



# Analysis of vector fields via Helmholtz decomposition

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# Helmholtz's decomposition: original

- Theorem

*Helmholtz's decomposition (original): Every vector field  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $C^1$  smooth, on a simply connected domain  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$  with the property  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{u}(r)r = \mathbf{0}$  of a radial coordinate  $r = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$  with  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , can be decomposed in  $L_2$ -orthogonal velocity field components*

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}_v + \mathbf{u}_c = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla \phi_c(\mathbf{x}),$$

*with the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}_v$  satisfying  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}_v = 0$  (toroidal component of the vector potential) and the scalar potential  $\phi_c$ .*

- Scalar potential

$$\phi_c(\mathbf{x}) = - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{u}}{4\pi \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|_2} d\mathbf{x}'$$

- Vector potential

$$\mathbf{A}_v(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\nabla' \times \mathbf{u}}{4\pi \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|_2} d\mathbf{x}'$$

# Helmholtz's decomposition: modified

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- Theorem

*Helmholtz's decomposition (modified): Every square integrable vector field  $\mathbf{u} \in [L_2(\Omega)]^3$ ,  $C^1$  smooth, on a simply connected, Lipschitz domain  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ , has an  $L_2$ -orthogonal decomposition*

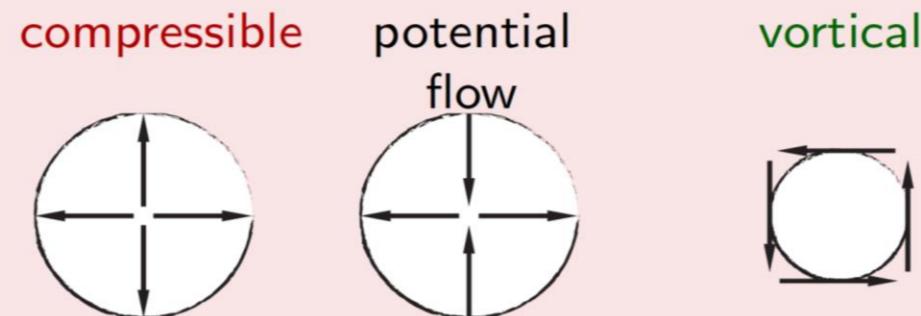
$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_v + \mathbf{u}_c = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v + \nabla \phi_c ,$$

*with the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}_v \in H(\text{curl}, \Omega)$  and the scalar potential  $\phi_c \in H^1(\Omega)$ .*

- Decomposition on a restricted domain

What is the price of modifying the theorem w.r.t. the calculation?

- Third additive part: potential flow solution, boundary imposed solution



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# Helmholtz's decomposition: modified

- Helmholtz decomposition

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u}_c + \mathbf{u}_h + \mathbf{u}_v \\ &= \nabla\phi_c + \mathbf{u}_h + \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v\end{aligned}$$



- Computation

Potential flow: Space of harmonic fields, curl and divergence free!

## Scalar potential

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \nabla\phi_c + \mathbf{u}_h + \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v \quad |\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}| = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= \Delta\phi_c^*\end{aligned}$$

- Scalar unknown → (one component):

$$\Delta\phi_c^* = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

## Vector potential

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} &= \nabla\phi_c + \mathbf{u}_h + \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v \quad |\nabla \times \mathbf{u}| = 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{u} &= \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v^*\end{aligned}$$

- Vector unknown → (three components):

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v^* = \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$$

# Helmholtz's decomposition: modified

- Why are the potentials stars? (Simple example)

• Velocity field:  $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}_0 + \sin(\pi x))\mathbf{e}_x + x\mathbf{e}_y$  on  $\Omega = [0, 2]^2$

- Scalar and vector potentials

## Scalar potential

$$\Delta\phi_c^* = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \pi \cos(\pi x)$$

Homogeneous solution (*potential flow*):

$$\Delta\phi_h = 0$$

### Scalar potential

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_c^* &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \cos(\pi x) + u_0 x + b \\ \mathbf{u}_c^* &= (\mathbf{u}_0 + \sin(\pi x))\mathbf{e}_x\end{aligned}$$

### Potential flow

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_h &= u_0 x + b \\ \mathbf{u}_h &= \mathbf{u}_0 \mathbf{e}_x\end{aligned}$$

## Vector potential

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v^* = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{e}_z$$

Homogeneous solution (*potential flow*):

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_h = \mathbf{0}$$

### Vector potential

$$\begin{aligned}A_{v,z}^* &= u_0 y - \frac{1}{2} x^2 + b \\ \mathbf{u}_v^* &= \mathbf{u}_0 \mathbf{e}_x + x \mathbf{e}_y\end{aligned}$$

### Potential flow

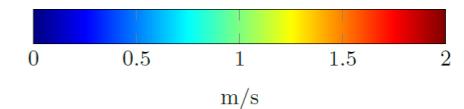
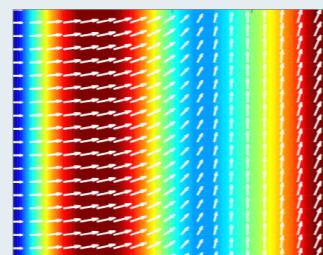
$$\begin{aligned}A_{h,z} &= u_0 y + b \\ \mathbf{u}_h &= \mathbf{u}_0 \mathbf{e}_x\end{aligned}$$

# Helmholtz's decomposition: modified

- Vector field plots

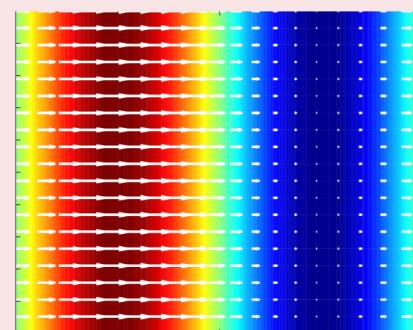
## Velocity field – example

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_0 + \sin(\pi x))\mathbf{e}_x + x\mathbf{e}_y$$



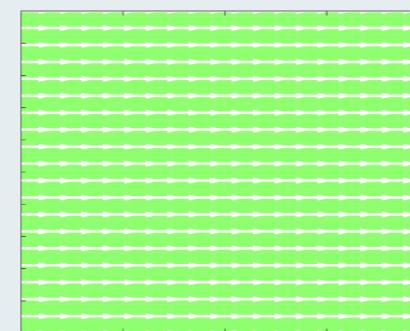
### Scalar potential

$$u_c^*$$



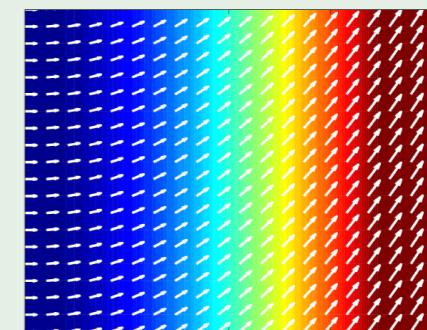
### Potential flow

$$\mathbf{u}_h$$



### Vector potential

$$u_v^*$$



# Helmholtz's decomposition: modified

- Boundary conditions I – being orthogonal – partial integration

$$(\mathbf{u}^v, \mathbf{u}^c) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}^v \cdot \mathbf{u}^c dx = 0.$$

- To be forced

## Scalar potential

$$(\mathbf{u}^v, \mathbf{u}^c) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \phi^c (\mathbf{u} - \nabla\phi^c) \cdot \mathbf{n} ds = 0$$

→ Boundary condition

● Physics (*Low Mach number : Acoustics*)

## Vector potential

$$(\mathbf{u}^v, \mathbf{u}^c) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{A}^v \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \nabla \times \mathbf{A}^v) \times \mathbf{n} ds = 0$$

→ Boundary condition

● Physics (*Vortical flow*)

# Helmholtz's decomposition: modified

- Boundary conditions II – regularity
  - Is  $\mathbf{u}_c = \nabla\phi_c(r, \theta)$  singular at the corner? It is possible.
  - Is  $\mathbf{u}_v = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_v(r, \theta)$  singular at the corner? No.
- Scalar and vector potentialsComputation

## Scalar potential

$$\Delta\phi(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial\theta^2} = 0$$

- Wall boundary (*non-penetrating*)
- Singular if  $\Theta > \pi$ :  $\nabla\phi(r, \theta) \rightarrow \infty$  for  $k = 1$  and  $r \rightarrow 0$ .

## Vector potential

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_z(r, \theta) = 0$$

- Wall boundary (*no-slip*)
- Global incompressibility
- *No singularity* in the physical space.

