

# **3T Capabilities in FLASH**

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# I define a 1T simulation as one in which separate ion, electron, or radiation energy equations are not evolved



- In the absence of source terms, the hydrodynamic equations are:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0,$$

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$$e_{\text{tot}} = E_{\text{tot}} - \frac{v^2}{2}$$

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$$e_{\text{tot}} = e_{\text{ion}} + e_{\text{ele}} + e_{\text{rad}}$$

- These equations are closed using an equation of state (EOS):

$$P_{\text{tot}} = \text{EOS}(\rho, e_{\text{tot}})$$

- Since separate ion/electron/radiation energies are not tracked, the 1T EOS units typically make an *assumption* about the temperatures:

$$T_{\text{ele}} = T_{\text{ion}} = T_{\text{rad}} \quad \text{or} \quad T_{\text{ele}} = T_{\text{ion}}, T_{\text{rad}} = 0$$



# When is a 1T simulation not adequate?

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- Source terms may preferentially heat electrons, ions, or the radiation field creating different temperatures
  - Shocks preferentially heat ions
  - **Laser preferentially heats electrons**
- The difference in temperatures may be important for:
  - Evaluating transport coefficients (conductivity, resistivity, ...)
  - Evaluating the EOS
- Thus, it is necessary to evolve the electron, ion, and radiation state so that we can keep track of the different electron/ion/radiation internal energies, temperatures, etc...
- All laser driven HEDP experiments should use the 3T version of FLASH, to activate just specify the following setup option:
  - Split Hydrodynamics Solver: +3t
  - Unsplit Hydrodynamics Solver: +uhd3t
  - Staggered Mesh Unsplit MHD Solver: +usm3t

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- **These equations are closed using an EOS, but now, information about the electron, ion, radiation state are known, so the EOS can use this information:**

$$P_{\text{tot}}, T_{\text{ion}}, T_{\text{ele}}, T_{\text{rad}} = \text{EOS}(\rho, e_{\text{ion}}, e_{\text{ele}}, e_{\text{rad}})$$

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- **Typically, for simulations of HEDP experiments, EOS tables are used for each material**

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- $\mathbf{q}_{\text{ele}} = -K_{\text{ele}} \nabla T_{\text{ele}}$  represents the electron heat flux, where  $K_{\text{ele}}$  is the electron conductivity
- A flux-limiter is used to limit the electron heat flux in regions where the temperature gradient is steep
- The Spitzer conductivity is primarily used in FLASH simulations, although the next release will include the Lee-More conductivity

# Electron thermal conduction ( $q_{\text{ele}}$ ) is advanced in the `Diffuse` unit. It is solved implicitly using the HYPRE parallel linear algebra library

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- To access the implicit HYPRE based diffusion solver include the following line in your `Config` file:

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REQUESTS physics/Diffuse/DiffuseMain/Unsplit
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- FLASH solves the following equation to model electron thermal conduction:

$$\rho c_{v,\text{ele}} \frac{dT_{\text{ele}}}{dt} = \nabla \cdot K_{\text{ele}} \nabla T_{\text{ele}}^*$$

- Typically the Spitzer conductivity is used. To access it, include:

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REQUESTS physics/materialProperties/Conductivity/ConductivityMain/SpitzerHighZ
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$$K_{\text{ele}} = \left( \frac{8}{\pi} \right)^{3/2} \frac{k_B^{7/2}}{e^4 \sqrt{m_{\text{ele}}}} \left( \frac{1}{1 + 3.3/\bar{z}} \right) \frac{T_{\text{ele}}^{5/2}}{\bar{z} \ln \Lambda_{ei}}$$

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- **The ion/electron equilibration term causes the electron/ion temperatures to relax over time due to collisions**
- $\tau_{ei}$  is the ion/electron collision frequency. Most simulations use the Spitzer form for this term



# Ion/electron equilibration is advanced by the HeatExchange unit

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- To access ion/electron equilibration using the Spitzer collision time, include:

`REQUESTS physics/sourceTerms/Heatexchange/HeatexchangeMain/Spitzer`

- FLASH solves the following equations to model ion/electron equilibration:

$$\frac{\partial e_{\text{ion}}}{\partial t} = \frac{c_{v,\text{ele}}}{\tau_{ei}} (T_{\text{ele}} - T_{\text{ion}}),$$
$$\frac{\partial e_{\text{ele}}}{\partial t} = \frac{c_{v,\text{ele}}}{\tau_{ei}} (T_{\text{ion}} - T_{\text{ele}}).$$

- The ion/electron equilibration time is:

$$\tau_{ei} = \frac{3k_B^{3/2}}{8\sqrt{2}\pi e^4} \frac{(m_{\text{ion}}T_{\text{ele}} + m_{\text{ele}}T_{\text{ion}})^{3/2}}{(m_{\text{ele}}m_{\text{ion}})^{1/2} \bar{z}^2 n_{\text{ion}} \ln \Lambda_{ei}}$$

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- $Q_{\text{las}}$  represents the energy source due to laser energy deposition. This is computed using a ray-tracing algorithm (this will be discussed in detail tomorrow)
- The user can specify the location of multiple beams which illuminate the target
- The laser energy is absorbed using the common inverse Bremsstrahlung absorption coefficient

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- **The third equation above represents the change in the radiation energy density where  $\mathbf{q}_{\text{rad}}$  is the radiation energy flux,  $Q_{\text{emis}}$  is the radiation energy emission, and  $Q_{\text{abs}}$  is the absorption of energy**
- **The flux is computed using flux-limited multigroup diffusion with tabulated opacities. This will be discussed in detail tomorrow**

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- **Electron thermal conduction ( $q_{ele}$ ) is advanced in the `Diffuse` unit. It is solved implicitly using the HYPRE parallel linear algebra library**
- **Laser energy deposition is computed in the `EnergyDeposition` unit**
- **Radiation emission, absorption, and energy flux is advanced in the `RadTrans` unit. This is also evaluated implicitly using HYPRE**
- **Ion/electron equilibration is advanced by the `HeatExchange` unit**
- **The `Eos` unit computes the 3T equation of state**
- **The remaining terms in the energy equations represent hydrodynamic work and advection of internal energy by the fluid; these effects are included by the `Hydro` unit**

**FLASH solves the 3T equations by operator splitting the source terms from the “hydrodynamic” terms, we are left with:**

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- **Solving these equations can be difficult for an Eulerian code, the work terms are NOT written as the divergence of a flux**
- **Worse, they include the divergence of velocity, which is discontinuous at a shock**

# The electron, ion, radiation, internal energy equations cannot be directly evaluated, a work around is needed...

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- In general, there are three hydrodynamic effects which alter the ion, electron, radiation, and total internal energy:
  - Advection
  - Work
  - Shock heating
- The normal 1T hydrodynamics solver updates the total internal energy. The change in internal energy in a given cell must then be divided among the ions, electrons, and radiation field
- For example, the total work done on a cell (or by a cell) is divided among the ions, electrons, and radiation field in proportion to their pressures

# One work around involves treating the electrons adiabatically (no shock heating for electrons)

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- To do this, you replace the electron internal energy equation with an advection equation for the electron entropy

