

# 3D spray simulation using advanced intra-droplet and interface modeling

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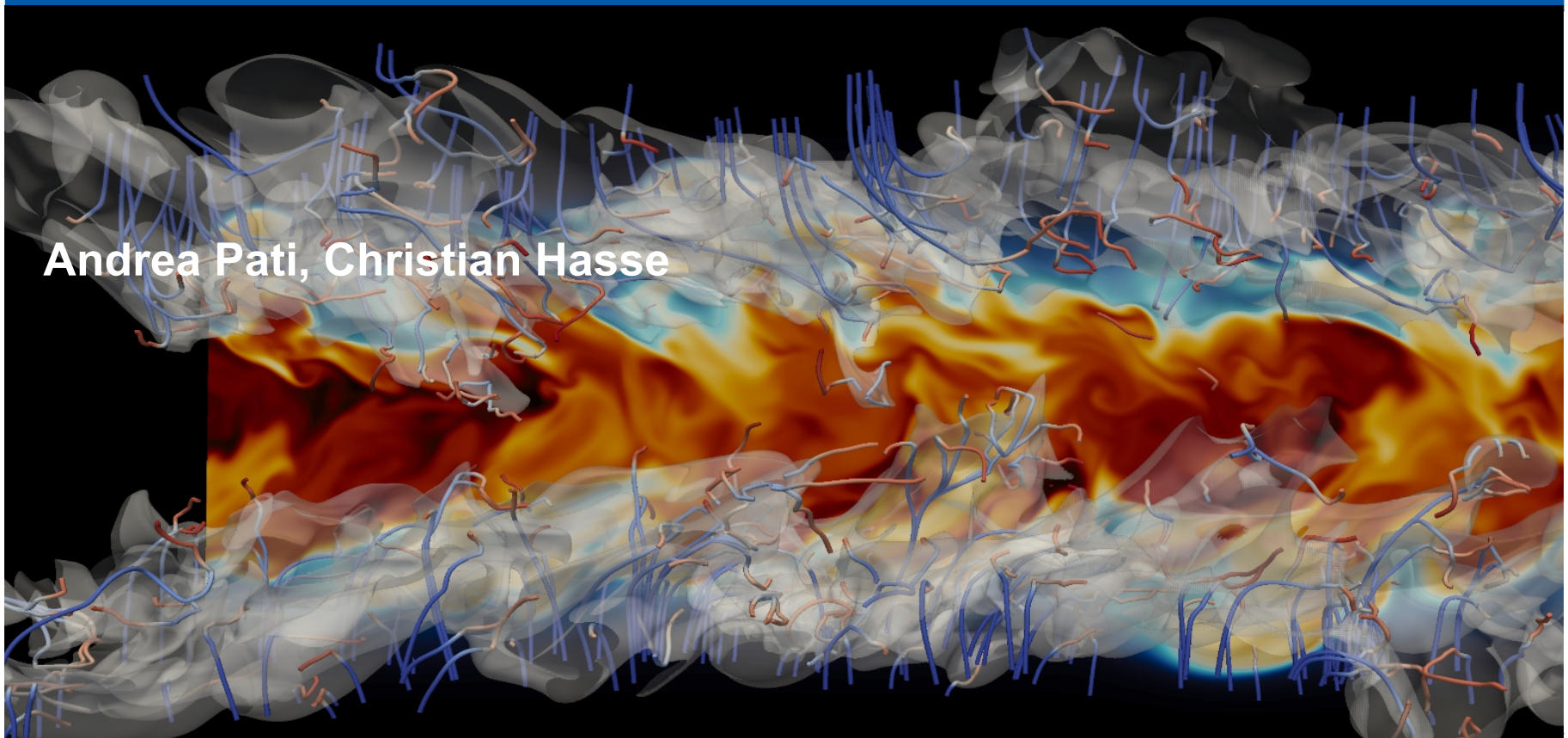


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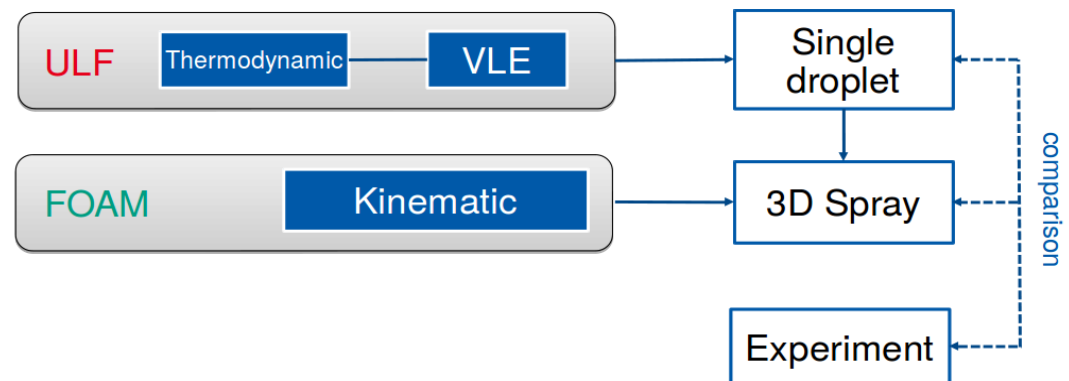
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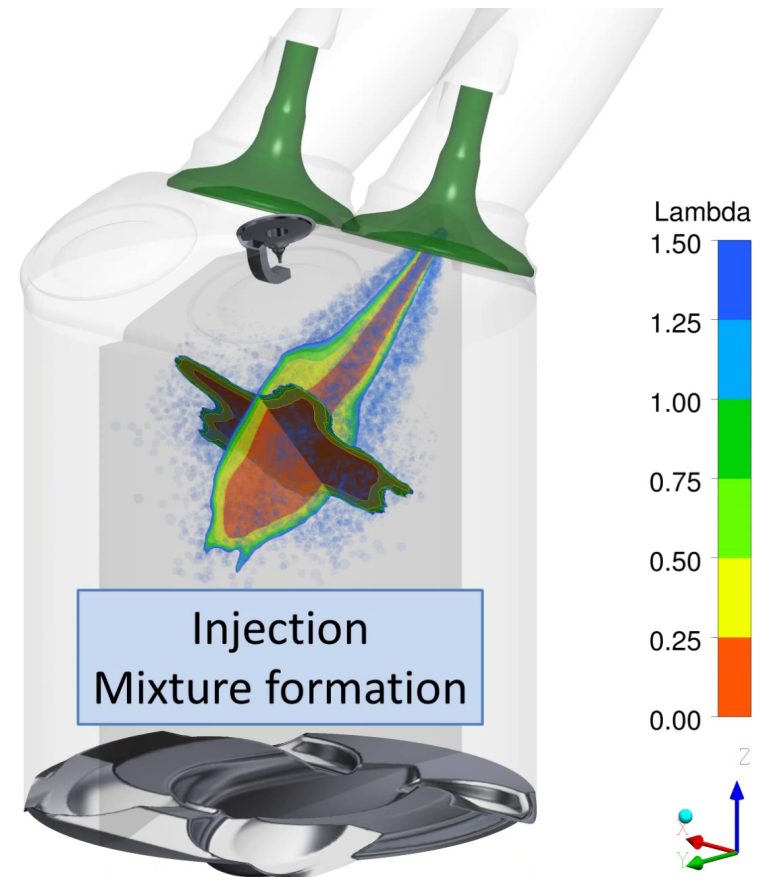
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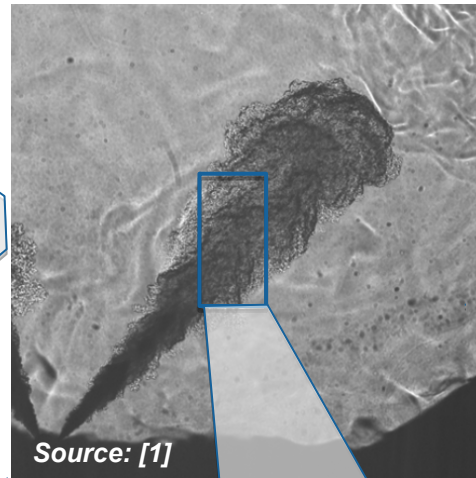
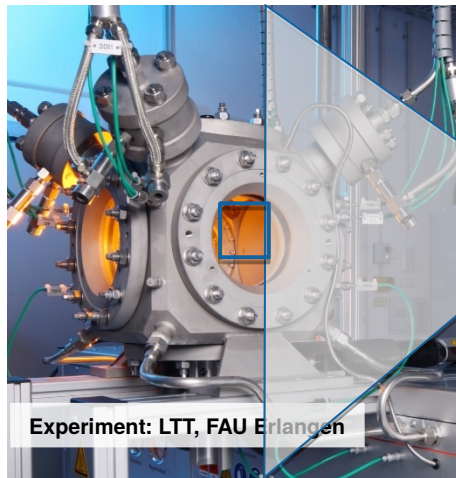


# Introduction

- Spray evaporation is first step in air/fuel mixture formation
- Spray evolution determines conditions for the following steps
  - Mixture formation in gas phase
  - Flame propagation
  - Pollutant formation

