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Towards high-order low-dissipation strategies for fast industrial-scale simulations

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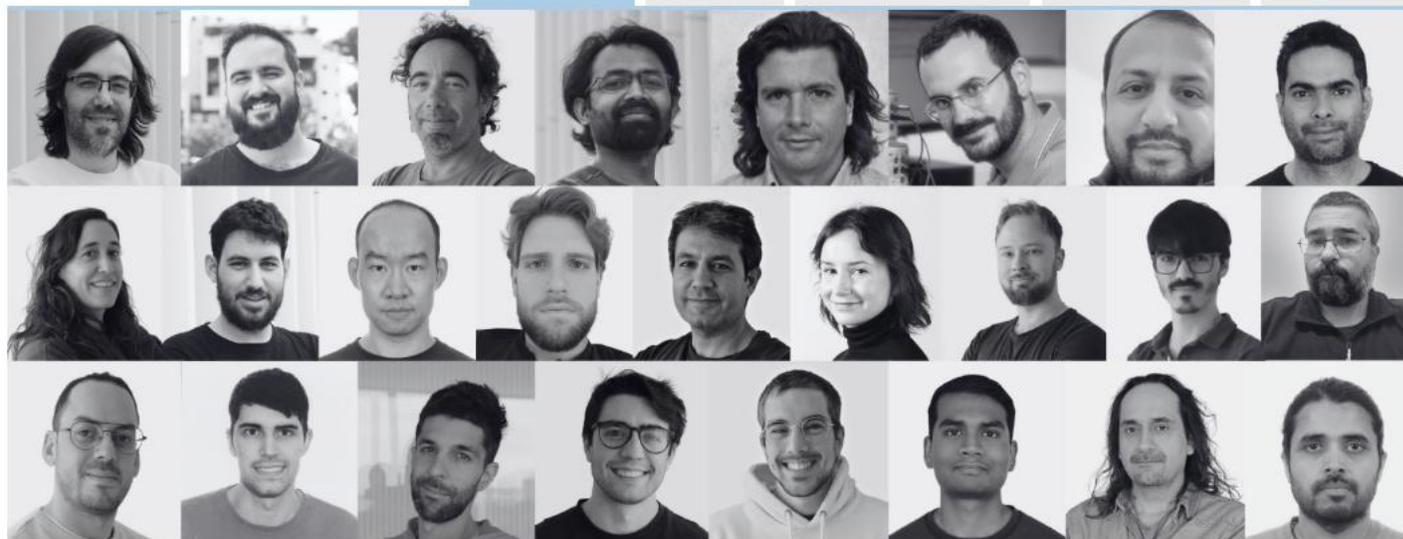
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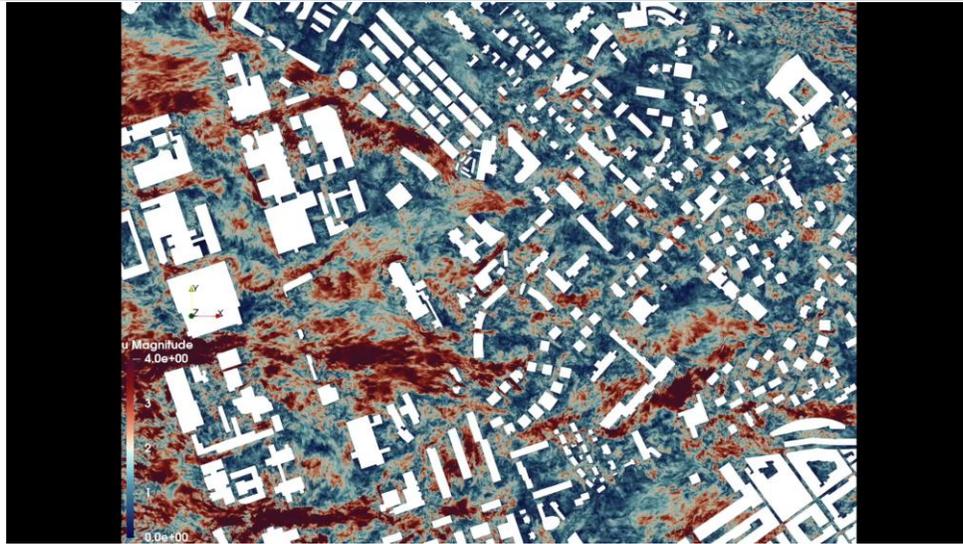
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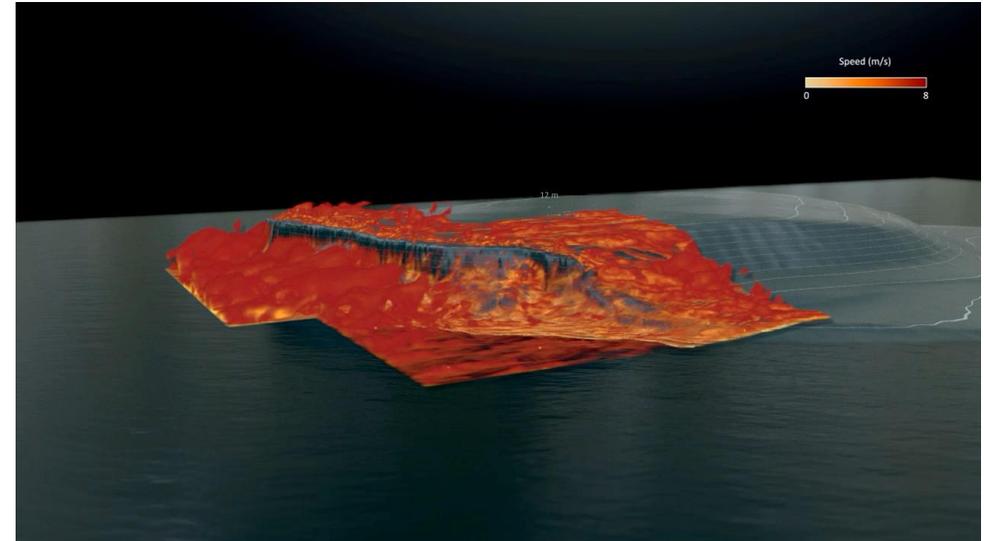


There is a need to increase the capabilities of current Computational Fluid Dynamics tools for engineering design by re-engineering them for extreme-scale parallel computing platforms. The backbone of the Large-scale Computational Fluid Dynamics (LS/CFD) team is centred on the fact that, today, **the capabilities of leading-edge emerging HPC architectures are not fully exploited by industrial simulation tools.** **Current state-of-the-art industrial solvers do not take sufficient advantage of the immense capabilities of new hardware architectures,** such as streaming processors or many-core platforms. A combined research effort focusing on novel numerical methods, more accurate physical models, algorithms and HPC application is the only way to make possible to develop and advance simulation tools to meet the needs of the European industry. The LS/CFD team will focus on the development of numerical tools, turbulence models, multi-physics algorithms, data driven methodologies and large-scale industrial simulations.

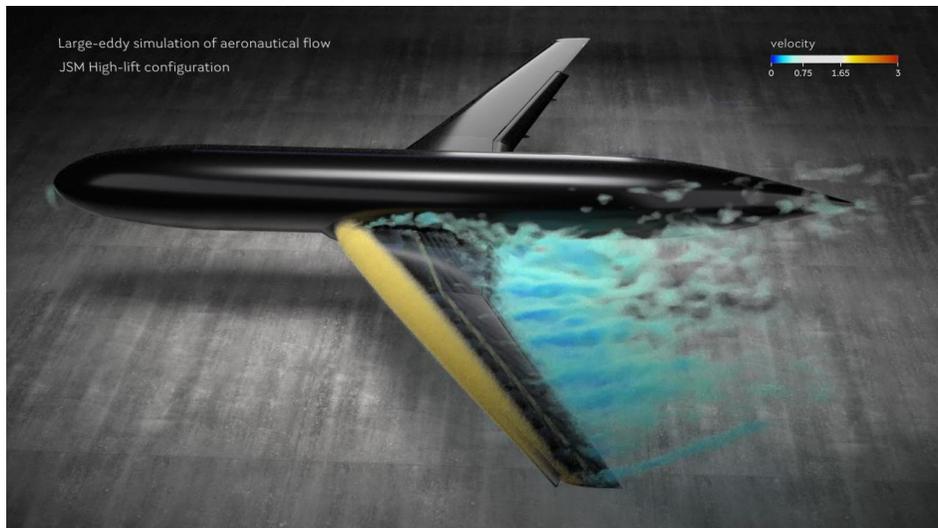
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Urban flows



Wind resource assesment on complex terrain



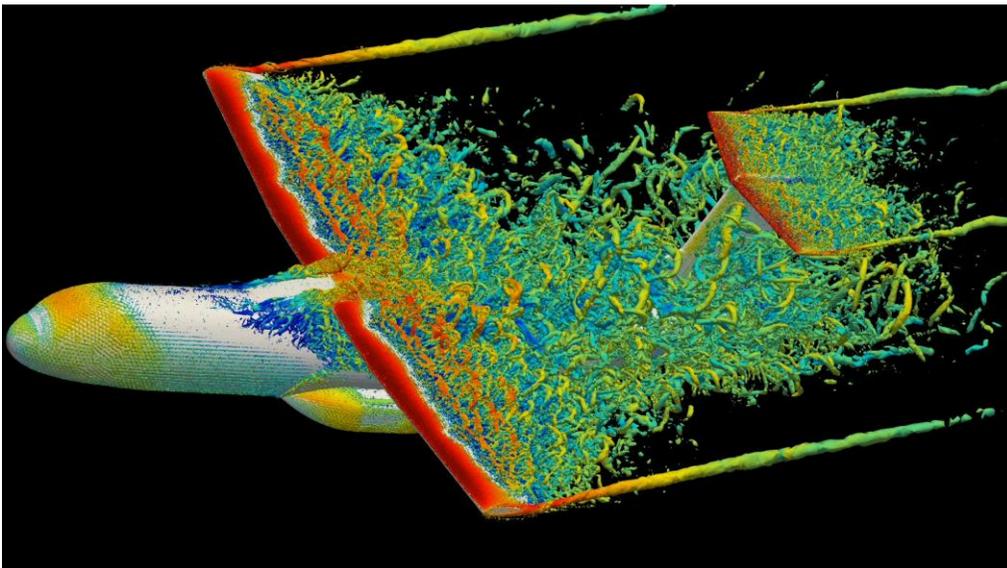
Full aircraft aerodynamics



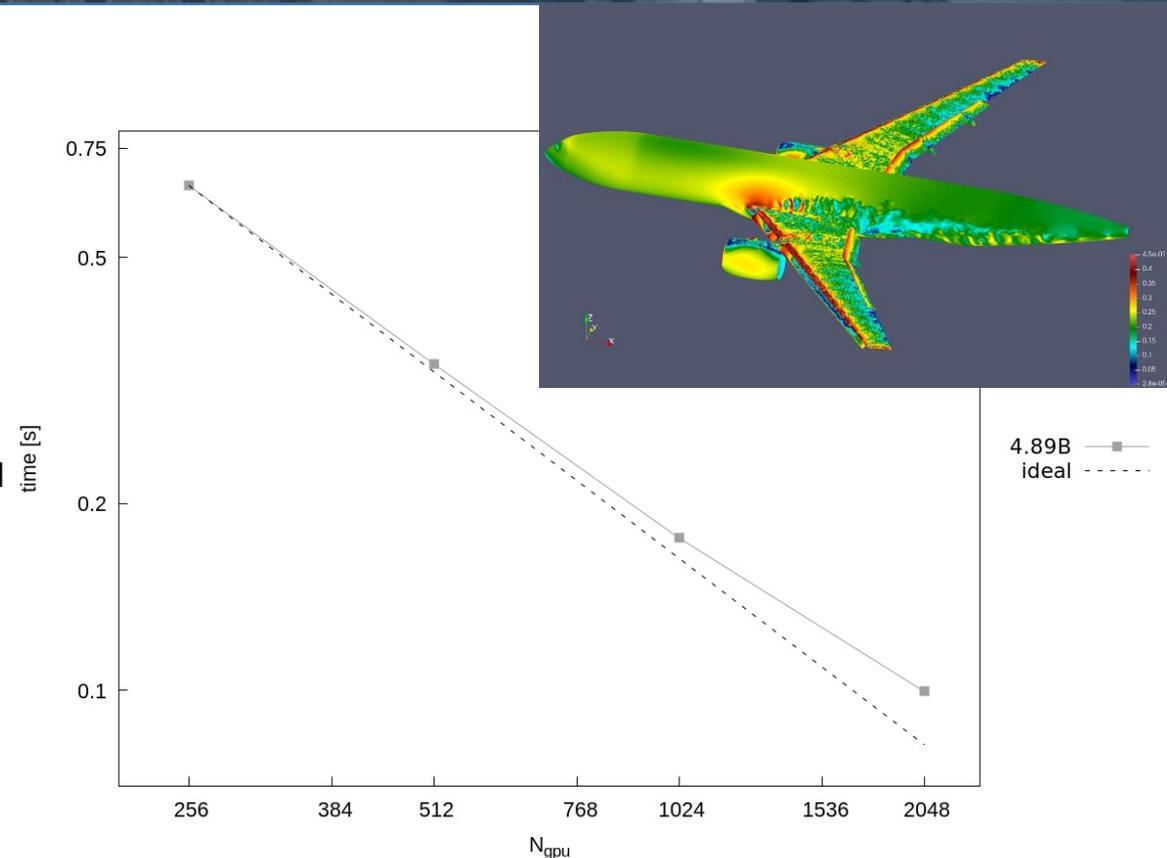
External aerodynamics of road vehicles

SOD2D: Spectral high-Order coDe 2 solve partial Differential equations

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 - https://gitlab.com/bsc_sod2d/sod2d_gitlab
- Based on Spectral Finite Elements Method
- Simulations of turbulent compressible and incompressible flows over complex geometries
- Fully accelerated using OpenACC
- Used in aeronautical and wind energy applications
- Developed at BSC as an Open-Source in different EuroHPC projects (NextSim, CEEC, EcoE3, Excellerat 2, WinDTwin and TRANSDIFFUSE)
- 1 NVIDA H100 behaves like 560 Intel Sapphire Rapid cores
- We can run a full Aircraft in 12h using 100 H100 GPUs in the previous MN4 we needed the 70% of the machine and several days.



wmLES simulation of a new concept Aircraft from Airbus, using 32 H100 and 200M DoF.
Simulations carried out in the CDTI PTA 2023 (CETACEO) under the collaboration agreement between BSC and Airbus



Scalability of SOD2D in MN5 for the simulation of the NASA HL-CRM with 4.89Billion nodes and the compressible solver

L. Gasparino, F. Spiga, O. Lehmkuhl, SOD2D: A GPU-enabled Spectral Finite Elements Method for compressible scale-resolving simulations, Computer Physics Communications, Volume 297, 2024, 109067, ISSN 0010-4655

Large eddy simulation models: challenges and bottlenecks

By spatially filtering the NS equations:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i \bar{u}_j}{\partial x_j} - \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + \rho^{-1} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} - F_i = - \frac{\partial \mathcal{T}_{ij}}{\partial x_j}$$
$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$
$$\mathcal{T}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{T}_{kk} \delta_{ij} = -2\nu_{sgs} \bar{S}_{ij}$$

- Smagorinsky
- Dynamic Smagorinsky
- Wall-Adapting Local Eddy-Viscosity (WALE) Model
- Vreman:

$$\nu_t = c \sqrt{\frac{B_\beta}{\alpha_{ij} \alpha_{ij}}}$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = S = S_{ij}$$

$$\beta_{ij} = \Delta_m^2 \alpha_{mi} \alpha_{mj}$$

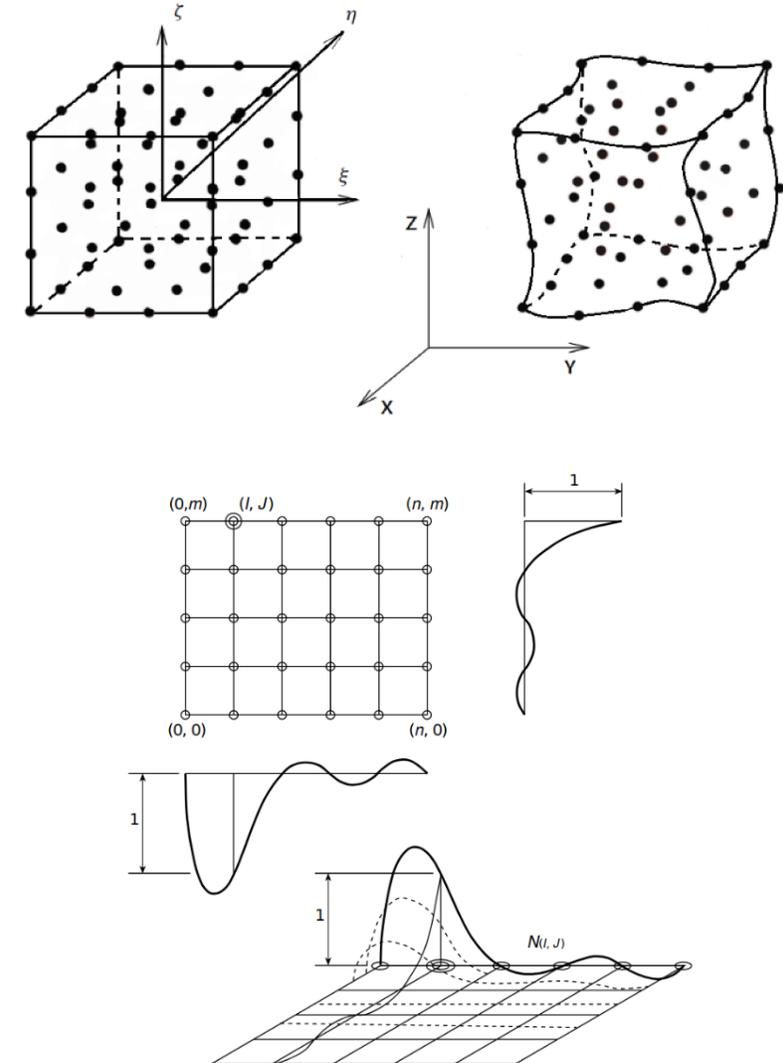
$$B_\beta = \beta_{11} \beta_{22} - \beta_{12}^2 + \beta_{11} \beta_{33} - \beta_{13}^2 + \beta_{22} \beta_{33} - \beta_{23}^2$$

Specific challenges:

- Numerics interact with the LES model
- Usually the mesh is the filter
- Scales at the wall are case dependent
- More sensible to geometry and boundaries

Continuous Galerkin Finite Elements model (SEM)

- **Spectral formulation of the Continuous Galerkin Finite Elements model (SEM)** applied to the spatial terms in the Navier-Stokes equations.
- The **Lobatto-Gauss-Legendre (LGL)** quadrature is used in the developed algorithm. (nodes are **non-equispaced**, **avoiding the Runge effect** on high-order interpolations)
 - The quadrature points coincide with the element nodes (**closed rule integration**) → This can lead to **aliasing effects** due to the reduced order integration of closed rule quadrature.
- Very high arithmetic intensity → **well fitted for GPUs**



Why Split Forms? (Aliasing in Collocated SEM)

- For SEM on collocated LGL nodes, convective terms suffer from aliasing errors due to under integration of nonlinear fluxes.
- Split forms (Kennedy-Gruber, Pirozzoli, Shima, Chandrashekar, etc.) reduce aliasing-driven instabilities by rewriting convective terms in alternative but mathematically equivalent forms.

$$\partial_x(ab) \approx \frac{1}{2}\partial_x(ab) + \frac{1}{2}(a\partial_x b + b\partial_x a).$$

- For collocated SEM on LGL nodes, the mass matrix $\mathcal{M} = \omega_i \delta_{ij}$ and derivative matrix $\mathcal{D} = l'_j(\xi_i)$ provide a summation by parts (SBP) operator $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{D}$:

$$\mathcal{Q} + \mathcal{Q}^T = \mathcal{B}, \quad \mathcal{B} = \text{diag}(-1, 0, \dots, 0, 1).$$

- For SBP operators, the application of \mathcal{D} can be written in a subcell finite volume like flux differencing form. With freedom to choose a symmetric and consistent numerical two-point flux $F^\#$.

Key Result: Numerical Volume Flux $F^\# \leftrightarrow$ Split Forms

You can reproduce classical split formulations exactly at the discrete level using two point fluxes, $F^\#$. ([1])

Discrete split-form identities

Let $\{a\}_{im} = \frac{1}{2}(a_i + a_m)$ be the arithmetic mean between nodes i and m . Then the following identities hold:

$$2 \sum_{m=0}^N D_{im} \{a\}_{im} = (a_x)_i$$

$$2 \sum_{m=0}^N D_{im} \{a\}_{im} \{b\}_{im} = \frac{1}{2} \left((ab)_x + a b_x + b a_x \right)_i$$

$$2 \sum_{m=0}^N D_{im} \{a\}_{im} \{b\}_{im} \{c\}_{im} = \frac{1}{4} \left((abc)_x + a (bc)_x + b (ac)_x + c (ab)_x + bc a_x + ac b_x + ab c_x \right)_i$$

- Arithmetic mean \Rightarrow conservative form
- Product of means \Rightarrow quadratic or cubic split form

Two-Point Fluxes for Compressible Flows in SOD2D

- In sod2d multiple two-point fluxes are implemented, providing kinetic energy preserving and entropy stable options.
- For example the split form of Pirozzoli (PI) ([6]) is given by:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{PI}}^{\#} = \begin{bmatrix} \{\rho\} \{u\} \\ \{\rho\} \{u\}^2 + \{p\} \\ \{\rho\} \{u\} \{v\} \\ \{\rho\} \{u\} \{w\} \\ \{\rho\} \{u\} \{h\} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{G}_{\text{PI}}^{\#} = \begin{bmatrix} \{\rho\} \{v\} \\ \{\rho\} \{u\} \{v\} \\ \{\rho\} \{v\}^2 + \{p\} \\ \{\rho\} \{v\} \{w\} \\ \{\rho\} \{v\} \{h\} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H}_{\text{PI}}^{\#} = \begin{bmatrix} \{\rho\} \{w\} \\ \{\rho\} \{u\} \{w\} \\ \{\rho\} \{v\} \{w\} \\ \{\rho\} \{w\}^2 + \{p\} \\ \{\rho\} \{w\} \{h\} \end{bmatrix}$$

- On curved meshes, the computation also involves averaging of the metric terms. For example for the ξ -direction of the divergence in reference space:

$$2 \sum_{m=0}^N \mathcal{D}_{im} \left[\mathbf{F}_{(i,m)jk}^{\#} \{J\bar{a}_1^{-1}\}_{(i,m)jk} + \mathbf{G}_{(i,m)jk}^{\#} \{J\bar{a}_2^{-1}\}_{(i,m)jk} + \mathbf{H}_{(i,m)jk}^{\#} \{J\bar{a}_3^{-1}\}_{(i,m)jk} \right].$$

- To guarantee free-stream preservation, the metric terms are computed with the invariant form of Kopriva([5])

$$J\bar{a}_n^i = \frac{1}{2} \hat{x}_i \cdot \nabla_{\xi} \times (x_m \nabla_{\xi} x_l - x_l \nabla_{\xi} x_m), \quad (n, m, l) \text{ cyclic.} \quad (1)$$

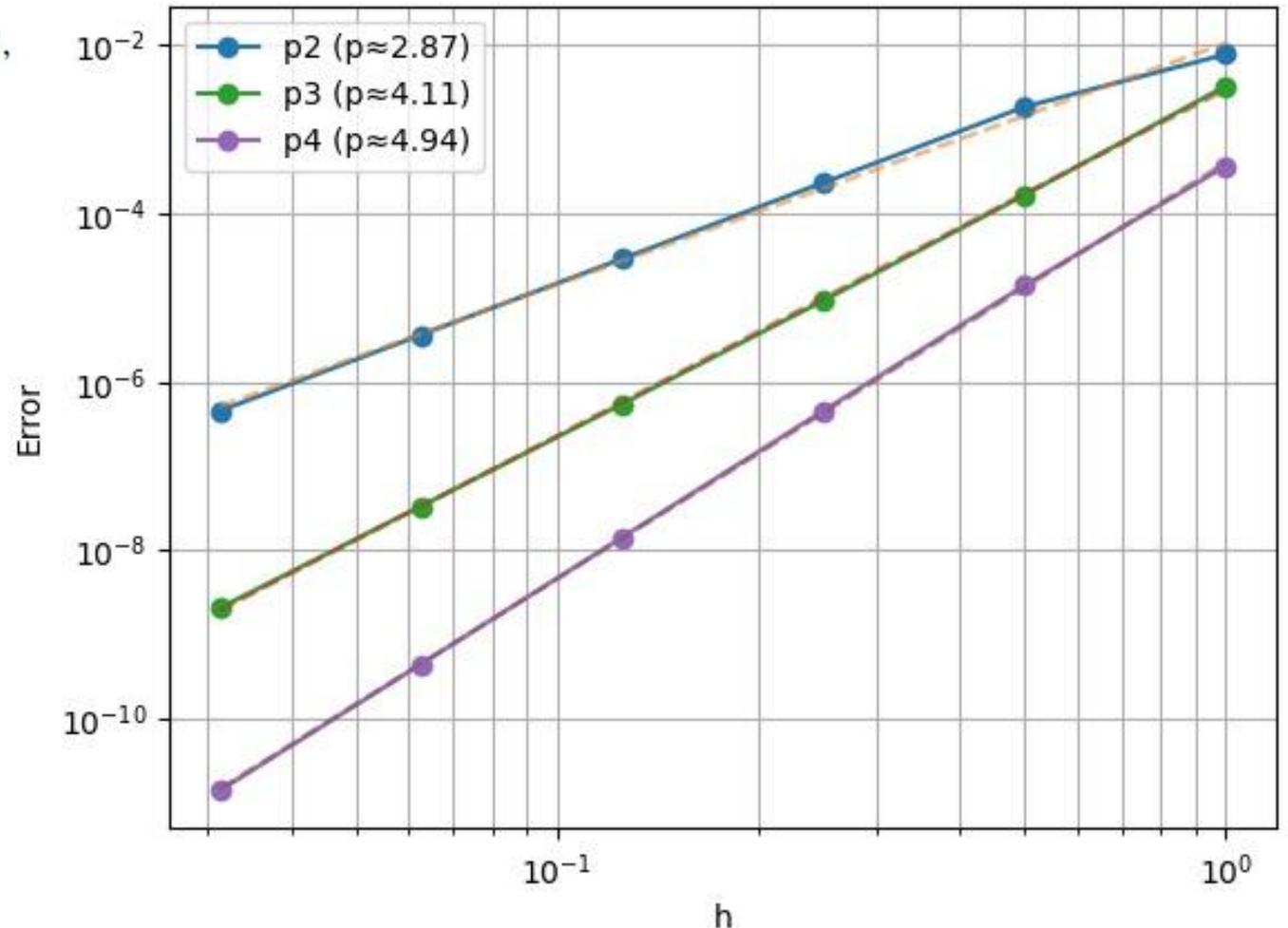
Two-Point Fluxes for Compressible Flows in SOD2D

$$\rho(\vec{x}, t) = 2 + 0.1 \sin(\pi(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 0.6t)),$$

$$\rho u_\ell(\vec{x}, t) = 2 + 0.1 \sin(\pi(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 0.6t)), \quad \ell = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$E(\vec{x}, t) = [2 + 0.1 \sin(\pi(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 0.6t))]^2,$$

- MMS of a compressible flow
- The theoretical order of the convective operator is recovered
- Meshes:
 - 2x2x2
 - 4x4x4
 - 8x8x8
 - 16x16x16
 - 32x32x32
 - 64x64x64



Two-point flux with symmetric Lax Friedrichs blending

- To deal with discontinuities the numerical flux is written as a blend of a two point conservative flux and a symmetric Lax Friedrichs type dissipation:

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{cons}} + \sigma_e \mathbf{f}_{\text{diss}}.$$

Symmetric dissipation term.

