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# Relativistic Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics from a variational principle

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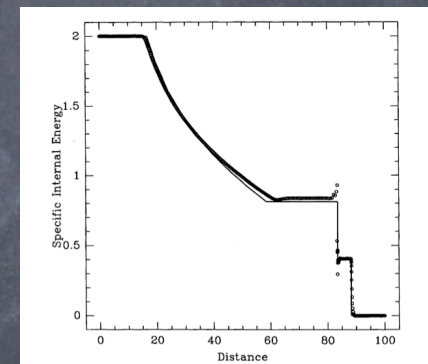
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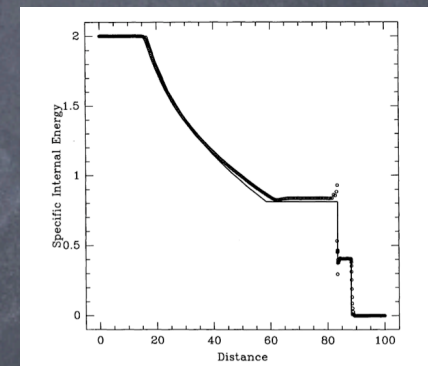
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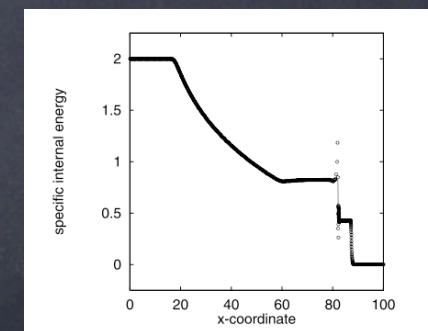
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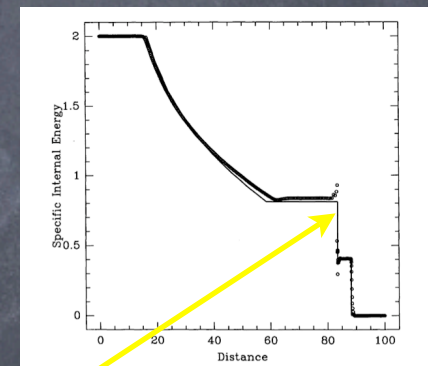
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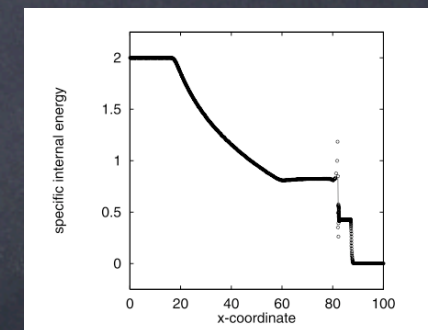
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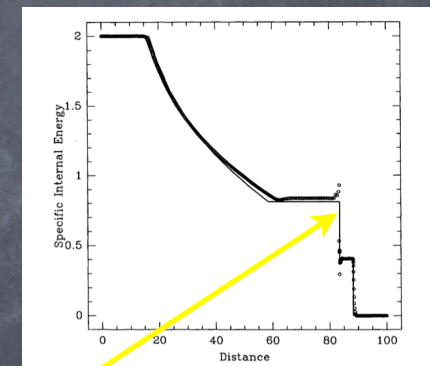




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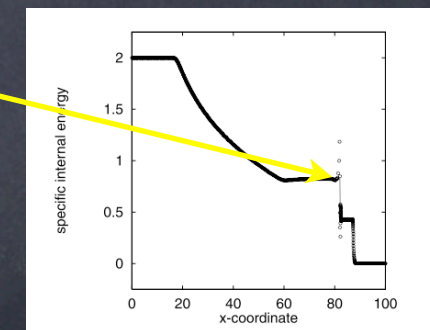


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# III. Conservative, special-relativistic SPH: consistent derivation from a Lagrangian

- our approach:
  - start from Lagrangian of ideal fluid
  - apply Euler-Lagrange equations + first law of thermodynamics
  - use canonical energy and momentum as guidance for numerical variables
  - use modern form of artificial viscosity



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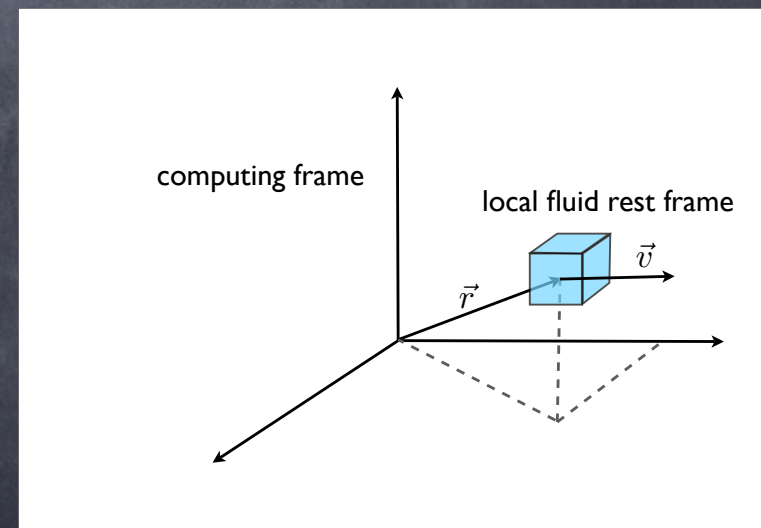
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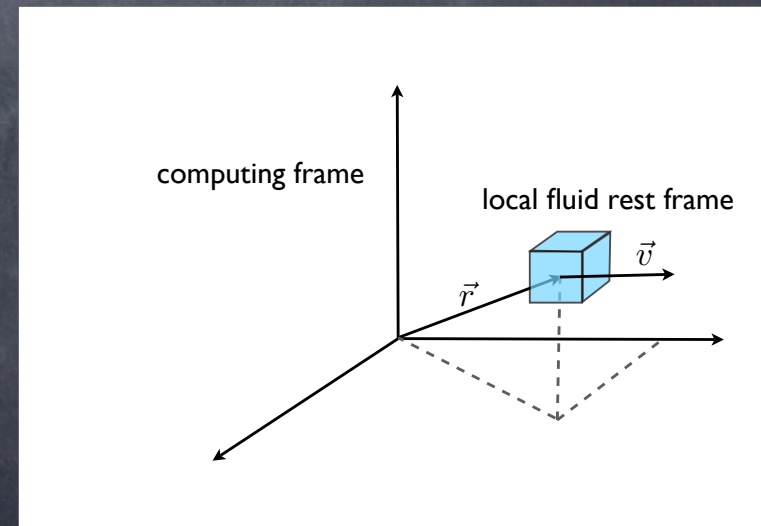


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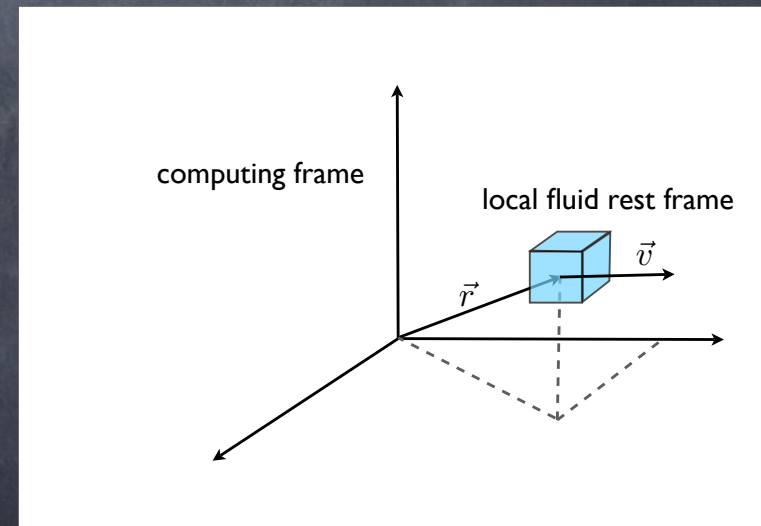
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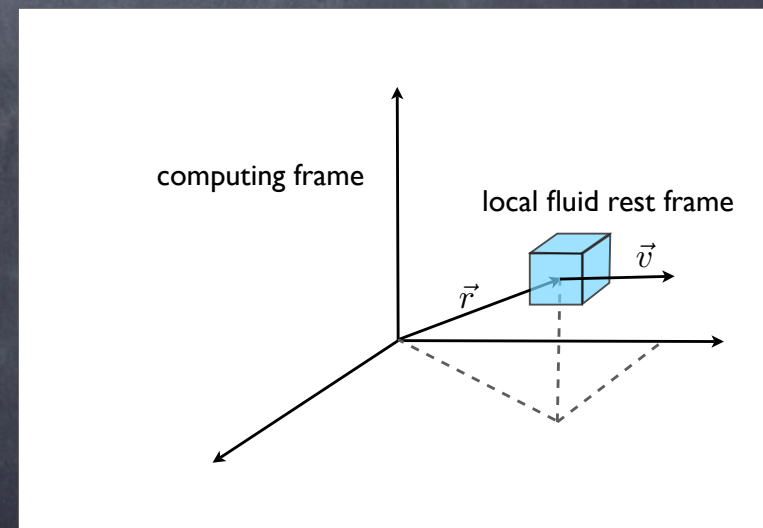
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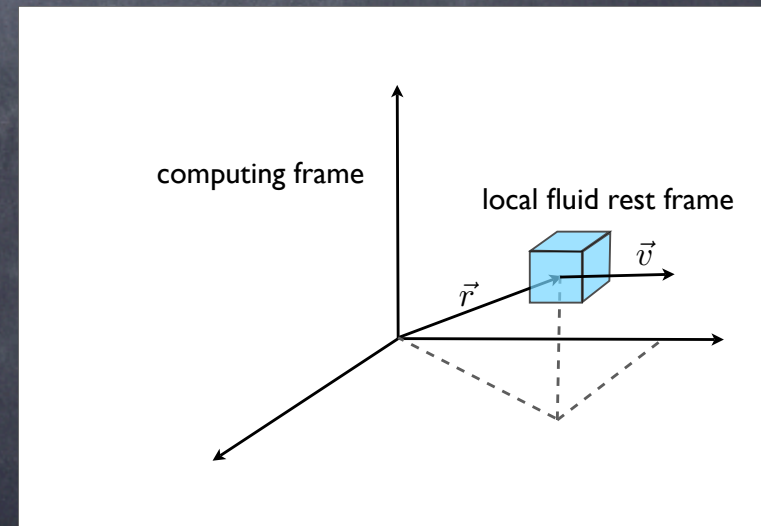
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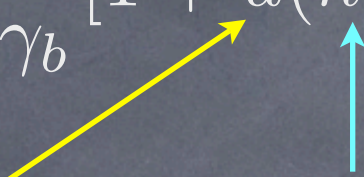




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• resulting SPH equation set:

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momentum:

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energy:

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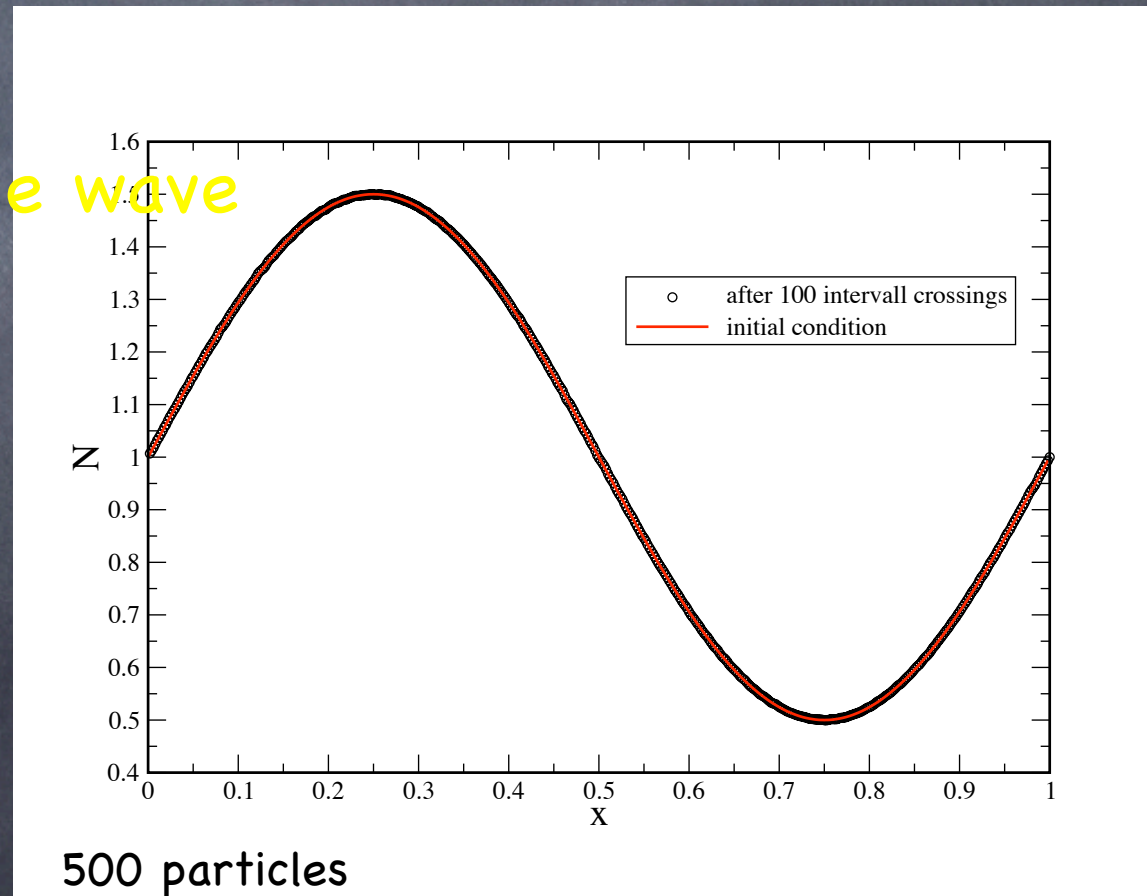
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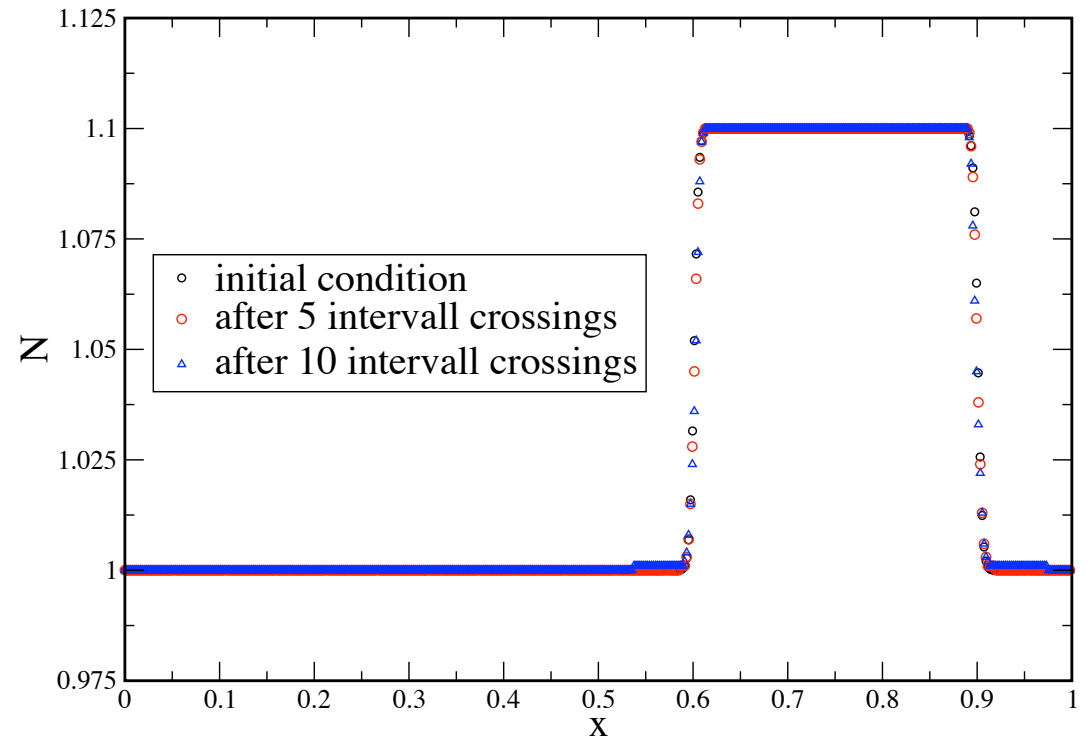
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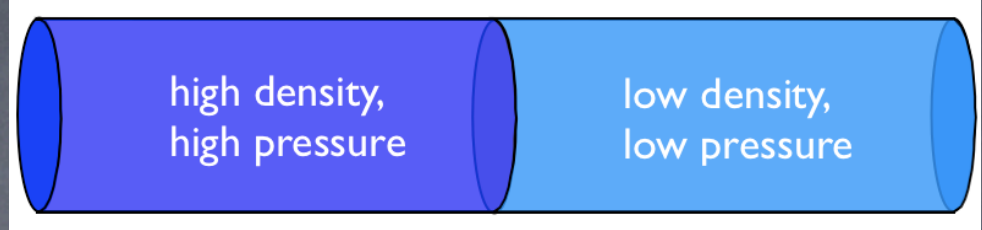




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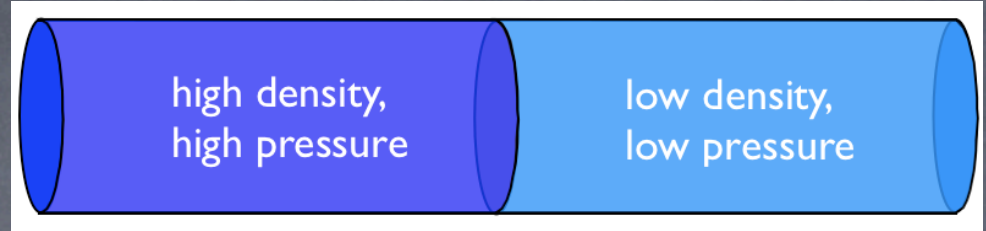


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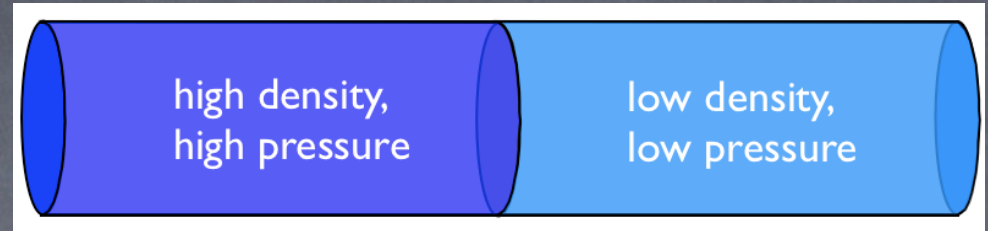
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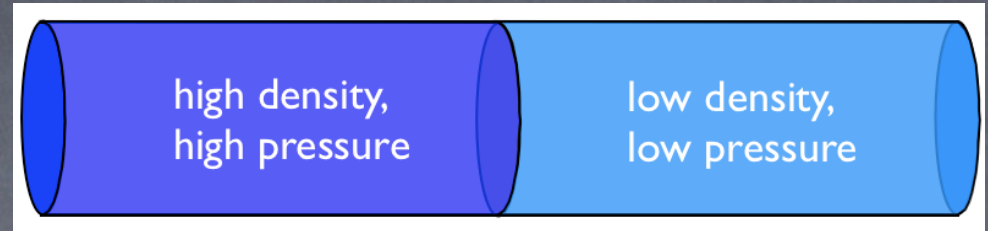


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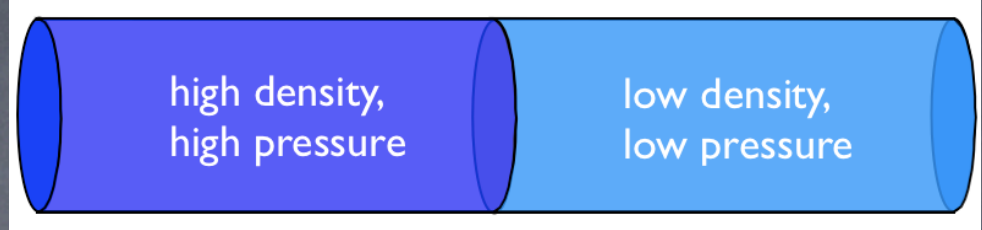


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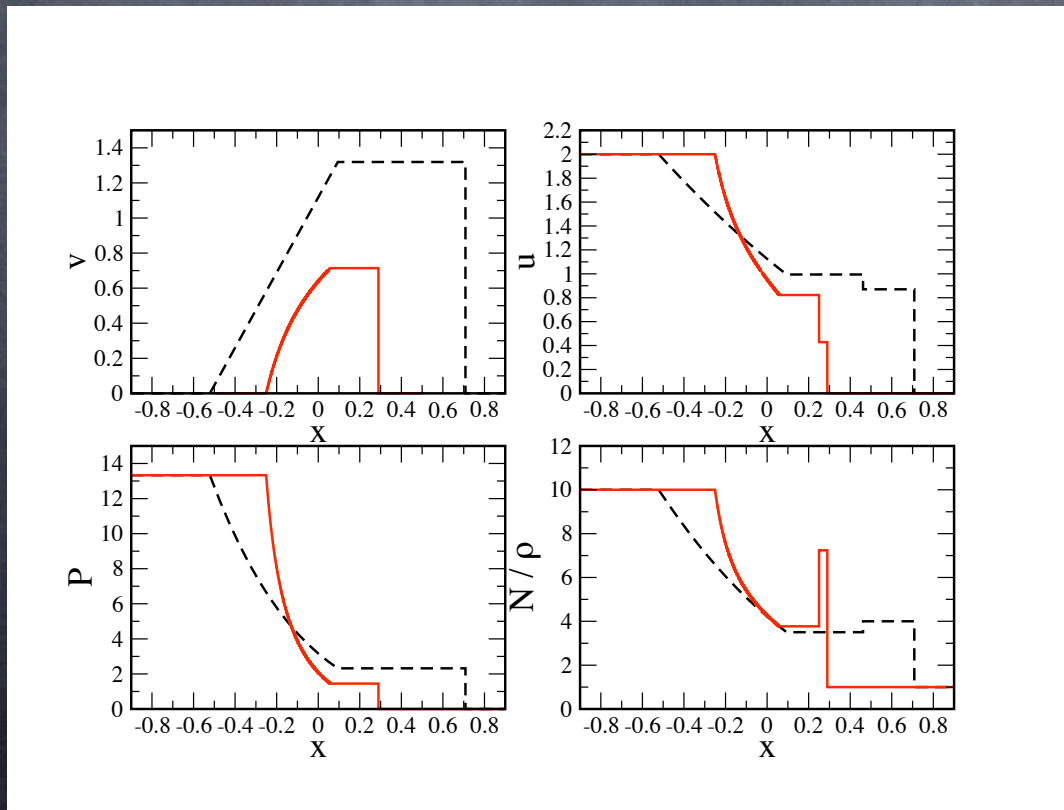


