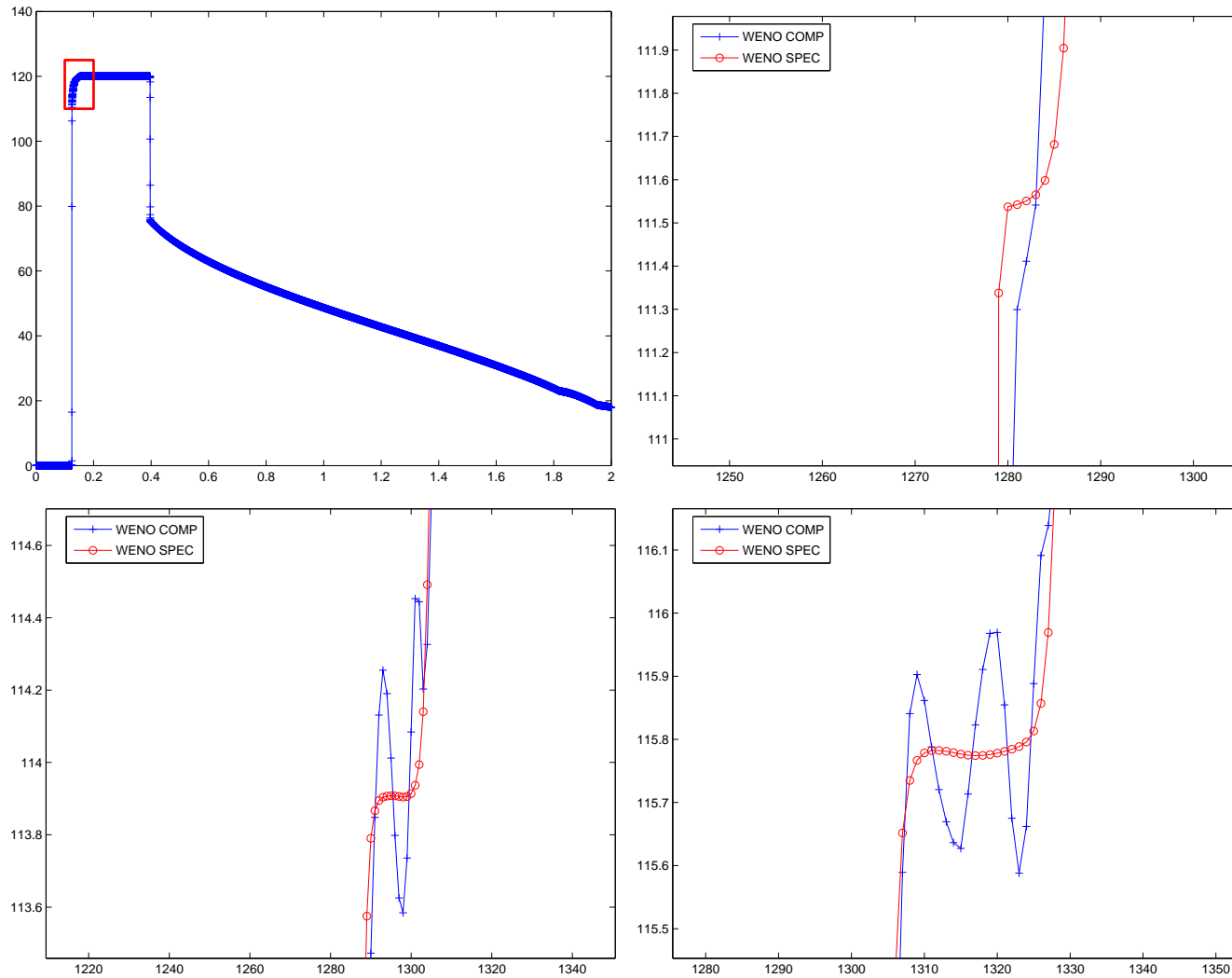


$\rho_{max} = 120 \text{ veh/Km}$

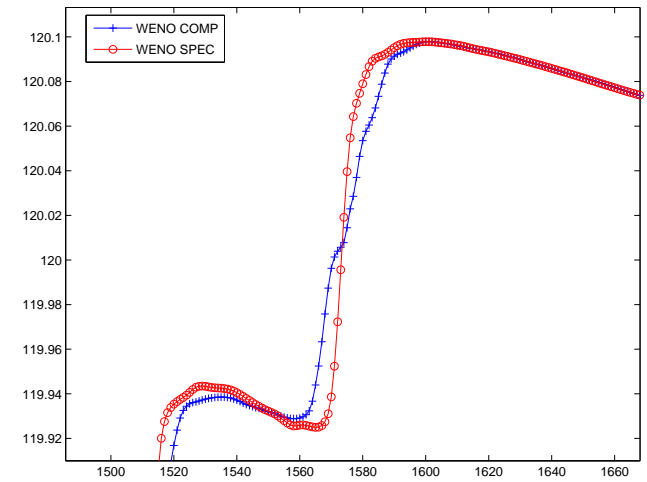
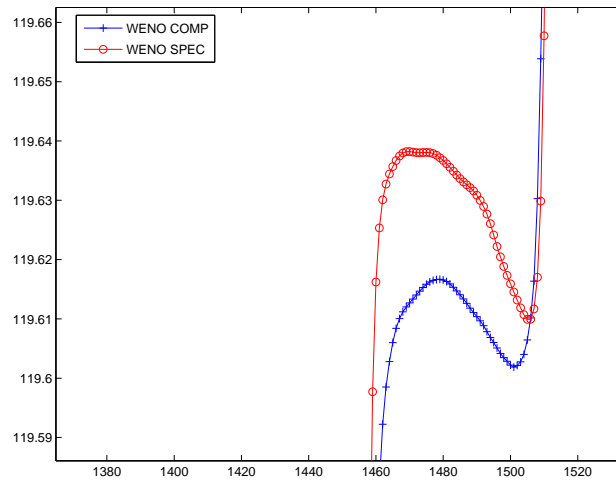
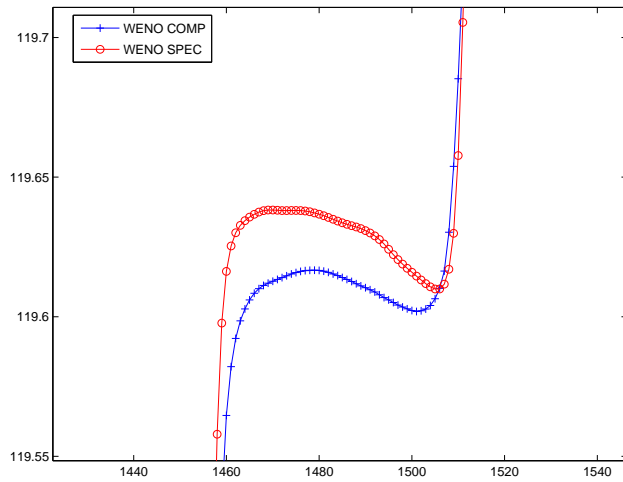
