# Flow Analysis and Design: Issues and Challenges in CFD (Accuracy, Reliability, and Uncertainty)

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## GRMIAO: leaders in CFD since 1984



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# In the beginning ... the fluid



Héraclite (536-470 AD) Everything flows



Archimède (287 - 212 AD) Eureka



De Vinci
De moto
dell'acqua



Newton **F** = **ma** 



D. Bernouilli (1700-1782)  $p + \frac{1}{2}U^{2} = const$ 



Euler (1785 - 1836)



Navier (1707 - 1783)



Stokes (1818 - 1903)

## Optimization problem

• Find design parameters  $\alpha^*$  such as

$$\mathcal{J}(\boldsymbol{U}(\alpha^*), \alpha^*) \leq \min_{\alpha} \mathcal{J}(\boldsymbol{U}(\alpha), \alpha)$$
  
with  $\boldsymbol{G}(\boldsymbol{U}, \alpha) = 0$ 

• **G** = Navier-Stokes Equations

Continuity: 
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0$$

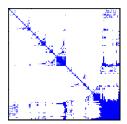
Momentum:  $\rho(\boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{u} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}(\boldsymbol{u}) + \boldsymbol{f}$ 

with  $\boldsymbol{\tau}(\boldsymbol{u}) = \mu \left( \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{u} \right)$ 

## CFD: What is it?



CFD: Art of replacing fluid flows PDEs (impossible to solve) by a huge easier to solve Ax = b.



## CFD: Where does it stand?

#### Analyses and design proceed by:

- Experimentation, intuition and empiricism
  - Wind tunnel
  - Collection of Measurements
  - The Wright brothers
- Development of simplified analytical models
  - Closed form solutions
  - Explanation, insight
  - BUT usually very simplified approximations of reality
- CFD = Applied Mathematics + Computing + Engineering Science
  - Almost no simplification
  - ▶ BUT mathematical model of physics is critical (turbulence ...)
  - solution = set of discrete values



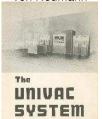
## CFD was painful and slow!! Who?

- 1910 Richardson: Human computors
  - ▶ in 1910: 2000 ops/week
  - ► in 2009: 10<sup>9</sup> ops/sec
- 1933 Thom : first CFD computation for a cylinder
- 1953 Kawaguti: Mechanical calculator
  - Navier-Stokes flow around a cylindre
  - 20 hours / week for 18 months

# Trigger events, When?



Von Neumann



univac



Eniac



Cray X-MP 1983

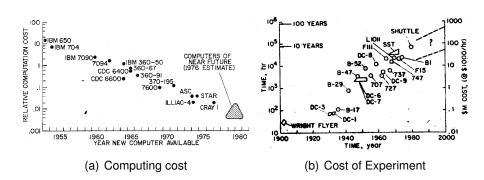
# Why CFD?

#### CFD because of its cost/benefit ratio.

- free from physical limitations of experiments
- free from simplifications in analytical and empirical models
- applicable where measurements are impossible to make
- provides all information everywhere

#### CFD makes its own room

Computing costs drop, cost of experiments explodes



1975 Dean Chapman (NASA): CFD spells the end of wind tunnels

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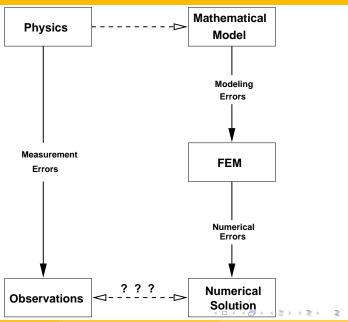
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# Accuracy; a Never Ending Challenge?

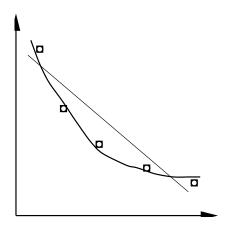
- **D. Mavriplis**, *Unstructured-Mesh Discretizations and Solvers for Computational Aerodynamics*, AIAA Journal , Vol 46, No 6, pp. 1281-1298, June 2008.
  - $\bullet$  Anisotropic grids: 1, 3, 9, and 72  $\times$  10<sup>6</sup> points,
  - Drag converges to 2<sup>nd</sup> order, but
  - ullet 65 imes 10<sup>6</sup> point grid with isotropic surface mesh
  - Mach = 0.75:  $C_D = 0.0280 \rightarrow 0.0255$  but  $C_{D_{exp}} = 0.0270$ ),
  - Mesh Resolution is most important factor,
  - Issues: Accuracy, Reliability, Uncertainty

Accuracy: How to get there? How to make sure we are there?

