

ON THE CONVERGENCE OF A SHOCK CAPTURING DISCONTINUOUS GALERKIN METHOD FOR NONLINEAR HYPERBOLIC SYSTEMS OF CONSERVATION LAWS*

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Abstract. In this paper, we present a shock capturing discontinuous Galerkin method for nonlinear systems of conservation laws in several space dimensions and analyze its stability and convergence. The scheme is realized as a space-time formulation in terms of entropy variables using an entropy stable numerical flux. While being similar to the method proposed in [A. Hildebrand and S. Mishra, *Numer. Math.*, 126 (2014), pp. 103–151], our approach is new in that we do not use streamline diffusion stabilization. It is proved that an artificial viscosity-based nonlinear shock capturing mechanism is sufficient to ensure both entropy stability and entropy consistency, and consequently we establish convergence to an entropy measure-valued solution. The result is valid for general systems and for the arbitrary order discontinuous Galerkin method.

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1. Introduction. The class of nonlinear systems of conservation laws contains many important examples, such as the Euler equations and the Navier–Stokes equations. The general form of a nonlinear m -system of conservation laws in several space dimensions is

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_t + \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{u})_{x_k} = 0, \\ \mathbf{u}(x, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0(x), \end{cases}$$

where the unknowns $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(x, t): \mathbb{R}^d \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ are the *conserved variables* and $\mathbf{f}^k: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, $k = 1, \dots, d$ are (nonlinear) smooth *flux functions* with $d = 1, 2, 3$.

The initial condition $\mathbf{u}_0(x)$ is assumed to have compact support to avoid technicalities arising from boundary conditions. Using this assumption together with finite speed of propagation in hyperbolic problems, one may assume that the solution $\mathbf{u}(x, t)$ has compact support for any finite time t and vanishes for $|x|$ large.

It is well known that (1.1) can produce shocks and discontinuities in finite time; hence the solution cannot be interpreted in the classical sense. This motivates one to introduce the concept of *weak solution* which is defined as a bounded function \mathbf{u} that satisfies (1.1) in a distributional sense, i.e.,

$$(1.2) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle \mathbf{u}, \varphi_t \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{u}), \varphi_{x_k} \rangle dx dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle \mathbf{u}_0(x), \varphi(x, 0) \rangle dx = 0$$

for all functions $\varphi \in (C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d \times [0, \infty)))^m$. Here the notation $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$ denotes the inner

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product between vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in the state space \mathbb{R}^m . Also we will use the notation $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ as the notation for the inner product of vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} in the physical space \mathbb{R}^d .

In order to single out the physically admissible solutions we require solution \mathbf{u} to satisfy the *entropy inequality condition*

$$(1.3) \quad U(\mathbf{u})_t + \sum_{k=1}^d F^k(\mathbf{u})_{x_k} \leq 0$$

in the distributional sense for all entropy flux $U(\mathbf{u}): \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and associated entropy flux functions $F^k(\mathbf{u}): \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $k = 1, \dots, d$. Here U is convex and (U, F) satisfy the compatibility condition $\partial_{\mathbf{u}} F^k(\mathbf{u}) = \partial_{\mathbf{u}} U(\mathbf{u}) \partial_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{u})$. By defining *entropy variables* as $\mathbf{v} = (U_{\mathbf{u}})^T$ one can recast (1.1) in symmetric form as

$$\mathbf{u}_v \mathbf{v}_t + \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{f}_v^k \mathbf{v}_{x_k} = 0$$

such that the matrix \mathbf{u}_v is symmetric positive definite and the matrices \mathbf{f}_v^k are symmetric.

In general, the best a priori estimate one can get for the solutions of (1.1) is the so-called *entropy stability*. This originates from the entropy inequality condition (1.3) by integrating it over the spatial domain and considering an arbitrary time T combined with compact support assumption which lead to the following *global entropy inequality*

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} U(\mathbf{u}) \, dx \leq 0 \implies \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} U(\mathbf{u}(x, T)) \, dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} U(\mathbf{u}(x, 0)) \, dx.$$

This property can be viewed as the nonlinear extension of L_2 stability for systems of conservation laws and is desirable to be kept for the approximate solution \mathbf{u}^h as well. This is the motivation behind *entropy stable schemes*, which were originally introduced by Tadmor [30]. In a finite volume framework, these methods have been extended to higher order essentially nonoscillatory (ENO) schemes very recently [10, 12]. In the finite element context, in [18] entropy stability is constructed by adding streamline diffusion (SD) in a space-time formulation. Later formulations with SD and with/without a shock capturing (SC) term are introduced in [21, 22, 28, 29]. The extension to discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods is presented in [20].

The above-mentioned methods are designed to satisfy the entropy stability condition; however, this is not sufficient to conclude any sort of convergence for the numerical scheme in the general case due to lack of enough a priori information on the solution. Trying to obtain some sort of convergence leads to an even weaker notion of solution, the so-called *entropy measure-valued* (emv) solutions. These types of solutions, introduced by DiPerna [7], are more general than weak solutions and permit a meaningful convergence theory for numerical schemes approximating (1.1). We discuss this concept later in section 2.

For scalar equations, the emv solution contains the entropy weak solution as a special case (when the initial data is a Dirac measure, see DiPerna [7]). Using this theory, convergence to entropy weak solutions of scalar conservation laws has been established for both continuous and discontinuous SD finite element methods [20, 21, 22, 28, 29]. In the case of systems, convergence to an emv solution has been proved very recently in [10] for TeCNO schemes in the finite volume context and in [17] for an SCS-DG method.

On the other hand, despite the apparent need to include SD terms to control the residual in these schemes, ideas questioning the necessity and even adequacy of linear stabilization (e.g., SD) have gained momentum [25, 9, 14, 13]. Furthermore, while SD stabilization is often included in the analysis of DG schemes, it is not commonly found in practical implementations. (There is a plethora of examples, e.g., [15, 26, 4].) Recently, Nazarov in [25] suggested a stripped-down version of the SCSD continuous Galerkin method of [22] for scalar equations using linear (continuous) finite elements. The formulation of [25] disregards the SD term and utilizes a residual based SC as the only stabilization mechanism while it is proved that the approximate solution still converges to the entropy weak solution.

In the present paper we propose a class of DG schemes for (1.1), using only a suitable nonlinear SC term for stabilization. We will show that our method is entropy stable and satisfies the global entropy inequality (1.4). The main goal of this paper is to prove that uniform L_∞ bounded solutions of the suggested scheme converge to an emv solution of (1.1) for an arbitrary (fixed) order of polynomial approximation.

The framework presented in [17], where convergence of an SCSD-DG method was proved, is the skeleton of this work. In the present paper we extend the result of [17] not only by proving that we can obtain adequate residual control without using SD stabilization, but we also use refined estimates, resulting in an SC operator using nonlinear viscosity that is higher order small compared to [17]. This results in a less diffusive method.

Section 2 gives a brief review on Young measures and measured-value (mv) solutions which will later be used in the convergence proof. The space-time DG framework is introduced in section 3. This section also includes the explicit forms of the numerical diffusion and SC operators. In section 4 the fully discrete entropy inequality and a bounded variation (BV) estimate are obtained and section 5 includes the proof of convergence to an emv solution. Furthermore, in section 6 we provide some numerical examples to show the applicability of the method. Appendix A contains the proof of Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3.

2. emv solutions. The notion of mv solution is a generalization of the standard distributional (weak) solution of (1.1). We follow [7] and define an mv solution of (1.1) as a measurable map μ from the physical domain $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+$ to the space of nonnegative measures with unit mass over the state domain \mathbb{R}^m ,

$$\mu: y = (x, t) \in (\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+) \mapsto \mu_y \in \text{Prob}(\mathbb{R}^m),$$

which satisfies (1.1) in the following sense,

$$(2.1) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \langle \langle \sigma, \mu_y \rangle_E, \varphi_t \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \langle f^k(\sigma), \mu_y \rangle_E, \varphi_{x_k} \rangle dx dt = 0$$

for all test functions $\varphi \in (C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+))^m$. Here y and σ denote the generic variables in the space-time domain $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+$, and state domain \mathbb{R}^m , respectively. Moreover, the notation $\langle g(\sigma), \mu_y \rangle_E$ denotes the expectation of function g with respect to the probability measure μ_y as

$$\langle \mu_y, g(\sigma) \rangle_E := \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} g(\sigma) d\mu_y, \quad g: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m.$$

Since the system (1.1) has an entropy extension with entropy pair (U, F) , $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ is called an admissible (or entropy) mv solution if

$$(2.2) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \varphi_t \langle U(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \rangle_E + \sum_{k=1}^d \varphi_{x_k} \langle F^k(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \rangle_E dx dt \geq 0$$

for all $0 \leq \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+)$. The linearity of (2.1) and (2.2) with respect to $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ helps prove convergence of a bounded sequence of solutions produced by a vanishing viscosity method, which is a significant problem for traditional weak solutions to nonlinear systems. The following *Young’s theorem* provides such an appropriate interpretation of convergence:

THEOREM 2.1 (Theorem 2.1 of [28]). *Let \mathbf{u}_j be a uniformly bounded sequence in $L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+)$, i.e., for some constant C ,*

$$\|\mathbf{u}_j\|_{L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+)} \leq C, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Then there exists a subsequence (again denoted) \mathbf{u}_j and a family of measurable probability measures $\boldsymbol{\mu}_y \in \text{Prob}(\mathbb{R}^m)$, such that $\text{supp}\boldsymbol{\mu}_y$ is contained in $\{y \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+, |y| \leq C\}$ and the L_∞ weak- limit,*

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}_j(\cdot)) \overset{*}{\rightharpoonup} \bar{\mathbf{g}}(\cdot),$$

exists for all continuous functions \mathbf{g} and for almost all points $y \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}_+$, where $\bar{\mathbf{g}} := \langle \boldsymbol{\mu}_y, \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) \rangle_E$.

