

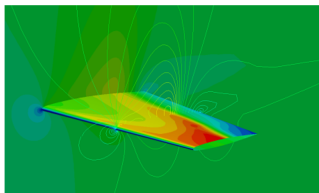
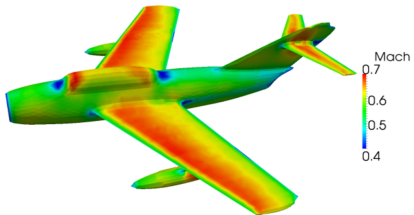
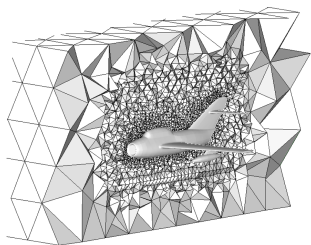
Deep Learning in CFD

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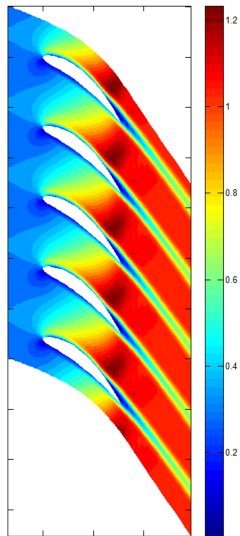
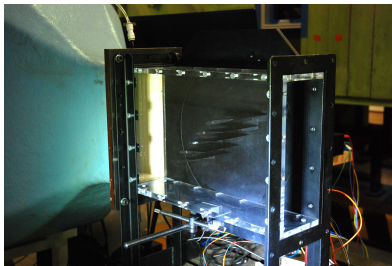
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CFD Introduction



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Navier-Stokes Equations - incompressible flow

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} = \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j}, \quad i = 1, \dots, D$$
$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

- p is pressure
- u_i is the velocity vector
- Re is the Reynolds number

Navier-Stokes Equations - Compressible flow

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial(\rho u_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u_i u_j + p \delta_{ij})}{\partial x_j} &= \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j}, \quad i = 1, \dots, D \\ \frac{\partial(\rho e)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u_i e + p u_i)}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\tau_{ij} u_i - q_i)\end{aligned}$$

- τ_{ij} is the viscous stress tensor

$$\tau_{ij} = \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \delta_{ij} \right)$$

- q_i is the heat flux vector

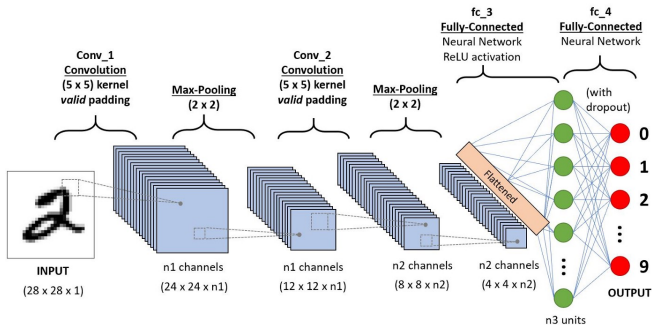
$$q_i = -\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \frac{1}{\text{Pr Re}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\frac{p}{\rho} \right)$$

- ρ is density
- u_i is the velocity vector
- e is the total energy per unit mass
- p is pressure
- γ is the heat capacity ratio
- Re is the Reynolds number
- Pr is the Prandtl number

Convolution Neural Networks

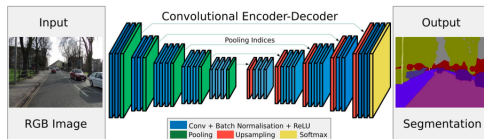
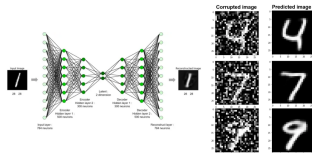
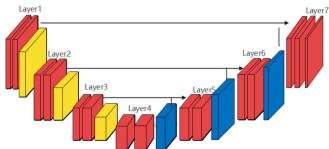
Convolution neural network

- used for image/object recognition and classification
- convolutional layer reduces the high dimensionality of images without losing its information



