



Regularizing turbulent flow

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Turbulence: a multi-scale phenomena

*Big whorls have little whorls
That feed on their velocity,
And little whorls have lesser whorls
And so on to viscosity*

Lewis F. Richardson

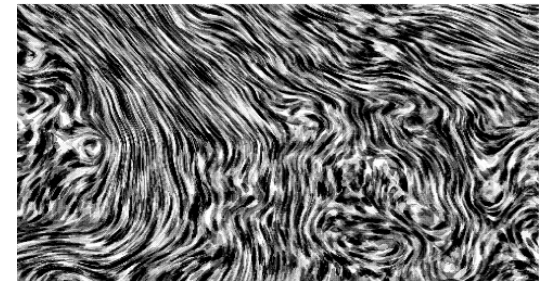
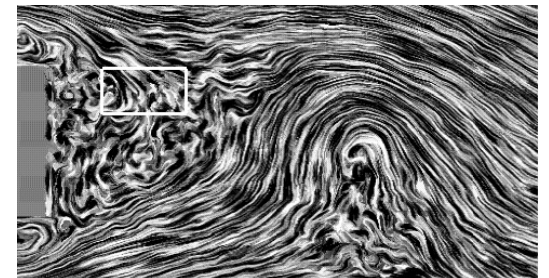
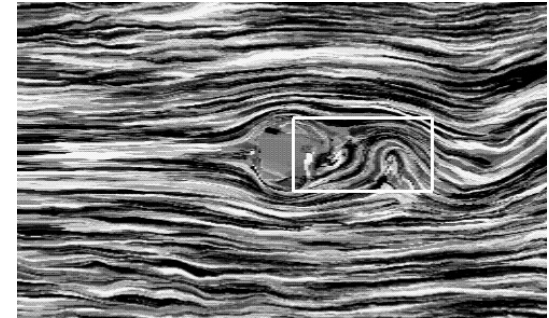
Energy cascade

*Large scales of motion are created by some
driving mechanism that feeds energy to the fluid*

*Smaller scales are convected,
drawing energy from the large ones*

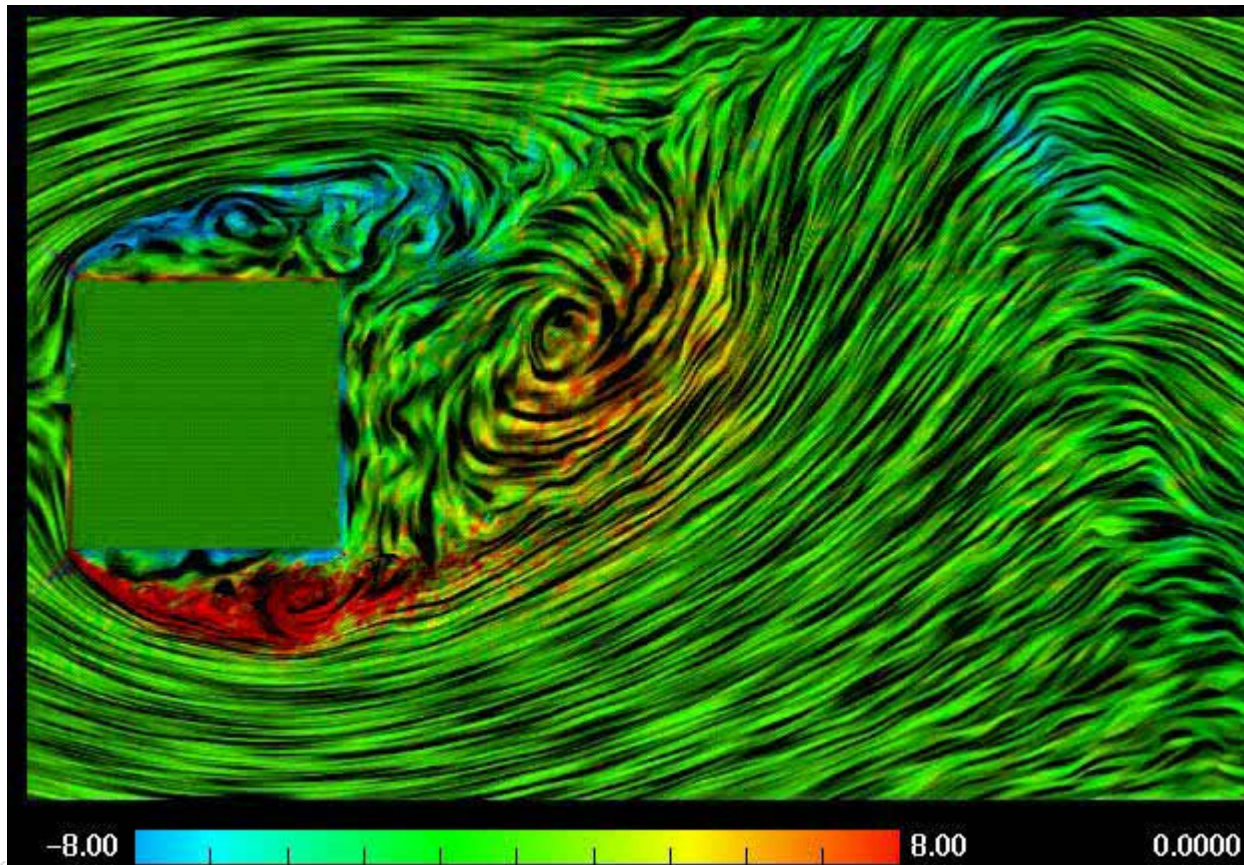
This process continues on ever smaller scales

