



Towards a Viscous Wall Model for Immersed Boundary Methods



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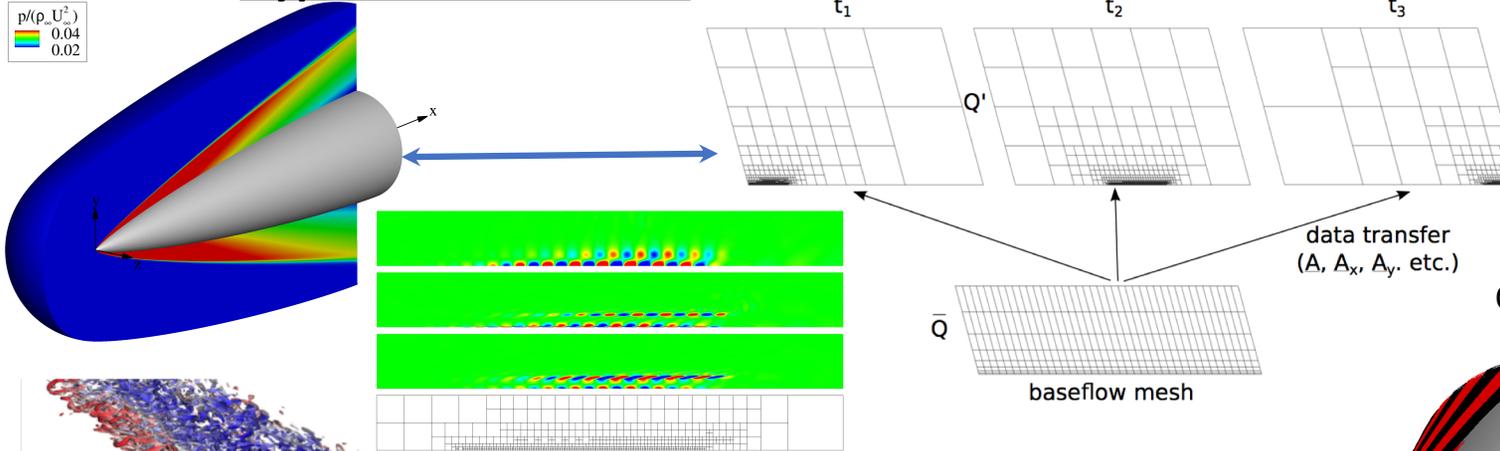
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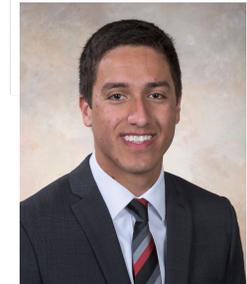
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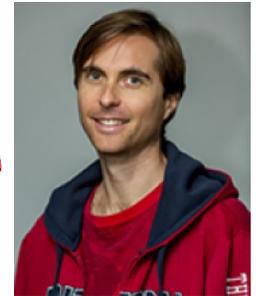
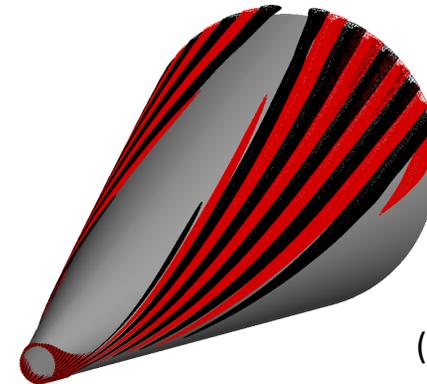
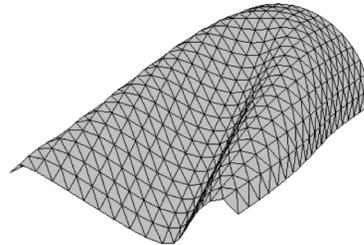
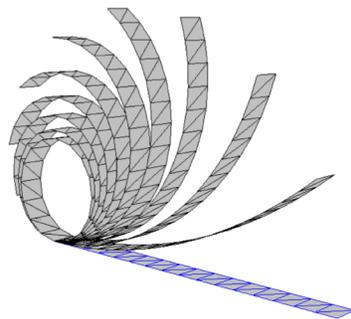
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Fluid-Structure Interaction

Courtesy M. Barad (NASA Ames)



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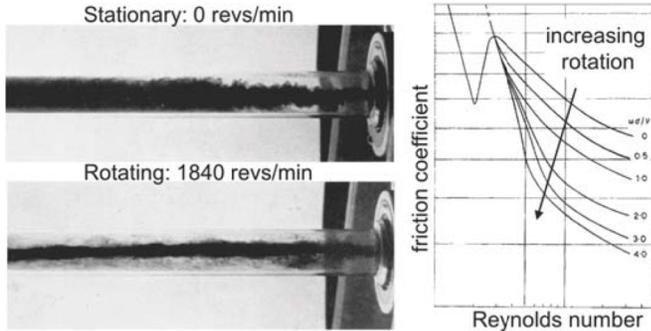
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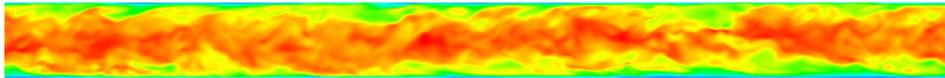


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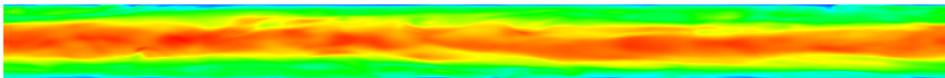


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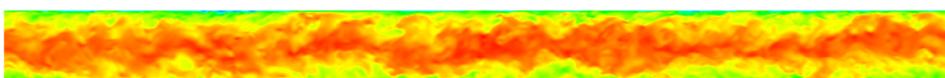
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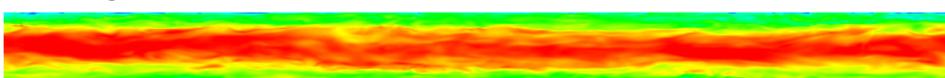
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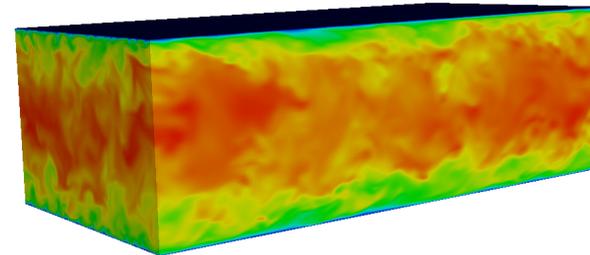


Collaboration with Prof. Bailey (experiments at UK)

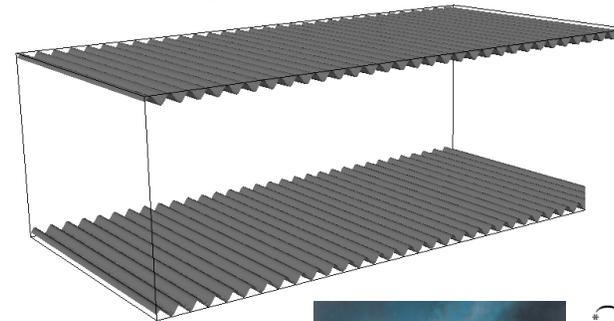


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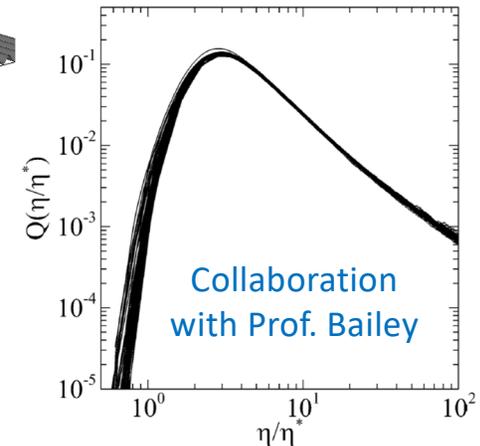
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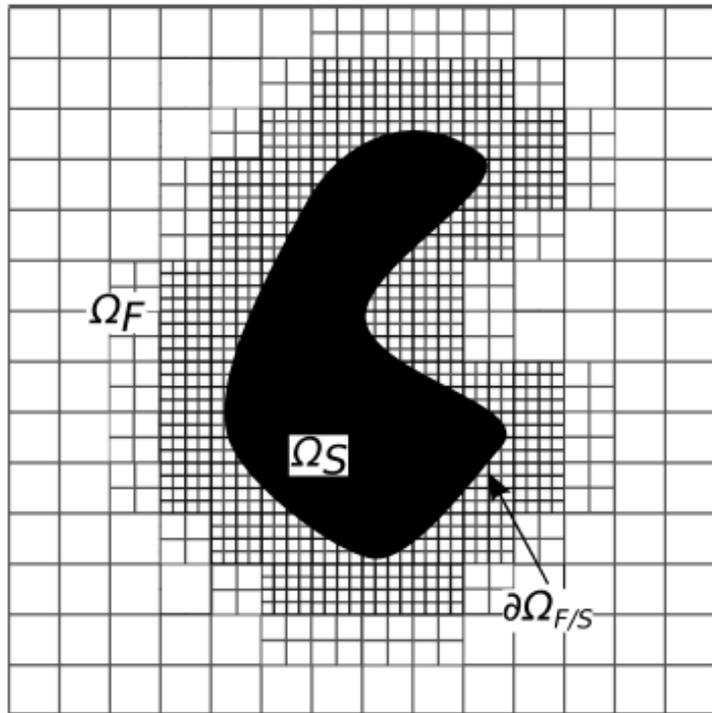
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Motivation for Immersed Boundary Methods



Arbitrary geometry immersed into a Cartesian grid, where fluid and solid domains are marked with Ω_F and Ω_S , and immersed boundary as $\partial\Omega_{F/S}$

Why Cartesian mesh methods?

- Grid generation process can be fully automated
- Cartesian mesh provides excellent numerical solution properties (although boundary operators can be problematic)
- Higher-Order accuracy can be obtained in a straight-forward fashion for interior operators
- Well-suited for exa-scale computing (data locality, tree-structure, *etc.*)
- Fully-Eulerian solver approach for fluid-structure interaction problems (eliminating procedures for mesh deformation, transfer of solution from Ω^n to Ω^{n+1} , *etc.*)

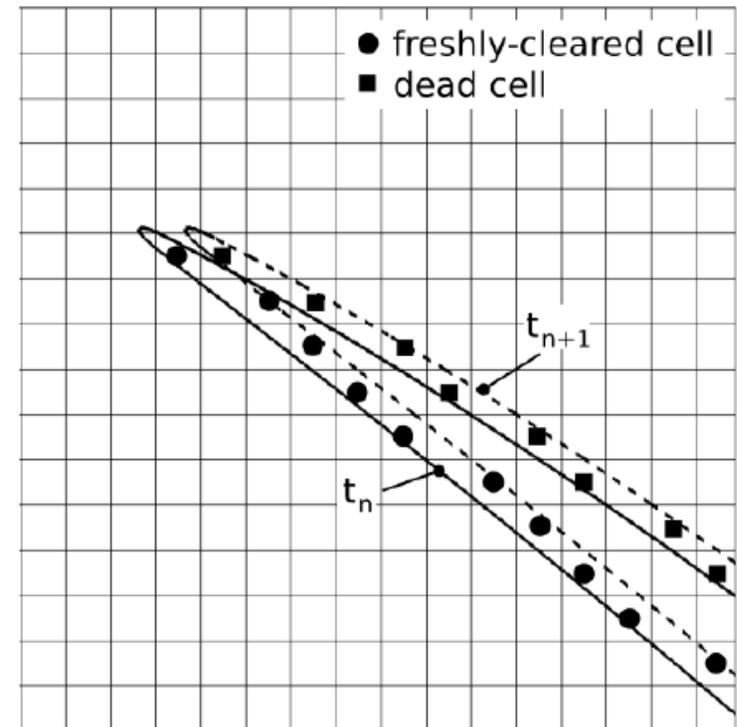
Immersed Boundary Methods

Immersed Boundary Methods (IBMs) have been developed and extended for a number of years (Peskin et al. , Goldstein et al. , LeVeque and Li, Wiegmann and Bube, Linnick and Fasel, Johansen and Colella, Mittal and Iaccarino, Zhong, Duan et al., and many more.)

Algorithmic challenges for IB Cartesian Mesh Methods:

- ❑ Grid stretching approaches are not efficient and defeat the purpose of IBM methods
 - Some type of block-structured Cartesian mesh topology is advantageous (AMR)
- ❑ Higher-order boundary operators (preferably provable stable) not straightforward to obtain

see for example, Linnick and Fasel, Zhong, Duan et al. , Brehm and Fasel, Brehm et al. , and others
- ❑ Dynamic load balancing (especially for moving or deforming boundary problems)

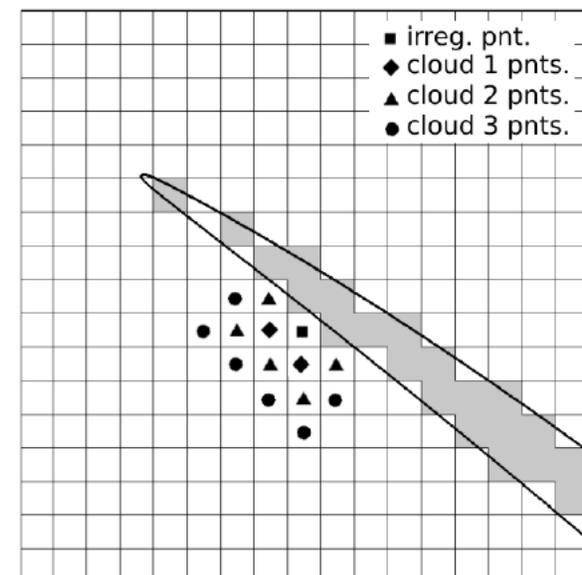
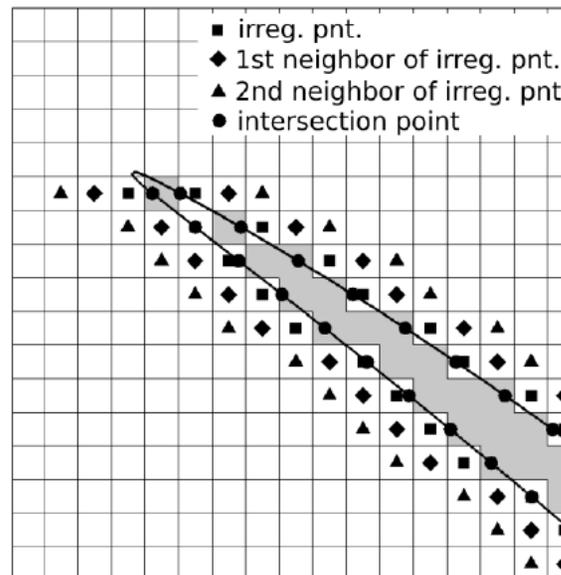
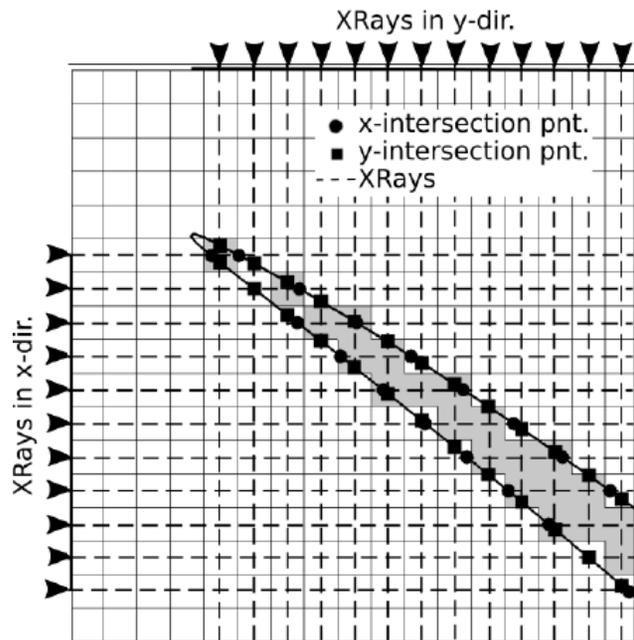


