

# Lattice-Boltzmann Methods for turbulent flow simulations

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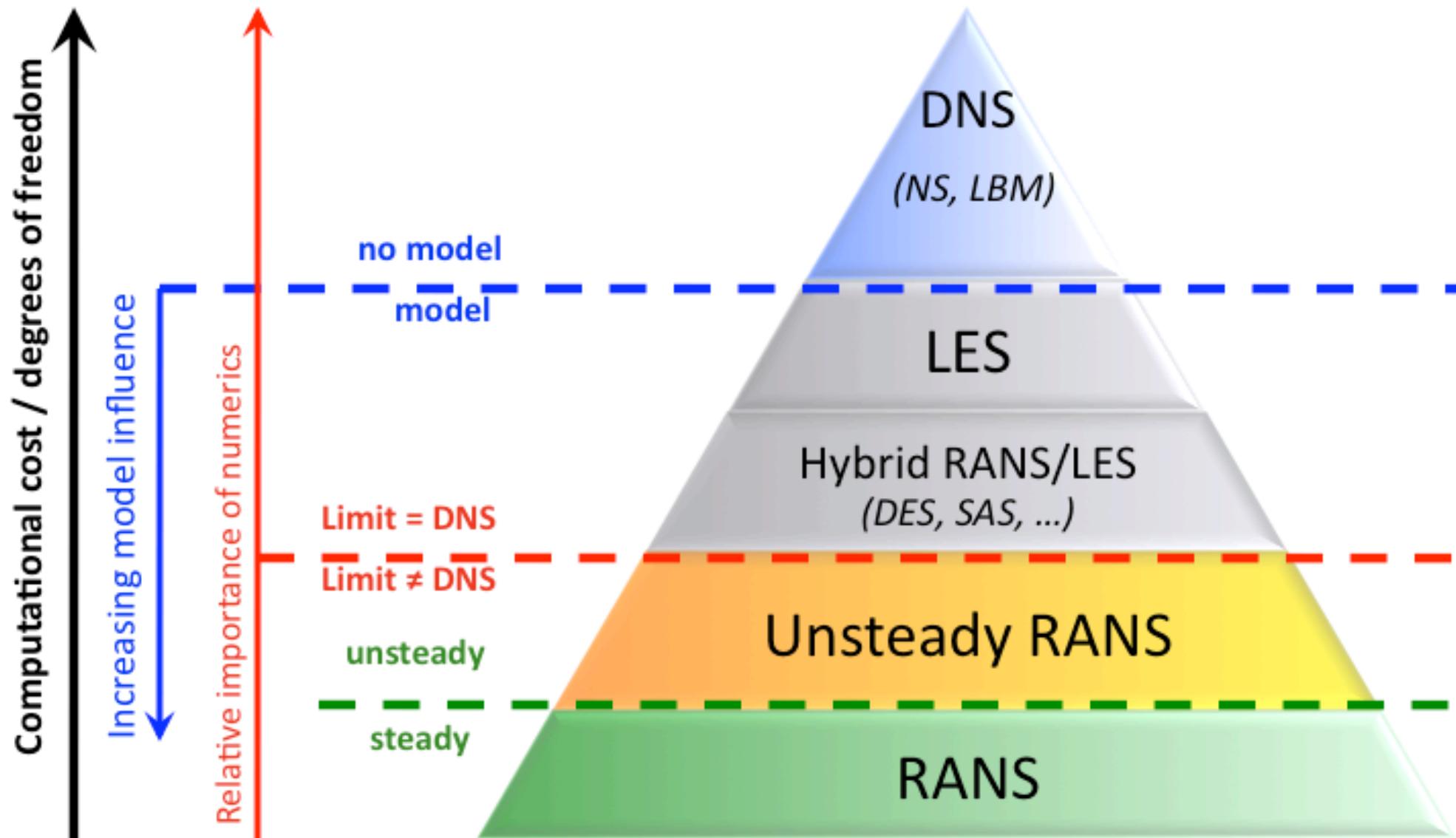
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# Hierarchy of CFD methods

« *Multiscale & Multiresolution approaches for turbulence, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn* »  
 Sagaut, Deck & Terracol, Imperial College Press, 2013



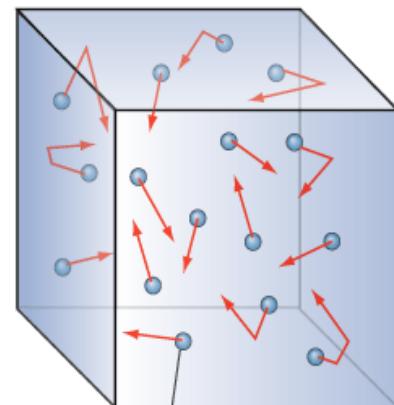
# Lattice-Boltzmann Methods

## *Statistical Mechanics*

- Boltzmann Eq.
- Molecules
  - Kinetic energy
  - Momentum
  - Collisions
  - Mean free path

## *Continuum Mechanics*

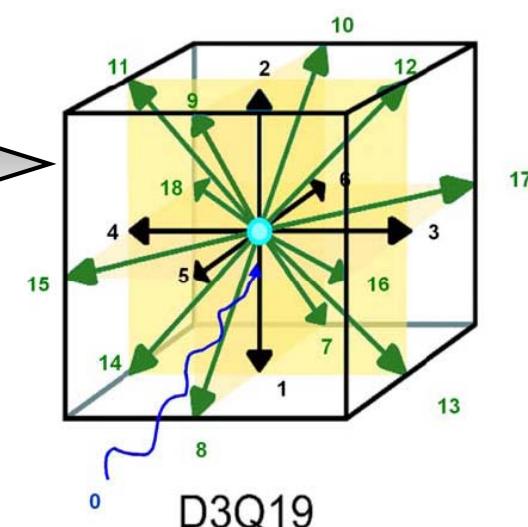
- Navier-Stokes Eqs.
- Continuous medium
  - Temperature
  - Pressure
  - Density
  - Viscosity



## **Lattice-Boltzmann**



- Volumic mesh
- Discrete velocities
- Probabilistic description



# Derivation of LBM

Starting point: continuous Boltzmann-BGK Eq.