Metrics are averaged and normalized:

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\{\{J\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1^1\}\}_L + \{\{J\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1^1\}\}_R \right), \quad \|\mathbf{m}\| = \sqrt{\{\{J\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1^1\}\} \cdot \{\{J\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1^1\}\}}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{m} / \|\mathbf{m}\|.$$

With $v_n = \mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ and $\Delta(\cdot) = (\cdot)_R - (\cdot)_L$, the dissipative contribution is

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{diss}} = -\alpha \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\rho \\ \bar{\rho} \Delta v_n \hat{n}_1 \\ \bar{\rho} \Delta v_n \hat{n}_2 \\ \bar{\rho} \Delta v_n \hat{n}_3 \\ \Delta p \end{bmatrix} \|\mathbf{m}\|, \quad \bar{\rho} = \max\left(\frac{1}{2}(\rho_L + \rho_R), \rho_{\min}\right).$$

The dissipation strength is

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} s_{\max} \text{signl } \theta, \quad s_{\max} = \max(\bar{c}, |\bar{v}_n|) + c_{\text{fix}} \max(c_L, c_R), \quad \bar{c} = \frac{1}{2}(c_L + c_R).$$

Here $\theta \in [0, 1]$ is a local symmetric entropy based limiter already embedded in iso parametric axis.

Local symmetric entropy-based limiter

The dissipation amplitude is locally modulated by a symmetric entropy based limiter

$$\theta \in [0, 1],$$

constructed from jumps of the discrete entropy flux across the iso parametric line. We define the physical entropy and entropy flux as

$$s = \log\left(\frac{p}{\rho^\gamma}\right), \quad \eta = -\rho s u_n,$$

with $u_n = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$.

The limiter is obtained from the entropy flux jump

$$\Delta\eta = |\eta_R - \eta_L|,$$

and normalized as

$$\delta_\eta = \frac{\max(0, \Delta\eta - \varepsilon_\eta)}{|\eta_R| + |\eta_L| + \varepsilon},$$

leading to the final limiter

$$\theta = \min\left(1, \delta_\eta^\beta\right), \quad \beta > 1.$$

Global elemental blending sensor

Element constant blending sensor. (Ducros based)

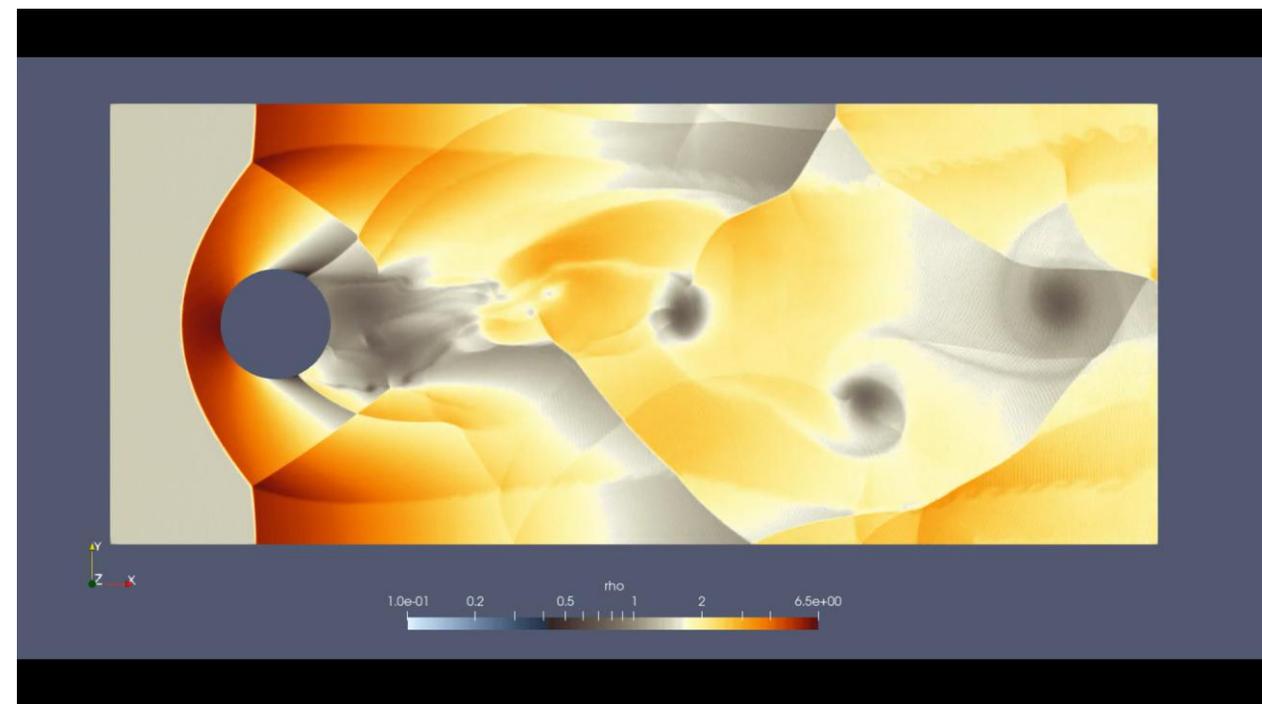
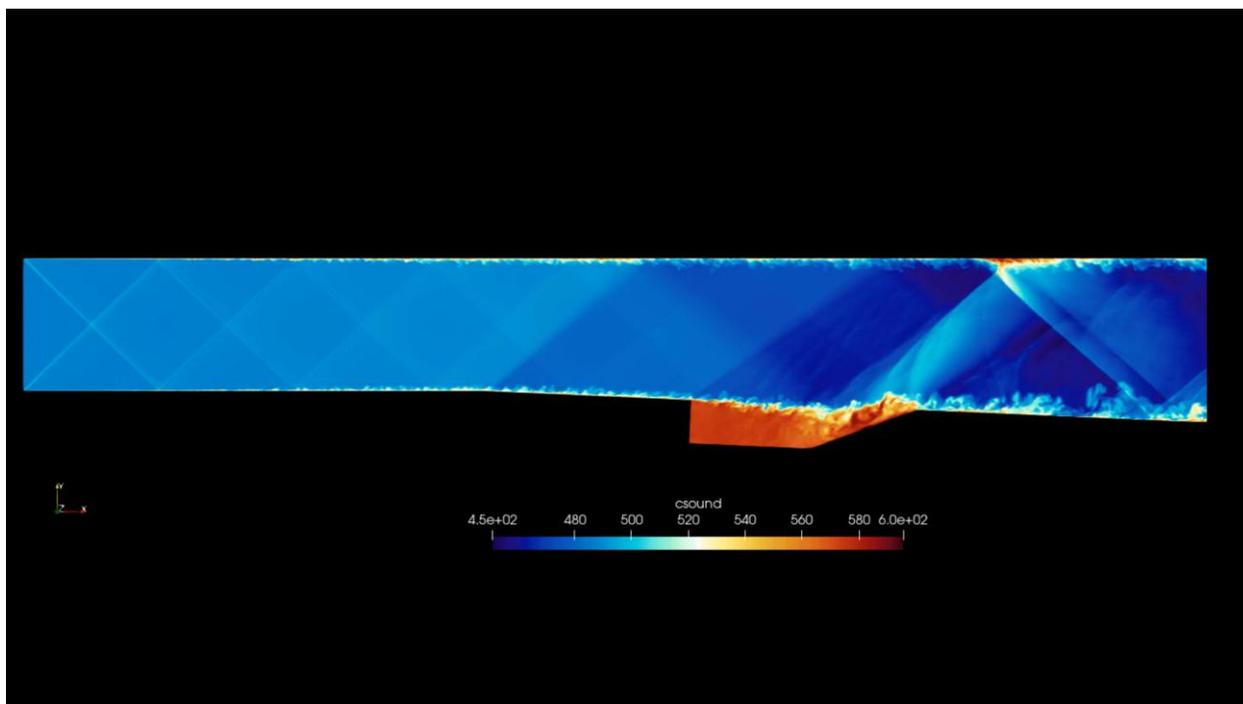
The blending coefficient σ_e is constant in each element and is obtained from a compression indicator built from the local divergence and vorticity:

$$\phi = \min\left(\frac{\frac{4}{3}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2}{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2 + \varepsilon}, 1\right), \quad \phi_2 = \frac{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2}{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 + \left(\frac{|\mathbf{u}|}{h}\right)^2 + \varepsilon}.$$

A nodal quantity $\phi \phi_2$ is accumulated and then averaged with quadrature weights inside each element:

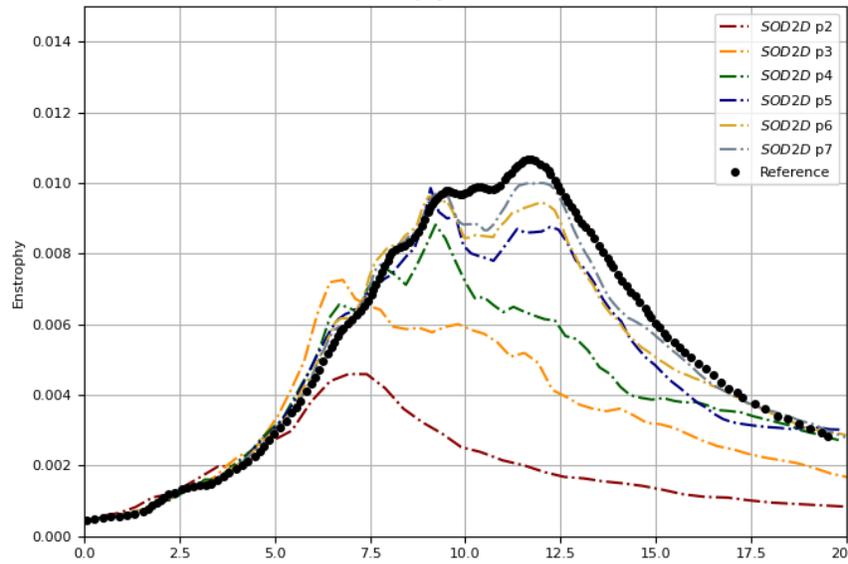
$$\sigma_e = \frac{\sum_{i \in e} w_i (\phi \phi_2)_i}{\sum_{i \in e} w_i}.$$

All together :

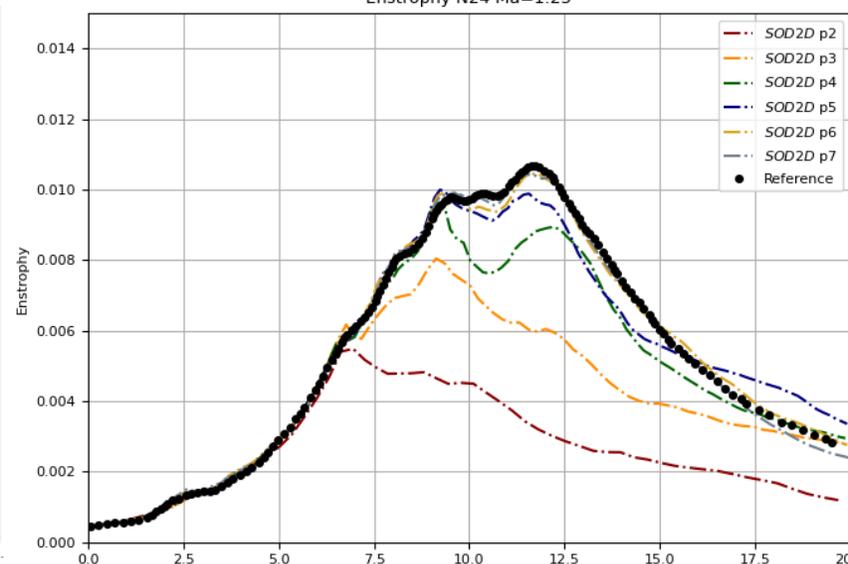


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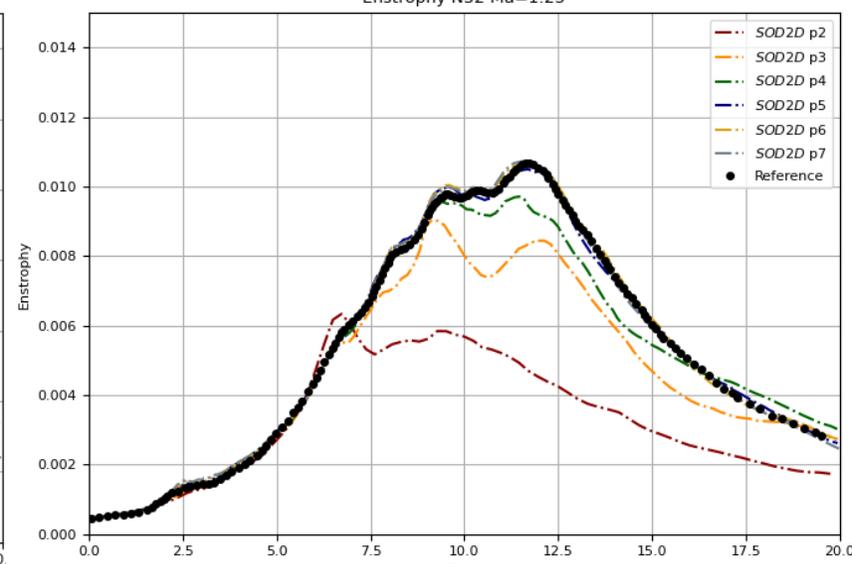
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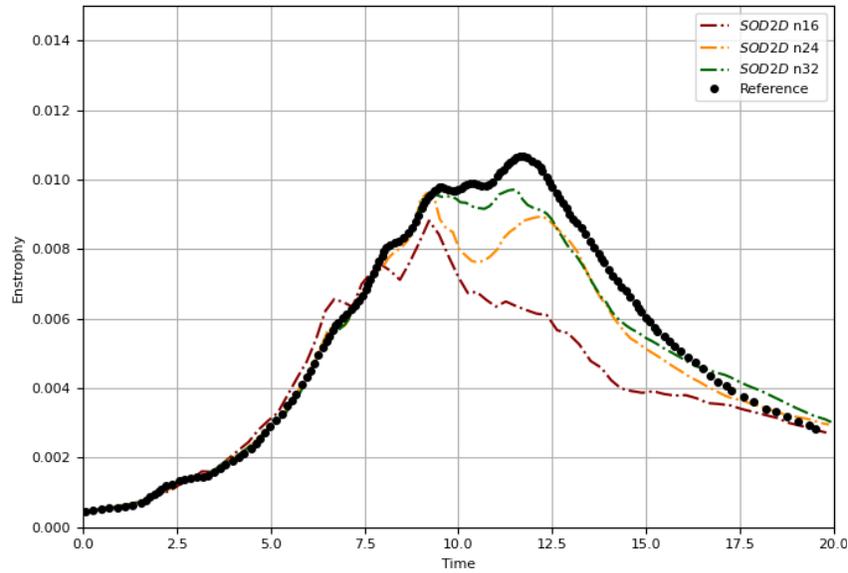
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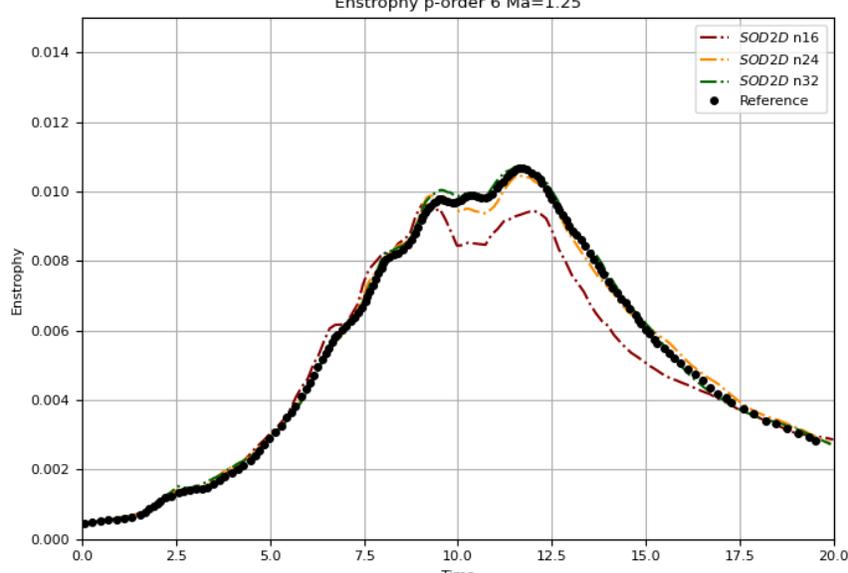
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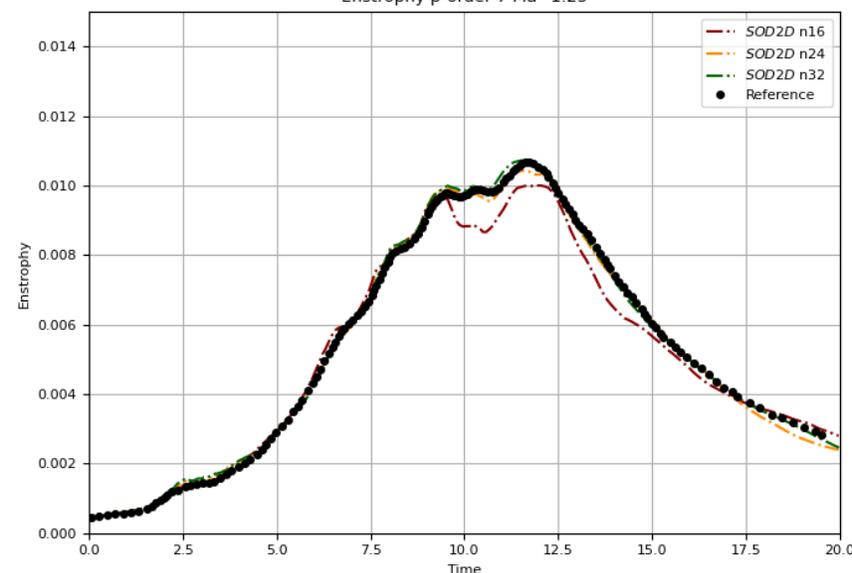
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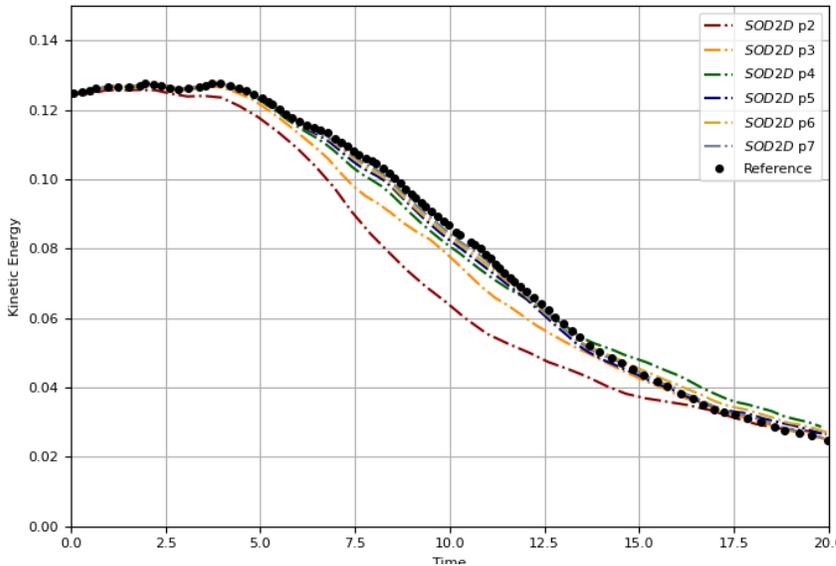


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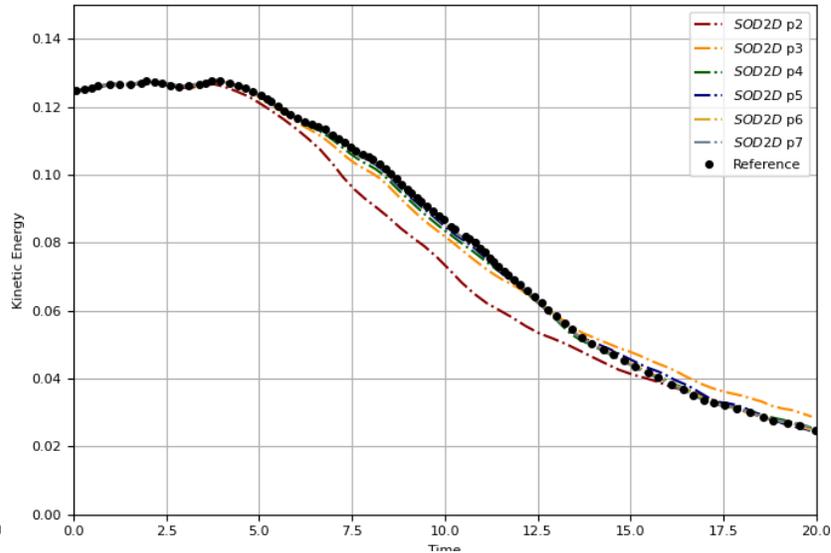


