

# Towards Aerodynamic Simulations in Julia with Trixi.jl

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## Reproducibility:

- Public repository on GitHub:

→ [https://github.com/trixi-framework/talk-2024-juliacon\\_aerodynamics](https://github.com/trixi-framework/talk-2024-juliacon_aerodynamics)



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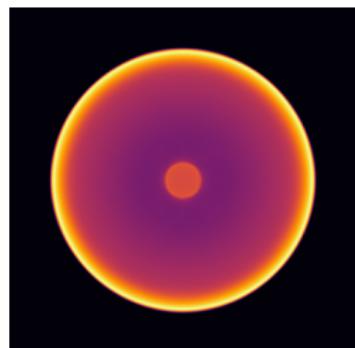
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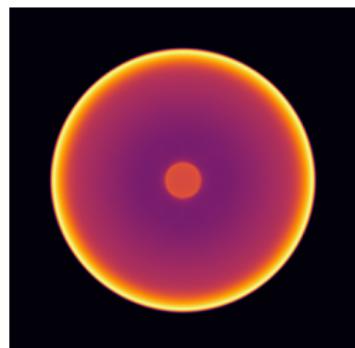
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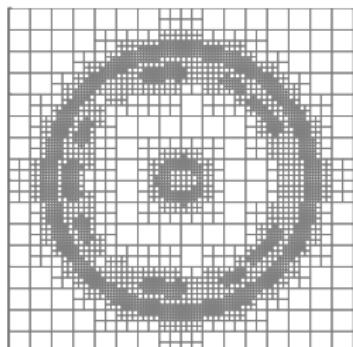
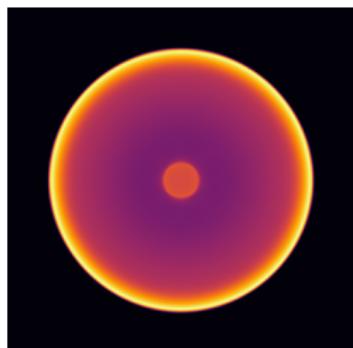
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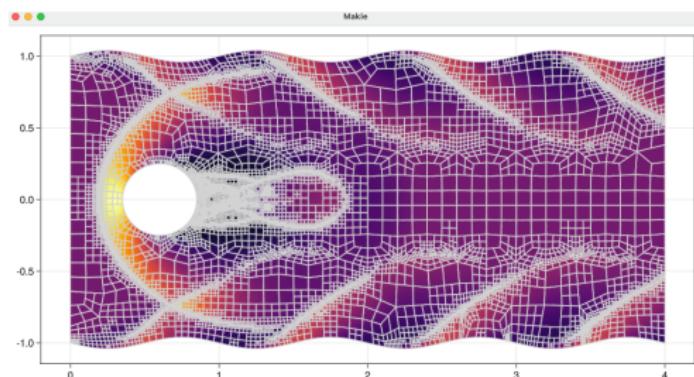
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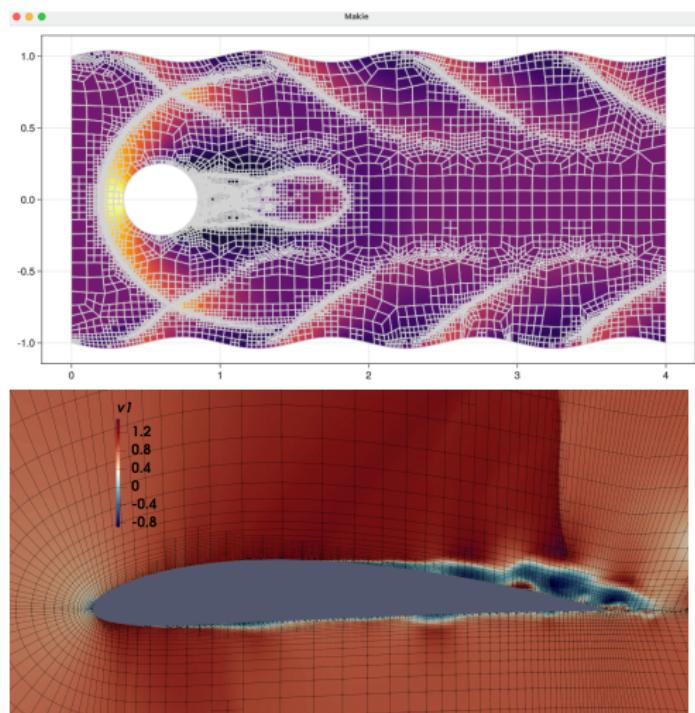
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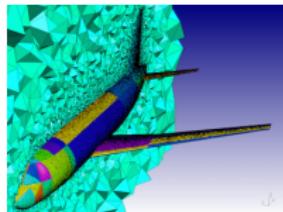
## Today:

