

# **A FINITE POINT METHOD FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLOW**

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## OUTLINE

- Motivation
- Weighted Least Squares FPMs
- Construction of Local Clouds
- Flow Solver
- Examples
- Conclusions and Outlook

## MOTIVATION

- Perception: Grid Generation Difficult  
⇒ Generation of Points Easier (?)
- Perception: Higher Order Unstructured Difficult  
⇒ Higher Order Finite Point Easier (?)

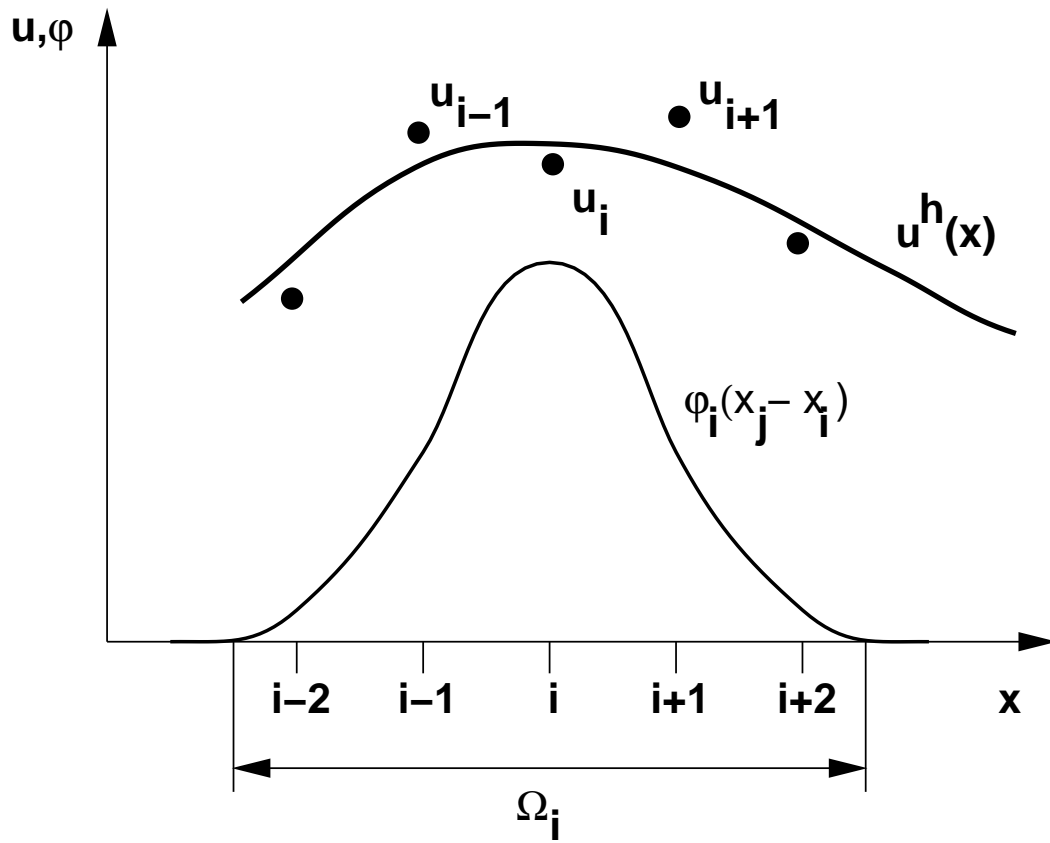
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## FINITE POINT METHODS

- Generate Global Cloud of Points
- For Each Point: Obtain Local Cloud
- Choose Local Approximation  
(Monomials + Least Squares)
- Introduce Local Approximation into PDE
- Weighted Residuals  $\Rightarrow$  Algebraic Equations
  - Galerkin: Numerical Integration  
 $\Rightarrow$  Need Grid
  - Collocation: Truly Mesh Free

## WEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES (WLSQ)



WLSQ Procedure

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Define:

$u(\mathbf{x})$ : Function

$\Omega_i$ : Local Interpolation Domain of  $u(\mathbf{x})$

$\Omega_i$ :  $\mathbf{x}_j \in \Omega_i; j = 1, n$

Then:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) \approx u^h(\mathbf{x}) = p_k(\mathbf{x})\alpha_k = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x})^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} \quad , \quad k = 1, m$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m]^T$$

$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x})$ : ‘Base Interpolating Functions’  
(e.g. Monomials)

## MONOMIAL FUNCTIONS

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = [1, x, y, z, x^2, xy, xz, y^2, yz, z^2]^T \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{2.5} = [1, x, y, z, x^2, xy, xz, y^2, yz, z^2, \\ x^2y, x^2z, xy^2, xyz, xz^2, y^2z, yz^2]^T \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_3 = [1, x, y, z, x^2, xy, xz, y^2, yz, z^2, \\ x^3, x^2y, x^2z, xy^2, xyz, xz^2, \\ y^3, y^2z, yz^2, z^3]^T \quad (20)$$



## WLSQ Cont.

Notation:

$$u_j = u(\mathbf{x}_j), \quad u_j^h = u^h(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_j = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$\varphi_{ij} = \varphi(\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i)$$

WLSQ  $\Rightarrow$  Minimize:

$$J_i = \varphi_{ij}(u_j - u_j^h)^2 = \varphi_{ij}(u_j - \mathbf{p}_j^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha})^2 \quad . \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

Remarks:

- Always Require:  $n \geq m$
- $n = m \Rightarrow$  Interpolation

WLSQ Cont.

