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New avenues in computational fluid dynamics

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## **Summary**

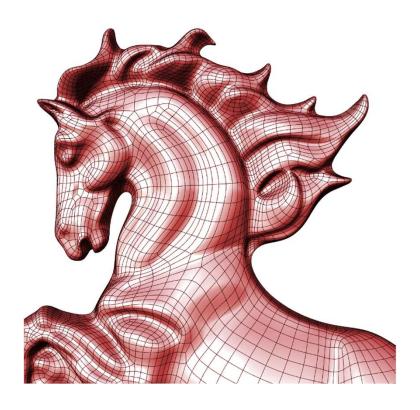
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## 2- Multiphysics

- → Wind turbines
- → Turbulence

## 3. Machine Learning + CFD

- → Mesh adaption→ NN acceleration
- → RL for automation

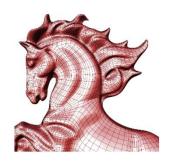


#### **DGSEM:** nodal Discontinuous Galerkin Spectral Element Methods

- Compressible & Incompressible
- Entropy / Energy conserving schemes for stability
- Local p-adaption / h-adaption (hanging nodes)
- Explicit / implicit time stepping
- Turbulence models: LES: SVV-Smag., Wale, Vreman & RANS: Spallart-Almaras
- Multi-physics: Multiphase, Immersed Boundaries, Shock etc..

HORSES3D https://github.com/loganoz/horses3d

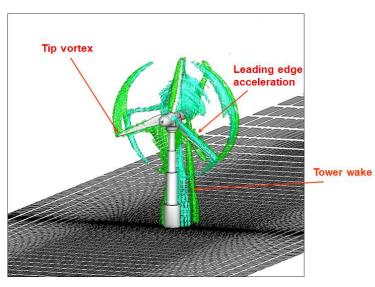




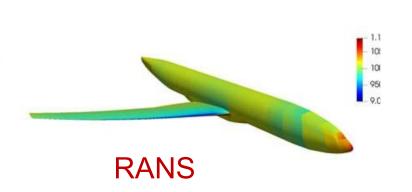
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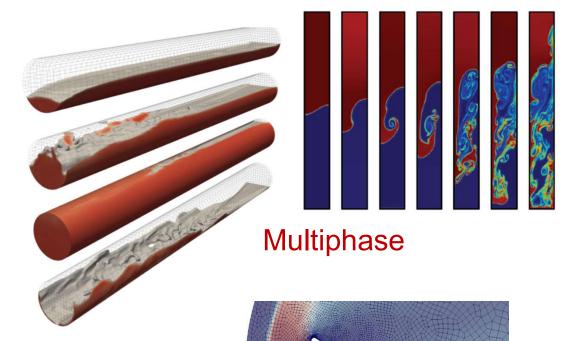
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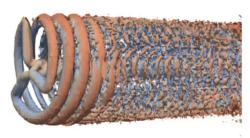


Mesh free

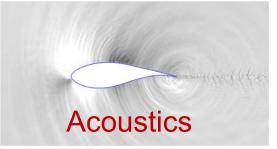




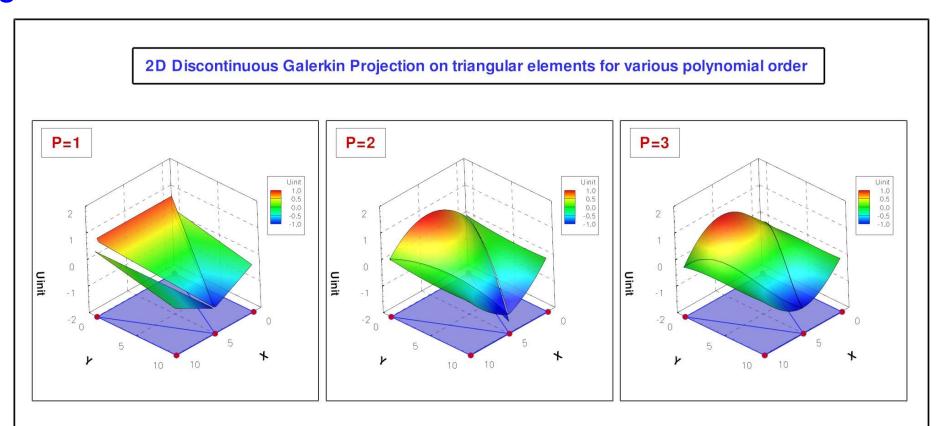




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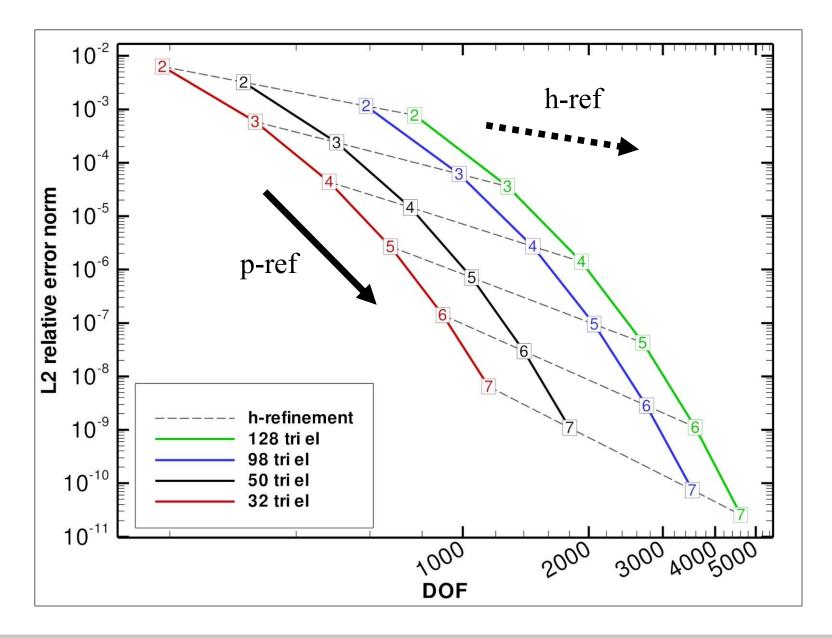


#### High order methods

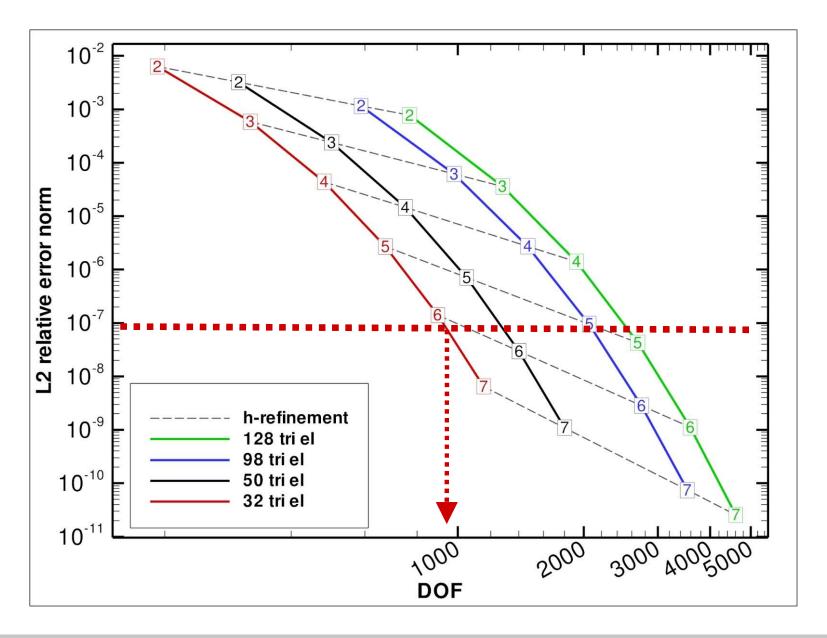


- High order is generally defined for P ≥ 2
- High order allows h/p refinement
  - h-refinement offers constant decay of the error
  - p-refinement offers exponential decay of the error

## High order methods (Poisson eq.)

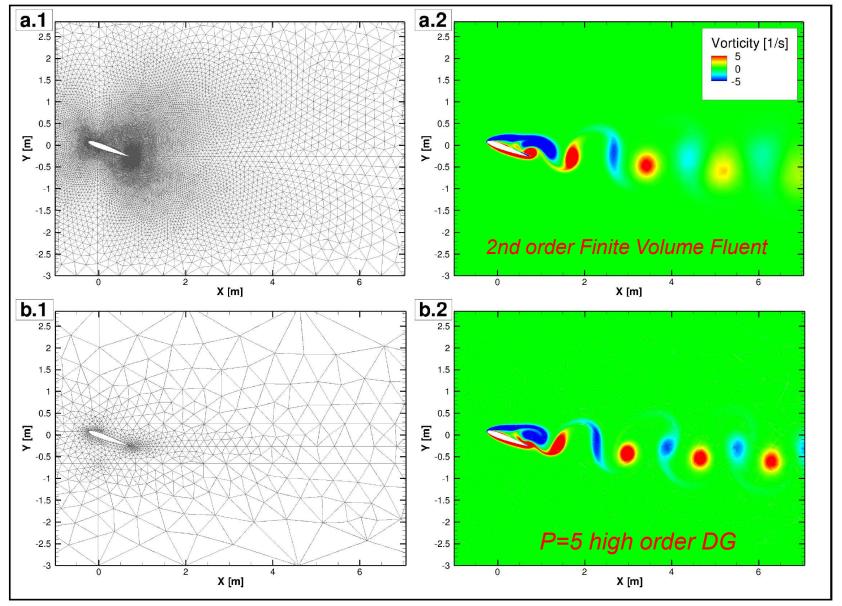


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#### NACA0012 - Re=800 - Laminar flow



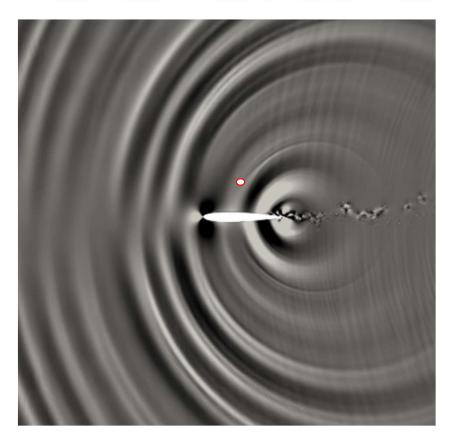
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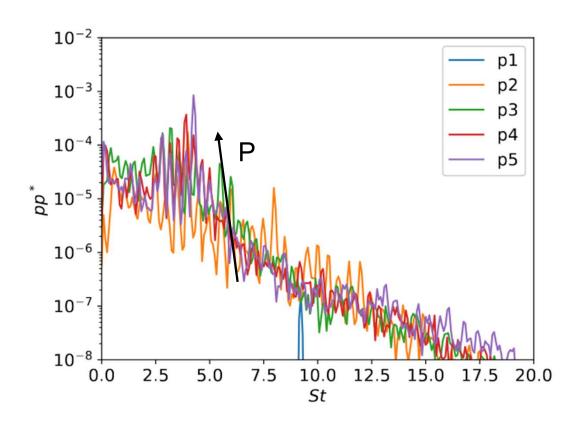
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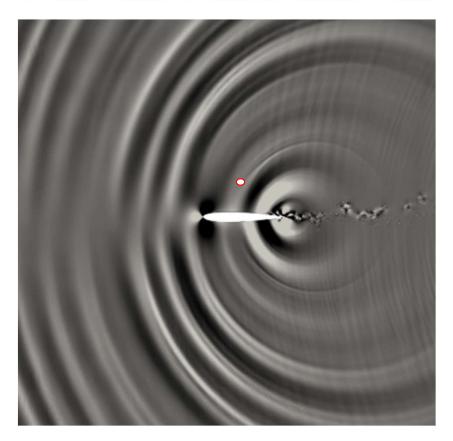


