

# The influence of the cross section shape on channel flow: modeling, simulation and experiment

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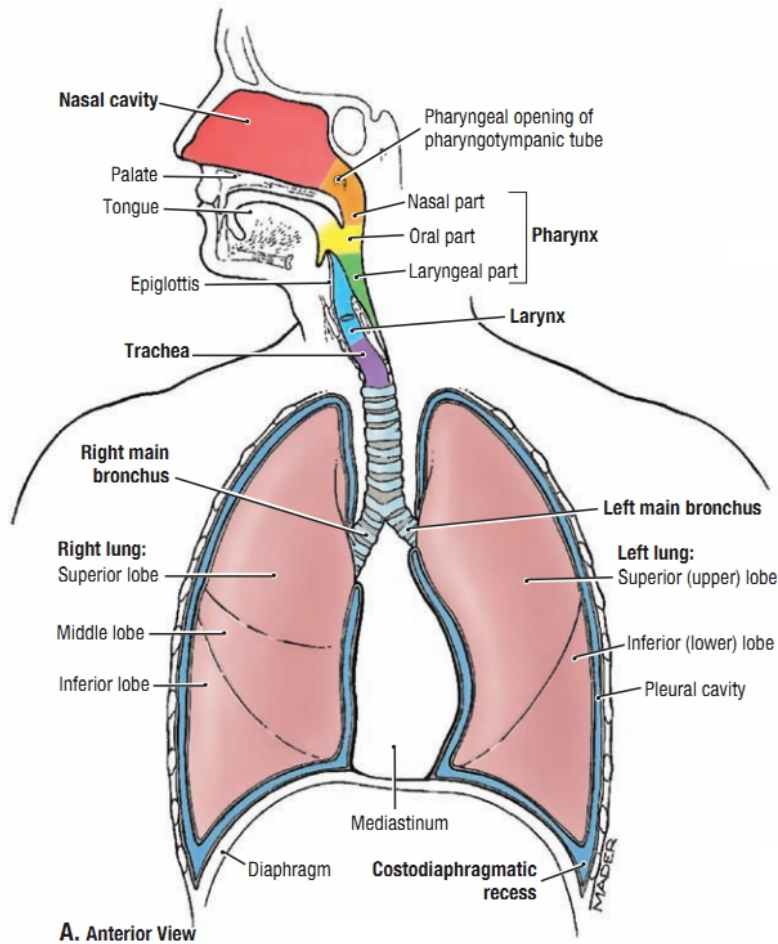
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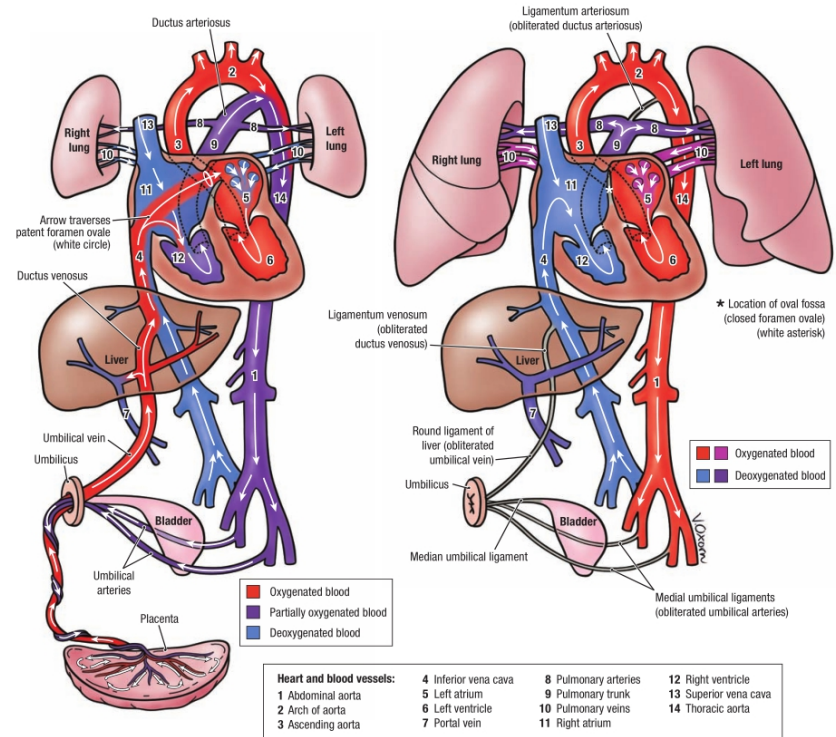
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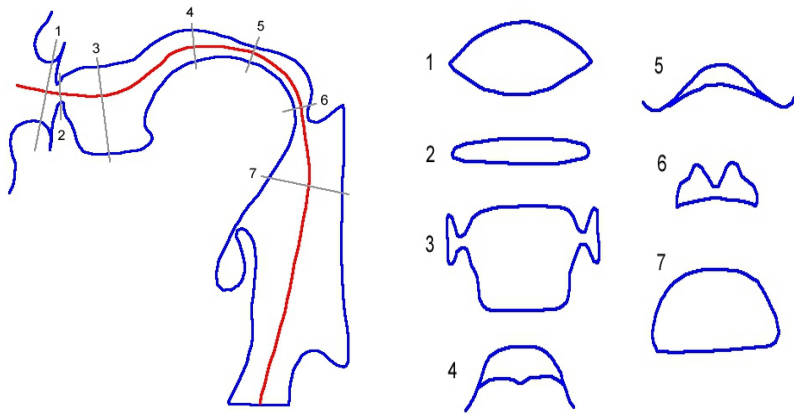
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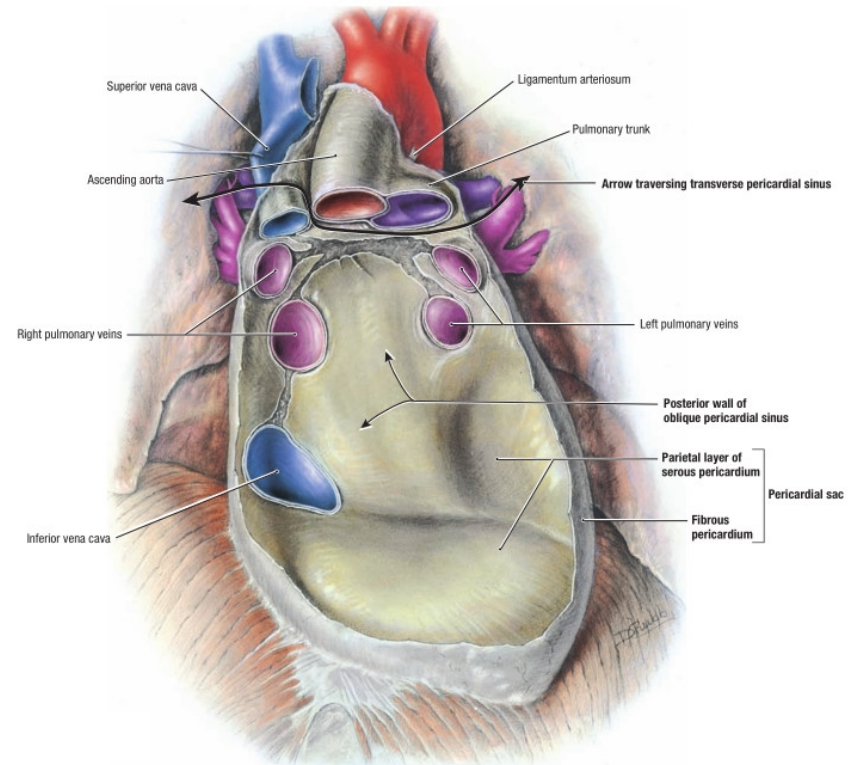
Human airway system



Blood circulation system



Upper airways



Heart

Problem: flow through highly varying cross section shape ??

- 3D flow model

Navier – Stokes equation

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla P + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{f}$$

unsteady      convective      pressure-driven      stress sensor      body force

+ : realistic

- : high computational cost

- : no parameterized general geometry

• 1D/2D models

1D model :

$$\bar{u} \frac{d\bar{u}}{dx} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dx}$$

convective                      pressure-driven

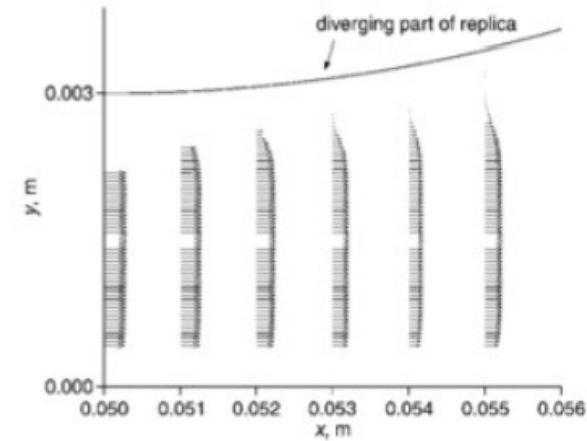
2D model :

$$\bar{u} \frac{d\bar{u}}{dx} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dx} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

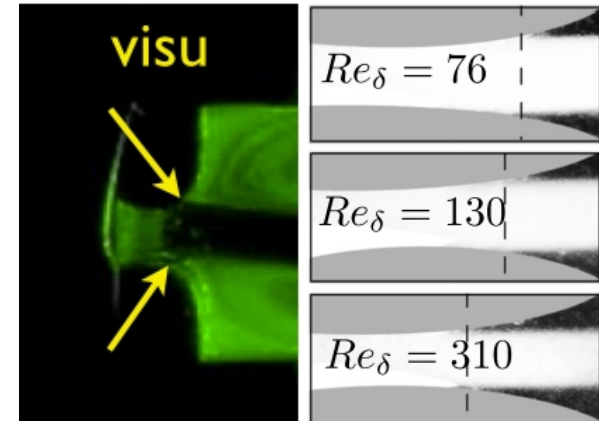
convective                      viscosity

+ : area, flow separation, jet formation, viscosity

- : no cross section shape



Anemometry



$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla P + \underbrace{\mu \Delta \mathbf{u}}_{\text{viscosity}} + \mathbf{f}$$

- Influence of the cross section shape on the viscous contribution to the flow
  - qualitatively
  - quantitatively
  - propose a simple flow model



