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Filtered Density Function(FDF) Solver

Development Plan

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Project Review: FDF Solver Development



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Overall Objective: Develop **data-driven closure models** for turbulent scalar transport using the **Filtered Density Function (FDF)** approach.

- **Current Focus:** Build a **scalar FDF solver** as a foundational step toward full model development.
- **Goal:** Establish a flexible, validated FDF framework as the basis for future **data-driven closure model training & evaluation**.
- **Approach:** Leverage the existing **LES solver** to provide:
 - Resolved flow fields (velocity, pressure)
 - Sub-grid-scale (SGS) fields (e.g., Reynolds stresses)

• **Key Tasks Ahead:**

- Develop robust **Eulerian–Lagrangian coupling** for scalar particle transport.
- Implement the **scalar transport Eulerian solver** compatible with curvilinear grids.

Master Plan & Status: (1/5) Grid & Geometry Infrastructure



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1.1 Setup Core DMDA Structures ✓

- ✓ Create DMDA user->da (DOF=1).
- ✓ Create/Derive DMDA user->fda (DOF=3).
- ✓ Set parallel decomposition layout.
- ✓ Setup DM structures (DMSetUp).

1.2 Grid Definition ✓

- ✓ Read grid params from options (control.dat).
- ✓ Read grid params from file (grid.dat).
- ✓ Logic to choose input source.
- ✓ Determine & store global dimensions (IM, JM, KM).

1.3 Assign Curvilinear Coordinates ✓

- ✓ Get local coordinate vector *Coor*.
- ✓ Generate coordinates (uniform/stretched).
- ✓ Read coordinates from file.
- ✓ Broadcast/Distribute coordinates.
- ✓ Populate local coordinate vector *Coor*.
- ✓ Synchronize global coordinate vector *gCoor*.

1.4 Calculate Grid Metrics ➡

- ➡ Define data structures (Vecs) for metrics.
- ➡ Implement numerical differentiation of *Coor*.
- ➡ Implement calculation of Jacobian, basis vectors, etc.
- ➡ Store metrics in Vecs.
- ➡ Update ghost values for metric Vecs.

1.5 Walking Search Algorithm (Curvilinear) ⚠

- ⚠ Compute All rank Bounding Boxes (curvilinear)
- ✓ Compute Distance of Particle to Face Analyze
- ✓ Compute Signed Distances from all faces of a cell to particle.
- ✓ Search through Cells in a Rank Bounding Box.
- ✓ Determine cell indices (i,j,k) & weights (a1,a2,a3).
- ✓ Store results in *DMSwarm_CellID* and weight fields (mechanism exists).

1.6: Verify/Adapt Particle Migration ⚠

- ✓ Existing logic identifies potential migrants using physical coords vs. axis-aligned bounding box of *owned* nodes.
- ✓ Existing logic identifies target rank by checking axis-aligned bounding boxes (bboxlist) of immediate Cartesian neighbors (user->neighbors).
- ⚠ Analyze robustness: Evaluate if the current axis-aligned bounding box approach (based on owned nodes) is sufficient for identifying *all* necessary migrants and finding the *correct* target rank near highly curved inter-processor boundaries.
- ➡ Develop/Implement robust condition (if needed): Based on analysis, potentially implement checks against neighbor ghost cells or use more sophisticated geometric tests instead of simple axis-aligned boxes.
- ➡ Verify: Test particle transfer across representative curved boundaries using the chosen (existing or revised) logic.




✓ Complete/Functional | ⚠ Partial/Needs Adaptation/Verification | ➡ Requires Implementation

Master Plan & Status: (2/5) Eulerian Field Management








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2.1 Setup Context and Parameters

-  Define UserCtx struct.
-  Read standard simulation parameters.
-  Add reading for FDF parameters (Sc_t, C_mix).

2.3 Handle LES Data Input

-  Implement PETSc binary reader (ReadFieldData).
-  Read Ucat using ReadFieldData.
-  Read Nu_t into user->nu_sgs_les.
-  Calculate $D_{sgs_grid} = nu_{sgs_les} / Sc_t$.
-  Update ghost cell values (Needs cases for new fields: D_{sgs_grid} , $\langle \phi \rangle$).

