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## Introduction to computational mechanics in multiphysics

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## Background

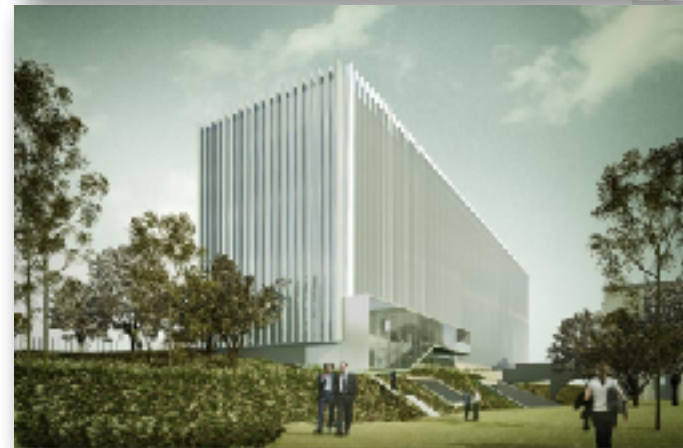
# Barcelona Supercomputing Center

BSC-CNS is the Barcelona Supercomputing Center – Centro Nacional de Supercomputación, the Spanish national supercomputing center

**Director:** Prof. Mateo Valero

Established in 2005. Upgrades the former parallelisation research center CEPBA

It is a **public center**, co-financed by the Spanish Ministry of Science, the regional government of Catalonia and the UPC (Technical University of Catalonia)



Around 500 researchers from several disciplines

It hosts the **MareNostrum**, former largest European supercomputer (2005 and 2007), former 4th and 5th in the World.

Manage the **Spanish Supercomputing Network** (RES)

Tier 0 of **PRACE-IP** European supercomputing infrastructure project





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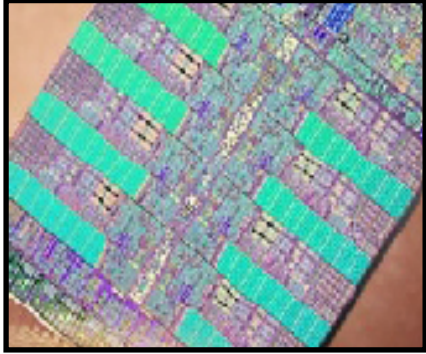
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## Computer Science

Performance tools

Computer architectures

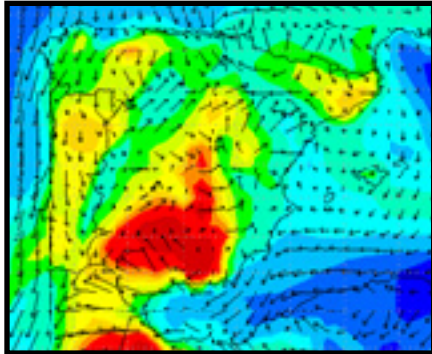
Programming models



## Life Science

Genomics

Proteomics



## Earth Science

Air quality

Climate

## Computer Applications in Science and Engineering

### CASE



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# CASE Department – Objectives

## Computer Applications in Science and Engineering (CASE) Department

### Computational Physics and Engineering

Interdisciplinary research unit of  
the BSC-CNS

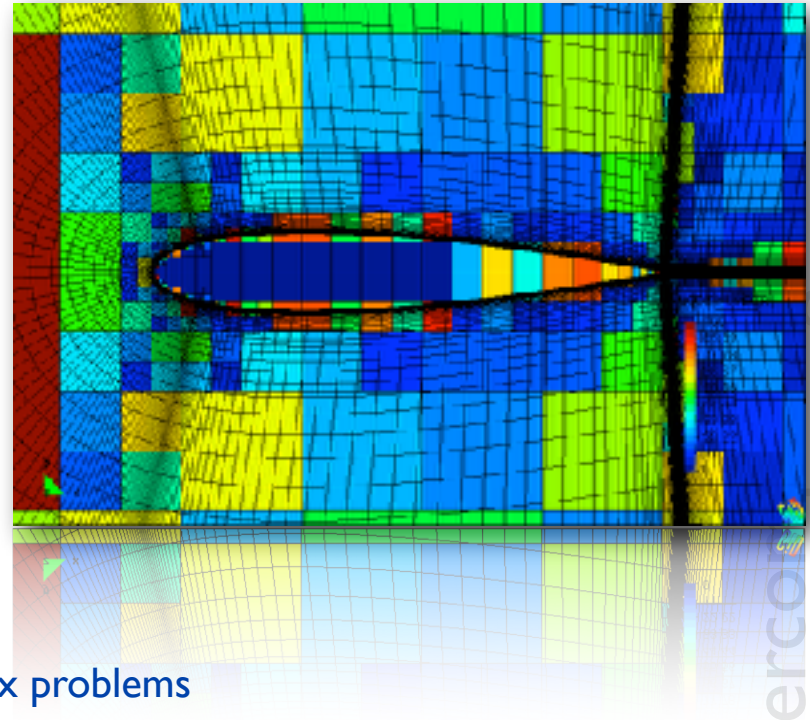
Our mission:

To develop **computational tools** to simulate **highly complex problems**  
seamlessly adapted to run onto **high-end parallel supercomputers**

Around 90 researchers:

Post-docs, students, programmers

Computer Science, Physicists, Mathematicians, Engineers



Physical and Numerical Modeling

Numerical Solution Algorithms: from stabilisation to solvers

Multi-physics and multi-scale coupling

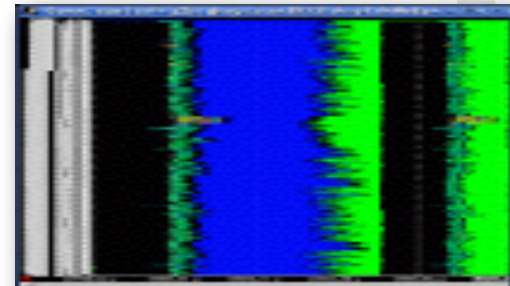
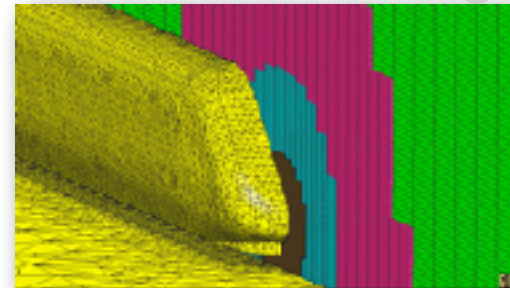
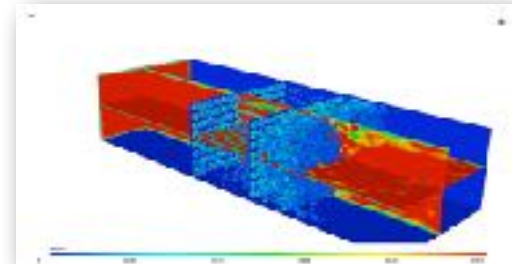
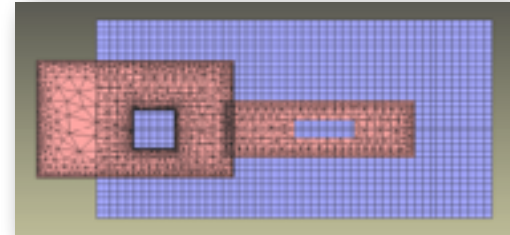
High Performance Computing in CM (HPCM)

Parallelisation in Distributed and Shared memory machines

Mesh Generation

Scientific Visualisation & Big Data

Optimisation



# Application lines

Environment

Energy

Aerospace

Trains and Automotive

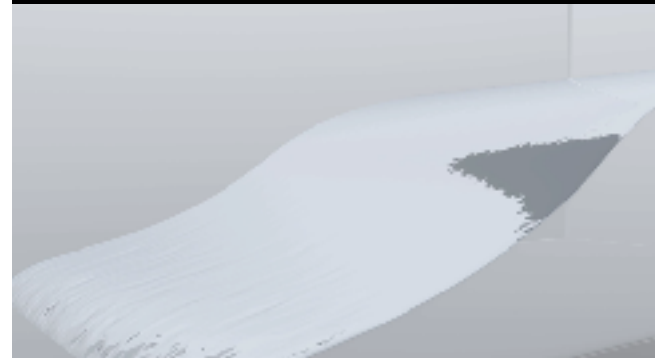
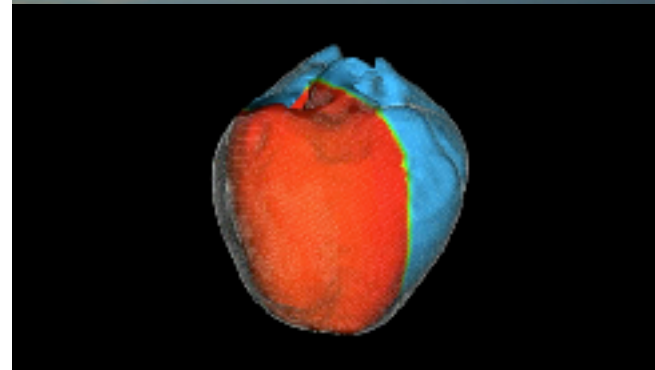
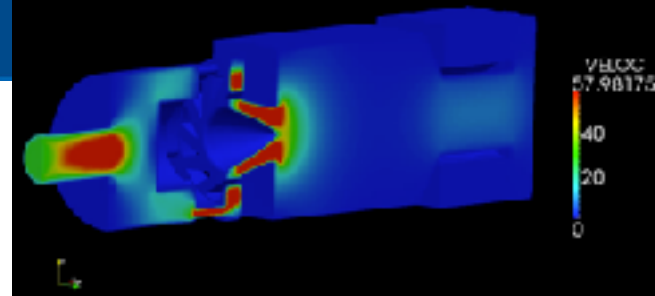
Oil and Gas

Smart Cities

High Energy Physics

Materials Sciences

Biomechanics



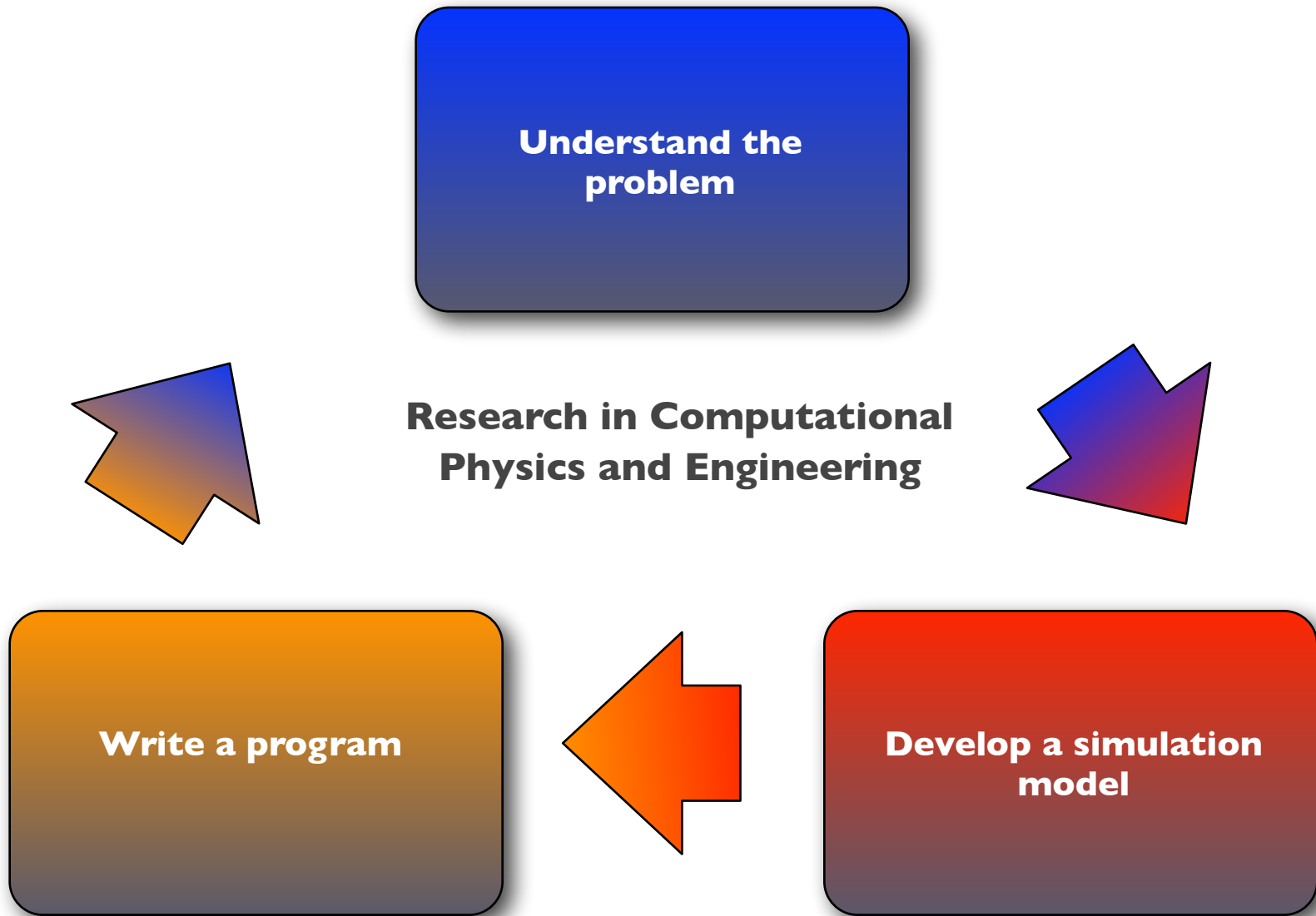


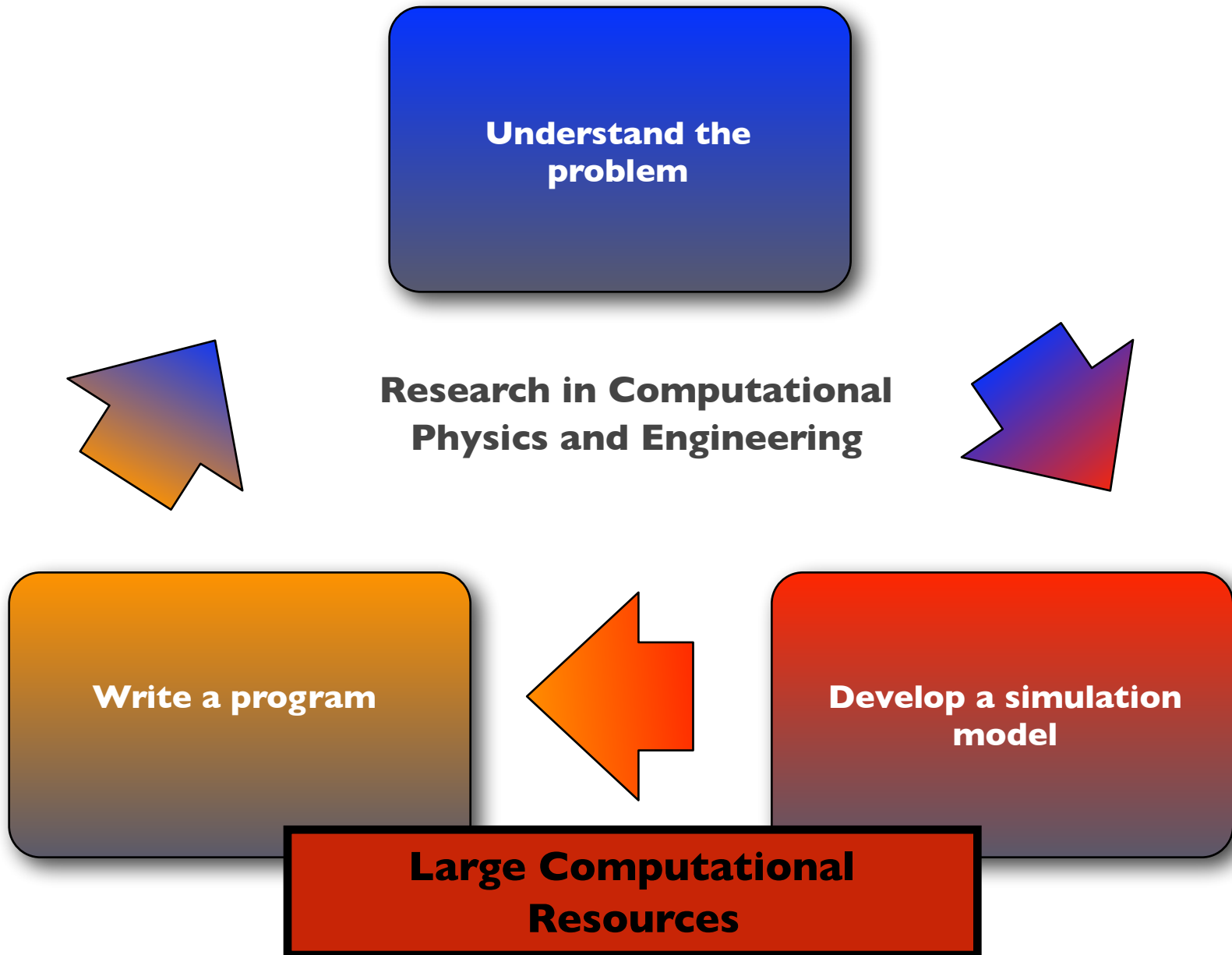
**Physics**

**Research in Computational  
Physics and Engineering**

**Computer Science**

**Mathematics**





## **Course Goal:**

**Show bridges over the gaps between:**

**Computer Science and Computational Mechanics**

**Computational Mechanics and Engineering**

**Academia and Industry**



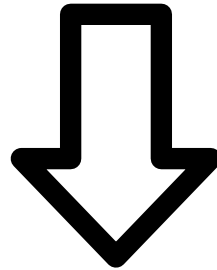
What is behind a parallel simulation code?

Scarce information on how to program things

Most of the time... no information at all!

You only understand it when you program it.

What is behind a parallel simulation code?



Complex Multi-Physics Applications

The real world



## **Motivation**

Physical Understanding:  
We deal with Physical systems

What is behind a simulation code?

Mathematical Models:  
Governed by Differential Equations...  
... Numerically solved

Computer Science:  
... and translated in a Computational  
Model

## Computational Mechanics:

A definition as a discipline on its own

Oden, Belytschko, Babuska and Hughes (2003):

**Theoretical and applied mechanics (TAM)** is the branch of applied science concerned with the study of **mechanical phenomena**: the behavior of fluids, solids, and complex materials under the actions of forces.[...]

**Computational mechanics (CM)** is that sub-discipline of TAM concerned with the use of **computational methods and devices** to study events governed by the principles of mechanics.

## High Performance Computational Mechanics:

A CM sub-discipline

Efficient use of **HPC resources, no matter the size**

## Computational Science or Scientific Computing:

A definition as a discipline on its own (again)

Computational Science constructs **mathematical models** and uses **computers** to analyse and solve scientific problems.

Its main products are **computer simulations** and other forms of computation from numerical analysis and theoretical **computer science** to problems in **various scientific disciplines**.

Shortly, **Computational Physics or Computational Engineering**

**High Performance Computational Science /Scientific Computing**

**Theoretical  
Physics**

**Experimental  
Physics**

The **2** pillars of Physics

**Theoretical  
Physics**

**Experimental  
Physics**

**Computational  
Physics**

The **3** pillars of Physics



## **Theoretical Physics**

**Physical model definition**  
Classical, Quantum, Relativistic...  
Fluid, solids, electromagnetism,  
gravitation, rigid body...

## **Experimental Physics**

**Experiments and observation**  
Wind tunnels, particle accelerators,  
meteorology, astrophysics...

## **Computational Physics**

**Numerical methods and  
programming**

Application areas:  
Engineering, Aeronautics, Meteorology,  
Biology, Astrophysics...

Mature

Deep mathematical basis, reliable (not just finite differences)

Very flexible and powerful programming tools (languages, compilers, ...)

The only way to attack some problems (**a lot** of problems indeed...)

It allows to verify and improve the theory and design new experiments

Large (and growing) computers available

**Computational  
Physics**

## Computational Mechanics:

A course

My own taste... a Physicist's Manifesto.

Even if you write a code or not, you need to know the basics (the real basics!)

Mathematics, physics and programming are deeply entangled:

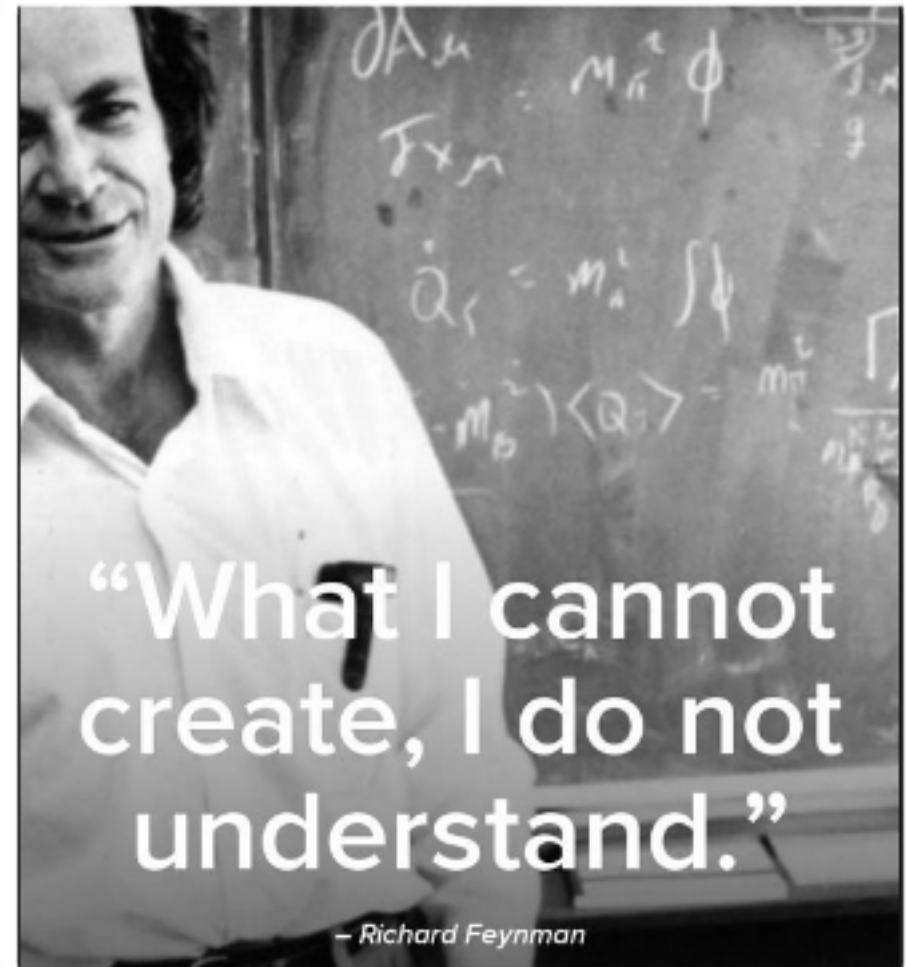
**Maths:** know at least the basics on why and how to interpret what Nature is saying

**Physics:** understand both ends, i.e., what is the motivation and how a simulation project develops, from the beginning to the end

**Programming:** try to use a “programmer’s mind”. Today, plenty of good tools to do it: Matlab, Python, PETSc, ... Tutorials, hands-ons, ...

## Computational Mechanics:

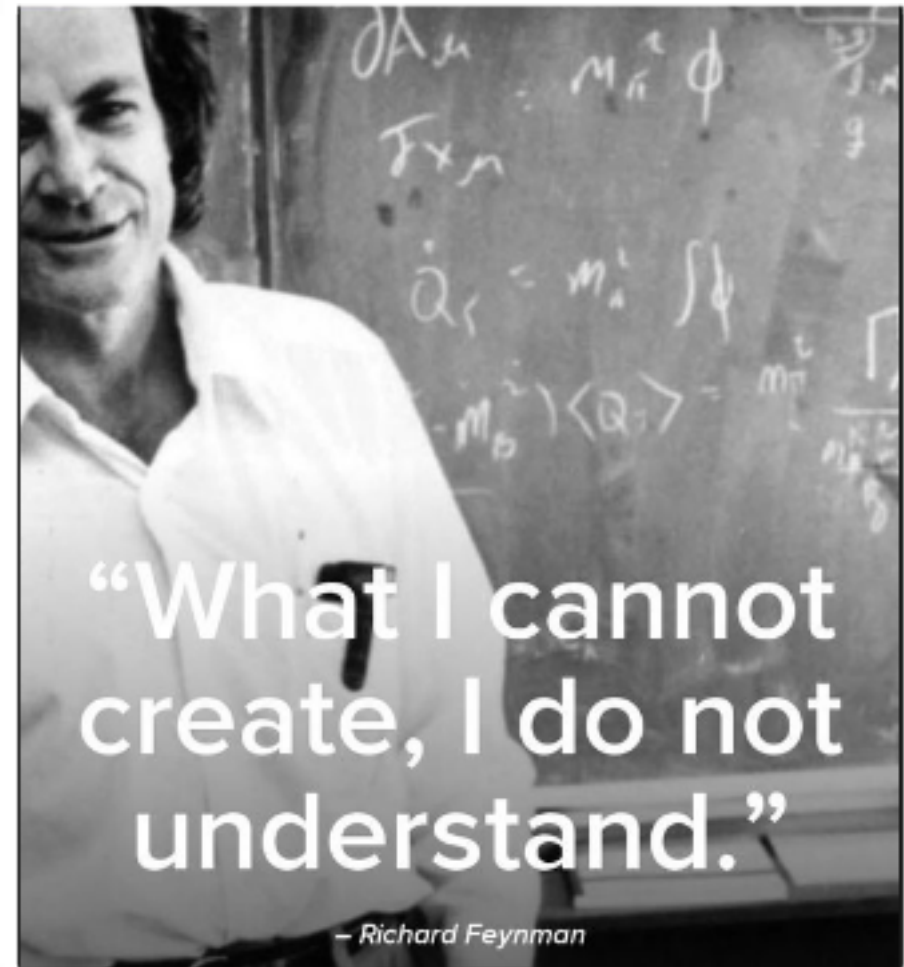
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## Computational Mechanics:

A course

**“... and  
programming is  
creating.”**





# **The Physical System and its Mathematical Description**



Revisiting the definition of CM...

Governed by forces, or more generally by conservation principles.

Usually modelled by Partial or Ordinary Differential Equations (PDE - ODE) but maybe...

- ... many of them and coupled (i.e. combustion, species transport... )

- ... multi-physics (Fluid-structure Interaction -FSI-, multi-scale modelling... )

- ... non-local phenomena (“all against all” connectivities, infinite speed... )

- ... design variables exist (optimisation problem)

Usually highly non-linear and highly transient

Usually many of these features appears at the same time... i.e. **large problems**.

All these features strongly condition the method you use:

Either if you use your own code

or

if you use another one's code (commercial or open source)

**The consequence: know deeply the Physics!**

All these features strongly condition the method you use:

## ● Physical modeling

- ☑ Transient vs. Stationary: *time step? what's that? how do I set it?*
- ☑ Incompressible vs. Compressible: *Mach number in water? Shock waves?*
- ☑ RANS vs. LES turbulence models: *what scales do I need to solve? application ranges?*
- ☑ Material design: *what material do I have to use?*
- ☑ Fluid-Structure Interaction: *is fluid deforming the structure? Transient?*
- ☑ Boltzman, SPH, ...: *what is this? what are the limitations? where are they coming from?*

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## Physical modeling

- ☑ Transient vs. Stationary: *robustness? convergence?*
- ☑ Incompressible vs. Compressible: *convergence? discontinuities?*
- ☑ RANS vs. LES turbulence models: *how do I couple the problem? convergence?*
- ☑ Material design: *what solution scheme? do I have the tangent matrix?*
- ☑ Fluid-Structure Interaction: *how do I couple the problem? added mass?*
- ☑ Boltzman, SPH, ...: *how do they behave with respect to other methods?*

## ● Mathematical modeling

- ☑ ... same as above, but with mathematical perspective
- ☑ Optimization problem? Adjoint vs. Genetic Algorithms. Surrogate models.

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## ● Discretization

- ☒ FEM, FV, FD, Spectral method, Lattice Boltzmann, Clustering in SPH...
- ☒ XFEM
- ☒ Stabilization problems
- ☒ Time Integration: Explicit - Implicit

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## ● Solution Algorithm

- ☒ Time advance
- ☒ Space solver: Direct vs. Iterative
- ☒ Non-linear solver: Jacobi, Newton...
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## ● Validation

- ☒ How can I be sure of what I am simulating?
- ☒ Study the application ranges

# AN INTRODUCTION TO FLUID DYNAMICS

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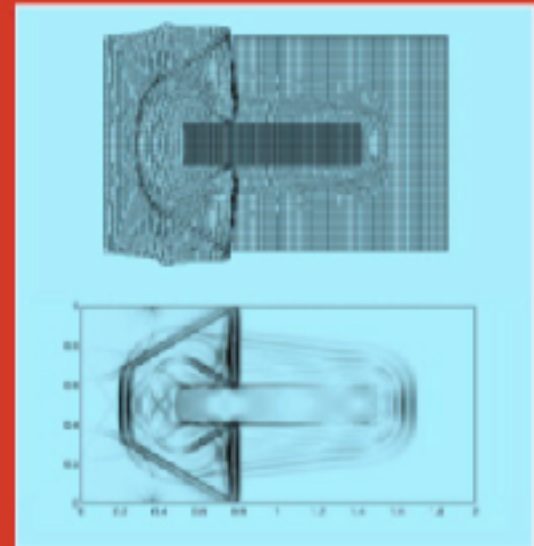
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## Finite-Volume Methods for Hyperbolic Problems



RANDALL J. LEVEQUE

We will focus in systems governed by **Conservation Laws**

Conservation Laws come from basic Physical principles

Examples: Mass, Energy, Linear or Angular Momentum, Spin, People...

Based in:

$$q^\beta(\bar{x}, t)$$

A number of certain evolving quantities

$$\Omega \subset R^3$$

A closed domain

$$\partial\Omega$$

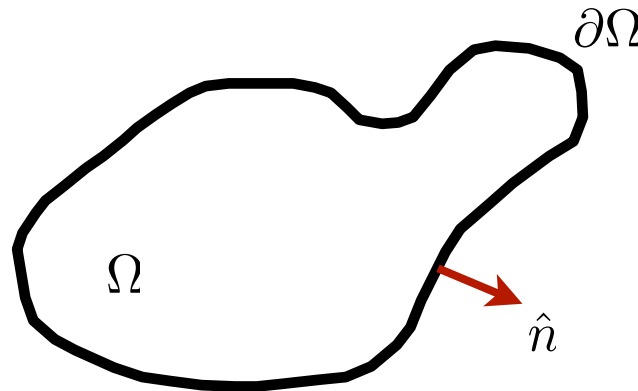
and its boundary

$$0 < t < T$$

The time interval

Let us suppose that the domain is not changing form with time.

Then



**The Integral Form (IF)**

$F_i^\alpha(q^\beta(\bar{x}, t))$       The quantities flux

- ☑ Latin index: cartesian dimensions
- ☑ Greek index: variables that define the system
- ☑ Einstein convention on repeated indices

$$\forall \alpha$$

This equation is **the fundamental mathematical interpretation of a conservation principle**

What do we mean by a **conservation principle** ?

Example: persons in this room, money in your pocket...

The principle is basic... what are the conserved **quantities** is not so basic. What are the **fluxes** is not so basic neither.

Examples: mass, mechanical energy (1st. law of thermodynamics), linear momentum (2nd. law of Newton)

Indeterminacies: fluxes definition, quantities meaning, boundary and initial values, material properties...

The conservation law gives the idea of how extensive quantities behave

Sources and drains can be included

The system can be divided in parts (volume/surface) and quantities transferred back and forth

$\forall \alpha$

If the domain is changing in time, no problem *Reynolds transport theorem*

Exercise

The domain could be extended to the infinite or reduced to **infinitesimal**

Applying the *Gauss theorem, and requiring some continuity properties on the fluxes*

Exercise

$\forall \alpha$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha(q)}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$\forall \alpha$



## The target:

Systems governed by PDEs **coming from conservation principles**

Forces, Energy, Mass... + Boundary and initial conditions

## The Differential Conservative Form (DCF)

$$S(x_i, t)$$



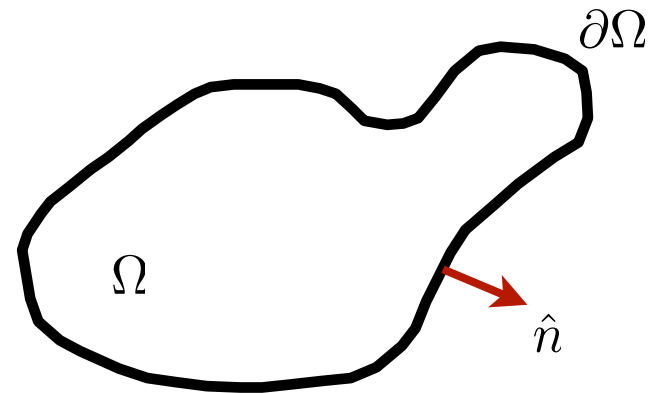
Fields of  
unknowns



Fluxes



Sources



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## The Differential Conservative Form (DCF)

Complex Physics, even for the very simple systems

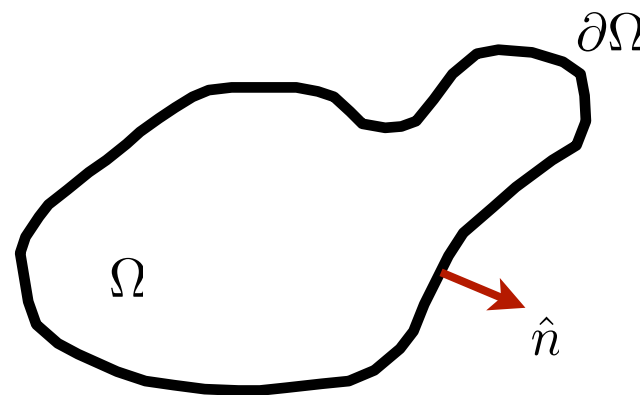
Complex geometries

Complex numerical issues

Fine resolution in time and space

Coupling

No analytical solutions!



## ... but remember that:

The DCF is not as fundamental as the IF because:

- will be scarcely used for getting the analytical solution

- passing from IF to DCF involves some doubtful steps

However, we will see that the DCF (and other differential equations derived from IF) is very useful to design good numerical methods.

But always keep in mind that the IF lies in the core of every numerical method... let us see why...

What is a simulation code?

“Divide and conquer”

Heavily reducing the dimensionality of the unknowns

Going from time-space continuum to a discrete subset

How to choose this **discrete subset** lies in the core of Computational Mechanics

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How to **choose** this discrete subset lies in the core of Computational Mechanics

For instance:

- ☒ Replace  $\partial$  by  $\Delta$  in the original continuum equations
- ☒ Discretise the physical domain in small cells and solve individual conservation problems
- ☒ Discretise the solution space to find an approximate solution

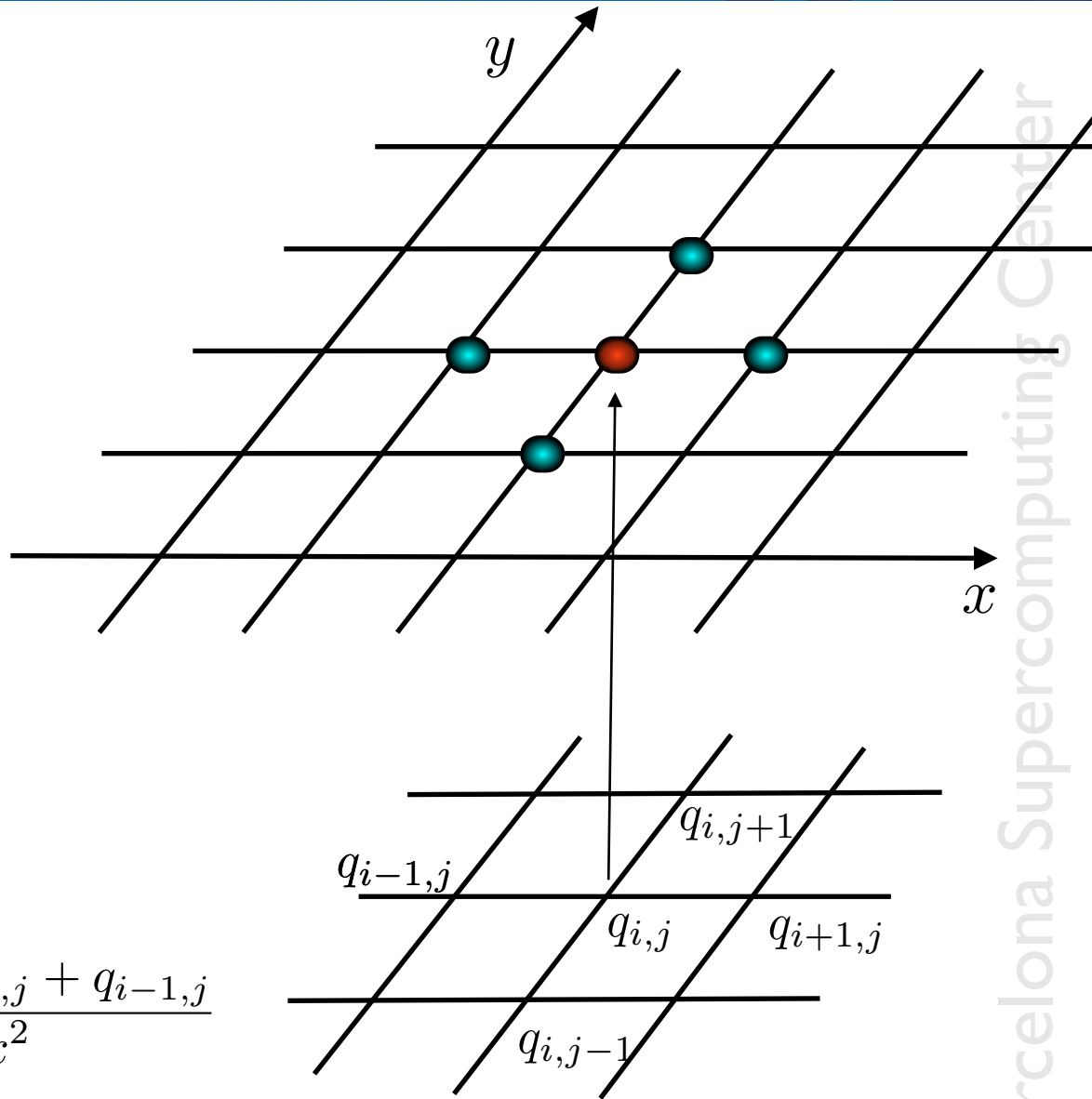
**First strategy:**

**Finite Differences**

Suppose convective and diffusive fluxes:

$$\frac{\Delta q_{i,j}}{\Delta x} = \frac{q_{i+1,j} - q_{i,j}}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\Delta}{\Delta x} \left( \frac{\Delta q_{i,j}}{\Delta x} \right) = \frac{q_{i+1,j} - 2q_{i,j} + q_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2}$$

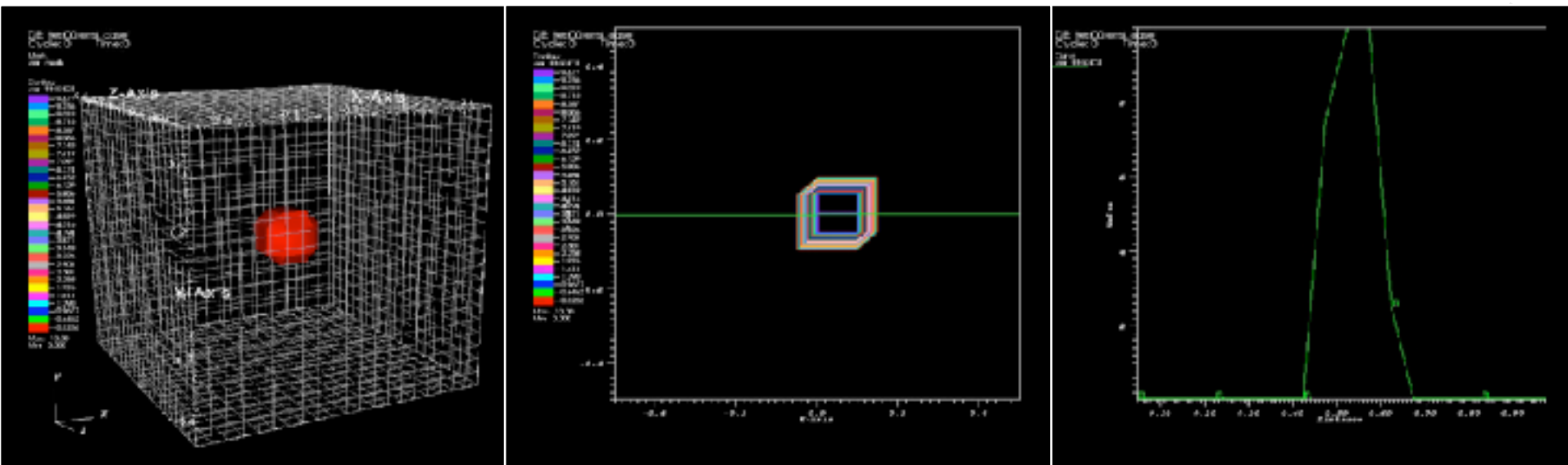


**The End?**

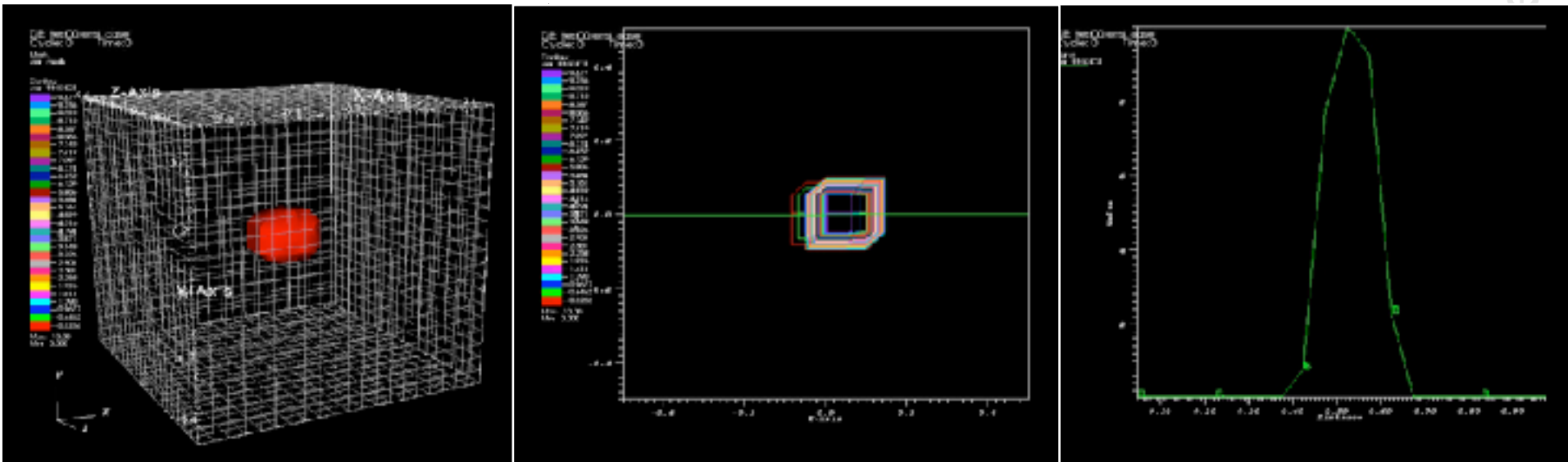




# Case I



# Case II: smaller dt



**The Physical System  
and its  
Mathematical Description**

**-II-**

**The Integral  
Form (IF)**

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha(q)}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

**The Differential  
Conservative  
Form (DCF)**

Always recall that we started at IF.

