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1.1 Context

Turbulent fluid flows play an important role in many industrial processes, including most large scale power generation means. Detailed understanding of turbulent flows is not only important in the context of the optimization of production means such as wind farms, but essential for nuclear energy production in pressurized water reactors, where thermal hydraulics plays a central role in safety studies and demonstrations. In the regulatory context of nuclear power production, Validation, Verification, and uncertainty Quantification (VVUQ) aspects must be at the state of the art when fluid flow simulations are involved. As the flows involved in both normal and accidental conditions can be very complex, confidence in simulation results relies on both identifying and ranking the expected flow features, and ensuring the appropriate physical flow features are handled by the models used. As local CFD simulations are very resource intensive, simpler models are preferred when sufficient, and more complex ones where necessary. This requires good expert knowledge of how various modeling options predict different phenomena. Even though the governing equations for fluid flows have been developed by Navier and Stokes for more than a century, its modelling was not rendered possible until the 1970s by the invention of many numerical methods and turbulence models, such as $k - \varepsilon$ model, in computational fluid dynamics (CFD). Even after another half century of exponential development of the high performance computing resources, the direct numerical simulation (DNS) of turbulent flows remains out of reach for the industrial applications owing to its stochastic nature and the wide range of temporal and spatial scales. To overcome the computational burden induced by the turbulent structures with universal characteristics at small scales, large eddy simulation (LES) was proposed to solve the large scale turbulent structures while modelling the small scale ones, which significantly reduces the computational costs compared to DNS but not cheap enough to be massively employed in industry.

As a result, the Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) simulations supplemented by turbulence closure models still dominate the engineering design, performance analysis and optimization of the industrial equipment. Even though different turbulence models are indiscriminately applied to simulate various flow phenomena, their accuracy in the

specific scenario is still questionable. For example, the standard $k - \varepsilon$ model is valid in the simple flows but not in complex flows such as the adverse pressure gradient flows, separation and reattachment, jet impingement. The standard $k - \varepsilon$ turbulence model overestimates the turbulent kinetic energy level at the stagnation point. A modified $k - \varepsilon$ turbulence model with linear production term can avoid this anomaly. While Wilcox's $k - \omega$ model is superior than $k - \varepsilon$ model for the prediction of flow with adverse pressure gradient, the eddy viscosity in the free stream is very sensitive to the small variation of ω value which leads to the proposal of Menter's shear stress transport (SST) $k - \omega$ model. The linear eddy-viscosity models fail to predict the secondary flow in the square duct flow case, but the quadratic $k - \varepsilon$ model and second-order Reynolds Stress models (RSM) can reproduce this secondary flow structure due to anisotropy. The RSMs solving six transport equations for the components of Reynolds stresses are deemed more suitable for anisotropic flows such as swirling flows and secondary flows at the cost of much higher computational expense than the first-order turbulence models. As shown in Fig. 1.1, the experimental data shows that the swirling flow inside the vortex generator has the highest swirling magnitude near the cylinder center indicated by the peak tangential velocity. As expected, LES well predicts the positions of the peak values and the general profiles of the tangential velocity. As a comparison to the failure of $k - \omega$ SST on predicting the tangent velocity profile in the center region, $R_{ij} - \varepsilon$ SSG can well capture the strong rotation in the center region though the predicted peak magnitude is lower than the experimental data. Despite its superiority compared with the first-order turbulence models, RSMs also have the drawbacks such as the stability problem with regard to the mesh quality.

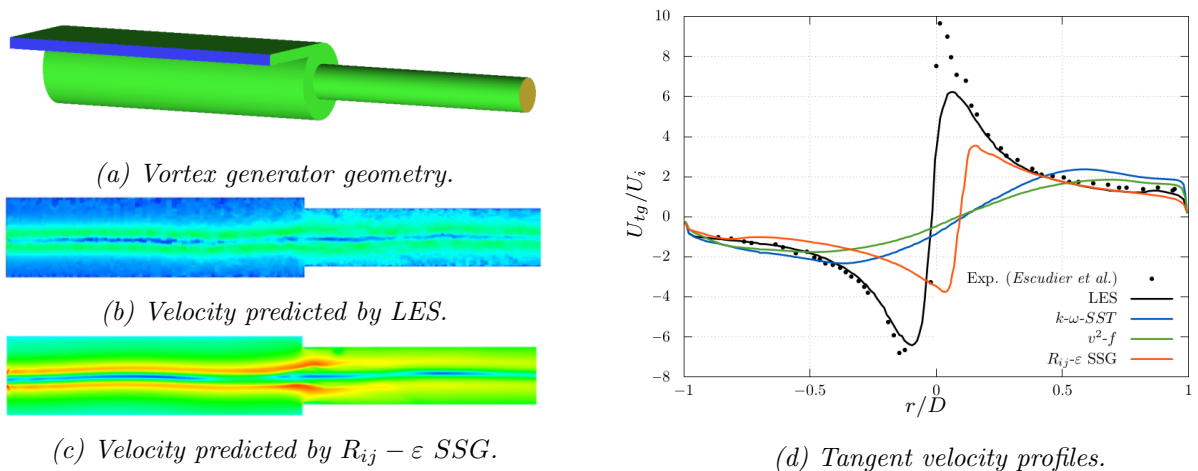


Figure 1.1: Tangent velocity profiles predicted by different turbulence models in vortex generator.

1.2 Objectives and strategy

As already shown in the previous section, some turbulence models are better adapted for various flow phenomena. How to accurately simulate each flow phenomenon requires not only the knowledge about the underlying physics but also the expertise of the code. At EDF, various simulation tools have been used and developed for many years, whether for less detailed but complete system tools, specialized “component level” models, or general purpose CFD models when detailed flow modeling is needed. Over decades of development of the finite volume method CFD solver code `_saturne`, the I8A group of the

département mécanique des fluides, énergie et environnement (MFEE) as the development team accumulated around 100 verification and validation cases for diverse flow phenomena. Before the release of each new version of `code_saturne`, these cases are carefully run to ensure the correctness of the coding and validity of the models. For each case, the simulation results obtained with different turbulence models and numerical methods are compared with the experimental data. These cases can form a potential optimal model configuration pool as the reference to better simulate corresponding flow phenomenon. As a long term goal, integrating this expertise into the code to make the simulation more automatic or to give suggestions to the user can improve user's confidence on the result.

Deep learning (DL) or machine learning (ML) can be a promising direction to solve this challenging task. Recently, we have witnessed a great success of ML on the pattern recognition in images and audios such as YOLO, discovering the potential relationship from biomedical scans and observations to the pathology, human knowledge integration such as ChatGPT, recommendation system over films and commercial products, generated content such as DALL·E. Nowadays, all these available ML techniques to extract knowledge from ever-growing data have become the alternatives for the fluid dynamics community to understand the underlying mechanics. Enthralled by its excellent capability of fitting the non-linear relationship between input and output, many CFD researchers have embraced MLs to address various tasks, such as turbulence models closure, model form uncertainty quantification, flow fields super-resolution, accelerating or completely replacing the cumbersome CFD solvers and so on. However, these models are not in general predictive enough to constitute an alternative to general CFD simulation. These tools show more short term promise where used to represent complex physical property behavior or as a component of turbulence or phase change models, but even there, the lack of explainability of associated simulation results would make their use difficult to justify in a nuclear safety regulatory context. Whereas when used to assist an engineer in the identification of flow types, so as to help verifying and checking model choices, while keeping the human in the loop, AI models could increase engineer productivity and confidence in simulation results even when using classical simulation tools.

The general roadmap to realize this long term goal is shown in Fig. 1.2. The user sets the initial configuration of the CFD and launches the calculation. A machine learning (ML) algorithm identifies whether a certain flow phenomenon exists inside the initial CFD result based on the selected features characterizing the flow phenomenon. This ML model can be trained on the dataset formed by the experimental data and high-fidelity CFD data, especially `code_saturne` validation cases. Industrial flows can combine several different flow phenomena, which may each have a small to dominant aspect on the overall flow. For example, buoyancy phenomena can drive the flow when no other forces are present, lead to stratifications where the velocity is not strong, or be a negligible factor when the flow is driven by stronger convection. Presence of vortices related to turbulence may lead to mixing and prevent a stratification from appearing, and vortices may be generated both by geometric features such as backward-facing steps or other obstacles even in low velocity conditions, and by turbulence related to shear in the flow. In our case, we will start by trying to identify a few different common separate flow phenomena, such as the presence of large vortices or of stratification, and if that detection is successful, work on detecting combinations of these features. At this stage, as most basic phenomena can be present in 2D flows, the lower resulting computational cost, associated turnaround time, and data volume associated with these flows can allow for more experimentation and finer analysis. Then, as some features such as secondary vortices may be detected by

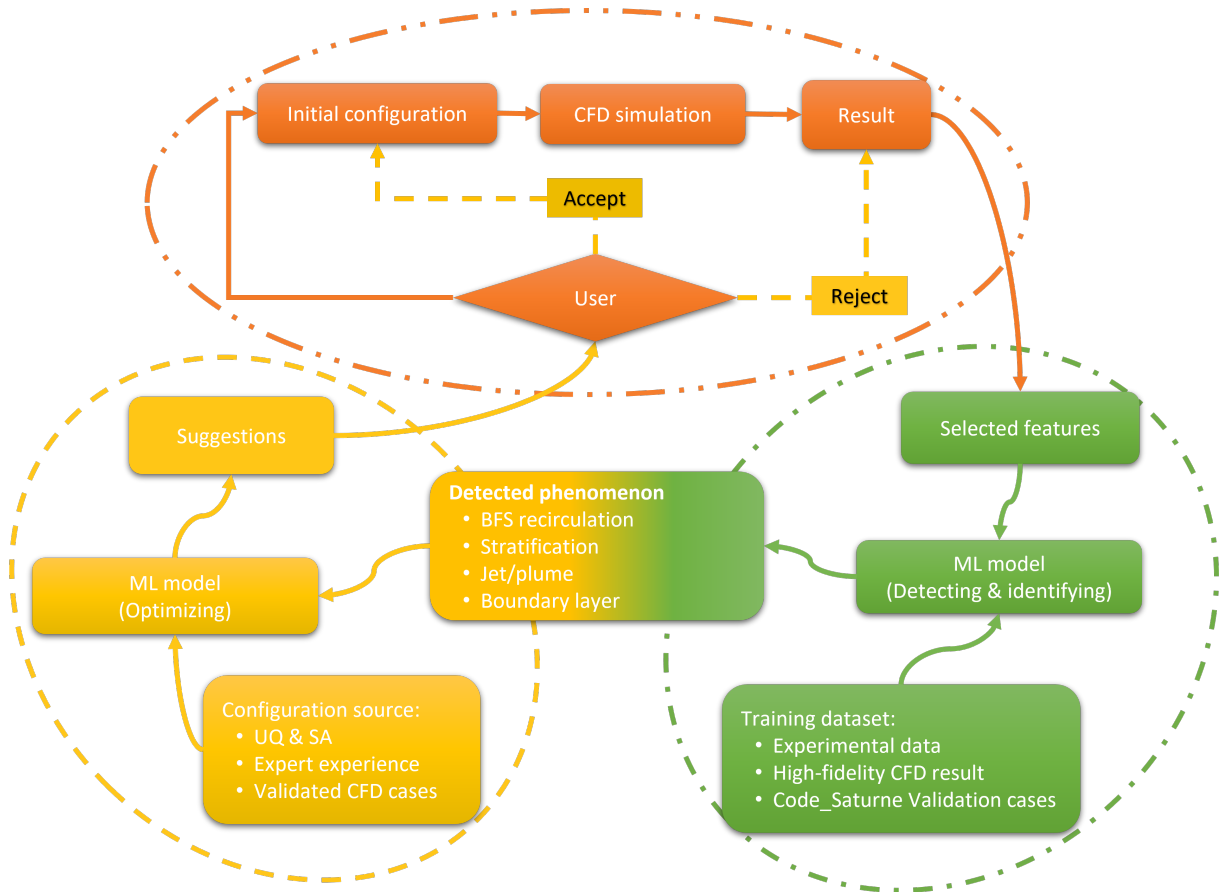


Figure 1.2: General strategy to give suggestions on CFD configuration.

some modeling options, and not reproduced by some simplified turbulence models, we will test and adapt the detection to at least one such example. If multiple flow phenomena exist, the phenomena identification and ranking table (PIRT) method can be used to find out the one that has the greatest impact on the result accuracy.

Based on the detected flow phenomenon, the second machine learning algorithm trained on the dataset consisting of the configuration knowledge for various flow phenomena can propose to the user the optimal model configuration. The candidate configurations for the flow phenomena can come from different sources, such as uncertainty quantification and sensitivity analysis of turbulence models and numerical schemes, expert experience and code_saturne verification and validation cases. The user finally decides whether to accept the suggestion, modify the model configuration and relaunch the simulation or to reject the proposal and keep the initial result.