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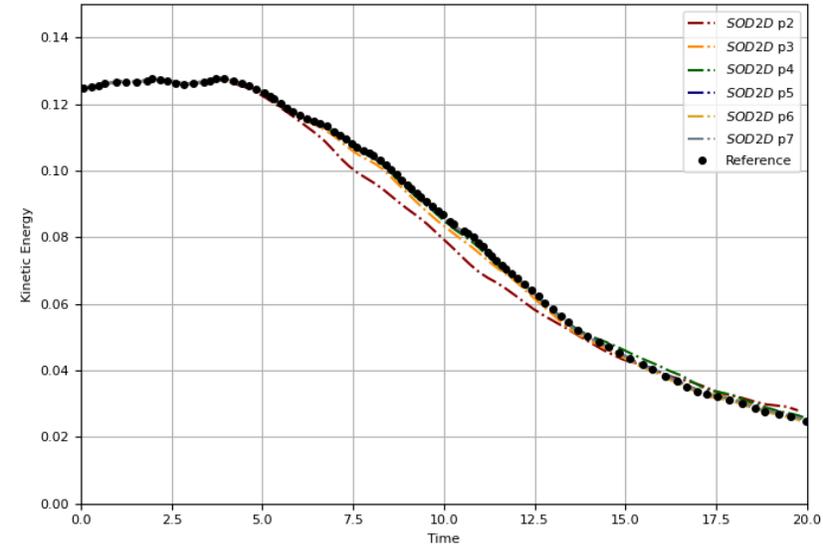
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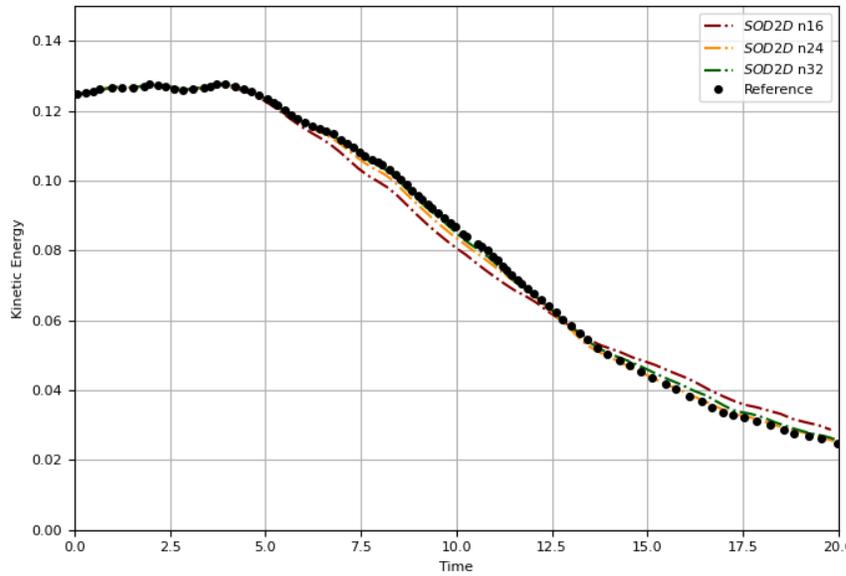
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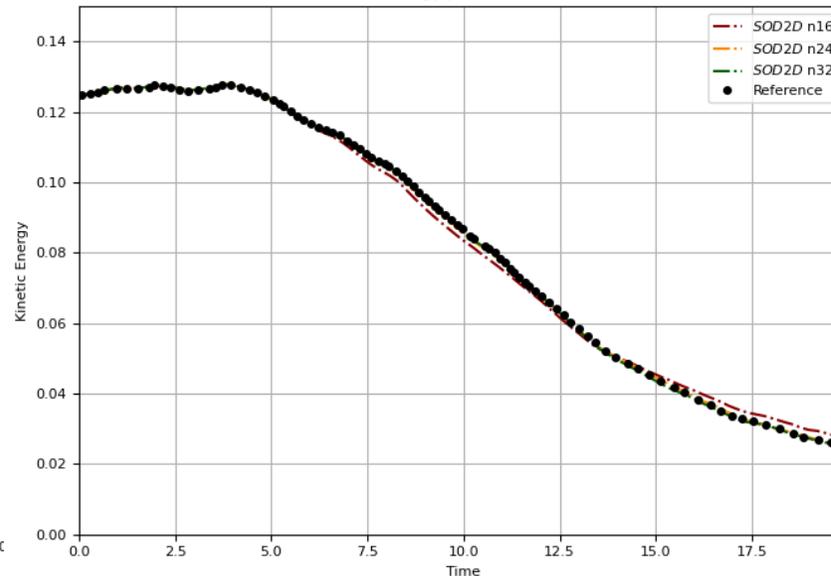
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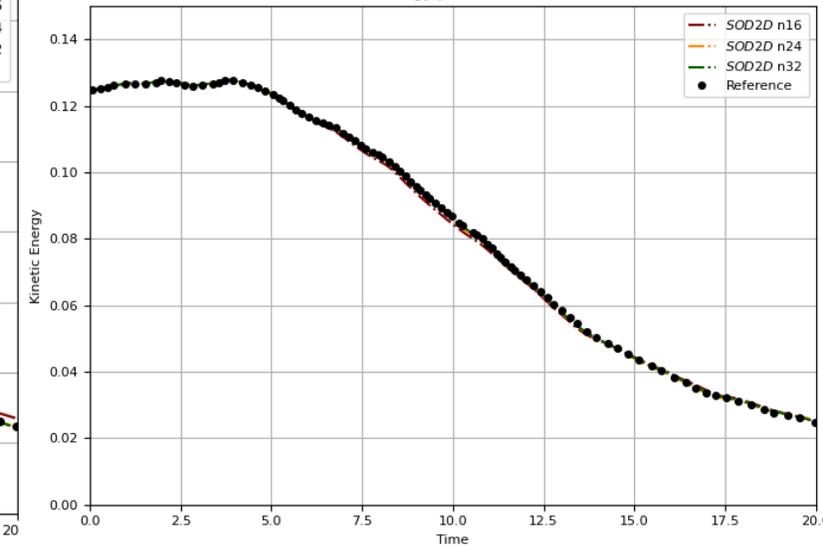
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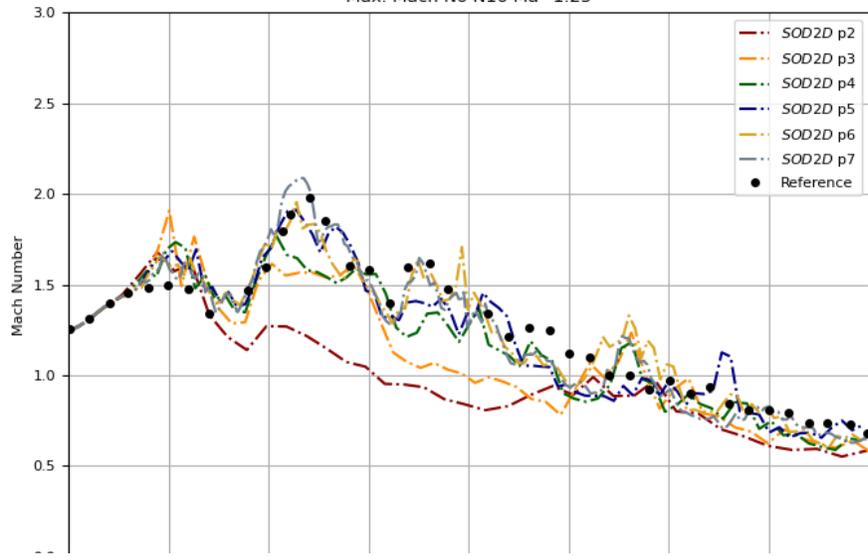


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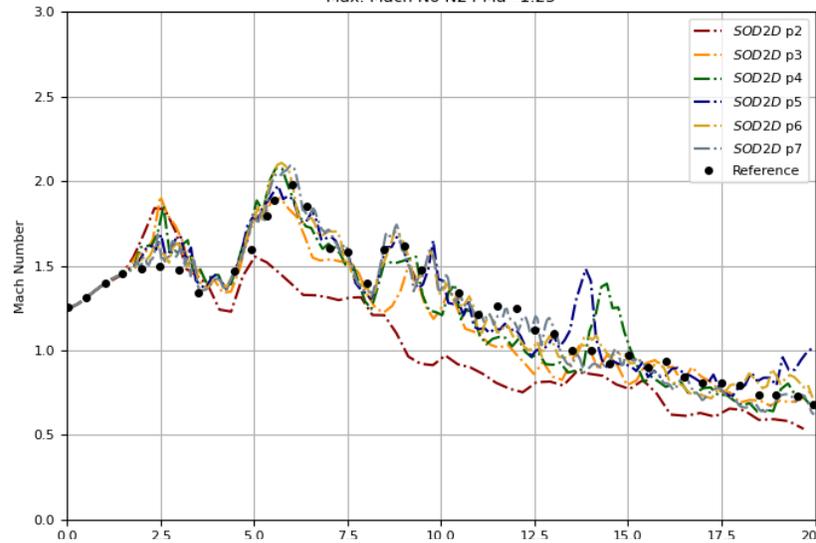


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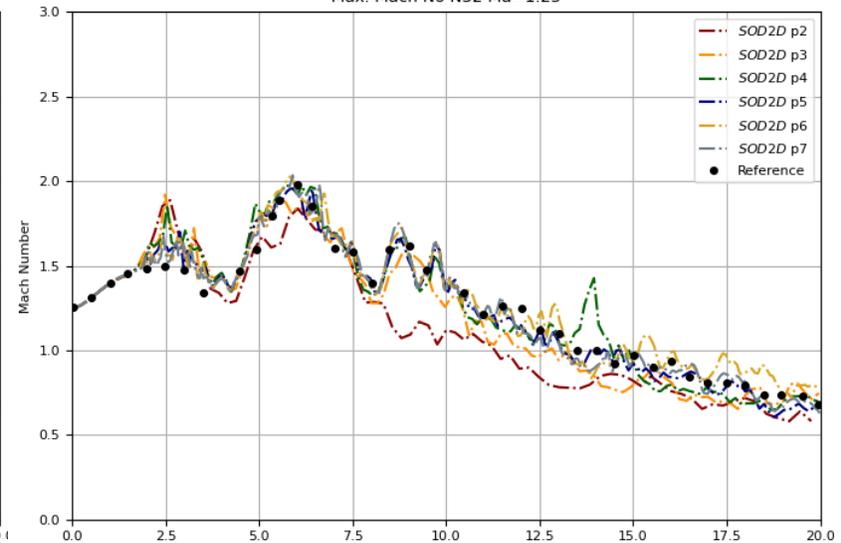
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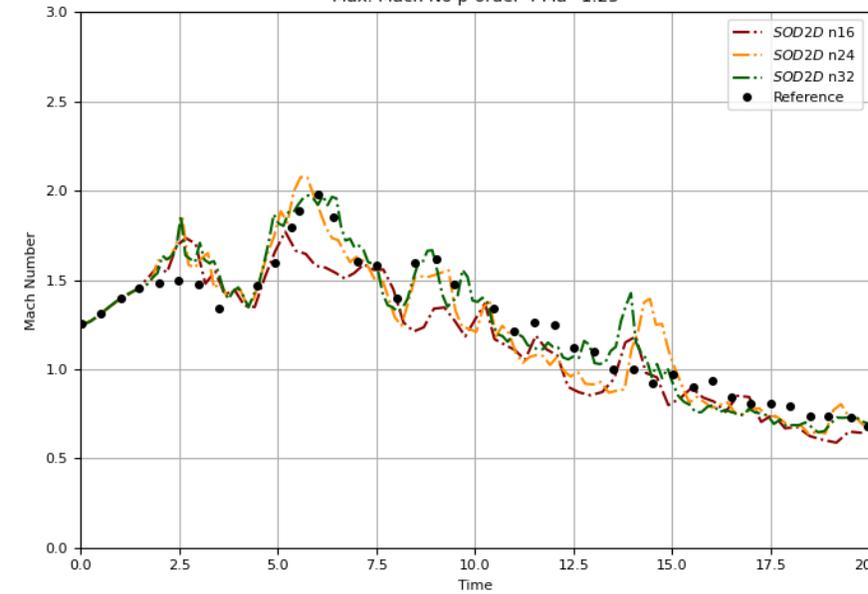
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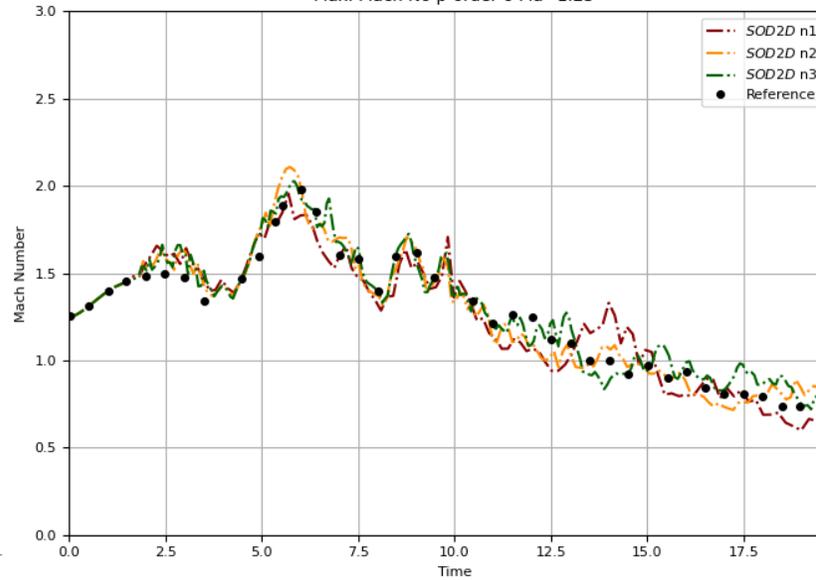
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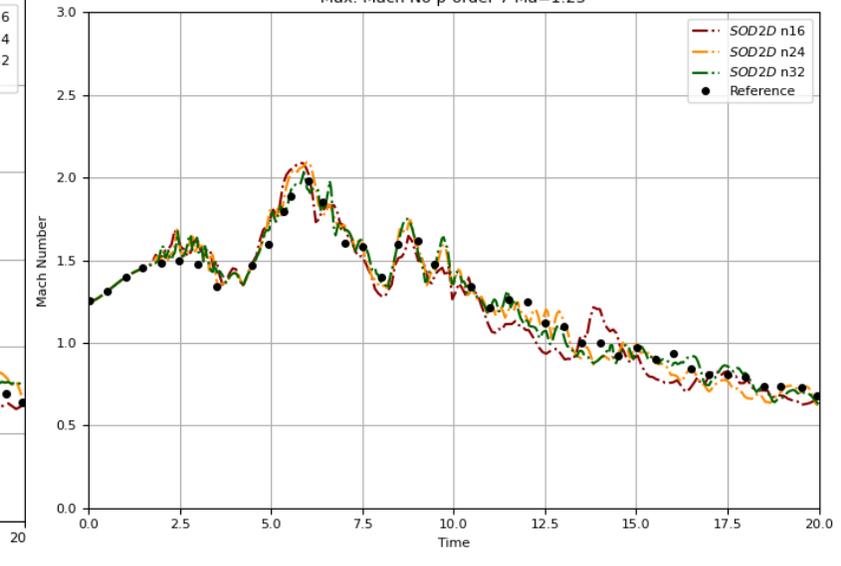
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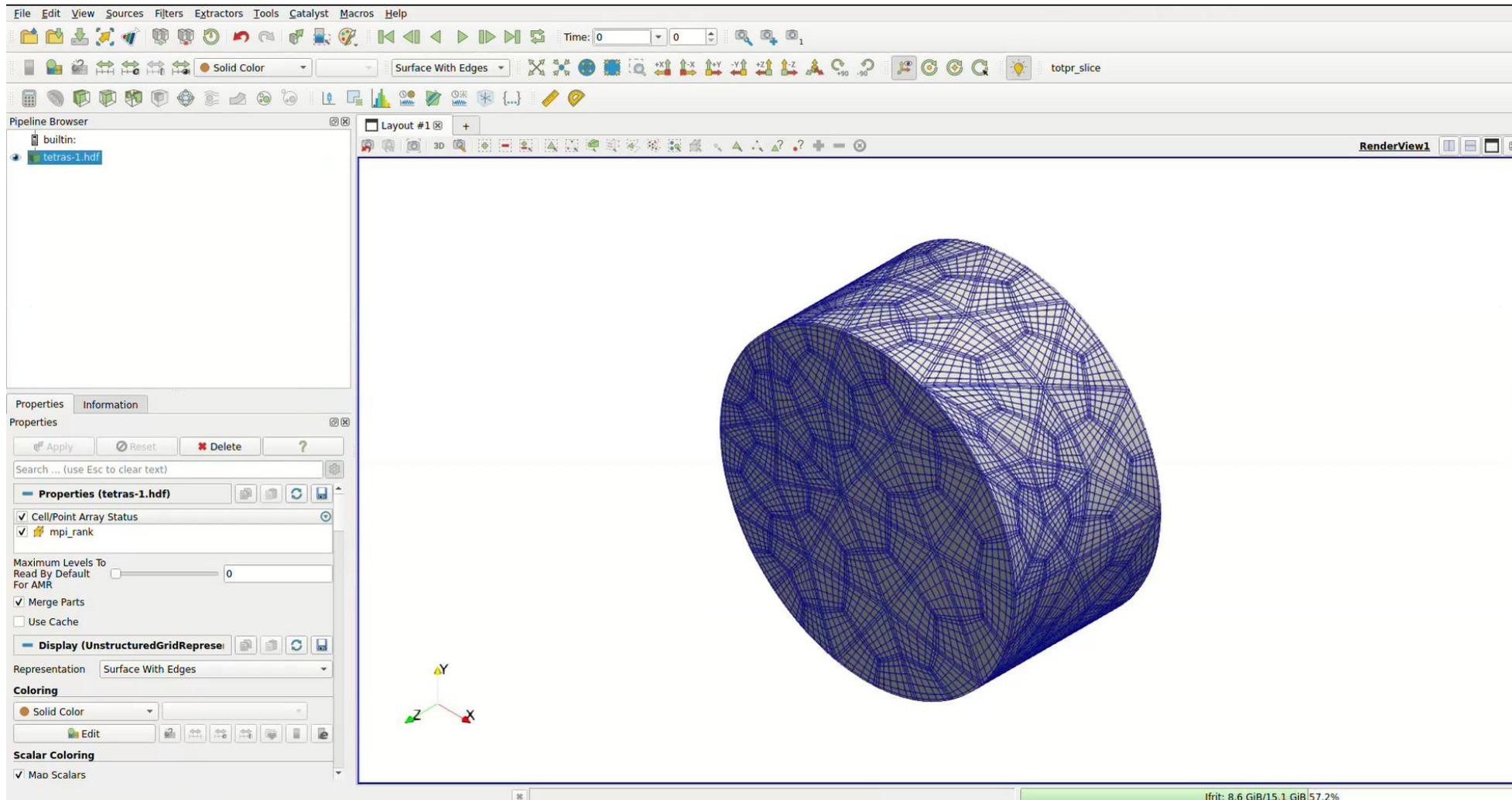
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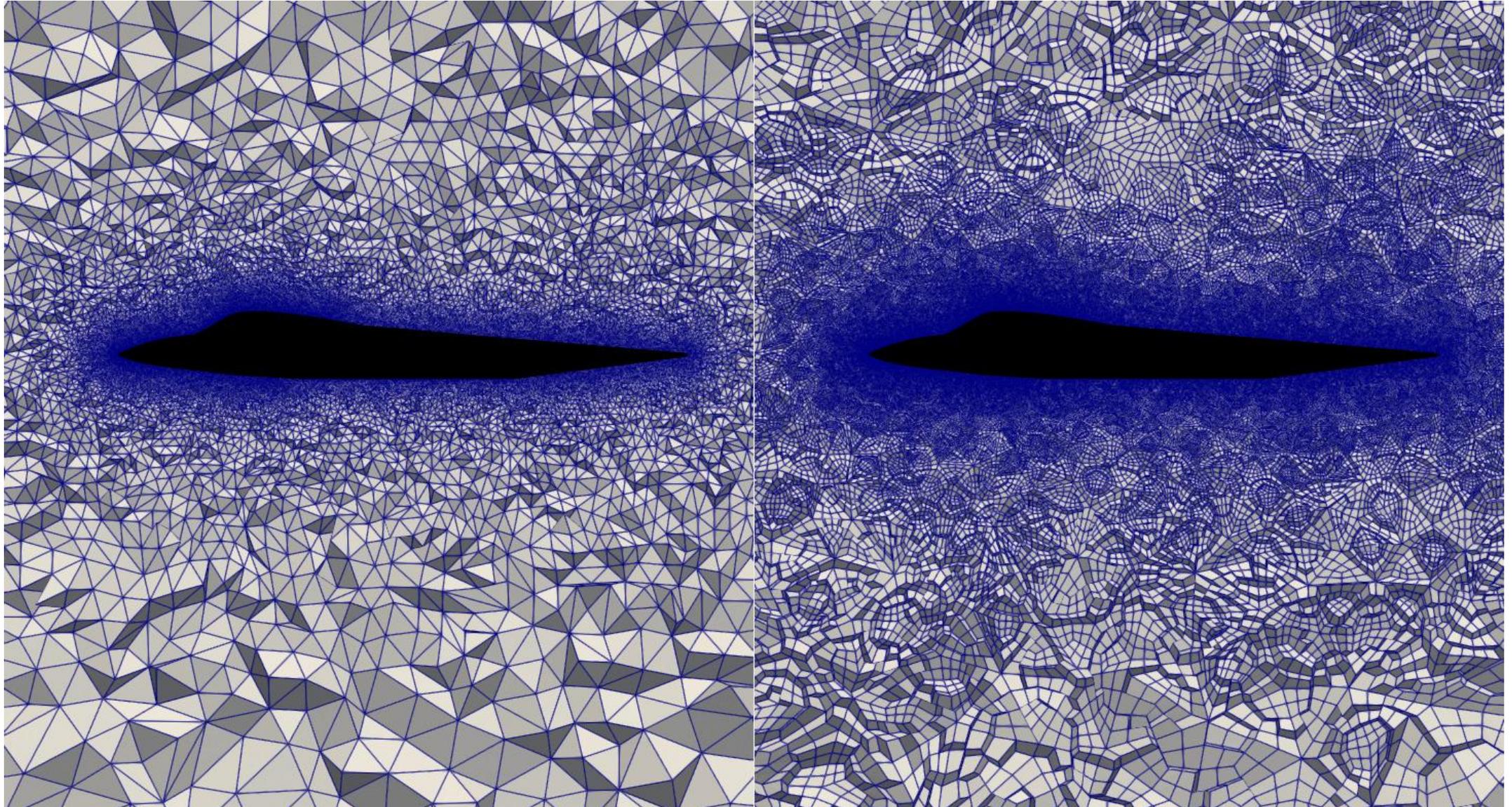
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How we can go to full unstructured meshes



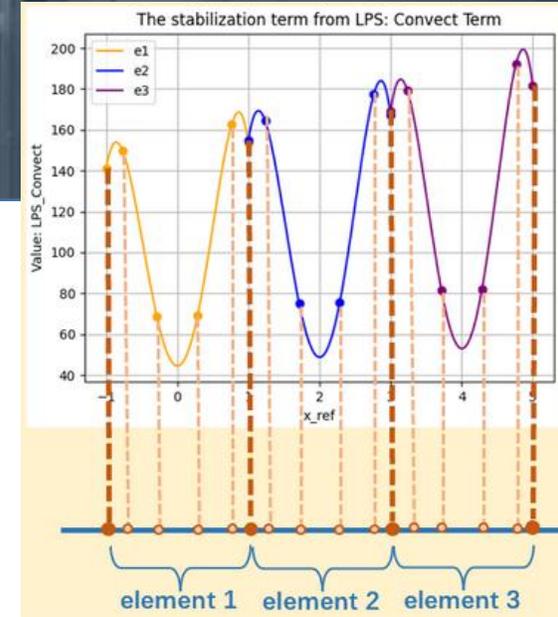
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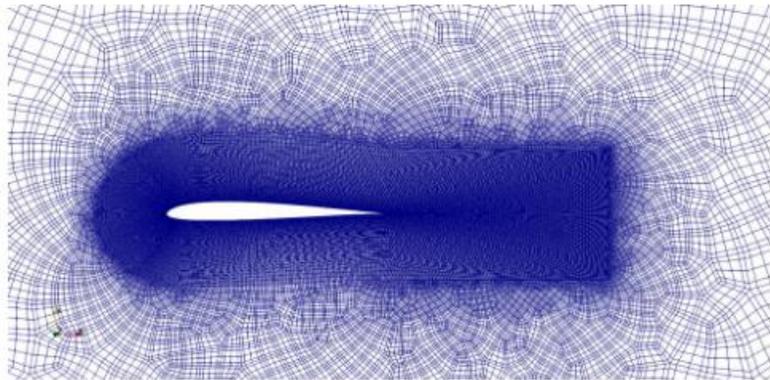
Local Projection Stabilisation

$$s_h^{e,\text{LPS}} = c_s \nu^{e,\text{FU}} \int_{K_e} \nabla w \cdot (g_h - \nabla u_h) d\mathbf{x}, \quad \nu^{e,\text{FU}} = \frac{h^e \|u\|}{2p}$$

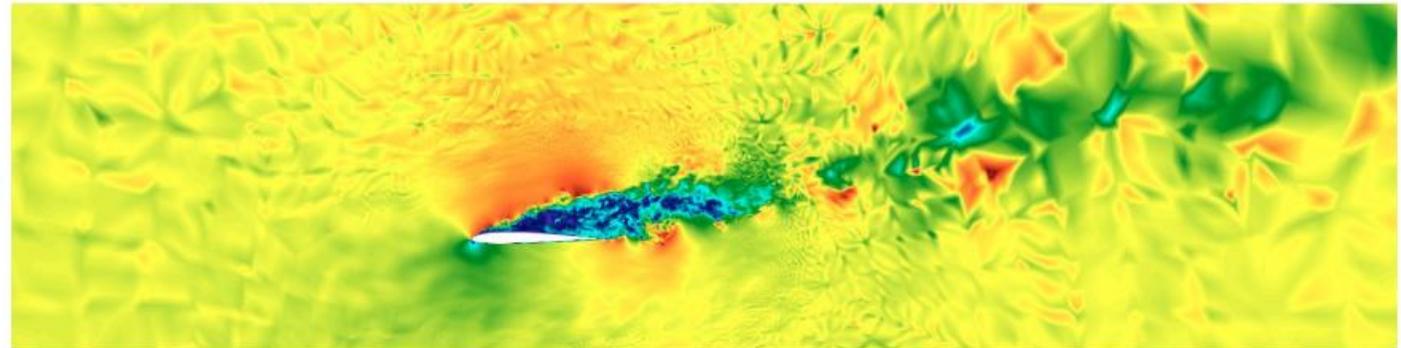
$c_s = 1$



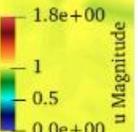
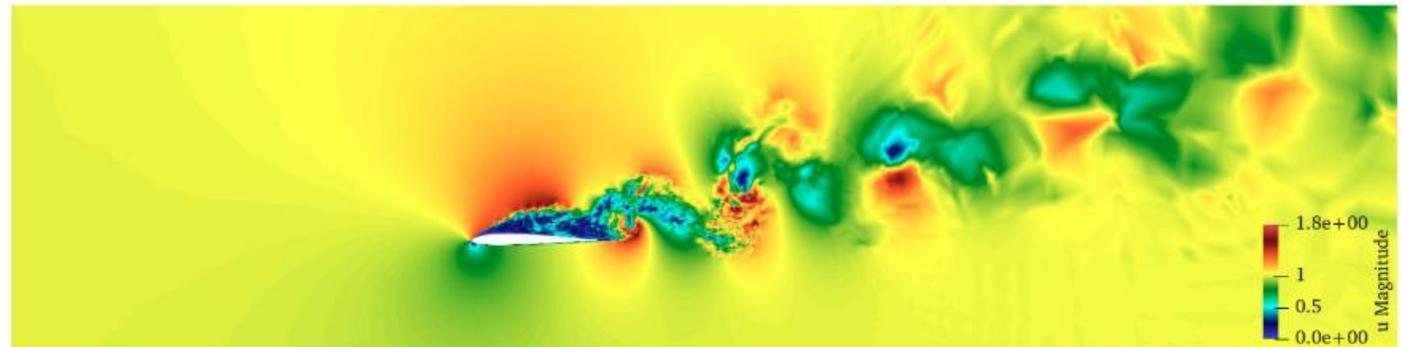
P4 spectral elements



Galerkin



LPS



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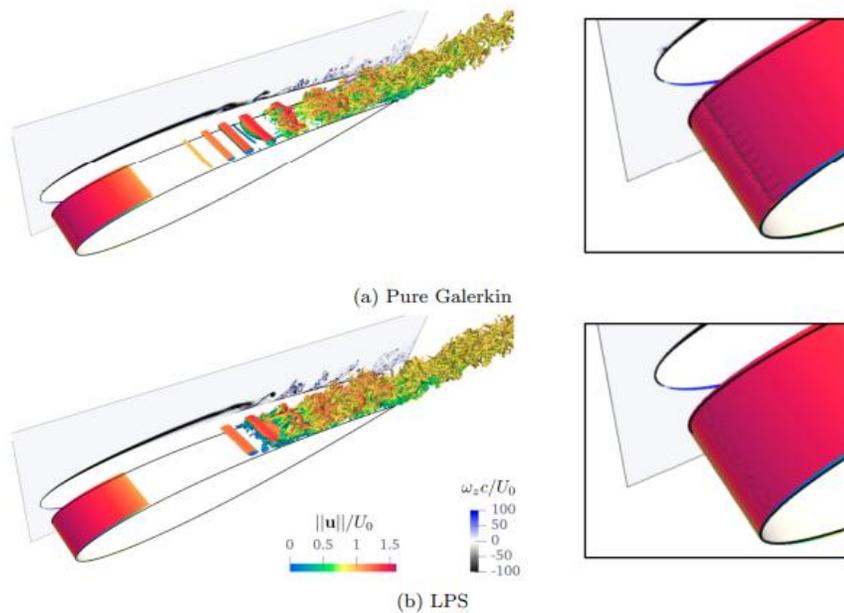


Figure 9: Q-vorticity isocontour colored by the normalized velocity magnitude. The plane shows the normalized vorticity at the mid plane in spanwise direction.

