

# Turbulence Simulation in One Spatial Dimension Using Map-Based Advection

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# The conventional representation of turbulent advection as enhanced diffusion omits important physics

Constant-property equations of motion (Navier-Stokes equation, scalar transport equation):

$$\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - (1/\rho) \nabla p \quad \theta_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta = \kappa \nabla^2 \theta$$

To obtain a turbulence model in 1D, apply the boundary-layer approximation and either

- **average and replace  $\nu$  and  $\kappa$  by  $\nu_e$  and  $\kappa_e$  (usual: represents advection by diffusion)**

or

- **replace  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla$  by a different advection process (approach used here: no averaging)**

## Simple example:

For time-developing unforced flow, obtain the following alternative modeling frameworks for the lateral (y) profile of streamwise velocity  $u$  and a passive scalar  $\theta$ :

$$u_t = \nu_e(y,t) u_{yy}$$

$$\theta_t = \kappa_e(y,t) \theta_{yy}$$

$$Pr_e \text{ (or } Sc_e) = \nu_e(y,t) / \kappa_e(y,t)$$

$$u_t = \nu u_{yy} + \text{'advection'}$$

$$\theta_t = \kappa \theta_{yy} + \text{'advection'}$$

$$Pr \text{ (or } Sc) = \nu / \kappa$$

**neither framework is complete as written**

# Basic properties of advection should be preserved

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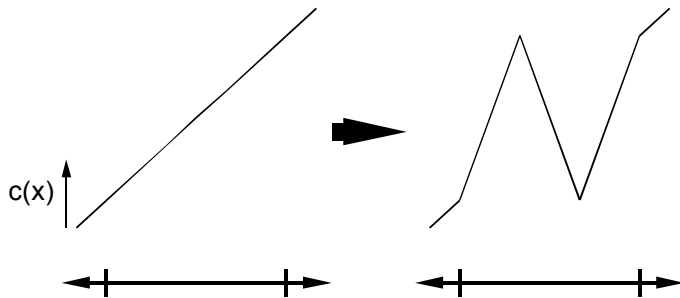
## Advection

- moves fluid parcels without intermixing their contents
- conserves energy, momentum, mass, species, etc.
- changes the separation of neighboring parcels gradually

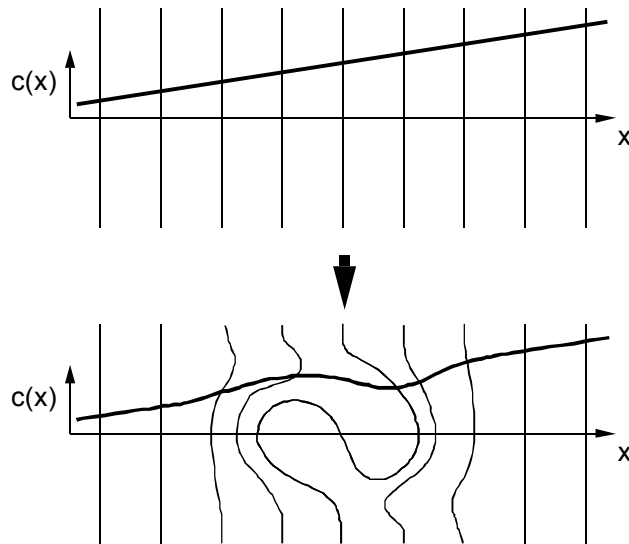
Key to a 1D advection model:

**For many purposes, it is not essential to change the absolute fluid location gradually**

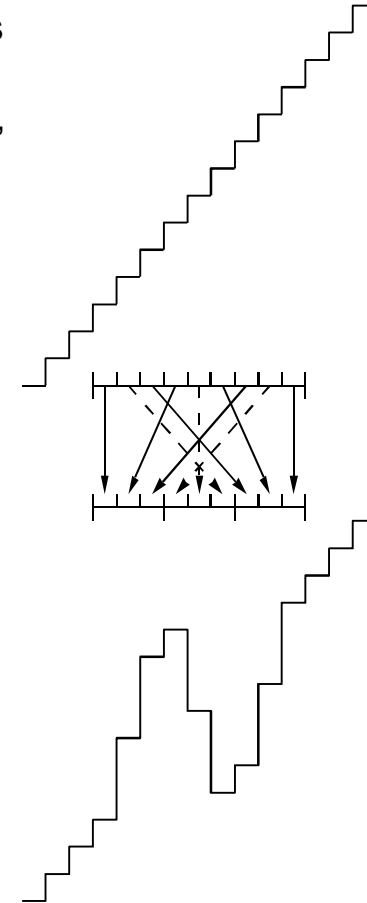
# Advection is modeled as a sequence of *triplet maps*, which preserve desired advection properties



The triplet map captures compressive strain and rotational folding effects, and causes no property discontinuities



This procedure emulates the effect of a 3D eddy on property profiles along a line of sight



The triplet map is implemented numerically as a permutation of fluid cells (or on an adaptive mesh)

# There are different ways to specify the map sequence during a simulation

- Linear-Eddy Model (LEM): Map occurrences and properties (size, location) are sampled from fixed distributions
  - Parameters determining these assignments based on the turbulent flow state at each location must be provided as input
  - LEM evolves scalar profiles but not velocity, hence is a turbulent mixing model, not a turbulence model
- One-Dimensional Turbulence (ODT): Eddy sampling is based on the flow state evolved by the model
  - After parameter adjustment, ODT predicts turbulence evolution
  - The required input is the flow configuration (ICs, BCs)
- In either model, the eddies (instantaneous maps) punctuate continuous-in-time advancement of molecular-diffusive transport, chemistry, etc. For example:

$$u_t = \nu u_{yy} + \text{'eddies'}$$

ODT only

$$\theta_t = \kappa \theta_{yy} + \text{'eddies'}$$

LEM or ODT

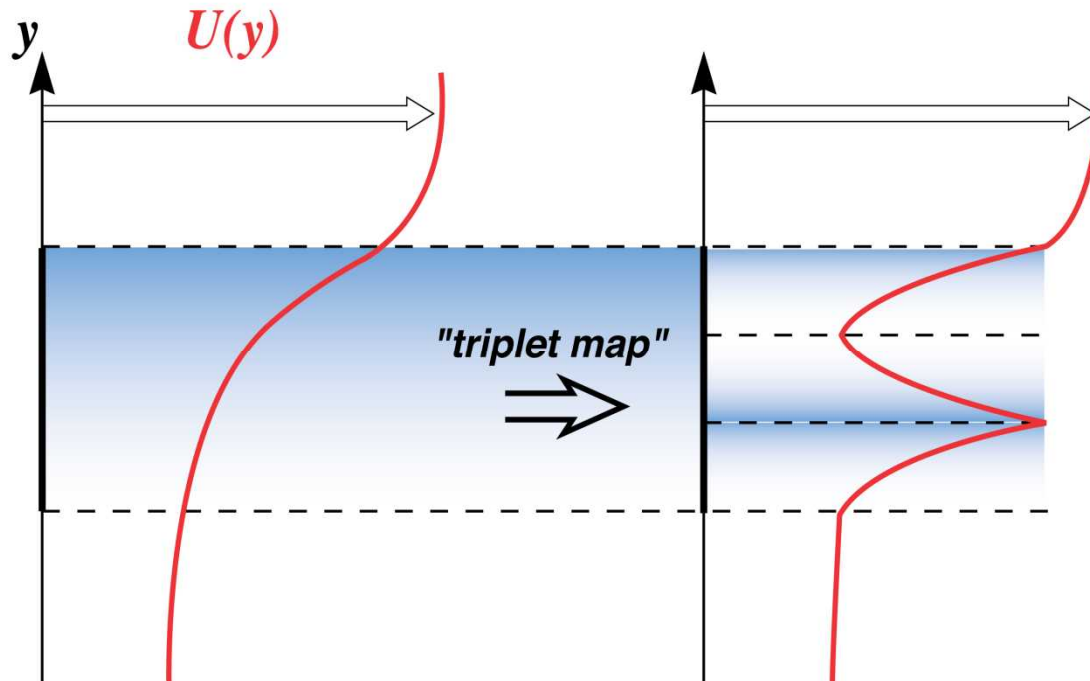
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# In ODT, the triplet map amplifies shear, inducing an *eddy cascade* (feedback mechanism)

- **The key to model performance is the eddy selection procedure**
- Eddy likelihood, in a random sampling procedure, is governed by local shear
- When an eddy occurs, the local shear is amplified, which modifies eddy likelihoods



High shear at small scales drives small eddies, leading to an eddy cascade

(In LEM, inertial-range-cascade scaling is hard-wired)



# ODT eddy selection is based on the mixing-length concept, applied locally

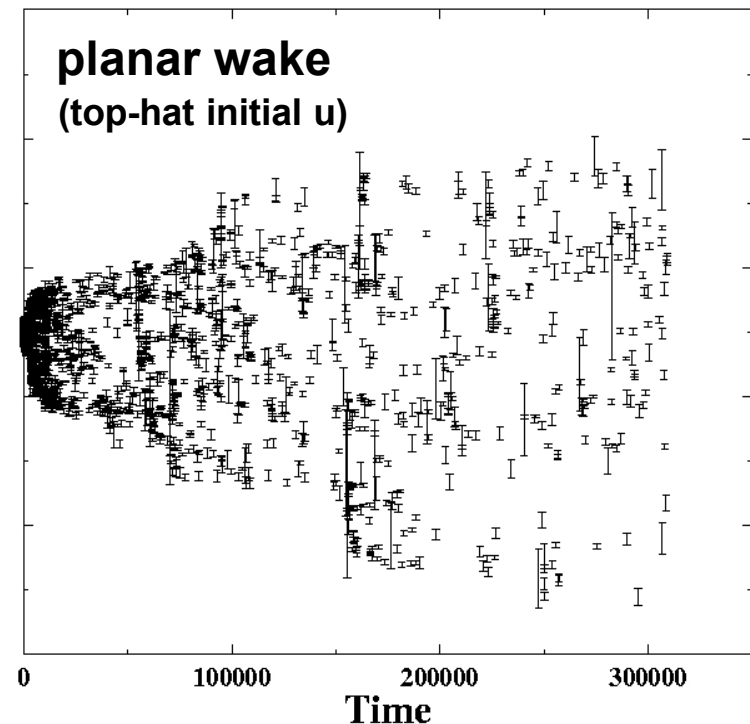
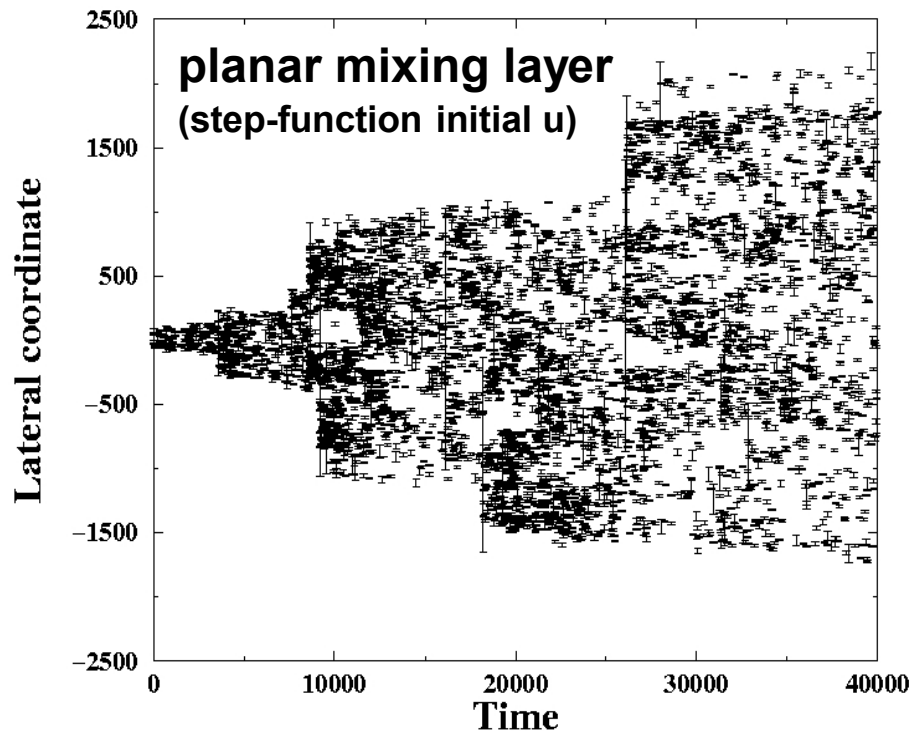
- Each possible eddy, defined by eddy spatial location and size ( $S$ ), is assigned a time scale  $\tau$  based on the local flow state
- A simple choice:  $\tau \sim S / |U_+ - U_-|$  where  $+, -$  denote eddy endpoints
- The set of  $\tau$  values determines an eddy rate distribution from which eddies are sampled
- Unlike conventional mixing-length theory, this procedure is local in space and time (no averaging) and is applied to all eddy sizes  $S$  (multi-scale) rather than a single selected  $S$  value ('mixing length')

