

Large Eddy Simulation in a Split Form Discontinuous Galerkin Method for the Compressible Navier-Stokes

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Motivation

- Turbulence is prevalent in every day life
 - Most common engineering flow
- Characterized by:
 - Mechanical mixing
 - Vorticies
 - Chaotic fluctuations
 - Cascade of Energy from large to small scales
- These characteristics are a challenge to simulate



Motivation

- An accurate simulation must capture all temporal and spatial scales
 - Computationally expensive
- Large Eddy Simulation
 - Reduced computational cost
 - Without sacrificing accuracy
 - Two LES models were analyzed
 - Constant Smagorinsky
 - Dynamic Smagorinsky



Motivation

- High order finite element methods (FEM) have grown in popularity
 - FEM can leverage new architectural advances
 - Historically neglected due to high computational costs
- The Discontinuous Galerkin Method is a finite element method with discontinuous values at each element interface
 - Relies on the weak form of the governing equations



Motivation

- An alternative DG formulation exists that relies on the strong form
 - The split-form is derived from the strong form DG
 - This split-form is kinetic energy preserving
- The behavior of the LES models when used with the split-form DG formulation were analyzed and compared to the standard DG formulation



Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS)

- All time and space scales are simulated
- Very fine mesh resolution required
- Very small time steps required
- Very Expensive
 - Everything is directly simulated
 - Increasing Reynolds Number increases the cost



Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS)

- Average flow field is calculated
- Models the fluctuations
- Much cheaper due to the reduced resolution needed
- Struggles with unsteady flow problems
- Reduction of accuracy due to model limitations
- Models need to be selected correctly for a given problem



Large Eddy Simulation (LES)

- Directly simulate large scale structures
- Filter smallest scales (sub-grid scales)
- Introduce model for the SGS
- Cheaper than DNS, lower accuracy
- More expensive than RANS, more accuracy



Compressible Navier-Stokes

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}(x, t)}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q}(x, t)) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho w \\ \rho E \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u & \rho v & \rho w \\ \rho u u + P - \tau_{11} & \rho v u - \tau_{12} & \rho w u - \tau_{13} \\ \rho u v - \tau_{21} & \rho v v + P - \tau_{22} & \rho w v - \tau_{23} \\ \rho u w - \tau_{31} & \rho v w - \tau_{32} & \rho w w + P - \tau_{33} \\ \rho u H + q_1 - \tau_{1j} u_j & \rho v H + q_2 - \tau_{2j} u_j & \rho w H + q_3 - \tau_{3j} u_j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_i = -\frac{C_p \mu}{Pr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i},$$



Weak Form

- Obtained by multiplying by a test function
 $\phi_s, s = 1, \dots, M$
- And integrating over the element volume

$$\int_{\Omega_k} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{F} \right) \phi(x) dx$$



Weak Form

- Separating and applying the divergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned} R^{weak} &= \int_{\Omega_k} \frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial t} \phi(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega_k} (\mathbf{F} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \phi(x) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Gamma_k} (\mathbf{F}^* \cdot \vec{n}) \phi(x|_{\Gamma_k}) d\Gamma_k = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Strong Form

- The divergence theorem is applied a second time to the volume term
- The derivative of the volume fluxes must now be calculated
- An additional term now must be evaluated at the boundary



Strong Form

$$\begin{aligned} R^{strong} &= \int_{\Omega_k} \frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial t} \phi(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega_k} (\vec{\nabla} \mathbf{F} \cdot \phi(x)) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Gamma_k} ((\mathbf{F}^* - \mathbf{F}) \cdot \vec{n}) \phi(x|_{\Gamma_k}) d\Gamma_k = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Split-Form

- The summation-by-parts property is applied to the surface fluxes on of the strong form discretization
- Requires a coordinate transform of the generalized governing equations:

$$J \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}}{\partial t} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_X(\mathbf{Q}) + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_Y(\mathbf{Q}) + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_Z(\mathbf{Q}) = 0$$



Split-Form

- The split-form discretization is derived from the DG spectral element formulation (DGSEM) and is constructed in a similar manner to the standard DG formulation

$$(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_X)_{i,j,k} \approx \frac{1}{\omega_i} (\delta_{iN} [\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^* - \tilde{\mathcal{F}}]_{Njk} - \delta_{i1} [\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^* - \tilde{\mathcal{F}}]_{1jk}) + \sum_{m=1}^N \mathbf{D}_{im} (\tilde{\mathcal{F}})_{mjk}$$



Pirozzoli Numerical Flux Scheme

- A split-form discretization only flux scheme
 - Primarily used with no artificial dissipation in this work

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_X^{\text{PZ}}(Q) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}((\rho u)_x \rho(u)_x + u(\rho)_x) \\ \frac{1}{4}((\rho u^2)_x + \rho(u^2)_x + 2u(\rho u)_x + u^2(\rho)_x + 2\rho u(u)_x) + p_x \\ \frac{1}{4}((\rho uv)_x + \rho(uv)_x + u(\rho v)_x + v(\rho u)_x + uv(\rho)_x + \rho v(u)_x + \rho u(v)_x) \\ \frac{1}{4}((\rho uw)_x + \rho(uw)_x + u(\rho w)_x + w(\rho u)_x + uw(\rho)_x + \rho w(u)_x + \rho u(w)_x) \\ \frac{1}{4}((\rho uh)_x + \rho(uh)_x + h(\rho u)_x + u(\rho h)_x + uh(\rho)_x + \rho u(h)_x + \rho u(u)_x) \end{bmatrix}$$



Solution Filtering

- A method for stabilizing DG methods
- Solution is filtered at each time step
 - Also any time stepping stages like in the Runge-Kutta Method
- Solution filter is also used in the Dynamic Smagorinsky Method
 - Modal Cutoff
 - Laplacian Filter



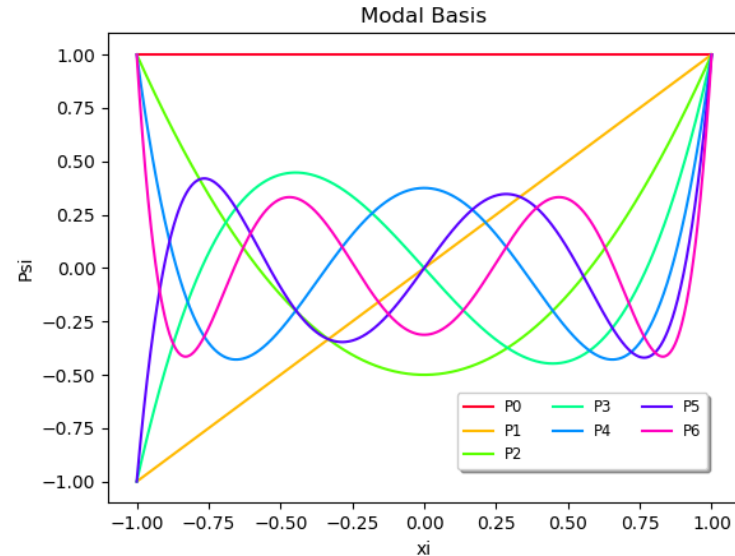
Modal Cutoff Filter

- An Nth order hierarchical basis function contains all lower solutions
- Specific orders can be filtered by zeroing corresponding modes
- Emulates a sharp cut off filter
- Problem: CartDG uses a nodal basis for solution



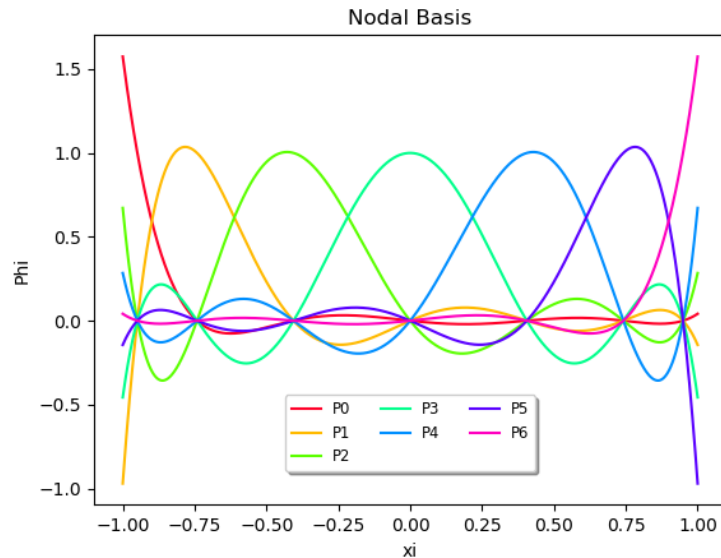
Hierarchical Modal basis

- Legendre Polynomial used to calculate
- P6 Basis shown
- All lower order basis functions are represented in the basis



Nodal Basis

- Gives rise to Kronecker Delta Property used to speed up CartDG
- Each order has a unique set of basis functions
- P6 Basis shown



Modal Cutoff Filter

- Can be transformed by use of mass matrices
- Modal Mass Matrix

$$M_{ij} = \int_{-1}^1 \psi_i(\xi)\psi_j(\xi)d\xi$$

- Mix Mass Matrix

$$C_{ij} = \int_{-1}^1 \psi_i(\xi)\phi_j(\xi)d\xi$$

- This can be used to calculate

$$\begin{aligned} C\vec{u} &= M\vec{b} \\ \vec{b} &= M^{-1}C\vec{u} \end{aligned}$$

