

Plasma models physically consistent from kinetic scale to hydrodynamic scale

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“With the advent of jet propulsion, it became necessary to broaden the field of aerodynamics to include problems which before were treated mostly by physical chemists. . .”

Theodore Kármán, 1958

“Aerothermochemistry” was coined by von Kármán in the 1950s to denote this multidisciplinary field of study shown to be pertinent to the then emerging aerospace era

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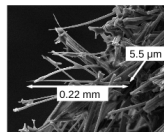
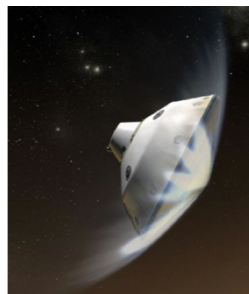
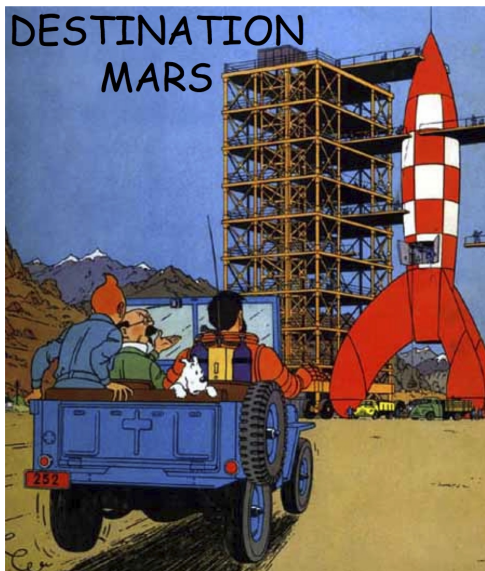
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material



flow



radiation

Motivation: new challenges for aerospace science

- Design of spacecraft heat shields
 - Modeling of the convective and radiative heat fluxes for:
 - Robotic missions aiming at bringing back samples to Earth
 - Manned exploration program to the Moon and Mars



Intermediate eXperimental Vehicle of ESA



Ballute aerocapture concept of NASA

- Hypersonic cruise vehicles
 - Modeling of flows from continuum to rarefied conditions for the next generation of air breathing hypersonic vehicles

Motivation: new challenges for aerospace science

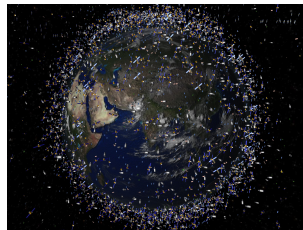
- **Electric propulsion**

- Today, 20% of active satellites operate with EP systems

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EP system for ESA's gravity mission GOCE



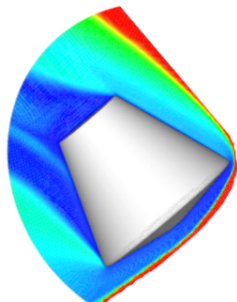
~20,000 space debris > 10cm

- **Space debris**

- Space debris, a threat for satellite and space systems and for mankind when undestroyed debris impact the Earth

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Engineering design in hypersonics



Blast capsule flow simulation

VKI COOLFLUID platform
and MUTATION library

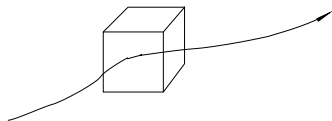
- Two quantities of interest relevant to rocket scientists
 - Heat flux
 - Shear stress to the vehicle surface

⇒ Complex multiscale problem

- Chemical nonequilibrium (gas)
 - Dissociation, ionization, ...
 - Internal energy excitation
- Thermal nonequilibrium
 - Translational and internal energy relaxation
- Radiation
- Gas / surface interaction
 - Surface catalysis
 - Ablation
- Rarefied gas effects
- Turbulence (transition)

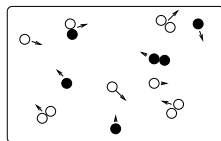
Physico-chemical models for atmospheric entry plasmas

Earth atmosphere: $S = \{N_2, O_2, NO, N, O, NO^+, N^+, O^+, e^-, \dots\}$



Fluid dynamics

$$\rho_i(\mathbf{x}, t), i \in S, \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t), E(\mathbf{x}, t)$$



Kinetic theory

$$f_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c}_i, t), i \in S$$

- **Fluid dynamical description**

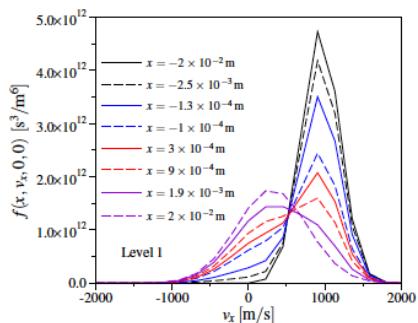
- Gas modeled as a continuum in terms of macroscopic variables
- e.g. Navier-Stokes eqs., Boltzmann moment systems

- **Kinetic description**

- Gas particles of species $i \in S$ follow a velocity distribution f_i in the phase space $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c}_i)$
- e.g. Boltzmann eq.

⇒ **Constraint: descriptions with consistent physico-chemical models**

From microscopic to macroscopic quantities



Velocity distribution function for 1D Ar shockwave (Mach 3.38) at different positions $x \in [-1\text{cm}, +1\text{cm}]$

[Munafo et al. 2013]

- Mass density of species $i \in S$:

$$\rho_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int \mathbb{f}_i m_i \, d\mathbf{c}_i$$

Mixture mass density:

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{j \in S} \rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

- Hydrodynamic velocity:

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{j \in S} \int \mathbb{f}_j m_j \mathbf{c}_j \, d\mathbf{c}_j$$

- Total energy (point particles):

$$E(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{j \in S} \int \mathbb{f}_j \frac{1}{2} m_j |\mathbf{c}_j|^2 \, d\mathbf{c}_j$$

Thermal (translational) energy:

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) e(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{j \in S} \int \mathbb{f}_j \frac{1}{2} m_j |\mathbf{c}_j - \mathbf{v}|^2 \, d\mathbf{c}_j$$

⇒ Suitable asymptotic solutions can be derived by means of the Chapman-Enskog perturbative solution method

Objective of this presentation

“Engineers use knowledge primarily to design, produce, and operate artifacts. . . Scientists, by contrast, use knowledge primarily to generate more knowledge.”

Walter Vincenti

- ⇒ Enrich mathematical models by adding more physics
- ⇒ Derive mathematical structure and fix ad-hoc terms found in engineering models
- ⇒ Integrate quantum chemistry databases

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Transport collision integrals

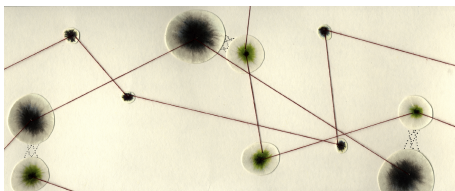
⇒ Closure of the transport fluxes at a microscopic scale

- The transport properties are expressed in terms of collision integrals

$$\bar{Q}_{ij}^{(l,s)}(T) = \frac{2(l+1)}{(s+1)! [2l+1 - (-1)^l]} (k_B T)^{s+2} \int_0^\infty \exp\left(\frac{-E}{k_B T}\right) E^{s+1} Q_{ij}^{(l)} dE$$

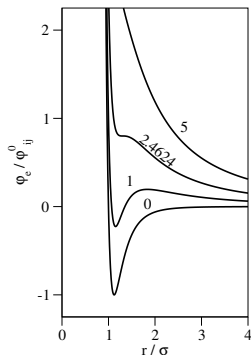
- They represent an average over all possible relative energies of the relevant cross section

$$Q_{ij}^{(l)}(E) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty [1 - \cos^l(\chi)] b db,$$

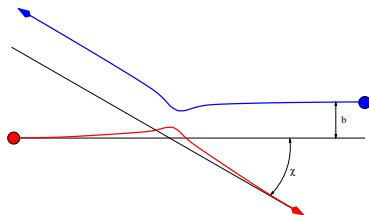


"Boltzmann impression", Losa, Luzern 2004

Deflection angle



Effective Lennard-Jones potential



Dynamics of an elastic binary collision

- Effective potential

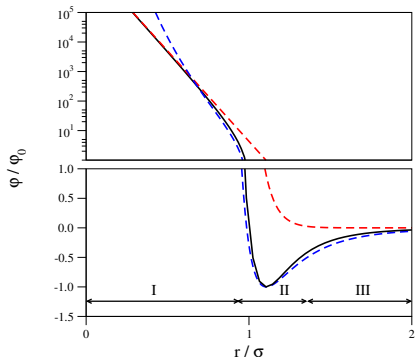
$$\varphi_e(E, b, r) = \varphi(r) + E \frac{b^2}{r^2}$$

