

# **A Strongly-coupled Non-parametric Integral Boundary Layer Method for Aerodynamic Analysis with Free Transition**

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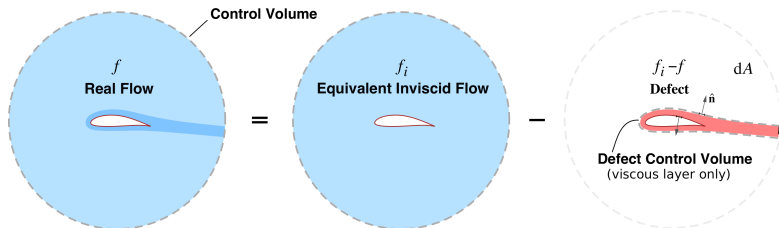
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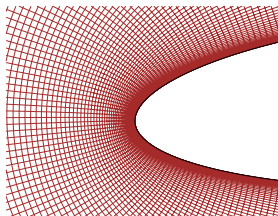
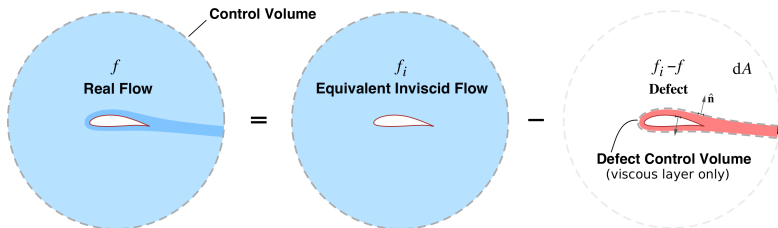
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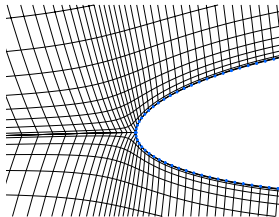
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DOF  $\sim 500,000$

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Full potential+Integral BL

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⇒ **Goal:** extend coupled IBL methods to general 3D application

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## Reliability of Physical Modeling & Numerical Solution

**Ongoing:** Turbulence modeling, transition modeling, 3D flow effects etc.

**Current focus:** numerical treatment of free transition for DG-IBL

- Free transition introduces a solution-dependent (“moving”) interface
- ... poses challenges in numerical discretization & nonlinear solution
- This talk uses the example of 2D steady-state incompressible flow



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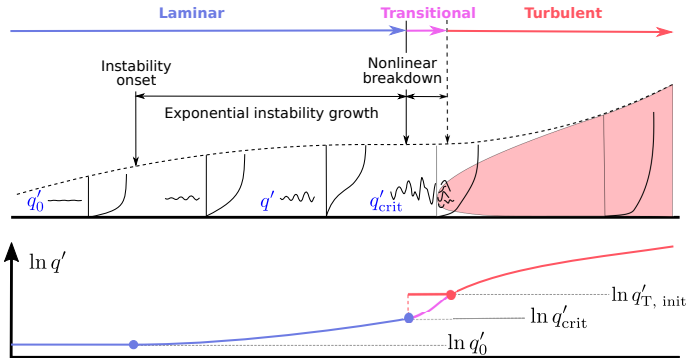
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$$\{\mathbf{q}_e\} \quad \{\Lambda\} \quad \{Q_{\text{IBL}}\} \quad \{Q_{\text{inv}}\}$$

- ✓  $[\partial \mathcal{R} / \partial Q]$  conveniently constructed via automatic differentiation
- ✓ Flexible swap of inviscid solver & extension to multi-disciplines

