

# Nonlinear Solitary Wave Basis Functions for Long Time Solution of Wave Equation

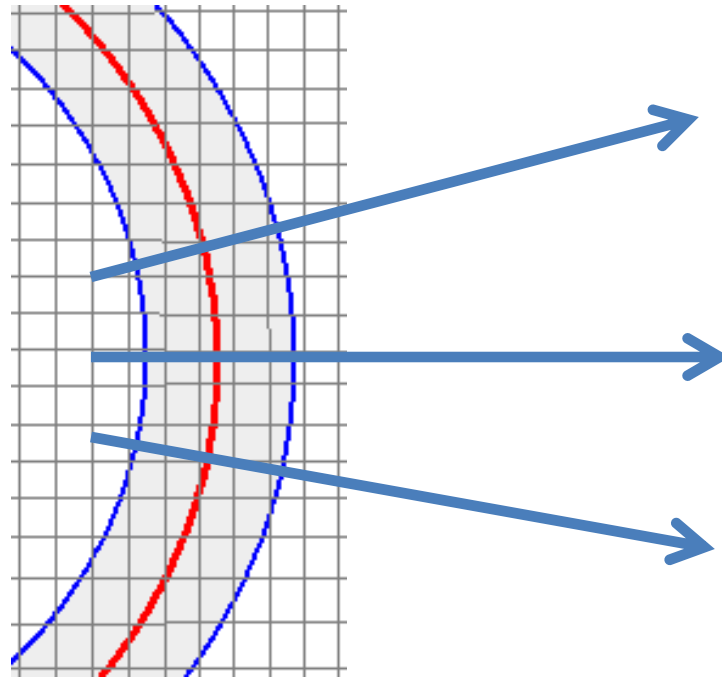
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# Objective

Simulate short pulse over long distance

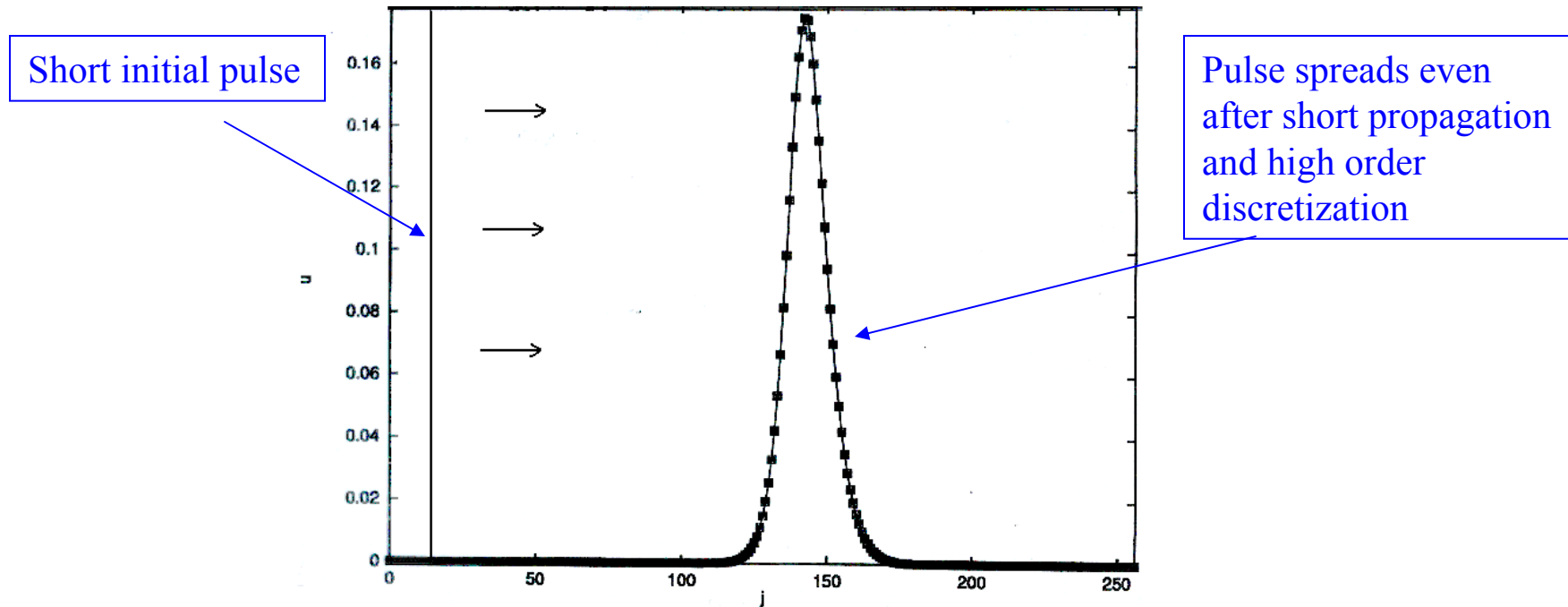


As in shock capturing, conserve integrals such as centroid, energy, etc. in normal direction

# Conventional Methods

- Conventional Discretization
  - Not feasible due to long distance
- Lagrangian Ray Tracing
  - Difficulty with diverging waves and interference
  - Difficulty with incorporation of created waves
- Free Space Greens Function
  - Not feasible due to varying medium properties and reflections
- General Greens Function
  - Very expensive

# Unsuitability of Direct Discretization of PDE



Higher order cannot help

- only meaningful if significant number of cells in pulse

**Not Feasible in 3D** – Requires too many grid points

# Approach

- Modify wave equation to generate localized thin nonlinear Solitary Waves (SW's)
- SW's serve as “Basis Functions”
  - stable co-dimension 1 “surfaces” that propagate/scatter/reflect accurately and “carry” properties of pulse
- Implement discretization scheme that preserves these properties

# Effects to be Included:

- Long range propagation ( $\geq 10^6 \lambda$ ) in arbitrary directions
- Varying index of refraction
- Multiple reflections from complex features
- Ability to “capture” and simulate wave on local fine grid and easily project onto global coarse grid

# Solitary Waves

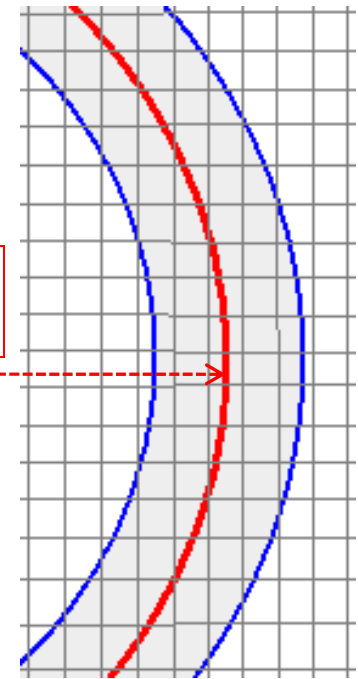
- Propagate over indefinitely long distance with zero numerical expansion (dispersion, diffusion)
- Propagate with fixed (computational) profile
- Centroids generate characteristic surfaces

# Simulation on Eulerian Grid

- *Physical* pulse width can be much smaller than computed pulse (as in shock capturing)

$w, A, \vec{k} \dots$

- *Physical* properties of actual pulse such as width ( $w$ ), amplitude ( $A$ ), direction ( $\vec{k}$ ), etc. can be propagated on grid nodes “carried” by computed pulse



