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A data-driven turbulence modeling framework for the Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations via discrepancy-based tensor-basis neural networks

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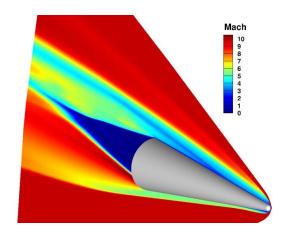
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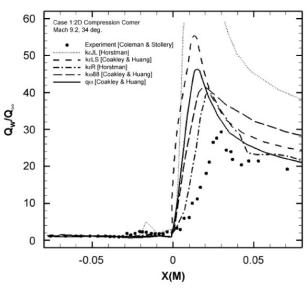




Introduction

- Year one of a three year internal project focused on developing data-driven RANS models for turbulent flows
 - Focus on hypersonics
- Focused on three important aspects of data-driven turbulence modeling
 - Improved model forms via discrepancy tensor-basis neural networks
 - Focus on the Reynolds stress and turbulent heat flux
 - Robust ML models via extrapolation detection
 - Improved training techniques to improve feature and model consistency
- Three year project trajectory
 - Year 1: Implement discrepancy TBNNs & extrapolation detection techniques and assess on benchmark low-speed cases
 - Year 2: Extend technology to high-speed flows
 - Focus on compressibility effects and the turbulent heat flux
 - Year 3: Formalize capability and deploy on "test" configurations





RANS predictions of thermal loadings in a shock boundary layer interaction [2]

• Today: Focus on details of our framework and its deployment on the NASA test cases



Mathematical setting

• We focus on solving the Favre-averaged compressible Navier—Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_j \rho u_i) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j}$$

- Reynolds stress is unclosed
- Turbulence is modeled with a k-epsilon model

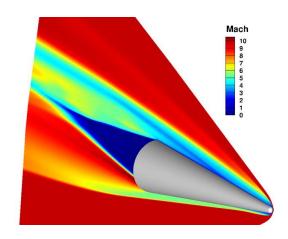
$$\frac{\partial \rho k}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\rho u_i k\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right] + P_k - \rho \epsilon + S_k$$

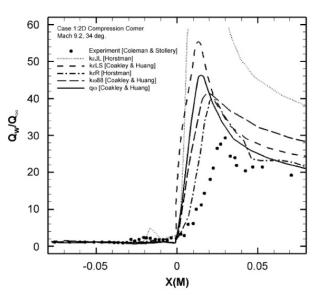
$$\frac{\partial \rho \epsilon}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\rho u_i \epsilon\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\epsilon} \right) \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x_i} \right] + \frac{\epsilon}{k} \left(C_{\epsilon 1} f_1 P_k - C_{\epsilon 2} f_2 \rho \epsilon \right) + S_{\epsilon}$$

• Reynolds stress is modeled via the Boussinesq relationship with low Reynolds number treatment

$$au_{ij} = 2\mu_t \overline{S}_{ij} - rac{2}{3}
ho k \delta_{ij} \qquad \mu_t = C_\mu f_\mu
ho rac{k^2}{\epsilon}$$

- Can be written in terms of the anisotropy tensor $a_{ij} = \frac{\rho u_i'' u_j''}{2\overline{\rho}k} \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}$
- Standard k-epsilon model is inadequate in various settings





RANS predictions of thermal loadings in a shock boundary layer interaction [2]



Tensor basis neural networks (TBNNs)

- We investigate tensor basis neural networks [1] (TBNNs) for modeling the anisotropy tensor
- TBNNs model the anisotropy tensor as:

anisotropy tensor as: Regression model, e.g., MLP $a_{ij}pprox a_{ij}^{\mathrm{TBNN}} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{10} \mathbf{g}^k(\pmb{\lambda}) \mathbf{T}_{ij}^k$ Tensor basis, e.g., S_{ij}

Frame-invariant feature, e.g., $\operatorname{trace}\left(S_{ij}S_{jk}
ight)$

- TBNN basis expansion and features are motivated by Pope's generalized eddy viscosity hypothesis
- Resulting model for the Reynolds stress

$$au_{ij} \equiv -\overline{u_i u_j} = -rac{2}{3} k \delta_{ij} - 2k \sum_{i=1}^{10} \mathbf{g}^k(oldsymbol{\lambda}) \mathbf{T}^k_{ij}.$$

TBNNs been demonstrated to be effective in various settings

Challenges that we aim to address in our work:

- ML model **completely** replaces the Boussinesq relationship
- May perform well where we have training data, but what happens for extrapolation?
- Data and model inconsistency can be an issue (TKE RANS != TKE DNS)



Discrepancy tensor basis neural networks (TBNNs)

- Challenge: Vanilla TBNN completely replaces the Boussinesq relationship
- We model the Reynolds stress with a "discrepancy" TBNN [1]
 - Idea: correct a baseline model with a TBNN discrepancy term
 - Model takes the form

$$a_{ij} = a_{ij}^{ ext{RANS}} + \delta a_{ij}^{ ext{TBNN}} \equiv a_{ij}^{ ext{RANS}} + \sum_{i=1}^{10} \mathbf{g}^k(oldsymbol{\lambda}) \mathbf{T}_{ij}^k$$

