

Lattice Boltzmann approach to fluid flow in a lid-driven cavity bounded by coaxial cylinders

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Diffuse reflection boundary conditions

- Boltzmann equation with the BGK approximation of the collision term :

$$\partial_t f + \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla f + \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f = -\frac{1}{\tau} [f - f^{(\text{eq})}]$$

where $\tau \sim \text{Kn}$ and $f^{(\text{eq})}$ is the Maxwellian distribution

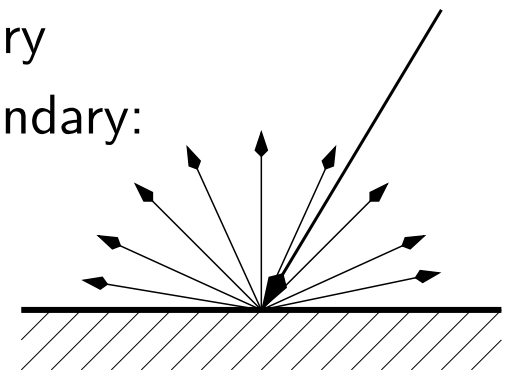
- The hydrodynamic variables are given as moments of f up to order N
- The diffuse reflection boundary conditions require:

$$f(\mathbf{x}_w, \mathbf{p}, t) = f_w^{(\text{eq})} \equiv f^{(\text{eq})}(\mathbf{p}; n_w, \mathbf{u}_w, T_w) \quad (\mathbf{p} \cdot \chi < 0),$$

where χ is the outwards-directed normal to the boundary

- n_w is fixed by requiring zero mass-flux through the boundary:

$$\int_{\mathbf{p} \cdot \chi > 0} d^D p f(\mathbf{p} \cdot \chi) + \int_{\mathbf{p} \cdot \chi < 0} d^D p f_w^{(\text{eq})}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \chi) = 0$$



- $\Rightarrow$ implementation of the diffuse reflection boundary conditions requires the computation of integrals of f and $f^{(\text{eq})}$ over half of the momentum space

Discretization of the momentum space

$$1D : \quad f(p) \simeq f^N(p) = \omega(p) \sum_{\ell=0}^N \mathcal{F}_\ell \phi_\ell(p) \quad \int_{\mathcal{D}} dp \omega(p) f^N(p) p^s = \sum_{k=1}^Q f_k p_k^s$$

- The polynomials $\{\phi_\ell\}$ are orthogonal over the **domain** $\mathcal{D}$ with respect to the inner product defined by the **weight function** $\omega(p)$ and $0 \leq s \leq N < Q$
- Full-range Gauss-Hermite Lattice Boltzmann models **HLB(Q)** :

$$\omega(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-p^2/2}, \quad \mathcal{D} = (-\infty, \infty), \quad \phi_\ell(p) = H_\ell(p)$$

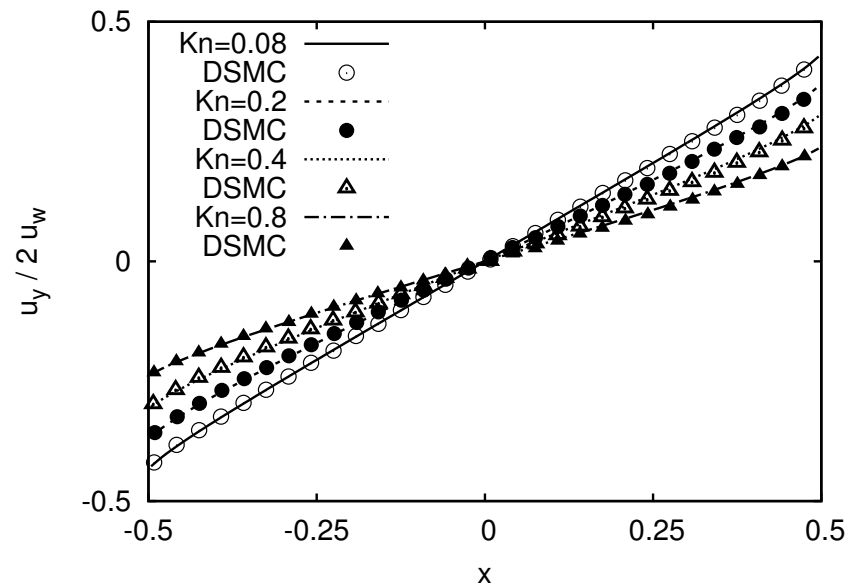
- Half-range Gauss-Hermite lattice Boltzmann models **HHLB(Q)** :

$$\omega(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-p^2/2}, \quad \mathcal{D} = (0, \infty), \quad \phi_\ell(p) = \mathfrak{h}_\ell(p)$$

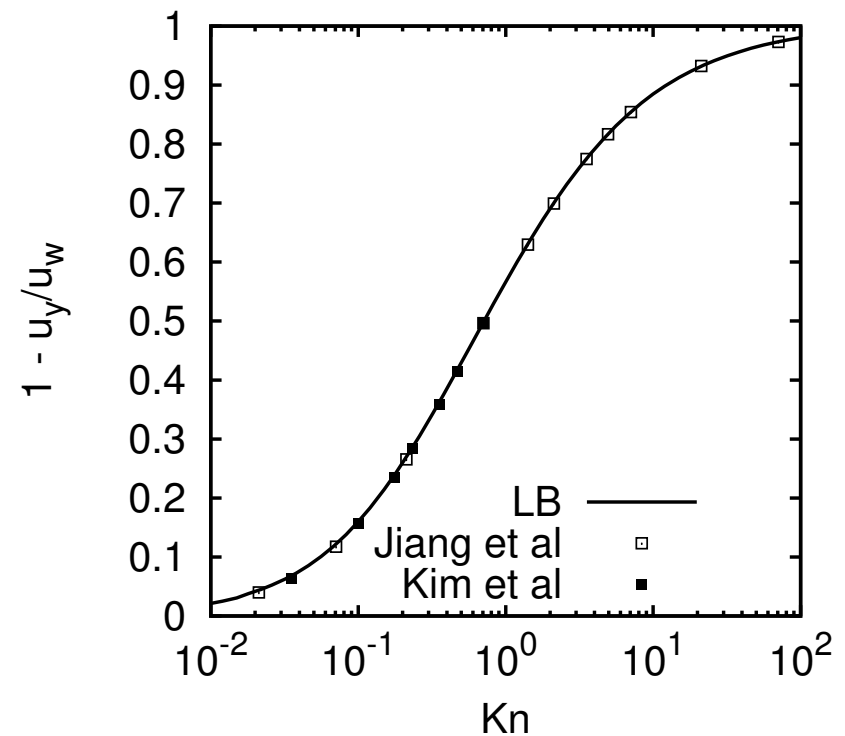
- $f_k = w_k f^N(p_k)$, where p_k are the Q **roots of** $\phi_Q(p)$ and w_k are the associated quadrature weights
- Microfluidics : LB models of **high order** N and **half-range** capabilities
- $3D$ models are built using Cartesian products: $3D = 1D \times 1D \times 1D$

V.E.Ambrus and V.Sofonea, J.Comput. Phys. **316** (2016) 760 / J. Comput. Sci. **17** (2016) 403

Couette flow : velocity slip



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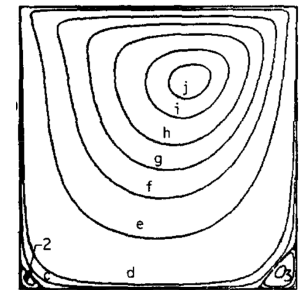
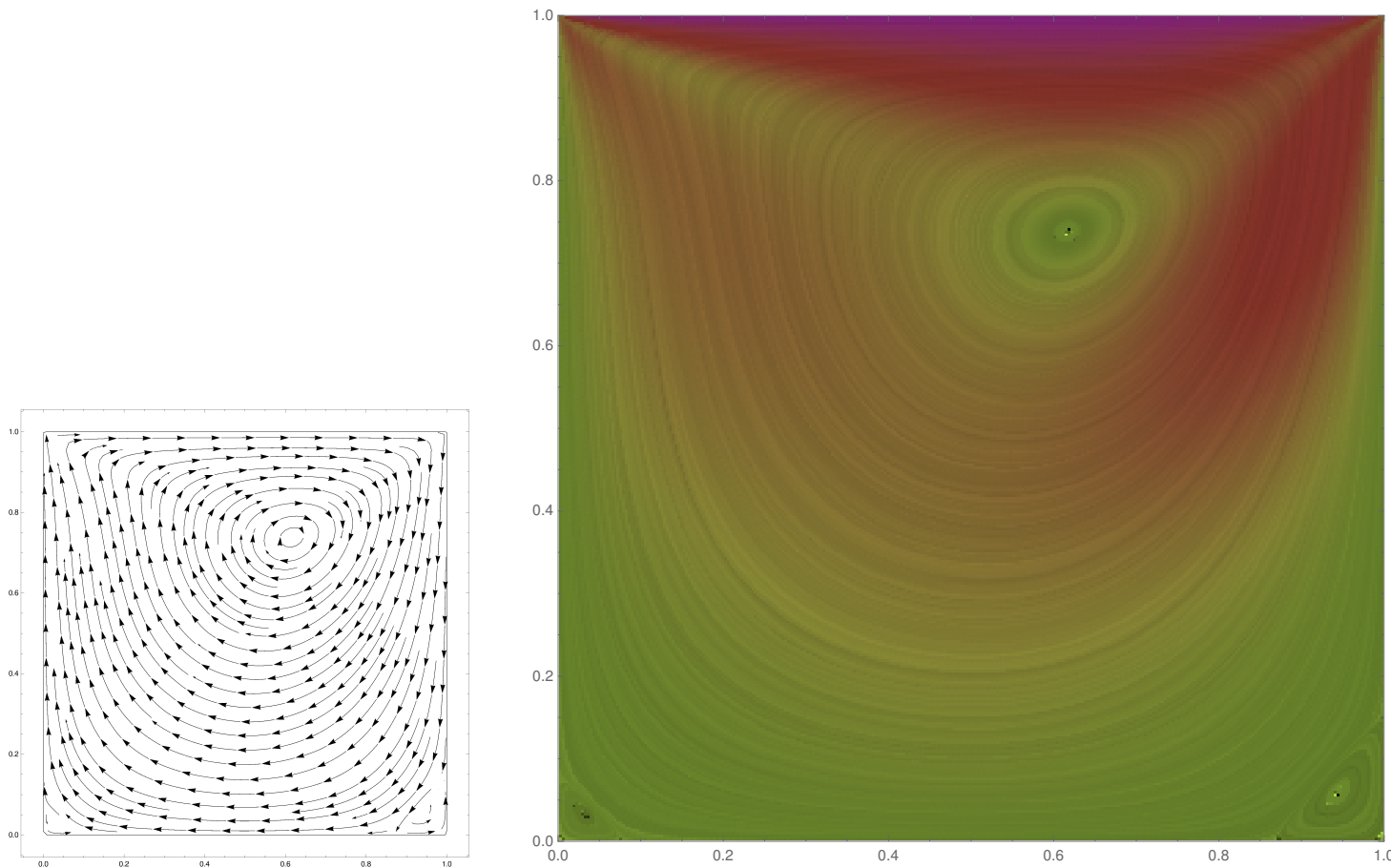
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- ① Comparison of the LB velocity profiles at $u_w = 0.63$ with the DSMC results in [1]
- ② Comparison between the slip velocity values obtained with the LB model $HHLB(21) \times HLB(4) \times HLB(4)$ and the linearised Boltzmann results in [1] and [2].