Minimization of  $J_i(\alpha_j) \Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

i.e.

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{u} \quad , \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

With

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_{ij}(\mathbf{p}_j \otimes \mathbf{p}_j^T)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = [\varphi_{1i}\mathbf{p}_1, \varphi_{2i}\mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \varphi_{ni}\mathbf{p}_n]$$

## SHIFT TO LOCAL FRAME (1)

Idea: Shift Origin to  $\mathbf{x}_i$

$\Rightarrow$  Can Easily Obtain Derivatives from  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

$$u_i^h = \alpha_1$$

$$\nabla u_i^h = (\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4)$$

$$\nabla^2 u_i^h = 2 * (\alpha_5 + \alpha_8 + \alpha_{10})$$

## SHIFT TO LOCAL FRAME (2)

Same As:

$$u^h|_i = C^{1j}u_j$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u^h}{\partial x_l} \right|_i = D_l^{ij}u_j \quad , \quad D_l^{ij} = C^{qj} \quad , \quad q = l + 1$$

$$\nabla^2 u_i^h = L^{ij}u_j \quad , \quad L^{ij} = 2 * (C^{5j} + C^{8j} + C^{10j})$$

## GENERATION OF LOCAL CLOUDS

### Many Possibilities:

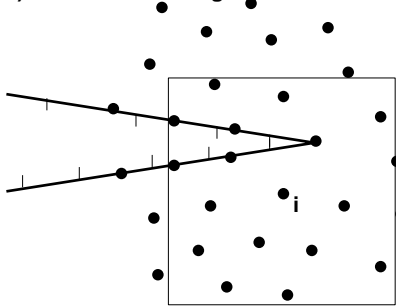
- Spheres
- Octants + Minimum Nr.
- Local Delauney + Layers (Used Here)

### Input Info:

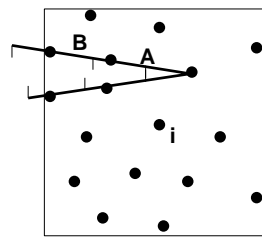
- Cloud of Points
- Surface Triangulation (With B.C.)

## LOCAL CLOUD

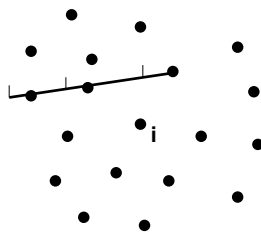
a) Obtain Search Region



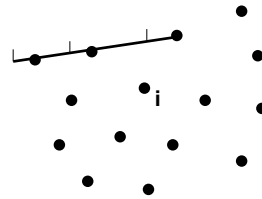
b) Retain Relevant Points and Faces



c) Remove Faces That Can Not See Point i



d) Remove Points With Rays Crossing Faces



Finding Points for Local Cloud

## LOCAL DELAUNEY CLOUD

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do: For each point ipoin:
  Initialize search region for ipoin;
  while: Not enough close points:
    Enlarge search region;
    Obtain points in search region;
    Obtain boundary faces in region;
    Remove faces that can not see ipoin;
    Remove points whose ray
    ipoin:jpoint intersects a face;
  endwhile
  Produce Delauney grid with local points;
  Initialize local cloud list with first layer of nearest
  neighbours;
  If local cloud acceptable: exit;
  do: For all points, according to layers:
    Add a point to local cloud;
    If local cloud acceptable: exit;
  enddo
  No proper local cloud found  $\Rightarrow$  increase search re-
  gion;
enddo

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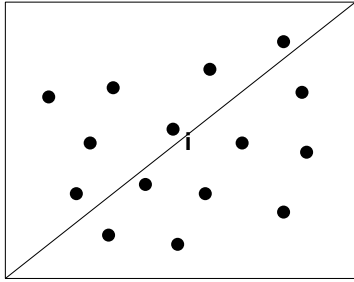
## DATA STRUCTURES

- Search for Close Points:
  - Octrees
  - Enlarge Search Region 30%, Reduce 15%
- Search for Close Faces:
  - Modified Octree (Spill-Over)
  - Search With Bounding Box
  - Removal of Repeated Faces:  
Hashing Techniques

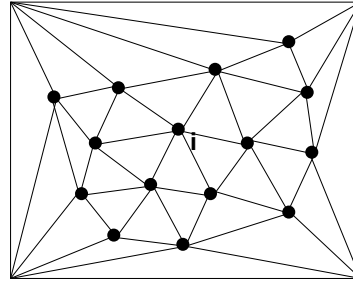


## DELAUNEY MESHING

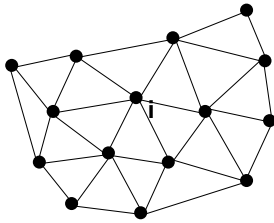
a) Place Points in Macro-Triangles



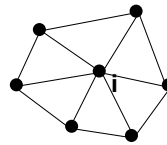
b) Delauney-Mesh of Local Cloud



c) Retain Elements of Original Points



d) Retain First Layer of Nearest Neighbours



Formation of Local Cloud

## DELAUNEY MESHING

- Enclose Region (Box of 5/6 Tetrahedra)
- do: For All Close Points:
  - Find Host Element
  - Evaluate Proper Star-Shaped Domain
  - Eliminate Elements in Star-Shaped Domain  $\Rightarrow$  Faces
  - Introduce Point + New Elements
  - Update Arrays
- enddo
- Remove External Elements
- Order Points According to Layers