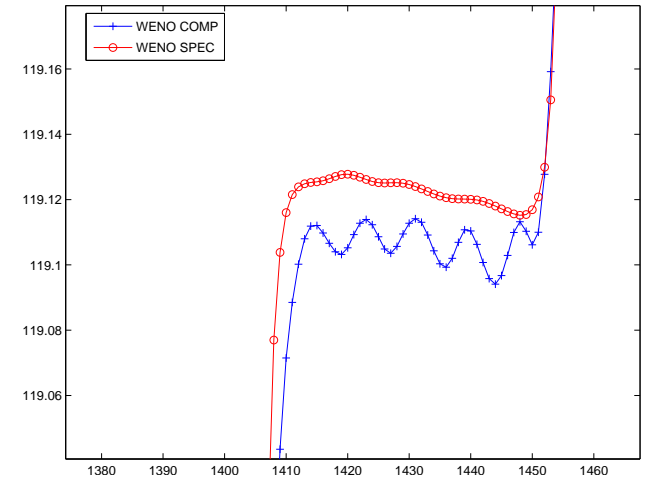
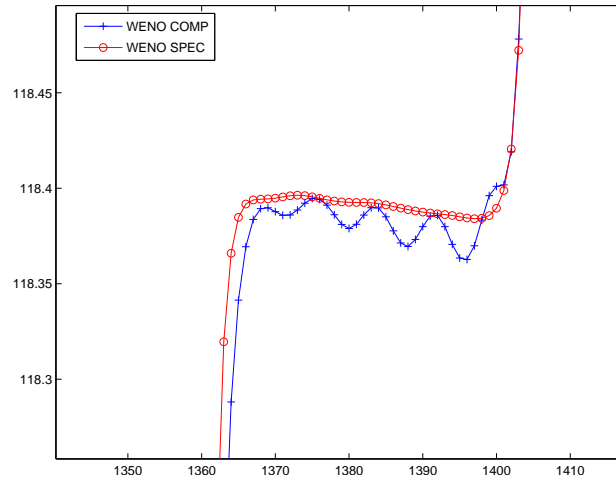
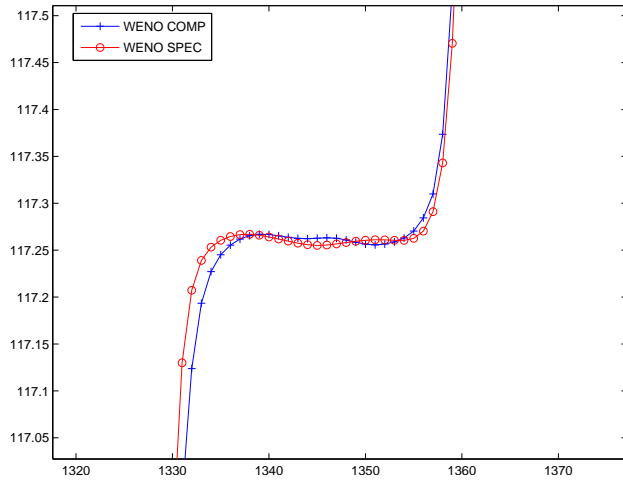


Congested traffic $\rho_{max} = 120 \text{ veh/Km}$

● $T = 0.015h = 54s$, $N_0 = 20$, Levels = 11 ($N = 20480$)