To go from IF to DCF some “more” must be asked for...

... meaning that not all solutions of IF accomplish DCF!

So let us try to always base our methods in IF

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**The Differential  
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### The Differential Conservative Form (DCF)

This is the conservative form of the differential equation.

It requires that the **time derivative** of the variable and the **divergence of the flux** exist, we needed to derive it.

Using the **flux Jacobians**, the DCF becomes the DJF:

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

### The Differential Jacobian Form (DJF)

Where the Jacobians are defined as follows

$$A_i^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial q^\beta}$$

## Fluid flows: The Navier-Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial U_j}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i U_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\delta_{ij} p - \tau_{ij}) + \rho g_j = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (U_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i E) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i p - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} - \tau_{ij} u_j) + \rho (u_i g_i + r) = 0$$

$U_i = \rho u_i$ ,  $E = \rho(C_v T + u^2/2)$  are the momentum and the total energy

$\tau_{ij}$  is the viscous stress tensor

## Fluid flows: The Navier-Stokes equations

Momentum: forces balance

Density: continuity equation

Energy: energy balance

$$\frac{\partial U^\alpha}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial x_i} + S$$

$$U^\alpha = (U_j, \rho, E)$$



Let us see an example on a complete form of a system.

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha(q)}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

can be re-written as

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F_x^\alpha}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y^\alpha}{\partial y} = 0$$

and also as

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + A_x^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial x} + A_y^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial y} = 0$$

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For instance, for a 2D problem with 2 variables

$$q^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_x^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} F_x^1(q_1, q_2) \\ F_x^2(q_1, q_2) \end{pmatrix} \quad A_i^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_x^1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_x^1}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial F_x^2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_x^2}{\partial q_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that:

There is one **A** for each space dimension (here only shown for “x”)

The dimensions of **A** depends on how many coupled variables you have

Remarks:

☑ Tensors “**A**” (one for each space dimension) couples in a very explicit way all the system equations.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_x^1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_x^1}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial F_x^2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_x^2}{\partial q_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial q_2}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_y^1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_y^1}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial F_y^2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_y^2}{\partial q_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial q_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Remarks:

☑ DJF comes from DCF so it will be different for each **set** of variables

For instance, in the Navier - Stokes equations, the **heat transport** equation can be used instead of the **total energy** one:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{C_v \rho} \left( p \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} - \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( u_i (E + p) - u_j \tau_{ij} - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0$$

$$E = \rho (C_v T + u^2/2)$$

Remarks:

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... which means that the Jacobian form can be defined as coming from either a conservative or an non-conservative set of equations.

Forms can be transformed in this way

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial x_i} \longrightarrow \frac{\partial q}{\partial q'} \frac{\partial q'}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + A_x^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial x} + A_y^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$A_i^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_x^1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_x^1}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial F_x^2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial F_x^2}{\partial q_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Now... what if “A” could be diagonalisable?

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The system is called hyperbolic if it is **diagonalisable** with **real** eigenvalues.

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + R^{\alpha\gamma} \Lambda^{\gamma\theta} R_{inv}^{\theta\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\Lambda^{\gamma\theta} = \lambda_{1,2,\dots} \delta^{\gamma\theta} \quad \text{eigenvalues matrix}$$

$$R^{\alpha\gamma} \quad \text{right eigenverctors matrix}$$

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$$A = R \Lambda R^{-1} \quad R^{-1} A R = \Lambda$$

$$R^{-1} q_t + R^{-1} A R R^{-1} q_x = 0$$

$$w_t + \Lambda w_x = 0$$



Remarks:

☑ The Jacobian tensor “A” couples in a very explicit way the system equations.

The system is called hyperbolic if it is **diagonalisable** with **real** eigenvalues.

If “A” is symmetric, the system is always (symmetric) hyperbolic

If all eigenvalues are different, it is strictly hyperbolic

The solution will become a superposition of linear waves, each one with its own characteristic speed, **the corresponding eigenvalue:**

$$w_t^\alpha + \Lambda w_x^\alpha = 0$$

But maybe we have solved the problem... have we?


$R^{-1}$  is the change of variables matrix.

Remarks:

- ☑ The Jacobian tensor “A” couples in a very explicit way the system equations.

Now... what if “A” could be diagonalisable?

The system could be decoupled... but recall that,

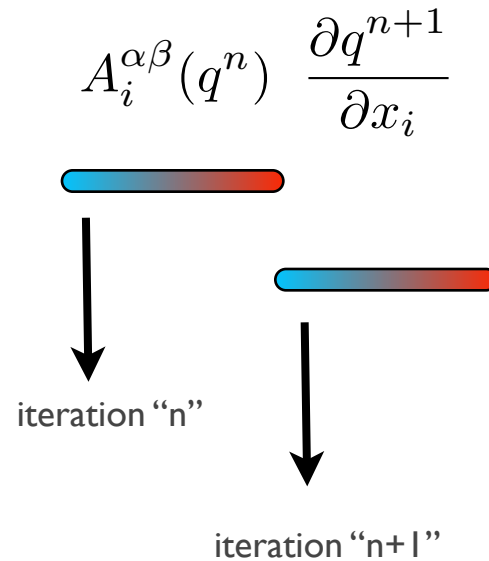
$$\frac{\partial q^\alpha}{\partial t} + A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^\beta}{\partial x_i} = 0$$


Diagonalization should be done simultaneously for all dimensions...!

This is **capital issue** for building good numerical methods.

Remarks:

- ✓ If the problem is non-linear, “A” could be a very intuitive “linearisator” for an iterative scheme:



**Quasilinear form**

Remarks:

☑ This is the convective derivative of the quantity “q”:

$$A_i^{\alpha\beta}(q^n) \frac{\partial q^{n+1}}{\partial x_i}$$

☑ It is, indeed. But the Jacobian is the Jacobian of the complete flux.

This means that it could include diffusion terms too.

It is as a “generalised velocity”

It can include a hyperbolic part and a non-hyperbolic part

☑ Very important: always remember that DJF is derived from IF providing that some restrictions on the **continuity** of the variables...



Let us study some examples of increasing complexity...

First the simplest one: **1D advection equation**

## Advection equation

It represents the convective transport of a quantity

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial q}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{Dq}{Dt} = 0$$



variation if  
don't move



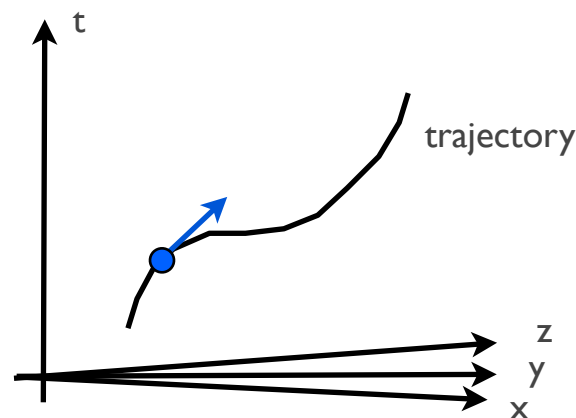
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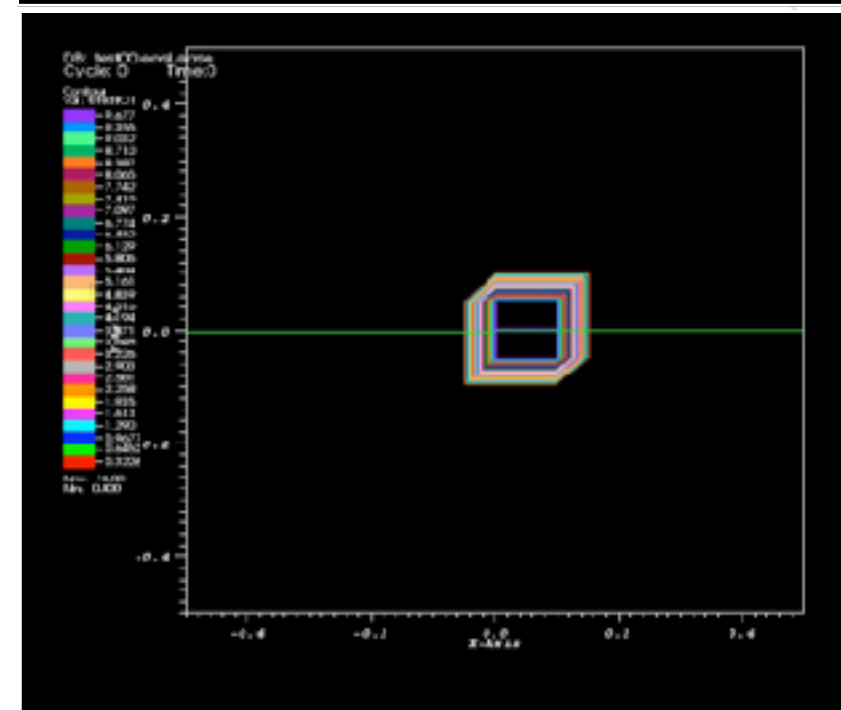
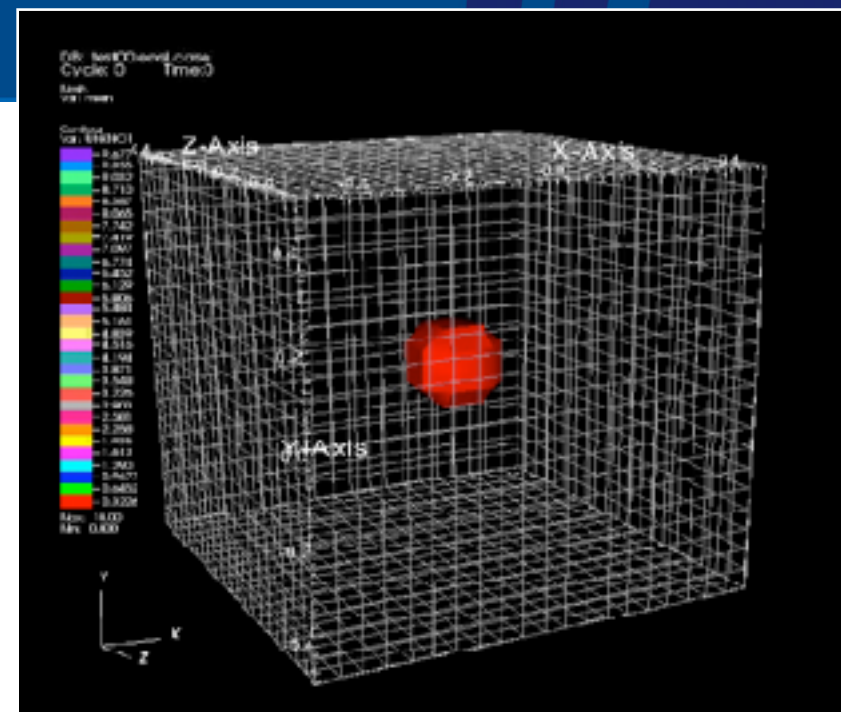
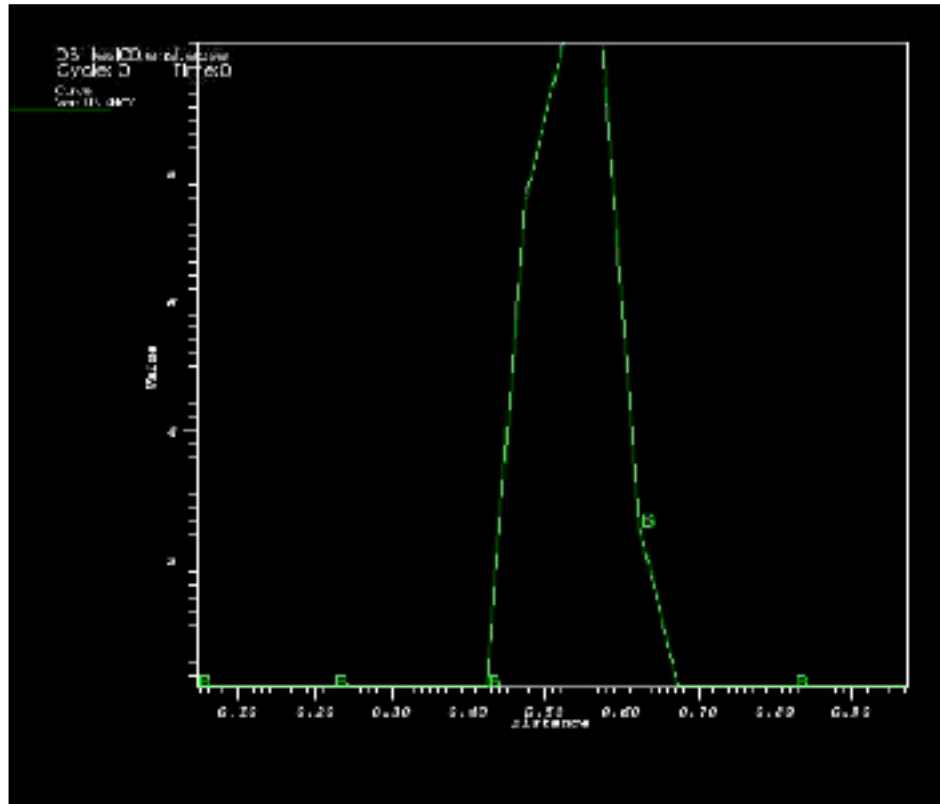
**Material  
Derivative**

Giving an initial value for “q”, it remains constant if we move following the **trajectory**

$$\frac{Dq}{Dt}(X(t), t) = 0$$



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$$\frac{Dq}{Dt}(X(t), t) = 0$$

Advection equation, 1D

If you can “reconstruct” the trajectories you solve the problem!

**The equation complexity is transferred to the trajectory reconstruction.**

**Think that the “blob” is a rigid body...!**

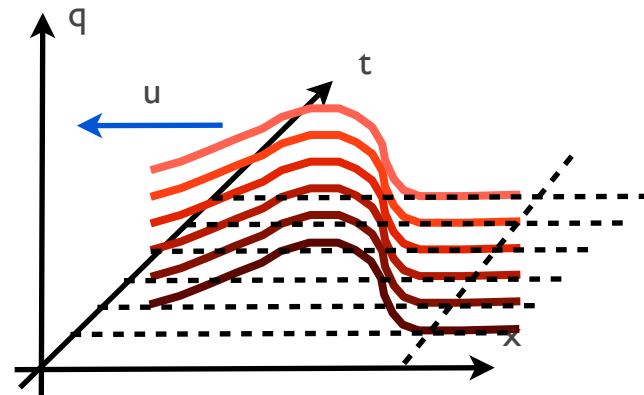
**If you know the speed, you know where will the blob be at a certain time**

Let us consider the 1D problem (partial derivatives replaced by “d”):

$$\frac{dq}{dt} + u \frac{dq}{dx} = 0$$

Now, suppose the **velocity** is defined as

$$-u = \frac{dx}{dt}$$





If “ $u$ ” is constant, the trajectory can be trivially integrated

$$dx = -u \, dt$$

$$x - x_0 = -u (t - t_0)$$

$$x = (x_0 + u \, t_0) - u \, t = C - u \, t$$



So the trajectory equation is

$$x + u \, t = C$$

$$q := q(x, t) = q(C - u \, t, t)$$

Which means that, if

$$q := q(x, t) = q(C - u t, t)$$

then, the equation is verified:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -u \frac{dq}{dx}$$

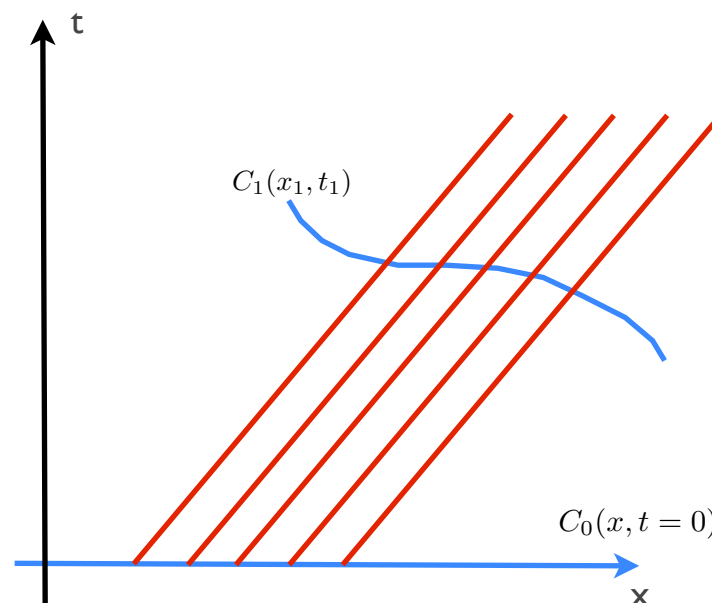
By defining initial data on one of these curves

$$C_0(x, t = 0)$$

$$C_1(x_1, t_1)$$

data will move unchanged on each of the trajectories

$$x + at = x_0$$



Suppose you chose

$$C_1(x_1, t_1)$$

then, if you travel horizontally fixing a time “ $t$ ”, then data (i.e. “ $q$ ”) will change.

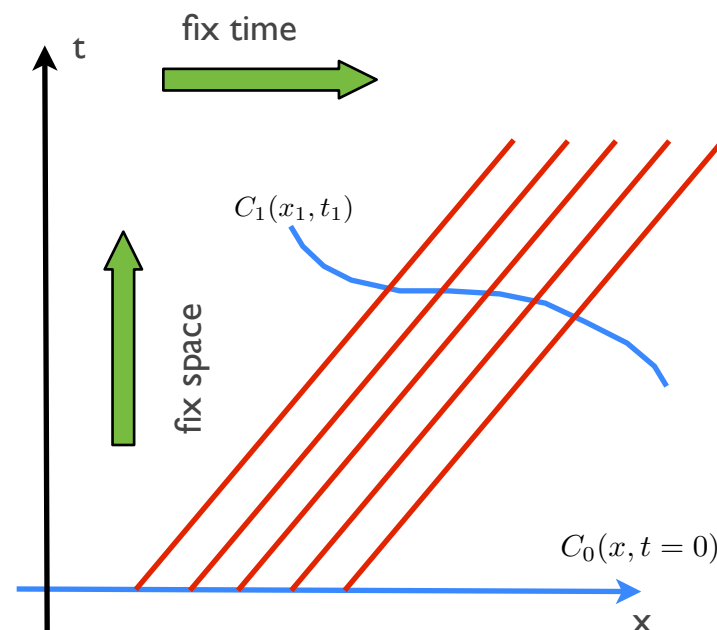
If you do it vertically by fixing a position “ $x$ ”, data will also change.

But if you do it “in a synchronized way”  $q$  does not change.

The  $x$ - $t$  description is the **Eulerian** description.

On the other hand, if you travel with the particle, data will not change and the description is **Lagrangian**

These trajectories in the space-time are the **Characteristics**





Characteristic curves can be written in parametric form:

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = 1 \quad , \quad \frac{dx}{ds} = u$$

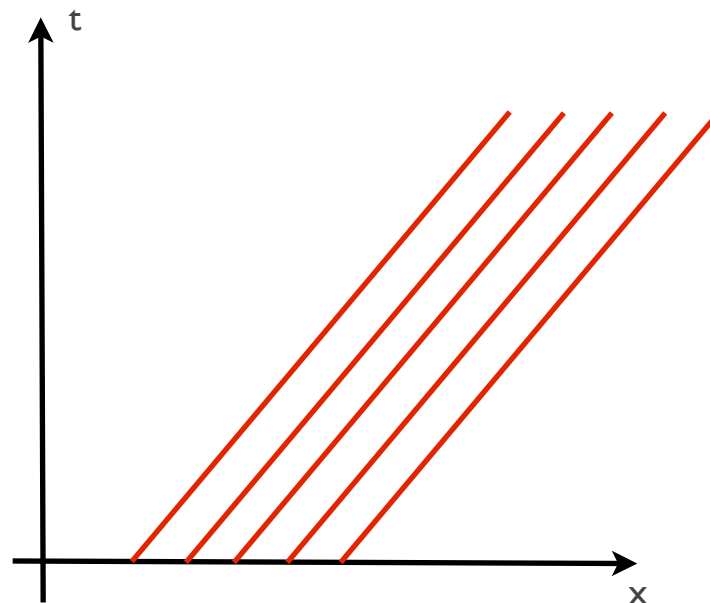
This transformation is just a **scaling**, where “u” and “1” are the scale factors.

This scaling gives the precise gauge by enlarging or shortening one or the other axe to adjust the curve as a characteristic.

In this way, we travel with the particle, where

$$\frac{Dq}{Ds} = 0$$

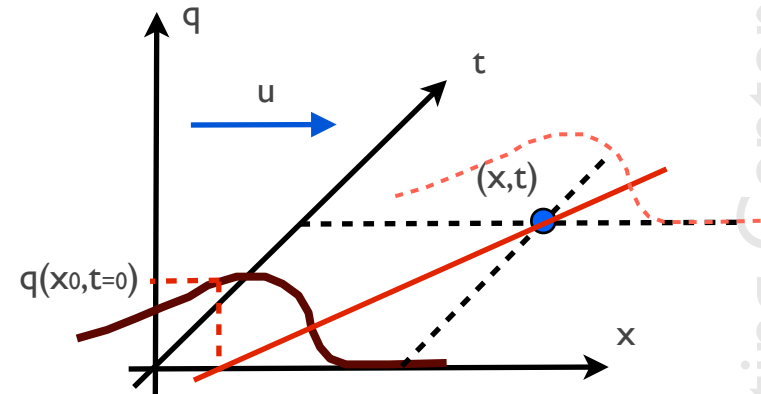
$$\frac{Dq}{Ds} = \frac{dt}{ds} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dq}{dx}$$



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Then, the problem could be solved for every  $(x,t)$

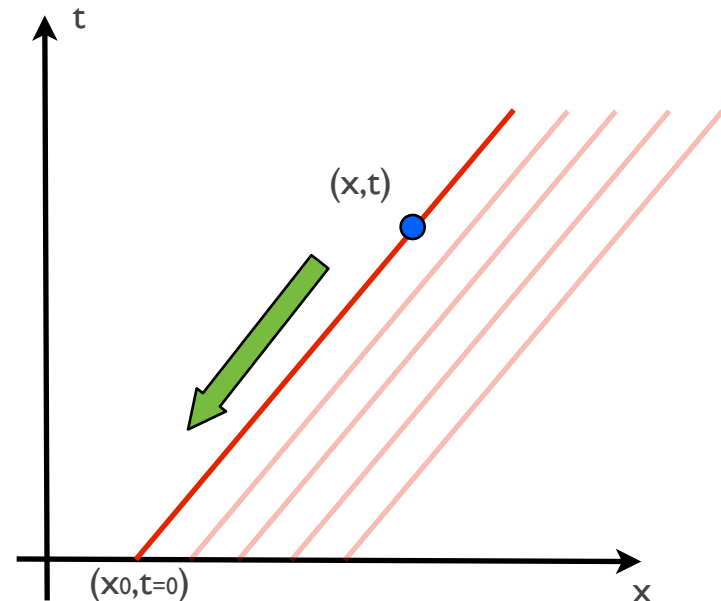
Initial distribution is propagated forwards without change



The tracks are the characteristic curves

To know what is “q” at a certain pair  $(x,t)$ , i.e. **to solve the problem:**

- ✓ you **identify** the characteristic through the pair  $(x,t)$
- ✓ you travel **backwards** to see the initial value of “q”

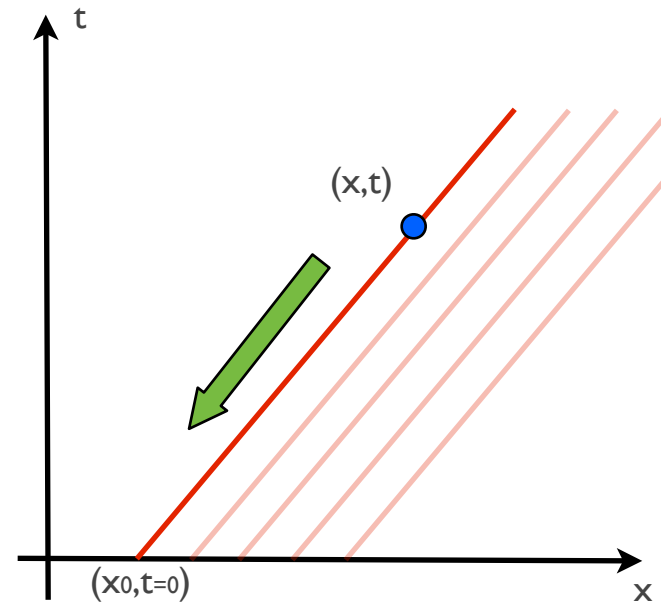


This is the rate of change following the characteristics, which should be zero.

$$\frac{Dq}{Ds} = 0$$

We can set up now a definition of a characteristic:

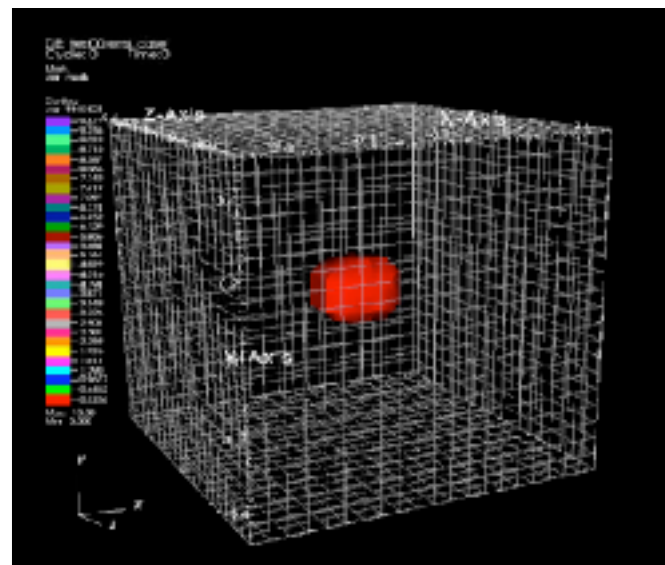
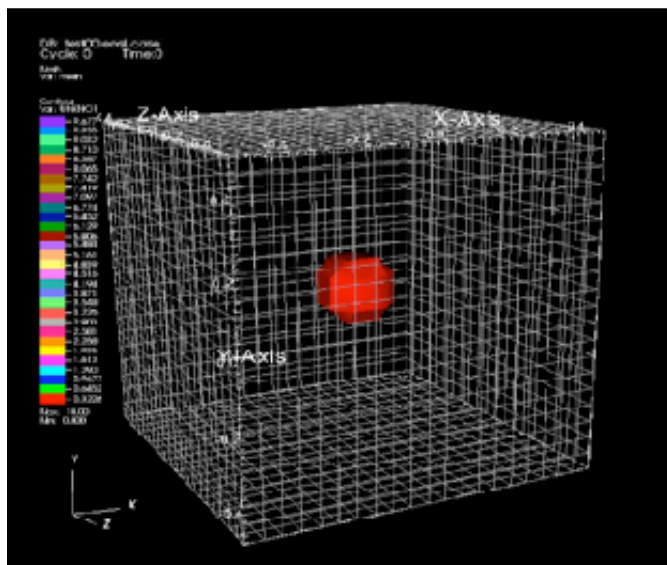
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It means that the value of q for a point (x,t) must come determined **only** by tracking back the characteristic to  $(x_0, t_0)$ .

It **cannot** be determined by all neighboring points, but **only** by those lying on the characteristic.

This particular set of points where to look for the value of “q” is **fixed by the equation**.



But what is happening with the blob?

Why can a change in the time increment arise catastrophic consequences?

If we know the speed, can't we just move properly the blob?

What is wrong here?

Let us first study some examples of increasing complexity...

Now, suppose the **speed is not constant**



If the velocity depends on time and space

$$u := u(x, t) \quad \frac{dq}{dt} = -u \frac{dq}{dx}$$

Trajectory integration is not that straightforward, so the solution is not trivially found, because it must be discretized somewhat...

However, the same analysis still holds.

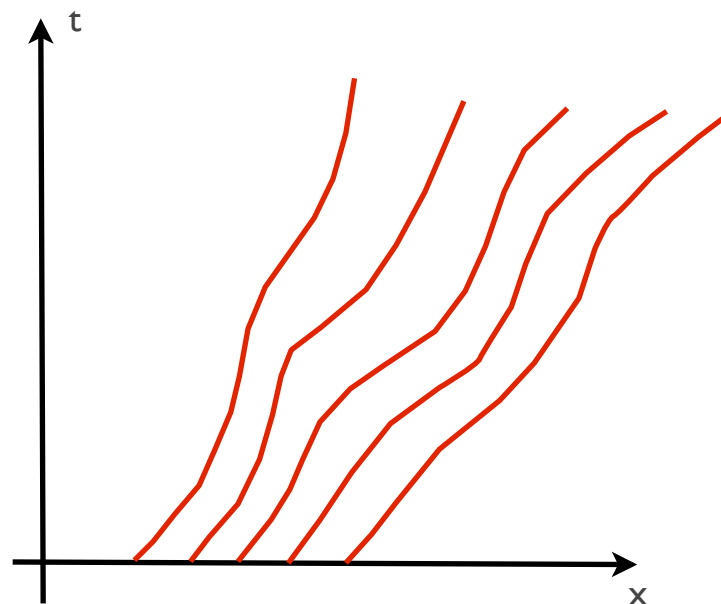
Then

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = 1 \quad , \quad \frac{dx}{ds} = u(x, t)$$

Which allows us to write

$$\frac{Dq}{Ds} = \frac{dt}{ds} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dq}{dx}$$

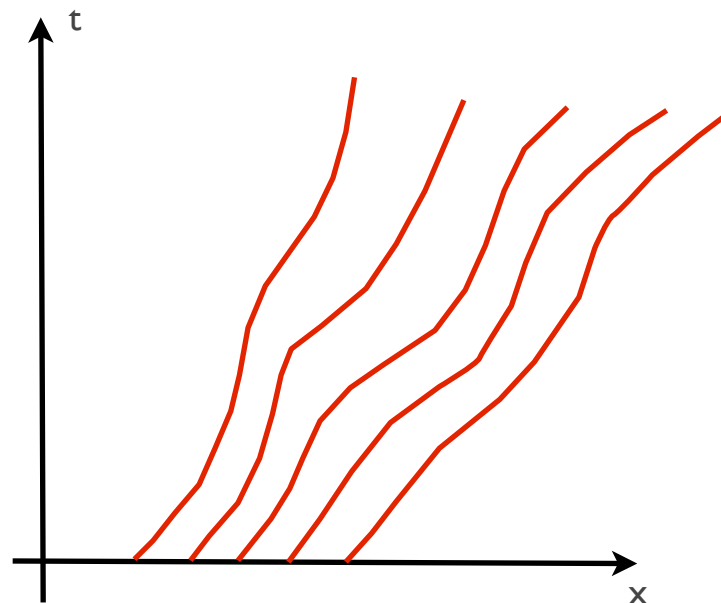
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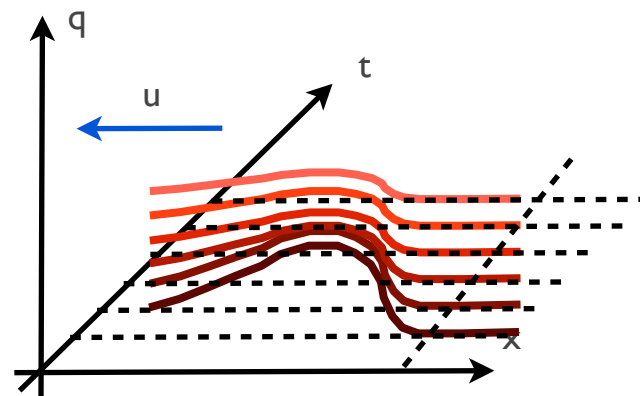
Which means that we can do the same procedure, but the trajectories are not constant in time.



If the problem has a source term,

$$\frac{Dq}{Dt} = \frac{dq}{dt} + u(x, t) \frac{dq}{dx} = b(x, t)$$

The characteristics are the same as before.

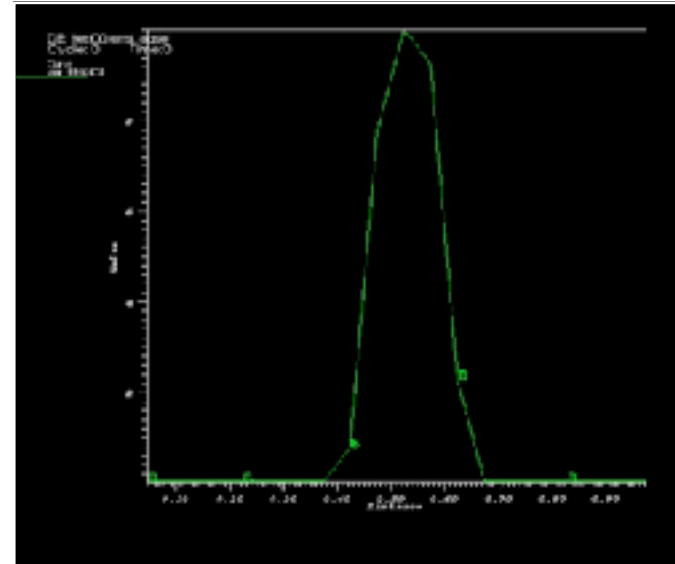
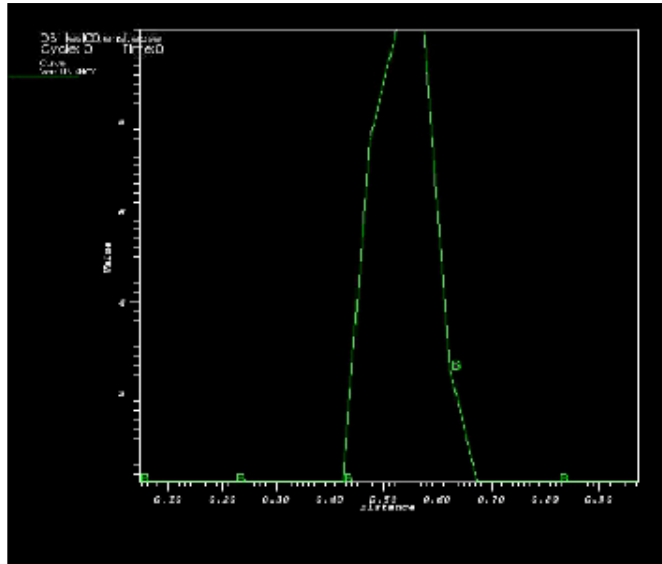


However, “q” is different:

$$q(x(s), t(s)) = q(s) = q(s_0) + \int_{s_0}^s b(x(m), t(m)) dm$$

This means that “q” is progressively deformed (like being “eroded”) due to the amount of “b” which accumulates traveling along the characteristic.

The kind of “erosion” depends on how the source **b** is defined.



This could give us a hint on what's happening...

Now, the problem is **non-linear**

If the problem is non-linear, suppose that

$$\frac{Dq}{Dt} = \frac{dq}{dt} + q \frac{dq}{dx} = 0$$

Taking the derivatives,

$$\frac{Dq}{Ds} = \frac{dt}{ds} \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dq}{dx}$$

$$\frac{Dq}{Ds} = \underbrace{\frac{dt}{ds}}_1 \frac{dq}{dt} + \underbrace{\frac{dx}{ds}}_q \frac{dq}{dx}$$

The characteristics are always,

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = 1, \quad \frac{dx}{ds} = q$$

**q** takes now the place of **u**

The value of “ $q$ ” is constant over them, but the characteristics can cross.

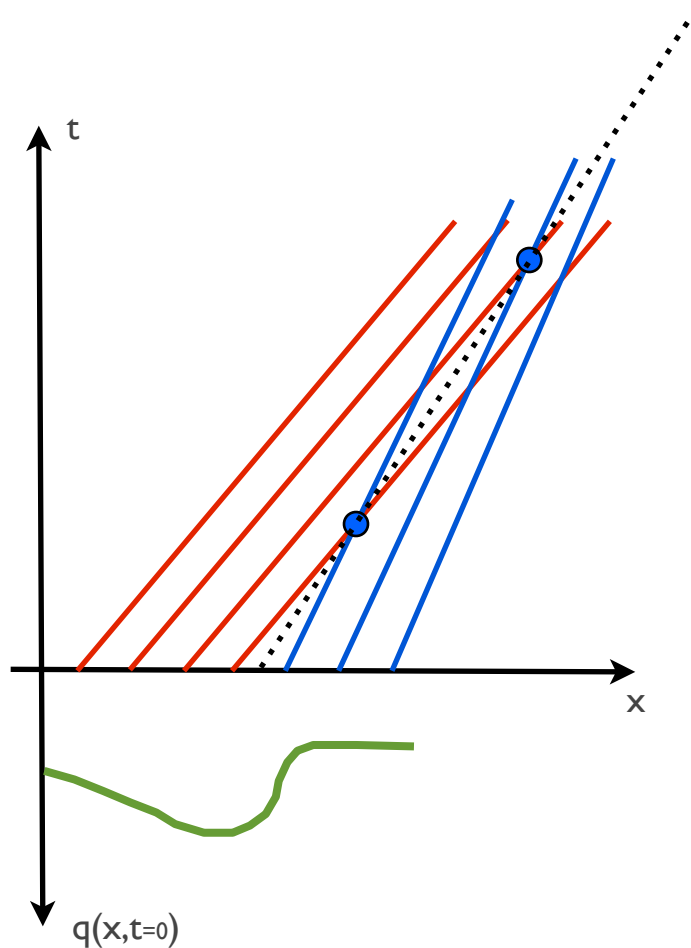
The meaning of characteristics crossing is subtle.

Points over the dotted line have associated more than one characteristic... although there is only one unknown.

This means that its value is different when coming from one side or from the other: it is **discontinuous**.

Even if you start with a smooth distribution, it can become non-smooth.

Example: the Burgers equation and the breaking waves... we will come back to this



Now, consider a **ID system**



Let us consider the general problem, defined with a system

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{dt} + A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} = 0$$

Now let us take derivatives to define the characteristics

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{ds} = \frac{dt}{ds} \frac{dq^\alpha}{dt} + \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dq^\alpha}{dx}$$

and recall that along them, this derivative must remain zero. Now

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{ds} = \frac{dt}{ds} \underbrace{\left( -A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} \right)}_{\substack{\text{from the system} \\ \text{equation}}} + \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dq^\alpha}{dx}$$

This expression can be rewritten using Kroenecker's tensor as

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{ds} = \frac{dt}{ds} \left( -A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} \right) + \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} \delta^{\alpha\beta}$$

where

$$\delta^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} 1 & \alpha = \beta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then, we establish a **proportionality** relation between the two derivatives:

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{ds} = \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} \left( -A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dt}{ds} + \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx}{ds} \right)$$

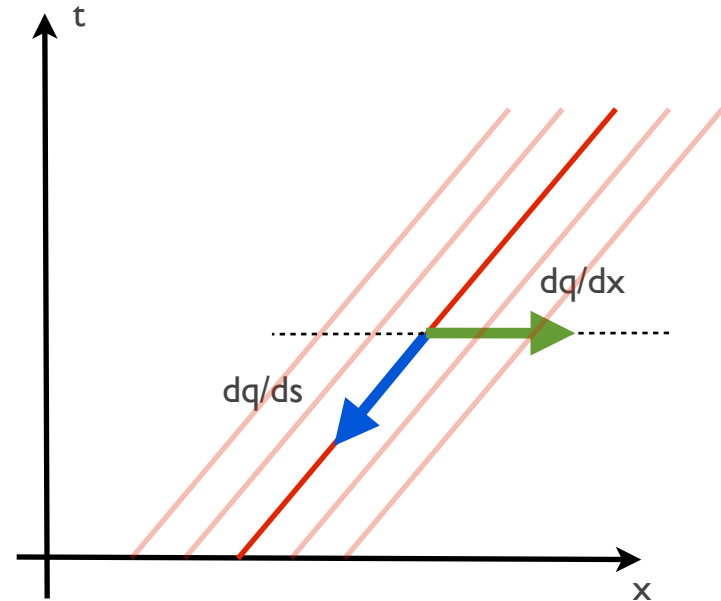
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This is the rate of change following the characteristics, which should be **zero**.

Recall the definition of characteristics:

The original differential equation determines the value of “q” over a characteristic **C** **only** from values on the same characteristic **C**.

