



A BGK-Kinetic Formulation Including Vibrational and Electronic Energy Modes within SU2

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- *10 academics looking into: Future Air-space Transportation, Space Engineering Science and Computational Intelligence*
- *The CFD guys: 2 lecturers, 2 postdocs, 3 PhDs*
- *Mantra: Open-source algorithms and reproducibility*

Outline

1. The kinetic perspective
2. Calorically vs thermally perfect gas
3. Verification & Validation test cases
4. Exploitation test case
5. The road ahead



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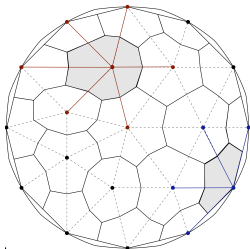
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- Keep at minimum the adoption of heuristic relations
- Create a unified framework to address a wide range of flow physics
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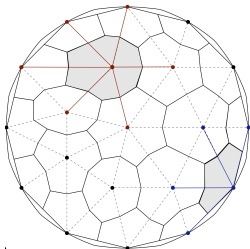
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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla f = Q(f_{inc.}, f_{post.}) \rightarrow Q(f_{inc.}, f_{post.}) \simeq \frac{f - f_0}{\tau}$$

Calorically vs thermally perfect gas

dilute gas	$T < 500 \text{ K}$	$T \geq 500 \text{ K}$
thermally perfect (ideal) gas	$P = \rho \mathcal{R} T$	-
calorically perfect gas	$e = c_V T + e_0$	$e = \int_{T_0}^T c_V(T) dT$

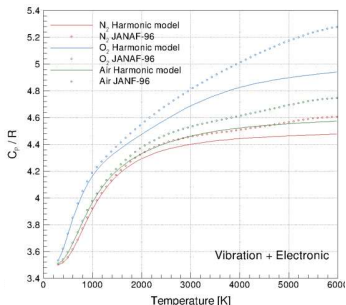
$$c_V = \frac{n}{2} \mathcal{N} k + \frac{\mathcal{N} k \left(\frac{\theta_v}{T} \right)^2 e^{\frac{\theta_v}{T}}}{\left(e^{\frac{\theta_v}{T}} - 1 \right)^2} + c_V^{el.}(\theta_{e,i}, T, g_i) \quad [\text{J / mol K}]$$

In the kinetic framework:

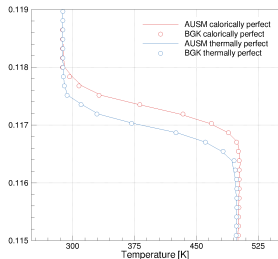
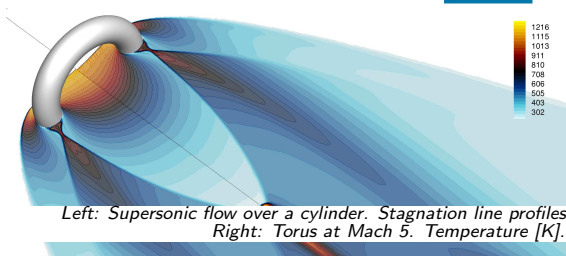
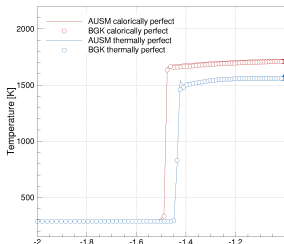
$$f_0 = f_0^{t,r} f_0^{vib.} f_0^{el.}$$

$$f_0^{vib.} = \frac{1}{Z^v} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \delta(\xi_v - \xi_v^j) e^{-\frac{m(\xi_v^j)^2}{2kT}}$$

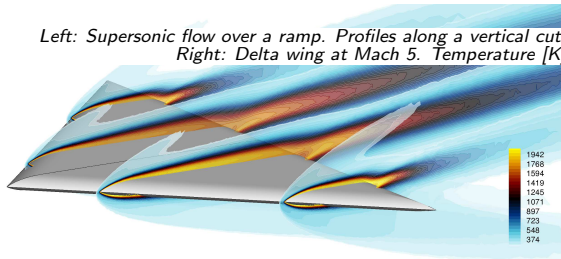
$$f_0^{el.} = \frac{1}{Z^e} \mathcal{F}(\xi_e, T, g_i)$$



Scheme-to-scheme "verification"

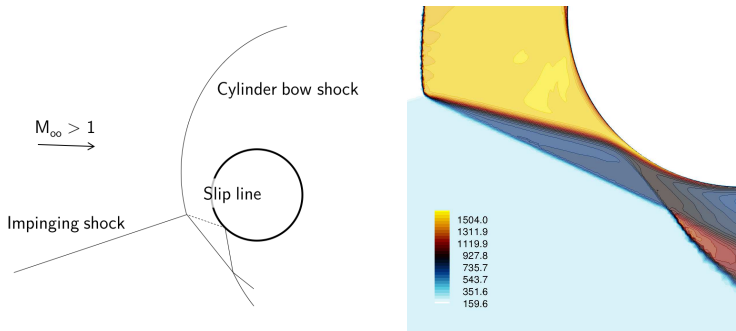


Left: Supersonic flow over a ramp. Profiles along a vertical cut.
 Right: Delta wing at Mach 5. Temperature [K]