This manuscript focuses on the first step indicated by the green circle in the figure - flow phenomena identification. Since local features can not fully characterize certain flow phenomena which normally have a spatial distribution, it is natural to use the MLs which are able to process data on meshes. Thus we firstly use convolutional neural network (CNN) to identify flow structures. Our objective is to detect the presence of a specific flow phenomenon in the CFD result and distinguish it from the other regions which is very similar to the object detection/segmentation in computer vision (CV). Different from the object detection/segmentation in CV, there are several difficulties to overcome:

- **Contradiction between small data-set and broad generality.** On the contrary of the presence of large public dataset in CV, such as MNIST, CIFAR-100,

ImageNet, etc, no widely accepted data-set exists in CFD community. There will not be such a dataset coming out in the near future due to several facts. Different input features are needed for corresponding task-specific algorithm. Higher dimensionality of CFD results data increases the requirement for the data storage and computation resources. The vast range of influencing parameters, such as different Re numbers, geometries, mesh topologies, turbulence models, make the large data-set impossible. Consequently, all the ML applications in fluid dynamics are trained on the small data-set and lose generality once applied to outlier cases. We would like to find an algorithm with a good generalizability to scenarios of different Re numbers, turbulence models, geometry and mesh topologies.

- **Adaptability to unstructured meshes.** Most of the ML flow detection algorithms are not suitable for unstructured meshes which are usually used for industrial cases to fit the complex geometries. Deforming the mesh or interpolate data onto structured meshes is plausible remedy for these methods but unrealistic and very complex for intricate geometries. We extend the CNN paradigm to graph neural networks (GNNs) to resolve this problem.
- **Computational efficiency.** Computational cost becomes significant for GNNs compared with CNNs especially for 3D cases with large quantity of cells. An appropriate ML model should not bring excessive cost to the simulation.

1.3 Manuscript organisation

This manuscript is organised as follows:

Chapter 2 introduces the basic knowledge of turbulent flows and its simulation. The Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) simulations with the commonly used turbulence models are described firstly. The main numerical methods employed in the finite volume method (FVM) solver code `_saturne` are detailed including time and space discretisation methods, wall modeling models and the algebraic multigrid method.

Chapter 3 introduces the fundamental concepts of machine learning such as the general procedure in the supervised training, the typical terminologies in the neural networks are introduced at the beginning. Two main machine learning algorithms used in this research, CNN and GNN, are described.

Chapter 4 is a review of the current applications of MLs in CFD domain. Although the current work is confined to identification of flow phenomena inside the CFD results, the literature also covers more applications of MLs such as turbulence model closure, surrogate modelling, flow field super-resolution in the hope that these studies can enlighten the following researches.

Chapter 5 details how to apply CNN to identify flow phenomena on Cartesian meshes. The factors that may influence the detecting accuracy are investigated firstly, such as data interpolation methods and mesh refinement. The feasibility of using CNN to identify the vortex shedding behind the backward-facing step by CNN is shown. A vortex auto-labelling algorithm based on the random walking on the directed graph is proposed to label the vortices on 2D mesh. The results show that CNN can efficiently and accurately locate the vortices based on the rudimentary velocity field. The CNN model can be easily extended to detect other flow phenomena such as thermal stratification by slightly modified the architecture.

Chapter 6 extends the methodology of identifying flow phenomena from Cartesian meshes in the previous chapter to unstructured meshes by using GNN. Three graph convolution kernels, the direct counterparts of the conventional CNN convolution kernel, are tested on identifying 2D vortexes. The computational cost is more prominent in the GNNs and can be addressed by using U-Net architecture on the graph hierarchy generated by the algebraic multigrid method in the code `_saturne`. A new GNN kernel is proposed which is more suitable to identify the flow phenomena on graphs derived from CFD meshes and more computational efficient. The generalization of the proposed framework to 3D flow phenomena is exemplified on detecting the 3D vortex inside the vortex generator case at the end.

Chapter 7 concludes the manuscript and points out the future perspectives.

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The turbulent flow characteristics and its governing equations are firstly described in this chapter. Though different strategies to simulate turbulent flows exist, we mainly focus on simulations using Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations and turbulence models. Thus RANS equations and the most used turbulence models are reviewed. The main numerical methods employed in code_saturne are introduced briefly at the end.

2.1 Turbulent flow and its governing equations

2.1.1 Turbulent flow

Most of the engineering flow problems focus on the turbulent flow where the velocity and other properties vary in a random and chaotic way. The velocity measurement at a point in the turbulent flow is shown in Fig. 2.1.

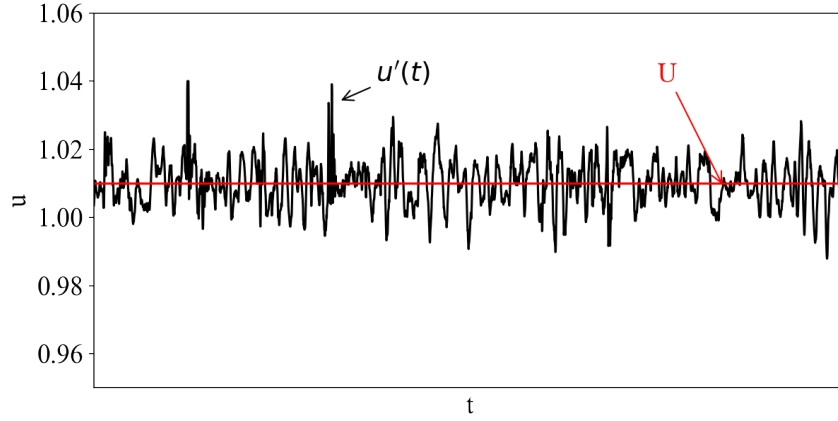


Figure 2.1: Velocity fluctuation in turbulent flow.

The fluctuation of the velocity in the turbulent flow is due to the existence of the eddies of a wide range of length, time and velocity scales. The length (l), velocity (u) scales of the largest eddies are of the same order as the velocity scale U and length scale L of the mean flow. Thus the Reynolds number for the large eddies $Re_l = ul/\nu$ is large indicating the largest eddies are dominated by inertia effects and viscous effects are negligible. The fluctuation of the largest eddies are different in different directions and affected by the boundary condition, thus anisotropic.

The largest eddies interact with and obtain energy from the mean flow through vortex stretching. The large eddies are unstable and break up. The energy is transferred from large eddies to smaller and smaller scales till the smallest scales where the turbulent energy is dissipated into thermal internal energy. This process is termed as energy cascade.

The characteristic scales of the smallest turbulent motions are called the Kolmogorov scales including the length (η), time (τ_η) and velocity (u_η) scales formed by the rate of dissipation of turbulent energy ε and kinematic viscosity ν :

$$\eta \equiv \left(\frac{\nu^3}{\varepsilon} \right)^{1/4}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\tau_\eta \equiv \left(\frac{\nu}{\varepsilon} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$u_\eta \equiv (\nu\varepsilon)^{1/4}. \quad (2.3)$$

The Reynolds number based on the Kolmogorov scales is unity:

$$Re_\eta = \frac{\eta u_\eta}{\nu} = 1, \quad (2.4)$$

indicating the inertial and viscous affects are of equal strength. The ratio of the length, time and velocity scales η , τ_η , u_η of the smallest eddies to the length, time and velocity scales l , T , u of the largest eddies are estimated as:

$$\frac{\eta}{l} \approx Re_l^{-3/4}, \quad \frac{\tau_\eta}{T} \approx Re_l^{-1/2}, \quad \frac{u_\eta}{u} \approx Re_l^{-1/4}, \quad (2.5)$$

which means the length and time scales of the smallest eddies decrease as the large-eddy Reynolds number Re_l increases. The smallest eddies are isotropic, their directionality is smeared out by the diffusive action of viscosity.

2.1.2 Governing equations

The incompressible Newtonian fluid flow is governed by the continuity equation and momentum conservation equations (Navier-Stokes equations):

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + S_{M_i}. \quad (2.7)$$

where t, p, ρ, ν, S_M are the time, pressure, fluid density, kinematic viscosity, momentum source term, respectively, and the transport equation for the possible scalar ϕ :

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} = \Gamma_e \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} + S_i \phi + S_e, \quad (2.8)$$

where Γ_e represents the effective diffusivity of ϕ , $S_i \phi$ and S_e are the implicit and explicit parts of the source term, respectively.

2.1.3 Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations

The Reynolds decomposition decomposes instantaneous velocity $u(t)$ into the steady mean value U and the fluctuating component $u'(t)$:

$$u(t) = U + u'(t), \quad (2.9)$$

by time averaging:

$$U = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_0^{\Delta t} u(t) dt, \quad (2.10)$$

where the time duration Δt is selected to be larger than the time scale of the slowest variation. The time average of the fluctuation part $u'(t)$ is zero:

$$\overline{u'(t)} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_0^{\Delta t} u'(t) dt = 0. \quad (2.11)$$

The time averages of instantaneous variables $\phi = \Phi + \phi'$ and $\psi = \Psi + \Psi'$ and their summation, derivatives and integrals are summarized here:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\phi'} = \overline{\psi'} = 0, \quad \overline{\Phi} = \Phi, \quad \frac{\overline{\partial \phi}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}, \quad \int \overline{\phi} dx = \int \Phi dx, \\ \overline{\phi + \psi} = \Phi + \Psi, \quad \overline{\phi \psi} = \Phi \Psi + \overline{\phi' \psi'}, \quad \frac{\overline{\phi \Psi}}{\phi \Psi} = \Phi \Psi, \quad \overline{\phi' \Psi} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the time averaging process to every term in the Navier-Stokes equations we obtain the Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations for incompressible Newtonian flow:

$$\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_i} = 0, \quad (2.12a)$$

$$\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial t} + U_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} - \frac{\partial \overline{u'_i u'_j}}{\partial x_j} + S_{M_i}. \quad (2.12b)$$

The extra terms at the right hand side of the RANS momentum equations $\overline{u'_i u'_j}$ are called Reynolds stresses which contains six unknown variables and should be modeled to close the equation set.

2.2 Turbulent flow simulation strategies

A typical energy cascade of turbulent flow is shown in Fig. 2.2. The left end part of this turbulence energy spectrum plot contains the large-scale vortexes which are influenced by the geometry, extract the energy from the mainstream flow and contain the majority of the total energy. The right end part of the spectrum contains the smallest eddies at Kolmogorov scale which account for only a small portion of the total turbulent energy. Between the energy-containing range and the dissipation range there is an inertial subrange where the eddies are determined by inertial effects, accept the energy transferred from the larger eddies in the energy-containing range and further pass it down to the smaller eddies in the dissipation range. There are three levels of simulating the turbulent flow depending on to which scale of turbulence it solves: direct numerical simulation (DNS), large eddy simulation (LES) and simulation of Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations together with turbulence models.

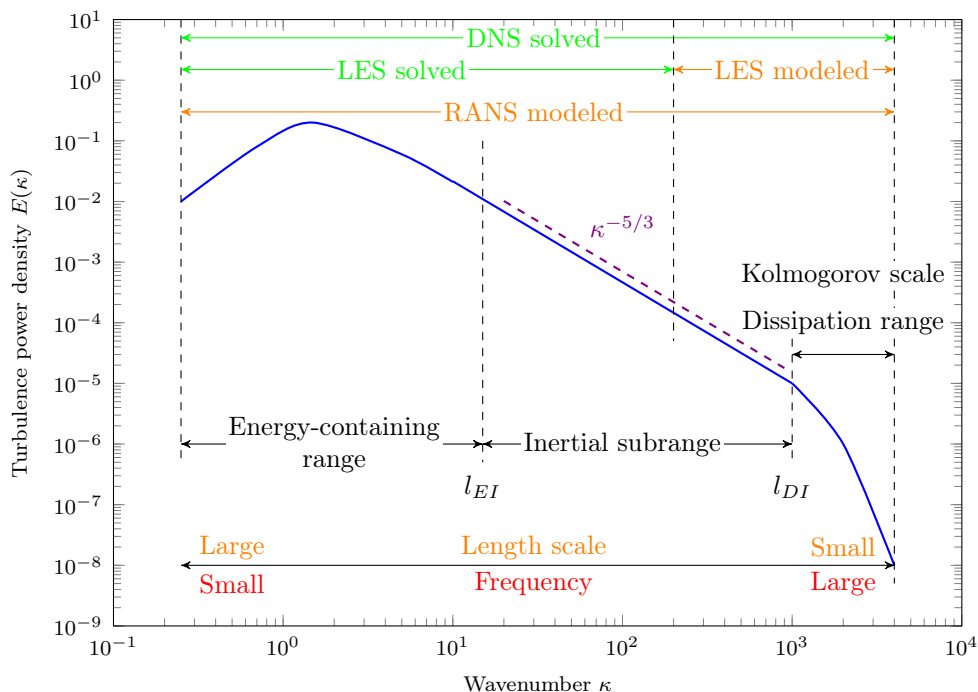


Figure 2.2: Turbulence energy wavenumber spectrum.

Direct numerical simulation. The Navier-Stokes equations are solved on spatial meshes sufficiently fine with sufficiently small time step to resolve the smallest eddies at Kolmogorov scale. According to Eq. 2.5, both the length scale and time scale of the smallest eddies increase as the Reynolds number Re_l increases. As a result, the total computational cost of a DNS of three dimensional flow is proportional to Re_l^3 which constrains the DNS to the flows of low-Reynolds-numbers with simple geometry at the current stage and even in a foreseeable future.

Large eddy simulation. Instead of spending most of the computational effort on resolving the small-scale motions with universal character like DNS, LES directly computes the most energetic and anisotropic large-scale motions and models the effect of the small-scale motions. LES uses the filter operation to decompose the velocity $\mathbf{u}(x, t)$ into the sum of a filtered/resolved component $\bar{\mathbf{U}}(x, t)$ and a residual/subgrid-scale (SGS) component $\mathbf{u}'(x, t)$. The equations for the filtered velocity component $\bar{\mathbf{U}}(x, t)$ derived from

Navier-Stokes equations containing the SGS stress tensor are resolved. An eddy viscosity model (EVM) is used for the modeling of the SGS stress tensor to close the equations. Though much computational economical compared with DNS, LES is much expensive than Reynolds stress models, the most complex RANS models, due the facts that the transient calculation and a small filter width located in the inertial subrange, embodied in the small cell size, are needed to resolve the transient energetic-containing motions. Consequently, the applications of LES in the industry is still limited despite the recent rapid development of high performance computing resources.

