

# **Direct Modeling for Computational Fluid Dynamics**

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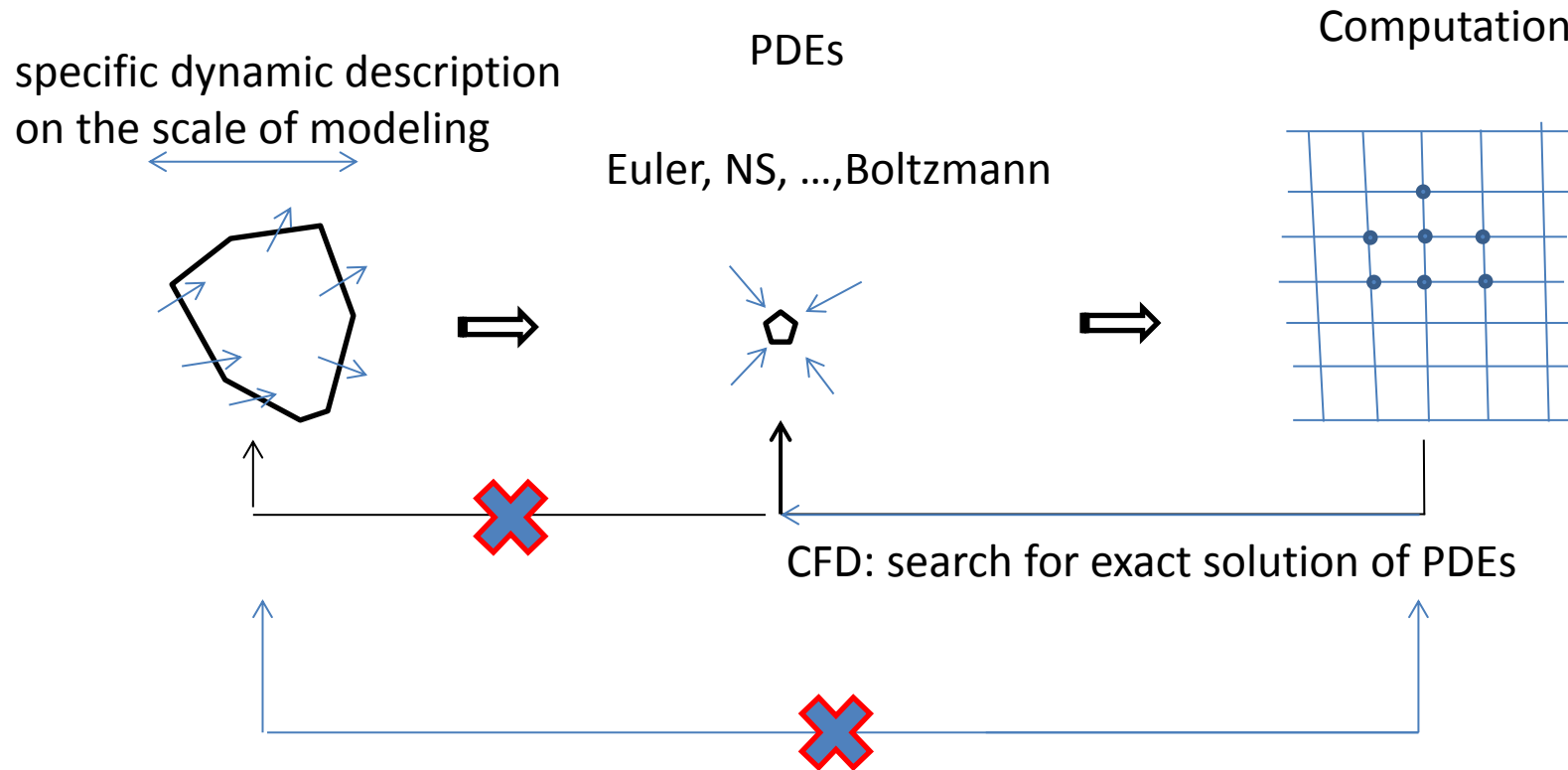
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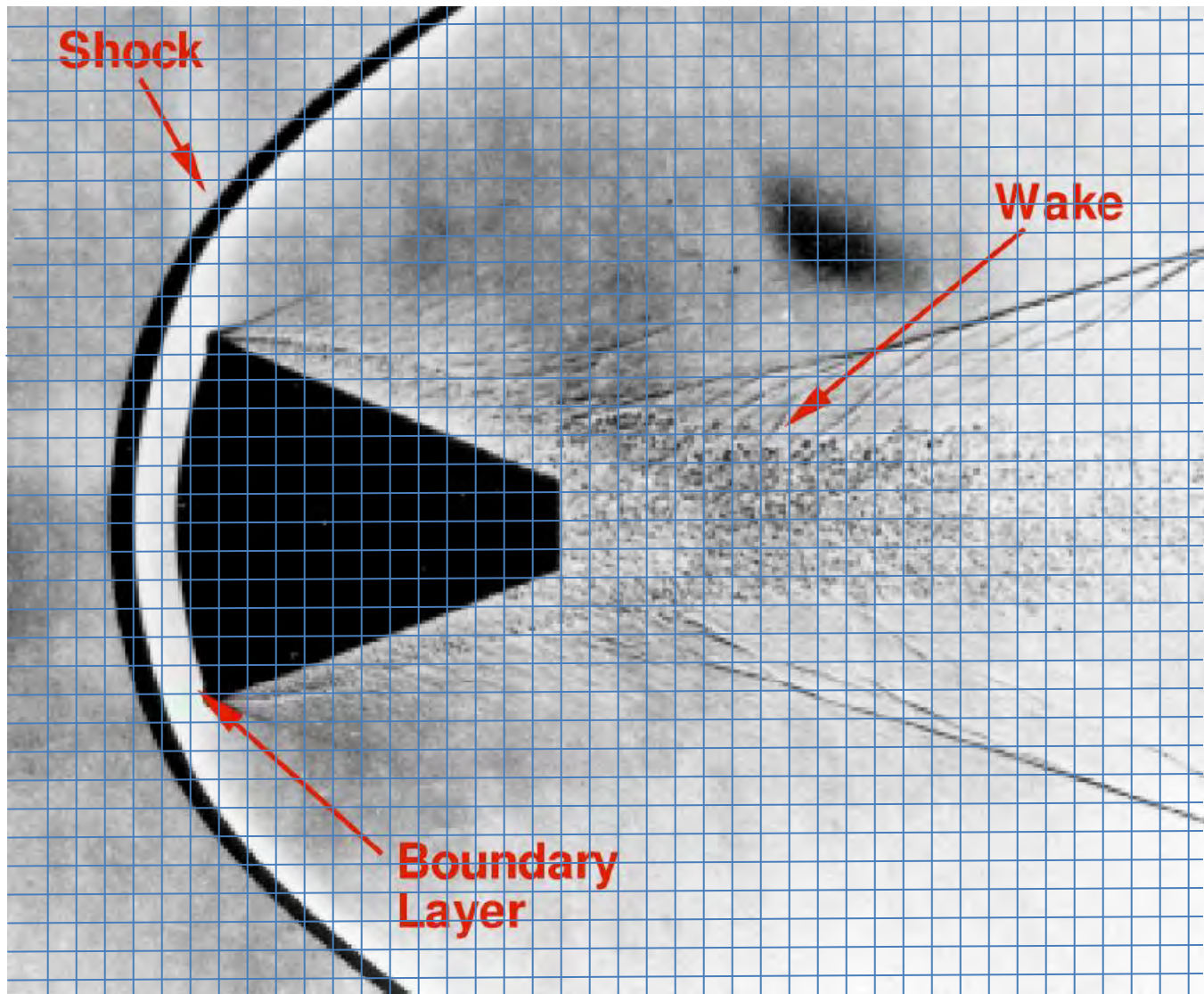
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## Current CFD Methodology



No direct connection between the **mesh size scale** and the **physical modeling scale**



# Near Space flow modeling



free molecular

100km

(Boltzmann or DSMC)

Transitional

60km

Near space  
No valid  
governing  
equations

slip

20km

(Navier-Stokes)

continuum

Under a reasonable number of mesh points

# Current Computational Fluid Dynamics -> Numerical PDEs



Physical problem



Navier–Stokes equations (*general*)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{f},$$

Governing equation



$$\frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{k} = \frac{u_{j+1}^n - 2u_j^n + u_{j-1}^n}{h^2}.$$

Numerical scheme

(FDM, FEM, FVM, etc.)



## Limitations:

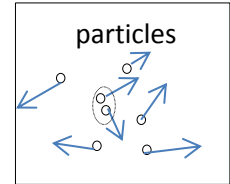
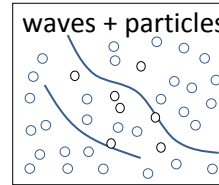
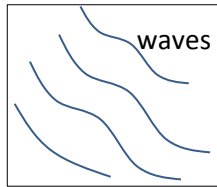
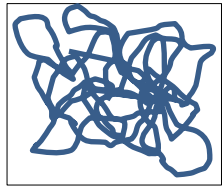
1. All PDEs are valid in their modeling scales.
2. Due to limited cell size and time step, never know the exact numerical governing eqns.
3. Numerical cell size and time step are not dynamic quantities, don't participate flow evolution (underlying assumption), but introduce errors ONLY.
4. mesh size scale and modeling scale of PDE may be different significantly.  
Is  $\vec{q} = -\kappa \nabla T$  still valid in scales of 1m, 10m, 1km mesh size?
5. Where is the principle of CFD?

# Principle of CFD: direct modeling the flow physics in mesh size and time step scale

turbulence

NS

Boltzmann



*Hydrodynamic scale*

Non-equilibrium  
irreversible hydrodynamics  
?

*Kinetic scale*

GKS for NS

Direct Boltzmann  
solver

Direct Modeling on dynamics

**Unified Gas-kinetic Scheme (UGKS)**

Turbulent  
Modeling

$\leftrightarrow$  Navier-Stokes  $\leftrightarrow$  ?  $\leftrightarrow$  Boltzmann  $\rightarrow$  Molecular Dynamics

hydrodynamic  
dissipative layer

(????)

kinetic mean free path

molecular diameter



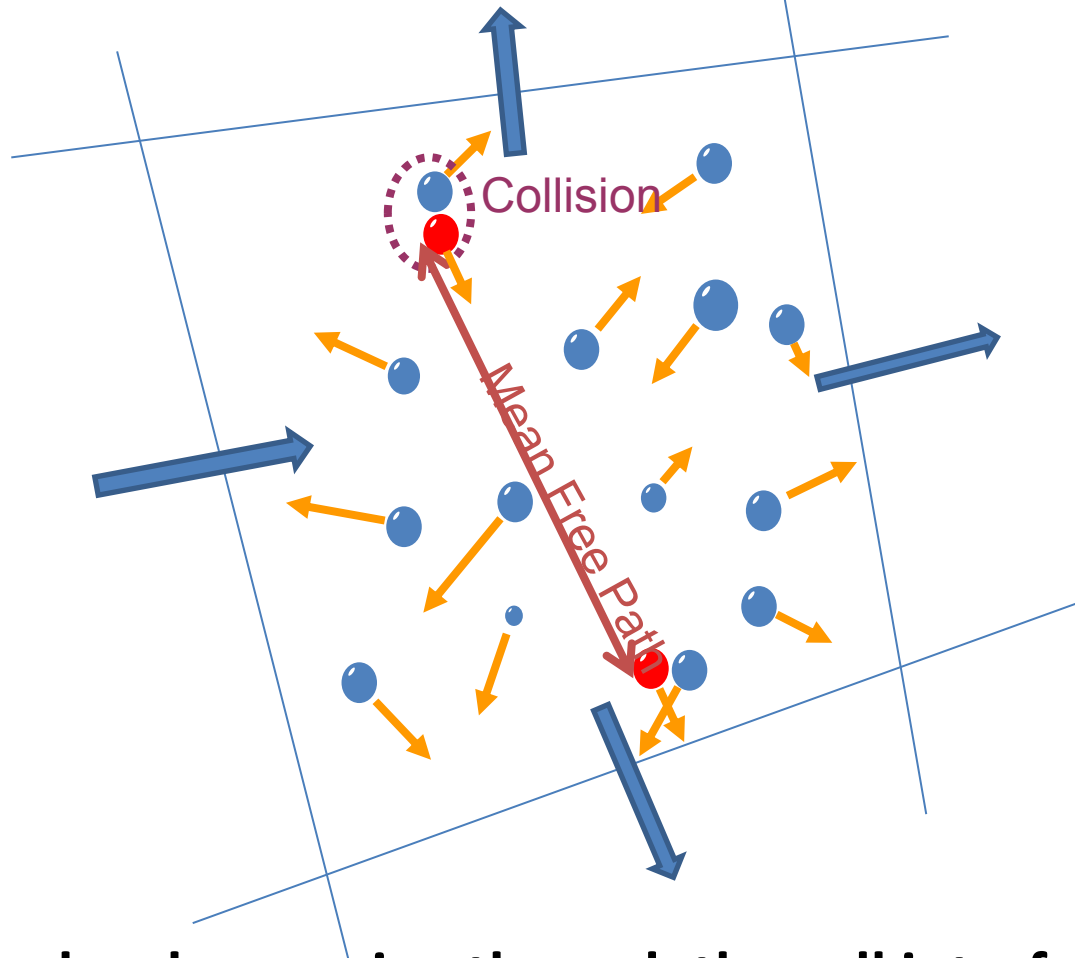
Different physical modeling scales

**we need a continuum spectrum of governing equations**



# Direct Modeling for CFD

# Computation: a description of flow motion in a discretized space and time



The way of gas molecules passing through the cell interface depends on the cell resolution and particle mean free path

# Direct modeling in discretized space

$f$  : gas distribution function,

$W$  : conservative macroscopic variables

## Fundamental Governing Equations

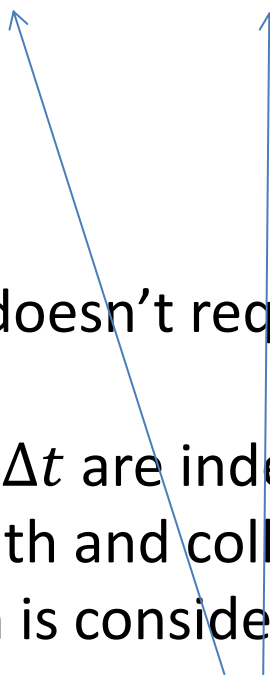
**Micro:**

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [uf_{x_{j-1/2}}(t) - uf_{x_{j+1/2}}(t)] dt + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} Q(f, f) dx dt$$

**Marco:**

$$W_j^{n+1} = W_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int u \psi(f_{j-1/2} - f_{j+1/2}) du d\xi dt$$

**Modeling:**      Interface distribution function  
                     Inner cell collision term

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [uf_{x_{j-1/2}}(t) - uf_{x_{j+1/2}}(t)] dt + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} Q(f, f) dx dt$$


Remarks:

1. The above equation doesn't require  $f$  to be a continuous function of space and time.
2. The scales of  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$  are independent of the particle mean free path and collision time.
3. If the above equation is considered as an integral solution of the Boltzmann equation, **a common mistake** is to use upwind to model the interface flux, i.e., free transport mechanism.

# **Unified Gas-kinetic Scheme (UGKS)**

**(modeling for both continuum and rarefied flows)**

# General framework of Unified Gas-kinetic Scheme (UGKS)

Update of distribution function (micro):

$$f_{j,k}^{n+1} = f_{j,k}^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [uf_{j-1/2,k}(t) - uf_{j+1/2,k}(t)]dt + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} Q(f, f)dxdt$$

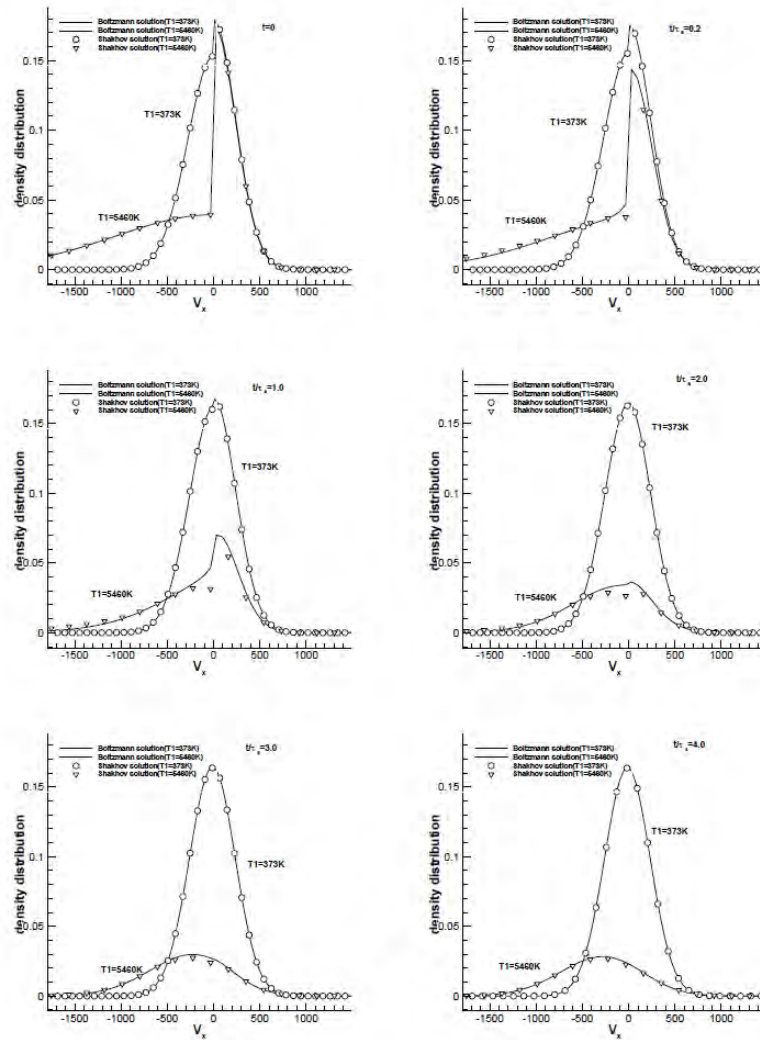
Update of conservative variables (macro):

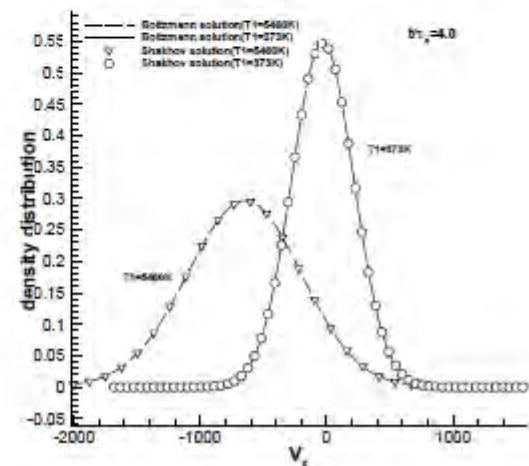
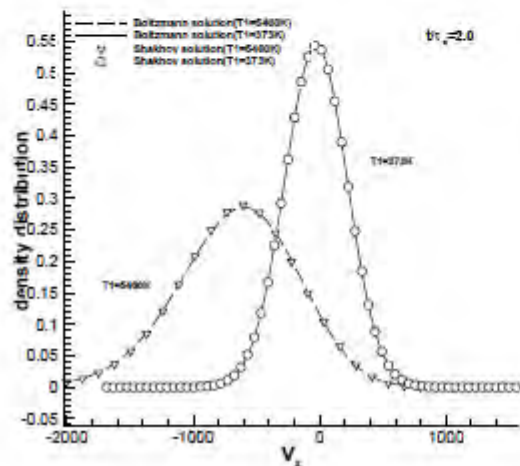
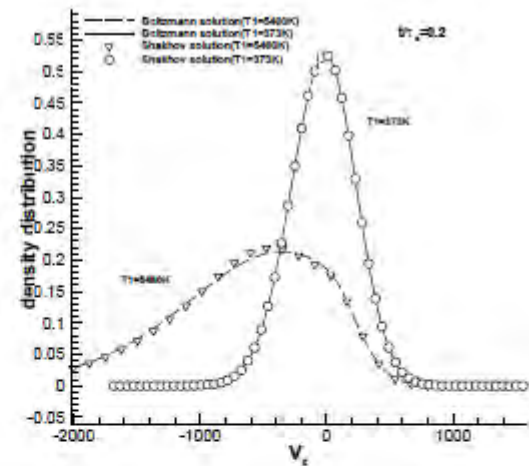
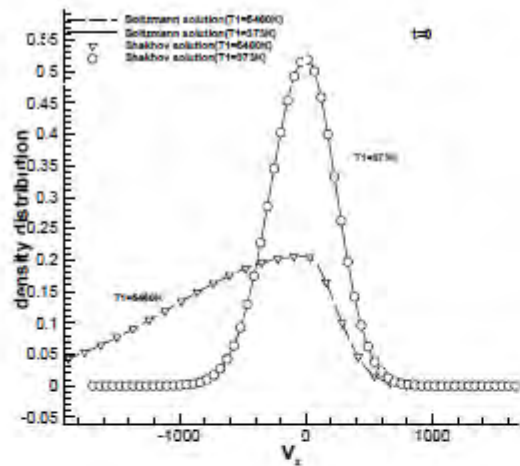
$$W_j^{n+1} = W_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int u_k \psi(f_{j-1/2,k} - f_{j+1/2,k})du_k d\xi dt$$