3. Space-time SC-DG formulation. Here, we introduce the shock capturing discontinuous Galerkin (SC-DG) method for nonlinear systems of conservation laws (1.1). A space-time framework, similar to that used in [17, 21, 22, 28, 29], is proposed for discretization of the problem. We introduce the space-time triangulation, the approximation space, and, in particular, the structure of the SC term.

3.1. Space-time triangulation. Adopting the compact support assumption for the solution in a finite time interval $[0, T]$, we consider the space domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $\text{supp}\mathbf{u}(\cdot, t) \subset \Omega$ at each time $t \in [0, T]$. In order to discretize (1.1), let $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T$ be a sequence representing discrete time steps, and let $I_n = [t_n, t_{n+1})$ be the corresponding time intervals. We also denote the space-time domain and space-time slabs by $\Omega_T := \Omega \times [0, T]$ and $S_n := \Omega \times I_n$, respectively. Moreover $d' := \dim(\Omega_T)$ represents the space-time dimension and clearly $d' = d + 1$.

We consider a subdivision $\mathcal{T}_n = \{\kappa\}$ of S_n into disjoint convex¹ finite elements. Without loss of generality, let us assume that

$$h = \sup_{\kappa, n} h_\kappa < \infty, \quad \kappa \in \mathcal{T}_n, n \in \{0, \dots, N - 1\},$$

where h_κ is the exterior diameter of a space-time cell κ . The interior diameter of an element (the diameter of the inscribed circle) is denoted by ρ_κ . We assume the following quasi-uniformity condition

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{h}{\rho_\kappa} \leq \sigma \quad \forall \kappa \in \mathcal{T}_n$$

¹The necessity of the convexity requirement becomes clear in the approximation estimates of the H^1 -projection (5.1).

with $\sigma > 0$ independent of h . The perimeter of κ is defined by $p_\kappa = \sum_{e \in \partial\kappa} |e|$, where $|e|$ is the d -measure of the face. The uniformity assumption (3.1) implies that (cf. [5])

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{1}{\mu} \leq \frac{p_\kappa h_\kappa}{|\kappa|} \leq \mu \quad \forall \kappa \in \mathcal{T}_n$$

for some $\mu > 0$ independent of h . Typically, κ might be a tetrahedron or a prism defined as $K \times I_n$, where K corresponds to a spatial triangulation on \mathbb{R}^d . Seeking easier notation, from now on we present our formulation for prisms. Note, however, that there is no restriction to extend this framework to tetrahedra or tilted prisms (cf. [20] for more discussion).

Temporal trace values are denoted by $\mathbf{w}_{n,\pm}^h(x) := \mathbf{w}^h(x, t_\pm^n)$ and to define spatial trace quantities, if \mathbf{n} is the outward normal to the spatial interface ∂K , we set $\mathbf{w}_{K,\pm}(x, t) := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{w}(x \pm \epsilon \mathbf{n}, t)$ as the associated trace values on an interface. Also we introduce the notation $[[\mathbf{w}]]_\pm^\pm := \mathbf{w}_+ - \mathbf{w}_-$ for the (spatial or temporal) jump values on the cell interface.

3.2. Variational formulation. The finite dimensional space for the approximate solution is defined as

$$\mathcal{V}_n^q = \{\mathbf{w} \in (L_2(S_n))^m : \mathbf{w}|_\kappa \in (\mathbb{P}_q(\kappa))^m, \forall \kappa \in \mathcal{T}_n\}, \quad n = 0, \dots, N-1,$$

where $\mathbb{P}_q(\kappa)$ is the space of polynomials of at most degree q on a domain $\kappa \subset \mathbb{R}^d$. We also denote $\mathcal{V}^q = \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \mathcal{V}_n^q$ as the approximation space in the global space-time domain. The approximating functions are considered discontinuous both in space and time.

The proposed SC-DG method has the following quasi-linear (nonlinear in first argument and linear in the second one) variational form in terms of entropy variables: Find $\mathbf{v}^h \in \mathcal{V}^q$ such that

$$(3.3) \quad \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{w}^h) = \mathcal{B}_{DG}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{w}^h) + \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{w}^h) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w}^h \in \mathcal{V}^q.$$

Note that we realize the functions in terms of entropy variables \mathbf{v}^h which are the basic unknowns and the dependent conservative variables are derived via mapping $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h)$. In our notation, this mapping is sometimes omitted, e.g., $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}^h)$ is written rather than $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h))$.

The scheme (3.3) can be seen as the stripped-down version of the method suggested in [17], by disregarding the SD term which is usually added to control the residual.

In the following we explain the details and explicit form of terms in (3.3).

3.3. DG quasi-linear form. Using the test function $\mathbf{w}^h \in \mathcal{V}^q$ to penalize the interior residual of the cell, jumps of temporal values and spatial flux, and applying integration by parts leads to

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{DG}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{w}^h) = & - \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h), \mathbf{w}_t^h \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h), \mathbf{w}_{x_k}^h \rangle \, dx \, dt \\ & + \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_K \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n+1,-}^h), \mathbf{w}_{n+1,-}^h \rangle - \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n,-}^h), \mathbf{w}_{n,+}^h \rangle \, dx \\ & + \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} \langle \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}^h), \mathbf{w}_{K,-}^h \rangle \, ds \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Also we assume that the initial data $\mathbf{v}_{0,-}^h = \mathbf{v}^h(x, 0_-)$ are obtained from a suitable projection (e.g., L_2 -projection or the proposed H^1 -projection in (5.1)) of the initial data $\mathbf{v}_0(x) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{u}_0(x))$.

Here, $\hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}^h) := \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h, \mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h; \mathbf{n})$ denotes the (spatial) numerical flux function, a vector-valued function of two interface states $\mathbf{v}_{K,\pm}^h$ and the interface normal \mathbf{n} , which is considered to be consistent and conservative. Also this numerical flux is supposed to be entropy stable, i.e., following [17], we consider the spatial numerical flux in the viscosity form as

$$(3.5) \quad \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}^h) = \mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}^h) - \frac{1}{2}D(\mathbf{v}^h)(\mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h - \mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h),$$

where $\mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}^h) := \mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h, \mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h; \mathbf{n})$ denotes the *entropy conservative flux* and $D(\mathbf{v}^h) := D(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h, \mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h; \mathbf{n})$ is the required numerical diffusion matrix to obtain the entropy stability.

For comprehensive discussion on entropy conservative and entropy stable fluxes we refer to the seminal paper by Tadmor [31], and just mention that for a general system of conservation law $\mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}^h)$ can be written in the form

$$(3.6) \quad \mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}^h) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}^h(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, d\theta,$$

where $\mathbf{v}^h(\theta)$ is a straight line parameterization connecting the two states $\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h$ and $\mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h$ as

$$(3.7) \quad \mathbf{v}^h(\theta) = \mathbf{v}_-^h + \theta[\mathbf{v}^h]_-^+.$$

Unfortunately, (3.6) does not necessarily have a closed form and is hard to calculate. We refer to [31] for discussions on the practical method for obtaining entropy conservative flux. Also we refer to [12] for explicit formulation of entropy conservative fluxes for Euler and shallow water equations.

Moreover, we set D as a symmetric positive definite matrix with a uniform spectral bound, i.e., there exist positive constants c and C independent of \mathbf{v}^h such that

$$(3.8) \quad 0 < c\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \leq \langle \mathbf{w}, D(\mathbf{v}^h)\mathbf{w} \rangle \leq C\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \neq 0.$$

In order to determine the diffusion operator explicitly we follow [17] and define

$$D(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h, \mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h; \mathbf{n}) = \tilde{R}_n P(\Lambda_n) \tilde{R}_n^T.$$

Here, Λ_n and \tilde{R}_n are eigenvalue and (scaled) eigenvector matrices of the Jacobian matrix $(\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n})_{\mathbf{u}}$ in the normal direction \mathbf{n} , calculated at an averaged state between $\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h$ and $\mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h$ (e.g., Roe average or arithmetic average). The scaled matrix of right eigenvectors is given as $\tilde{R}_n = R_n T$ such that $\tilde{R}_n \tilde{R}_n^T = \mathbf{u}_v$. Here, matrix P is a nonnegative matrix that can be constructed as Roe-type or Rusanov-type [12]:

- Roe-type diffusion operator:

$$P(\Lambda_n) = \text{diag}(|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_m|);$$

- Rusanov-type diffusion operator:

$$P(\Lambda_n) = \max(|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_m|) I_{m \times m},$$

where $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ are the eigenvalues of $(\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{n})_{\mathbf{u}}$.

