

Modeling and calculations of rarefied gas flows: DSMC vs kinetic equation

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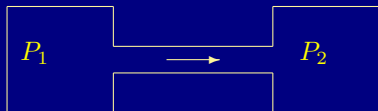
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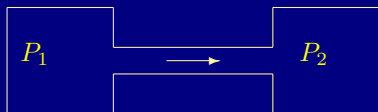
TYPICAL PROBLEMS

Poiseuille flows



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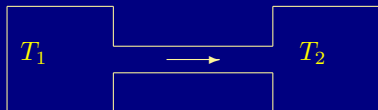
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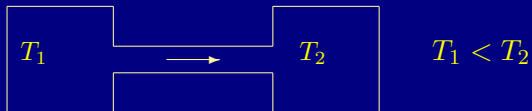
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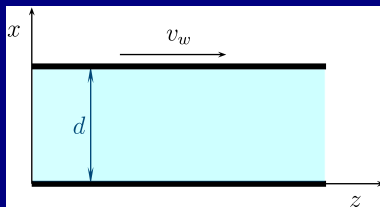
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What is the pressure ratio

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^\gamma \quad 0 \geq \gamma \geq 0.5$$

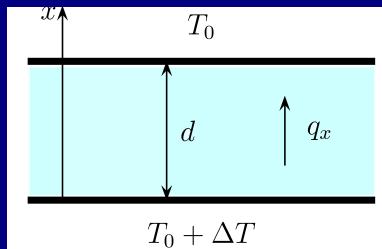
Couette flow



To be calculated:

P_{xz} shear stress

Heat transfer between two plates

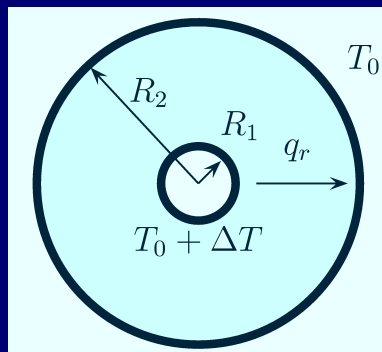


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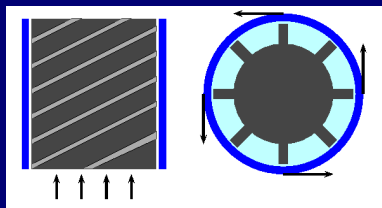
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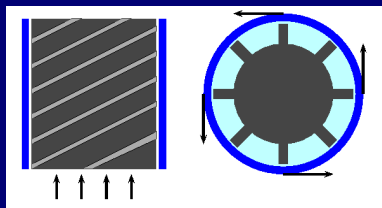
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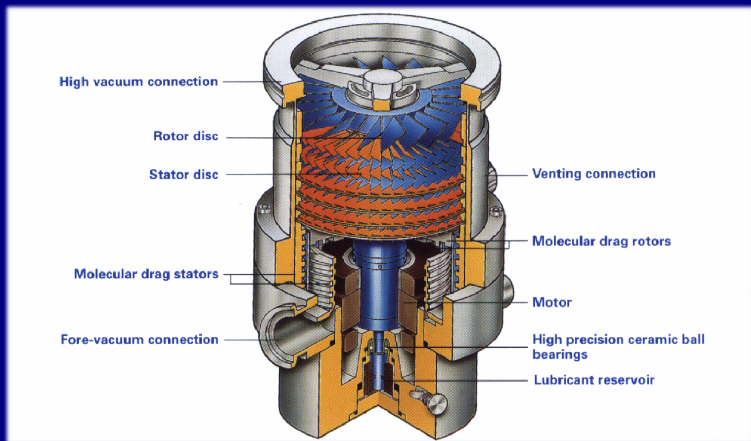
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To be calculated:

- Compression ratio
- Pumping speed
- Torque

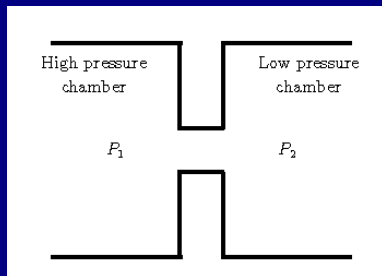
Combination Holweck and turbomolecular pumps



