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# Axisymmetric MFEM-based solvers for the compressible Navier-Stokes equations and other problems

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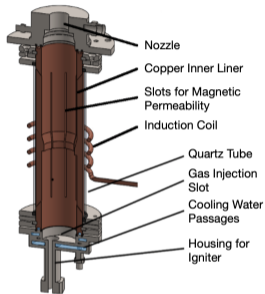
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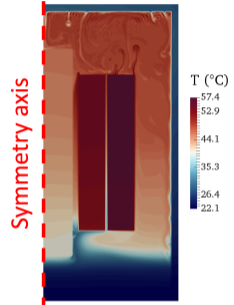
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# Motivation for an axisymmetric model



Plasma torch



Transformer axisymmetric model

- System and external action roughly axisymmetric
- Non-axisymmetric effects expected to be small
- Highly accurate solution is not a priority (UQ, sensitivity analysis, ...)

→ Axisymmetric modeling and **significant cut in the computational cost**

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# Problem description

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = u_b & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

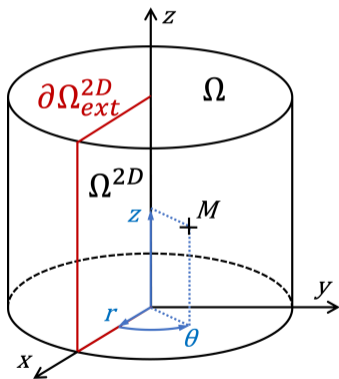
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# Axisymmetric approximation spaces



## Notations

$\mathcal{T}_h$ : mesh of  $\Omega^{2D}$

$p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ : order of the polynomial approximation

$\partial\Omega_{ext}^{2D} = \partial\Omega \cap \overline{\Omega^{2D}}$

## Trial space

$$V^{2D} = \left\{ v_h \in C^0(\overline{\Omega^{2D}}; \mathbb{R}); v_h|_K \in \mathbb{P}_p, \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\}$$

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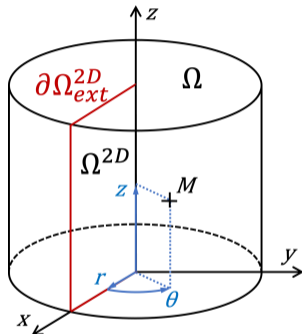
## Test space

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Note:  $\forall v_h \in V_0, v_h = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$

# Axisymmetric weak formulation



Find  $u_h \in V$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h dV = \int_{\Omega} f v_h dV, \quad \forall v_h \in V_0 \\ u_h = u_{bh} \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

$u_{bh}$ : approximation of  $u_b$  in  $V$

$\Leftrightarrow$

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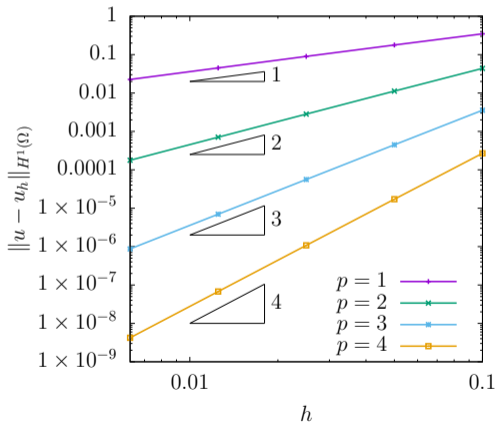
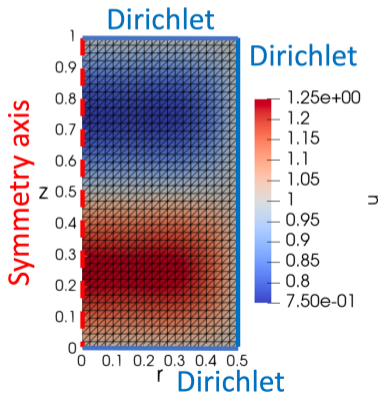
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$\forall F$  axisymmetric,

$$\int_{\Omega} F(r, \theta, z) dV = 2\pi \int_{\Omega^{2D}} r F(r, z) dS$$

# Convergence test on manufactured solution

Manufactured solution:  $u(r, \theta, z) = (r^2(\sin(2\pi r) - 1) + 0.25) \sin(2\pi z) + 1$