Edney type III interference over a cylinder

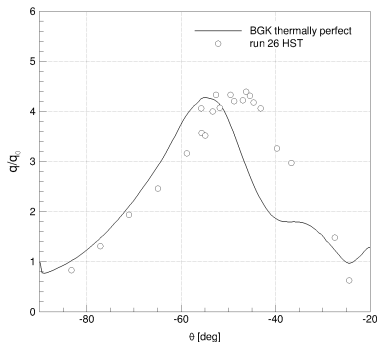
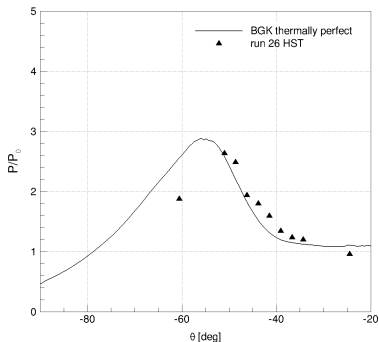
Mach	8.03	Re_R	257,498.85
T_∞ [K]	111.56	T_{wall} [K]	294.44
Elements	96,911	Nodes	69,079



Left: Schematic of type III interference pattern. Right: Temperature contours [K].

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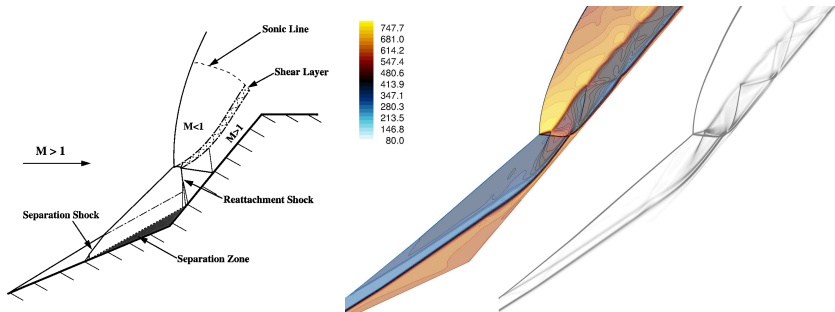
Pressure and heat flux amplification along the surface w.r.t. the undisturbed case (P_0 and q_0), i.e. with no impinging oblique shock



A.R. Weiting, M.S. Holden, "Experimental Study of Shock Wave Interference Heating on a Cylindrical Leading Edge", **NASA TM 100484**, 1987.

Edney type V interference over a 25°-50° cone

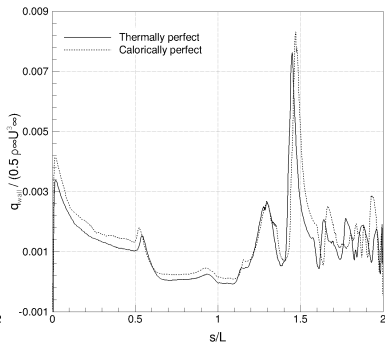
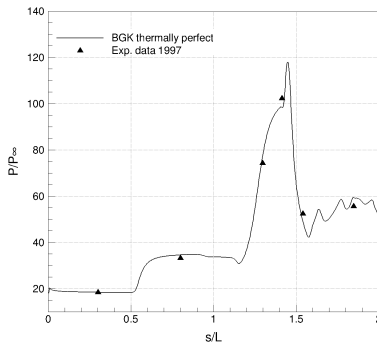
Mach	8	Re_D	2.7×10^5
T_∞ [K]	57	T_{wall} [K]	300
Elements	426,478	Nodes	428,050



Left: Schematic of type V interference pattern. Centre: Temperature contours [K]. Right: Numerical Schlieren. Contours refer to a close-up view in the corner region

Edney type V interference over a 25°-50° cone

	Calorically perfect	Thermally perfect	Δ
Integrated heat flux [W/m]	700.886	640.717	8.5%



M.J. Wright, J. Olejniczak, G.V. Candler, T.D. Magruder, A.J. Smith, "Numerical and Experimental Investigation of Double-Cone Shock Interactions", **AIAA paper 97-0063**, 1997.

Exploitation case: X43-like vehicle

Mach	7	Re_L	988,728
T_∞ [K]	239.85	h_{wall} [W/m ²]	0
Elements	10,653,216	Nodes	1,851,041
	Calorically perfect	Thermally perfect	Δ
T_0 [K]	2,590	2,340	9.6%

Temperature contours [K]. Calorically perfect (top-left), Thermally perfect (bottom-right).

It's a long way to the top

1. Multiphysics[†]

- 1.1 Multiple temperatures a.k.a thermal nonequilibrium
- 1.2 Multi-species (frozen vs. finite-rate)
- 1.3 Turbulence-Chemistry-Interaction via Eddy Dissipation Model

[†]*Starting with FV and progressively moving to higher-order*

2. Adapt-by-remesh[‡]

- 2.1 Anisotropy
- 2.2 hp -adaptivity

[‡]*Integration with Gmsh*

Mach number. Anisotropic remeshing using $\mathcal{H}(\text{Mach})$ as a basis for the metric tensor.



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