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# Numerical methods for inertial confinement fusion

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# High power laser facilities

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- Laser MegaJoule (Bordeaux) + HiPER (PetAL) project
- National Ignition Facility (Livermore)
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LMJ project

# High power laser facilities



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NIF project

# Inertial confinement fusion

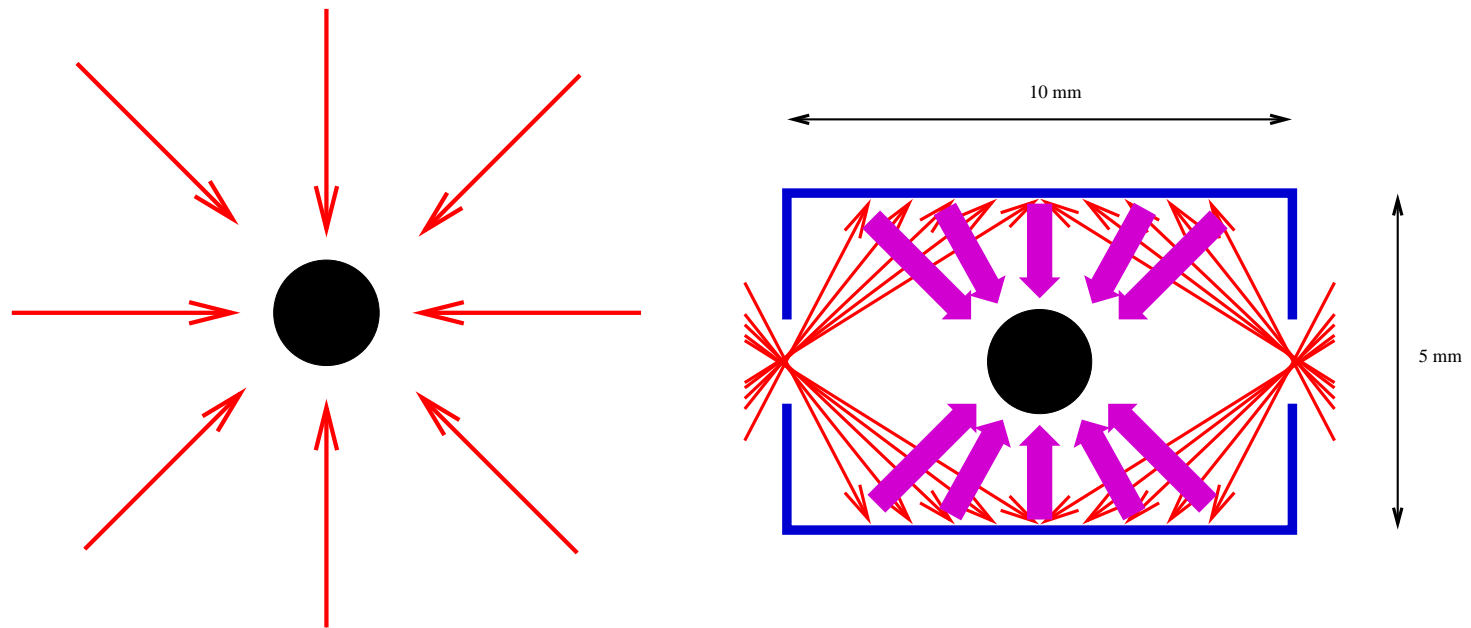


**Principle** : implode a capsule of fusion fuel by laser pulses.

**Objective** : Reaching conditions under which fusion reactions start.

**Mainly two strategies**:

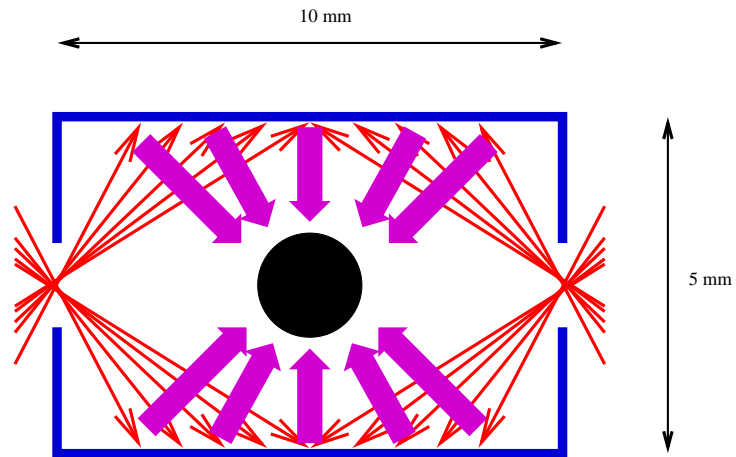
- **Direct drive** : the target is directly heated by lasers
- **Indirect drive** : the lasers heat the inner walls of a cavity. The walls emit X-rays toward the target.



LMJ / NIF project : **indirect drive**.

# Inertial confinement fusion

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Indirect drive

**Advantage:** Heating is more uniform.

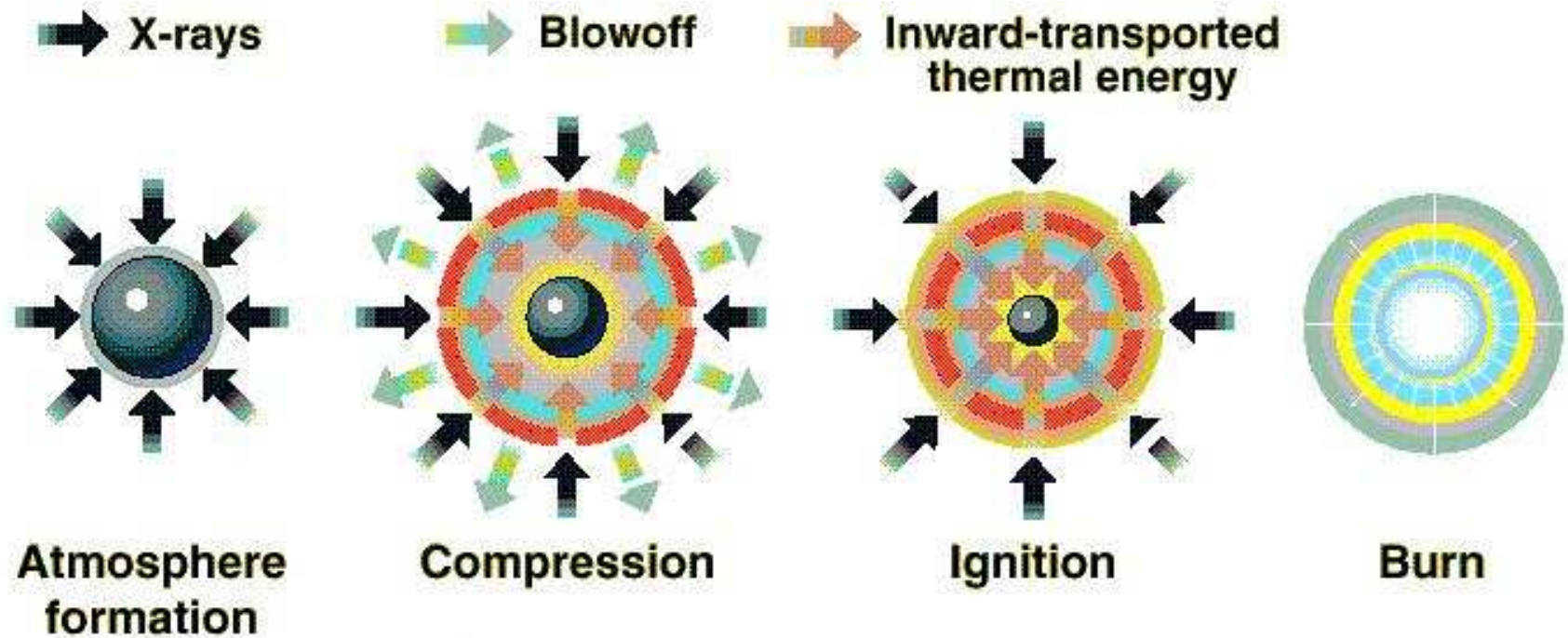
**Drawback:** Energy loss (up to 80%) in heating walls.



# Experimental setting



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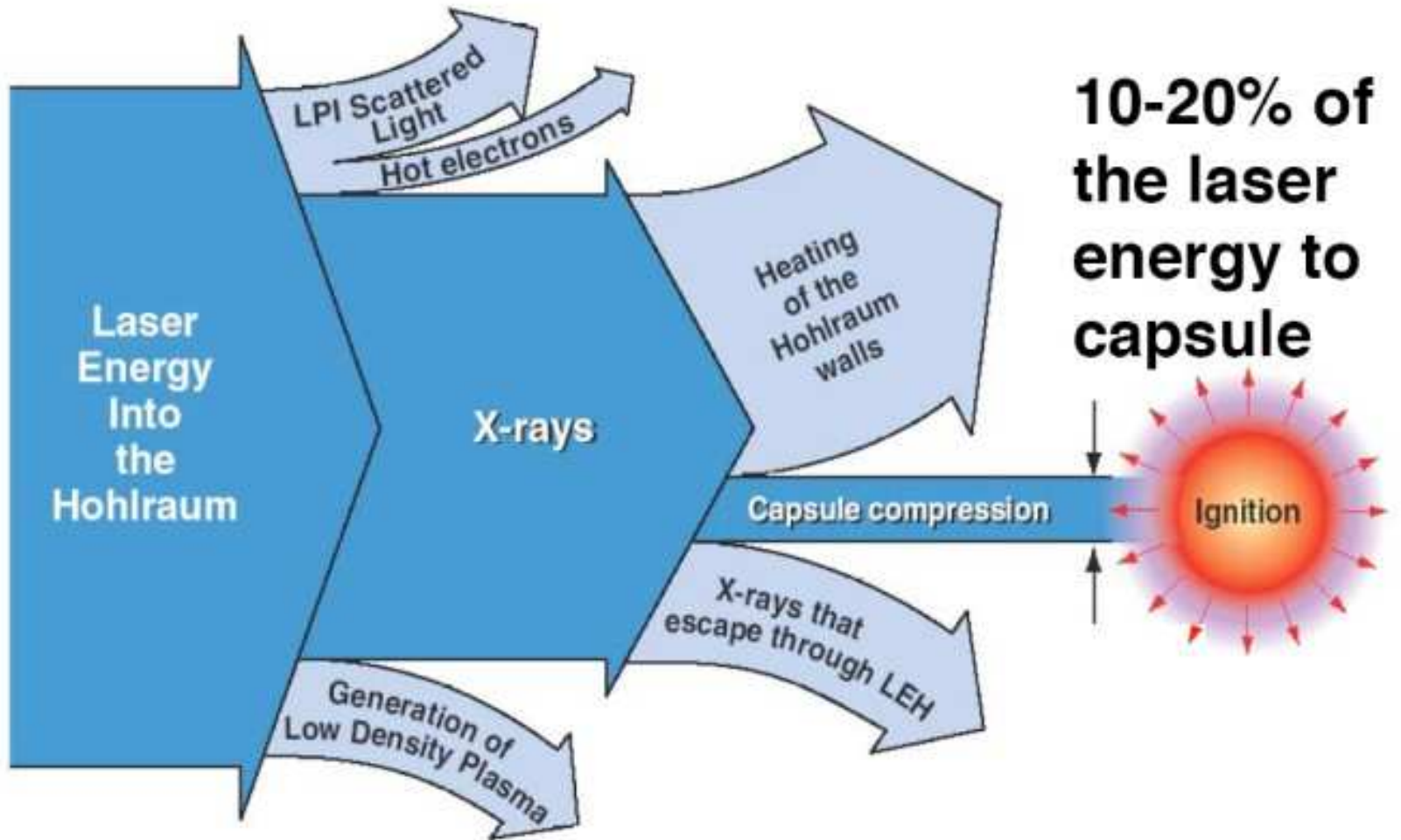
The X-rays rapidly (1) heat the capsule, (2) causing its surface to fly outward. This outward force causes an opposing inward force that compresses the fuel inside the capsule. When the compression reaches the center, temperatures increase to 100,000,000 °C, (3) igniting the fusion fuel and (4) producing a thermonuclear burn that yields many times the energy input (energy gain).



# Experimental setting



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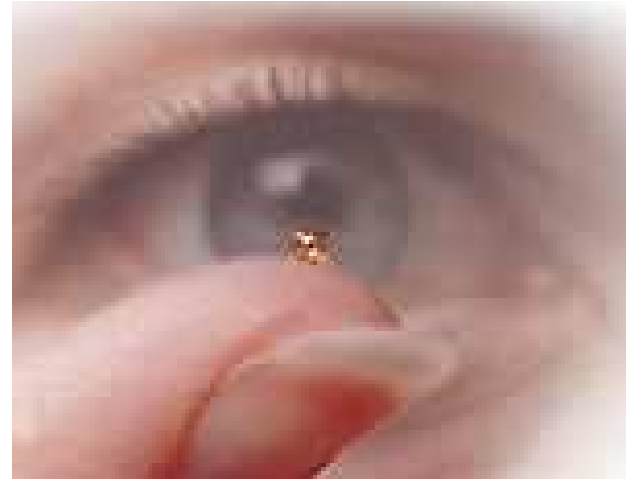
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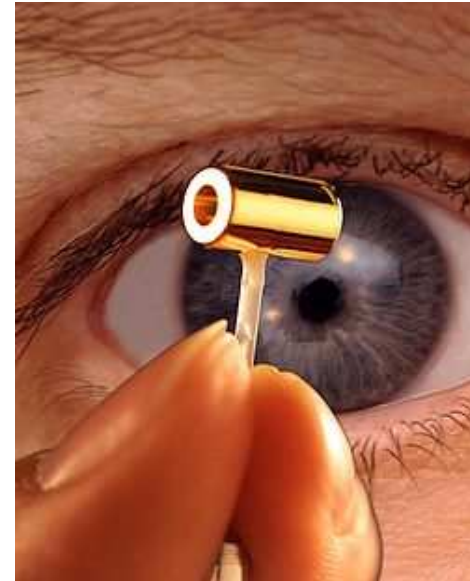


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- Size of capsule:  $\sim 1mm$