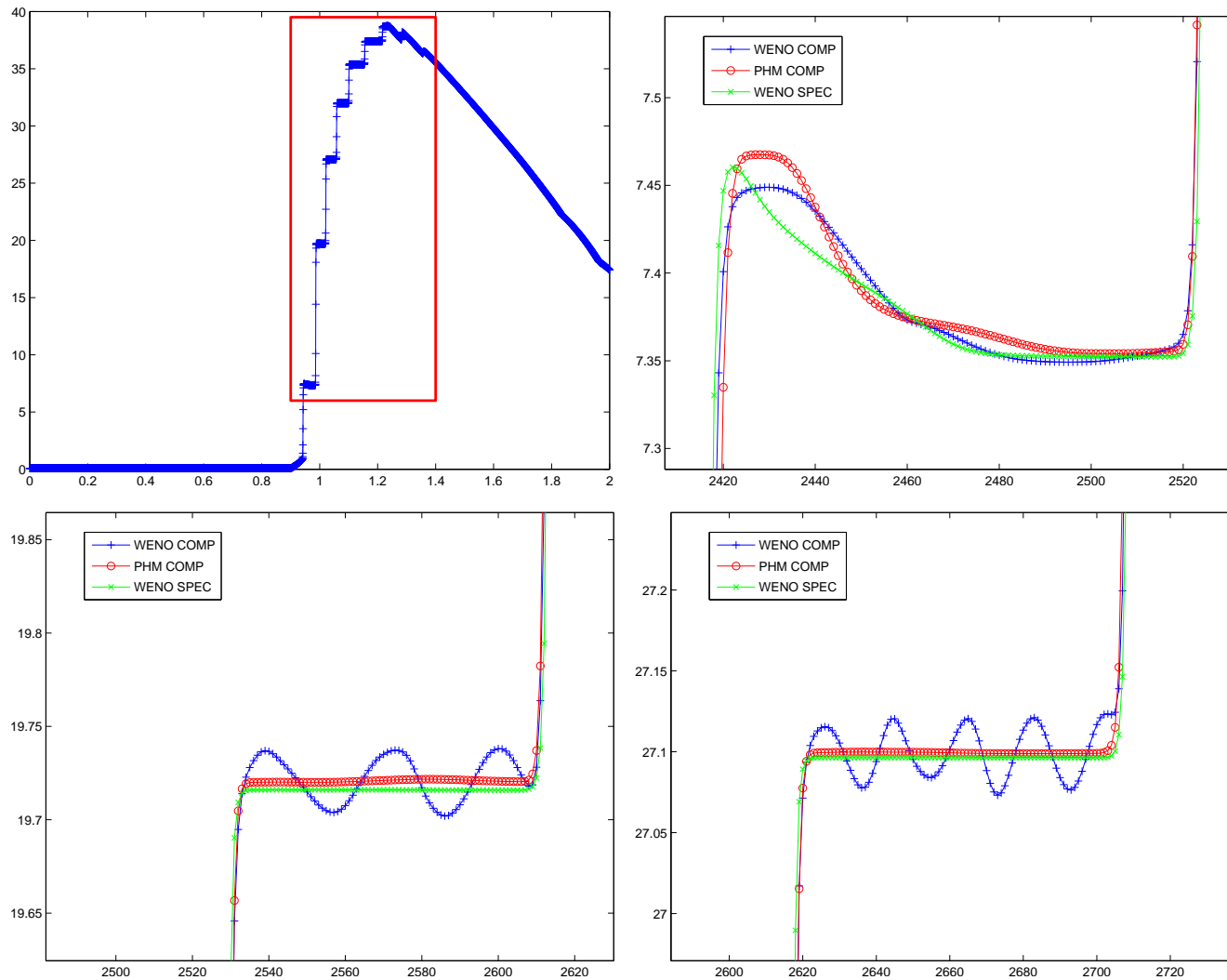


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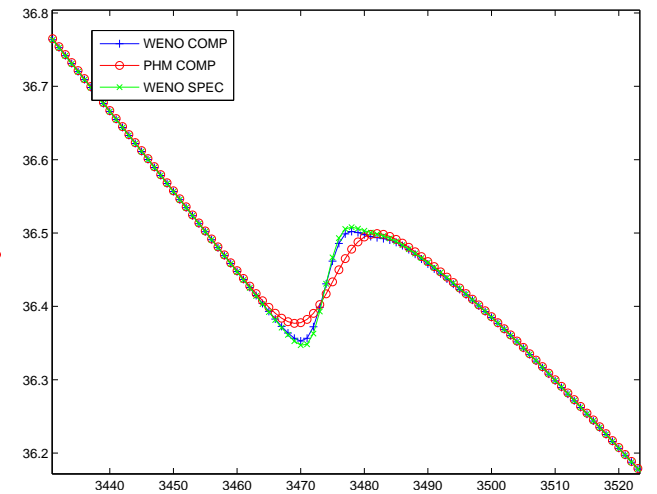
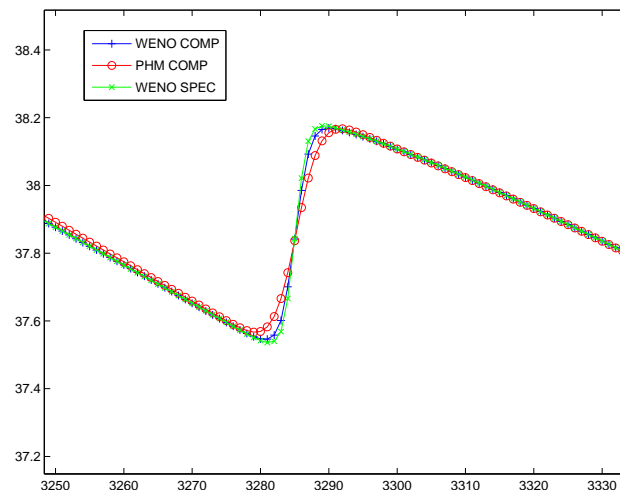
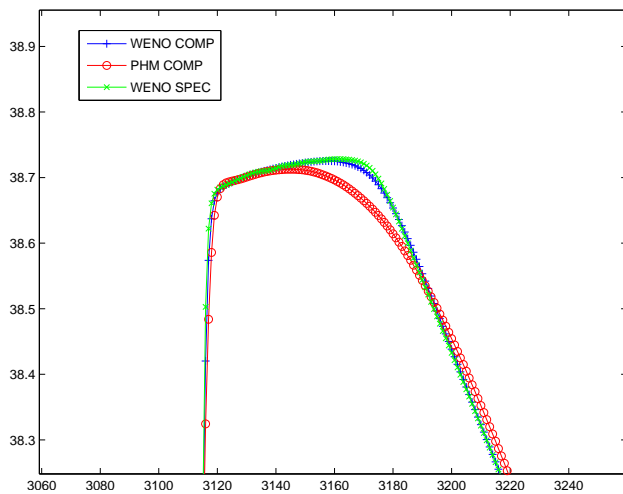
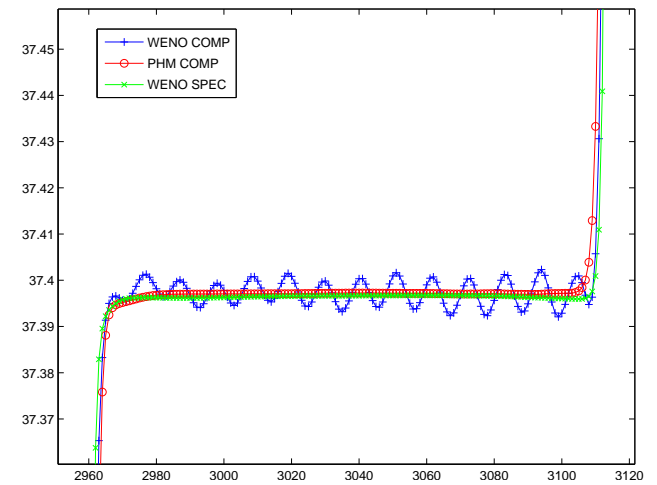
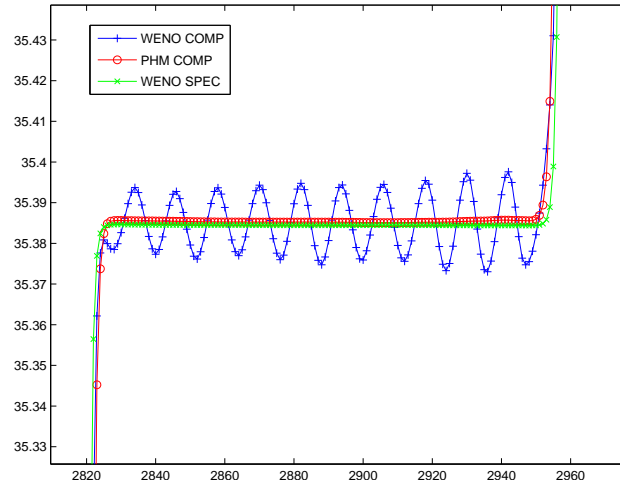
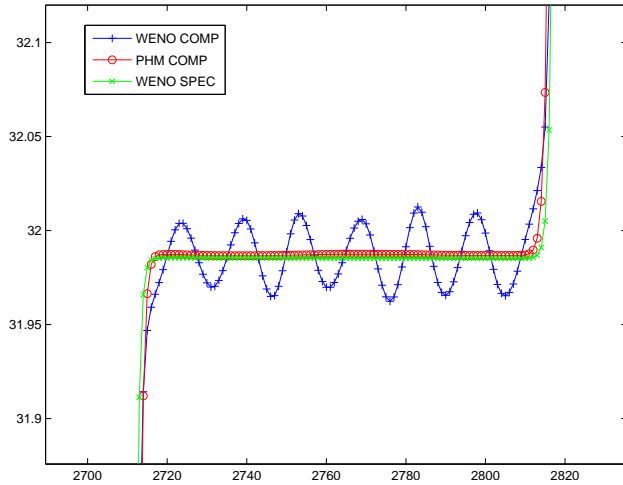
Non-congested traffic $\rho_{max} = 40 \text{ veh/Km}$