- Objectives

1D/2D model

+ : simple  
+ : fast  
+ : parameterized

- : no cross section shape

3D model

+ : realistic  
+ : cross section shape

- : computational cost  
- : geometry extraction  
- : time consuming

Quasi-3D  
model

- Analyze: model, IB method, experiment

- Applications: phonation, biological circulation systems  
physical equations

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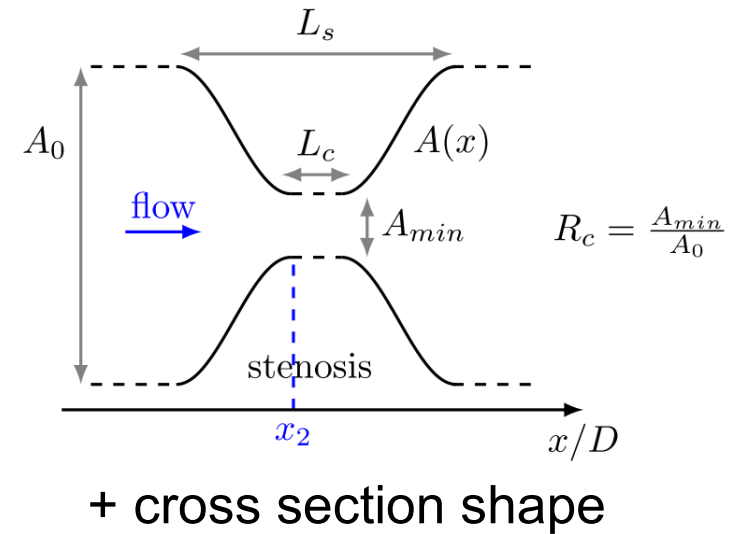
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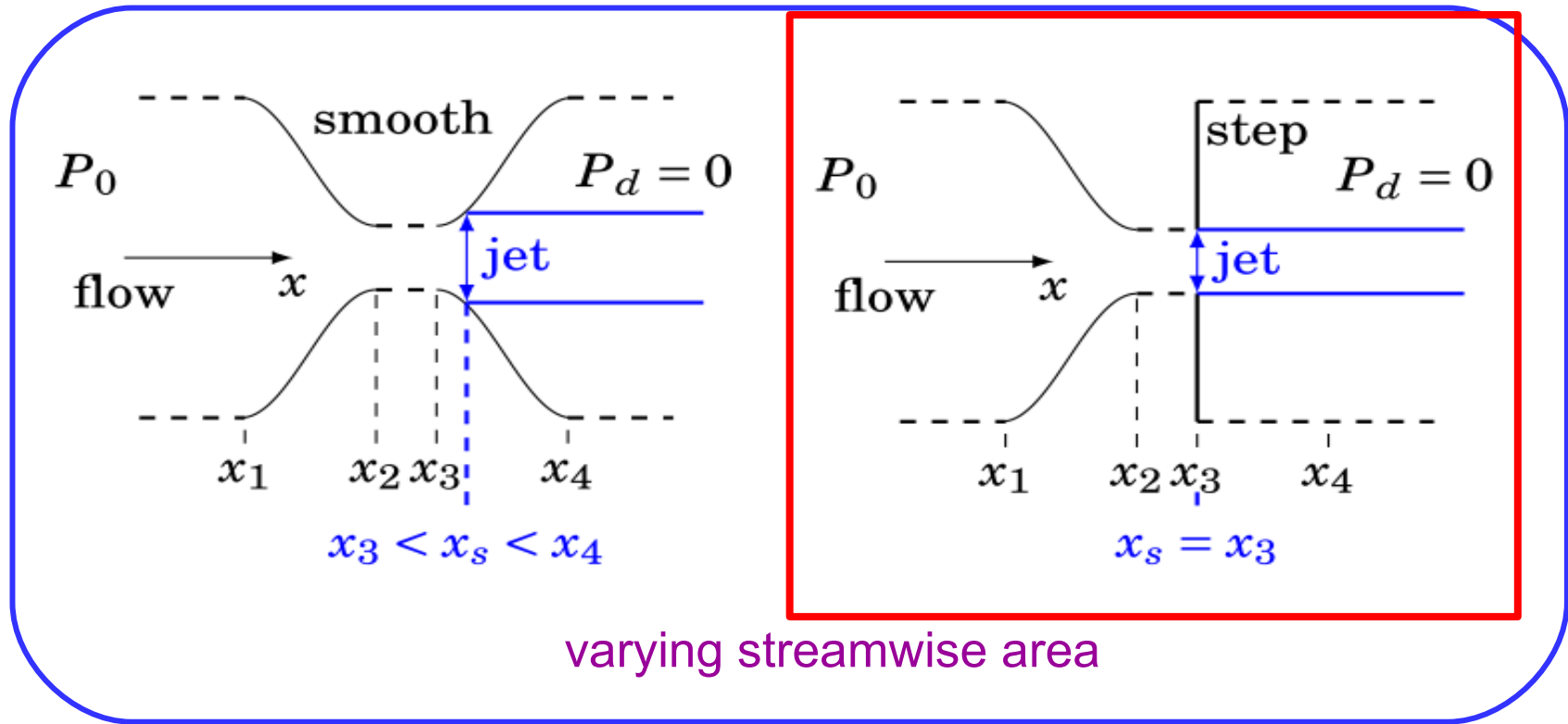
$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla P + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

- Flow acceleration => changing area  $R_c$
- Viscosity => cross section shape
- Viscosity => length of constriction  $L_c$



$$\downarrow \quad dQ / dx = 0$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{Q^2}{A^3} \frac{dA}{dx}} + \boxed{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dx}} = \boxed{\nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)}$$



- **abrupt expansion:** position of flow separation is fixed
- **smooth expansion:** position of flow separation depend on the ad-hoc criterion

$$P_0 - P_d = \Delta P_{visc} + \Delta P_{ber}$$

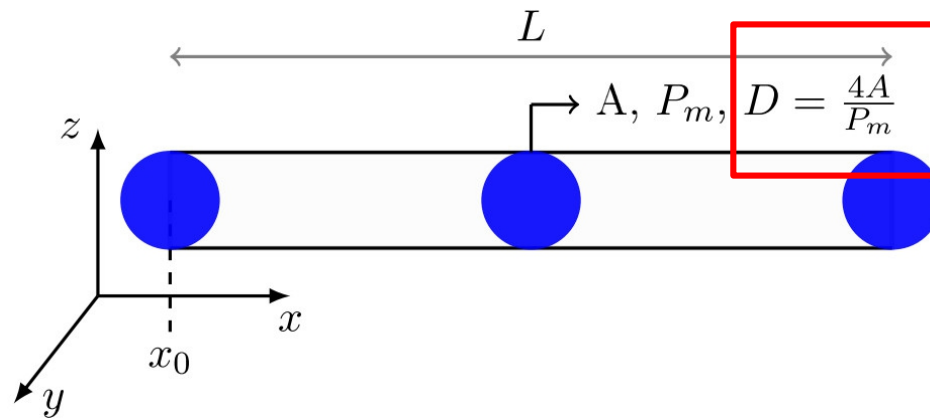
viscosity

1D ideal flow

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dP}{dx} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\bar{u} \frac{d\bar{u}}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dx}$$

- Uniform channel



$$Re = \frac{\bar{U}D}{\nu}$$

- Academic cross section shape

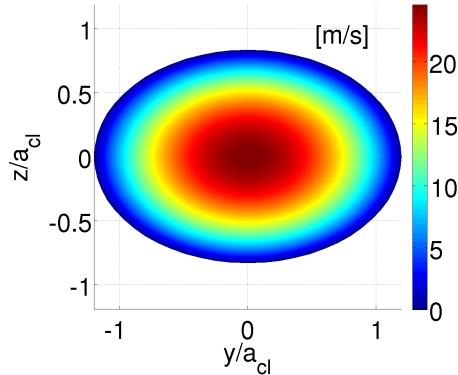
- quasi-analytical solution

- General / arbitrary cross section shape

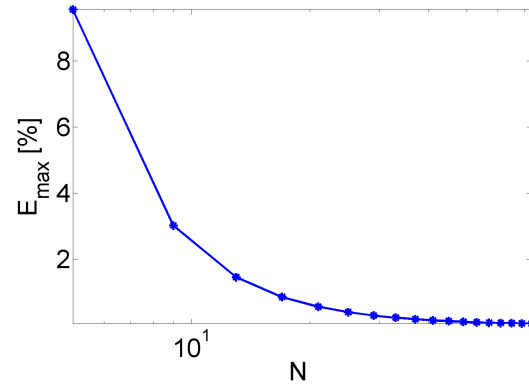
$$r(\theta) = g(\theta) \left[ \left| \frac{\cos(\frac{m\theta}{4})}{a} \right|^{n_2} + \left| \frac{\sin(\frac{m\theta}{4})}{b} \right|^{n_3} \right]^{-1/n_1} = g(\theta) \cdot f(\theta), \quad m > 0$$

- pseudo-spectral method
- quasi-analytical solution

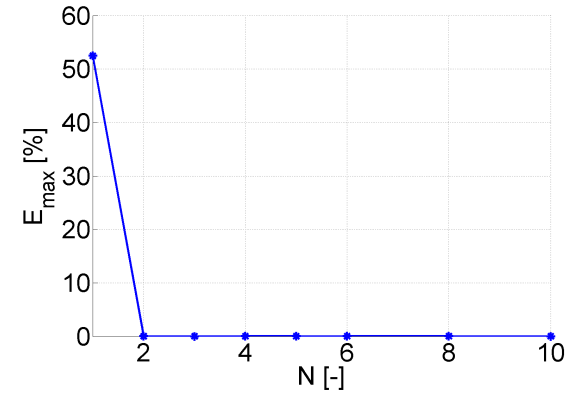
- Uniform channel



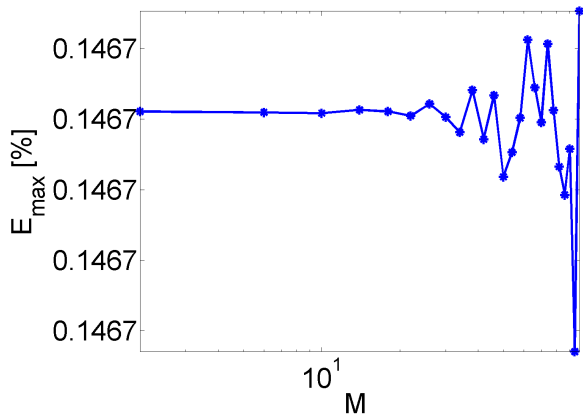
$dP/dx = 75 \text{ Pa/m}$



pseudo-spectral (M=72)



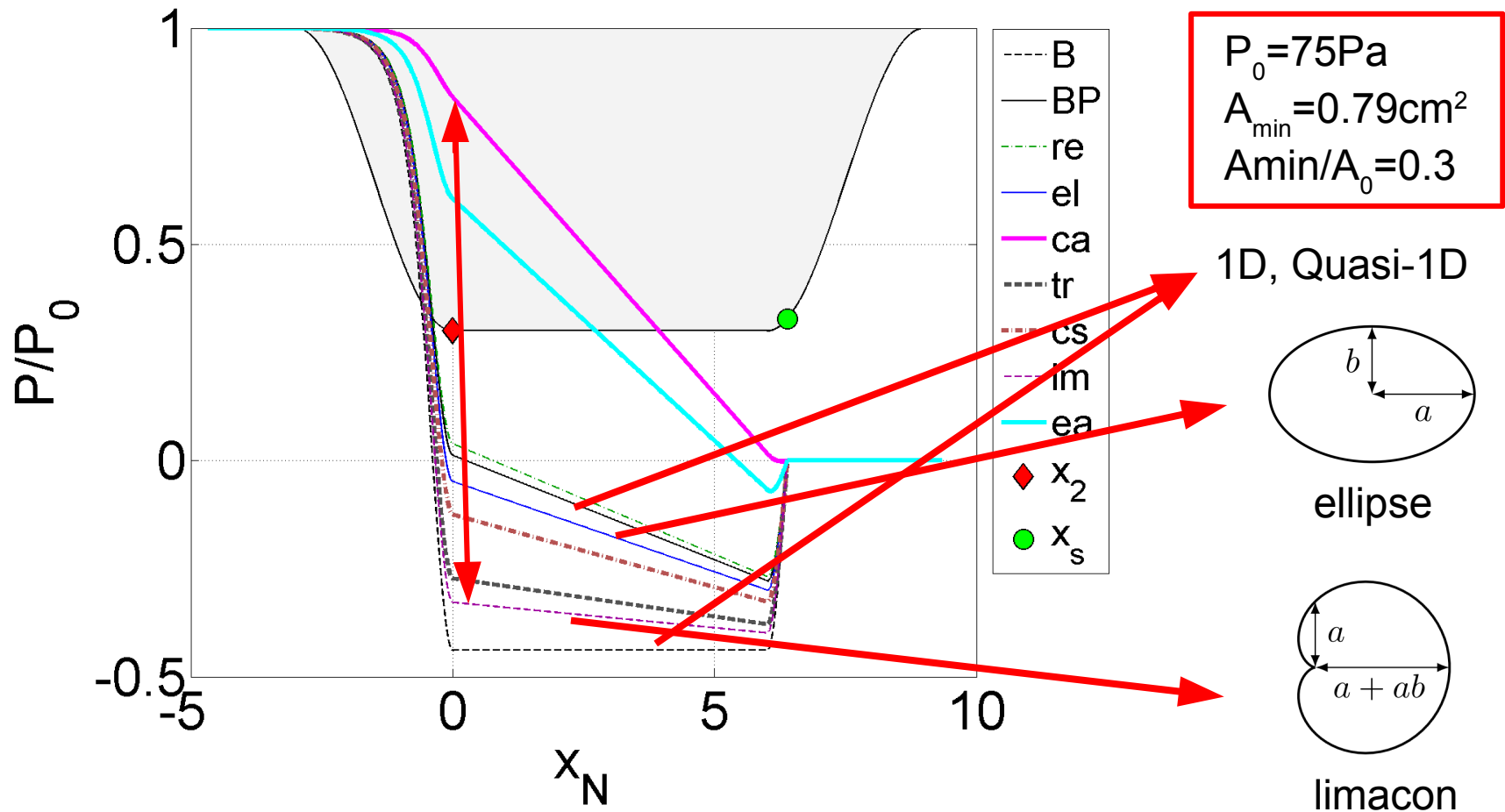
quasi-analytical



pseudo-spectral (N=41)

Approach	circle	rectangle	ellipse	equilateral triangle
quasi-analytical [%] ( $N > 6$ )	0	0.393	1.44e-14	0.479
numerical [%] ( $N > 40$ )	0.046	0.046	4.09	10.69

