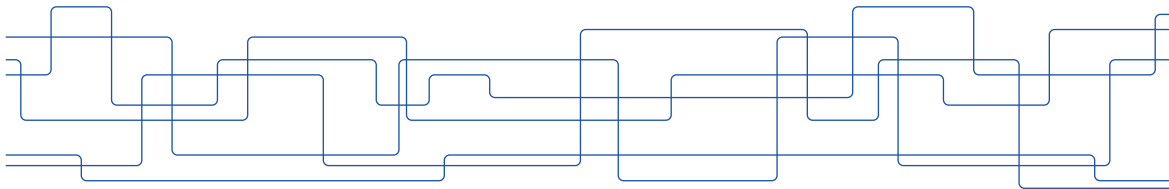




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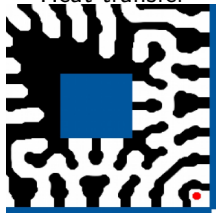


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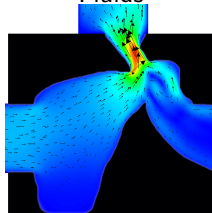
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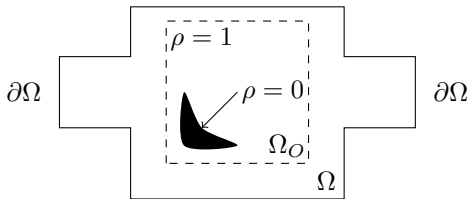
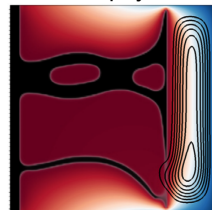
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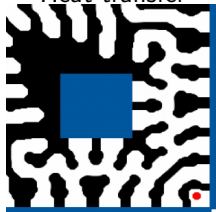


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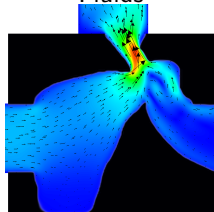
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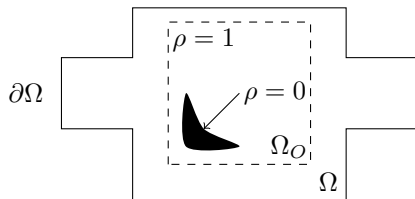
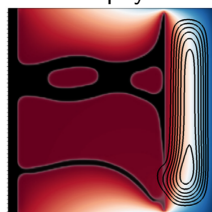
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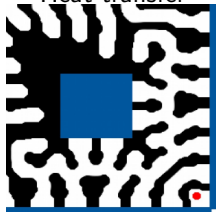


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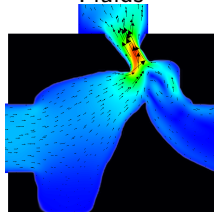
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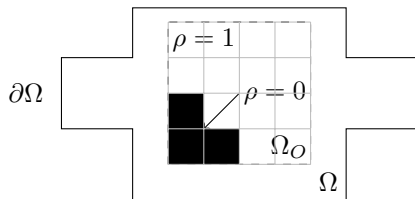
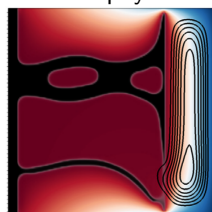
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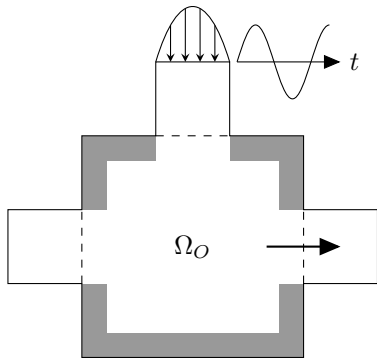
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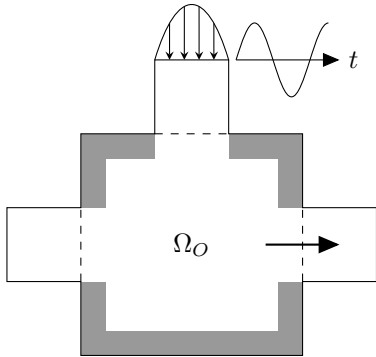
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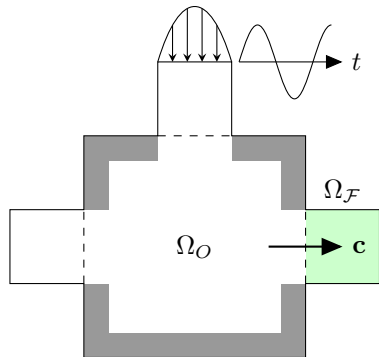
$$\chi(\rho) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{in the fluid region,} \\ \text{BIG number} & \text{in the solid region,} \end{cases}$$

denotes a “Brinkman penalization” term.





