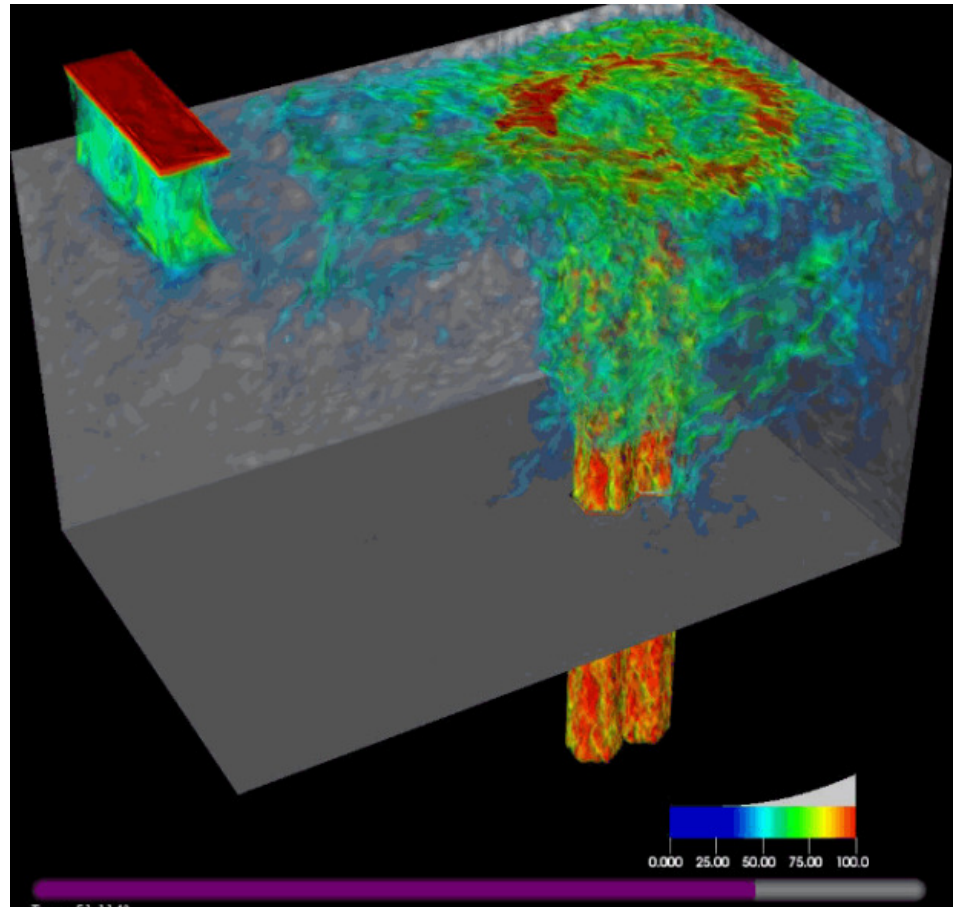


# *Nek5000 Tutorial*

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*Velocity prediction, ANL MAX experiment.*



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# Presenters

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## ■ ***Paul Fischer***

- spectral element overview
- Nek5000
- Prenek

## ■ ***Aleks Obabko*** ( & ***Hank Childs, LBL***)

- VisIt overview

## ■ Additional help

- ***Shashi Aithal*** – Nek5000 on fusion, RANS development
- ***Yulia Peet*** – multidomain coupling
- ***Katie Heisey*** – automated build/test suite, example suite, mesh partitioner
- ***Stefan Kerkemeier*** – principal software engineer

# Objectives

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- *Course Objectives:*

- *Provide an overview of Nek5000 capabilities*
- *Introduce users to Nek5000 and VisIt usage*

- *By the end of the day, you should be able to run some basic flow simulations*

# Outline

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- *Nek5000 capabilities*
- *Equations, timestepping, and SEM basics*
- *Workflow example*
  - *Setting initial and boundary conditions*
  - *Basic runtime analysis*
  - *Parallel / serial issues that you should understand*
- *Using VisIt to analyze results*
- *Mesh generation options*
  - *Building meshes with genbox, prenek, and morphing*
- *Walking through examples; hands on simulations*

## *Some Resources*

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- Nek5000 wiki page (google nek5000)
- [www.mcs.anl.gov/~fischer/Nek5000](http://www.mcs.anl.gov/~fischer/Nek5000)

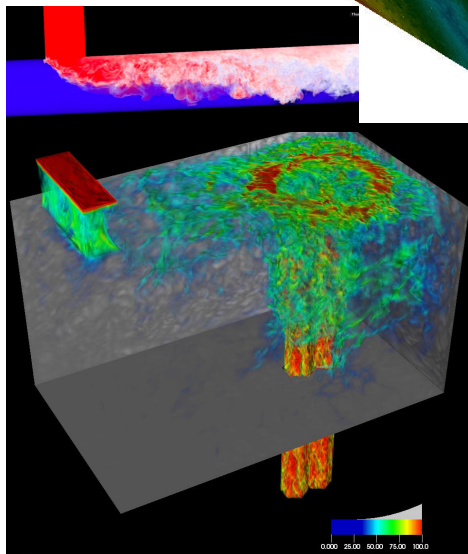
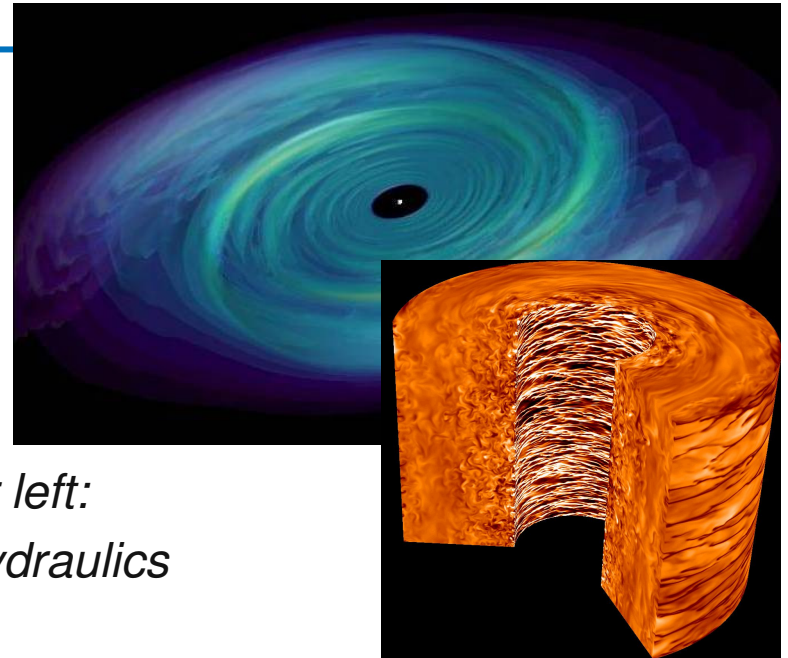
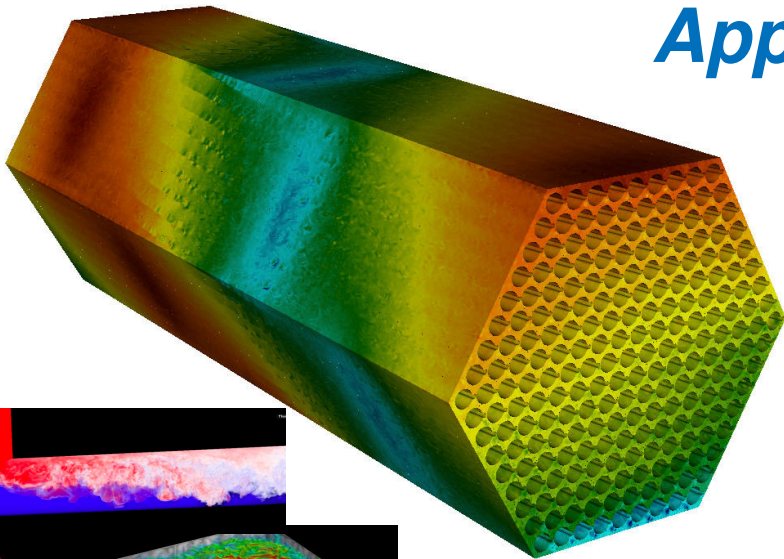
# Part I

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## ■ *Nek5000 capabilities*

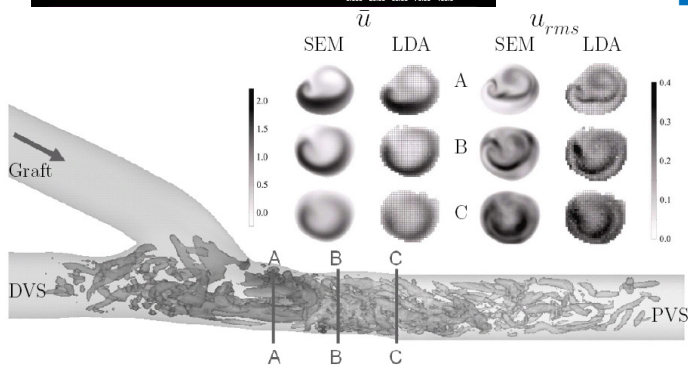
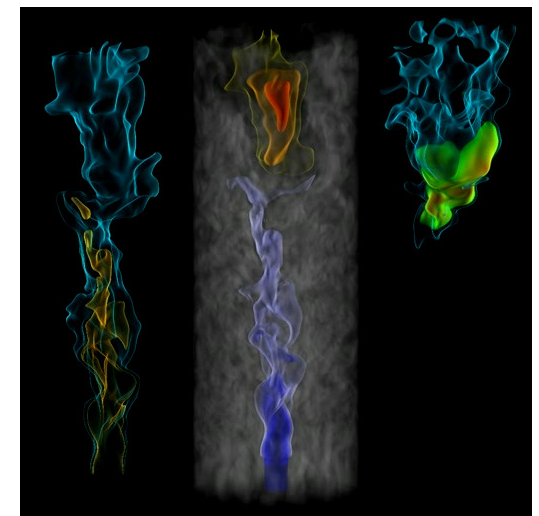
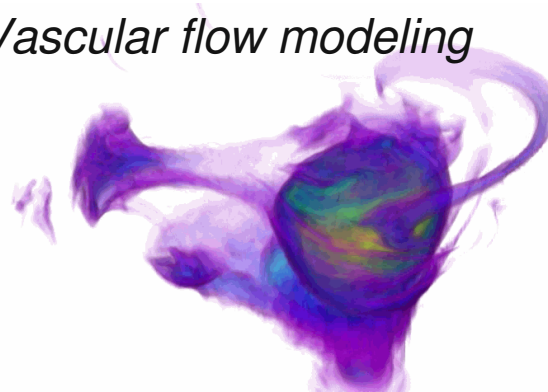
- *Gallery*
- *Brief history*
- *Equations solved*
- *Features overview:*
  - Spectral element discretization
  - Convergence properties (*nek5\_svn/examples*)
  - Scalability

# Applications



Clockwise from upper left:

- *Reactor thermal-hydraulics*
- *Astrophysics*
- *Combustion*
- *Oceanography*
- *Vascular flow modeling*



# Coarse DNS: Channel Flow at $Re_b=13,000$

Simulations by J. Ohlsson, KTH, Stockholm

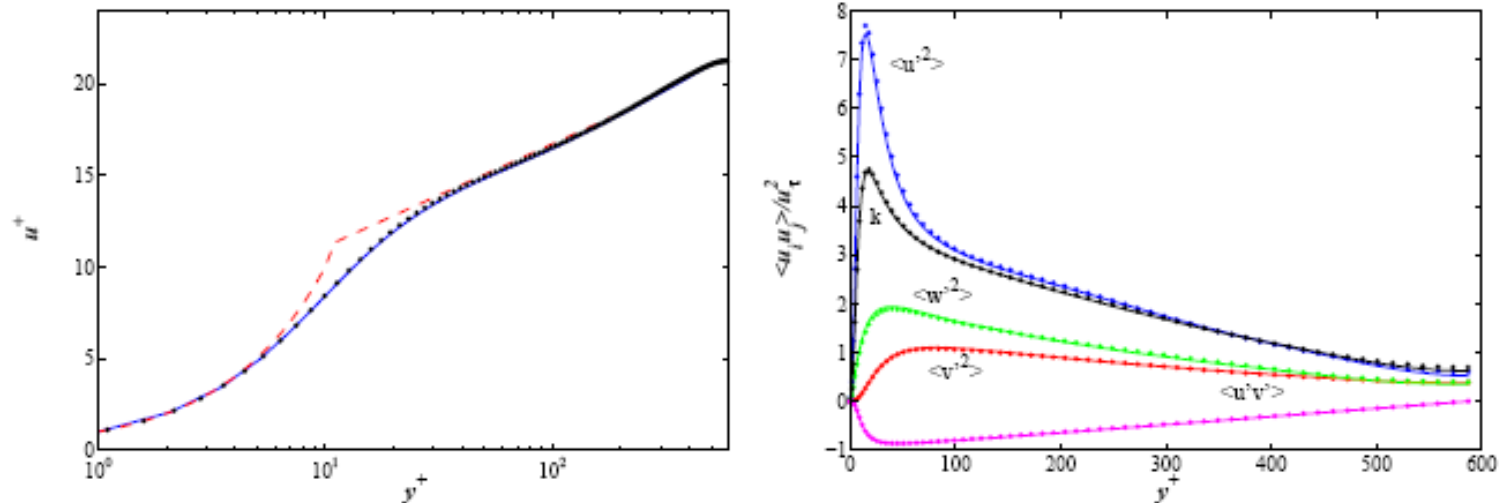


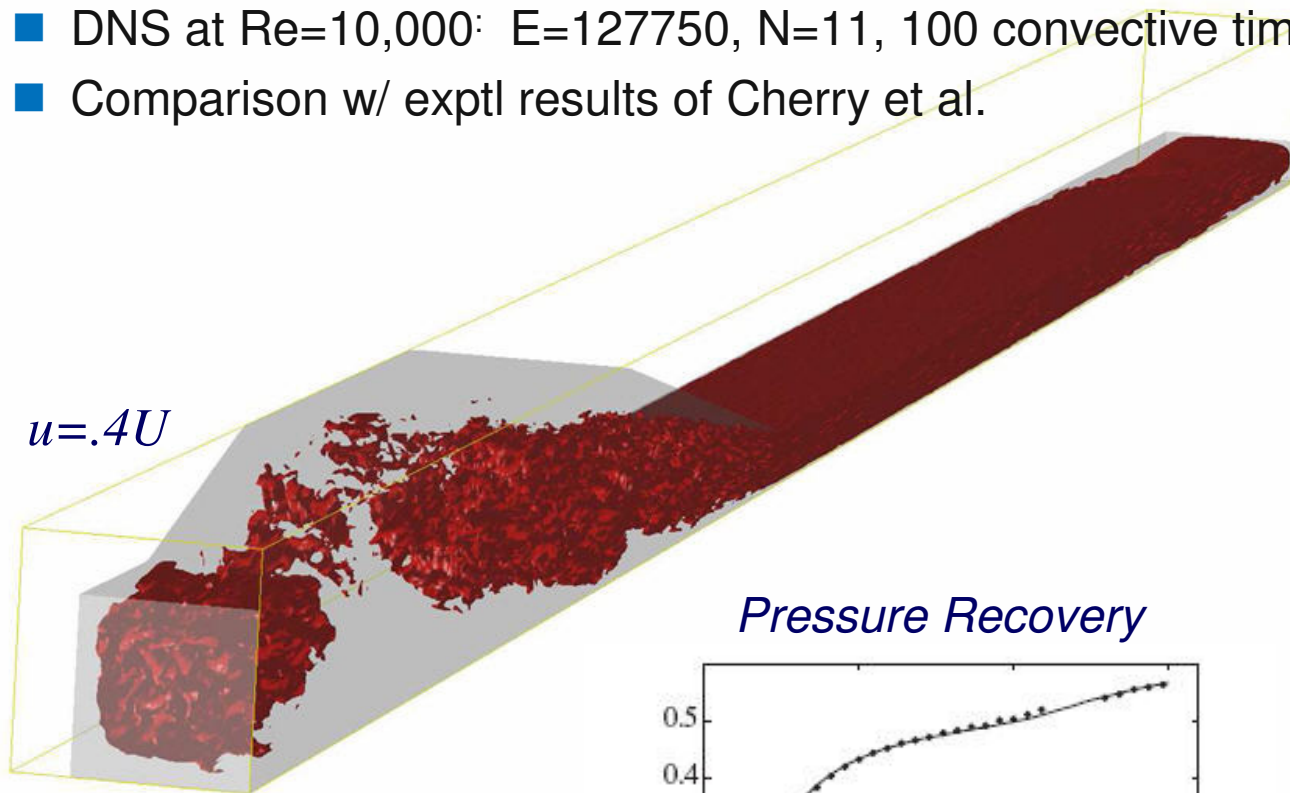
Figure 15: Turbulent channel flow simulations at  $Re_\tau = 590$  with polynomial order 15 (a resolution of 288 in the homogenous directions and 192 in the wall-normal direction) showing a) mean velocity profile and b) Reynolds stresses together with the turbulent kinetic energy as defined above. In this case only overintegration was used [Case iii)]. Same time step as for the filtered case. Comparison to DNS results (a resolution of 384 in the homogenous directions and 257 in the wall-normal direction) from Moser et al. [19]. ..... DNS data, ----Log Law, ——Nek5000.



