

# Lecture 7

## Lattice Boltzmann methods

Course *Block-structured Adaptive Finite Volume Methods in C++*

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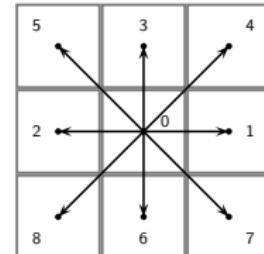
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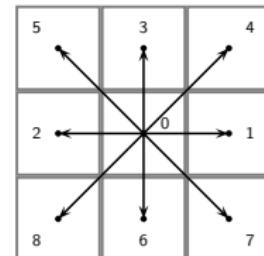
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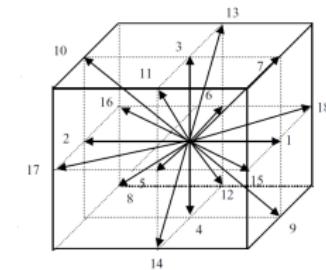
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allows higher flow velocities.

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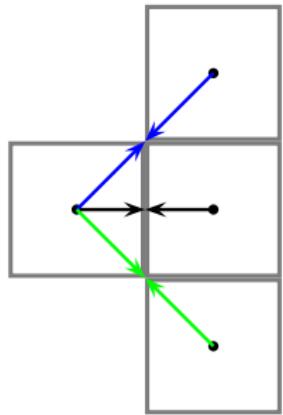
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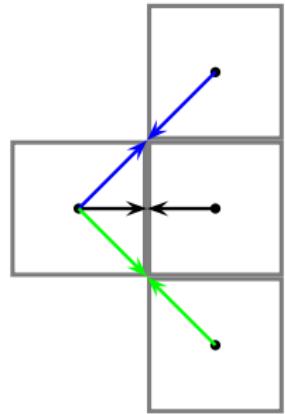


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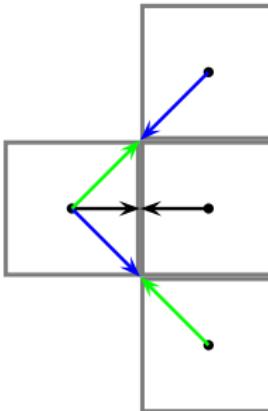
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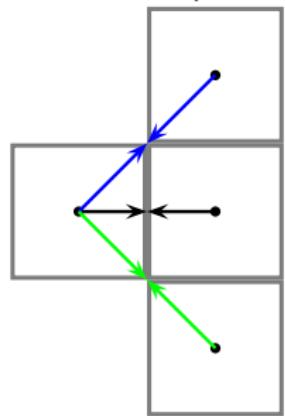


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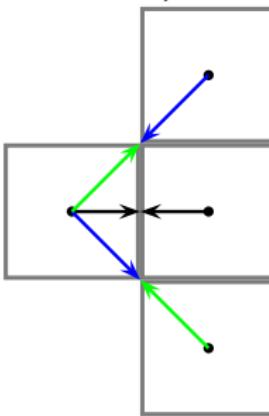
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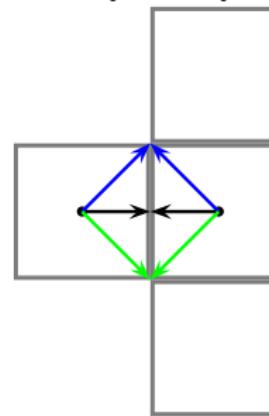
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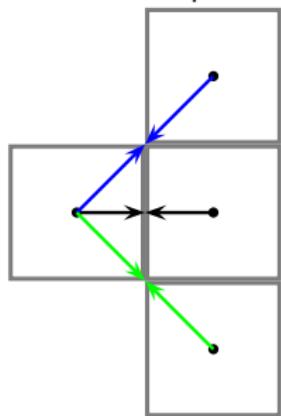


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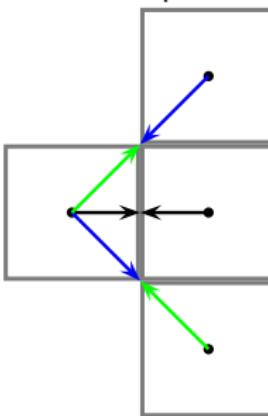
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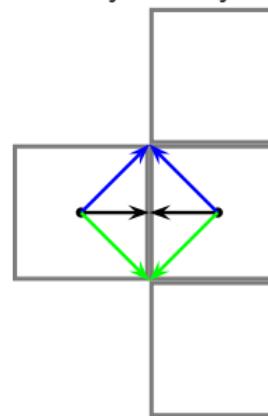
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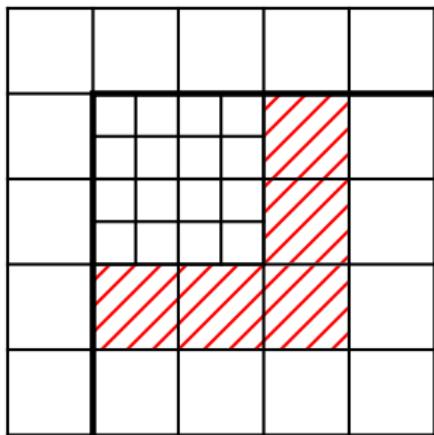
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- ▶ Outlet basically copies all distributions (zero gradient)
- ▶ Inlet and pressure boundary conditions use  $f_\alpha^{eq}$
- ▶ Embedded boundary conditions use ghost cell construction as before, then use  $f_\alpha^{eq}(\rho', \mathbf{u}')$  to construct distributions in embedded ghost cells

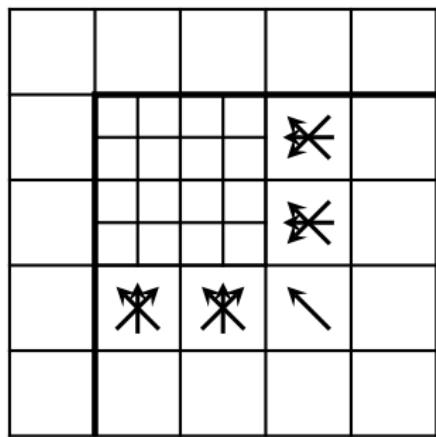
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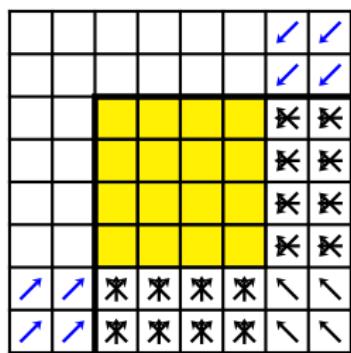
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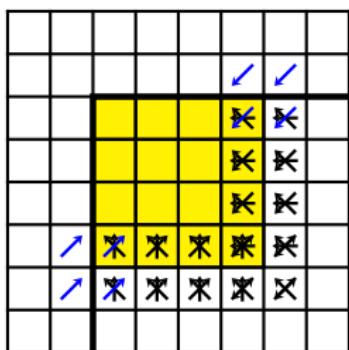
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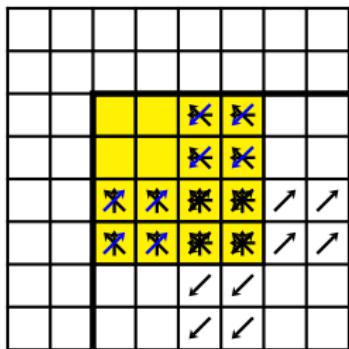
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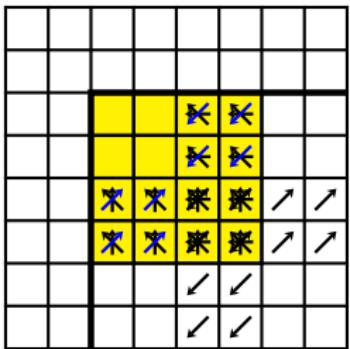
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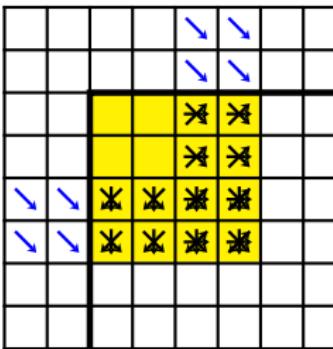
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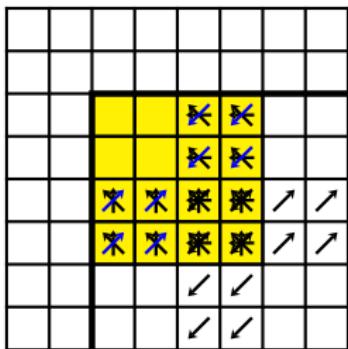
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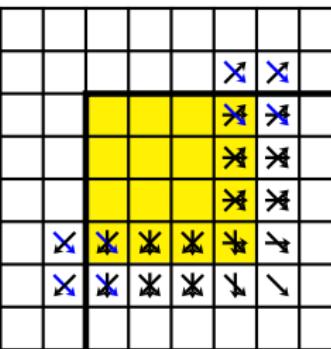
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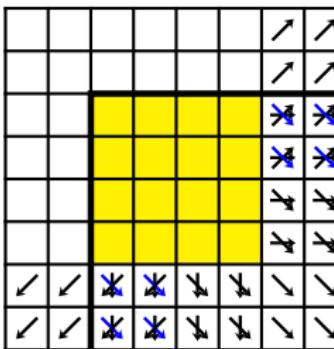
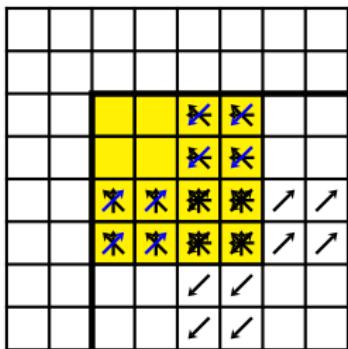
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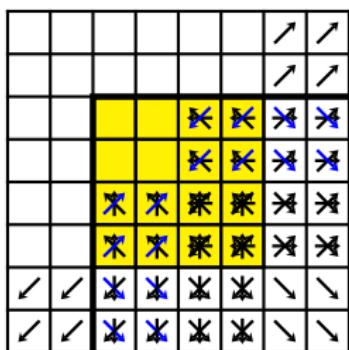
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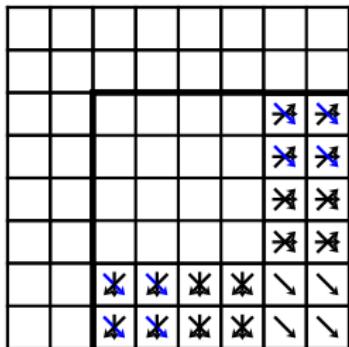
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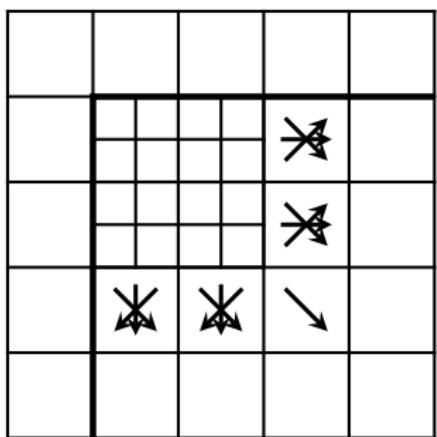


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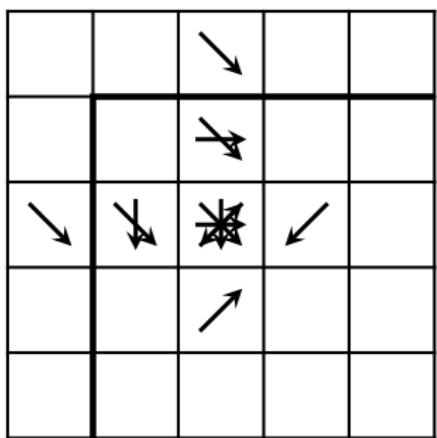
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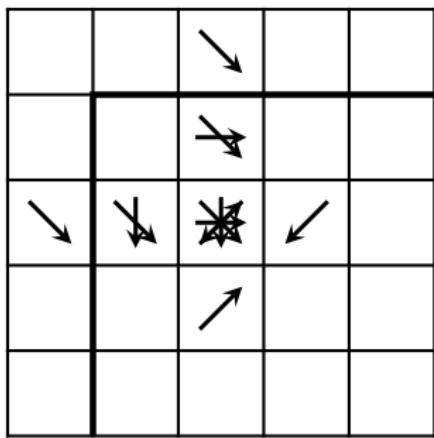
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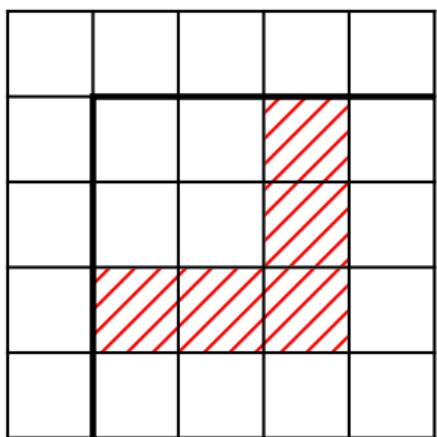
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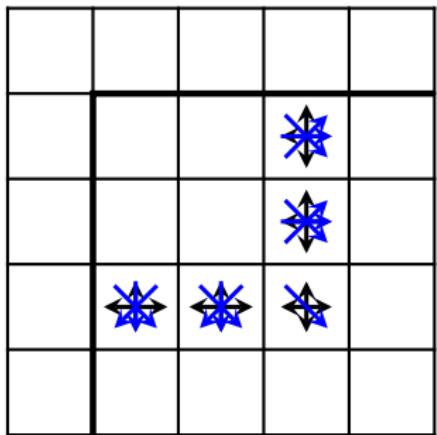
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Algorithm equivalent to [Chen et al., 2006].

# Classes

Directory `amroc/lbm` contains the lattice Boltzmann integrator that is in C++ throughout and also is built on the classes in `amroc/amr/Interfaces`.

- ▶ Several SchemeType-classes are already provided: **LBMD1Q3<DataType>**, **LBMD2Q9<DataType>**, **LBMD3Q19<DataType>**, **LBMD2Q9Thermal<DataType>**, **LBMD3Q19Thermal<DataType>** included a large number of boundary conditions.

`code/amroc/doc/html/lbm/classLBMD1Q3.html` `code/amroc/doc/html/lbm/classLBMD2Q9.html`

`code/amroc/doc/html/lbm/classLBMD3Q19Thermal.html`

- ▶ Using function within LBMD?D?, the special coarse-fine correction is implemented in **LBMFixup<LBMTYPE, FixupType, dim>**

`code/amroc/doc/html/lbm/classLBMFixup.html`

- ▶ **LBIIntegrator<LBMTYPE, dim>**, **LBMGFBoundary<LBMTYPE, dim>**, etc. interface to the generic classes in `amroc/amr/Interfaces`

`code/amroc/doc/html/amr/classSchemeGFBoundary.html`

- ▶ **Problem.h**: Specific simulation is defined in `Problem.h` only. Predefined classes specified in **LBMStdProblem.h**, **LBMStdGFMPProblem.h** and **LBMProblem.h**.

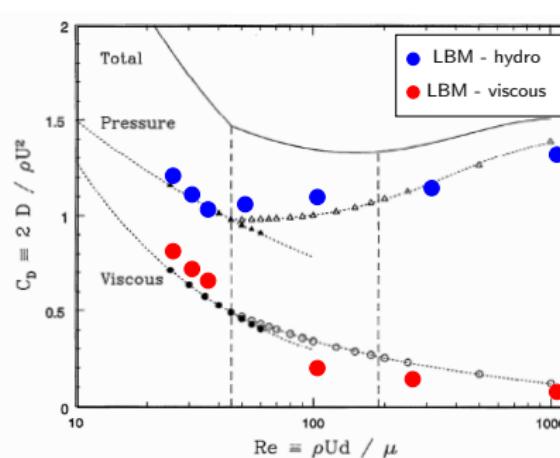
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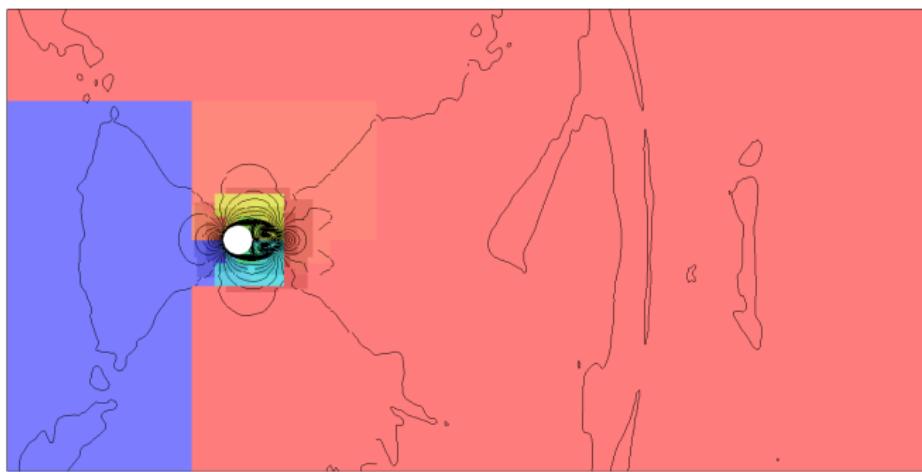
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$$\nu = 1.61 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s},$$

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- ▶ Domain size
 
$$[-8d, 24d] \times [-8d, 8d]$$
- ▶ Dynamic refinement based on velocity. Last level to refine structure further.
- ▶ Inflow from left. Characteristic boundary conditions [Schlaffer, 2013] elsewhere.
- ▶ Base lattice  $320 \times 160$ , 3 additional levels with factors  $r_l = 2, 4, 4$ .
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- ▶ Computation of  $C_D$  on 400 equidistant points along circle and averaged over time. Comparison above with [Henderson, 1995].



