

**Coupling Continuum to MD in Fluid Simulation:  
Thermodynamic Field Estimator  
Optimal Particle Controller  
Buffer-Zone Feedback**

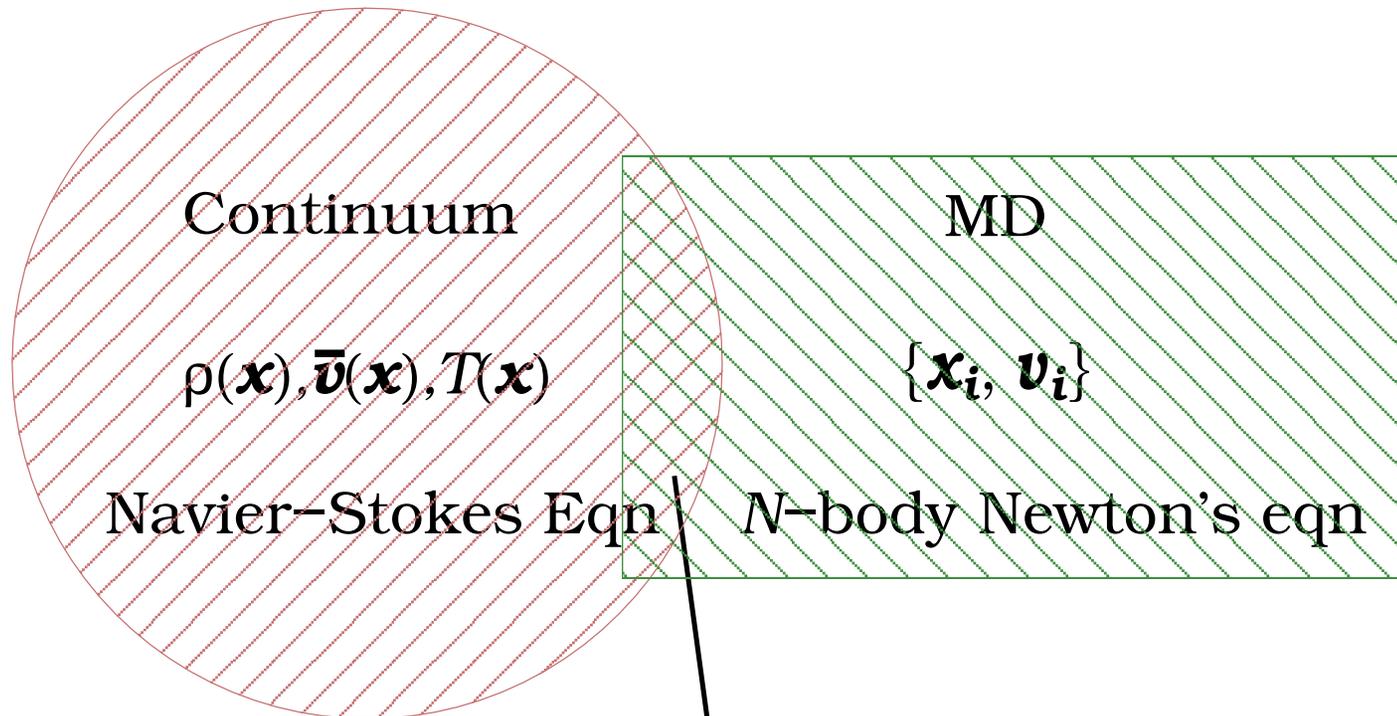
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# Theoretical Challenges to Linking Continuum with MD

- Different **degrees of freedom**
- Different **evolution**

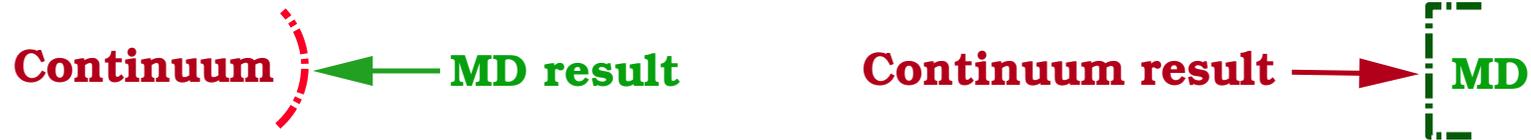


$$dP = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{v} = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}}{(2\pi T(\mathbf{x}))^{3/2}} \exp\left(\frac{-|\mathbf{v} - \bar{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x})|^2}{2T(\mathbf{x})}\right) d\mathbf{v} + f^{(2)}$$