It is worth mentioning that, by C (or c) we will denote a positive constant independent of h , not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

3.4. SC operator. In order to stabilize the scheme in the presence of discontinuities we need to add a form of artificial viscosity. We expect this operator to add a significant stabilization effect close to discontinuities, while only a little viscosity is added in smooth regions. In this formulation, the residual of the finite element solution is used as a sensor for the presence of discontinuities.

Here we follow [2, 17] in introducing the SC operator as

$$(3.9) \quad \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{w}^h) = \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \varepsilon_\kappa \left(\langle \mathbf{w}_t^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_\nu \mathbf{v}_t^h \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{w}_{x_k}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_\nu \mathbf{v}_{x_k} \rangle \right) dx dt,$$

where the viscosity ε_κ is defined as

$$(3.10) \quad \varepsilon_\kappa = \frac{h^{\alpha_1} C_1^{SC} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa + h^{\alpha_2} C_2^{SC} \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa}{\overline{\nabla \mathbf{v}}_\kappa + h^\theta}.$$

Here, C_1^{SC} and C_2^{SC} are two positive constants and h^θ is added as the regularization parameter with parameter θ such that

$$(3.11) \quad \theta \geq \max \left\{ \frac{d'}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1}{2}, \frac{d'}{2} - \alpha_2 \right\}.$$

Also the viscosity strength parameters α_1 and α_2 are chosen such that

$$(3.12) \quad \alpha_1 \in (0, 2), \quad \alpha_2 > 0.$$

The rationale behind these choices for θ , α_1 , and α_2 are discussed later in section 5. It should be noted that the scaling of the viscosity coefficient (3.12) is less diffusive, compared to ranges $\alpha_1 \in (0, 1)$ and $\alpha_2 \in (0, 1/2)$ in [17], due to refined estimates used in section 5.

We denote the local residual and space-time gradient as

$$(3.13) \quad \text{Res} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h)_t + \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h)_{x_k},$$

$$(3.14) \quad \nabla \mathbf{v} = (\nabla_t \mathbf{v}, \nabla_{x_1} \mathbf{v}, \dots, \nabla_{x_d} \mathbf{v})^T$$

and we have the following definitions for the weighted cell and boundary residuals, and the weighted gradient, respectively,

$$(3.15) \quad \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa^2 := \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \text{Res}, \mathbf{v}_\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t)) \text{Res} \rangle dx dt,$$

$$(3.16) \quad \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa^2 := \int_K \left[\|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h_n)\|_-^2 dx + \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} \left(|\mathbf{f}^x(\mathbf{v}^h) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}^h_{K,-}) \cdot \mathbf{n}|^2 + \left| \frac{1}{2} D(\mathbf{v}^h) \llbracket \mathbf{v}^h_K \rrbracket_-^+ \right|^2 \right) ds dt, \right]$$

$$(3.17) \quad \overline{\nabla \mathbf{v}}_\kappa^2 := \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \mathbf{v}_t^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_\nu \mathbf{v}_t^h \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{v}_{x_k}^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_\nu \mathbf{v}_{x_k}^h \rangle dx dt.$$

Here by $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathbf{v}}$ we denote $\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{v}}(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n,k})$, and $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n,K}$ is the cell average defined as

$$(3.18) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\kappa} := \frac{1}{|\kappa|} \int_{I_n} \int_K \mathbf{v}^h(x, t) \, dx \, dt.$$

Now the proposed SC-DG method (3.3) is well-defined. The rest of the paper is basically devoted to the proofs of entropy stability and convergence to the emv solution for (3.3).

4. Energy analysis. We first note that the approximate solution of (3.3) satisfies the global entropy inequality in the fully discrete sense. Then, by adopting some additional assumptions, we show a weak BV-estimate.

4.1. Entropy stability. The entropy stability result is given as the following theorem.

THEOREM 4.1 (Theorem 3.1 of [17]). *Consider the system of conservation laws (1.1), equipped with a strictly convex entropy function U and corresponding entropy flux functions $F^k, k = 1, \dots, d$. Furthermore, assume that the exact and approximate solutions have compact support inside the spatial domain Ω . Then, the SC-DG scheme (3.3) approximating (1.1) has the following properties:*

- (i) *The scheme (3.3) is conservative in the following sense: If $\mathbf{u}^h = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h)$ is the approximate solution, then*

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^N)) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^0)) \, dx.$$

- (ii) *The scheme (3.3) is entropy stable, i.e., the approximate solution \mathbf{u}^h admits the following fully discrete global entropy bounds,*

$$\int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{u}^*(t_-^0)) \, dx \leq \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^N))) \, dx \leq \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^0))) \, dx,$$

where $\mathbf{u}^*(t_-^0)$ is called the minimum total entropy state of the projected initial data and is defined as

$$\mathbf{u}^*(t_-^0) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^0)) \, dx.$$

Proof. (Sketch) The proof of this theorem is not strongly dependent on the presence of SD stabilization, and is in fact very similar to the proof presented in [17]. We give only a sketch here, mainly with the aim to introduce terms that facilitate exposition of the material in the following. Consult [32] for a more detailed version of the proof.

First we note that the conservation property (4.1) follows immediately from choosing $\mathbf{w}^h \equiv 1$ in (3.3). The second assertion is obtained by considering the following

decomposition of (3.3) and inserting $\mathbf{w}^h = \mathbf{v}^h$ in it, to prove a series of inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h) &\geq 0, \\ \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(s)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h) &= - \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h), \mathbf{w}_{x_k}^h \rangle dx dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} \langle \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}^h), \mathbf{w}_{K,-}^h \rangle ds dt \geq 0, \\ \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(t)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h) &= - \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h), \mathbf{w}_t^h \rangle dx dt \\ &\quad + \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_K (\langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n+1,-}^h), \mathbf{w}_{n+1,-}^h \rangle - \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n,-}^h), \mathbf{w}_{n,+}^h \rangle) dx \\ &\geq \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^N))) dx - \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^0))) dx. \end{aligned}$$

These estimates together give the upper bound in (4.1). The lower bound is obtained exactly as in [17]. \square

Now, assume that the spectral bound (3.8) holds, and there exist some constants c and C independent of \mathbf{v}^h , such that

$$(4.1) \quad 0 < c \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \leq \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_v(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t)) \mathbf{w} \rangle \leq C \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \neq 0.$$

Then, we can make the inequalities of the proof of Theorem 4.1 sharper (cf. [17, 32] for more details):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h) &\geq C \sum_{\kappa, n} \varepsilon_{\kappa} \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2, \\ \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(s)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h) &\geq C \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} |[\![\mathbf{v}_K^h]\!]_{\pm}|^2 ds dt, \\ \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(t)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h) &\geq C \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_K |[\![\mathbf{v}_n^h]\!]_{\pm}|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^N)) dx - \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{v}^h(x, t_-^0)) dx. \end{aligned}$$

The global entropy inequality (4.1) together with the above inequalities implies

$$(4.2) \quad \sum_{\kappa, n} \varepsilon_{\kappa} \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2 + \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_K |[\![\mathbf{v}_n^h]\!]_{\pm}|^2 dx + \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} |[\![\mathbf{v}_K^h]\!]_{\pm}|^2 ds dt \leq C(\mathbf{v}_{0,-}^h),$$

which readily gives

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{\kappa, n} \varepsilon_{\kappa} \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2 \leq C.$$

This result will be used in the later proofs. Also note that due to the conditions (4.1) and (3.8), the weighted residual (in (3.15)) and weighted gradient (in (3.17)) are norms equivalent to $\|\text{Res}\|_{L_2(\kappa)}$ and $\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}$, respectively.

4.2. BV-estimate. In order to prove convergence, we require a BV-estimate for the approximate solutions of the SC-DG method (3.3). Before reaching that point we need to state Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3. The proofs will be presented in the appendix.

LEMMA 4.2. *Let us assume that (4.1) holds and there exists a uniform spectral upper bound for \mathbf{f}_v , i.e.,*

$$(4.4) \quad \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{f}_v \mathbf{w} \rangle \leq C \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \neq 0,$$

where C is uniform and independent of \mathbf{w} . Then one can find a uniform upper bound with respect to h for

- (i) $h^\gamma \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa$ if $\gamma \geq \frac{d' + \alpha_1}{2}$,
- (ii) $h^\gamma \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}$ if $\gamma \geq \alpha_1$.