# Maxwell's equations

- General form

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \dots \text{Ampere with Maxwell correction}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \dots \text{Faraday}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f \dots \text{Gauß}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \dots \text{introduced by Maxwell}$$

- Constitutive equations

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \gamma \mathbf{E}$$

$\mathbf{E}$	...	electric field intensity
$\mathbf{D}$	...	electric flux density
$\mathbf{H}$	...	magnetic field intensity
$\mathbf{B}$	...	magnetic flux density)
$\mathbf{J}_f$	...	free current density
$\rho_f$	...	free charge density
$\mathbf{M}$	...	magnetization
$\mathbf{P}$	...	electric polarization
$\mu$	...	magnetic permeability
$\epsilon$	...	electric permittivity
$\gamma$	...	electric conductivity

# Maxwell's equations: Electro-quasistatic case

- Subset of Maxwell's equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0 \rightarrow \text{fulfilled via } \mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f$$

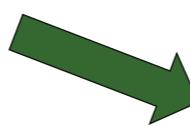
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_f = \gamma \mathbf{E}$$

- Applying the divergence to the first equation results in

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = 0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D})$$



$$\nabla \cdot \gamma \nabla V + \nabla \cdot \epsilon \nabla \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = 0$$

- Subset of Maxwell's equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \rightarrow \text{fulfilled via } \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_f = \gamma \mathbf{E}$$

- We perform the following Helmholtz decomposition

➤ Electric field

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{total}} = \mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{E}_s \quad \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{E}_i & \dots \text{ irrotational (longitudinal) part} \\ \mathbf{E}_s & \dots \text{ solenoidal (vortical) part} \end{array}$$

➤ Electric current

$$\mathbf{J}_f = \mathbf{J}_p + \gamma (\mathbf{E}_s + \underbrace{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}}_{\text{motional emf term}}) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{J}_p & \dots \text{ prescribed current density} \\ \mathbf{v} & \dots \text{ (e.g., current loaded coil)} \\ & \dots \text{ mechanical velocity} \end{array}$$

- Substitution into the second Maxwell's equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{\text{total}} = \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_s = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})$$

$$\nabla \times \left( \mathbf{E}_s + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{E}_s = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$$

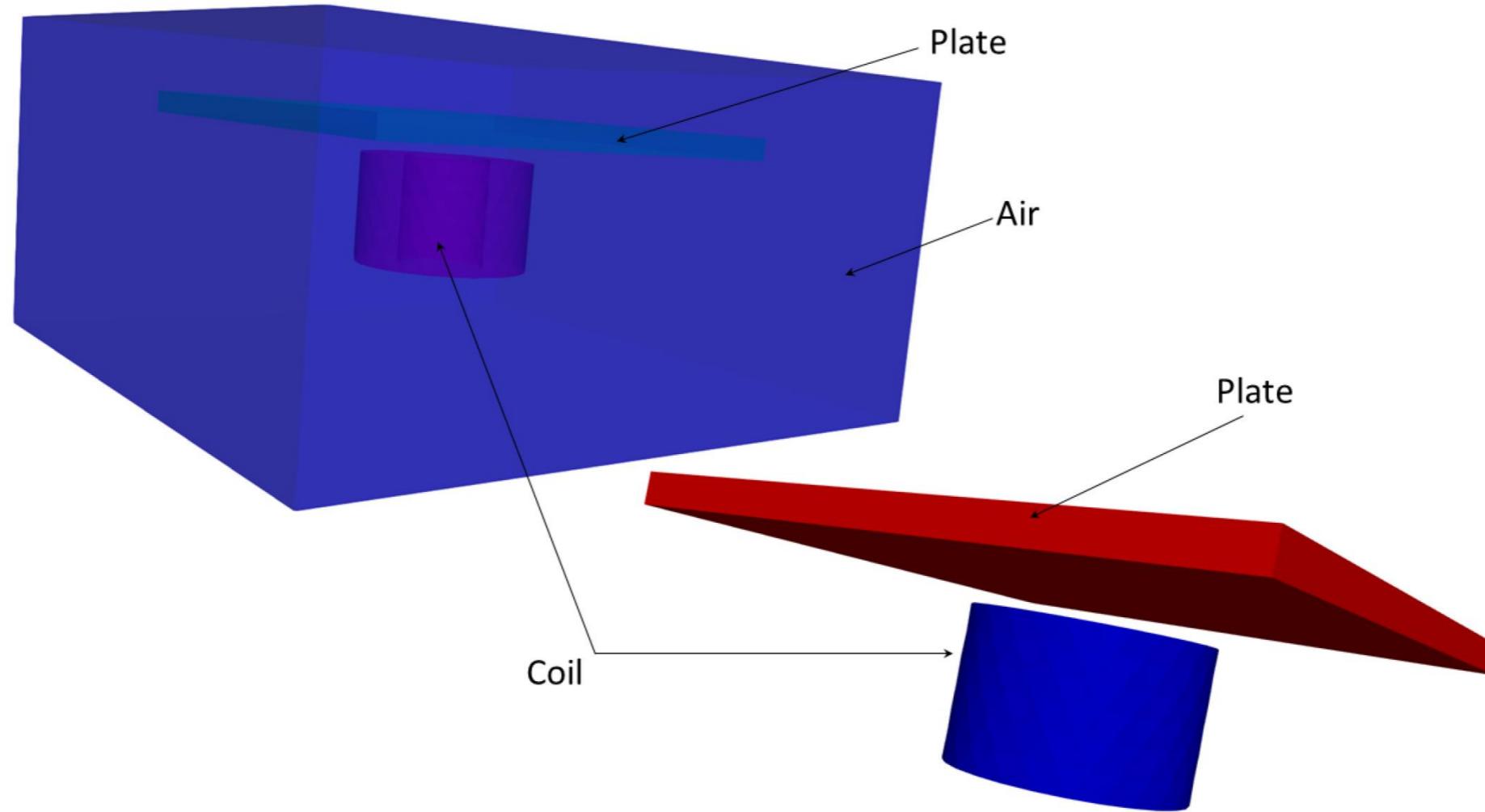
- Substitution into first Maxwell's equation results in the final set of equations

$$\nabla \times \nu \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_p - \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \gamma (\mathbf{v} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A})$$

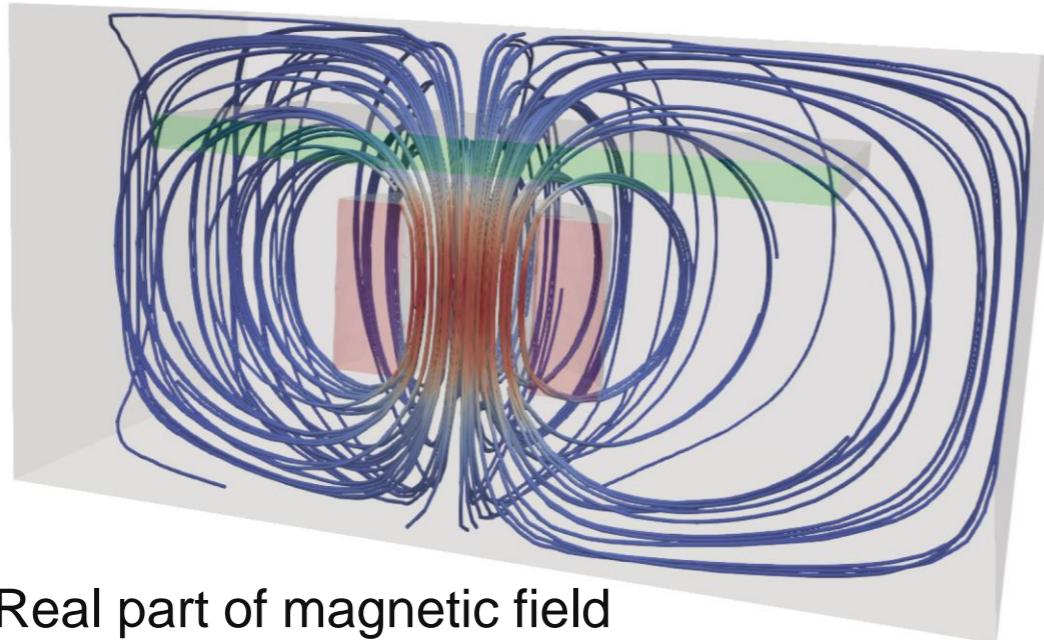
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad \text{Coulomb gauging: do we need it?}$$