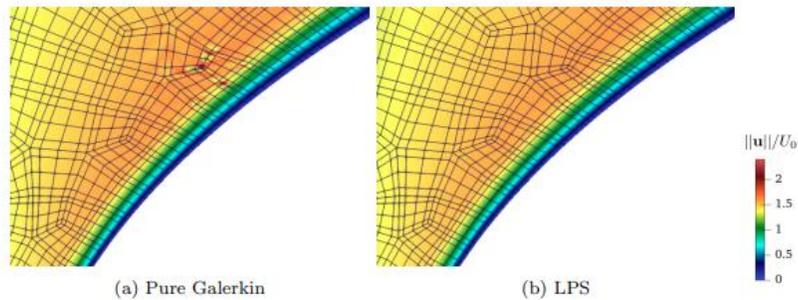


Figure 8: Velocity magnitude at the leading edge of the airfoil. Numerical instabilities are observed in the Pure Galerkin case.

Case	C_l	C_d	x_{sep}	x_{rea}
Lehmkuhl et al. [27]	0.569	0.0291	0.169	0.566
Zhang and Samtaney [26]	0.568	0.0285	0.141	0.580
Present, Pure Galerkin	0.558	0.0241	0.176	0.517
Present, LPS	0.558	0.0271	0.158	0.586

Table 1: Comparison of lift/drag coefficients and separation/reattachment distance in the streamline direction.

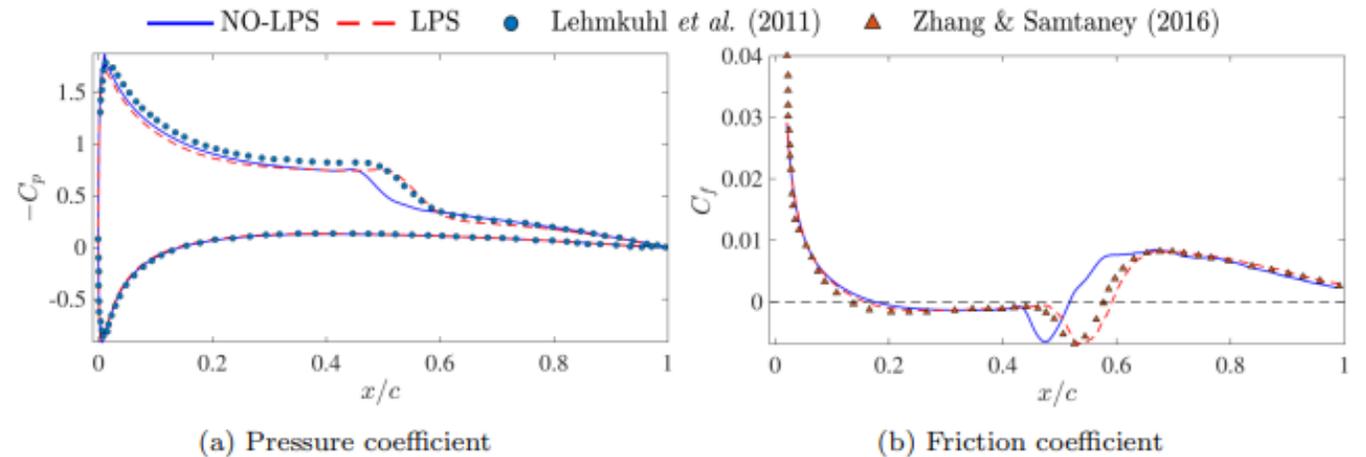
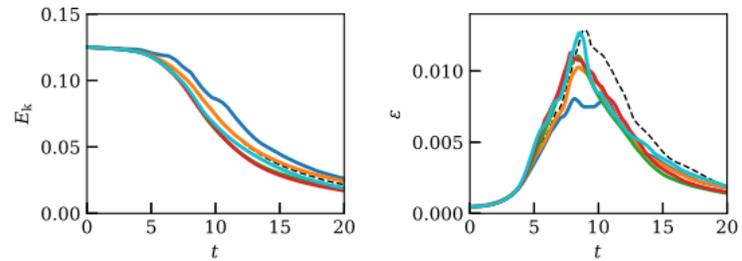


Figure 10: Distributions of the mean pressure coefficient and skin friction coefficient around the wall, plotted on the streamline direction normalized by the chord length.

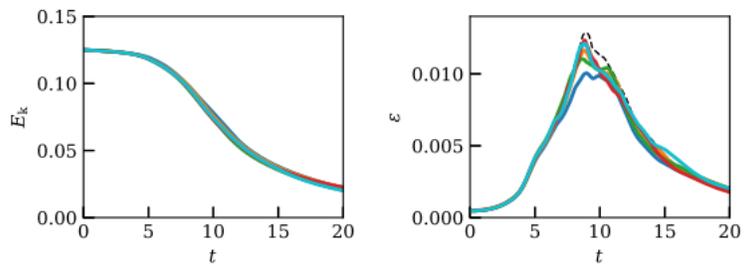
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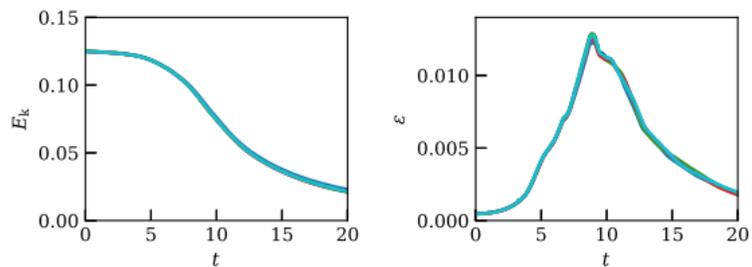
--- Ref. — P1 — P2 — P2s — P4s — P8s



(a) 64³ DoFs



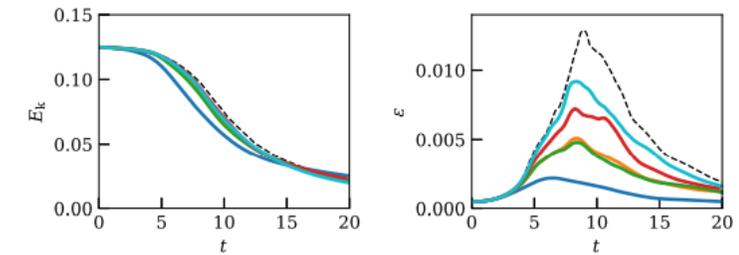
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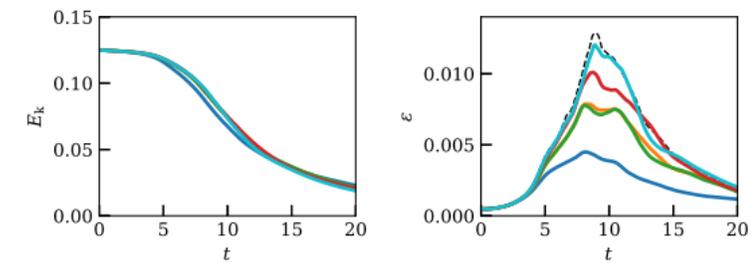
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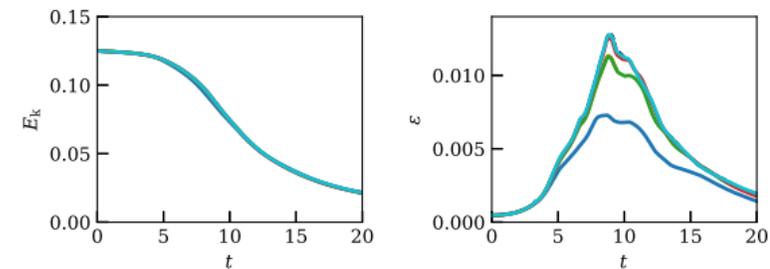
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(a) 64³ DoFs



(b) 128³ DoFs



(c) 256³ DoFs

Explicit Time Integration for Compressible Flows

- Time integration uses strong-stability-preserving, low-storage Runge-Kutta methods of the family $SSP53_2N_n^*$. ([2][3])
- 5 stage, third order accurate schemes with low storage 2 register implementation. And larger stability regions than classical RK4 scheme.
- The scheme reads

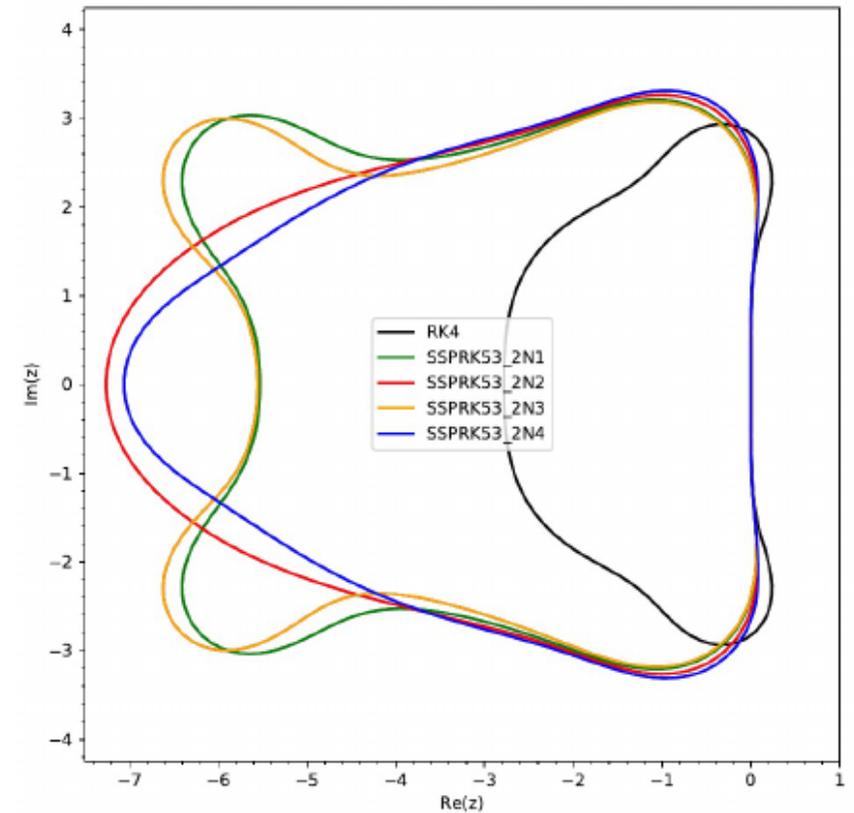
$$Y_1 = y_n,$$

$$Y_2 = Y_1 + \gamma_{21} h f(Y_1),$$

$$Y_{i+1} = \lambda_{i+1,1} Y_1 + (1 - \lambda_{i+1,1}) Y_i + \gamma_{i+1,i} h f(Y_i),$$

$$y_{n+1} = Y_{s+1}.$$

For $i = 2, \dots, s + 1$



Incompressible Navier-Stokes: BDF-EXT3 (Explicit-Implicit)

- Incompressible equations are integrated in time with **BDF-EXT3** scheme [4].

1 Explicit convection:

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{\gamma_0} \sum_{q=0}^{s-1} \alpha_q \mathbf{u}^{n-q} + \frac{\Delta t}{\gamma_0} \sum_{q=0}^{s-1} \beta_q \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{u}^{n-q})$$

2 Pressure projection:

$$\frac{\Delta t}{\gamma_0} \nabla^2 p^{n+1} = \nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \quad \hat{\hat{\mathbf{u}}} = \hat{\mathbf{u}} - \frac{\Delta t}{\gamma_0} \nabla p^{n+1}$$

3 Implicit viscous solve:

$$\frac{\gamma_0 \mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \hat{\hat{\mathbf{u}}}}{\Delta t} = \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}^{n+1}$$

- Pressure Poisson and viscous solves use preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG) method.
- Two point fluxes for convective terms are also implemented (Veldman and Verstappen)

$$F^\# = \begin{bmatrix} \{u\} & \{u\} \\ \{v\} & \{u\} \\ \{w\} & \{u\} \end{bmatrix}, \quad G^\# = \begin{bmatrix} \{u\} & \{v\} \\ \{v\} & \{v\} \\ \{w\} & \{v\} \end{bmatrix}, \quad H^\# = \begin{bmatrix} \{u\} & \{w\} \\ \{v\} & \{w\} \\ \{w\} & \{w\} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Wall modelling formulations, from equilibrium to non equilibrium

To introduce modeling strategies, we start from the **Favre – averaged momentum equation**:

$$\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_j \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{ij}}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i'' u_j''})$$

We propose **three different models of increasingly physical complexity**:

Equilibrium assumptions

Time-derivative, convective, pressure-gradient and wall-parallel viscous diffusion are neglected:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{ij}}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i'' u_j''}) = 0$$

We write it in the wall normal direction y with the Boussinesq eddy-viscosity approximation:

$$\bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i'' u_j''} = \bar{\mu}_T \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy}$$

Leading to:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dy} \left[\bar{\mu} + \bar{\mu}_T \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right] = 0 \\ \bar{u}(y=0) = 0 \\ \bar{u}(y=H_{WM}) = U_{LES} \end{cases}$$

By integrating this system of equations we obtain the algebraic **Reichardt wall law**.

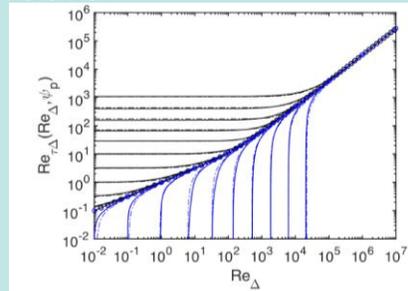
[3] Meneveau, C. (2020). A note on fitting a generalised Moody diagram for wall modelled large-eddy simulations. *Journal of Turbulence*, 21(11), 650-673.

Meneveau's non-equilibrium model [3]

Pressure-gradient terms are also included:

$$\frac{d}{dy} \left[\bar{\mu} + \bar{\mu}_T \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right] = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x}$$

Dimensionless parameters that depend on the exchange location and local pressure gradient are introduced. **ODE is solved across a range of parameter combinations.**



A fitted algebraic expression is derived, **linking wall shear stress to the velocity and the pressure gradient** at the matching location.

[4] Kamogawa, R., Tamaki, Y., & Kawai, S. (2023). Ordinary-differential-equation-based nonequilibrium wall modeling for large-eddy simulation. *Physical Review Fluids*, 8(6), 064605.

Kamogawa's non-equilibrium model [4]

Within this formulation, convective terms are also included:

$$\frac{d}{dy} \left[\bar{\mu} + \bar{\mu}_T \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right] = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} + \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y}$$

The main assumption is considering a balance between convection and pressure gradient in the log-layer region.

Convection is then modeled as a function of pressure gradient and a blending function:

$$\tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} F(u)$$

Leading to:

$$\frac{d}{dy} \left[\bar{\mu} + \bar{\mu}_T \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right] = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\rho u^2}{\rho U_{HWM}^2} \right)$$

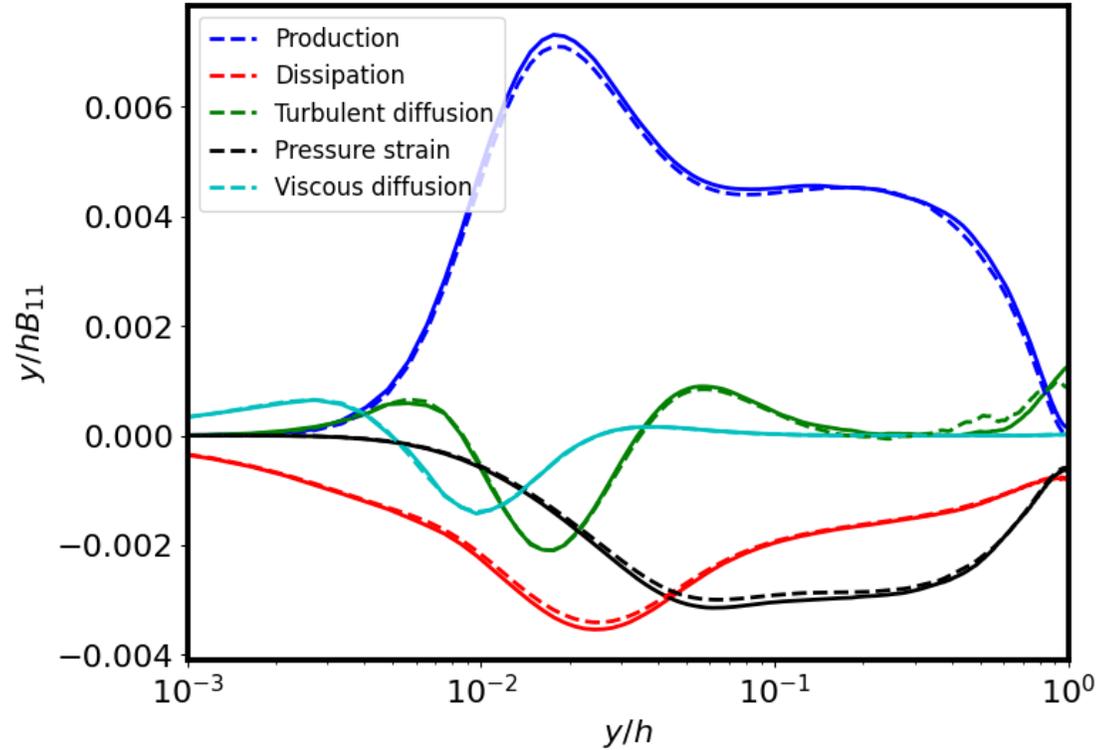
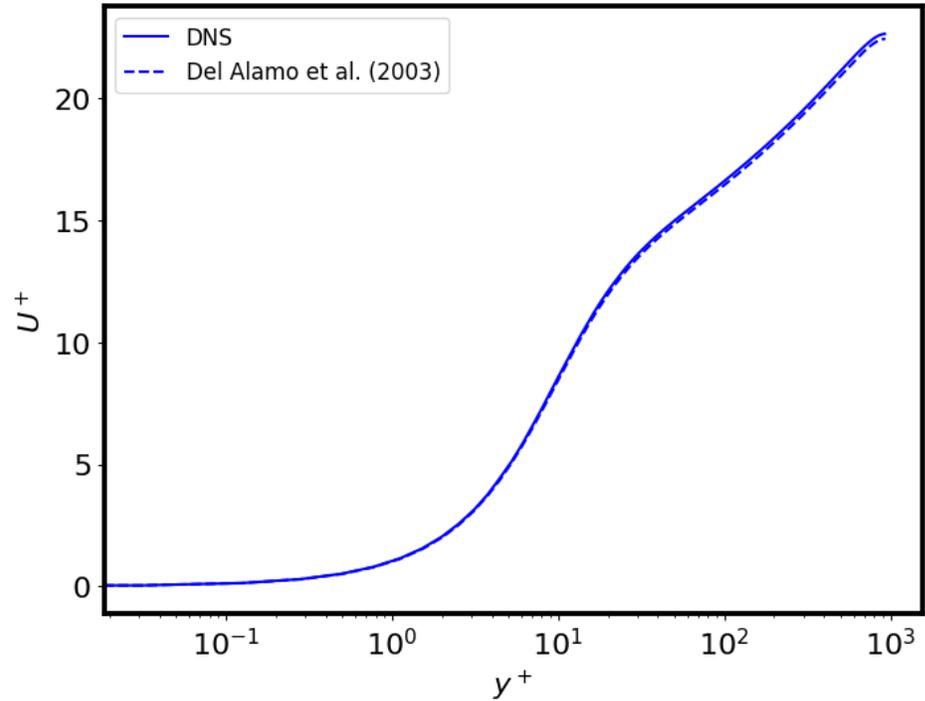


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Basic Validations

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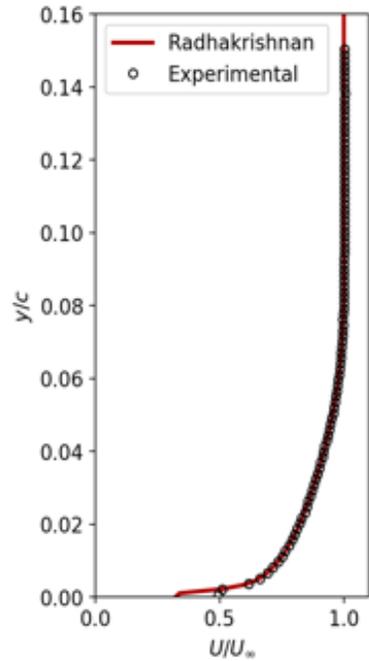
Channel Flow ($Re_{\tau} = 950$)



— Current work
- - Del Alamo et al.