# Addition of Neumann boundary conditions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = u_b & \text{on } \partial\Omega_d \\ \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} = g & \text{on } \partial\Omega_n \end{array} \right.$$

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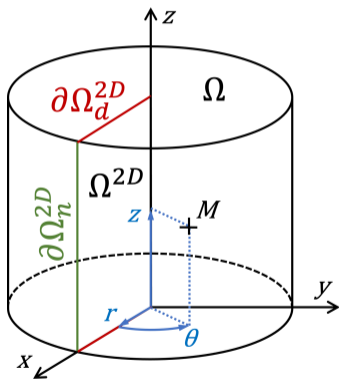
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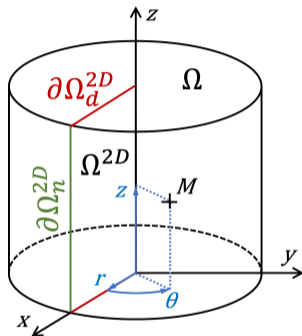
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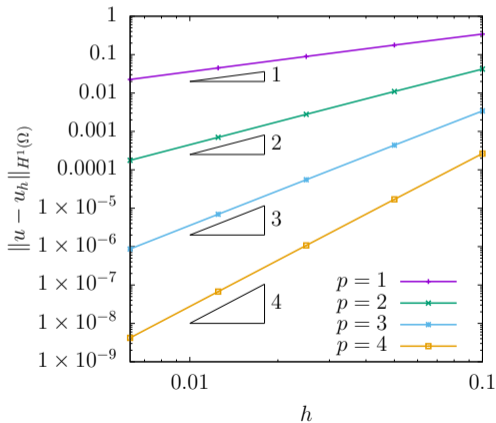
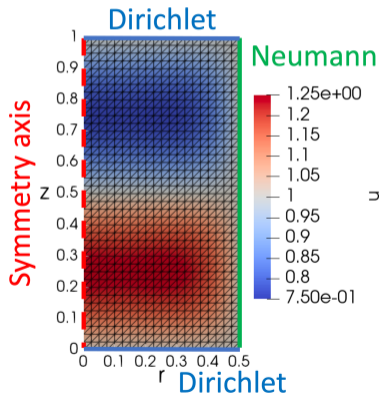
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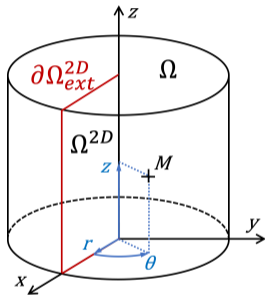
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Find  $u_h \in C^1([0, T]; V)$  such that

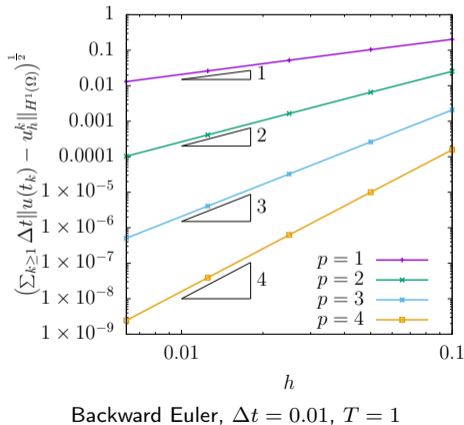
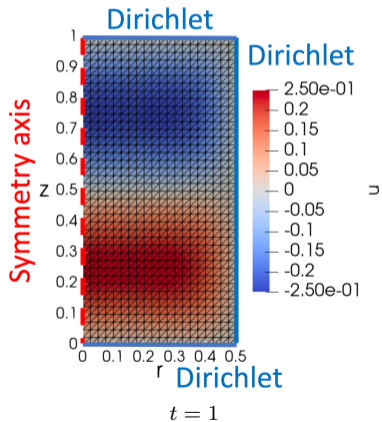
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$\Leftrightarrow$  Find  $u_h^{2D} \in C^1([0, T]; V^{2D})$  such that