- Size of Hohlraum:  $\sim 10mm$



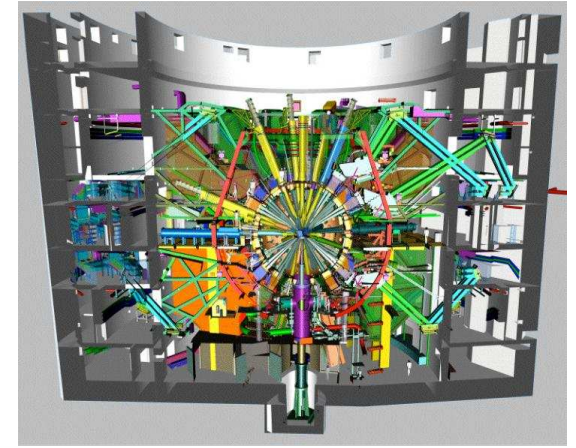
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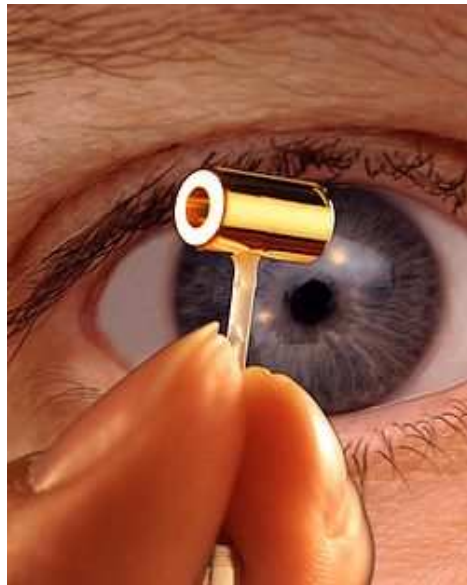
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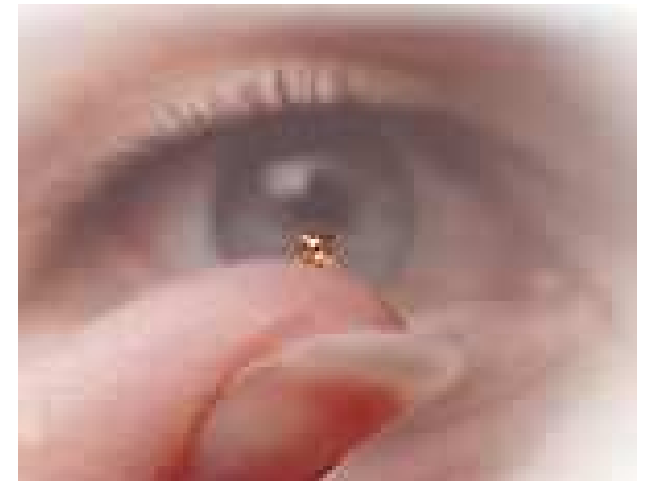
LMJ: 300 meters



LMJ chamber: 10 meters



Hohlraum: 10 mm



Capsule: 1 mm

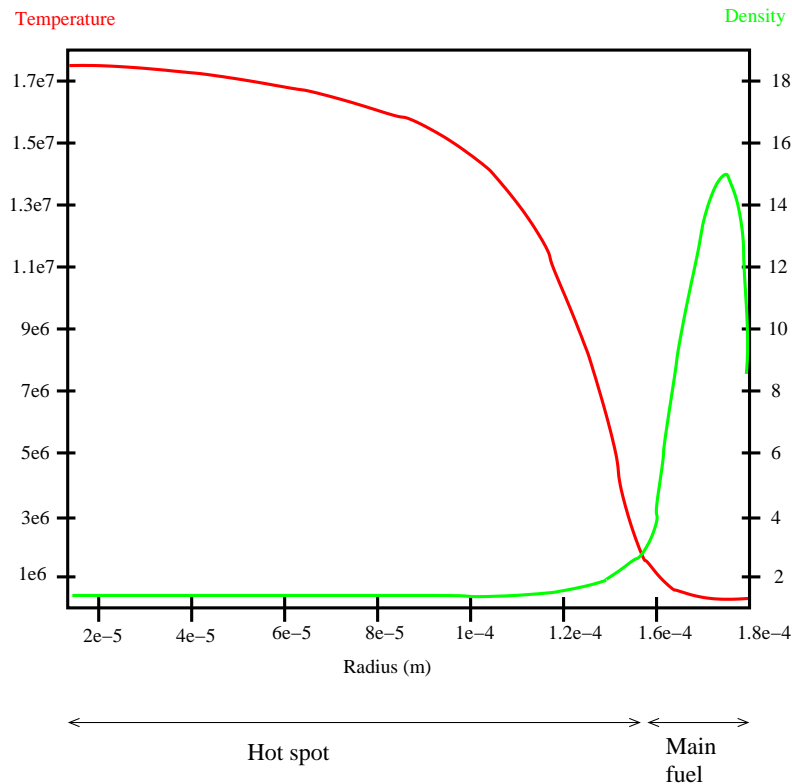
# Typical sizes

Starting fusion reactions: need  $T \geq 5 \times 10^7 K$

Lawson's criterion for reaching fusion ( $\tau$  confinement time,  $n_e$  electronic density):

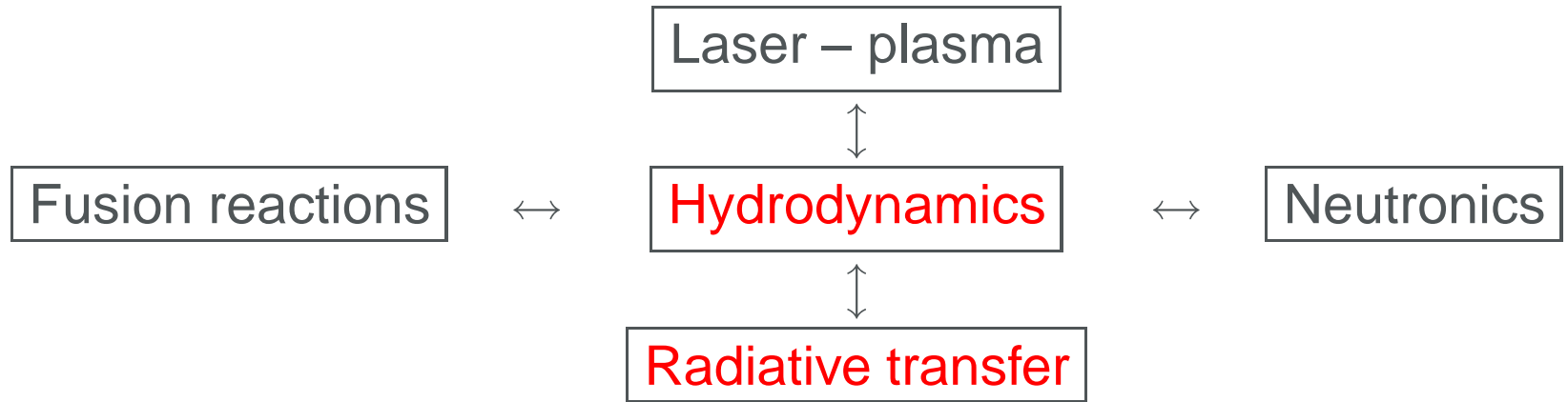
$$n_e \tau \approx 10^{14} s cm^{-3}.$$

Typically  $\rho \approx 10^3 g cm^{-3}$ ,  $T \approx 5 \times 10^7 K$ ,  $\tau \approx 10^{-9} s$ .  
Hot spot at the center of the capsule



# Modelling issues

Coupling between:



- Laser-plasma interaction
- Hydrodynamical instabilities
- Suprathermic particles
- Loss of thermodynamic equilibrium
- Dealing with uncertainties
- ....



# Hydrodynamics

Laser plasmas: hot, dense.

Bitemperature compressible Euler equations ( $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla$ ):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \operatorname{div}(u) = 0, \\ \rho \frac{du}{dt} + \nabla(p_e + p_i) = F_r, \\ \rho \frac{dE_e}{dt} + p_e \operatorname{div}(u) - \operatorname{div}(\chi_e \nabla T_e) + \gamma_{ei}(T_e - T_i) = Q_r + S, \\ \rho \frac{dE_i}{dt} + p_i \operatorname{div}(u) - \operatorname{div}(\chi_i \nabla T_i) - \gamma_{ei}(T_e - T_i) = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

$$+ \text{e.o.s} \quad (E_{e,i} = \frac{p_{e,i}}{(\gamma_{e,i}-1)\rho} = C_{v\{e,i\}} T_{e,i}).$$

$F_r$  radiative flux,  $Q_r$  radiative energy  $\Leftarrow$  radiative transfer equation

$S$  laser energy drop

$$\gamma_{ei} = \rho C_{ve} \frac{m_e}{m_i} \frac{1}{\tau_{ei}}, \quad \tau_{ei} \propto T_e^{3/2}, \quad \chi_e \propto T_e^{5/2}.$$



# Radiative transfer

$I = I_\nu(x, t, \Omega)$ : **specific radiative intensity** ( $Jm^{-2}$ )

$\nu$  frequency,  $\Omega$  direction of propagation.

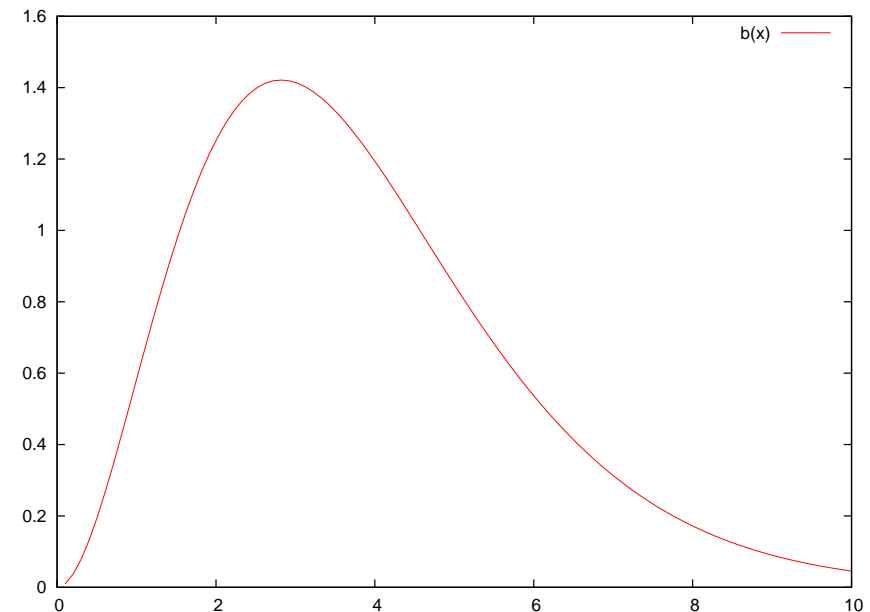


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$$\frac{\rho}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{I_\nu}{\rho} \right) + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \sigma_a (I_\nu - B_\nu(T_e)) + \kappa_{Th} \left( I_\nu - \int_{S^2} \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + (\Omega \cdot \Omega')^2 \right) I_\nu(\Omega') \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \right) = 0,$$

where  $\sigma_a = \sigma_a(\nu, T_e, \rho)$ , and

$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1} \propto T^3 \underbrace{\frac{\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right)^3}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}}_{b\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right)}$$





# Coupled system



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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \operatorname{div}(u) = 0, \\ \rho \frac{du}{dt} + \nabla(p_e + p_i) = F_r, \\ \rho \frac{dE_e}{dt} + p_e \operatorname{div}(u) - \operatorname{div}(\chi_e \nabla T_e) + \gamma_{ei}(T_e - T_i) = Q_r + S, \\ \rho \frac{dE_i}{dt} + p_i \operatorname{div}(u) - \operatorname{div}(\chi_i \nabla T_i) - \gamma_{ei}(T_e - T_i) = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

(+ equation of state)

$$\frac{\rho}{c} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{I_\nu}{\rho} \right) + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \sigma_a (I_\nu - B_\nu(T_e)) + \kappa_{\text{Th}} \left( I_\nu - \int_{S^2} \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + (\Omega \cdot \Omega')^2 \right) I_\nu(\Omega') \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \right) = 0,$$

$$F_r = \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \Omega (\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}}) I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi},$$

$$Q_r = \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \sigma_a (I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) - B_\nu(T_e)) d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}.$$

# Radiative transfer: theory

## Without hydro



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$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \sigma_a (I_\nu - B_\nu(T)) + \kappa_{\text{Th}} \left( I_\nu - \int_{S^2} \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + (\Omega \cdot \Omega')^2 \right) I_\nu(\Omega') \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \right) = 0,$$

$$C_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \sigma_a(\nu) (I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) - B_\nu(T)) d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi},$$

Initial conditions:  $I_\nu(x, 0, \Omega) = I_\nu^0(x, \Omega)$ ,  $T(x, 0) = T^0(x)$ .

Boundary conditions:

$$\forall x \in \partial\mathcal{D}, \quad \forall \Omega / \Omega \cdot n(x) \leq 0, \quad I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) = I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(x, t, \Omega),$$

*Theorem:* (Golse, Perthame, 1986) Under "suitable hypotheses", the radiative transfer system is well-posed.

# Radiative transfer: theory

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Remark on the hypotheses: one of them reads

$\forall \nu > 0, T \mapsto \sigma_a(\nu, T)$  is nonincreasing, and  $T \mapsto \sigma_a(\nu, T)B_\nu(T)$  is nondecreasing.

Physically, this is **not relevant**. But implies accretiveness of semi-group.

More realistic results on simpler system (Bardos, Golse, Perthame, Sentis, 1988)

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Coupled system: local in time existence: Lin (2007), Zhong, Jiang (2007).

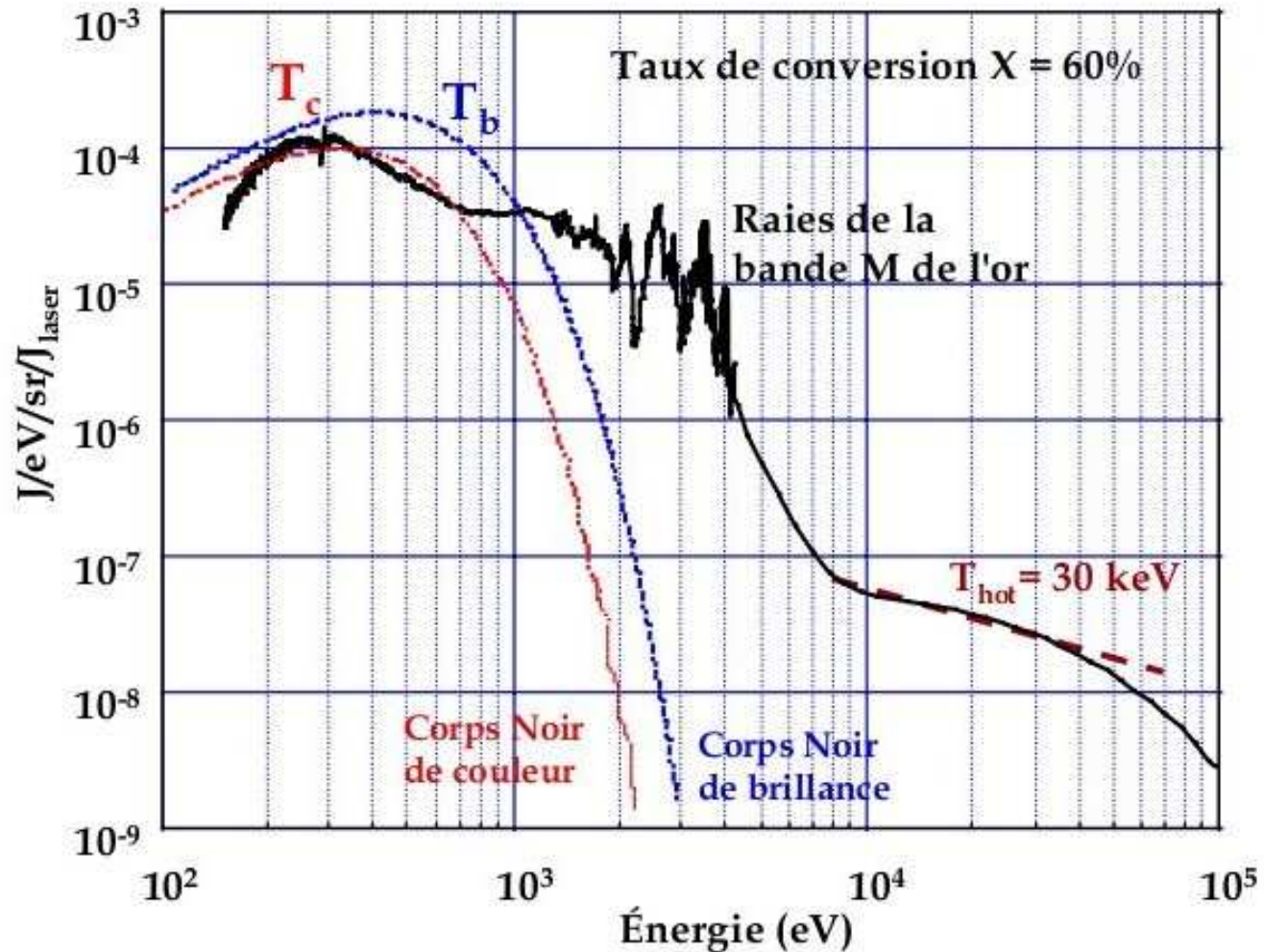


# Diffusion approximation

- radiation almost isotropic  $\Rightarrow$  P1 approximation in  $\Omega$
- radiation is **not** Planckian (M-band of gold)



