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Entropy-stable modal DG for scale-resolving flow simulations

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Scope

Present recent developments in a high-fidelity CFD solver for turbulent flows, carried out with a view to future GPU acceleration for industrial-scale cases

Outline

- The underlying numerical method
 - Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) discretization of the governing equations
 - Change of variables and entropy framework
 - Entropy projection and Direct Enforcement of the Entropy Balance
- Considerations on the Scale Resolving Simulation (SRS) of turbulent flows
- A simple wall-model applied to implicit LES
- Conclusion and future work



Approximation of the numerical solution

In DG method the solution is approximated as

$$\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}, t)|_K = \mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{Q}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{Dof}^k} Q_i(t) \phi_i(\mathbf{x})$$

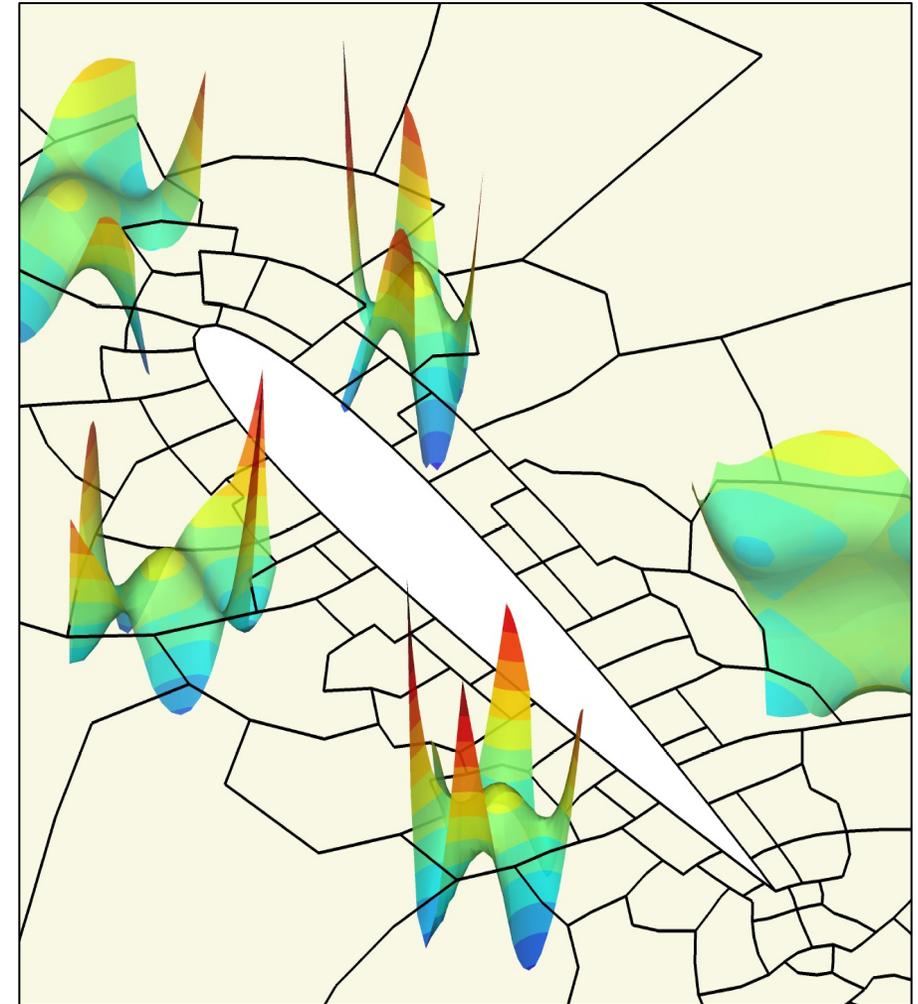
on a mesh $\mathcal{K}_h = \{K\}$ and where $N_{Dof}^k = \text{card}(\mathbb{P}_d^k)$

We define discrete polynomial spaces in physical (mesh) coordinates

$$\mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{K}_h) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \phi \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \phi|_T \in \mathbb{P}_d^k(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{K}_h \}$$

A **modal** set of **orthonormal** and **hierarchical** basis functions is obtained from monomials via the Modified Gram-Schmidt procedure [1]

The basis can be defined for **elements of any shape**



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DG discretization of the Navier-Stokes (NS) equations

The system of governing equations can be written in compact form as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{q})}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{v,i}(\mathbf{q}, \nabla \mathbf{q})}{\partial x_i} = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{q})$$

where $\mathbf{q} = [\rho, \rho \mathbf{u}, \rho E]$ is the set of **conservative variables**, \mathbf{F}_c and \mathbf{F}_v are the convective and viscous fluxes, $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{q}) = [0, \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{g}]$ is the gravitational source term and $i = \{1, \dots, 2 + d\}$

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$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{w}) \equiv \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{v,i}(\mathbf{w}, \nabla \mathbf{w})}{\partial x_i} = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{w})$$

for a number of reasons

- deal with **low Mach** number flows $[p, \mathbf{u}, T]$ [2]
- ensure the **positivity** of thermodynamics variables at a discrete level $[\ln(p), \mathbf{u}, \ln(T)]$
- to guarantee **entropy conservation/stability** at the discrete level [3,4,5]
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By multiplying by an arbitrary test function $\Phi = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{2+d}\}$ and integrating by parts, we obtain the **weak formulation**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \Phi^{\top} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} \right)^{\top} [\mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{w}) - \mathbf{F}_{v,i}(\mathbf{w}, \nabla \mathbf{w})] d\Omega \\ + \int_{\partial\Omega} \Phi^{\top} [\mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{F}_{v,i}(\mathbf{w}, \nabla \mathbf{w})] n_i d\sigma - \int_{\Omega} \Phi^{\top} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{w}) d\Omega = 0 \end{aligned}$$

solution and test function are replaced with DG approximations belonging to $[\mathbb{P}_d^k(\mathcal{K}_h)]^{d+2}$

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The discretization consists in seeking, the elements of the vector \mathbf{W} of unknown Dof s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \phi_i P_{l,\kappa}(\mathbf{w}_h) \phi_j \frac{dW_{\kappa,j}}{dt} d\Omega \\
 & - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial x_n} [F_{c,l,n}(\mathbf{w}_h) + F_{v,l,n}(\mathbf{w}_h, \nabla \mathbf{w}_h + \mathbf{r}([\mathbf{w}_h]))] d\Omega \\
 & + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F [[\phi_i]] \left[\hat{F}_{c,l}(\mathbf{w}_h^\pm, \mathbf{n}_F) + \hat{F}_{v,l}(\mathbf{w}_h^\pm, (\nabla \mathbf{w}_h + \eta_F \mathbf{r}_F([\mathbf{w}_h]))^\pm, \mathbf{n}_F) \right] d\sigma \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

integrals are computed with Gaussian and/or PIQuad [10] rules able to exactly evaluate the polynomial term $\int_K \Phi^T \Phi d\Omega$