*On the smallest scales, dissipation destroys eddies
and converts their kinetic energy to thermal energy*



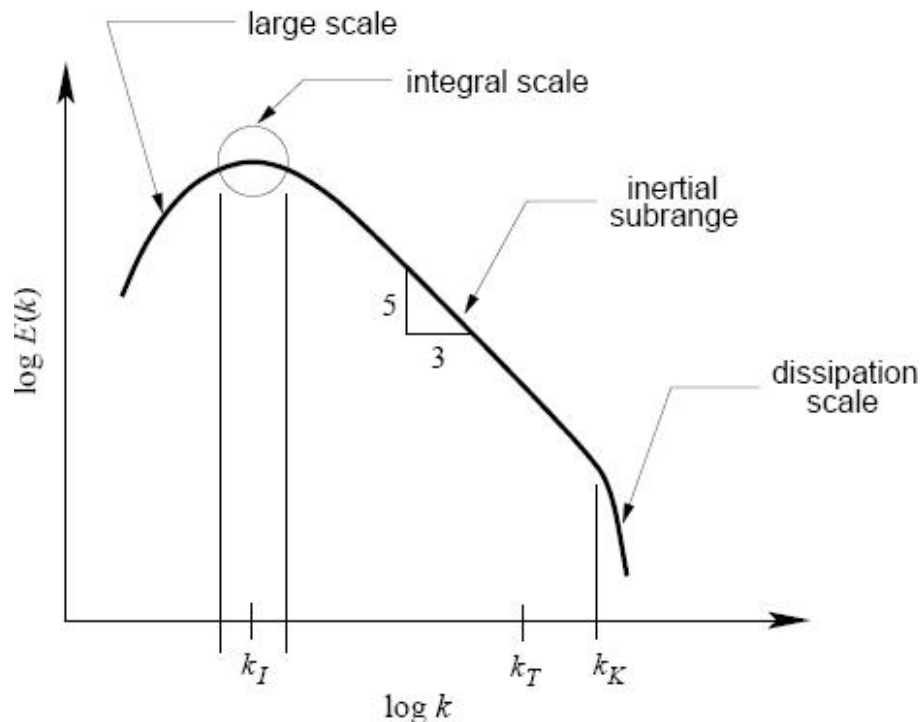


3D turbulent flow past square cylinder ($Re=22,000$)

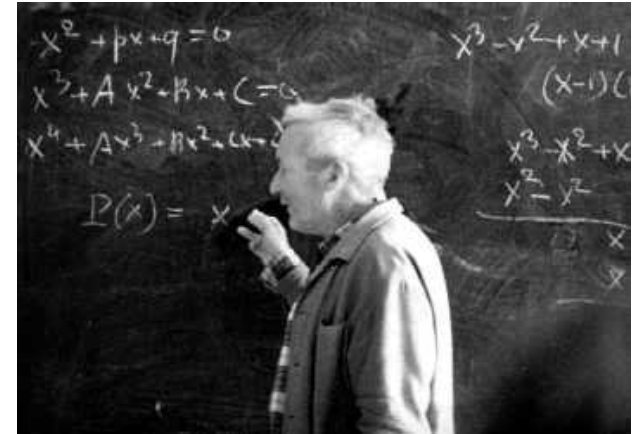




Kolmogorov's K41 hypotheses



Mathematical justification: Foias et al 2001



Challenges	Re
Cyclist	100,000
Car	>1,000,000
Swimmer	3,000,000
Airplane	10,000,000
Shark	30,000,000

Work propto Re^3



Navier-Stokes equations

$$\partial_t u + \mathcal{C}(u, u) + \mathcal{D}(u) + \nabla p = 0$$

$$\mathcal{C}(u, v) = (u \cdot \nabla)v$$

Regularization

$$\partial_t u + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}(u, u) + \mathcal{D}(u) + \nabla p = 0$$

Examples

Leray: $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}(u, v) = \mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, v)$

NS- α : $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_r(u, v) = \mathcal{C}_r(u, \bar{v}) = (\nabla \times u) \times \bar{v}$



Leray regularization

Leray (1934): any filtering is sufficient to guarantee
existence, uniqueness and regularity

⇒ energy cascade stops at a certain scale of motion

Cheskidov et al. (2005): complexity of 3D Leray model
lies between 2D and 3D Navier-Stokes



Large-eddy simulation

$$\partial_t \bar{u} + \mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, \bar{u}) + \mathcal{D}(\bar{u}) + \nabla \bar{p} = \text{model}(\bar{u})$$

$$\text{model}(\bar{u}) \approx \mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, \bar{u}) - \overline{\mathcal{C}(u, u)}$$

Regularization model

$$\partial_t \bar{u} + \mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, \bar{u}) + \mathcal{D}(\bar{u}) + \nabla \bar{p} =$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, \bar{u}) - \overline{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}(u, u)} = \text{model}(\bar{u})$$