# Flow over cylinder in 2d - $Re = 300$ , $u = 0.2415 \text{ m/s}$

Isolines on refinement and distribution to processors



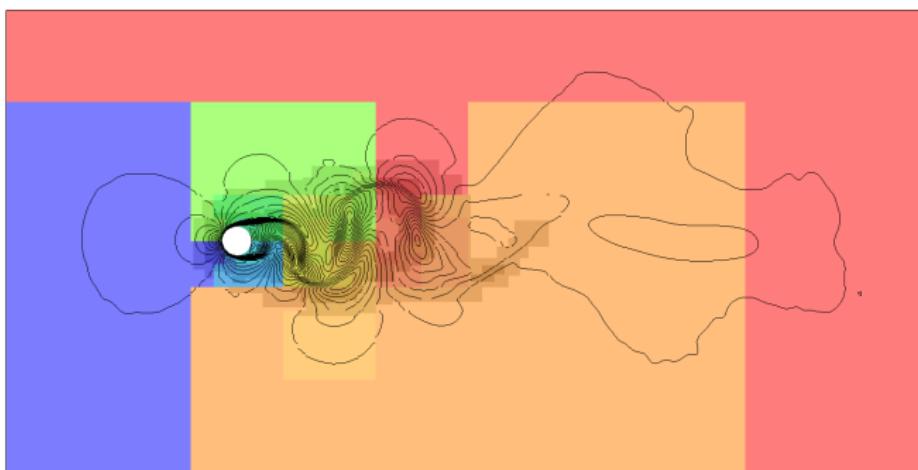
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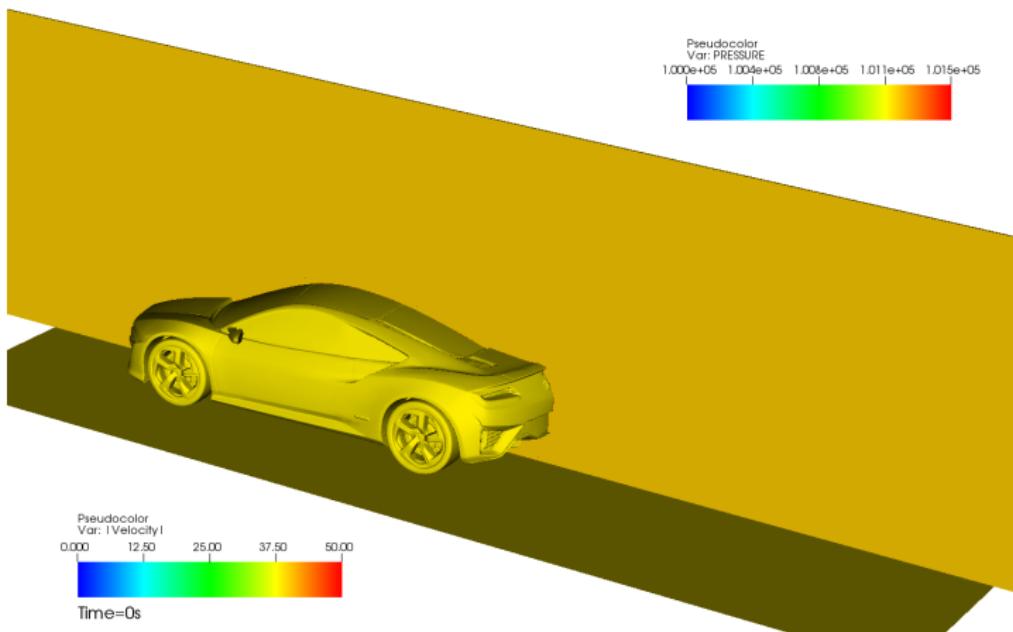
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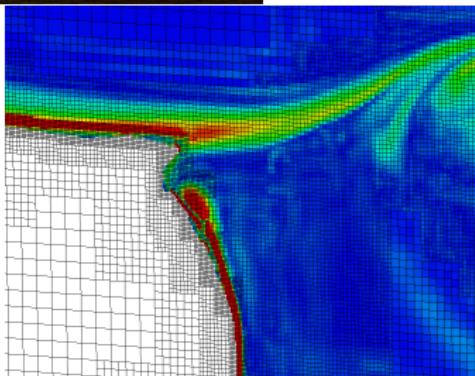
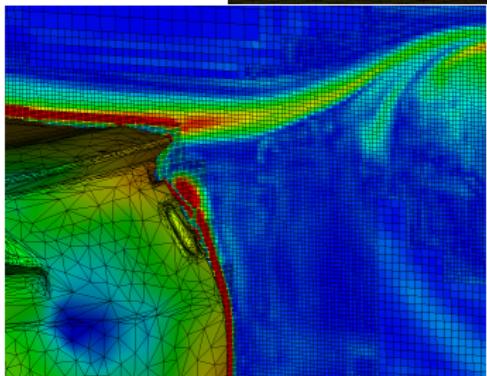
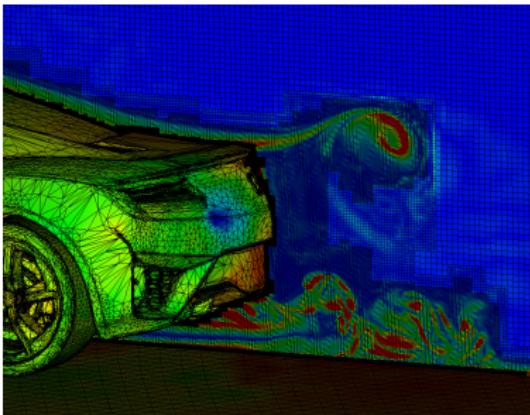
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Fluid velocity and pressure on vehicle



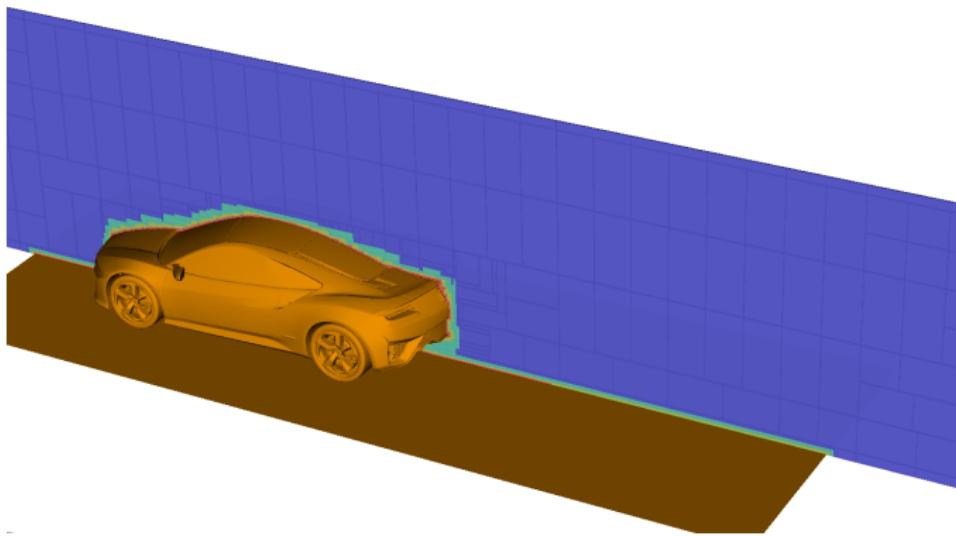
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Used refinement blocks and levels (indicated by color)



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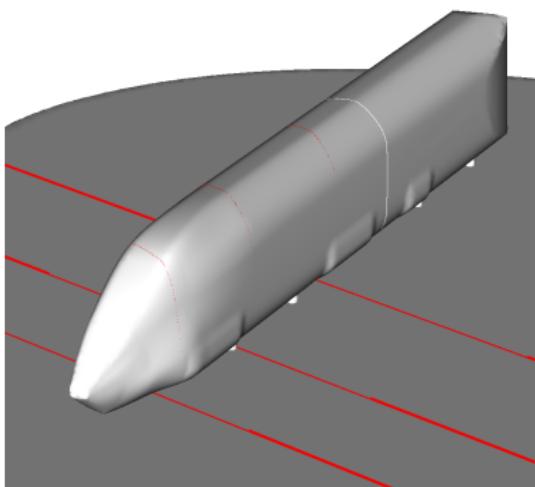
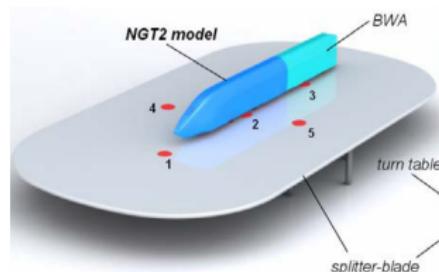
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2	31,382	144,447,872
3	21,221	52,388,336

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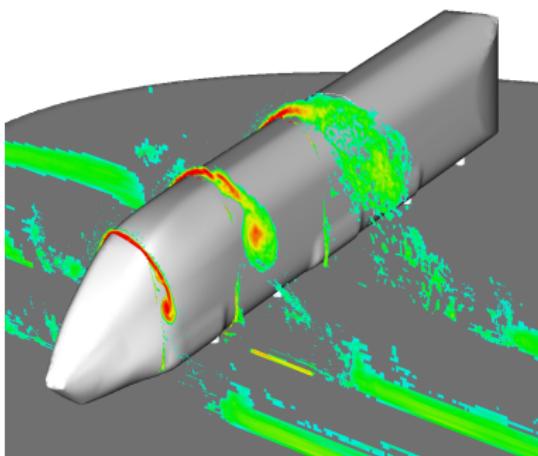
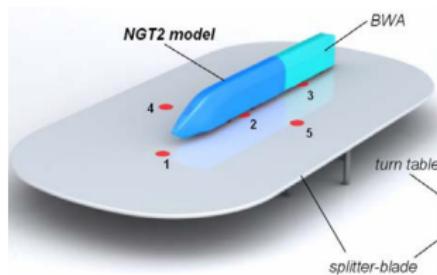
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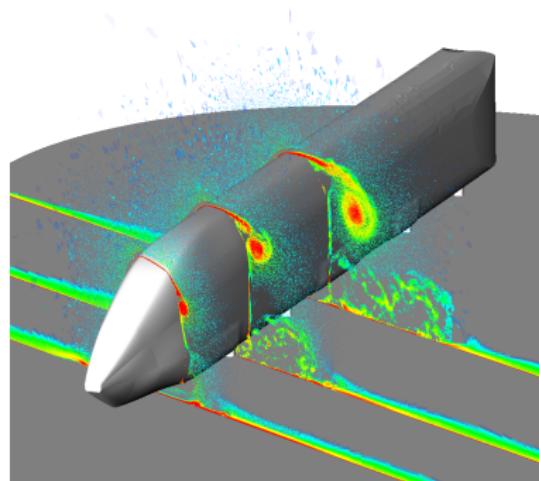
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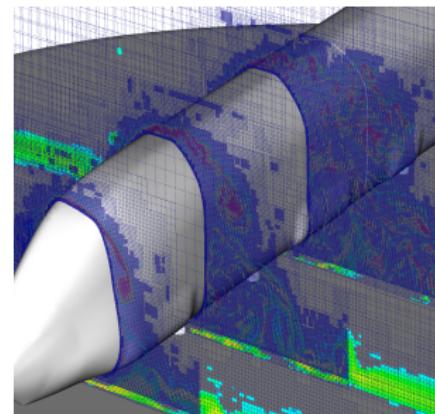


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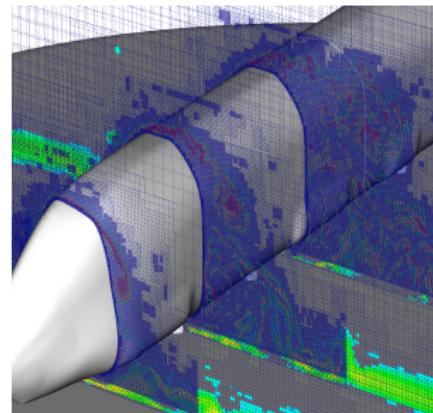
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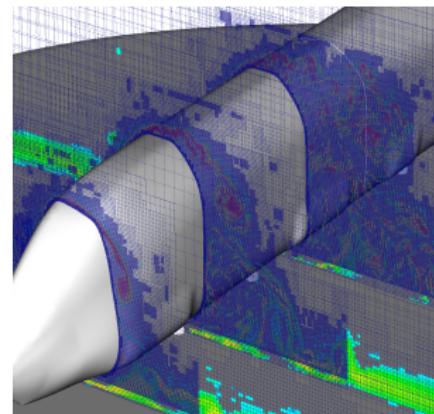


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Cells	147M	34.1M	219M	219M
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$x^+, z^+$	43	313	140	140
$\Delta x$ wake [mm]	0.936	3.0	1.5	1.5
Runtime [ $T_c$ ]	34	35.7	10.3	9.2
Processors	200	80	280	280
CPU [h]	34,680	49,732	194,483	164,472
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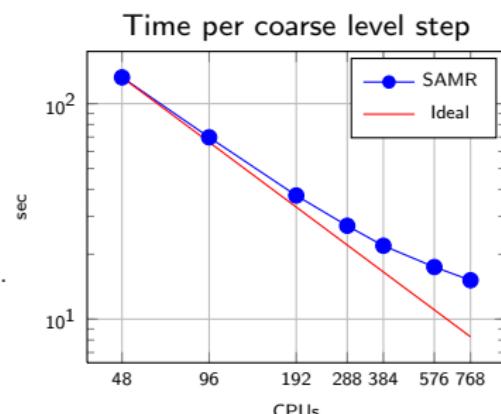


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*Adaptive LBM code 16x faster than OpenFOAM with PISO algorithm on static mesh!*

# Strong scalability test (1:25 train)

- ▶ Computation is restarted from disk checkpoint at  $t = 0.526408$  s from 96 core run.
- ▶ Time for initial re-partitioning removed from benchmark.
- ▶ 200 coarse level time steps computed.
- ▶ Regridding and re-partitioning every 2nd level-0 step.
- ▶ Computation starts with 51.8M cells (I3: 10.2M, I2: 15.3M, I1: 21.5M, I0= 4.8M) vs. 19.66 billion (uniform).
- ▶ Portions for parallel communication quite considerable (4 ghost cells still used).



Time in % spent in main operations

Cores	48	96	192	288	384	576	768
Time per step	132.43s	69.79s	37.47s	27.12s	21.91s	17.45s	15.15s
Par. Efficiency	100.0	94.88	88.36	81.40	75.56	63.24	54.63
LBM Update	5.91	5.61	5.38	4.92	4.50	3.73	3.19
Regridding	15.44	12.02	11.38	10.92	10.02	8.94	8.24
Partitioning	4.16	2.43	1.16	1.02	1.04	1.16	1.34
Interpolation	3.76	3.53	3.33	3.05	2.83	2.37	2.06
Sync Boundaries	54.71	59.35	59.73	56.95	54.54	52.01	51.19
Sync Fixup	9.10	10.41	12.25	16.62	20.77	26.17	28.87
Level set	0.78	0.93	1.21	1.37	1.45	1.48	1.47
Interp./Extrap.	3.87	3.81	3.76	3.49	3.26	2.75	2.39
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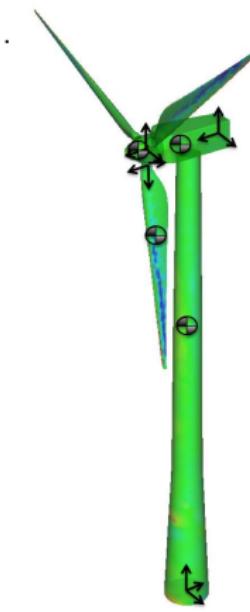
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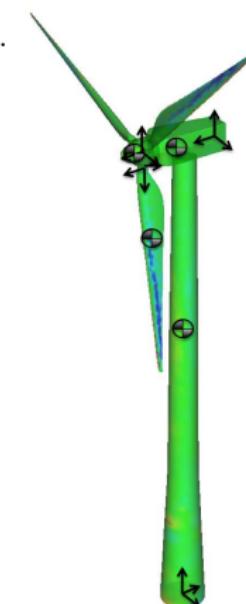
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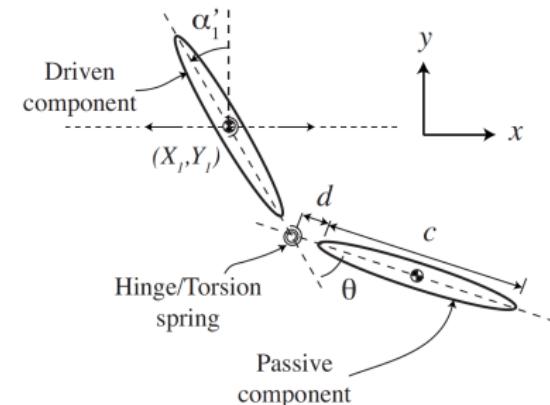
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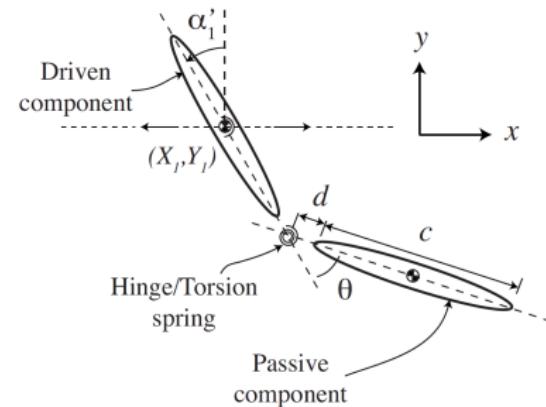
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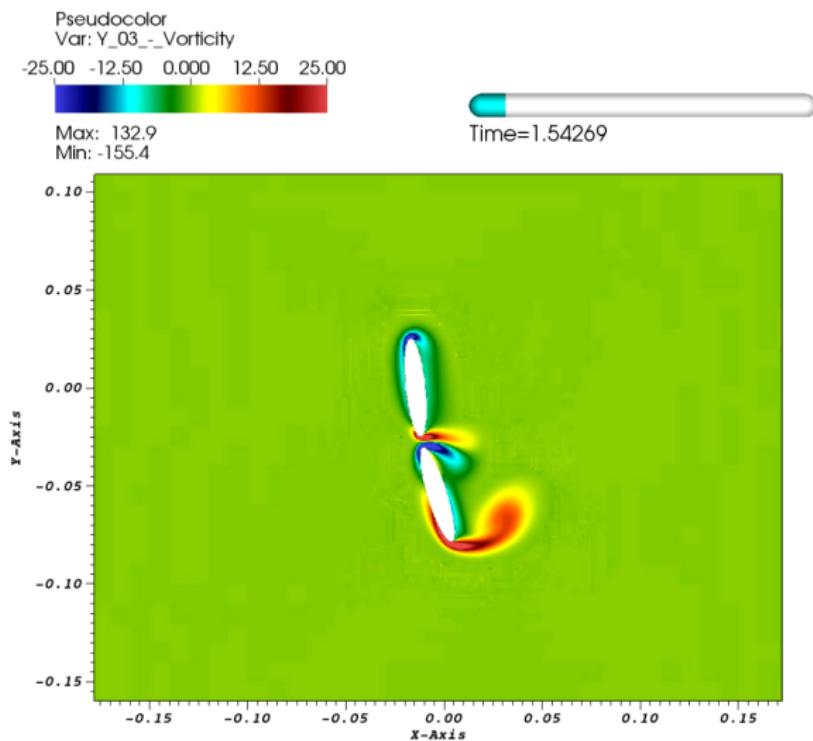


- ▶ 7 cases constructed by varying  $\sigma_r$ ,  $\sigma_t$ ,  $\Phi$
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 $c_s = 1497 \text{ m/s}$
- ▶ No-slip boundaries  
 in  $y$ , periodic in  $x$ -direction
- ▶ Base level:  
 $100 \times 100$  for  
 $[-0.5, 0.5] \times$   
 $[-0.5, 0.5]$  domain
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 with factors 2,2,2,4
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Right: computed vorticity field (enlarged)

