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About myself...

Professional...

- Current position (since 2024): **Full Professor** at UPC
- Previous positions: PostDoc at University of Groningen (2007-2009) and UPC (2010-2013), *Ramón y Cajal* Senior Researcher at UPC (2013-2018) and Associate Professor (2018-2023).
- My **research** focus is on fluid mechanics, turbulence modeling, physics and numerics of complex flows, applied mathematics and numerical methods.
- Some numbers: 58 papers, 190 conferences, 12 PhD's+5 (on-going)
- Stays and collaborations: Groningen (Netherlands), UCLA, KIAM (Russian Academy of Sciences), Stanford, Tsinghua (China), TokioTech (Japan), Napoli (Italy), CWI (Netherlands),...
- More info: www.fxtrias.com

About myself...

... and more personal stuff

- My complete name: Francesc Xavier Trias Miquel
- Born in Barcelona
- My mother tongue is Catalan. I also speak Spanish at native level.
- Hobbies? I like my work but also sports. Most practiced ones are running and football:



Groningen (2009?)



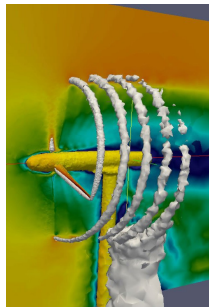
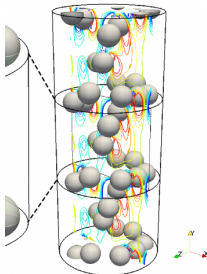
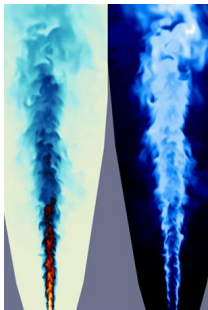
Barcelona (2019)



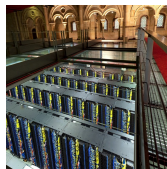
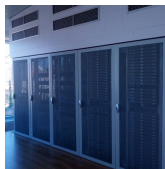
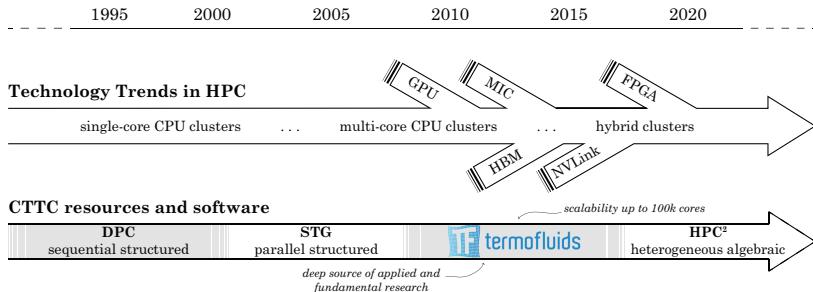
The CTTC research group

Heat and Mass Transfer Technological Center (Catalan: *Centre Tecnològic de Transferència de Calor*) has more than 30 years experience on CFD:

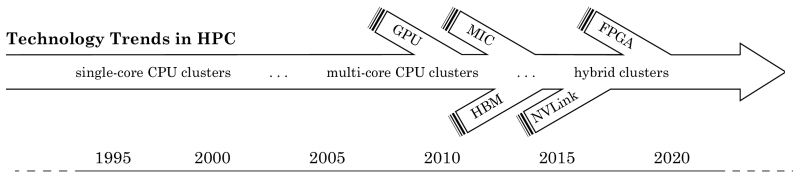
- **Fundamental research** on numerical methods, fluid dynamics and heat and mass transfer phenomena.
- **Applied research** on thermal and fluid dynamic optimization of thermal system and equipment.



