



Micro-Macro Modelling and  
Simulation of Liquid-Vapour Flow  
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# Sharp Interface Approach for Liquid-Vapour Flow with Phase Transition

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## Bulk Phases

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## Phase Boundary

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \varrho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \sigma) \rrbracket &= 0, \\ \llbracket \varrho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \sigma) \mathbf{v} + p(\varrho) \mathbf{n} \rrbracket &= (d-1)\gamma\kappa \mathbf{n}, \\ \llbracket g(\varrho) + 0.5(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \sigma)^2 \rrbracket &= -kj.\end{aligned}$$

## Local Well-Posedness Results

- ◆ for  $k = 0$  see  
[Benzoni-Gavage, Freistühler 2004]
- ◆ for  $k > 0$  see  
[Kabil, Rohde 2013]

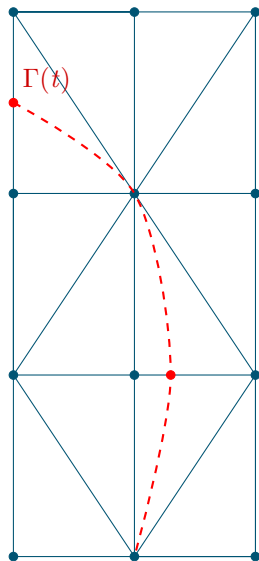
[Binninger et al.]

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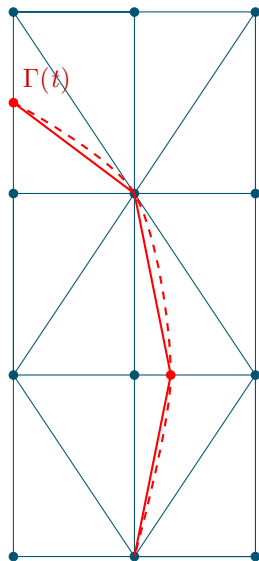
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We consider physical quantities in Euler coordinates  $(\mathbf{x}, t)$

- ◆ density  $\varrho(\mathbf{x}, t) > 0$ ,
- ◆ velocity  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

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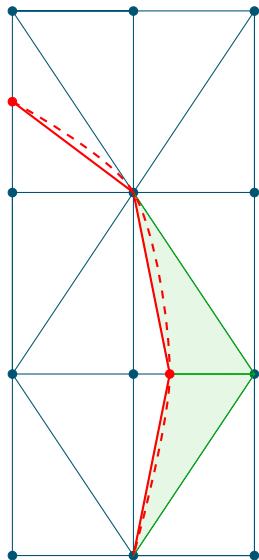
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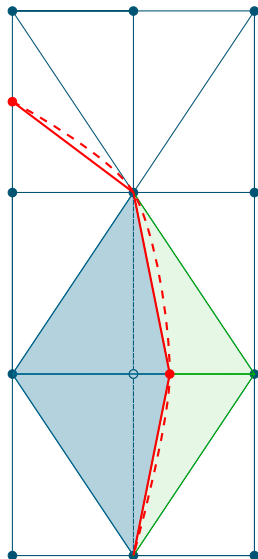
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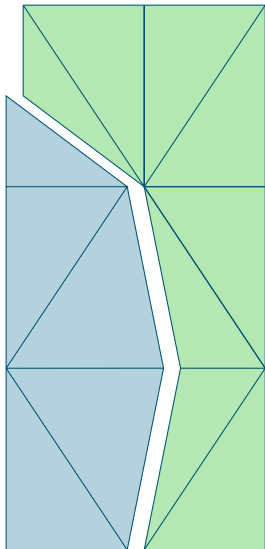


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- ◆ and merge, when cells are too small.



