

A PRIORI BASED MESH ADAPTATION FOR VISCOUS FLOW

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Abstract. A priori estimates are applied to the anisotropic mesh adaptation for 2D viscous flows and 3D ones including Large Eddy Simulation.

1 METHODS

Two novelties were presented [1] in the recent ECCOMAS conference at Vienna. First an a priori analysis for diffusive flows allowing, through a goal-oriented criterion, the direct specification of mesh metric, *i.e.* mesh stretching and density, [3]. Second the extension of this method to the reduction of approximation error in LES formulations [2]. In contrast to the very preliminary numerical experiments presented at ECCOMAS, we plan to discuss a sequence of tests showing the interest of both methods.

2 AN EXAMPLE

The proposed mesh adaptation method is applied to the computation of the flow around an offshore platform with a very complex geometry. This flow was accurately computed and compared with experiments in a specialized conference [4]. For the present mesh adaptive calculation, we take into account a large enough time interval and compute the adjoint on this interval. The resulting mesh adaptation criterion can be concentrated on

the generation of a single mesh, since the vortices concentrate on a region of wake which is well identified by the algorithm. See illustration.

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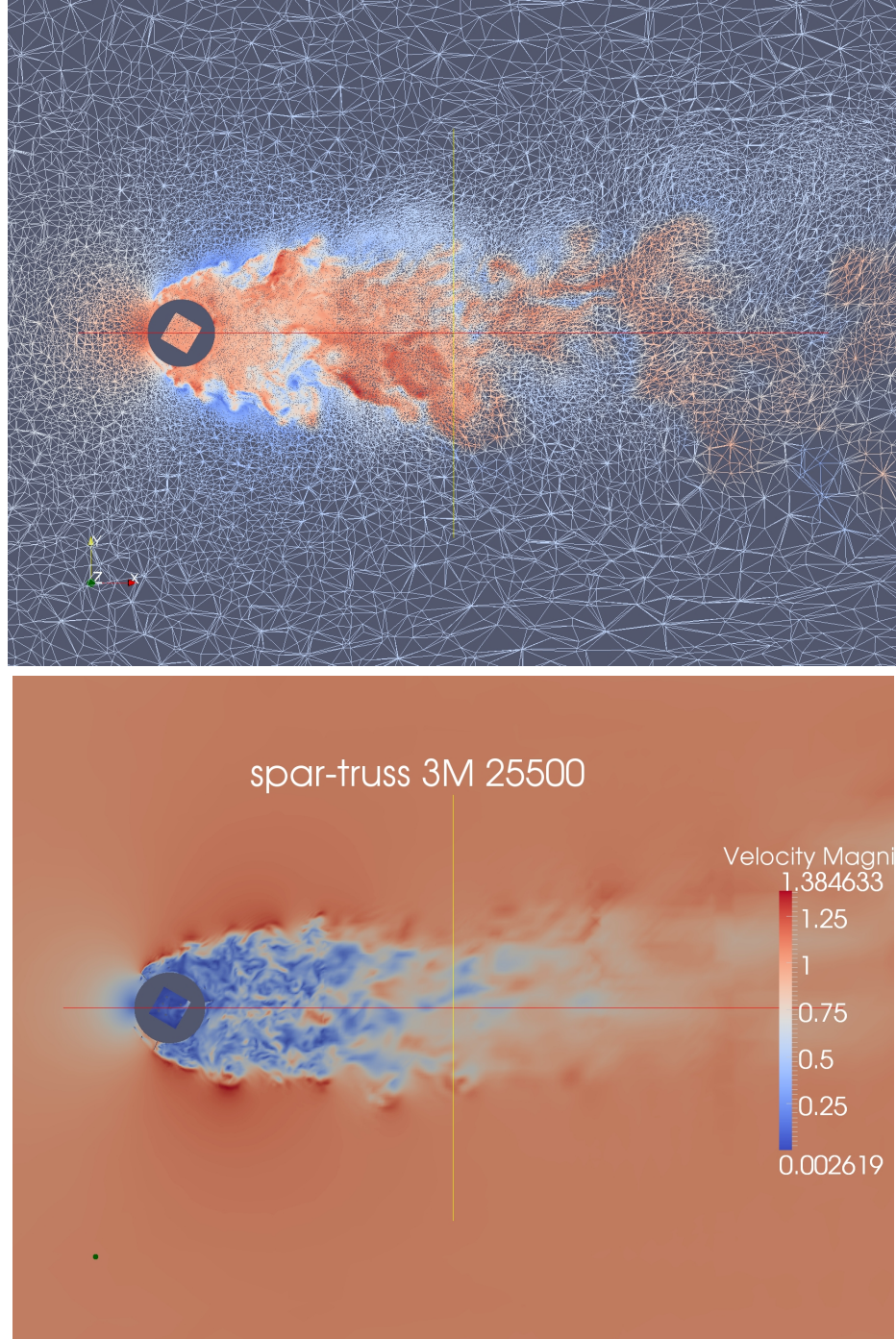


Figure 1: Mesh adaptive flow around an offshore platform: velocity module at two different times, the first one with mesh wireframe representation.