[1] S.H.Kim, H.Pitsch and I.D.Boyd, J.Comput. Phys. **227** (2008) 8655

[2] S.Jiang and L.S.luo, J.Comput.Phys. **316** (2016) 416

lid cavity : Navier - Stokes regime (streamlines) $Re = 100$

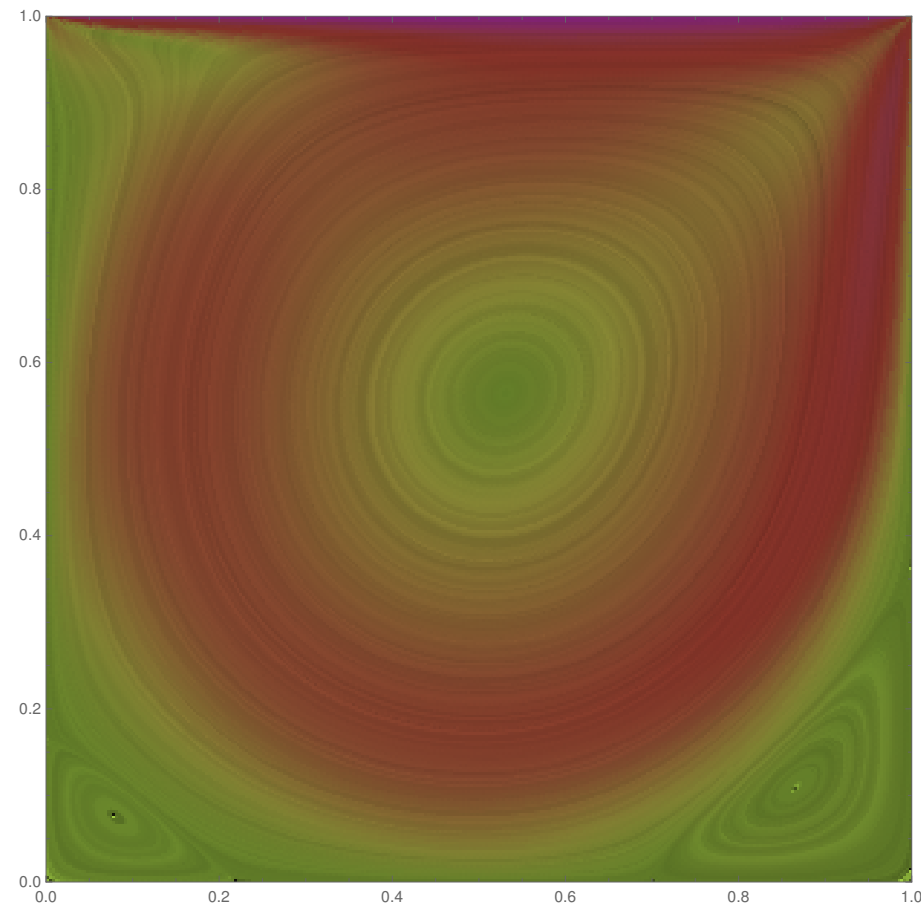
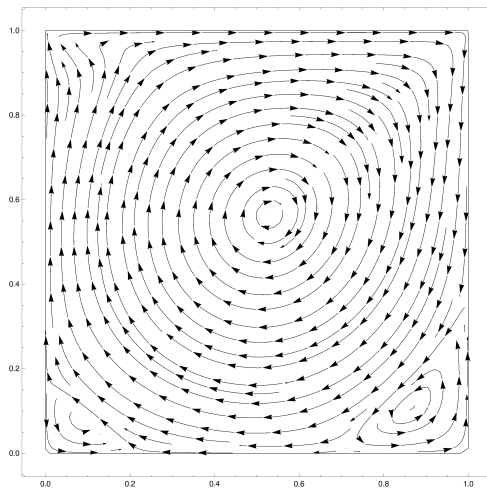


LB : 60×60 nodes, $HLB(5) \times HLB(5)$

Ghia et al. (1982)

[1] Ghia et al., J. Computational Physics 48 (1982) 387

lid cavity : Navier - Stokes regime (streamlines) $Re = 1000$



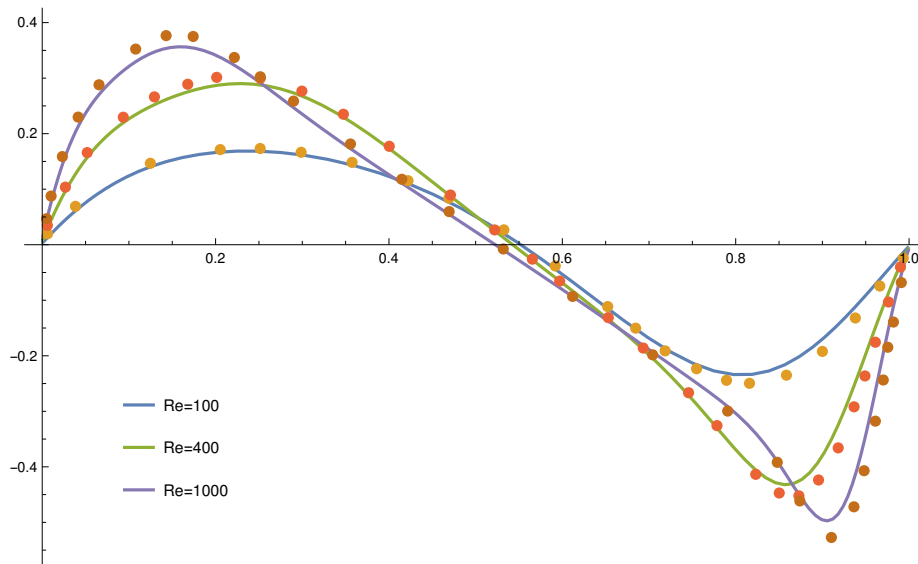
LB : 120×120 nodes, $HLB(5) \times HLB(5)$

Ghia et al. (1982)

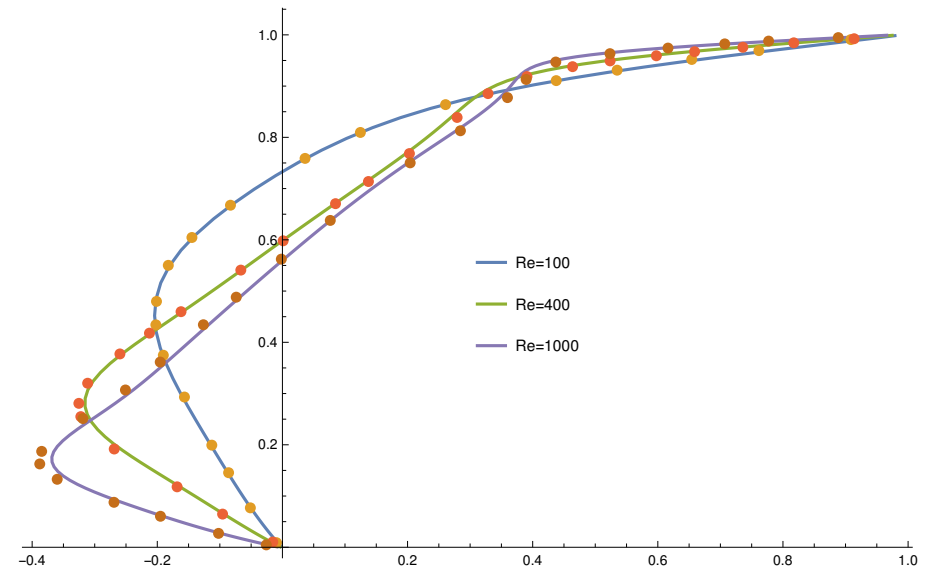
[1] Ghia et al., J. Computational Physics 48 (1982) 387

lid cavity : Navier - Stokes regime (velocity profiles)

LB velocity profiles (lines) through the horizontal and vertical centerlines of the square cavity, for various values of Re



$$u_y(x, y = L/2)$$



$$u_x(x = L/2, y)$$

[1] Hu et al., Computers and Fluids (2017) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.compfluid.2017.06.008>

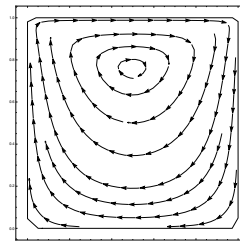
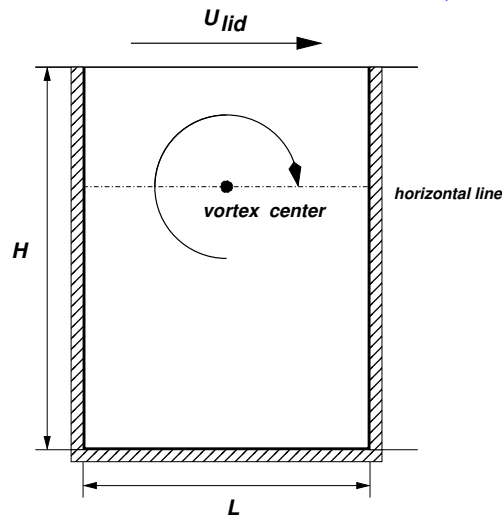
LB simulation (D2Q9) with 100×100 nodes