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$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{ds} = \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} \left( -A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dt}{ds} + \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx}{ds} \right)$$

In other words, rewriting this expression in compact form

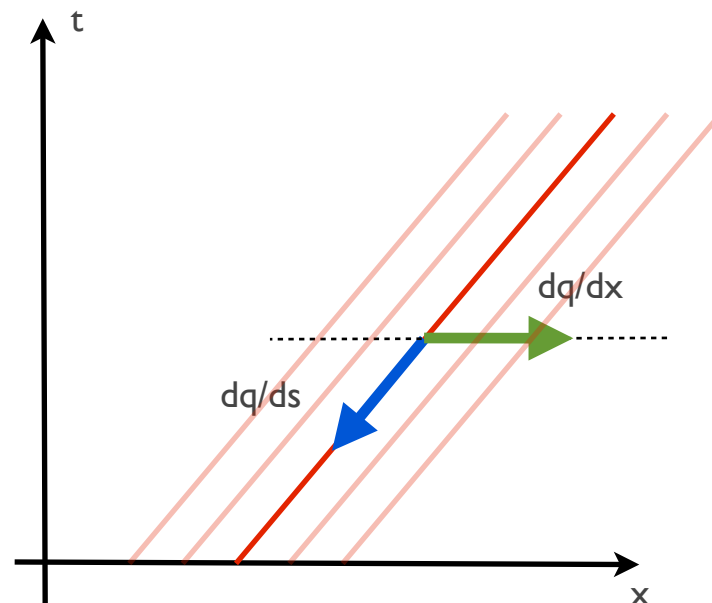
$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{ds} = K^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx}$$

But a variation of “q” w.r.t. “x” **should not be** expressed in terms of the variation of “q” w.r.t. “s”.

For that reason,

$$K^{\alpha\beta}$$

should be **non-invertible**, i.e. **singular**.



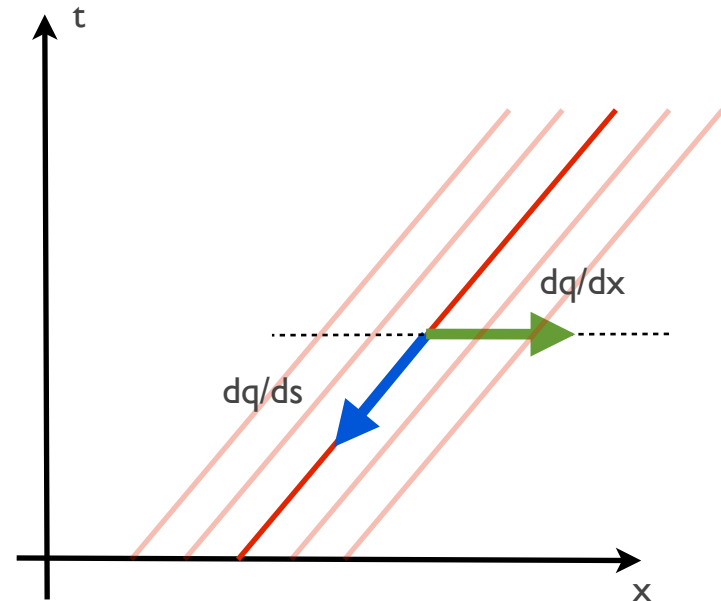
$$K^{\alpha\beta} = -A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dt}{ds} + \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx}{ds}$$

The matrix is singular if

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = 1 \quad , \quad \frac{dx}{ds} = \underbrace{\lambda(x, t, q^\alpha)}$$



**Eigenvalues** matrix of  
 $A^{\alpha\beta}$



Compare with the requirements for the **scalar problem**:

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = 1 \quad , \quad \frac{dx}{ds} = u$$

And now, again: the system is then called **Hyperbolic**.

Each of “A” eigenvalues has an associated **eigenvector**.

This eigenvector sets the **direction in the space-time of each of the characteristics**.

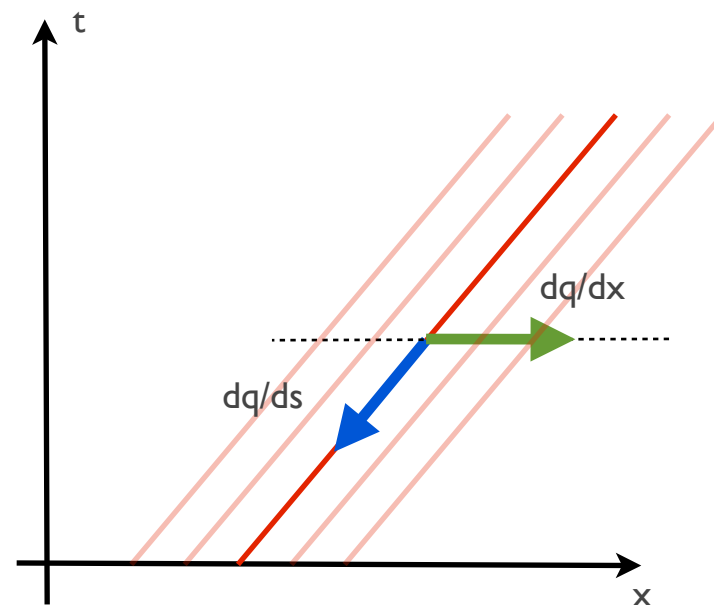
$$\alpha = (1, \dots, m)$$

So for each equation in the system, there is one eigenvector, i.e., one characteristic.

In particular, if “A” is diagonal, the characteristics are co-linear with the canonical base of the space-time

$$r^\alpha = e^\alpha$$

Then, the equations are uncoupled, each one with its own canonical characteristic.



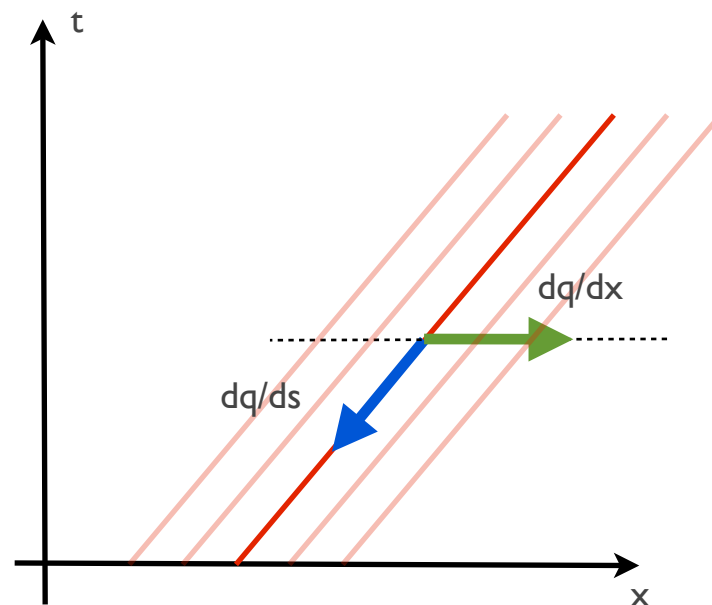
The system is then called **Hyperbolic**.

Remarks:

If “A” is **linear**, if it is hyperbolic, it will remain **hyperbolic for ever**.

If “A” **depends on  $(x,t)$** , it could **lose** its hyperbolic character.

Even worse, if “A” is **non-linear**...

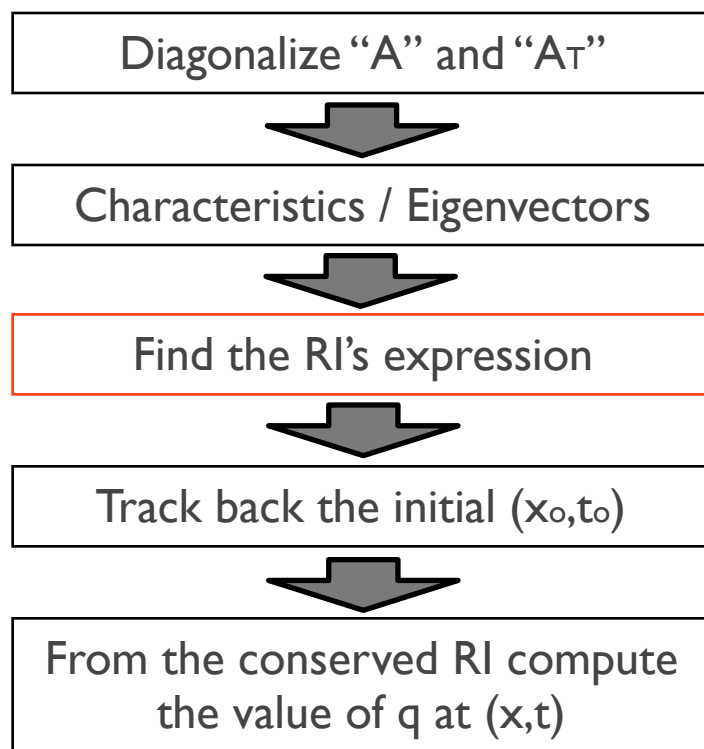




The procedure is to compute the characteristics at each  $(x,t)$  by diagonalizing “A”.

But once diagonalized, it is very likely that “q” will not be the quantity conserved when moved along the characteristic track.

We can then try to find functions of “q” that are conserved along the characteristics: the **Riemann Invariants**.



$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{dt} + A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} = 0$$

Warning: sometimes the RI's do not exist...

Let us analyse a case:

One dimensional gas dynamics

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \end{pmatrix} + A \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} u & \rho \\ c^2/\rho & u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda^{\pm} = u \pm c$$

This equation governs the **propagation of sound** in compressible flow.

Sound is a low intensity pressure wave that propagates at **constant speed c**.

Remark I: This equation can be re-written as a wave equation for the pressure.

Remark II: A similar equation can be obtained for sound propagation in solids.

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Then, the two characteristics are the curves

$$\eta^{\pm} = \frac{dx}{dt} = u \pm c$$

This means that, for the **one dimensional** problem, at each point of the x-coordinate (i.e. the space coordinate) there are **two characteristics emerging at two different speeds**.

The problem can be seen as evolving surface water.

**Sound propagation** is the uniform and constant motion at speed  **$c$**  of surface gravity waves produced by some perturbation.

On top of that, **flow speed  $u$**  is any constant motion of the water pool with respect to a fixed reference frame.

$$\eta^{\pm} = \frac{dx}{dt} = u \pm c$$



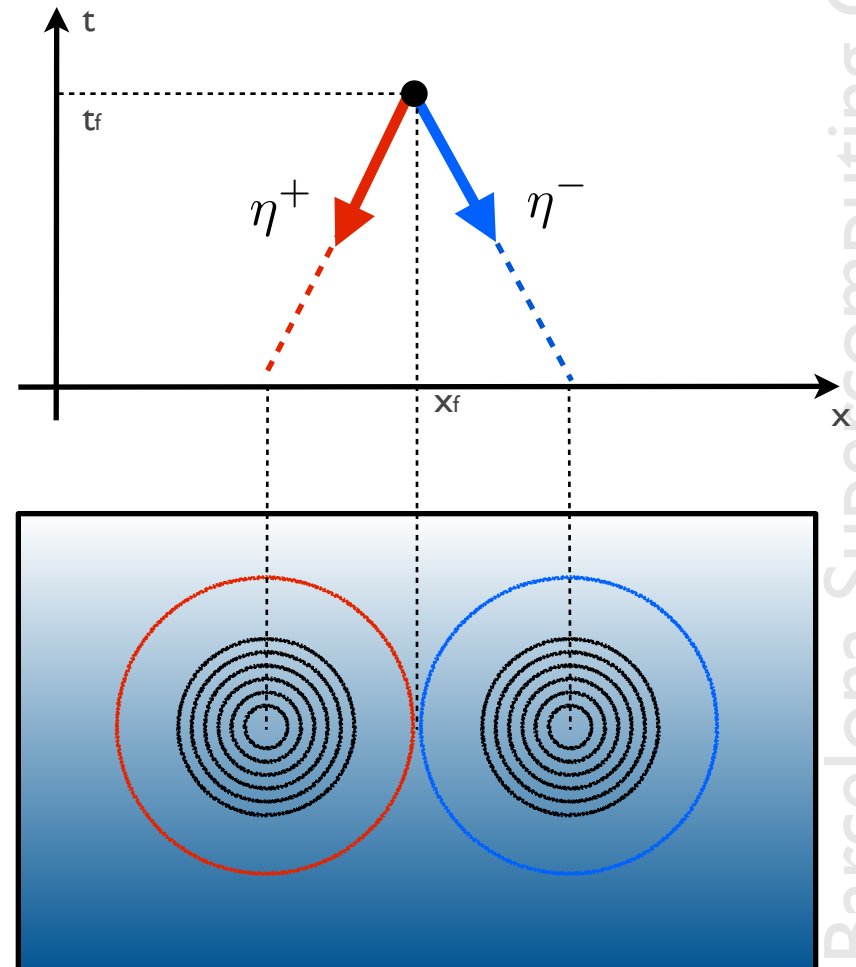
There are the three possible situations:

I. No flow speed

$$\eta^{\pm} = \frac{dx}{dt} = u \pm c$$

☑ If “ $u=0$ ” there are two characteristics of opposite signs.

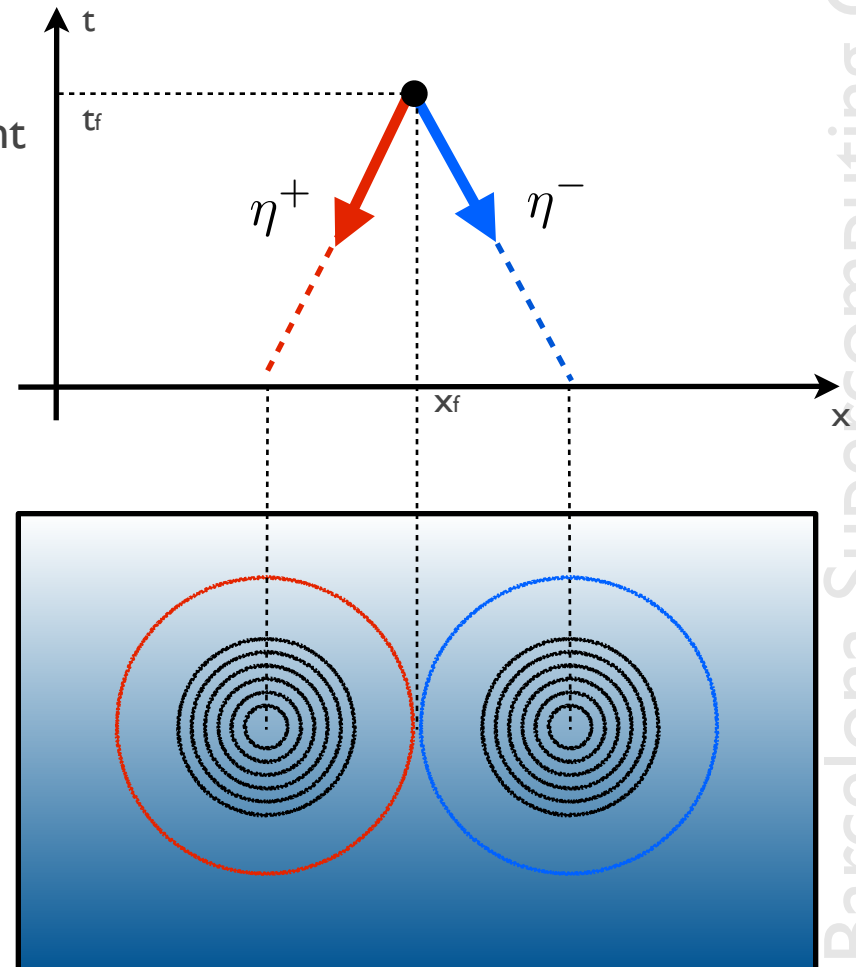
I.e., one goes left, the other goes right



There are the three possible situations:

I. No flow speed

Characteristics are tracked back to positions ahead and behind, which are equidistant to  $(x_f, t_f)$



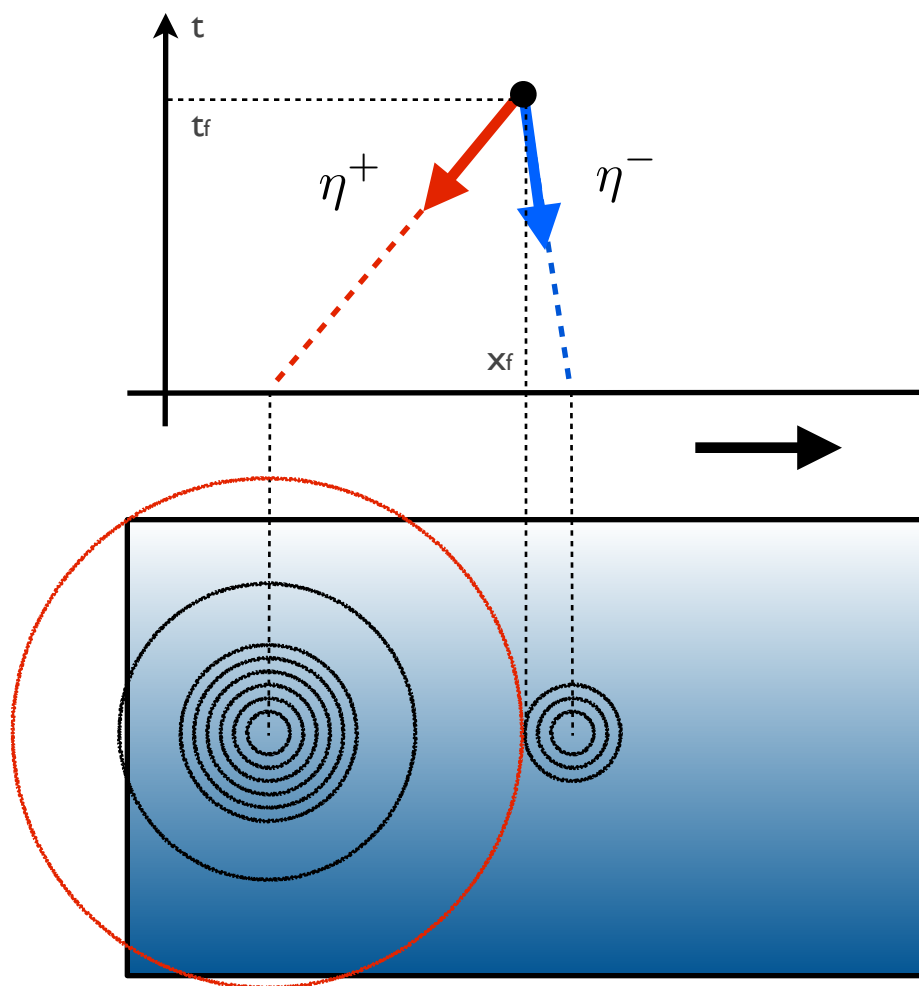
There are the three possible situations:

2. Low flow speed (subsonic)

$$\eta^{\pm} = \frac{dx}{dt} = u \pm c$$

☑ If the sound speed “c” is larger than the velocity “u”, one is positive and the other one is negative.

I.e., one goes left and the other one goes right.



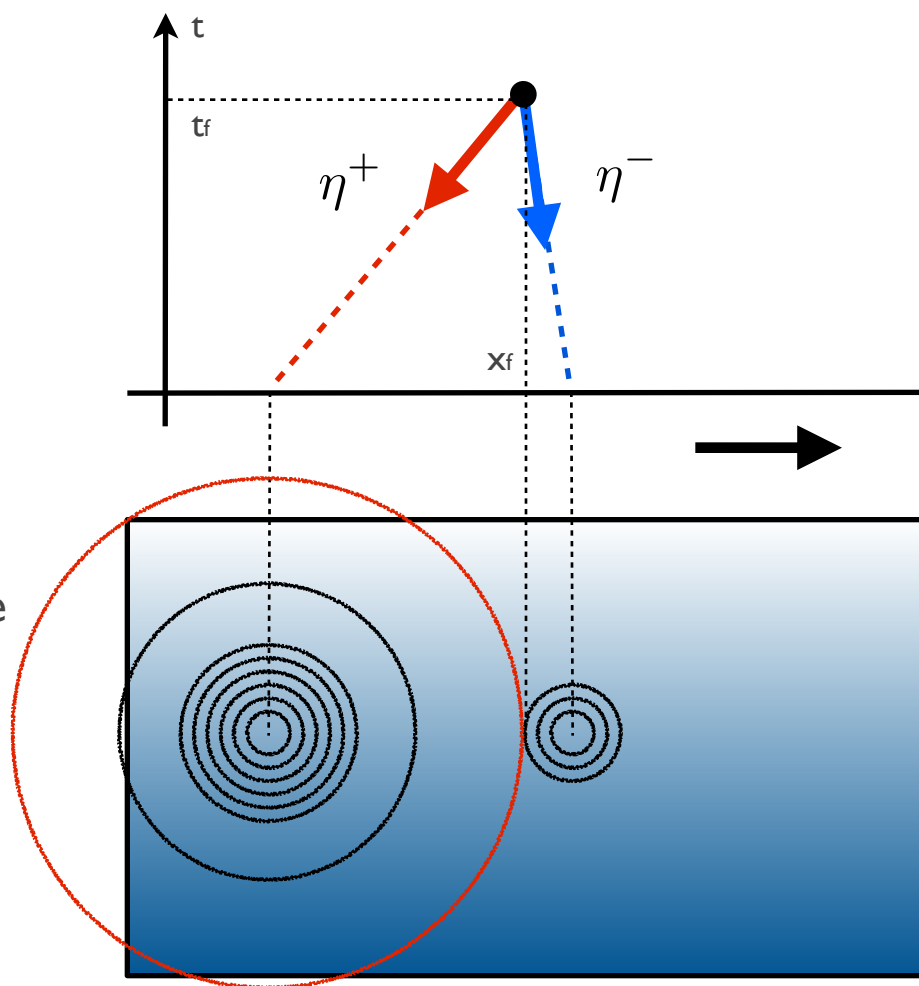
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## 2. Low flow speed (subsonic)

If the water pool is moving, speeds are summed up so both sound sources are dragged behind  $(x_f, t_f)$

The blue characteristic (downwind) brings information from a closer point, because  $u$  counteracts  $c$ .

The red one (upwind) does it from a more distant point, because  $u$  adds to  $c$ .





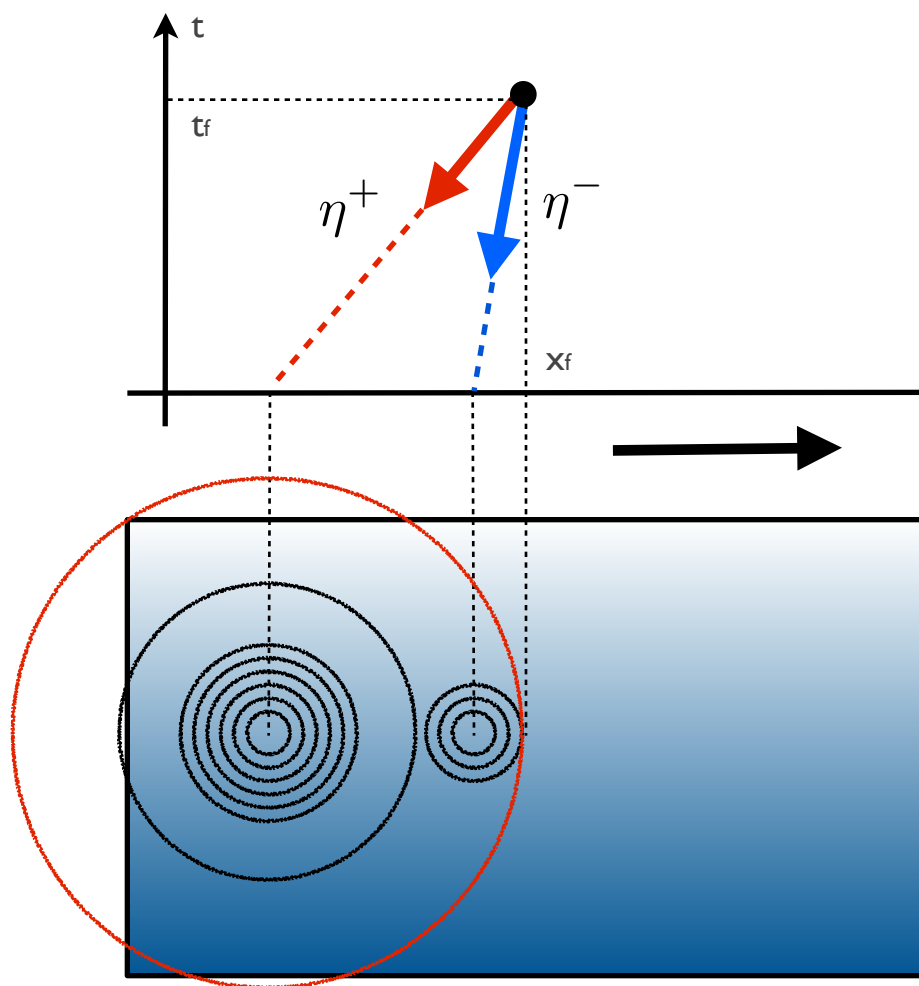
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## 3. High flow speed (supersonic)

$$\eta^{\pm} = \frac{dx}{dt} = u \pm c$$

☑ If the sound speed “c” is smaller than the velocity “u”, both have the same sign, but one is larger than the other.

I.e., either both go left or both go right.



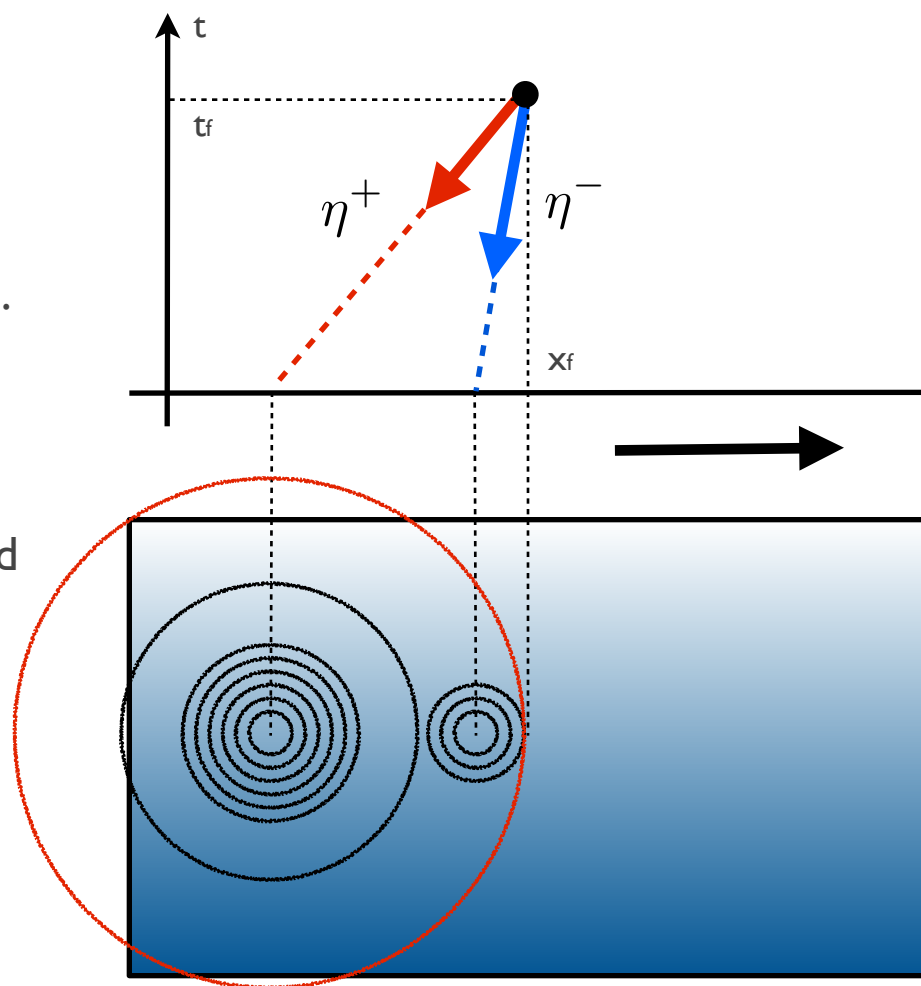
There are the three possible situations:

### 3. High flow speed (supersonic)

If the water pool is moving at an even higher speed we reach the limiting point when it moves at the same speed that sound, so the blue characteristic is vertical.

Going even further, both sources are left behind  $(x_f, t_f)$

No information comes from the downwind direction.



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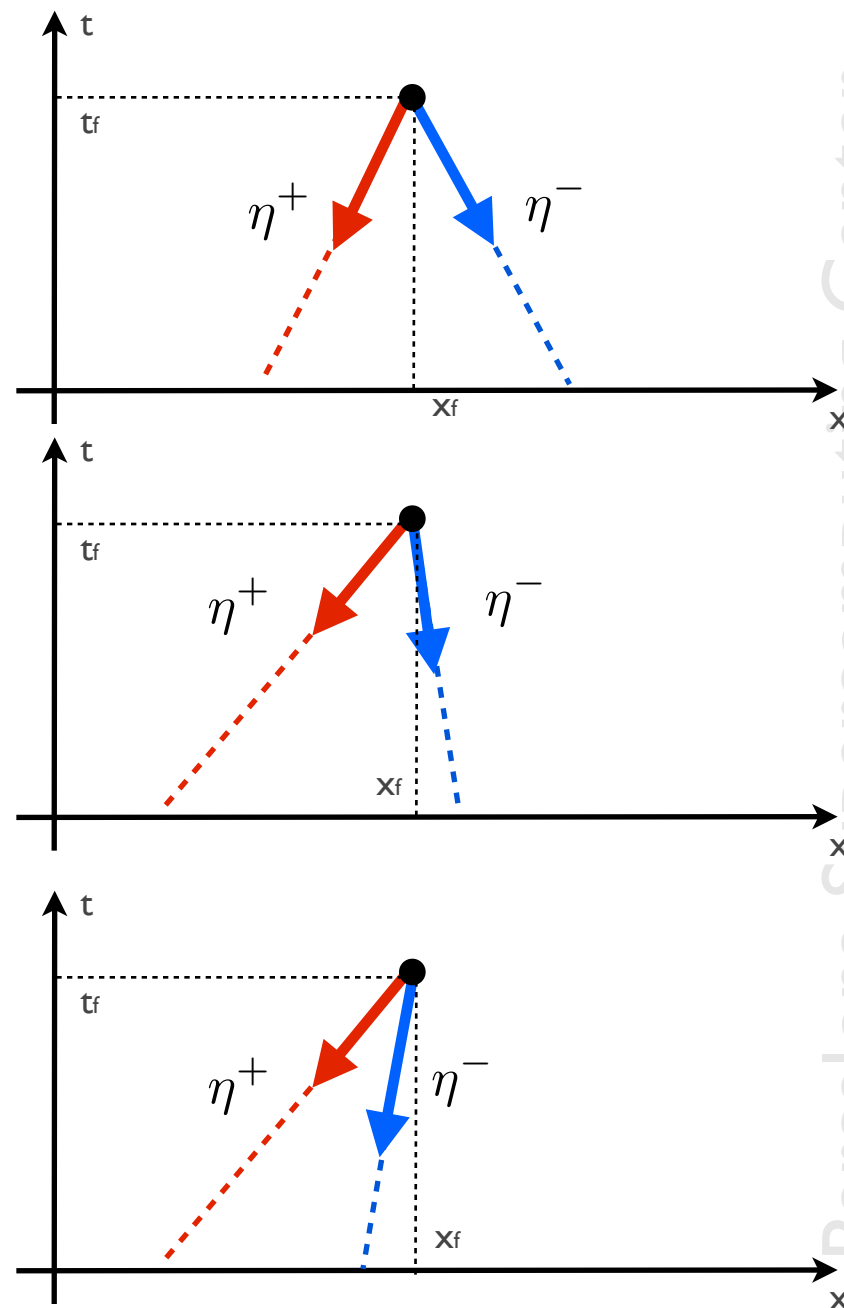
Morale:

To compute what happens at  $(x_f, t_f)$ , we must know

$$\eta^{\pm} = \frac{dx}{dt} = u \pm c$$

where to go and get the information that set the value of  $\mathbf{q}$  there...

**... and nowhere else!!!!**



Now, consider a **ID system with diffusion**

Coming back to the original problem, let us see the effect of **diffusion**

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{dt} + A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} = 0$$

where “K” is determined by the system

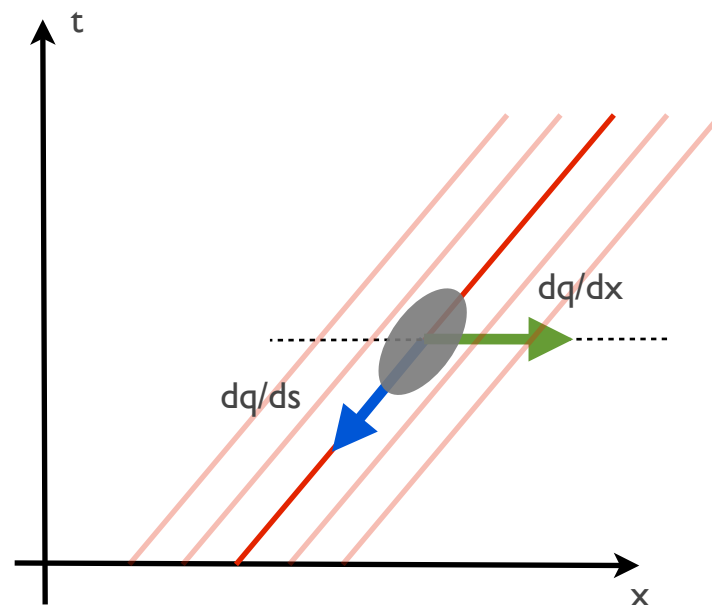
$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{ds} = K^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dq^\beta}{dx}$$

$$K^{\alpha\beta} = -A^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dt}{ds} + \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx}{ds}$$

If now “K” is **not singular**, then it could be inverted.

Then, there is **no privileged direction** at any point (x,t) and the value of “q” there is influenced from a surrounding environment.

Let us analyze this key aspect as follows...



If “K” is invertible, a relationship can be established among both differentials...!

Suppose that we take an “A” that defines a hyperbolic problem and we add a non-diagonalizable tensor “B”:

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{dt} + (A^{\alpha\beta} + B^{\alpha\beta}) \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} = 0$$

Then

$$\frac{dw^\alpha}{dt} + \Lambda^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dw^\beta}{dx} = - (R_{\alpha\gamma} B^{\gamma\epsilon} R_{\epsilon\beta}^{-1}) \frac{dw^\beta}{dx}$$

where

$\Lambda^{\alpha\beta}$  is the diagonal matrix whose entries are “A” eigenvalues

$R_{\alpha\gamma}$  is the matrix whose columns are “A” eigenvectors

$w^\alpha$  is the vector of unknowns in the diagonalized basis

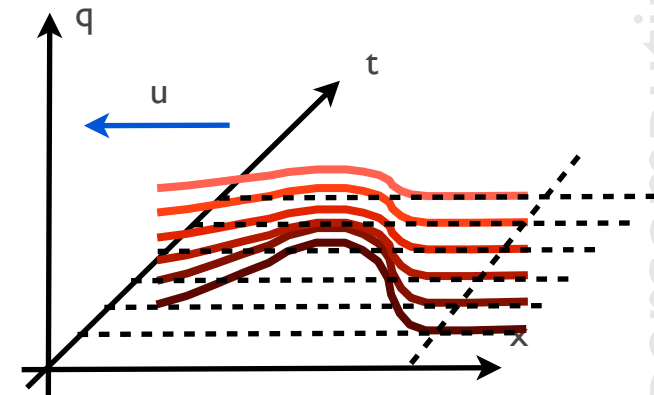
Recall that the effect of a source term in the hyperbolic equation

$$\frac{Dq}{Dt} = \frac{dq}{dt} + u(x, t) \frac{dq}{dx} = b(x, t)$$

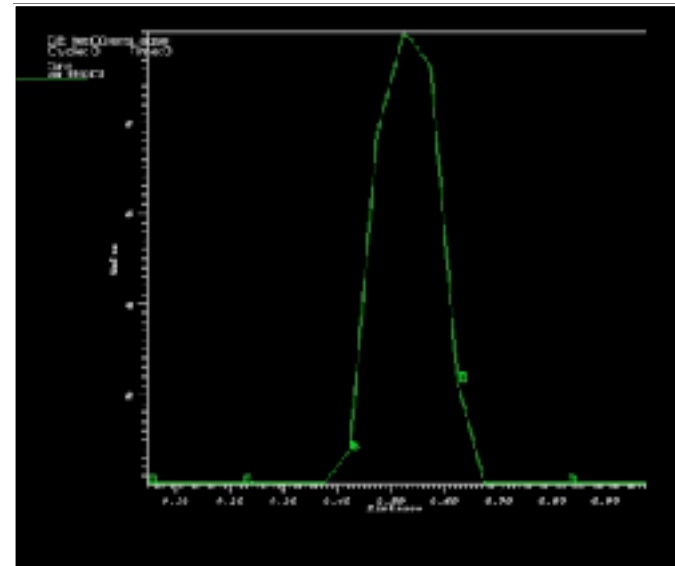
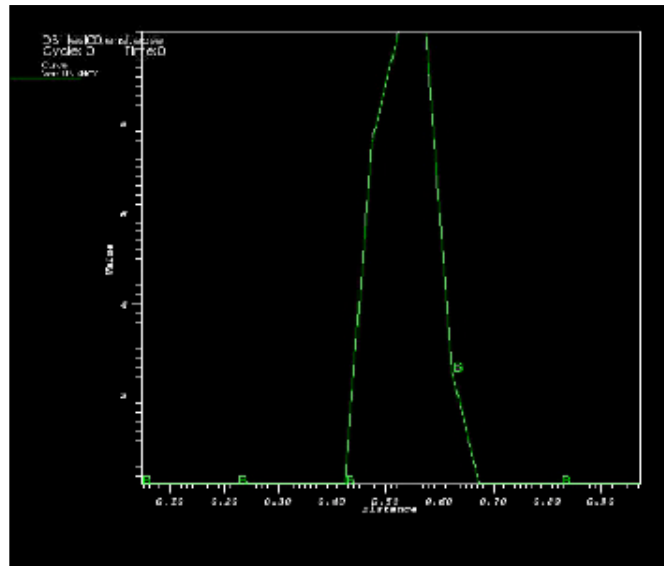
was to “erode” the initial condition for “q” or the Riemann Invariants.

Then, the action of the right hand side term is to act as a “diffusion”.

The diffusion can be seen as a mixing action on the unknowns “w”:



$$\frac{dw^\alpha}{dt} + \Lambda^{\alpha\beta} \frac{dw^\beta}{dx} = - (R_{\alpha\gamma} B^{\gamma\epsilon} R_{\epsilon\beta}^{-1}) \frac{dw^\beta}{dx}$$



This could give us a hint on what's happening... again!

It is like to a purely **convective equation**, numerical discretisation has introduced **diffusion!!**



Let us summarise the most important issues:

**Not all** of the problems described by PDEs are hyperbolic...

... however, hyperbolic behaviour exposes a subtle feature that is of utmost importance.

It is so important that convective instabilities can arise even when diffusion is present, but it is not dominant.

Hyperbolic behaviour means that the value of the unknowns at certain  $(x,t)$  is **completely determined** by what's happening **along the space-time trajectory (i.e. characteristic)**.

What lies outside these curves **must not influence at all** what is happening in  $(x,t)$ .

However, it happens...

This fact has a decisive consequence for **discretising** any equation...



**Discretisation:**

**Divide and Conquer**

Suppose a 1-D convection equation:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} + u \frac{dq}{dx} = 0$$

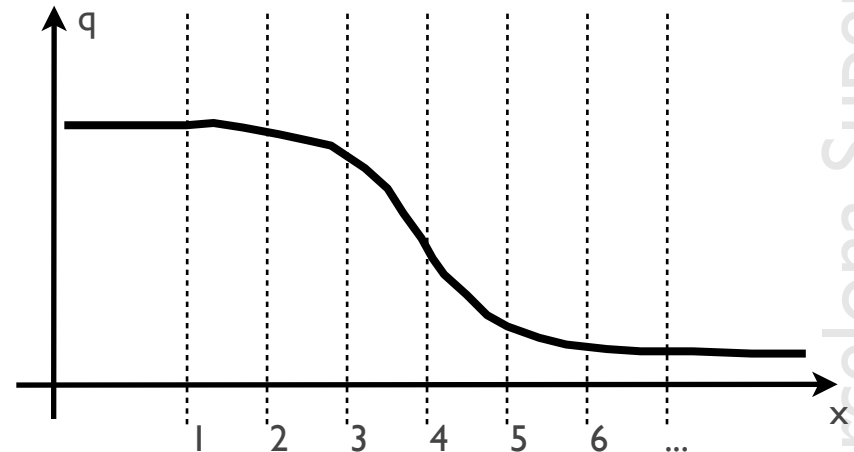
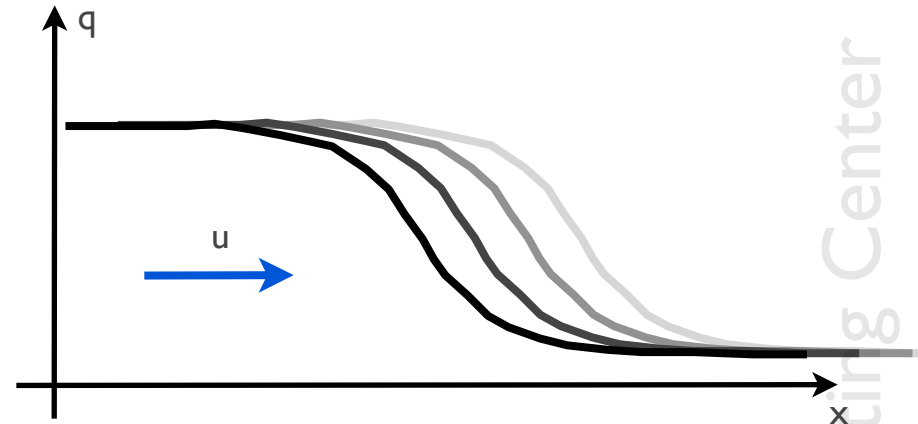
With a certain initial data distribution  $q(x, t=0)$ .

We already know that it must propagate rightwards as it is.

