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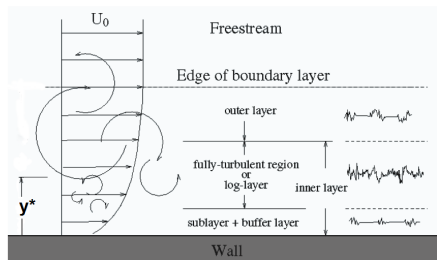
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The turbulent boundary layer

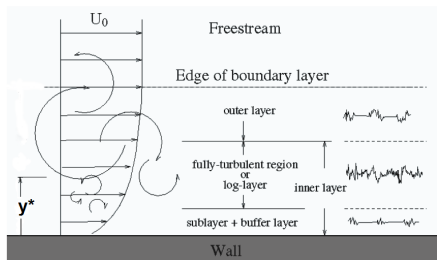


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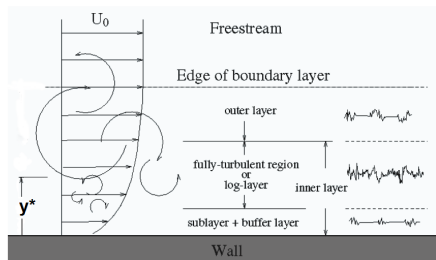
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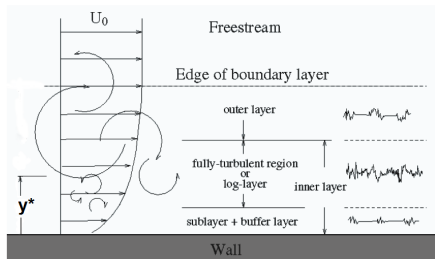


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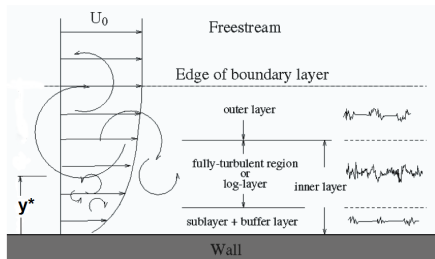


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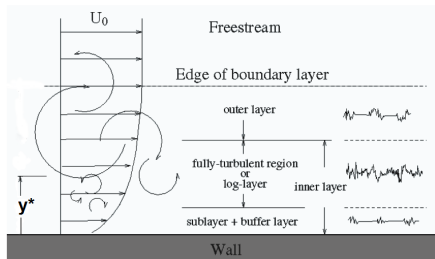


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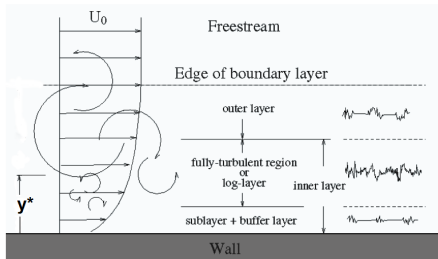
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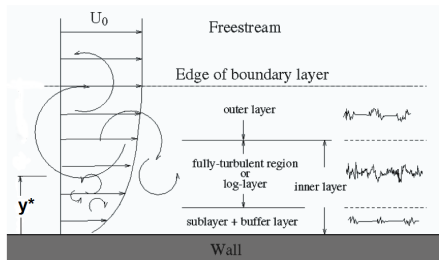


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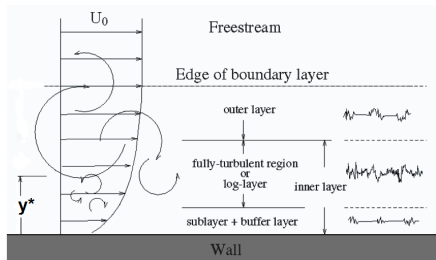
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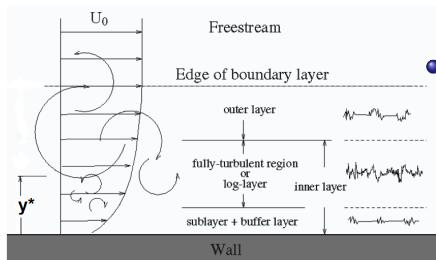