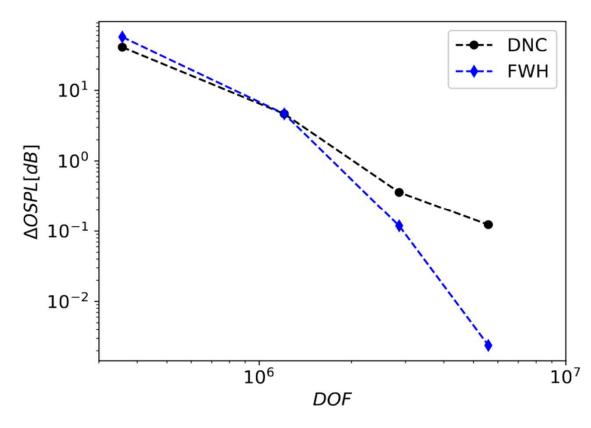
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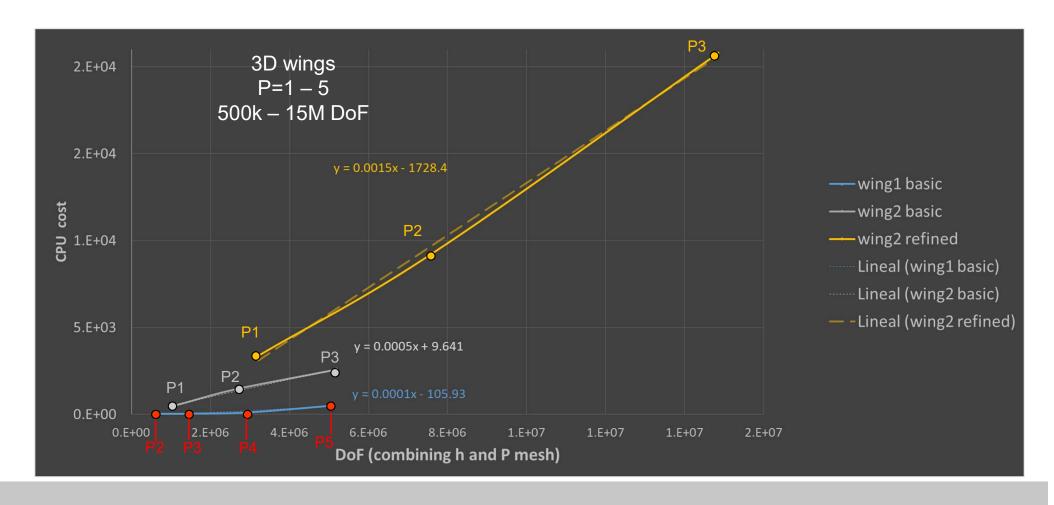


#### Horses: cost



P↑: Error decreases exponentially

P ↑ : Cost increases **linearly** 



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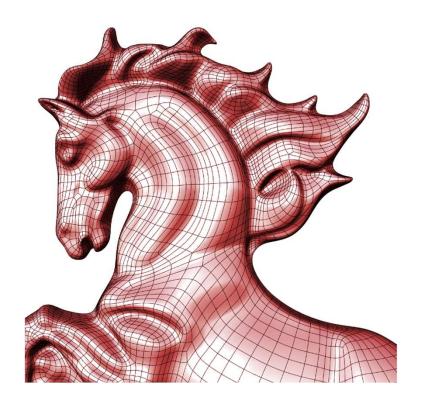
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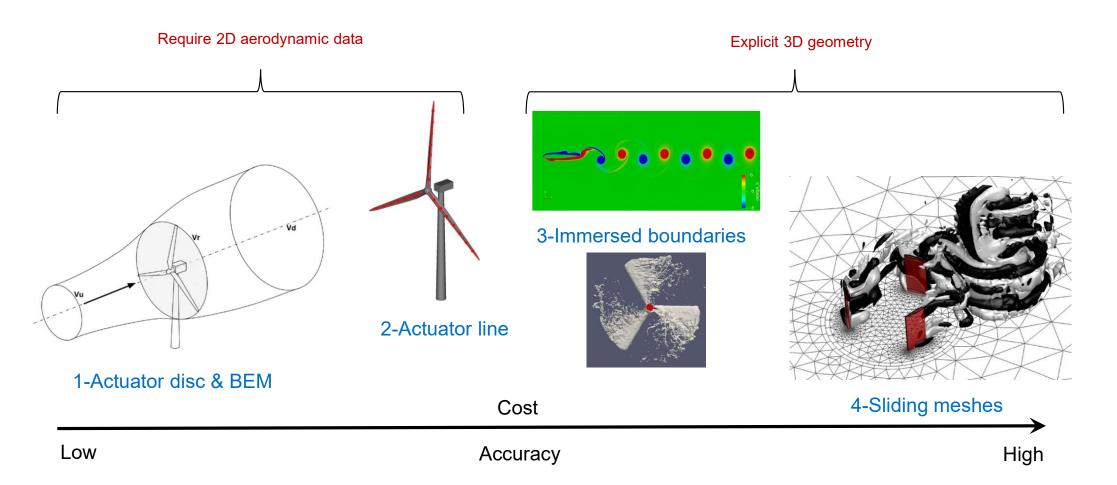
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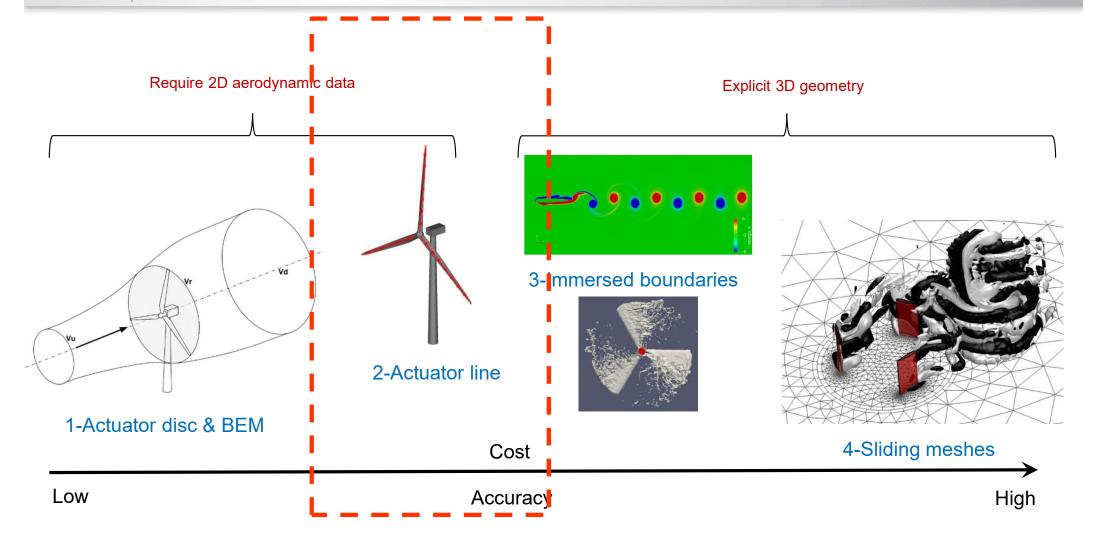
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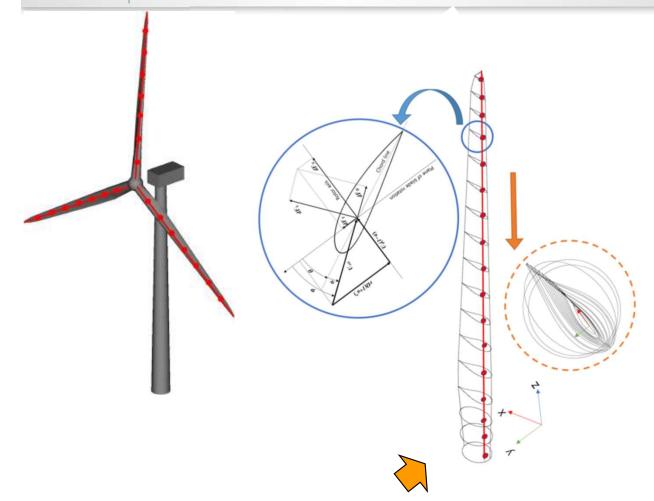
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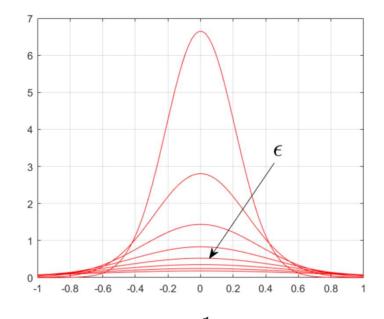




Tabulated data

$$f_L = \frac{1}{2}\rho U_{rel}^2 SC_l, \quad f_D = \frac{1}{2}\rho U_{rel}^2 SC_d,$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Q}}{dt} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Q}, \nabla \mathbf{Q}) + \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{Q})$$
$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{Q}) = \eta_{\epsilon} \mathbf{F}$$

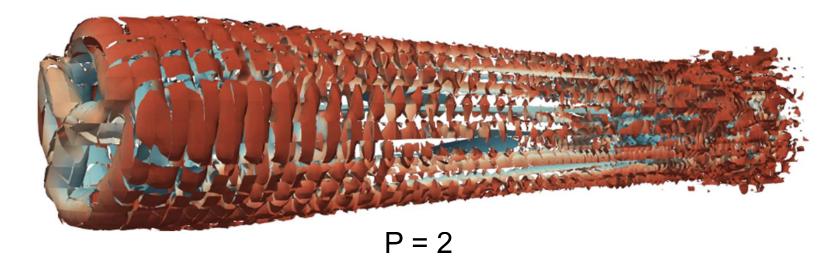


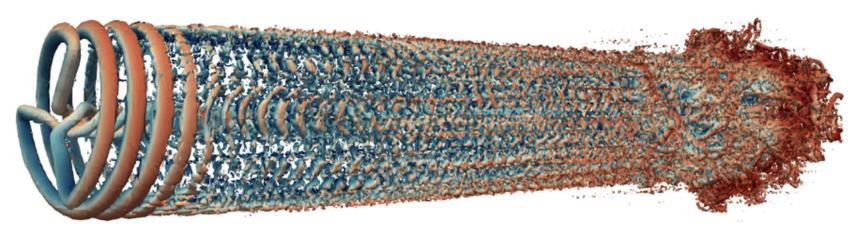
$$\eta_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^3 \pi^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-(\frac{d}{\epsilon})^2}$$

$$\epsilon_k = k \times \Delta_{grid} = k \times \frac{(\Delta_x \Delta_y \Delta_z)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{p+1}$$

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## Improved solution using the same h-mesh



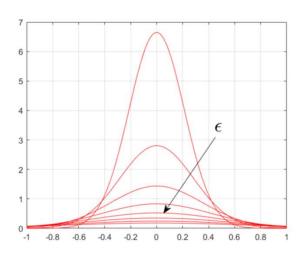


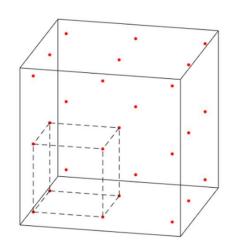
P = 5





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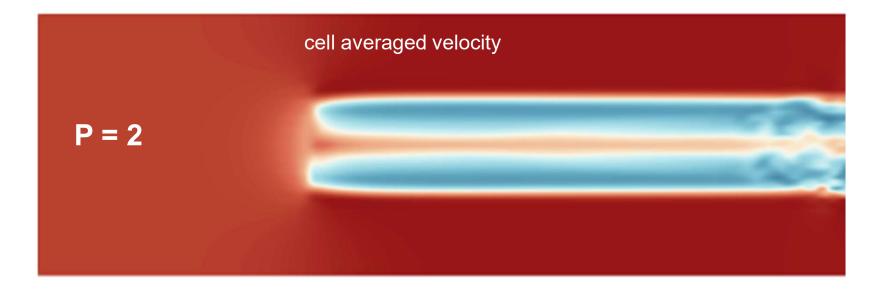