- Usage of existing meshes
- Viscous (Hyperbolic-Parabolic) problems



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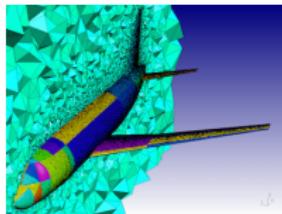
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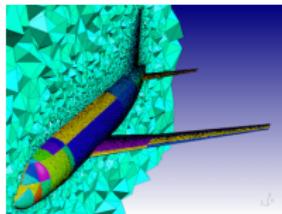
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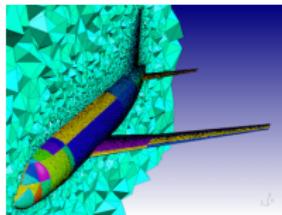
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⇒ Use `P4est.jla`, wrapper around `p4estb` library



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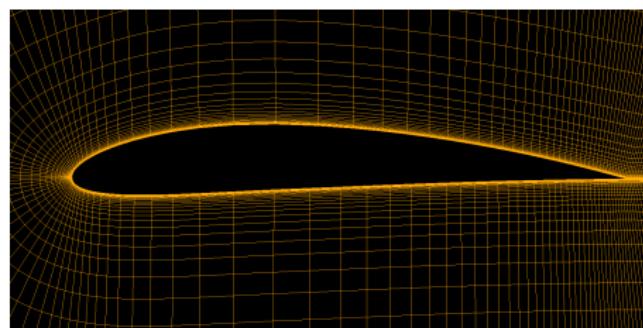
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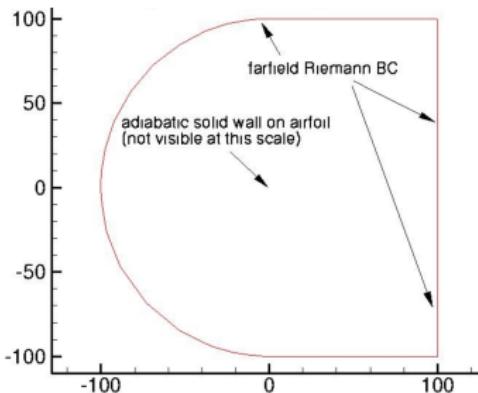
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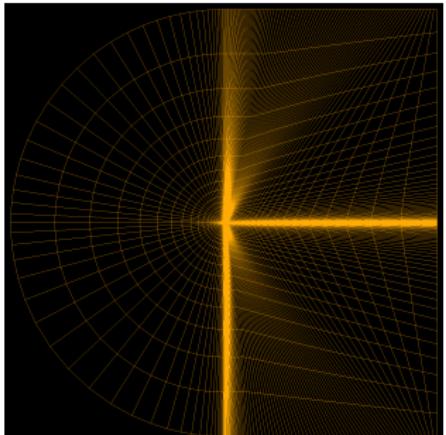