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2	2.47	0.74	2.55	2.35	3.83	-4.29
3	1.27	0.45	0.72	2.31	4.65	-3.43
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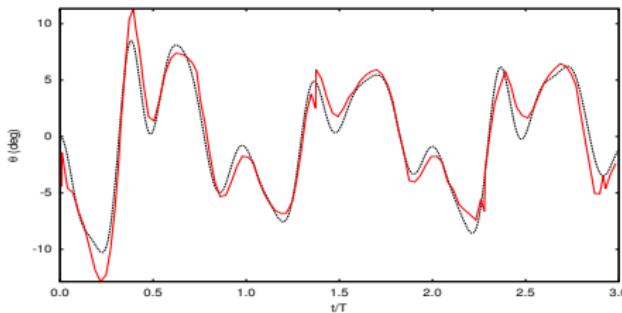
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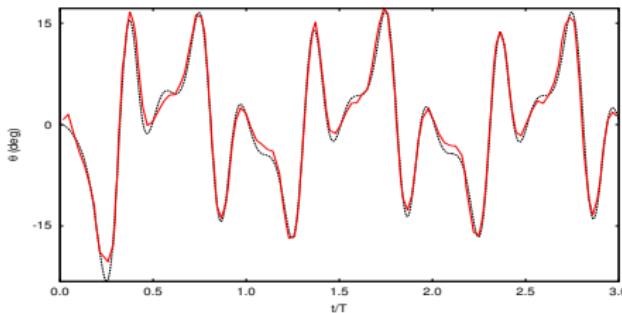
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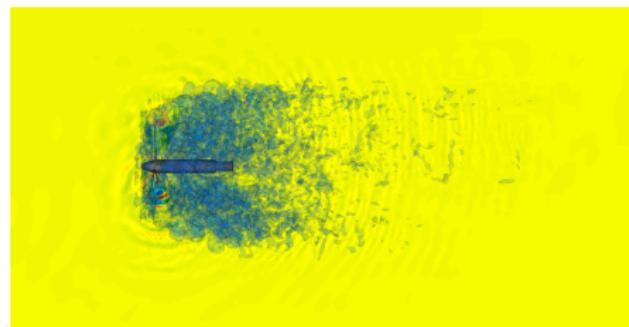
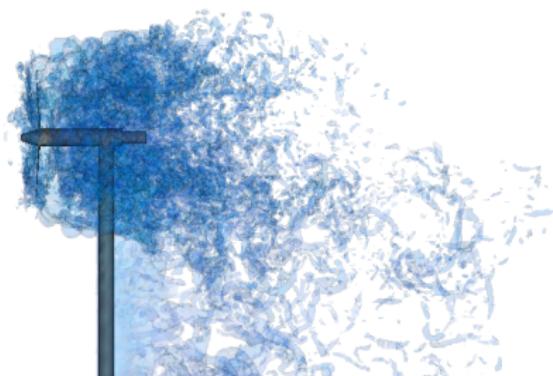


Case 2  
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Experimental results (—);  
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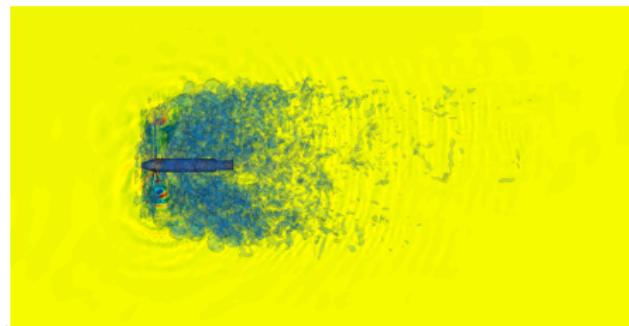
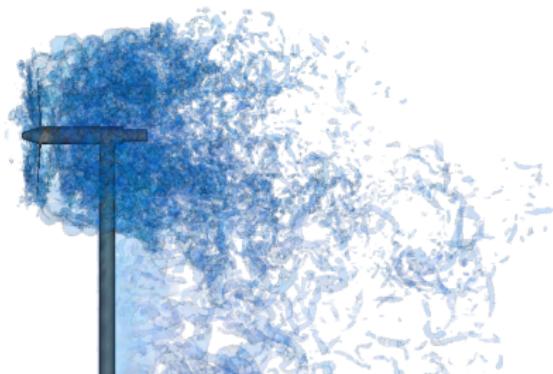


# Mexico experimental turbine – $0^\circ$ inflow



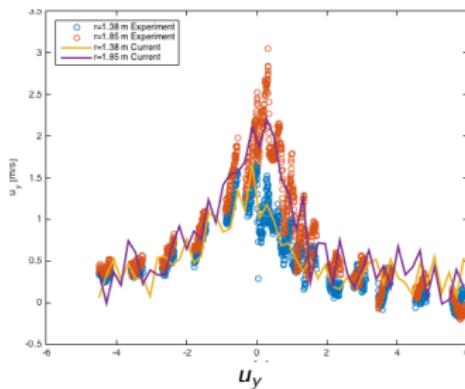
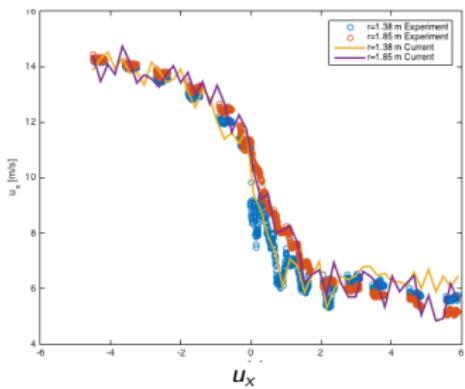
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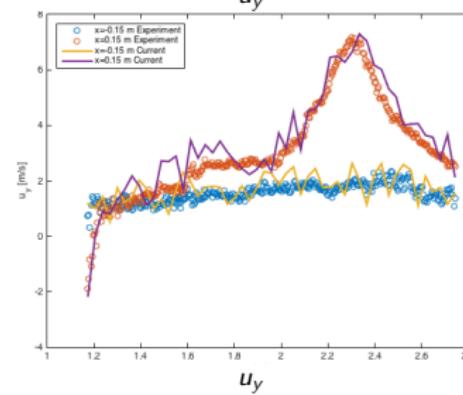
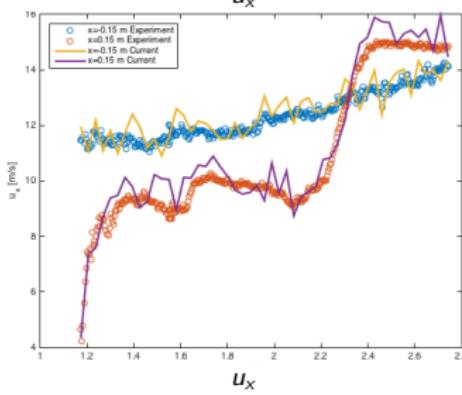
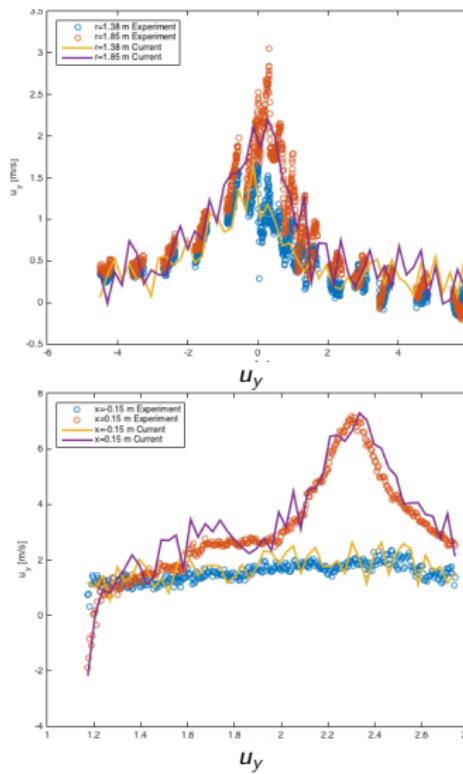
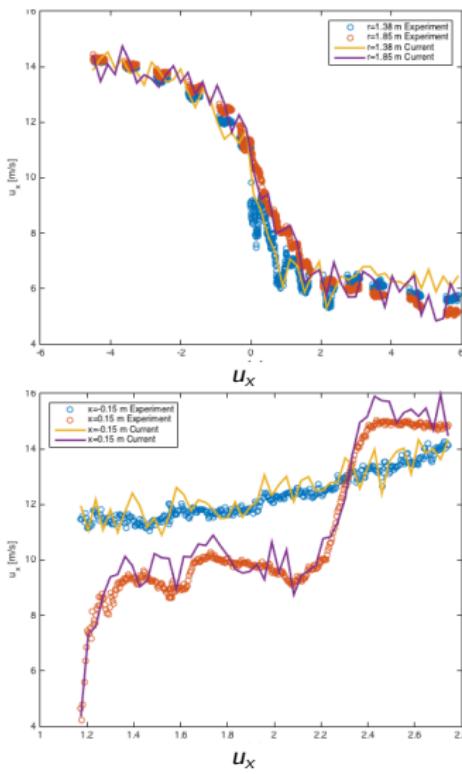
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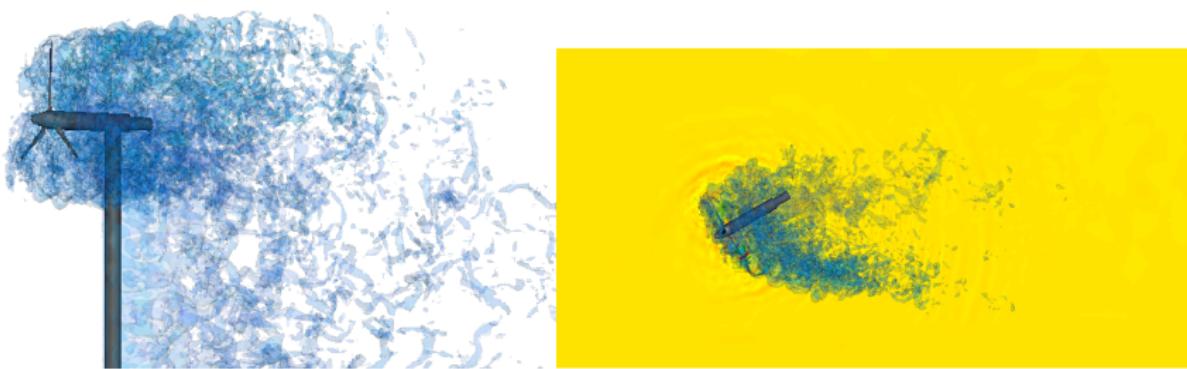


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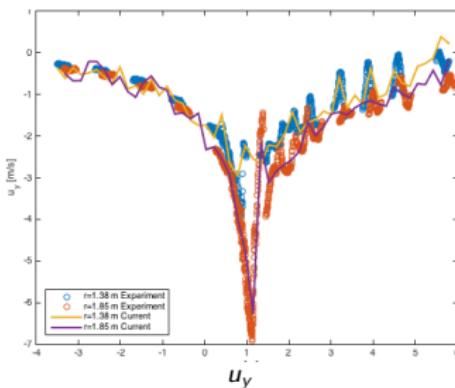
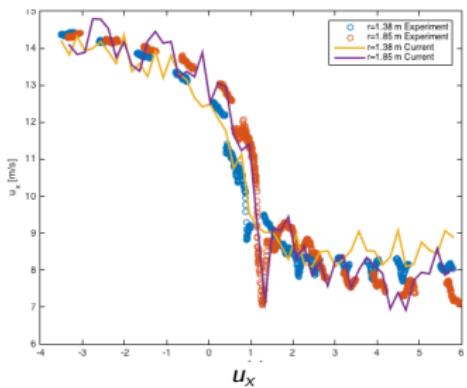


# Mexico experimental turbine – 30° yaw



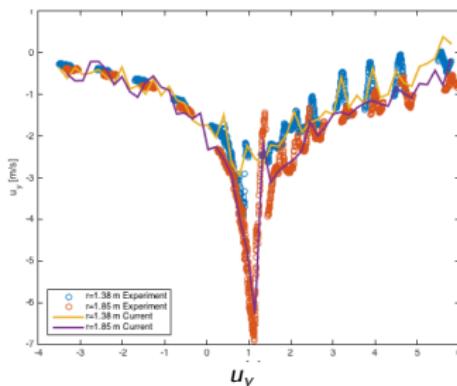
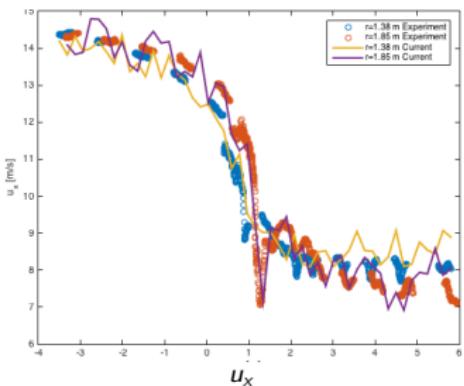
- ▶ Load collected as average during  $t \in [5, 10]$  on blade 1 as it passes through  $\theta = 0^\circ$  (pointing vertically upwards), 35 rotations
- ▶ Blade loads:  $F_x$ : Ref = 13.66 N, cur. = 14.8 N (8.3%)
- ▶  $T_x$ : Ref = 7.72 Nm, cur. = 8.36 Nm (8.3%)
- ▶ Level 0: 768,000 cells  
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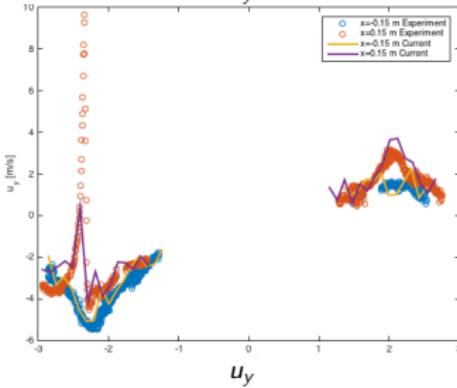
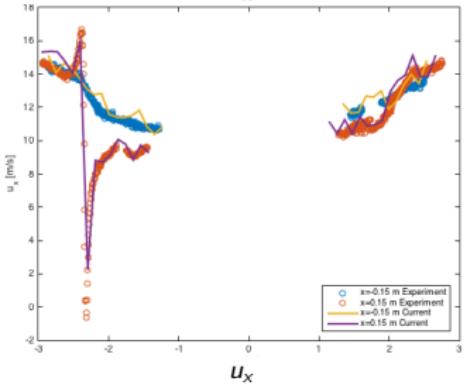


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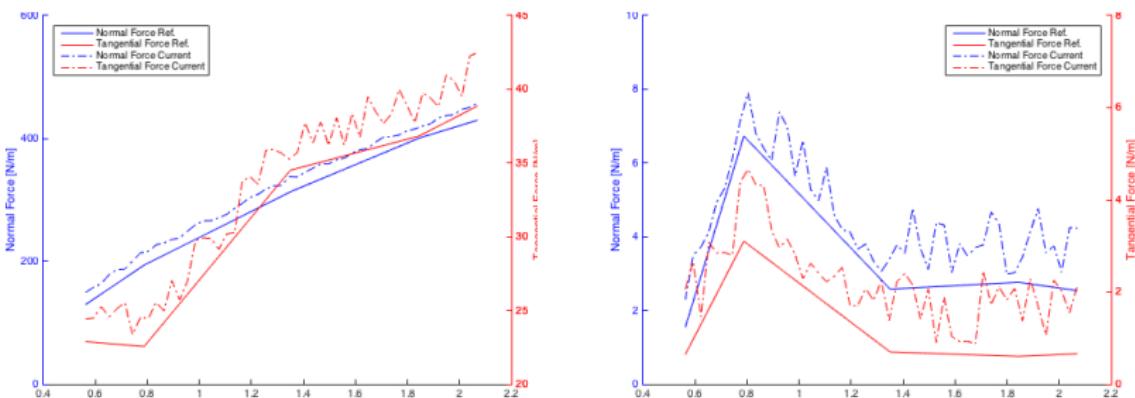
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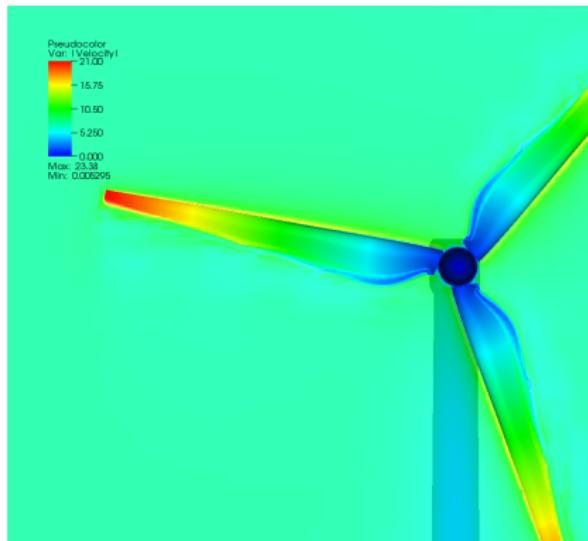
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Comparison of normal and tangential forces on sections of blade 1 when  $\theta_x = 0^\circ$  (pointing vertically upward) in aligned (left) and yaw  $30^\circ$