**Both interface flux and inner cell collision term need to be modeled**

# Modeling of collision term in different scale ( $\Delta t/\tau$ )

## Experiments: full Boltzmann collision term vs Shakhov model







## Inner cell collision term modeling:

$$f_{j,k}^{n+1} = f_{j,k}^n + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (u_k \hat{f}_{j-1/2,k} - u_k \hat{f}_{j+1/2,k}) dt \\ + A Q(f_j^n, f_j^n)_k + B \frac{\tilde{M}(f_j^{n+1})_k - f_{j,k}^{n+1}}{\tau_s^{n+1}},$$

1.  $A + B \sim \Delta t$  in order to have a consistent collision term treatment.
2. The scheme is stable in the whole flow regime.
3. In the rarefied flow regime, the scheme gives the Boltzmann solution.
4. In continuum regime, the scheme can efficiently recover the Navier-Stokes solutions.

$$Q(f,f) = \begin{cases} Q(\text{Boltzmann}), & \Delta t < 0.5\tau \\ Q(\text{Boltzmann} + \text{Shakhov}), & 0.5\tau \leq \Delta t \leq 3\tau \\ Q(\text{Shakhov}), & 3\tau < \Delta t \end{cases}$$

## Interface flux modeling:

The flux evaluation is based on the integral solution of the kinetic model:

$$f_{j+1/2,k} = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^t g(x', t', u_k, \xi) e^{-(t-t')/\tau} dt' + e^{-t/\tau} f_{0,k}(x_{j+1/2} - u_k t)$$



Hydrodynamic evolution



Kinetic scale evolution

# UGKS: Evolution Processes

(micro-scale)

$$f_{j,k}^{n+1} = f_{j,k}^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [uf_{j-1/2,k}(t) - uf_{j+1/2,k}(t)]dt + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} Q(f, f)dxdt$$

*taking conservative moments:*

$$\psi = (1, u_k, \frac{1}{2}(u_k^2 + \xi^2))^T$$

**mass, momentum and energy**

(macro-scale)

$$W_j^{n+1} = W_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int u_k \psi (f_{j-1/2,k} - f_{j+1/2,k}) du_k d\xi dt$$

Scale  
up

Scale  
down

$g^{n+1}$

**Numerical path:**  $f^n \rightarrow W^{n+1} \rightarrow g^{n+1} \rightarrow f^{n+1}$

The update of gas distribution function becomes

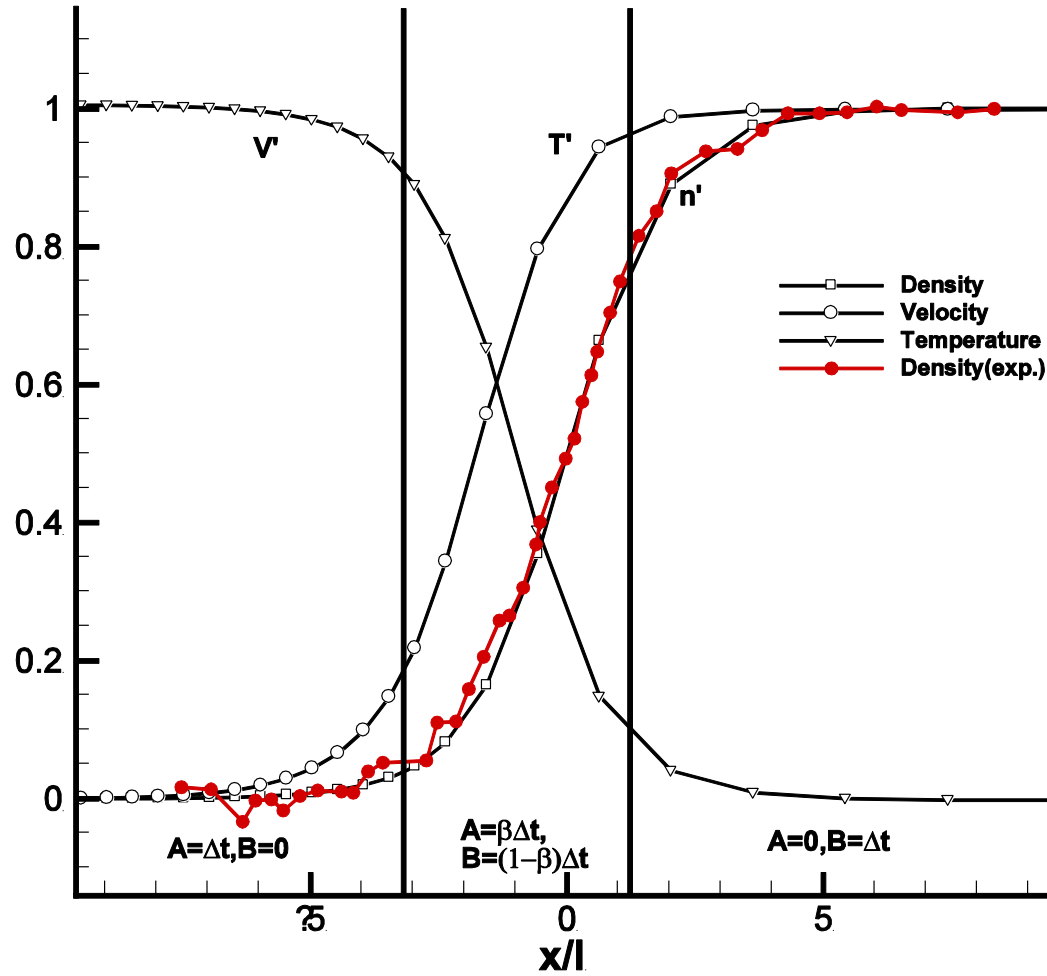
$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{j,k}^{n+1} &= f_{j,k}^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [uf_{j-1/2,k}(t) - uf_{j+1/2,k}(t)] dt + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} \frac{g - f}{\tau} dx dt \\
 &= f_{j,k}^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \left( \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u_k (\tilde{g}_{j-1/2,k} - \tilde{g}_{j+1/2,k}) dt + \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u_k (\tilde{f}_{j-1/2,k} - \tilde{f}_{j+1/2,k}) dt \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left( \frac{g_{j,k}^{n+1} - f_{j,k}^{n+1}}{\tau^{n+1}} + \frac{g_{j,k}^n - f_{j,k}^n}{\tau^n} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

with the solution:

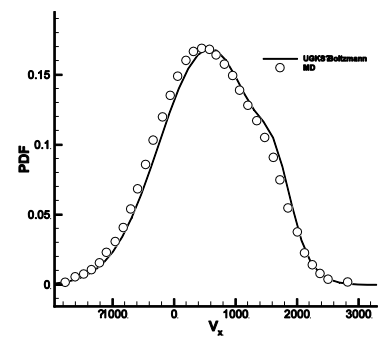
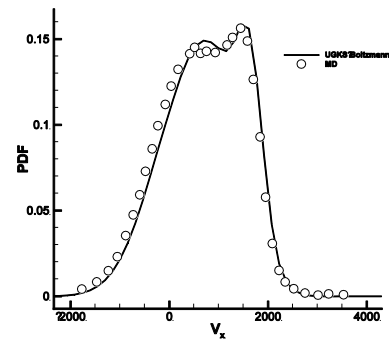
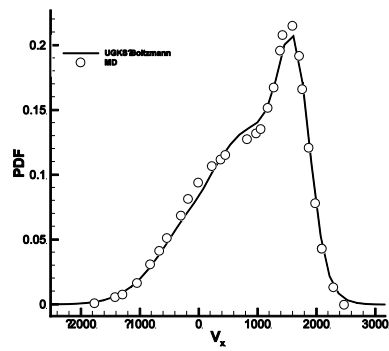
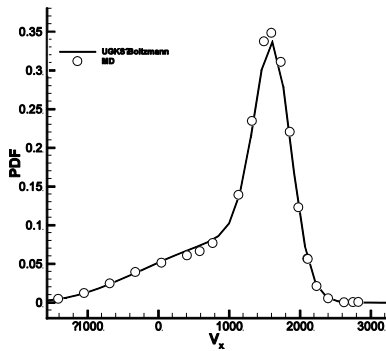
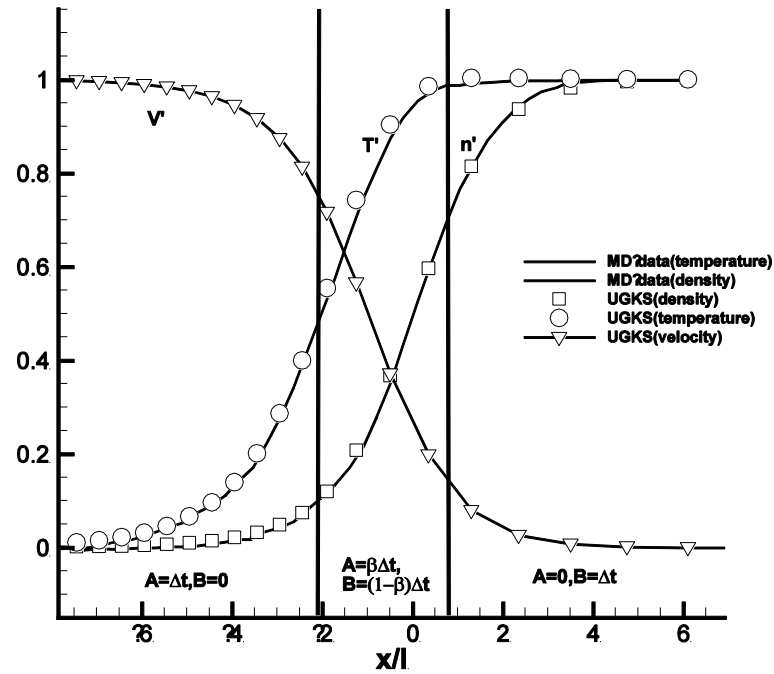
$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta t}{2\tau_j^{n+1}} \right) f_{j,k}^{n+1} &= f_{j,k}^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \left( \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u_k (\tilde{g}_{j-1/2,k} - \tilde{g}_{j+1/2,k}) dt + \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u_k (\tilde{f}_{j-1/2,k} - \tilde{f}_{j+1/2,k}) dt \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left( \frac{g_{j,k}^{n+1}}{\tau_j^{n+1}} + \frac{g_{j,k}^n - f_{j,k}^n}{\tau_j^n} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

# **Shock Structure Calculations**

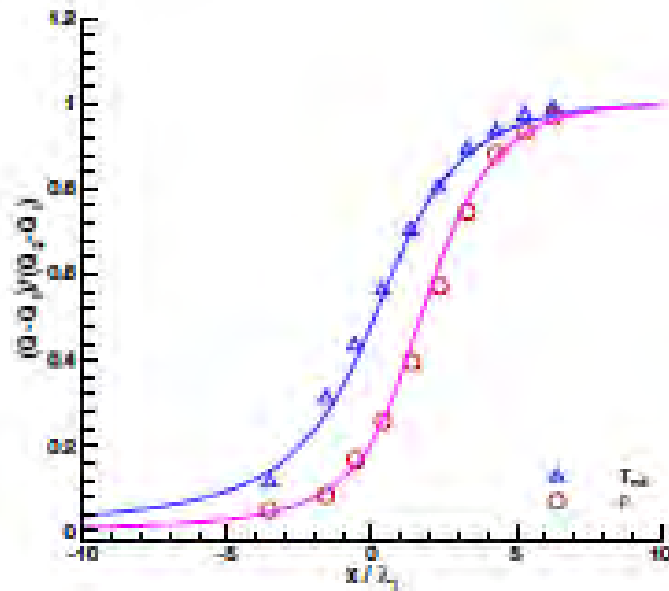
# M=2.8 shock structure (UGKS vs Experiments)