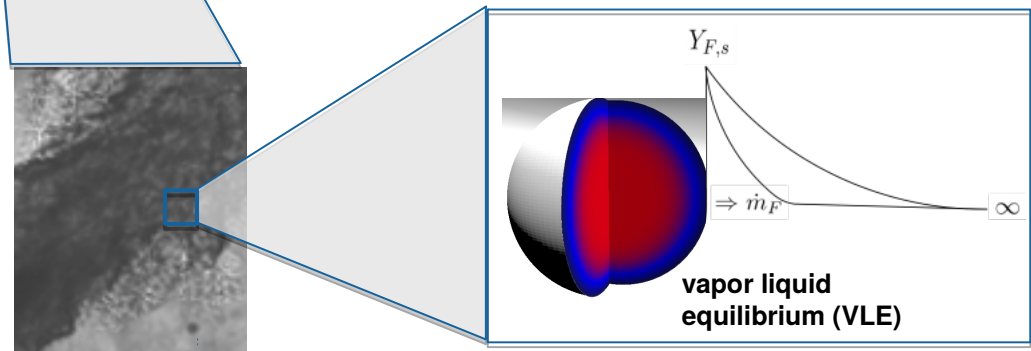


# Evaporation / Mixing Sub-Critical



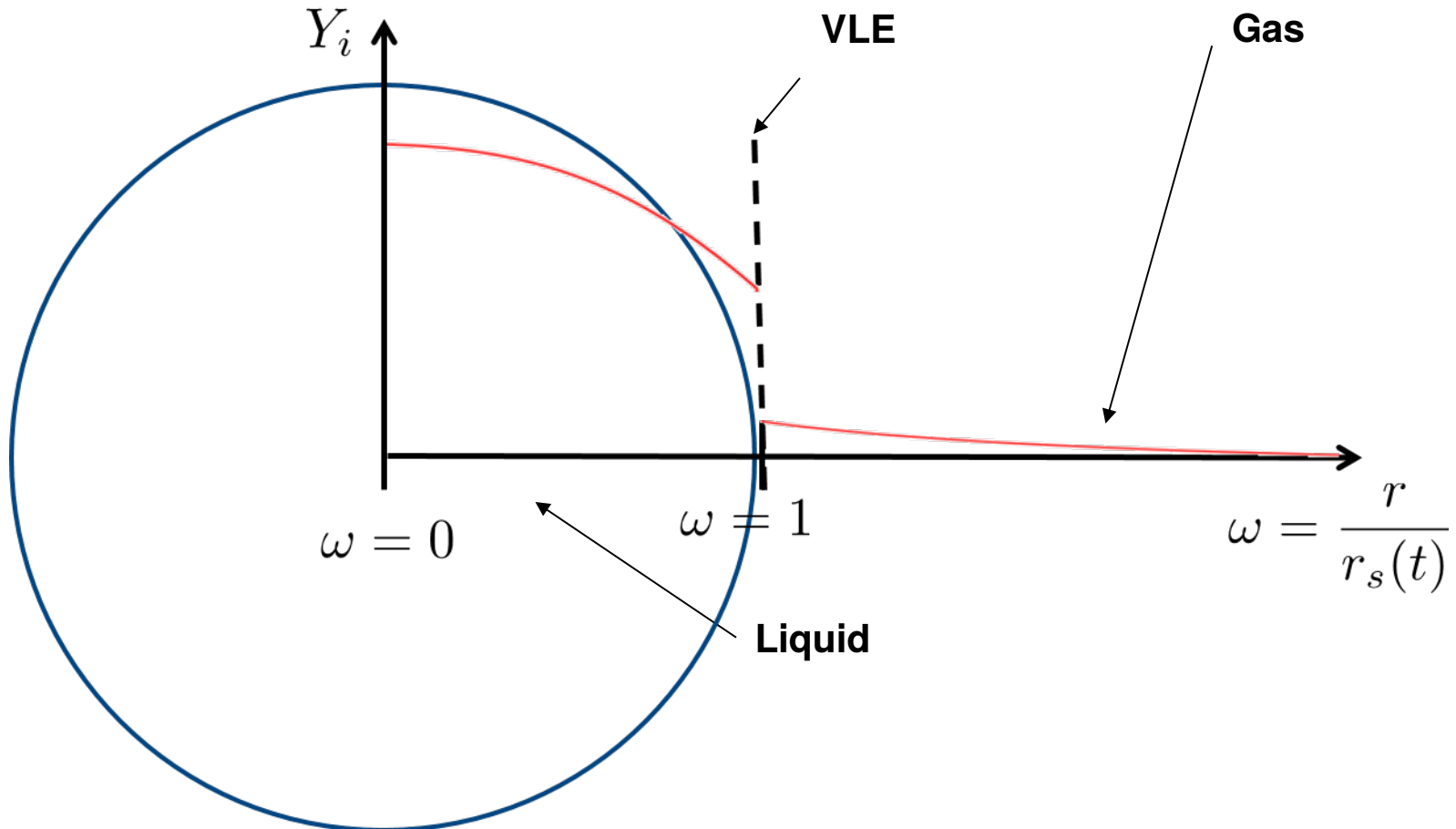
- Single droplets can be identified in high pressure sprays
- Systematic approach: From single droplets to high pressure spray

- Multi component mixture
  - Thermodynamics at interface
- Vapor Liquid Equilibrium (VLE)

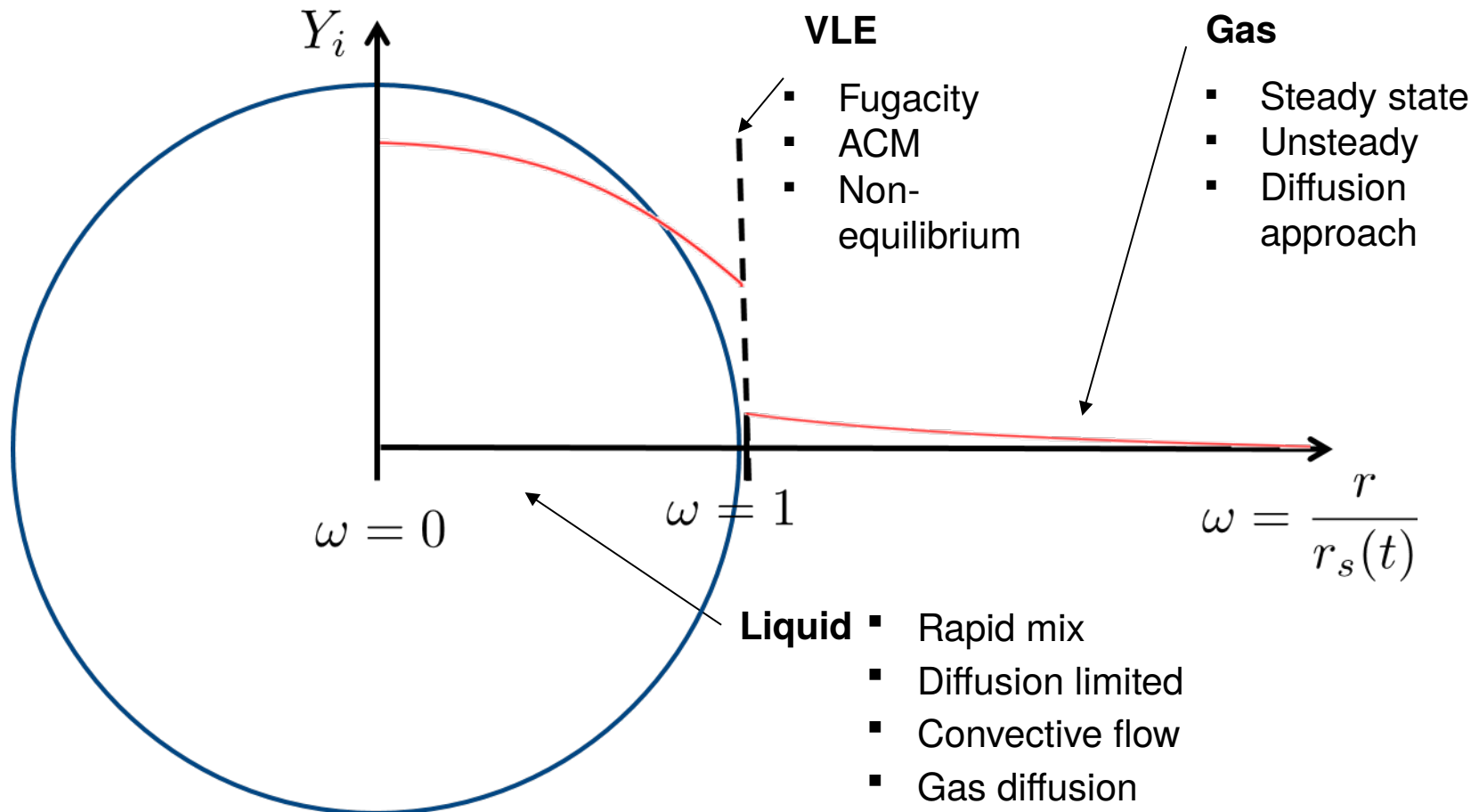


[1]: L. Weiss, A. Peter, M. Wensing, „ Diesel Spray characterization with Schlieren-MiDiesel Spray characterization with Schlieren-Mie Technique“, 18th International Symposium on the Application of Laser and Imaging Techniques to Fluid Mechanics, Lisbon 2016