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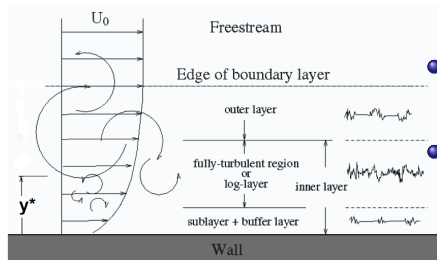


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- general formulation of b.c.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}|_{y^*} = u(y^*)S_{y^*}(1) + f_y^*,$$

S_{y^*} is the Steklov-Poincaré operator

Utyuzhnikov, 2009

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- R.b.c. does not depend on the outer region!

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- Solution of BVP in the inner region (if needed)



The near-wall domain decomposition (NDD)

Consider equation

$$(\mu u_y)_y = R(y)$$

in $D = [0, y_e]$ with boundary condition at $y = 0$:

$$u(0) = 0.$$

INBC is set at y^*

$$0 < y^* < y_e, \quad D^- := [0, y^*].$$

Interface Near-wall Boundary Condition (Utyuzhnikov, 2005)

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}(\mu u_y)_y &= R(y), \\ u(0) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

INBC at $y = y^*$:

$$u(y^*) = u'(y^*) \int_0^{y^*} \frac{\mu(y^*)}{\mu(y)} dy - \frac{1}{\mu(y^*)y^*} \int_0^{y^*} \left(\frac{\mu(y^*)}{\mu(y)} \int_y^{y^*} R(y') dy' \right) dy.$$

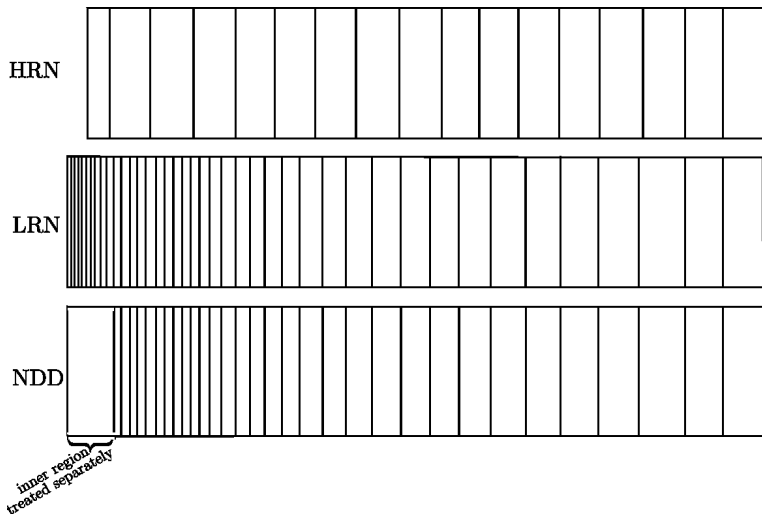
1D Equation. Wall flux

The wall flux can be obtained without resolution of the inner layer

$$C_f = (\mu u_y)_{|y=y^*} - \int_0^{y^*} R(y) dy,$$

where $C_f = (\mu u_y)_{|y=0}$.

Near-wall non-overlapping domain decomposition



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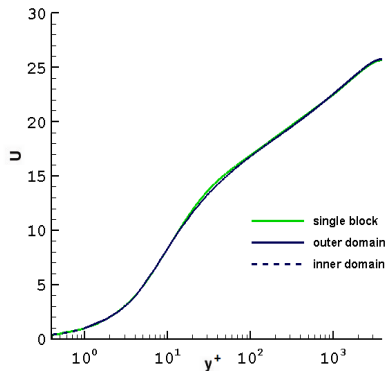
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- Robin boundary condition is robust, converges fast since both Φ and $\partial_y \Phi$ taken at the same iteration:

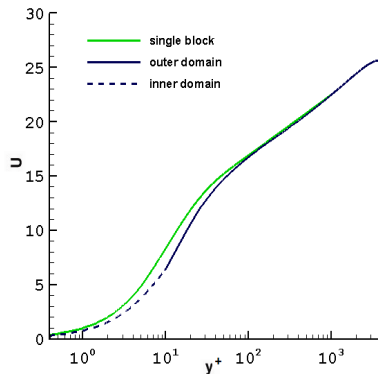
$$\Phi|_{y^*} = f_1 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \Big|_{y^*} + f_2$$

Low-Re Velocity Profile. $Re = 3950$



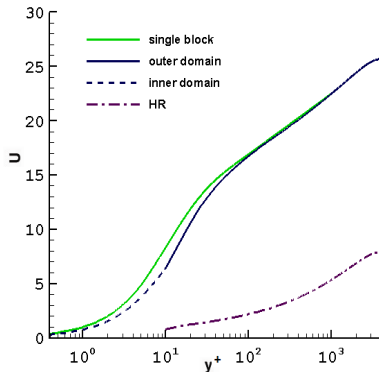
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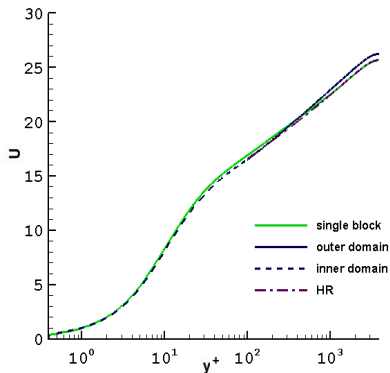
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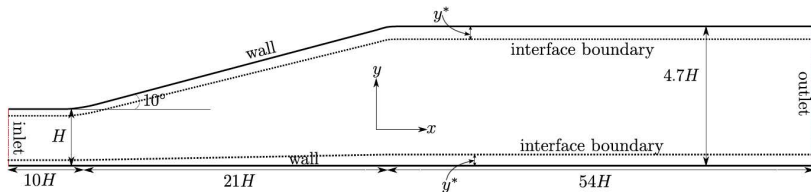
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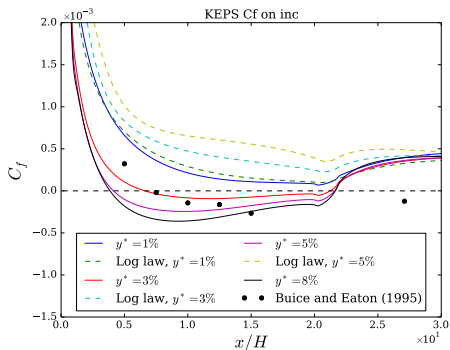
Turbulent asymmetric diffuser, $Re = 1.8 * 10^4$

- Compute inlet conditions with a separate LRN calculation



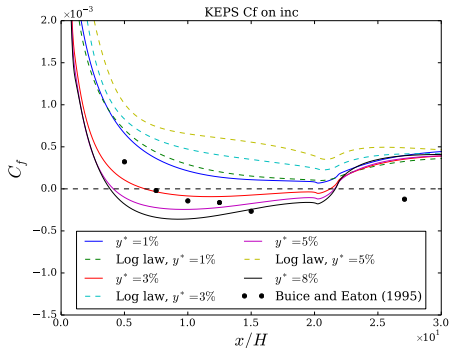
- Cut boundary layers off both walls
- Compute C_f along the inclined wall (Jones, Utyuzhnikov, 2015)

Turbulent asymmetric diffuser, $Re = 1.8 * 10^4$. Different y^*/H

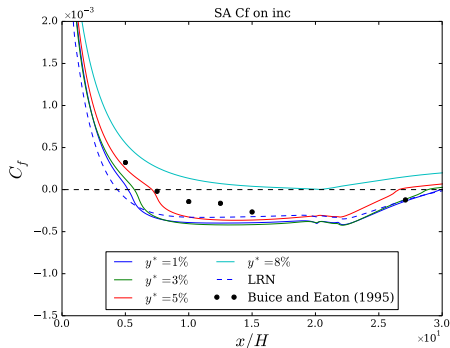


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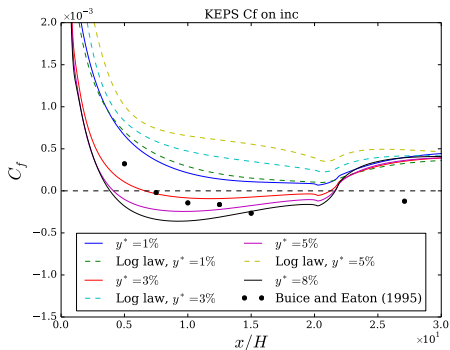


