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# Variational Data Assimilation with Turbulence Modelling

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## Motivation

To assimilate observations and optimise the analysis trajectory for turbulent flows using:

- Turbulence modelling<sup>[1, 2]</sup>
- Volumetric observations<sup>[3]</sup>
- Accurate background condition<sup>[3]</sup>
- Background covariance estimation
- Optimised model coefficient

## Mathematical Formulation<sup>[4]</sup>

**Cost**

$$J(\delta x_0, \delta u) = \frac{1}{2} \|\delta x_0\|_{B^{-1}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \|\delta u_t\|_{B_c^{-1}}^2 dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \|\mathbb{H}(x_t) - y(t)\|_{R^{-1}}^2 dt$$

**Gradient**

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial(\delta x_0)} = -\lambda(t_0) + B^{-1} \delta x_0 \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial(\delta u)} = -\lambda(t_0) + B_c^{-1} \delta u + (\partial_u \mathbb{M})^* \lambda$$

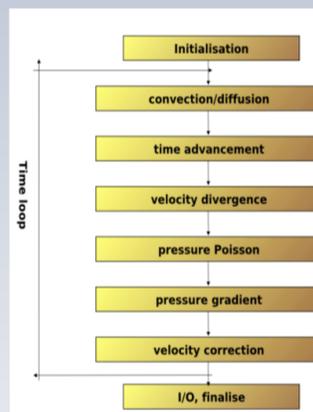
*Background Error* (under  $\delta x_0$ ), *Control Error* (under  $\delta u$ ), *Observation Error* (under  $\mathbb{H}(x_t) - y(t)$ )

## Glossary:

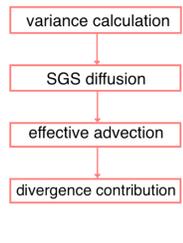
- $x_0$  – Initial state ( $x$ ) of the system
- $u$  – Control parameters
- $B$  – background covariance matrix
- $R$  – observation covariance matrix
- $\lambda$  – adjoint variable
- $\mathbb{H}$  – observation operator
- $y$  – set of observations
- $\mathbb{M}$  – dynamical evolution model
- $(\partial_u \mathbb{M})^*$  – adjoint of the control dynamical model

## Numerical Formulation

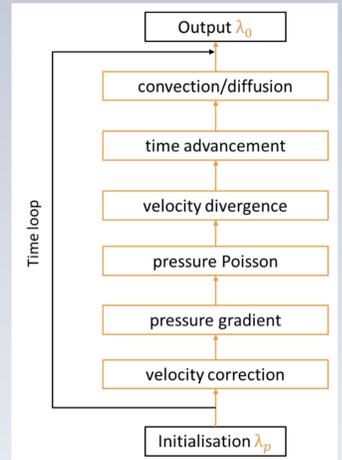
### Forward/Tangent Iteration\*



### Sub-grid model



### Backward/Adjoint Iteration



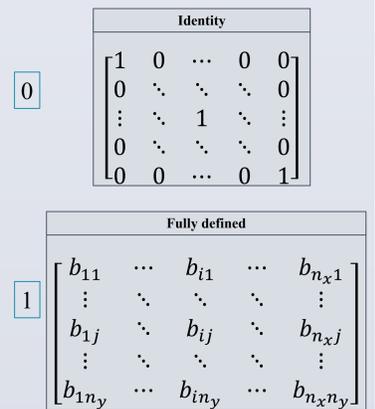
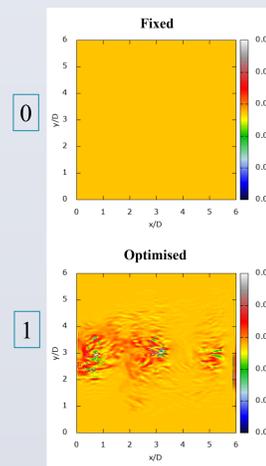
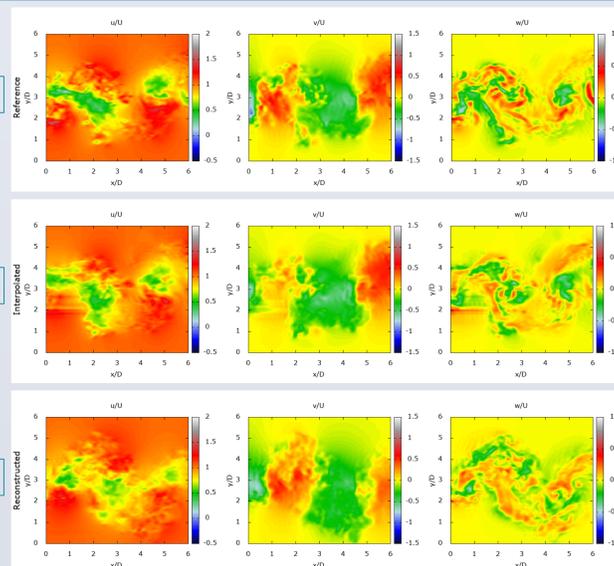
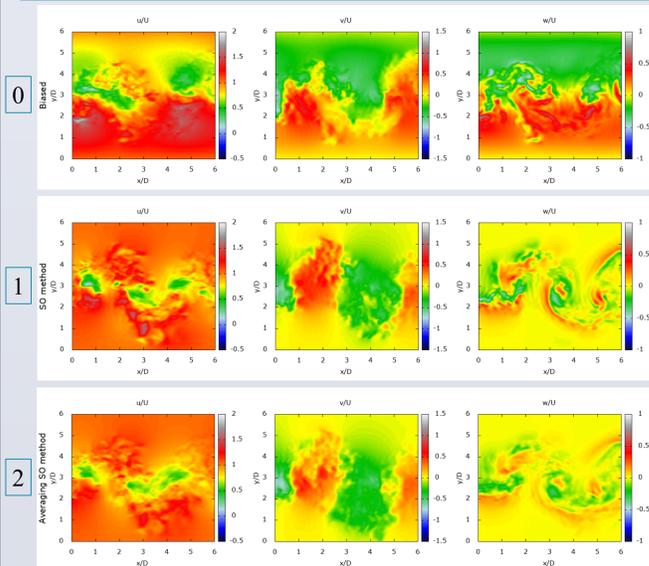
\* Based on Incompact3d<sup>[5]</sup>