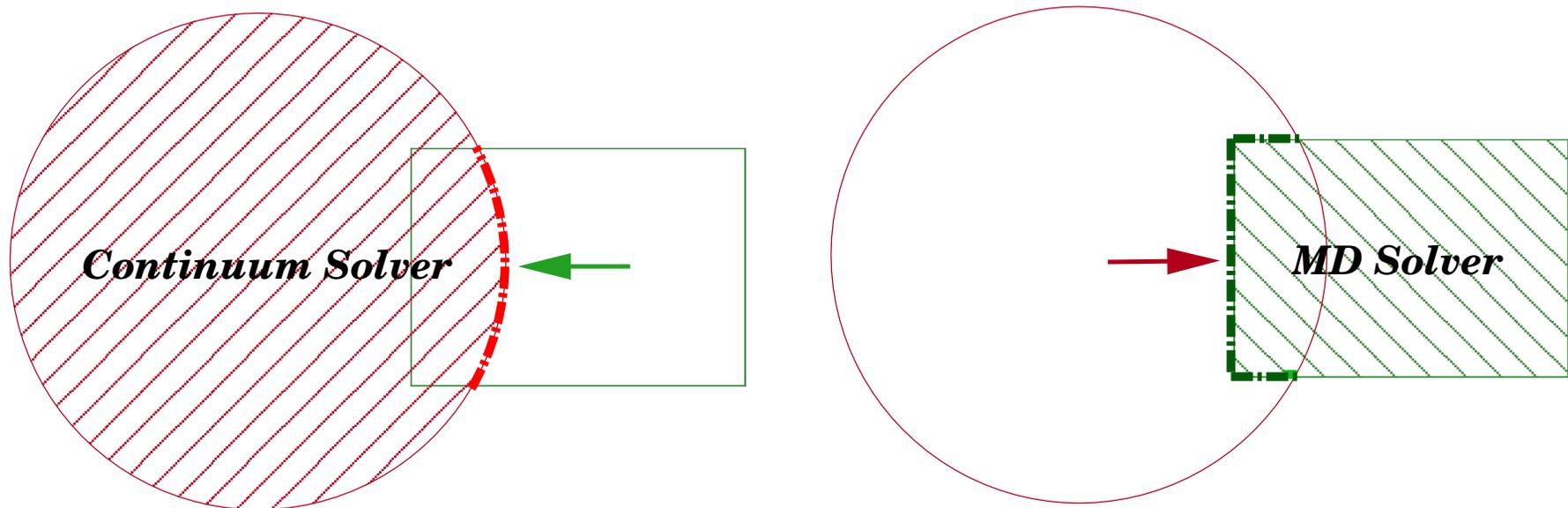
The Bridge is **Particle Distribution Function**

# Practical Challenges: How to **Determine** and **Apply** BC

## **Two** Kinds of BC Applications



Once we know both  $\leftarrow$  and  $\rightarrow$  without **invalidating** the intrinsic mechanisms of either solvers, a unified solution can be brought by the **Schwarz Iteration** procedure. We will show that generally **exact solution** exists for steady-state fluid at **finite  $T$** .



Easier Job:    **Continuum** ← **MD**    *i.e.*,  $\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{v}_i\} \longrightarrow \rho(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}), T(\mathbf{x})$

Bin-averaging is bad, neglects spatial coherency of data.