- Advantages: Builds upon, rather than replaces, an existing model
 - More explainable, more stable
- Disadvantage: Discrepancy model is tied to a specific turbulence model
 - (This is really the case for a standard TBNN as well)

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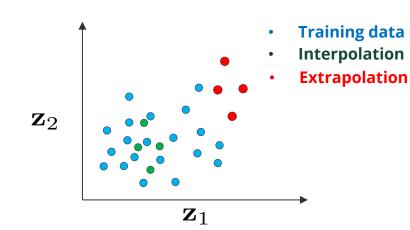
Out-of-distribution (OOD) detection

- For use in **practical** situations the ML model must be certified
- An ML model is only as good as the training data
 - Models perform well on in-distribution data
 - Models perform poorly on out-of-distribution data
- Our approach: Quantify if a testing data point is "in-distribution" or "out-of-distribution"
 - Use this metric to assign confidence to a prediction
 - Use prediction confidence to make an informed decision about how to use the ML model
- What are we investigating:
 - One-class support vector machines
 - Autoencoders
 - Gaussian mixture models
 - Ensemble-based neural networks



Stone wall (87% confidence)

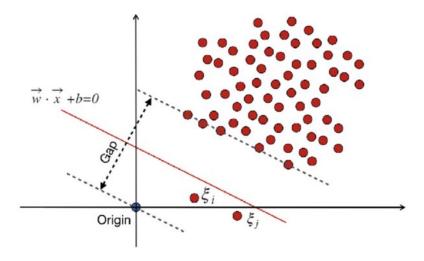
EfficientNet predictions on new images¹



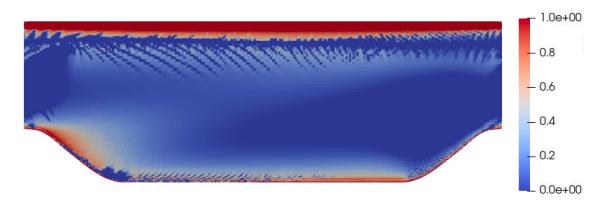


Out-of-distribution (OOD) detection

- We first explored using one-class SVMs and Gaussian mixture models to detect out-of-distribution samples
 - Most other methods either scale with the training dataset size or assume radial basis functions
- Main idea: query algorithm at test time, and revert back to standard RANS model when OOD is detected
- Used in combination with artificial training data method of Rumsey et al. [1]
- Success has been mixed
- Issues:
 - Features can be highly correlated, making it difficult to identify
 OOD
 - OOD detection method can create instabilities when applied in flow solver



Example of using a one-class SVM for extrapolation detection [2]



Output of Gaussian mixture model trained on wavy wall (Re=6850) applied to periodic hill (Re=10,595)

- 1. Rumsey, C.L., Coleman, G.N., Wang, L. "In Search of Data-Driven Improvements to RANS Models Applied to Separated Flows" AIAA SciTech Forum, 2022
- 2. Koo, B., and Shin, B. Using Geometry based Anomaly Detection to check the Integrity of IFC classifications in BIM Models, Journal of KIBIM, 2017



Out-of-distribution detection with neural-network ensembles

- Ensemble-based networks classify extrapolation based on an ensemble of predictions
 - Main idea: Identical networks with different initializations result in different predictions for out-of-distribution data
 - Relies on stochastic initialization
 - **Prediction variance** can be used to quantify network uncertainty

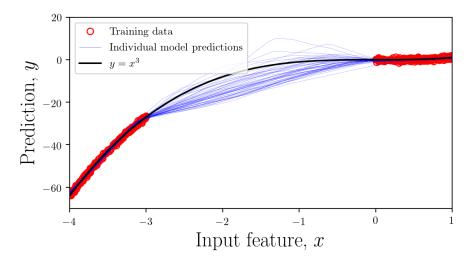
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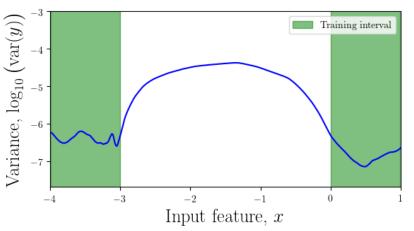
- Works well for high-dimensional features space
- Gives non-binary results that can be used to assign confidence
- Occam's razor: idea is simple, interpretable, and easy to implement

Cons:

Empirical

- Variance of ensembles *is not* reflective of true uncertainty
- Variance of ensembles depends on numerous factors (number of epochs, regularization, network architecture, etc.)
- Each evaluation of the MLP is more expensive





Example of deep ensembles for learning y=x^3



Out-of-distribution detection with neural-network ensembles

- Approach: select a model architecture $NN : (\lambda; \mathbf{w}) \mapsto \delta a^{\text{TBNN}}$
- Train M neural networks for weights $w_1, ..., w_m$
- At run time evaluate the empirical mean and variance of the networks

$$\mathbb{E}[\delta a^{\mathrm{TBNN}}] \equiv \frac{1}{M} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{M} \mathcal{NN}(\lambda; \mathbf{w}_i) \right) \qquad \text{Var}[\delta a^{\mathrm{TBNN}}] \equiv \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} (\mathcal{NN}(\lambda; \mathbf{w}_i))^2 - \mathbb{E}[\delta a^{\mathrm{TBNN}}]^2$$

