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# Hybrid models

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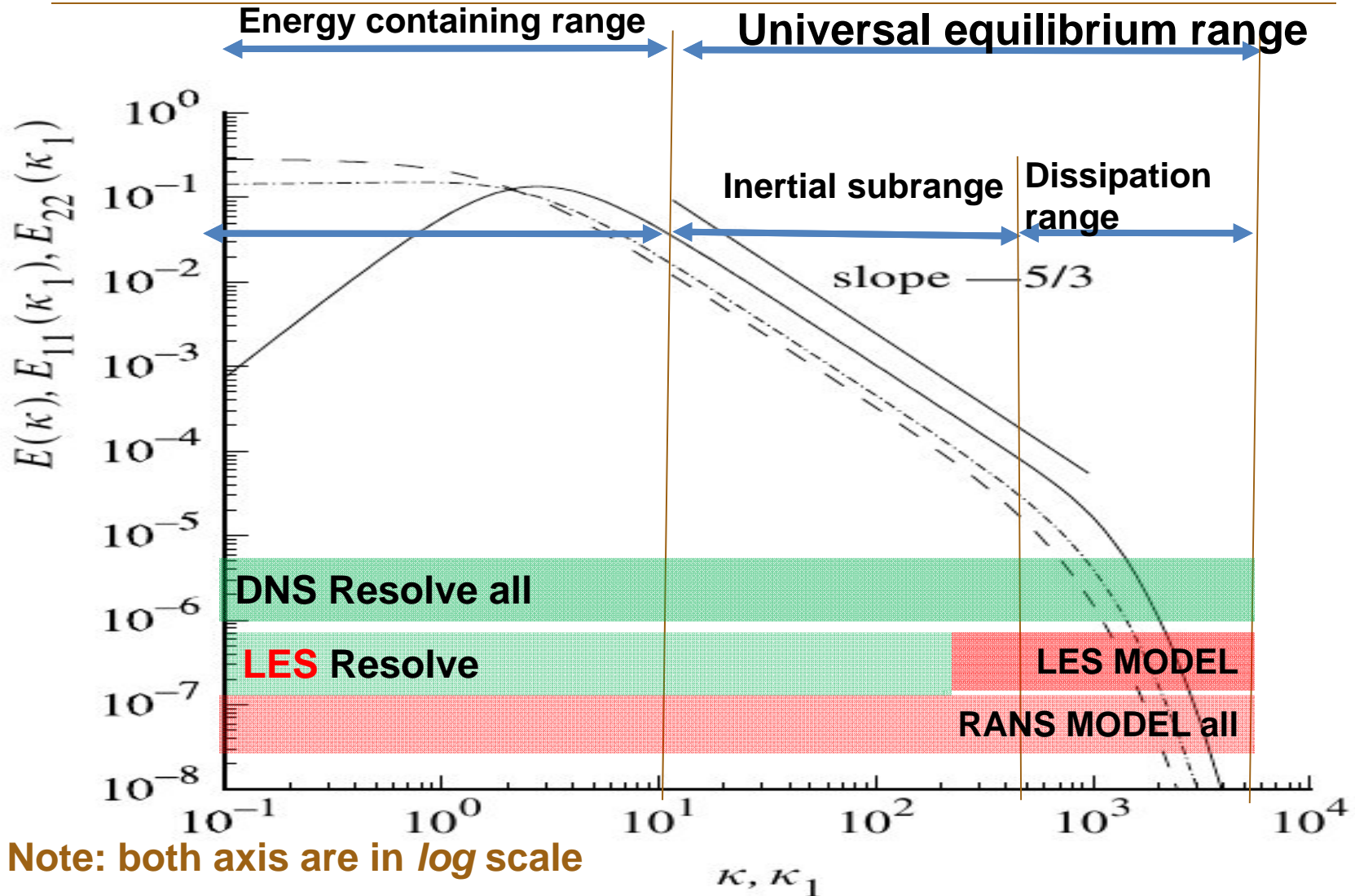
# Outline

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- RANS vs. LES vs. DNS
- Hybrid models
  - Why and how to hybrid?
  - Type of hybrid models
    - » Pros /Cons
- Literature
  1. Fröhlich, J., von Terzi, D. Hybrid LES/RANS methods for the simulation of turbulent flows, Progr. in Aerosp. Sci., 44 (2008), 349-377
  2. Spalart, P.R. Detached-Eddy Simulation, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech. 2009, 41:181-202

# RANS vs. LES vs. DNS

(Averaged) vs. (filtered) vs. (raw) Navier-Stokes equations



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## Possible issues

- Accuracy/fidelity ↑, Cost ↑
- Ease of implement/use ↑
- discretization schemes ↑
  - » DNS favors high order scheme
- Stability ↑↓
  - » RSM can be unstable due to complicated eq.s.
  - » DNS is on a edge trying to minimize number of grid cells.
- Boundary conditions
  - » P.D.E.s ↓
  - » Inflow/outflow fluctuation ↑
- Data Post-processing, analysis ↑

All models solve a similar form of 3 momentum + 1 continuity equations. The unresolved Reynolds or residual stresses can all be modeled by eddy viscosity assumption as:

- RANS

$$\nu_{eff} = \nu_{molec} + \nu_{RANS}$$

- LES

$$\nu_{eff} = \nu_{molec} + \nu_{LES}$$

- Why not combine modeling concepts?

$$\nu_{eff} = \nu_{molec} + \nu_{model}$$

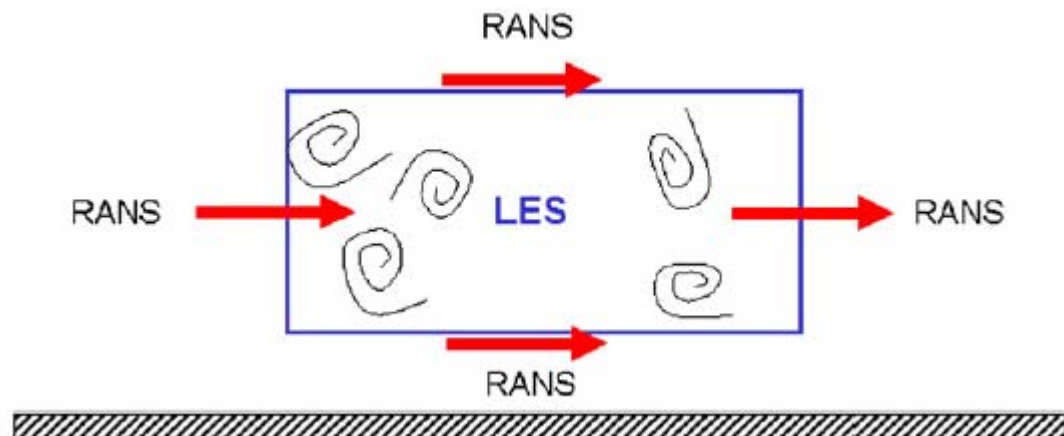


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# Why NOT?

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- Conceptual issues (Reynolds average vs. spatial filtering vs. raw )
- 2 models more difficult than 1 (e.g. different model assumptions and asymptotic behaviors)
- How to separate?
- How to connect?



[Frohlich2008]

# Coupling strategies

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- $$\frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \overline{u_i u_j}}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \overline{u_i}}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \tau_{ij}^{Model}$$