$f(\xi, x, t)$   
*Single-particle  
distribution function*

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{\xi} \cdot \nabla f + \vec{g} \cdot \nabla_{\xi} f = -\frac{1}{\tau} (f - f^{(0)})$$

*velocity*

*External force*

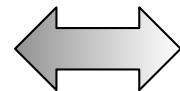
*Collision term*  
(Bhatnagar-Gross-Krook, 1954)

*Post-collision  
Relaxation time*

*Equilibrium distribution*  
(Maxwell-Boltzmann)

## Expansion of the equilibrium distribution

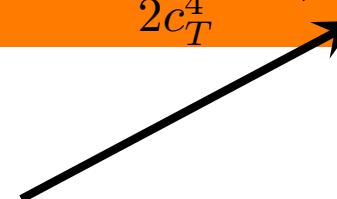
$$f^{(0)} = \frac{\rho}{(2\pi c_T^2)^{D/2}} \exp\left(\frac{-(\vec{\xi} - \vec{u})^2}{2c_T^2}\right)$$



$$f^{(0)} = \frac{\rho}{(2\pi c_T^2)^{D/2}} \exp\left(\frac{-\xi^2}{2c_T^2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{2\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{u} - u^2}{2c_T^2}\right)$$

## Taylor series expansion

$$f^{(0)} \simeq \frac{\rho}{(2\pi c_T^2)^{D/2}} \exp\left(\frac{-\xi^2}{2c_T^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})}{c_T^2} + \frac{(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})^2}{2c_T^4} - \frac{u^2}{2c_T^2} + \frac{(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})^3}{2c_T^6} - \frac{(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})u^2}{2c_T^4} + O(u^4)\right)$$



Rem: *Mach number expansion*

- Hermite polynomial expansion

$$f(x, \vec{\xi}, t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} e^{-\xi^2/2}}_{\omega(\vec{\xi})} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} a^{(n)} H_n(\vec{\xi})$$

Advantage: it allows for **exact reconstruction** of macroscopic variables

$$a^{(0)} = \int f d\vec{\xi} = \rho$$

$$a^{(1)} = \int f \vec{\xi} d\vec{\xi} = \rho \vec{u}$$

$$a^{(2)} = \int f (\vec{\xi} \vec{\xi} - \delta) d\vec{\xi} = P + (\vec{u} \vec{u} - \delta)$$

$$a^{(3)} = \int f (\vec{\xi} \vec{\xi} \vec{\xi} - \delta \vec{\xi}) d\vec{\xi} = Q + \vec{u} a^{(2)} - (D-1)\rho \vec{u} \vec{u} \vec{u}$$

# Classical BGK models

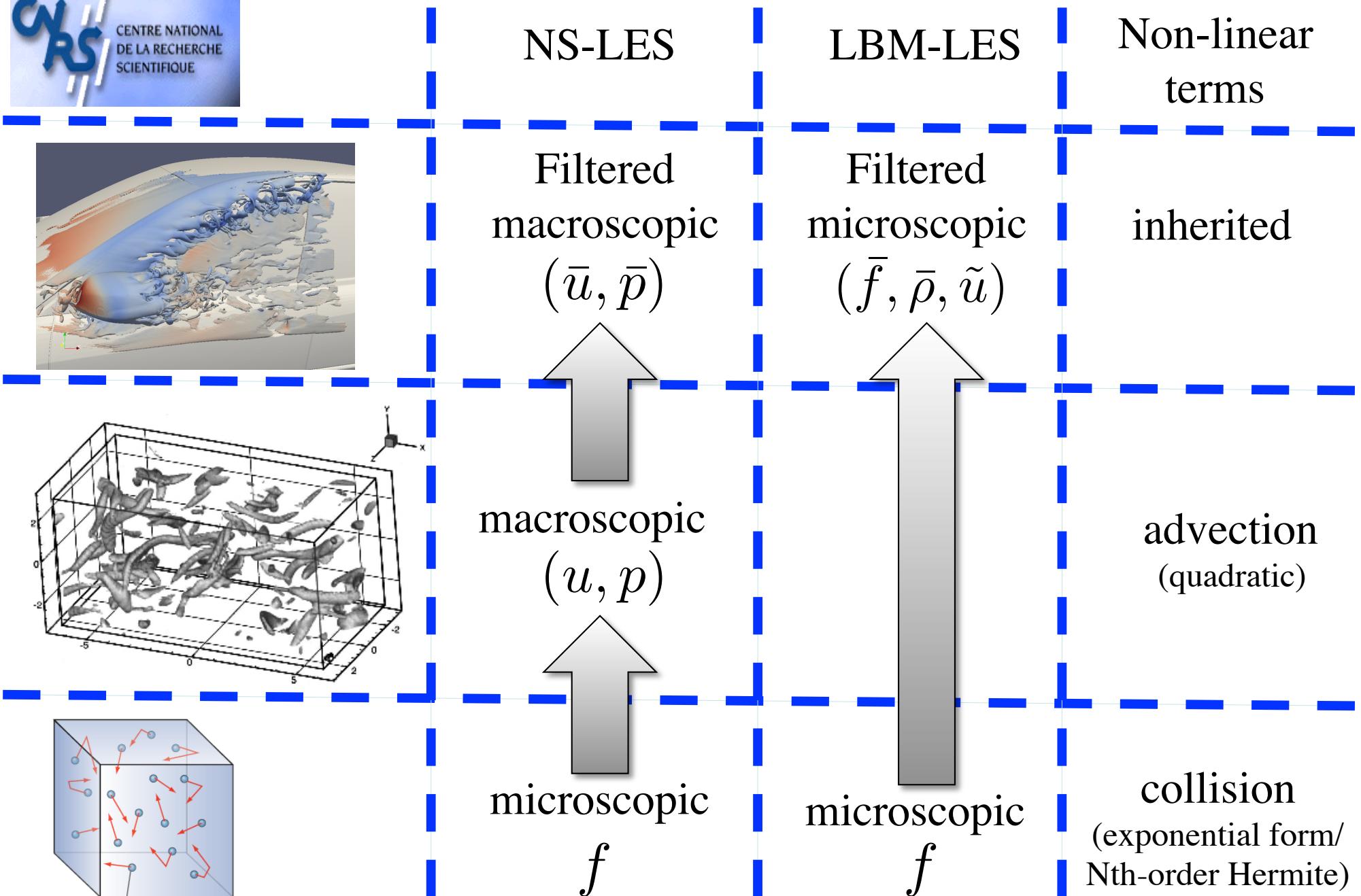
**Nth-order LBM with  $d$  discrete velocities in dimension D**

$$\frac{\partial f_l}{\partial t} + \vec{\xi}_l \cdot \nabla f_l = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left( f_l - f_l^{(0)} \right) + F_l \quad l = 1, d$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_l^{(0)} &= w_l \rho \left\{ 1 + (\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{u}) + \frac{1}{2} \left( (\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{u})^2 - u^2 + (\theta - 1)(\xi_l^2 - D) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{6} (\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{u}) \left( (\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{u})^2 - 3u^2 + 3(\theta - 1)(\xi_l^2 - D - 2) \right) + \dots \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_l &= w_l \rho \left\{ (\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{g}) + (\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{g})(\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{u}) - (\vec{g} \cdot \vec{u}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2\rho} a^{(2)} \left( (\vec{\xi}_l \cdot \vec{g}) H_2(\vec{\xi}_l) - 2\vec{g} \vec{\xi}_l \right) + \dots \right\} \end{aligned}$$