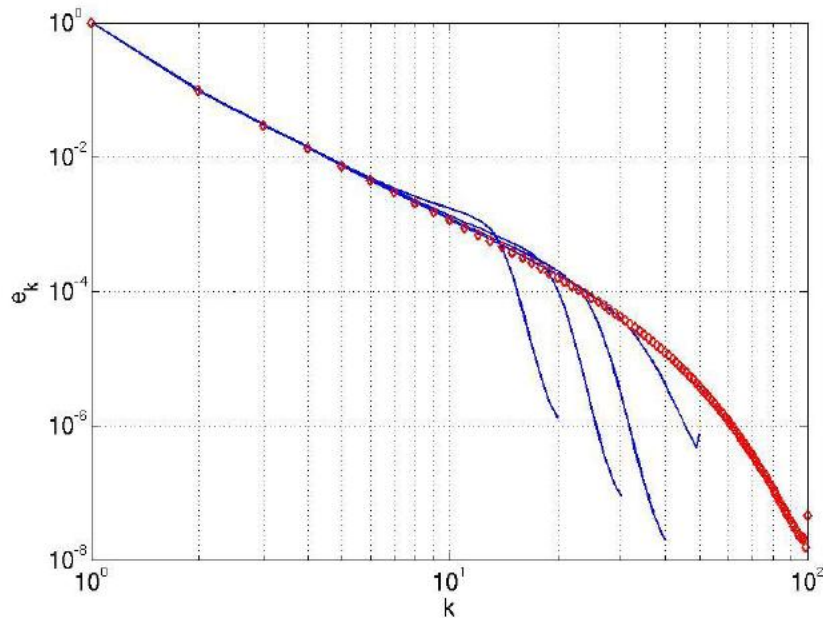


How to alter the non-linearity?

Goal:

Preserve:

- *inertial subrange*
- *symmetry & conservation*
- *transformation properties*
- *etc.*





Symmetry and conservation properties

Energy invariance

$$(\mathcal{C}(u, v), w) = -(v, \mathcal{C}(u, w))$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathcal{C}(u, u), u) = 0$$

Enstrophy invariance (2D)

$$(\mathcal{C}(u, v), \Delta v) = (u, \mathcal{C}(\Delta v, v))$$

$$\Rightarrow ((\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{S}^*)\omega, \omega) = 0$$



Symmetry-preserving regularization

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_n(u, v) = \mathcal{C}(u, v) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^n)$$

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Symmetry-preserving regularizations

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_2(u, v) = \overline{\mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, \bar{v})}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_4(u, v) = \mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) + \overline{\mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, v')} + \overline{\mathcal{C}(u', \bar{v})}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_6(u, v) = \mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) + \mathcal{C}(\bar{u}, v') + \mathcal{C}(u', \bar{v}) + \overline{\mathcal{C}(u', v')}$$

Energy, enstrophy (2D) and helicity are conserved

\Rightarrow *Unconditional stable in energy-norm; 2D: enstrophy-norm*



Scales of motion

Eigenvalue problem diffusive operator:

$$\Pi \mathcal{D}w = \lambda w$$

$$\Pi \text{ projection on } \nabla \cdot w = 0$$

gives $0 < \lambda_0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$

orthogonal basis $\{w_j\}$

Expansion

$$u_k = \sum_{k^2 = \lambda_j} \hat{u}_j w_j$$

$$u_{k'k''} = \sum_{k' \leq k \leq k''} u_k$$



Triadic interactions

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + \frac{|k|^2}{\text{Re}} \right) \hat{u}_k + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_k(\hat{u}, \hat{u}) = 0$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_k(\hat{u}, \hat{v}) = i\Pi(k) \sum_{p+q=k} \hat{u}_p q \hat{v}_q \underbrace{f(G_k, G_p, G_q)}_{\in [0, 1]}$$

Large-eddies, local interactions: $f = 1 - \mathcal{O}(\alpha^n)$

Character (forward/reverse) of transfer is maintained

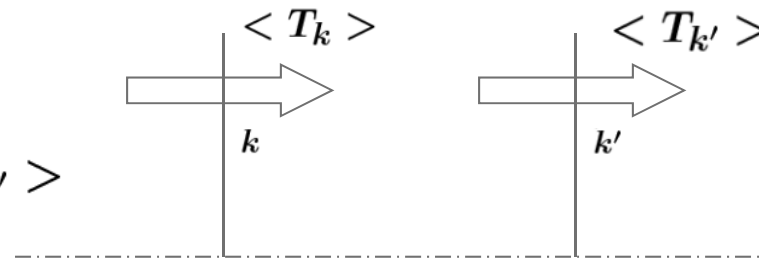


Energy flux (symmetry preserving regularization)

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |u_{kk'}|^2 + \nu |\nabla u_{kk'}|^2 = T_k - T_{k'}$$

Time-average:

$$\nu \langle |\nabla u_{kk'}|^2 \rangle = \langle T_k \rangle - \langle T_{k'} \rangle$$



Same form as for Navier-Stokes eqns.