- Fixed width

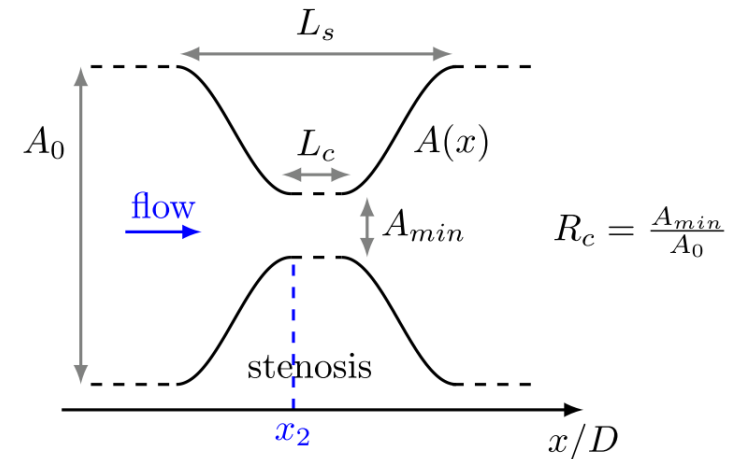


- 1D/BP overestimate, underestimate the results
- 80% variation due to cross section shape

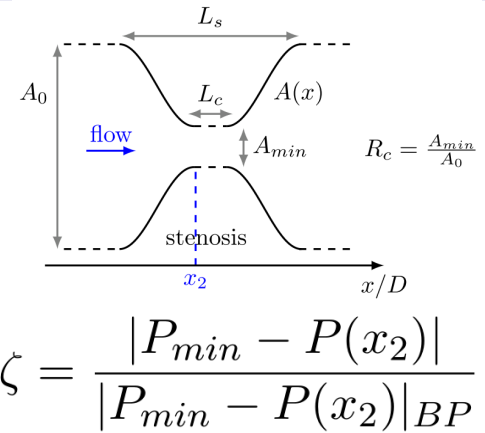
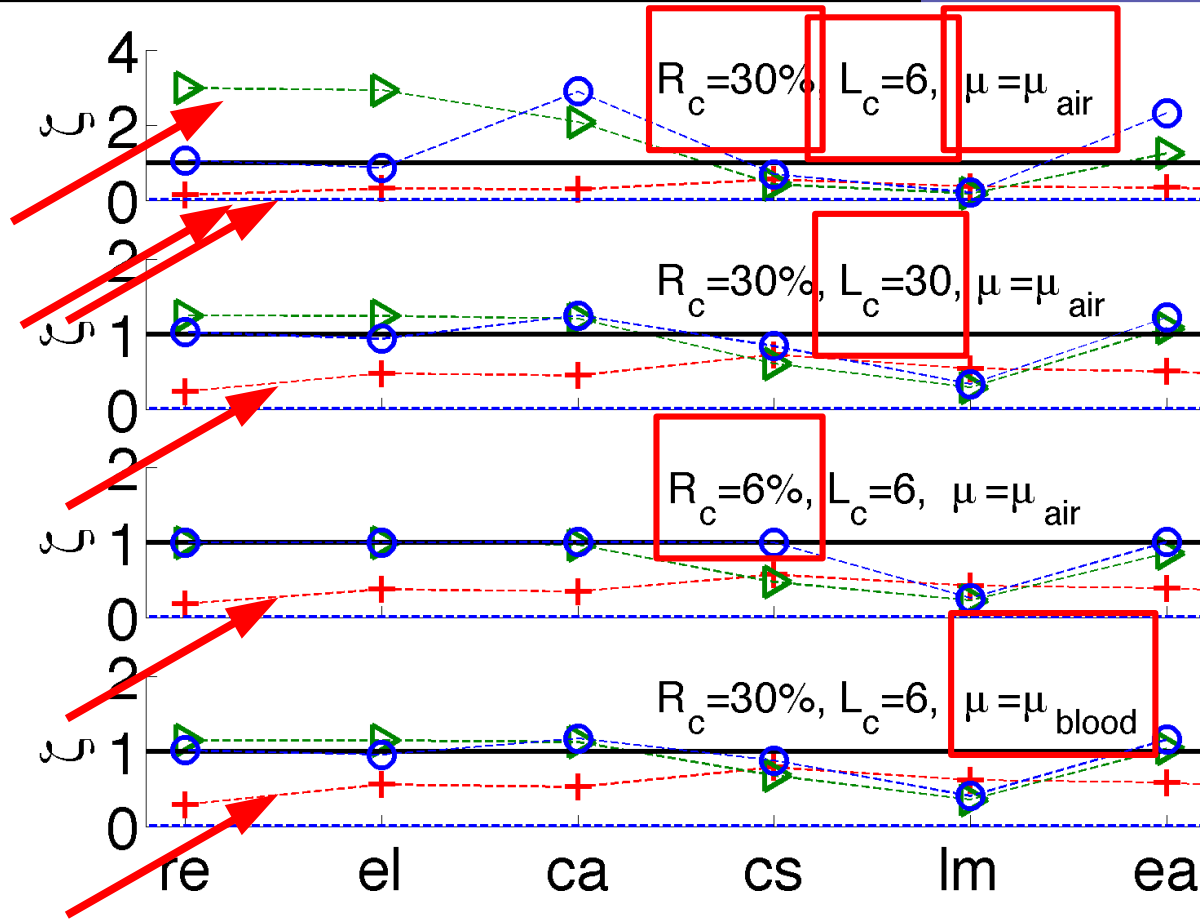


- Some model considerations

- developed viscous flow
- laminar incompressible flow
- cross section shape
- fluid
- constriction ratio  $R_c$
- length of constriction  $L_c$



# Model Quasi-3D model

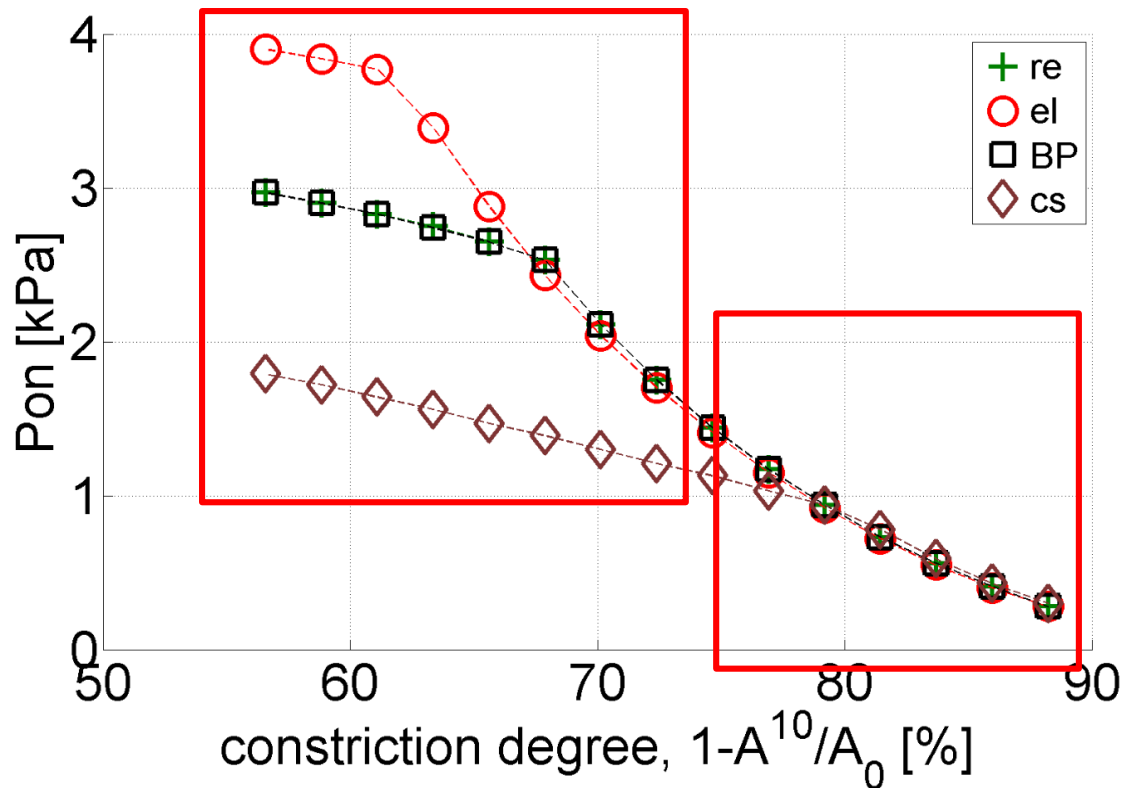


$P_0 = 75\text{Pa}$   
 $A_{\min} = 0.79\text{cm}^2$

+ : parameter set 1  
 Δ : parameter set 2  
 ○ : fixed width

- BP overestimates for **parameter set 1** → depend on configurations
- BP underestimates for **parameter set 2**: re, el, ca and ea
- Underestimation of BP reduces when decreasing **constriction ratio  $R_c$**
- Underestimation of BP reduces when increasing **length  $L_c$**
- Underestimation of BP reduces when increasing **dynamic's viscosity**
- Overestimation of BP is less sensitive to configurations for **parameter set 1**

# 1. Stability analysis of a physical phonation model



$A^{10}$ : initial minimum area

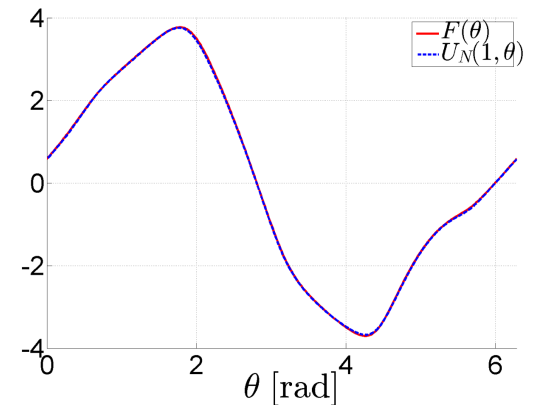
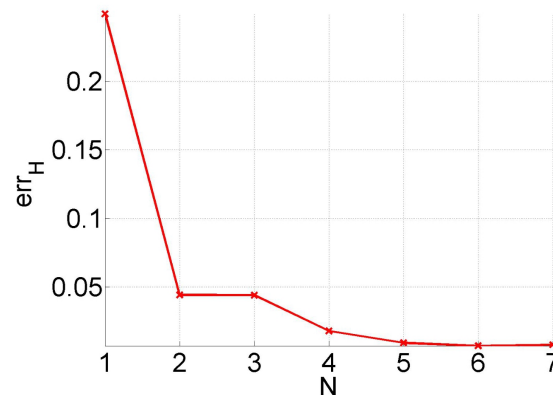
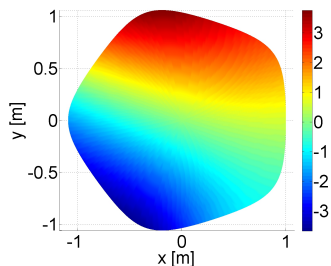
- neglected for **large** constriction degree
- important for **medium** constriction degree