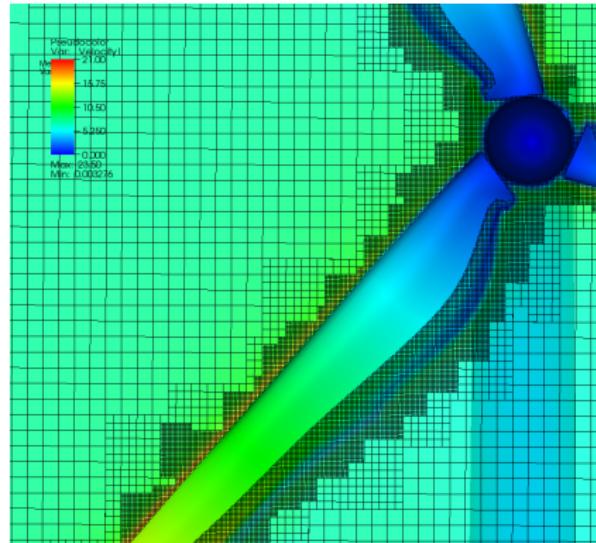
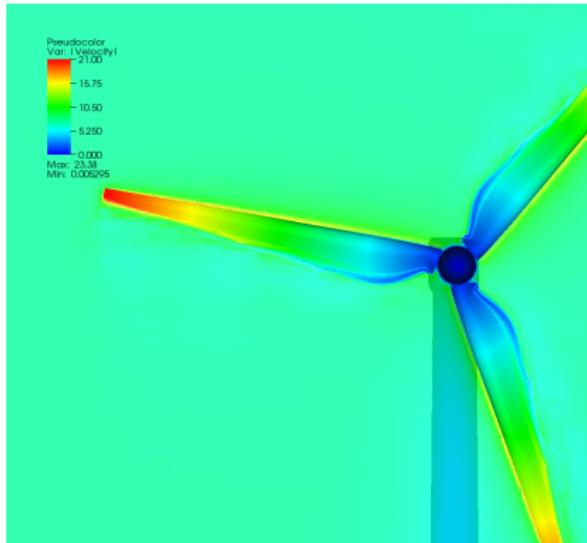
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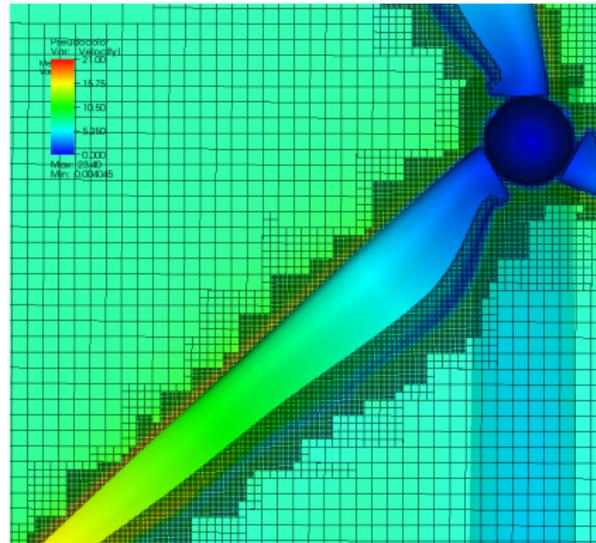
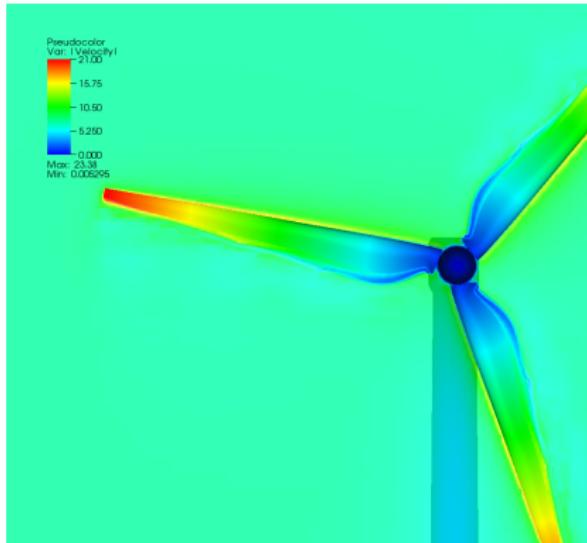
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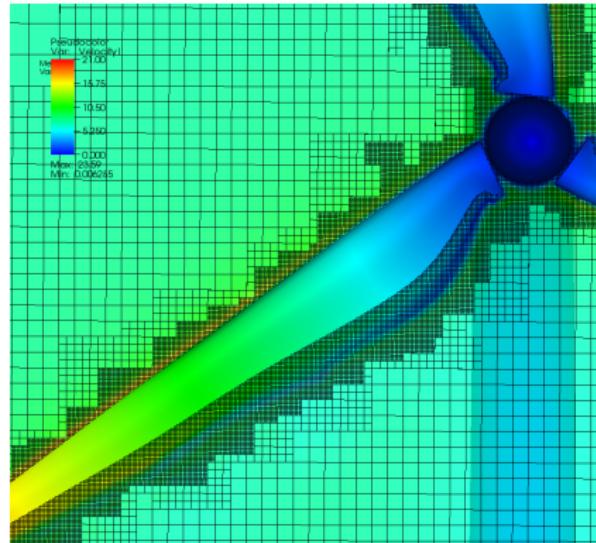
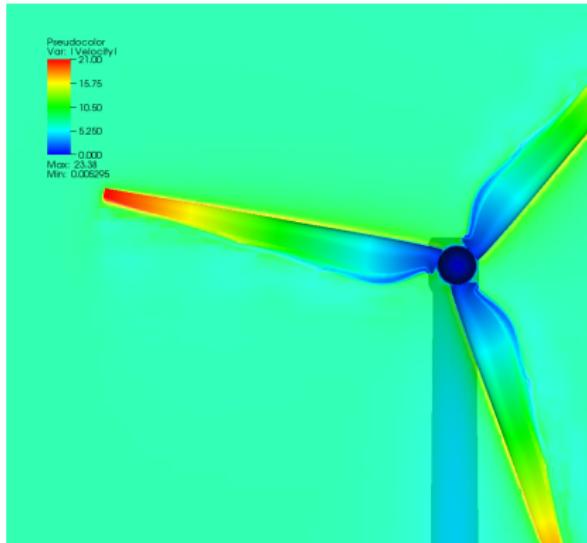
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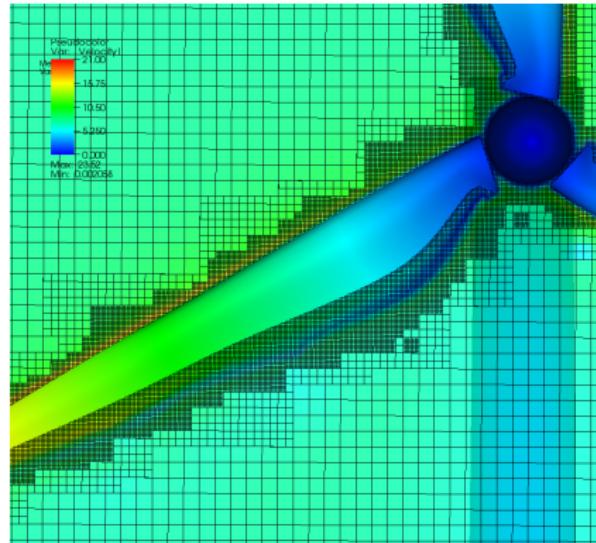
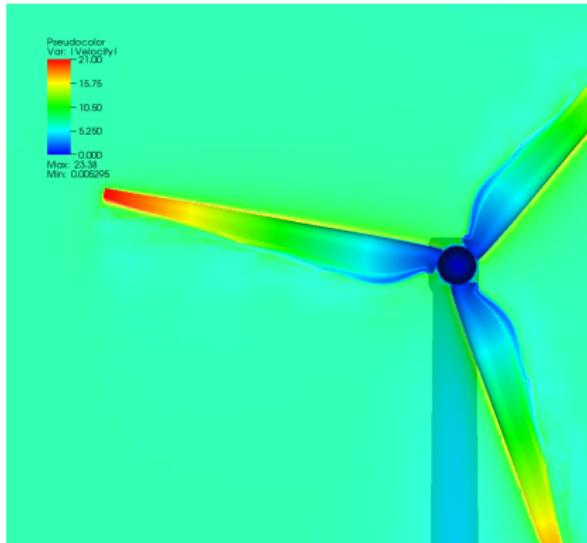
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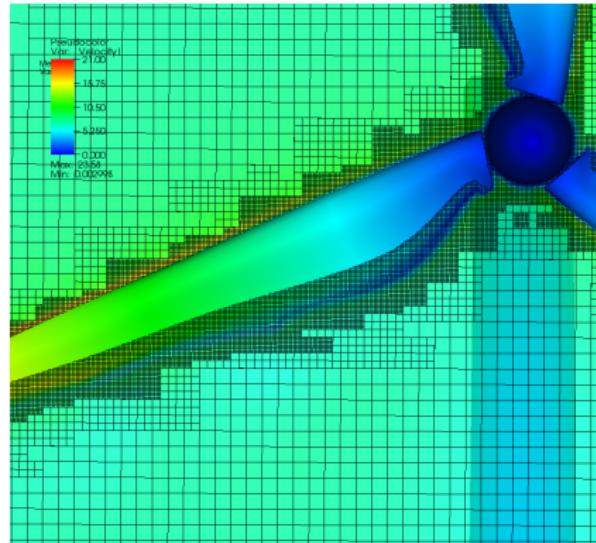
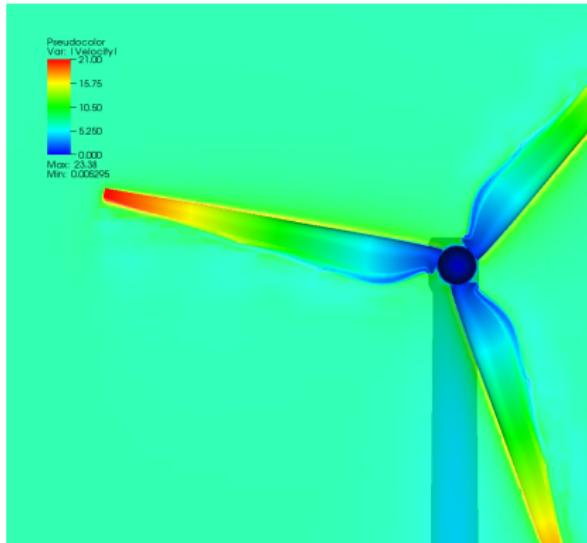
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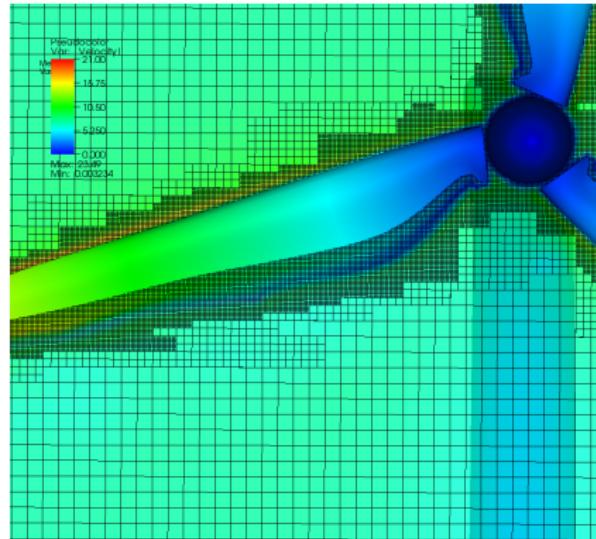
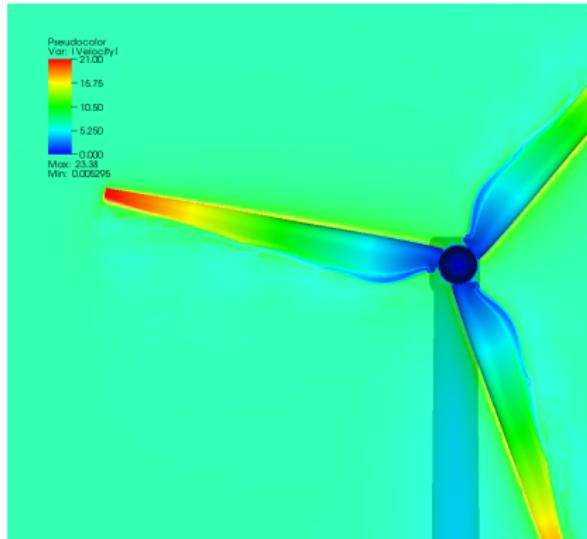
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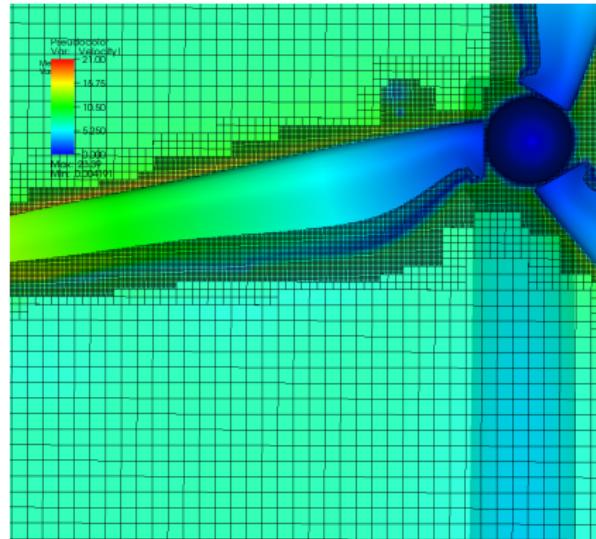
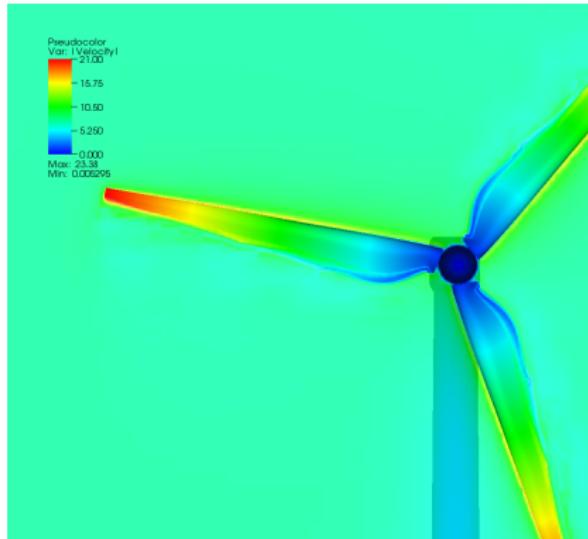
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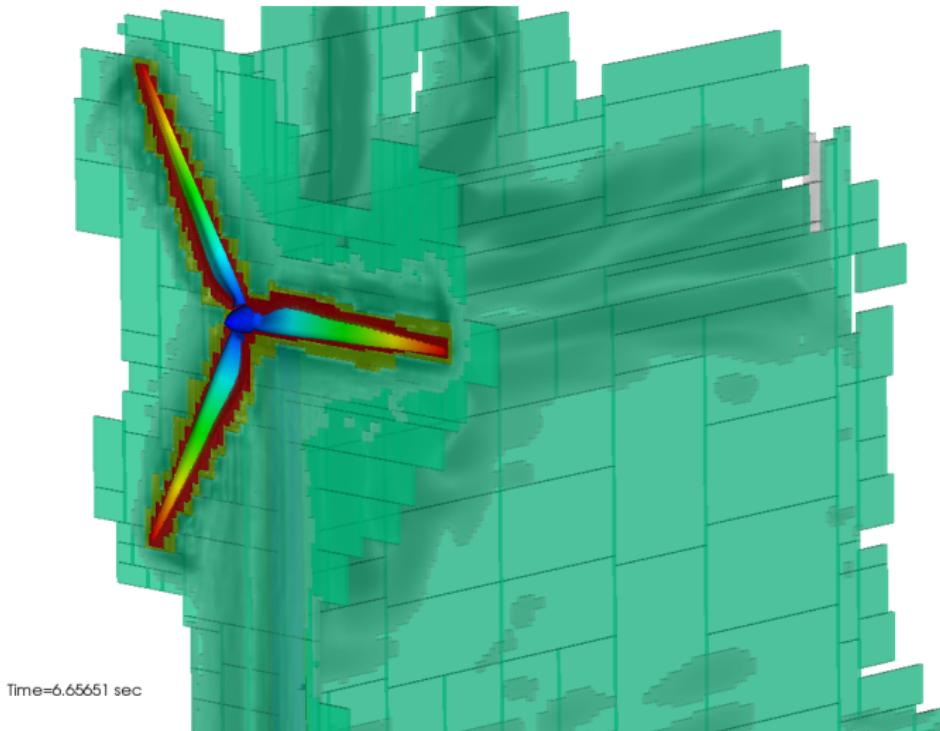


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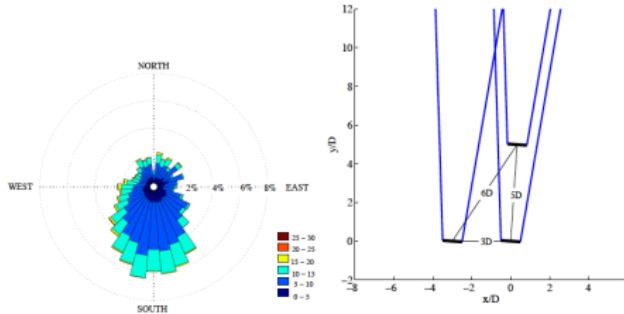


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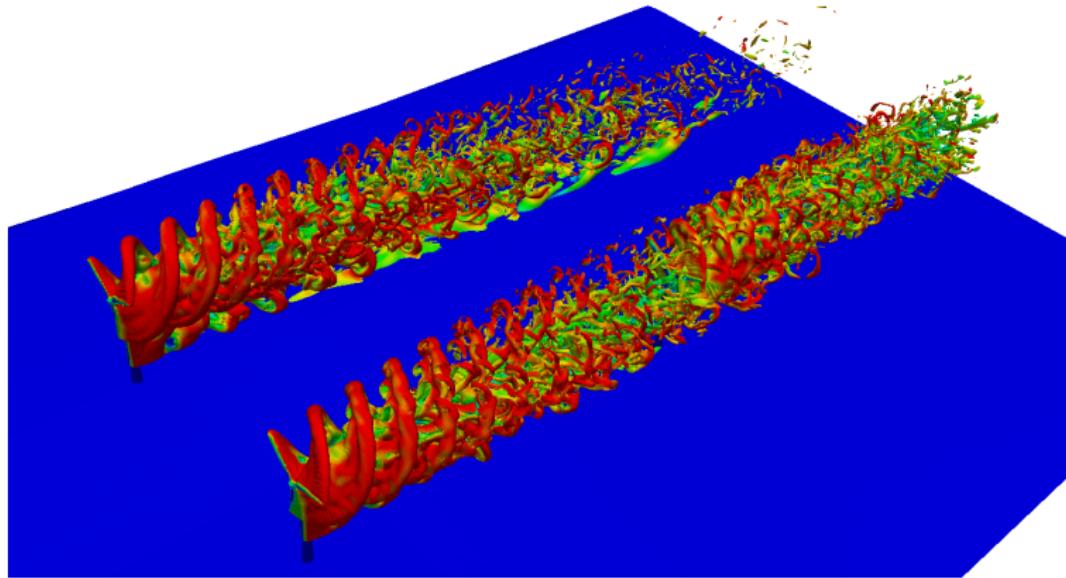
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# Simulation of the SWIFT array