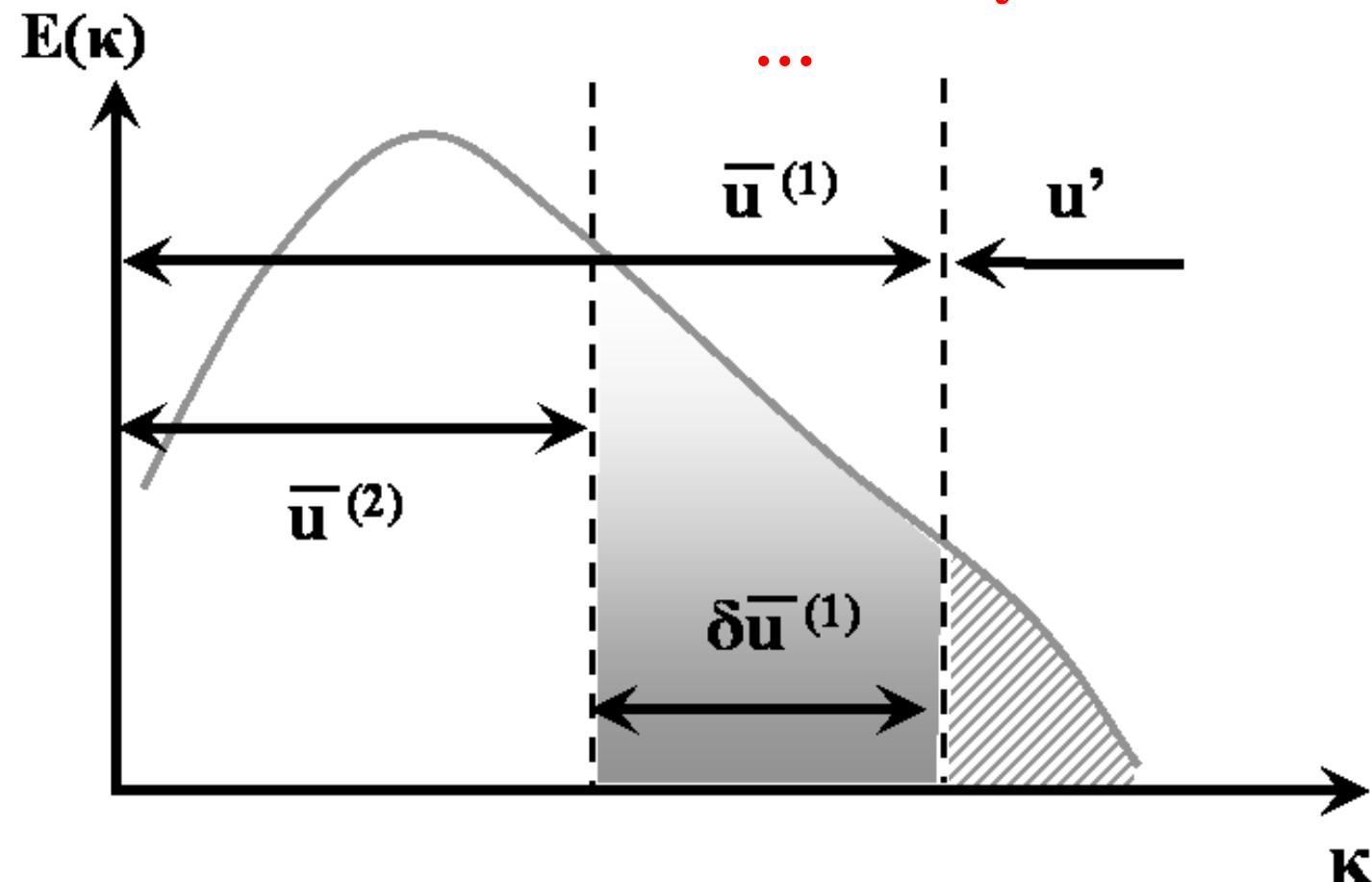
# LBM-LES schematic view



# 3-range decomposition

VMS  
ADM

Germano identity



# A fully general formulation

[Malaspinas & Sagaut, *J. Fluid Mech* 700, 2012]

Generic LB equation

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f + \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \nabla f}_{\frac{Df}{Dt}} = C(f)$$

General formulation for filtered LBM

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{f} + \boldsymbol{v} \cdot \nabla \bar{f} = \frac{D\bar{f}}{Dt} = \overline{C(f)} = G \star C(f)$$

Residual formulation for filtered LBM

$$\frac{D\bar{f}}{Dt} - C(\bar{f}) = \underbrace{G \star C(f) - C(\bar{f})}_R$$

# Approximate Deconvolution Method

[Stolz, Adams, *Phys. Fluids* 11, 1999]

[Sagaut, *Comput. Maths. App.* 59, 2010]

[Malaspinas & Sagaut, *Phys. Fluids* 23, 2011]

Defining approximate inverse filter  $Q$ :

$$(Q \star G) = I + O(h^l)$$



$$f^* \equiv Q \star \bar{f} = f + \text{error} \simeq f$$

Subgrid residual can be split as

$$\begin{aligned} R &\equiv G \star C(f) - C(\bar{f}) \\ &= \underbrace{[G \star C(f^*) - C(\bar{f})]}_{R_1} + \underbrace{[G \star C(f) - G \star C(f^*)]}_{R_2} \end{aligned}$$

Directly computable

Closure needed

# High-order closure

Closing  $R_2$  via Taylor series expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_2 &= G \star [C(f) - C(f^*)] = G \star \left[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial f} \Big|_f (f - f^*) + O(f - f^*)^2 \right] \\
 &\simeq G \star \left[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial f} \Big|_{f^*} (I - Q \star G) \star f^* \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Closed LBM-LES equation:

$$\frac{D\bar{f}}{Dt} - G \star C(f^*) = G \star \left[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial f} \Big|_{f^*} (I - Q \star G) \star f^* \right]$$



$$G \star \left( \frac{Df^*}{Dt} - C(f^*) \right) = G \star \left[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial f} \Big|_{f^*} (I - Q \star G) \star f^* \right]$$

# Practical 2-step implementation

1. Resolution step

$$\frac{Df^*}{Dt} - C(f^*) = \frac{\partial C}{\partial f} |_{f^*} (I - Q \star G) \star f^*$$

2. Filtering step

$$f^{*(n+1)} = (Q \star G) \star f^{*(n+1)}$$

Remarks:

- resolution step based on modified LBE equation
- Jacobian term in LHS not trivial
- single filter:  $Q \star G$

**Navier-Stokes implementation:**

[Matthew, Lechner, Foysi, Sesterhenn, Friedrich, *Phys. Fluids*, 15, 2003]

# Simplified closure

Motivations:

- works based on Navier-Stokes show that  $R_2$  has small influence
- $R_2$  induces a significant increase in model complexity (vs. usual LBM)



$$G \star \left( \frac{Df^*}{Dt} - C(f^*) \right) = 0$$

1. Resolution step

$$\frac{Df^*}{Dt} - C(f^*) = 0 \quad (\textit{classical LBM method !})$$

2. Filtering step

$$f^{*(n+1)} = (Q \star G) \star f^{*(n+1)}$$

# Macroscopic variable reconstruction

Direct simulation

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(x, t) &\equiv mn(x, t) = m \int f dv \\ \rho u(x, t) &= m \int fv dv \\ \rho e(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2}m \int f |v - \underbrace{u}_c| dv\end{aligned}$$

Filtered variables

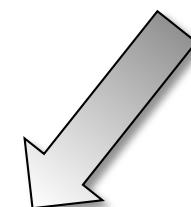
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\rho}(x, t) &= m \int \bar{f} dv \\ \bar{\rho u}(x, t) &= m \int \bar{f} v dv \\ \bar{\rho e}(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2}m \int \bar{f} c^2 dv\end{aligned}$$

Computable variables in LES

$$\tilde{u}(x, t) = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} m \int \bar{f} v dv \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$\tilde{c}(x, t) = v - \tilde{u}(x, t)$$

$$\tilde{\rho}e(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}m \int \bar{f} \tilde{c}^2 dv$$



# Comment on LES-LBM EOS

Classical LBM Equation Of State (perfect gas):

$$p = c_s^2 \rho$$

EOS for LES-LBM (computable variables):

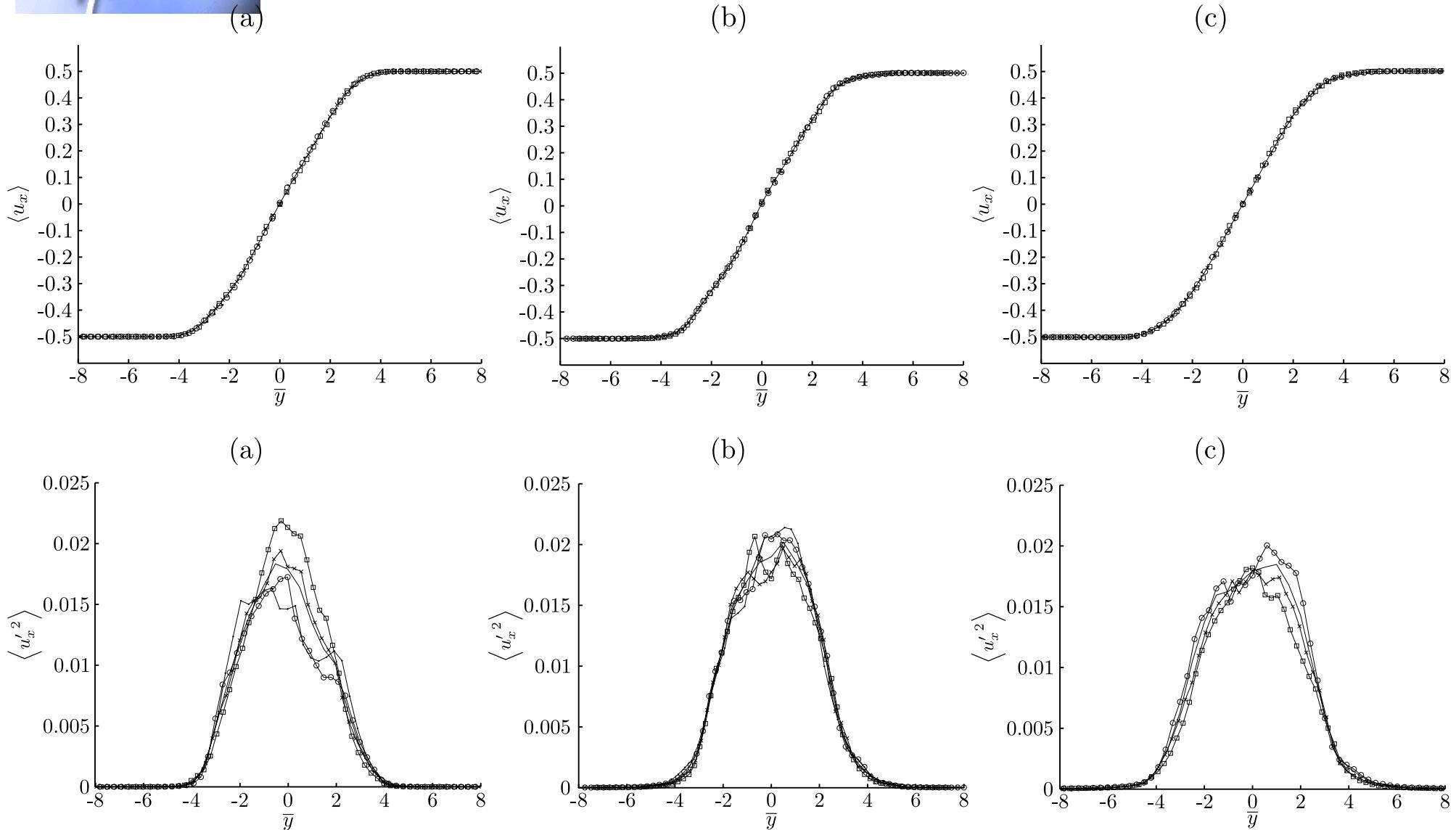
$$(\tilde{p} + p') = c_s^2 (\tilde{\rho} + \rho') \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tilde{p} = c_s^2 \tilde{\rho} + \underbrace{[c_s^2 \rho' - p']}_{\text{Subgrid residual}}$$

Equivalent modified speed of sound formulation

$$\tilde{p} = (c_s^2 + c'_s{}^2) \tilde{\rho}, \quad c'_s{}^2 \equiv \frac{1}{\tilde{\rho}} [c_s^2 \rho' - p']$$