Direct Simulation Monte Carlo method

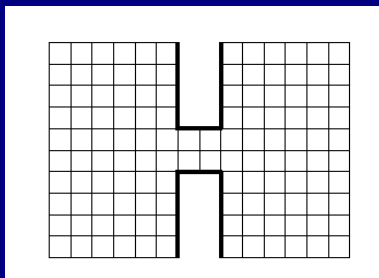
DSMC

DSMC, Main ideas



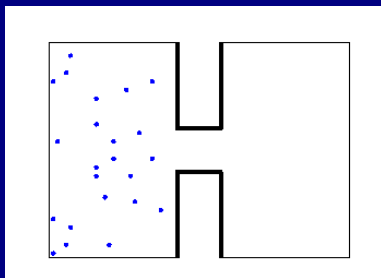
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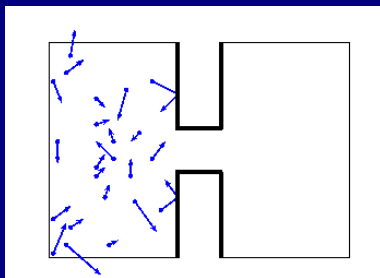
Flow region is divided into cells

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M model particles are considered.
Their positions \mathbf{r}_i and velocities \mathbf{v}_i are saved.

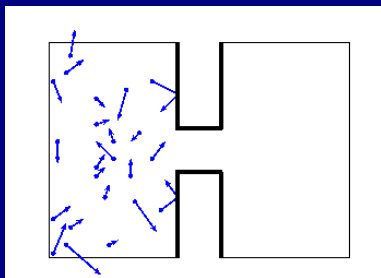
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Time is advanced in steps Δt .
New positions are calculated

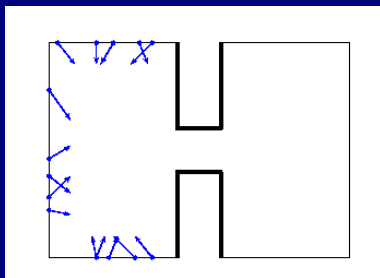
$$\mathbf{r}_{i,new} = \mathbf{r}_{i,old} + \mathbf{v}_i \Delta t$$

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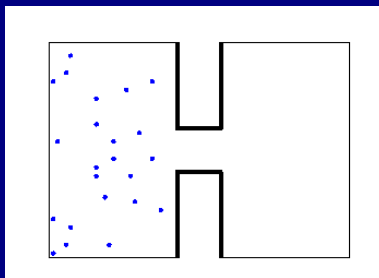
Gas-surface interaction is simulated.
Some particles are removed.

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New particles are generated.

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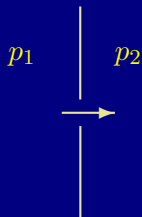
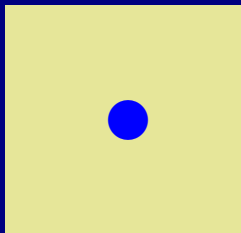


Intermolecular interactions are simulated.
Macroscopic quantities are calculated.

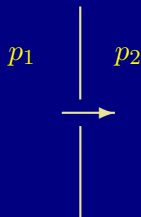
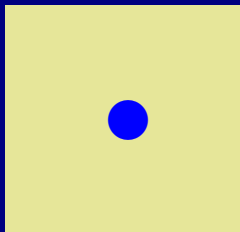
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All steps are repeated many times in order to reduce the statistical noise.

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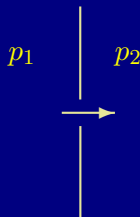
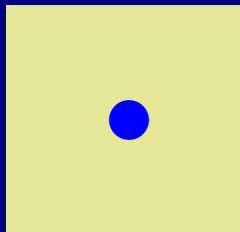
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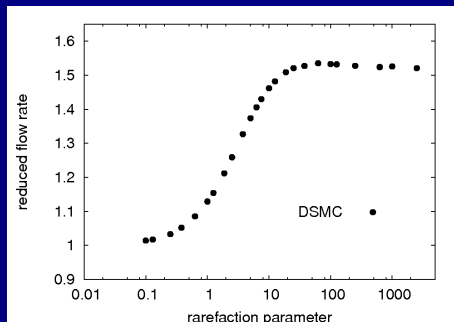
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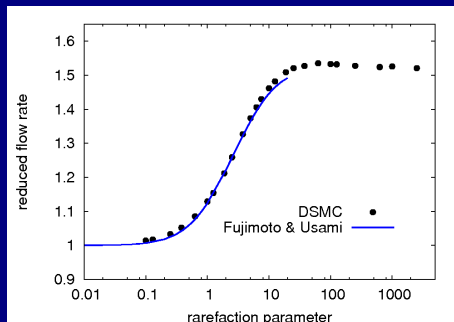
$$\delta = \frac{PR}{\mu v_m} \propto \frac{1}{\text{Kn}}, \quad v_m = \sqrt{\frac{2R_g T}{M}}$$