(Bowyer/George)

## ACCEPTABLE CLOUD CRITERIA

Observation: Not All Local Clouds Good

Reason: Singular Approximation Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

Accept If:

- $\mathbf{A}$  Invertible
  - $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-1} \approx 1$
  - $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}| < c_b$
  - Take Known Function and Obtain Derivatives
    - $u = x + y + z \Rightarrow \nabla u = (1, 1, 1)$
    - $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 u = 6$
- Difference  $< 10^{-10}$

## APPROXIMATION ORDER OF LOCAL CLOUD

Points Per Local Cloud:

- Tet Mesh: 15
- Cart Mesh: 27
- Empirical: 18-20

⇒ Could Approximate to Higher Order

- Test **A** of Higher Order Polynomials as Before
- Accept if Better

## FLOW SOLVER (1)

Compressible Navier-Stokes:

$$\mathbf{u}_{,t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0$$

WLSQ:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}|_i \approx \mathbf{r}^i = D_l^{ij} \mathbf{F}_j^l$$

Key Idea: Symmetrize

$$\mathbf{r}^i = D_l^{ij} \Big|_{j \neq i} (\mathbf{F}_j^l + \mathbf{F}_i^l) + (D_l^{ii} - D_l^{ij} \Big|_{j \neq i}) \mathbf{F}_i^l$$

or:

$$\mathbf{r}^i = D_l^{ij} \Big|_{j \neq i} (\mathbf{F}_j^l + \mathbf{F}_i^l) + \tilde{D}_l^{ii} \mathbf{F}_i^l$$

## FLOW SOLVER (2)

Rewrite Inner Product Over Dimensions  $l$ :

$$\mathbf{r}^i = d^{ij} \mathcal{F}_{ij} + \tilde{d}^{ii} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_i = d^{ij} (\mathbf{f}_i + \mathbf{f}_j) + \tilde{d}^{ii} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_i$$

$\mathbf{f}_i$ : ‘fluxes along edges/directions’

$$\mathbf{f}_i = S_l^{ij} \mathbf{F}_i^l \quad , \quad S_l^{ij} = \frac{D_l^{ij}}{d^{ij}} \quad , \quad d^{ij} = \sqrt{D_l^{ij} D_l^{ij}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_i = \tilde{S}_l^{ii} \mathbf{F}_i^l \quad , \quad \tilde{S}_l^{ii} = \frac{\tilde{D}_l^{ii}}{\tilde{d}^{ii}} \quad , \quad \tilde{d}^{ii} = \sqrt{\tilde{D}_l^{ii} \tilde{D}_l^{ii}}$$

## FLOW SOLVER (3)

Consider First Term:

- Equivalent to Galerkin WRM
- Equivalent to Central Differences
- $\Rightarrow$  Unstable
- $\Rightarrow$  Add Stabilizing Terms
  - Higher Order Damping  
(Requires Length)
  - Upwinding (No Length)
  - Used Here: vanLeer, Roe, AUSM+

## ROE SOLVER

First Order:

$$\mathcal{F}_{ij} = \mathbf{f}_i + \mathbf{f}_j - |\mathbf{A}^{ij}|(\mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{u}_j)$$

$|\mathbf{A}^{ij}|$ : Roe Matrix in Direction  $D^{ij}$



## HIGHER ORDER SCHEMES (1)

Aim: Reduce Difference  $\mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{u}_j$

How: Reconstruct Solution at Edge Mid-Point

$$\mathbf{u}_j^-, \mathbf{u}_i^+$$

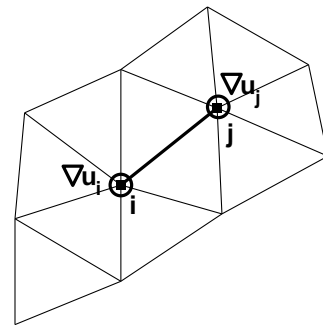
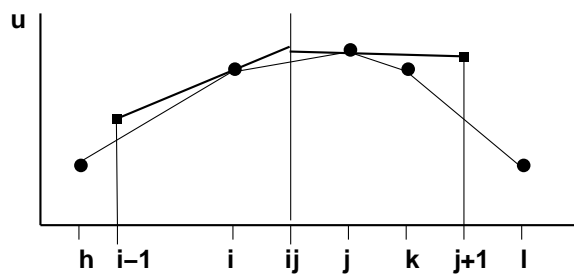
$$\mathcal{F}_{ij} = \mathbf{f}^+ + \mathbf{f}^- - |A(\mathbf{u}_i^+, \mathbf{u}_j^-)| (\mathbf{u}_j^- - \mathbf{u}_i^+)$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}^+ = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}_i^+), \quad \mathbf{f}^- = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}_j^-)$$