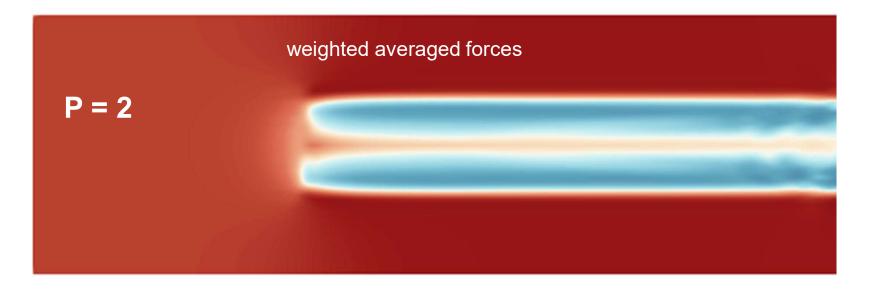
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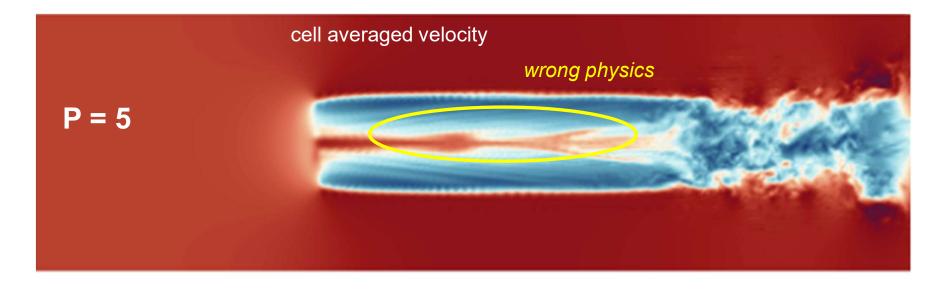
$$\overline{\mathbf{q_t}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \ \mathbf{q_t}_i$$

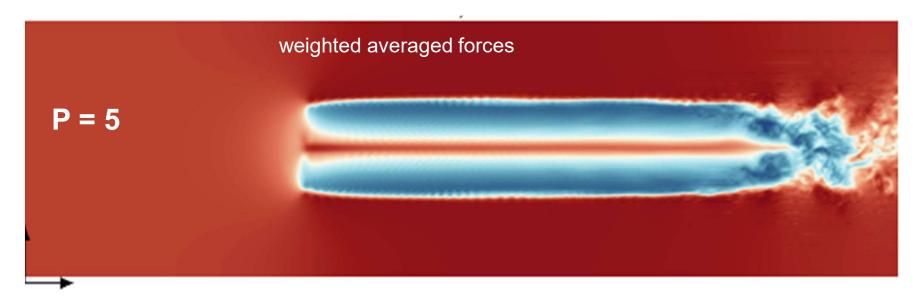
#### weighted averaged forces

$$\overline{f}_{j} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \eta_{ji}(d) \cdot f_{i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{a}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \eta_{ji}(d)}$$

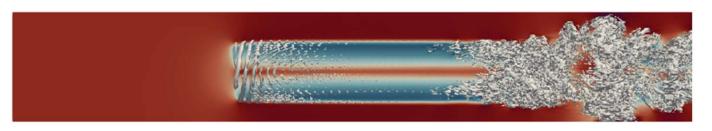








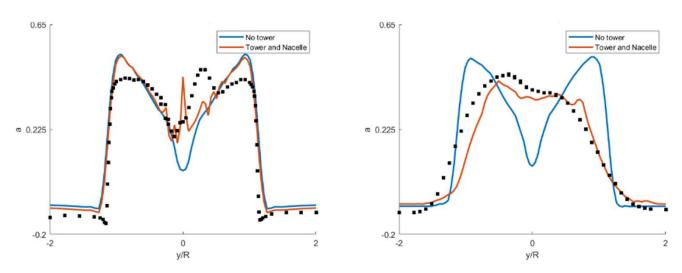
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a) Actuator line without tower and nacelle.



b) Actuator line with tower and nacelle, which are modeled using immersed boundaries.

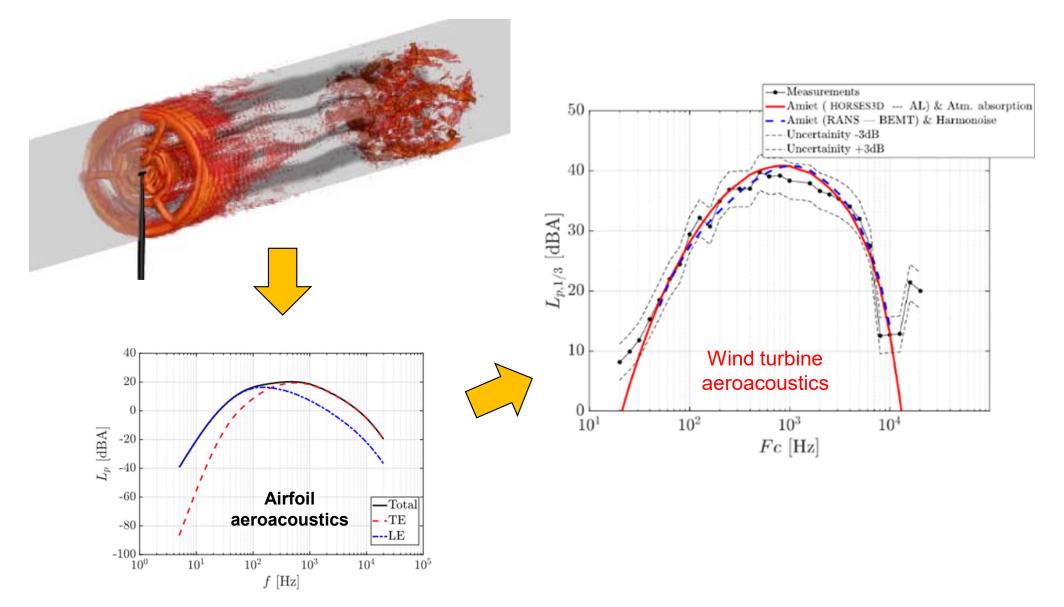


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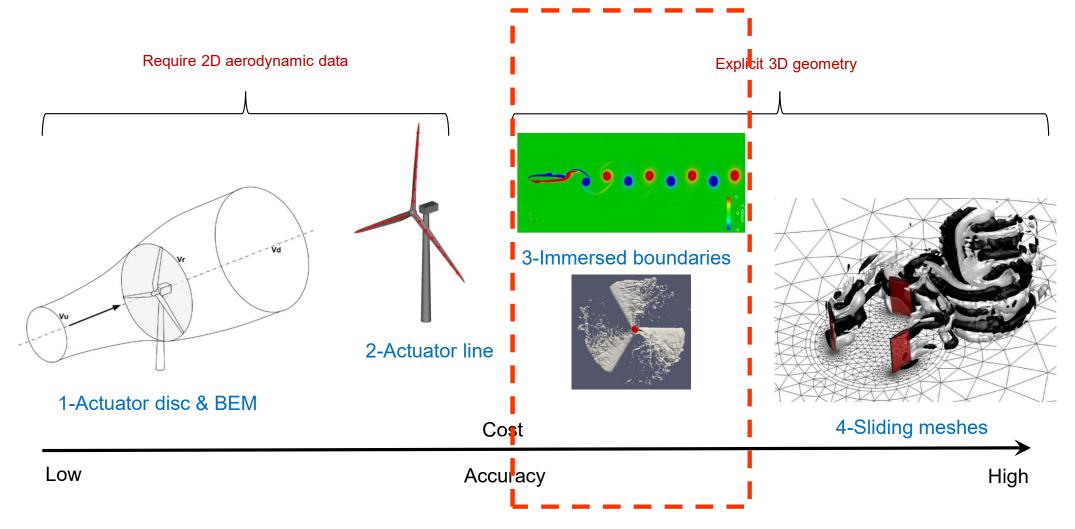


#### Computing acoustics with actuator lines + Amiet



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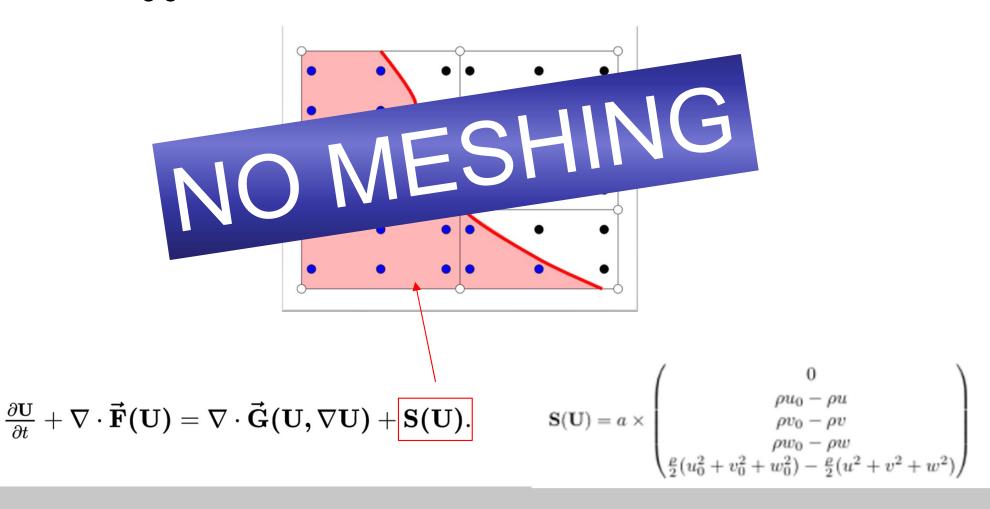




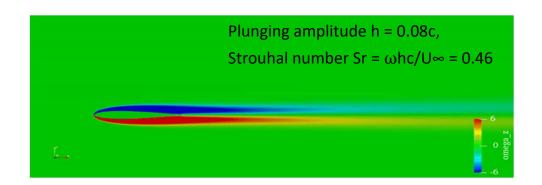
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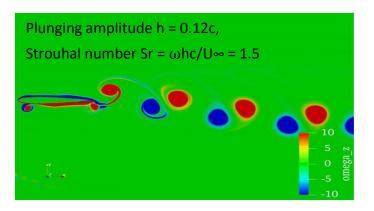
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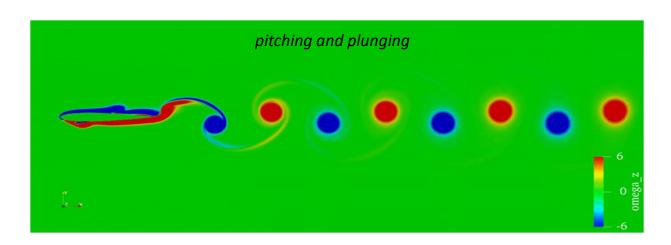
- Simple 'Cartesian' grids (with local P refinement)
- Complex geometries
- Moving geometries



#### Moving NACA0012 at Reynolds number 1000, pitching and plunging:



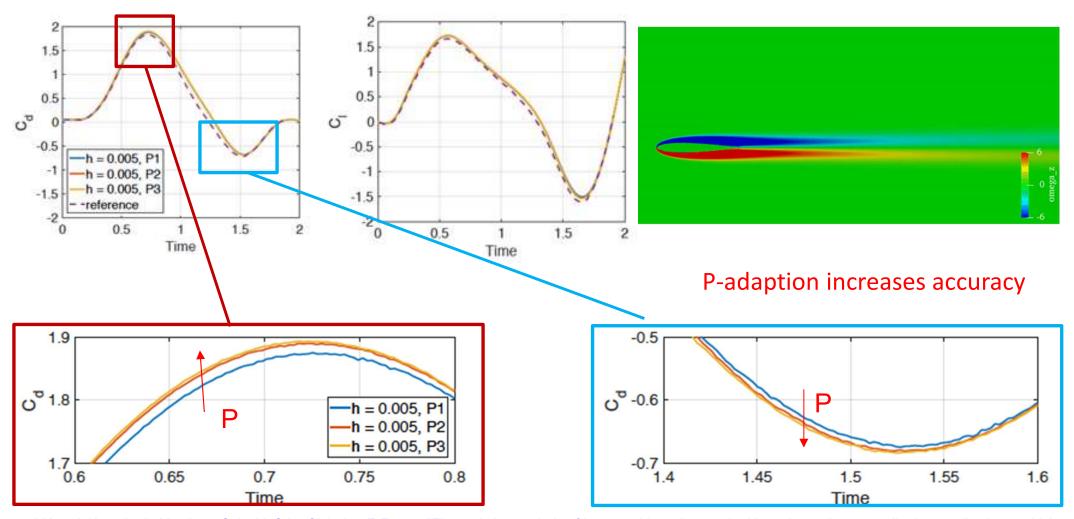




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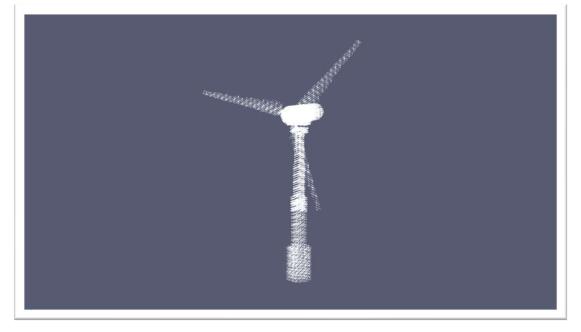
IB for rotating Wind turbine