- Unified

- blending

$$\tau_{ij}^{model} = f^{RANS} \tau_{ij}^{RANS} + f^{LES} \tau_{ij}^{LES}$$

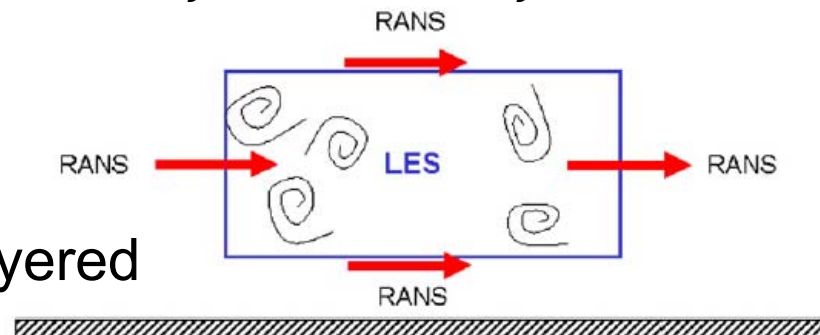
- adjusting

- Segregated

- Interfaced/ Embedded/Layered

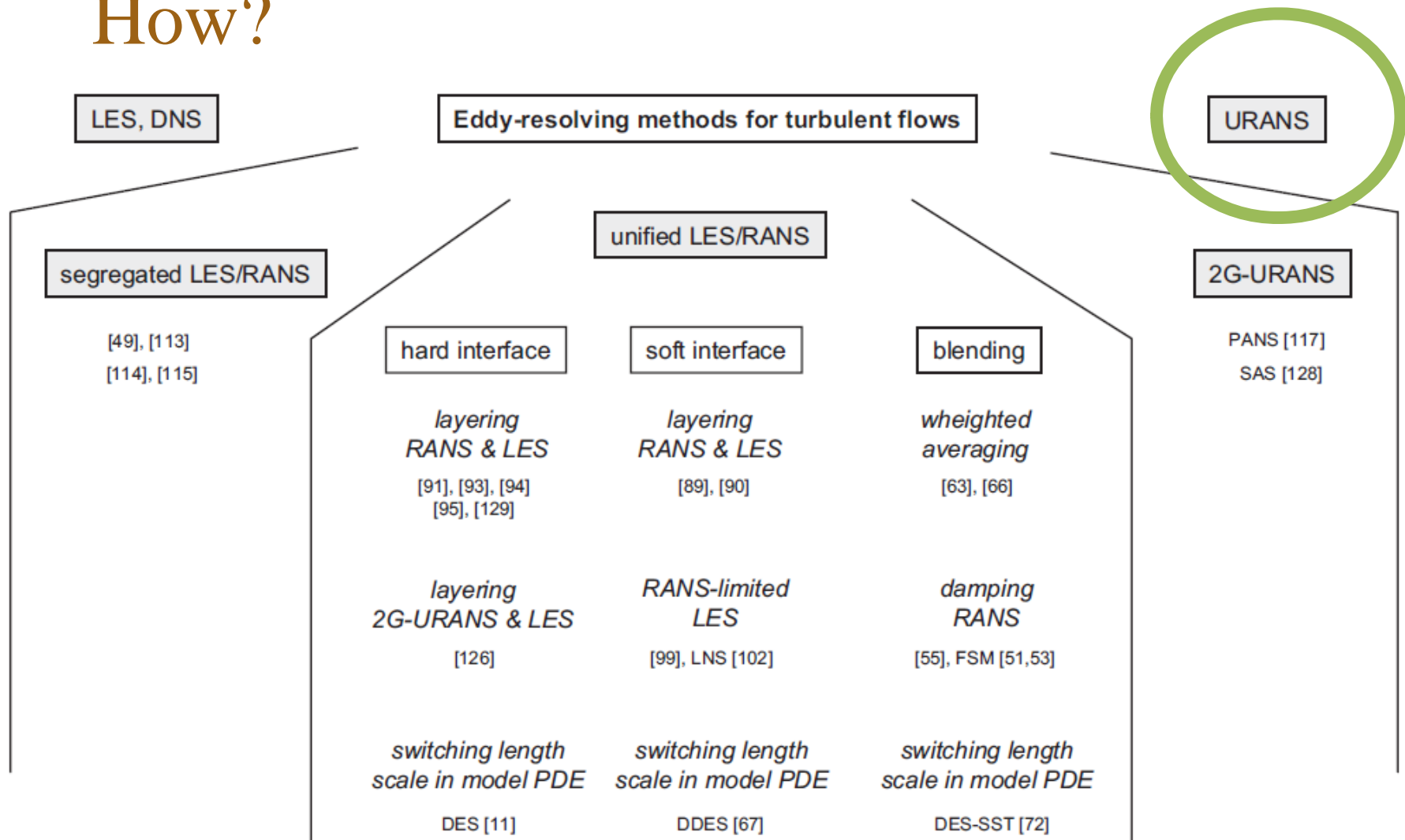
- » Hard (constant in time)

- » Soft



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# How?



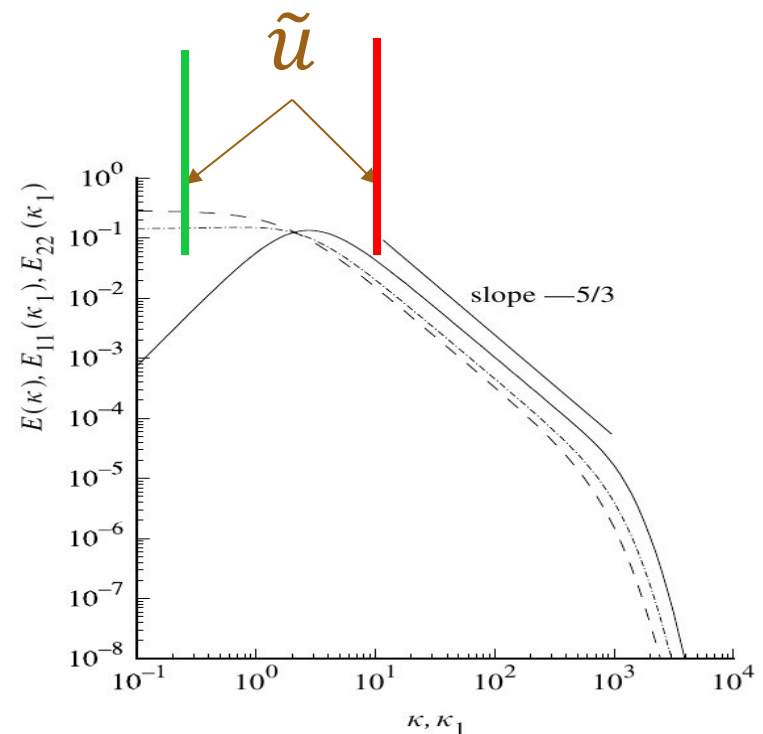
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A spectrum of hybrid methods



# URANS

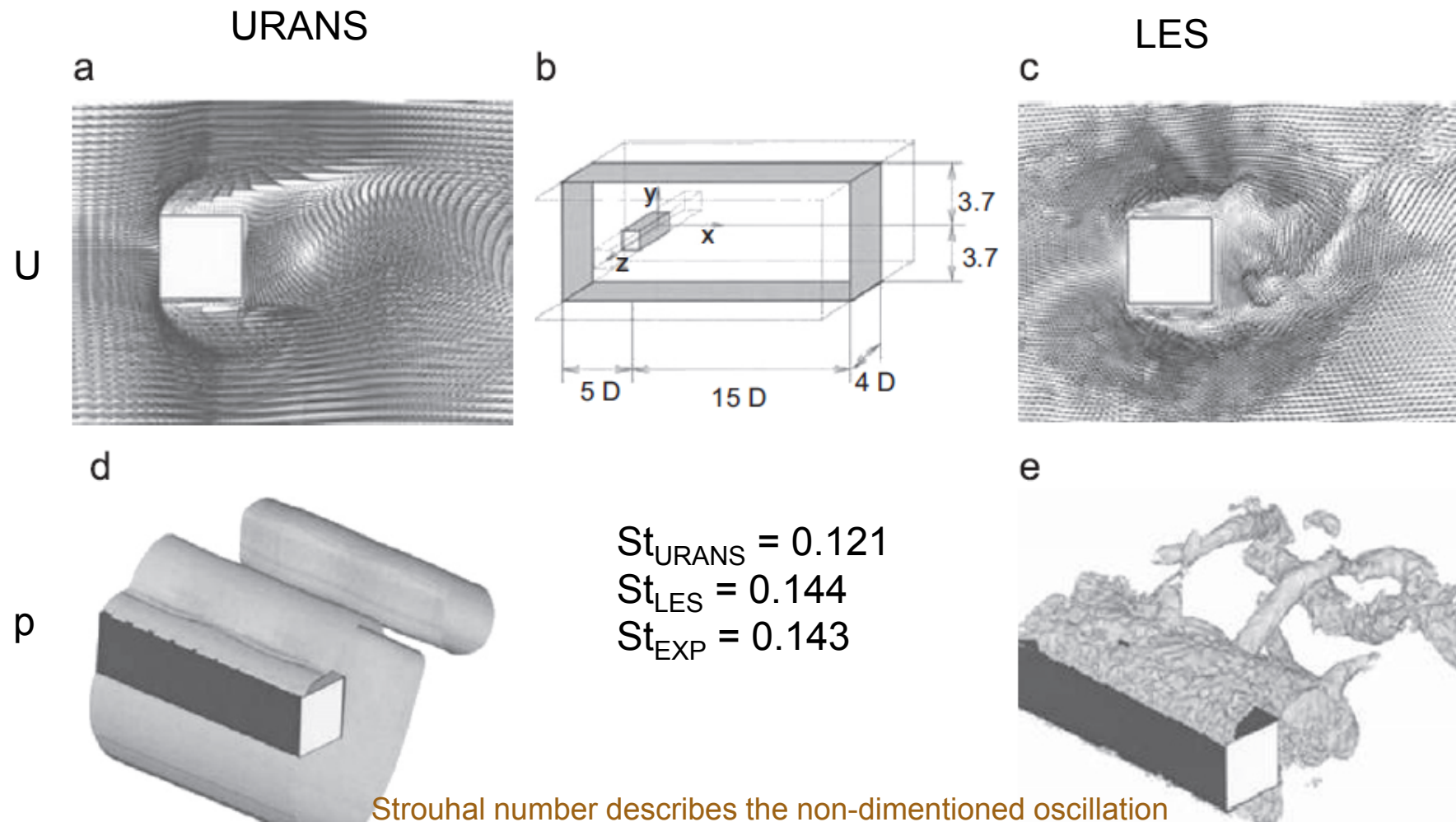
- RANS = steady flows
- URANS = Unsteady RANS
$$u = \bar{u} + \tilde{u} + u'$$
- $\tilde{u}$  = “phase average or the average conditioned on some slowly varying quantity”
- Source of unsteadiness
  - External / BC
  - Internal / flow instability
- Add time-dependent term
- No change in turb. model