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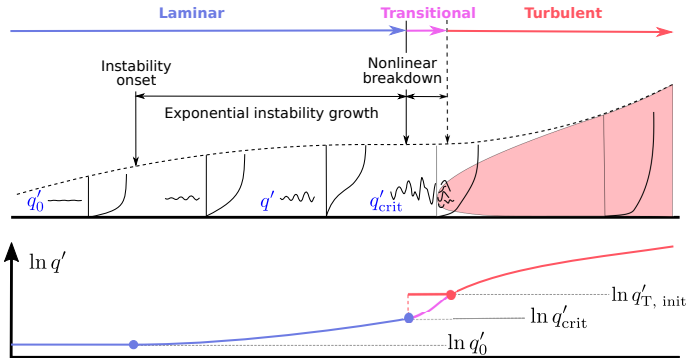
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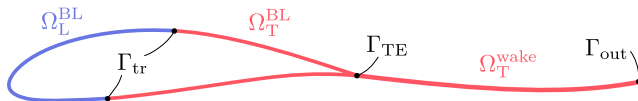
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  - Amplification factor  $\tilde{n}$  tracks max TS wave  $q'$  growth
- Turbulent: shear stress (coefficient  $c_\tau$ ) transport with “lag” equation

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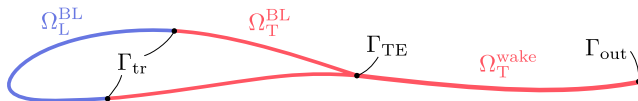
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**Key Challenge:** “Free” interface  $\Gamma_{tr}$

- Transition criterion  $\tilde{n}(\mathcal{G}) = \tilde{n}_{crit} \rightarrow$  identifies  $\Gamma_{tr}$
- Interface location  $\Gamma_{tr}$  interweaves with IBL solution  $\{\delta, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{G}\}$

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## Proposed Methods for DG-IBL: fixed-mesh treatment

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  - Implicit  $\Gamma_{tr}$ ; unified discretization for entire domain
- Fitted transition
  - Explicit  $\Gamma_{tr}$ ; separate discretizations for sub-domains

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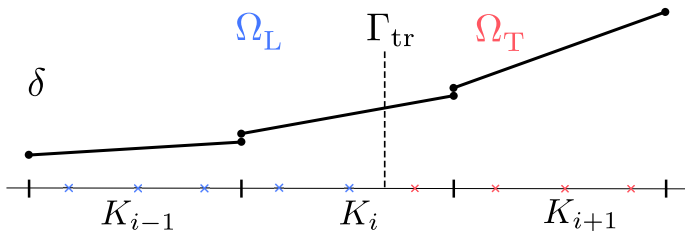
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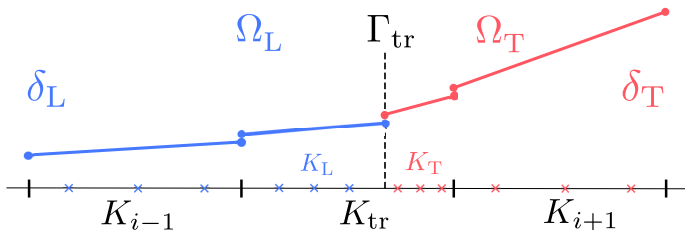
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  - entire domain for  $\tilde{n}(\mathcal{G}_L)$
  - sub-domain interiors for  $\{\delta_L, \mathcal{A}_L\}$  and  $\{\delta_T, \mathcal{A}_T, c_\tau(\mathcal{G}_T)\}$
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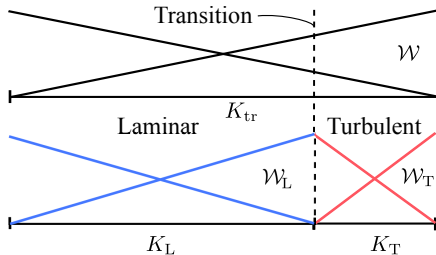
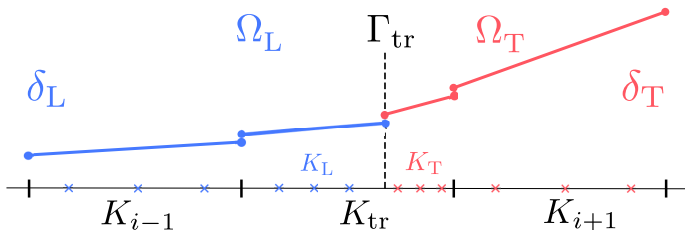
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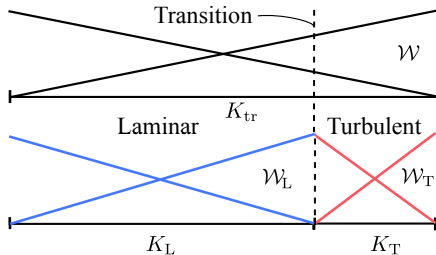
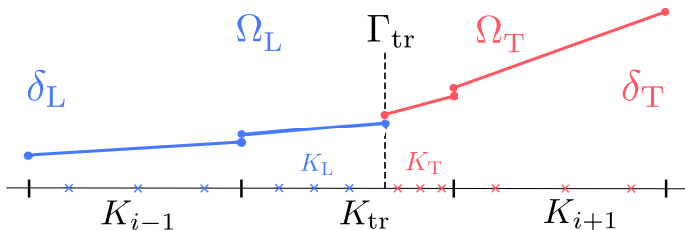