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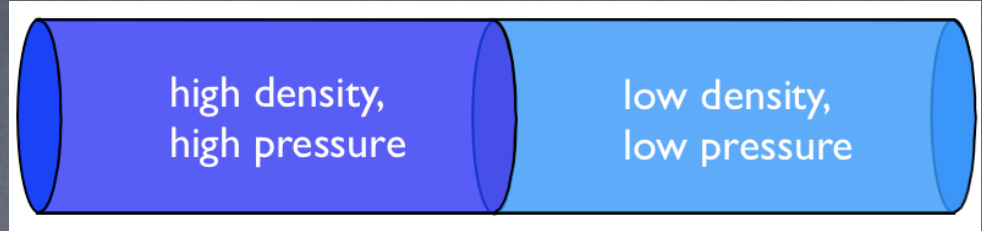
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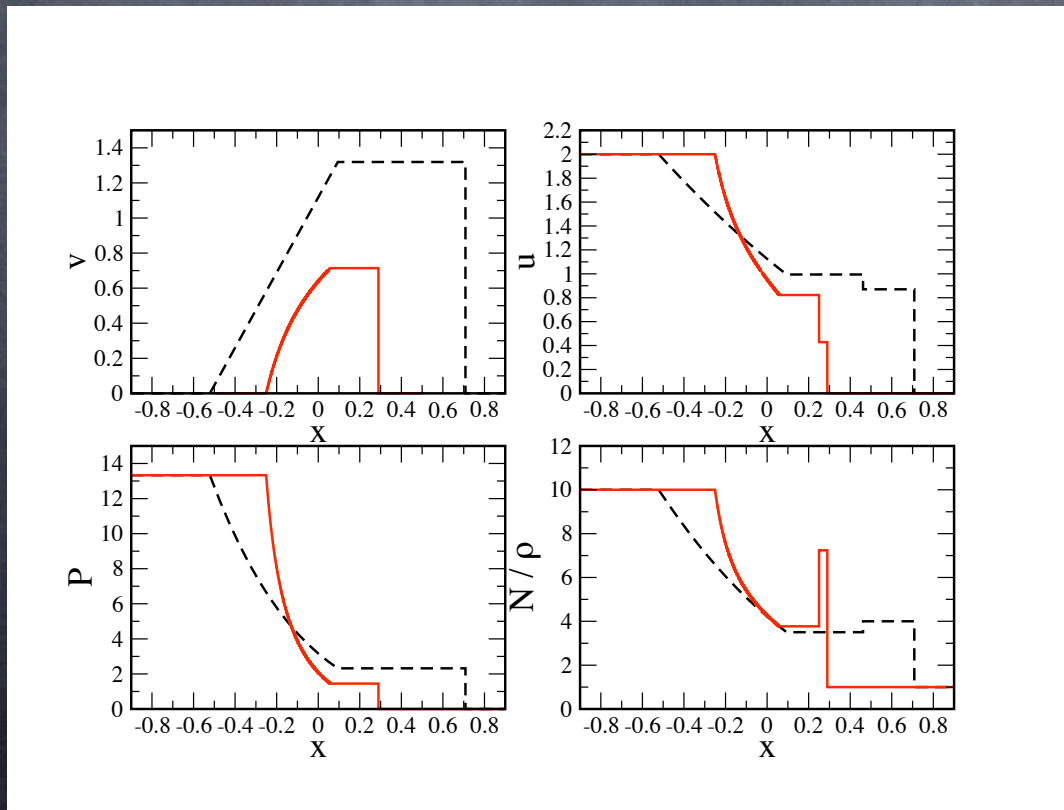


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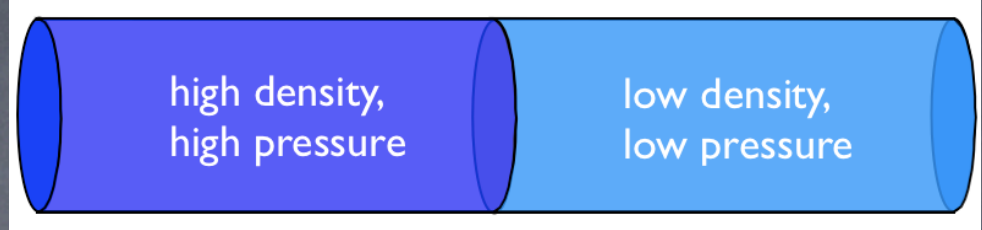
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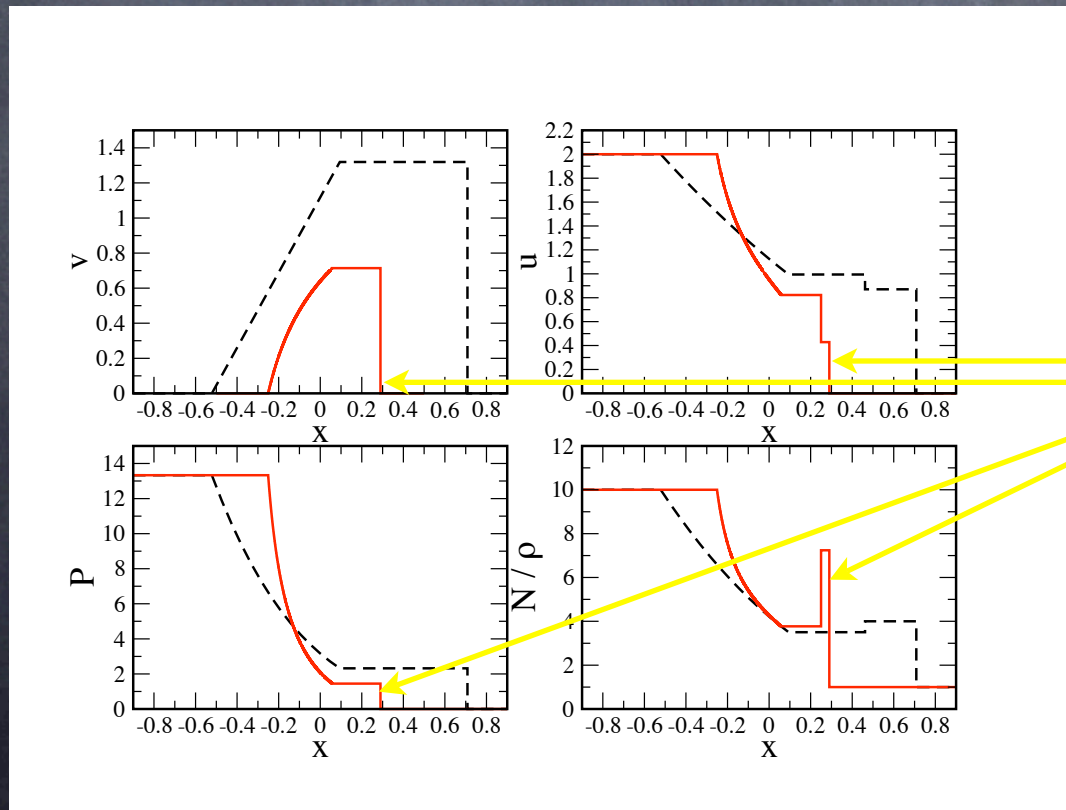


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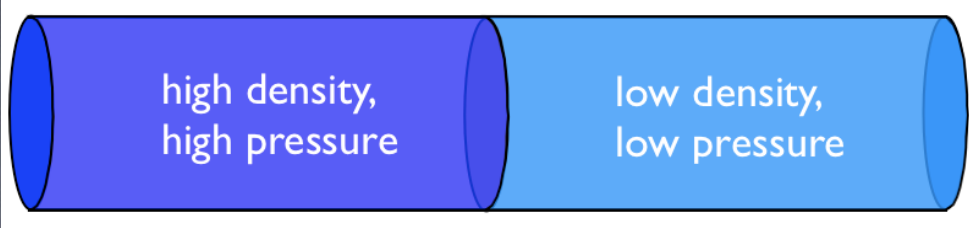


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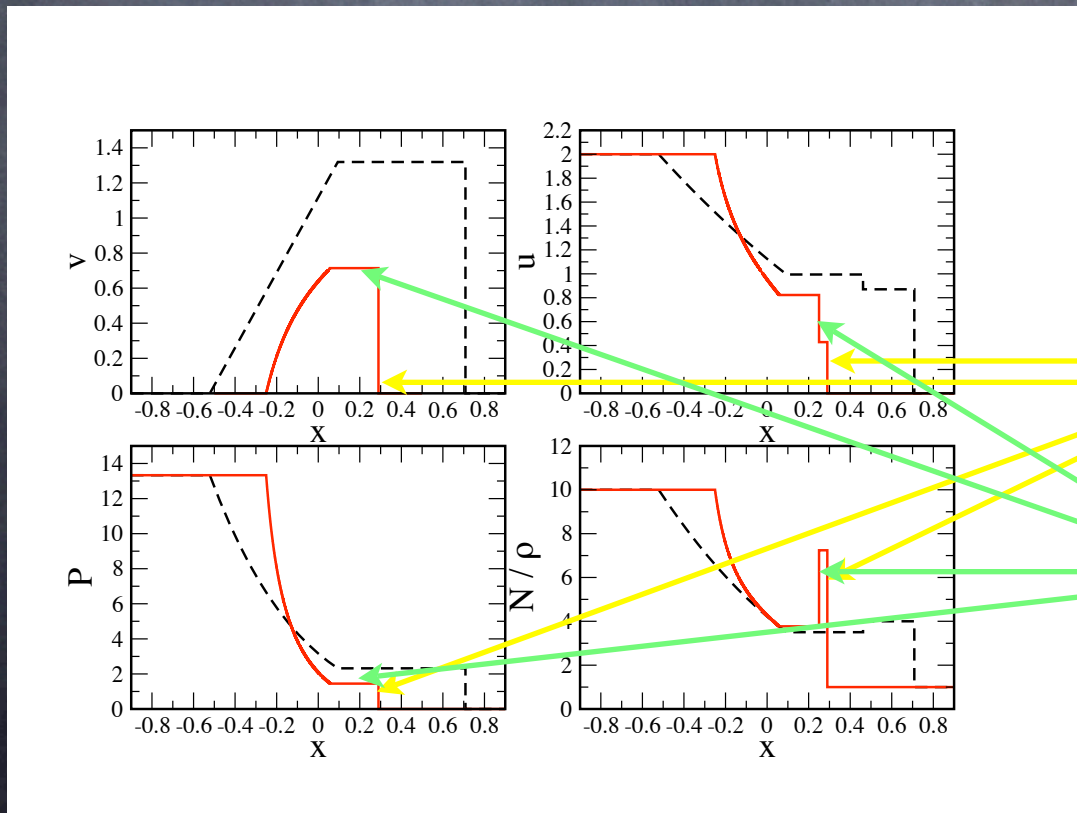