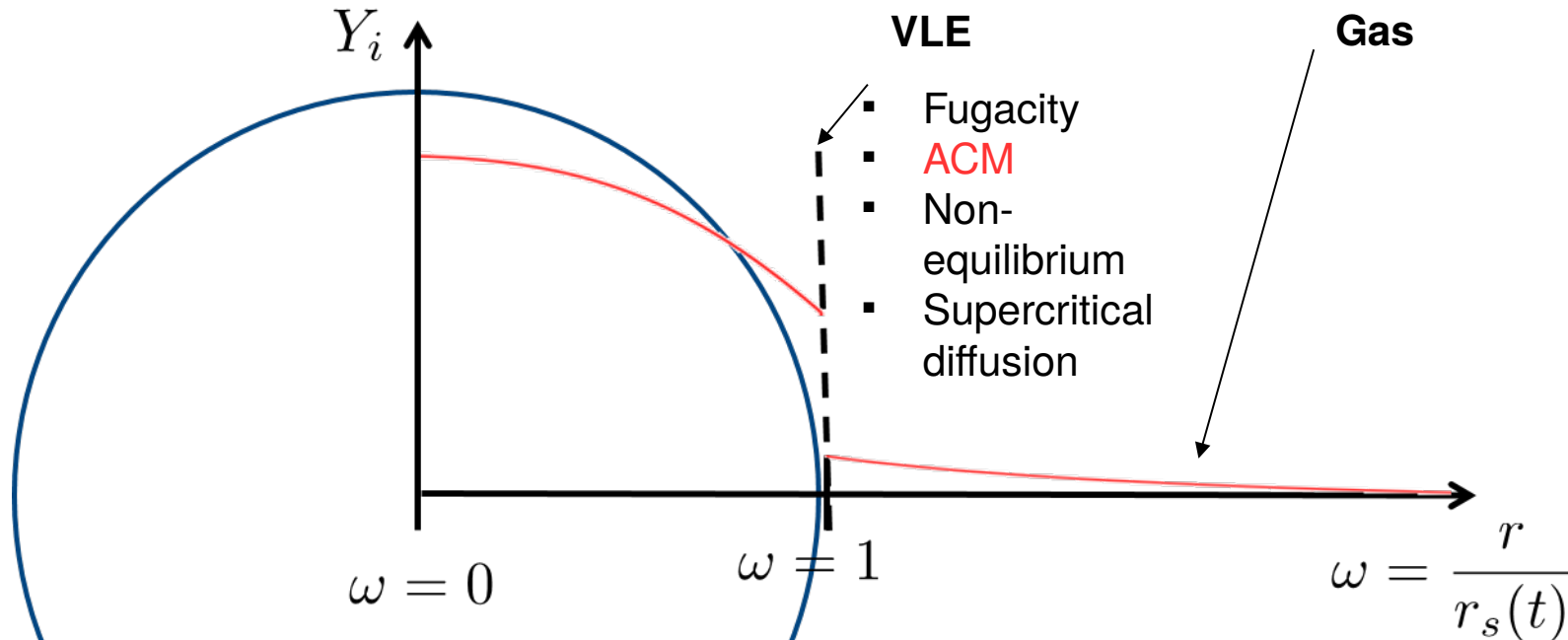
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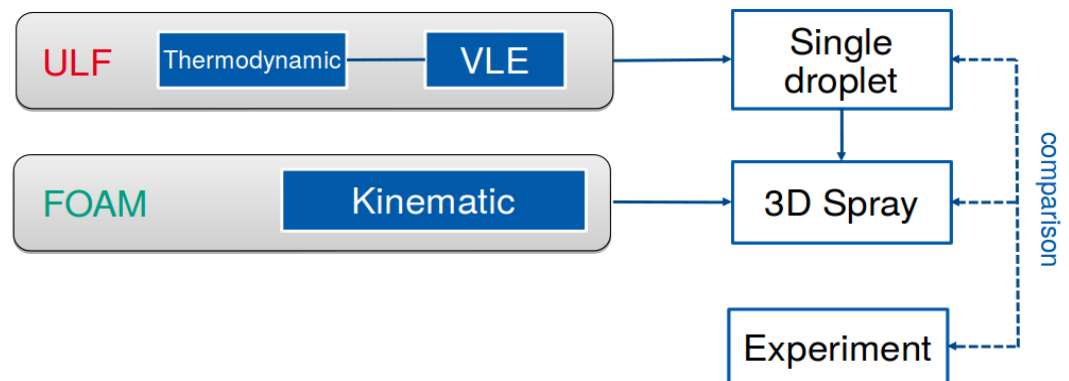


$$X_i^v = \frac{\gamma_i^l X_i^l f_i^0}{\varphi_i^v p} = X_i^l \frac{p_i^0}{p} \gamma_i^l \frac{\varphi_i^0}{\varphi_i^v} Poy_i$$



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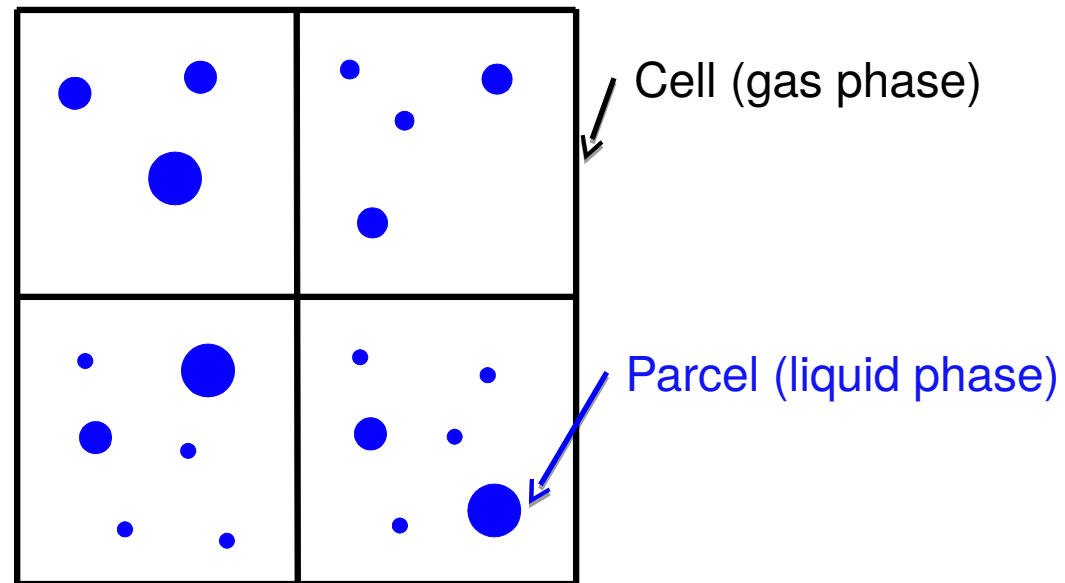
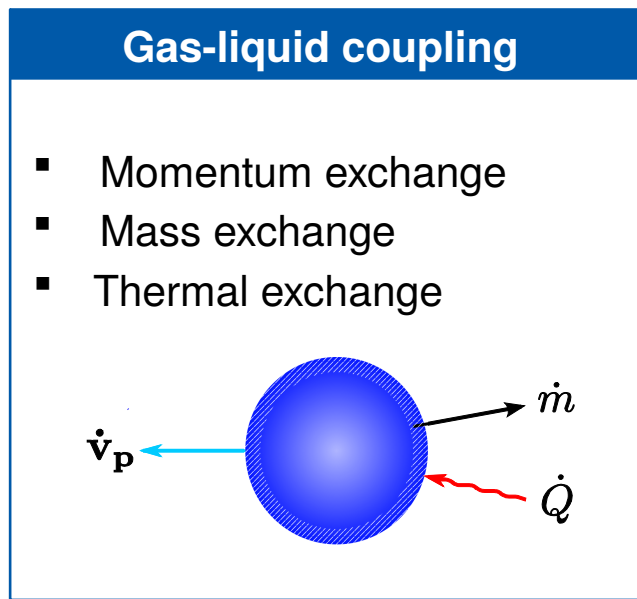
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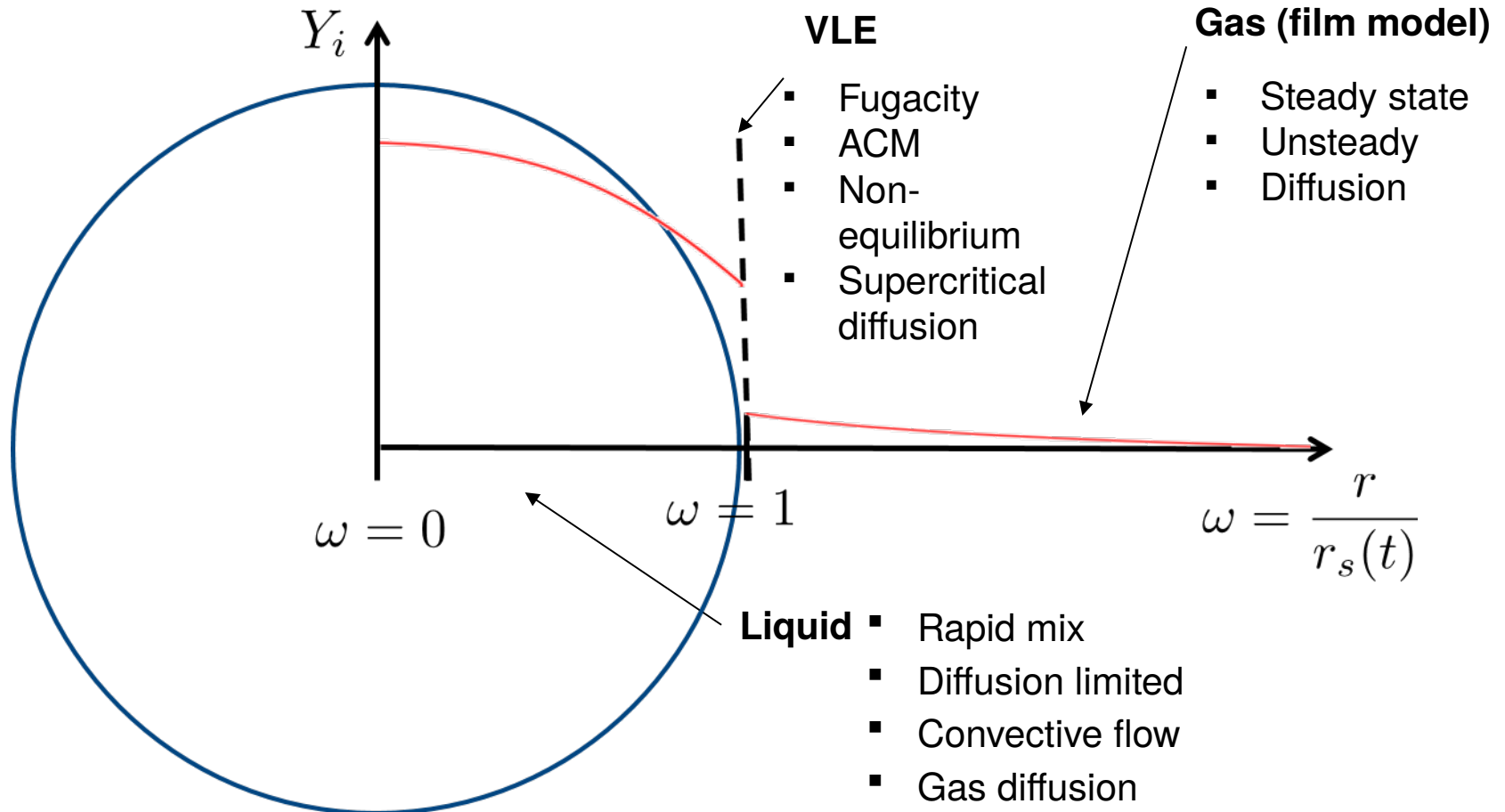