# To capture energy transfers (e.g., buoyancy-induced), $\tau$ can be based on an energy balance

- **Energy balance (schematic):**  $S E = C (K - P - Z V)$ 
  - **S** is the eddy size
  - **E** =  $\rho (S/\tau)^2$  is the eddy kinetic-energy density
  - **K** is the ‘available’ kinetic energy of velocity profiles within the eddy
  - **P** is the gravitational potential energy change caused by the eddy
  - **V** is a ‘viscous penalty’ (imposes a threshold eddy Reynolds number)
  - **C** and **Z** are free parameters
- **This relation determines the eddy time scale  $\tau$**
- **Within the size-S region, the velocity profile(s) are adjusted (wavelet method) so that total (kinetic + potential + ...) energy is conserved**
- **This framework accommodates various energy couplings, e.g., pressure scrambling, compressibility effects, surface tension**

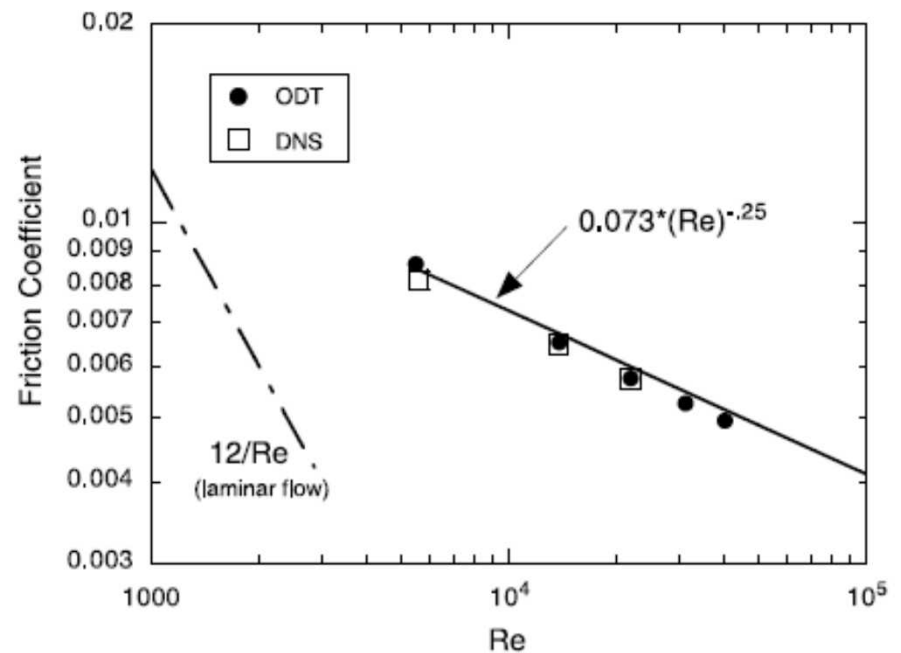
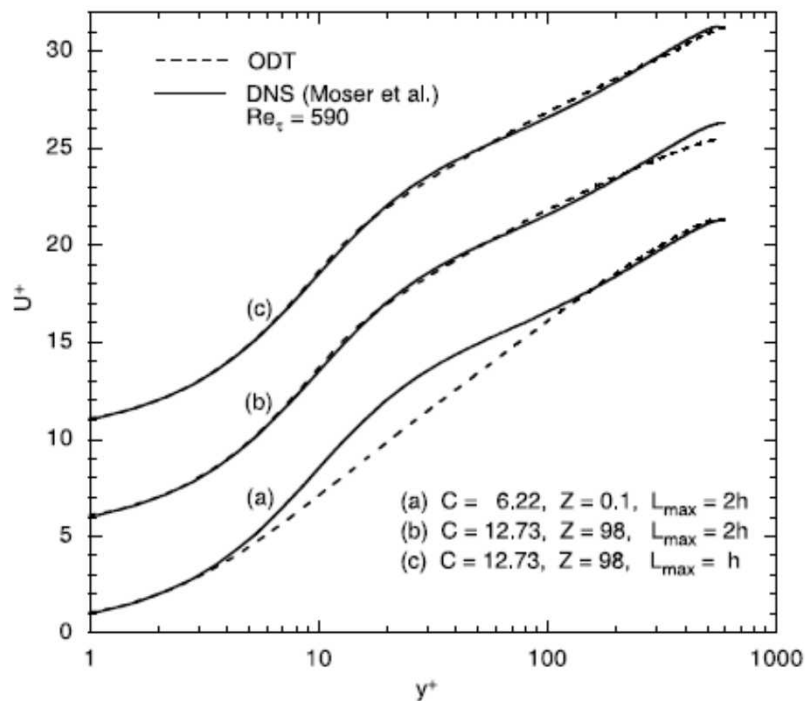
# ODT simulations provide detailed flow-specific representations of turbulence

These simulations are based on time advancement of  $u_t = \nu u_{yy}$  with flow-specific initial  $u$  profiles (see below), plus eddies



- Each vertical line shows the spatial extent of an eddy
- Horizontal location is its time of occurrence

# Channel flow: mean properties



# Channel flow: fluctuation statistics

Fig. 5. Lateral profiles of Reynolds stress components in channel flow, scaled by  $u_\tau^2$ : (—)  $\langle v_1'^2 \rangle$ ; (— · — · —)  $\langle v_2'^2 \rangle$ ; (— · —)  $\langle v_3'^2 \rangle$ ; (— — —)  $\langle v_1' v_2' \rangle$ . (The ODT  $\langle v_3'^2 \rangle$  profile is identical to the ODT  $\langle v_2'^2 \rangle$  profile.) ODT and DNS [33] results are plotted right and left of centerline, respectively.

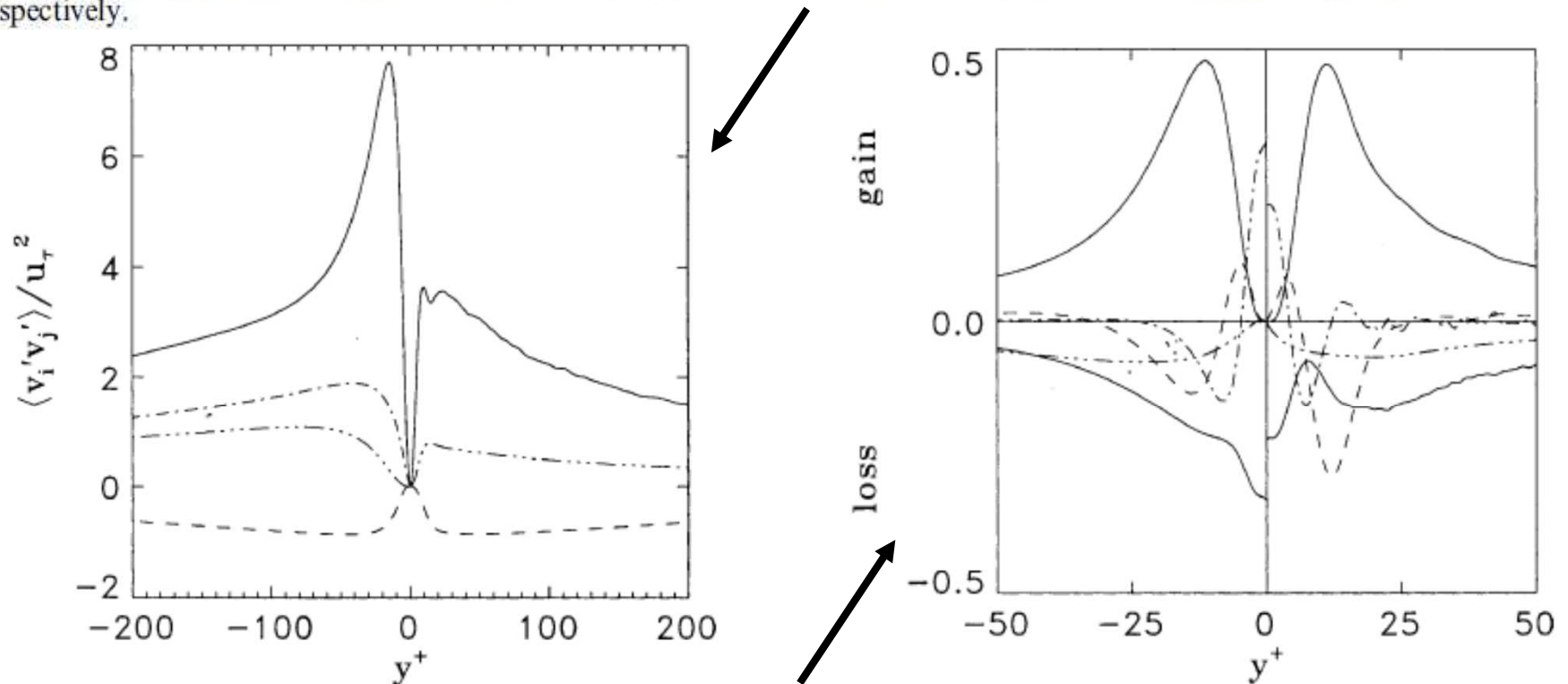


Fig. 6. Budget of  $\langle v_1'^2 \rangle$  in channel flow, in wall coordinates: (—) production (upper), dissipation (lower); (— — —) advective transport; (— · —) viscous transport; (— · · · —) scrambling. ODT and DNS [33] results are plotted right and left of centerline, respectively.

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# Use of ODT as an LES near-wall closure improves channel-flow fluctuation statistics

Fig. 15. Root-mean-square velocity fluctuation profiles normalized by the friction velocity for  $Re_\tau = 590$  and computed from LES/ODT (open symbols), ODT stand-alone (filled symbols), and DNS [33] (solid and dashed lines).

