

Efficient Physics-Informed Machine Learning Algorithms  
for Flow Problems  
Compressible/Incompressible Flows

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## Turbulent Mixing

### Rayleigh–Taylor Instability (RTI):

arises at the interface between two fluids of different densities whenever the pressure gradient opposes the density gradient.

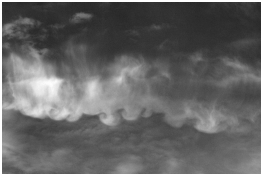
### Richtmyer-Meshkov instability (RMI):

occurs when a shock wave passes through a perturbed interface.

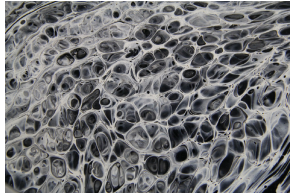
- ▶ An idealized subproblem of important scientific and engineering problems:
- ▶ crucial in all forms of fusion whether the confinement be magnetic, inertial or gravitational
- ▶ Supernovae explosions, inertial confinement fusion, gravitational induced mixing in oceanography

## Turbulent Mixing

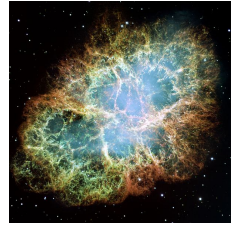
Characterize the structure and the evolution of the flows



Rayleigh–Taylor cirrus clouds.  
Source: Photograph courtesy  
of Prof. David Jewitt, UCLA.



Pattern created using the  
“accidental painting” technique  
developed by Siqueiros in the  
1930s. It is the result of a RTI of a  
viscous layer.  
Source: From Fig. 1 of de la  
Calleja et al., Phys. Fluids.



A composite Hubble Space  
Telescope image of the Crab  
Nebula.

Source: NASA Space  
Telescope Science Institute,  
Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

## Problem statement

$$h_i^{\text{RTI}} = \alpha_i A g t^2$$

$$h_i^{\text{RMI}} = \beta_i t \theta_i$$

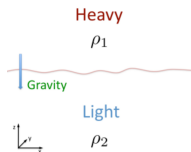
$$\begin{cases} i = b & \text{for bubbles (light fluid)} \\ i = s & \text{for spikes (heavy fluid)} \end{cases}$$

$(\alpha_b, \alpha_s)$  and  $(\theta_b, \theta_s)$  growth rates of RTI and RMI mixing zone.

$h_b$ : penetration distance of the light fluid into the heavy fluid

$h_s$ : penetration distance of the heavy fluid into the light fluid

A: Atwood ratio =  $(\rho_1 - \rho_2)/(\rho_1 + \rho_2)$ , g: acceleration



Simple planar RT instability under gravitational acceleration.

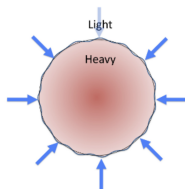


Diagram depicting the RT unstable interface created in an ICF fuel capsule.

## Numerical Approaches to Model Turbulent Flows

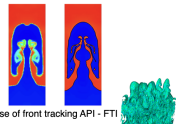
Three levels of numerical simulation for turbulent flows:

- ▶ Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS)
  - ▶ The full NSE is solved without any model for turbulence
  - ▶ The most demanding method among the three, very accurate, but limited to moderate Reynolds numbers and simplified geometries
- ▶ Large Eddy Simulation (LES)
  - ▶ Flow field is resolved down to a certain length scale, and scales smaller than that are modeled rather than resolved
  - ▶ Computational cost higher than RANS, but much lower than DNS
- ▶ Reynolds Averaged Navier Stokes (RANS)
  - ▶ Time-averaged equations solving for the mean values of all quantities
  - ▶ The least demanding in terms of resources

# Turbulence Mixing and Combustion Simulations

## Front Tracking Method (FronTier) to achieve resolution of steep and sharp density gradients

- RTI single mode simulation at  $t=10s$ . Comparison of a FLASH run without (left) and with (right) front tracking



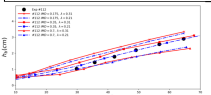
Use of front tracking API - FTI

- Initial Conditions

Uncertainty Quantification(UQt@SNL)

Effect of input parameters on the growth rate

*T. Kaman, Model calibration for Turbulent Mixing Simulations, Proceedings of 16th International Workshop on the Physics of Compressible Turbulent Mixing, pp.129-134, Marneville, France.*



- Initial Perturbations


Long-wavelength perturbations:  
Could be present in the initial data?  
Could contribute to the self similar growth constant a by a factor of two or more?  
*Modal Analysis of experimental data of Smeeton Youngs 87*

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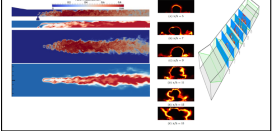
New directions for Rayleigh–Taylor mixing

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Research 

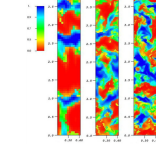
- Verification and Validation study of Large Eddy Simulations of turbulent mixing and combustion within the engine of a scramjet<sup>†</sup>, in collaboration with Stanford University's Predictive Science Academic Alliance Program Center, Continuous Dynamical Systems, 36(8), pp. 4383 - 4402, 2016.