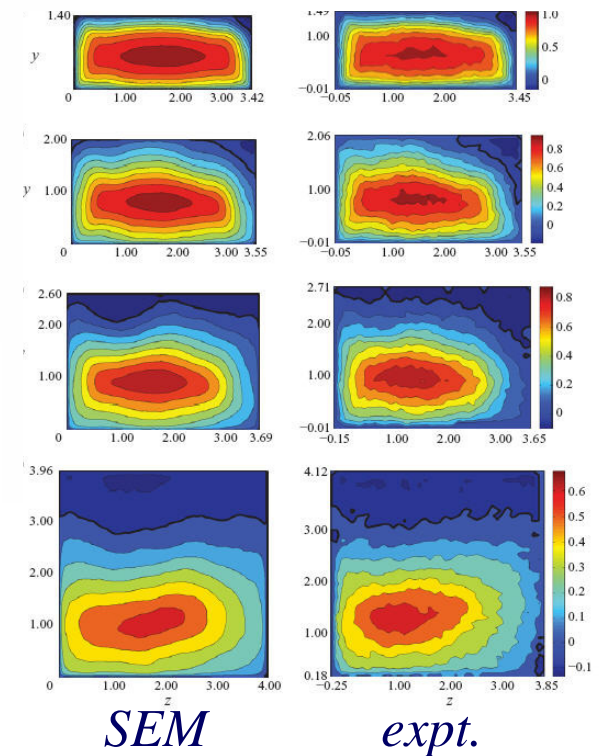
# Separation in an Asymmetric Diffuser

Ohlsson, Schlatter, F., and Henningson,, *JFM* (2010)

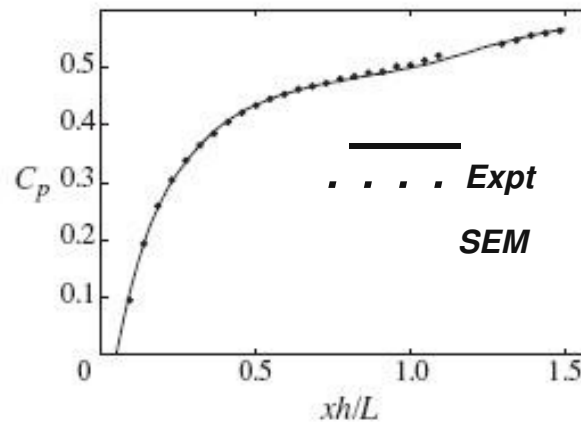
- Flow separation and recovery
- DNS at  $Re=10,000$ :  $E=127750$ ,  $N=11$ , 100 convective time units
- Comparison w/ exptl results of Cherry et al.



*Axial Velocity*

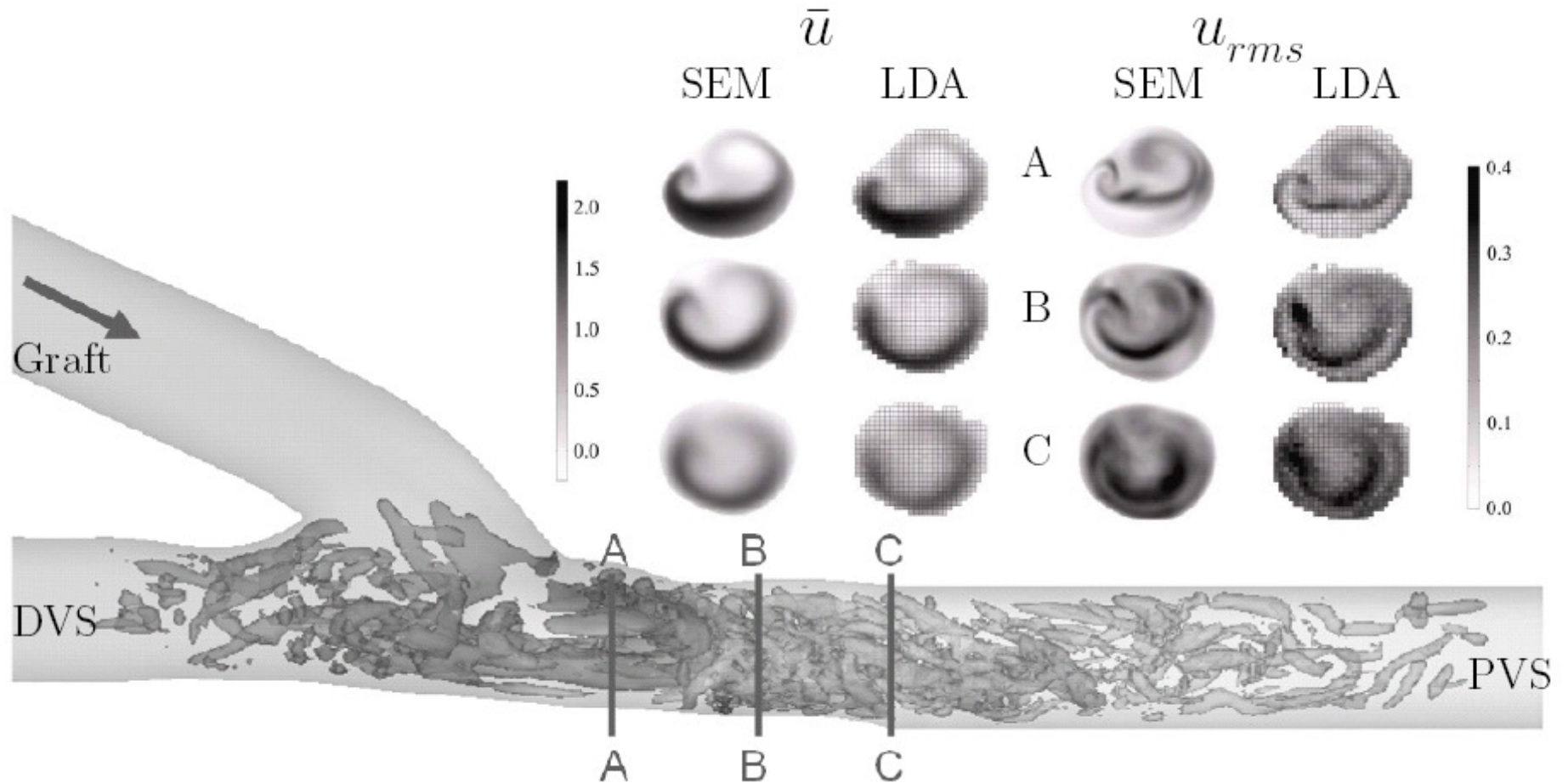


*Pressure Recovery*



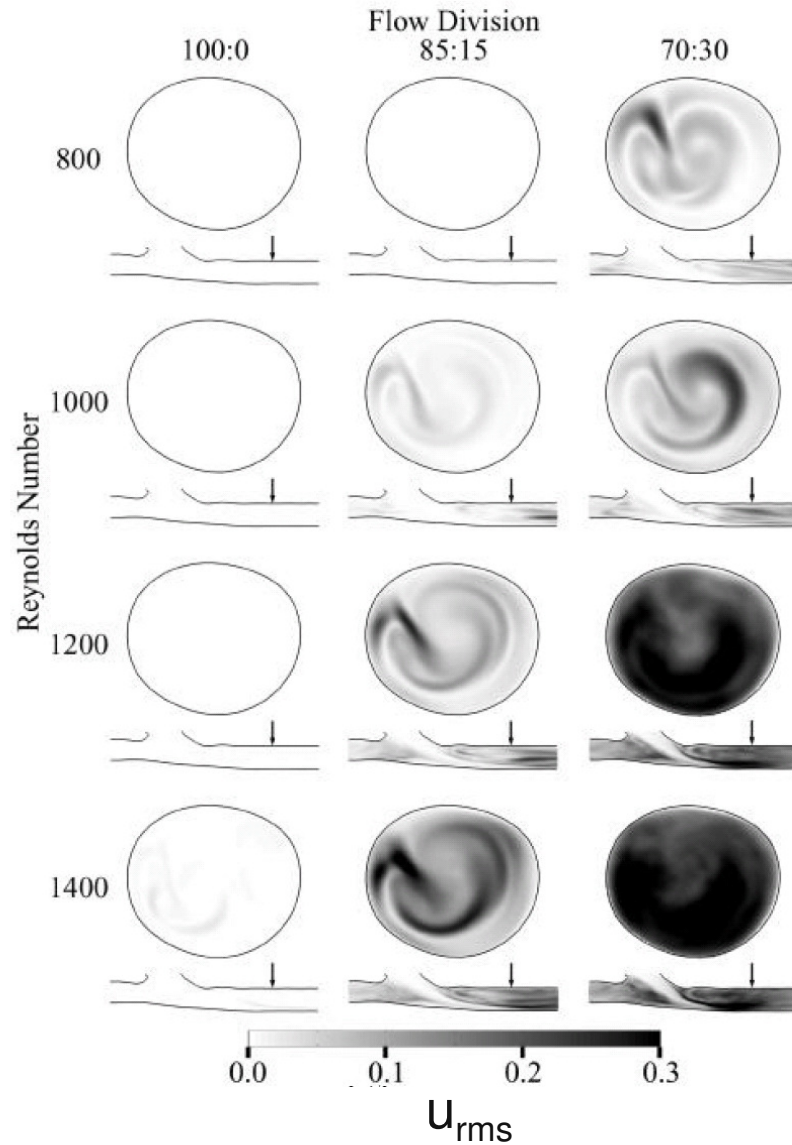
# Low Re Turbulence in Complex Domains

Arteriovenous graft flow @ Re=1200



Loth, F., Bassiouny, *Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech.* (2008)

# Influence of Reynolds Number and Flow Division on $u_{rms}$



Validated simulations allow prediction of the relative influences of flow division and Reynolds number on transition to turbulence in arteriovenous grafts.

# Nek5000 LES Validation: T-Junction Studies

E. Merzari ANL

Square T-junction simulation and comparison with experimental data

- 20 M points, first point at  $y^+ < 1$ ,  $Re_{out} = 7000$

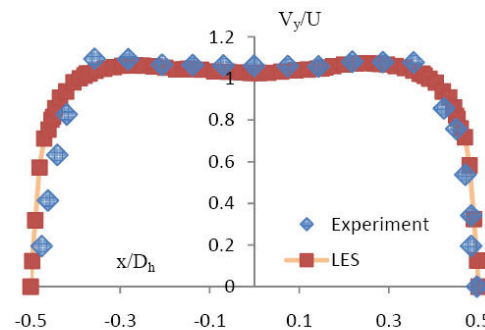
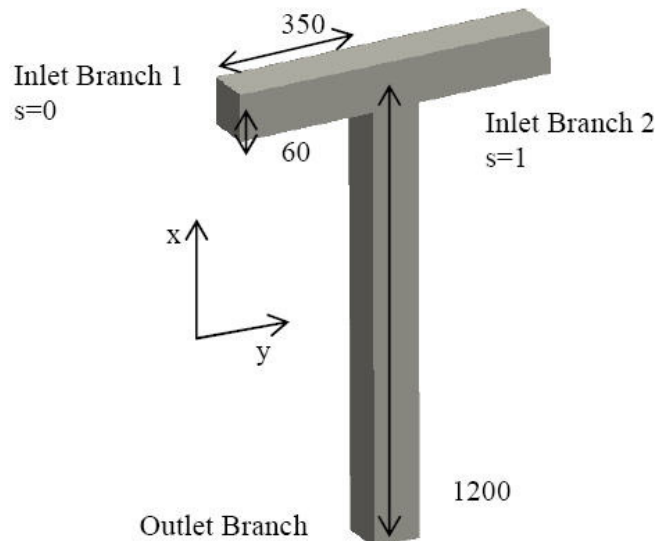


Fig. 6 Reynolds Averaged y-velocity at  $z=0, y=-30$ , values normalized by the Mixing Bulk Velocity

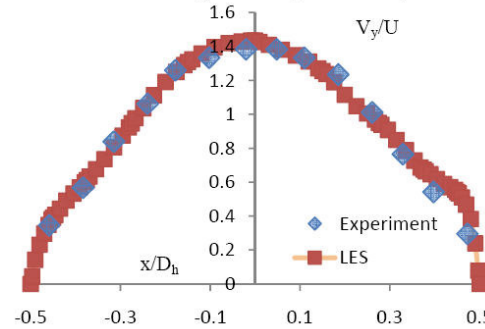


Fig. 7 Reynolds Averaged y-velocity at  $z=0, y=-90$ , values normalized by the Mixing Bulk Velocity

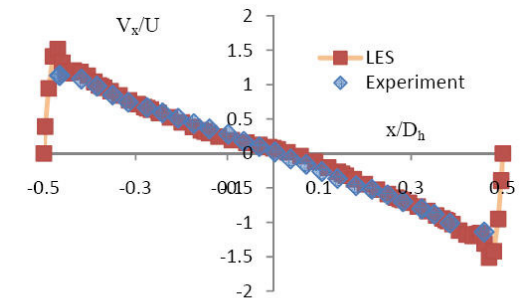


Fig. 8 Reynolds Averaged x-velocity at  $z=0, y=-30$ , values normalized by the Mixing Bulk Velocity

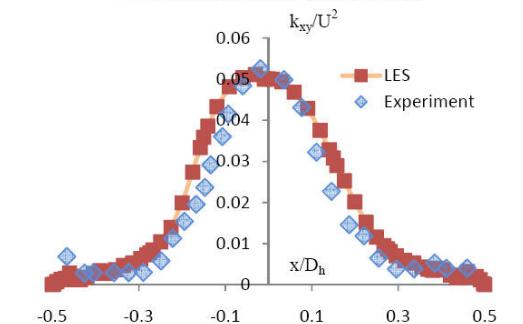


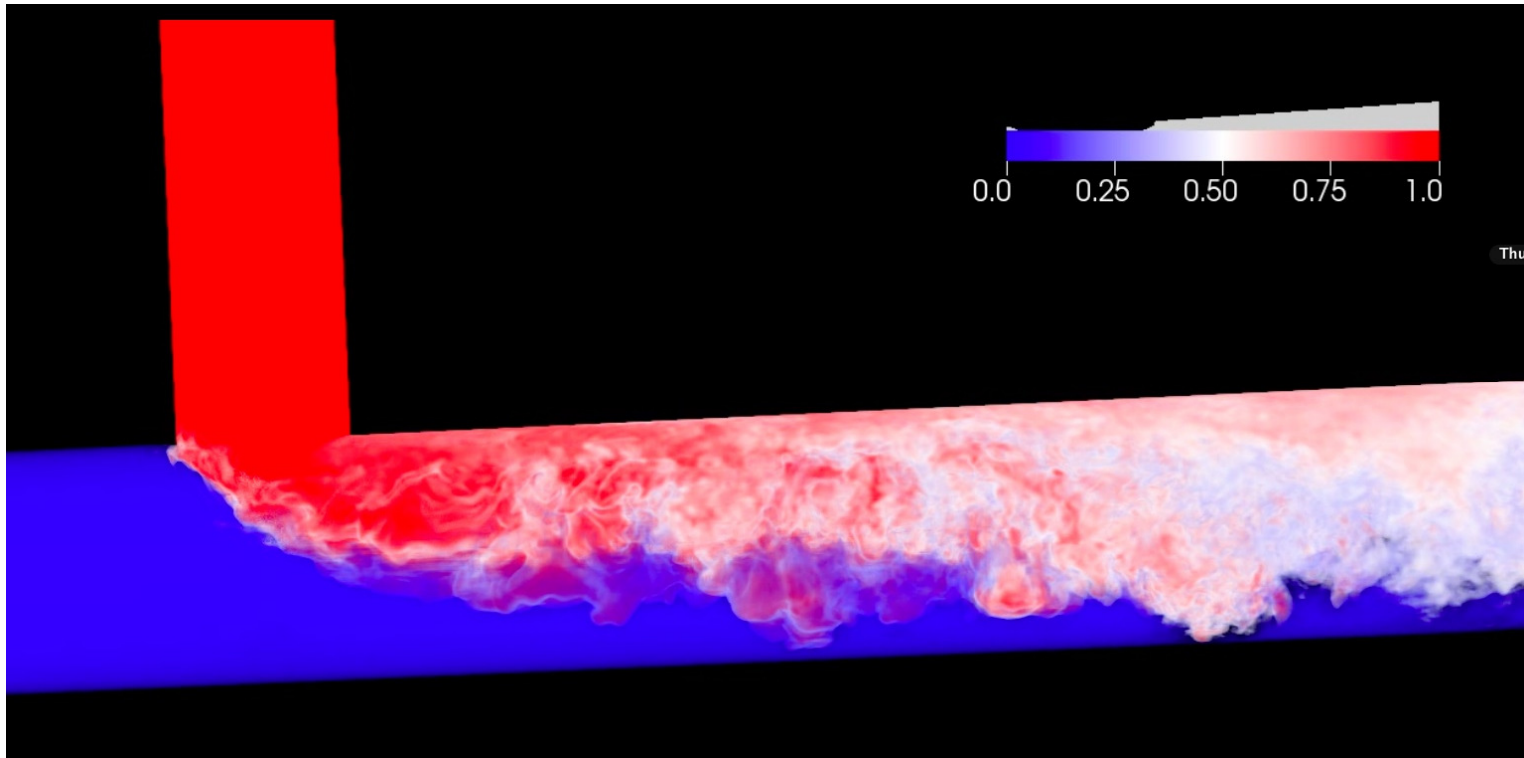
Fig. 11 Reynolds Averaged Turbulent kinetic energy at  $z=0, y=-90$ , values normalized by the square of the Mixing Bulk Velocity