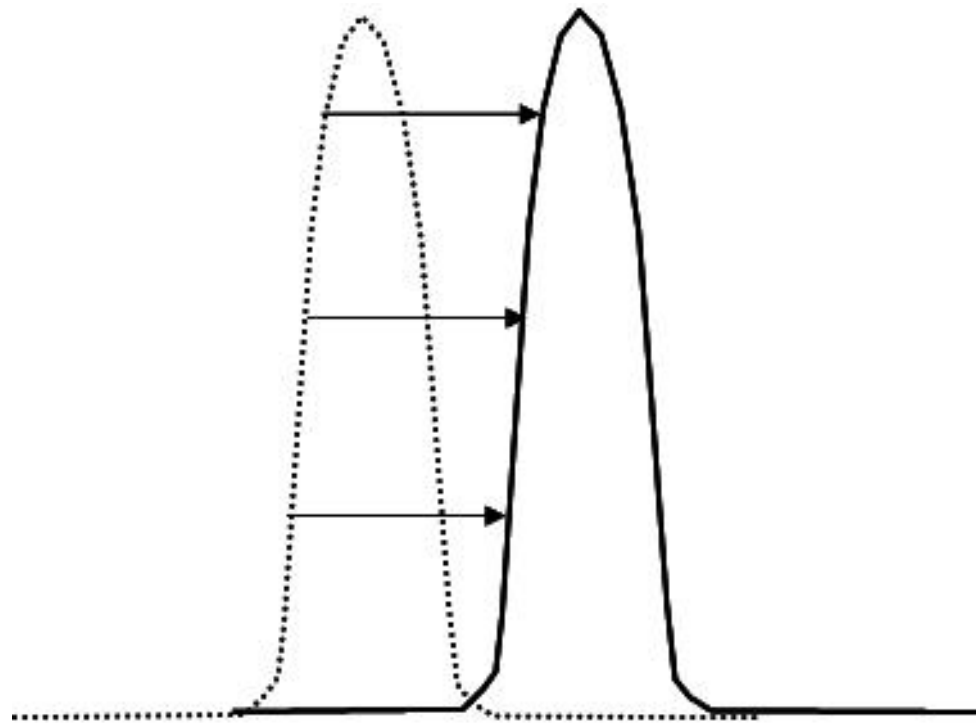


# Simple Example

## Linear 1-D Wave Equation

Propagation of  
short pulse

$$\partial_t^2 \phi = c^2 \partial_x^2 \phi$$



# Nonlinear “Solitary Wave” Dynamics

- Solve Propagation PDE with Relaxation Term:  
Modified Wave Equation

$$\partial_t^2 \phi = c^2 \partial_x^2 \phi + \partial_t \partial_x^2 F$$

- F defines structure of pulse
- Decouples structure relaxation from propagation dynamics
- Heat Equation in pulse frame: ( $F \rightarrow 0$ )

## Requirements for F

- Homogeneous—degree 1
  - Dynamics independent of scale of  $\phi$
- Contracting (negative dissipation) at longer wavelengths
- Expanding (saturating) at shorter wavelengths
- Nonlinear
- Waves do not interact ( no phase shift or amplitude exchange) in spite of nonlinearity

# Solitary Wave Equation (1D Example)

$$\partial_t^2 \phi = c^2 \partial_x^2 \phi + \partial_t \partial_x^2 F$$

Conserves mass ( $A$ ), Velocity ( $V$ ), Width ( $W$ )

$$A = \int \phi dx$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int x \phi dx / A$$

$$V = \frac{d \langle x \rangle}{dt} = \int \dot{\phi} dx / A$$

$$W^2 = \langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle = \int (x - \langle x \rangle)^2 \phi dx / A - const.$$

# Features

$$F = F_0 + F_1 + F_2$$

$\partial_x^2 F_0$  - Anti dissipative at small k

$\partial_x^2 F_1$  - Dissipative at large k

$\partial_x^2 F_2$  - Transfers small k to large k

$F_0, F_1$  - Linear

$F_2$  - Nonlinear

Analogous to Cahn Hilliard Equation(1958)

# Structure Factor (PDE)

$$F = -\alpha\lambda\phi - \alpha \left( \partial_x^2 \phi - 2 \frac{(\partial_x \phi)^2}{\phi} \right)$$

Basic Form

$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{\alpha}{\psi^2} (\partial_x^2 \psi - \lambda \psi), \quad \psi = \phi^{-1}$$

After relaxation

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi_0 \operatorname{sech}(\gamma(x - ct)) \quad \gamma = \sqrt{\lambda}$$
$$\lambda, \alpha, \gamma > 0$$

# Discretized Structure Factor

- Good results with

$$F = \phi - \Phi(\{\phi\})$$

$\Phi$  - type of non-linear mean

- Do not get instabilities
- Taylor expansion results in desired PDE
- Persists at “highly discrete” level (2~3 grid cells)

# Discretized 1-D Wave Equation

$$\phi_j^{n+1} - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_j^{n-1} = v^2 \delta_j^2 (\phi^n) + a \delta_j^2 (F^n - F^{n-1})$$

$$F = \mu\phi - \varepsilon\Phi$$

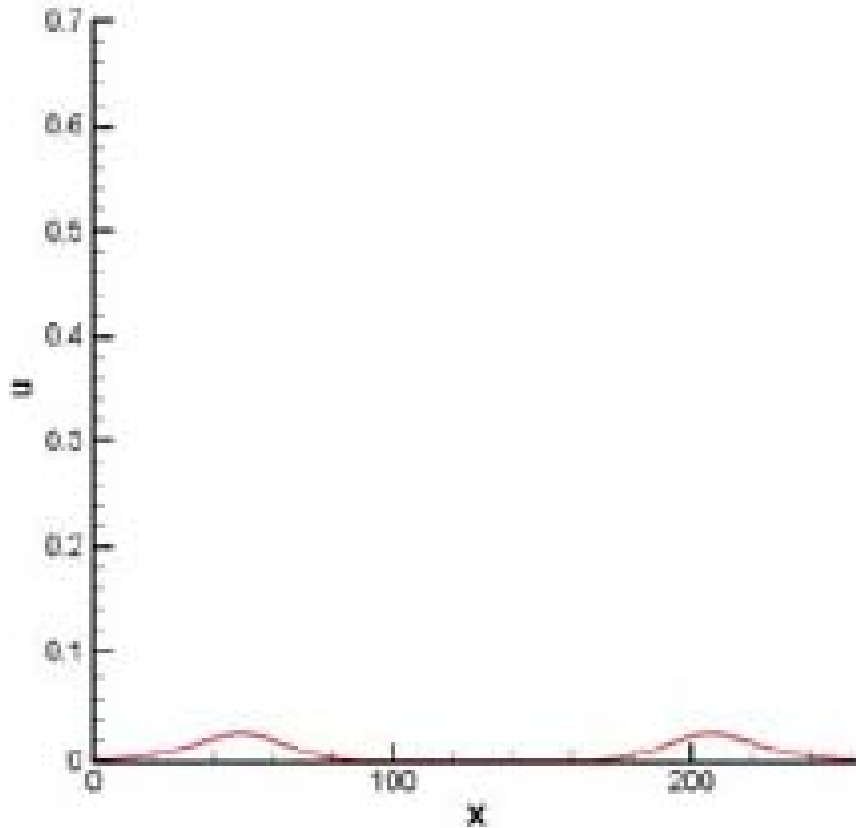
$$\delta_j^2 f \equiv (f_{j+1} - 2f_j + f_{j-1}), \quad v = \frac{c\Delta t}{h}, \quad a = \frac{\Delta t}{h^2}$$

$$\Phi_j^n = \left( \frac{3}{\frac{1}{\phi_{j+1}^n} + \frac{1}{\phi_j^n} + \frac{1}{\phi_{j-1}^n}} \right)$$



