### Accurate and Efficient Simulation and Design Using High-Order CFD Methods

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## Background & Motivation

- The turbulent world around us
- Current state-of-the-art in CFD and challenges
  - Conventional second-order computational methods
  - Difficulty encountered in accurate simulation of complex systems
- High-order accurate computational methods
  - Reduction of mesh resolution while preserving accuracy
  - ② Developed to tackle more complex problems
  - Turbulent flow simulation
  - Previous investigations on discontinuous Galerkin (DG) and stabilized upwind Petrov-Galerkin (SUPG) methods



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- Objective: to investigate High-order Computational Methods for RANS and LES

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## Governing Equations (RANS)



• The compressible Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations:

$$\frac{\partial U(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{F}_{e}(\mathbf{U}) - \mathbf{F}_{\nu}(\mathbf{U},\nabla\mathbf{U})) = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{U},\nabla\mathbf{U})$$

 Fully coupled with the modified Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model Conservative flow vector: U = [ρ, ρu, ρv, ρw, ρE, ρṽ]<sup>T</sup> The modified turbulence model equation:

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial \rho \tilde{\mathbf{v}}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left( \rho \mathbf{u} \tilde{\mathbf{v}} - \frac{\mu}{\sigma} (1+\psi) \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{v}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right) = \\ &c_{b1} \tilde{S} \mu \psi - c_{w1} \rho f_w (\frac{\nu \psi}{d})^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} c_{b2} \rho \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \nu (1+\psi) \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \end{split}$$

ψ: auxiliary turbulence parameter

• 
$$\psi = f(\mathcal{X})$$
 and  $\mathcal{X} = \frac{\tilde{v}}{v}$ 

d: distance to the nearest viscous wall



## Governing Equations (LES)



• Filtering Operation in LES

$$\overline{\varphi}(\mathbf{x},t) = G(\overline{\Delta}) \star \varphi(\mathbf{x},t) \qquad \varphi''(\mathbf{x},t) = \varphi(\mathbf{x},t) - \overline{\varphi}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

- Filtered Compressible Navier-Stokes Equations
  - Conservation of mass

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\rho}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\overline{\rho} \tilde{u}_j) = 0$$

Conservation of momentum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\bar{\rho}\tilde{u}_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\bar{\rho}\tilde{u}_i\tilde{u}_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\bar{\rho} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\hat{\tau}_{ij} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\tau_{ij}^{sgs}$$

Conservation of energy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\bar{\rho}\hat{E}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}((\bar{\rho}\hat{E} + \bar{\rho})\tilde{u}_j) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\tilde{u}_i\hat{\tau}_{ij}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\hat{q}_j = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}Q_j^{sgs}$$

Viscous stress tensor and heat flux vector

$$\hat{\tau}_{ij} = \frac{\mu}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_k}{\partial x_k} \right), \quad \hat{q}_j = \frac{\gamma \mu}{P_r Re} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \hat{E} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_i \right)$$

Equation of state for ideal gas

$$\overline{p} = (\gamma - 1)\overline{
ho}(\hat{E} - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{u}_j\tilde{u}_j)$$

### Subgrid Scale Model



• A closure requires subgrid scale modeling to  $\tau_{ii}^{sgs}$  and  $Q_i^{sgs}$ .

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- Wall-Adapting Local-Eddy Viscosity (WALE) Model
  - Turbulent eddy viscosity, µ<sub>T</sub>

$$\mu_{T} = \overline{\rho} (C_{w} \Delta)^{2} \frac{(S_{ij}^{d} S_{ij}^{d})^{3/2}}{(S_{ij} S_{ij})^{5/2} + (S_{ij}^{d} S_{ij}^{d})^{5/4}}$$

Strain rate tensor, S<sub>ij</sub>, and traceless symmetric tensor, S<sup>d</sup><sub>ij</sub>

$$\begin{split} S_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \\ S_{ij}^d &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_k}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_k}{\partial x_i} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_l}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_l}{\partial x_k} \end{split}$$

- Based on the square of the velocity gradient tensor
- Require local information that is easy to access for high-order methods

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#### Discontinuous Galerkin Discretizations