- The filter matrix F can be applied

$$\vec{\bar{b}} = F\vec{b}$$



Modal Cutoff Filter

- This can be used to get the filtered solution

$$\bar{\vec{u}} = C^{-1} M \bar{\vec{b}}$$

$$\bar{\vec{u}} = C^{-1} M F M^{-1} C \vec{u}$$

- Terms can be combined into an overall filter \hat{F}

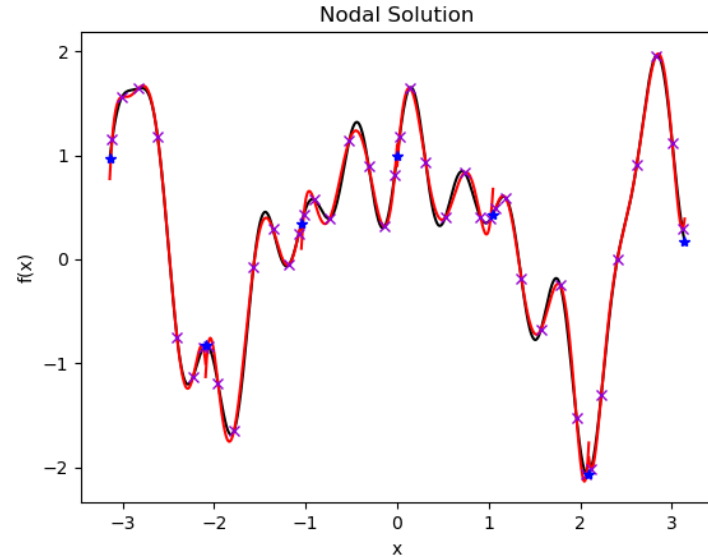
$$\bar{\vec{u}} = \hat{F} \vec{u}$$

- Filter \hat{F} only needs to be calculated once



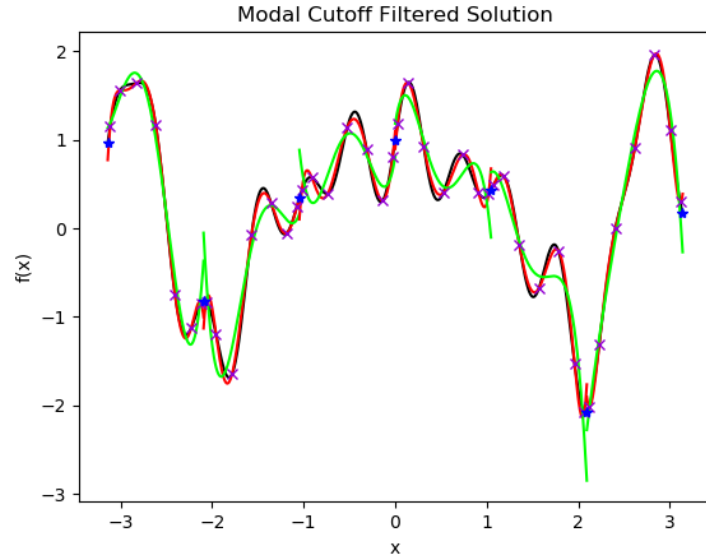
1-D Test Problem

- P6 Nodal approximation in Red
- $N = 6$ mesh elements (blue)
- Quadrature points shown in violet
- Black is true solution $y = \cos(2x) + 0.3 \sin(8x) + \sin(x^2) + 0.4 \sin\left(\frac{36}{\pi}x\right)$



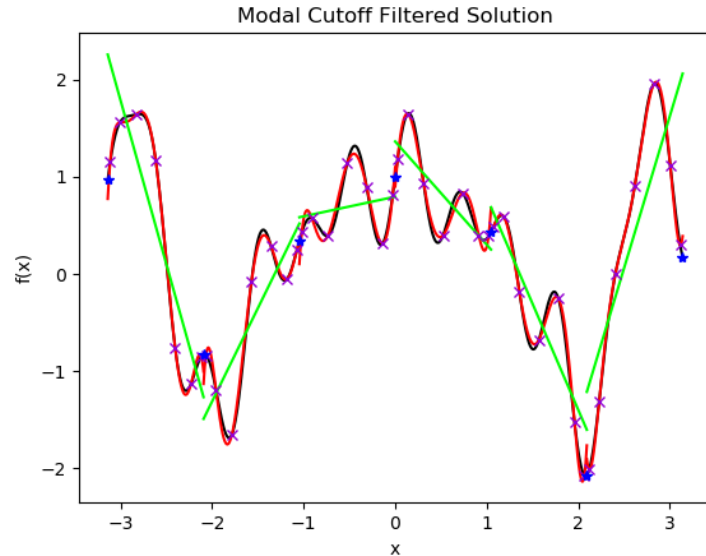
1-D Test Problem: Modal Cutoff Filter

- P4 filtered solution in green
- Steep peaks are smoothed out in several areas
- Some larger discontinuities near element boundary
- High order content is removed
- Solution is slightly less accurate



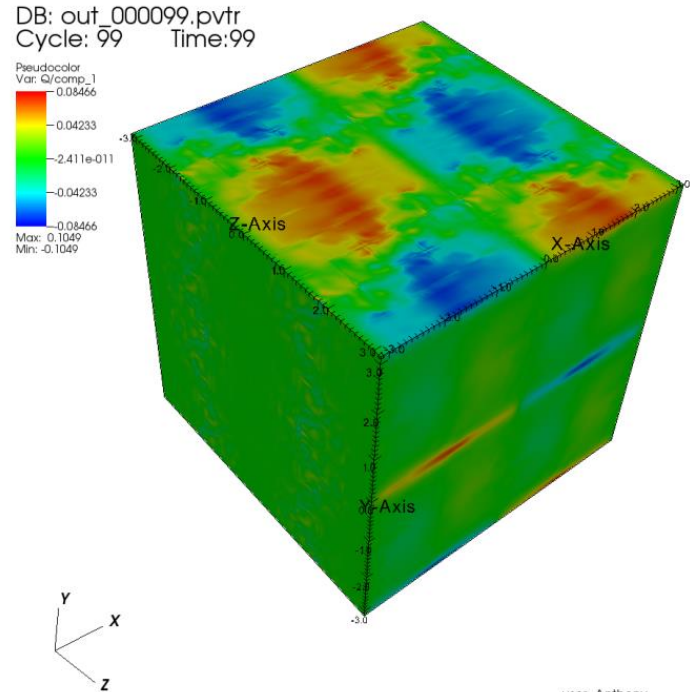
1-D Test Problem: Modal Cutoff Filter

- P1 filtered solution in green
- All high order frequencies are smoothed out
- Solution accuracy is poor
- Implies that too low of filter order worsens accuracy and potentially stability



3-D Test Problem

- P6 Nodal approximation for x-momentum pu
- Taylor Green Vortex
 - At $\tau \approx 10$
- $N = 10$ mesh elements in each direction
- Red is positive values of pu , green is zero, and blue is negative values

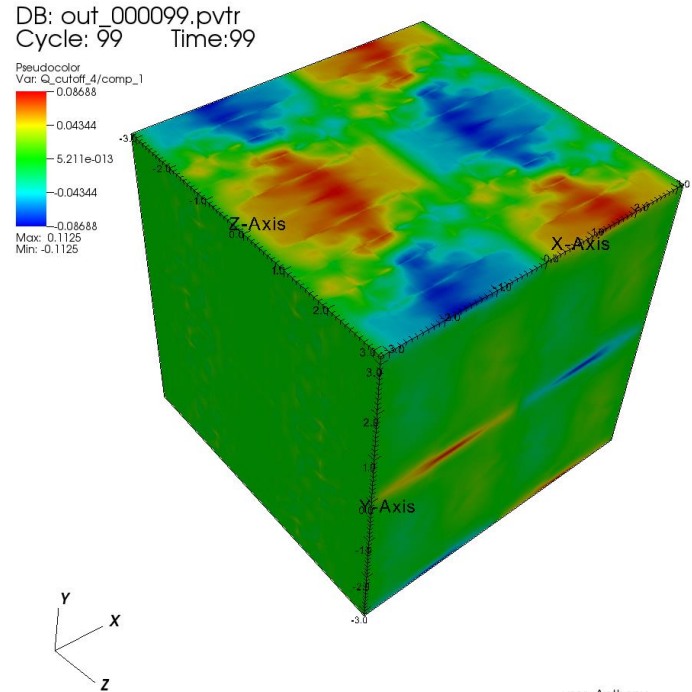


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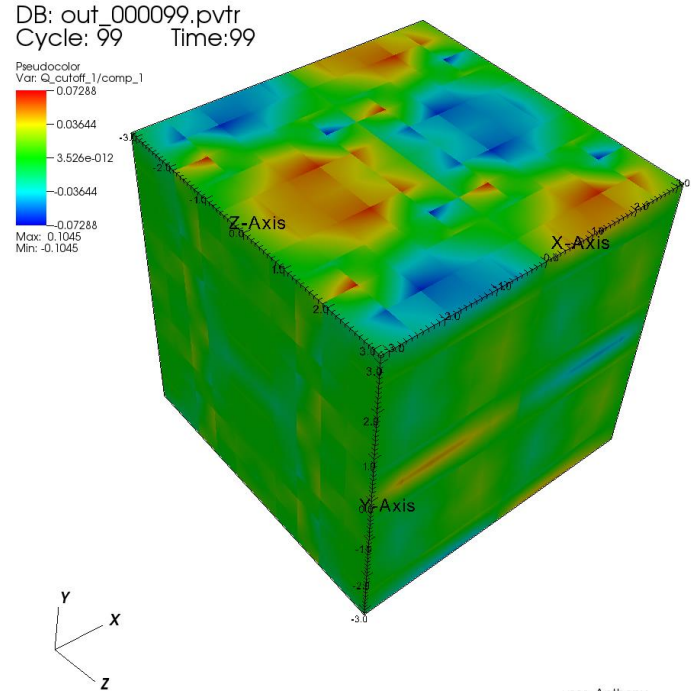
3-D Test Problem: Modal Cutoff Filter