Discretising the equation,

$$\frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t} = -u \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta x}$$

$$\Delta q = -u \Delta t \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta x}$$



# Discretising the System

At 1st order, let us discretise time **backwards**:

$$\frac{\Delta q^{n+1}}{\Delta t} = \frac{q^{n+1} - q^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{q^{n+1} - q}{\Delta t}$$

At first order, space is discretised in one of these three different ways, considering the velocity direction (positive in this case):

$$\frac{\Delta q_2}{\Delta x} = \frac{q_2 - q_1}{\Delta x}$$

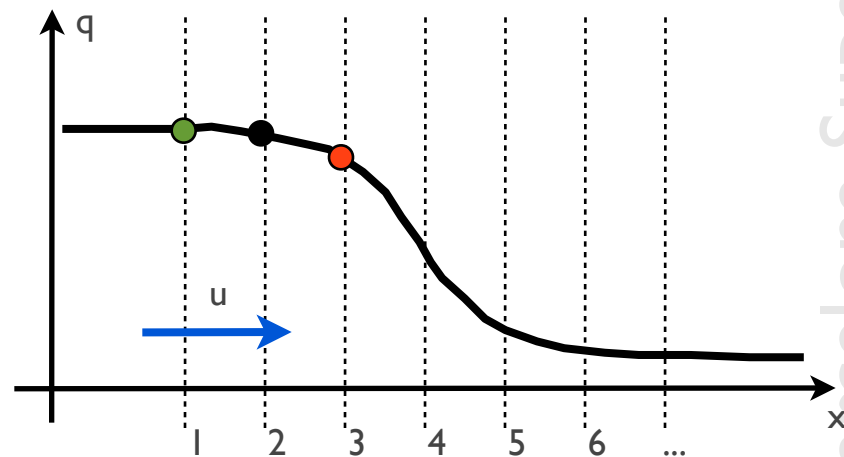
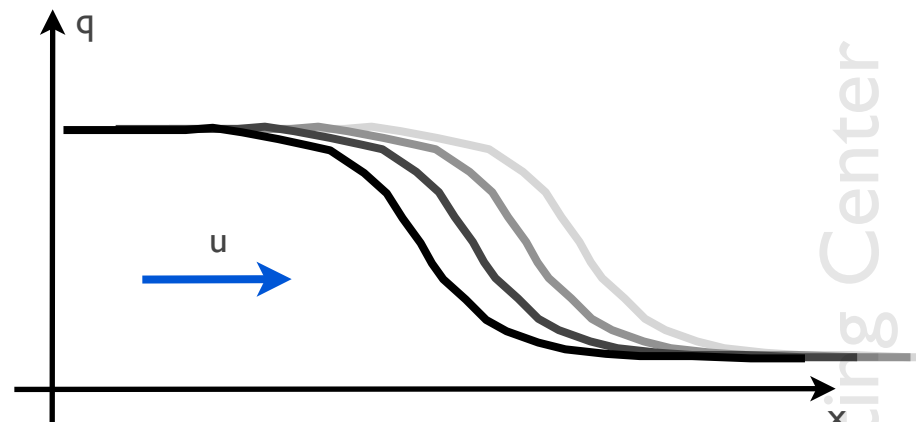
**upwind**

$$\frac{\Delta q_2}{\Delta x} = \frac{q_3 - q_2}{\Delta x}$$

**downwind**

$$\frac{\Delta q_2}{\Delta x} = \frac{q_3 - q_1}{\Delta x}$$

**centered**



## Upwind

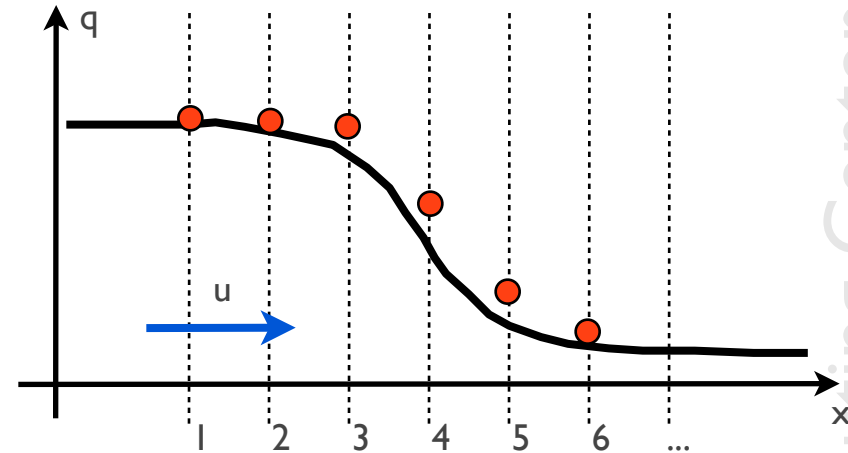
$$q_3 = q_3 - C(q_3 - q_2)$$

$$q_4 = q_4 - C(q_4 - q_3)$$

$$q_5 = q_5 - C(q_5 - q_4)$$

Upwind discretisation produces a proper wave propagation although it is diffusive specially the higher the gradient.... **unless what is explained a few slides later happens!**

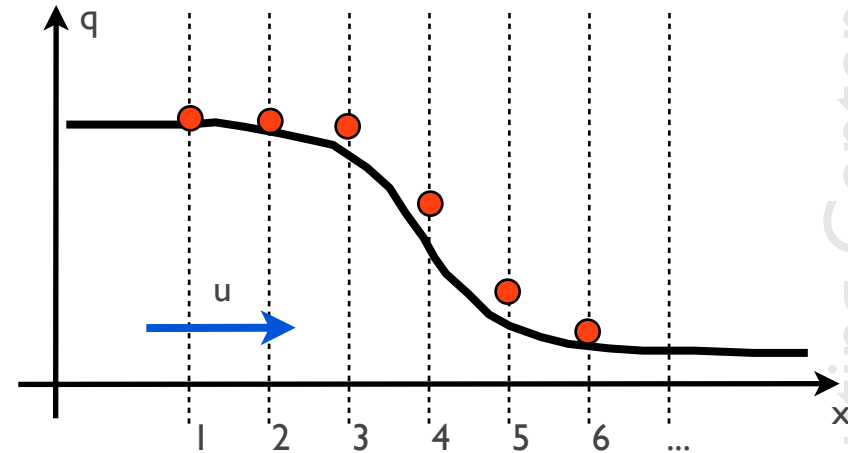
**Numerical diffusion** is co-related with the size of space-time discretisation.



$$\Delta q = -u \Delta t \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta x}$$

$$C = \frac{u \Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

Downwind discretisation produces oscillations that makes the scheme **unstable**, no matter how small discretisation is.



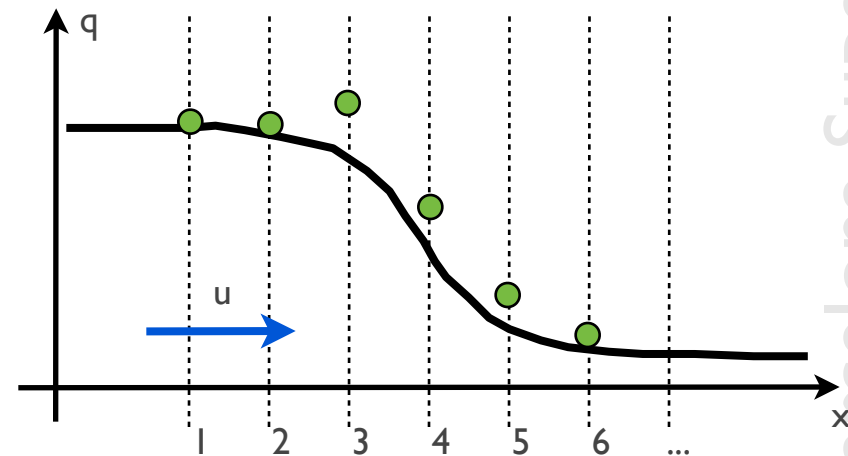
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Downwind

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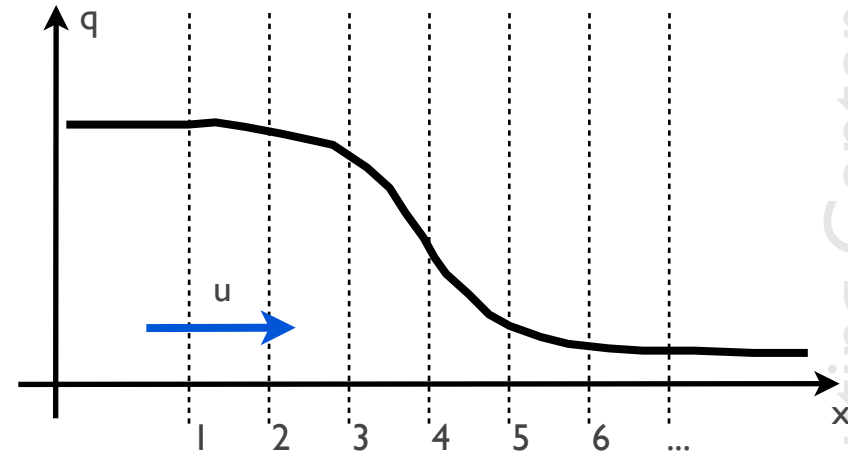
$$q_5 = q_5 - C(q_6 - q_5)$$



Centered

Exercise

Centred it is even worse...



Why is upwind a stable discretisation scheme...?



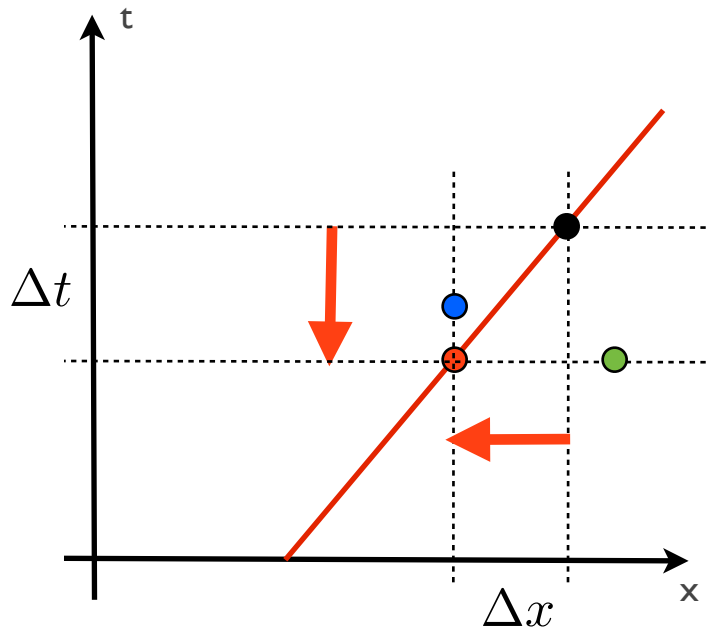
By combining the proper time and space integration schemes, we move backwards along the characteristic.

Current values must be computed only from previous ones and at a **specific location**: on the characteristic.

Time increment and space discretisation must have a relationship, both can't be fixed independently.

Backwards (i.e. explicit) schemes stability depends on a limiting value of the time step:

**CAUSALITY CANNOT BE VIOLATED**



... and finally, the upwind explains what was happening to our blob:

Let us set

$$C = \frac{u\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

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I. If we take **exactly**

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta x}{u}$$

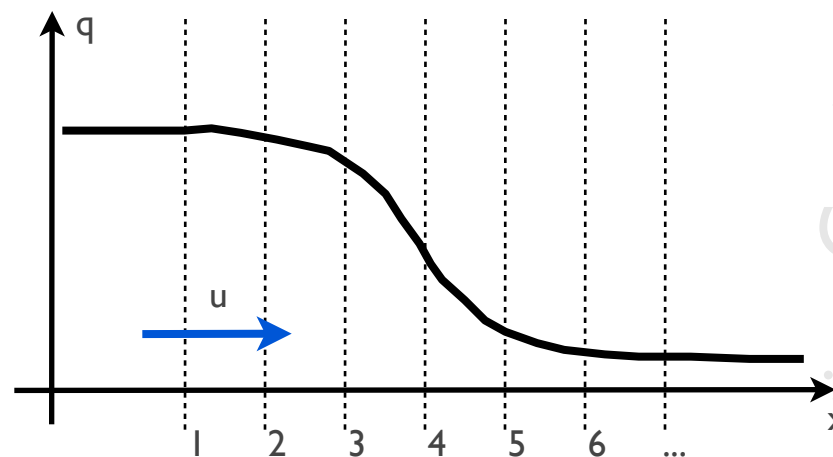
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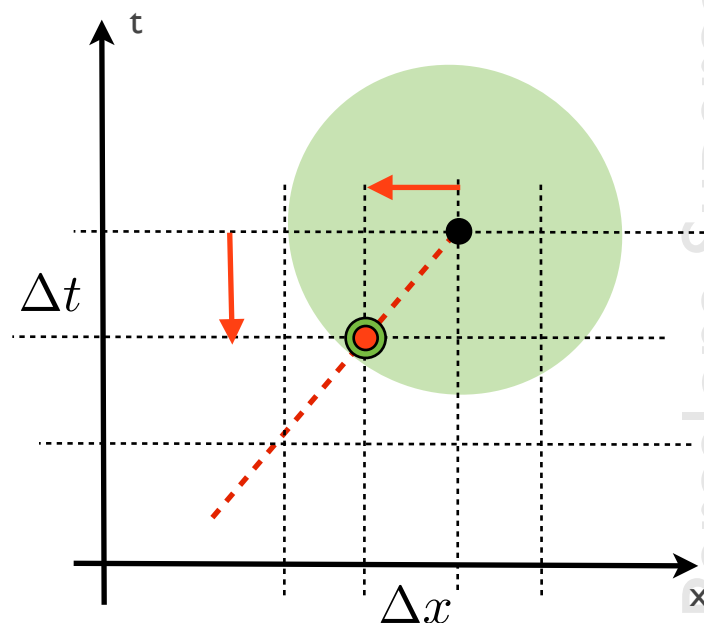
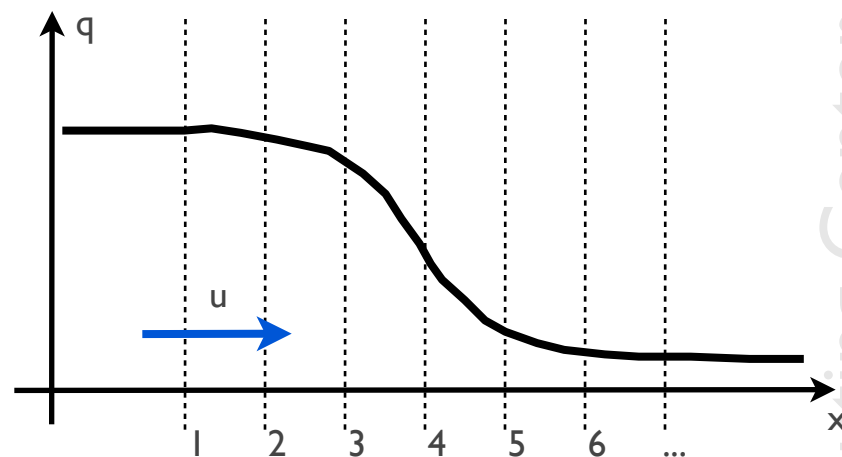
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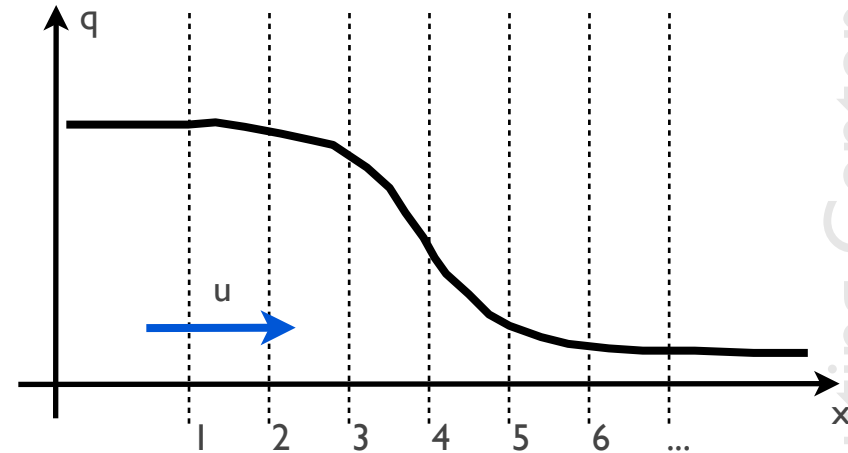
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and every value is a mean of itself and that of the upwind neighbour.

This introduces the numerical diffusion.

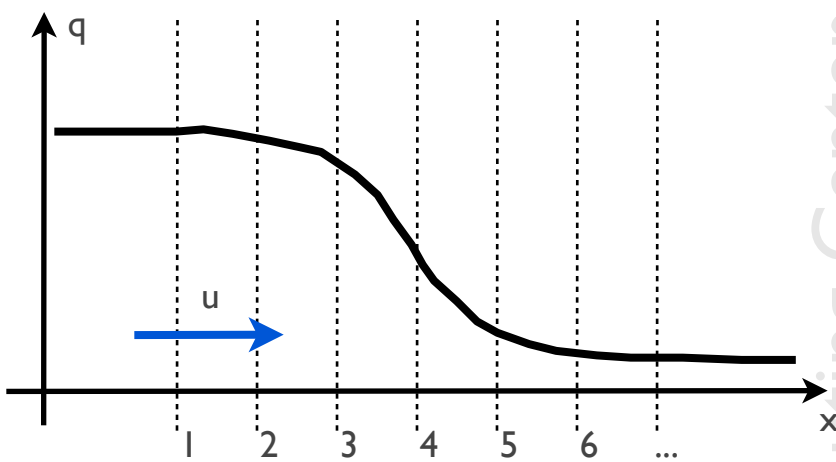


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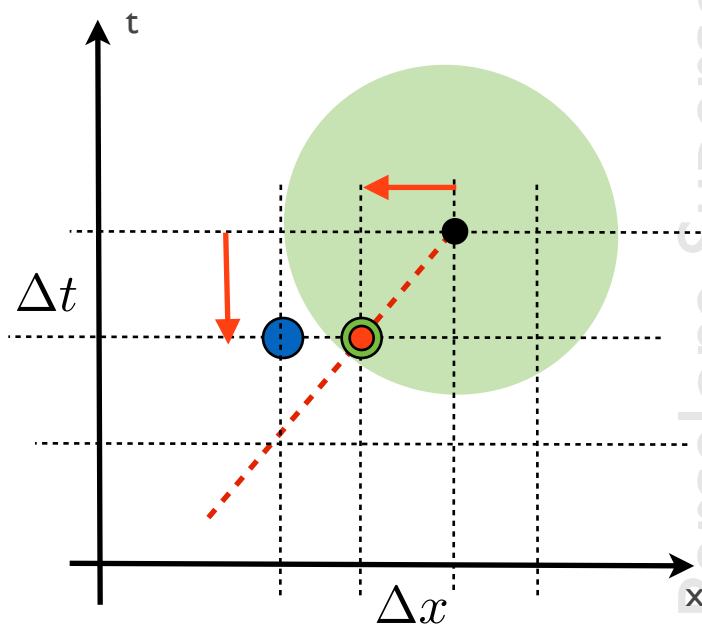
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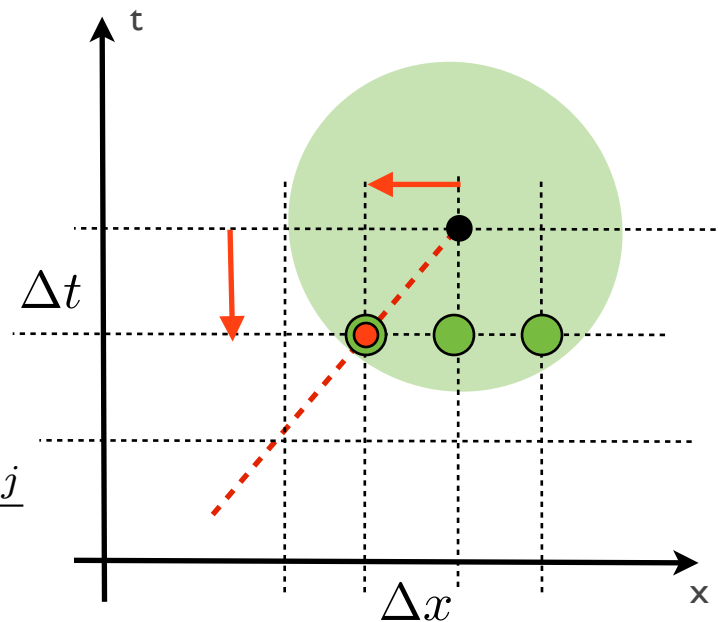
Let's go back to the upwind problem...

The same can be applied to equations with non-hyperbolic terms, like diffusion.

Now the hyperbolic terms can be computed using the characteristics (i.e. with upwind) and the non-hyperbolic ones using the closest neighbours.

$$\frac{\Delta}{\Delta x} \left( \frac{\Delta q_{i,j}}{\Delta x} \right) = \frac{q_{i+1,j} - 2q_{i,j} + q_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2}$$

Recall that diffusion information propagation should include data from outside the characteristics.

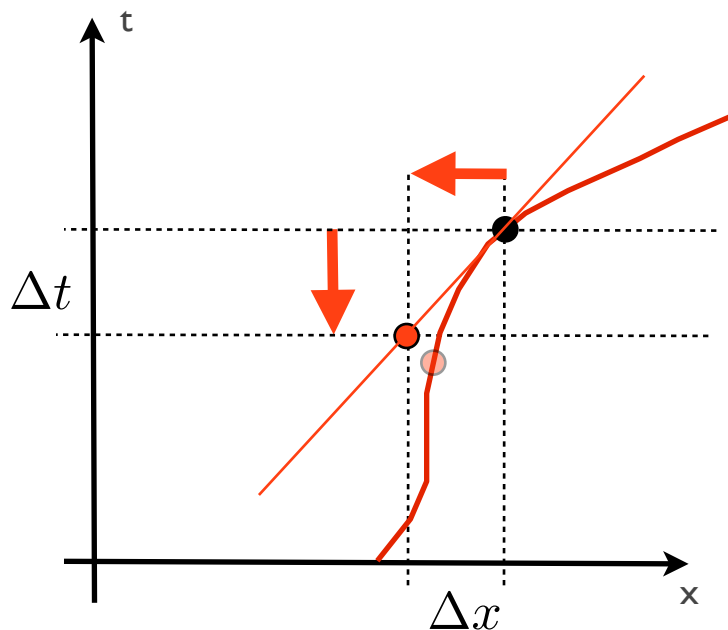


The same analysis can be applied to the linear  $u(x,t)$  case

Accuracy depends on the time step and space increment

The same can be also applied to the non-linear  $u(q,x,t)$  case

Non-linearity could require a second level of discretisation strategy: **linearisation iterations**



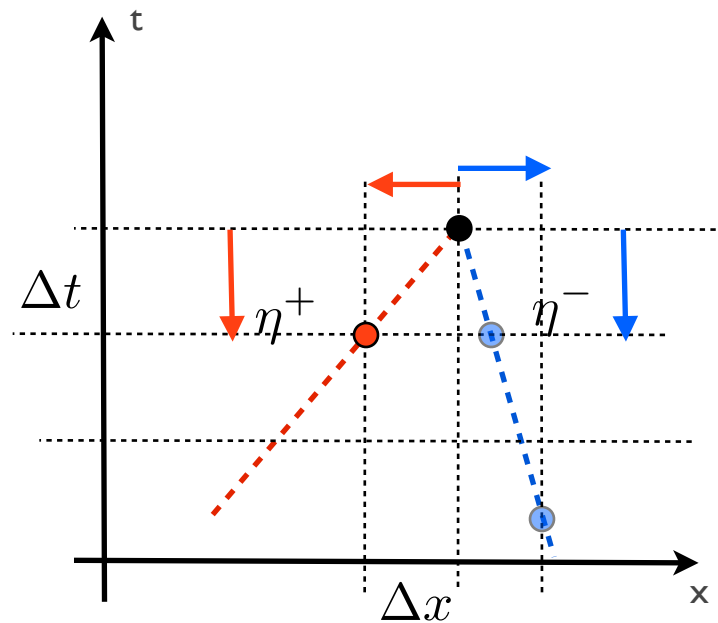
The same can be applied for systems of equations (suppose 1D gas dynamics)

Now there are two unknowns and two characteristics, one for each equation

Both of them go backwards in time but at opposite directions in space...

...but we find a new discretisation problem:

**The space-time discretisation does not fit well simultaneously for both characteristics!**



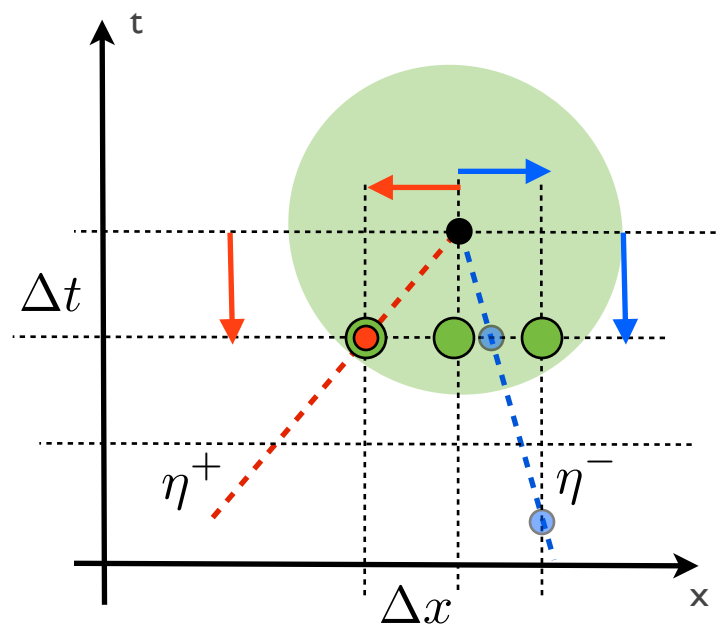


The same can be applied to systems with non-hyperbolic terms.

Now the hyperbolic terms can be computed using the characteristics (i.e. with upwind) and the non-hyperbolic ones using the closest neighbors

But still remains the discretization problem with the convection for the blue characteristic.

$$\frac{dq^\alpha}{dt} + (A^{\alpha\beta} + B^{\alpha\beta}) \frac{dq^\beta}{dx} = 0$$



All cases share the same problem:

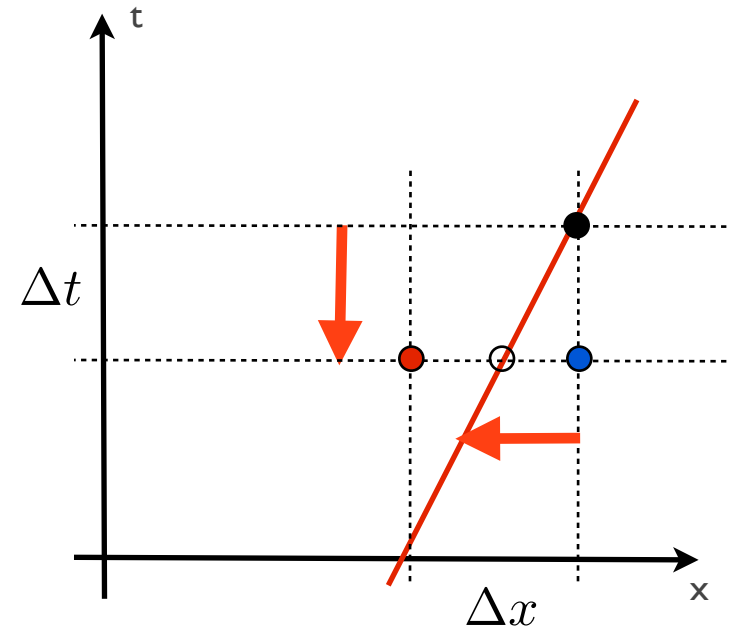
You cannot fix **independently** time and space

Time is flexible enough (up to causality)...

... but space discretisation is not!

Eventually, you could interpolate, but the blue dot is downwind!!!

And the problems pile up...



These are discretisation problems we have encounter so far:

- ✓ For ALL hyperbolic cases, if no upwind is used, the scheme is unstable
- ✓ Backwards (i.e. explicit) schemes stability depends on a limiting value of the time step
- ✓ Accuracy depends on the time step and space increment
- ✓ Non-linearity requires a second level of discretization strategy: linearization iterations
- ✓ The space-time discretization **does not fit well** to the characteristics
- ✓ When non-hyperbolic terms are present, the discretization problem with the convection for the blue characteristic remains
- ✓ ... and more to come.

# Discretising the System

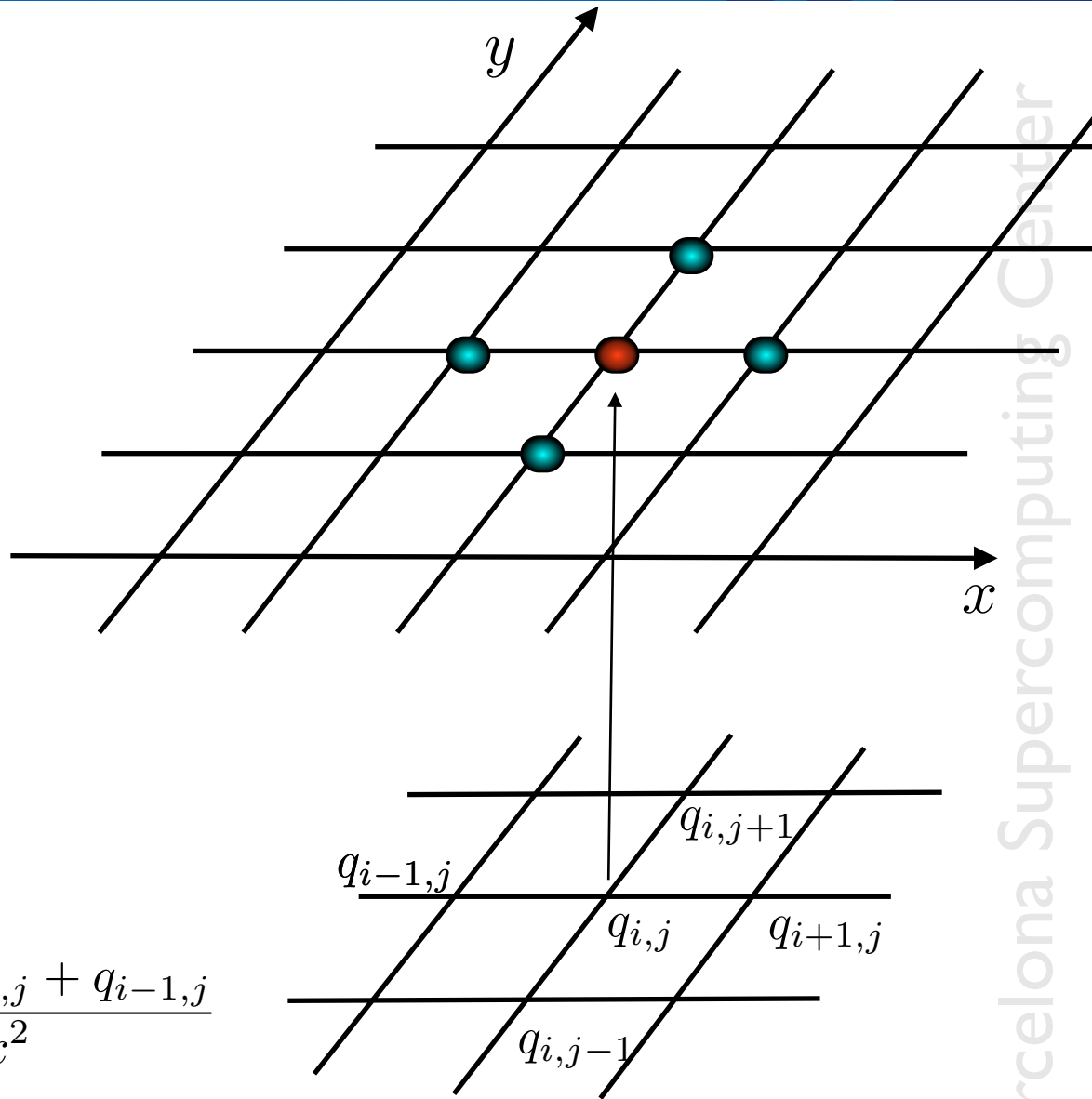
First strategy:  
Finite Differences

**All this means that you cannot expect that this will work on a general basis!!!**

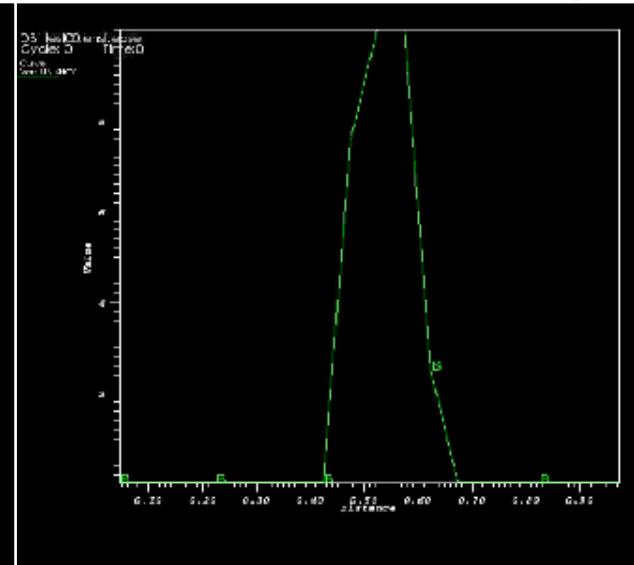
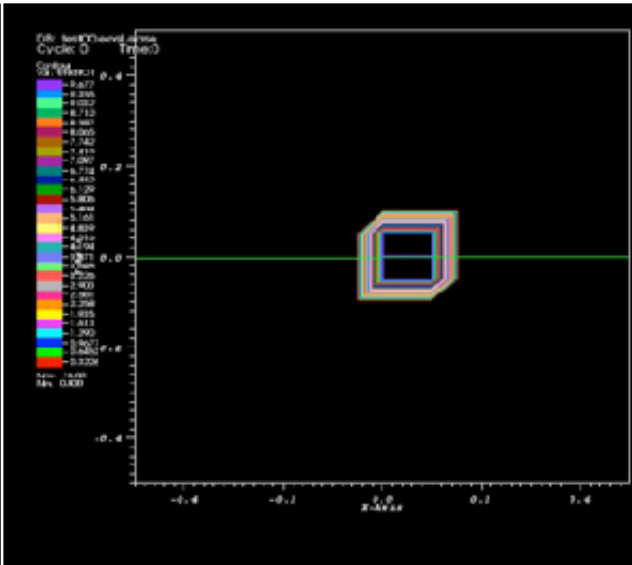
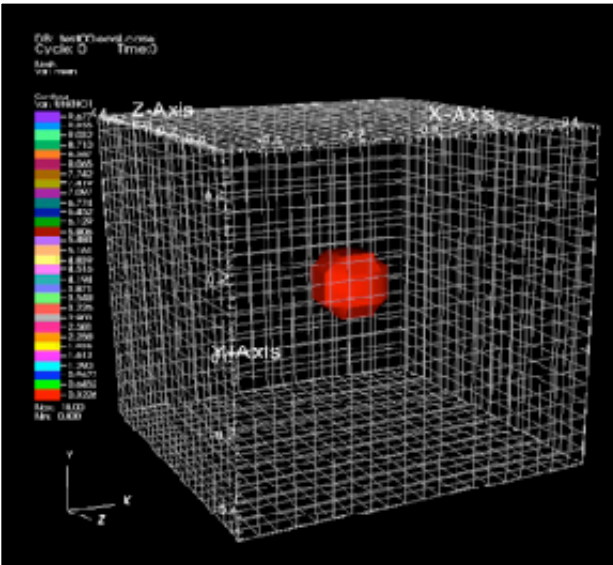
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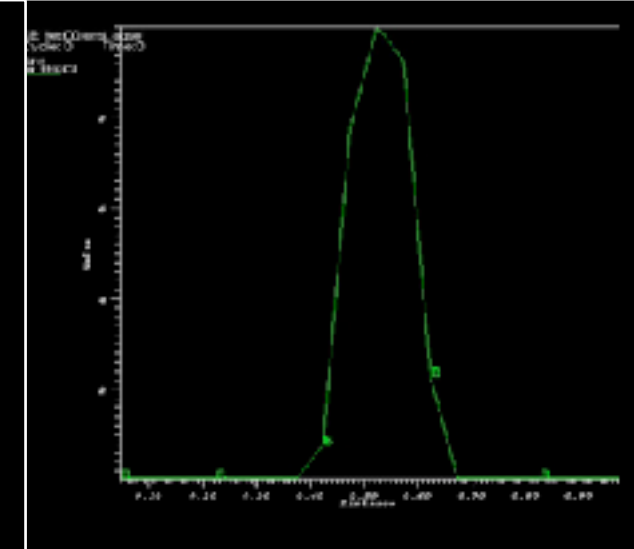
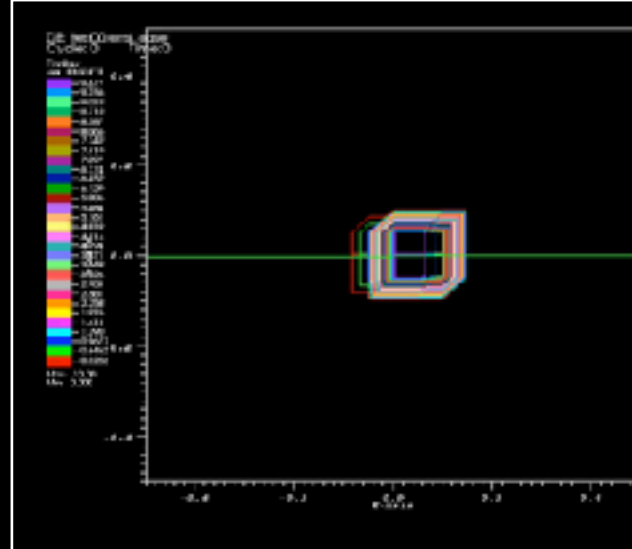
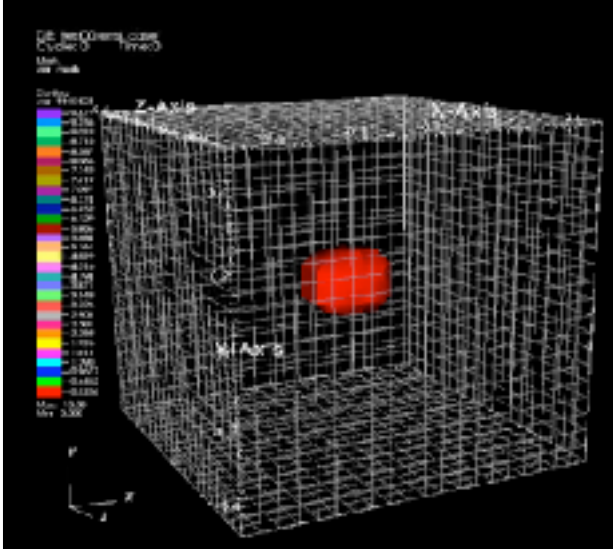
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# Case I



# Case II: smaller dt



So how all these problems can be attacked?

## **Convective stabilisation issue:**

Convective stabilisation is a traditional issue in numerical analysis.

Different solutions proposed, depending on the context.

What context? Finite Elements or Finite Volumes.

- ☑ FV: Low order: upwind for first derivatives (linear version of Godunov method)
- ☑ FV: Higher order schemes: increase the time order
- ☑ FV: Limiters and Total Variation Diminishing (TVD) to treat discontinuities
- ☑ FE: Artificial Diffusion (AD), Streamline Diffusion (SD), Streamline Upwind Petrov- Galerkin (SUPG)
- ☑ FE: Characteristic Galerkin (CG)
- ☑ FE: Galerkin Least Squares (GLS), Variational Multiscale (VM or VMS), Preconditioned stabilisation
- ☑ FE: Shock capturing to treat discontinuities

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## **Convective stabilisation issue:**

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The idea is basically the same:

Try to stay as much as possible on the characteristics

Add a (numerical) diffusion along the characteristics

Increase the order of the scheme to diminish numerical diffusion: **LOW ORDER IS MORE DIFFUSION** (degrades faster with time / space)

Numerical diffusion must be smart enough to cope with mixed convection-diffusion-reaction problems

Recall that this problem comes from the hyperbolic character of the equations, so it will be present in both explicit or implicit schemes.

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Limiting time step for explicit schemes:

If the **critical** time step is too small, the efficiency of the scheme is compromised (**low Mach, high aspect ratios, contact problems...**).

Accuracy:

Time higher order schemes: Runge-Kutta, alpha-generalized, Crank-Nicholson,...

Space higher order schemes: limiters (FE), higher interpolation order (FE), larger stencils (FD)...