- **Conceptually OK only if resolved timescale is not within turbulent range**

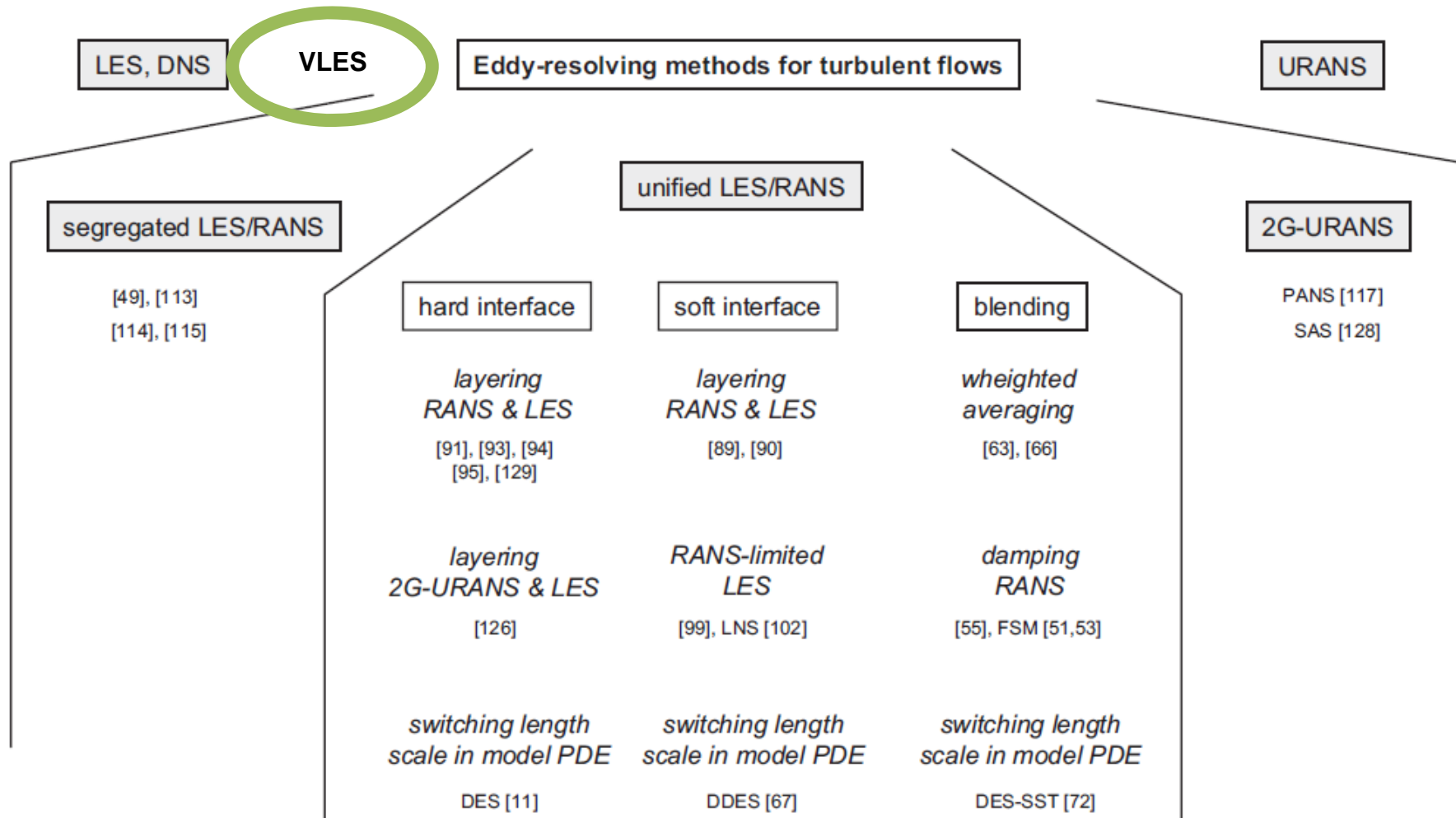


# E.g. flow over a square cylinder



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# How?



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# Very Large Eddy Simulation (VLES)

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## LES

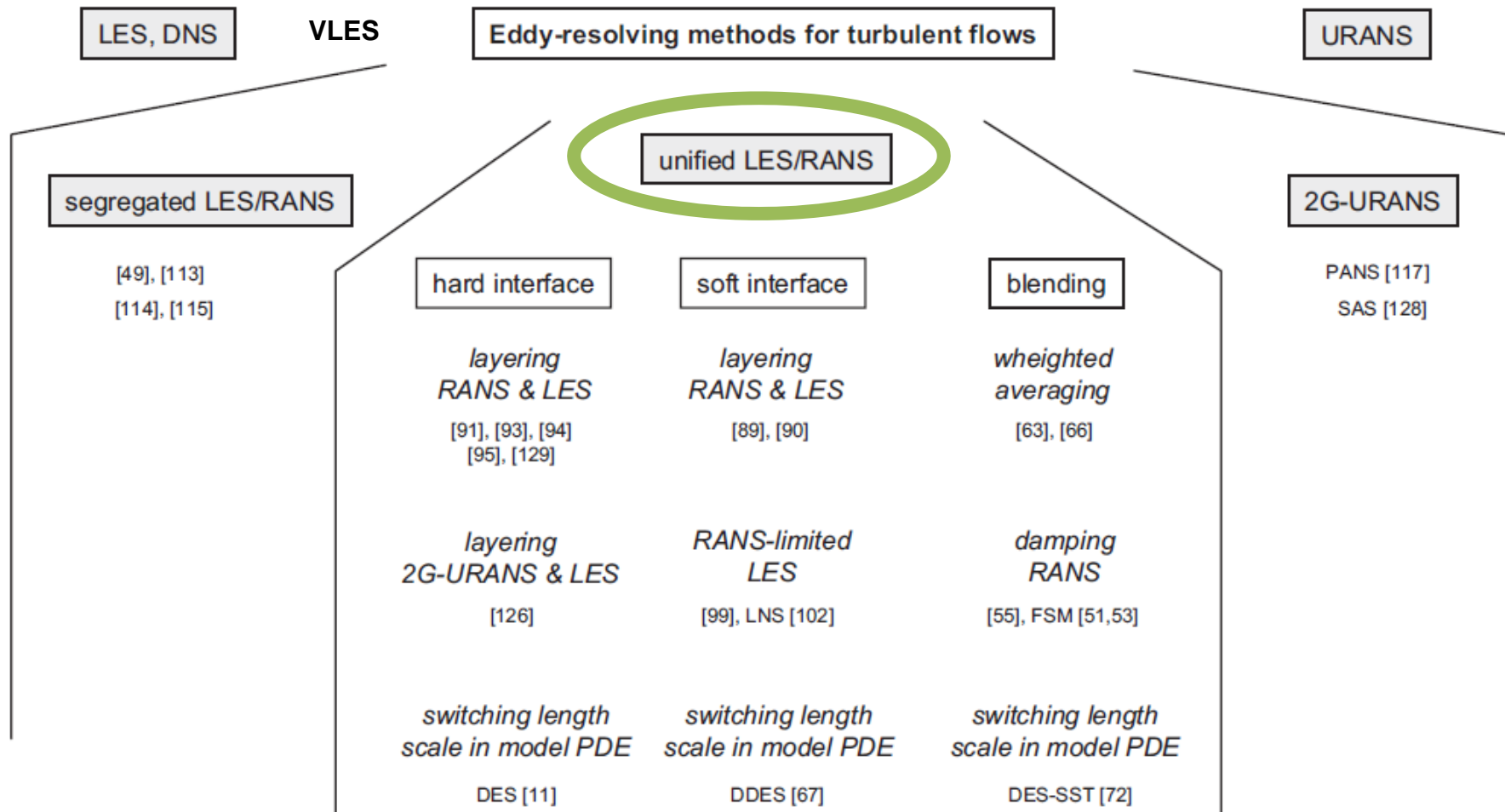
- Resolve at least 80% of kinetic energy
- Filter cutoff within inertial subrange

## • VLES

- Several methods are called VLES
- Too coarse LES
- No adjustment of the SGS model
- Problems obtaining physical results
- Used e.g. for inflow data generation



# How?



[Frohlich2008]

Categorization/terminology not established yet!