- Deflection angle

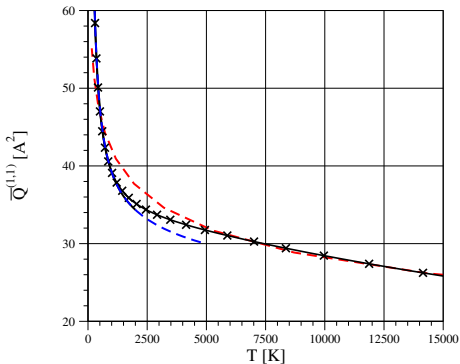
$$\chi(E, b) = \pi - 2 b \int_{r_m}^{\infty} \frac{dr}{r^2 \sqrt{1 - \varphi_e/E}}$$

Neutral-neutral interactions: sewing method for potentials

[M., Degrez, Sokolova 2004]



Potentials models for the $O_2 - O_2$
 — Tang-Toennies, — — **Born-Mayer**,
 and — — **(m,6)**
 (experimental data of Brunetti)



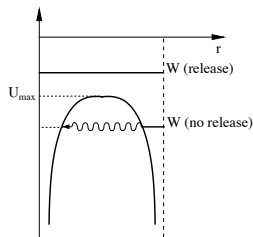
$\bar{Q}^{(1,1)}$ collision integral for the
 $CO_2 - CO_2$ interaction:
 — — **(m,6)** potential,
 — — **Born-Mayer** potential,
 and \times combined result

Ion-neutral interactions

- Elastic collisions: $\bar{Q}_{el}^{(l,s)}$
 - Born-Mayer potential: $\varphi(r) = \varphi_0 \exp(-\alpha r)$
 - with parameters recovered from atom-atom model

- Resonant charge-transfer: $\bar{Q}_{res}^{(1,s)}$, $s \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

For l odd interaction where atom and ions are parent and child



- For $l = 1$

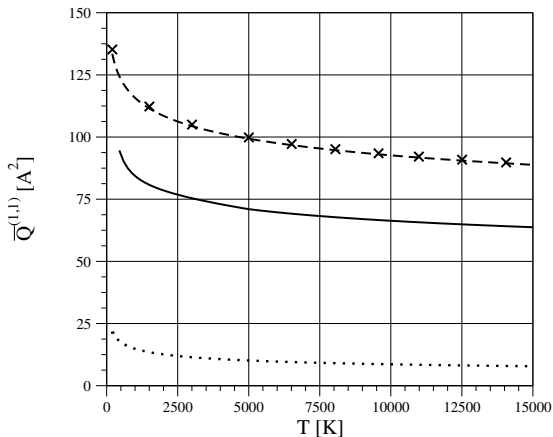
- $O - O^+$
[Stallcop, Partridge, Levin]

- $C - C^+$
[Duman and Smirnov]

- $Q_{exc} = (7.071 - 0.3485 \ln E)^2$
- $Q_{res}^{(1)} = 2 Q_{exc}$

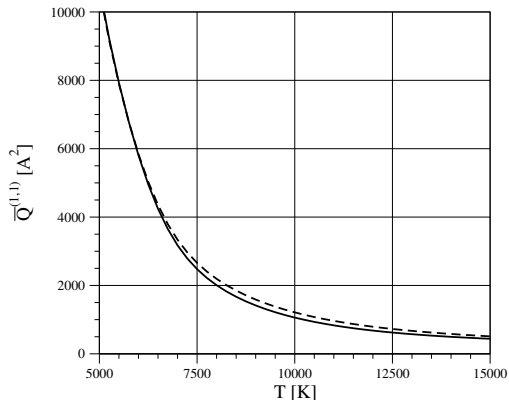
$$\bar{Q}^{(1,s)} = \sqrt{\left(\bar{Q}_{el}^{(1,s)}\right)^2 + \left(\bar{Q}_{res}^{(1,s)}\right)^2}$$

Ion-neutral interactions



$\bar{Q}^{(1,1)}$ collision integrals: O – O⁺, — Stallcop *et al.*; C – C⁺,
 — resonant charge transfer, \cdots Born-Mayer, and \times combined result

Charge-charge interactions



$\bar{Q}^{(1,1)}$ for LTE carbon dioxide at 1 atm:
 — attractive interaction and — repulsive interaction

- Shielded Coulomb potential [Mason et al] and [Devoto]:

$$\varphi(r) = \pm \varphi_0 \frac{d}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{d}\right)$$

- Debye length

$$\lambda_D = \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 k_B T_e}{2n_e q_e^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

Conditions on the kinetic data

- Well-posedness of the transport properties is established provided that some conditions are met by the kinetic data
- For instance, the electrical conductivity and thermal conductivity reads in the first and second Laguerre-Sonine approximations, respectively

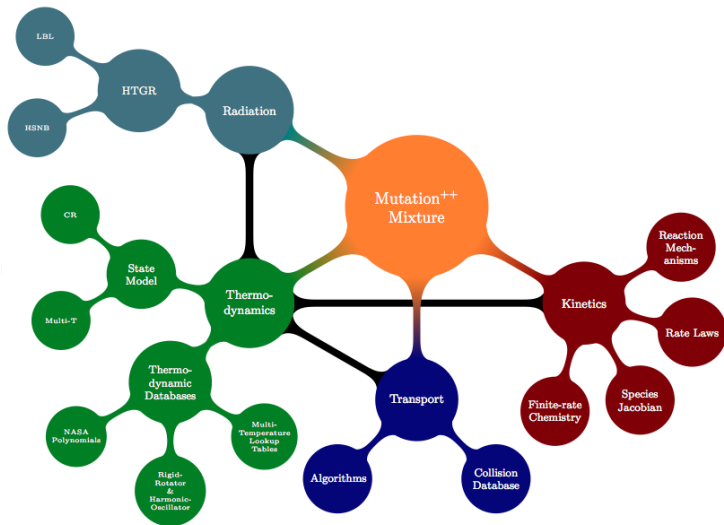
- $\sigma_e(1) = \frac{4}{25} \frac{(x_e q_e)^2}{k_B^2 T_e} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{ee}^{00}}$
- $\lambda_e(2) = \frac{x_e^2}{\Lambda_{ee}^{11}}$

Proposition (M. and Degrez, 2004)

Let $\bar{Q}_{ie}^{(1,1)}$, $\bar{Q}_{ie}^{(1,2)}$, $\bar{Q}_{ie}^{(1,3)}$, $i \in \mathcal{H}$ and $\bar{Q}_{ee}^{(2,2)}$ be positive coefficients such that $5\bar{Q}_{ie}^{(1,2)} - 4\bar{Q}_{ie}^{(1,3)} < 25\bar{Q}_{ie}^{(1,1)}/12$, and assume that $x_i > 0$, $i \in \mathcal{S}$. Then the scalars Λ_{ee}^{00} and Λ_{ee}^{11} are positive

Mutation++ library [Scoggins and M. 2014]

MUTATION++: MULTicomponent TRANsport AND Thermodynamic properties / chemistry for IONized gases written in C++



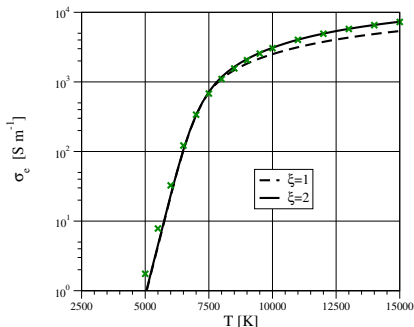
MUTATION++: library for high enthalpy and plasma flows

- Quantities relevant to engineering design for hypersonic flows
 - Heat flux & shear stress to the surface of a vehicle
 - Their prediction strongly relies on completeness and accuracy of the numerical methods & physico-chemical models
- Why a library for physico-chemical models?
 - Implementation common to several CFD codes
 - Nonequilibrium models, not satisfactory today, are regularly improved
 - Basic data are constantly updated
(Chemical rate coefficients, spectroscopic constants, transport cross-sections,...)
- Constraints for the library implementation
 - High accuracy of the physical models
 - Laws of thermodynamics must be satisfied
 - Validation based on experimental data
 - Low computational cost
 - User-friendly interface

Electron transport coefficients

- Electron conduction current density:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_e &= n_e q_e \mathbf{V}_e \\ &= \sigma_e \mathbf{E} + \dots \end{aligned}$$



Electrical conductivity of carbon dioxide at 1 atm

-- $\sigma_e(1)$ MUTATION, — $\sigma_e(2)$ MUTATION, and \times Andriatis and Sokolova