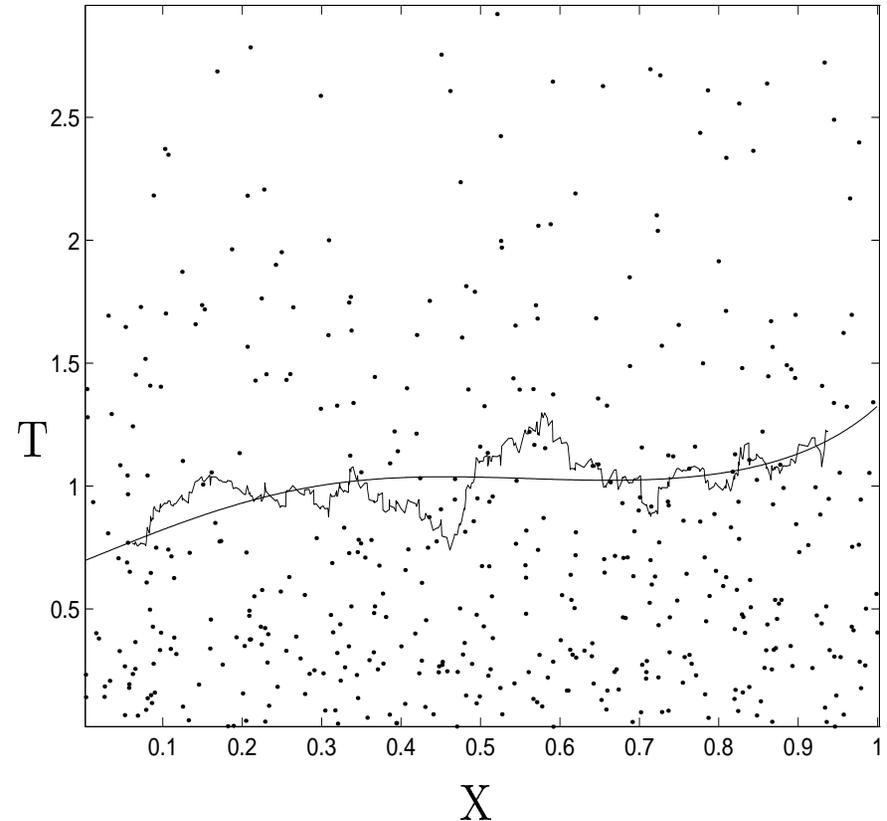
## Thermodynamic Field Estimator

- Maximum Likelihood Inference

$$\max_{\mathbf{i}} \left( \prod_i P(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{v}_i | \rho, \bar{\mathbf{v}}, T) \right)$$

- Basis expansion of target fields in Chebyshev polynomials
- CG optimization of coefficients