# Unified turbulence models

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- Blending:  $\tau_{ij}^{model} = f^{RANS} \tau_{ij}^{RANS} + f^{LES,DNS} \tau_{ij}^{LES,DNS}$
- Requirements [Speziale]
  1. For coarse grids -> RANS
  2. For fine grids -> DNS (possibility to turn off)
  3. No explicit filtering (make it easy in complex situations)
- Examples
  - Damping of a RANS model
  - Weighted sum of RANS and LES

# Damping of a RANS model (FSM)

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- FSM = Flow Simulation Methodology

- $\tau_{ij}^{model} = f_{\Delta} \left( \frac{\Delta}{l_K} \right) \tau_{ij}^{RANS} \quad 0 \leq f_{\Delta} \leq 1$

**contribution  
function**

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**Damp model when  
part of the turbulence  
is resolved**

- Issues of consistency

$\Delta$  – grid size

$$l_K = \frac{\nu^{3/4}}{\epsilon^{1/4}} \quad (\text{Kolmogorov scale})$$

$$f_{\Delta} \left( \frac{\Delta}{l_K} \right) = \left( 1 - e^{-\beta \frac{\Delta}{l_K}} \right)^n$$

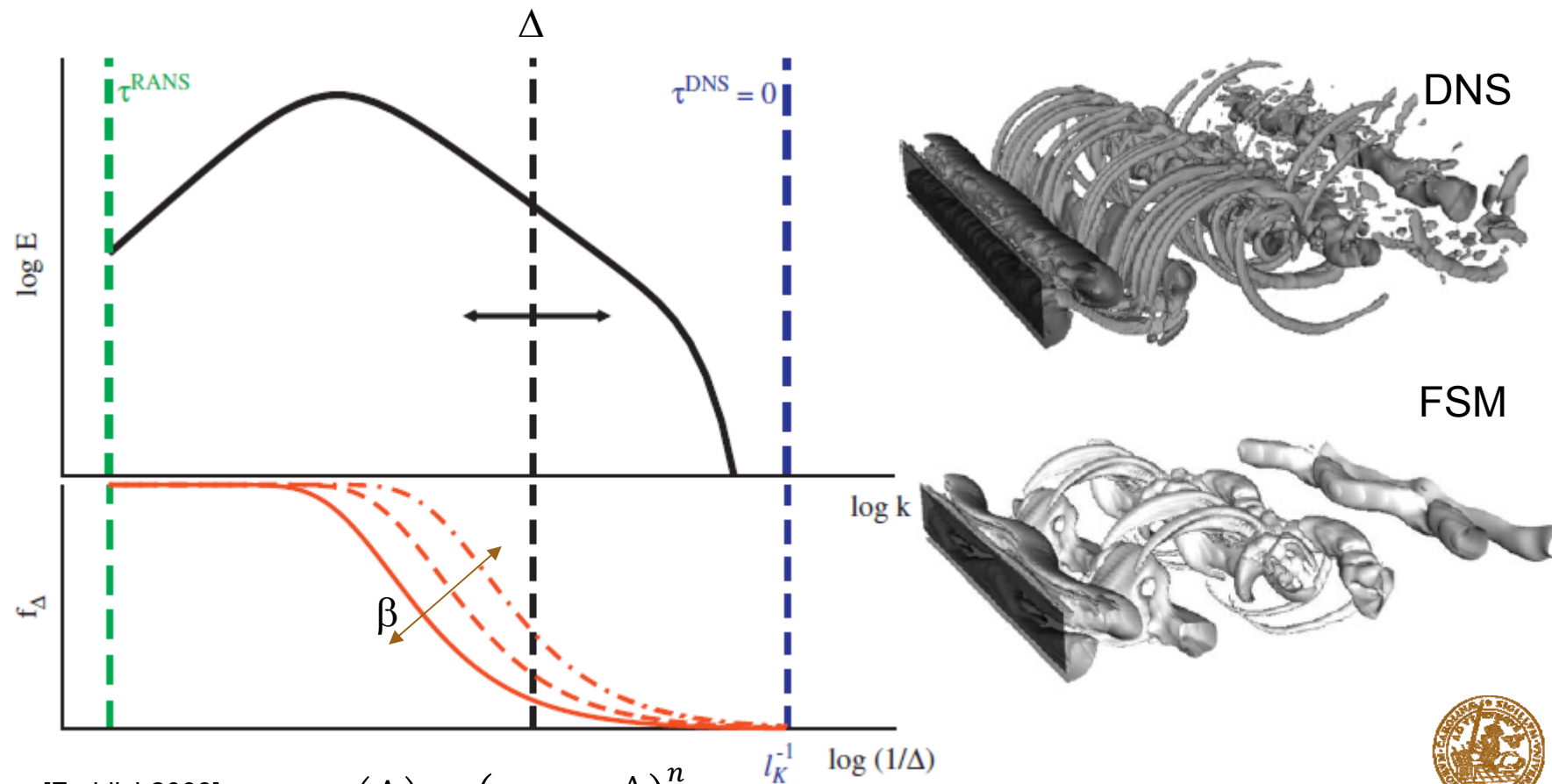
$$u_{\text{FSM model}} \neq \langle u_i \rangle_{\text{Reynold average}}$$

– How to compute  $\tau_{ij}^{RANS}$ ?



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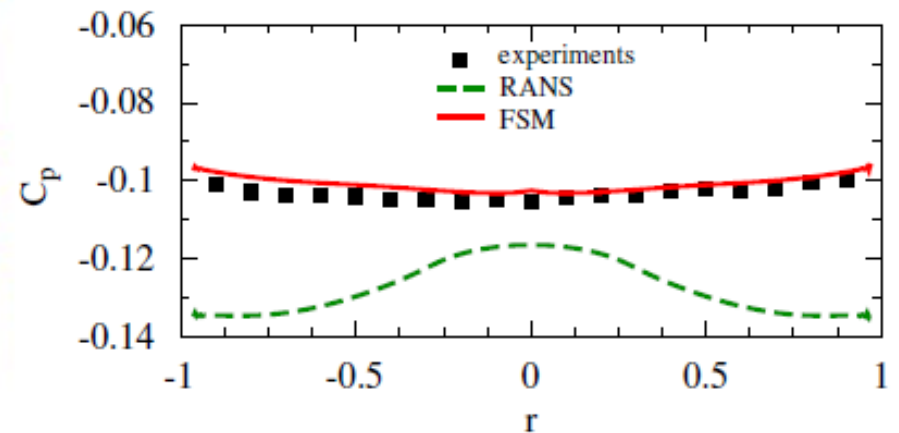
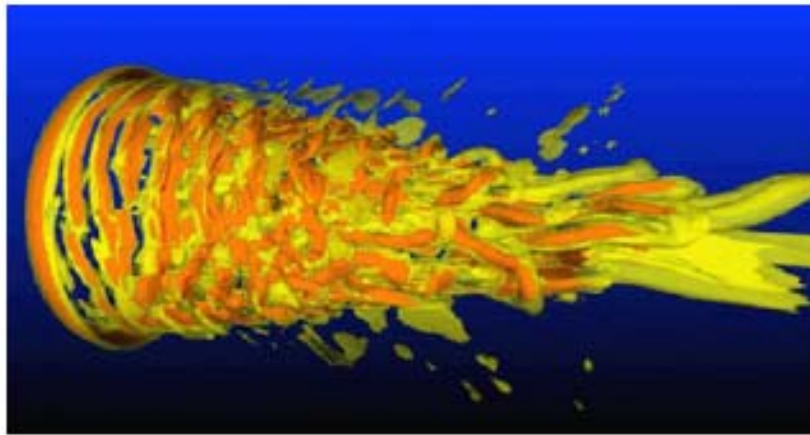