- P4 filtered solution
- Sharp flow features smoothed out on XZ-face near $Z = 0$
- Major structures on XZ-face have become more defined



3-D Test Problem: Modal Cutoff Filter

- P1 filtered solution
- Structures are coarse
- Other structures smoothed out entirely
- Discontinuities from finite representation are apparent
- Suggest that too low of a filter order leads to a significant degradation in accuracy



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Laplace Filter

- Regularizations of the convective term in the Navier-Stokes equations
 - This nonlinear term leads to the small scale structures for the turbulent cascade
- The regularization of this term can lead to the convection term becoming a source or a sink
 - This can be corrected by projecting onto a divergence free space
- This lead to this work investigating the Laplace Filter in the dynamic Smagorinsky model



Laplace Filter

- Calculated explicitly:

$$\bar{u} = u + \nabla \cdot (\gamma \nabla u)$$

- Where the filtered solution \bar{u} is filtered based on the divergence of the flow
- γ is a filter width term
 - Box filter was selected on a per element basis

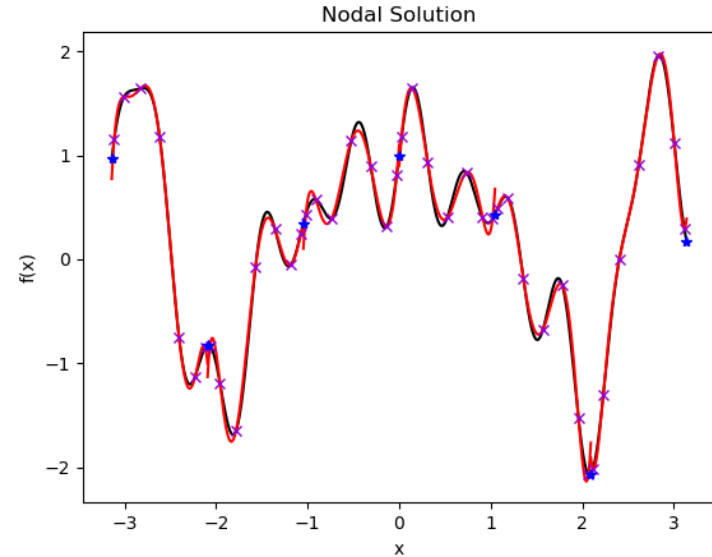
$$\gamma = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{p+1} \times (\Omega_k)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2}{24}$$

- With the element volume Ω_k normalized by the solution order p



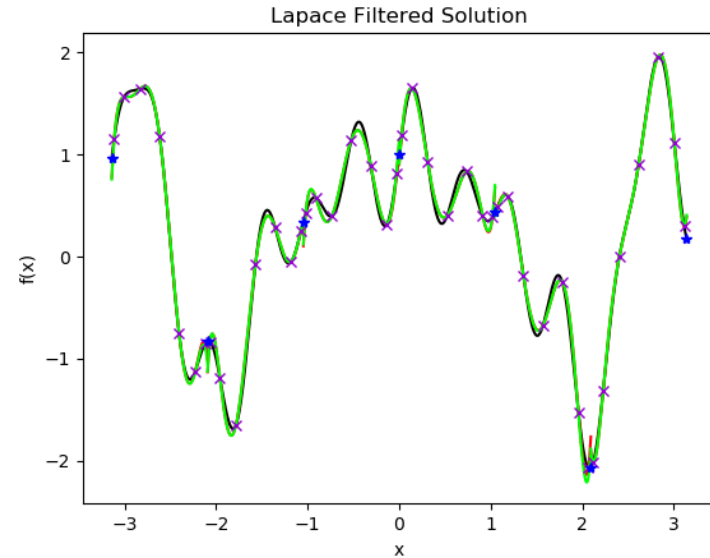
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1-D Test Problem: Laplace Filter

- Laplacian filtered solution in green
- Minimal changes in filtered solution
 - Derivative of a sinusoid is a sinusoid
- Slight changes near the edges of each element

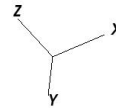
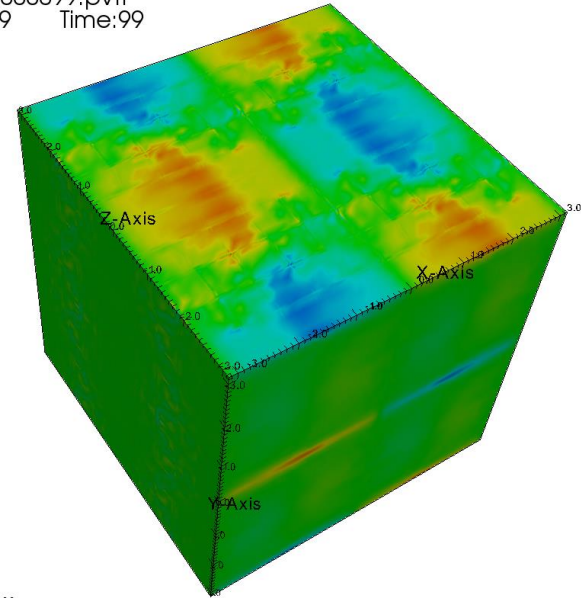


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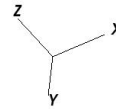
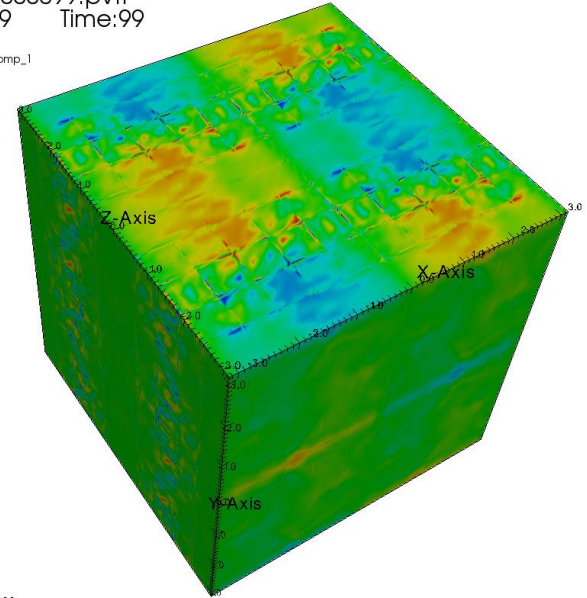


3-D Test Problem: Laplace Filter

- Laplace filtered solution
- Formerly smooth areas now have structures
 - These arise from small changes in the sign of the solution
- Areas with more gradual changes are smoothed out
- This makes it ideal for the filter used in LES
 - These areas are more likely to be under resolved

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LES Equations

- To obtain these equations a low-pass filter is applied to the Navier-Stokes equations
 - Applied to the incompressible Conservation of Mass:

$$\overline{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t}} + \overline{\frac{\partial u_i u_j}{\partial x_j}} = -\overline{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}} + 2\nu \overline{\frac{\partial S_{ij}^d}{\partial x_j}}$$



LES Equations

- The filter is linear:

$$\overline{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t}} + \overline{\frac{\partial u_i u_j}{\partial x_j}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \overline{\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}} + 2\nu \overline{\frac{\partial S_{ij}^d}{\partial x_j}}$$

- Commutative with respect to differentiation:

$$\frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \overline{u_i u_j}}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \overline{p}}{\partial x_i} + 2\nu \frac{\partial \overline{S_{ij}^d}}{\partial x_j}$$



LES Equations

- This filter operation introduces $\overline{u_i u_j}$ as an unknown
- This is approximated by decomposing the term into:

$$\tau_{ij} = \overline{u_i u_j} - \overline{u_i} \overline{u_j}$$

- τ_{ij} is the sub-grid scale (SGS) stress tensor
- The deviatoric SGS stress tensor can be calculated with:

$$\tau_{ij}^d = -2 \nu_{SGS} \overline{S_{ij}^d}$$

- Which introduces ν_{SGS} as the eddy viscosity or sub-grid scale kinematic viscosity
- An LES model is introduced to solve for ν_{SGS}
- The same procedure can be followed for compressible LES but requires the use of Favre filtering



Favre Filtering

- Key for LES in compressible flows
- Change of variables based on filtered density
- This can be written as:

$$\overline{\rho\Phi} = \bar{\rho}\tilde{\Phi}$$

- Or more practically:

$$\tilde{\Phi} = \frac{\overline{\rho\Phi}}{\bar{\rho}}$$



Constant Smagorinsky Model

- Directly models μ_{SGS} based on instantaneous flow state:

$$\mu_{SGS} = \bar{\rho} (C_s \Delta)^2 |\tilde{S}|$$

- $|\tilde{S}|$ is the magnitude of the Favre averaged strain rate tensor:

$$|\tilde{S}| = \sqrt{2\widetilde{S}_{ij}\widetilde{S}_{ij}}$$



Constant Smagorinsky Model

- C_S is the Smagorinsky coefficient
 - Often chosen to be 0.17
- Δ represents the element size

$$\Delta = C_P (\Delta_x \Delta_y \Delta_z)^{1/3}$$

- C_P factors in finite element solution order P:

$$C_P = \frac{1}{P + 1}$$



Dynamic Smagorinsky Model

- Modification of the constant Smagorinsky model
 - Constant model poorly handles laminar and transitional flows
- The Smagorinsky coefficient is now calculated as a function of the instantaneous flow state

$$C_s = C_s(x, y, z, t)$$

- An explicit filter operation is applied locally
 - Occurs independently of solution or grid filtering
 - This filter is referred to as the test filter