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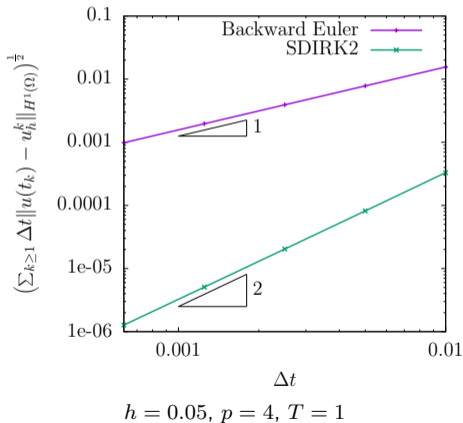
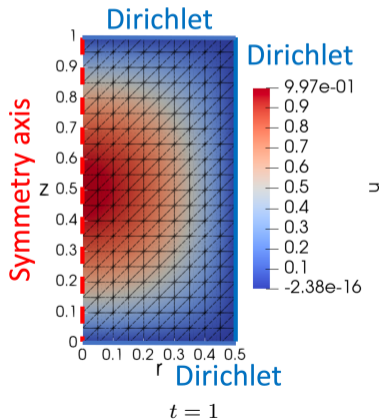
# Mesh size convergence test

Manufactured solution:  $u(r, \theta, z) = ((r^2(\sin(2\pi r)) - 1) + 0.25) \sin(2\pi z) + 1)t$



# Time step convergence test

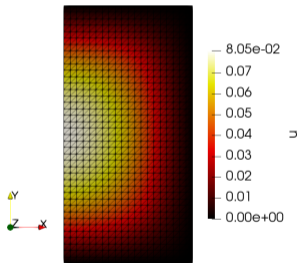
Manufactured solution:  $u(r, \theta, z) = 4 \left(1 - \left(\frac{r}{0.5}\right)^2\right) z(1 - z) \cos(2\pi t)$



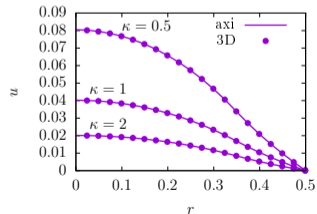
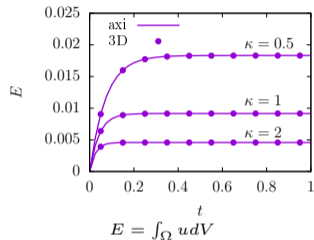
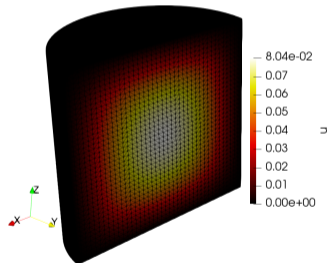


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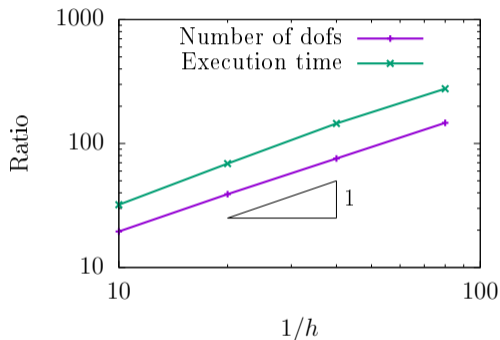
Axisymmetric computation  
Triangular mesh



3D computation  
Tetrahedral mesh (same  $h$ )



# Axisymmetric versus 3D formulation II



Quasi-identical results but axisymmetric code much faster (speedup  $\propto 1/h$ ) due to the use of a 2D mesh instead of a 3D mesh

