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# Robust Bayesian calibration of a RANS model for jet-in-crossflow simulations

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## Introduction



- Aim: Enable predictive RANS simulations of compressible jetin-crossflow configurations (JIC)
- **Problem:** JIC simulations not very predictive; suffer from:
  - Model-form errors i.e., missing physics
  - Use of constants derived from incompressible canonical flows
- Hypothesis: Prediction errors are caused mostly by wrong constants
  - Calibration solves this problem (quantify estimation uncertainty!)
  - Fixing model-form error has a smaller effect
  - Approximate the new constant using an analytical model
    - i.e., show that the calibrated constants are physical, not just a "curve-fit"
  - Explore if there exists a calibration that works across a set of JIC configurations

## The equations



### The model

• Devising a method to calibrate 3 k- $\varepsilon$  parameters **C** = {C<sub>µ</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>} from expt. data

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \rho k}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \rho u_i k - \left( \mu + \frac{\mu_T}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right] = P_k - \rho \varepsilon + S_k \\ \frac{\partial \rho \varepsilon}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \rho u_i \varepsilon - \left( \mu + \frac{\mu_T}{\sigma_\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_i} \right] = \frac{\varepsilon}{k} \left( C_1 f_1 P_k - C_2 f_2 \rho \varepsilon \right) + S_\varepsilon \\ \mu_T &= C_\mu f_\mu \rho \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon} \end{split}$$

- Calibration parameters
  - **C** = { $C_{\mu}$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ };  $C_{\mu}$ : affects turbulent viscosity;  $C_1 \& C_2$ : affects dissipation of TKE
- Model-form error

$$-\tau_{ij} = -\overline{u_i'u_j'} = \frac{2}{3}k\delta_{ij} - \nu_T S_{ij} + \nu_T \frac{k}{\epsilon} \sum_{l=1}^3 c_l f_l(S,\omega) + \nu_T \left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)^2 \sum_{l=4}^7 c_l f_l(S,\omega)$$

 Currently only linear terms are used (linear eddy viscosity model, LEVM); does adding more terms help in increasing prediction accuracy?

## Target problem - jet-in-crossflow

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- A canonical problem for spinrocket maneuvering, fuel-air mixing etc.
- We have experimental data (PIV measurements) on the cross- and mid-plane
- Will calibrate to vorticity on the crossplane and test against midplane





## RANS (k-ω) simulations - crossplane results





- Crossplane results for stream
- Computational results (SST) are too round; Kw98 doesn't have the mushroom shape; non-symmetric!
- Less intense regions; boundary layer too weak

## Calibration



- Bayesian calibration Develop a PDF for  $(C\mu, C_2, C_1)$ 
  - Captures the uncertainty in the estimation
  - Will be performed for 4 (Mach, J) combinations, to see how generalizable the calibration is
- We pose the calibration as a statistical/Bayesian inverse problem
  - Solve it using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
  - Requires O(10<sup>4</sup>) samples/generations to give converged PDFs
    - Implies O(10<sup>4</sup>) invocations of the forward problem
  - Samples taken sequentially, not concurrently, so takes a long time
- Observational data for calibration: velocity measurements (PIV) on the midplane
  - 5 streamwise locations with 63 measurement points per location ~ 315 "probes"
- Observational data for testing: vorticity measurements on the crossplane



## The Bayesian calibration problem

• Model experimental values at probe j as  $v^{(j)}_{ex} = v^{(j)}(C) + \varepsilon^{(j)}$ ,  $\varepsilon^{(j)} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ 

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{v}_{ex}|\mathcal{C}) \propto \prod_{j \in P} \exp\left(-\frac{\left(v_{ex}^{(j)} - v^{(j)}(c)\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

• Given prior beliefs  $\pi$  on **C**, the posterior density ('the PDF') is

$$P(C, \sigma | \mathbf{v}_{ex}) \propto \Lambda(\mathbf{v}_{ex} | C) \pi(C, \sigma)$$

- P(C|v<sub>ex</sub>) is a complicated distribution that has to be visualized by drawing samples from it
- This is done by MCMC
  - MCMC describes a random walk in the parameter space
  - Each step of the walk requires a model run to check out the new parameter combination

## Forward model and surrogates

- 3D, finite volume, unsteady Roe solver
  - 10<sup>7</sup> mesh, 10<sup>4</sup> CPU hours to steady state. Can't be used in MCMC
- Surrogate models: A "curve-fit" replacement for aero solver
  - $v^{(j)} = a^{(j)}_{0} + a^{(j)}_{1}C\mu + a^{(j)}_{2}C_{2} + a^{(j)}_{3}C_{1} + a^{(j)}_{4}C\mu C_{2} + a^{(j)}_{5}C\mu C_{1} + \dots$
- Making surrogates
  - Generate ~5000 (Cµ, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>) samples (bounds are known); run RANS
  - For the rest, OLS fitting for a<sup>(j)</sup>
    - Simplify using AIC
  - If within 10% of RANS, accept surrogate as being "accurate enough"
- Usually left with ~50 / 315 probes where we can make sufficiently good surrogates

Probes

All probes. Those with surrogates are in red and track the jet 8

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## Solution of the inverse problem