2.2 Setup Eulerian Field Vectors

-  Create Vecs for Ucat, P, Nvert, etc.
-  Create Vec user->nu_sgs_les (on da).
-  Create Vec user->D_sgs_grid (on da).
-  Create Vec user->euler_phi_mean (for $\langle \phi \rangle$, on da).
-  Create Vecs for FDF stats (phi_fdf_mean, phi_fdf_variance, on da).
-  Create Vec for FDF source term (if needed).

Master Plan & Status: (3/5) Lagrangian Particle Solver



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3.1 Setup DMSwarm ✓

- ✓ Create DMSwarm object.
- ✓ Register standard fields (position, velocity, pid, CellID, weight).

3.2 Add FDF Particle Fields →

- Register "phi_scalar" field.
- Register "D_sgs_interp" field.
- Register temporary fields if needed (e.g., "phi_fluct_sq").

3.3 Initialize Particle Properties ⚠

- ✓ Initialize positions.
- ✓ Initialize velocity (to zero/interpolated).
- Initialize "phi_scalar" based on initial condition.

3.4 Implement Stochastic Differential Equation (SDE) →

- Access required fields (pos, vel, D_sgs_interp).
- Setup/Verify parallel PetscRandom.
- Implement $\sqrt{2 \cdot D_{\text{sgs}}}$ term (handle non-positive D_{sgs}).
- Implement Wiener increment dW generation.
- Implement Euler-Maruyama update step.
- Refactor UpdateAllParticlePositions.

3.5 Implement Scalar Mixing Model (IEM)** →

- Create new function UpdateParticleScalars_IEM.
- Access particle fields & interpolated $\langle \phi \rangle$.
- Calculate cell size Δ .
- Calculate mixing timescale τ_{mix} .
- Implement Euler forward update for phi_scalar.
- Integrate call into AdvanceSimulation.

3.6 Implement Particle Boundary Handling ⚠

- ✓ Check/Remove particles leaving physical domain.
- Implement periodic boundary conditions (if needed).
- Implement/Verify reflective boundary conditions for curvilinear walls.

4.1 Grid-to-Particle Interpolation ⚠

- ✓ Interpolate Ucat (nodal fda) to particle "velocity" field (Mechanism exists).
- ⚠ Verify Ucat interpolation accuracy on curvilinear grid (PRIORITY 1c).
- ➡ Implement D_sgs_grid (cell da) to particle "D_sgs_interp" interpolation.
- ➡ Implement grid $\langle \phi \rangle$ (from phi_cell_mean_grid on da) back to particles (for IEM).

4.2 Particle-to-Grid Statistics (Moments) ⚠

- ✓ Calculate particle count per cell (user->ParticleCount).
- ✓ Implement scatter/accumulate framework.
- ✓ Implement normalization by count framework.
- ⚠ Implement scatter/normalize for cell-mean $\langle \phi \rangle$ (user->phi_cell_mean_grid, used for IEM).
- ➡ Implement calculation & scatter/normalize for variance $\langle \phi'^2 \rangle_{\text{fdf}}$ (user->phi_fdf_variance).
- ⚠ Implement scatter/normalize for final FDF mean $\langle \phi \rangle_{\text{fdf}}$ (user->phi_fdf_mean).

Master Plan & Status: (5/5) Post Processing, Validation, Performance



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5 Post Processing and I/O ⚠

- ✓ Write Eulerian/Lagrangian fields to PETSc binary.
- Write FDF statistics fields ($\langle \phi \rangle_{\text{fdf}}$, $\langle \phi'^2 \rangle_{\text{fdf}}$).
- Write particle scalar field (phi_scalar).
- ⚠ Adapt VTK output for new fields (FDF stats, particle scalar, maybe metrics).
- Implement particle PDF calculation/export.
- Implement ML-ready data output (HDF5/CSV).

7 Parallel Performance & Scalability ⚠

- ✓ Particle migration framework exists.
- ⚠ Verify particle migration on curvilinear grids (see Task 1.6).
- ✓ PETSc parallel structures used.
- Verify parallel RNG correctness.
- Implement strong/weak scaling tests.
- Implement profiling of key components.