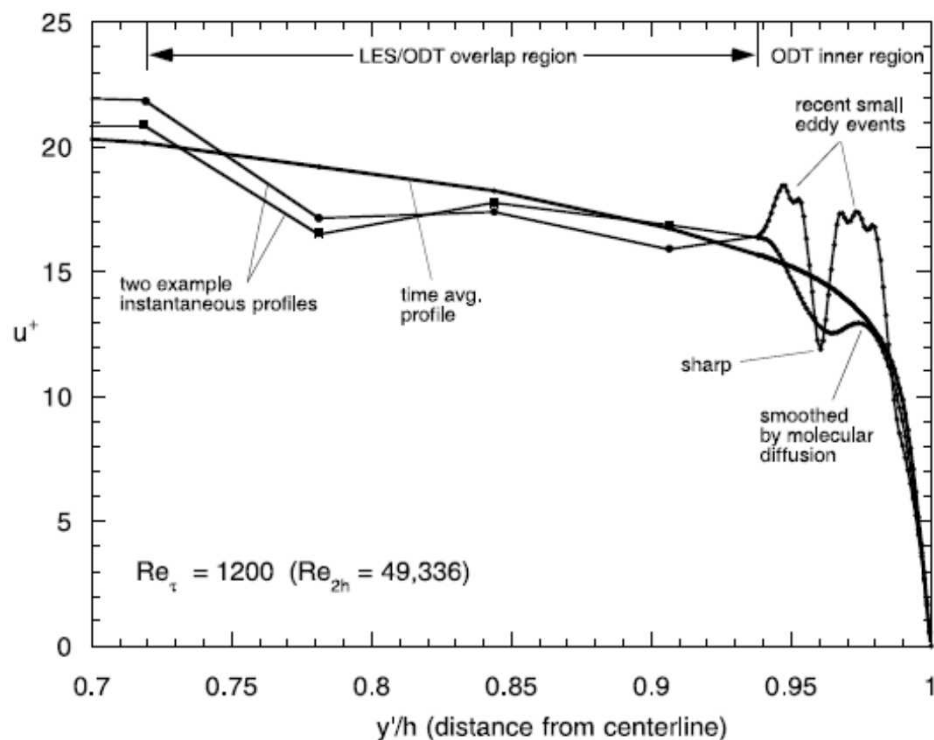
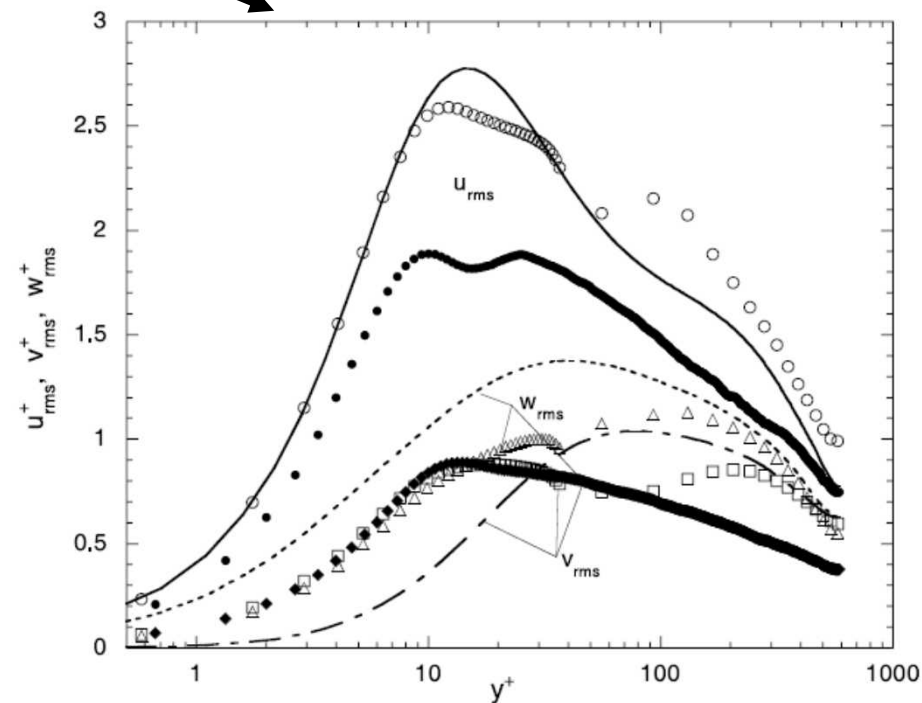
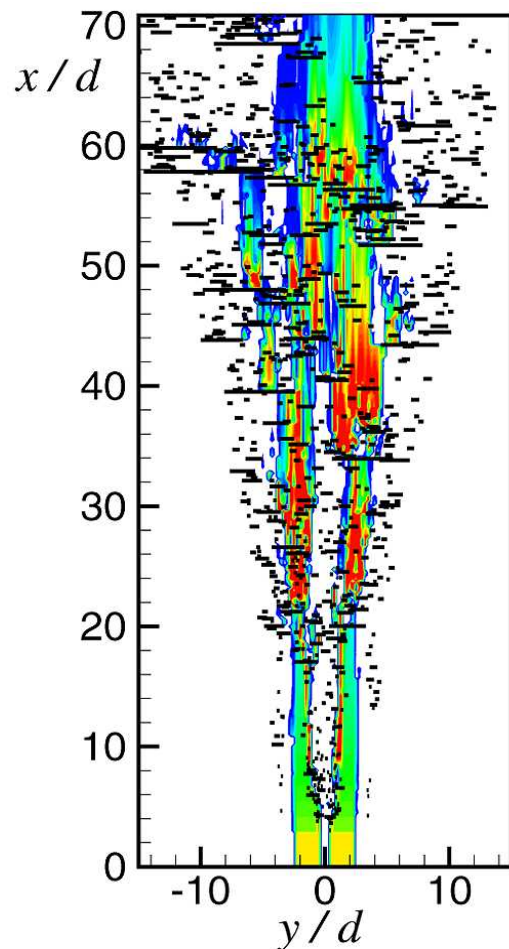


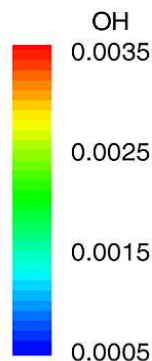
Fig. 12. Near-wall mean and sample instantaneous velocity profiles.



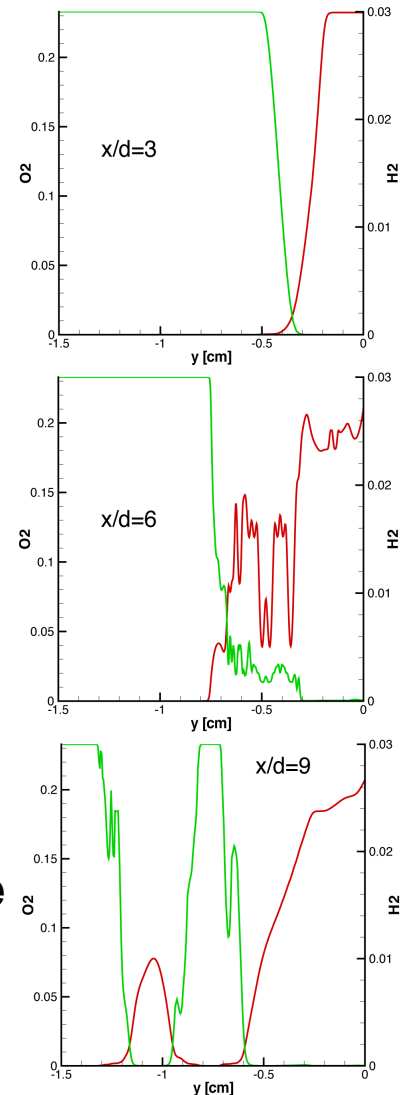
# LEM and ODT resolve advective-diffusive-reactive couplings and hence all flame regimes



**ODT simulation of a piloted methane-air jet diffusion flame (Sandia flame D)**

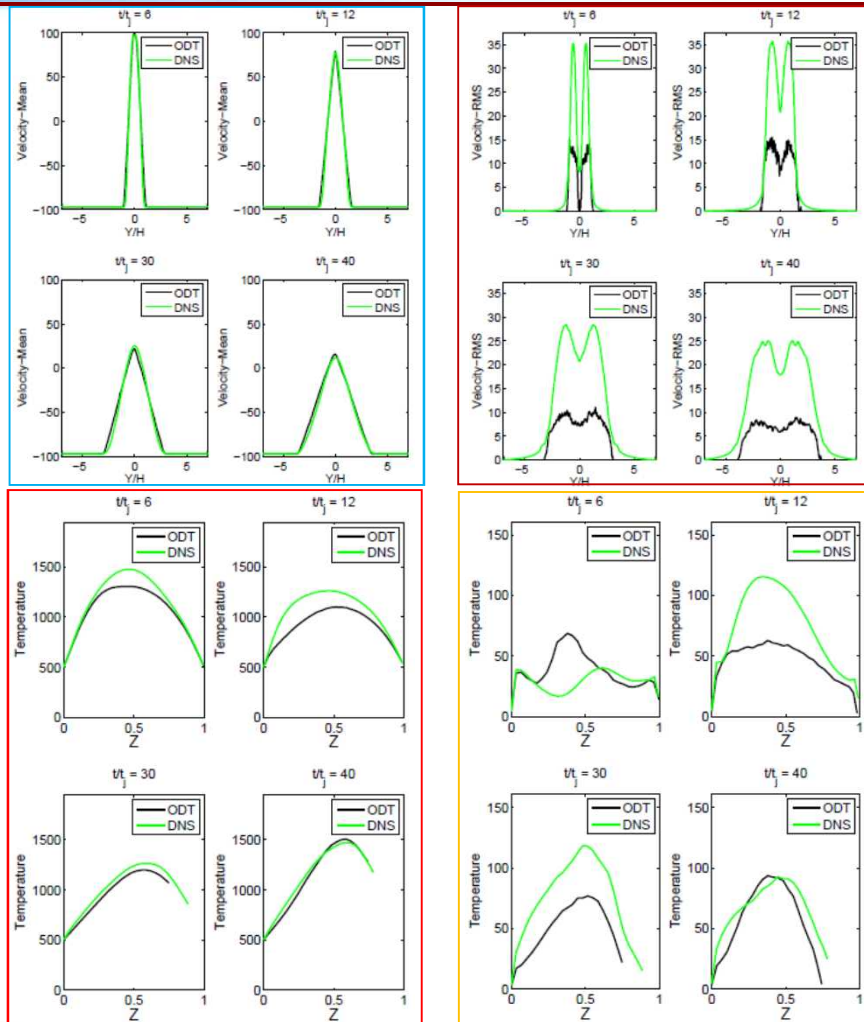


**O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> profiles from an ODT simulation of a syngas (CO/H<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>) jet diffusion flame**



