

# Validation of HAMISH: DNS of Combustion with Adaptive Mesh Refinement

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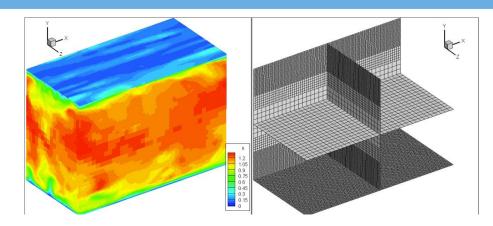
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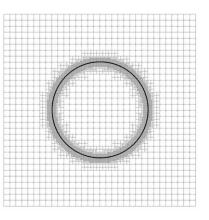
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## **Background to AMR**

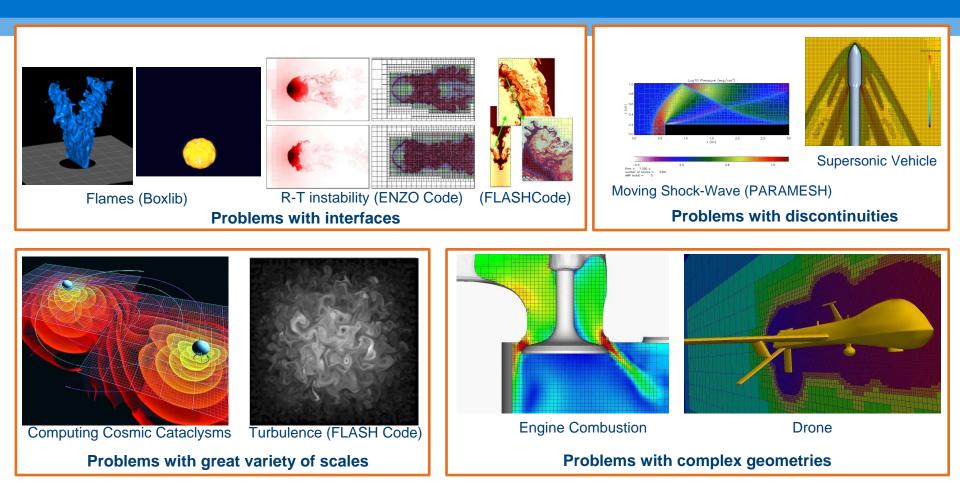
- Adaptive Mesh Refinement
  - Dynamic adaption of the mesh
  - Based on the solution
  - Local in space and time
- Advantages of AMR
  - Higher accuracy and lower cost compared with a static mesh
  - Savings in both CPU and memory
  - Full control of the local mesh resolution
  - More detailed physics for the same number of cells
- Main Applications
  - Problems with large dynamic range of scales
  - Flames, two-phase flow, boundary layers, shock waves







#### **Previous AMR in CFD**

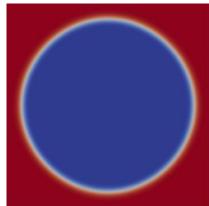


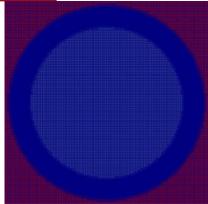


## So what's new in HAMISH?

- Pointwise AMR: highly local mesh refinement
- Highly efficient data structure and indexing
- High-accuracy numerics: spatial and temporal
- Fully automatic parallel load-balancing
- Tailored to combustion problems

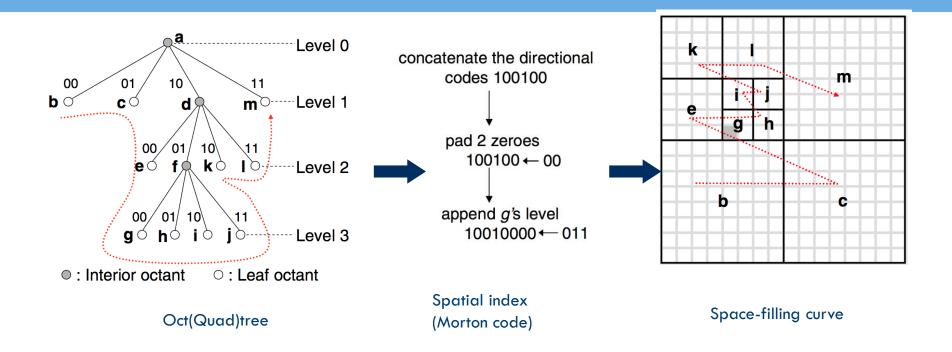
Open source code with UK-based development expertise







#### **Data structures in HAMISH**



Refinement criterion based on the Euclidean norm of the local Laplacian Tree balancing ensures that (at most) h-2h transitions exist