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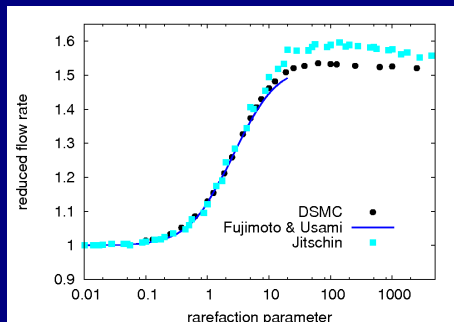
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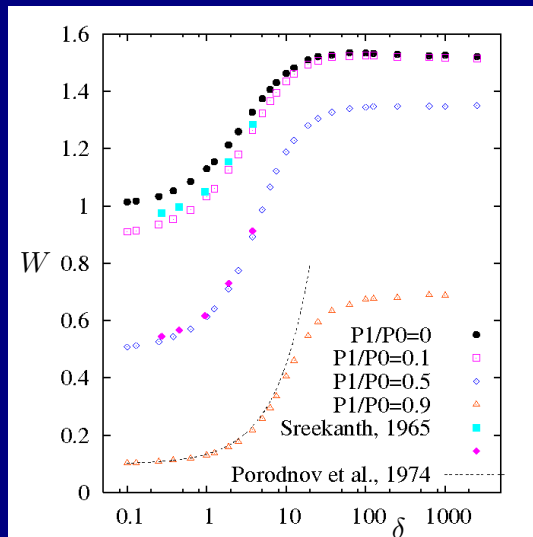


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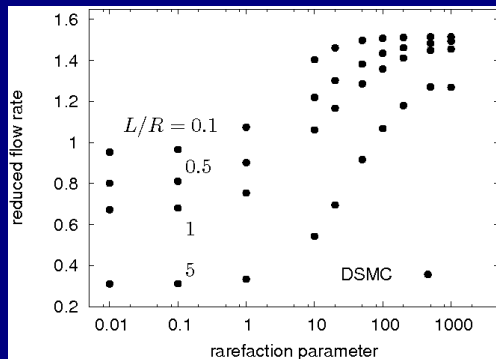
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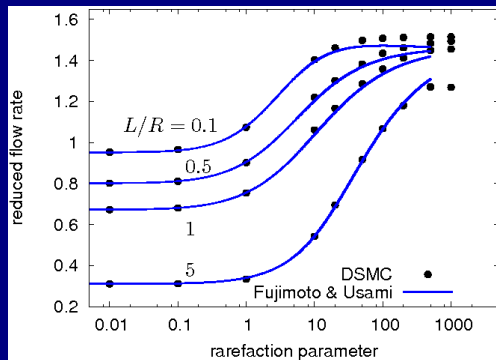


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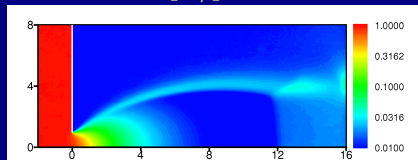
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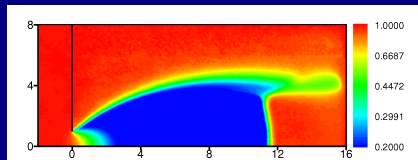
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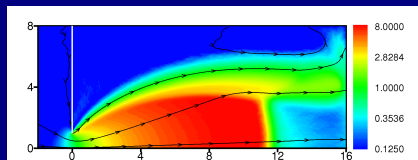
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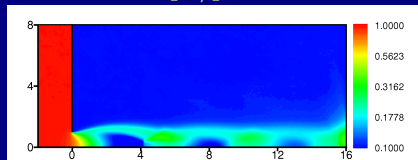
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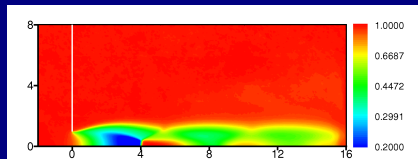
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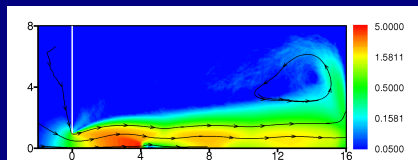
Flow-field at $p_2/p_1 = 10$ and $\delta = 1000$



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NICE!