*Copy proof Foias et al: **their exists an inertial range***

$\langle T_k \rangle$ is approximately constant \approx dissipation rate



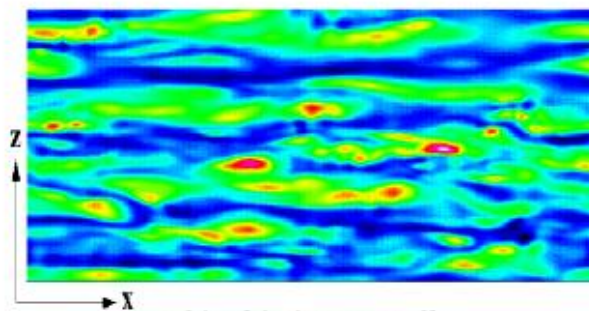
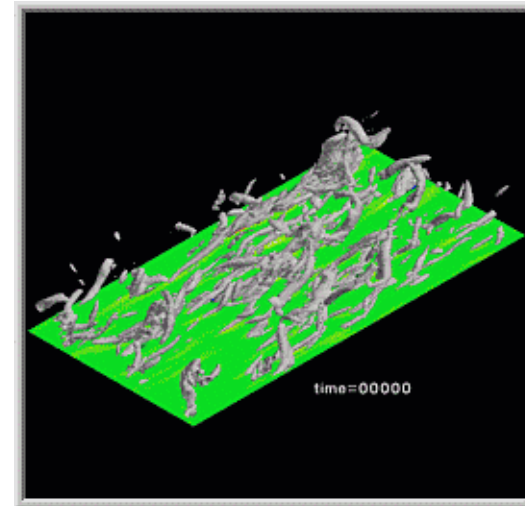
Turbulent channel flow

Turbulent flow between two parallel walls

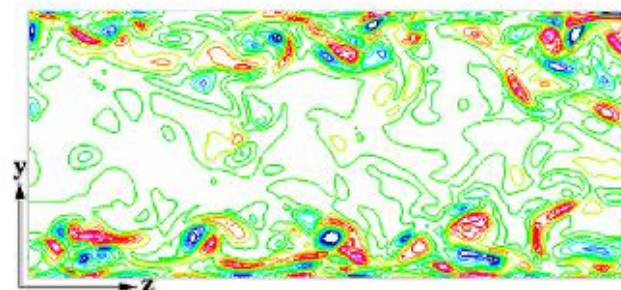
Prototype for near-wall turbulence

Break-through: DNS by KMM, 1987

Re = 5,600 4,000,000 gridpoints



skin-friction at wall

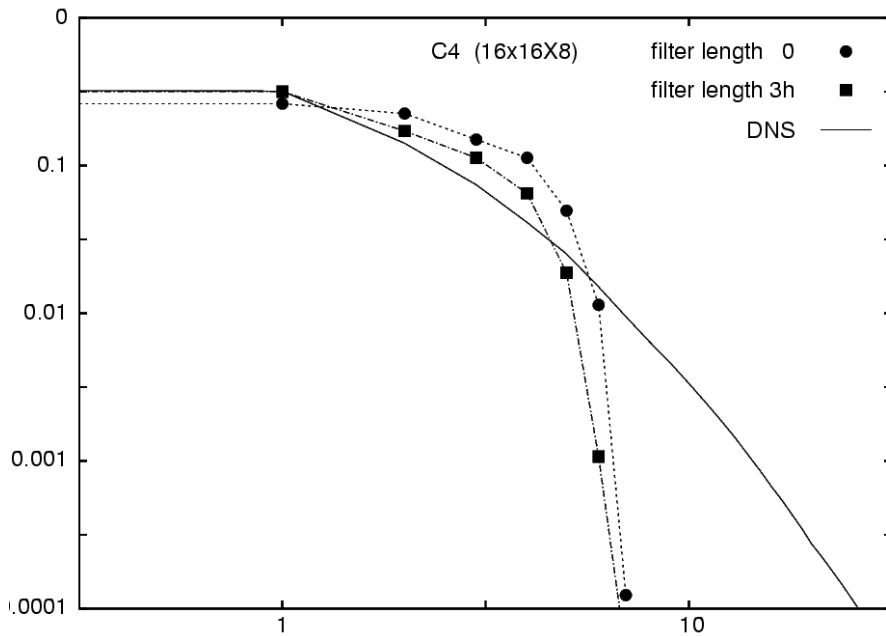


vorticity between walls



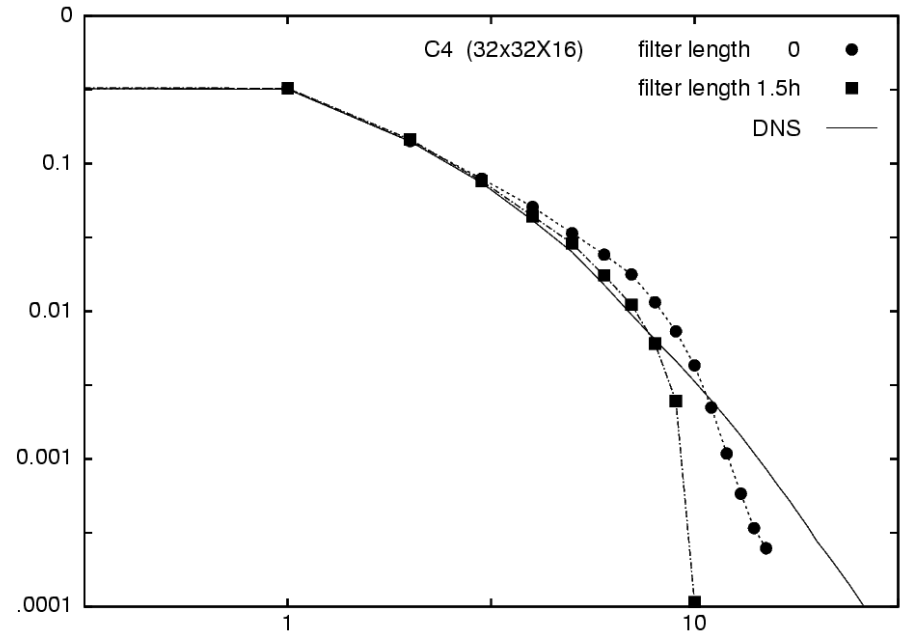
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16x16x8 grid points