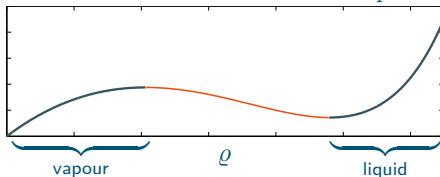
### Macroscale

Dynamics of the bulk phases  $\Omega_{\text{liq}}$  and  $\Omega_{\text{vap}}$ .  
Model: Isothermal Euler equation

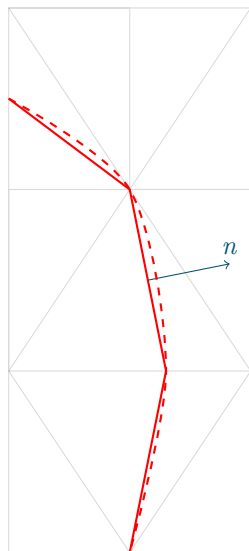
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with a pressure function  $p$  that covers liquid and vapour phase.

Van-der-Waals like Pressure  $p$







### Microscale

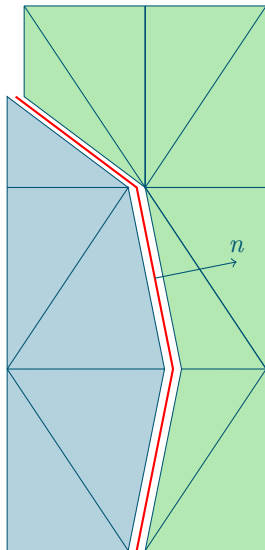
Dynamics at the phase boundary.

We assume that it is sufficient to consider 1D Riemann type problems normal to  $\Gamma_h$ .

- ◆ sharp interface models
  - ◆ exact (Liu) solver [Jägle, Rohde, Z 2012]
  - ◆ approximate (KinRel) solver [Rohde, Z 2013]
  - ◆ exact (KinRel) Riemansolver [today]
- ◆ diffuse interface models
- ◆ molecular dynamic models

# Cut Cell Method

## Transfer Operator



### Macro- to microscale

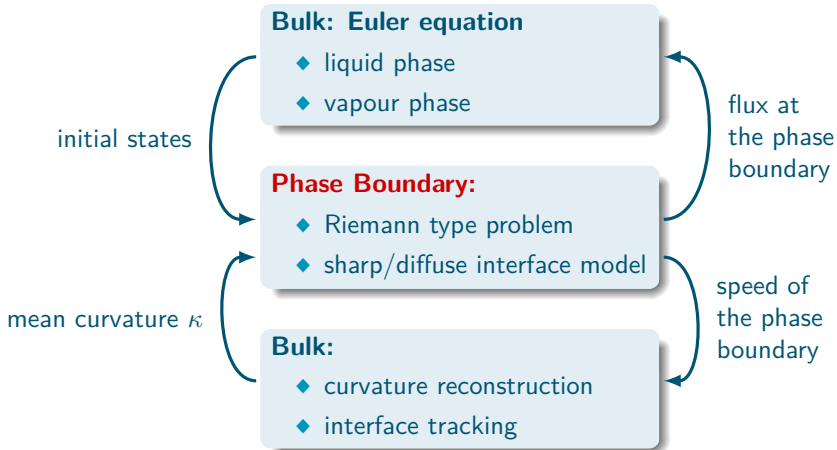
- ◆ initial states for Riemann type problems

### Micro- to macroscale

- ◆ fluxes for phase boundary edges

Reconstruction:

Compression:



The cut cell method with Godunov type two phase flux is conservative.

# Exact Riemann Solver

## Sharp Interface Model

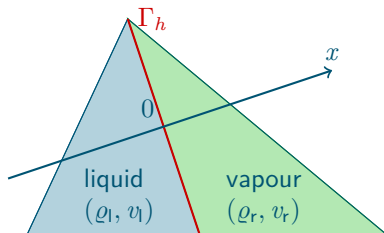
For each macro time step and any interface segment there is a Riemann problem to solve:

- ◆ Initial condition

$$(\varrho, v)(x, 0) := \begin{cases} (\varrho_l, v_l) & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ (\varrho_r, v_r) & \text{for } x > 0, \end{cases}$$

w.l.o.g.  $\varrho_l$  in the liquid phase,  $\varrho_r$  in the vapour phase.