# Lagrangian method

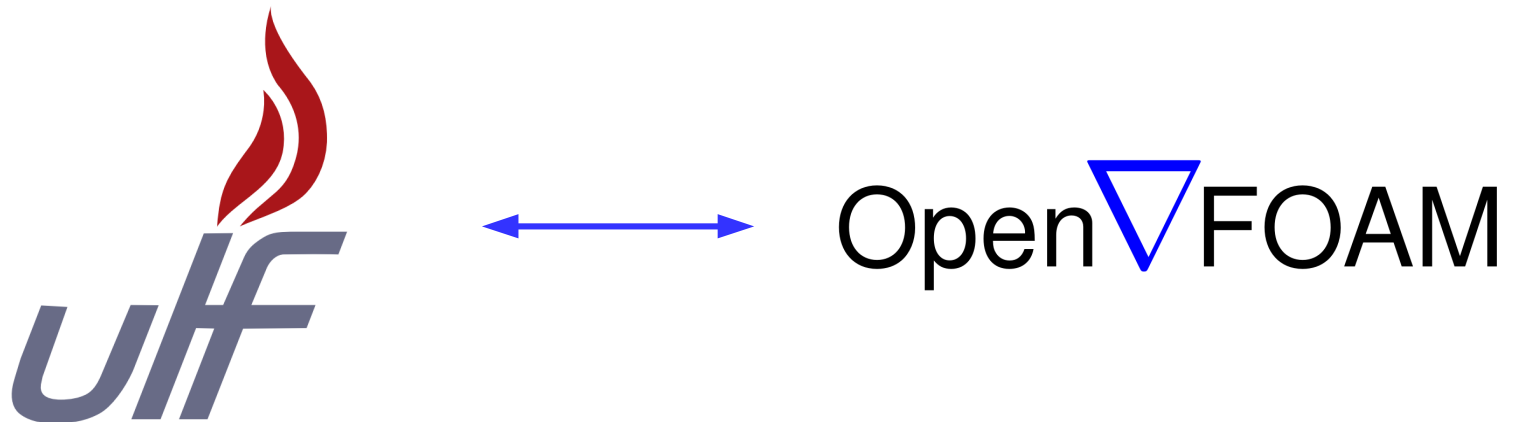
- Particle in cell method (PIC):
  - Statistical description
  - Follows evolution of parcels
  - Each parcel represents collection of identical droplets



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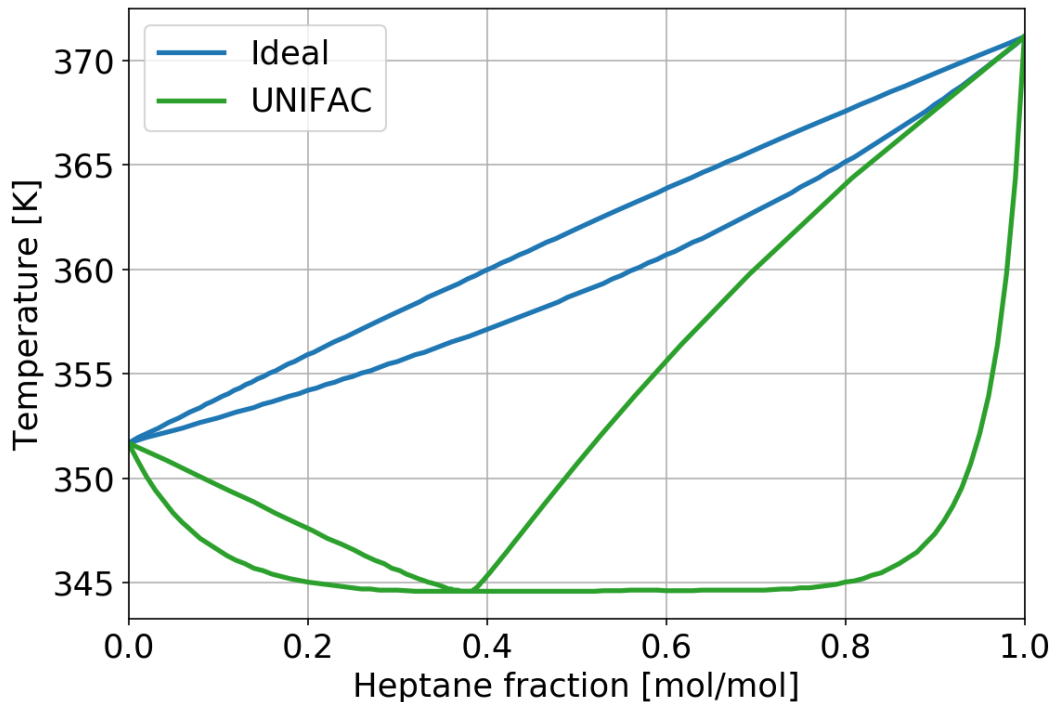


- Flexible framework for ODE/DAE system
- Run-time configurable and adaptable
- Coupling interface to external solver available
- Extended for solve single droplet evaporation with wide range of model



# Vapor liquid equilibrium

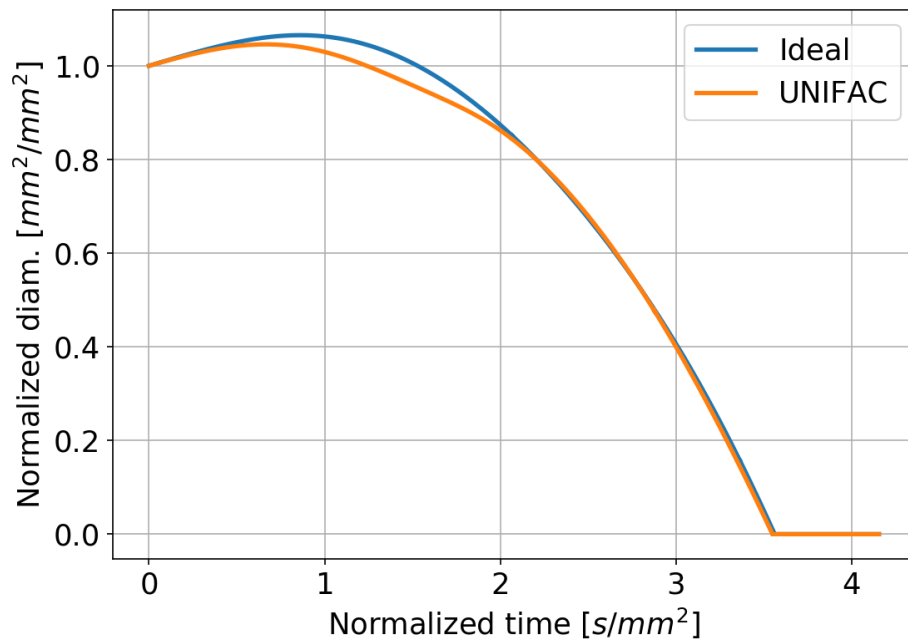
## VLE n-heptane/ethanol, 1 bar, UNIFAC vs ideal



- Strong interacting species
  - Cannot be described with Raoult's law
  - Advanced model required (e.g. UNIFAC)
- Other models are run-time selectable
- Fugacity approach available

# Single droplet

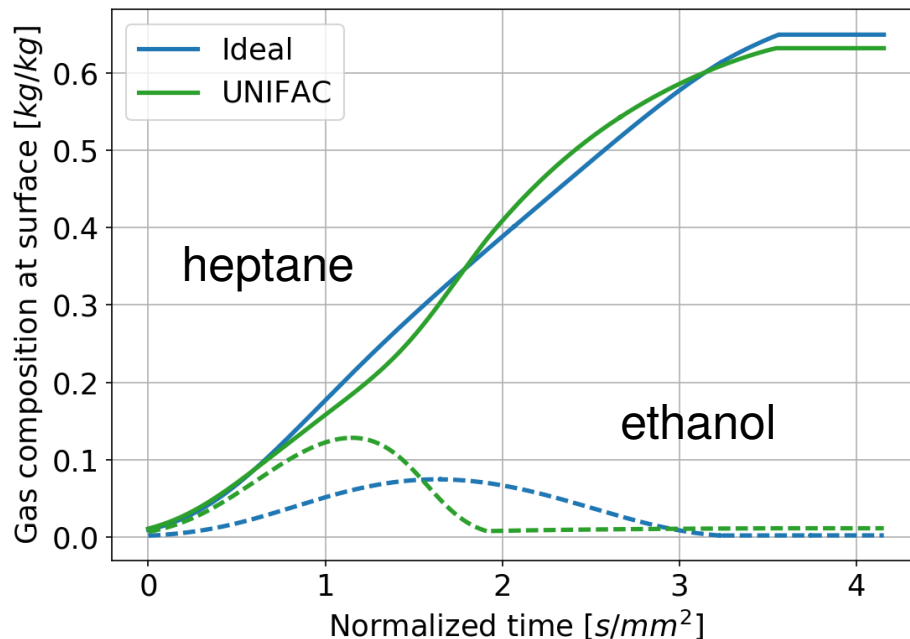
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- Effect is relevant in the transient evaporation phase