[2] Ghia et al., J. Computational Physics 48 (1982) 387

Lid cavity: comparison with Naris and Valougeorgis (2005)

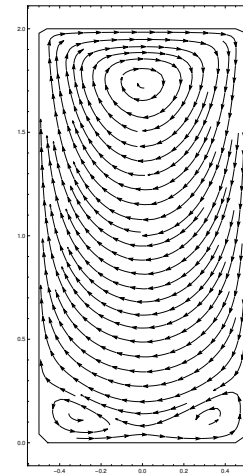
S.Naris and D.Valougeorgis
Physics of Fluids **17** (2015) 097106

DVM simulations – rarefied gas
rarefaction parameter $\delta \propto 1/Kn$

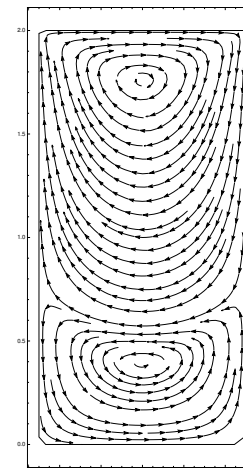


$A=1$
 $\delta = 100$

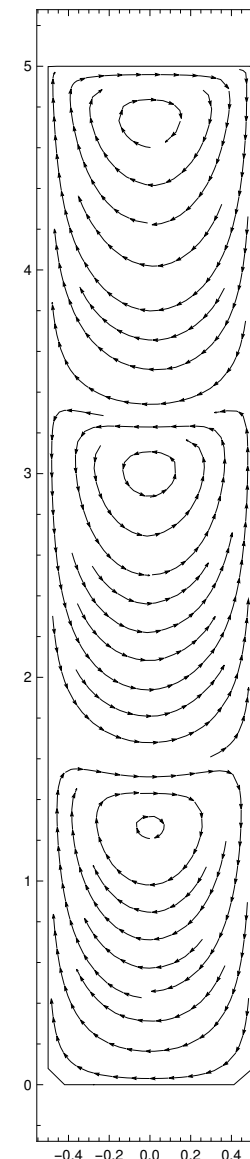
$A = 1$: single vortex also
for $\delta \in \{0.5, 1, 10\}$



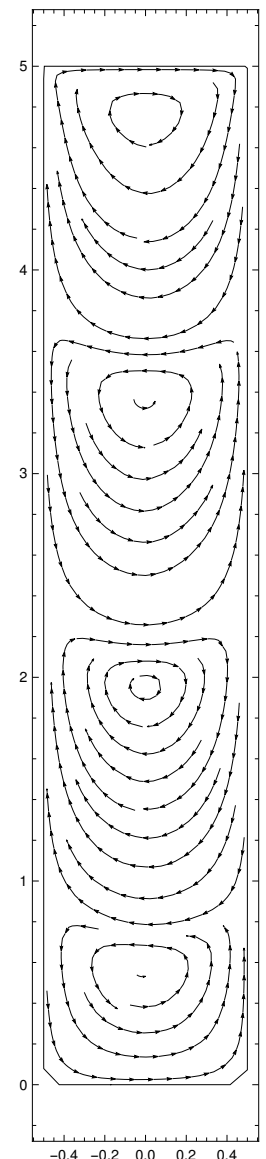
$A=2$
 $\delta = 10$



$A=2$
 $\delta = 100$



$A=5$
 $\delta = 10$



$A=5$
 $\delta = 100$

nondimensionalized quantities :

$$U_{lid} = 0.01$$

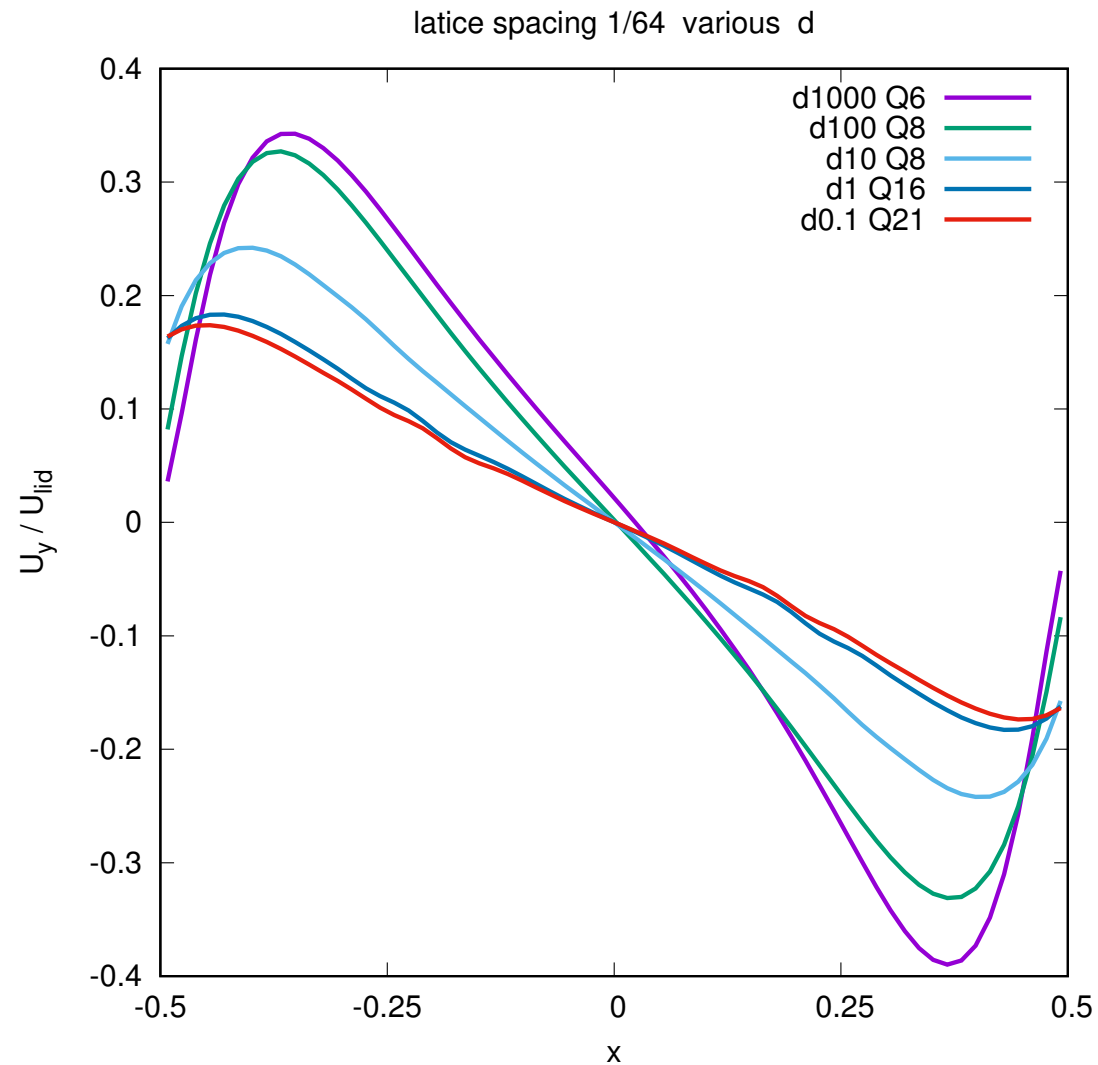
$$\text{aspect ratio } A = H/L$$

Lattice Boltzmann : relaxation time τ

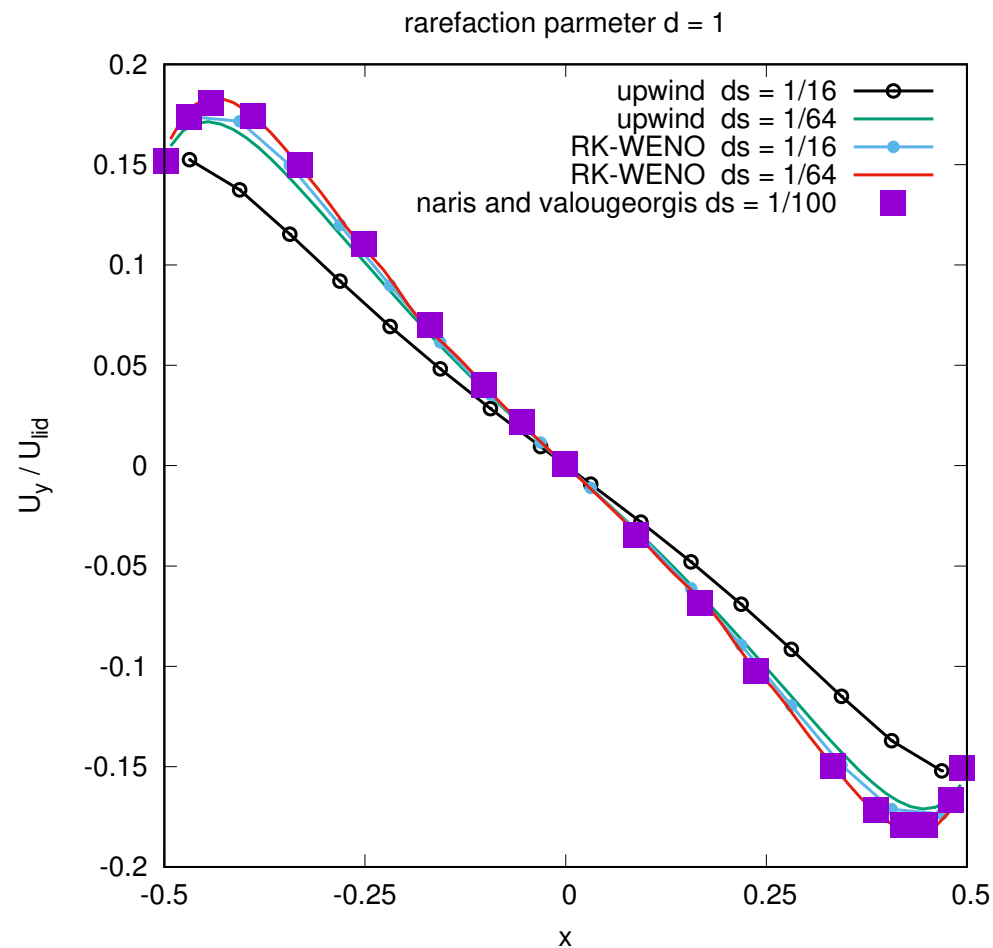
Naris and Valougeorgis : rarefaction parameter δ

$$\tau = 1/\delta\sqrt{2}$$

Lid cavity: $U_y(x)$ for $A = 1$ and various values of δ



Lid cavity: $U_y(x)$ for various numerical schemes ($A = 1$)