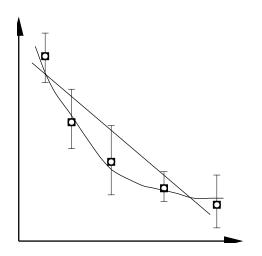
## Modeling and Simulation - 1



# Modeling and Simulation - 2



# Modeling and Simulation - 3



## Numerical Techniques: Finite Element Method

#### From PDEs to Ax = b

- Weak forms of the equations
- Streamline Upwind/Petrov-Galerkin stabilized formulations
- RANSE : Velocity-pressure formulation
- Newton's linearization and sparse direct solver
- Equations solved in a partly segregated manner
- Taylor-Hood element  $(P_2 P_1)$ : formal orders of accuracy

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u, v, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E} : ||.||_{L^2} \equiv O(h^3) and ||.||_{H^1} \equiv O(h^2)

p : ||.||_{L^2} \equiv O(h^2) and ||.||_{H^1} \equiv O(h)
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## Numerical Techniques: Adaptive procedure

- → Adaptive grids: from **Ax = b** to Accuracy
  - Zhu-Zienkiewicz error estimator
  - Mesh size obtained based on the convergence rate of the FEM and the principle of equi-distribution of the error
  - Advancing front mesh generator
  - Adaptation based on error estimates for  $||\mathbf{u}||_{H^1}$ ,  $||\mathcal{K}||_{eqv}$ ,  $||\mathcal{E}||_{eqv}$ ,  $||\mu_t||_{eqv}$

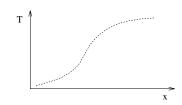
## Numerical Techniques: Error Estimation (1)

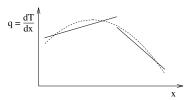
#### → Zhu-Zienkiewicz error estimator

- Nodal-based Least-squares derivative recovery technique
- Measure of the error : difference between a post-processed field and a discontinuous FE field
- An example :

$$\begin{split} ||\rho||_{H^1} &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \rho \; d\Omega} \\ ||e_{\rho}||_{H^1}^{\text{exa}} &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} (\nabla p_{\text{exa}} - \nabla p_h) \cdot (\nabla p_{\text{exa}} - \nabla p_h) \; d\Omega} \\ ||e_{\rho}||_{H^1}^{\text{ZZ}} &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} (\nabla p_{\text{ZZ}} - \nabla p_h) \cdot (\nabla p_{\text{ZZ}} - \nabla p_h) \; d\Omega} \end{split}$$

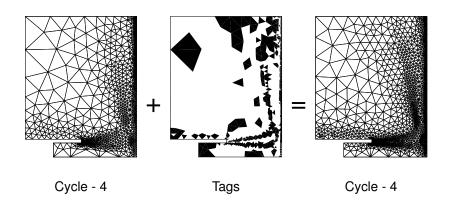
# **Projection Error Estimator**



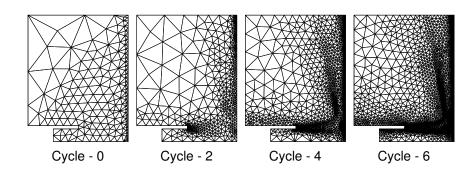


$$e^2 = \int (q_{ex} - q_h)^2 dx$$
  $e^2 \simeq E^2 = \int (q^* - q_h)^2 dx$ 

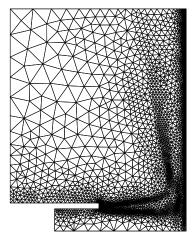
# **Grid Adaption Process**



# Adaptive Grids Sequence

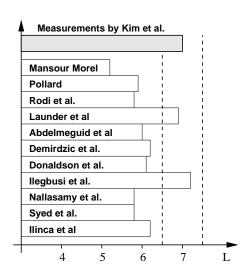


## **Final Mesh**



Cycle - 6 How do we know if we are there ?

## VnV: Modeling and Simulation - 4



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## Verification and Validation

- In an English thesaurus Verification and Validation are synonymous.
- In CFD the words have acquired accepted **technical** meanings.
- The same word can have different Technical meanings in different contexts.

#### In mechanical and aerospace engineering:

- Verification: Are we solving these equations right?
- Validation: Are we solving the right equations for this problem?