## HIGHER ORDER SCHEMES (2)

- MUSCL Upwind-Biased Interpolations
- Via Gradients
- Limiting (e.g. vanAlbada)
  - Conservative/Non-Conservative/Characteristic Variables



Higher Order Approximations

## DISCRETIZATION IN TIME

WLSQ + Euler/NS  $\Rightarrow$  System of ODEs:

$$\mathbf{M}_c \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \mathbf{r}$$

For Each Node  $i$ :

$$C_i^{1j} \frac{d\mathbf{u}_j}{dt} = \mathbf{r}^i = d^{ij} \mathcal{F}_{ij} + \tilde{d}^{ii} \mathbf{f}_i$$

Explicit Runge-Kutta:

$$\mathbf{M}_c \Delta \mathbf{u}^j = \mathbf{M}_c (\mathbf{u}^{n+j} - \mathbf{u}^n) = \alpha_j \Delta \text{tr}(\mathbf{u}^{n+j-1}) = \mathbf{r}^j, j = 1, m$$

$\alpha_j$ : Chosen To:

- Achieve High Temporal Accuracy
- Fast Damping of Higher Order Modes (Steady-State)

## SOLUTION OF CONSISTENT MASS SYSTEM

Each Runge-Kutta Step:

$$\mathbf{M}_c \Delta \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r}$$

Iterate:

$$\mathbf{M}_l \Delta \mathbf{u}^i = \mathbf{r} + (\mathbf{M}_l - \mathbf{M}_c) \Delta \mathbf{u}^{i-1} \quad , \quad i = 1, n$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{u}^0 = 0$$

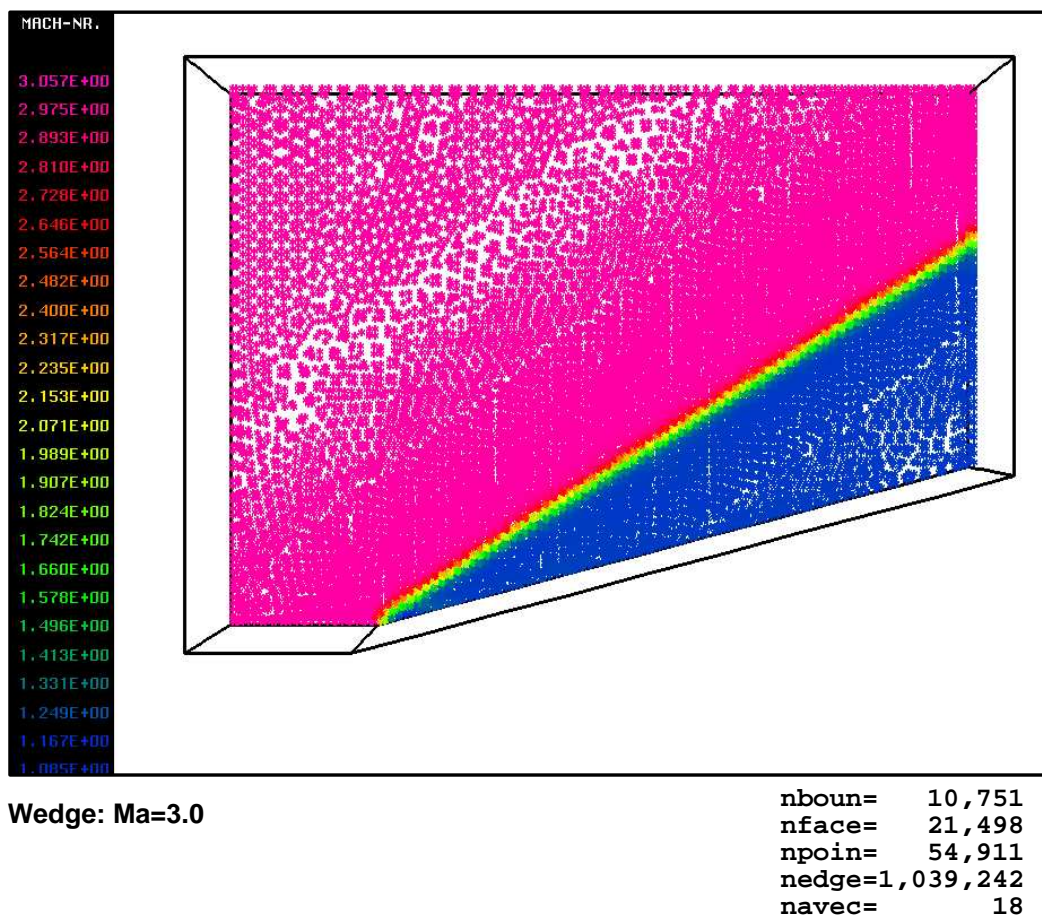
- $\mathbf{M}_l$ : Unity Vector
- Typically  $n = 3$