RANS simulation. The last category of simulating turbulent flows solves the Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations 2.12 and turbulence models - additional transport equations to model the Reynolds stresses. Since RANS simulation models the turbulent motions of all ranges, it is the cheapest method to obtain the time-averaged mean flow characteristics which are the most important information for most of the engineering design. A large diversity of turbulence models makes the RANS simulation the most used method for a broad range of flow phenomena.

2.3 Turbulence models

Many turbulence models have been proposed to close the RANS equations. According to the number of the extra transport equations to be solved, these models can be divided into zero-, one-, two- and seven-equation turbulence models. These model can be grouped into two categories: eddy viscosity models (first-order models) and second-order models, as shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Categorisation of turbulence models.

Type	Nb. extra transport equations	Model
Eddy viscosity model	Zero	Mixing length model
	One	Spalart-Allmaras model
	Two	$k - \varepsilon$ model $k - \omega$ model
Second-order model	Seven	Reynolds stress model

Despite their computational efficiency, the zero- and one-equation models are limited to the specific type of flows, due to their incompleteness (from to their simplifying assumptions). For example, the mixing length model (zero-equation) is only suitable for thin shear layers and the Spalart-Allmaras model (one-equation) is limited to the aerodynamics. In this work, these models are not used and thus omitted here. The seven-equation models (i.e. Reynolds stress models (RSM)) which solve the transport equations for each of six component of Reynolds stresses and for another variable to provide the length or time scale, such as ε or ω are the most complex turbulence models, thus very computationally heavy. One of the most used RSMs, RSM Speziale, Sarkar and Gatski (SSG) model, is introduced at the end of this section.

Two-equation turbulence models, such as $k - \varepsilon$, $k - \omega$, are the most used models in the industrial turbulent flow simulations thanks to their good balance between accuracy, computational efficiency and wide range applicability. Three most used two-equation turbulence models are: standard $k - \varepsilon$, Wilcox $k - \omega$ and Menter shear stress transport (SST) $k - \omega$ models are introduced firstly in this section. These models adopt Boussinesq

eddy viscosity assumption which assumes that the Reynolds stresses are proportional to the rate of deformation of mean flow by making analogy to the viscous stresses:

$$-\overline{u'_i u'_j} = 2\nu_t S_{ij} - \frac{2}{3}k\delta_{ij}, \quad (2.13)$$

where ν_t is the kinetic turbulent eddy viscosity which should be modeled, S_{ij} is strain rate tensor:

$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right), \quad (2.14)$$

$k = \frac{1}{2}\overline{u'_i u'_i}$ is the turbulent kinetic energy per unit mass, and δ_{ij} is Kronecker delta:

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases} \quad (2.15)$$

2.3.1 Standard $k - \varepsilon$ model

The standard $k - \varepsilon$ model proposed by [Launder and Sharma \(1974\)](#) solves the transport equations for turbulent kinetic energy and its dissipation rate ε :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial k}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\nu + \frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right] + 2\nu_t S_{ij} \cdot S_{ij} - \varepsilon, \\ \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\nu + \frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_i} \right] + C_{1\varepsilon} \frac{\varepsilon}{k} 2\nu_t S_{ij} \cdot S_{ij} - C_{2\varepsilon} \frac{\varepsilon^2}{k}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where the kinetic eddy viscosity ν_t is defined as :

$$\nu_t = C_\mu \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon}. \quad (2.17)$$

Five empirical adjustable constants are:

$$\frac{C_\mu \quad \sigma_k \quad \sigma_\varepsilon \quad C_{1\varepsilon} \quad C_{2\varepsilon}}{0.09 \quad 1.00 \quad 1.30 \quad 1.44 \quad 1.92}$$

2.3.2 Wilcox $k - \omega$ model

Another widely used two-equation turbulence model is $k - \omega$ model [Wilcox \(1993\)](#); [Wilcox et al. \(1998\)](#); [Wilcox \(1994\)](#) which uses the turbulence frequency $\omega = \varepsilon/k$ as the second variable. The kinetic eddy viscosity is defined as $\nu_t = k/\omega$. The transport equations for k and ω are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho k}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\nu + \frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right] + P_k - \beta^* k \omega, \\ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\left(\nu + \frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_\omega} \right) \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} \right] + \alpha S_{ij} \cdot S_{ij} - \beta \omega^2, \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

where P_k is the production of k :

$$P_k = 2\nu_t S_{ij} \cdot S_{ij}, \quad (2.19)$$

and the model constants are:

$$\frac{\sigma_k \quad \sigma_\omega \quad \beta^* \quad \alpha \quad \beta}{2.0 \quad 2.0 \quad 0.09 \quad 0.553 \quad 0.075}$$

2.3.3 Menter SST $k - \omega$ model

Menter (1994) proposed a shear stress transport (SST) $k - \omega$ model to retain the robust and accuracy of the Wilcox $k - \omega$ model in the near wall region and to take advantage of the freestream independence of the $k - \varepsilon$ in the fully turbulent region. The original $k - \omega$ model reads:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[(\nu + \sigma_{k1} \nu_t) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right] + P_k - \beta^* k \omega, \\ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[(\nu + \sigma_{\omega 1} \nu_t) \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} \right] + \frac{\alpha_1}{\nu_t} P_k - \beta_1 \omega^2,\end{aligned}\tag{2.20}$$

The original $k - \varepsilon$ model is transformed into $k - \omega$ formulation:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[(\nu + \sigma_{k2} \nu_t) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right] + P_k - \beta^* k \omega, \\ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[(\nu + \sigma_{\omega 2} \nu_t) \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} \right] + \frac{\alpha_2}{\nu_t} P_k - \beta_2 \omega^2 + \underbrace{\frac{2\sigma_{\omega 2}}{\omega} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_k}}_{\text{Cross diffusion}}.\end{aligned}\tag{2.21}$$

Eqs. 2.20 and 2.21 are multiplied by F_1 and $(1 - F_1)$, respectively, and are added correspondingly to give the $k - \omega$ SST model:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[(\nu + \sigma_k \nu_t) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right] + P_k - \beta^* k \omega, \\ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[(\nu + \sigma_\omega \nu_t) \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} \right] + \frac{\alpha}{\nu_t} P_k - \beta \omega^2 + 2(1 - F_1) \frac{\sigma_{\omega 2}}{\omega} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_k},\end{aligned}\tag{2.22}$$

where the production of k is:

$$P_k = \left(\nu_t S_{ij} - \frac{2}{3} k \delta_{ij} \right) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}.\tag{2.23}$$

Let ϕ represent any constant in Eqs. 2.22, and ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 the corresponding constants in Eqs. 2.20 and 2.21, respectively. Then, the relation between them is:

$$\phi = \phi_1 F_1 + \phi_2 (1 - F_1).\tag{2.24}$$

The constants ϕ_1 in Wilcox model are

$$\frac{\alpha_{k1} \quad \sigma_{\omega 1} \quad \beta_1 \quad \gamma_1}{0.5 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.075 \quad 5/9}$$

The constants ϕ_2 in standard $k - \varepsilon$ model are:

$$\frac{\alpha_{k2} \quad \sigma_{\omega 2} \quad \beta_2 \quad \gamma_2}{1.0 \quad 0.856 \quad 0.0828 \quad 0.44}$$

The blending function F_1 between $k - \omega$ model and $k - \varepsilon$ model is defined as:

$$F_1 = \tanh(\arg_1^4),\tag{2.25}$$

$$\arg_1 = \min \left[\max \left(\frac{\sqrt{k}}{\beta^* \omega y}, \frac{500\nu}{y^2 \omega} \right), \frac{4\rho\sigma_{\omega 2} k}{CD_{k\omega} y^2} \right], \quad (2.26)$$

where $CD_{k\omega}$ is positive part of the cross diffusion term:

$$CD_{k\omega} = \max \left(\frac{2\rho}{\sigma_{\omega 2}} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i}, 10^{-20} \right). \quad (2.27)$$

The eddy viscosity is defined as:

$$\nu_t = \frac{a_1 k}{\max(a_1 \omega, SF_2)}, \quad S = 2\sqrt{2S_{ij}S_{ij}}. \quad (2.28)$$

The blending function F_2 is one for boundary layer flows and zero for free shear layers:

$$F_2 = \tanh [\arg_2^2], \quad \arg_2 = \max \left(\frac{2\sqrt{k}}{\beta^* \omega y}, \frac{500\nu}{y^2 \omega} \right). \quad (2.29)$$

The constants of $k - \omega$ SST are:

$$\beta^* = 0.09 \quad a_1 = 0.31. \quad (2.30)$$

2.3.4 Reynolds stress SSG model

The Reynolds stress SSG model solves six partial differential equations: one for each of six independent components of Reynolds stresses $u'_i u'_j$ along with another transport equation of the dissipation rate ε :

$$\frac{\partial \overline{u'_i u'_j}}{\partial t} + U_k \frac{\partial \overline{u'_i u'_j}}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{\partial \overline{u'_i u'_j u'_k}}{\partial x_k} + \mathcal{P}_{ij} + \Pi_{ij} - \varepsilon_{ij} + D_{ij}, \quad (2.31)$$

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t} + U_i \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_i} = C_\varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\frac{k}{\varepsilon} \overline{u'_i u'_j} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_j} \right) + C_{\varepsilon 1} \frac{\mathcal{P}\varepsilon}{k} - C_{\varepsilon 2} \frac{\varepsilon^2}{k}, \quad (2.32)$$

where \mathcal{P}_{ij} is the production term:

$$\mathcal{P}_{ij} = - \left(\overline{u'_i u'_k} \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_k} + \overline{u'_j u'_k} \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_k} \right), \quad \mathcal{P} = \overline{u'_i u'_j} \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j}, \quad (2.33)$$

Π_{ij} is the velocity-pressure-gradient term:

$$\Pi_{ij} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left(\overline{u'_i \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x_j}} + \overline{u'_j \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x_i}} \right), \quad (2.34)$$

ε_{ij} is the dissipation term:

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = 2\nu \frac{\partial \overline{u'_i}}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial \overline{u'_j}}{\partial x_k}, \quad (2.35)$$

D_{ij} is the diffusion term:

$$D_{ij} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 \overline{u'_i u'_j}}{\partial x_k \partial x_k}, \quad (2.36)$$

In the Reynolds-stress model, U_i , \mathcal{P} , $u'_i u'_j$ and ε are known, thus the two terms on the left hand side of Eq. 2.31, and the production term \mathcal{P}_{ij} are in closed form. The triple velocity

correlation term $\overline{u'_i u'_j u'_k}$, the dissipation term ε_{ij} and the velocity-pressure-gradient term Π_{ij} should be modeled.

[Daly and Harlow \(1970\)](#) proposed the following model for the third order term:

$$\overline{u'_i u'_j u'_k} = -C_s \frac{k}{\varepsilon} \overline{u'_k u'_l} \frac{\partial \overline{u'_i u'_j}}{\partial x_l}. \quad (2.37)$$

[Speziale et al. \(1991\)](#) proposed the following model for the velocity-pressure-gradient term:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{ij} = & -(C_1 \varepsilon + C_1^* \mathcal{P}) b_{ij} \\ & + C_2 \varepsilon (b_{ik} b_{kj} - \frac{1}{3} b_{mn} b_{mn} \delta_{ij}) \\ & + (C_3 - C_3^* \sqrt{b_{ij} b_{ij}}) k S_{ij} \\ & + C_4 (b_{ik} S_{jk} + b_{jk} S_{ik} - \frac{2}{3} b_{mn} S_{mn} \delta_{ij}) \\ & + C_5 k (b_{ik} \Omega_{jk} + b_{jk} \Omega_{ik}), \end{aligned} \quad (2.38)$$

where b_{ij} is the anisotropy tensor:

$$b_{ij} = \frac{\overline{u'_i u'_j}}{2k} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij}, \quad (2.39)$$

S_{ij} , Ω_{ij} are the mean rate of strain tensor and mean rotation tensor, respectively:

$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right), \quad \Omega_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right). \quad (2.40)$$

In the high-Reynolds-number flows, the dissipation is isotropic:

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{2}{3} \varepsilon \delta_{ij}, \quad (2.41)$$

[Rotta \(1951\)](#) proposed the following model for the near wall region:

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{\overline{u'_i u'_j}}{k} \varepsilon. \quad (2.42)$$

The constants in the model are summarized here:

$$\frac{C_s}{0.22} \quad \frac{C_1}{3.4} \quad \frac{C_1^*}{1.8} \quad \frac{C_2}{4.2} \quad \frac{C_3}{0.8} \quad \frac{C_3^*}{1.3} \quad \frac{C_4}{1.25} \quad \frac{C_5}{0.4} \quad \frac{C_{\varepsilon 1}}{1.44} \quad \frac{C_{\varepsilon 1}}{1.83} \quad (2.43)$$

2.3.5 Models for turbulent scalar fluxes

Code_saturne provides several models to estimate the turbulent scalar fluxes such as simple gradient diffusion hypothesis (SGDH) and generalized gradient diffusion hypothesis (GGDH).