## Verification

#### Verification is a mathematical activity

- Mathematics
- Numerical methods

Are we doing good numerical analysis for solving the differential equations at hand?

- Is the scheme/code  $O(\delta x^2)$ ? (Code Verification)
- Is it  $O(\delta x^2)$  on this problem? (Simulation Verification)

## **Validation**

#### Validation means having

- The proper physics.
- The proper science.
- An appropriate engineering model.

## Are we doing good engineering modeling for the problem at hand?

#### Requirements:

- detailed measurements
- quality measurements
- quality predictions

## Verification and Validation

## Verification: Are we solving the equations right?

- 2 steps
- (1) Code Verification: MMS = true error, grid refinement study
- (2) Simulation Verification: Error estimator, grid refinement study

#### Validation: Are we solving the right equations?

- Code has been verified,
- Simulation has been verified
- Compare to quality data

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G. Polya: Only a fool starts at the beginning; the wise starts at the end.

#### Method of manufactured solutions:

- Pick a non-trivial continuum solution.
- Substitute in PDE (Navier-Stokes, Darcy, etc.)
- Determine source term Q(t, x, y) for balance.
- Implement in solver.
- Perform grid refinement study.
- MMS = Code Accuracy and Reliablility

We can pick the solution before we specify the governing equations or the boundary conditions.

$$U(t,x) = A + \sin(x + Ct)$$

- Here applied to two different problems:
  - ▶ two sets of governing PDE's
  - two sets of boundary conditions

#### Example 1 : Burgers equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$L(u) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

However, U(x, t) is not a solution of above

$$L(U(t,x)) \neq 0$$
  

$$L(U(t,x)) = Q_1(t,x)$$
  

$$Q_1(t,x) = L(U(t,x))$$

$$Q_1(t,x) = C cos(x+Ct) + [A+sin(x+Ct)]cos(x+Ct) + \alpha sin(x+Ct)$$

U(x,t) = A + sin(x + Ct) is then solution of modified PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + Q_1(t, x)$$

with compatible initial and boundary conditions

#### Note:

- Domain not specified,
- Domain could be 0 < x < 1
- Domain could be -10 < x < 100
- Boundary conditions will differ for different domains
- Boundary conditions type not specified
- Same U(t,x) can be solution of many different BC combinations

#### Example 2: Burgers-like equation

Idealized 1-D mixing length turbulence model

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \left( x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right]$$
$$= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2\lambda \left[ x \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right]$$

$$Q_2(t,x) = L(u) = u_t + uu_x - \alpha u_{xx} - 2\lambda \left[ x(u_x)^2 + x^2 u_{xx} \right]$$

### The Method of Manufactured solution

$$U(t,x) = A \sin(x + Ct)$$

is solution of 2 PDE's:

$$u_t + uu_x = \alpha u_{xx} + Q_1(t, x)$$
  
$$u_t + uu_x = \alpha u_{xx} + 2\lambda \left[ x(u_x)^2 + x^2 u_{xx} \right] + Q_2(t, x)$$

#### Note:

The same solution can be used to verify **two** different 'codes' solving **two** different governing differential equations!

The source term changes to maintain the solution across codes (PDE's).

### The Method of Manufactured solution - 17

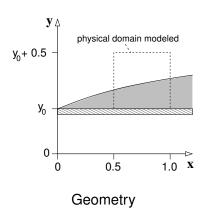
#### Use of MMS

• Error:  $E = f_h - f_{ex} = Ch^p$ 

• Grid refinement study : Monitor p

h	$E=c_1h$	$E=c_2h^2$
$h_1 = h$	$E_1 = E_0$	$E_1 = E_0$
$h_2=rac{h}{2}$	$E_2 pprox rac{h}{2} = rac{E_0}{2}$	$E_2\approx (\frac{h}{2})^2=\frac{E_0}{4}$
$h_3=rac{h}{4}$	$E_3 pprox rac{h}{4} = rac{E_0}{4}$	$E_3\approx (\frac{h}{4})^2=\frac{E_0}{16}$
$h_4 = \frac{h}{8}$	$E_4 pprox rac{h}{8} = rac{E_0}{8}$	$E_4 \approx (\frac{h}{8})^2 = \frac{E_0}{64}$

### MMS - Turbulent boundary layer



$$u = \operatorname{erf}(\eta)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \left( 1 - e^{-\eta^2} \right)$$

$$p = 0.5 \ln \left( 2x - x^2 + 0.25 \right) \ln \left( 4y^3 - 3y^2 + 1.25 \right)$$