• Employ the prediction

$$\delta a_{model}^{\text{TBNN}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{prior}}^2}{\sigma_{\text{prior}}^2 + \text{Var}[\delta a^{\text{TBNN}}]} \mathbb{E}[\delta a^{\text{TBNN}}]$$

- Based on a Bayesian update with assumed Gaussians and a zero-mean prior discrepancy
- Prediction depends on σ_{prior} parameter
 - Tune from calibration on training/validation set

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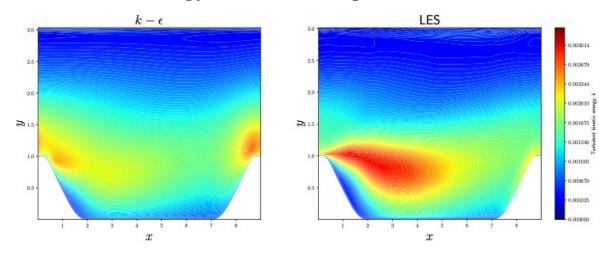


Data and model consistency

• Discrepancy TBNN approximates the Reynolds stress as

$$ho au_{ij} \equiv -
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ho k\delta_{ij} - 2
ho k\left(a_{ij}^{ ext{RANS}} + \delta a_{ij}^{ ext{TBNN}}
ight)$$

- Significant challenge: High-fidelity turbulence quantities are not equivalent to RANS turbulent quantities due to model form error in, e.g., the TKE equation
 - Example: Turbulent kinetic energy in flow over a periodic hill

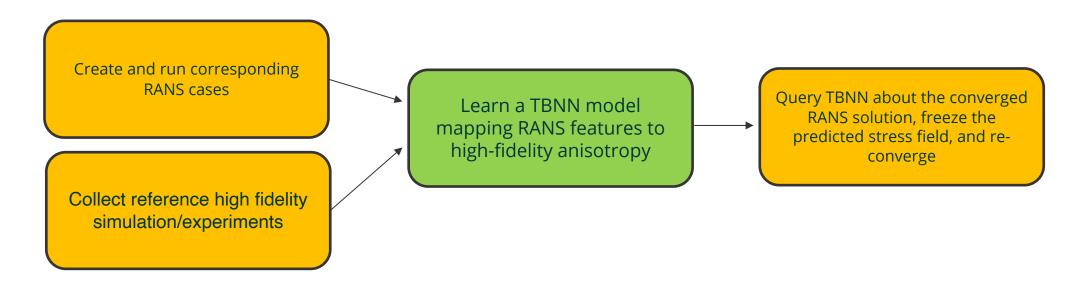


- What value of turbulent kinetic energy should be used to train an ML model?
- Even with perfect Reynolds stress prediction, RANS TKE will differ from true TKE due to model form error



Training workflow

• Baseline approach employed by Ling et al.



- Significant issue:
 - Learns Reynolds stress fields from deficient features (particularly TKE)
 - Should lead to generalization errors
- Can be philosophically unsatisfying. Better to have a model that is embedded in the code and called at each iteration



Training workflow

• Our first approach

Collect reference high fidelity simulation/experiments

Create and run corresponding RANS cases with exact anisotropy tensor injected

Learn a TBNN model mapping RANS features to high-fidelity anisotropy

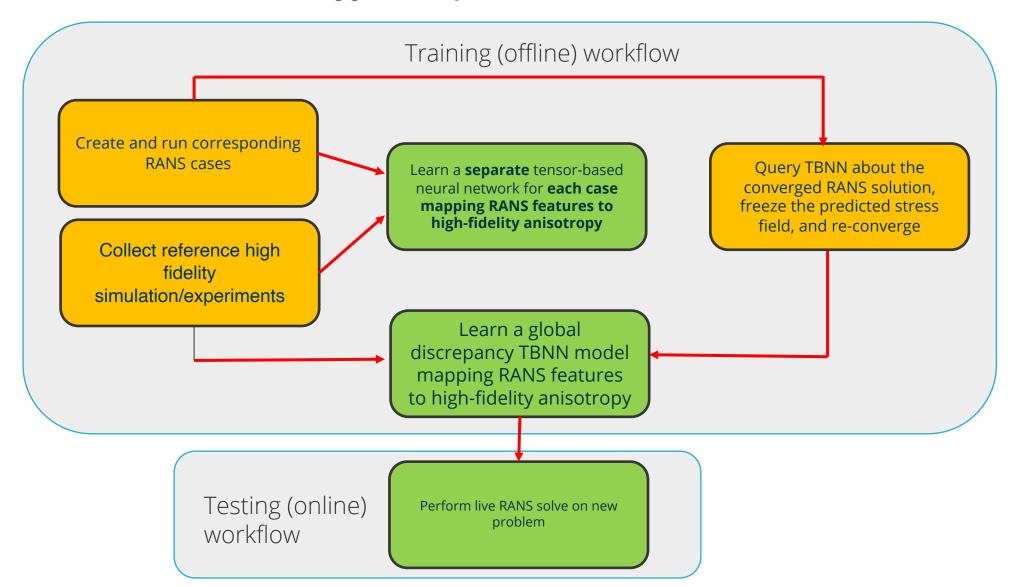
TBNN at every iteration

- Approach is still promising, but lacks robustness
 - Hard to converge solvers with injected anisotropy tensor
 - In practice we can never learn the true anisotropy, so we still have an inconsistency
 - Requires full-field high-fidelity data, which limits available training sets



