

# Full-scale Mars Science Laboratory Tiled Heatshield Material Response

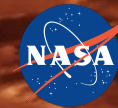
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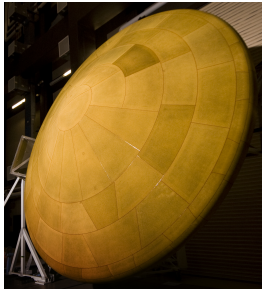
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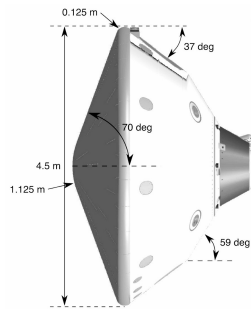
MSL PICA heatshield



From literature

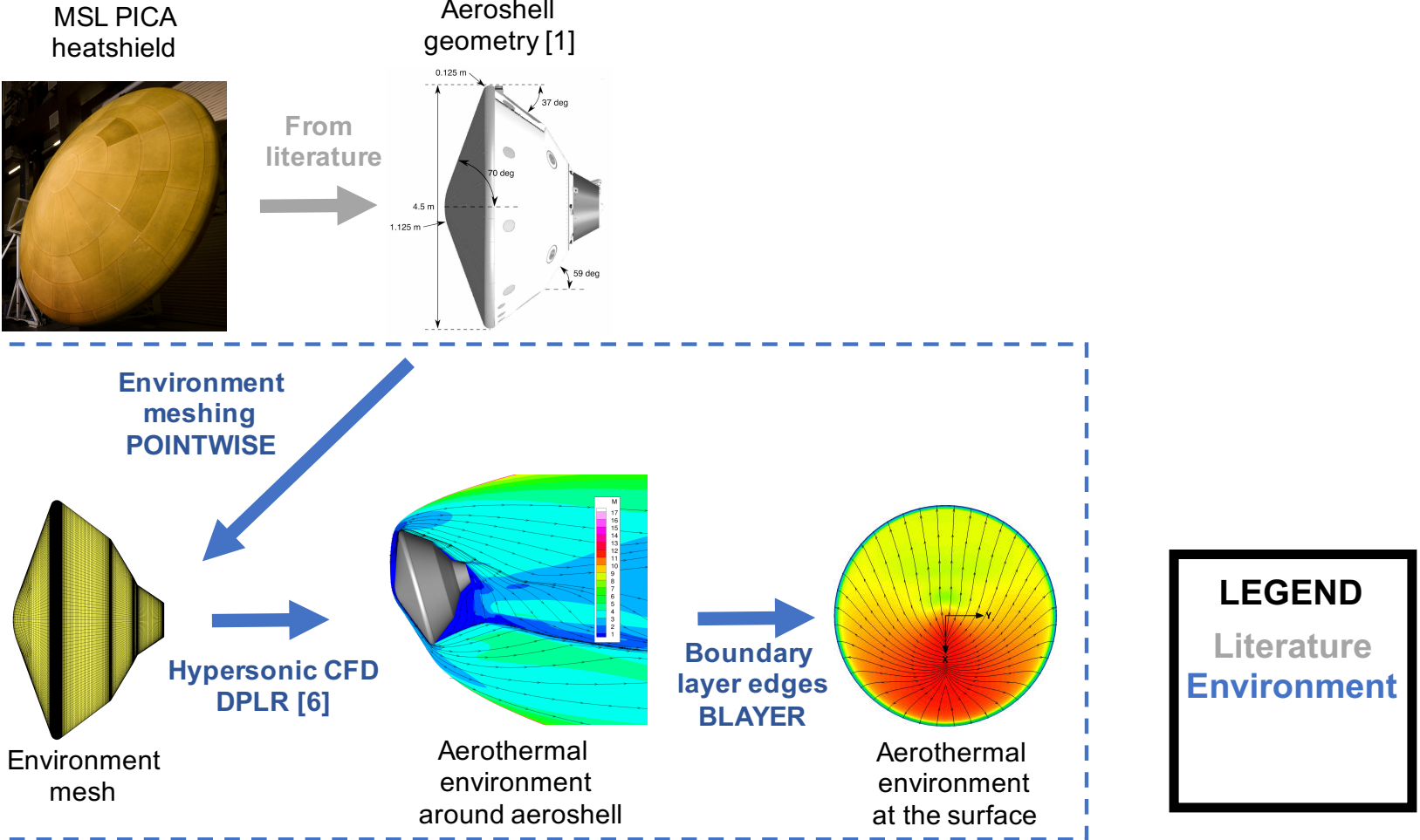


Aeroshell geometry [1]