Immersed Boundary Methods



Algorithmic challenges for IB Cartesian Mesh Methods (cont'd):

- ❑ Automation of volume mesh generation is traded against algorithmic complexity to handle complex geometries (in-out testing, cloud stencil search algorithms, grid-line intersection, distance function, *etc.*)
 - Geometry is required to be watertight and resolution of surface grid affects accuracy



Brehm, Barad, and Kiris (JCP 2018, submitted)

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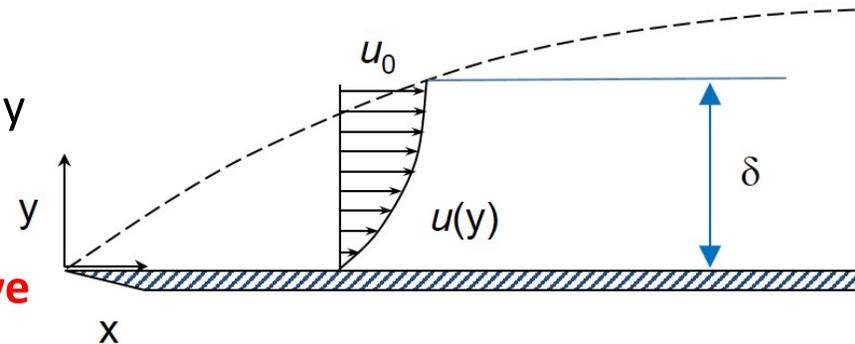


Physical limitations of current Cartesian grid methods:

- ❑ Mesh-alignment with shocks (especially problematic for hypersonic flows)
- ❑ Method is currently limited to solution of Euler equation and low Reynolds number applications

- IB approaches are inefficient in resolving boundary layers since Cartesian mesh generally does not allow the use of (wall-normal) high aspect ratio cells at the wall

→ **wall-resolved simulations are too expensive**



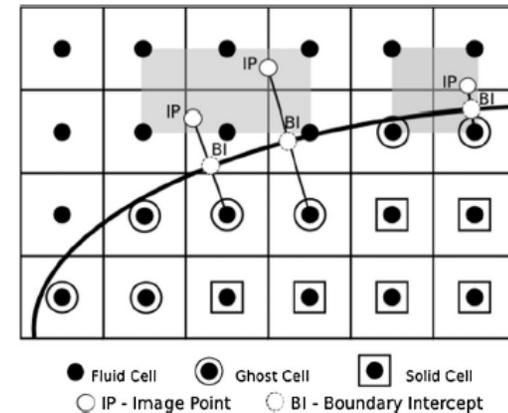
- Consider that for DNS $N_{\text{Grid}} \sim \text{Re}_L^{37/14}$ and for LES $N_{\text{Grid}} \sim \text{Re}_L^{13/7}$ Choi & Moin, 2011
- With Wall-modeled LES the grid resolution can be significantly reduced with $N_{\text{Grid}} \sim \text{Re}_L$
- Practical importance of wall-modeling in LES for high Reynolds number flows (even for body-fitted meshes)

Viscous Wall Extensions

- [Ruffin and Lee \(2009\)](#) combined IB ghost cell approach with standard $k-\epsilon$ turbulence model by Launder and Spalding with Spalding's wall model formulation
 - Fair agreement for subsonic 2D and axisymmetric test cases (flat plate & airfoil)

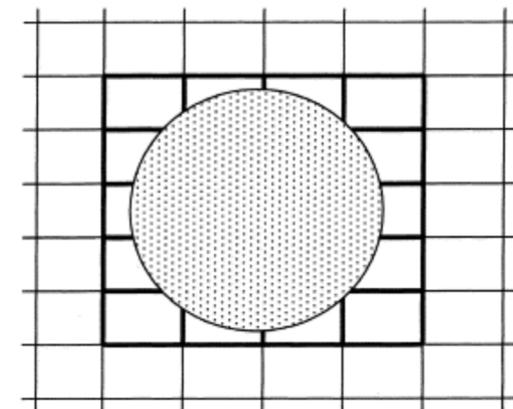
- [Berger and Aftosmis \(2012\)](#) combined Cartesian cut-cell finite volume method with analytic wall model that is based on the Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model
 - Good agreement for flow over a flat plate and sub- and transonic airfoils
 - Convergence of surface pressure $\Delta x = 0.1\% \times \text{chord}$ and converged surface skin friction for 2-4 smaller grid spacings

Ghost Cell Method



Taken from [Kiris et al. \(2016\)](#)

Cut Cell Method

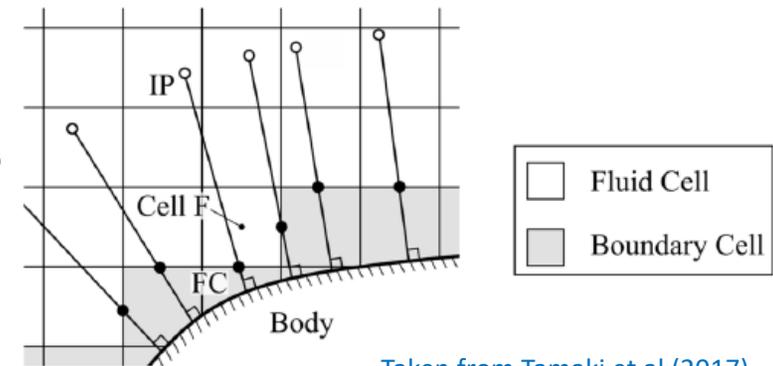


Taken from [Tucker and Pan et al. \(2000\)](#)

Viscous Wall Extensions

- ❑ Tamaki et al. (2017) developed an IBM for turbulent flow simulations based on analytical S-A turbulence model
 - Two key modifications of an earlier 2016 version:
 - (1) linearly extrapolate velocity of the forcing point to the wall and
 - (2) modification of eddy-viscosity profile to maintain balance of the shear stress
 - good validation results against body-fitted results for flat plate, NACA0012 airfoil, and turbulent flow over bump in the channel

IBM for turbulent flows



Taken from Tamaki et al (2017)

- ❑ Berger and Aftosmis (2017) followed up on previous work from 2012
 - System of ODEs coupling the streamwise velocity and the turbulent viscosity replaced analytic wall function
 - Streamwise momentum equation included the pressure gradient and convection terms
 - excellent comparison against body-fitted CFD results for 2D test cases even for $y^+ > 100$.
- ❑ Another strategy is to couple the IB Navier-Stokes solver to an integral boundary layer (IBL) method (see Drela (1987), Aftosmis (2006), Rodriguez (2012))

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Basics of Stability Enhancement Approach



□ Initial observation:

“Stability of numerical scheme can be formulated as N-dimensional optimization problem”

(N=number of irregular grid points)

□ Derivation of stencil coefficients:

- Enforce order-of-accuracy

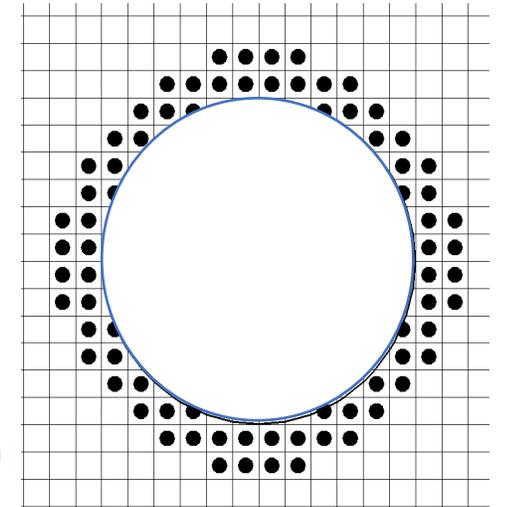
$$\tau_i = \left(-c_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\beta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) + f \right)_{x=x_i} - \left(\hat{\phi}_B \tilde{\alpha}_1 + \hat{\phi}_i \tilde{\alpha}_2 + \hat{\phi}_{i+1} \tilde{\alpha}_3 + \hat{\phi}_{i+2} \tilde{\alpha}_4 + \hat{\phi}_{i+3} \tilde{\alpha}_5 + C \right)$$

- Additional grid point is needed to introduce free parameter
- Objective function depends on the nature of the PDE, e.g., $\lambda_{r,\max}$ or $\rho(\mathbf{A})$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = -c_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\beta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) + f \xrightarrow{\text{discr.}} \underline{\mathbf{B}} \hat{\phi}^{n+1} = \underline{\mathbf{A}} \hat{\phi}^n + \hat{\mathbf{f}}$$

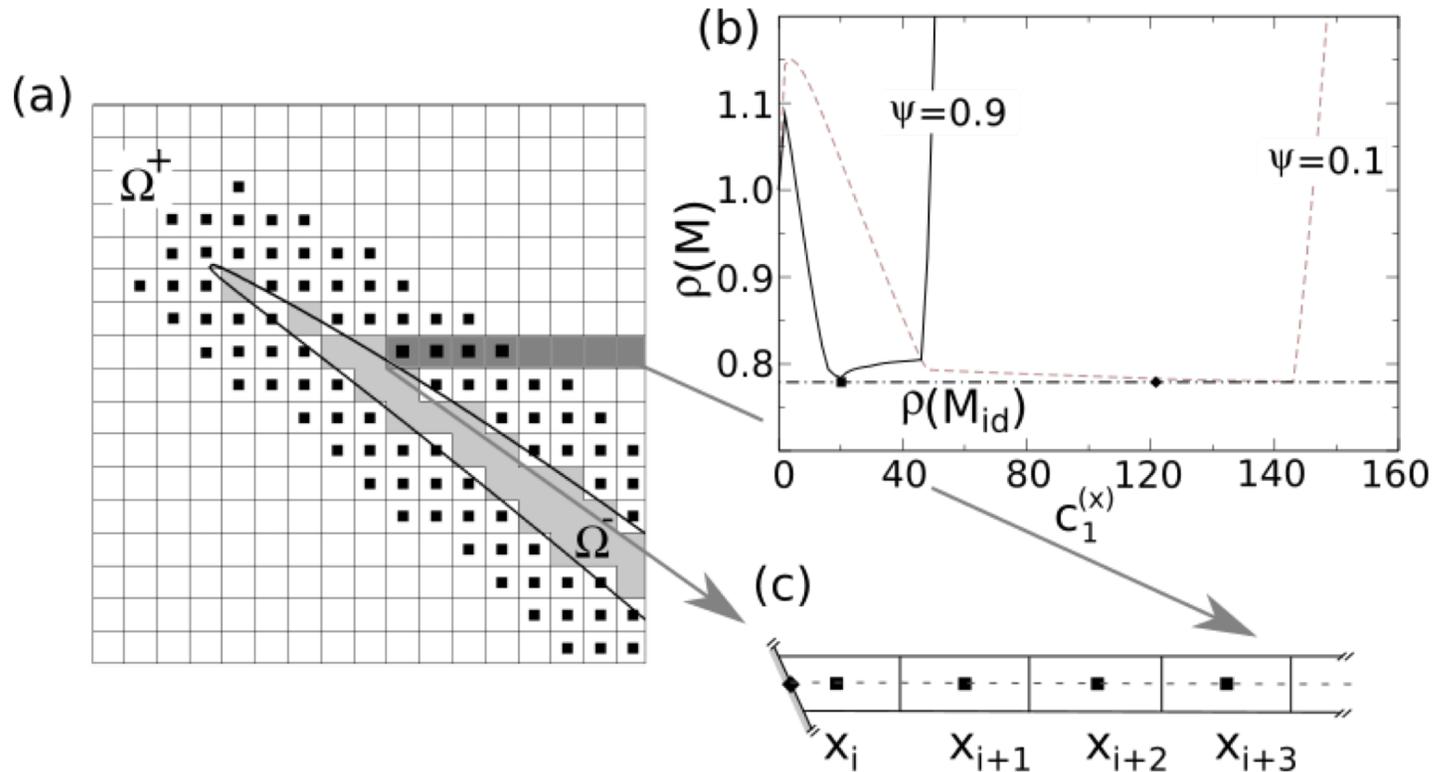
- Extract perturbation of irregular finite difference stencil (assume $\underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{I}$)

$$\underline{\mathbf{A}} = \underline{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{A}_{id} \xrightarrow{\text{cond.}} \rho(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) \leq 1$$



● Irregular grid point

Basics of Stability Enhancement Approach



- ❑ Solving N-dimensional optimization problem is too expensive
- ❑ Apply localization of FD stencil which turns N-dimensional problem
 - into $N \times 1$ -D problems (localization was demonstrated) [Brehm and Fasel \(JCP, 2013\)](#)

Conservative Finite-Difference Method – Convective Terms



□ Conservative Finite Difference Operator:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} (h_{i+1/2} - h_{i-1/2}) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} (\hat{f}_{i+1/2} - \hat{f}_{i-1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^{2n-1})$$

□ Scheme relies on error cancellation

▪ Numerical flux derivative at x_i :

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_i} = \frac{h_{i+1/2} - h_{i-1/2}}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{\hat{f}_{i+1/2} - \hat{f}_{i-1/2}}{\Delta x} \quad (1)$$

▪ Truncation error obtaining flux at $x_{i+1/2}$

$$\hat{f}_{i+1/2} = h_{i+1/2} - \frac{1}{60} \left. \frac{\partial^5 f}{\partial x^5} \right|_{x=x_i} \Delta x^5 \quad (\text{scheme A}) \quad (2)$$

▪ Truncation error obtaining flux at $x_{i-1/2}$

$$\hat{f}_{i-1/2} = h_{i-1/2} - \frac{1}{600} \left. \frac{\partial^5 f}{\partial x^5} \right|_{x=x_i} \Delta x^5 \quad (\text{scheme B}) \quad (3)$$

▪ Substituting (2) and (3) in (1) leads to:

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_i} = \frac{h_{i+1/2} - h_{i-1/2}}{\Delta x} - \frac{3}{200} \left. \frac{\partial^5 f}{\partial x^5} \right|_{x=x_i} \Delta x^4$$

➤ *To recover formal order-of-accuracy match not only order but also leading term of truncation error* (Brehm, JCP 2017)