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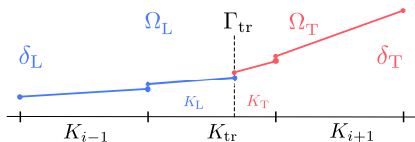
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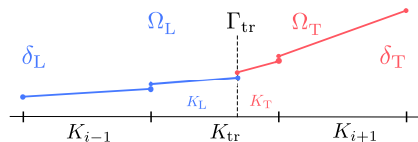
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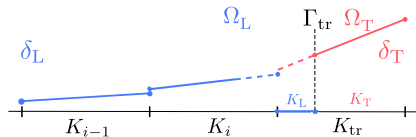
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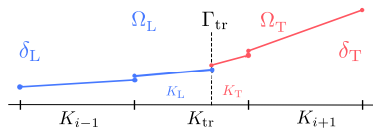


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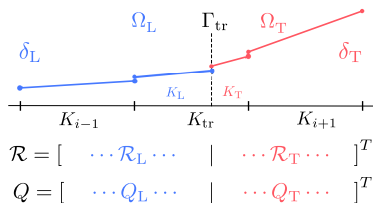
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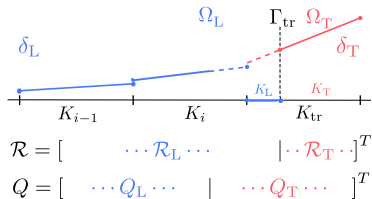
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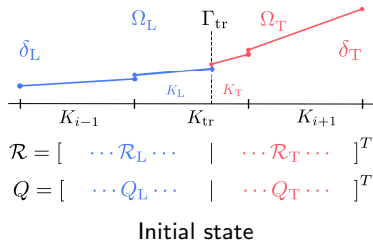
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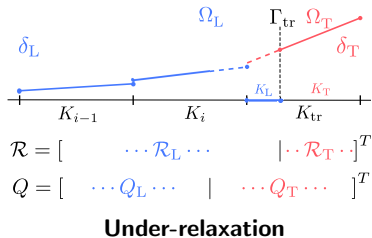
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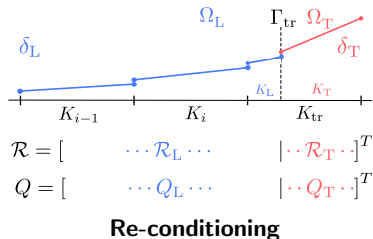
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$\Rightarrow$



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## Viscous-inviscid Analysis Demo

**Test Case:** NACA 0004,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ,  $Re = 10^5$ , incompressible flow

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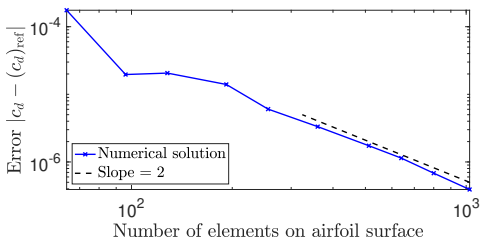
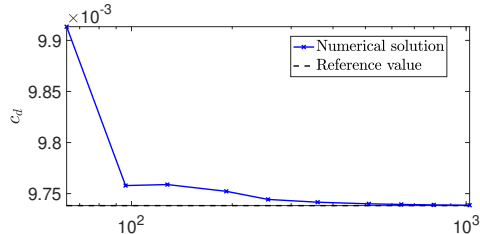
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- Focus on numerics (despite differences in closure models)