Non-linear iterative schemes (for implicit schemes):

Jacobi iterations, Newton iterations with tangent moduli or secants

Newton-Krilov matrix free



To have a deeper idea on the difficulties of stabilising convection, let us go to a higher order scheme

Consider

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = u \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$

A 2nd order Taylor expansion gives

$$q^{n+1} = q + \Delta t \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial t^2} + \dots$$

Considering that

$$\frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial t^2} = u \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \right) = u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \right) = u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( u \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \right) = u^2 \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$$

Then, the so called **Lax-Wendroff** scheme is

$$q^{n+1} = q + \Delta t u \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 u^2 \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}}_{\text{Diffusion-like term}}$$

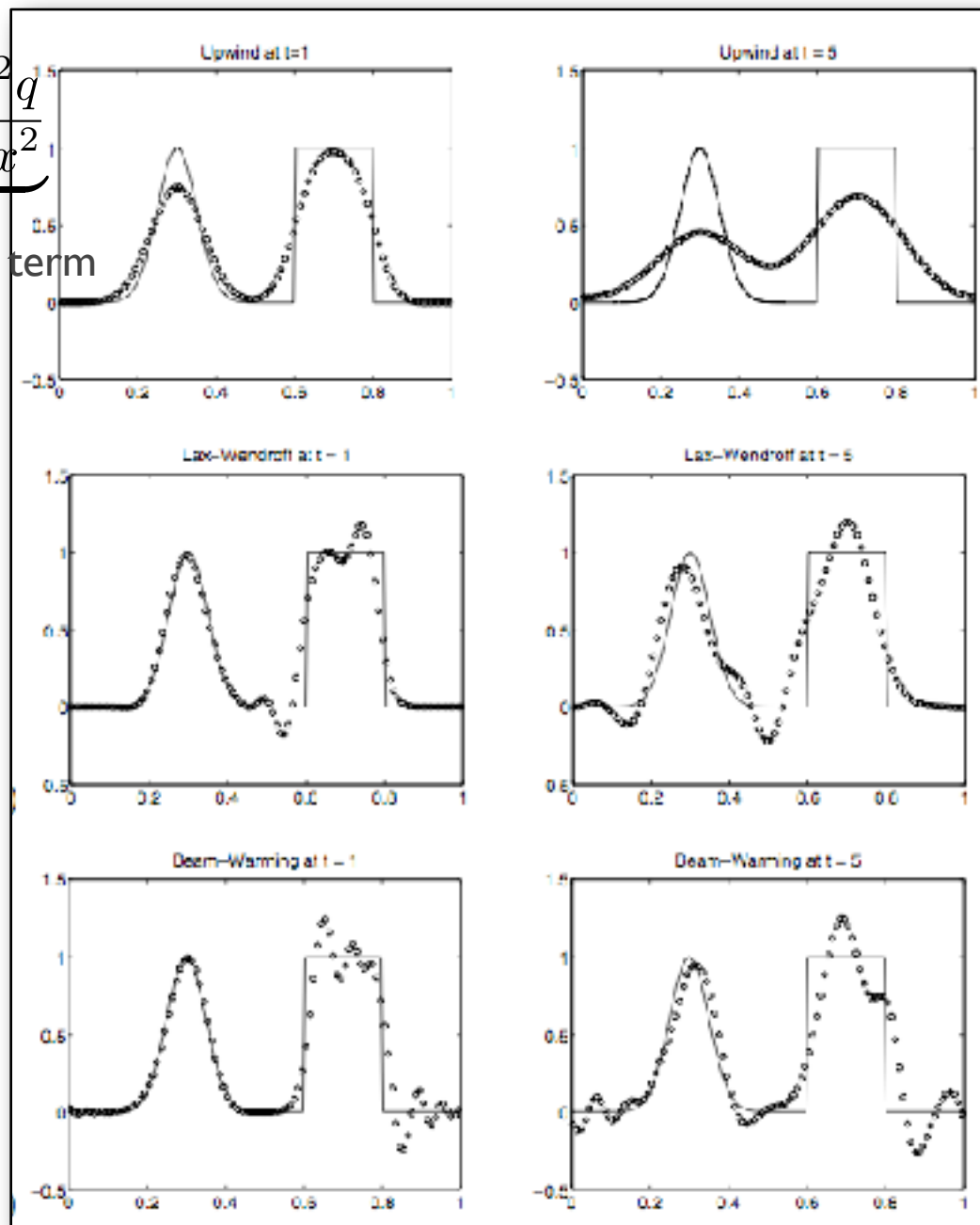
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There are several ways of computing the first and second derivatives: upwind, centred, projecting the fluxes, ... so we obtain different behaviours and different schemes.

Lax Wendroff: all centered

Beam Warming: all upwinded

And discontinuities make them worse!



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Diffusion-like term

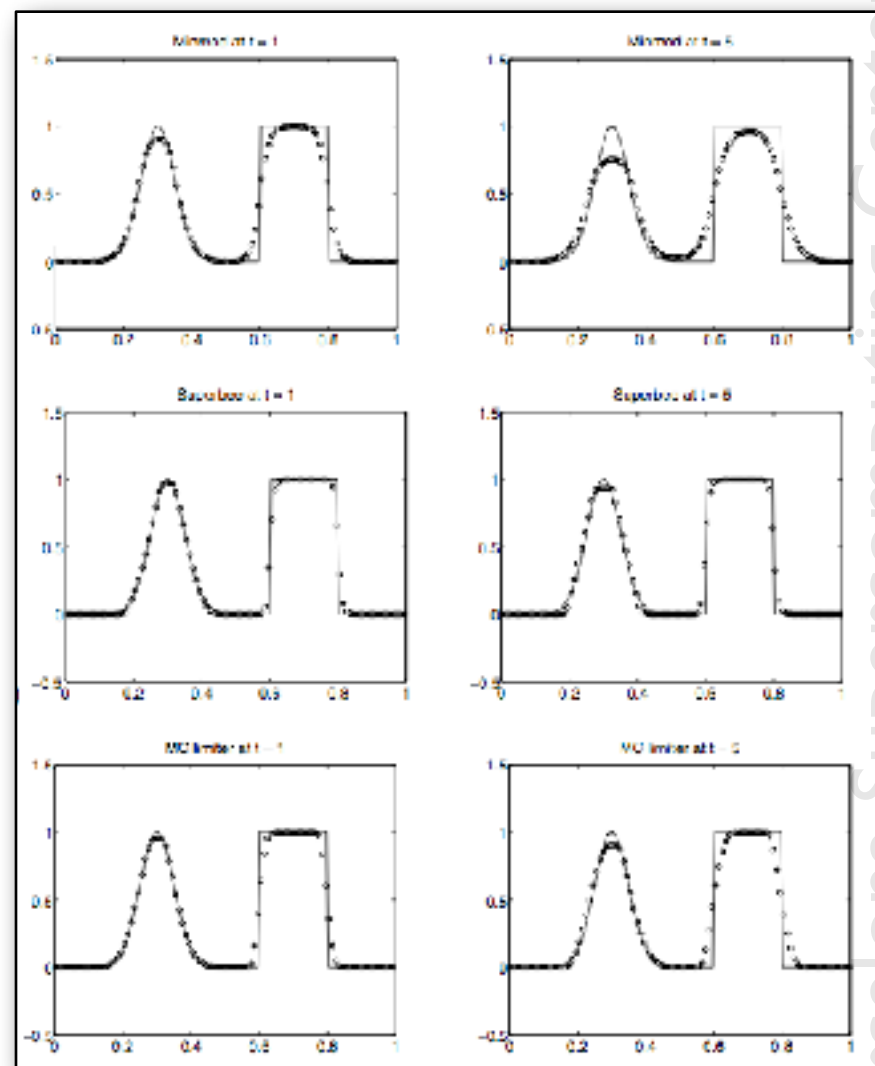
Limiters:

A FV-based stabilisation strategy.

They are sophisticated ways of limiting the steepness of the variations.

Sophisticated, yes...

... but computationally expensive and too artisanal.



Trying to solve one issue...

we find another one!!

## **Discontinuities**

Discontinuities or very strong gradients are everywhere...!

Fluids:

Boundary layers at high Reynolds

Mixing layers

Shocks

Combustion, in regions of strong active behavior

Flows with free surface

Discontinuities in initial / boundary conditions

Discontinuities or very strong gradients are everywhere...!

Solids:

Fracture

Abrupt changes in material properties

Complex materials and composites

Plasticity

**Discretisation:**  
**Divide and Conquer**  
**(at last)**

## The Integral Form (IF)



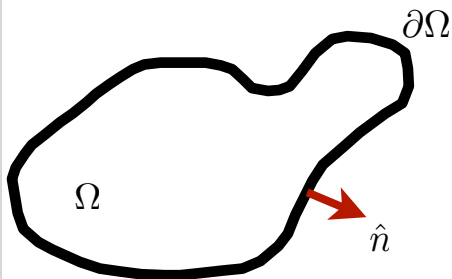
## The Differential Conservative Form (DCF)



## The Differential Jacobian Form (DJF)

The basic form of a conservation principle

No continuity assumptions



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} q^{\alpha} - \int_{\partial\Omega} F_i^{\alpha} n_i = 0$$

The partial differential equation derived from IF

Additional regularity assumptions required

$$\frac{\partial q^{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F_i^{\alpha}(q)}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

A little algebra to derive it from DCF

More regularity assumptions required

A form that exposes the deepest features of the problem

$$\frac{\partial q^{\alpha}}{\partial t} + A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial q^{\beta}}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

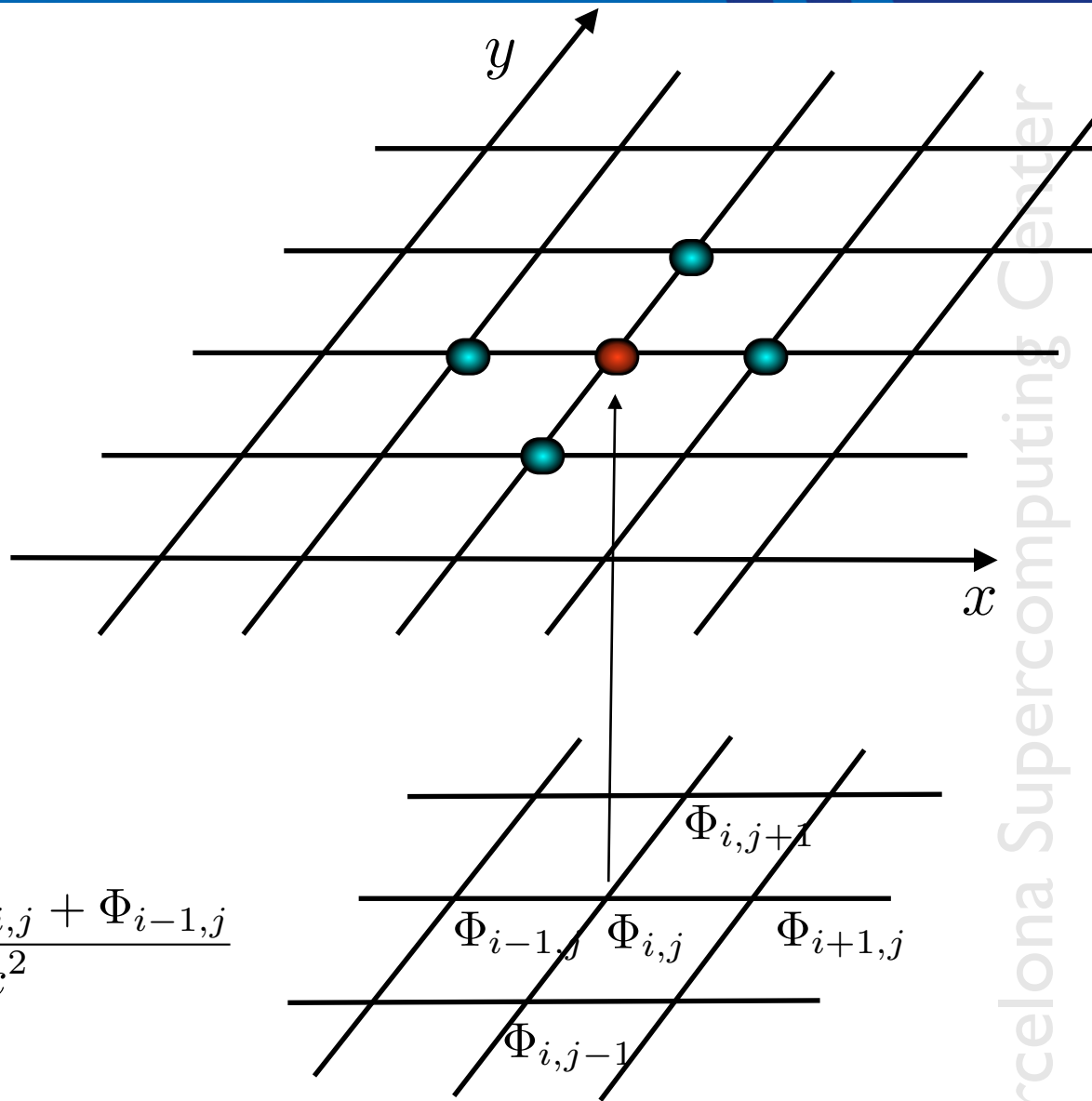


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## Finite Differences

Very intuitive

Simple coding

Very efficient and well suited for translation to a computer code

Structured meshes

Problems with Neuman boundary conditions (but solvable, if you pay the price)

Lack of scalability for high order schemes

Humble numerics: stabilisation, boundary conditions, adaptivity...

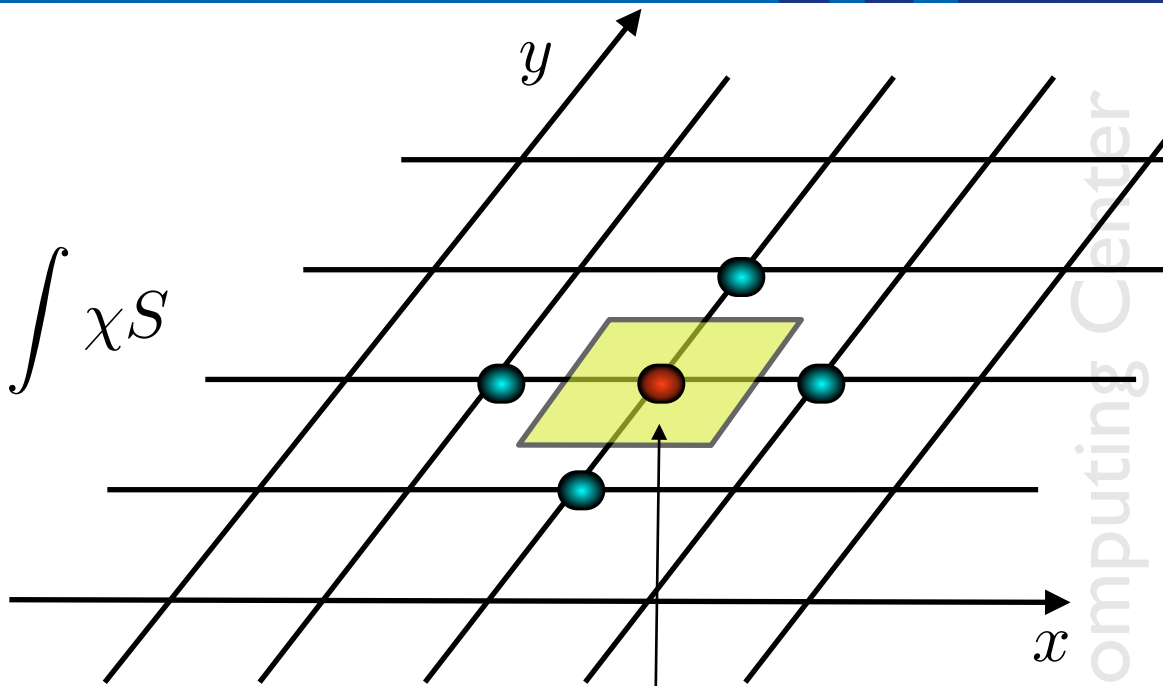
Second strategy:  
Finite Volumes

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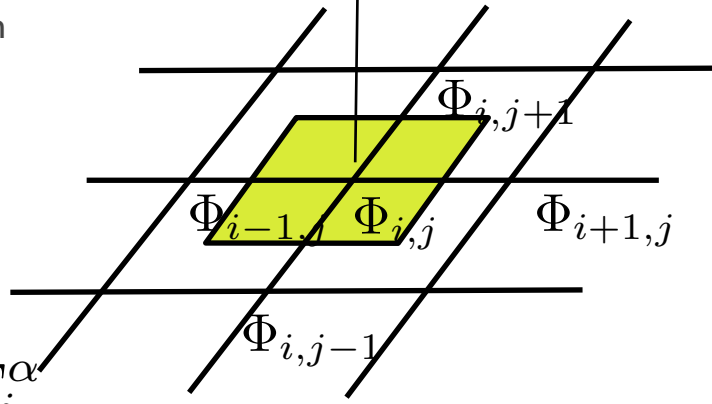
Divergence Gauss  
Theorem

$$- \oint \chi F_i^\alpha n_i$$

$$\int \chi \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial x_i} = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\chi F_i^\alpha) - \int \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial x_i} F_i^\alpha$$



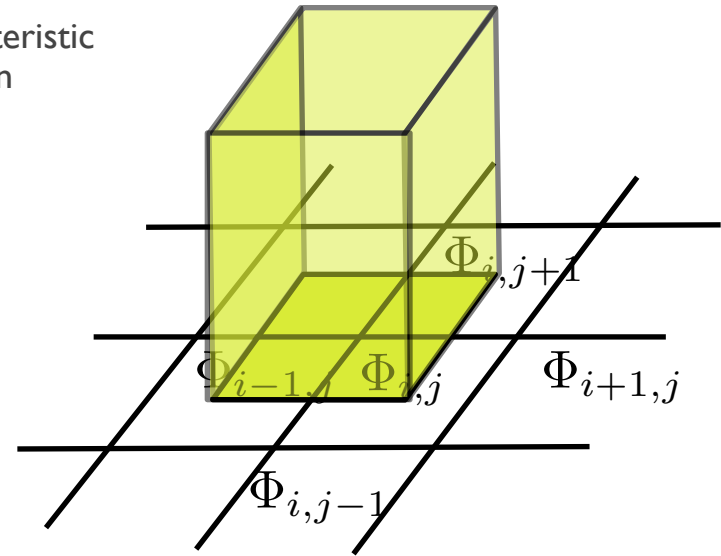
Characteristic  
Function  
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Second strategy:  
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Characteristic  
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The characteristic function is a “filter” that focuses the equation only in the filter’s support.

When you project, the rest of the domain disappears.

Is like the IF, but filtered on small cells.

You only have to compute the fluxes through the limits of the cell:  
**the numerical fluxes**

Second strategy:  
Finite Volumes

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Numerical fluxes

The cells' limits are discretised in faces or edges following the space discretisation.

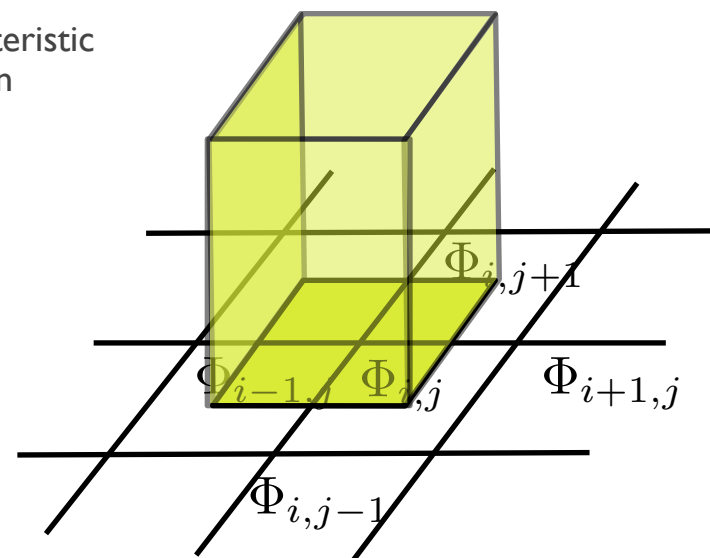
The fluxes on faces are function of the values of the unknown at both sides of the face.

There are many many many ways of constructing these fluxes

The scheme's order depends on how the fluxes are computed and how far should we go to get the information required

(discussed below...)

Characteristic  
Function  
 $\chi$



## Finite Volumes

Intuitive, specially for Physicists

More complex codification

Very robust, with large story of success and theoretical developments

Unstructured meshes

Convective fluxes, ok. Diffusive fluxes, more bricolage is needed (but doable)

Lack of scalability for high order schemes

Sophisticate numerics: stabilisation, boundary conditions, adaptivity...

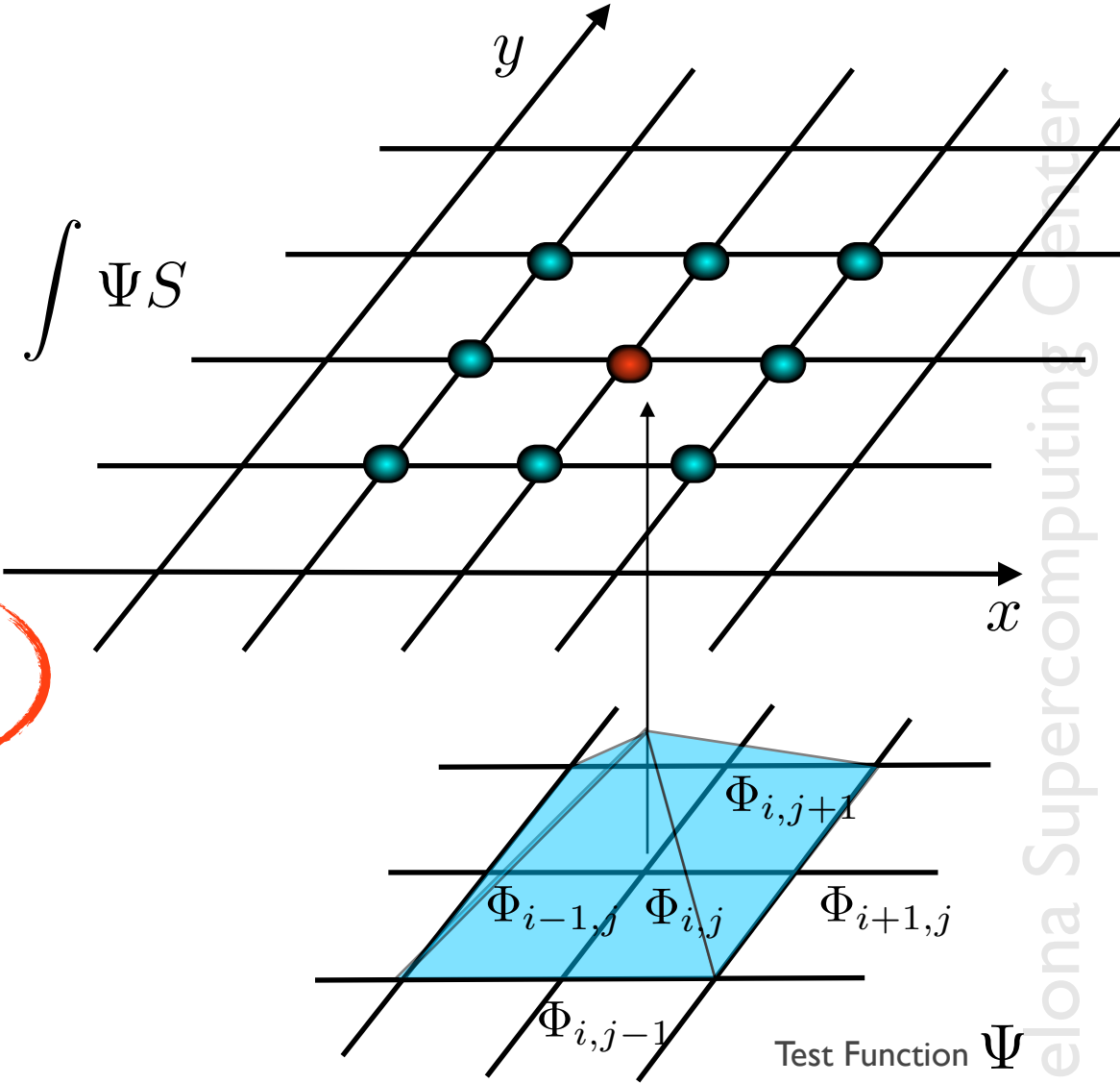
Long tradition, particularly for CFD compressible flows

Third strategy:  
Finite Elements

$$\int \Psi \frac{\partial \Phi^\alpha}{\partial t} + \int \Psi \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial x_i} = \int \Psi S$$

Divergence Gauss  
Theorem

$$-\int \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_i} F_i^\alpha$$



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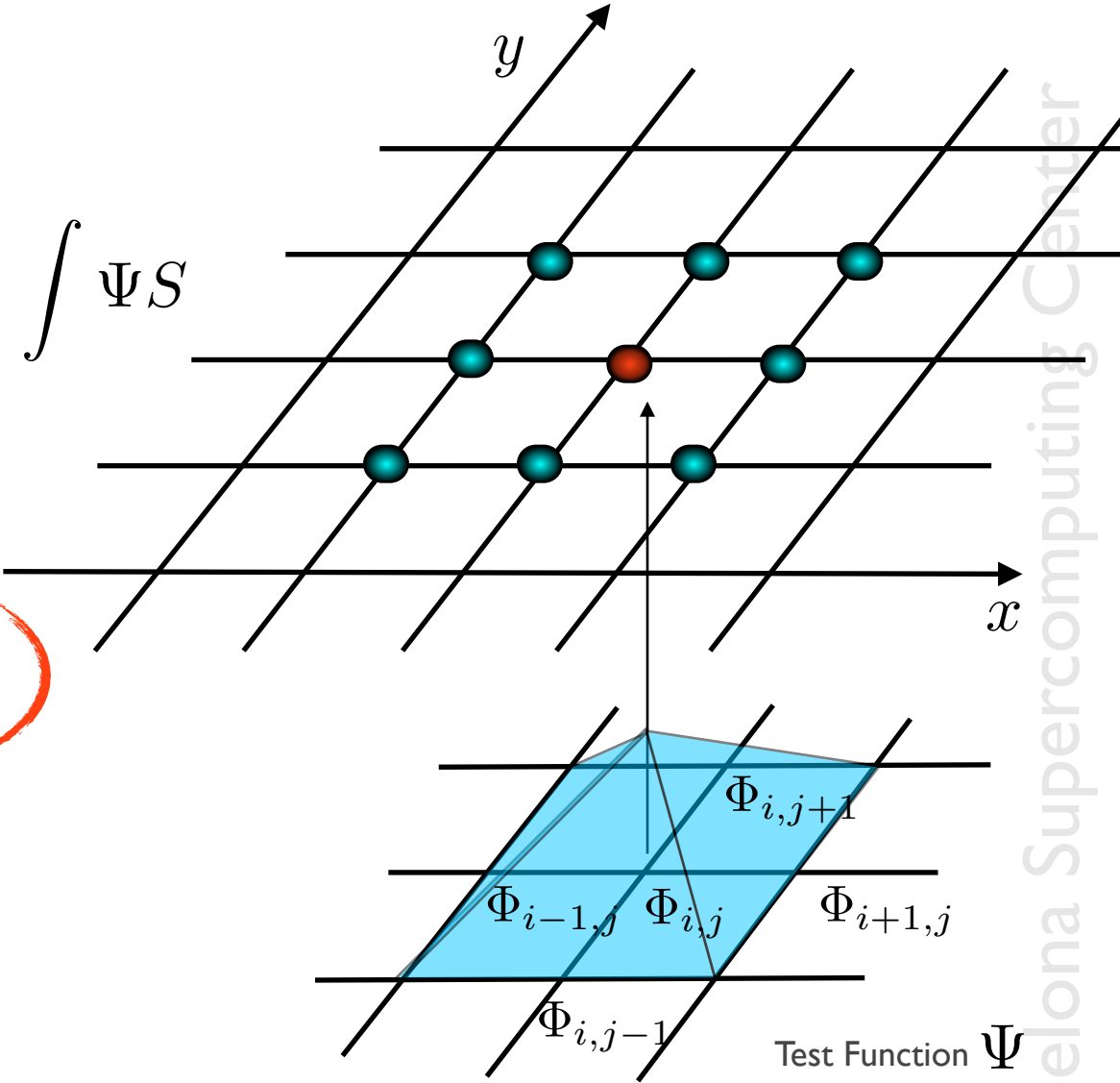
Divergence Gauss  
Theorem

$$- \int \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_i} F_i^\alpha$$

Recall that for FV:

$$- \oint \chi F_i^\alpha n_i$$

$$\int \Psi \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial x_i} = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\Psi F_i^\alpha) - \int \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_i} F_i^\alpha$$

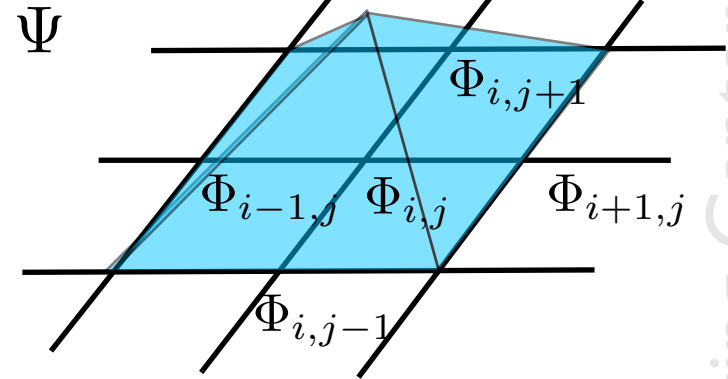




Third strategy:  
Finite Elements

$$- \int \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_i} F_i^\alpha$$

Test Function



As in FV, the test function is a “filter” that focuses the equation only in the filter’s support.

When you project, the rest of the domain disappears.

It is like the IF, but filtered on small cells, the elements.

You only have to compute the fluxes through the limits of the cell or pass the derivatives (convolution) to the filter

The integrals are computed **numerically** as function of the values at the nodes of the elements

How to increase the order (see below)

## Finite Elements

Not very intuitive

Apparent complex codification, but not that much...

Profound mathematical background

Unstructured meshes, hybrid meshes

High order schemes naturally implemented

Good scalability

Not necessary expensive: must be programmed with care

Very sophisticate numerics: stabilisation, boundary conditions, adaptivity...

Long tradition in all fields of PDEs

## **Finite Elements and the Navier-Stokes equations**

$$\frac{\partial U_j}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(u_i U_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\delta_{ij} p - \tau_{ij}) + \rho g_j = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(U_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(u_i E) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(u_i p - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} - \tau_{ij} u_j) + \rho(u_i g_i + r) = 0$$

$p = \rho R T$  is the ideal gas law

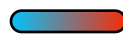
$U_i = \rho u_i, E = \rho(C_v T + u^2/2)$  are the momentum and the total energy

$\tau_{ij} = \mu\left(\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{2}{3}\delta_{ij}\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i}\right)$  is the viscous stress tensor

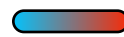
$$\frac{\partial U_j}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i U_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\delta_{ij} p - \tau_{ij}) + \rho g_j = 0$$



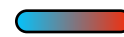
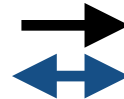
Momentum  
convection



Pressure  
forces



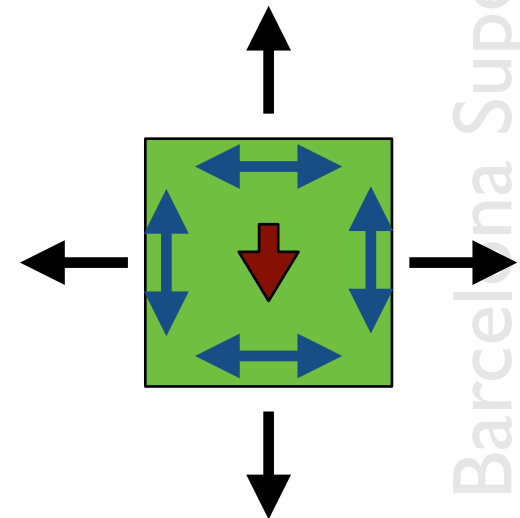
Viscous  
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Gravity  
forces



$$\tau_{ij} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \right)$$



$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (U_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_i} + \rho \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$



Compressibility

Compressibility relates pressure, temperature and density through the equation of state

Mass in a volume of fluid changes by crossing boundaries and by compression / expansion

$$p = \rho R T \quad \text{is an example}$$

$$c = \sqrt{\left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right|_s} = \sqrt{\gamma p / \rho} \quad \text{speed of sound}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i E) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i p - k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} - \tau_{ij} u_j) + \rho (u_i g_i + r) = 0$$



Energy  
convection



Pressure  
work



Thermal  
diffusion



Joule  
effect



Gravity  
work



Heat  
sources

$$E = \rho(C_v T + u^2/2) \quad \text{is the total energy}$$

Alternative, heat transport equation

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{C_v \rho} \left( p \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} - \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - k \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} \right) = 0$$

Momentum: forces balance

Density: continuity equation

Energy: energy balance

$$\frac{\partial U^\alpha}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial x_i} + S$$

$$U^\alpha = (U_j, \rho, E)$$

Three main regimes, determined by two non-dimensional numbers:

☒ Compressible and Incompressible: Mach number (M)

☒ Viscous and Inviscid: Reynolds number (Re)

☒ Laminar and Turbulent (Re)



Mach number:

The state equation couples thermodynamics with mechanics

The Mach number represents the ratio between the “mechanic speed” and the “thermodynamic speed”

When **strictly** incompressible:

- ☑ Energy decouples from mechanics, no transfer from internal to kinetic
- ☑ Speed of sound becomes infinite
- ☑ Pressure is only mechanical
- ☑ Temperature (i.e. heat) is a transported scalar
- ☑ To be deeper analyzed below...

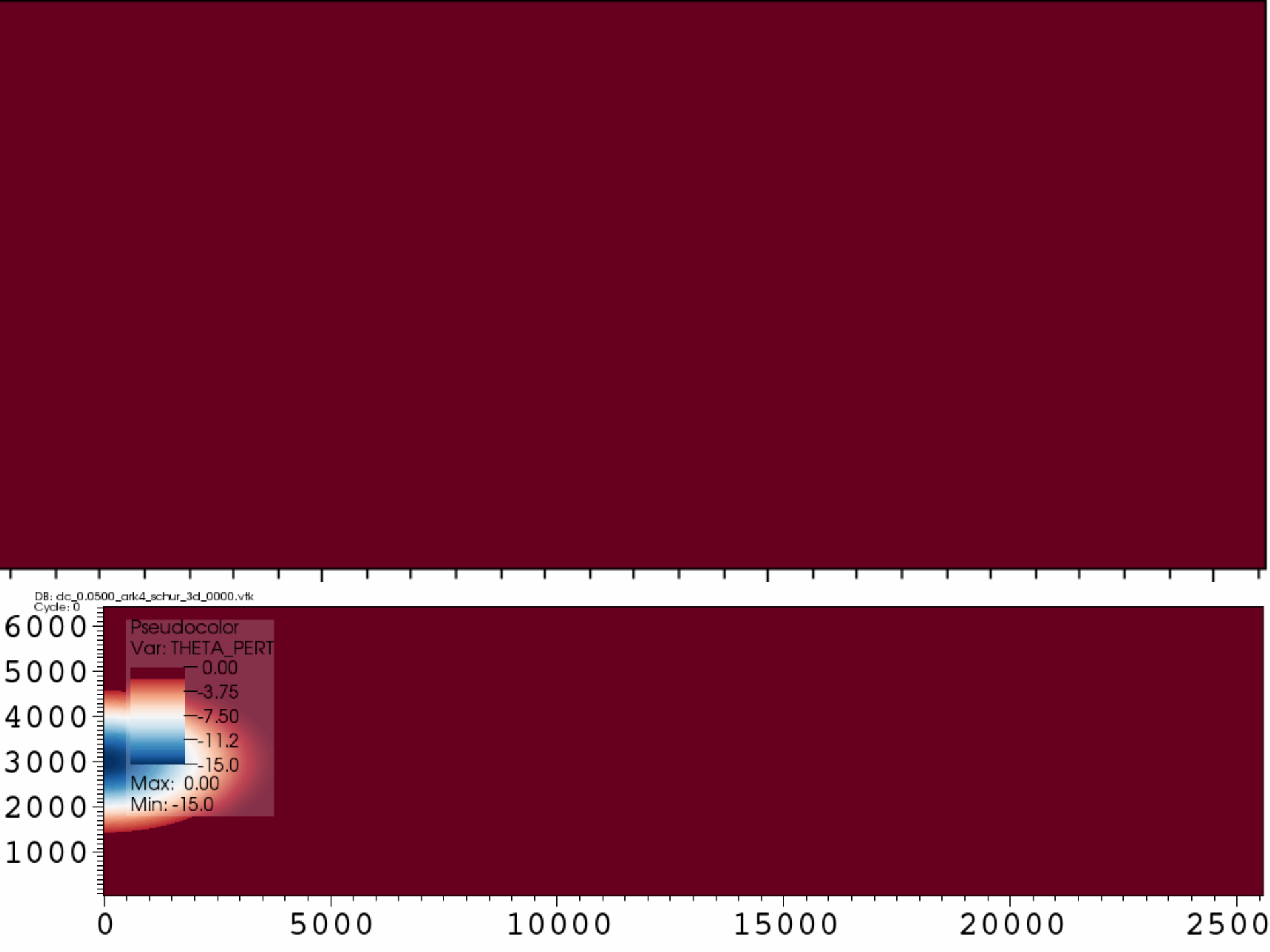
$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

The state equation couples thermodynamics with mechanics

When **slightly** compressible:

- ☑ Very low transfer from internal to kinetic by any meaning
- ☑ Speed of sound becomes very large, very low Mach numbers
- ☑ Pressure is mostly mechanical
- ☑ System matrix becomes very ill-conditioned

$$A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial U^\beta}{\partial x_i}$$



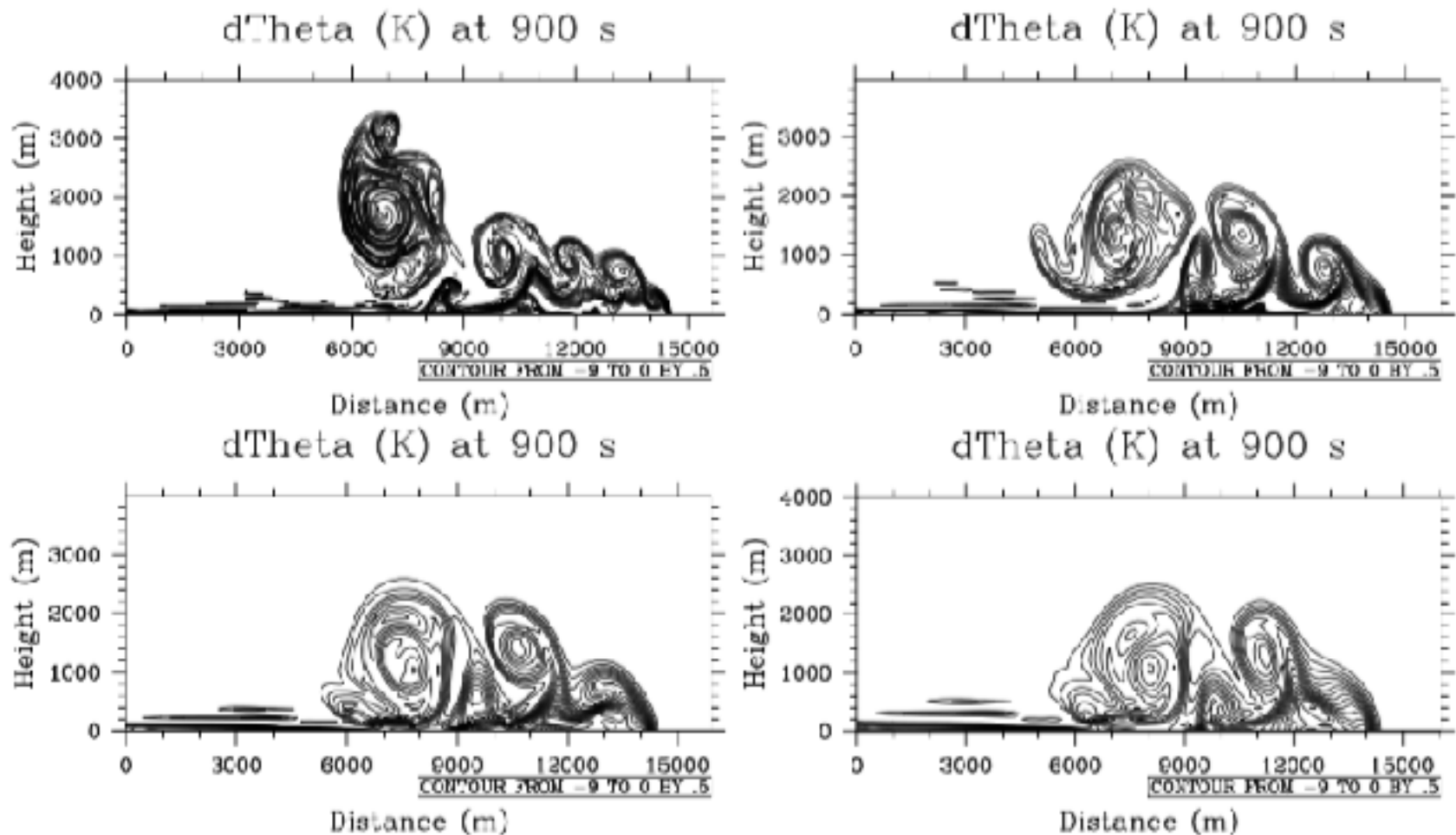


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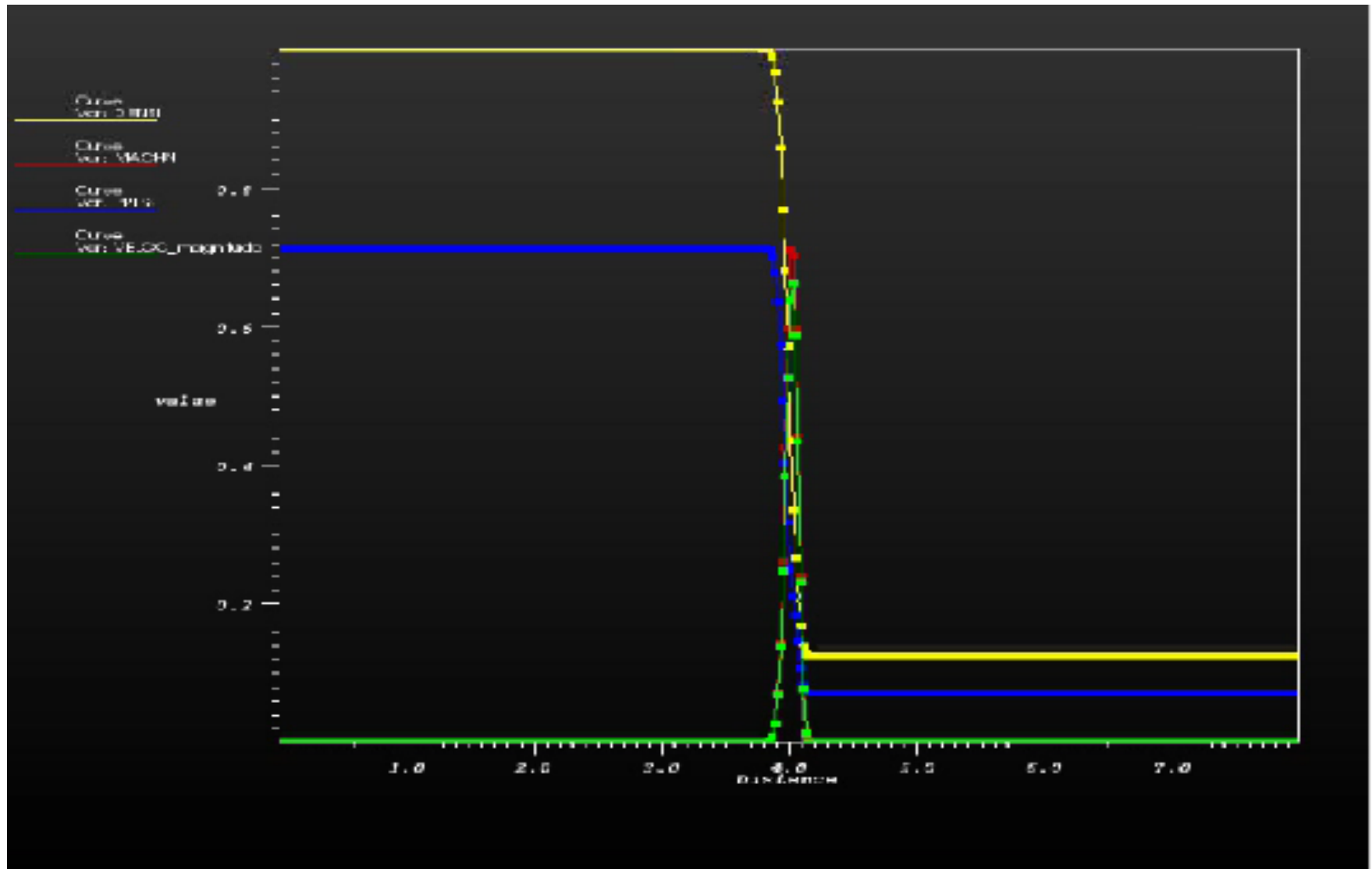


The state equation couples thermodynamics with mechanics

When compressible:

- ☑ Internal and kinetic heavily interchanged
- ☑ Speed of sound comparable to the speed of fluids
- ☑ Pressure works related to internal energy (temperature)
- ☑ Appearance of shock waves
- ☑ Low-Mach modelling could be a good compromise

$$A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial U^\beta}{\partial x_i}$$

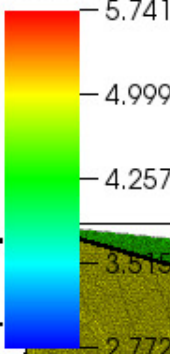




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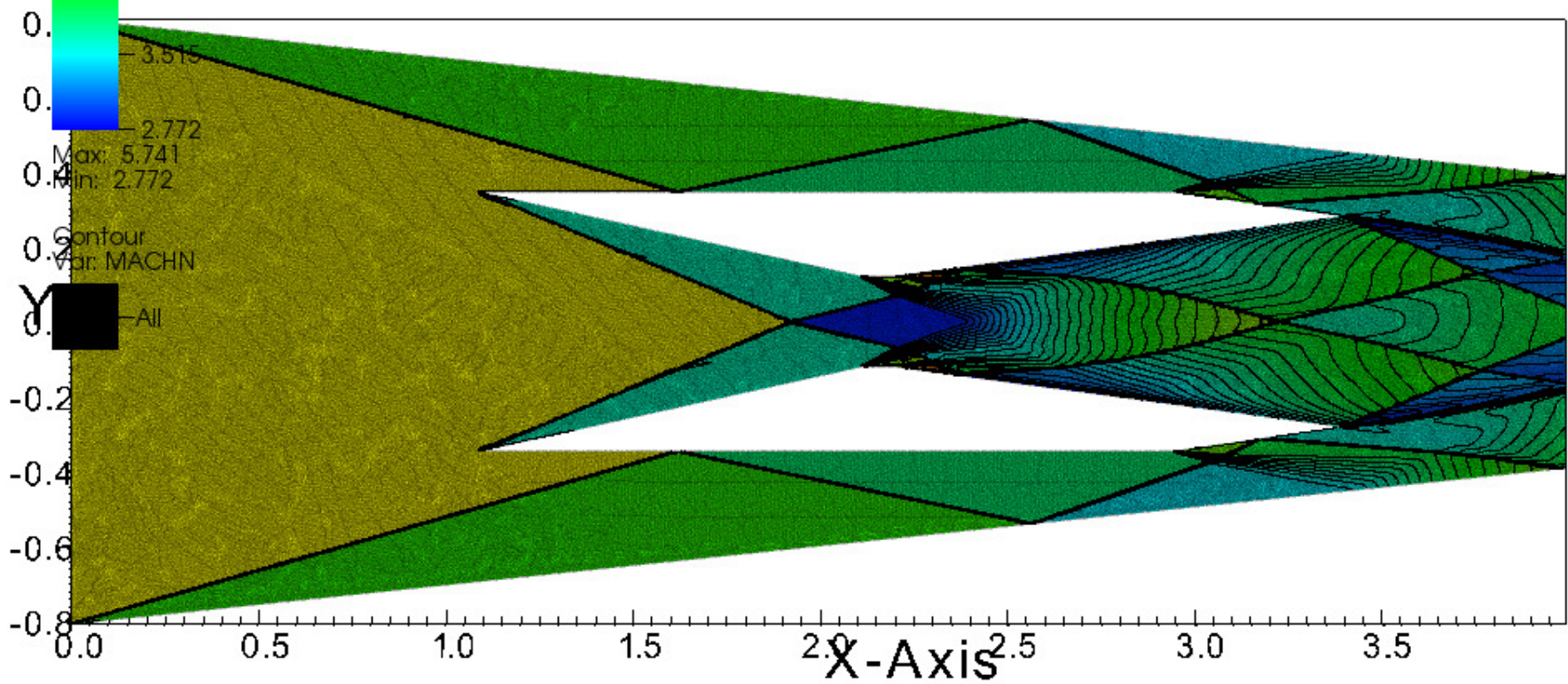
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Pseudocolor  
Var: MACHN



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Min: 2.772

Contour  
Var: MACHN





## Reynolds number:

As you will recall, viscous terms has a decisive effect

The Reynolds number represents the ratio between convection and viscous effects.