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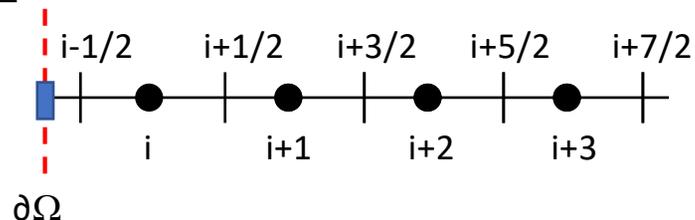
□ For third-order accurate scheme we implicitly define primitive function $h(\xi)$ of flux

$$h(x) = h_0 + h_1x + h_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} \longrightarrow \hat{f} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x-\Delta x/2}^{x+\Delta x/2} h(\xi) d\xi = h_0 + \dots$$

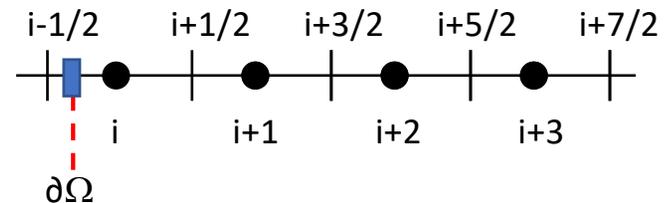
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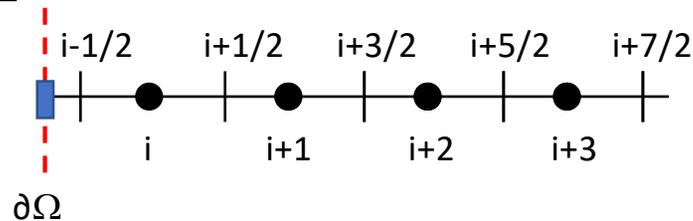
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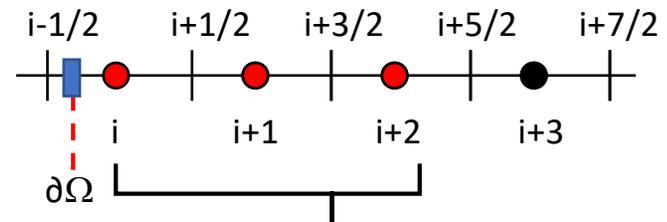
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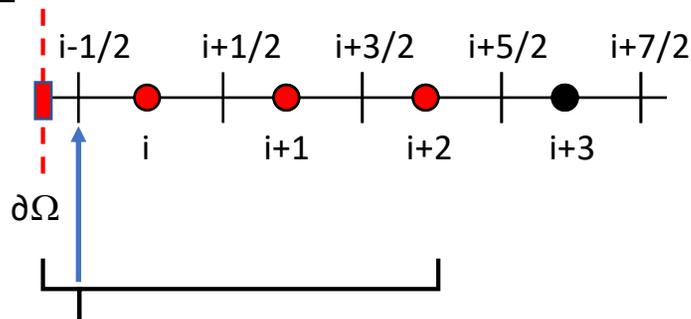
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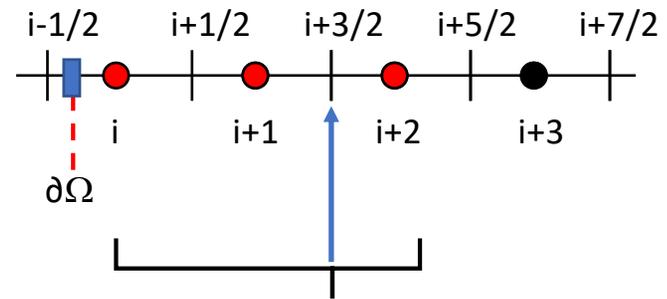
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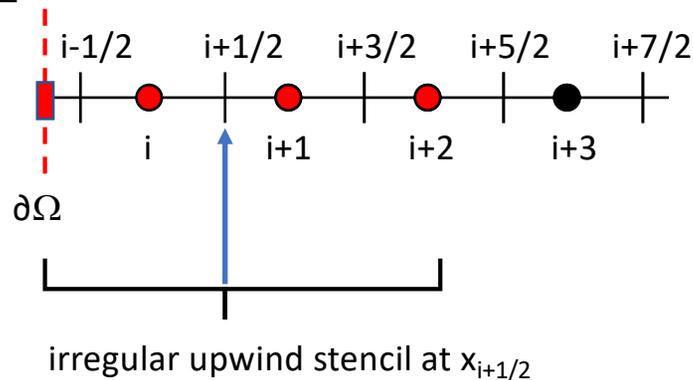
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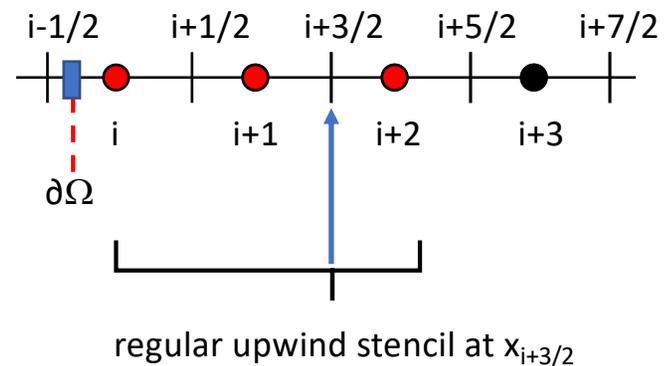
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□ Conservative FD operator is derived such that

- 1) Accuracy constraints (for derivative \underline{D} and appropriate interpolation $\underline{\mathbb{I}}$ operators)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \underline{D} f + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^p) \quad \text{or} \quad \widehat{f} = \underline{\mathbb{I}} f + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^p)$$

- 2) Telescoping derivative operator, \underline{D} (“telescopes flux from boundary to boundary”)

Fisher et al. (2012)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \underline{D} f = \underline{\Delta} \widehat{f} = \underline{\Delta} \underline{\mathbb{I}} f + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^p)$$

$$\underline{\Delta} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{D} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 & d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & d_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & b & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & b & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a & b & c \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

with end point flux consistency $\widehat{f}_{1/N} = f_{1/N}$

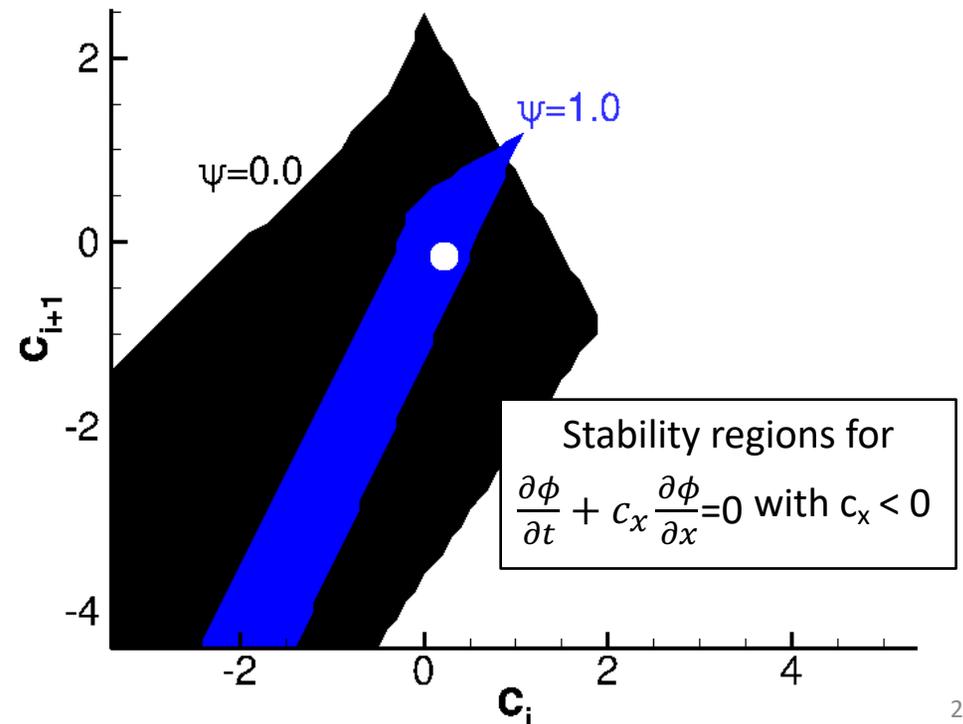
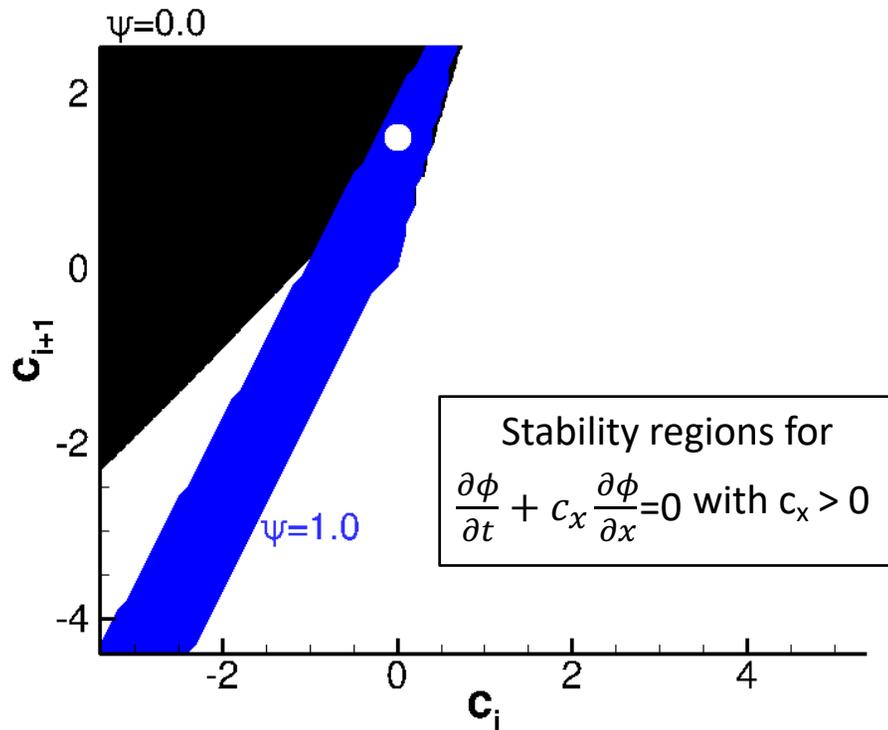
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- Matrix Stability Analysis - Spectral radius of update matrix

$$\tilde{B} \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\Delta x} \tilde{A} \varepsilon, \quad \text{with BC: } \varepsilon_0(t) = 0, \quad \text{and IC: } \varepsilon(t) = f(x_i)$$

- Stability regions for advection equation with advection speed c_x (using third-order accurate extrapolation operators)



Conservative Finite-Difference Method – Viscous Terms



□ Original Non-conservative approach:

$$\frac{\partial(\tau_{xy})}{\partial y} = \frac{d\mu}{dT} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x} \right) \text{ with } \left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right|_k = c_{\partial\Omega} \phi_{\partial\Omega} + \sum_{m=1}^{p_k+1} c_{i+m-1} \phi_{i+m-1} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^{2n})$$

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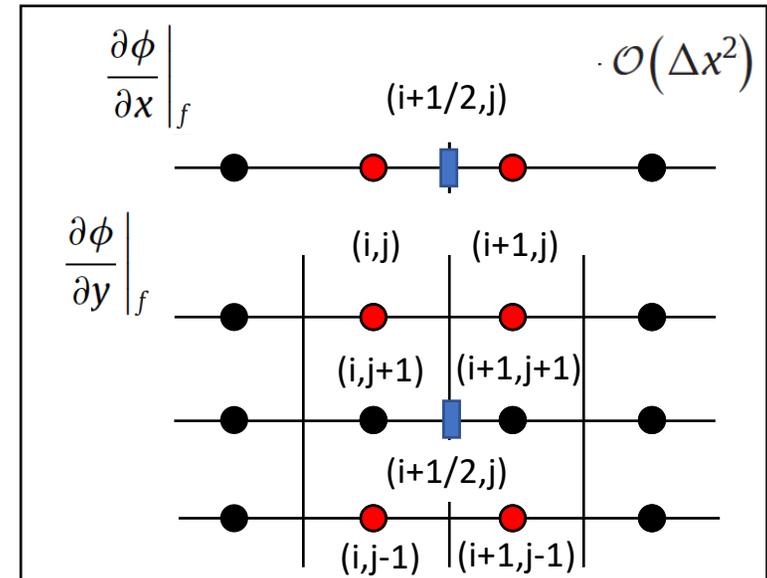
- Velocity and temperature are provided $\partial\Omega$
- **Problem:** How to provide viscous flux at the wall?

□ Conservative approach

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_f = \frac{1}{\Delta x} (\hat{f}_{i+1/2} - \hat{f}_{i-1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^{2n})$$

- Need to compute viscous fluxes at faces
- Treat viscous fluxes consistently at irregular faces
- Truncation error for all derivatives need to match

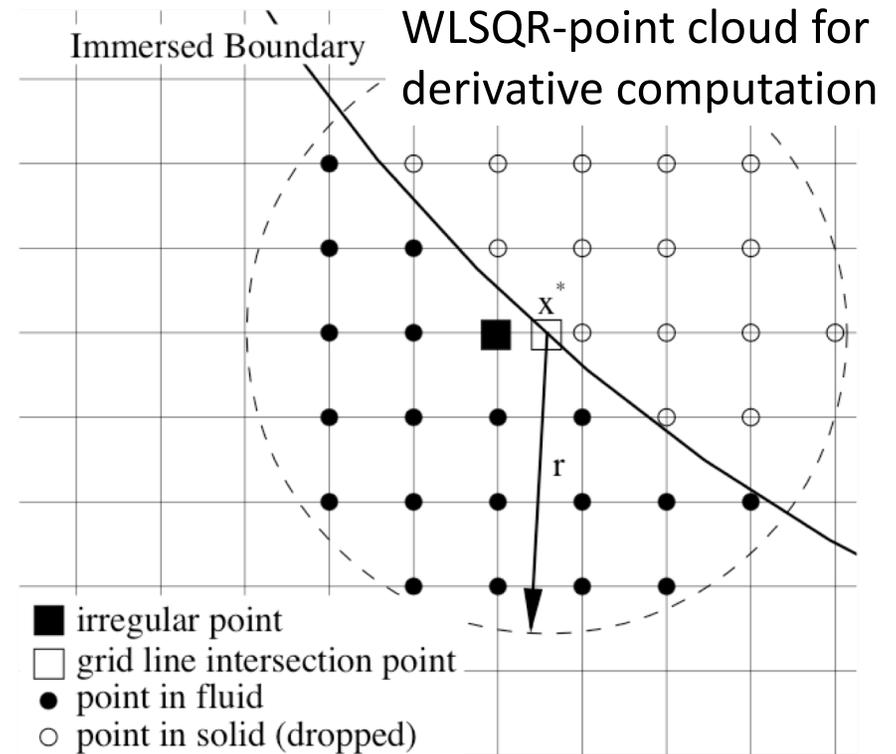
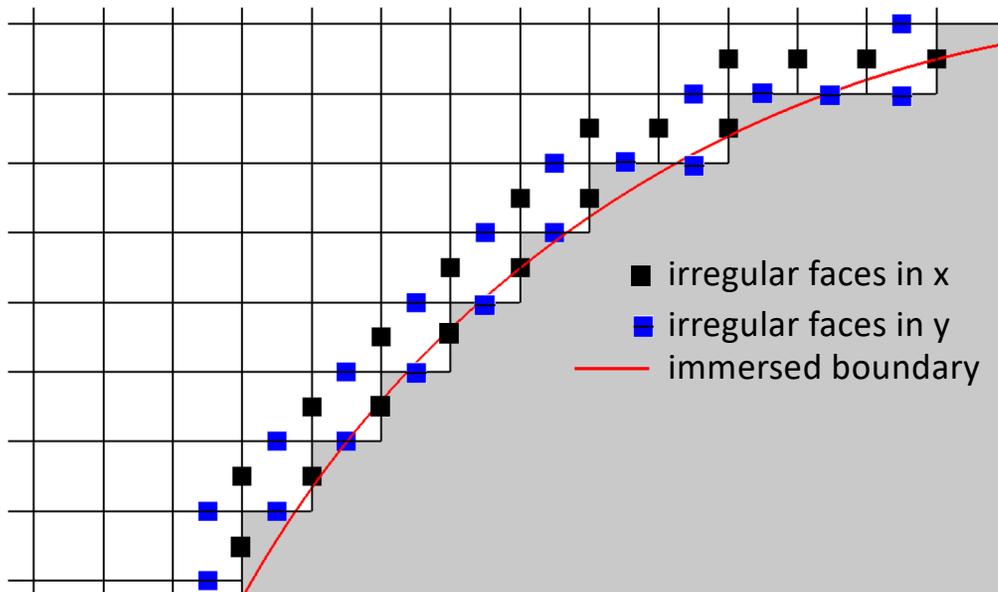
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Conservative Finite-Difference Method – Viscous Terms