Moreover, these expressions vanish as $h \rightarrow 0$, if the inequalities hold strictly.

A similar lemma can be stated for the boundary residual terms.

LEMMA 4.3. *Assuming that (3.8) and (4.4) hold, one can find a uniform upper bound with respect to h for*

- (i) $h^\gamma \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa$ if $\gamma \geq \frac{d'}{2}$,
- (ii) $h^\gamma \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}$ if $\gamma \geq \alpha_2$.

Moreover, these expressions vanish as $h \rightarrow 0$, if the inequalities hold strictly.

Now the BV-estimate is obtained as a corollary of Theorem 4.1, starting from inequality (4.2).

COROLLARY 4.4. *Let the assumptions of Theorem 4.1 hold and the diffusion matrix $D(\mathbf{v}^h)$ be spectrally bounded as in (3.8). Also we assume similar spectral boundedness for \mathbf{u}_v , i.e., (4.1) holds. Then the approximate solution \mathbf{v}^h satisfies the following weak BV-estimate:*

$$(4.5) \quad \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_K |[\mathbf{v}_n^h]^\pm|^2 dx + \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} |[\mathbf{v}_K^h]^\pm|^2 ds dt + h^{\alpha_1} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} + h^{\alpha_2} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq C,$$

where C is a positive constant dependent on the initial condition \mathbf{u}_0 .

Proof. The first two terms of (4.5) are the same as (4.2). The remaining terms can be obtained from Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3 by choosing $\gamma = \alpha_1$ and $\gamma = \alpha_2$ in part (ii) of Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3, respectively. The BV-estimate follows. \square

Note that the spectral boundedness of the symmetrizer \mathbf{u}_v (and consequently \mathbf{v}_u) as in (4.1), needs a deeper look. In [32] it is shown that this seems achievable for some systems like shallow water equations and polytropic Euler equations by adopting some physical constraints as well as an L_∞ bound on the approximate solution \mathbf{v}^h . This is comparable to what Dutt [8] established for the Navier–Stokes equations.

5. Convergence analysis. In the convergence analysis of the SC-DG scheme (3.3), first in section 5.1 the convergence of the sequence of bounded solutions to an mv solution is proved. Then in section 5.2 the admissibility of this solution is showed by satisfying some entropy inequality.

5.1. Convergence to mv solution. In order to show convergence, we must revisit and modify the proof given in [17] to account for the removal of the SD term. Furthermore, we employ refined estimates on several occasions, which leads to the less diffusive scaling of the SC operator (cf. (3.10) in section 3.4).

First, let us introduce an H^1 -projection as the connection between infinite dimensional and finite dimensional spaces of the solution.

DEFINITION 5.1. *The local H^1 -projection of $\varphi \in (\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+))^m$ into $(\mathbb{P}_q)^m$ is denoted by φ^h and is defined as $\varphi^h = \Pi_h(\varphi)$ with $\Pi_h|_\kappa: (H^1(\kappa))^m \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}_q(\kappa))^m$, where for all $\mathbf{w}^h \in (\mathbb{P}_q(\kappa))^m$ we have*

$$(5.1a) \quad \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \nabla \varphi^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_v \nabla \mathbf{w}^h \rangle dx dt = \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \nabla \varphi, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_v \nabla \mathbf{w}^h \rangle dx dt,$$

$$(5.1b) \quad \int_{I_n} \int_K \varphi^h dx dt = \int_{I_n} \int_K \varphi dx dt.$$

Note that solving (5.1) corresponds to a discrete Neumann problem in κ . The regularity of the solution of the elliptic problem and infinite differentiability of φ give the following estimates [20]:

$$(5.2a) \quad \|\nabla \varphi^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq \|\nabla \varphi\|_{L_2(\kappa)},$$

$$(5.2b) \quad \|\varphi - \varphi^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq Ch^r \|\nabla^r \varphi\|_{L_2(\kappa)},$$

$$(5.2c) \quad \|\varphi - \varphi^h\|_{L_2(\partial\kappa)} \leq Ch^{r-\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla^r \varphi\|_{L_2(\kappa)},$$

$$(5.2d) \quad \|\nabla(\varphi - \varphi^h)\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq Ch^{r-1} \|\nabla^r \varphi\|_{L_2(\kappa)},$$

where $r = 0, 1, \dots, q+1$. Note that (5.2b) and (5.2c) utilize H^2 -regularity of the solution of the Neumann problem (5.1). This requires the convexity of the triangulation $\mathcal{T}_n = \{\kappa\}$.

Also we need the following estimates between L_2 and L_∞ . If $\varphi \in (\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\kappa))^m$, then the following estimates hold:

$$(5.3a) \quad \|\varphi\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq Ch^{\frac{d'}{2}} \|\varphi\|_{L_\infty(\kappa)},$$

$$(5.3b) \quad \|\varphi\|_{H^1(\kappa)} \leq Ch^{\frac{d'}{2}} \|\varphi\|_{W_\infty^1(\kappa)}.$$

In the following we assume that $q \geq 1$ (for the case $q = 0$ our scheme reduces to a standard finite volume scheme for which convergence analysis is presented in [5]). The following theory establishes the convergence to the mv solution for scheme (3.3):

THEOREM 5.2. *Let \mathbf{v}^h be the approximate solution of the system (1.1) by the SC-DG scheme (3.3). Under the assumptions of (3.8), (4.1), and*

$$(5.4) \quad \|\mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_\infty(\Omega_T)} \leq C,$$

the approximate solution converges to an mv solution (2.1) of the system of conservation laws (1.1).

Proof. Consider $\{\mathbf{v}^h\}_{h>0}$ as the sequence of approximate solutions generated by the SC-DG scheme (3.3). We first show that as $h \rightarrow 0$ the approximate solution is consistent with weak solution (1.2) in the following sense:

$$(5.5) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \int_\Omega \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_t \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_{x_k} \rangle dx dt = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in (\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T)))^m.$$

The consistency (5.5) combined with Theorem 2.1, is the key to prove the weak-* convergence to an mv solution.

Let us choose $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T))^m$ and $\varphi^h = \Pi_h(\varphi)$ (as in Definition 5.1) and define the *internal* and *boundary* parts of the DG formulation as the following:

$$(5.6) \quad \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(int)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) = -\sum_{\kappa,n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_t^h \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_{x_k}^h \rangle dx dt,$$

$$(5.7) \quad \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(bnd)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) = \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} \langle \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_{K,-}^h \rangle ds dt \\ + \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_K \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n+1,-}^h), \varphi_{n+1,-}^h \rangle - \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n,-}^h), \varphi_{n,+}^h \rangle dx.$$

Using (3.4) and (3.3) we note that

$$(5.8) \quad \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) = \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(int)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) + \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(bnd)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) + \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h).$$

To prove consistency we observe that

$$(5.9) \quad \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_t \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_{x_k} \rangle dx dt \\ = \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \left(\langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_t \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_{x_k} \rangle \right) dx dt \\ = \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(int)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h - \varphi) - \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(int)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) \\ = \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(int)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h - \varphi) - \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) + \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(bnd)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) + \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h),$$

and seek to prove that (5.9) $\rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$ as does (5.5). Recall that $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) \equiv 0$ by definition of the SC-DG scheme in (3.3) and we refer to [17] for the proof of the limit of $\mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(int)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h - \varphi)$ and $\mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(bnd)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h)$. Here we only discuss the last term in (5.9).

We decompose the SC term (3.9) as follows:

$$(5.10) \quad \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) = \mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(1)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) + \mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(2)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h) \\ = \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_{I_n} \int_K (\varepsilon_\kappa^{(1)} + \varepsilon_\kappa^{(2)}) \left(\langle \varphi_t^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_v \mathbf{v}_t^h \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \varphi_{x_k}^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_v \mathbf{v}_{x_k}^h \rangle \right) dx dt,$$

where $\varepsilon_\kappa^{(1)}$ and $\varepsilon_\kappa^{(2)}$ correspond to cell and boundary residual parts in the viscosity coefficient in (3.10), respectively. First, considering $\mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(1)}$ and using (4.1) yields

$$(5.11) \quad \varepsilon_\kappa^{(1)} \leq C \frac{h^{\alpha_1} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa}{\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}}.$$

Therefore, by using (5.3b) and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality we get to

$$(5.12) \quad |\mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(1)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h)| \leq Ch^{\alpha_1} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \|\varphi^h\|_{H^1(\kappa)} \leq Ch^{\frac{d'}{2} + \alpha_1} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa.$$

Using Lemma 4.2, we find that $\mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(1)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h)$ vanishes as $h \rightarrow 0$ if $\alpha_1 > 0$.

Similarly for $\mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(2)}$ we obtain

$$|\mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(2)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h)| \leq Ch^{\frac{d'}{2} + \alpha_2} \sum_{\kappa, n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_{\kappa}.$$

Using Lemma 4.3 and choosing $\alpha_2 > 0$ one can see that $\mathcal{B}_{SC}^{(2)}(\mathbf{v}^h, \varphi^h)$ vanishes as $h \rightarrow 0$.