- ◆  $x = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ ,  $v = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ .
- ◆ Curvature is fixed.
- ◆ "Bubble case" with  $\kappa > 0$   
"Droplet case" with  $\kappa < 0$



$$\begin{pmatrix} \varrho \\ \varrho v \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} \varrho v \\ \varrho v^2 + p(\varrho) \end{pmatrix}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty).$$

### Riemann Problem

- ◆ Classical entropy solution in the bulk phases.
- ◆ There exists one phase boundary that satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} -\sigma [[\varrho]] + [[\varrho v]] &= 0 \\ -\sigma [[\varrho v]] + [[\varrho v^2 + p(\varrho)]] &= (d-1)\gamma\kappa. \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ The phase boundary satisfies the kinetic relation

$$[[g(\varrho) + 0.5(v - \sigma)^2]] = -kj.$$

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$j$	$= \varrho(v - \sigma)$ mass flux	$\tau = 1/\varrho$	specific volume
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Then, for  $k > 0$ , follows for the total energy  $e = \psi + \frac{1}{2}v^2$ :

$$-\sigma ( [[\rho e]] + (d-1)\gamma\kappa ) + [[(\rho e + p) v]] = -kj^2 \leq 0$$

Exact solvers are available ([LeFloch et al. ( $\geq 1991$ )], [Hantke et a. 2013] ... , [Jäggle, Rohde, Z 2012]), but only for simplified models or kinetic relations.

### Admissible Phase Boundary Wave

- ◆ connects liquid state  $(\tau_{\text{liq}}, v_{\text{liq}})$  and vapour state  $(\tau_{\text{vap}}, v_{\text{vap}})$ ,
- ◆ satisfies

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \llbracket \rho(v - \sigma) \rrbracket &= 0, \\ j \llbracket v \rrbracket + \llbracket \tilde{p}(\tau) \rrbracket &= (d-1)\gamma\kappa \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow j = \pm \sqrt{\frac{(d-1)\gamma\kappa - \llbracket \tilde{p}(\tau) \rrbracket}{\llbracket \tau \rrbracket}}$$

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### Example: Stationary Phase Boundary

- ◆ connects liquid state  $(\tau_{\text{liq}}^{\text{mw}}, v_{\text{liq}}^{\text{mw}})$  and vapour state  $(\tau_{\text{vap}}^{\text{mw}}, v_{\text{vap}}^{\text{mw}})$ ,
- ◆ satisfies

