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- low-fidelity modelling (*hyFlow*) and uncertainty quantification
- air-breathing and propulsion system (*hyPro*)
- trajectory optimisation
- ecological impact
- management of a fleet of spaceplanes



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ORION spacecraft



Parachutes testing (2012). Credit: NASA



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- re-entry aerothermodynamics (*dsmcFoam, hy2Foam*)
- hybrid modelling
- ablation studies
- satellite demise

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Scope of Presentation

1 Motivation

- Objectives
- Open-source coding

2 Open-Source Framework

- Direct simulation Monte-Carlo: *dsmcFoam*
- Computational fluid dynamics: *hy2Foam*

3 Hybrid CFD-DSMC code

- Formulation
- Results

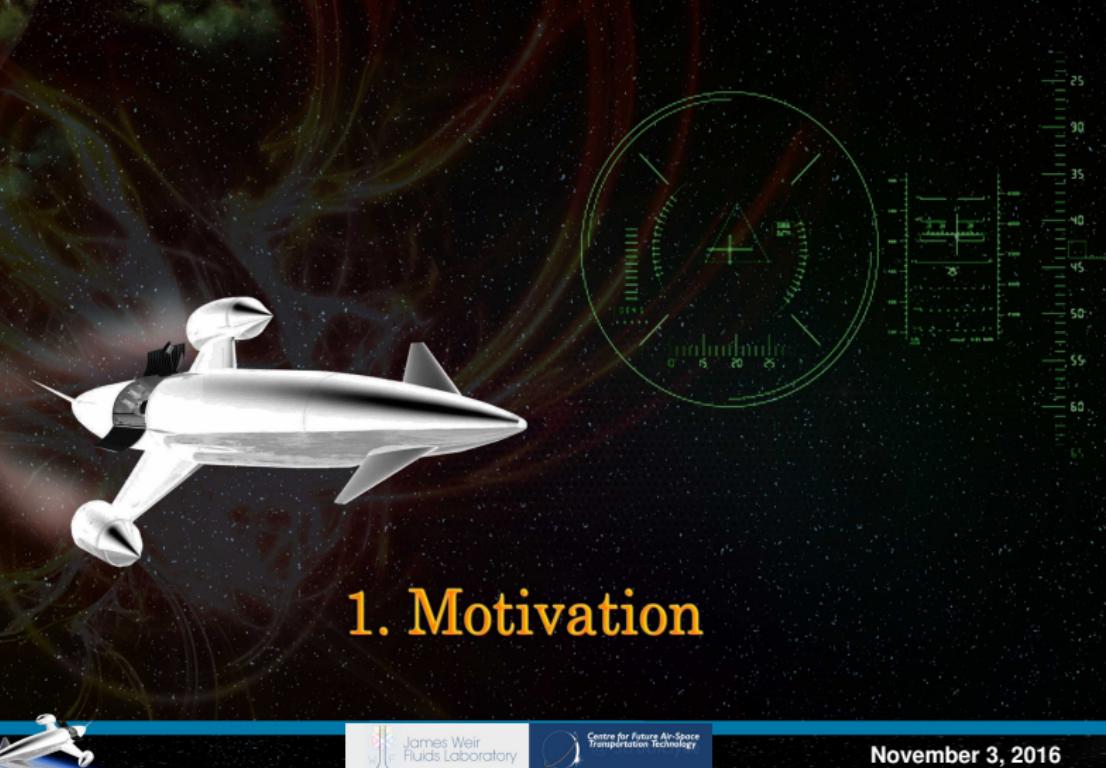
4 Conclusions and Future Work



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1.1 Objectives

To assess the aerothermodynamic performance of a vehicle / body through the spectrum of rarefied to continuum conditions.

The solution has to be engineering-friendly.

Trade-off between:

- computational cost
- accurate results



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- conventional computational fluid dynamics (CFD) solver
- hybrid CFD-DSMC code

within Open ∇ FOAM

The Open Source CFD Toolbox

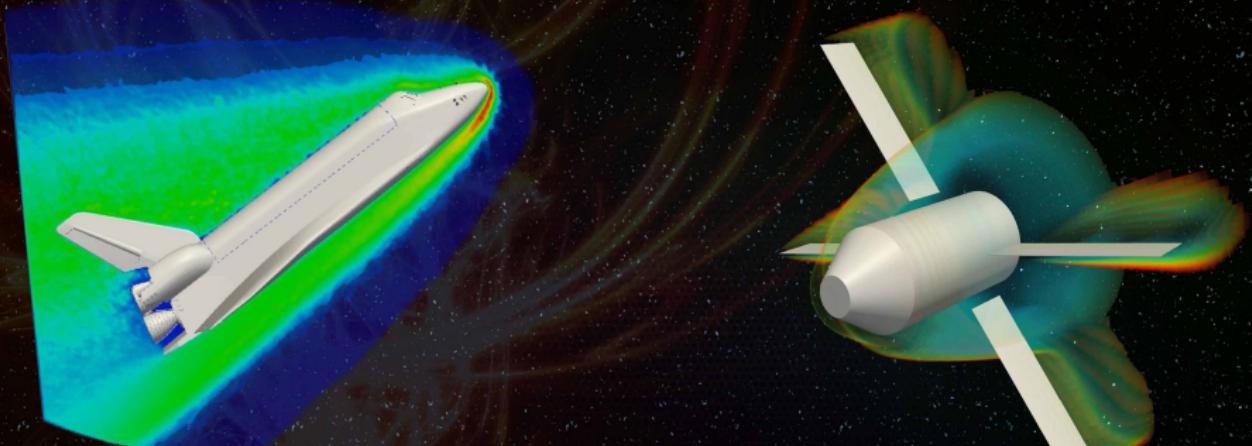


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DSMC vs. CFD



2. Open-source framework



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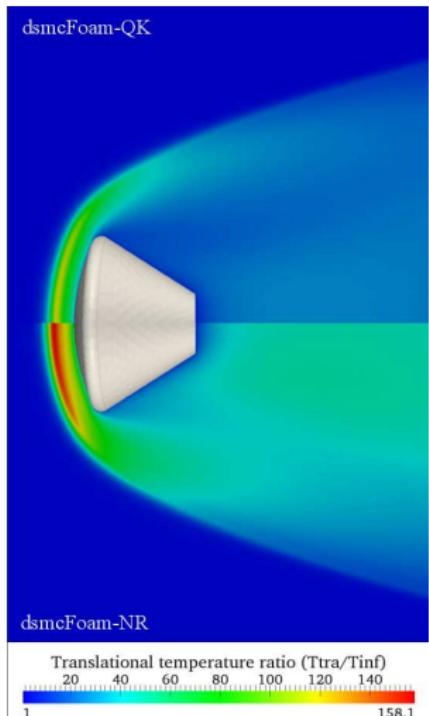
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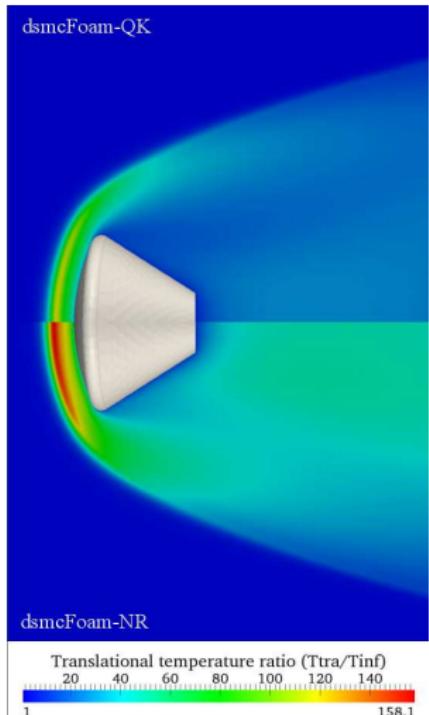
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- Quantum Larsen-Borgnakke energy redistribution
- Quantum-Kinetics (QK)

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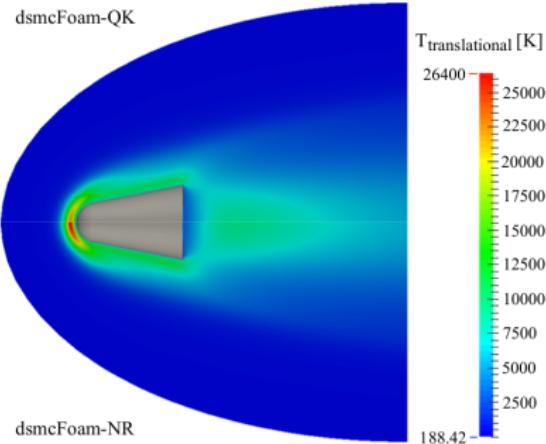
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Temperature field around the Brazilian satellite SARA.



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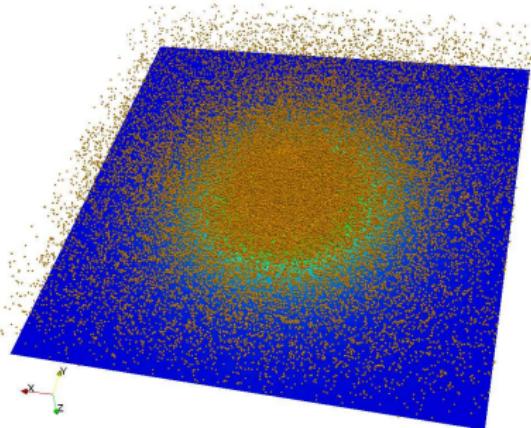
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Shear stress plot and DSMC particles showing the plume of an expanding nozzle.