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$$\mathbf{M}_P(\mathbf{W}) \frac{d\mathbf{W}}{dt} + \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial x_n} [F_{c,l,n}(\mathbf{w}_h) + F_{v,l,n}(\mathbf{w}_h, \nabla \mathbf{w}_h + \mathbf{r}([\mathbf{w}_h]))] d\Omega \\ & + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F [[\phi_i]] \left[\hat{F}_{c,l}(\mathbf{w}_h^\pm, \mathbf{n}_F) + \hat{F}_{v,l}(\mathbf{w}_h^\pm, (\nabla \mathbf{w}_h + \eta_F \mathbf{r}_F([\mathbf{w}_h]))^\pm, \mathbf{n}_F) \right] d\sigma \\ & - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \phi_i b_l(\mathbf{w}_h) d\Omega = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{M}_P(\mathbf{W}) \frac{d\mathbf{W}}{dt} + \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- $\mathbf{M}_P(\mathbf{W})$ is a **block diagonal** (element-wise) operator and **needs to be inverted** also for **explicit** time integration, its inversion scales as k^{3d}
- Thanks to the orthonormality of shapes functions by using **conservative variables (cv)**, $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_P = \mathbf{I}$ for cells of **any shape!**
- In our experience, a solver based on conservative variables is less robust than one based on **primitive variables**, possibly logarithmic, or **entropy variables (ev)**
- Entropy variables ($\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}$) allow **conservation/dissipation of entropy** at **discrete level [11]**
- Time integration can be also crucial for conservation properties [12], it would deserve a dedicated talk...



Entropy variables and entropy projection

We want to combine the advantages of cv in terms of **efficiency**, with those of ev in terms of **robustness** and physical **accuracy**

Entropy variables symmetrize the governing equations and are related to an entropy function \mathcal{S} globally conserved for smooth solutions of the Euler equations

$$\mathcal{S} = -\frac{\rho s}{\gamma - 1} \quad s = \ln \frac{p}{\rho^\gamma} \quad \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \left[\frac{\gamma - s}{\gamma - 1} - \frac{\rho}{2p} |\mathbf{u}|^2, \frac{\rho \mathbf{u}}{p}, -\frac{\rho}{p} \right]^\top$$

Hughes et al. firstly proposed the use of this set for the solution of Navier-Stokes equations [3]

Using **entropy projection (cv2ev)** [13,14] the solution is **sought for the conservative variables** ($\mathbf{M}_p = \mathbf{I}$), but **spatial discretization** is computed from \mathbf{v}_h^* , the **L2-projection** of cv on ev

$$\int_K \Phi_h^\top \mathbf{v}_h^* d\Omega = \int_K \Phi_h^\top \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{q}_h) d\Omega$$



Entropy variables and entropy projection

Using **entropy projection** the weak formulation reads

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi^{\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} \right)^{\top} [\mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{v}^*_h) - \mathbf{F}_{v,i}(\mathbf{v}^*_h, \nabla \mathbf{v}^*_h)] d\Omega$$

$$+ \int_{\partial\Omega} \Phi^{\top} [\mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{v}^*_h) + \mathbf{F}_{v,i}(\mathbf{v}^*_h, \nabla \mathbf{v}^*_h)] n_i d\sigma - \int_{\Omega} \Phi^{\top} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{v}^*_h) d\Omega = 0$$

...let us focus on the convective terms and replace Φ^{\top} with $\mathbf{v}_h^{*\top}$ (same polynomial space!)

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \mathbf{v}_h^{*\top} \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_h}{\partial t} d\Omega - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_h^{*\top}}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{v}_h^*) d\Omega$$

$$+ \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F [[\mathbf{v}_h^{*\top}]] \widehat{\mathbf{F}}_c((\mathbf{v}_h^*)^{\pm}, \mathbf{n}_F) d\sigma = 0$$



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by definition and applying the [divergence theorem](#)...

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where $\boldsymbol{\psi} = \rho \mathbf{u}$ we obtain

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \frac{d\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{q}_h)}{dt} d\Omega + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \underbrace{\left[\llbracket \mathbf{v}_h^{*\top} \rrbracket \widehat{\mathbf{F}}_c((\mathbf{v}_h^*)^\pm, \mathbf{n}_F) - \llbracket \psi_i(\mathbf{v}_h^*) \rrbracket n_{F,i} \right]}_{\geq 0 \text{ if } \widehat{\mathbf{F}} \text{ is entropy conserving/stable}} d\sigma = 0$$

≥ 0 if $\widehat{\mathbf{F}}$ is entropy conserving/stable

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by definition and **applying the divergence theorem...at the discrete level...**

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$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \frac{d\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{q}_h)}{dt} d\Omega \stackrel{\leq}{\geq} 0$$

A POSSIBLE FIX: "over-integration"

use of quadrature rules with an extremely high degree of exactness, not known a priori, with a dramatic **degradation of performance**

Direct Enforcement of the Entropy Balance (DEEB)

To **avoid over-integration** the DEEB proposed by Abgrall [15] and applied to DG by Abgrall et al. [16] and Chen and Shu [17] is used

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \Phi_h^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_h}{\partial t} d\Omega - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \int_K \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_h}{\partial x_i} \right)^\top \mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{v}_h^*) d\Omega \\ & + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \int_F \llbracket \Phi_h^\top \rrbracket \widehat{\mathbf{F}}_c((\mathbf{v}_h^*)^\pm, \mathbf{n}_F) d\sigma + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} \alpha_K \frac{\int_K \Phi_h^\top (\mathbf{v}_h^* - \mathbf{v}_{h,0}^*) d\Omega}{\int_K (\mathbf{v}_h^* - \mathbf{v}_{h,0}^*)^\top (\mathbf{v}_h^* - \mathbf{v}_{h,0}^*) d\Omega} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{v}_{h,0}^*$ is the elemental mean value of \mathbf{v}_h^*

DEEB was proposed for a general framework and can be used with any set of variables, but **when dealing with ev it only compensates for the integration error**