<sup>1</sup> Merzari et al., Proper Orthogonal Decomposition of the flow in a T-junction, Proc. ICAPP (2010)

<sup>2</sup> Hirota et al., Exptl Study on Turbulent Flow and Mixing in Counter-Type T-junction, J. Therm. Sci. & Tech. 3, 157 – 58 (2008)

# *NEA/OECD Blind T-Junction Benchmark*

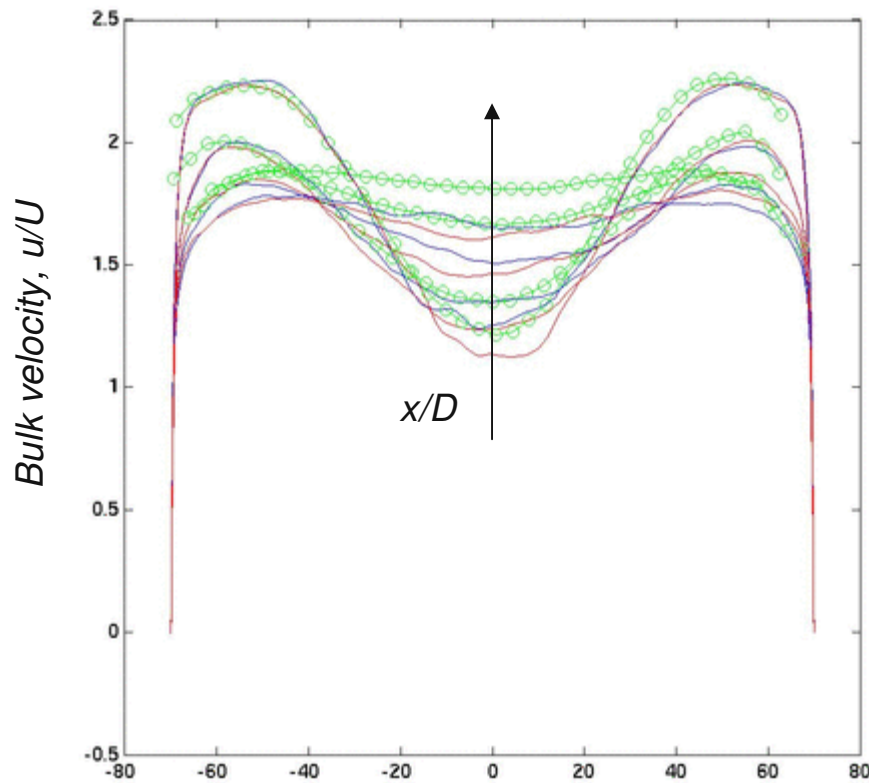
- Thermal striping experiment with hot/cold inlets at  $Re \sim 10^5$
- Inlet velocity and temperature data provided by Vattenfall.
- Of 29 entries, Nek5000 submission ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in temperature and velocity prediction (CFD4NRS 2010)



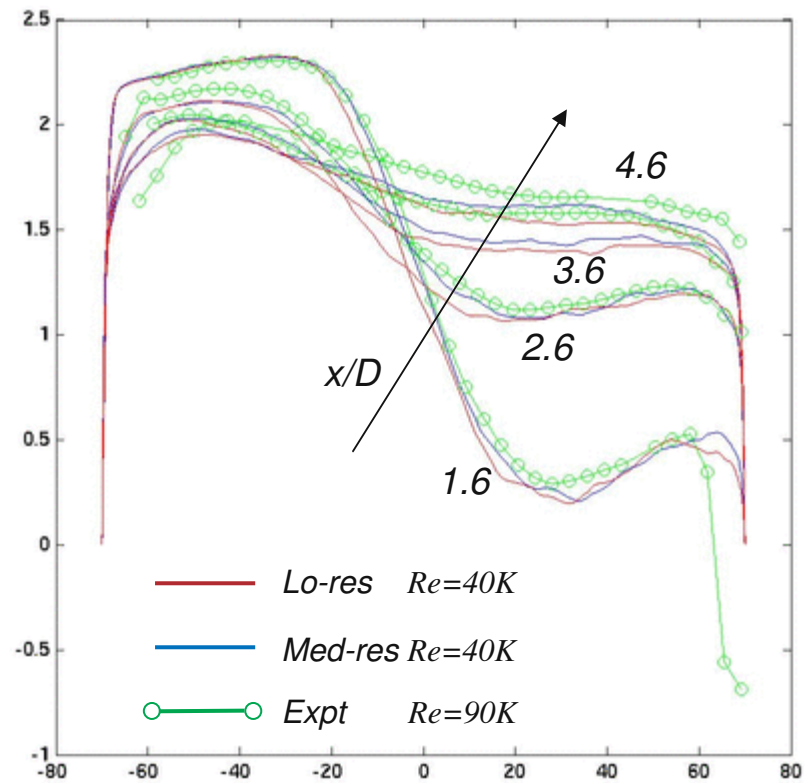


# Velocity Comparison Downstream of T-junction

- Medium resolution results are in excellent agreement at  $x=1.6$  &  $2.6$
- Experiment ( $Re=90K$ ) exhibits more rapid recovery of profile than simulation ( $Re=40K$ )



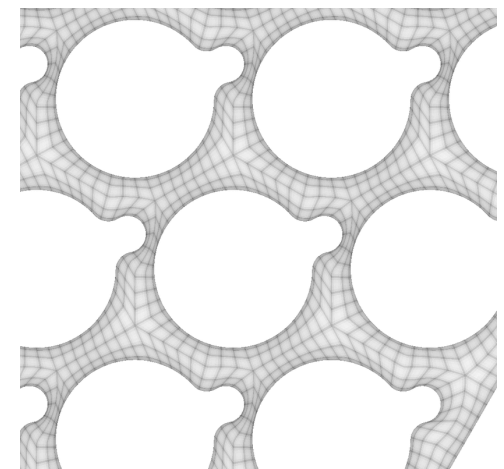
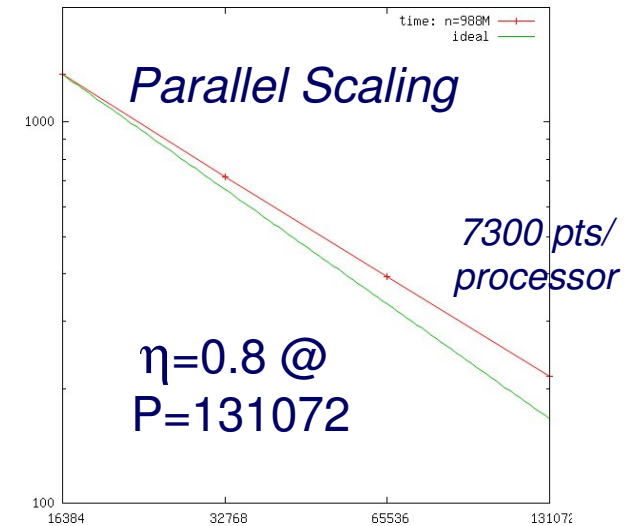
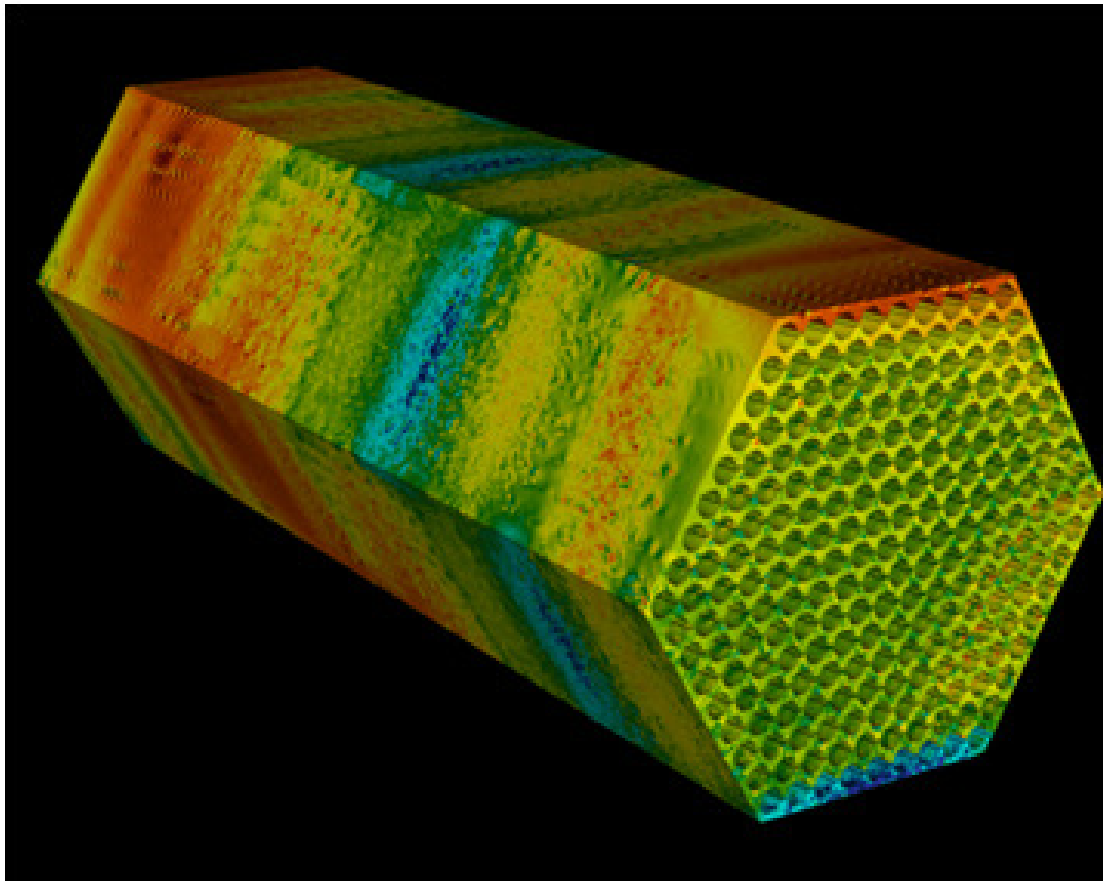
— Horizontal position,  $y$  —



— Vertical position,  $z$  —

# Parallel Scaling: Subassembly 217 Wire-Wrapped Pins

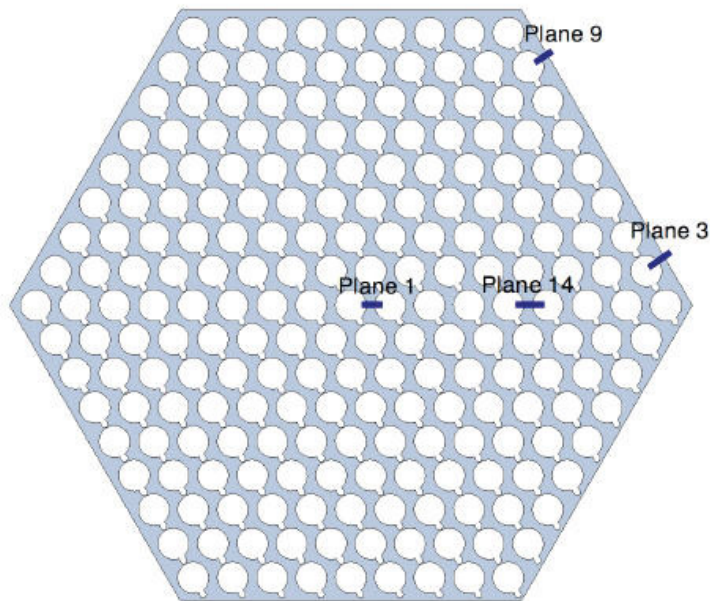
- 3 million 7<sup>th</sup>-order spectral elements (n=1.01 billion)
- 16384–131072 processors of IBM BG/P



# Nek5000 / Star Cross-Channel Velocity Comparison

HEDL geometry

$Re_h = 10,500$



W.D. Pointer et al., *Simulations of Turbulent Diffusion in Wire-Wrapped Sodium Fast Reactor Fuel Assemblies*, Best Paper Award, FR09, Kyoto (2009)

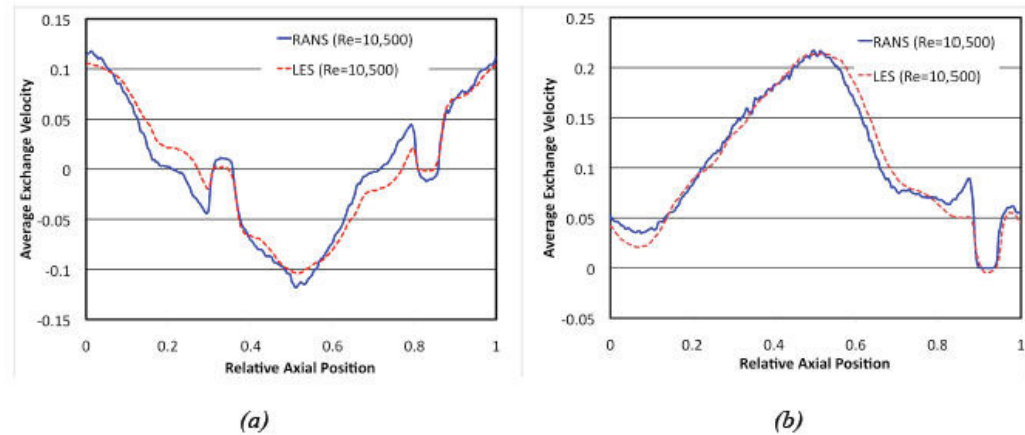


Figure 7. Comparison of predicted normal velocity profile for (a) plane group 1 and (b) plane group 3. RANS data is shown in blue and LES data is shown in red.

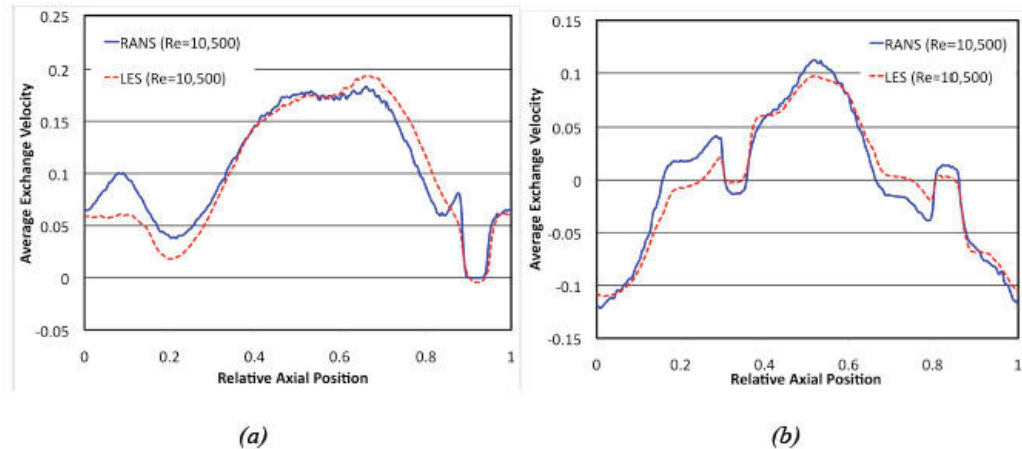


Figure 8. Comparison of predicted normal velocity profile for (a) plane group 9 and (b) plane group 14. RANS data is shown in blue and LES data is shown in red.



# *Nek5000 Brief History*

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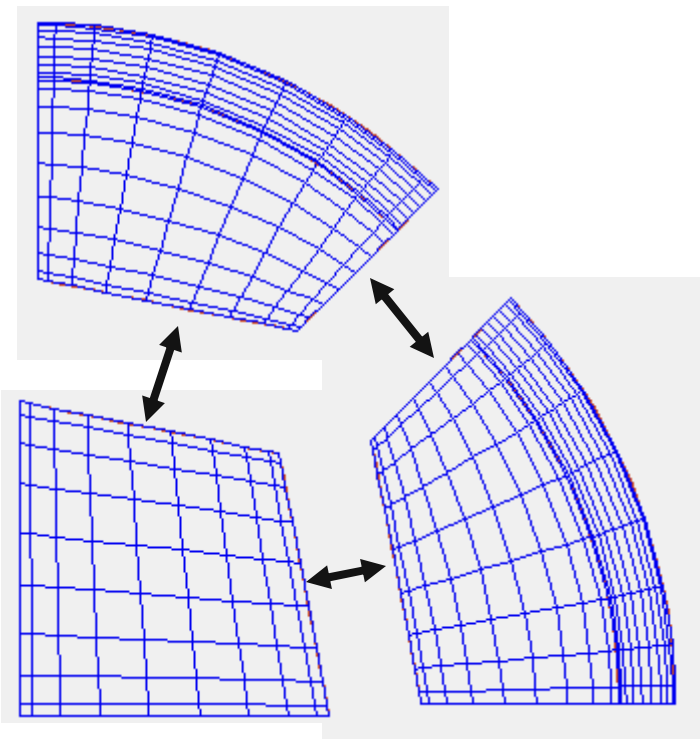
- DNS / LES code for fluid dynamics, heat transfer, MHD, combustion,...
  - 100K lines of code: f77 (70K) & C (30K)
  - Interfaces w/ VisIt & MOAB/Cubit
- Based on high-order spectral element method (Patera '84, Maday & Patera '89)
  - Started as Nekton 2.0. First 3D SEM code. (F., Ho, & Ronquist, '86-'89)
- First commercially-available code for distributed memory computers (marketed by Fluent as Nekton into the mid 90s)
- Nek5000 is a highly scalable variant of Nekton
  - Gordon Bell Prize in HPC, 4096 processors (Tufo & F. '99)
  - 20% of peak on 262,000 processors of BGP (Kerkemeier, Parker & F. '10)

# Spectral Element Overview

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- High-order FEM featuring

- Minimal numerical dispersion/dissipation ( $N^{\text{th}}$  order accuracy,  $N=5-15$ , typ.)
- Loosely coupled elements ( $C^0$  continuity between elements)
- Tightly coupled dofs within elements (full stiffness matrices – **never** formed)



- Standard domain decomposition + message-passing based parallelism
- Iterative solvers imply local work with dense operators, followed by data exchanges to update interface values

# Why High-Order ?

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Large problem sizes enabled by peta- and exascale computers allow propagation of small features (size  $\lambda$ ) over distances  $L \gg \lambda$ .