Only CAD '.stl' file for the wind turbine

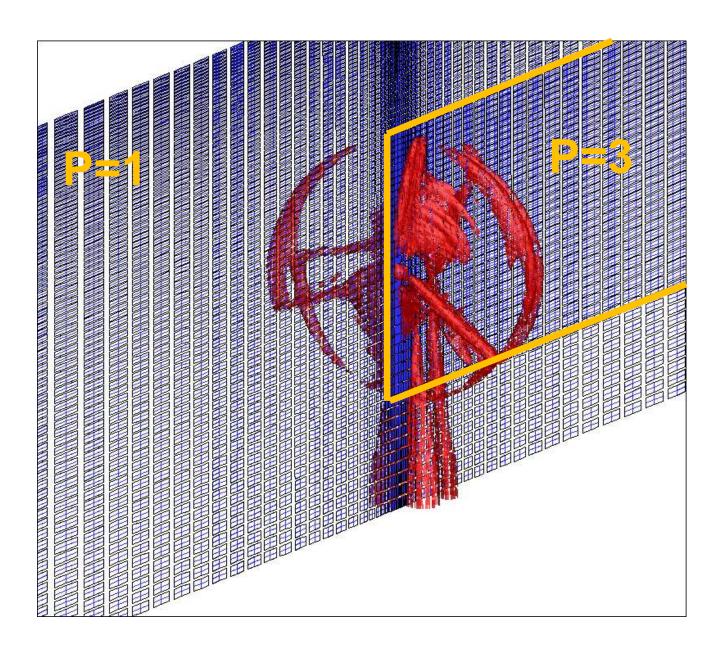
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Simple Cartesian mesh

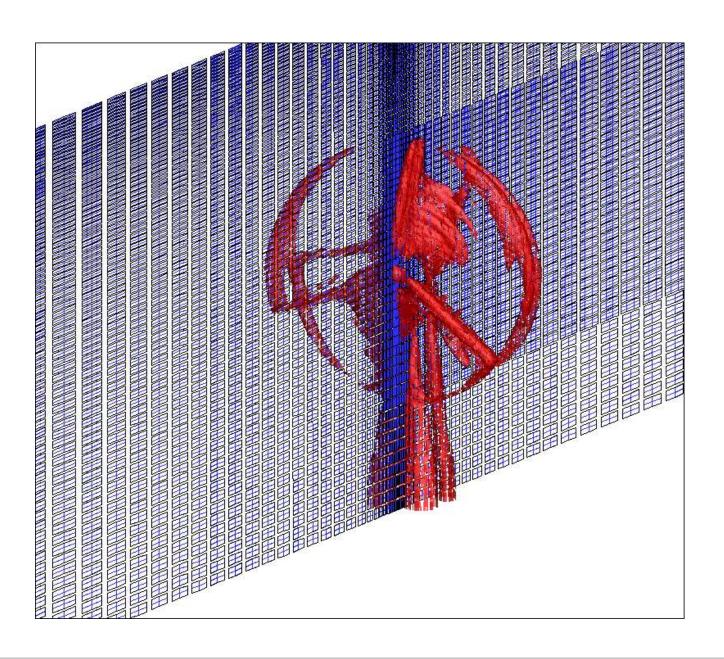


Penalty points for the wind turbine

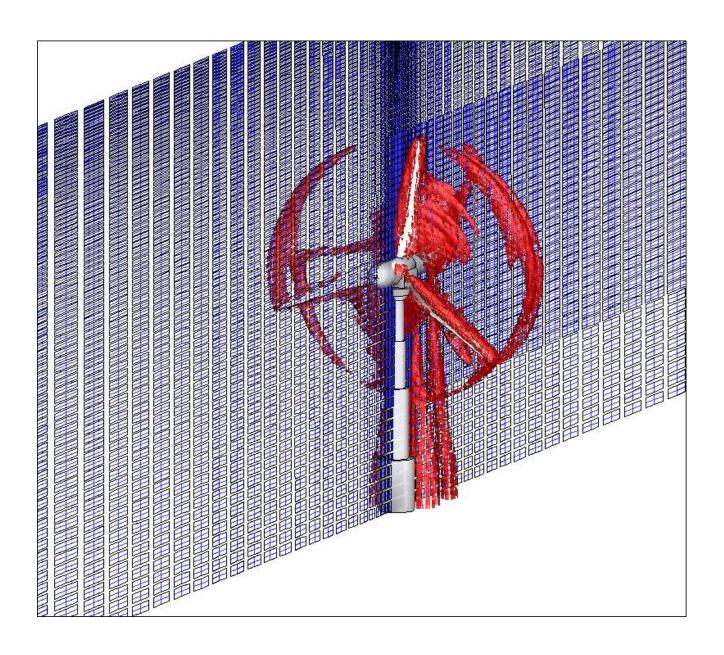


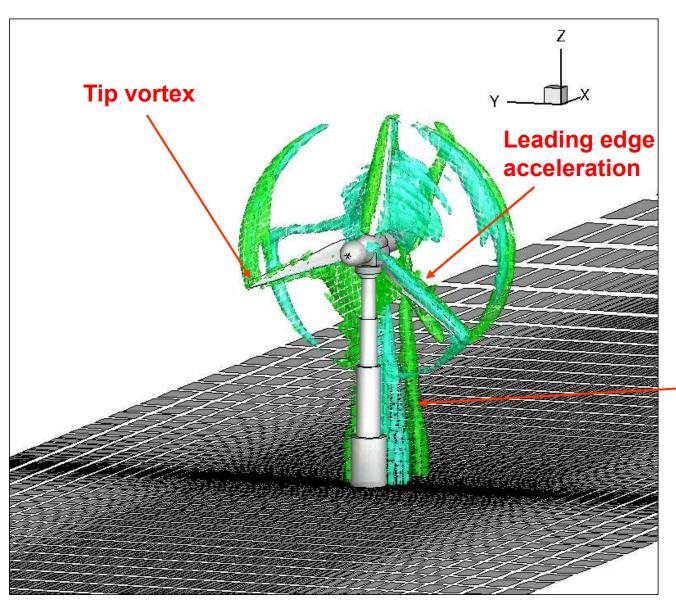






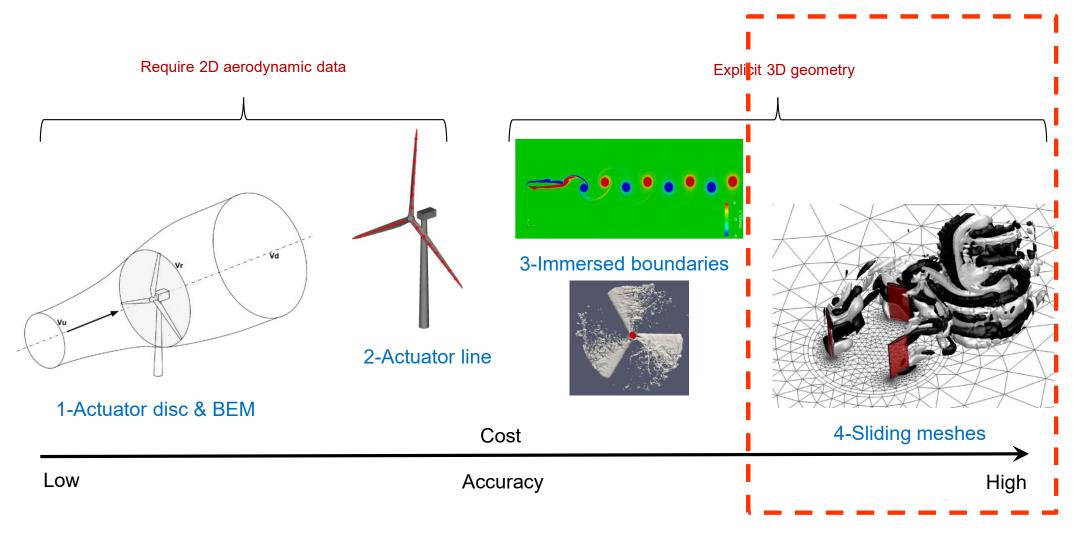






**Tower wake** 

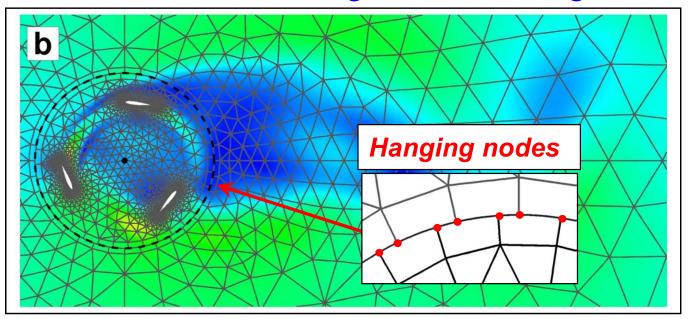
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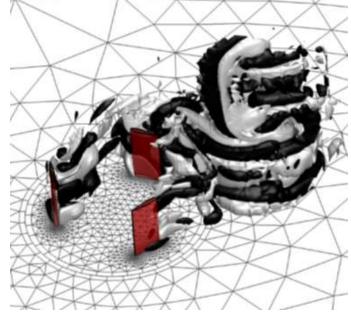


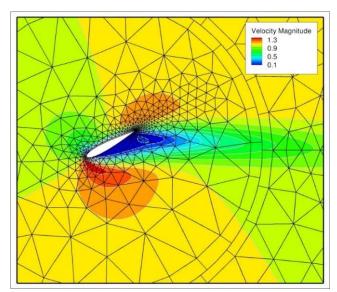
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## High order sliding meshes







DG solution
Rotating NACA0015
Re=100
Rot speed=0.3
polynomial order
k=5

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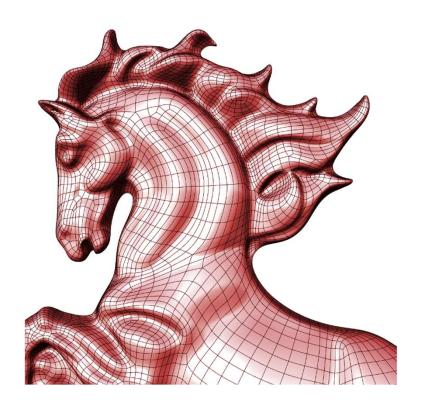
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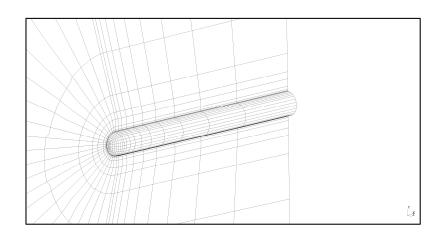
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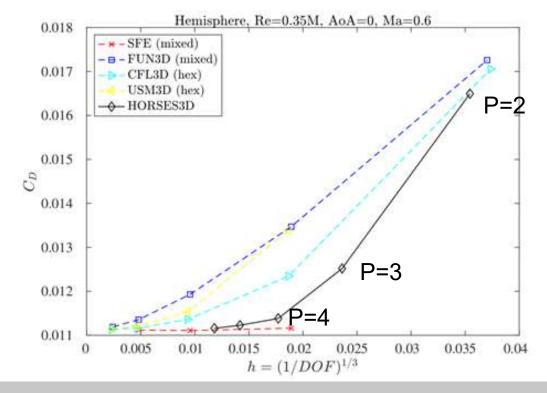