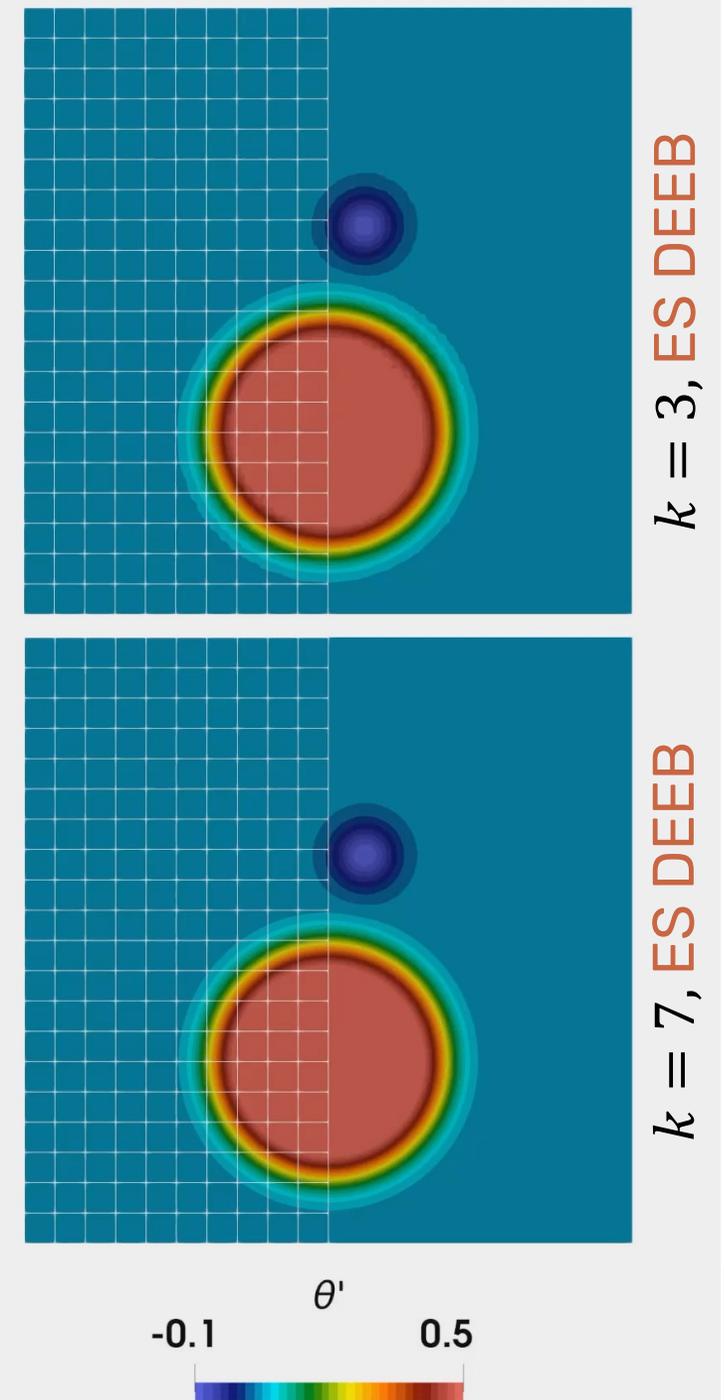
$$\alpha_K = \int_K \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_h^*}{\partial x_i} \right)^\top \mathbf{F}_{c,i}(\mathbf{w}_h) d\Omega - \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_K} \int_F \llbracket \psi_i(\mathbf{w}_h) \rrbracket n_{F,i} d\sigma$$



Colliding thermal bubbles

Two air bubbles, one warmer and the other colder than the environment collide, mix, and move upward [18]

- Euler equations, $k = \{3, \dots, 7\}$ Entropy Conserving (EC) and Entropy Stable (ES)
- 20×20 quads.
- RK–SSP 3-5, CFL = 0.1
- Simulation end time $t_f = 600s$
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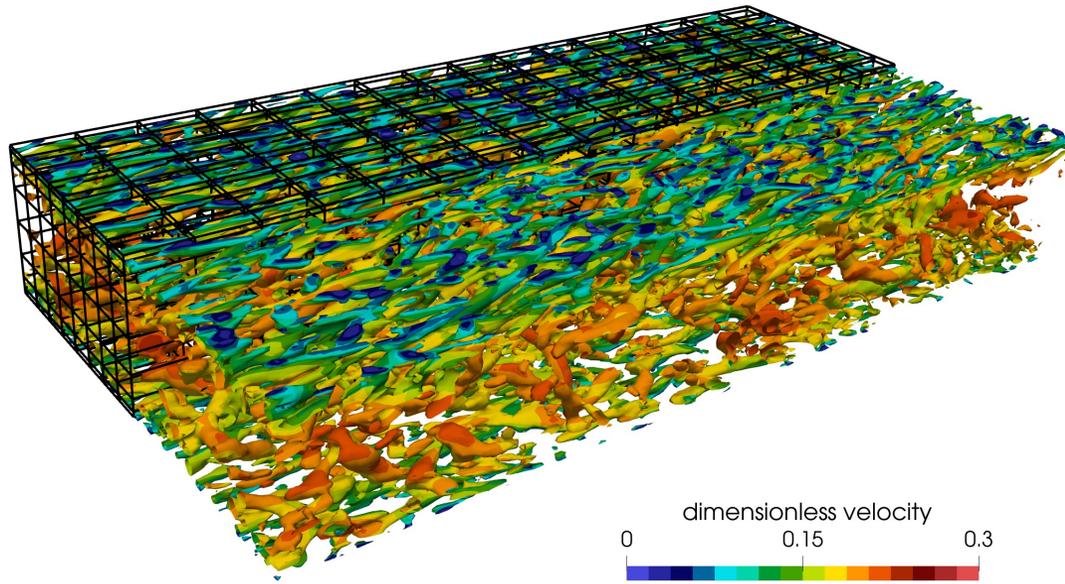
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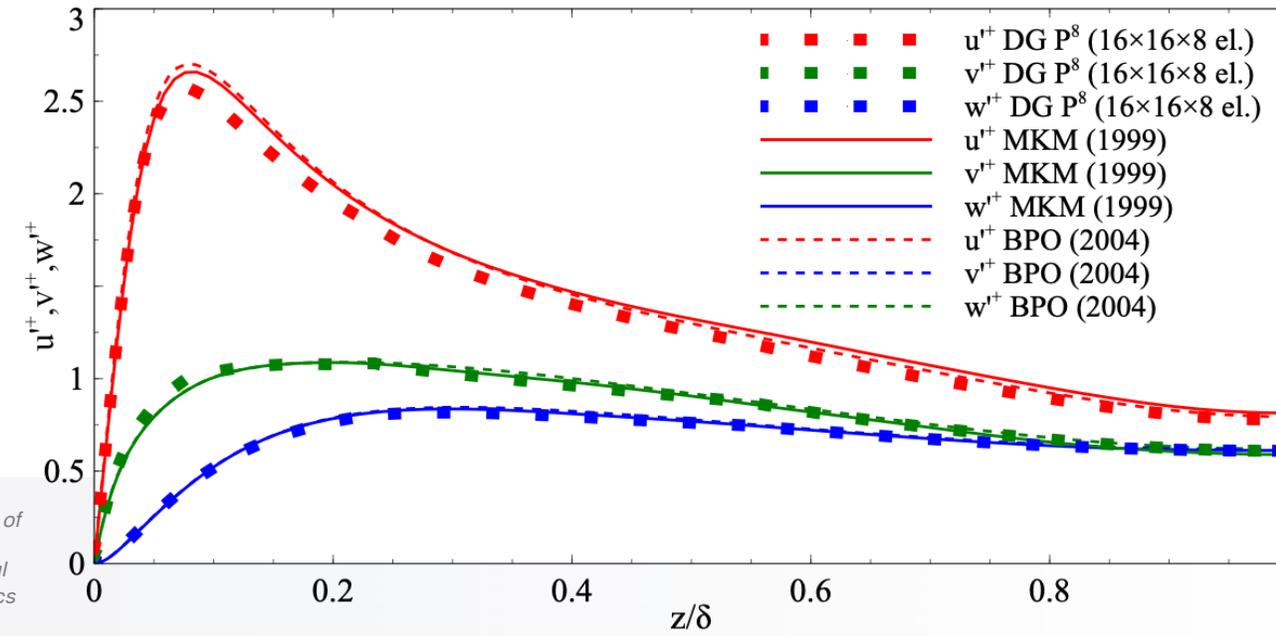
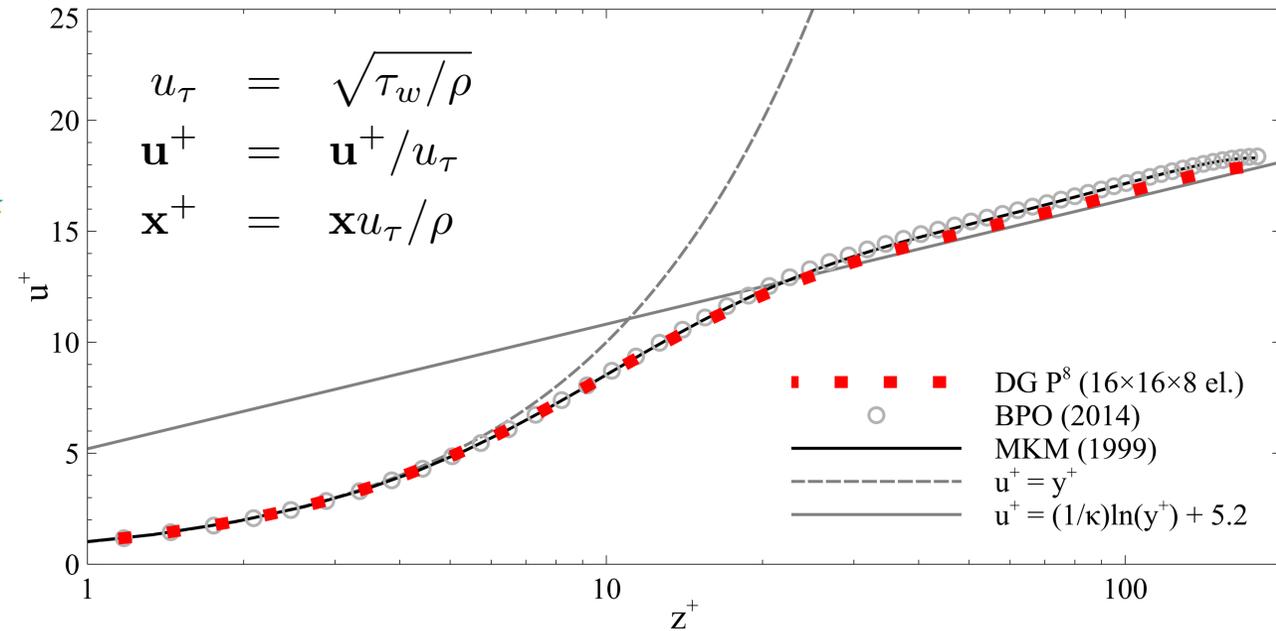
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	$\varepsilon(s)$	×	×	×	×	×
cv^{NOI}	s	274	342	275	340	297
	$\varepsilon(s)$	×	×	×	×	×