- ▶ Three Vestas V27 turbines. 225 kW power generation at wind speeds 14 to 25 m/s (then cut-off)
- ▶ Prescribed motion of rotor with 33 and 43 rpm. Inflow velocity 8 and 25 m/s
- ▶ TSR: 5.84 and 2.43,  $Re \approx 919,700$  and  $1,208,000$
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- ▶ Base mesh  $448 \times 240 \times 100$  cells with refinement factors 2,2,4. Resolution of rotor and tower  $\Delta x = 6.25 \text{ cm}$
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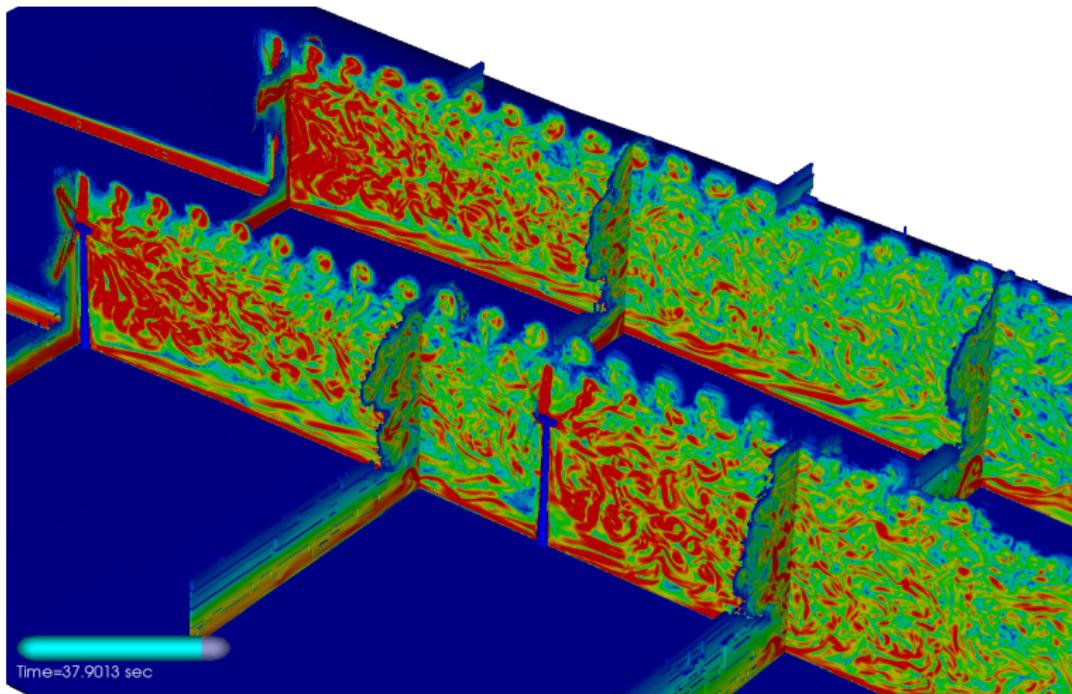
# Wake propagation through array – 25 m/s, 43 rpm



- ▶ On 288 cores Intel Xeon-Ivybridge 10 s in 38.5 h (11,090 h CPU)
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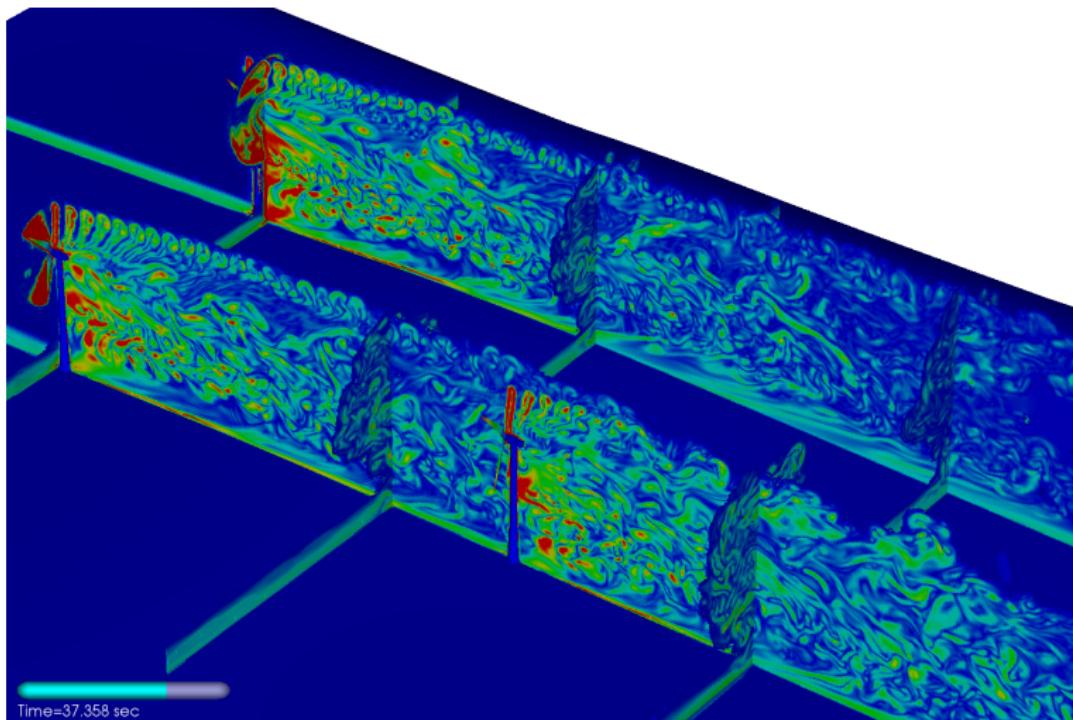
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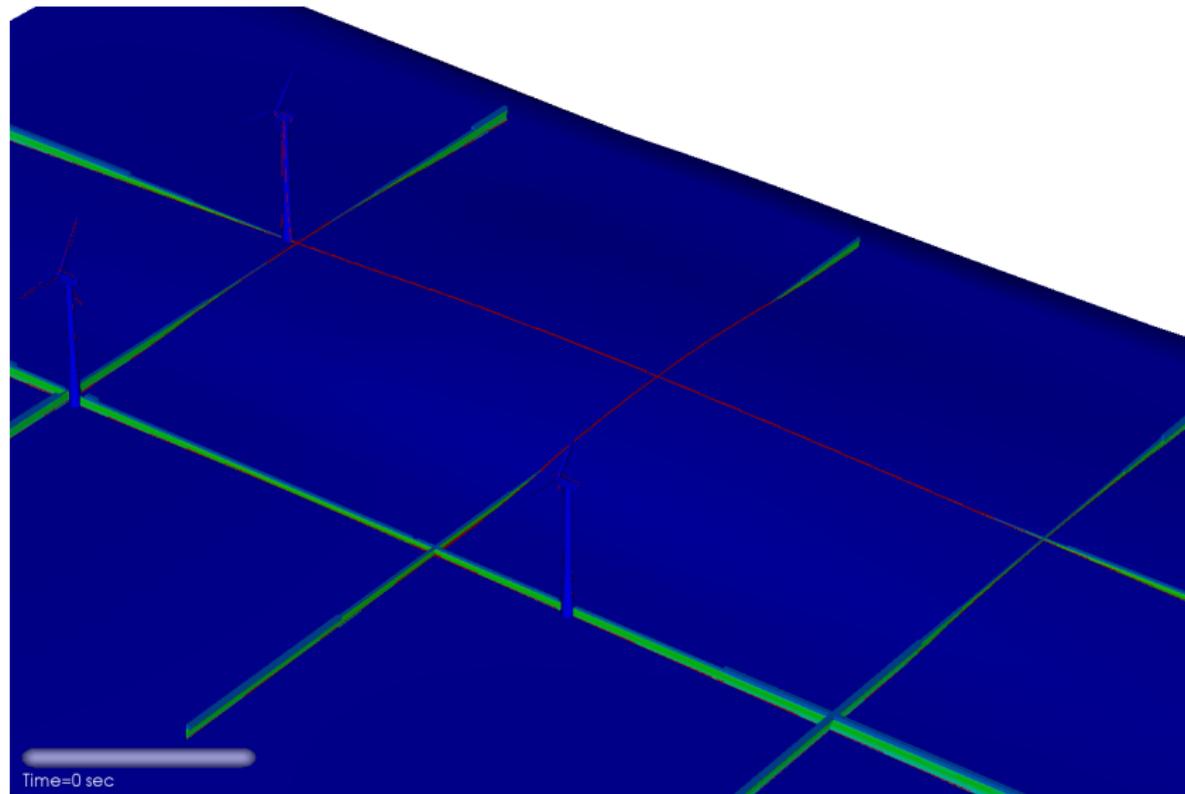
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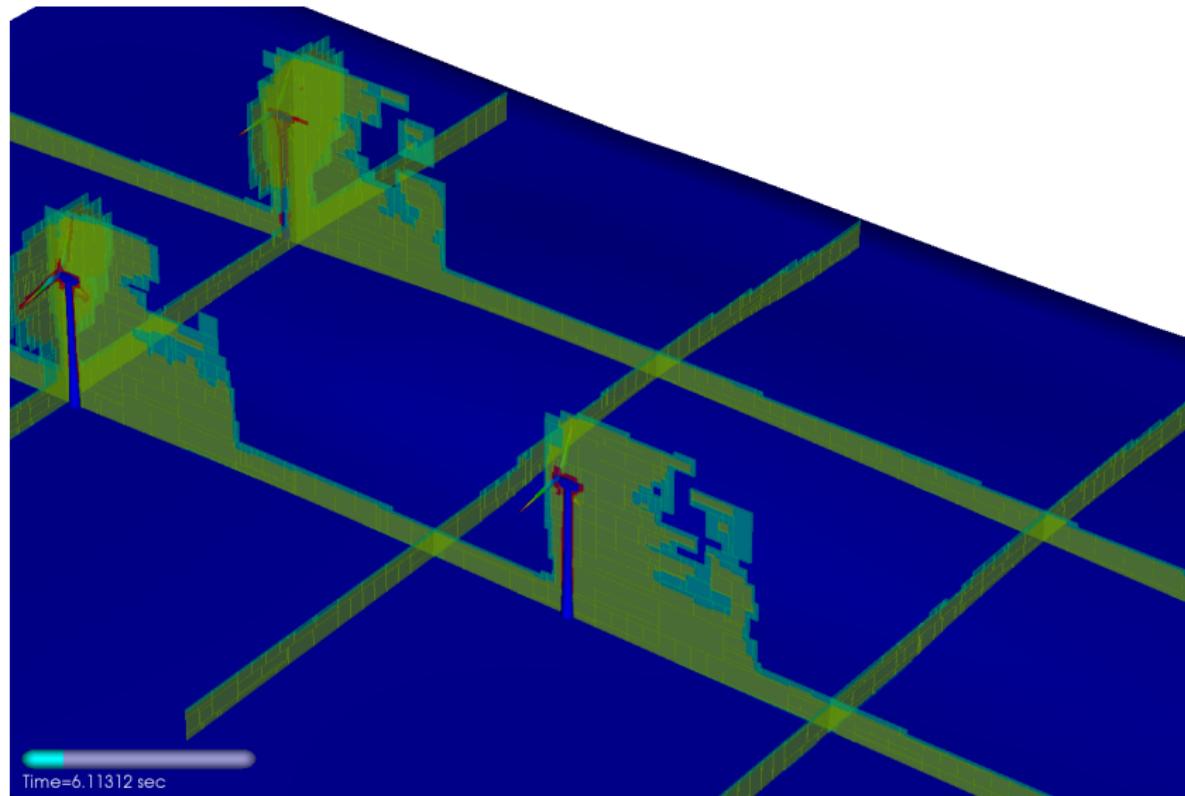
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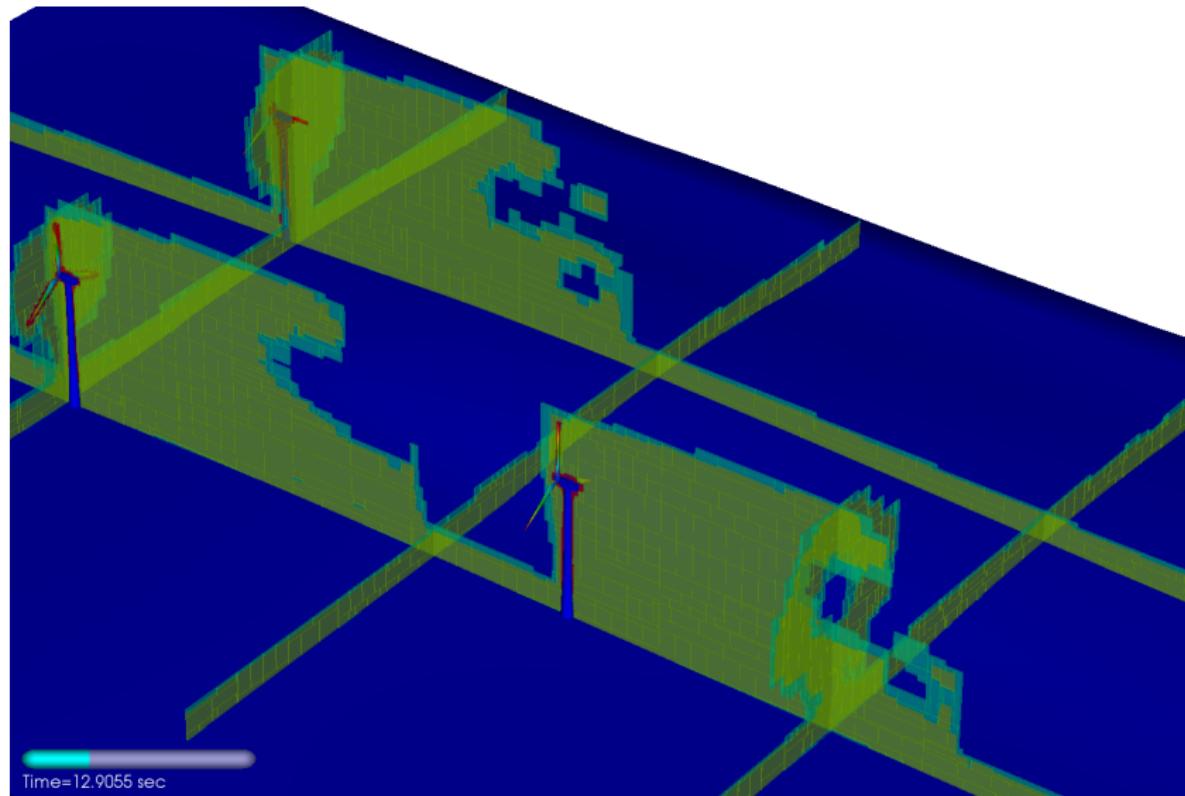