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Objective function:

Maximize:

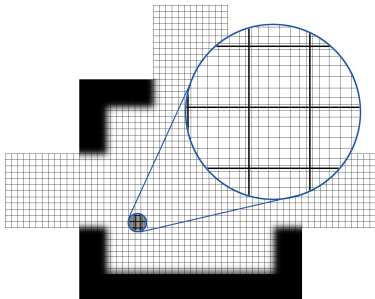
$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_F} \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega \, dt,$$

where  $\mathbf{c}$  is a vector pointing to the right and  $T$  is integration time.



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## Discretization:

All computations are performed using the Spectral Element Method (SEM).

- Accuracy
- Diffusive and dispersive properties
- Highly parallelizable and scalable

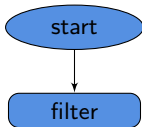
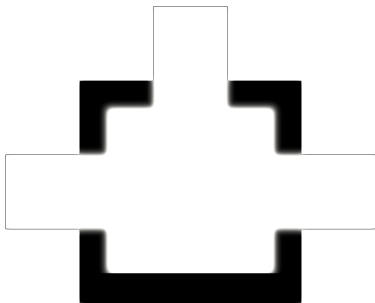




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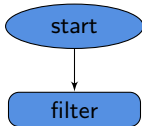
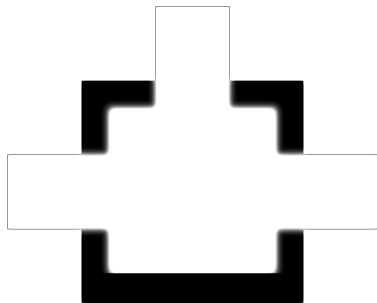




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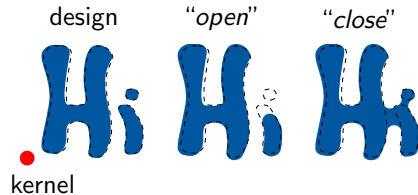
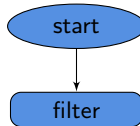
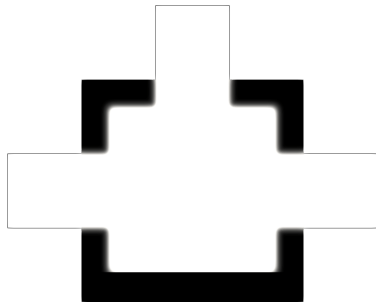




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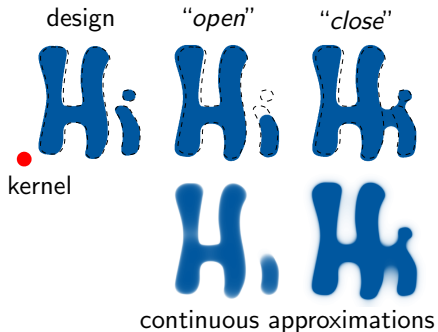
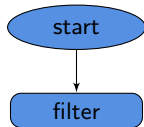
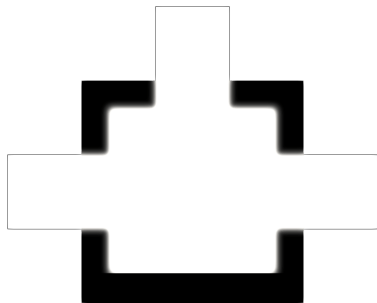




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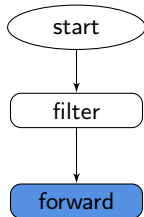