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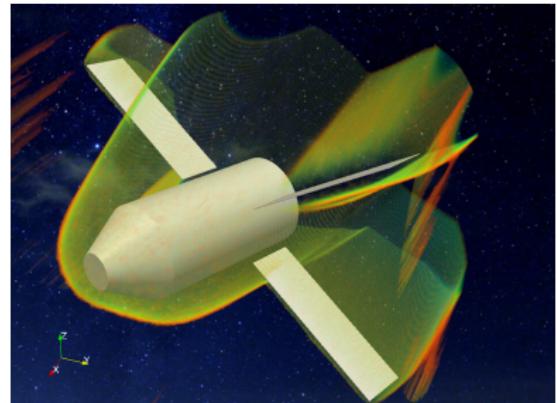
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Flow patterns around a descending satellite at 90 km altitude



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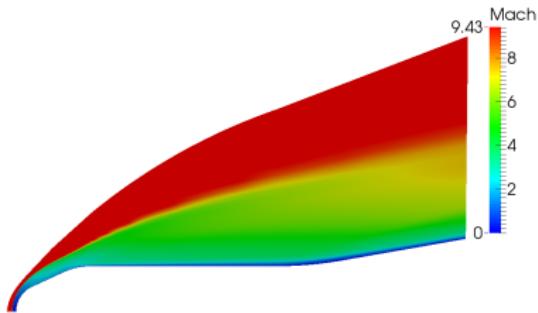
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HB-2 simulation



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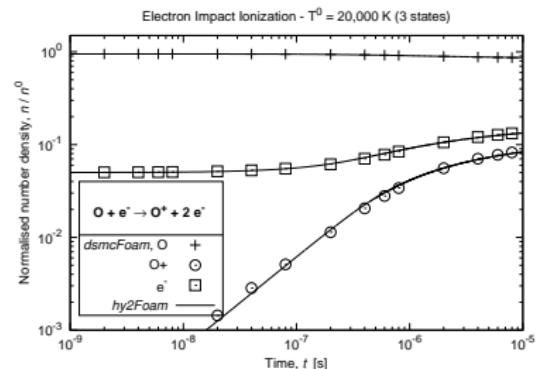
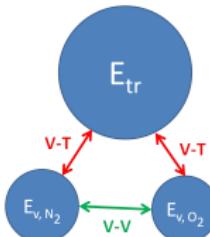
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Heat bath simulation



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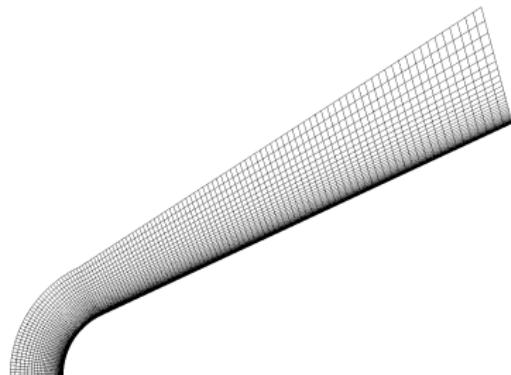
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- Kurganov central-upwind schemes
- Hexahedral meshes preferably



Blunted-cone mesh



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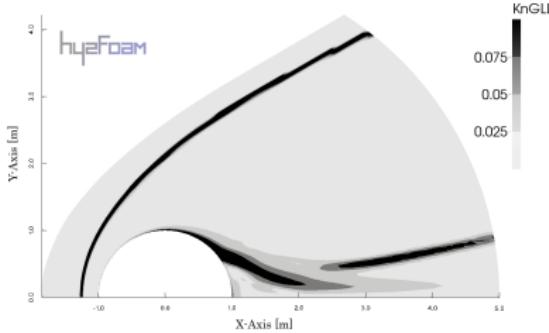
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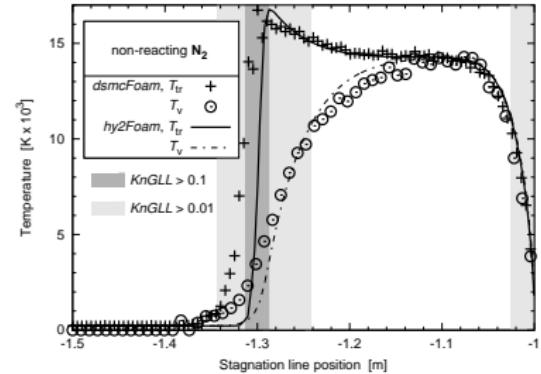
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Mach 20 non-reacting flow past a circular cylinder.



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hy2Foam :: Future work

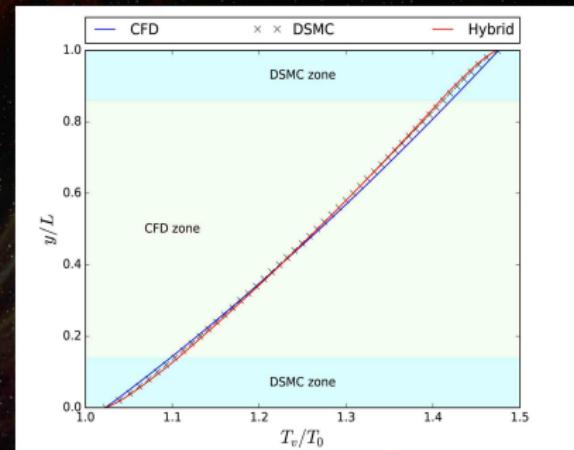
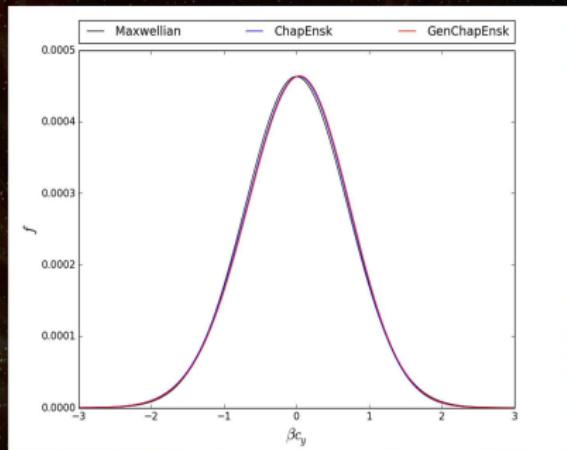
- blend the Kurganov and the AUSM⁺-up schemes to better capture the near-wall region
- test the 116 reactions to occur in a 11-species air using the newly *dsmcFoam*-derived QK rates
- model rotational non-equilibrium using the bulk viscosity
- verify the code capabilities for Mars entry conditions



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3. Hybrid code



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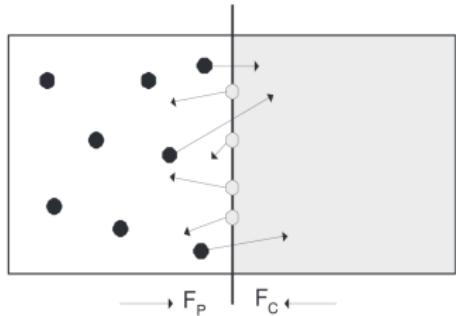
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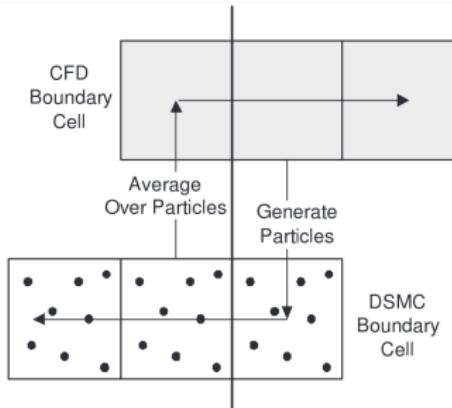
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Coupling between regions:



(a) Flux-based coupling



(b) State-based coupling

Typical coupling procedures



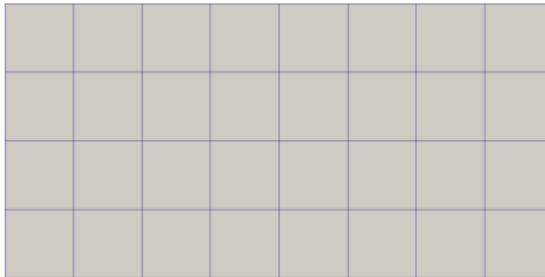
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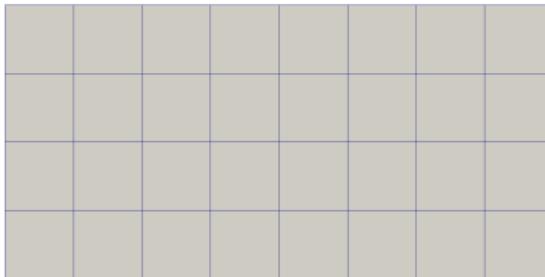
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meshDSMC