$$j = 0,$$
$$[[\tilde{p}(\tau)]] = (d - 1)\gamma\kappa$$

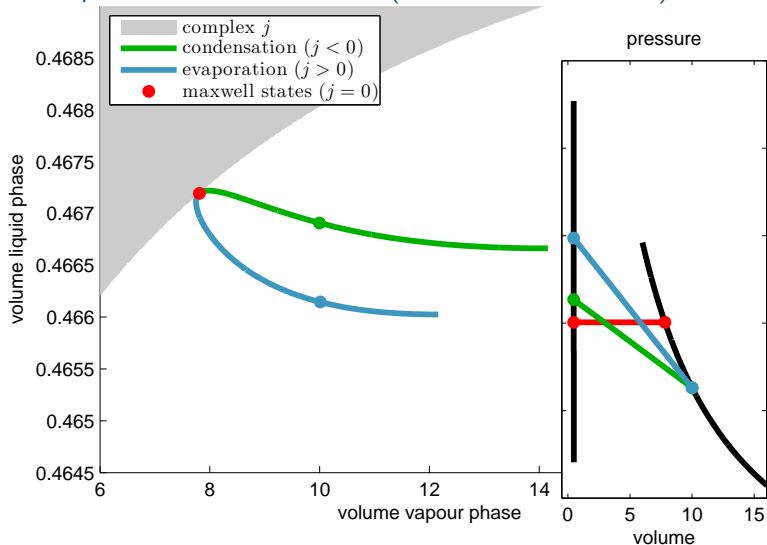
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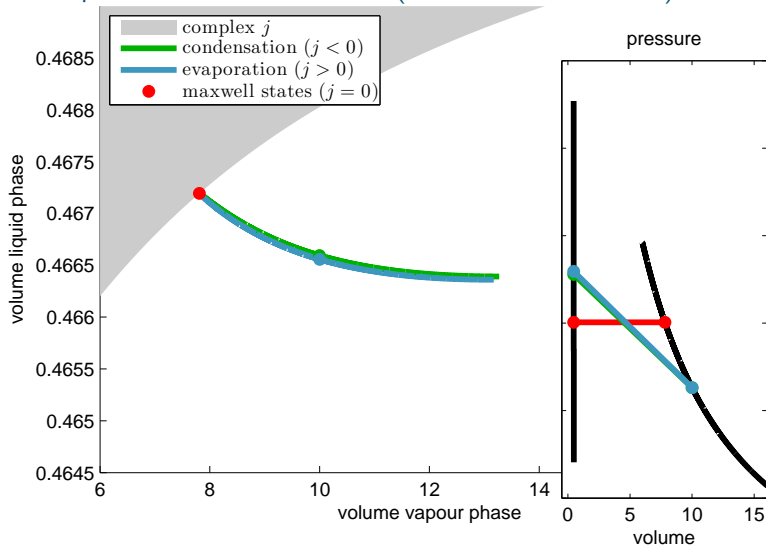
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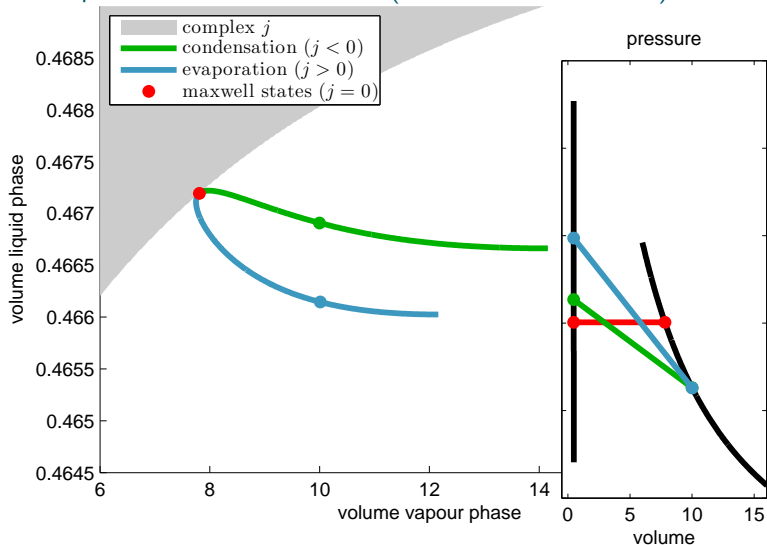
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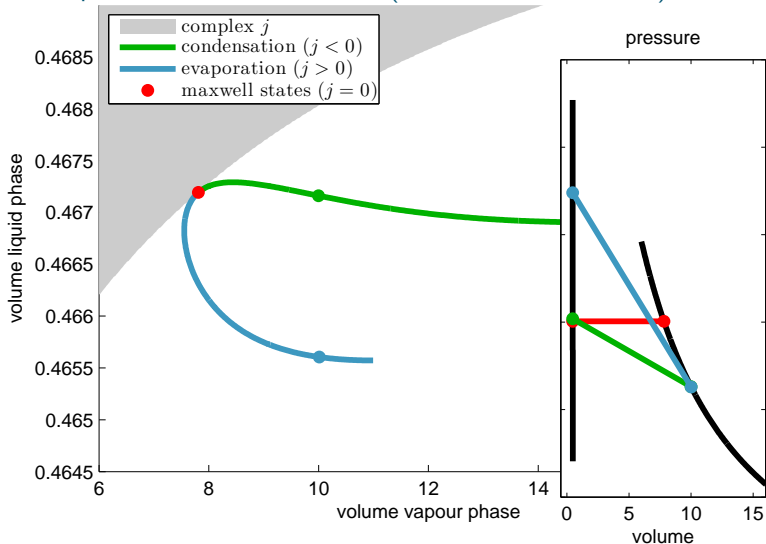
Admissible phase boundaries for  $k \rightarrow 0$  (without surface tension)