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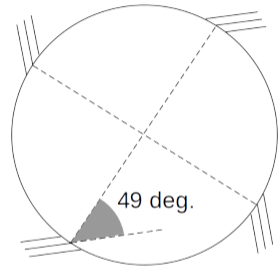
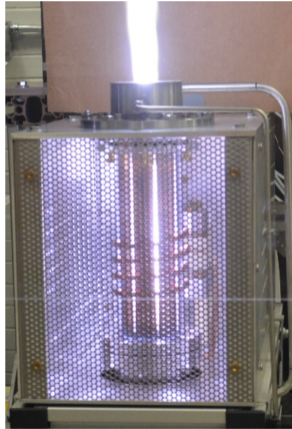
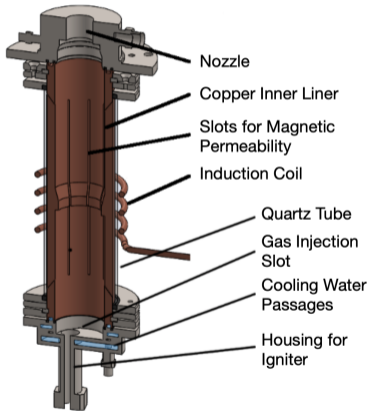
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# Motivation: air flow in a plasma torch



System roughly axisymmetric  
Gas injected tangentially  
→ Axisymmetric model taking into account  $u_\theta$

# Governing equations I

Compressible Navier-Stokes equations in cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$  with  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r \rho u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \rho u_z}{\partial z} &= 0 \\
 \frac{\partial \rho u_r}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_r u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} (\rho u_r u_r - \rho u_\theta u_\theta) + \frac{\partial \rho u_r u_z}{\partial z} &= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \tau_{rr}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} (\tau_{rr} - \tau_{\theta\theta}) + \frac{\partial \tau_{rz}}{\partial z} \\
 \frac{\partial \rho u_\theta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_\theta u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \rho u_\theta u_r + \frac{\partial \rho u_\theta u_z}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial \tau_{\theta r}}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \tau_{\theta r} + \frac{\partial \tau_{\theta z}}{\partial z} \\
 \frac{\partial \rho u_z}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_z u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \rho u_z u_r + \frac{\partial \rho u_z u_z}{\partial z} &= -\rho g - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zr}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \tau_{zr} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} \\
 \frac{\partial \rho E}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r \rho E u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \rho E u_z}{\partial z} &= -\rho g u_z + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r ((-p + \tau_{rr}) u_r + \tau_{r\theta} u_\theta + \tau_{rz} u_z)}{\partial r} \\
 &+ \frac{\partial \tau_{zr} u_r + \tau_{z\theta} u_\theta + (-p + \tau_{zz}) u_z}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r q_r}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial q_z}{\partial z}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rho$  density,  $(u_r, u_\theta, u_z)$  velocity components,  $p$  pressure,  $g$  gravity,  $[\tau]$  viscous stress tensor,  $(q_r, 0, q_z)$  heat flux vector components,  $E = e + \frac{u^2}{2}$  total energy per unit mass ( $e$  internal energy)

# Governing equations II

Ideal gas equation of state:  $p = \rho RT$ ,  $R$  specific gas constant,  $T$  temperature,  $h = e + \frac{p}{\rho}$  enthalpy per unit mass

$$e = c_v T, \quad h = c_p T, \quad R = c_p - c_v$$

$c_v$  specific heat at constant volume,  $c_p$  specific heat at constant pressure

Viscous stress tensor components:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{rr} &= \frac{2\eta}{3} \left( 2 \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} - \frac{u_r}{r} - \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right), & \tau_{r\theta} &= \eta \left( -\frac{u_\theta}{r} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} \right), & \tau_{rz} &= \eta \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right), \\ \tau_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{2\eta}{3} \left( \frac{2u_r}{r} - \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right), & \tau_{\theta z} &= \eta \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial z}, & \tau_{zz} &= \frac{2\eta}{3} \left( 2 \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} - \frac{u_r}{r} - \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \right), \\ \tau_{\theta r} &= \tau_{r\theta}, & \tau_{zr} &= \tau_{rz}, & \tau_{z\theta} &= \tau_{\theta z} \end{aligned}$$

