

# Continuity equation and vacuum regions in compressible flows

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# Outline of the talk

- ▶ Solutions to continuity (transport) equation
- ▶ Main results
- ▶ Applications to the compressible Navier–Stokes equations
- ▶ Auxiliary results for continuity (transport) equation
- ▶ Proof of the main theorems

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*Let  $\tau \in (0, T)$ . Suppose that continuity equation (1) with transporting velocity  $\mathbf{u}$  admits at least one distributional solution  $R$  belonging to class (12) which does not admit in  $\Omega$  a vacuum at time  $\tau$ , i.e.  $R(\tau) > 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ . Then  $\varrho$  does not admit a vacuum at time  $\tau$ , i.e.*

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## Preliminaries V

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