- Formulate physical equations for an arbitrary shape on 2D and 3D

- Laplace equation
- Helmholtz equation
- Wave equation

for different boundary or/and initial conditions

$$err_N = \frac{\|U_N - F(\theta)\|}{F(\theta)}$$



**N = 7**

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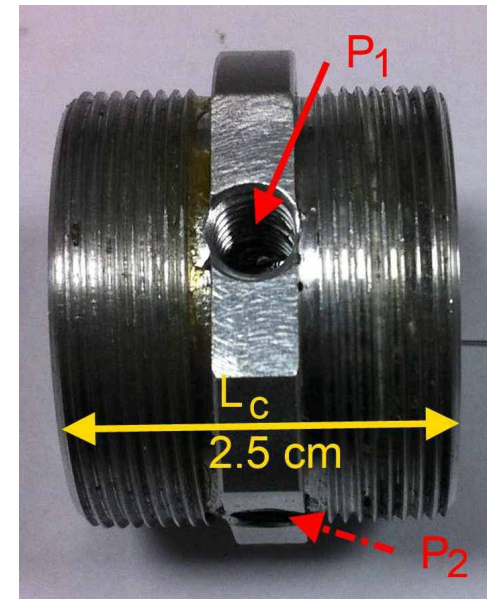
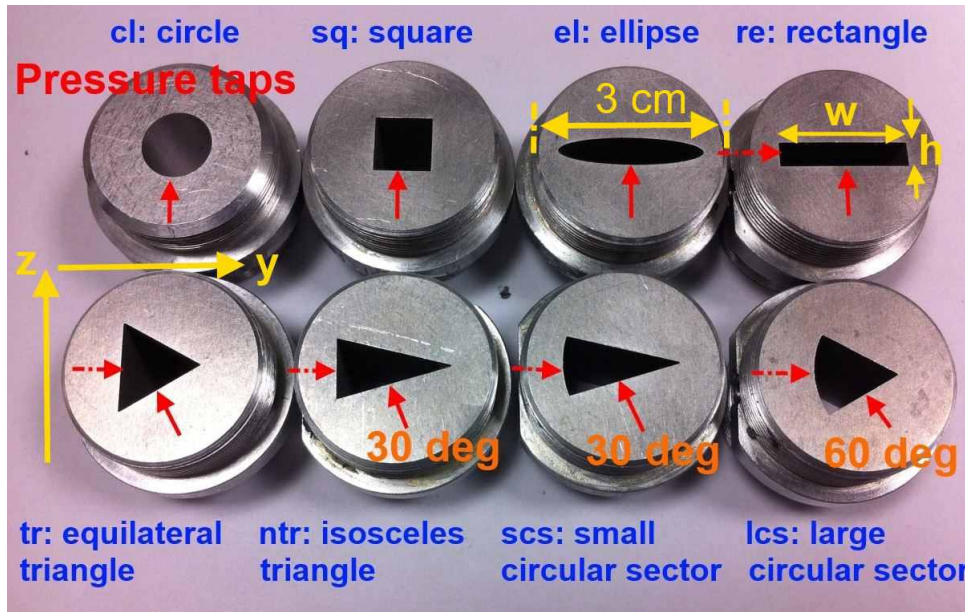
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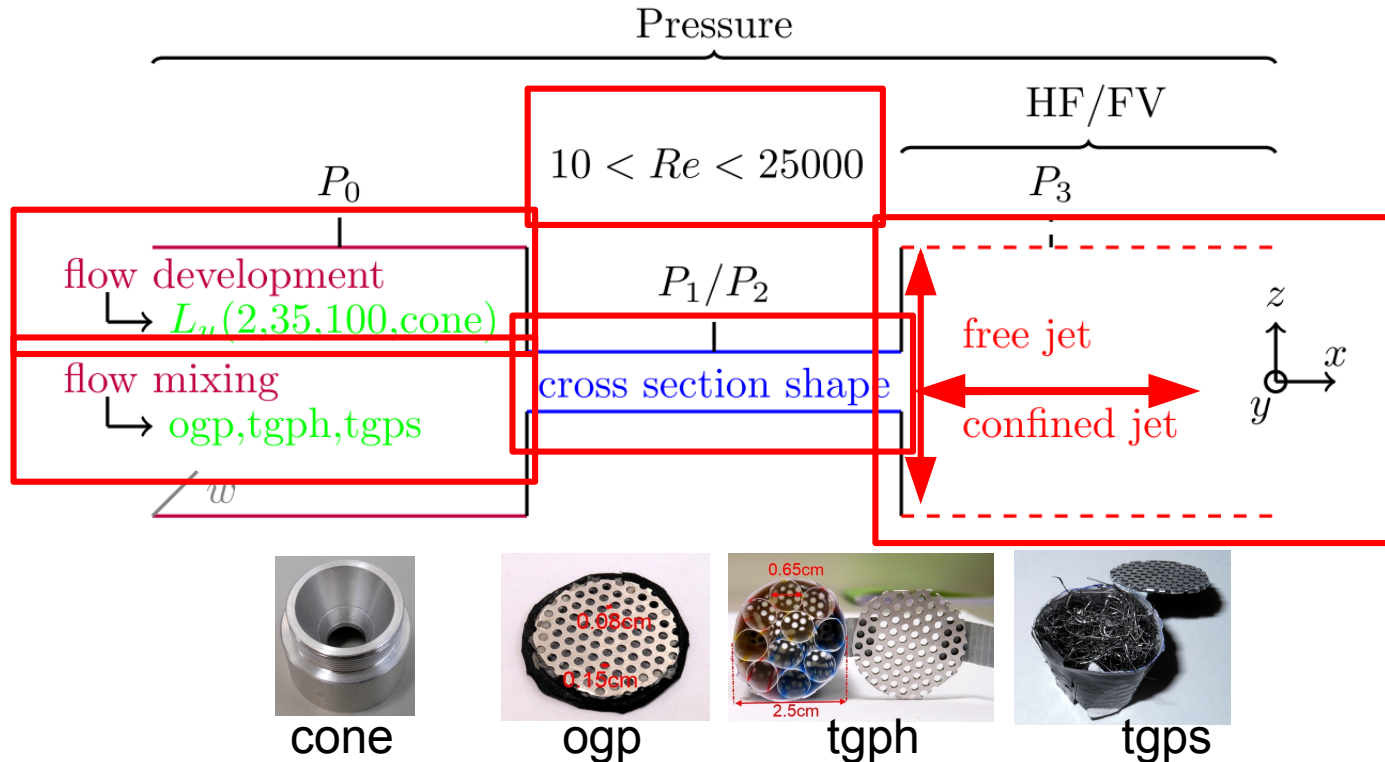


$$A_c = 0.79 \text{ cm}^2$$

	cl	sq	lcs	tr	scs	ntr	el	re
D [mm]	10	8.9	8.4	7.8	7.2	7.0	6.7	6.6

- fixed area
- fixed length
- sharp inlet and sharp outlet

➡ position of jet formation, flow separation



- Pressure
- Velocity profiles downstream the constriction
  - at the outlet (transverse)
  - along the centerline (longitudinal)
- Jet properties by flow visualization

## Overview

Label	$L_u$	$L_d$	Pressure sensors <sup>(1)</sup>	Flow field <sup>(2,3)</sup>	Comment		
Inlet condition: sharp edges (Fig. 5.9) → flow development							
A	2cm	0cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2)$		free jet	all shapes	
		15cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2), P_3$		confined jet		
B	35cm	0cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2)$		free jet		
		15cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2), P_3$		confined jet		
C	1m	0cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2)$	HF, FV	free jet		
		15cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2), P_3$		confined jet		
Inlet condition: use of mixing element (Fig. 5.10) → flow mixing							
D	35cm (ogp)	0cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2)$	HF	free jet		
		15cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2), P_3$		confined jet		
E	35cm (tgph)	0cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2)$	HF	free jet	circular shape	
		15cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2), P_3$		confined jet		
F	35cm (tgps)	0cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2)$	HF	free jet		
		15cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2), P_3$		confined jet		
Inlet condition: no sharp edges (Fig. 5.8) → flow development							
G	35cm (cone)	0cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2)$	HF	free jet		
		15cm	$P_0, P_1(P_2), P_3$		confined jet		
H	1m (d1cm)			HF	free jet		

(1) Steady flow for  $0 < Q \leq 200\text{l/min}$  or  $Re \leq 25000$ .

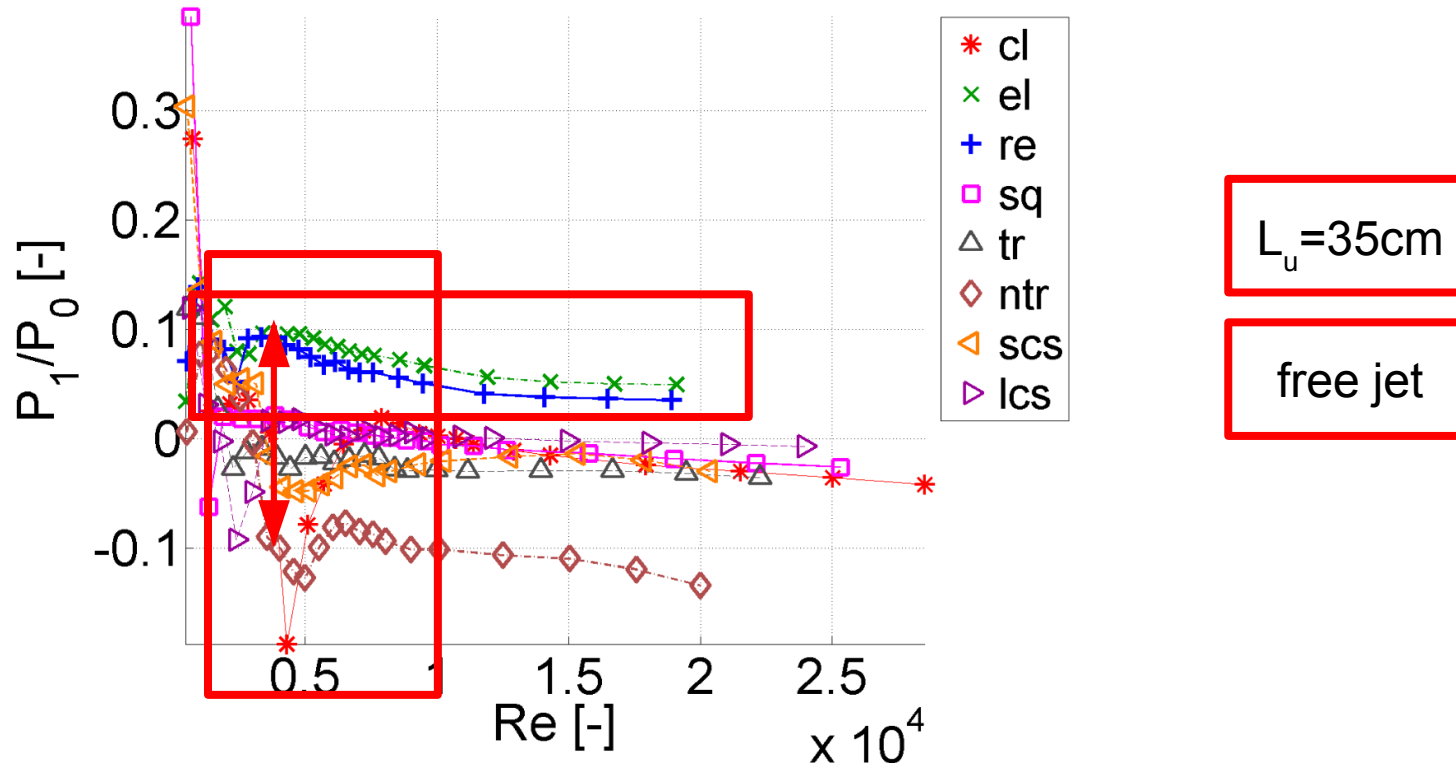
(2) Steady flow for  $0 < Q \leq 100\text{l/min}$  or  $Re \leq 15000$ .

(3) In hot-film anemometry the upstream channel length yields 1m.



- Experimental data: quantitatively
  - Influence of cross section shape
  - Influence of flow development
  - Influence of flow mixing
  - Influence of jet condition: free or confined

- Influence of cross section shape



- rectangle and ellipse have almost the same results
- complexity of flow dynamics
- 20% of variation between ellipse and isosceles triangle

- Influence of cross section shape

	$\Delta P_1/P_0$ [%]		$\Delta(P_1/P_0)$ [%]	
	$L_d = 0\text{cm}$	$L_d = 15\text{cm}$	$L_d = 0\text{cm}$	$L_d = 15\text{cm}$
Overall impact of cross section shapes: Eq. (5.1) and Eq. (5.2)				
A ( $L_u = 2\text{cm}$ )	21% <sup>(1)</sup>	27% <sup>(1)</sup>	33% <sup>(3)</sup> 20% <sup>(4)</sup>	25% <sup>(3)</sup> 27% <sup>(4)</sup>
B ( $L_u = 35\text{cm}$ )	18% <sup>(1)</sup>	23% <sup>(1)</sup>	18% <sup>(3)</sup> 17% <sup>(4)</sup>	27% <sup>(3)</sup> 21% <sup>(4)</sup>
C ( $L_u = 1\text{m}$ )	16% <sup>(1)</sup>	19% <sup>(1)</sup>	13% <sup>(3)</sup> 15% <sup>(4)</sup>	18% <sup>(3)</sup> 19% <sup>(4)</sup>
D (ogp)	10% <sup>(2)</sup>	9% <sup>(2)</sup>	11% <sup>(3)</sup> 10% <sup>(4)</sup>	11% <sup>(3)</sup> 7% <sup>(4)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup>  $P_0 \approx 1500\text{Pa}$  for  $L_d = 0\text{cm}$  and  $P_0 \approx 1300\text{Pa}$  for  $L_d = 15\text{cm}$ .