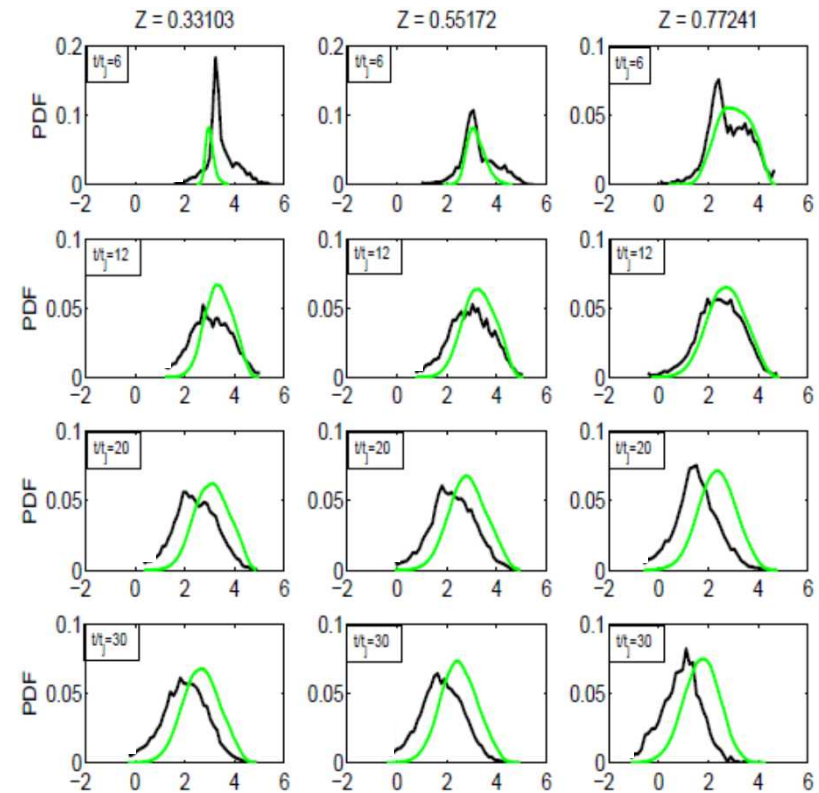


# ODT (Punati et al.) captures extinction-reignition in DNS (Chen and Hawkes) of a planar temporal jet syngas flame



Lateral profiles of **mean** and **rms** streamwise velocity

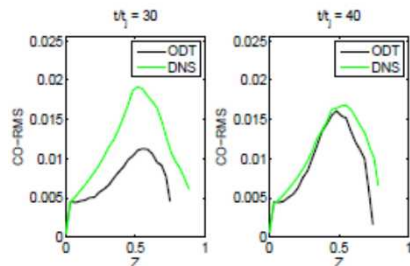
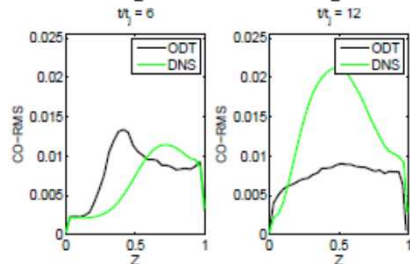
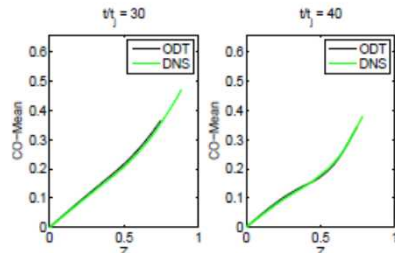
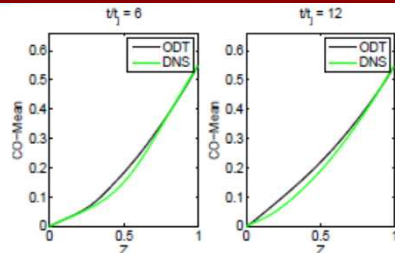
PDF of  $\log_{10}(\text{scalar dissipation})$  conditioned on mixture fraction



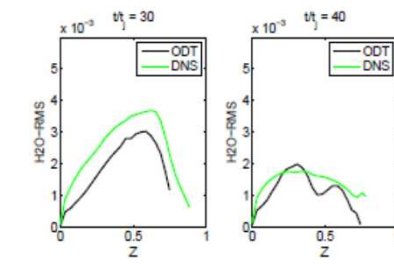
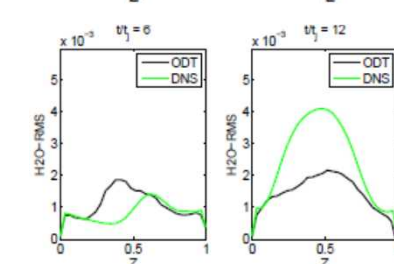
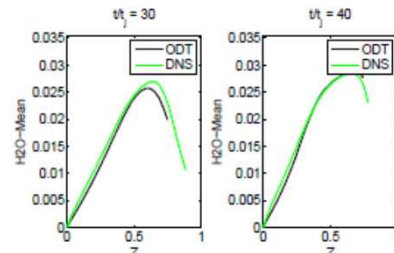
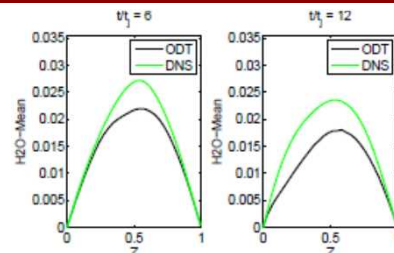
Temperature **mean** and **rms** conditioned on mixture fraction

# ODT has useful chemical predictive capability

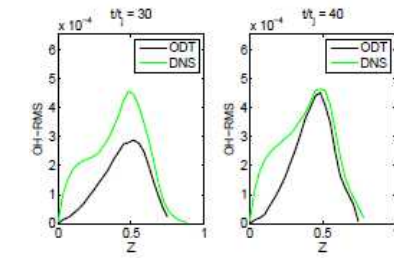
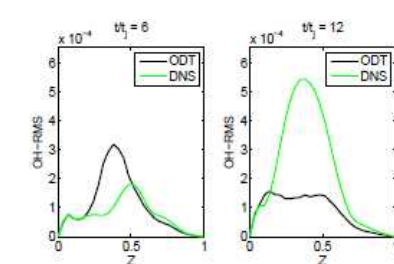
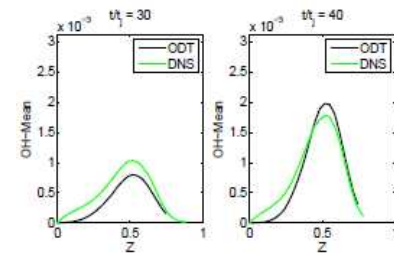
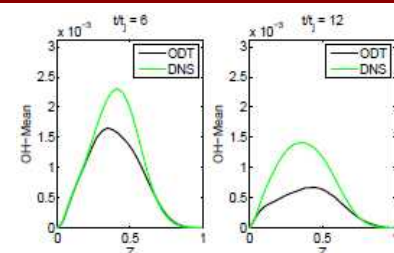
Conditional  
mean



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H<sub>2</sub>O

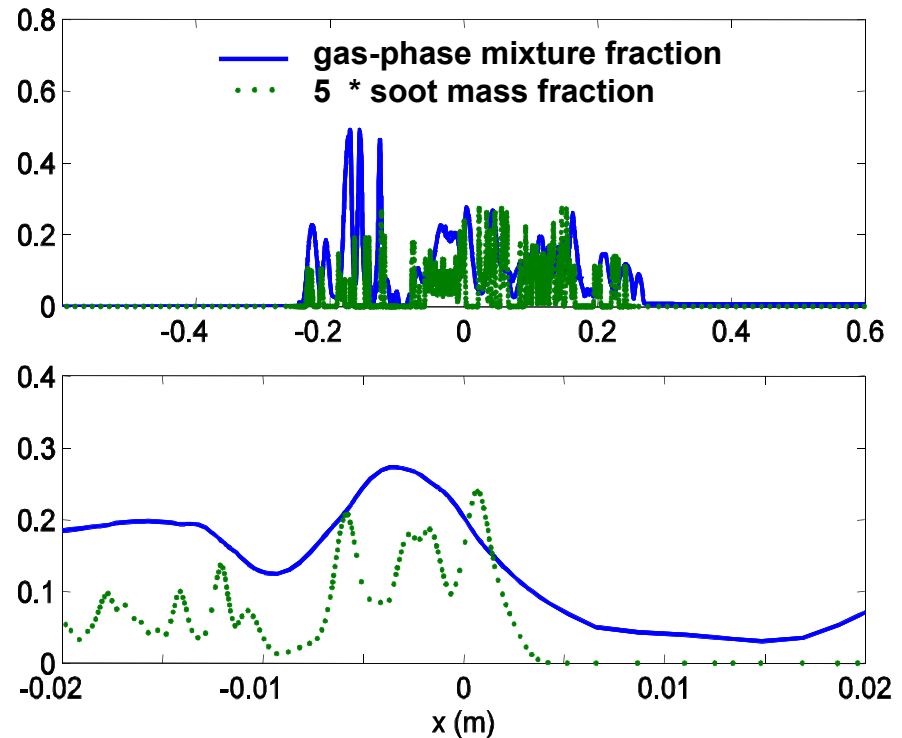
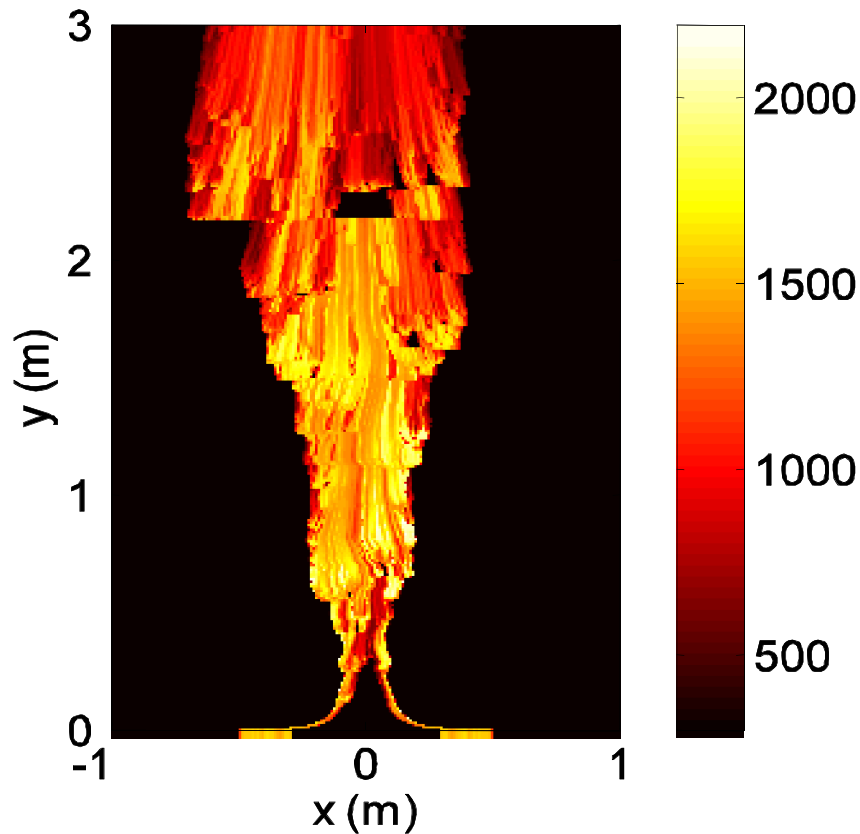


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# Adaptive-mesh ODT implementation has many benefits

- Full (Lagrangian) adaptivity is feasible in 1D (no mesh entanglement)
- Development of a c++ adaptive-mesh ODT code with full chemical-kinetic capability is ongoing (with D. Lignell, BYU)
- The adaptive mesh facilitates
  - **spatial advancement**
  - **cylindrical geometry**
  - **pseudo-compressible gas dynamics**
  - **domain coupling in 3D formulations**

