

# Numerical schemes for the simulation of Inertial Confinement Fusion in the direct drive context

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- Context of Inertial Confinement Fusion
- Physical models
- Hydrodynamics code
- A cell-centered Lagrangian scheme
- Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian scheme
- Conclusions and perspectives

- In 2003, new French policy for lasers and plasmas
- Open CEA's facilities LIL and LMJ to academic users both national and European
  - Demonstrate fusion ignition in laboratory
  - Do basic science research: high energy density physics, astrophysics, hydrodynamics, plasma physics
- Create CELIA laboratory at University Bordeaux I
  - Parent bodies: CEA, CNRS and University Bordeaux I
  - 60 researchers, professors, docs and post-docs
  - Main topics: theoretical and experimental studies in the domain of laser plasma interaction and Inertial Confinement Fusion (Direct Drive)
- Need for CELIA laboratory of a 2D ICF code to prepare and reproduce the experiments on laser created plasmas

- Controlled fusion to produce energy [ Lindl, *Inertial Confinement Fusion*, Springer (1998)]



- Two conditions to obtain fusion

Temperature  $T_i > T_{\text{ign}}$ , typical value  $T_i \approx 60 \cdot 10^6 \text{ K}$

Confinement  $N\tau > 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}\text{s}$ , Lawson criterion.

- Two approaches to fusion applicable to energy production

Magnetic Confinement Fusion  $\tau \approx 1 \text{ s}$ ,  $N \approx 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

Inertial Confinement Fusion  $\tau \approx 10^{-11} \text{ s}$ ,  $N \approx 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

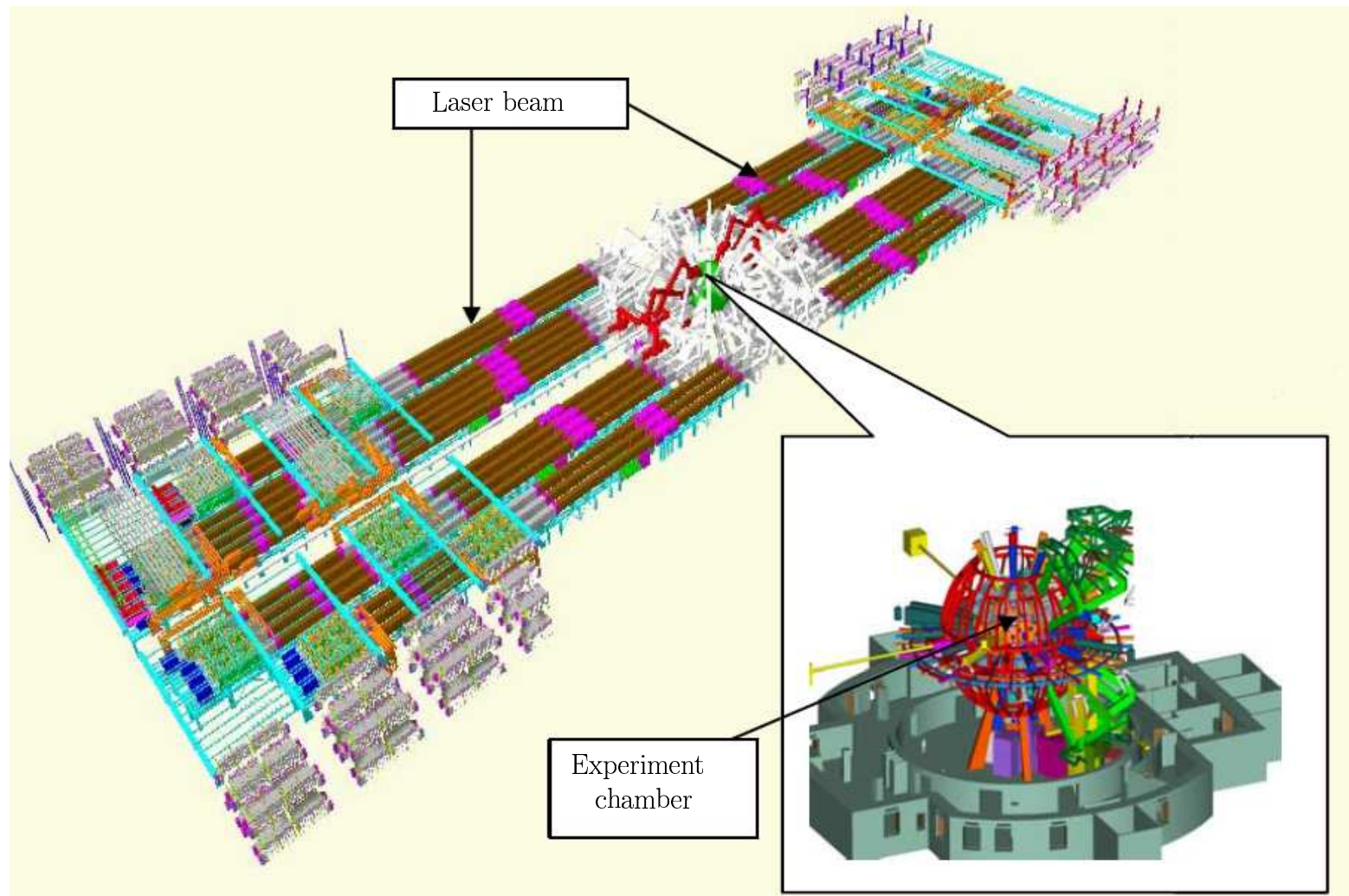
- Main facilities: International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, Laser Mega Joule, National Ignition Facility

# Context of ICF

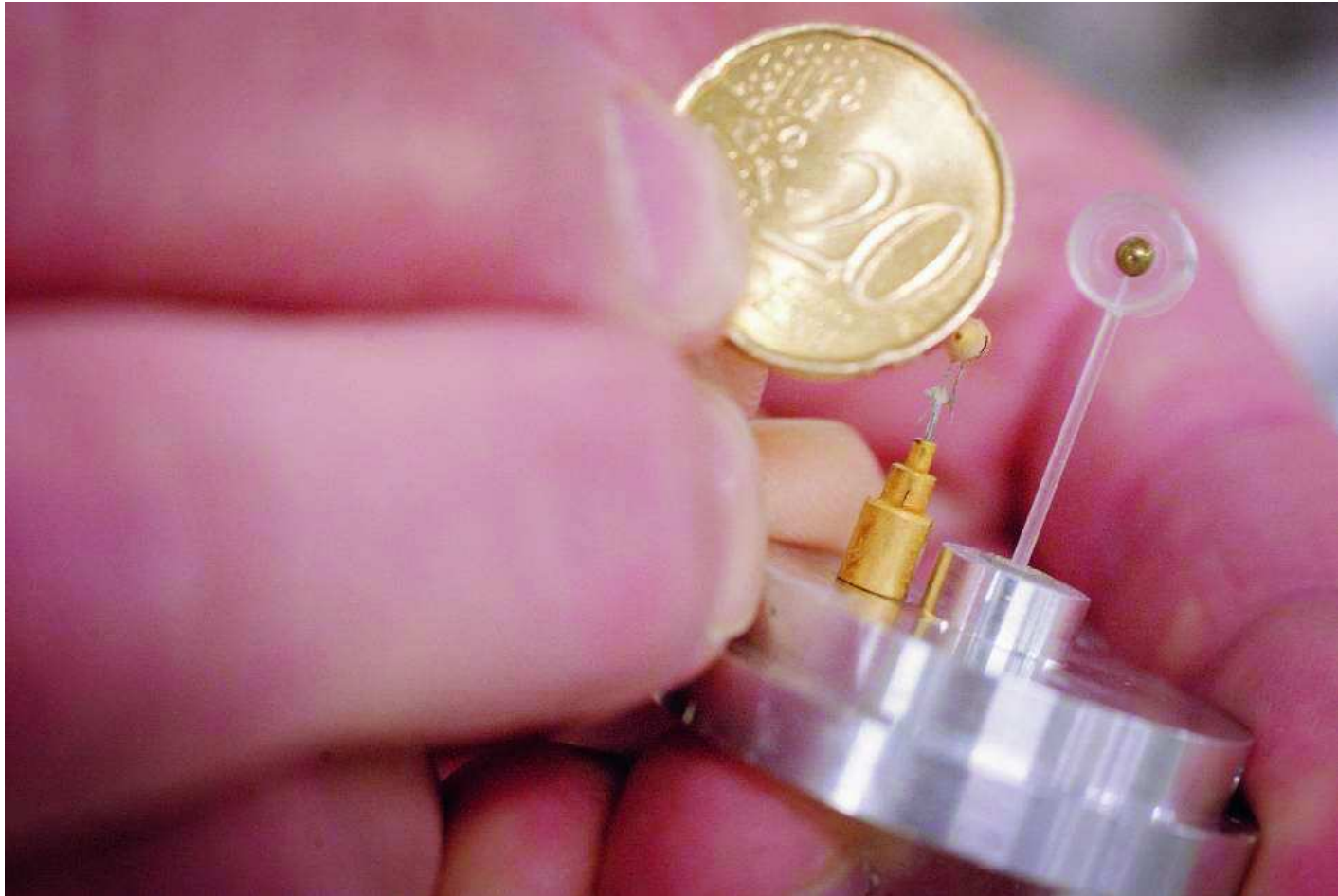
- View of the LMJ and LIL facilities (CEA CESTA near Bordeaux)



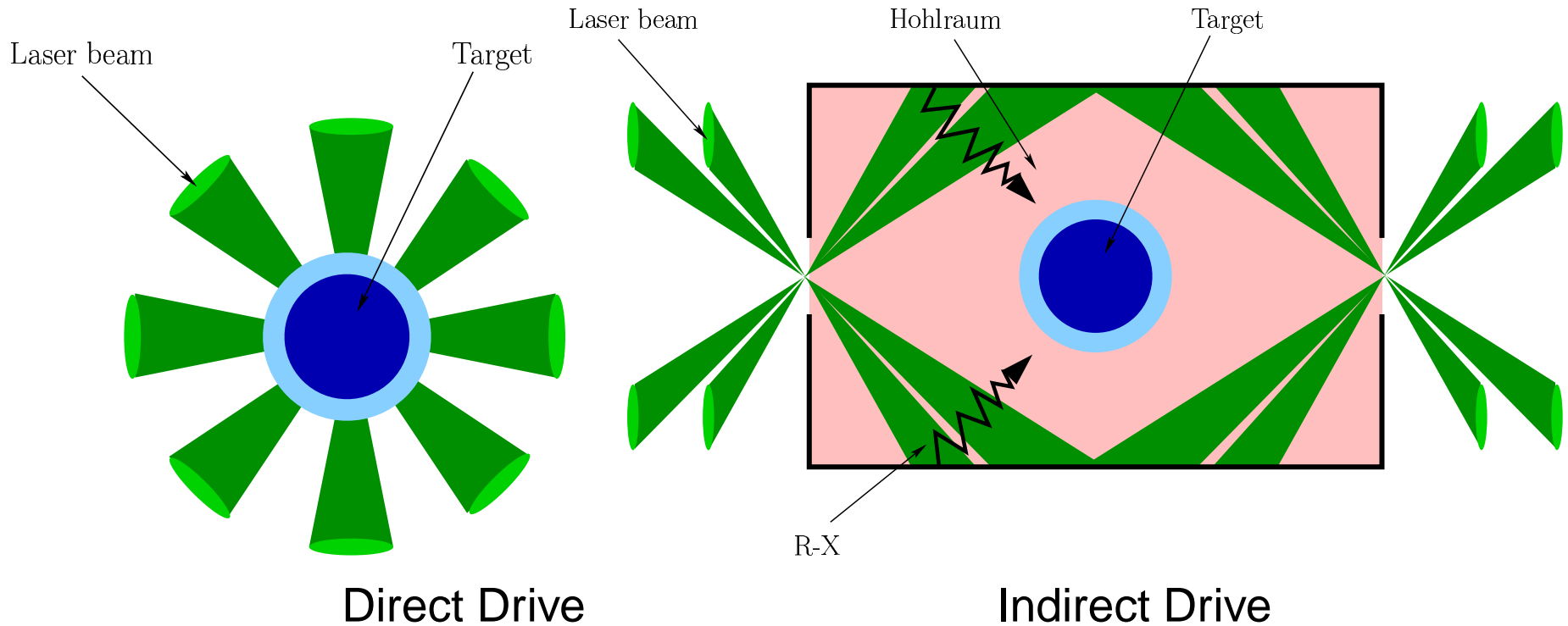
- View of the LMJ laser bays



- Picture of a target



- Two classical schemes for ICF

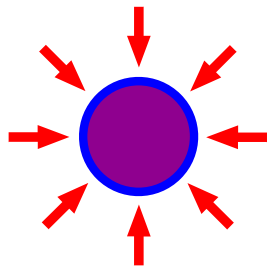


Direct drive has a higher laser-target coupling efficiency but is less uniform in laser irradiation due to discrete beams of lasers.

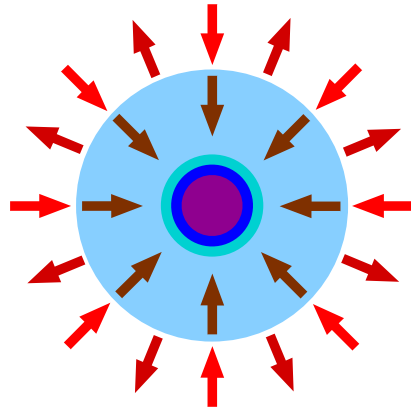
The indirect drive, by soft X rays which are generated at the inner surface of the hohlraum, can have a higher uniform irradiation to reduce the growth of perturbations due to Rayleigh-Taylor (RT) instabilities.



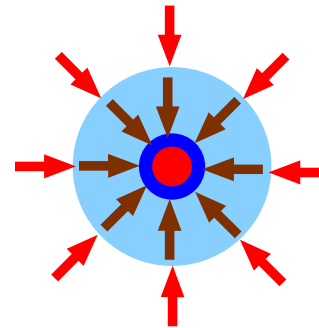
# Phenomenology of Direct Drive ICF



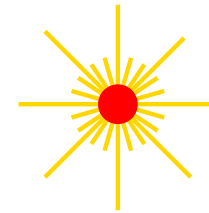
Laser heating



DT compression

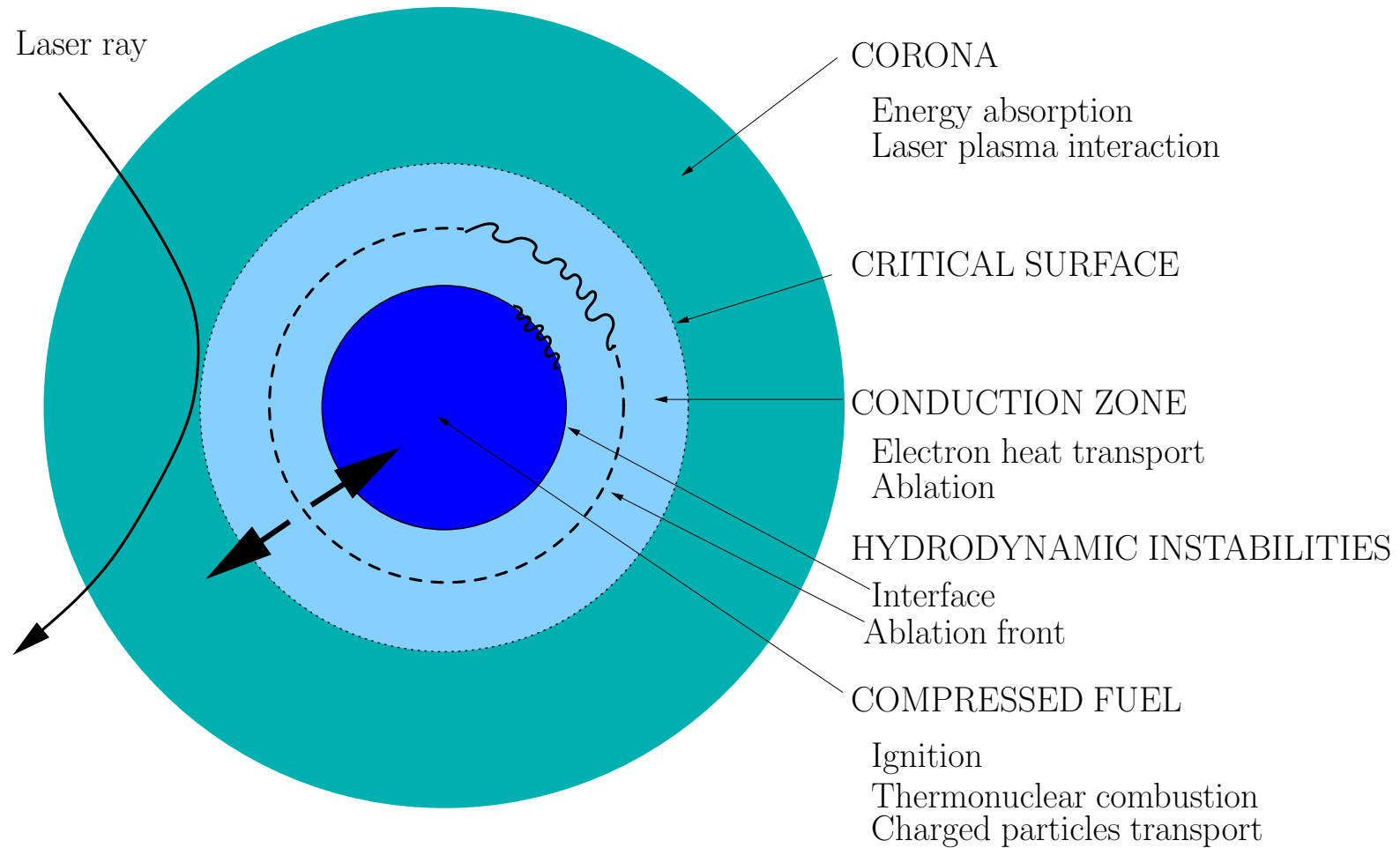


Hot spot ignition



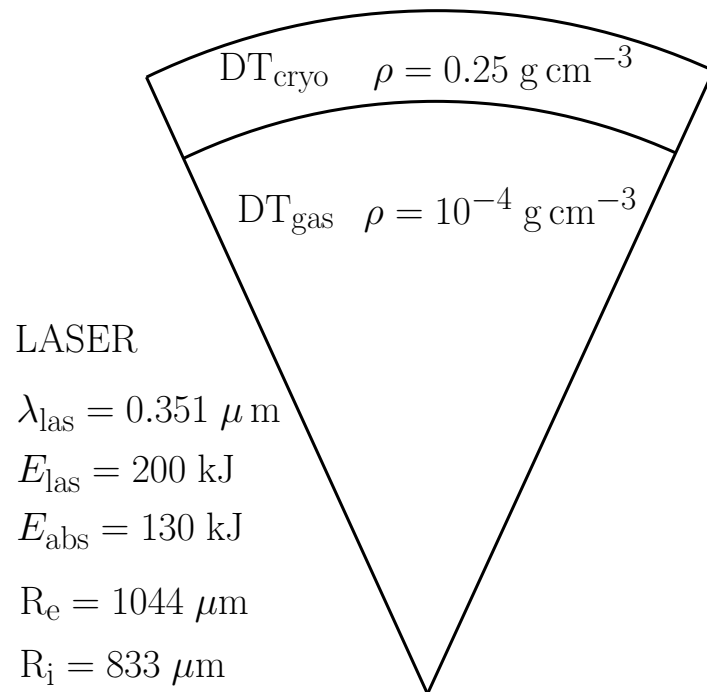
Thermonuclear burn

# Main issues for Direct Drive ICF

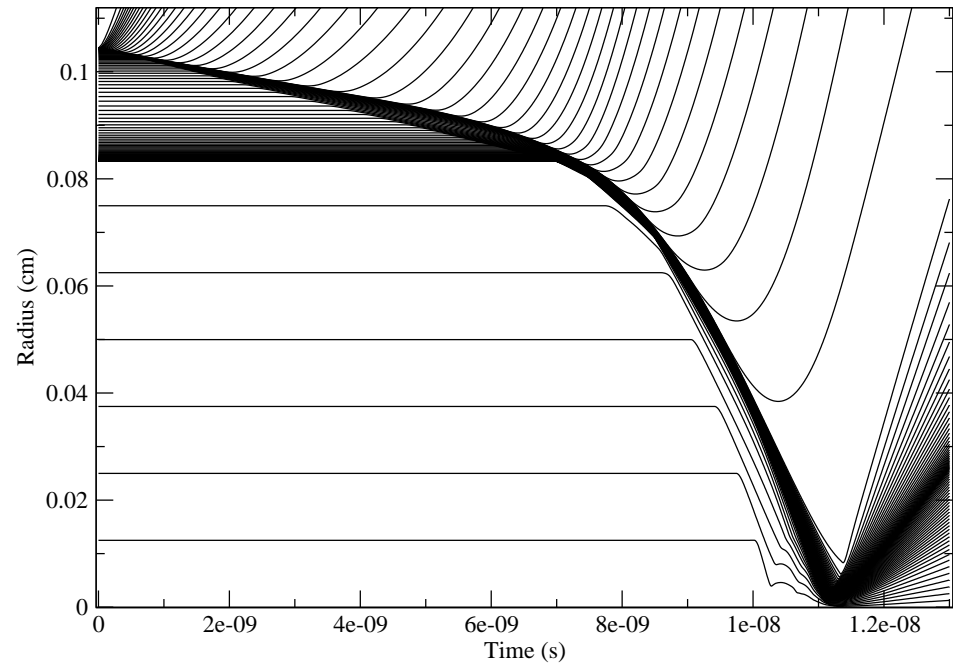


# Target design for Direct Drive ICF

- HiPER Project [[www.hiper-laser.org](http://www.hiper-laser.org)]