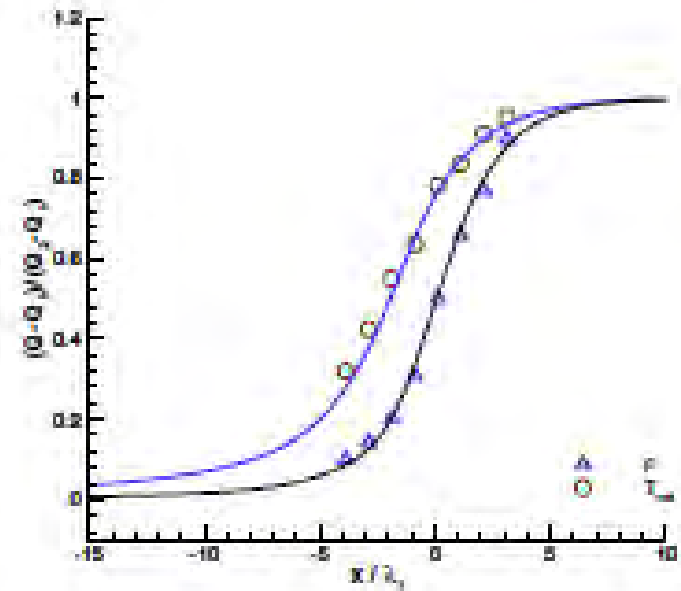
# M=5 shock structure: UGKS vs MD



# Nitrogen shock structures



(a)  $Ma=7$

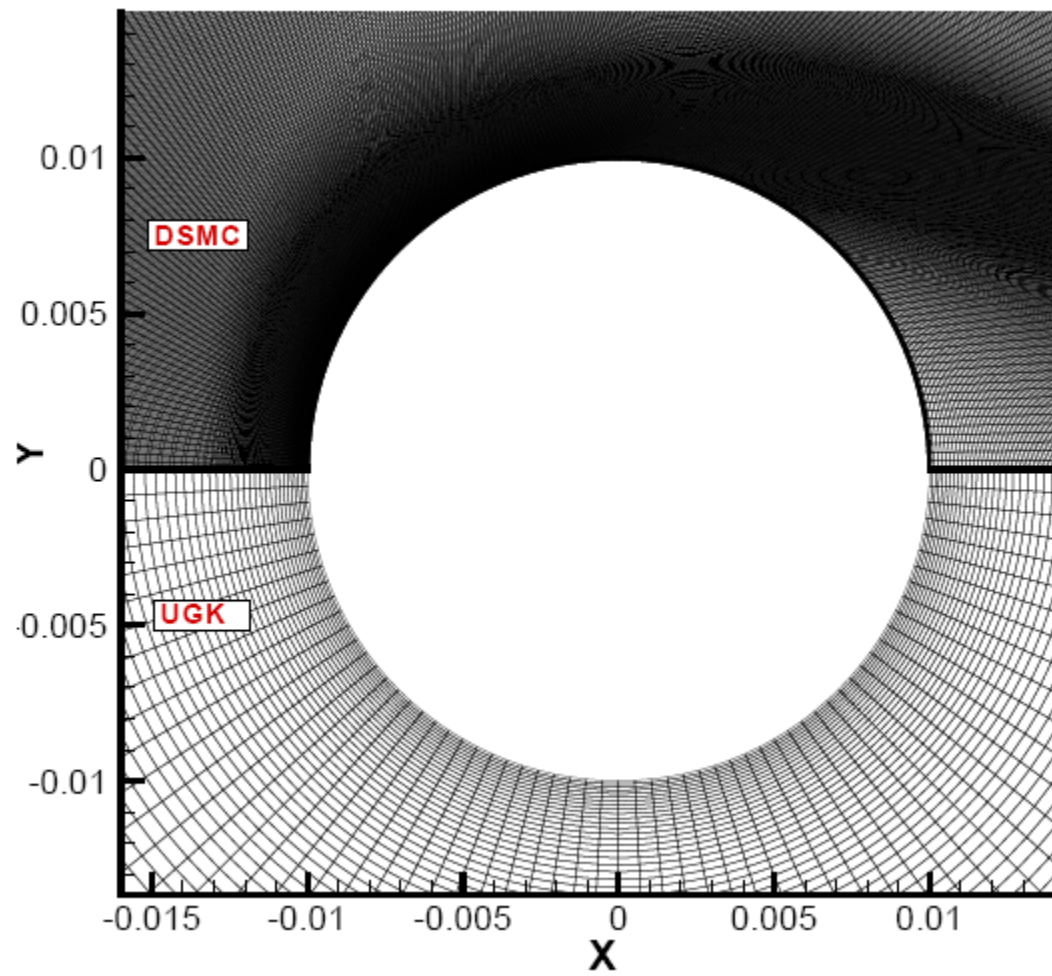


(b)  $Ma=12.9$

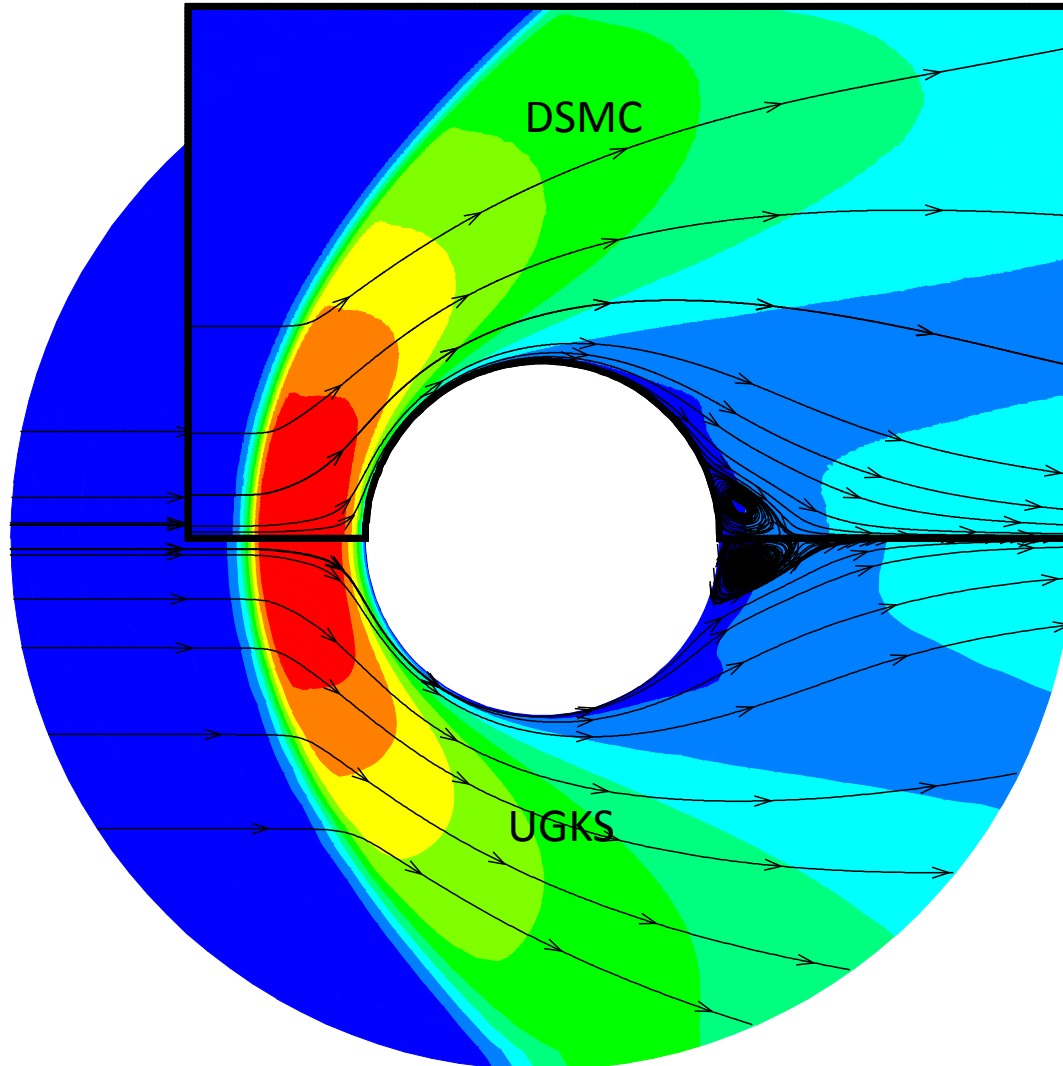


**Flow passing through a cylinder**

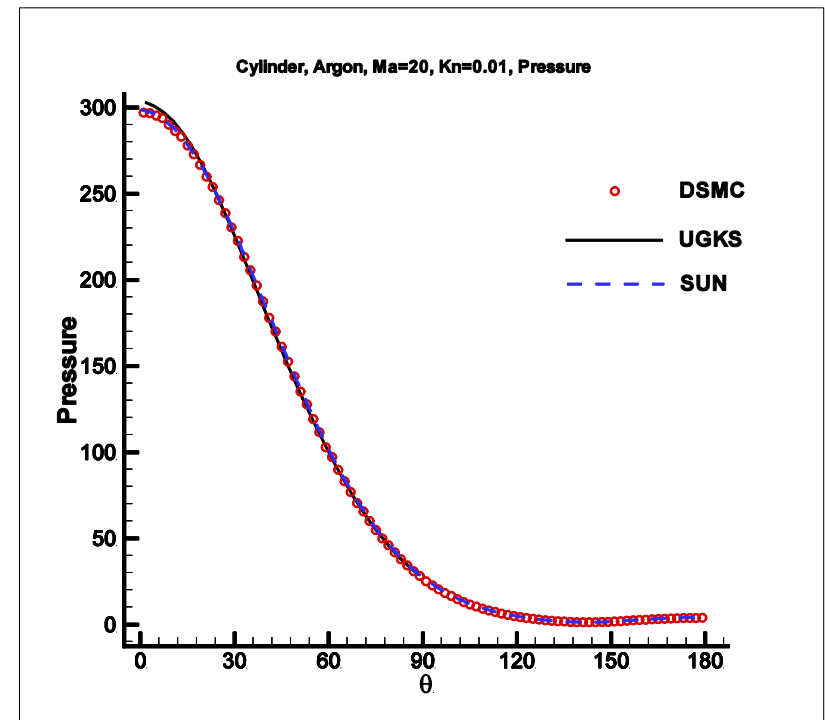
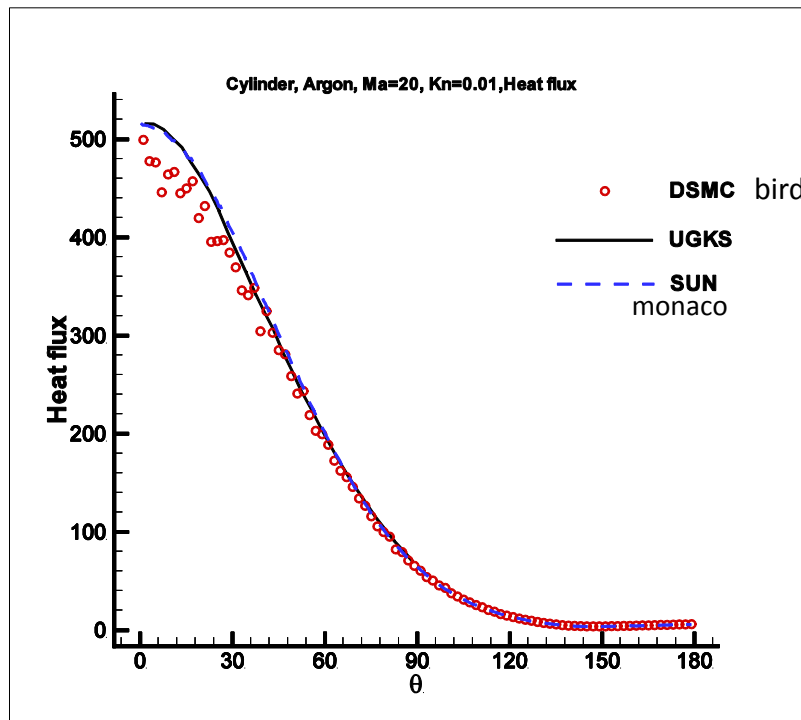
$M=20, Kn=0.01$

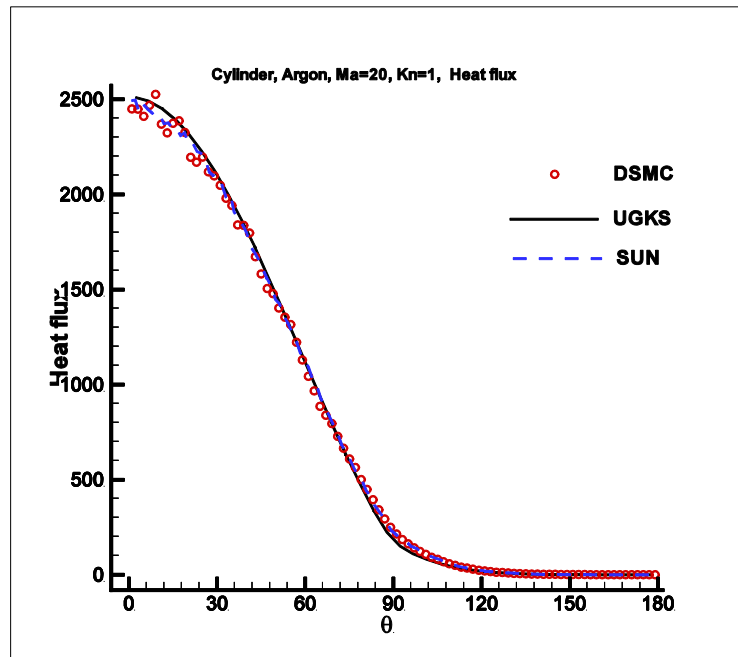
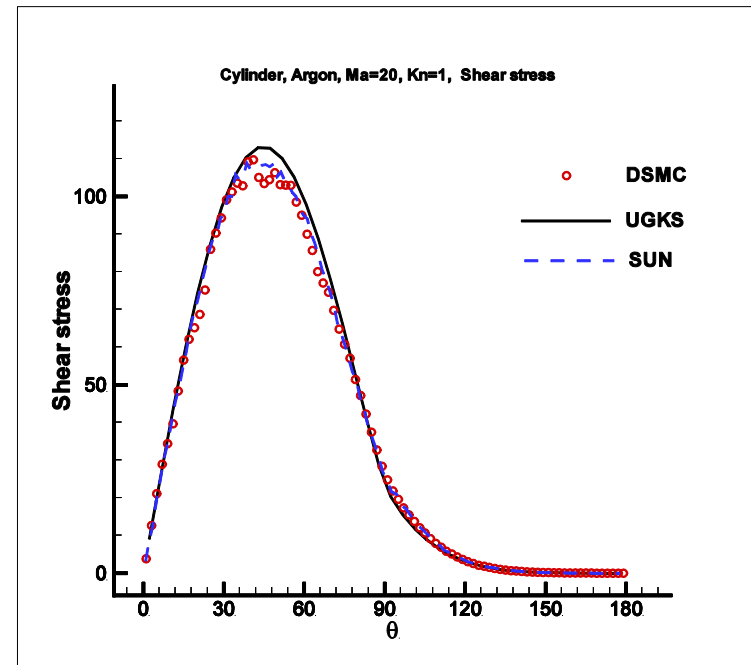
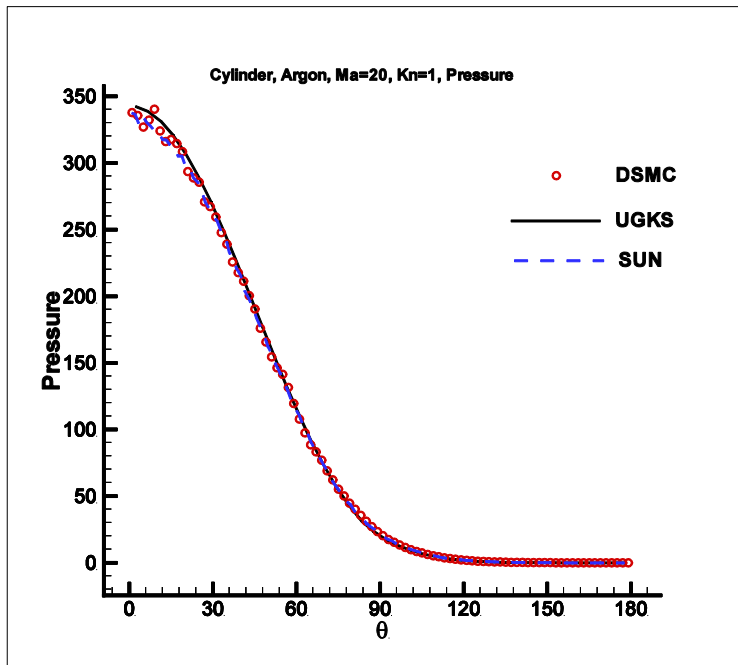


Cylinder, Argon,  $Ma=20$ ,  $Kn=0.01$



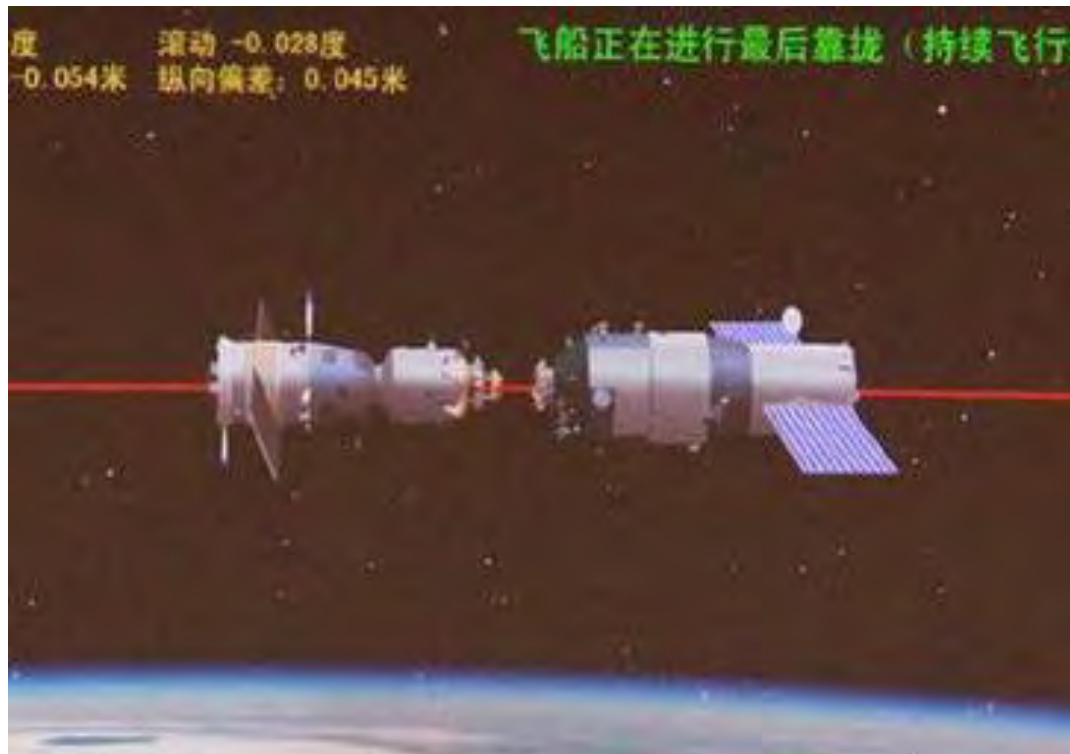
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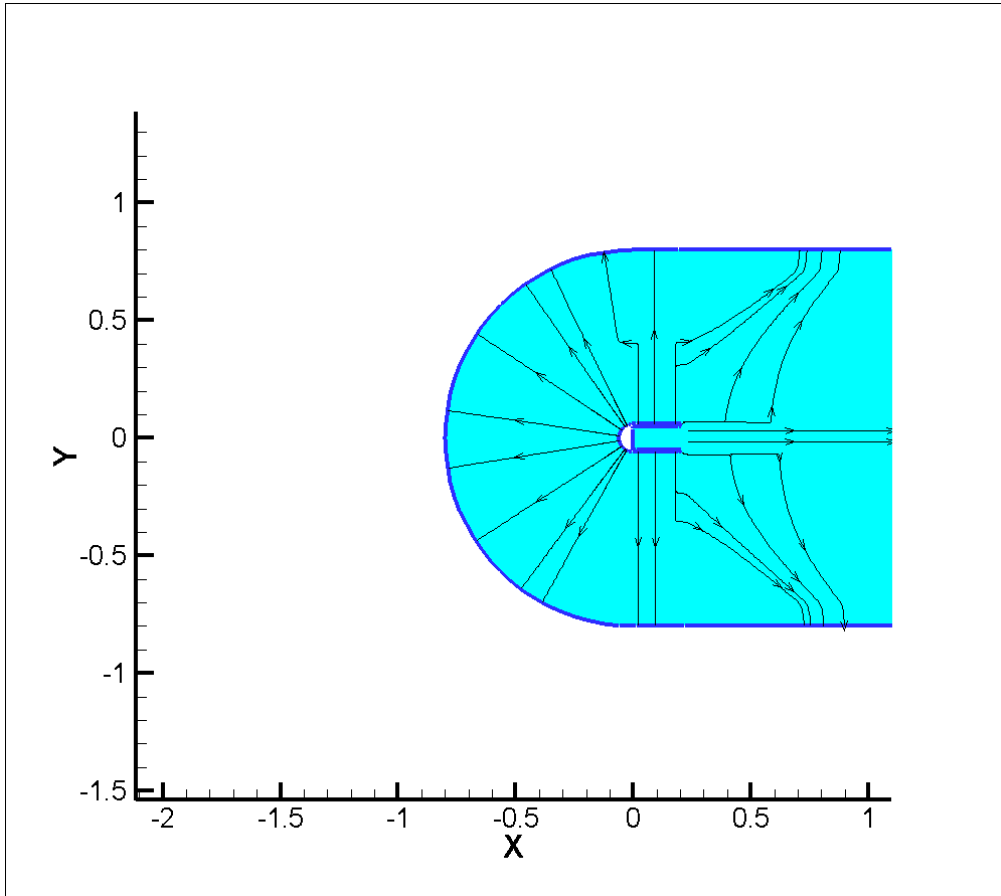


M=20, Kn=1

# Expansion flow from a nozzle



# Expansion flow from a nozzle



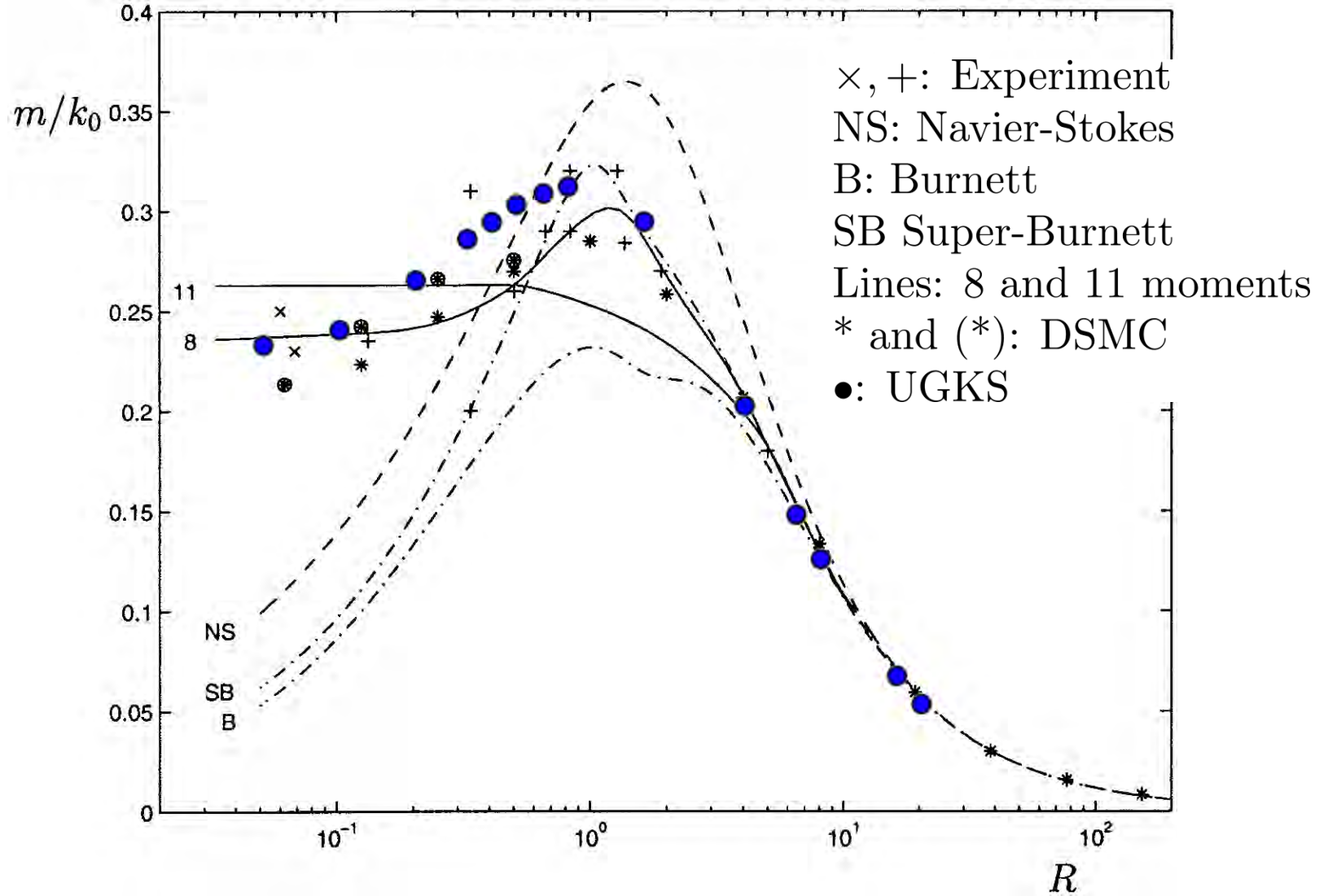
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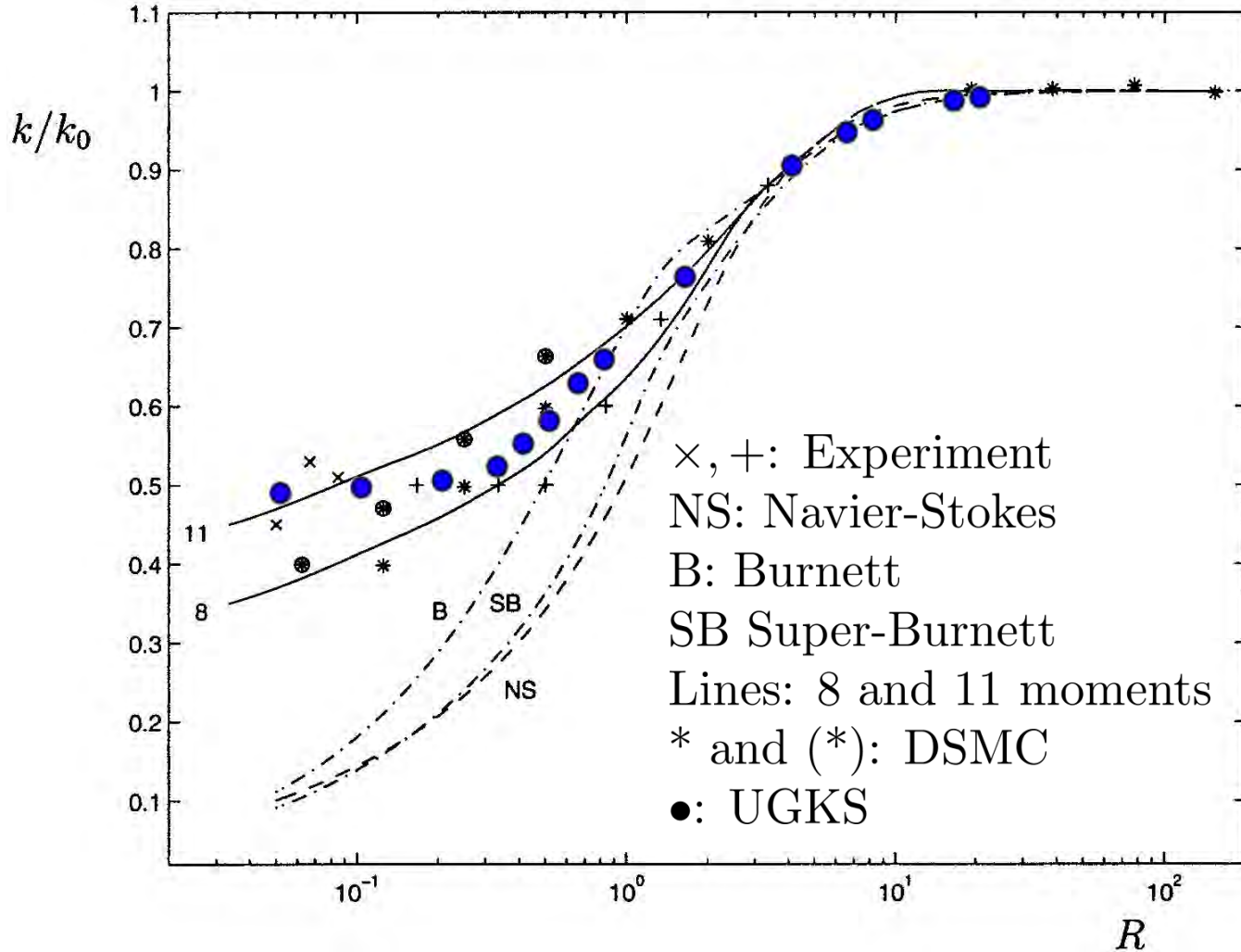
# **Sound wave propagation in simple gases**