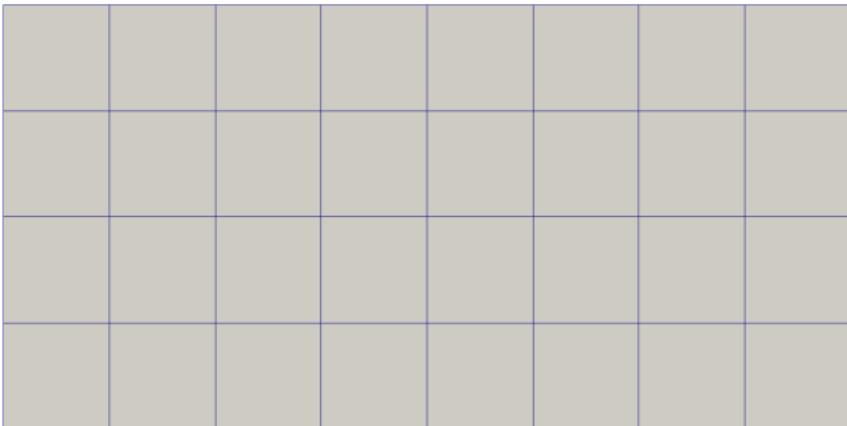


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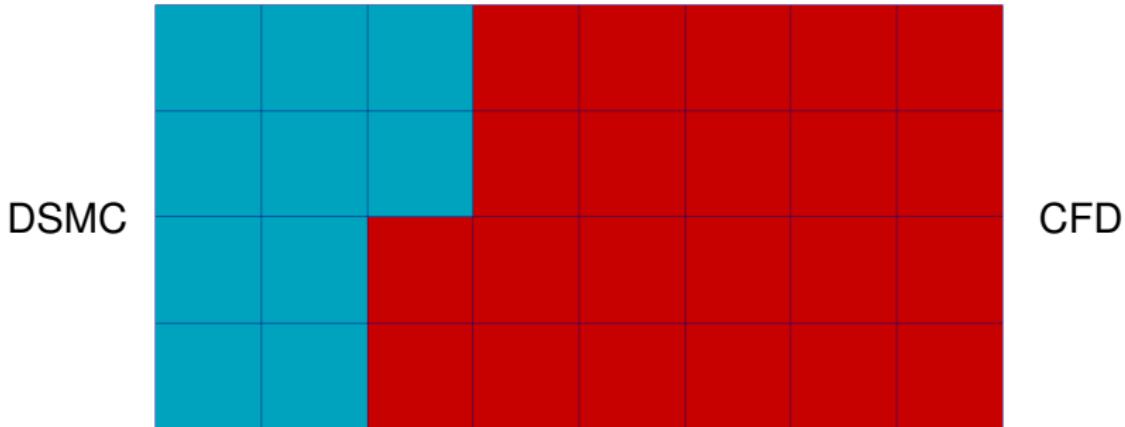


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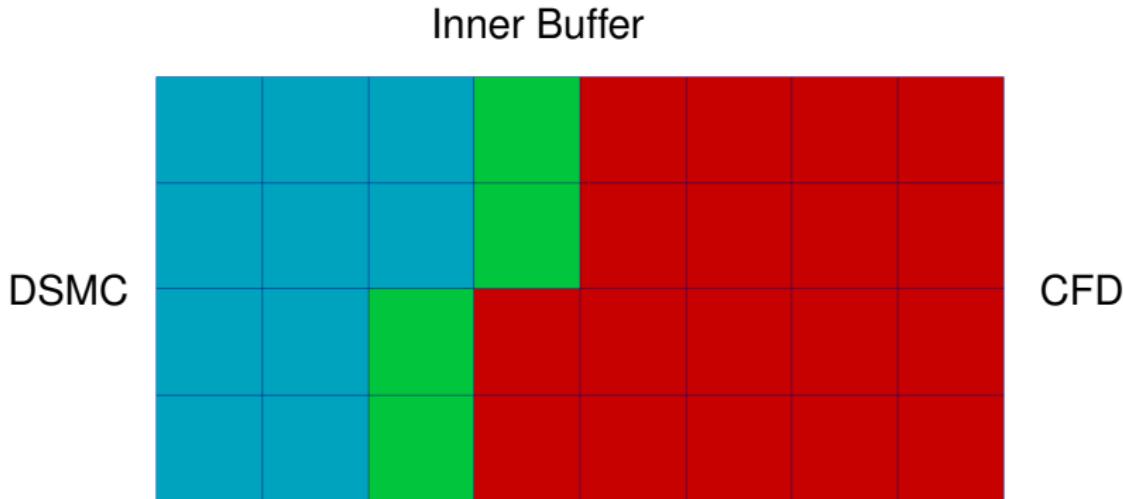


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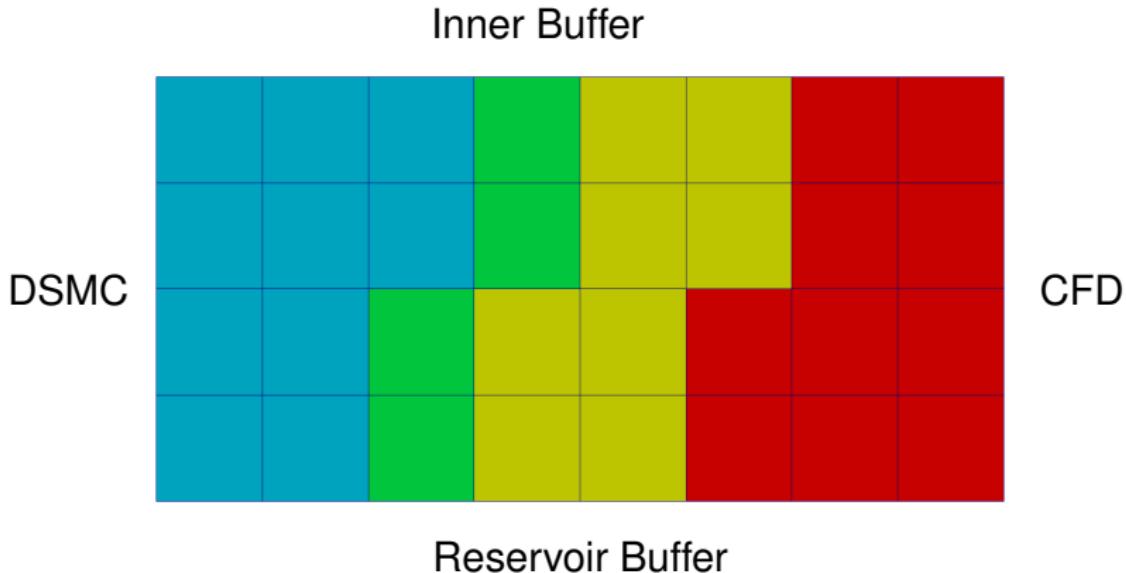


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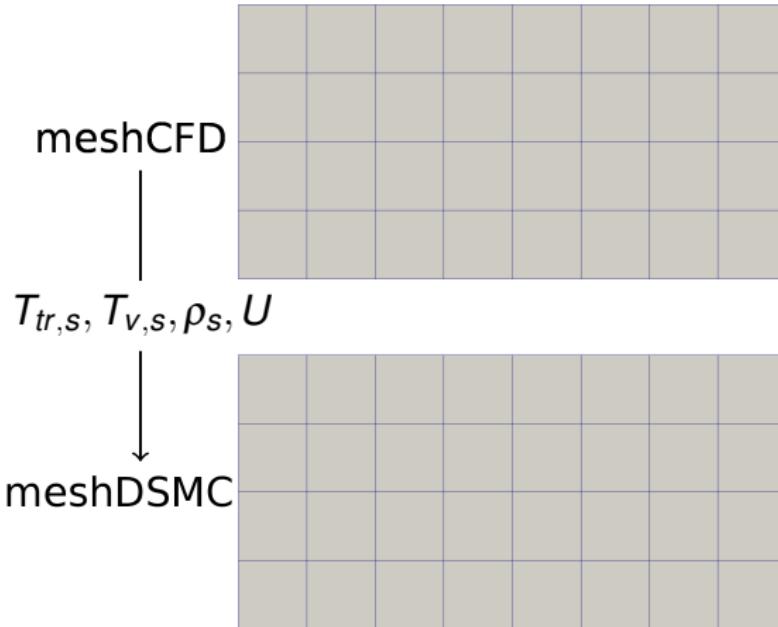


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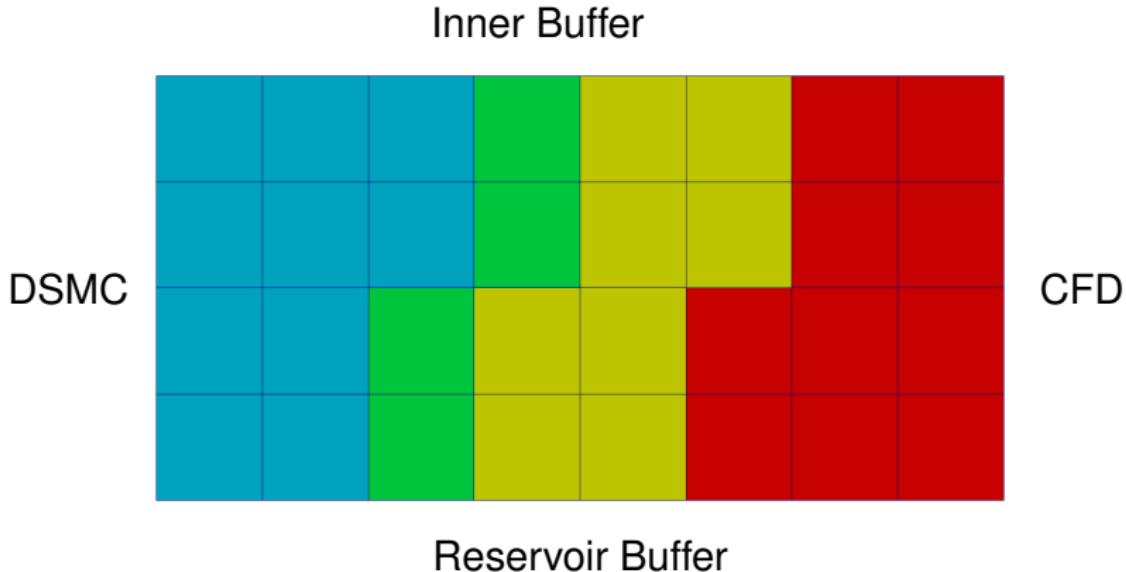