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# Flow Simulation Methodology(FSM)

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- Supersonic flow computed with FSM



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**RANS:** solve additional transport equations

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}_j \phi}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\nu_T}{C_\phi} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + P_\phi - \epsilon_\phi + R_\phi$$

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1-eq.  
2-eq.  
3,4-eq.  
7-eqs.RSM

Boussinesq eddy viscosity assumptions (Algebraic)

$$\tau_{ij}^{RANS} - \frac{2}{3} k \delta_{ij} = 2 \nu_T \bar{S}_{ij}$$

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Near wall boundary treatment:

Using a blending function  $f(d)$ :  $d$  is the distance to wall

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Filter or grid cell size



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# Weighted sum of LES and RANS

- E.g. using the Shear-Stress Transport (SST) model (solve  $K, \omega$ )

- $\nu_t = f \nu_t^{RANS} + (1 - f) \nu_t^{LES} = f \frac{K}{\omega} + (1 - f) C_s \sqrt{K} \Delta$

- $\epsilon = f \epsilon^{RANS} + (1 - f) \epsilon^{LES} = f \beta^* K \omega + (1 - f) C_s \frac{K^{3/2}}{\Delta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{LES} &\sim C_s^2 \Delta^2 \bar{S} \\ &\sim C_s \sqrt{k_r} \Delta \end{aligned}$$

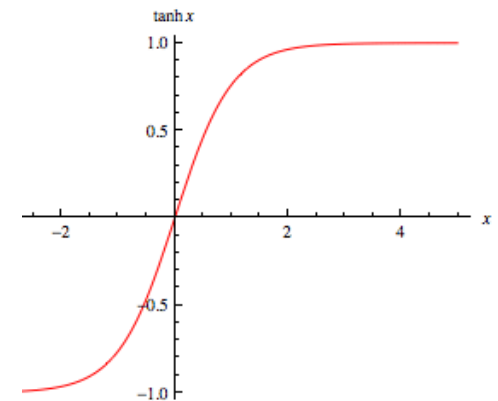
- $f$  – modification of the SST blending function

- $f = \tanh(\eta^4)$  ;  $\eta = \frac{1}{\omega} \max \left\{ \frac{500\nu}{d^2}; \frac{\sqrt{K}}{C_\mu d} \right\}$

- Close to wall  $d \rightarrow 0$ : RANS; far away  $d \rightarrow \infty$ : LES

- Issues

- Can generate unphysical flow structures
- URANS issues
- Narrow blending region  $\rightarrow$  reverts to interfacing



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# Interfacing RANS and LES

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- **Detached Eddy Simulation (DES)**
- **Layering RANS and LES**
- RANS limited LES
- Limited numerical scales



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# Detached Eddy Simulation (DES)

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- For details see [Spalart 2008]
- Started from the 1-eq. Spalart-Allmaras RANS model

$$\partial_t \tilde{v} + \langle u_j \rangle \partial_{x_j} \tilde{v} = c_{b1} \tilde{S} \tilde{v} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{\tilde{v}}} \left[ \partial_{x_j} \left( (v + \tilde{v}) \partial_{x_j} \tilde{v} \right) + c_{b2} (\partial_{x_j} \tilde{v})^2 \right] - c_{w1} f_w \left( \frac{\tilde{v}}{\tilde{d}} \right)^2 \cdot \quad \tilde{v} = v_t / f_{v1} (y^+)$$

Distruction term, depends on the wall distance

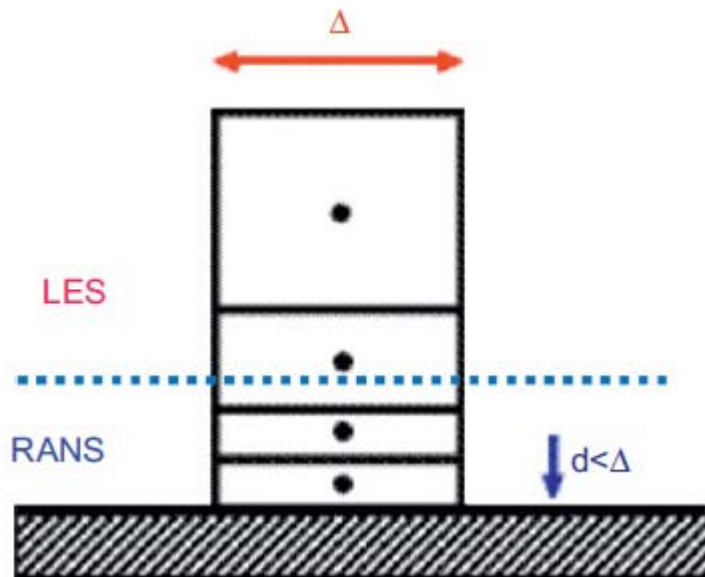
- Idea: make it depend on the grid size, replace  $d$  with
- $\tilde{d} = \min\{d; C_{DES} \Delta\}$  ;  $\Delta = \max\{\Delta_x; \Delta_y; \Delta_z\}$
- The basic idea can be combined with other RANS models as well





# DES

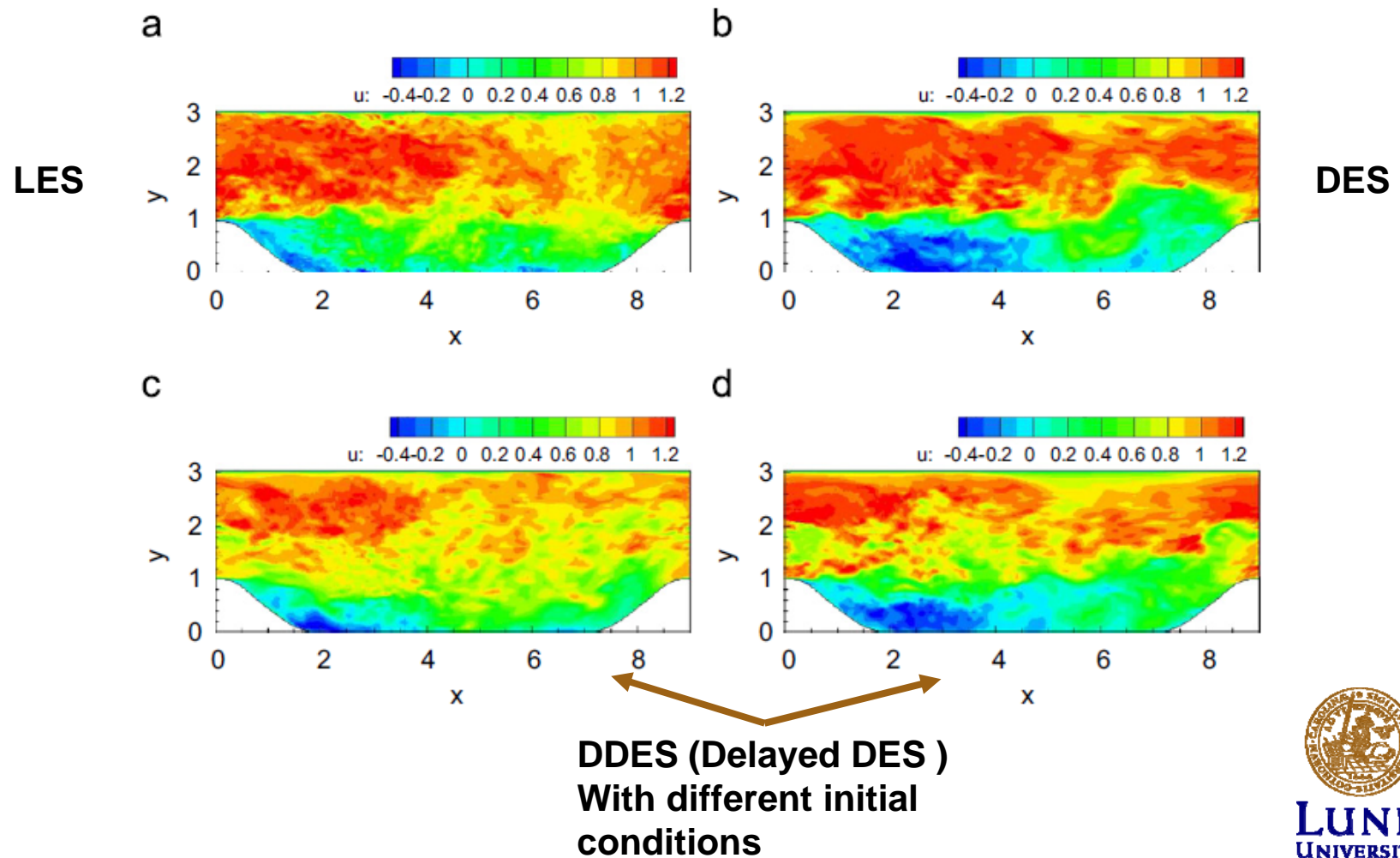
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- Smooth changes (only source term is changed in different regions)
- Even RANS part will fluctuate due to outer region fluctuations
- Can be used as a wall model
- Issues (see [Spalart 2008])
  - Modeled-Stress Depletion
  - Grid Induced Separation
  - Log-layer mismatch
  - Slow LES development in mixing layers
- There are improved versions