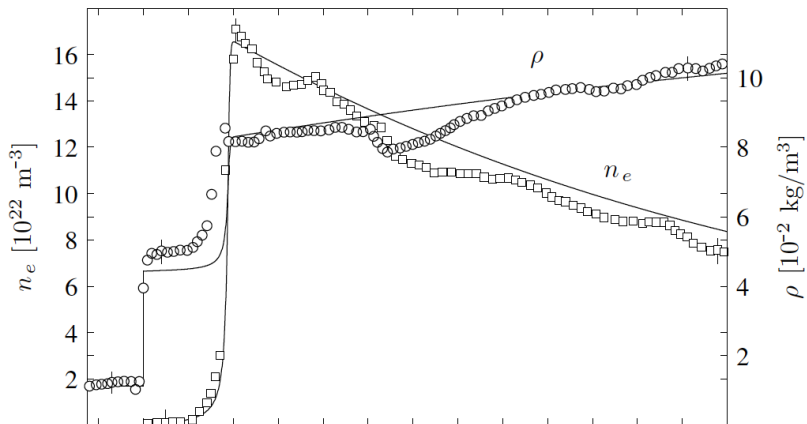
$$\text{with } \sigma_e = \frac{(n_e q_e)^2 D_e}{\rho_e}$$

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UTIAS shock-tube experiments [Glass and Liu, 1978]

(Mach=15.9, $p=5.14$ Torr, $T=293.6$ K, $\alpha=0.14$)



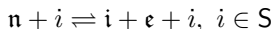
Mass density and electron number density

[Kapper and Cambier, 2011]

Boltzmann equation with reactive collisions

Assumptions

- Plasma spatially uniform, at rest, no external forces
- Composed of electrons, neutral particles, and ions: $S = \{e, n, i\}$
- Ionization mechanism: reaction r_i



- Maxwellian regime for reactive collisions (chemistry characteristic times larger than the mean free times)
- Boltzmann collision operator



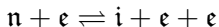
- Boltzmann eq.**¹ : $\partial_{t^*} f_i^* = \sum_{j \in S} \mathcal{J}_{ij}^* (f_i^*, f_j^*) + \mathcal{C}_i^*(f^*), \quad i \in S$

- Reactive collision operator for particle i** : $\mathcal{C}_i^* = \mathcal{C}_i^{e^*} + \mathcal{C}_i^{n^*} + \mathcal{C}_i^{r_i^*}$

¹Dimensional quantities are denoted by the superscript ^{*}

Reactive collision operator [Giovangigli 1998]

- e.g., e-impact ionization reaction r_e



- For electrons

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_e^{r_e^*}(f^*) &= \int \left(f_i^* f_{e1}^* f_{e2}^* \frac{\beta_i^* \beta_e^*}{\beta_n^*} - f_n^* f_e^* \right) \mathcal{W}_{ne}^{iee^*} d\mathbf{c}_n^* d\mathbf{c}_i^* d\mathbf{c}_{e1}^* d\mathbf{c}_{e2}^* \\ &\quad - 2 \int \left(f_i^* f_e^* f_{e2}^* \frac{\beta_i^* \beta_e^*}{\beta_n^*} - f_n^* f_{e1}^* \right) \mathcal{W}_{ne}^{iee^*} d\mathbf{c}_n^* d\mathbf{c}_i^* d\mathbf{c}_{e1}^* d\mathbf{c}_{e2}^*, \end{aligned}$$

with the statistical weight $\beta_i^* = [h_P / (a_i m_i^*)]^3$, $a_e = 2, a_n = a_i = 1$

- For ions

$$\mathcal{C}_i^{r_e^*}(f^*) = - \int \left(f_i^* f_{e2}^* f_{e3}^* \frac{\beta_i^* \beta_e^*}{\beta_n^*} - f_n^* f_{e1}^* \right) \mathcal{W}_{ne}^{iee^*} d\mathbf{c}_n^* d\mathbf{c}_{e1}^* d\mathbf{c}_{e2}^* d\mathbf{c}_{e3}^*$$

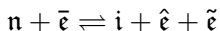
Scaling parameter based on electron / heavy-particle mass ratio:

$$\varepsilon = \left(\frac{m_e^0}{m_h^0} \right)^{1/2} \ll 1$$

Dynamics of the reactive collisions

[Graille, M., Massot, CTR SP 2008]

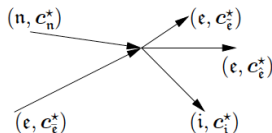
- e-impact ionization



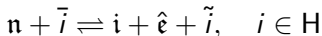
$$|\mathbf{c}_n|^2 = |\mathbf{c}_i|^2 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

$$|\mathbf{c}_{\bar{e}}|^2 = |\mathbf{c}_{\hat{e}}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}_{\tilde{e}}|^2 + 2\Delta\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon),$$

with the ionization energy $\Delta\mathcal{E} = u_e^F + m_i u_i^F - m_n u_n^F$



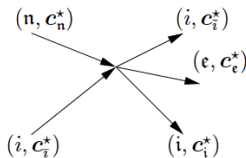
- Heavy-particle impact ionization



$$\frac{1}{2} m_i |\mathbf{g}_{ni}|^2 - 2\Delta\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} m_i |\mathbf{g}'_{ii}|^2 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon), \quad i \in H$$

$$|\mathbf{g}'_{he}|^2 = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

\Rightarrow the electron pulled from the neutral particle is cold



Euler conservation equations (order ε^{-1})

• Mass

$$\begin{aligned}d_t \rho_e &= \omega_e^0 \\d_t \rho_i &= m_i \omega_i^0, \quad i \in H\end{aligned}$$

• Energy

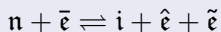
$$\begin{aligned}d_t(\rho_e e_e^T) &= -\Delta E_h^0 - \Delta \mathcal{E} \omega_e^{r_0} \\d_t(\rho_h e_h^T) &= \Delta E_h^0 + \Delta \mathcal{E} \omega_n^{r_0} - \Delta \mathcal{E} \omega_i^{r_0}\end{aligned}$$

- Chemical loss rate controlling energy [Panesi *et. al*, JTHT 23 (2009) 236]
- Standard derivation [Appleton & Bray] does not account for mass disparity
- Using the property $\omega_e^{r_0} = \omega_i^{r_0} = -\omega_n^{r_0}$, $r \in R$, the mixture mass and energy are conserved, i.e.,

$$d_t \rho = 0, \quad d_t(\rho e^T + \rho \mathcal{U}^F) = 0$$

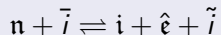
Two temperature Saha law

- e-impact ionization



$$\mathcal{K}_{r_e}^{\text{eq}}(T_e) = \left(\frac{m_i}{m_n}\right)^{3/2} Q_e^{\text{T}}(T_e) \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta\mathcal{E}}{T_e}\right)$$

- Heavy-particle impact ionization



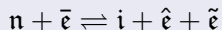
$$\mathcal{K}_{r_i}^{\text{eq}}(T_h, T_e) = \left(\frac{m_i}{m_n}\right)^{3/2} Q_e^{\text{T}}(T_e) \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta\mathcal{E}}{T_h}\right), \quad i \in \text{H}$$

[M., Graille, Massot, CTR ARB 2009]

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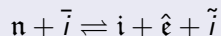
Law of mass action for plasmas

- e-impact ionization



$$\mathcal{K}_{\bar{\mathbf{e}}}^{\mathbf{f}} = \mathcal{K}_{\bar{\mathbf{e}}}^{\mathbf{f}}(T_{\mathbf{e}}), \quad \mathcal{K}_{\bar{\mathbf{e}}}^{\mathbf{b}} = \mathcal{K}_{\bar{\mathbf{e}}}^{\mathbf{b}}(T_{\mathbf{e}})$$

- Heavy-particle impact ionization



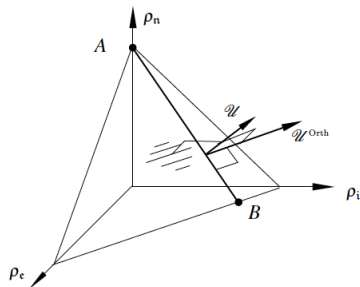
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Thermo-chemical dynamics and chemical quasi-equilibrium



- The species Gibbs free energy is defined as

$$\rho_i g_i = n_i T_i \ln\left(\frac{n_i}{Q_i^T(T_i)}\right) + \rho_i \mathcal{U}_i^F, \quad i \in S$$
- Modified Gibbs free energy for thermal non-equilibrium

$$\rho_i \tilde{g}_i^j = \rho_i g_i + \left(\frac{T_i}{T_j} - 1\right) \rho_i \mathcal{U}_i^F, \quad i, j \in S$$

⇒ The 2nd law of thermodynamics is satisfied

$$d_t(\rho s) = \Upsilon_{\text{th}} + \sum_{j \in S} \Upsilon_{\text{ch}}^j, \quad \Upsilon_{\text{th}} \geq 0, \quad \Upsilon_{\text{ch}}^j \geq 0, \quad j \in S$$