Training workflow

• Use the TBNN within the training process to get more consistent features





Summary

- Employing discrepancy tensor-basis neural networks
 - Correct, rather than replace, a prediction for the Reynolds stress
- Detecting extrapolation based on ensembles of neural networks
 - 10 networks are better than one!
- Reducing training data inconsistencies by employing two step training process
 - Deploy a "frozen" TBNN on a given case
 - Learn mapping from resulting RANS features to true anisotropy





Solver and implementation details

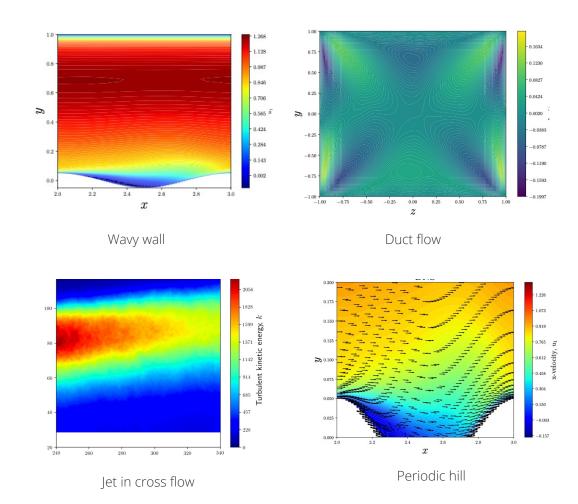
- Discrepancy tensor-based neural networks are implemented in Sandia's Parallel Aerodynamics and Reentry code (SPARC)
 - Supports finite volume, finite difference, and finite element (CG & DG) discretizations
- Vanilla deep neural network library was developed and added to SPARC
 - Interfacing to PyTorch C++ backend was **extremely** slow due to SPARC kernels
- Discrepancy TBNNs are only queried every 10 iterations to accelerate solver performance
- Sensitivities to the TBNN are **not** included in the Jacobian routines
 - Cases can take a long time to converge
 - We are investigating integrating this with automatic differentiation
- TBNN-predicted Reynolds stresses are **NOT** used in the TKE and dissipation equations
 - Why? A good idea, but model constants are calibrated off of the Boussinesq relationship and should be recalibrated if we do this
- All cases are run unsteady with BDF1 and a CFL controller to reach a steady state



Training data and their sources

- We employ a mix of DNS, LES, and experimental data
- DNS
 - Channel flow at $Re_{\tau} = 180,395$, and 590 from Jimenez [1]
 - Duct flow at Re=3500 from Pinelli et al. [3]
 - Wavy wall flow at Re=6850 [5]
- LES
 - Flow over a periodic hill from Temmerman et al. [2]
- Experimental:
 - Jet-in-crossflow from Beresh et al. [4]
- Intentionally did **not** include:
 - Experimental data from any of the test cases
 - LES over NASA wall mounted hump
 - ZPG boundary layer data





^[1] Sergio Hoyas and Javier Jimenez, (2008) "Reynolds number effects on the Reynolds-stress budgets in turbulent channels", Phys. Fluids, Vol. 20, 101511

^[2] Temmerman, L. and Leschziner, M. A., 2001. "Large Eddy Simulation of separated flow in a streamwise periodic channel construction," Int. Symp. on Turbulence and Shear Flow Phenomena, Stockholm, June 27-29.

^[3] Pinelli, A., Uhlmann, M., Sekimoto, A., Kawahara, G. 2010 Reynolds number dependence of mean flow structure in square duct turbulence. J. Fluid Mech. 644, 107–122.

^[4] Beresh, S. J., Henfling, J. F., Erven, R. J., & Spillers, R. W., "Penetration of a Transverse Supersonic Jet into a Subsonic Compressible Crossflow," AIAA Journal, Vol. 43, No. 2, 2005, pp. 379–389

^[5] Gorlé, C., Emory, M., Larsson, J., and Iaccarino, G., "Epistemic Uncertainty Quantification for RANS Modeling of the Flow over a Wavy Wall," Center for Turbulence Research Annual Research Briefs, 2012.



Neural network details

• Model the anisotropy tensor as

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 Tensor basis, e.g., S_{ij}

Regression model, e.g., MLP

Frame-invariant feature, e.g., $\operatorname{trace}(S_{ij}S_{jk})$

• Employ 7 features

$$\lambda = \left[\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{S}^{*2}) \quad \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{\Omega}^{*2}) \quad \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{S}^{*3}) \quad \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{\Omega}^{*2}\mathbf{S}^{*}) \quad \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{\Omega}^{*2}\mathbf{S}^{*2}) \quad \log(\mu_t/\mu) \quad d\frac{\sqrt{k}}{50\nu} \right].$$

• Employ a tensor basis of order 4:

$$\mathbf{T}^{1} = \mathbf{S}^{*}, \ \mathbf{T}^{2} = \mathbf{S}^{*} \mathbf{\Omega}^{*} - \mathbf{\Omega}^{*} \mathbf{S}^{*}, \ \mathbf{T}_{3} = \mathbf{S}^{*2} - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{I} \ \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}^{*2}) \ \mathbf{T}^{4} = \mathbf{\Omega}^{*2} - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{I} \ \text{Tr}(\mathbf{\Omega}^{*2})$$