Example 1  
Heat Conduction MD Simulation

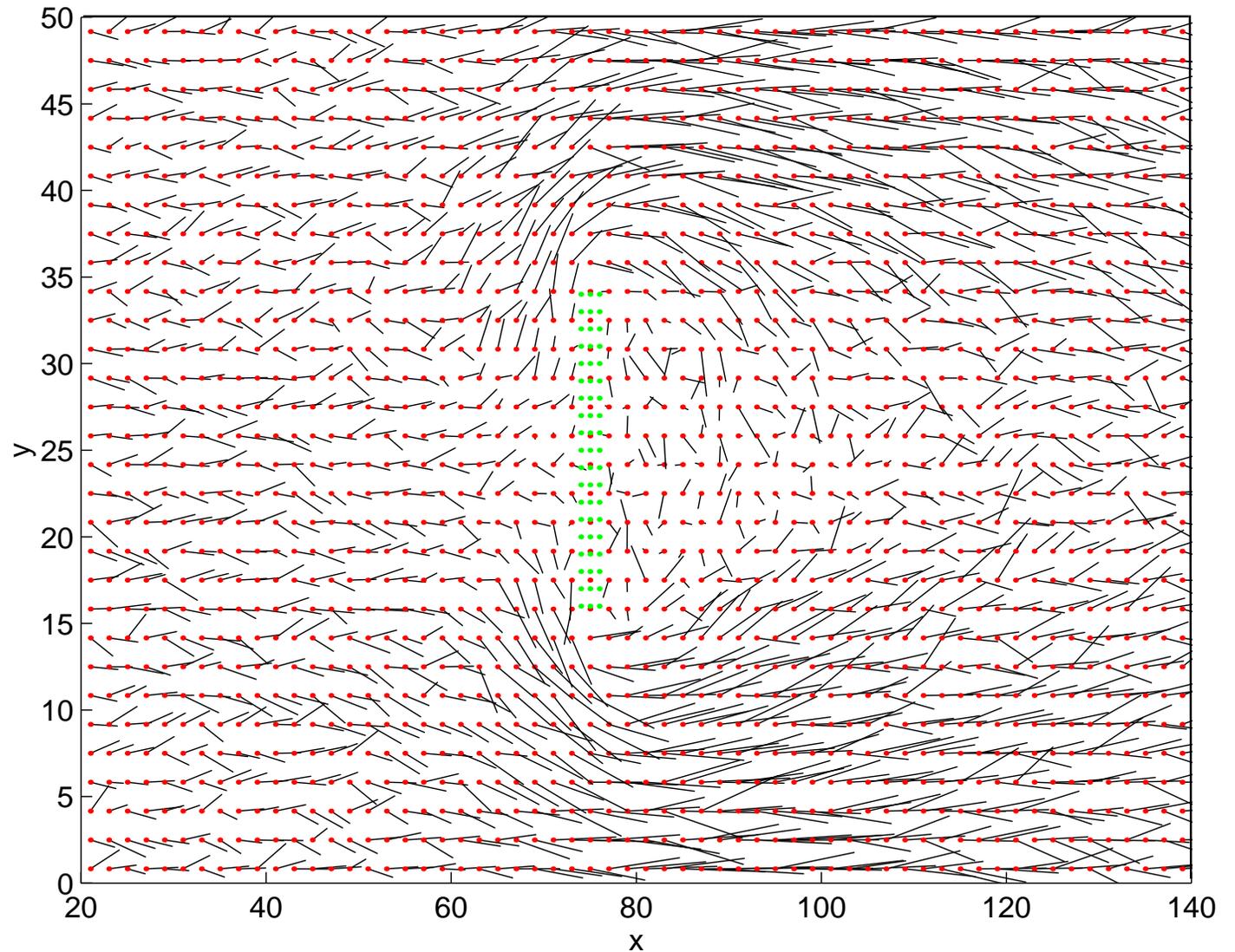


Properties: 1. smooth 2. maximal utilization of given information  
3. value at any point depends on **all** data