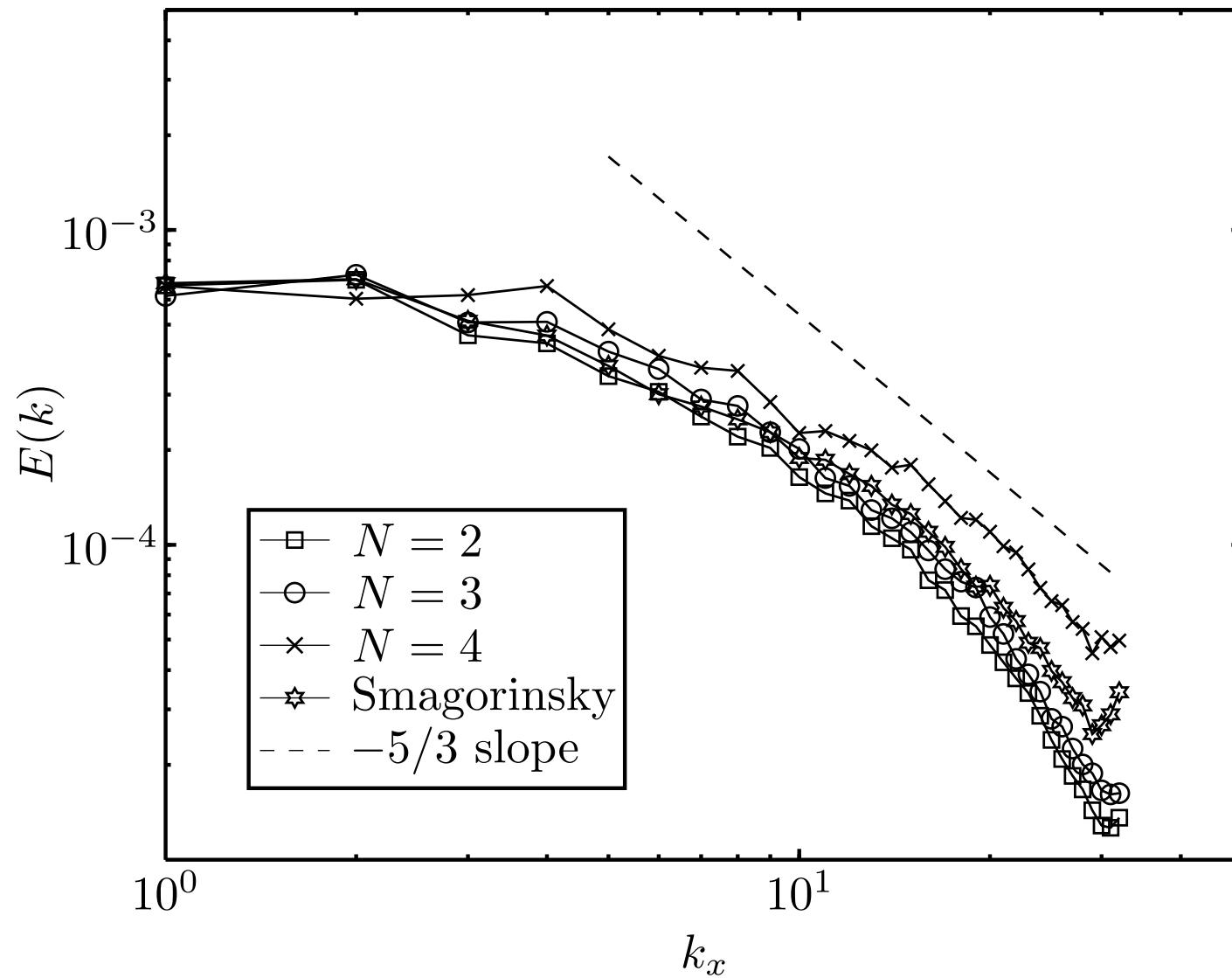
# Equivalent Regularized ADM

Time developing plane mixing layer: Self-similar solution



## Equivalent Regularized LBM-ADM

## Spectral content



# Wall Model for LBM-LES

(O. Malaspinas & P. Sagaut, UPMC)

- Issue: to use large first off-wall cells
- Proposed strategy :
  - RANS-type solution within 1st cell
    - Empirical mean velocity/temperature profile
    - Solving simplified RANS Turbulent Boundary Layer Eqs.
  - Reconstruction of LBM variables in the 1st cell

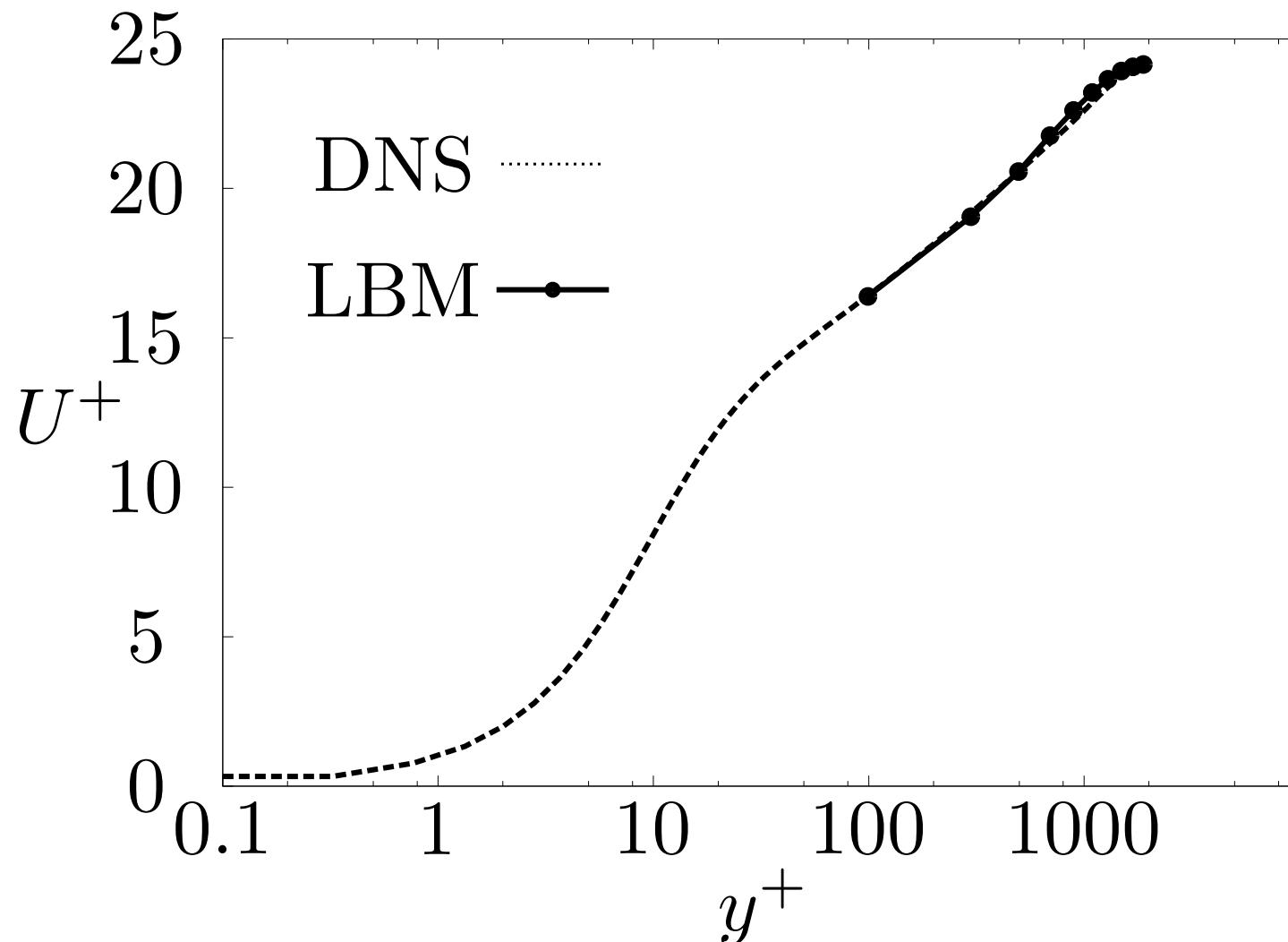
$$f_i = w_i \rho \left( 1 + \frac{\xi_i \cdot u}{c_s^2} + \frac{1}{2c_s^4} Q_i : uu \right) - \frac{w_i \rho}{\omega c_s^2} Q_i : S - \frac{1}{4c_s^4} Q_i : (ug + gu)$$