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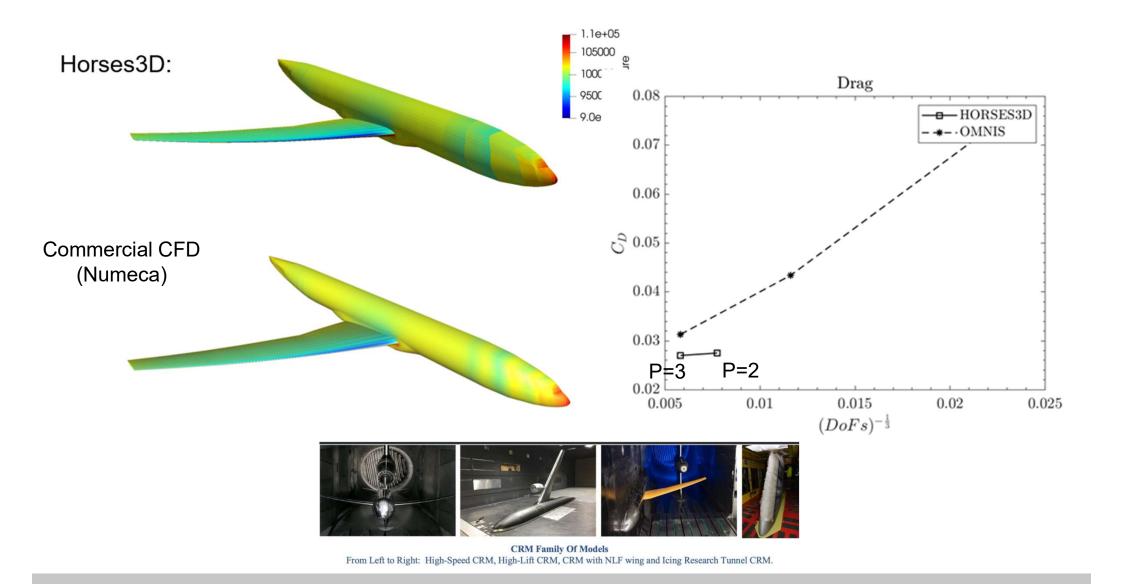


NASA workshop https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov/hc3dnumerics\_val.html





## High order RANS (SAneg)





Re=1.000.000 AoA = 0 deg

Re=1.000.000

Re=1.000.000 AoA = 5 deg

Implicit LES

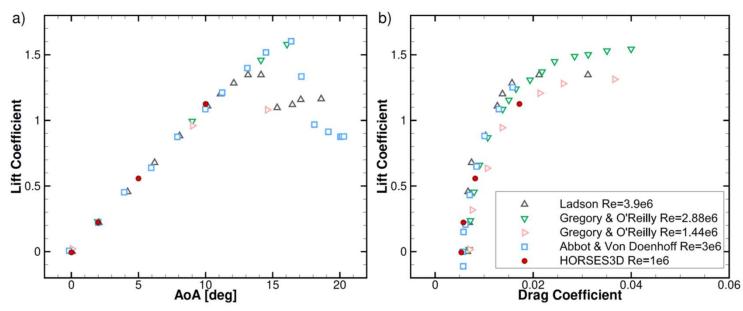




contrours of velocity: [0.85; 1.2]

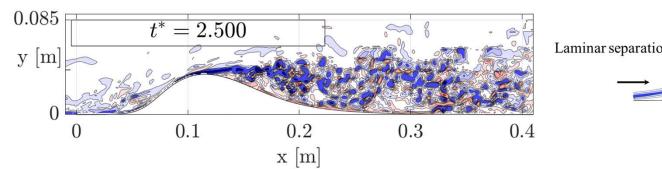
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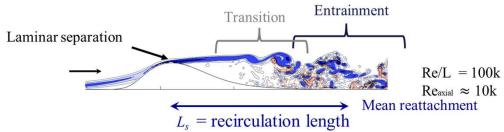




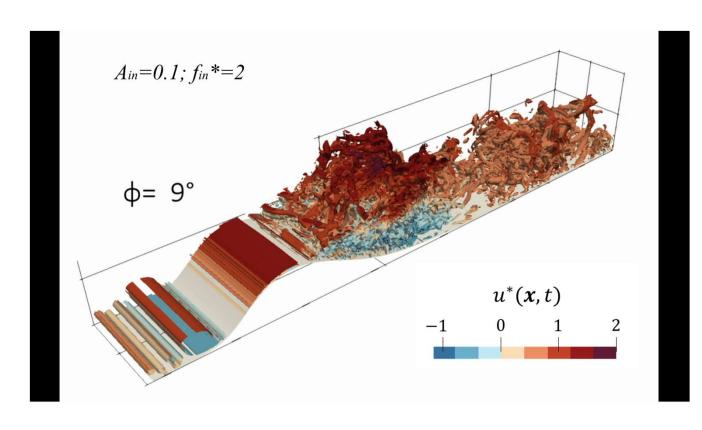
HORSES3D: Compressible DGSEM – energy-stable - SBP-SAT & Roe fluxes & BR1

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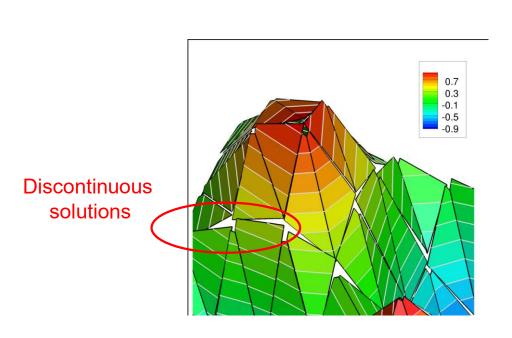


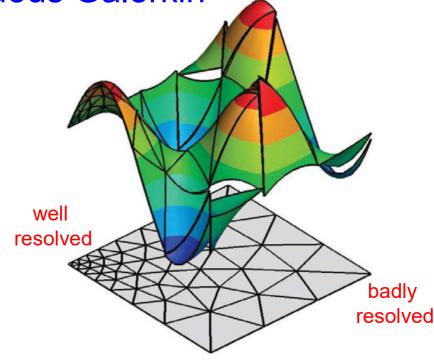
### Implicit LES



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New turbulent models for discontinuous Galerkin





Viscosity proportional to jumps (associated to under-resolution)

Solution:  $\frac{\tau_s}{Re} \int_{\partial \Omega_n} \tilde{\mathbf{q}} \, \tilde{\mathbf{q}} \, \phi_i$ .

Ferrer 2017

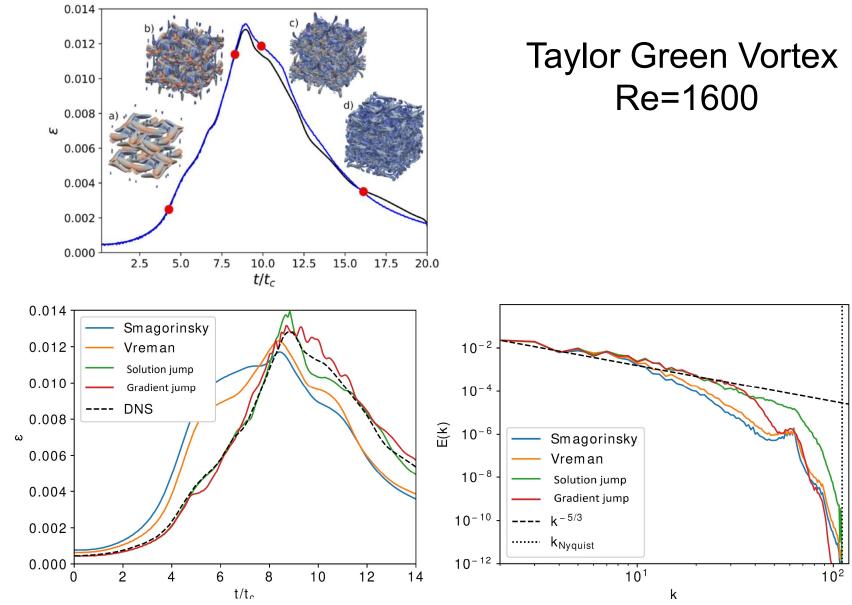
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Burman et al 2010 Moura et al 2022

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#### New turbulent models for discontinuous Galerkin



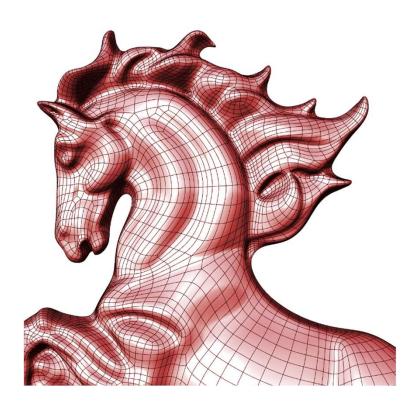
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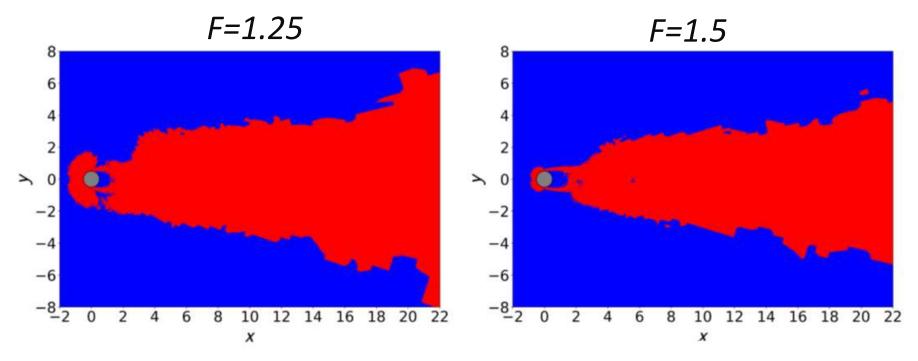
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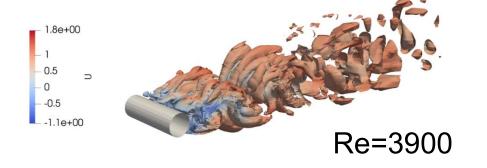




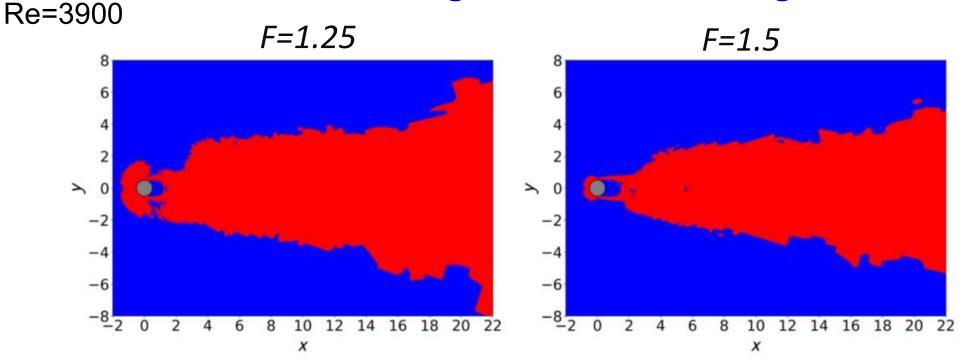


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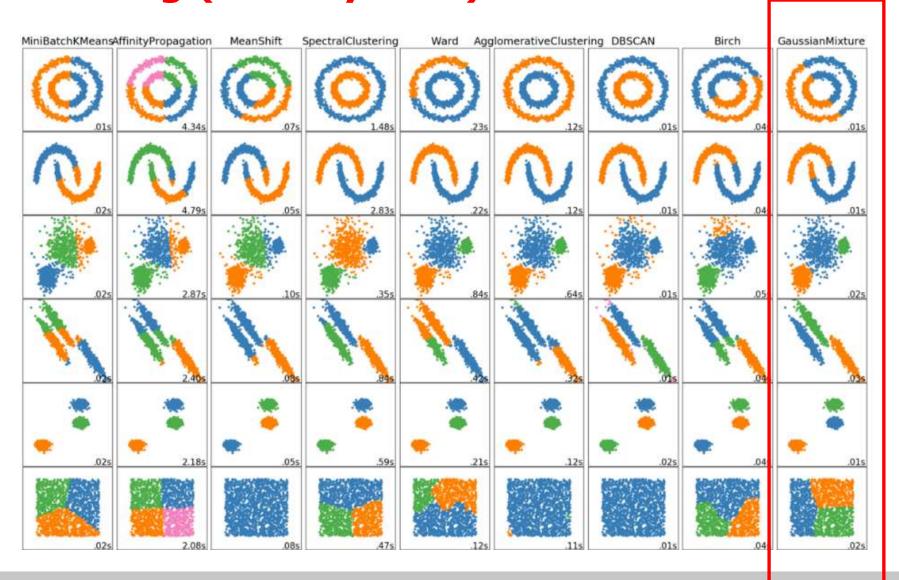
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- Very sensitive to threshold
- Cannot detect mixed regions (e.g. laminar-turbulent)