- We estimated  $\mathbf{C} = (C_{\mu}, C_2, C_1)$  for 4 (M, J) cases
  - M = [0.6, 0.7], J = 10.2
  - M = 0.8, J = [10.2, 16.7]
- A few commonalities
  - C<sub>2</sub> is higher than nominal
  - C<sub>1</sub> (nominal) is probably OK
  - Cµ ?? probably does not affect mean flow much and is not constrained by it
- σ show that
  - M = 0.7 case probably best fit
  - M = 0.6 case worst fit



Vertical green lines:

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Dashed: nominal value

Solid: Analytical model's estimate



## Check # 1 – point vortex summary

- Same 100 C from the PDF, run them forward
- Use the crossplane vorticity fields from the ensemble to compute
  - Total circulation, centroid of vorticity field, radius of gyration of vorticity field
  - Normalize each by their experimental counterpart
- We expect to get an ensemble of values for each metric around 1
  - We also find a  $C_{opt} = \{0.1025,$ 2.09, 1.42} that provides the best predictions



The spread of point vortex summaries are tightly distributed around 1. The red circles are the predictions from the nominal values of C



## Check # 2 – the vorticity field





### RANS predictions with C<sub>nom</sub>

RANS predictions with  $\mathbf{C}_{opt}$ 

- Contours are plotted using the experimental measurements
- The improvement is significant

# Check # 3 – mid-plane comparisons



M = 0.8, J = 10.2, case

## Check #4 - M = 0.7 case





• M = 0.7, J = 10.2

## **Combining PDFs**



- The 4 PDFs have overlaps
  - Could (C<sub>µ</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>) samples from the overlap region be predictive for all 4 cases?
- Take 100 samples each from the 4 PDFS; simulate all 4 cases with them
  - Call each RANS run, seeded with a (C<sub>μ</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>) sample, a separate "model"
    - We have an ensemble of 400 models
- Could a weighted average of 400 models reproduce experimental velocities for all 4 cases? BMA!
  - If yes, then the weights of each model i.e., (C<sub>μ</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>) combination, could be used to make a PDF over them
  - That becomes a PDF that's useable for all 4 cases
  - But only if they cluster in a region, to make a unimodal PDF

## **Combining PDFs - results**





Histogram of model weights

400 **C** samples, colored by the PDF they were drawn from

- 22/400 account for 99.9% of the probability mass
- They don't cluster. Failed!

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## Model-form error

- Hypothesis: The simple form of the EVM is responsible for lack of predictive skill
  - Can enriching it fix the problem?

$$-\tau_{ij} = -\overline{u'_i u'_j} = \frac{2}{3} k \delta_{ij} - \nu_T S_{ij} + \nu_T \frac{k}{\epsilon} \sum_{l=1}^3 c_l f_l(S,\omega) + \nu_T \left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)^2 \sum_{l=4}^7 c_l f_l(S,\omega)$$

- We do have estimates of c<sub>l</sub> from incompressible canonical flow
- Which terms do we include? We don't have enough expt data to estimate all 7 terms
- Pose a shrinkage problem
  - We have measurements of *k*, S,  $\omega$  and  $\tau_{ij}$  on the midplane; no  $\varepsilon$
  - Approximate ε as Production = destruction
  - $\min_{\mathbf{c}} \|\tau_{ij} \mathbf{A}(k,\epsilon,S,\omega)\mathbf{c}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\mathbf{c}\|_{1}$
  - This will retain only those c<sub>l</sub> that are supported by observations
- Note that the values of c<sub>l</sub> so obtained are not trustworthy

## **Model-form error results**





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- Good value of  $\lambda$  obtained via 7-fold cross-validation
- Final chosen value of  $\lambda$  retains one extra quadratic term ( $\omega^2$ ) in the EVM



## **Calibrating QEVM**

- While we have an enriched EVM, we still have a problem values of constants
- Calibration shows (again) that appropriate values of C<sub>2</sub> are different from nominal
  - And C<sub>1</sub> is close to OK
- We'll check the calibration via a "pushed-forward posterior"



## Vorticity, crossplane



Uncalibrated, LEVM

Calibrated, QEVM

- Experiments: Contours
- Significant improvement

Uncalibrated, CEVM







## Velocities, midplane

- Velocities on the mid plane match experiments, after calibration
- Neither QEVM and LEVM, before calibration, are predictive





## Discussion



- We have shown how Bayesian calibration improves predictive skill
  - New (C<sub>μ</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>) could be a mere artefact to fitting to data; may have no physical significance
  - But analytical model predictions very close to predictions with C<sub>opt</sub>
    - Next talk: C<sub>opt</sub> ~ C<sub>analytical</sub>
  - Our calibration *does* yield physically realistic constants
- We've also explored enriching the LEVM, but no great improvements
  - For this particular configuration, it does not seem to be about modelform errors, but inappropriate constants
  - Dechant (next talk) will show how and why the calibrated constants are the good ones

## Conclusions



- We have explored the causes behind non-predictive JIC RANS computations
  - We think we should be using very different constants
  - We inferred the "good" values of the constants via Bayesian calibration
  - Calibrated PDFs more accurate than the nominal values
  - Also, calibration supported via analytical verification
- We addressed model-form error too
  - In this case, the inappropriate constants overwhelmed model-form error
  - Regardless, the model-form error exists, and manifests itself in the turbulent stresses
  - They don't match measurements



## BACKGROUND

## RANS (k-ω) simulations – midplane <sup>Sandia</sup> results



- Experimental results in black
- All models are pretty inaccurate (blue and red lines are the nonsymmetric results)