- Describes all resistive and inductive effects

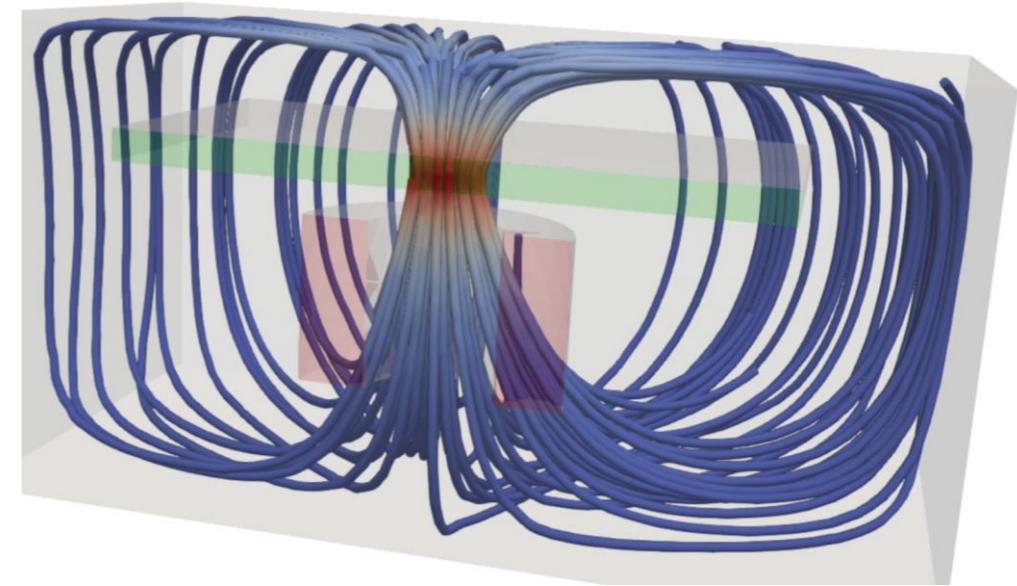
- Example: conductive plate



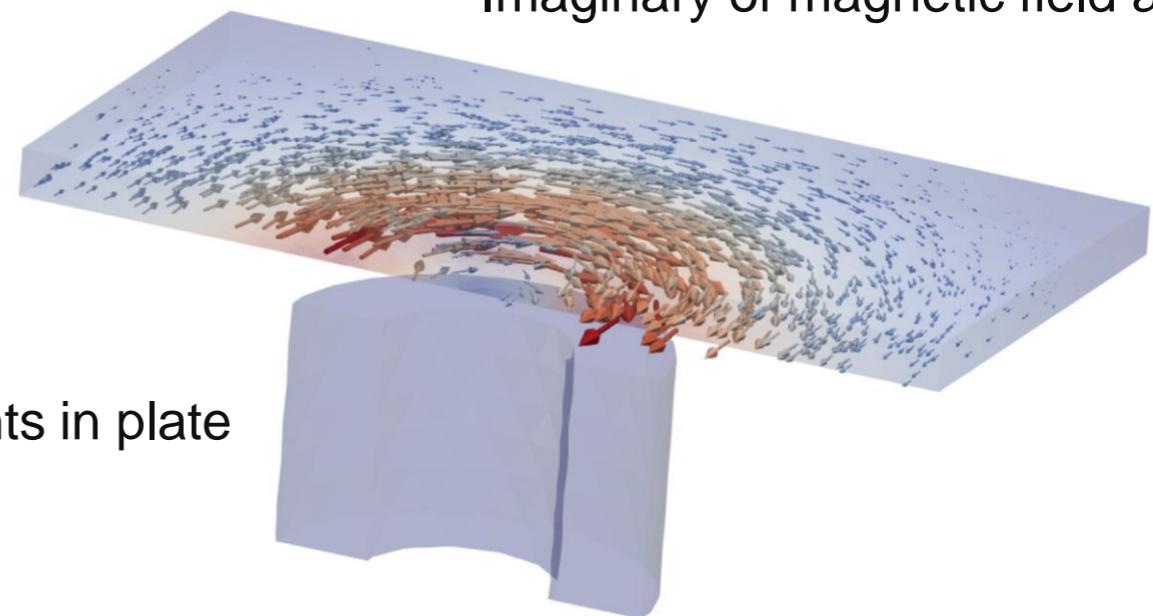
- Example: conductive plate



Real part of magnetic field  
as tubes



Imaginary of magnetic field as tubes



Eddy currents in plate

# Maxwell's equations: Darwin's equations

- Subset of Maxwell's equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}; \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}; \quad \mathbf{J} = \gamma \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

- Helmholtz decomposition of electric field

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{E}_s = -\nabla V + \mathbf{E}_s \quad \begin{matrix} i & \dots & \text{irrotational} \\ s & \dots & \text{solenoidal} \end{matrix}$$

- Use of second Maxwell's equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_s = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathbf{E}_s = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$$

- Approximation: just irrotational part of displacement current density is used!

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \nu \nabla \times \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{J}_p + \gamma \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( -\varepsilon \nabla V - \varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= \mathbf{J}_p - \gamma \nabla V - \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} - \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla V) - \underbrace{\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2}}_{\approx 0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \varepsilon \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \cdot \varepsilon \nabla V - \nabla \cdot \varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = \rho_f \quad (*)$$

- Use conservation equation of charges (continuity equation)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t} = 0$$

and use it in (\*)!

# Maxwell's equations: Darwin's equations

- We arrive at

$$\nabla \cdot \gamma \nabla V + \nabla \cdot \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \varepsilon \nabla \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2}}_{\approx 0} = 0$$

- Final set of equations

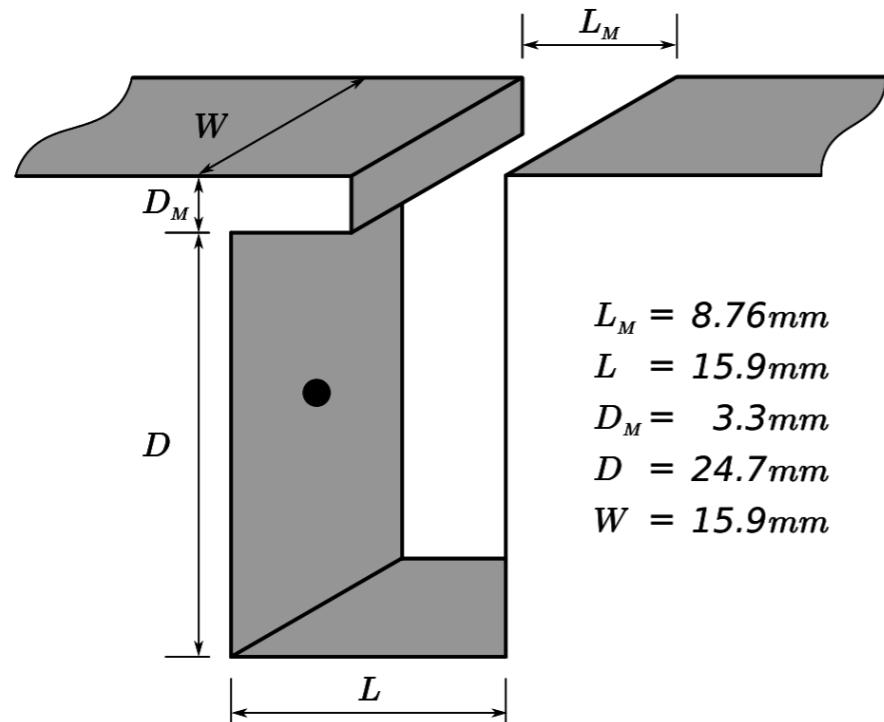
$$\nabla \times \nu \nabla \times \mathbf{A} + \gamma \nabla V + \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla V) = J_p$$

$$\nabla \cdot \gamma \nabla V + \nabla \cdot \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \varepsilon \nabla \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = 0$$