- The full thermodynamic equilibrium state of the system under well-defined and natural constraints is studied by following Giovangigli and Massot (M3AS 1998)
- The system asymptotically converges toward a unique thermal and chemical equilibrium

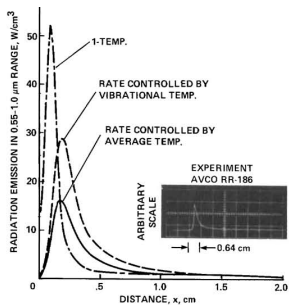
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Motivation: developing high-fidelity nonequilibrium models

⇒ Understanding thermo-chemical nonequilibrium effects is important

- For an accurate prediction of the radiative heat flux for reentries at $v > 10 \text{ km/s}$ (Moon and Mars returns)
- For a correct interpretation of experimental measurements
 - In flight
 - In ground wind-tunnels



Calculated and measured intensity $N_2(1+)$ system

⇒ Standard nonequilibrium models for hypersonic flows were mainly developed in the 1980's (**correlation based**)

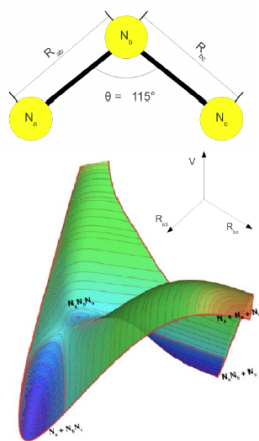
- e.g. dissociation model of Park
- Multitemperature model:

$$T = T_r, T_v = T_e = T_{ele}$$
- Average temperature $\sqrt{T_r T_v}$ for fictitious Arrhenius rate coefficient

Microscopic approach to derive macroscopic nonequilibrium models...

- e.g. **NASA ARC database for nitrogen chemistry:**
 - 9390 (v,J) rovibrational energy levels for N_2
 - 50×10^6 reaction mechanism for $N_2 + N$ system
 - $N_2(v, J) + N \leftrightarrow N + N + N$
 - $N_2(v, J) \leftrightarrow N + N$
 - $N_2(v, J) + N \leftrightarrow N_2(v', J') + N$

- **Papers** AIAA 2008-1208, 2008-1209, 2009-1569, 2010-4517, RTO-VKI LS 2008



N_3 Potential Energy Surface

NASA Ames Research Center

Detailed chemical mechanism coupled with a flow solver

- **Full master eq.** of conservation of mass for the 9390 rovibrational energy levels $i = (v, J)$ for N_2 , and for N atoms coupled with eqs. of conservation of momentum and total energy

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_i \\ \rho_N \\ \rho u \\ \rho E \end{pmatrix} + \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_i u \\ \rho_N u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ \rho u H \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{N_2} \omega_i \\ M_N \omega_N \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

... but computationally too expensive for 3D CFD applications

⇒ **reduction of the chemical mechanism by lumping the energy levels i :**

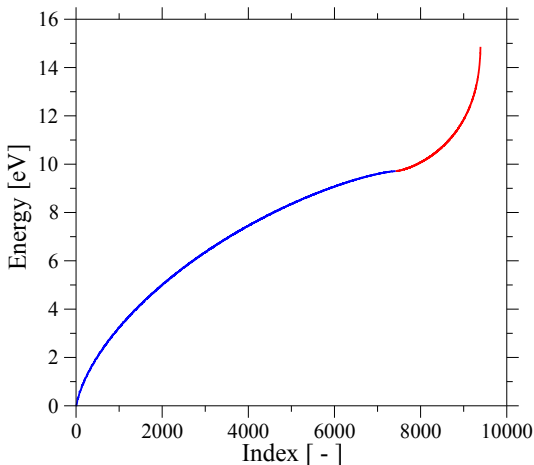
- e.g. vibrational state-to-state models (AIAA 2009-3837, [2010-4335](#))

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_v + \frac{d}{dx} (\rho_v u) = M_{N_2} \omega_v$$

- The energy levels are lumped for each v assuming a rotational energy population following a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution at T
[Guy, Bourdon, Perrin, 2013]

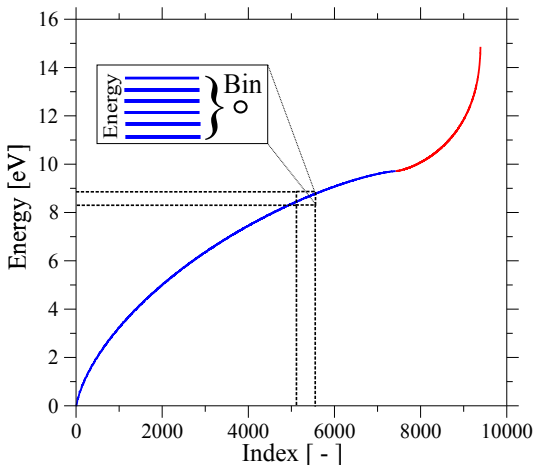
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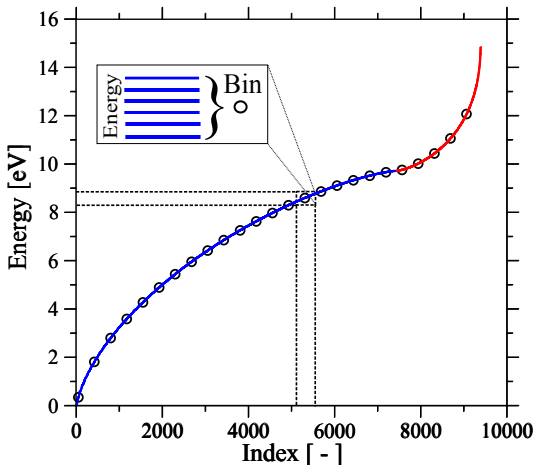
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Simulation of internal energy excitation and dissociation processes behind a strong shockwave in N_2 flow

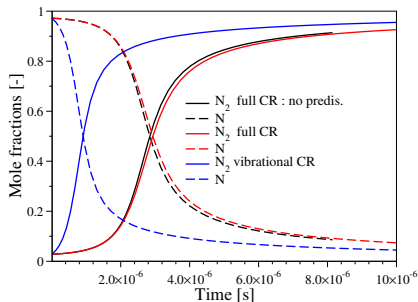
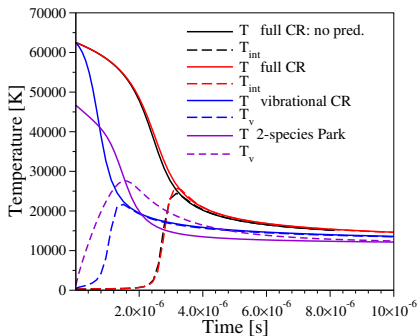
- The post-shock conditions are obtained from the Rankine-Hugoniot jump relations
- The 1D Euler eqs. for collisional model comprises
 - Mass conservation eqs. for N
 - Mass conservation eqs. for the 9390 rovibrational levels of N_2
 - Momentum conservation eq.
 - Total energy conservation eq.
- Free stream (1), post-shock (2), and LTE (3) conditions

	1	2	3
T [K]	300	62,546	11,351
p [Pa]	13	10,792	13,363
u [km/s]	10	2.51	0.72
x_N	0.028	0.028	1

Temperature and composition profiles

[Panesi, Munafo, M., Jaffe 2013]

Temperatures T , T_v ($v = 1$), T_{int} ($v = 0, J = 10$)

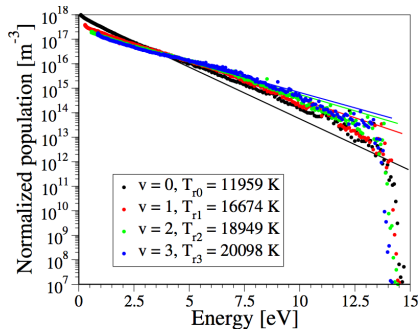
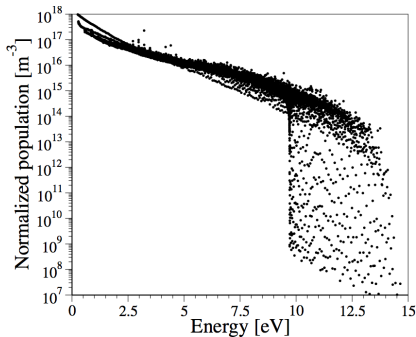


Free stream: $T_1 = 300$ K, $p_1 = 13$ Pa, $u_1 = 10$ km/s, $x_{N_1} \sim 2.8\%$, 10^{-5} s \leftrightarrow 2.5 cm