When viscosity is zero,

- ☑ Energy is not dissipated through heat
- ☑ Circulation is conserved, although vortices could appear (as seen above)
- ☑ Entropy is conserved, unless shocks appear

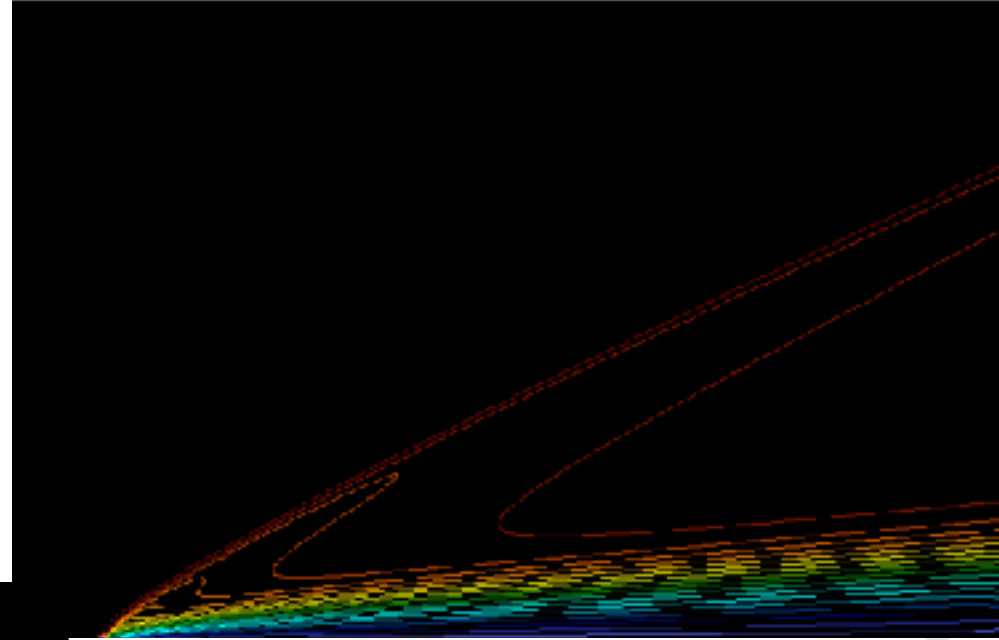
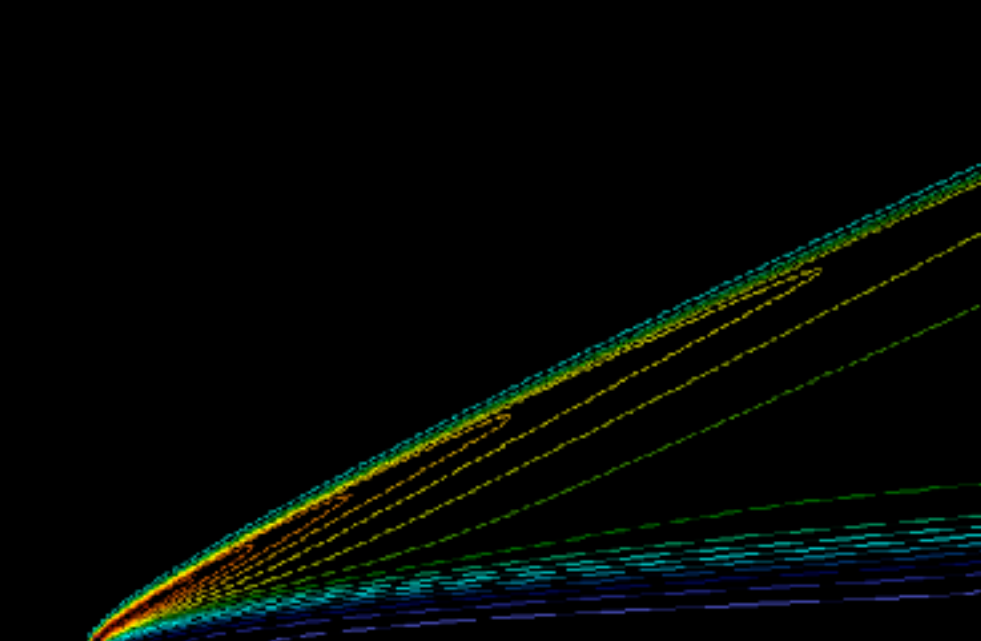
When viscosity is non-zero,

- ☑ Boundary layers appears
- ☑ Complex shock behaviours (lambda systems)

Carter's problem:

Flow over a plate

$Re = 1000$ ,  $Ma = 3$

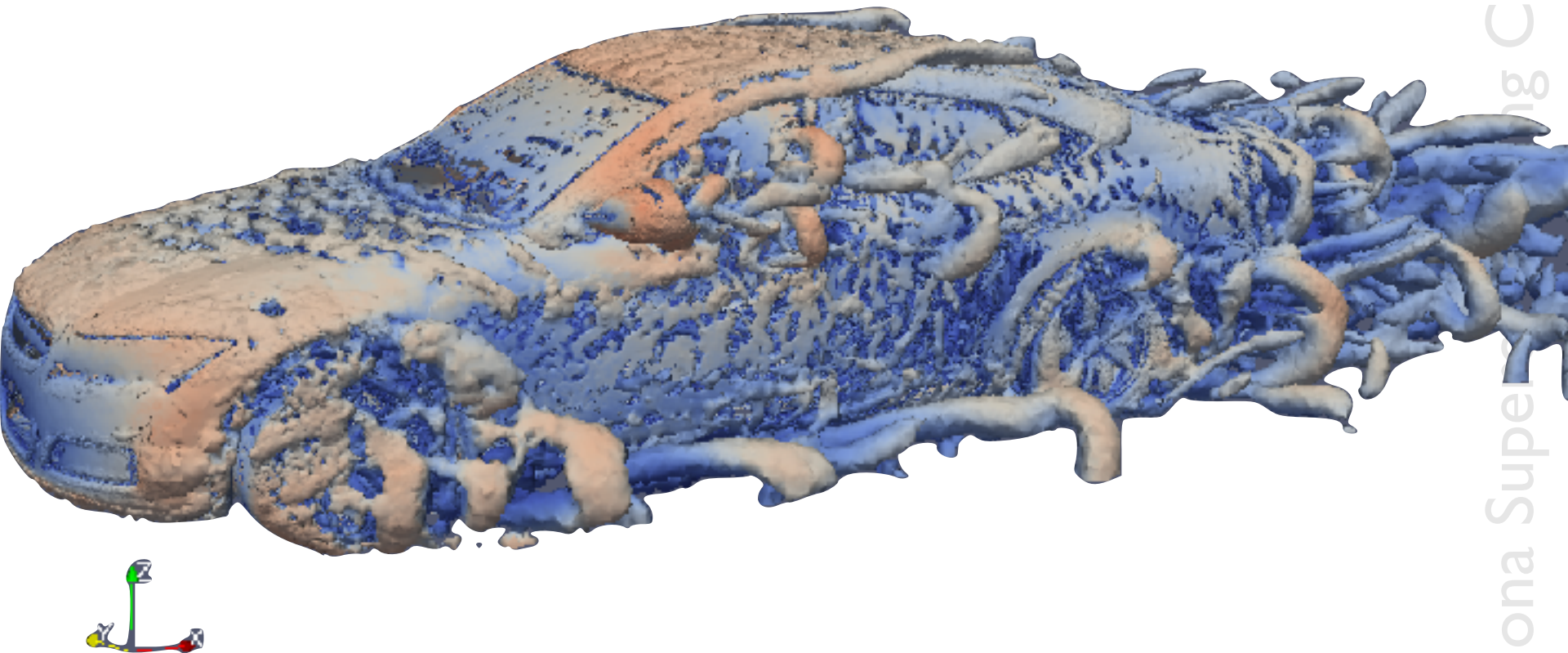


## High Reynolds number:

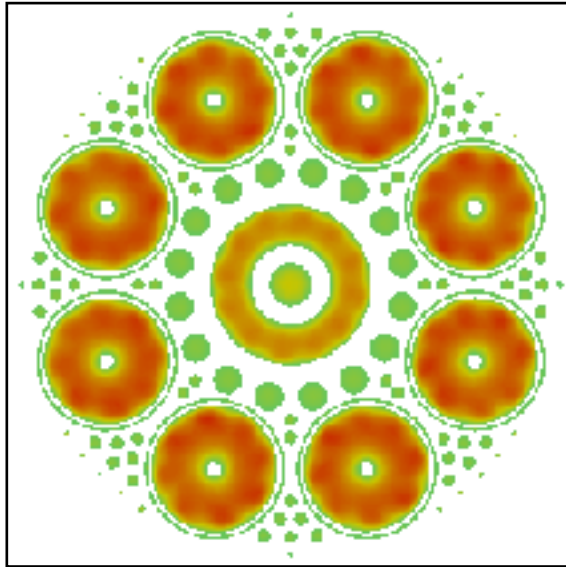
The onset of turbulence and modelling subscales

When Reynolds is high,

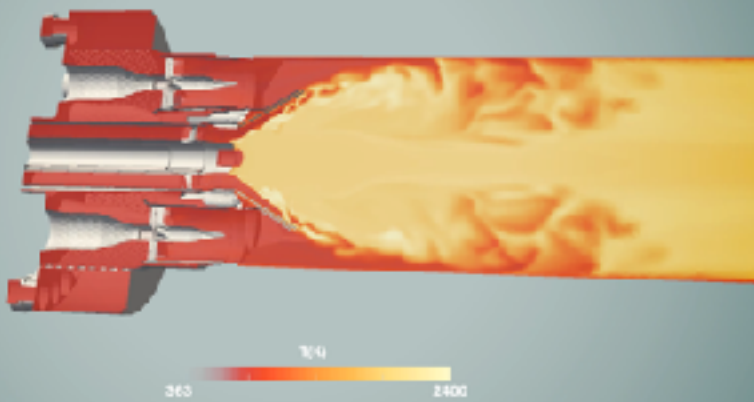
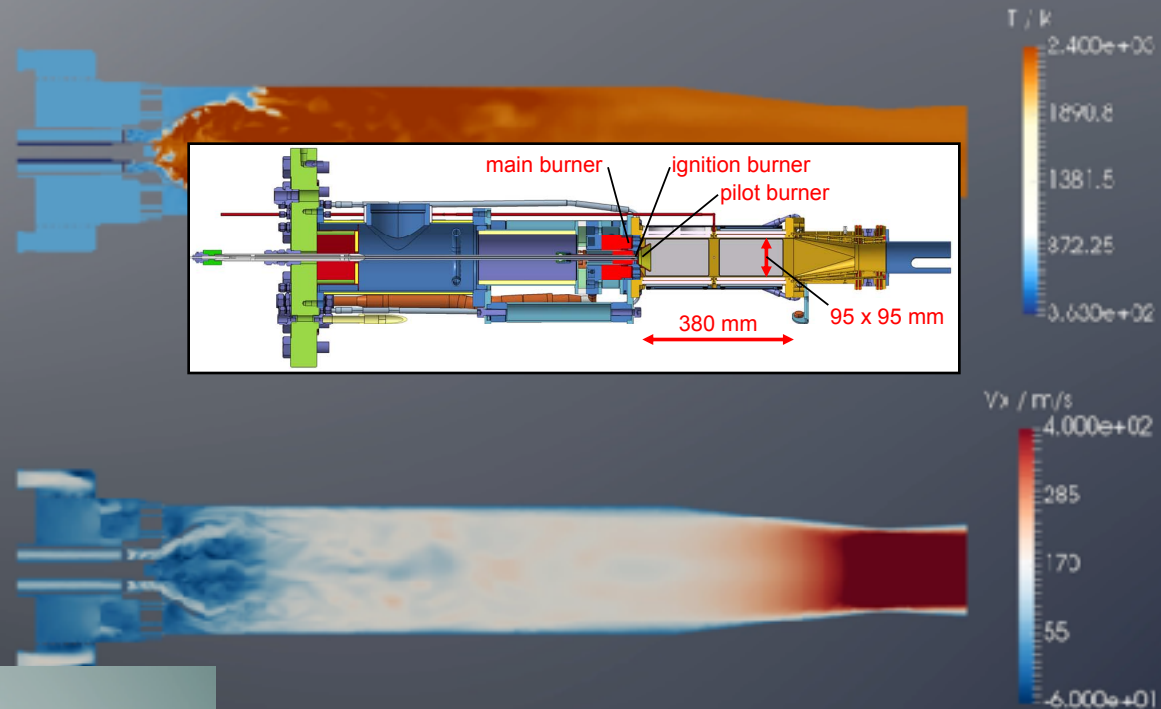
- ✓ Physical subscales cannot be simulated, so they are modelled
- ✓ DNS, simulating when possible
- ✓ RANS (over ensembles), LES (over space) and mixed modelling
- ✓ Compressible turbulence is even more difficult (for high compressibility)



# Finite Elements and the Navier-Stokes equations

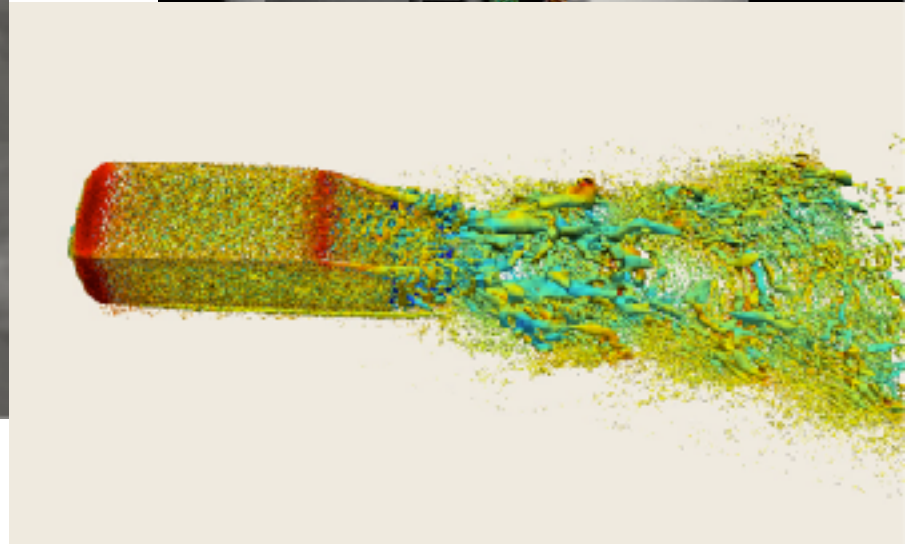
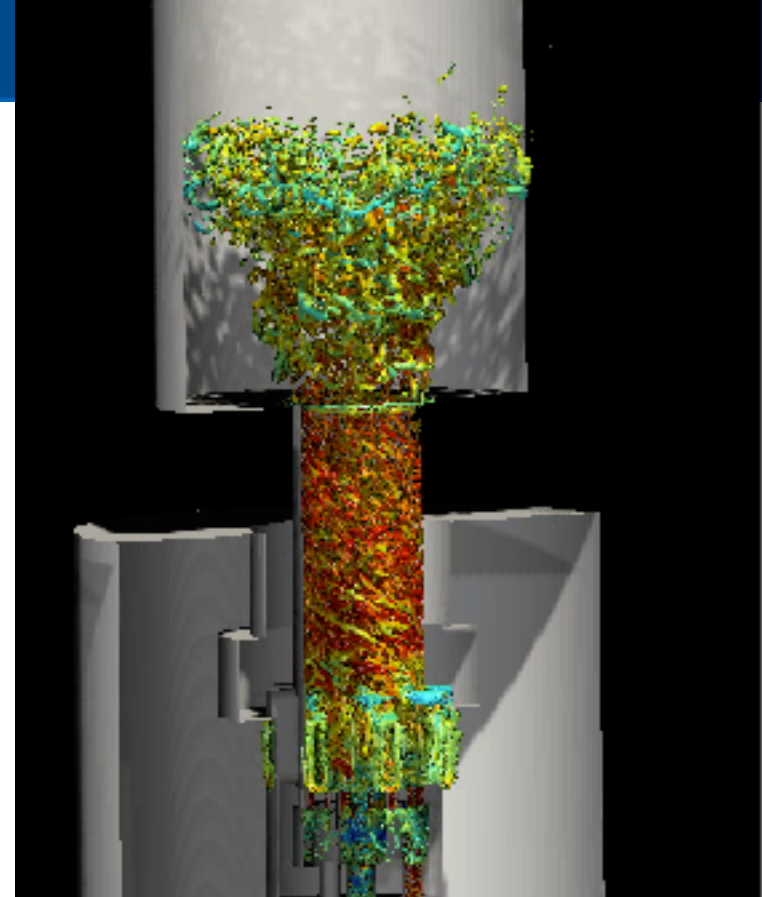
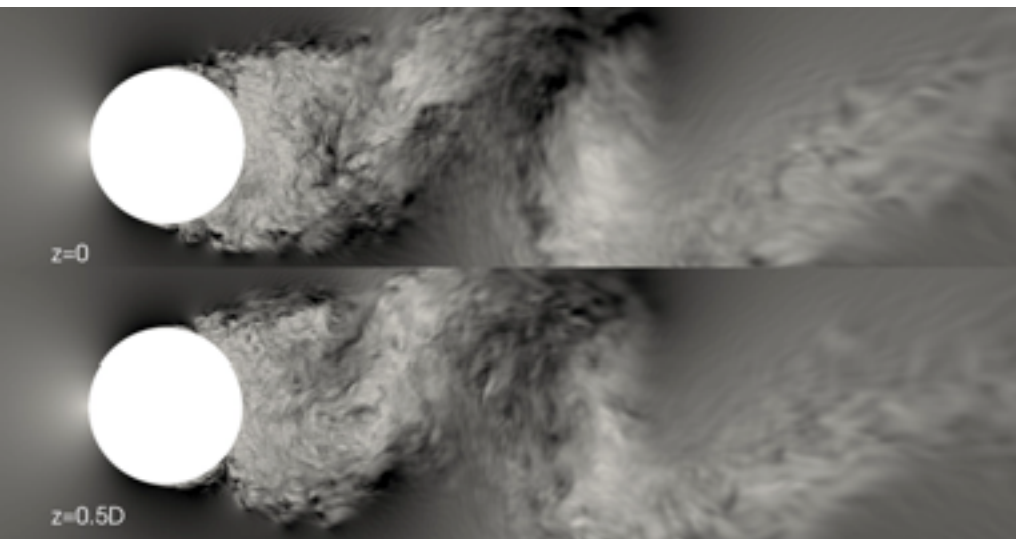
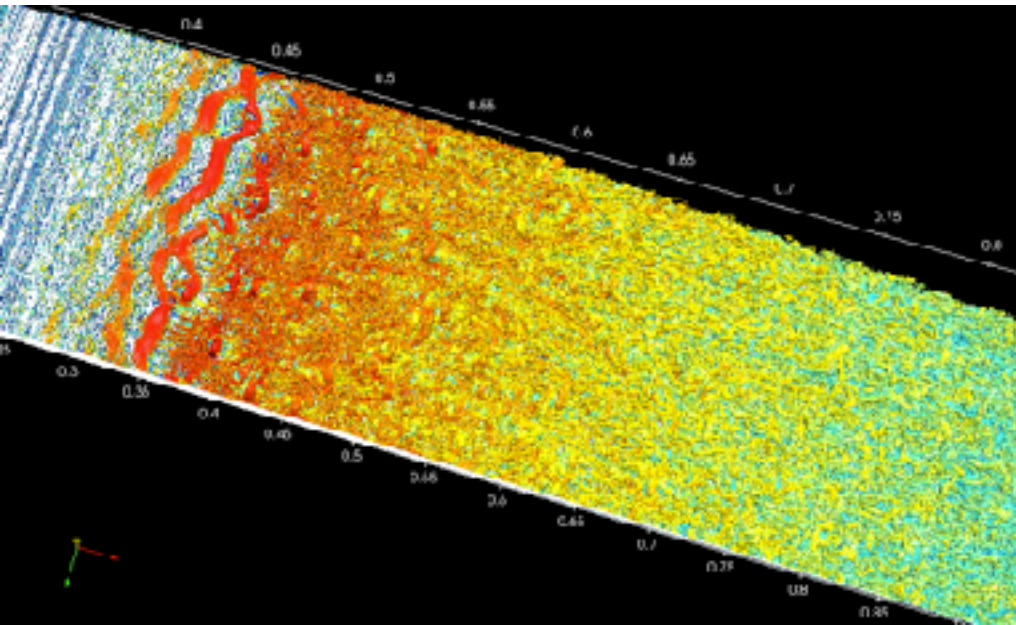


SGT5-8000H Downscaled can combustor





# Finite Elements and the Navier–Stokes equations





Once discretized, our system looks like this:

$$\int \Psi \frac{\partial U^\alpha}{\partial t} = \int \Psi \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial x_i} \quad \text{or} \quad \int \Psi \frac{\partial U^\alpha}{\partial t} = \int \Psi A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial U^\beta}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} \Delta \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{K} \mathbf{U}^* = 0$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^{n+1} - \mathbf{U}^n$$

\* means **when** it is computed

\* = n      is explicit

\* = n+1      is implicit

**M** is the **mass** matrix

**K** is the **system** matrix

The **elementary** system matrix is (the same can be said about the mass matrix):

$$K_e^{IJ} = K_e^{ab,\alpha\beta} \quad M_e^{IJ} = M_e^{ab,\alpha\beta}$$

a, b label two different nodes

Elementary matrices size is:  
**ndofn x nnode**

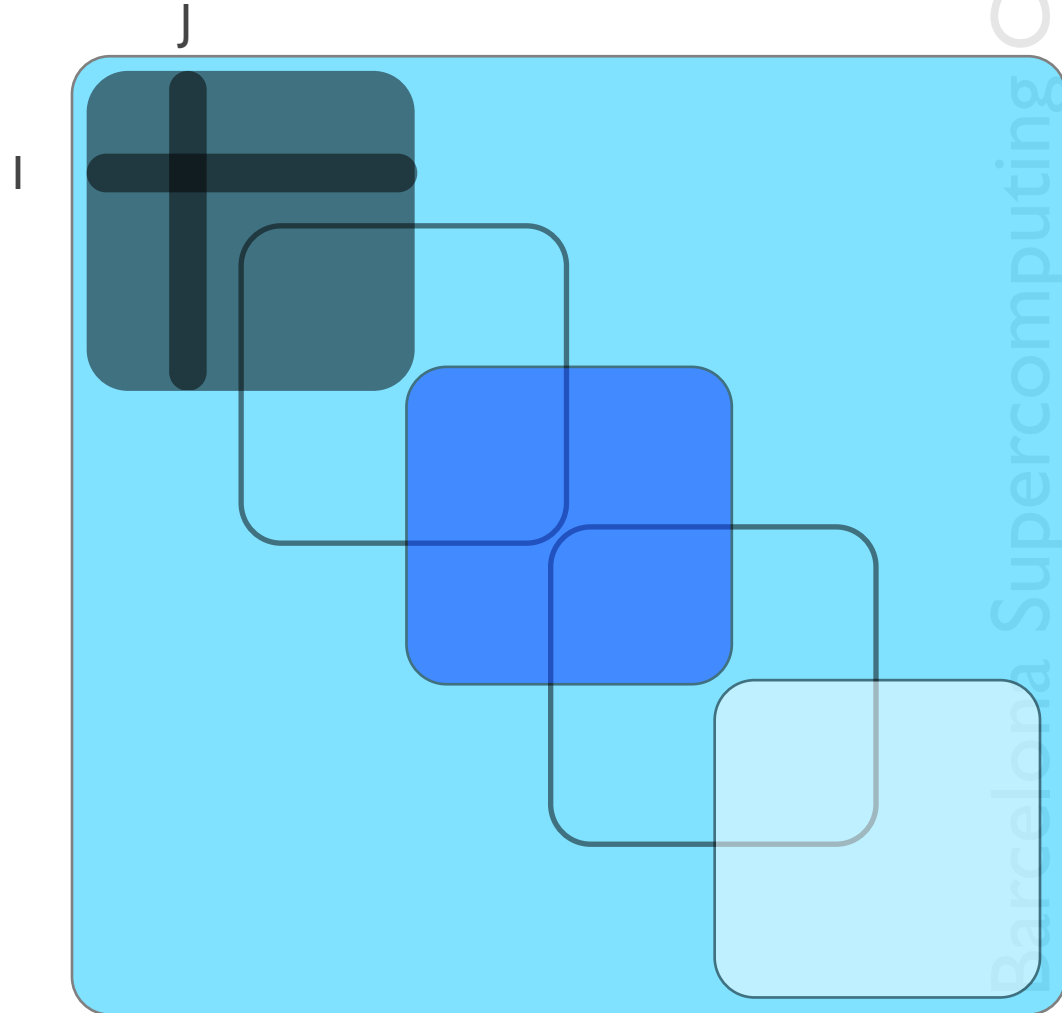
For instance, supposing tetrahedra:

Density for node 3 in element e is  
(3,4) or

$$J = 5*(3-1) + 4$$

X-momentum for node 2 in element e is (2,1) or

$$J = 5*(2-1) + 1$$





# Discretising the System

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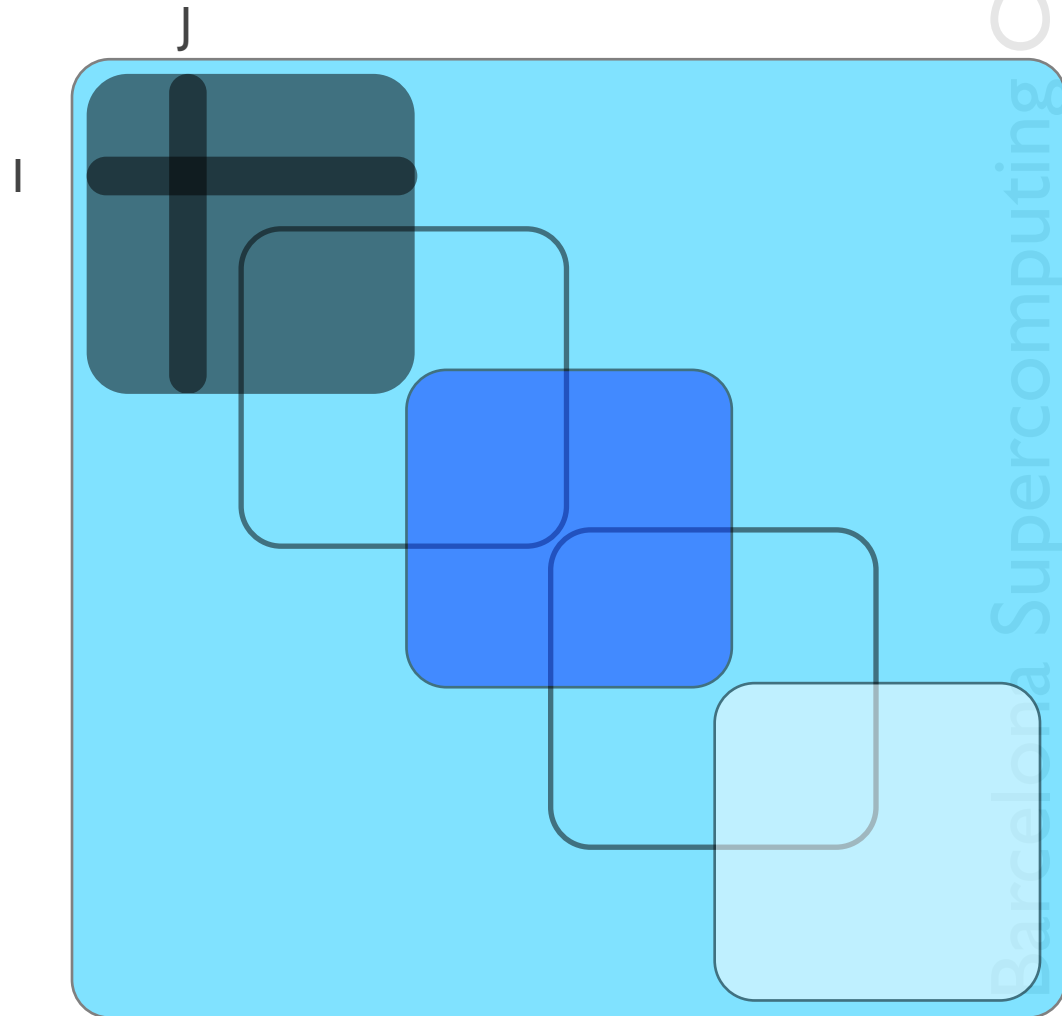
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Once computed at each element,  
system or mass matrices are  
**assembled** in the global ones

$$K^{IJ} = \sum_e^{N_{el}} K_e^{IJ}$$
$$M^{IJ} = \sum_e^{N_{el}} M_e^{IJ}$$



**Finite Elements**

**Stabilization**

## Finite Elements Stabilization

Typical FEM-based discretization use a **residual weighted stabilization**.

The idea is to maintain the order of the Galerkin scheme while adding a stabilization term that vanishes for sufficiently smooth solutions.

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$$\tilde{\Phi}^\beta = \tau^{\beta\gamma} r^\gamma \quad \text{Subscale}$$



Stabilization term

## Finite Elements Stabilization

Typical FEM-based discretization use a **residual weighted stabilization**.

It looks complex, but it can be efficiently implemented

Very flexible and robust

Well-suited for multi-scale problems

As it depends on the residual, it vanishes if the equation is satisfied

(Moragues PhD Thesis, 2016)

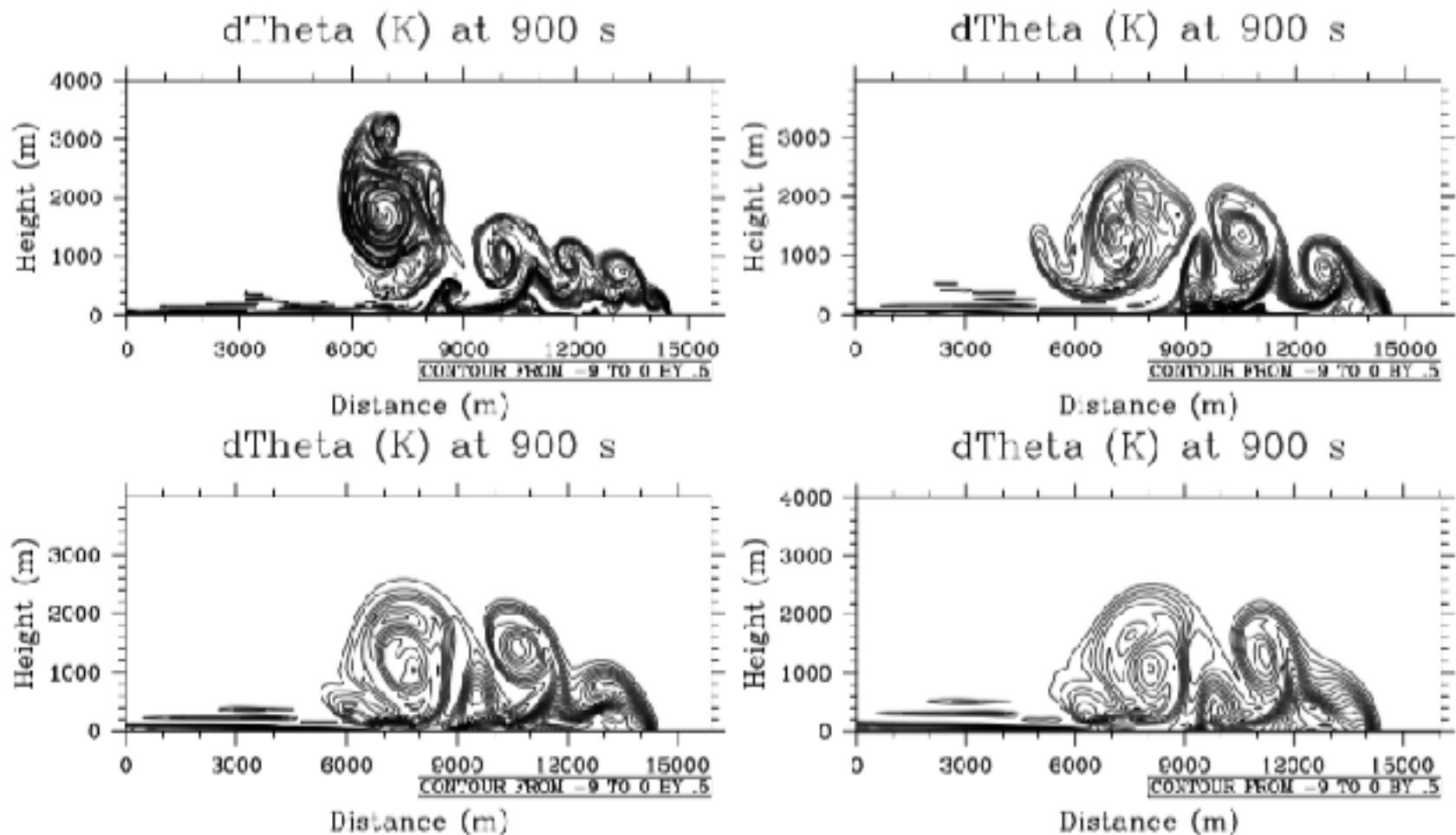


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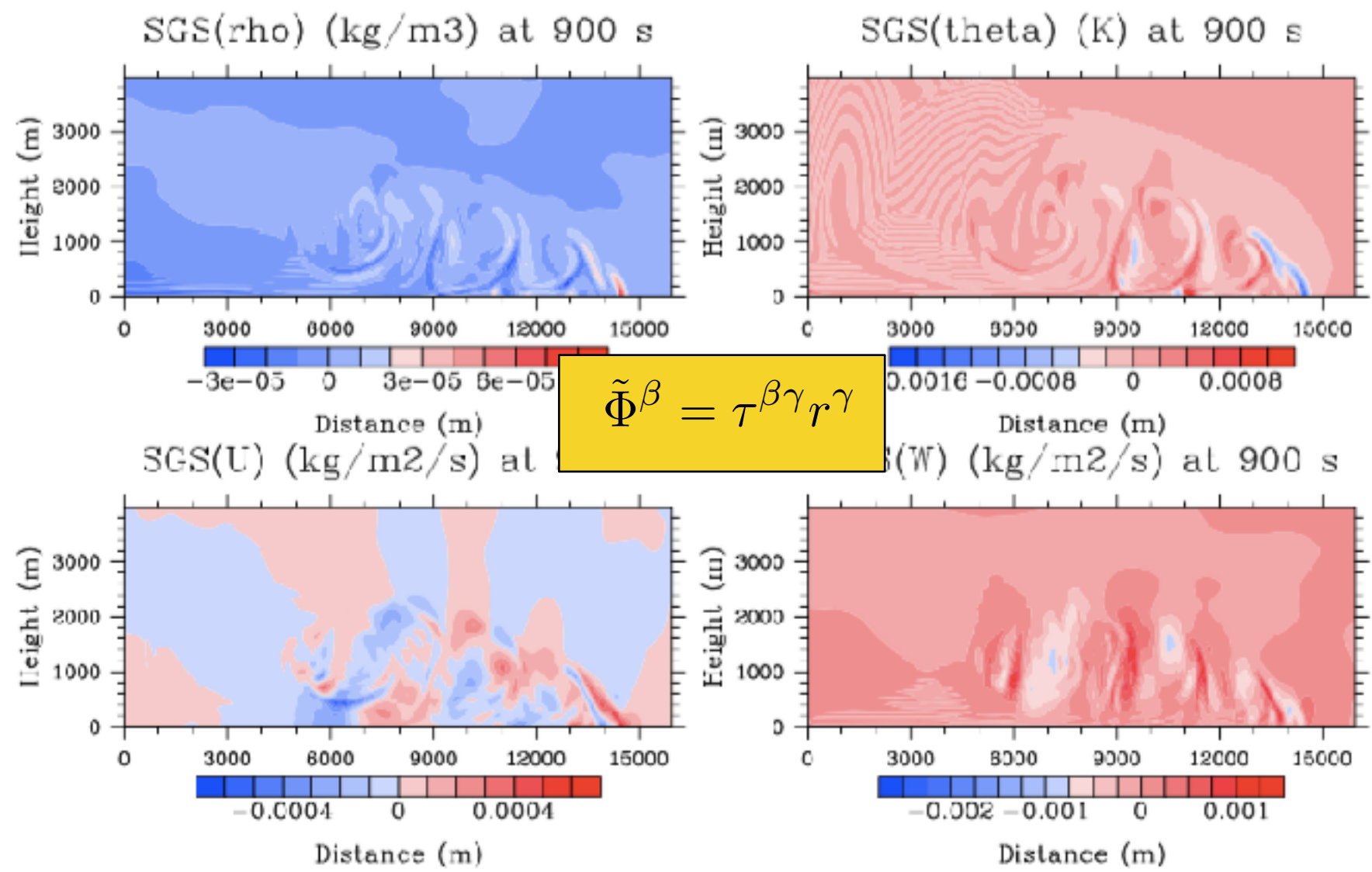


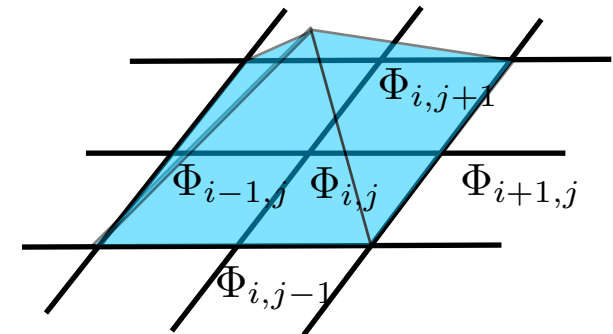
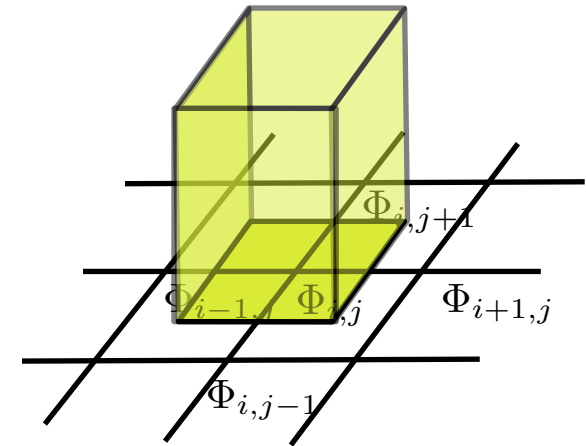
FIGURE 3.4: Density current. Filled contours of the normalized subscales at  $T = 900$  s and  $\Delta x = \Delta z = 50$  m resolution. Top row:  $\tilde{\rho}/\rho_{max}$ ,  $\tilde{\theta}/\theta_{max}$ . Bottom row:  $\tilde{U}/U_{max}$ ,  $\tilde{W}/W_{max}$ .