Partition Interval Table stores the highest local Morton code on each processor



#### **RENO** scheme

Solution is reconstructed within each cell using polynomial basis functions  $\phi$ 

$$u(x,y,z) = \bar{u}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{K} a_k^{(u)} \phi_k(x,y,z) \qquad \qquad \phi_k = \psi_k - \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \psi_k dx dy dz$$

Fourth order sweet-spot: monomials  $\psi$  are:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
a	$x^2$	$x^3$	y	yx	$y^2$	$yx^2$	$y^2x$	$y^3$	z	zx	zy	$z^2$	$zx^2$	zxy	$z^2x$	$zy^2$	$z^2y$	$z^3$

Integrate over a cell:

$$\bar{u}_j = \bar{u}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K a_k^{(u)} A_{jk} \qquad \qquad A_{jk} = \frac{1}{\hat{h}_j} \int_{-\hat{h}_j/2}^{\hat{h}_j/2} \int_{-\hat{h}_j/2}^{\hat{h}_j/2} \int_{-\hat{h}_j/2}^{\hat{h}_j/2} \phi_k(x - \hat{x}_j, y - \hat{y}_j, z - \hat{z}_j) dx dy dz$$

Solve the linear system:

 $A_{jk}a_k^{(u)} = b_j^{(u)}$  using Singular Value Decomposition, producing the Moore-Penrose Pseudo-inverse  $A_{kj}^*$ Note that  $A_{jk}$  (and  $A_{kj}^*$ ) depend only on the local geometric configuration of the stencil.

Fluxes obtained from the polynomials evaluated at Gauss integration points on each cell face Fluxes calculated for the same face in adjacent cells reconciled using a Riemann solver

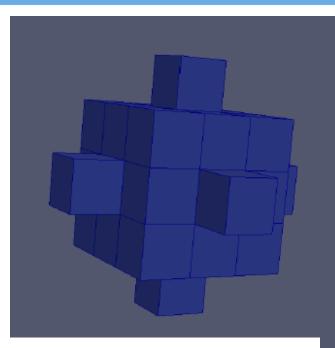


## **Algorithms**

- Time-stepping: 3<sup>rd</sup> order 3-step TVB Runge-Kutta (Shu+Osher)
  - adaptive time-step using embedded scheme with PI controller
- Automatic parallel load-balancing cell diffusion approach  $N_p^{m+1} = N_p^m + \alpha_N [(N_{p+1}^m - N_p^m) - (N_p^m - N_{p-1}^m)]$
- Stencil construction: layers of face-neighbours with geometrical filtering
- Standard NSCBC boundary conditions

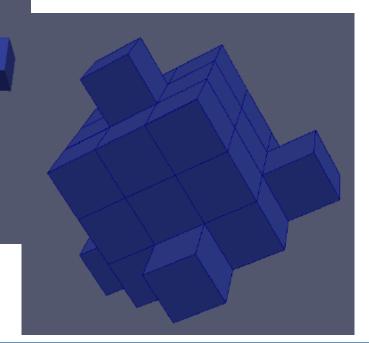


## **Stencil construction: rogue's gallery**



RENO scheme requires stencils - constructed on-the-fly in AMR

Standard stencils are precomputed and stored along with Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse





#### **Stencil construction: robustness**

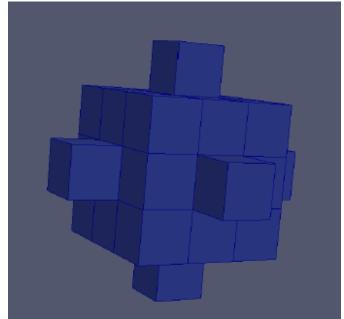
Stencil geometry defines the Moore-Penrose Pseudo-Inverse  $A_{ki}^{*}$ 

=> determines the coefficients for spatial reconstruction

Largest singular value of  $A_{kj}^{*}$  (i.e. smallest SV of  $A_{jk}$ ) controls the stability of the time-stepping scheme

Criterion for robust stencil construction:

SV adjustment by adding cells to stencil Each cell => new row in  $A_{jk}$ Shifts the SVs in a predictable manner Improves the stability