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# Diffusion approximation

P1 approximation in  $\Omega$ :  $I_\nu \approx cE_\nu + \frac{1}{3}\Omega F_\nu$ .

$$E_\nu = \frac{1}{c} \int_{S^2} I_\nu d\Omega, \quad F_\nu = \int_{S^2} \Omega I_\nu d\Omega.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dE_\nu}{dt} + \text{div}(F_\nu) + \sigma_a(cE_\nu - B_\nu(T)) = 0, \\ \frac{1}{c} \frac{dF_\nu}{dt} + \underbrace{\int_{S^2} \Omega \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu d\Omega}_{\approx \frac{c}{3} \nabla E_\nu} + \sigma_a F_\nu = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Stationary approximation for the second equation:  $c \ll 1$ .

$$\frac{dE_\nu}{dt} - \text{div} \left( \frac{c}{3\sigma_\nu} \nabla E_\nu \right) + \sigma_a(cE_\nu - B_\nu(T)) = 0.$$

**Nonlinear** diffusion equation.



# Diffusion approximation – boundary condition

Boundary condition on  $I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) \Rightarrow$  boundary condition on  $E_\nu(x, t)$ ?

$$\forall x \in \partial\mathcal{D}, \quad \forall \Omega / \Omega \cdot n(x) \leq 0, \quad I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) = I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(x, t, \Omega),$$

$$\int_{\Omega \cdot n \leq 0} |\Omega \cdot n| I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega \cdot n \leq 0} |\Omega \cdot n| I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(x, t, \Omega) d\Omega := F_\nu^{\text{in}}(x, t),$$

$$\frac{c}{4\pi} E_\nu \int_{\Omega \cdot n \leq 0} |\Omega \cdot n| d\Omega + \frac{3}{4\pi} \left( -\frac{c \nabla E_\nu}{3(\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \right) \cdot \int_{\Omega \cdot n \leq 0} |\Omega \cdot n| \Omega d\Omega = F_\nu^{\text{in}}.$$

$$E_\nu + \frac{2}{3(\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \frac{\partial E_\nu}{\partial n} = \frac{4}{c} F_\nu^{\text{in}}.$$

Marshak boundary condition



# Diffusion approximation

Dimensional analysis:

mean free path  $\frac{1}{\sigma_a + \kappa_{Th}} \approx \varepsilon$ , mean free time  $\frac{1}{c(\sigma_a + \kappa_{Th})} \approx \varepsilon^2$ .

Asymptotic analysis:  $t \rightarrow \varepsilon^2 t$ ,  $x \rightarrow \varepsilon x$  (Larsen, Badham, Pomraning, 1983).

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \frac{\sigma_a}{\varepsilon} (I_\nu - B_\nu(T)) + \frac{\kappa_{Th}}{\varepsilon} \left( I_\nu - \int_{S^2} \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + (\Omega \cdot \Omega')^2 \right) I_\nu(\Omega') \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \right) = 0,$$

$$\varepsilon C_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma_a}{\varepsilon} (I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) - B_\nu(T)) d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$$

Hilbert expansion:

$$I_\nu = I^0 + \varepsilon I^1 + \varepsilon^2 I^2 + \dots,$$

$$T = T^0 + \varepsilon T^1 + \varepsilon^2 T^2 + \dots$$





# Diffusion approximation



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$$\frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \frac{\sigma_a}{\varepsilon} (I_\nu - B_\nu(T)) + \frac{\kappa_{\text{Th}}}{\varepsilon} (I_\nu - \mathcal{K}(I_\nu)) = 0,$$

order  $\varepsilon^{-1}$  :

$$\sigma_a (I_\nu^0 - B_\nu(T^0)) + \kappa_{\text{Th}} (I_\nu^0 - \mathcal{K}(I_\nu^0)) = 0 \Rightarrow I_\nu^0 = B_\nu(T^0).$$

order  $\varepsilon^0$  :

$$\Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu^0 + \sigma_a \left( I_\nu^1 - \frac{c}{4\pi} B'_\nu(T^0) T^1 \right) + \kappa_{\text{Th}} (I_\nu^1 - \mathcal{K}(I_\nu^1)) = 0.$$

$$\Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu^1(\mathbf{x}, t, \Omega) = \Omega \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}}} \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu^0 \right) + \Omega \cdot \nabla (\dots).$$

$$\int_{S^2} \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu^1(\mathbf{x}, t, \Omega) d\Omega = \text{div} \left( \frac{1}{3(\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \nabla I_\nu^0 \right).$$

# Diffusion approximation

order  $\varepsilon^1$ :



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$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu^0}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu^1 + \sigma_a \left( I_\nu^2 - \frac{c}{4\pi} B'_\nu(T^0) T^2 - \frac{c}{4\pi} B''_\nu(T^0) \frac{(T^1)^2}{2} \right) + \kappa_{\text{Th}} [I_\nu^2 - \mathcal{K}(I_\nu^2)] = 0,$$

$$C_v \frac{\partial T^0}{\partial t} = \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \sigma_a \left( I_\nu^2 - \frac{c}{4\pi} B'_\nu(T^0) T^2 - \frac{c}{4\pi} B''_\nu(T^0) \frac{(T^1)^2}{2} \right) \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} d\nu.$$

Integrate over  $\Omega$  and  $\nu$ , sum:

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (C_v T^0 + ac(T^0)^4) + \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \Omega \cdot \nabla I^1(\mathbf{x}, t, \Omega) d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} = 0,$$

Using the expression of  $\int \int \Omega \cdot \nabla I^1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (C_v T^0 + ac(T^0)^4) - \text{div} \left( \frac{1}{3\sigma_R} \nabla [ac(T^0)^4] \right) = 0.$$

# Rosseland model

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (C_v T + ac(T)^4) - \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{1}{3\sigma_R} \nabla (acT^4) \right) = 0.$$

with

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_R(T)} = \left( \int_0^\infty B'_\nu(T) d\nu \right)^{-1} \int_0^\infty \frac{B'_\nu(T)}{\sigma_a(\nu, T) + \kappa_{\text{Th}}} d\nu.$$

*Theorem:* (Bardos, Golse, Perthame, 1987) Under "suitable hypotheses", the solution to the radiative transfer equation converges, as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , to the solution to the Rosseland equation.

## Remarks:

- Hypotheses similar to the existence theorem for radiative transfer (accretiveness).
- If initial or boundary conditions are not Planckian, boundary layer.



# Frequency-dependent diffusion

Rosseland approximation  $\Rightarrow$  planckian distribution.

Frequency-dependent diffusion:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial E_\nu}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{1}{3(\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \nabla E_\nu \right) + \frac{\sigma_a}{\varepsilon} \left( E_\nu - \frac{4\pi}{c} B_\nu(T) \right) = 0, \\ \varepsilon C_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma_a(\nu)}{\varepsilon} \left( E_\nu - \frac{4\pi}{c} B_\nu(T) \right) d\nu. \end{cases}$$

*Theorem:* As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the solution to the above system converges to the Rosseland equation.

Radiative transfer



Rosseland, as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$



Frequency dependent  
diffusion



# Frequency-dependent diffusion

Another approach:  $\frac{1}{c} \ll 1$ ,  $\sigma_a \ll 1$ ,  $\kappa_{Th} \gg 1$ .



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$$\frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \varepsilon \sigma_a (I_\nu - B_\nu(T)) + \frac{\kappa_{Th}}{\varepsilon} \left( I_\nu - \int_{S^2} \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + (\Omega \cdot \Omega')^2 \right) I_\nu(\Omega') \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \right) = 0,$$

$$C_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \sigma_a (I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) - B_\nu(T)) d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$$

*Theorem:* (Buet, Depsrés, 2009) As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the solution to the above system converges to the frequency dependent diffusion equation, with a diffusion coefficient equal to  $\frac{1}{\kappa_{Th}}$ .

Then,

$$\frac{1}{\kappa_{Th}} \approx \frac{1}{\kappa_{Th} + \sigma_a}.$$

# Rosseland: explicit solutions

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (C_v T + ac(T)^4) - \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{1}{3\sigma_R} \nabla (acT^4) \right) = 0.$$

Simplification:  $C_v T \ll acT^4$ ,  $\sigma_R \propto T^{-\alpha}$ .

$u = acT^4$ :

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left( u^{\alpha/4} \nabla u \right) = 0,$$

up to change of variables. **Porous media equation**

Explicit solutions:

$$u(x, t) = \left( \frac{4t}{\alpha} - x_i \right)_+^{4/\alpha}.$$

Front propagating at speed  $v = \frac{4}{\alpha}$ .

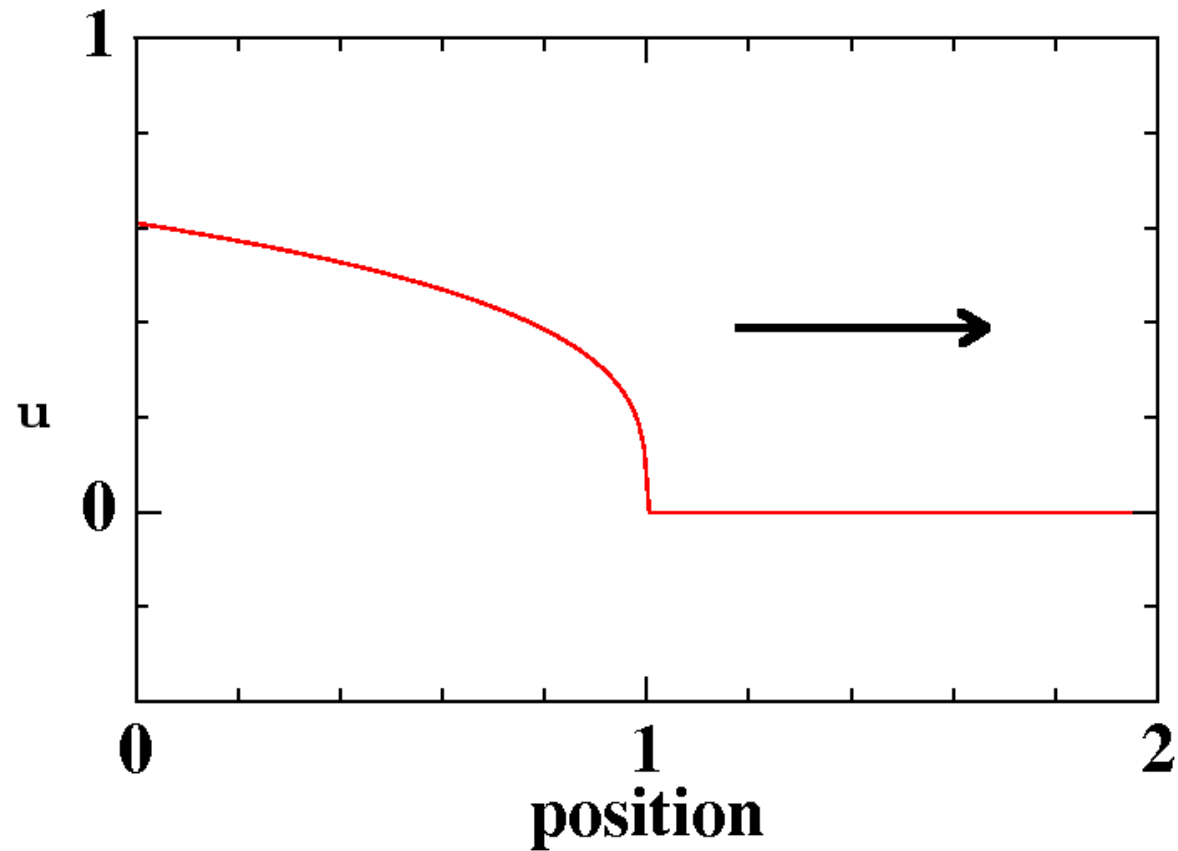
$$T(x, t) \propto \left( \frac{4t}{\alpha} - x_i \right)_+^{1/\alpha}.$$



# Rosseland: explicit solutions



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Temperature front travelling at speed  $v = \frac{4}{\alpha}$ .



# Rosseland: explicit solutions

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Grey case:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{1}{3\sigma} \nabla E \right) + \sigma (E - aT^4) = 0, \\ C_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \sigma (E - aT^4). \end{cases}$$

Another particular case:  $\sigma$  independent of  $T$  and  $C_v = \alpha T^3$  (physically questionable).

Then, setting  $u \propto E$ ,  $v \propto T^4$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = v - u, \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = u - v. \end{cases}$$

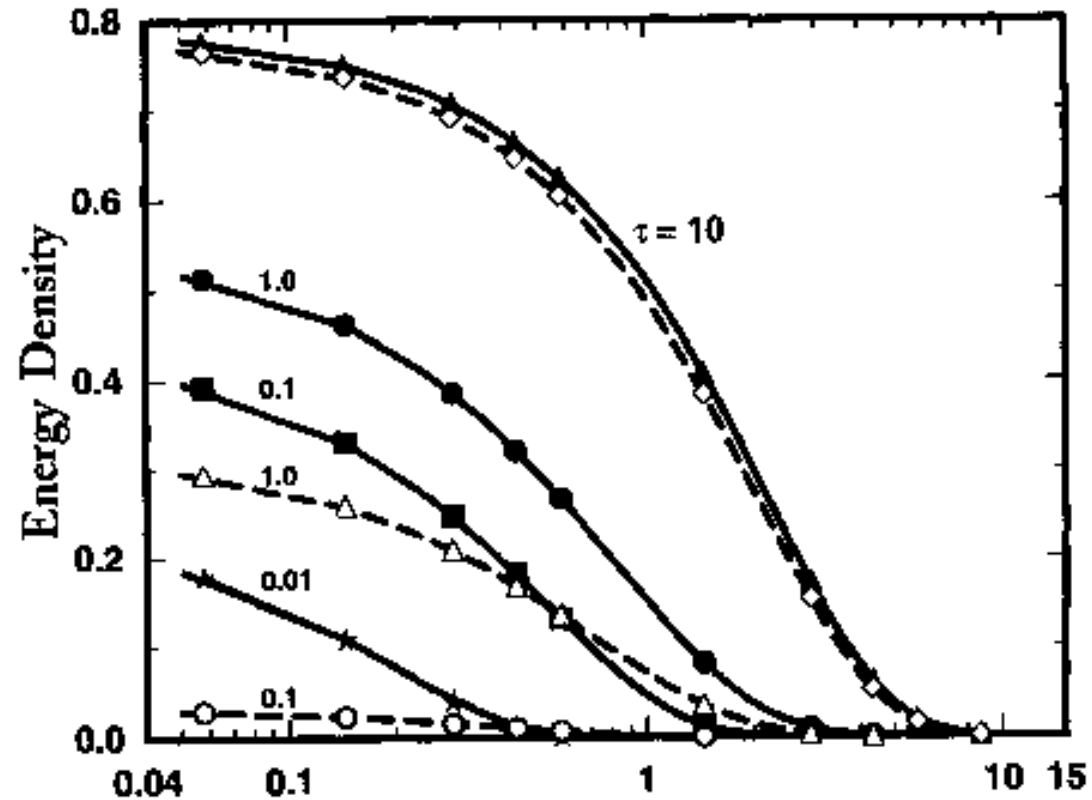
In dimension one, explicit solution with Laplace transform (Pomraning, 1978, Marshak, 1958).