SGDH. The SGDH is the most commonly used model to estimate turbulent scalar flux for two-equation turbulence models. Being analogous to Fick's law of molecular diffusion, SGDH assumes that the turbulent transport of a scalar ϕ is proportional to the gradient of its mean concentration:

$$\overline{\phi' u'_i} = -\frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i}, \quad (2.44)$$

where σ_ϕ is the turbulent Schmidt number for turbulent mass transfer or turbulent Prandtl number for turbulent heat transfer.

GGDH. The GGDH takes the anisotropy of the Reynolds stresses on the turbulent scalar flux as:

$$\overline{\phi' u'_i} = -C_\phi \frac{k}{\varepsilon} \overline{u'_i u'_j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_j}, \quad (2.45)$$

where constant $C_\phi = 0.235$. GGDH is the most used model for Reynolds stress models.

2.3.6 Turbulence model selection

The choice of turbulence model used in a simulation can have a large impact on the obtained solution. First-order models such as $k - \varepsilon$ and $k - \omega$ assume isotropic turbulence structures, whereas RSM models can handle anisotropic structures (and different variants of the model can handle isotropic or anisotropic diffusivity).

For some flows with complex vortex interactions, and many flows with junctions for injection or extraction of fluid, reproducing the correct physical structure may require using at least an RSM model. While RSM models are usually more precise than first-order RANS models, they involve a significantly higher computational cost, and tend to be less stable, especially for lower quality meshes. So for flows where they are not necessary, using a first order RANS model may be preferred.

To determine which type of model is preferred, or needed, a user may refer to a validation test suite and a PIRT, representing expert knowledge. In a series of simulations, running at least one simulation with a different model may help ensure no important flow phenomena is missed. Using assistance from machine learning could be very useful here, and is one of the motivating factors of this work.

2.4 Numerical methods in code `_saturne`

Code `_saturne` is an open-source CFD software developed by EDF for the simulation of the laminar or turbulent, incompressible or weakly dilatible flows on structured or unstructured meshes [Archembeau et al. \(2004\)](#). The code is provided with different turbulence models, from RANS to LES models can be run in parallel with massive number of mesh cells. Plentiful specific physical modules are developed, such as gas, and coal combustion, semi-transparent radiative transfer, particle-tracking with Lagrangian modeling, Joule effect, electric arcs, weakly compressible flows, atmospheric flows, rotor/stator interaction for hydraulic machines.

Code `_saturne` is based on finite volume method (FVM) which consists of three steps:

- Integration of the governing equations over the control volumes of the domain and over time,
- Discretisation of the integral equations into an algebraic equations system,
- Solving the algebraic equations system by iterative method.

2.4.1 Time discretisation

Code `_saturne` utilizes a segregated solver based on semi-implicit method for pressure-linked equations-consistent (SIMPLEC) to solve the time incremental term of the RANS equations which mainly contains a velocity prediction step and pressure correction step.

2.4.1.1 Velocity prediction step

The predicted velocity field \tilde{u}^{n+1} is obtained by solving the following equation:

$$\rho \frac{\tilde{u}_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + \rho u_j^n \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i^{n+\theta}}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial p^{n-1+\theta}}{\partial x_i} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}^{n+\theta}}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} - \rho \frac{\partial^2 R_{ij}^{n+\theta_S}}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + S_M^{n+\theta_S}, \quad (2.46)$$

using θ -scheme:

$$\tilde{u}^{n+\theta} = \theta \tilde{u}^{n+1} + (1 - \theta) u^n, \quad \begin{cases} \theta = 0, & \text{explicit scheme,} \\ \theta = 1/2, & \text{Crank-Nicolson scheme,} \\ \theta = 1, & \text{fully implicit scheme.} \end{cases} \quad (2.47)$$

where R_{ij} is Reynolds stress $R_{ij} = \overline{u'_i u'_j}$, and the exponent $n + \theta_S$ indicates the time extrapolation point for Reynolds stresses and momentum source terms.

2.4.1.2 Pressure correction step

The predicted velocity field is not divergence free. The second step corrects the pressure by imposing the nullity of the stationary constraint for the velocity computed at time $n + 1$. The following equations are solve:

$$\begin{cases} \rho(\underline{u}^{n+1} - \tilde{\underline{u}}^{n+1})/\Delta t = -\nabla \delta P^{n+\theta}, \\ \nabla \cdot \underline{u}^{n+1} = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.48)$$

where \underline{u} , ∇ , $\nabla \cdot$ represent velocity vector, gradient and divergence operators, respectively, and the pressure increment $\delta P^{n+\theta} = P^{n+\theta} - P^{n-1+\theta}$. Taking the divergence of the above equation, the following Poisson equation for the pressure is obtained:

$$\nabla \cdot (\Delta t \nabla \delta P^{n+\theta}) = \nabla \cdot (\rho \tilde{\underline{u}}^{n+1}). \quad (2.49)$$

Then the velocity is corrected by:

$$\underline{u}^{n+1} = \underline{u}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\rho} \nabla \delta P^{n+\theta}. \quad (2.50)$$

2.4.2 Space discretisation

Code `_saturne` uses the co-located finite volume method which solves and stores the velocity, pressure and other scalar variables at the same points - the cell centers. A schematic of two adjacent cells and their entities in the FVM mesh is shown in Fig. 2.3. On a mesh with N_{cell} cells each discretized field ϕ has N_{cell} degrees of freedom, denoted by ϕ_i :

$$\phi_i \equiv \frac{1}{|\Omega_i|} \int_{\Omega_i} \phi d\Omega, \quad i \in [1, \dots, N_{cell}], \quad (2.51)$$

where Ω_i is the volume of the i -th cell. Since the discretized field ϕ is linear in every cell, ϕ_i can be identified by the value of the field at I , the cell center of Ω_i :

$$\phi_I = \phi_i. \quad (2.52)$$

The face value of the discretized field ϕ on the face defined as:

$$\phi_f \equiv \frac{1}{|S_f|} \int_f \phi dS, \quad (2.53)$$

is linear on the face f , thus Y_f is associated to the face center F :

$$\phi_F = \phi_f. \quad (2.54)$$

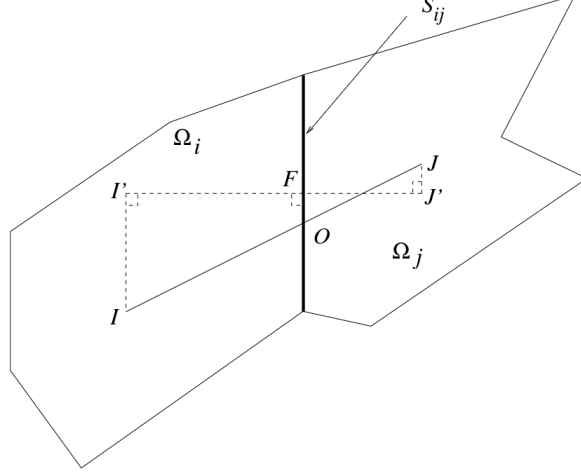


Figure 2.3: Schematic of two internal adjacent cells in the mesh.

2.4.2.1 Velocity prediction step

The integrated form of the Eq. 2.46 reads:

$$\rho \frac{|\Omega_i|}{\Delta t} (\tilde{u}_i^{n+1} - \underline{u}_i^n) + \sum_{j \in V(i)} \tilde{u}_{f_{ij}}^{n+\theta} (\rho \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^n |S_{ij}| = -|\Omega_i| \nabla(p_i)^{n-1+\theta} + \sum_{j \in V(i)} (\mu \nabla \tilde{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^{n+\theta} |S_{ij}| + |\Omega_i| A_i^n. \quad (2.55)$$

The divergence theorem is used for the integration of the convective and diffusive terms:

$$\int_{\Omega_i} \nabla \cdot \underline{u} = \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_i} \underline{u}_f \cdot \underline{S}_f. \quad (2.56)$$

Convective term

For the convective term, the mass flux $\rho \underline{u}_{f_{ij}}^n$ is available from the last iteration, the value at the interior face $\tilde{u}_{f_{ij}}^{n+\theta}$ should be evaluated. Code_saturne provides three spatial discretisation schemes to evaluate the variable $\phi_{f_{ij}}$ at the interior face:

- Upwind scheme

The 1st-order scheme reads:

$$\phi_{f_{ij}} = \begin{cases} \phi_i, & \text{if } (\rho \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^n \geq 0, \\ \phi_j, & \text{if } (\rho \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^n < 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.57)$$

- Centered scheme

The 2nd-order centered scheme reads:

$$\phi_{f_{ij}} = \alpha_{ij} \phi_i + (1 - \alpha_{ij}) \phi_j + \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \phi_i + \nabla \phi_j] \cdot \underline{OF}, \quad (2.58)$$

where α_{ij} is the weighting factor to measure the cell center I to the face f relative to the neighbor cell J :

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\overline{FJ'}}{\overline{I'J'}}, \quad (2.59)$$

where $\overline{FJ'}$ and $\overline{I'J'}$ are defined as:

$$\overline{FJ'} \equiv \frac{FJ' \cdot \underline{S}_{ij}}{|\underline{S}_{ij}|}, \quad \overline{I'J'} \equiv \frac{I'J' \cdot \underline{S}_{ij}}{|\underline{S}_{ij}|}. \quad (2.60)$$

- Second order linear upwind (SOLU) scheme
The 2^{nd} -order linear upwind scheme reads:

$$\phi_{f_{ij}} = \begin{cases} \phi_i + \nabla\phi_i \cdot \underline{IF} & \text{if } (\rho\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^n \geq 0, \\ \phi_j + \nabla\phi_j \cdot \underline{JF} & \text{if } (\rho\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^n < 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.61)$$

Diffusive term

The diffusivity μ in the diffusive term should be interpolated from the neighboring cells to the interior face. Two interpolation methods are available: harmonic interpolation and arithmetic interpolation:

$$\mu_{f_{ij}} = \begin{cases} \mu_i\mu_j/[\alpha_{ij}\mu_i + (1 - \alpha_{ij})\mu_j], & \text{harmonic mean,} \\ (\mu_i + \mu_j)/2, & \text{arithmetic mean.} \end{cases} \quad (2.62)$$

The gradient of a variable on the interior face $\phi_{f_{ij}}$ is discretized by:

$$\nabla\phi_{f_{ij}} = \begin{cases} (\phi_j - \phi_i)/\overline{I'J'}, & \text{for non-reconstructed field,} \\ [(\phi_j - \phi_i) + (\underline{JJ}' - \underline{II}') \cdot (\nabla\phi_i + \nabla\phi_j)/2] / \overline{I'J'}, & \text{for reconstructed field.} \end{cases} \quad (2.63)$$

2.4.2.2 Pressure correction step

The Poisson equation 2.49 is discretized as:

$$\Delta t \sum_{j \in V(i)} (\nabla\delta p \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^{n+1} |S_{f_{ij}}| = \sum_{j \in V(i)} (\rho\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}}^{n+1} |S_{f_{ij}}|. \quad (2.64)$$

Additional filter term of Rhie and Chow [Rhie and Chow \(1983\)](#) is added to the mass flux to avoid the pressure spatial oscillation caused by the pressure and velocity decoupling:

$$(\rho\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}} = (\rho\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n})_{f_{ij}} + \mathcal{F}_{f_{ij}}. \quad (2.65)$$

2.4.3 Wall modeling

As shown in Fig. 2.4, the turbulent boundary layer can be divided into three layers in terms of the relation of the dimensionless velocity scale u^+ to the dimensionless wall distance y^+ : viscous sub-layer, buffer layer and log-law layer.

u^+ is defined as:

$$u^+ \equiv \frac{u}{u_\tau}, \quad (2.66)$$

where u is the velocity component projected to the plane tangent to the wall, u_τ is the friction velocity derived from the wall shear stress τ_w :

$$u_\tau = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_w}{\rho}}. \quad (2.67)$$

y^+ is the non-dimensionalized distance of the first layer cell center to the wall:

$$y^+ = \frac{y_p u_\tau}{\nu}. \quad (2.68)$$

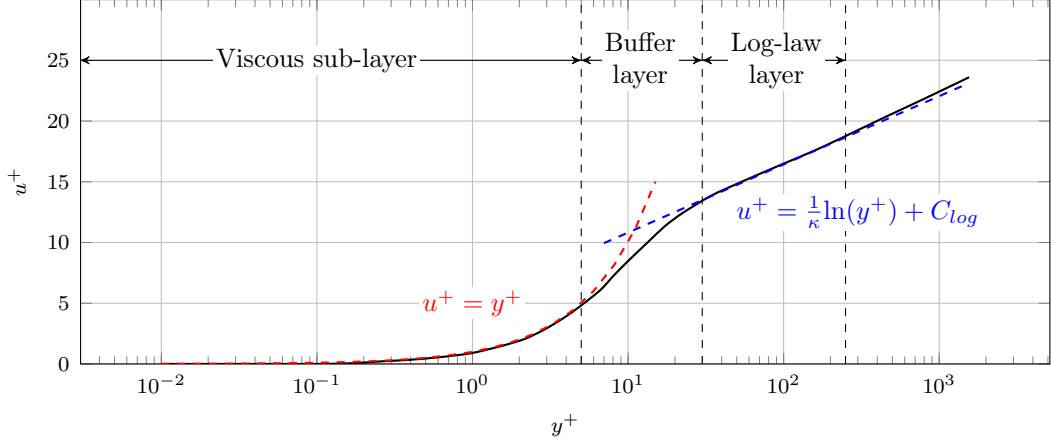


Figure 2.4: Velocity profile in the turbulent boundary layer Moser et al. (1999).