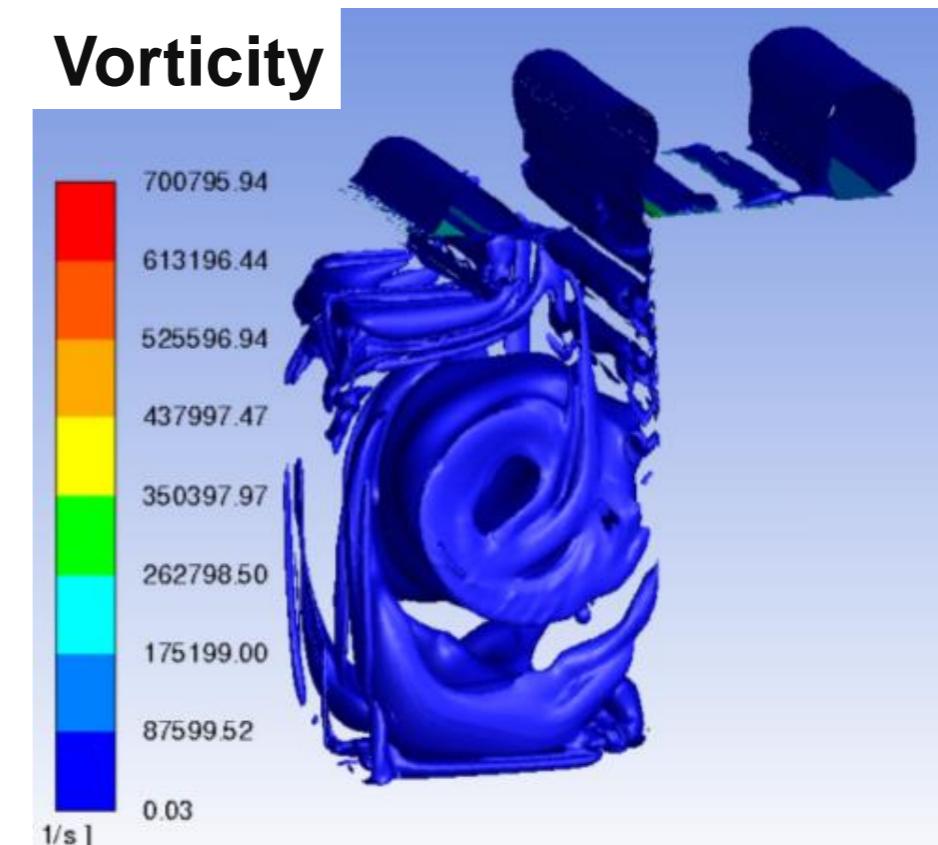
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad \text{Coulomb gauging}$$

Allows to model resistive, inductive and capacitive effects; no wave effects are considered!

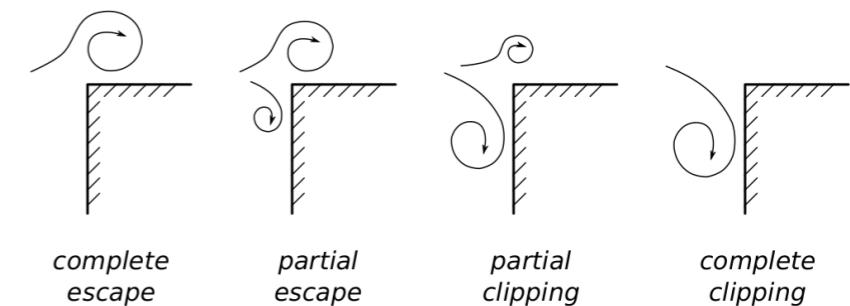
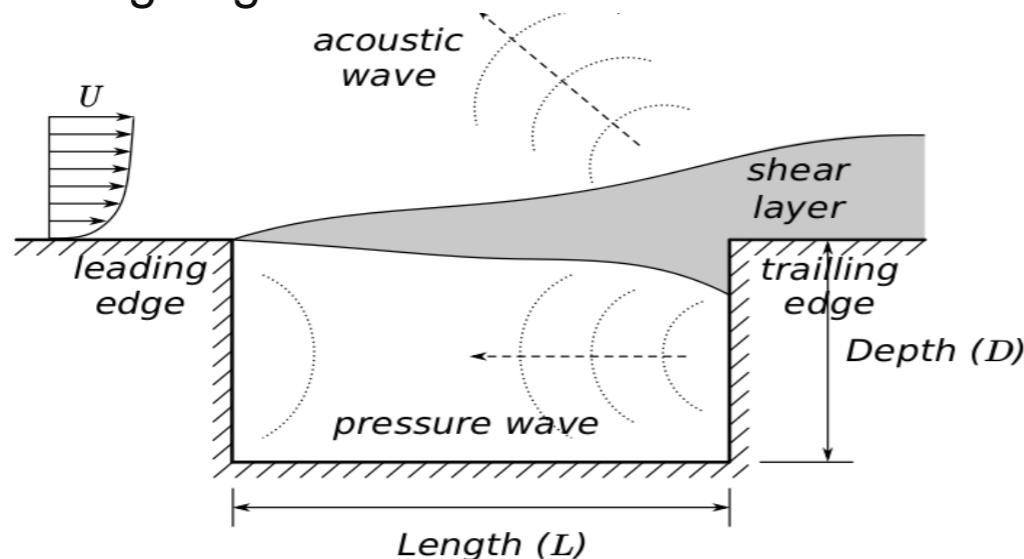
- Cavity with a lip



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Category 6., NASA, vol. CP-2000-209790,  
Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 1999.



- Shear layer modes (Rossiter modes)
  - Boundary layer separates at the leading edge and forms a shear layer
  - At appropriate flow conditions, the shear layer gets unstable and Kelvin-Helmholtz instabilities are convected towards the trailing edge
  - Interaction with the trailing edge generates acoustic waves, which generate new instabilities at the leading edge.



$$St_n = \frac{n - \alpha}{U_\infty/U_c + Ma}$$

$St$	...	Strouhal number
$n$	...	Mode number
$\alpha$	...	Phase lag
$U_\infty$	...	Free stream velocity
$U_c$	...	Convective velocity

- Conservation of mass

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$\mathbf{v}$	...	velocity
$\rho$	...	density
$p$	...	pressure
$[\boldsymbol{\tau}]$	...	viscous tensor
$\mathbf{f}$	...	body force
$e$	...	inner energy
$q_h$	...	heat source
$\mathbf{q}_T$	...	heat flux

- Conservation of momentum

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot [\boldsymbol{\tau}] + \mathbf{f}$$

- Conservation of energy

$$\frac{\partial \rho e_T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho e_T \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (p \mathbf{v}) = q_h - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_T + \nabla \cdot ([\boldsymbol{\tau}] \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}; \quad e_T = e + v^2/2$$

- Constitutive equation

➤ Viscous tensor: Newtonian fluid

$$[\boldsymbol{\tau}] = \mu \left( \nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla^T \mathbf{v} \right) + \left( (\lambda - \frac{2\mu}{3}) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \right) \mathbf{I}$$

$\mu$	...	dynamic viscosity
$\lambda$	...	bulk viscosity
$[\mathbf{I}]$	...	unit tensor
$s$	...	specific entropy

➤ Pressure – density relation

$$dp = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s d\rho + \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \right)_\rho ds$$

$$\xrightarrow{ds=0}$$

$$c = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s} \dots \text{isentropic speed of sound}$$

- Perturbation ansatz

$$p = p_0 + p_a; \quad \rho = \rho_0 + \rho_a; \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{v}_a; \quad \|p_a\| \ll \|p_0\|; \quad \|\rho_a\| \ll \|\rho_0\|; \quad \mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{0}$$

- Linearized mass and momentum equations for acoustics

$$\frac{\partial \rho_a}{\partial t} + \rho_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_a = 0$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_a}{\partial t} + \nabla p_a = \mathbf{0}$$

$$p_a = c_0^2 \rho_a$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0 c_0^2} \frac{\partial p_a}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_a = 0 \quad (I)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_a}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p_a = \mathbf{0} \quad (II)$$

- Acoustic wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (I) - \nabla \cdot (II) \longrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0 c_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 p_a}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p_a = 0$$

$\rho_0$  ... no function of space



$$\frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 p_a}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \nabla p_a = 0$$

- General acoustic formulation

$$\square p' = \mathbf{RHS}(p, \mathbf{u}, \rho, \dots)$$

wave operator



$p'$	...	radiating pressure
$p$	...	pressure
$\mathbf{v}$	...	velocity
$\rho$	...	density

- Lighthill's inhomogeneous wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2(\rho - \rho_0)}{\partial t^2} - c_0^2 \nabla \cdot \nabla (\rho - \rho_0) = \nabla \cdot \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{T}]$$


$$[\mathbf{T}] = \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \left( (p - p_0) - c_0^2 (\rho - \rho_0) \right) [\mathbf{I}] - [\boldsymbol{\tau}]$$



The right hand side of Lighthill's inhomogeneous wave equation contains not only source terms, but also nonlinear and interaction terms between the sound and flow field, which includes effects such as convection and refraction of the sound by the flow.



The whole set of compressible flow dynamics equations have to be solved in order to calculate the right hand side of Lighthill's wave equation .