\Rightarrow Thermalization and dissociation occur after a larger distance for the full collisional model

Rovibrational energy population of N_2

$n(\nu, J)$ in function of $E(\nu, J)$ at $t = 2.6 \times 10^{-6}$ s (7mm)



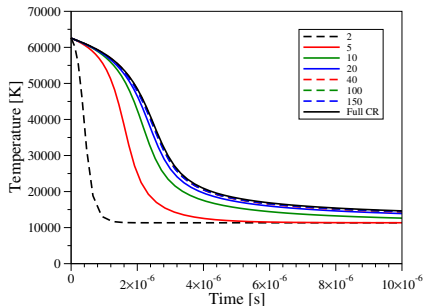
A rotational temperature $T_r(\nu)$ is introduced for each vibrational energy level ν :

$$\frac{\sum_{J=0}^{J_{\max}(\nu)} n(\nu, J) \Delta E(\nu, J)}{\sum_{J=0}^{J_{\max}(\nu)} n(\nu, J)} = \frac{\sum_{J=0}^{J_{\max}(\nu)} g_J \Delta E(\nu, J) \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E(\nu, J)}{k T_r(\nu)}\right)}{\sum_{J=0}^{J_{\max}(\nu)} g_J \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E(\nu, J)}{k T_r(\nu)}\right)}$$

⇒ The assumption of equilibrium between the rotational and translational modes is questionable...

Coarse graining model for 3D CFD applications

- Coarse-graining model: lumping the energy levels into bins as a function of their global energy



Without predissociation reactions

Free stream: $T_1 = 300$ K, $p_1 = 13$ Pa, $u_1 = 10$ km/s, $x_{N_1} \sim 2.8\%$, 10^{-5} s \leftrightarrow 2.5 cm

\Rightarrow The uniform distribution allows to describe accurately the internal energy relaxation and dissociation processes for ~ 20 bins

[Munafo, Panesi, Jaffe, M. 2014]

Internal energy excitation in molecular gases

Wang-Chang-Uhlenbeck quasi-classical description

- The gas is composed of identical particles with internal degrees of freedom
- The particles may have only certain discrete internal energy levels
- These levels are labelled with an index i , with the set of indices I
- Quantity E_i^* stands for the energy of level $i \in I$, and a_i , its degeneracy^a

^aDimensional quantities are denoted by the superscript *

$$(i, j) \rightleftharpoons (i', j'), \quad i, j, i', j' \in I, \quad (i', j')$$

- (i, j) and (i', j') are ordered pairs of energy levels
- with the net internal energy $E_{ij}^{i'j'*} = E_{i'}^* + E_{j'}^* - E_i^* - E_j^*$

Collision zoology according to Ferziger and Kaper

- Elastic collisions

$$(i, j) \rightleftharpoons (i, j), \quad i, j \in I$$

⇒ Both kinetic and internal energies are conserved: $E_{ij}^{i'j'*} = 0$

- Inelastic collisions

$$(i, j) \rightleftharpoons (i', j'), \quad i, j, i', j' \in I, \quad (i', j') \neq (i, j)$$

- General case: $E_{ij}^{i'j'*} \neq 0$
- Resonant collisions: $E_{ij}^{i'j'*} = 0$
 - e.g. exchange collision: $(i, j) \rightleftharpoons (j, i), \quad i, j \in I, \quad i \neq j$
- Quasi-resonant collisions: $E_{ij}^{i'j'*} \sim 0$

Boltzmann equation

- The temporal evolution of $f_i^*(t^*, \mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{c}_i^*)$ is governed by

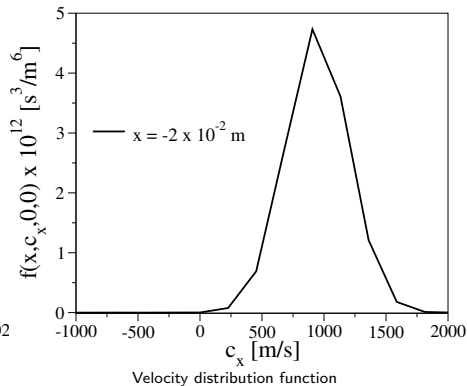
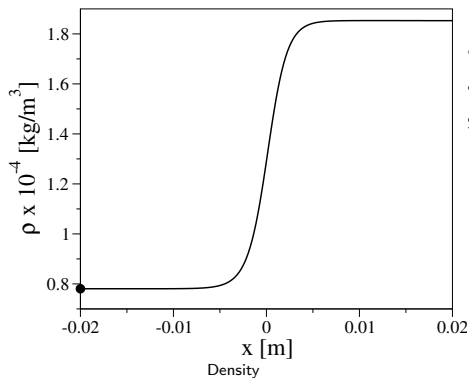
$$\partial_{t^*} f_i^* + \mathbf{c}_i^* \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}^*} f_i^* = \mathcal{J}_i^*(f^*), \quad i \in I$$

with the partial collision operators

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{i'j'*}(f_i^*, f_j^*) = \int \left(f_{i'}^* f_{j'}^* \frac{a_i a_j}{a_{i'} a_{j'}} - f_i^* f_j^* \right) W_{ij}^{i'j'*} d\mathbf{c}_j^* d\mathbf{c}_{i'}^* d\mathbf{c}_{j'}^*$$

- Development of a deterministic Boltzmann solver
 - [Bobilev and Rjasanov (1997,1999), Pareschi and Russo (2000), Gamba and Tharkabhushanam (2009,2010)]
 - [Munafo, Haack, Gamba, M., 2013]
- Difficulty: multi-species gas and inelastic collisions

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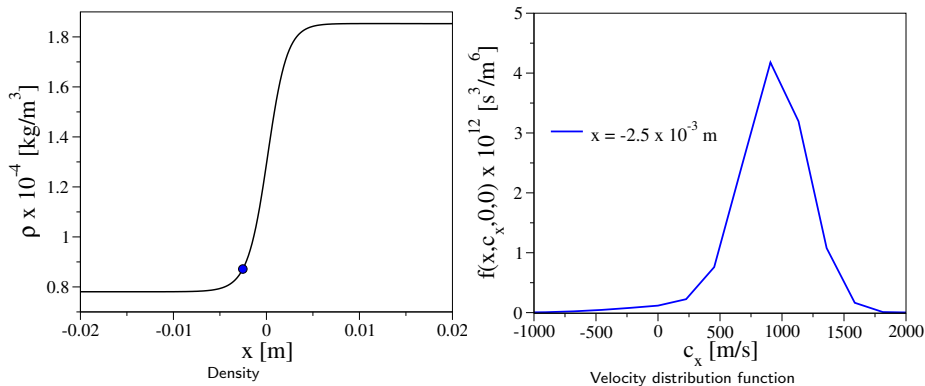


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[Munafo, Haack, Gamba, M., 2013]

- $n_i = \int f_i dc_i$
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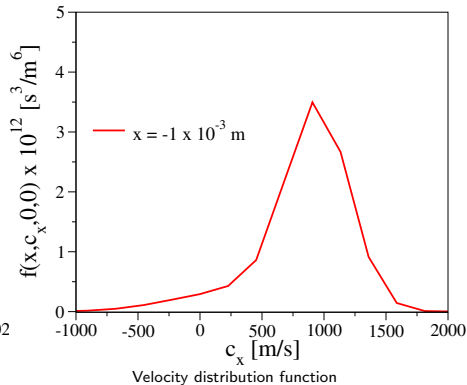
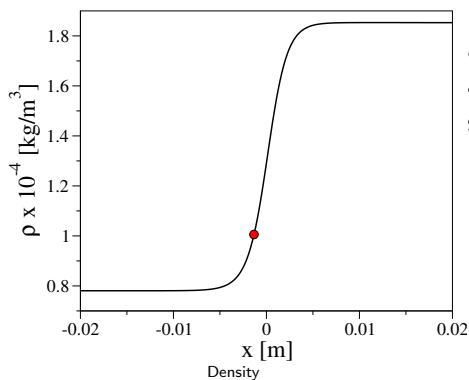


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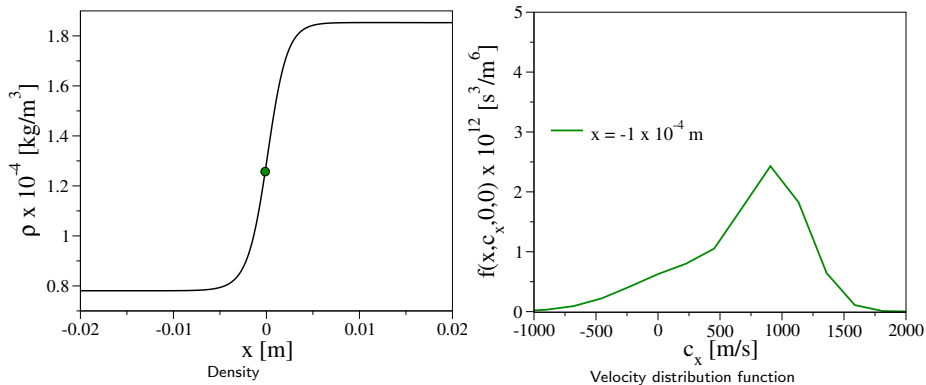