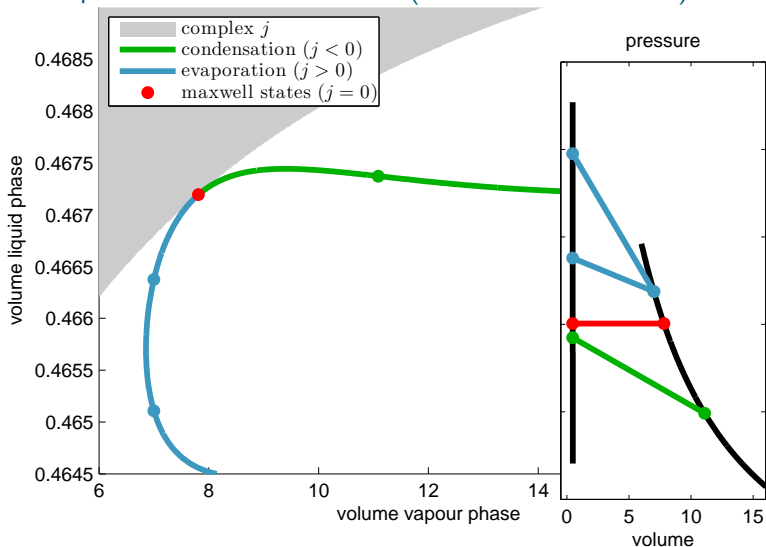
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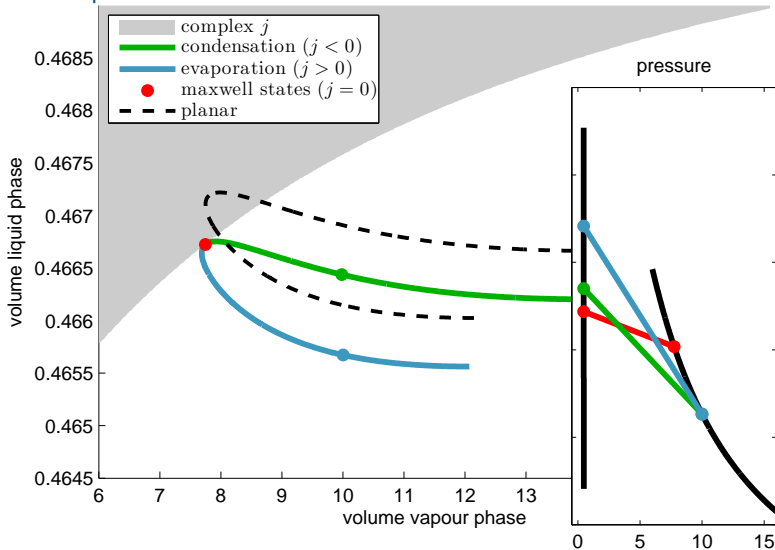
Admissible phase boundaries for  $k = 2$  (without surface tension)



Admissible phase boundaries for  $k = 3.5$  (without surface tension)



## Admissible phase boundaries for $k = 1$ with surface tension



## Kinetic Relation based on the Generalized Gibbs-Thomson Law

There ex. kinetic functions  $f_c$  (condensation),  $f_e$  (evaporation) such that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_c(\tau_{\text{vap}}) = \tau_{\text{liq}} \\ \vee f_e(\tau_{\text{liq}}) = \tau_{\text{vap}} \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \tilde{g}(\tau) + 0.5 j^2 \tau^2 \rrbracket = -k j.$$

$k = 0$  Reversible process  $f_c(f_e(\tau_{\text{liq}})) = \tau_{\text{liq}}$ .

$0 \leq k < k^*$  Monotone functions  $\tau_{\text{vap}} \mapsto f_c$  and  $\tau_{\text{liq}} \mapsto f_e$ .

$k > k^*$  Phase transition in metastable region.

Loss of monotonicity  $\rightarrow$  uniqueness?