Viscous sub-layer ($y^+ < 5$): In the layer directly adjacent to the wall the flow is dominated by the viscosity, the dimensionless velocity profile is linear to the dimensionless wall distance:

$$u^+ = y^+. \quad (2.69)$$

Log-law layer ($y^+ > 30$): Close to the turbulent core the inertial force is dominant and the velocity profile is logarithmic with respect to wall distance:

$$u^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^+) + C_{log}. \quad (2.70)$$

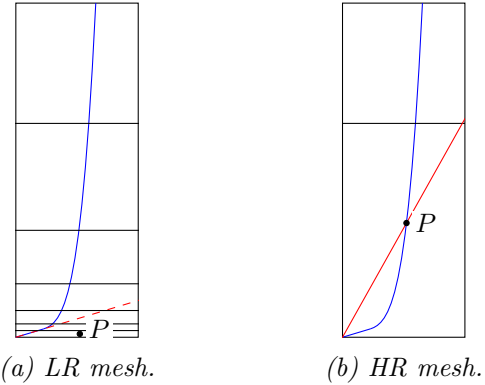


Figure 2.5: Two types of meshes in the near wall region: (a) Low-Reynolds (LR) mesh and (b) High-Reynolds (HR) mesh.

where von Karman's constant $\kappa \approx 0.41$ and $C_{log} = 5.2$.

Buffer layer ($5 < y^+ < 30$): The transition region between the above two layers is called buffer layer.

If the steep gradient in the near wall vicinity should be captured, the first layer cell center must be small enough to attain $y^+ < 5$ thus leading to the so-called low-Reynolds mesh, as shown in Fig. 2.5a, which significantly increase the quantity of the mesh cells and computational cost. In the industrial applications, the high-Reynolds meshes, as show in Fig. 2.5b, are usually used together with a wall function to estimate the variables near the wall so that the first layer cell center can be located in the log-law region and as a result the mesh quantity is significantly reduced. Multiple wall functions are supplied in code_saturne, such as one friction velocity scale based on wall shear stress, two friction velocity scales based on both wall shear stress and turbulent kinetic energy, and adaptive wall functions suitable for all range of y^+ . More details of these wall functions are referred to saturne support@edf.fr (2021); Wald (2016).

2.4.4 Algebraic multigrid method (AMG)

AMG Driss et al. (2018) is widely used in CFD codes to accelerate the iteration convergence of the large sparse system of linear equations resulted from the discretisation of

the second-order elliptic partial differential equations. The general idea is that the high-frequency of the solution error on the fine mesh will become low-frequency at a coarser mesh and thus can be easily removed. A hierarchy of successively coarsened graphs should be constructed to restrict the solution error to the coarsest level where the equations can be solved directly.

2.4.4.1 General ideas

The following linear algebraic equation system

$$A_h u^h = b^h \text{ or } \sum_{j \in \Omega^h} a_{ij}^h u_j^h = b_i^h \quad (i \in \Omega^h) \quad (2.71)$$

is resulted from the discretisation of NS equations in the fluid domain, where matrix A of size $n \times n$ contains the coefficients a_{ij} ($i, j = 1, \dots, n$), determined by discretisation. The vector u of length n is composed of the unknown node values of the function to be solved. The vector b consists of the coefficients resulted by the discretisation and by the given values on the boundary. The unknown values at the mesh nodes $\Omega = \{1, \dots, n\}$ are denoted by u_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$).

The interpolation operator I_H^h is used to transfer the solution from coarse mesh to the fine mesh, and the operator of restriction to the coarse mesh level I_h^H obtained from the condition obtained using the Galerkin method

$$A_H = I_h^H A_h I_H^h, \text{ where } I_h^H = (I_H^h)^T. \quad (2.72)$$

The fine mesh solution is obtained from the equation

$$u_{new}^h = u_{old}^h + I_H^h e^H, \quad (2.73)$$

where e^H is the correction of the solution on the coarse mesh which is obtained by solving

$$A_H e^H = r^H \text{ or } \sum_{j \in \Omega^H} a_{ij}^H e_j^H = r_i^H \quad (i \in \Omega^H), \quad (2.74)$$

where $r^H = I_h^H(r_{old}^h)$ and $r_{old}^h = b^h - A_h u_{old}^h$. The error of the numerical solution $e^h = u_*^h - u^h$ (the asterisk marks the exact solution) is found using the coarse mesh correction operator

$$e_{new}^h = K_{h,H} e_{old}^h, \text{ where } K_{h,H} = I_h - I_H^h A_H^{-1} I_h^H A_h, \quad (2.75)$$

where I_h is the identity operator.

The solution is smoothed using the operator S_h . In the smoothing phase

$$u^h \rightarrow \bar{u}^h, \text{ where } \bar{u}^h = S_h u^h + (I_h - S_h) A_h^{-1} b^h, \quad (2.76)$$

where \bar{u} indicates smoothed solution. Smoothing the solution error yields $e^h \rightarrow \bar{e}^h$, where $\bar{e}^h = S_h e^h$.

The set of coarse mesh variables is split into two disjoint subsets $\Omega^h = C^h \cup F^h$, where C^h is the set of coarse mesh variables and F^h is the set of fine mesh variables. The solution error $e^h = I_H^h e^H$ is interpolated by the rule

$$e_i^h = (I_H^h e^H)_i = \begin{cases} e_i^H, & \text{if } i \in C^h, \\ \sum_{k \in P_i^h} w_{ik}^h e_k^H - k^H, & \text{if } i \in F^h, \end{cases} \quad (2.77)$$

where $P_i^h \in C^h$ is the set of variables involved in the interpolation. When the solution is interpolated from the coarse mesh to the fine mesh, the solution error e_i^h is set to e_i^H if i is a C -variables and it is set equal to a weighted sum of variables from the set P_i^h if i belongs to the subset F . The set P_i^h is a small subset of the set of C -variables that are close to the variable i , which guarantees that the matrix A_H is sparse. On the other hand, the set P_i^h contains a sufficiently large number of variables to which i is strongly coupled.

2.4.4.2 Implementation steps

The set of coarse mesh variables is split into the subsets of C -variables and F -variables. The mesh level $\Omega^k (k = 1, 2, \dots, M - 1)$ is assigned the subsets C^k and F^k . Each mesh level is also assigned the mesh operators A^1, A^2, \dots, A^M (where $A^1 = A$), and also the interpolation operators $P^k = I_{k+1}^k$ and the restriction operators $R^k = I_k^{k+1}$, where $k = 1, 2, \dots, M - 1$. The restriction is the transposed interpolation operator $R^k = (P^k)^T$. To construct the matrix of the system on the coarse mesh level, the Galerkin product is calculated, $R^k A^k P^k$. The error on each mesh level is smoothed using the smoothing operator $S^k (k = 1, 2, \dots, M - 1)$. The coarsening procedure is repeated until the size of the system becomes sufficiently low for the system of difference equations to be solved by a direct method.

The subsets C^k and F^k , as well as the interpolation, restriction, and smoothing operators, are constructed in the setup phase.

Upon the execution of the setup phase, the solution to the original equation is found by recursively applying the multigrid procedure. The number of smoothing iterations and the number of recursive calls of the method on each mesh level are specified. The sensitivity of the solution phase to the choice of the smoothing procedure is typically relatively low, and classical iterative methods are usually used.

2.4.4.3 Construction of mesh levels

The convergence of iteratively solving linear algebraic equation system can be accelerated by considering strong couplings between variables. The nodes in meshes are interpreted as the nodes of a directed graph related to the given matrix. The mesh node $i \in \Omega^h$ (associated with the variable u_i^h) is connected to the variable $j \in \Omega^h$ if $a_{ij}^h \neq 0$. The set of variables adjacent to the variable i has the form

$$N_i^h = \{j \in \Omega^h : j \neq i, a_{ij}^h \neq 0\} \quad (i \in \Omega^h). \quad (2.78)$$

The variable i strongly depends on the variable j , and the variable j strongly affects the variable i if the magnitude of the matrix element a_{ij} is greater than all the off-diagonal coefficients in the matrix

$$-a_{ij} \geq \theta \max_{k \neq i} \{-a_{ik}\}. \quad (2.79)$$

The parameter $0 < \theta \leq 1$ controls the number of strong couplings between variables (typically, $\theta = 0.25$). The set S_i is the set of all variables j that are strongly coupled with the variable i (the set of variables that strongly affect the variable i)

$$S_i = \left\{ j : j \neq i, -a_{ij} \geq \theta \max_{k \neq i} (-a_{ik}) \right\}. \quad (2.80)$$

The available theoretical approaches are applied to solving scalar second-order elliptic partial differential equations whose discretisation yields a system of difference equations with an M-matrix. If there are both negative and positive off-diagonal elements, the following definitions are used:

$$a_{ij}^- = \begin{cases} a_{ij}, & \text{if } a_{ij} < 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } a_{ij} \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad a_{ij}^+ = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_{ij} \leq 0, \\ a_{ij}, & \text{if } a_{ij} > 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.81)$$

In this case, two disjoint subsets of variables are

$$N_i^- = \{j \in N_i : a_{ij}^h < 0\}, N_i^+ = \{j \in N_i : a_{ij}^h > 0\}. \quad (2.82)$$

In practice, C/F is constructed in such a way that the set of C -variables is approximately the maximally independent set (within the set C , the variables have no strong couplings between themselves), and the F -variables are surrounded by interpolatory C -variables.

2.4.4.4 AMG in code_saturne

Algorithm 1: Algebraic multigrid method (V-cycle). The iteration numbers are normally set to $\nu_1 = \nu_2 = \beta = 1$.

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1 Pre-smoothing: do  $\nu_1$  times  $x^l \leftarrow \mathcal{S}^l(x^l, b^l)$ ;
2 Restriction:
3  $l = 1$ ;
4 while  $l + 1 < L$  do
5    $b^{l+1} \leftarrow P_l^T(b^l - A_l x^l)$ ;
6   iterate  $\beta$  times of  $x^{l+1} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}^{l+1}(x^{l+1}, b^{l+1})$ ;  $l \leftarrow l + 1$ ;
7 end
8 Solve:  $A_L x^L = b^L$ ;
9 Prolongation:
10 while  $l > 0$  do
11   Correction:  $x^l \leftarrow x^l + P_l x^{l+1}$ ;
12 end
13 Post-smoothing: do  $\nu_2$  times  $x^1 \leftarrow \mathcal{S}^1(x^1, b^1)$ .

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Code_saturne uses an AMG, similar though not identical to Volkov (2018); Vanek et al. (1994); Notay (2010), to construct such graph hierarchy based on the coupling strength of adjacent cells. Two adjacent cells i and j at level l are considered strongly coupled if $\frac{a_{ij}^l}{\sqrt{a_{ii}^l a_{jj}^l}}$ is relatively large and then aggregated. After the automatic coarsening process, a series of full rank prolongation matrices P_l of size $n_l \times n_{l+1}$, $l = 1, \dots, L - 1$, is created that:

$$A_{l+1} = P_l^T A_l P_l. \quad (2.83)$$

To solve the system $A_l x^l = b^l$, an approximate solution x^l is obtained by a smoothing operator $\mathcal{S}^l(x^l, b^l)$ which is one of the iterative methods. Then the error $P_l^T(b^l - A_l x^l)$ is restricted as the right hand side of the equation to the next coarse graph level A_{l+1} where this smoothing and restriction procedure is repeated until the largest level L . At the level L the matrix A_L is small enough to be solved using direct methods. The solution obtained at level L is then prolonged to the finer level $L - 1$ to correct the solution x^{L-1} :

$x^{L-1} \leftarrow x^{L-1} + P_{L-1}x^L$. This prolongation and correction is carried out reversely till level $l = 1$. The process of using V-cycle AMG to solve the linear equation system is shown in algorithm 1. The source code used in code_saturne to generate the mesh hierarchy is included in B.

2.5 Summary

In this chapter, the characteristics of turbulent flow and its governing equations are introduced firstly. While the high-fidelity simulation strategies, such DNS and LES, can reveal the stochastic details of turbulent flows, their prohibitive computational cost preclude extensive application in addressing the three-dimensional flow phenomena encountered in the industrial cases. On the other hand, RANS simulations in conjunction with turbulence models which focus on the time-averaged mean flow fields can satisfy the engineering design requirements at the lowest computational expense, thus have been applied widely. The most used two equation turbulence models and one of the second-order turbulence models, such as $k - \varepsilon$, $k - \omega$, *SST* $k - \omega$ and *RSM SSG*, are described.

Code_saturne is an open-source CFD software based on FVM method. The FVM numerical methods employed in the code including the time and spatial discretisation methods, semi-implicit method for pressure linked equations and wall modeling, AMG method to accelerate the convergence of linear equations system, are also reviewed.

3 | Fundamental knowledge of neural networks

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In this chapter, the general training procedure in supervised way is introduced along with its potential problems, followed by the basic concepts of neural networks. The main components and popular architectures of convolutional neural networks, the most successful machine learning algorithms in computer vision, are introduced too. Its counterpart in graph neural networks is searched to overcome CNNs' inability of process unstructured meshes by comparing several graph convolution kernels. A brief summary is made at the end.