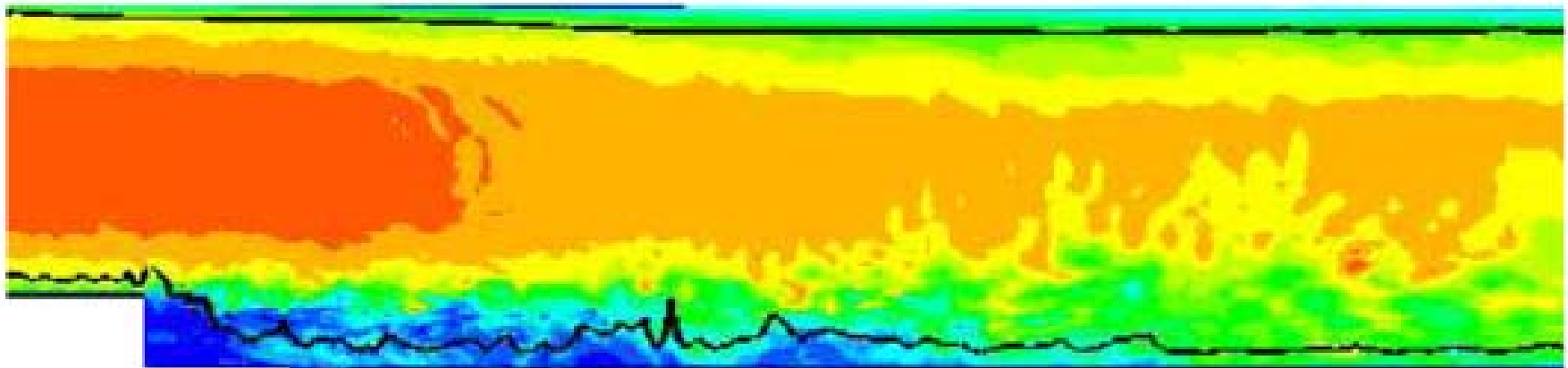
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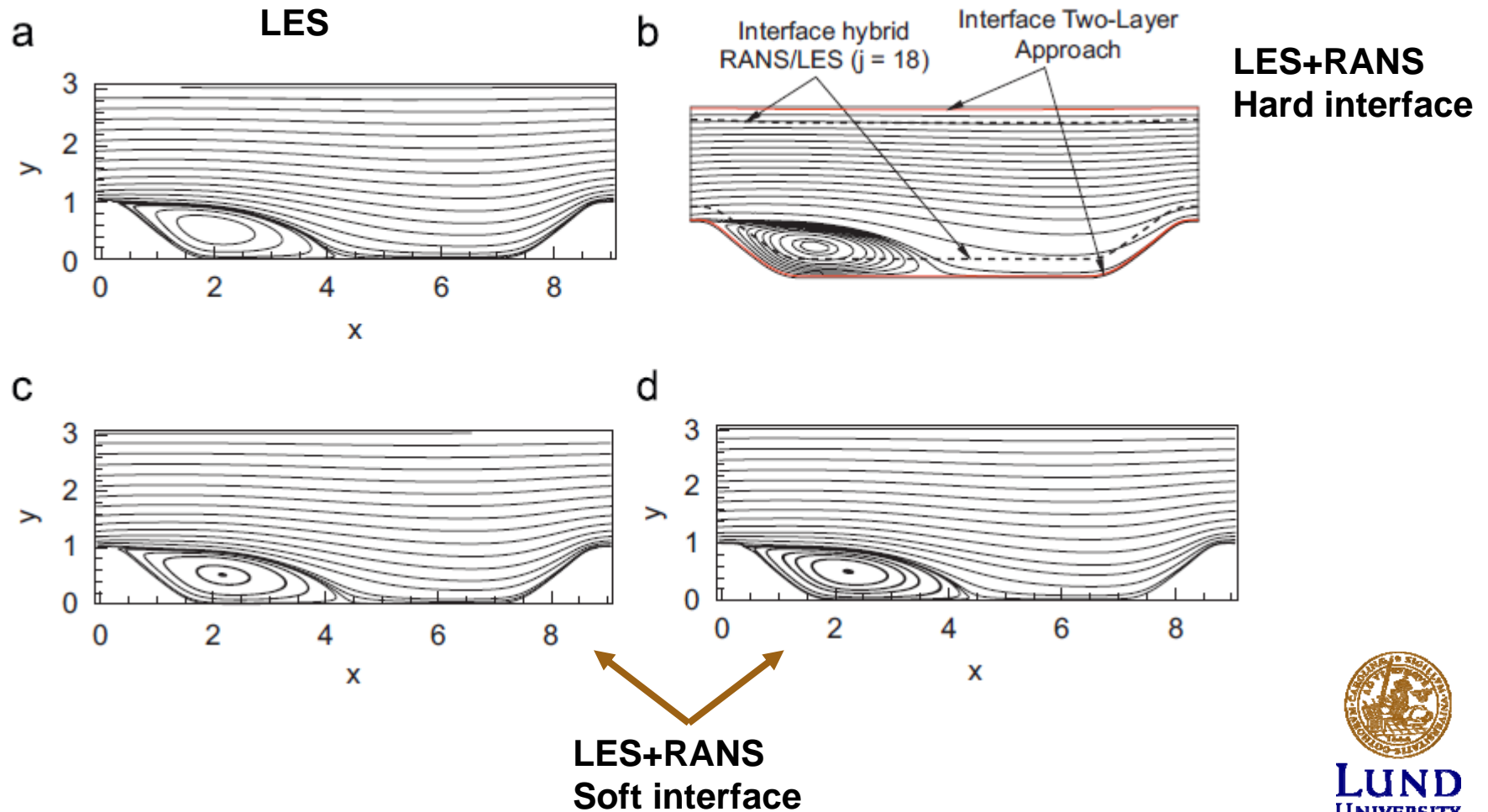
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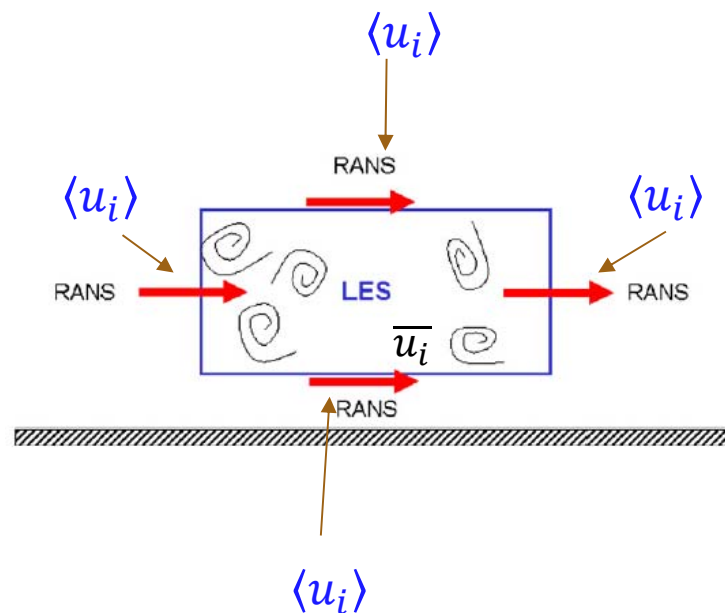
- Typically near walls
- Can be **hard** or **soft** interface
- Matching models or quantities at the interface (not a term in a transport eq. like in DES)
- Interface position
  - Grid line
  - Wall distance  $y$  or  $y^+$ 
    - » Problem @ separation/reattachment
- Usually discontinuities appear