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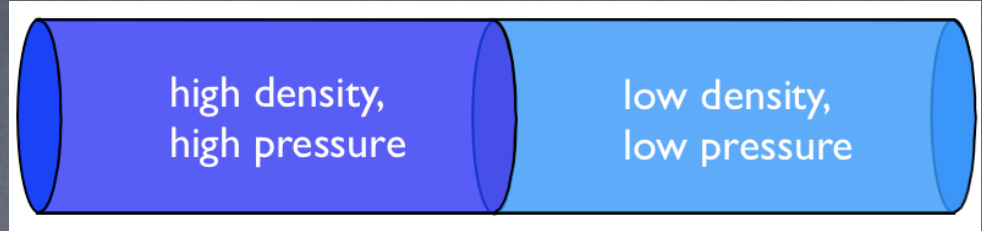
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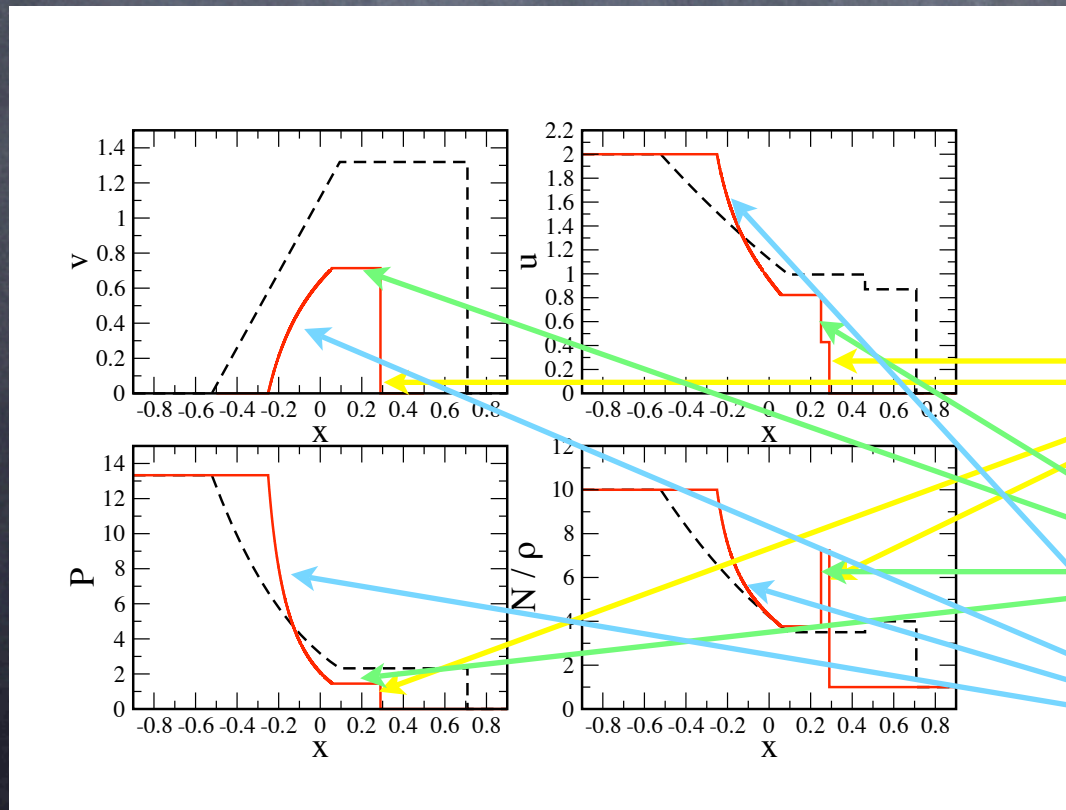


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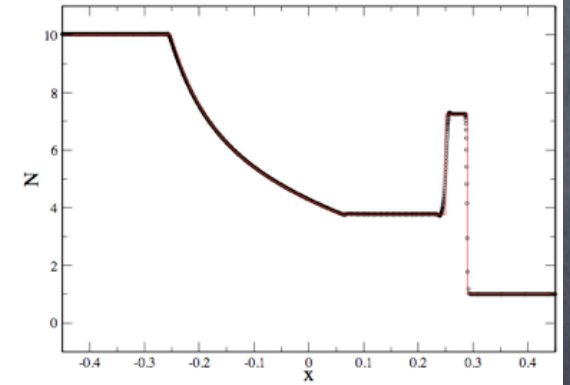
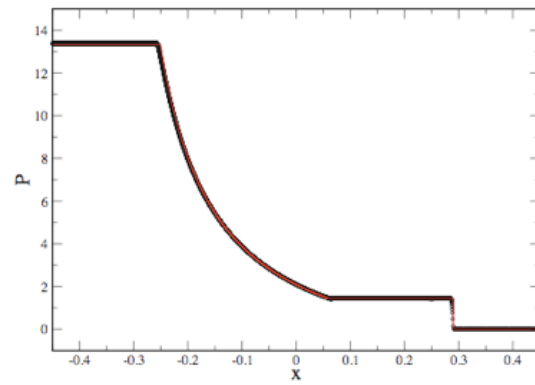
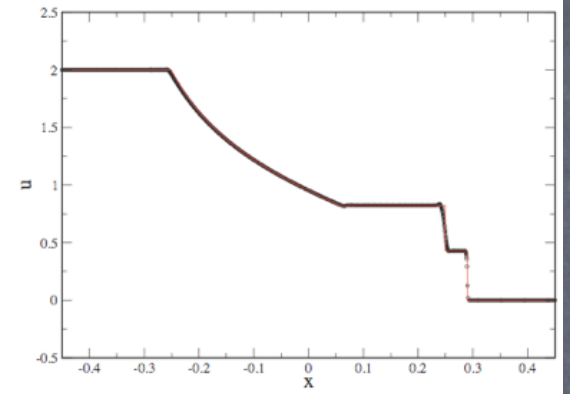
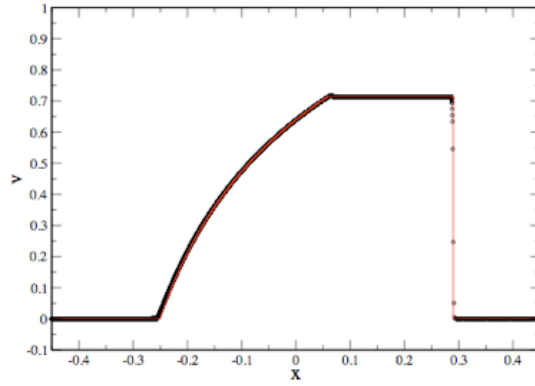
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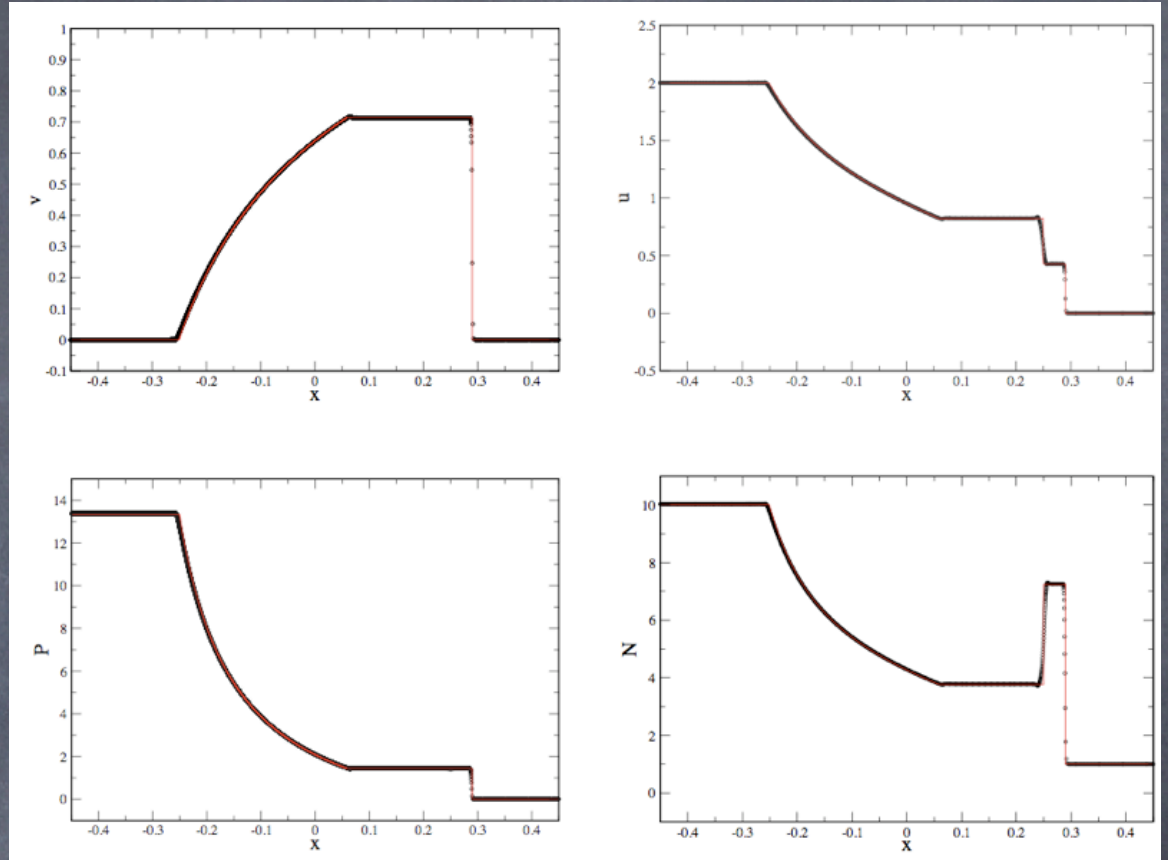