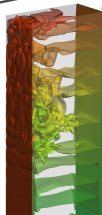
CTTC's historical background in HPC



Technology Trends in HPC



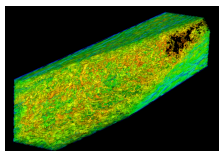
DHC
 $Ra=10^9$
(3.2M)



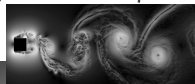
DHC
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(111M)



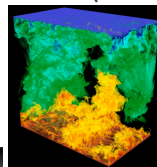
Impinging jet
 $Re=20000$
(102M)



DUCT $Re_t=1200$ (172M)

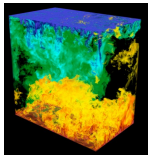


SqCyl $Re=22000$ (324M)



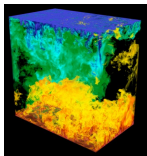
RB
 $Ra=10^{10}$ (607M)
 $Ra=10^{11}$ (5600M)

General motivation: (very) large-scale DNS/LES



DNS {

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MareNostrum 5-ACC
(Barcelona)



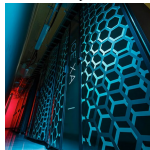
rank #8
1120 nodes with:
2x Intel Shippore Rapids 8460
1x NVIDIA Hopper 64 GB HBM
1x Infiniband NDR200

Snellius
(Amsterdam)



rank #165
714 nodes with:
2x AMD EPYC 9654 96C
1x Infiniband NDR200

TSUBAME4.0
(Tokyo)



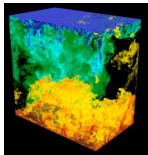
rank #31
240 nodes with:
2x AMD EPYC 9654 96-Core
4x NVIDIA H100 SXM5
1x Infiniband NDR200



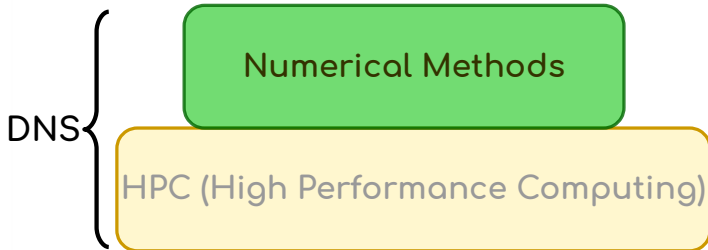
DNS

HPC (High Performance Computing)

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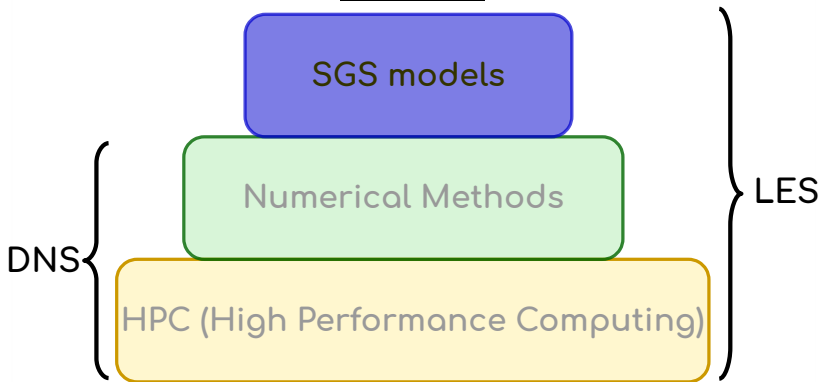
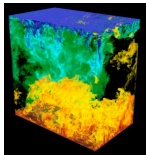


How to properly discretize NS?