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# Single droplet

- Different models result in distinct droplet evolution
- Species interactions are important

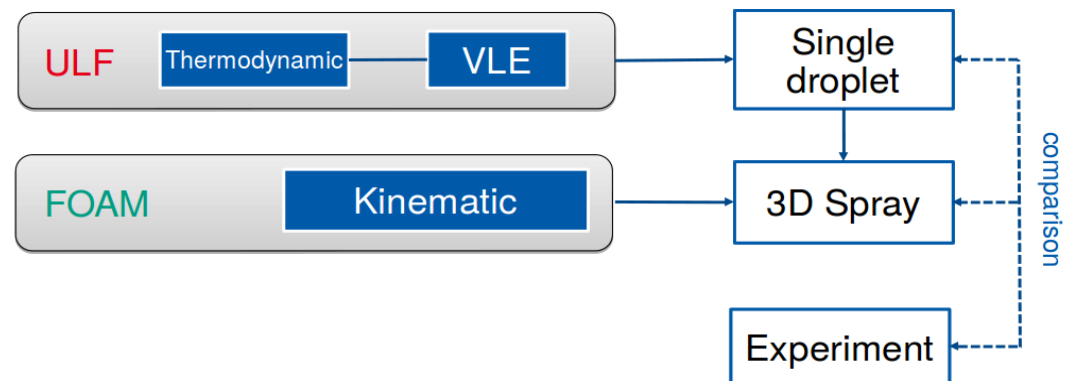


- Thermodynamical model direct affects:
  - Droplet evolution
  - Gas evolution
- Film properties around droplet are influenced by droplet model
- External droplet solver allows to study different model
- No modification in FOAM code necessary

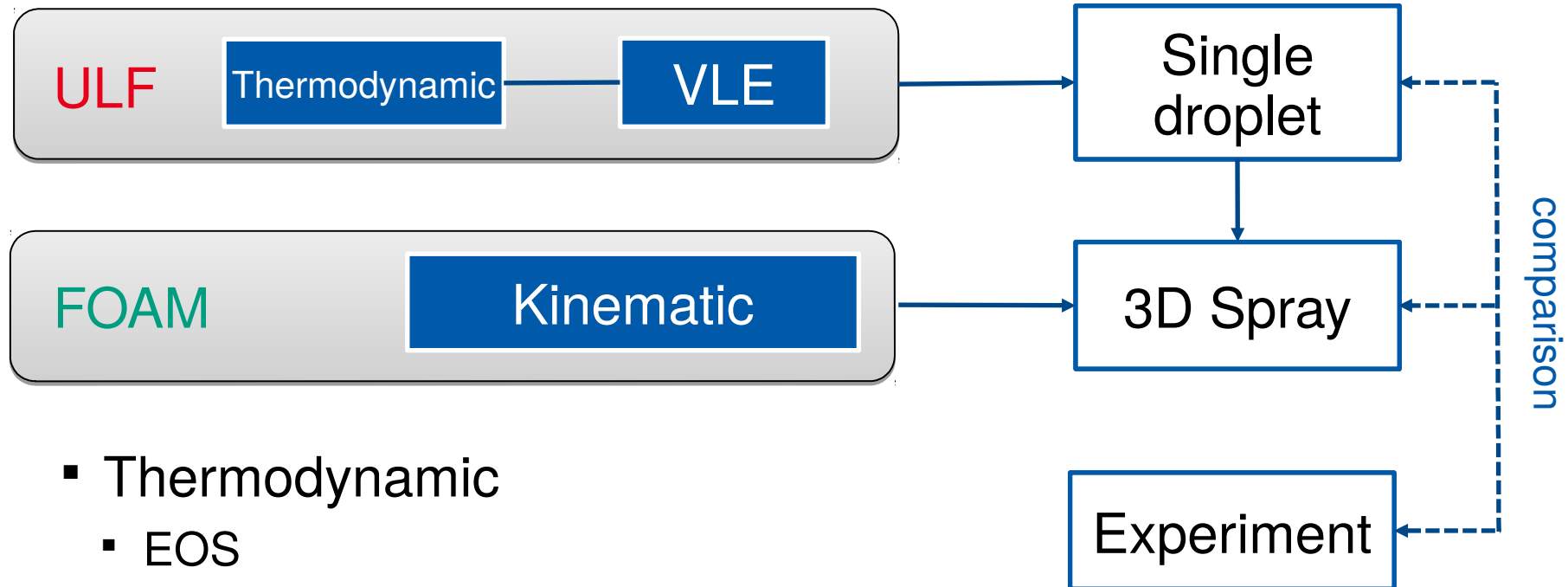


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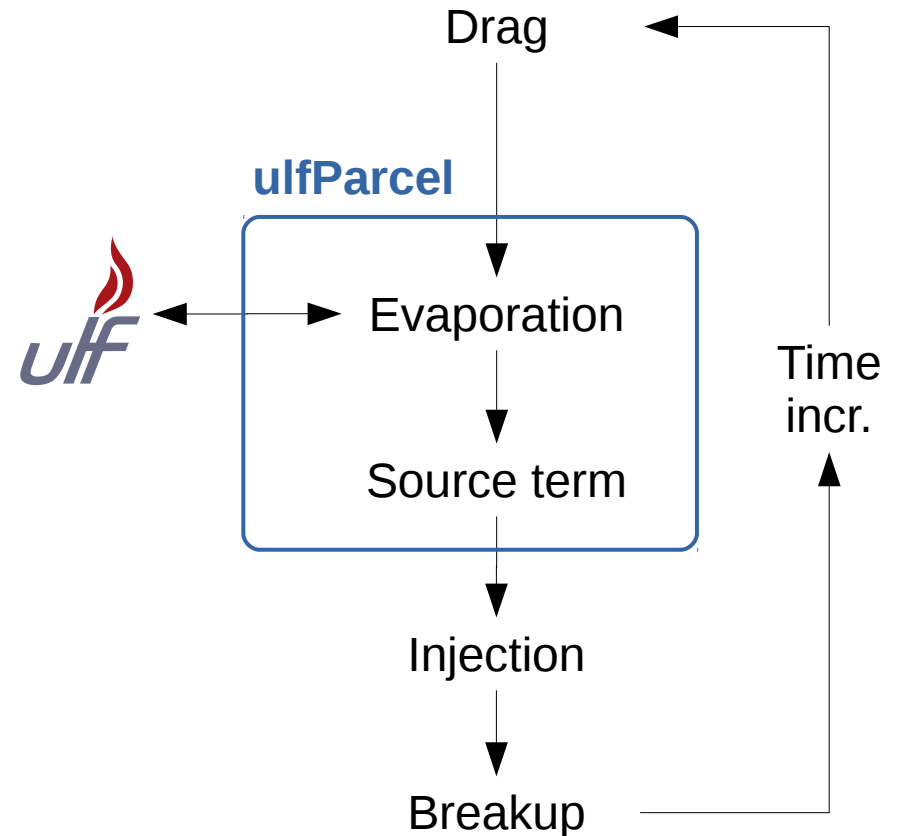


# Coupling



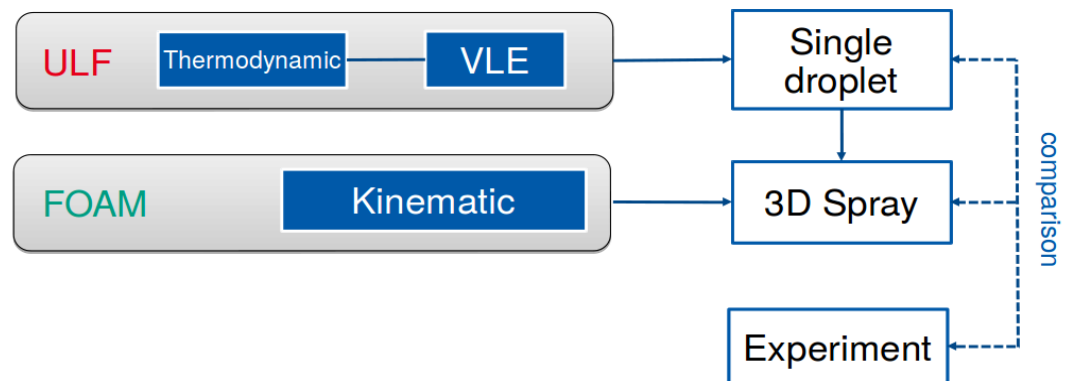
- Thermodynamic
  - EOS
  - Fugacity
  - Activity coefficients
  - Heat capacity
  - .....