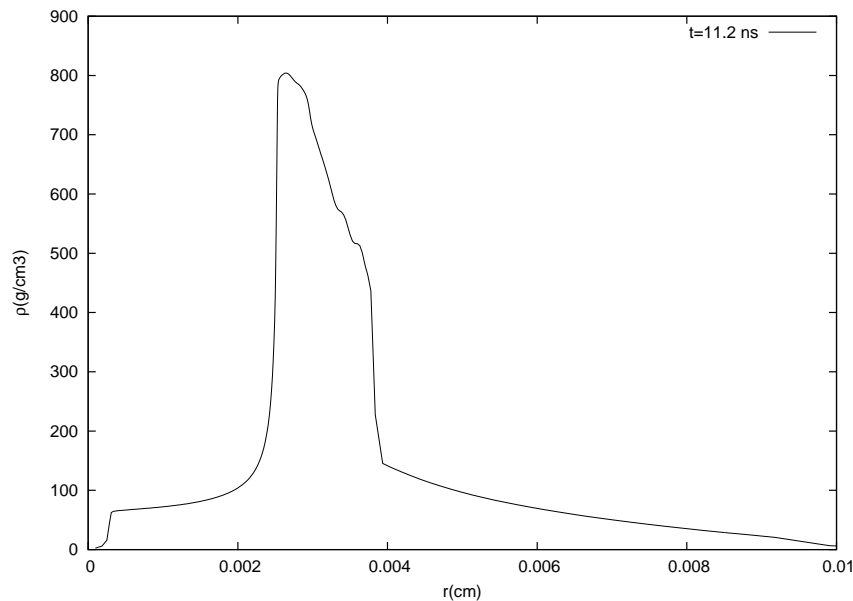


All DT target

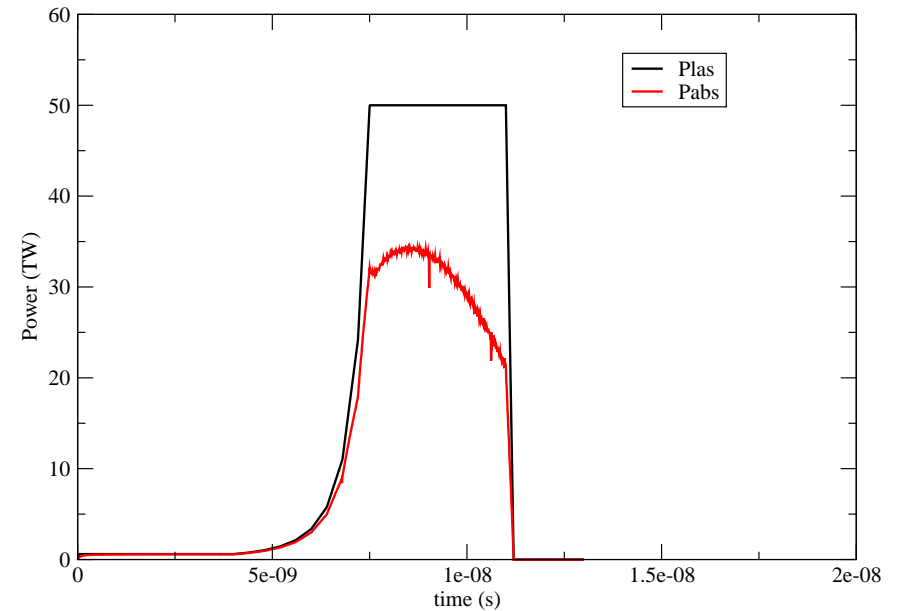


R-t diagram

## HiPER Project



Density profile at stagnation



Pulse shaping

Compression rates  $\sim 10^5$  in  $DT_{\text{gas}}$  and  $\sim 10^3$  in  $DT_{\text{cryo}}$ . Pulse shaping in order to obtain the highest compression rate by minimizing entropy deposition.

- ICF plasma is created by laser interaction with target
- ICF target is the assembly of multimaterial layers with high aspect ratios
- Multimaterial flows with large displacements, strong shocks and rarefaction waves
- Simulations with large changes of computational domain volume and shape (**animation**)
- Lagrangian formulation is well adapted to ICF flows
  - Mesh moves with the fluid
  - Shock resolution is increased
  - No mass flux between cell
  - Free surfaces are naturally treated
  - Interfaces are sharply resolved
- However for too large deformations (shear and vorticity) it appears a lack of robustness (tangled mesh)
- It can be treated by using an Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian (ALE) strategy

- Plasma fluid model in Lagrangian formalism

$$\rho \frac{d\tau}{dt} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0,$$

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} + \nabla(P_i + P_e) = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{d\varepsilon_e}{dt} + P_e \frac{d\tau}{dt} \right) - \nabla \cdot (\lambda_e \nabla T_e) = \Omega_{ei}(T_i - T_e) + W_{\text{las}} + W_{\text{rad}} + W_{\text{fus}}^e + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{Q}_e^{\text{nl}},$$

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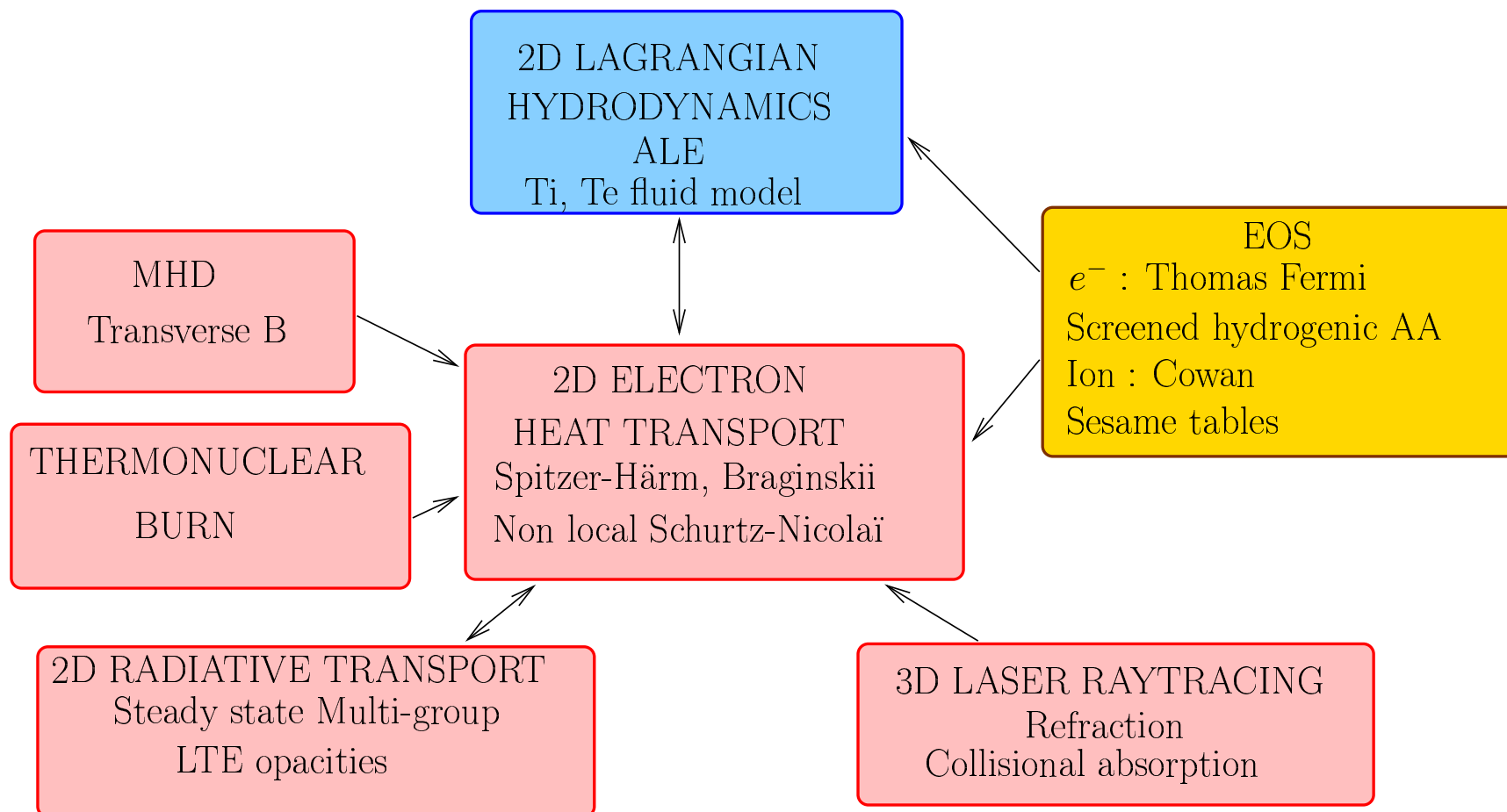
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \left[ \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{c}{eN_e} \nabla (N_e T_e) + \frac{c}{e} \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \nabla T_e - \frac{c^2}{4\pi} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \right].$$

$\lambda_e$  tensorial conductivity (Spitzer-Härm and Braginskii),  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is the thermoelectric tensor and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  is the tensorial resistivity.

Transverse MHD with magnetic pressure and Joule heating neglected.

$\mathbf{Q}_e^{\text{nl}}$  is the non local heat flux.

- CHIC : 2D ICF code developed at CELIA



- Staggered schemes
  - Velocity at grid nodes
  - Internal energy formulation and artificial viscosity
  - Wilkins scheme [MCP 3, (1964)]
  - Compatible discretization [Caramana and Shashkov JCP 146, (1998)]
- Centered schemes
  - CAVEAT scheme [Dukowicz et al. Report LA-10613-MS, (1986)]
    - 2D conservative extension of Godunov scheme
    - Node velocity computed with a least squares procedure
    - Fluxes not consistent with the nodes motion
  - Després Mazeran scheme [ARMA 178, (2005)]
    - Analysis of 2D gas dynamics in fully Lagrangian form
    - Conservative and entropy consistent 2D scheme
    - **Strong dependence to the cell aspect ratio**
    - Some problems with boundary conditions



- Motivations
  - Develop a new cell-centered Lagrangian scheme
  - Cell-centered momentum is easier to handle in view of ALE extension
- Main features of our scheme
  - Four pressures on each edge
  - 2D nodal solver
  - Conservative and entropy consistent
  - Recovers the classical Godunov acoustic solver for 1D flows
  - First order accurate
  - Second order extension

R. Abgrall, J. Breil, P.-H. Maire, J. Ovadia. A cell-centered Lagrangian scheme for two-dimensional compressible flow problems. *to appear in SIAM Journal of Scientific Computing* 2007; <https://hal.inria.fr/inria-00113542>.

- Lagrangian hydrodynamics

For a control volume  $\Omega(t)$  moving with the fluid velocity  $\mathbf{V} = (u, v)^t$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega(t)} \rho \, d\Omega = 0, \quad \text{mass conservation}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega(t)} d\Omega - \int_{\partial\Omega(t)} \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dl = 0, \quad \text{volume conservation}$$

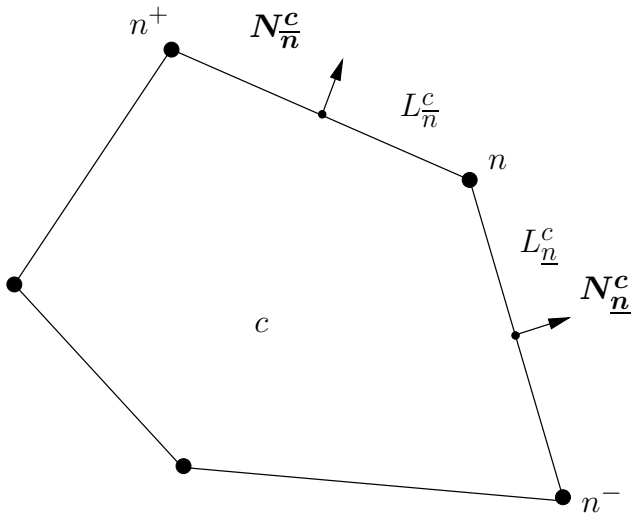
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega(t)} \rho \mathbf{V} \, d\Omega + \int_{\partial\Omega(t)} P \mathbf{N} \, dl = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{momentum conservation}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega(t)} \rho E \, d\Omega + \int_{\partial\Omega(t)} P \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dl = 0. \quad \text{total energy conservation}$$

The pressure  $P$  is given by the equation of state  $P \equiv P(\rho, \varepsilon)$  where  $\varepsilon = E - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{V}$ .

Note that the volume conservation equation is also a geometrical law conservation.

- Discrete evolution equations for  $(\tau_c = 1/\rho_c, \mathbf{V}_c, E_c)$



$$\frac{d}{dt} m_c = 0,$$

$$m_c \frac{d}{dt} \tau_c - \int_{\partial c} \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dl = 0,$$

$$m_c \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{V}_c + \int_{\partial c} P \mathbf{N} \, dl = \mathbf{0},$$

$$m_c \frac{d}{dt} E_c + \int_{\partial c} P \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{N} \, dl = 0.$$

$$L_n^c = d(n, (n + n^-)/2),$$

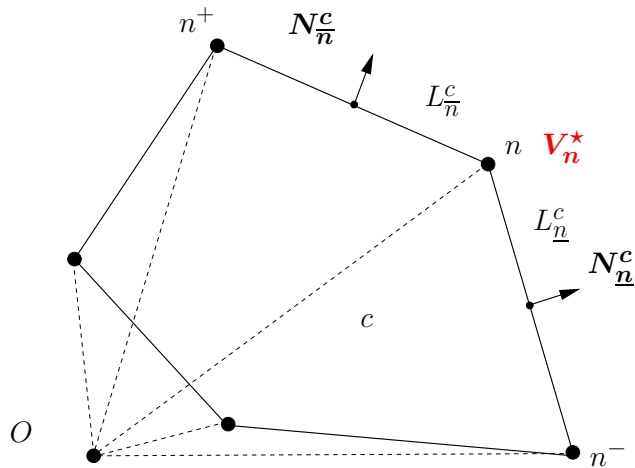
$$L_n^c = d(n, (n + n^+)/2).$$

Trajectories equation :  $\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{X}_n = \mathbf{V}_n^*$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_n(0) = \mathbf{x}_n(0)$ .

Note that the cell area satisfies  $A_c = m_c \tau_c$ .

- Nodal approximation of the geometrical law conservation

Compute the area of the cell using a triangular decomposition



$$A_c = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} (\mathbf{O}n \times \mathbf{O}n_+) \cdot \mathbf{e}_z,$$

time differentiation leads to

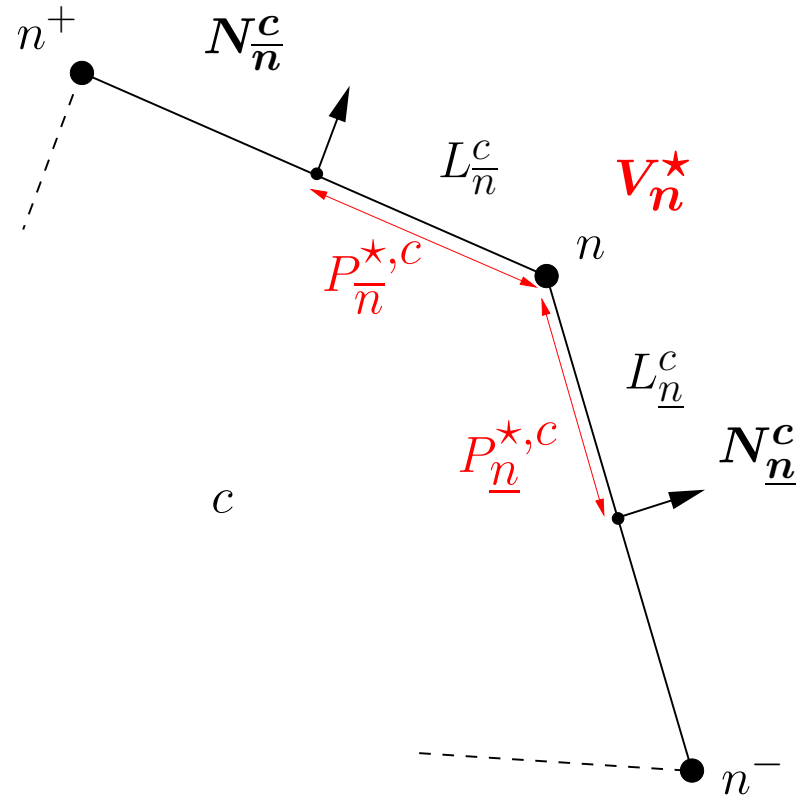
$$\frac{d}{dt} A_c = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \left( L_n^c N_n^c + L_n^c N_n^c \right) \cdot V_n^*,$$

where  $\mathcal{N}(c)$  is the set of vertices of cell  $c$ .