Heat flux vector components:

$$q_r = -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}, \quad q_z = -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

# Governing equations III

Viscosity law:

$$\eta(T) = \eta_{ref} \left( \frac{T}{T_{ref}} \right)^n$$

$\eta_{ref}$  dynamic viscosity at a reference temperature  $T_{ref}$ ,  $n$  constant coefficient

Thermal conductivity law:

$$\lambda(T) = \frac{\eta(T)c_p}{Pr}$$

$Pr$  Prandtl number, considered constant

## Boundary conditions

- Isothermal wall:  $T(t) = T_0$ ,  $\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}_0$
- Inlet:  $\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}_0$ ,  $T(t) = T_0$
- Outlet:  $p(t) = p_0$
- Axis:  $u_r(t) = u_\theta(t) = 0$

# Axisymmetric finite element spaces

## Notations:

$\mathcal{T}_h$  mesh of  $\Omega^{2D}$  with characteristic mesh size  $h$

$K$  cell of  $\mathcal{T}_h$

$p \in \mathbb{N}^*$  order of the polynomial approximation

## Trial space for $\rho$ and $\rho E$ :

$$V = \left\{ v \in C^0(\overline{\Omega}; \mathbb{R}) ; \exists v^{2D} \in V^{2D}; v(r, \theta, z) = v^{2D}(r, z), \forall (r, \theta, z) \right\}$$

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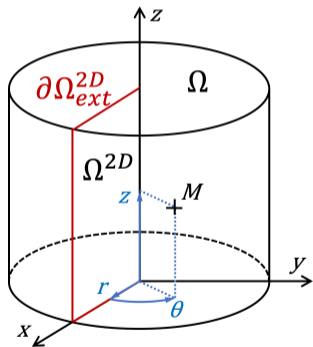
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## Trial space for $\rho \mathbf{u}$ :

$$\mathbf{V} = V^3$$

## Test spaces for $\rho$ , $\rho \mathbf{u}$ , $\rho E$ :

$$V_{0,\rho}, \quad \mathbf{V}_0, \quad V_{0,\rho E}$$





# Weak formulation

Find  $\rho \in \mathcal{C}^1([0, t_f]; V)$ ,  $\rho \mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{C}^1([0, t_f]; \mathbf{V})$  and  $\rho E \in \mathcal{C}^1([0, t_f]; V)$  satisfying the boundary conditions such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega^{2D}} \frac{d\rho}{dt} v r dS &= \int_{\Omega^{2D}} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla v r dS - \int_{\partial\Omega_{ext}^{2D}} v \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} r dL, \quad \forall v \in V_{0,\rho} \\ \int_{\Omega^{2D}} \frac{d\rho \mathbf{u}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{v} r dS &= \int_{\Omega^{2D}} (\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) : \nabla \mathbf{v} r dS - \int_{\partial\Omega_{ext}^{2D}} ((\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n} r dL \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega^{2D}} [\sigma] : \nabla \mathbf{v} r dS + \int_{\partial\Omega_{ext}^{2D}} ([\sigma] \cdot \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n} r dL \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega^{2D}} \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{v} r dS, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}_0 \\ \int_{\Omega^{2D}} \frac{d\rho E}{dt} v r dS &= \int_{\Omega^{2D}} \rho E \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla v r dS - \int_{\partial\Omega_{ext}^{2D}} v \rho E \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} r dL \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega^{2D}} ([\sigma] \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q}) \cdot \nabla v r dS + \int_{\partial\Omega_{ext}^{2D}} v ([\sigma] \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q}) \cdot \mathbf{n} r dL \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega^{2D}} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{g} v r dS, \quad \forall v \in V_{0,\rho E} \end{aligned}$$

# Time integration

Matrix form of the weak formulation:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{M} \frac{d\mathcal{U}}{dt}(t) = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{U}(t)), \quad \forall t \in [0, t_f] \\ \mathcal{U}(0) = \mathcal{U}^0 \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{5n_{dof} \times 5n_{dof}}$  mass matrix ( $n_{dof}$  number of degrees of freedom)