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0,$$

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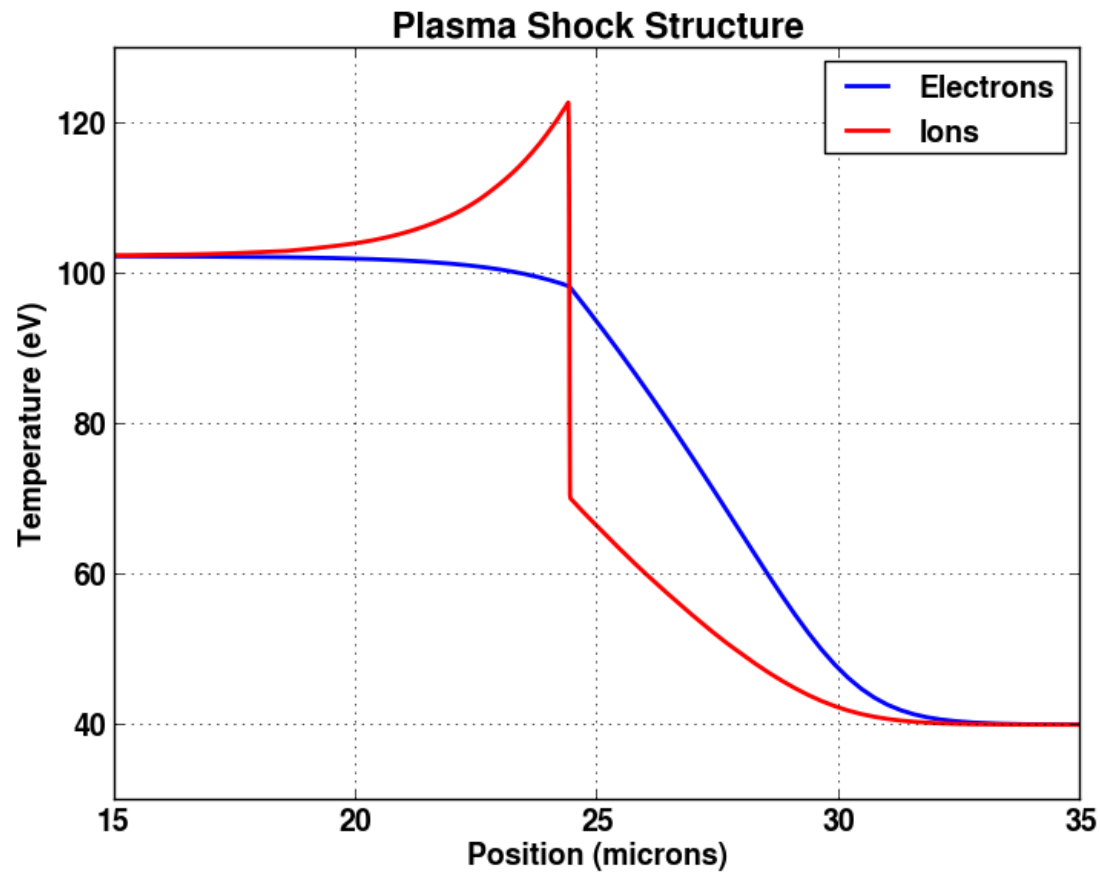
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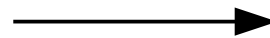
- Unfortunately, the electron entropy method currently only works without radiation and for a fixed-ionization gamma-law EOS
- But we (Klaus) are working on extending this so that it works generally!