We need to compute first the nodal velocity in order to satisfy the geometrical law conservation. This is the only way to ensure the compatibility between vertex motion and cell area variation.

- Nodal approximation of the momentum flux

$\underline{P}_{\underline{n}}^{\star,c}$  and  $\underline{P}_{\underline{n}}^{\star,c}$  pressures on both sides of node  $n$ , viewed from cell  $c$ .



The momentum equation is written

$$m_c \frac{d}{dt} \underline{V}_c + \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \left( L_n^c \underline{P}_n^{\star,c} \underline{N}_n^c + L_n^c \underline{P}_n^{\star,c} \underline{N}_n^c \right) = \mathbf{0}.$$

- Evolution equations for the discrete unknowns  $(\tau_c, \mathbf{V}_c, E_c)$

$$m_c \frac{d}{dt} \tau_c - \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \left( L_{\underline{n}}^c \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c + L_{\overline{n}}^c \mathbf{N}_{\overline{n}}^c \right) \cdot \mathbf{V}_n^* = 0,$$

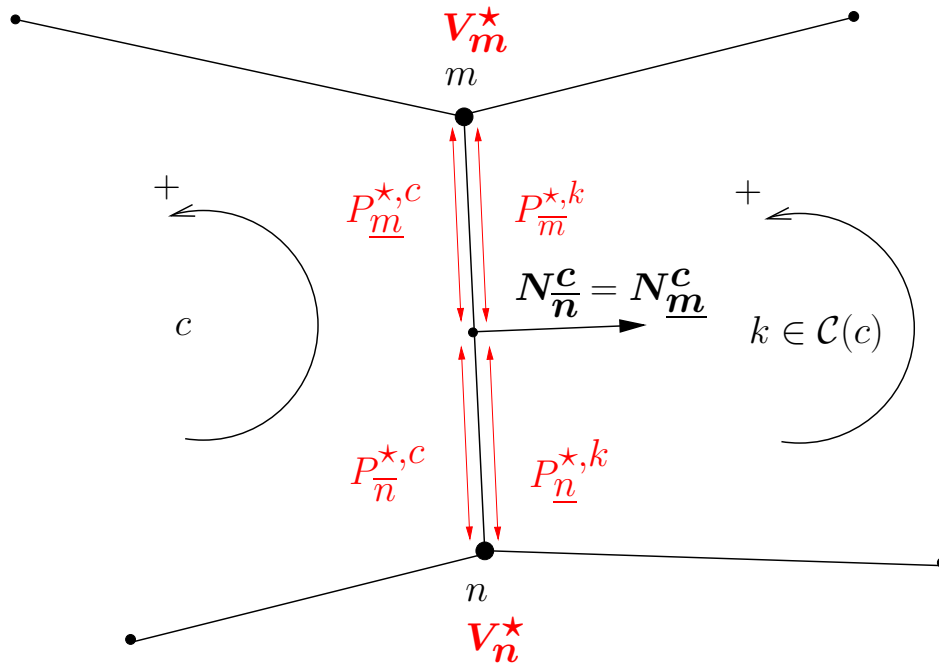
$$m_c \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{V}_c + \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \left( L_{\underline{n}}^c P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c + L_{\overline{n}}^c P_{\overline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\overline{n}}^c \right) = \mathbf{0},$$

$$m_c \frac{d}{dt} E_c + \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \left( L_{\underline{n}}^c P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c + L_{\overline{n}}^c P_{\overline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\overline{n}}^c \right) \cdot \mathbf{V}_n^* = 0.$$

- Node motion  $\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{X}_n = \mathbf{V}_n^*, \quad \mathbf{X}_n(0) = \mathbf{x}_n.$

**Construction of a nodal solver to evaluate the nodal fluxes  $\mathbf{V}_n^*$ ,  $P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c}$  and  $P_{\overline{n}}^{*,c}$ .**

- Remark1 : momentum flux approximation



2 pressures on  $[n, m]$  from cell  $c$   
 2 pressures on  $[n, m]$  from cell  $k$

Generally,  $P_{\bar{n}}^{*,c} \neq P_{\underline{n}}^{*,k}$  and  $P_{\bar{m}}^{*,c} \neq P_{\underline{m}}^{*,k}$ .

**Contrarily to 1D Riemann solver approach momentum conservation is not ensured automatically! But we shall show how to recover it.**

- Remark2 : local entropy inequality

Starting from Gibbs relation  $TdS = d\varepsilon + Pd\tau$ , we get

$$m_c \left( \frac{d\varepsilon_c}{dt} + P_c \frac{d\tau_c}{dt} \right) = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} \left[ L_{\underline{n}}^c (P_c - P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c}) \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c + L_{\bar{n}}^c (P_c - P_{\bar{n}}^{*,c}) \mathbf{N}_{\bar{n}}^c \right] \cdot (\mathbf{V}_{\underline{n}}^* - \mathbf{V}_c)$$

A sufficient condition to have an entropy inequality is to set

$$P_c - P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} = Z_c (\mathbf{V}_{\underline{n}}^* - \mathbf{V}_c) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c,$$

$$P_c - P_{\bar{n}}^{*,c} = Z_c (\mathbf{V}_{\bar{n}}^* - \mathbf{V}_c) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{\bar{n}}^c,$$

where  $Z_c > 0$  is the acoustic impedance of the cell  $c$ .

We recover Riemann invariants along directions  $\mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c$  and  $\mathbf{N}_{\bar{n}}^c$ .

$$m_c T_c \frac{dS_c}{dt} = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(c)} Z_c \left\{ L_{\underline{n}}^c [(\mathbf{V}_{\underline{n}}^* - \mathbf{V}_c) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c]^2 + L_{\bar{n}}^c [(\mathbf{V}_{\bar{n}}^* - \mathbf{V}_c) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{\bar{n}}^c]^2 \right\} \geq 0.$$



- Weighted least squares procedure for the vertex velocity

$\mathbf{V}_n^* = (u_n^*, v_n^*)^t$  minimizes the functional

$$I(u_n^*, v_n^*) = \sum_{c^-,c} \omega_{c^-,c} \left( \mathbf{V}_n^* \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} - \mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^* \right)^2.$$

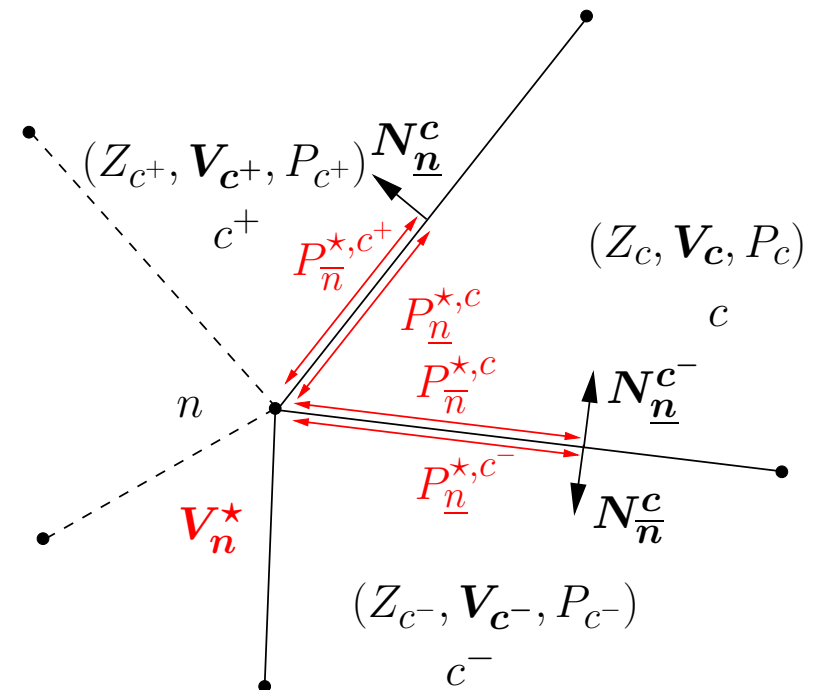
$$\mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} = \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^{c^-} = -\mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c$$

$\omega_{c^-,c}$  weight on edge  $[c^-,c]$

$\mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^*$  normal Riemann velocity on  $[c^-,c]$

$$\mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^* = \left( \frac{Z_c \mathbf{V}_c + Z_{c^-} \mathbf{V}_{c^-}}{Z_c + Z_{c^-}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} - \frac{P_c - P_{c^-}}{Z_c + Z_{c^-}}$$

$\omega_{c^-,c}$  will be computed so that momentum conservation will be recovered.



- Weights evaluation

Least squares problem posed by  $\nabla I = 0$ , this yields the vectorial equation

$$\sum_{c^-,c} \omega_{c^-,c} \left( \mathbf{V}_n^* \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} - \mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^* \right) \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (1)$$

Riemann invariants

$$\begin{aligned} P_{c^-} - P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c^-} &= Z_{c^-} (\mathbf{V}_n^* - \mathbf{V}_{c^-}) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c}, \\ P_c - P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} &= -Z_c (\mathbf{V}_n^* - \mathbf{V}_c) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c}. \end{aligned}$$

By subtraction of the Riemann invariants

$$P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} - P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c^-} = (Z_c + Z_{c^-}) \left( \mathbf{V}_n^* \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} - \mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^* \right). \quad (2)$$

Since  $\mathbf{V}_n^* \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} \neq \mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^*$  then  $P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} \neq P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c^-}$  (momentum conservation loss).

- Weights evaluation

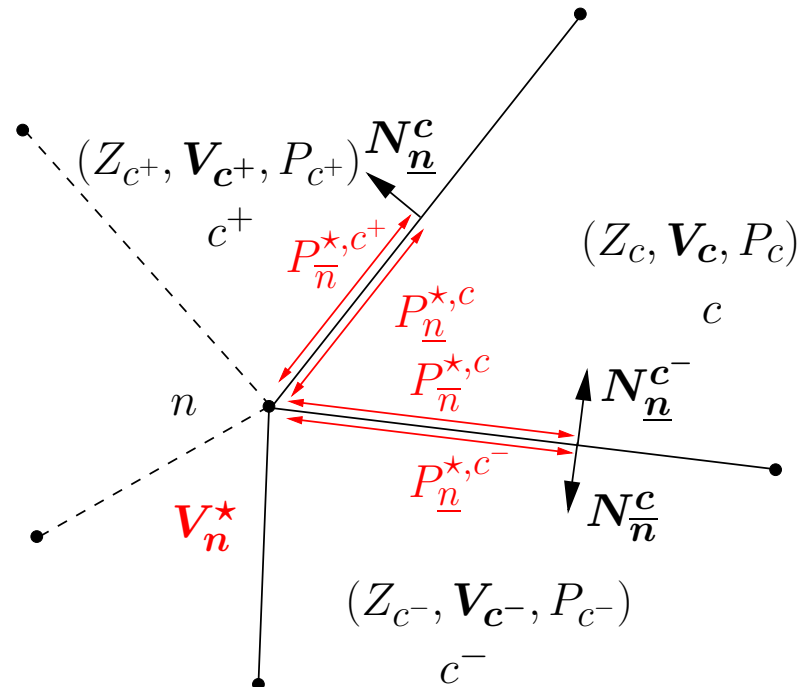
Substituting (2) in (1)

$$\sum_{c^-,c} \frac{\omega_{c^-,c}}{Z_c + Z_{c^-}} \left( P_{\bar{n}}^{*,c} - P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c^-} \right) N_{c^-,c} = 0. \quad (3)$$

It can be interpreted as a momentum balance around node  $n$  provided

$$\omega_{c^-,c} = L_{c^-,c} (Z_c + Z_{c^-}),$$

where  $L_{c^-,c} = L_{\bar{n}}^c = L_{\underline{n}}^{c^-}$ .



- Momentum and energy conservation

With these weights one can check that

$$\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}(n)} \left( L_{\underline{n}}^c P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c + L_{\overline{n}}^c P_{\overline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\overline{n}}^c \right) = \mathbf{0},$$
$$\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}(n)} \left( L_{\underline{n}}^c P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\underline{n}}^c + L_{\overline{n}}^c P_{\overline{n}}^{*,c} \mathbf{N}_{\overline{n}}^c \right) \cdot \mathbf{V}_n^* = 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{C}(n)$  is the set of the cells sharing node  $n$ .

We have recovered momentum and total energy conservation.

- Summary of nodal fluxes computation

$$\mathbf{V}_n^* = \left( \sum_{c^-,c} \omega_{c^-,c} \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} \otimes \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{c^-,c} \omega_{c^-,c} \mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^* \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} \right),$$

$$P_{c^-} - P_{\underline{n}}^{*,c^-} = Z_{c^-} (\mathbf{V}_n^* - \mathbf{V}_{c^-}) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c},$$

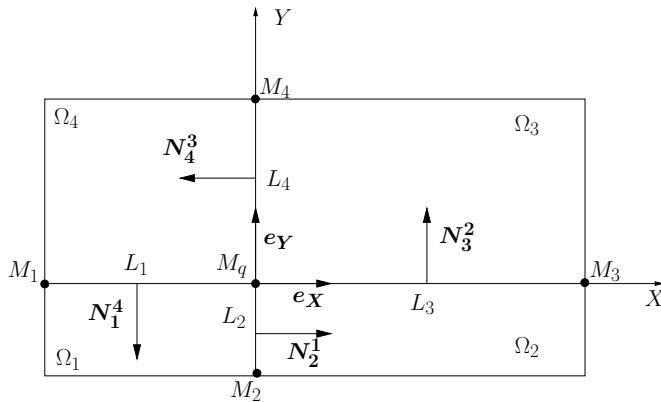
$$P_c - P_{\bar{n}}^{*,c} = -Z_c (\mathbf{V}_n^* - \mathbf{V}_c) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c},$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{c^-,c}^* = \left( \frac{Z_c \mathbf{V}_c + Z_{c^-} \mathbf{V}_{c^-}}{Z_c + Z_{c^-}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{N}_{c^-,c} - \frac{P_c - P_{c^-}}{Z_c + Z_{c^-}},$$

$$\omega_{c^-,c} = L_{c^-,c} (Z_c + Z_{c^-}).$$

We can check that the nodal velocity is always defined provided the mesh is non-degenerate (Schwarz inequality).

- 1D flow with planar symmetry



Cells 1 and 4: state  $P_1, Z_1, \mathbf{V}_1 = u_1 \mathbf{e}_X$ .

Cells 2 and 3: state  $P_2, Z_2, \mathbf{V}_2 = u_2 \mathbf{e}_X$ .

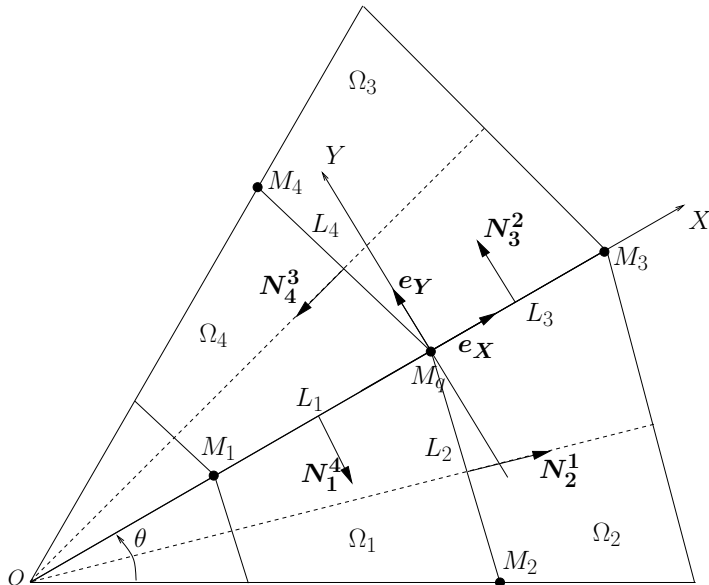
Simple calculations yields  $A = (L_2 + L_4)(Z_1 + Z_2)$ ,  $B = 2(L_1 Z_1 + L_3 Z_2)$ ,  $C = 0$ ,  $SM_X = (L_2 + L_4)(P_1 - P_2 + Z_1 u_1 + Z_2 u_2)$  and  $SM_Y = 0$ . Therefore, the nodal velocity is given by

$$u_q^* = \frac{P_1 - P_2 + Z_1 u_1 + Z_2 u_2}{Z_1 + Z_2},$$

$$v_q^* = 0.$$

We recover exactly the 1D Godunov acoustic solution!

- 1D flow with cylindrical symmetry



Consider an equi-angular polar mesh.  
Choose the local frame  $(M_q, e_X, e_Y)$ .

Cells 1 and 4: state  $P_1, Z_1, \mathbf{V}_1 = V_1 \mathbf{N}_2^1,$   
 $\mathbf{V}_4 = -V_1 \mathbf{N}_4^3$ .

Cells 2 and 3: state  $P_2, Z_2, \mathbf{V}_2 = V_2 \mathbf{N}_2^1,$   
 $\mathbf{V}_3 = -V_2 \mathbf{N}_4^3$ .

The cylindrical symmetry provides

$$u_q^* = \frac{P_1 - P_2 + Z_1 V_1 + Z_2 V_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \frac{1}{\cos(\frac{\theta}{2})},$$

$$v_q^* = 0.$$

Once more the Godunov acoustic solver modified by a geometrical factor.

- Comments
  - ◇ Vertex velocity and fluxes computed consistently
  - ◇ Local entropy inequality
  - ◇ Momentum and total energy conservation
  - ◇ Naturally unstructured
  - ◇ Recover classical Godunov acoustic solver for 1D flows
  - ◇ Boundary conditions easily derived
  - ◇ Tabulated EOS provided the isentropic sound speed is known.
  - ◇ Spatial approximation first order accurate



- Piecewise linear reconstruction for  $P$  and  $V$  using  $P_c$  and  $V_c$

$$\phi_c(\mathbf{X}) = \phi(\mathbf{X}_c) + \nabla\phi_c \cdot (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}_c),$$

where  $\mathbf{X}_c$  is defined by  $\int_c (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}_c) dXdY = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\phi(\mathbf{X}_c) = \phi_c$ .

