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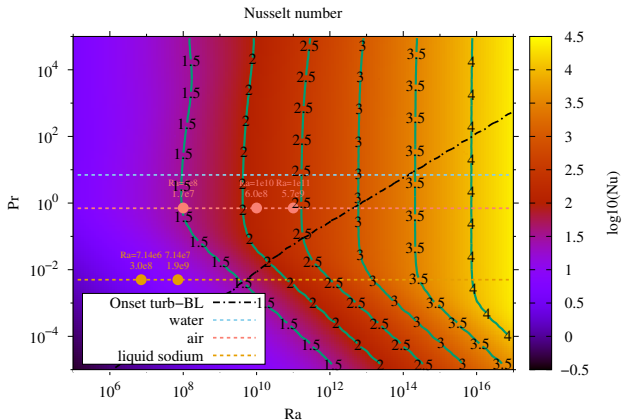
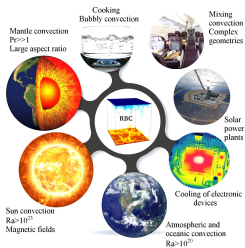
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Motivation

General research question:

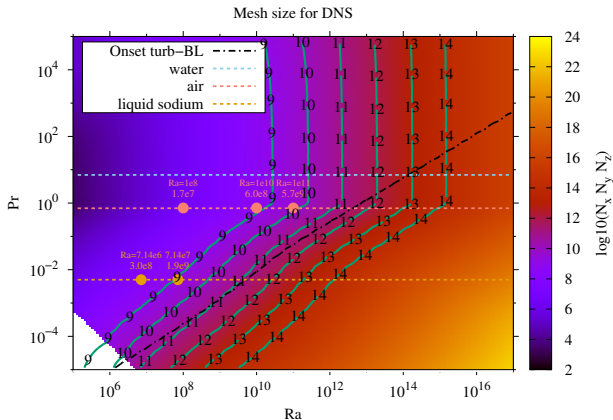
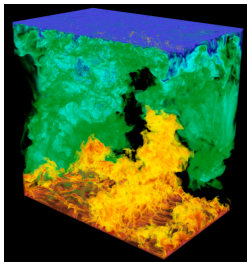
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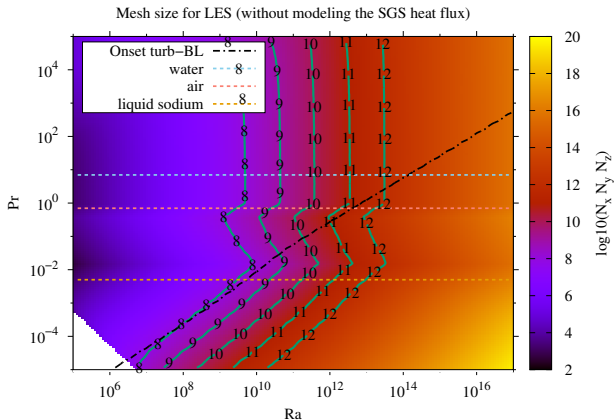
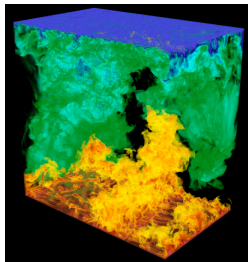
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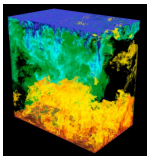
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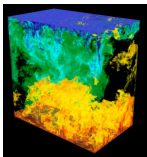


Motivation



DNS {

Motivation



HAWK



Rank #27
5,632 nodes with:
2 AMD EPYC 7742
(64 cores each)

MareNostrum 4



Rank #82
3456 nodes with:
2x Intel Xeon 8160
1x Intel Omni-Path

Marconi100



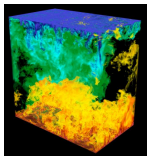
Rank #21
980 nodes with:
2 IBM Power9
4 NVIDIA Volta V100



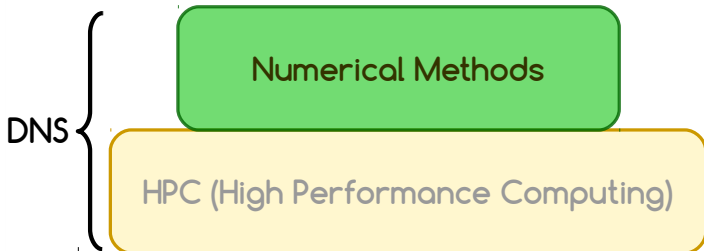
DNS

HPC (High Performance Computing)