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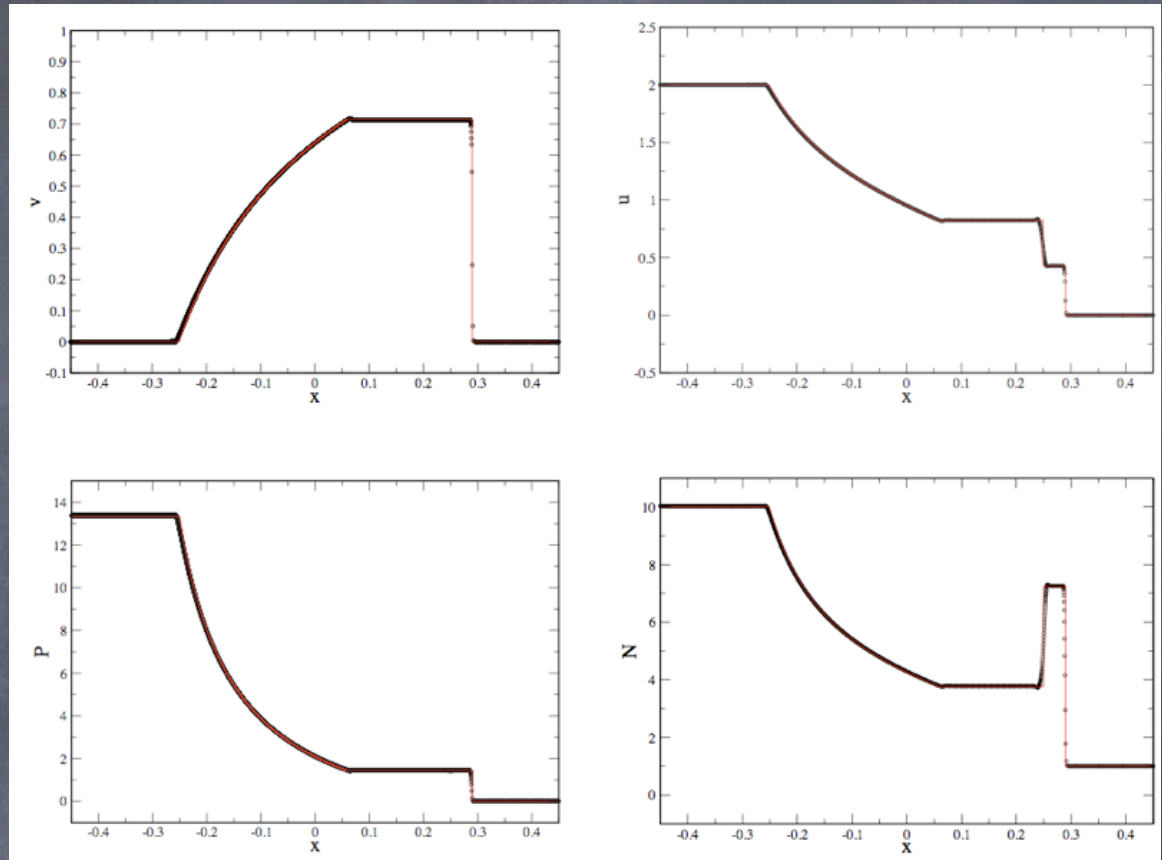
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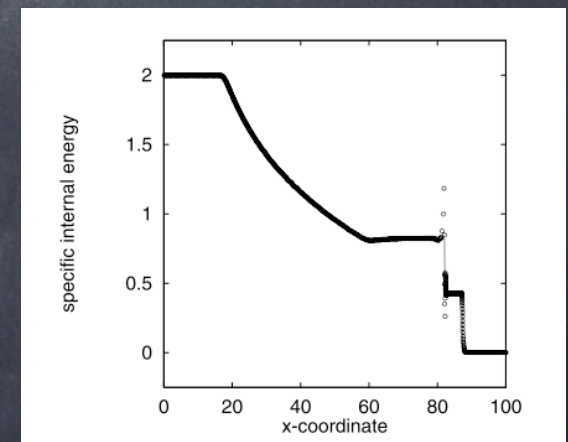
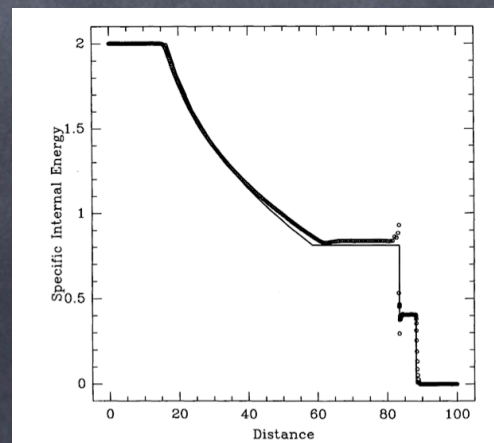
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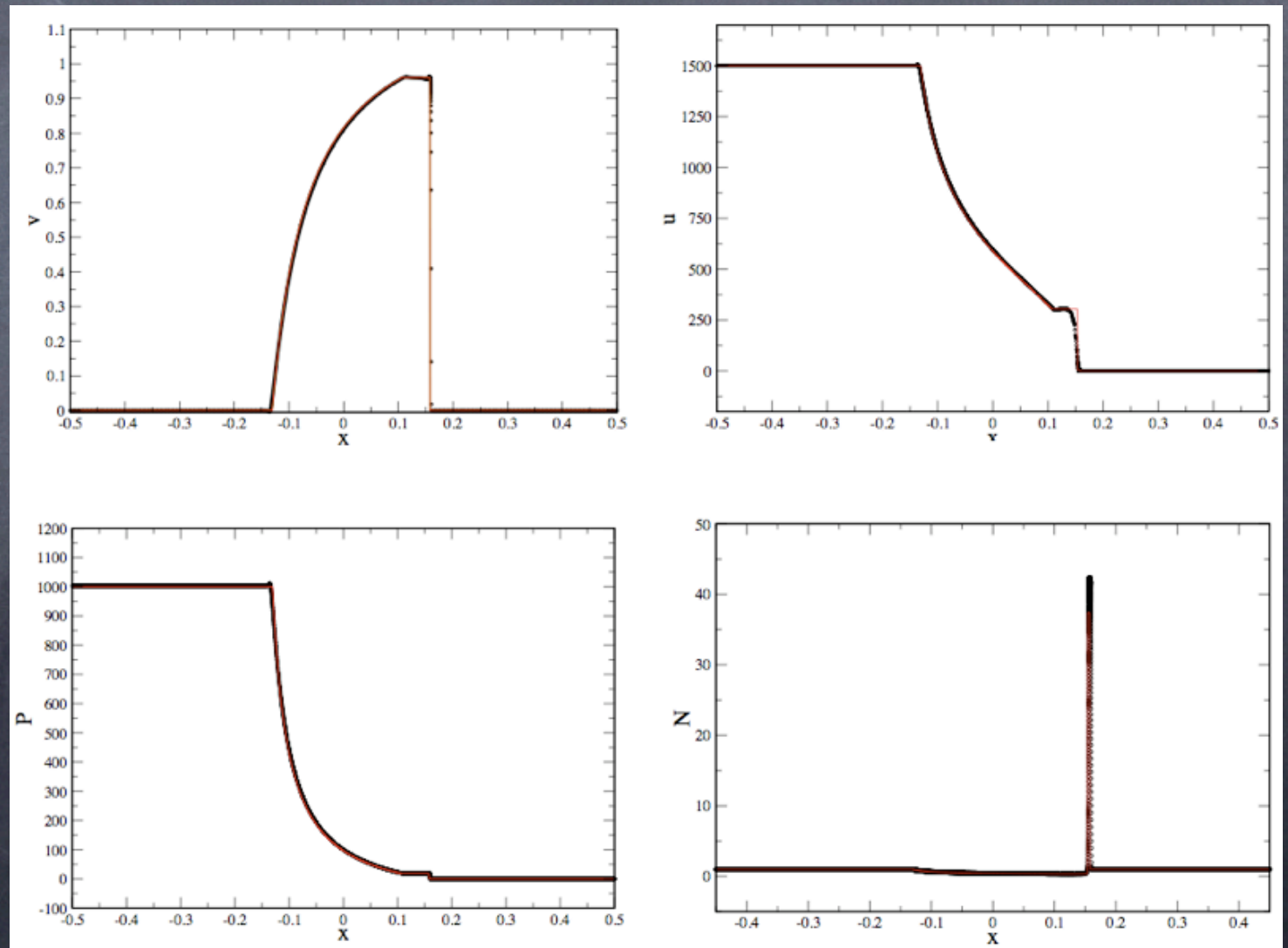
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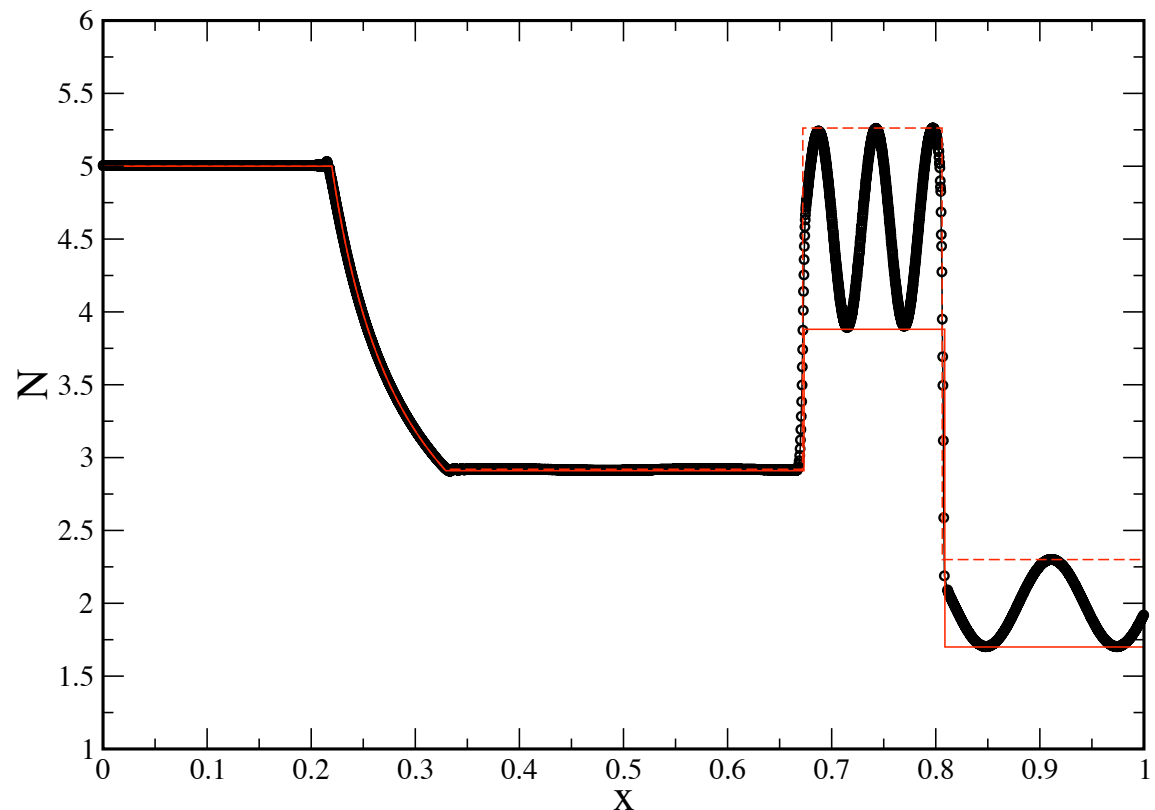