energy spectrum

32x32x16 grid points

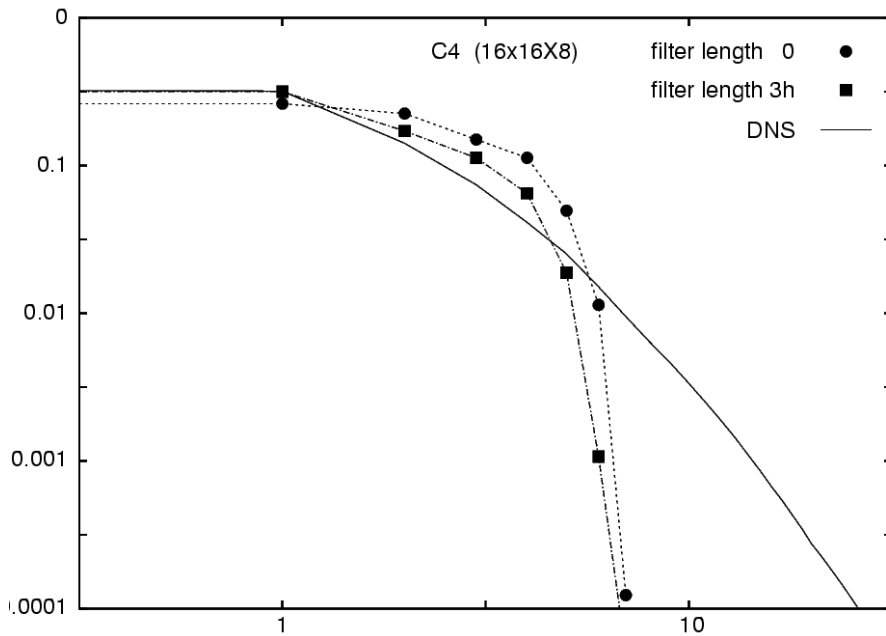


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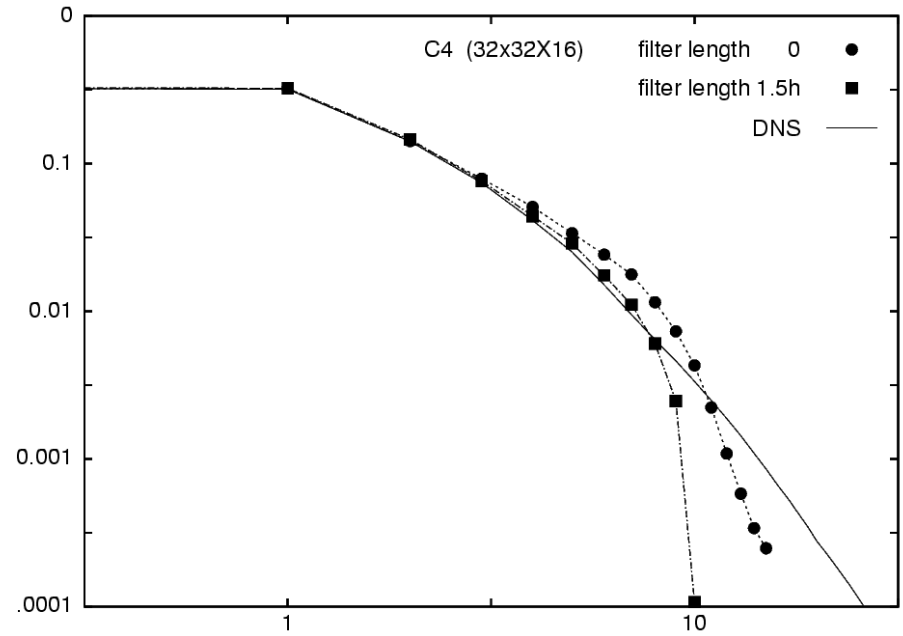
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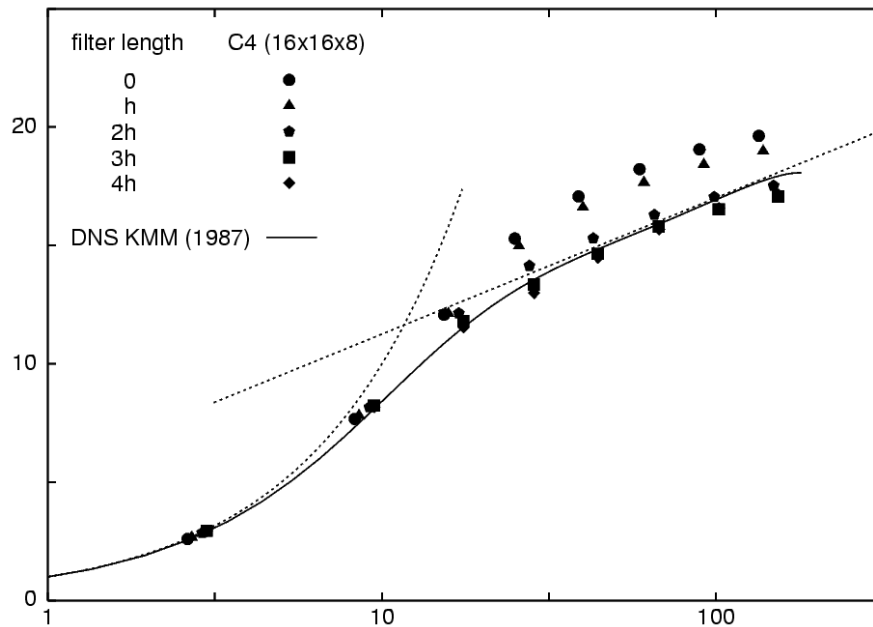
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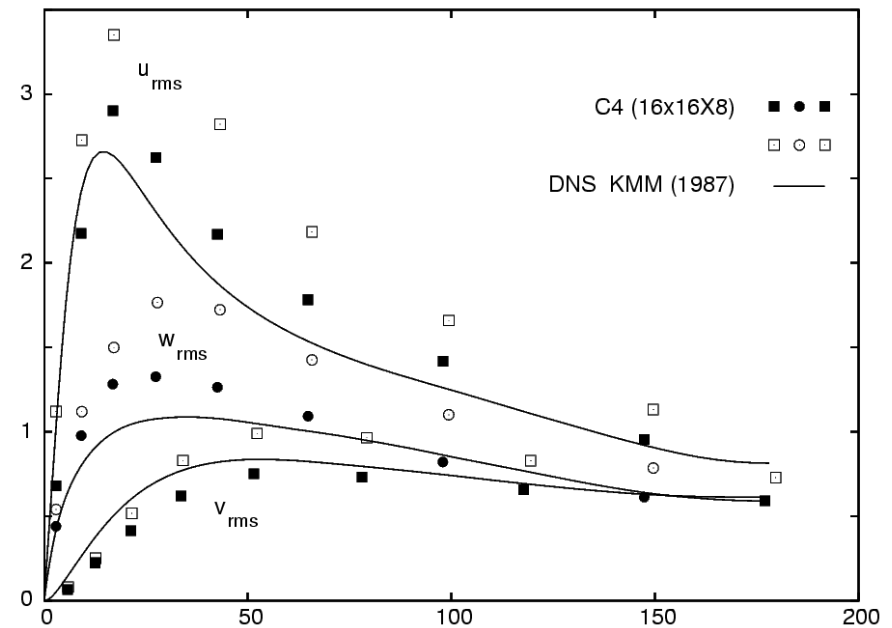
Turbulent channel flow