## Example 2a

## MD simulation of fluids flowing by a solid-wall barrier in midstream

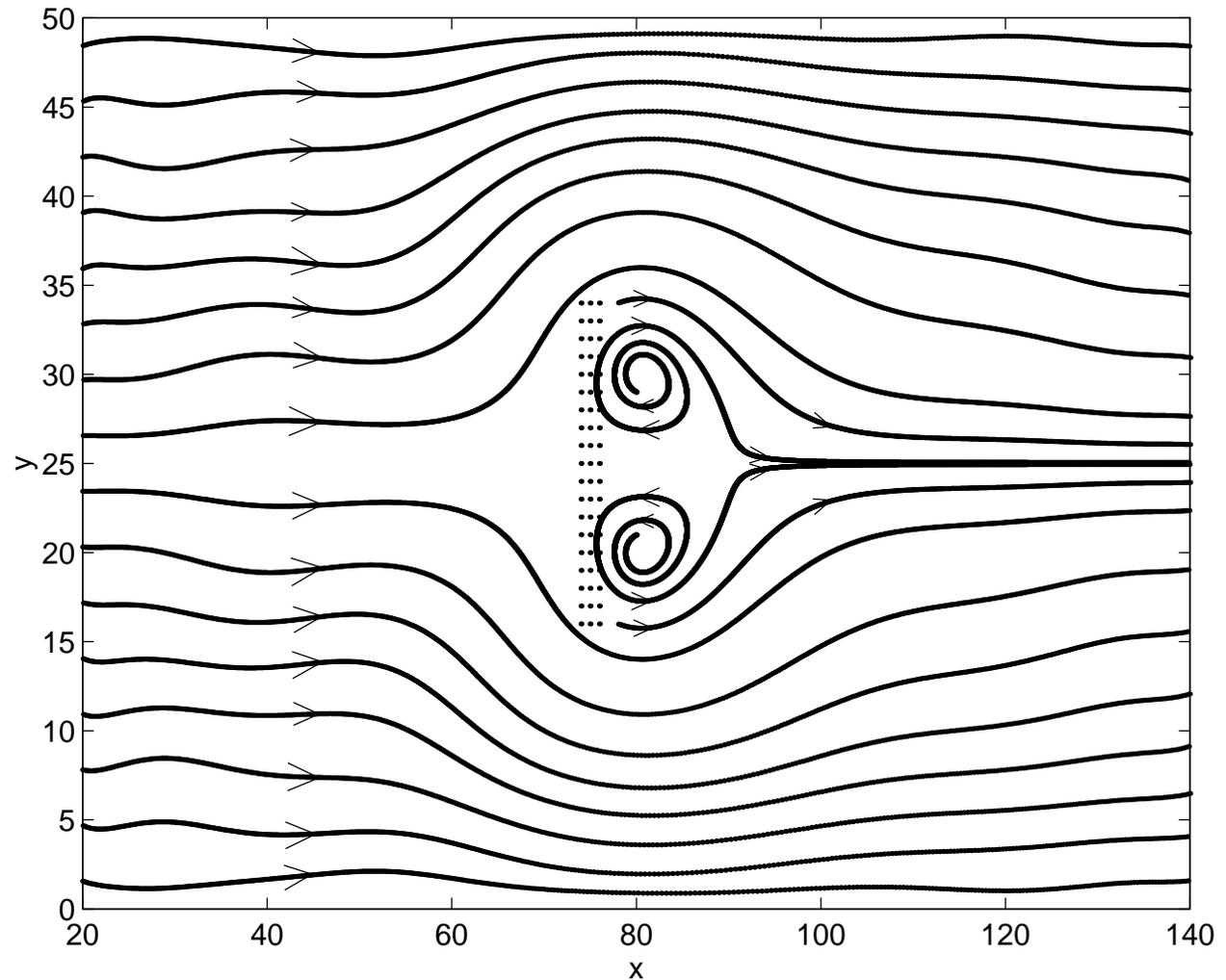
- 60 x 30  
bin-averaging
- Not well-  
characterized
- Streamlines  
not available