Owing to the L_∞ bound on \mathbf{v}^h as in (5.4) and based on the result of Theorem 2.1, we can claim that there is a Young measure μ such that

$$(5.13) \quad \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h) \xrightarrow{*} \langle \mu_y, \mathbf{u}(\sigma) \rangle_E,$$

$$(5.14) \quad \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h) \xrightarrow{*} \langle \mu_y, \mathbf{f}^k(\sigma) \rangle_E,$$

as $h \rightarrow 0$. In other words unlike weak solutions, nonlinearity in $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v})$ or $\mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v})$ commutes with this new sense of convergence. This establishes the convergence we look for; by (5.9), (5.13), and (5.14) we obtain

$$(5.15) \quad \begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \int_\Omega \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_t \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h), \varphi_{x_k} \rangle \, dx \, dt \\ & = \int_0^T \int_\Omega \langle \langle \mathbf{u}(\sigma), \mu_y \rangle_E, \varphi_t \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \langle \mathbf{f}^k(\sigma), \mu_y \rangle_E, \varphi_{x_k} \rangle \, dx \, dt = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and Theorem 5.2 follows. □

5.2. Entropy consistency. The remaining step is showing that the solution obtained by (3.3) is admissible, i.e., satisfies (2.2). Before stating the corresponding theorem we introduce the following *super approximation* estimate or *discrete commutator property*.

LEMMA 5.3. *Let $\mathbf{v}^h \in \mathcal{V}^q$ and φ is an infinitely smooth function $\varphi \in C^\infty(\kappa)$. Then the following results hold:*

$$(5.16) \quad \|\varphi \mathbf{v}^h - \Pi_h(\varphi \mathbf{v}^h)\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq C(\varphi)h \|\mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)},$$

$$(5.17) \quad \|\varphi \mathbf{v}^h - \Pi_h(\varphi \mathbf{v}^h)\|_{L_2(\partial\kappa)} \leq C(\varphi)h^{1/2} \|\mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}.$$

The proof of (5.16) is a special case of the proof presented in [3] and the boundary estimate (5.17) can be proved along the same line as (5.16).

The entropy consistency result is given as the following theorem.

THEOREM 5.4. *Let \mathbf{v}^h be the approximate solution generated by the scheme (3.3). We assume that \mathbf{v}^h is uniformly bounded as in (5.4) and the conditions (3.8) and (4.1) hold. Then, the limit mv solution μ satisfies the entropy condition (2.2).*

Proof. We follow [17] and consider an infinitely smooth nonnegative function $0 \leq \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega \times (0, T))$. Also in order that $\mathbf{v}^h \varphi$ can be inserted as the test function in quasi-linear form \mathcal{B} , it needs to be projected to the finite dimensional space \mathcal{V}^q . This is done using the H^1 -projection operator (5.1) and results in the following two terms,

$$(5.18) \quad \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \Pi_h(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi)) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \Pi_h(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi) - \mathbf{v}^h \varphi).$$

As we will show, the second term, which is called the *compensation term*, vanishes as h goes to zero while the first one provides us with the entropy inequality condition (2.2).

The first term can be decomposed into naive DG and SC parts as

$$(5.19) \quad \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi) = \mathcal{B}_{DG}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi) + \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi).$$

Along the same lines as in [17], one can prove that

$$(5.20) \quad \mathcal{B}_{DG}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi) \geq - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{v}^h) \varphi_t + \sum_{k=1}^d F^k(\mathbf{v}^h) \varphi_{x_k} \, dx \, dt.$$

We do not repeat the proof here and refer to [17] for details. The SC part, using (3.9), can be written as

$$(5.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi) &= \sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \varepsilon_{\kappa} \left(\langle \mathbf{v}_t^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}_t^h \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{v}_{x_k}^h, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}_{x_k}^h \rangle \right) \varphi \, dx \, dt \\ &+ \underbrace{\sum_{\kappa, n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \varepsilon_{\kappa} \left(\langle \mathbf{v}^h \varphi_t, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^h \rangle + \sum_{k=1}^d \langle \mathbf{v}^h \varphi_{x_k}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}^h \rangle \right)}_A \, dx \, dt \geq A, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly to (5.12) one can deduce that $|A| \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. From (5.19), (5.20), and (5.21) we have

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi) \geq - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} U(\mathbf{v}^h) \varphi_t + \sum_{k=1}^d F^k(\mathbf{v}^h) \varphi_{x_k} \, dx \, dt + A.$$

As $h \rightarrow 0$, A vanishes and remembering the arguments on weak-* convergence in Theorem 5.2 yields

$$(5.22) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \mathbf{v}^h \varphi) \geq - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t \langle U(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \rangle_E + \sum_{k=1}^d \varphi_{x_k} \langle F^k(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \rangle_E \, dx \, dt.$$

Now we deal with the compensation term in (5.18) which contains the projection error,

$$e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi} := e_{\Pi}(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi) = \mathbf{v}^h \varphi - \Pi_h(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi),$$

and in the following we show that the compensation term vanishes as h goes to zero:

$$(5.23) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi}) = 0.$$

One can decompose $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi})$ as follows:

$$(5.24) \quad \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi}) = \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(Res)}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi}) + \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(rem)}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi}) + \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi})$$

with the following definitions,

$$(5.25) \quad \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(\text{Res})}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi}) = \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_{I_n} \int_K \langle \text{Res}, e_{\Pi}(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi) \rangle dx dt,$$

$$(5.26) \quad \mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(\text{rem})}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi}) = \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_K \langle \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n,+}^h) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}_{n,-}^h), (e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi})_{n,+} \rangle dx \\ - \sum_{\kappa,n} \int_{I_n} \int_{\partial K} \langle \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{v}^h) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h) \cdot \mathbf{n}, (e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi})_{K,-} \rangle ds dt.$$

Now we need to show that each term in (5.24) vanishes as $h \rightarrow 0$.

First, the definition of the H^1 -projection (5.1) obviously yields

$$(5.27) \quad \mathcal{B}_{SC}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi}) = 0.$$

Using the definition of $\mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(\text{Res})}$ as (5.25) combined with (5.16) and (5.3a) gives

$$(5.28) \quad |\mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(\text{Res})}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi})| \leq C \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_{\kappa} \|\mathbf{v}^h \varphi - \Pi_h(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi)\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \\ \leq Ch^{1+\frac{d'}{2}} \|\mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega_T)} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_{\kappa},$$

which vanishes as h goes to zero if $\alpha_1 < 2$. This comes from Lemma 4.2 with $\gamma = 1 + \frac{d'}{2}$.

Moreover for $\mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(\text{rem})}$, by definition (3.16) and estimates (5.17) and (5.3a), we obtain

$$(5.29) \quad |\mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(\text{rem})}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi})| \leq C \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_{\kappa} \|\mathbf{v}^h \varphi - \Pi_h(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi)\|_{L_2(\partial\kappa)} \\ \leq Ch^{1/2} \|\mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega_T)} \left(h^{\frac{d'}{2}} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_{\kappa} \right).$$

Using Lemma 4.3, we observe that $\mathcal{B}_{DG}^{(\text{rem})}(\mathbf{v}^h, e_{\mathbf{v}^h}^{\Pi})$ vanishes as h goes to zero.

Combining (5.27), (5.28), and (5.29) one can show (5.23). Then using (5.18), (5.22), and (5.23) yields

$$0 \equiv \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{v}^h, \Pi(\mathbf{v}^h \varphi)) \geq - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \varphi_t \langle U(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \rangle_E + \sum_{k=1}^d \varphi_{x_k} \langle F^k(\boldsymbol{\sigma}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_y \rangle_E dx dt.$$

This proves the entropy consistency introduced in (2.2). \square

6. Numerical experiments. In this section we present some numerical experiments. First, in section 6.1, we solve a linear system of the one dimensional wave equation to show that the order of convergence is optimal, and the presence of the SC term does not ruin it. In this case (and in general for linear symmetrizable systems) the solution converges to the unique entropy solution. For more discussion on this claim we refer to Theorem 4.7 in [17]. As examples of more general systems, we present in section 6.2 a numerical solution of the dam break test case for the shallow

water equations, as well as solutions of the one dimensional Sod and Lax shock tube for the Euler equations in section 6.3.

It is worth mentioning that the goal of presenting these results is to show that our proposed scheme can give acceptable results in practice. This section is not meant to verify the analytical claim of convergence to emv solutions of one dimensional Euler or shallow water equations, respectively. The numerical proof of convergence to emv solution should be considered in some statistical approach; see [23] (and references therein) or [11].

The Netgen/Ngsolve library [27] has been used for geometry handling and mesh generation as well as quadrature rules and the evaluation of basis functions. The nonlinear system obtained from the implicit space-time scheme is solved using a damped Newton method utilizing the ILU preconditioned GMRES available through the PETSc library [1].