# Layering RANS and LES

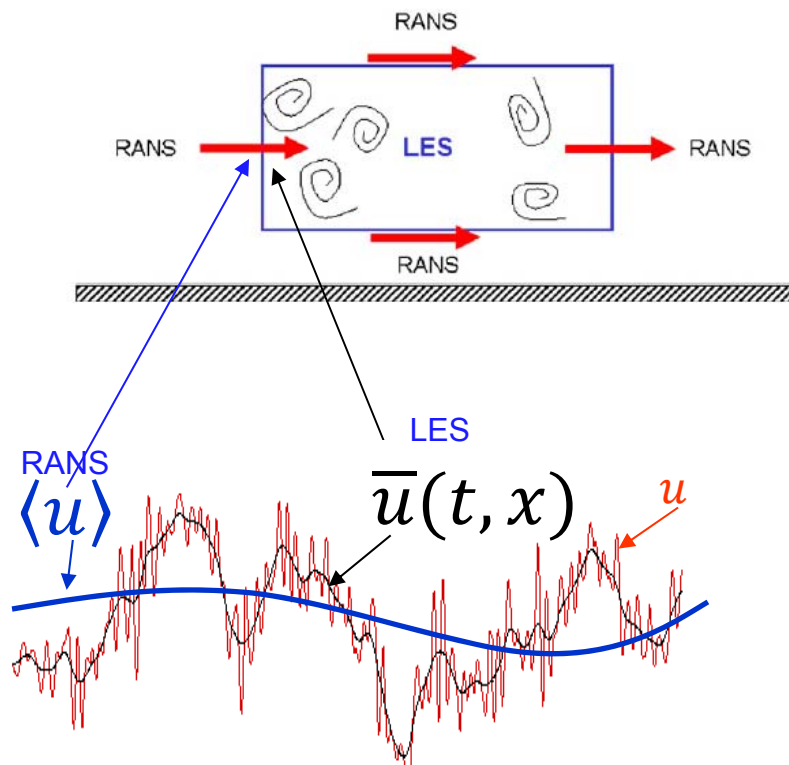


# Segregated modeling



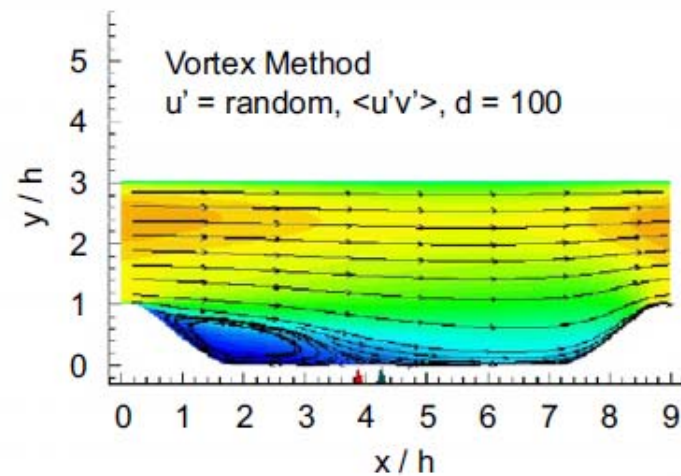
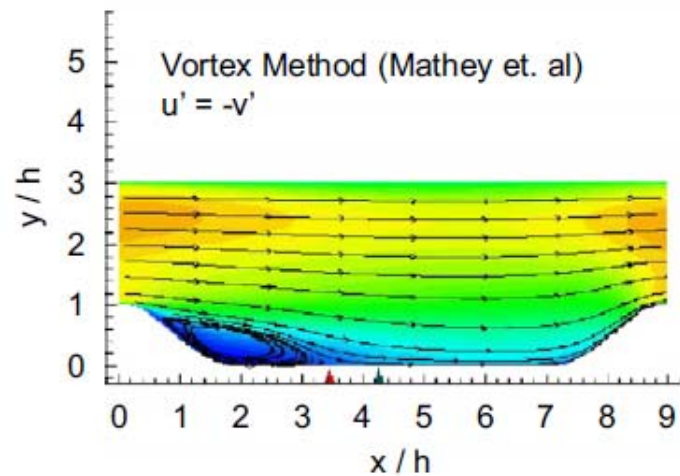
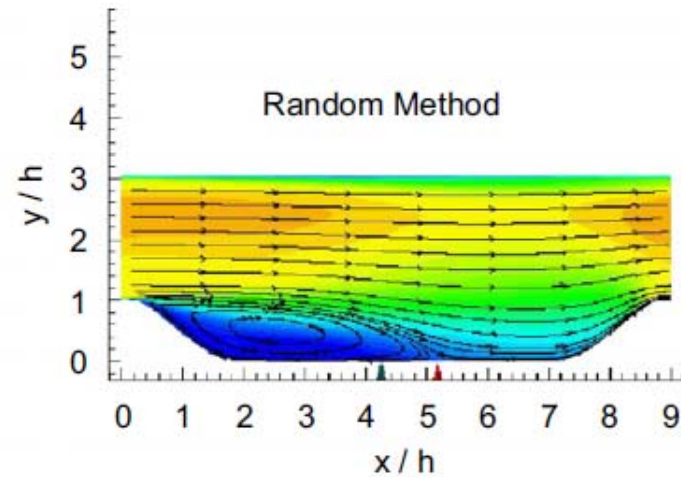
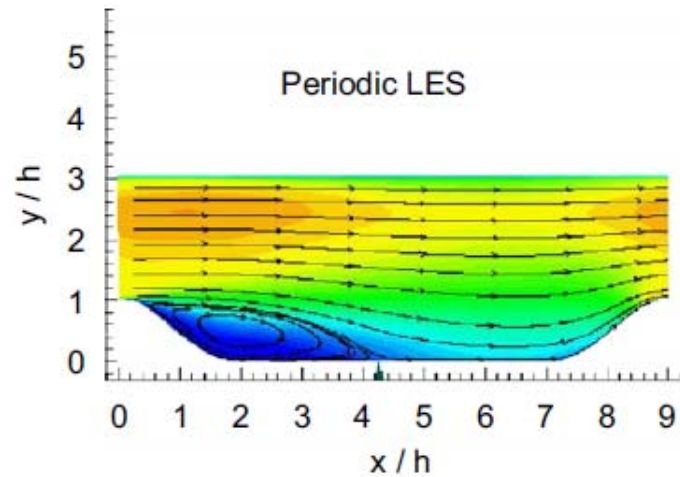
- Geometry divided before the computations are started
- Flow variables ( $u$ ,  $p$ ) matched at the interface
  - $\langle u \rangle|_{interface} \approx \langle \overline{u} \rangle|_{interface}$  , ...
- Should be two-way coupling
  - Governing eq.s are P.D.Es
- Typical interface scenarios
  - Inflow coupling
  - Outflow coupling
  - Tangential coupling

# Inflow coupling



- RANS provides no fluctuations
  - $\langle u \rangle$ ,  $\langle u'_i u'_j \rangle$  are just statistics
- Generate in the LES domain
  - $\bar{u}(t, x)$  should fluctuate in space and time
- Impose at coupling
  - Real fluctuations
    - » Precomputed, database
    - » Synthetic