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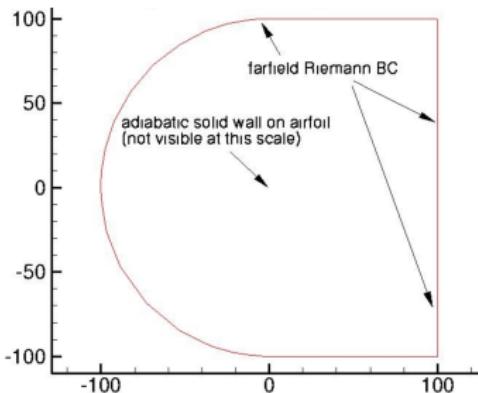
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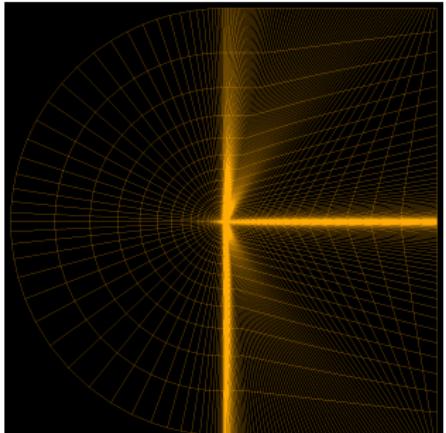
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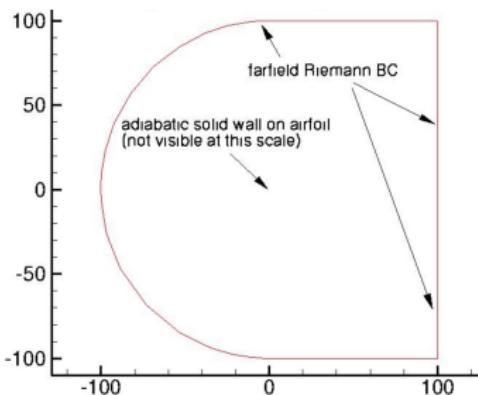
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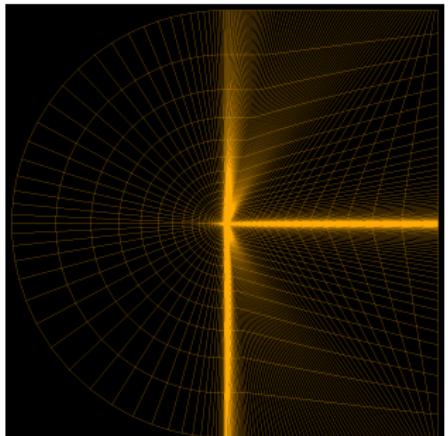
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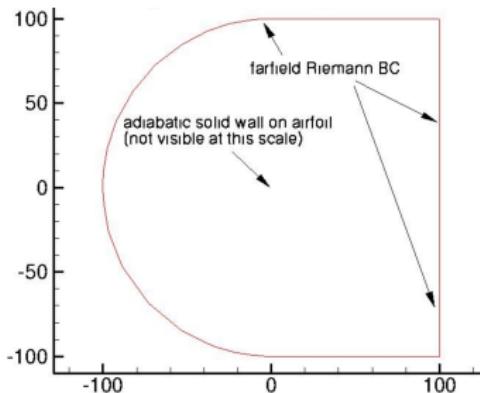
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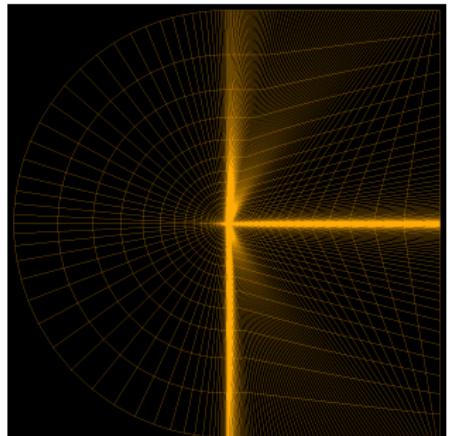
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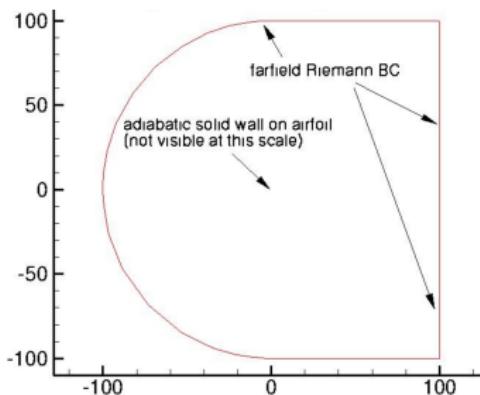
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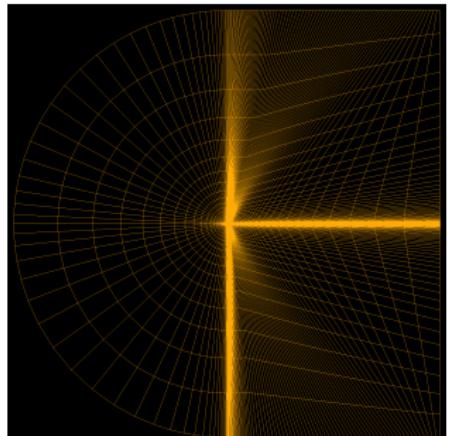
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→ Ready for Trixi.jl:

- Mesh

```
using Trixi

# 225x65 C-grid
mesh_file = "NACA4412_2_2D_unique.inp"
boundary_symbols = [ # Farfield (Riemann-invariant) boundaries
                     :b2_symmetry_y_strong, :b4_farfield_riem,
                     :b5_farfield_riem, :b7_farfield_riem,
                     :b8_to_stitch_a,
                     # Airfoil
                     :b6_viscous_solid]

k = 3 # Local polynomial degree
mesh = P4estMesh{2}(mesh_file, polydeg = k,
                    boundary_symbols = boundary_symbols)
```



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basis = LobattoLegendreBasis(k)
shock_indicator = IndicatorHennemannGassner(equations,
                                              basis,
                                              variable = density_pressure)
volume_integral = VolumeIntegralShockCapturingHG(shock_indicator;
                                                 volume_flux_dg = flux_chandrashekar,
                                                 volume_flux_fv = flux_hllc)

# About  $1.15 \cdot 10^6$  degrees of freedom
solver = DGSEM(polydeg = k,
                surface_flux = flux_hllc,
                # Use split-form DG
                volume_integral = volume_integral)
```



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## Inviscid transonic flow

- Initial Condition

$$Ma_{\infty} = 0.8, \alpha = 1.25^\circ$$

```
@inline function initial_condition_mach08_flow(x, t, equations)
    # Non-dimensionalized (for gas with  $\gamma = 1.4$ )
    rho_freestream = 1.4
    v1 = 0.7998096216639273    #  $0.8 * \cos(1.25^\circ)$ 
    v2 = 0.017451908027648896 #  $0.8 * \sin(1.25^\circ)$ 
    p_freestream = 1.0

    prim = SVector(rho_freestream, v1, v2, p_freestream)
    return prim2cons(prim, equations)
end

initial_condition = initial_condition_mach08_flow
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- Boundary Conditions & Semidiscretization

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bc_free_stream = BoundaryConditionDirichlet(initial_condition)