## Example 2b

After applying **TFE** to the same particle data

- 9 x 9 spatial basis
- Continuous streamlines
- Vortex formation
- $Re = 10^1$



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More Difficult Job:

Continuum fields  $\rightarrow$  [ MD ]

Demand  $\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{v}_i\}$  to satisfy the **distribution**  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$  specified by  $\rho(\mathbf{x}), \bar{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}), T(\mathbf{x})$  on the boundary.



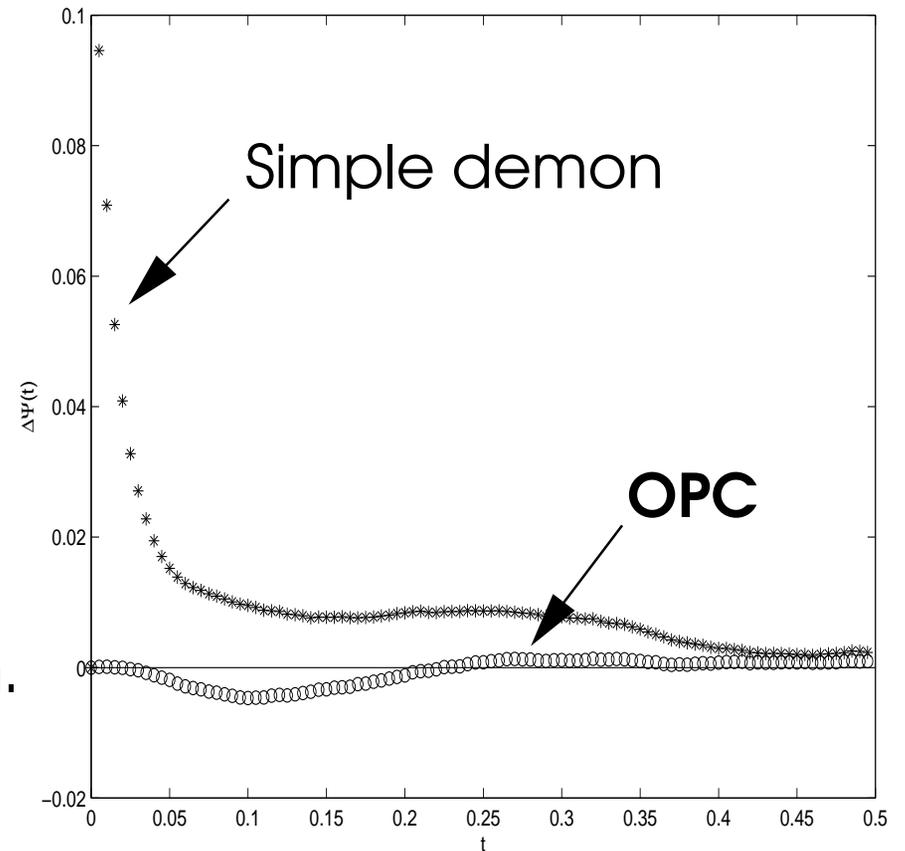
But for MD result to be **exact**, atoms should evolve **naturally** without **feeling** artificial disturbance.  $\therefore$  ~~Maxwell's Demons~~

