

Large-eddy simulation of Richtmyer-Meshkov instability with reshock (with multi-scale modeling)

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Outline: LES of Richtmyer-Meshkov Instability & reshock

- Physical description of the Instability and necessity for Large Eddy Simulation (LES)
- Subgrid-scale modeling issues
- Orthogonality of LES techniques and shock capturing schemes
 - *Discussion of requirements of a scheme for good LES*
 - *Modified wave number*
 - *Advance for LES without shocks or contacts: TCD*
 - *Properties of Compressible flow schemes at odds with LES*
 - *Regularizing numerical viscosity*
 - *MILES*
- Modified hybrid scheme
 - *3D simulation of RMI with $k^{-5/3}$ spectra and subgrid activity*
 - *Model based continuation of statistical quantities into subgrid (multi-scale modeling)*
- AMR simulations (AMROC)



Richtmyer-Meshkov (R-M) Instability

- Misalignment of contact and shock

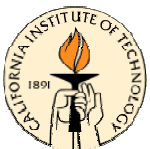
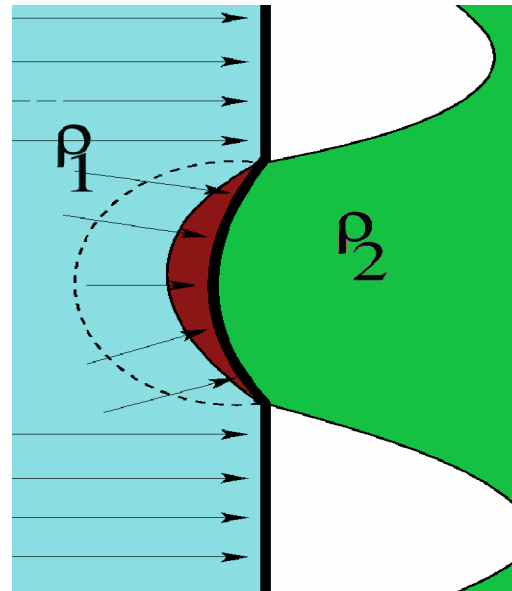
$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + u \bullet \nabla \omega = \omega \bullet \nabla u - \omega \nabla \bullet u + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \nabla(\rho) \times \nabla(p)$$

Advection

Self-stretching and Compression

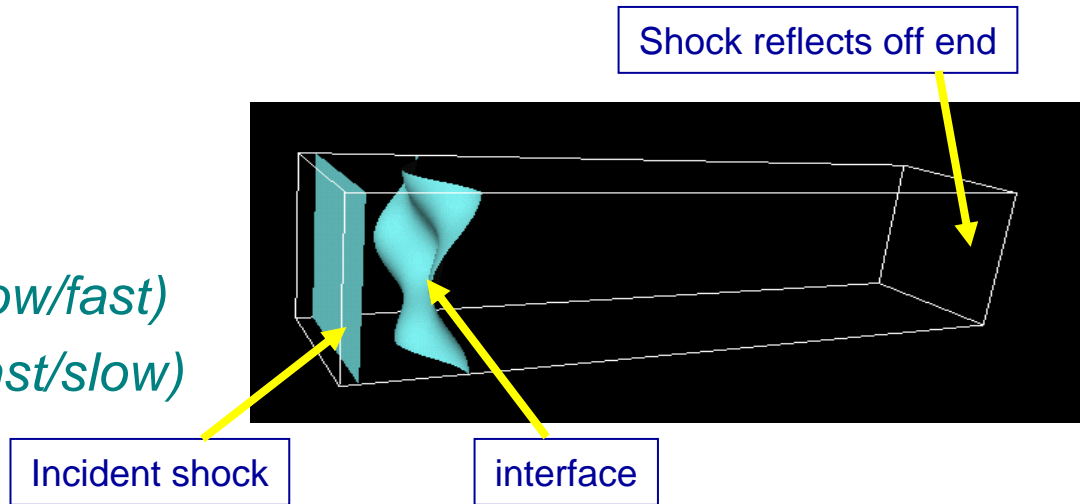
Vorticity Generation

- The passage of the shock results in vorticity deposition on the interface by means of Barotropic generation.



Richtmyer-Meshkov (R-M): Target simulation

- Strong shocks
- Density ratios
 - *heavy to light (slow/fast)*
 - *Light to heavy (fast/slow)*

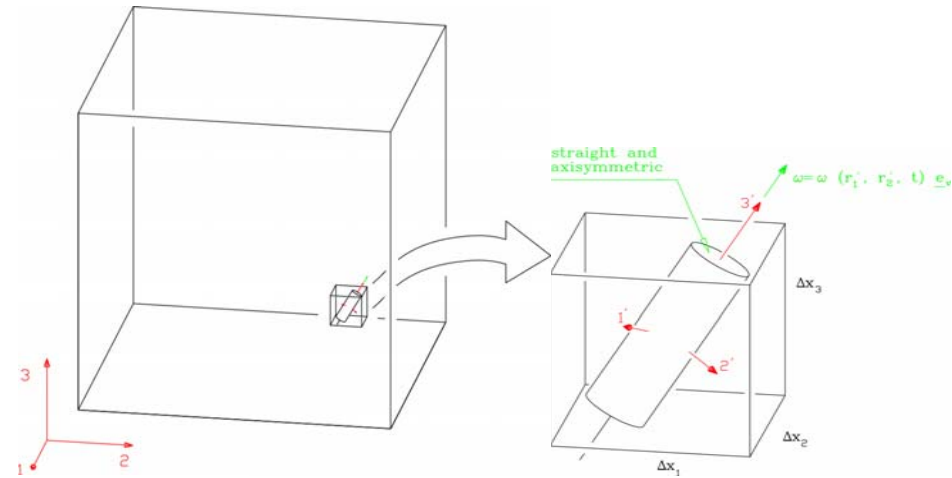


- LES using stretched-vortex SGS model
 - *Subgrid motion given by nearly axisymmetric vortex in each cell*
 - *Plug-in model: ease of implementation*
 - *Simple extension gives model for subgrid mixing*
- Advance in numerical methodology required (WENO/TCD)
- 2D and 3D (512×256^2 and 256×128^2) runs at $M = 1.5$,
density ratio = 5



LES with stretched-vortex SGS model

- **Structure-based approach**
- Subgrid motion represented by nearly axisymmetric vortex tube within each cell.
- Plug-in model: ease of implementation
- Subgrid stresses are:



$$T_{ij} = K (\delta_{ij} - e_i e_j),$$

$$K = \int_{k_c}^{\infty} E(k) dk.$$

- Model parameters estimated locally by matching local resolved flow 2'nd-order velocity structure function to local subgrid estimate
- Subgrid structure axes aligned with both resolved vorticity and eigenvector of principal resolved rate-of-strain

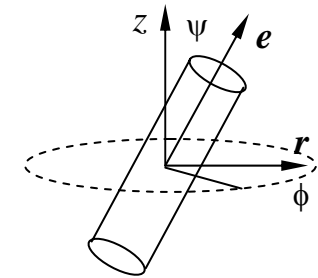
Structures can be use to compute statistics of subgrid processes



Model parameters

- Subgrid kinetic energy (Pullin 2000, based on Lundgren spiral spectrum):

$$K \equiv \int_{k_c}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}_0 \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3} \exp\left(-2k^2 \nu / 3|S_3|\right) dk$$



where $S_3 = \tilde{S}_{ij} e_i e_j$ (resolved strain along vortex axis)

- $\mathcal{K}_0 \varepsilon^{2/3}$ from approximate expressions (Voekl & Pullin 2000) for the resolved second-order structure function, F_2^c (circular average in homogeneous plane)

$$\mathcal{K}_0 \varepsilon^{2/3} = \frac{\pi F_2^c(r, \mathbf{x})}{2 \Delta^{2/3} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} s^{-5/3} \left[1 - J_0\left(s(r/\Delta) \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \psi \cos^2 \phi}\right) \right] ds d\phi}$$