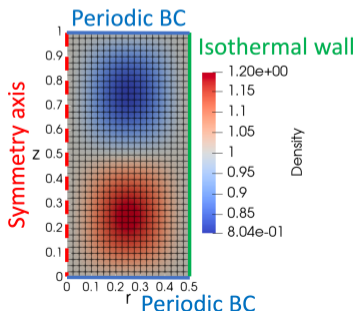
$\mathcal{R}$  nonlinear function of the dofs describing the flux terms and the gravity terms

$\mathcal{U}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{5n_{dof}}$  dofs of the initial condition projected in  $V^5$

Several explicit methods possible for time integration: forward Euler or Runge-Kutta of different orders

# Convergence test on a manufactured solution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho(r, z, t) = 1 + 50r^2(0.5 - r)^2 \sin(2\pi z) \cos(2\pi t) \\ u_r(r, z, t) = r^2 \sin(2\pi r) \sin(2\pi z) \cos(2\pi t) \\ u_\theta(r, z, t) = r^2 \sin(2\pi r) \sin(2\pi z) \cos(2\pi t) \\ u_z(r, z, t) = r^2 (\cos(\pi r) \sin(2\pi z) \cos(2\pi t) - 1) + 0.25 \\ T(r, z, t) = 1 + r^2 \cos(\pi r) \sin(2\pi z) \cos(2\pi t) \end{array} \right.$$



First order FE

2<sup>nd</sup> order Runge-Kutta method

Fixed small time step  $\tau = 5 \times 10^{-5}$

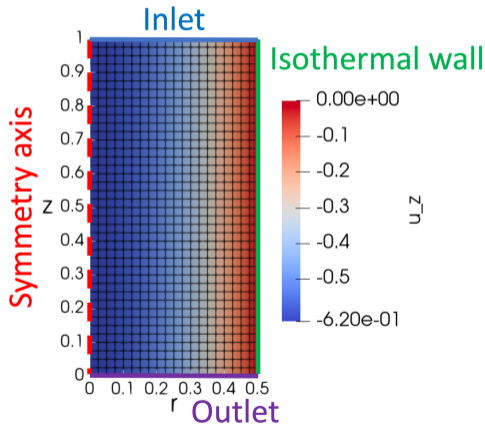
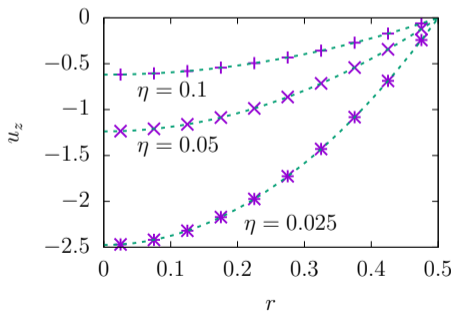
Errors at final time  $t_f = 1$

$h$	$\ U - U_{ex}\ _{L^2(\Omega)}$	COC
0.1	0.008600558	
0.05	0.0021620784	1.992
0.025	0.00054275361	1.994
0.0125	0.0001358782	1.998

$$U = (\rho, \rho u_r, \rho u_\theta, \rho u_z, \rho E)$$

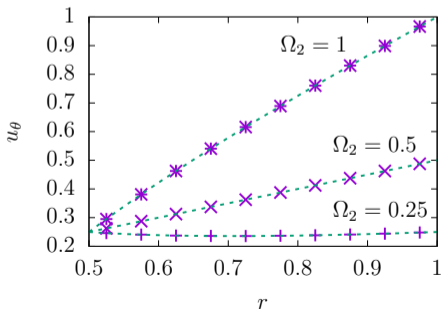
# Test: Poiseuille flow in a tube

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho(r, z, t) = \rho_0 \\ u_r(r, z, t) = u_\theta(r, z, t) = 0 \\ u_z(r, z, t) = -\frac{\rho_0 g}{4\eta} (R_0^2 - r^2) \\ T(r, z, t) = T_0 \end{array} \right.$$