- Dispersion errors accumulate linearly with time:

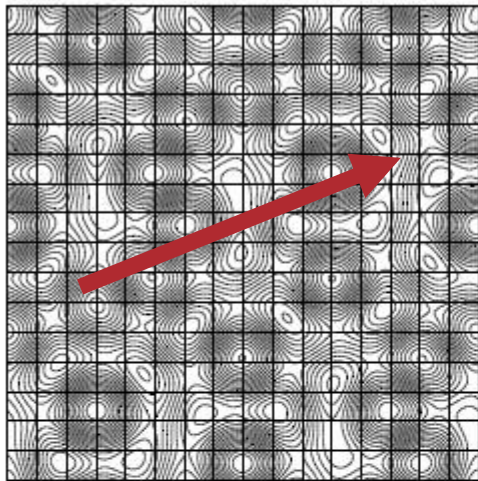
$$\sim |\text{correct speed} - \text{numerical speed}| * t \quad (\text{for each wavenumber})$$

$$\rightarrow \text{error}_{t_{\text{final}}} \sim (L / \lambda) * |\text{numerical dispersion error}|$$

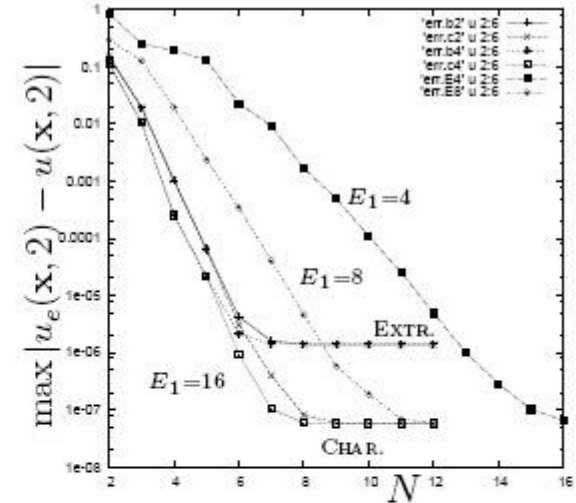
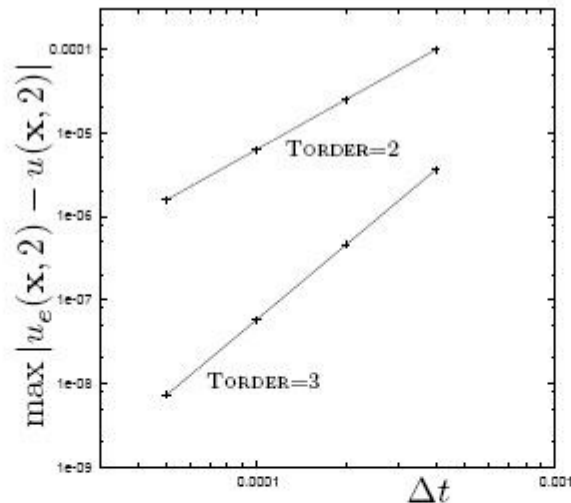
- For fixed final error  $\mathcal{E}_f$ , require: **numerical dispersion error**  $\sim (\lambda / L) \mathcal{E}_f, \ll 1$
- High-order methods most efficiently deliver small dispersion errors  
(Kreiss & Oliger 72, Gottlieb et al. 2007)

# Spectral Element Convergence: Exponential with $N$

- Exact Navier-Stokes eigenfunctions with  $\psi(x, y)$  comprising:  
 $\cos(mx) \cos(ny)$   $\cos(mx) \sin(ny)$   $\sin(mx) \cos(ny)$   $\sin(mx) \sin(ny)$   
 with  $m^2 + n^2 = \lambda^2$ . [O. Walsh '92]
- $(E, N) = (4^2, 7)$  yields  $\epsilon = .01$  after 25 convective time units,  $t\bar{U}\lambda/2\pi$ .

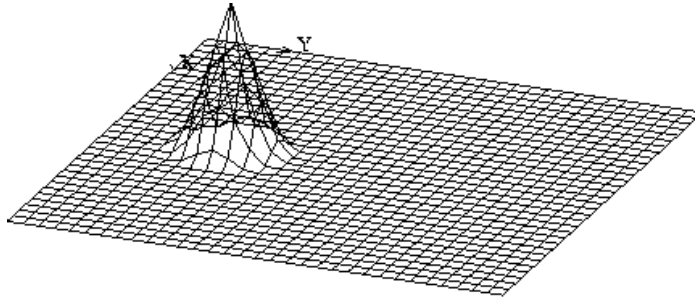


$$\bar{U} = (16, 5)$$

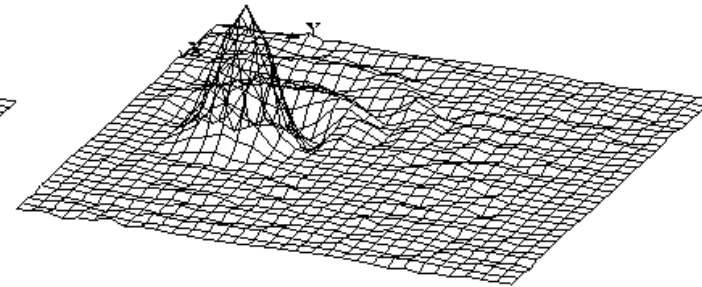


## SEM Excellent transport properties, even for non-smooth solutions

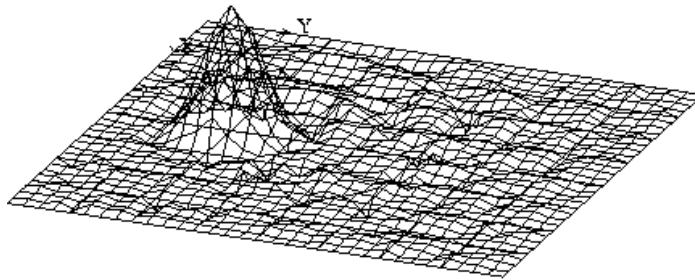
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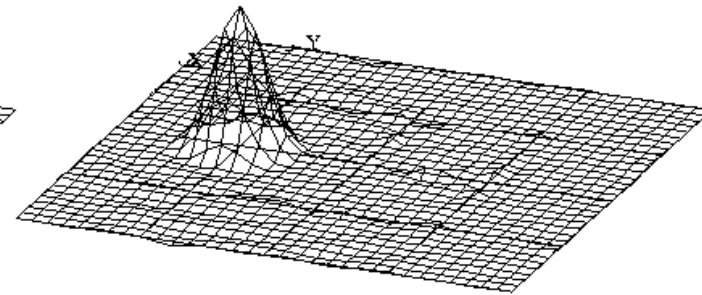
Initial Condition



$K_1 = 16, N = 2$



$K_1 = 8, N = 4$



$K_1 = 4, N = 8$

Convection of non-smooth data on a  $32 \times 32$  grid ( $K_1 \times K_1$  spectral elements of order  $N$ ).

(cf. Gottlieb & Orszag 77)

# Strengths of Nek5000

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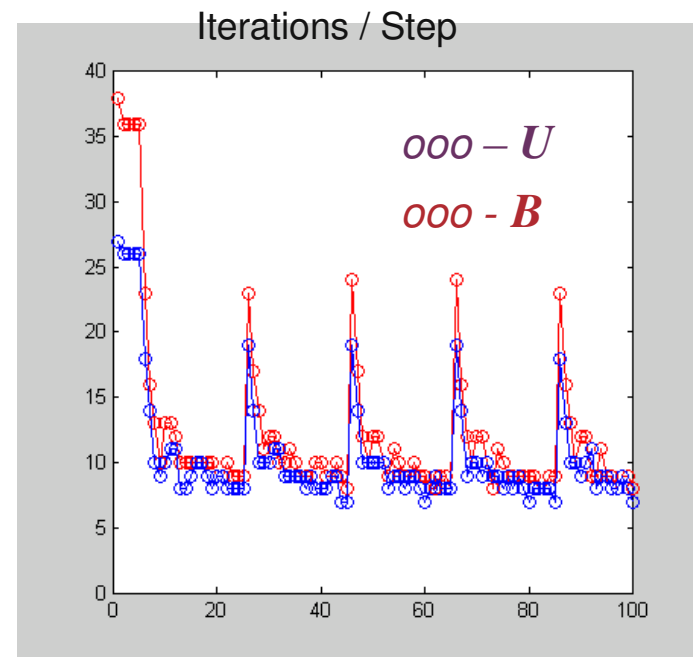
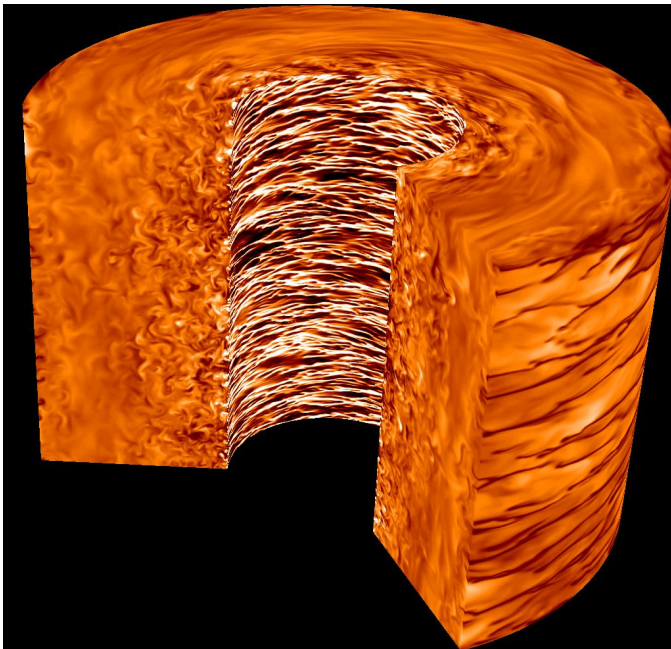
- *High-order accuracy at low cost*
  - *Extremely rapid (exponential) convergence in space*
  - *3<sup>rd</sup>-order accuracy in time*
- *Highly scalable*
  - *Fast scalable multigrid solvers*
  - *Scales to > 290,000 processors with  $\sim 10^4$  pts/proc on BGP*
- *Extensively tested*
  - > *10s of platforms over 25 years*
  - > *150 journal articles & > 60 users worldwide*
  - > *400 tests after each build to ensure verified source*  
*(more tests to be added)*

# Solver Performance: Hybrid Schwarz-Multigrid

## ■ Magneto-rotational instability

(Obabko, Cattaneo & F.)

- $E=140000$ ,  $N=9$  ( $n = 112 M$ ),  $P=32768$  (BG/L)
- $\sim 1.2$  sec/step
- $\sim 8$  iterations / step for  $U$  &  $B$
- **Key is to have a scalable coarse-grid solver**

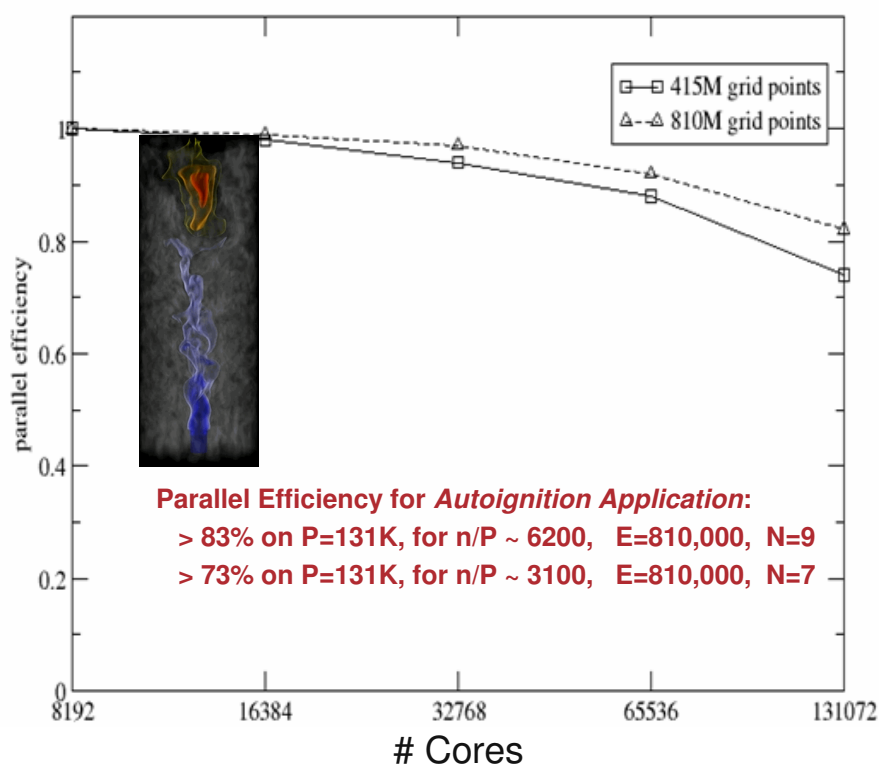


# Scaling to P=262144 Cores

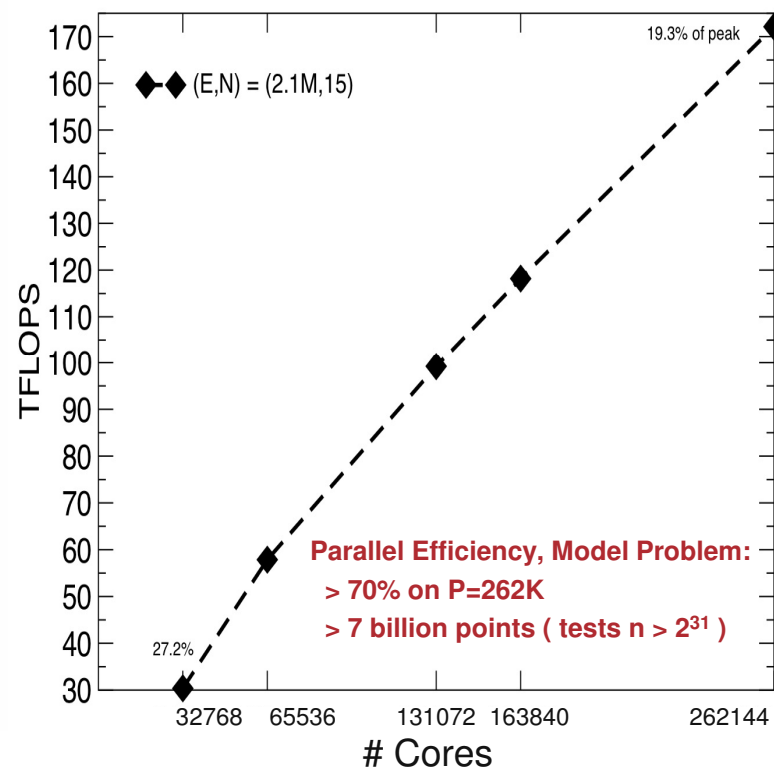
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- Production combustion and reactor simulations on ALCF BG/P demonstrate scaling to P=131072 with  $n/P \sim 5000-10,000$  and  $\eta \sim .7$
- Test problem with 7 billion points scales to P=262144 on Julich BG/P with  $\eta \sim .7$ 
  - tests 64-bit global addressing for **gs** communication framework

BG/P Strong Scaling: P=8192 – 131072



P=32768 – 262144





## Limitations of Nek5000

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### ■ **No steady-state NS or RANS:**