Motivation

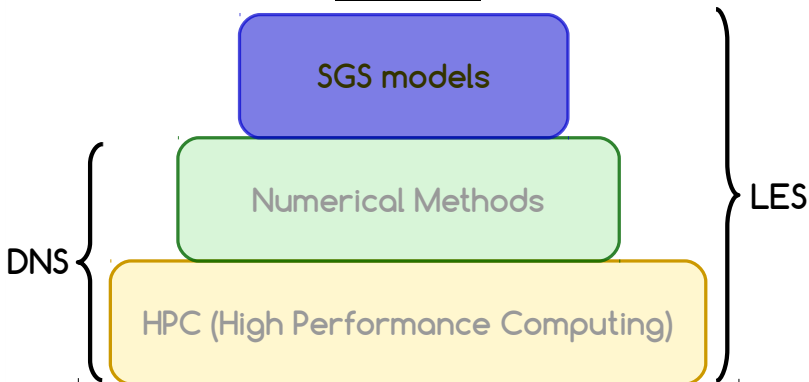
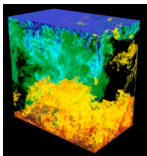


How to properly discretize NS?



Motivation

How to
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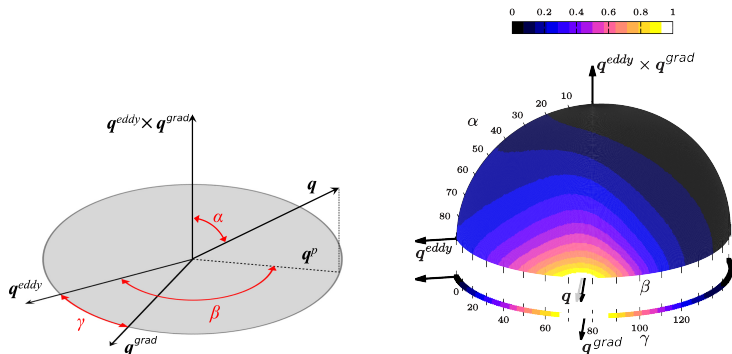
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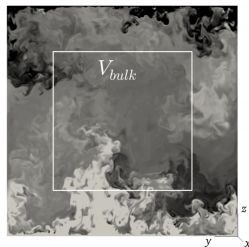
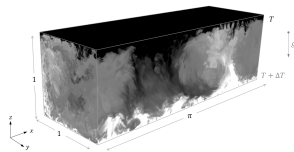
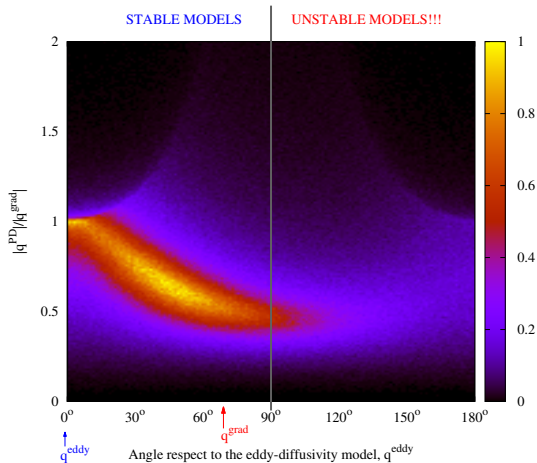
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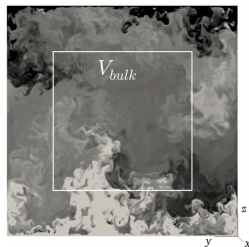