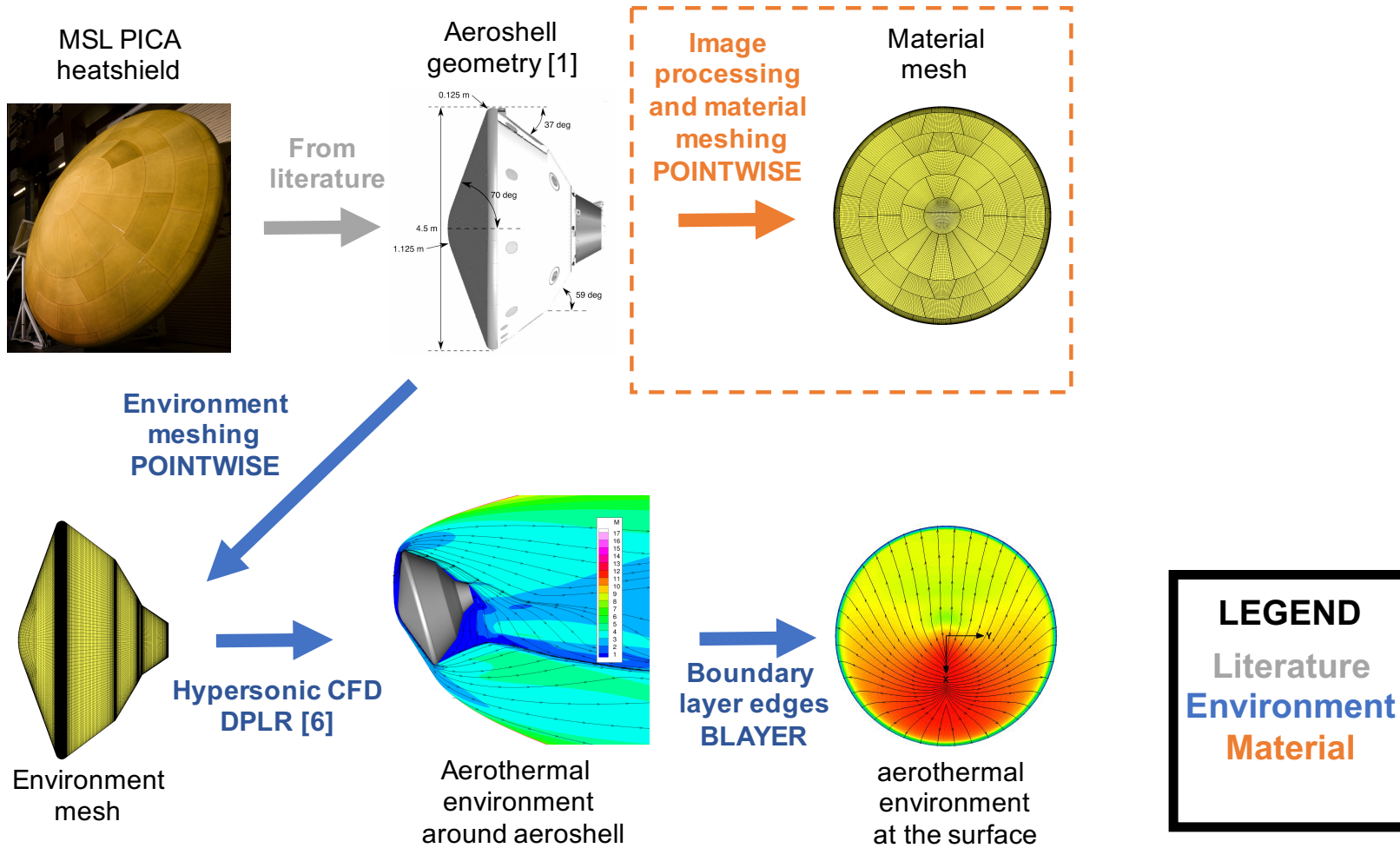


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Literature

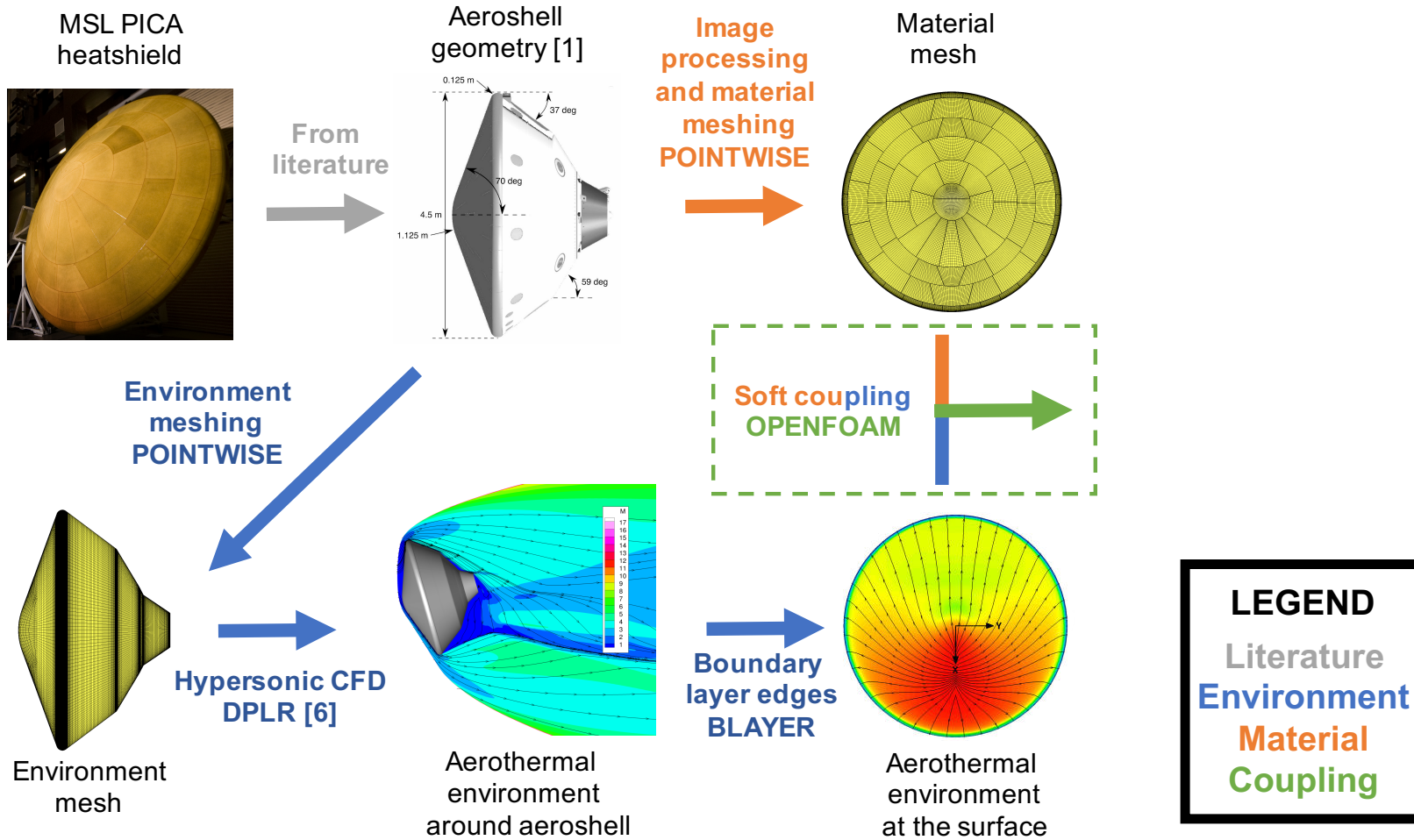
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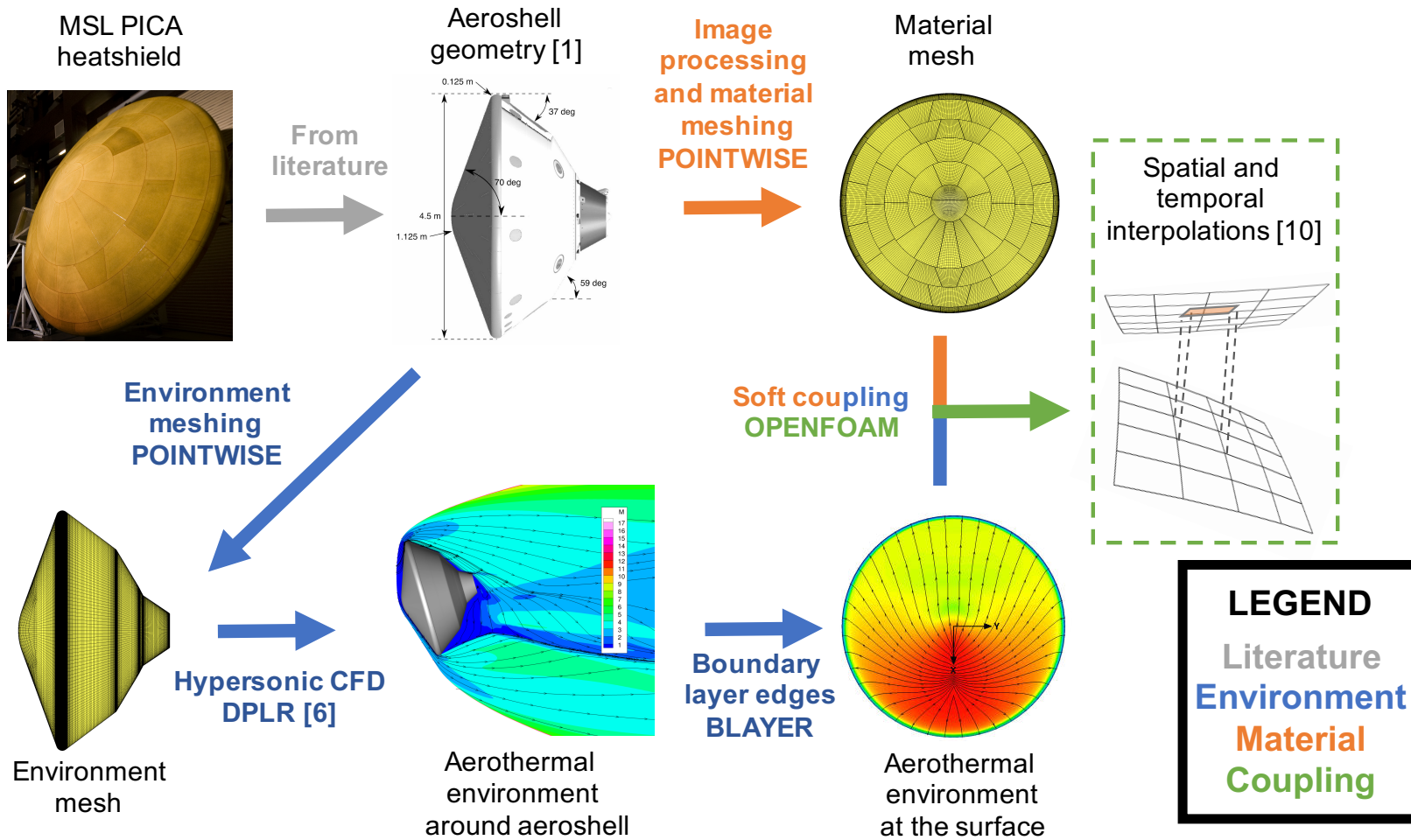
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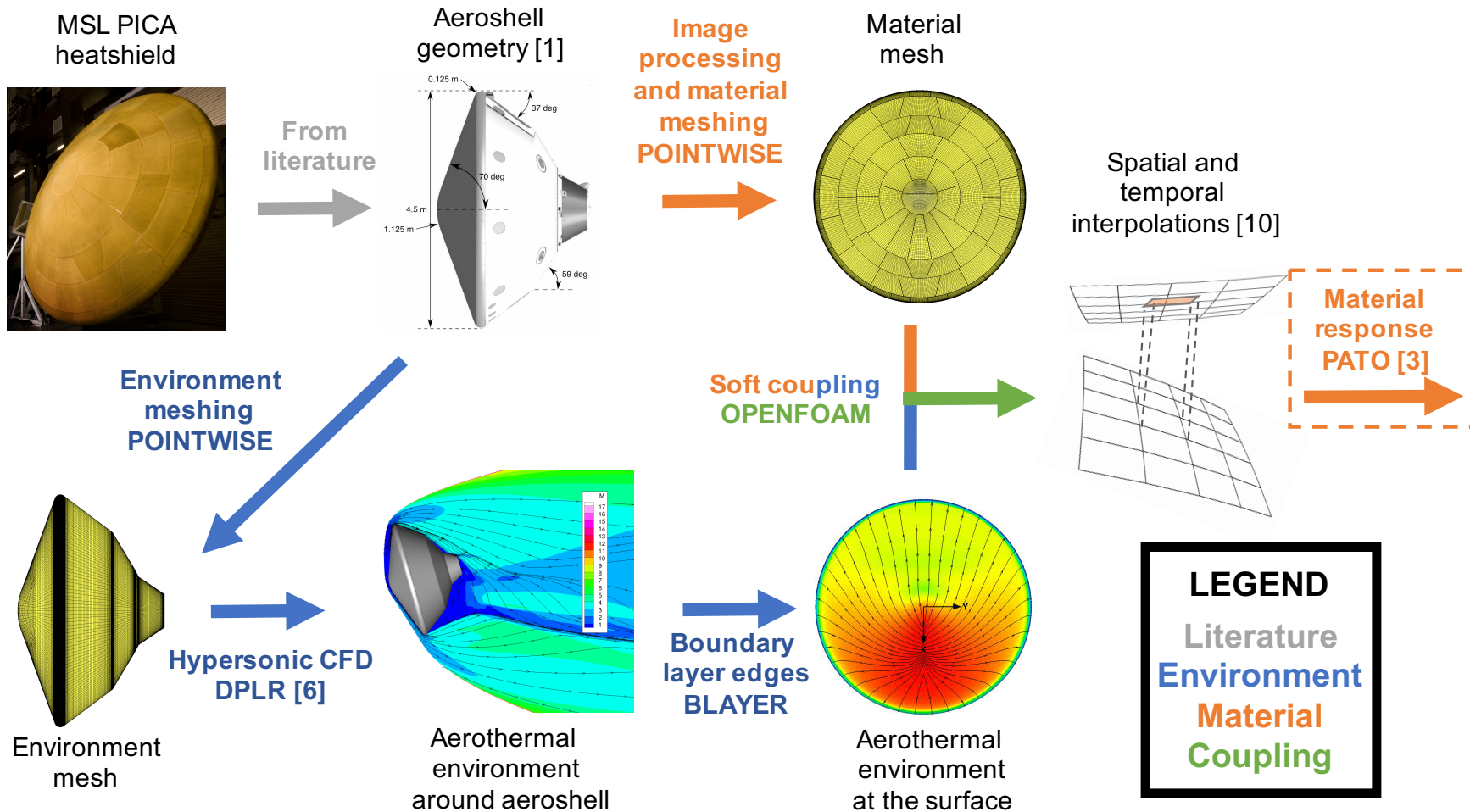
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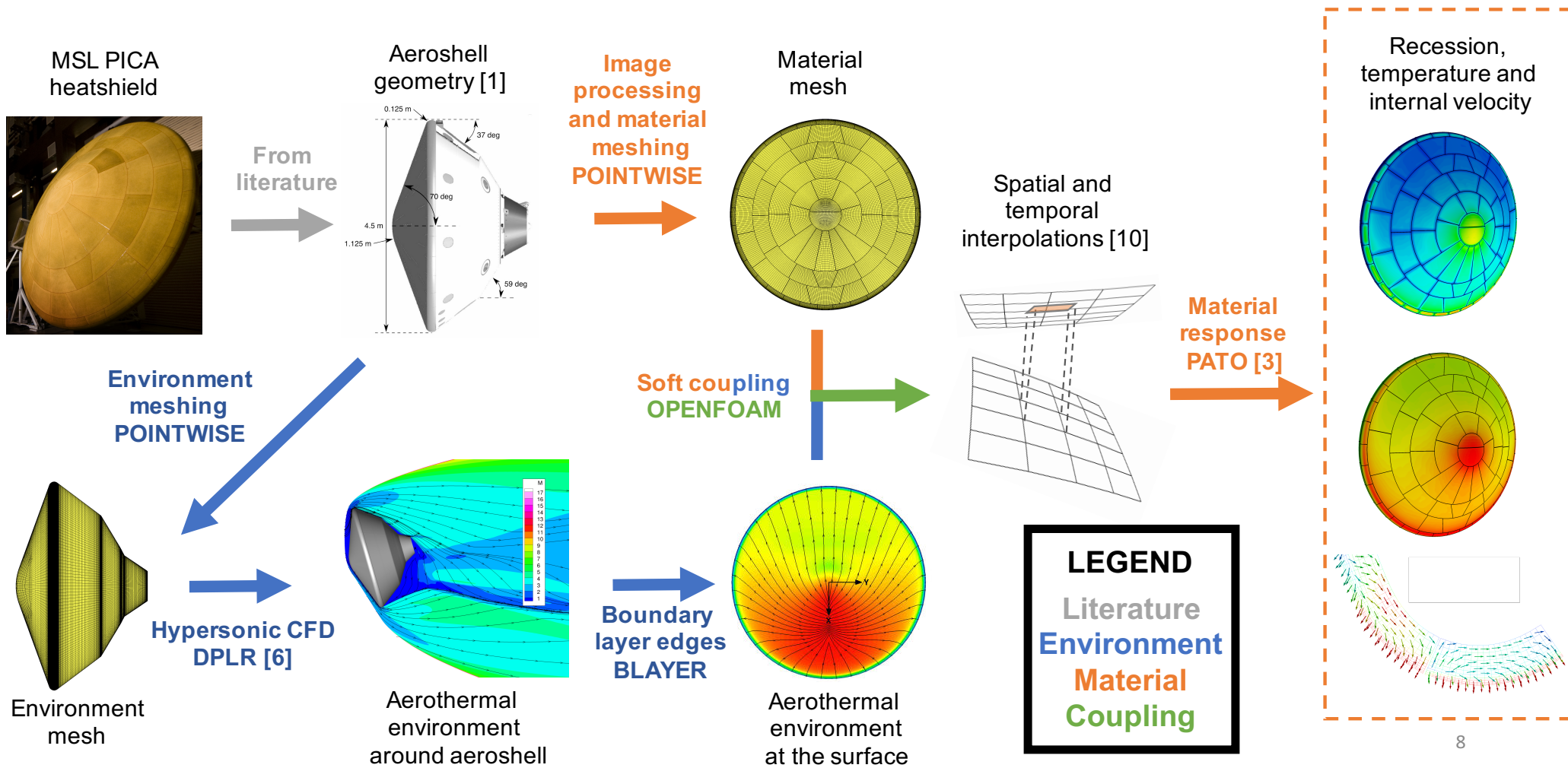
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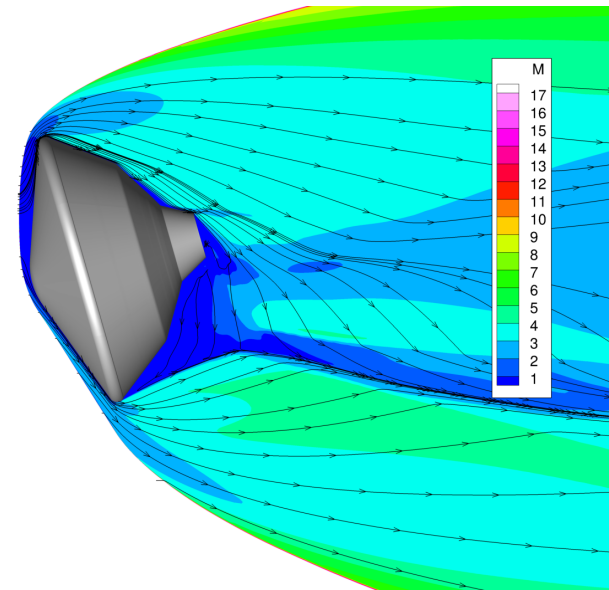