● $T = 0.015h = 54s$, $N_0 = 20$, levels = 9 ($N = 5120$)

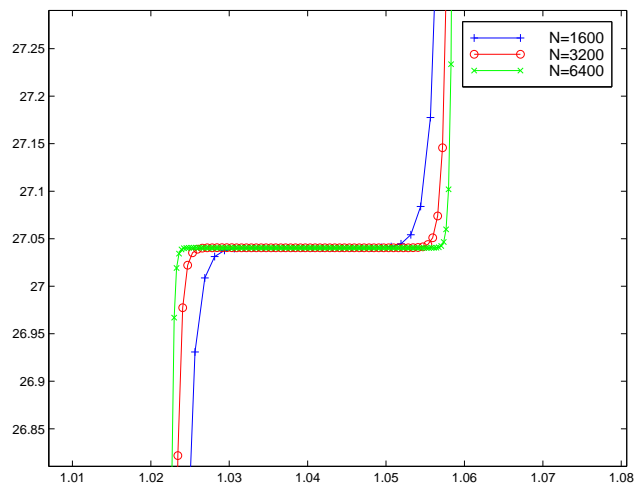


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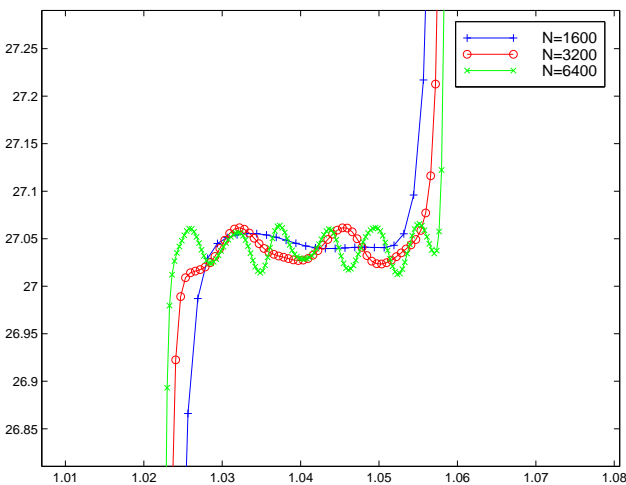
WENO5-GLF Comp-wise, PHM-GLF Comp-wise, WENO5-LLF Spec



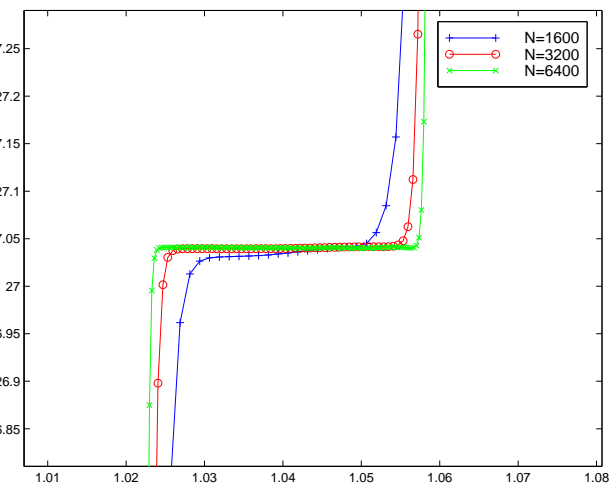
Convergence-Study: $N=1600$, $N=3200$, $N= 6400$