- Polynomial order 6 with about 250 M DoF ($y^+ \sim 1$ $Dx^+ \sim 8$ $Dz^+ \sim 8$) **2h run with 32 GPUs !!**
- No SGS model used
- Minimal differences given we use a smaller box (6hx2hx3h)
- After internal communication with Hoyas and Lozano-Duran, we found out that we see the same effects reported in : Adrián Lozano-Durán, Javier Jiménez; Effect of the computational domain on direct simulations of turbulent channels up to $Re_{\tau} = 4200$. *Physics of Fluids* 1 January 2014; 26 (1): 011702. <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4862918>

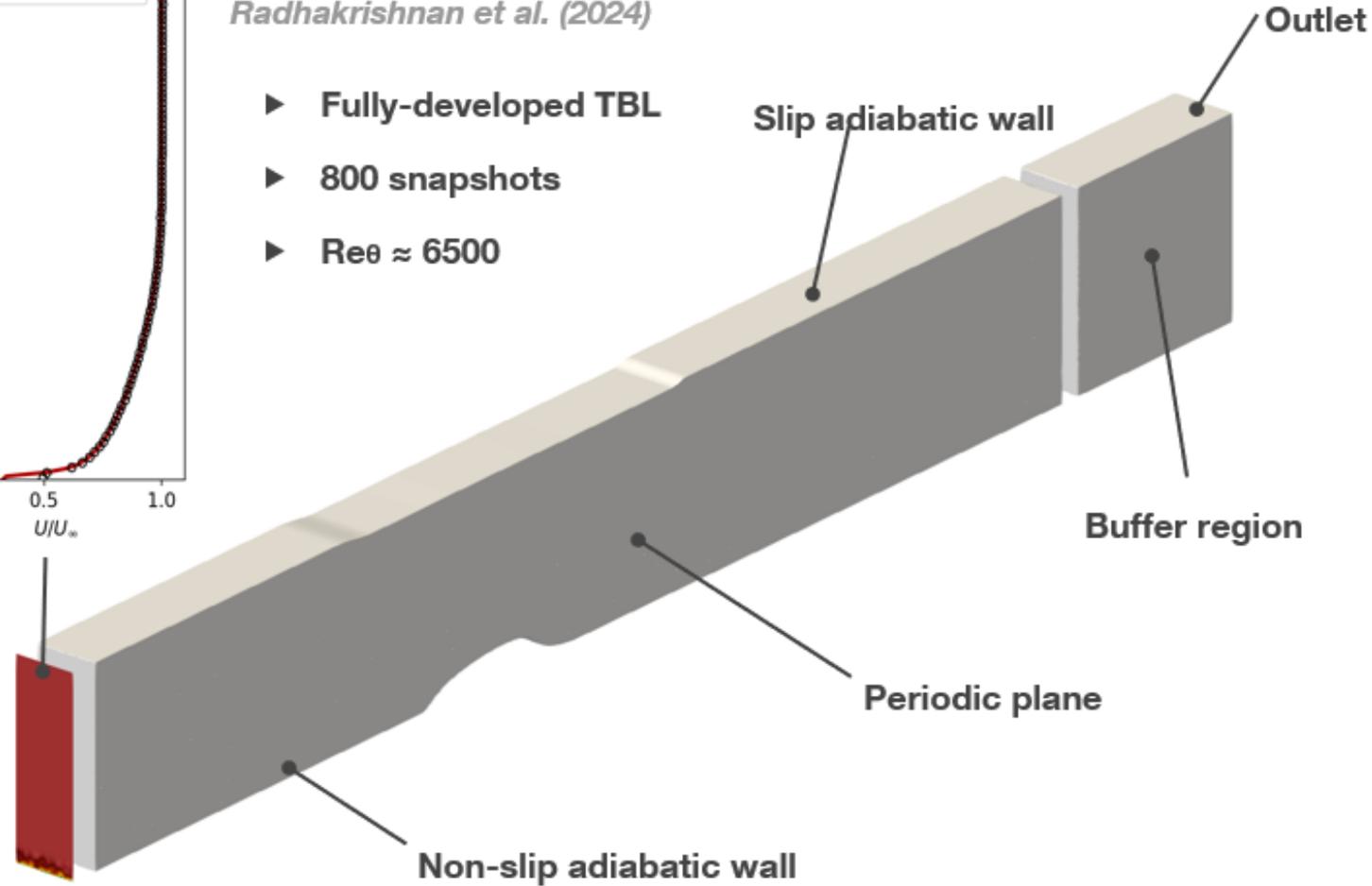
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Unsteady inlet inflow condition

Radhakrishnan et al. (2024)

- ▶ Fully-developed TBL
- ▶ 800 snapshots
- ▶ $Re_\theta \approx 6500$



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Wall resolved computations

GRID

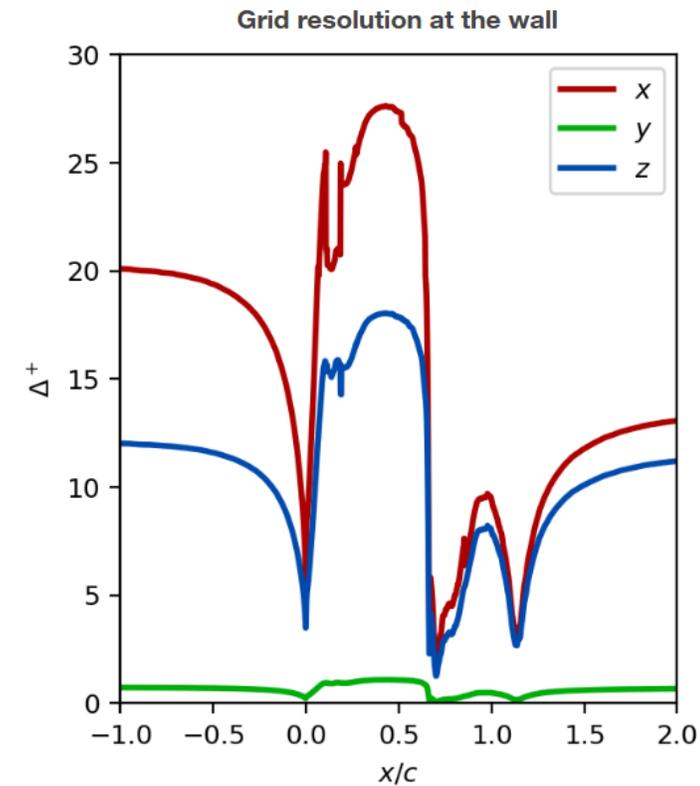
- ▶ $(L_x, L_z) = 7.14c, 0.3c$
- ▶ Node count = 2 165 410 873
- ▶ $(\Delta x^+, \Delta y^+, \Delta z^+) \approx 20, 0.7, 12$

STATISTICS

- ▶ Steady-state initialization
- ▶ Transient period of 5 C.U.
- ▶ Averaging period of 20 C.U.

RESOURCES

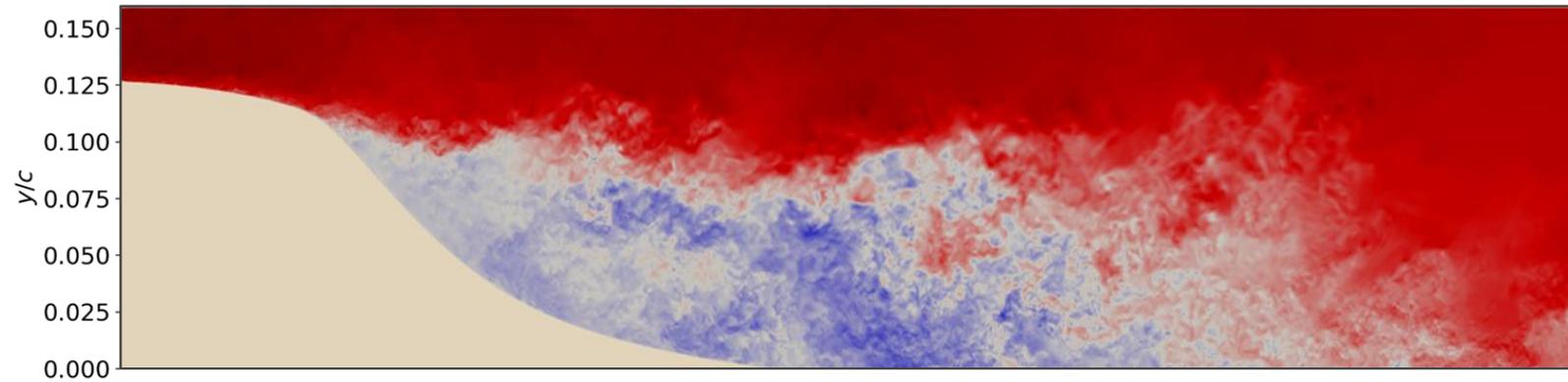
- ▶ $\Delta t \approx 5.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$ C.U.
- ▶ GPU count = 100 Nvidia H100
- ▶ Simulation speed ≈ 1.5 C.U./d
- ▶ Disk space $\approx O(10^1-10^2)$ TB



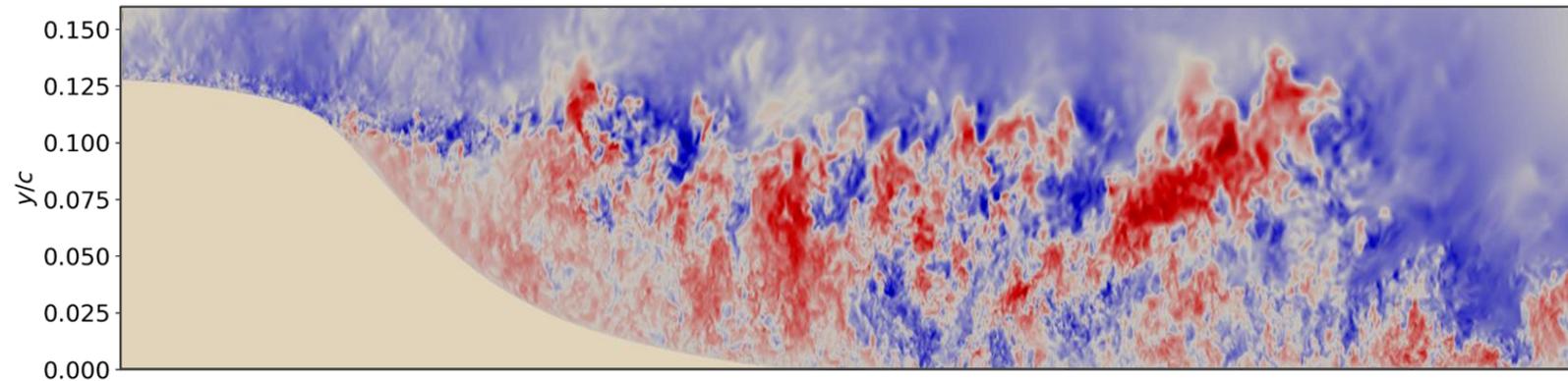
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Streamwise velocity profiles shifted $\Delta U/U_{\text{ref}} = 1.5$ in the horizontal axis

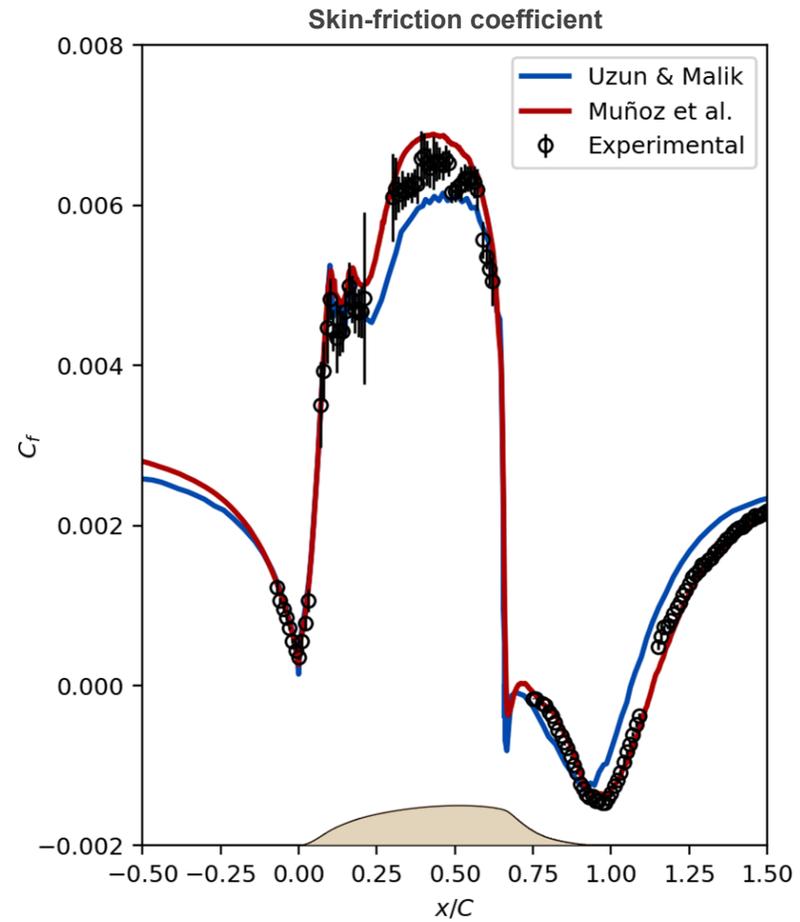
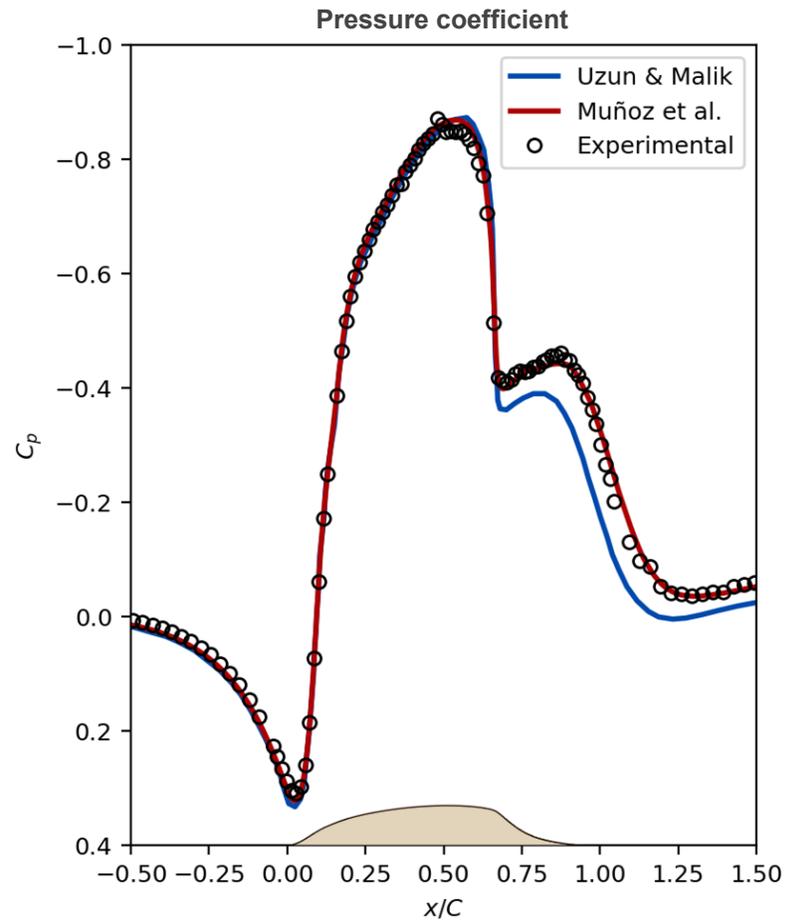


Wall-normal velocity profiles shifted $\Delta V/U_{\text{ref}} = 0.25$ in the horizontal axis



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Wall resolved computations





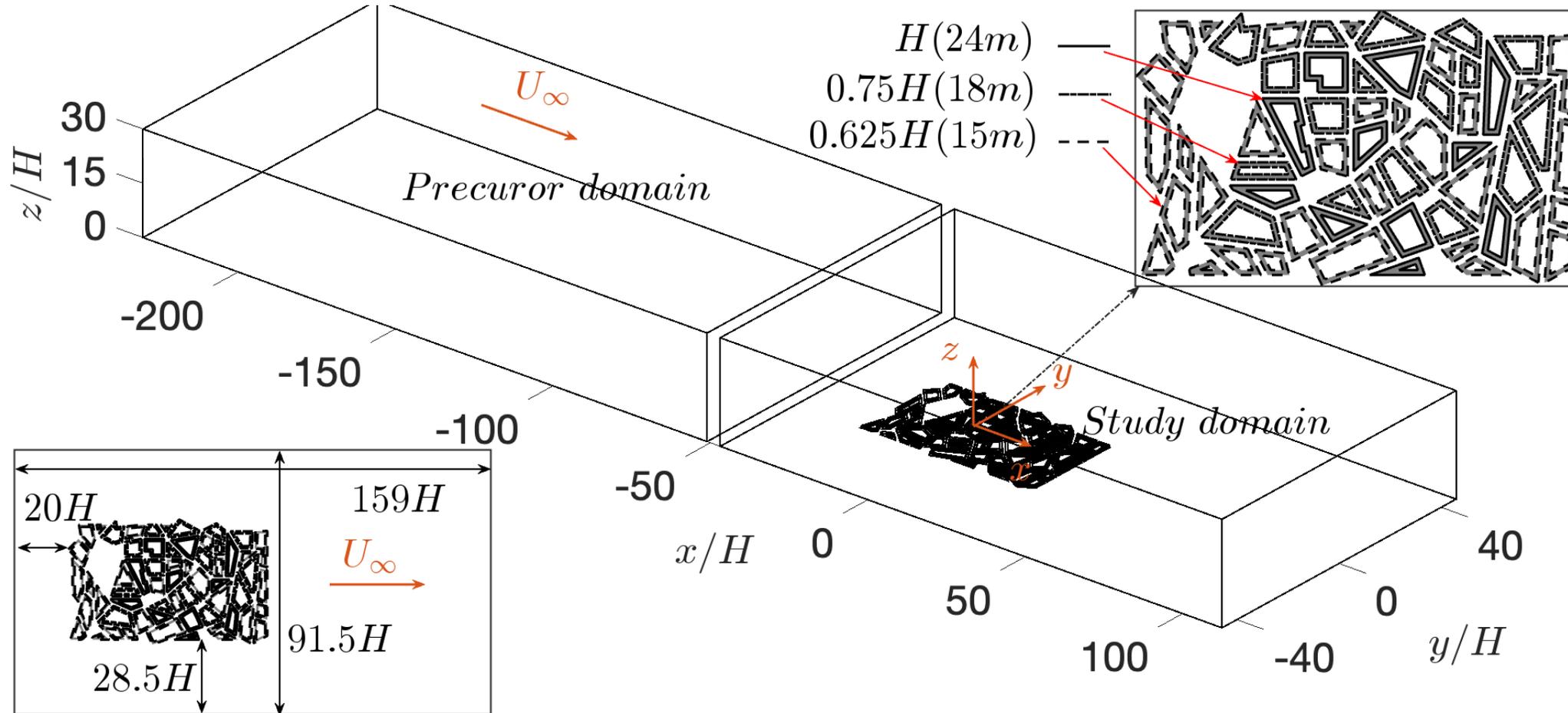
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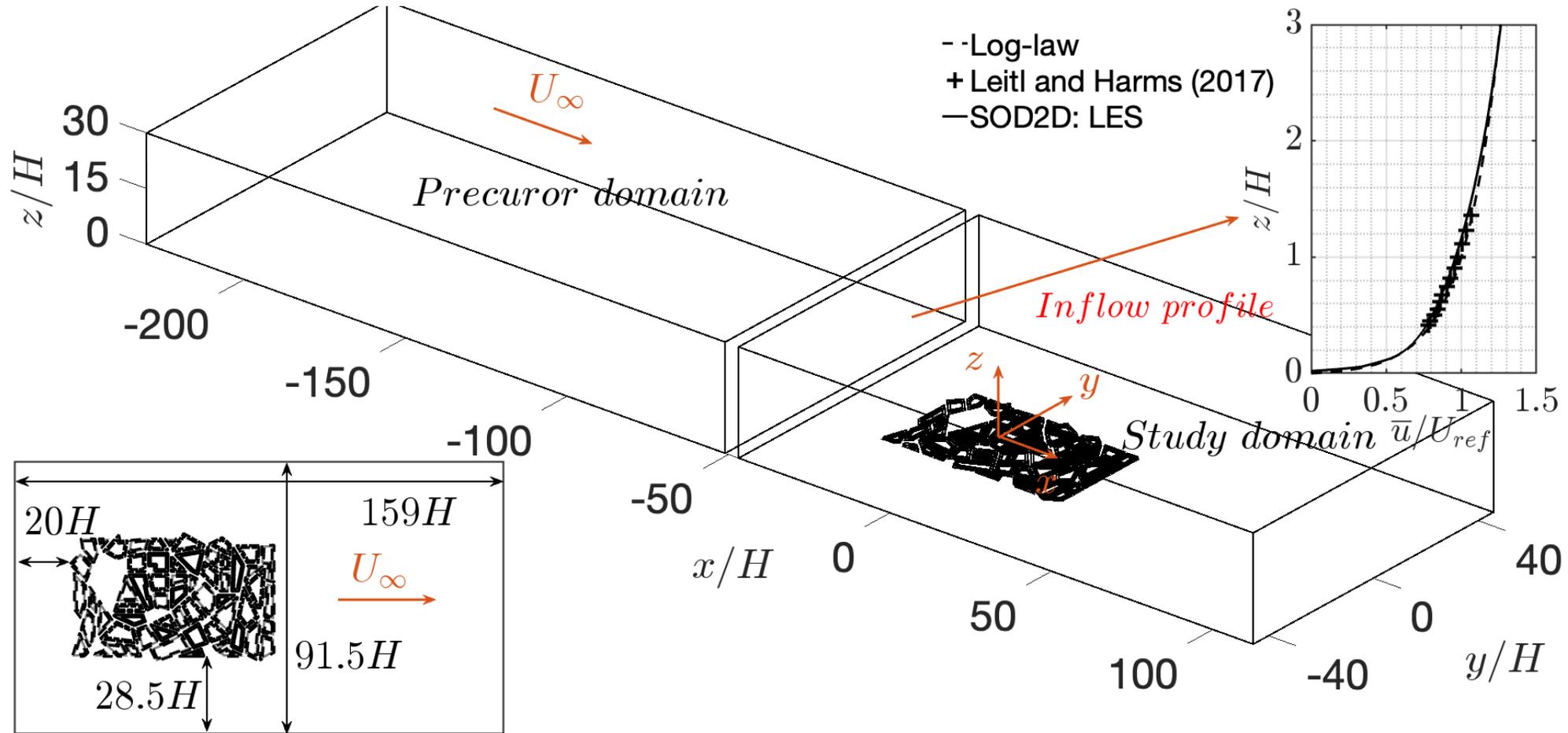
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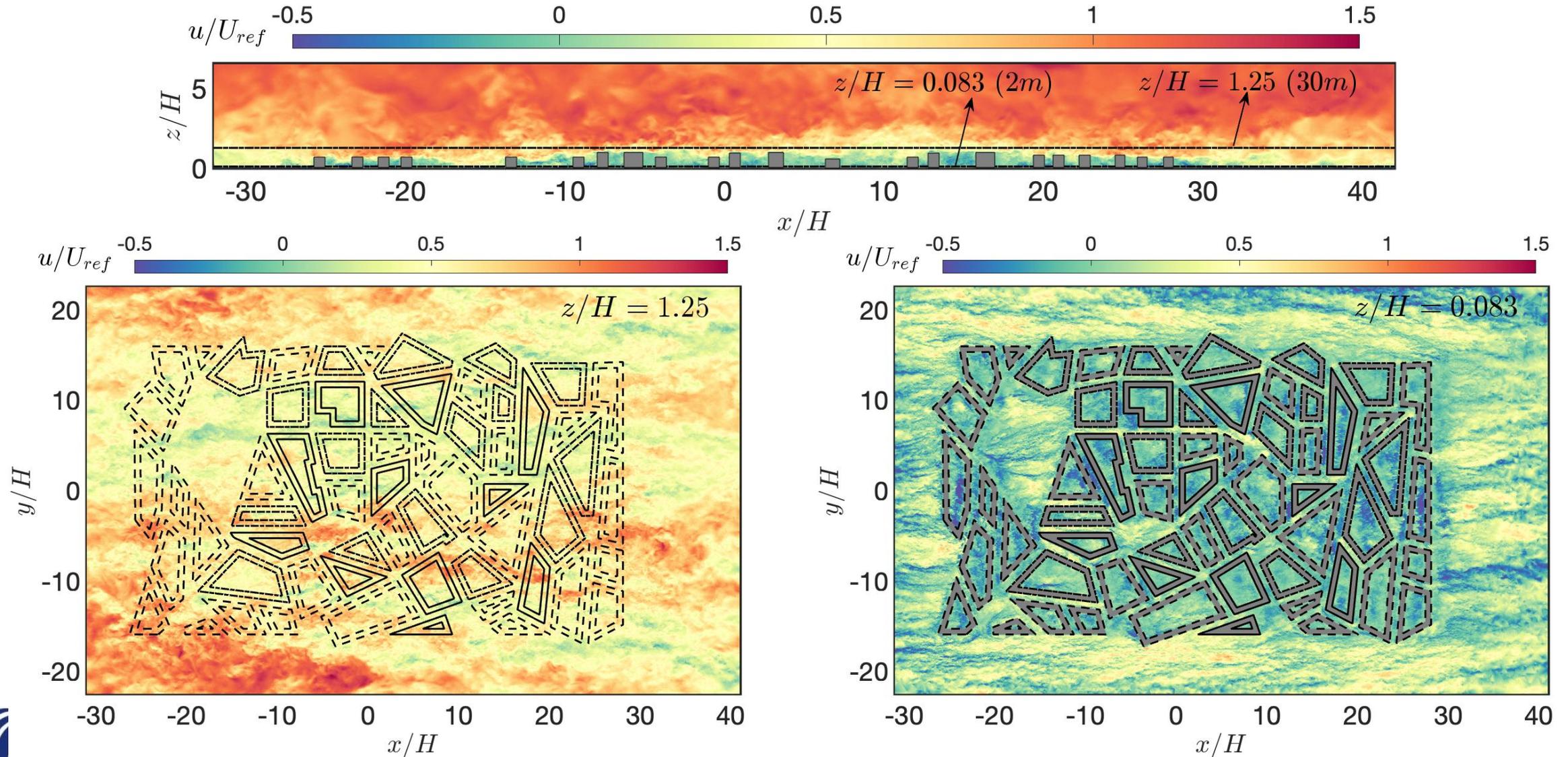
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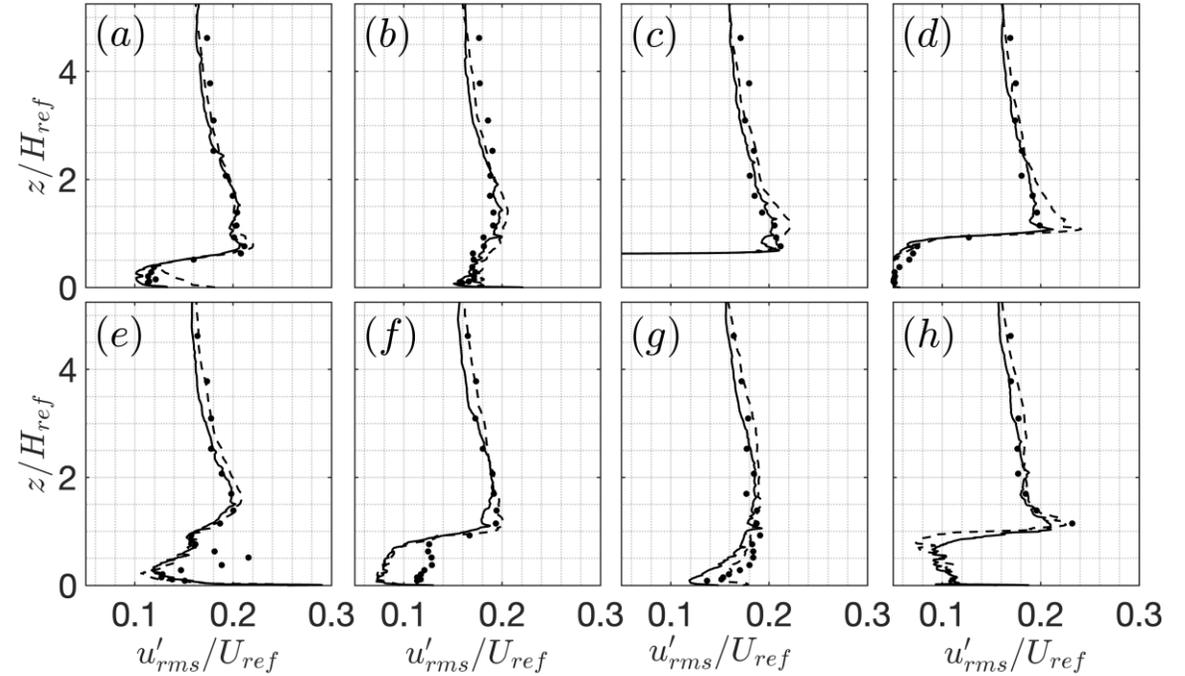
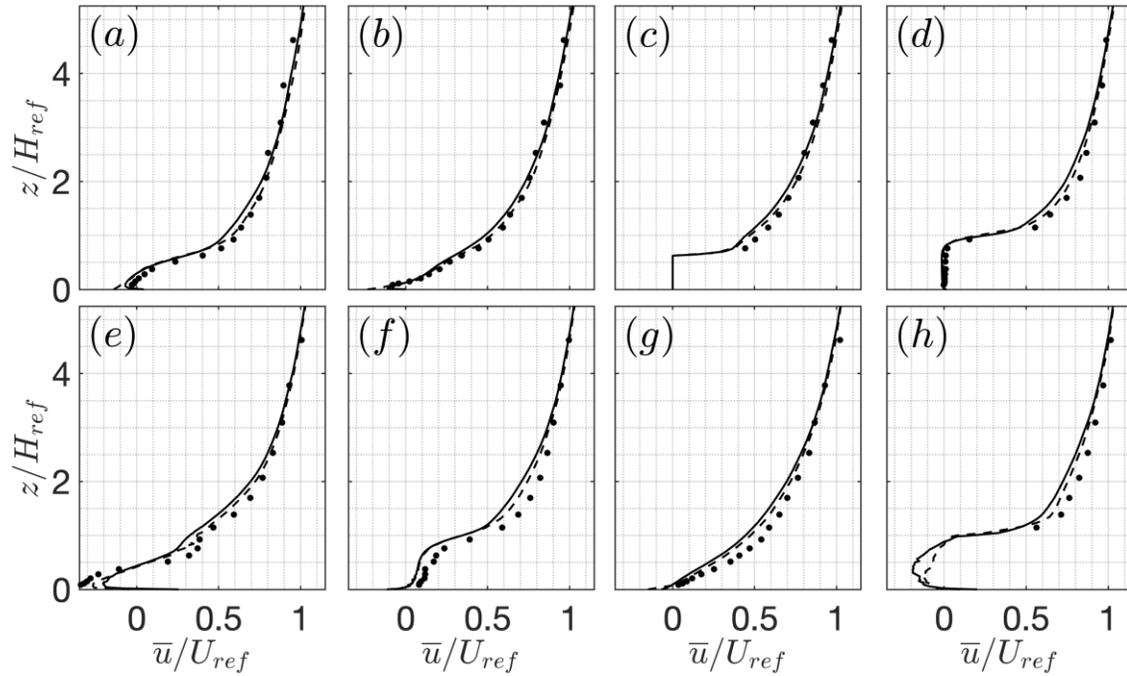
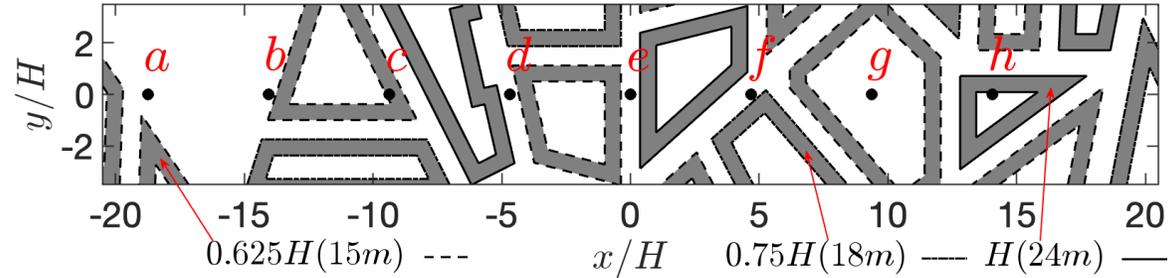