## Unstructured meshes

### Definition

How to construct the characteristic function or the test function?

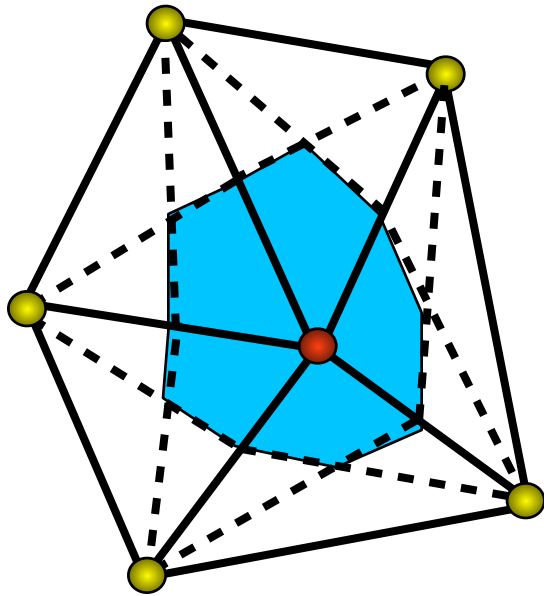
How to increase the order?



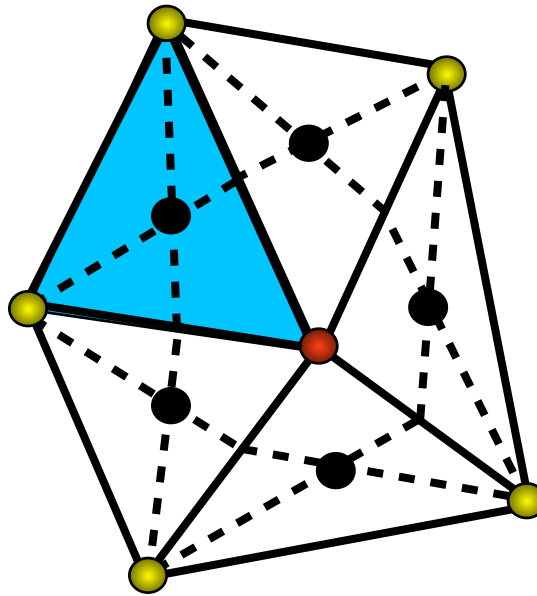


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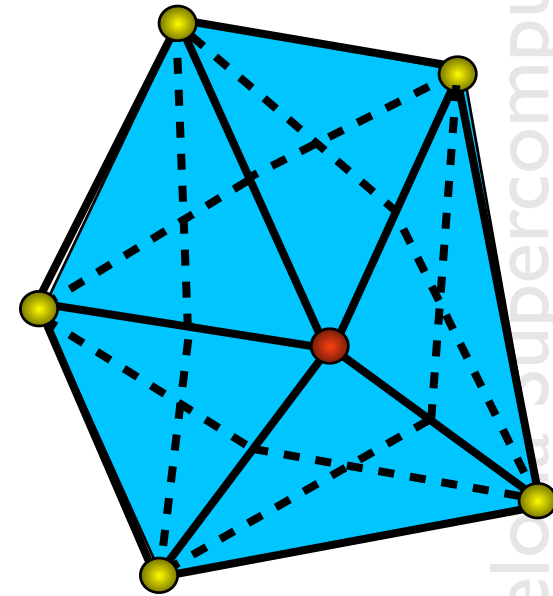
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**FV**  
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**FEM**  
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**Unstructured  
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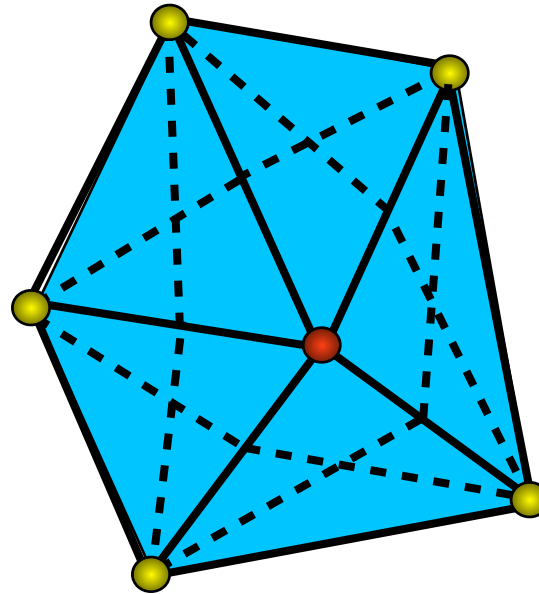
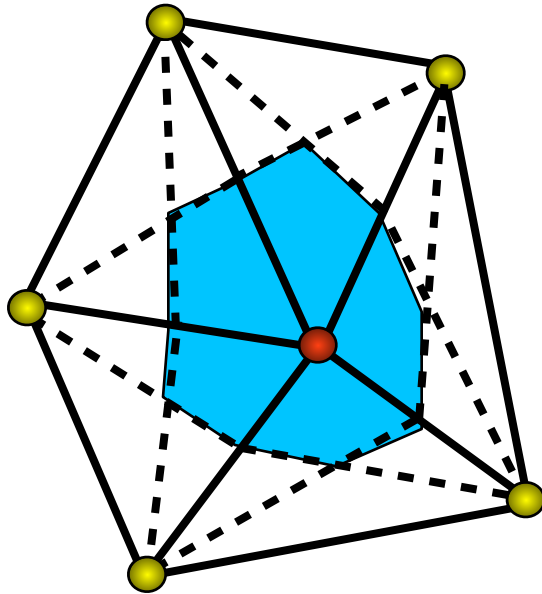
**FEM  
Element based, but  
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Share a very similar connectivity structure

Local connectivity can be high

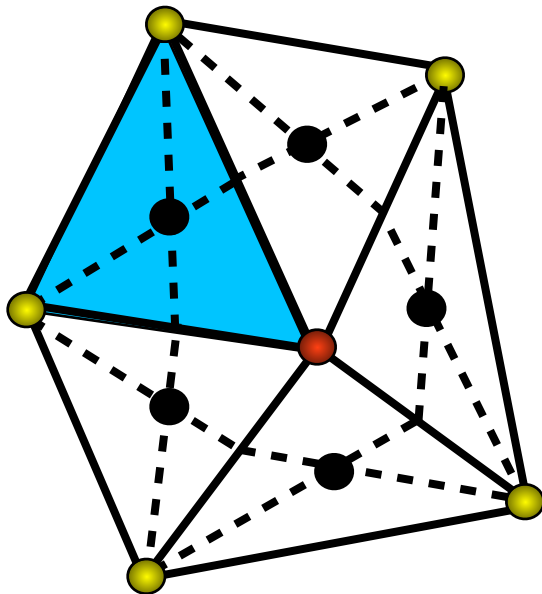
(Highly) variable stencils

DoF on nodes



## Unstructured meshes

### FV Cell centered



Local connectivity is generally low

Stencils fixed

DoF on elements (usually more than nodes)

## Unstructured meshes Increasing the order: Finite Volumes

Larger “friends” range

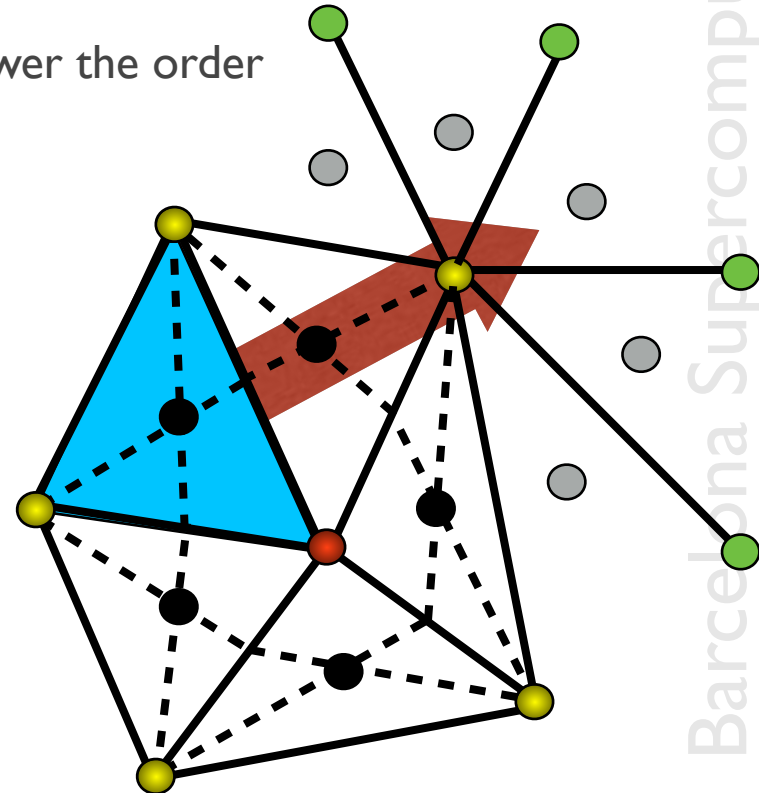
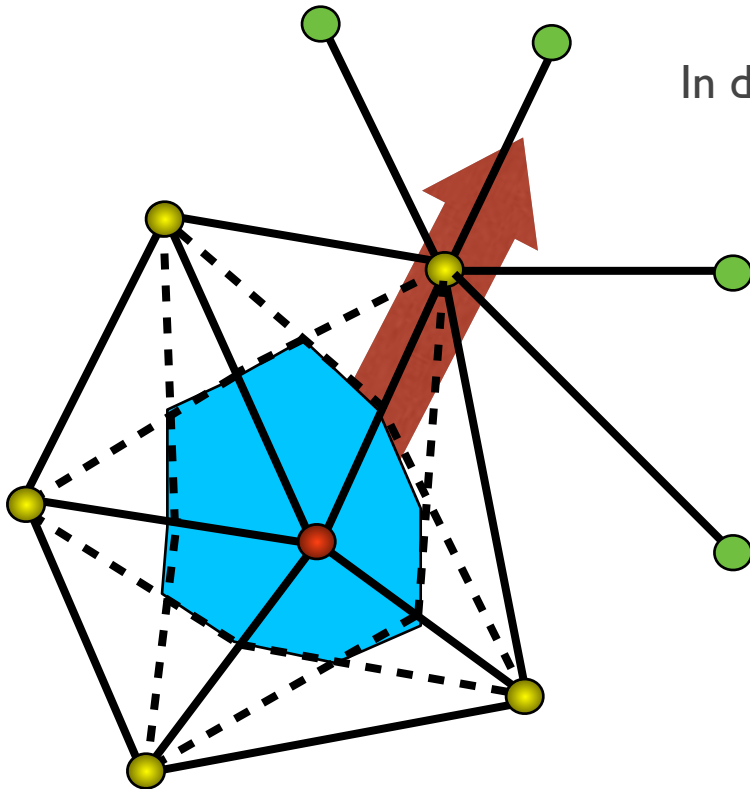
Increased matrix bandwidth

Heavier matrix assembly

New fluxes required, not a simple “extension”

Less nodes required to have the same accuracy

In discontinuities, lower the order



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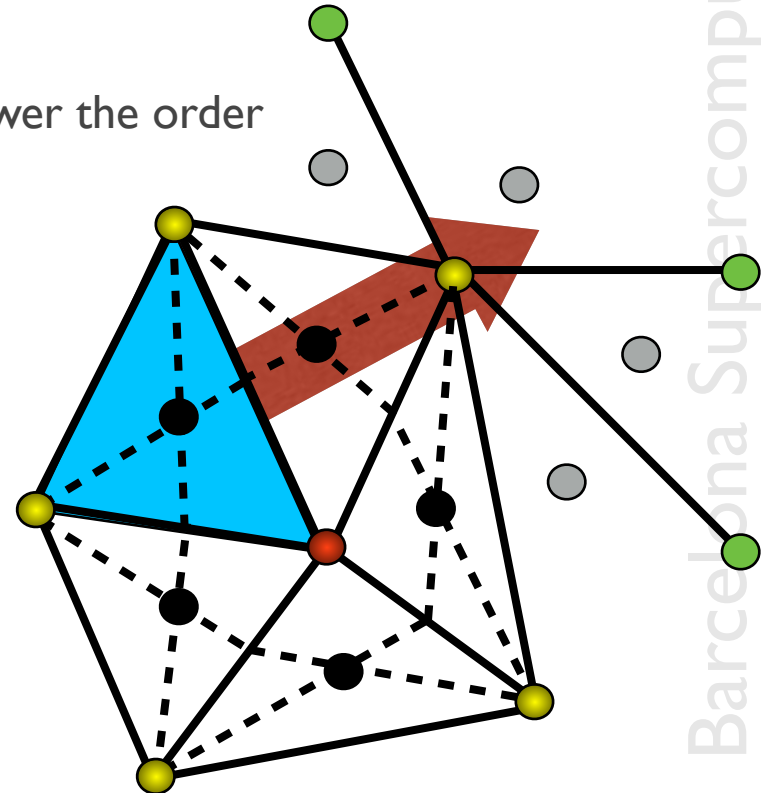
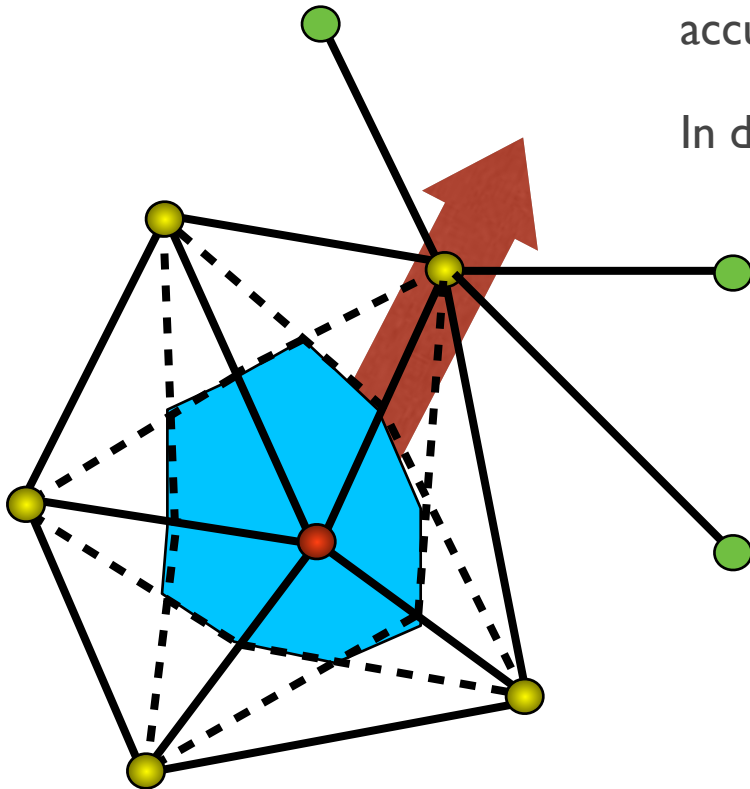
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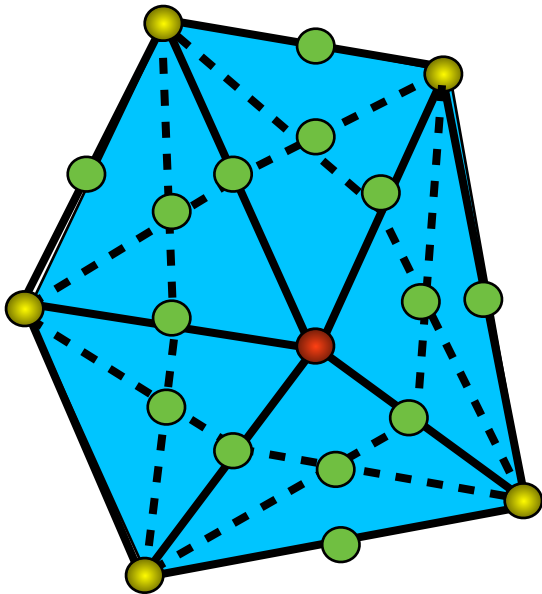
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## Unstructured meshes

### Increasing the order: Finite Elements



Higher polinomials' order

Increased matrix bandwidth

Heavier matrix assembly

Simple extension

Less nodes required to have the same accuracy

Mesh generation issues

Not so good for discontinuities

Another possibility: spectral elements

## Finite Elements Stabilization

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Remember that, within an element and for a certain position, the value of a function and its derivative is interpolated from its values in the nodes in the following way:

### PIZARRA:

- integración numérica
- funciones de forma
- funciones de test
- orden de elementos
- 1, 2, 3 dimensiones
- espacio paramétrico
- ...

$$g(\zeta) = N^a(\zeta)g^a$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(\zeta) = \frac{\partial N^a}{\partial x_i}(\zeta)g^a$$

**Finite  
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Mass matrix

$$M^{ab,\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} N^b N^a$$

Tangent matrix, later...

$$D_e^{ab,\alpha\beta}$$



## Finite Elements Stabilization

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Galerkin term:

Even if there is no integration by parts, it is so-called by extension

$$C^{ab,\alpha\beta} = A_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial N^b}{\partial x_i} N^a$$

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Stabilization term

$$S^{ab,\alpha\beta} = \tilde{L}^{a,\alpha\gamma} T^{b,\gamma\beta} \quad \tilde{\Phi}^\beta = \tau^{\beta\gamma} r^\gamma$$

Adjoint operator

$$\tilde{L}^{a,\alpha\gamma} = A_i^{\alpha\gamma} \frac{\partial N^a}{\partial x_i}$$

Subscale

$$T^{b,\gamma\beta} = A_i^{\gamma\beta} \frac{\partial N^{(b)}}{\partial x_i} \tau_{(b)}$$

We have completely separated **assembly** from **solver**.

Assembly can be done with **any** method: FVM, FEM, FDM, ...

On **any** discretization

With **any** stabilization

**Even boundary conditions can be integrated in the assembly**

Then, the assembled matrix (or RHS) can be passed to the solver.

The solution scheme can be direct or iterative of any kind

With any preconditioner

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$$M^{IJ} = \sum_e^{N_{el}} M_e^{IJ}$$

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Depending on \*, we get:

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1st order Forward Euler

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1st order Backward Euler

$$\left( \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} + \frac{\mathbf{K}}{2} \right) \Delta \mathbf{U} = -\mathbf{K} \mathbf{U}^n$$

2nd order Crank-Nicholson

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Remember that  $\mathbf{K}$  depends on  $\mathbf{U}$ ...

For each time step the system is solved iteratively

$$\left( \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} + \theta \mathbf{K}_i \right) \Delta \mathbf{U} = -\mathbf{K} \mathbf{U}^n \quad \theta = 0, \quad 1, \quad 0.5$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{i+1} = \mathbf{U}^n + \Delta \mathbf{U}$$

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On iterations  $\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{U}_{i+1} - \mathbf{U}_i$

On time steps  $\Delta \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}_{i+1} - \mathbf{U}^n$

$$\Delta \mathbf{U} = \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}} + \mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{U}^n$$

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**Preconditioning and pseudo-time step**



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$$\left( \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta \tau} + \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} + \theta \mathbf{K} \right) \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} (\mathbf{U}^n - \mathbf{U}) - \theta \mathbf{K} \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{K} (1 - \theta) \mathbf{U}^n$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{i+1} = \mathbf{U} + \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}}$$

All these schemes are **Jacobi** schemes or “Fixed Point”

They have no information on the gradients to improve convergence properties

Another possibility are **Newton** schemes...

if you can afford the gradients' computation

After some algebraic maneuvers, this is the residual for the pseudo-time stepped problem:

$$\left( \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta\tau} + \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} + \theta \mathbf{K} \right) \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} (\mathbf{U}^n - \mathbf{U}) - \theta \mathbf{K} \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{K} (1 - \theta) \mathbf{U}^n$$

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Taylor expansion of the residual at iteration “i”:

$$\mathbf{r}_{i+1} \approx \mathbf{r} + \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = 0$$

When 0, it has converged

Then, we solve

$$\mathbf{r}_{i+1} \approx \mathbf{r} + \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = -\mathbf{r}$$

Where

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \left[ \mathbf{M} \frac{\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{U}}}{\Delta\tau} + \mathbf{M} \frac{\Delta\mathbf{U}}{\Delta t} + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{U})\mathbf{U} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta\tau} + \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} + \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{U} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial \mathbf{U}}$$

considering that residual is evaluated at iteration “i” (the last we have!), therefore

$$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{U}_{i+1} - \mathbf{U}$$

$$\Delta\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}_{i+1} - \mathbf{U}^n$$

means

$$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}_{i-1}$$

$$\Delta\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}^n$$

which leads to

$$\left( \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta\tau} + \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} + \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{U} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right) \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{U} - \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t}(\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}^n) - \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta\tau}(\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{i-1})$$

Tau-Newton

Compare (suppose Backward Euler):

$$\left( \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t} + \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{U} \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right) \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{U} - \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t}(\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}^n)$$

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Tau-Jacobi-2



which leads to

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Remarks:

RHS is the same for all: we do not change the original system at all

We have only add terms to the LHS

Not any term, but very specific ones

We are just trying to improve the **condition number** of the system

That is to say, **preconditioning**

The system can be solved in either a monolithic or a segregated way.

Each of them has its own features...

Then, if the solution is smooth, we are more or less done.

But if the solution could admit discontinuities or even sharp gradients, a different strategy must be defined.

The main difference is in the starting point: the equation.

Strategy:

- Take the Integral Form

- Discretise the **space** by tessellation

- Define compact support functions for each of the cells or elements

- Filter the IF by projecting the compact support space

- Integrate by parts some terms when needed

- Discretise the **time** by finite differences

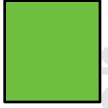
- Compute the resulting integrals numerically

- Define a stabilization scheme

The IF becomes an algebraic system of equations (linear or linearised)

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## Finite Elements - Volumes - Differences



But remeber... in all schemes stabilisation problems persist!!!!

Incompressible flows (distraction)

There is an alternative to incompressible flows, that comes from strictly imposing

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

Then, continuity equation becomes just a constant density condition.

Now, taking the divergence to the momentum equation

$$\frac{\partial U_j}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i U_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\delta_{ij} p - \tau_{ij}) + \rho g_j = 0$$

and using the velocity divergence zero, we come up with a Poisson equation for the pressure, leading to the following system...

Monolithic scheme

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{uu} & \mathbf{A}_{up} \\ \mathbf{A}_{pu} & \mathbf{A}_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_u \\ \mathbf{b}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

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Solve momentum  
Substitute velocity in continuity

Schur complement system  
for the pressure

$$\mathbf{Sp} = \mathbf{b}_S \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{A}_{pp} - \mathbf{A}_{pu} \mathbf{A}_{uu}^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{up} \\ \mathbf{b}_S &= \mathbf{b}_p - \mathbf{A}_{pu} \mathbf{A}_{uu}^{-1} \mathbf{b}_u \end{cases}$$



Solve using preconditioned (P)  
Richardson iteration

Preconditioned iteration  
for the pressure

$$\mathbf{p}^{k+1} = \mathbf{p}^k + (\mathbf{A}_{pp} + \mathbf{P})^{-1} (\mathbf{b}_S - \mathbf{Sp}^k)$$



Final system

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A}_{uu} \mathbf{u}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{b}_u - \mathbf{A}_{up} \mathbf{p}^k \\ (\mathbf{A}_{pp} + \mathbf{P}) \mathbf{p}^{k+1} &= \mathbf{b}_p - \mathbf{A}_{pu} \mathbf{u}^{k+1} + \mathbf{P} \mathbf{p}^k \end{cases}$$

**Going beyond:**

**Local Preconditioning**



**Discretisation:**  
**Algorithms and Codes**

By discretising the system, we highly reduce the DIMENSIONALITY of the problem.

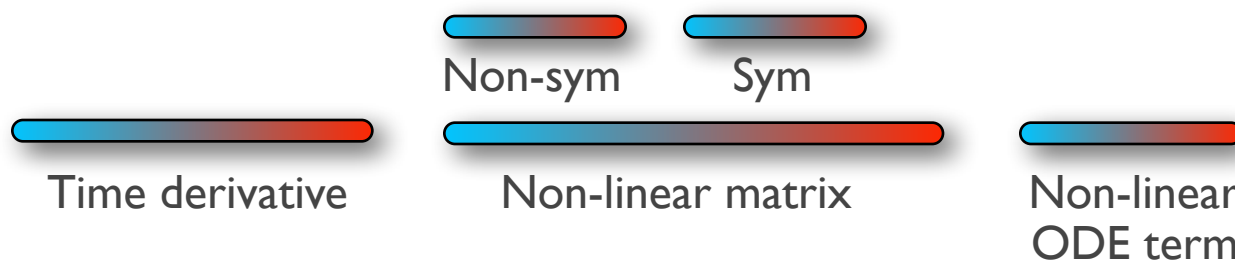
From continuous to discretised.

Discretising time and space, we transformed the differential equations in a (potentially very large) ALGEBRAIC SYSTEM

Discretisation issues:

Discretisation lead us to the following matrix system

$$M \frac{\Phi^{n+1} - \Phi^n}{\Delta t} + [C(\Phi) + K(\Phi)] \Phi^* + s(\Phi^*) = b$$



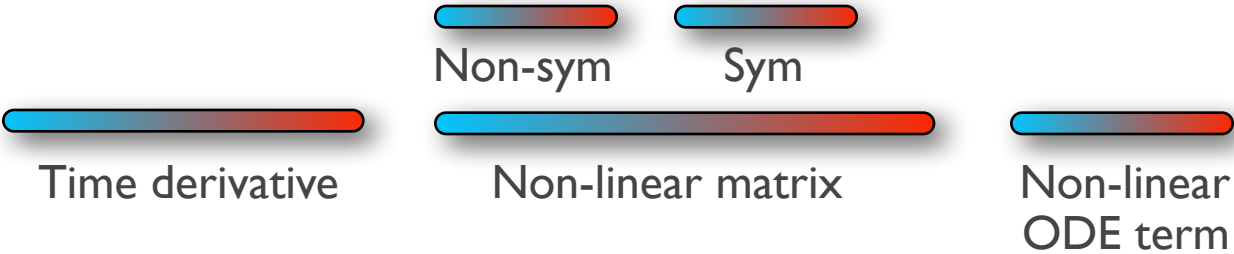
We must adopt a solution strategy (the **solver**), analyzing these issues

- ☒ Explicit
- ☒ Implicit
- ☒ Solving “by blocks”
- ☒ How and what to parallelize

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Depending on the definition of  $*$  the scheme is **Explicit** or **Implicit**

- $* := n + 1$       ←      Implicit
- $* := n$       ←      Explicit

## Explicit schemes

$$M_d \frac{\Phi^{n+1} - \Phi^n}{\Delta t} = - [C(\Phi) + K(\Phi)] \Phi^n - s(\Phi^n) + b$$

$$\Phi^{n+1} = \Phi^n - M_d^{-1} \Delta t ([C(\Phi) + K(\Phi)] \Phi^n - s(\Phi^n) + b)$$

### Features:

RHS can be directly computed, no matrix storage required

Computing the RHS (assembly) is, by far, the most time consuming part

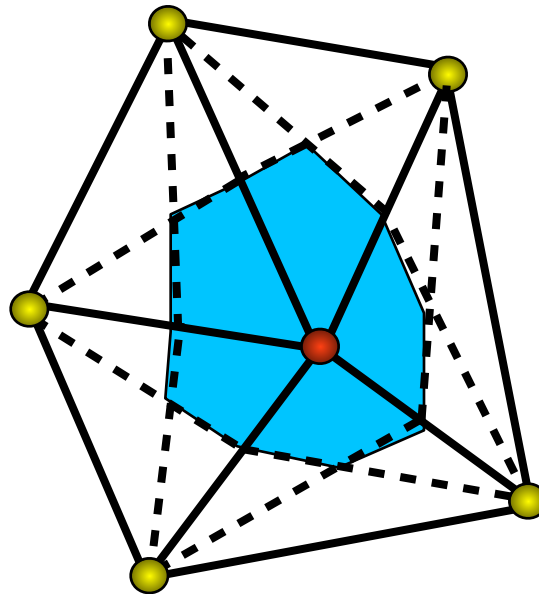
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## Features:

Lumped mass matrix represents the “mass” associated to each mesh node

It is a diagonal matrix, trivially inverted



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## Features:

Time step computed from stability conditions, such as the CFL condition

What is the time a signal takes to propagate within a given element?

- ☒ Velocity
- ☒ Diffusion
- ☒ Acoustic waves (linear, small perturbations)
- ☒ Shock waves (non linear, strong gradients)

For instance

$$\Delta t = \frac{f^{\text{CFL}}}{\frac{u}{h_1} + \frac{2k}{h_2^2} + \frac{c}{h_3}}$$

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From theoretical arguments for simple equations, the CFL factor is 1.

However, more complex problems could require smaller figures.

But what is “h”?

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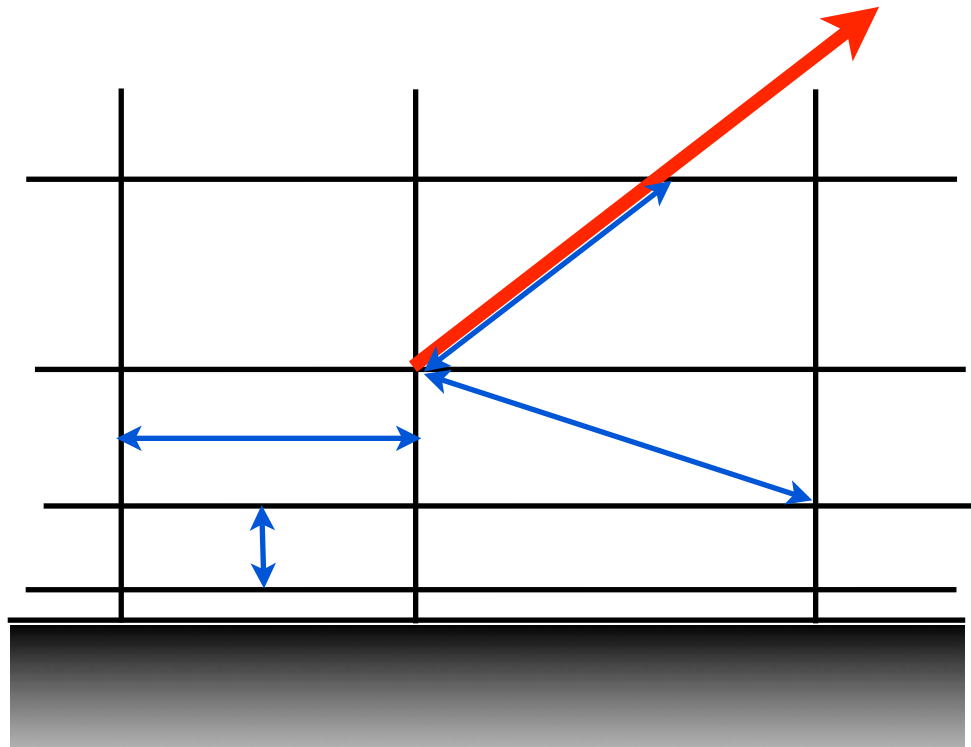
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For transient problems, the mesh minimum value is taken

For transient coupled problems, the per-equation minimum value is taken

For stationary problems, local time steps can be used (but eye...!!)

Both can be combined with “pseudo-time step” formulations (Jameson papers)

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Time step computed from stability conditions, such as the CFL condition

The Characteristic Condition Number is the ratio of the largest to the smallest characteristic speeds:

$$u, \frac{2k}{h}, c, \dots$$

When one of them goes to zero, the system becomes extremely “stiff”

Preconditioning is required!

☒ Local preconditioners for Explicit schemes: Turkel, Weiss, Van Leer, ...

☒ Global preconditioners for Implicit iterative schemes: Diagonal, ILU, ...

$$\Phi^{n+1} = \Phi^n - M_d^{-1} \Delta t ([C(\Phi) + K(\Phi)] \Phi^n - s(\Phi^n) + b)$$

## Features:

Dirichlet boundary conditions can be imposed after a time advance step

This gives enough flexibility for non-linear conditions: Navier-Stokes / Euler

Neuman boundary conditions enters in the RHS for FEM

Neuman boundary conditions are transformed in Dirichlet ones for FD

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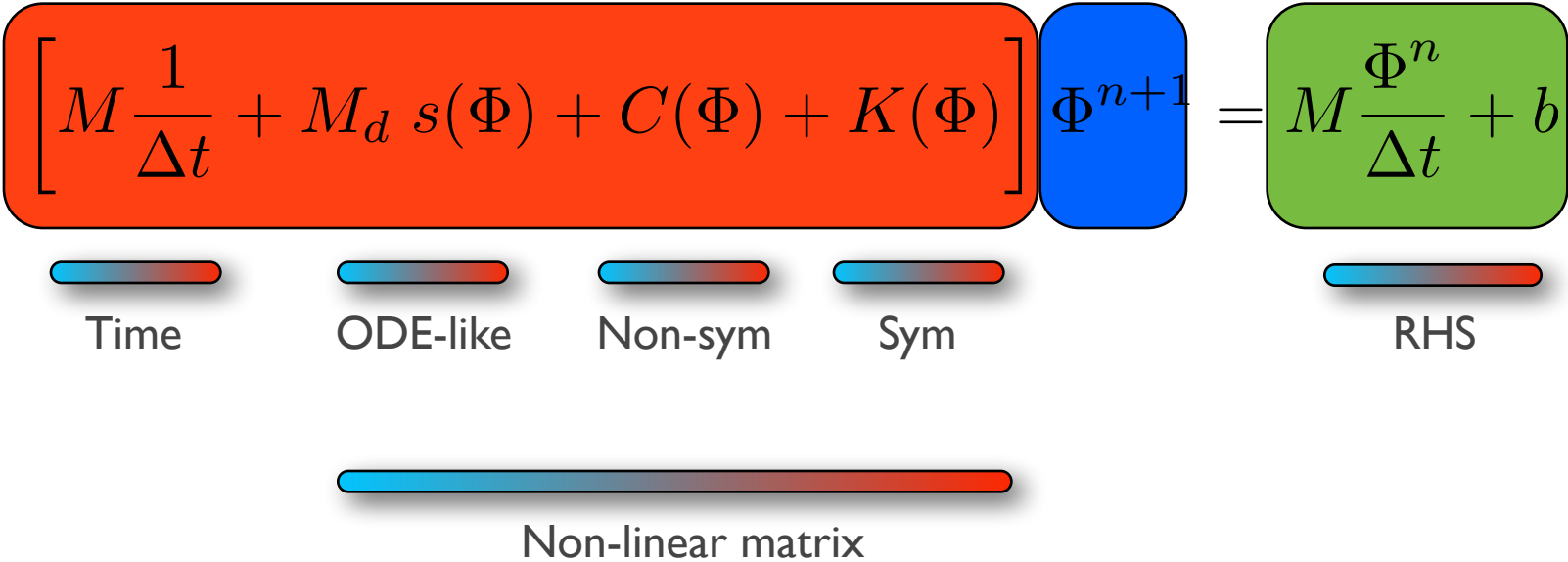
### Features:

The downside is the time step limitation, which in some very “stiff” problems can be extremely limiting... such as incompressible flows or solids

Then... **Implicit** methods are the best option.

Are they indeed?

$$M \frac{\Phi^{n+1} - \Phi^n}{\Delta t} + [C(\Phi) + K(\Phi)] \Phi^* + s(\Phi^{n+1}) = b$$



$$\left[ M \frac{1}{\Delta t} + M_d s(\Phi) + C(\Phi) + K(\Phi) \right] \Phi^{n+1} = M \frac{\Phi^n}{\Delta t} + b$$



Time



ODE-like



Non-sym



Sym



RHS

## Sub-matrices:

Time matrix: consistent mass matrix, that couples first neighbors (for first order)

ODE-like matrix: diagonal mass matrix to preserve locality. Let us suppose this term non-linear

Non-symmetric matrix: comes from first space derivative matrices, such as convection ones

Symmetric matrix: comes from second space derivative matrices, such as Laplacians (diffusion) or stress (large strain solid mechanics)

$$\left[ M \frac{1}{\Delta t} + M_d s(\Phi) + C(\Phi) + K(\Phi) \right] \Phi^{n+1} = M \frac{\Phi^n}{\Delta t} + b$$

### Features:

Consider the matrix divided in blocks according to certain grouping of the unknowns. Then, not all the blocks prefer the same solution scheme...

Typically, compact support problems can have a relatively low bandwidth, so sparse algebra is better-suited.

On the other hand, other problems can produce filled matrices (i.e. Fourier, Bessels, plane waves...)

Renumbering can be decisive for a better data distribution



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### Features:

The problem is now clearly divided in two parts

1. The RHS and matrices assembly
2. The solver

Which is the most time consuming part in an implicit scheme?

Typically the second one, say from 40-60 up to 10-90

Let us analyze the algorithmic of the implicit form...

# Solution strategies

Input data

Compute geometrical stuff (only once)

Do time steps

Do coupling iterations

Do linear iterations

Compute Matrix and RHS:

Do elements (or faces or nodes...) iterations

Compute elementary Matrix and RHS

Assemble

Enddo

Solver (iterative or direct)

Enddo

Update coupling

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Output data



Mesh

Boundary conditions

Scalar data

Binary formats for large data  
(Endian vs Big Endian)

Standard formats such as CGNS or  
marked for scalar

Checkpoint - restart

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Output data



Stencils and mass matrix

Analyze matrix system to see what can be pre-computed

Trade off between storage and computing time

Compute normals and boundary values

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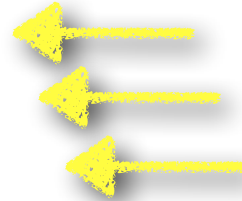
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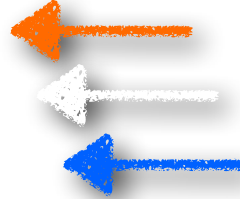
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Coupling:  
related to the solver  
related to the Physics  
related to both

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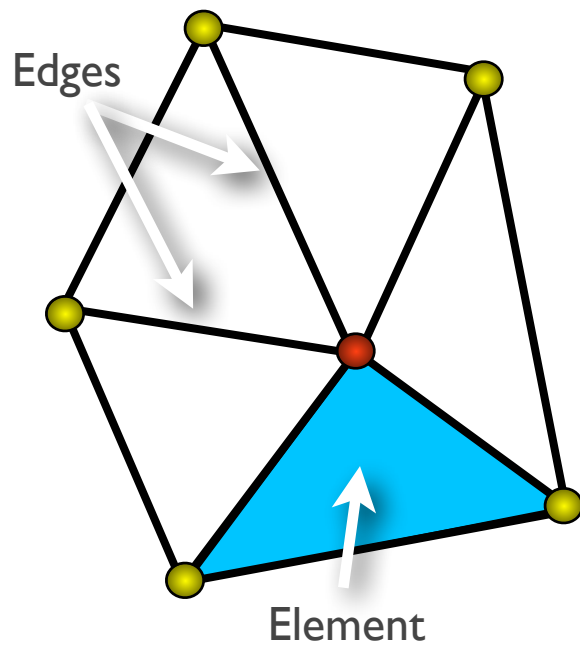
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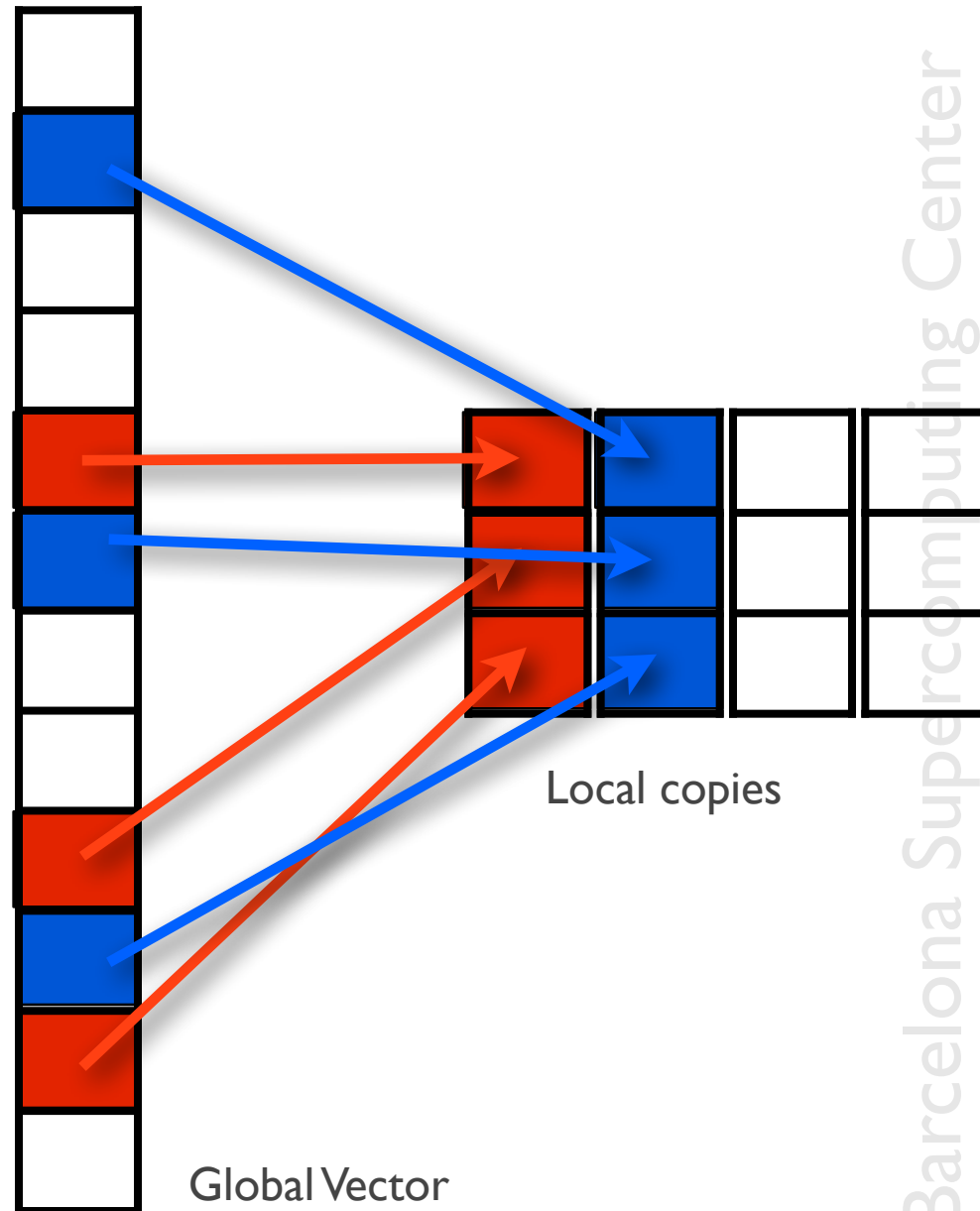


Loop over element, nodes, faces, edges, to compute local contributions to RHS and Matrices

Locality of data (gather - scatter)



Make a local copy of the working vectors  
The more FLOPs per DOF, the better is to do a local copy  
Local copies can be done every  $N$  elements





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**Solver (iterative or direct)**



For implicit schemes, this is the bottle neck

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# Solution strategies

Input data

Compute geometrical stuff (only once)

Do time steps

Do coupling iterations

Do linear iterations

Compute Matrix and RHS:

Do elements (or faces or nodes...) iterations

Compute elementary Matrix and RHS

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**Solver Iterative (GMRES/BCGstab/CG...)**

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Newton Krylov methods:

Newton for the linear iterations  
Iterative for the solver

Direct solvers or iterative solvers?