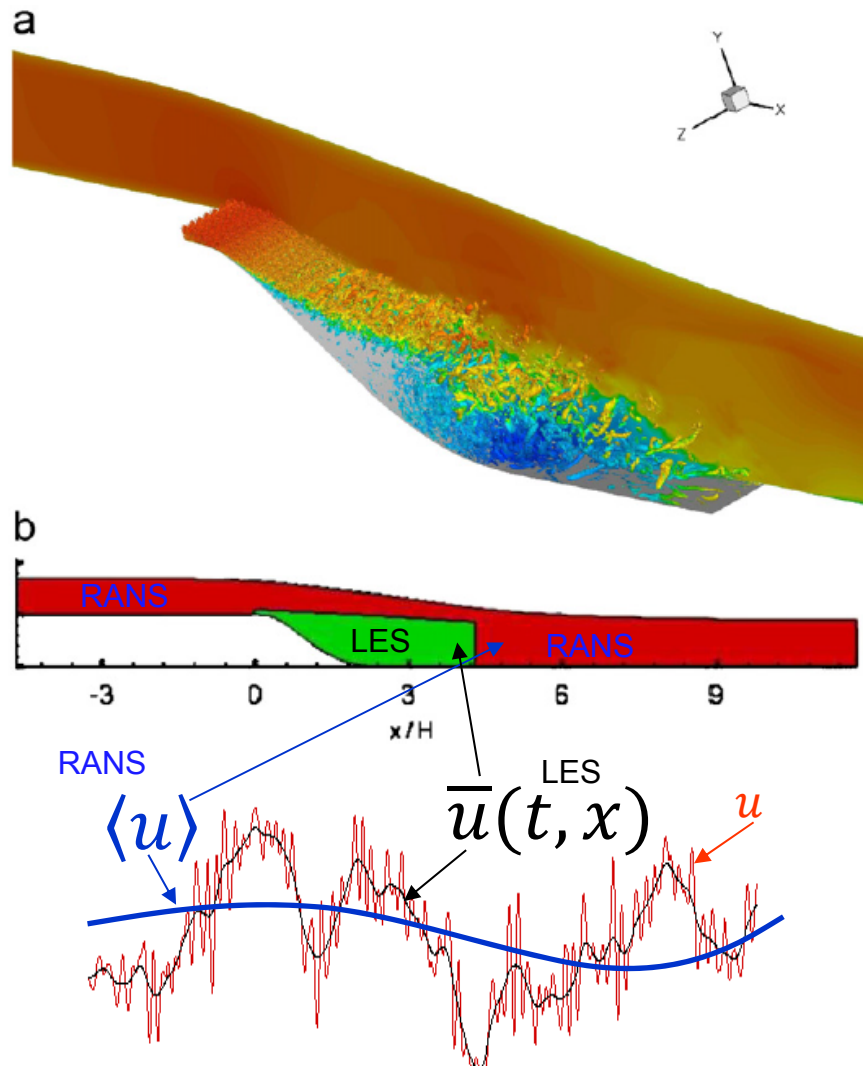
# Inflow coupling



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# Outflow and tangential coupling



- RANS should propagate mean flow information upstream
  - Incompressible N-S is elliptical
  - An expensive full LES will waste many cells to do this job.
- LES should deliver average flow data
- Fluctuations should leave the LES domain without reflections
  - Unless you had wrong implementation



## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation URANS models

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- Aim to solve a *substantial part of the energy spectrum*
- 2G-URANS vs LES: No dependence on grid size
- 2G-URANS vs URANS: contain a term **sensing the amount of resolved fluctuations**
- Examples
  - Partially Averaged Navier Stokes (PANS)
  - Scale Adaptive Simulation (SAS)



# PANS

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- Solve a standard RANS equations

- Define two ratios:

- »  $f_K = \frac{K_\tau}{K} \quad f_\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon_\tau}{\epsilon} \quad 0 \leq f_K \leq f_\epsilon \leq 1$

- $K, \epsilon$ , standard turbulent kinetic energy and dissipation rate

- $K_\tau, \epsilon_\tau$  - **unresolved part**

- » User decides ratio a priori, will be applied everywhere

- Say, you to resolve 60%,  $f_K=f_\epsilon=0.4$

- »  $\nu_t = C_{\mu\tau} \frac{K_\tau^2}{\epsilon_\tau} = C_\mu \frac{f_K^2}{f_\epsilon} \frac{K^2}{\epsilon}$

- Easy to implement into existing 2-equation model
- The user needs to specify appropriate grid resolution

# Scale Adaptive Simulation (SAS)

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- Definition of SAS
  - Contains two lengthscales
    - » First derivative of the velocity
    - » Higher order derivative of the velocity
  - Reverts to RANS in stable flow regions
  - Allows the breakup of large unsteady structures (no explicit grid or timestep dependency)
    - » Proper damping of resolved turbulence at the resolution limit of the grid.



# Scale Adaptive Simulation (SAS)

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- Idea started from the K-KL model

- $v_t = \frac{\mu_t}{\rho} = c_\mu^{1/4} \Phi$ ,  $\Phi = \sqrt{KL}$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho K)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_j K)}{\partial x_j} = P_K - c_\mu^{3/4} \rho \frac{K^{3/2}}{L} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_K} \frac{\partial K}{\partial x_j} \right), \quad (52)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \Phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_j \Phi)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\Phi}{K} P_K \left( \zeta_1 - \zeta_2 \left( \frac{L}{L_{vK}} \right)^2 \right) - \zeta_3 \rho K + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\Phi} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_j} \right), \quad (53)$$

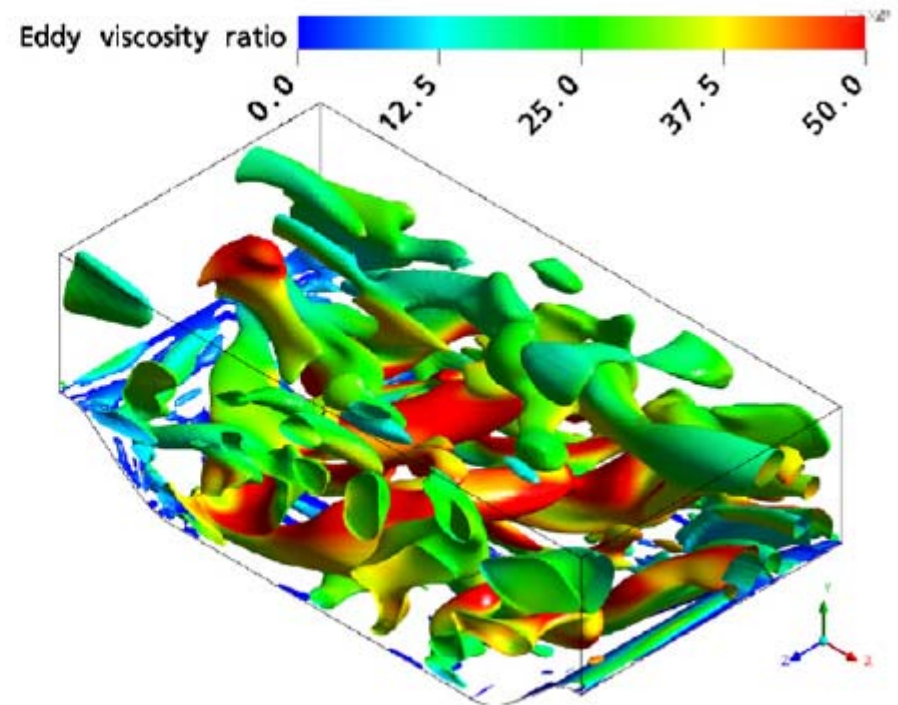
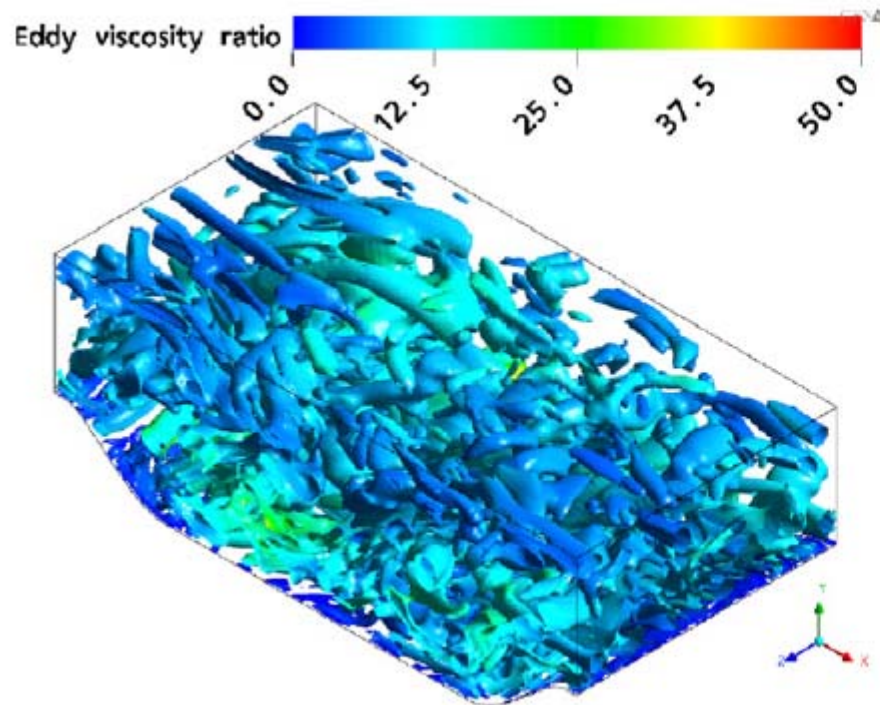
$$L_{vK} = \kappa \frac{|U'|}{|U''|}, \quad |U'| = \sqrt{\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j}}, \quad |U''| = \sqrt{\frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_k \partial x_k}},$$

$$P_K = \mu_t S^2, \quad S = \sqrt{2S_{ij}S_{ij}}, \quad S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right).$$

The larger of  $L_{vK}$ , the less production of viscosity  $\phi$ , allowing the flow more susceptible to flow instability and break up.

# Sample SAS results

$$\nu_T/\nu$$



- Different timesteps



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