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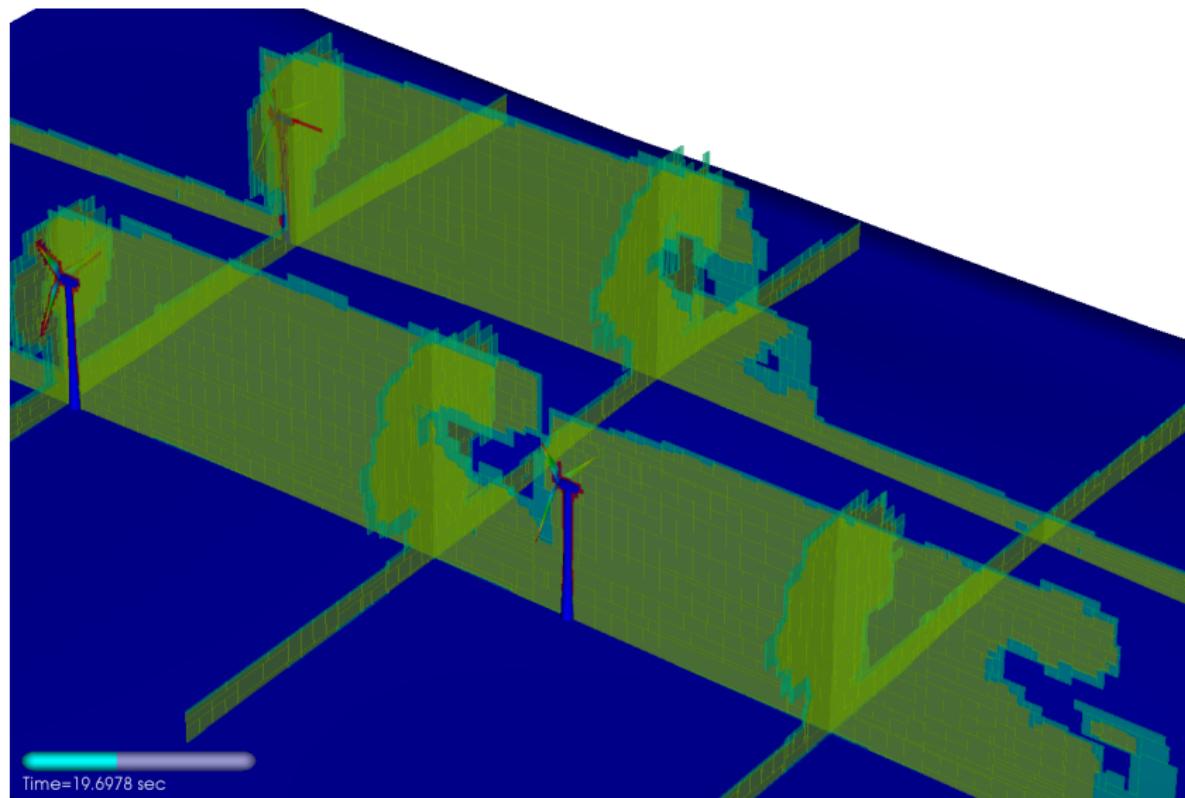
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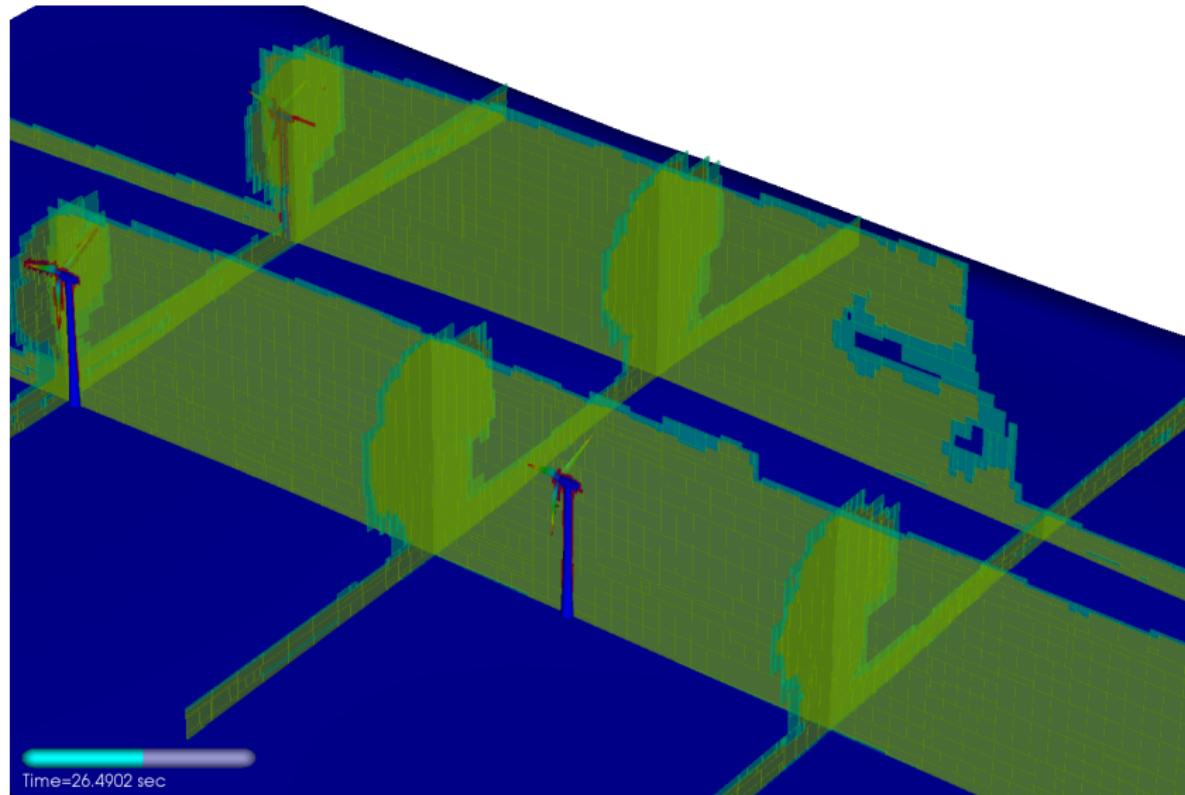
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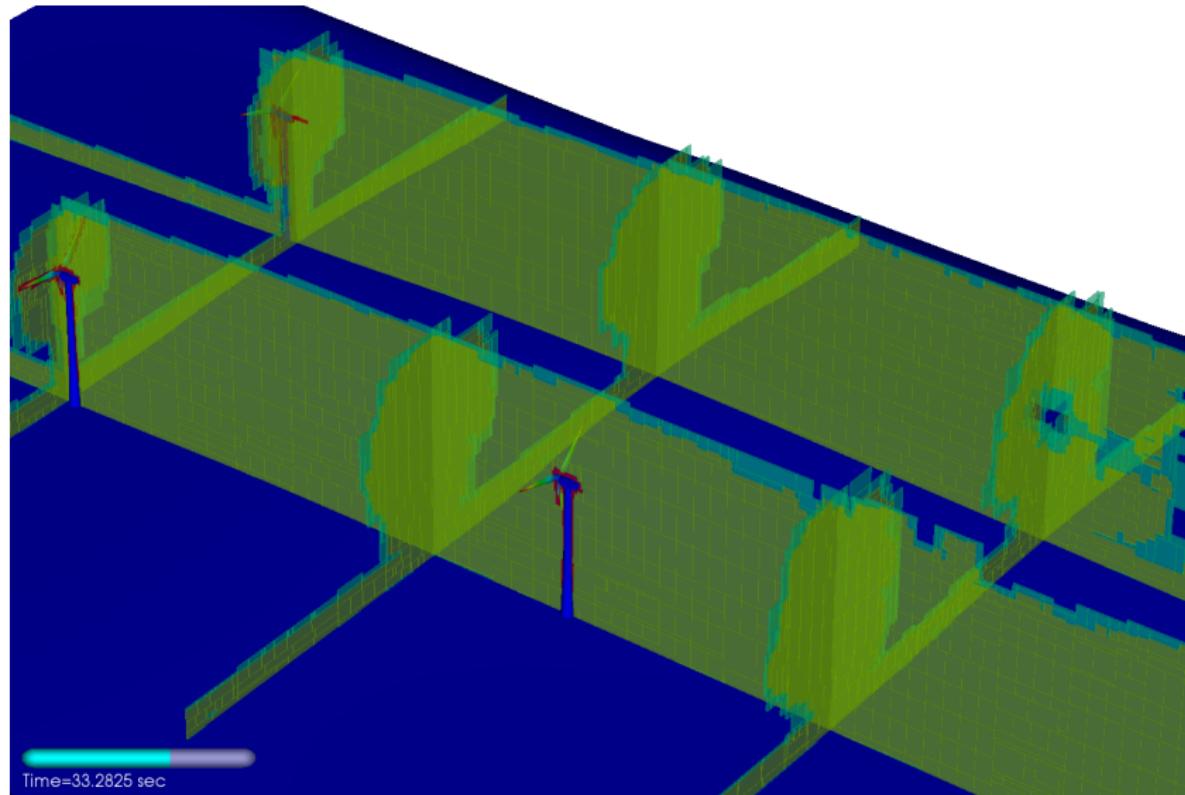
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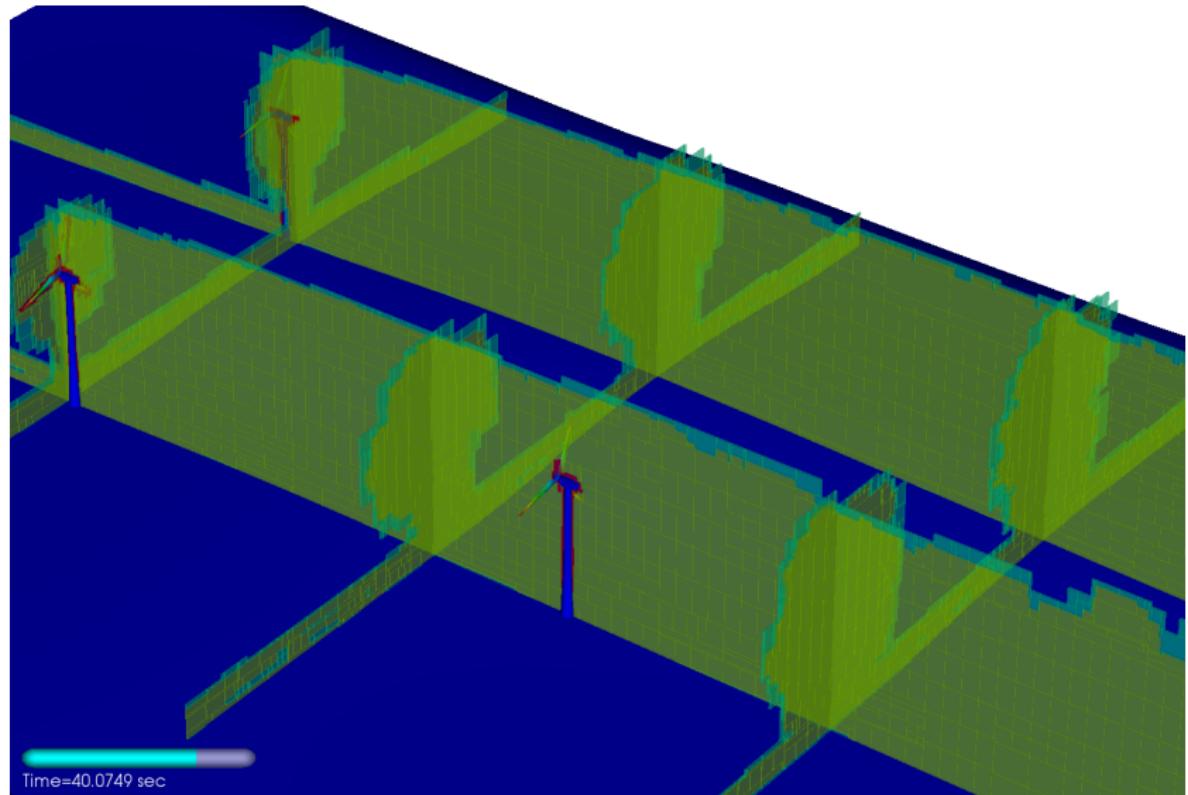
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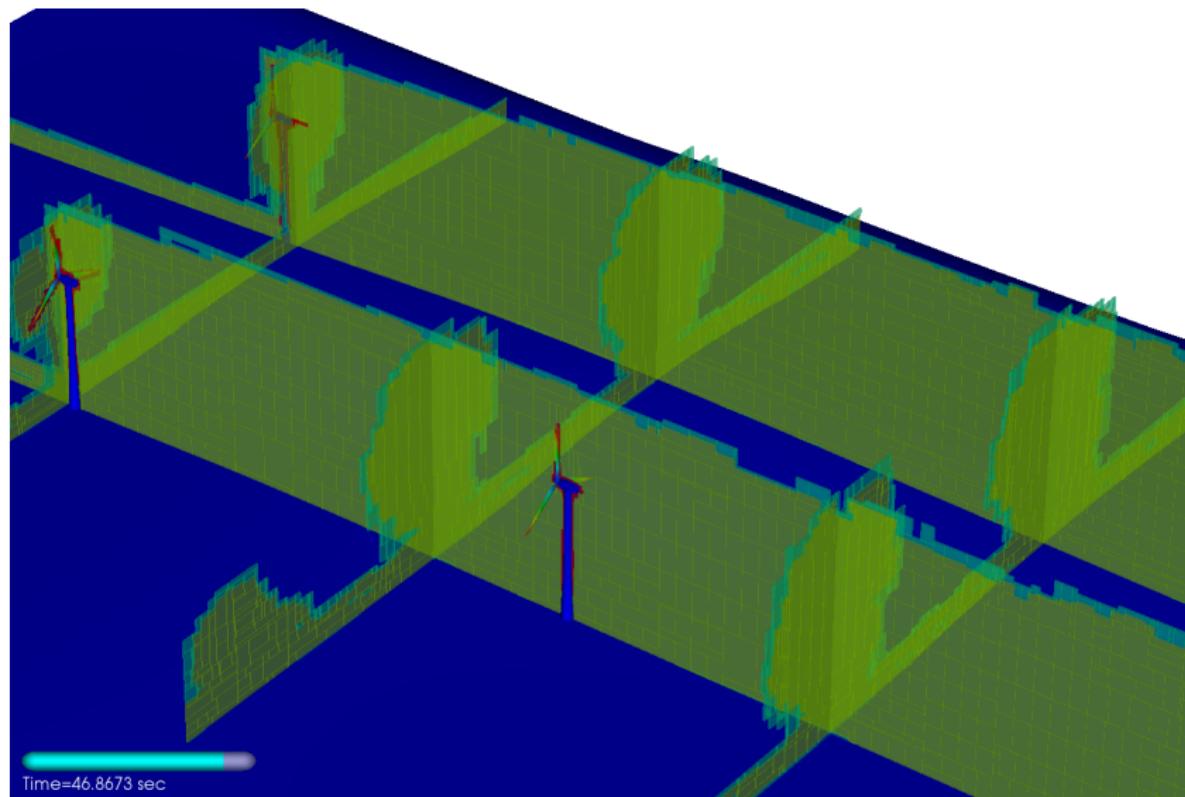
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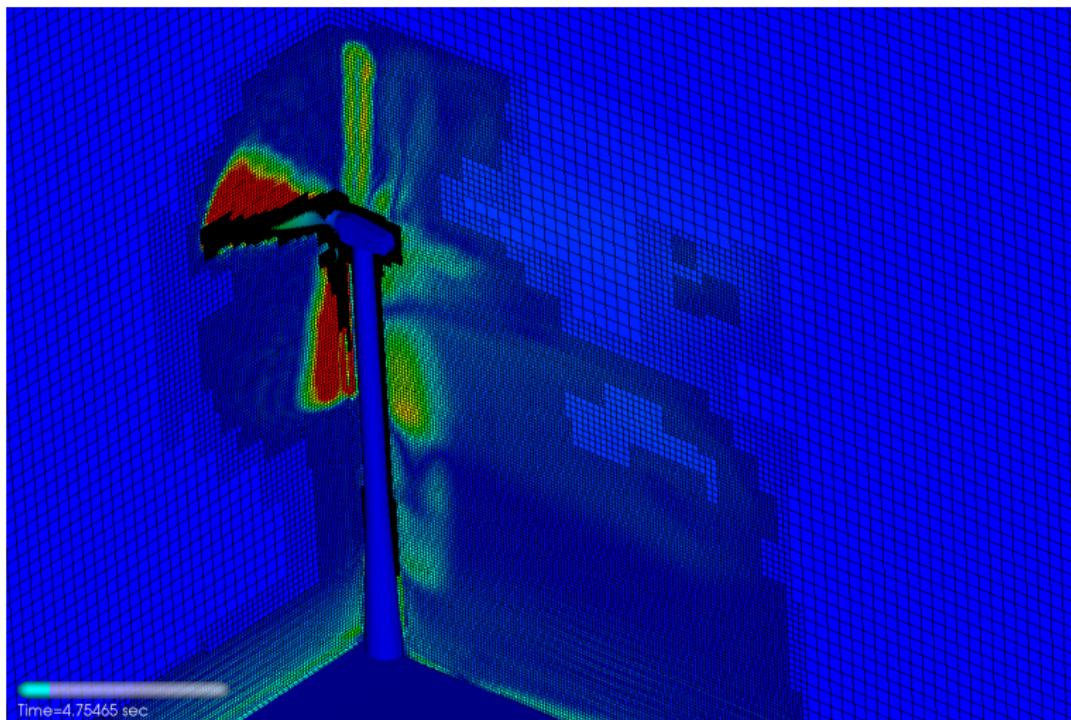
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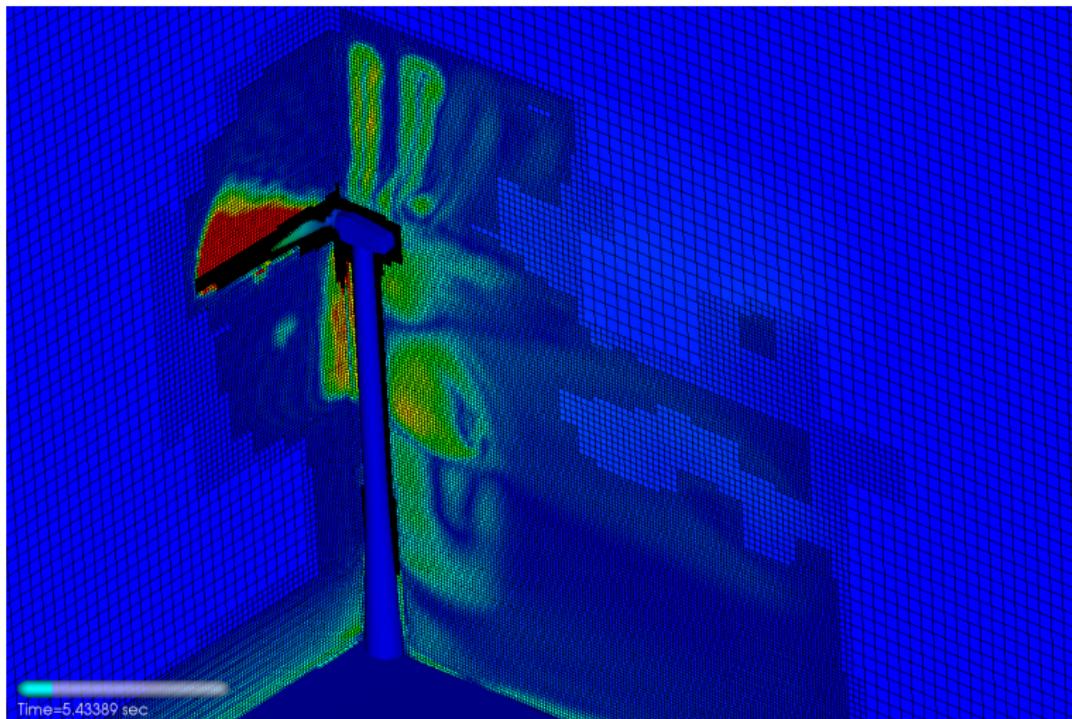
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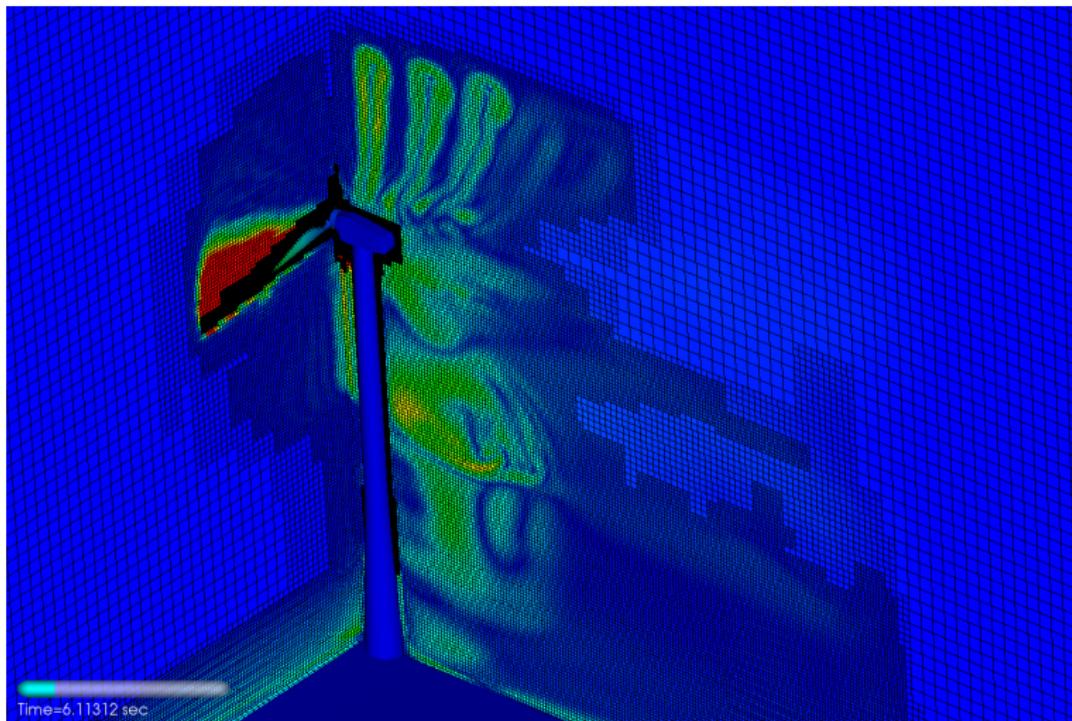
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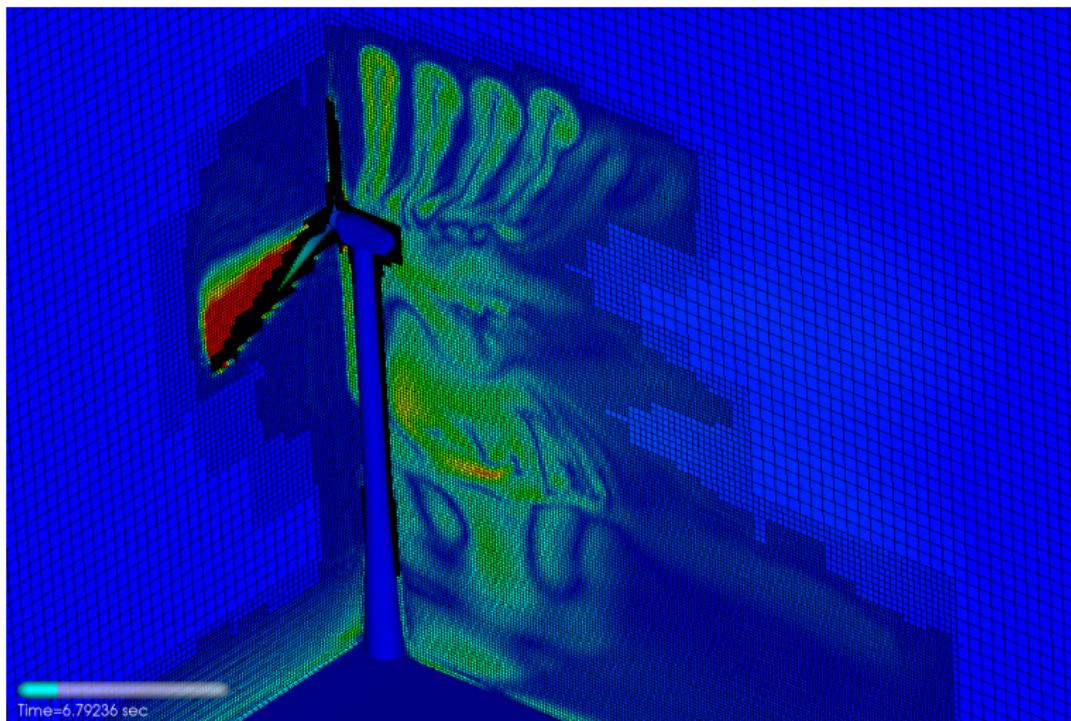
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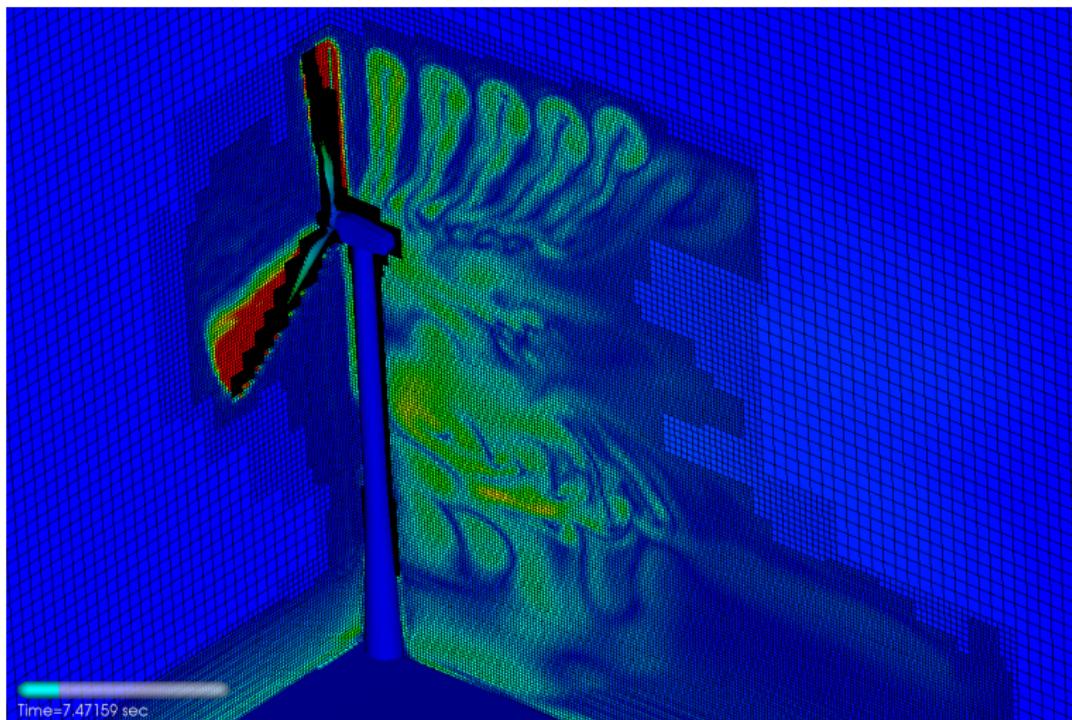
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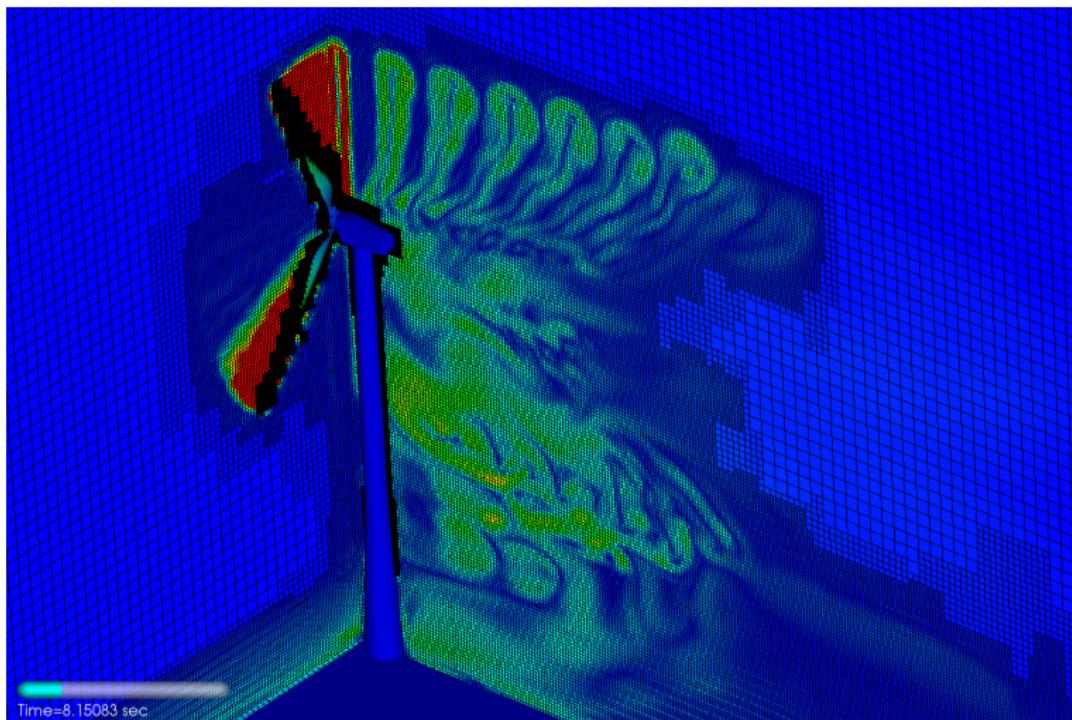