- *unsteady RANS under development / test – Aithal*

### ■ **Lack of monotonicity for under-resolved simulations**

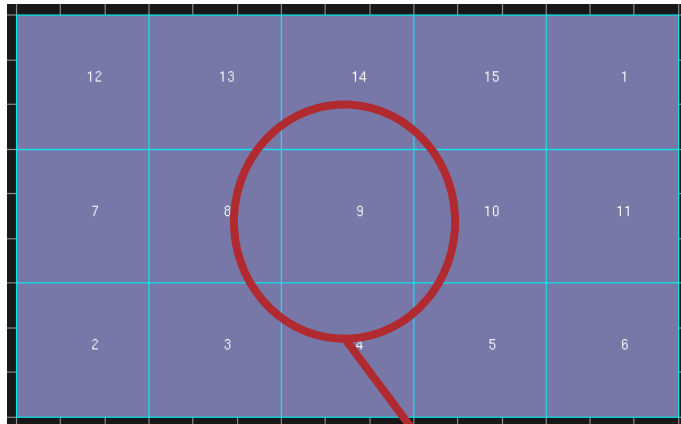
- *limits, e.g., LES + combustion*
- *A high priority for 2011-12*

### ■ **Meshing complex geometries:**

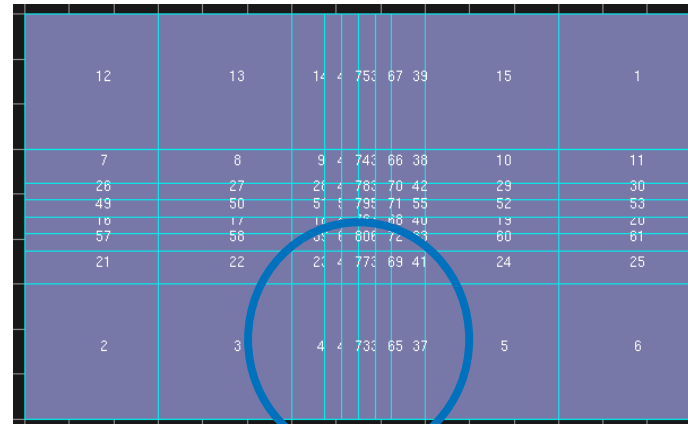
- *fundamental: meshing always a challenge;  
hex-based meshes intrinsically anisotropic*
- *technical: meshing traditionally not supported as part  
of advanced modeling development*

# Mesh Anisotropy

**A common refinement scenario (somewhat exaggerated):**



*Refinement in  
region of interest...*



*yields unwanted high aspect-ratio  
cells in the far field*

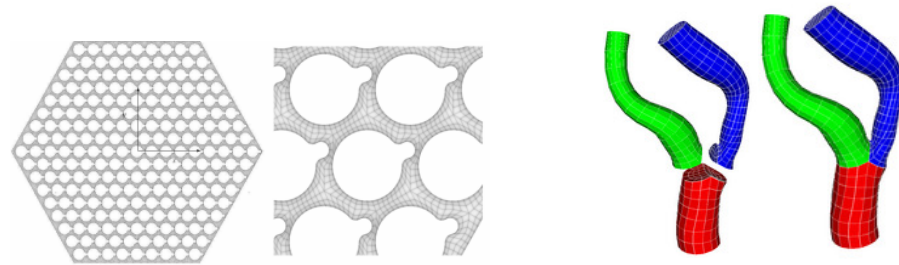
■ **Refinement propagation leads to**

- unwanted elements in far-field
- high aspect-ratio cells that are detrimental to iterative solver performance (F. JCP'97)

## Some Meshing Options

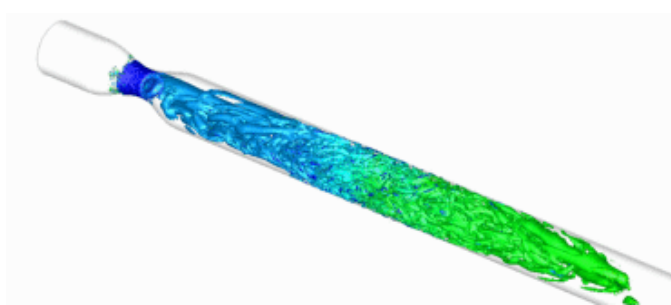
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- *genbox: unions of tensor-product boxes*
- *prenek: basically 2D + some 3D or 3D via extrusion (n2to3)*
- *Grow your own: 217 pin mesh via matlab; BioMesh*



- *3<sup>rd</sup> party: CUBIT + MOAB, TrueGrid, Gambit, Star CD*

- *Morphing:*



## ***Part 2 (a)***

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***Equations, timestepping, and  
spectral element formulation***

***...but first, a bit of code structure.***

# *nek5\_svn repository*

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## ■ Key subdirectories in the repo:

- **nek5\_svn**

- **trunk**

- **nek** – *makenek* script and source files

- **tools** – several utilities (prenek, genbox, etc.) and scripts

- **examples** – several case studies

## ■ Typical steps to run a case:

- Create a working directory and copy contents of a similar example case to this directory

- Modify *case files* to suit

- Copy makenek from nek and type makenek <case>

- Run job using a script (tools/scripts) and analyze results (postx/VisIt)

# nek5\_svn repository

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## ■ nek5\_svn

```
|-- 3rd_party
|-- branches
|-- examples
| |-- axi
| |-- benard
| |-- conj_ht
| |-- eddy
| |-- fs_2
| |-- fs_hydro
| |-- kovasznyay
| |-- lowMach_test
| |-- moab
| |-- peris
| |-- pipe
| |-- rayleigh
| |-- shear4
| |-- timing
| |-- turbChannel
| |-- turbJet
| `-- vortex
|-- tags
|-- tests
`-- trunk
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## ■ nek5\_svn

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|-- :
`-- trunk
    |-- nek
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    | |-- source files....
    | | :
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        |-- amg_matlab
        |-- avg
        |-- genbox
        |-- genmap
        |-- makefile
        |-- maketools
        |-- n2to3
        |-- nekmerge
        |-- postnek
        |-- prenek
        |-- reatore2
        `-- scripts
```

# Base Nek5000 Case Files

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- **SIZE** – an f77 include file that determines
  - spatial dimension (ldim =2 or 3)
  - approximation order (lx1,lx2,lx3,lxd) -  $N := lx1-1$
  - upper bound on number of elements per processor: lelt
  - upper bound on total number of elements, lelg
- **<case>.rea** – a file specifying
  - job control parameters ( viscosity, dt, Nsteps, integrator, etc. )
  - geometry – element vertex and curvature information
  - boundary condition types
  - restart conditions
- **<case>.usr** – f77 source file specifying
  - initial and boundary conditions
  - variable properties
  - forcing and volumetric heating
  - geometry morphing
  - data analysis options: min/max, runtime average, rms, etc.

# Snapshot of SIZE

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```
parameter (ldim=2)
parameter (lx1=14,ly1=lx1,lz1=1,lelt=80,lelv=lelt)
parameter (lxd=20,lyd=lxd,lzd=1)
parameter (lelx=1,lely=1,lelz=1)
C
C NOTE: for IBM BLUE GENE LX1,LXD has to be an even number (double hummer)

parameter (ldimt= 1)          ! upper limit for passive scalars + T

parameter (lp =          64)  ! upper limit for number of CPUs
parameter (lelg = 5000)      ! upper limit for total number of elements

C
C *****
C
parameter (lz1=3 + 2*(ldim-3))

parameter (lx2=lx1-0)
parameter (ly2=ly1-0)
parameter (lz2=lz1)

parameter (lx3=lx2)
parameter (ly3=ly2)
parameter (lz3=lz2)
```



# Snapshots of .rea file

## ■ Parameters section

```
2 DIMENSIONAL RUN
118 PARAMETERS FOLLOW
 1.00000 P001: DENSITY
-40.0000 P002: VISCOS
0.000000E+00 P003:
0.000000E+00 P004:
0.000000E+00 P005:
0.000000E+00 P006:
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 1.00000 P008: CONDUCT
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0.000000E+00 P014: IOTIME
0.000000E+00 P015: IOSTEP
0.000000E+00 P016: PSSOLVER: 0=default
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0.500000E-01 P018: GRID < 0 --> # cells
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 4.00000 P020: NORDER
0.100000E-05 P021: DIVERGENCE
0.100000E-09 P022: HELMHOLTZ
0.000000E+00 P023: NPSCAL
0.000000E+00 P024: TOLREL
0.000000E+00 P025: TOLABS
 2.00000 P026: COURANT/NTAU
 3.00000 P027: TORDER
```

## ■ Geometry and boundary conditions

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 0.5000000  0.5000000      1.000000      1.000000
      ELEMENT          6 [ 1 ]      GROUP      0
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0.5000000  0.5000000      1.000000      1.000000
      ELEMENT          7 [ 1 ]      GROUP      0
-0.5000000  0.0000000E+00  0.0000000E+00 -0.5000000
 1.000000      1.000000      1.500000      1.500000
      ELEMENT          8 [ 1 ]      GROUP      0
0.0000000E+00  1.000000      1.000000      0.0000000E+00
 1.000000      1.000000      1.500000      1.500000
***** CURVED SIDE DATA *****
      0 Curved sides follow IEDGE,IEL,CURVE(I),I=1,5, CCURVE
***** BOUNDARY CONDITIONS *****
***** FLUID BOUNDARY CONDITIONS *****
P  1  1  7.00000      3.00000      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
E  1  2  2.00000      4.00000      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
E  1  3  3.00000      1.00000      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
v  1  4  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
P  2  1  8.00000      3.00000      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
v  2  2  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
E  2  3  4.00000      1.00000      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
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v  4  2  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
E  4  3  6.00000      1.00000      0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
```

# Snapshot of .usr file

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```
c-----
      subroutine userf  (ix,iy,iz,eg)
      include 'SIZE'
      include 'TOTAL'
      include 'NEKUSE'

      integer e,f,eg
c     e = gllel(eg)

c     Note: this is an acceleration term, NOT a force!
c     Thus, ffx will subsequently be multiplied by rho(x,t)