Irregular faces in vicinity of IB



- Viscous flux are computed at irregular faces and grid line intersection points (for wall-resolved)
- Using weighted-least squares stencils to compute derivatives at irregular faces

Finite-Difference IB Method – Turbulence Model



□ Solve standard SA transport model

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\tilde{\nu}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(u_j \tilde{\nu}) = \mathcal{D}_i + \mathcal{P}_r - \mathcal{D}_e$$

Diffusion term

$$\mathcal{D}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[(1 + c_{b2}) \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\nu}}{\partial x_j} \right)^2 + (\nu + \tilde{\nu} f(\chi)) \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\nu}}{\partial x_j^2} \right]$$

Production term

$$\mathcal{P}_r = \begin{cases} c_{b1} \hat{S} \tilde{\nu} & \text{for } \chi > 0, \text{ and} \\ c_{b1} \Omega g_n \tilde{\nu} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \hat{S} = \begin{cases} \Omega + \bar{S} & \text{for } \bar{S} > -c_{v2} \omega, \text{ and} \\ \Omega + \frac{\Omega(c_{v2}^2 + c_{v3} \bar{S})}{(\Omega(c_{v3} - 2c_{v2}) - \bar{S})} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

□ Immersed boundary operators are the same as for Navier-Stokes equations
 ❖ using new conservative formulation

$$\nu_t = \tilde{\nu} f_{v1}, \quad f_{v1} = \frac{\chi^3}{\chi^3 + c_{v1}^3}$$

$$f(\chi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \chi > 0, \text{ and} \\ 1 + \chi + \frac{\chi^2}{2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Dissipation term

$$\mathcal{D}_e = \begin{cases} c_{w1} f_w \left(\frac{\tilde{\nu}}{d} \right)^2 & \text{for } \chi \geq 0, \text{ and} \\ -c_{w1} \left(\frac{\tilde{\nu}}{d} \right)^2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Wall Modeling Approaches – Near-wall analytical solution



- Boundary layer simplification for x-momentum equation, *i.e.*, simple diffusion equation and mixing length assumption for turbulent viscosity

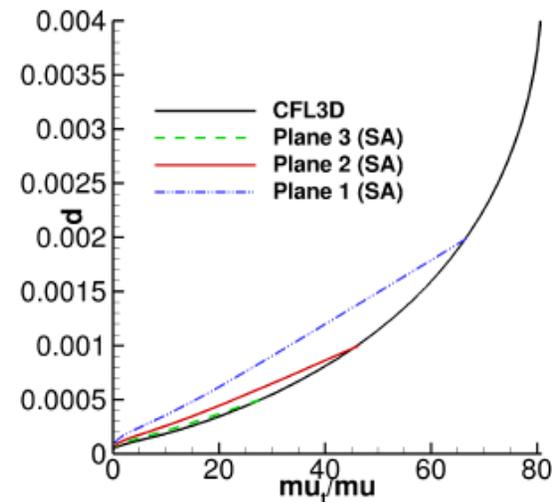
$$\frac{d}{dy} \left[(\nu + \nu_t) \frac{du}{dy} \right] = 0, \text{ or } (\nu + \nu_t) \frac{du}{dy} = u_\tau^2 \quad \tilde{\nu} = \kappa u_\tau y = \kappa \nu y^+$$

- Integrating and manipulating terms gives the following analytical expression

$$u^+ = \bar{B} + c_1 \log((y^+ + a_1)^2 + b_1^2) - c_2 \log((y^+ + a_2)^2 + b_2^2) - c_3 \arctan(y^+ + a_1, b_1) - c_4 \arctan(y^+ + a_2, b_2)$$

- Analytical SA wall function constants

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B} &= 5.03339088, & a_1 &= 8.14822158, & a_2 &= -6.92870938, \\ b_1 &= 7.46008761, & b_2 &= 7.46814579, & c_1 &= 2.54967735, \\ c_2 &= 1.33016516, & c_3 &= 3.59945911, & c_4 &= 3.63975319, \end{aligned}$$



Wall Modeling Approaches – ODE-based wall model

- We include streamwise pressure gradient and convective terms to capture greater physics

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((\mu + \mu_t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)}_{\text{Diffusion only models}} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \psi(y) \rho \left[u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right]_F$$

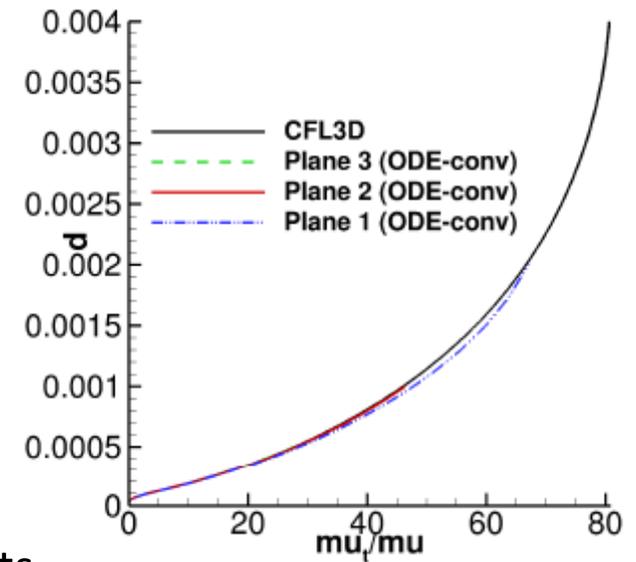
Diffusion only models

- Empirical cutoff function for convective terms along the ray, using the velocity derived from analytical wall function, previously described $\psi(y) = u_{SA}/u_F$

- Solve a simplified SA model - neglecting streamwise gradients

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[(\nu + \tilde{\nu}) \frac{\partial \tilde{\nu}}{\partial y} \right] = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[(1 + c_{b2}) \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\nu}}{\partial y} \right)^2 + (\nu + \tilde{\nu} f(\chi)) \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\nu}}{\partial y^2} \right]$$

- Second-order central FD scheme, inverted via Newton iteration (with exact linearization)



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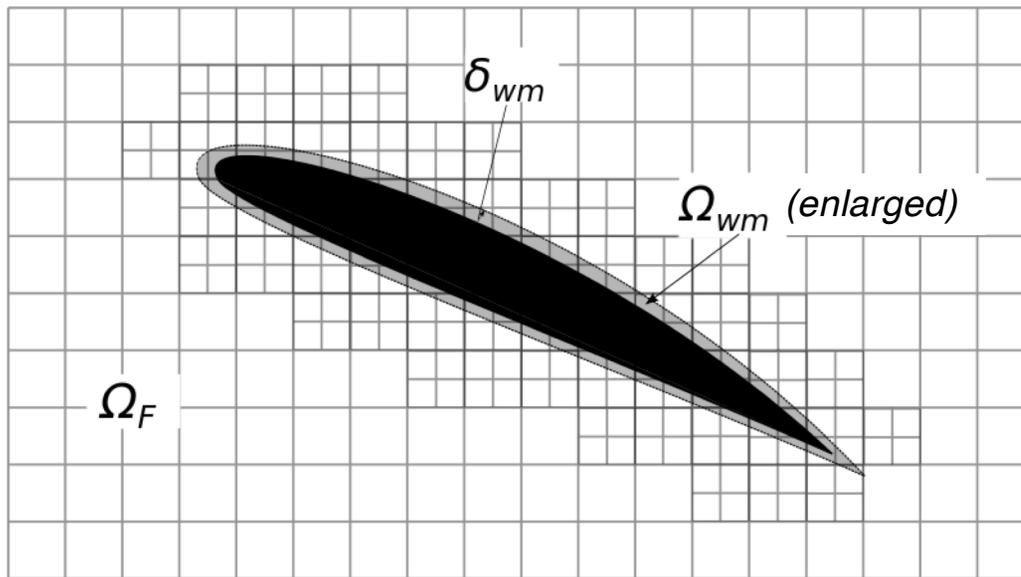
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IBM-VWM Coupling



Ω_{wm} : approximate boundary layer solution domain

Ω_F : Cartesian grid solution domain

- ❑ Within Ω_{wm} domain, wall model is assumed to provide valid flow information
 - ❑ Important to provide smooth transition between Ω_{wm} and Ω_F
 - ❑ Strong interplay between numerical implementation details of IBM and wall model is expected
 - ❑ Grid resolution at boundary layer edge is crucial (see also Spalart 2015 on turbulence modeling for body-fitted mesh)
- ❑ Simplistic way of viewing the viscous wall effects -- *flow partially slips past wall*:
- (1) Supply the “right” force to the under-resolved flow to control BL growth
 - (2) Obtain friction force on immersed geometry → requires some type of wall model

IBM-VWM Coupling – Approximate BL Solution Domain

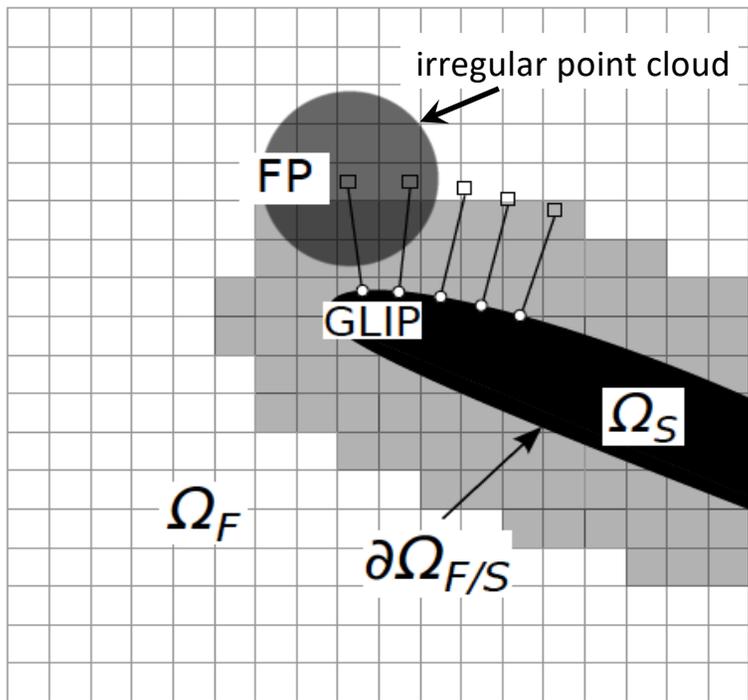


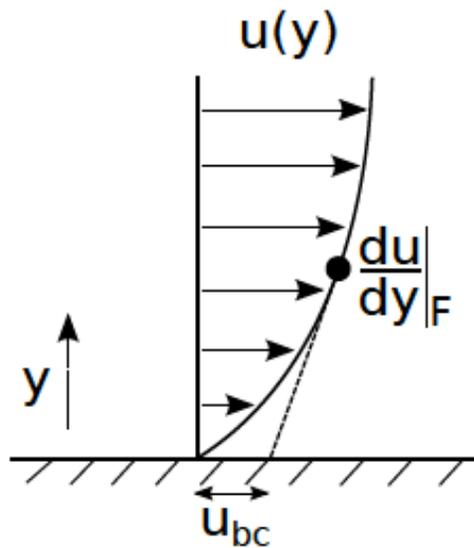
Illustration of coupling between wall modeling approaches and IB solver

FP: forcing point

GLIP: gridline intersection point

- WM solved along rays with constant δ_{wm}
 - Directional/wall-normal distances vary non-smoothly causing oscillations
 - WMs display dependencies on wall distances where external flow data is provided
- WM is solved as BVP (BCs at $y_n=0$ & $y_n=\delta_{wm}$)
- Transfer of data between Ω_{wm} and Ω_f :
 - (1) flow data is interpolated to FP
 - (2) WM solution is transfer to IB solver at GLIP
- WLSQR stencil cloud provides flow data at $y_n=\delta_{wm}$
 - data needed depends on wall model
 - with this data WM solution can be obtained

IBM-VWM Coupling – Cartesian Grid Solution Domain



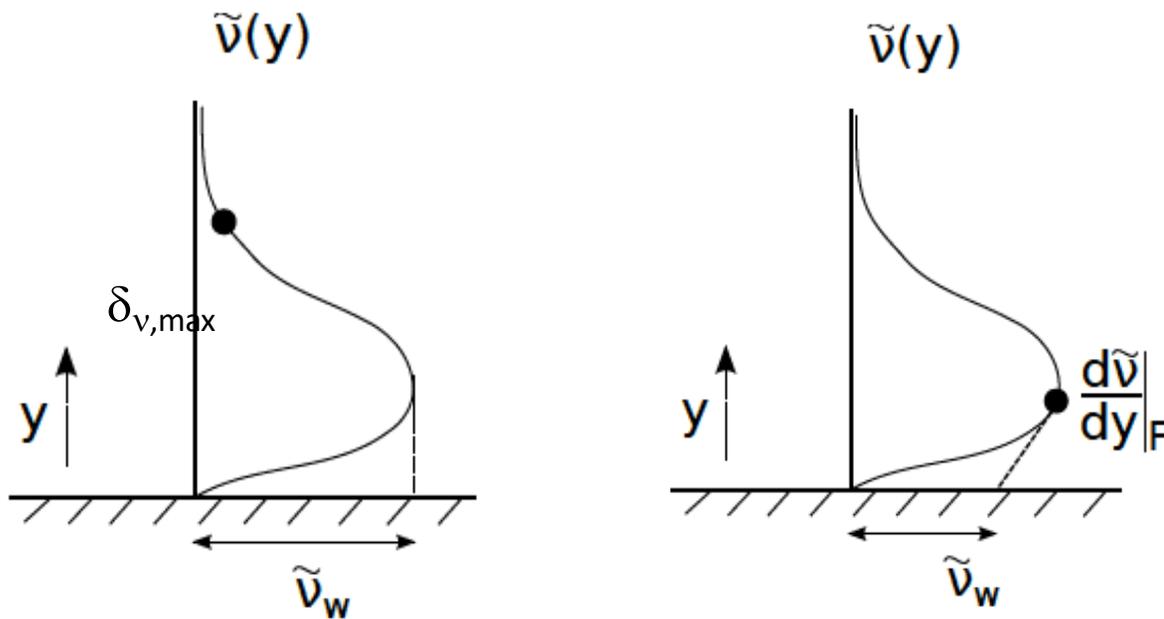
- ❑ WM solution data needs to be fed back to Cartesian grid solver
- ❑ Boundary conditions for Cartesian solver are provided at GLIPs
- ❑ Linearly extrapolate velocity to the wall and use as slip-wall velocity (u_{bc})
 - Dissipation from convective flux will be introduced depending on numerical flux and discretization scheme

- ❑ Viscous flux at GLIP is obtained from τ_w which is obtained from WM
 - Rotate viscous flux from wall-aligned coordinate system into Cartesian coordinate system
 - assuming that all diagonal components of stress tensor are small
 - Other irregular fluxes use slip-velocity to compute velocity derivatives
- ❑ Pressure is assumed to stay constant through boundary layer

IBM-VWM Coupling – Cartesian Grid Solution Domain



How to obtain eddy viscosity at GLIP?