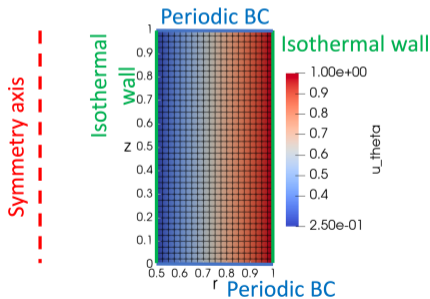


# Test: Taylor-Couette flow

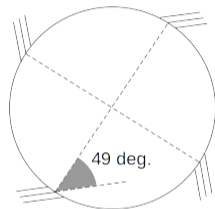
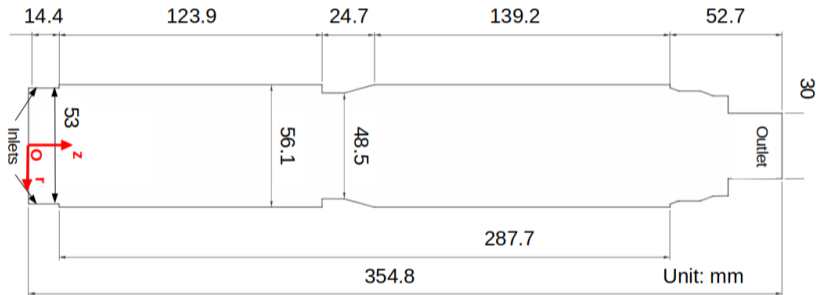
$$\begin{cases} \rho(r, z, t) = \rho_0 \\ u_r(r, z, t) = u_z(r, z, t) = 0, \quad u_\theta(r, z, t) = Ar + \frac{B}{r} \\ T(r, z, t) = T_0 + \frac{B^2(r^2 - R_1^2) + r^2 R_1^2 (A^2(r^2 - R_1^2) + 4AB \log(\frac{r}{R_1}))}{2r^2 R_1^2 c_v (\gamma - 1)} \end{cases}$$



$$A = \frac{\Omega_2 R_2^2 - \Omega_1 R_1^2}{R_2^2 - R_1^2}, \quad B = \frac{(\Omega_1 - \Omega_2) R_1^2 R_2^2}{R_2^2 - R_1^2}$$



# Air flow in a torch geometry: Setup



Top view of inlet channels and exit angle

Inlets modeled by axisymmetric inlet preserving mass flow rate and tangential velocity

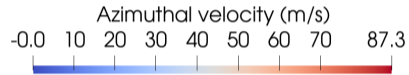
# Scalability

MPI proc.	Elapsed time (s)	Speed up	Scalability
1	6574.5672	1.0	1.0
36	237.12154	27.727	0.77
72	132.73101	49.533	0.688
108	88.398844	74.374	0.689
144	70.009964	93.909	0.652
180	58.943087	111.541	0.62
216	53.307597	123.333	0.571
252	52.826921	124.455	0.494
288	43.079631	152.614	0.53
324	41.369725	158.922	0.491
360	41.055994	160.137	0.445
396	37.644591	174.648	0.441

Mesh with 234187 nodes, 1170935 unknowns, 1000 iterations

# Air flow in a torch geometry: Simulation ( $u_\theta$ )

Time: 0.000000



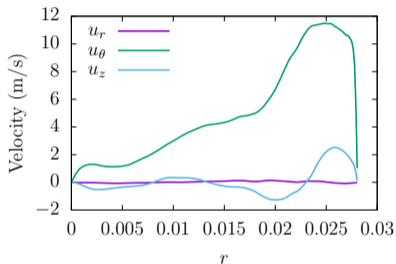
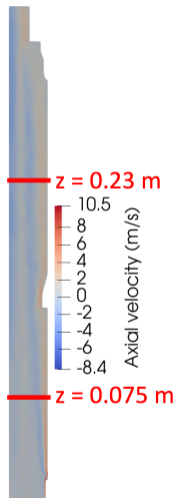