There are some free parameters in the scheme which need to be selected including $C_{SC}^{1,2}$, $\alpha_{1,2}$, and θ . Unless otherwise mentioned explicitly we set them as $C_{SC}^1 = 1$ and $\theta = 0.5$. Since our analytical results indicate that any $\alpha_2 > 0$ can be chosen, we have set $C_{SC}^2 = 0$. The value of α_1 is set to 1.5 in the case of the wave equation and 1.3 in the rest to be more diffusive. These settings give us acceptable results in most cases.

It should be noted that in the presented figures of the solution we draw the original solution polynomial elementwise without any additional limitation.

6.1. Wave equation. The wave equation in one dimension can be written in the following form,

$$(6.1) \quad h_t + cu_x = 0,$$

$$(6.2) \quad u_t + ch_x = 0,$$

where c is some constant value. In this case the system is linear and symmetric in its original form and by choosing the entropy function as $U(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(h^2 + u^2)$ the entropy variables would be the same as the conservative variables.

Hence, the entropy conservative flux would be the simple average of the flux values at the edge and the diffusion operator is set to Rusanov type. In our numerical test cases the boundary conditions are set to Dirichlet, the wave speed to $c = 1$, and the final time to $T = 1$. Also the calculation domain is considered as $[0, 3]$. We use two different initial settings.

6.1.1. Wave equation: Smooth initial data. We consider

$$(6.3) \quad h(x, 0) = \sin(2\pi x), \quad u(x, 0) = \sin(2\pi x)/3.$$

We solve this for polynomial degrees $q = 0, 1, 2, 3$ with and without SC. The results are presented in Tables 1 and 2. One can observe that the naive DG formulation (i.e., without any stabilization) is sufficiently good in this smooth case. Adding the SC term merely adds some diffusive behavior (in terms of slightly larger error reported in Table 2), while it does not affect the accuracy of the scheme in terms of rate of convergence. Asymptotically, we get the optimal order $q + 1$ in convergence of the error in the L_1 norm, even in the presence of the SC term.

Only for very coarse meshes and high polynomial degree do we see a significant contamination of the accuracy (cf. last column of Table 2). With refining the mesh, however, the order of convergence will be the order of consistency of the scheme, and the error levels are not significantly compromised by the SC term.

TABLE 1
Convergence result for wave equation, smooth initial data without SC.

| h | $q = 0$ | | $q = 1$ | | $q = 2$ | | $q = 3$ | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order |
| $\frac{1}{10}$ | 1.869 | | 4.668e-2 | | 8.073e-3 | | 1.997e-4 | |
| $\frac{1}{20}$ | 1.597 | 0.226 | 2.941e-2 | 0.666 | 2.114e-3 | 1.933 | 1.079e-4 | 0.888 |
| $\frac{1}{40}$ | 1.146 | 0.477 | 6.328e-3 | 2.217 | 3.306e-4 | 2.677 | 6.994e-6 | 3.947 |
| $\frac{1}{80}$ | 7.146e-1 | 0.682 | 1.410e-3 | 2.165 | 3.758e-5 | 3.137 | 3.788e-7 | 4.206 |
| $\frac{1}{160}$ | 4.044e-1 | 0.821 | 3.243e-4 | 2.121 | 4.344e-6 | 3.113 | 2.099e-8 | 4.173 |

TABLE 2
Convergence result for wave equation, smooth initial data with SC.

| h | $q = 0$ | | $q = 1$ | | $q = 2$ | | $q = 3$ | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order |
| $\frac{1}{10}$ | 1.869 | | 2.538e-1 | | 2.570e-1 | | 1.952e-1 | |
| $\frac{1}{20}$ | 1.597 | 0.226 | 5.862e-2 | 2.114 | 1.780e-2 | 3.852 | 1.483e-2 | 3.718 |
| $\frac{1}{40}$ | 1.146 | 0.477 | 9.690e-3 | 2.596 | 6.467e-4 | 4.782 | 1.784e-5 | 9.698 |
| $\frac{1}{80}$ | 7.146e-1 | 0.682 | 1.748e-3 | 2.470 | 4.997e-5 | 3.694 | 6.120e-7 | 4.865 |
| $\frac{1}{160}$ | 4.044e-1 | 0.821 | 3.537e-4 | 2.305 | 4.754e-6 | 3.393 | 2.562e-8 | 4.578 |

TABLE 3
Convergence result for wave equation, discontinuous initial data without SC.

| h | $q = 0$ | | $q = 1$ | | $q = 2$ | | $q = 3$ | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order |
| $\frac{1}{10}$ | 4.279e-1 | | 1.211e-1 | | 6.241e-2 | | 4.021e-2 | |
| $\frac{1}{20}$ | 3.435e-1 | 0.317 | 7.444e-2 | 0.702 | 4.311e-2 | 0.534 | 3.425e-2 | 0.231 |
| $\frac{1}{40}$ | 2.554e-1 | 0.427 | 4.466e-2 | 0.737 | 2.464e-2 | 0.807 | 1.908e-2 | 0.844 |
| $\frac{1}{80}$ | 1.835e-1 | 0.477 | 2.674e-2 | 0.740 | 1.429e-2 | 0.786 | 1.089e-2 | 0.809 |
| $\frac{1}{160}$ | 1.304e-1 | 0.493 | 1.569e-2 | 0.769 | 8.168e-3 | 0.807 | 6.157e-3 | 0.823 |

TABLE 4
Convergence result for wave equation, discontinuous initial data with SC.

| h | $q = 0$ | | $q = 1$ | | $q = 2$ | | $q = 3$ | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order | $\ e\ _{L_1}$ | Order |
| $\frac{1}{10}$ | 4.279e-1 | | 1.207e-1 | | 8.421e-2 | | 7.577e-2 | |
| $\frac{1}{20}$ | 3.435e-1 | 0.317 | 7.891e-2 | 0.613 | 5.518e-2 | 0.609 | 4.495e-2 | 0.753 |
| $\frac{1}{40}$ | 2.554e-1 | 0.427 | 4.628e-2 | 0.769 | 3.003e-2 | 0.878 | 2.305e-2 | 0.963 |
| $\frac{1}{80}$ | 1.835e-1 | 0.477 | 2.732e-2 | 0.761 | 1.659e-2 | 0.856 | 1.252e-2 | 0.882 |
| $\frac{1}{160}$ | 1.304e-1 | 0.493 | 1.586e-2 | 0.784 | 9.371e-3 | 0.824 | 6.813e-3 | 0.876 |

6.1.2. Wave equation: Discontinuous initial data. We consider

$$(6.4) \quad (h, u)|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} (1, \frac{1}{3}), & x < 1.5, \\ (0, 0), & x > 1.5. \end{cases}$$

Like the smooth case, we solve the problem with different polynomial degree, and both with and without SC. As we expect, based on Tables 3 and 4, due to the presence of a discontinuity, the order of convergence cannot be better than 1, while increasing q results in lower error.

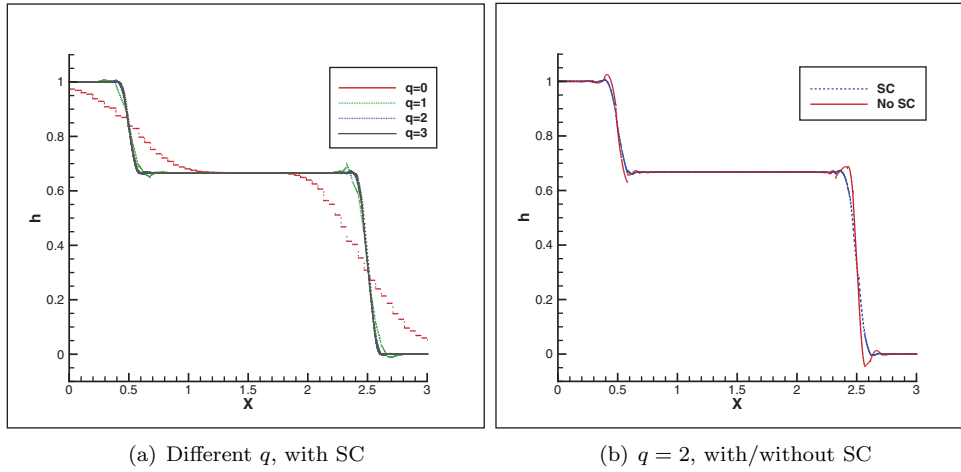


FIG. 1. Wave equation, discontinuous initial data, $h = 1/20$.

