

Week 1: 11 Nov - 13 Nov

Started this week learning about how to use MPI in Athena++. Followed the [3D blast wave tutorial](#) and managed to get it working on Thunderbird with HDF5. Jono also recommended learning a text editor, so I spent an hour learning the basics of Vim. **Note:** HDF5 is better to use than .vtk with parallel computing as it allows all the processors being used to write the data in one file compared to a file for each processor that need to be joined (less hassle).

Jono then gave me an Athena++ hydrodynamic turbulence input script to play around with, and some MATLAB scripts that analyse the energy spectrum of the fluid in question. At the moment, we model the fluid in a cube. There are two different modes that we're wanting to focus on: decaying turbulence (disturb the fluid initially then leave it to its own devices) and continuously driven turbulence. Ran the Athena++ code with 3 different grid sizes for both modes; see screenshots below.

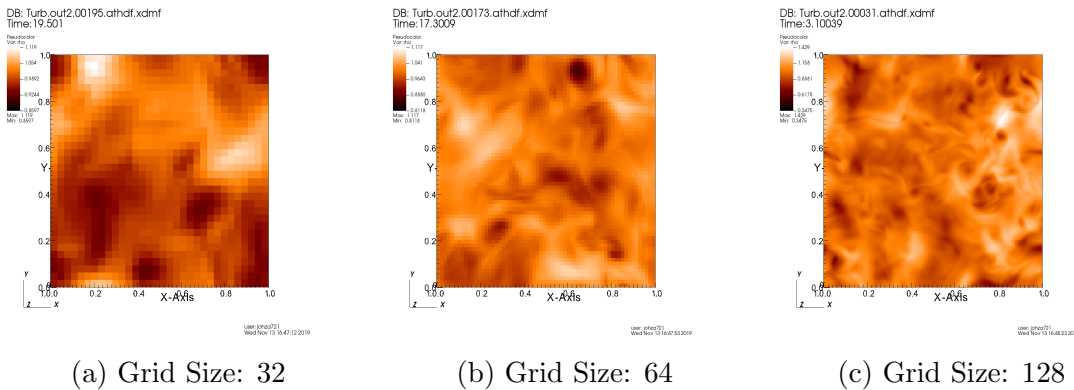


Figure 1: Face-on view of the 3D forced turbulence simulations with different grid sizes; density plotted

These were just the simulations with none of the parameters changed in the input script. Using the MATLAB scripts I also obtained the energy spectrum of the fluid; was very rough due to the low resolution. Wanted to try start a 256^3 grid size simulation before I left on Wednesday but didn't have enough time to set up; will try again later. Thursday and Friday of this week were spent at the [Otago Software Carpentry Workshop](#).

Next Week: Play around with parameters. Want to run the larger grid size simulations to obtain a better energy spectrum that fits the $k^{-5/3}$ law, will add screenshots of spectrum then. Plot the total energy over time for both modes; should observe fluctuations in the energy for forced turbulence.

Week 2: 18 Nov - 22 Nov