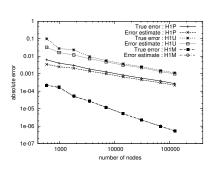
$$k = k_{max} \eta_{\nu}^2 e^{1 - \eta_{\nu}^2} + \alpha_k$$

$$\epsilon = 0.36 \frac{k_{max}^2}{\nu_{max}} e^{-\eta_{\nu}^2} + \alpha_{\epsilon}$$

# MMS - Turbulent boundary layer



Grid 5

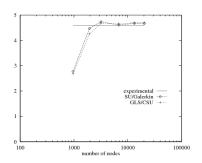


Error Trajectories
Code is verified!

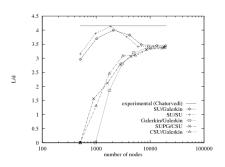
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### Simulation Verification: The Good, the Bad, and ...

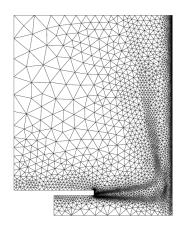


Verified
Validated

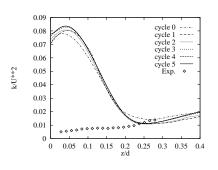


30° diffuser Verified NOT Validated

# ... and the Ugly! (Impinging jet)

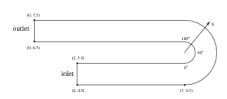


Grid 7



TKE:  $k/U^2$  at r/d = 0.5Verified NOT Validated

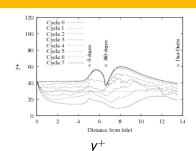
#### **Turn Around Duct**

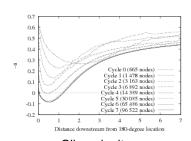


#### Domain

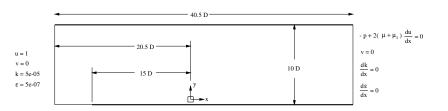


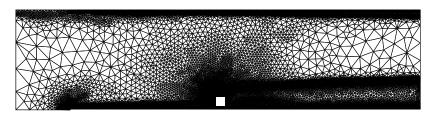
Grid 7 (96 522 nodes)





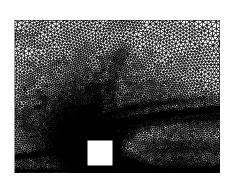
# Square Cylinder close to Ground



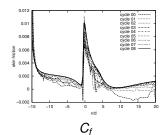


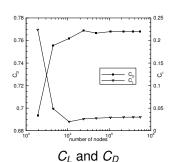
Grid 6 = 220,000 nodes (Grid 8 = 556,567)

### Square Cylinder close to Ground



Grid 6 (Grid 8 = 556,567 nodes)





# Square Cylinder close to Ground

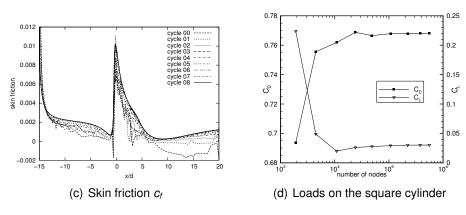
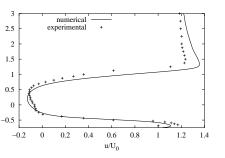
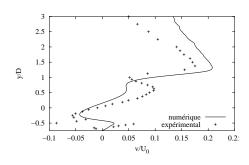


Figure: Grid convergence with adaptive cycles

### Square Cylinder close to Ground: Validation - 1



U at x = 1 D
Validated



V at x = 1 DValidated?

### Validation: summary

- Code Verification = code and its use are reliable
- Simulation Verification = solution accuracy estimated
- Simulation Validation = numerical model accurate and reiable

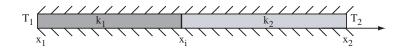
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 Very accurate, exhaustive data needed to ensure that simulation and experiment are for same problem

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### Sensitivities: Definition



$$T = T(x; T_1, T_2, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, x_1, x_i, x_2)$$

Sensitivity with respect to a

$$s_T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial a}$$
$$a \in \{T_1, T_2, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, x_1, x_i, x_2\}$$

### Sensitivities: uses

### Gradient based optimization

$$\min \ \textit{J}(\textit{\textbf{u}}(\alpha),\textit{p}(\alpha);\alpha)$$

$$\frac{dJ}{d\alpha} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial \alpha}}_{\boldsymbol{s}_{\boldsymbol{u}}} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \rho} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \alpha}}_{\boldsymbol{s}_{\rho}} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \alpha}$$