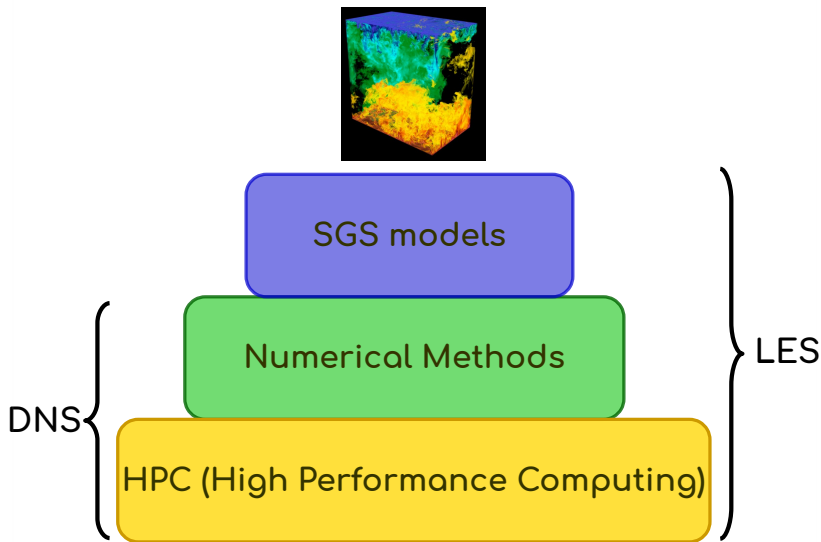


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How to
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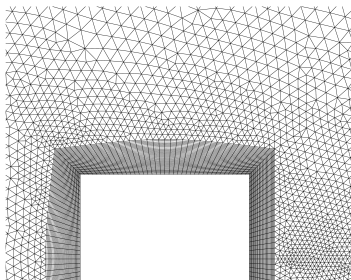
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Research question #1:

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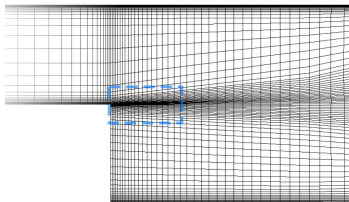
DNS¹ of the turbulent flow around a square cylinder at $Re = 22000$

¹F.X.Trias, A.Gorobets, A.Oliva. *Turbulent flow around a square cylinder at Reynolds number 22000: a DNS study*, **Computers&Fluids**, 123:87-98, 2015.

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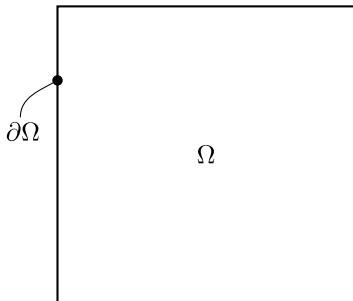
DNS² of backward-facing step at $Re_\tau = 395$ and expansion ratio 2

²A.Pont-Vílchez, F.X.Trias, A.Gorobets, A.Oliva. *DNS of Backward-Facing Step flow at $Re_\tau = 395$ and expansion ratio 2*. **Journal of Fluid Mechanics**, 863:341-363, 2019.

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Research question #2:

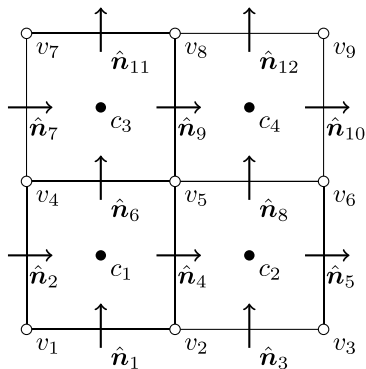
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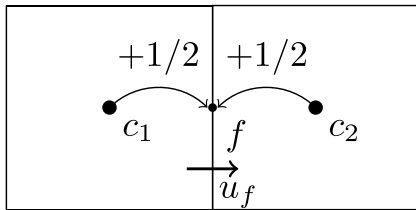
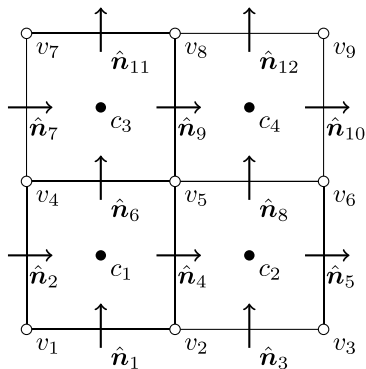
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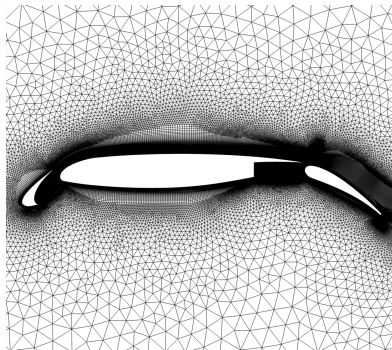
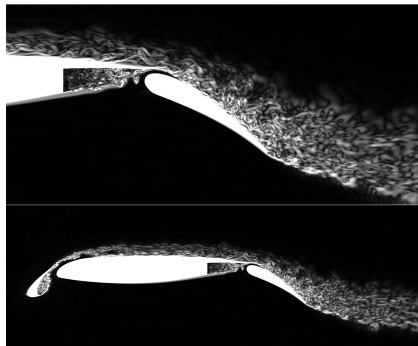
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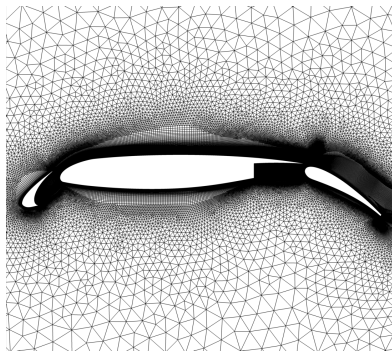
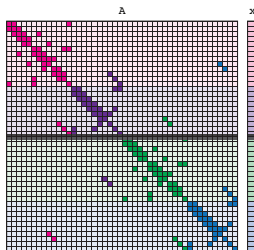
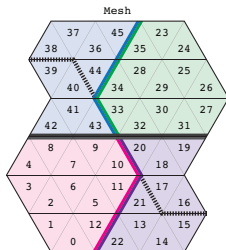
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Reminder: symmetry-preserving discretization