$c_0$	...	speed of sound
$\rho_0$	...	mean density
$p_0$	...	mean pressure
$[\mathbf{I}]$	...	unit tensor
$[\boldsymbol{\tau}]$	...	viscous tensor

- Perform a compressible flow simulation on a restricted computational domain
- Split overall flow quantities into a base flow (non-radiating) and remaining components (acoustic, radiating fluctuations)<sup>1</sup>

$$\star = \tilde{\star} + \star'$$

$\square p' = \text{RHS}(\tilde{p}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{\rho}, p', \mathbf{u}', \rho', \dots)$

source term      interaction term      nonlinear term  
 $\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \overbrace{\tilde{\rho} \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}}^{\text{source term}} + \overbrace{\tilde{\rho} \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}'}^{\text{interaction term}} + \overbrace{\tilde{\rho} \mathbf{u}' \mathbf{u}'}^{\text{nonlinear term}} + \dots$

- Reformulation of vortex sound model (low Mach number)<sup>2</sup>

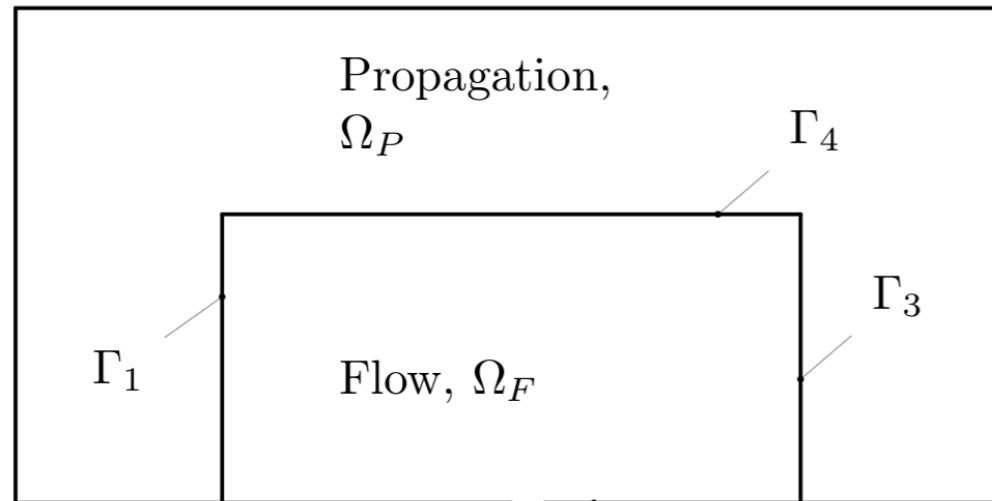
$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{D^2}{Dt^2} H - \nabla \cdot \nabla H = \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{L}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}})$$

$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla$       total enthalpy       $\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$       Lamb vector

<sup>1</sup>M. E. Goldstein. A generalized acoustic analogy. Journal of Fluid Mechanics, 2003.

<sup>2</sup>M. S. Howe. Theory of Vortex Sound. Cambridge Texts in Applied Mathematics, 2003

- Practical situation



$\Gamma_1$ - Inlet	:	$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{in}$
$\Gamma_2$ - Wall	:	$\mathbf{u} = 0$
$\Gamma_3$ - Outlet	:	$p = p_{ref}$
$\Gamma_4$ - Top	:	$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$



Helmholtz decomposition on a restricted domain

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^v + \mathbf{u}^c + \mathbf{u}^h = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}^v + \nabla \phi^c + \mathbf{u}^h$$



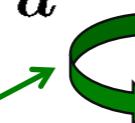
Harmonic part (potential flow): the boundary condition dictate the harmonic part as an external influence!

- Extraction of base flow

➤ Relation

$$\mathbf{u} = \underbrace{\nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{*,v}} + \nabla \phi^c$$

$$\mathbf{u}^v + \mathbf{u}^h$$

apply  $\nabla \times$  

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{*,v} = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

vorticity 

➤ Orthogonal decomposition

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}^c \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{*,v} \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\nabla \times \mathbf{u}^c \cdot \mathbf{A}^{*,v}} \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{A}^{*,v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{*,v}) \times \mathbf{n} \, ds$$

$$= 0$$

$$= \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{A}^{*,v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{*,v}) \times \mathbf{n} \, ds \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

- Weak formulation (with mass regularization):

Find  $\mathbf{A}^{*,v} \in \mathbf{V} = \{\psi \in (L_2)^3 \mid \nabla \times \psi \in (L_2)^3, \mathbf{n} \times \psi = \psi_e, [\mathbf{n} \times \psi] = 0\}$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \times \mathbf{A}' \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{*,v} \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \varepsilon_{\text{reg}} \mathbf{A}' \cdot \mathbf{A}^{*,v} \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ + \int_{\Gamma_N} \mathbf{A}' \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n}) \, ds$$

$\varepsilon_{\text{reg}} \ll 1$

for all  $\mathbf{A}' \in \mathbf{W} = \{\psi \in (L_2)^3 \mid \nabla \times \psi \in (L_2)^3, \mathbf{n} \times \psi = \mathbf{0}, [\mathbf{n} \times \psi] = 0\}$

- Boundary conditions

➤ Wall  
 $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}$

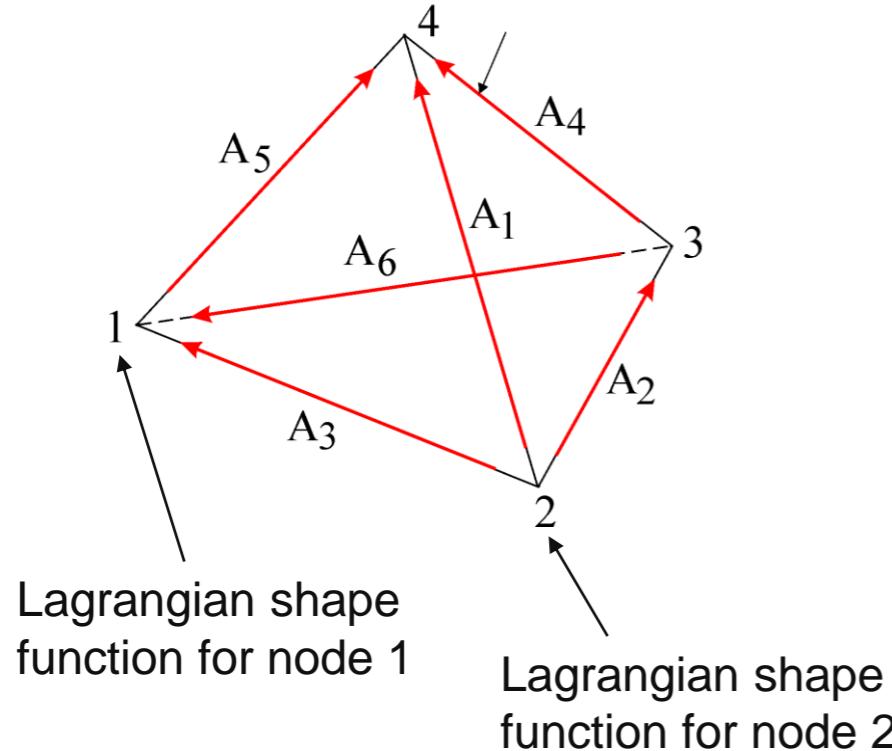
➤ Top:  
 $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_{\text{Top}} \times \mathbf{n}$

➤ Inlet / outlet  
 $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_{\text{inlet/outlet}} \times \mathbf{n}$

- Finite Element Discretization: properties of functional space, namely  $[n \times \psi] = 0$ , has to be preserved on the discrete level



**Needs edge finite elements (Nedelec elements)!**



$$\mathbf{A}^{*,v} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n_e} \mathbf{E}_i \mathbf{A}_i$$