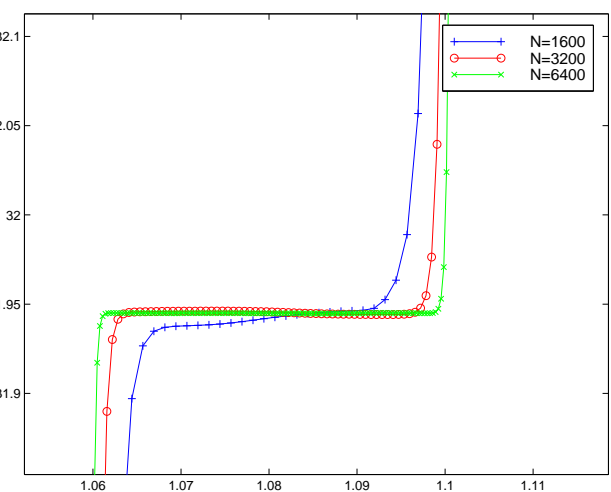
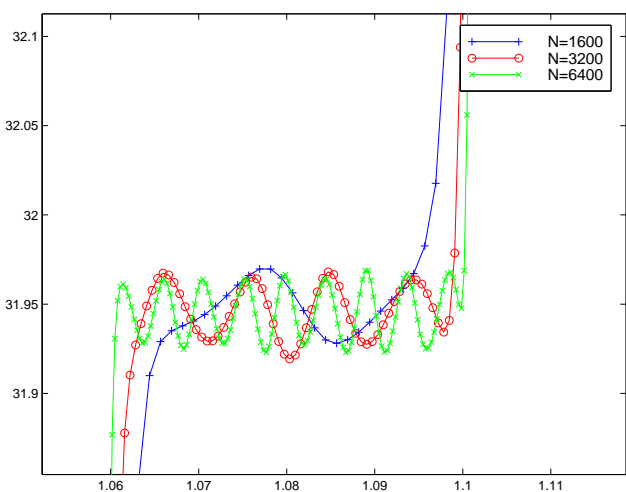
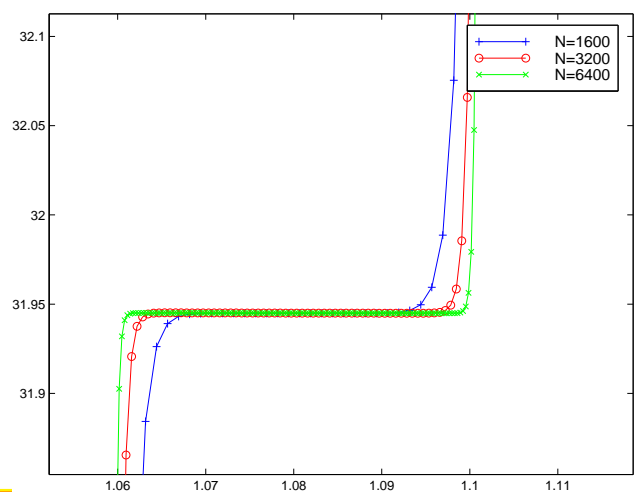
WENO SPEC



WENO COMP



PHM COMP



A Block-Spec Flux-Splitting

- Compute only the s first characteristic eigen-values/vectors, $\lambda_k, r^k, l^k, k = 1, \dots, s$ at each interface ($\rho_{i+1/2} = .5(\rho_i + \rho_{i+1})$)
- Incorporate only this spectral information into the numerical flux:

$$\bar{Q}_{i+1/2} = \sum_{k=1}^s r^k \left(\mathcal{R}^+(l^k \cdot \frac{Q + \alpha_k U}{2}; x_{i+1/2}) + \mathcal{R}^-(l^k \cdot \frac{Q - \alpha_k U}{2}; x_{i+1/2}) \right) \\ + \mathcal{R}^+ \left(\left(\sum_{k=s+1}^m r^k l^k \right) \frac{Q + \alpha U}{2}; x_{i+1/2} \right) + \mathcal{R}^- \left(\left(\sum_{k=s+1}^m r^k l^k \right) \frac{Q - \alpha U}{2}; x_{i+1/2} \right)$$

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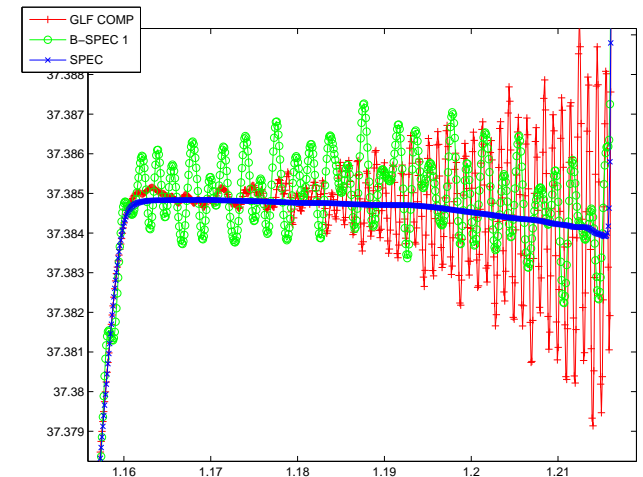
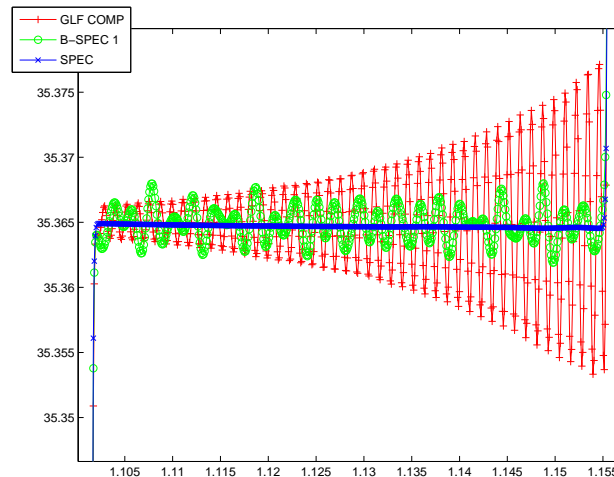
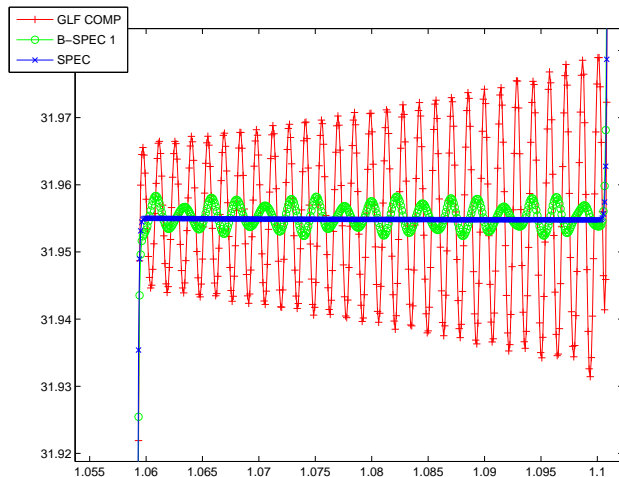
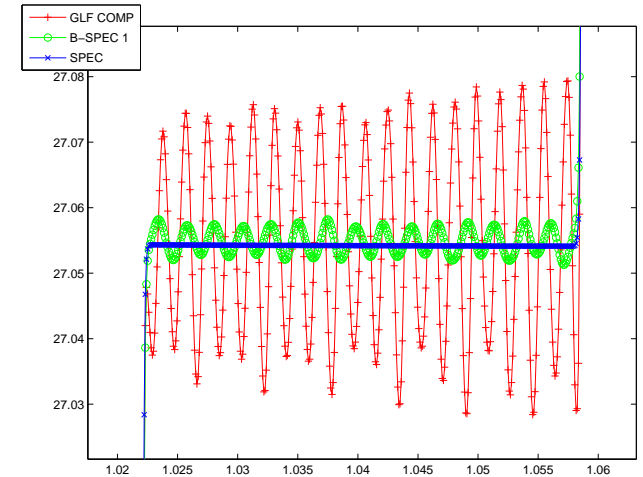
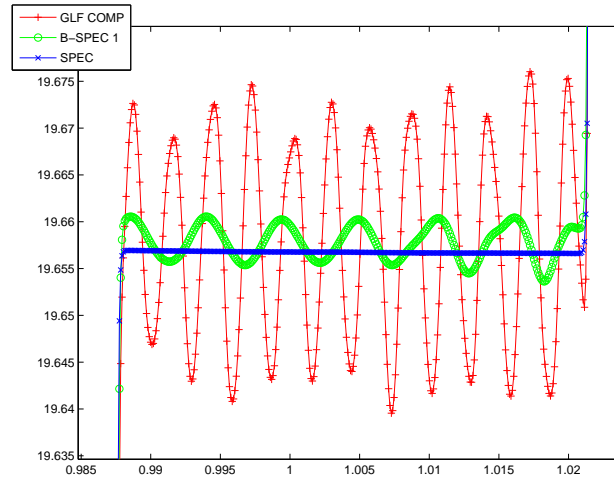
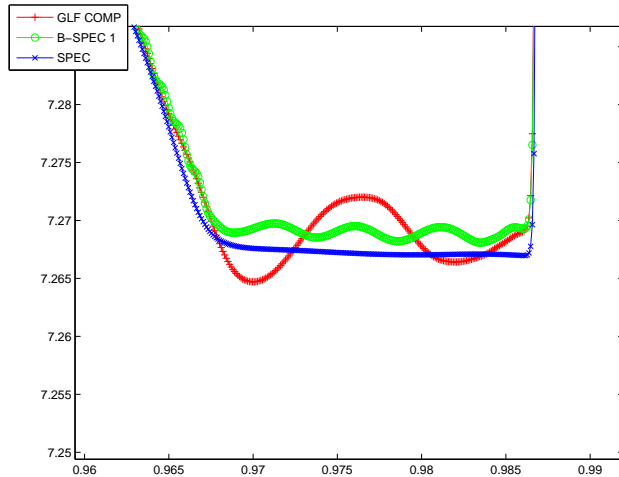
$$\alpha = \max\{\alpha_1, |v_m(\rho_{i-1/2})|, |v_m(\rho_{i+1/2})|, |v_m(\rho_{i+3/2})|\}$$