Dynamic Smagorinsky Model

- This work examined the performance both filters
 - Sharp Modal Cutoff
 - Laplace
- Test filtered quantity is represented by a hat

$$\hat{\rho}$$

- Calculation is based on the Leonard Stress tensor:

$$L_{ij} = \widehat{\overline{\rho \tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_j}} - \frac{\widehat{\overline{\rho \tilde{u}_i}} \widehat{\overline{\rho \tilde{u}_j}}}{\hat{\rho}}$$

- And the M_{ij} tensor:

$$M_{ij} = \left(\widehat{\overline{\rho |\tilde{S}| \tilde{S}_{ij}^d}} \right) - \alpha \hat{\rho} |\hat{\tilde{S}}| \widehat{\overline{S_{ij}^d}}$$



Dynamic Smagorinsky Model

- α is the ratio of the grid filter size and the test filter size:

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{\widehat{\Delta}}{\widetilde{\Delta}} \right)^2$$

- For the finite element formulation order is factored in:

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{p_{grid} + 1}{p_{test} + 1} \right)^2$$

- Manipulation of the terms results in:

$$(C_s \Delta)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{L_{ij}^d M_{ij}}{M_{lk} M_{lk}}$$

- Which is then substituted into:

$$\mu_{SGS} = \bar{\rho} (C_s \Delta)^2 |\tilde{S}|$$



Dynamic Smagorinsky Model

- Both tensors are constructed out of terms:
 - Filtered then assembled
 - Assembled then filtered
- High energy content is associated with high order components of flow
- Leonard Stress tensor becomes zero in smooth flow
 - Results in ν_{SGS} having zero contribution in this flow regime
 - This contrasts with the Constant model that only has zero contribution with zero strain rate



Dynamic Smagorinsky Model

- Calculated at each integration point, then averaged over the volume:

$$\langle (C_s \Delta)^2 \rangle_e = \frac{\int_{V_e} (C_s \Delta)^2 dV}{V_e}$$

- Then applied on a per element basis
- Clipping was introduced to prevent μ_{SGS} from becoming negative
 - If $\mu + \mu_{SGS} \leq 0$ instabilities will form



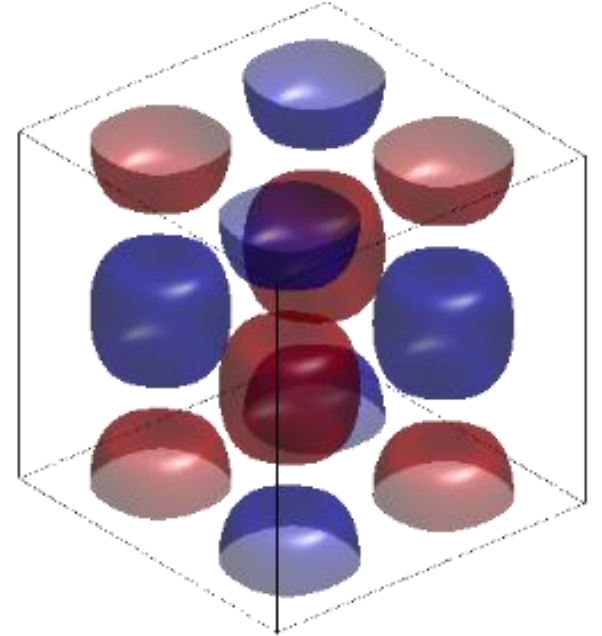
Implicit Large Eddy Simulation

- ILES relies strictly on the native viscosity from the Navier-Stokes equations and numerical dissipation arising from the solver
- No small scale physics or structures are captured
- Referred to as *Baseline* or *No Model* in this work



Taylor Green Vortex

- Is an unsteady flow that is initially laminar and under goes transition to fully turbulent flow
- Ideal test for SGS models
 - Transition is difficult to handle
- Inherently an incompressible problem
 - Mach Number of 0.1 was selected

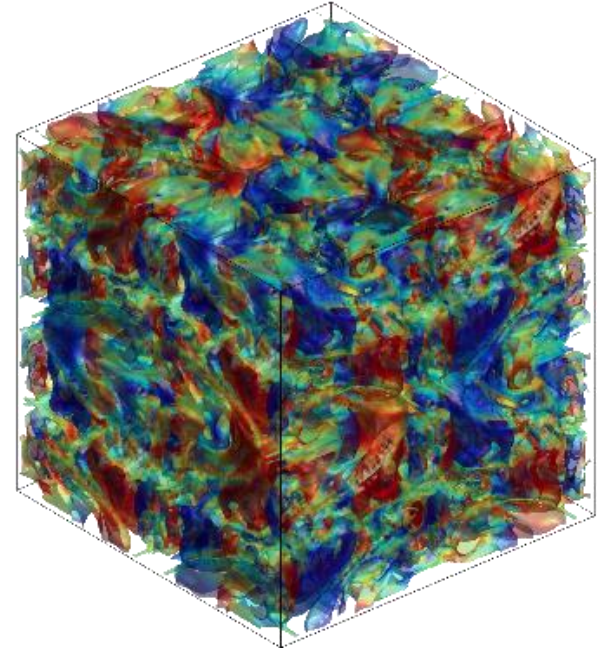


Contour of Z-vorticity at the initial condition [1].



Taylor Green Vortex

- This is a periodic problem
 - All boundary conditions were periodic
- Domain of $[-\pi L, \pi L] \times [-\pi L, \pi L] \times [-\pi L, \pi L]$
 - With the characteristic length $L = 1.0$
- The Characteristic velocity $U_0 = 0.1$
- The initial density $\rho = 1.0$
- Air was chosen as the working fluid
 - $\gamma = 1.4$
 - $Pr = 0.71$



Contour of Z-vorticity at $\tau = 20.0$ condition [1].



Taylor Green Vortex

- Initial Flow field:

$$u = U_0 \sin\left(\frac{x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{y}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{z}{L}\right)$$

$$v = U_0 \cos\left(\frac{x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{y}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{z}{L}\right)$$

$$w = 0$$

$$P = P_0 = \frac{\rho_0 U_0^2}{16} \left(\cos\left(\frac{2x}{L}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2y}{L}\right) \right) \left(\cos\left(\frac{2z}{L}\right) \right)$$



Taylor Green Vortex

- Initial temperature was considered to be uniform

- Thus density was calculated by:

$$\rho = RT_0$$

- The time was normalized with a characteristic convective time:

- $t_c = L/U_0$

- $\tau = \frac{t}{t_c}$



Taylor Green Vortex

- Key quantities were analyzed to determine the behavior of the TGV simulation runs
- Volume averaged kinetic energy:

$$KE = \frac{1}{\rho\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{u_i u_j}{2} d\Omega$$

- Kinetic energy dissipation rate:

$$\epsilon = - \frac{dK}{dt}$$



Taylor Green Vortex

- Kinetic energy rate is based on the sum of three terms:
 - The e_1 term represents the dissipation arising from viscosity:

$$e_1 = \frac{2}{\rho_0 \Omega} \int_{\Omega} \mu S_{ij}^d S_{ij}^d d\Omega$$

- The e_2 term represents dissipation arising from velocity dilatation:

$$e_2 = \frac{2\mu}{3\rho_0 \Omega} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot u)^2 d\Omega$$

- The e_3 term represents dissipation arising from pressure dilatation:

$$e_3 = -\frac{1}{\rho_0 \Omega} \int_{\Omega} P(\nabla \cdot u) d\Omega$$

- Due to the incompressible nature of the problem e_2 and e_3 should be negligible



Taylor Green Vortex

- Volume averaged turbulent viscosity was also analyzed:

$$\overline{\mu_{SGS}} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \mu_{SGS} d\Omega$$

- The number of degrees of freedom were calculated as:

$$DOF = [(P + 1)n_{1D}]^3$$

- This is based on the solution order P and the number of elements which were constant for each direction



Taylor Green Vortex

- Simulations were run in CartDG
- Both the split-form and standard DG discretizations were run
- The explicit fourth-order four stage Runge-Kutaa (RK4) scheme was used for time advancement
 - The 3/8th Method was used for the RK coefficients
- CFL = 1.0 was selected



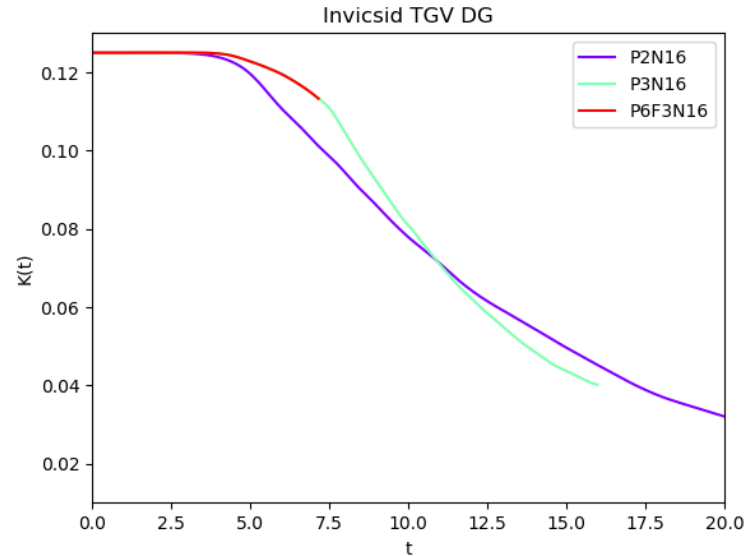
Inviscid Taylor Green Vortex

- TGV was run without viscosity
- Fully periodic
- No means of dissipating energy
 - TKE should be strictly conserved
- Challenging:
 - Will always be under-resolved for long simulations