      ffx = 0.0
      ffy = 0.0
      ffz = 0.0

      return
      end
c-----
      subroutine userchk
      include 'SIZE'
      include 'TOTAL'
      return
      end
c-----
      subroutine userbc (ix,iy,iz,inside,ieg)
      include 'SIZE'
      include 'TOTAL'
      include 'NEKUSE'
      ux=0.0
      uy=0.0
      uz=0.0
      temp=0.0
      return
      end
c-----
      subroutine useric (ix,iy,iz,ieg)
```

# Derived Nek5000 Case Files

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- **<case>.re2** – binary file specifying
  - geometry – element vertex and curvature information
  - boundary condition types

*This file is not requisite for small problems but important for element counts  $E > \sim 10,000$*
- **<case>.map** – ascii file derived from .rea/.re2 files specifying
  - mesh interconnect topology
  - element-to-processor map

*This file is needed for each run and is generated by running the “genmap” tool (once, for a given .rea file).*
- **amg...dat** – binary files derived from .rea/.re2 files specifying
  - algebraic multigrid coarse-grid solver parameters

*These files are needed only for large processor counts ( $P > 10,000$ ) and element counts ( $E > 50,000$ ).*

## ***Part 2 (b)***

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***Equations, timestepping, and  
spectral element formulation***

# Outline

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- *Nek5000 capabilities*
- *Equations, timestepping, and SEM basics*
- *Workflow example*
  - *Setting initial and boundary conditions*
  - *Basic runtime analysis*
  - *Parallel / serial issues that you should understand*
- *Using VisIt to analyze results*
- *Mesh generation options*
  - *Building meshes with genbox, prenek, and morphing*
- *Walking through examples; hands on simulations*

## Equation Sets (2D/3D)

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- Incompressible Navier-Stokes plus energy equation

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mu (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^T \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{f}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\rho C_p \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T \right) = \nabla \cdot k \nabla T + q'''$$

plus additional passive scalars:

$$\rho C_{p_i} \left( \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T_i \right) = \nabla \cdot k_i \nabla T_i + q_i''', \quad i = 3, \dots, n_{flds}$$

- Also supports incompressible MHD, low Mach-number hydro, free-surface, and conjugate heat transfer formulations.

# Steady State Equations

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- Steady Stokes (plus boundary conditions):

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot \mu(\mathbf{x}) (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^T \mathbf{u}) + \nabla p &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Steady conduction (plus boundary conditions):

$$-\nabla \cdot k(\mathbf{x}) \nabla T + \lambda(\mathbf{x}) T = q'''(\mathbf{x}), \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

# Constant Property Equation Set

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- Incompressible Navier-Stokes + energy equation

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\rho C_p \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T \right) = k \nabla^2 T + q'''$$

- In Nek parlance, material properties specified in .rea file as:

*dimensional*

- p1 =  $\rho$
- p2 =  $\mu$
- p7 =  $\rho C_p$
- p8 =  $k$

*nondimensional (convective time scale)*

- p1 = 1
- p2 =  $1/Re$  (or  $-Re$ )
- p7 = 1
- p8 =  $1/Pe$  (or  $-Pe$ )

or as variable properties in f77 routine uservp() (.usr file)

- Nek provides a scalable framework to advance these equations with user-defined properties. LES & RANS can be incorporated in this framework. (See /examples.)



# Incompressible MHD

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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{Rm} \nabla^2 \mathbf{B} + \nabla q = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

— plus appropriate boundary conditions on  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$

- Typically,  $Re \gg Rm \gg 1$
- Semi-implicit formulation yields independent Stokes problems for  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$

# Incompressible MHD, Elsasser Variables

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$$\mathbf{z}_+ := \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{z}_- := \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_+}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{z}_+ + \nabla p = - \mathbf{z}_- \cdot \nabla \mathbf{z}_+,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{z}_+ = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_-}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{z}_- + \nabla q = - \mathbf{z}_+ \cdot \nabla \mathbf{z}_-,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{z}_- = 0$$

- A pair of Oseen problems:  $\mathbf{z}_-$  convects  $\mathbf{z}_+$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_+$  convects  $\mathbf{z}_-$ .
- Similar form for  $Re \neq Rm$  exists.
- A reasonable starting point for LES development...

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# ***Timestepping***

# Navier-Stokes Time Advancement

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} &= -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Nonlinear term: *explicit via BDFk/EXTk or characteristics*  
(Pironneau '82)
- Linear Stokes problem: pressure/viscous decoupling:
  - 3 Helmholtz solves for velocity
    - (“easy” w/ Jacobi-preconditioned CG)
  - (consistent) Poisson equation for pressure
    - (computationally dominant)

## MHD Time Advancement

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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - \nu_H \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \nu_M \nabla^2 \mathbf{B} + \nabla q = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

1. Compute nonlinear contributions (explicit, in Elsasser form, dealiased)
2. Solve well-conditioned Helmholtz problems for  $u_i^n$ ,  $i=1,3$
3. Filter  $u_i^n$
4. Solve consistent Poisson problem for  $p^n$
5. Compute div-free correction of  $u_i^n$
6. Repeat 2. – 4. for  $B_i^n$

# Timestepping Design

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## ■ **Implicit:**

- *symmetric and (generally) linear terms,*
- *fixed flow rate conditions*

## ■ **Explicit:**

- *nonlinear, nonsymmetric terms,*
- *user-provided rhs terms, including*
  - *Boussinesq and Coriolis forcing*

## ■ **Rationale:**

- *div  $\mathbf{u} = 0$  constraint is fastest timescale*
- *Viscous terms: explicit treatment of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order derivatives  $\rightarrow \Delta t \sim O(\Delta x^2)$*
- *Convective terms require only  $\Delta t \sim O(\Delta x)$*
- *For high  $Re$ , temporal-spatial accuracy dictates  $\Delta t \sim O(\Delta x)$*
- *Linear symmetric is “easy” – nonlinear nonsymmetric is “hard”*

## ***BDF2/EXT2 Example***

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Consider the convection-diffusion equation,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla u = \nu \nabla^2 u.$$

Discretize in space:

$$B \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} + C\underline{u} = -\nu A\underline{u}, \quad (A \text{ is SPD})$$

which is equivalent to

$$B \left. \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} \right|_{t^n} + C\underline{u} \Big|_{t^n} = -\nu A\underline{u} \Big|_{t^n}.$$

## BDF2/EXT2 Example

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$$B \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} \Big|_{t^n} + C \underline{u} \Big|_{t^n} = -\nu A \underline{u} \Big|_{t^n}$$

Evaluate each term at  $t^n$  according to convenience:

$$B \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} \Big|_{t^n} = B \frac{3\underline{u}^n - 4\underline{u}^{n-1} + \underline{u}^{n-2}}{2\Delta t} + O(\Delta t^2)$$

$$C \underline{u} \Big|_{t^n} = 2C \underline{u}^{n-1} - C \underline{u}^{n-2} + O(\Delta t^2)$$

$$\nu A \underline{u} \Big|_{t^n} = \nu A \underline{u}^n$$



## BDF2/EXT2 Example

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Rearrange,

$$H\underline{u}^n = \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \left( 4B\underline{u}^{n-1} - B\underline{u}^{n-2} \right) + 2C\underline{u}^{n-1} - C\underline{u}^{n-2} + O(\Delta t^2),$$

with  $H := \frac{3}{2\Delta t}B + \nu A$ .

$H$  is well-conditioned ( $\Delta t$  and  $\nu$  small) and symmetric positive definite.

For the SEM,  $B$  is *diagonal*  $\longrightarrow$   $H$  *diagonally dominant*.

## Stability of $AB_k$ , $BDF_k/EXT_k$ Timesteppers

- Derived from model problem:  $\frac{du}{dt} = \lambda u$
- Crucially, the chosen schemes encompass part of the imaginary axis. Important for high Reynolds number flows.

*Stability Regions in the  $\lambda\Delta t$  Plane*

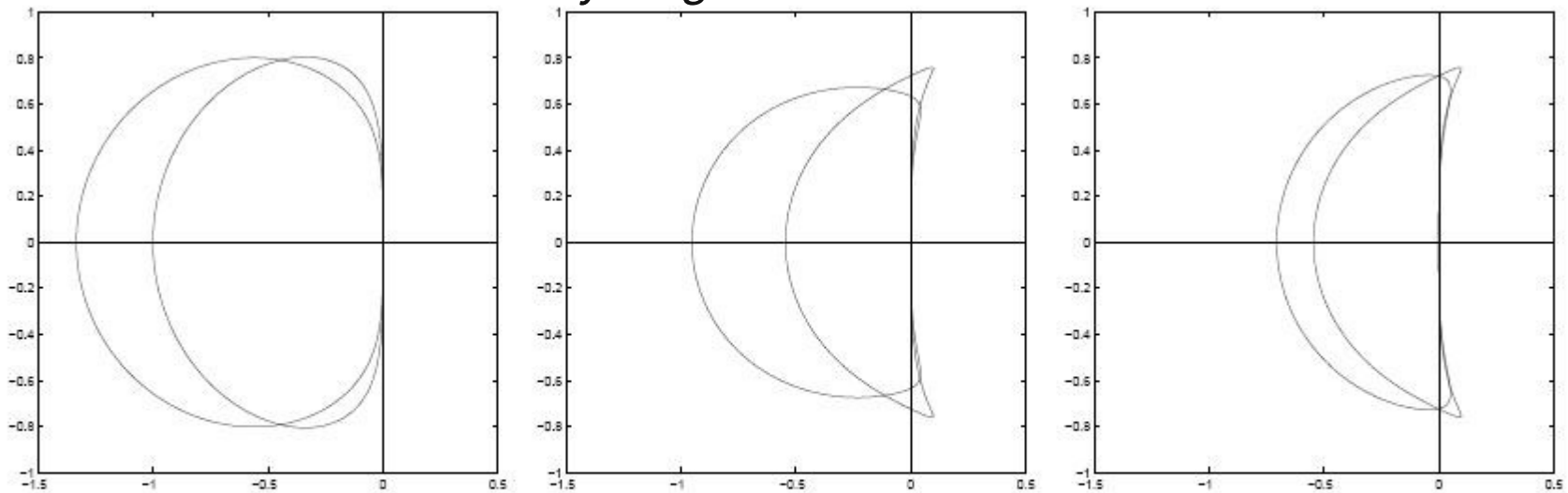


Figure 1: Stability regions for (left) AB2 and BDF2/EXT2, (center) AB3 and BDF3/EXT3, and (right) AB3 and BDF2/EXT2a.

## *BDFk/EXTk*

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- BDF3/EXT3 is essentially the same as BDF2/EXT2
  - $O(\Delta t^3)$  accuracy
  - essentially same cost
  - accessed by setting Torder=3 (2 or 1) in .rea file
- For convection-diffusion and Navier-Stokes, the “*EXTk*” part of the timestepper implies a CFL (Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy) constraint

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \frac{|\mathbf{u}| \Delta t}{\Delta x} \approx 0.5$$

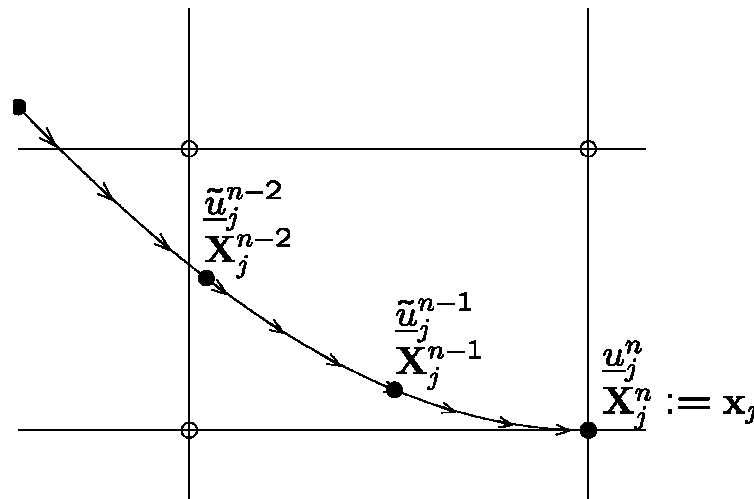
- For the spectral element method,  $\Delta x \sim N^{-2}$ , which is restrictive.
  - We therefore often use a characteristics-based timestepper. (IFCHAR = T in the .rea file)

# Characteristics Timestepping

- Apply BDFk to material derivative, e.g., for k=2:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{Du}{Dt} &:= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla u \\ &= \frac{3u^n - 4\tilde{u}^{n-1} + \tilde{u}^{n-2}}{2\Delta t} + O(\Delta t^2)\end{aligned}$$

- Amounts to finite-differencing along the characteristic leading into  $x_j$



# Characteristics Timestepping

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- $\Delta t$  can be  $\gg \Delta t_{CFL}$  (e.g.,  $\Delta t \sim 5-10 \times \Delta t_{CFL}$ )
- Don't need position (e.g.,  $X_j^{n-1}$ ) of characteristic departure point, only the value of  $u^{n-1}(x)$  at these points.

*These values satisfy the pure hyperbolic problem:*

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial s} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla \tilde{u} = 0, \quad s \in [t^{n-1}, t^n]$$
$$\tilde{u}(\mathbf{x}, t^{n-1}) := u^{n-1}(\mathbf{x}),$$

*which is solved via explicit timestepping with  $\Delta s \sim \Delta t_{CFL}$*

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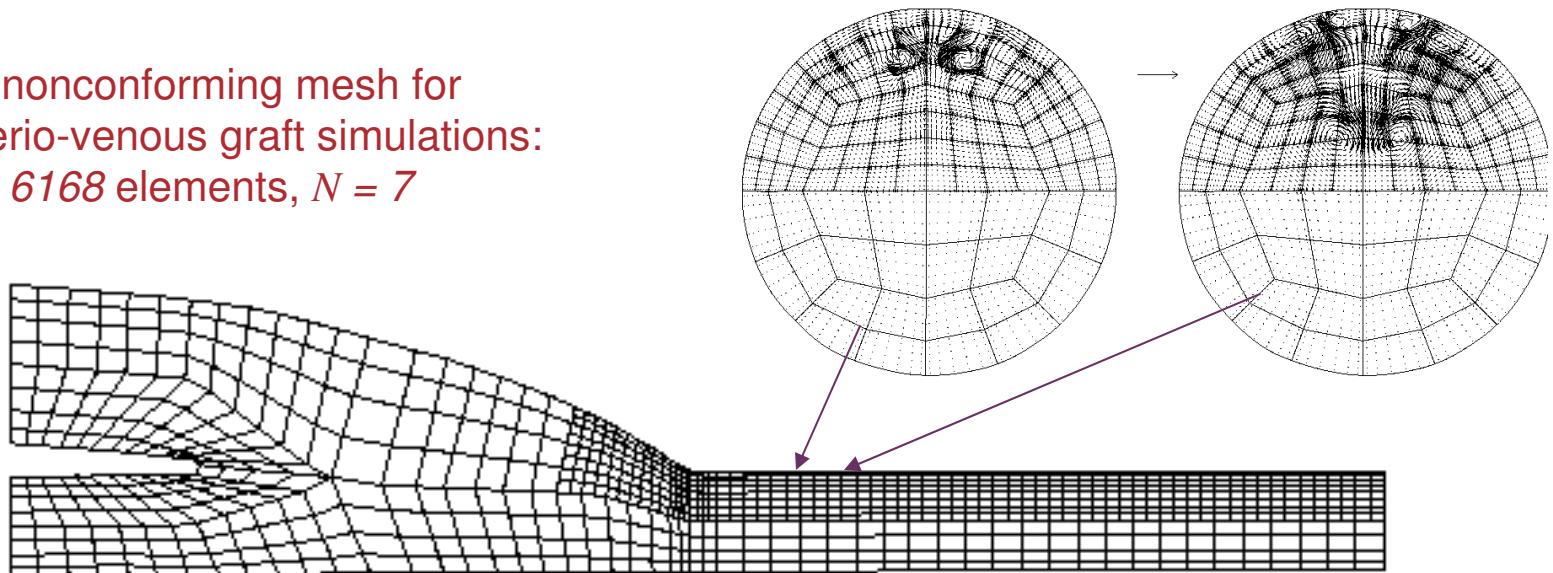
# ***Spatial Discretization***

# Spectral Element Method

(Patera 84, Maday & Patera 89)

- Variational method, similar to FEM, using  $GL$  quadrature.
- Domain partitioned into  $E$  high-order quadrilateral (or hexahedral) elements (decomposition may be nonconforming - *localized refinement*)
- Trial and test functions represented as  $N$ th-order tensor-product polynomials within each element. ( $N \sim 4$  -- 15, typ.)
- $EN^3$  gridpoints in 3D,  $EN^2$  gridpoints in 2D.
- Converges *exponentially fast* with  $N$  for smooth solutions.

3D nonconforming mesh for  
arterio-venous graft simulations:  
 $E = 6168$  elements,  $N = 7$



# Spectral Element Method: Poisson Example

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- The SEM is a weighted residual method.
- Consider Poisson eqn:

$$-\nabla^2 u = f, \quad u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

- Postulate a representation of the solution, e.g.,

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}),$$

and insist that the residual  $r(\mathbf{x}) := f + \nabla^2 u$  be orthogonal to all functions in the approximation space:

$$\int_{\Omega} v(f + \nabla^2 u) d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad \text{for } v = \phi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$



# Spectral Element Method: Poisson Example

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Integrate 2nd-order term by parts:

$$-\int_{\Omega} v \nabla^2 u d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla u d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\partial\Omega} v \nabla u \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dA$$

- Surface integral vanishes because of boundary conditions.
- Rearranging and inserting basis functions yields:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} u_j = \sum_j b_{ij} f_j \iff \underline{A} \underline{u} = \underline{B} \underline{f}$$

$$a_{ij} := \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \cdot \nabla \phi_j d\mathbf{x} \quad \text{stiffness matrix}$$

$$b_{ij} := \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j d\mathbf{x} \quad \text{mass matrix}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

# *SEM Function Representation*

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- Key point is that there is a continuous representation of all variables:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

- Since  $\phi_j(\mathbf{x})$  is known a priori, we know how to differentiate and integrate.
- Moreover, choose  $\phi_j$ s to be computationally convenient

# SEM Function Representation

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## ■ SEM choices for $\phi_j$ :

- High-order polynomials on each element
- Compactly supported (sparse matrices, highly parallel)
- Stable Lagrangian interpolants:
  - *Basis coefficients are also grid-point values*
    - Easy to implement boundary conditions
    - Grid-points chosen to be Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre quadrature points: *diagonal mass matrix and low-cost operator evaluation*
- Local tensor-product bases:
  - *ijk indexing (low storage & minimal indirect addressing)*
  - *Matrix-free fast tensor-product operator evaluation:* (Orszag '80)