# Rosseland: explicit solutions



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Explicit solution (Olson, Su, 1996)

# Flux limitation

Recall definitions of energy  $E_\nu$  and flux  $F_\nu$ :

$$E_\nu = \frac{1}{c} \int_{S^2} I_\nu d\Omega, \quad F_\nu = \int_{S^2} \Omega I_\nu d\Omega.$$

Consequence:

$$|F_\nu| \leq cE_\nu.$$

But, in the diffusion approximation,

$$F_\nu = -\frac{c}{3(\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \nabla E_\nu.$$

Use flux limiter:

$$\frac{F_\nu}{cE_\nu} = X(|R_\nu|)R_\nu, \quad R_\nu = \frac{1}{\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}}} \frac{\nabla E_\nu}{E_\nu},$$

with  $X(r) \leq \frac{1}{r}$ .



# Flux limitation

$$\frac{F_\nu}{cE_\nu} = X(|R_\nu|)R_\nu, \quad R_\nu = \frac{1}{\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}}} \frac{\nabla E_\nu}{E_\nu},$$

with  $X(r) \leq \frac{1}{r}$ .

Want to recover:

- Diffusion limit:  $X(r) \sim \frac{1}{r}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- Free streaming limit:  $X(r) \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ .

Examples (Levermore, 1984, Levermore, Pomraning, 1981, ...):

- Minerbo:  $X(r) = \frac{1}{3+r}$ .
- Sharp cut-off:  $X(r) = \min\left(\frac{1}{r}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ .

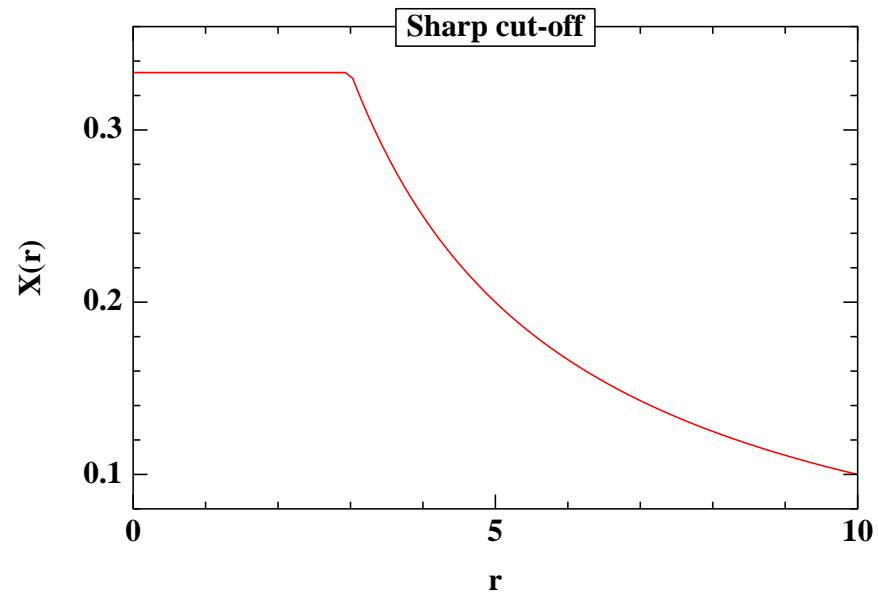
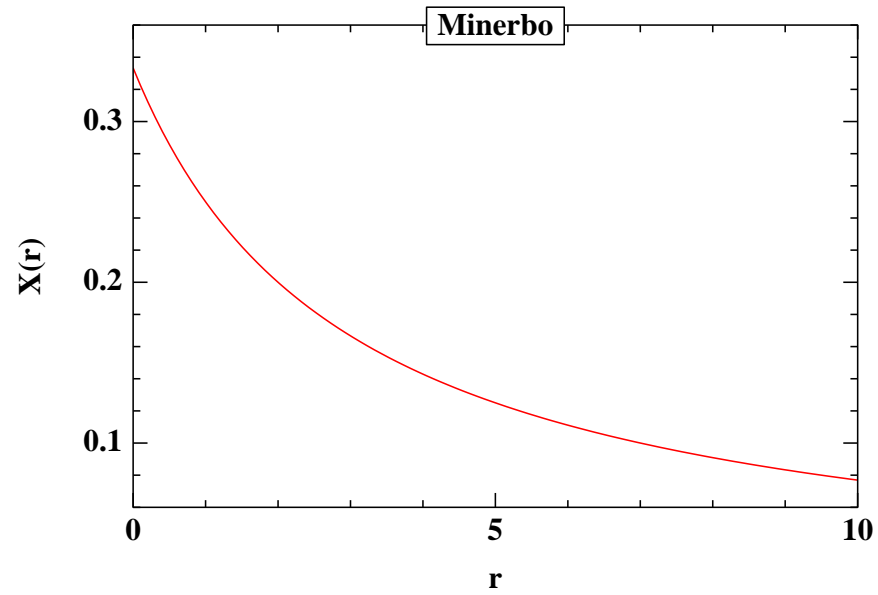
Extends the validity of diffusion approximation.



# Flux limitation

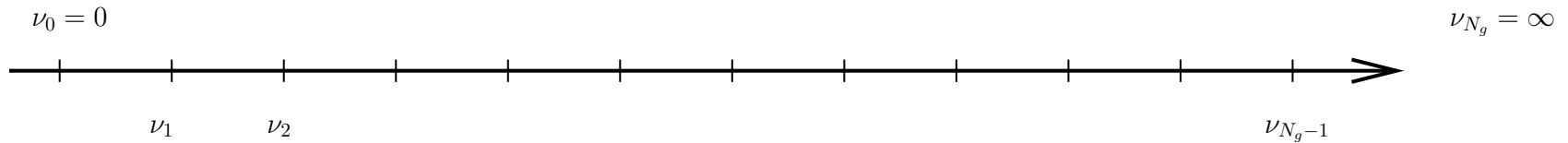


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# Discretization: frequency

$N_g$  frequency groups  $G_k = [\nu_{k-1}, \nu_k]$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq N_g$ .



Integration over group  $k$ :

$$\frac{\partial E_k}{\partial t} - \text{div} \left( \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} \frac{c}{3(\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \nabla E_\nu d\nu \right) + c \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} \sigma_a(\nu) E_\nu d\nu - 4\pi \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} \sigma_a(\nu) B_\nu(T_e) d\nu = 0,$$

where

$$E_k := \int_{G_k} E_\nu d\nu.$$

# Discretization: frequency



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$$\frac{\partial E_k}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left( \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} \frac{c}{3(\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \nabla E_\nu d\nu \right) + c \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} \sigma_a(\nu) E_\nu d\nu - 4\pi \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} \sigma_a(\nu) B_\nu(T_e) d\nu = 0,$$

$$E_k := \int_{G_k} E_\nu d\nu.$$

Hypothesis:  $E_\nu$  "not too far" from  $B_\nu(T_e)$

$$\frac{\partial E_k}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{c}{3\sigma_k^R} \nabla E_k \right) + c\sigma_k^P (E_k - b_k a T_e^4) = 0,$$

$\sigma_k^R$  group Rosseland opacity ("harmonic mean"),  
 $\sigma_k^P$  group Planck opacity (arithmetic mean).

# Discretization: frequency



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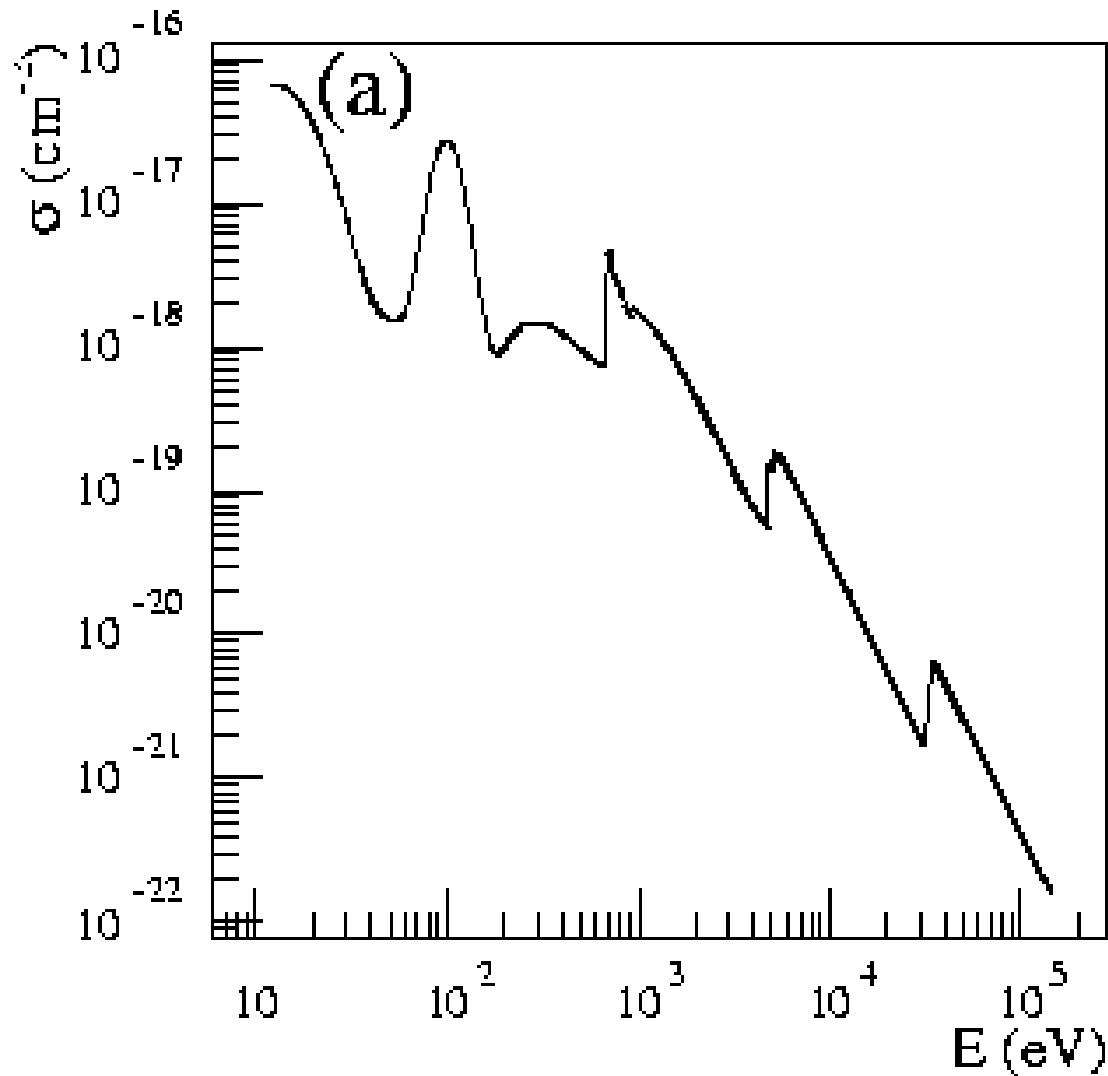
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_k^R} = \left( \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} B'_\nu(T_e) d\nu \right)^{-1} \int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} \frac{B'_\nu(T_e)}{\sigma_a(\nu, T_e) + \kappa_{\text{Th}}} d\nu,$$

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$$b_k = \frac{\int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} B_\nu(T_e) d\nu}{\frac{acT_e^4}{4\pi}} = \frac{\int_{\nu_{k-1}}^{\nu_k} B_\nu(T_e) d\nu}{\int_0^\infty B_\nu(T_e) d\nu}.$$



# Discretization: frequency



An example of cross section as function of frequency.

# Discretization: time

Explicit: stability condition  $\Delta t \lesssim (\Delta x)^2$

Implicit discretization:

$$\frac{E_k^{n+1} - E_k^n}{\Delta t} - \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{c}{3\sigma_k^R} \nabla E_k^{n+1} \right) + c\sigma_k^P (E_k^{n+1} - b_k a(T_e^{n+1})^4) = 0.$$

Semi-implicit with  $\theta = 1/2 \Rightarrow$  second order in  $\Delta t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E_k^{n+1} - E_k^n}{\Delta t} - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{c}{3\sigma_k^R} \nabla E_k^{n+1} \right) + c\sigma_k^P (E_k^{n+1} - b_k a(T_e^{n+1})^4) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{c}{3\sigma_k^R} \nabla E_k^n \right). \end{aligned}$$



# Discretization: space

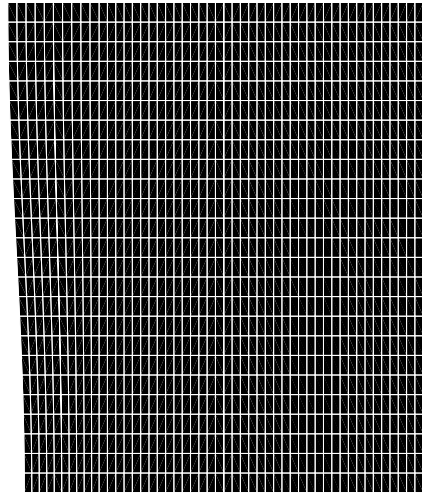
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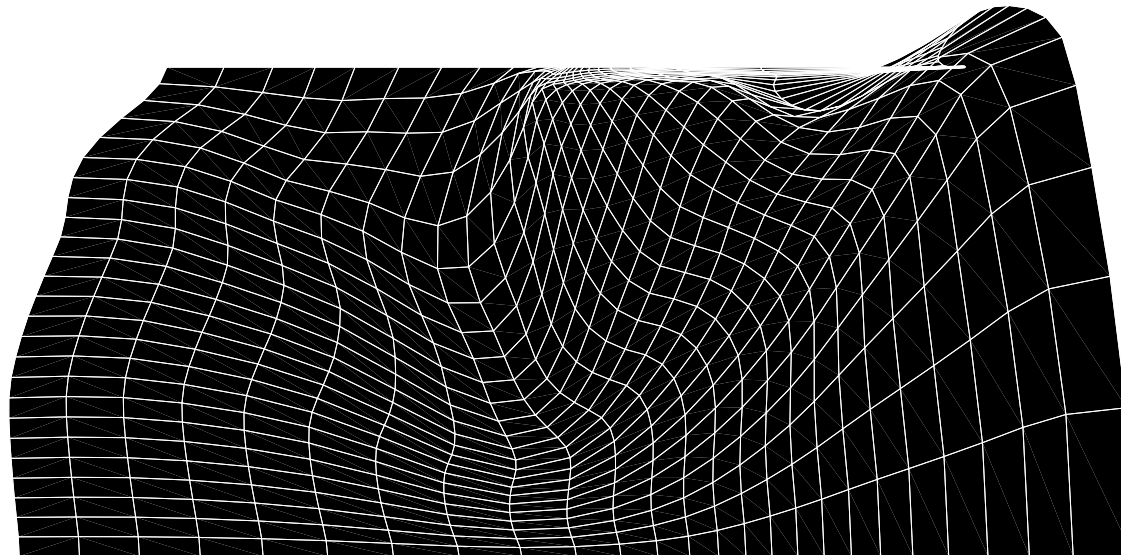
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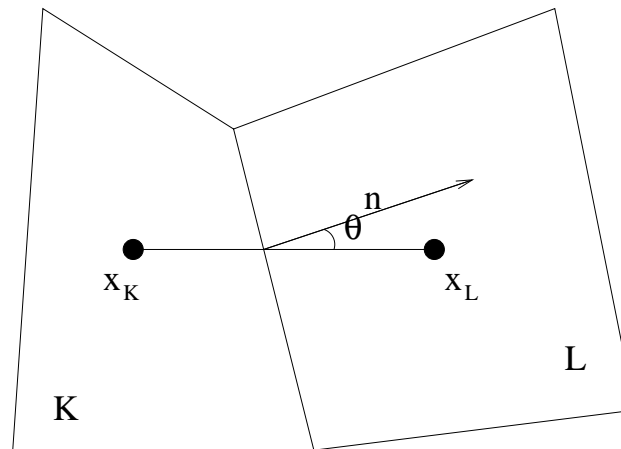
# Diffusion schemes