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- Grid convergence study
- Output sensitivity w.r.t. parameter (e.g.  $c_d - \tilde{n}_{\text{crit}}$ )

# Grid Convergence Study



XFOIL

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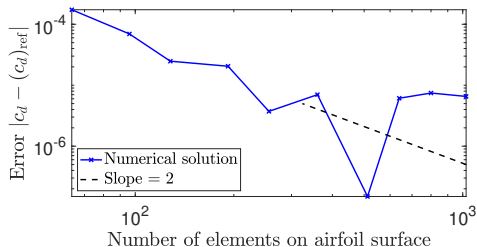
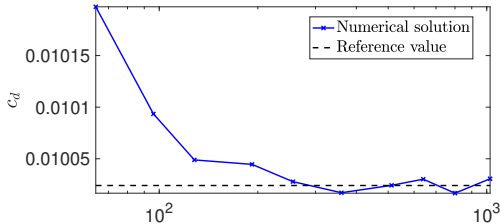
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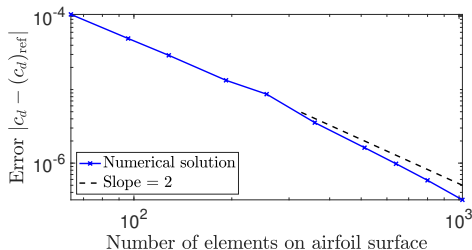
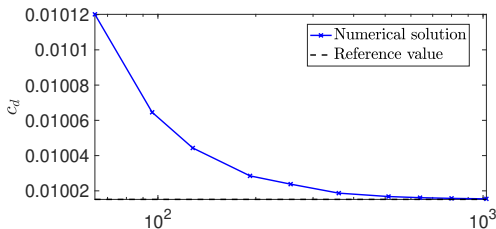
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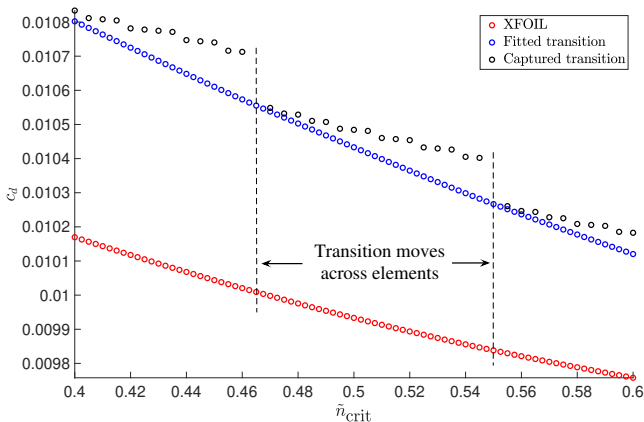
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## Setup:

- Vary parameter  $\tilde{n}_{\text{crit}}$  with fixed grid  $\rightarrow$  different transition location  $\Gamma_{\text{tr}}$
- Desired outcome: smooth output-parameter relation (e.g.  $c_d - \tilde{n}_{\text{crit}}$ )

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## Ongoing/future work

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- Extend to aero-structural coupling: hybrid shell model (HSM)  
→ HSM by Drela et al., AIAA 2019-2227, 10:30am, Friday, Jan 11