$$Q_i \equiv \xi_i \xi_i - c_s^2 I$$

## Wall Model for LBM-LES

Channel flow at  $Re_\tau = 2003$ 

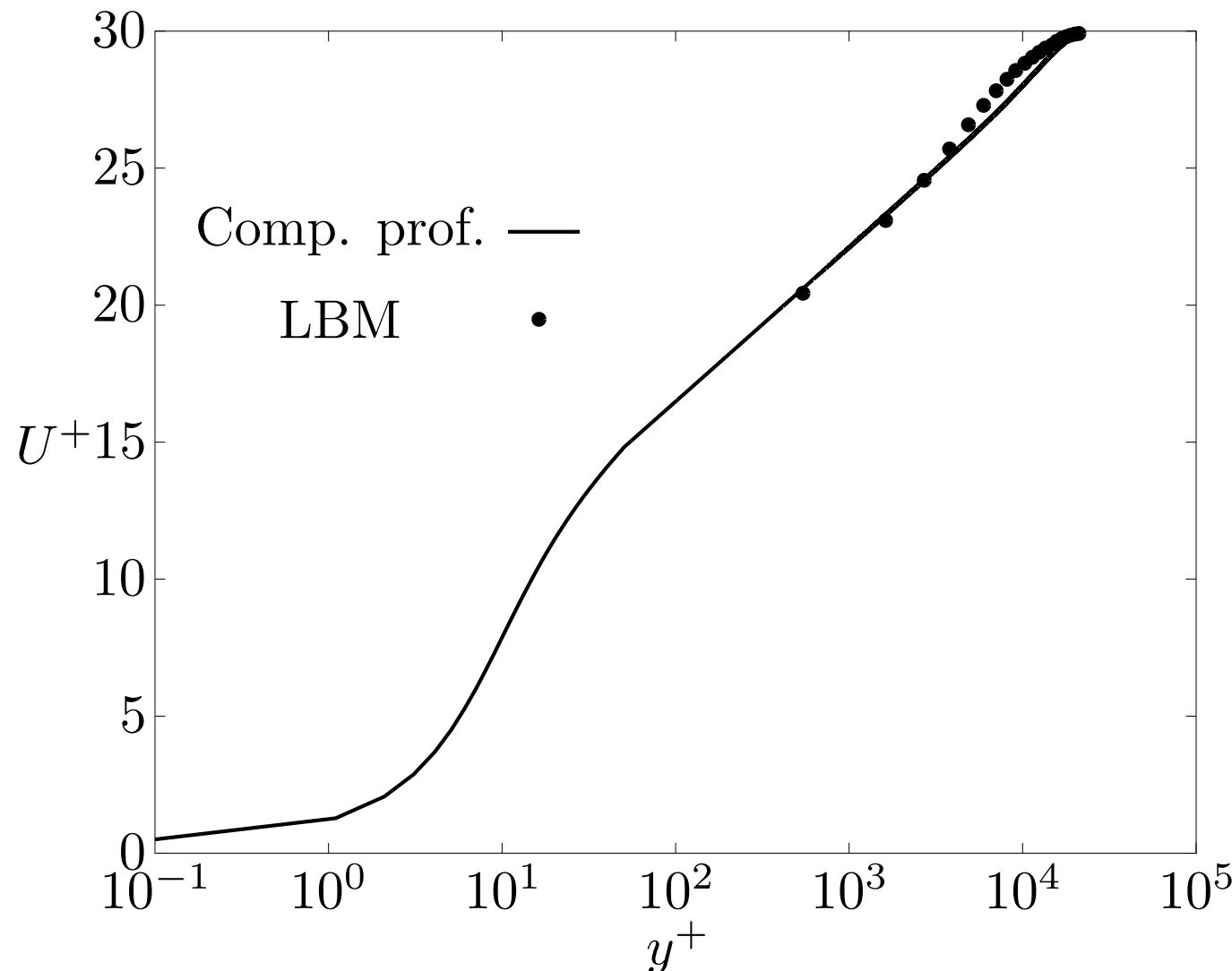
$$\Delta x^+ = \Delta y^+ = \Delta z^+ = 200$$