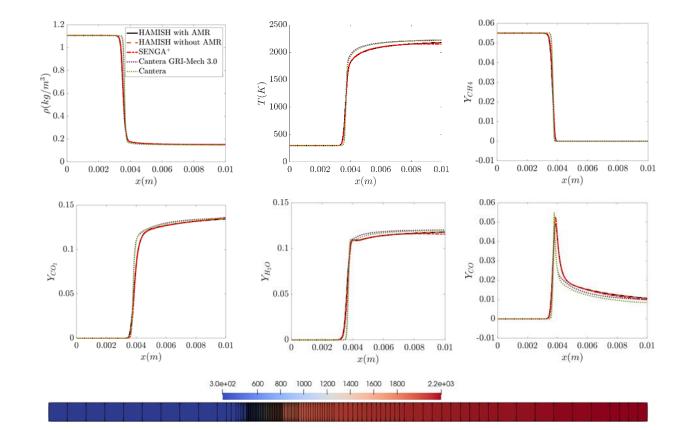




## **Testing: 1D laminar flame propagation**

#### Stoichiometric methane-air flame

- 25-step chemistry
- AMR based on temperature mass fractions
- Comparisons with
   SENGA+
   Cantera



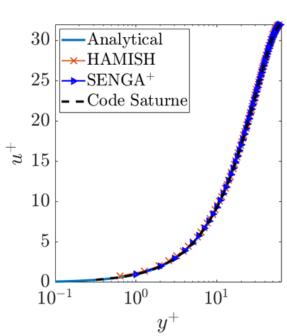


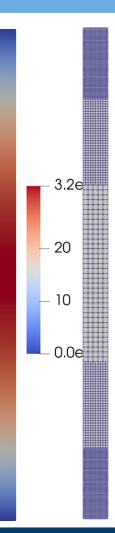
## **Testing: 2D laminar channel flow**

#### 2D channel, $Re_{\tau} = 64$

- Non-reacting laminar flow
- No-slip BCs on top and bottom walls
- AMR based on velocity
- Comparisons with

SENGA+ Code Saturne





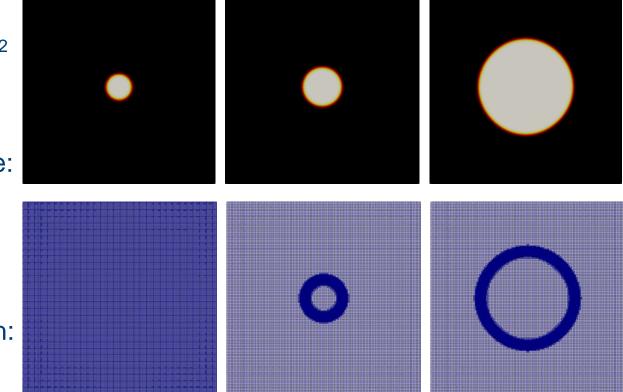


## **Testing: 2D circular flame propagation**

2D circular outwardly-propagating laminar flame

- single-step chemistry
- AMR, initial mesh 64<sup>2</sup>

Progress variable:

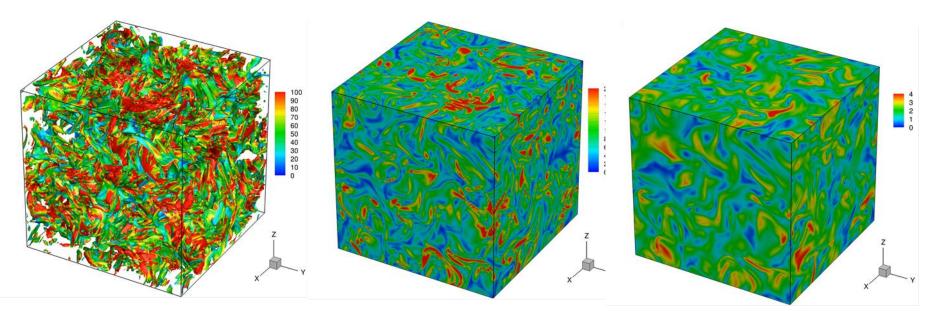


#### Adapted mesh:



## **Testing: 3D homogeneous isotropic turbulence**

#### Fixed mesh 128<sup>3</sup>



**Q-Criterion** 

#### Vorticity magnitude

#### Velocity magnitude



## **Testing: 3D Taylor Green vortex case**

#### 3D TGV initialised with

$$u = U_0 \sin(x/L) \cos(y/L) \cos(z/L)$$

$$v = -U_0 \cos(x/L) \sin(y/L) \cos(z/L)$$

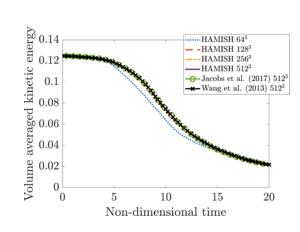
$$w = 0$$

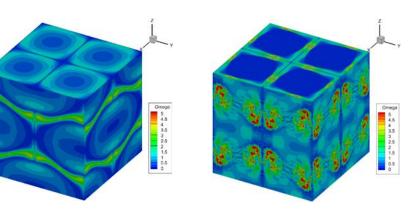
$$p = p_0 + \frac{\rho_0 U_0^2}{16} [\cos(2x/L) + \cos(2y/L)] [\cos(2z/L) + 2]$$