- Model architecture: MLP with depth of 5 and 40 neurons per layer
- Training: L2 penalty with regularization, 5000 epochs
- Strain rate and rotation rate were non-dimensionalized by

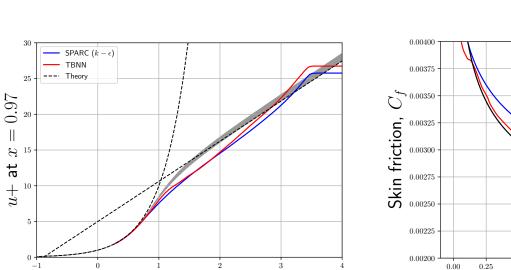
$$\mathbf{S}^* = \frac{S}{\frac{\epsilon}{k} + \|\mathbf{S}\|_2} \qquad \mathbf{\Omega}^* = \frac{\Omega}{\frac{\epsilon}{k} + \|\mathbf{\Omega}\|_2}$$

- Ensemble size of 10
- Models are trained using multistep approach outlined earlier



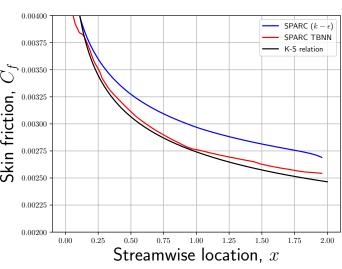
Results: Zero pressure gradient flat plate boundary layer

- Relevant training sets added:
 - Channel flow at three Reynolds numbers
 - Duct flows
- High level summary of results:
 - Improved skin friction
 - Strange "hump" in the buffer layer

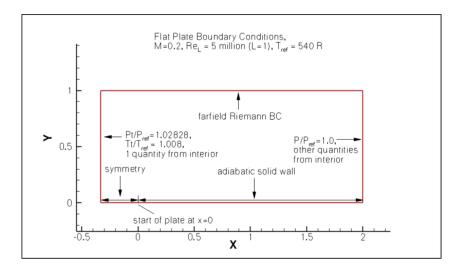


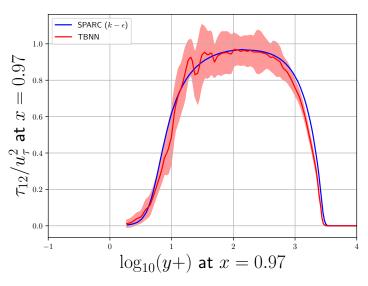


 $\log_{10}(y+)$ at x = 0.97



Skin friction vs. downstream location



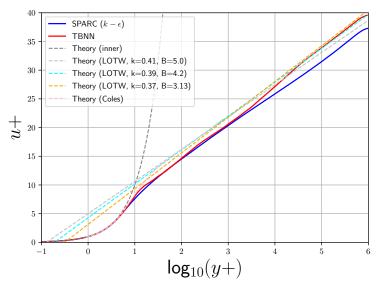


Reynolds stress w/ 1 std uncertainty

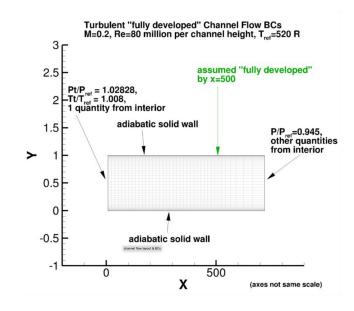


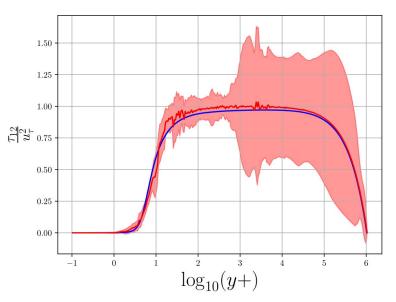
Results: Channel flow

- Relevant training sets added:
 - Channel flow at three Reynolds numbers
- Notes: Problem solved on a periodic domain
 - challenges converging regular solver (with no ML) on non-periodic domain
- High-level summary of results
 - Improved center-line velocity
 - Similar hump is observed
 - High levels of uncertainty away from the wall (no training data)



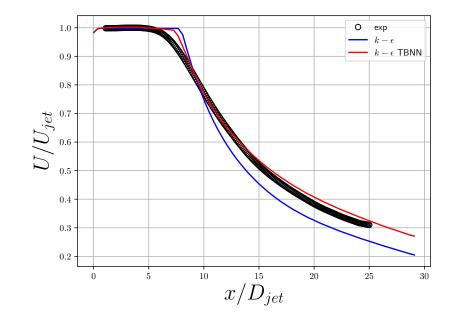




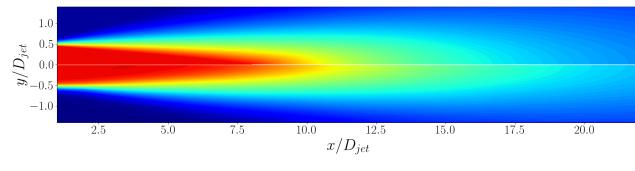


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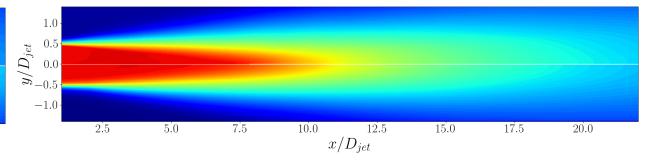
- Relevant training sets added:
 - Jet-in-crossflow (experimental)
- Notes:
 - Problem failed with out JIC data in training set
 - Difficult to fully converge the solver
- High-level summary of results
 - Improved centerline velocity
 - Mixed results on Reynolds stress
 - Overprediction of velocity at jet exterior