## Wall Model for LBM-LES

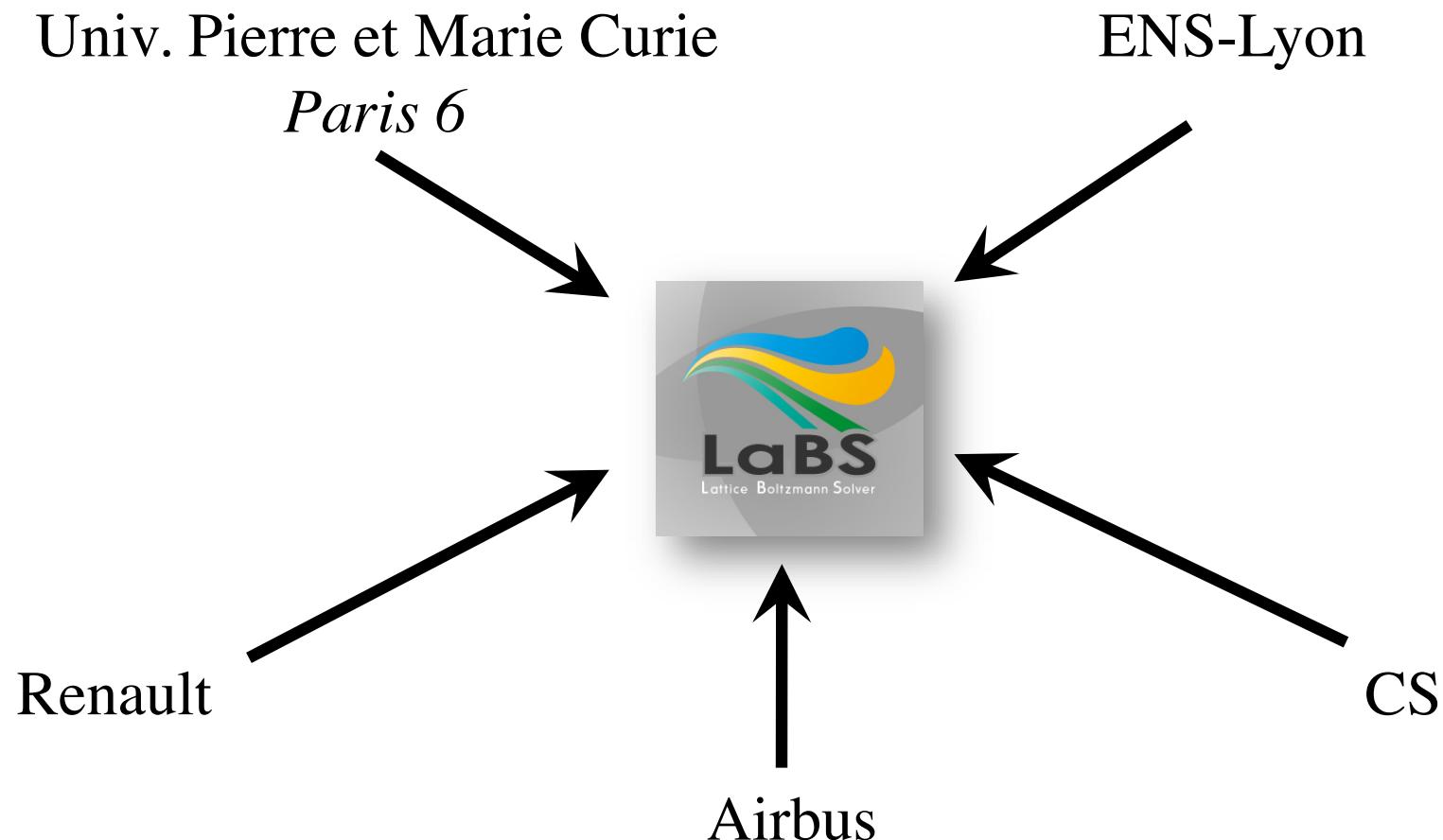
Channel flow at  $Re_\tau = 20,000$ 

$$\delta x^+ = \Delta y^+ = \Delta z^+ = 1000$$





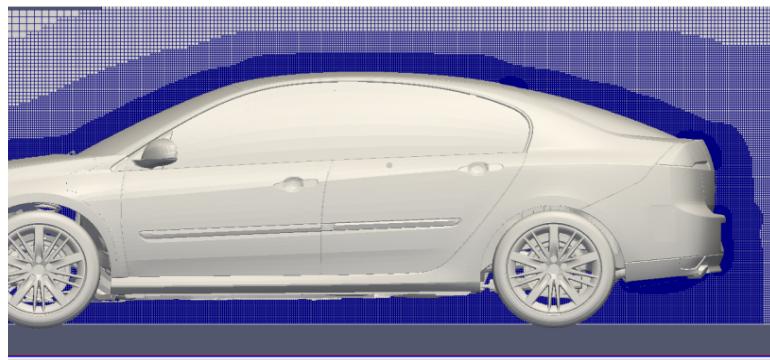
# LAttice-Boltzmann Solver: a new industrial CFD tool



<http://www.labs-project.org/>



# Validation on full-scale vehicles



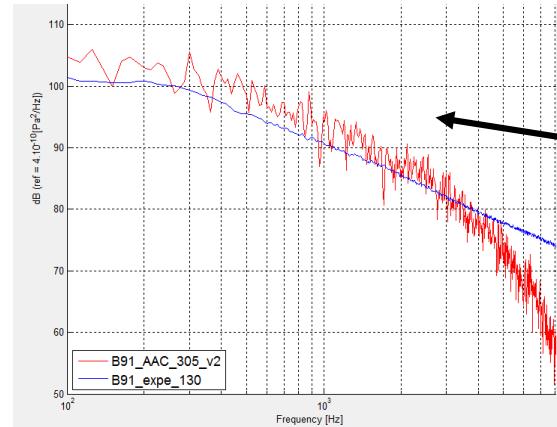
- Full scale vehicle simulation
- 186 surfaces (2,3 millions surface triangles)
- 10 levels of grid refinement, 88.6 millions cells
- $dx_{min}=1.25\text{mm}$
- 300 000 time steps  $\rightarrow 0.96 \text{ sec}$
- $U_0 = 44.4 \text{ m/s}$
- Wall Model in first cell LES
- LBM-ADM model



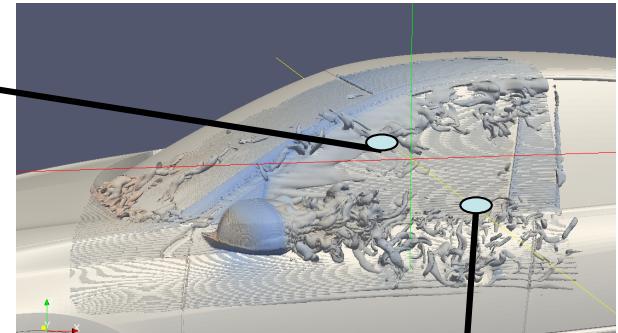
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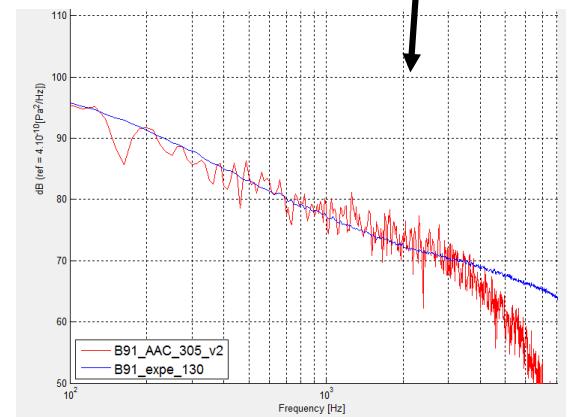
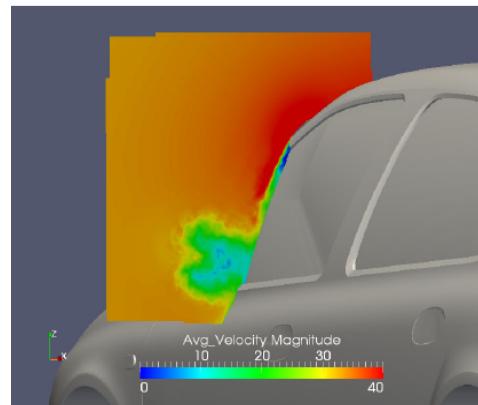
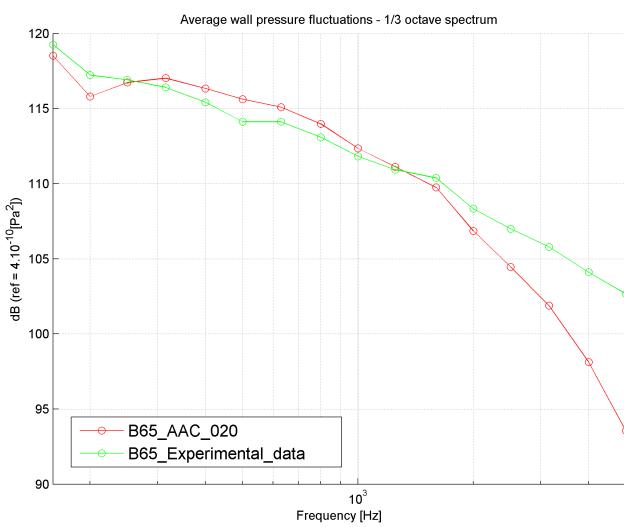
— LaBS  
— Measurements