- $\sum_{k=s+1}^m r^k l^k$, projector onto 'unknown characteristic fields'

implemented as $I - \sum_{k=1}^s r^k l^k$

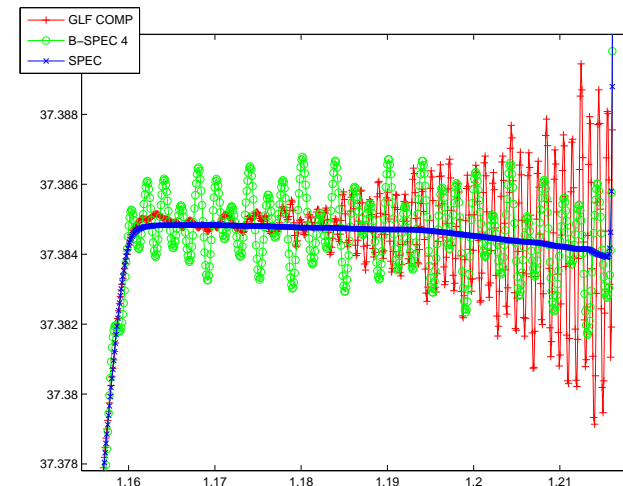
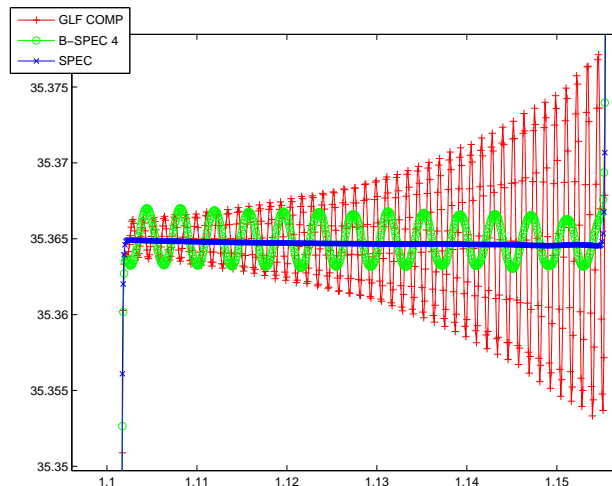
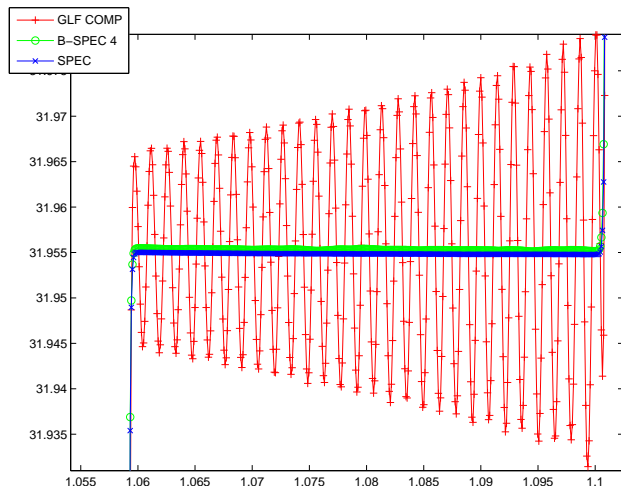
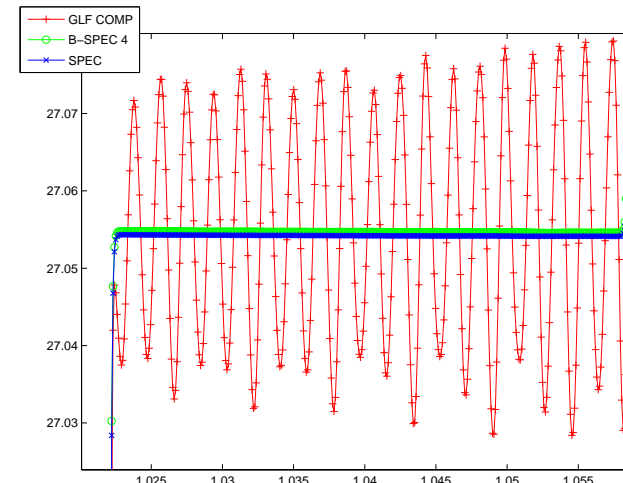
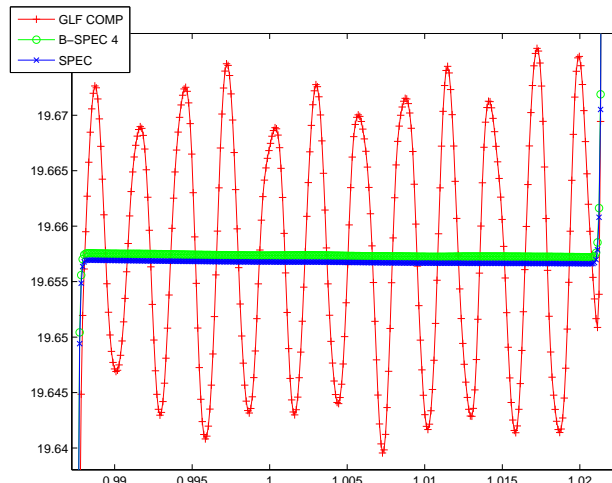
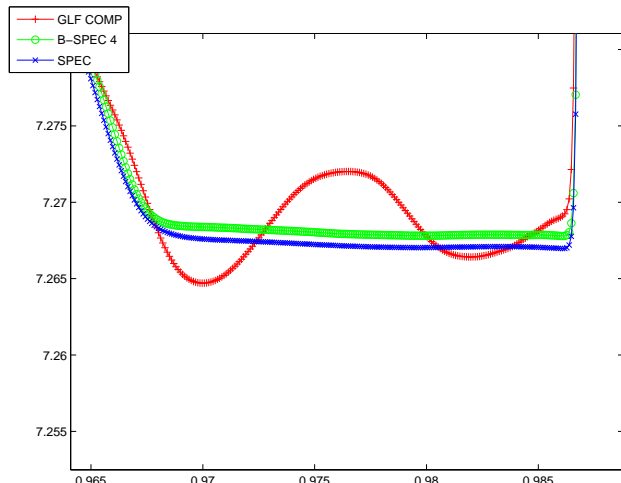
WENO5: GLF, Block-Spec- $s = 1$, Full-Spec