3.1 Supervised training

Training procedure. Most of the applications of data-driven algorithms in CFD domain train the machine learning model in supervised way. Given a data-set $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$, a ML algorithm is supposed to find the mapping function $f := \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{y}$ from the input \mathbf{x} to the provided ground-truth label/output \mathbf{y} by searching the global minimal of the loss function \mathcal{L} . It mainly contains two steps: feedforward calculation from input to prediction and backpropagation of the error to update trainable parameters. In the feedforward step, the signals are propagated in the direction from the input layer to the output layer where the neurons at each layer process the signals according to their trainable weights. At the output layer, the deviation between the prediction $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and the ground-truth label \mathbf{y} is calculated according to the problem-dependent loss function $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y})$. In the latter step, the gradients of the loss with respect to each trainable variable are calculated using a gradient descent algorithm and the trainable parameters are updated gradually with the

given small learning ratio. It is called one training epoch if all the data is fed to the model and the trainable parameters are updated once accordingly.

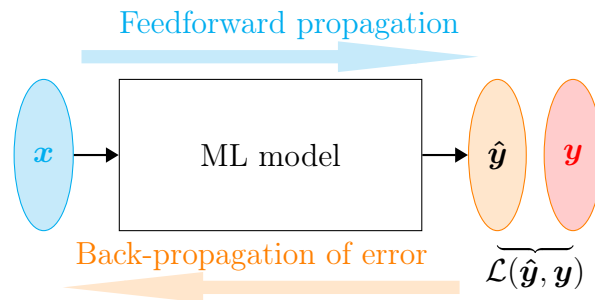


Figure 3.1: Supervised training of neural networks.

Underfitting and overfitting. A common potential problem for supervised training is the underfitting and overfitting. The dataset is normally divided into training set and testing test over which the losses are monitored during the training process, as shown in Fig. 3.2. At the beginning of the training, both training loss and testing loss decrease. At this stage, the model is unable to well fit the data which is called underfitting. Overfitting happens when the training loss continues to decrease while the testing loss increases as the training continues, indicated by the region colored by yellow color in Fig. 3.2. It signifies that the model is trapped in local minima where it overfits the training cases and fails to fit the testing cases. Even though an ideal model should be robust and easy to train, overfitting is quite common due to the non-convex nature of most of the optimization problems where many local minima exist. There are several practices which can help the model avoid this problem, such as early stopping, batch normalization, regularization and etc. Though the early stopping is widely used to stop the training at the region shaded by yellow color in Fig. 3.2, it is merely a remedy solution since it prevents further decreasing the prediction accuracy. A more efficient strategy to evade this problem is the stochastic training where the trainable parameters are updated over the loss estimated on a batch of data which contains a certain number of data points. Between training epochs, the data points are randomly shuffled to form different batches. Compared with feeding on the entire data-set, the convergence of the training is accelerated feeding on batches since the trainables are updated many times within one epoch.

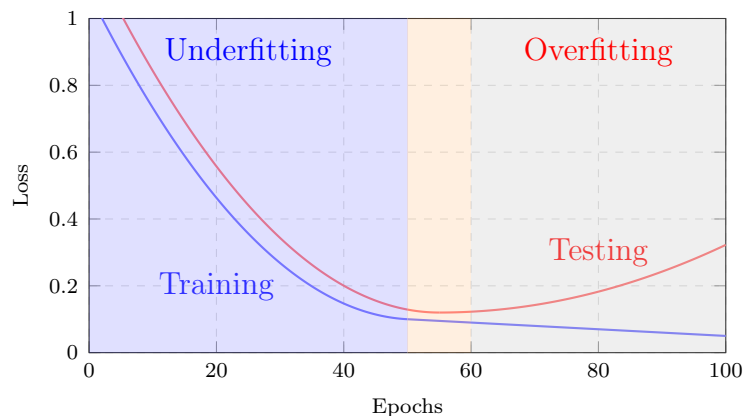


Figure 3.2: Underfitting and overfitting of the supervised training.

3.2 Basic concepts of neural networks

An artificial neural networks (ANNs), which are analogous to the biological neural networks, contain one input layer, one output layer and a certain number of hidden layers. Each layer contains a series of neurons which receive, process and transfer the signal to those in the succeeding layer. A multilayer perceptron (MLP) network with one input layer, one hidden layer and one output layer is shown in Fig. 3.3.

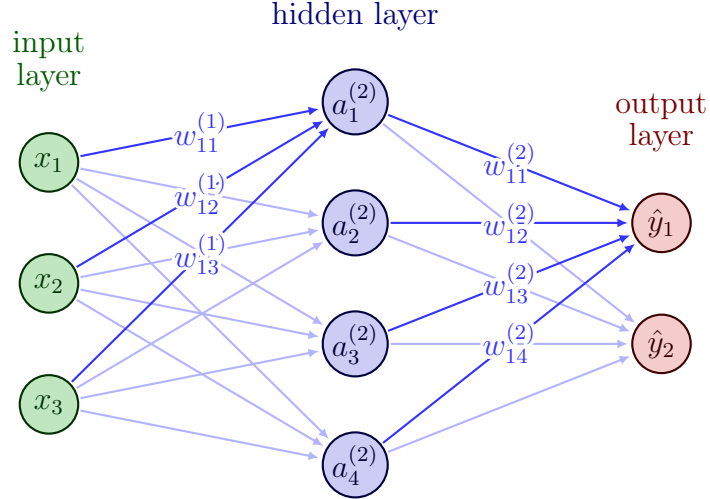


Figure 3.3: A multilayer perceptron with one hidden layer.

The MLP is a **fully connected** (FC) neural network which means that each neuron in the preceding layer is connected to all the neurons in the succeeding layer with associated trainable weight to each connection. The j -th neuron in the $(l + 1)$ -th hidden layer computes the linear combination of the inputs and the weights firstly:

$$z_j^{l+1} = \sum_{i=1}^N w_{ji}^l x_i + b_j^l, \quad (3.1)$$

where N is the total number of neurons or inputs in the l -th layer, w_{ji}^l the trainable weight connecting the i -th neuron in l -th layer to the j -th neuron in the $(l + 1)$ -th layer, b_j^l the trainable bias of the j -th neuron in the l -th layer, and then applies an activation function:

$$a_j^{l+1} = \sigma(z_j^{l+1}), \quad (3.2)$$

where σ represents a non-linear **activation function**. Several commonly used activation functions are listed in Table 3.1 and plotted in Fig. 3.4. The term a_j^{l+1} denotes the activation at the j -th neuron in the $(l + 1)$ -th layer. Similarly, the output layer linearly combines the hidden features in the previous layer with the corresponding weights:

$$\hat{y}_j = \sum_{i=1}^N w_{ji}^L a_i^L. \quad (3.3)$$

where L represents the last hidden layer.

Thus the activation in the hidden layer shown in Fig. 3.3 is calculated by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1^2 \\ a_2^2 \\ a_3^2 \\ a_4^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma \left(\begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^1 & w_{12}^1 & w_{13}^1 \\ w_{21}^1 & w_{22}^1 & w_{23}^1 \\ w_{31}^1 & w_{32}^1 & w_{33}^1 \\ w_{41}^1 & w_{42}^1 & w_{43}^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1^1 \\ b_2^1 \\ b_3^1 \\ b_4^1 \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad (3.4)$$

Logistic sigmoid	Hyperbolic tangent	Rectified linear unit (ReLU)	Softplus	Softmax
$\frac{1}{1+\exp(-x)}$	$\tanh(x)$	$\max(0, x)$	$\frac{1}{\beta} \log(1 + \exp(\beta x))$	$\frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_j \exp(x_j)}$

Table 3.1: Five most used activation functions $\sigma(x)$.

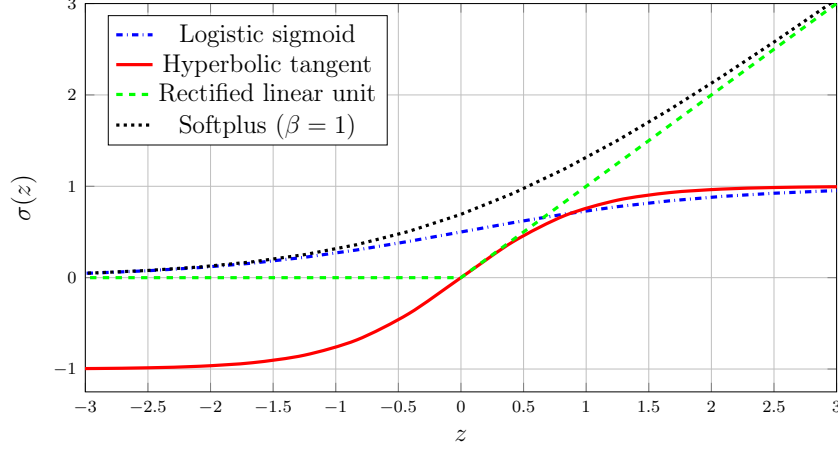


Figure 3.4: Plot of four activation functions.

and the output layer gives prediction by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^2 & w_{12}^2 & w_{13}^2 & w_{14}^2 \\ w_{21}^2 & w_{22}^2 & w_{23}^2 & w_{24}^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1^2 \\ a_2^2 \\ a_3^2 \\ a_4^2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.5)$$

With the supervised training method, a proper **loss function** or **cost function** should be defined depending on the nature of the training task to measure the difference between the prediction $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and the ground-truth label \mathbf{y} . For a regression task, the mean squared error (MSE) loss function are usually selected:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2, \quad (3.6)$$

where N represents the total number of predictions. All the trainables in the neural network are updated iteratively to minimize the loss function using **back-propagation** algorithm. In back-propagation, the gradient of the loss with respect to each trainable is calculated by chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(g(x)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}. \quad (3.7)$$

For the weights in the last layer in Fig. 3.3 the gradients are calculated by:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ji}^2} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{y}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial w_{ji}^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{N} (\hat{y}_i - y_i) a_i^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

The gradients with respect to the weights and biases in the first layer are calculated by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ik}^1} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a_i^2} \frac{\partial a_i^2}{\partial z_i^1} \frac{\partial z_i^1}{\partial w_{ik}^1} \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{y}_j} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_j}{\partial a_i^2} \right) \frac{\partial a_i^2}{\partial z_i^1} \frac{\partial z_i^1}{\partial w_{ik}^1} \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{2}{N} (\hat{y}_j - y_j) w_{ji}^2 \right) \sigma'(z_i^1) x_k.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_k^1} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a_i^2} \frac{\partial a_i^2}{\partial z_i^1} \frac{\partial z_i^1}{\partial b_k^1} \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{2}{N} (\hat{y}_j - y_j) w_{ji}^2 \right) \sigma'(z_i^1).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Once the gradient of the loss with respect to each trainable is obtained, a new value can be updated by:

$$w := w - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w}, \tag{3.11}$$

$$b := b - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b}, \tag{3.12}$$

where η is the learning rate. A proper learning rate value should be used in order to avoid no improvement on loss function with very low learning rate value and avoid divergence with too high value. In practice, the optimization of the loss function is implemented by more complicated stochastic gradient-based optimization such as stochastic gradient descent (SGD) [Sutskever et al. \(2013\)](#) and Adam algorithm [Kingma and Ba \(2014\)](#). The latter, which will be used in the later chapters, dynamically adapts the learning rate for each trainable based on estimates of first and second moments of the gradients. The pseudo-code of Adam algorithm is described in [Algorithm 2](#).

3.3 Convolutional neural networks

3.3.1 Main components

A Convolutional neural network (CNN), whichever architecture it employs, mainly contains a cascade of convolutional layers, pooling layers and fully connected layer with drop-out. As shown in [Fig. 3.5](#), a **convolutional layer** performs elementwise multiplication between the input tensor $f_{i,j}^l$ at location (i, j) and the rectangle convolutional kernel/filter $\theta_{2M+1, 2N+1}$ of shape $(2M + 1, 2N + 1)$ producing the hidden feature $f_{i,j}^{l+1}$ as the input for the next layer:

$$f_{ij}^{l+1} = \sum_{m,n=-M,-N}^{M,N} f_{i+m,j+n}^l \star \theta_{m,n}^l, \tag{3.13}$$

where \star represents the convolution operation. Each value in the next layer is only connected to a local region, namely the local receptive field, of the previous layer covered by

Algorithm 2: Adam stochastic optimization method. The variables are: first moment vector m , second moment vector v , learning rate η , exponential decay rates for the moment estimates β_1 , β_2 , loss function \mathcal{L} , trainables θ , timestep t , gradient g , weight decay λ and term added to denominator for the sake of stability $\epsilon = 1e^{-8}$.

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1 initialize:  $m_0 \leftarrow 0, v_0 \leftarrow 0, t \leftarrow 0$ ;
2 while  $\theta_t$  not converged do
3    $t \leftarrow t + 1$ ;
4    $g_t \leftarrow \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_t(\theta_{t-1}) + \lambda \theta_{t-1}$  (Get gradients w.r.t. stochastic objective  $\mathcal{L}$  at time
   step  $t$ );
5    $m_t \leftarrow \beta_1 \cdot m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) \cdot g_t$  (Update biased first order moment estimate);
6    $v_t \leftarrow \beta_2 \cdot v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \cdot g_t^2$  (Update biased second raw moment estimate);
7    $\widehat{m}_t \leftarrow m_t / (1 - \beta_1^t)$  (Compute bias-corrected first moment estimate);
8    $\widehat{v}_t \leftarrow v_t / (1 - \beta_2^t)$  (Compute bias-corrected second moment estimate);
9    $\theta_t \leftarrow \theta_{t-1} - \eta \cdot \widehat{m}_t / (\sqrt{\widehat{v}_t} + \epsilon)$  (Update trainables);
10 end
11 return  $\theta_t$ ;

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the shared kernel. Each kernel traverses the entire image at a specified stride to extract a certain shift-invariant feature pattern, thus leading to significantly reduced number of parameters. Sometimes in order to keep the image dimension unchanged, zeros are padded at the borders. The convolutional layers at shallower levels extract low-level features such as dots, lines and etc, whereas those at higher levels extract high-level features.