- Subgrid vortex orientation, \mathbf{e}

– λ subgrid vortices fraction aligned with principal extensional eigenvector of resolved rate-of-strain tensor, \tilde{S}_{ij} (corresponding eigenvalue, λ_3)

(1- λ) subgrid vortices aligned with resolved vorticity vector, $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ (Misra & Pullin 1997)

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_3 + \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|}$$



LES in the absence of shocks and contacts

- The nonlinear term $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i u_j)$ is responsible primarily for the energy cascade
- The most successful methods are global
 - *Spectral*
 - *High-Order Pade*

- Good response across all (*spectral*) or most (*Pade*) of the resolved scales, i.e. modified wavenumber

$$\mathbf{F}(\partial / \partial x) = ik \quad \mathbf{F}(D_x) = i\hat{K}(k)$$

- Limitations
 - *global nature results in (fatal?) ringing at discontinuities like shocks and contacts*
 - *Limited to simple geometries*



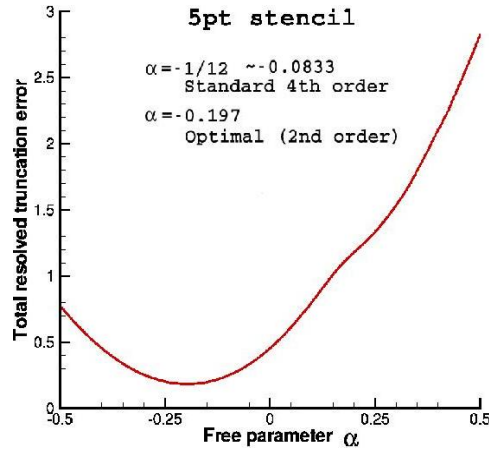
Tuned Center-Difference Stencil (TCD)

- Ghosal (JCP, 1996)
- Error in resolved-scale energy spectrum produced by one step of Navier-Stokes equations using given discretization
- Assume –
 - *Von-Karman energy spectrum*
 - *Joint normal velocity pdf*
- $\mathcal{E}^{(FD)}(\kappa, \tilde{\kappa}(\kappa, \alpha))$ is spectrum of truncation error for numerical method with modified wavenumber behavior $\tilde{\kappa}(\kappa, \alpha)$
- Define total discretization error

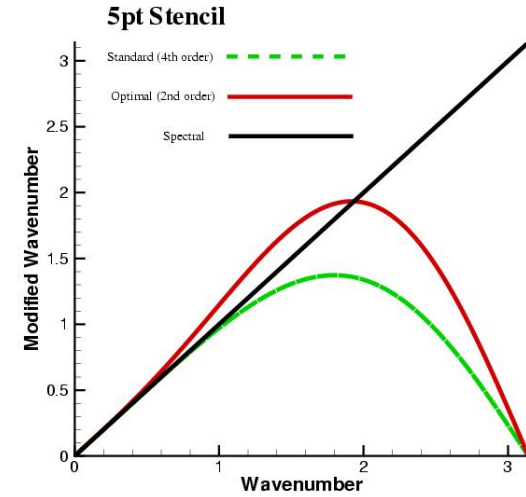
$$E_G(\alpha) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\Delta x}} \mathcal{E}^{(FD)}(\kappa, \tilde{\kappa}(\kappa, \alpha)) d\kappa$$



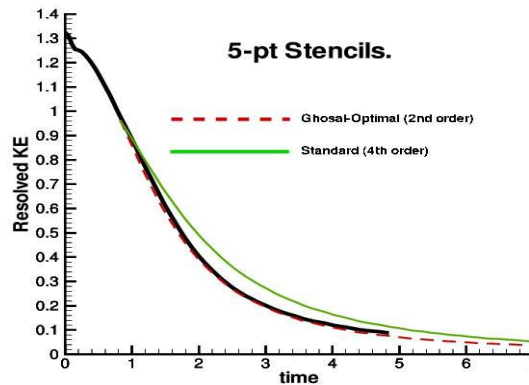
Optimized 5-point TCD stencil (second order)



Truncation error



Modified wavenumber of minimal error stencil



DNS and LES of Decaying compressible turbulence, $M_t = 0.488$, $R_\lambda = 70$.

Decay of total TKE. Black; 256^3 DNS (10-th order Pade)

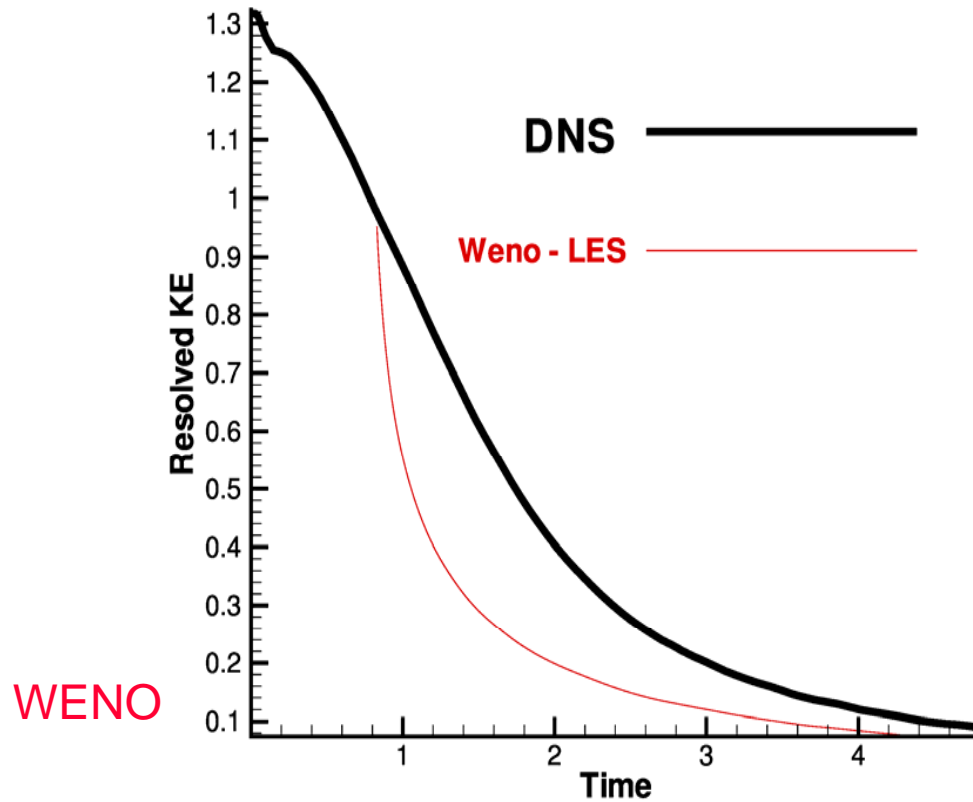


Flows with strong shocks: Shock capturing solvers

- The weak solutions of the Euler equations are regularized by the clever numerical viscosity of the methods.
- Shocks (and contacts) are ‘captured’, i.e. smeared across a few cells. TVD (Total Variation Diminishing) and general flux limiting schemes are popular techniques
- Drawbacks for LES
 - *Generally developed for low-order time stepping and have up-winding or other numerical dissipation for stability*
 - *Such Euler solvers have a high degree of non-uniform numerical dissipation*
 - *Dissipation active in entire flow (both at shocks and away from shocks)*
- MILES – LES with no model, relies on numerical method

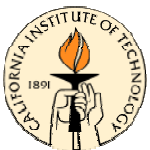


Pure WENO: Numerical dissipation overwhelms simulation



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Mixing zone observations

- Low compressibility in mixing zone: Turbulent Mach number ~ 0.3
- For Euler eqns, at the contact:
 - Normal velocity is continuous
 - Pressure is continuous
- We have resolved scale dissipation and model terms
- The contact (density) is initially smeared at vorticity deposition and at later times
 - Resolved scale velocity parallel to the contact is continuous across the contact
 - Pressure and velocities are smooth enough for a centered stencil
 - Density is the only primitive variable that isn't –scalar 'shocks'