- Eddy viscosity is obtained in similar way as slip-velocity
 - Linearly extrapolate eddy viscosity if $y_n < \delta_{v,max}$
 - Use ν_{max} if $y_n > \delta_{v,max}$

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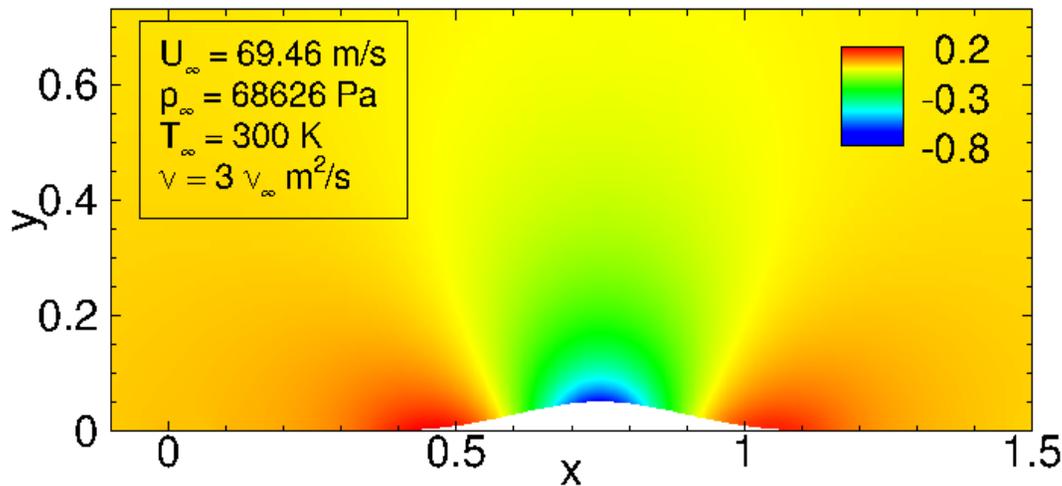
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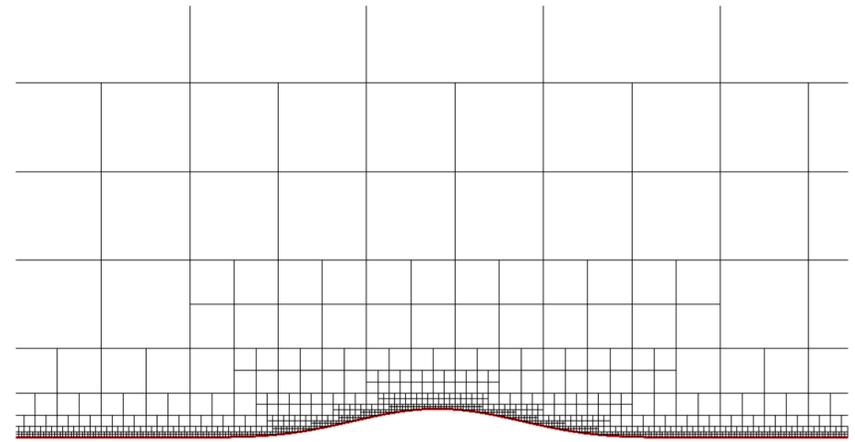
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Validation Results – Bump in Channel

Bump in Channel ($Re=3 \times 10^6$)



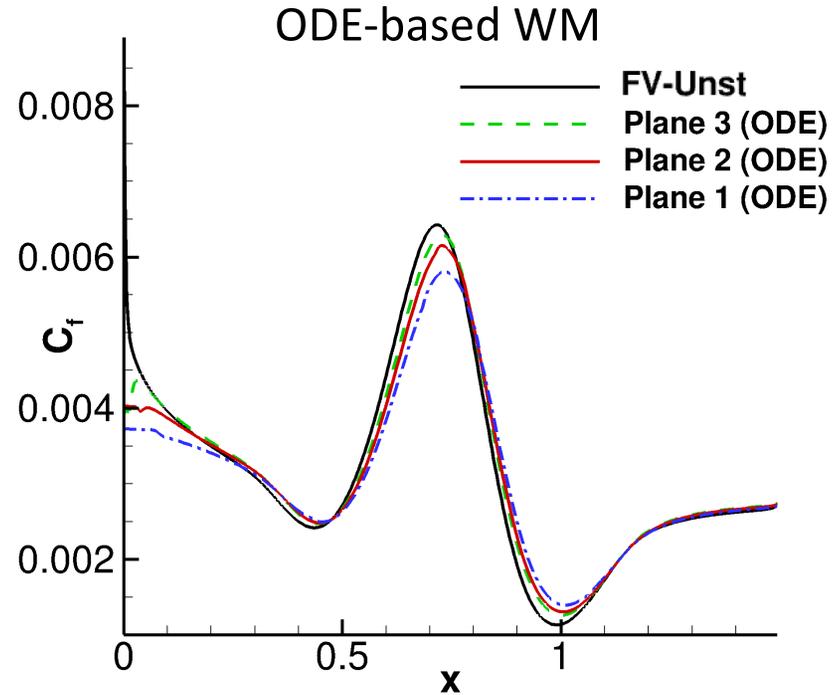
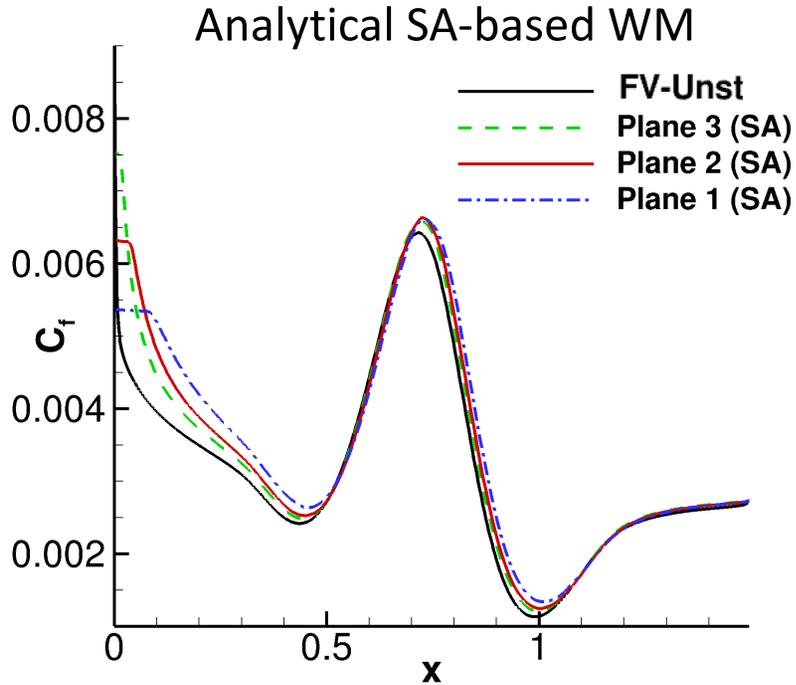
Block-Structured Cartesian Mesh



- Assess a flow with non-zero pressure gradients from NASA TMR website*
- Inlet/Outlet , no-slip from $x=0$ to $x=1.5$ (symmetry prior)
- Symmetry top-wall

*<https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov/>

Validation Results - Bump in Channel (Standalone)



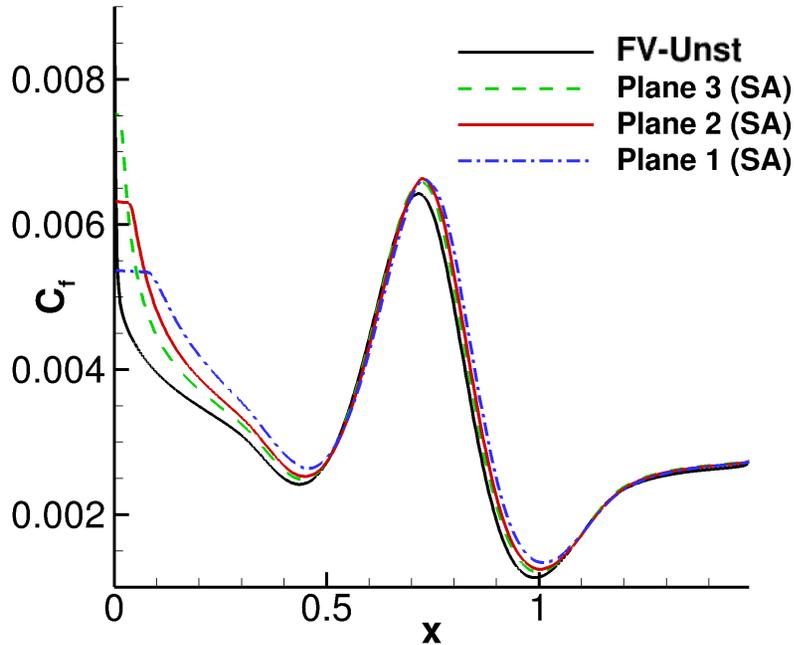
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|-------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2×10^{-3} | 329.2 |
| 2 | 1×10^{-3} | 164.6 |
| 3 | 5×10^{-4} | 82.3 |

- ☐ Reference solution at several constant y^+ planes taken as input into standalone wall-model
- ☐ Differences in ODE based wall model and analytical SA model
- ☐ Less effective y^+ sensitivity for ODE model

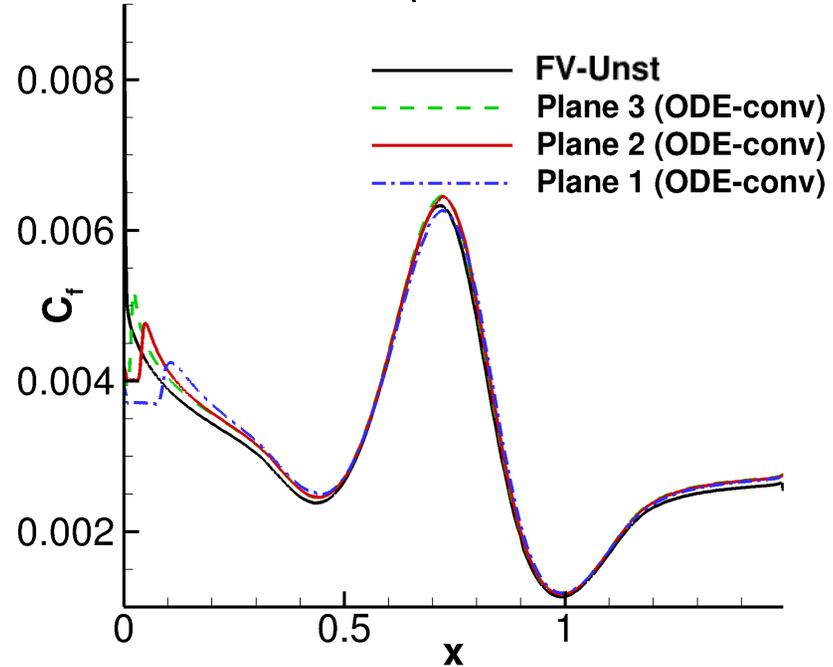
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Analytical SA-based WM



ODE-based WM (include CV and PG terms)



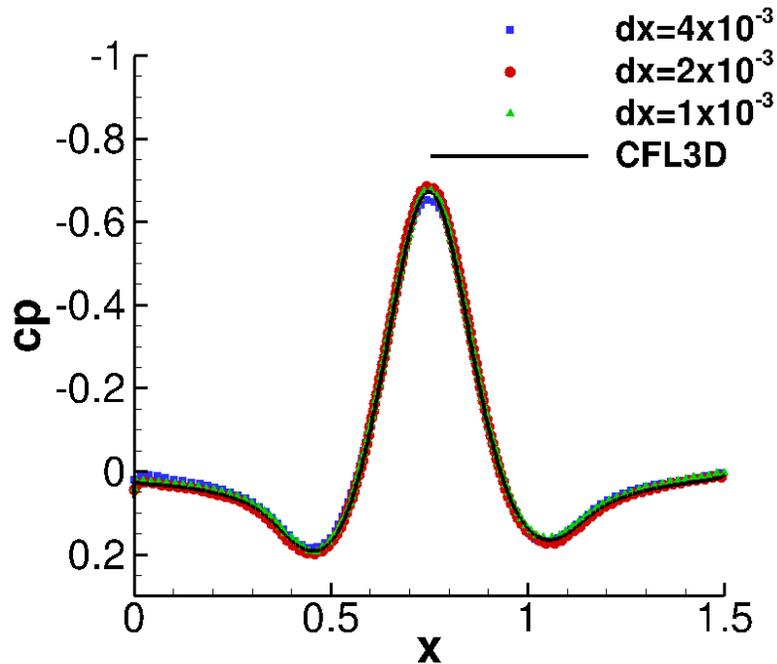
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□ Including pressure gradient and convective terms improves accuracy and reduces y^+ sensitivity

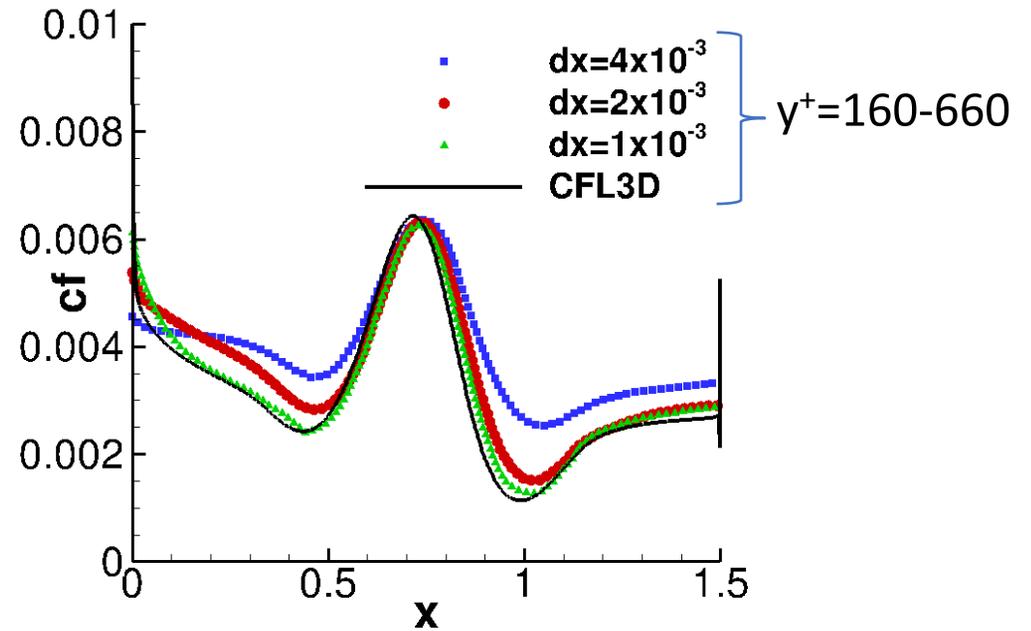
Validation Results – Bump in Channel (Fully Coupled)