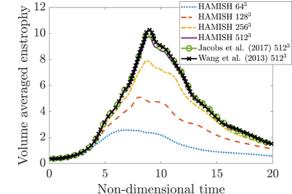
$$\rho = \rho_0$$

$$T = \frac{p}{\rho R}$$

- Re = 1600, M = 0.1
- cubic domain
- Mesh 64<sup>3</sup> up to 512<sup>3</sup>
- No AMR







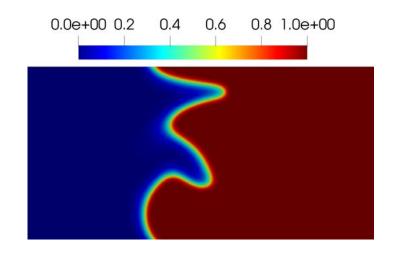


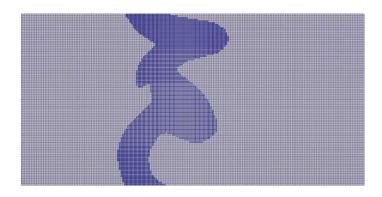
## **Testing : 3D turbulent flame**

#### 3D statistically planar flame

- single-step chemistry
- turbulent flow field  $u'/s_{\rm L}$ =5.0
- AMR: initial mesh 16m cells final mesh ~4m cells

0.0e+00 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0e+00





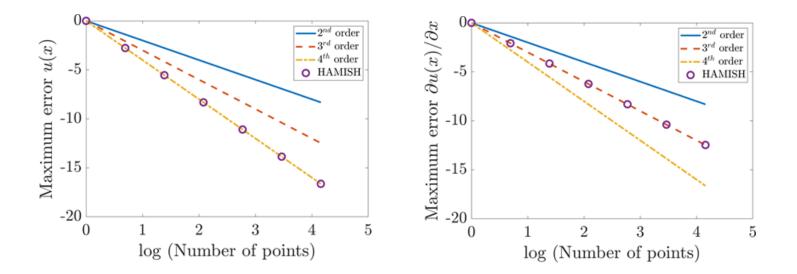


#### Accuracy

#### Reconstruction of prescribed function

 $f(x) = \sin(2\pi x/L)$  and its (numerical) first derivative

Function is 4<sup>th</sup> order, derivative 3<sup>rd</sup> order: consistent with RENO scheme

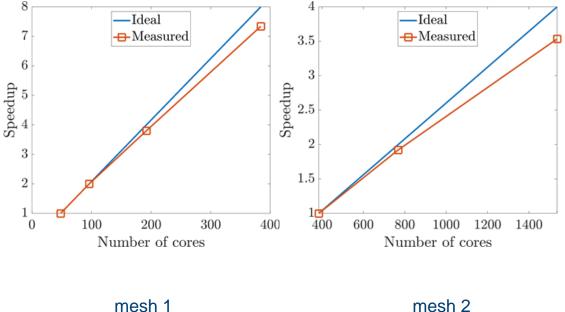




## **Parallel scaling**

3D planar laminar stoichiometric methane-air flame

- 25-step chemistry
- cuboidal domain
- no AMR
   mesh 1: 512×128<sup>2</sup>
   mesh 2: 1024×256<sup>2</sup>
- parallel efficiency 85.6% up to 1536 cores (so far)

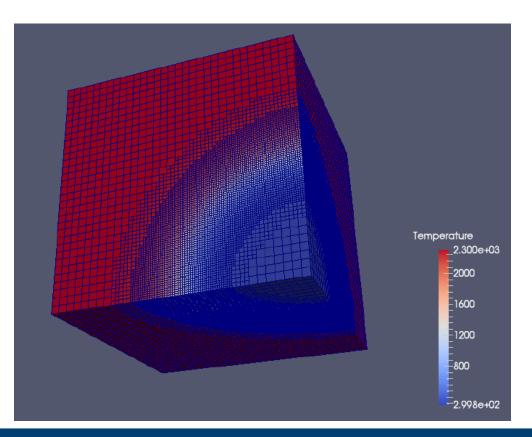




## Summary

#### HAMISH code for reacting flow DNS with AMR

- 4<sup>th</sup> order accurate in space
- 3<sup>rd</sup> order adaptive RK in time
- Multi-step chemistry/transport
- AMR with scalars or velocity
- Good range of test cases
- Good parallel efficiency







Done: HDF5 parallel I/O

Code tested and running well on ARCHER2

Ongoing: Further test cases: turbulent flame-wall interaction

studies of thermodiffusive instabilities

To come:

Two-phase flow

High-speed flow

**Immersed** boundaries