## Background @ $t_0$ - (1)234

## Observations @ $t_0$ - 1(2)34

## Coefficient - 12(3)4

## Background Covariance - 123(4)



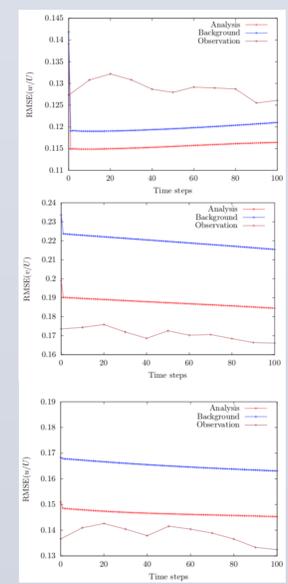
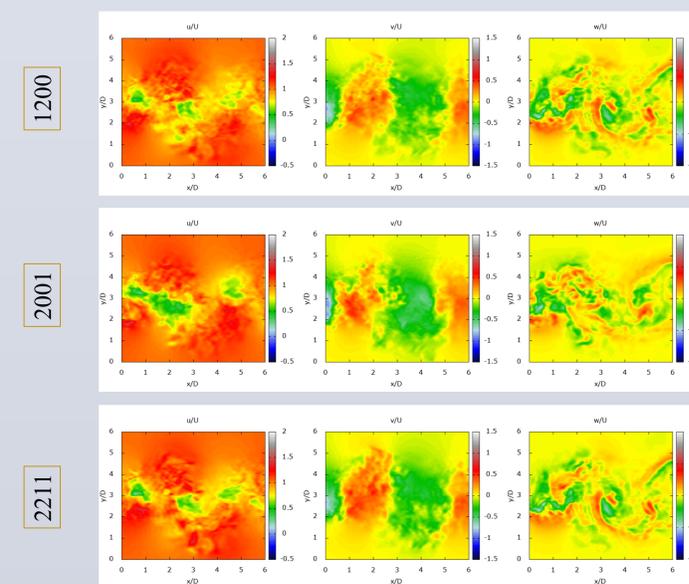
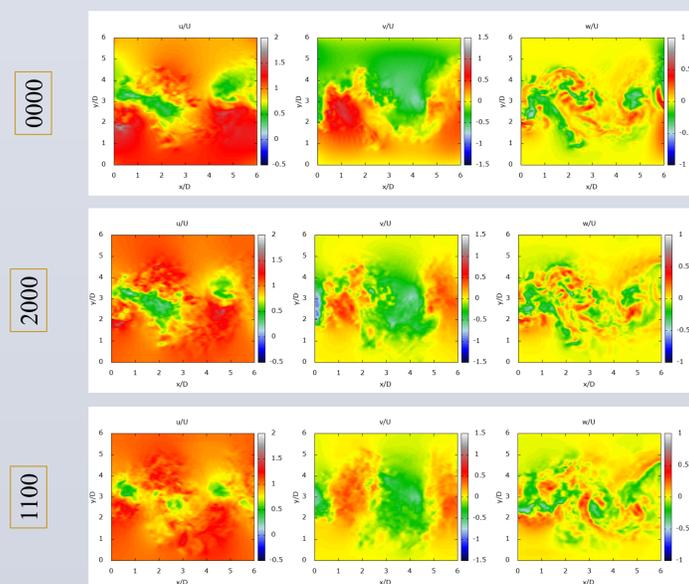
## Case

## Analysis @ $t_0$

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## Analysis @ $t_0$

## RMSE - 2211



## Conclusion

- ✓ Turbulence modelling facilitates assimilation of turbulent flows
- ✓ Well-estimated background significantly improves analysis
- ✓ Physically relevant coefficient estimation is feasible via data assimilation
- ✓ Fully-defined background covariance matrix reduces computational time significantly at minor loss of accuracy
- ✓ Reconstructed volumetric observations are sufficient to perform assimilation and achieve meaningful results

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