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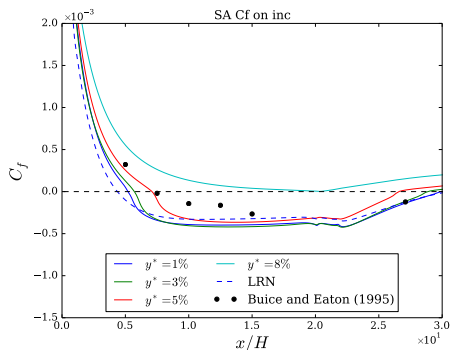


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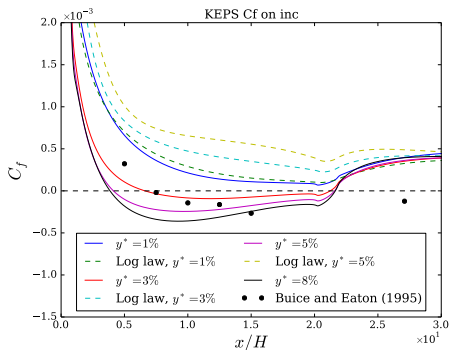
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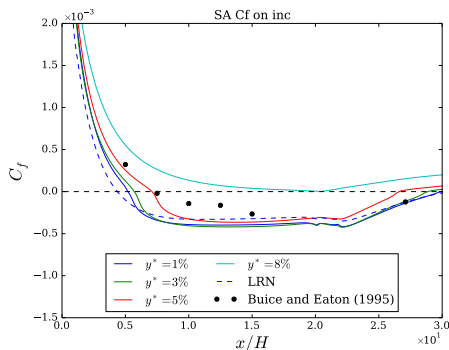
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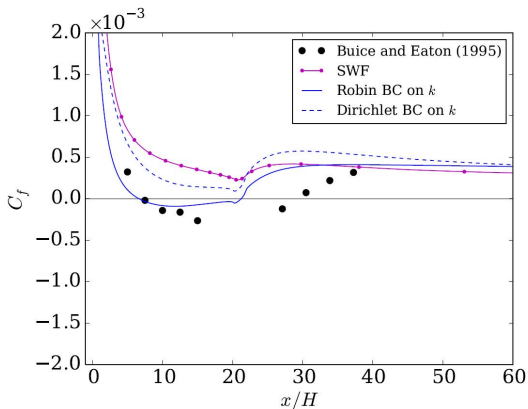
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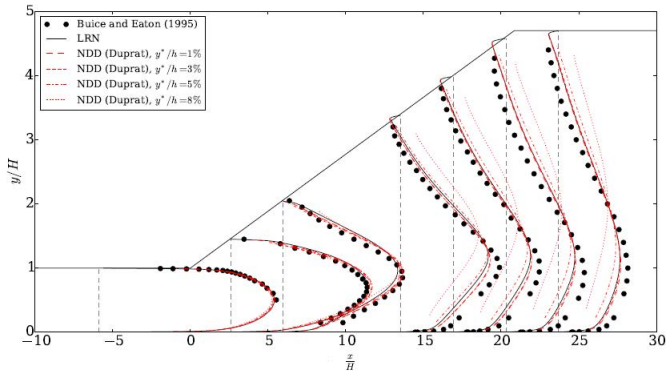
Turbulent asymmetric diffuser, $Re = 1.8 \times 10^4$. $y^*/h = 0.03$