The most simple scheme: five-point scheme,  $D = 1$ .

$$\int_K -\Delta u = \int_{\partial K} \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} = - \int_K f.$$

Approximate gradient on each face:  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in K|L, \quad \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{u(\mathbf{x}_L) - u(\mathbf{x}_K)}{|\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K|} \frac{\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K}{|\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K|},$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n_{K|L}} \approx \frac{u(\mathbf{x}_L) - u(\mathbf{x}_K)}{|\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K|} \frac{\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K}{|\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K|} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{K|L} = \frac{u(\mathbf{x}_L) - u(\mathbf{x}_K)}{|\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K|} \cos(\theta_{K|L}),$$



# Five-point scheme



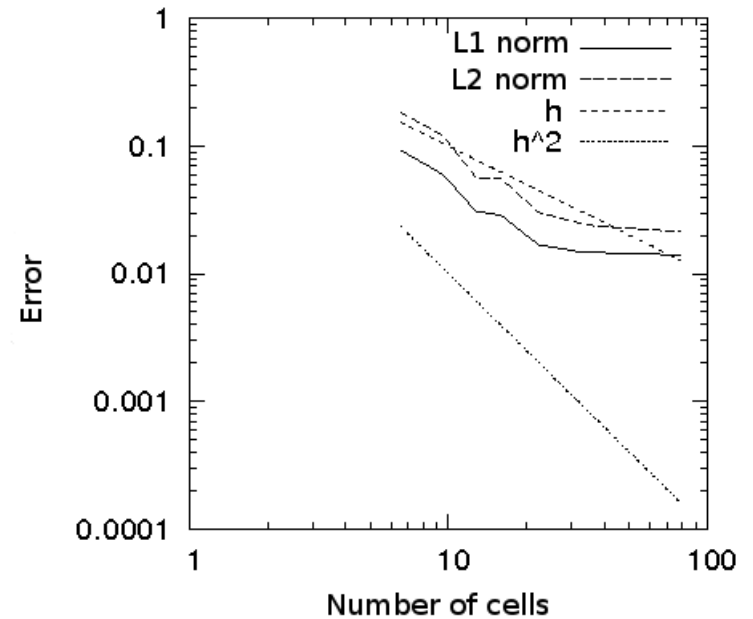
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$$|K|f_K = \sum_{L \in \mathcal{N}(K)} \ell(K|L) \frac{u_K - u_L}{|\mathbf{x}_K - \mathbf{x}_L|} \cos(\theta_{K|L}).$$

$\mathcal{N}(K)$  neighbouring cells of  $K$ ,  
 $\ell(K|L)$  length of edge  $K|L = \overline{K} \cap \overline{L}$ .

## Properties:

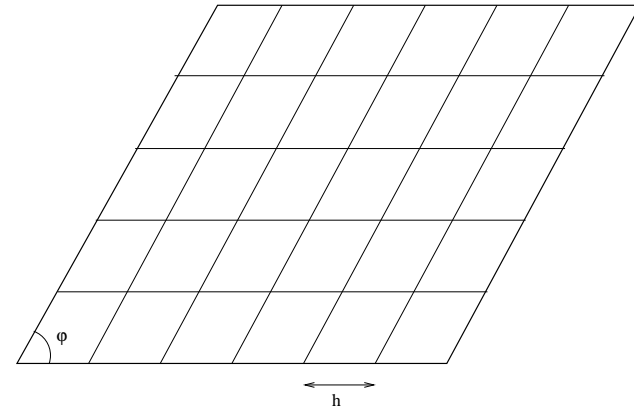
- M-matrix: maximum principle.
- **not convergent** if mesh is not orthogonal.



# Five-point scheme

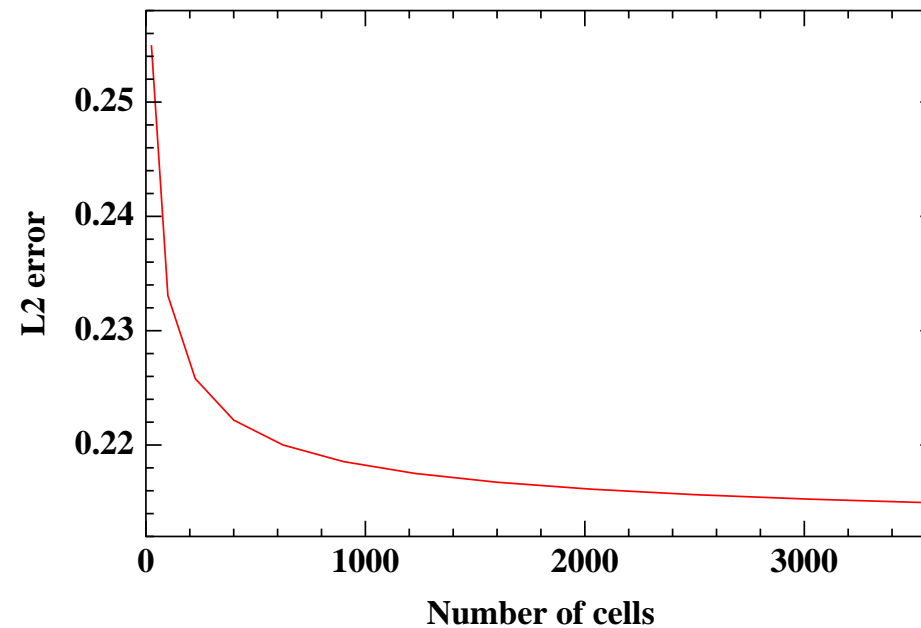
Example: ( $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{3}$ )

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}, \\ u = x_2 \text{ on } \partial\mathcal{D}. \end{cases}$$



Solution:

$$u(x_1, x_2) = x_2.$$

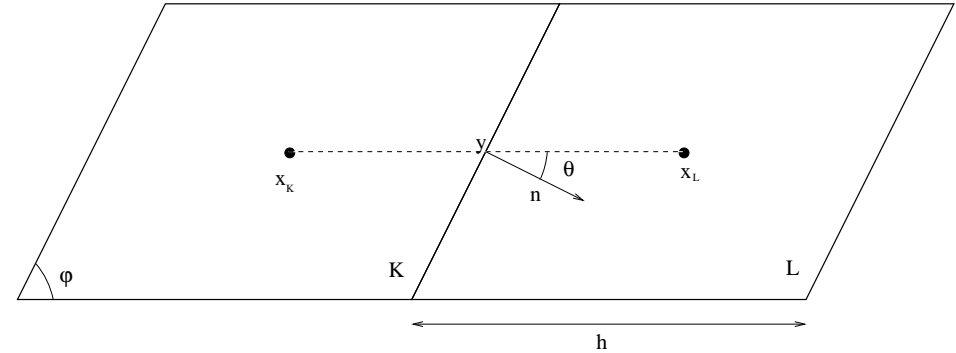
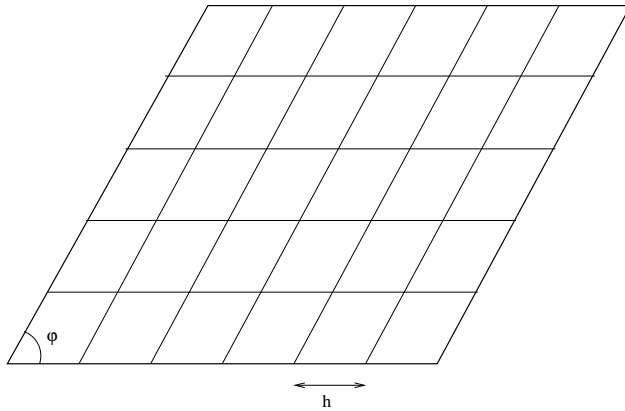


# Five-point scheme

Tilted mesh:



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Fixed  $u$ , compute approximate flux:

$$\frac{u(\mathbf{x}_L) - u(\mathbf{x}_K)}{|\mathbf{x}_L - \mathbf{x}_K|} \cos(\theta_{K|L}) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}(\mathbf{y}) \sin(\varphi) + O(h).$$

Compute exact flux:

$$\nabla u(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}(\mathbf{y}) \sin(\varphi) - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}(\mathbf{y}) \cos(\varphi).$$

If  $\varphi \neq 0$ , fluxes are not consistent.

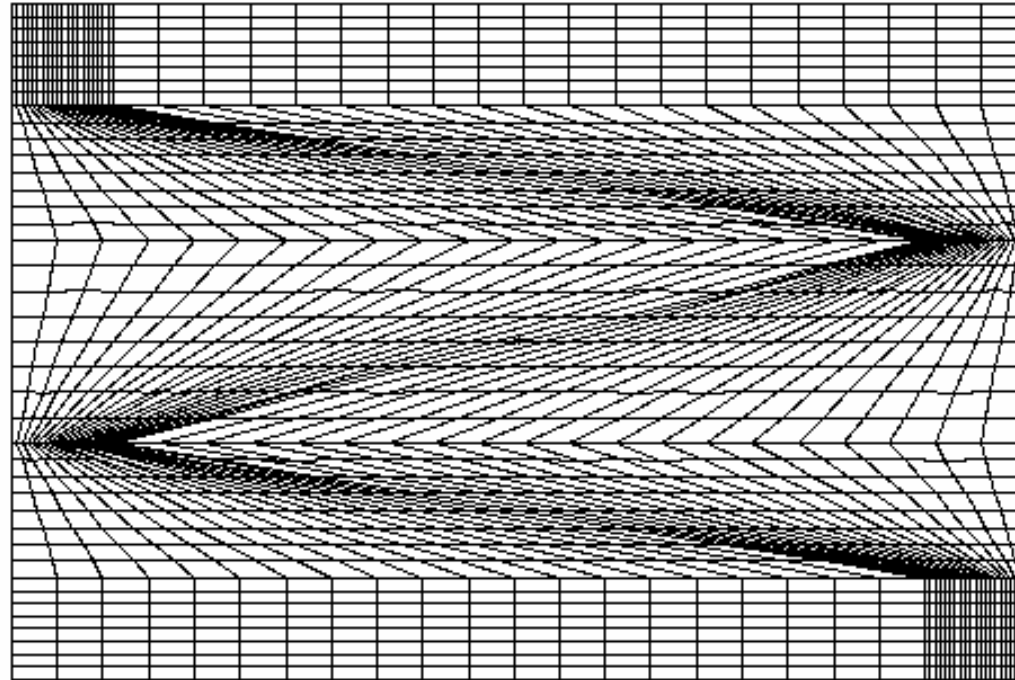


# Kershaw mesh

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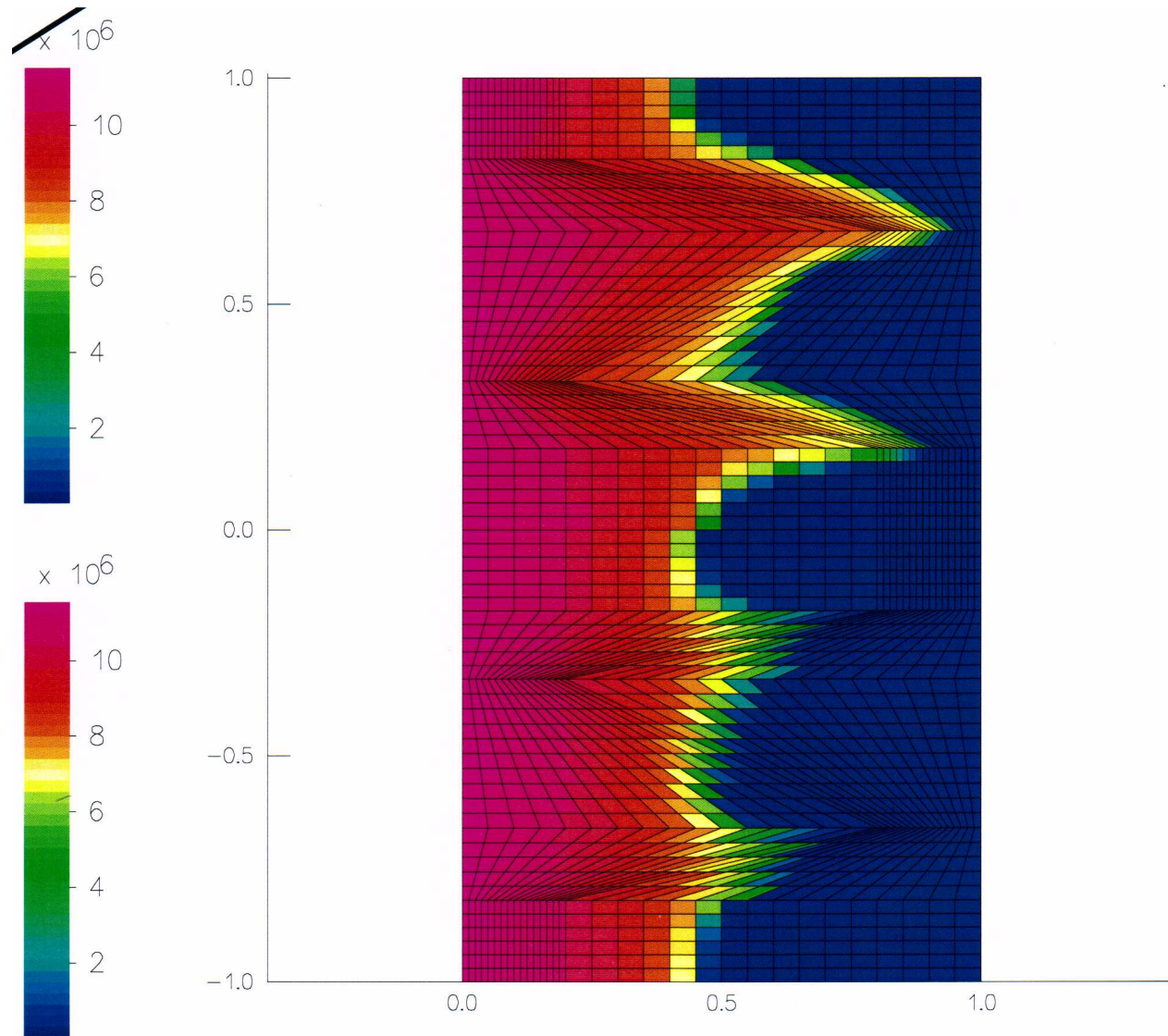


Kershaw-type (sheared) mesh.