Comparison with [S.Naris and D.Valougeorgis, Physics of Fluids 17 \(2005\) 097106](#)

Circular Couette flow (S.Busuioc and V.E.Ambrus, presentation at ICMMES 2017)

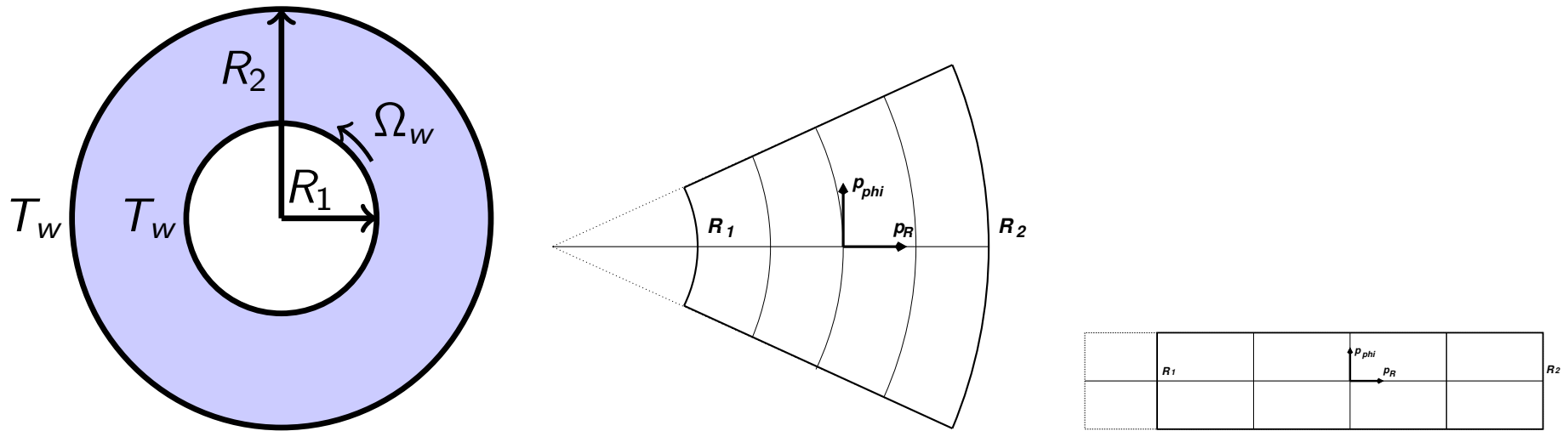


Figure: Circular Couette flow of angular velocity $\Omega_w = u_w^\varphi / R$.

In cylindrical coordinates, for homogeneous flow along the φ and z directions (where periodic boundary conditions apply), the Boltzmann equation reduces to:

$$\underbrace{\partial_t f + \frac{2p^{\hat{R}}}{m} \frac{\partial(fR)}{\partial R^2} + \frac{p^{\hat{\varphi}}}{mR} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi}}_{\text{advection term}} = \underbrace{\overbrace{-\frac{1}{\tau} [f - f^{(\text{eq})}]}^{\text{relaxation term}} - \frac{1}{mR} \left[\overbrace{(p^{\hat{\varphi}})^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial p^{\hat{R}}} - p^{\hat{R}} \frac{\partial(f p^{\hat{\varphi}})}{\partial p^{\hat{\varphi}}}}^{\text{inertial term}} \right]}_{\text{source term}} \quad (1)$$

The advection term is implemented following Falle et al., Mon.Not.R.Astron.Soc. 278, 586-602 (1996).

Time stepping and advection

- The time stepping is implemented using the **third order Runge-Kutta method (RK-3)**¹ :

$$f(t + \delta t) = \frac{1}{3}f(t) + \frac{2}{3}f^{(2)} + \frac{2}{3}\delta t L[f^{(2)}] \quad (L[f] = \partial_t f)$$

where $L[f] = \partial_t f$, $f^{(1)} = f(t) + \delta t L[f(t)]$, $f^{(2)} = \frac{3}{4}f(t) + \frac{1}{4}f^{(1)} + \frac{1}{4}\delta t L[f^{(1)}]$

- The fluid domain is discretised using **$N_R \times N_\varphi$ equidistant points**:

$$R_s = R_1 + \left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{R_2 - R_1}{N_R}, \quad \varphi_\ell = \varphi_1 + \left(\ell - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\varphi_2 - \varphi_1}{N_\varphi}, \quad (2)$$

- Implementation of the advection term involves **radial / azimuthal WENO-5 fluxes**²:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{2p^{\hat{R}}}{m} \frac{\partial(fR)}{\partial R^2} \right]_{s,\ell} &= 2 \frac{R_{s+1/2} \mathcal{F}_{s+1/2,\ell}^R - R_{s-1/2} \mathcal{F}_{s-1/2,\ell}^R}{R_{s+1/2}^2 - R_{s-1/2}^2}, \\ \left[\frac{p^{\hat{\varphi}}}{mR} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} \right]_{s,\ell} &= \frac{1}{R_s} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{s,\ell+1/2}^\varphi - \mathcal{F}_{s,\ell-1/2}^\varphi}{\varphi_{\ell+1/2} - \varphi_{\ell-1/2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

¹C.-W. Shu, S. Osher, J. Comput. Phys. **77** (1988) 439-471.

²G. S. Jiang and C. W. Shu, J. Comput. Phys. **126**, 202 (1996).

WENO-5 flux

- The fluxes are implemented using WENO-5:³

$$\mathcal{F}_{s+1/2} = \bar{\omega}_1 \mathcal{F}_{s+1/2}^1 + \bar{\omega}_2 \mathcal{F}_{s+1/2}^2 + \bar{\omega}_3 \mathcal{F}_{s+1/2}^3. \quad (4)$$

- The interpolating functions $\mathcal{F}_{s+1/2}^q$ are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{s+1/2}^1 &= V \left(\frac{1}{3} F_{s-2} - \frac{7}{6} F_{s-1} + \frac{11}{6} F_s \right), \\ \mathcal{F}_{s+1/2}^2 &= V \left(-\frac{1}{6} F_{s-1} + \frac{5}{6} F_s + \frac{1}{3} F_{s+1} \right), \\ \mathcal{F}_{s+1/2}^3 &= V \left(\frac{1}{3} F_s + \frac{5}{6} F_{s+1} - \frac{1}{6} F_{s+2} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $V = p^{\hat{R}}/m$ or $p^{\hat{\varphi}}/m$.

- The weighting factors $\bar{\omega}_q$ are defined as:

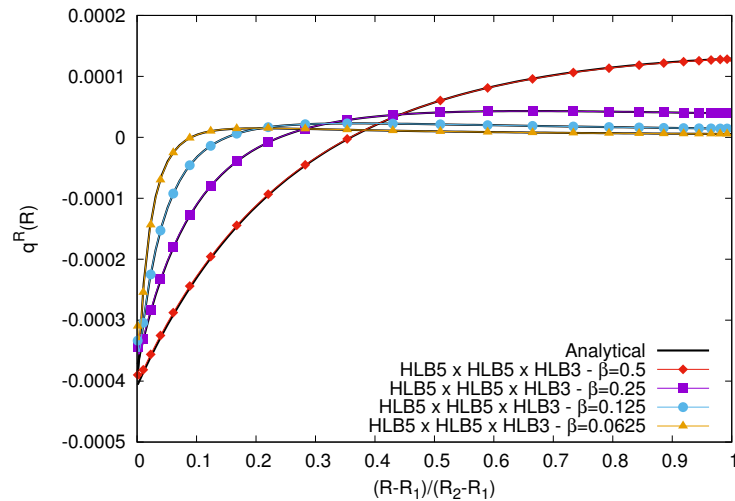
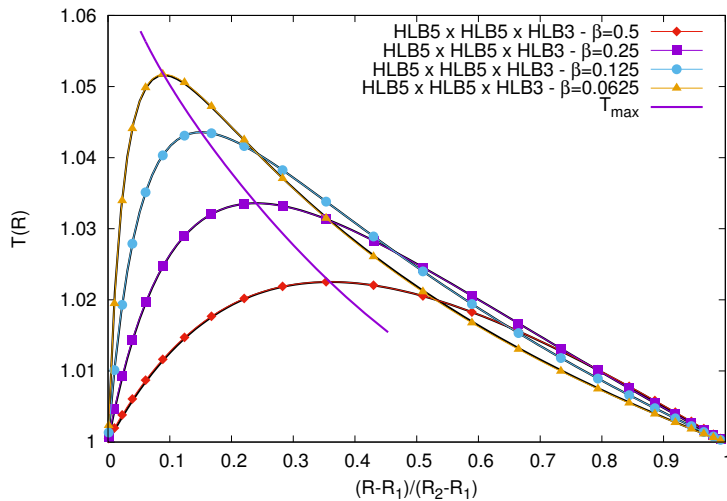
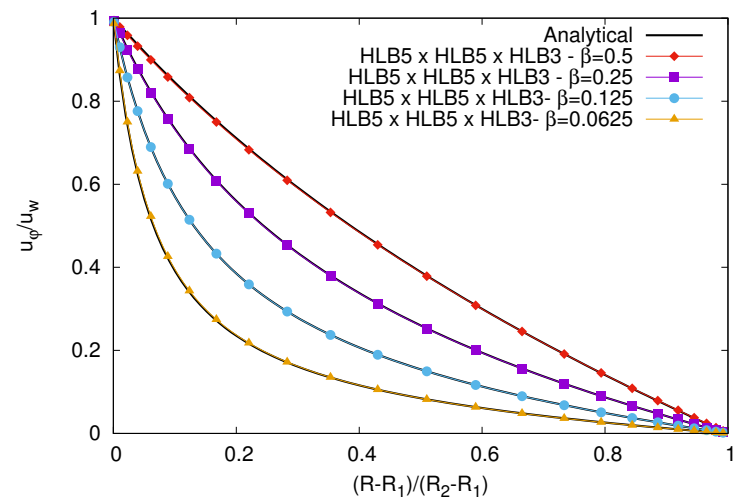
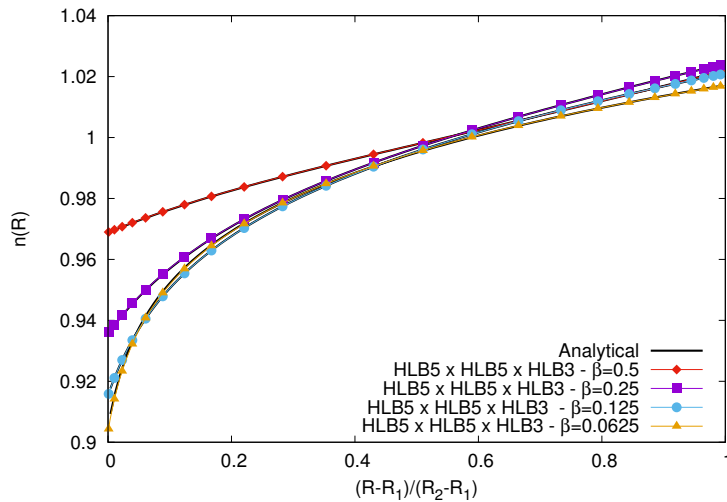
$$\bar{\omega}_q = \frac{\tilde{\omega}_q}{\tilde{\omega}_1 + \tilde{\omega}_2 + \tilde{\omega}_3}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_q = \frac{\delta_q}{\sigma_q^2}. \quad (6)$$