Encoder-decoder, Autoencoder and U-Net

- The output has the same character as the input
- Encoder-decoder:
 - image recognition, detection, and segmentation
- U-net:
 - is Encoder-decoder with skip connection
- Autoencoder:
 - encoder-decoder with unsupervised learning
 - is trained to copy its input to its output
 - used for image denoising, and anomaly detection



Pioneer Study

Convolution Neural Networks for CFD Problems

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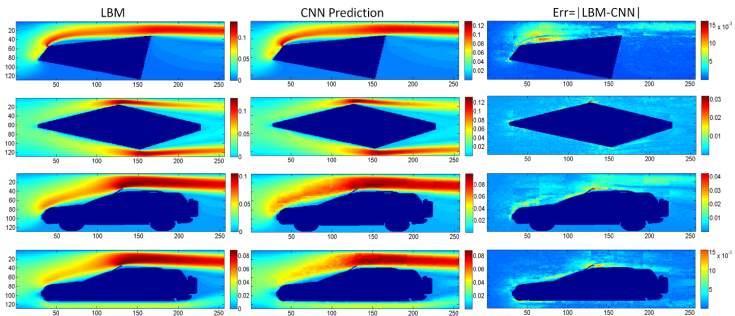
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Isn't a flow field just an image?

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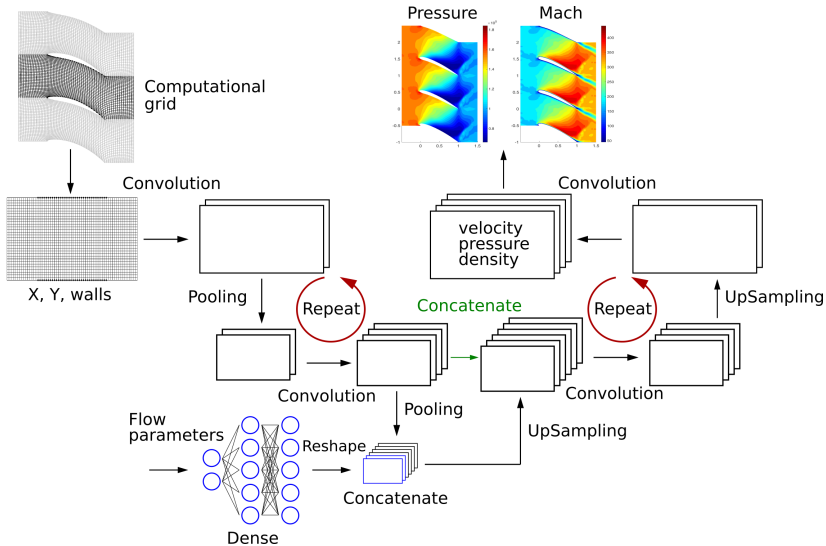
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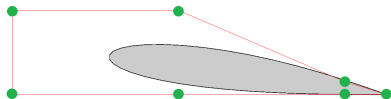
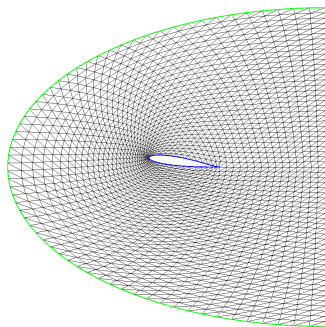
Prediction of Steady Flow Fields

Neural Network Architecture - U-net



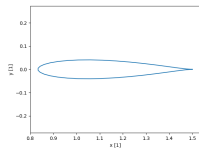
Stead flow around aerofoils

- Inviscid fluid flow around airfoil, angle of attack $\alpha = 0$, Mach number $M_\infty = 0.4$
- Aerofoil shape is described using the Bezier curve with 8 control points
- The first and the last points are fixed on the aerofoil trailing edge
- Set of 1866 aerofoils for various control point positions were generated
- **CNN input:** C-mesh with 64×32 points
- **CNN output:** flow field (ρ, p, u_x, u_y)