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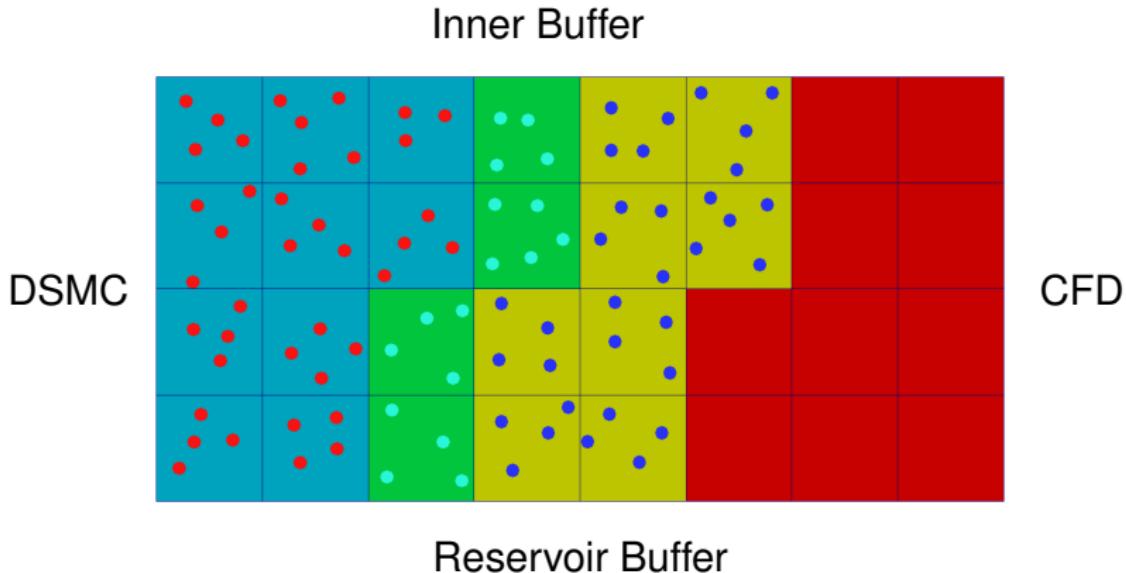


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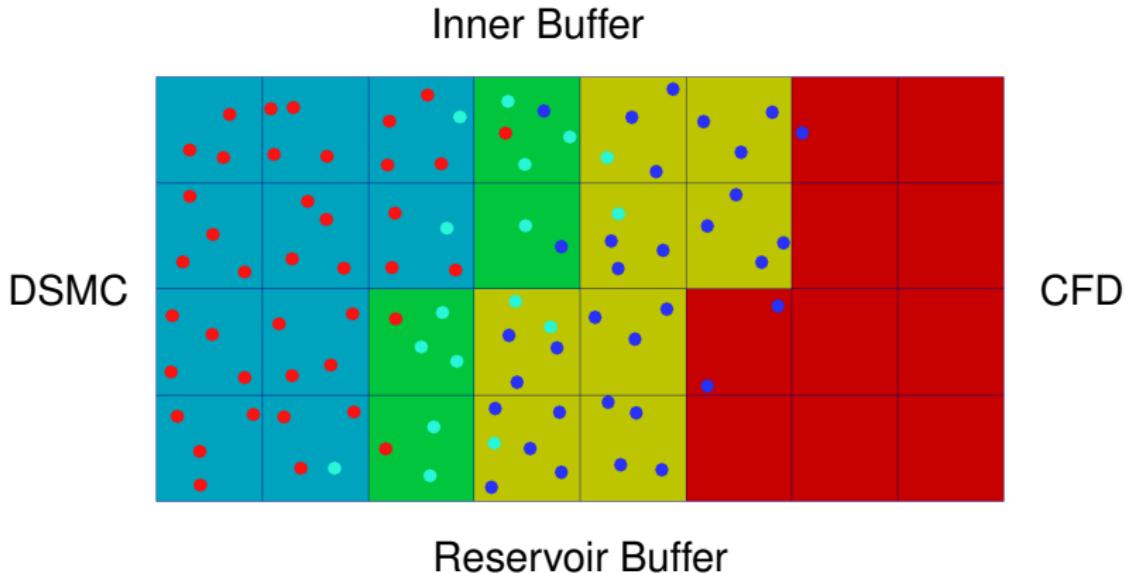


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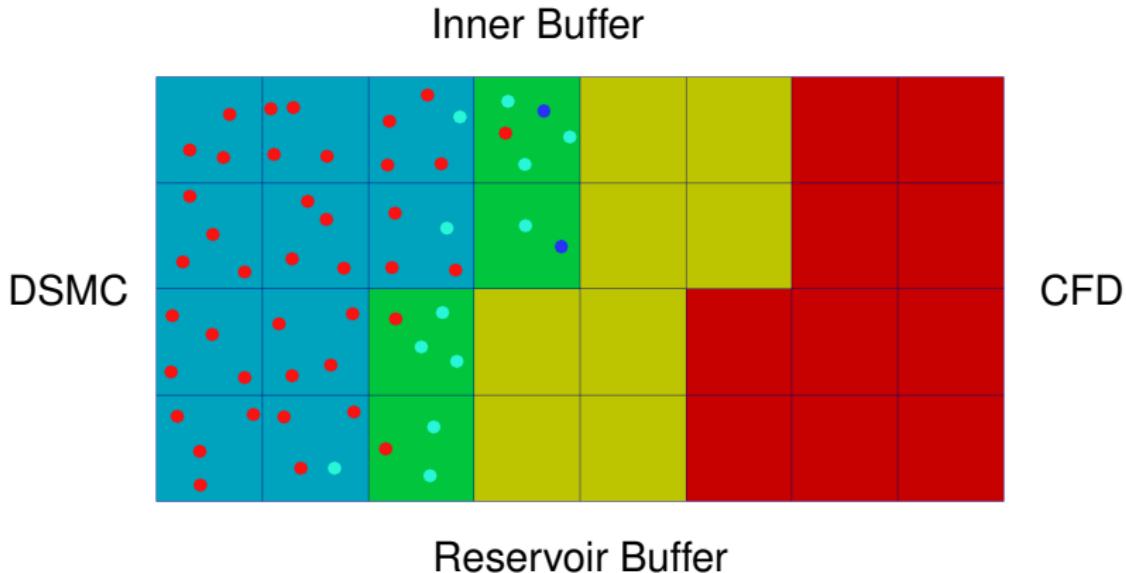


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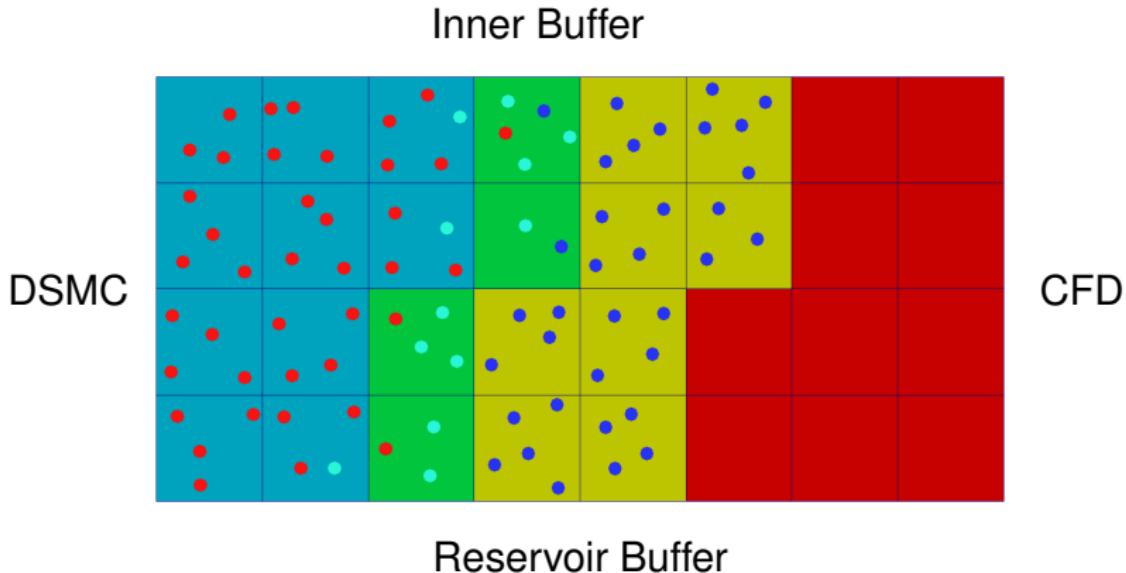


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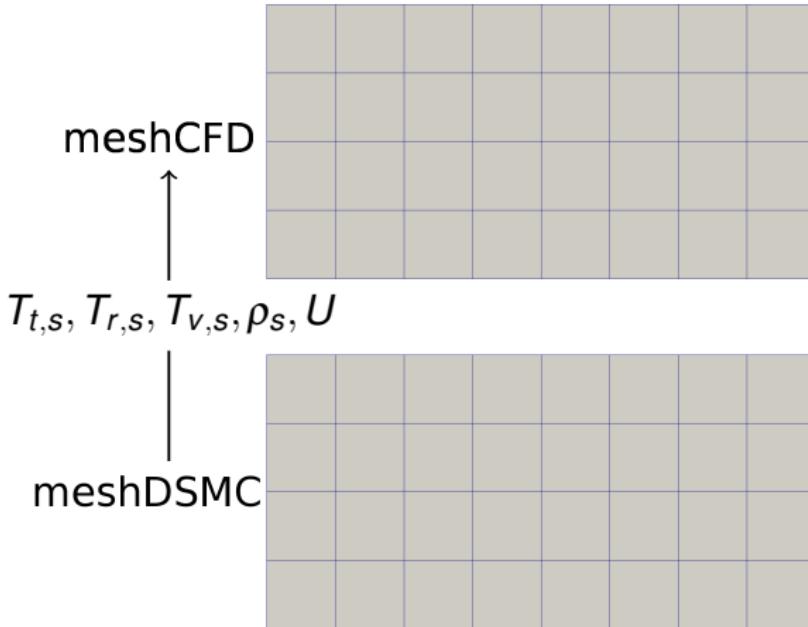