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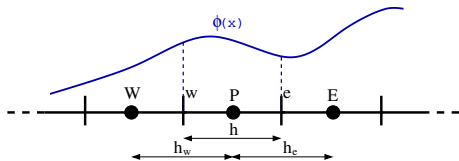
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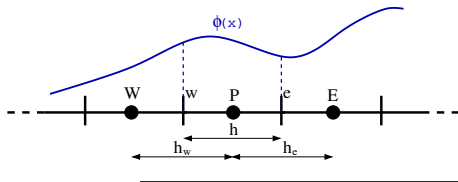
Revisiting FVM



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Revisiting FVM

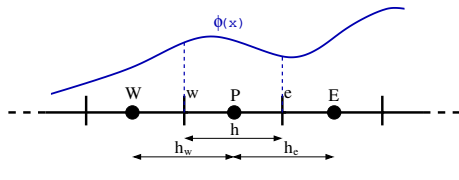


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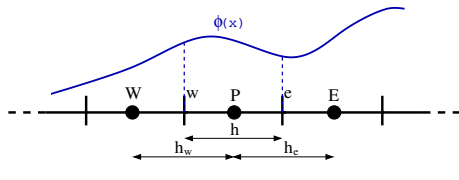


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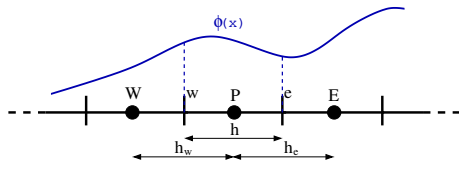
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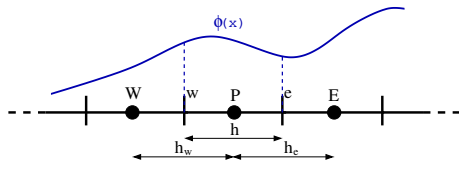
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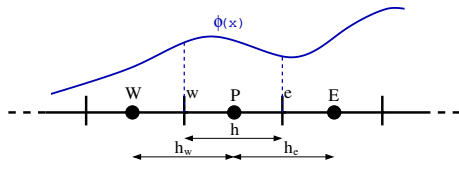
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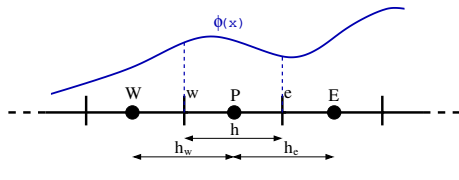
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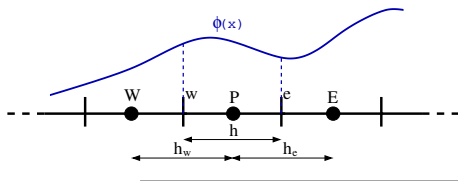
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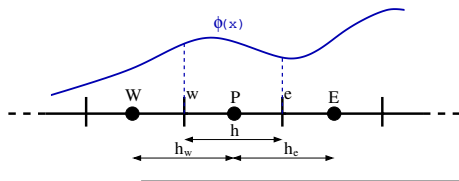
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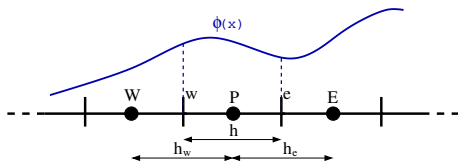