## LAPLACIAN: BASIC LOOP

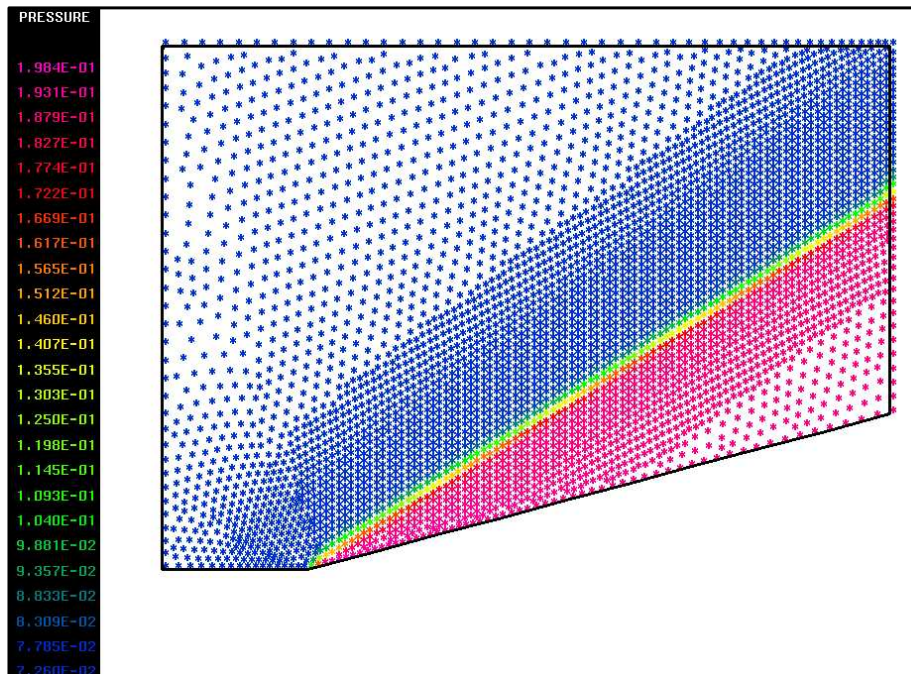
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do ipoin=1,npoin
  clapl=geopo(ipoin)*unkno(ipoin)
  iedg0=esup2(ipoin)+1
  iedg1=esup2(ipoin+1)
  do iedge=iedg0,iedg1
    jpoин=esup1(iedge)
    clapl=clapl+geoed(iedge)*unkno(jpoин)
  enddo
  lapla(ipoin)=clapl
enddo
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## SUPERSONIC FLOW PAST A WEDGE (1)

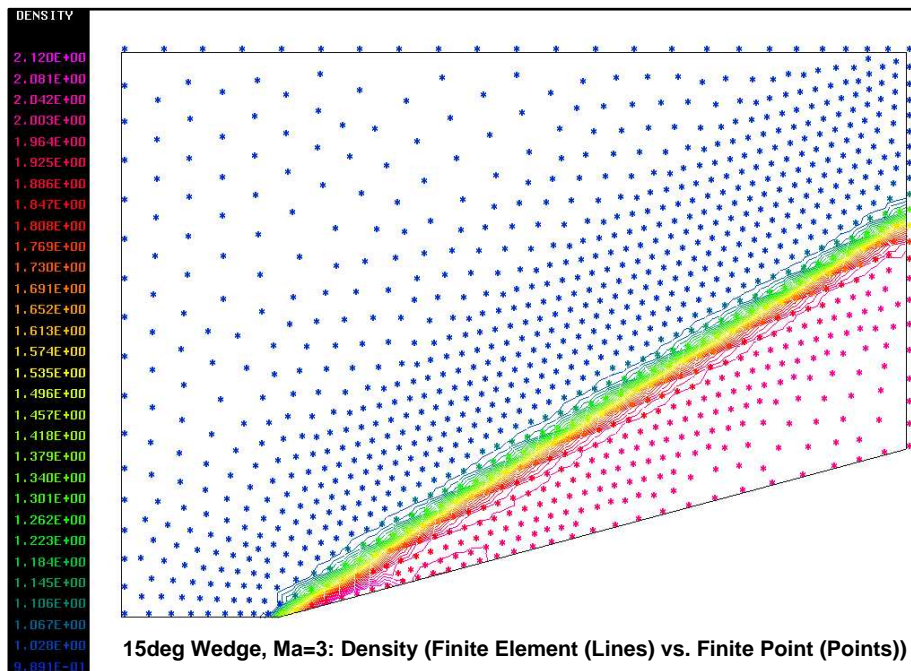
- Test Conservation/Shock Capturing Properties
- Compare to FEM/FVM
- $Ma = 3.0$ , Wedge:  $15^\circ$
- vanLeer + vonAlbada