$$\text{Re}_\tau = 180$$

16x16x8 gridpoints



mean flow



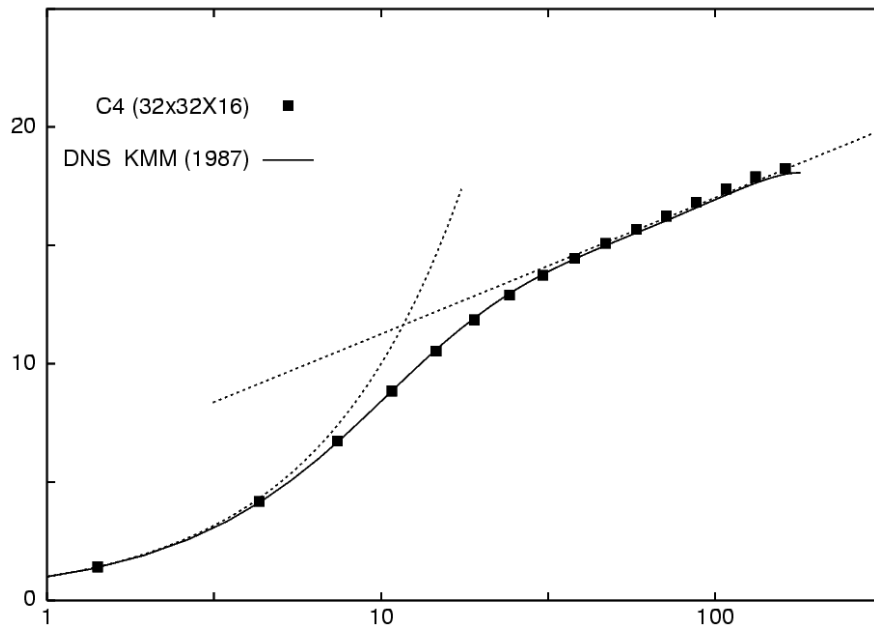
turbulence intensities



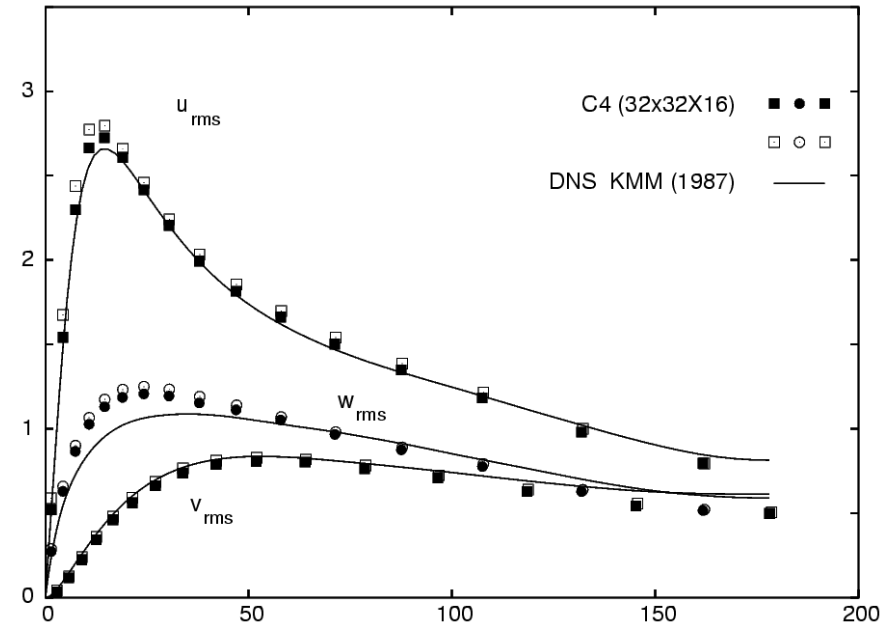
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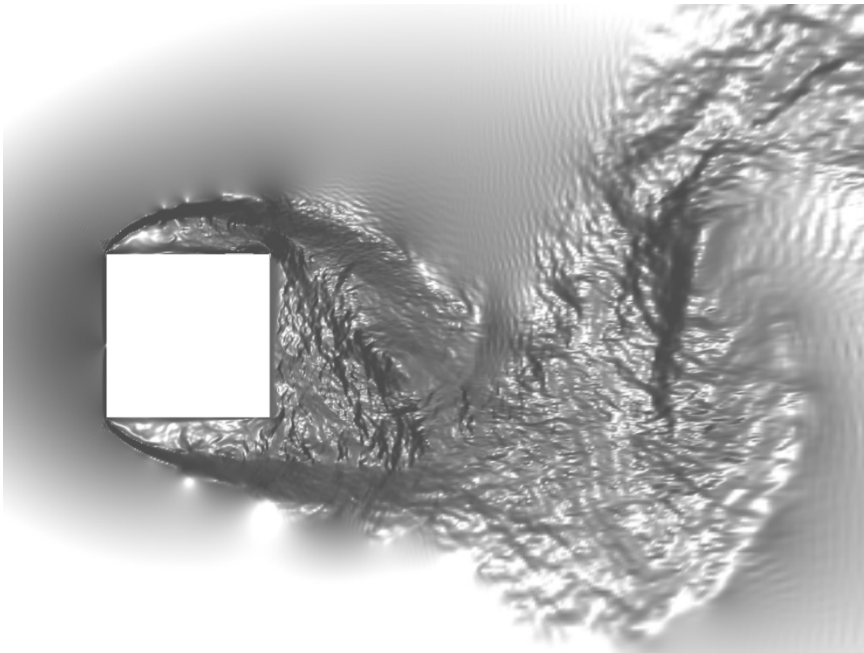
mean flow



turbulence intensities