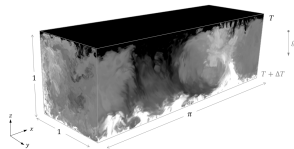
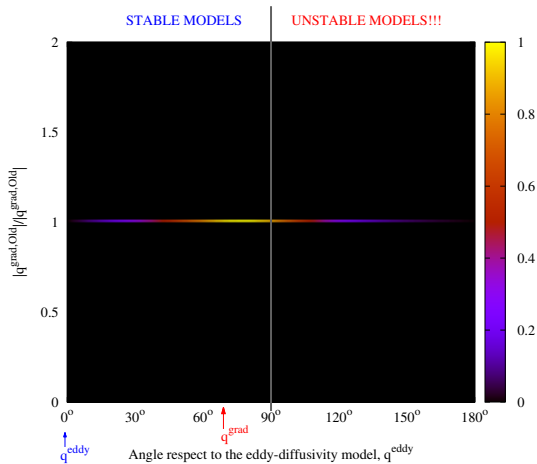
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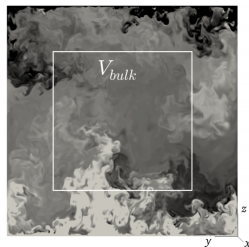
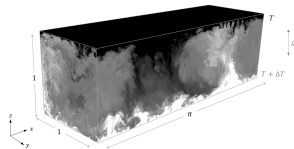
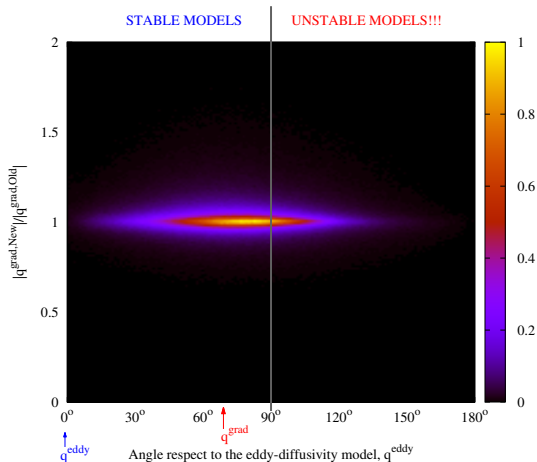
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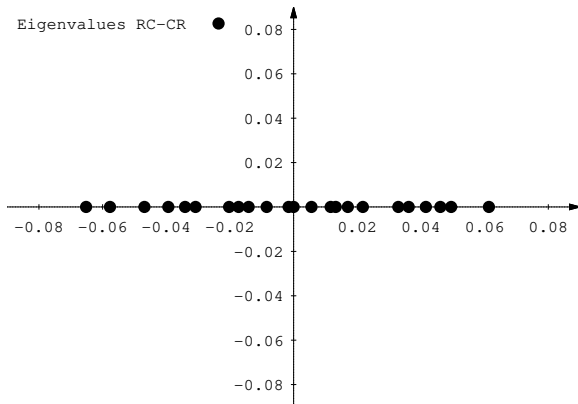
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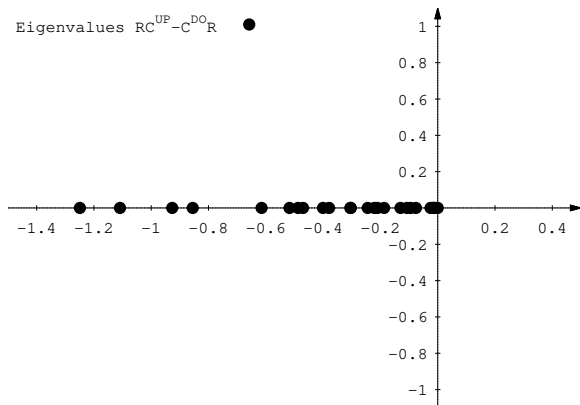


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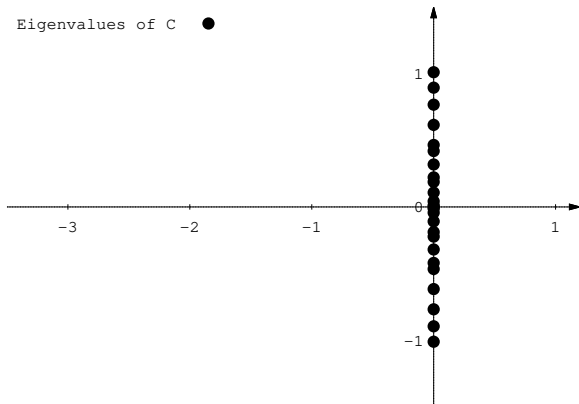