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semi = SemidiscretizationHyperbolic(mesh, equations,
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tspan = (0.0, 10.0)
ode = semidiscretize(semi, tspan) # Compatible with OrdinaryDiffEq.jl
```



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- PDE

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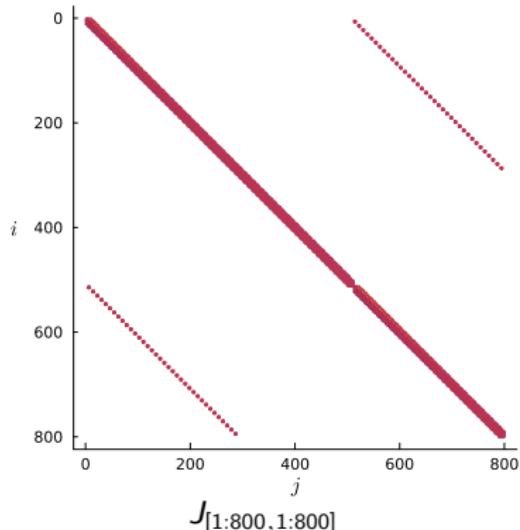
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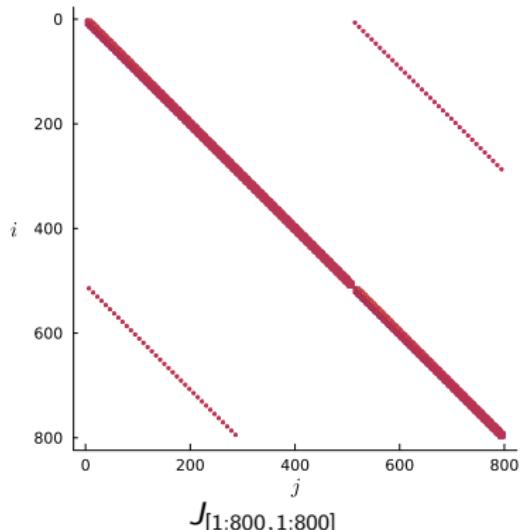
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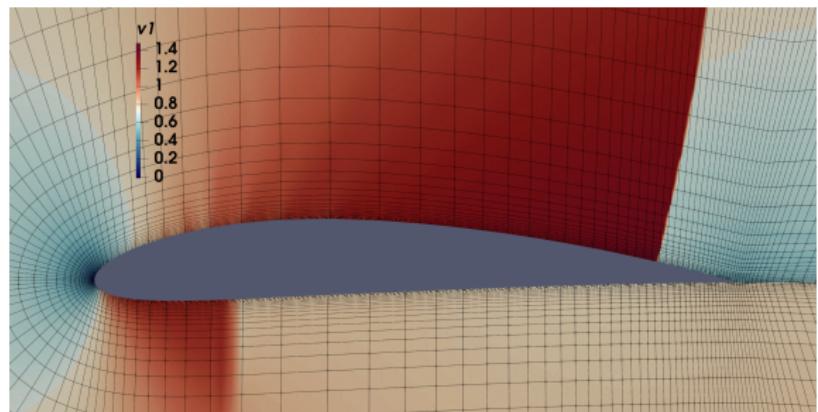


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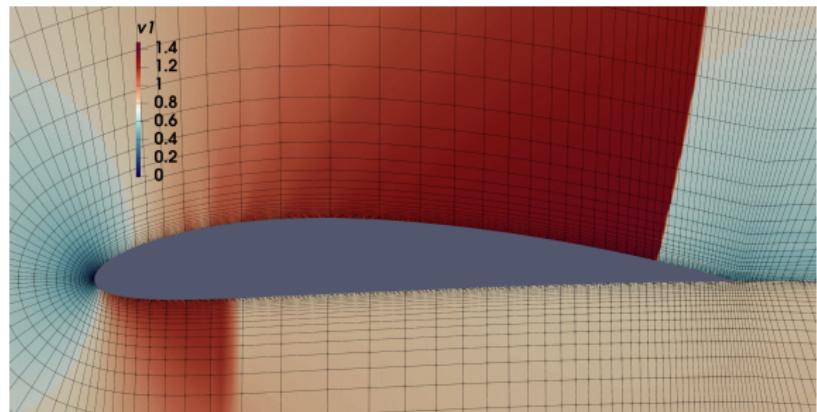


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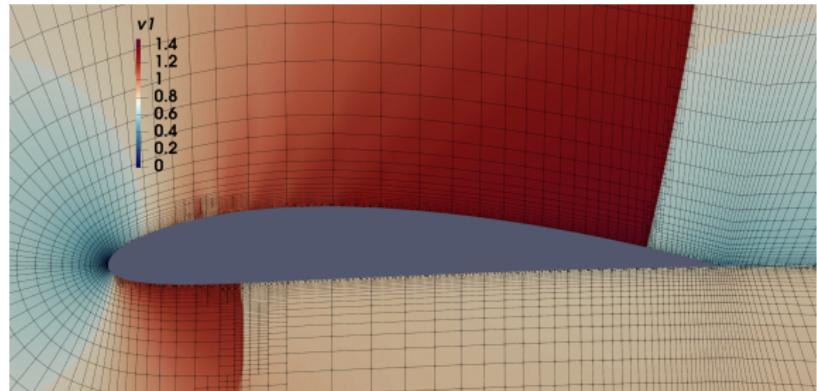
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```
prandtl_number() = 0.72 #  $Pr = \mu c_p / \lambda$ 
mu() = 1.12e-7 # Constant dynamic viscosity  $\mu \Rightarrow Re = 10^7$ 
equations_parabolic = CompressibleNavierStokesDiffusion2D(equations, # Euler equations
                                                               mu = mu(),
                                                               Prandtl = prandtl_number())

velocity_airfoil = NoSlip((x, t, equations) -> SVector(0.0, 0.0))
heat_airfoil = Adiabatic((x, t, equations) -> 0.0)

bc_airfoil = BoundaryConditionNavierStokesWall(velocity_airfoil,
                                                heat_airfoil)

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                     #: Other free-stream BCs =#
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- Semidiscretization