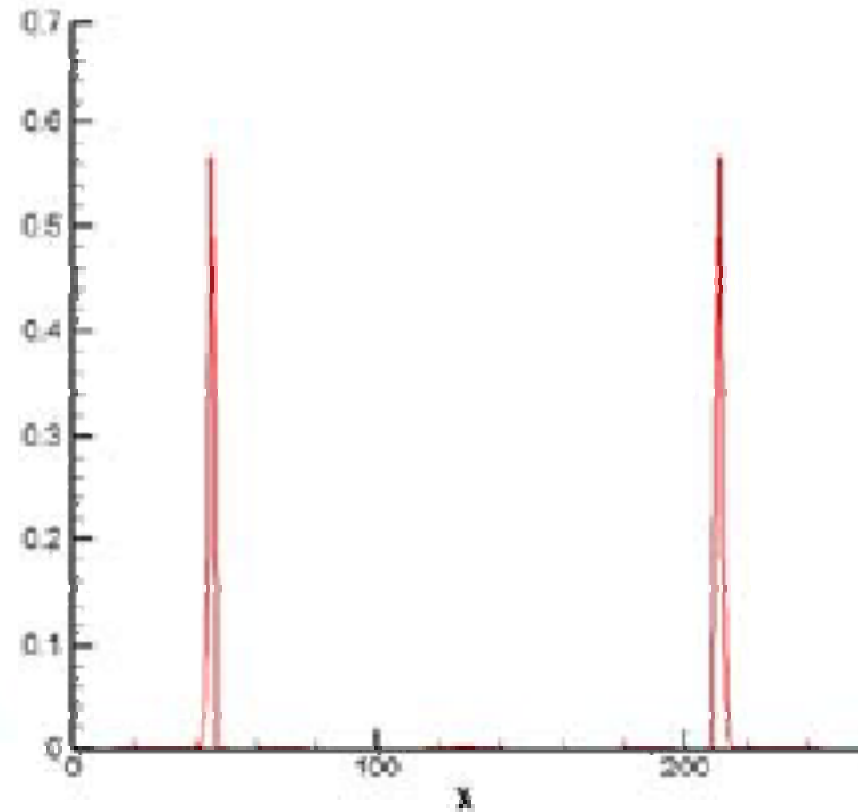
Without Confinement

$$\varepsilon = 0$$



With Confinement

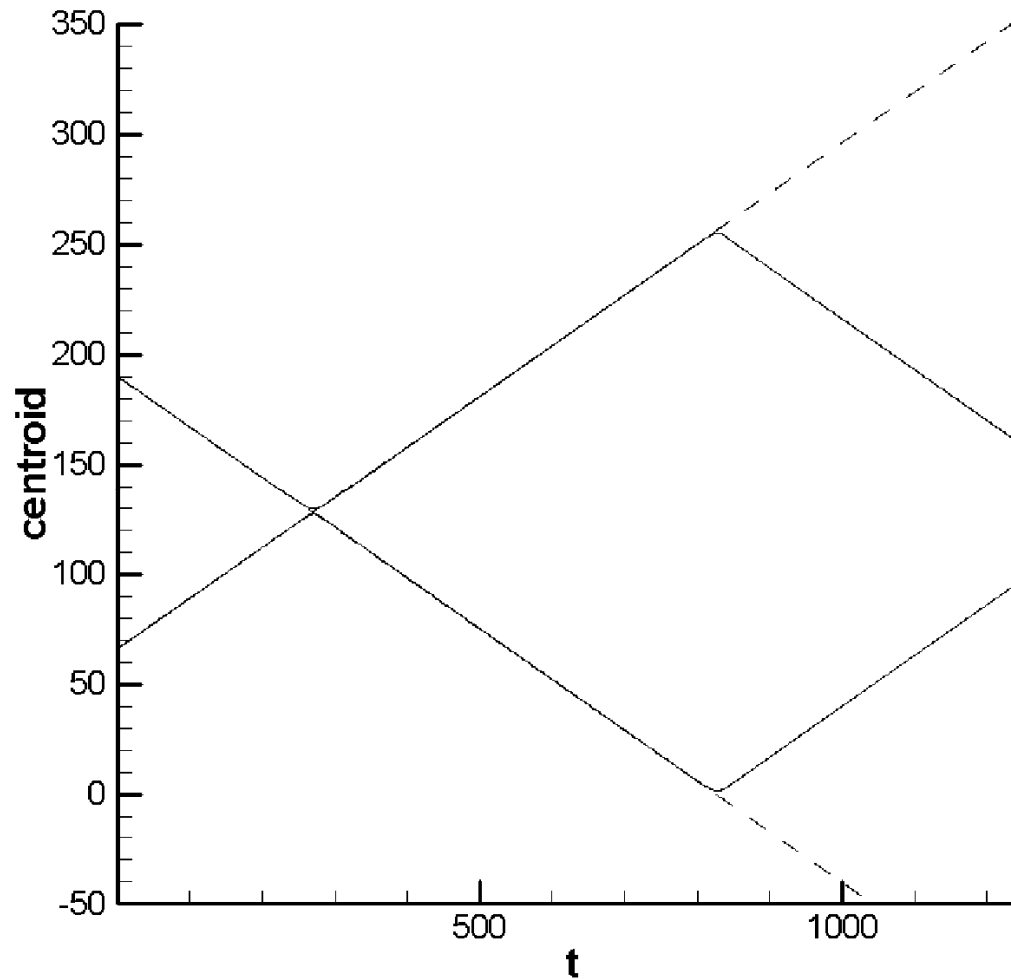
$$\sim 1.5\mu < \varepsilon < \sim 4\mu$$



Fifteenth Pass

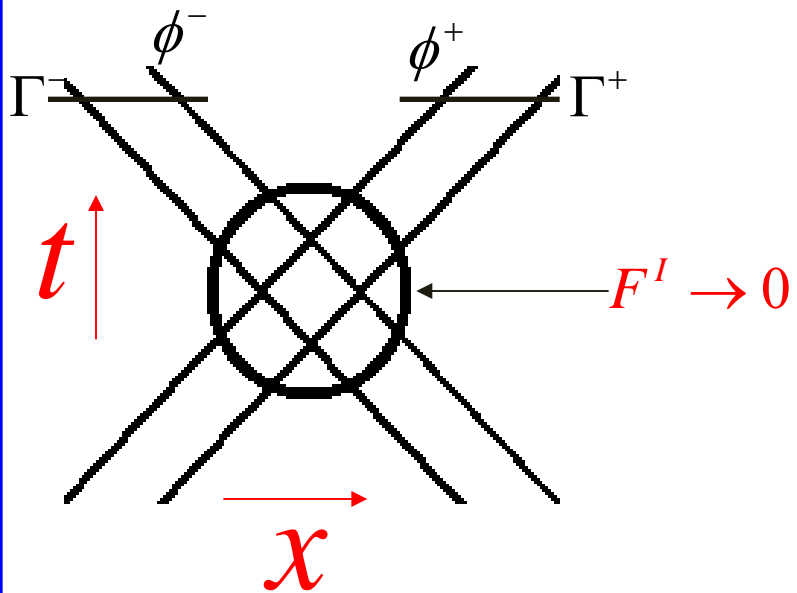
Periodic Boundary Conditions

# No Interaction Effects (even though nonlinear)



Centroid Motion (Colliding Pulses)

# Pulse Interaction



$$\partial_t^2 \phi = c^2 \partial_x^2 \phi + \partial_t \partial_x^2 F$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= F(\phi^+ + \phi^- + \phi^I) \\ &= F(\phi^+) + F(\phi^-) + F^I \end{aligned}$$

Change in  $\phi \equiv \phi^I$

$$(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2) \phi^I = \partial_t \partial_x^2 F^I$$

After interaction (Born Approximation)

$$\delta A_{\pm}^I = \int_{\Gamma^{\pm}} dx \phi^I = 0$$

$$\delta \langle x \rangle_{\Gamma}^{\pm} = \left( \int_{\Gamma^{\pm}} dx x \phi^I \right) / A^{\pm} = 0$$

Since  $F^I \rightarrow 0$  in far field

# Multidimensions (2D example)

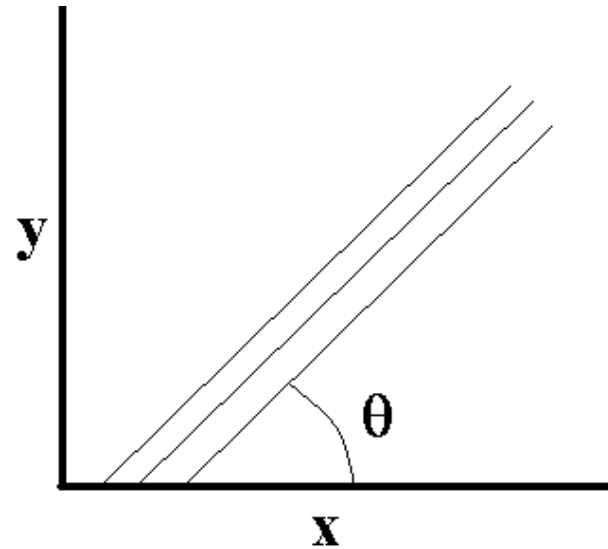
$$\phi_{i,j}^{n+1} = 2\phi_{i,j}^n - \phi_{i,j}^{n-1} + \nu^2 \nabla^2 \phi_{i,j}^n + a\delta_n^- \nabla^2 (\mu\phi_{i,j}^n - \varepsilon\Phi_{i,j}^n)$$

$$\Phi = \left( \frac{\sum_l \phi^{-1}}{N} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{Multidimensional Harmonic Mean of (N) neighboring values}$$