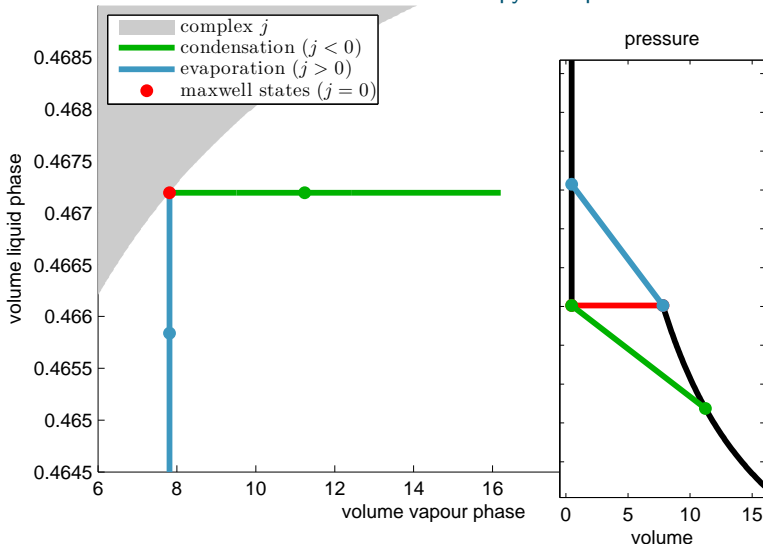
## Monotone Kinetic Functions with Maximal Entropy Dissipation

Define  $f_c^m(\tau_{\text{vap}}) := \tau_{\text{liq}}^{\text{mw}}$  and  $f_e^m(\tau_{\text{liq}}) = \tau_{\text{vap}}^{\text{mw}}$ .

Observation:

- ◆ The Liu entropy criterion applied on a modified pressure based on the Maxwell equal area rule leads to  $f_c^m, f_e^m$ .

## Monotone Kinetic Functions with Maximal Entropy Dissipation





Based on  $f_c$  and  $f_e$  we construct the full wave fan. Phase boundaries of Lax type are allowed but undercompressive waves are "preferred".

## Theorem [Z 2014]

The Riemann problem for  $|\kappa| < C$  and the kinetic relation based on the generalized Gibbs-Thomson law with  $0 \leq k < k^*$  or has a unique entropy solution. The solution consist of elementary waves and exactly one phase boundary satisfying

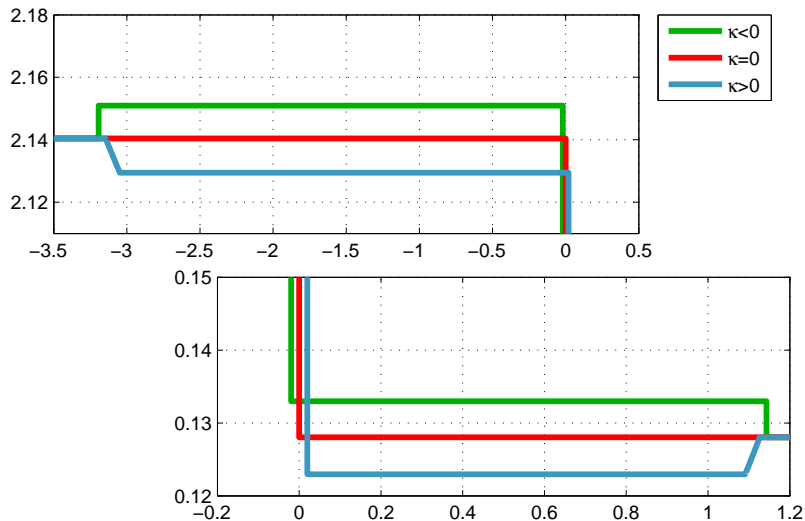
$$-\sigma \left( [[\rho e]] + (d-1)\gamma\kappa \right) + [[(\rho e + p) v]] \leq 0$$

for  $e = \psi + \frac{1}{2}v^2$ .

For the construction, we follow [LeFloch 2002].

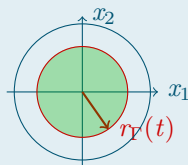
## Example

Density of examples with varying surface tension:



## Benchmark Problem for Surface Tension

Cut cell method for radially symmetric solutions on  $\Omega = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 < |\mathbf{x}| = r < 1 \}$  with phase boundary  $\Gamma(t) = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid |\mathbf{x}| = r_\Gamma(t) \}$ .