6 Validation & Test Cases →

- Curvilinear grid verification (VTK, metrics).
- Curvilinear particle location validation.
- Curvilinear interpolation/advection validation.
- (Standalone Eulerian solver validation Deferred)
- SDE particle dispersion test.
- FDF test case(s) (e.g., scalar decay/channel flow using LES data).
- Implement grid convergence tests.
- Implement FDF diagnostics (PDF plots).

Priority 1: Ensuring Curvilinear Grid Compatibility



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Key Focus Areas & Tasks (Phase 1)

1. Verify/Adapt Particle Location Algorithm (Task 1.5):

- Ensure robust mapping: physical (x,y,z) \rightarrow logical (i,j,k, a1,a2,a3).
- Debug/Refine LocateParticleInGrid using coordinate/metric data.

Status: Framework exists [], Curvilinear logic needs verification/implementation [ ]

2. Verify/Adapt Particle Migration Logic (Task 1.6):

- Ensure correct particle identification & transfer across curved processor boundaries.
- Evaluate robustness of current axis-aligned bounding box approach.

Status: Framework exists [], Curvilinear robustness needs analysis/verification [ ].

3. Verify Interpolation Accuracy (Task 4.1.1 / 6.1.3):

- Assess accuracy of InterpolateEulerFieldToSwarm (for U_LES) on distorted grid cells.

Status: Framework exists [], Accuracy on specific grid needs verification [ ].

Priority 2: FDF Core Physics Implementation



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1. Ingest SGS Data & Calculate Diffusivity (Task 2.3):

- Read LES Nu_t (cell-centered) into `user->nu_sgs_les`.
- Calculate $D_{sgs} = Nu_t / Sc_t$ on the grid (`user->da`).

2. Add Particle Scalar & Interpolate D_{sgs} (Tasks 3.2, 3.3, 4.1):

- Add `phi_scalar` & `D_sgs_interp` fields to `DMSwarm`.
- Implement cell-to-particle interpolation for `D_sgs`.

3. Implement Stochastic Position Update (SDE) (Task 3.4):

- Modify `UpdateAllParticlePositions`: $dX = U_{LES} dt + \sqrt{2 \cdot D_{sgs}} dW$.
- Requires parallel Random Number Generation.

4. Implement Mixing Model (IEM) (Task 3.5)**:

- Calculate conditional mean $\langle \phi | X_p \rangle$ (scatter/interpolate).
- Calculate mixing timescale τ_{mix} .
- Update `phi_scalar`.

5. Calculate FDF Statistics (Task 4.2):

- Compute Mean $\langle \phi \rangle_{fdf}$ (scatter/normalize `phi_scalar`).
- Compute Variance $\langle \phi'^2 \rangle_{fdf}$ (scatter/normalize fluctuations) (If time permits).

** If time permits

Proposed 2-Month Plan & Mid-August Goals



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Phase 1: Curvilinear Foundation Verification (~3 Weeks)

Focus: Tasks 1.5, 1.6, 4.1.1 (Location, Migration, Interp. Accuracy).

Deliverable: Verified particle tracker components on curvilinear grid.

Phase 2: Core A Posteriori FDF Implementation (~5 Weeks)

Focus: Tasks 2.3 (Nu_t, D_sgs), 3.2/3.3 (phi_scalar), 4.1.2 (D_sgs interp.), 3.4 (SDE). Stretch: 3.5 (IEM), 4.2 (Stats).

Deliverable (Depends on Goal Level): Basic FDF prototype.

Focus: Prioritize robust curvilinear handling (Phase 1) above all else.

Mid-August (~2 Months) Goal Scenarios:

- **Ambitious Goal:** Phase 1 verified + FDF prototype with SDE, IEM, Mean & Variance calculation functional for a simple test case.
- **Moderate Goal (Primary Target):** Phase 1 verified + FDF core with SDE implemented & tested. phi_scalar added. D_sgs read & interpolated. (Maybe) FDF Mean calculated.
- **Conservative Goal (If Challenges Arise):** Phase 1 fully verified & robust (Curvilinear tracker foundation complete). Initial steps of Phase 2 started (e.g., Nu_t reading).

Dependencies : Phase 2 heavily relies on successful completion and verification of Phase 1. Plan flexibility is key.