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IS IT UNIVERSAL REMEDY?



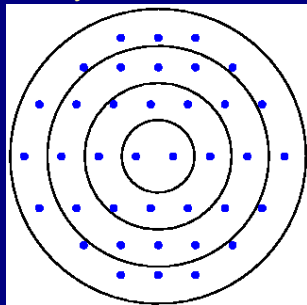
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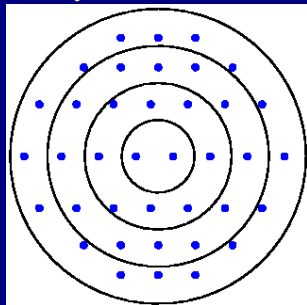
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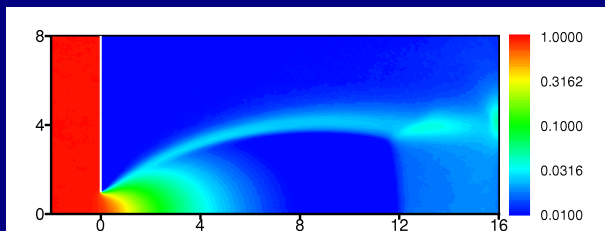
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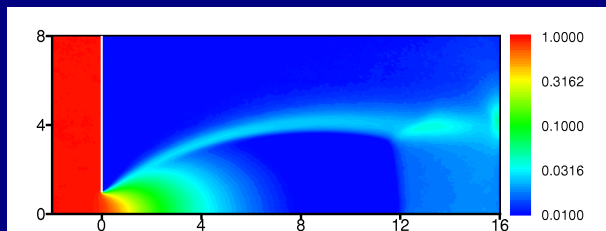
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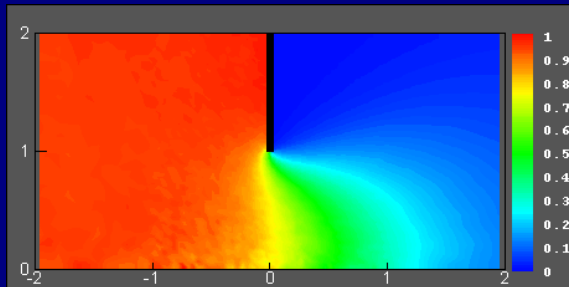


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DSMC, Statistical noise

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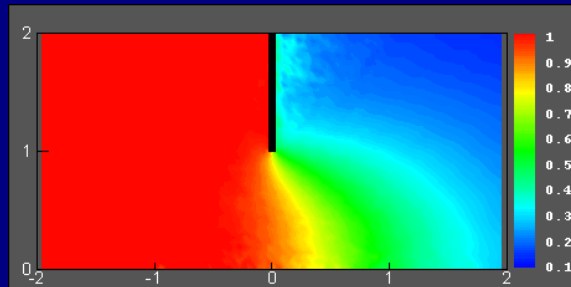


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Calculation time - few hours

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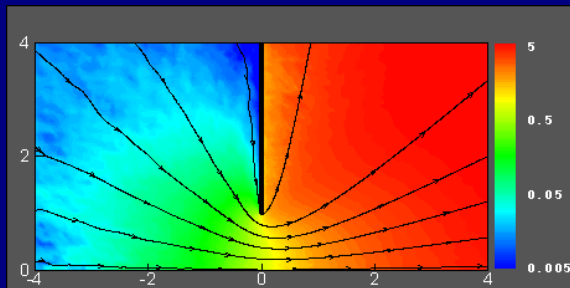