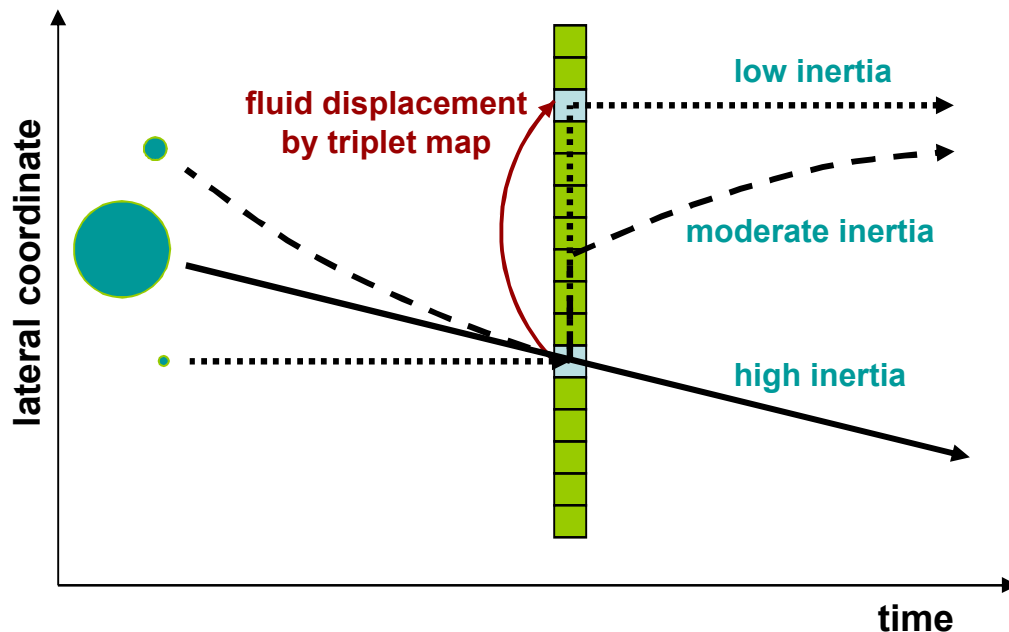
# The first adaptive-mesh ODT code was used to simulate an ethylene-air sooting plume



The adaptive mesh efficiently resolves small features – the new code allows different meshes for different properties, e.g., high-Sc scalars, enabling a big time-step increase

# A particle-eddy interaction couples entrained particles to fluid motion (one-way coupling)

- In ODT, motion and velocity are distinct, though dynamically consistent
- Particles respond, via drag law, to motion (in ODT, eddy events)
- Because ODT eddies are instantaneous
  - an internal (eddy) time coordinate for particle-eddy interaction is introduced
  - this involves another free parameter, relating the interaction time to  $t$



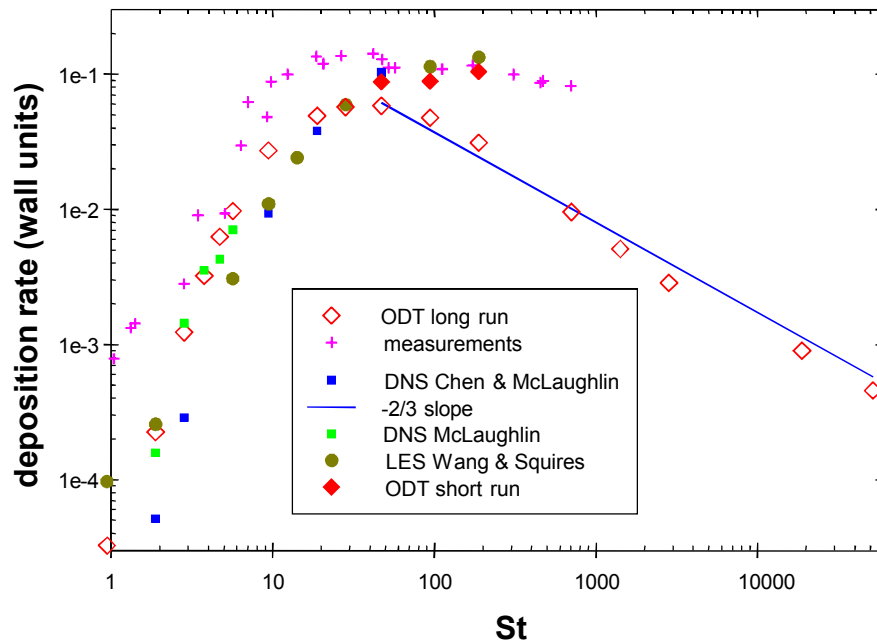
- Eddy-time integration determines a trajectory 'jump condition' representing the eddy-induced trajectory change, adjusted so future motion is not double-counted
- Ballistic motion remains linear
- Zero-inertia (no-slip) particles follow the fluid
- Particle-fluid relative motion is realistic, though absolute motion is discontinuous



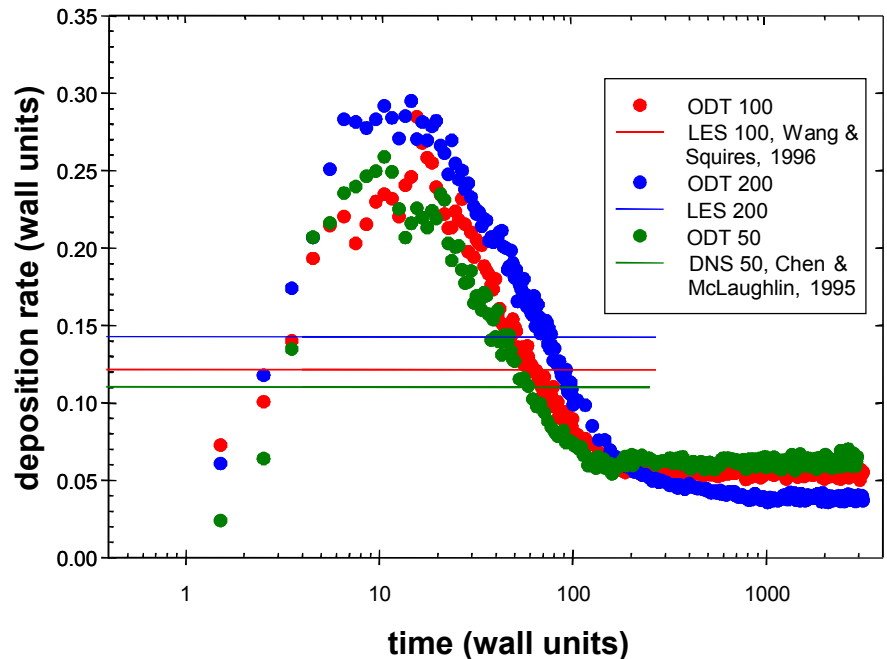
# Measured and 3D-simulated wall deposition is reproduced, and a new regime is found

## Wall deposition in turbulent channel flow

Dependence on Stokes number



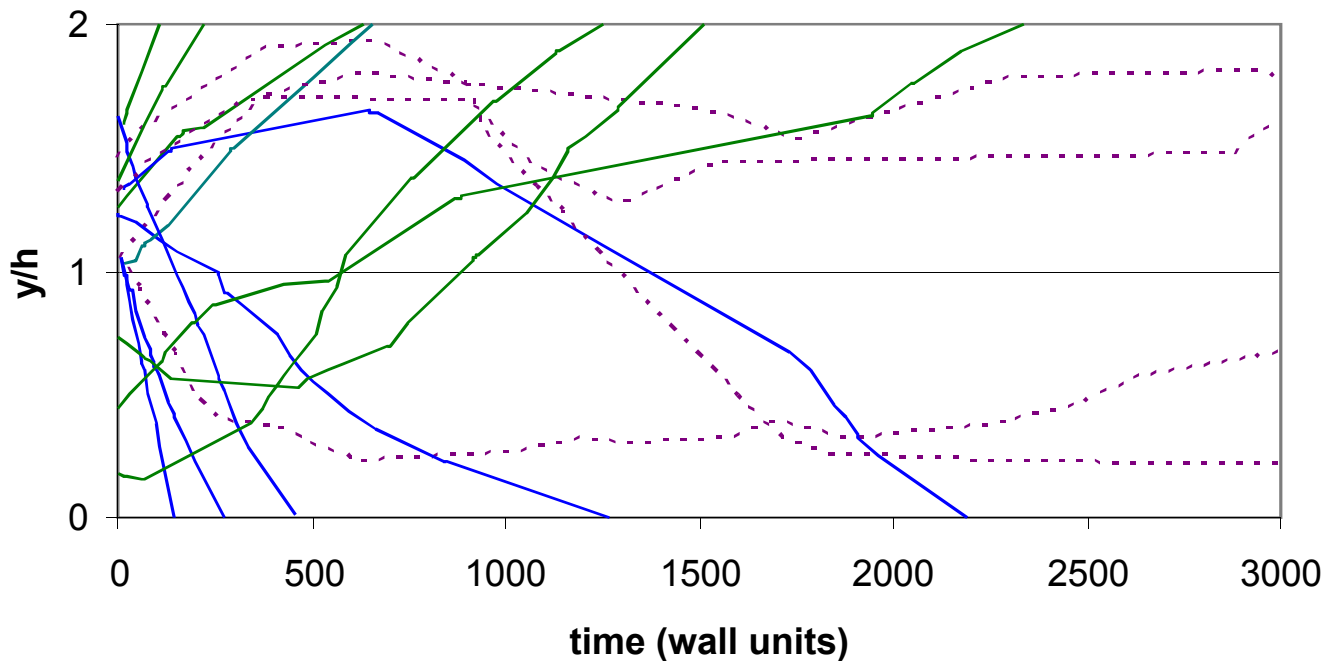
Time variation of deposition rate (transient relaxation)



**Comparisons suggest that measurements and 3D simulations are seeing initial transients rather than the late-time regime indicated by ODT**

# Early deposition is ballistic, late deposition is Stokes-number dependent

Representative particle trajectories



**The  $-2/3$  power dependence on  $St$  is explained by a simple scaling analysis. Closure analysis gives a much milder decline – and is ‘validated’ by data that mainly reflects initial conditions!**