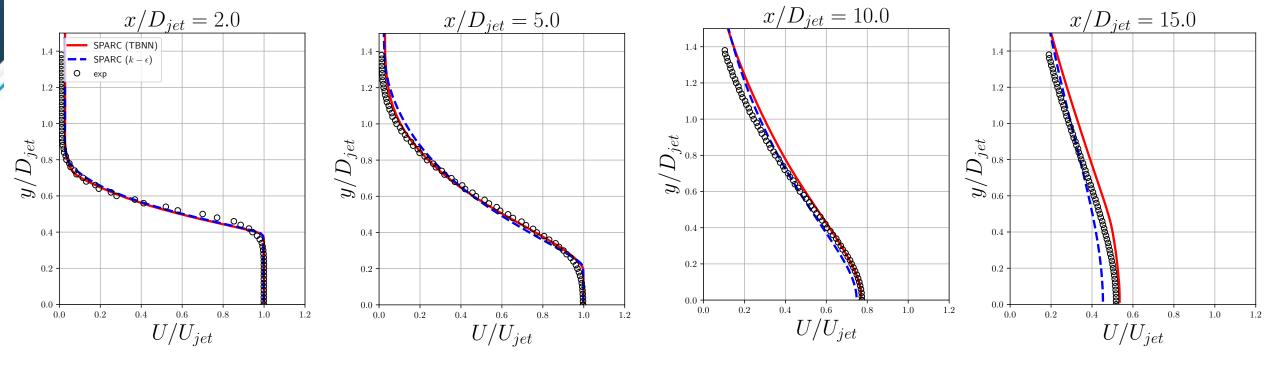
Centerline velocity as a function of downstream distance



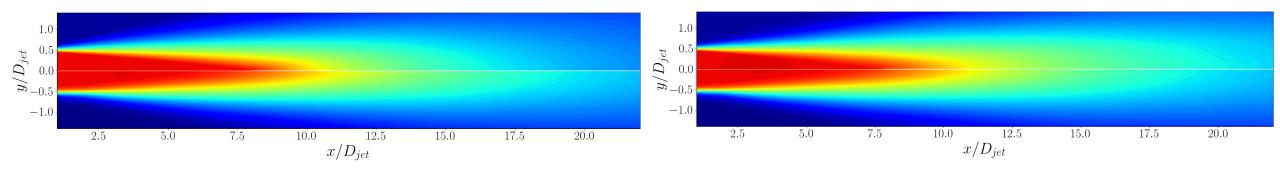




Comparison of discrepancy TBNN (top) to experimental data (bottom)



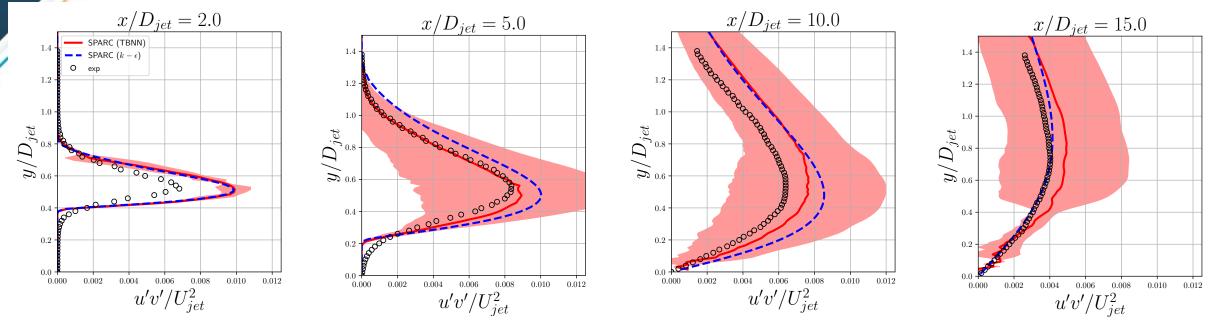
Streamwise velocities at four different locations



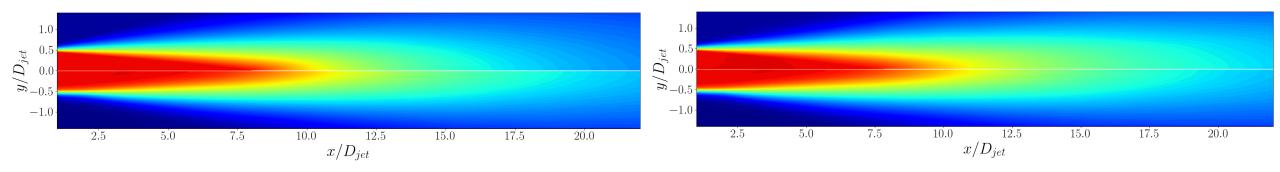
Comparison of standard k-eps (top) to experimental data (bottom)