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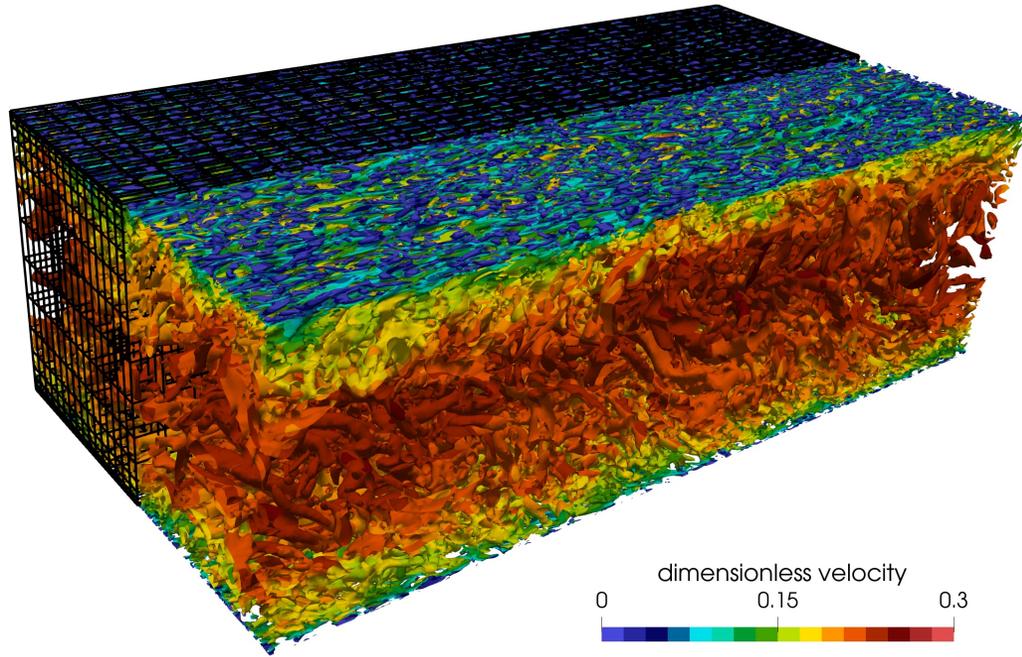
implicit-LES - channel flow $Re_\tau = \{180, 395, 590\}$