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\
 0 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\
 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{pmatrix}
 *
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 1 & 0 & 1
 \end{pmatrix}
 =
 \begin{pmatrix}
 6 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \\
 5 & 10 & 7 & 5 & 7 \\
 6 & 10 & 7 & 5 & 2 \\
 9 & 5 & 8 & 8 & 3 \\
 0 & 8 & 2 & 1 & 4
 \end{pmatrix}$$

Input
Kernel
Output

Figure 3.5: Convolution operation between a 5×5 input tensor padded with zeros at borders and a 3×3 kernel with stride of 1 resulting in a 5×5 output tensor.

Intuitively, stacking more convolutional layers can fulfill feature extraction mission but inefficiently since high-level features do not need high resolution. Therefore **pooling layers** are used to down-sample the data. As shown in Fig. 3.6, two primary types of pooling are mainly used: max pooling returns the maximum value within the input tensor covered by the pooling kernel, while average pooling returns the average of the corresponding patch of the input. Following the pooling layer, the number of values in the image is reduced by the pooling kernel size, resulting in a significant reduction in computational complexity. The inverse operation of pooling is upsampling which enlarges the image size. The most used two upsampling methods, bilinear interpolation and nearest interpolation, are shown in Fig. 3.7.

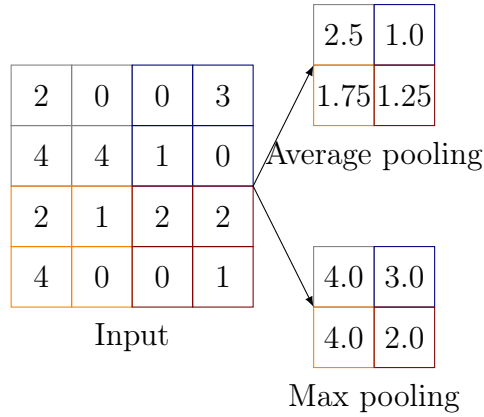


Figure 3.6: Two types of pooling operation of size 2×2 with stride of 2.

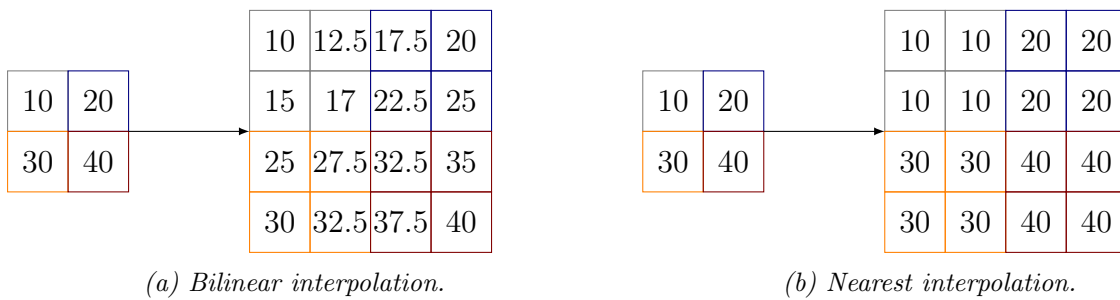


Figure 3.7: Two types of upsample operation of size 2×2 with stride of 2.

For image classification tasks, a fully connected layer is usually added to the end of the model to reshape the image into a column vector of the size corresponding to the number of categories. To mitigate overfitting, **dropout**, introduced by [Hinton et al. \(2012\)](#), is commonly applied in the final fully connected layer during the training stage. Dropout randomly removes a specified portion of connections between layers at each training epoch, resulting in error back-propagation not being performed for these removed connections. By using dropout, the prediction becomes less dependent on specific paths within the model, thus enhancing robustness.

3.3.2 CNN architectures

During the last decades, CNNs have experienced tremendous successes in numerous applications, such as image object detection and segmentation, natural language process [Chen et al. \(2018\)](#), audio classification [Nanni et al. \(2020\)](#); [Hershey et al. \(2017\)](#), etc, with various task-dependent implementations. Despite different forms, it is clear by looking back to the CNN development history that its general performance is largely decided by the architecture and each innovation on the architecture marks a significant improvement on object detection accuracy. There are three landmarks on the development of CNN architecture: 1) sequential architecture; 2) skip connection or residual connection architecture and 3) U-Net architecture.

Sequential architecture. The foundation of CNNs goes back to 1960s where artificial neural network with manually designed convolution kernels and non-linear activation function was proposed to extract the basic features, such as dots and line segments, from images by imitating to the same procedure in biological visual systems [Fukushima \(1969\)](#).

Later, [LeCun et al. \(1989\)](#) designed a convolution neural network with two convolutional layers to recognize the handwritten digits by applying back-propagation algorithm using stochastic gradient search to automatically optimize the trainable weights. Until 2010s, the depths of CNNs are relatively shallow, such as [LeCun et al. \(1998, 2010\)](#), no more than five convolutional layers used in AlexNet [Krizhevsky et al. \(2012\)](#) which showed higher categorical object classification accuracy than other methods in the large data-set ImageNet. VGG-19, as shown in Fig. 3.8a, [Simonyan and Zisserman \(2014\)](#) demonstrated that increasing the depth of network till 19 convolutional layers with very small (3×3) convolutional kernels is conducive for the classification accuracy. However, further sequentially stack convolutional layers leads to the training convergence problem due to the vanishing/exploding gradient [Bengio et al. \(1994\)](#); [Glorot and Bengio \(2010\)](#).

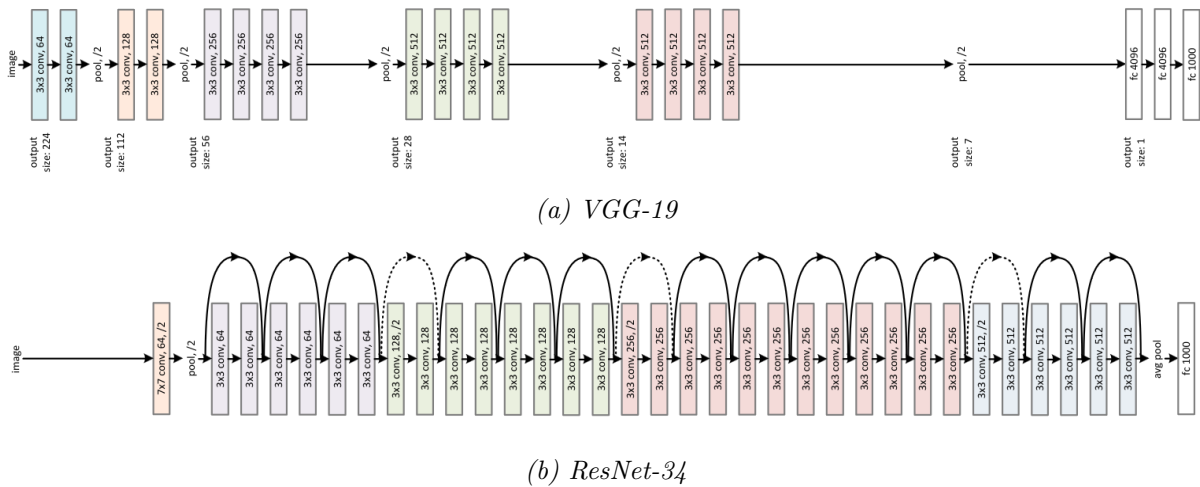


Figure 3.8: Two architectures adapted from [He et al. \(2016\)](#)

Skip connection architecture. In order to exploit the benefit of depth, [He et al. \(2016\)](#) proposed the residual network (ResNet) featured by the shortcut connections between every two succeeding layers which avoids the aforementioned optimization convergence problems even for a network of more than 1000 layers, even though such an unnecessarily deep architecture has higher test error than much shallower counterpart on small data-set. The ResNet-34 architecture with residual blocks is shown in Fig. 3.8b. A residual block is a shortcut connection and element-wise addition defined as:

$$y = \mathcal{F}(x, \theta_i) + x, \quad (3.14)$$

where function $\mathcal{F}(x, \theta_i)$ represents the residual mapping. A typical residual has two convolution layers, $\mathcal{F} = \theta_2 \sigma(\theta_1 x)$ and ReLU activation function is used for σ , as shown in Fig. 3.9. It was demonstrated that using skip-connection can flat the loss landscape which enables the training to proceed smoothly [Li et al. \(2018\)](#).

U-Net architecture. Sequentially stacking more convolutional layers in theory linearly increases a model's receptive field, which is defined as the largest region in the input image from which a certain value in the output can gather information. However this strategy can quickly meet the performance ceiling showcased in the very deep, over 1000-layer model in [He et al. \(2016\)](#). It is due to the fact that the effective receptive field (ERF) is Gaussian distributed, which means that the peripheral pixels have much less influence on the prediction than the central ones, and much smaller than the theoretical value

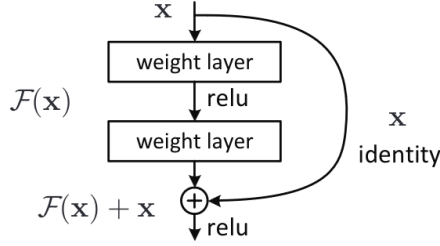


Figure 3.9: Residual block adapted from He et al. (2016)

Luo et al. (2016). Through dilated convolution kernel and down-sampling can efficiently increase ERF, the former still linearly increases ERF and can not be straightforwardly implemented in the graph neural networks thus loses the generalization. As a comparison, using down-sampling layers multiplicatively enlarges the ERF and is generalizable to GNNs. In this regard, U-Net is a very performant architecture which is demonstrated by the fact that it has been used in many models for different tasks, beyond the original biomedical image semantic segmentation task Ronneberger et al. (2015), including flow feature extraction Deng, Bao, Wang, Yang, Zhao, Wang, Bi and Guo (2022), surrogate model for flow field prediction Yang et al. (2022) and etc.

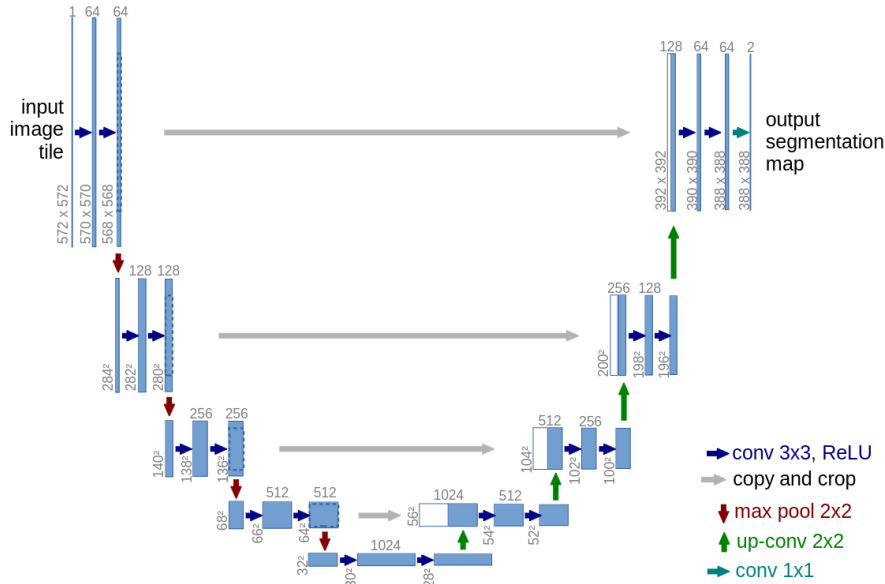


Figure 3.10: The original 5-depth 23-layer U-Net architecture for biomedical image segmentation adapted from Ronneberger et al. (2015).

As shown in Fig. 3.10, the original U-net architecture contains one contracting part (left side) as the encoder and one extracting part (right side) as the decoder. It has 5 depths and 23 convolutional layers, where each of them uses 3×3 convolutions followed by ReLU activation function. In the contracting part, 2×2 max pooling layer is added after two consecutive convolutional layers to decrease the image size by a factor of 4 while the number of feature channels doubles from one depth to the next deeper level. Correspondingly, a 2×2 up-sampling layer is used between layers at different depths to progressively restore the initial image size in the extracting part. One each level, the skip-connection exists between the leading convolutional blocks at the left side and

the following convolutional block at the right side which prevents the gradient vanishing problem.

3.4 Graph neural networks

CNN is designed for processing images, thus not suitable for unstructured data. However, unstructured data or graph-structured data is omnipresent, such as citation network, social network and traffic transport system, which graph neural networks (GNNs) can easily process. GNNs process the features stored on a stack of graph layers using a certain kernel function. Let $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, A)$ denote a graph where \mathcal{V} is a set of nodes and \mathcal{E} is the set of edges. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ represents the adjacency matrix and N is the number of nodes. As shown in Fig. 3.11, the features can be stored on edges and nodes.