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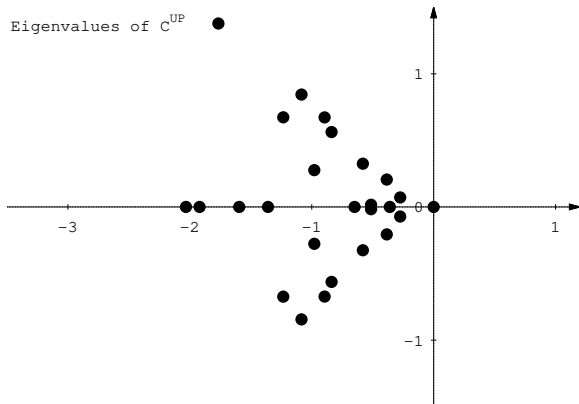


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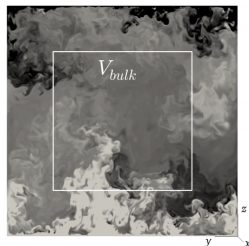
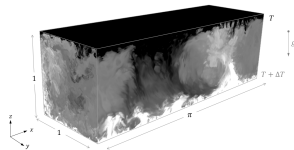
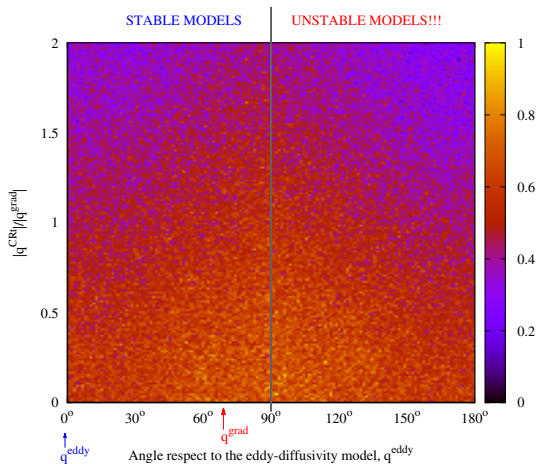
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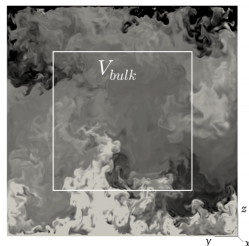
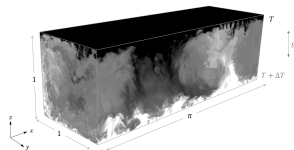
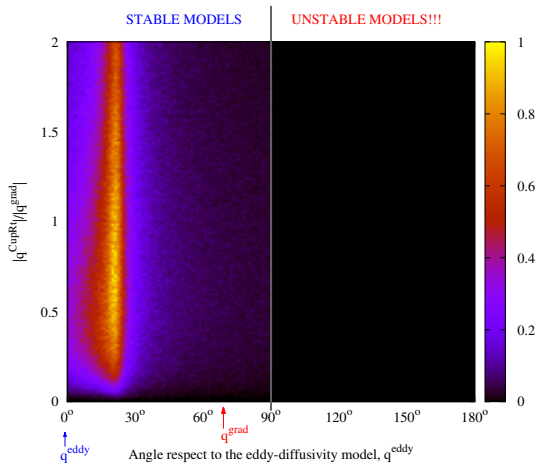
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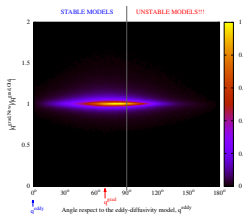
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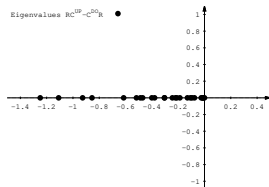
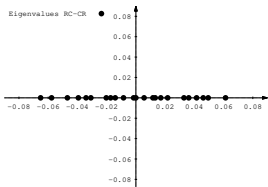
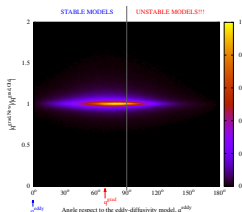
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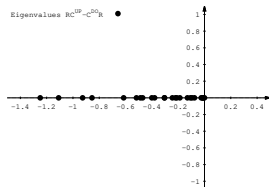
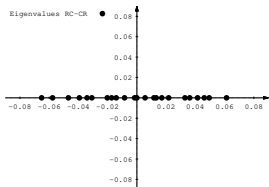
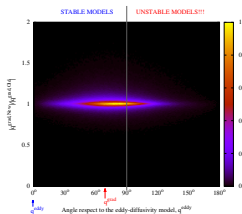
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On-going research:

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Thank you for your attendance