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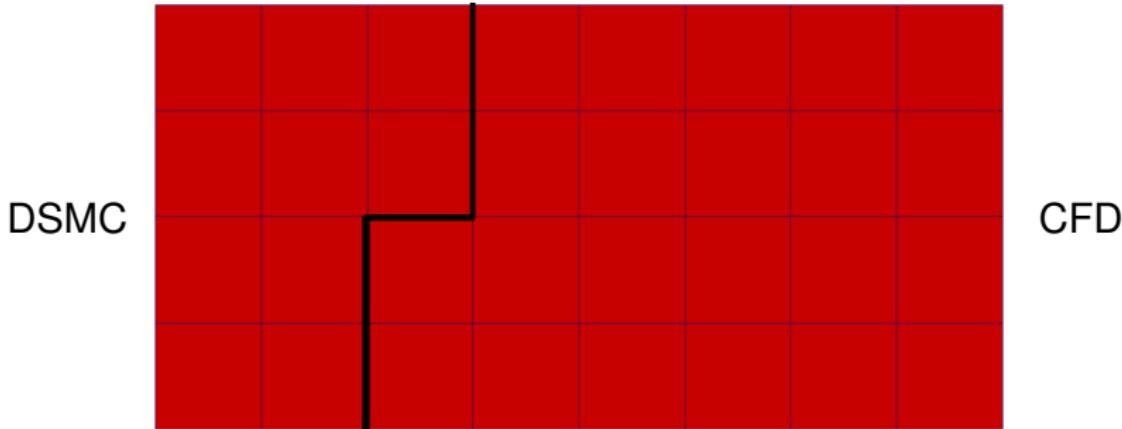


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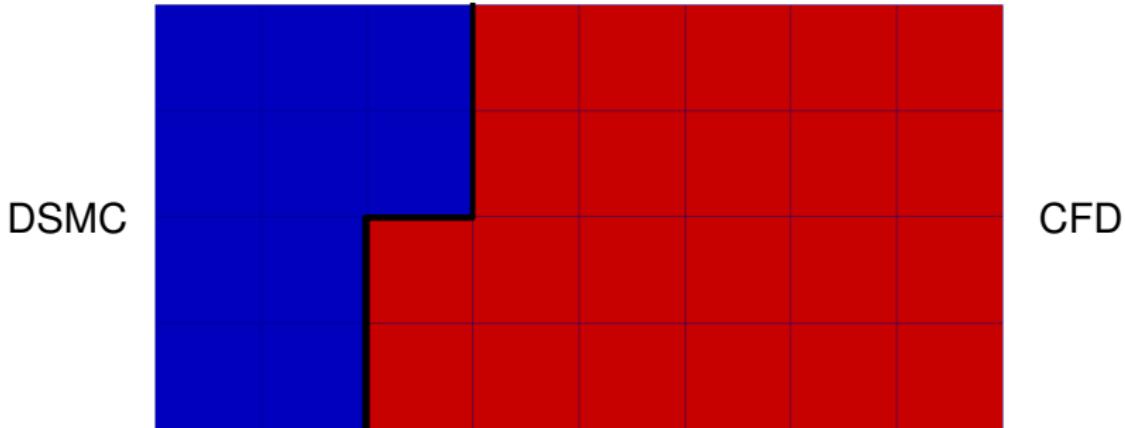


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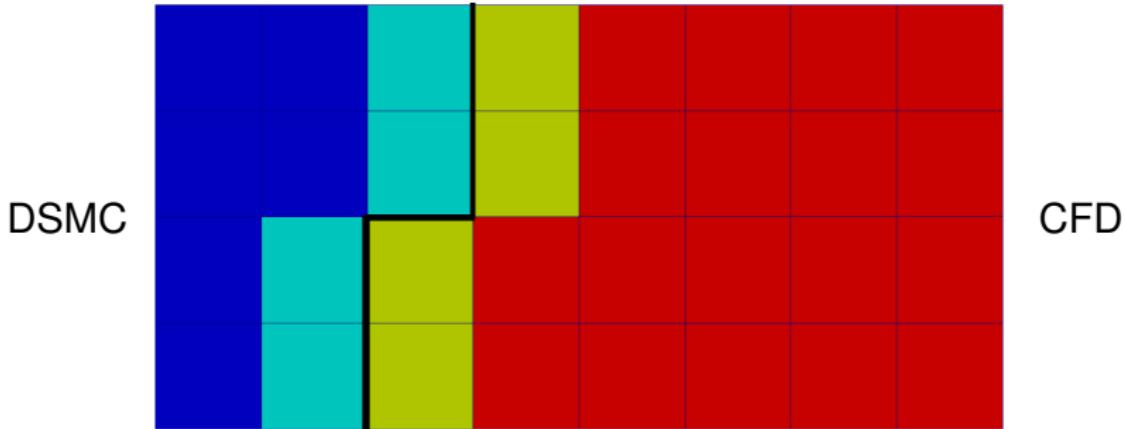


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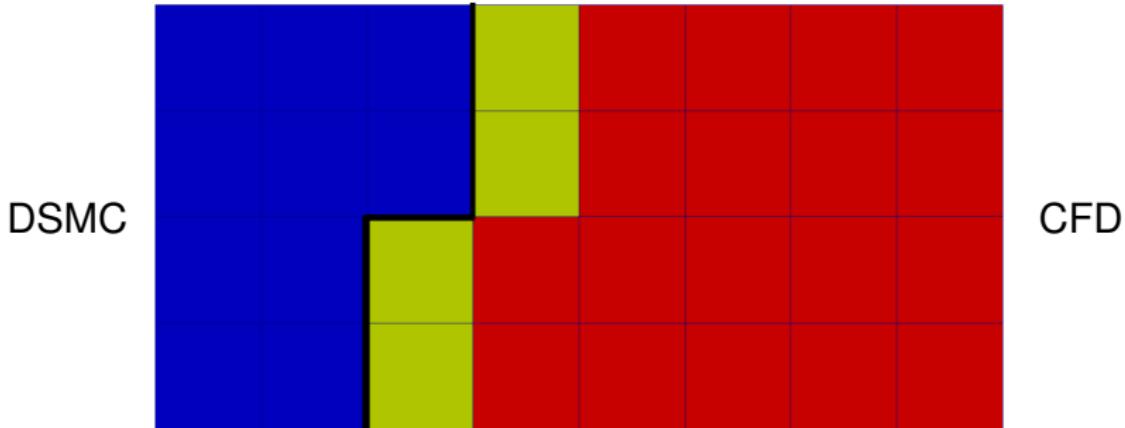


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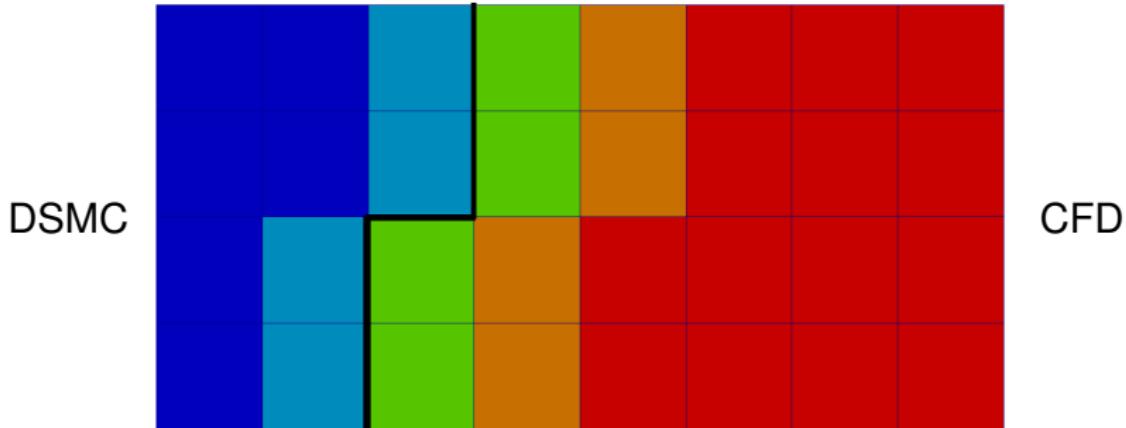


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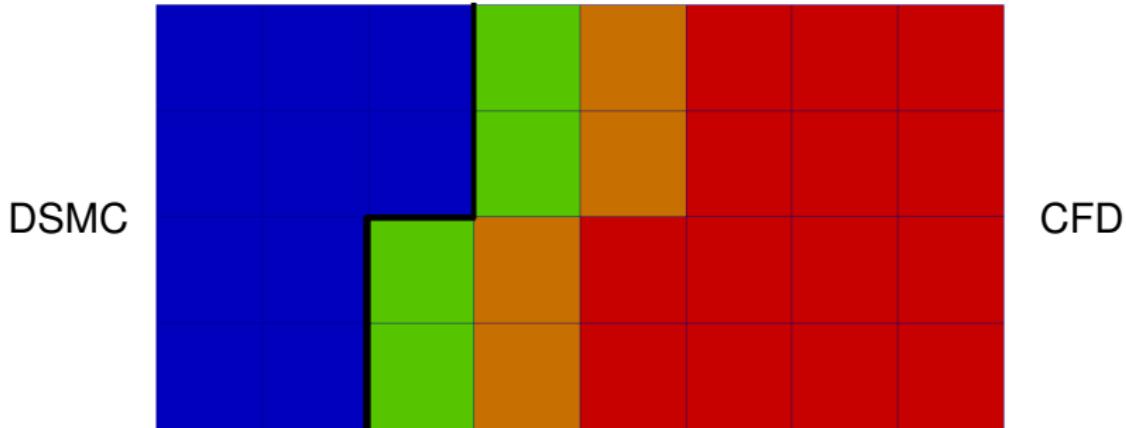