# Aerothermal environment computed from DPLR\*

## DPLR assumptions

- **Laminar** boundary layer
- **Non-blowing** & smooth wall
- Chemical and thermal non-equilibrium
- Radiative equilibrium
- Super-catalytic wall
- Mars atmosphere:  $y_{\text{CO}_2} = 0.97$ ,  $y_{\text{N}_2} = 0.03$
- 12 reactions & 8 species [12]

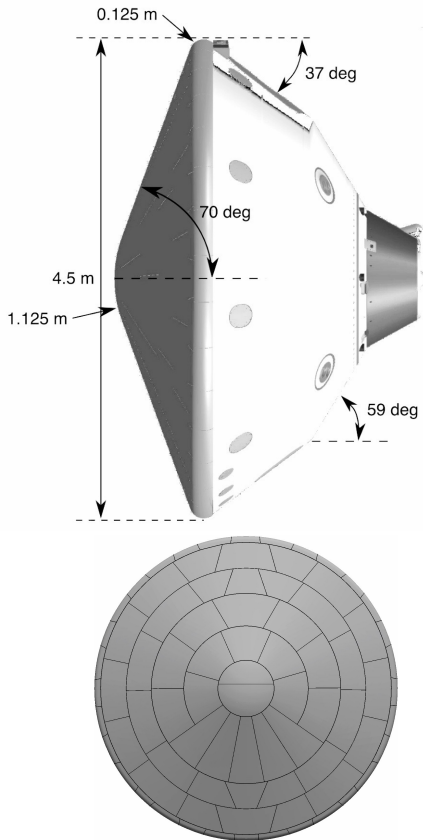


**BLAYER** calculates the **boundary layer edges** using a curvature-based method

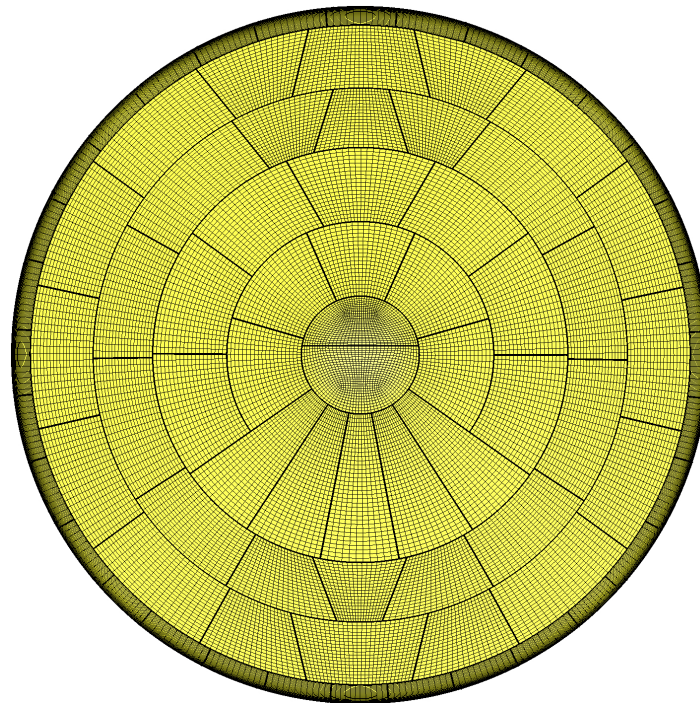
**Surface pressure  $p_w$ , heat transfer coefficient  $C_H$  and enthalpy  $h_e$  at the boundary layer edges** are used as inputs in the **material response code: PATO**

\* DPLR = Data Parallel Line Relaxation [6]

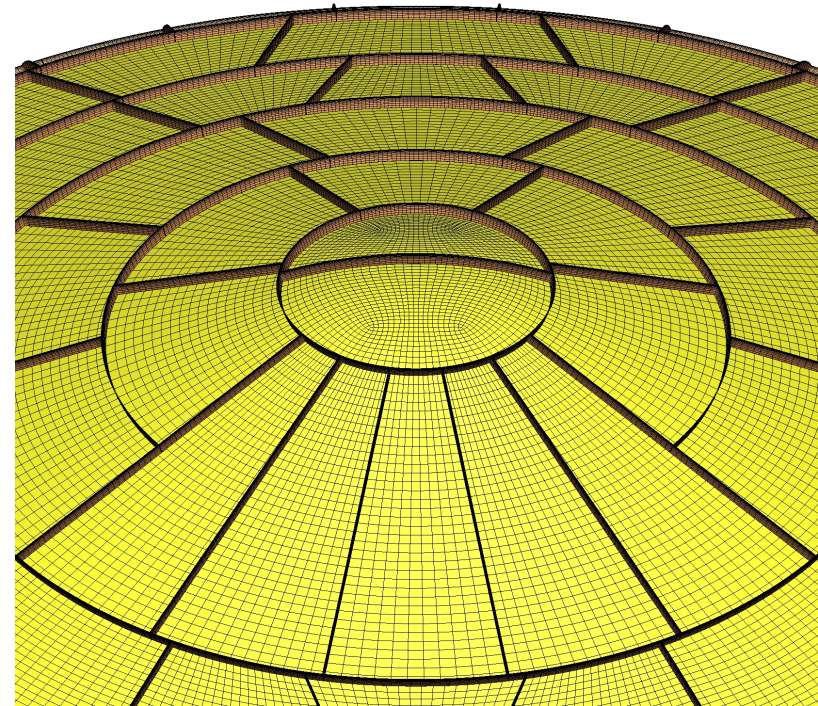
# Computational domain of the material response



**Aeroshell geometry  
with 113 PICA tiles [1]**



**2 million cells mesh  
of the tiled heatshield**



**Heatshield material in 2 regions  
gap filler + porous tiles**

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Klinkenberg correction [2,11]