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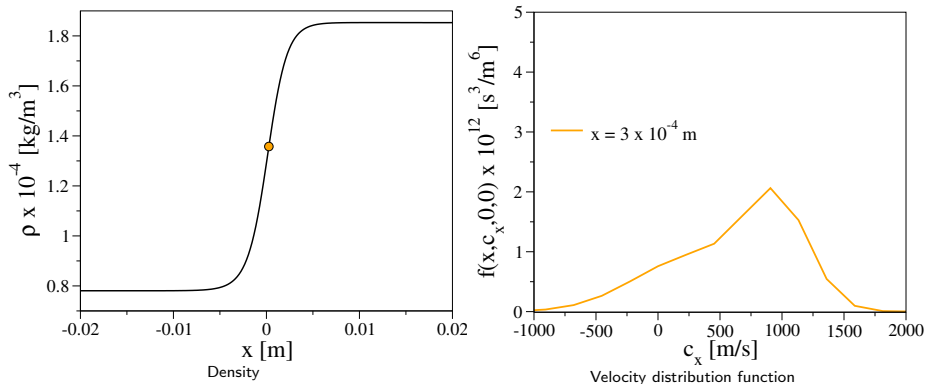


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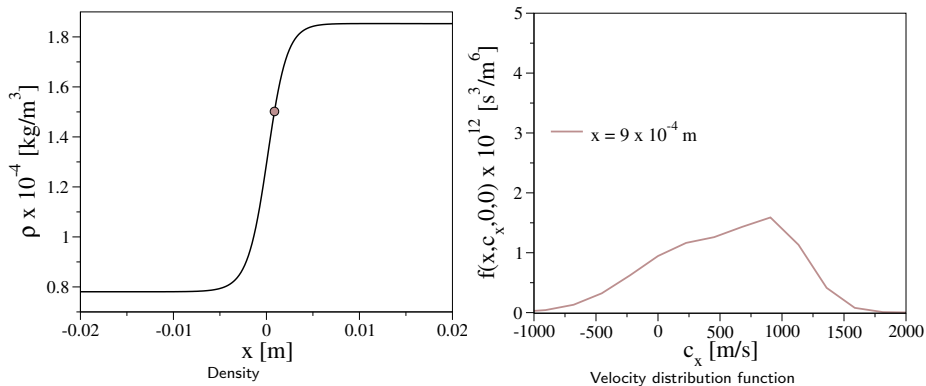


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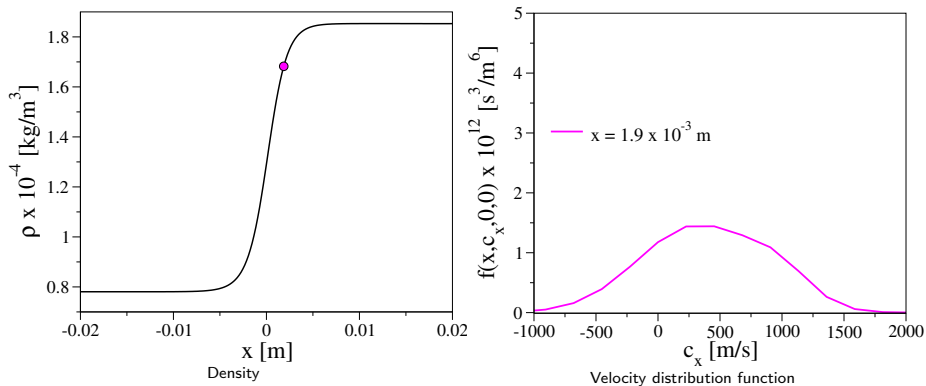


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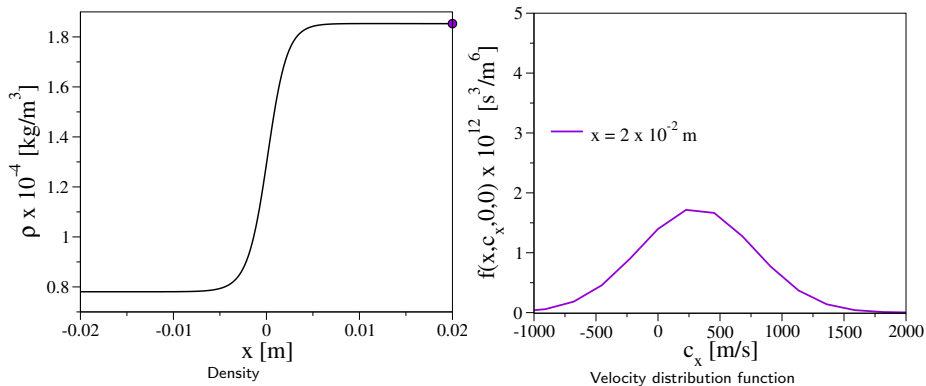


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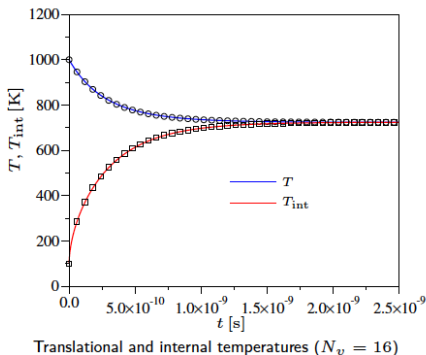
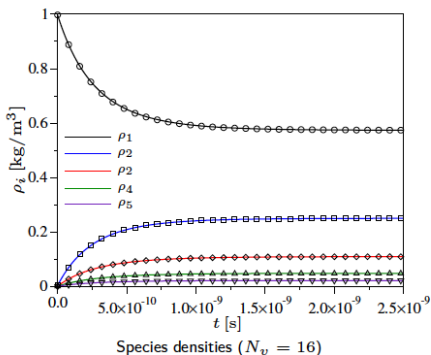
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Relaxation towards equilibrium of a multi-energy level gas

- **Translational** and **internal** degrees of freedom initially in equilibrium at their own temperature
 - $\rho = 1\text{kg/m}^3$, $T = 1000\text{ K}$, $T_{\text{int}} = 100\text{ K}$
 - 5 levels, **Anderson** cross-section model
- Unbroken lines: Spectral Boltzmann Solver [Munafo, Haack, Gamba, M., 2013], symbols: DSMC [Torres, M. 2013]

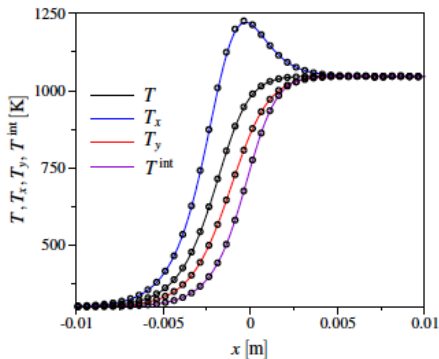
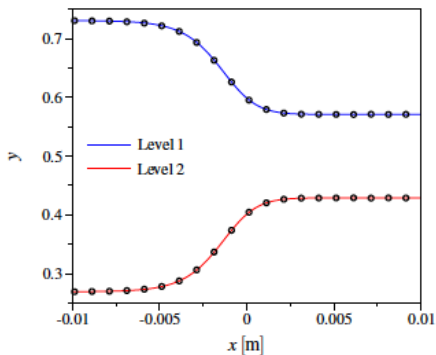


Flow across a normal shockwave for multi-energy level gas

- Free stream conditions

- $\rho_\infty = 10^{-4} \text{kg/m}^3$, $T_\infty = 300 \text{ K}$, $v_\infty = 954 \text{ m/s}$
 - 2 levels, [Anderson](#) cross-section model

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Translational thermal nonequilibrium and electromagnetic field influence in multicomponent plasma flows

- Plasma composed of **electrons** (index e), and **heavy particles**, atoms and molecules, neutral or ionized (set of indices H); the full mixture of species is denoted by the set $S = \{e\} \cup H$
- Scaling parameter: $\varepsilon = (m_e^0/m_h^0)^{1/2} \ll 1$

- 1 Classical mechanics description provided that

$$\frac{1}{(n^0)^{1/3}} \gg \frac{(m_h^0 k_B T^0)^{1/2}}{h_P} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{k_B T^0}{m_e^0} \ll c^2$$