Improved hybrid WENO-TCD: limit on primitives

- Approach:
 - Away from shocks exploit smoothness of (u,v,w,P)
 - At shocks (only) revert to full WENO
- Maintain conservative formulation of equations (shock speeds)
- Use a finite volume approach limiting on primitives

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}_i)}{\partial x} = \frac{\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}_{i+1/2}) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}_{i-1/2})}{\Delta x}$$

- Idea:
 - Use TCD to interpolate smooth variables
 - Use WENO to interpolate density

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}_{i+1/2}) = \mathbf{F}(\rho_{i+1/2}^{weno}, u_{i+1/2}^{tcd}, v_{i+1/2}^{tcd}, w_{i+1/2}^{tcd}, P_{i+1/2}^{tcd})$$

- Where a centered interpolation (TCD stencil split)

$$\frac{f_{i+1/2}^{tcd} - f_{i-1/2}^{tcd}}{\Delta x} = TCD(f_i) \quad f_{i+1/2}^{weno} = \sum \varpi_k f_{i+1/2}^{candidates}$$



Improved hybrid WENO-TCDS algorithm: shock identification/capturing

- We only need full WENO at the shocks
- What is a captured shock?
 - *No true internal shock structure*
 - *Rankine-Hugoniot relations nearly satisfied*
 - *Increase in Entropy*

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + P \\ \rho uv \\ \rho uw \\ \rho u(E + P) \end{pmatrix}$$

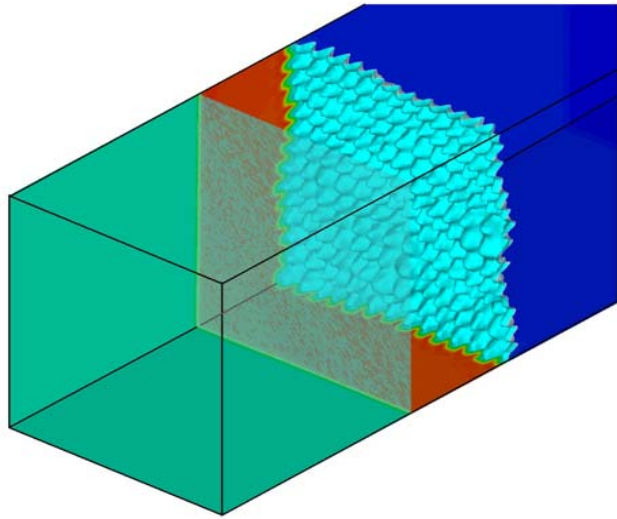
- For numerical purposes
 - *We use correlated curvature of pressure and density:*

$$C(\rho) \equiv \frac{\rho_{i+1} - 2\rho_i + \rho_{i-1}}{\rho_{i+1} + 2\rho_i + \rho_{i-1}}$$

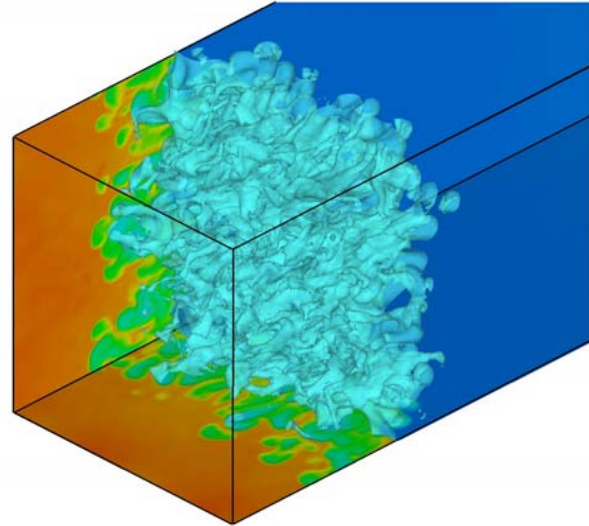
$$C(\rho)C(P) > 0, \quad C(\rho), C(P) > thrs\Delta x$$



LES of 3-D R-M instability: 256 processors on QSC

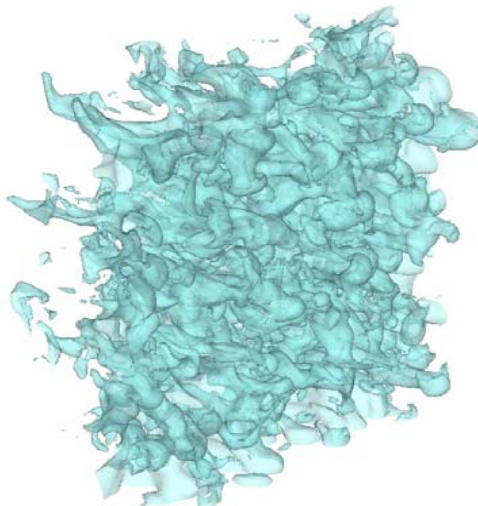


Post-shock interface/shock



Post-re-shock flow

Post re shock



Simulation parameters

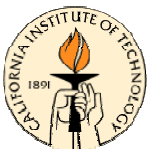
Mach 1.5 shock

Density ratio 1:5

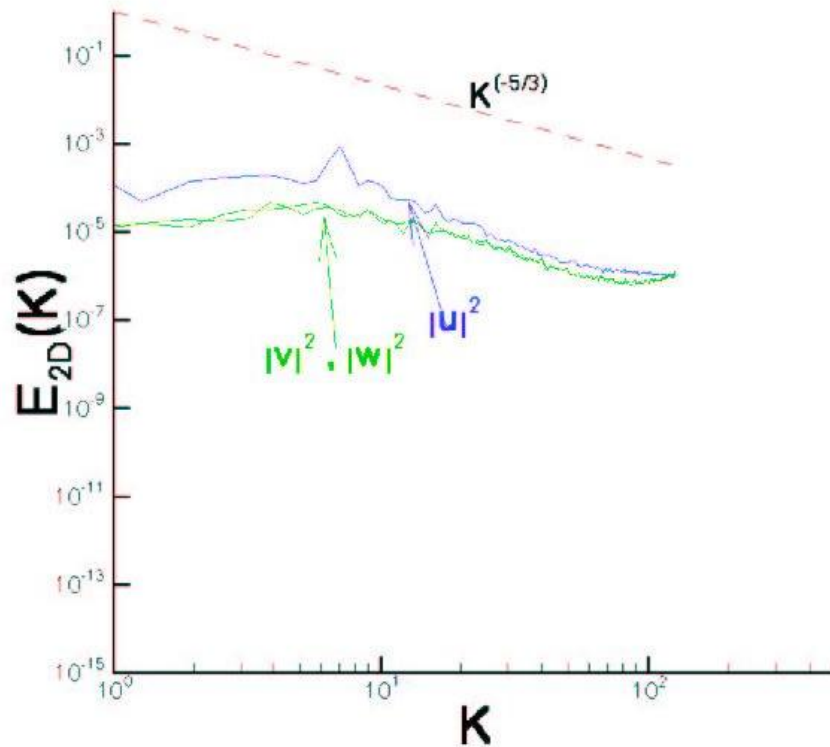
512x256x256

Hybrid WENO-TCD

Stretched-vortex SGS/LES model



Spectra: Comparison with $-5/3$ decay



Velocity spectra from plane centered in mixing zone after reshock:
 512x256x256 simulation. Lack of dealiasing evident in last computed wavenumbers



R-M Instability: Turbulent Mixing Zone (TMZ)

- The small perturbations grow rapidly into non-linear regime – For our problem this occurs by 0.7ms (Vetter and Sturtevant 1995)
- Analytic estimate (Mikaelian 1989) for thickness of non-linearly saturated zone:

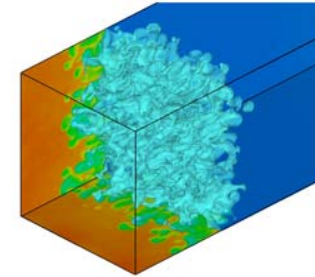
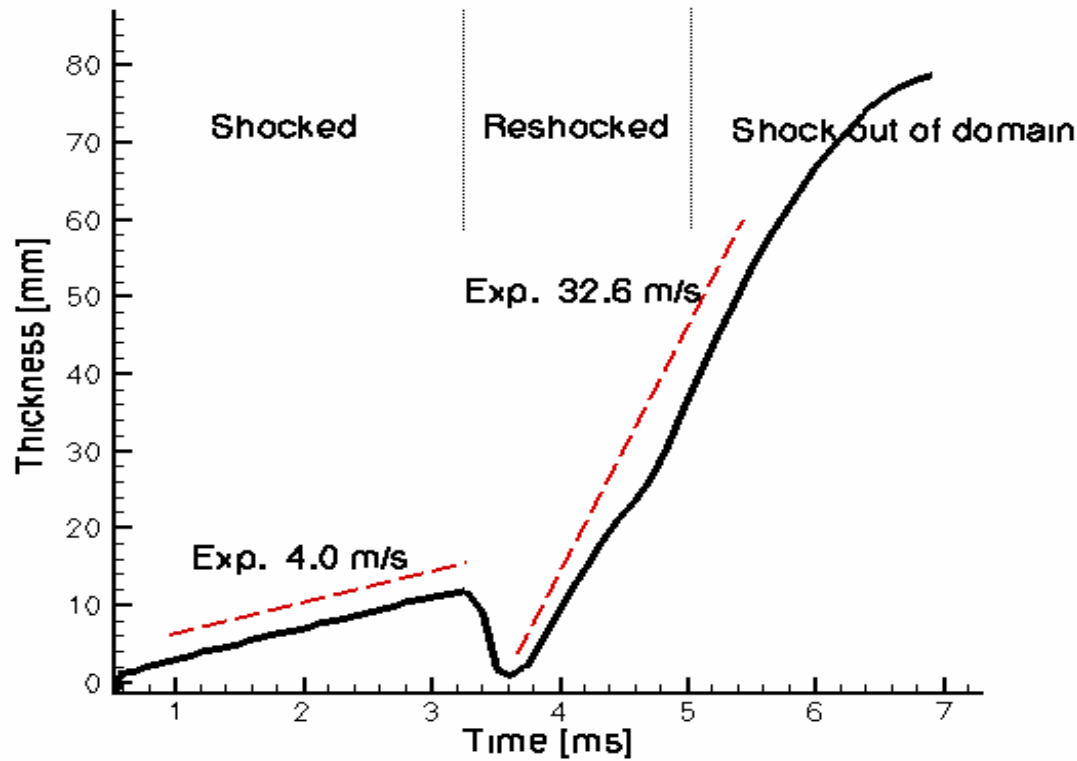
$$\delta = 0.28[u]A't$$

- In experiments, spark-schlieren photography and high-speed video are used to measure this thickness
- In our simulation, we use a passive scalar: $-1 \leq \varphi(x, y, z, t) \leq 1$
- The interface is taken to be defined to be the zero surface of the scalar
- The width of the TMZ is calculated from the plane average of the scalar

$$-0.99 < \frac{1}{L^2} \iint \varphi(x, y, z, t) dydz < 0.99$$



Mixing width vs. time



- The width of the TMZ is calculated from the plane average of a scalar

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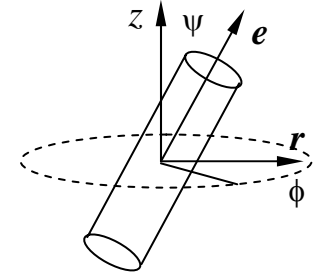
Experiment: Vetter & Sturtevant(1995)

Re_h =50,000-100,000: 512x256x256



Multi-Scale Modeling

- True multi-scale modeling: *matching of ‘inner’ and ‘outer’*
- No free parameters employed in matching
- Use stretched model to compute subgrid statistics



Example – Continuation of the spectra

From the definition of the two-point correlation, a form for the 2D-spectral contribution from each cell may be derived

$$E_{2D}(K) = K \frac{2}{\pi} \int_K^{\left| \frac{K}{\cos \alpha} \right|} \frac{E(\kappa)}{(\kappa^2 - K^2)^{1/2} (K^2 - \kappa^2 \cos^2 \alpha)^{1/2}} d\kappa$$

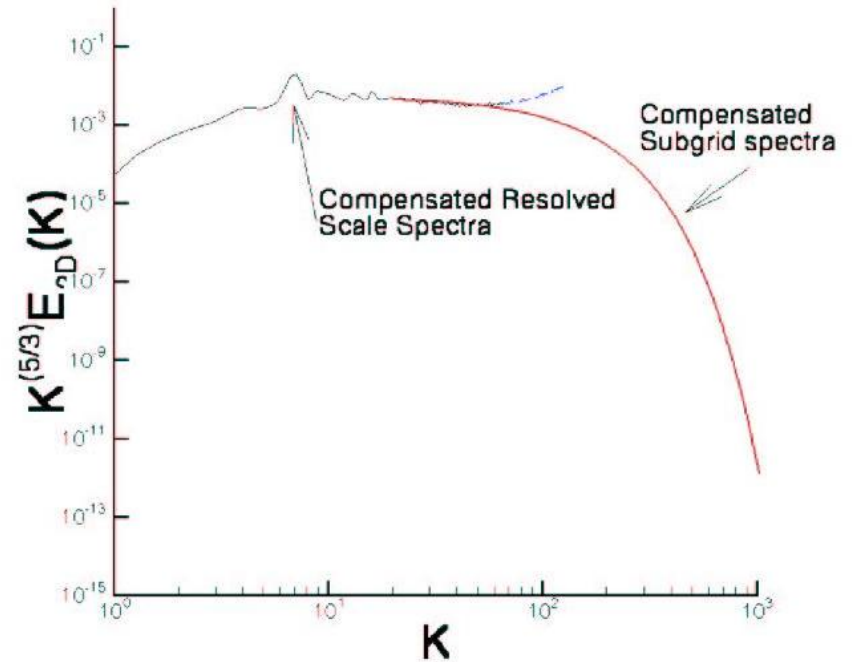
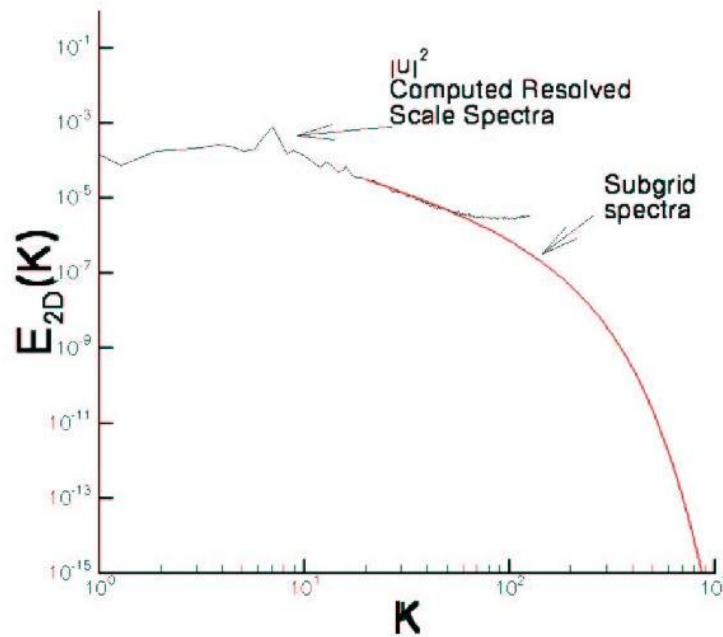
Using the stretched vortex model the contribution from each cell becomes

$$E_{2D}(K) = \frac{2}{\pi} K_o \epsilon^{2/3} K^{-5/3} e^{-\nu K^2 / 4 |a|} \int_1^{\left| \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} \right|} \frac{u^{-5/3} e^{-\nu K^2 (u^2 - 1) / 4 |a|}}{(u^2 - 1)^{1/2} (1 - u^2 \cos^2 \alpha)^{1/2}} du$$

Where the alpha is the orientation of the vortex relative to the 2D-plane in which the spectra is computed