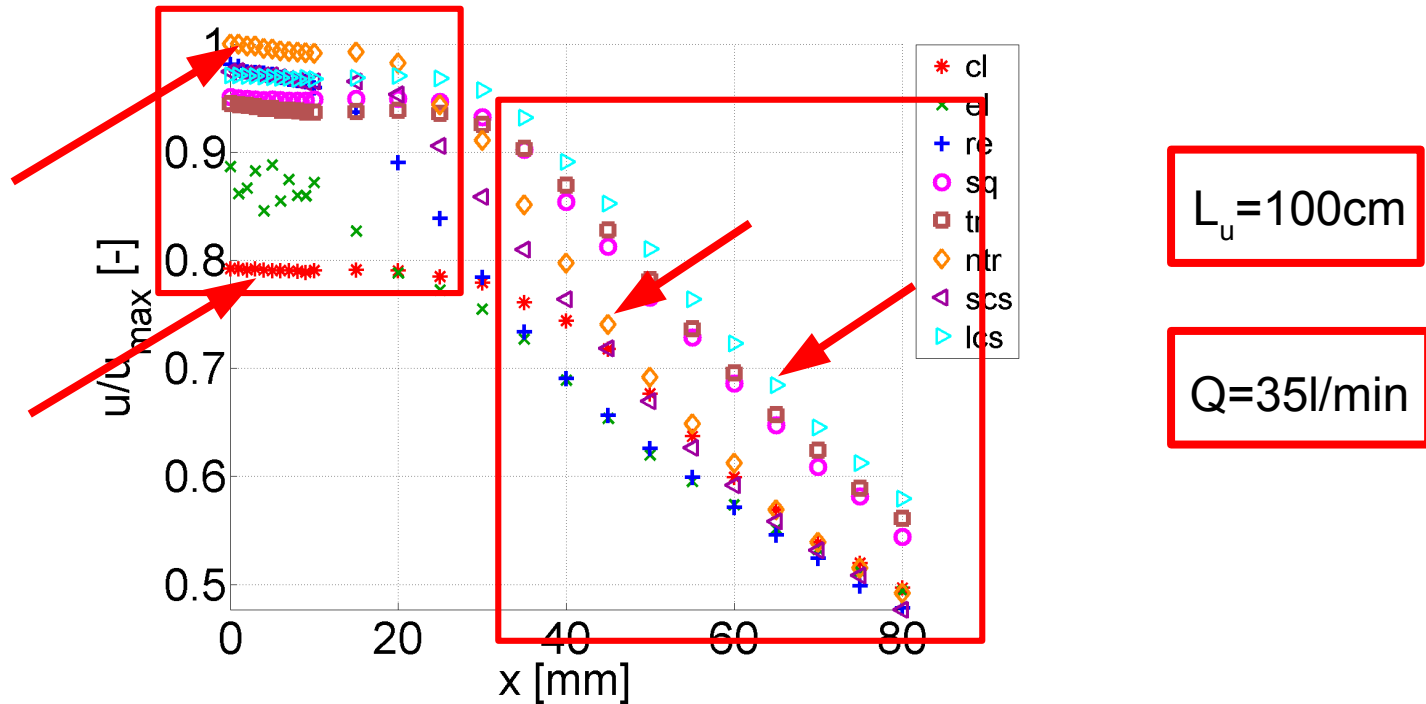
<sup>(2)</sup>  $P_0 \approx 3400\text{Pa}$  for  $L_d = 0\text{cm}$  and  $P_0 \approx 3500\text{Pa}$  for  $L_d = 15\text{cm}$ .

<sup>(3)</sup>  $Re \approx 3600$  for  $L_d = 0\text{cm}$  and  $L_d = 15\text{cm}$ .

<sup>(4)</sup>  $Re \approx 17500$  for  $L_d = 0\text{cm}$  and  $L_d = 15\text{cm}$ .

- 20% of variation for all flow conditioning

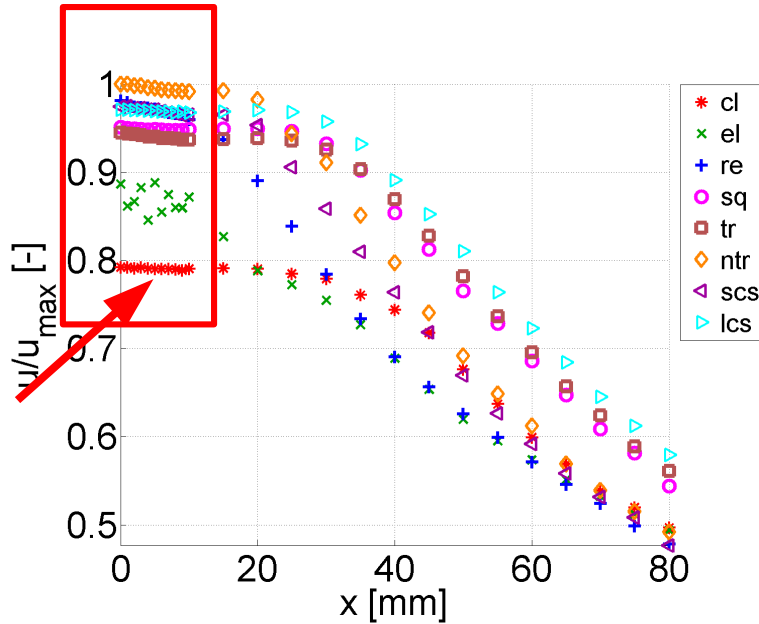
• Influence of cross section shape



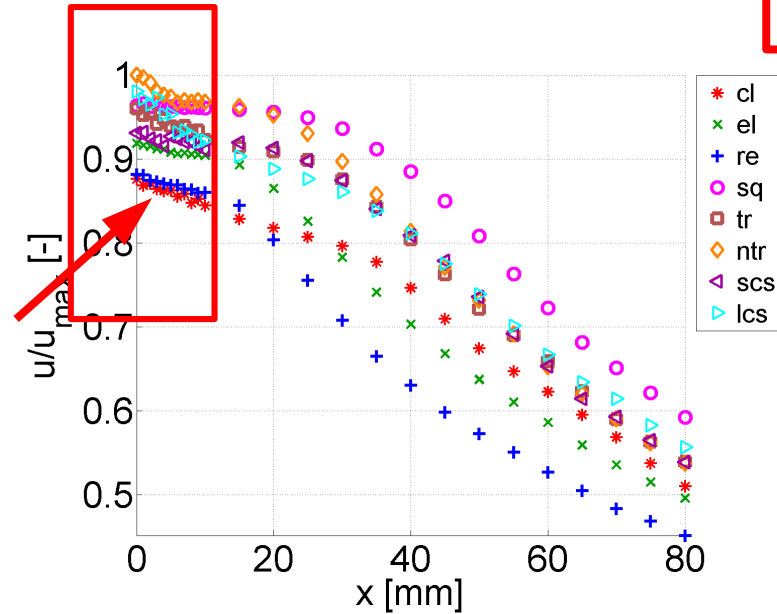
• Differences:

- cross section shape amplitude  $\longrightarrow$  20%
- extent of potential cone  $\longrightarrow$   $1 < X_{pc}/D < 7$
- cross section shape decay rate

• Influence of flow mixing

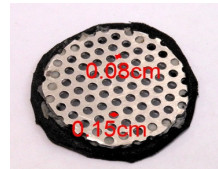


Q=35l/min



ogp + Q=35l/min

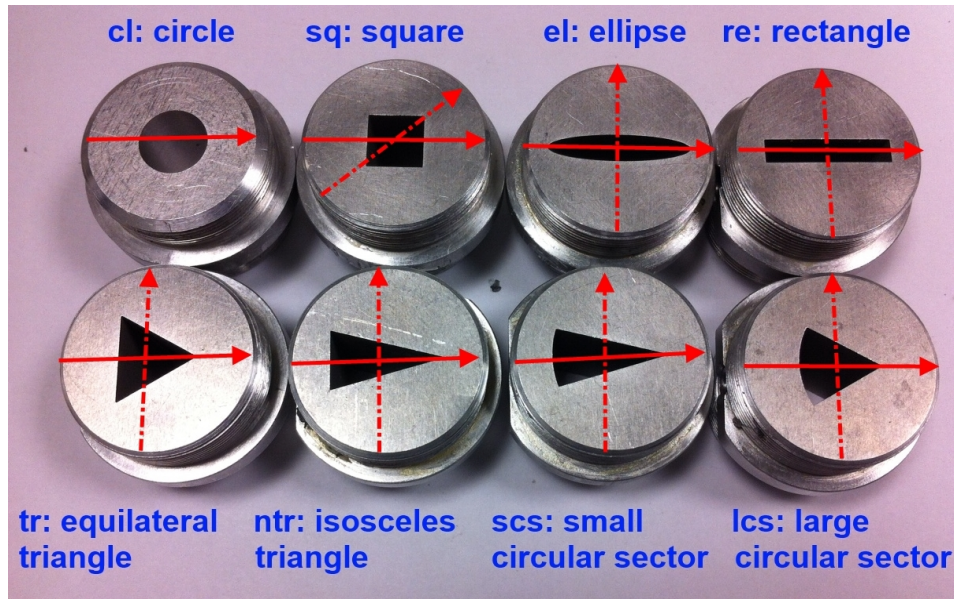
$L_u = 100\text{cm}$



ogp

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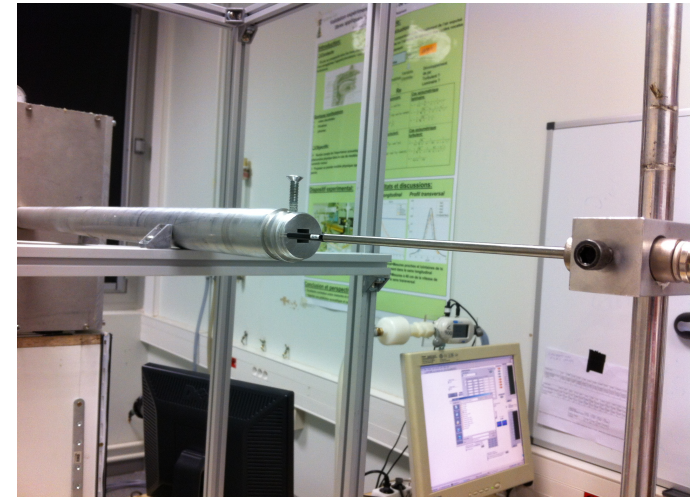
- cross section shape decay rate
- cross section shape amplitude  $\longrightarrow$  10%
- extent of potential cone  $\longrightarrow$  5 times difference