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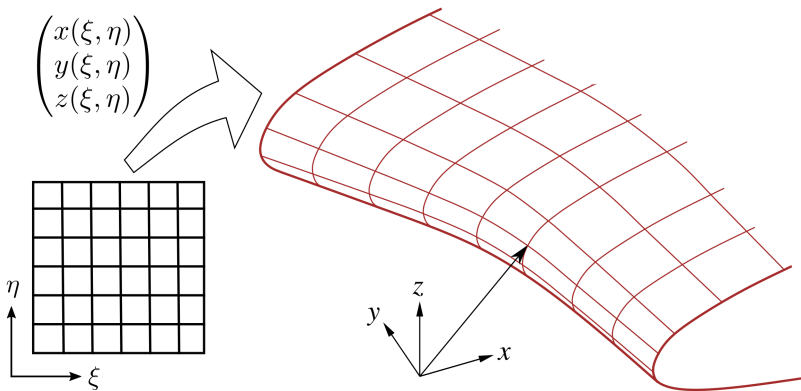
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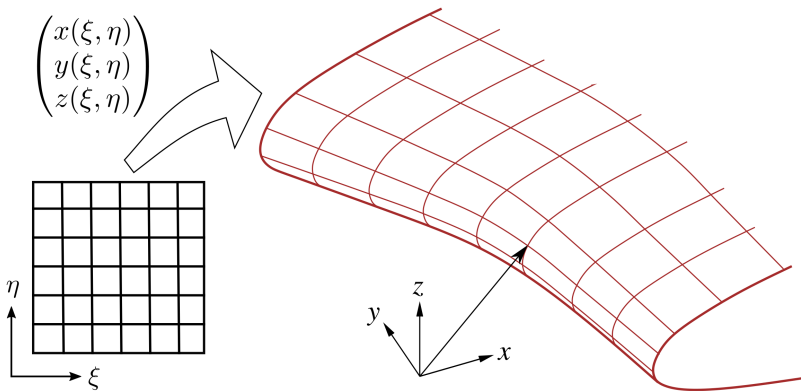
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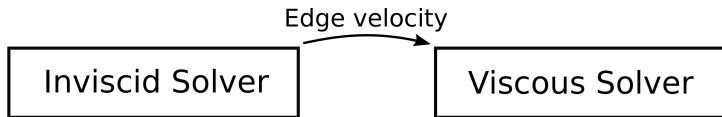
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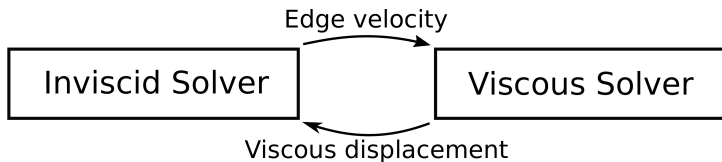
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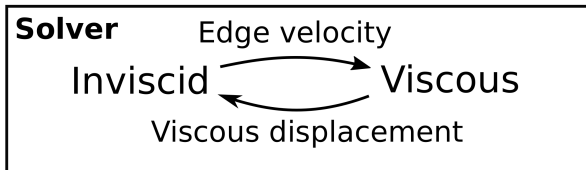
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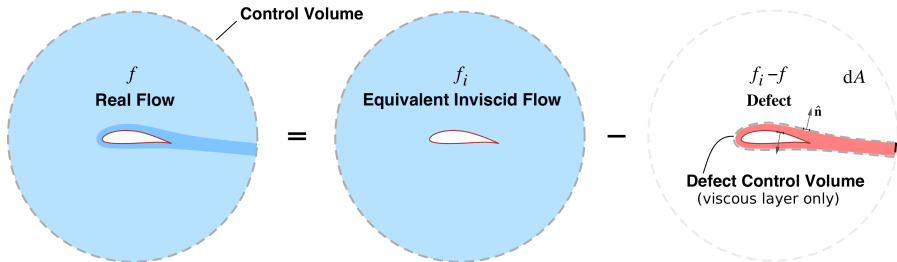
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  - Defect control volume (DCV)
    - Defect  $\mathbf{f}_i - \mathbf{f}$  vanishes outside DCV
    - BL approximations → Thin DCV
    - Dimension reduction: e.g.  $\iint (\text{defect}) dA \Rightarrow \int (\text{defect integral}) d\ell$
- ⇒ IBL equations on defect integral  $\int (\mathbf{f}_i - \mathbf{f}) dn$



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## TS Wave Amplification Equation

$$\mathbf{q}_e \cdot \tilde{\nabla} \mathcal{G} - \frac{q_e}{\theta_{11}} f_N + (1 - R) \frac{1}{t_{\text{ref}}} \exp \left( -\frac{q_e^2}{q_{\text{ref}}^2} \right) (\tilde{n} - \tilde{n}_0) = 0$$

where the growth rate function  $f_N$  is given as follows,

$$f_N(H; Re_{\theta_{11}}) = R \frac{d\tilde{n}}{dRe_{\theta_{11}}} \theta_{11} \frac{dRe_{\theta_{11}}}{dx}$$

$$\text{where} \quad R = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \tanh [10 (\ln Re_{\theta_{11}} - \ln Re_{\theta_{11,0}})]$$

$$\ln Re_{\theta_{11,0}} = \frac{5.738}{(H-1)^{0.43}} + 1.612 \left[ \tanh \left( \frac{14}{H-1} - 9.24 \right) + 1 \right]$$