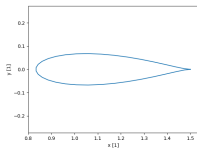


Prediction of Steady Flow Fields - Testing NACA Aerofoils

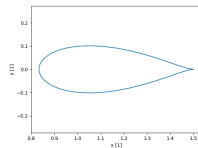
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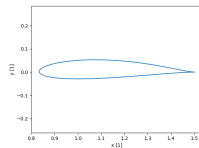
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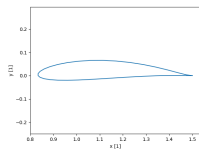
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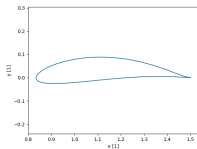
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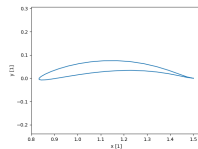
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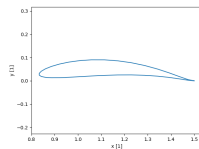
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Prediction of Steady Flow Fields - Flow Field (top CNN, bottom CFD)

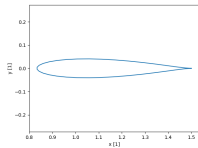
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x-velocity

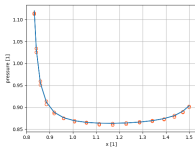
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Prediction of Steady Flow Fields - Pressure Distribution

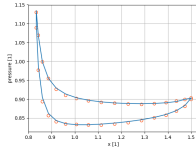
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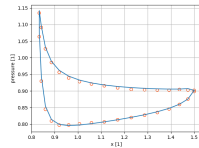
$\alpha = 0^\circ$



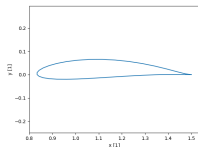
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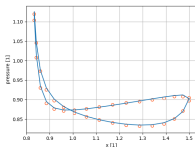
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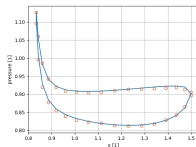
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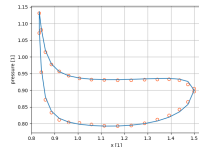
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$\alpha = 5^\circ$



$\alpha = 10^\circ$



Prediction of Steady Flow Fields - CNN Error

Absolute error $|c_L^{CFD} - c_L^{CNN}| \times 10^3$

$\alpha \backslash$ airfoil	0012	0020	0030	2412	4412	6615	8607	9210
0	0.88	1.52	0.87	0.67	0.34	2.38	1.99	2.26
5	0.93	0.85	0.69	1.57	0.13	3.50	0.96	1.39
10	1.97	0.57	2.68	2.08	2.02	5.37	0.59	0.31
20	4.82	2.93	3.82	4.67	3.98	4.25	4.44	1.72

Relative error $\frac{|c_L^{CFD} - c_L^{CNN}|}{|c_L^{CFD}|} \times 100$

$\alpha \backslash$ airfoil	0012	0020	0030	2412	4412	6615	8607	9210
0	-	-	-	7.00	1.78	9.71	5.91	5.08
5	2.57	2.63	2.60	3.45	0.24	6.12	2.07	4.76
10	2.89	0.93	5.30	2.71	2.39	6.29	0.75	0.56
20	4.51	3.00	4.54	4.11	3.32	3.52	3.88	1.92

Prediction of Steady Flow Fields - Summary

- Structured mesh with $64 \times 32 = 2048$ cells
- Training data set consisting of 1866 aerofoils

CFD solution:

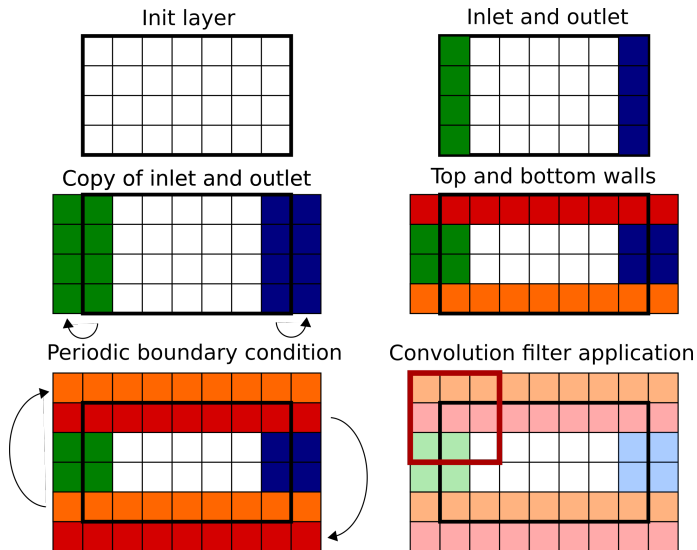
- DG method (FlowPro)
- First order of spatial accuracy
- Total CPU time to simulate flow for 1866 airfoils: **4.5hour**
- Average CPU time of a simulation for one aerofoil: **8.7s**
- Average CPU time of a simulation with second order of accuracy for one aerofoil: 26s