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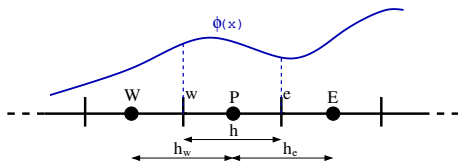
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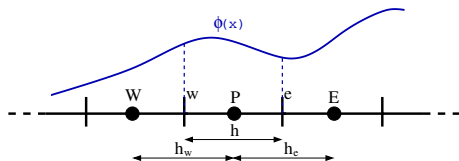
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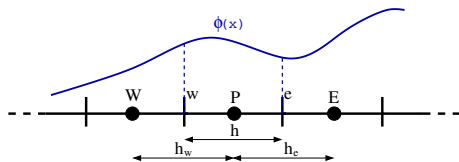
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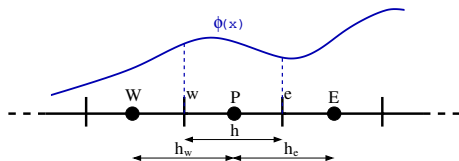
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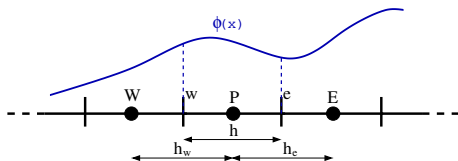
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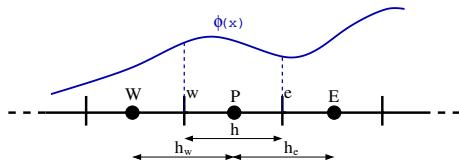
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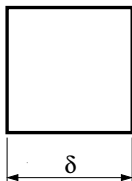
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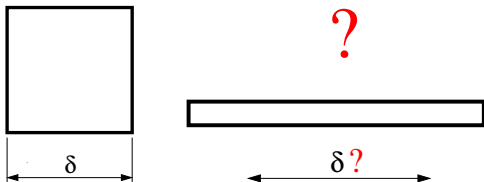
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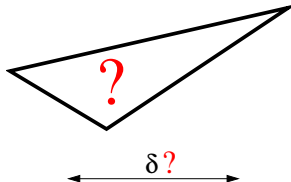
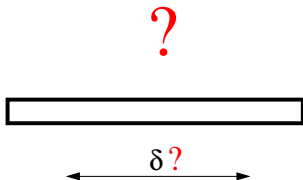
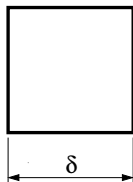
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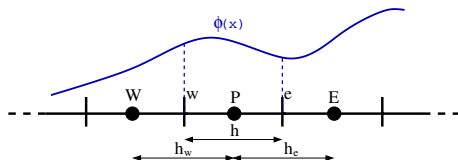
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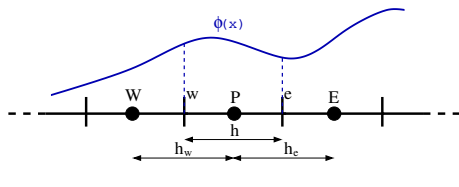