# Absorption

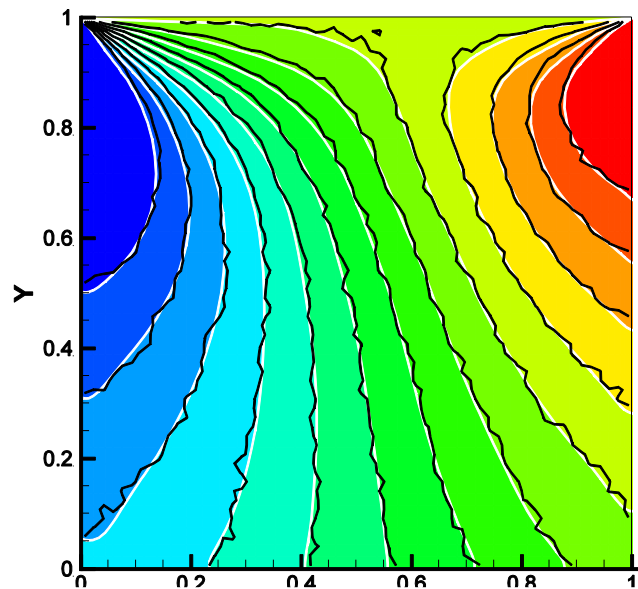


# Speed

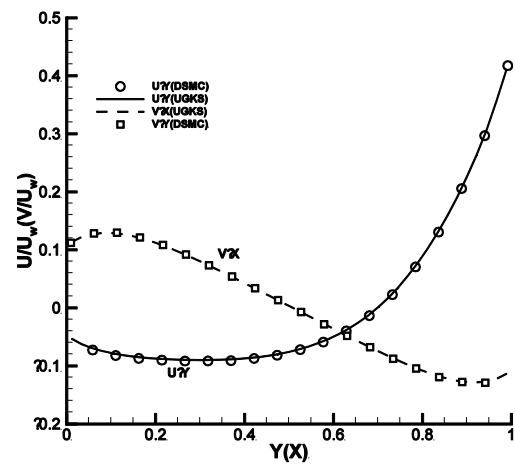
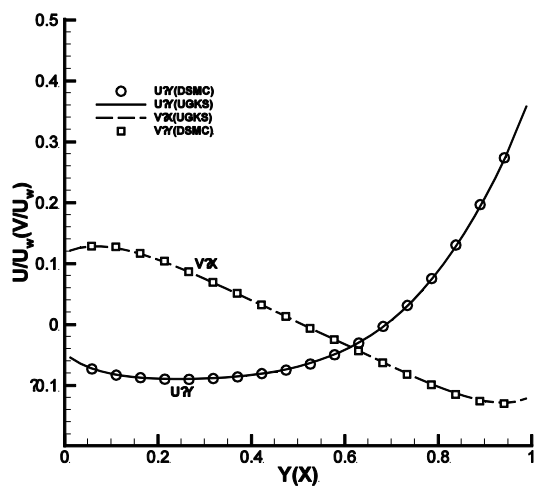
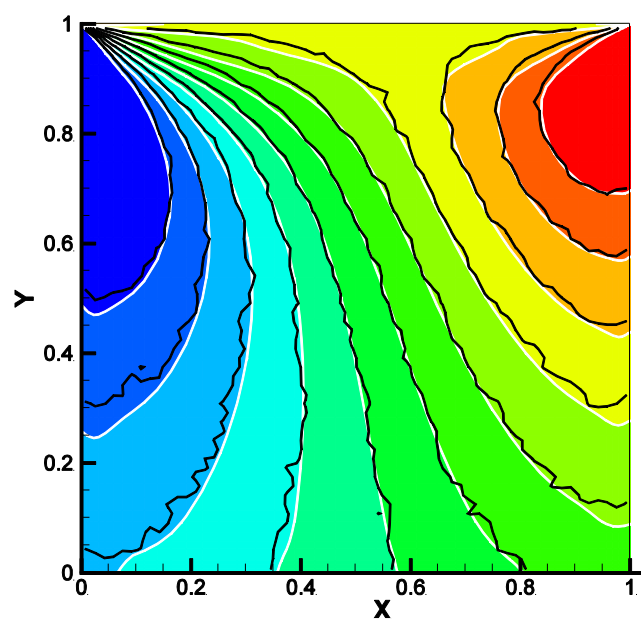


# UGKS vs DSMC

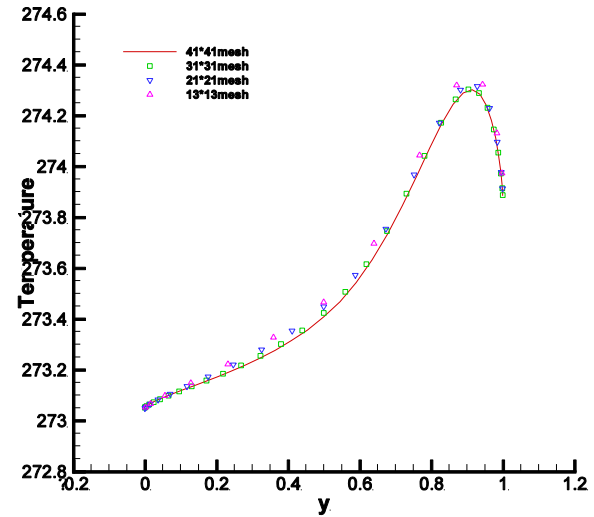
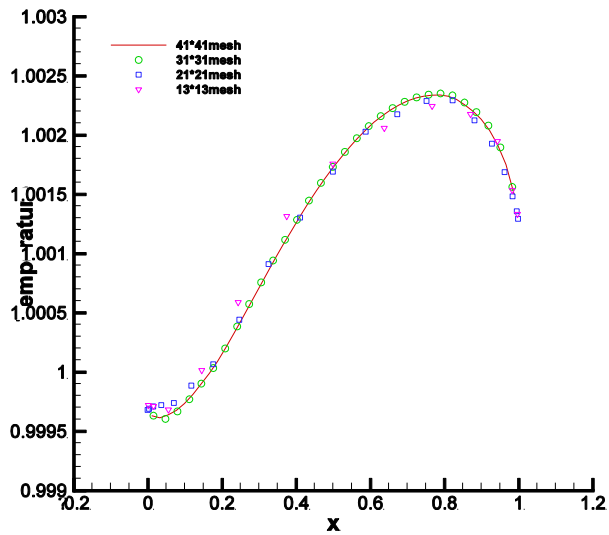
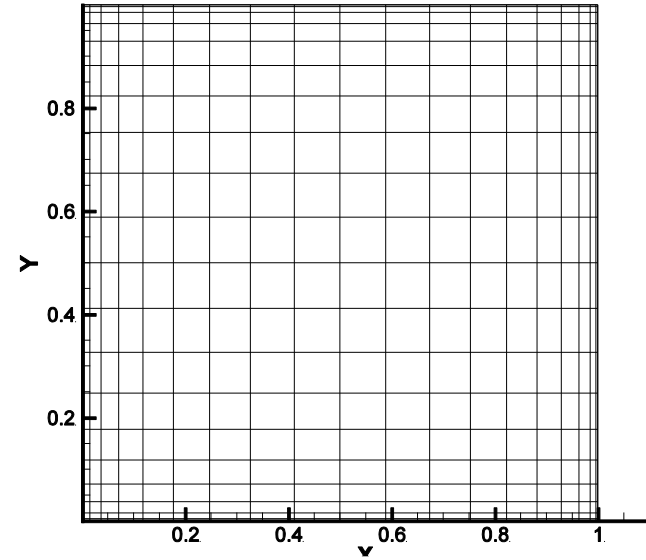
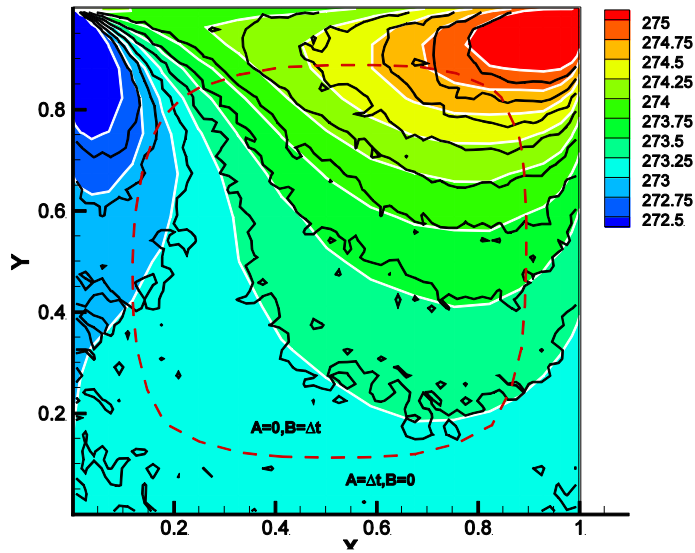
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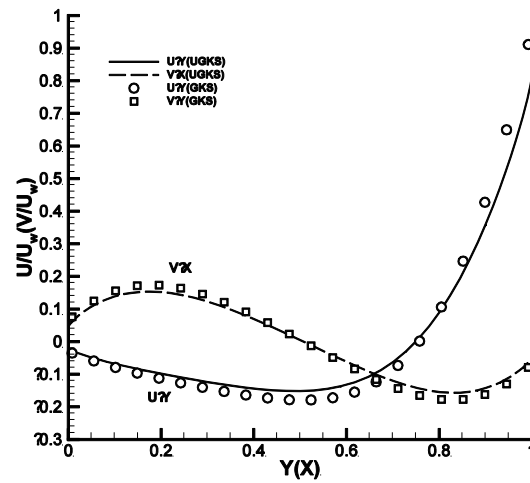
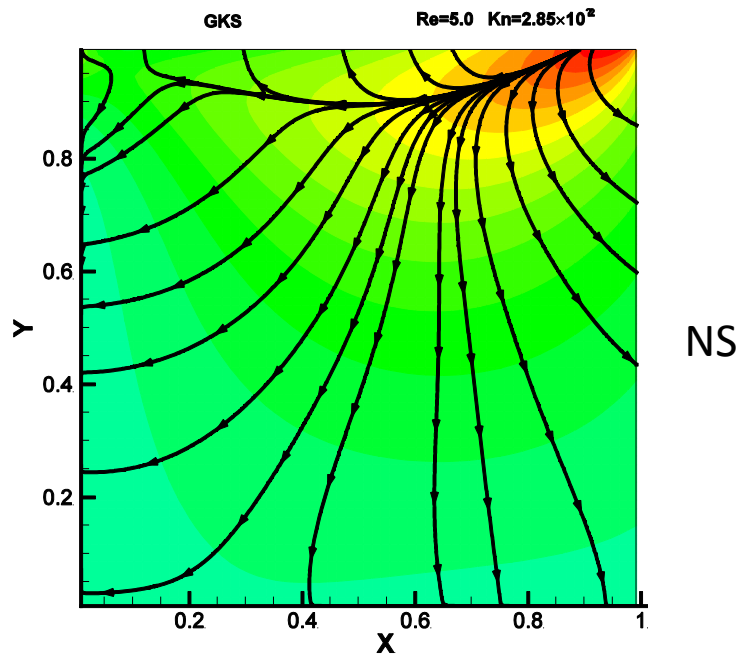
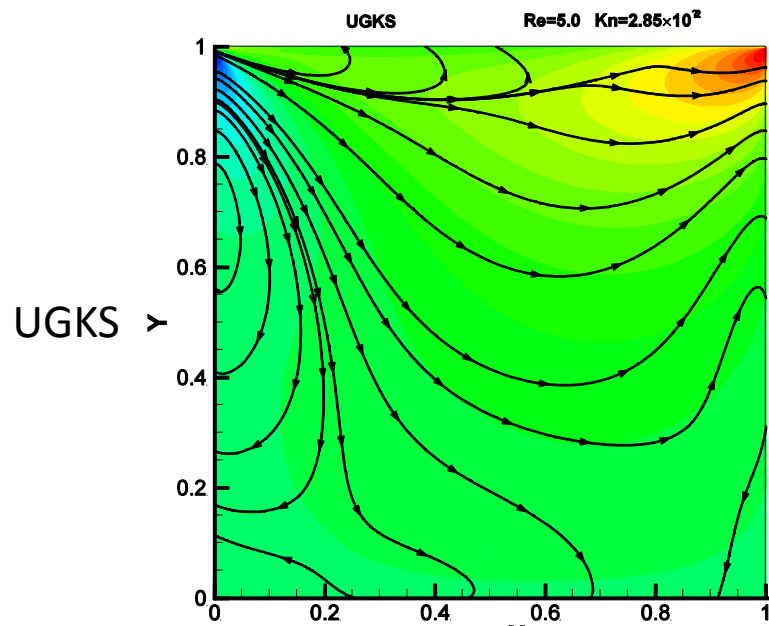
Kn=1



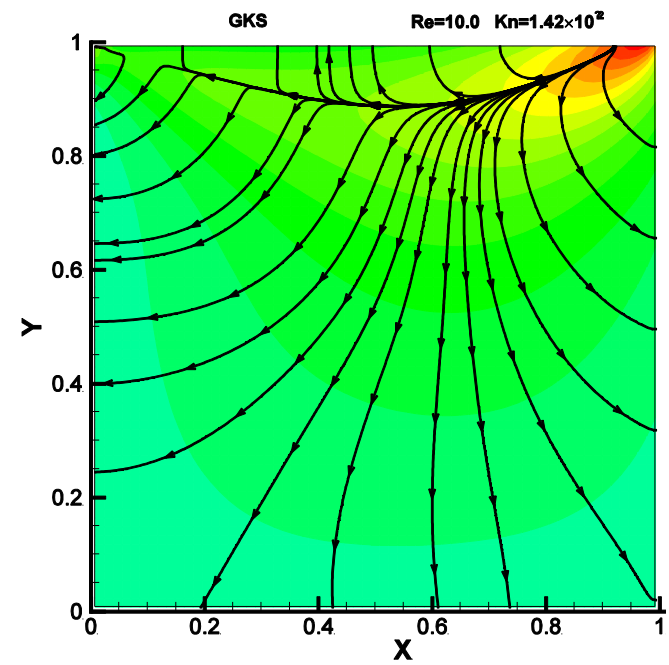
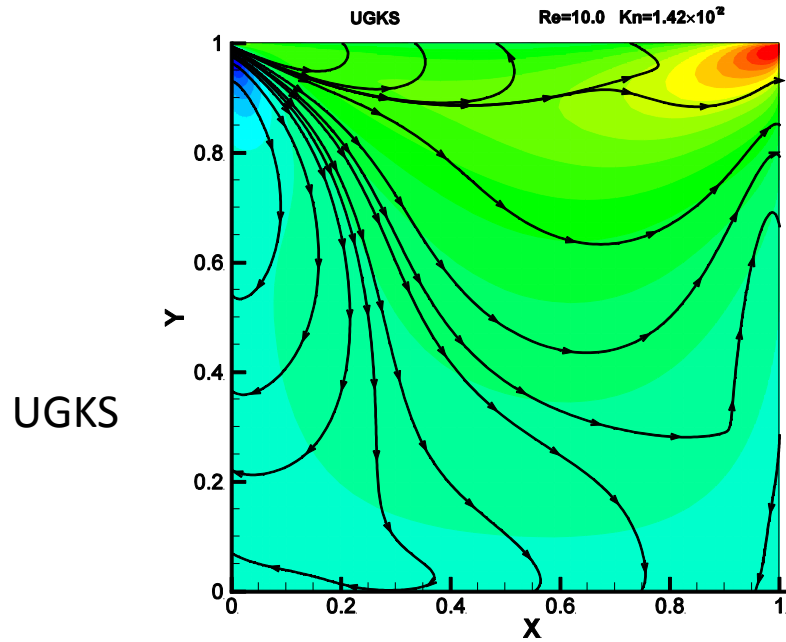
## Kn=0.075 cavity case