```
#  
semi = SemidiscretizationHyperbolicParabolic(mesh, (equations, equations_parabolic),  
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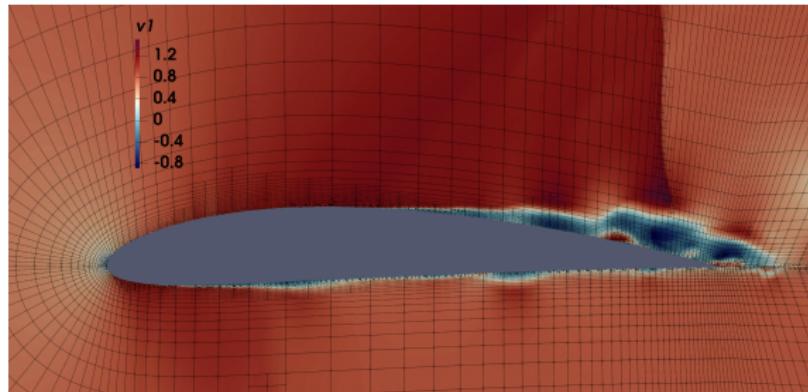


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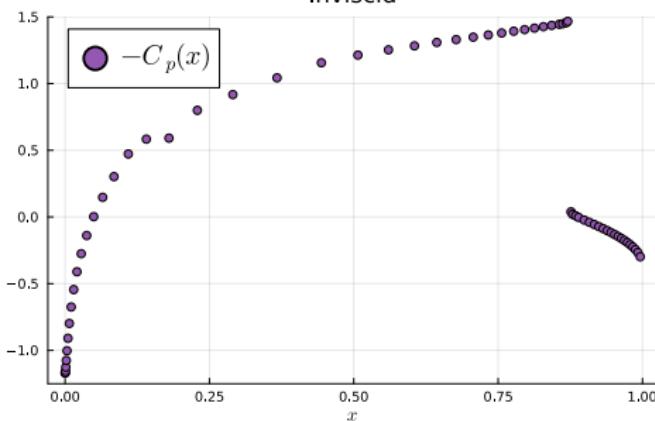