DNS flow past square cylinder ($Re=22,000$)



Cartesian staggered mesh. Nodes are stretched around the cylinder.

4-th order symmetry-preserving discretization

Time-integration period: **40 cycles**

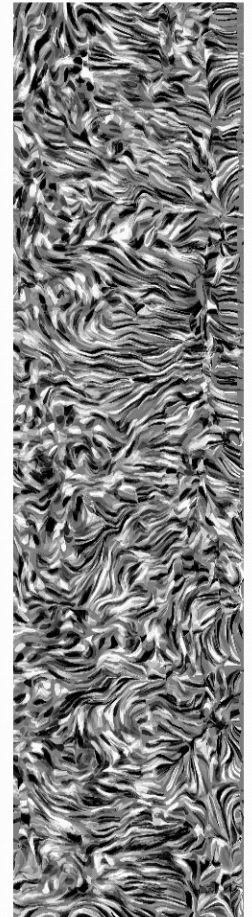
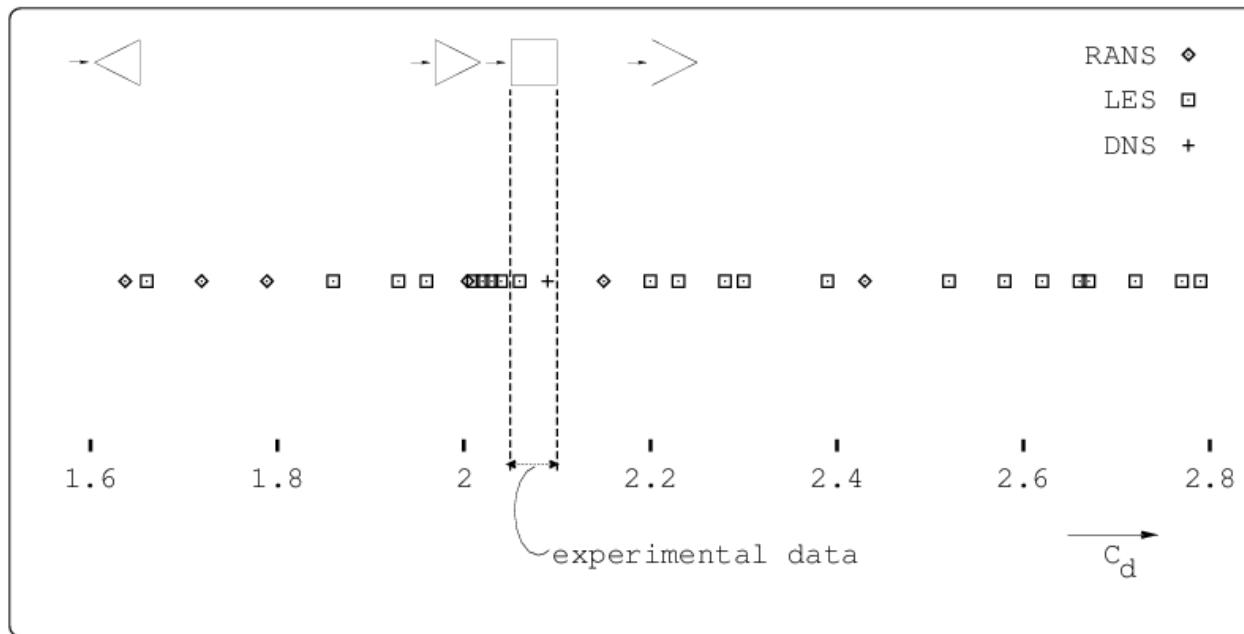
Mesh size: 128 x 1080 x 720 ~ **100M**