Wedge: Mach-Number in Mid-Plane



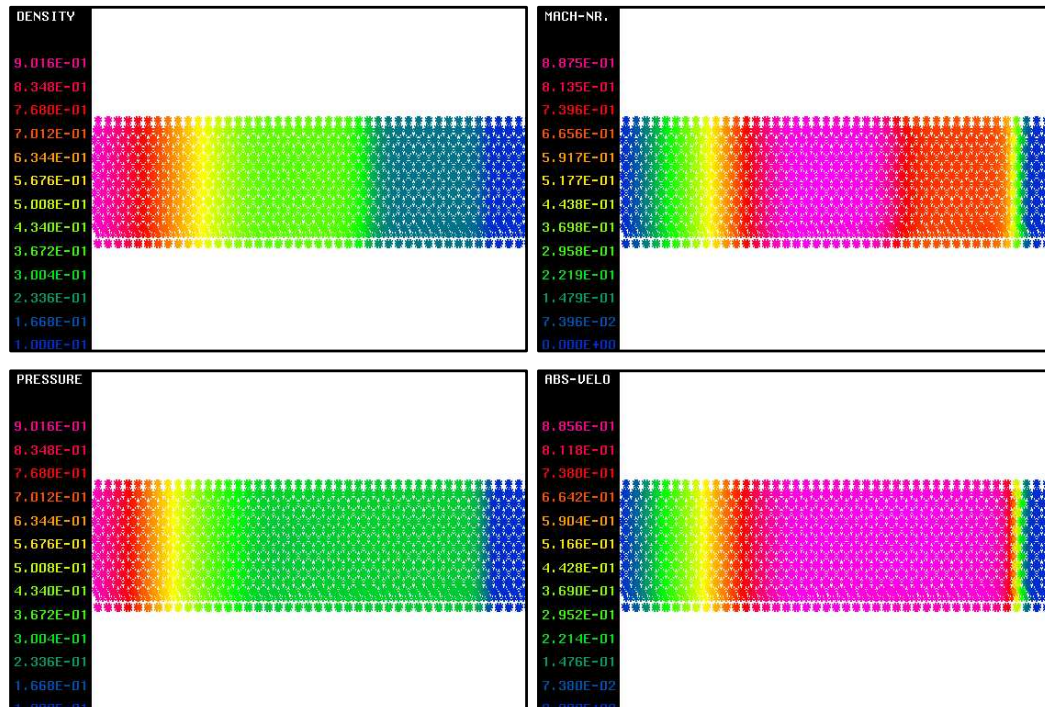
Wedge: Surface Pressure



Wedge: Results from FE (lines) and FP (point)

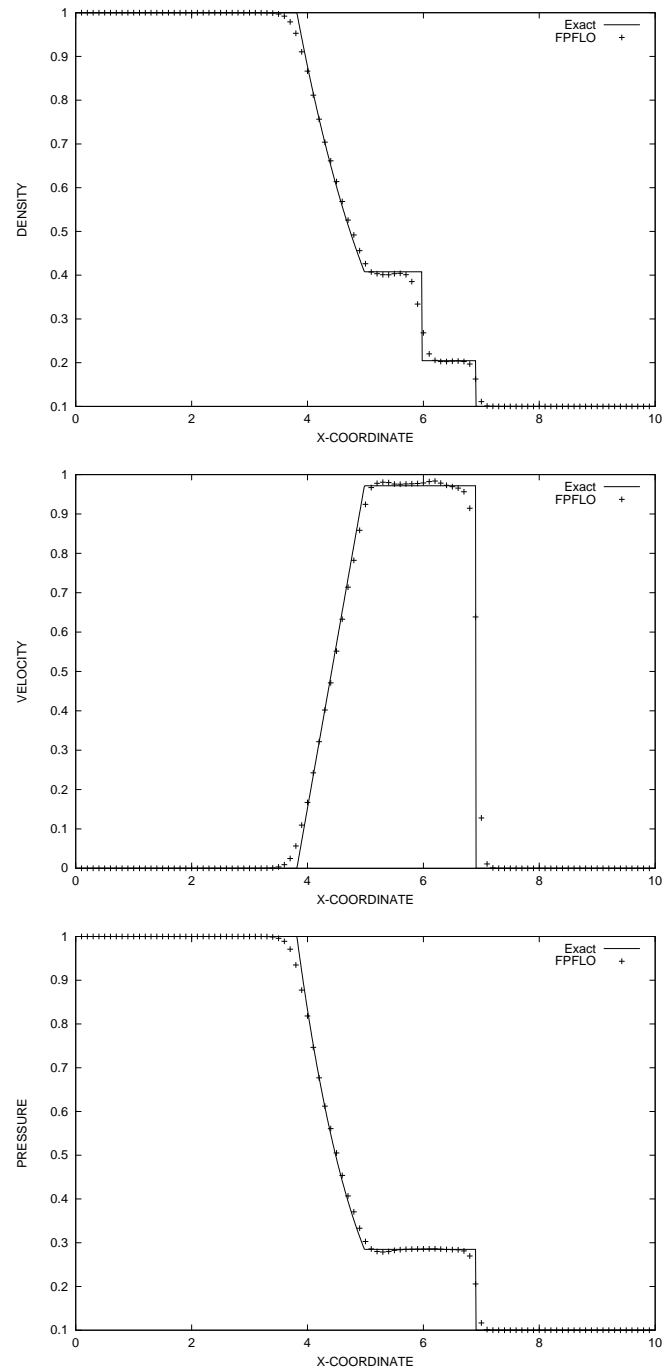
## SOD SHOCK TUBE (1)