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## Shear Stress Transport (“Lag”) Equation

**Lag Equation:**

$$\mathbf{q}_e \cdot \tilde{\nabla} \mathcal{G} - \frac{q_e}{2\tilde{\delta}} \left[ 5.6 \left( (c_\tau)_{\text{eq}}^{1/2} - c_\tau^{1/2} \right) \right] \\ - \frac{q_e}{B_{\text{eq}} \delta_1^*} \left[ \frac{C_{f1}}{2} - \left( \frac{H-1}{A_{\text{eq}} K_{\text{dl}} H} \right)^2 \right] + \tilde{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{q}_e = 0$$

with miscellaneous closure relations.

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## Transition Interface Conditions

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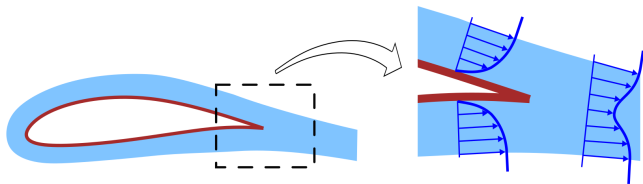
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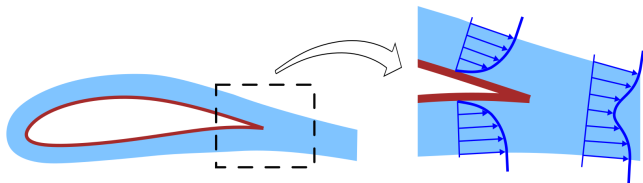
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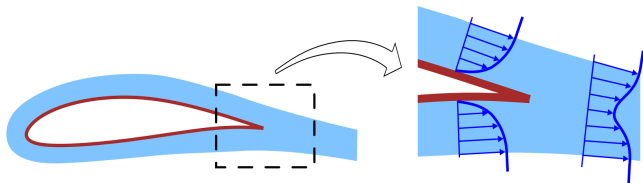
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Assemble DG global weak form:  $\forall \mathcal{W}$

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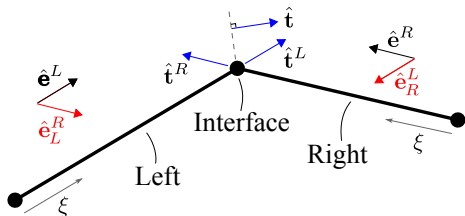
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with numerical flux  $\widehat{\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{t}}$  where  $\mathbf{f} \equiv \left\{ \overline{\overline{\mathbf{P}}}^T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}, \mathbf{K} \right\}^T$ .

## 2D IBL DG Numerical Flux

### Manifold discretization issues

- Discontinuous  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$  at interface
- modify  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$  in  $\widehat{\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{t}}$
- $\hat{\mathbf{t}}^L, \hat{\mathbf{t}}^R$  not co-linear
- define unique  $\hat{\mathbf{t}}$



Interface flux in Lax-Friedrichs formulation:

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- Conservative variable  $\mathbf{u} \equiv [\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}, k]^T$ .
- Dissipation coefficient  $\alpha \equiv \max \left\{ |\mathbf{q}_e^L \cdot \hat{\mathbf{t}}^L|, |\mathbf{q}_e^R \cdot \hat{\mathbf{t}}^R| \right\}$

## Discrete Residuals for Non-IBL Equations

Auxiliary inviscid residual: wall transpiration

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_{\text{auxi}} &\equiv \left( \mathcal{W}, \Lambda - \tilde{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{M} \right)_{\mathcal{T}_h} + \left\langle \phi, \left( \widehat{\mathbf{M}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{BC}} \right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \right\rangle_{\partial\Omega} \\ &= (\mathcal{W}, \Lambda)_{\mathcal{T}_h} + \left( \tilde{\nabla} \mathcal{W}, \mathbf{M} \right)_{\mathcal{T}_h} - \left\langle \mathcal{W}, \mathbf{M} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{t}} \right\rangle_{\partial\mathcal{T}_h \setminus \Gamma_{\text{in}}} - \left\langle \mathcal{W}, \mathbf{M}_{\text{in}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{t}} \right\rangle_{\Gamma_{\text{in}}}\end{aligned}$$