# Structure of a shock in a plasma with electron thermal conduction and no radiation



Helium  
 $\rho = 0.0018 \text{ g/cc}$

Fully Ionized,  
Gamma EOS



Shock moves from left to right



# The “RAGE-like” hydro method is an alternative to entropy-advection, it is less accurate near shocks

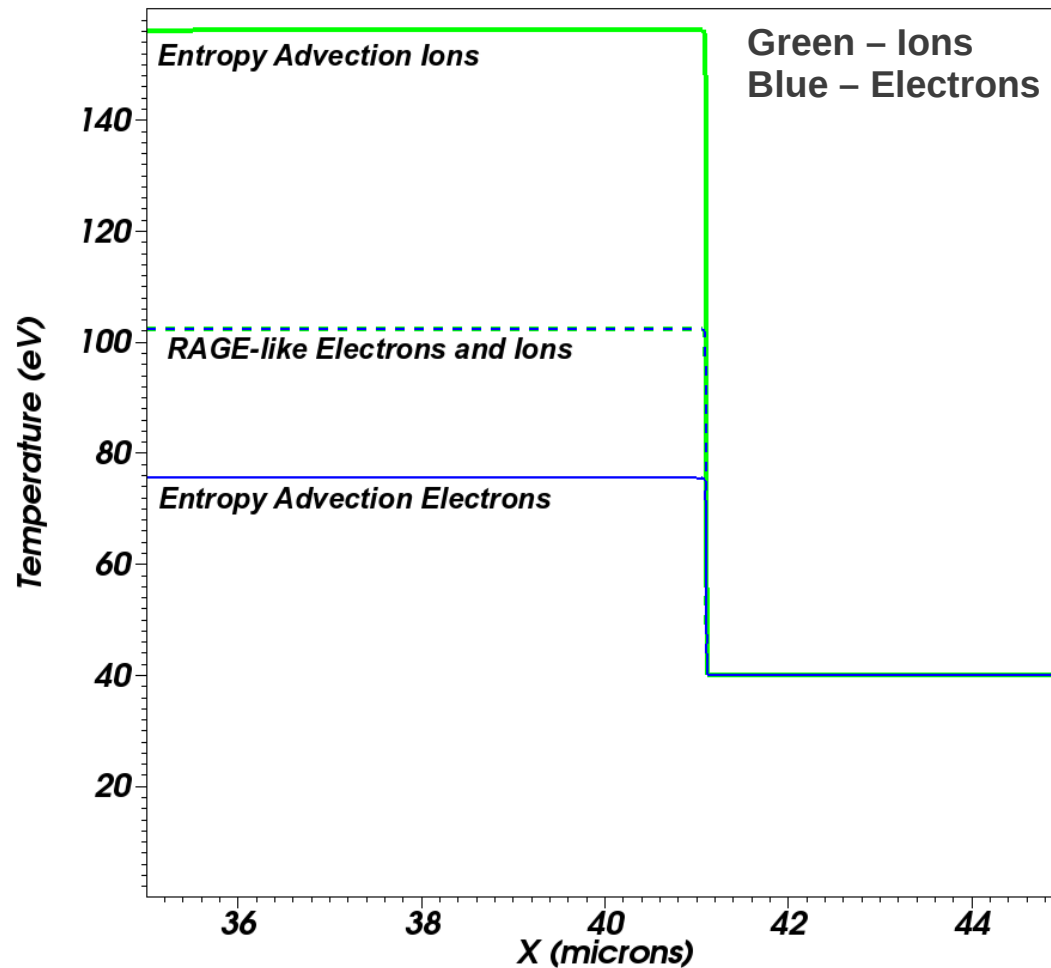
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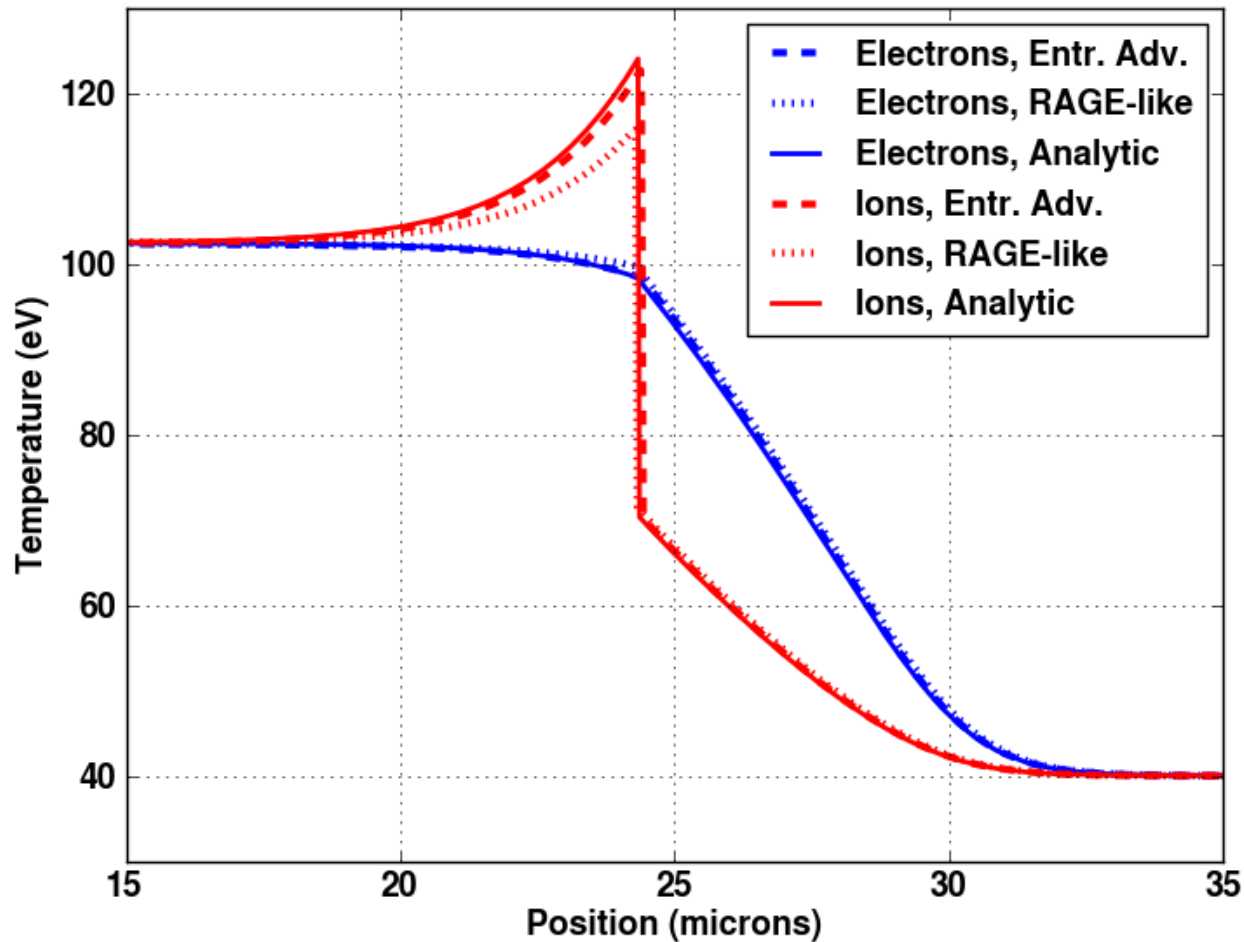
- The entropy-advection approach treats the electrons adiabatically
- An alternative is to divide the shock heating between electrons in exactly the same way as the work – in proportion to the pressure ratios
  - This is the “RAGE-like” approach to 3T hydrodynamics in an Eulerian code
- In this case, the electrons would be shock heated, but the solution away from shocks should be accurate
- This is not necessarily important – in plasmas the ion/electron temperatures equilibrate over time!
- RAGE-like hydro is the default method, you can try entropy advection by setting the following parameter in the runtime parameters file (`flash.par`):

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hy_eosModeAfter = "dens_ie_sele_gather"
```

# There is a large difference between entropy-advection and RAGE-like hydro in the absence of ion/electron equilibration



# When Ion/electron equilibration is significant, the difference between RAGE-like hydro and entropy advection is small – even near a shock



# FLASH has been extended to support 3T simulations

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- 3T should be used for simulations of laser driven HEDP experiments
- A lot of physics relevant to simulating HEDP experiments only works with 3T:
  - Laser
  - Electron thermal conduction
  - Multigroup radiation diffusion
- 3T hydrodynamics in an Eulerian code is a little tricky because the electrons should be treated adiabatically
- This can affect the electron/ion temperatures near shocks
- We will see some hands on examples and a details on the laser and multigroup diffusion radiation tomorrow!
- For more on 3T simulations, please see user's guide (Ch 13, Sec 25.7.5):

[http://flash.uchicago.edu/site/flashcode/user\\_support/flash4b\\_ug/node20.html](http://flash.uchicago.edu/site/flashcode/user_support/flash4b_ug/node20.html)

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