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### *Statement of Problem Studied*

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### *Summary of Results*

This project has led to a number of completely new and powerful methods for the computer simulation of complex problems, including, in particular, problems of wave propagation. These include the following:

- High-Order Multistage-Taylor Galerkin Methods. These represent one of the only new unconditionally stable high-order time integration schemes developed in decades. They are designed to overcome a well-documented deficiency of splitting methods: the loss of time accuracy due to splitting of boundary conditions.

- A Posteriori Error Estimation Methods. New techniques for the estimation of error in numerical approximations of wave problems in two space dimensions have been developed; theorems have been established to guarantee that rigorous error bounds are possible.

- Adaptive methods. Local error estimates provide data for adaptively changing mesh sizes and spectral orders to optimize hp meshes and accelerate convergence.

- Parallel Discontinuous Methods. A surprisingly parallelizable scheme based on Discontinuous Galerkin methods has been developed and tested on model problems.

- Clouds: A New family of Meshless Methods. Error estimates and preliminary results on the mathematical foundations of a new type of meshless technique for solving partial differential equations have been established.

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