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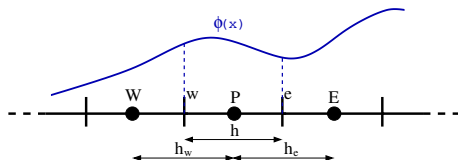
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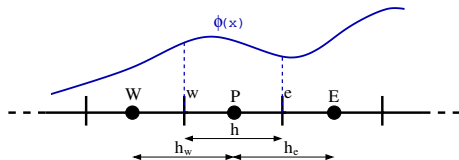
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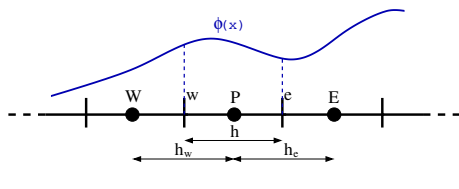
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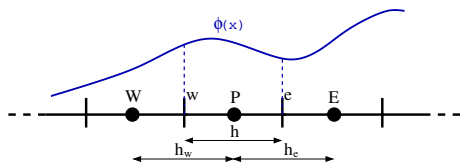
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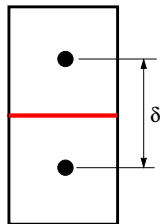
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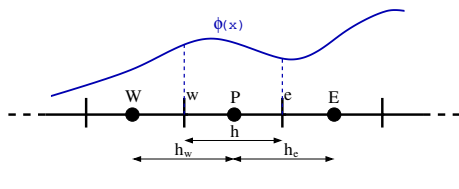
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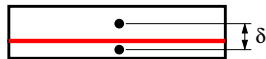
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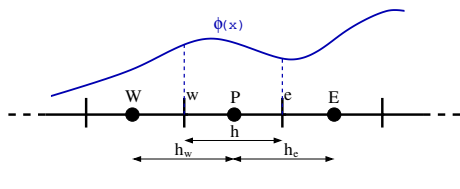
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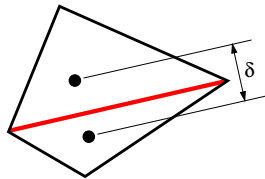
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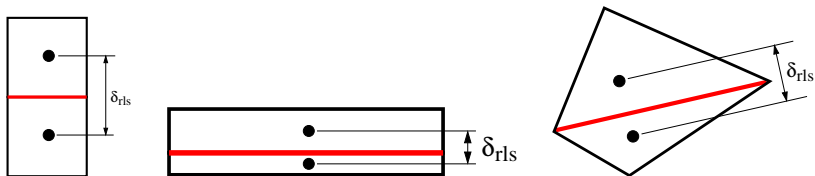
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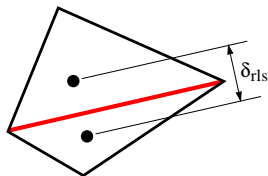
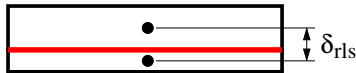
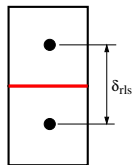
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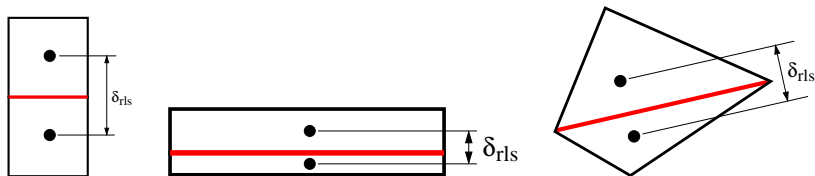
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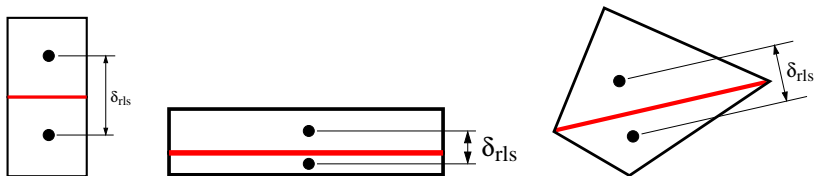
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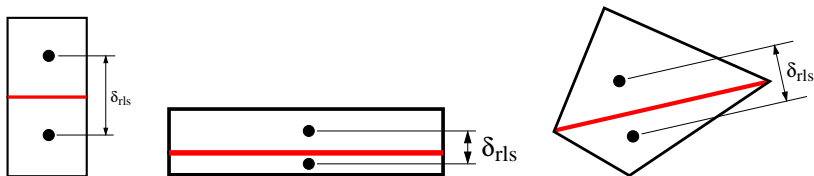
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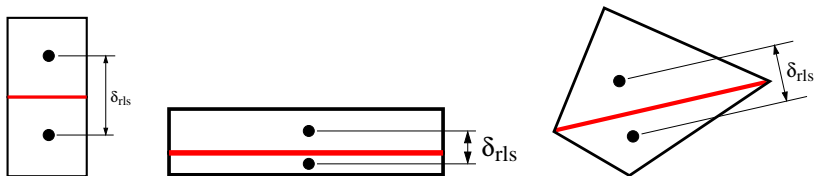
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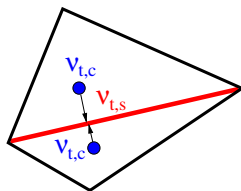
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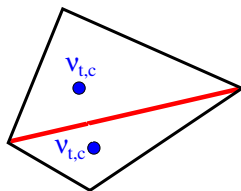
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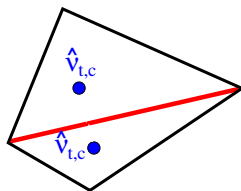
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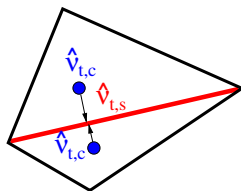