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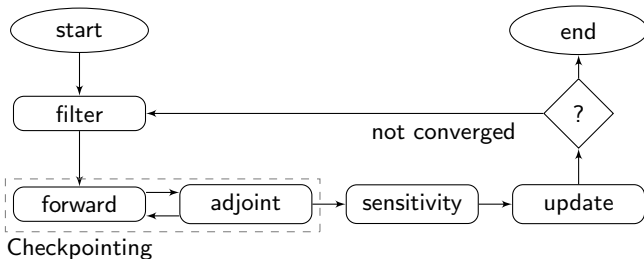
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- 📦 Checkpointing with the `revolve` algorithm [Griewank and Walther, 2000]
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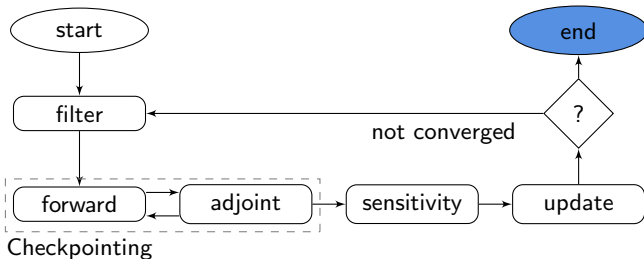


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Flow rate

Time

FLOW



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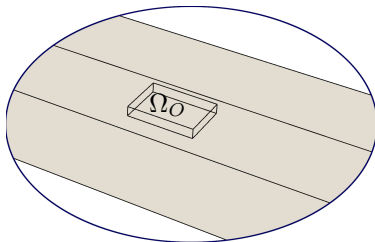
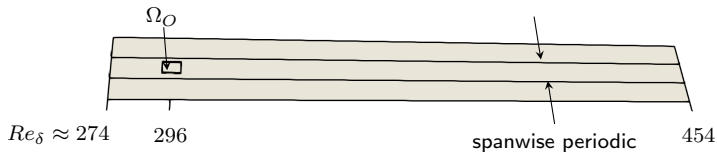
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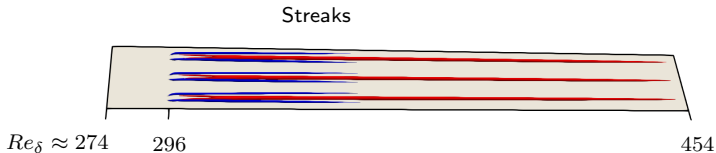
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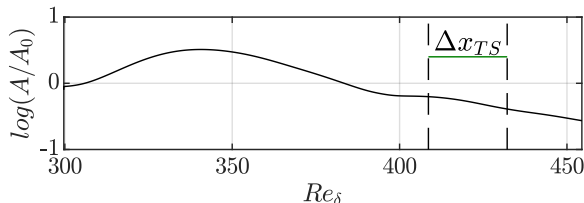
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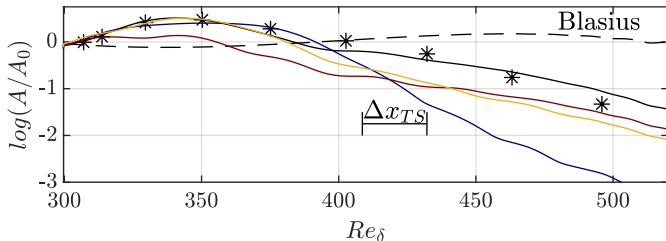
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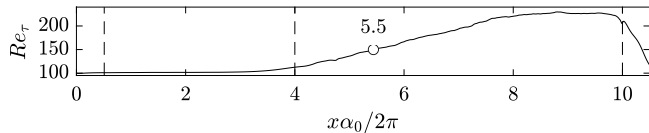
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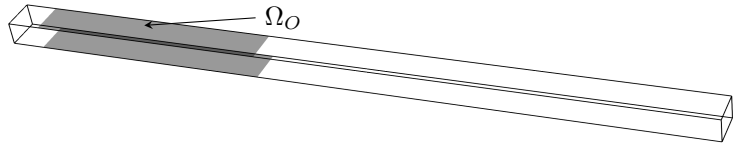
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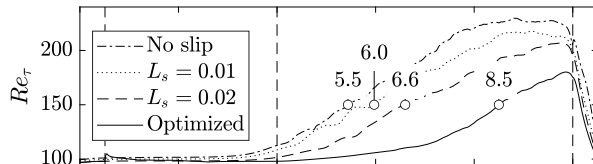
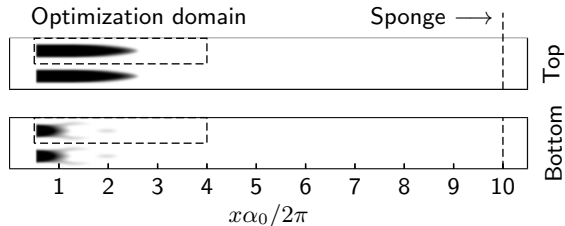
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Spatial evolution of friction Reynolds number, with circles indicating where  $Re_\tau = 150$ .