Pressure distribution



Skin friction curves

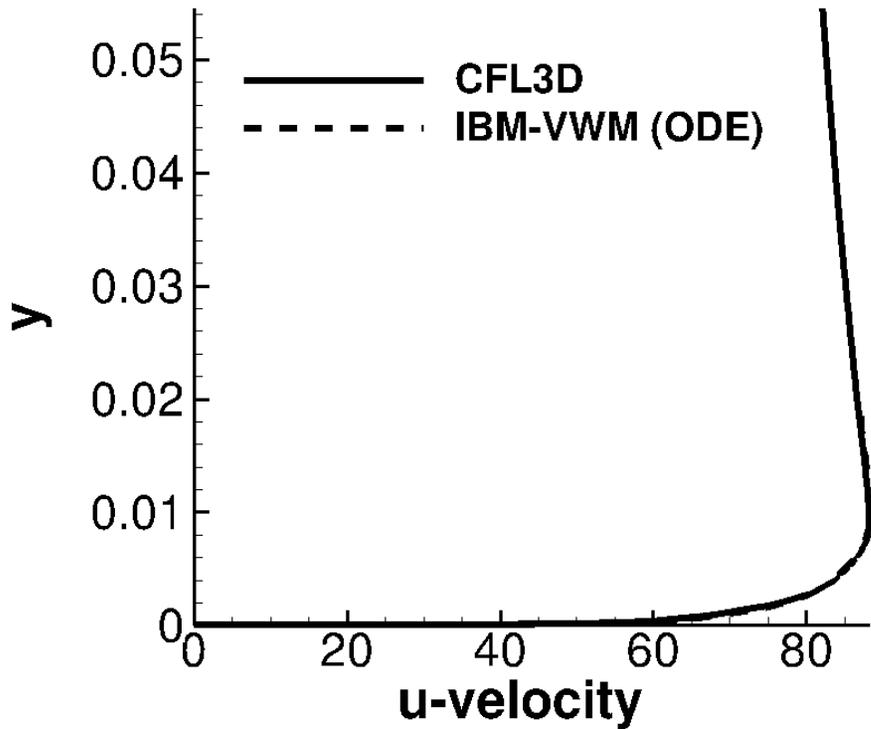


- Fully-coupled results with ODE wall-model demonstrate very good agreement for $y^+=160$, although higher y^+ values remain a challenge

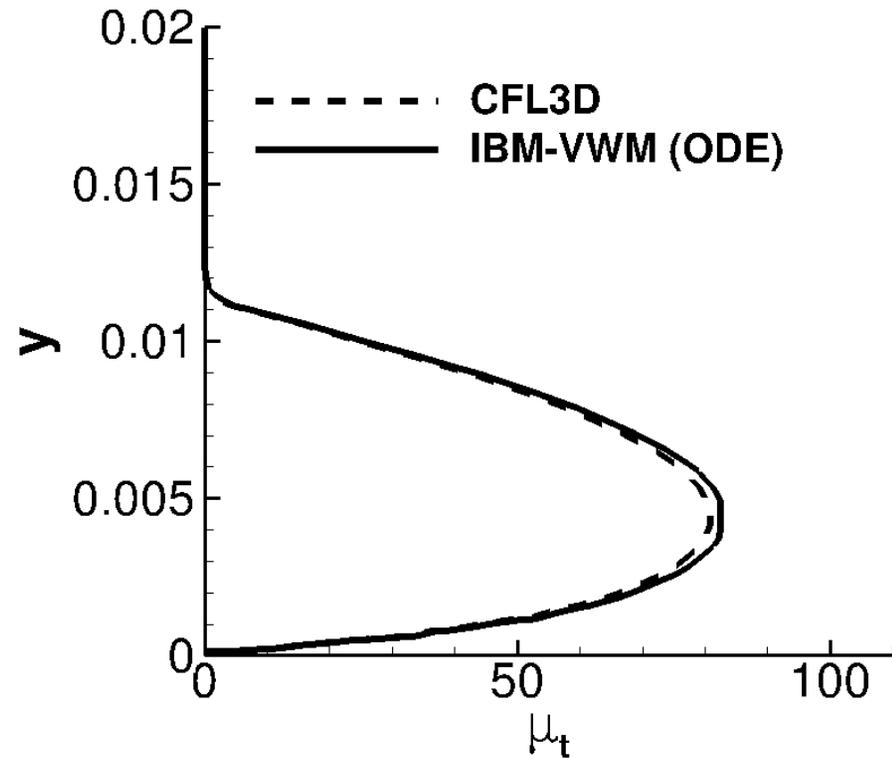
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Streamwise Velocity Profile



Eddy Viscosity

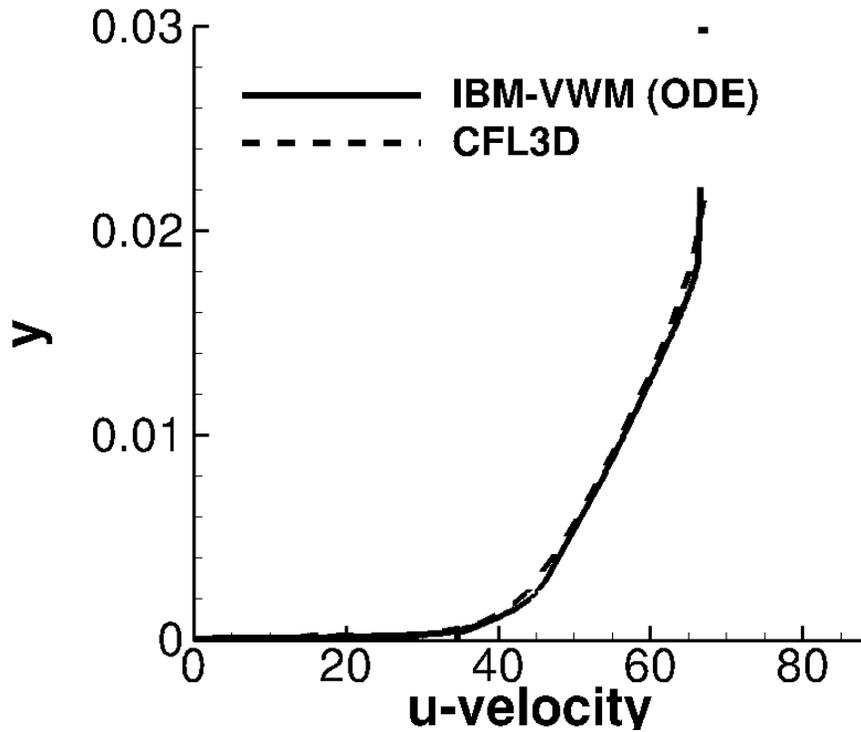


☐ Good comparison between IBM-VWM and CFL3D at $x=0.75$

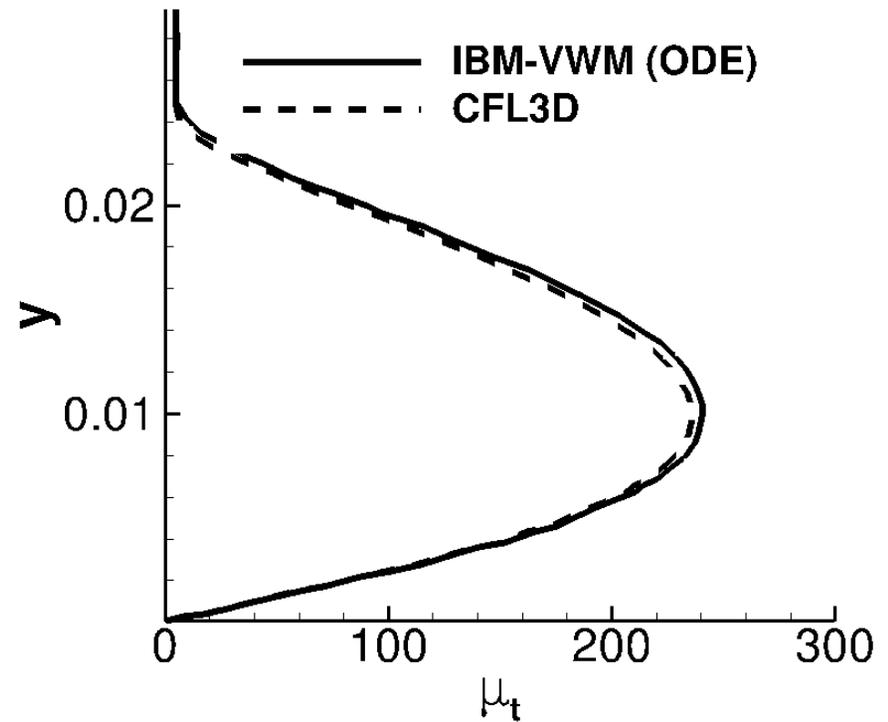
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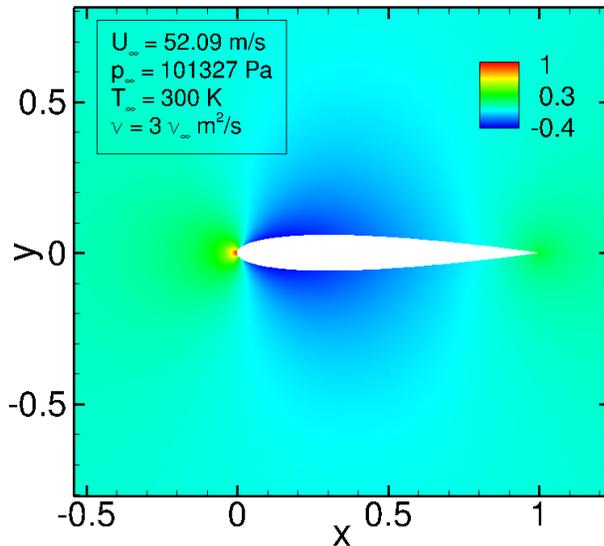
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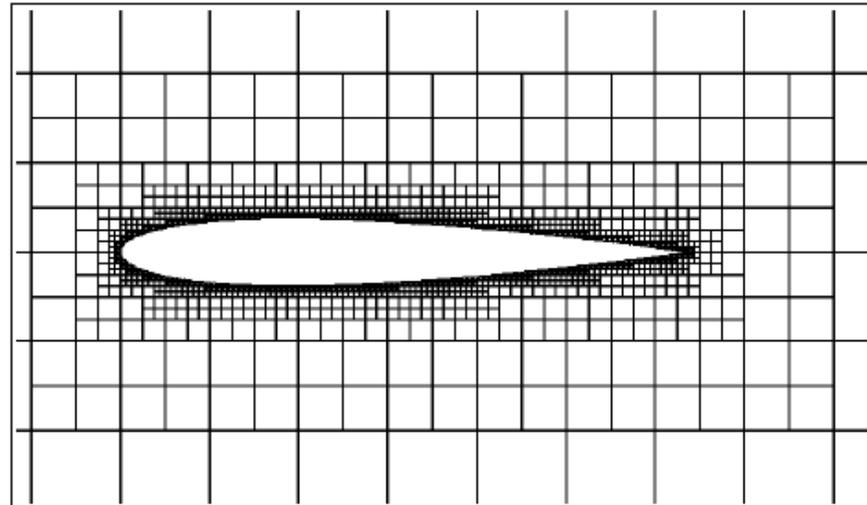
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Validation Results – NACA0012

NACA0012 ($Re=6 \times 10^6$)



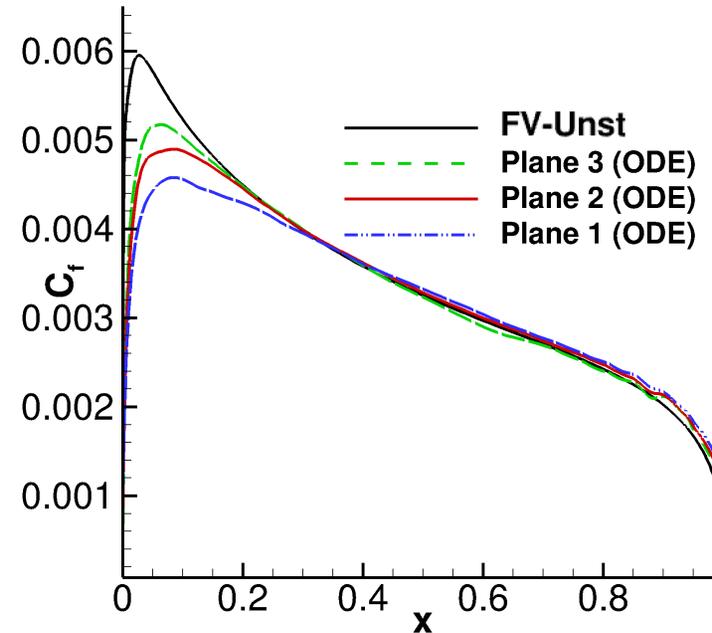
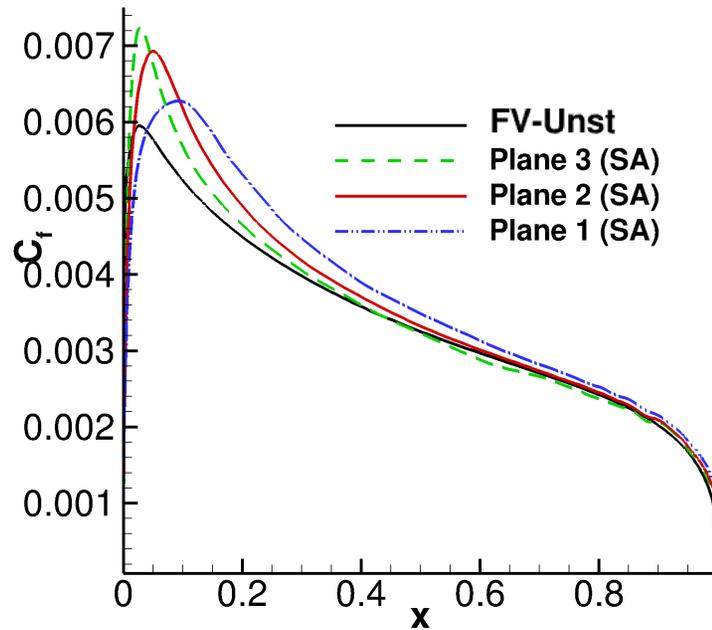
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- Assess a higher Reynolds number case with variable AoA from NASA TMR website*
- No-slip on wall, farfield conditions $500 \times C$ away
- Stepping-stone for more complex aerospace cases