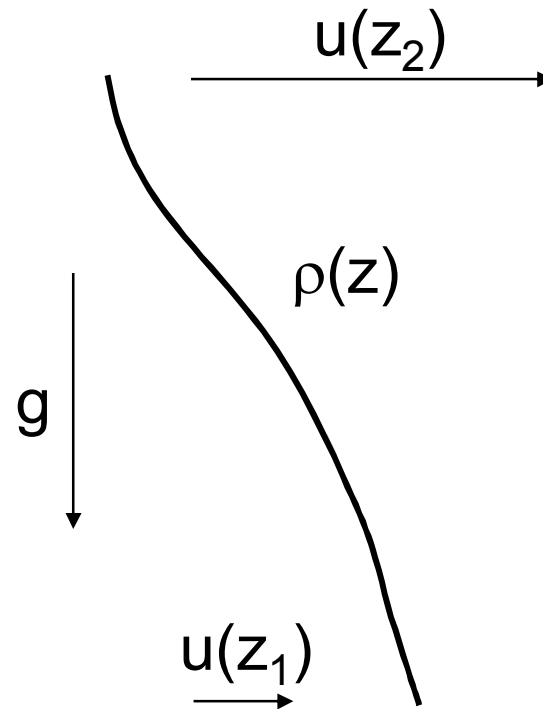
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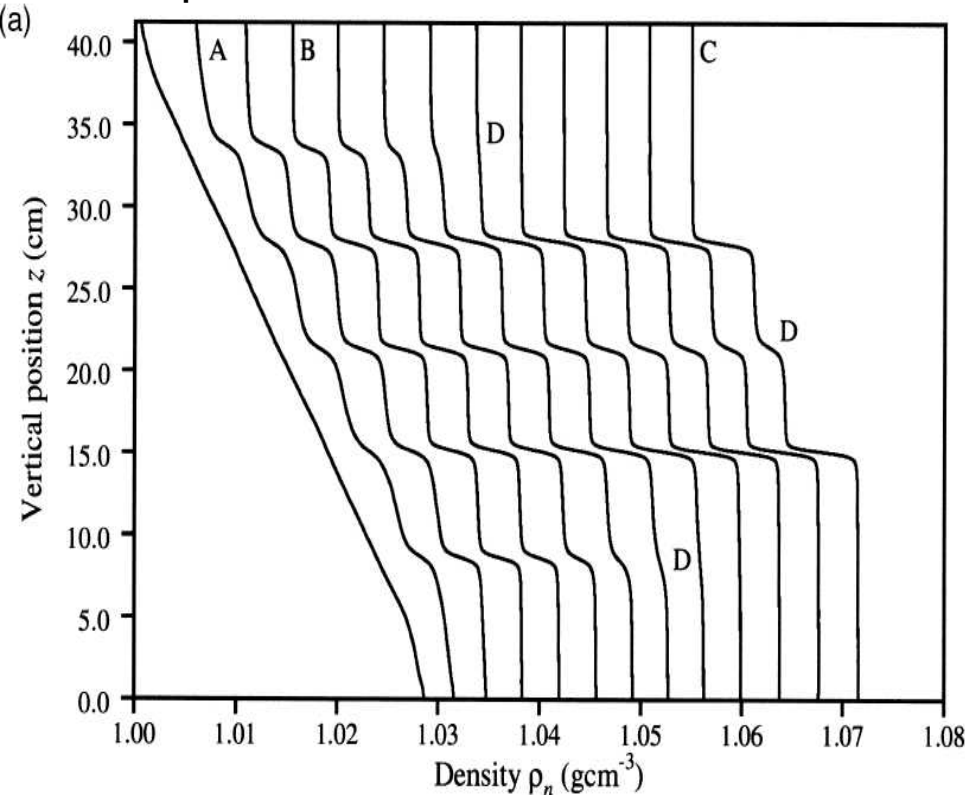


In a gravitationally stable fluid, apply enough shear to generate turbulence – what happens?

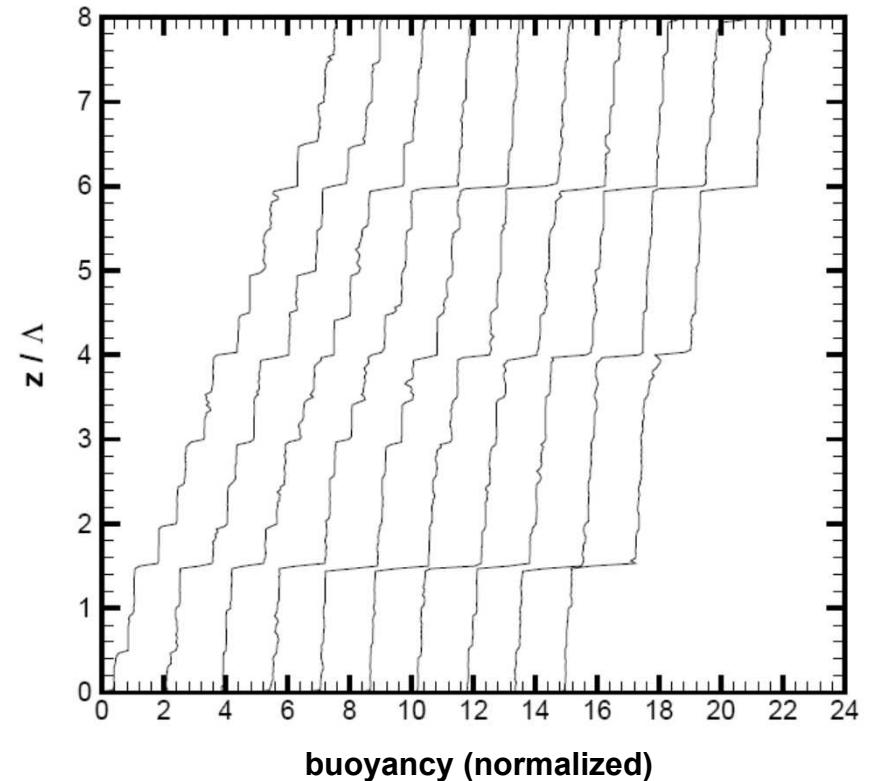


# Layers form spontaneously!

Experiment: Holford and Linden, 1999



ODT: Wunsch and Kerstein, 2001



ODT parameter studies over a wider  $Pr$  range than is experimentally accessible led to new understanding and better collapse of data

# A slow-diffusing stable species can cause layering of a convection process: *double-diffusive instability*

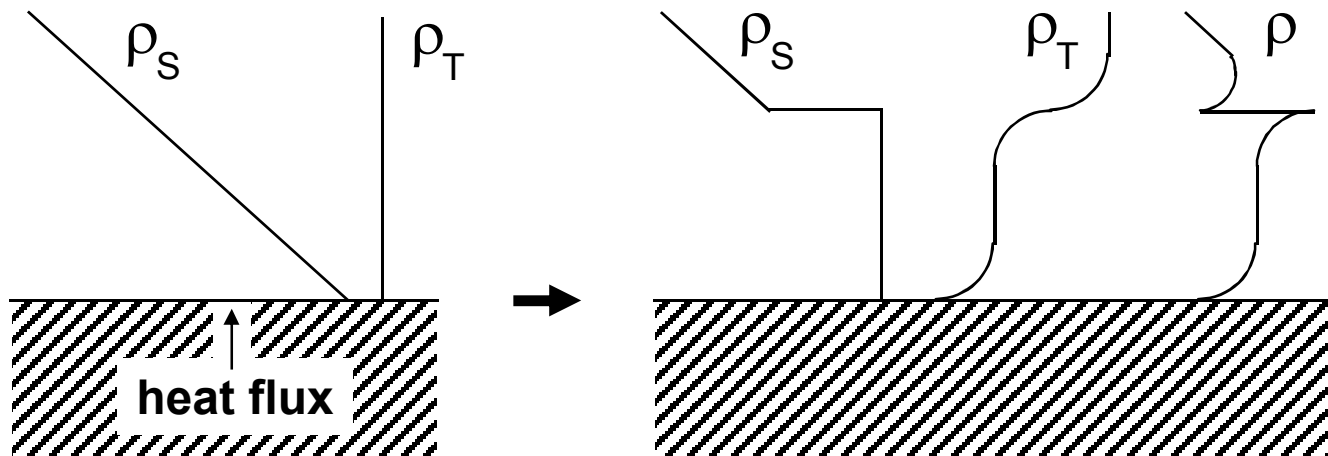
$\rho_T$  is the density variation due to temperature variation

$\rho_S$  is the density variation due to salinity variation

**Initial state**: constant temperature, salinity decreases with increasing height (stable, no motion)

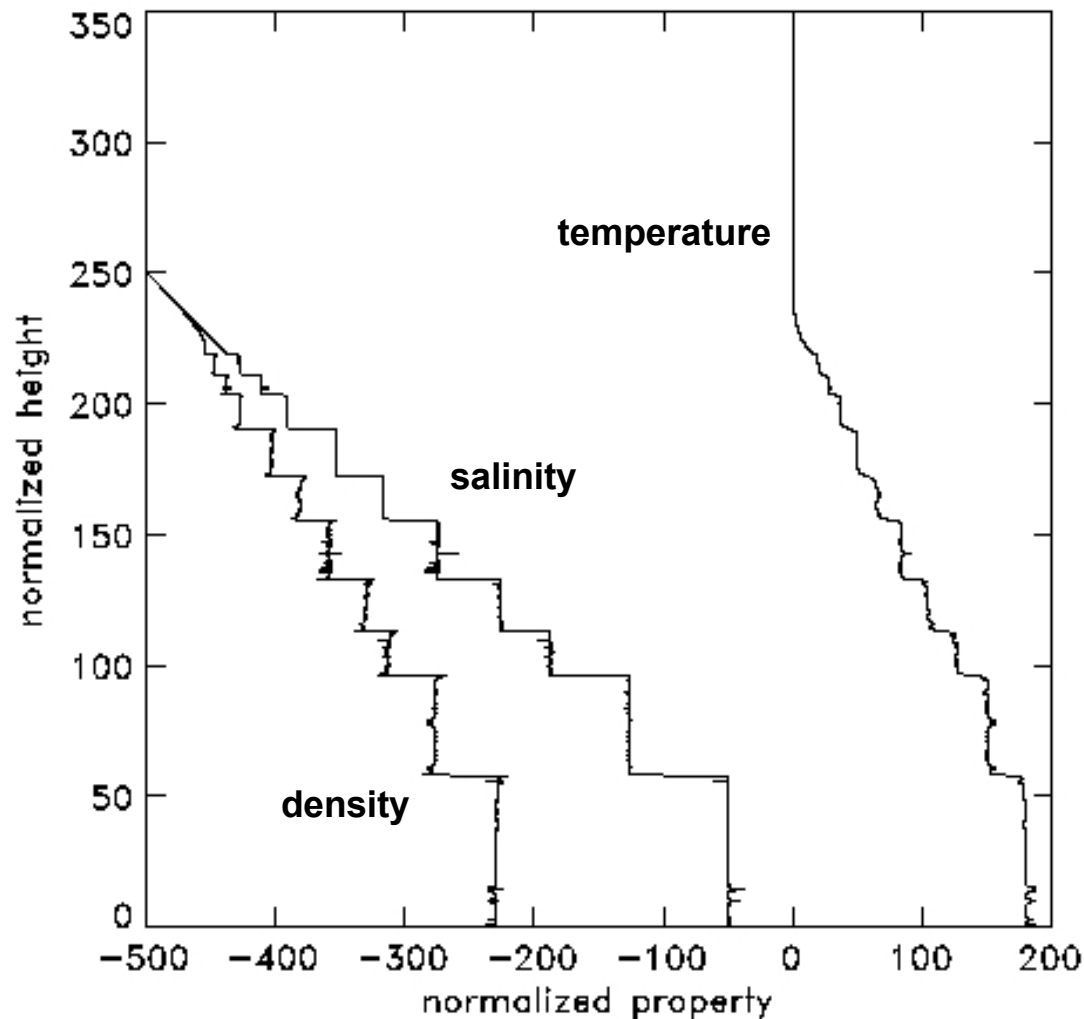
**Forcing**: heat from below causes gravitational instability leading to turbulent mixing

**Role of molecular transport**: salt diffusivity is negligible, so stable jump forms, but heat diffuses across, initiating a new turbulent layer above the jump