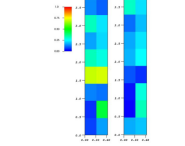
- $w^*$  convergence to a Young measure valued solution

- Extract Probability Distribution Functions (PDF) by binning results.  $8 \times 2$  supercell grids. For each supercell, bin the concentration values
- Capture the local fluctuations of the solutions
- Study of Convergence of PDF and associated Cumulative Distribution Functions (CDF)

Heavy fluid concentration at the midplane  $t = 50$



L1 norms of CDF mesh differences



- Performance of **FronTier** Simulation Package - Argonne's IBM Blue Gene/P supercomputer and scale it to entire system - 163,840 cores.
- 2011 DoE INCITE Award Project "Uncertainty Quantification for Turbulent Mixing"
- 2012 DoE INCITE Award Project "Stochastic  $w^*$  convergence for Turbulent Combustion"
- 2024-2026 NSF CC\*\* Campus Compute: A High-Performance Computing System for Research and Education in AR



## Objective: Use deep learning for solving time-dependent PDEs

- Euler equations for compressible, inviscid flows:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T) + \nabla p - \mathbf{f} = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}(E + p)) = 0, \quad (3)$$

- Navier–Stokes equations for incompressible, viscous flows

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0. \quad (5)$$

## Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

- ▶ Replace numerical methods with a neural network that approximates the solution
- ▶ Embed a PDE into the loss of the neural network using automatic differentiation technique Rumelhart, Hinton, and Williams, Learning representations by back- propagating errors, Nature, 323 (1986)
- ▶ Improve the training efficiency of PINNs using the residual-based adaptive refinement (RAR) method
- ▶ Implementation in the Python library DeepXDE

Raissi, Perdikaris, Karniadakis, JCP 378, 2019.

Lu, Meng, Mao, Karniadakis, SIAM Review 2021.



## Deep Neural Networks

- ▶ Feed-Forward NN/ Multi-Layer Perceptrons, Convolutional NN, Recurrent NN, Radial Basis Functional NN, ...
- ▶ Classified depending on their: structure, data flow, neurons used and their density, layers and their depth activation filters etc.
- ▶ L-layer neural network  $\mathcal{N}^L(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{in}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}}}$  with  $N_\ell$  neurons in the  $\ell$ th layer.
- ▶ The weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}^\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{N_\ell \times N_{\ell-1}}$  and bias vector  $\mathbf{b}^\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{N_\ell}$  in the  $\ell$ th layer
- ▶  $\sigma$  activation function the logistic sigmoid, the hyperbolic tangent, the rectified linear unit.

input layer  $\mathcal{N}^0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{in}}}$

hidden layers  $\mathcal{N}^\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^\ell \mathcal{N}^{\ell-1}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b}^\ell) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\ell}$  for  $1 \leq \ell \leq L - 1$

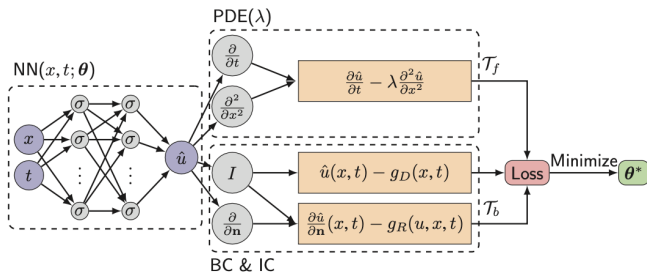
output layer  $\mathcal{N}^L(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{W}^L \mathcal{N}^{L-1}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b}^L \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}}}$

## Automatic Differentiation (AD)

- ▶ Compute the derivatives of the network outputs  $\hat{u}$  w.r.t the network inputs  $x$
- ▶ Techniques: i) Hand-coded analytical derivative; ii) finite difference; iii) symbolic differentiation; iv) automatic differentiation
- ▶ The derivatives are evaluated using backpropagation  
Rumelhart, Hinton, Williams. Nature 1986
- ▶ Take the derivatives of  $\hat{u}$  with respect to its input  $x$  by applying the chain rule for differentiating compositions of functions using AD.