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Validation Results – Wall Model Only



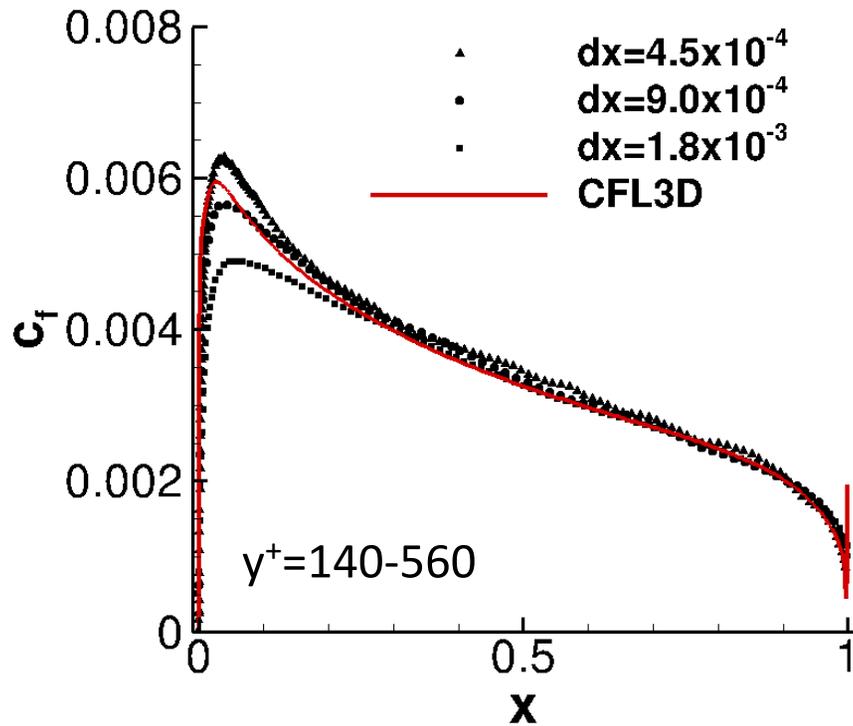
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- Reference solution at several constant y^+ planes taken as input into standalone wall-model
- SA analytical model over-predicts skin-friction but ODE more consistent and trending towards correct profile

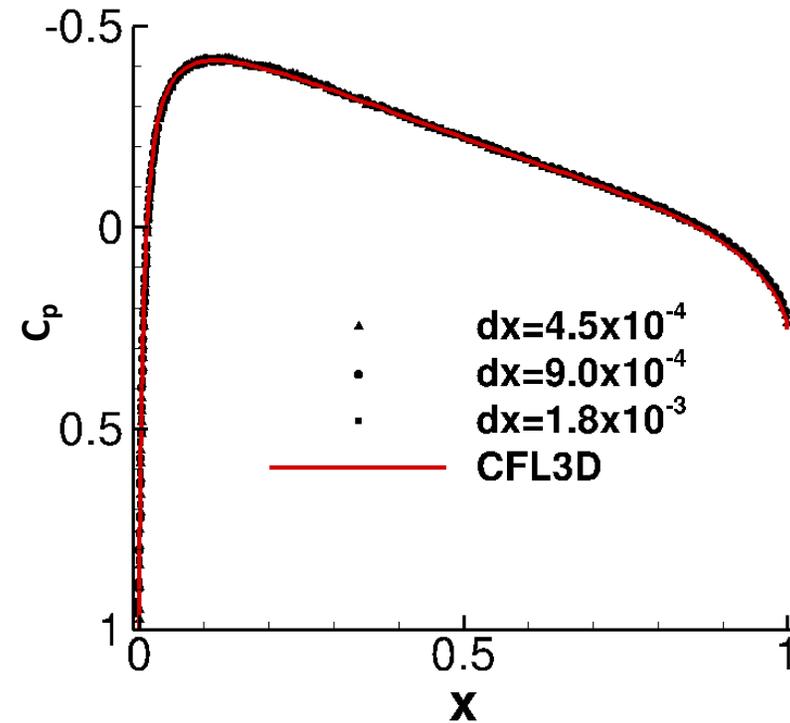
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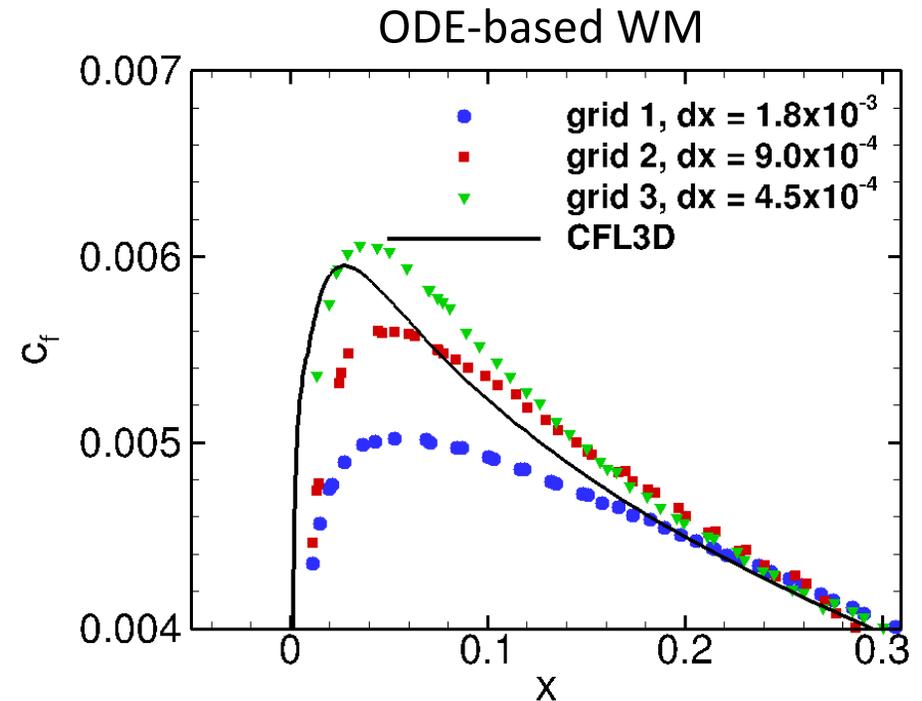
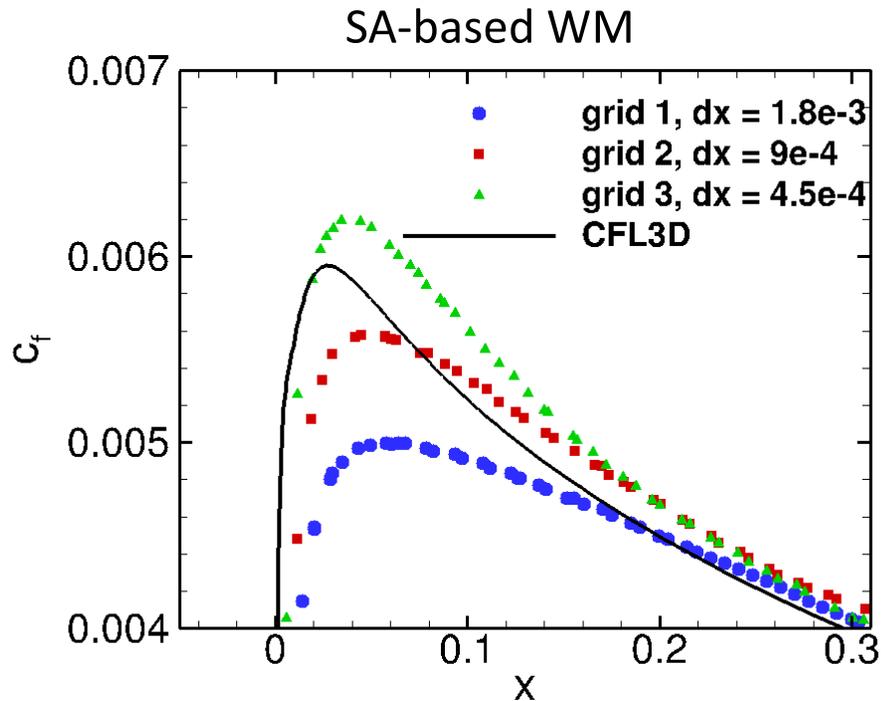


Pressure distribution



□ Excellent agreement for C_p , more challenging for C_f but agreement is promising

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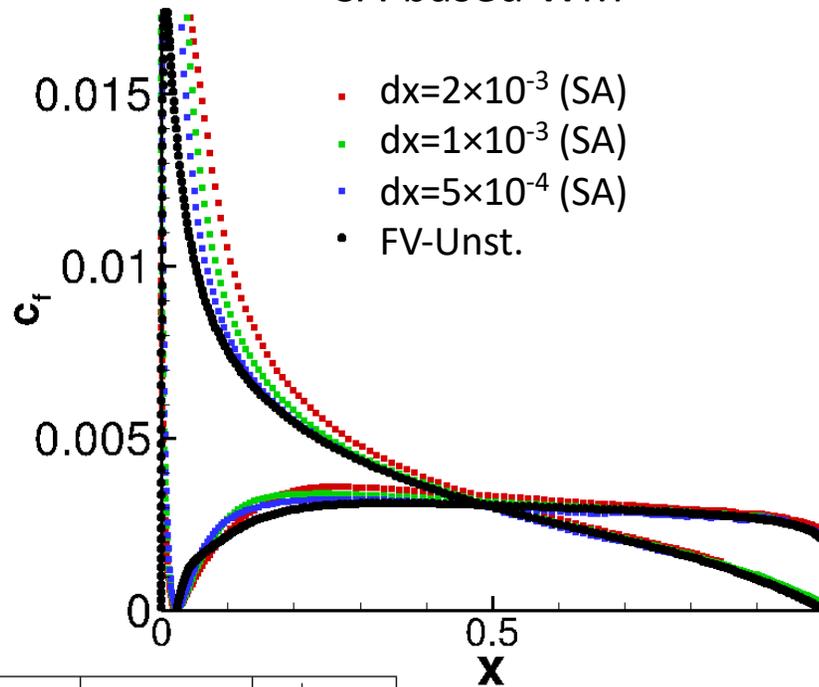


- ❑ c_f in the back is well captured on coarsest mesh
- ❑ c_f peak increases progressively with increasing grid resolution
- ❑ ODE-based wall model seems to align more closely (in agreement with standalone results)

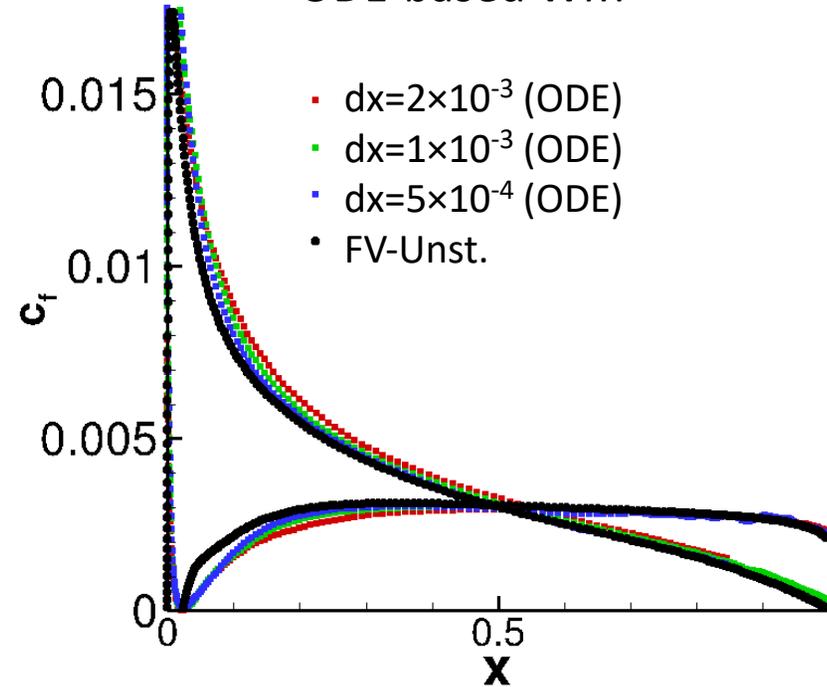
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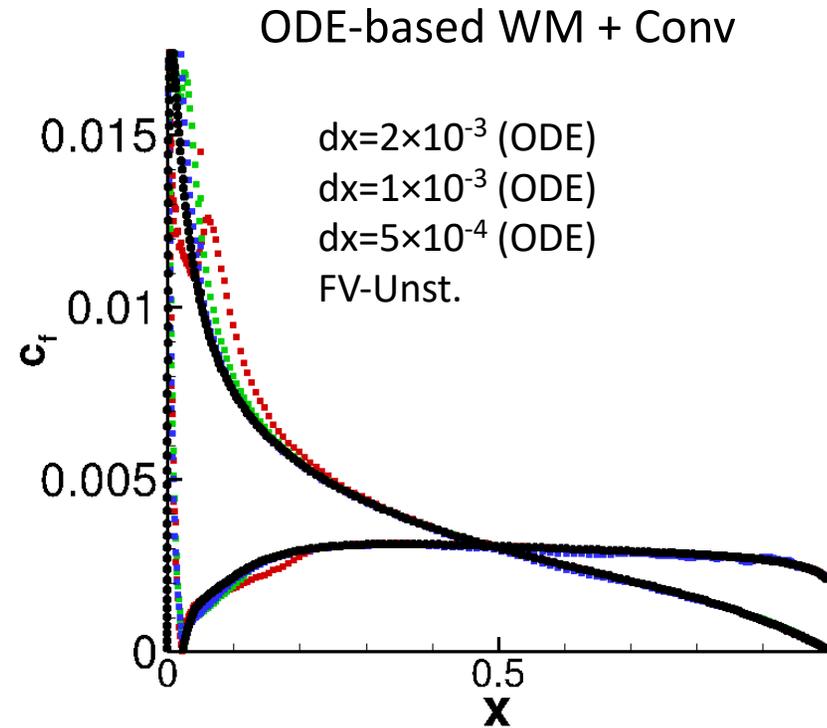
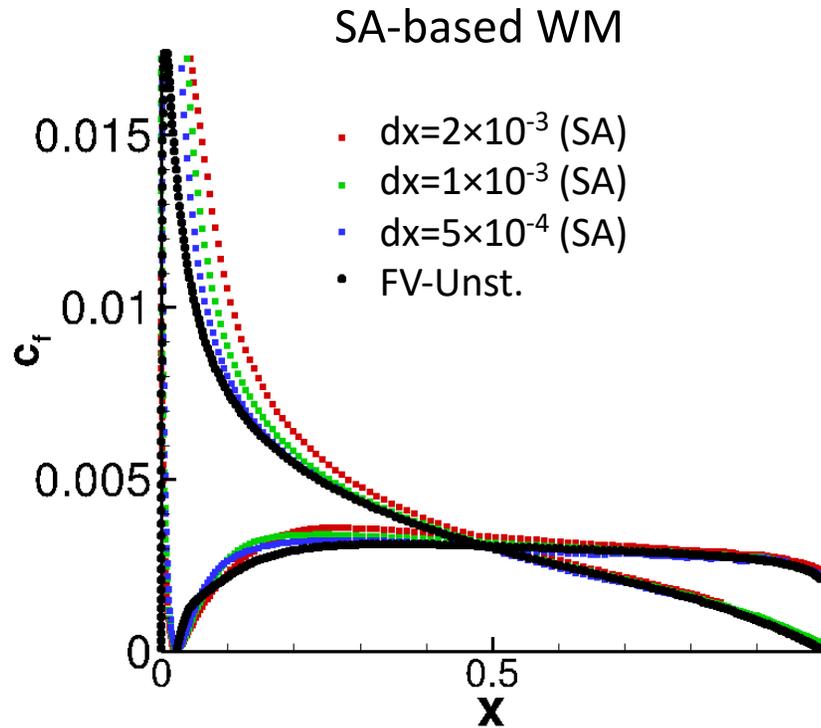
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- Run at 10 AoA to obtain greater pressure gradient effects
- Clear improvement for ODE model – less sensitivity to the effective y^+ location