Inviscid equations: e.g. panel method

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{inv}}^{\Psi} \equiv \Psi(\gamma, \Lambda) - \Psi_0 \quad (\text{flow tangency})$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{K}} \equiv \sum_{j \in \text{TE}} \gamma_j \quad (\text{Kutta condition})$$

Auxiliary viscous residual (incompressible): edge velocity projection

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{auxv}} \equiv (\mathcal{W}, \mathbf{q}_e - \mathbf{q}_i)_{\mathcal{T}_h}$$

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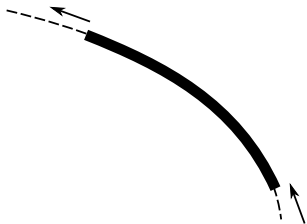
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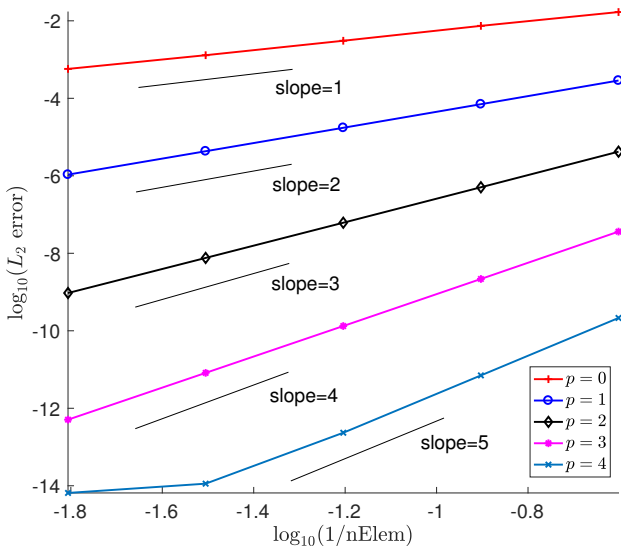


- Elliptical curve segment
- “Manufacture” analytic solution  $\{H, v_s\}$  by prescribing  $b$

$$\frac{db}{d\theta} = \left(1 - \frac{v_s^2}{gH}\right) \frac{dH}{d\theta}$$

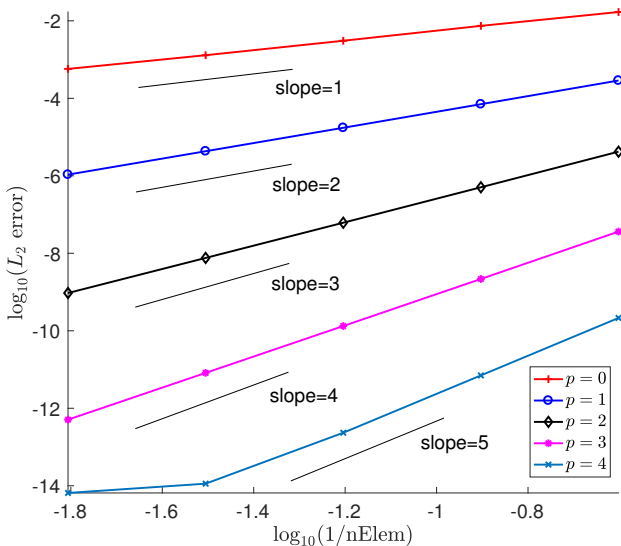
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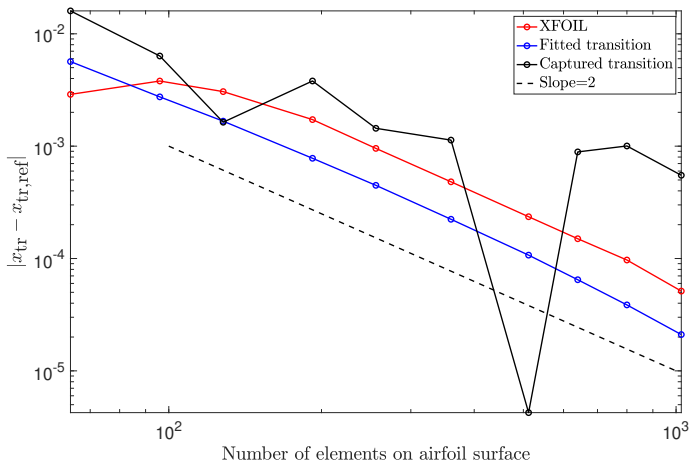
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# Grid Convergence Study