- The convolution neural network gives solution **1500 times faster** than a classical CFD solver.

CNN solution:

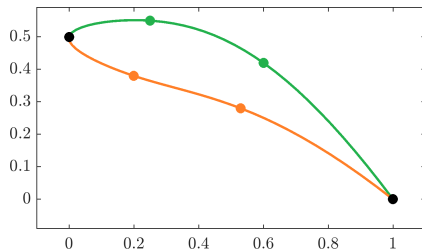
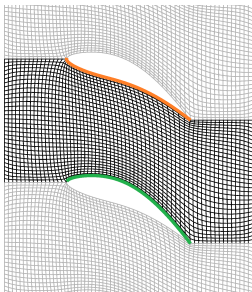
- Total CPU time of 1866 airfoils: **10.7s**
- CPU time of one solution: **0.0057s**

Main Neural Network Architecture - Convolution With Periodic Padding



Problem Setup

- Laminar fluid flow in a blade cascade
- Angle of attack $\alpha = 10^\circ$
- Mach numbers $Ma = 0.9$
- Reynolds numbers $Re = 10000$
- Structured grid with 64×32 points, generated by elliptic mesh generator
- Periodic boundary condition
- Blade shape is described by cubic spline with 6 control points

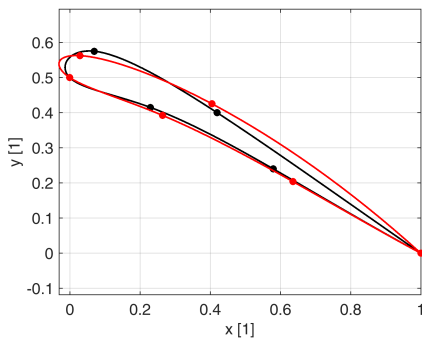
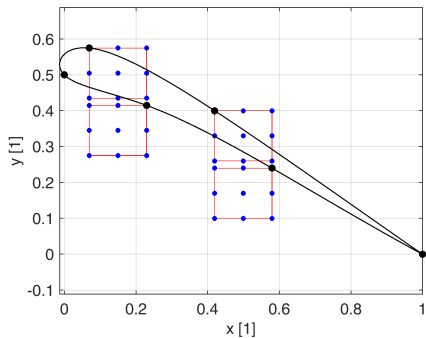


Neural Network - Summary

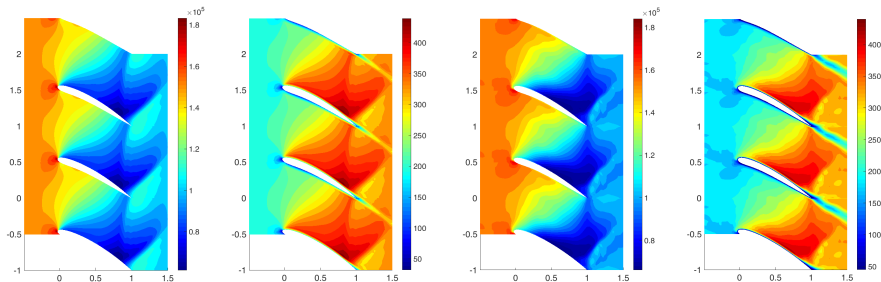
- **Input tensor** $[n_{spec}, n_1, n_2, 3]$, $(X, Y, walls)$ grid coordinates and wall markers ($n_1 = 64 \times 32 = n_2$ points)
- **Output tensor** $[n_{spec}, n_1, n_2, 4]$: flow field (u_x, u_y, p, ρ)
- 402 928 trainable parameters
- Trained on the set of 136 random aerofoils
- Keras and TensorFlow libraries, Python interface