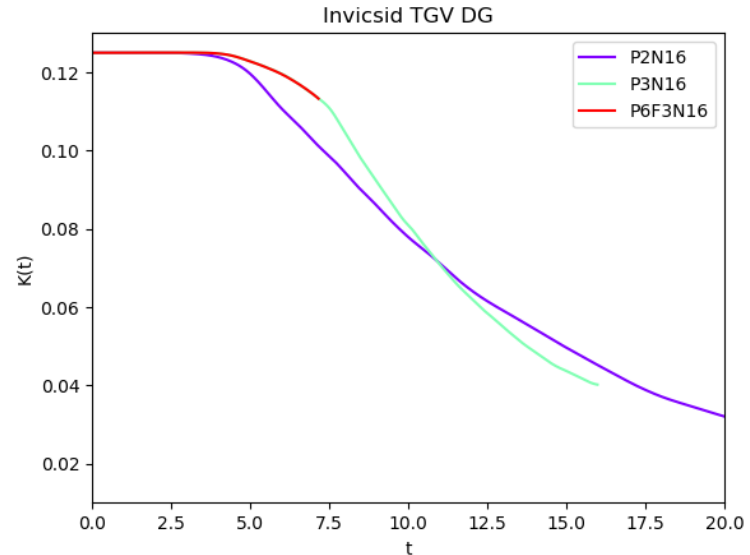
Results: Inviscid TGV DG

- Total Kinetic Energy
- Run with the standard DG formulation
- Lax-Friedrichs numerical flux scheme
- All cases P2, P3, and P6 filtered to P3 are too dissipative
- Only the lowest order P2 case, shown in purple, was stable and ran to completion



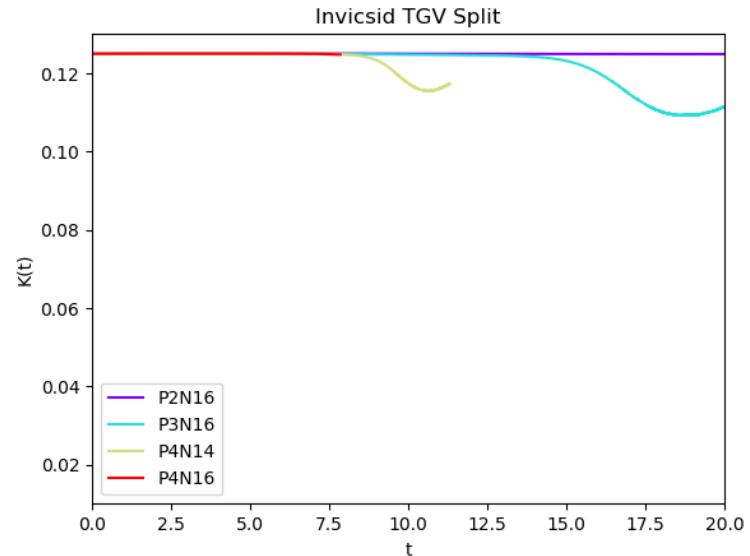
Results: Inviscid TGV DG

- P3, shown in green, reaches approximately $\tau \approx 16.0$ before crashing
- Adding in filtering from P6 to P3, shown in red, destabilized the solution further
 - Due to worsening polynomial aliasing errors
 - The quadrature points are as if the solution was P6



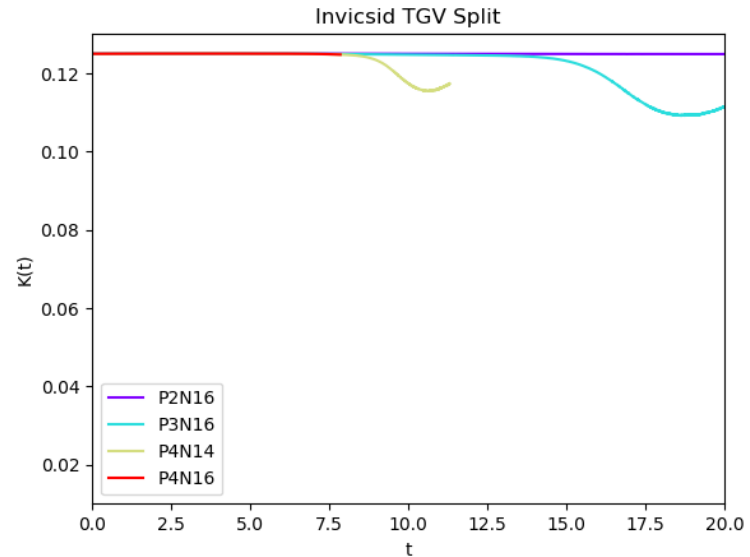
Results: Inviscid TGV Split-form

- Total Kinetic Energy
- Run with the split-form
- No numerical flux dissipation was introduced
- P2, shown in purple, runs to completion
 - Negligible changes in KE
- P3, shown in cyan, runs to completion
 - KE begins to decrease at $\tau \approx 13.0$
 - Then begins to rise after $\tau \approx 18.0$



Results: Inviscid TGV Split-form

- Both P4 cases crash
- The case with 14 elements per direction shown in yellow
 - Preserves KE until $\tau \approx 7.5$
 - At this point it decreases
 - It begins to increase at $\tau \approx 10.0$ before crashing
- The case with 16 elements per direction
 - Preserves KE for its entire life before crashing



Taylor Green Vortex

- Run with viscosity
- Reynolds Number was varied to examine the effects
 - $RE=1,600$
 - $RE=20,000$
- Run with and without LES models
 - Baseline will refer to ILES



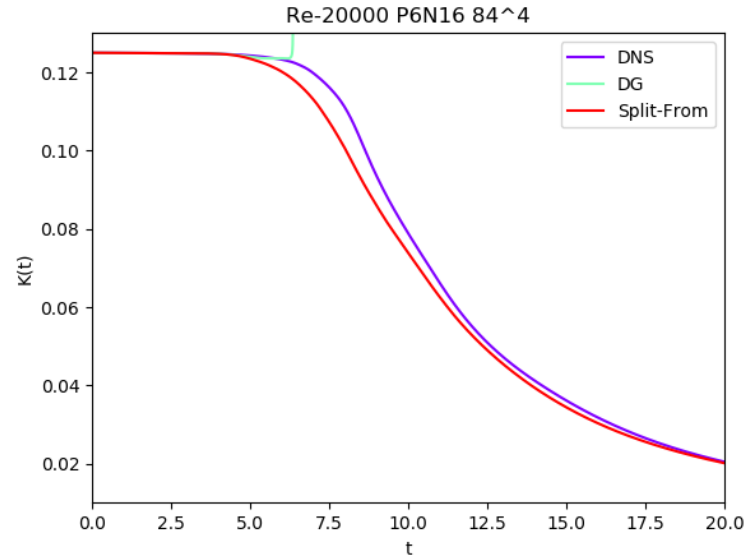
Results: TGV DG

- Run with viscosity
- Reynolds Number was varied to examine the effects
 - $RE=1,600$
 - $RE=20,000$
- Run with and without LES models
 - Baseline will refer to ILES



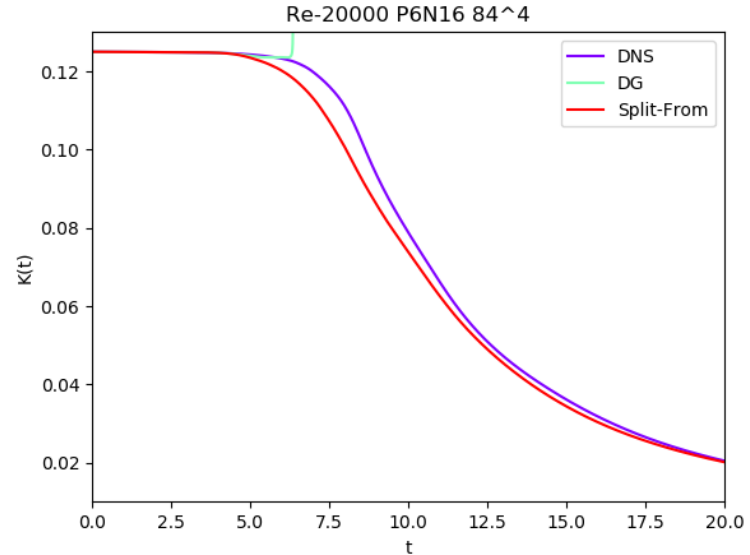
Results: TGV DG vs Split-Form

- TKE with Re-20000 P6
 - DNS is in Purple
 - Standard DG formulation in green
 - Split-form in red
- The standard DG formulation is unstable
 - In the regime before the instability is more accurate than the split-form



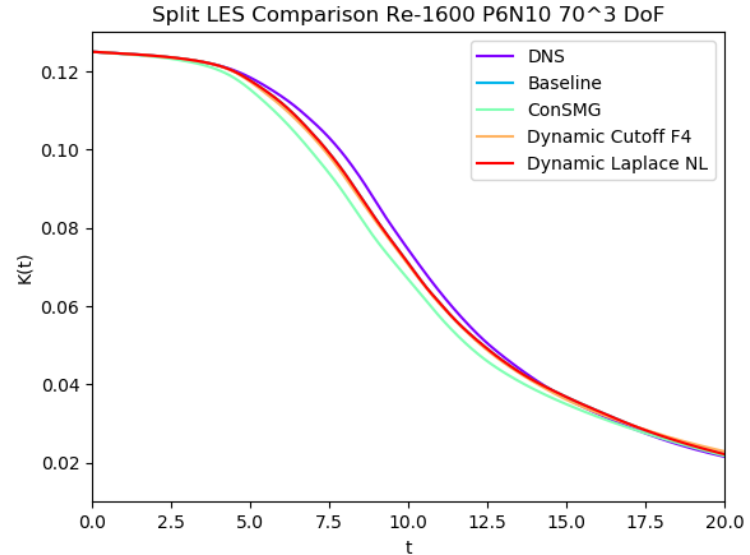
Results: TGV DG vs Split-Form

- The split-form under predicts compared to the DNS
 - The transition is predicted earlier