Laguna case : fine band spectra

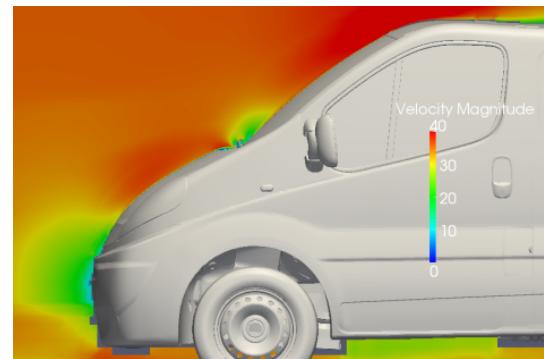
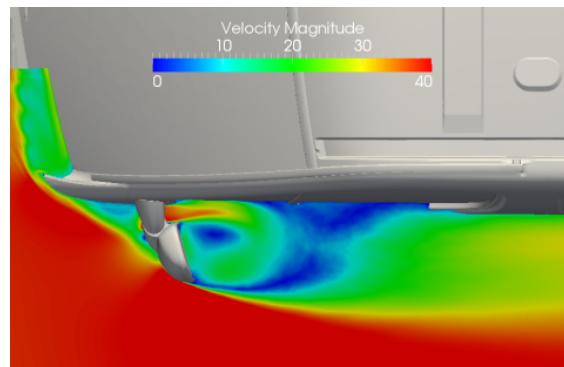
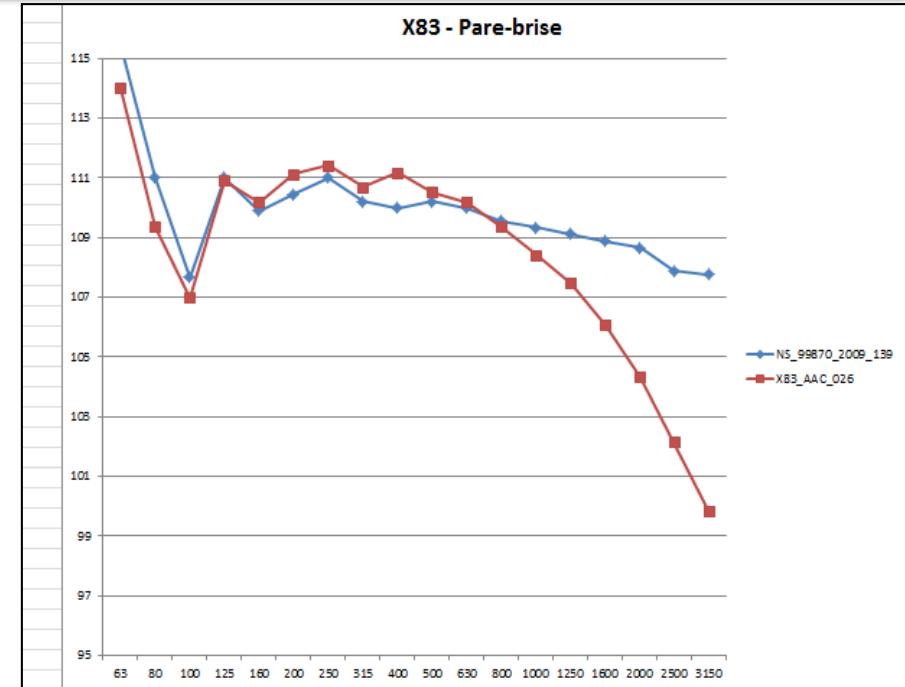
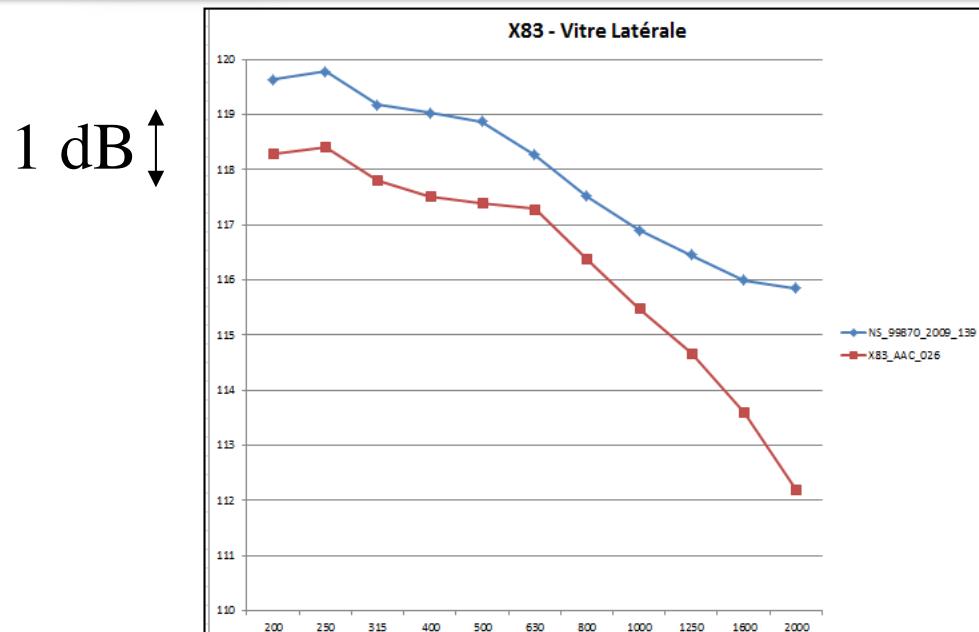


Clio case : third-octave band spectra, averaged on the whole surface of the side window





# Validation on full-scale vehicles



X83 – Trafic – pressure spectrum on side window & windshield

# Conclusions

- A fully general formulation for LBM-LES has been proposed
  - macroscopic variables are not filtered as  $f$
  - macroscopic filter is variable-dependent
- A general ADM-LBM closure strategy has been derived
  - no explicit eddy-viscosity assumption
  - fast implementation possible
- Implementation in LaBS for real industrial applications

*Thank you!*