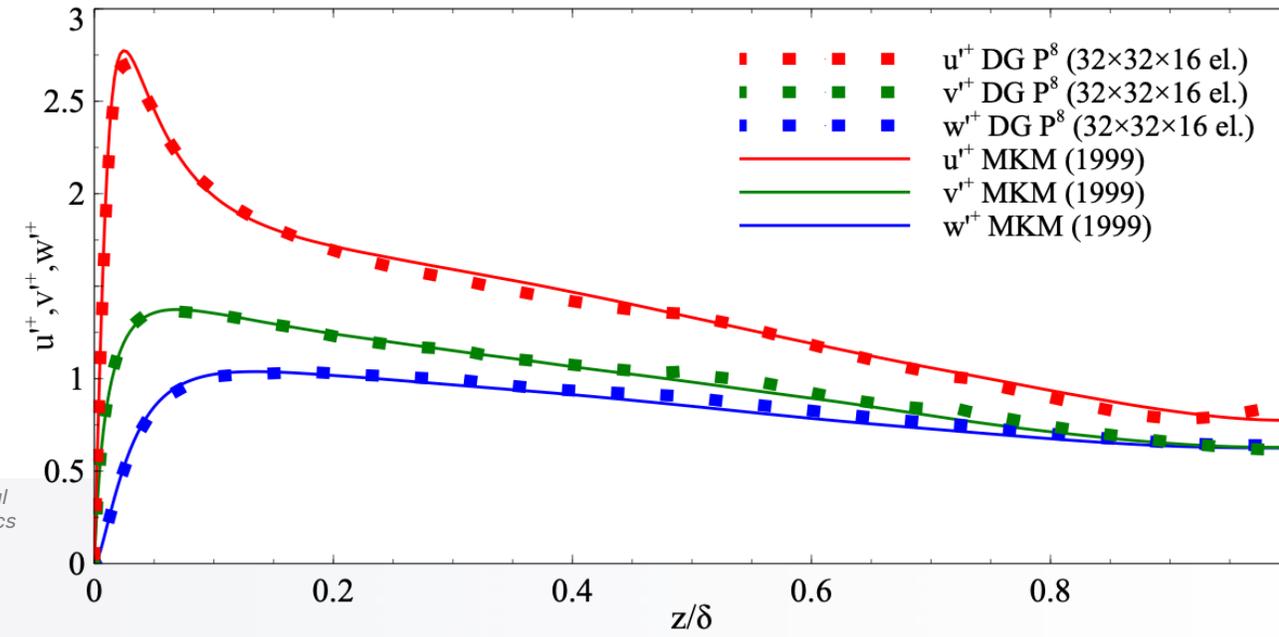
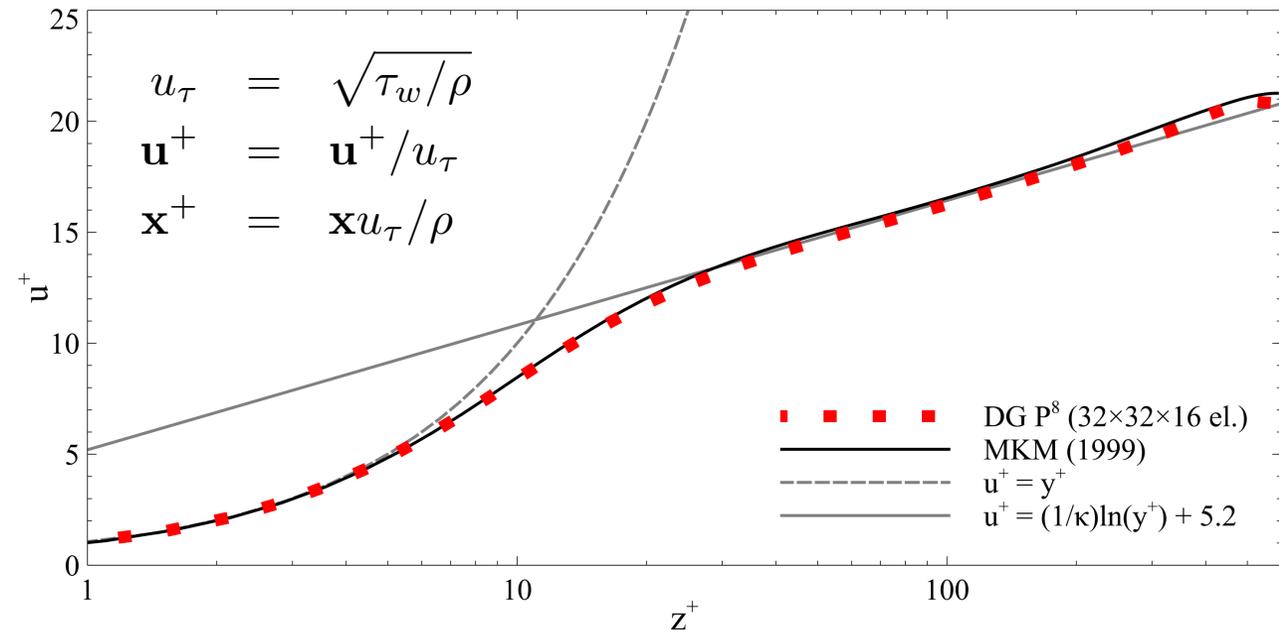
- Domain size: $4\pi \times 2\pi \times 2$
- DG, $k = 8$ - ES, DEEB
- $16 \times 16 \times 8$ hexahedral elements
- $\Delta x^+ \approx 26$, $\Delta y^+ \approx 13$, $\Delta z^+ \approx 2$
- RK-SSP 4-5, $\Delta t^+ \approx 0.085$