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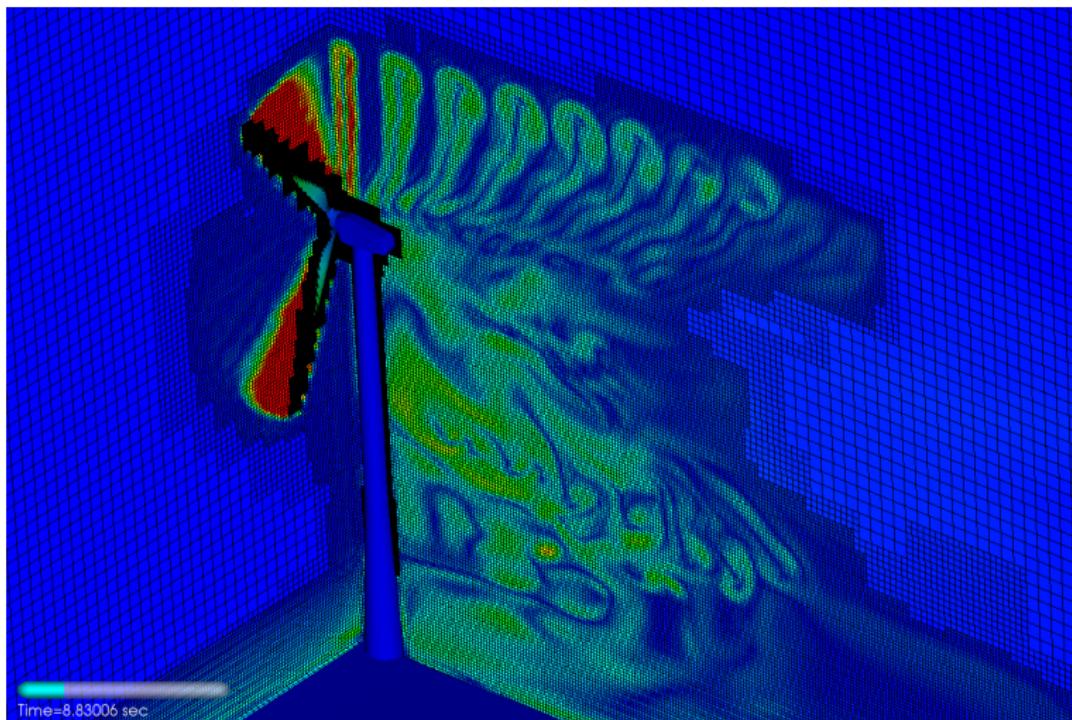
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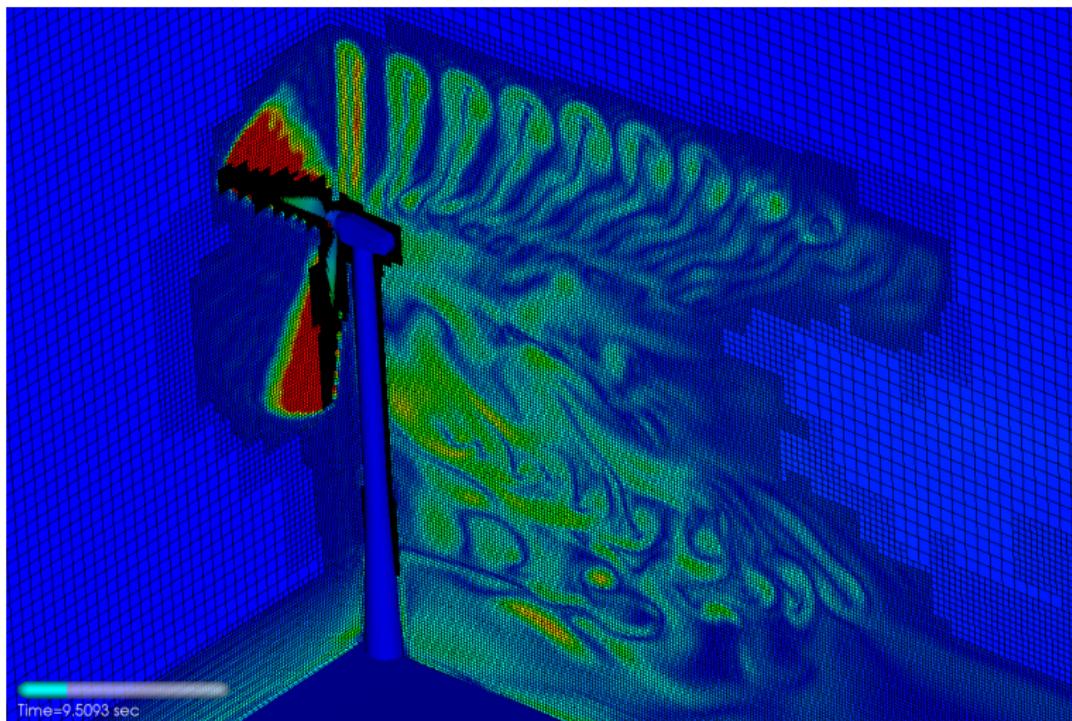
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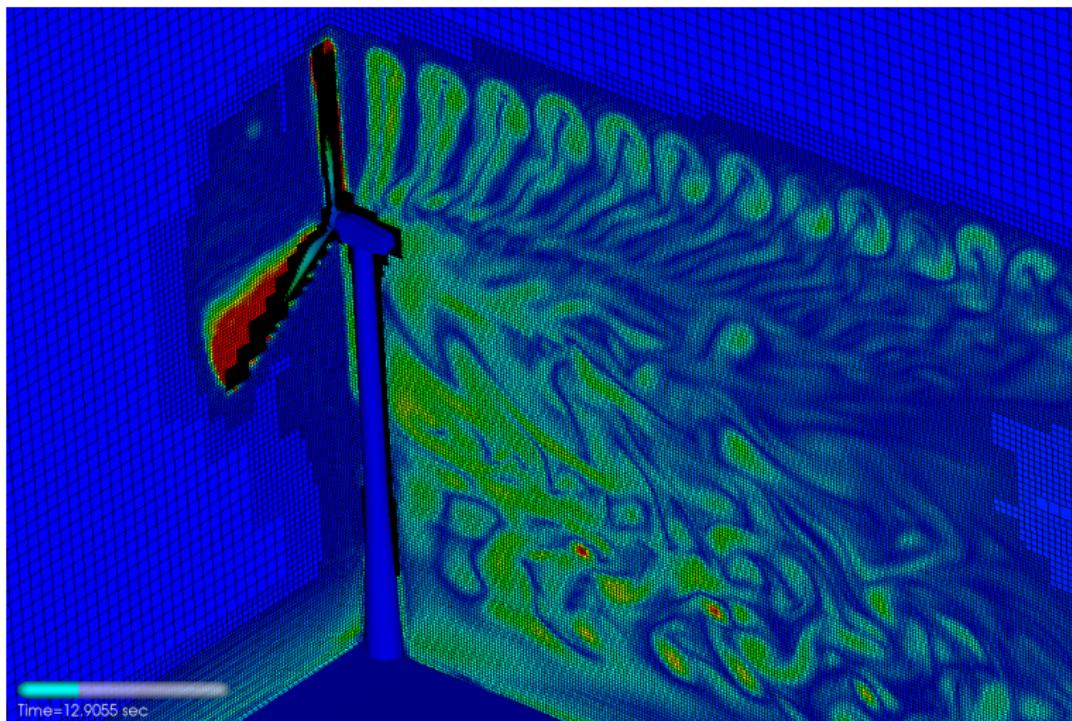
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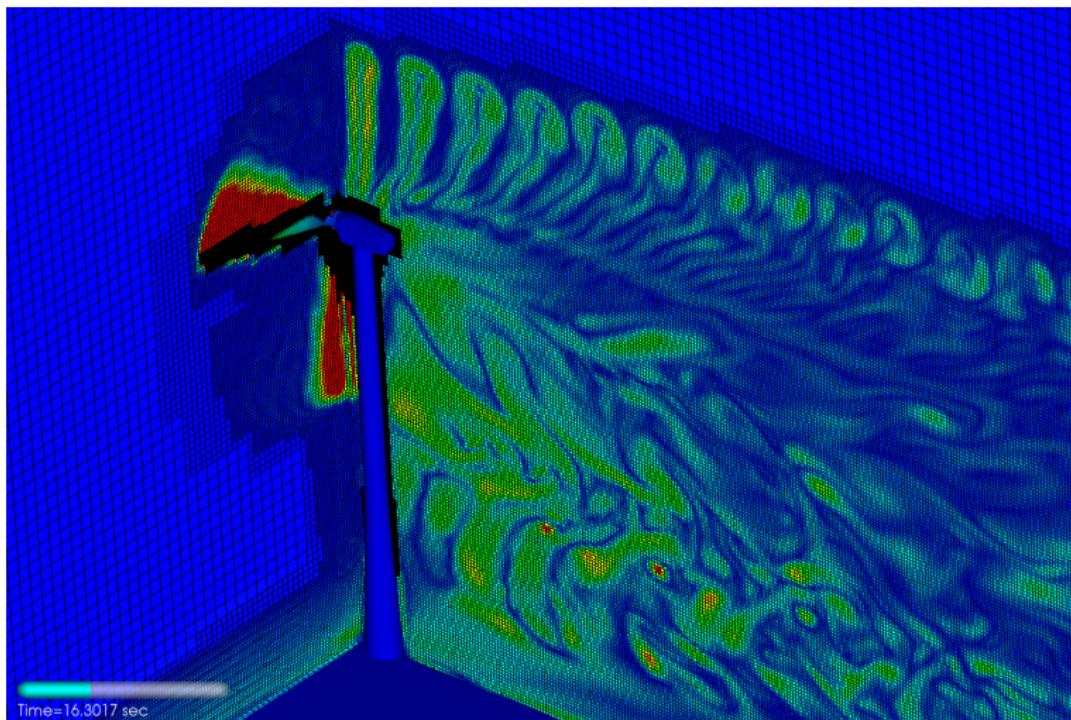
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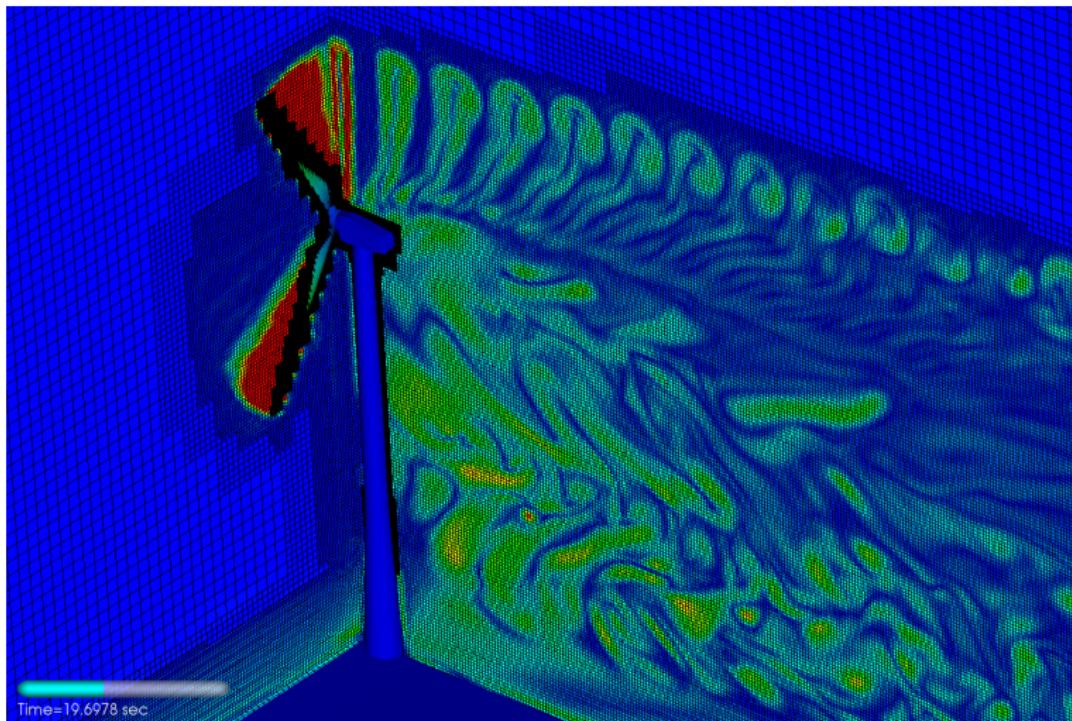
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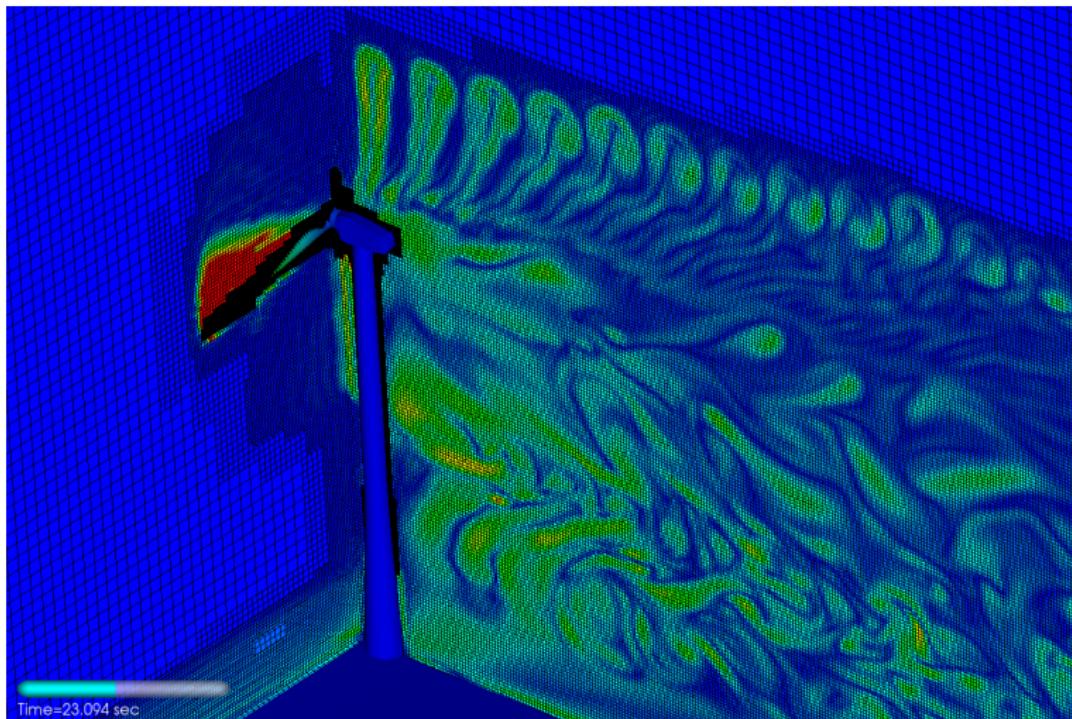
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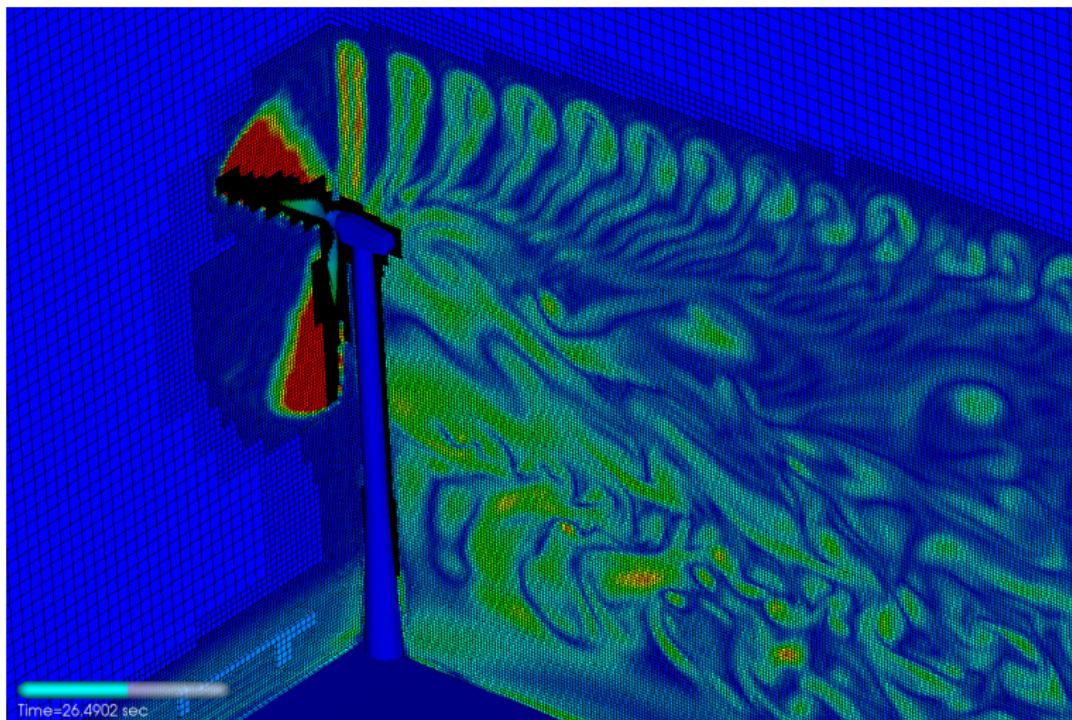
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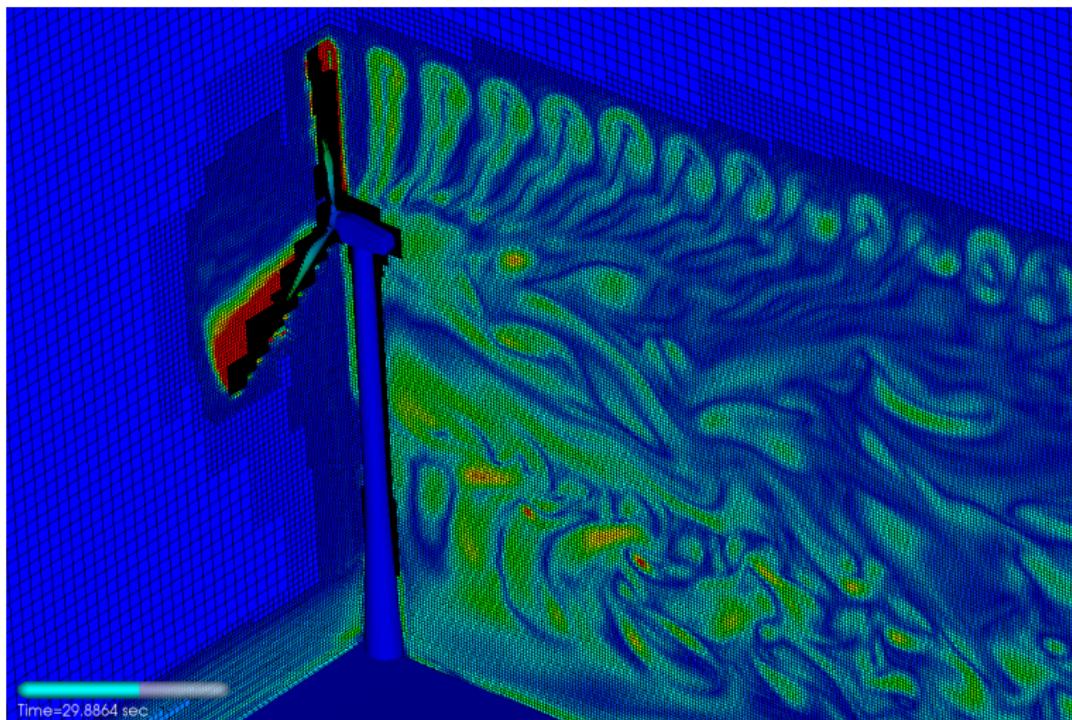
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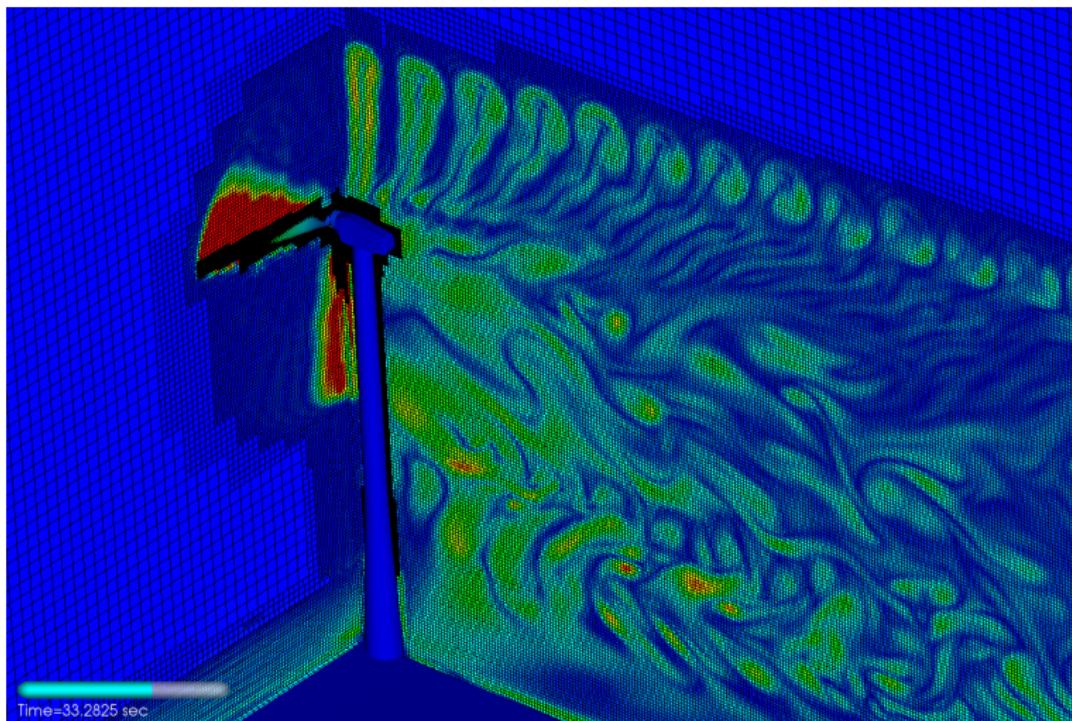
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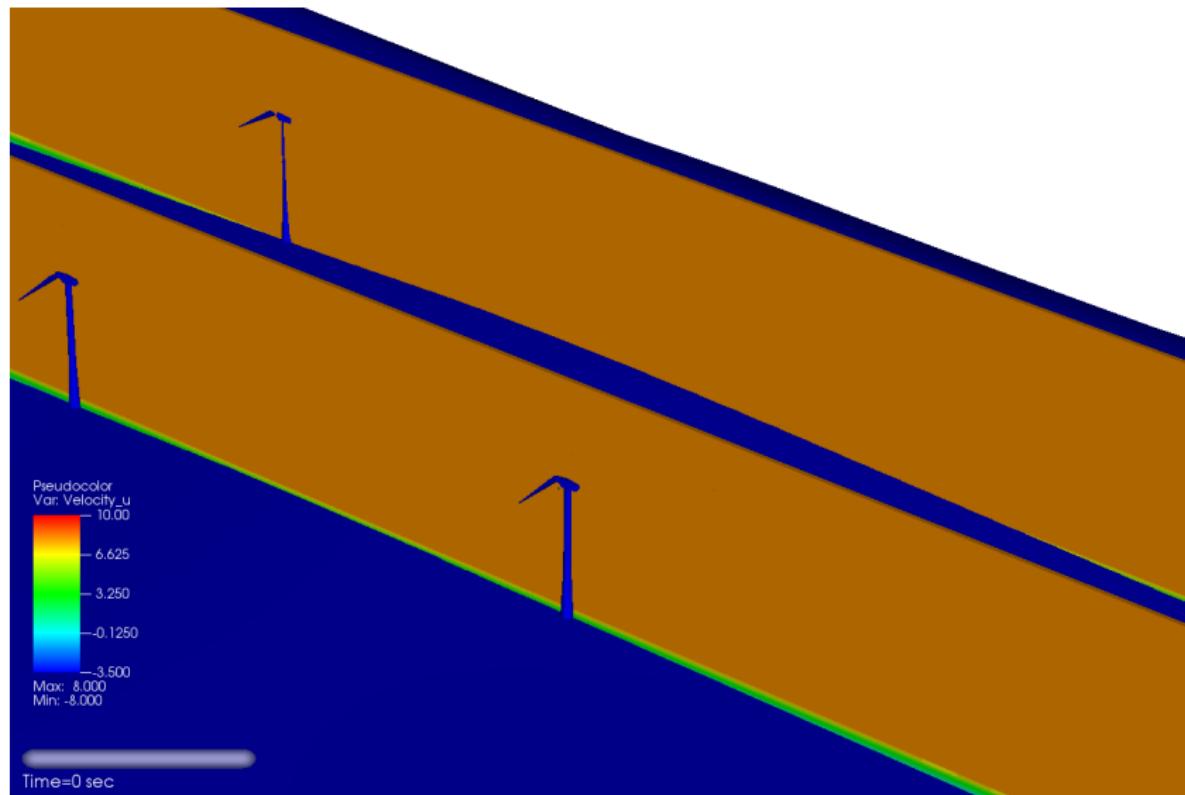
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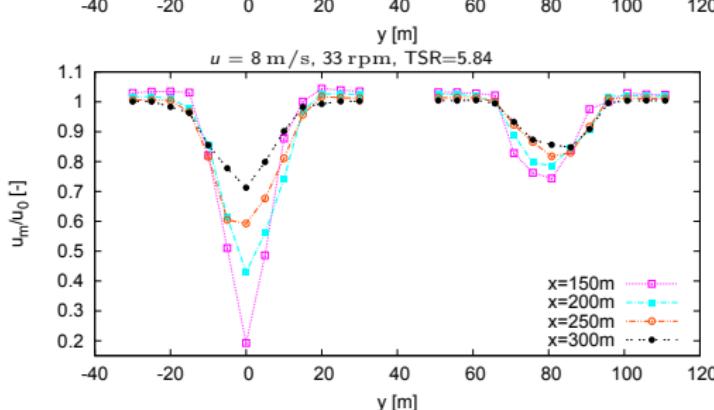
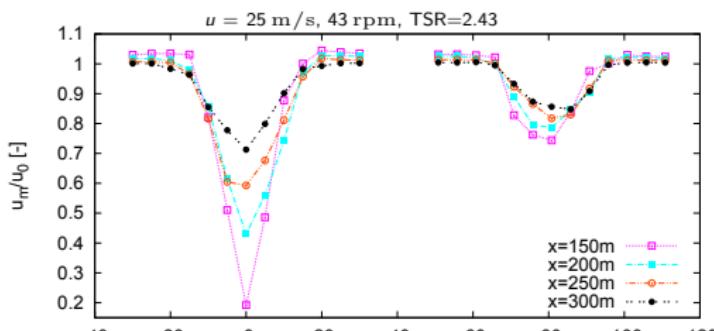
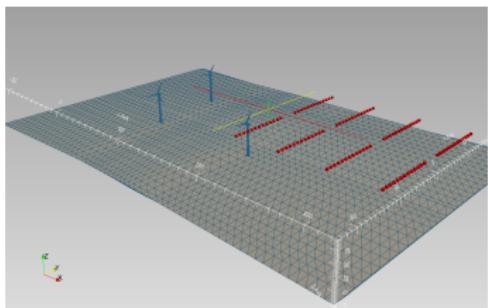