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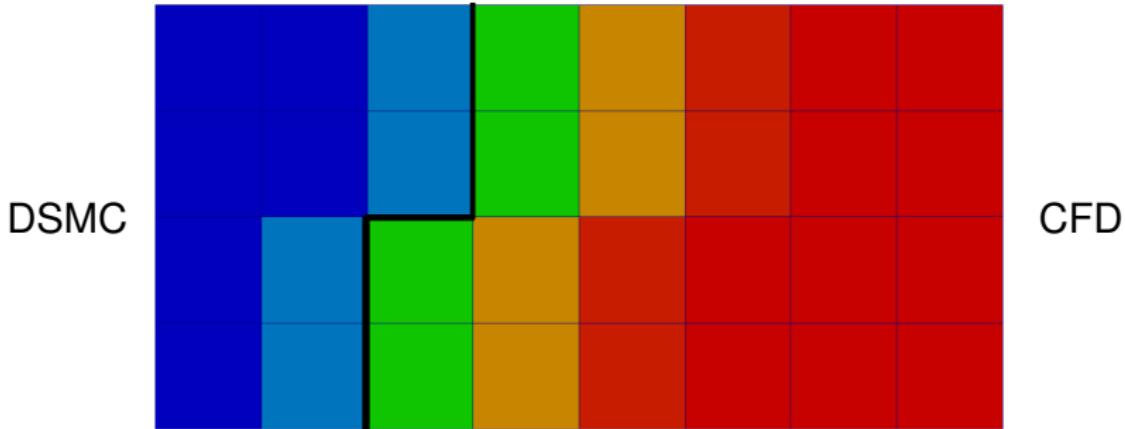


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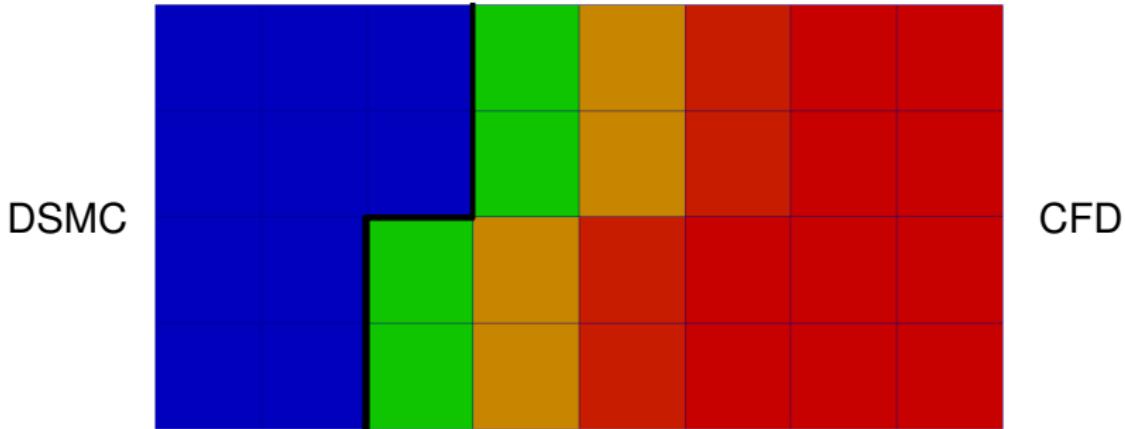


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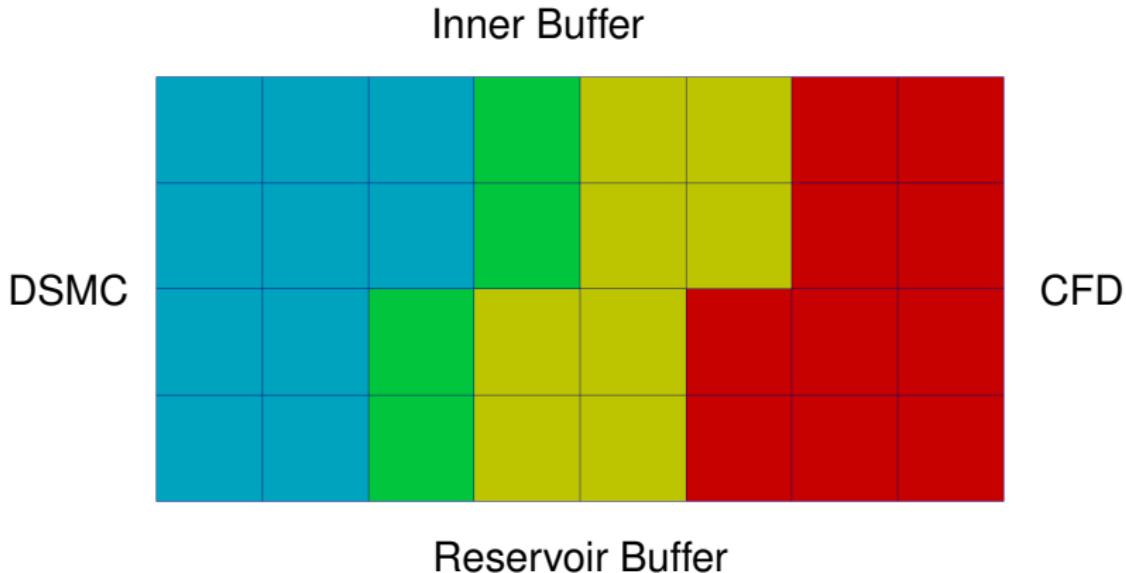


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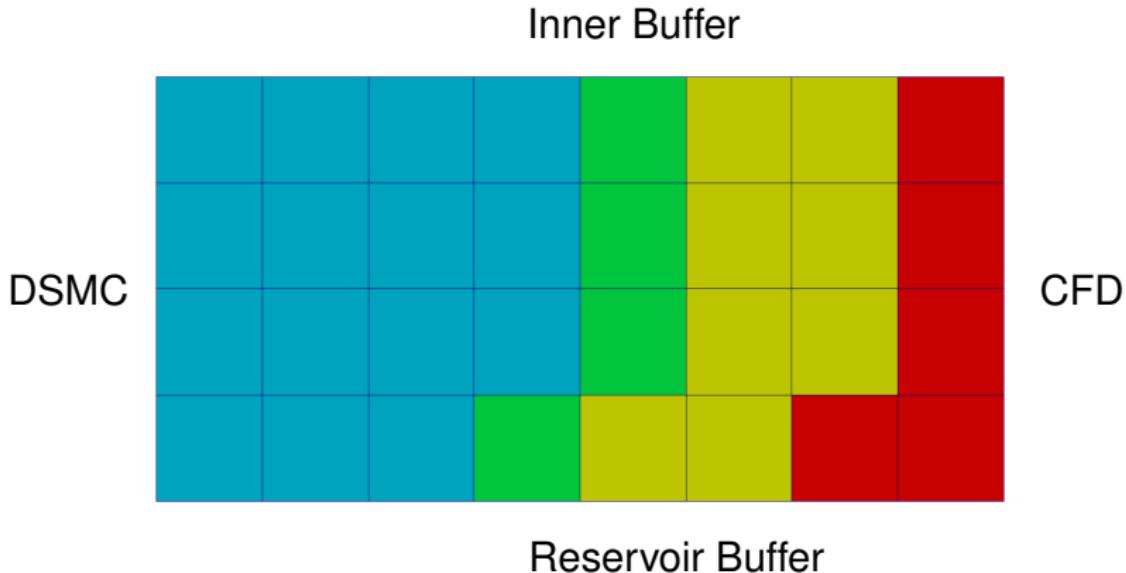


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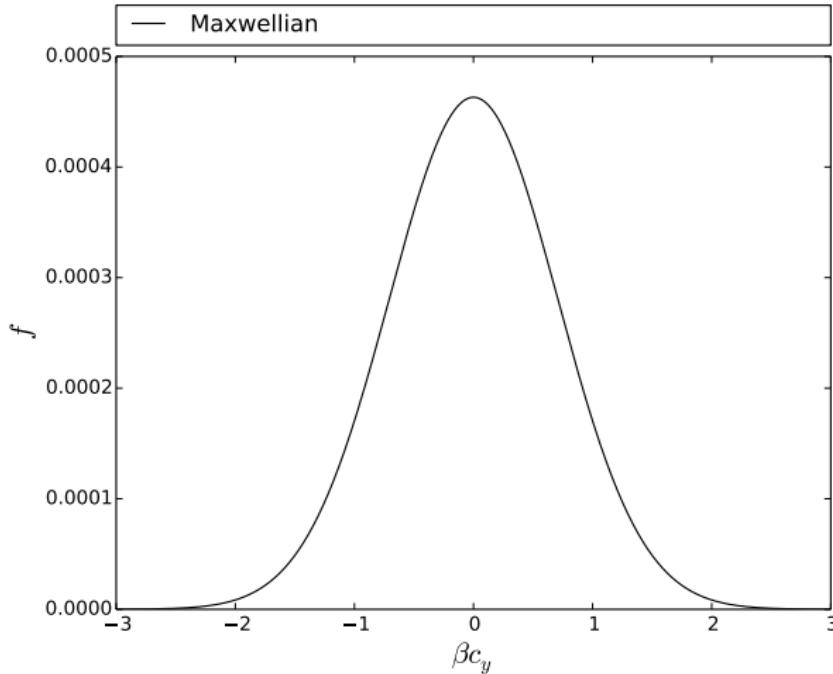