Comparison of discrepancy TBNN (top) to experimental data (bottom)





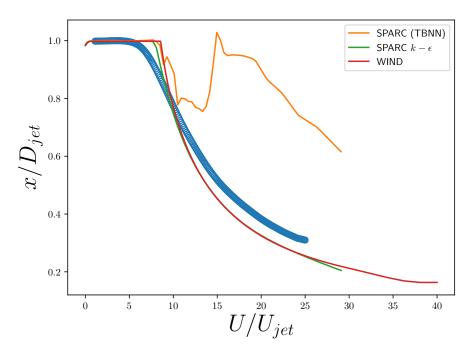
Reynolds stresses at four different locations



Comparison of standard k-eps (top) to experimental data (bottom)

Comparison of discrepancy TBNN (top) to experimental data (bottom)

- A side notes: Problem failed without jet in crossflow data in training set
 - Ensembles were "confidently" predicting the wrong answer
 - Non-uniqueness of feature space?
 - We are still investigating this, but indicates that ensembles don't solve all the problems

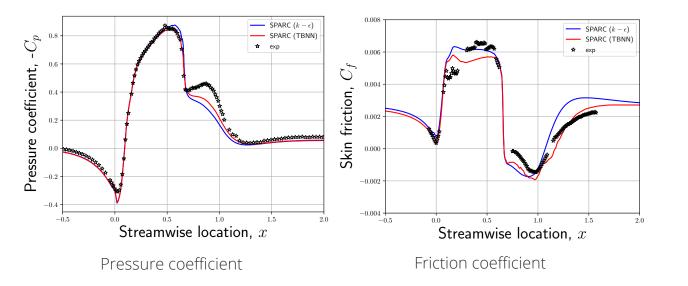


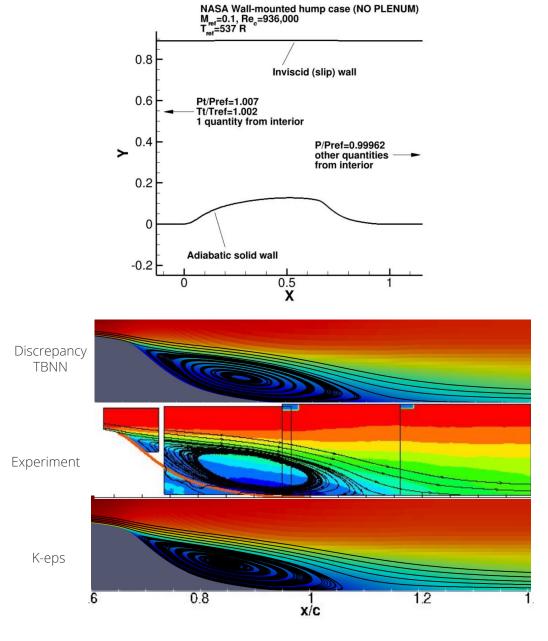
Centerline velocity as a function of downstream distance



Results: Nasa hump

- Relevant training sets added:
 - Flow over periodic hill and wavy wall
- High-level summary of results
 - Improved skin friction and pressure coefficient
 - Improved prediction of separation bubble