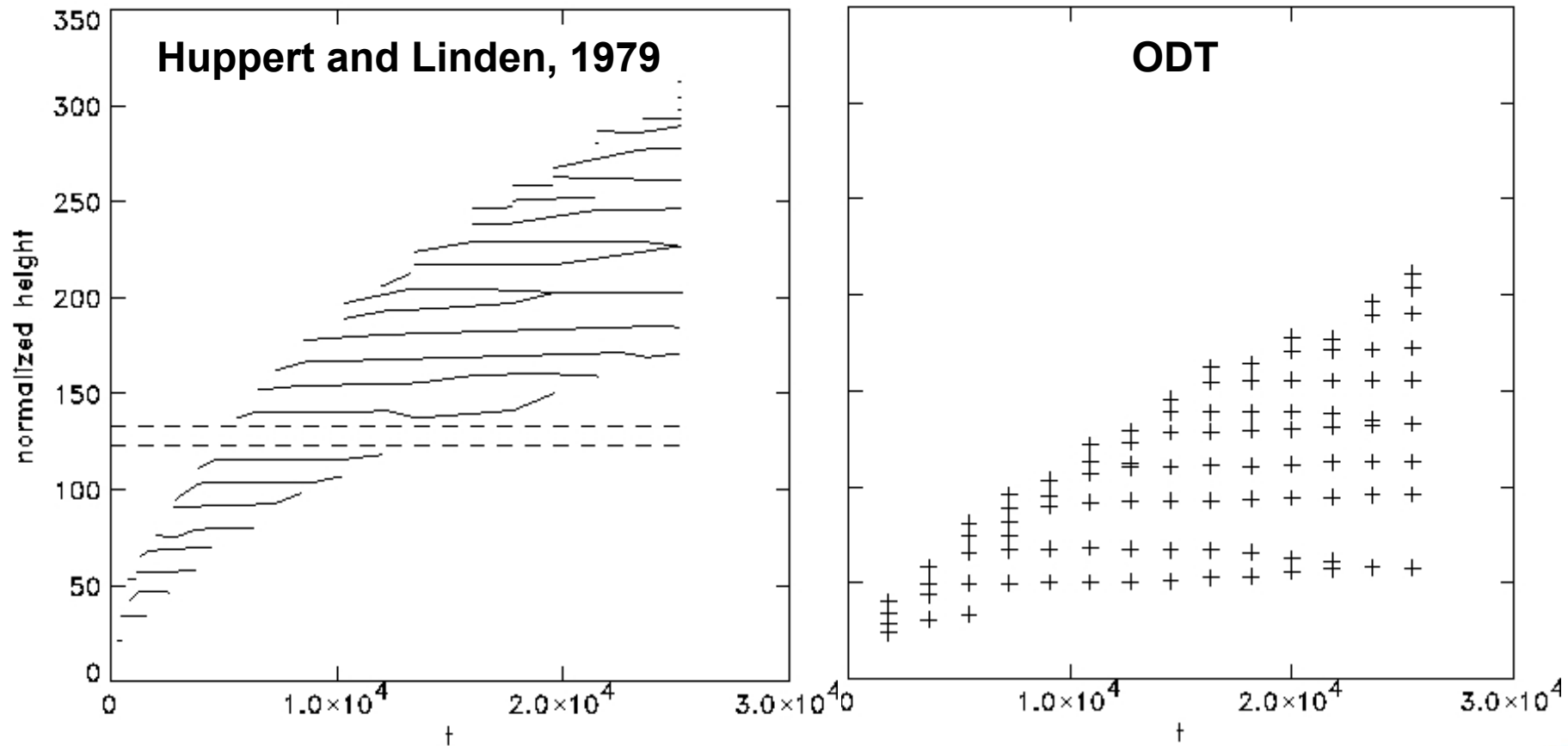


***thermohaline staircase***

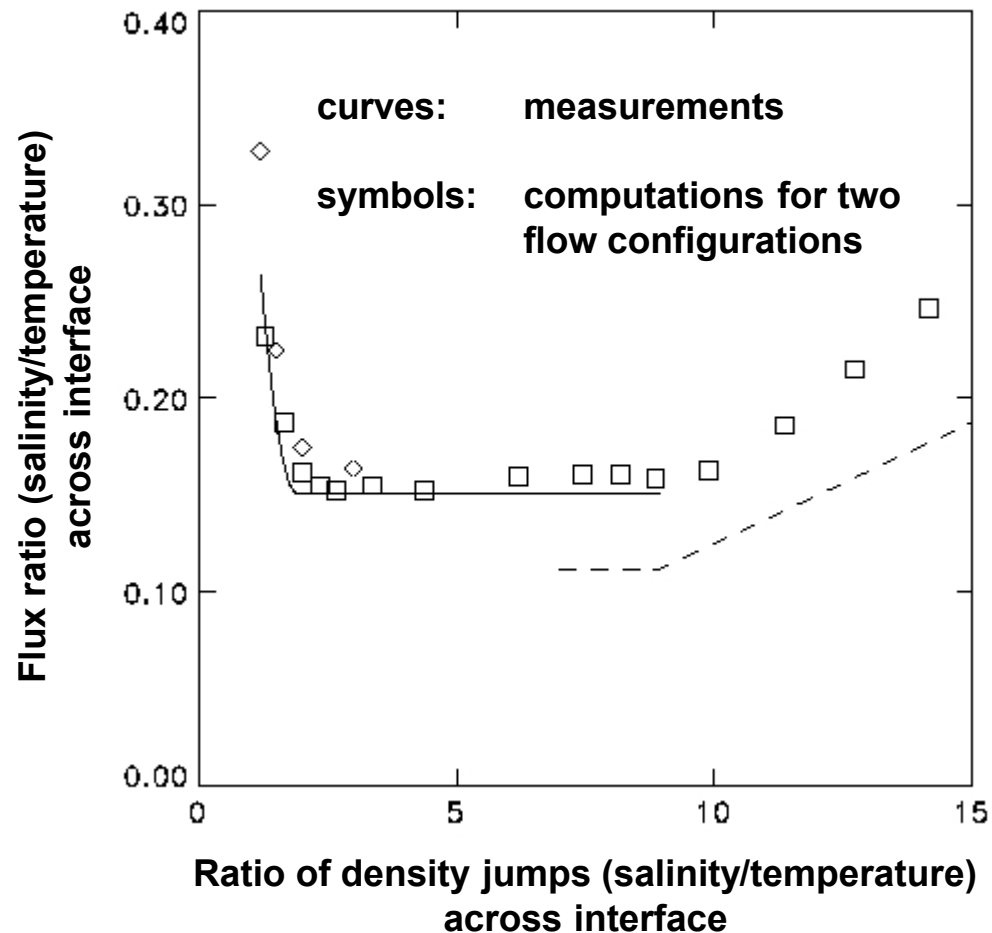
# ODT captures the wide range of dynamically relevant time and length scales



# An ODT formulation requiring no parameter adjustment is compared to measurements



# ODT captures the observed regimes of diffusive interface structure



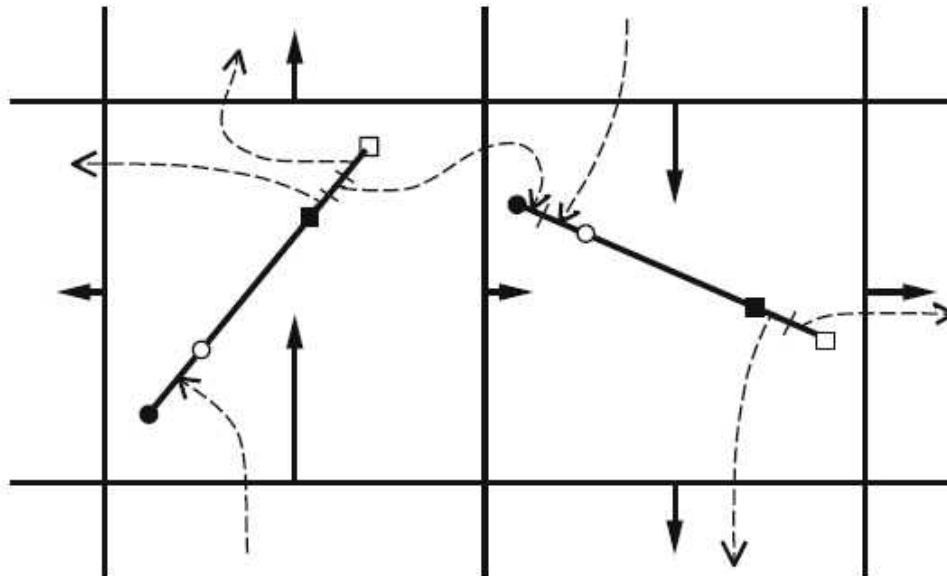
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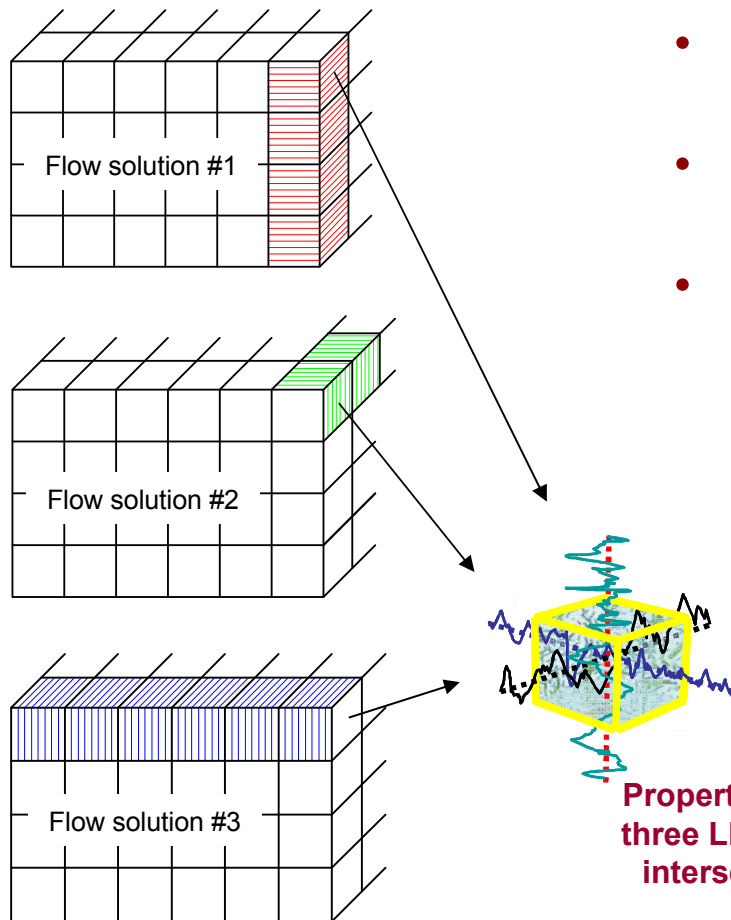
# Suresh Menon implemented a 'splicing' method to couple LEM domains for LES mixing-reaction closure

- 1D domains are Lagrangian objects within control volumes (CVs) in one coordinate direction
- Each domain has an input end and an output end
- Mass transfer (splicing) between them is governed by CV face fluxes from a coarse-grained 3D flow solver





# Time advancement of a 3D lattice-work of coupled LEM domains can be driven by RANS input: 'LEM3D'

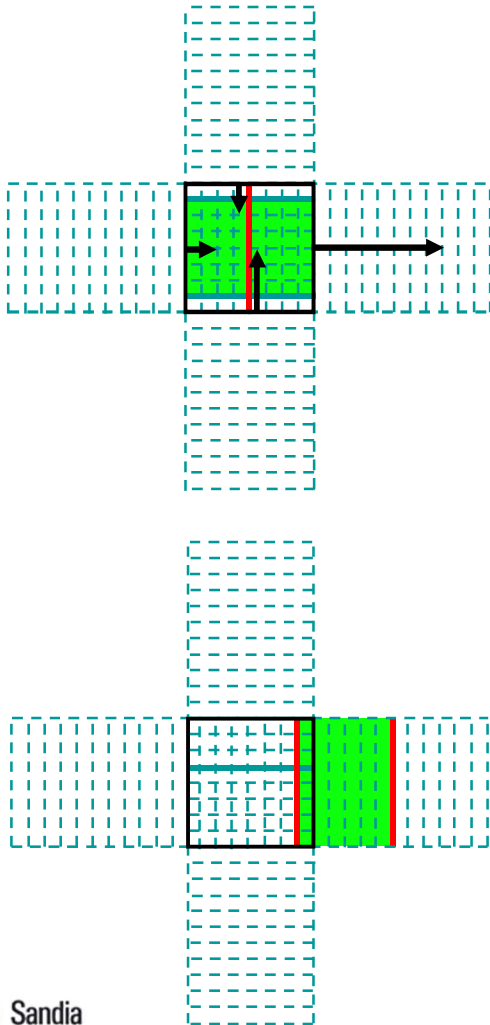


- Each LEM domain spatially refines RANS control volumes (CVs) in one coordinate direction
- Each CV is thus contained within three orthogonal LEM domains, each within a different flow solution
- Time-advancement cycle:
  - Advancement on individual LEM domains
    - 1D representation of small-scale motions
    - Requires RANS eddy diffusivities to determine local eddy frequencies
  - Cell transfers (conservative mapping) couple domains
    - 3D representation of large-scale motions
    - Transfers implement displacements prescribed by RANS mean velocities