### Fast nearby solution via Taylor series

$$C_{p}(x; \alpha_{0} + \delta \alpha) = C_{p}(x; \alpha_{0}) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial C_{p}}{\partial \alpha}}_{\alpha_{0}} \delta \alpha + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^{2} C_{p}}{\partial \alpha^{2}}}_{\alpha_{0}} \frac{\delta \alpha^{2}}{2}$$
$$C_{f}(x; \alpha_{0} + \delta \alpha) = C_{f}(x; \alpha_{0}) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial C_{f}}{\partial \alpha}}_{\alpha_{0}} \delta \alpha + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^{2} C_{f}}{\partial \alpha^{2}}}_{\alpha_{0}} \frac{\delta \alpha^{2}}{2}$$

# Forward uncertainty propagation

#### Cascade input data uncertainty into CFD outputs

1st Order:

$$\sigma_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial a_i}}_{s_F^{a_i}} \sigma_{a_i})^2$$

2nd Order:

$$\sigma_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \underbrace{\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{F}}{\partial a_i}}_{s_F^{a_i}} \sigma_{a_i} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left( \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{F}}{\partial a_i \partial a_j}}_{s_F^{a_i a_j}} \sigma_{a_i} \sigma_{a_j} \right)^2$$

### Flow and 1st Order Sensitivity Equations

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0$$

$$\rho \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u} = -\nabla \rho + \nabla \cdot \left[ \mu \left( \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + (\nabla \boldsymbol{u})^T \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

SEM: differentiate then discretize

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right] = 0 \qquad \rightarrow \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial a} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial a} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial s_u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial s_v}{\partial y} = 0$$



### 1st Order Momentum Sensitivity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{a}} \left[ \rho \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{p} + \nabla \cdot \left[ \mu \left( \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + (\nabla \boldsymbol{u})^T \right) \right] \right]$$

$$\rho_{a}' \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \rho \boldsymbol{s}_{u}^{a} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \rho \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{u}^{a} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{p}^{a}$$
$$+ \nabla \cdot \left[ \mu_{a}' \left( \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + (\nabla \boldsymbol{u})^{T} \right) + \mu_{a} \left( \nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{u}^{a} + (\nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{u}^{a})^{T} \right) \right]$$

Newton linearization 1 linear system of PDE / parameter

# 2nd Order Sensitivity Equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{b}} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \rho_{\boldsymbol{a}}' \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \rho \boldsymbol{s}_{\boldsymbol{u}}^{\boldsymbol{a}} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \rho \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{\boldsymbol{u}}^{\boldsymbol{a}} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\boldsymbol{a}} \\ + \nabla \cdot \left[ \mu_{\boldsymbol{a}}' \left( \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + (\nabla \boldsymbol{u})^T \right) + \mu_{\boldsymbol{a}} \left( \nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{\boldsymbol{u}}^{\boldsymbol{a}} + (\nabla \boldsymbol{s}_{\boldsymbol{u}}^{\boldsymbol{a}})^T \right) \right] \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

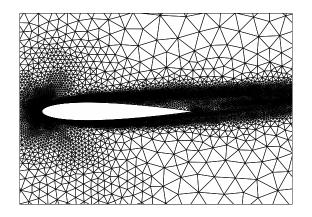
$$\rho \mathbf{s}_{u}^{ab} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{ab} + \nabla \mathbf{s}_{p}^{ab} - \nabla \cdot \left( \mu (\nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{ab} + (\nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{ab})^{T}) \right) =$$

$$- \left[ \rho'_{ab} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \rho'_{a} (\mathbf{s}_{u}^{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{b}) + \rho'_{b} (\mathbf{s}_{u}^{a} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{a}) + \rho (\mathbf{s}_{u}^{a} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{b} + \mathbf{s}_{u}^{b} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{a}) \right]$$

$$+ \nabla \cdot \left[ \mu'_{ab} (\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^{T}) + \mu_{a} (\nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{b} + (\nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{b})^{T}) + \mu_{b} (\nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{a} + (\nabla \mathbf{s}_{u}^{a})^{T}) \right]$$

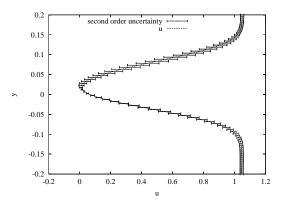
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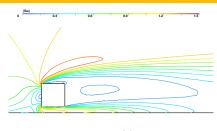