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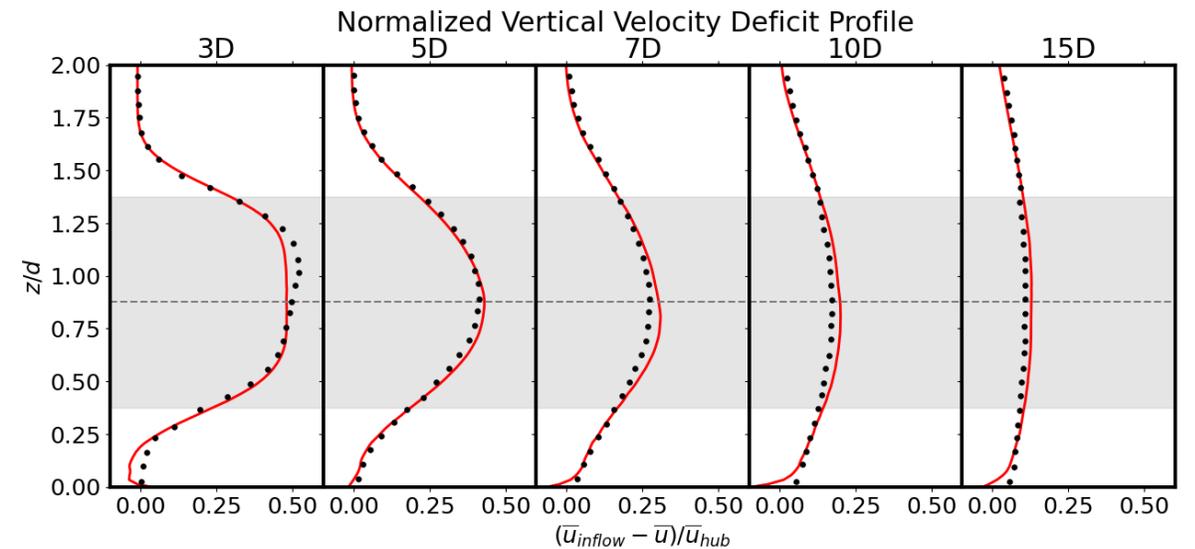
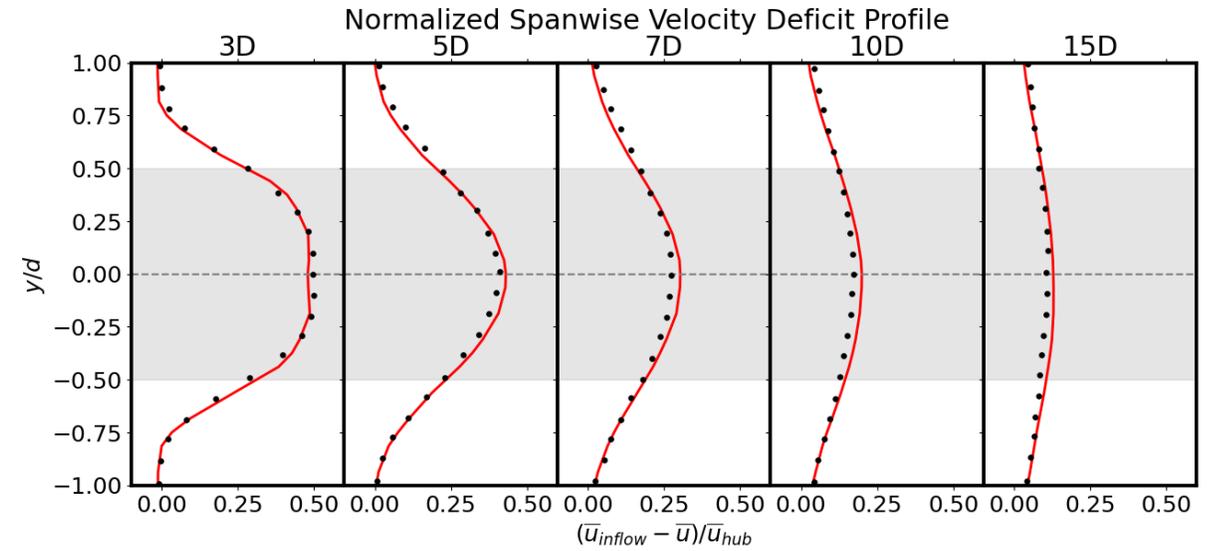
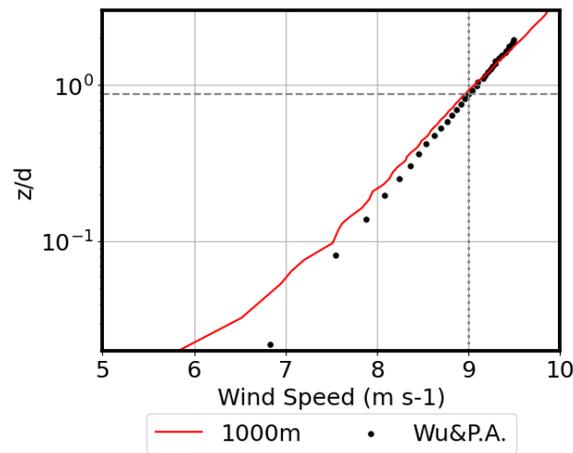
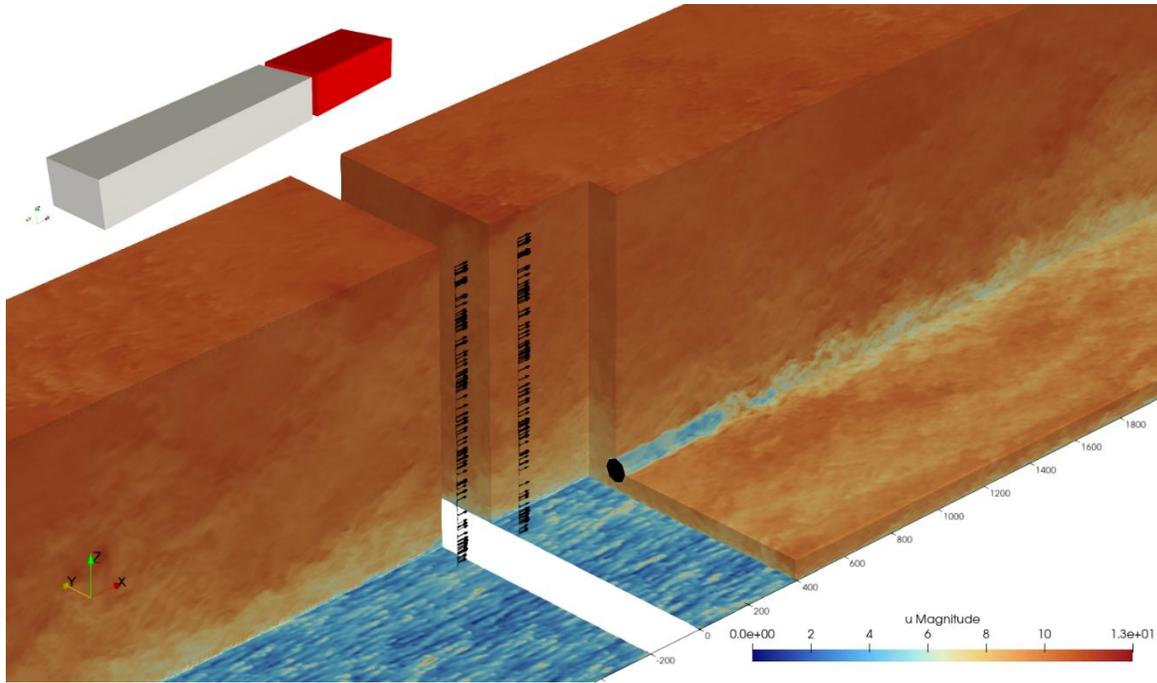


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WMLES on complex geometries: Wind Energy

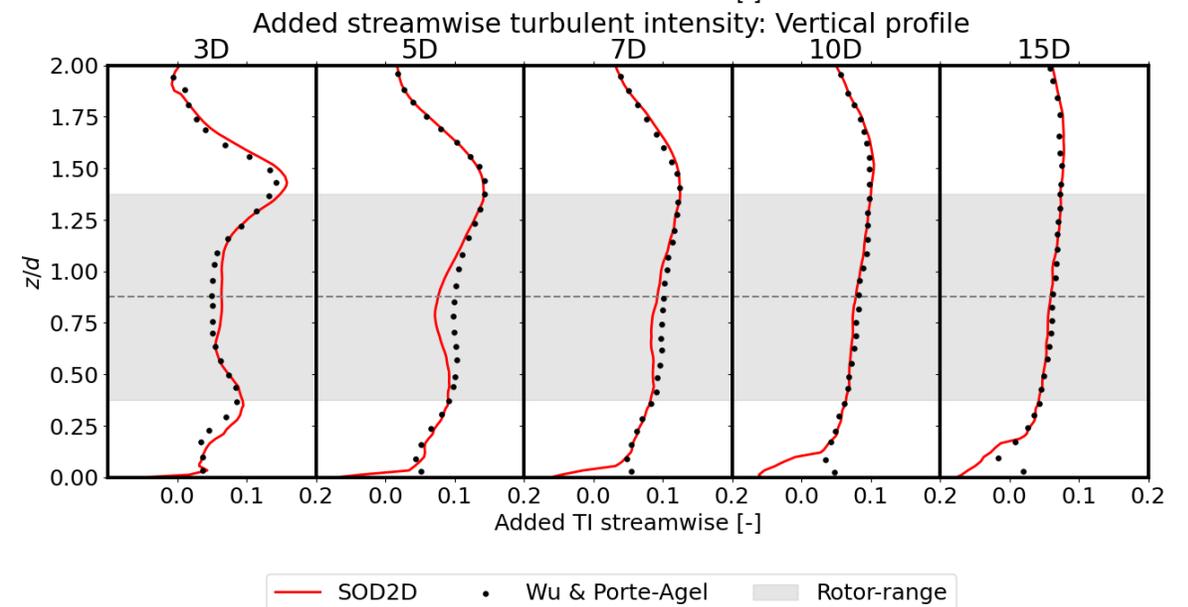
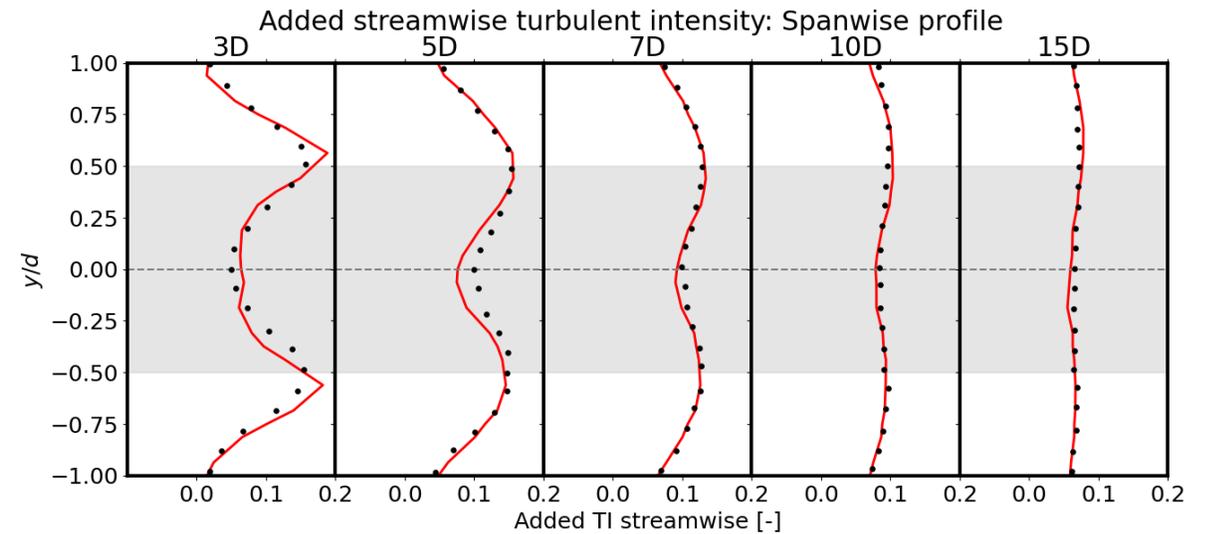
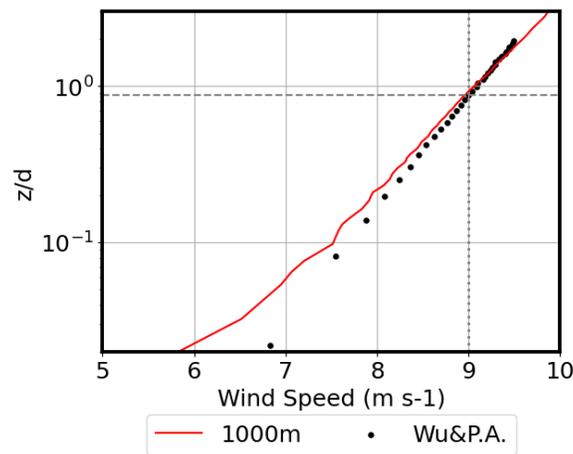
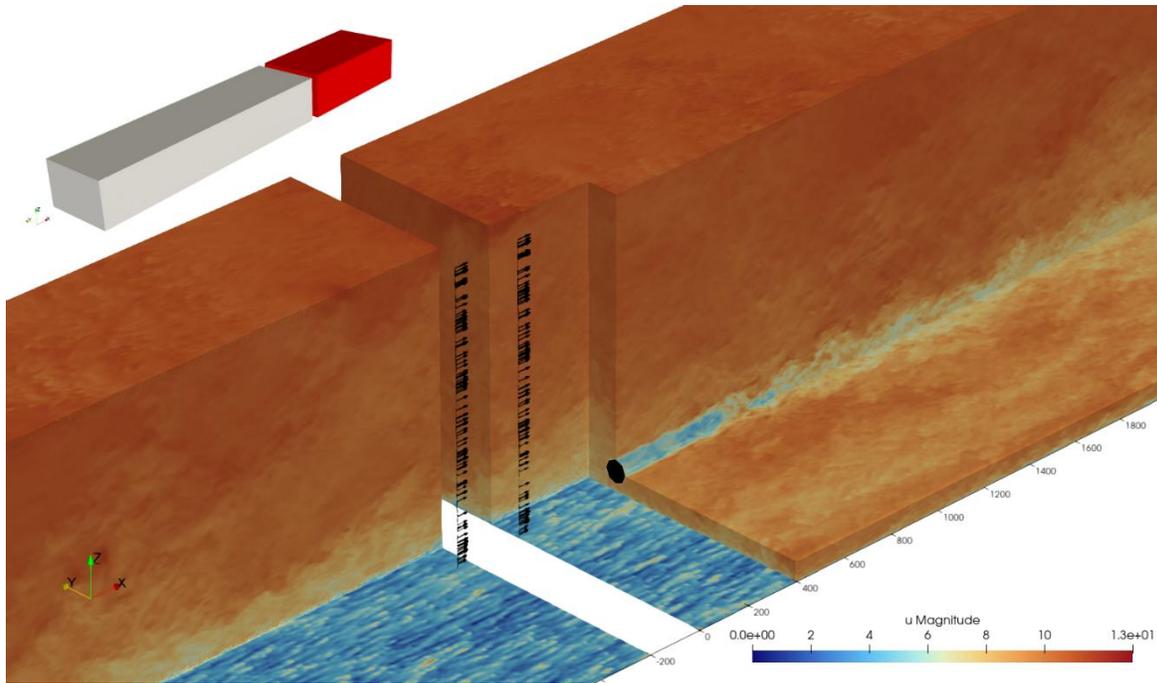
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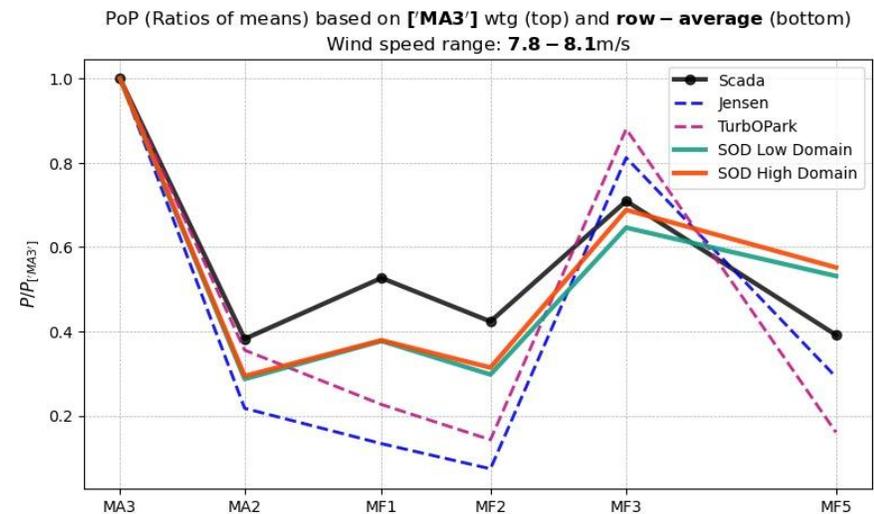
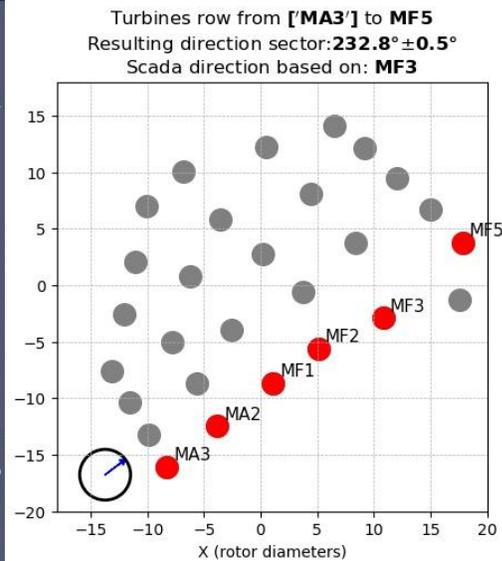
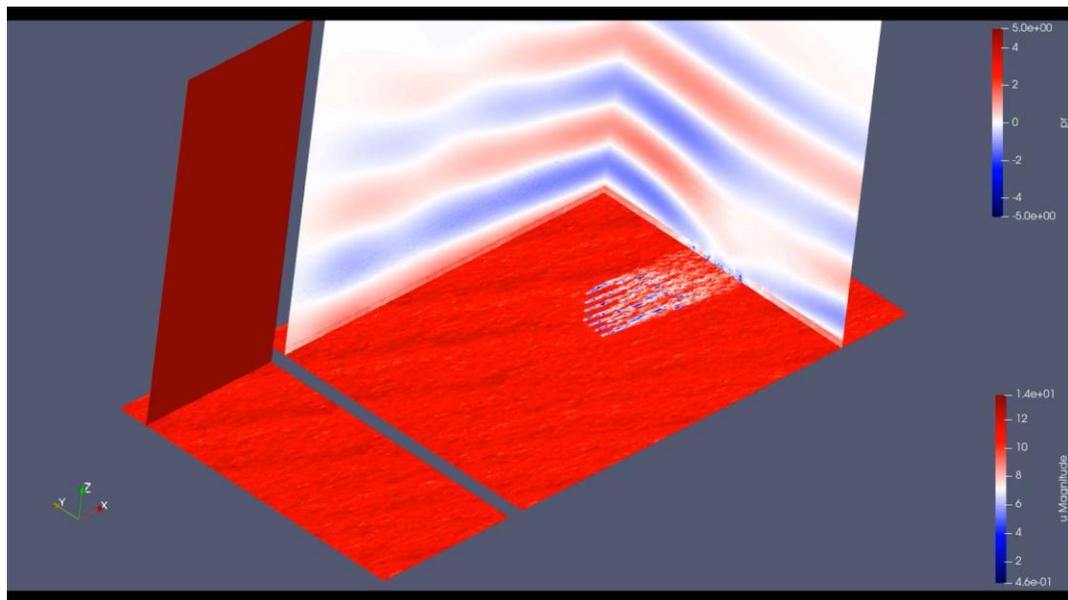