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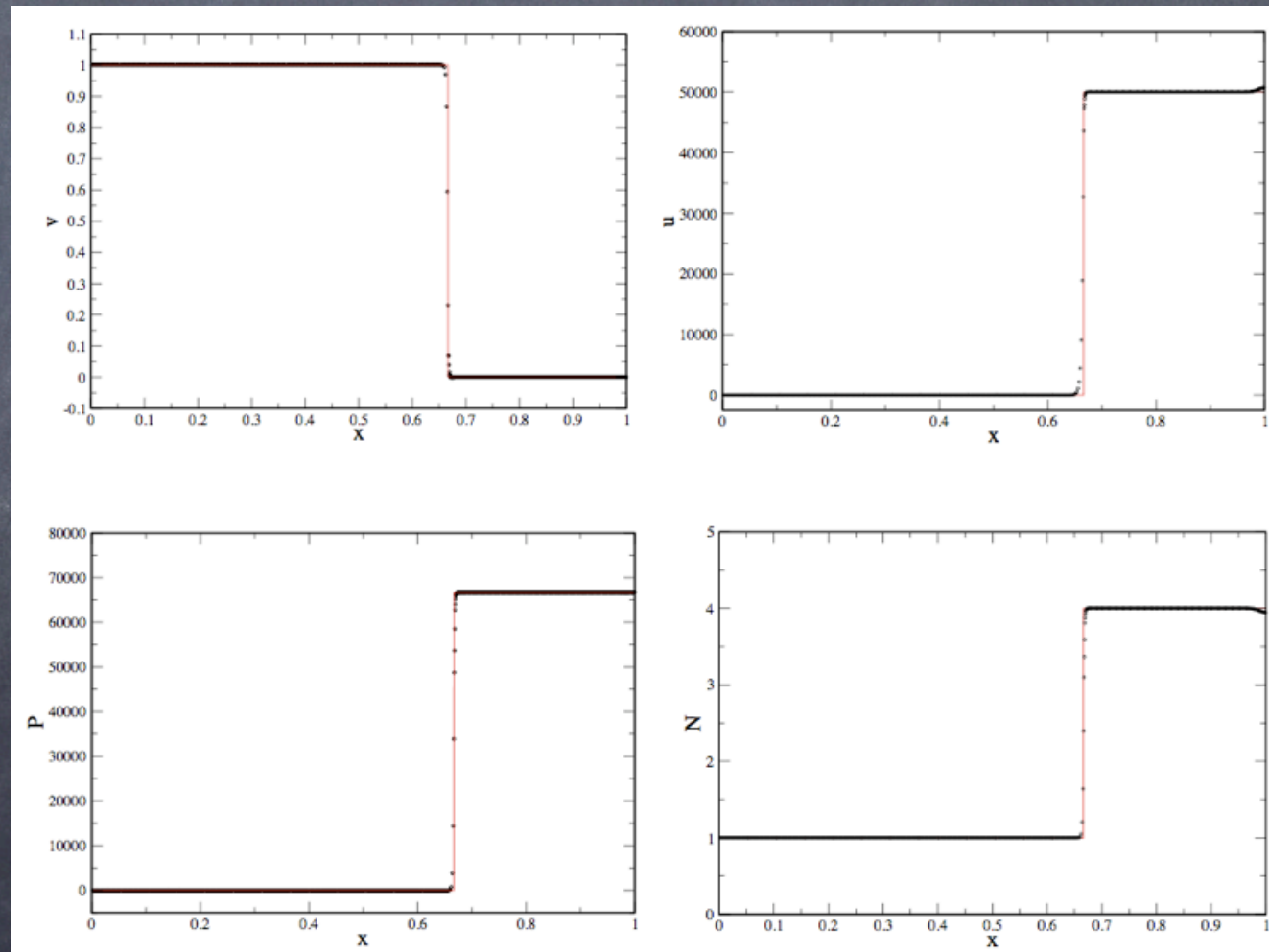


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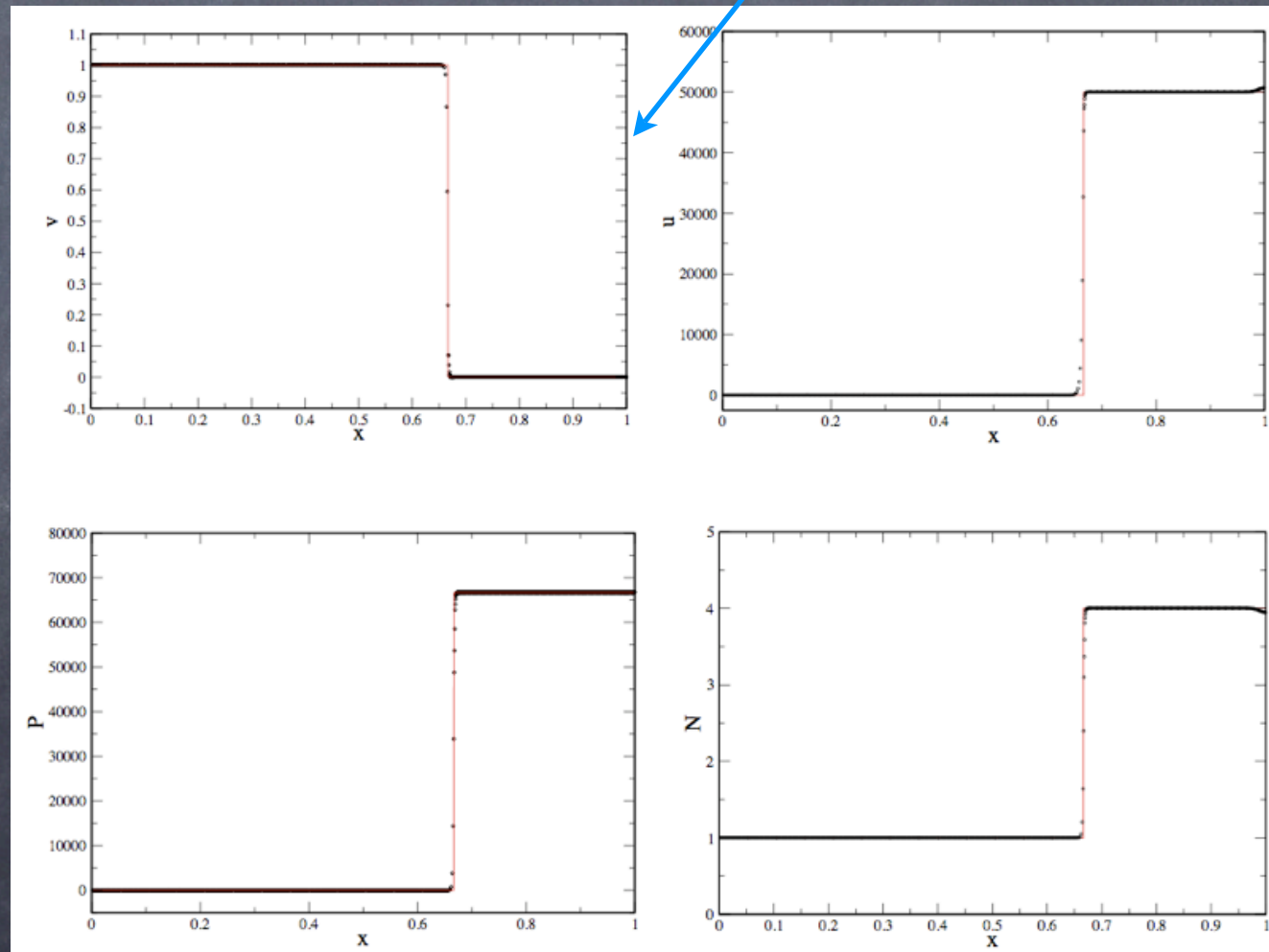
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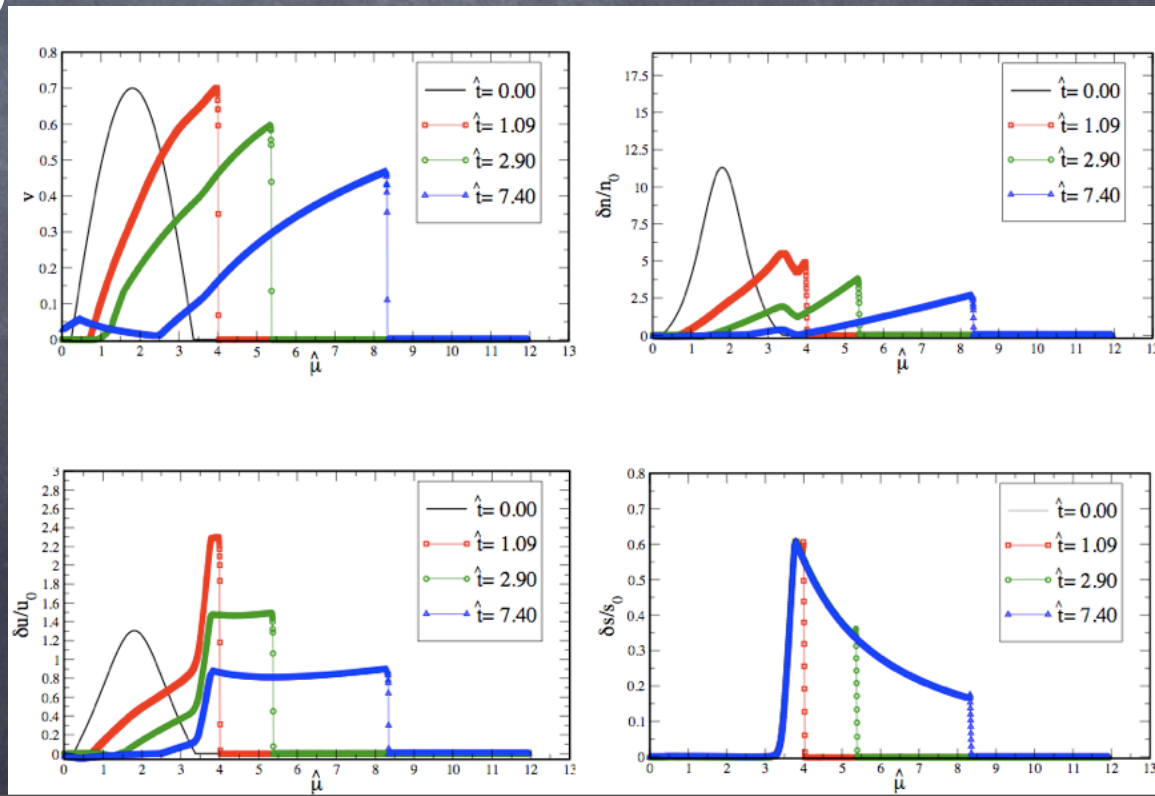
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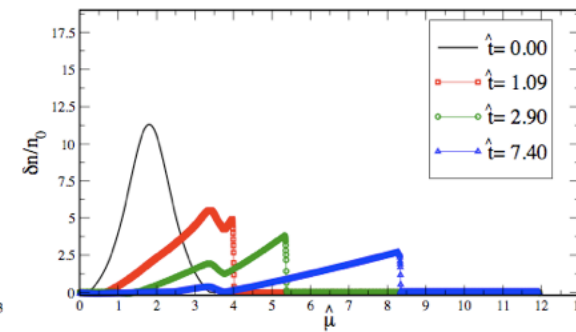
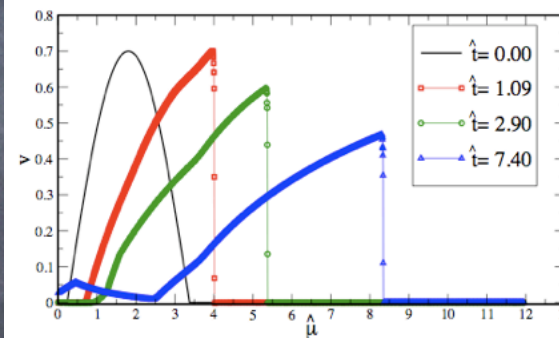
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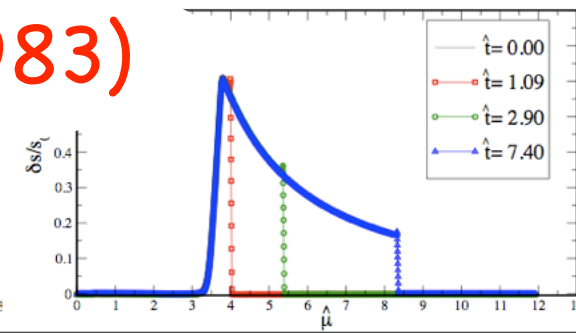
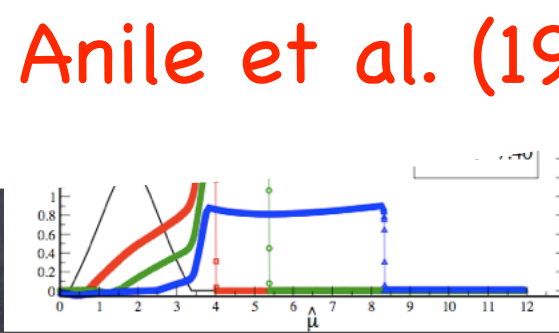
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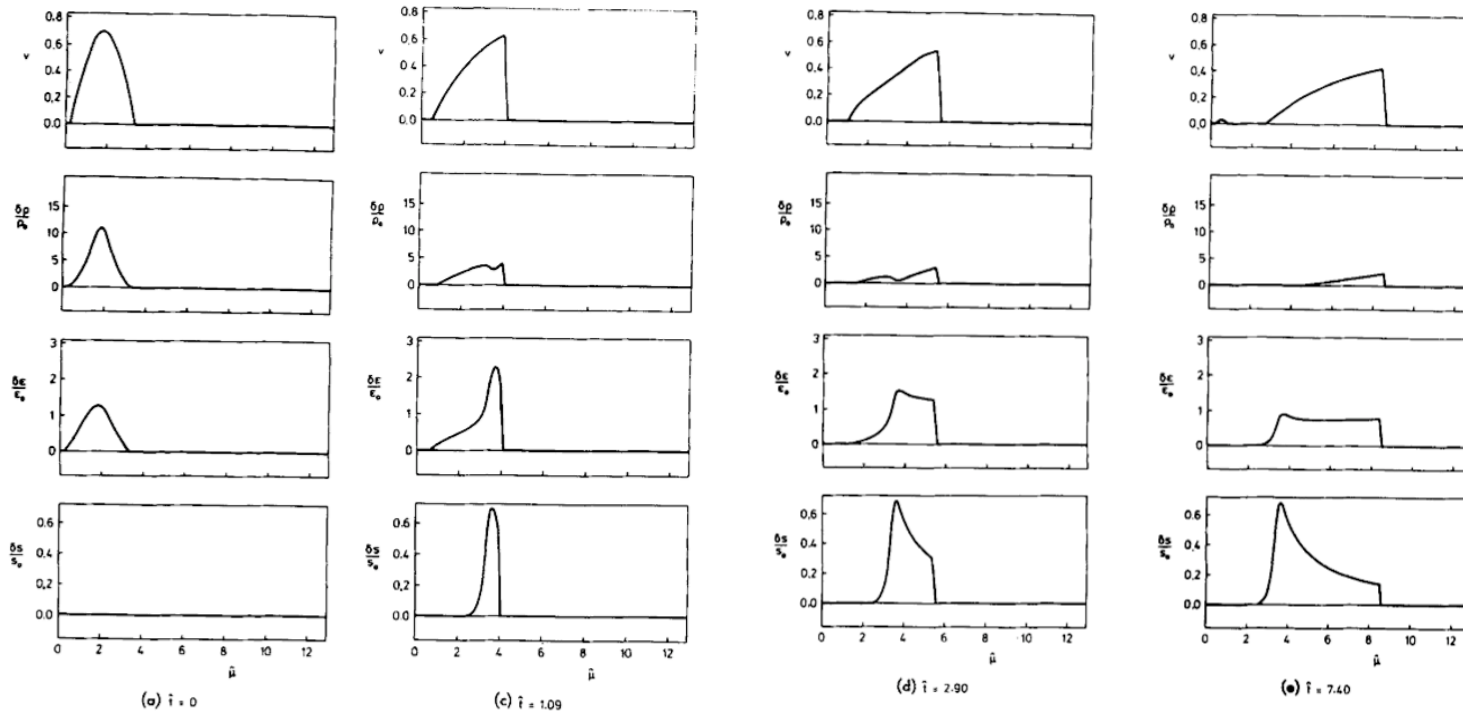