- ◆ Bulk system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho v \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho v^2 + p(\rho) \end{pmatrix}_r = \frac{1-d}{r} \begin{pmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho v^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } \begin{matrix} r \in (0, r_\Gamma) \cup (r_\Gamma, 1), \\ t > 0. \end{matrix}$$

- ◆ Simple interface tracking and curvature reconstruction  $\begin{matrix} (r_\Gamma^{n+1} = r_\Gamma^n + \Delta t \sigma^n) \\ (\kappa^n = 1/r_\Gamma^n). \end{matrix}$

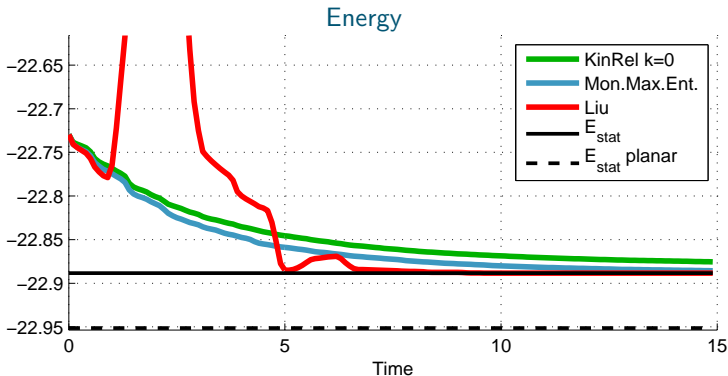
$d = 1$ : Fully conservative [Chalons, Wiebe]

$d > 1$ : Mass conservative (multidimensional sense) [Rohde, Z 2013]

## Global Energy (cf. [Gurtin 1985])

$$E(\varrho, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \varrho |\mathbf{v}|^2 + \varrho \psi(\varrho) \, dx + \gamma |\Gamma|,$$

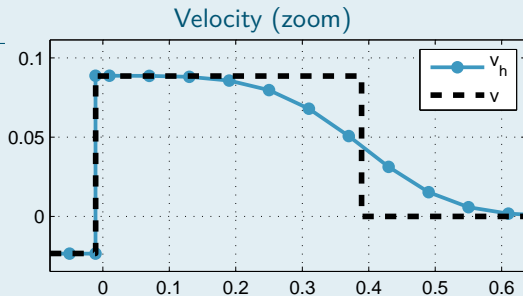
$$E_{\text{stat}} = \min \left\{ E(\varrho, \mathbf{0}) \mid \int_{\Omega} \varrho \, dx = \text{const.} \right\}$$



(Initial conditions  $\varrho_L = \varrho_{\text{liq}}^{\text{mw}}$ ,  $\varrho_R = \varrho_{\text{vap}}^{\text{mw}}$ ,  $v_R = 0.1$ ,  $v_L = -0.1$ ,  $\gamma = 0.01$ ,  $d = 2$ )

## Experimental order of convergence

Cells	Error	Order
100	1.7e-03	
200	1.1e-03	0.68
500	5.7e-04	0.70
1000	3.4e-04	0.74
1500	2.5e-04	0.76
2000	2.0e-04	0.76
2500	1.7e-04	0.75
3000	1.5e-04	0.75



(Initial conditions  $\rho_l = 2.1368$ ,  $\rho_r = 0.0333$ ,  $v = 0$ ,  $k = 0.0001$ , reference solution from exact Riemann solver,  $d = 1$ )

# Numerical Results

Application in 2d (with P. Engel)



Pure Liu Riemann  
solver,

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, 0) =$$

$$\begin{cases} 0.319 & : \text{inside,} \\ 1.806 & : \text{outside,} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\gamma = 0.001.$$

## Summary

- ◆ Conservative front tracking scheme.
- ◆ Exact Riemann solver
  - ◆ based on the generalized Gibbs-Thomson law.
  - ◆ for arbitrary pressure laws  
(Peng Robinson, external library (FPROPS [IAPWS])).

## Outlook

Approximative solver for the full Euler system.

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