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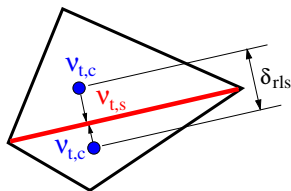


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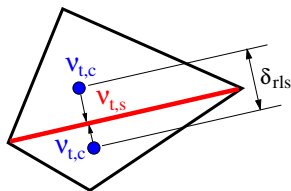


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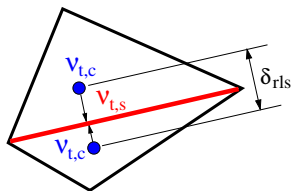
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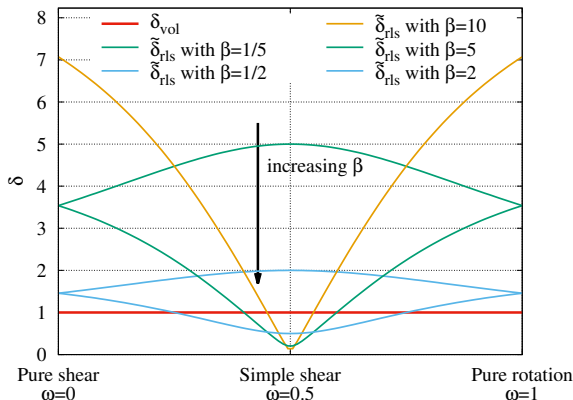
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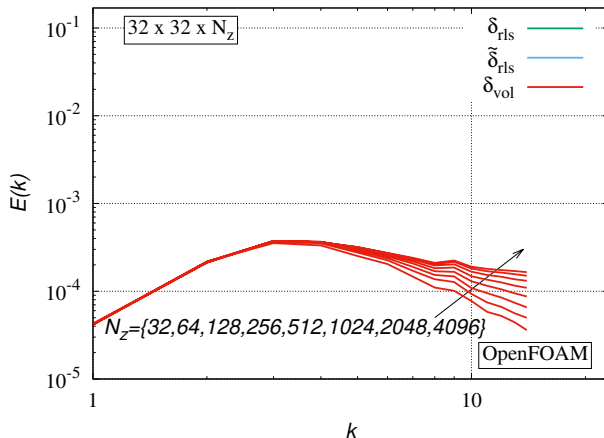
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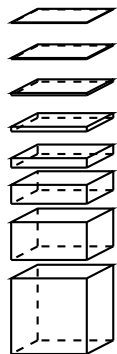
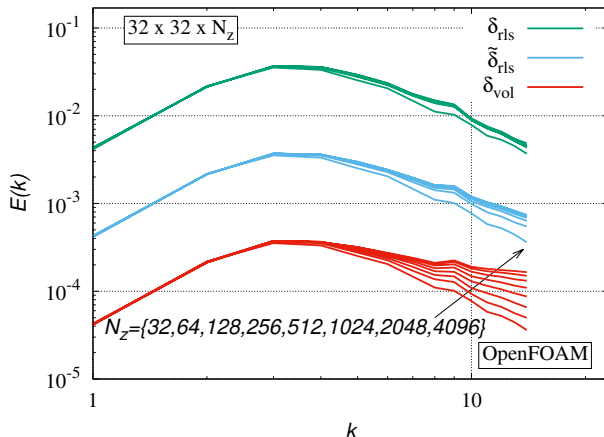
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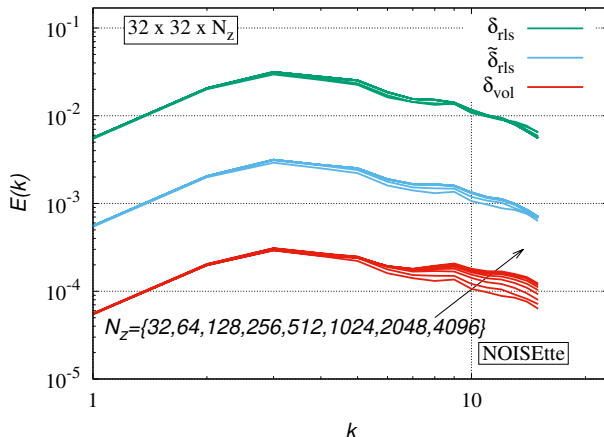
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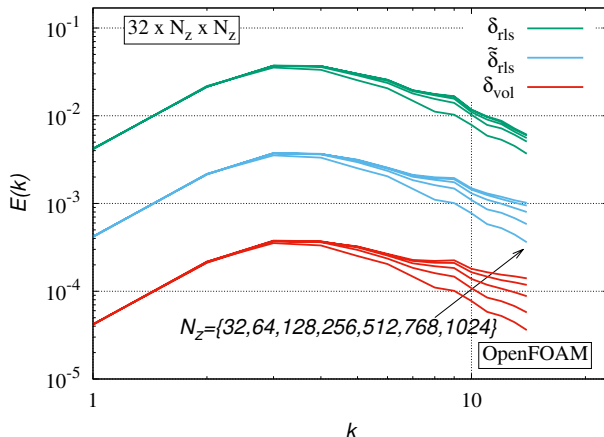
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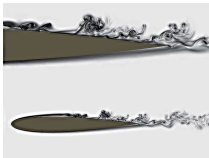