implicit-LES - channel flow $Re_\tau = \{180, 395, 590\}$



- Domain size: $2\pi \times \pi \times 2$
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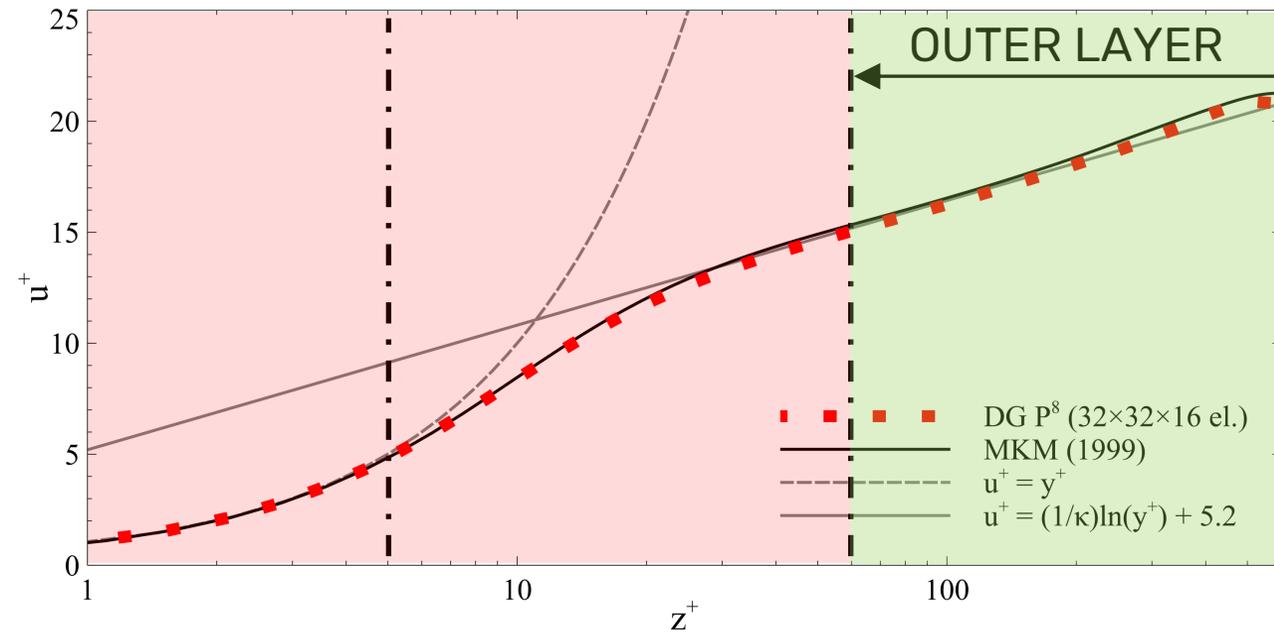
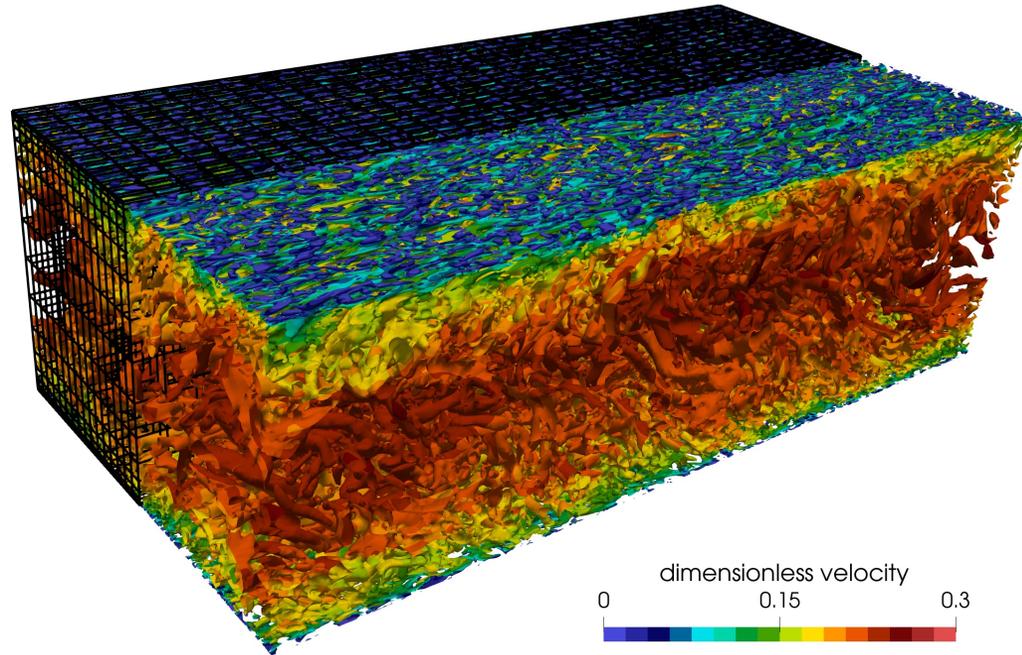
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Considerations on the SRS of turbulent flows



1. The **high resolution** required to capture fine structures in the **inner layer** is **impractical** at high Reynolds numbers ($\sim 99\%$ of points, for $Re_L = 10^6$ BL [21])
2. Tiny cells at the walls dramatically **restrict time step size** of explicit time integration
3. **Wall-stress models** reduce the need for high resolution by replacing the no-slip wall condition with a **slip-wall** and **modelled shear stress** at the wall, e.g. [22,23,24].
4. Wall-stress models can reduce the cost for BL turbulence to $N_{wm-LES} \sim Re_L$ [25]