- The ideal weights δ_q are:

$$\delta_1 = 1/10, \quad \delta_2 = 6/10, \quad \delta_3 = 3/10, \quad (7)$$

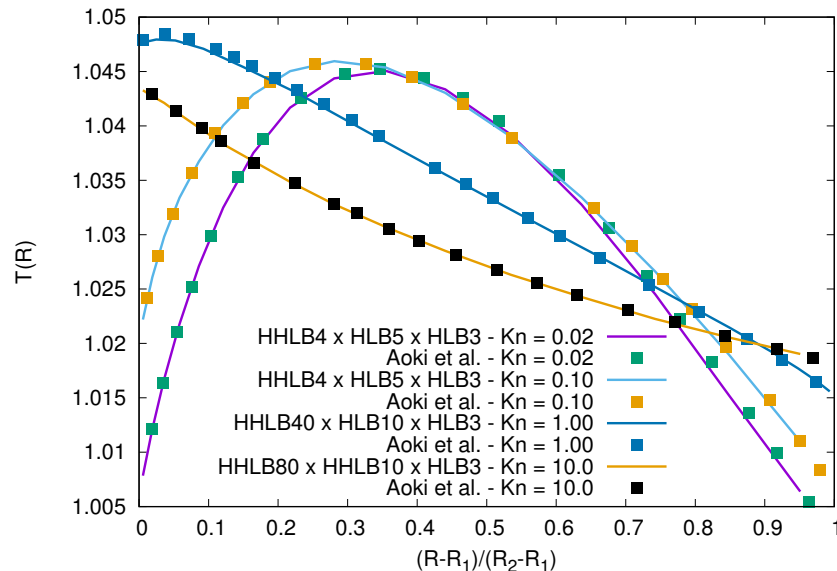
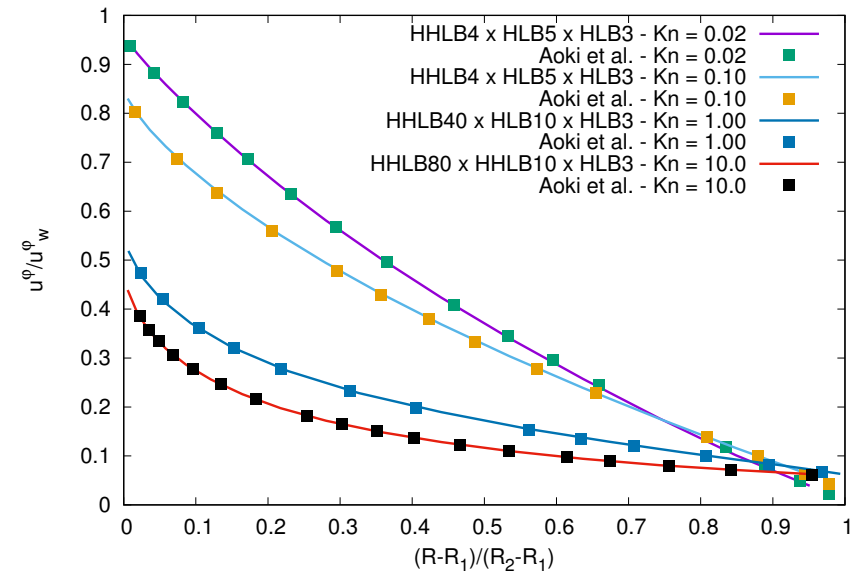
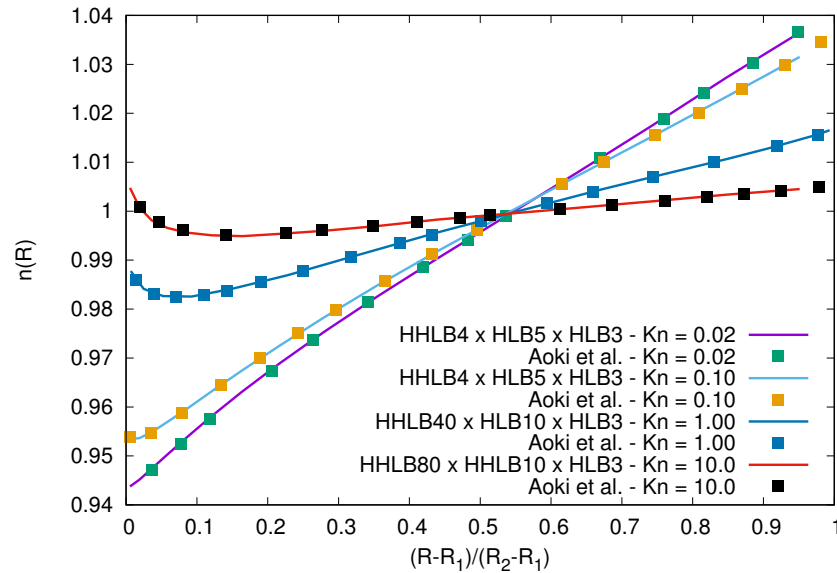
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Hydrodynamic regime - $Kn \rightarrow 0$



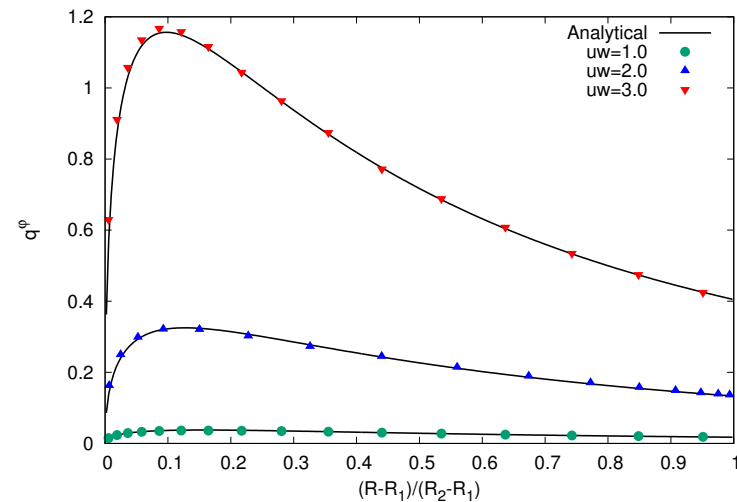
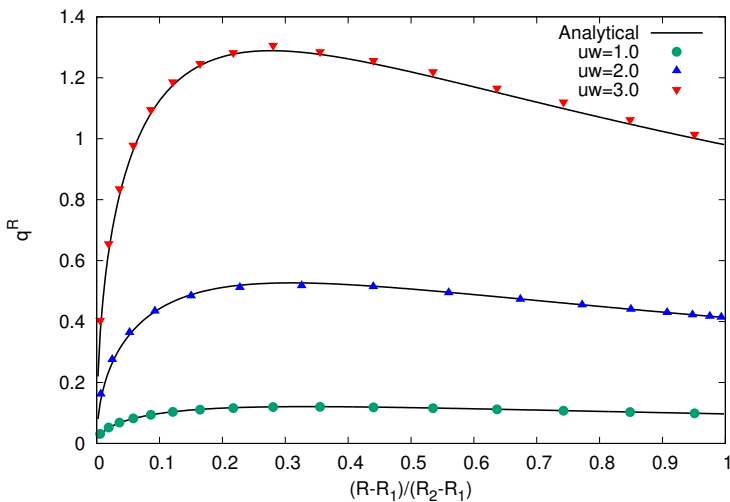
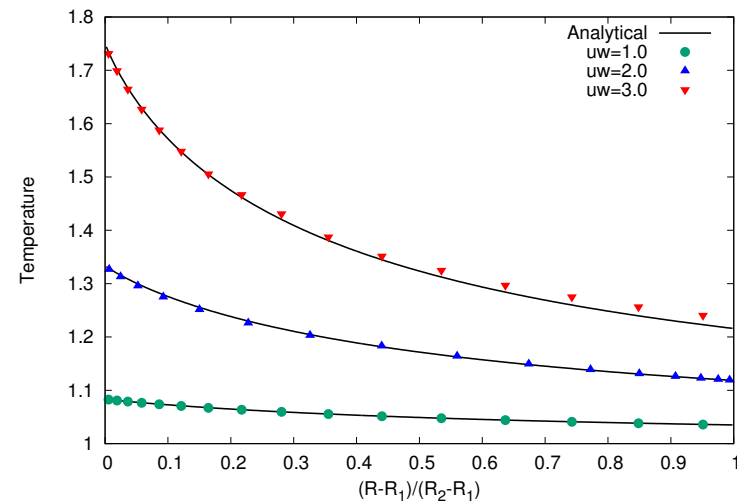
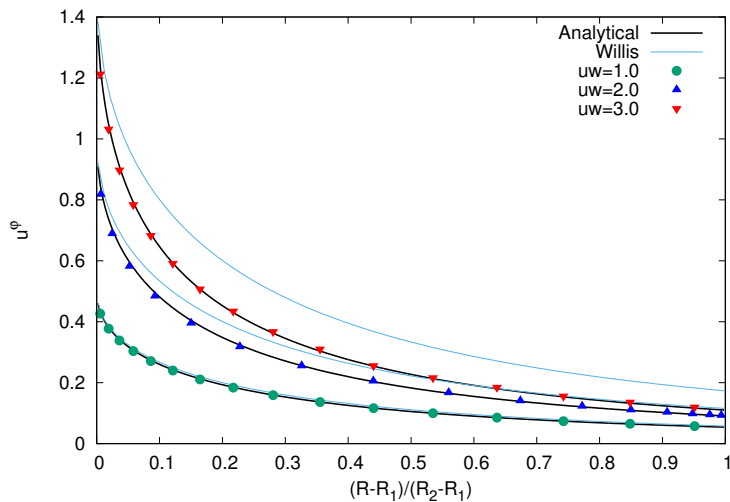
Profiles of number density, velocity, temperature and radial heat flux for the inner wall azimuthal velocity $u_w = 0.5$, wall temperature $T_w = 1.0$ and various values of $\beta = R_1/R_2$, $\delta t = 5 \times 10^{-4}$, number of nodes in the radial direction $N_R = 48$.