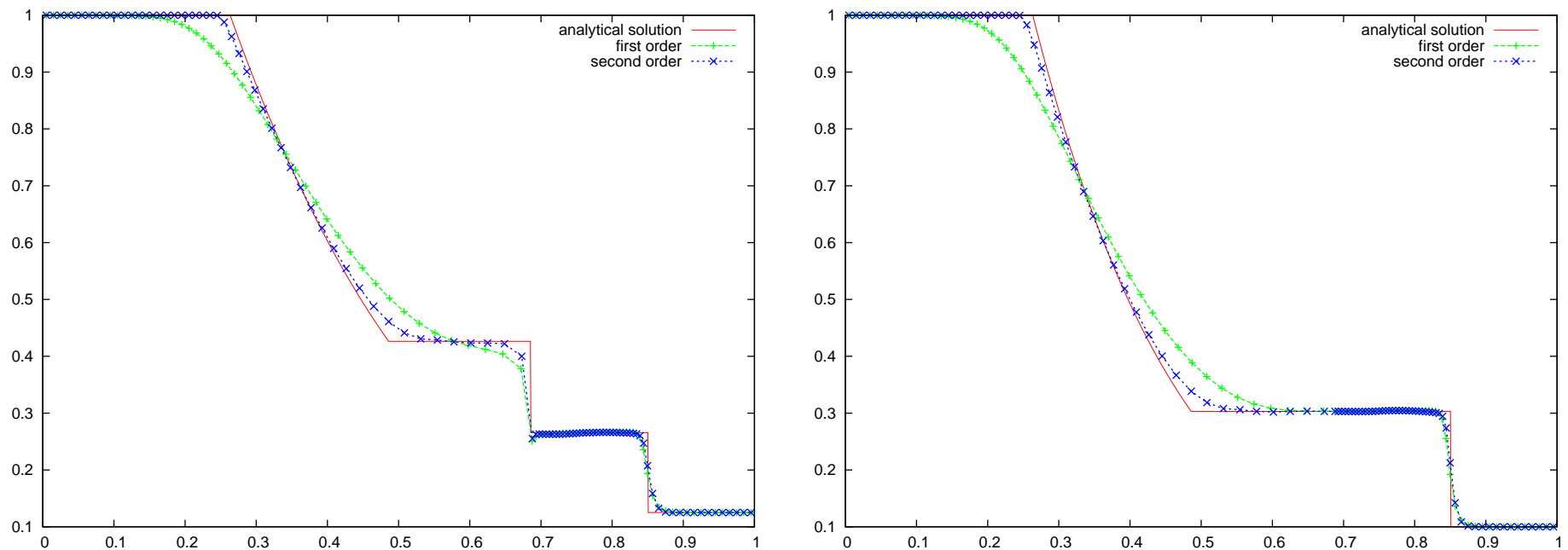
- Calculation of  $\nabla\phi_c$  by a least square procedure
- Reconstruction exact for linear fields
- Monotony ensured by slope limiters so that

$$\min_{k \in \mathcal{C}(c)} \phi_k \leq \phi_c(\mathbf{X}_n) \leq \max_{k \in \mathcal{C}(c)} \phi_k,$$

where  $\mathcal{C}(c)$  is the set of the nearest neighbors of cell  $c$ .

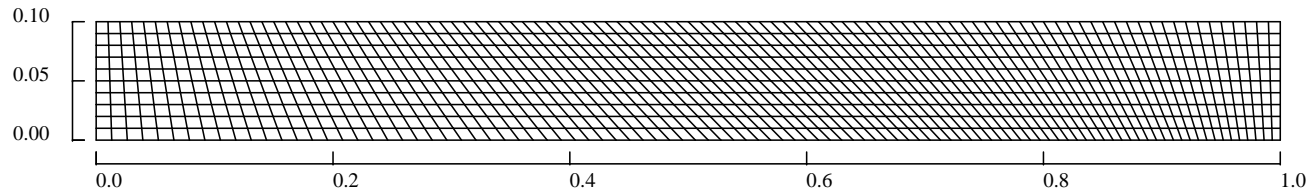
- Nodal extrapolated values for the nodal solver
- Explicit time discretization by a 2 steps Runge-Kutta procedure

- Sod shock tube, first and second order calculation for  $n_x = 100$  cells



Density and pressure plots at time  $t = 0.2$

## ● Saltzman test case



Computational domain  $(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 0.1]$  with  $(n_x, n_y) = (100, 10)$  stretched by the map

$$x_{str} = x + (0.1 - y) \sin(x\pi),$$

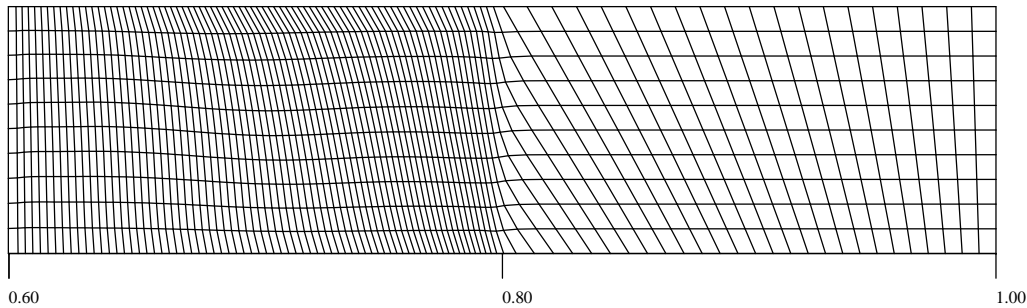
$$y_{str} = y.$$

Initial conditions:  $(\rho^0, P^0, \mathbf{V}^0) = (1, 0, 0)$ , perfect gas with  $(\gamma = 5/3)$ .

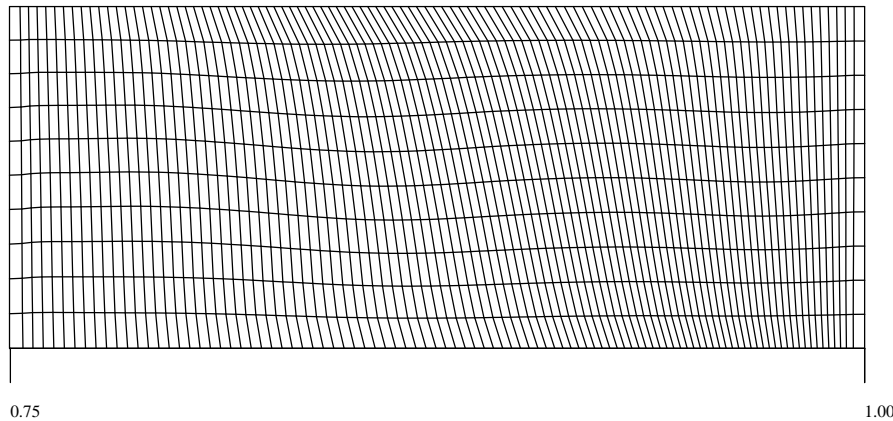
Inflow velocity  $V^* = -1$  on the left boundary  $x = 0$ .

Planar strong shock wave with speed  $D = \frac{4}{3} \mathbf{e}_x$ .

## ● Saltzman test case

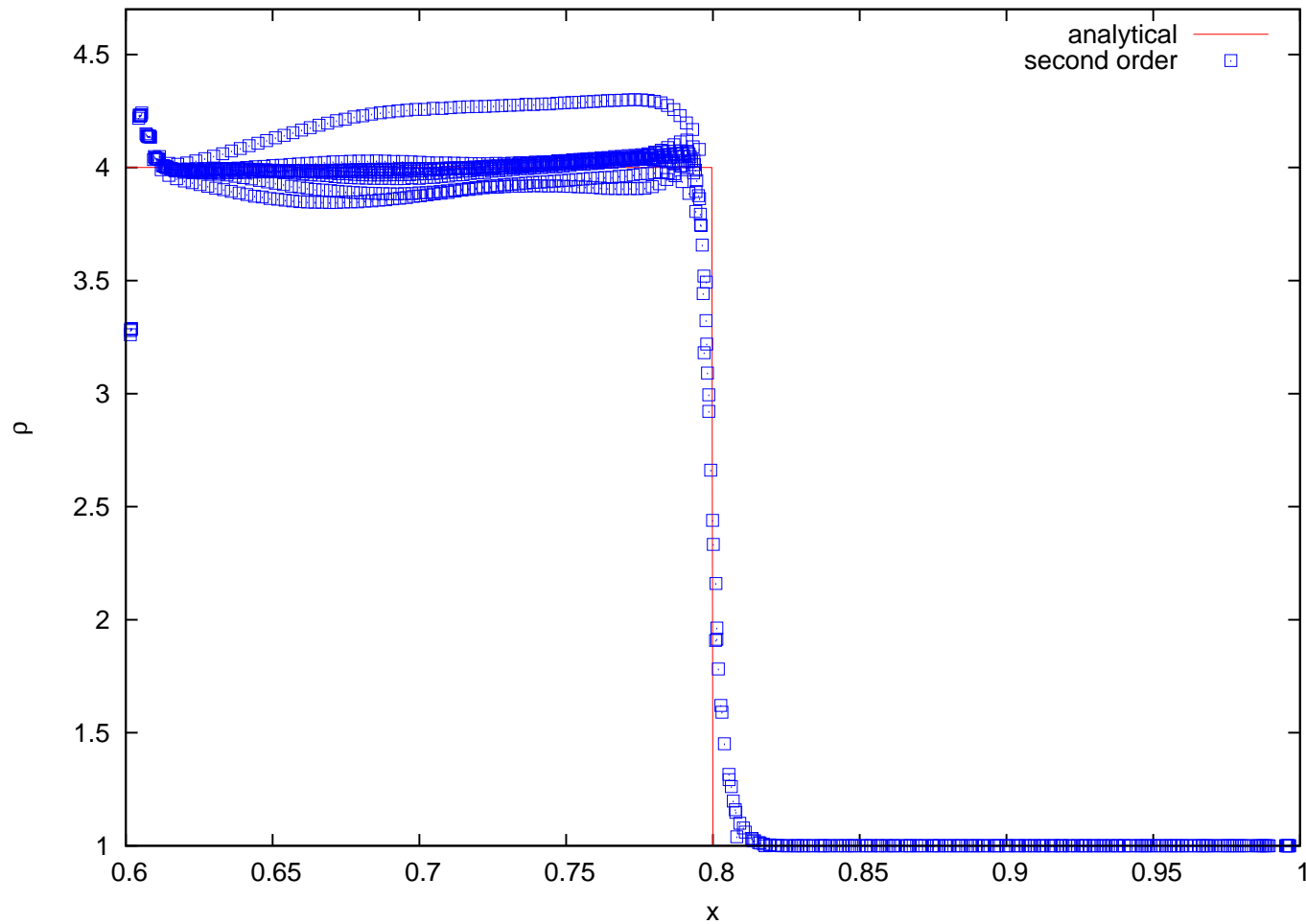


Mesh at  $t = 0.6$



Mesh at  $t = 0.75$

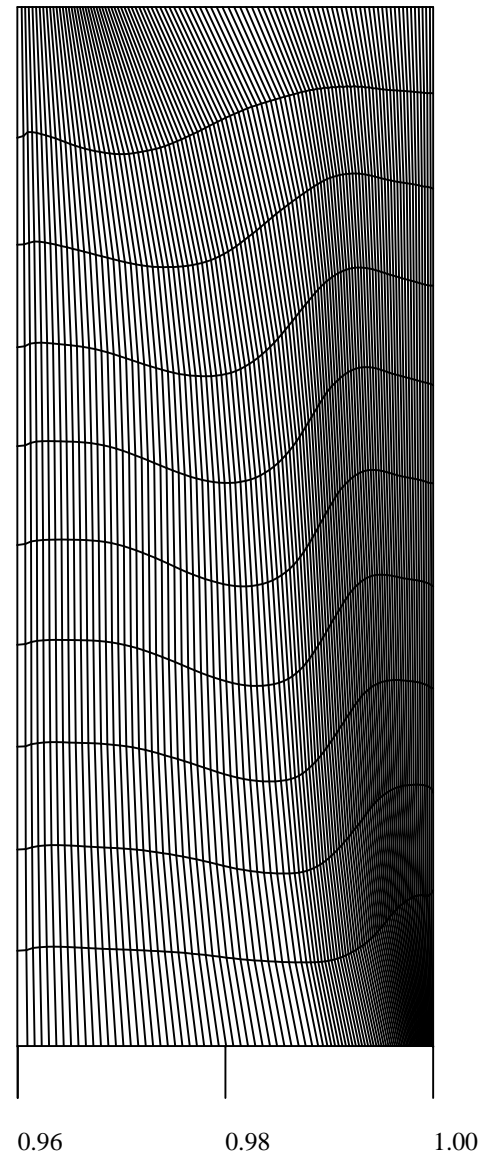
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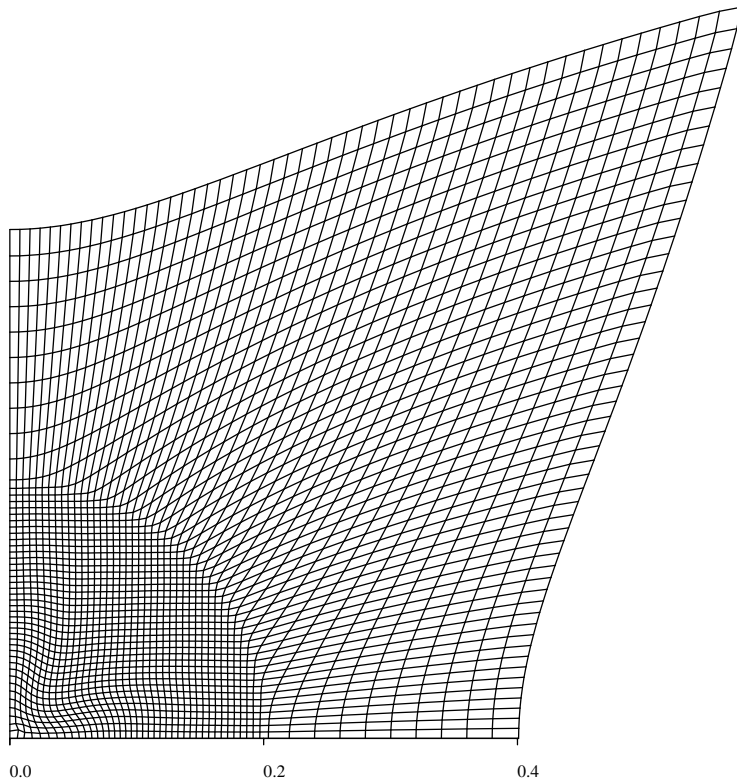
Density in all the cells as function of  $x$  at time  $t = 0.6$

- Saltzman test case

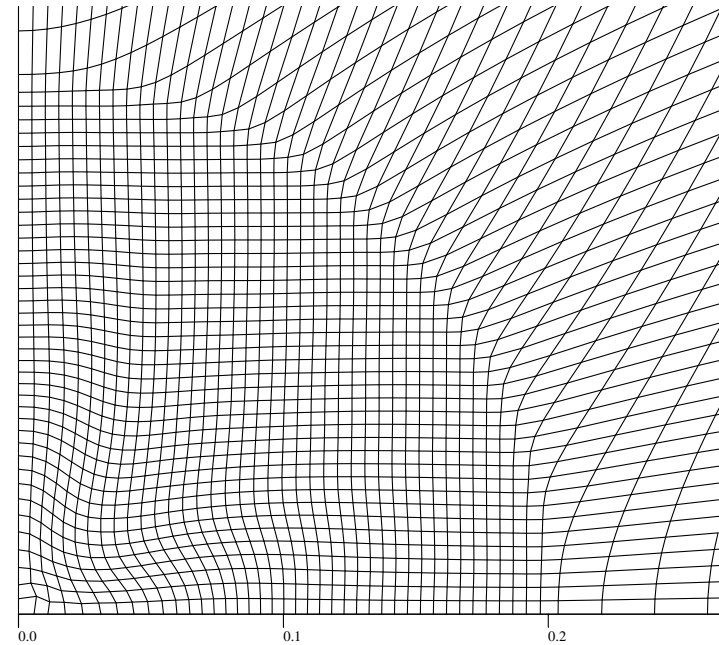
Mesh at  $t = 0.96$



- Noh test case on a  $50 \times 50$  Cartesian grid



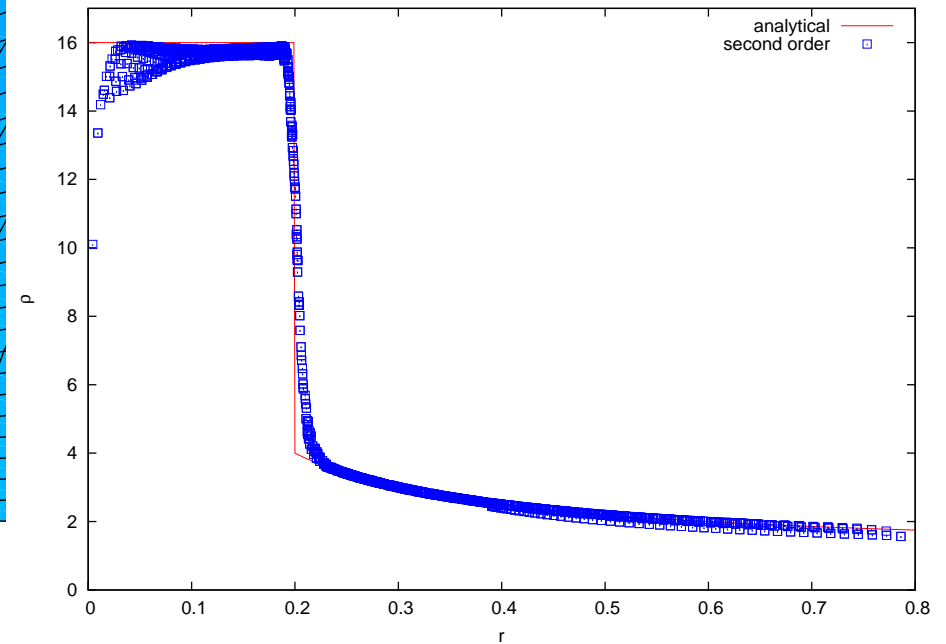
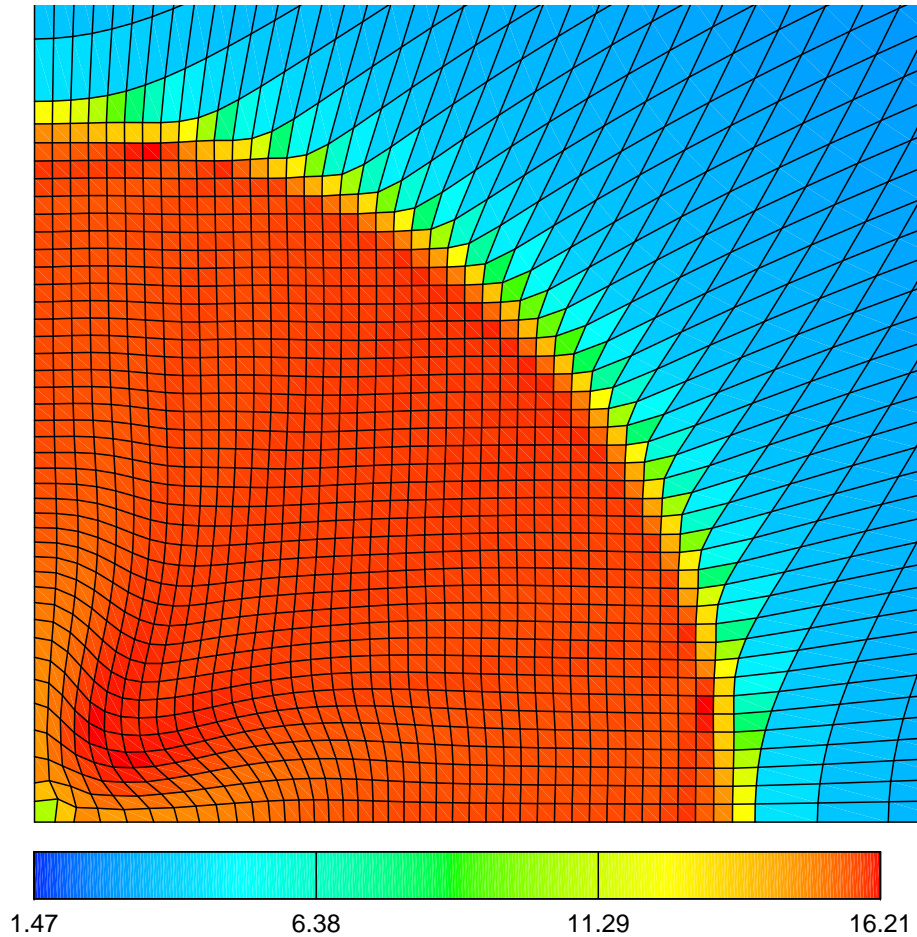
Mesh at  $t = 0.6$