- 2 Binary charged interactions with screening of the Coulomb potential

$$\Lambda \simeq n_e^0 \frac{4}{3} \pi \lambda_{\text{Debye}}^3 \gg 1$$

- 3 Reference electrical and thermal energies of the system are of the same order

$$q^0 E^0 L^0 \simeq k_B T^0$$

- 4 Magnetic field influence determined by the Hall parameter magnitude b

$$\beta_e = \frac{q^0 B^0}{m_e^0} t_e^0 = \varepsilon^{1-b} \quad (b < 0, b = 0, b = 1)$$

- 5 Continuum description for compressible flows: $\mathcal{O}(M_h) \gg \varepsilon$

$$\text{Kn } M_h \simeq \varepsilon$$

Dimensional analysis of the Boltzmann eq. [Petit, Darrozes 1975]

- 2 thermal speeds

$$V_e^0 = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T^0}{m_e^0}}, \quad V_h^0 = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T^0}{m_h^0}} = \varepsilon V_e^0, \quad \varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{m_e^0}{m_h^0}}$$

- 2 kinetic temporal scales

$$t_e^0 = \frac{l^0}{V_e^0}, \quad t_h^0 = \frac{l^0}{V_h^0} = \frac{t_e^0}{\varepsilon} \quad \text{with} \quad l^0 = \frac{1}{n^0 \sigma^0}$$

- 1 macroscopic temporal scale

$$t^0 = \frac{L^0}{v^0} = \frac{L^0}{l^0} \frac{l^0}{V_h^0} \frac{V_h^0}{v^0} = \frac{1}{Kn} t_h^0 \frac{1}{M_h} = \frac{t_h^0}{\varepsilon}$$

Change of variable: heavy-particle velocity frame [M3AS 2009]

- The peculiar velocities are given by the relations

$$\mathbf{C}_e = \mathbf{c}_e - \varepsilon M_h \mathbf{v}_h, \quad \mathbf{C}_i = \mathbf{c}_i - M_h \mathbf{v}_h, \quad i \in H$$

⇒ The heavy-particle diffusion flux vanishes

$$\sum_{j \in H} \int m_j \mathbf{C}_j f_j d\mathbf{C}_j = 0$$

- The choice of the **heavy-particle velocity frame** \mathbf{v}_h is natural for plasmas. In this frame:
 - Heavy particles thermalize
 - All particles diffuse

Boltzmann equation: nondimensional form and scaling

- Electrons: e

$$\partial_t f_e + \frac{1}{\varepsilon M_h} (\mathbf{C}_e + \varepsilon M_h \mathbf{v}_h) \cdot \partial_x f_e + \frac{\varepsilon^{-b}}{M_h Kn} q_e [(\mathbf{C}_e + \varepsilon M_h \mathbf{v}_h) \wedge \mathbf{B}] \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{C}_e} f_e + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon M_h} q_e \mathbf{E} - \varepsilon M_h \frac{D\mathbf{v}_h}{Dt} \right) \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{C}_e} f_e - (\partial_{\mathbf{C}_e} f_e \otimes \mathbf{C}_e) : \partial_x \mathbf{v}_h = \frac{1}{\varepsilon M_h Kn} \mathcal{J}_e$$

- Heavy particles: $i \in H$

$$\partial_t f_i + \frac{1}{M_h} (\mathbf{C}_i + M_h \mathbf{v}_h) \cdot \partial_x f_i + \frac{\varepsilon^{2-b}}{M_h Kn} \frac{q_i}{m_i} [(\mathbf{C}_i + M_h \mathbf{v}_h) \wedge \mathbf{B}] \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{C}_i} f_i + \left(\frac{1}{M_h} \frac{q_i}{m_i} \mathbf{E} - M_h \frac{D\mathbf{v}_h}{Dt} \right) \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{C}_i} f_i - (\partial_{\mathbf{C}_i} f_i \otimes \mathbf{C}_i) : \partial_x \mathbf{v}_h = \frac{1}{M_h Kn} \mathcal{J}_i$$

\Rightarrow The multiscale analysis (ε, Kn, β_e) occurs at three levels

- in the kinetic eqs.
- in the crossed collision operators
- in the collisional invariants

Boltzmann equation: nondimensional form and scaling

- Collision operators:

$$\mathcal{J}_e = \mathcal{J}_{ee}(\mathbf{f}_e, \mathbf{f}_e) + \sum_{j \in H} \mathcal{J}_{ej}(\mathbf{f}_e, \mathbf{f}_j)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_i = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathcal{J}_{ie}(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_e) + \sum_{j \in H} \mathcal{J}_{ij}(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_j), \quad i \in H$$

- \mathcal{J}_{ee} and \mathcal{J}_{ij} , $i, j \in H$, are dealt with as usual
- \mathcal{J}_{ei} and \mathcal{J}_{ie} , $i \in H$, depend on ε

Theorem (Degond, Lucquin 1996, Graille, M., Massot 2009)

The crossed collision operators can be expanded in the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_{ei}(\mathbf{f}_e, \mathbf{f}_i) &= \mathcal{J}_{ei}^0(\mathbf{f}_e, \mathbf{f}_i)(\mathbf{c}_e) + \varepsilon \mathcal{J}_{ei}^1(\mathbf{f}_e, \mathbf{f}_i)(\mathbf{c}_e) + \varepsilon^2 \mathcal{J}_{ei}^2(\mathbf{f}_e, \mathbf{f}_i)(\mathbf{c}_e) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon^3 \mathcal{J}_{ei}^3(\mathbf{f}_e, \mathbf{f}_i)(\mathbf{C}_e) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^4) \\ \mathcal{J}_{ie}(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_e) &= \varepsilon \mathcal{J}_{ie}^1(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_e)(\mathbf{c}_i) + \varepsilon^2 \mathcal{J}_{ie}^2(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_e)(\mathbf{c}_i) + \varepsilon^3 \mathcal{J}_{ie}^3(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{f}_e)(\mathbf{C}_i) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^4) \end{aligned}$$

where $i \in H$

Generalized Chapman-Enskog method [Graille, M., Massot 2009]

$$Kn = \frac{\varepsilon}{M_h} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} f_e &= f_e^0 (1 + \varepsilon \hat{\phi}_e + \varepsilon^2 \hat{\phi}_e^{(2)}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3) \\ f_i &= \hat{f}_i^0 (1 + \varepsilon \hat{\phi}_i) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2), \quad i \in H \end{aligned}$$

Order	Time	Heavy particles	Electrons
ε^{-2}	t_e	–	Eq. for f_e^0 Thermalization (T_e)
ε^{-1}	t_h^0	Eq. for f_i^0 , $i \in H$ Thermalization (T_h)	Eq. for ϕ_e Electron momentum relation
ε^0	t^0	Eq. for ϕ_i , $i \in H$ Euler eqs.	Eq. for $\phi_e^{(2)}$ Zero-order drift-diffusion eqs.
ε	$\frac{t^0}{\varepsilon}$	Navier-Stokes eqs.	1 st -order drift-diffusion eqs.

Collisional invariants

- Electron and heavy-particle linearized collision operators

$$\mathcal{F}_e(\phi_e) = - \int f_{e1}^0 (\phi'_e + \phi'_{e1} - \phi_e - \phi_{e1}) |\mathbf{C}_e - \mathbf{C}_{e1}| \sigma_{ee1} d\omega d\mathbf{C}_{e1}$$

$$- \sum_{j \in H} n_j \int \sigma_{ej} \left(|\mathbf{C}_e|^2, \omega \cdot \frac{\mathbf{C}_e}{|\mathbf{C}_e|} \right) |\mathbf{C}_e| (\phi_e(|\mathbf{C}_e|\omega) - \phi_e(\mathbf{C}_e)) d\omega$$

$$\mathcal{F}_h(\phi) = - \left[\sum_{j \in H} \int f_j^0 (\phi'_i + \phi'_j - \phi_i - \phi_j) |\mathbf{C}_i - \mathbf{C}_j| \sigma_{ij} d\omega d\mathbf{C}_j \right]_{i \in H}$$

- Collisional invariants

$$\hat{\psi}_e^1 = 1 \qquad \hat{\psi}_h^l = (m_i \delta_{il})_{i \in H}, \quad l \in H$$

$$\hat{\psi}_e^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{C}_e \cdot \mathbf{C}_e \qquad \hat{\psi}_h^{H+\nu} = (m_i G_{i\nu})_{i \in H}, \quad \nu \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\hat{\psi}_h^{H+4} = \left(\frac{1}{2} m_i \mathbf{C}_i \cdot \mathbf{C}_i \right)_{i \in H}$$

- Properties

$$\langle \langle \mathcal{F}_e(\phi_e), \hat{\psi}_e^l \rangle \rangle_e = 0, \quad l \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$\langle \langle \mathcal{F}_h(\phi_h), \hat{\psi}_h^l \rangle \rangle_h = 0, \quad l \in \{1, \dots, H+4\}$$

Electron momentum relation

- The projection of the Boltzmann eq. at order ε^{-1} on the collisional invariants $\hat{\psi}_e^I$, $I \in \{1, 2\}$, is trivial
- Momentum is not included in the electron collisional invariants since

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{F}_e(\phi_e), \mathbf{C}_e \rangle\rangle_e \neq 0$$

- At order ε^{-1} , the zero-order momentum transferred from electrons to heavy particles reads

$$\sum_{j \in H} \langle\langle \mathcal{J}_{ej}^0(f_e^0 \phi_e, \hat{f}_j^0), \mathbf{C}_e \rangle\rangle_e = \frac{1}{M_h} \partial_x p_e - \frac{n_e q_e}{M_h} \mathbf{E}$$

- A 1st order electron momentum is also derived at order ε^0

[M., Graille, Massot, AIAA 2008]

[M., Graille, Massot, NASA/TM-214578 2008]

[Graille, M., Massot, M3AS 2009]

1st order drift-diffusion and Navier-Stokes eqs.