# Five point scheme



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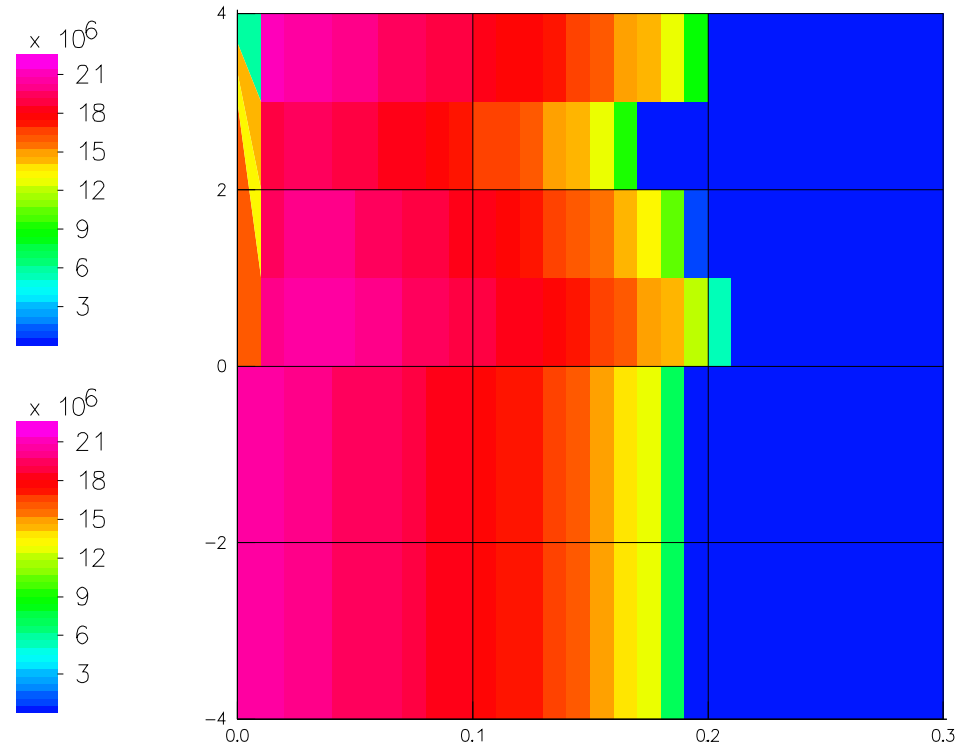


Five point scheme on Kershaw mesh

# Five point scheme



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Comparison five-point scheme – reference solution

# Diffusion schemes

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Elliptic equation

$$-\operatorname{div}(D\nabla u) = f$$

on a deformed mesh.  $f, u$  piecewise constant.



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The ideal scheme:

- Convergent (order 2?)
- Stable
- Maximum principle
- Symmetric matrix (if  $D$  is symmetric)
- Linear (?)
- Unstructured polygonal meshes
- Recover 5 point scheme on orthogonal meshes

# Diffusion schemes on deformed meshes

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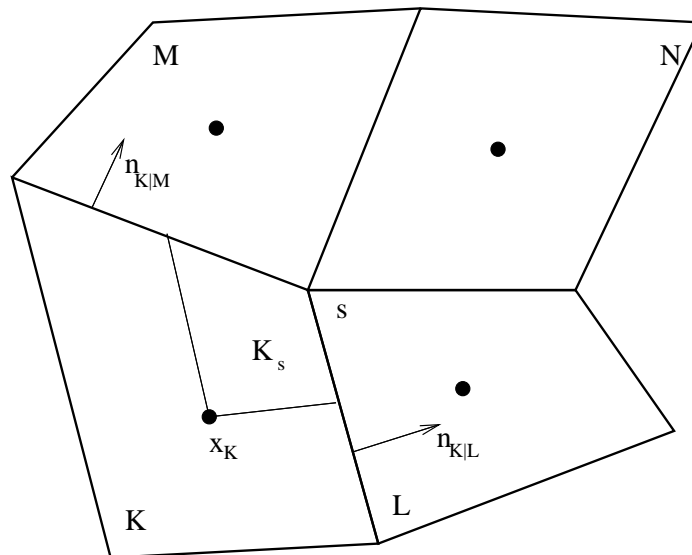
- (centered) finite volume:
  - Kershaw (1981)
  - Pert (1981)
  - Faille (1992)
  - Morel, Dendy, Hall, White (1992)
  - Jayantha, Turner (2001, 2003, 2005)
- Mixed (hybride) finite elements:
  - Raviart, Thomas (1977)
  - Burbeau, Roche, Scheurer, Samba (1997)
  - Arbogast, Wheeler, Yotov (1998)
- Discrete Duality Finite Volumes (DDFV):
  - Hermeline (1998, 2000, 2003, 2007, 2009)
  - Domelevo, Omnes (2005)
- Mimetic Finite Difference (MFD):
  - Shashkov, Steinberg, Morel, Lipnikov, Brezzi (1995, 1997, 1998, 2004).
- Multi-point flux approximation (MPFA):
  - Aavatsmark, Barkve, Boe, Mannseth (1996, 1998)
  - Le Potier (2005)
  - Breil, Maire (2008)
- Scheme Using Stabilisation and Harmonic Interfaces (SUSHI):
  - Eymard, Gallouët, Herbin, 2010.

# Nine-point scheme

Kershaw scheme:

$\mathcal{T} = \{K = K_i, 1 \leq i \leq N\}$  set of cells of the Lagrangian mesh

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} u (-\operatorname{div}(D\nabla u)) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\sqrt{D}\nabla u) \cdot (\sqrt{D}\nabla u) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \int_K (\sqrt{D}\nabla u) \cdot (\sqrt{D}\nabla u).$$



Split each cell in subcells:

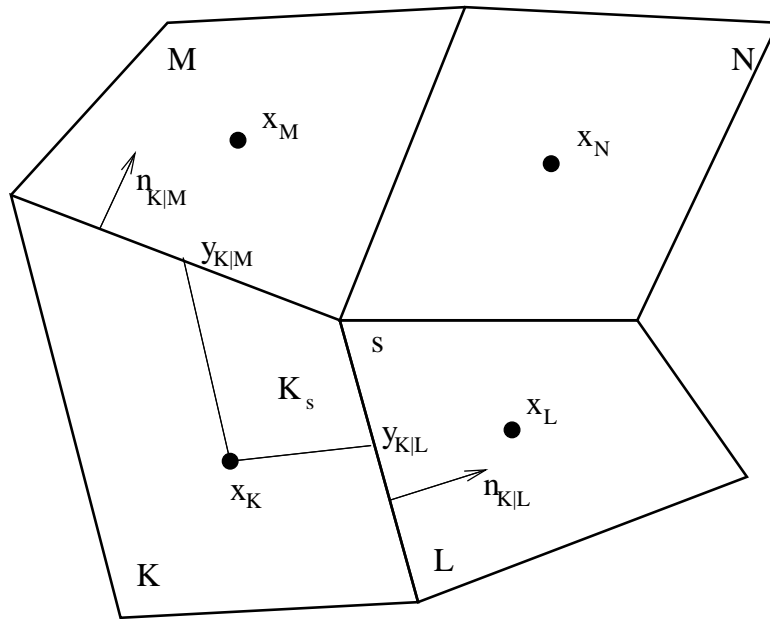
$$K = \bigcup_s K_s, \quad s \text{ vertices of } K$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} u (-\operatorname{div}(D\nabla u)) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{s \in K} \int_{K_s} (\sqrt{D}\nabla u) \cdot (\sqrt{D}\nabla u).$$

# Nine point scheme



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In  $K_s$ ,

$$\sqrt{D}\nabla u \approx \lambda_{K|L}(u_L - u_K)n_{K|L} + \lambda_{K|M}(u_M - u_K)n_{K|M},$$

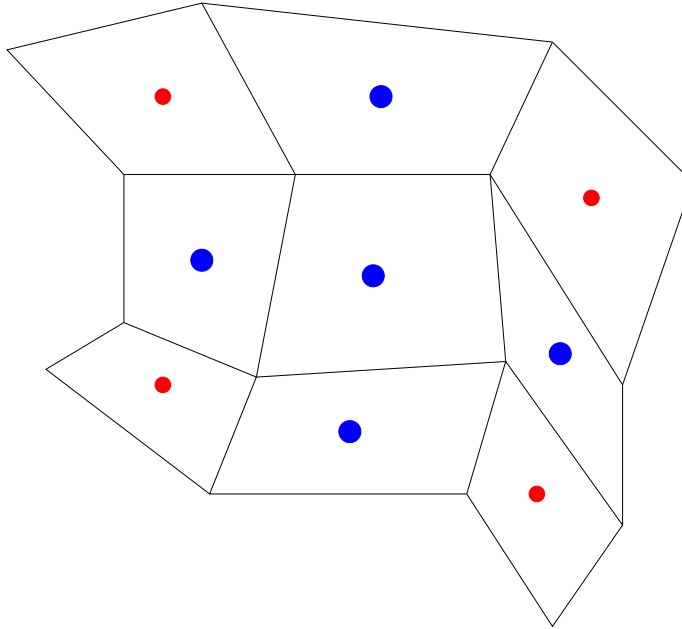
and **flux continuity**:

$$\lambda_{K|L} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell(K|L)}} \sqrt{\left( \frac{|x_k - y_{K|L}|}{D_K} + \frac{|x_L - y_{K|L}|}{D_L} \right)^{-1}}.$$

# Nine-point scheme

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Kershaw scheme induces coupling with cells sharing a node.



Kershaw, J. Comp. Phys. 39, p 375, 1981.

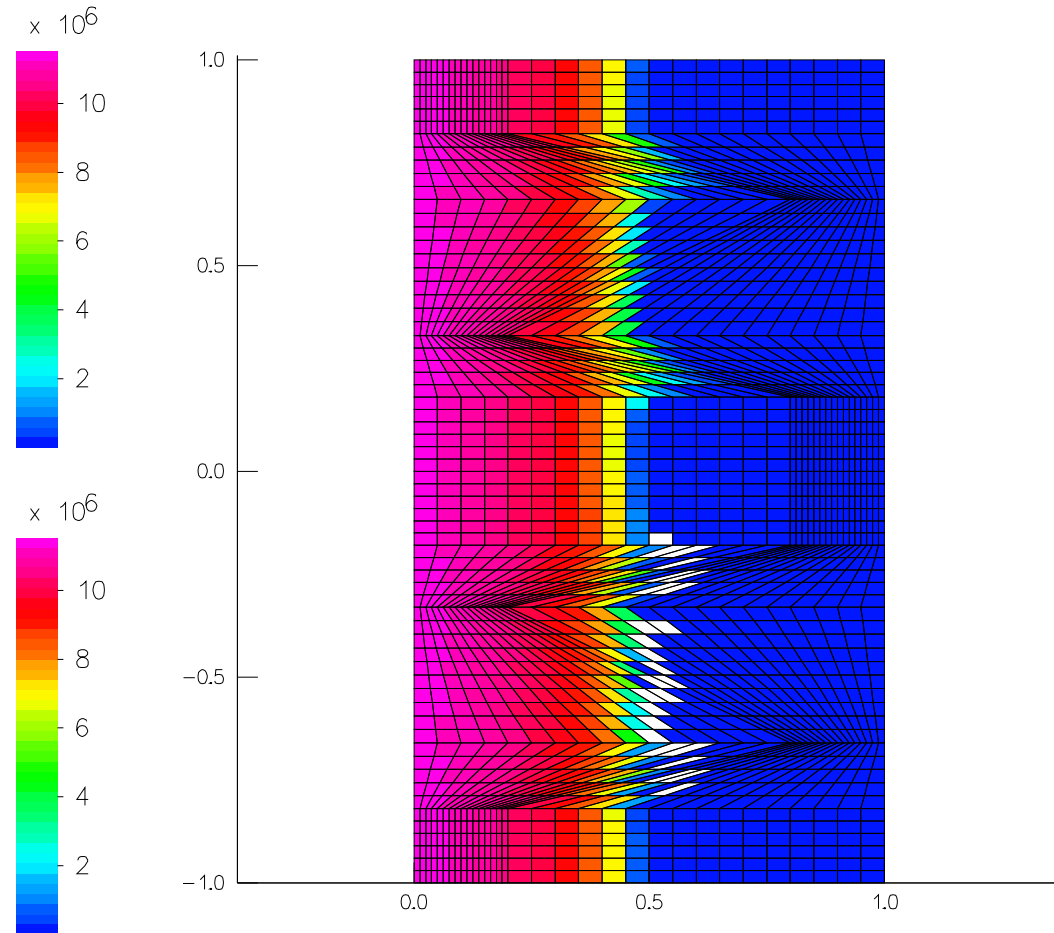
- Consistent of order 2, stable
- **Does not satisfy the maximum principle**



# Nine-point scheme



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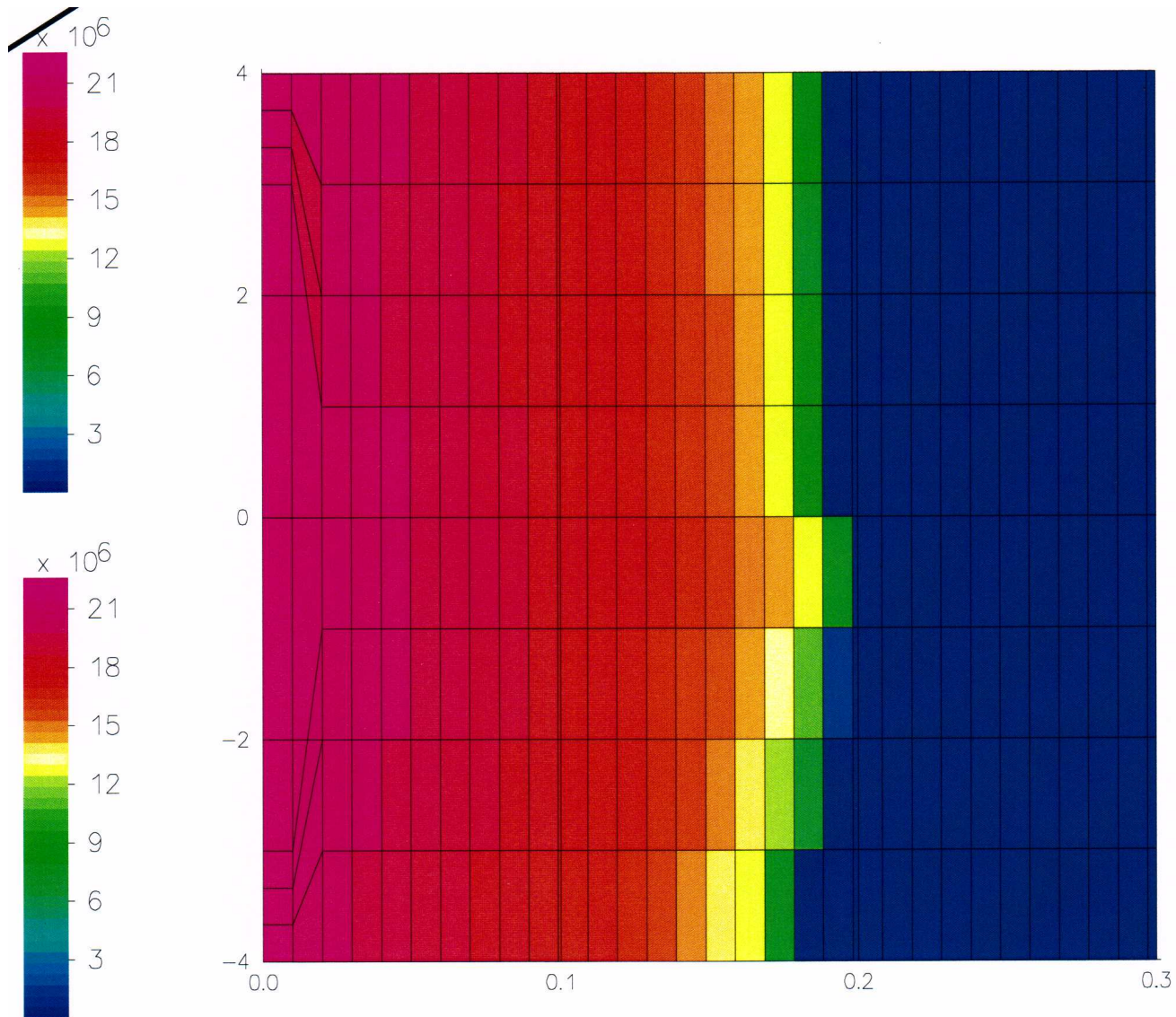