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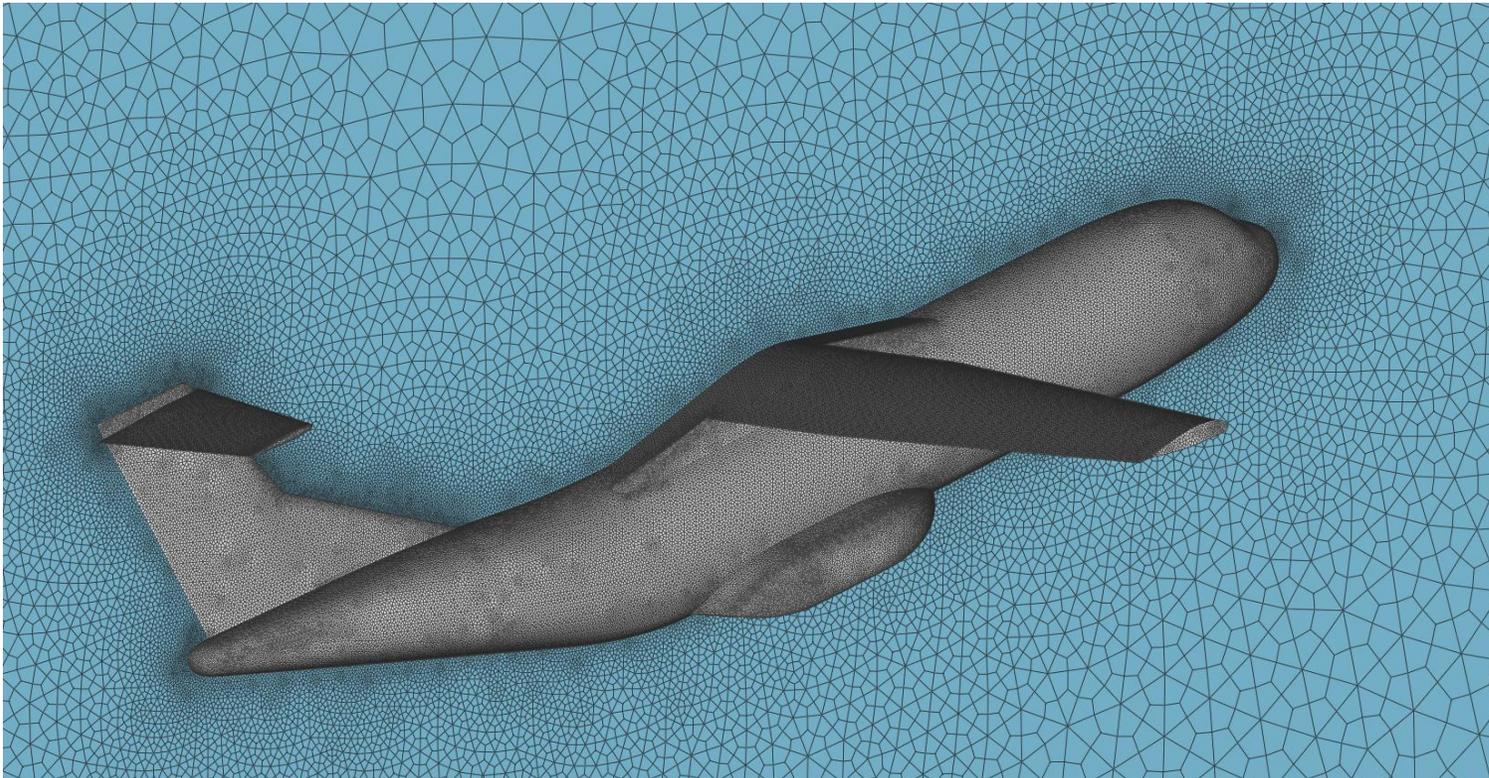
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WMLES on complex geometries: Aeronautics

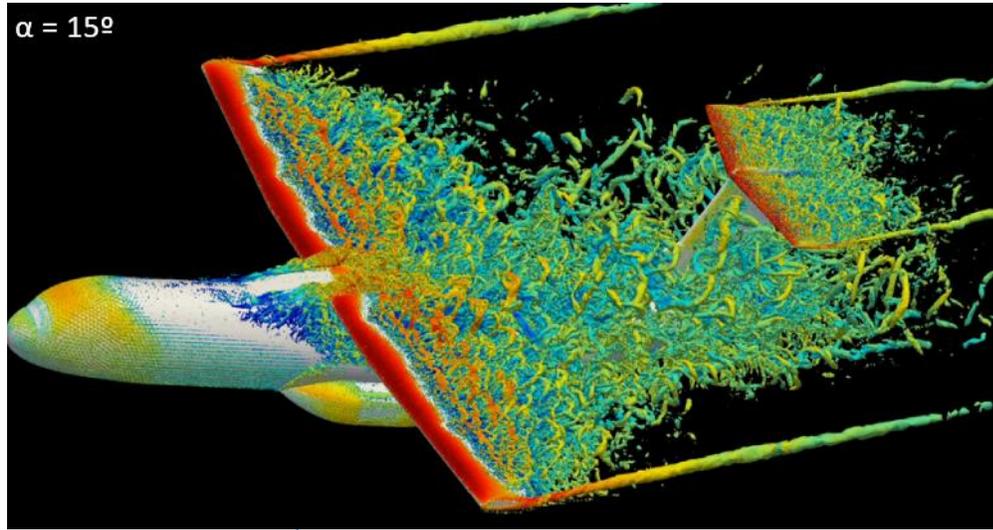
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WMLES of Airbus DS geometries

- Mesh generated for p2, p3 and p4 SEM with low dissipation entropy viscosity
- About 100M to 1.5B of DoF for the mesh no symmetry domain
- Clean geometry and high lift configurations considered (Re from 5 to 20 M, aoa from -5 to 30)
- Mesh tested in the new Marenostrum 5 machine (MN5), simulations times from 12 to 48h.



WMLES of Airbus DS geometries



From simple and clean geometries (100M) to high lift configurations with very detailed geometries (1.5B)



WMLES for Predicting Transonic Buffet Dynamics Over the OAT15A Airfoil

The transonic buffet is an unsteady aerodynamic phenomenon occurring at transonic speeds ($0.7 < M < 0.9$), typically over supercritical airfoils.

Key Features:

- Shock-boundary layer interaction.
- Unsteady shock oscillations.
- Shock-induced separation and reattachment.
- Pressure and lift fluctuations affecting aircraft stability.

Critical for high-speed aircraft design and control. Requires high-fidelity CFD methods (e.g., WMLES) to predict and analyze.

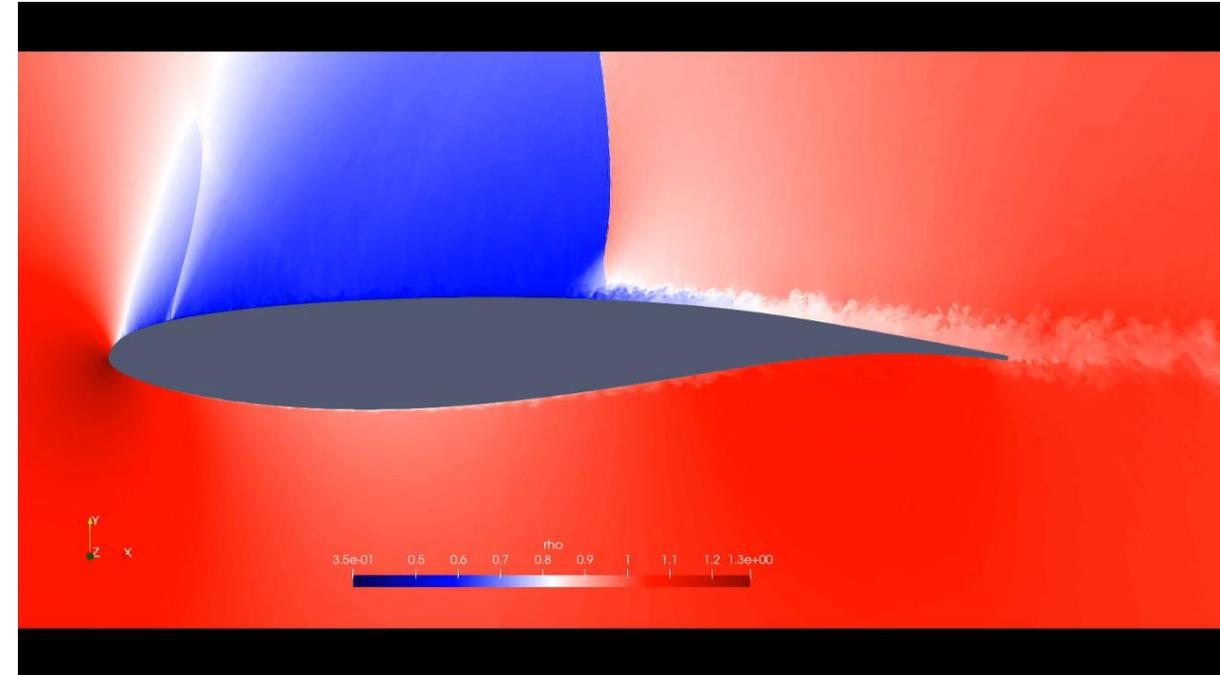
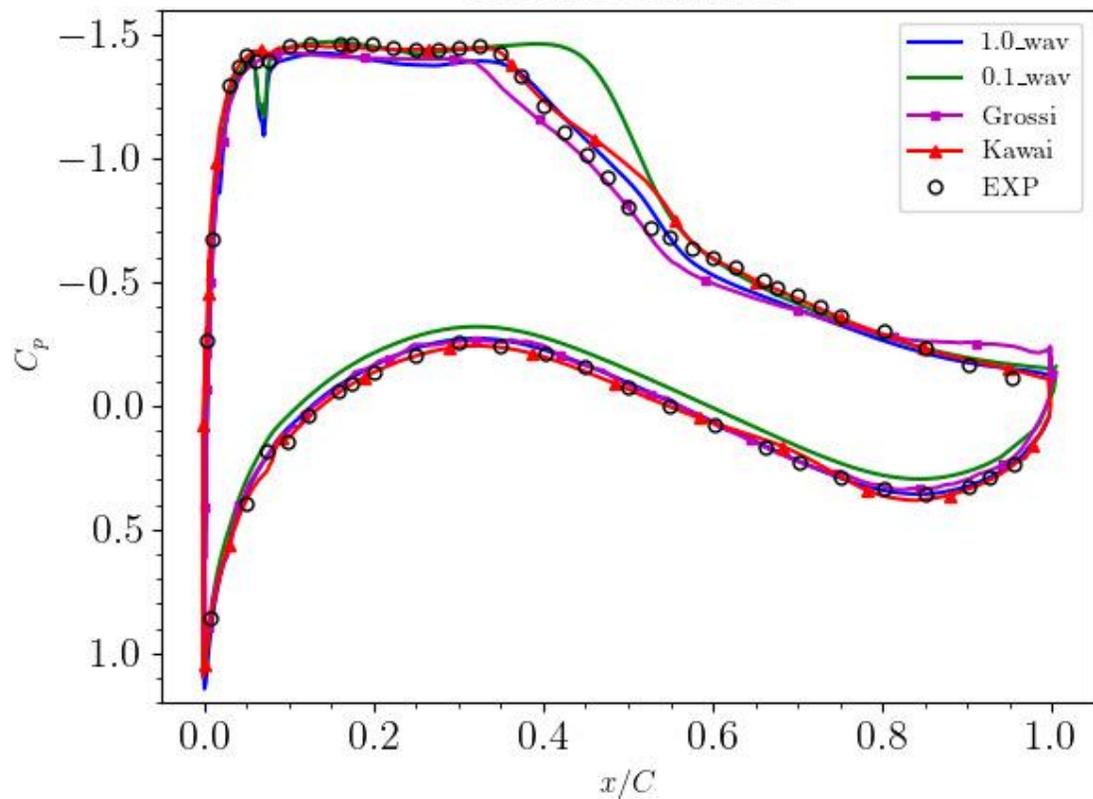


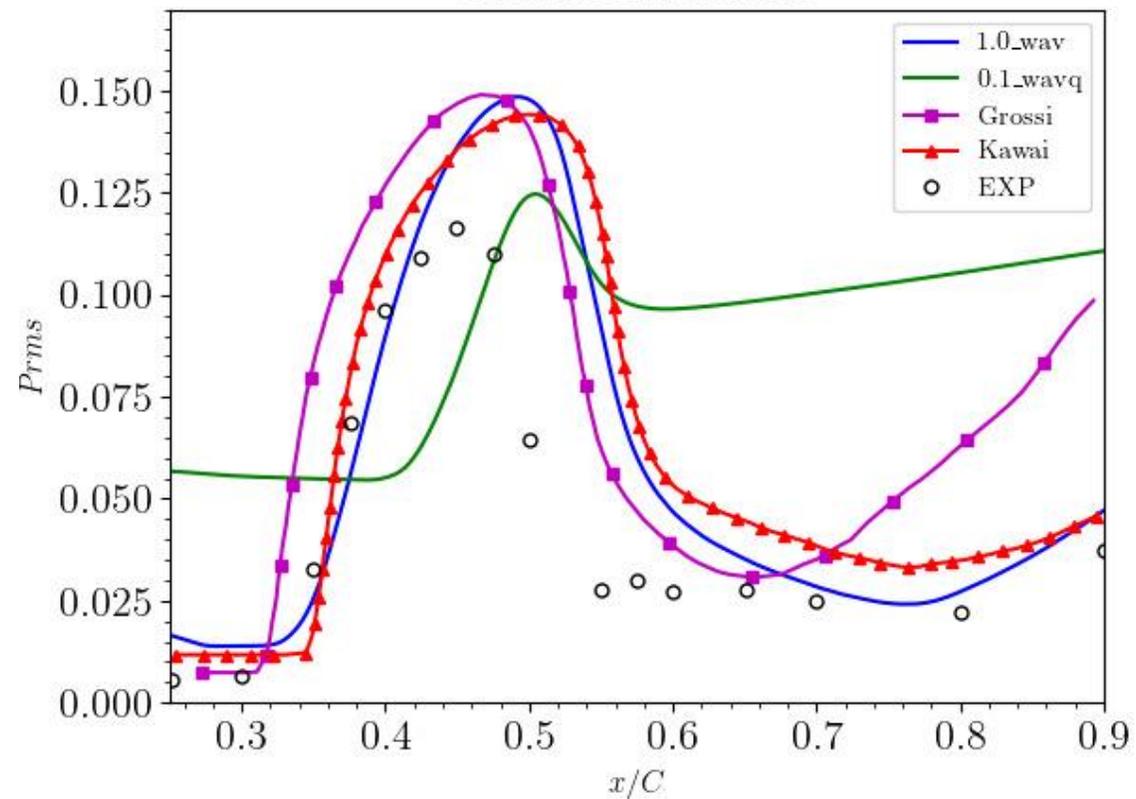
Figure 1: Shock-induced separation on a transonic airfoil.

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Pressure Coefficient



Pressure Fluctuations



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Velocity Profiles

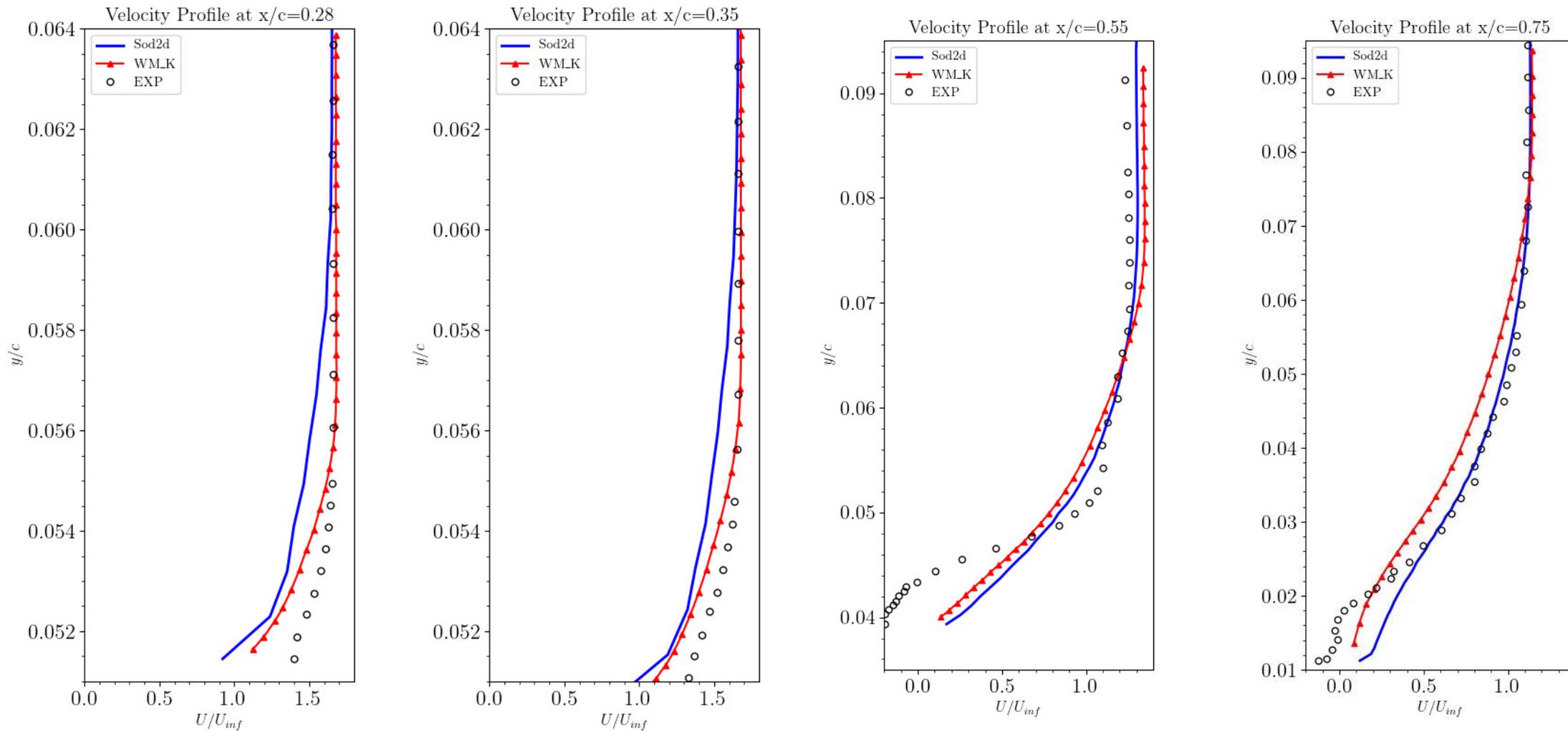


Figure 7: Time-averaged velocity profiles .

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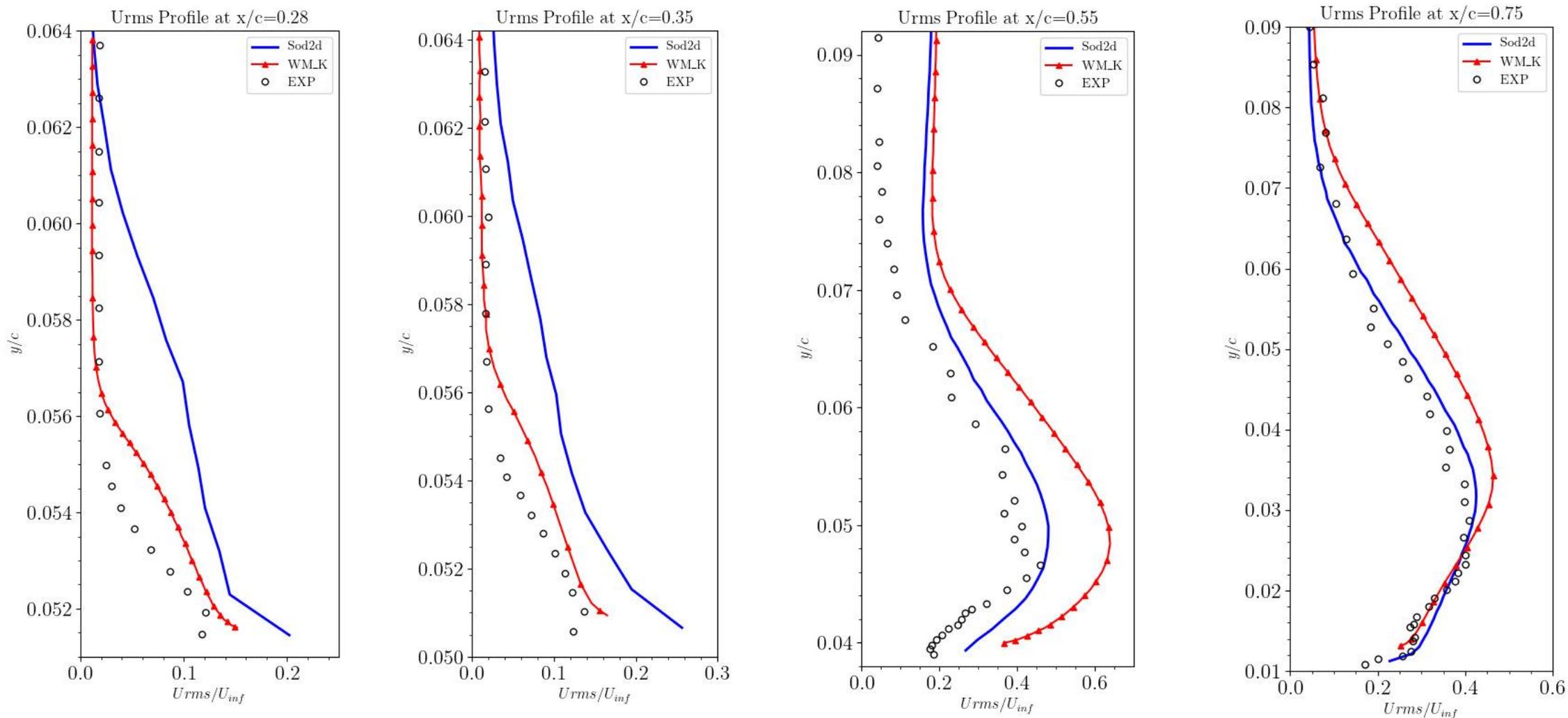
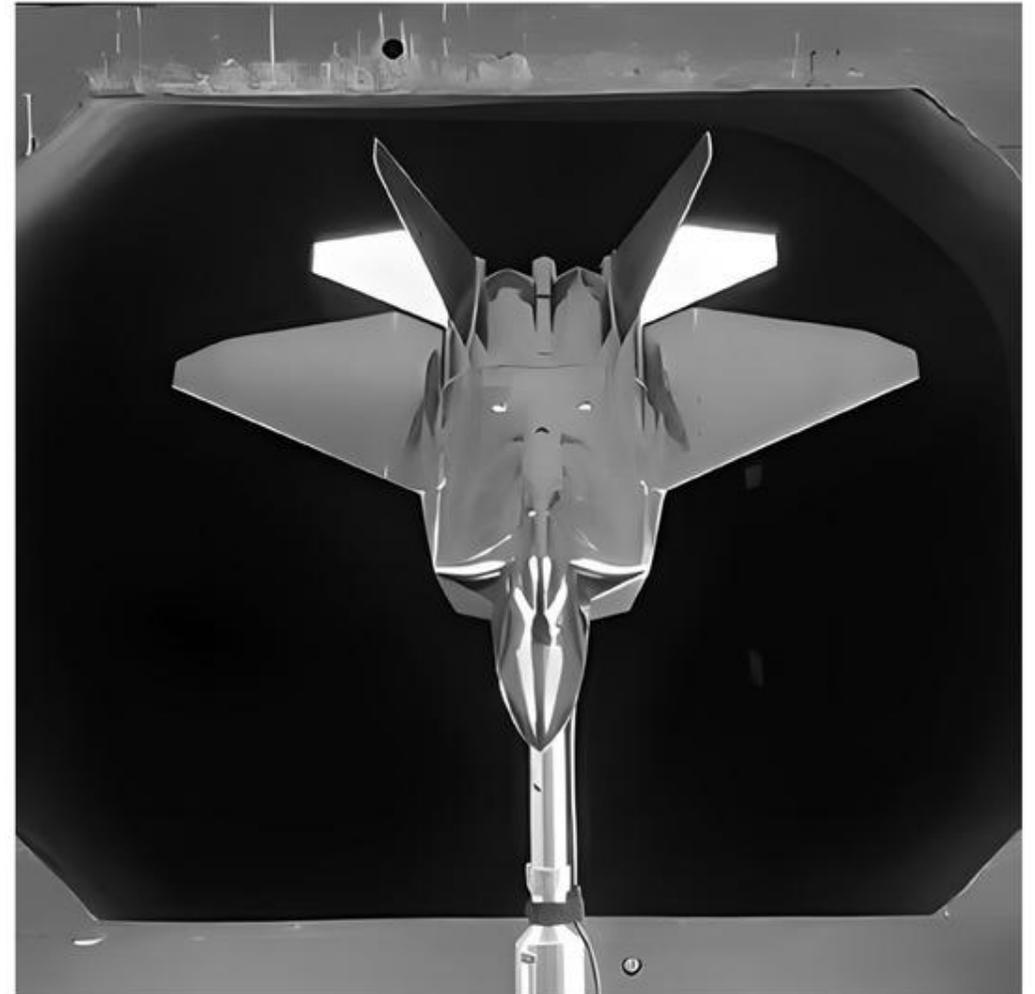
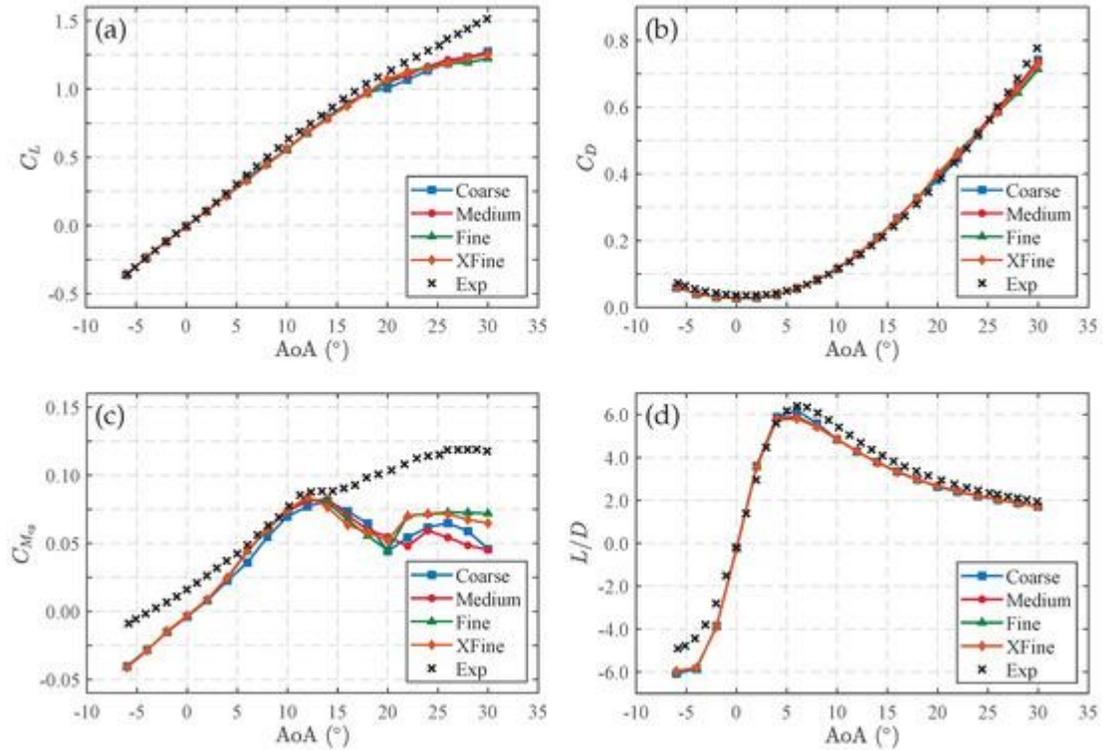