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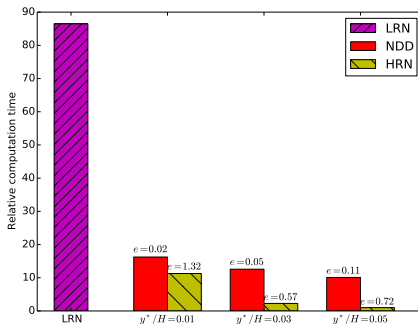
- Only Robin boundary condition for k predicts the separation

Turbulent asymmetric diffuser, $Re = 1.8 \times 10^4$. Velocity profile



Spalart-Almaras model. $10U/U_b$

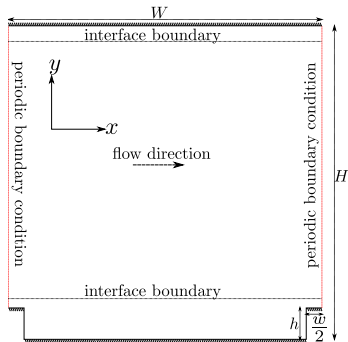
Comparison of simulation time for SST model



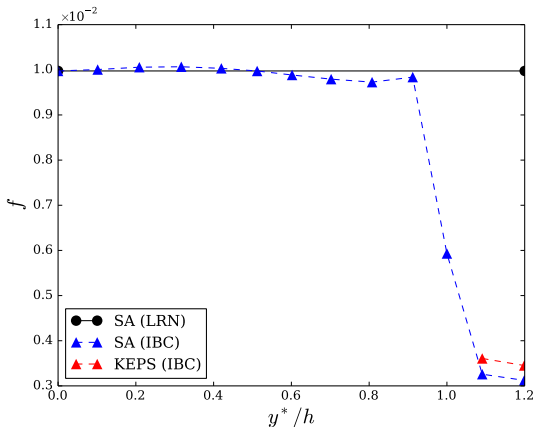
- Max error compared to LRN solution is shown

$$e = \frac{\max |C_f^{\text{LRN}}(x) - C_f^{\text{NDD / HRN}}(x)|}{C_{f0}}$$

Plane ribbed channel flow (2D). SA model (Jones, Utyuzhnikov, 2015)



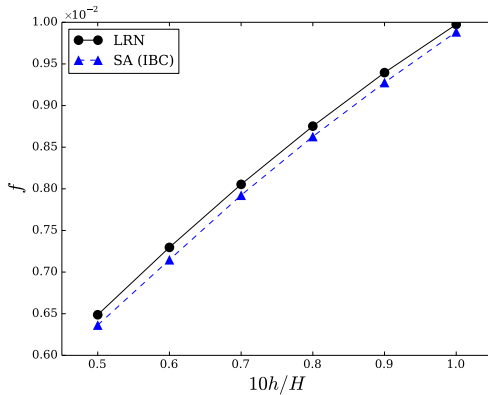
- Periodic flow, both walls heated with constant heat flux
- $h/H = 0.1$
- Remove same amount from upper and lower walls
- Interesting limit is $y^*/h = 1$
- For $y^*/h < 1$, some of rib tops is included in mesh



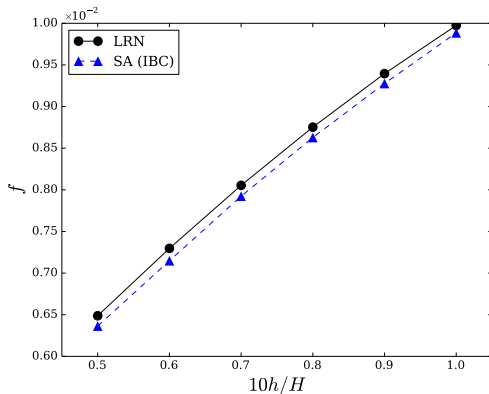
Friction factor for different y^* , the rib height is fixed

- For SA, error is less than 2.5% until $y^*/h = 0.9$

Plane ribbed channel flow (2D). f for different h



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Varying the rib height is trivial since only one parameter needs adjusting:

$$h = h_{resolved} + y^*$$

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- NDD can be especially efficient in optimal engineering design

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