Zoom near the center

# Numerical results

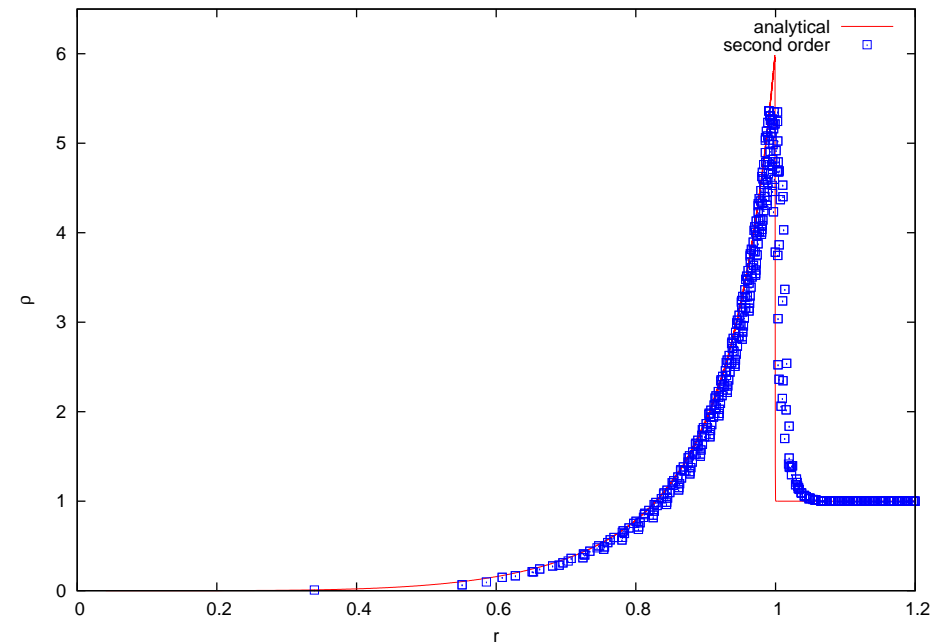
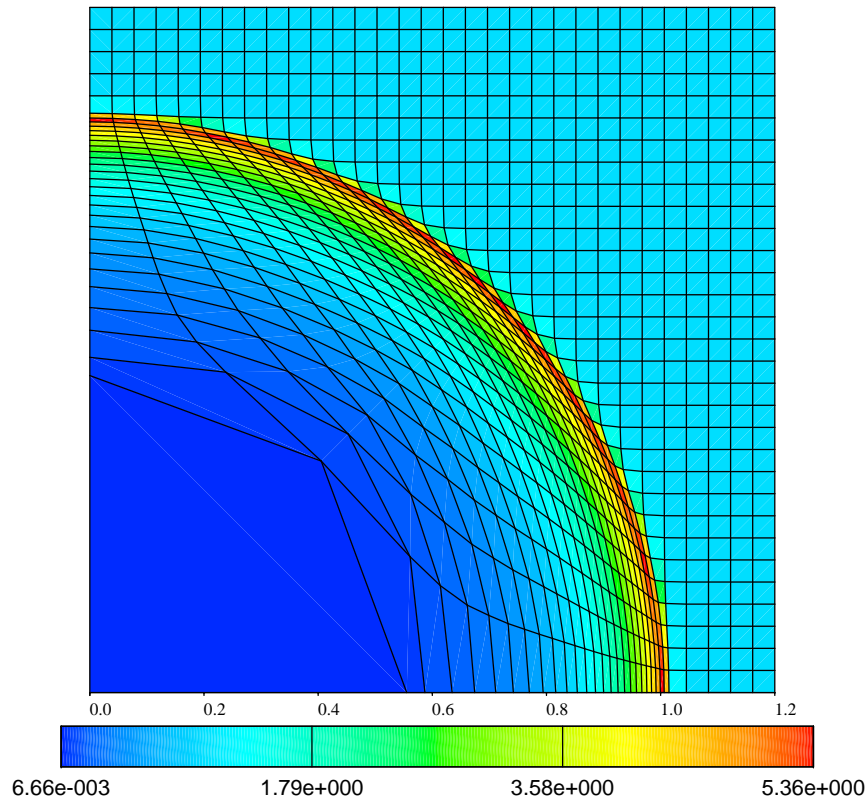
- Noh test case on a  $50 \times 50$  Cartesian grid



Density map (left) and density in all the cells (right) at  $t = 0.6$ .



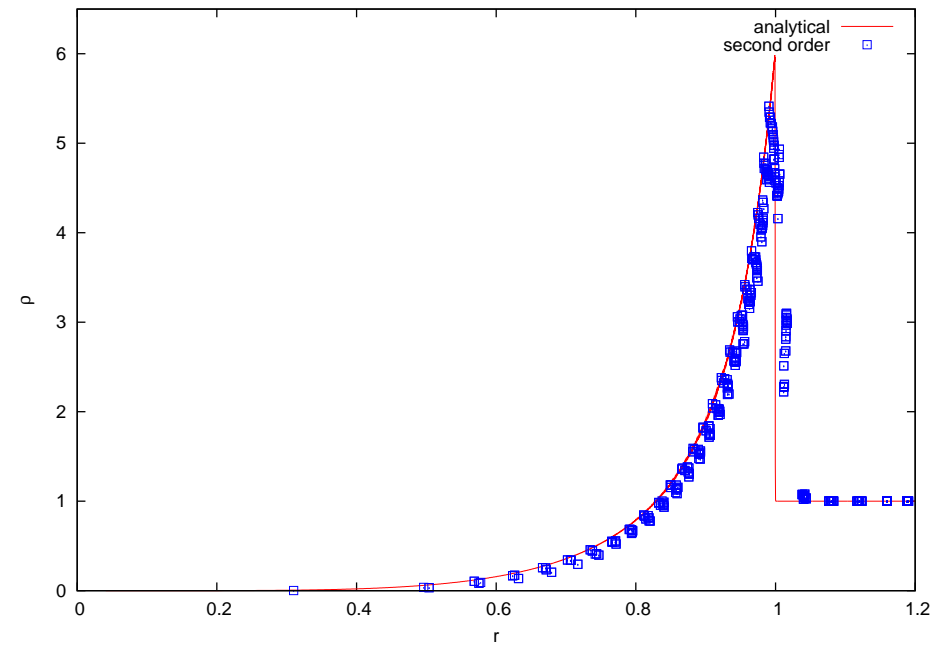
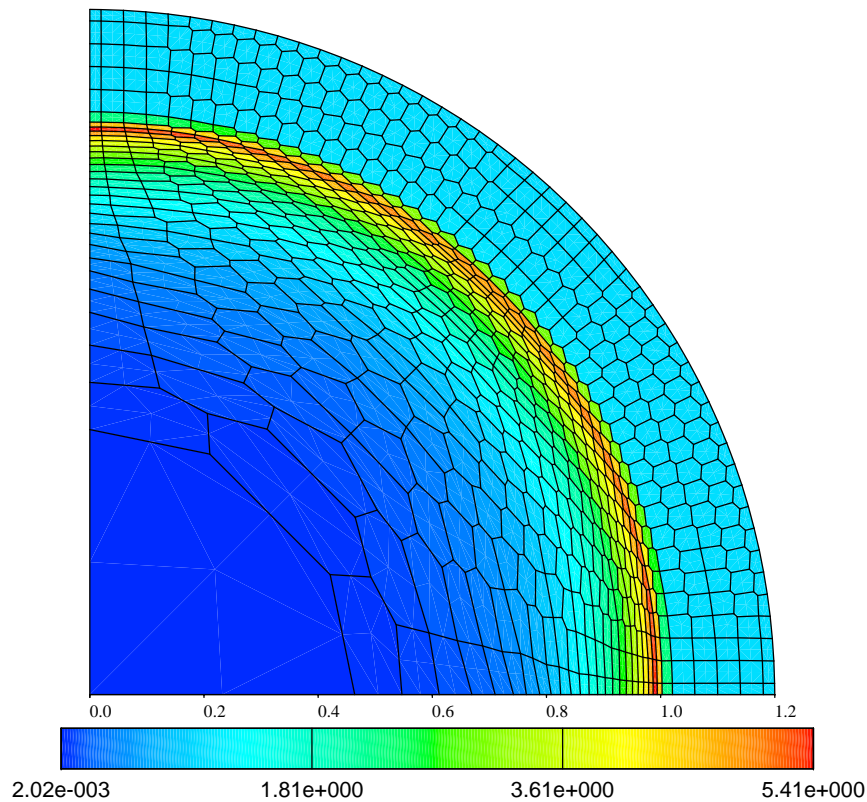
- Sedov test case on a  $50 \times 50$  Cartesian grid



Density map (left) and density in all the cells (right) at  $t = 1$ .

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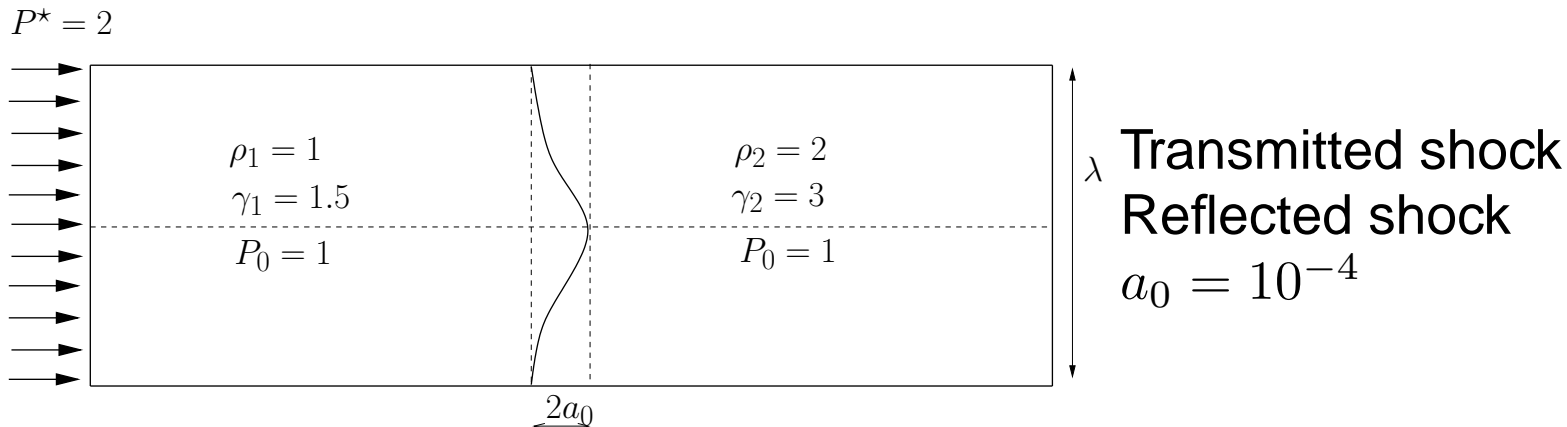
## ● Sedov test case on a polygonal grid



Density map (left) and density in all the cells (right) at  $t = 1$ .

- Linear phase of Richtmyer-Meshkov instability

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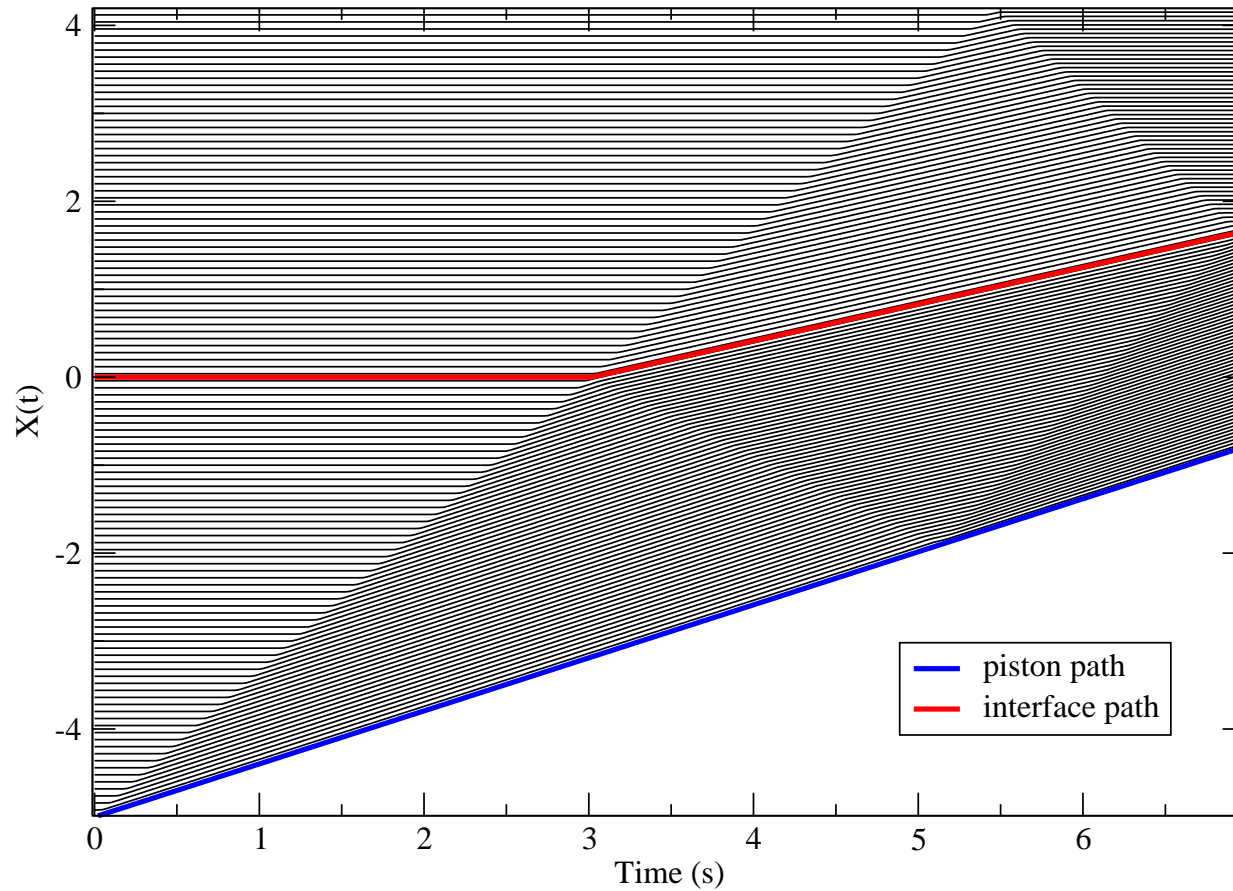
- ◇ Perturbation amplitude evaluated with 2D computations

$$a(t) = (x_{\text{pert}}(t) - x_{\text{unpert}}(t)) / a_0$$

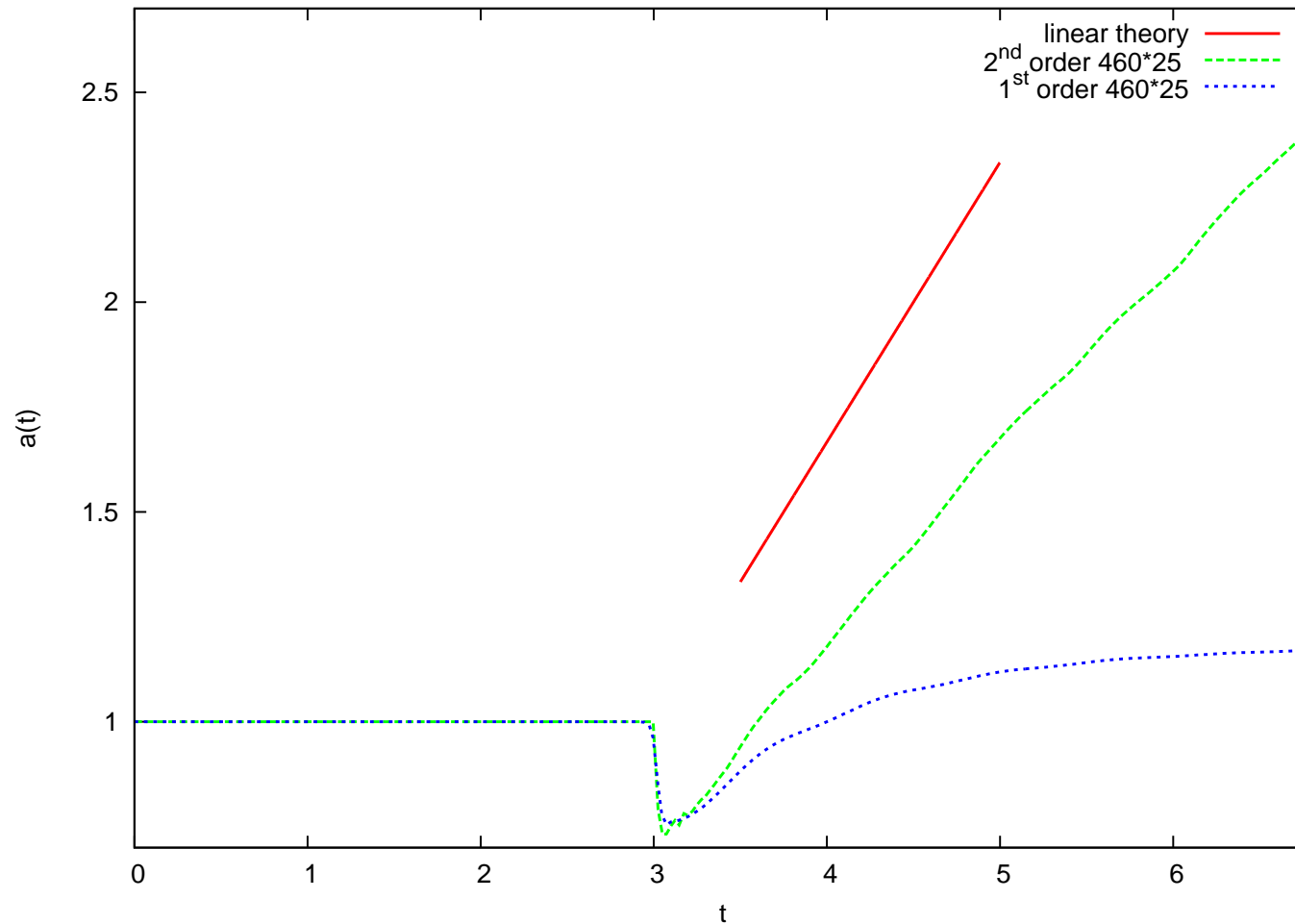
- ◇ First and second order calculations
- ◇ Comparison with linear theory

# Numerical results

- X-t diagram of the flow



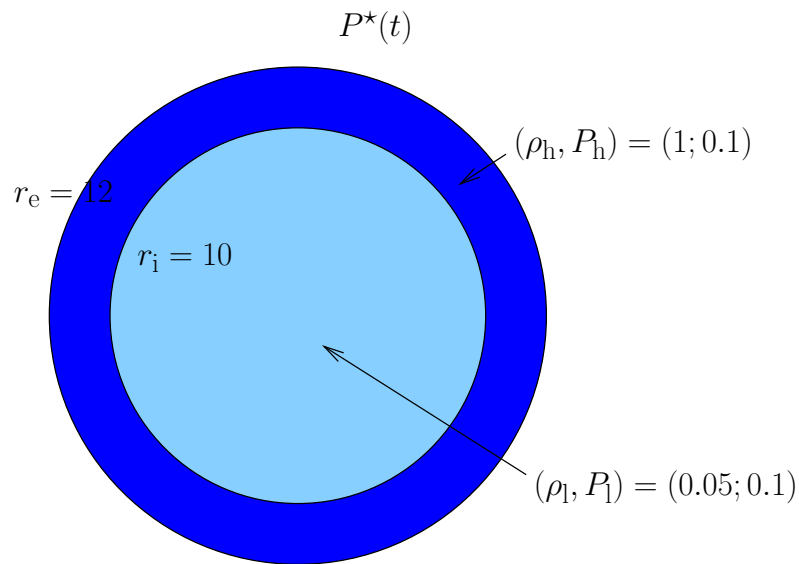
## ● Perturbation amplitude evolution



Comparison between first, second order and linear theory

- Rayleigh-Taylor and RM instability for a spherical implosion

Ref : D. YOUNGS, *3D Numerical simulation of turbulent mixing in spherical implosions*, 10<sup>th</sup> IWPCMTM, Paris July 2006.