    - memory is  $O(n)$ , work is  $O(nN)$  – **Not  $O(nN^3)$  !!**

# How to get to high-order? Step 1: 1D

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$$u(x) := \sum_{i=0}^N u_i h_i(x), \quad h_i(x) \in \mathbb{P}_N$$

## ■ Stable high-order basis for $N^{\text{th}}$ -order polynomial approximation space:

- poor choices:

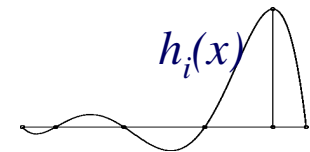
$$h_i(x) = x^i$$

$$h_i(x) = \text{Lagrangian interpolant on uniform points, } x_i = i \cdot \Delta x$$

- good choices:

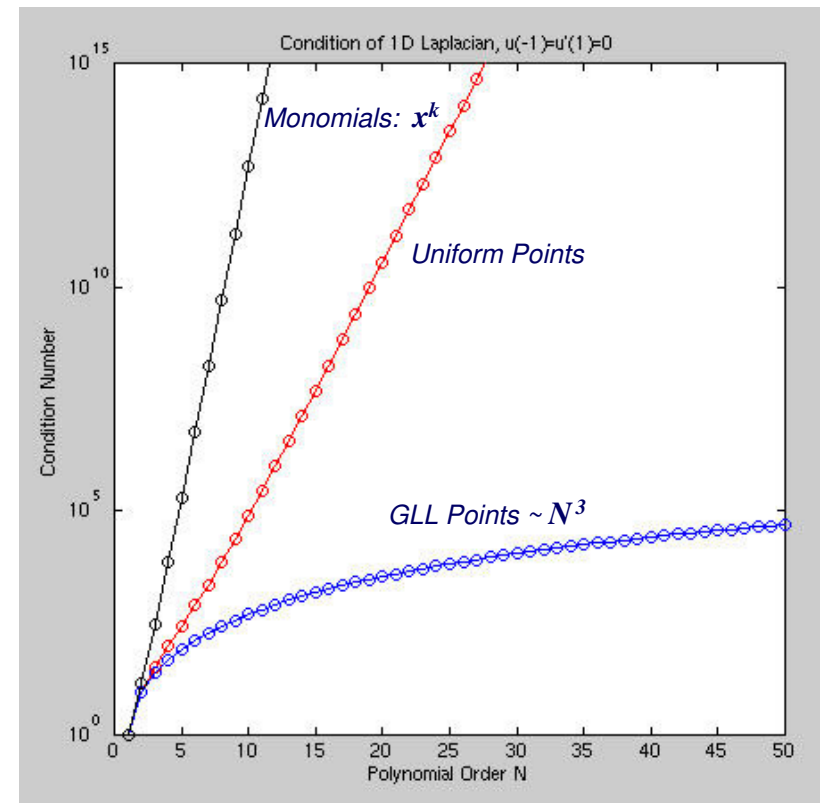
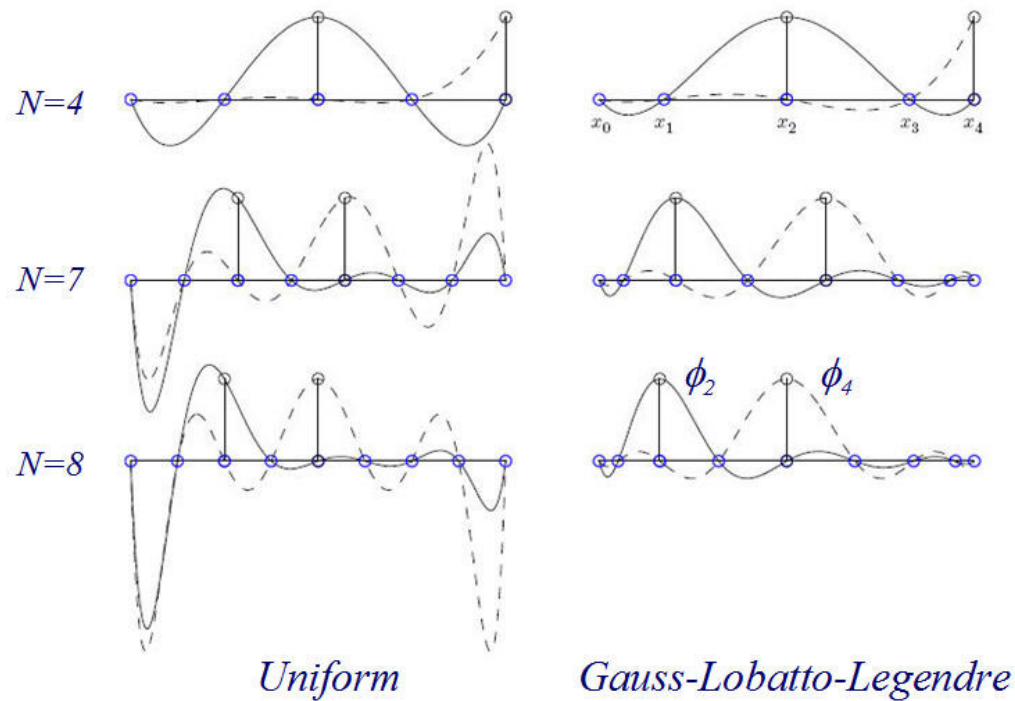
$$h_i(x) = L_i(x) \quad (\text{any orthogonal polynomial})$$

$$h_i(x) = \text{Lagrangian interpolant on Gauss points}$$



# Condition Number of 1D Stiffness Matrix

GLL Nodal Basis  $\rightarrow$  good conditioning, minimal round-off error



## How to get to high-order? Step 2: 1D

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- Replace integrals with Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre quadrature:

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla u \, dV = \int_{\Omega} v f \, dV$$

with

$$(\nabla v, \nabla u)_N = (v, f)_N$$

where

$$(f, g)_N := \sum_{k=0}^N \rho_k f(\xi_k) g(\xi_k),$$

$\{\xi_k\}$  = Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre quadrature points

$\{\rho_k\}$  = Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre quadrature weights

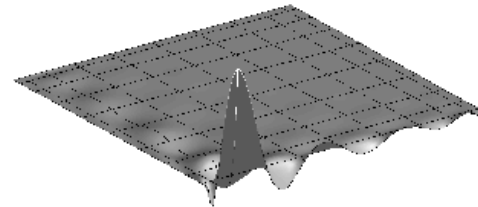
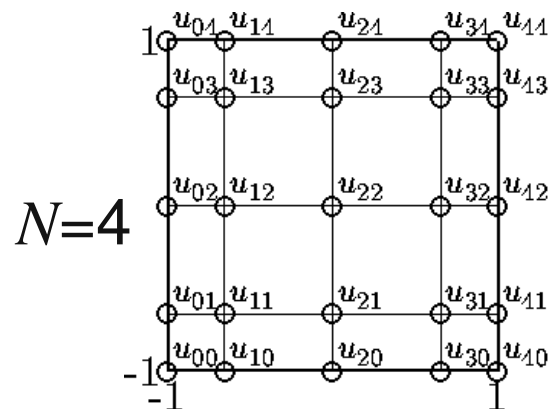
- Yields a diagonal mass matrix; preserves spectral accuracy.  
(However, beware stability issues....)

# Extension to 2D

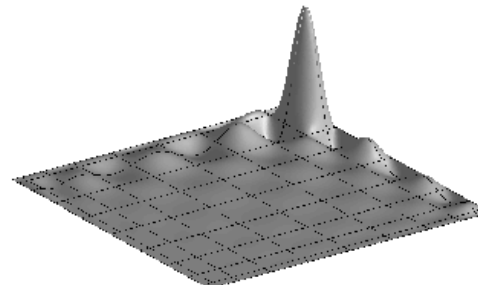
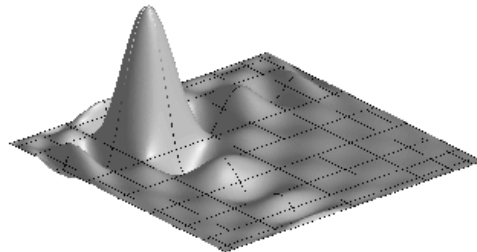
Nodal bases on the Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre points:

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N u_{ij} h_i(x) h_j(y), \quad h_i(\xi_p) = \delta_{ip}, \quad h_i \in \mathbf{P}_N$$

*basis coefficients*



$N=10$

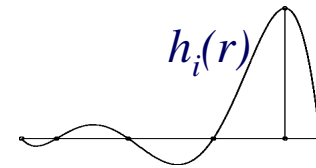


# Matrix-Matrix Based Derivative Evaluation

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- Local tensor-product form (2D),

$$u(r, s) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N u_{ij} h_i(r) h_j(s), \quad h_i(\xi_p) = \delta_{ip}, \quad h_i \in \mathbb{P}_N$$

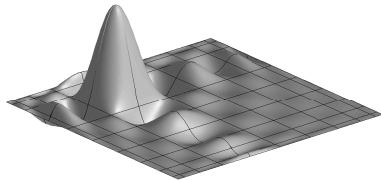


allows derivatives to be evaluated as matrix-matrix products:

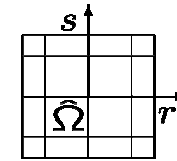
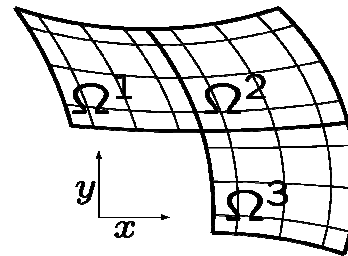
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \Big|_{\xi_i, \xi_j} = \sum_{p=0}^N u_{pj} \frac{dh_p}{dr} \Big|_{\xi_i} = \sum_p \underbrace{\hat{D}_{ip} u_{pj}}_{m \times m} =: D_r \underline{u}$$



# Mapped Geometries



2D basis function,  $N=10$



$E=3, N=4$

Geometry takes same form as solution,

$$\mathbf{x}(r, s) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N \mathbf{x}_{ij} h_i(r) h_j(s),$$

with  $\mathbf{x} := (x, y)$ , from which

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial r} \right|_{\xi_i, \xi_j} = \sum_p D_{ip} \mathbf{x}_{pj}$$

Given  $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial r_j}$ , we can find  $\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j}$ , and thus use the chain rule, e.g.,

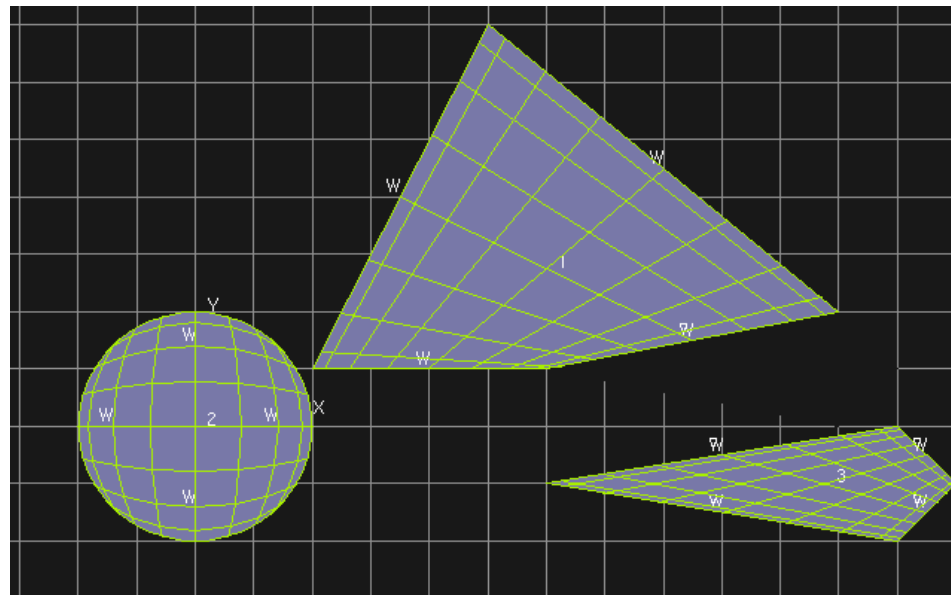
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \frac{\partial s}{\partial x}.$$

In *Nek*: “call `gradm1(ux,uy,uz,u)`” assuming `ux,uy,uz,u` properly declared.

# Notes about Mapped Elements

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- Best to use affine (i.e., linear) transformations in order to preserve underlying GLL spacing for stability and accurate quadrature.
- Avoid singular corners -  $\sim 180^\circ$  or  $\sim 0^\circ$
- Avoid high-aspect-ratio cells, if possible



# Multidimensional Integration

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- Given that we have Lagrangian interpolants based on GLL quadrature points, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Omega} v u dx &\approx \sum_{k=1}^n \rho_k v(\xi_k) u(\xi_k) \\ &= \sum_k \rho_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \phi_i(\xi_k) \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \phi_j(\xi_k) \right) \\ &= \sum_k \rho_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \delta_{ik} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \delta_{jk} \right) \\ &= \sum_k \rho_k v_k u_k = \underline{v}^T B \underline{u}, \quad b_{ij} := \delta_{ij} \rho_i.\end{aligned}$$

- In particular,

$$\int_{\Omega} u dx = \sum_k \rho_k u_k = \underline{b}^T \underline{u}, \quad b_i := \rho_i.$$

- In Nek, this **vector reduction** is implemented as: *alpha = glsc2(u,bm1,n)*

## Local “Matrix-Free” Stiffness Matrix in 3D

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- For a deformed spectral element,  $\Omega^k$ ,

$$A^k \underline{u}^k = \begin{pmatrix} D_r \\ D_s \\ D_t \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} G_{rr} & G_{rs} & G_{rt} \\ G_{rs} & G_{ss} & G_{st} \\ G_{rt} & G_{st} & G_{tt} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_r \\ D_s \\ D_t \end{pmatrix} \underline{u}^k$$

$$D_r = (I \otimes I \otimes \hat{D}) \quad G_{rs} = J \circ B \circ \left( \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \frac{\partial s}{\partial z} \right)$$

- Operation count in  $R^d$  is only  $O(N^{d+1})$  not  $O(N^{2d})$  [Orszag '80]
- Memory access is 7 x number of points ( $G_{rr}, G_{rs}$ , etc., are *diagonal*)
- Work is dominated by matrix-matrix products involving  $D_r, D_s$ , etc.

# Generic SEM Operator Evaluation

- Spectral element coefficients stored on element basis ( $\underline{u}_L$  not  $\underline{u}$ )

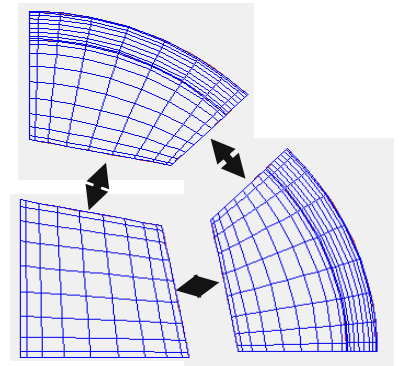
$$\underline{w} = A\underline{u} = Q^T A_L Q \underline{u}, \quad \underline{w}_L := Q \underline{w}, \quad \underline{u}_L := Q \underline{u}$$

$$\underline{w}_L = Q Q^T A_L \underline{u}_L$$

*local work (matrix-matrix products)*

*nearest-neighbor (gather-scatter) exchange*

$$A_L := \begin{bmatrix} A^1 & & & \\ & A^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & A^E \end{bmatrix}$$



- Decouples complex physics ( $A_L$ ) from communication ( $Q Q^T$ )

# Navier-Stokes Discretization Options

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} &= -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Imposition of the constraint  $\text{div } \mathbf{u} = 0$  is a major difficulty in solving the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations, both from theoretical and implementation perspectives.
- Was not well-understood till the mid-80s (give, or take...).
- The fundamental difficulty is that the discrete operators do not commute, except under special circumstances (e.g., Fourier bases).
- Nek supports two distinct approaches:
  - Option 1 ( $P_N$ - $P_{N-2}$ ):
    - *discretize in space using compatible approximation spaces*
    - *solve coupled system for pressure/velocity*
  - Option 2 ( $P_N$ - $P_N$ , or *splitting*):
    - *discretize in time first*
    - *take continuous divergence of momentum equation to arrive at a Poisson equation for pressure, with special boundary conditions*

# $P_N - P_{N-2}$ Spectral Element Method for Navier-Stokes (MP 89)

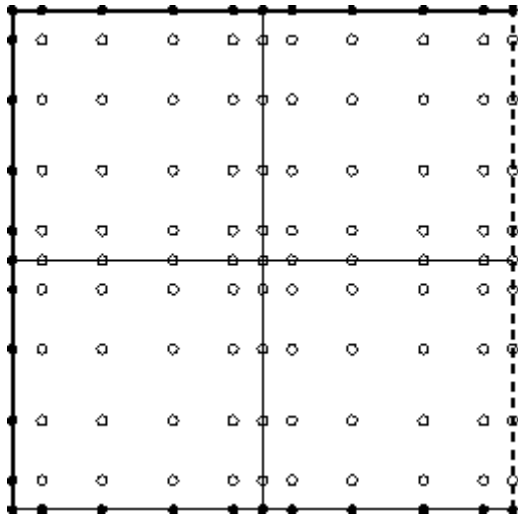
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WRT: Find  $\mathbf{u} \in X^N, p \in Y^N$  such that:

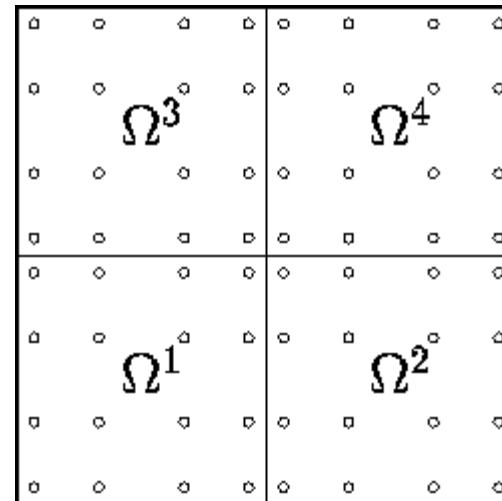
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{Re} (\nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v})_{GL} + \frac{1}{\Delta t} (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_{GL} - (p, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})_G &= (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v})_{GL} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in X^N \subset H^1 \\ - (q, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})_G &= 0 \quad \forall q \in Y^N \subset L^2 \end{aligned}$$

Velocity,  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $P_N$ , continuous

Pressure,  $p$  in  $P_{N-2}$ , discontinuous



Gauss-Lobatto Legendre points  
(velocity)



Gauss Legendre points  
(pressure)

# Consistent Splitting for Unsteady Stokes

(MPR 90, Blair-Perot 93, Couzy 95)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} & \mathbf{D}^T \\ -\mathbf{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{u}}^n \\ \underline{p}^n - \underline{p}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}\underline{\mathbf{f}} + \mathbf{D}^T \underline{p}^{n-1} \\ \underline{f}_p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} & -\frac{\Delta t}{\beta_0} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{D}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & E \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{u}}^n \\ \underline{p}^n - \underline{p}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}\underline{\mathbf{f}} + \mathbf{D}^T \underline{p}^{n-1} \\ \underline{g} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{r}} \\ \underline{0} \end{pmatrix} ,$$

$$E := \frac{\Delta t}{\beta_0} \mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{D}^T \quad \checkmark \quad \underline{\mathbf{r}} = O(\Delta t^2)$$

- $E$  - consistent Poisson operator for pressure, SPD
  - boundary conditions applied in velocity space
  - most compute-intensive phase



## Comparison of $P_N - P_{N-2}$ and $P_N - P_N$ Options in Nek

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	<u><math>P_N - P_{N-2}</math></u>	<u><math>P_N - P_N</math></u>
– SIZE:	$lx2=lx1-2$	$lx2=lx1$
– pressure:	discontinuous	continuous
– solver:	$E = DB^{-1}D^T$	A (std. Laplacian)
– preconditioner:	SEMG	Schwarz (but to be upgraded)
– free-surface	Yes	No
– ALE	Yes	No
– low Mach	No	Yes
– LES	OK	Better
– low Re	Better	OK
– var. prop.	Implicit (stress formulation)	semi-implicit
– spectrally accurate	Yes	Yes

- Nek will ensure that the problem type is compatible with the discretization choice.
- For most cases, speed is determined by the pressure solve, which addresses the fastest timescales in the system (the acoustic waves).
  - For  $P_N - P_{N-2}$ , the solver has been highly optimized over the last 15 years.
  - The  $P_N - P_N$  version was developed by the ETH group (Tomboulides, Frouzakis, Kerkemeier) for low Mach-number combustion and has only recently been folded into the production Nek5000 code.

# Navier-Stokes Boundary Conditions

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- A few key boundary conditions are listed below.

cbc	name	condition
v	velocity	specified in .usr
V	velocity	specified in .rea
W	wall	$\mathbf{u} = 0$
O	outflow	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0, p = 0$
SYM	symmetry	$\frac{\partial u_t}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0, u_n = 0$
P	periodic	$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{L})$

- There are many more, particularly for moving walls, free surface, etc.
- Special conditions include:
  - Recycling boundary conditions (special form of “v”)
  - Accelerated outflow to avoid incoming characteristics

# Thermal Boundary Conditions

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- A few key boundary conditions are listed below.

cbc	name	condition
t	temperature	specified in .usr
T	temperature	specified in .rea
I	insulated	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0$
f	flux	$k \frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = f$
c	Newton cooling	$k \frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = h(T - T_{\infty})$
O	outflow	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0$
P	periodic	$T(\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{L})$

## ***Part 3***

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### ***Workflow Example***

# Outline

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- *Nek5000 capabilities*
- *Equations, timestepping, and SEM basics*
- *Workflow example*
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  - *Setting initial and boundary conditions*
  - *Basic runtime analysis*
- *Using VisIt to analyze results*
- *Mesh generation options*
  - *Building meshes with genbox, prenek, and morphing*
- *Walking through examples; hands on simulations*

## *Serial / Parallel Issues*

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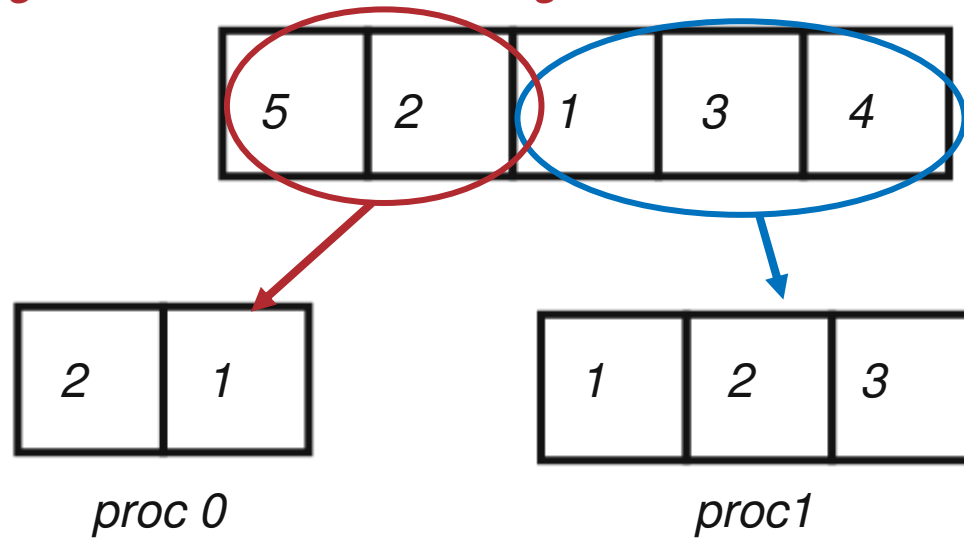
- *Locally, the SEM is **structured**.*
- *Globally, the SEM is **unstructured**.*
- *Vectorization and serial performance derive from the structured aspects of the computation.*
- *Parallelism and geometric flexibility derive from the unstructured, element-by-element, operator evaluation.*
- *Elements, or groups of elements are distributed across processors, but an element is never subdivided.*

# Parallel Structure

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- Elements are assigned in ascending order to each processor

*Serial, global element numbering*

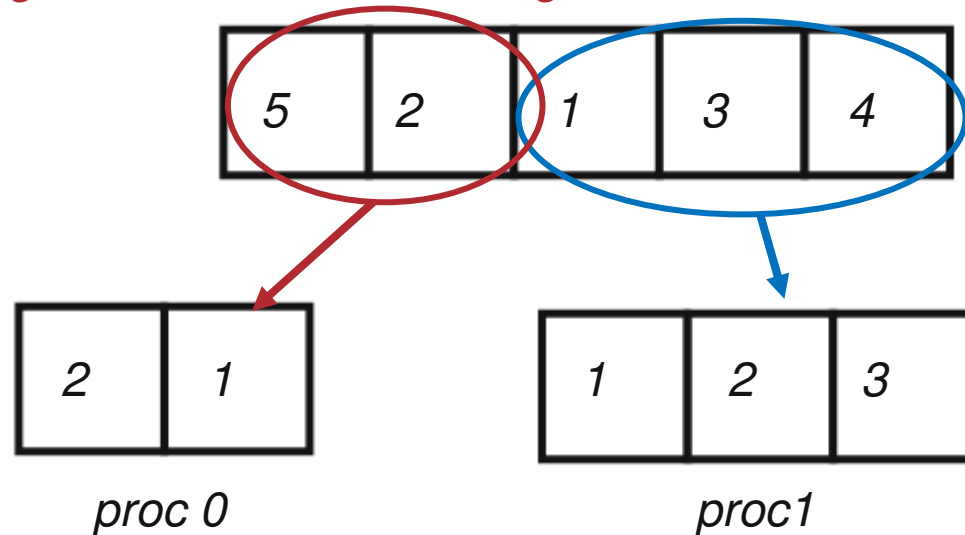


*Parallel, local element numbering*

# Parallel Structure

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*Serial, global element numbering*



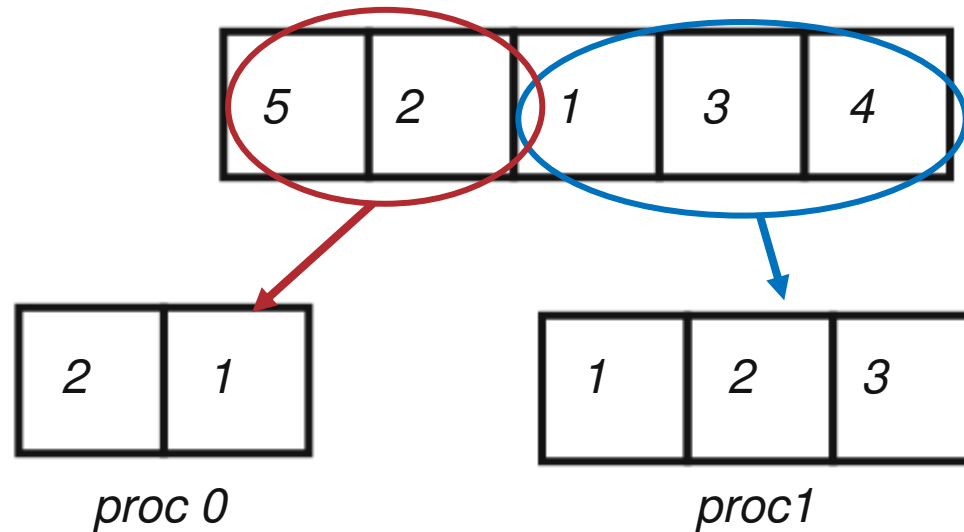
*Parallel, local element numbering*

- For the most part, don't care about global element **numbering**
  - (We'll show some examples where one might)
- Key point is that,
  - on proc 0,  $nelt=2$  ( $nelt = \#$  elements in temperature domain)
  - on proc 1,  $nelt=3$  ( $nelt = \#$  elements in fluid domain, usually =  $nelt$ )



# Parallel Structure

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- Arrays that distinguish which processor has which elements:

- proc 0

- $nelt=2$

- $lglel=(2,5)$

- proc 1

- $nelt=3$

- $lglel=(1,3,4)$

- Common arrays (scaling as nelgt, but only two such arrays):

- $glllel=(1,1,2,3,2)$ ,  $gllnid=(1,0,1,1,0)$

# Serial Structure

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- All data contiguously packed (and quad-aligned):

real u(lx1,ly1,lz1,lelt)

- *Indicates that u is a collection of elements,  $e=1, \dots, N_{elt} \leq lelt$ , each of size  $(N+1)^d$ ,  $d=2$  or  $3$*

# *Serial / Parallel Usage*

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- A common operation (1<sup>st</sup> way...)