$\mathbf{A}_i$  ... vector potential along edge  $i$

FE-basis functions (vectors)  
 $n_e$  ... number of edges

$$\mathbf{E}_3 = N_1 \nabla N_2 - N_2 \nabla N_1$$

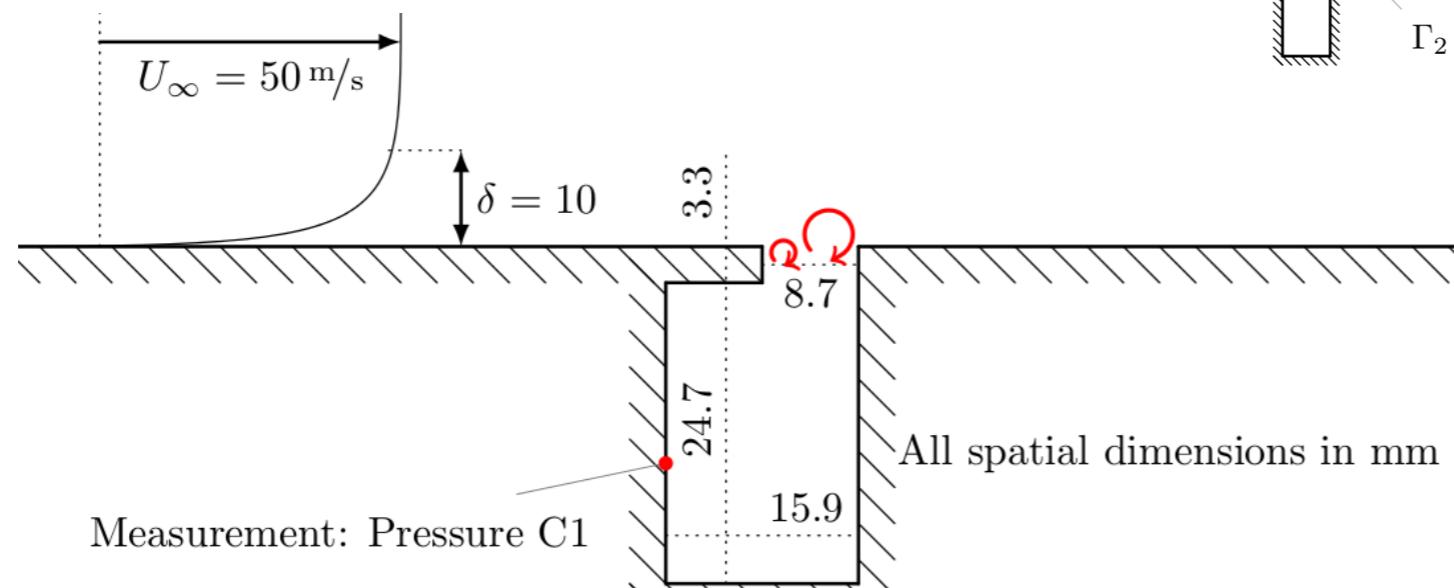
Again local support

- Unsteady, compressible, laminar, 2D flow

➤ Boundary conditions

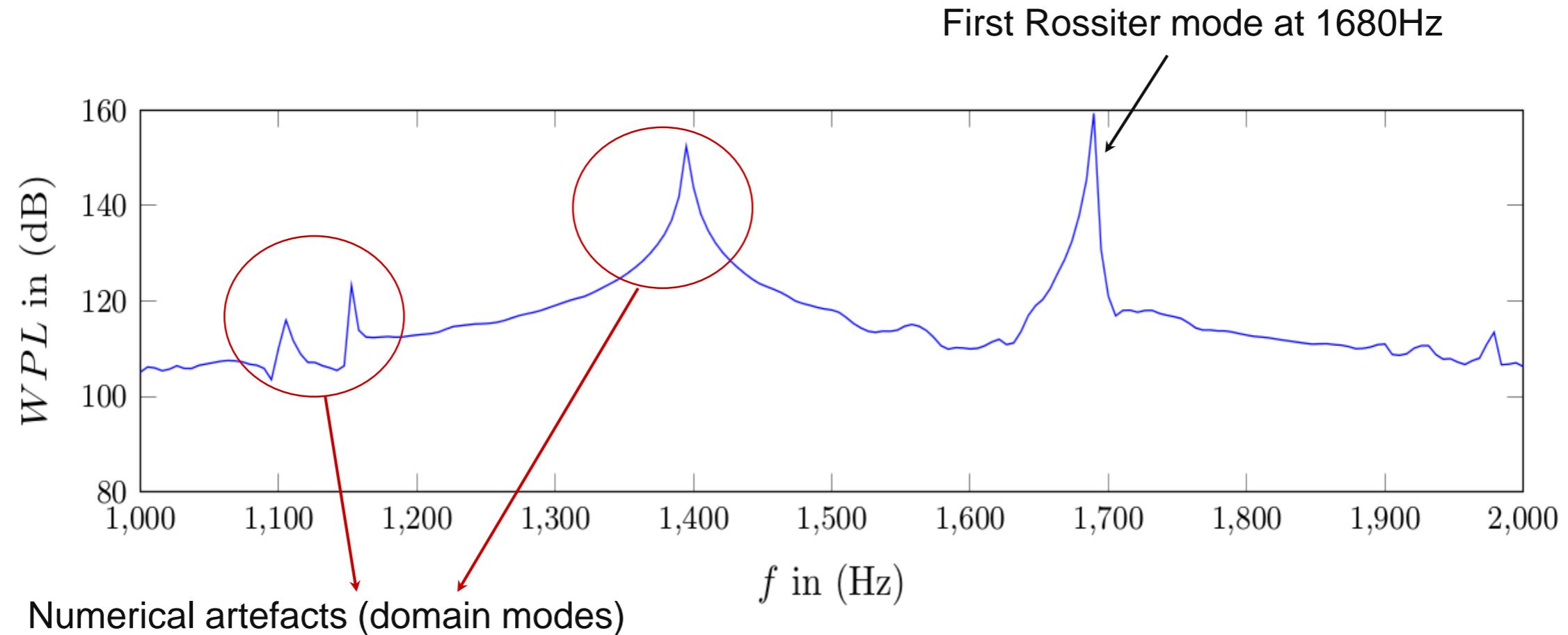
$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma_1 - \text{Inlet} &: \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{\text{in}} \\
 \Gamma_2 - \text{Wall} &: \mathbf{u} = 0 \\
 \Gamma_3 - \text{Outlet} &: p = p_{\text{ref}} \\
 \Gamma_4 - \text{Top} &: \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

➤ Details



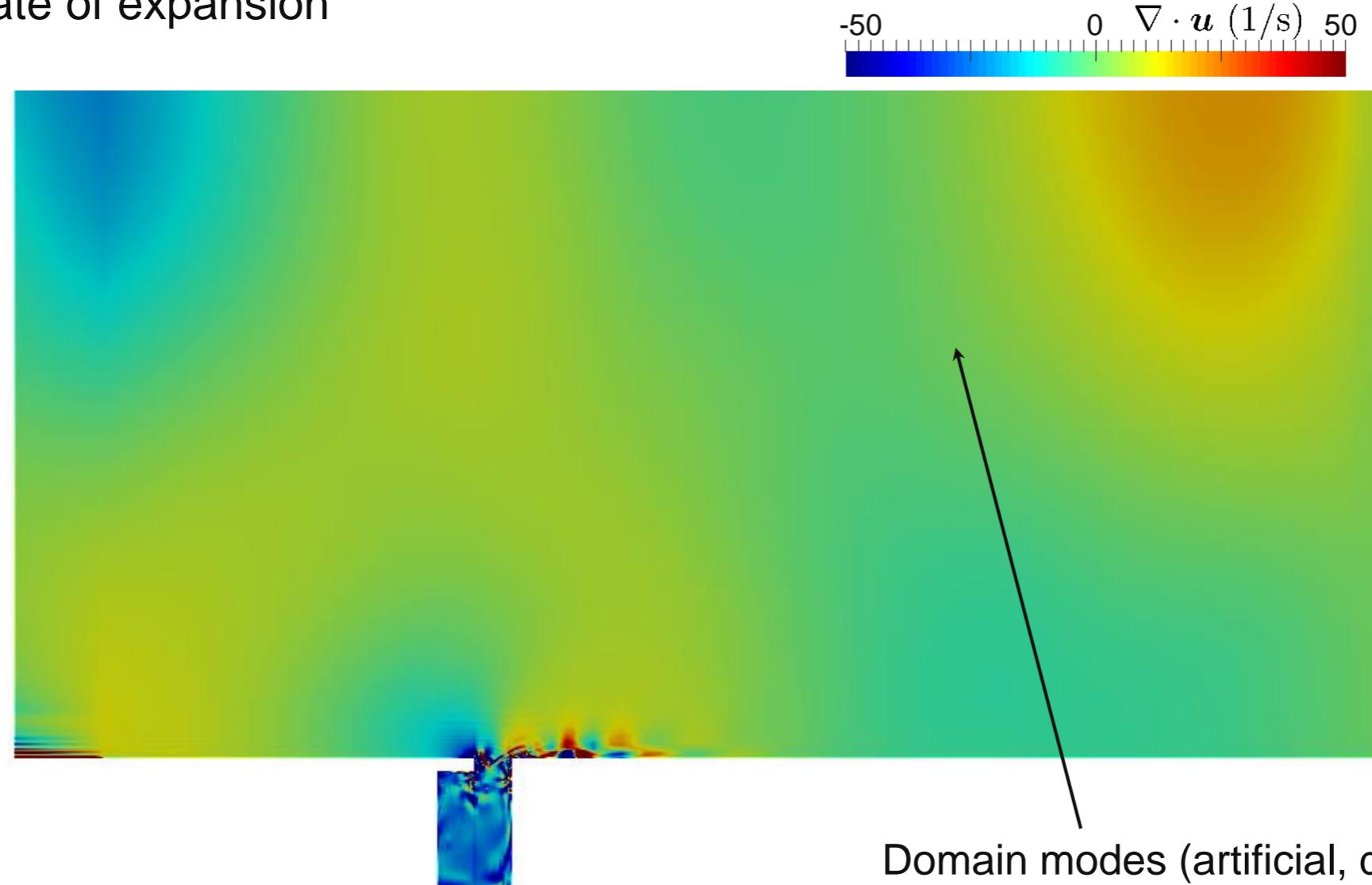
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- Computed wall pressure spectrum at point C1 in dB (ref. 20 $\mu$ Pa)