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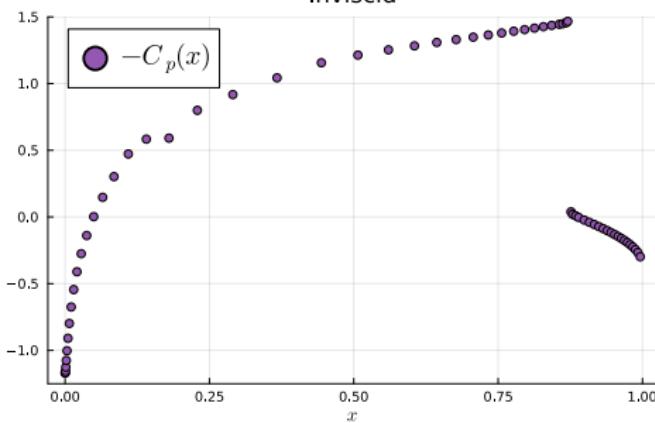


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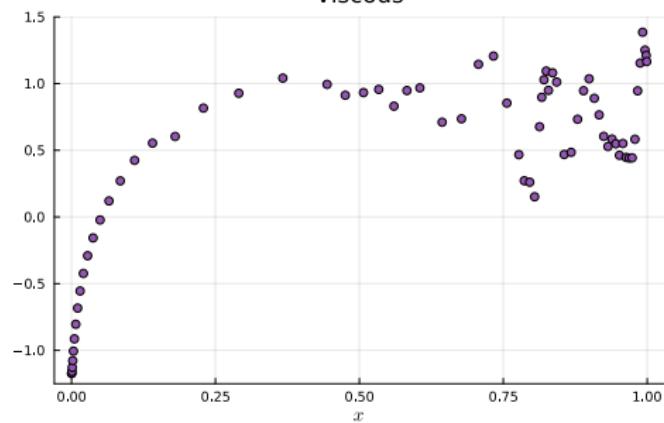
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# Case Study: SD7003 Airfoil

## Viscous laminar (incompressible) flow

- $\text{Re} = 10^4, \text{Ma} = 0.2$
- $\text{Pr} = 0.72, \gamma = 1.4$
- $\alpha = 4^\circ$

Mesh from ESM in<sup>a</sup>

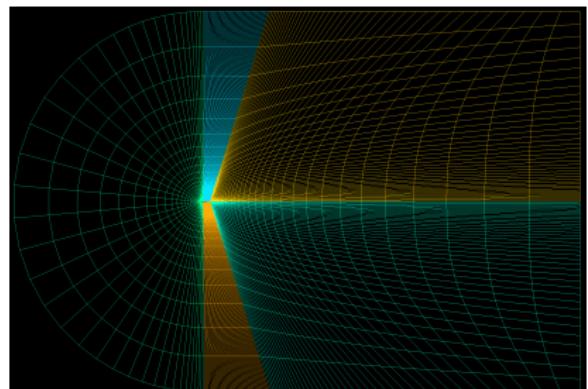
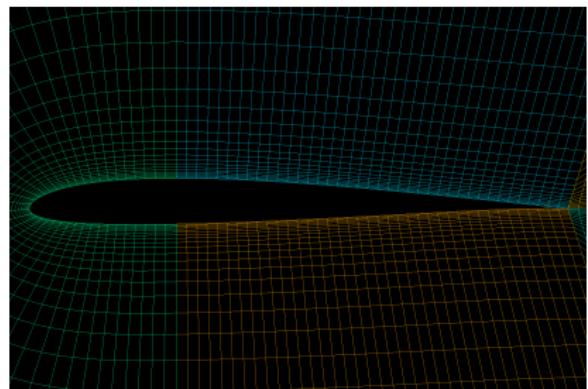
- $x_{\min} = -20, x_{\max} = 60,$   
 $y_{\min} = -20, y_{\max} = 20$
- 7605 elements