Nine-point scheme – Violation of the maximum principle

# Nine-point scheme



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Comparison nine-point scheme – five-point scheme

# LapIn scheme (V. Siess)

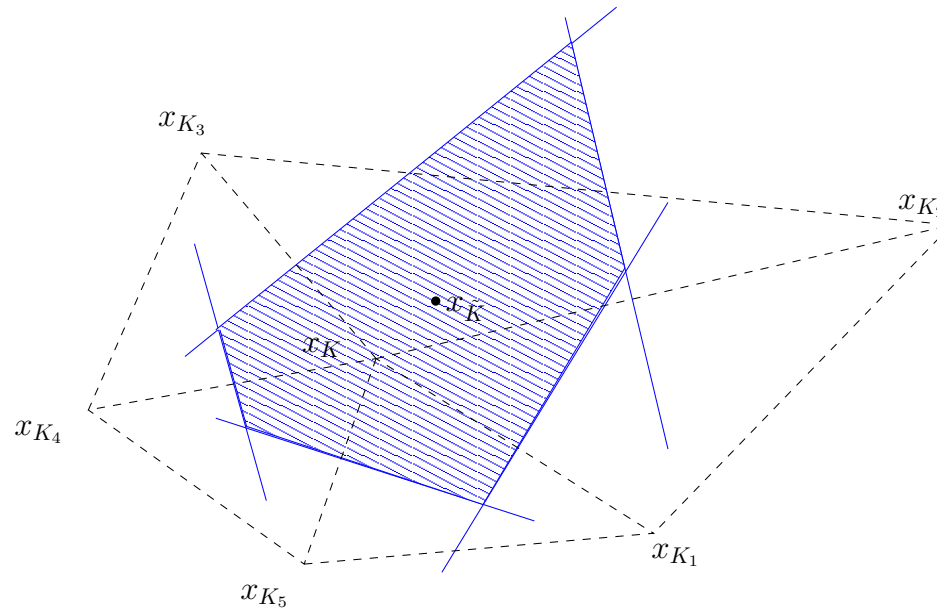
Idea : use the Voronoïmesh of the cell centers

$\mathcal{T} = \{K = K_i, 1 \leq i \leq N\}$  set of cells of the Lagrangian mesh

$\forall K \in \mathcal{T}, \quad x_K$  center of mass of  $K$ .

Step 1. Compute the Voronoïmesh  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$  if the points  $x_K$ :

$$\forall K \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \tilde{K} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}, \forall L \neq K, |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_K| \leq |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_L|\}.$$

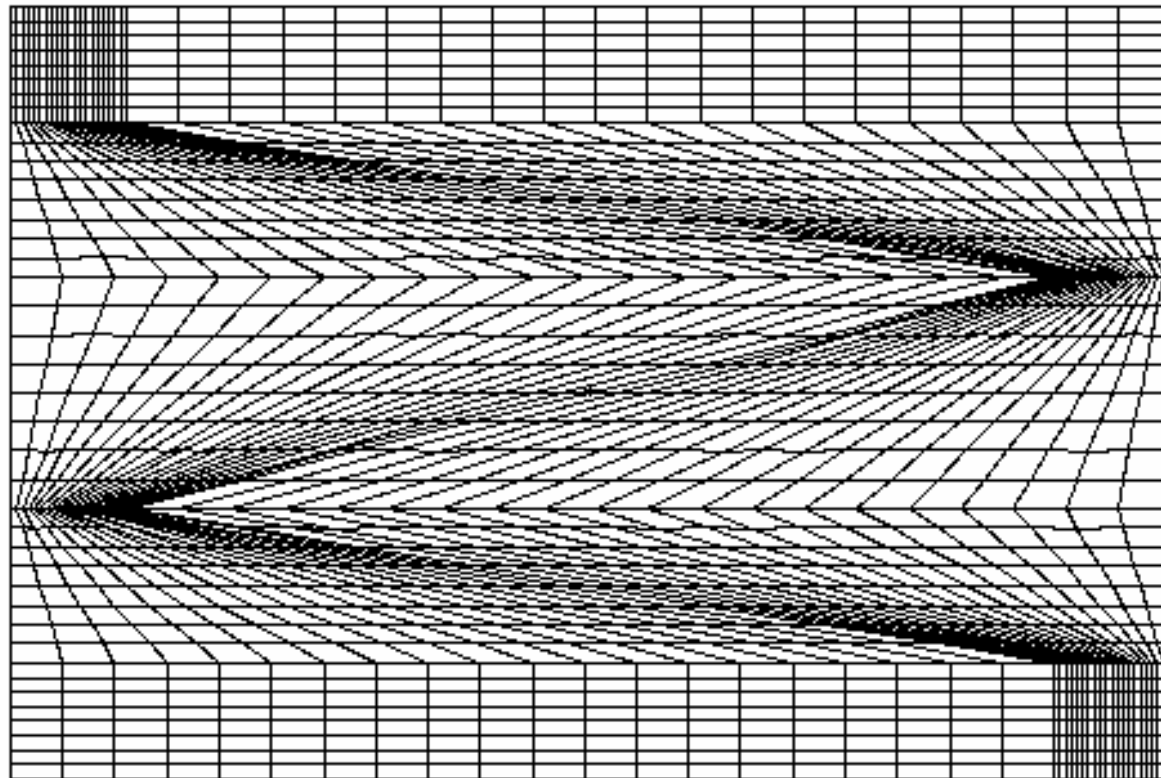


# Kershaw mesh

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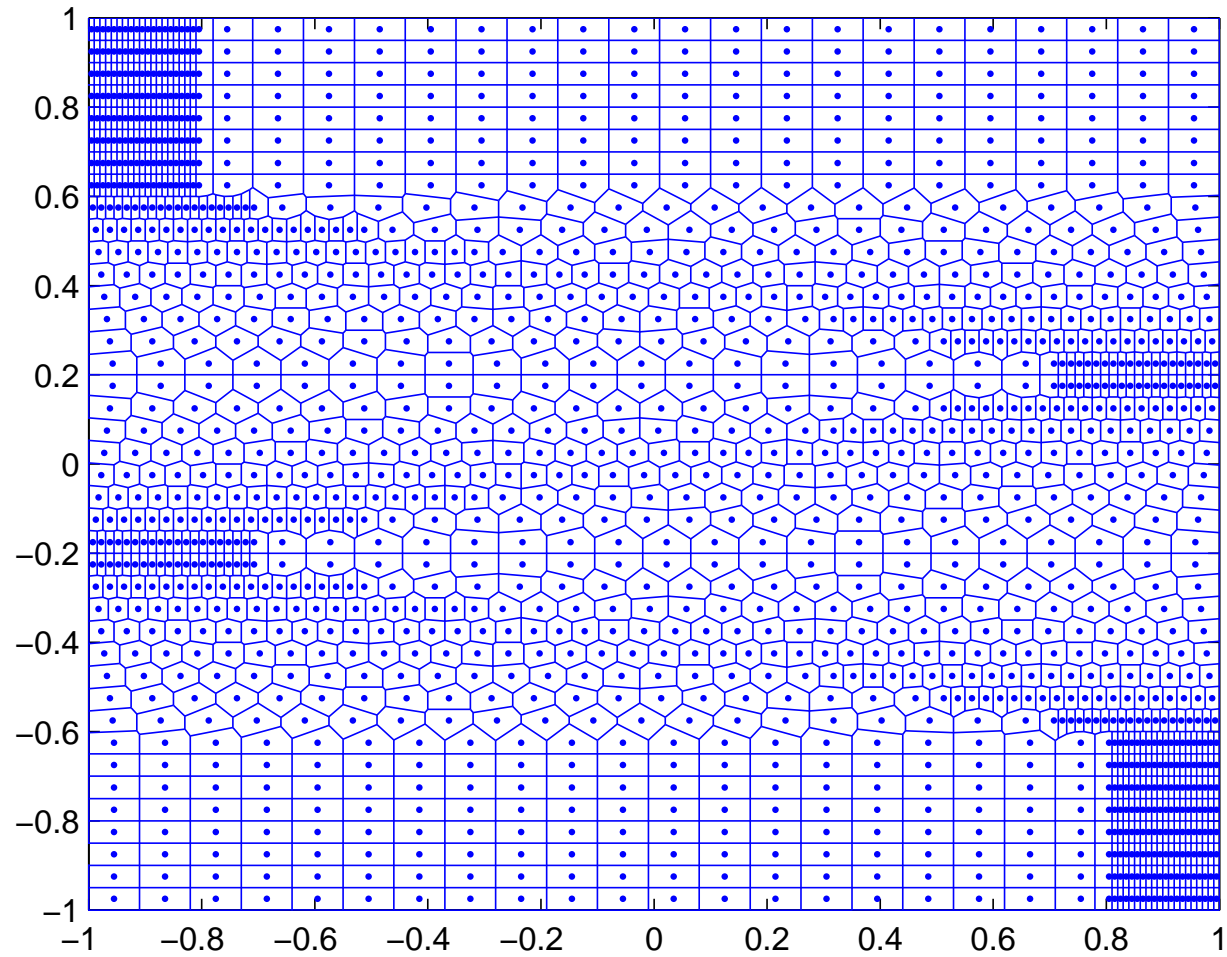
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# Voronoi mesh



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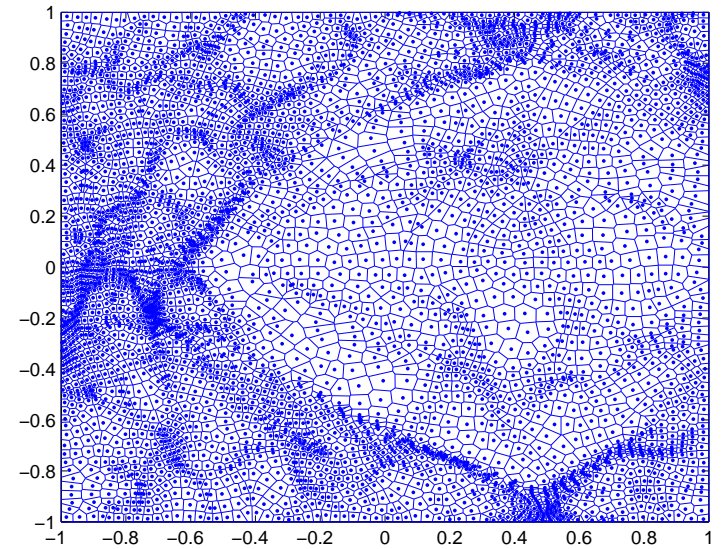
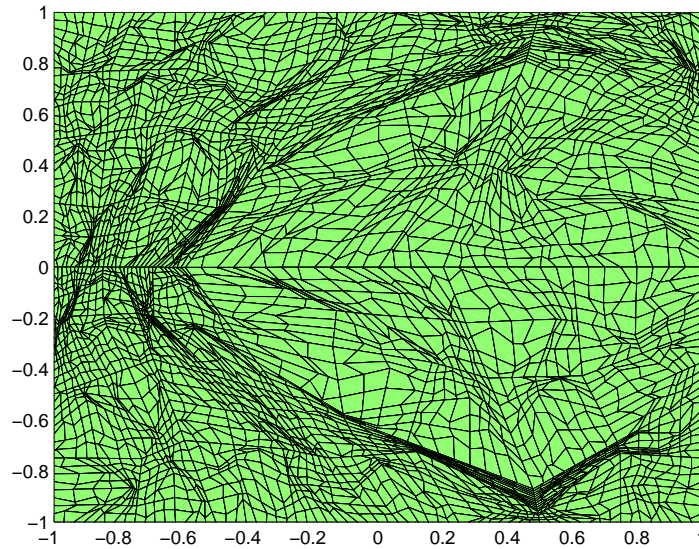




# LapIn scheme (V. Siess)



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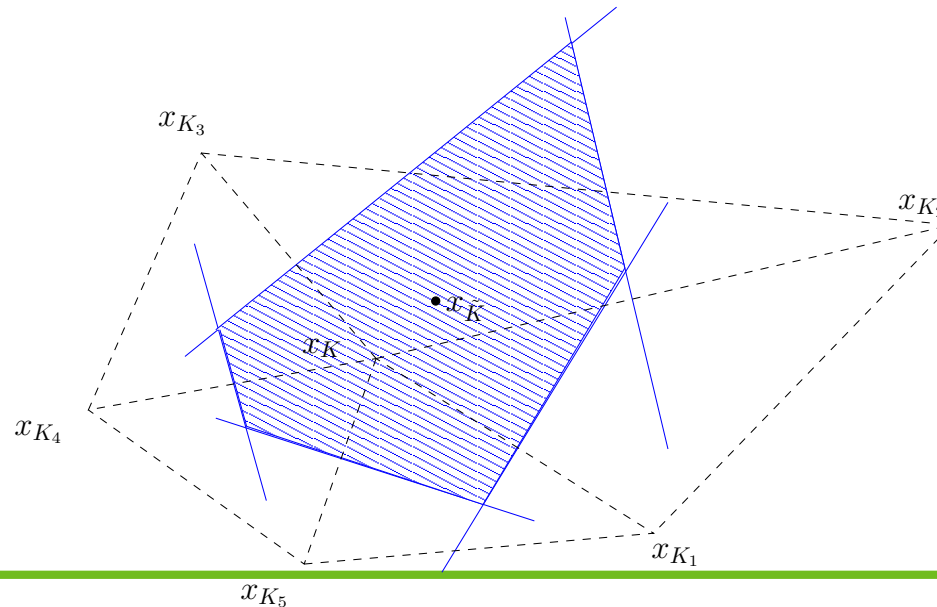
Shestakov (random) mesh and Voronoï mesh.