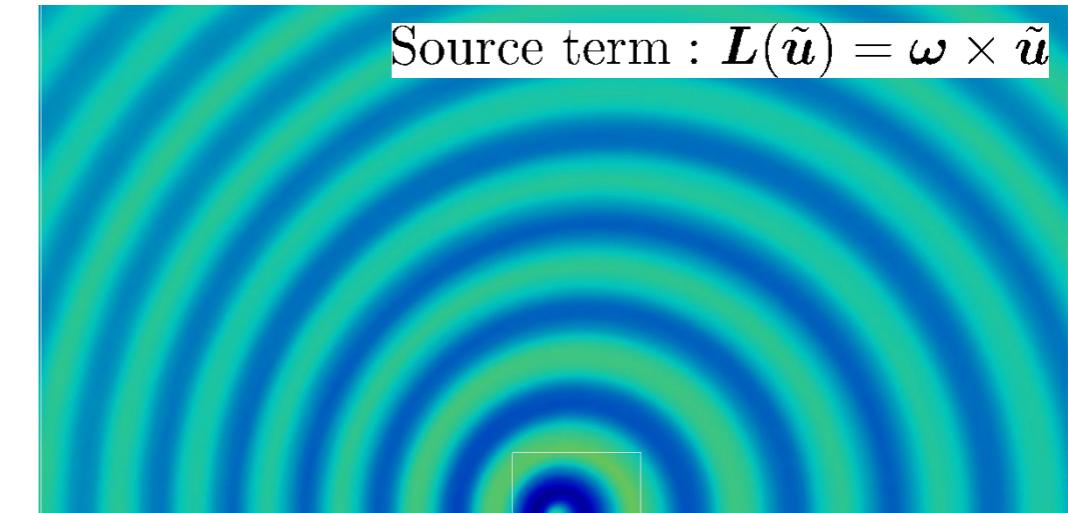
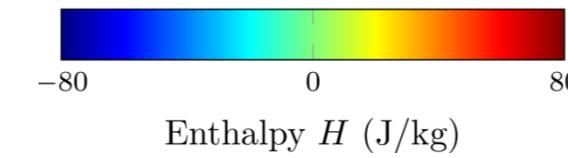
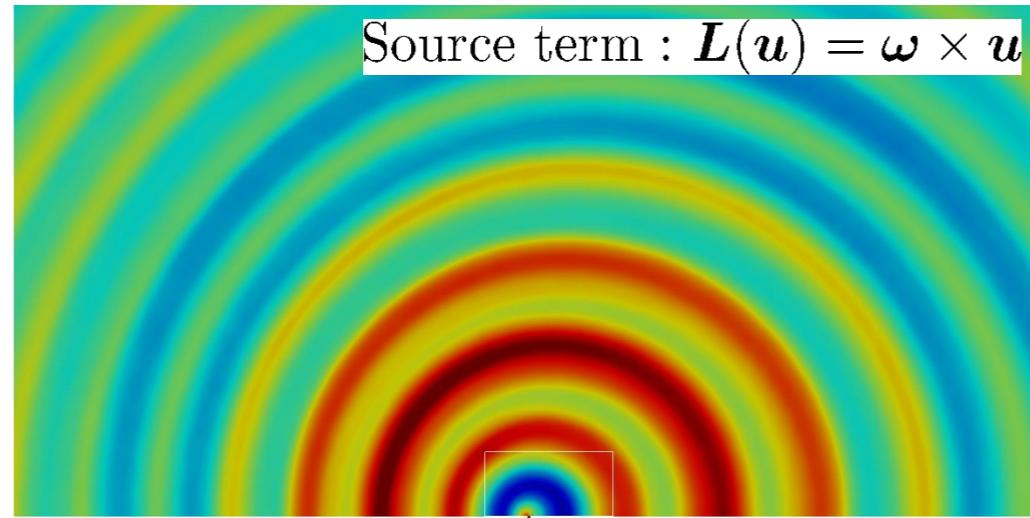
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- Rate of expansion



Domain modes (artificial, due to none wave-absorbing boundary conditions!)

- Field of total enthalpy fluctuation



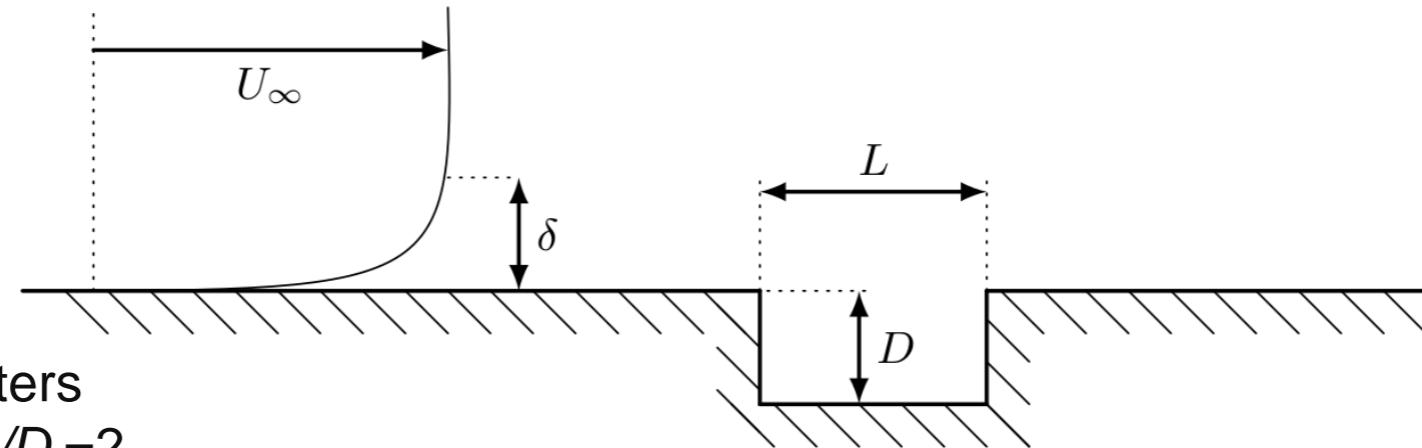
- Comparison of acoustic pressure in the far field at 1<sup>st</sup> shear layer mode

	$f_{s1}/\text{Hz}$	$\text{SPL}_{s1}/\text{dB}$	
Experiment	1650	30	↗
Simulation $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}) = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u}$	1660	52	
Simulation $\mathbf{L}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}) = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$	1660	34	$p_a = \rho_0 H$

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- Helmholtz decomposition applied cavity with to Mach 0.8 (Colonius, 1999)