- Classic Test Case for Transient Flows
- Compare to FEM/FVM
- $\rho_1 = p_1 = 1.0$  and  $\rho_2 = p_2 = 0.1$
- Roe + vonAlbada



Sod Shock Tube

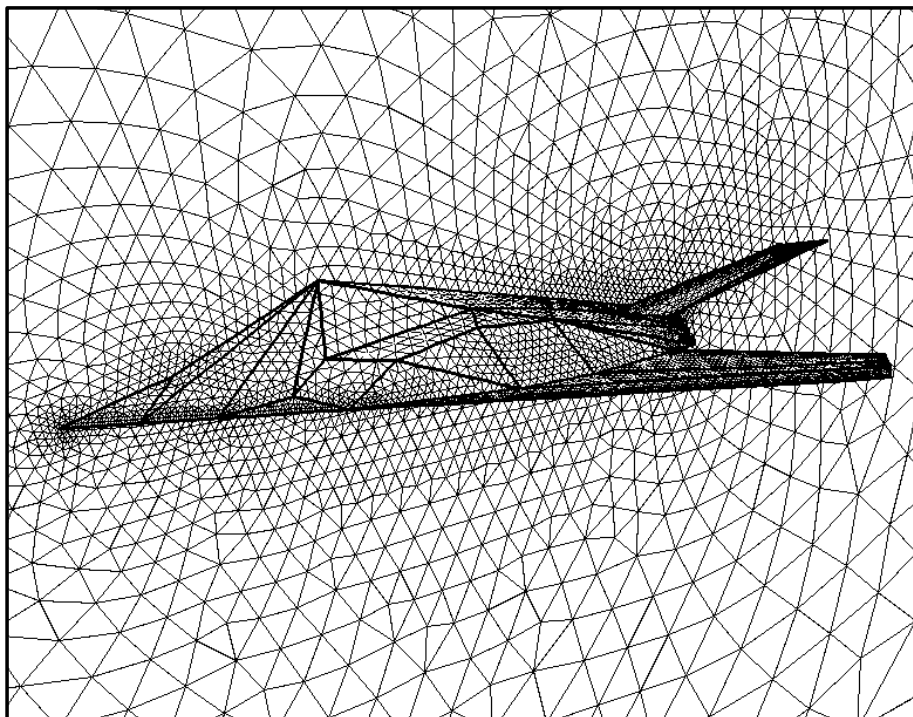




Sod Shock Tube: Comparison to Exact Solution

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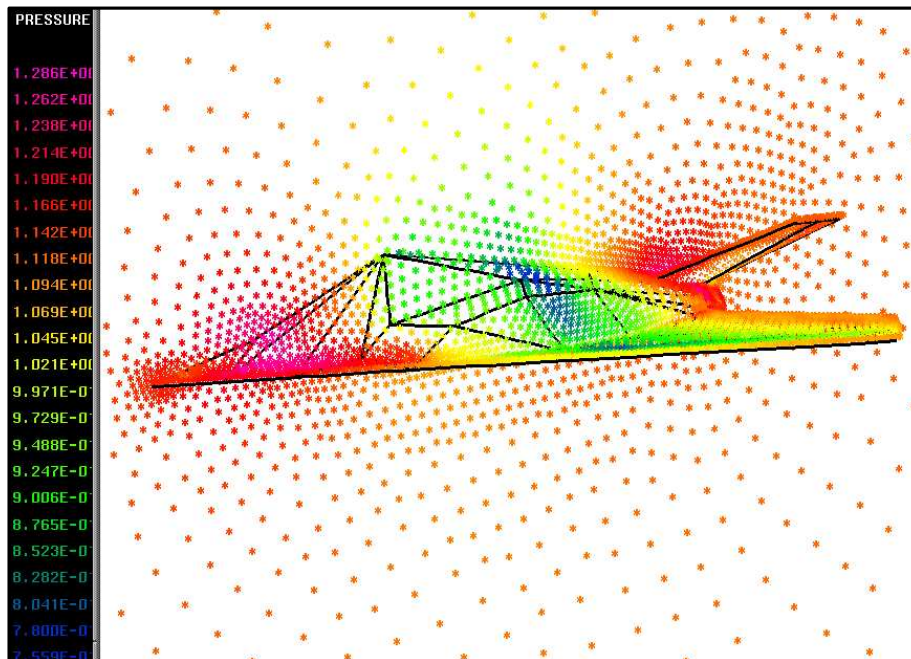
- More Realistic Case/Transonic Flow
- $Ma = 0.8$ ,  $\alpha = 5^\circ$
- Roe + vonAlbada



