

A multigrid reduction framework for CFD simulations on symmetric domains

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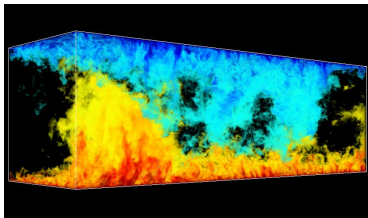
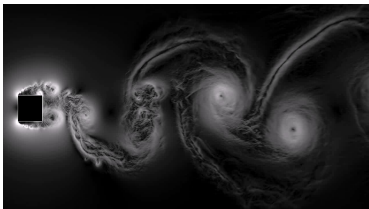


Figure: Simulation of flow around a square cylinder and Rayleigh-Bénard convection.

F.X. Trias et al. (2015). "Turbulent flow around a square cylinder at Reynolds number 22000: a DNS study" in *Computers and Fluids*.

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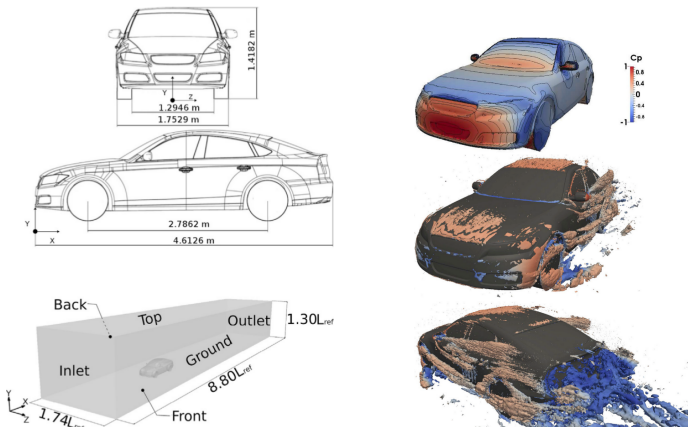


Figure: Simulation of turbulent flow over the DrivAer fastback vehicle model.

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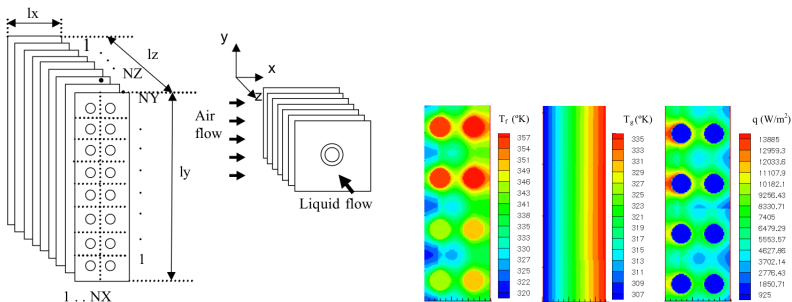


Figure: Simulation of brazed and expanded tube-fin heat exchangers.

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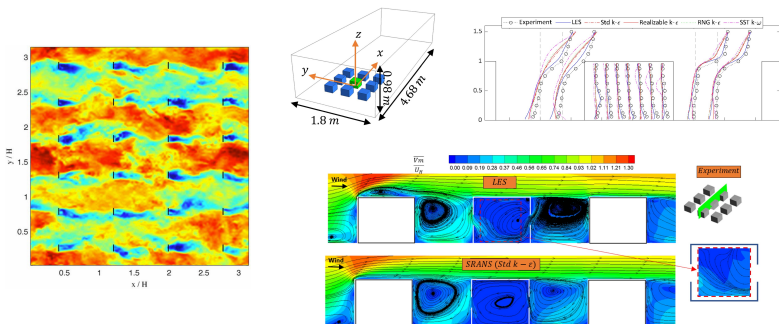


Figure: Simulation of wind plant and array of “buildings”.

M. Calaf et al. (2010). “Large eddy simulation study of fully developed wind-turbine array boundary layers” in *Physics of Fluids*.