# Air flow in a torch geometry: Simulation ( $u_z$ )

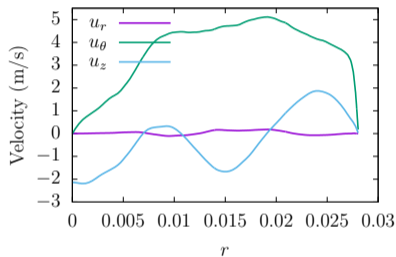
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# Time-averaged fields in the torch geometry



$z = 0.075$  m

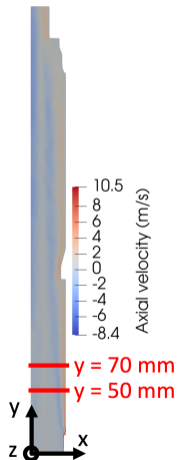


$z = 0.23$  m

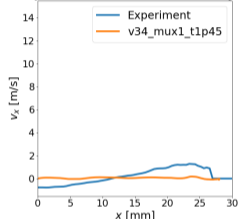
Flow localized close to the wall in the bottom compartment  
Layers of upward / downward flow

# Comparison with experiments

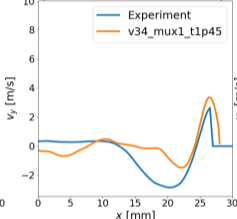
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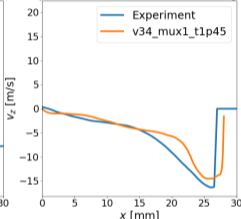
$y = 50$  mm, horizontal velocity



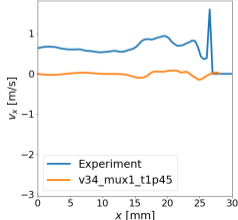
$y = 50$  mm, vertical velocity



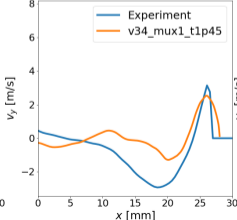
$y = 50$  mm, azimuthal velocity



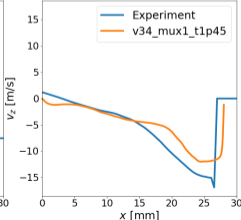
$y = 70$  mm, horizontal velocity



$y = 70$  mm, vertical velocity

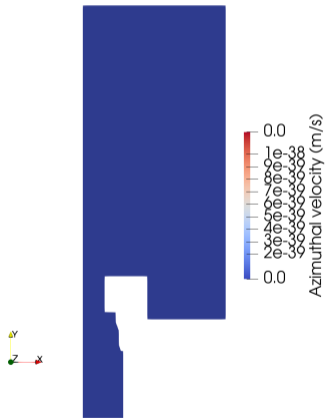


$y = 70$  mm, azimuthal velocity

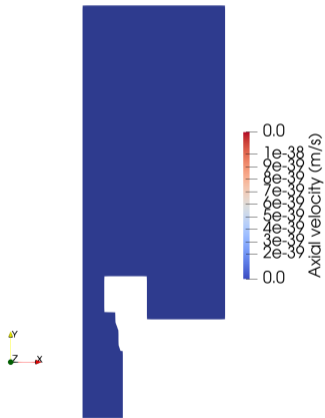


# Inflow at the outlet

Time: 0.000000



Time: 0.000000



# Outline

Motivation

Laplacian solver

Heat equation solver

Compressible flow solver

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## Summary

- Implementation of axisymmetric solvers for the Laplace problem, the heat equation and the compressible Navier-Stokes equations
- Simple modifications are needed to change a 2D solver into a 2D axisymmetric solver:
  - $r$  factor
  - Axis BC
- Solvers verified with manufactured and analytical solutions
- Simulation of a subsonic high-Reynolds air flow in a torch geometry

## Perspectives

- Implementation of a stabilization method
- Improvement of the axisymmetric modeling of the inlets

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Thank you for your attention



# Air flow in a torch geometry: Simulation ( $u_r$ )

Time: 0.000000