Circular Couette flow : transition regime



Comparison between our simulation results and those reported in K.Aoki, H.Yoshida, T.Nakanishi, and A. L. Garcia, Phys. Rev. E 68, 016302 (2003): number density $n(R)$; temperature $T(R)$; (c) normalised azimuthal velocity $u^\phi(R)/u_w^\phi$. The angular velocity of the inner cylinder was set to $\Omega_{in} = 0.5\sqrt{2}$, while the relaxation time was set to $\tau = Kn\sqrt{\pi}/nT\sqrt{8}$ in order to conform with the parameters used by Aoki et al.

Free molecular flow regime - $Kn \rightarrow \infty$



Comparison between the results obtained with the model $HHLB(200) \times HHLB(10) \times HLB(3)$ and the analytic predictions in the ballistic regime, for various values of the azimuthal velocity u_w ($\beta = R_1/R_2 = 0.5$, $\delta t = 2 \times 10^{-5}$, number of nodes in the radial direction $N_R = 16$).

cylindrical Couette cavity

$$\varphi = 90^\circ$$

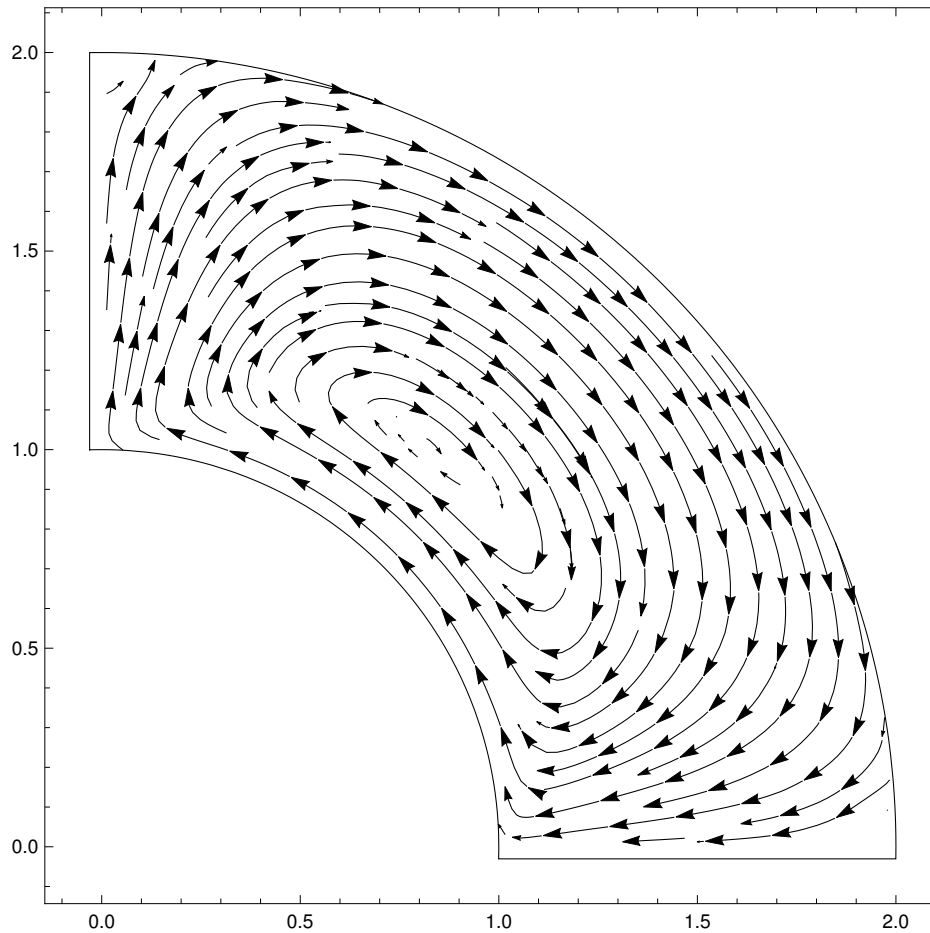
$$\tau = 10^{-3}$$

$$R_1 = 1$$

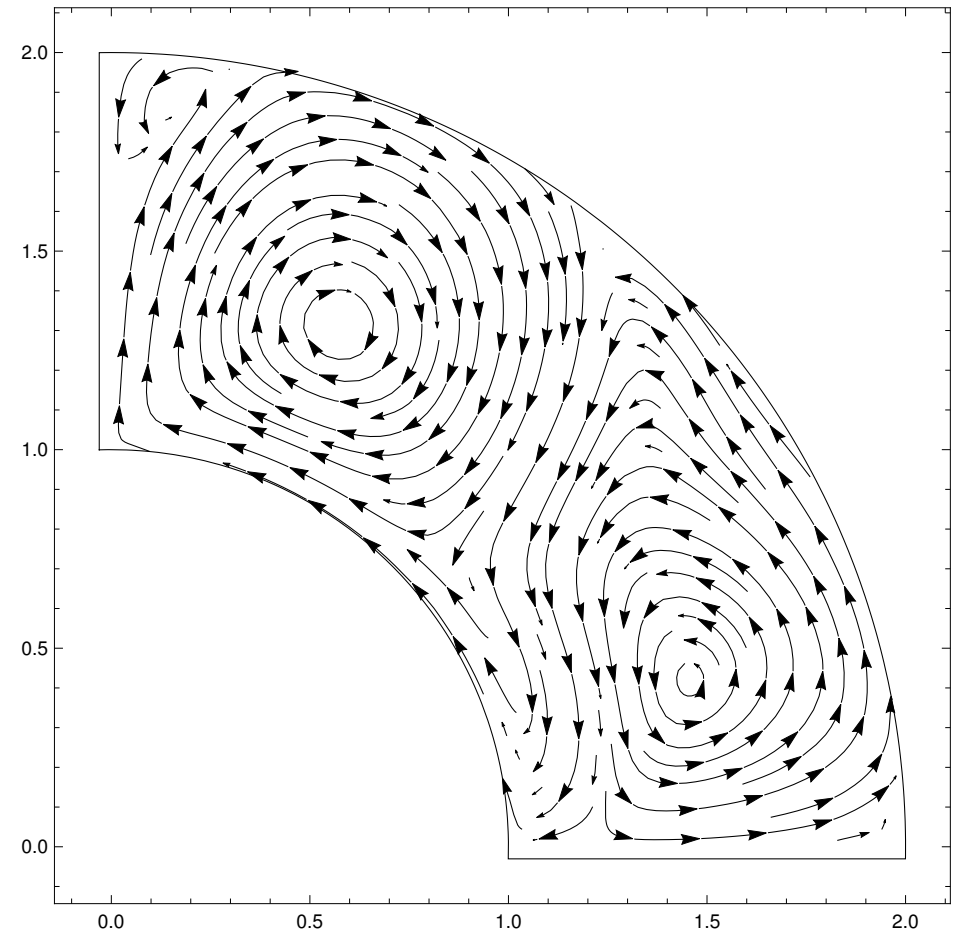
$$R_2 = 2$$

$$u_\varphi(R_2) = 0$$

$$HLB(5) \times HLB(5)$$



$$u_\varphi(R_1) = 0.01$$



$$u_\varphi(R_2) = 1$$

cylindrical Couette cavity

$$\varphi = 90^\circ$$

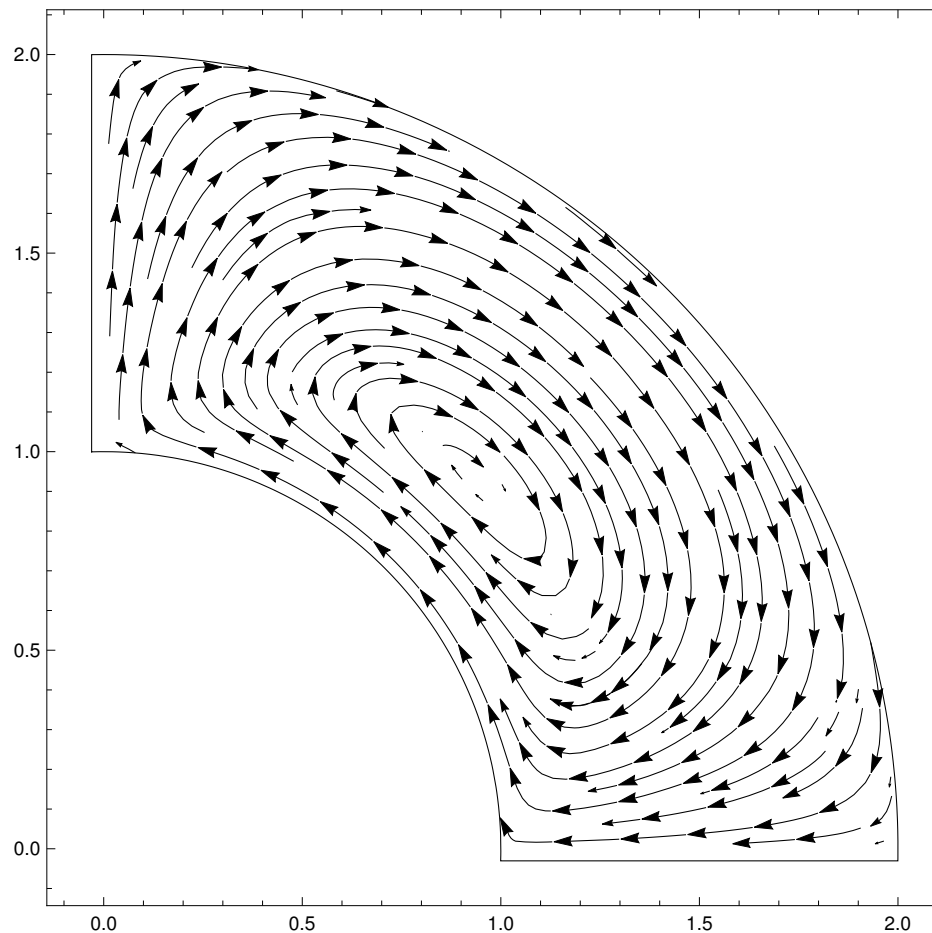
$$\tau = 10^{-1}$$

$$R_{int} = 1$$

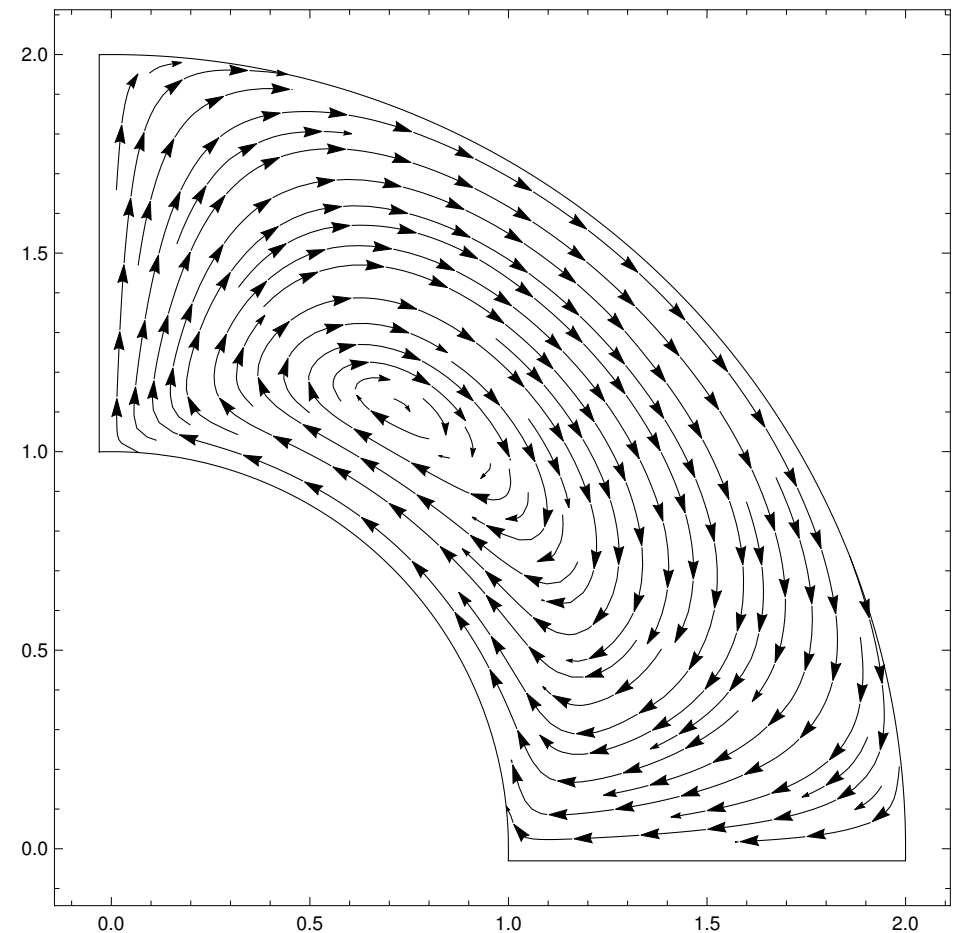
$$R_{ext} = 2$$

$$u_\varphi(R_2) = 0$$

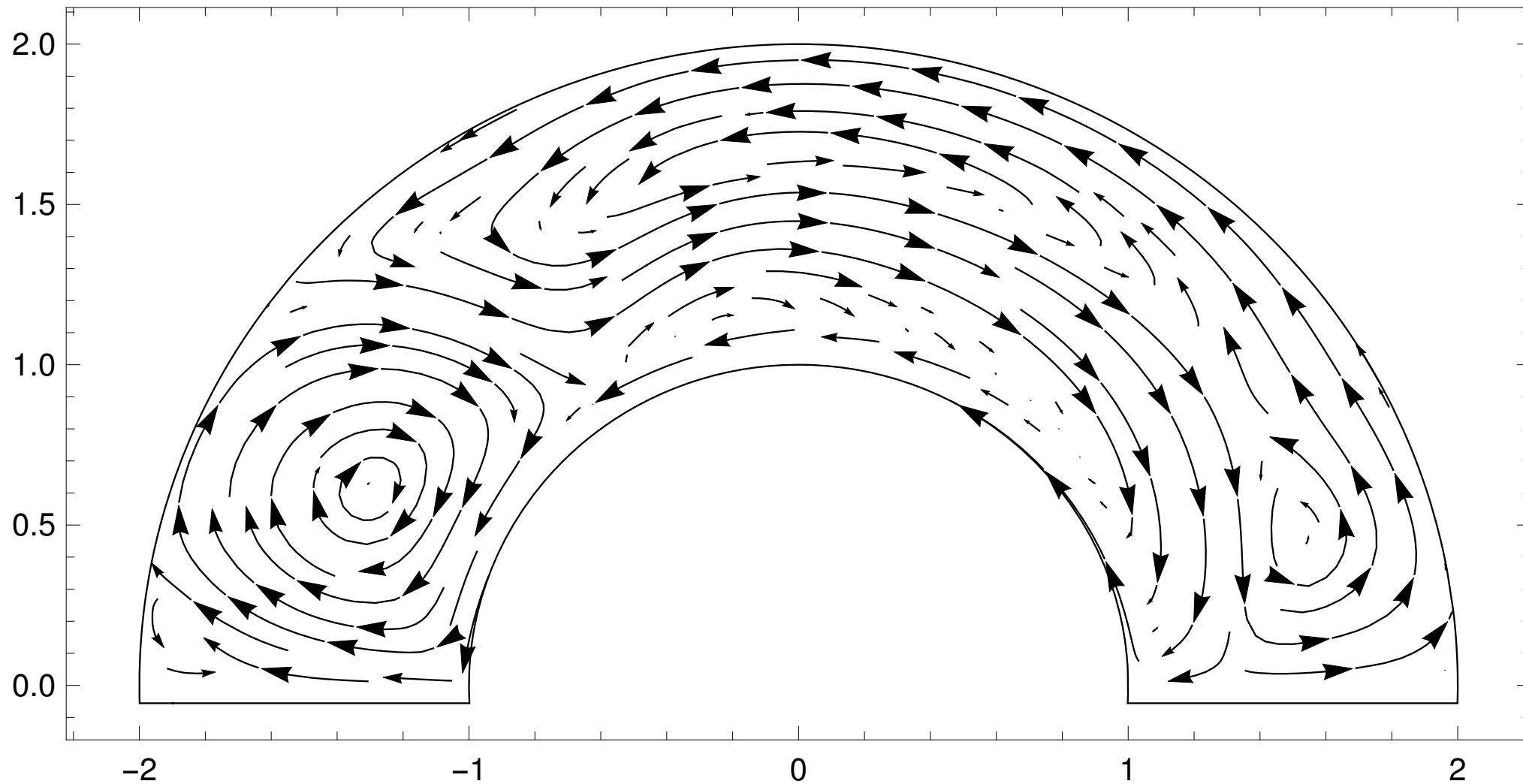
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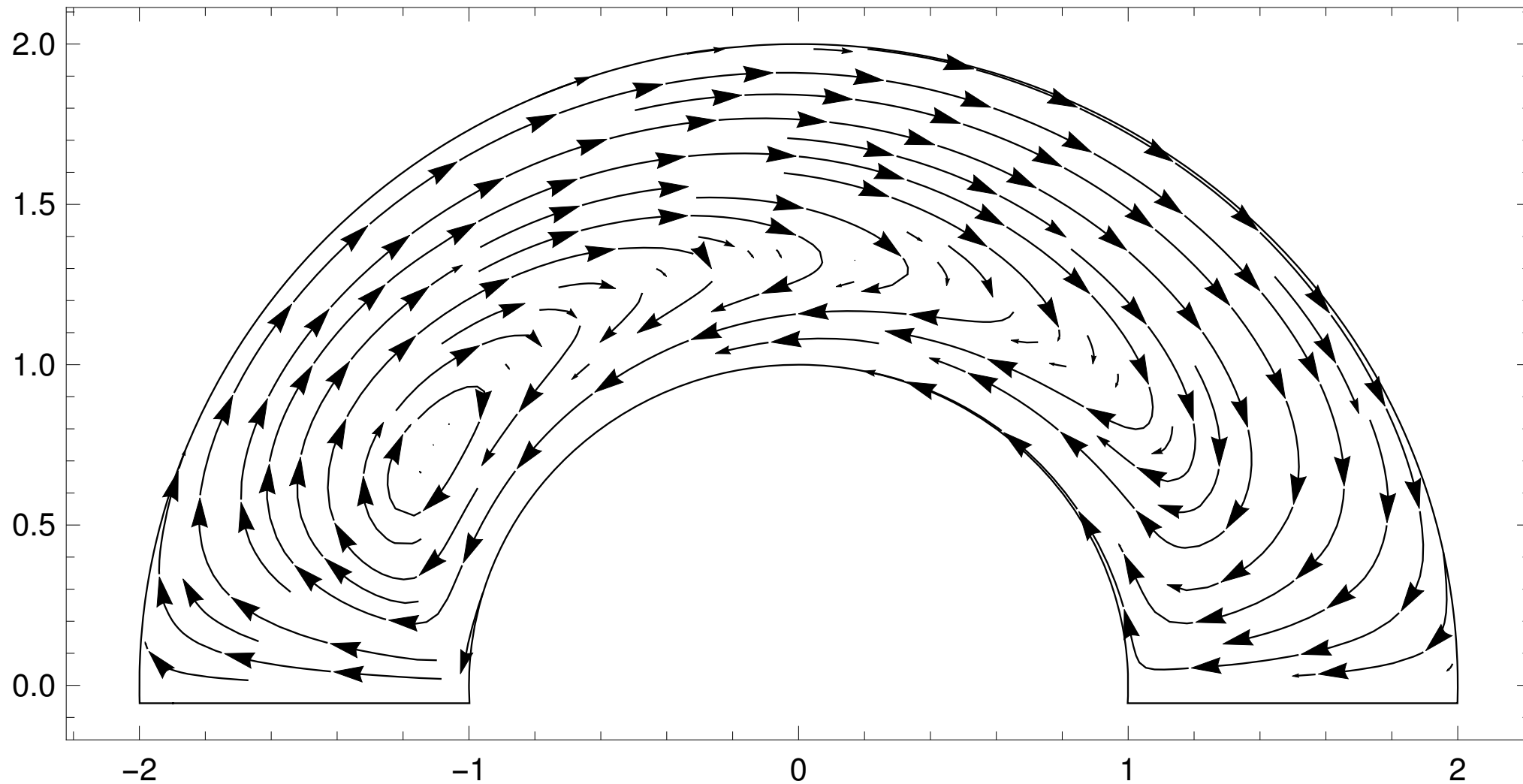