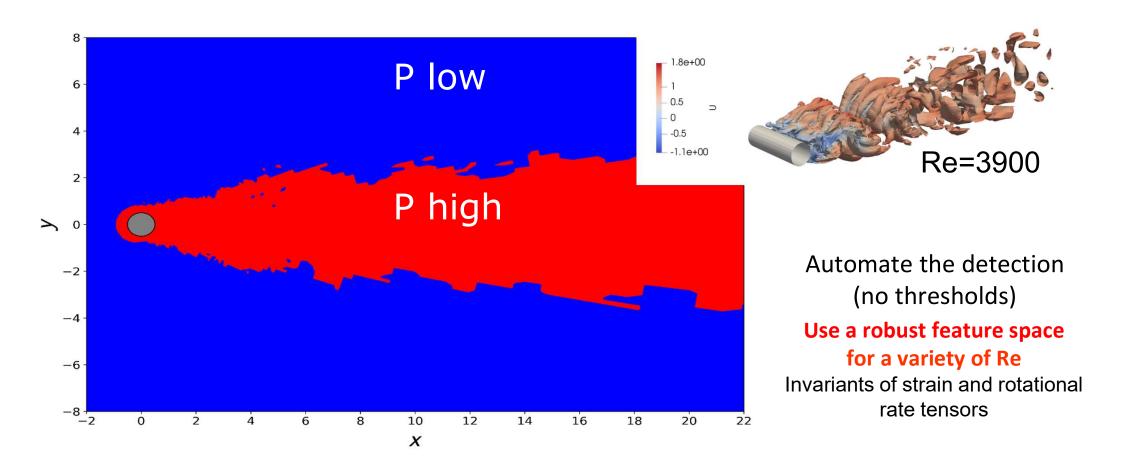
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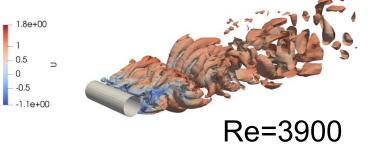
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### Clustering: Gaussian mixture model

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Uniform P3	0.202	0.7844	1.36	$\pi$
Uniform P4	0.203	0.9513	1.64	$\pi$
Cluster-Adapt P4-P2	0.204	0.9506	1.63	$\pi$
Parnadeau et al.[40]	0.208	-	1.56	$\pi$
Snyder and Degrez [45]	0.207	1.09	1.30	$\pi$
Kravchenko and Moin[46]	0.210	1.04	1.35	$\pi$
Breuer [47]	-	1.07	1.20	$\pi$
Franke and Frank [48]	0.209	0.98	1.64	$\pi$
(DNS) Ma et al. [41]	0.219	1.59	-	$\pi$
Ouvrard et al. [49]	0.223	0.94	1.56	$\pi$



	DoFs	reduction of DoFs	reduction of comp. time
Cluster-Adapt P4-P2	1.55M	41%	33%

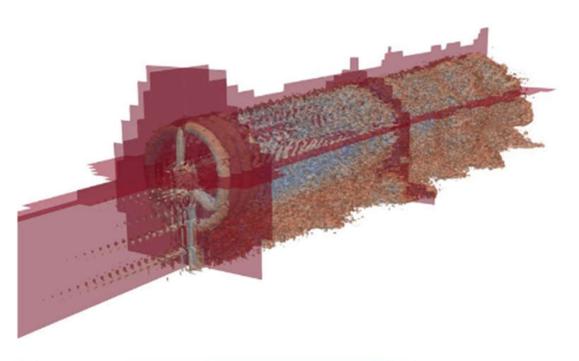
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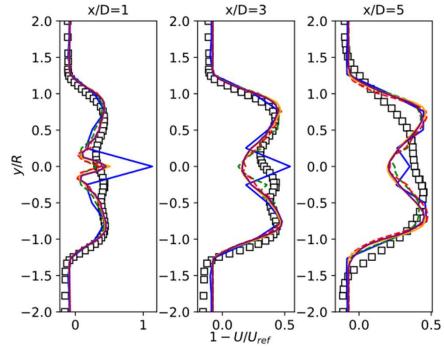
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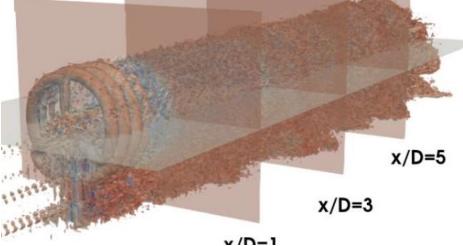








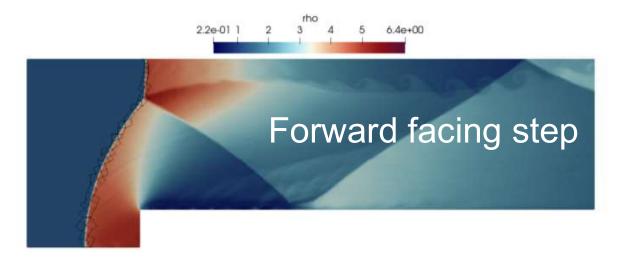


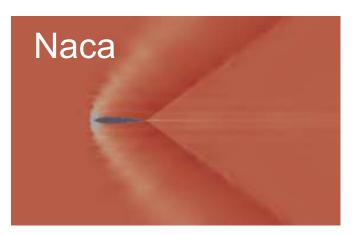


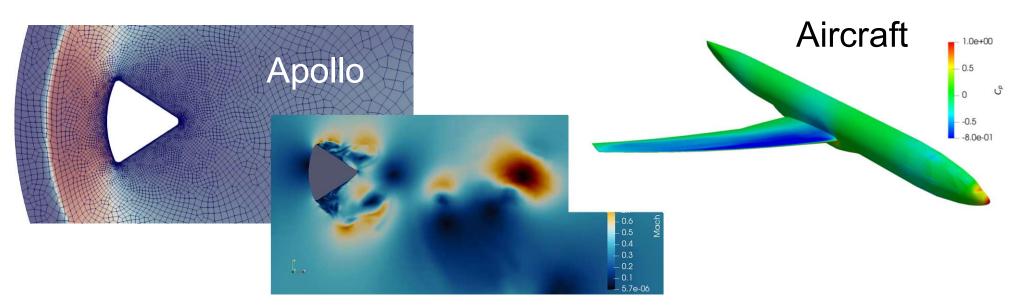
	DoFs	reduction of DoFs	reduction of comp. time
Uniform P1	0.59M	93.6%	92.7%
Uniform P2	1.99M	78.2%	86.5%
Uniform P3	4.72M	48.7%	54.1%
Uniform P4	9.22M	-	_
Cluster-Adapt P4-P1	3.58M	61%	43%



### Supersonic & Shock capturing



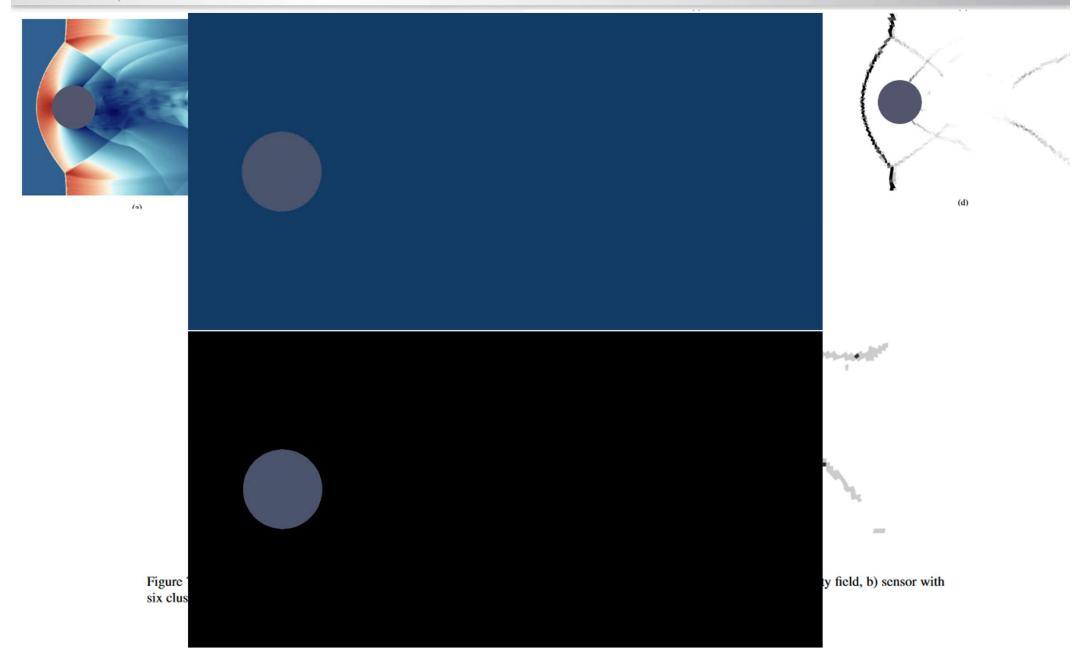




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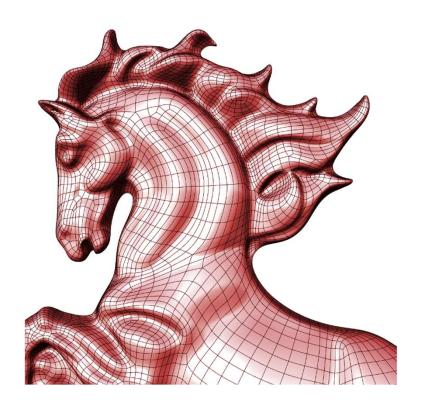
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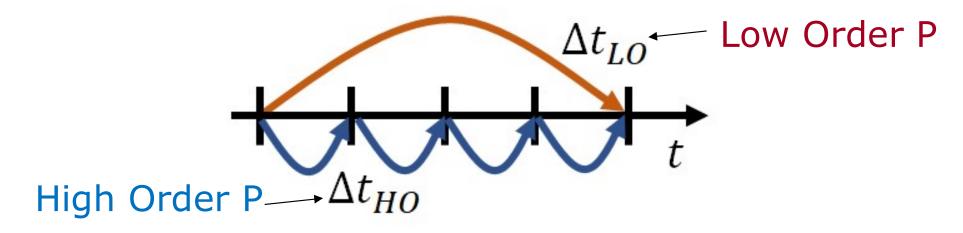
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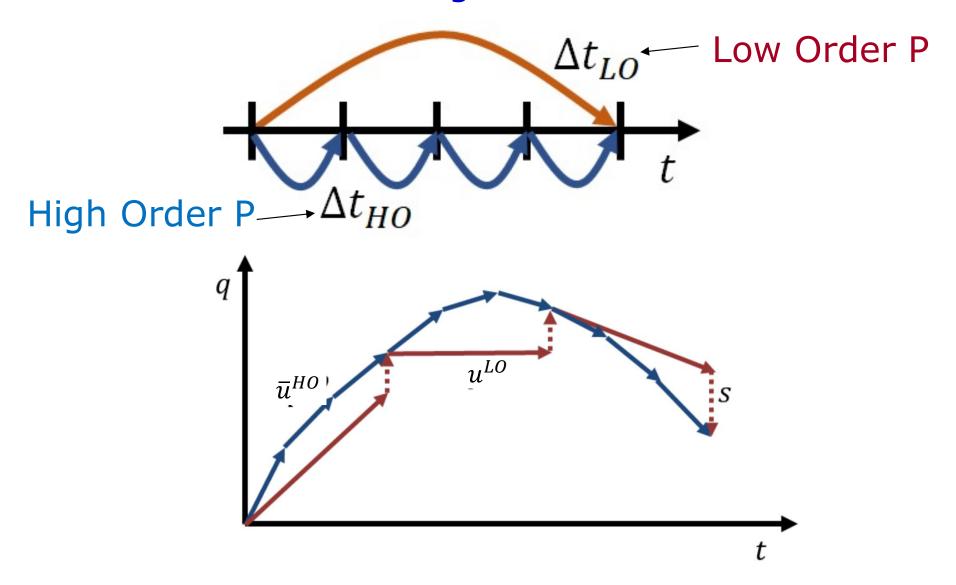
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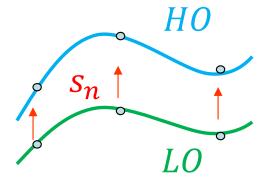
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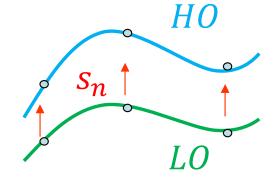