• A weighted residual form for the RANS or the filtered LES-NS equations

$$\int_{\Omega_k} \phi_j \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_h(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left( \mathbf{F}_e(\mathbf{U}_h) - \mathbf{F}_v(\mathbf{U}_h, \nabla \mathbf{U}_h) \right) - \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{U}_h, \nabla \mathbf{U}_h) \right] d\Omega_k = 0.$$

 Integrate by parts and implemente of an explicit symmetric interior penalty (SIP) method

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\Omega_{k}} \phi_{j} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_{h}}{\partial t} d\Omega_{k} - \int_{\Omega_{k}} \nabla \phi_{j} \cdot (\mathbf{F}_{e}(\mathbf{U}_{h}) - \mathbf{F}_{v}(\mathbf{U}_{h}, \nabla_{h}\mathbf{U}_{h})) d\Omega_{k} + \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \setminus \partial\Omega} [[\underline{\phi}_{j}]] \mathbf{H}_{e}(\mathbf{U}_{h}^{+}, \mathbf{U}_{h}^{-}, \mathbf{n}) dS \\ &- \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \setminus \partial\Omega} \{\mathbf{F}_{v}(\mathbf{U}_{h}, \nabla_{h}\mathbf{U}_{h})\} \cdot [[\phi_{j}]] dS - \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \setminus \partial\Omega} \{(\mathbf{G}_{i1} \frac{\partial \phi_{j}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{i}}, \mathbf{G}_{i2} \frac{\partial \phi_{j}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{i}}, \mathbf{G}_{i3} \frac{\partial \phi_{j}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{i}})\} \cdot [[\mathbf{U}_{h}]] dS + \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \setminus \partial\Omega} \vartheta \{\mathbf{G}\}[[\mathbf{U}_{h}]] \cdot [[\phi_{j}]] dS \\ &- \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \cap \partial\Omega} \phi_{j}^{+} \mathbf{F}_{v}^{b}(\mathbf{U}_{b}, \nabla_{h}\mathbf{U}_{h}^{+}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS - \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \cap \partial\Omega} (\mathbf{G}_{i1}(\mathbf{U}_{b}) \frac{\partial \phi_{j}^{+}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{i}}, \mathbf{G}_{i2}(\mathbf{U}_{b}) \frac{\partial \phi_{j}^{+}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{i}}, \mathbf{G}_{i3}(\mathbf{U}_{b}) \frac{\partial \phi_{j}^{+}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{i}}) \cdot (\mathbf{U}_{h}^{+} - \mathbf{U}_{b}) \mathbf{n} dS \\ &+ \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \cap \partial\Omega} \vartheta \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{U}_{b})(\mathbf{U}_{h}^{+} - \mathbf{U}_{b}) \mathbf{n} \cdot \phi_{j}^{+} \mathbf{n} dS + \int_{\partial\Omega_{k} \cap \partial\Omega} \phi_{j} \mathbf{F}_{e}(\mathbf{U}_{b}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS - \int_{\Omega_{k}} \phi_{j} \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{U}_{h}, \nabla_{h}\mathbf{U}_{h}) = 0 \end{split}$$

where  $\textbf{G}_{1j}=\partial\textbf{F}_{v}^{x}/\partial(\partial\textbf{U}/\partial\textbf{x}_{j}),\,\textbf{G}_{2j}=\partial\textbf{F}_{v}^{y}/\partial(\partial\textbf{U}/\partial\textbf{x}_{j})\,\,\text{and}\,\,\textbf{G}_{3j}=\partial\textbf{F}_{v}^{z}/\partial(\partial\textbf{U}/\partial\textbf{x}_{j})$ 

• Solution expansion and geometric mapping

$$\mathbf{U}_{h} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h_{i}} \phi_{i}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) \qquad \mathbf{x}_{k} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{k_{i}} \phi_{i}(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$$

### Implicit Time Integration Schemes



$$\mathbf{M}rac{d ilde{\mathbf{U}}_h}{dt} + \mathbf{R}( ilde{\mathbf{U}}_h) = 0$$

- Implicit schemes are exclusively considered to avoid the stability limit.
  - BDF2 (second-order accurate backward difference formula)

$$\mathbf{R}_{e}^{n+1}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{n+1}) = \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t}(\frac{3}{2}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{n+1}) + \mathbf{R}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{n+1}) - \frac{\mathbf{M}}{\Delta t}(2\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{n} - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{n-1}) = 0$$