- ulfParcel acts as interface with ULF
- It is responsible for:
  - Interact with foam Lagrangian tracking
  - Store info for breakup/collision/atom.
  - Interact with ULF to solve evaporation



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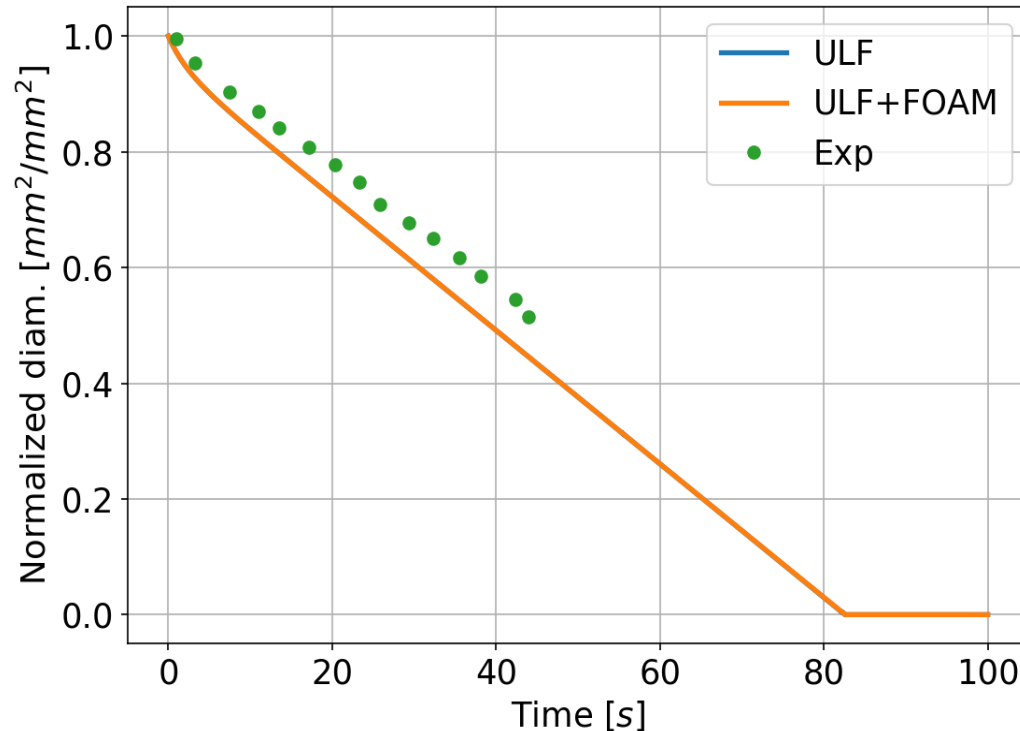
- Solution of the single droplet outsourced to a specialized solver (liquid, gas film, interface)
- OpenFOAM framework tracks the droplet parcel
  - Injection
  - Breakup
  - Drag
- High flexibility in solution

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VALIDATION REQUIRED

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- Mass conservation
- Enthalpy conservation

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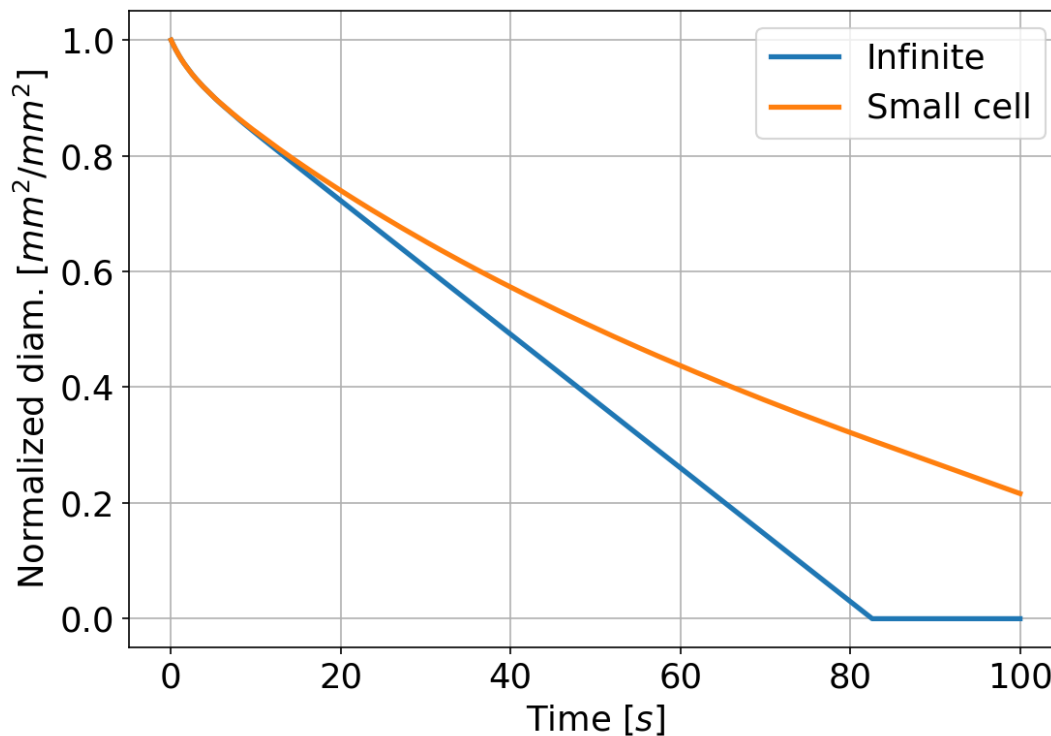


- Verification against stand-alone and exp.
- Evaporation rate correct
- One-way coupling correct
  - From ULF to FOAM

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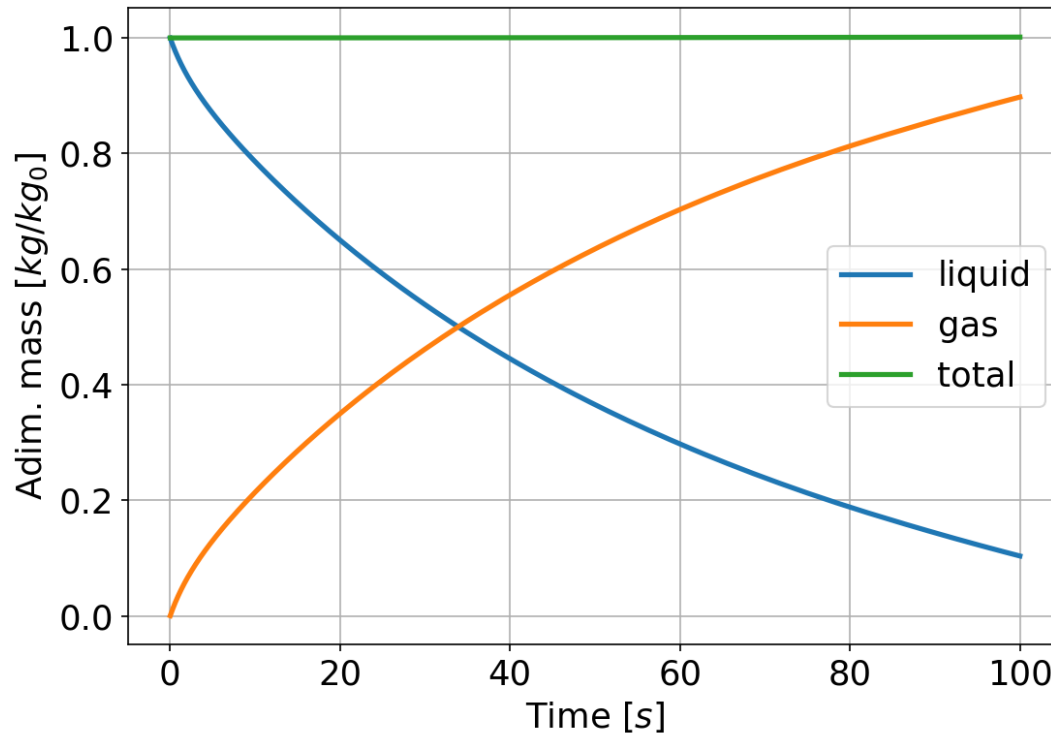


- Comparison with closed environment
  - 10x10x10 mm
- Saturation slows down evaporation rate
- Two-way coupling correct



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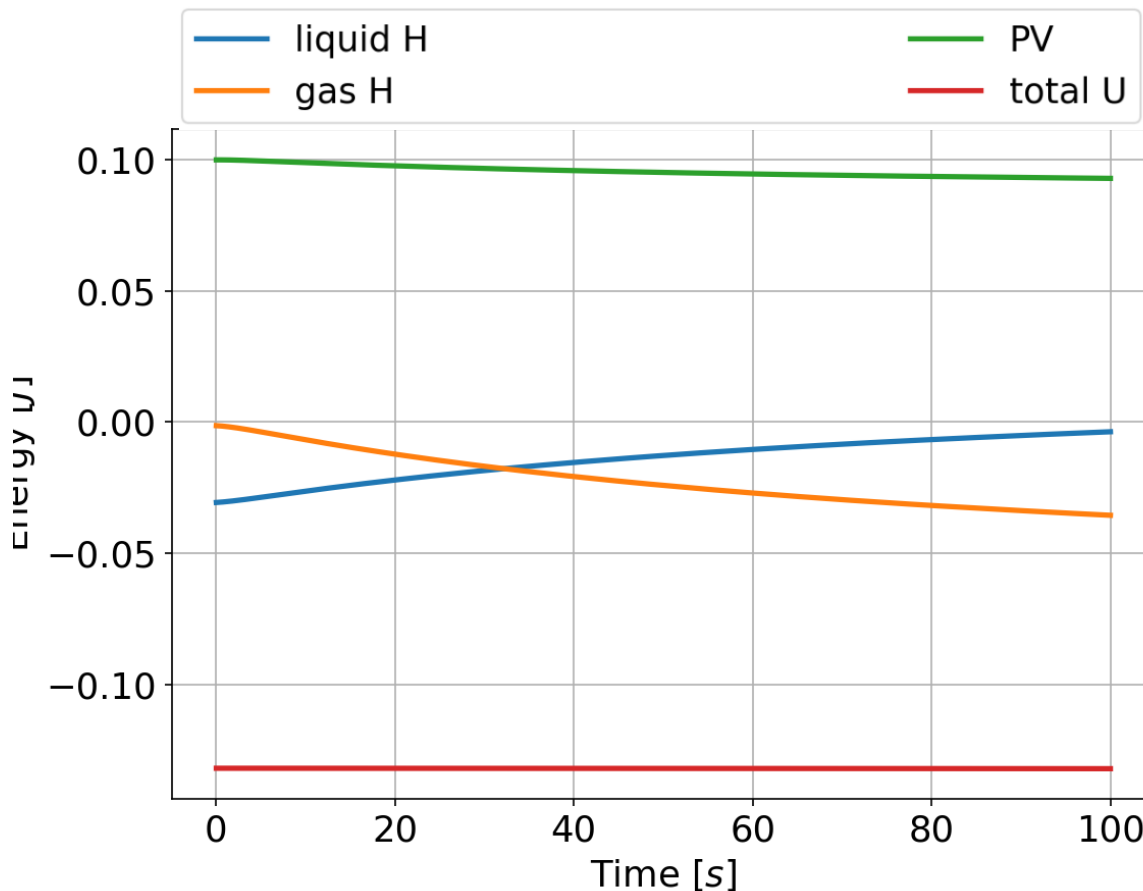
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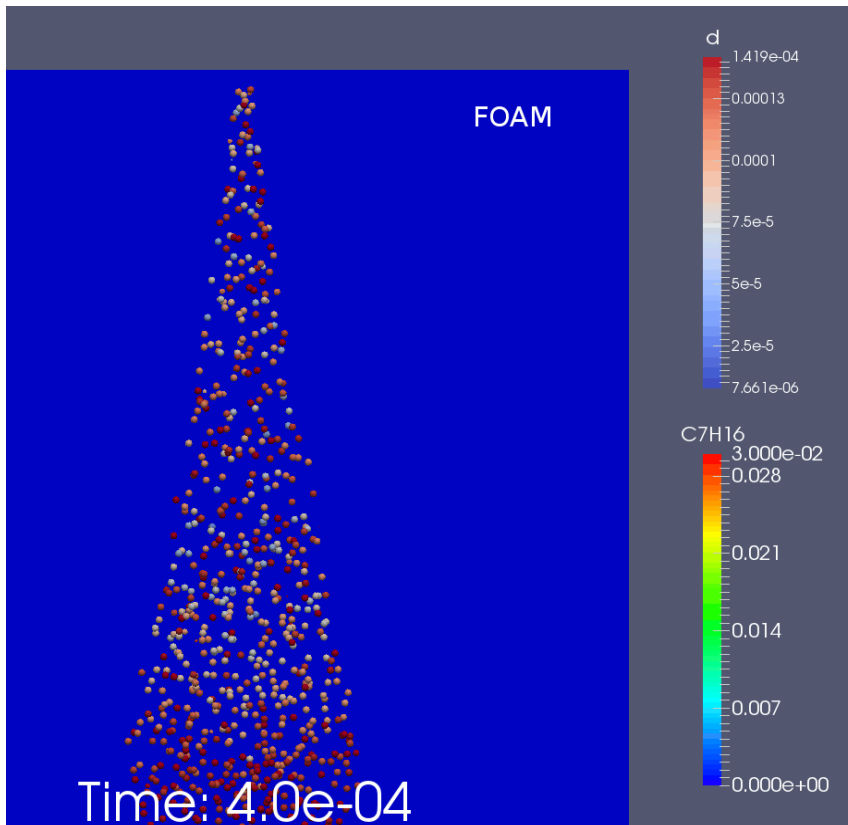
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- Drop in pressure due to cooling down