Discretization:

- Space: 4<sup>th</sup>-order DGSEM
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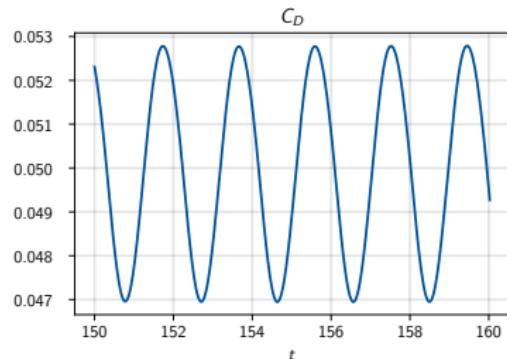
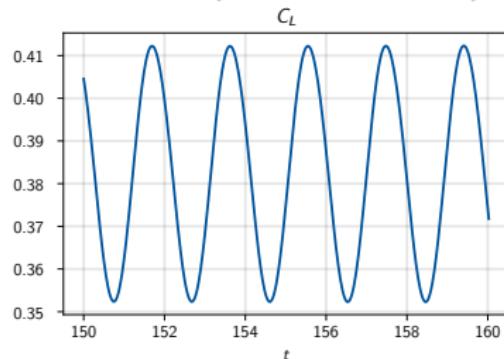


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# Case Study: SD7003 Airfoil

Viscous laminar (incompressible) flow



Source	$\bar{C}_L = \bar{C}_{L,p}$	$\bar{C}_D = \bar{C}_{D,p} + \bar{C}_{D,\mu}$
Trixi.jl	0.3827	0.04995
Vermeire <sup>a</sup>	0.3841	0.04990
Uranga et al. <sup>b</sup>	0.3755	0.04978
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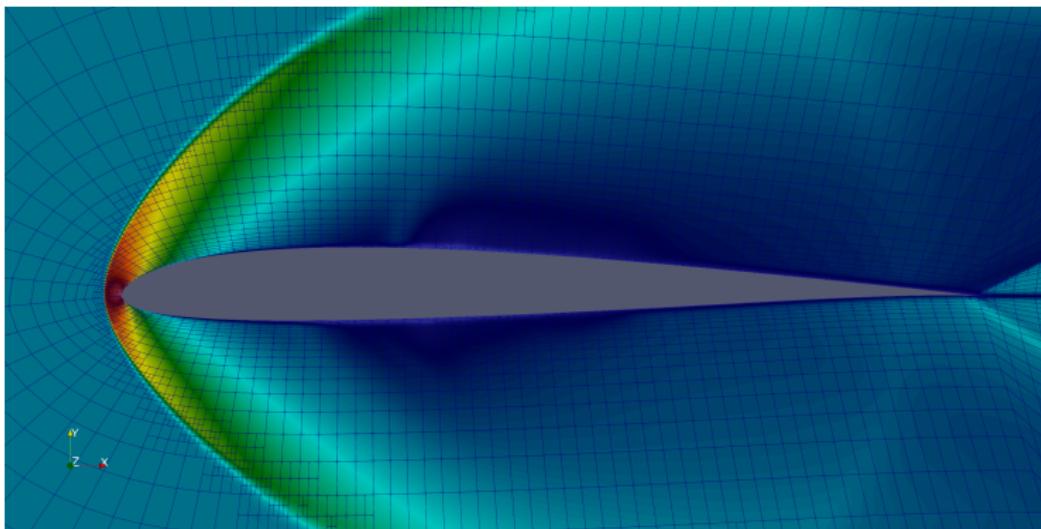
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# Thank you for your attention!

Questions?



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