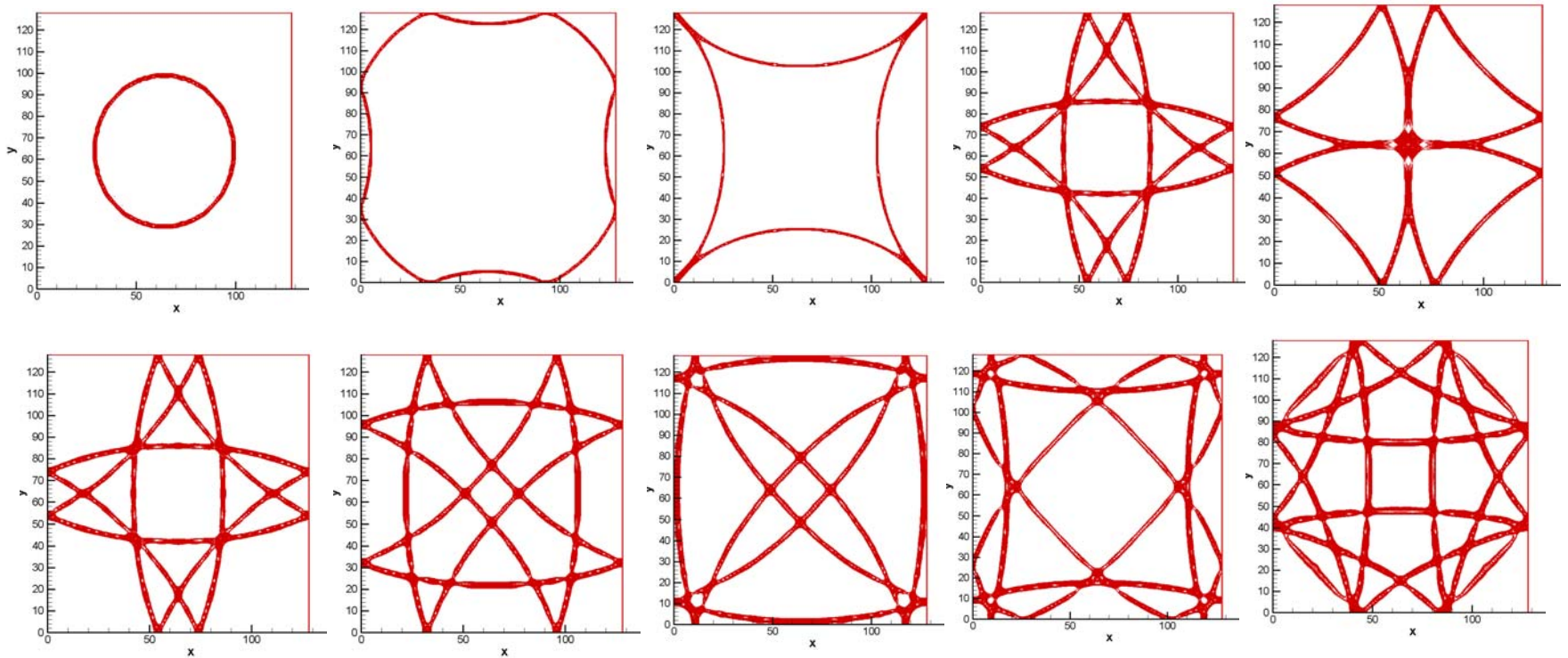
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 (\mu\phi - \varepsilon\Phi) &\rightarrow 0 \\ \Rightarrow \mu\phi &\rightarrow \varepsilon\Phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{ij} \rightarrow A / \text{ch}[\gamma(z - z_0)] \quad z = x_i \cos \theta + y_j \sin \theta$$