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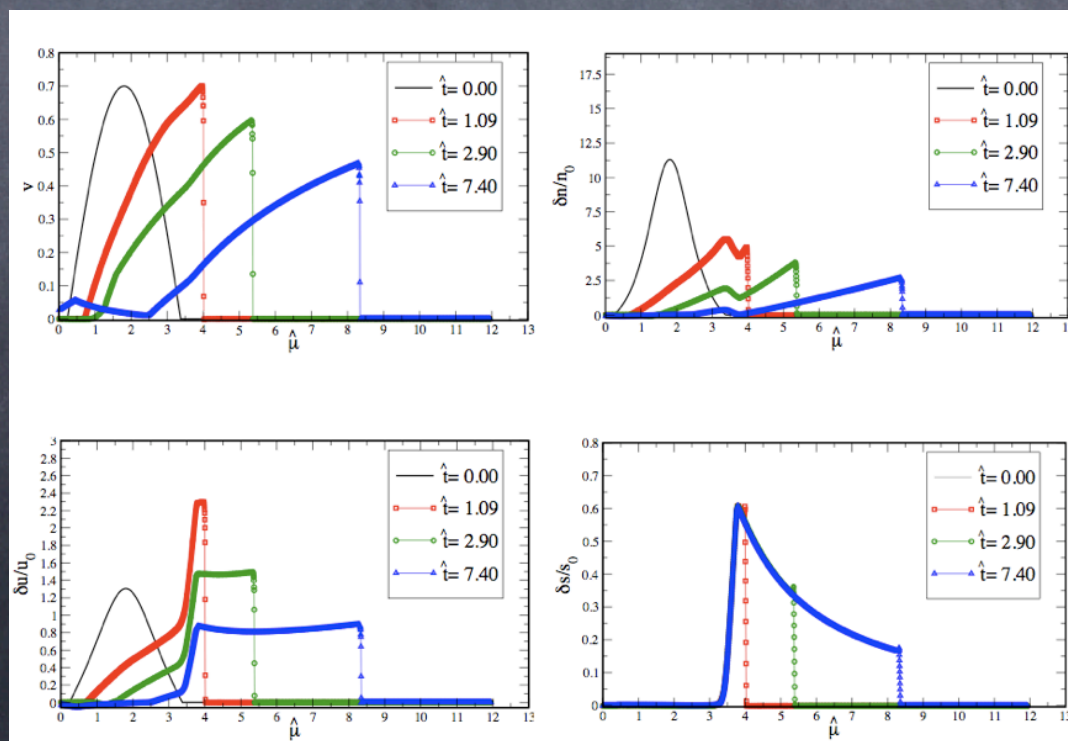
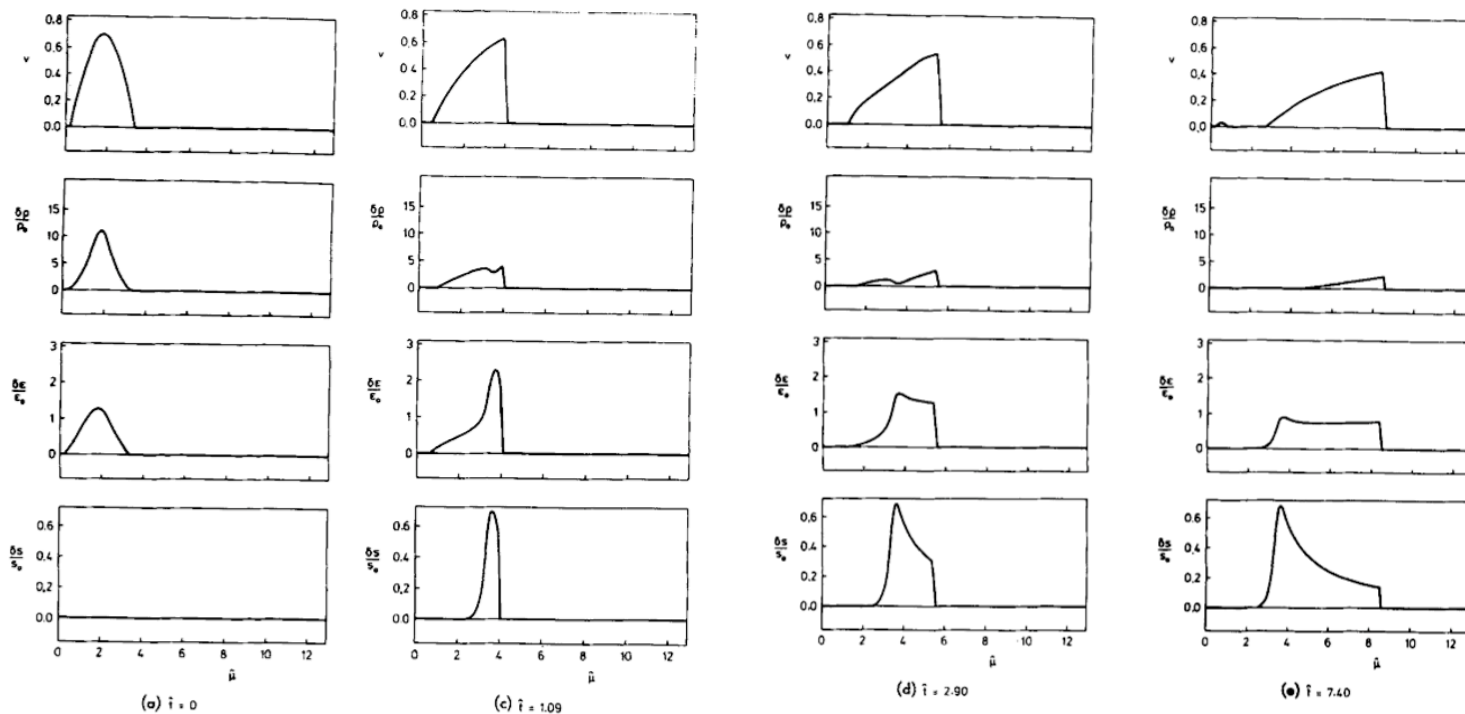