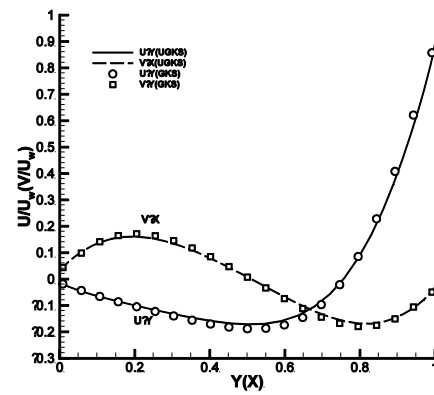
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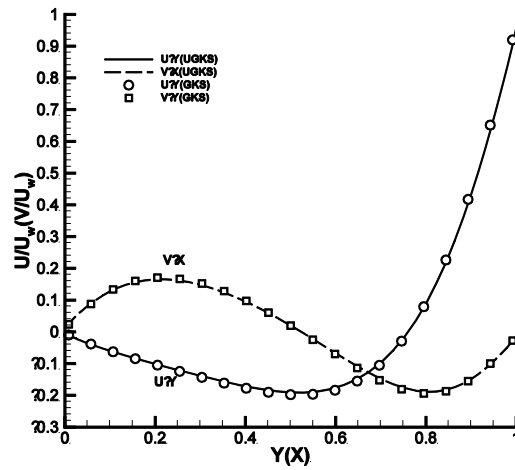
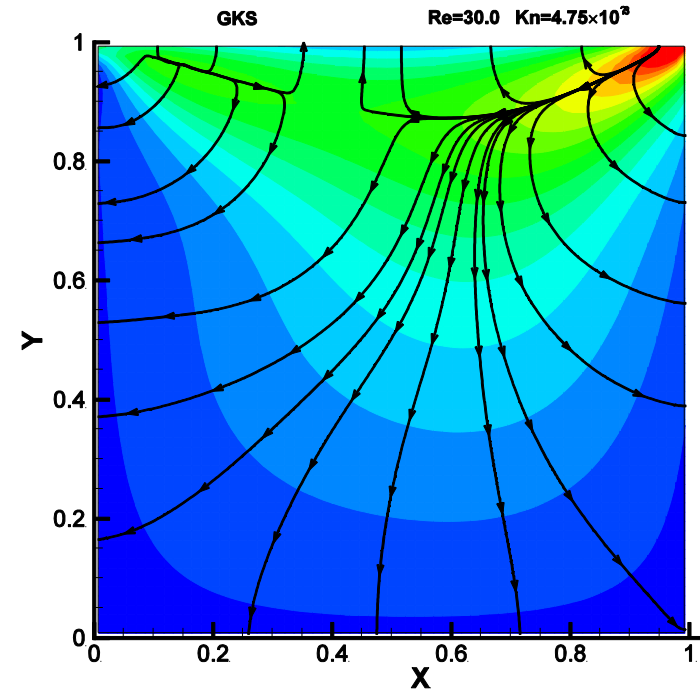
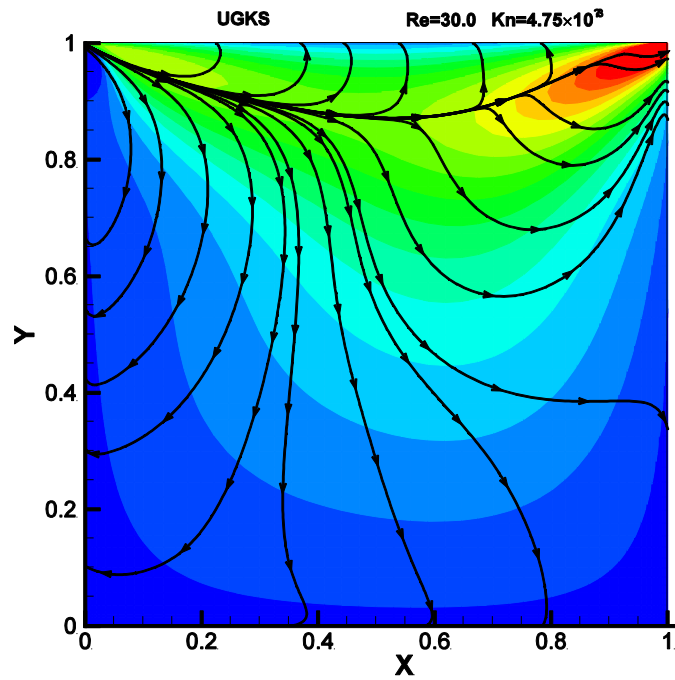
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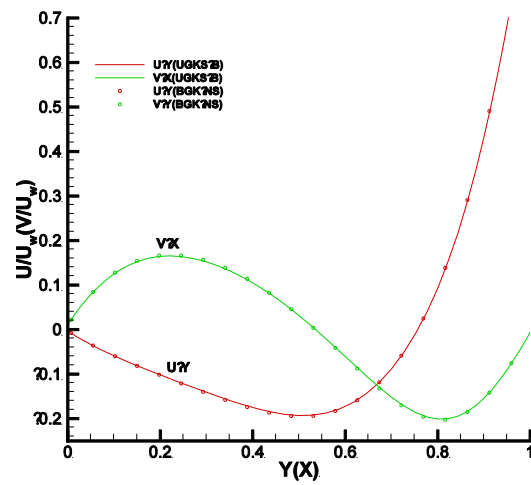
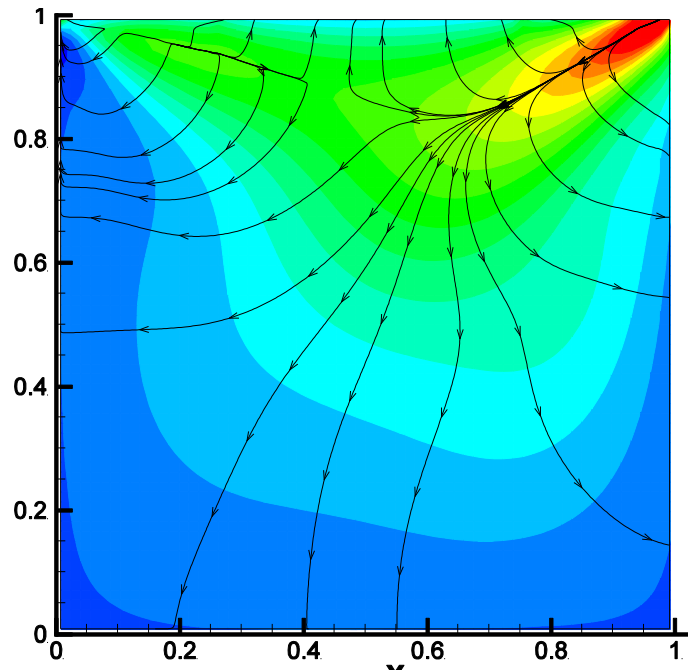
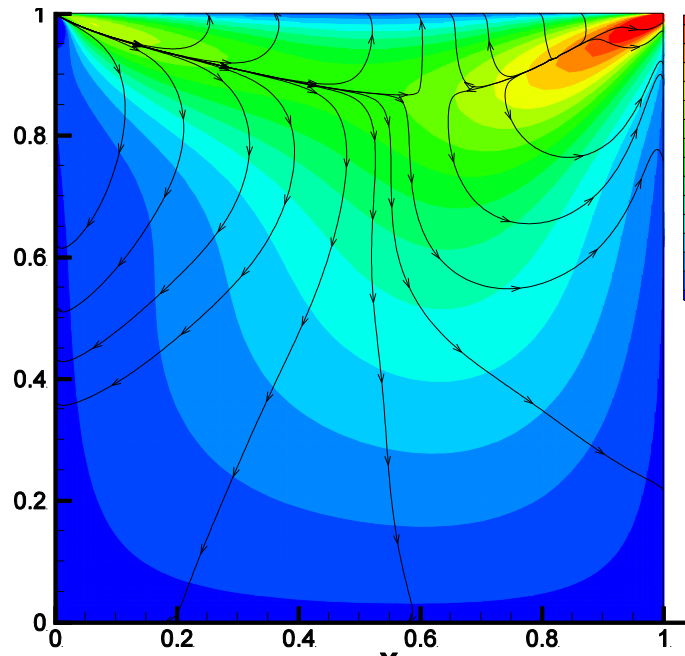
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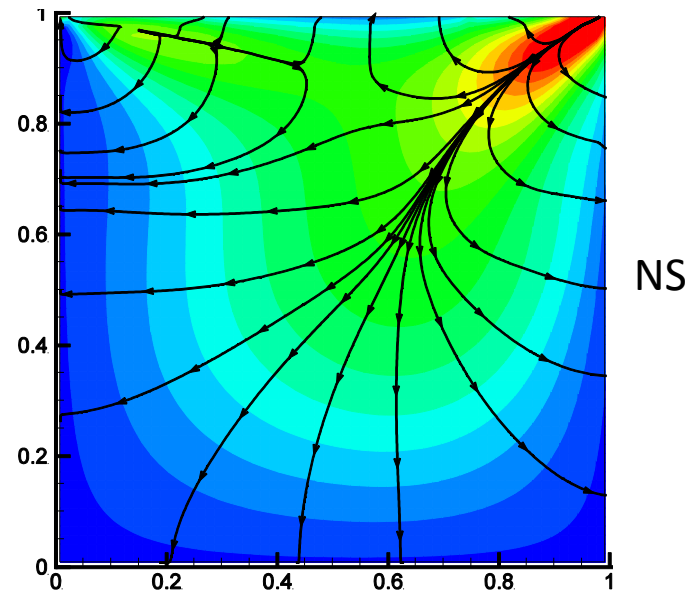
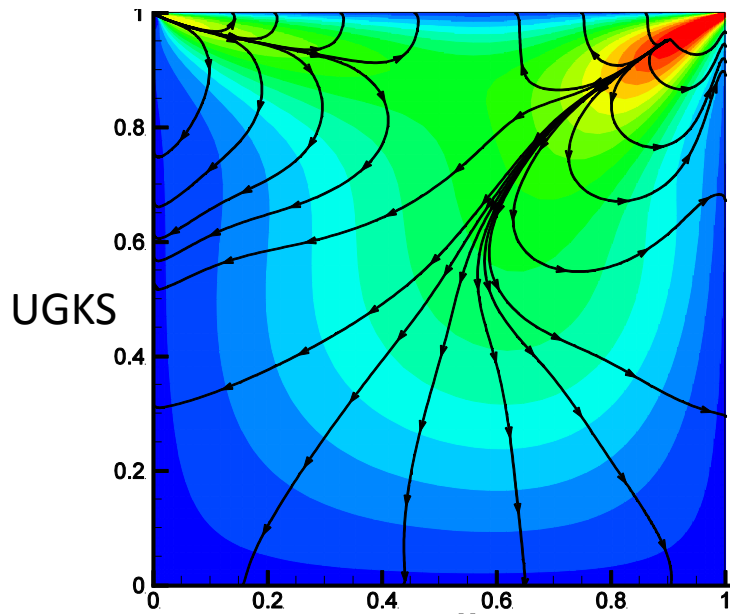
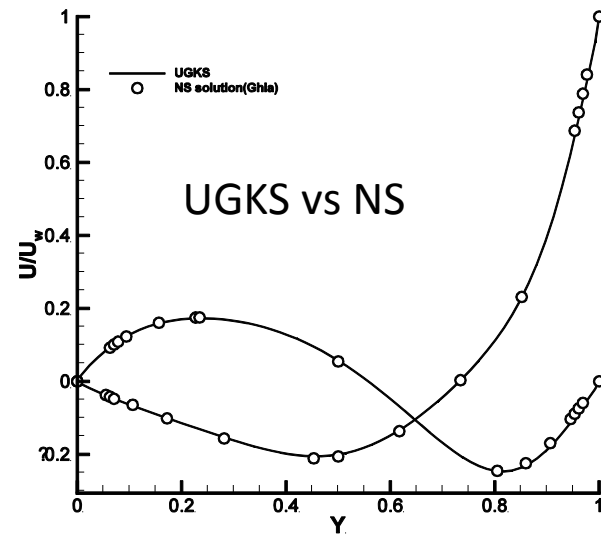
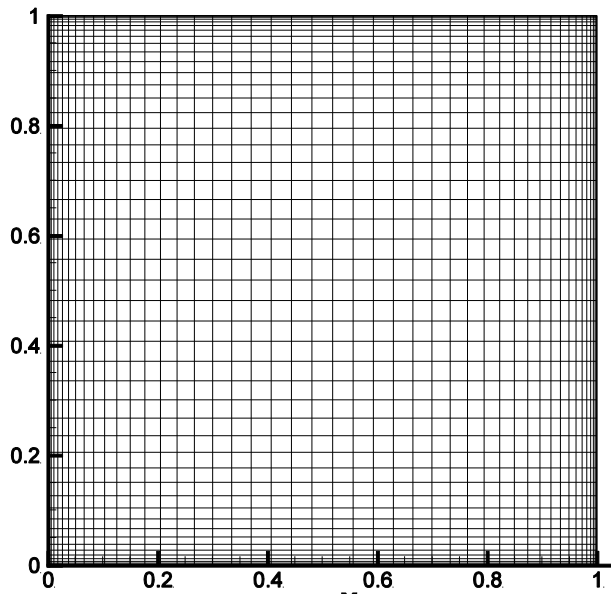


$Re=50$ ,  $Kn=0.00285$

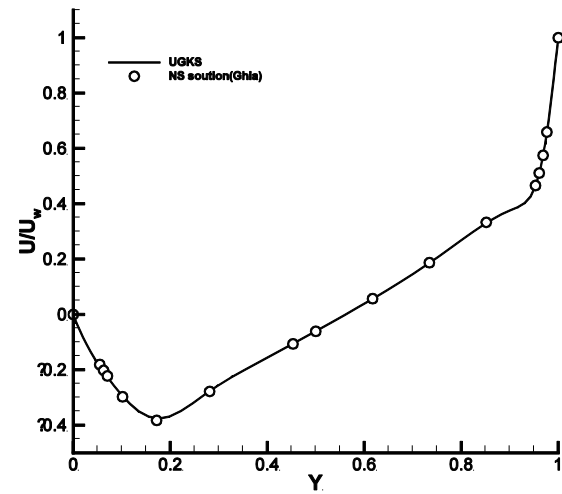
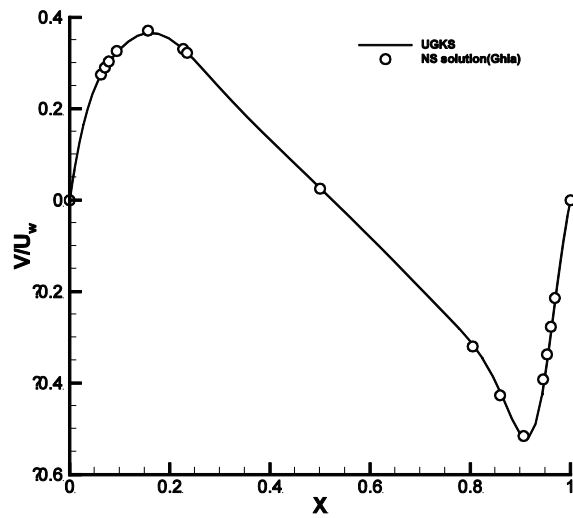
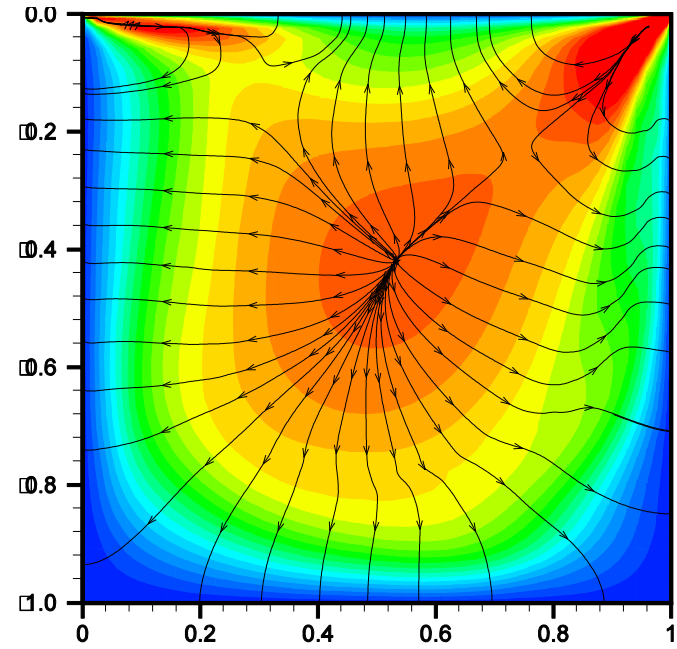
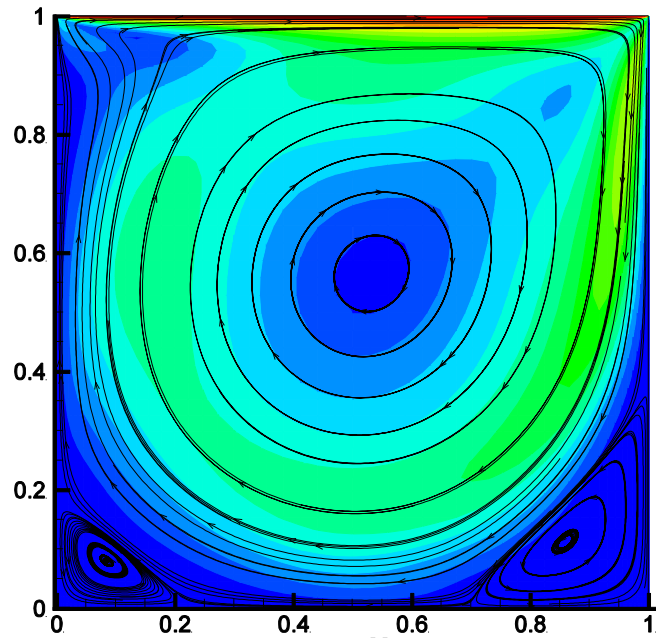




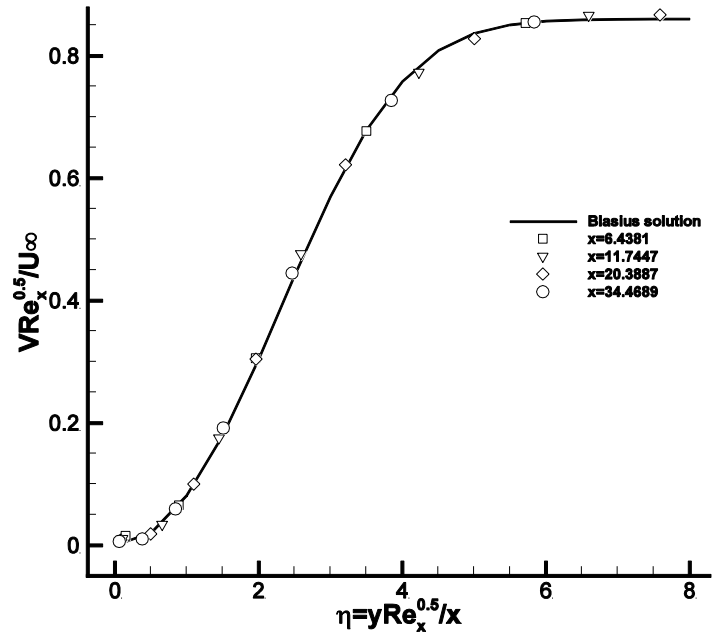
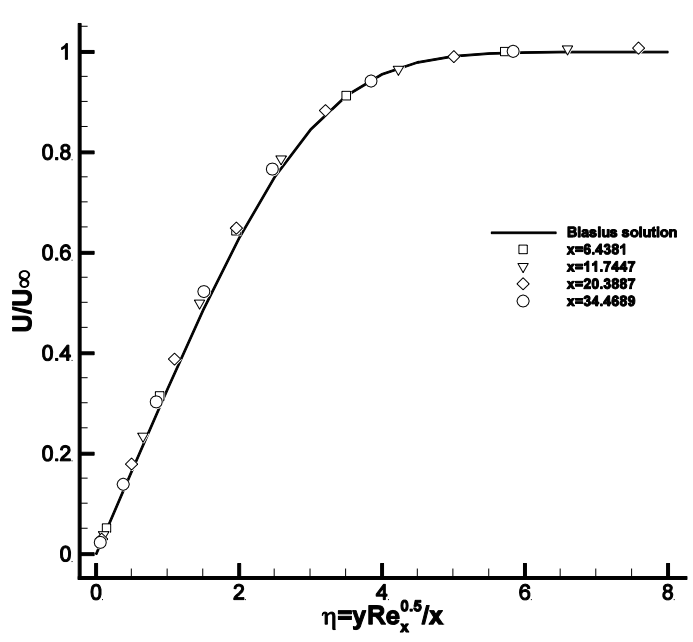
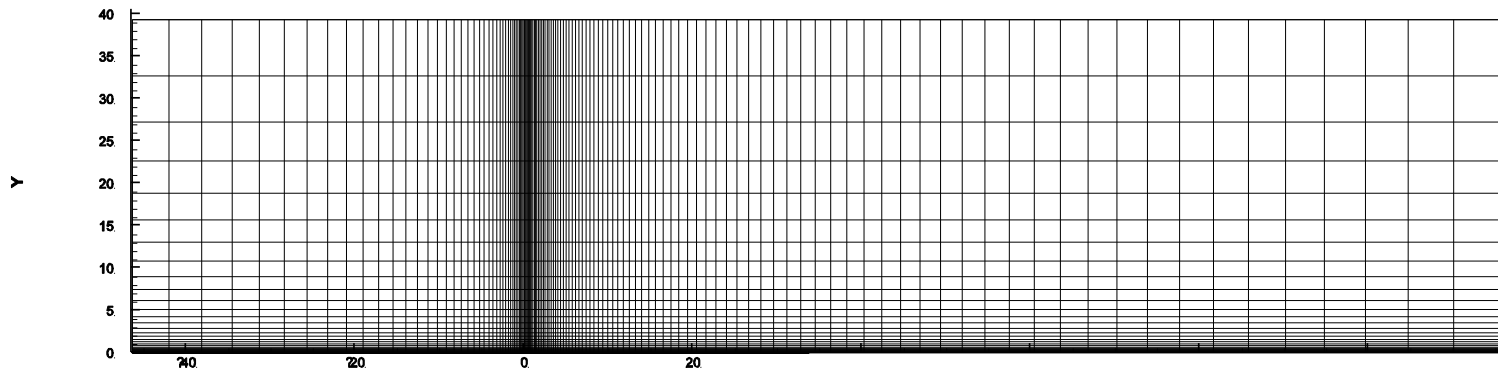
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# UGKS solutions: $Re=1000, Kn=0.000142$