ON2 (second-order accurate Crank-Nicolson scheme)

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IRK4 (fourth-order accurate implicit Runge-Kutta scheme)

$$\mathbf{R}_{e}^{n+1}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{(s),n+1}) = \frac{\mathsf{M}}{\Delta t}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{(s),n+1} + \mathsf{a}_{ss}\mathbf{R}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{(s),n+1}) - \left(\frac{\mathsf{M}}{\Delta t}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{n} - \sum_{j=1}^{s-1}\mathsf{a}_{sj}\mathbf{R}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{h}^{(j),n+1})\right) = 0$$

- Solved by an approximate Newton method
  - ILU(k) preconditioned GMRES algorithm [Saad and Schultz 1996]
  - p-multigrid method driven by a linearized element Gauss-Seidel smoother [Wang and Mavriplis 2007]
- For steady state problems, a local time-stepping method is used to alleviate initial transient effects.



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### Surface Mesh Representation and Mesh Movement



- High-fidelity surface definition is required for high-order methods.
- Incorporate CAPRI [Haimes and Follen 1998] to allow communication with CAD software
- Determine the coordinates of additional surface quadrature points



## Surface Mesh Representation and Mesh Movement



• Mesh movement is required for viscous meshes.



• Interior mesh deformations are determined by solving the linear elasticity equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ d_{11} \frac{\partial \delta_x}{\partial x} + d_{12} \frac{\partial \delta_y}{\partial y} + d_{13} \frac{\partial \delta_z}{\partial z} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ d_{44} \left( \frac{\partial \delta_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \delta_y}{\partial x} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ d_{66} \left( \frac{\partial \delta_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \delta_z}{\partial x} \right) \right] = 0$$

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$$d_{11} = d_{22} = d_{33} = \frac{E(1-\upsilon)}{(1+\upsilon)(1-2\upsilon)}$$
  
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$$d_{44} = d_{55} = d_{66} = \frac{E}{2(1+\upsilon)}$$

- $\delta = (\delta_x, \delta_y, \delta_z)^T$  represents the perturbations at mesh points and quadrature points.
- Dirichlet boundary conditions are realized progressively in a sequence of small steps.
- Solved by ILU(k) preconditioned GMRES algorithm.

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- 2D turbulent NACA-0012 airfoil
- Assessment of accuracy and efficiency for LES
- Solution LES computation for flow over a bluff-body square cylinder



- $Re = 6,000,000, M_{\infty} = 0.15, \alpha = 0^{\circ}$
- Study on the effect of wall coordinate  $(y^+)$  and viscous stretching factor  $(\beta)$
- Use of the DG p = 2,3 and 4 discretizations with the modified SA model



Computational mesh (containing 9671 triangular elements) with  $y^+ = 1\,$ 





• Effect of wall coordinate  $y^+$  ( $\beta = 1.15$ )

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## Assessment of Accuracy and Efficiency for LES



- Assessed by means of the Method of Manufactured Solution (MMS)
- $\bullet\,$  Performed using the LES-WALE equations while excluding the time-derivative term
- Manufactured solution:

$$\{\rho, u, v, \rho E\}_{ex}^{T} = \begin{cases} \rho_0 (1 + \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) \cos(\pi y)) \\ u_0 (1 + \sin(k\pi x) \cos(k\pi x) \sin(k\pi y) \cos(k\pi y)) \\ v_0 (1 + \sin(k\pi x) \cos(k\pi x) \sin(k\pi y) \cos(k\pi y)) \\ E_{t_0} (1 + \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) \sin(\pi y)) \end{cases}$$

- Parameter setting:  $(\rho_0, u_0, v_0, E_{t_0}) = (1, 2.5, 1.5, 10), k = 2 \text{ and } Re = 20000$
- L<sub>2</sub>-norm error:

$$||\mathbf{U}_{ex} - \mathbf{U}_{h}||_{L_{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{U}_{ex} - \mathbf{U}_{h})^{2} d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega} d\Omega}}$$

- Various orders of discontinuous Galerkin schemes ranging from P = 1 to P = 3
- A sequence of 4 grids of N= 800, 3200, 12800 and 51200 triangular elements in a square domain of dimension 1  $\times$  1

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#### • Exact solutions in the MMS