# Lagrangian tracking

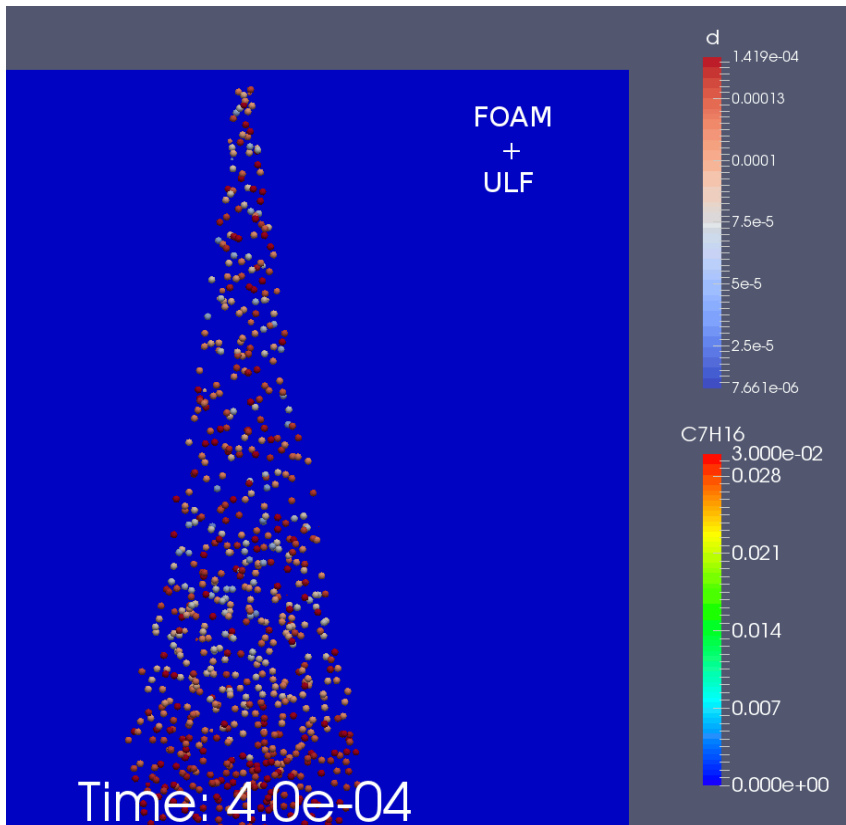
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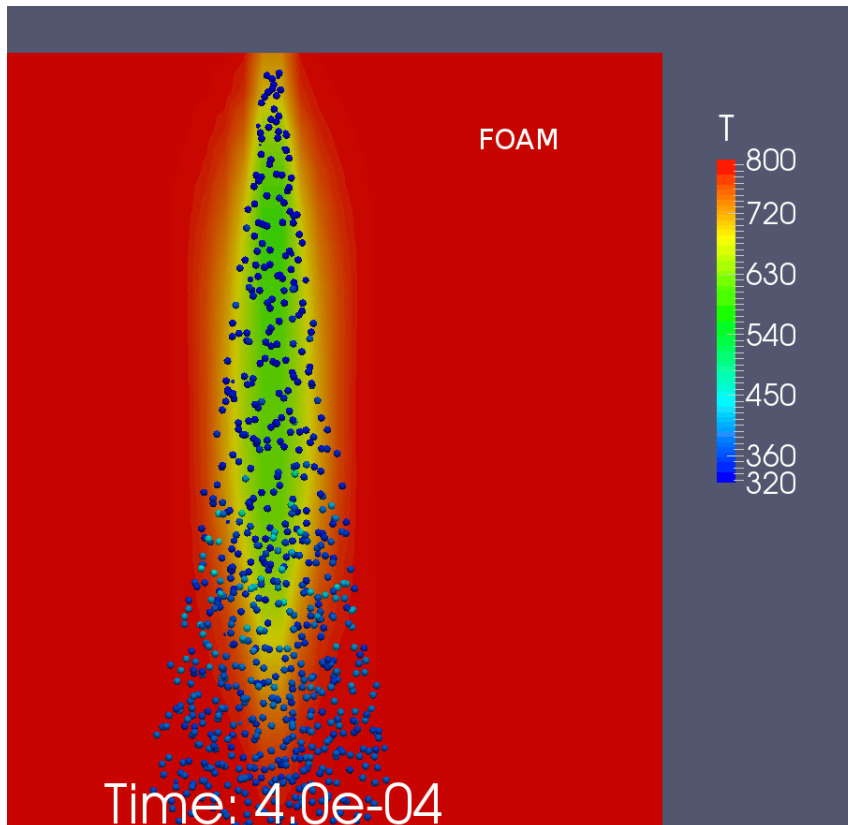
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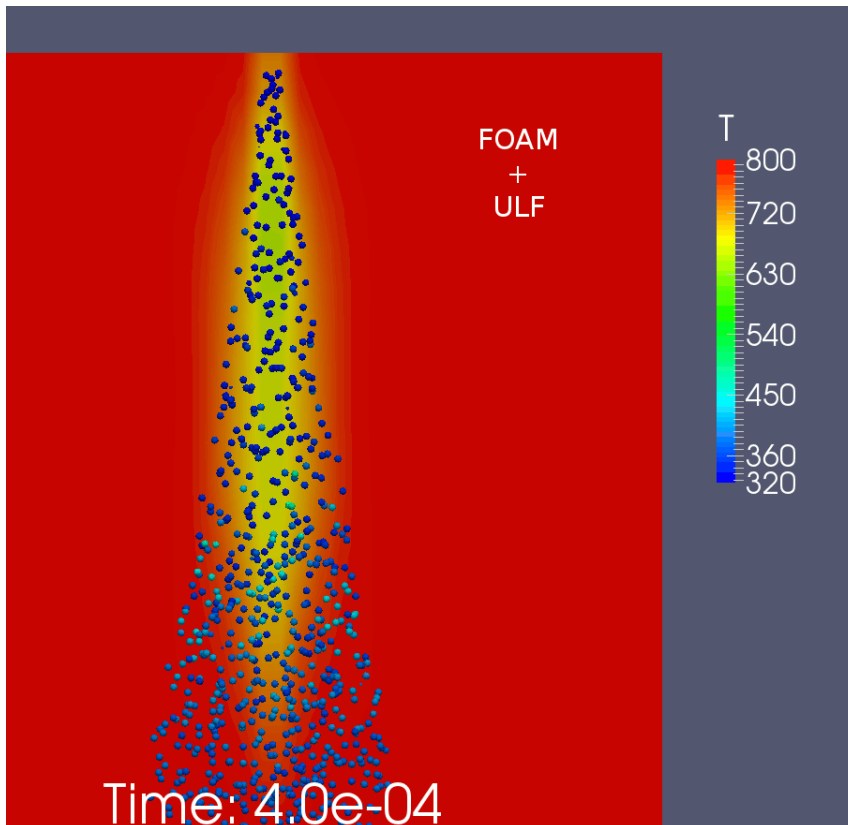
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# Validation of 3D spray

- The coupling does not affect the spray
- Lagrangian tracking is correct
- Thermal transfer are comparable