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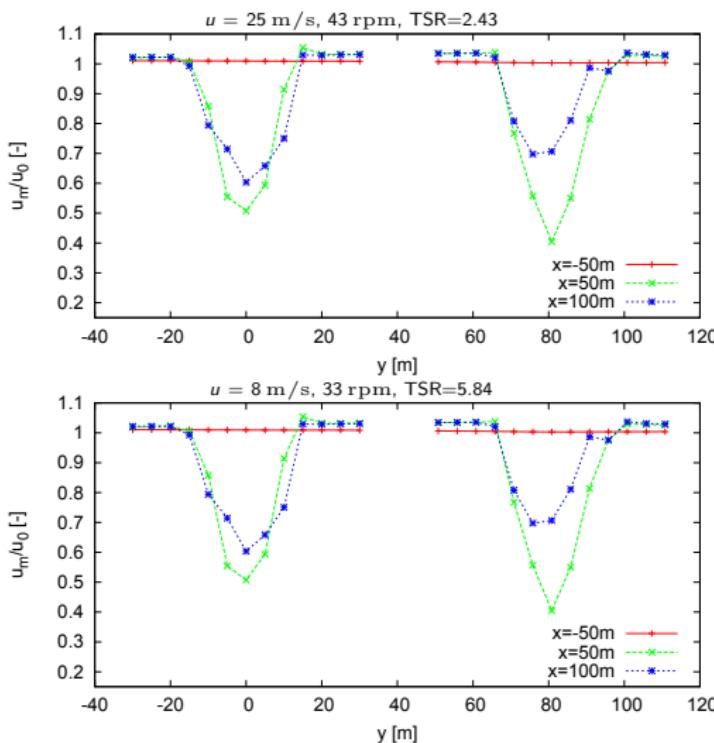
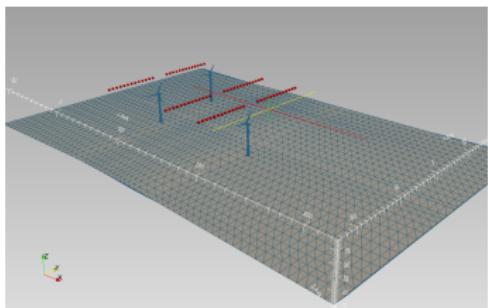
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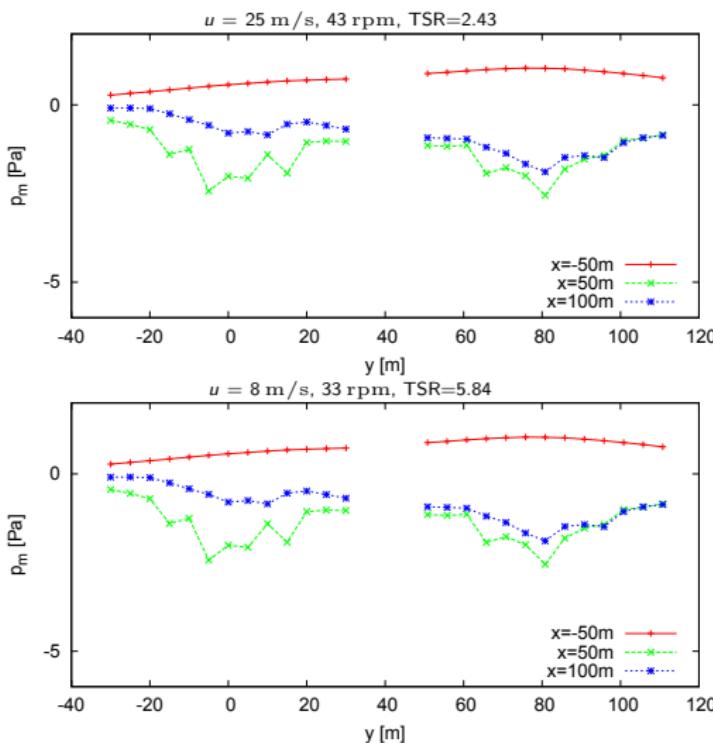
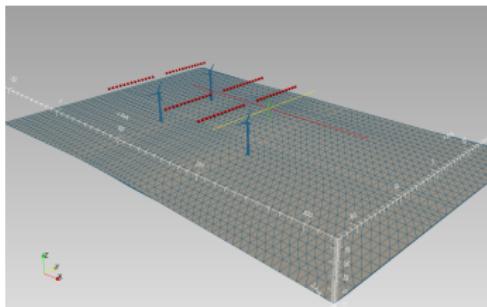
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