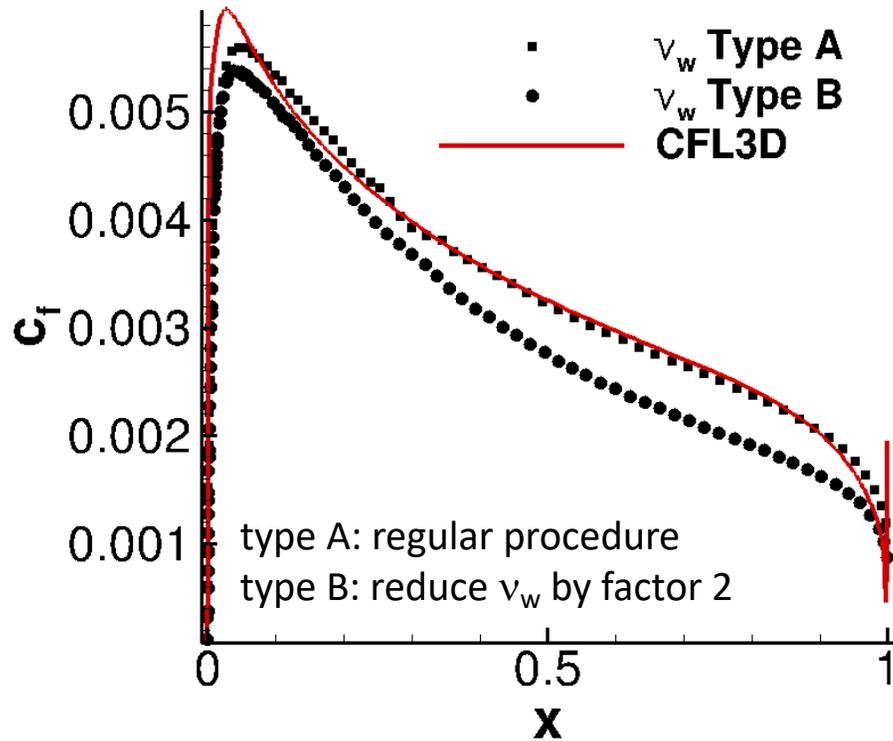
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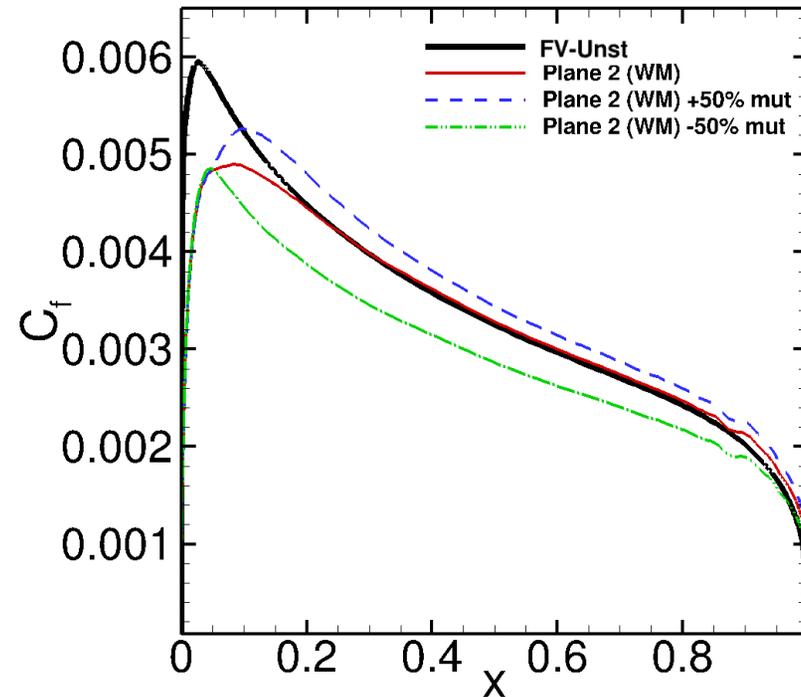
□ Including convective and pressure gradients brings the agreement much closer - expectation to see even stronger dependency for more complex flows with strong pressure gradient and convective terms

Sensitivity to Incorrect Input Data

Fully-Coupled

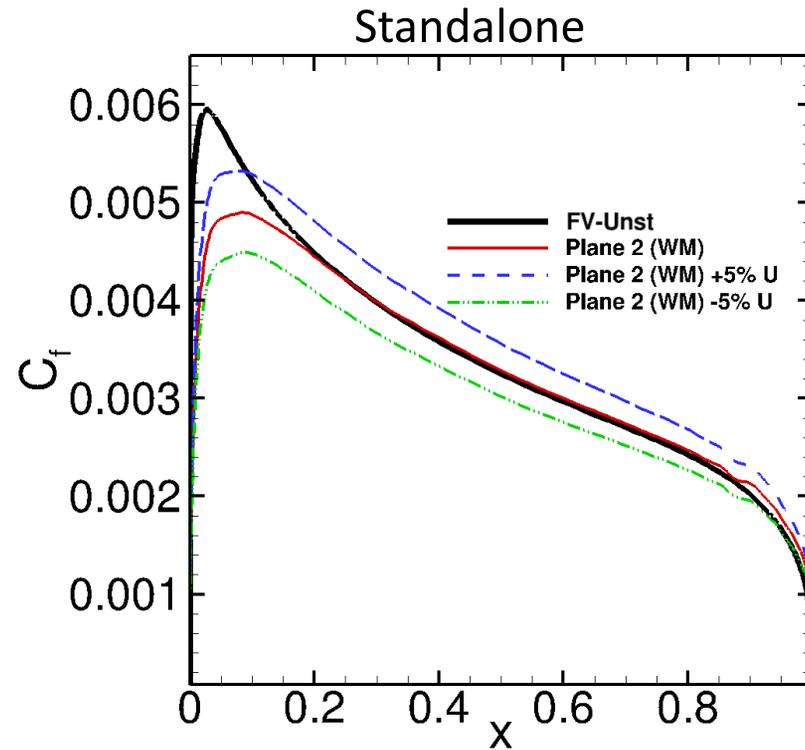
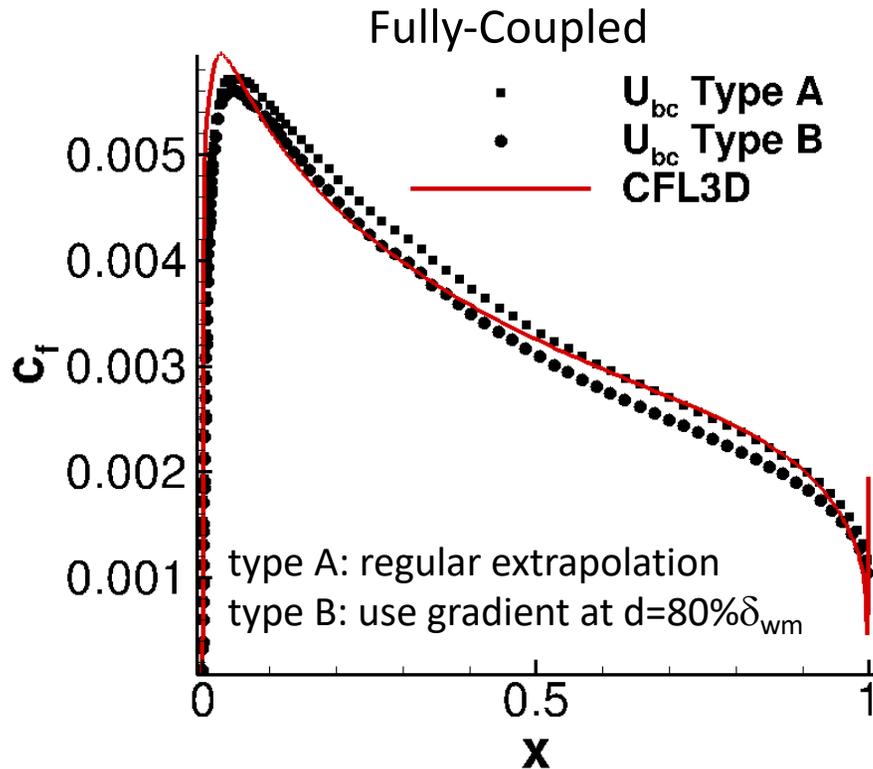


Standalone



- Effect of an error in the SA field variable v at forcing location
- Significant effect of v_w on skin friction data ($v_w/2$ reduces c_f)
- standalone simulation reproduces this effect on skin-friction

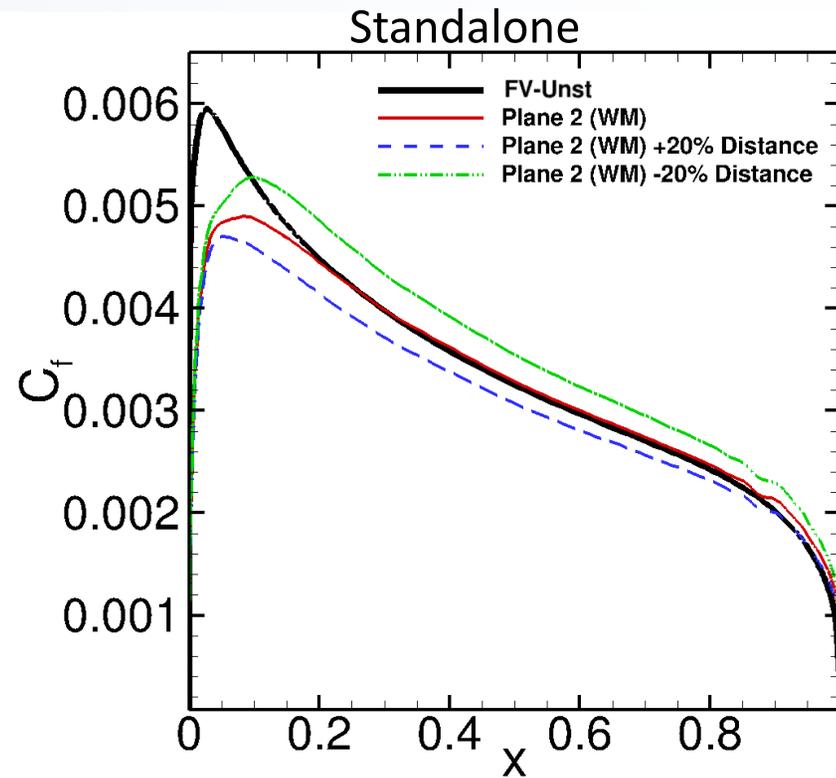
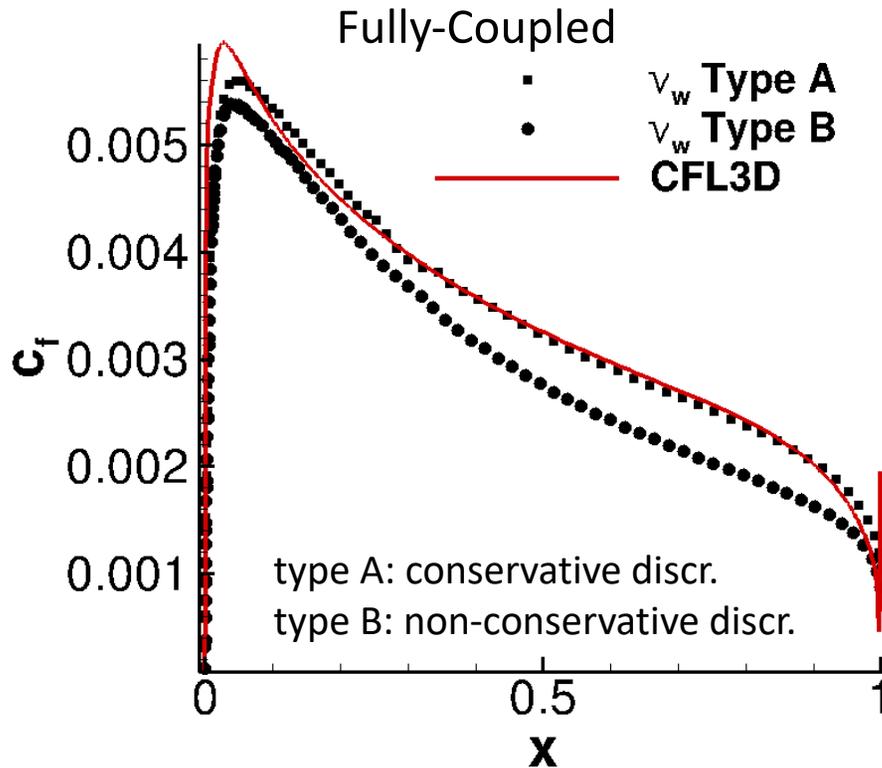
Coupling Effects



- Sensitivity of c_f w.r.t. an error in the velocity
- type B boundary condition reduces slip velocity and, thus, skin friction coefficient
- standalone simulation reproduces this effect on skin-friction

Note: Uses slightly different viscous discretization scheme. 46

Coupling Effects



- ❑ Shows effect of different viscous flux implementations
- ❑ Problem with viscous discretization type B is that skin friction at the wall is enforced indirectly
 - Utilizing shear stress from wall model following constant shear assumption
- ❑ Change of wall distance by 20% of its true value has significant effect on skin-friction

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- ❑ Clear sensitivity of IBM-VWM results to WM formulation (even for attached flows)
 - Inclusion of pressure term
 - Improvement of modeling eddy viscosity

- ❑ Coupling influences can be significant
 - High sensitivity to errors in input data – still not fully understood at this point
 - depend on details of the underlying numerical schemes

- ❑ Conservative viscous discretization scheme significantly improves IBM-VWM results
 - this is essentially a new IBM

- ❑ Good agreement for test cases up to around $y^+ \approx 200$ (significant step up from before)

- ❑ High-lift common research model (wing area=197m², $\Delta x_{y^+=1} = 2 \times 10^{-5}$ m)
 - Body-fitted mesh 80–240×10⁶ with (180×10⁶ in prism layers) [Ashton et al. \(AIAA 2018\)](#)
 - Rough estimate for $y^+=200$ gives 120-200×10⁶ (where $y^+=100$ gives 4×, or $y^+=1$ $\mathcal{O}(10^{12})$)
 - IBM does not require grid generation and reduces operation count

Thank you for your attention.



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