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Order	P = 1	P = 2	P = 3
N	288,403	7,585	1,318
Factor	1	38	218

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CPU Time (s)	23030	375	82
Speedup	1	61	280

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- Two dimensional in the mean
- Various orders of spatial schemes: P = 1 to P = 3
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### Effect on Spatial Accuracy



- Statistical study on the wake structures
- Comparison among the second, third and fourth-order DG schemes with experimental data from Lyn [Lyn and Rodi 1995] and Durao [Durao and Heitor 1958]



### Turbulent Flow over a Three-Dimensional NACA-0012 Airfoil



- $M_{\infty}=$  0.1, Re= 50,000, AOA=5 $^{\circ}$  and 8 $^{\circ}$
- Second and third-order discontinuous Galerkin schemes
- Time-integration: the BDF2 scheme with  $\Delta t = 0.001$





Geometry definition

Computational mesh (N = 925, 200 unstructured tetrahedrons)

- Spanwise: 16 two-dimensional planes with a constant interval
- Wall spacing  $y^+ \approx 1$ , streamwise  $x^+ \approx 60$  and spanwise  $z^+ \approx 40$

### Flow Field Description



- $\bullet$  Instantaneous flow field, AOA=5° and 8°
- Contours of entropy (P = 2)



 $AOA=5^{\circ}$ 



AOA=8°

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- $\bullet$  Instantaneous flow field, AOA=5° and 8°
- Isosurfaces of Q-criterion (P = 2) of values ranging from 1 to 20, colored by vorticity magnitude;  $Q = -\frac{1}{2} (S_{ij}S_{ij} \Omega_{ij}\Omega_{ij})$ .



 $AOA=5^{\circ}$ 



AOA=8°

## Study on Case of AOA= $8^{\circ}$



- Turbulent boundary-layer statistics and wake
- Obtain combined time-and-spanwise averaged (i.e. mean) solutions









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• Aerodynamic properties

Computation	x <sub>sep</sub> /c	x <sub>reatt</sub> /c
DNS	0.0241	0.320
LES-WALE DG $P = 1$	0.0273	0.231
LES-WALE DG $P = 2$	0.0281	0.341

## Mean Velocity Profiles

- Combined time-and-spanwise averaged (i.e. mean) solutions
- Various stations on the airfoil suction side and wake
- Comparison with the DNS solution [Lehmkuhl et al. 2011]



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## Mean Velocity Profiles

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## **Turbulent Statistics**

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#### Instantaneous Turbulent Eddy Viscosity



- Comparison of  $\mu_T$  resolved in the second and third-order DG schemes
- Contours at z = 0 plane









# Outline (Lecture 4)



Background & Motivation

- Governing Equations and Subgrid Scale Model
- Oiscretizations
  - Discontinuous Galerkin Discretizations
  - Implicit Time Integration Schemes
- Surface Mesh Representation and Mesh Movement
- Sumerical Examples
- Oncluding Remarks



- A consistent high-order discretization to the modified SA turbulence model performs very well regarding accuracy and robustness.
- The conventional setting for the wall spacing and stretching factor can be less stringent when high-order methods are used for RANS.
  - Attached flow and  $p \ge 2$ : wall coordinate  $y^+ \approx 5$  or 10, stretching factor  $\beta \approx 1.4$
- Geometry curvatures must be properly represented to guarantee the solution accuracy.
  - High-order representation for surface geometry
  - Determination of the physical positions for surface quadrature points

## **Concluding Remarks**



- A high-order discontinuous Galerkin FE method is developed for large-eddy simulation (LES).
  - The wall-adapting local-eddy viscosity (WALE) model is investigated.
  - Turbulent eddy viscosity can be explicitly computed for subgrid scale terms.
  - Compact stencil is maintained and robustness is improved.
- Order-of-accuracy and computational efficiency are assessed by means of MMS.
  - Optimal error convergence is attained for the LES-WALE equations.
  - Higher-order DG schemes outperform a lower-order counterpart to achieve a given error level.
- Higher-order schemes are capable of accurately capturing both mean flow quantities and turbulent statistics.
  - Turbulent fluctuations are often several orders of magnitude smaller than the mean flow.
  - Difficulty is encountered for resolving the smaller scales using a lower-order scheme.

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