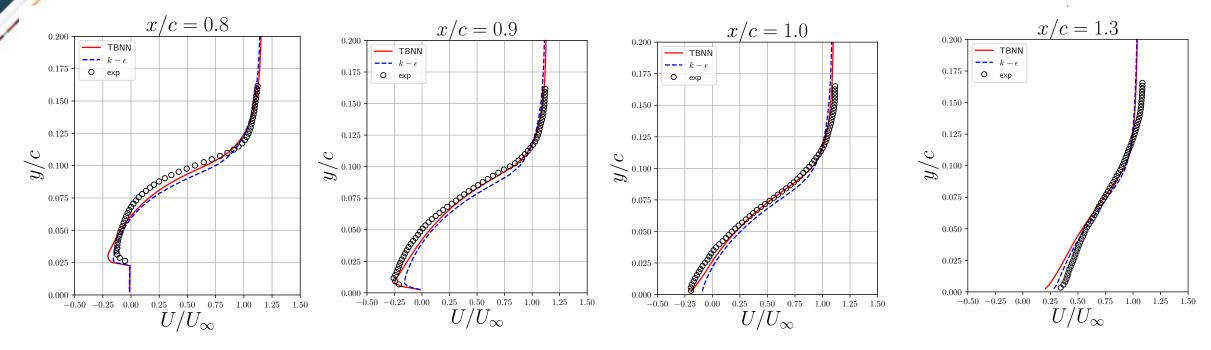




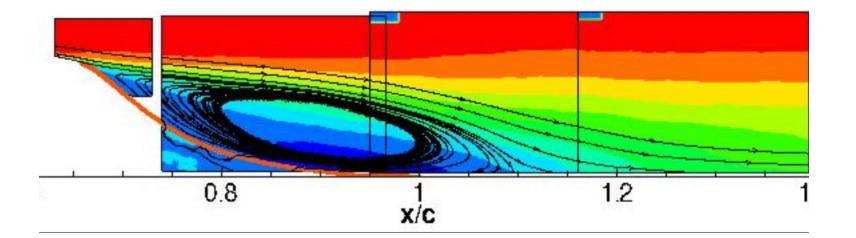
Streamwise velocity contour



Results: Nasa hump

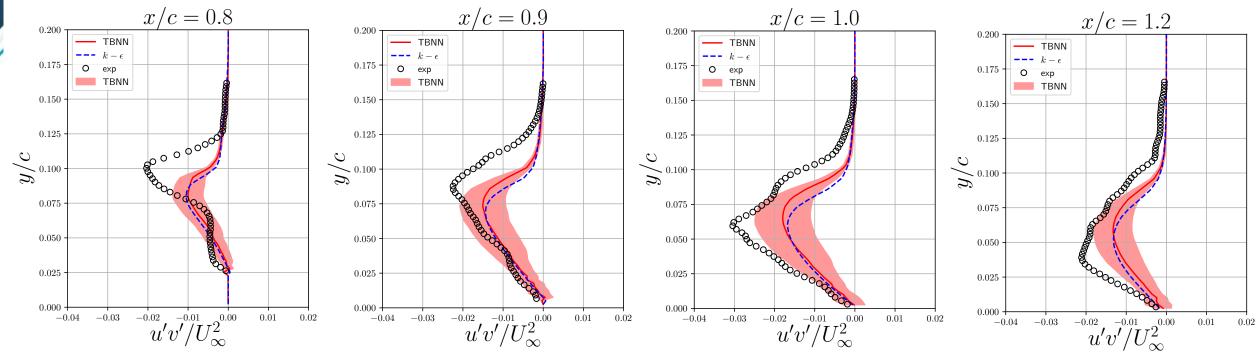


Streamwise velocity at four different locations

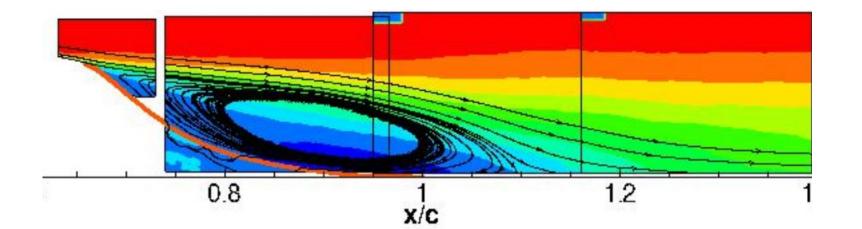




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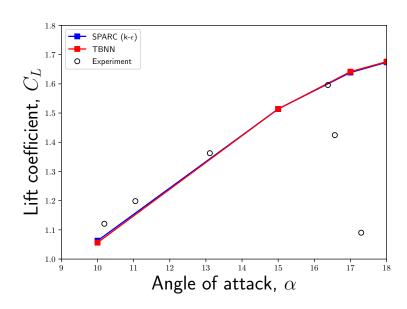
Reynolds stress at four different locations



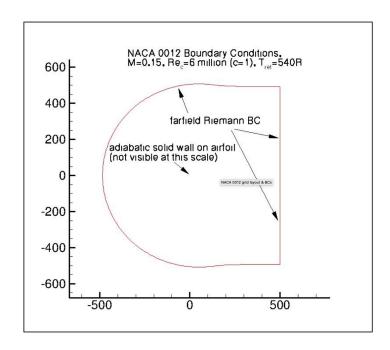


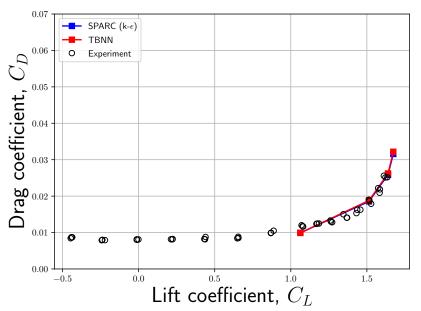
Results: NACA airfoil

- Relevant training sets added:
 - Channel flow
 - Flow over wavy wall and periodic hill
- High-level summary of results
 - Results are unchanged from the standard model
 - Indicates we need better training data for this case



Lift coefficient vs angle of attack





Drag coefficient vs. Lift coefficient



Conclusions

- Discussed our workflow for developing data-driven turbulence models for the compressible RANS equations
- Approach is based on three core concepts:
 - Discrepancy tensor-basis neural networks that correct, rather than replace, a RANS model's prediction for the Reynolds stress
 - Extrapolation detection that identifies when a model is trustworthy
 - o Improved feature consistency to minimize discrepancies between the training and testing stage
- Approach was demonstrated on the NASA testing challenge
- Positive results:
 - Ol results tended to be better in 4/5 cases (flat plate, channel, axisymmetric jet, NASA hump)
 - QoI results were unchanged for the airfoil cases
 - o Field results compared better with the PIV for the axisymmetric jet and NASA hump
 - We were able to leverage DNS, LES, and experimental data

Concerning results that require attention:

- Predicted anisotropy fields are noisy, this needs to be fixed
- Weird bump in the transition from the inner to outer layer in wall-bounded flows (unbalanced training data set?)
- o Model failed catastrophically on axisymmetric jet without jet in crossflow training data
 - o Ensembles are helpful for extrapolation detection, but don't solve the problem completely
- Inconsistency in TKE remains an issue
- Need more training data



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