Is this possible ?

**Optimal Particle Controller:** a more sophisticated demon who inflicts *least* disturbance on **particle dynamics** while applying a desired **boundary distribution**.

- incoming random variables  $\{X\}$  with distribution  $g(X)$
- the desired distribution is  $f(X)$
- replace  $X$ 's by  $Y$ 's such that  $Y$  satisfies distribution  $f(Y)$
- **OPC** is the **unique**  $X \rightarrow Y$  transform, that *minimizes*  $\overline{|Y-X|^2}$

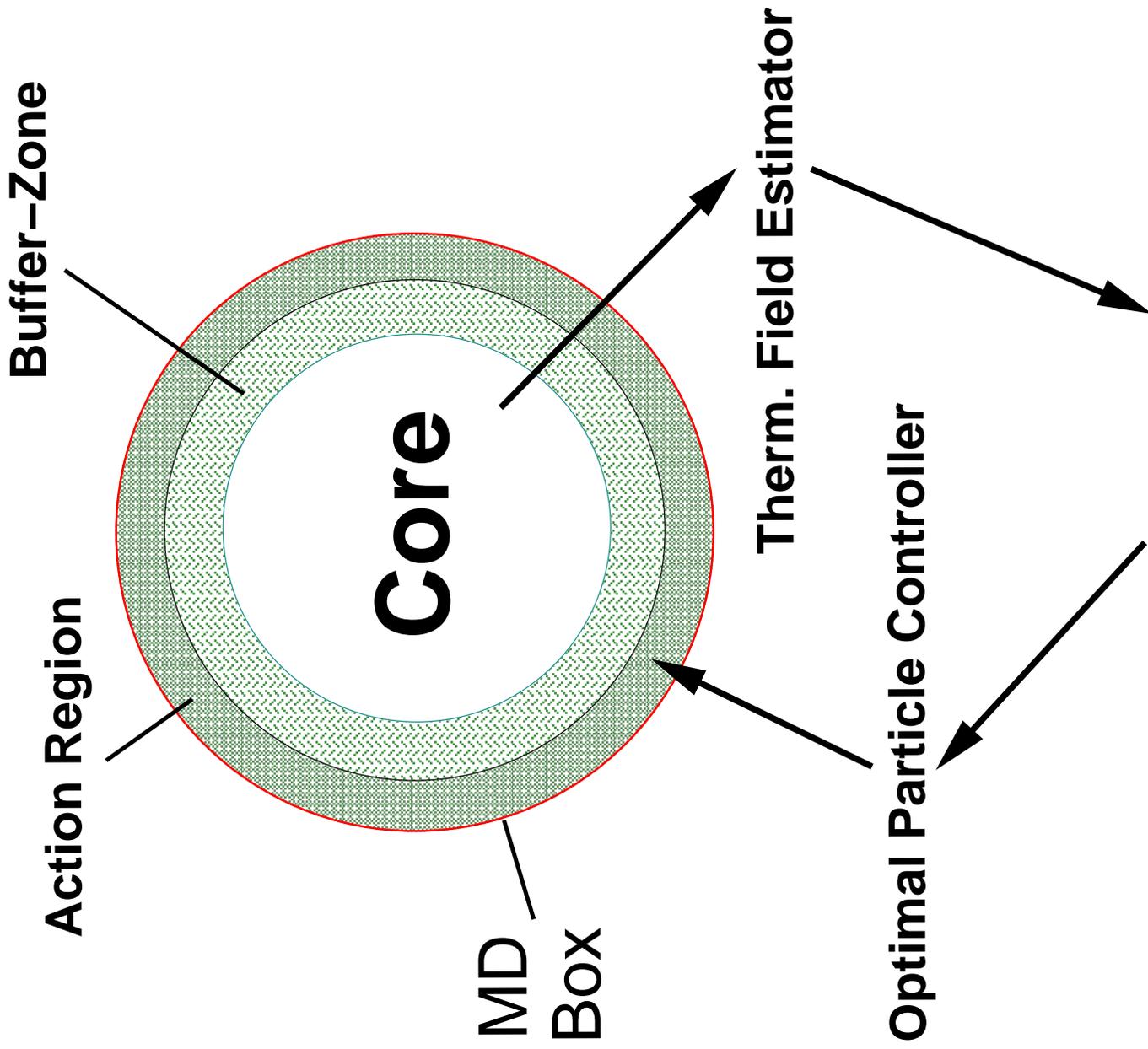
$\Delta\Psi(t)$  in Couette Flow Simulation