Prescribed pressure

$$P^*(t) = 10, t \in [0; 0.5]$$

$$P^*(t) = 12 - 4t, t \in [0.5; 3]$$

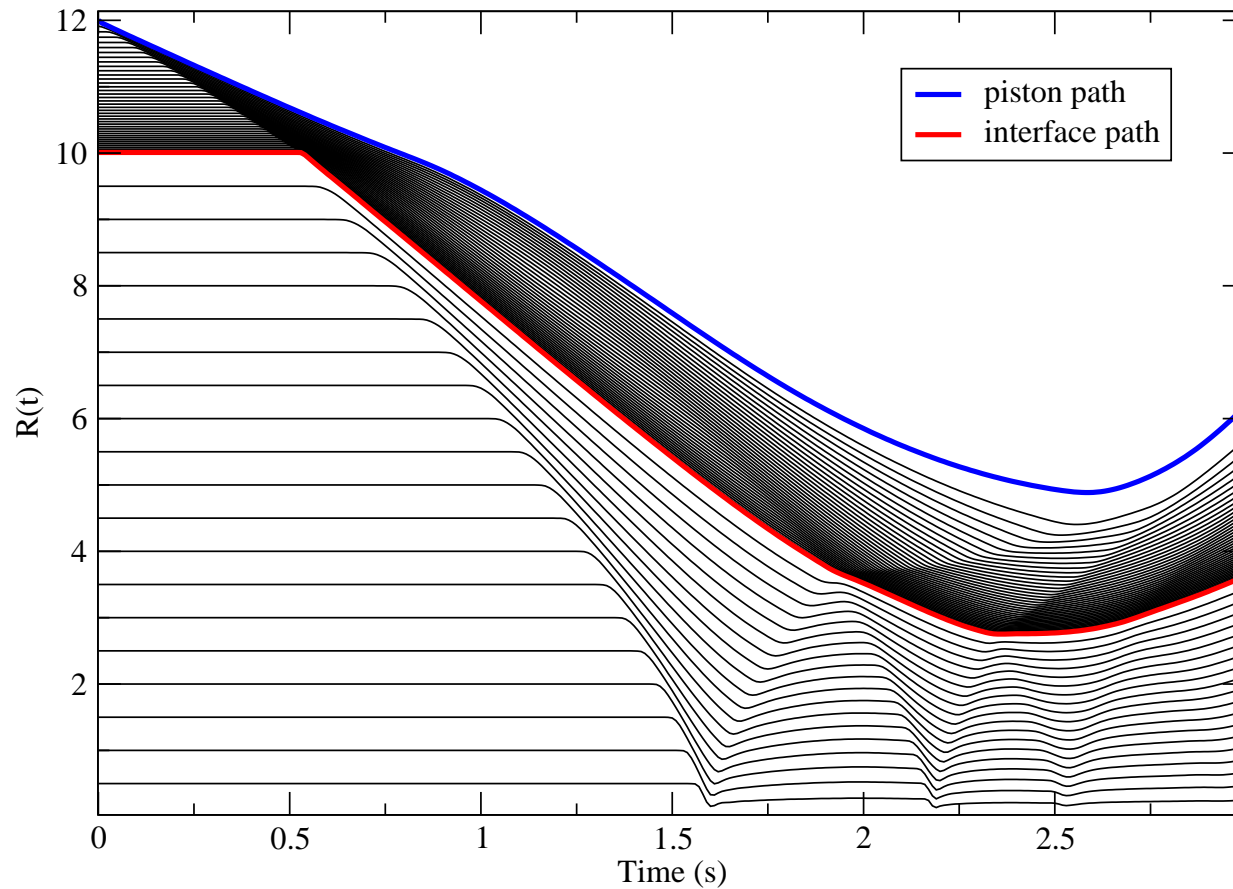
- ◇ Initial perturbation at internal interface with Legendre modes

$$r_i^{\text{pert}} = r_i [1 + a_0 P_l(\cos \theta)]$$

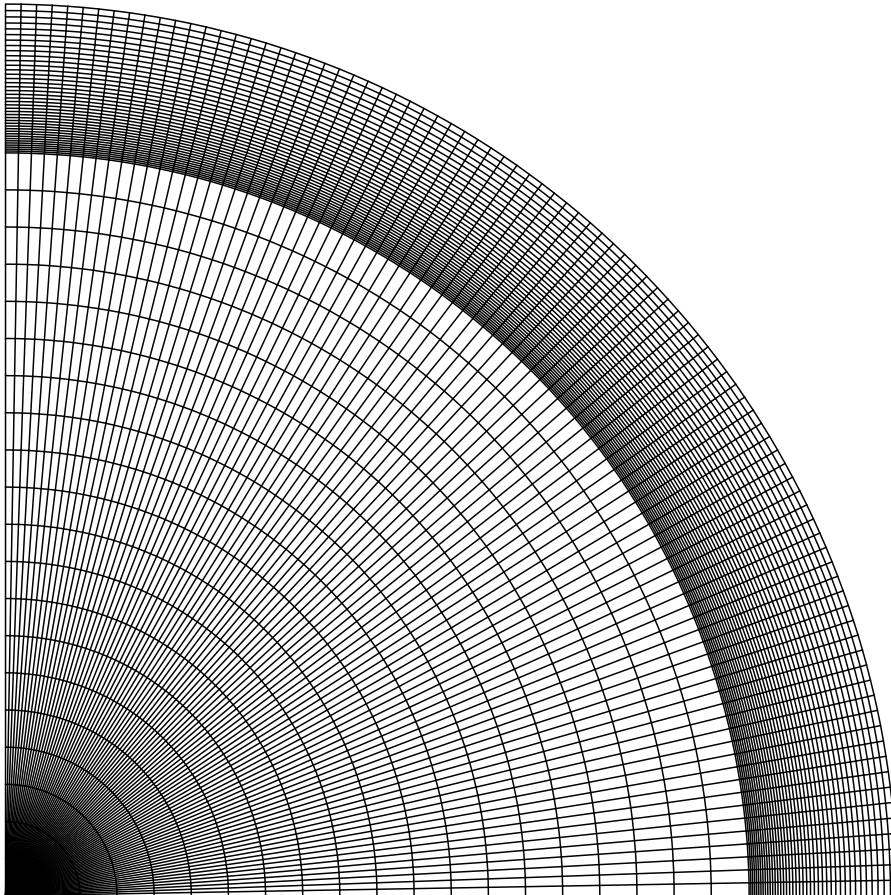
- ◇ We set  $a_0 = 10^{-3}$  and  $l = 10$

# Numerical results

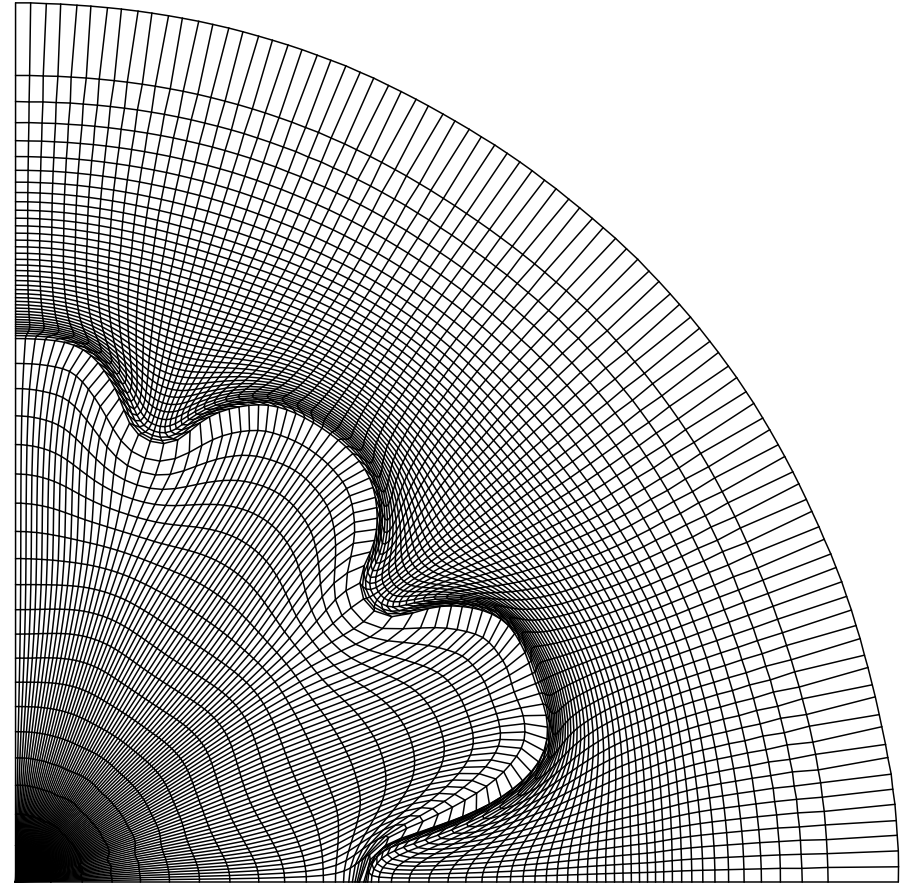
- R-t diagram of the spherical implosion



- Development of the RT instability



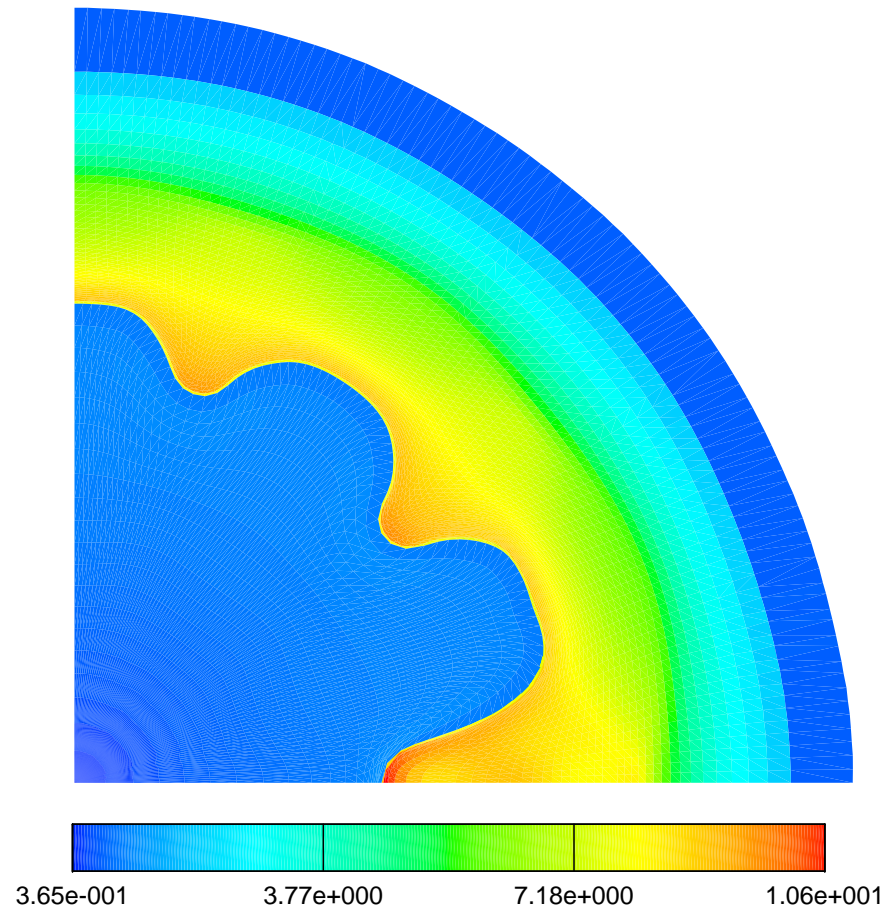
Initial grid



Final grid

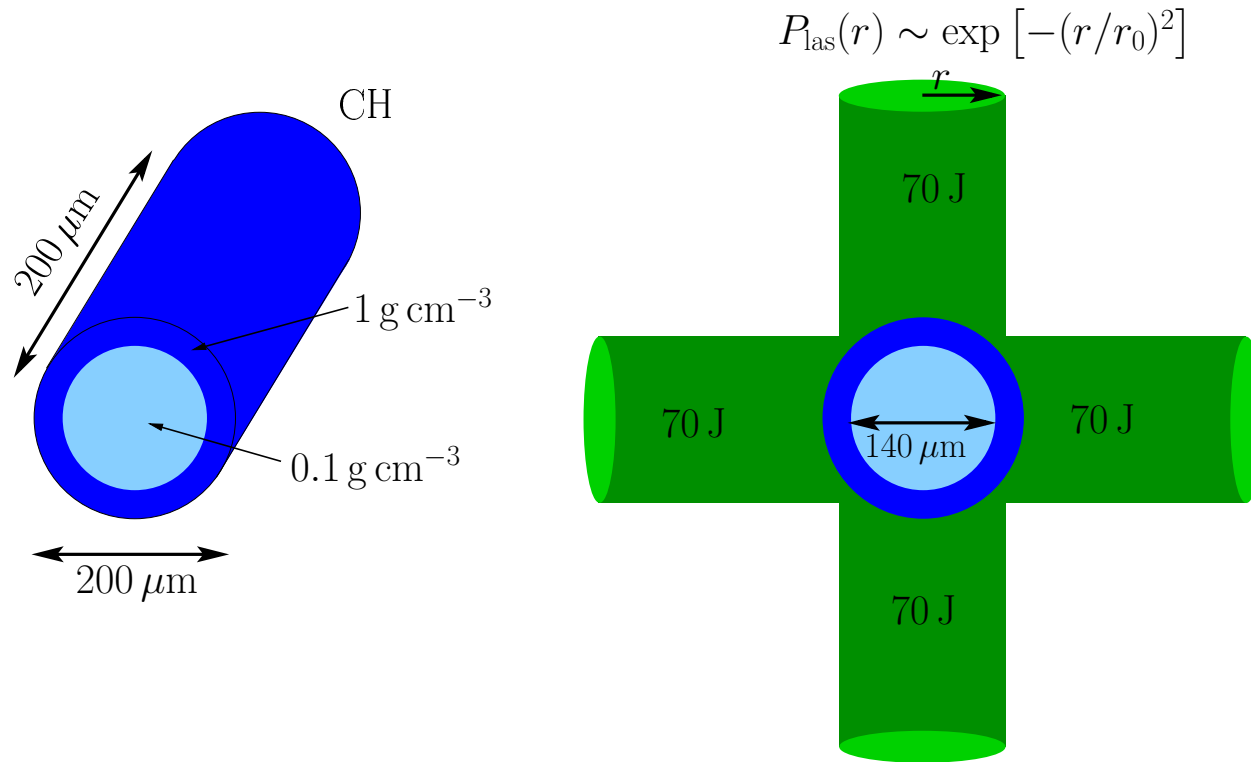


- Development of the RT instability



Density map at final time

- Impact of irradiation symmetry on cylinder compression

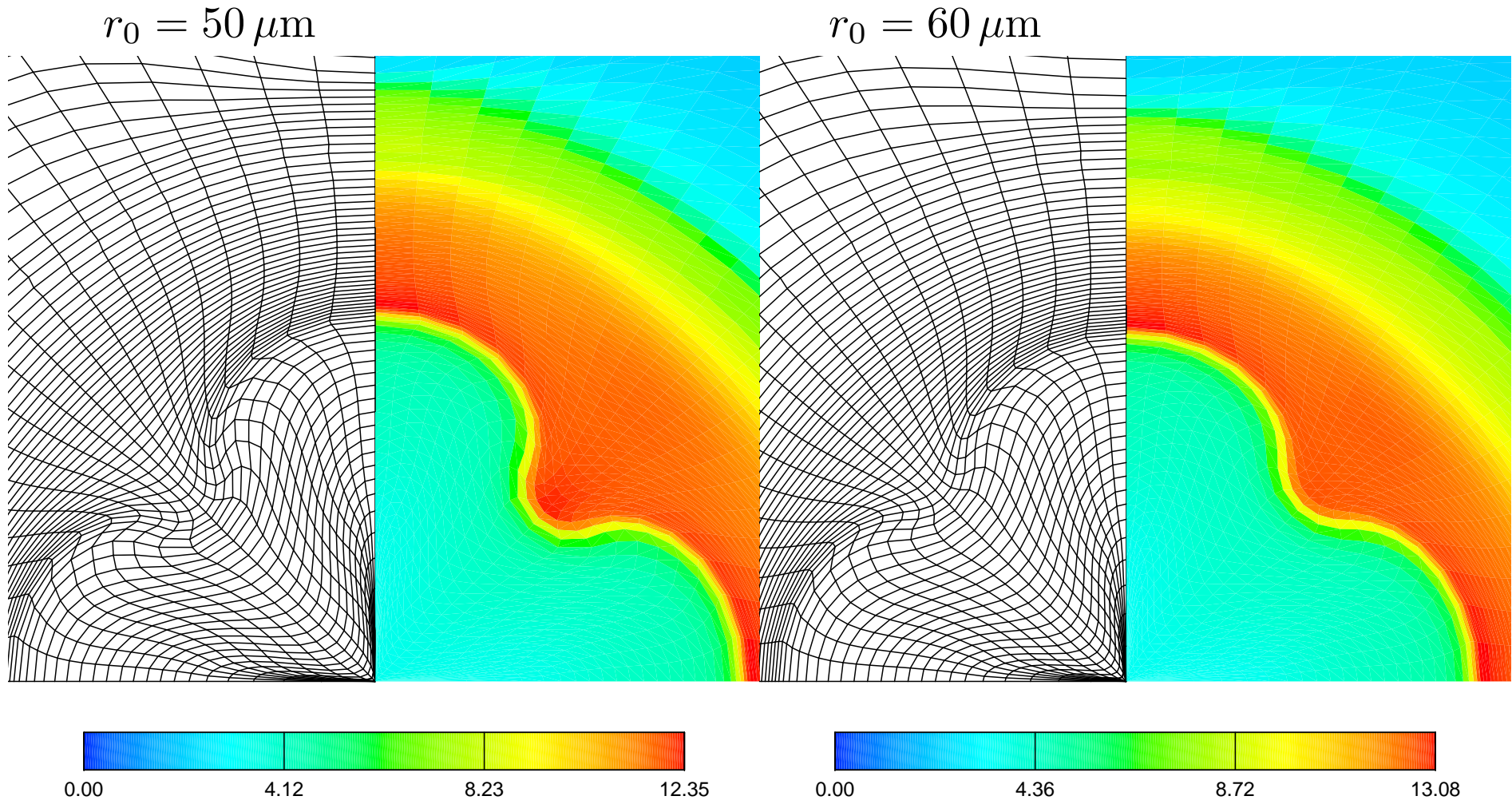


$\lambda_{\text{las}} = 0.53 \mu\text{m}$ , 1 ns square pulse ([animation](#)).