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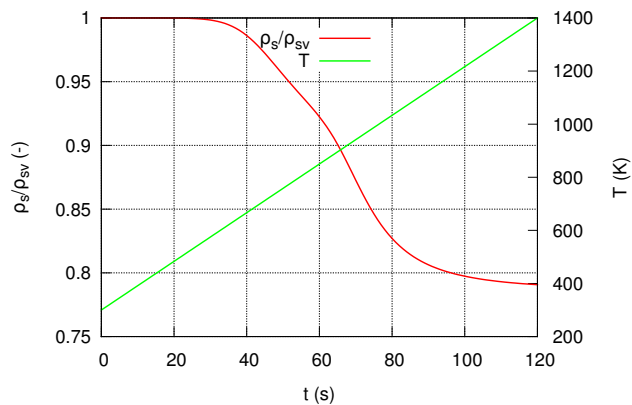
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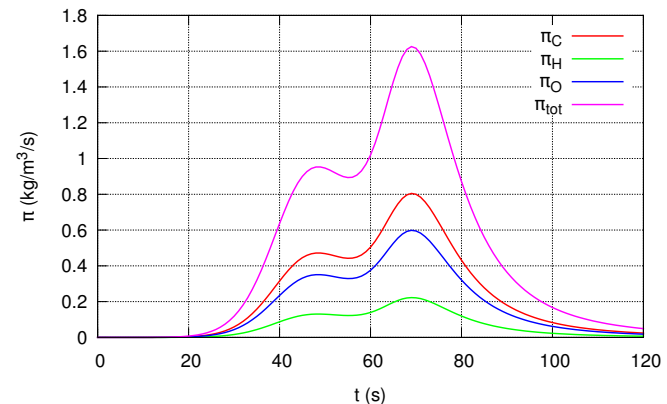
$$\partial_t \chi_{i,j} = (1 - \chi_{i,j})^{m_{i,j}} T^{n_{i,j}} A_{i,j} \exp\left(\frac{-E_{i,j}}{RT}\right)$$

$$\Pi = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \sum_{j=1}^{P_i} \sum_{k=1}^{N_g} \zeta_{i,j,k} \epsilon_{i,0} \rho_{i,0} F_{i,j} \partial_t \chi_{i,j}$$

Mass loss and temperature



Pyrolysis production rates



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Conduction – implicit in T

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Solid mass loss by pyrolysis and heterogeneous reactions – explicit

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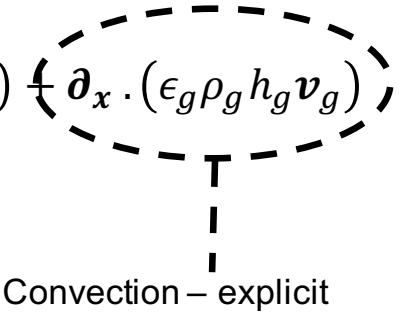
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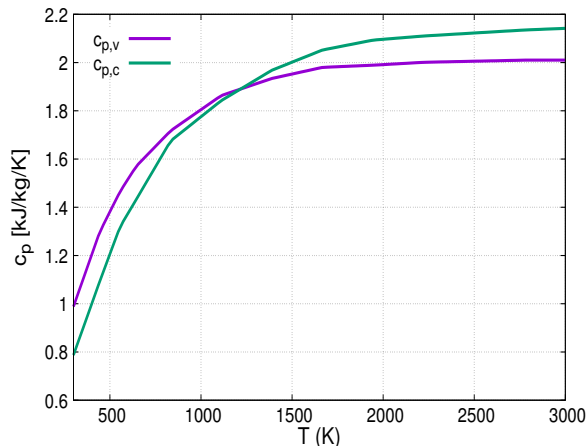
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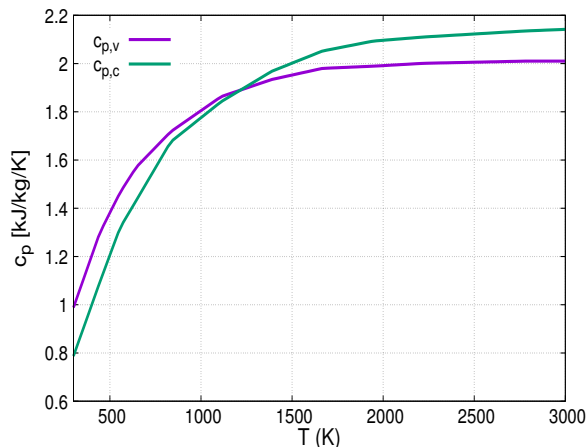
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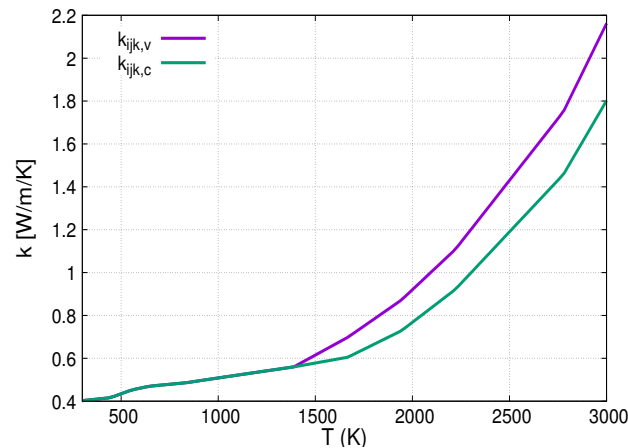
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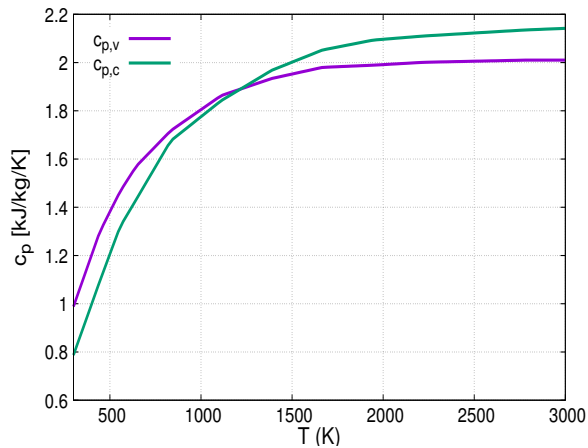
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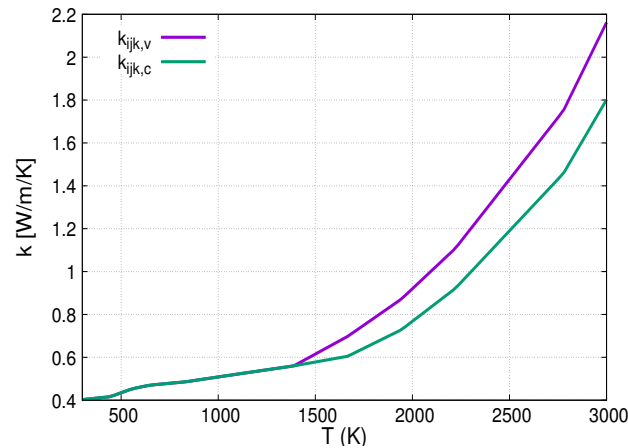
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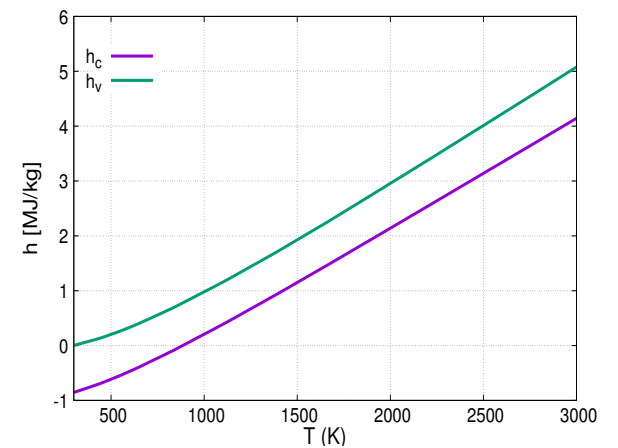
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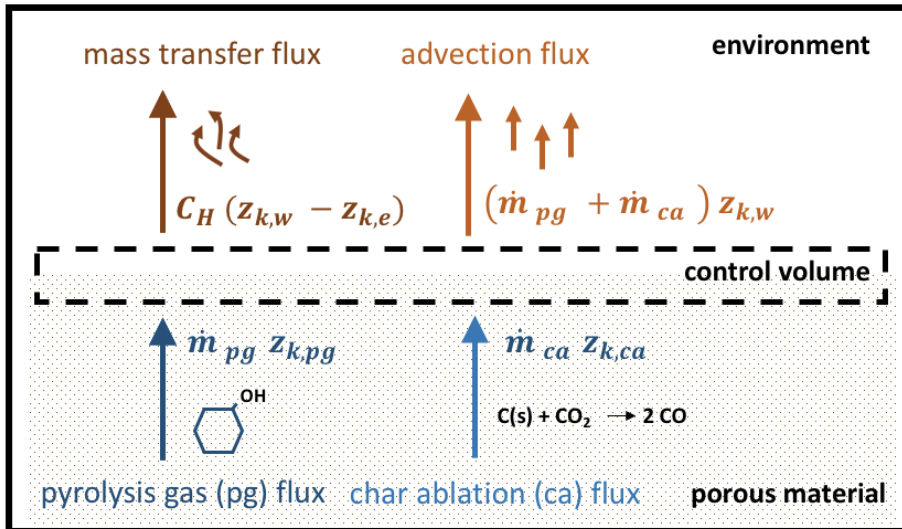




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Surface mass balance [7]