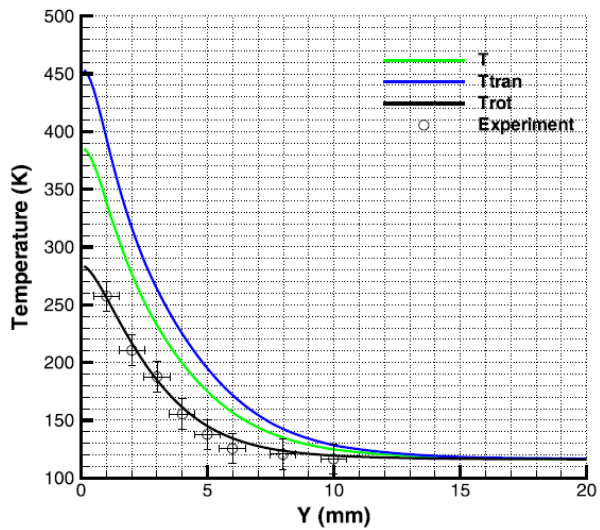
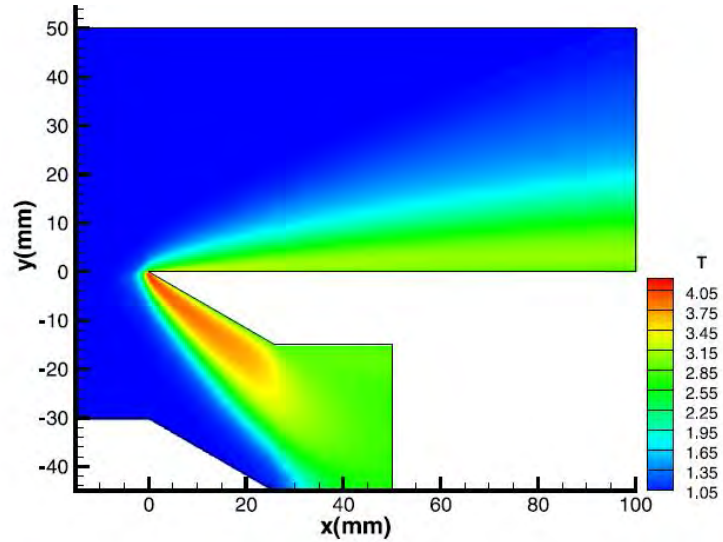
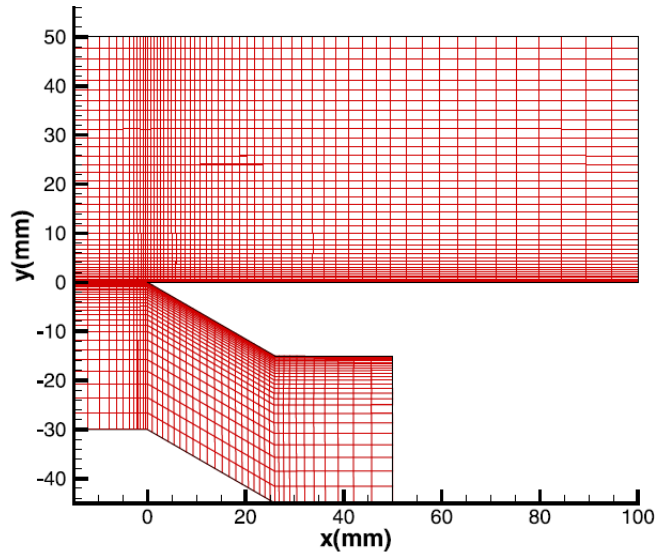


# UGKS solution for laminar boundary layer at $Re = 10^5$ and $M = 0.3$

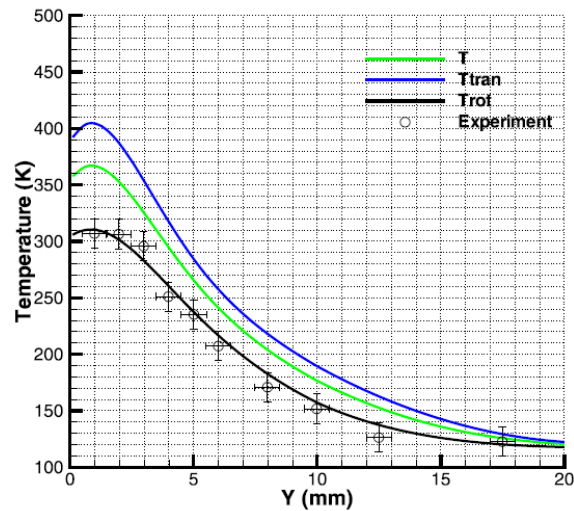


# Diatomic Gases

## Flow passing a flat plate



(a) temperature plot at  $x = 5\text{ mm}$



(b) temperature plot at  $x = 20\text{ mm}$

**Unified Gas-kinetic Scheme**  $\longrightarrow$  **GKS (NS solution)**

**Update of distribution function (micro):**

~~$$f_{j,k}^{n+1} = f_{j,k}^n + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [u f_{j-1/2,k}(t) - u f_{j+1/2,k}(t)] dt + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} \frac{g - f}{\tau} dx dt$$~~

The flux evaluation is based on the integral solution of the kinetic model:

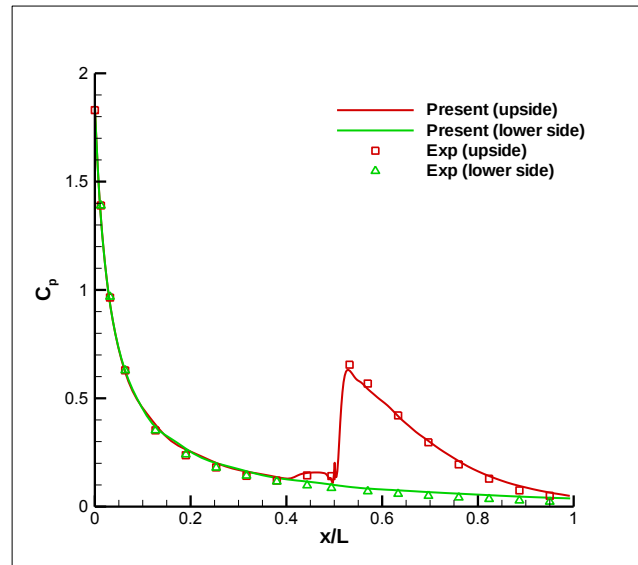
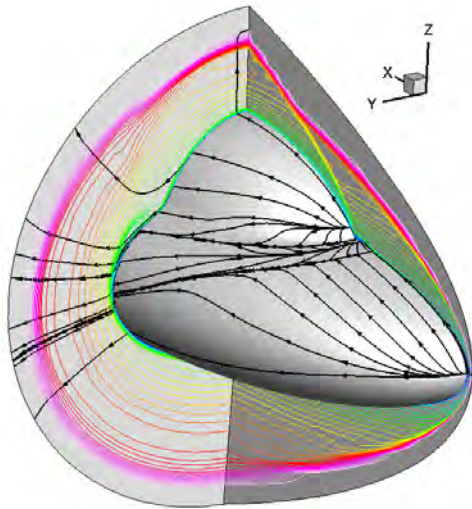
$$f_{j+1/2,k} = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^t g(x', t', u_k, \xi) e^{-(t-t')/\tau} dt' + e^{-t/\tau} f_{0,k}(x_{j+1/2} - u_k t)$$



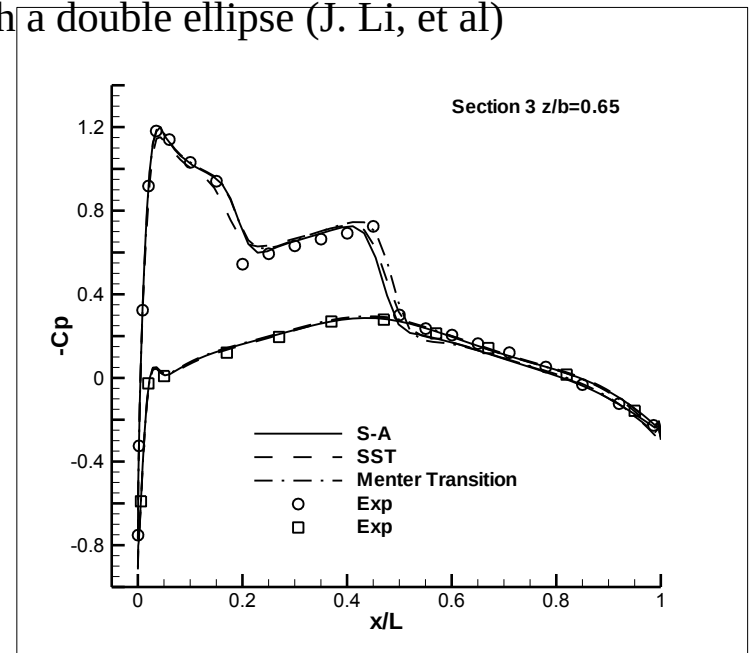
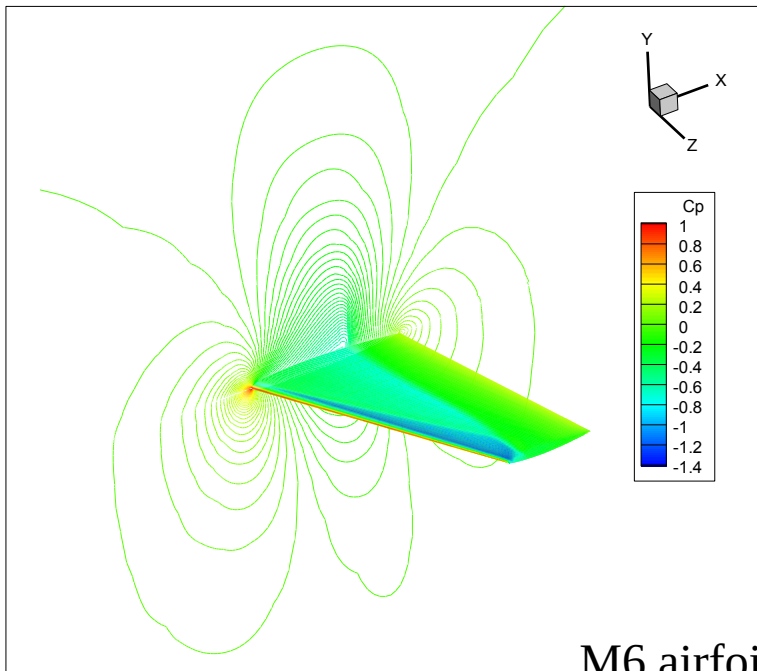
Known in continuum flow regime

**Update of conservative variables (macro):**

$$W_j^{n+1} = W_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int u_k \psi(f_{j-1/2,k} - f_{j+1/2,k}) du_k d\xi dt$$

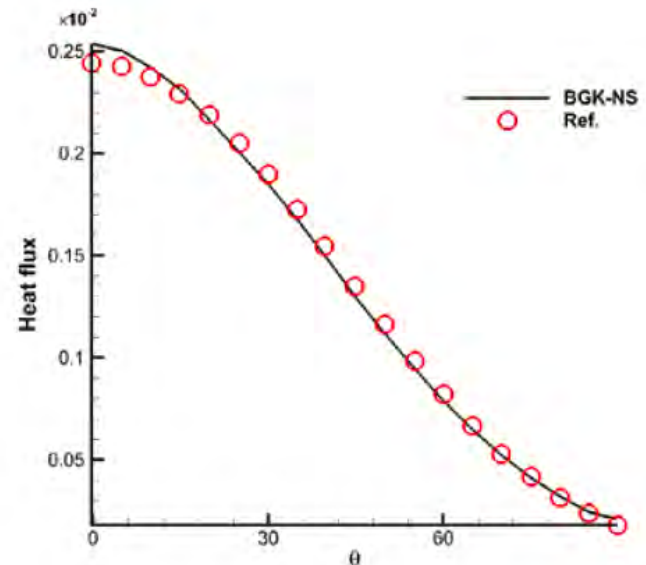
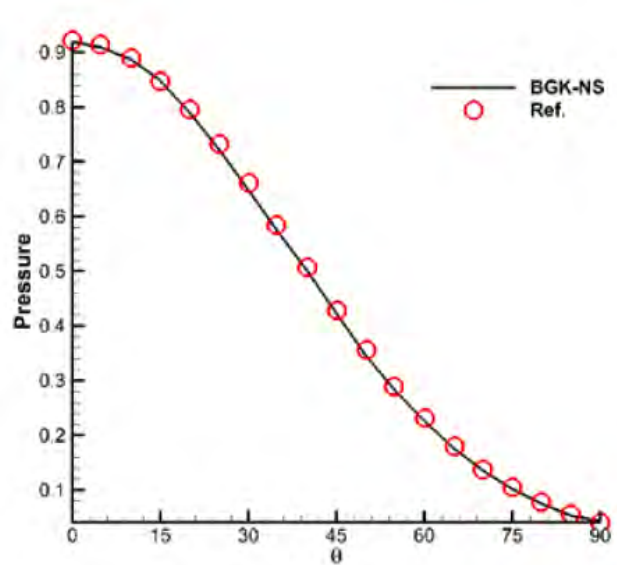
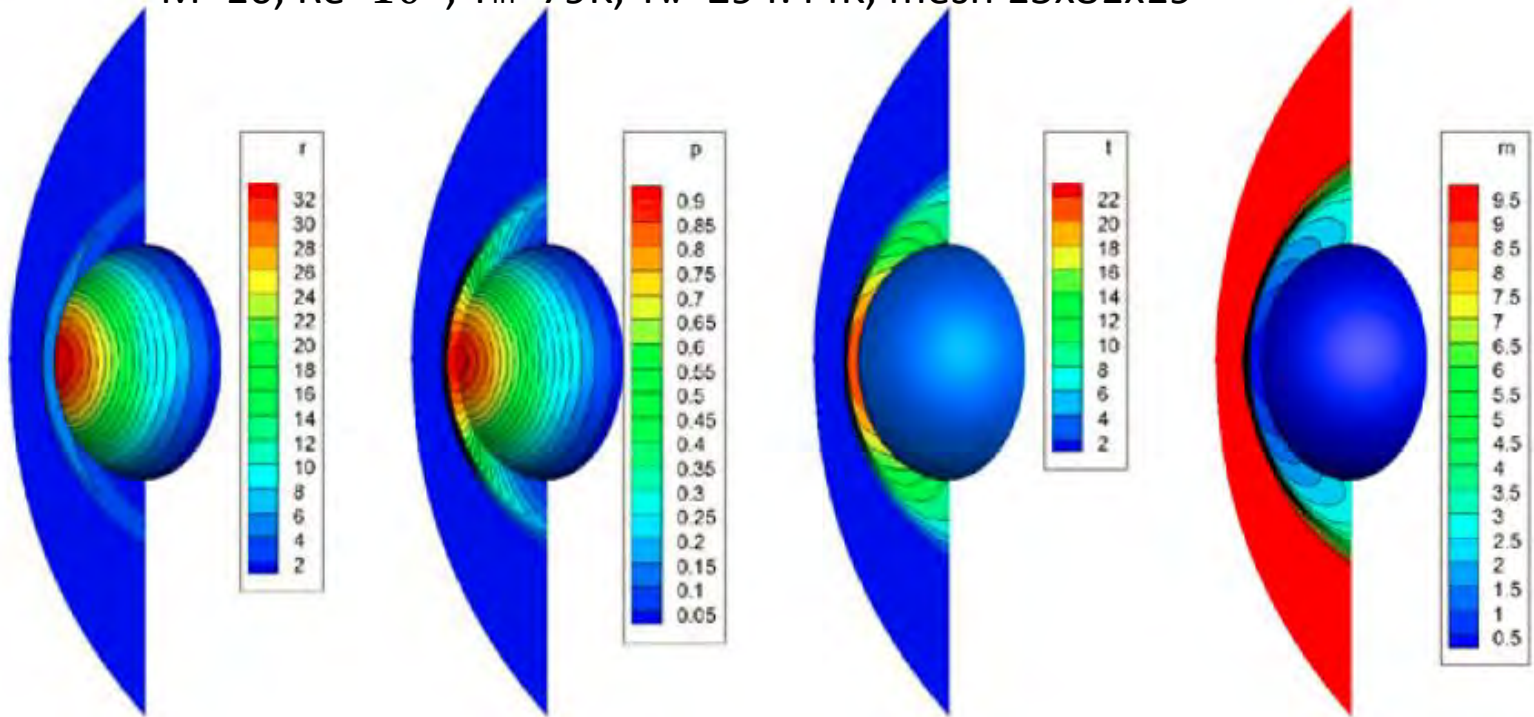


High Mach number flow passing through a double ellipse (J. Li, et al)



M6 airfoil (Y.H. Qian, et al)

$M=10$ ,  $Re=10^6$ ,  $T_{in}=79K$ ,  $T_w=294.44K$ , mesh  $15 \times 81 \times 19$

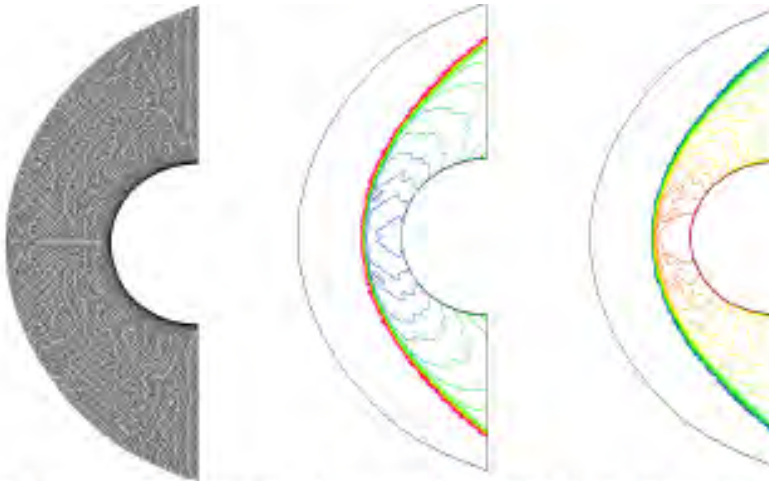


Li Jing



$$M_\infty = 8.03, T_\infty = 124.94K, T_w = 294K, R_e = 1.835 \times 10^5$$

LDG(P1)

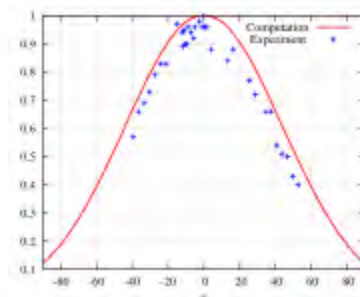
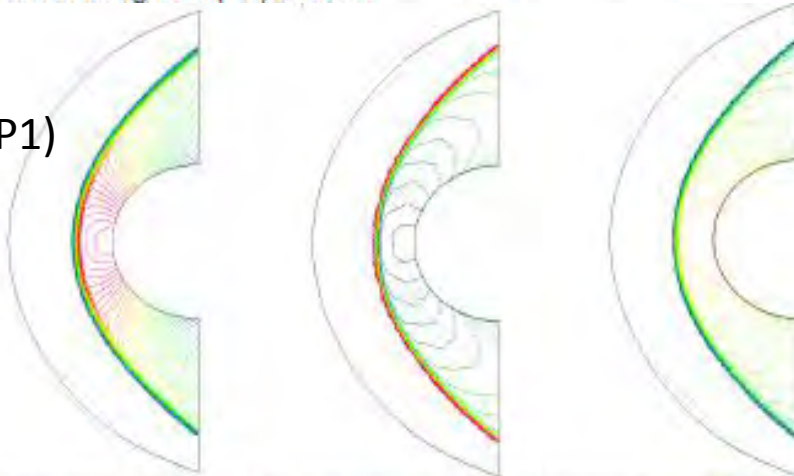


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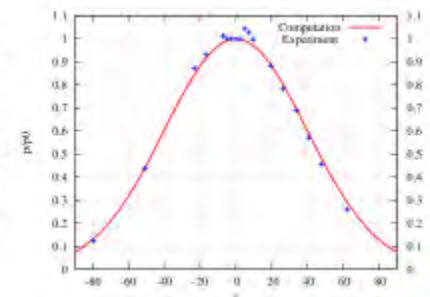
Hong Luo<sup>1,\*</sup>, Luqing Luo<sup>1</sup> and Kun Xu<sup>2</sup>

Figure 12: Computed mesh (left), computed Mach number (middle) and temperature (right) contours in the flow field obtained using LDG (P1) solution.