- 1st and 2nd order transport fluxes for the electrons

$$\partial_t \rho_e + \partial_x \cdot (\rho_e \mathbf{v}_h) = -\frac{1}{M_h} \partial_x \cdot [\rho_e (\mathbf{V} + \varepsilon \mathbf{V}^2)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t (\rho_e e_e) + \partial_x \cdot (\rho_e e_e \mathbf{v}_h) + \rho_e \partial_x \cdot \mathbf{v}_h &= -\frac{1}{M_h} \partial_x \cdot (\mathbf{q}_e + \varepsilon \mathbf{q}_e^2) + \frac{1}{M_h} (\mathbf{J}_e + \varepsilon \mathbf{J}_e^2) \cdot \mathbf{E}' + \delta_{b0} \varepsilon M_h \mathbf{J}_e \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \wedge \mathbf{B} \\ &\quad + \Delta E_e^0 + \varepsilon \Delta E_e^1 \end{aligned}$$

- 1st order transport fluxes for the heavy particles

$$\partial_t \rho_i + \partial_x \cdot (\rho_i \mathbf{v}_h) = -\frac{\varepsilon}{M_h} \partial_x \cdot (\rho_i \mathbf{V}), \quad i \in H$$

$$\partial_t (\rho_h \mathbf{v}_h) + \partial_x \cdot (\rho_h \mathbf{v}_h \otimes \mathbf{v}_h + \frac{1}{M_h^2} \rho \mathbb{I}) = -\frac{\varepsilon}{M_h^2} \partial_x \cdot \Pi_h + \frac{1}{M_h^2} n q \mathbf{E} + (\delta_{b0} \mathbf{l}_0 + \delta_{b1} \mathbf{l}) \wedge \mathbf{B}$$

$$\partial_t (\rho_h e_h) + \partial_x \cdot (\rho_h e_h \mathbf{v}_h) + \rho_h \partial_x \cdot \mathbf{v}_h = -\varepsilon \Pi_h : \partial_x \mathbf{v}_h - \frac{\varepsilon}{M_h} \partial_x \cdot \mathbf{q}_h + \frac{\varepsilon}{M_h} \mathbf{J}_h \cdot \mathbf{E}' + \Delta E_h^0 + \varepsilon \Delta E_h^1$$

- with 1st order energy exchange terms

$$\Delta E_h^1 + \Delta E_e^1 = 0$$

$$\Delta E_h^1 = \sum_{j \in H} n_j \mathbf{V}_j \cdot \mathbf{F}_{j,e}$$

- and average electron force acting on the heavy particles

$$\mathbf{F}_{i,e} = \int Q_{i,e}^{(1)} (|\mathbf{C}_e|^2) |\mathbf{C}_e| \mathbf{C}_e f_e^0 \phi_e d\mathbf{C}_e, \quad i \in H$$

Kolesnikov effect [Graille, M., Massot 2008]

- The second-order electron diffusion velocity and heat flux are also proportional to the heavy-particle diffusion velocities
- We refer to this coupling phenomenon as the Kolesnikov effect (1974)
- The heavy-particle diffusion velocities

$$\mathbf{V} = - \sum_{j \in H} D_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{d}}_j - \theta_i^h \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \ln T_h, \quad i \in H$$

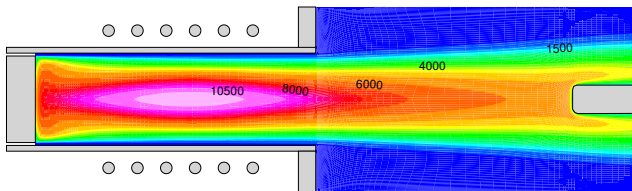
are proportional to

- The diffusion driving forces $\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i = \frac{1}{p_h} \partial_{\mathbf{x}} p_i - \frac{n_i q_i}{p_h} \mathbf{E} - \frac{n_i M_h}{p_h} \mathbf{F}_{ie}$
 - The heavy-particle temperature gradient (Soret effect)
- The average electron force \mathbf{F}_{ie} contributes to the diffusion driving force $\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i$
 - The average electron force acting on the heavy particles is expressed in terms of the electron driving force and temperature gradient

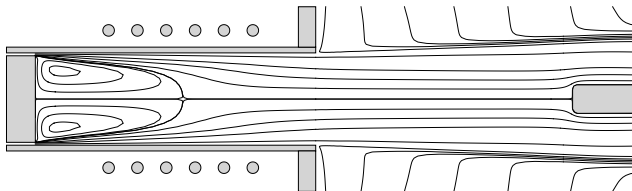
$$\mathbf{F}_{ie} = - \frac{p_e}{n_i M_h} \alpha_{ei} \mathbf{d}_e - \frac{p_e}{n_i M_h} \chi_i^e \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \ln T_e$$

LTE computation of the VKI Plasmatron facility

($p=10\,000$ Pa, $P=120$ kW, $m=8$ g/s) [M. and Degrez 2004]



Temperature field [K]



Streamlines

Modified Grad-Zhdanov eqs. for multicomponent plasmas

Mass diffusion equations [Martin, Torrilhon, M. 2010]

$$\frac{\partial p_e}{\partial x_r} - n_e q_e E^r = -\frac{\varepsilon}{Kn} \sum_{j \in H} n_j F_{je}^r,$$

$$Kn \frac{D(\rho_i \omega_i^r)}{Dt} + Kn \rho_i (\omega_i^r \frac{\partial v_h^s}{\partial x_s} + \omega_i^s \frac{\partial v_h^r}{\partial x_s}) + \frac{1}{M_h} \left(Kn \frac{\partial \pi_i^{rs}}{\partial x_s} + \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial x_r} - n_i q_i E^r \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{M_h Kn} \sum_{j \in H} \int \delta_{ij} (f_i, f_j) m_i C_i^r d\mathbf{C}_i + \frac{\varepsilon}{M_h Kn} n_i F_{ie}^s, \quad i \in H$$

- with the average electron force acting on the heavy particle $i \in H$

$$F_{ie}^s = -\frac{1}{M_h} \left[\omega_e^r \frac{l_{1,i}^{rs}}{T_e} - \frac{h_e^r}{5p_e T_e} \left(\frac{l_{3,i}^{rs}}{T_e} - 5l_{1,i}^{rs} \right) \right]$$

⇒ Momentum conservation

$$\rho_h \frac{Dv_h^r}{Dt} + \frac{1}{M_h^2} \left(Kn \frac{\partial \pi_h^{sr}}{\partial x_s} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_r} \right) = 0$$

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Final thoughts

- **Plasmadynamical models based on multiscale CE method**
 - Scaling derived from a dimensional analysis of the Boltzmann eq.
 - Collisional invariants identified in the kernel of collision operators
 - Macroscopic conservation eqs. follow from Fredholm's alternative
 - Laws of thermodynamics and law of mass action are satisfied
 - Well-posedness of the transport properties is established, provided that some conditions on the kinetic data are met
- **Advantages compared to conventional models for plasma flows**
 - Mathematical structure of the conservation equations well identified
 - Rigorous derivation of a set of macroscopic equations where hyperbolic and parabolic scalings are entangled [Bardos, Golse, Levermore 1991]
 - The mathematical structure of the transport matrices is readily used to build transport algorithms (direct linear solver / convergent iterative Krylov projection methods) [Ern and Giovangigli 1994, M. and Degrez 2004]
- **Future work**
 - CE for dissociation of molecular gases and radiation
 - New application: radar detection of meteors

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