Computing time: ~**1 month** using **512CPUs** on the **MareNostrum** supercomputer.



DNS flow past square cylinder ($Re=22,000$):

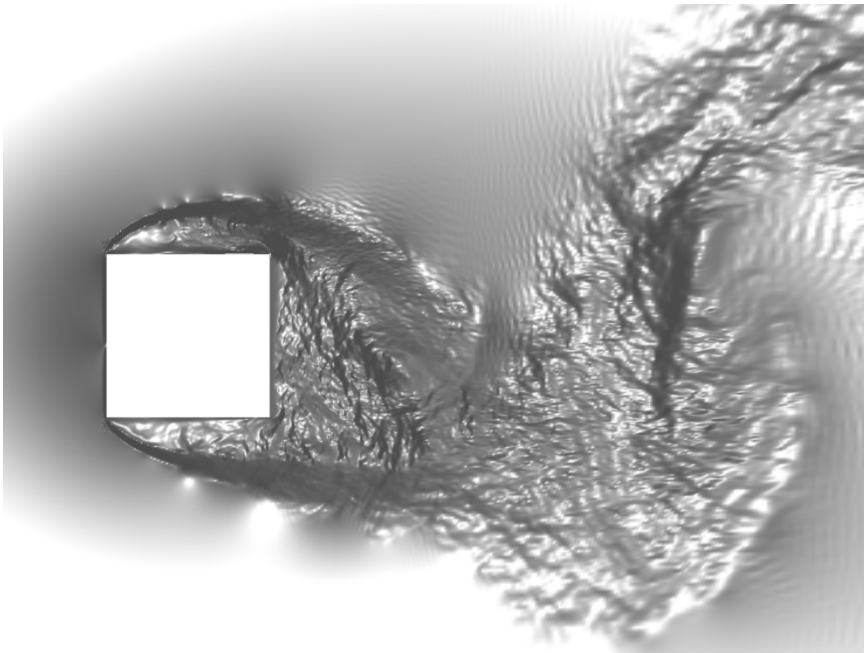
A challenge to large-eddy simulation



Skin-friction at cylinder

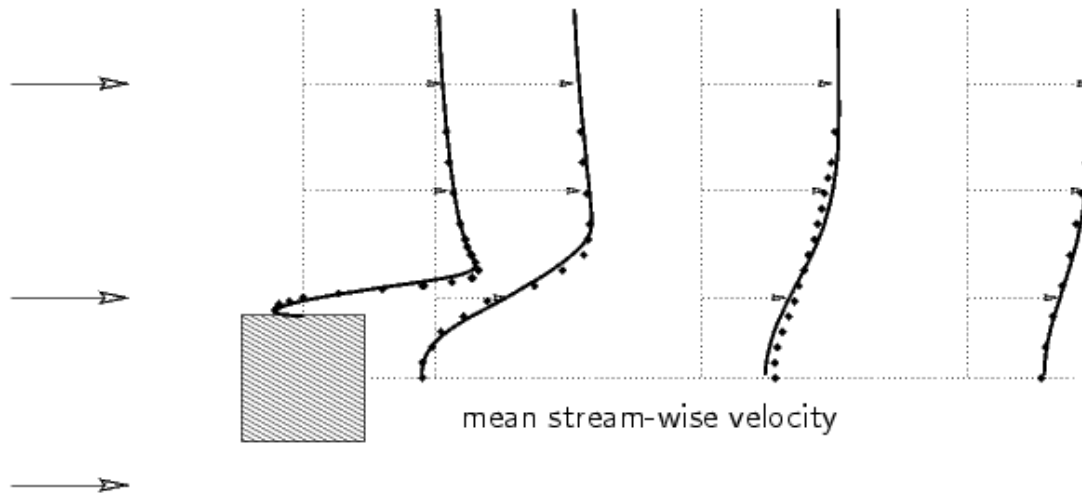


DNS flow past square cylinder, $Re=22,000$



	DNS	Experiments
Mean Strouhal	0.133	~ 0.133
Mean drag (C_d)	2.1	2.05 – 2.1
Mean lift (C_l)	0.005	~ 0
RMS of C_d	0.21	0.16 – 0.23
RMS of C_l	1.22	0.68 – 1.32

Mean flow profiles



- experiments by Lyn & Rodi (TU Karlsruhe)
- fourth-order symmetry-preserving method
- span = 4 diameters



Further reading



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