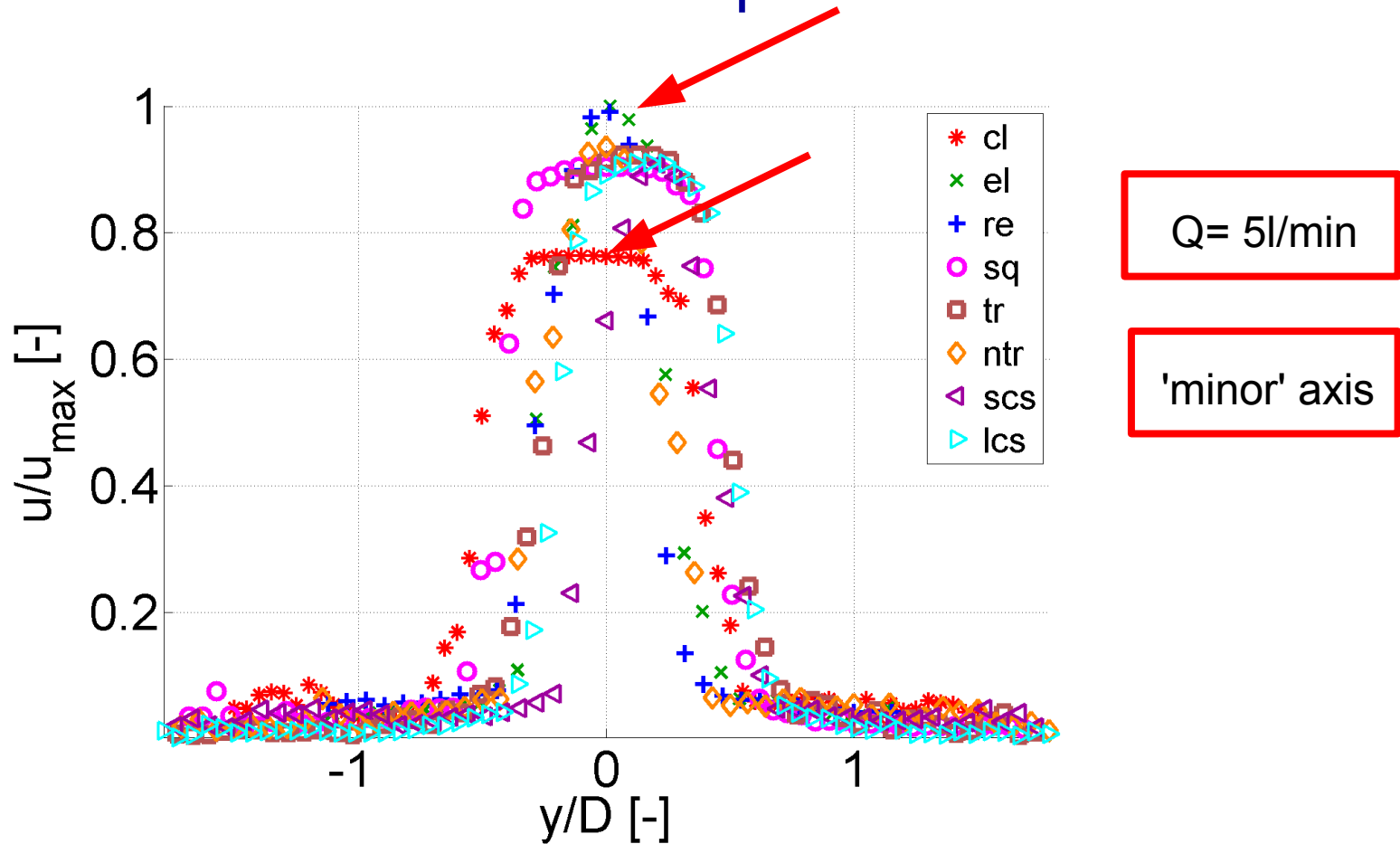
$$A_c = 0.79\text{cm}^2$$

$$L_u = 100\text{cm}$$

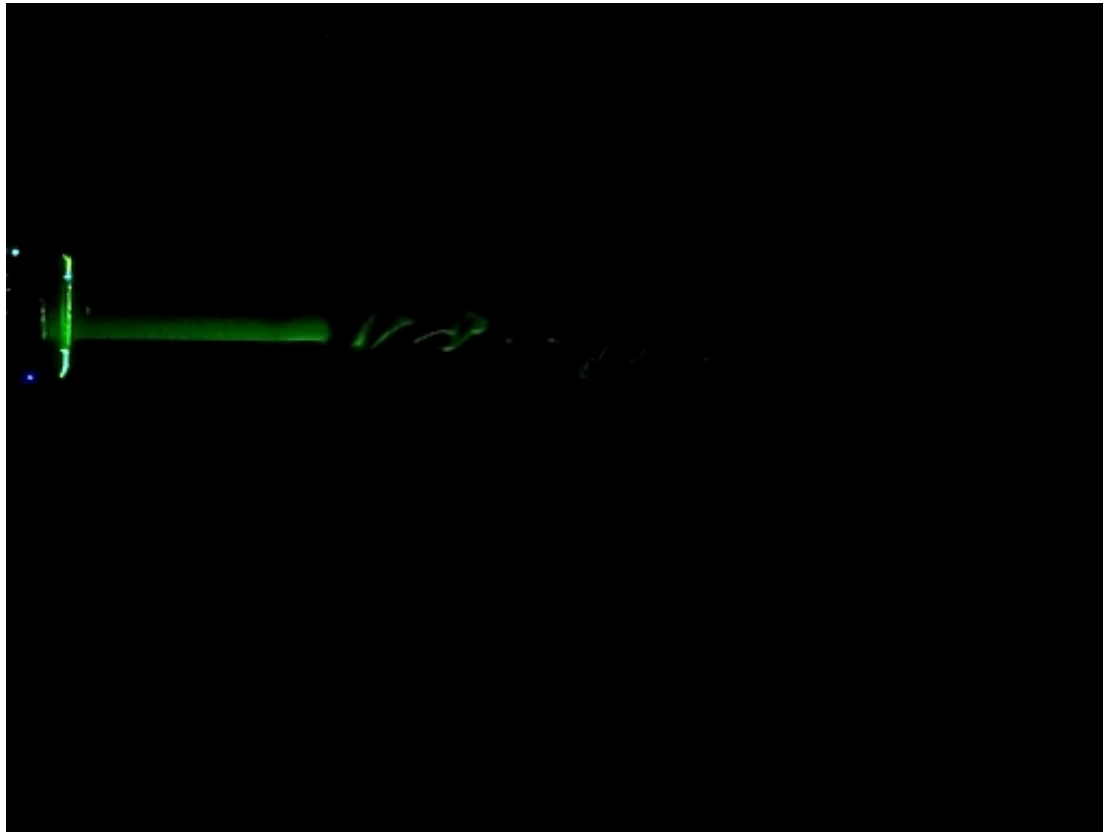
- major axis: 
- minor axis: 



- Influence of cross section shape



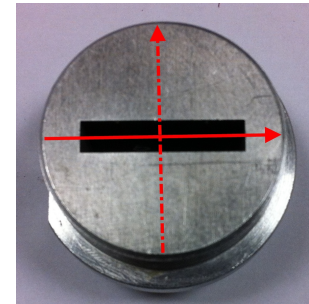
- cross section shape  $\longrightarrow$  boundary layer development



$L_u = 60\text{cm}$

$Q = 5\text{l/min}$

'major' axis



- Flow with **free** jet:
  - observation: **flow structures** (vortices)



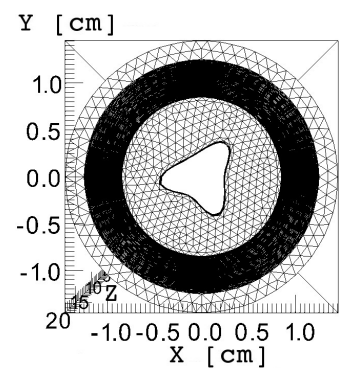
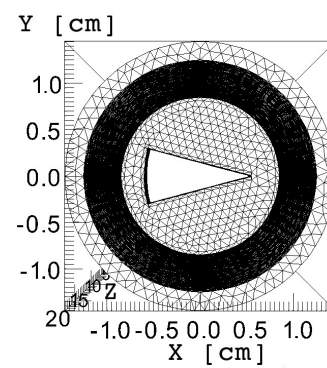
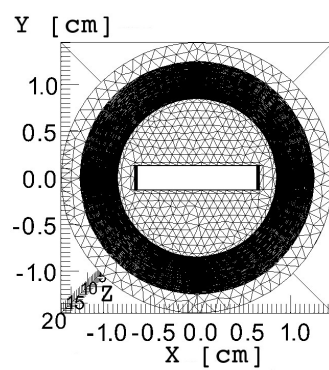
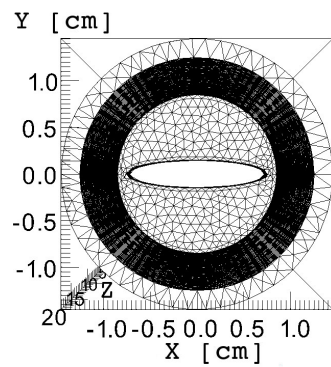
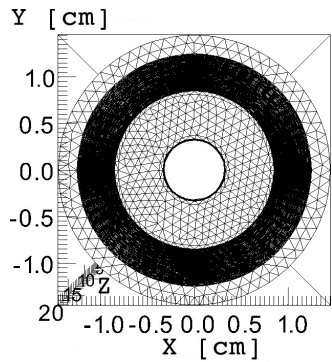
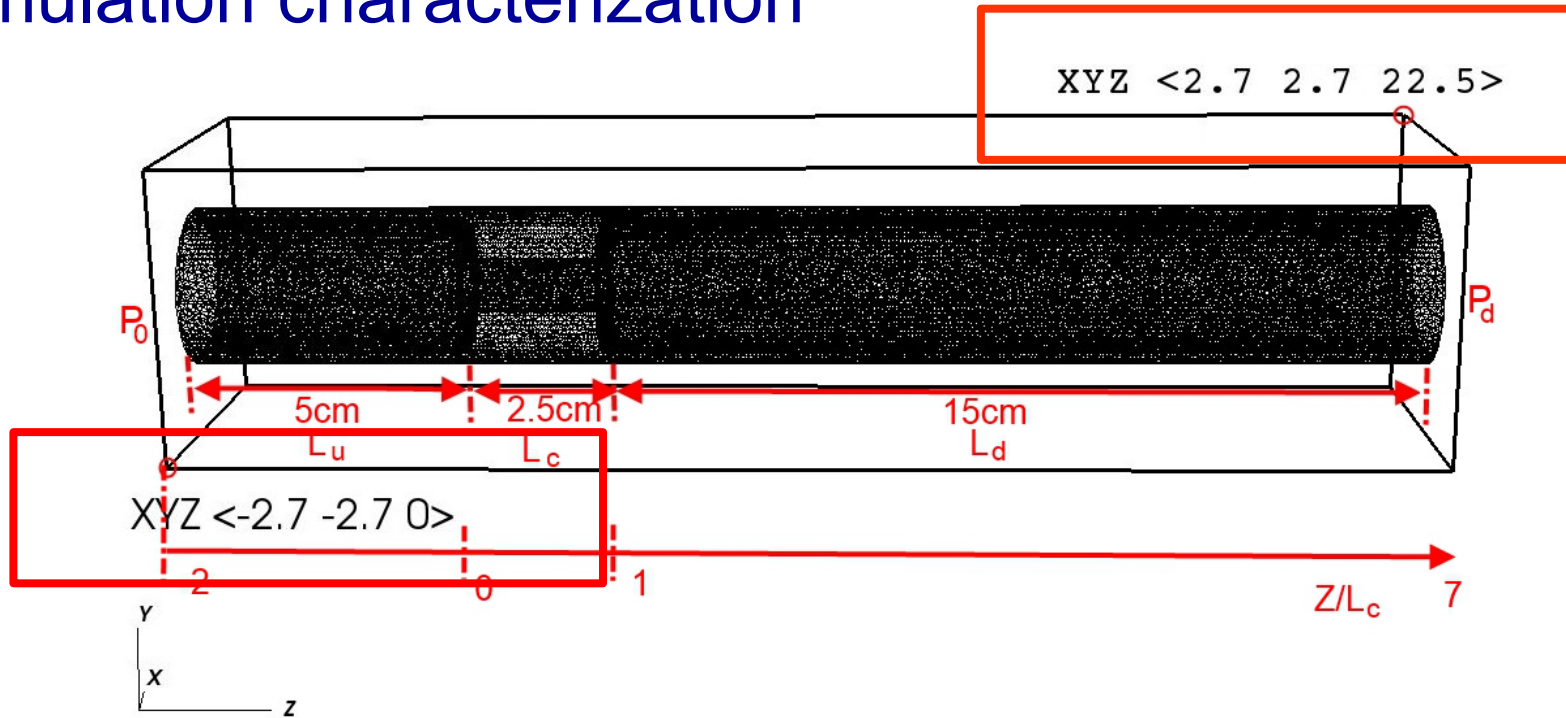
- Immersed boundary method

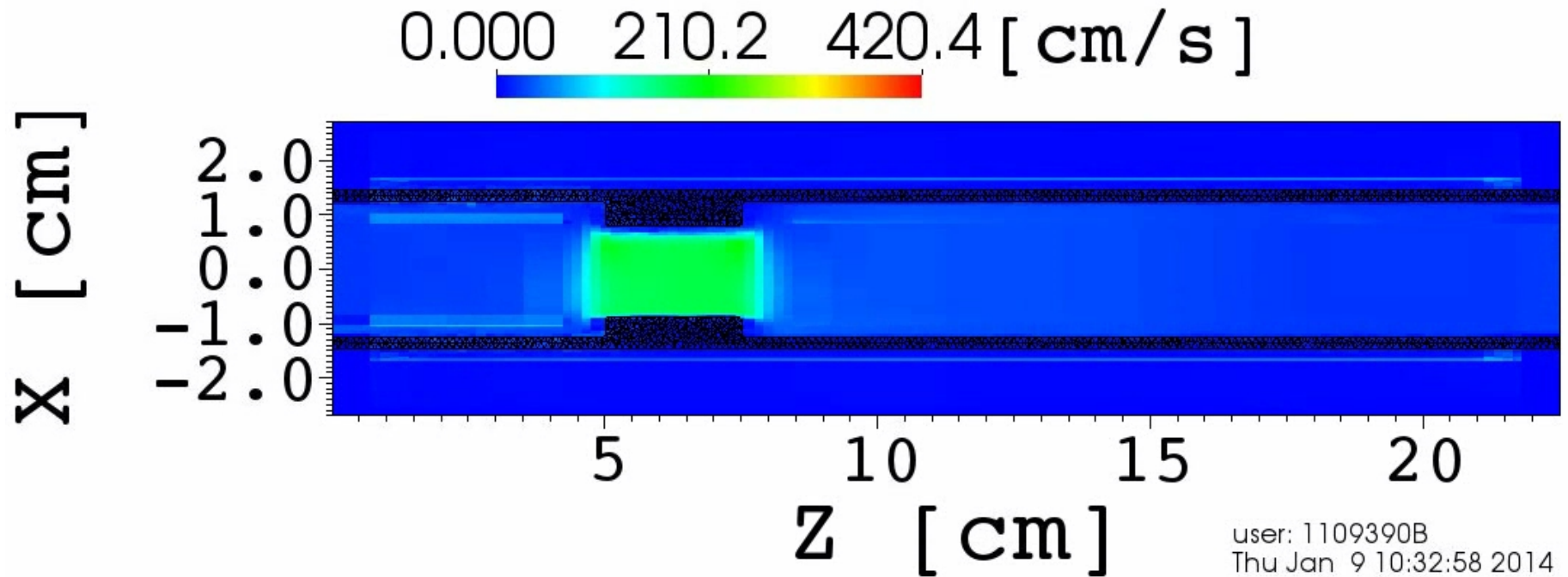
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$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_U \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s}, t) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \chi(\mathbf{s}, t)) d\mathbf{s}$$