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### Summary of the general-relativistic SPH equations on a fixed background metric

Ignoring derivatives from the smoothing lengths, the momentum equation reads

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where

$$S_{i,a} = \Theta_a \left( 1 + u_a + \frac{P_a}{n_a} \right) (g_{i\mu} v^\mu)_a \quad (227)$$

is the canonical momentum per baryon and

$$\Theta_a = (-g_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu)_a^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (228)$$

the generalized Lorentz factor. The energy equation reads

$$\frac{d\hat{\epsilon}_a}{dt} = - \sum_b \nu_b \left( \frac{\sqrt{-g_a} P_a}{N_a^{*2}} \vec{v}_b + \frac{\sqrt{-g_b} P_b}{N_b^{*2}} \vec{v}_a \right) \cdot \nabla_a W_{ab} - \frac{\sqrt{-g_a}}{2N_a^*} \left( T^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial t} \right)_a, \quad (229)$$

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is the canonical energy per nucleon. The number density can again be calculated via summation,

$$N_a^* = \sum_b \nu_b W_{ab}(h_a). \quad (231)$$



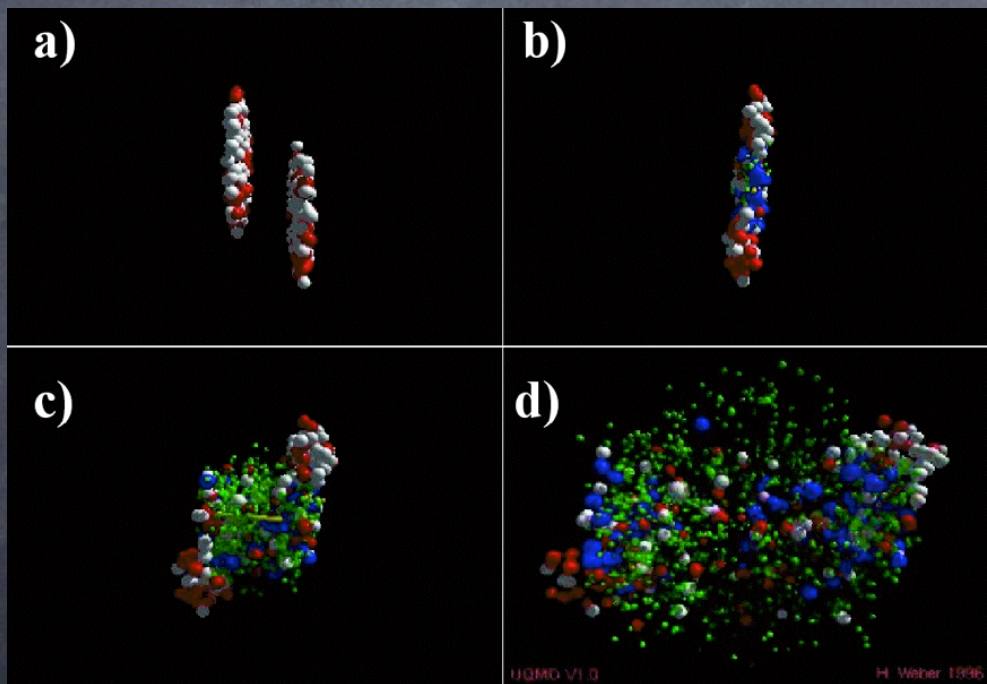
## VI. Summary

- new formulation of special-relativistic SPH
- features:
  - derived Lagrangian of perfect fluid + first law of thermodynamics
  - no ambiguity in symmetrization
  - artificial viscosity motivated by Riemann solvers, time-dependent parameters
- convincing performance in both advection and strong, relativistic shocks



# I. Where is special-relativistic Hydrodynamics used?

## ● Heavy ion collisions:



Lorentz factors up to

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i.e.

$$v \approx 0.9994 c$$



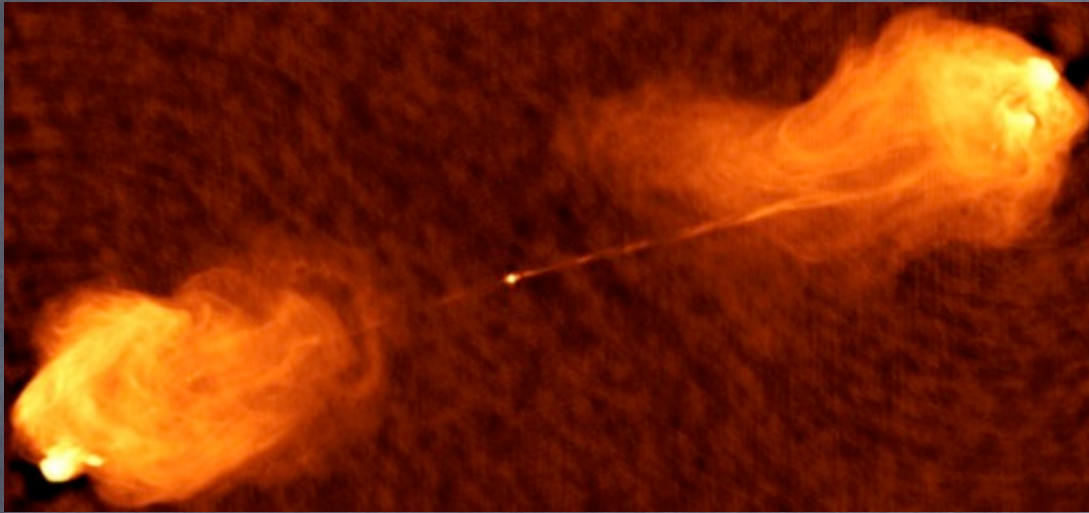
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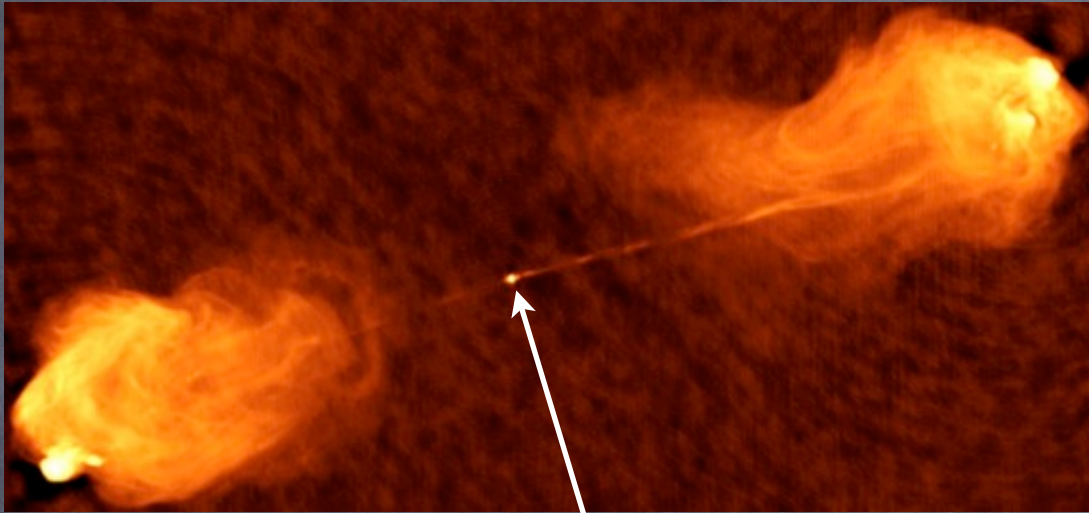
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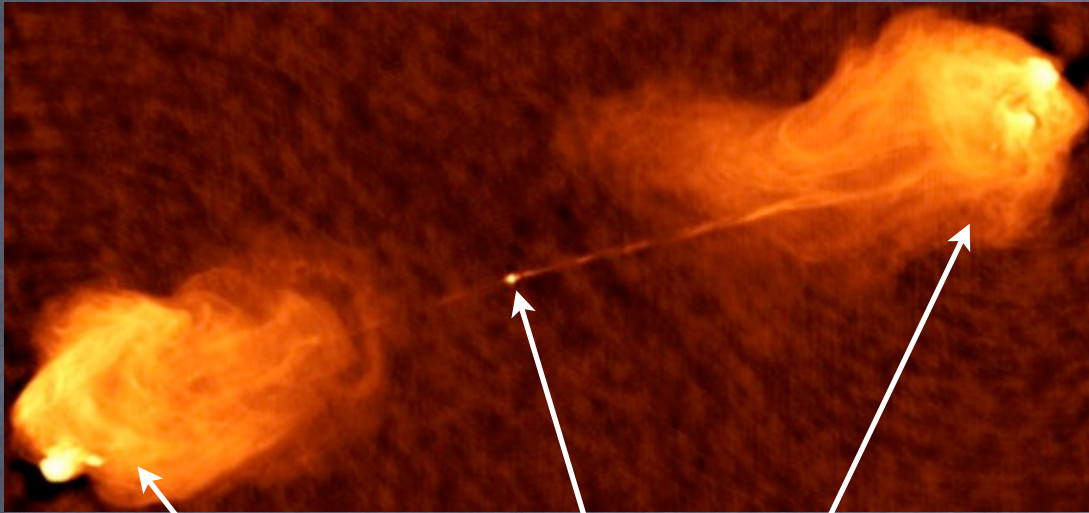


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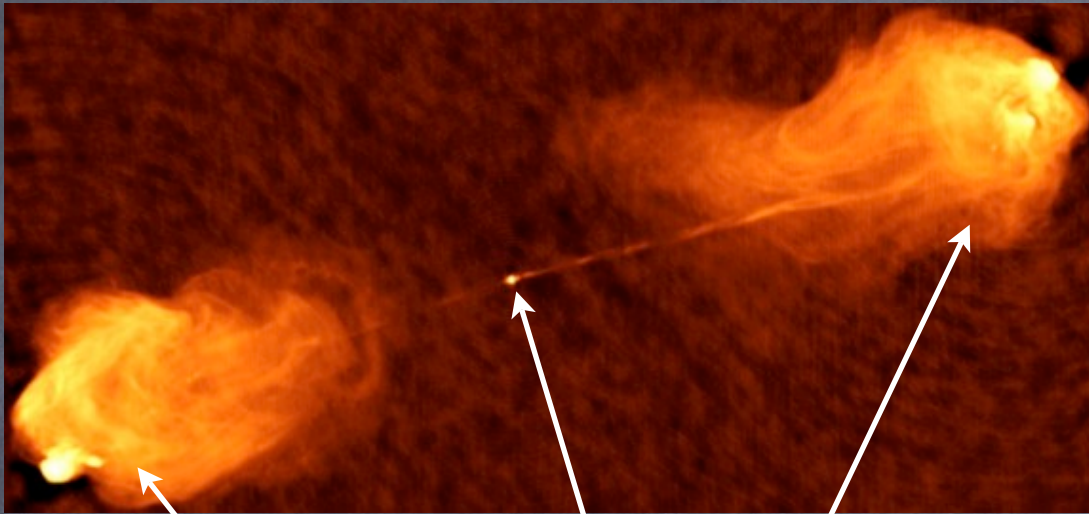
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