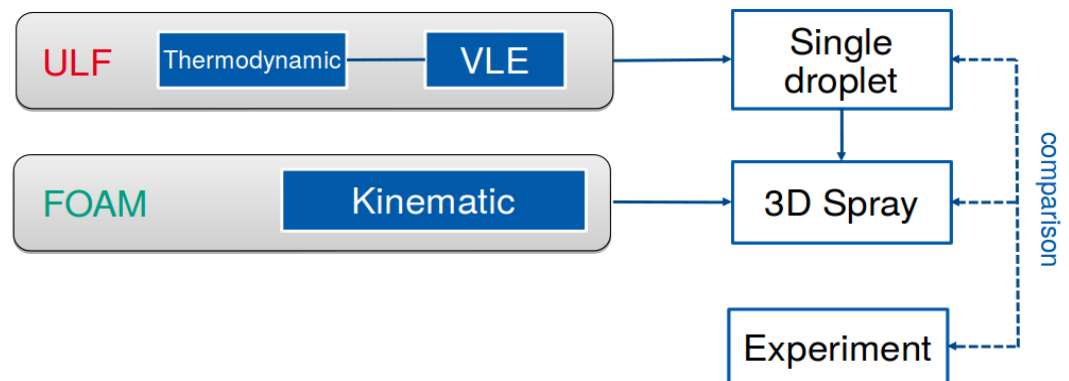


Coupling is a suitable technique  
for spray modelling



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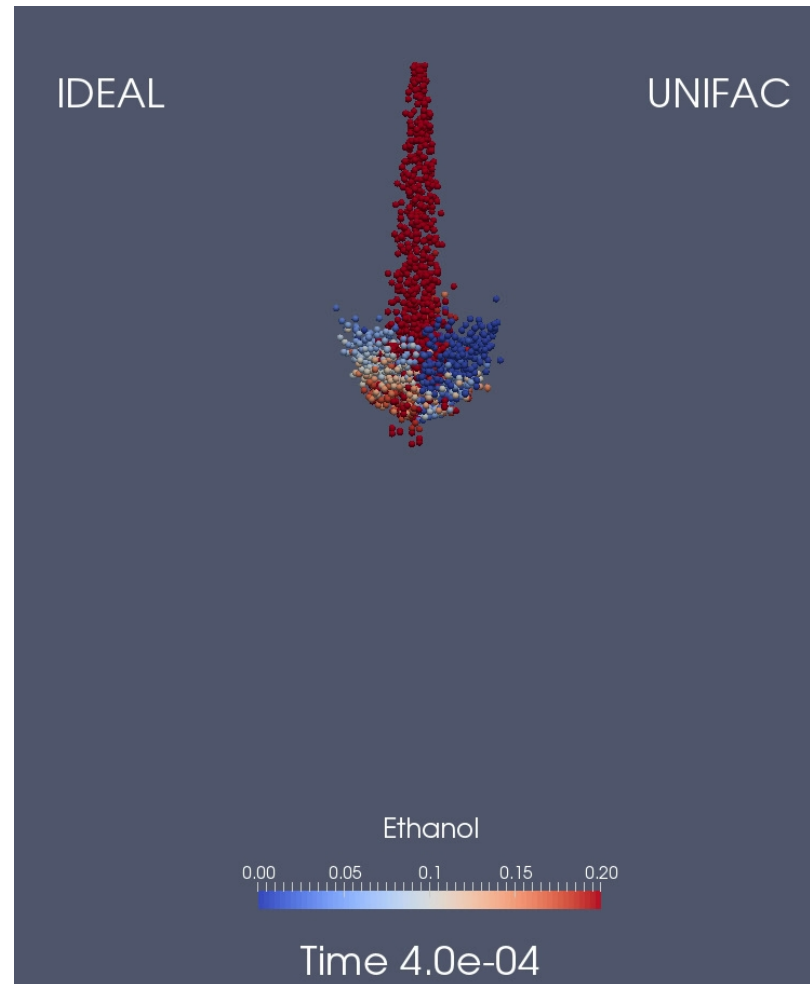
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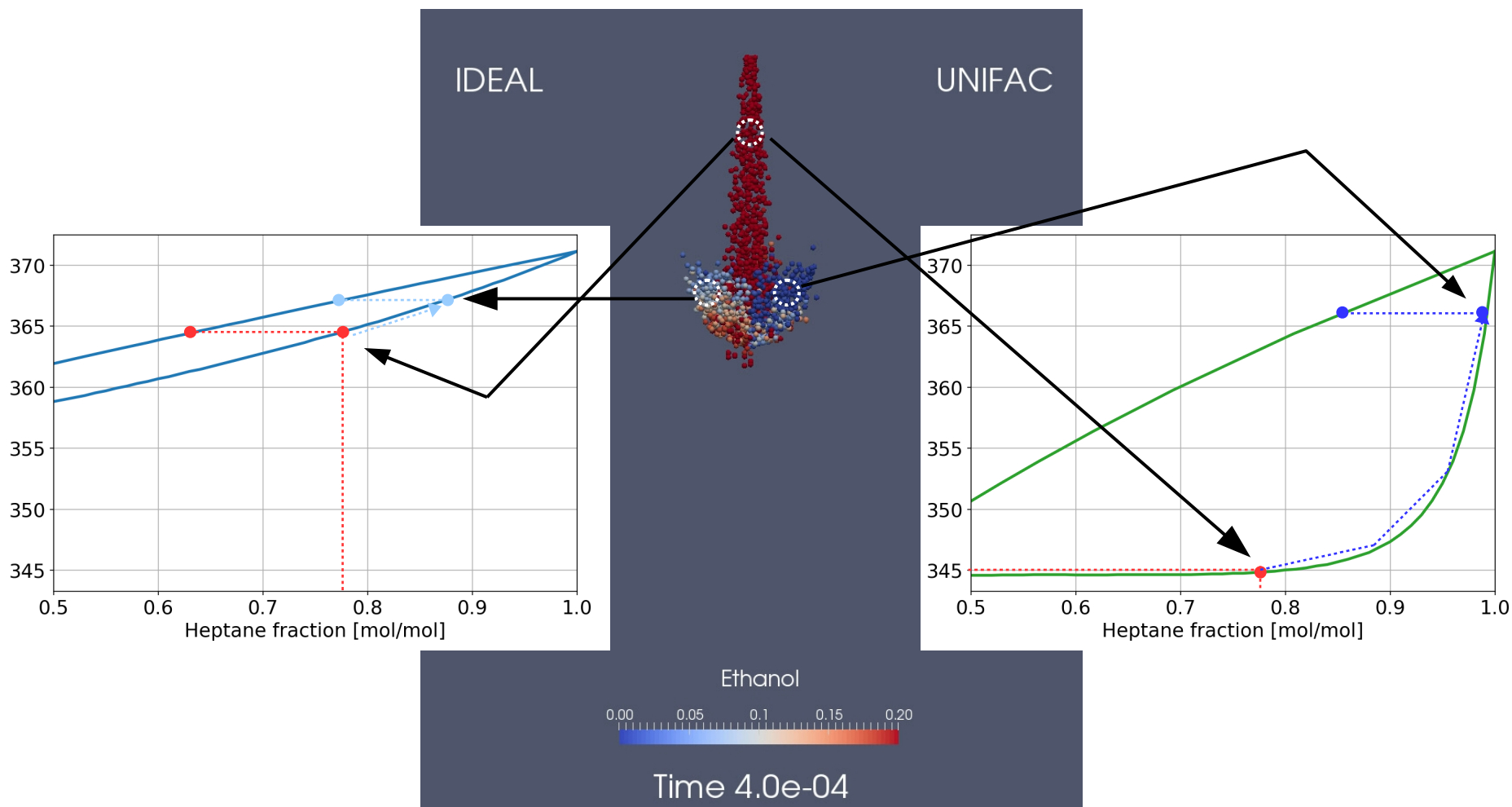
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- Next slides will show some possibilities of this method in describe spray of complex mixture
- AachenBomb
  - ReitzKHRT
  - Cone injection
  - Heptane 90%, ethanol 10% (vol/vol)
  - Mass evaporation

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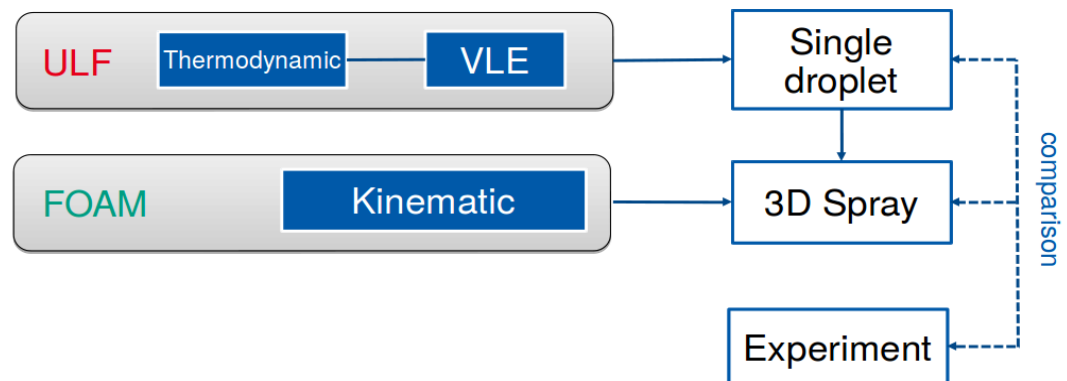
- Droplet evolution affected by interface thermodynamic



- Properly choose of the model is crucial for a proper spray simulation
- Run time selection of droplet model is important

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# Conclusion

- A new method to solve lagrangian spray is introduced
- The parcel is an interface to an external specific solver for single droplet evaporation
- External solver run-time selects different model
  - Liquid
  - VLE
  - Gas film
- Foam manages injection, breakup and tracking
- Conservation of quantities is verified for single droplet
- 3D spray tracking is not affected by the external solver
- Biofuel spray evolution with different model are shown