- Incompressible laminar flow
- Rigid, no-moving structure
- Impose pressure gradient: inlet & outlet
- Impose  $P=0\text{Pa}$  for remainder boundary
- $t_{\text{tot}} > 0.04\text{s}$ , quasi-steady:  $t > 0.02\text{s}$

• Simulation characterization





$P_0=35\text{Pa}$ ,  $P_d=0\text{Pa}$  + circular sector

Observations:

- flow development / vena contracta
- reattachment of jet

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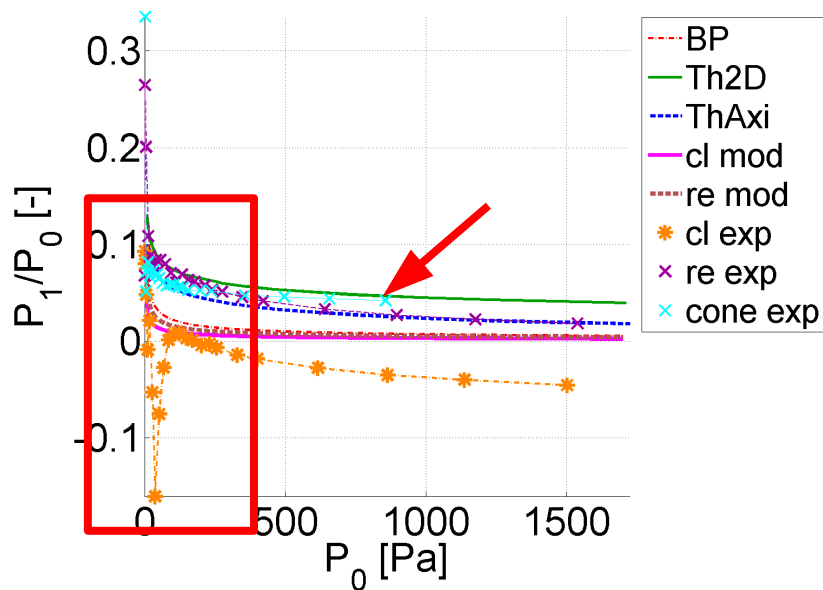
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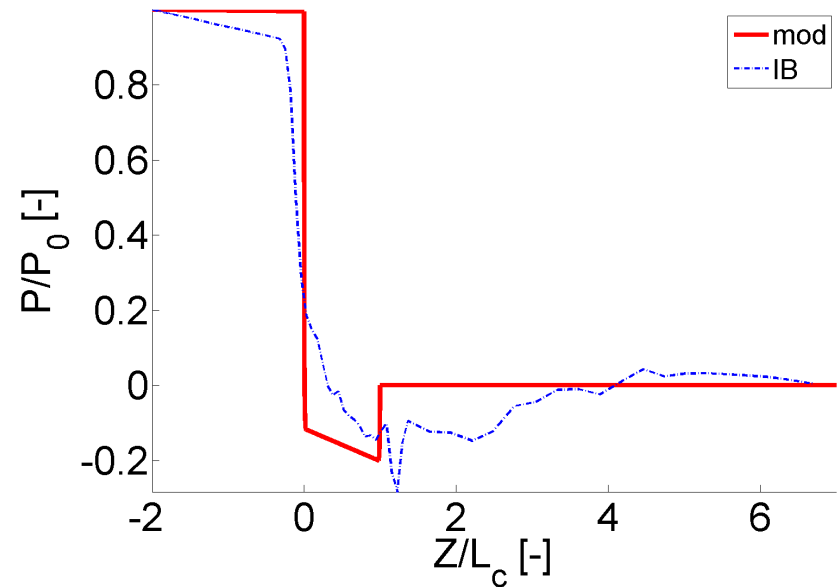
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mod + exp

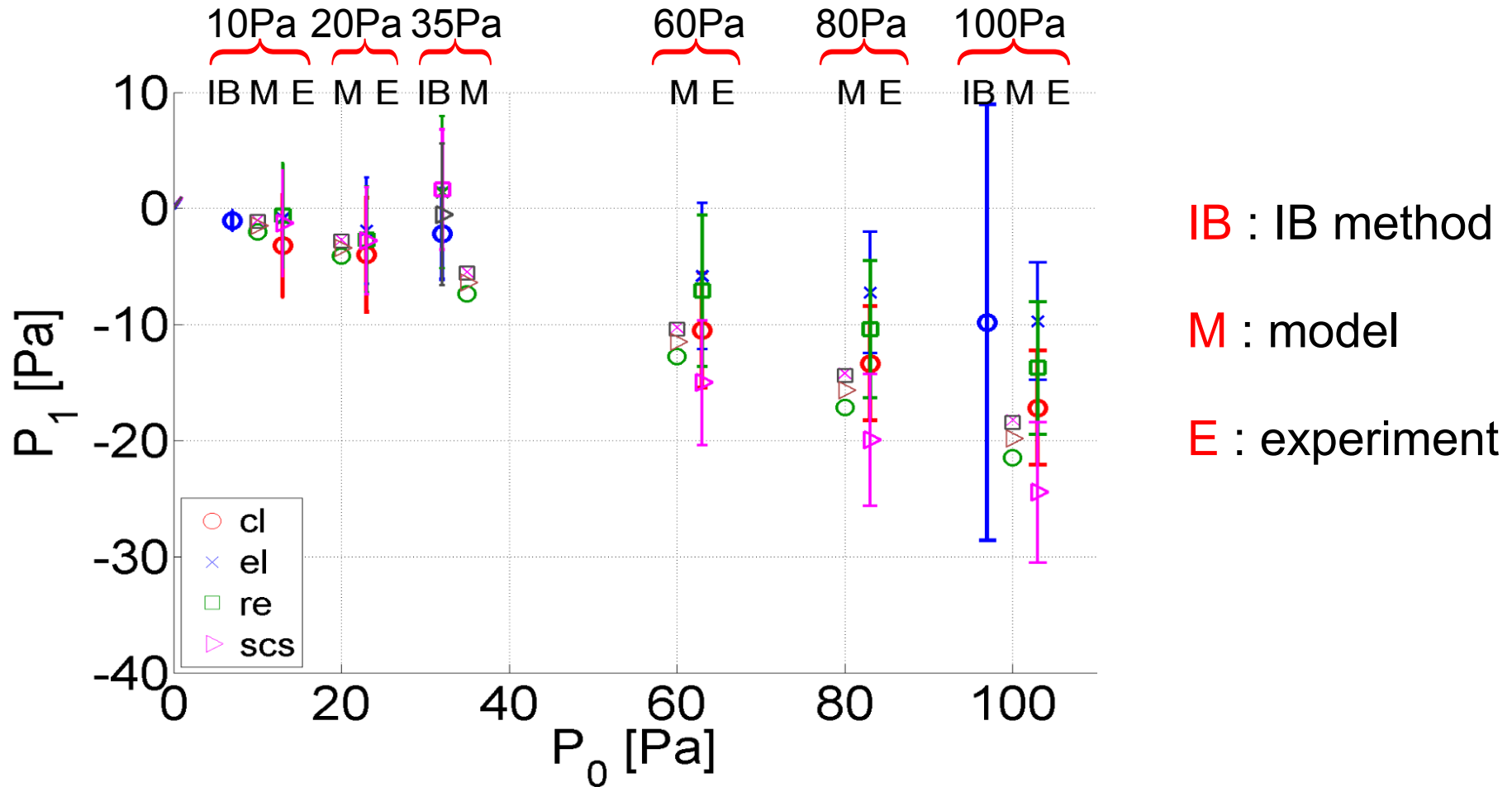
- can not capture flow dynamics
- agreement between modeled and measured when using **cone**
- < 5% for  $P_0 > 300\text{Pa}$
- > 5% & < 20% for  $P_0 < 300\text{Pa}$

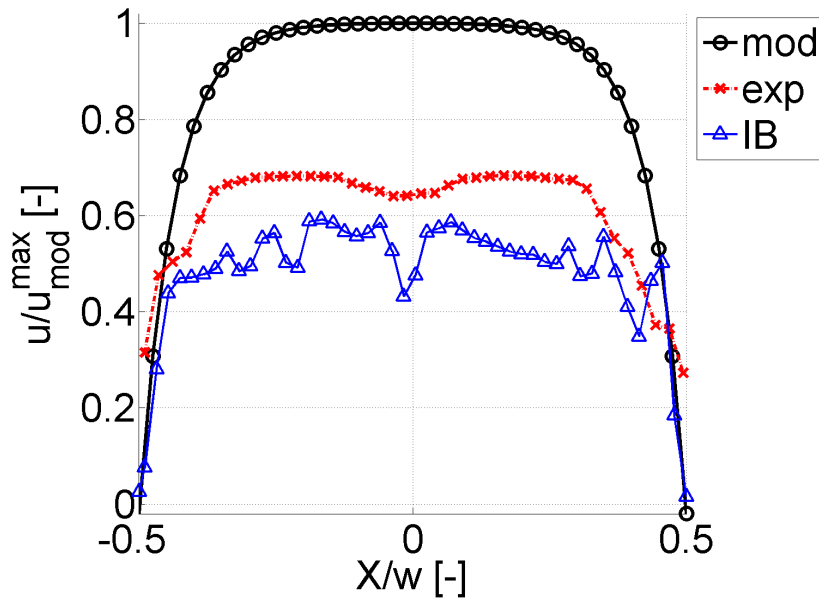


mod + IB

- useless at downstream
- 10% within constriction

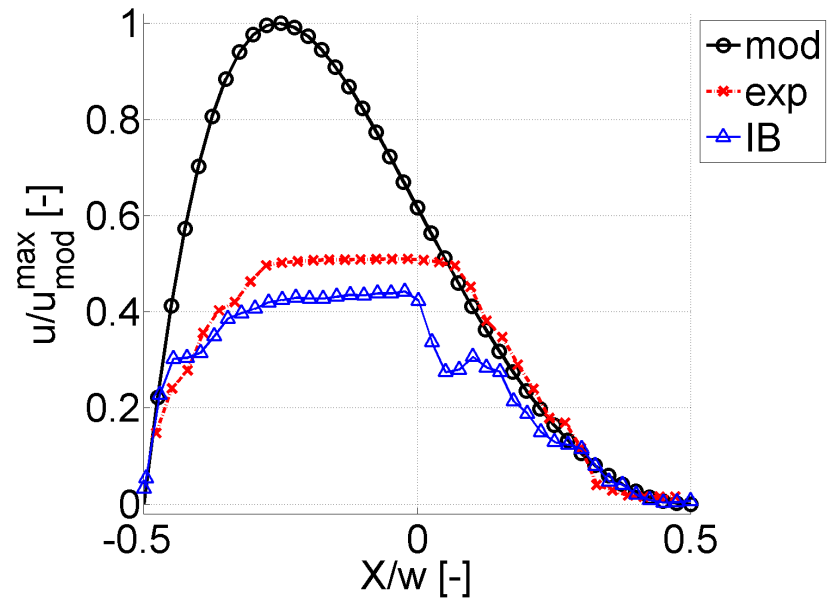
- Quantify the variation due to the cross section shape





rectangle

mod + exp + IB



circular sector

- 40% difference of maximum velocity
- match near the wall
- 20% better approximation: IB>mod

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### Quasi-3D model

validated influence of geometry  
(cross section shape,  $L_c$ ,  $A_r$ )

- within the constriction (pressure)
- at the outlet (velocity)

- not useful downstream the constriction
- can not capture complex flow dynamics
- no turbulence

### Experiment

- influence of cross section shape
- influence of flow development
- influence of flow mixing
- complex flow dynamics