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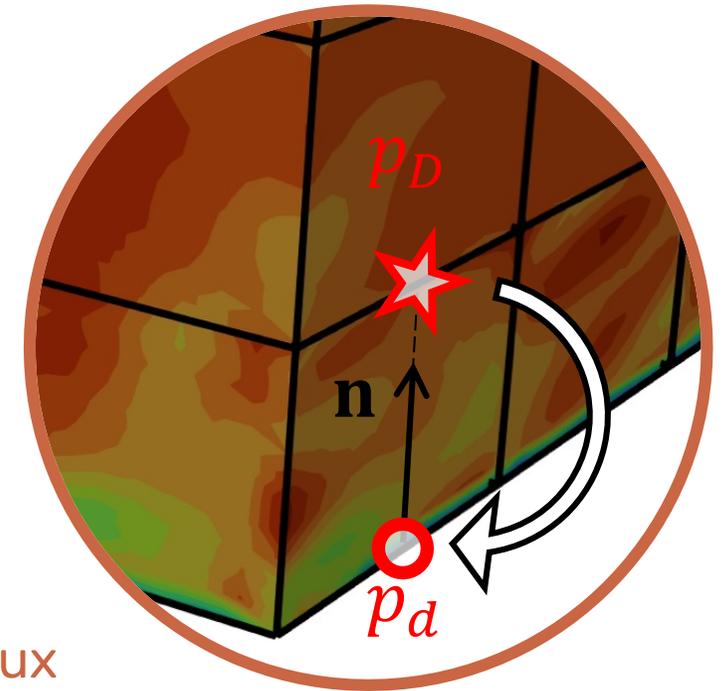
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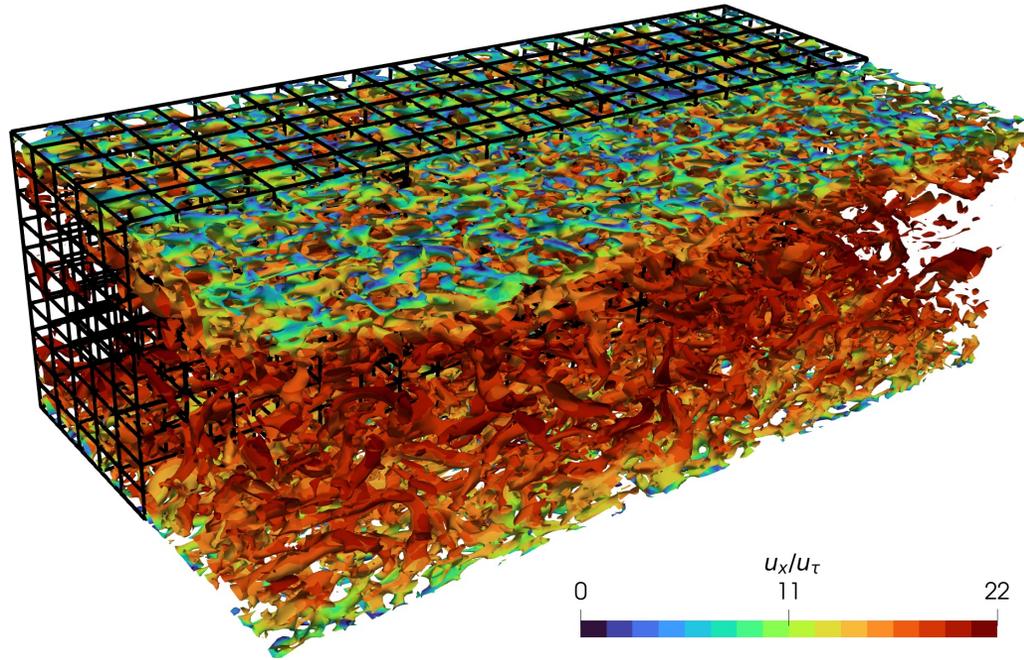
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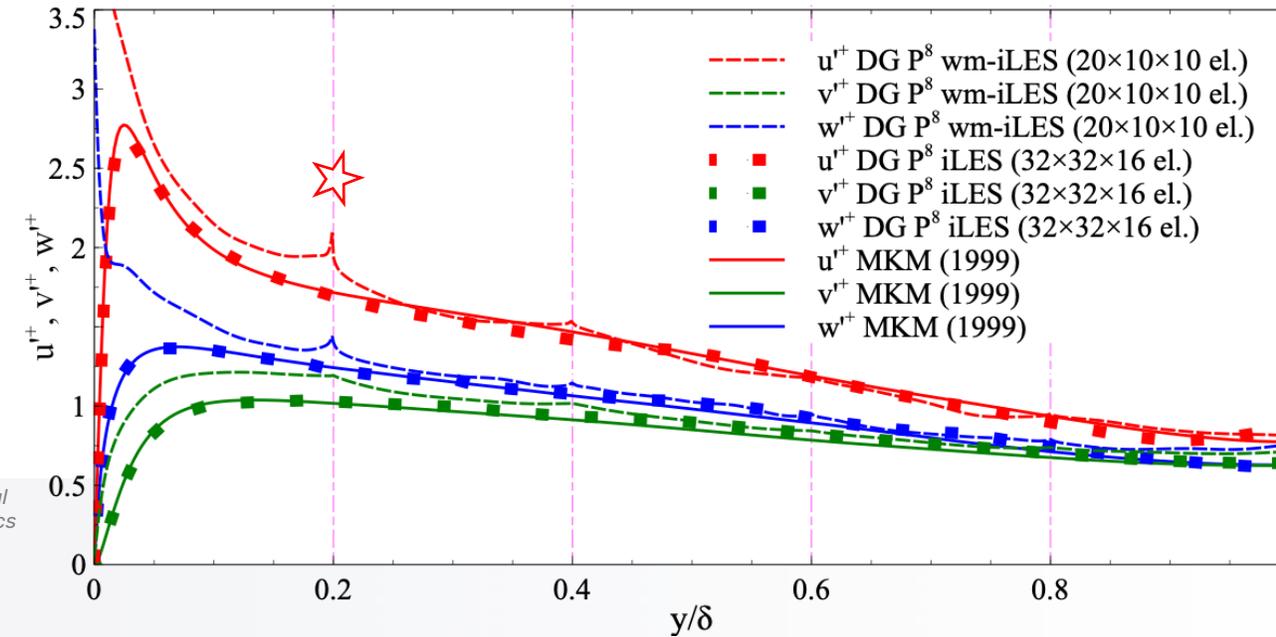
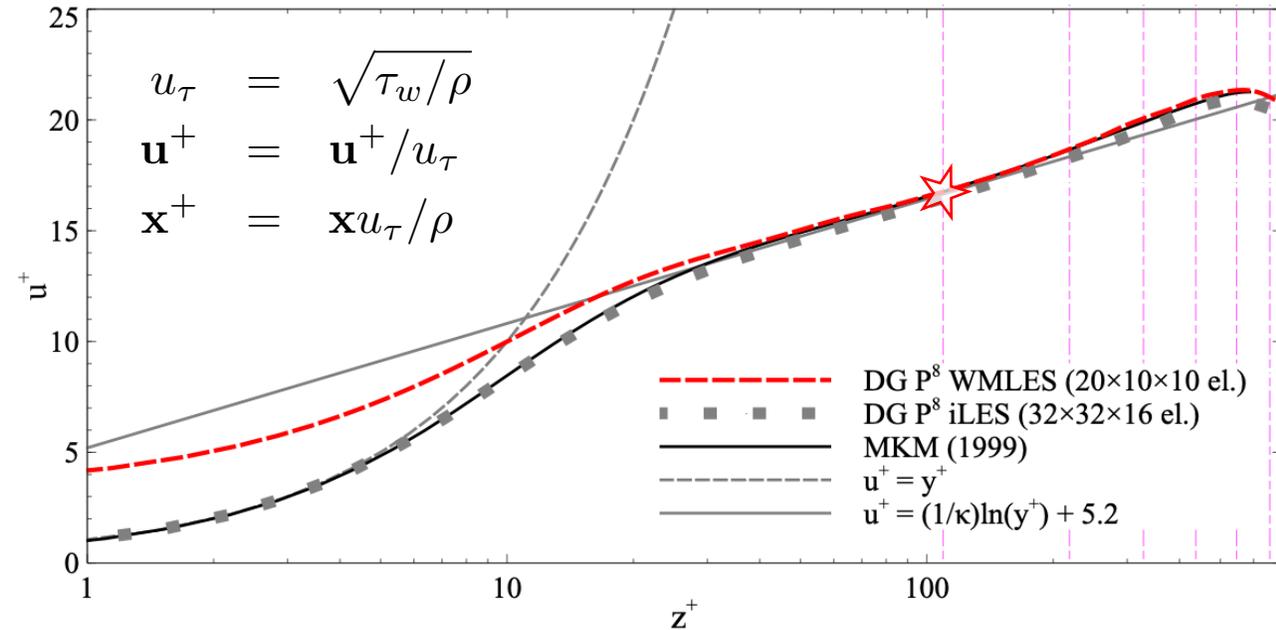
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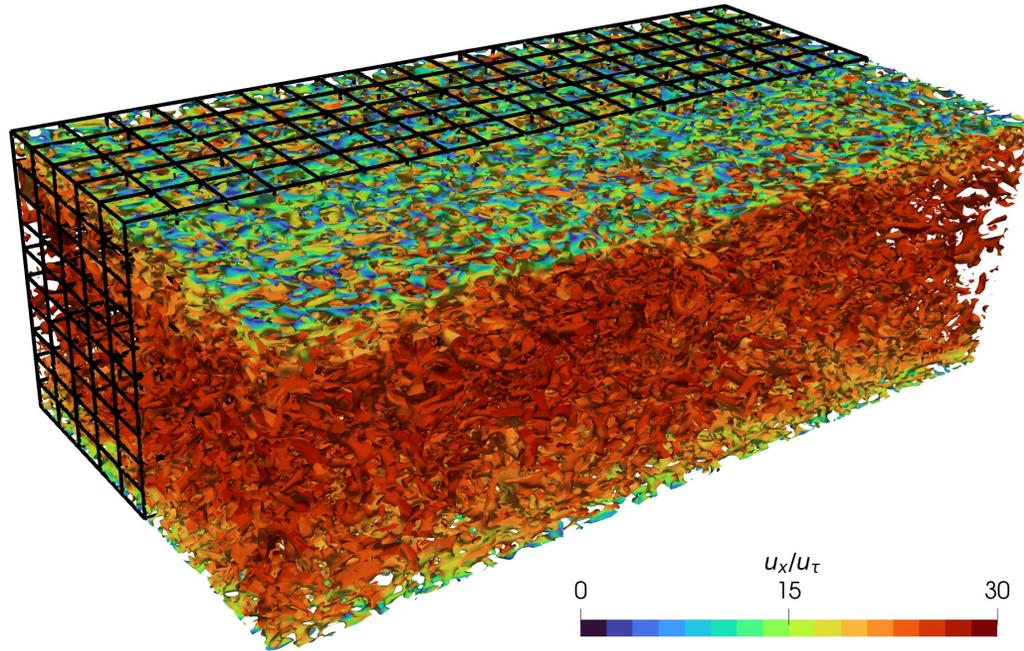
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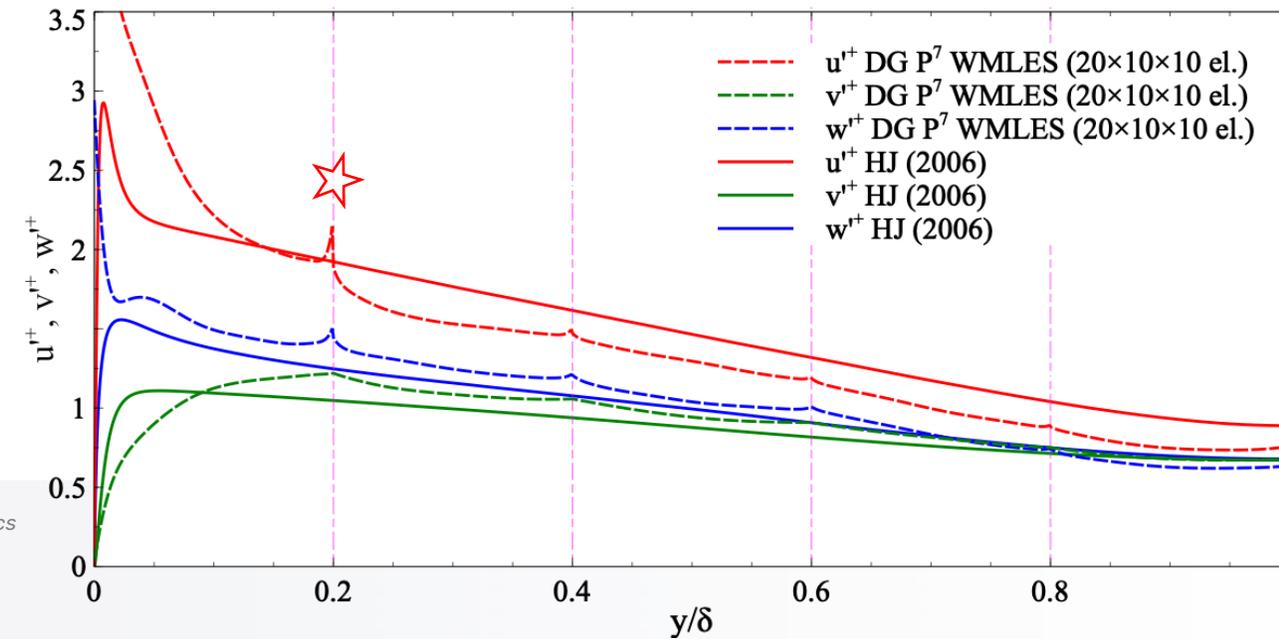