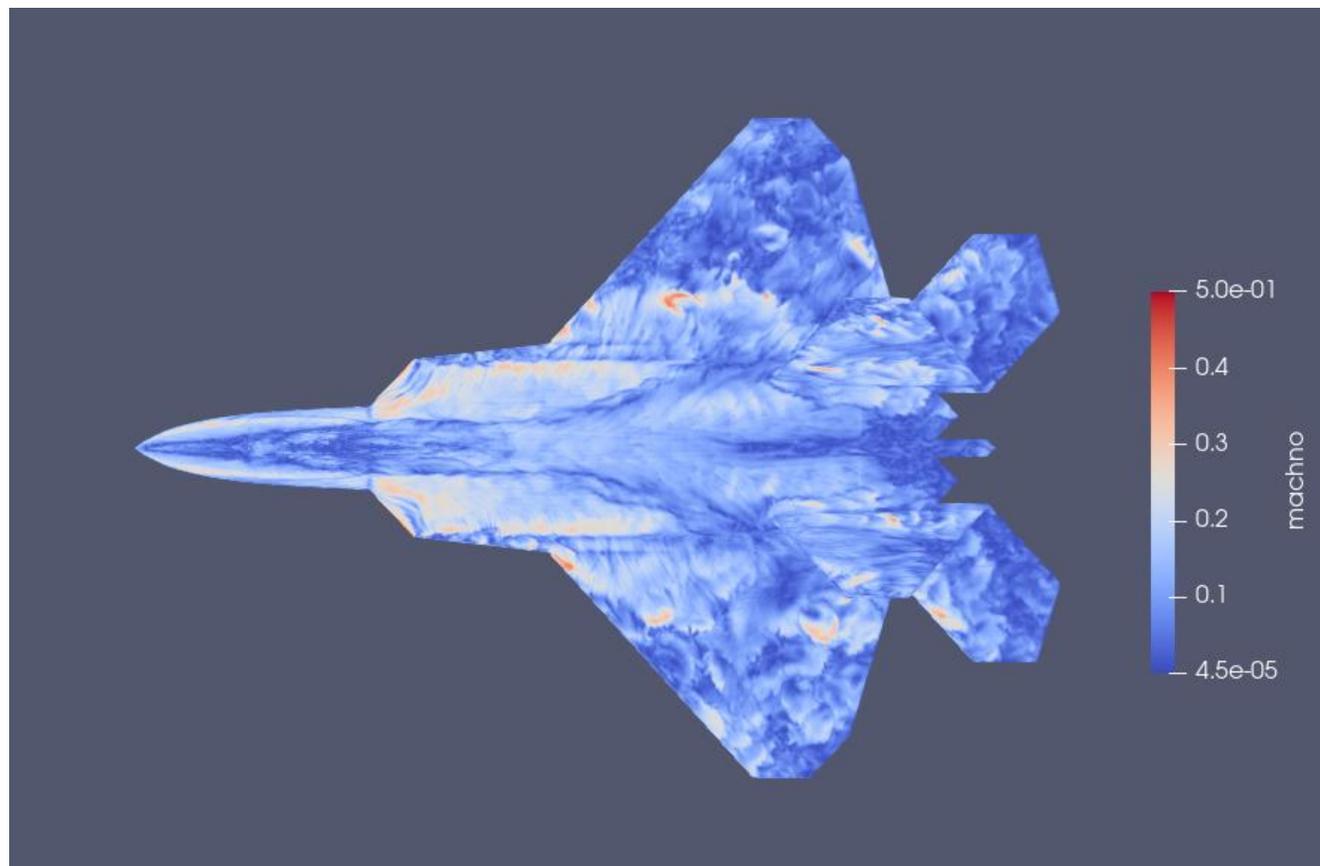
Figure 8: Time-averaged velocity fluctuations profiles .

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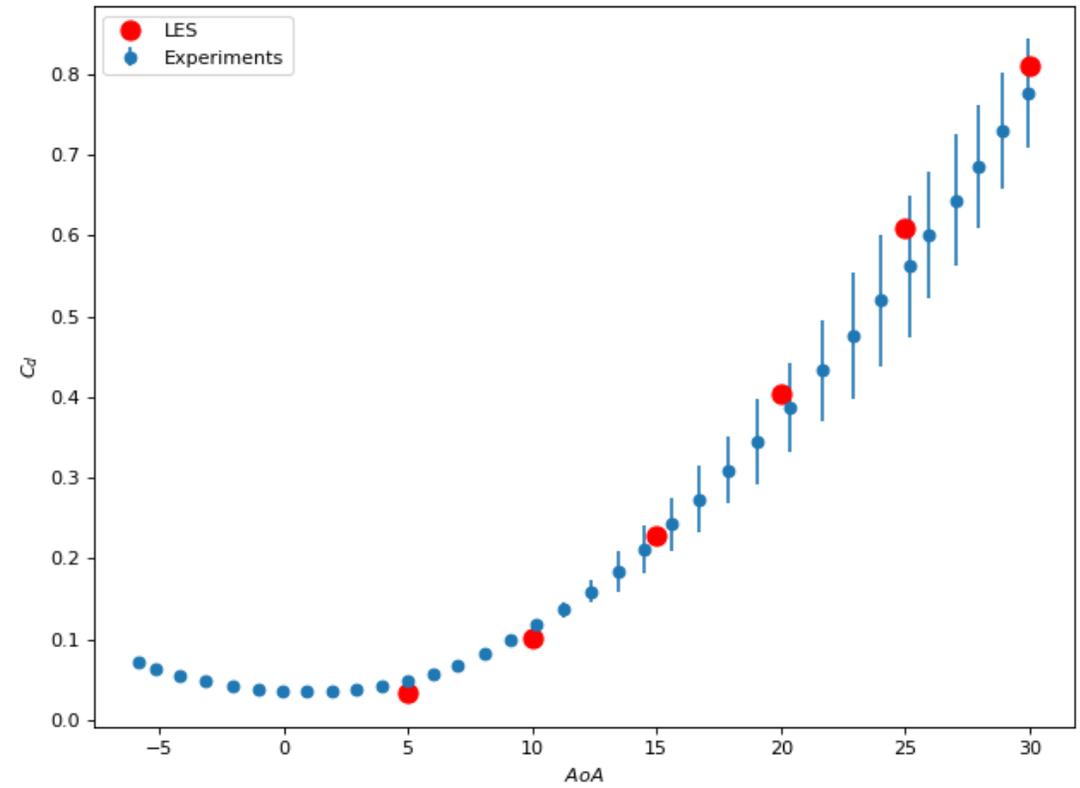
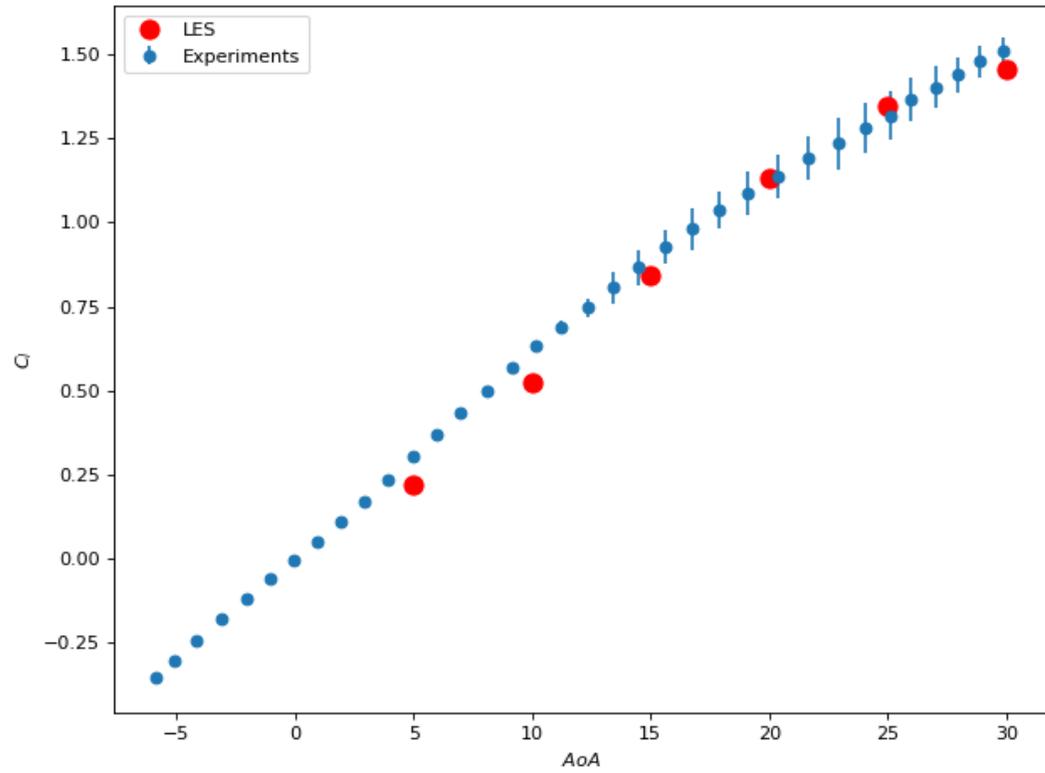
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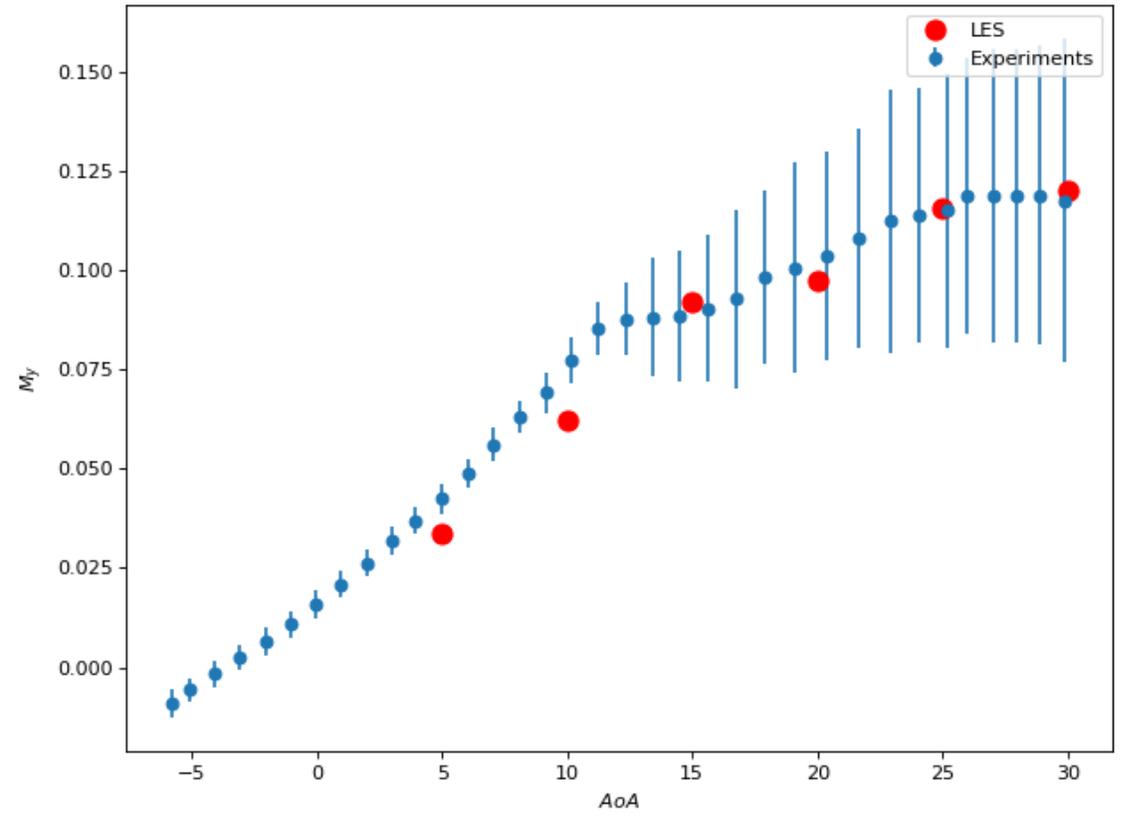
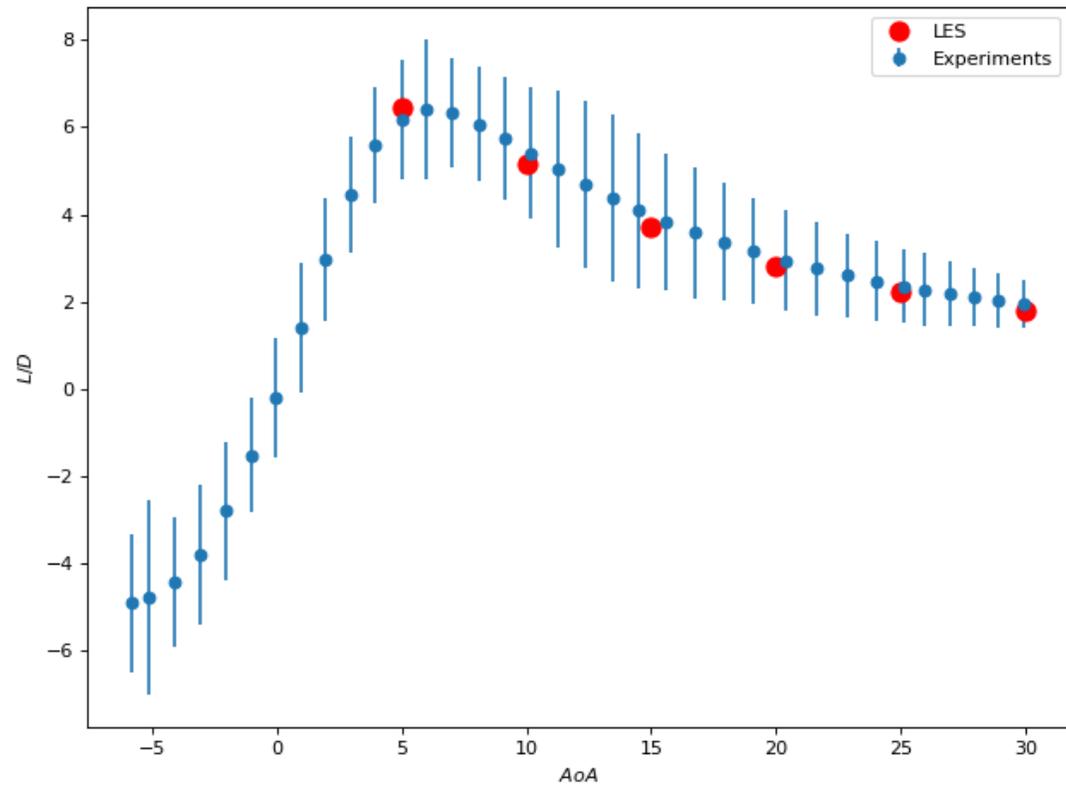


- Mach 0.2
- Reynolds 300k
- 20M DoF
- P2 SEM
- EQ wall model used

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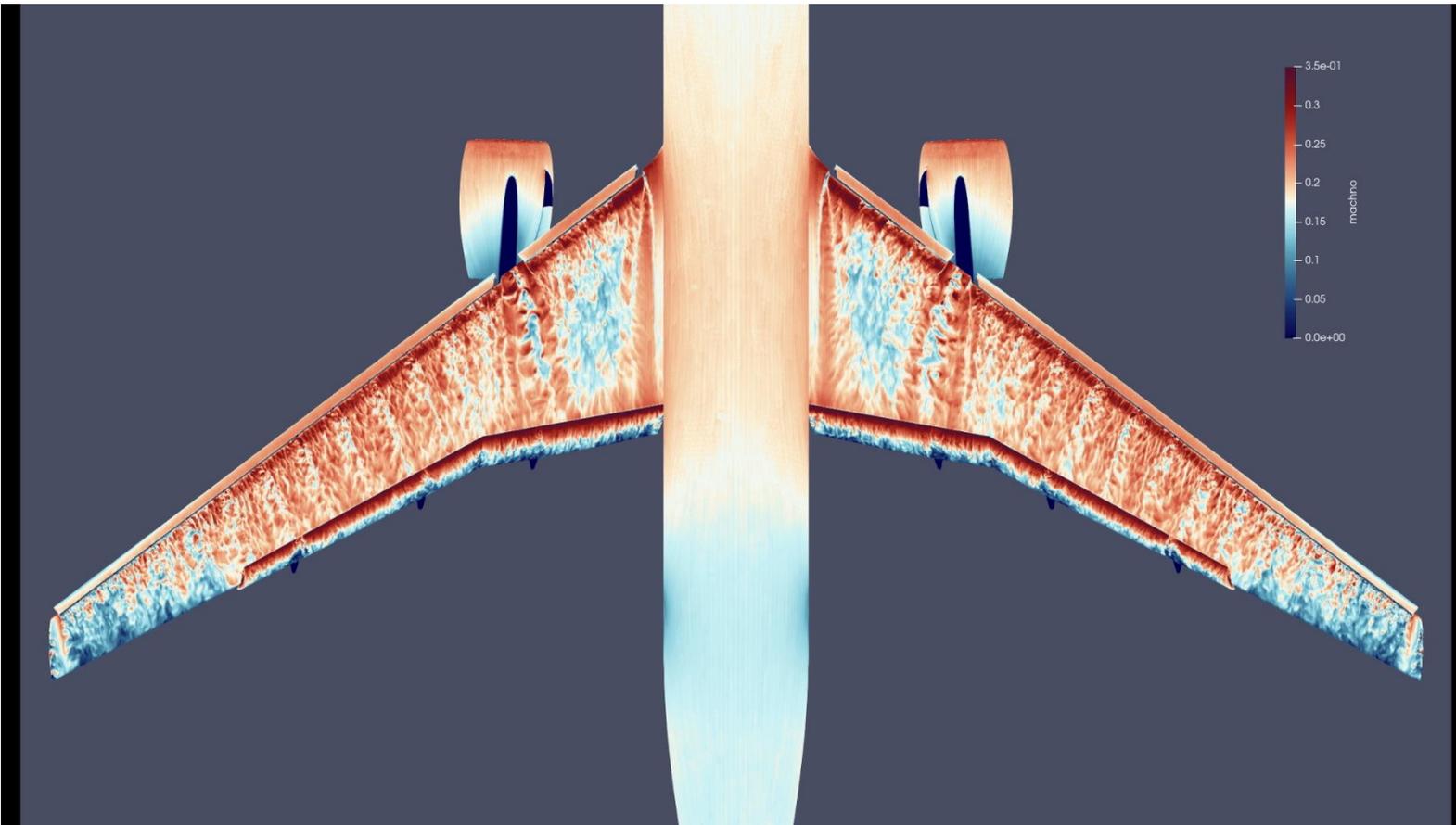


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HL geometry



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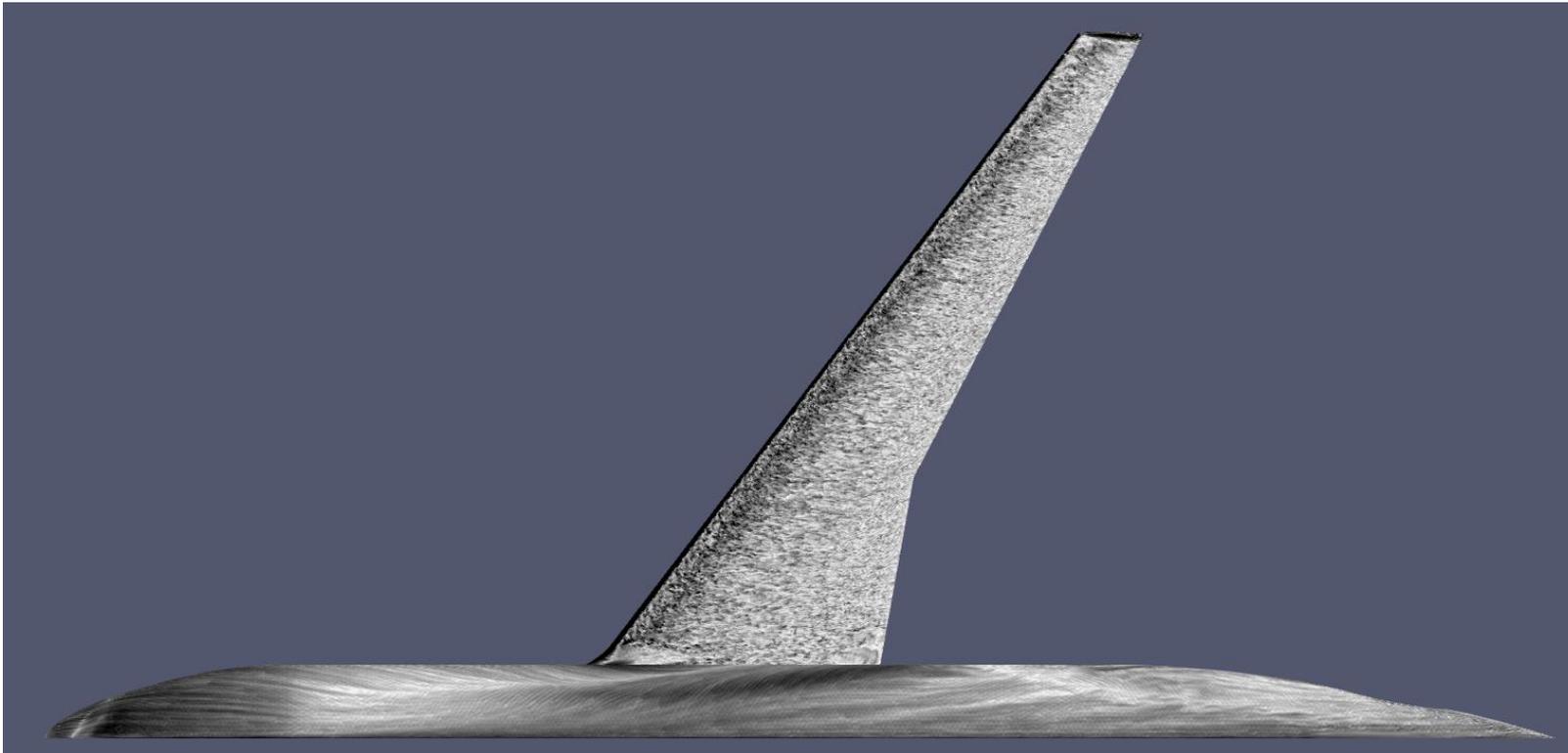
AoA	CL	CD
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CODA: RANS Committee mesh(Re 5.4M)

AoA	CL	CD
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Clean geometry



LES: (Re 5.4M)

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11.00	1.004293	0.061245568

CODA: RANS Committee mesh(Re 5.4M)

AoA	CL	CD
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Conclusions

- High-fidelity methodologies for large scale simulation of turbulent flows by means SEM has been presented.
- The methodologies has been applied to carry out scale resolving simulation of industry relevant problems and validated with experimental data.

Thanks!