Avoid direct solvers when possible

- Good for small - medium problems

- Bad for large ones, too much memory required

- Very bad scalability

- However, very stiff problems could require a direct solver...

The election of the iterative solver is strongly biased by the form of the matrix:

- Symmetric, then Conjugate Gradient family

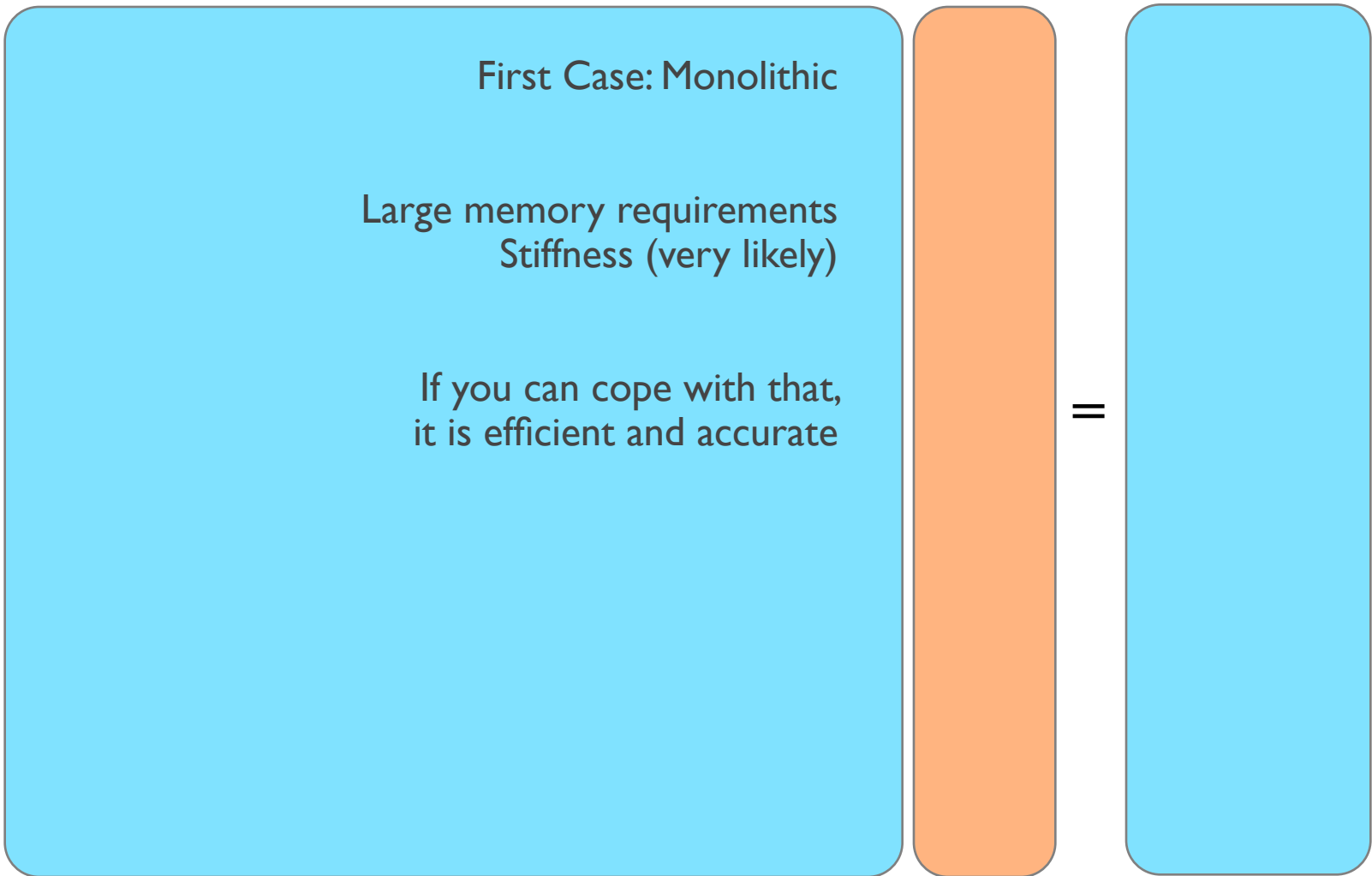
- Otherwise, Krylov subspace family

However... some Krylov family can be very good for symmetric problems

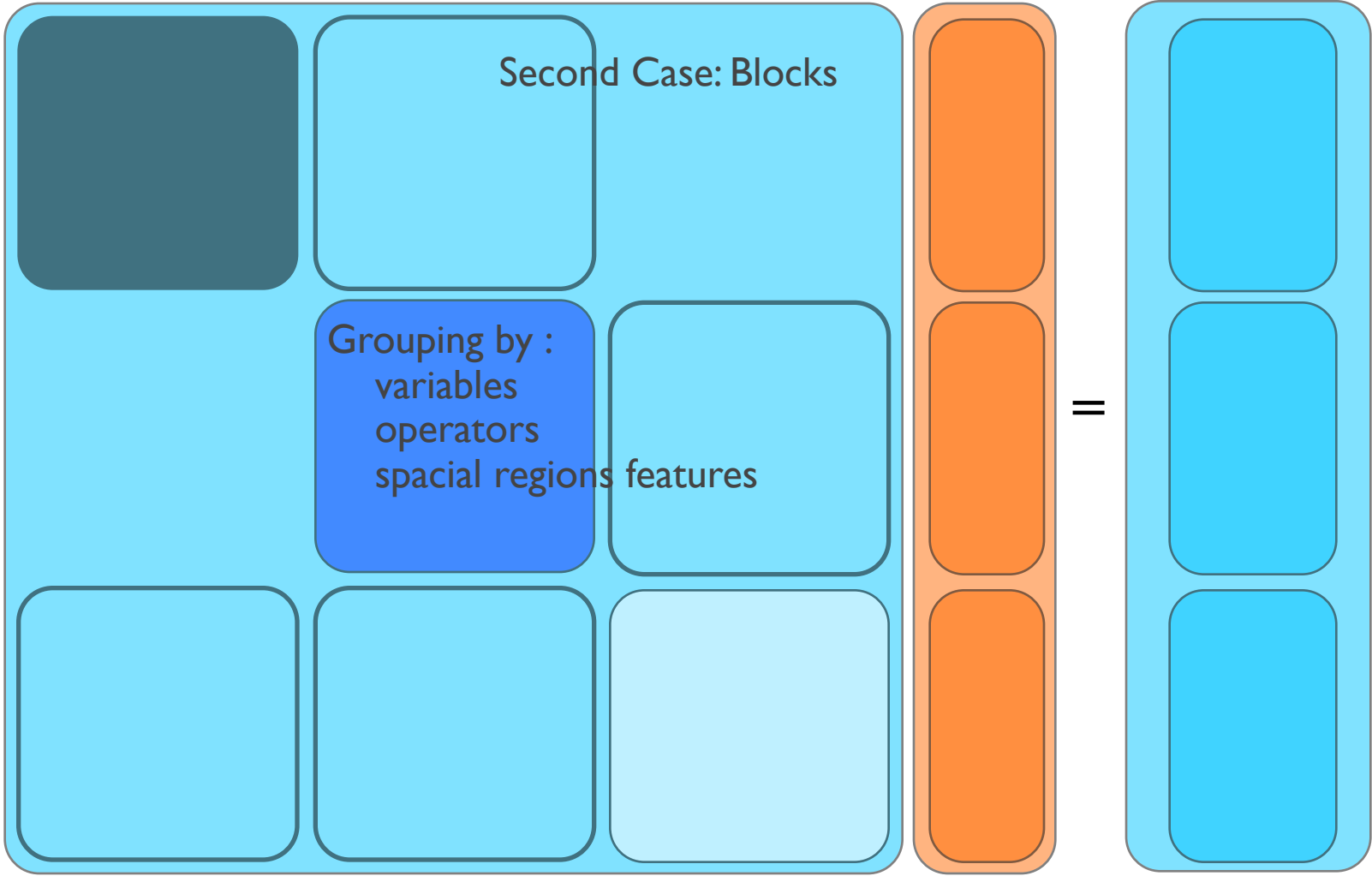
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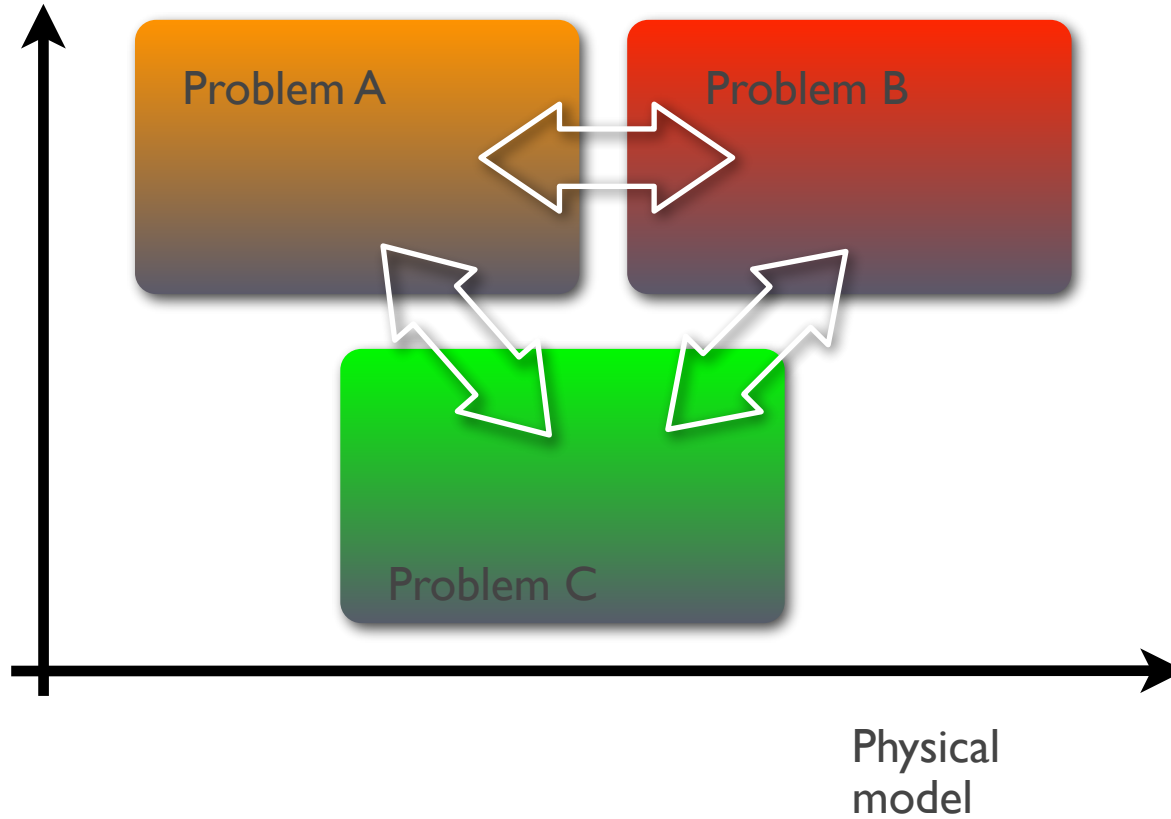


## Issues: Solution strategy



## **Multiphysics and multiscale revisited**

Time-  
space  
scales





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Same scale, but **multi-physics**: Fluid-Structure interaction:

- One equation solved for the fluid

- One equation solved for the solid

- Two-way coupling localized through the interface: wall position and wall force

How do you define a physical system?

Just the governing equations?

Then what is multiphysics coupling?

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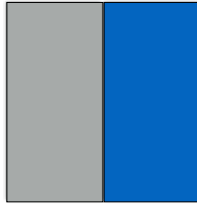
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This widens up the concept of “multi-physics coupling”:

Two or more coupled problems, where at least one of the terms above varies.

Very generally speaking and to fix ideas...



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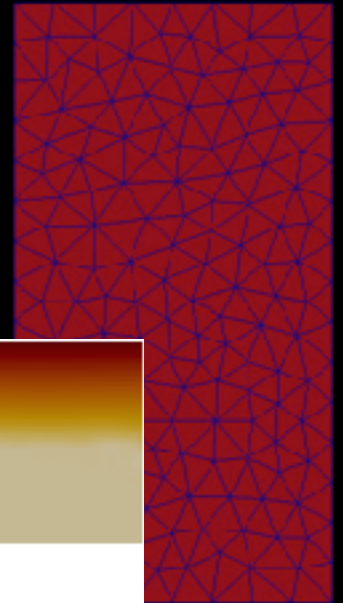
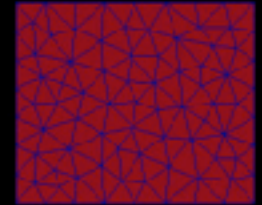
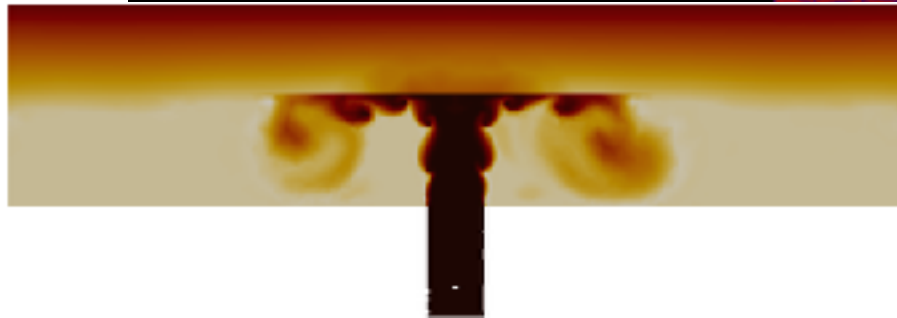
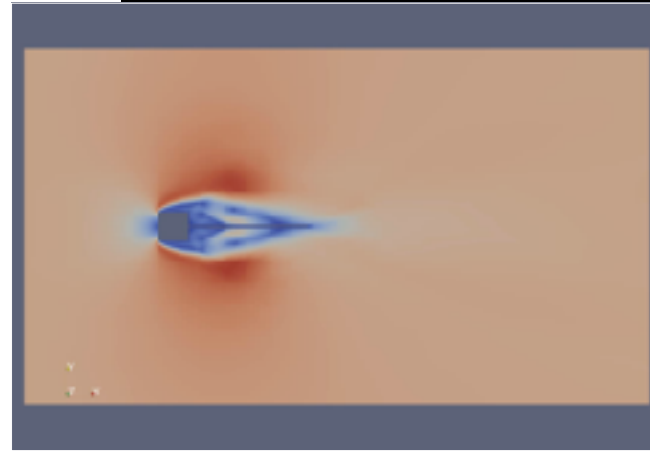
Fluid-structure interaction

Contact and impact problems

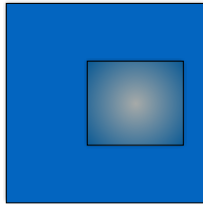
N-bodies collisions

Heat transfer

Meshes can/cannot coincide



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## Overlapping domains:

Overset meshes and Chimera

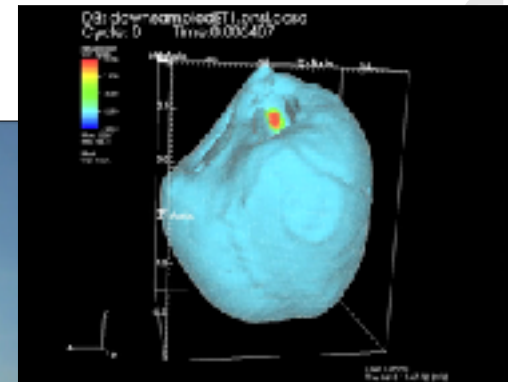
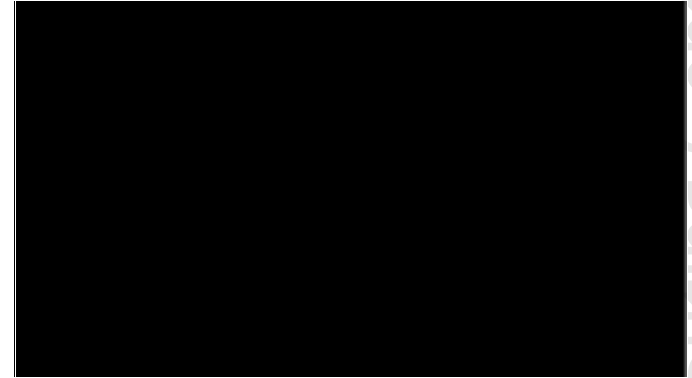
Electromechanical cardiac model

RANS modelled turbulence

Multi-scale problems

Particles and immersed bodies

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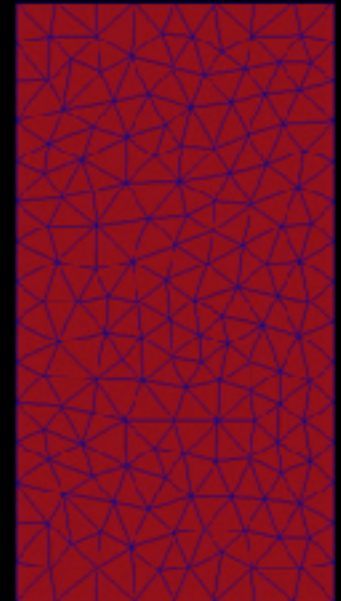
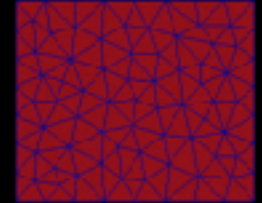
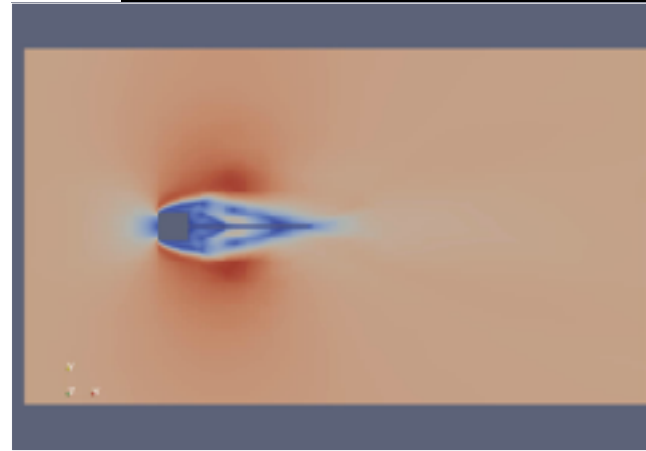
Coupling connectivity among MPI tasks

Numerically stable coupling algorithms

Preconditioners for the coupled scheme

Time-scale disparity

Synchronous/Asynchronous schemes  
Coupling different codes (multi-codes)



Coupling strategy: Fluid - Structure Interaction (FSI)

Fluid coupled with a solid

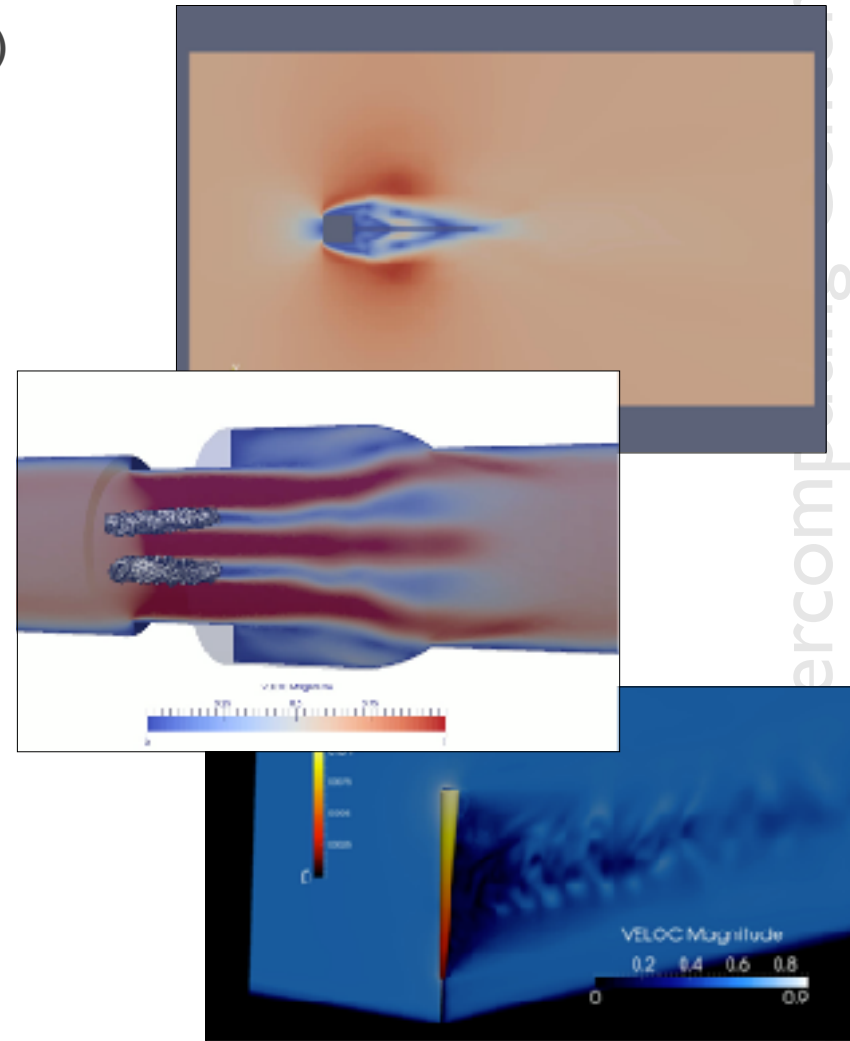
Solid deforming / moving upon the forces exerted by the fluid

Fluid domain changing as the solid is deformed

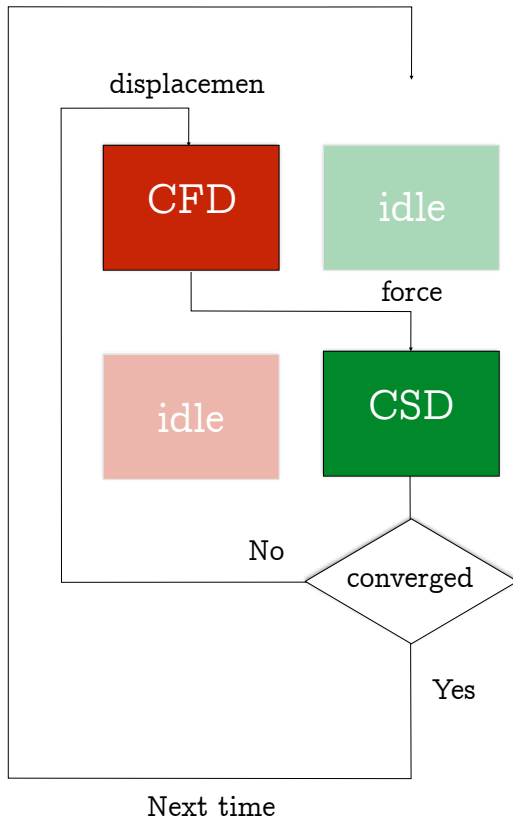
Mainly two strategies:

Immersed boundary method (IBM)

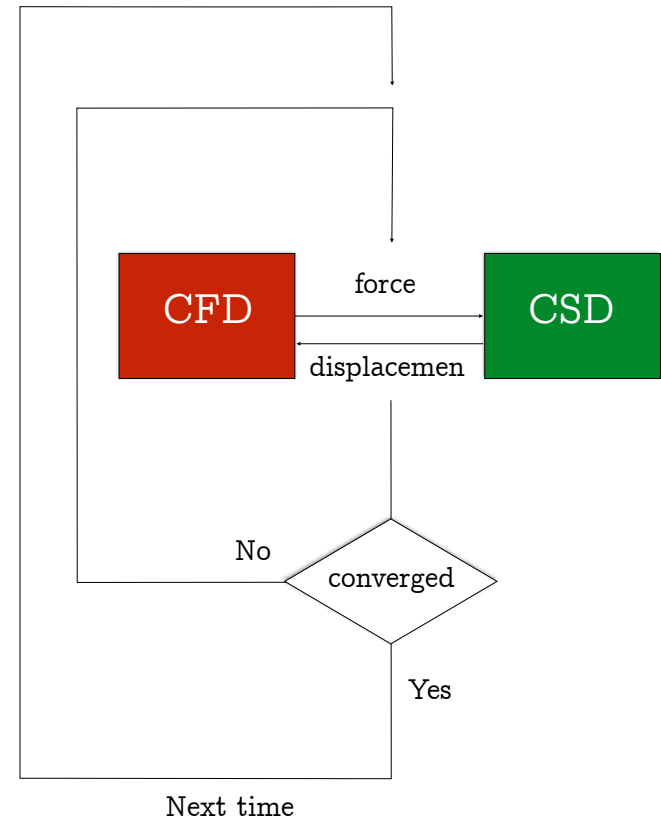
Arbitrary Lagrangian - Eulerian (ALE)



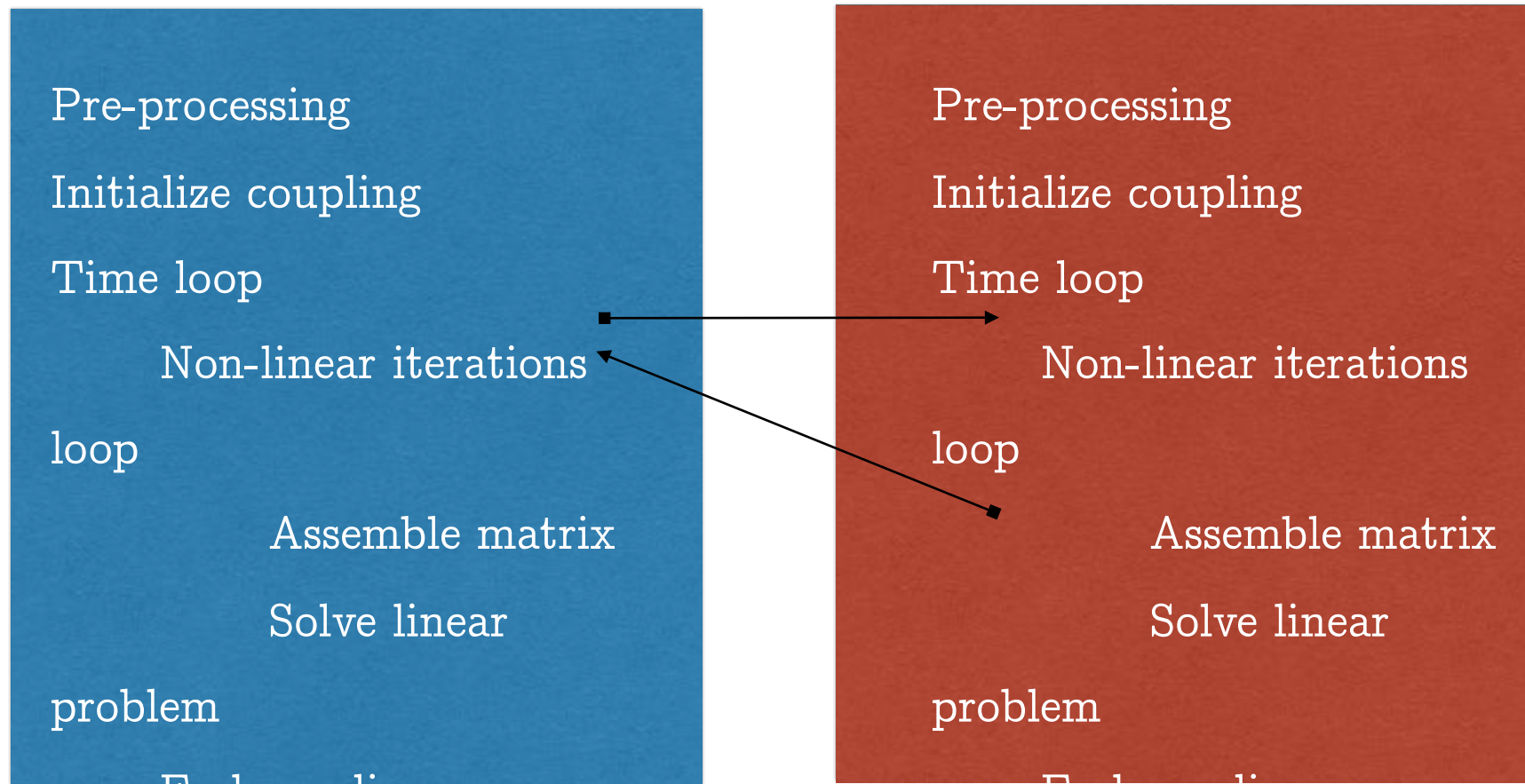
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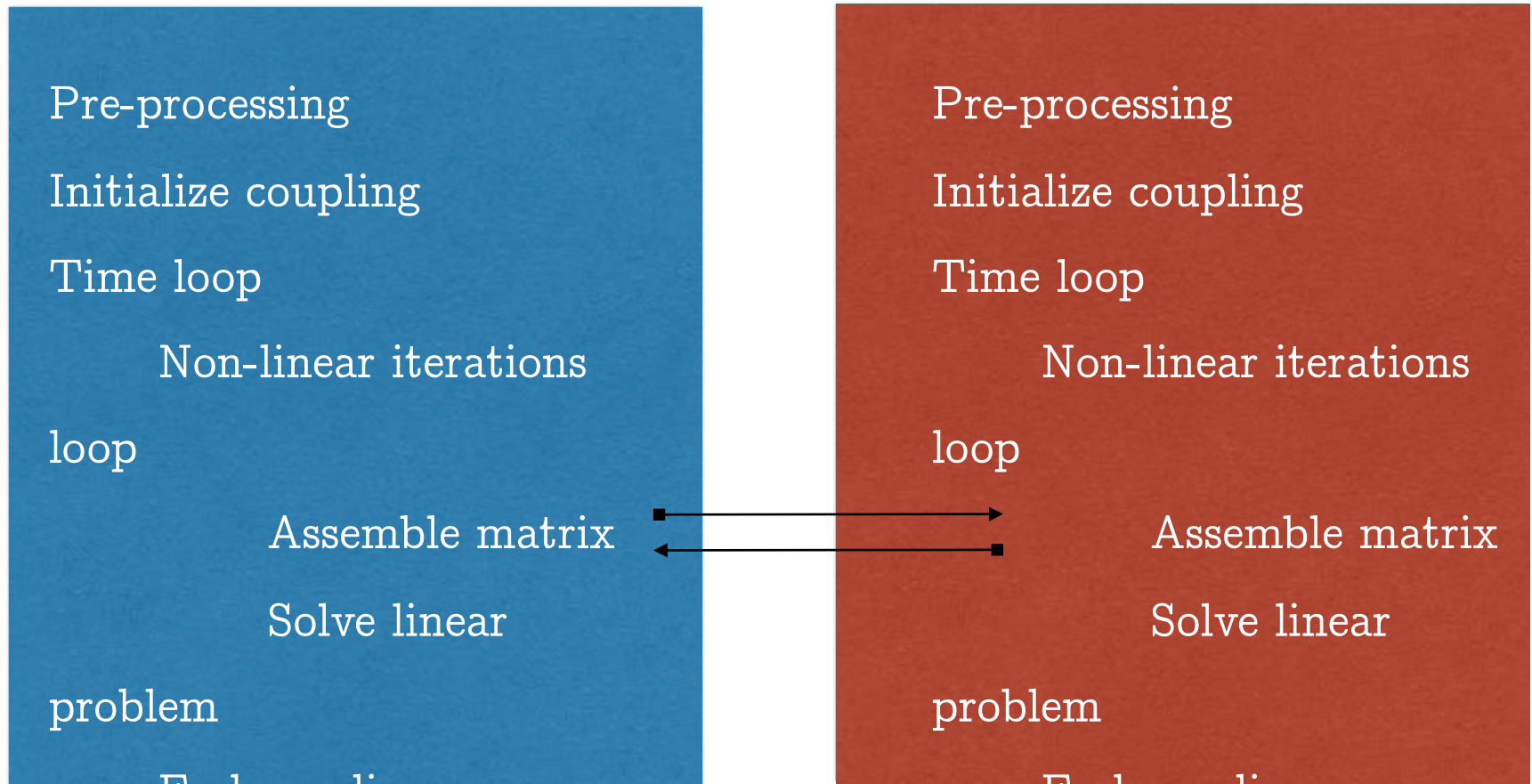
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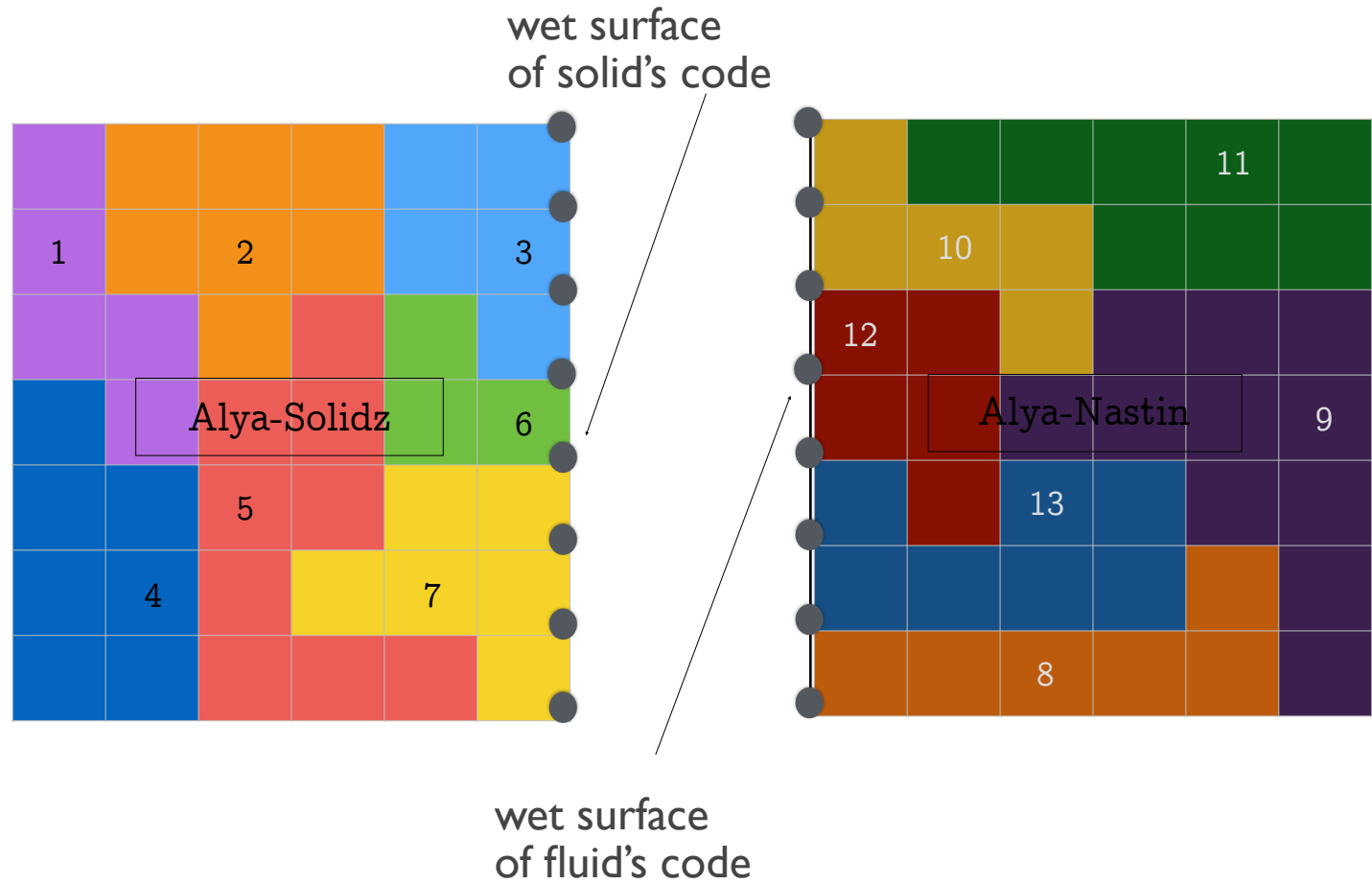
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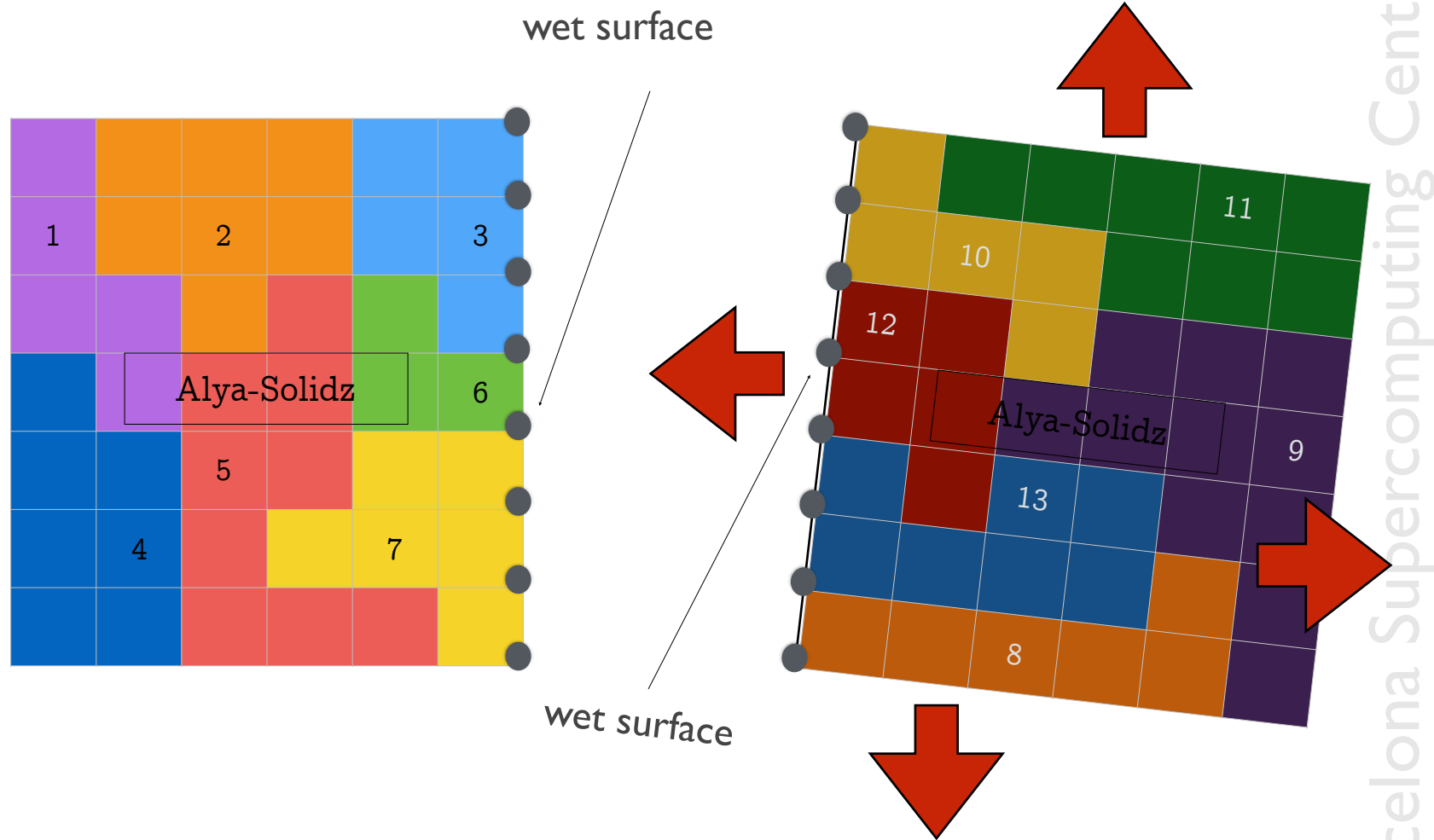
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Coupling strategy: FSI



## Coupling strategy: Contact



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