BGKDG(P1)



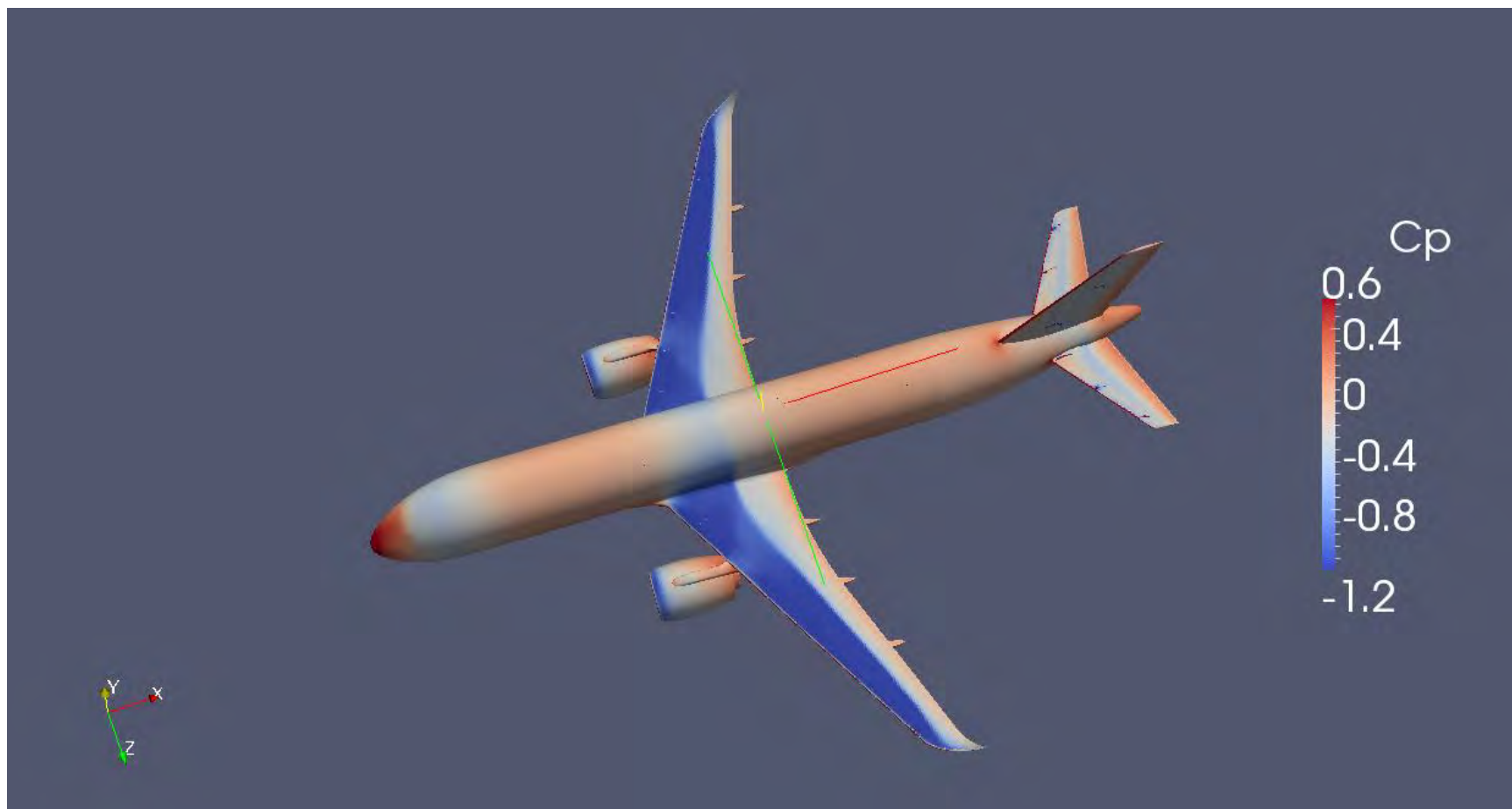
Heat flux



pressure

Figure 13: Computed pressure (left), Mach number (middle) and temperature (right) contours in the flow field obtained using BGKDG (P1) solution.





# Physical process from a discontinuity (continuum flow regime)

**Gas kinetic scheme**

**Particle free transport**

**collision**

**NS**

**Euler**

**Godunov method**

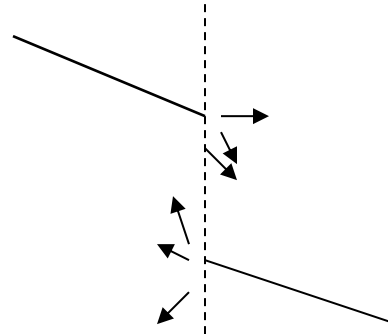
**?**

**NS**

**Riemann solver**

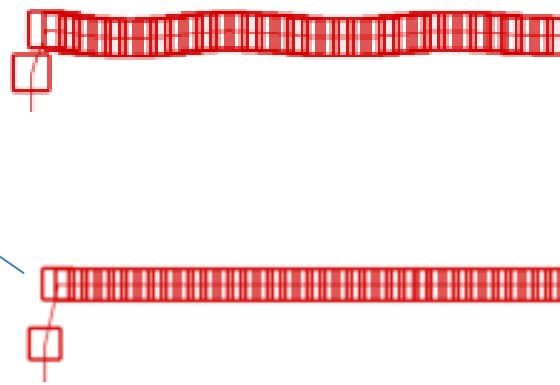
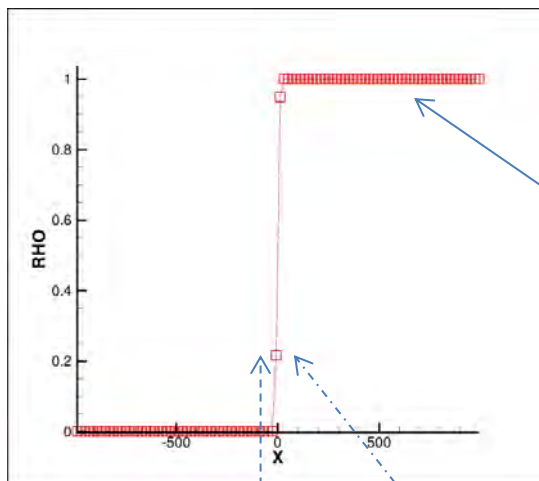
**Euler**

**(infinite number of collisions)**

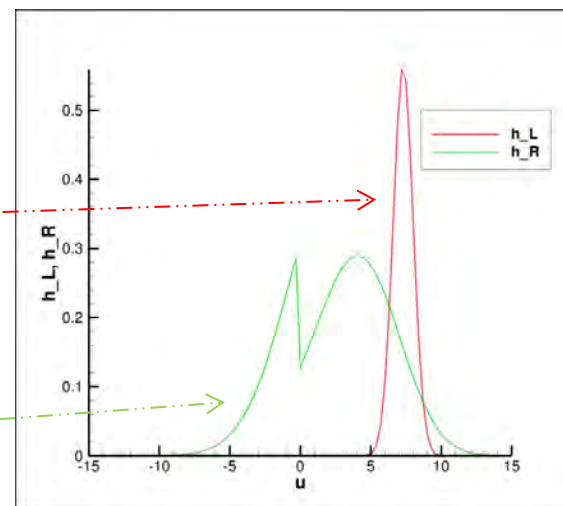
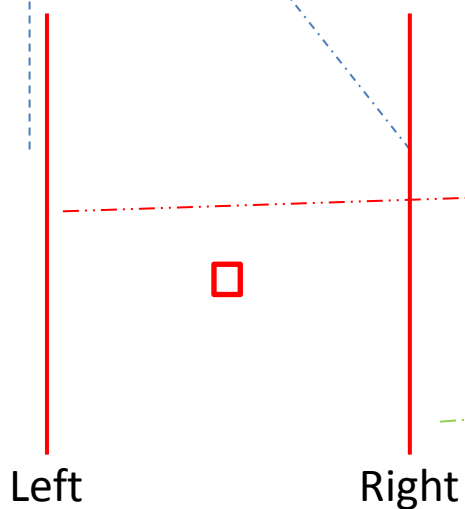
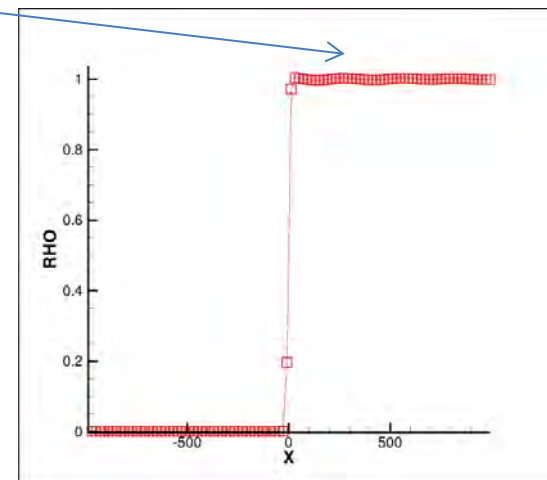


# Mach 8 shock wave NS solution (mesh size $\gg$ particle mean free path)

GKS

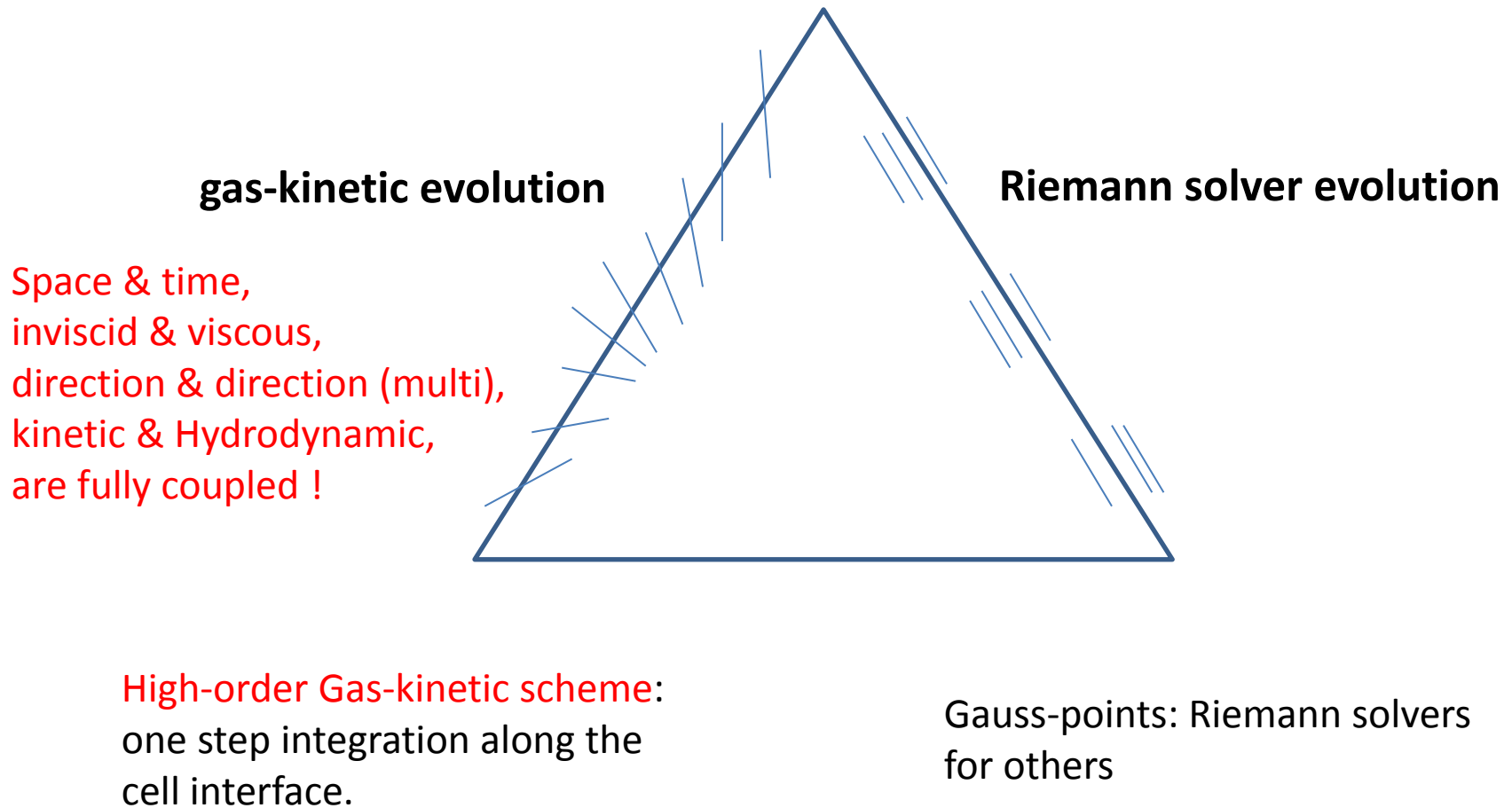


Godunov (inviscid + viscous)

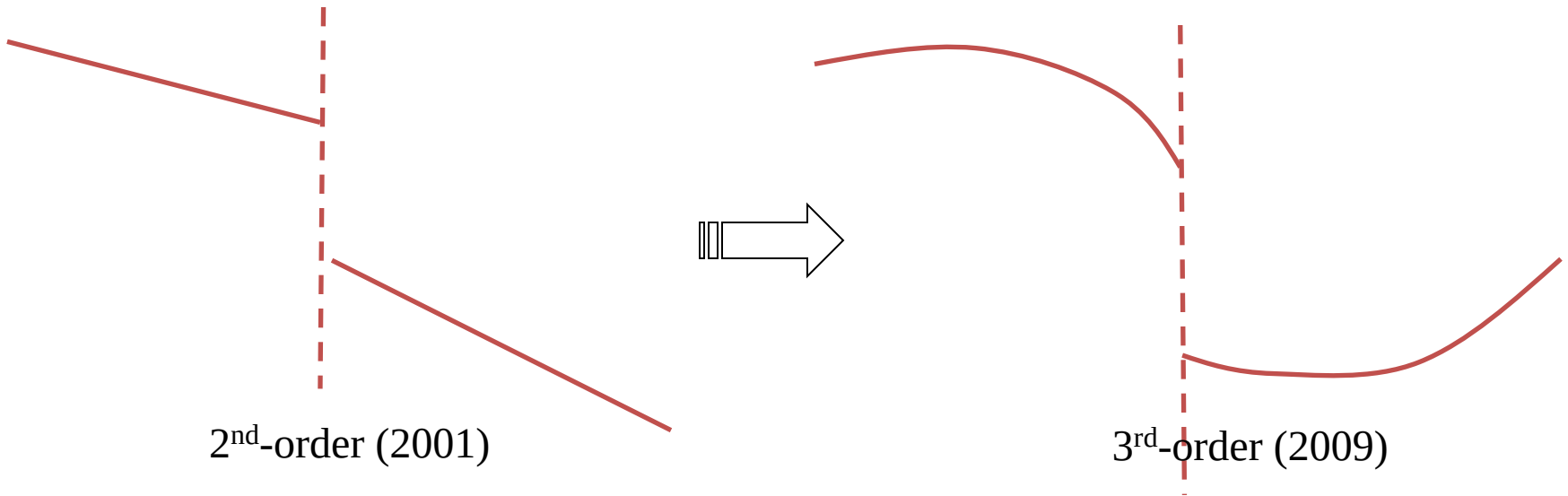


# Comparison of gas evolution model

## *Gas-Kinetic Scheme vs Riemann solver*

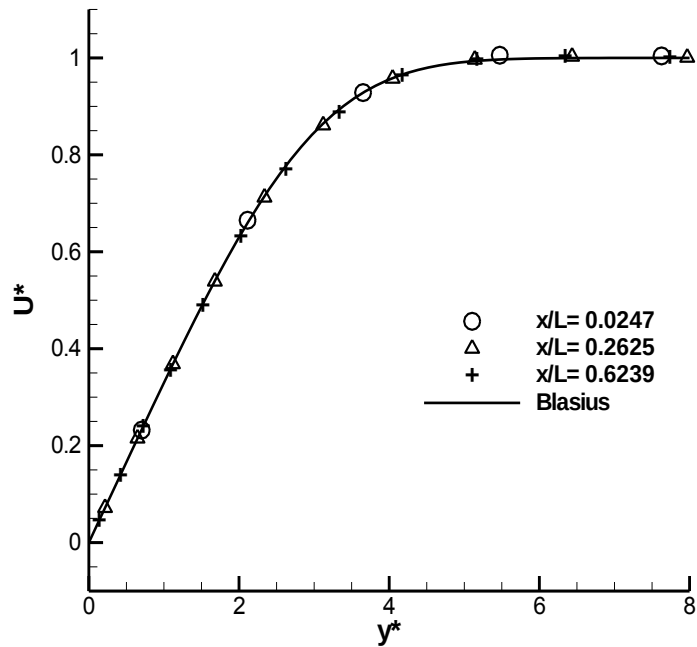
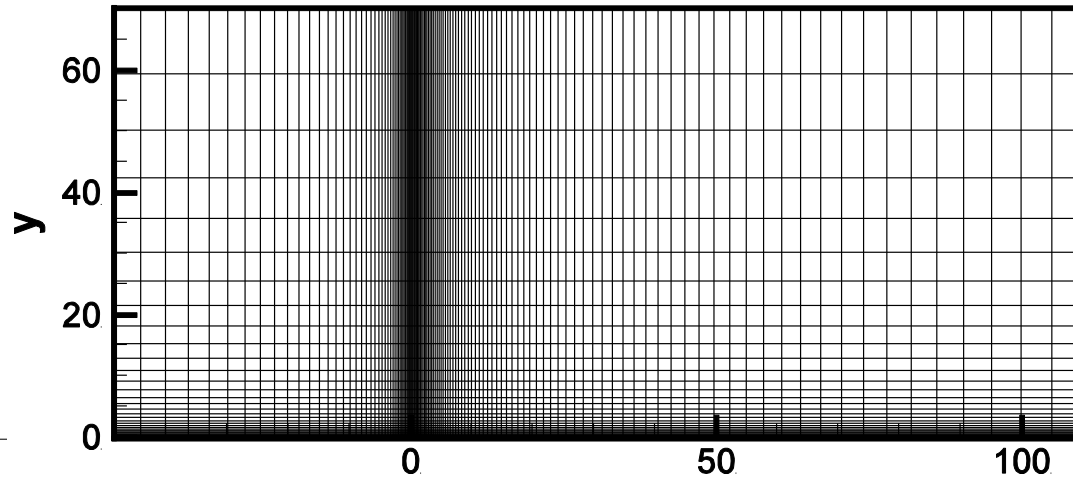


# High-order Gas-kinetic Scheme

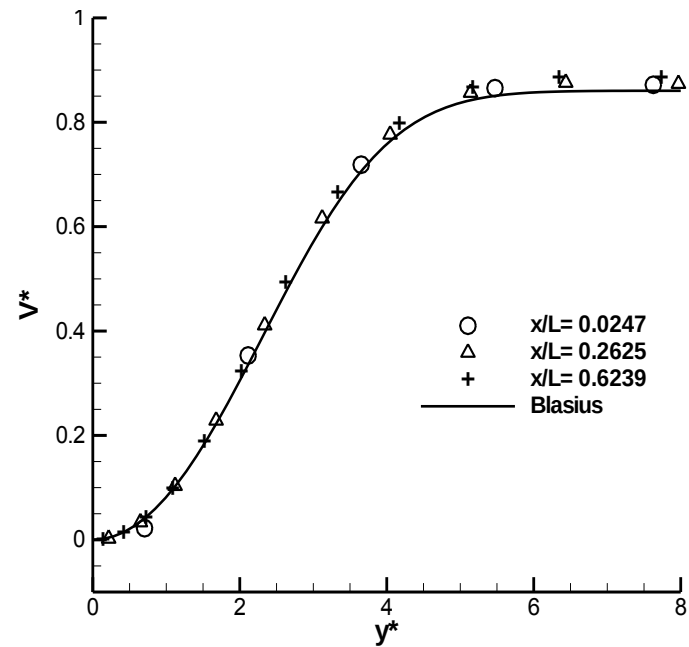


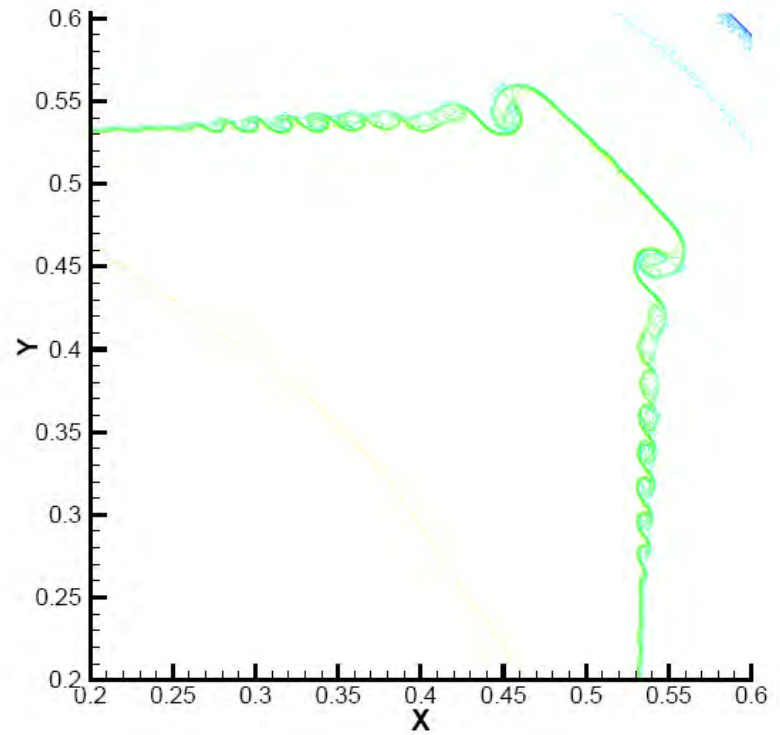
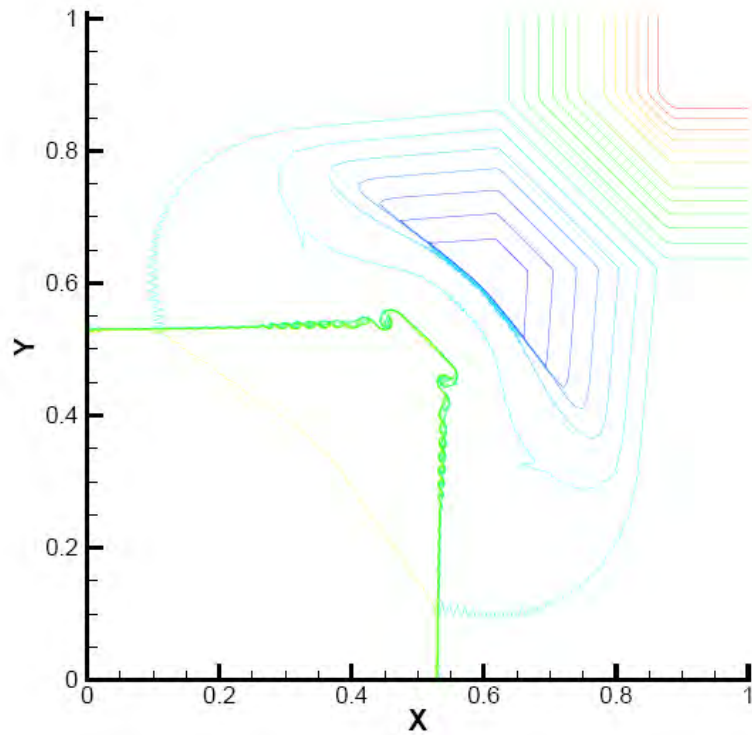
# Laminar Boundary Layer

$$Re = 10^5$$



**x**





800x800 mesh points

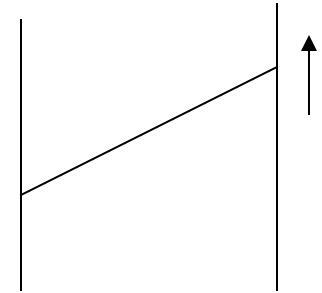
*Riemann problem IV*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\rho_1, U_1, V_1, p_1) &= (1, 0.1, 0.1, 1), & (\rho_2, U_2, V_2, p_2) &= (0.5197, -0.6259, 0.1, 0.4), \\
 (\rho_3, U_3, V_3, p_3) &= (0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0.4), & (\rho_4, U_4, V_4, p_4) &= (0.5197, 0.1, -0.6259, 0.4).
 \end{aligned}$$