Application - Blade Optimization

- Blade profile optimization for the inlet Mach number $M = 0.95$
- Target functional: $\max(f(\mathbf{x}))$, $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{c_L(\mathbf{x})}{1+c_D(\mathbf{x})}$, $c_L = \oint_{\Gamma} p n_y$, $c_D = \oint_{\Gamma} p n_x$
- Algorithm of optimization:
 - First step roughly search the state space - $9^4 = 6561$ combinations of control points - **13.3s of CPU time**
 - Second step perform 100 steps of gradient descent method - **32s of CPU time**



Comparison of flow fields for optimal blade



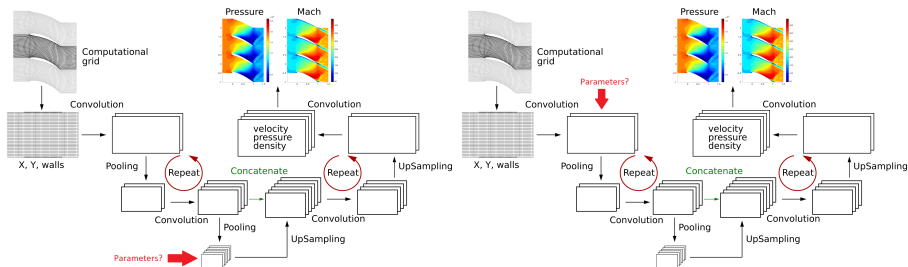
FlowPro (CFD software)

Neural network prediction

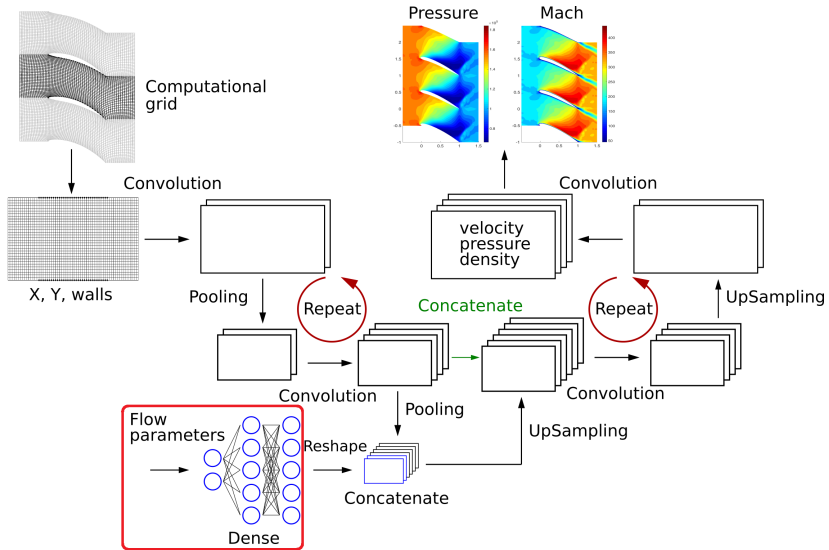
Parametrization

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- How to include parameters in the neural network?
- In general, the sooner is the better

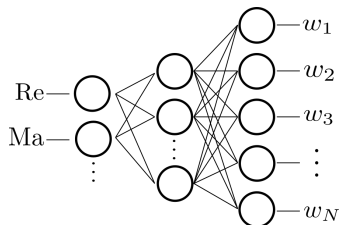


Main Neural Network Architecture - U-net

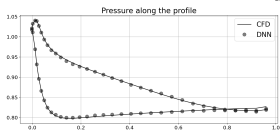
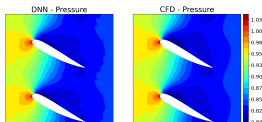
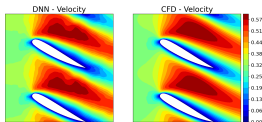