Property profiles on the three LEM domains that intersect a RANS CV

This approach can likewise be used for LES mixing-reaction closure

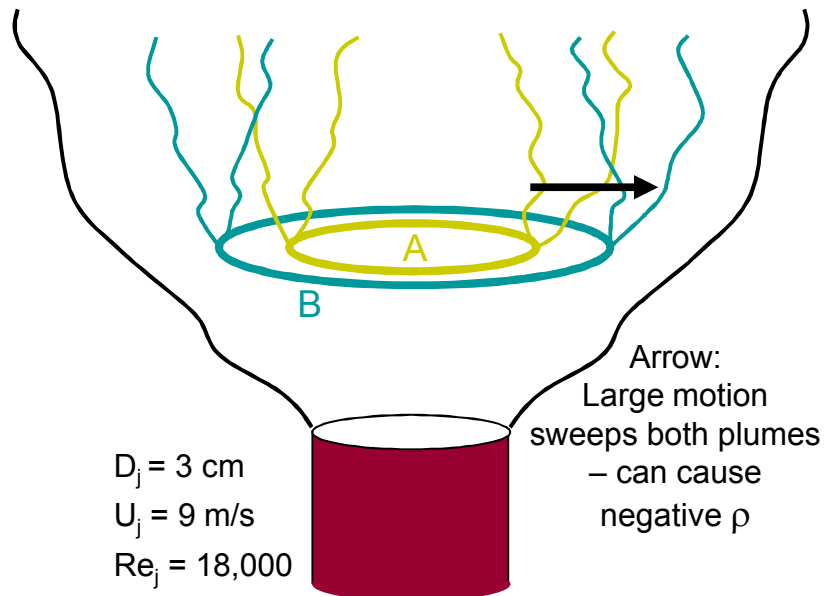
# A 2D constant-density example illustrates the domain-coupling procedure



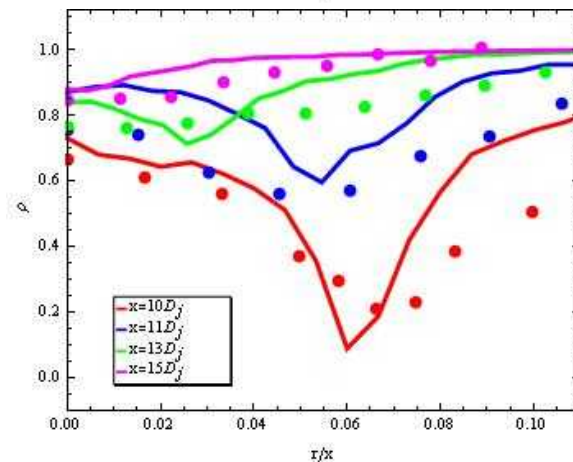
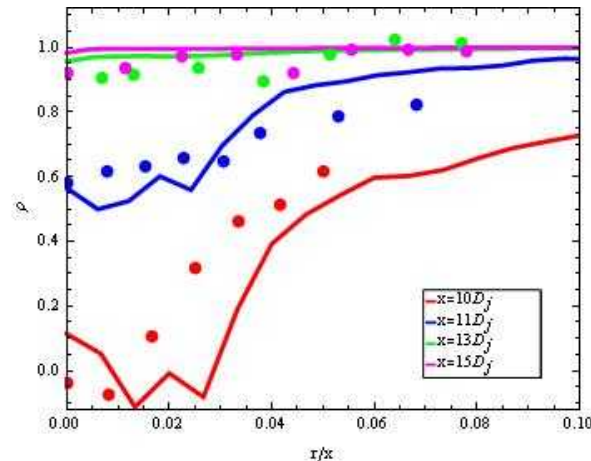
- Arrows are RANS CV face-normal displacements (velocities  $\times$  time step)
- In this example, there is net vertical inflow and net horizontal outflow through CV faces (box)
- Horizontal LEM domain: cut at **red** line and displace uniformly on either side, leaving a gap
- Vertical LEM domain: remove **green** region and insert it into the gap on the horizontal domain (between the **red** lines), then displace uniformly above and below the **green** region, causing the solid **blue** lines to meet
- Advantage: Displaces fluid advectively (no mixing)
- Issue: Brings chemically dissimilar fluids into contact
- Remedy: Use coarse CVs to minimize the artifact

# Using measured properties (surrogate RANS), LEM3D captures the mixing of scalars released within a jet

- Two ring sources (various diameter combinations) at  $x/D_j = 9$  release scalars A and B, respectively
- A-B cross-correlation,  $\rho$ , is measured at various downstream locations (Tong & Warhaft, 1995)
- This configuration has not previously been modeled

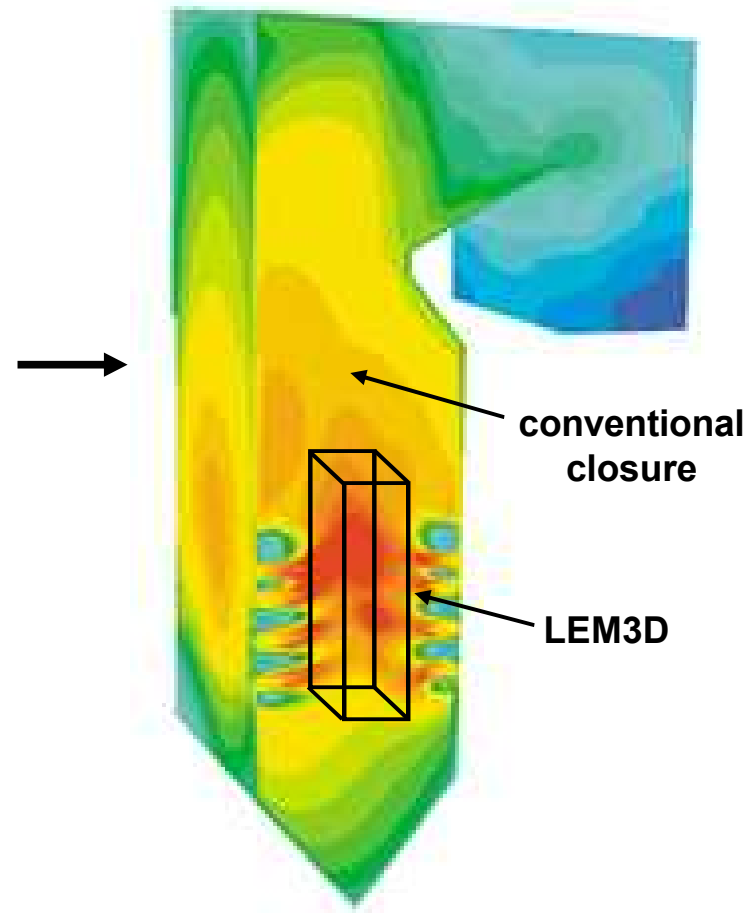


Radial profiles of  $\rho$   
(measurements: •, model: —)



# LEM3D is being generalized for combustion applications

- A variable-density formulation is under development (with 2-way RANS-LEM3D coupling); collaboration with SINTEF
- Chemical kinetics will be incorporated
- LEM3D sub-regions will be imbedded in flow simulations to resolve mixing locally
- Will couple LEM3D to an ODT-based 3D simulation (explained next)



# ODT domains can be coupled to obtain a 3D flow simulation (ODT3D)

- Same mesh geometry as LEM3D
- Different domain coupling because
  - for momentum, adjacent dissimilar states should be avoided
  - for momentum (but not species), some under-resolved mixing is acceptable
- Advection feedbacks between LEM3D and ODT3D:
  - LEM3D gets eddy events and CV face-normal mass fluxes from ODT3D
  - ODT3D gets thermal expansion from LEM3D
- Implementation strategy:
  - Can use coarser 3D mesh than LES due to standalone ODT capabilities
  - Incorporates large scale 3D effects to improve ODT representation of
    - **pulverized coal burners (by capturing recirculation)**
    - **stably stratified turbulence (by capturing internal waves)**
    - **Rayleigh convection (by capturing ‘wind of turbulence’)**
    - **etc. (greatly expands the range of possible applications)**

# Treatment of 3D pressure-velocity coupling distinguishes two ODT3D formulations

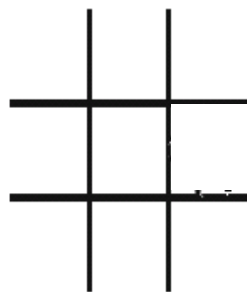
- Incompressible:
  - Continuity enforced using coarse-grained (CV scale) 3D pressure projection
  - ODT-resolved flow field is modified accordingly, a downscale coupling
- Pseudo-compressible:
  - Enables domain coupling with no coarse-graining or downscale coupling
  - Hence termed 'Autonomous Microscale Evolution' (AME)



# Subgrid LEM inspired 'superparameterization' (SP) closure of atmospheric flow simulations

- Small scales resolved in 2D (vs. 1D in LEM and ODT)
- Deemed necessary despite high cost (NSF S&T Center)
- Cross-fertilization is ongoing, e.g., SP is adopting AME concepts

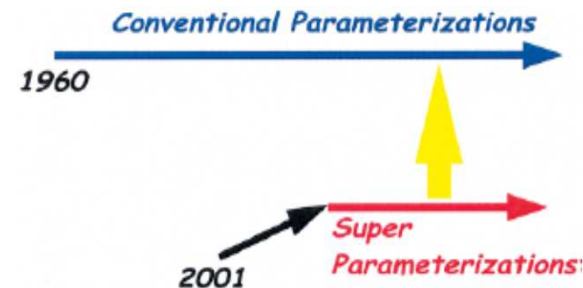
top view of a  
lattice-work of  
coupled vertical  
planar domains



side view of  
one domain  
(2D cloud  
simulation)



this approach is viewed as a  
climate modeling paradigm  
shift (Randall et al. 2003)



# Outline of presentation

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- Map-based advection
- Introduction to One Dimensional Turbulence (ODT)
- Model and algorithm extensions
- Spontaneous layer formation in buoyant stratified flow
- Subgrid implementation ('superparameterization')
- **Conclusions**



# Resolving local couplings is crucial for difficult regimes, so efficient resolution is vital for affordable prediction

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- Map-based advection is an advantageous strategy for cost-effective simulation of turbulent combustion and other turbulence-microphysics couplings
- Its uses include
  - Fundamental studies
  - Input to other modeling approaches
  - Engineering (e.g., design concept screening)
  - Building block for 3D simulation
- Downloadable code and documentation at <http://groups.google.com/group/odt-research>