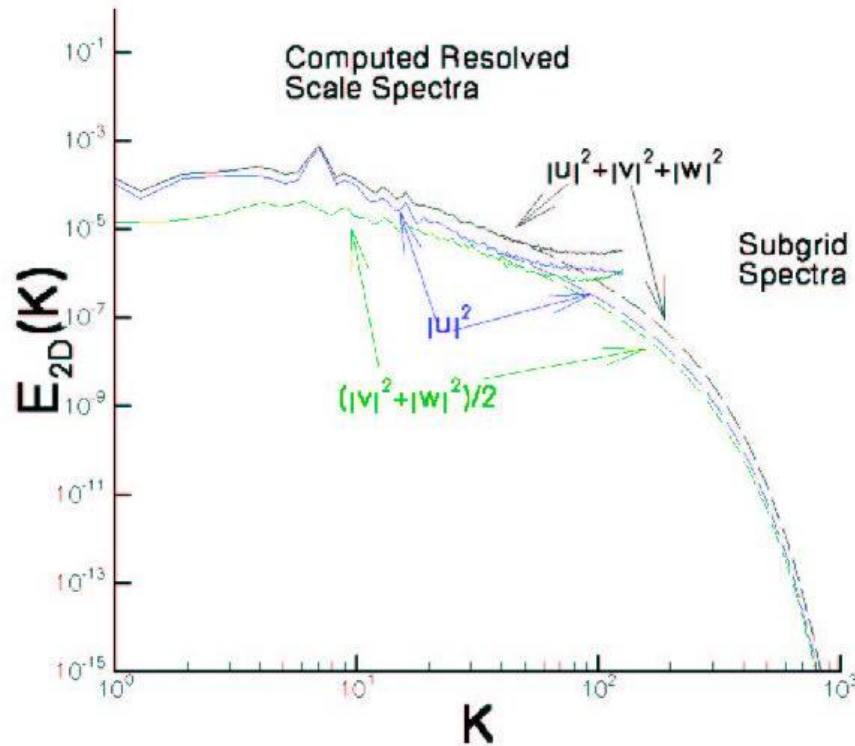
Multi-Scale Modeling: Spectra



Velocity spectra from plane centered in mixing zone after reshock:
 512x256x256 simulation. Lack of dealiasing evident in last computed wavenumbers



Multi-Scale Modeling: Anisotropy



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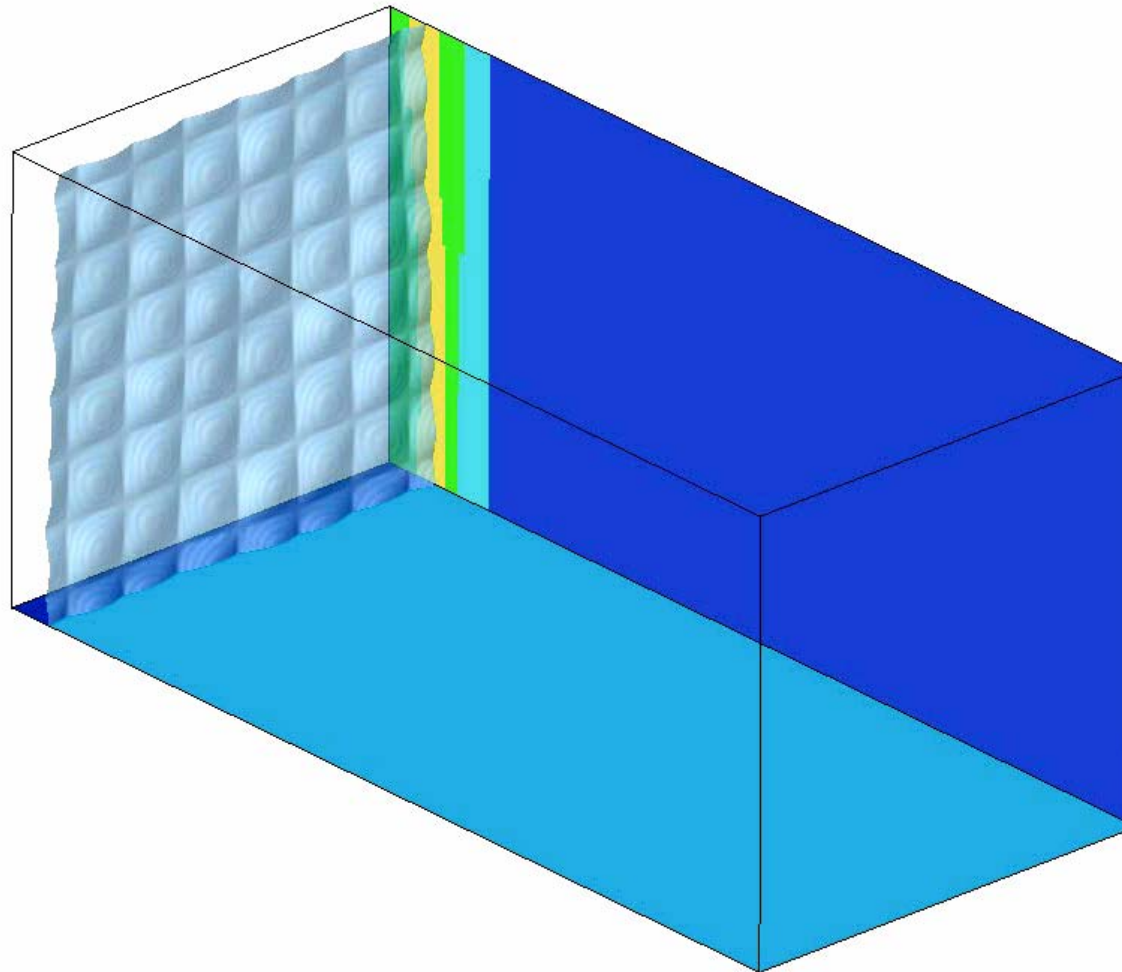


3D RM instability with AMROC (R.Deiterding)

- AMROC – Adaptive Mesh Refinement engine
- 3D Richtmyer-Meshkov instability with reshock in rectangular geometry
- Modeled on Vetter and Sturtevant (1995)
- $M = 1.5$, density ratio = 1:5
- 5-point WENO-TCD algorithm
- Base resolution = 120x30x30 with 3 levels of refinement
- Effective resolution of 960x240x240
- No subgrid-scale model (under-resolved Euler)
- Initial density interface ; \sin^2 perturbation in each direction
- 83 hours on 48 nodes of ASAP cluster
- Animation shows shock and zero isosurface of density (mean density level)
- Horizontal plane shows density
- Vertical plane shows the refinement level information



RM Instability using adaptive mesh refinement



Simulation parameters

Mach 1.5 shock

Density ratio 1:5

512x256x256

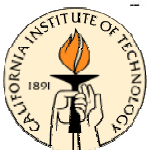
Hybrid WENO-TCD

Euler simulation

Parameters chosen to match
Vetter & Sturtevant (1995)

$Re_h = 50,000-100,000$

Movie shows shock and density interfaces. Note transition to turbulence
of interface after reshock