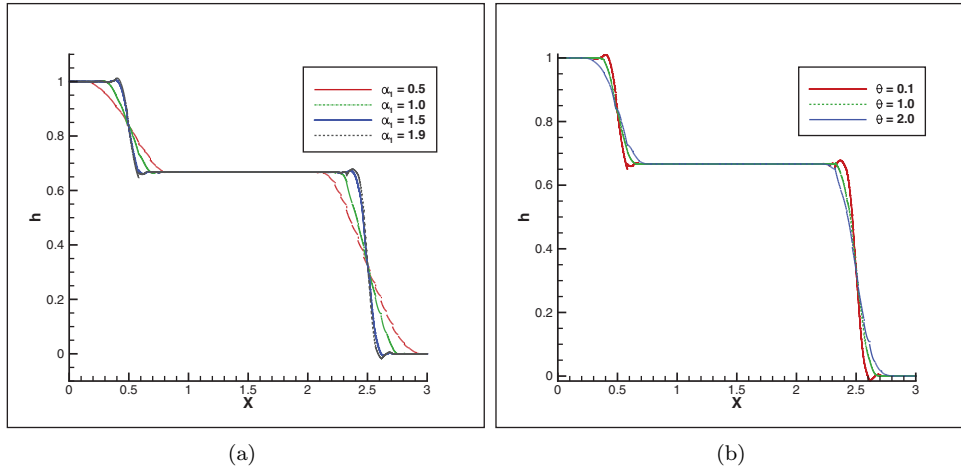
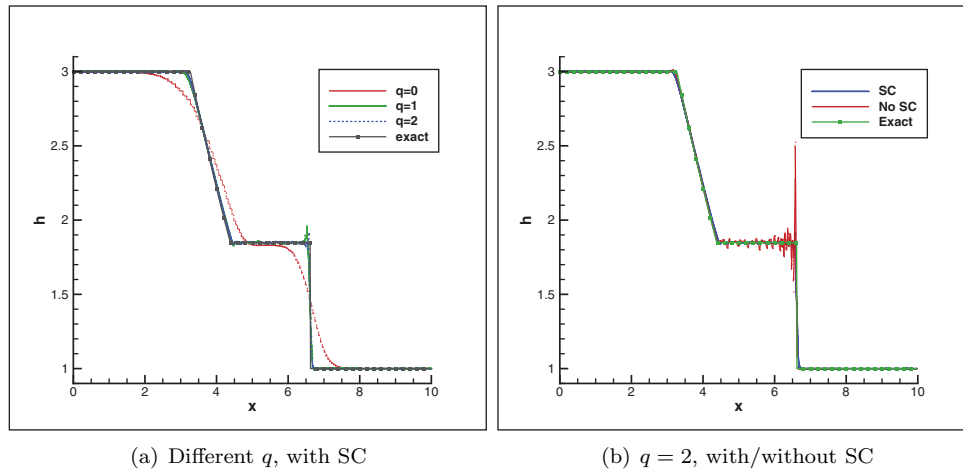


FIG. 2. Wave equation, discontinuous initial data, $q = 2$, $h = 1/20$, effect of two parameters, α_1 (left) and θ (right).

Again, as in the smooth case, the presence of the SC mechanism does not affect the order of convergence. On the other hand, as Figure 1 shows, while the naive DG implementation shows lots of oscillations in the vicinity of discontinuities, using the SC term reduces those oscillations considerably. Moreover, comparing the result of linear and quadratic elements shows that using higher order polynomials significantly helps in controlling the overshoot.

The effect of SC parameters α_1 and θ is shown in Figure 2. We observe that by increasing α_1 and decreasing θ the solution become less diffusive. This shows that the extension of the admissible range for α_1 in our work compared to [17] can make the method less diffusive.

6.2. Shallow water equations. The shallow water equations which describe the disturbance propagation in incompressible fluids under the influence of gravity

FIG. 3. Dam break, height, $h = 1/20$.

can be written as

$$(6.5) \quad h_t + (hu)_x = 0,$$

$$(6.6) \quad (hu)_t + \left(hu^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \right)_x = 0,$$

where h and u are the depth and the velocity of the water, respectively, and $g = 1$ is the gravity acceleration. The entropy function in this case is defined as the total energy $U = \frac{1}{2}(hu^2 + gh^2)$. Hence, the corresponding entropy variables and entropy conservative flux can be set as in [12]. Also we choose Rusanov type for the diffusion operator of the entropy stable flux.

Moreover, we set the initial condition for the *dam break* problem as follows:

$$(6.7) \quad (h, u)|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} (1.5, 0), & x < 0, \\ (1, 0), & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

We take the computational domain as $[0, 10]$, with Dirichlet boundary condition, and the final time is set to $T = 1$. In Figure 3, we present the results with $q = 2$ with/without SC versus the exact solution calculated by the SWASHES code [6].

The results and their comparison with the exact solution show a good control of the shock with acceptable overshoot, and the shock is quite sharp.

6.3. Euler equations for polytropic gas. The one dimensional Euler equations can be written as

$$(6.8) \quad \rho_t + (\rho u)_x = 0,$$

$$(6.9) \quad (\rho u)_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x = 0,$$

$$(6.10) \quad E_t + (u(E + p))_x = 0,$$

where ρ , u , and E correspond to density, velocity, and total energy of the gas, respectively. Here p is the pressure of the gas and is defined as $p = (\gamma - 1)(E - \frac{1}{2}\rho u^2)$, where γ is the adiabatic exponent which is set to 1.4 in all the experiments here.

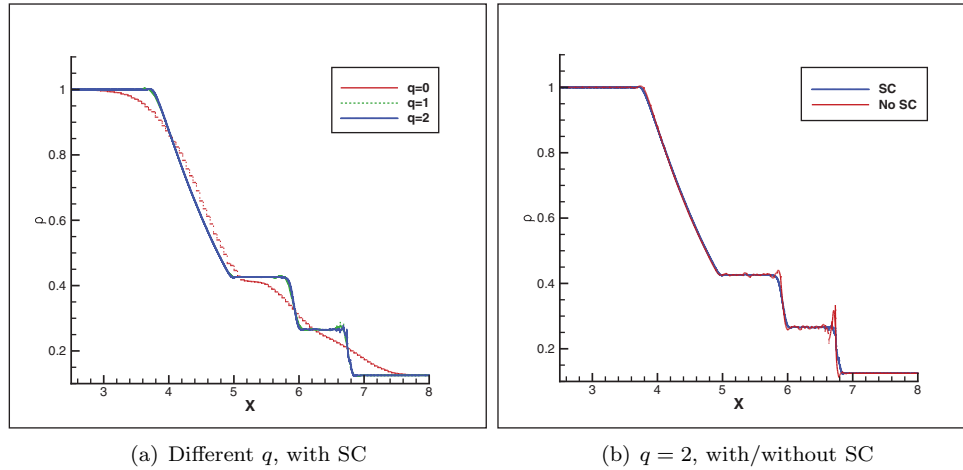


FIG. 4. Sod shock tube, density, $h = 1/20$.

Following [19] the entropy function is defined as $U(\mathbf{u}) = -\frac{\rho s}{\gamma-1}$, where s is the specific entropy defined as $s = \ln p - \gamma \ln \rho$. The corresponding definitions of entropy variables and entropy conservative flux \mathbf{f}^* as well as the diffusion operator are defined according to [19]. We consider two types of Riemann problems for our numerical test in the domain $[0, 10]$. The boundary conditions are set to Dirichlet type with the following initial conditions

$$(6.11) \quad (\rho, u, p)_{t=0} = \begin{cases} (\rho_L, u_L, p_L), & x < 5, \\ (\rho_R, u_R, p_R), & x \geq 5, \end{cases}$$

which we define as the right and left states for the following two cases.

6.3.1. Sod shock tube. Here the initial condition is in the form (6.11) with the values

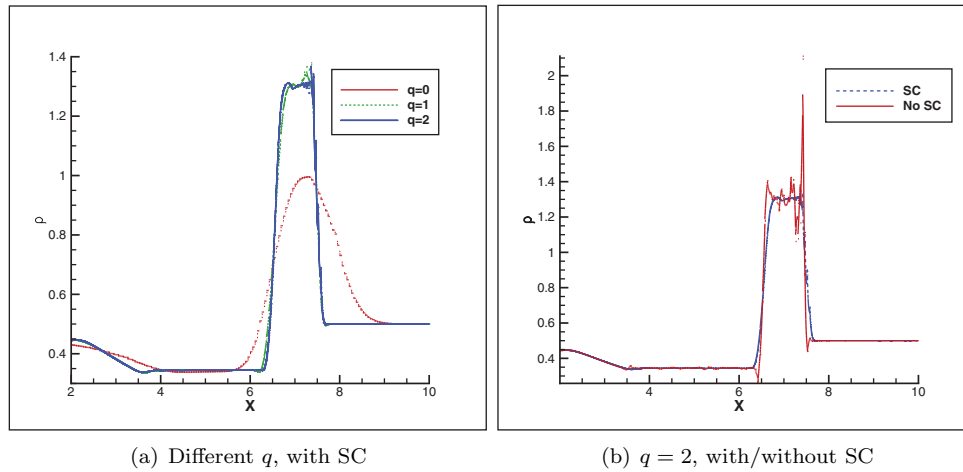
$$(6.12) \quad (\rho_L, u_L, p_L) = (1, 0, 1), \quad (\rho_R, u_R, p_R) = (0.125, 0, 0.1).$$

The results are presented in Figure 4. We observe that the presented SC mechanism acts effectively near both shock waves and the contact discontinuity. Our solution compares well with the results of [17], which are improved by some pressure scaling as well as SD. Moreover while increasing polynomial degree from $q = 0$ to $q = 1$ significantly improves the solution quality, the quadratic polynomial solution is quite similar to the linear one, and only improves the overshoots near the shock wave.