```
s=0
do e=1,nelv
do iz=1,nz1
do iy=1,ny1
do ix=1,nx1
    s=s+u(ix,iy,iz,e)
enddo,...,enddo
```

- Parallel Version

```
s=0
do e=1,nelv
do iz=1,nz1
do iy=1,ny1
do ix=1,nx1
    s=s+u(ix,iy,iz,e)
enddo,...,enddo
```

***s=glsum(s,1)***

# *Serial / Parallel Usage*

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- A common operation (2<sup>nd</sup> way...)

```
n=nx1*ny1*nz1*nelv
s=0
do i=1,n
    s=s+u(i,1,1,1)
enddo
```

- Parallel Version

```
n=nx1*ny1*nz1*nelv
s=0
do i=1,n
    s=s+u(i,1,1,1)
enddo
```

***s=g1max(s,1)***

# Serial / Parallel Usage

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- A common operation (3<sup>rd</sup> way...)

$n=nx1*ny1*nz1*nelv$

**$s=glsum(u,n)$**

- Parallel Version

$n=nx1*ny1*nz1*nelv$

**$s=glsum(u,n)$**

- If you want a **local** max:

**$s=vlsun(u,n)$**

- Note: Important that every processor calls `glmax()`!!

# *Structure of .usr file*

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- *Let's look at a file!*

# *Structure of .rea file*

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- *Let's look at Kovasznay example...*





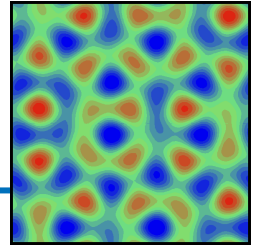
## Starting Nek5000 on Fusion

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- *Install source and build tools*
  - *ssh to fusion.lcrc.anl.gov*
  - *Add +pgi-9.0 to your .soft file and “resoft”*
  - *svn co [https://svn.mcs.anl.gov/repos/nek5\\_ek5\\_svn](https://svn.mcs.anl.gov/repos/nek5_ek5_svn)*
  - *cd nek5\_ek5/trunk/tools and specify compiler in “maketools”*
    - F77="pgf77"*
    - CC="pgcc"*
  - *maketools all*

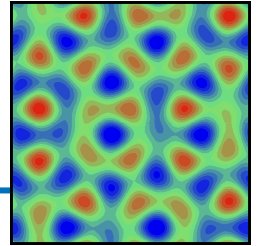
## Running First Case: Eddy Problem

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- `cd ~nek5_svn/examples; mkdir t1; cd t1; cp ../eddy/* .`
- `cp ~nek5_svn/trunk/nek/makenek .`
- `makenek eddy_uv`
- `nekb eddy_uv 1` (runs on 1 node = 8 cores)
  - Results output to:
    - logfile – stdout:
      - *timestepping info, computed errors, etc.*
    - `eddy_uv.fld01, ..., eddy_uv.fld12`
      - *velocity & pressure distributions (binary)*

## A quick peek at the data



- Type “postx &”, then

	<b><i>click</i></b>	<b><i>type</i></b>	<b><i>comment</i></b>
1.	SET TIME	12	load fld12
2.	SET QUANTITY		
3.	VORTICITY		
4.	PLOT		

- Final error is in eddy\_uv.fld1 1

- To check the error:

	<b><i>click</i></b>	<b><i>type</i></b>	<b><i>comment</i></b>
1.	SET TIME	11	load fld11
2.	SET QUANTITY		
3.	VELOCITY		
4.	MAGNITUDE		
5.	PLOT		

## *Eddy Example*

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- *Q: What does the error look like with outflow inflow/boundary conditions?*
- *A:*
  - *Make a new mesh*
  - *Change the bcs in .rea and .usr files*
  - *Look at the error*
- *To build the new mesh, we'll use genbox*

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***genbox***

# *genbox*

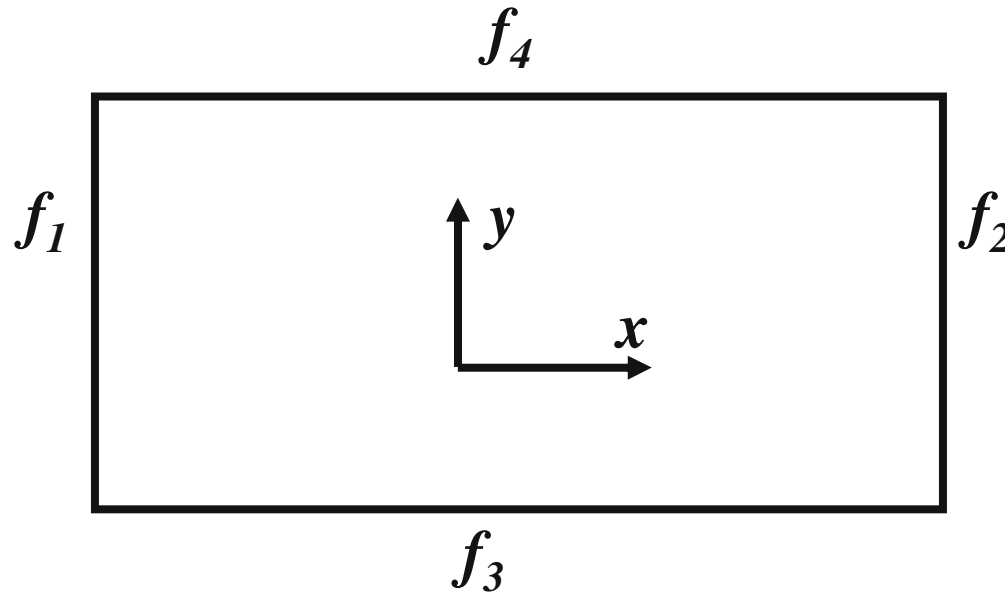
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- `genbox` provides a simple way to generate a basic box mesh comprising an  $nel_x \times nel_y \times nel_z$  array of elements, or a composite mesh with several boxes.
- It uses an existing base mesh as input to specify parameters, etc. and generates a new set of elements and associated boundary conditions.
- The output is “`box.rea`”
- One can then run “`genmap`”
- Assuming the code is already compiled with an appropriate `.usr` file, one can then run `Nek5000`

# genbox

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- genbox geometry (2D) – uses a symmetric face ordering



- BC:  $v$ ,  $O$ ,  $W$ ,  $SYM$ , yields
  - $f_1$ : “velocity”
  - $f_2$ : “outflow”
  - $f_3$ : “wall”
  - $f_4$ : “symmetry”

## *genbox example, 2D*

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- genbox generates a 2D or 3D input file “box.rea”

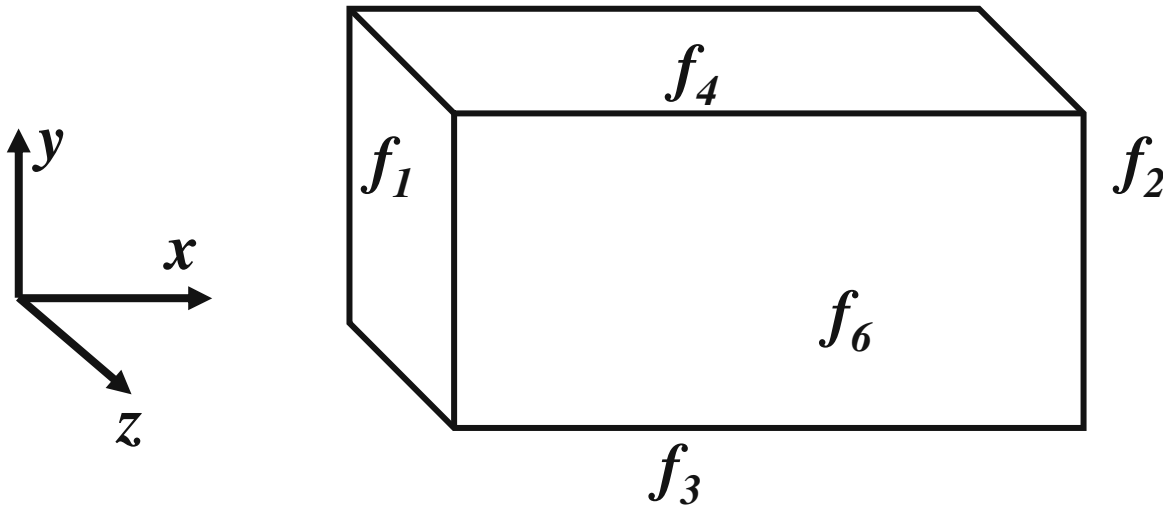
```
#
# This is a 2D demo file for nek5_svn/trunk/tools/genbox
#
# -- It produces an 8x5 mesh for channel flow
#    with inflow/outflow boundary conditions
#
# -- base.rea is assumed to be an existing case
#    w/ parameters of interest already set
#
#
base.rea
2                spatial dimension
1                number of fields
#
# First (and only) box:
#
Box 1
-8  5            nelx,nely,nelz for Box 1
0.  4.    1.    x0 x1 ratio
-1. -.8 -.4 .4 .8 1.  y0 y1 ... yn
v  ,O  ,W  ,W  ,    BCs (3 characters each!!)
```



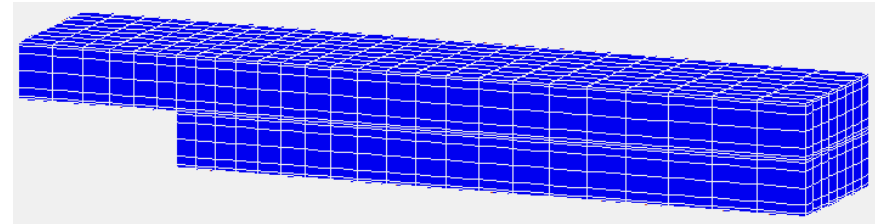
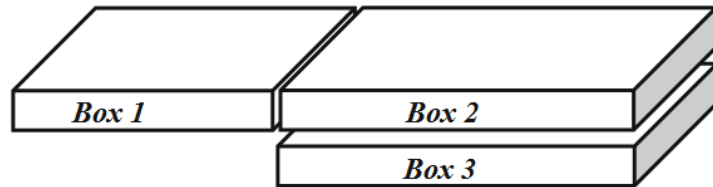
# genbox, 3D

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- genbox face ordering in 3D:



# Multibox Case: Backward Facing Step



```
# Box file for simple backward-facing step mesh
3d.rea
3          spatial dimension (if negative dump .re2 file)
1          number of fields
#
BOX 1
-6 6 -8          nelx,nely,nelz (negative --> auto spacing)
-3 0 .9          x_0, x_n, ratio
0 .05 .20 .5 .8 .95 1.    y_0...y_n
0 3 1.0          z_0, z_n, ratio
v , ,W ,W ,P ,P          BCs: west,east,bottom,top,back,front
BOX 2
-20 6 -8         nelx,nely,nelz
0 12 1.05        x_0, x_n, ratio
0 .05 .20 .5 .8 .95 1.    y_0...y_n
0 3 1.0          z_0, z_n, ratio
,0 , ,W ,P ,P          BCs: west,east,bottom,top,back,front
BOX 3
-20 6 -8         nelx,nely,nelz
0 12 1.05        x_0, x_n, ratio
-1 -.95 -.8 -.5 -.2 -.05 0 y_0...y_n
0 3 1.0          z_0, z_n, ratio
W ,0 ,W , ,P ,P          BCs: west,east,bottom,top,back,front
```

- BCs for internal faces are blank
- Use additional boxes for more control over mesh grading, etc.

# *genbox conventions*

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- # indicates comment
- If  $nelx$  (y, or z)  $> 0$ , user provides  $x_0, \dots, x_{nelx}$  in ascending order, possibly on multiple lines
- If  $nelx$  (y, or z)  $< 0$ , user provides  $x_0 < x_{nelx}$ , and *ratio*, so that domain  $[x_0, x_{nelx}]$  is partitioned into  $nelx$  subdomains, with  $dx_{i+1} = ratio * dx_i$
- If  $ndim < 0$ , genbox generates .rea and .re2 (binary) file [*new convention*]
- “B” or “b” for Box indicates a box descriptor follows
- “C” or “c” for Circle indicates a circle descriptor (currently supported?)
- BCs *must* be 3 characters (including blanks) !
- Base input file must match dimension (2D or 3D) of the given case