- 1. RANS simulation
 - Run a RANS simulation in a coarse mesh.
 - Understand the physics, adjust the boundary conditions and initial conditions, compare turbulence models.
 - Compute integral length scales and refine the mesh accordingly.
 - Create an interpolation field.
 - You can perturb the interpolation field if deemed necessary.
 - Refine mesh, interpolate the previous solution, and adjust the case setup.
 - Rerun and do a critical analysis of the results.
 - Move to URANS.



- 2. URANS simulation
 - Run an URANS simulation in an improved mesh.
 - Use as starting point the interpolation field obtained from a RANS simulation (coarse or finer mesh).
 - You can use a smooth field or a perturbed field.
 - Set all the monitors and compute the solution.
 - Turn on the unsteady statistics.
 - Assess the mesh adequacy using the integral length scales and grid refinement ratio fields (mean and instantaneous values).
 - Do a critical analysis of the results.
 - Create an interpolation field and perturb it if deemed necessary.
 - Move to LES.



• 3. LES simulation

- Run the LES simulation using the mesh built during the RANS/URANS phase (precursor simulations)
- Use as starting point the interpolation field from a good URANS simulation.
- You can use a smooth field or a perturbed field.
- Set all the monitors and compute the solution.
- Turn on the unsteady statistics.
- Assess the mesh adequacy using the Pope criterion or similar criterion (mean and instantaneous values).
- Plot the TKE power spectrum at different locations and assess the quality of the LES simulation.
- Remember, a good LES should resolve at least 80% of the turbulent spectrum.





Velocity magnitude (m/s) 0.00 0.08 0.15 0.22 0.30 0.38 0.45 0.52 0.60 0.68 0.75









• 3. LES simulation

- Remember, before launching the simulation it is very important to set all monitors.
- When running LES simulations there are many things that you must monitor, such as,
 - Resolved Reynolds stresses, resolved kinetic energy, Pope criterion, velocity fluctuations, forces, wall distance units, subgrid scales fields, and so on.
- Again, do not forget to compute the unsteady statistics.
- Remember to limit the numerical diffusion.
- This means that you need to use a CFL number in the order of one and low dissipative numerical schemes.







3. LES simulation

- Finally, you will need to analyze the time series and compute the descriptive statistics.
- There is a lot signal processing involved.
- This is more important than the pretty colors.
- By the way, you need to run LES simulations for long times, so you get meaningful statistics.