Hyper Neural Network

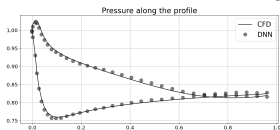
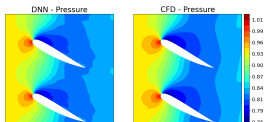
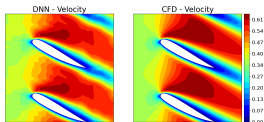
- Used for parametrization of a main network
- Main network is trained for all combinations of flow parameters and resulting weights are stored
- Map flow parameters into main neural network weights
- Dense neural network - one hidden layer



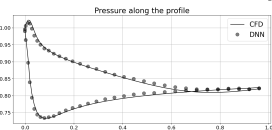
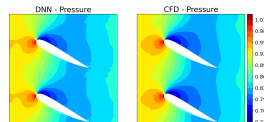
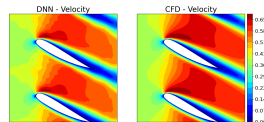
Hyper Neural Network - Single Parameter Re



$Re = 100$



$Re = 250$



$Re = 500$

Hyper Neural Network - Single Parameter Re

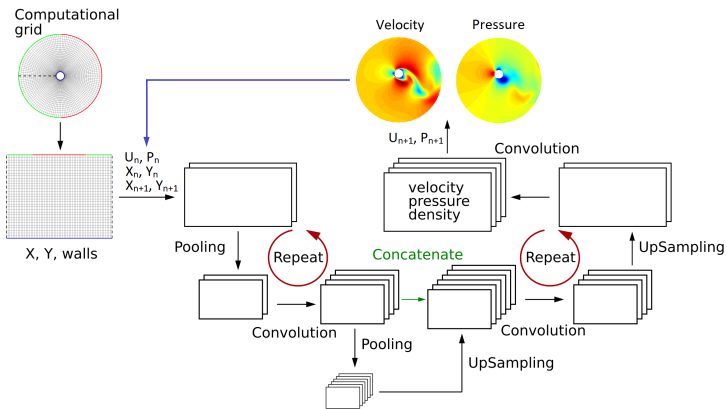
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heat capacity ratio	κ	1.4
Training Reynolds numbers	Re	100, 500, 1000
Prandtl number	Pr	0.72
pressure ratio	$p_{\text{out}}/p_{\text{in}_0}$	0.843
angle of attack	α	15°

Re	Drag		Lift	
	average err [%]	SD	average err [%]	SD
100	1.9	1.2	1.1	0.5
250	3.6	3.7	4.1	1.3
500	3.9	1.4	2.4	1.4
750	3.3	2.3	2.7	2.0
1000	2.9	1.7	3.0	2.3

Prediction of unsteady flow field

Neural network architecture

- The architecture is same as in the case of prediction steady flow field
- The solution of n time level is added as another input
- If the mesh is moving, the points coordinates in $n + 1$ time level are also added as another input
- The outputs is the solution at $n + 1$ time level



Unsteady flow field prediction

Flow field prediction with moving mesh

Fluid Structure Interaction

Vortex induced vibrations

- Structure equation of motion:

$$\ddot{y} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{y} + \omega_n^2 y = \frac{L}{m}$$

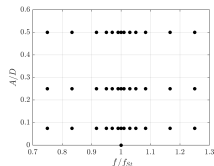
- Lift force:

$$L = \oint_{\Gamma} (\sigma_{xx} n_x + \sigma_{yx} n_y) dS$$

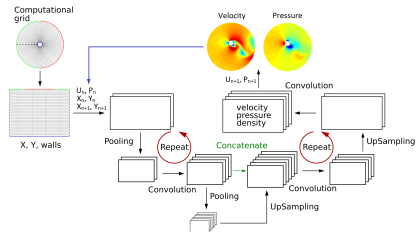
- Parameters:

- Damping ratio: $\zeta = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n}$
- Stiffness: $k = m\omega_n^2$
- Mass: $m = 10$
- Damping: $c = 0.25$
- Natural frequency: $f_n = \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi} = f_{St}$
- Strouhal frequency: $f_{St} = \frac{\mu}{\rho_{\infty} L^2} 0.212(\text{Re} - 21.2)$

- Convolution neural network predict unsteady flow-field with moving boundary
- Training frequencies and amplitudes:

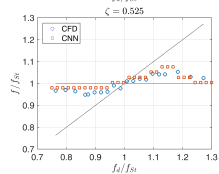
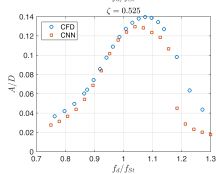
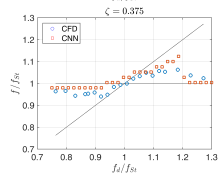
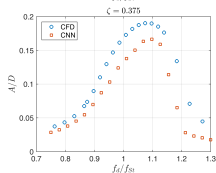
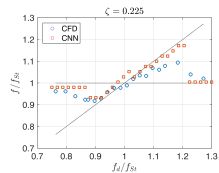
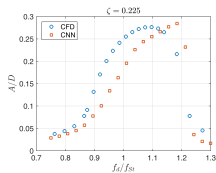


- Convolution neural network architecture:



Vortex induced vibration

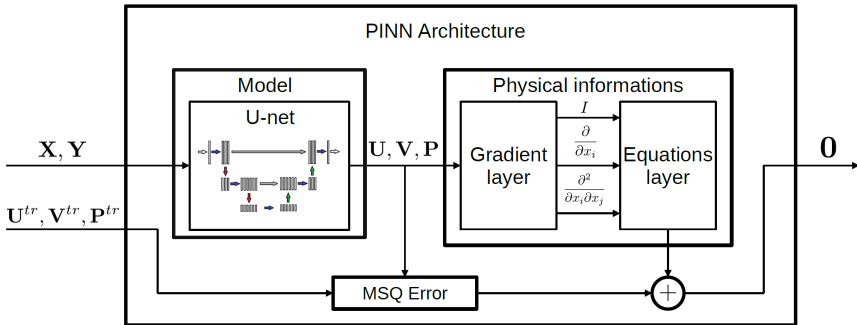
CNN predicted unsteady flow field



Physic Informed Neural Network

PINN architecture with convolution neural network

- implements the PDE of the problem into the loss function
- the model could be trained without training samples



Gradient layer

- compute first and second derivatives of the flow field variables u , v and p
- use Lagrangian interpolation

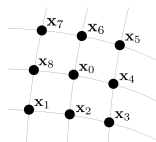
$$\mathcal{L}_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = a_0 + a_1x_i + a_2y_i + a_3x_iy_i + a_4x_i^2 + a_5y_i^2 + a_6x_i^2y_i + a_7x_iy_i^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = \delta_{ji}, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 8$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}_i) = a_1 + a_3y_i + 2a_4x_i + 2a_6x_iy_i + a_7y_i^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}_i) = a_2 + a_3x_i + 2a_5y_i + a_6x_i^2 + 2a_7x_iy_i$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial x^2}(\mathbf{x}_i) = 2a_4 + 2a_6y_i, \quad \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial y^2}(\mathbf{x}_i) = 2a_5 + 2a_7x_i$$



- coefficients a_i are pre-calculated and stored for each internal point of the training computation network
- resulting formulas for the first and second derivatives

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial x}(x_0), \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{x_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial y}(x_0),$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right|_{x_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial x^2}(x_0), \quad \left. \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial xy} \right|_{x_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial xy}(x_0), \quad \left. \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right|_{x_0} = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_j}{\partial y^2}(x_0).$$

Equation layer

- use derivatives computed in gradient layer
- evaluate loss function according to problem PDE

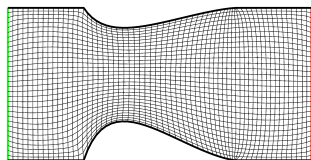
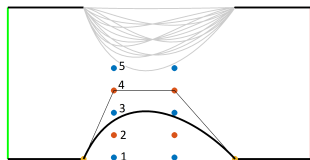
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$
$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{Re} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$
$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{Re} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

- loss function

$$C(u, v) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$
$$\mathcal{M}_x(u, v, p) = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{Re} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0$$
$$\mathcal{M}_y(u, v, p) = u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{Re} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0$$
$$Loss_{eq} = \lambda_C \|C(u, v)\| + \lambda_M \|\mathcal{M}_x(u, v, p)\| + \lambda_M \|\mathcal{M}_y(u, v, p)\|$$