Evidence: particle velocity auto-correlation function  $\Psi(t) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}(t)\mathbf{v}(0) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}(0)\mathbf{v}(0) \rangle}$

# Molecular Chaos in Fluids

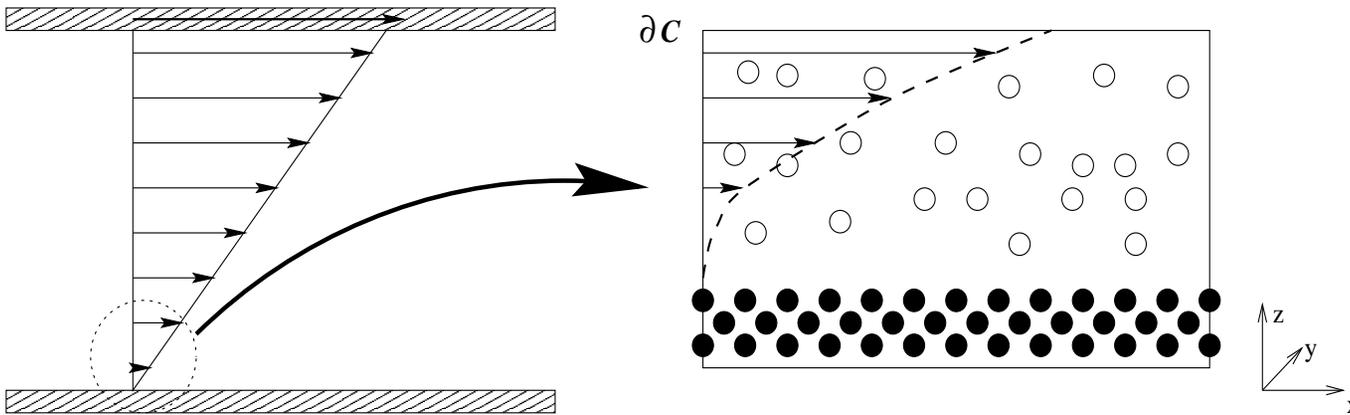
✓ Particle dynamics



Feedback Control Algorithm

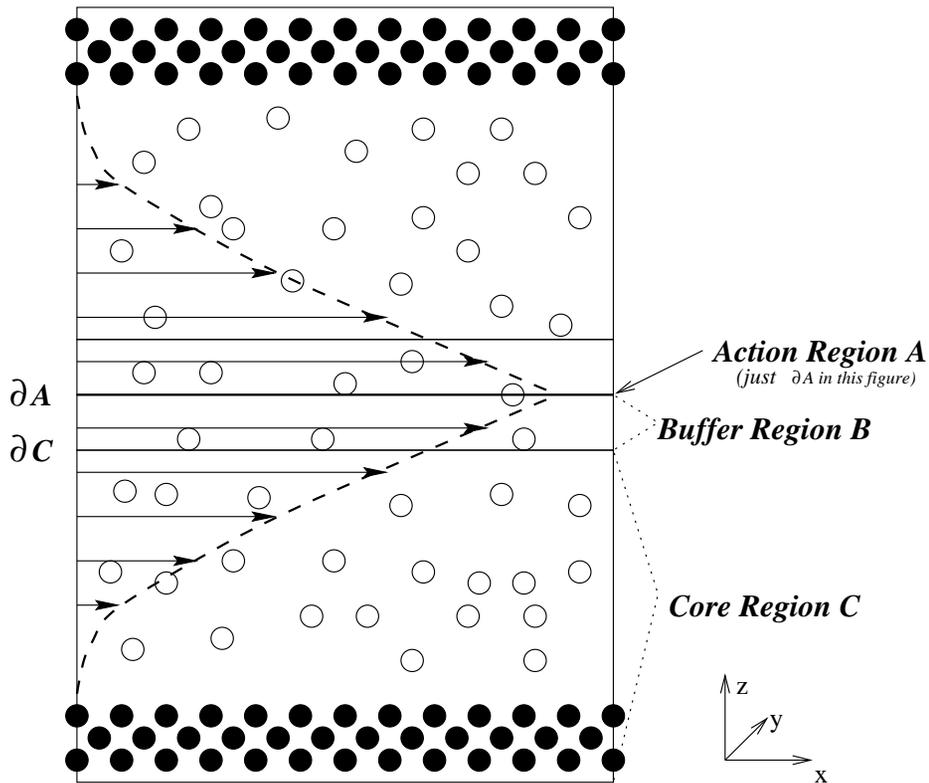
✓ BC

# 1. Problem

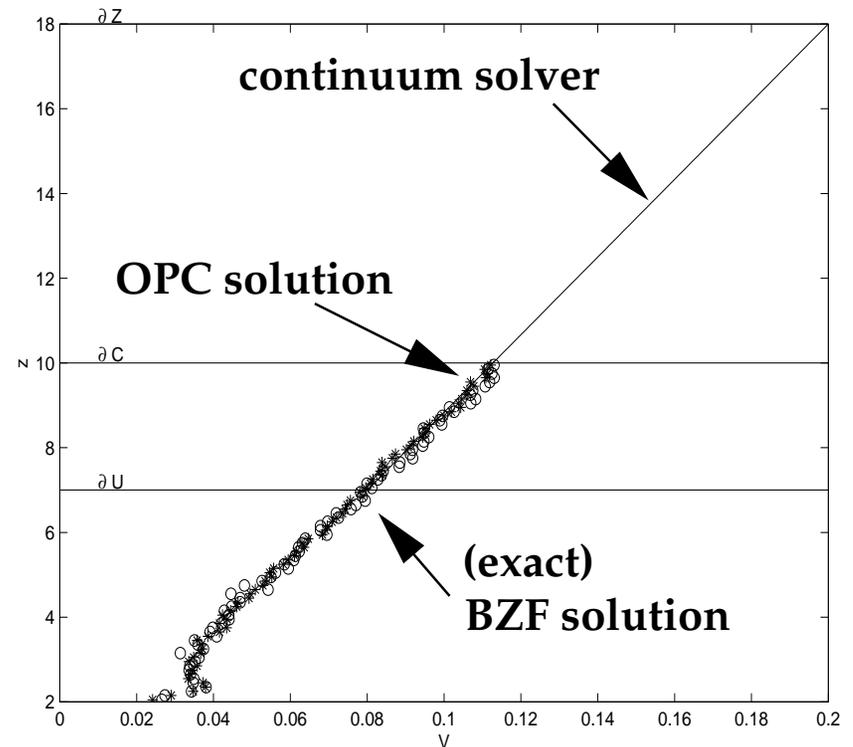


# Coupled Continuum-MD Simulation of Couette Flow

## 2. Buffer-Zone Feedback Method



## 3. Result: correct BC + dynamics = Exact solution at finite $T$ .



## **Conclusion:**

- **Exact steady-state solution = correct BC + Particle dynamics.**
- **Obtainable in fluids due to molecular chaos, using Buffer-Zone Feedback and novel tools such as TFE and OPC.**

## **Open Question:**

How do we get **exact** solutions for **solids** at **finite  $T$**  ?

- Long range order
- Phonons almost do not decay