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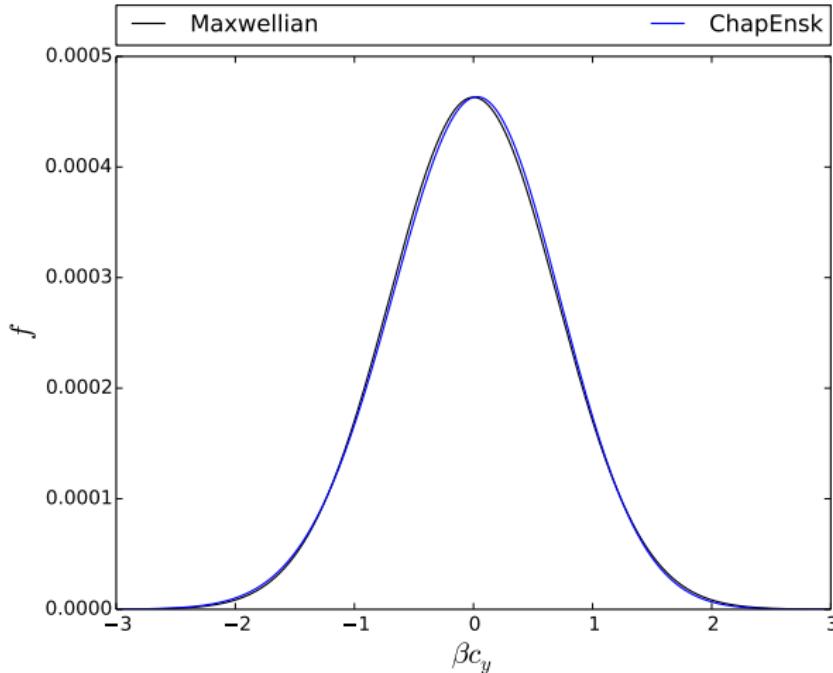


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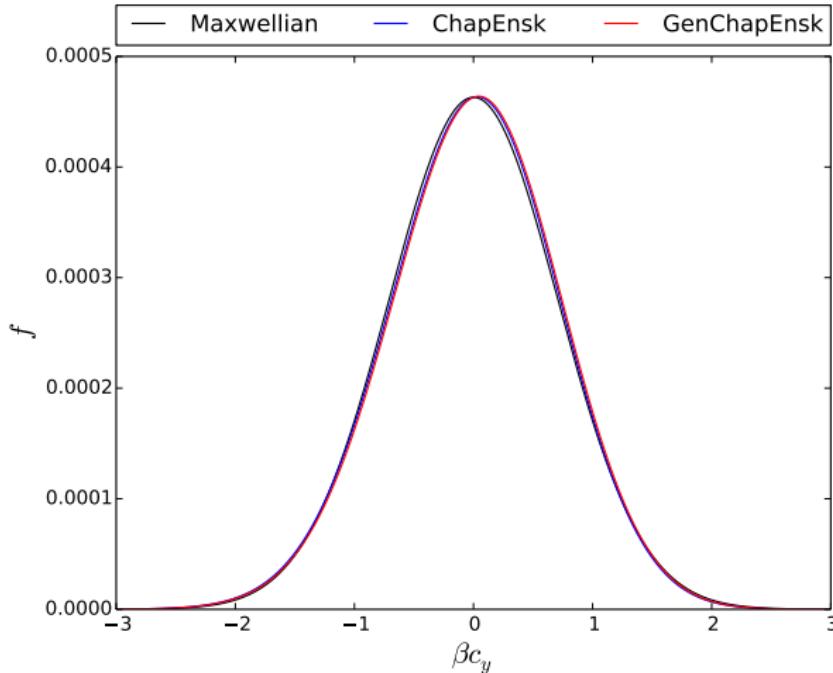


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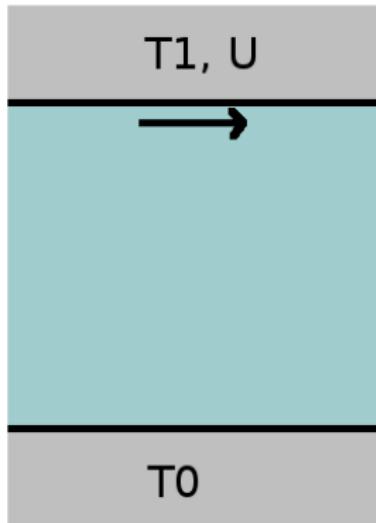


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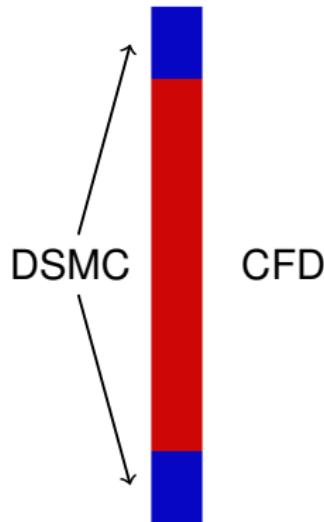
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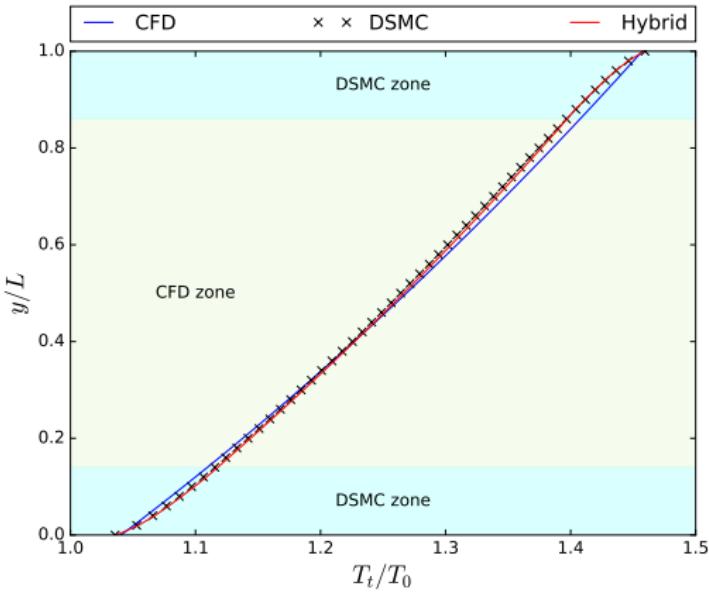


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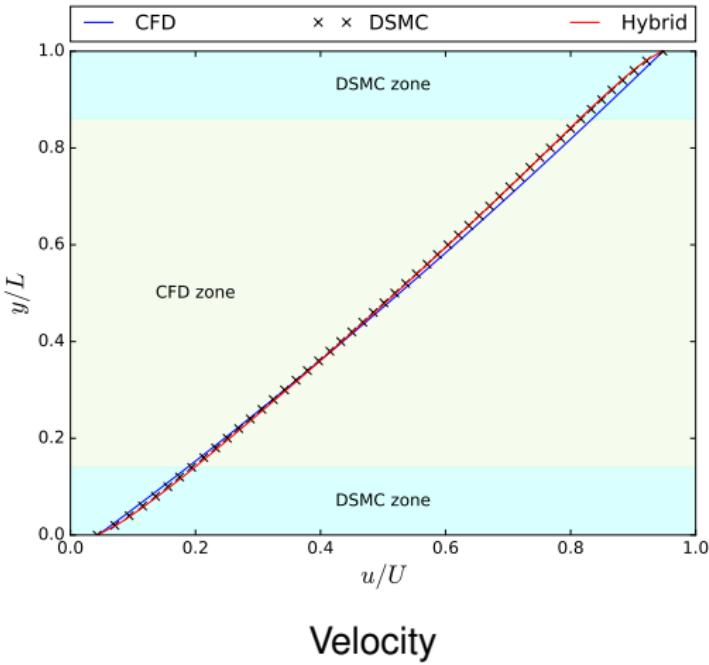


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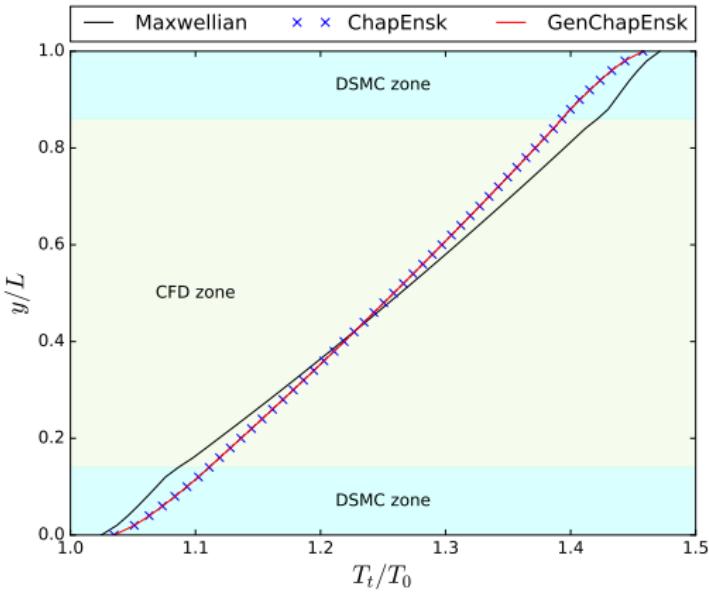