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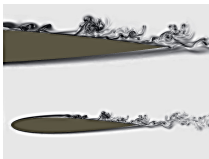
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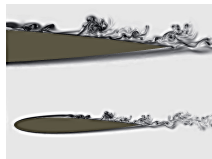
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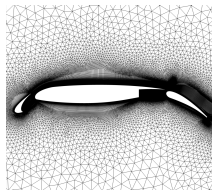
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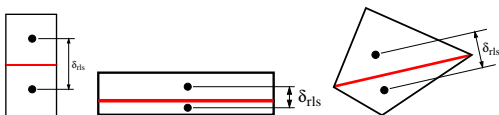
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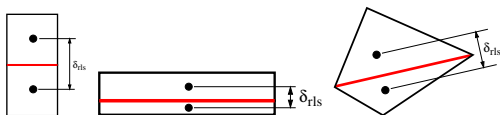
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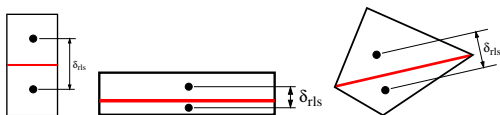


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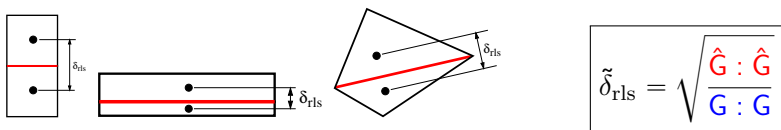


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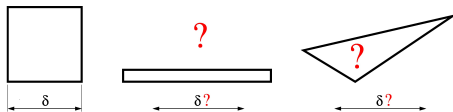
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