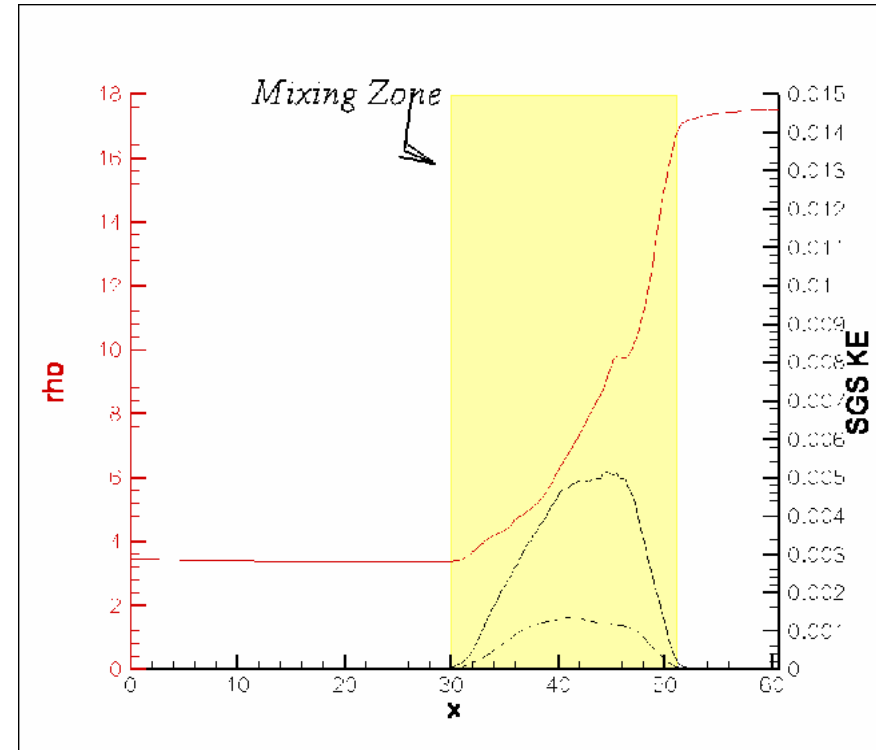
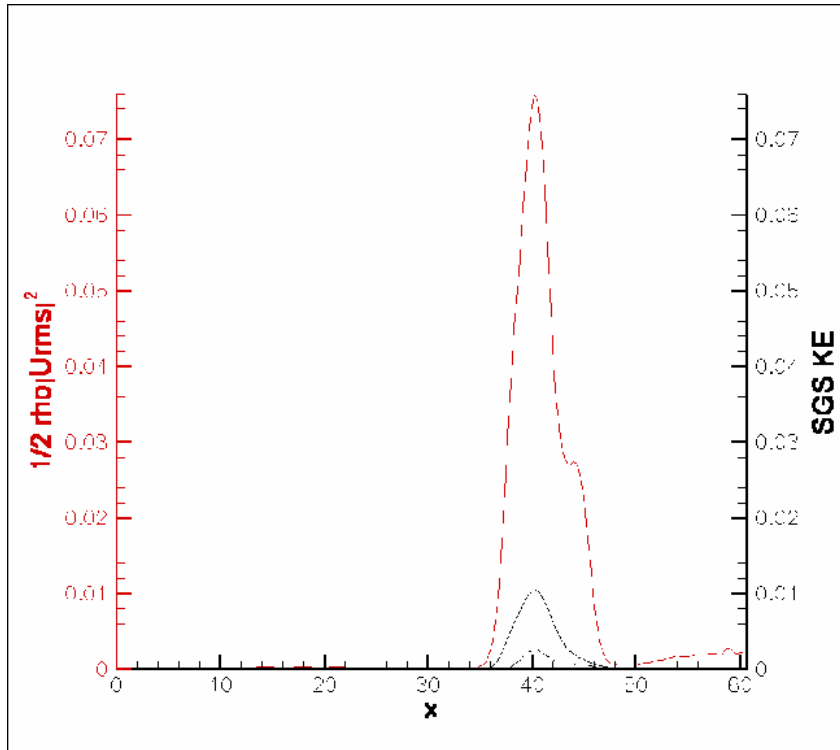


Concluding comments

- Hybrid TCD-WENO for shock driven turbulence to with mixing
 - *Uses conservative formulation*
 - *Full WENO at shocks*
 - *TCD/WENO in mixing region*
 - *Uses Stretched vortex sub-grid model*
- 3D RM Instability simulation
 - *LES of shock and reshock phase*
 - *Mixing zone is slightly compressible*
 - *Very large density gradient*
- Structure Based SGS model allows multi-scale modeling
 - *Extends spectra into the viscous dissipation range*
 - *Good matching with resolved scale spectra*
 - *Distinguish between homogeneous and nonhomogeneous directions (anisotropy)*
- AMR (AMROC)
 - *Extending the WENO-TCD and multi-scale modeling to the AMROC framework*



Comparisons of subgrid energy

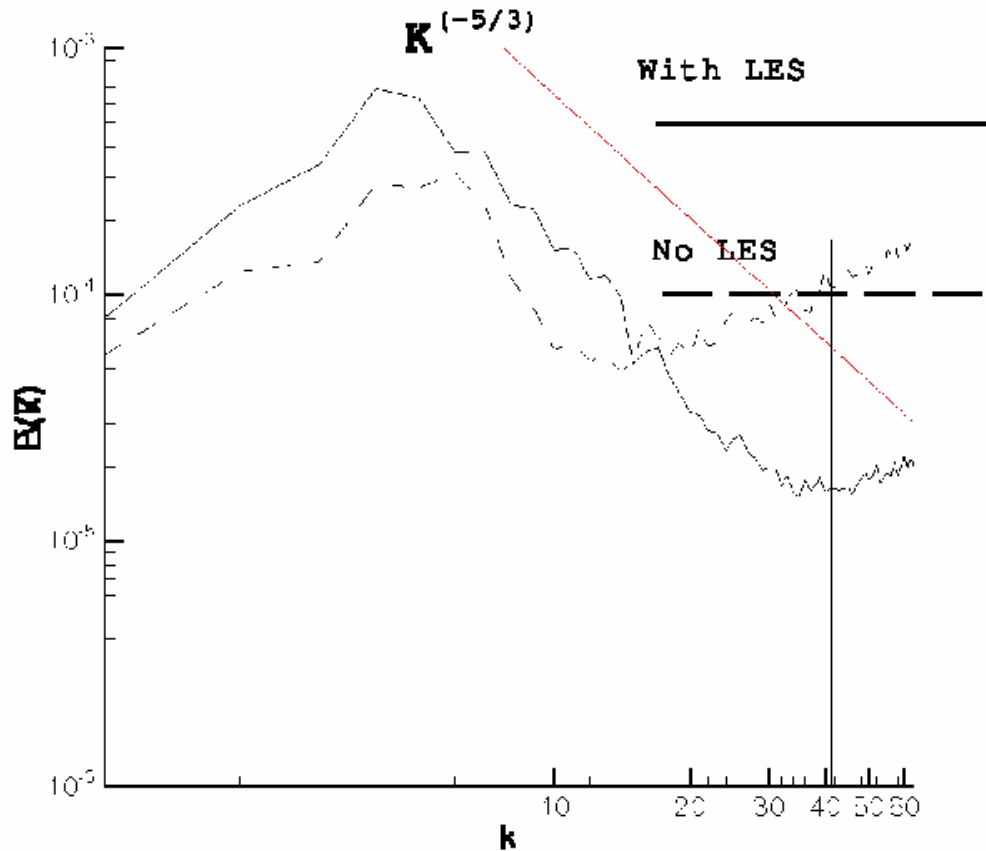


Subgrid Kinetic Energy (SGS KE) (from new method and old) compared against resolved scale energy fluctuation.

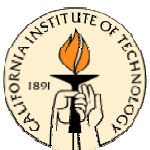
Subgrid Kinetic Energy (SGS KE) (from new method and old). From Mach 1.5 run. Grid 256x128x128