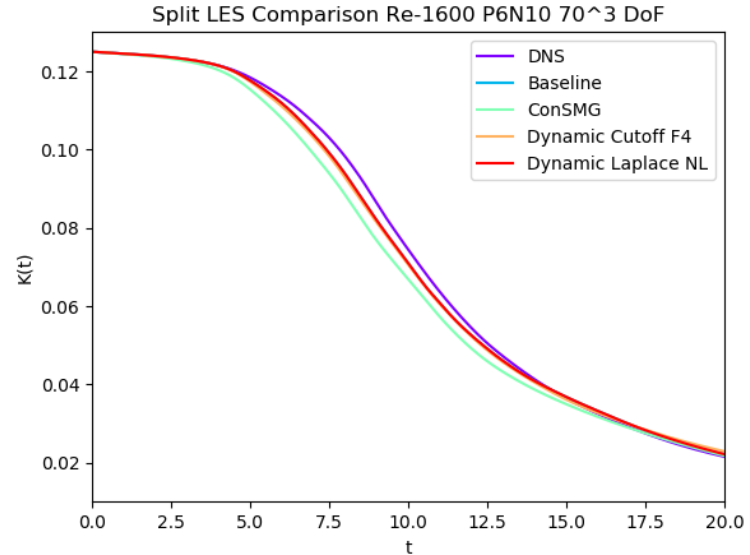
Results: TGV Split-form LES

- Total Kinetic Energy at $Re=1,600$
 - DNS results are in purple
 - Baseline simulation with no LES model is shown in Blue
 - The simulation with Constant Smagorinsky model model is green
 - The simulation with Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the modal cutoff filter set to P4 is in orange
 - The simulation with Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the Laplacian filter is in red



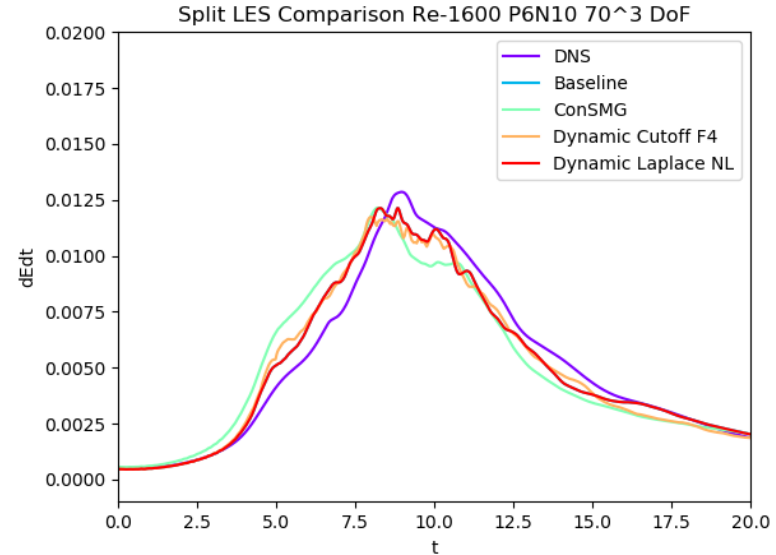
Results: TGV Split-form

- All simulations
 - under predict KE compared to the DNS
 - predict transition earlier than the DNS
- The Constant Smagorinsky Model is the most under predictive
 - It predicts transition the earliest
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky Model with the modal cutoff filter is slightly more dissipative than the baseline, the split-form with no model
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky Model with the Laplace Filter is nearly identical to the baseline as the model has very little contribution



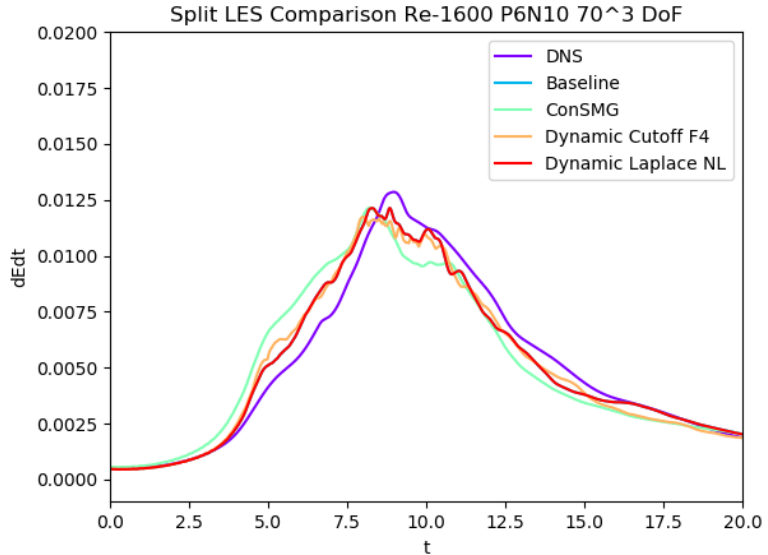
Results: TGV Split-form

- Energy dissipation rate at $Re=1,600$
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 - The simulation with Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the modal cutoff filter set to P4 is in orange
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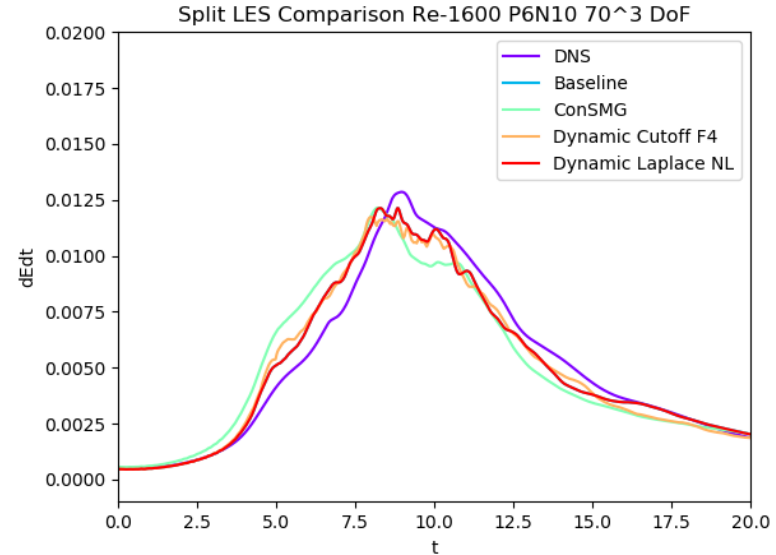
Results: TGV Split-form

- All simulations over predict energy dissipation and predict transition earlier than the DNS
- The Constant Smagorinsky model is the most dissipative until $\tau \approx 7.5$
 - After this time it is the least dissipative



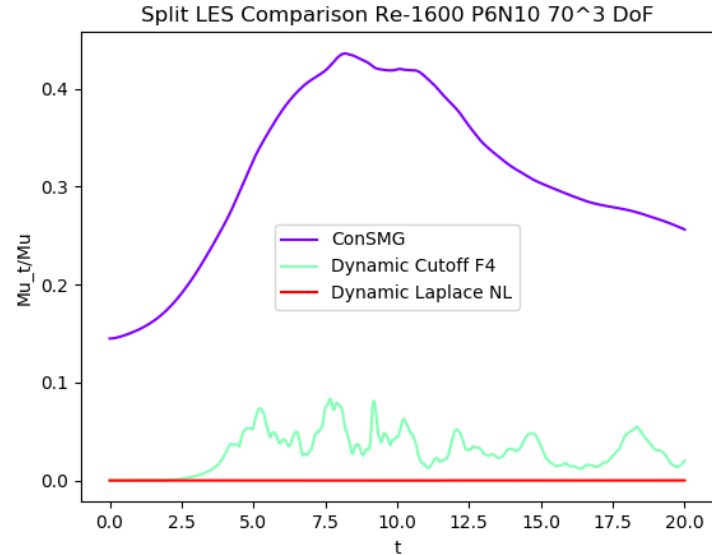
Results: TGV Split-form

- The Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the cutoff filter has close performance with the baseline
 - At $\tau \approx 5$ it is slightly more dissipative, this is responsible for the divergence seen in the figure of TKE shown previously
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the Laplace filter has too small of a contribution and produces negligible differences when compared to the baseline simulation



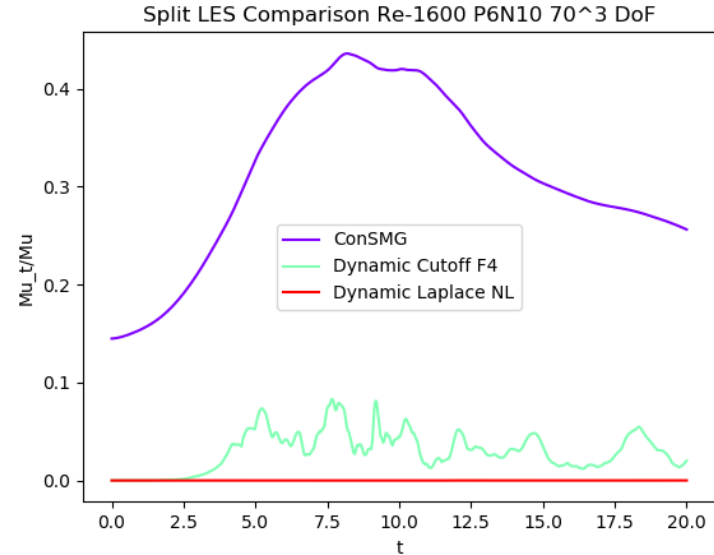
Results: TGV Split-form

- Modeled eddy viscosity is shown
 - This is volume averaged over the whole domain
- The Constant Smagorinsky Model results are shown in purple
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- The Dynamic Smagorinsky Model results with the Laplace filter is shown in red