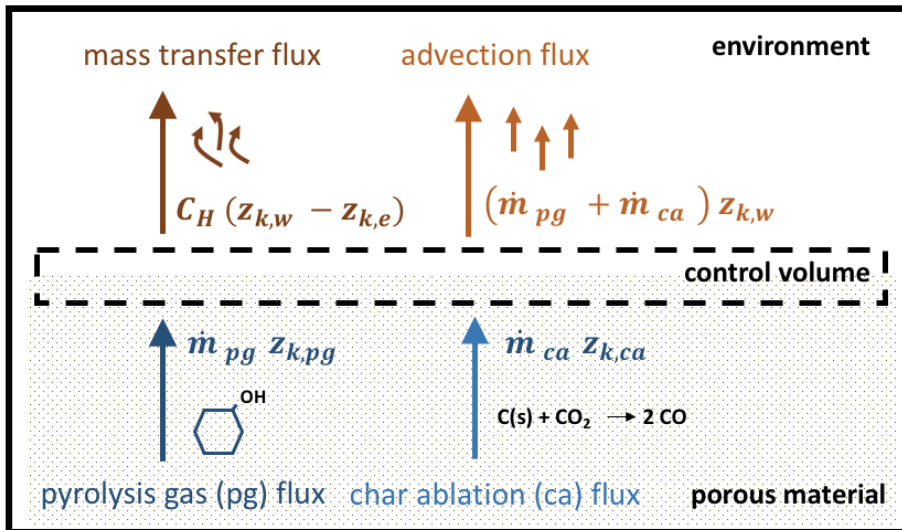
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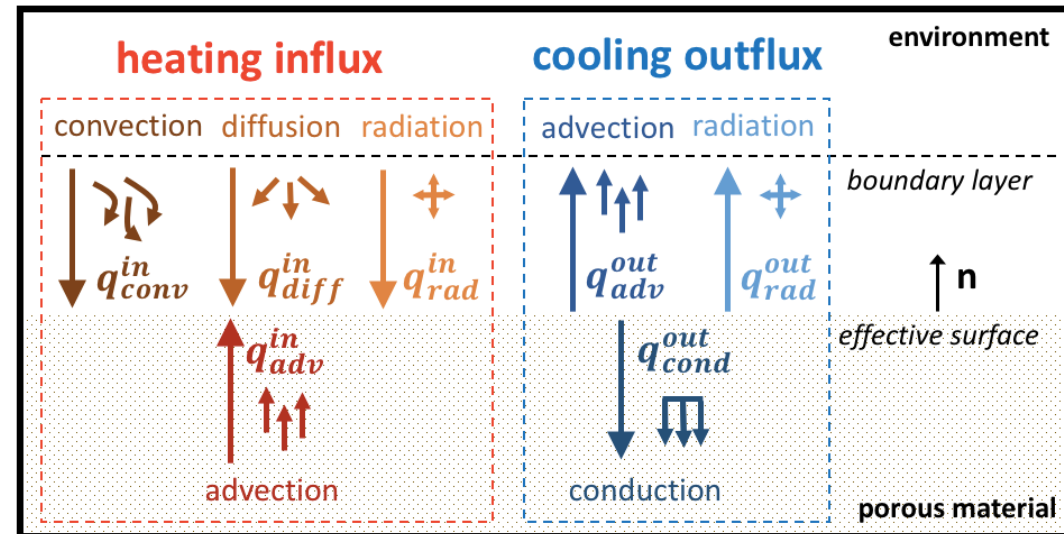
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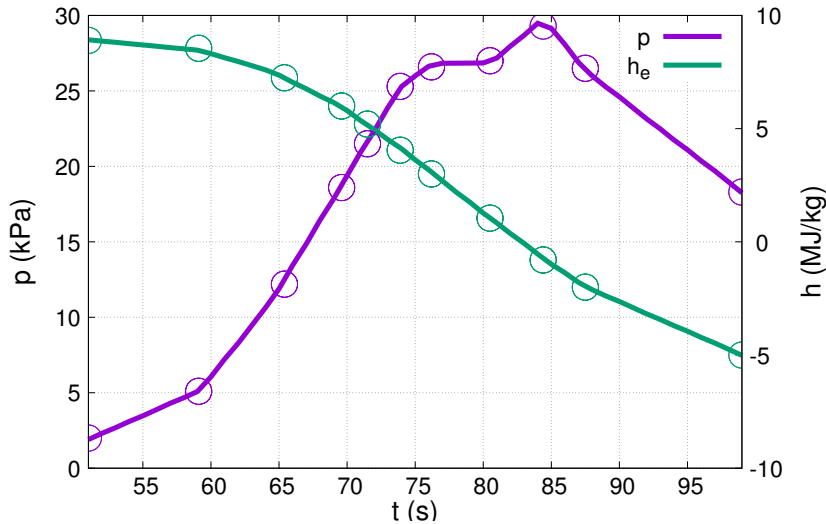
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Temperature at the wall  $T_w$

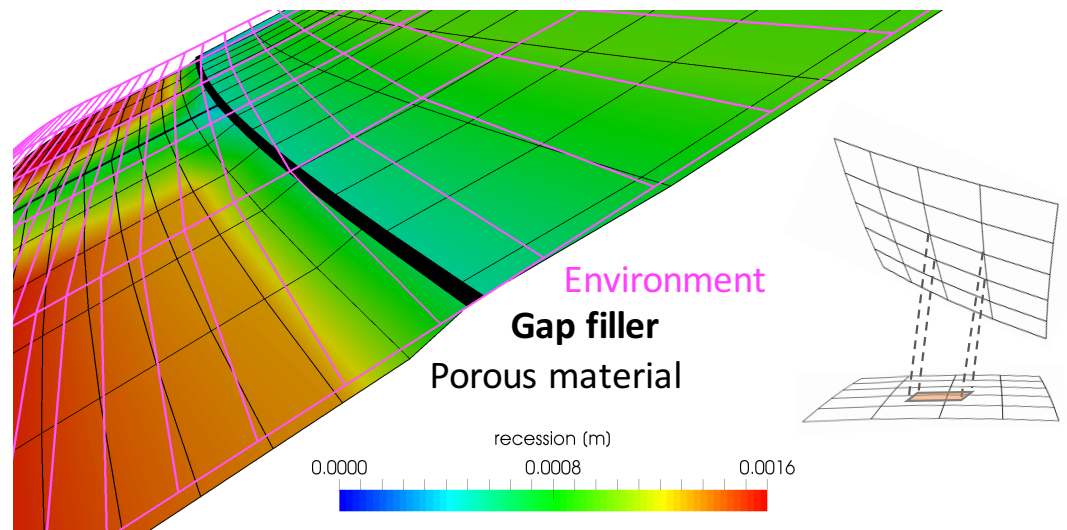
# Temporal and spatial interpolations

## Temporal interpolation



11 **discrete** times  
(50s to 100s of MSL entry)  
**linear** interpolation

## Spatial interpolation



Separate mesh regions are numerically **connected** by the **Arbitrary Mesh Interface (AMI)** utility using local **Galerkin projection** [10] implemented in **OpenFOAM**

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**Post-test  
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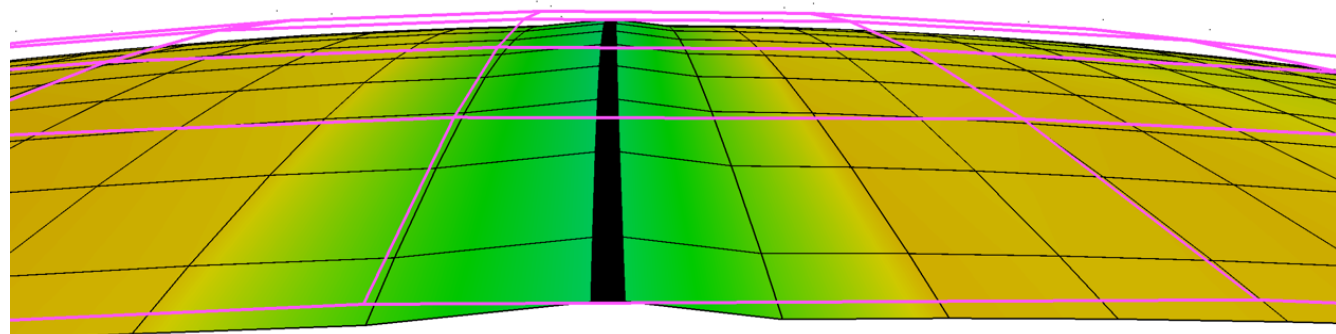
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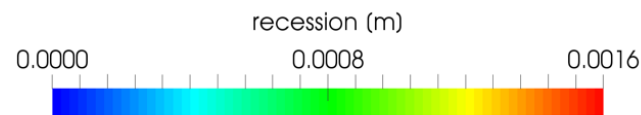
MSL heatshield  
front surface  
at the nose