Submitted experiment (Vulcan laser facility, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, 2008, HIPER project).

# Experiment design

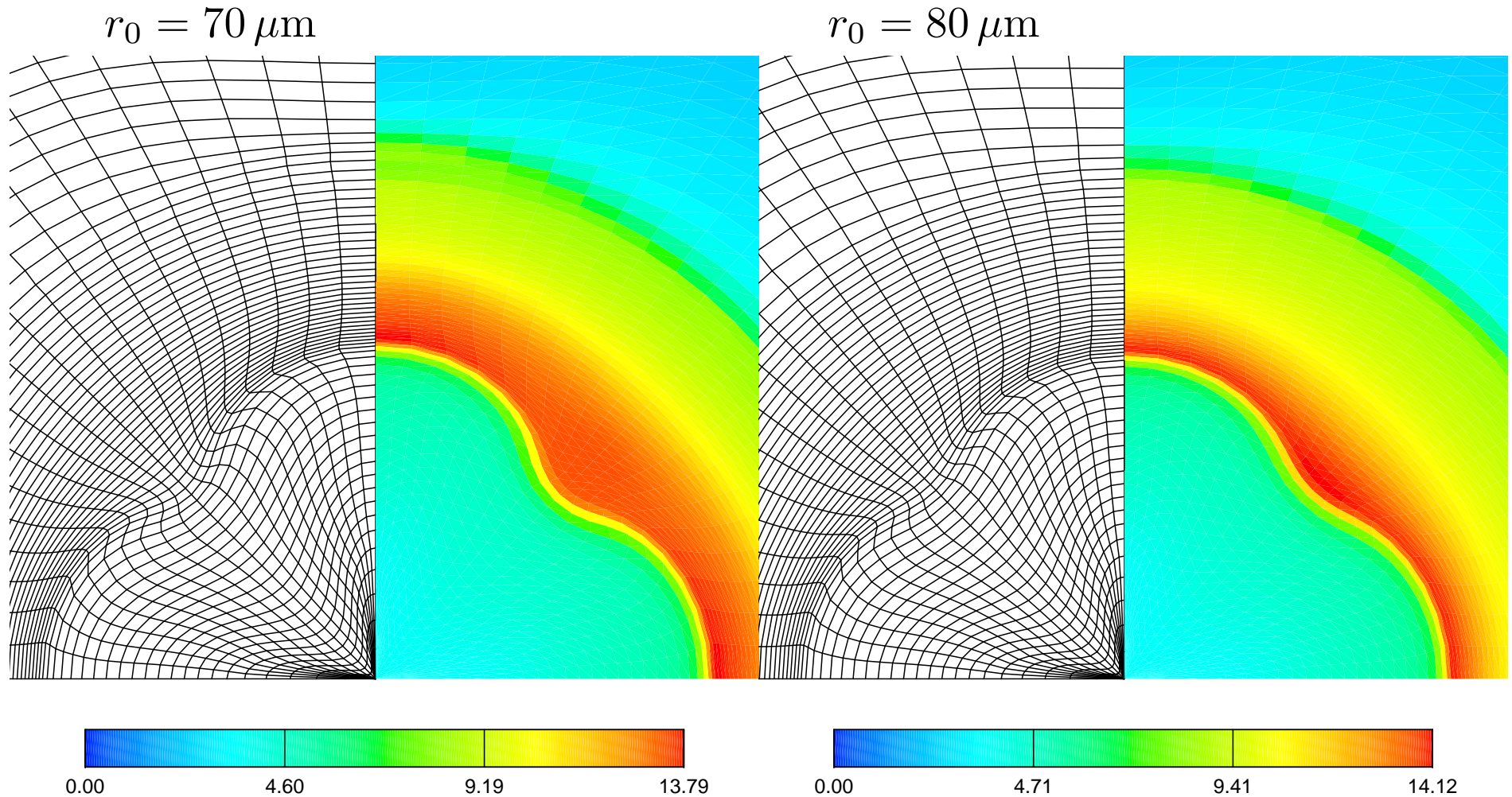
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Map density at the stagnation

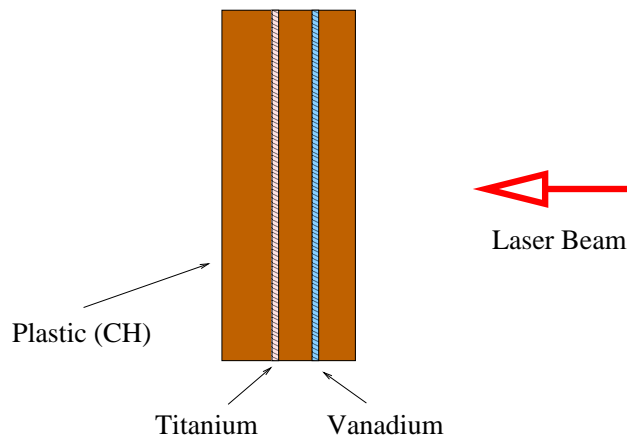
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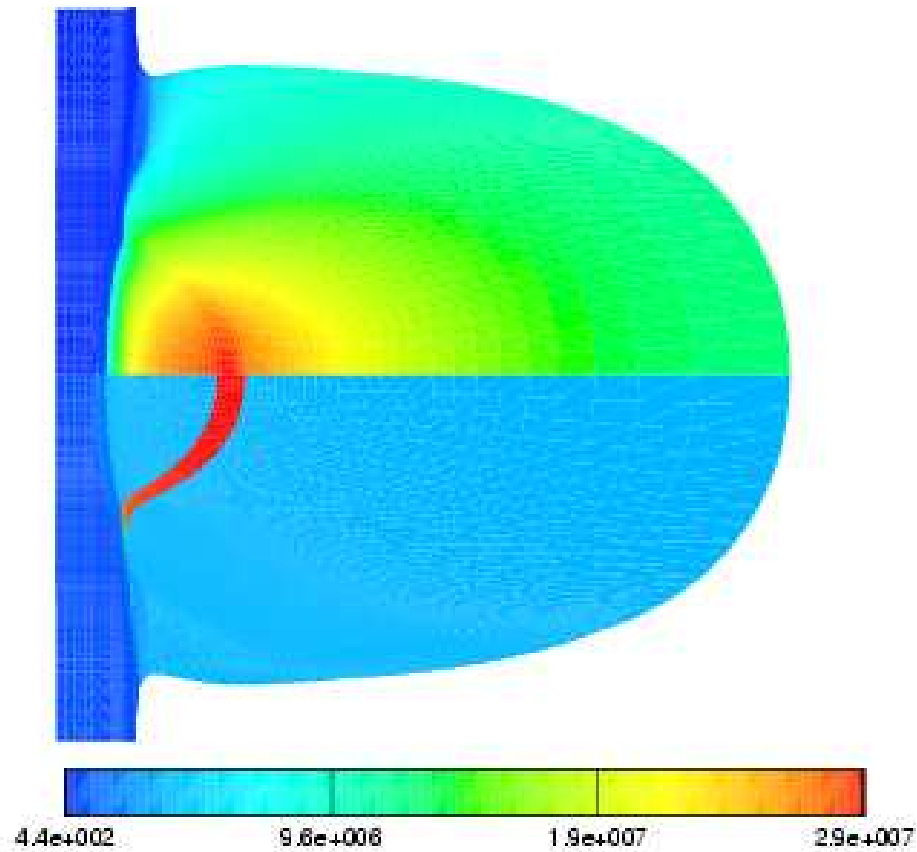
- Characterization of non local heat transport
- Several shots on LIL laser (CEA Bordeaux, December 2005)



- ◇ Plastic target with Vanadium and Titanium markers of  $200 \mu\text{m}$  thickness
- ◇ Vanadium marker of  $0.1 \mu\text{m}$  thickness at  $5 \mu\text{m}$
- ◇ Titanium marker of  $0.1 \mu\text{m}$  thickness at  $15 \mu\text{m}$
- ◇ Include steady state radiative physics and MHD
- ◇ LIL laser beam :  $\lambda = 0.35 \mu\text{m}$ , maximal intensity  $1. 10^{15} \text{W cm}^{-2}$

Ref : G. SCHURTZ ET AL, *Revisiting nonlocal electron-energy transport in Inertial Fusion conditions*, PRL **98**, 2007.

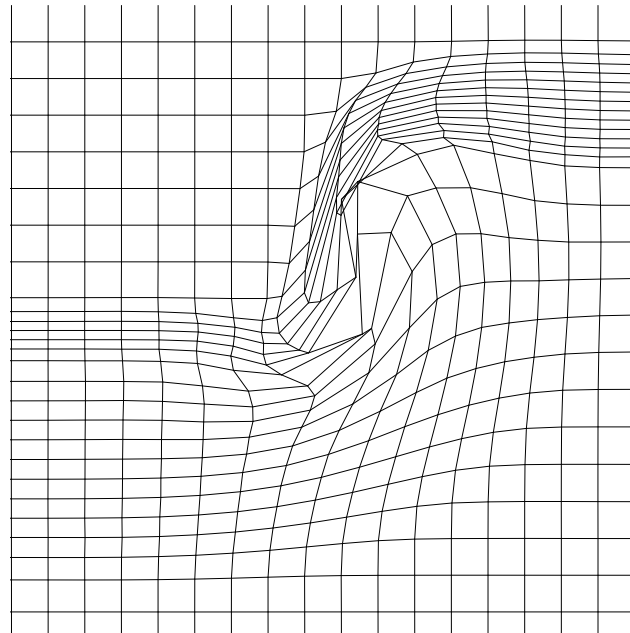
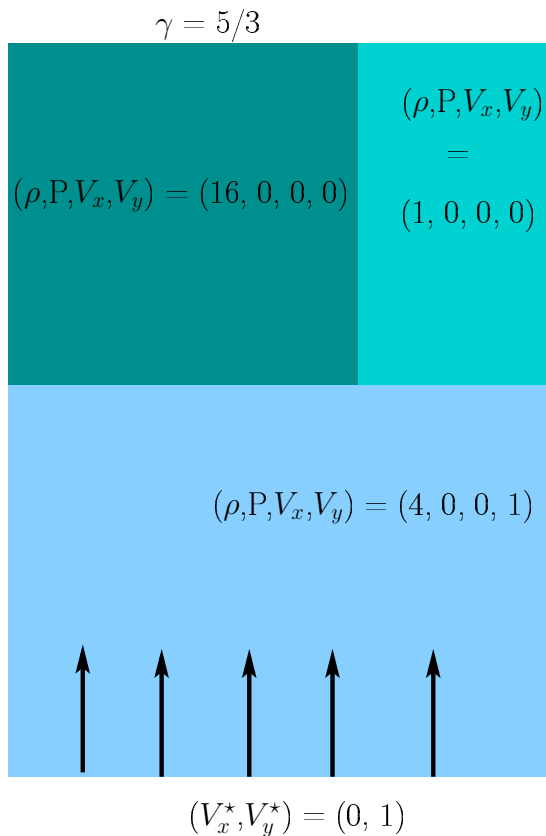
Map of electronic temperature



Map of ionization level

# Motivations for ALE methodology

- Lagrangian computations can degenerate
- Degenerate typically for shear or rotational flows (high velocity impact)
- Can be treated by Arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian method

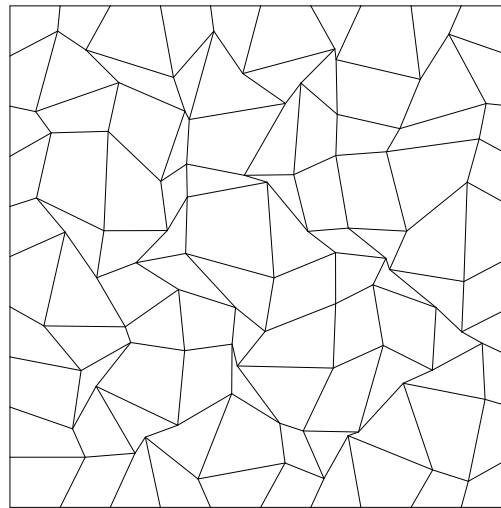


Lagrangian grid, zoom at the corner

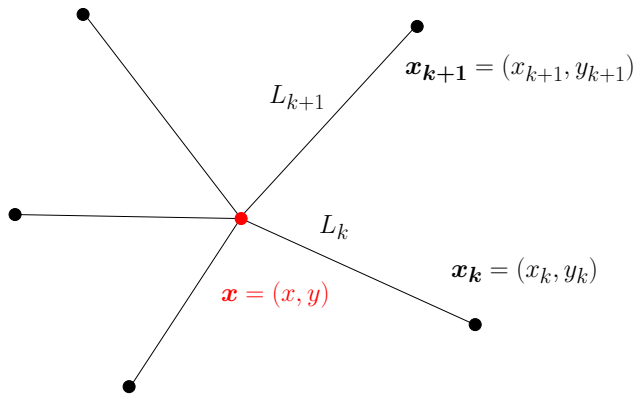
- ALE: combination of Lagrangian and Eulerian methods (Hirt, Amsden, Cook JCP 1974, 1997)
  - **Lagrangian computation** (several time step)
  - **Rezoning** : mesh untangling and smoothing
  - **Remapping** : conservative interpolation of conservative variables from Lagrangian to rezoned mesh
- Remapping allows mass flux between cells
- ALE strategy combines good features of both Lagrangian and Eulerian approaches



- Goal : improvement of unstructured mesh quality
- Minimization of nodally based objective functions (Knupp IJNME 48 2000)
- Local objective function based on geometric entities associated with the node
- Main issue : how can we incorporate physical criteria in rezoning?



- Nodally based objective function



$\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}$ , edge vector

$\mathbf{J}_k = [\mathbf{e}_k, \mathbf{e}_{k+1}]$ , Jacobian matrix

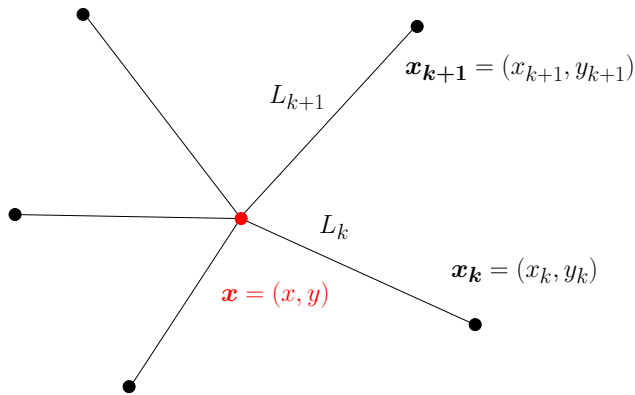
Objective function based on *the condition number of the Jacobian matrix*

$$F_s(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \|\mathbf{J}_k^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{J}_k\|,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the Frobenius norm.  $F_s$  is the discrete analog of the *smoothness functional* proposed by Brackbill (JCP 46, 1982). It is closely related to the Winslow smoother.

$$F_s(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \frac{L_k^2 + L_{k+1}^2}{|\mathbf{J}_k|}.$$

- Nodally based objective function



$\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}$ , edge vector

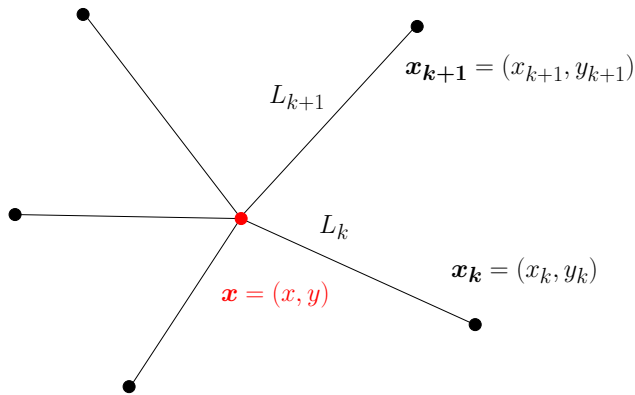
$\mathbf{J}_k = [\mathbf{e}_k, \mathbf{e}_{k+1}]$ , Jacobian matrix

In the same framework we derive a weighted orthogonality control functional

$$F_o(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \frac{(\mathbf{e}_k \cdot \mathbf{e}_{k+1})^2}{|\mathbf{J}_k|^2}.$$

$F_o$  is the discrete analog of the *orthogonality control functional* proposed by Brackbill (JCP 46, 1982).

## ● Nodally based objective function



$\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}$ , edge vector

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We also derive a weighted area control functional

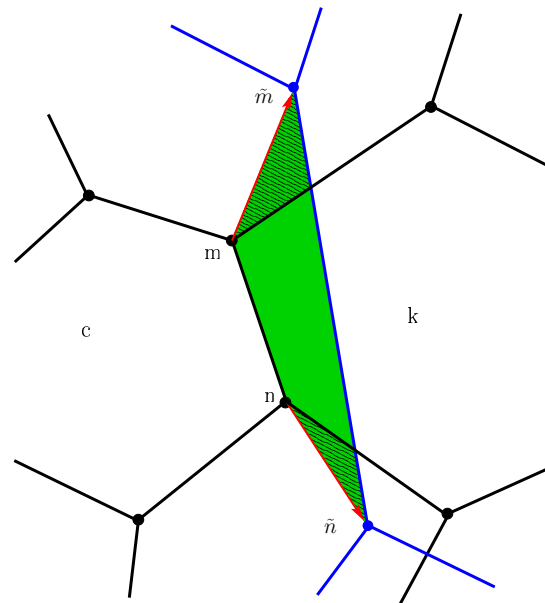
$$F_w(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k W_k |\mathbf{J}_k|^2,$$

$W$  is a weight function resulting in a finer grid where the weight is large.