$$\gamma = f\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\mu}\right)$$



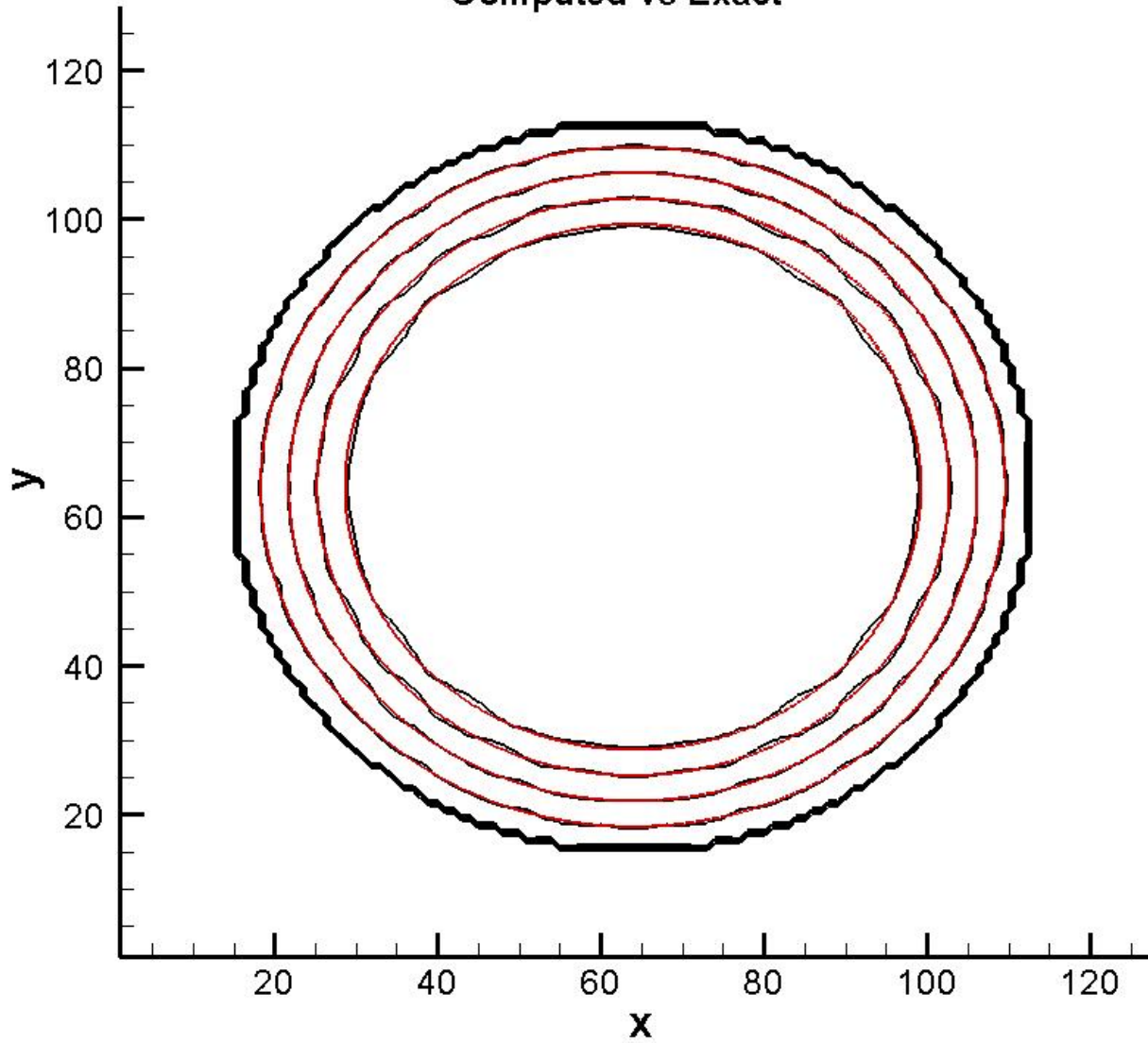
# Demonstration of “Linear” Interaction



Amplitude Contours - 128×128 grid

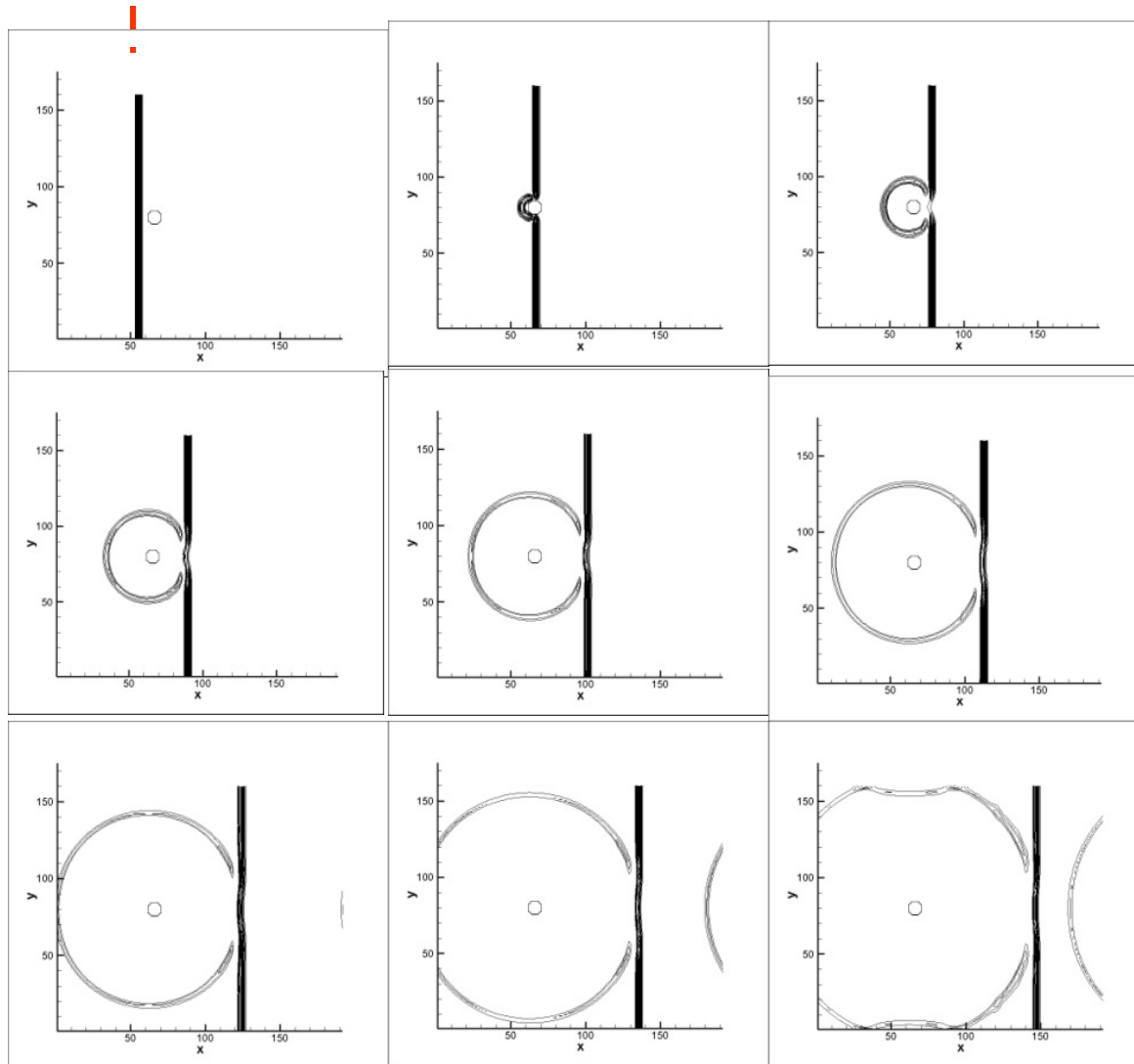
# Contours of Arrival time (Time steps)

## Computed vs Exact



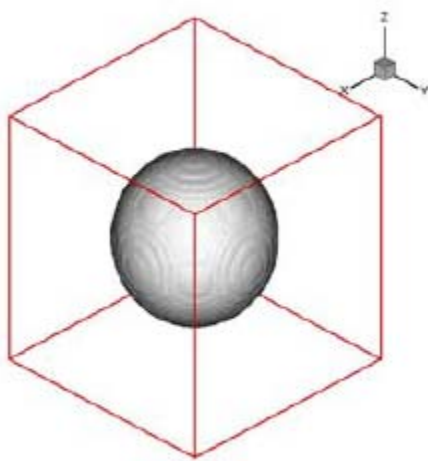
# Acoustic Pulse Scattering from Small Cylinder

INITIAL PULSE

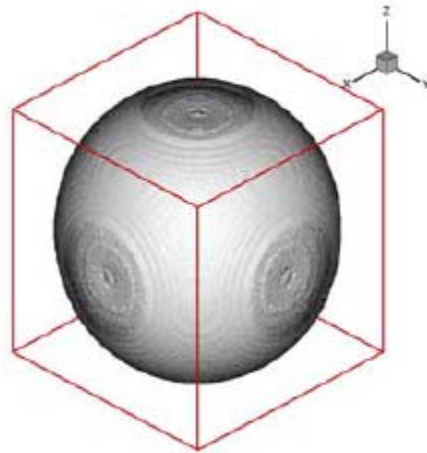




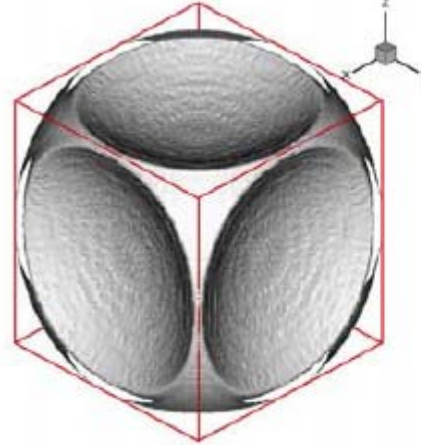
# 3-D Pulse Propagation



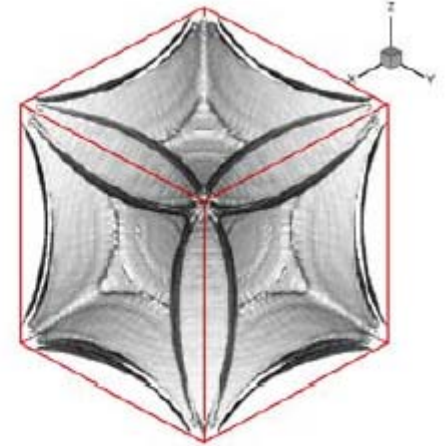
(a)



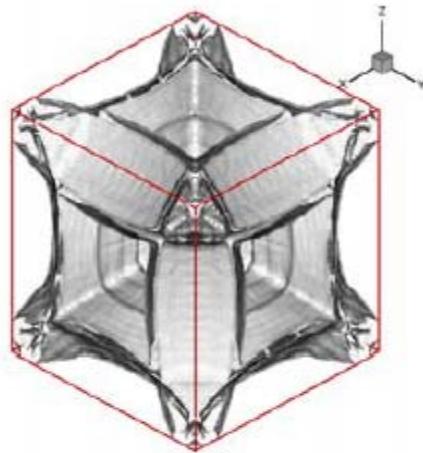
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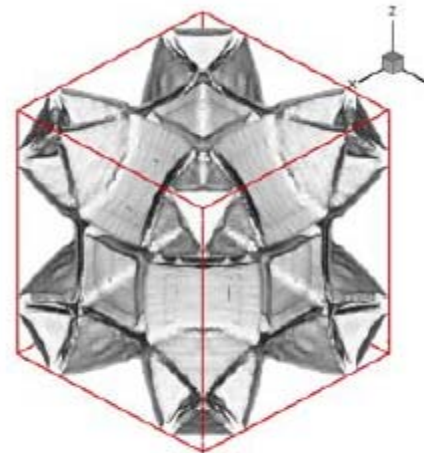
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(d)