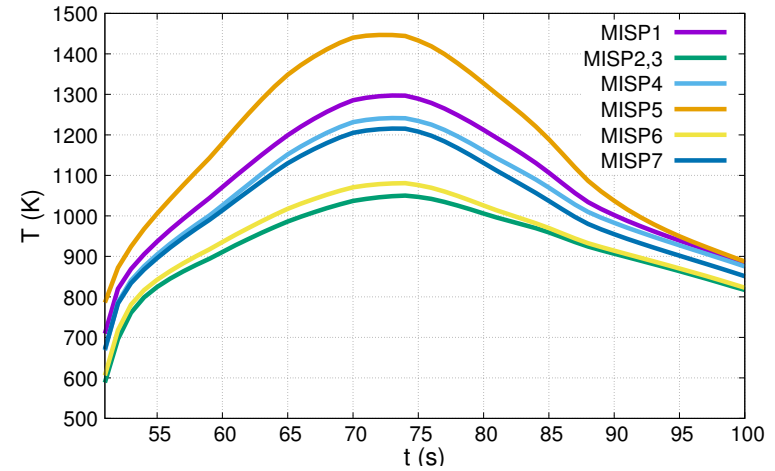
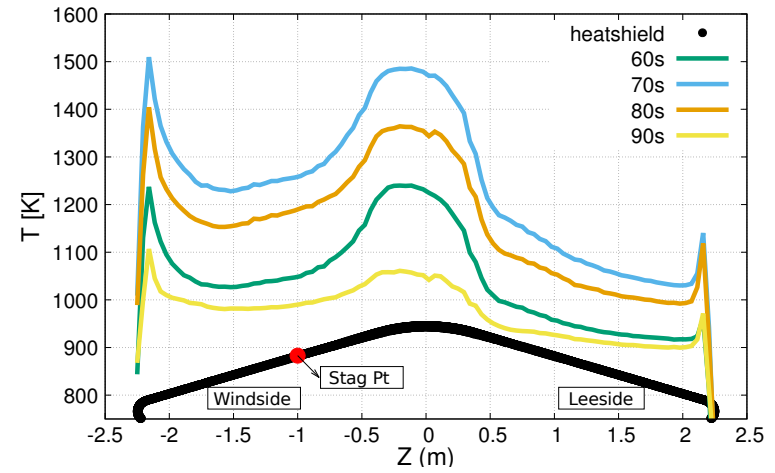
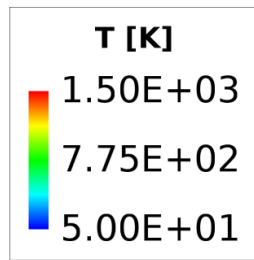
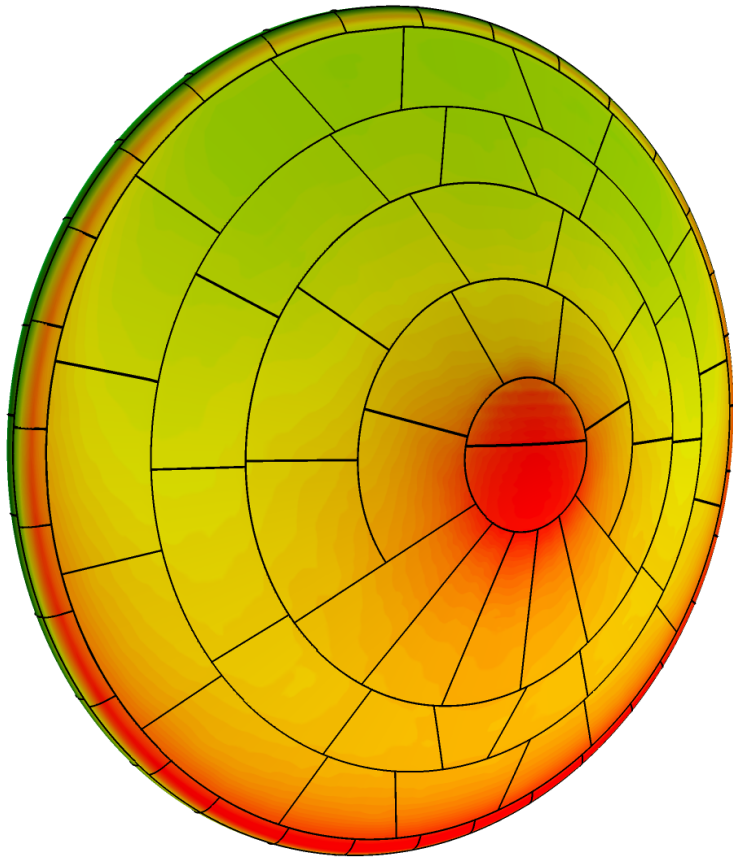
Environment

Gap filler

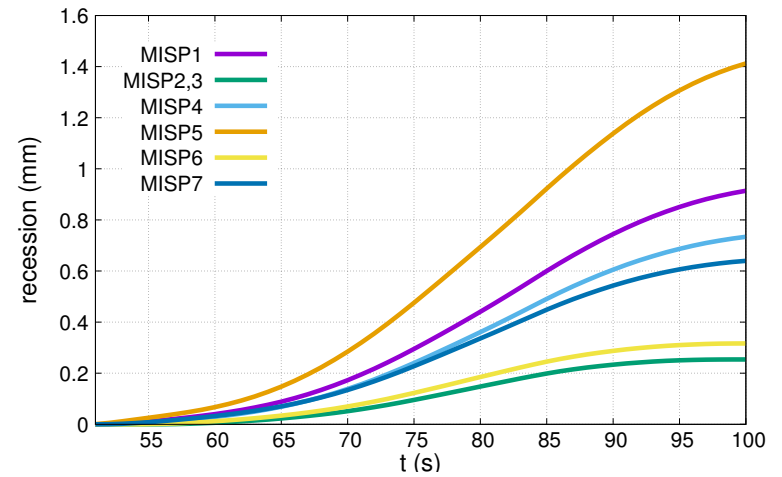
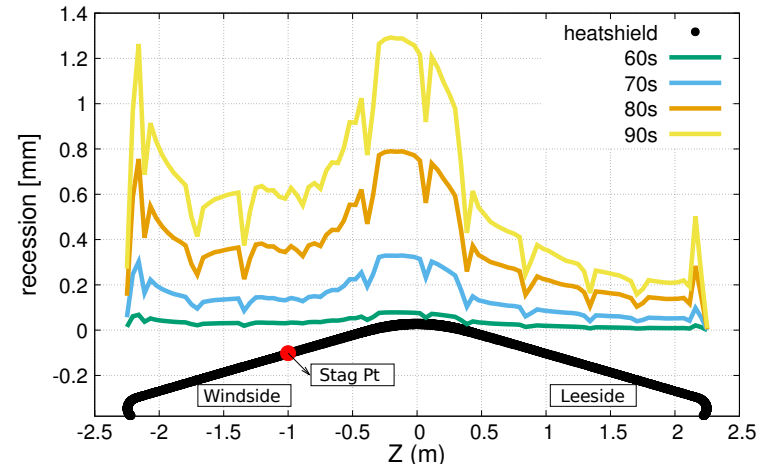
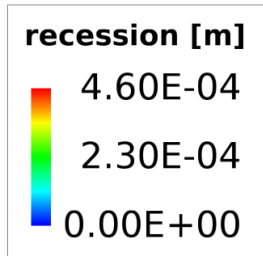
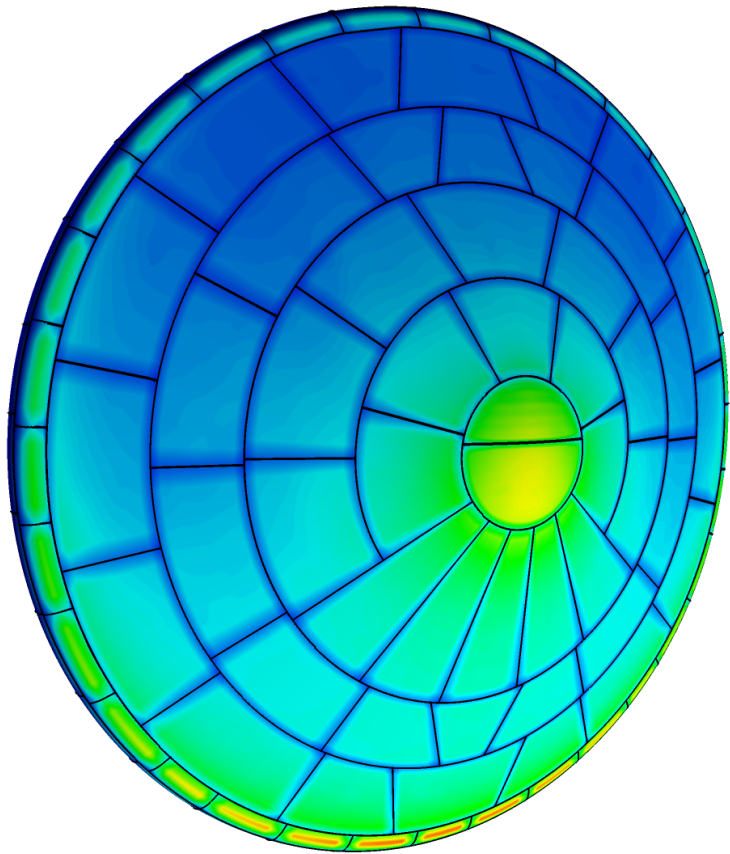
Porous material



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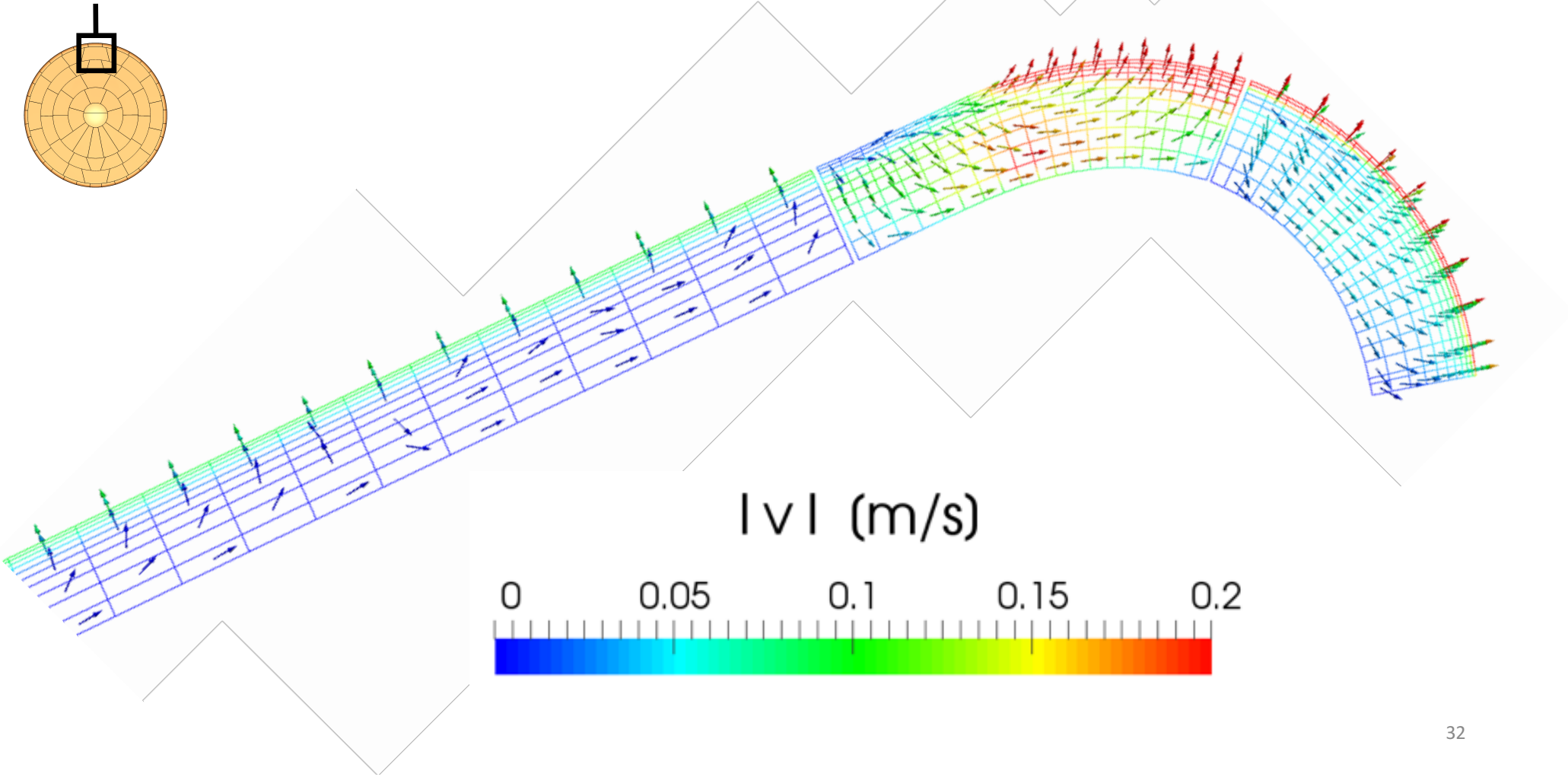
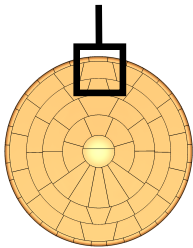