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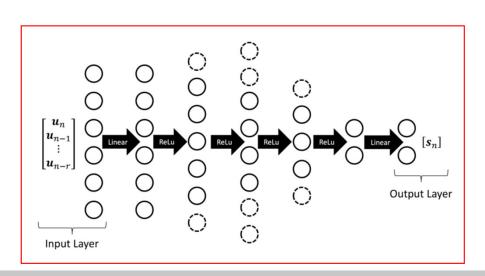


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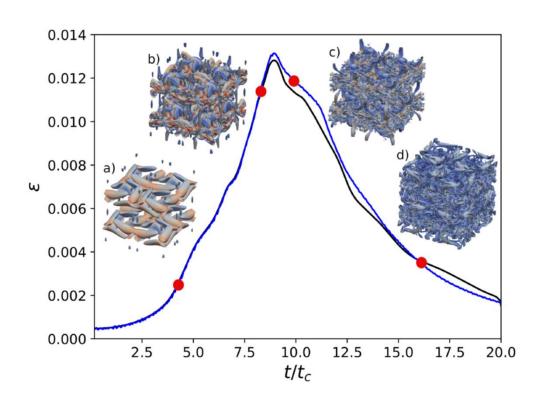
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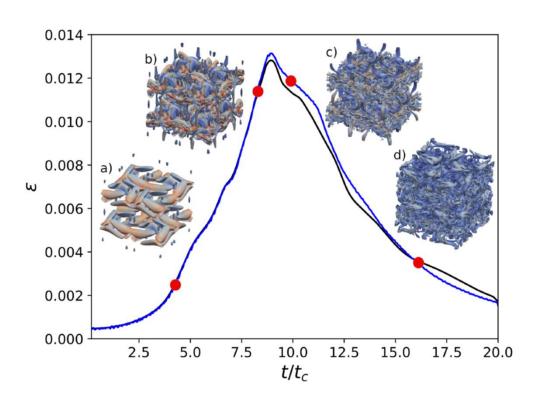
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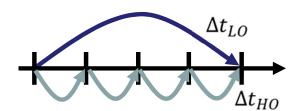


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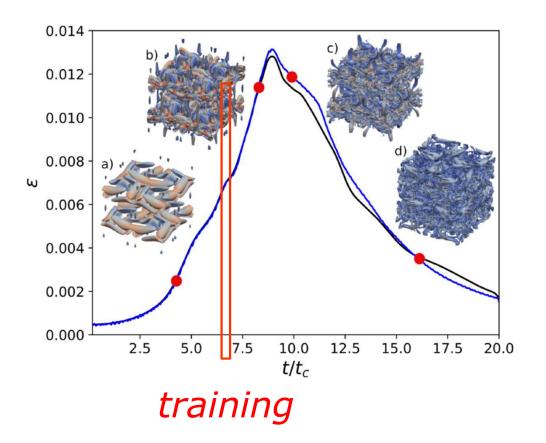


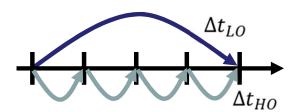
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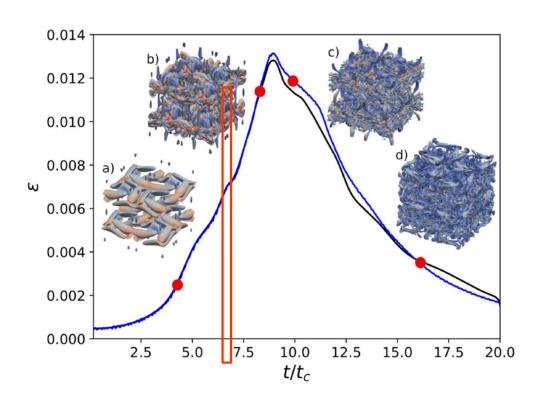


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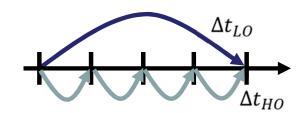
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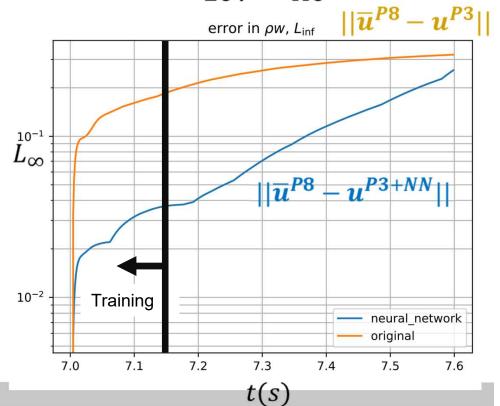


12 times faster



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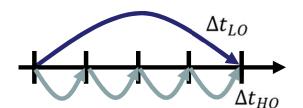
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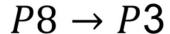
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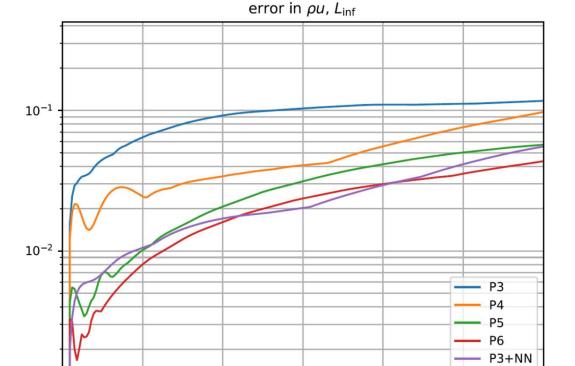
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7.15

7.20

What is the real accuracy?

**Probably P=6** 

P3+NN is 4-5 times faster (compared to P6)

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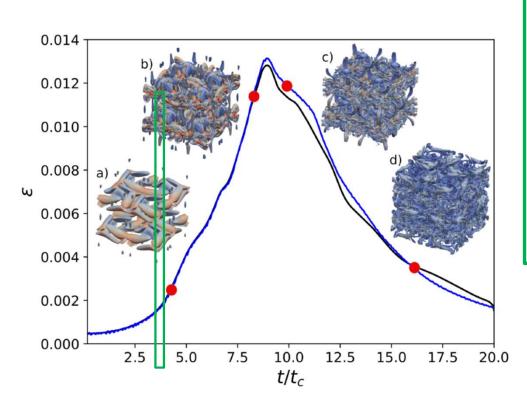
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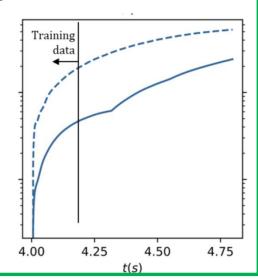
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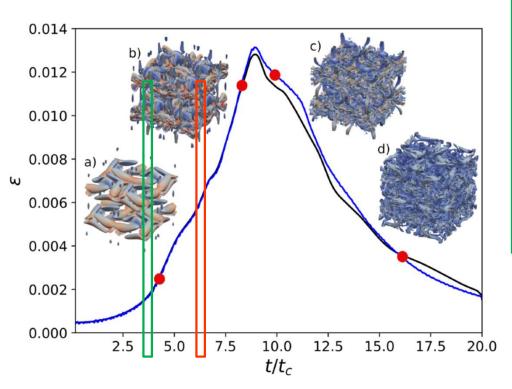


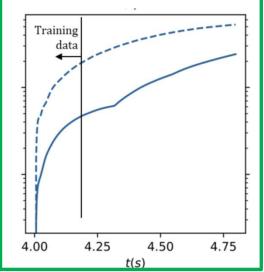
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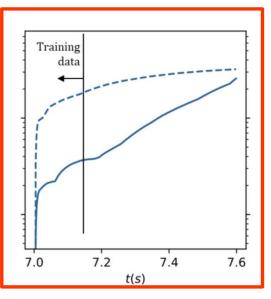


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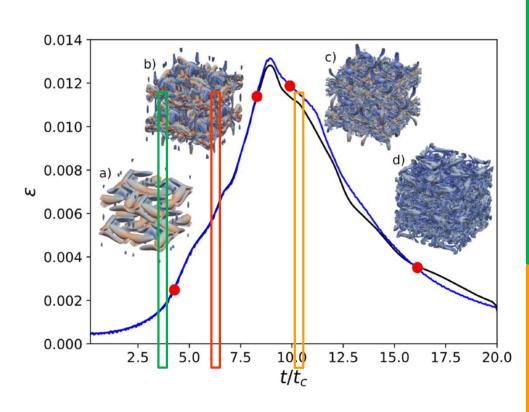




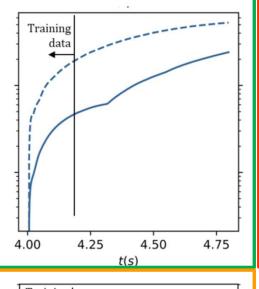
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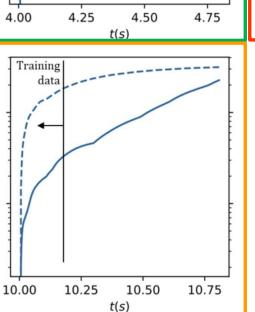
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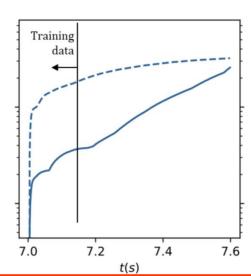
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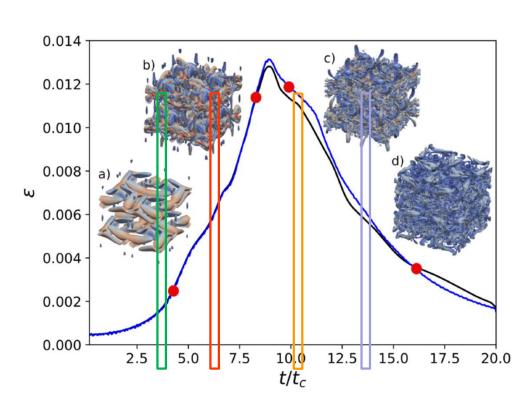
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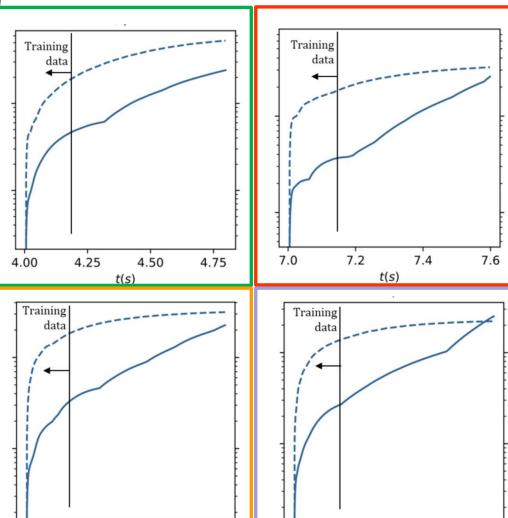
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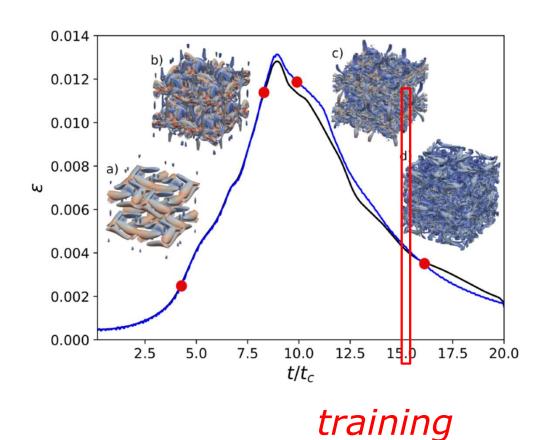
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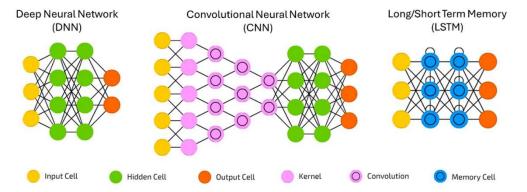