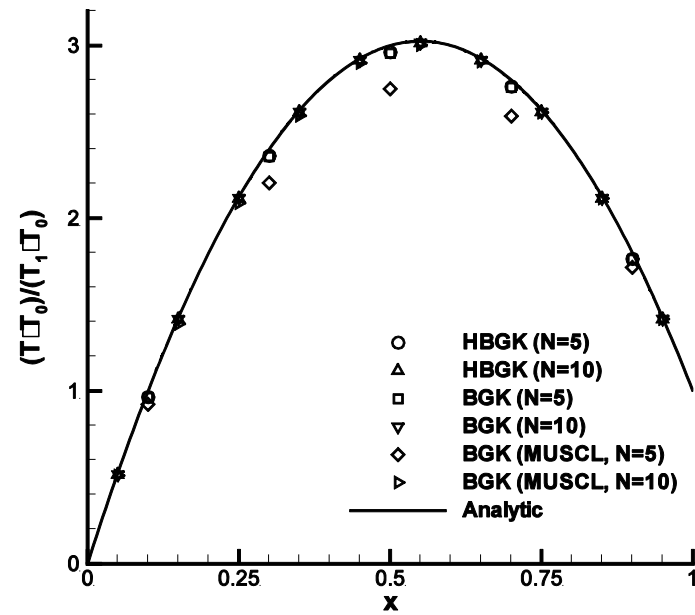
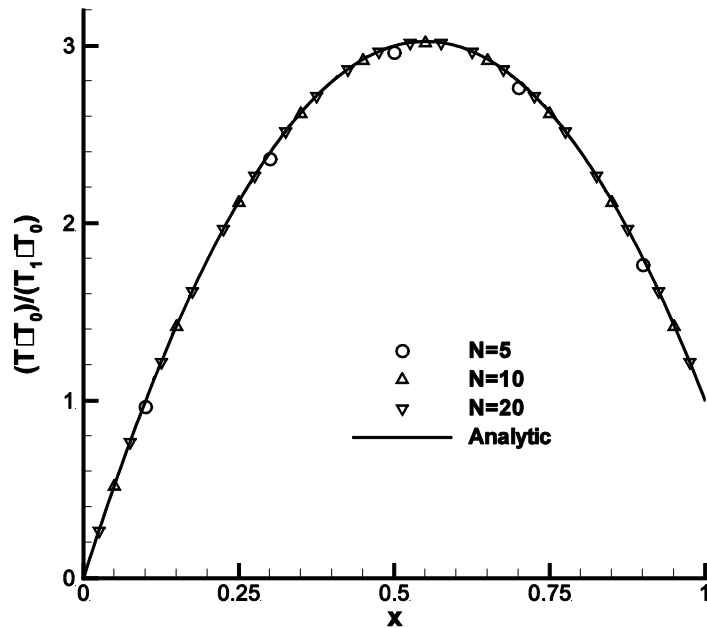
## Couette Flow with a Temperature Gradient

Exact solution:

$$\frac{T - T_0}{T_1 - T_0} = \frac{x}{H} + \frac{\text{Pr} Ec}{2} \frac{x}{H} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{H} \right)$$



$$H = 1, \mu = 5 \times 10^{-3}, \text{Pr} = 2 / 3, Ec = U^2 / C_p(T_1 - T_0) = 20, M = 0.1$$





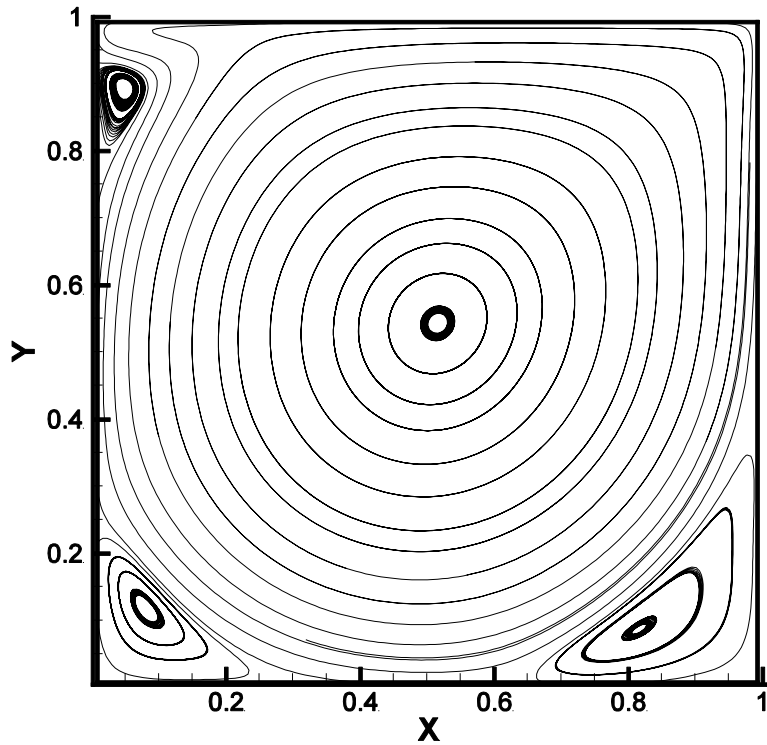
Based on the **same 5<sup>th</sup> WENO reconstruction**

numerical results comparison between

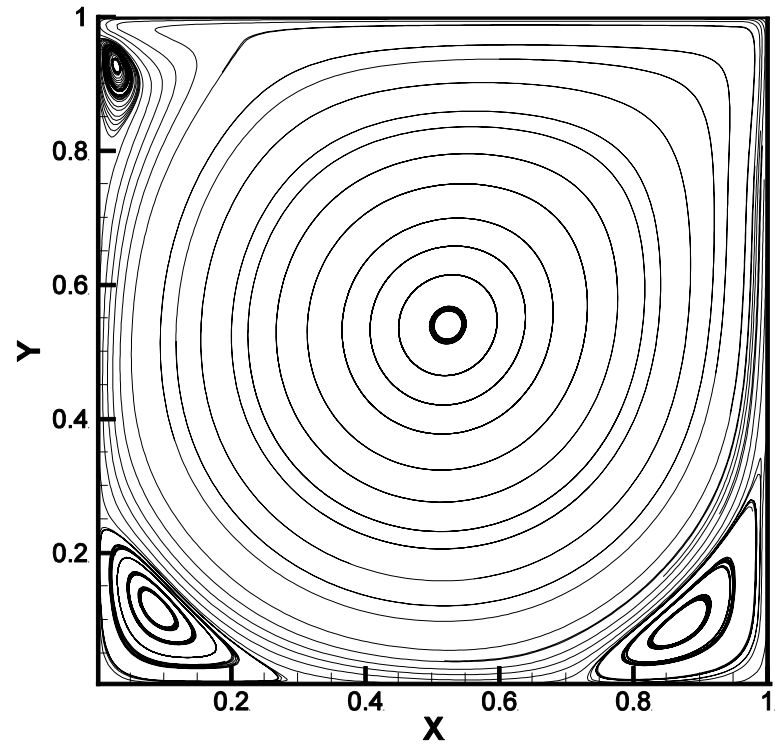
**Traditional WENO scheme** (characteristic splitting)

**WENO-GKS** (gas-kinetic evolution model)

# Cavity Flow at $Re=3200$ with $65 \times 65$ mesh points

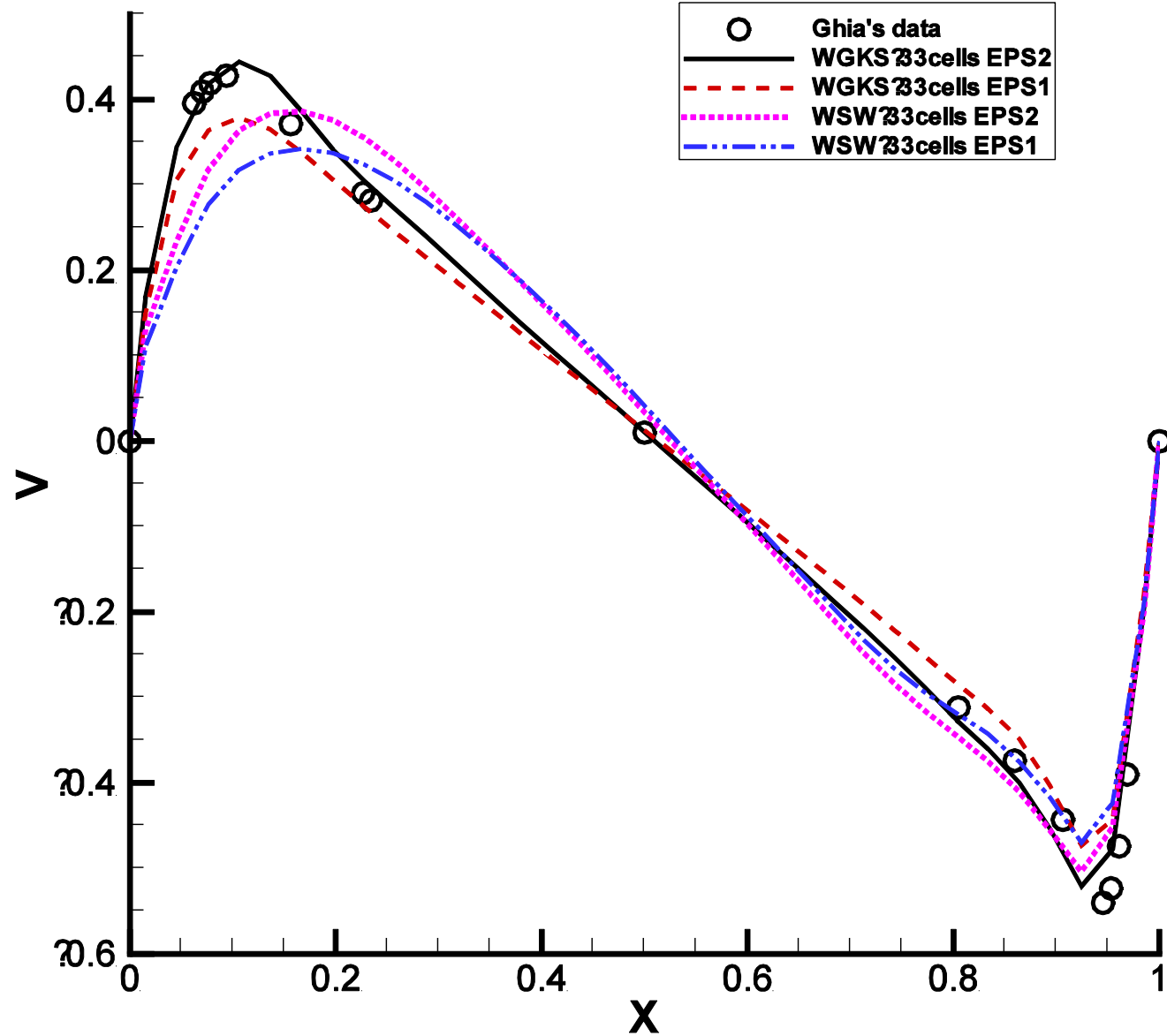


GKS

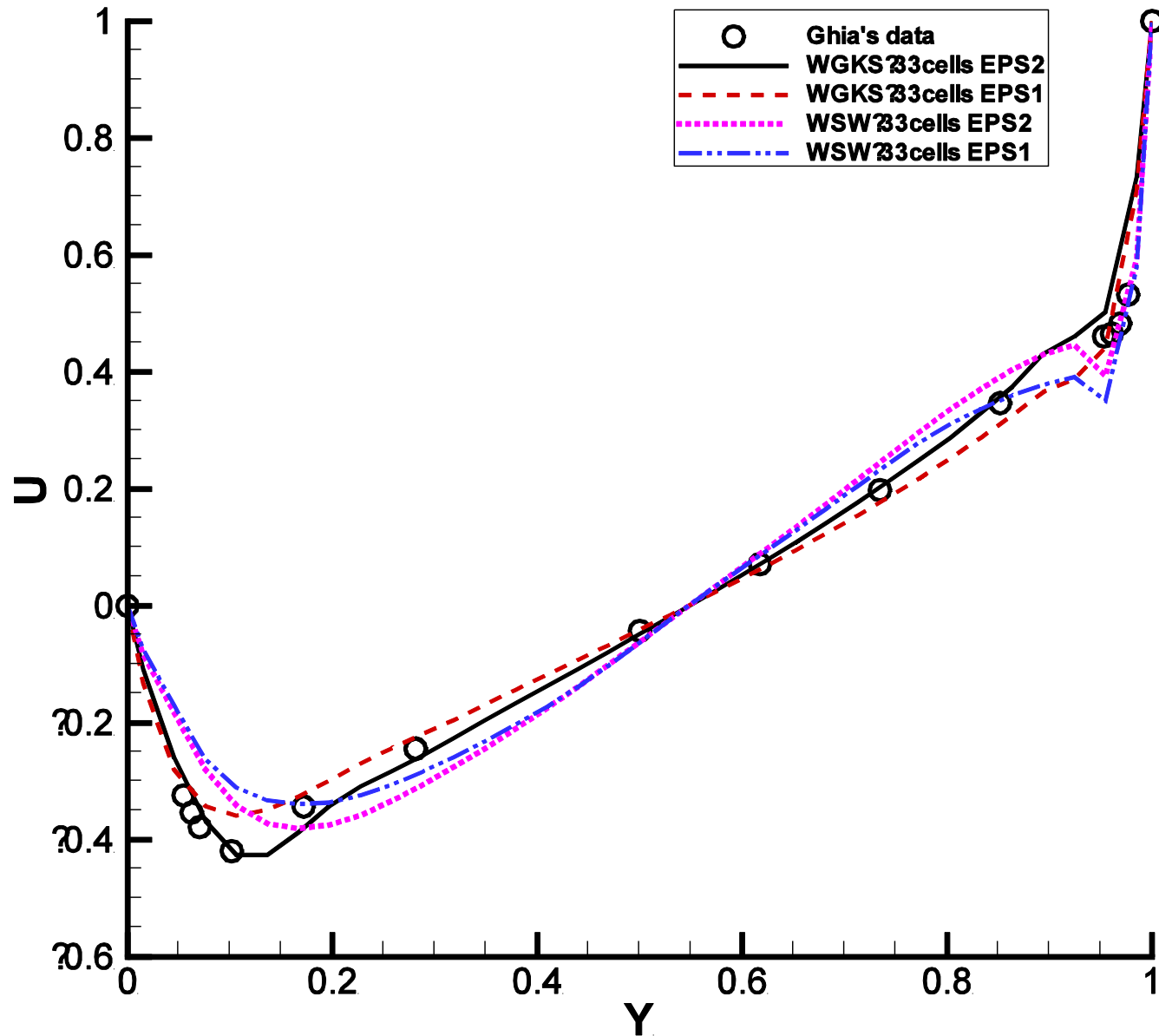


WENO-5

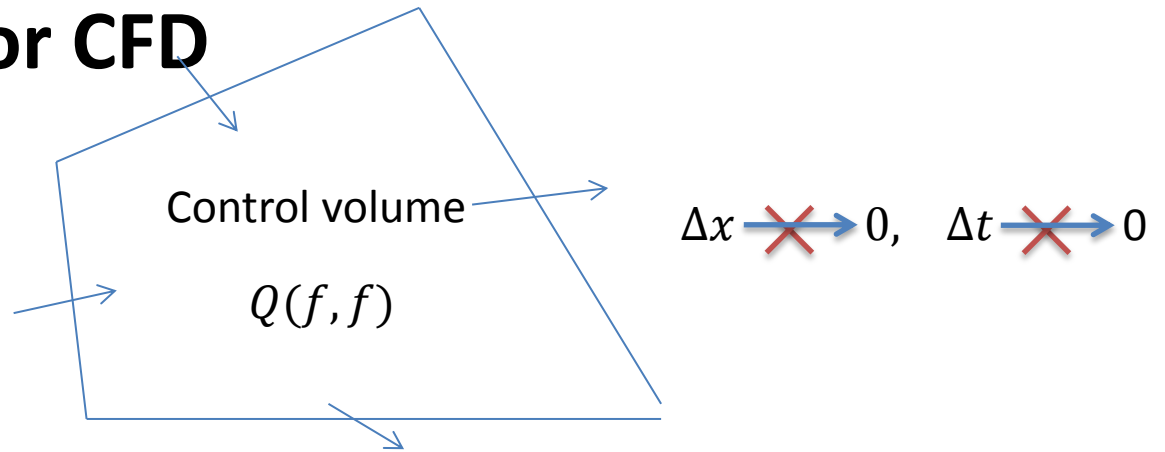
# 33x33 mesh points



# 33x33 mesh points



# Direct Modeling for CFD



**Governing equations** in discretized space:

micro

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [uf_{x_{j-1/2}}(t) - uf_{x_{j+1/2}}(t)] dt + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} Q(f, f) dx dt$$

macro

$$W_j^{n+1} = W_j^n + \frac{1}{\Delta X} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int u_k \psi(f_{j-1/2,k} - f_{j+1/2,k}) du_k d\xi dt$$

**+ Modeling the physical process**

$$f(x, y, t, u, v, \xi) = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^t \overset{\text{hydrodynamic}}{g(x', y', t', u, v, \xi)} e^{-(t-t')/\tau} dt' + e^{-t/\tau} \overset{\text{kinetic}}{f_0(x - ut, y - vt)}$$

# Current Research Topics & Conclusion

- Neutron and radiation transports,
- Plasma simulation
- Non-equilibrium thermodynamics  
(use UGKS as a tool to explore ..., such as checking *Onsager reciprocal relations* )
- ...
- **UGKS is very effective to get numerical solutions for multiscale transport process**

# Thanks !