## PINN for solving heat equation

Source: Lu, Meng, Mao, Karniadakis, SIAM Review 2021.



1. Construct a neural network  $\hat{u}(x; \theta)$  with parameters  $\theta$ .
2. Specify two training sets for the equation  $\mathcal{T}_f$  and BC/IC  $\mathcal{T}_b$ .
3. Specify a loss function by summing the weighted  $L_2$  norm of both the PDE and BC residuals.
4. Train the neural network to find the best parameters  $\theta^*$  by minimizing the loss function  $\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{T})$ .

## Minimizing the loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{T}) = \lambda_f \mathcal{L}_f(\theta; \mathcal{T}_f) + \lambda_b \mathcal{L}_b(\theta; \mathcal{T}_b)$$

- ▶ Loss is highly nonlinear and nonconvex with respect to  $\theta$
- ▶ Minimize the loss function by gradient-based optimizers
  - ▶ Adam: Adaptive Moment Estimation
  - ▶ L-BFGS: Limited Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno algorithm
  - ▶ The required number of iterations highly depends on the problem (the smoothness of the solution)
- ▶ Loss balancing scheme: ensure that each term in the loss function makes the same amount of progress over time.

## Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equation

## Governing Equation

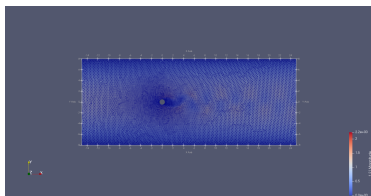
$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p) + \mathbf{f}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

- ▶  $\rho, \mathbf{u}, p, \mu$  denote density, velocity, pressure and viscosity
- ▶  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p)$  denotes the stress tensor:  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p) = 2\mu\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - p\mathbf{I}$
- ▶  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u})$  denotes the strain-rate tensor:  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T)$
- ▶ Re denotes Reynolds Number:  $\text{Re} = \frac{\rho \mathbf{u} H}{\mu}$

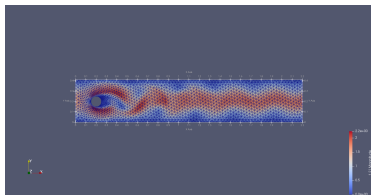
## Test1/2: Flow past a cylinder

Geometry and parameters are taken from problem DFG 2D-2 benchmark test

- ▶ Free Stream with  $u_\infty = 1, Re = 100$



- ▶ Free Stream with  $u_\infty = 2, Re = 1000$

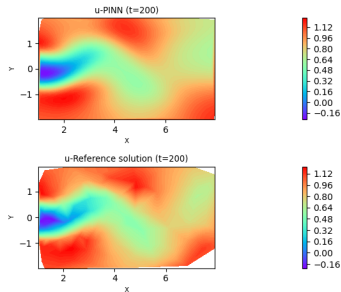


## PINNs Setup

- ▶ Fully Connected Feedforward neural network:  
Layers =  $50 \times 6$
- ▶ Activation Function: “tanh”
- ▶ Optimization Algorithm: “adam”
- ▶ Learning Rate:
  - ▶ First half iterations:  $10^{-3}$
  - ▶ Second half iterations:  $10^{-4}$

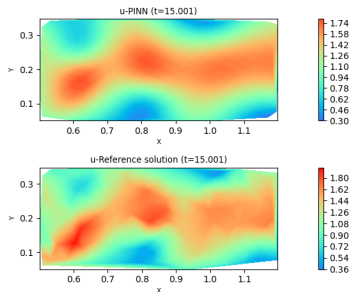
Case 1:  $u_\infty = 1, \text{Re} = 100$

- ▶ Spacial Domain  $[-2, 2] \times [1, 8]$
- ▶ Temporal Domain:  $[200, 207]$
- ▶ Sample Size: 7000
- ▶ Iterations to Convergence: 20K



Case 2:  $u_\infty = 2, \text{Re} = 1000$

- ▶ Spacial Domain  $[0.05, 0.35] \times [0.5, 1.2]$
- ▶ Temporal Domain:  $[15, 16]$
- ▶ Sample Size: 20000
- ▶ Iterations to Convergence: 600K