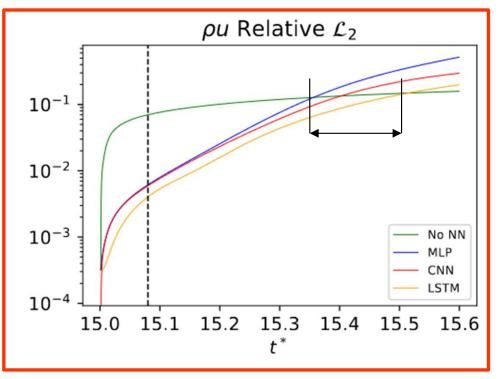
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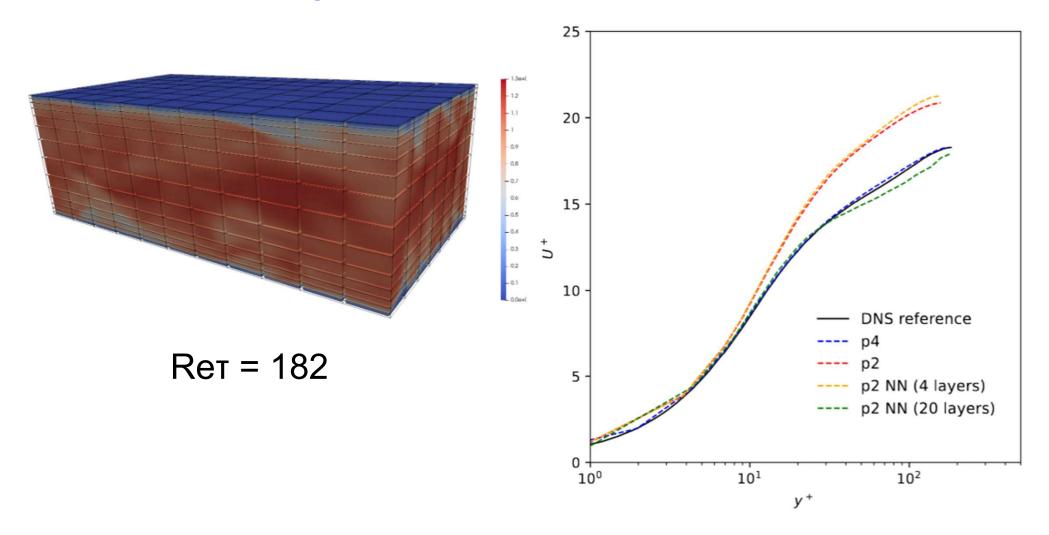






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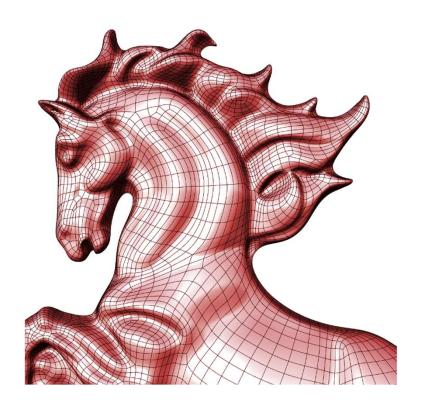


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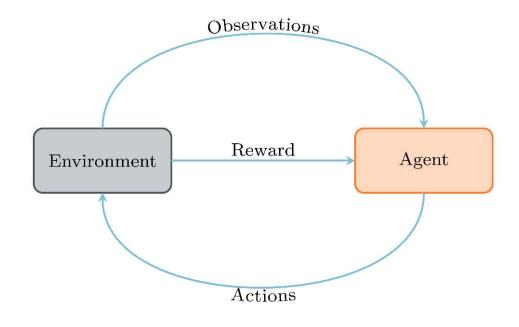
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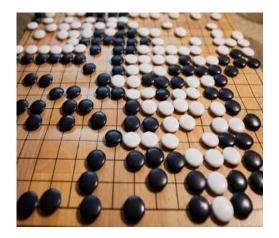


### Machine Learning and Reinforcement Learning



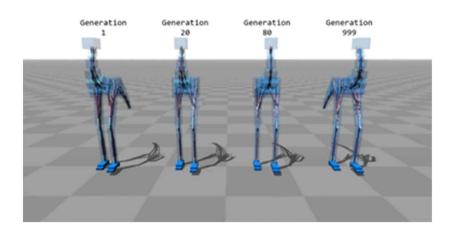


Go game



Chess game

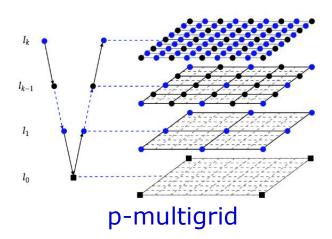








### Reinforcement learning for p-multigrid



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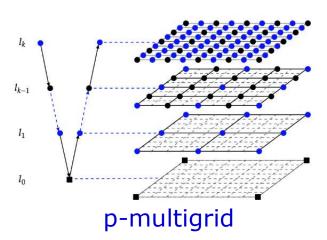
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- Sweeps
- Relaxation between levels





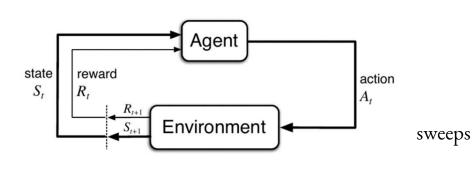
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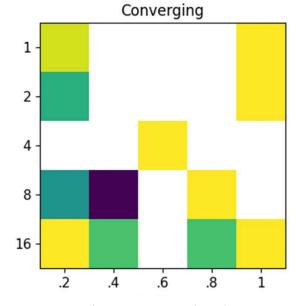


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#### Reward: f(Relative drop in residual, time taken)



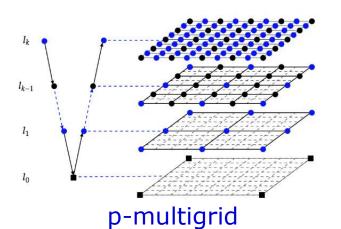


Relax. between levels

Yellow → action taken
Blue do not take it



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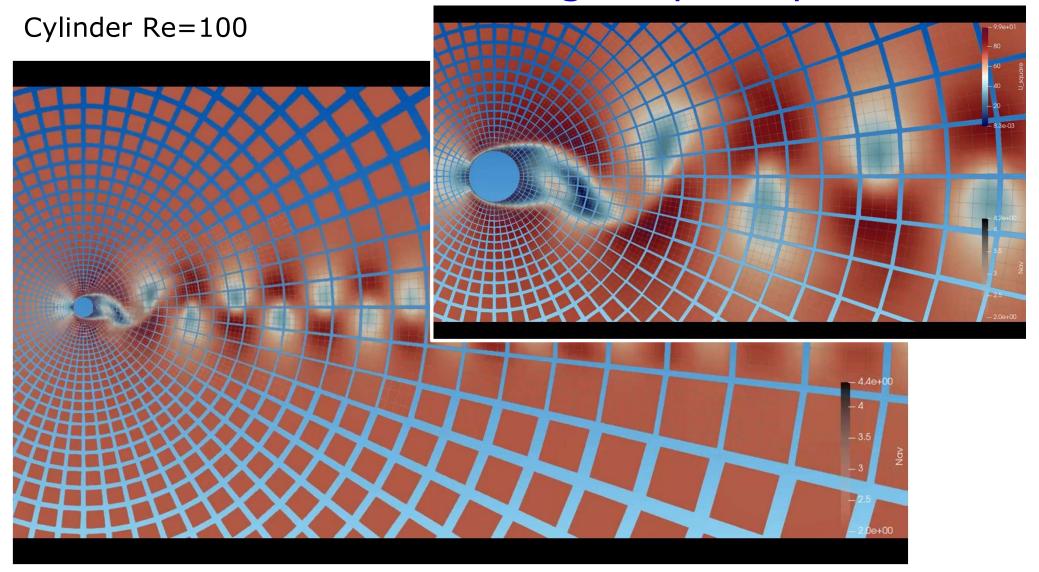
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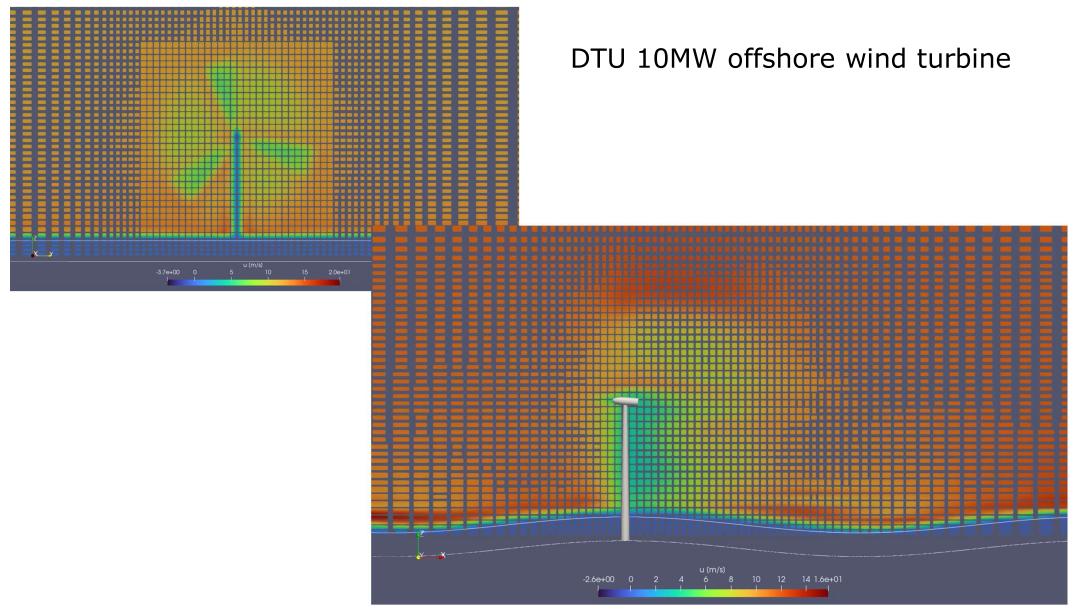
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_ ;	80.01094651	207	51.54315066	207	31.81400	156	651	8.33E-09
				a = 0.5., v = 0	.5			
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				a = 0.4, v = 0.	6			
(	634.2691302	3166	582.4802358	3166	31.523609	582	654	9.29E-09
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### Reinforcement learning for p-adaptation

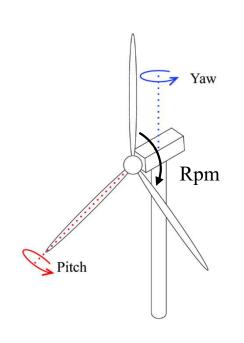




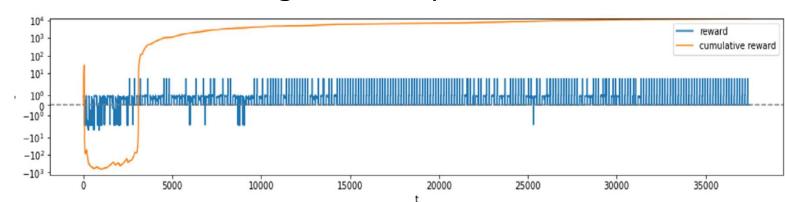
## Reinforcement learning for p-adaptation



### Reinforcement learning for wind turbine control



#### Training with simple winds

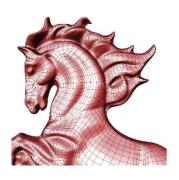


#### Validation with turbulent real winds

Metric	DDQN1	PID	Uncontrolled
Control Capacity Factor (%)	91.31	57.60	12.77
Capacity Factor (%)	20.95	12.49	1.59
Yearly Production (MWh)	4162.95	2481.97	316.12

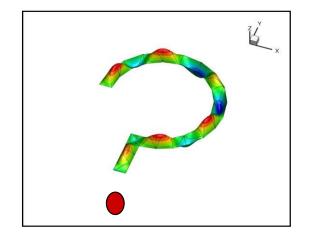
### **Conclusions**

- High order DG methods fairly well developed
  - Incompressible flows & Compressible flows
- Multiphysics:
  - Wind turbines with various methods
  - Turbulence (iLES & explicit LES)
  - Aero-acoustics
  - Supersonic & Shocks
- Al-based Solver



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