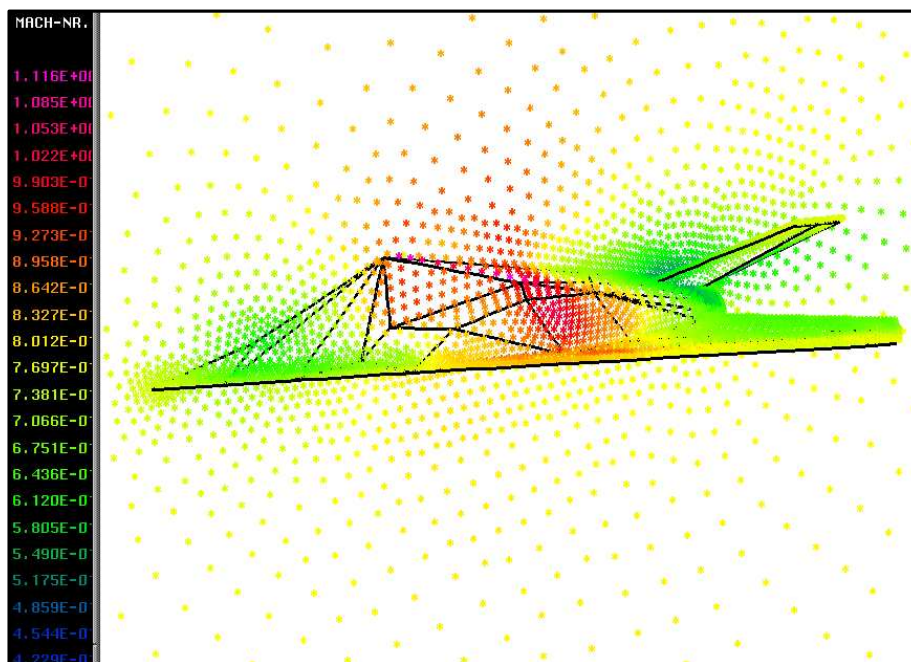
**F117:  $Ma=0.8$ ,  $\alpha=5.0$**

**nboun= 8,575**  
**nface= 17,146**  
**npoin= 35,674**  
**nedge=2,374,612**  
**navec= 66**

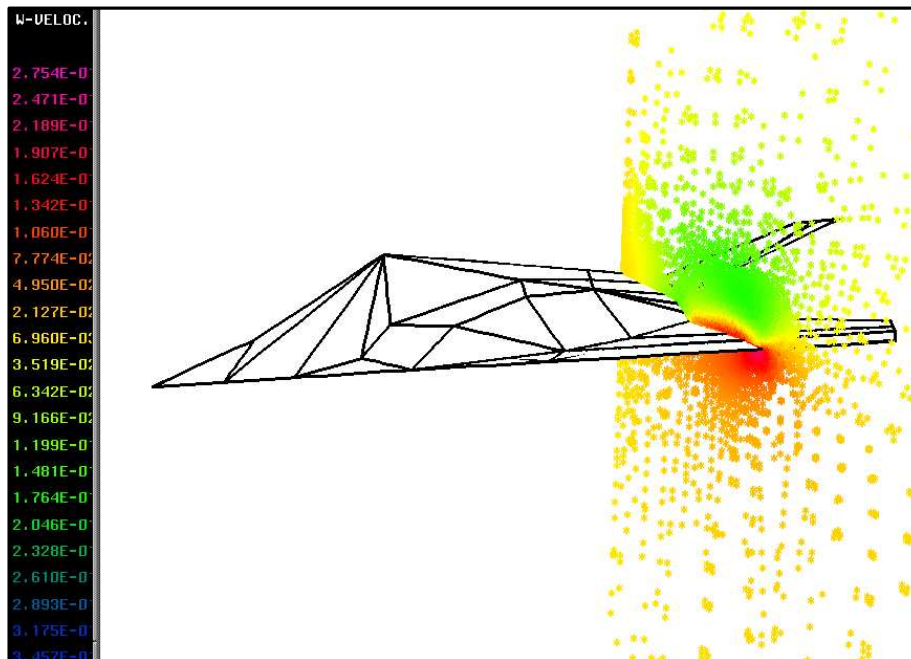
F117: Surface Mesh



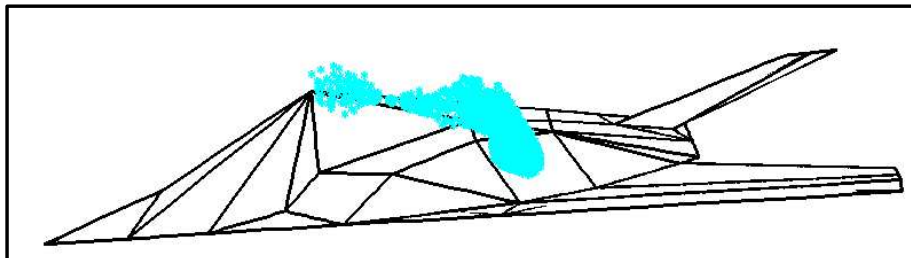
F117: Surface Pressures



F117: Surface Mach-Number



F117: Z-Velocity in Plane



F117: Sonic Surface

## SUMMARY

- WLSQ Finite Point Method for Compressible Flow
- Key Ingredients:
  - Local Clouds via Delaunay
  - Quality Criteria
  - Riemann Solvers
  - Limitors
  - Edge-Based Data Structure
  - Fully Parallel (Shared)
- Accuracy Comparable to FEM/FVM
- Efficiency: 2-3 Times Slower Than FEM

## OUTLOOK

- Improve Efficiencies
  - Reduction of Cache-Misses
  - Avoid Duplicate Info
- Higher-order Schemes