## Compressible Euler Equations

### Euler Equations

$$U_t + F(U)_x = 0$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ E \end{pmatrix}, F(U) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ (E + p)u \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ where  $\rho$ ,  $u$ ,  $p$  denote density, velocity, and pressure,  $\gamma$  is the constant specific heat ratio.
- ▶ Total Energy:  $E = \rho e + \frac{1}{2}\rho u^2$ ;
- ▶ Internal energy:  $e = \frac{p}{(\gamma-1)\rho}$ ;
- ▶ Conservation Laws of mass, momentum, energy of compressible flow

## Test1: Sod's Shock Tube

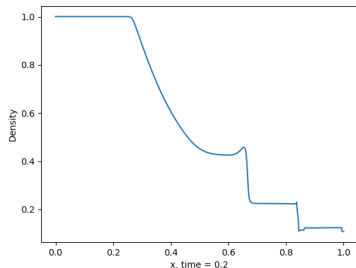
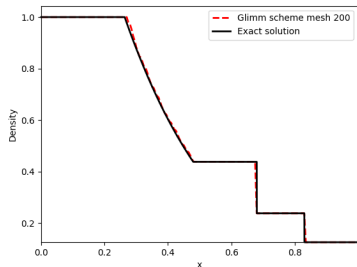
For the contact discontinuity tracking

$$(\rho, u, p) = \begin{cases} (1, 0, 1) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 0.5 \\ (0.125, 0, 0.1) & \text{if } 0.5 < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Fully Connected Feedforward neural network:  
Layers =  $20 \times 5$
- ▶ Activation Function: “tanh”
- ▶ Optimization Algorithm: “adam”
- ▶ Learning Rate:
  - ▶ First half iterations:  $10^{-3}$
  - ▶ Second half iterations:  $10^{-4}$

## PINNs Setup

- ▶ Spatial Domain  $[0, 1]$
- ▶ Temporal Domain:  $[0, 0.2]$
- ▶ Sample Size: 20000
- ▶ Iterations to Convergence: 30M



## PINNs Result

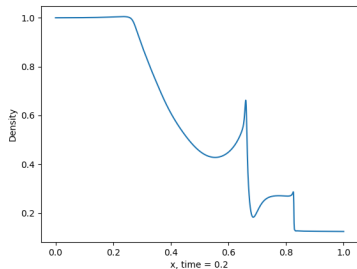


Figure: 300K iterations

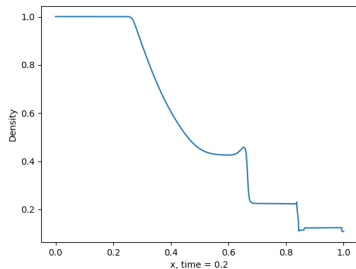


Figure: 30M iterations

## Test2: Shock-Entropy Wave Interaction

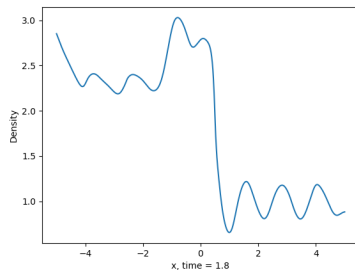
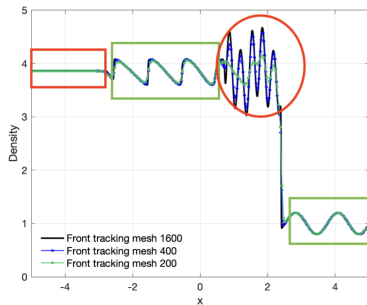
Study the stability and accuracy of the scheme for strong shocks.

$$(\rho, u, p) = \begin{cases} (3.857143, 2.629369, 10.33333) & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ (1 + 0.2 \sin 5x, 0, 1) & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Fully Connected Feedforward neural network
  - ▶ Train PINNs from random initialization 10 independent runs
  - ▶ Layers =  $10 + 20 \times 5$
- ▶ Activation Function: “tanh”
- ▶ Optimization Algorithm: “adam”
- ▶ Learning Rate:
  - ▶ First half iterations:  $10^{-3}$
  - ▶ Second half iterations:  $10^{-4}$

## PINNs Setup

- ▶ Spatial Domain  $[-5, 5]$
- ▶ Temporal Domain:  $[0, 2.0]$
- ▶ Sample Size: 20K
- ▶ Iterations to Convergence: 450K



## Observation:

- ▶ For accuracy, tune all the hyperparameters,
  - ▶ network size, learning rate, and the number of residual points.
  - ▶ Residual-based adaptive refinement by increasing residual points at “critical intervals”.
- ▶ The required network size depends on the smoothness of the PDE solution.
  - ▶ Smooth PDE solution: a small network is sufficient
  - ▶ Stiff PDE solution: a deeper and wider network is required for the PDEs to achieve a similar level of accuracy

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