6.3.2. Lax shock tube. Here the initial condition is in the form (6.11) with values

$$(6.13) \quad (\rho_L, u_L, p_L) = (0.445, 0.698, 3.528), \quad (\rho_R, u_R, p_R) = (0.5, 0, 0.571).$$

Again, comparing results (see Figure 5) with [17] shows that the SC mechanism is effective in alleviating the oscillations. The general behavior here is similar to the Sod case, but with larger overshoots due to the stronger shock.

FIG. 5. Lax shock tube, density, $h = 1/20$.

7. Conclusion. In this work we have shown the capability of the SC mechanism to ensure the convergence to an emv solution for nonlinear systems of conservation laws. We followed the framework presented in [17] for SDSC-DG methods, and introduced a stripped-down version by omitting the SD term while retaining the entropy stability and convergence of the method. Also using super approximation estimates, we were able to “relax” the scaling in the viscosity and obtain a less diffusive method. Furthermore, the applicability of the method was presented through numerical experiments.

An improved version of our scheme might consider a dimensionally consistent formulation of the SC operator. (See [16] for a dimensionally consistent formulation with an SD term.) This is left for future work.

Appendix A. Proof of Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3. Here we present the proofs of Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3. Note that by the notation Γ we mean an h -dependent constant $\Gamma = Ch^\beta$, where C is independent of h .

Assuming that (4.1) and (4.4) hold and remembering the definition (3.13), the residual can be bounded from above as $|\text{Res}| \leq C|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h|$. Consequently one can easily obtain

$$(A.1) \quad \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \leq C \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}.$$

A.1. Proof of Lemma 4.2.

- (i) We split the summation into summations on $\kappa^> := \{\kappa : \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \geq \Gamma\}$ and $\kappa^< := \{\kappa : \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} < \Gamma\}$ as

$$(A.2) \quad h^\gamma \sum_{\kappa, n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa = h^\gamma \left(\sum_{\kappa \in \kappa^>} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa + \sum_{\kappa \in \kappa^<} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \right) = I_1 + I_2.$$

We estimate each of the terms I_1 and I_2 separately:

- Bound on I_1 : remembering the definition of ε_κ in (3.10) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\leq Ch^{\gamma-\alpha_1} \sum_{\kappa \in \kappa^>} \varepsilon_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} + h^{\gamma-\alpha_1} \sum_{\kappa \in \kappa^>} \varepsilon_\kappa h^\theta \\
 &\leq C \frac{h^{\gamma-\alpha_1}}{\Gamma} \sum_{\kappa, n} \varepsilon_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2 + \frac{h^{\gamma-\alpha_1+\theta}}{\Gamma^2} \sum_{\kappa, n} \varepsilon_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2 \\
 \text{(A.3)} \quad &\leq C \left(\frac{h^{\gamma-\alpha_1}}{h^\beta} + \frac{h^{\gamma-\alpha_1+\theta}}{h^{2\beta}} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where (4.2) is used in the last estimate.

- Bound on I_2 : using (A.1) one can show that $\overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa < C\Gamma$ holds where $\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq \Gamma$ and consequently

$$\text{(A.4)} \quad I_2 < Ch^{\gamma+\beta} \left(\sum_{\kappa, n} 1 \right) \leq Ch^{-d'} h^{\gamma+\beta},$$

where the term $h^{-d'}$ stands for the number of all space-time elements in the domain which is true thanks to the quasi-uniformity condition (3.1).

Considering bounds on I_1 and I_2 , yields

$$\text{(A.5)} \quad h^\gamma \sum_{\kappa, n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \leq C \left(h^{\gamma-\alpha_1-\beta} + h^{\gamma-\alpha_1+\theta-2\beta} + h^{\gamma+\beta-d'} \right).$$

For (A.5) to be bounded in regard to h it is required that

$$\text{(A.6a)} \quad \gamma - \alpha_1 - \beta \geq 0,$$

$$\text{(A.6b)} \quad \gamma - \alpha_1 + \theta - 2\beta \geq 0,$$

$$\text{(A.6c)} \quad \gamma + \beta - d' \geq 0.$$

If one can find a possible value for (here the only) free parameter β , then (A.5) is bounded by the initial condition implied in C and the diameter of the space-time domain. Also this bound goes to zero as $h \rightarrow 0$ in the case of strict inequality. Considering (A.6a) and (A.6c) gives

$$\text{(A.7)} \quad d' - \gamma \leq \beta \leq \gamma - \alpha_1,$$

which implies $\gamma \geq \frac{d'+\alpha_1}{2}$. A similar calculation using (A.6b) and (A.6c) leads to the condition $\gamma \geq \frac{2d'+\alpha_1-\theta}{3}$. Using the condition on θ in (3.11), one can check that the second condition reduces to the first one, and we only need to satisfy $\gamma \geq \frac{d'+\alpha_1}{2}$. This completes the proof of part (i) of Lemma 4.2.

Note that the maximum rate of convergence with respect to h occurs when $\beta = \theta = \frac{d'-\alpha_1}{2}$. For this choice all terms in brackets on the right-hand side of

$$\text{(A.5)} \text{ reduce to } h^{\gamma-\frac{\alpha_1+d'}{2}}.$$

- (ii) We show that we can find a uniform upper bound in the case $\gamma = \alpha_1$. Then the theorem is obviously true for $\gamma > \alpha_1$.

From (4.3) and the definition of ε_κ in (3.10) we have

$$\text{(A.8)} \quad \sum_{\kappa, n} \frac{h^{\alpha_1} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2}{\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} + h^\theta} \leq C.$$

Using the arguments of Lemma 4.2 with $\gamma = \theta + \alpha_1$, we can claim that

$$(A.9) \quad \sum_{\kappa,n} h^{\alpha_1} h^\theta \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \leq C$$

if $\theta + \alpha_1 \geq \frac{d'+\alpha_1}{2}$, i.e., $\theta \geq \frac{d'-\alpha_1}{2}$. This is true by condition (3.11). Now, one should note that

$$(A.10) \quad \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq \max \left\{ h^\theta, \frac{2\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2}{\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} + h^\theta} \right\},$$

which can be easily seen by a graphical argument. Using (A.8) and (A.9) combined with (A.10) yields

$$h^{\alpha_1} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} \leq h^{\alpha_1} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{Res}}_\kappa \max \left\{ h^\theta, \frac{2\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)}^2}{\|\nabla \mathbf{v}^h\|_{L_2(\kappa)} + h^\theta} \right\} \leq C.$$

The bound C vanishes as $h \rightarrow 0$ if $\gamma > \alpha_1$.

A.2. Proof of Lemma 4.3.

- (i) Using (4.2), (3.8), and the definition of $\overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa$ (3.16), one can conclude that the first and last terms of $\sum \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa^2$ are bounded. For the second term, using the definition of the entropy conservative flux (3.6) and its consistency yield

$$(A.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}^h) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h, \mathbf{v}_{K,+}^h; \mathbf{n}) - \mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h, \mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h; \mathbf{n}) \\ &= \int_0^1 \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}^h(\theta)) - \mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h) \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^1 \theta \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{f}_v^k(\mathbf{b}_i(\theta)) \, d\theta \llbracket \mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h \rrbracket^+ \end{aligned}$$

with coefficients $a_i \in [0, 1]$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i = 1$ and $\mathbf{b}_i(\theta)$ s are some values on the straight line connecting $\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h$ and $\mathbf{v}^h(\theta)$. The value $\mathbf{v}^h(\theta)$ is defined by the parameterization introduced in (3.7). The last identity is the result of the mean value theorem for a vector-valued function (cf., e.g., [24]).

By assuming the boundedness as in (4.4), (A.11) can be bounded from above by

$$(A.12) \quad |\mathbf{f}^*(\mathbf{v}^h) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h) \cdot \mathbf{n}| \leq C \llbracket \mathbf{v}_{K,-}^h \rrbracket^+.$$

The estimate (4.2) combined with (A.12) leads to

$$(A.13) \quad \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa^2 \leq C,$$

and the proof completes with recalling that $h^{\frac{d'}{2}} \sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa \leq C(\sum_{\kappa,n} \overline{\text{BRes}}_\kappa^2)^{1/2}$.

- (ii) The proof proceeds along the same lines as the proof of part (ii) of Lemma 4.2, by using (4.3) and the uniform bound presented in part (i).

In the proof it is needed to have $\theta + \alpha_2 \geq \frac{d'}{2}$ which implies $\theta \geq \frac{d'}{2} - \alpha_2$. This is the requirement on the regularization parameter θ in (3.11).

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