# Recession from PATO



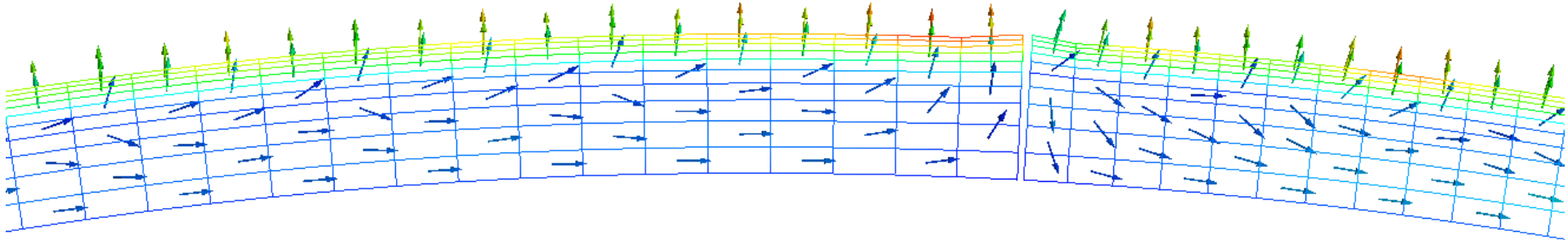
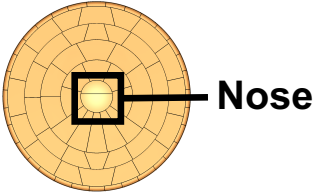
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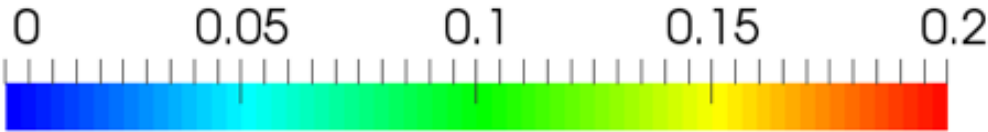




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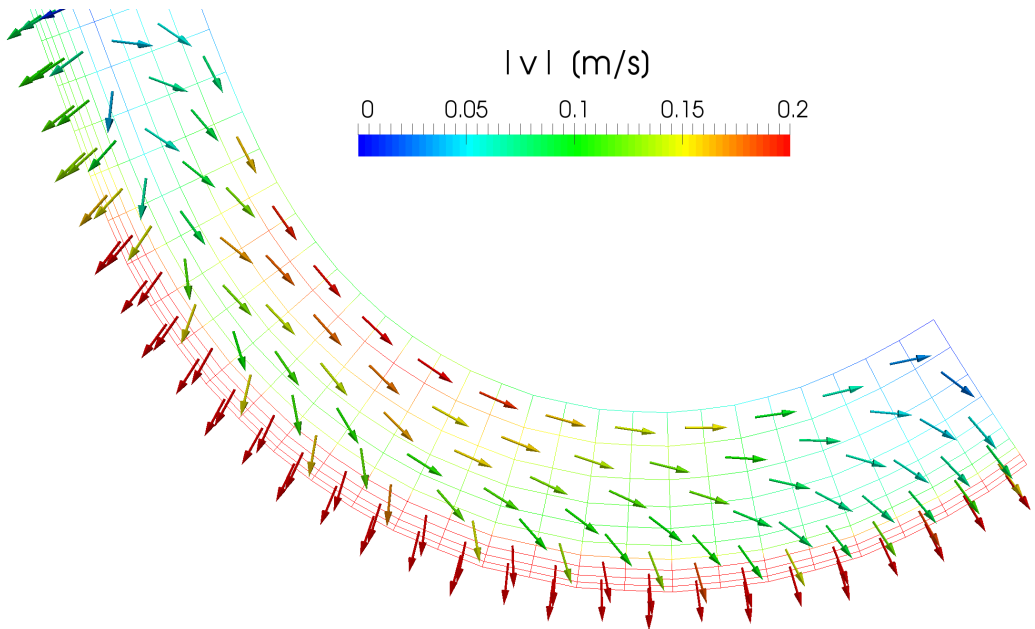


$|v|$  (m/s)

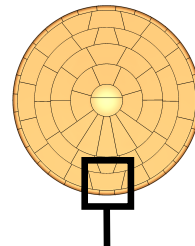
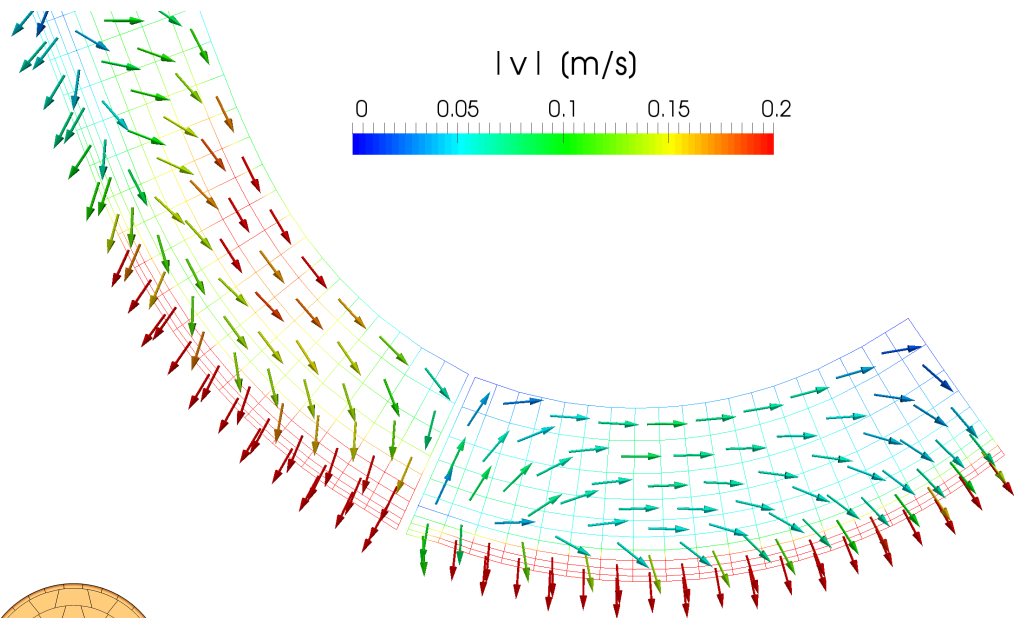