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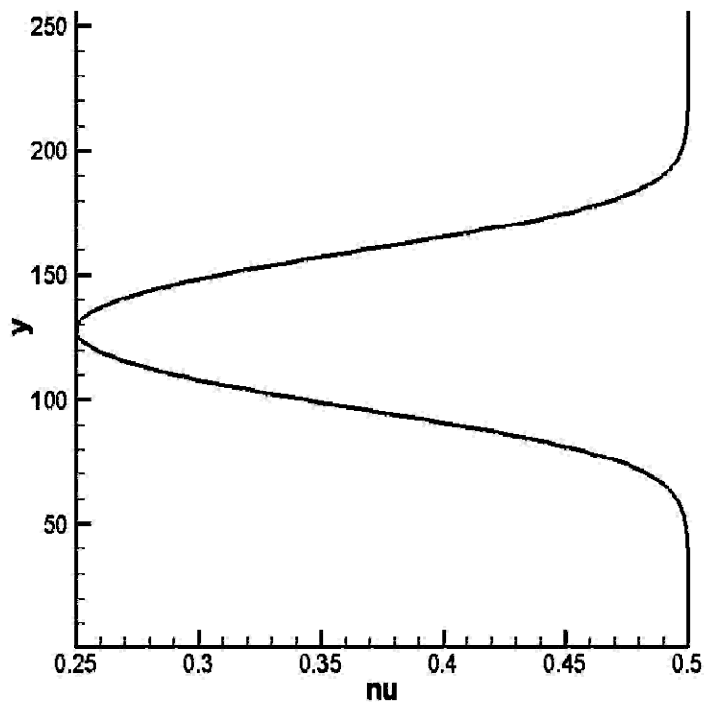


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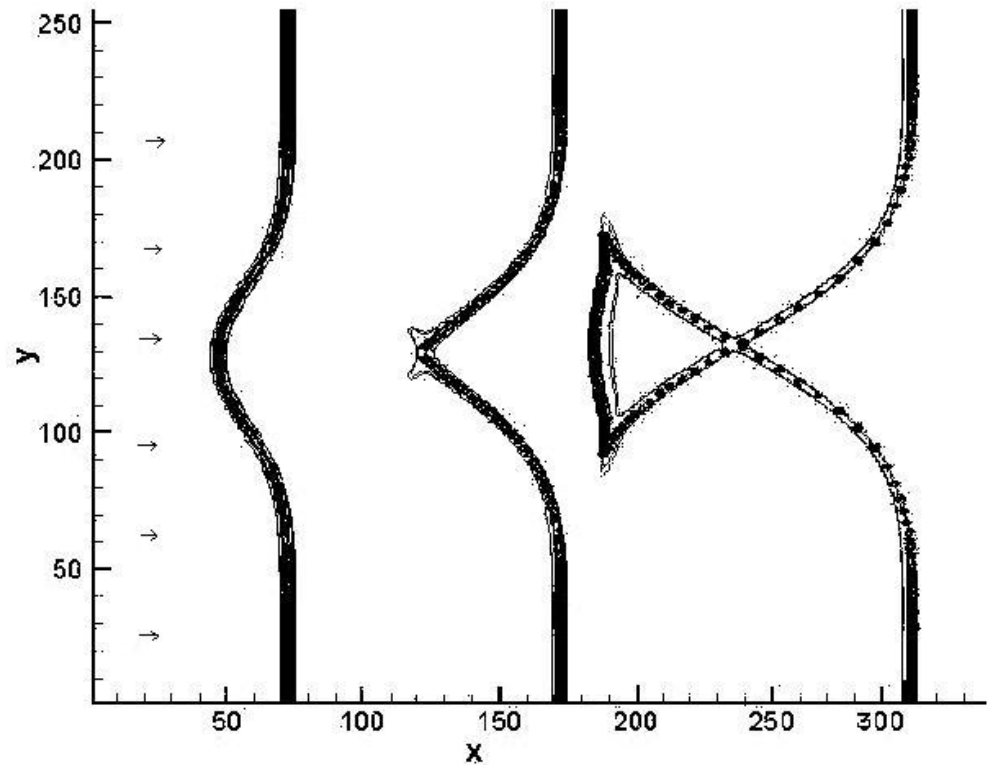
64×64×64 grid

# Validation

## Varying Index of Refraction Comparison with Ray Tracing

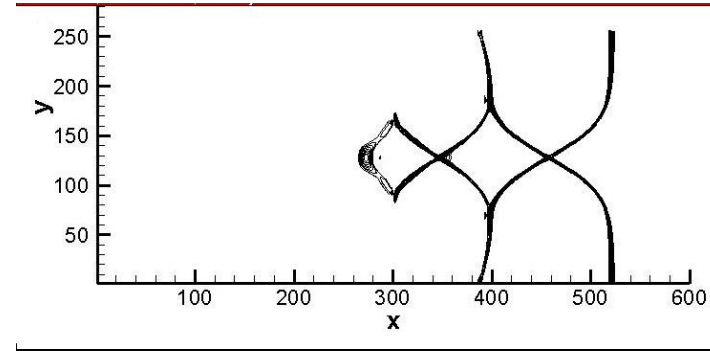
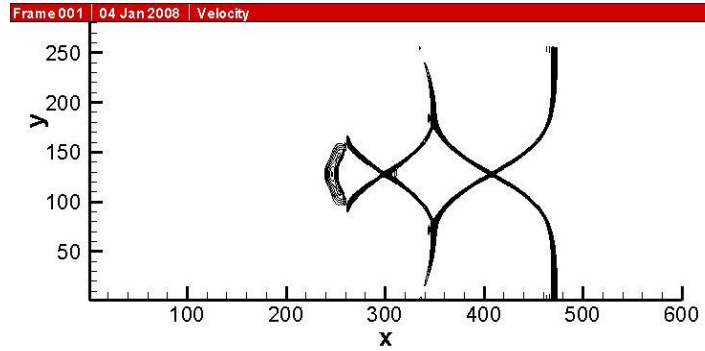
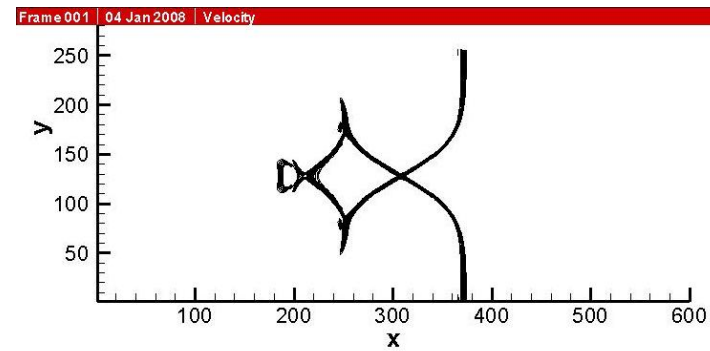
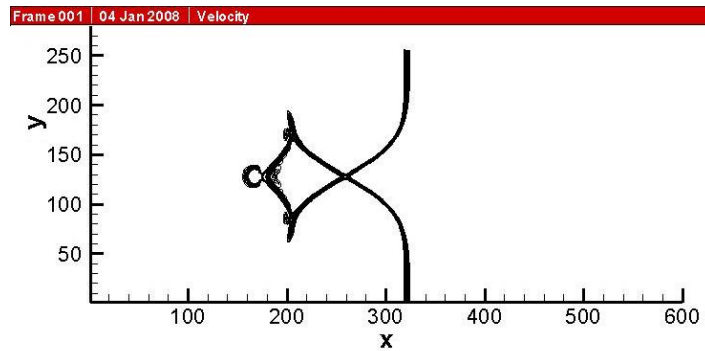
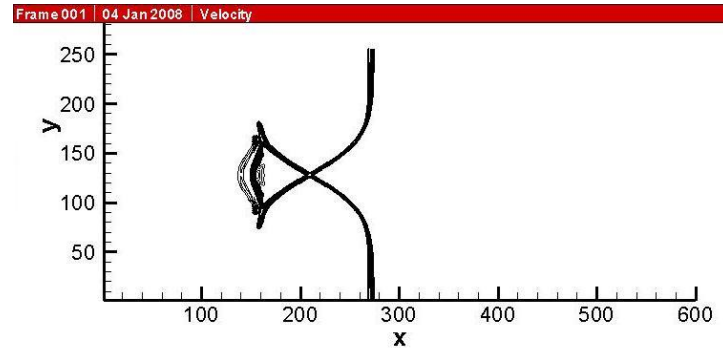
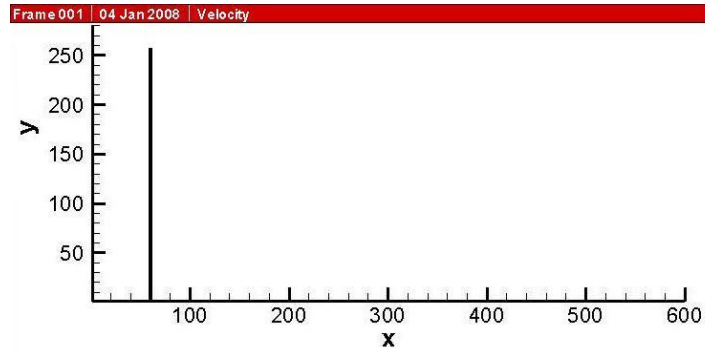