### Uncertainty in Near Wake, x = 1.05

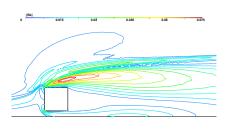
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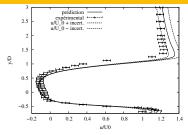
# Square obstacle: sensitivity w.r.t $U_0$ and $k_0$



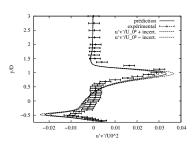
w.r.t. *U*<sub>0</sub>



w.r.t. *k*<sub>0</sub>



 $U/U_0$ 

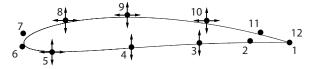


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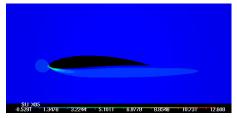
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# Maximize Lift to Drag ratio

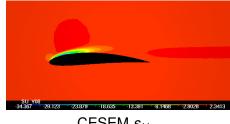
- Baseline: NACA 4512 at 0° and Re = 1000
- NURBS representation:12 control points



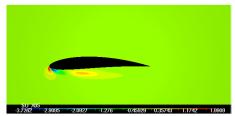
- Selection of the most influent parameters: 10 degrees of freedom
- Maximization of  $\mathcal{J} = \frac{C_L}{C_D}$
- Initial guess:  $C_D^0 = 0.1234$ ,  $C_L^0 = 0.01902$  and  $\mathcal{J}^0 = 0.1541$



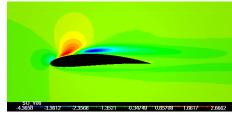
CESEM  $s_{U_{X_5}}$ 



CESEM  $s_{U_{Y_8}}$ 



CLSEM  $S_{U_{X_5}}$ 



CLSEM  $S_{U_{Y_8}}$ 

### Results: CLSEM - 7 iterations

	Initial	Optimized
$C_D$	0.1234	0.1190
$C_L$	0.01902	0.1960
$\mathcal{J}$	0.1541	1.647

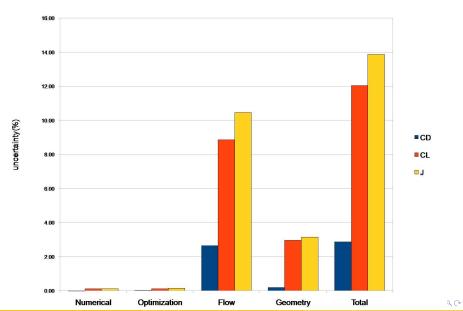


# Uncertainty analysis

- $C_L$ ,  $C_D$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  suffer from uncertainty due to
  - Numerical uncertainties: discretization errors
  - Stopping criteria  $\delta X^{opt}$  (active parameters only)
  - ▶ Uncertain inlet flow  $\delta Re$ ,  $\delta \alpha$
  - Geometrical uncertainties  $\delta X^{geo}$  (coordinates of the control points)
- Evaluation of the uncertainties:

$$\Delta C_D = \sum_{\alpha_i} \left| \frac{DC_D}{D\alpha_i} \right| \Delta \alpha_i \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta C_L = \sum_{\alpha_i} \left| \frac{DC_L}{D\alpha_i} \right| \Delta \alpha_i$$
$$\Delta \mathcal{J} = \frac{C_D \Delta C_L + C_L \Delta C_D}{C_D^2}$$

# Results of the uncertainty analysis



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#### Conclusion

- CFD can be a very powerful tool if used properly:
  - not a black box by a lng shot
  - much research is fet to do
- Vrification: tackles Accuracy:
  - Code Verification using MMS: Cude accuracy and reliability
  - Simulation Verification: accuracy of PDE solution
- Simulation Validation: Reliability/Realism of mathematical model
  - Not as trivial as it seems
- Sensitivity equation method:
  - Provides insight into complex flows
  - Provides uncertainty bands on flow response
  - Provides quantitative data on which parameter exerts most influence on the flow and where
- successful application to airfoil optimization. Then again ...

### Conclusion

- There is much left to discover and to do.
- Job security does not look so bad for some of us!

# CFD is like scientific computing...



Hamming

1973: The purpose of computing is insight, not numbers.





anonymous

1980 The purpose of computing is is not yet in sight