# Tiled configuration changes the flow inside the material

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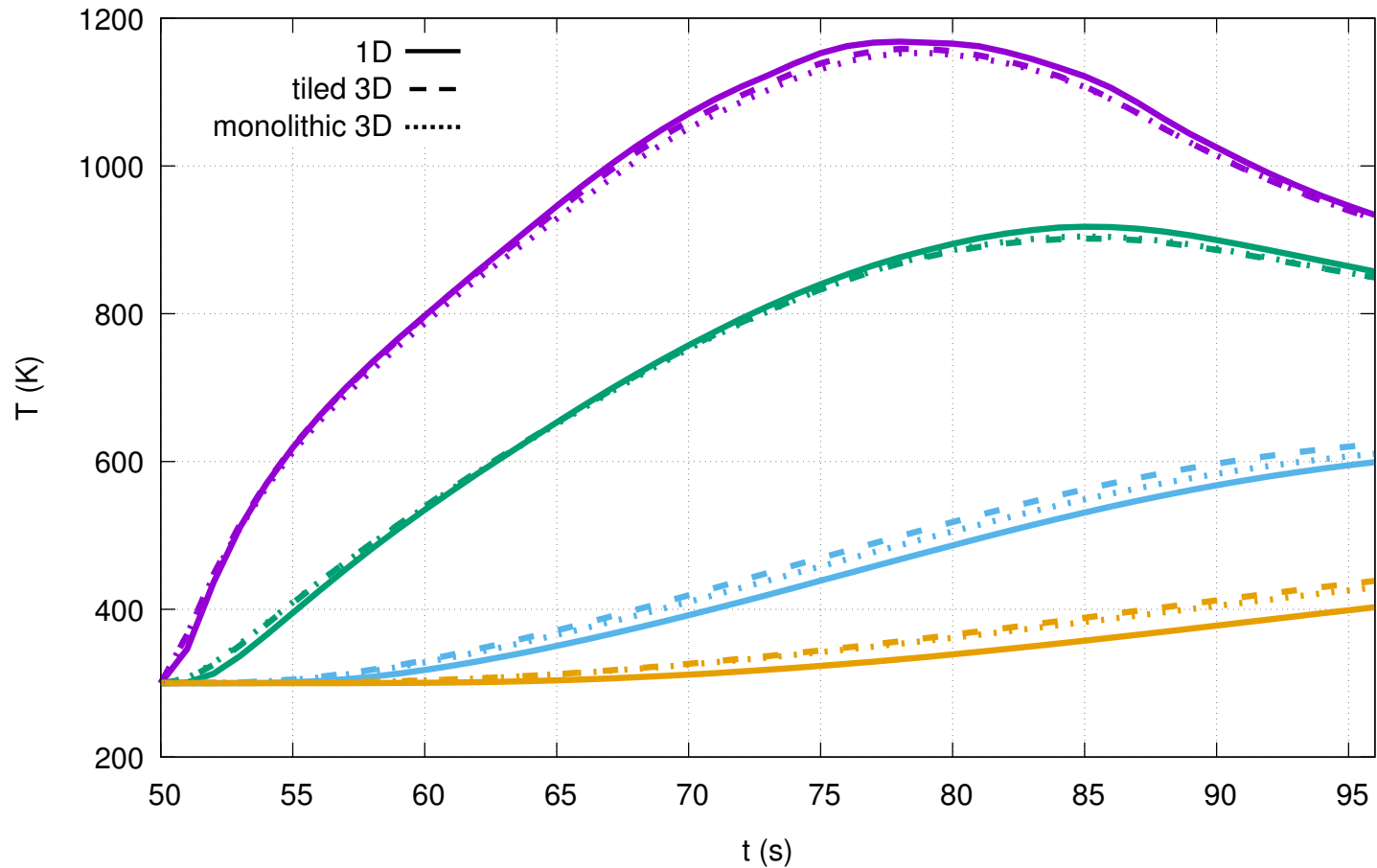
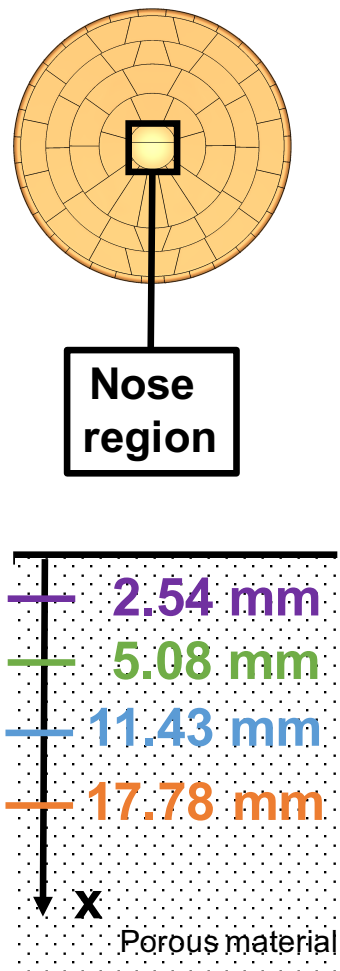


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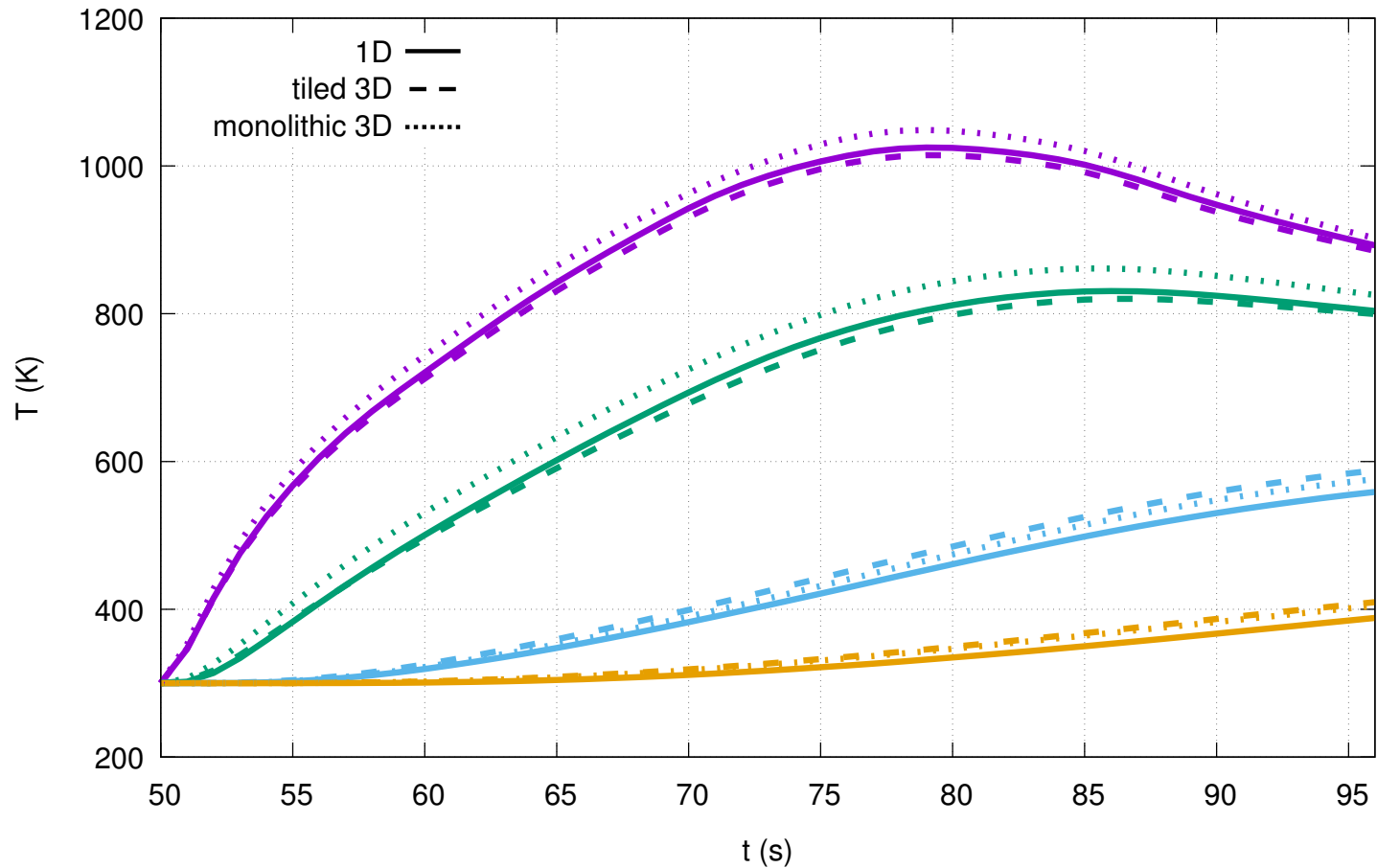
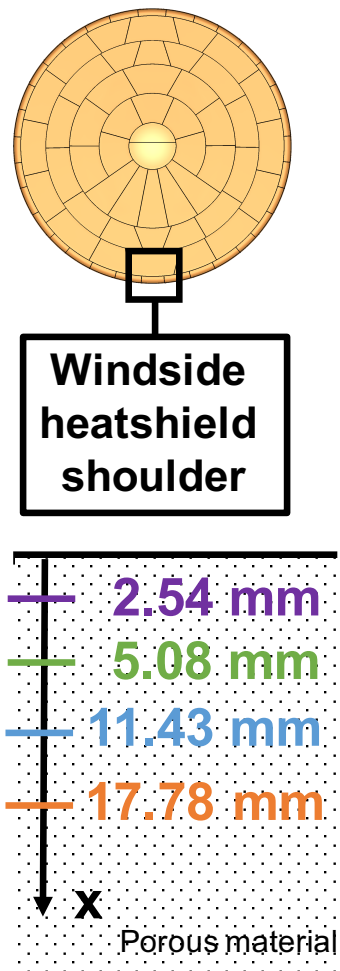


**Windside**

# 1D and 3D material response comparison – nose



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## Outputs

- Monolithic & tiled
- Temperature 1D & 3D
- Recession 1D & 3D
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# Future work

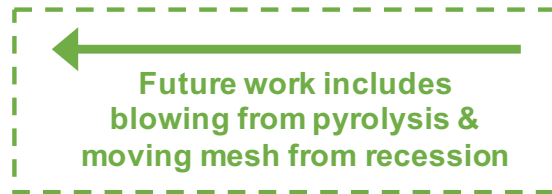
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↓ **New technology**

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Future work includes  
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moving mesh from recession

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PATO is capable of  
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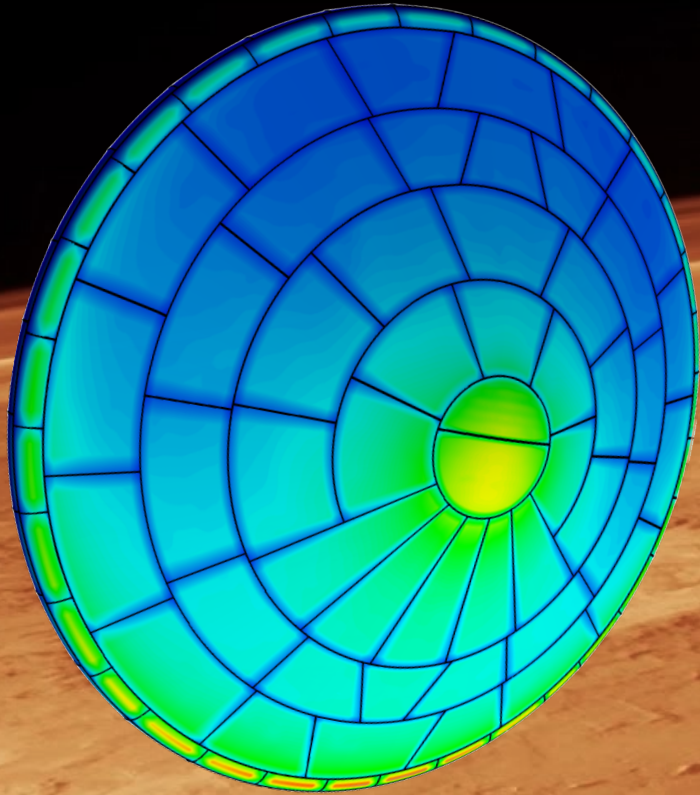
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# Questions ?

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