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Poisson's equation in incompressible CFD

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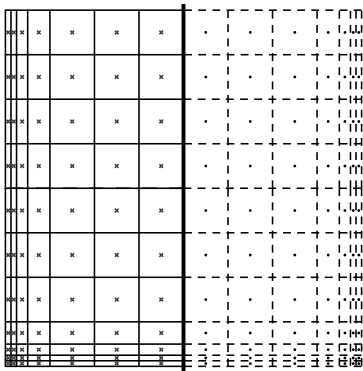
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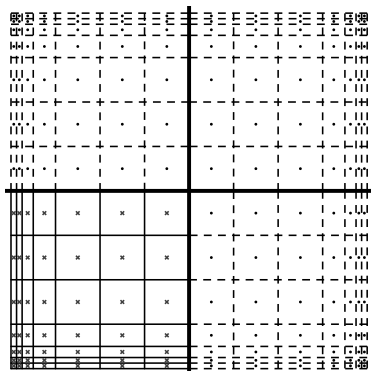
$$Ax = b$$

Mesh symmetries and $SpMM$

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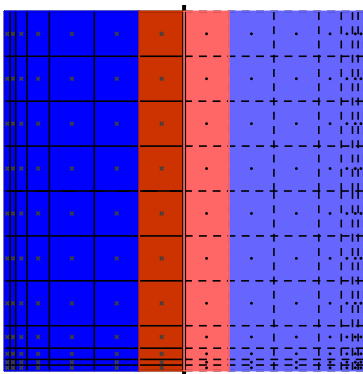
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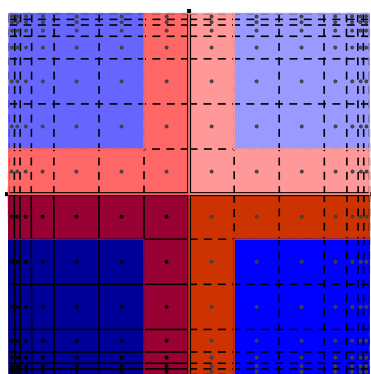
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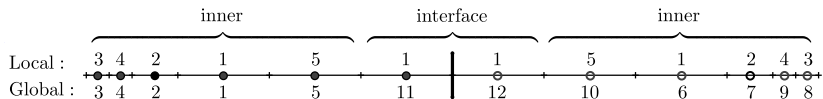
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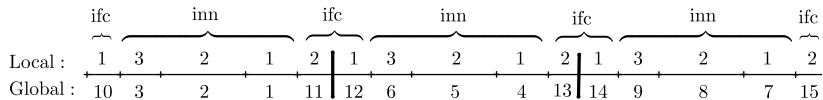
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Figure: 2D meshes with varying number of symmetries. Blue: inner nodes, red: interface nodes.

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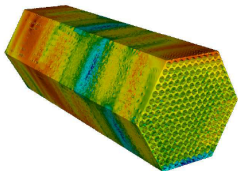
(a) Mirrored geometry



(b) Repeated geometry

Figure: 1D meshes with a random mirrored/repeated ordering.

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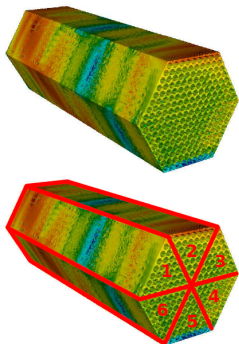
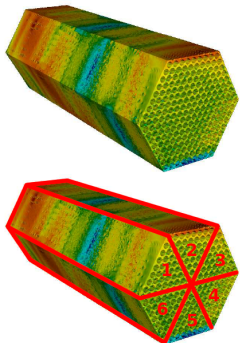


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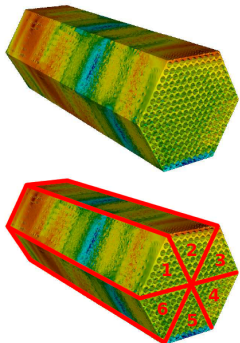


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Then, thanks to the mirrored/repeated ordering:

$$\bar{K} = \mathbb{I}_6 \otimes K \text{ and } \bar{B} = \mathbb{I}_6 \otimes B.$$

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SpMM vs SpMV

- SpMV reads H n_b times, whereas SpMM once
- \bar{H} takes n_b times more memory than H

Algebraic Multigrid reduction framework

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Thus, preconditioning reduces to operations of the type: $y = M^{-1}x$

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- Filter the resulting adjacency graph, T
- Compute a maximum independent set on T^k .

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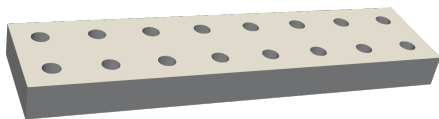


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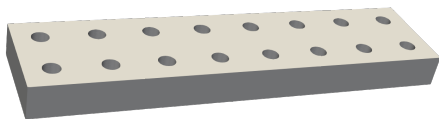


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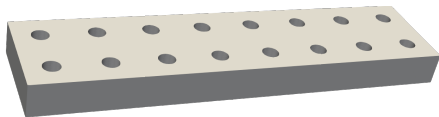


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