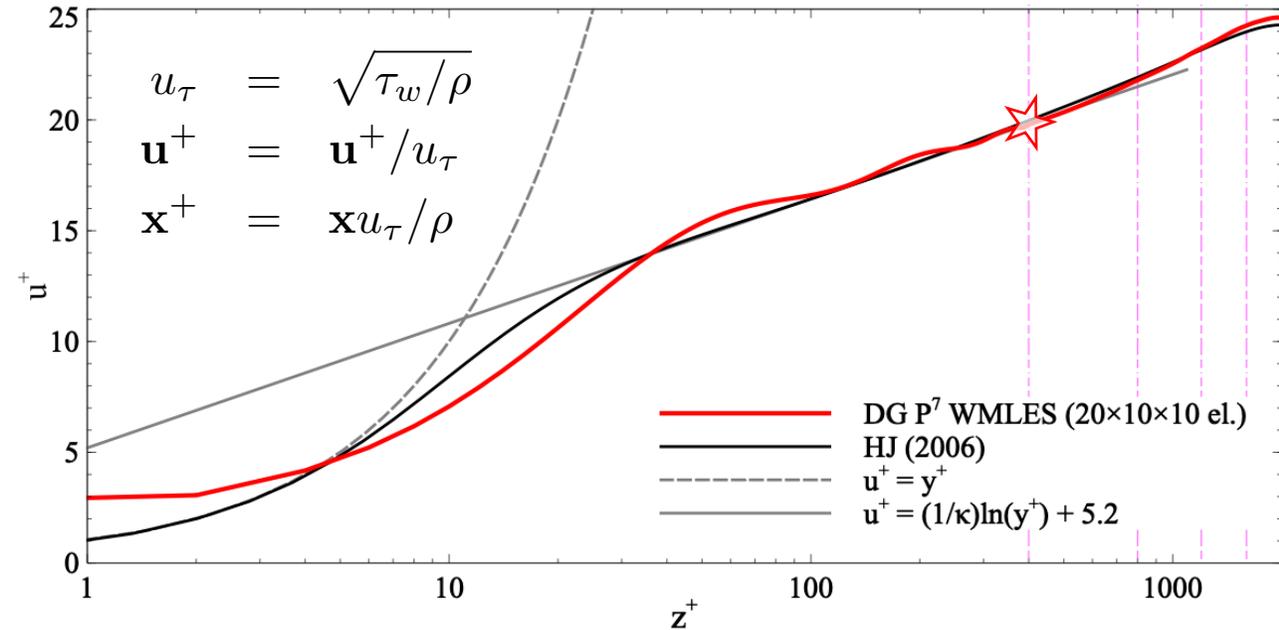
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Conclusion

We are investigating an efficient explicit discretisation suitable for unstructured meshes and prone to implementation on GPUs

...and future/ongoing work

- considering advanced wall models for iLES, e.g., two-layer models
- extension of the solver to elements of arbitrary shape (polyhedral)
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