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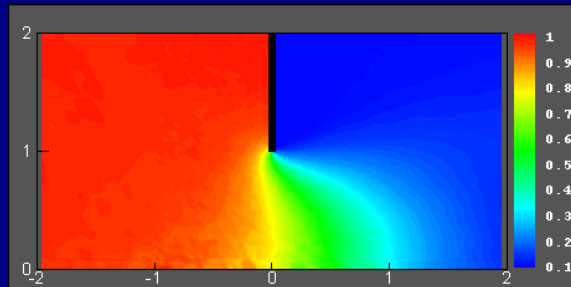


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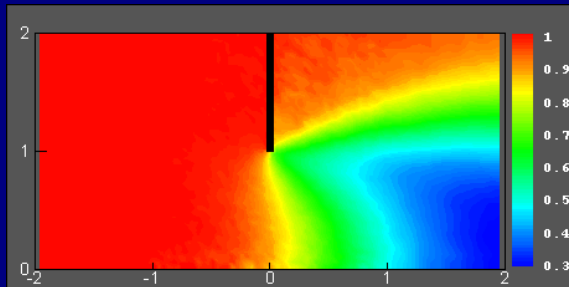


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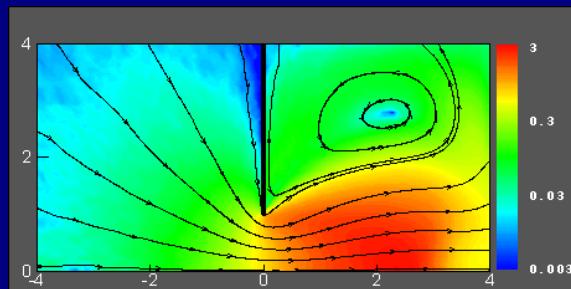


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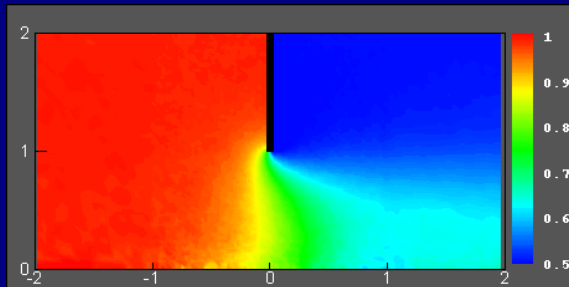


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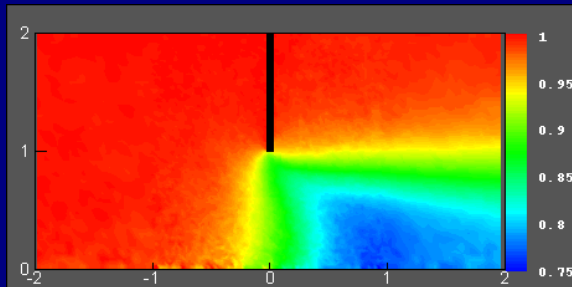


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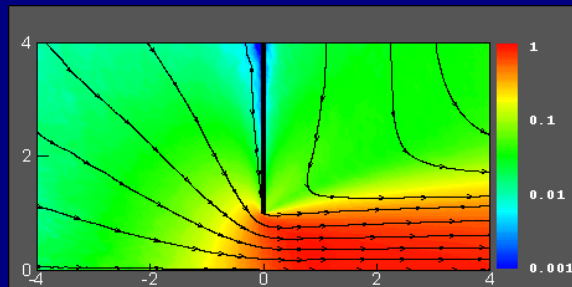


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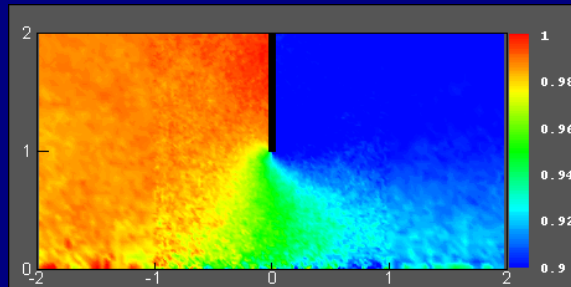


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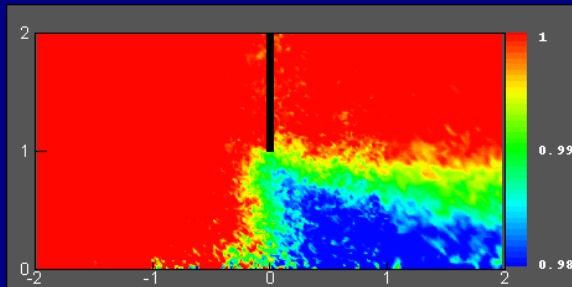