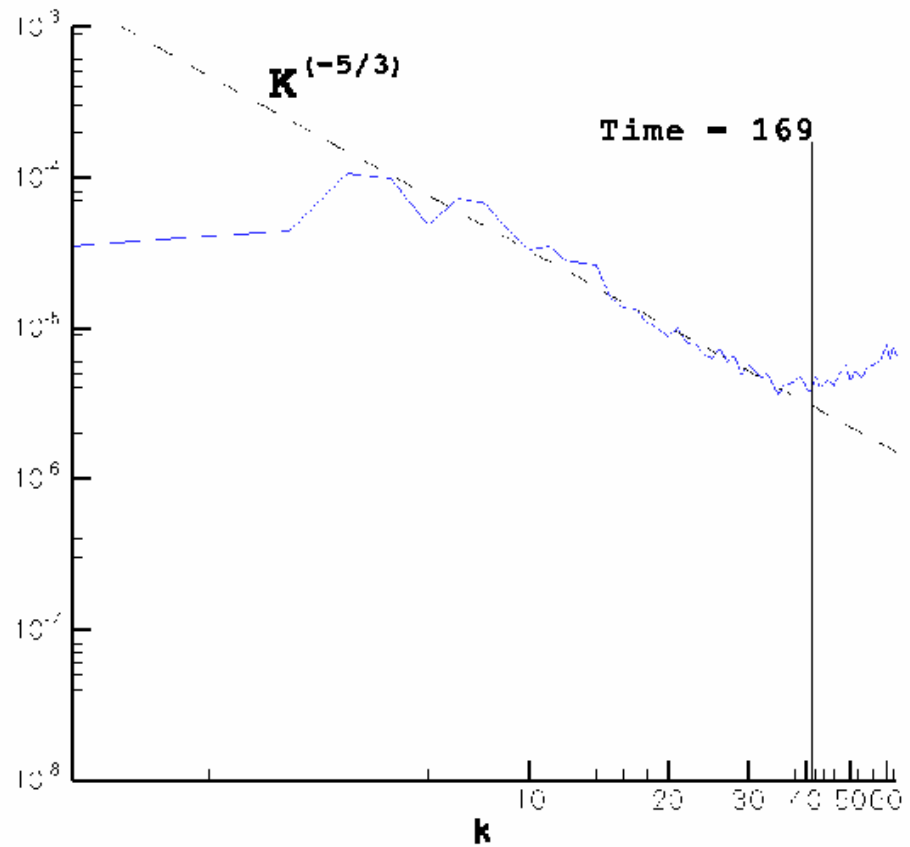
Spectra: Affect of model on energy cascade



Comparison of spectra after reshock: With and without subgrid model
 Mach 1.5 shock, 256x128x128 grid points



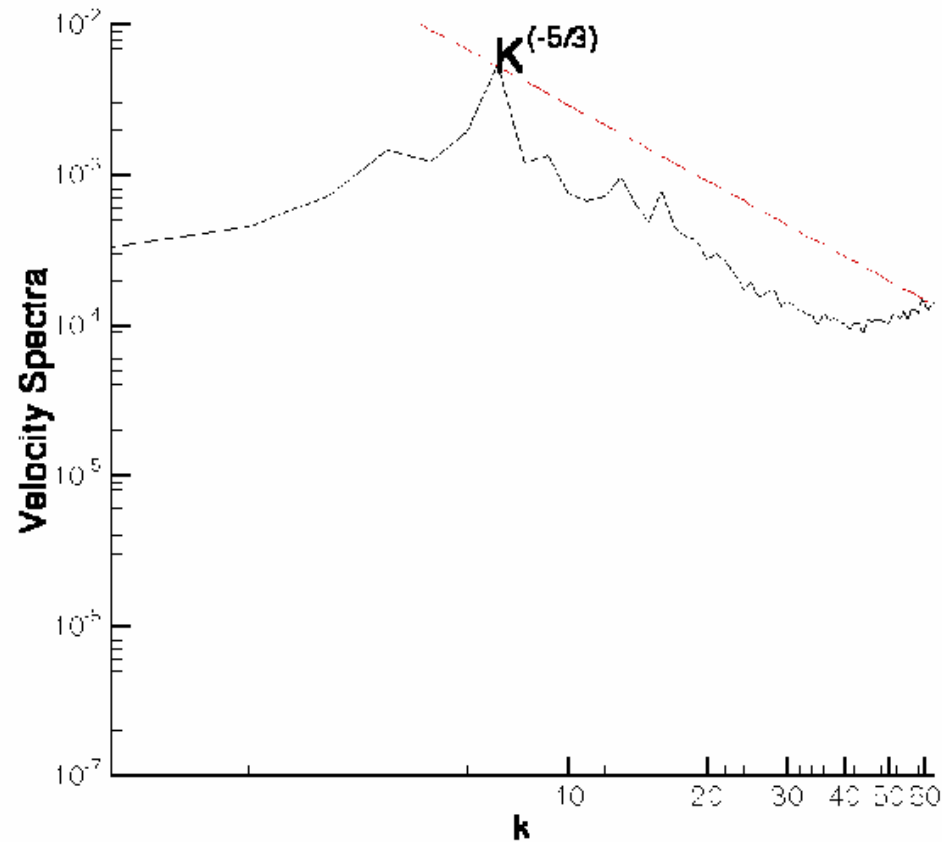
Spectra: 256x128x128



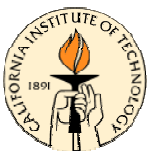
Velocity spectra from plane center plane in mixing zone after reshock: 256x128x128 simulation. Lack of dealiasing seen in upper 3rd



Spectra: Mach 5



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Stretched-vortex SGS vortex model II

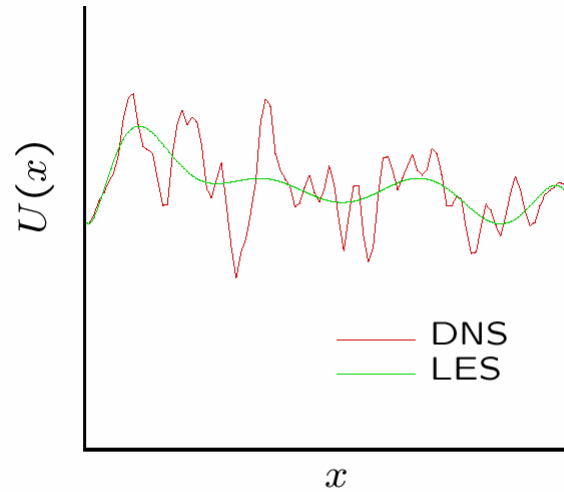
- Lundgren form assumed for subgrid energy spectrum:

$$K_0 \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3} \exp(-2k^2 \nu / 3 |S'_3|)$$

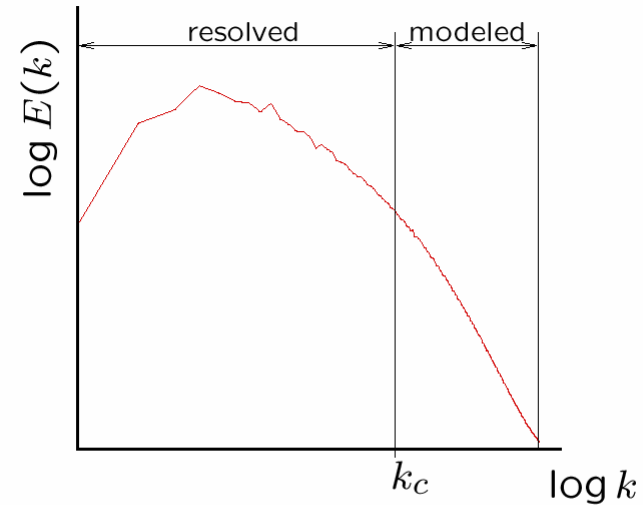
- Model parameters estimated locally by matching local resolved flow 2'nd-order velocity structure function to local subgrid estimate
- Stretched-vortex model is *not* an eddy-viscosity model
- Elements of subgrid stress tensor and subgrid energy calculated directly
 - *Important for scalar and other subgrid quantities*



Large-eddy simulation (LES)



physical space: fine-scale fluctuations not resolved, their influence is modeled.



spectral space: resolved range, $k < k_c$ (cutoff wavenumber k_c), subgrid range $k > k_c$.