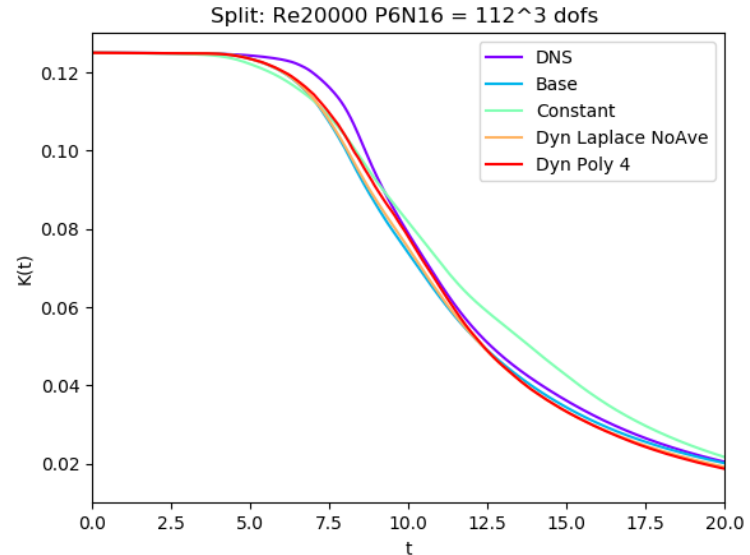
Results: TGV Split-form

- The Constant Smagorinsky model predicts the largest μ_t during the entire simulation
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the cutoff filter predicts a $\mu_t \approx 0$ until $\tau \approx 2.5$
 - This is when the flow is Laminar
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the Laplace filter predicts $\mu_t \approx 0$ for the lifetime of the simulation
 - A closer examination shows similar behavior to the modal cutoff filter
 - The magnitude is too small to have an effect on the flow



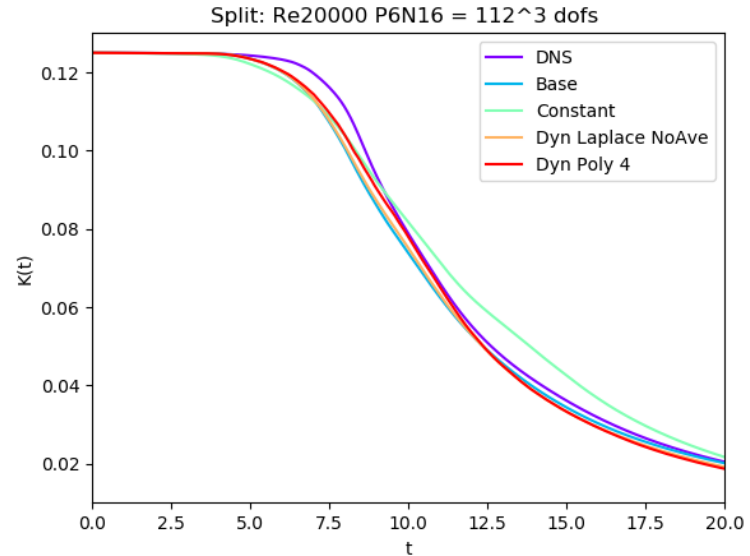
Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- Total Kinetic Energy at $Re=20,000$
 - DNS results are in purple
 - Baseline simulation with no LES model is shown in Blue
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 - The simulation with Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the Laplacian filter is in orange
 - The simulation with Dynamic Smagorinsky model with the modal cutoff filter set to P4 is in red



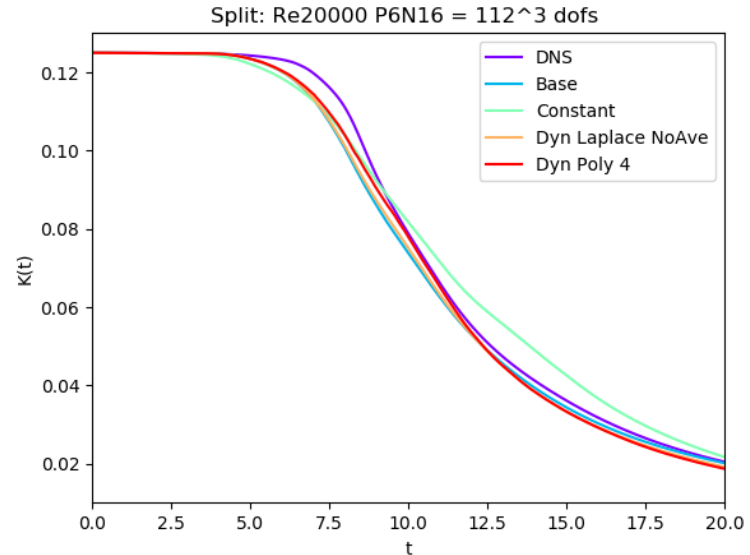
Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- Again, all cases under predict KE and predict transition earlier than the DNS
- The Constant Smagorinsky Model predicts the transition the earliest
 - After transition it over predicts KE



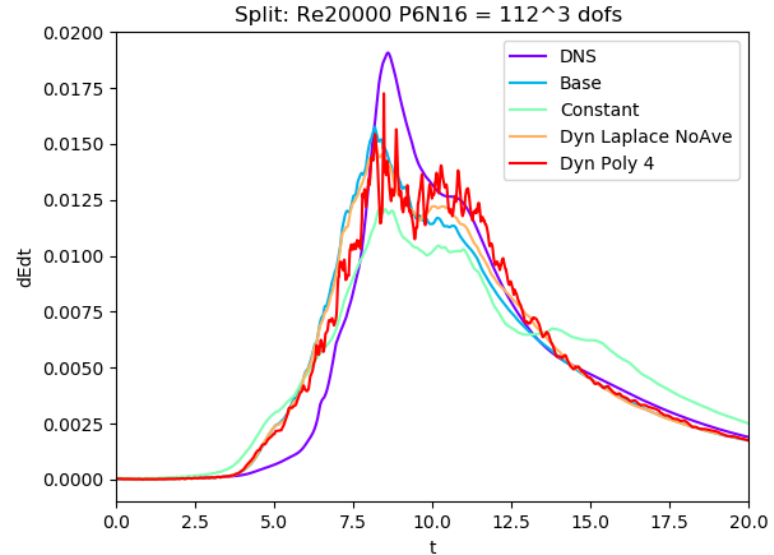
Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- The Dynamic Smagorinsky with the Laplace filter is notably different than the baseline simulation with no LES model
 - Improvement over the lower Reynolds Number case
 - It predicts a higher KE than the baseline
 - Transition occurs at nearly the same time as the baseline
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky with the cutoff filter predicts transition closer to the DNS results than all other cases



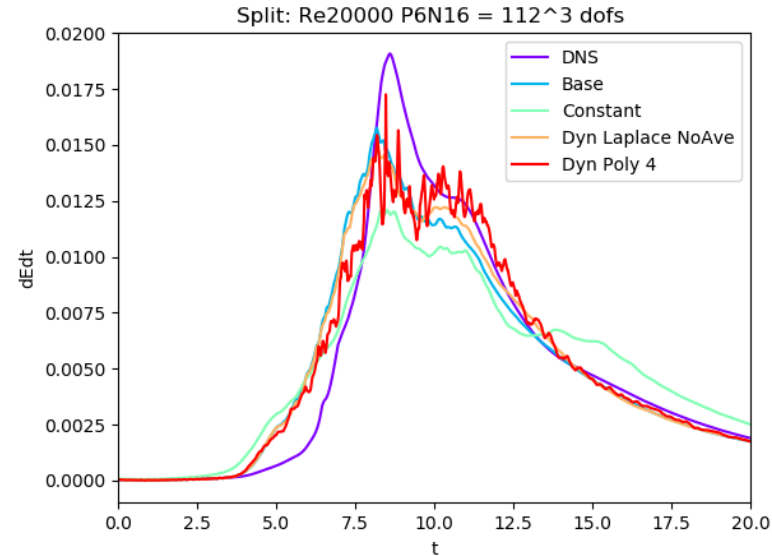
Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- Energy dissipation rate at $Re=20,000$
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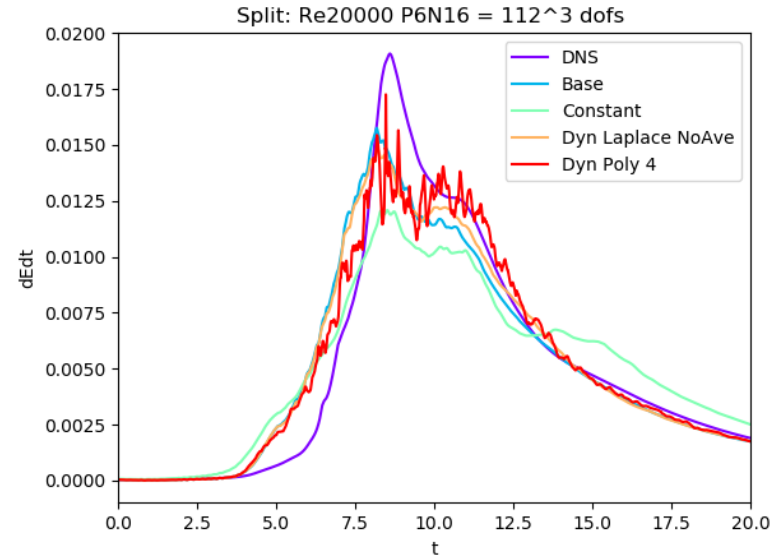
Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- All cases predict a higher dissipation rate before transition
 - $\tau \approx 7.5$
- After this point they under predict the energy dissipation rate until $\tau \approx 13.0$
- The DNS indicates there is a secondary peak at $\tau \approx 12.0$
 - This is not seen in the lower Re case
 - All LES cases capture this