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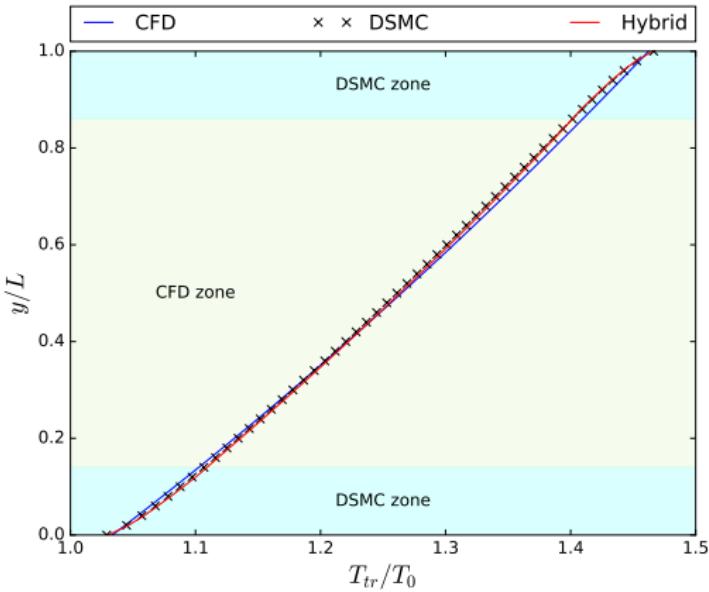


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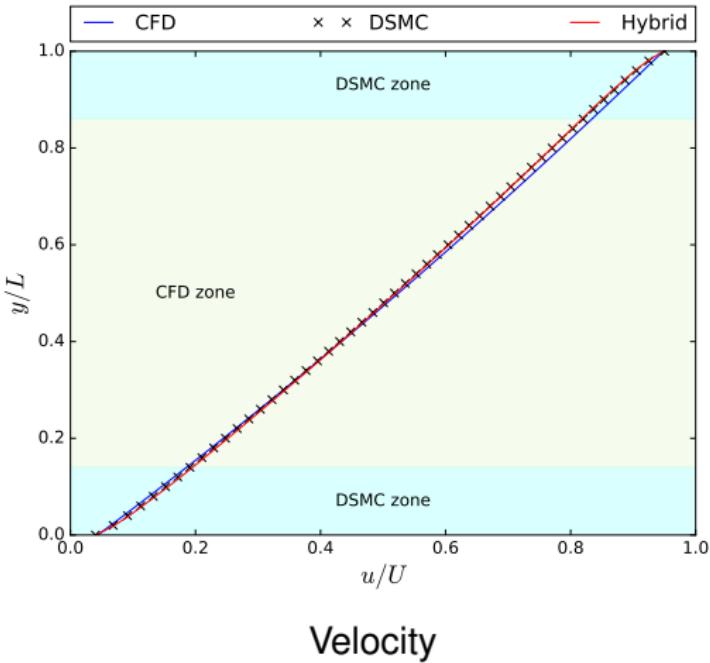


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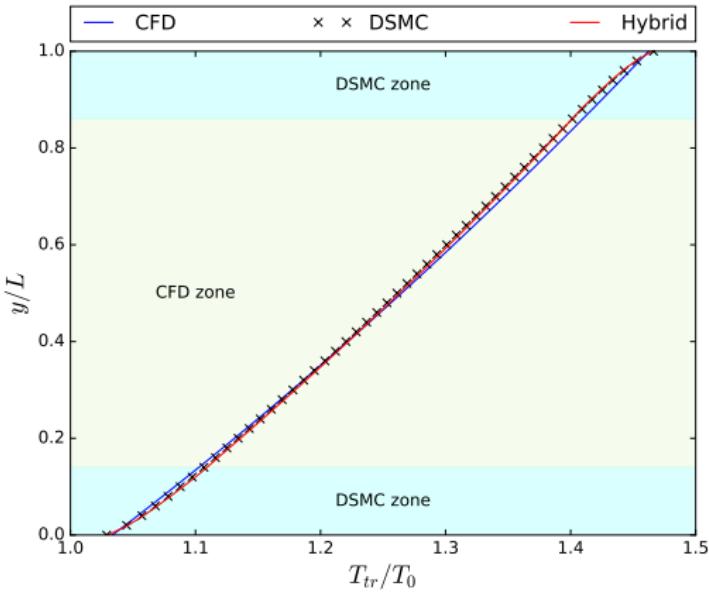


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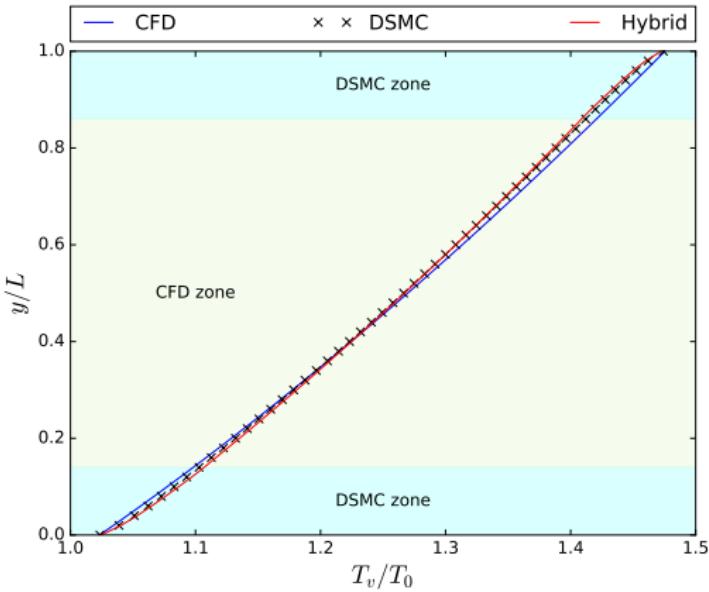


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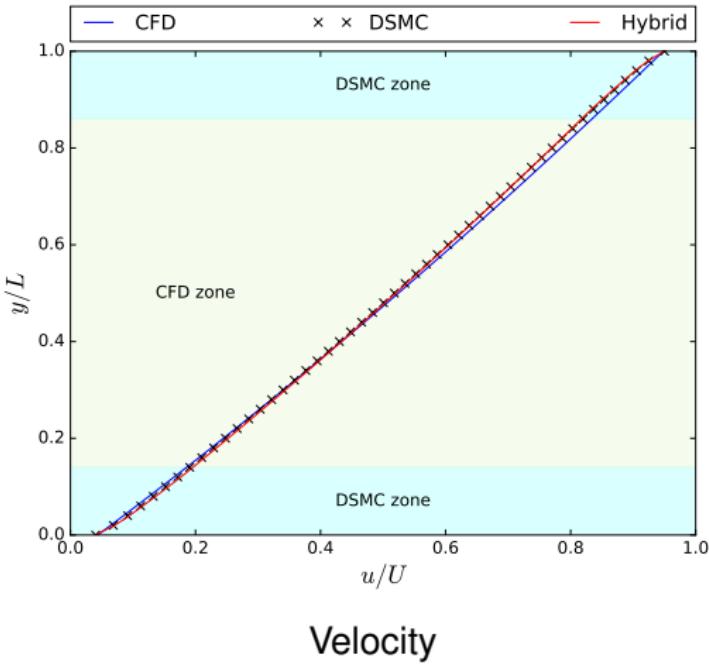
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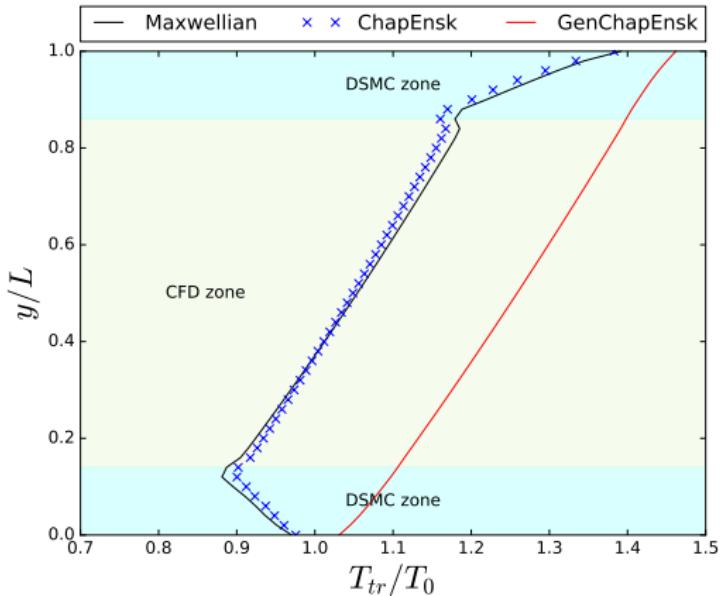


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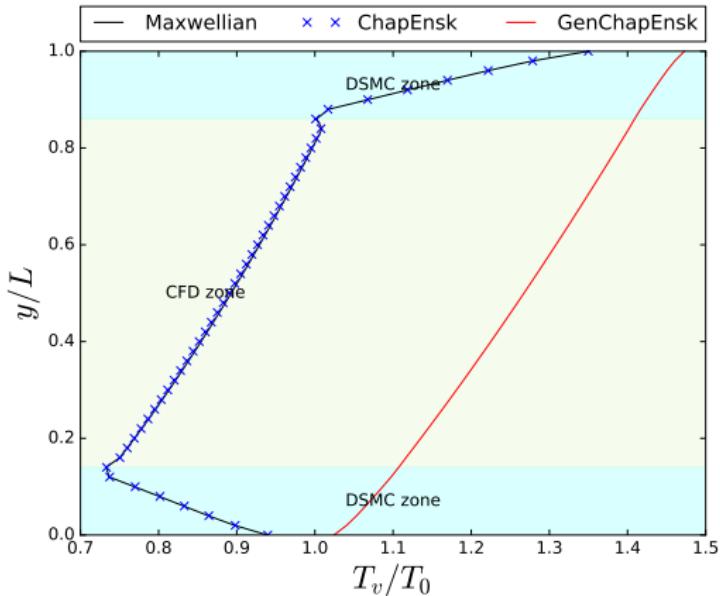


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