Favre-filtered Navier-Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad \tilde{q} = \bar{\rho} q / \bar{q}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_j + \bar{p} / \gamma M^2 \delta_{ij})}{\partial x_j} = Re^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\sigma}_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T_{ij}}{\partial x_j}, \quad T_{ij} = \bar{\rho} (\widetilde{u_i u_j} - \tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_j) \equiv \bar{\rho} \tau_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\bar{E} + \bar{p} / \gamma M^2) \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{1}{Pr Re (\gamma - 1) M^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(k \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial x_i} \right) + Re^{-1} \frac{\partial (\tilde{\sigma}_{ij} \tilde{u}_j)}{\partial x_i} \\ &- \frac{1}{(\gamma - 1) M^2} \frac{\partial (\bar{\rho} q_i)}{\partial x_i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial [\bar{\rho} (\widetilde{u_j u_j u_i} - \widetilde{u_j u_j} \tilde{u}_i)]}{\partial x_i} + Re^{-1} \frac{\partial (\tilde{\sigma}_{ij} \tilde{u}_j - \tilde{\sigma}_{ij} \tilde{u}_j)}{\partial x_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{E} = \frac{\bar{p}}{(\gamma - 1) \gamma M^2} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} (\widetilde{u_j u_j}) + \frac{1}{2} T_{jj}, \quad q_i = \widetilde{T u_i} - \tilde{T} \tilde{u}_i, \quad \bar{p} = \bar{\rho} \tilde{T}$$



Idea: Improve $K(k)$ for center-difference

- Finite-difference operator

$$Df(x) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \sum_{j=-3}^{j=3} d_j [f(x + j \Delta x) - f(x - j \Delta x)]$$

$$d_1 = \frac{2}{3}, \quad d_2 = -\frac{1}{12}, \quad d_3 = 0, \quad \rightarrow 5 - pt, \quad 4^{th} \text{ order}$$

$$d_1 = \frac{3}{4}, \quad d_2 = -\frac{1}{10}, \quad d_3 = -1/2, \quad \rightarrow 7 - pt, \quad 6^{th} \text{ order}$$

- Tuned 5-point with parameter α

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{2} - 2\alpha, \quad d_2 = \alpha, \quad d_3 = 0, \quad \rightarrow 5 - pt, \quad 2^{nd} \text{ order}$$

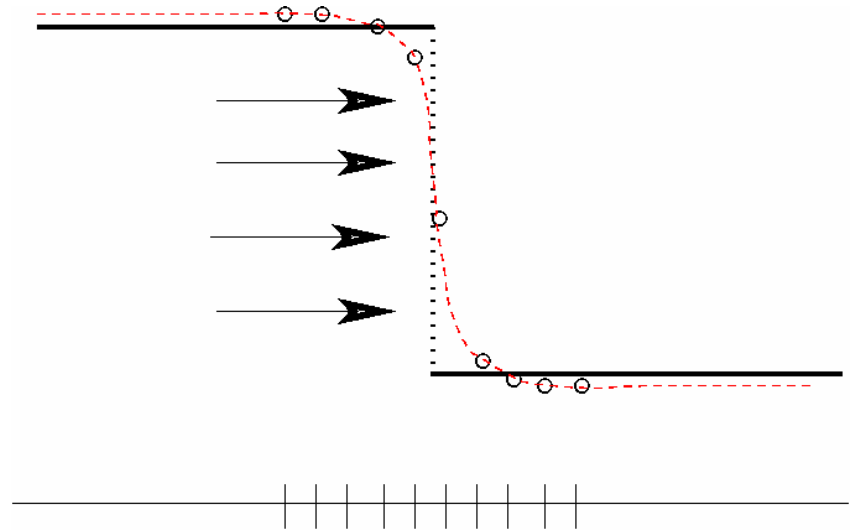
- Tuned 7-point with parameter α

$$d_1 = \frac{2}{3} + \alpha, \quad d_2 = -\frac{1}{12} - 4\alpha, \quad d_3 = \alpha, \quad \rightarrow 7 - pt, \quad 4^{th} \text{ order}$$



Flows with strong shocks: Shock capturing solvers

- True shocks have a thickness on the mean free path order
- The shocks are not resolved: Euler equations are solved in conservative form
- Euler solver shocks are ‘captured’, i.e. smeared across a few cells – first-order accurate at shocks



$$\frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{q})}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{q})}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{q} = (\rho, \rho u, \rho v, \rho w, E)^T$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + P \\ \rho uv \\ \rho uw \\ \rho u(E + P) \end{pmatrix}$$

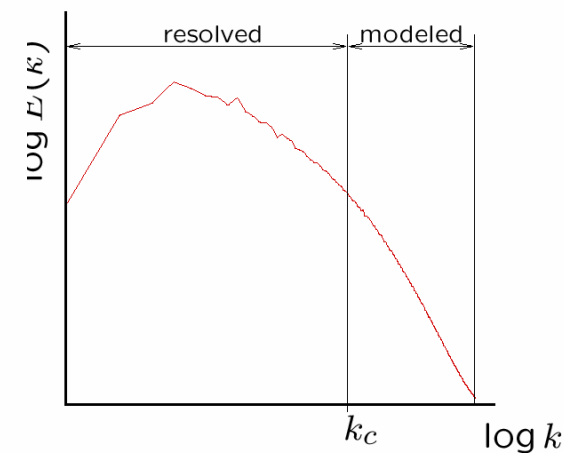
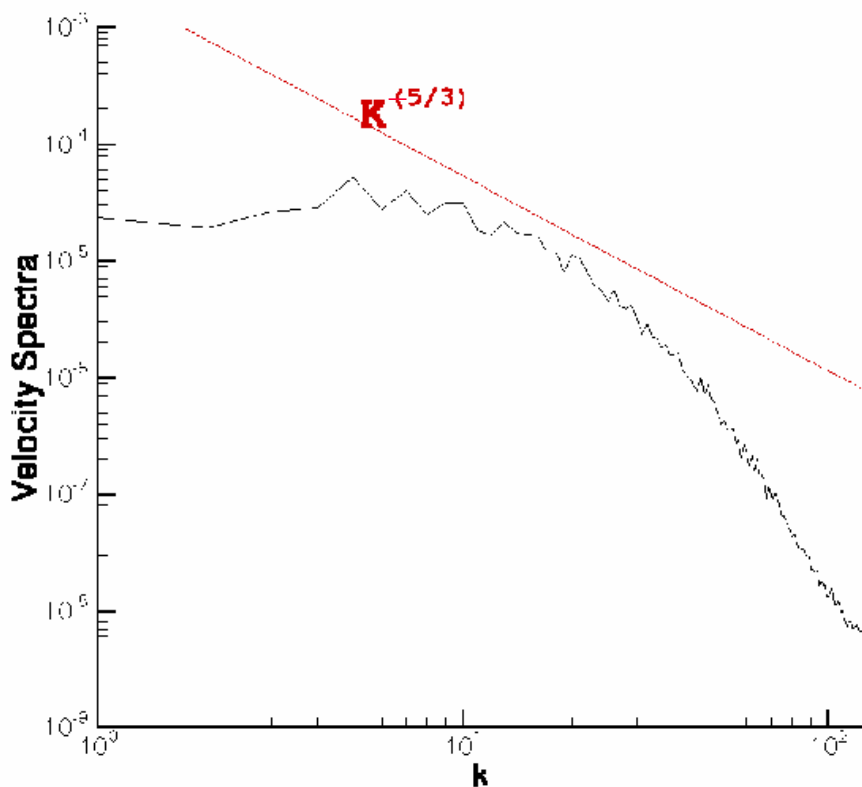


Hybrid WENO-TCDS algorithm: LES and strong shocks

- Numerical methods for shock-capturing and LES 'orthogonal'.
- Our solution: hybrid technique: blending Weighted Essentially Non-Oscillatory (WENO) scheme with Tuned Centered-Difference (TCD) stencil.
- WENO in regions of very-large density ratio (Shocks)
 - *But WENO is not suitable for LES in smooth regions away from shocks.*
 - *Upwinding strategy is too dissipative*
- TCD stencil in smooth regions away from shocks
 - *Low numerical dissipation (centered method)*
 - *optimized for minimum resolved-scale discretization error in LES (Ghosal, 1996)*
 - *5- or 7-point stencil trades off formal order of accuracy for small dispersion errors*
- Target WENO stencil = TCD stencil
- In practice, target TCD stencil not always achieved; switch is used based on acceptable WENO smoothness measure
- Hybrid method designed for **LES in presence of strong shocks**



Spectra: The bad news



spectral space: resolved range, $k < k_c$ (cutoff wavenumber k_c), subgrid range $k > k_c$.

Velocity spectra from plane center plane in mixing zone after reshock: exhibits too much roll-off