Non-congested traffic



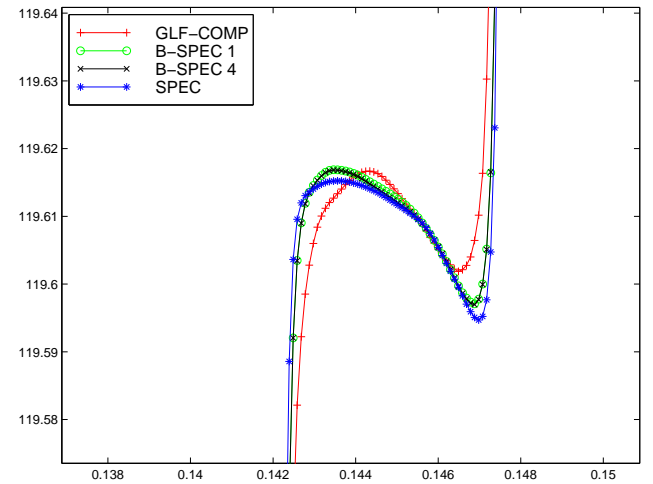
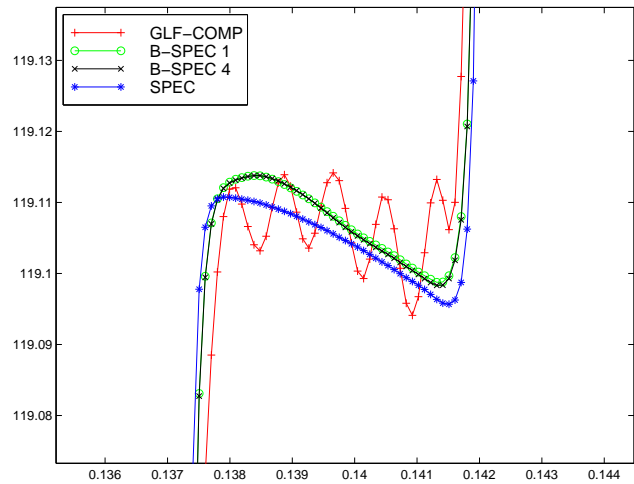
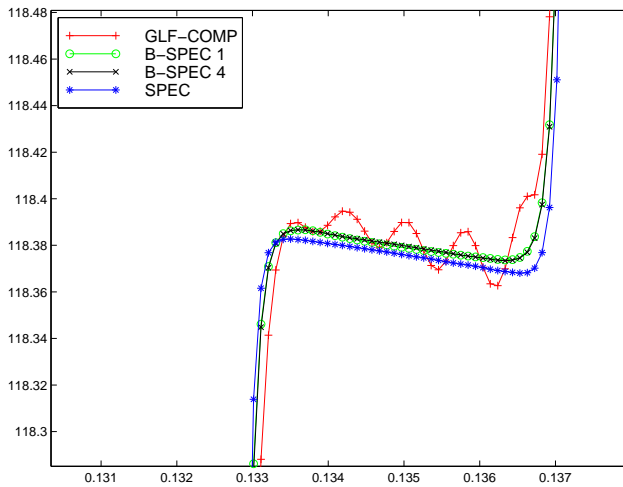
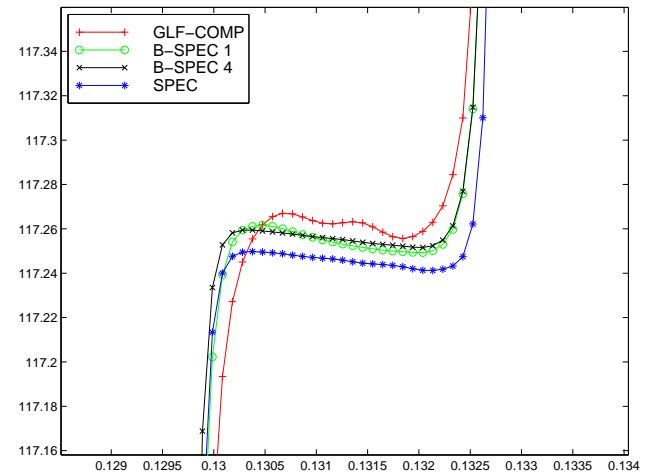
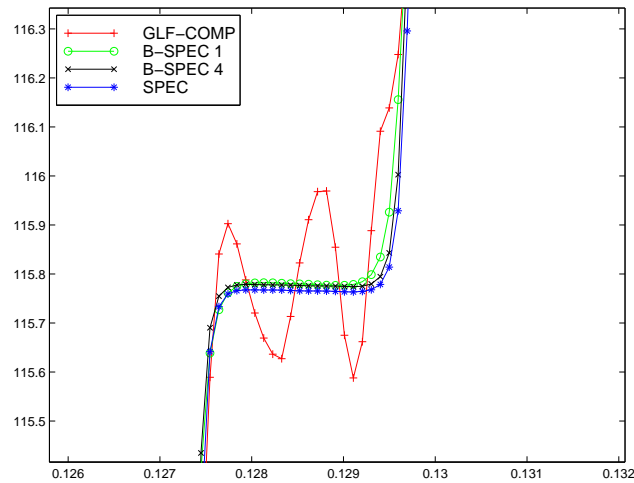
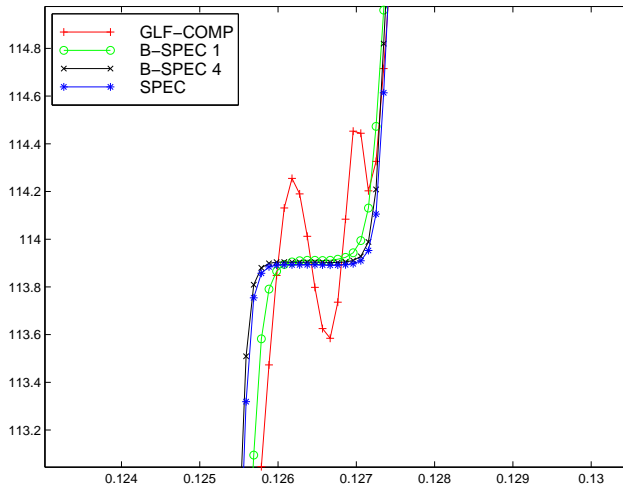
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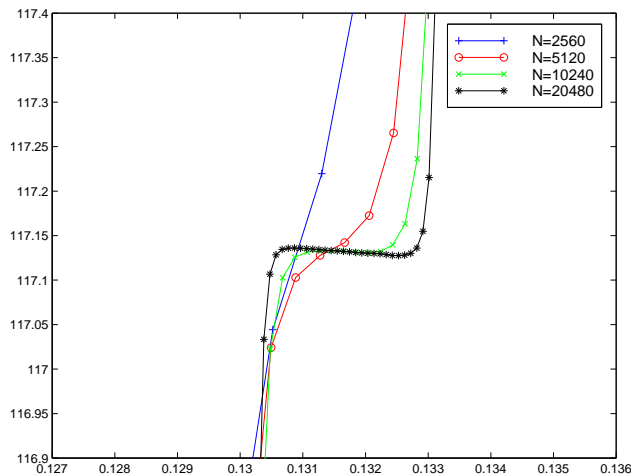
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Congested traffic

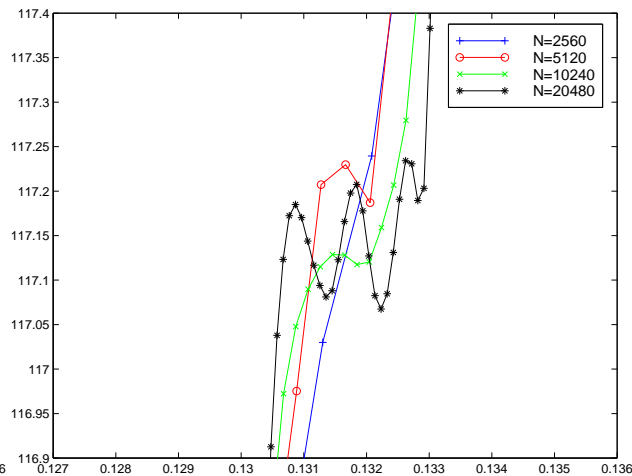


Convergence-Study: Congested case

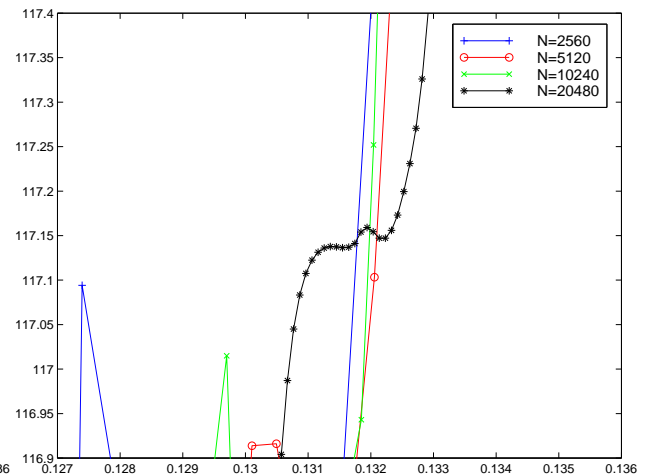
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WENO SPEC



WENO COMP



PHM COMP

Conclusions

- Componentwise ENO/WENO reconstructions, slightly oscillatory. Oscillations do not diminish with grid refinement.
- Block-Spectral decomposition can help to obtain Essentially Oscillation Free solutions using only a part of the spectral information.
- Non-polynomial reconstructions with a smaller interpolatory stencil, such as PHM, better option for component-wise HRSC schemes.
- Adaptive Codes are essential to run these numerical studies.