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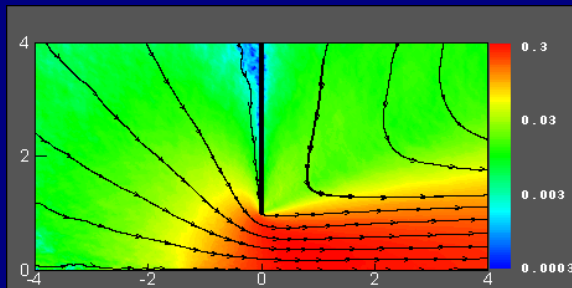


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Kinetic equation

Velocity distribution function

$f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{v}$ number of molecules in $d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{v}$

$n(t, \mathbf{r}) = \int f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$ - number density

$\mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{n} \int \mathbf{v} f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$ - bulk velocity

$P(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{m}{3} \int V^2 f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$ - pressure

$T(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{m}{3nk} \int V^2 f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$ - temperature

$\mathbf{q}(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{m}{2} \int V^2 \mathbf{V} f(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$ - heat flux vector

$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}$

Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} = Q(f f_*)$$

$$Q(f f_*) = \int (f' f_*' - f f_*) |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_*| b db d\epsilon d\mathbf{v}_*$$

\mathbf{v}' and \mathbf{v}_*' - pre-collision molecular velocities

\mathbf{v} and \mathbf{v}_* - post-collision molecular velocities

Boltzmann equation

Discrete velocity method:

$$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N,$$

The BE is split into N differential eqs. coupled via the collisions integral

Model equations

The collision integral is simplified

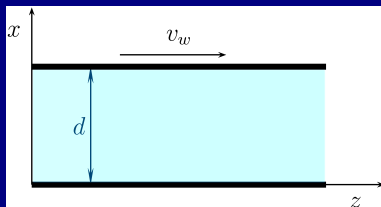
BGK model

$$Q(ff_*) = \nu (f^M - f)$$

S model

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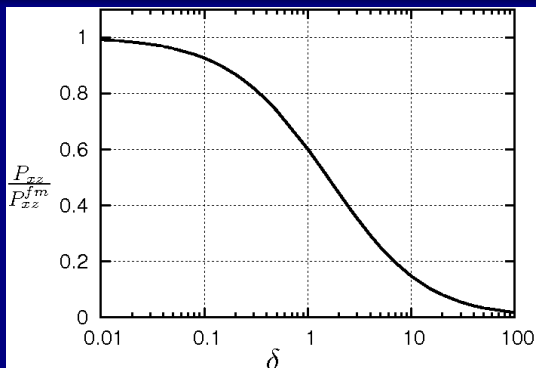
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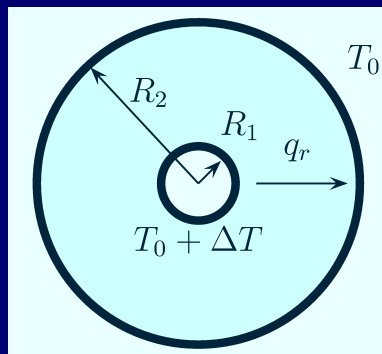
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Heat transfer between two cylinders

Pirani sensor



To be calculated:

q_r Heat flux

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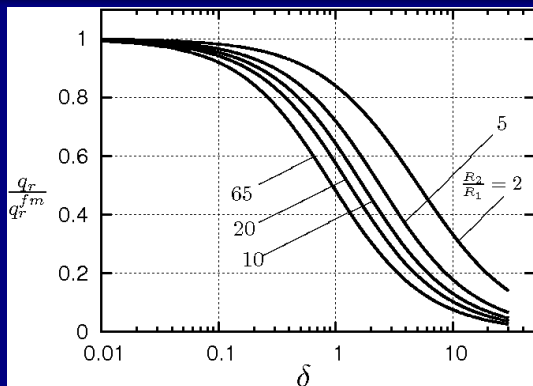
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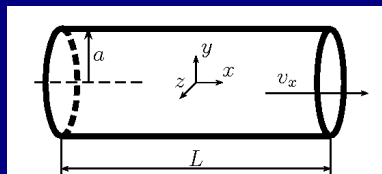
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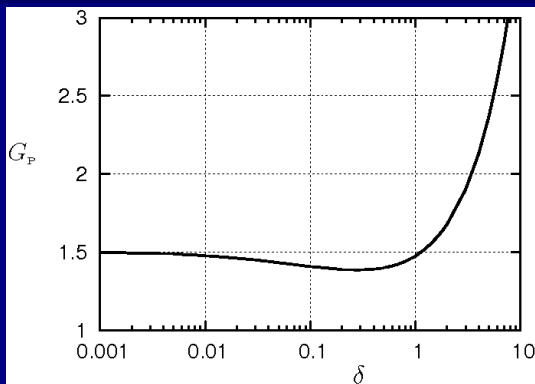
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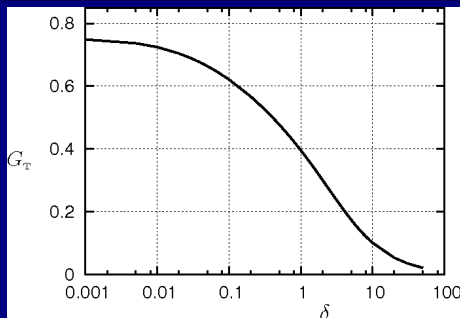
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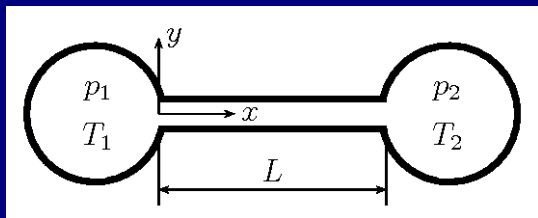
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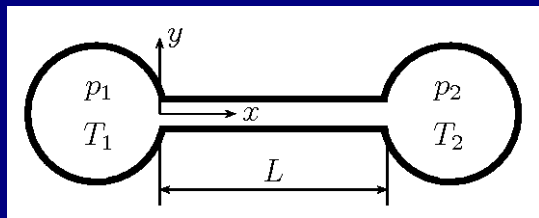


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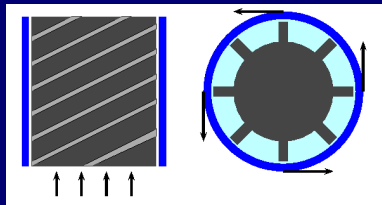
Numerical calculations of \dot{M}

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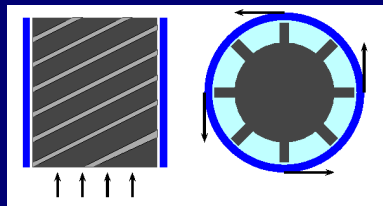
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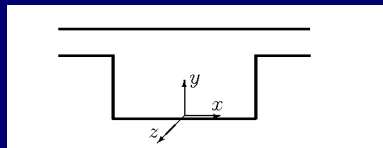


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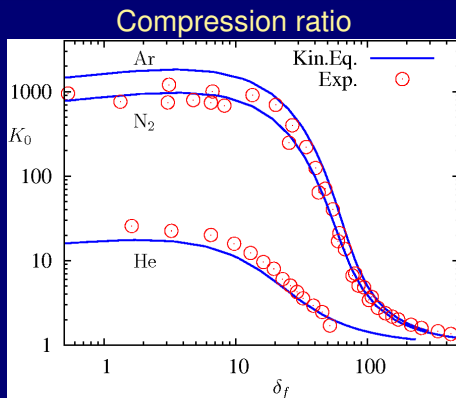
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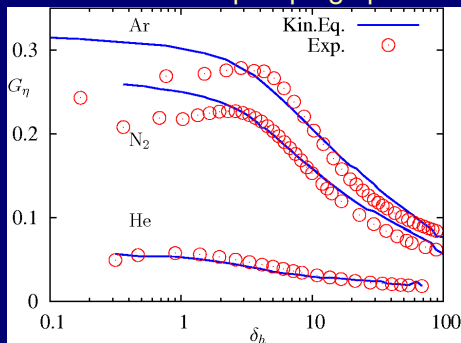


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