Problem description

- incompressible fluid flow in the channel
- the walls are formed by Bezier curves
- 5 admissible positions of each control point



- geometrical variants

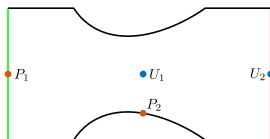
geometry set	control points set	number of samples
G_{135}	$\{1, 3, 5\}$	81
G_{15}	$\{1, 5\}$	16
G_{24}	$\{2, 4\}$	16

Problem description

- analyzed variants

variant	geometry set	CFD data set	PINN
A	G_{135}	T_{135}	false
B	G_{15}	T_{15}	false
C	G_{135}	0	true
D	G_{135}	T_{15}	true

- selected points for error measurement

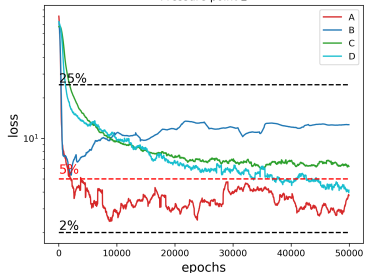
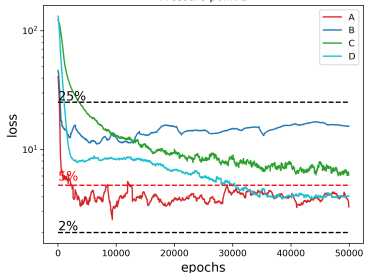
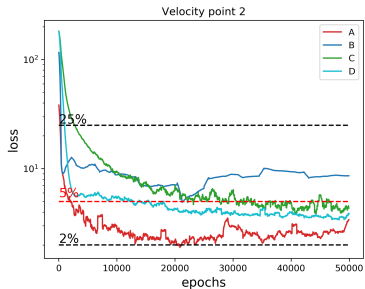
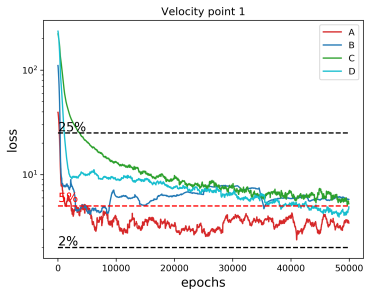


- error definition

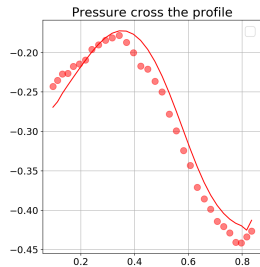
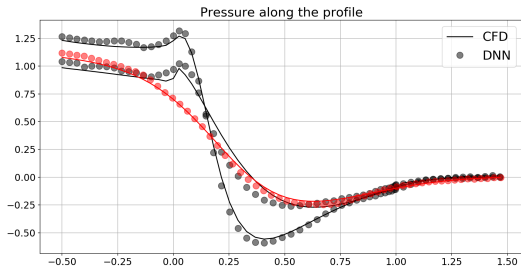
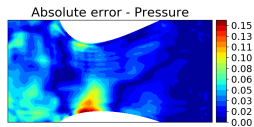
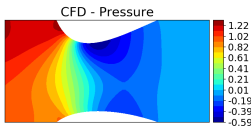
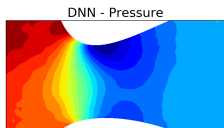
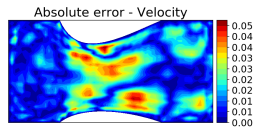
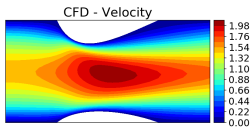
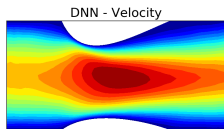
$$U_i^{err} = \frac{1}{n(G_{24})} \sum_{g \in G_{24}} \frac{U_i(g) - U_{ref}}{U_{ref}}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$P_i^{err} = \frac{1}{n(G_{24})} \sum_{g \in G_{24}} \frac{P_i(g) - P_{ref}}{P_{ref}}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

Results



Results - test geometry: 4, variant: A



Results - test geometry: 4, variant: C