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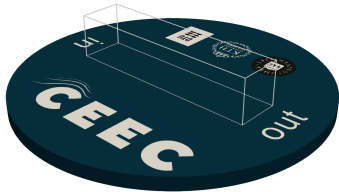


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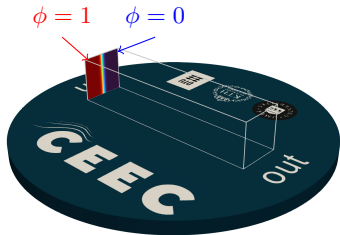
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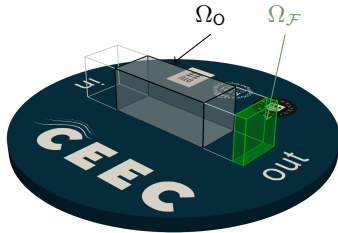
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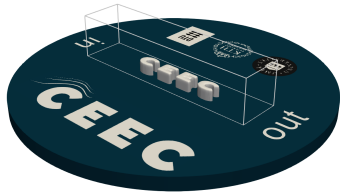
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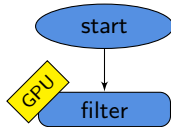
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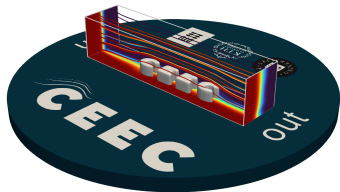
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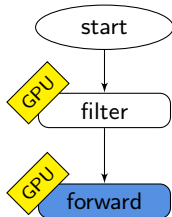
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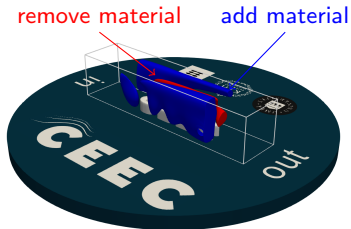
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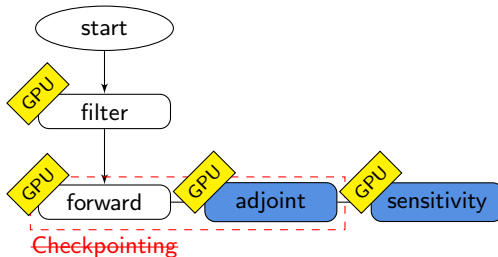
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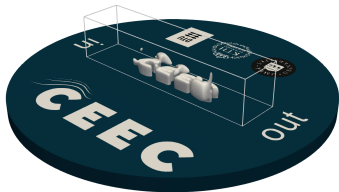
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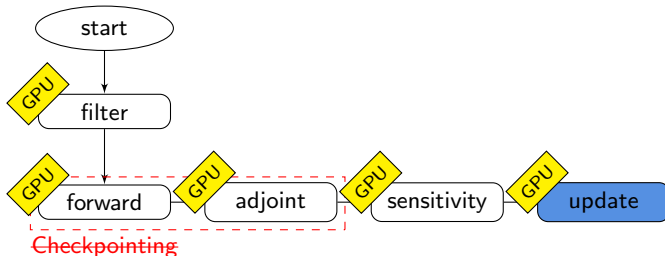
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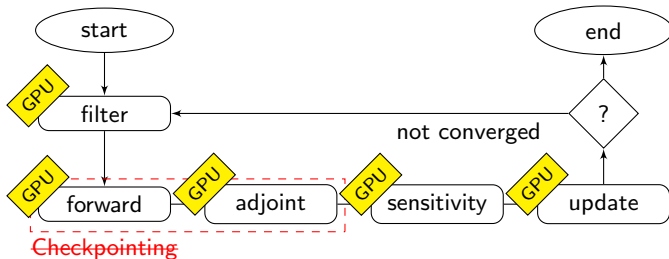


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