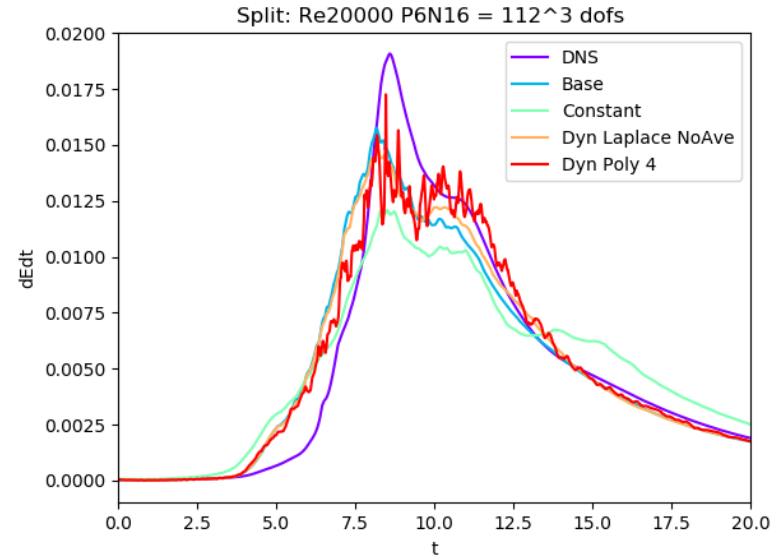
Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- The Constant Smagorinsky Model predicts the onset of transition the earliest
 - After $\tau \approx 6.0$ it predicts the lowest dissipation rate of the LES cases
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky Model case with the cutoff behaves similarly to the baseline no model case until $\tau \approx 6.0$
 - This case also has a significant amount of fluctuations after $\tau \approx 6.0$



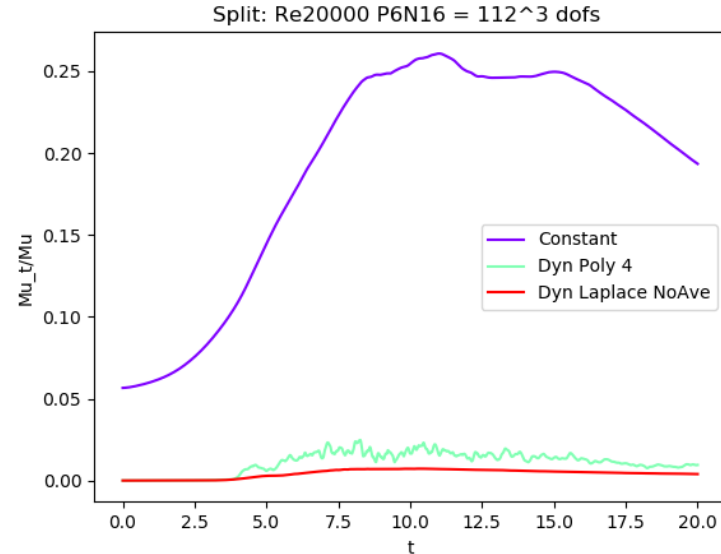
Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- The Dynamic Smagorinsky Model case with the Laplace filter behaves similarly to the baseline no model case until $\tau \approx 9.0$
 - Unlike the Low Re case this filter has a significant contribution
 - In many areas this case performs closer to the DNS results than the other LES cases



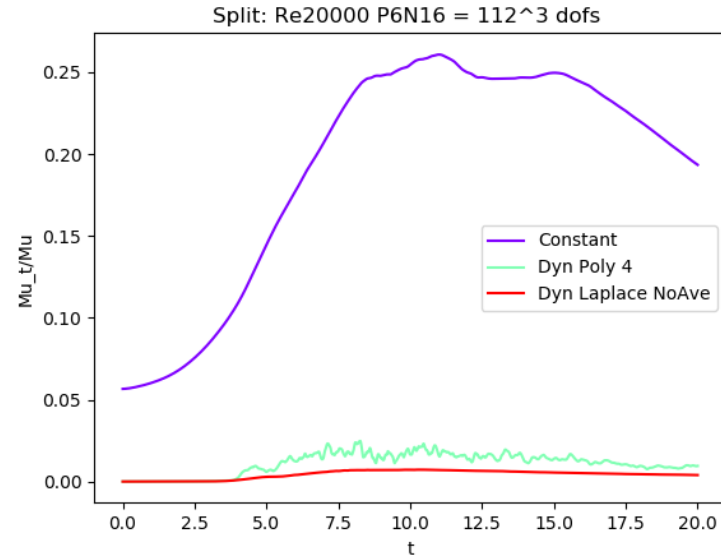
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Results: TGV Split-form High Re

- As seen in the low Re case the Constant Smagorinsky model predicts the largest μ_t during the entire simulation
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky model case with the modal cutoff filter predicts a near zero μ_t until about $\tau \approx 4.0$
 - This is desirable as the flow is laminar early in the simulation
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky model case with the Laplace filter again has the lowest volume averaged μ_t
 - Unlike the low Re Case μ_t has a notable contribution on the flow



Conclusions

- The standard DG discretization is unstable for the inviscid TGV
 - It is unstable in every case
- The split-form discretization can preserve KE
 - This is seen in the inviscid TGV
 - No dissipation was added with a numerical flux scheme
 - Some cases were stable for the whole simulation life with negligible loss in KE
- The standard DG discretization is unstable when the split-form discretization is stable
 - When the stand DG discretization is stable it is less dissaptive than the split-form discretization



Conclusions

- At $Re=1600$ all LES models under predict KE when compared to the DNS results
 - The case with no LES model was the least dissipative
- At $Re=20000$ all LES models under predict KE when compared to the DNS results
 - The Dynamic Smagorinsky model cases had less dissipation than the no model LES case
 - This arises from the extra dissipation from the model is applied in key flow areas



Conclusions

- The Constant Smagorinsky Model was the most dissipative when compared to the Dynamic Smagorinsky model and no model cases
 - This model has poor performance for laminar flows
- The Dynamic Smagorinsky model cases performed better than the Constant Smagorinsky Model case
 - This model has better performance in laminar flows
 - Accurately capturing the early laminar flow and transition leads to better accuracy



Future Work

- The split-form discretization chosen was kinetic energy preserving
 - Other discretizations exist with different variable formulations or preserved properties
- Other LES models should be explored
 - Dynamic Heinz
 - Wall-Adapting Local Eddy-Viscosity (WALE) model
- Other turbulent flow problems should be analyzed
 - Turbulent channel flow



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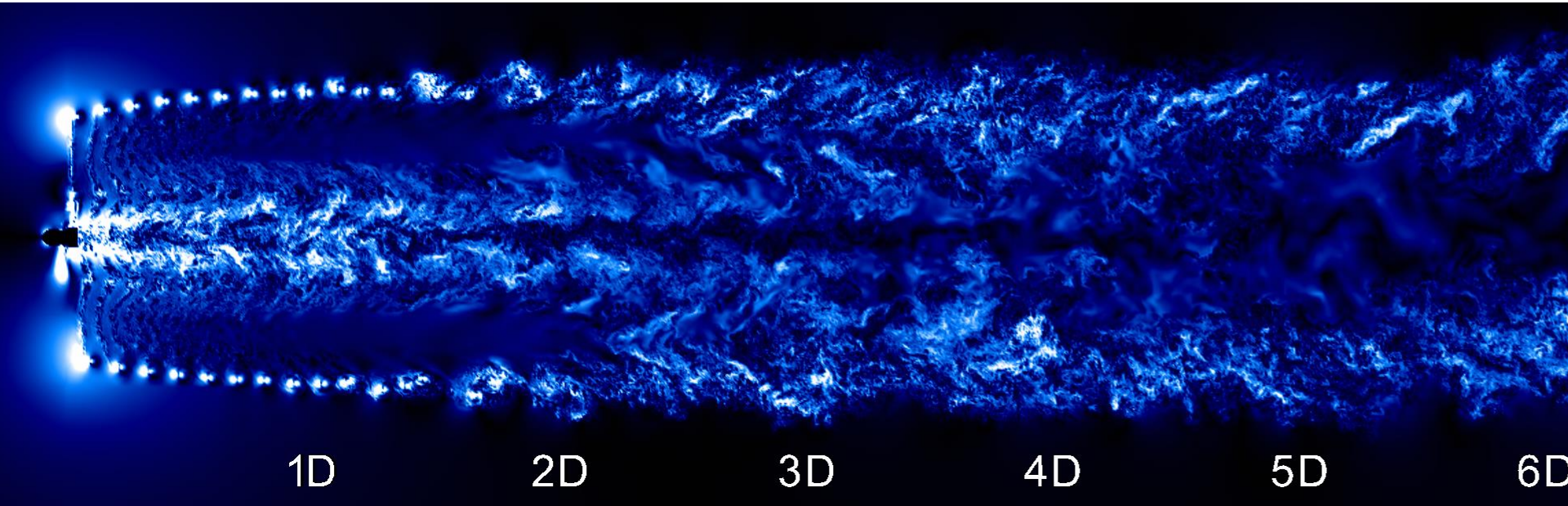


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