Normalized  
Index of refraction



Wave Contours vs Ray Markers

# Wave Propagation in Long Duct



Effect of Varying Index of Refraction

# Focusing

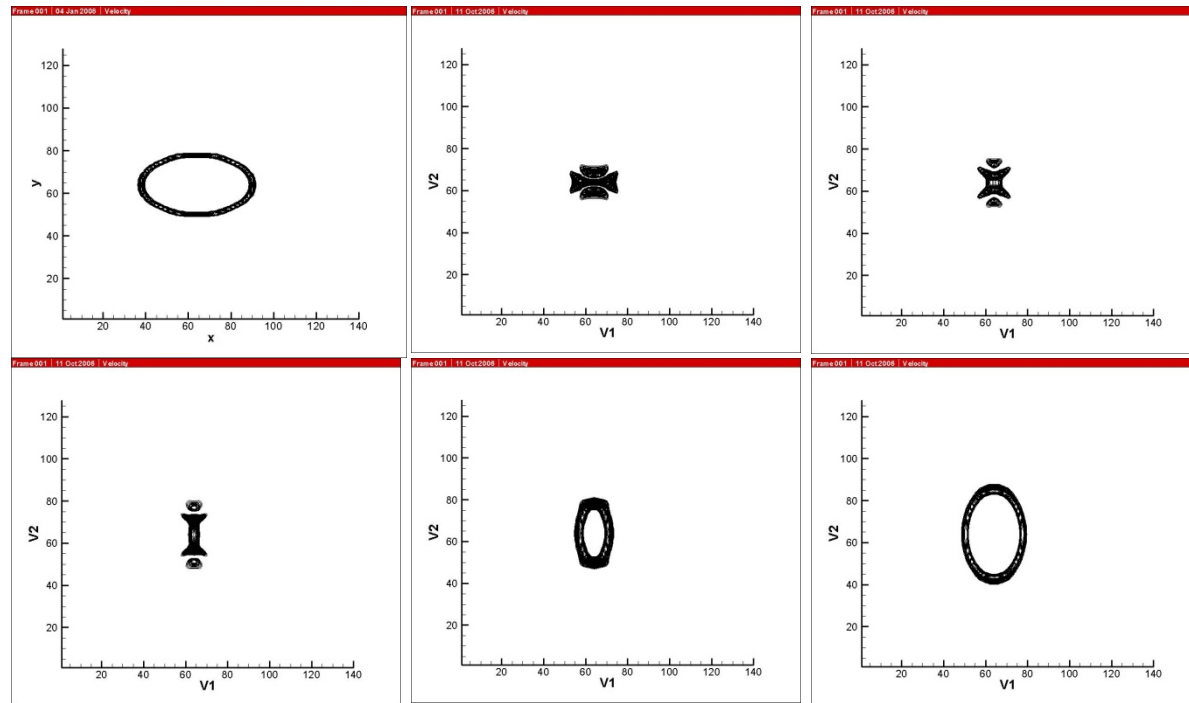
Moments conserved through focus

$$\delta_n^2 \langle x^2 \rangle^n = 2\nu^2$$

$$\delta_n^2 \langle y^2 \rangle^n = 2\nu^2$$

$$\delta_n^2 \langle xy \rangle^n = 0$$

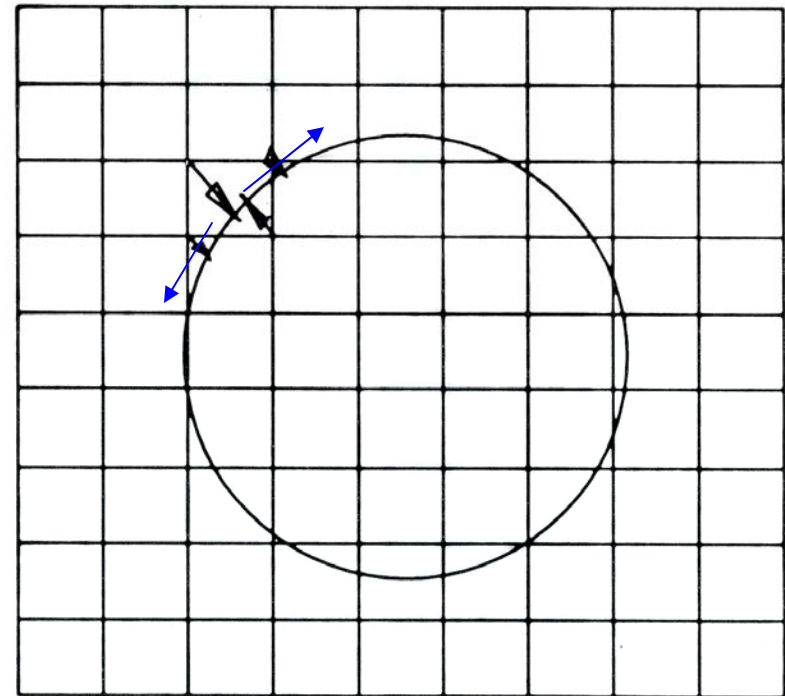
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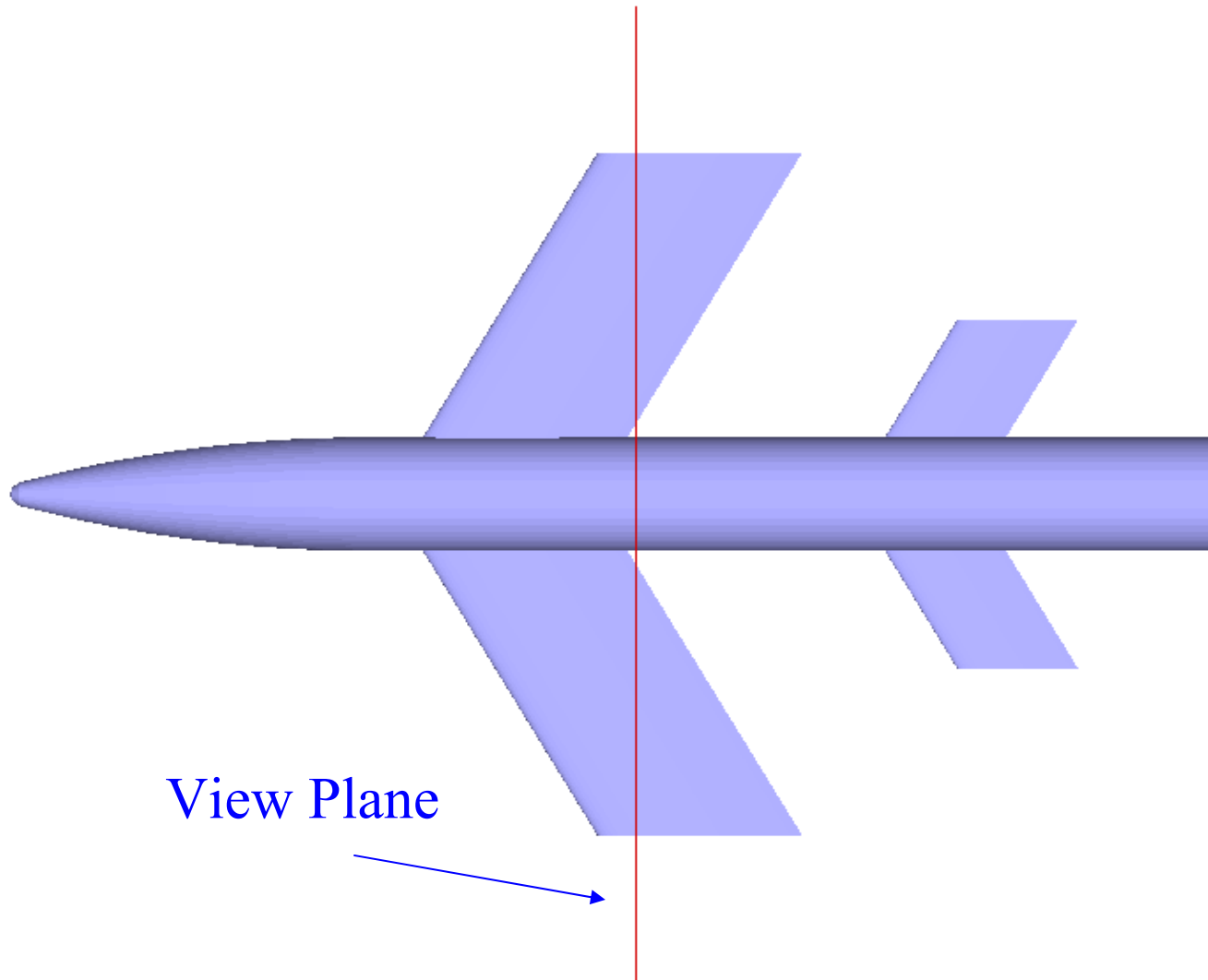
# Reflection from “Immersed” Surface