### 1D / 2D models

- a small aperture
- fast
- simple
- negative points

### 3D model

- capture some of flow dynamics
- geometry
- high computational cost
- no variation of initial condition
- no turbulence

- Stability of the flow patterns
- Transition mechanism : laminar  $\longrightarrow$  turbulent
- Flow model  $\longrightarrow$  turbulent + **unsteady** + arbitrary/  
varying CSS
- Interactive boundary layer method
- IB method  $\longrightarrow$  full fluid-structure interaction
- Refine applications, such as speech production, blood arteries,  
geo-physical flows
- Evolution of replicas, such as **rounded corner**, smooth inlet  
 $\longrightarrow$  all cross section shapes

- Unsteady quasi-3D model

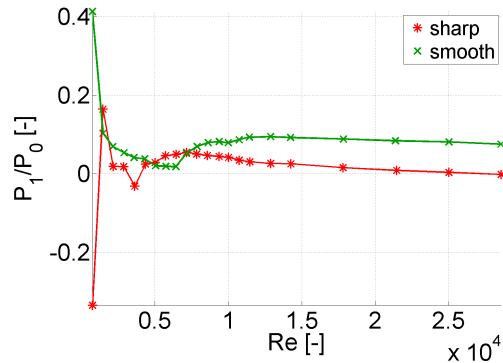
$$\frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} - \frac{Q^2}{A^3} \frac{dA}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dx} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

## • Rounded corner

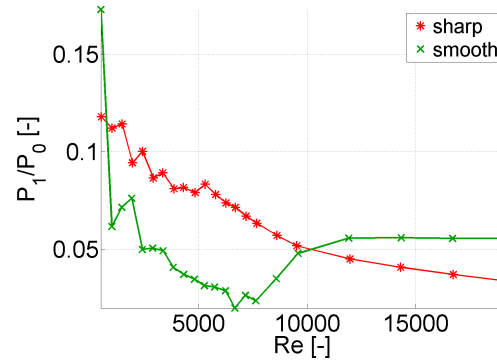


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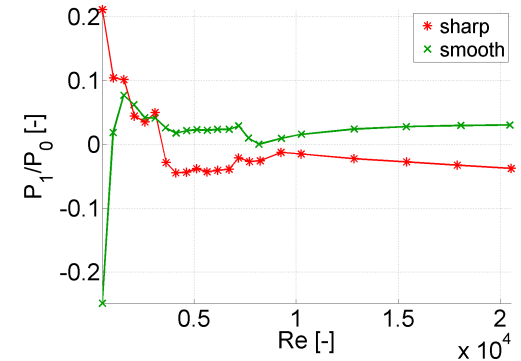
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(a) circle

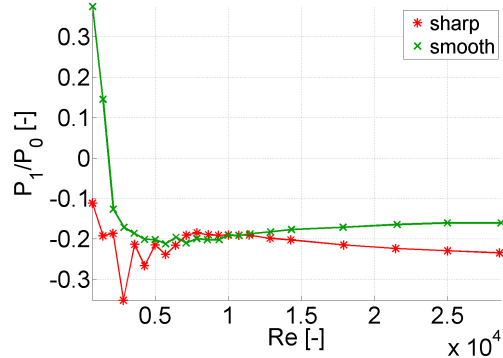


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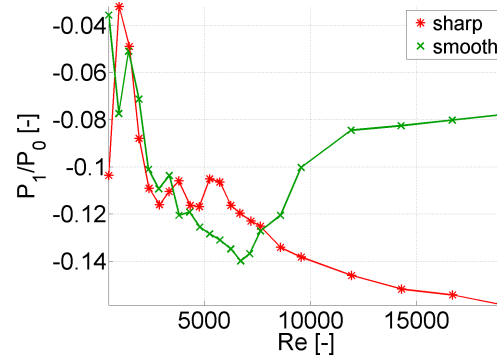


(c) small circular sector

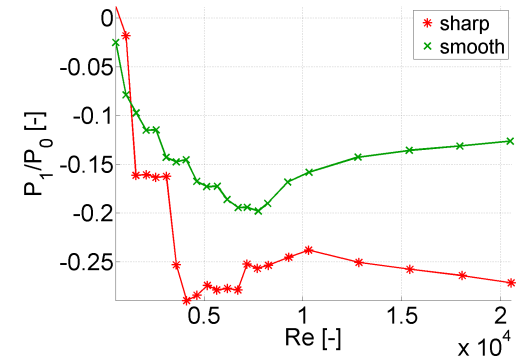
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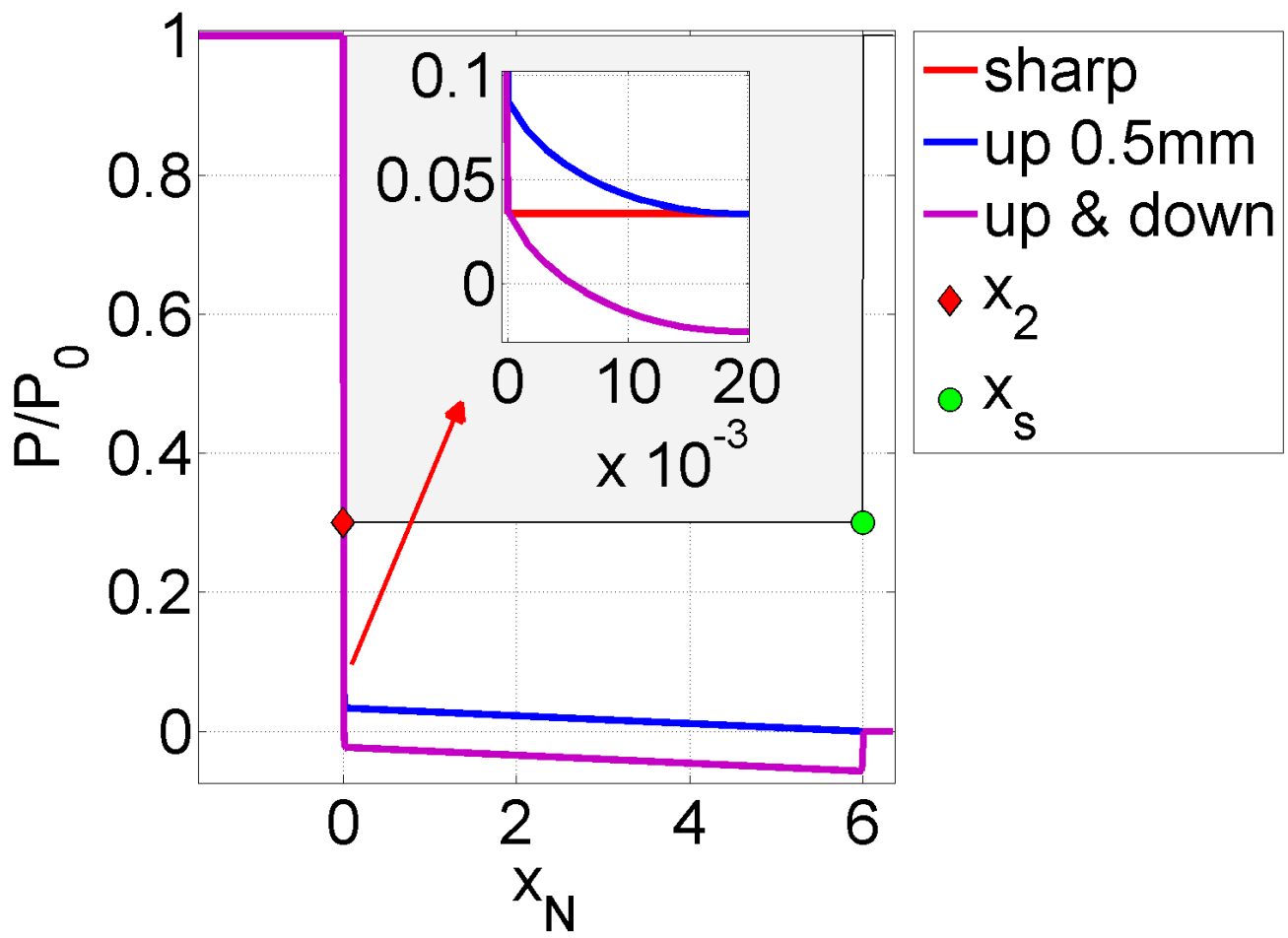


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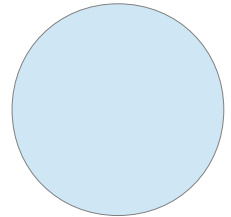


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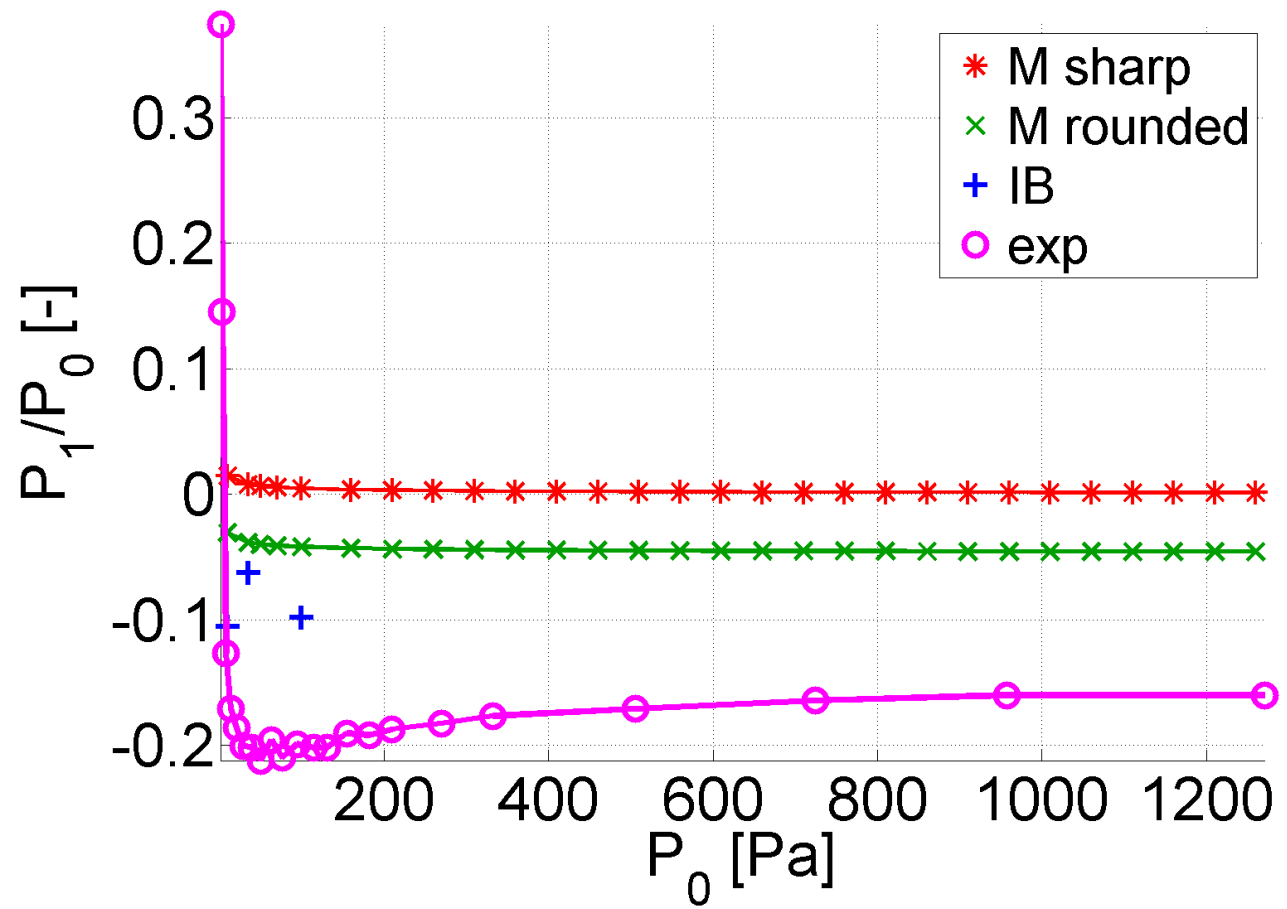
• Rounded corner



$P_0=75\text{Pa}$   
 $A_{\text{min}}=0.79\text{cm}^2$   
 $A_{\text{min}}/A_0=0.3$

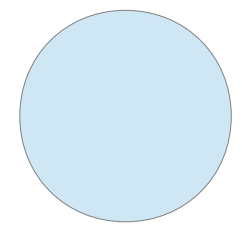


• Rounded corner



$A_{\min} = 0.79 \text{ cm}^2$

confined jet



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# Thanks for your attention!