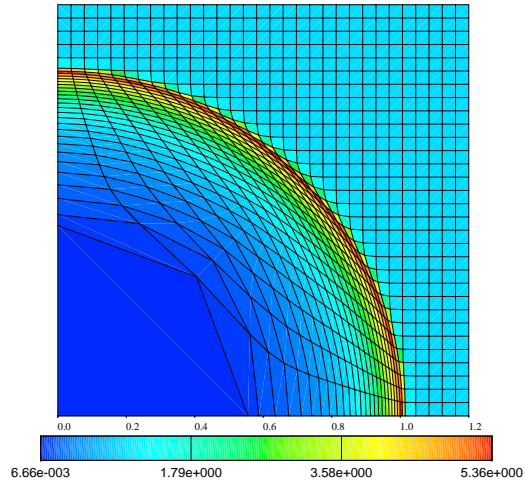
Contrarily to  $F_s$  and  $F_o$ ,  $F_w$  has a physical dimension. Consequently, it is difficult to combine these 3 objective functions.

- Optimization of the global mesh
  - ◇ Construct a local objective function  $F(x, y)$  by combining  $F_s$ ,  $F_o$  and  $F_w$
  - ◇ Minimize separately each of the local objective function with a Newton procedure (single step towards the minimum)
  - ◇ Iterate over all the nodes of the mesh
- Treatment of boundary and interface nodes
  - ◇ Boundaries and interfaces are fitted with Bezier curves
  - ◇ Nodes are assigned to move on these Bezier curves
  - ◇ It leads to constrained minimization problem
- Mesh untangling by combination of feasible set method and numerical optimization [Vachal, Garimella, Shashkov (JCP, 2004)].
- Main issue : we need to move only those vertices which are necessary and as little as possible

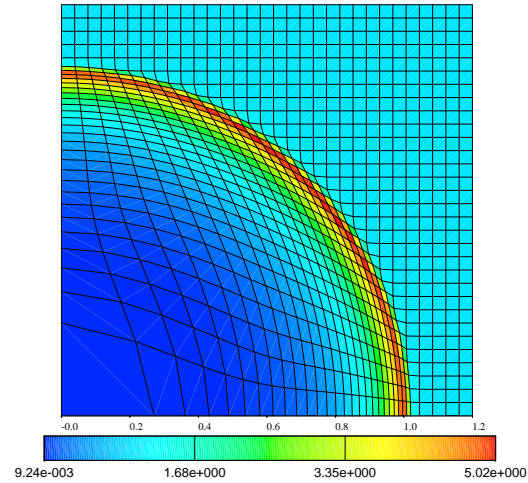
- Conservative interpolation of conservative quantities from the old Lagrangian mesh to the new rezoned mesh
- Piecewise monotonic linear reconstruction over the Lagrangian mesh
- Approximate quadrature over regions swept by edges moving from Lagrangian position to the rezoned position
- Integral over new cells = sum of integrals over swept regions
- Cheaper than exact integration for which intersections is needed



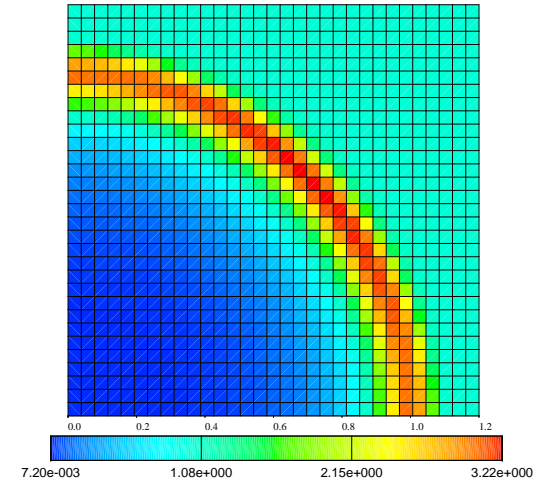
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Lagrange



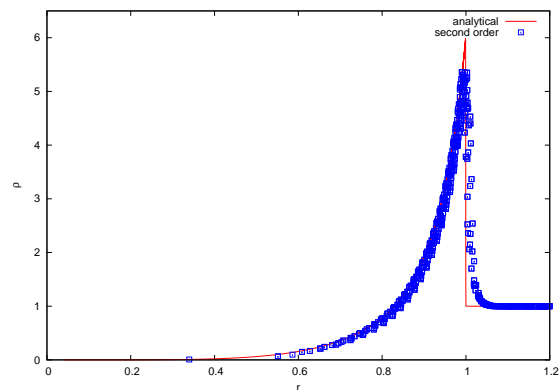
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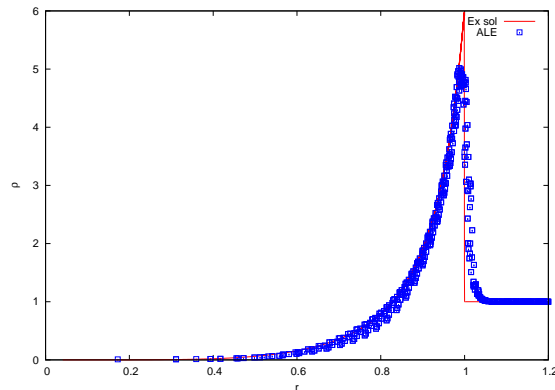
Euler

Density maps at  $t = 1$

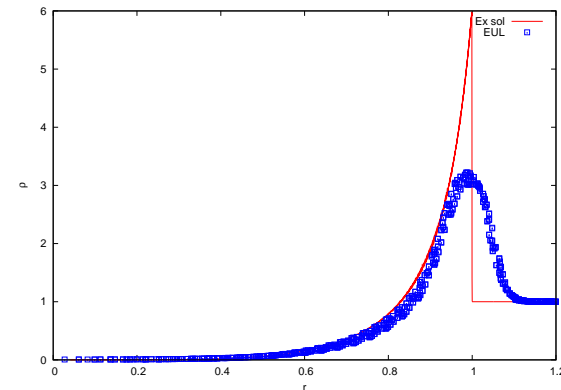
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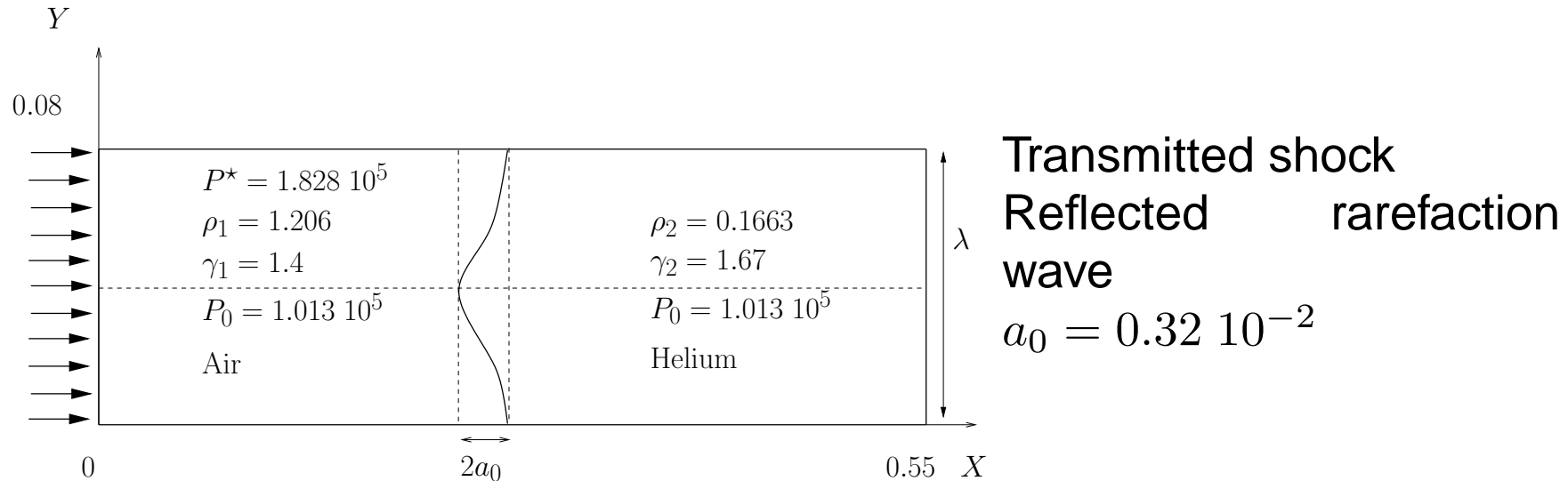
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Density in all the cells versus exact solution at  $t = 1$ .



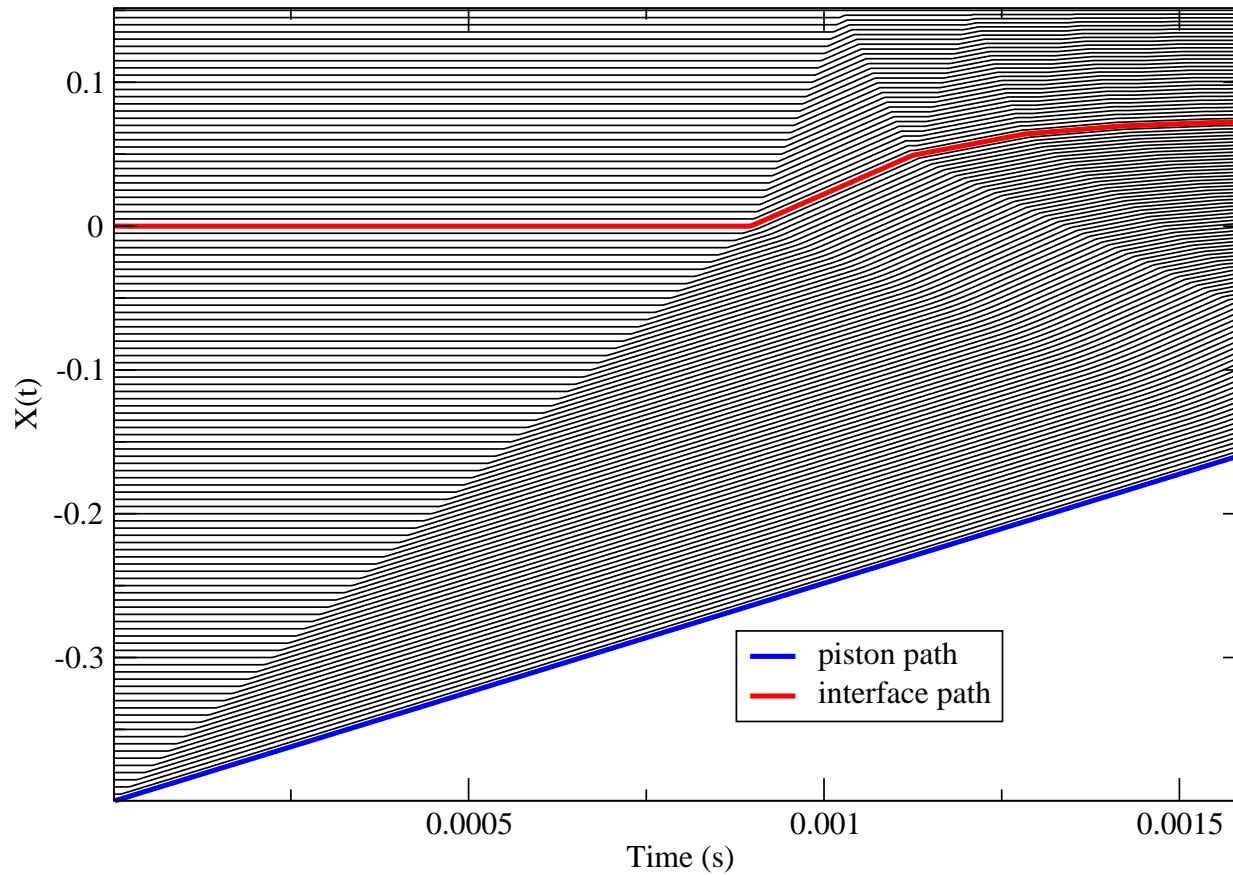
- Non-linear phase of Richtmyer-Meshkov instability

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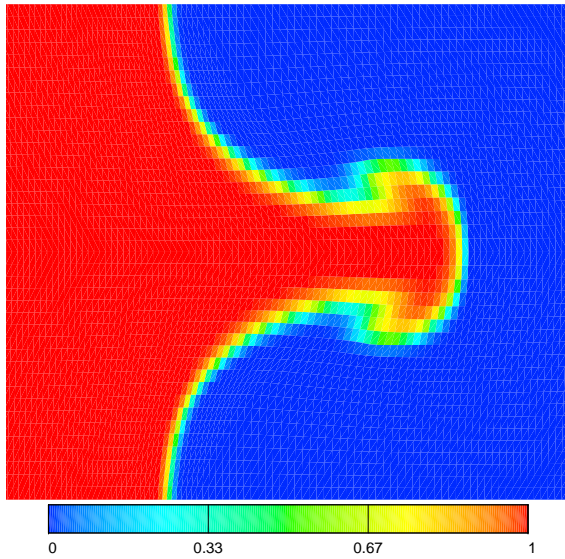


- ◇ Initial perturbation  $X_{inter} = 0.4 + a_0 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} Y\right)$
- ◇ ALE second order calculation
- ◇ Mixture assumption isoP, isoT
- ◇ 3 Meshes, cell sizes:  $2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^2$

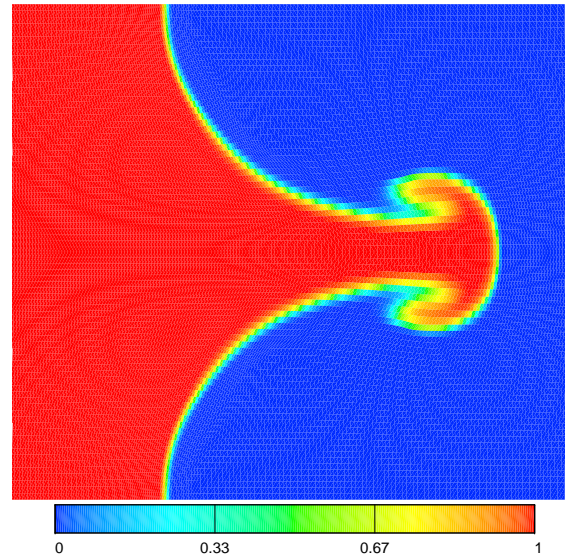
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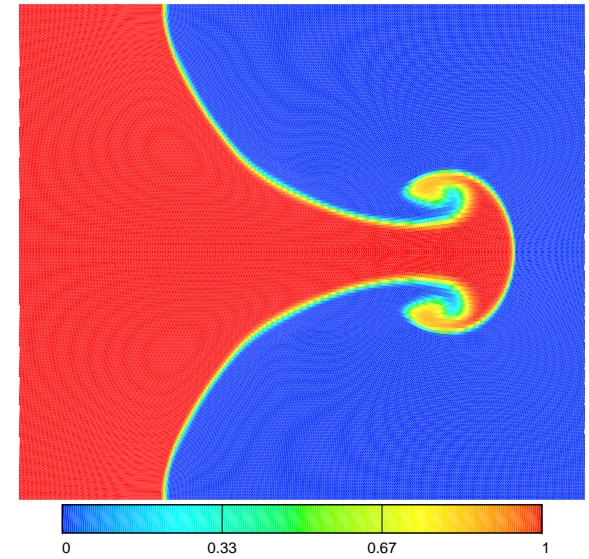
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Cell size  $2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$



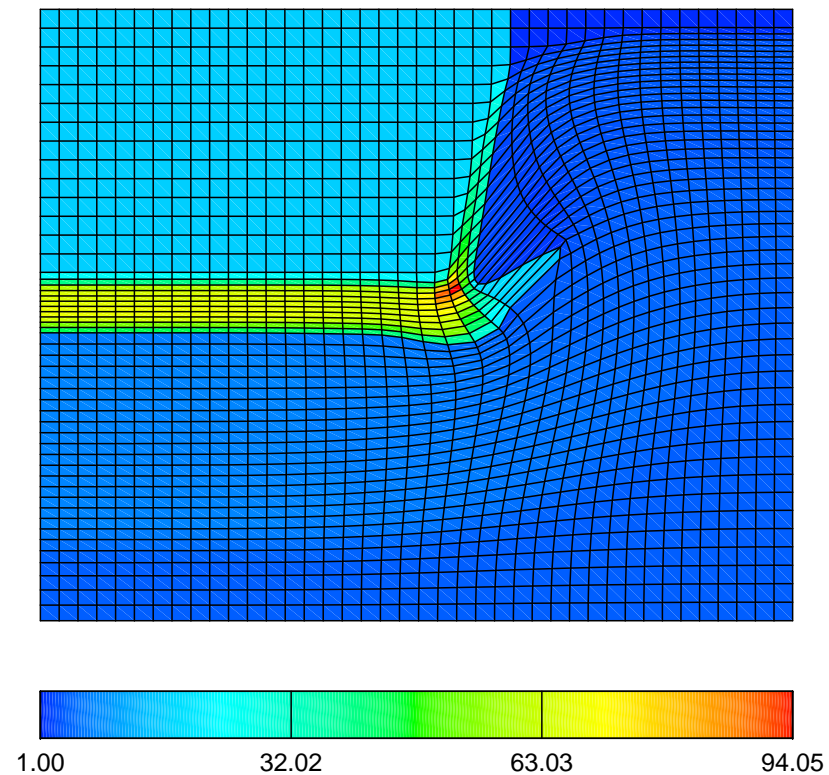
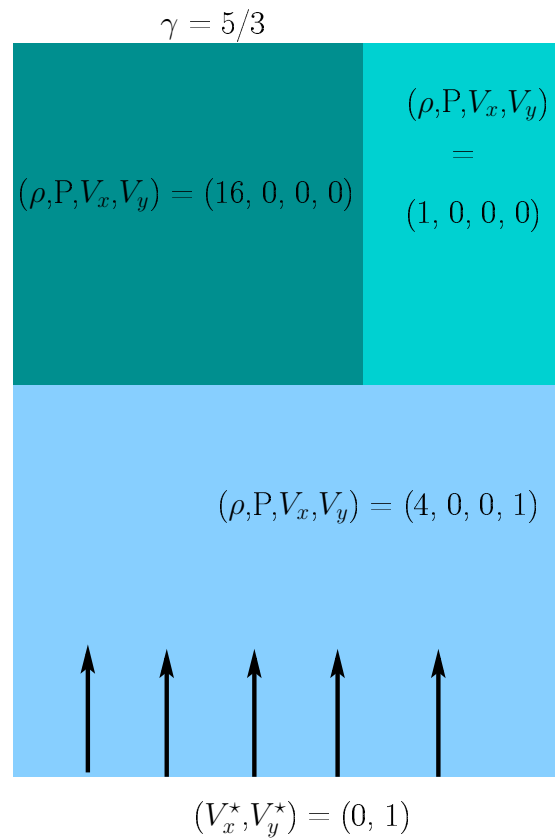
Cell size  $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$



Cell size  $0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^2$

Concentration maps at  $t = 15.973 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ s}$

- High velocity impact test case



Density map at  $t = 0.7$

- An accurate and robust 2D cell-centered second order Lagrangian scheme
- Axisymmetric extension has been achieved
- Coupling with diffusion scheme
- ALE method
- Future works
  - Improvement of rezoning procedure (including physical criteria)
  - Improvement of the nodal solver
  - Three dimensional Lagrangian scheme
  - Interface reconstruction (VOF method)
  - Mixed cells treatment