# LapIn scheme (V. Siess)

Step 2. Use "five-point" scheme on  $\tilde{T}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{K}| (-\Delta u)(\mathbf{x}_{\tilde{K}}) &\approx \int_{\tilde{K}} -\Delta u = - \int_{\partial \tilde{K}} \nabla u \cdot n = - \sum_{\tilde{L}} \int_{\tilde{L}|\tilde{K}} \nabla u \cdot n \\ &\approx - \sum_{\tilde{L}} \ell(\tilde{K}|\tilde{L}) \frac{u(\mathbf{x}_K) - u(\mathbf{x}_L)}{|\mathbf{x}_K - \mathbf{x}_L|}. \end{aligned}$$

$$|K|(-\Delta u)(\mathbf{x}_K) \approx \int_K -\Delta u \approx \frac{|K|}{|\tilde{K}|} \int_{\tilde{K}} -\Delta u.$$



# LapIn scheme (V. Siess)

Step 3. Symmetrize the matrix :

$$\forall K \neq L, \quad A_{KL} = -\frac{|K|}{|\tilde{K}|} \frac{\ell(\tilde{K}|\tilde{L})}{|\mathbf{x}_K - \mathbf{x}_L|}, \quad B_{KL} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{|K|}{|\tilde{K}|} + \frac{|L|}{|\tilde{L}|} \right) \frac{\ell(\tilde{K}|\tilde{L})}{|\mathbf{x}_K - \mathbf{x}_L|}$$

$$B_{KK} = \frac{|K|}{|\tilde{K}|} \sum_L \frac{\ell(\tilde{K}|\tilde{L})}{|\mathbf{x}_K - \mathbf{x}_L|}.$$

Step 4. Modify diagonal terms so that the sum of each line vanishes:

$$\tilde{B}_{KK} = \sum_L \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{|K|}{|\tilde{K}|} + \frac{|L|}{|\tilde{L}|} \right) \frac{\ell(\tilde{K}|\tilde{L})}{|\mathbf{x}_K - \mathbf{x}_L|}.$$

The matrix  $C = \gamma I + B$  is an  $M$ -matrice, for any  $\gamma > 0$





# LapIn scheme (V. Siess)

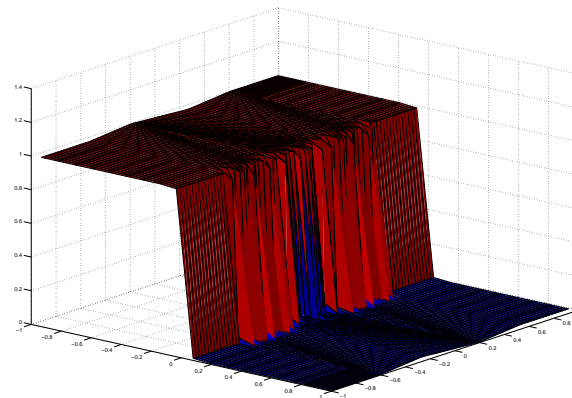


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$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + u = \mathbf{1}_{\{x_1 \leq 0\}} & \text{in } \Omega = (-1, 1)^2, \\ \nabla u \cdot n = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

Explicit solution:

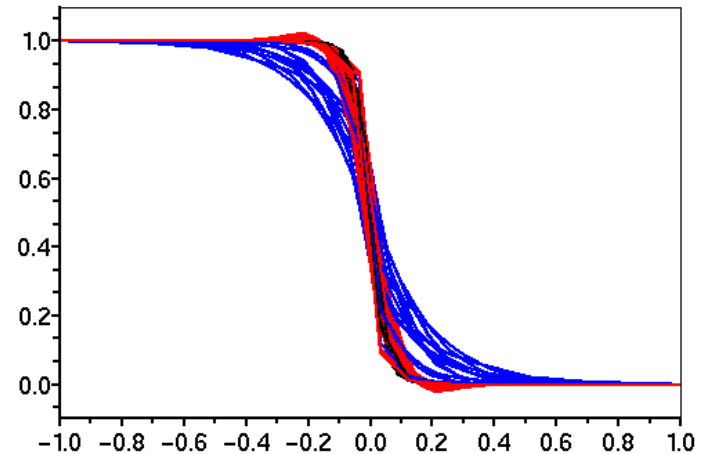
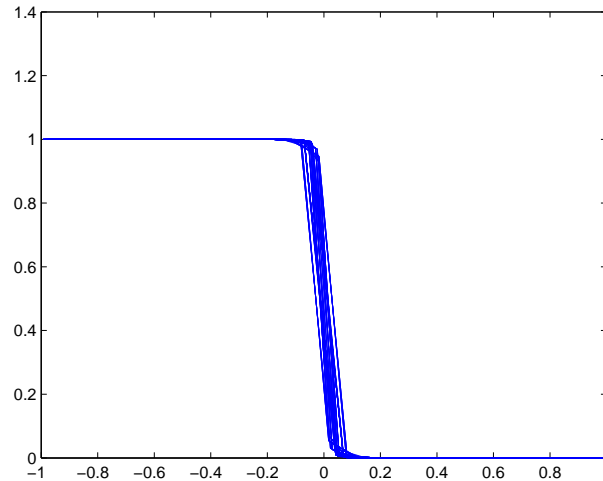
$$u(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\cosh(x_1 + 1)}{2 \cosh(1)} & \text{if } x_1 \leq 0, \\ \frac{\cosh(x_1 + 1)}{2 \cosh(1)} & \text{if } x_1 \geq 0. \end{cases}$$



# LapIn scheme (V. Siess)



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LapIn scheme is:

- Linear.
- Symmetric.
- Convergent of **order 1**.
- Satisfies the maximum principle.
- Five-point scheme on orthogonal meshes.

# P1 model

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Use P1 approximation:  $I_\nu = \frac{c}{4\pi} E_\nu + \Omega \cdot F_\nu$ .

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial E_\nu}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(F_\nu) + c\sigma_a(\nu) \left( E_\nu - \frac{4\pi}{c} B_\nu(T_e) \right) = 0, \\ \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial F_\nu}{\partial t} + \frac{c}{3} \nabla E_\nu + (\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}}) F_\nu = 0. \end{cases}$$

Hyperbolic system:

- Define convergent scheme on deformed mesh.
- Recover diffusion limit (asymptotic preserving scheme).

See Buet, Després, Franck (2010), Jin, Levermore (1993), Gosse, Toscani (2004).



# PN model (1D)

Assume that  $I_\nu$  is a polynomial of degree  $N$  in  $\Omega$ .

$$I_\nu(x, t, \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^N J_n(x, t, \nu) P_n(\mu).$$

$P_n = n^{\text{th}}$  Legendre polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial J_n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{n+1}{2n+1} J_{n+1} - \frac{n}{2n+1} J_{n-1} \right) + (\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}}) J_n \\ = \sigma_a(\nu) B_\nu(T_e) \delta_{n0} + \kappa_{\text{Th}} \delta_{n0} J_0, \end{aligned}$$

with the convention that  $J_{-1} = J_{N+1} = 0$ .

Scheme on deformed mesh...



# M1 model

$$\text{Set } E_\nu = \frac{1}{c} \int_{S^2} I_\nu d\Omega, \quad F_\nu = \int_{S^2} \Omega I_\nu d\Omega, \quad P_\nu = \frac{1}{c} \int_{S^2} \Omega \otimes \Omega I_\nu d\Omega.$$

System

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial E_\nu}{\partial t} + \text{div}(F_\nu) + c\sigma_a(\nu) \left( E_\nu - \frac{4\pi}{c} B_\nu(T_e) \right) = 0, \\ \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial F_\nu}{\partial t} + c \text{div}(P_\nu) + (\sigma_a(\nu) + \kappa_{\text{Th}}) F_\nu = 0. \end{cases}$$

Closure relation

$$P_\nu = \mathcal{F}(E_\nu, F_\nu).$$

$$P_\nu = \frac{1}{3} E_\nu Id: \text{P1 model.}$$

Definition of  $\mathcal{F}$ : entropy minimization. Dubroca, Feugeas (1999), Coulombel, Golse, Goudon (2005), Hauck, Levermore, Tits (2008), Levermore (1997), Morel (2009).



# Boundary conditions (continued)

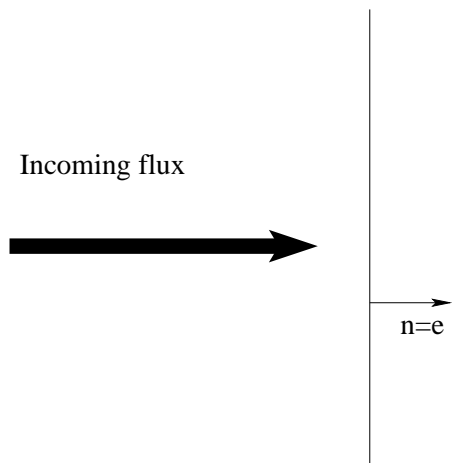
If the boundary condition of radiative transfer is

$$\forall x \in \partial\mathcal{D}, \quad \forall \Omega / \Omega \cdot n(x) \leq 0, \quad I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) = I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(x, t, \Omega),$$

with  $I_\nu^{\text{ext}}$  independent of  $\Omega$ , then idem for diffusion.

If not, need a boundary layer analysis:

$$I_\nu(x, \Omega) = J_\nu^0 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \Omega \right) + \varepsilon J_\nu^1 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \Omega \right) + \varepsilon^2 J_\nu^2 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \Omega \right) + \dots ,$$
$$T(x) = S^0 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon S^1 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon} \right) + \varepsilon^2 S^2 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon} \right) + \dots$$



# Boundary conditions (continued)



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$$\frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \varepsilon \sigma_a (I_\nu - B_\nu(T)) + \frac{\kappa_{\text{Th}}}{\varepsilon} \left( I_\nu - \int_{S^2} \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + (\Omega \cdot \Omega')^2 \right) I_\nu(\Omega') \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \right) = 0,$$

$$I_\nu(x, \Omega) = J_\nu^0 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \Omega \right) + \varepsilon J_\nu^1 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \Omega \right) + \varepsilon^2 J_\nu^2 \left( x, \frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \Omega \right) + \dots,$$

Milne problem for  $J_0 = J_\nu^0(x, s, \mu)$ ,  $\mu = \Omega \cdot e_1$ :

$$\begin{cases} \mu \partial_s J_\nu^0 + \kappa_{\text{Th}} (J_\nu^0 - \mathcal{K}(J_\nu^0)) = 0 & s > 0, \\ J_\nu^0 [(0, x_2, x_3), 0, \mu, \nu] = \int_{S^1} I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(\Omega) d\Omega_T & \mu > 0. \end{cases}$$

Boundary condition for  $I_\nu^0$  :  $I_\nu^0 = J_\nu^0(x, \infty, \mu)$

# Boundary conditions (continued)



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$$\begin{cases} \mu \partial_s J_\nu^0 + \kappa_{\text{Th}} (J_\nu^0 - \mathcal{K}(J_\nu^0)) = 0 & s > 0, \\ J_\nu^0 [(0, x_2, x_3), 0, \mu, \nu] = \int_{S^1} F_\nu(\Omega) d\Omega_T & \mu > 0. \end{cases}$$

*Theorem:* (Dautray-Lions 1988, Chandrasekhar 1950, Case-Zweifel 1967, Williams 1971) The Milne problem is well-posed, and its solution  $J_\nu^0$  satisfies the convergence

$$J_\nu^0(x, s, \mu) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_{S^1} I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(\Omega') d\Omega'.$$

Remark: Here, use that  $\mathcal{K}$  is self-adjoint, and that 1 is a simple isolated eigenvalue, with constant eigenvector.

Boundary condition:

$$E_\nu = \int_{S^2} I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(\Omega) d\Omega$$



# Boundary conditions (continued)

In the Rosseland approximation, boundary layer:



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$$\frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \Omega \cdot \nabla I_\nu + \frac{\sigma_a}{\varepsilon} (I_\nu - B_\nu(T)) + \frac{\kappa_{\text{Th}}}{\varepsilon} \left( I_\nu - \int_{S^2} \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + (\Omega \cdot \Omega')^2 \right) I_\nu(\Omega') \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \right) = 0,$$

$$\varepsilon C_v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \int_{S^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma_a}{\varepsilon} (I_\nu(x, t, \Omega) - B_\nu(T)) d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$$

Milne problem  $J_\nu^0 = J_\nu^0(x, s, \mu)$ :

$$\begin{cases} \mu \partial_s J_\nu^0 + (\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}}) (J_\nu^0 - B_\nu(S^0)) = 0 & s > 0, \\ \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{-1}^1 \sigma_a (J_\nu^0 - B_\nu(S^0)) d\mu d\nu = 0 & s > 0, \\ J_\nu^0 [(0, x_2, x_3), 0, \mu, \nu] = \int_{S^1} I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(\Omega) d\Omega_T & \mu > 0. \end{cases}$$

# Boundary conditions (continued)

Milne problem  $J_\nu^0 = J_\nu^0(x, s, \mu)$ :

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*Theorem:* (Golse 1987, Sentis 1987, Clouet-Sentis, 2009) The above Milne problem has a unique solution, which satisfies

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} S^0(s) = T^*, \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} J_\nu^0(s, \mu, \nu) = B_\nu(T^*).$$

$T^*$  is the **boundary data for  $T^0$**  in Rosseland model.



# Boundary conditions (continued)

Rosseland approximation for the non-equilibrium diffusion model:  
boundary layer

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\varepsilon}{c} \frac{\partial E_\nu}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{1}{3(\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \nabla E_\nu \right) + \frac{\sigma_a}{\varepsilon} \left( E_\nu - \frac{4\pi}{c} B_\nu(T_e) \right) = 0, \\ \varepsilon C_\nu \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma_a(\nu)}{\varepsilon} \left( E_\nu - \frac{4\pi}{c} B_\nu(T) \right) d\nu. \end{cases}$$

Milne problem  $E_0 = E_0^\nu(x, s, \mu)$ :

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_s \left( \frac{1}{3(\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \partial_s E_\nu^0 \right) + \sigma_a (E_\nu^0 - B_\nu(S^0)) = 0 & s > 0, \\ \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{-1}^1 \sigma_a (E_\nu^0 - B_\nu(S^0)) d\mu d\nu = 0 & s > 0, \\ E_\nu^0 [(0, x_2, x_3), 0, \mu, \nu] = \int_{S^1} I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(\Omega) d\Omega_T & \mu > 0. \end{cases}$$

# Boundary conditions (continued)

Milne problem  $E_0 = E_0^\nu(x, s, \mu)$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\partial_s \left( \frac{1}{3(\sigma_a + \kappa_{\text{Th}})} \partial_s E_\nu^0 \right) + \sigma_a (E_\nu^0 - B_\nu(S^0)) = 0 \quad s > 0, \\ \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{-1}^1 \sigma_a (E_\nu^0 - B_\nu(S^0)) d\mu d\nu = 0 \quad s > 0, \\ E_\nu^0 [(0, x_2, x_3), 0, \mu, \nu] = \int_{S^1} I_\nu^{\text{ext}}(\Omega) d\Omega_T \quad \mu > 0. \end{array} \right.$$

*Theorem:* The above Milne problem has a unique solution, which satisfies

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} S^0(s) = T_{\text{diff}}^*, \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} J_0(s, \mu, \nu) = B_\nu(T_{\text{diff}}^*).$$

$T_{\text{diff}}^*$  is the **boundary data for  $T^0$**  in Rosseland model.

Question: how to ensure  $T^* = T_{\text{diff}}^*$ ?