- Setup



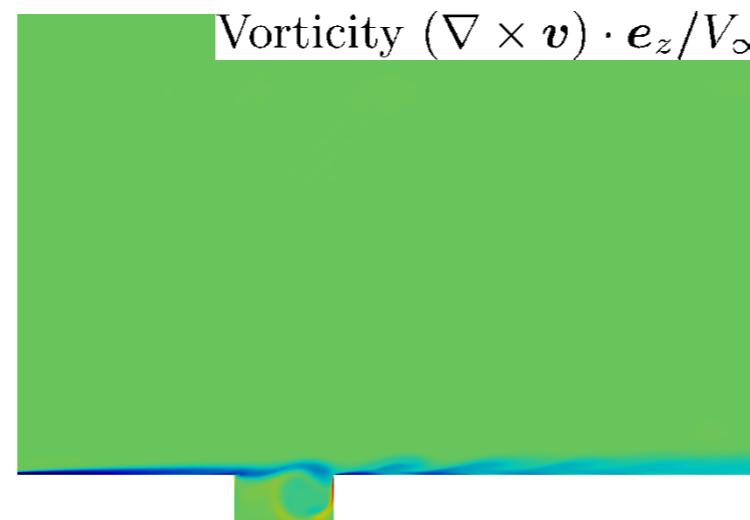
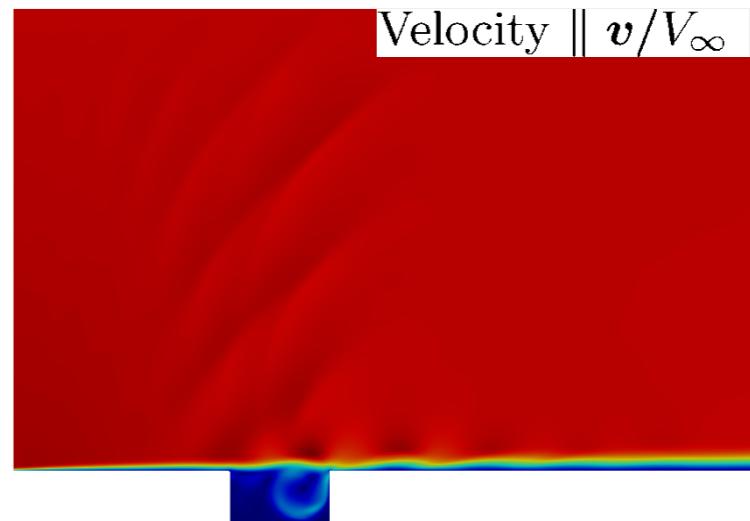
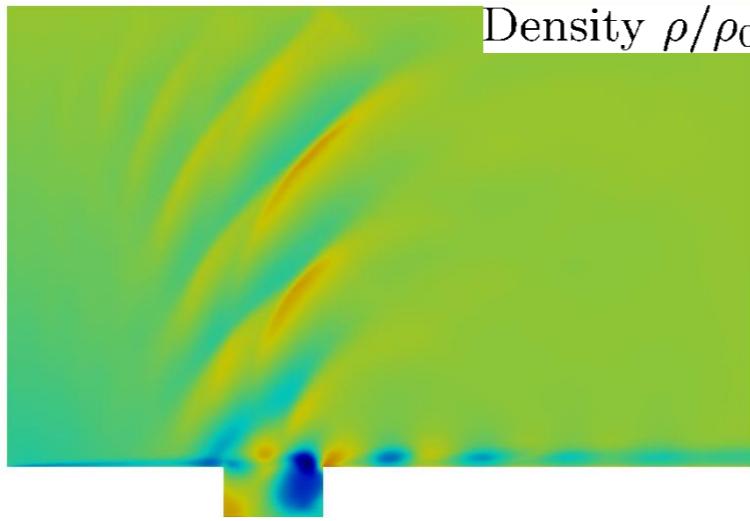
- Parameters

- $L/D = 2$
    - $\text{Ma} = 0.8$
    - $L/\delta = 52.8$
    - $\text{Re}_\delta = 56.8$

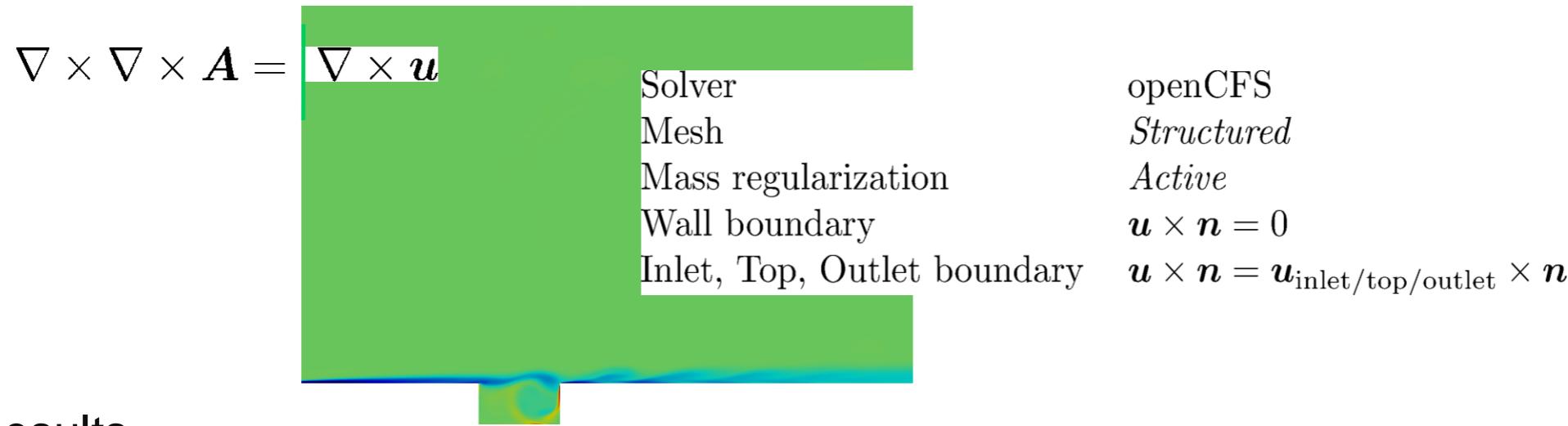
- Solver

- Flexi, DG solver (<https://www.flexi-project.org/>)
    - Higher order basis functions
    - Compressible, direct numerical simulation
    - Prescribed boundary layer

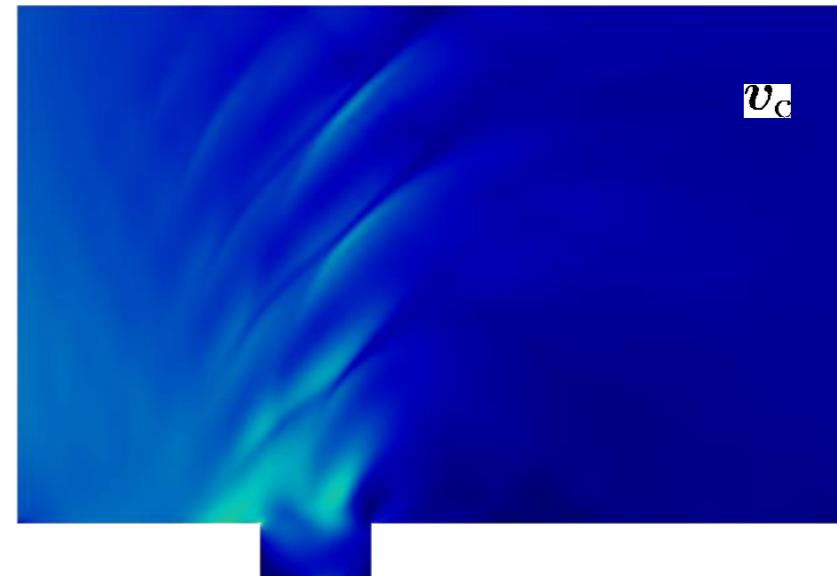
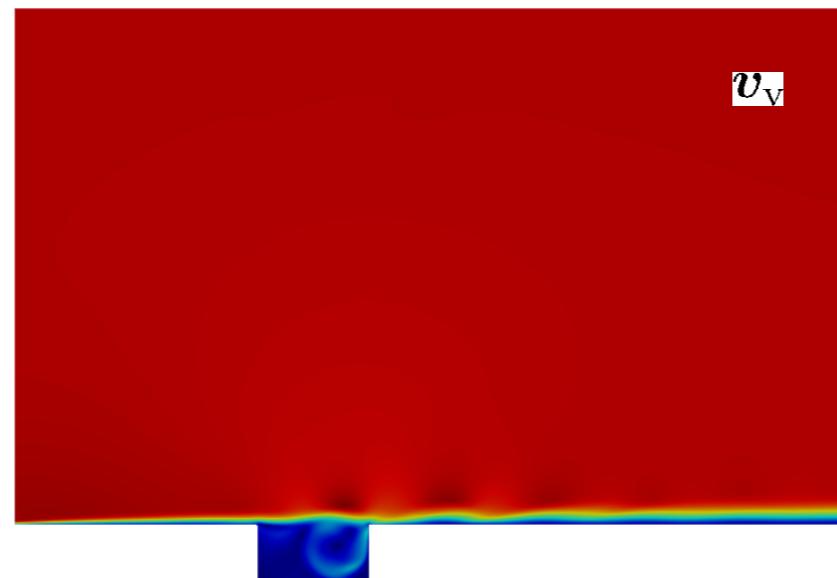
- Results of the direct numerical simulation



- Helmholtz decomposition (post-processing to compressible CFD)



- Results



**Thank you  
for your attention!**