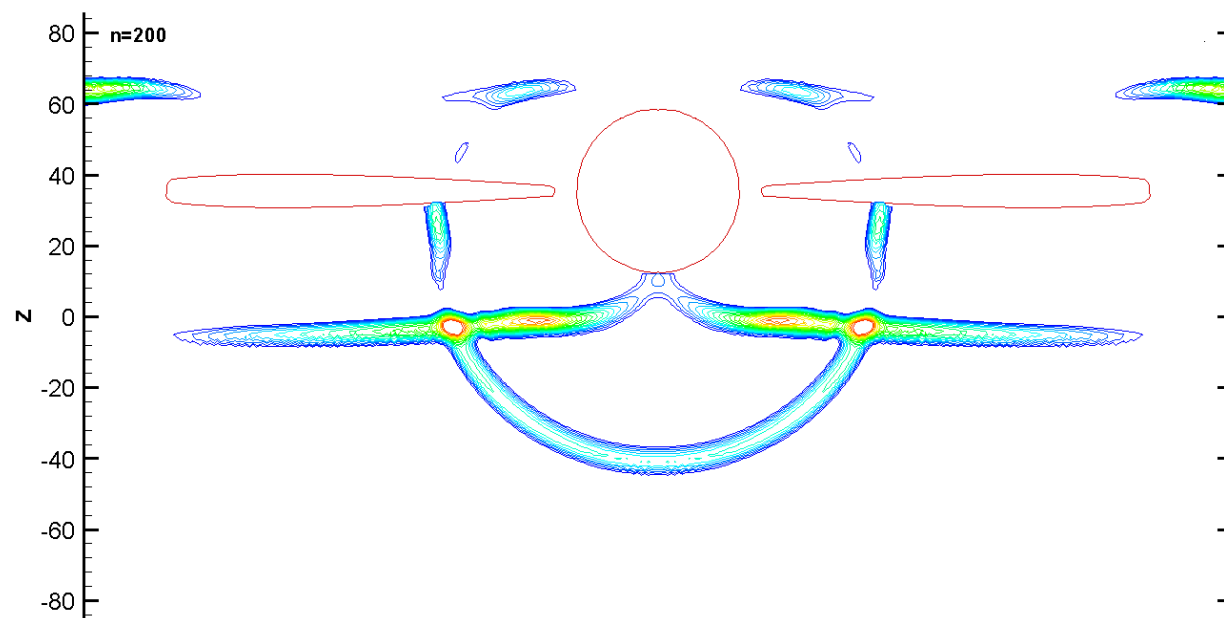
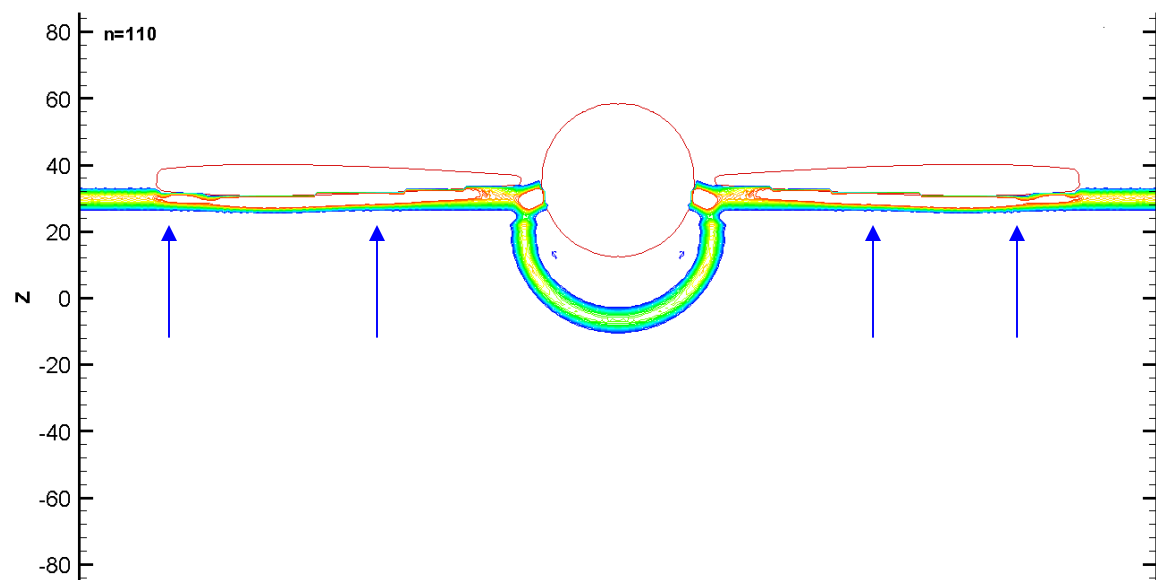
- $\phi$  set to zero every time-step inside boundary
- Confinement term ( $\partial_t \partial_x^2 F$ )
  - eliminates tangential “stair-case” by smoothing
  - eliminates spreading at boundary by compressing in normal direction

## Surface Definition For Approximate B.C.’s



# Scattering from Complex Objects

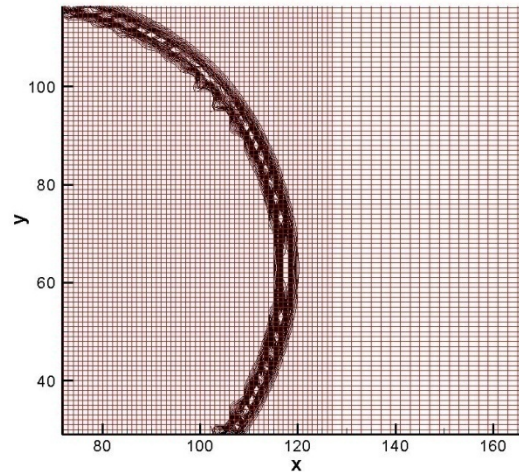






# Fine to Coarse Grid Projection

Near Field  
(fine)



Far field  
(coarse)