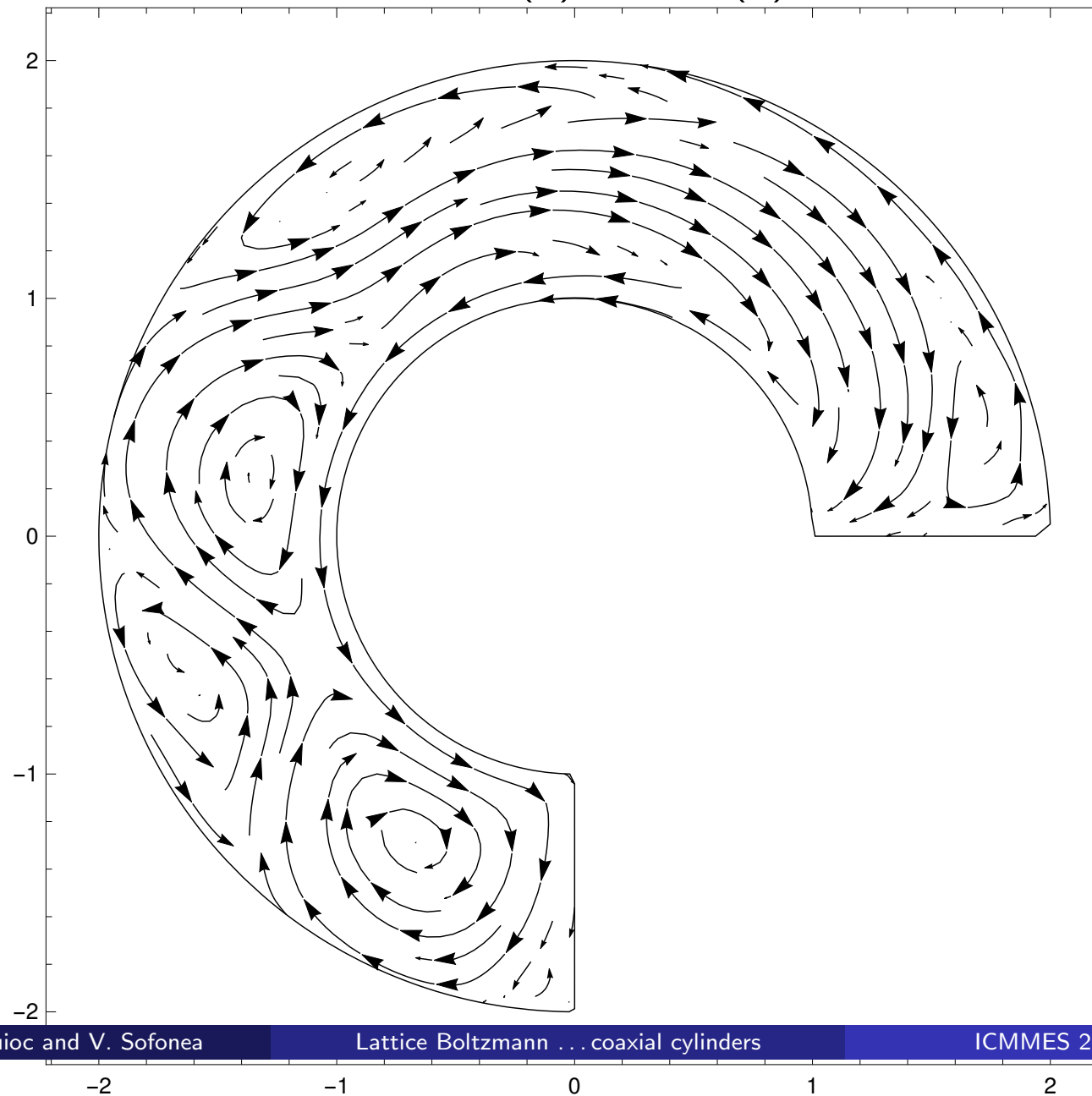
$$u_\varphi(R_{int}) = 0.01$$



$$u_\varphi(R_{int}) = 1$$

$HLB(5) \times HLB(5)$ 

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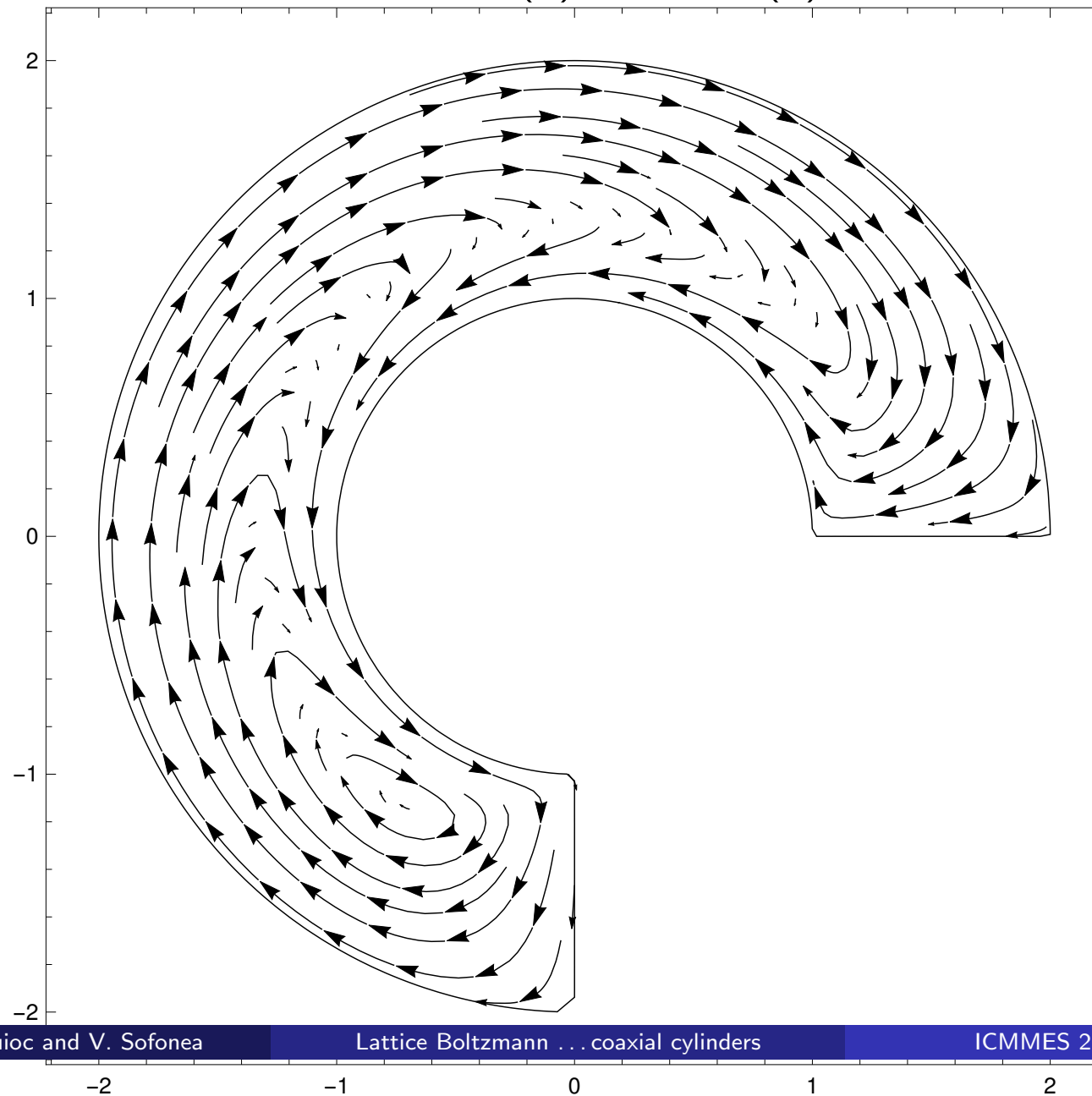
cylindrical Couette cavity

$$\varphi = 270^\circ$$

$$\tau = 10^{-1}$$

$$u_\varphi(R_{int}) = 1$$

$HHLB(5) \times HHLB(5)$



Conclusion

- The use of the half-range Gauss Hermite quadrature in Lattice Boltzmann models allows one to ensure the recovery of the incoming and outgoing mass fluxes in the normal direction to a solid wall
- Half-range Lattice Boltzmann models (HHLB) work well throughout the whole range of the Knudsen number, as checked by comparison to DSMC, LB, DVM and analytical results
- Future work might be considered in order to address challenging microfluidics problems, especially in complex geometries
- Comparison to experimental results, as well as to analytical results and / or other computer simulation results are needed to achieve a better understanding of the physical processes at the micro scale
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