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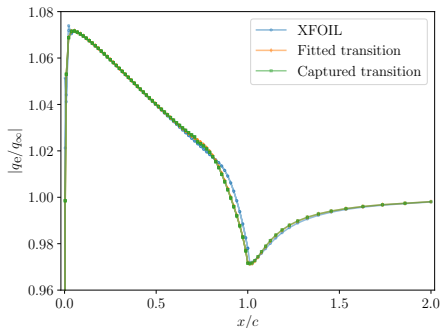
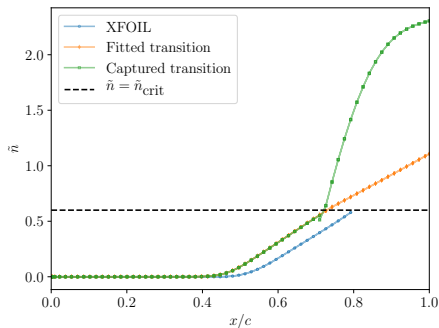
- Output: transition location  $x_{tr}$ , with  $x_{tr,ref}$  from 2048-element grid
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-order: XFOIL (✓), captured (×) and fitted transition (✓)



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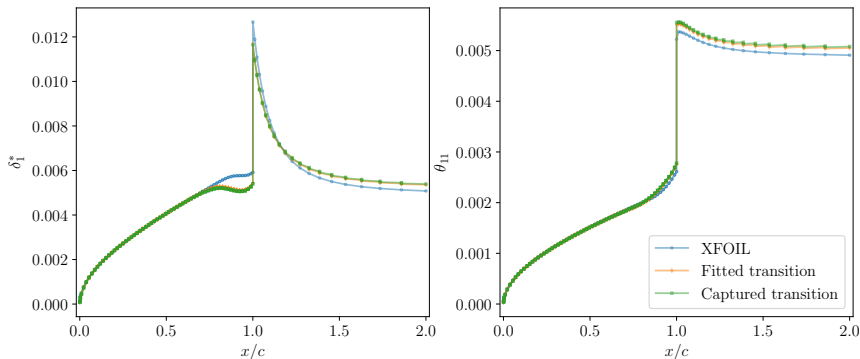
**Left:** amplification factor  $\tilde{n}(\mathcal{G})$

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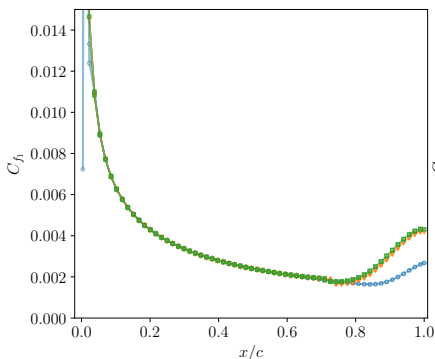
**Left:** displacement thickness  $\delta_1^*$

**Right:** momentum defect thickness  $\theta_{11}$

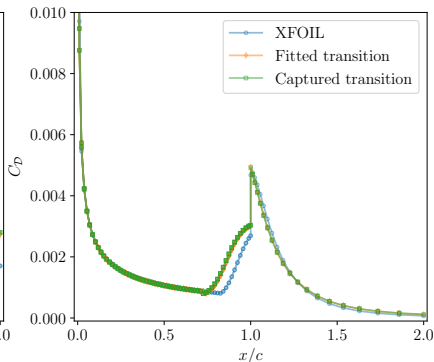
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**Right:** dissipation coefficient  $C_D$