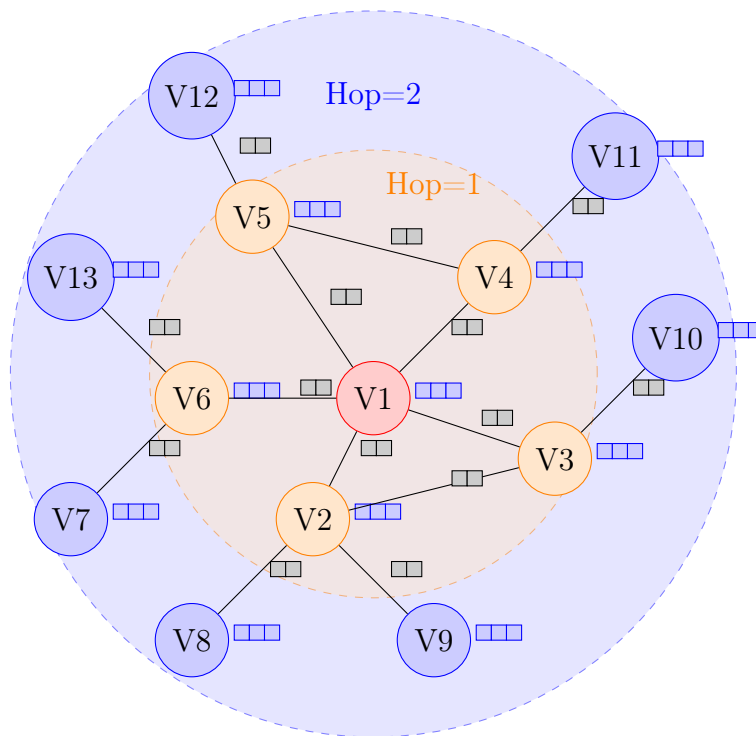


Figure 3.11: A graph with features stored on both nodes and edges. Circles represent the nodes and edges represent the connections between nodes. Both nodes and edges can store features represented by blue and grey squares, respectively. The nodes of 1- and 2-hops away from the center node V1 are colored in orange and blue respectively.

The diversity of CNNs is manifested by their architectures, as a comparison, the variety of GNNs is demonstrated in the numerous kernel functions depending on the task. Here we focus on graph convolutional neural networks. A graph convolution updates the features from one layer to the next generally following this equation:

$$f^{l+1}(i) = \sigma(\theta(f^l \star g^l)(i) + b^l), \quad (3.15)$$

where $f^l(i) \in \mathbb{R}^{C_l}$ and $f^{l+1}(i) \in \mathbb{R}^{C_{l+1}}$ represent the features on node i at l -th and $(l+1)$ -th layer respectively, g is the convolution kernel, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{C_l \times C_{l+1}}$ is trainable weights which change the feature dimension from C_l to C_{l+1} , $b \in \mathbb{R}^{C_{l+1}}$ is the bias, and $(f \star g)$ represents the convolution operation which has a variety of different forms. The most

prominent types of graph convolutional kernels are that works on spectral domain and that on spatial domain. Two spectral graph convolutional kernels, ChebConv [Defferrard et al. \(2016\)](#) and graph convolutional networks (GCN) [Kipf and Welling \(2016\)](#), and two spatial graph convolutional kernels, Gaussian mixture model (GMM) [Monti et al. \(2017\)](#) and SplineCNN [Fey et al. \(2018\)](#), are introduced next. The source code of these kernels is shown in [A.3](#).

3.4.1 Kernels on spectral domain

ChebConv. [Defferrard et al. \(2016\)](#) extended the convolutional kernel to spectral space by means of Chebyshev expansion of the graph Laplacian which lowers computational complexity by avoiding compute the eigenvectors of the Laplacian and yielding spatially localized filters. The essential operator in spectral graph analysis is the graph Laplacian defined as $L = D - A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ where $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the diagonal degree matrix with $D_{ii} = \sum_j A_{ij}$, and normalized definition is $L = I_n - D^{-\frac{1}{2}}AD^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ where I_n is the identity matrix. The orthonormal eigenvectors $\{u_l\}_{l=0}^{n-1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ of L are the graph Fourier modes and the associated ordered real nonnegative eigenvalues $\{\lambda_l\}_{l=0}^{n-1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are the frequencies of the graph. The Laplacian is diagonalized by the Fourier basis $U = [u_0, \dots, u_{n-1}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that $L = U\Lambda U^T$ where $\Lambda = \text{diag}([\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}]) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. The graph Fourier transform of a signal $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is then defined as $\hat{x} = U^T x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and its inverse as $x = U\hat{x}$. The convolution operator on graph \star is defined in the Fourier domain such that $x \star y = U((U^T x) \odot (U^T y))$, where \odot is the element-wise Hadamard product. Thus a signal f is filtered by g_θ as

$$g_\theta(L) \star f = g_\theta(U\Lambda U^T)f = U g_\theta(\Lambda)U^T f, \quad (3.16)$$

where f is the input feature. Evaluating Eq. 3.16 is computationally expensive due to the quadratic cost of the multiplication with the vector U . To solve this, a recursive fast filter as the truncated Chebyshev expansion

$$g_\theta = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\tilde{\Lambda}) \quad (3.17)$$

of order $K - 1$ was proposed, where the parameter $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^K$ is a vector of Chebyshev coefficients and $T_k(\tilde{\Lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the Chebyshev polynomial of order k evaluated at $\tilde{\Lambda} = 2\Lambda/\lambda_{max} - I_n$, a diagonal matrix of scaled eigenvalues that lie in $[-1, 1]$. The filtering operation can then be written as

$$g_\theta(L) \star f = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \theta_k T_k(\tilde{L})f, \quad (3.18)$$

where $T_k(\tilde{L}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the Chebyshev polynomial of order k evaluated at the scaled Laplacian $\tilde{L} = 2L/\lambda_{max} - I_n$. Since it depends only on nodes that are at most K steps away from the central node, this filter is K -localized. The computation complexity is $\mathcal{O}(K|\mathcal{E}|)$, i.e. linear w.r.t. the filter support's size K and the number of edges $|\mathcal{E}|$.

GCN. In order to alleviate the problem of overfitting on local neighborhood structures for graphs with a wide variety of node degree distributions, [Kipf and Welling \(2016\)](#) proposed GCN by restricting the layer-wise convolution to $K = 1$ and stacking K such

layers to convolve K^{th} -order neighborhood of a node. They further approximate $\lambda_{\max} \approx 2$, thus Eq 3.18 simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} g_\theta \star f &\approx \theta_0 f - \theta_1 D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{-\frac{1}{2}} f, \\ &\approx \theta \left(I_n + D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) f, \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

where two free parameters θ_0 and θ_1 are reduced to a single parameter θ using $\theta_0 = -\theta_1$. To alleviate the numerical instabilities and exploding/vanishing gradients normally encountered in deep neural networks, the renormalization trick $I_n + D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{-\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, with $\tilde{A} = A + I_n$ and $\tilde{D}_{ii} = \sum_j \tilde{A}_{ij}$, leading to

$$g_\theta \star f = \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} f \theta. \quad (3.20)$$

3.4.2 Kernels on spatial domain

GMM.

Monti et al. (2017) extended the traditional CNN convolution to graphs by using Gaussian Mixture Model. GMM kernel gathers the hidden features from neighbors to center node with the following equation:

$$(f \star g)(i) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(i)|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} f(j) \cdot g_k(\mathbf{e}_{ij}), \quad (3.21)$$

where hyperparameter K represents the number of directions learned in the kernel, $|\mathcal{N}(i)|$ denotes the degree of node i , the edge \mathbf{e}_{ij} points from central node i to neighbor node j :

$$\mathbf{e}_{ij} = [x_j, y_j]^T - [x_i, y_i]^T, \quad (3.22)$$

and $g_k(\mathbf{e}_{ij})$ measures the alignment between the edge \mathbf{e}_{ij} and the k -th direction μ_k in the kernel:

$$g_k(\mathbf{e}_{ij}) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{e}_{ij} - \mu_k)^T \sum_k^{-1} (\mathbf{e}_{ij} - \mu_k) \right\}, k \in [1, 2, \dots, K], \quad (3.23)$$

where two trainable μ_k and \sum_k represent the learned directions in the kernel and its variance matrix respectively. The more aligned the edge \mathbf{e}_{ij} and the k -th learned direction μ_k are, the higher $g_k(\mathbf{e}_{ij})$.

An ideal learned GMM kernel is visualised in Fig. 3.12. The elliptical circles represent the learnable directions in the kernel which are located at different distances to the center. All the edges that fall inside the circle are considered to be aligned with the corresponding direction.

SplineCNN. Fey et al. (2018) generalized the traditional CNN convolution kernel to interpolate the edge importance from fixed positions to desired positions using B-spline basis functions with the following equation:

$$(f \star g)(i) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(i)|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} f(j) \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K}} B_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{e}_{ij}) \cdot g_{\mathbf{k}}, \quad (3.24)$$

where \mathcal{K} is the Cartesian product of the B-spline bases:

$$\mathcal{K} = N_{k_1, p}^1 \times \dots \times N_{k_D, p}^D, \quad \mathbf{k} = (K_1, \dots, K_D), \quad (3.25)$$

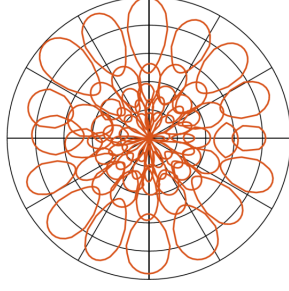


Figure 3.12: Ideal learned GMM kernel adapted from [Monti et al. \(2017\)](#). (Each elliptical circle in orange represents a learned direction and all the edges falling inside the circle are considered aligned with it.)

\mathbf{k} represents the numbers of control points on each dimension of the D -dimensional kernel, and $g_{\mathbf{k}}$ is the trainable and the control points as well associated with the corresponding product $B_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{e})$ of the basis functions in \mathcal{K} :

$$B_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{e}) = \prod_{d=1}^D N_{k_d,p}^d(e^d). \quad (3.26)$$

The k -th B-spline basis function of degree p , written as $N_{k,p}(e^d)$, is defined recursively as follows:

$$N_{k,0}(e^d) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } u_k \leq e^d < u_{k+1}. \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.27)$$

$$N_{k,p}(e^d) = \frac{e^d - u_k}{u_{k+p} - u_k} N_{k,p-1}(e^d) + \frac{u_{k+p+1} - e^d}{u_{k+p+1} - u_k} N_{k+1,p-1}(e^d). \quad (3.28)$$

where u_k is the knot vector and e^d is the edge coordinate on d -th dimension.

Different from those used in [Fey et al. \(2018\)](#), multiple knots are used at the ends of x and y directions to force the interpolated surface to converge to the control points at the ends. Three example convolution kernel surfaces are visualised in Fig. 3.13. To guarantee a fair comparison with traditional CNN kernel, SplineCNN kernels are using B-spline of degree $p = 2$ with 3 control points are used in all the later experiments.

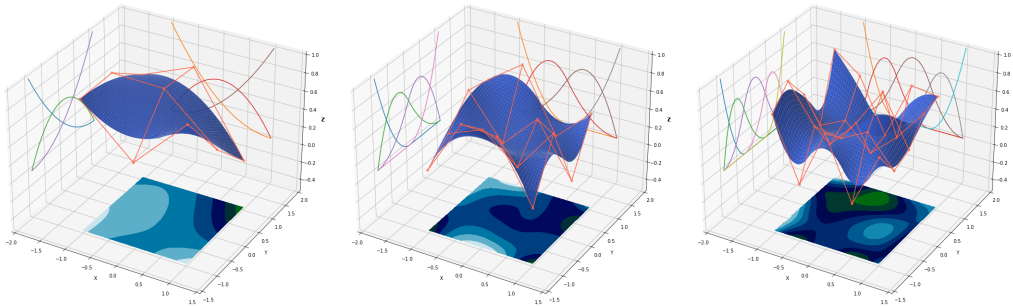


Figure 3.13: Examples of SplineCNN convolution kernels using B-spline basis of degree $p = 2$ with control points number $K_1 = K_2 = 3, 4$ and 5 , from left to right. The orange points connected by orange wireframe represent the randomly sampled control points. The curves on the yz -plane and xz -plane represent basis functions for each control point on corresponding direction.

3.5 Summary

In this chapter, the supervised training procedure of neural networks along with their basic concepts are introduced firstly. The main components of convolutional neural networks, which are selected as the backbone of our algorithm to detect flow phenomena due to their effectiveness on extracting spatial features in images, are explained in detail. To overcome the CNNs' inability to consume unstructured data a proper graph neural network should be constructed inheriting the merits of CNNs. Therefore, graph convolution kernels equivalent to that in CNNs are reviewed and will be compared in later chapter.

4 | Literature review of machine learning for fluid mechanics

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Although the traditional methods in fluid mechanics, such as numerical simulations using partial differential equation (PDE) solvers and experimental measurement techniques like particle image velocimetry (PIV), have been widely used to solve various engineering fluid flow problems, they still face significant challenges. These include difficulties with inverse problems, experimental data assimilation, hidden pattern finding, and balancing high accuracy with low computational requirements. In contrast, machine learning (ML) algorithms, serving as universal approximators, can efficiently address these issues given sufficient data, which conventional methods can provide. As a result, the fluid mechanics community has adopted different ML approaches to solve different problems, as summarized in Fig.4.1 by [Sharma et al. \(2023\)](#). For current research, it is necessary and conducive to have a comprehensive global view of ML applications in fluid mechanics. This chapter aims to provide extensive overview of how ML is being applied in the field of fluid mechanics.

This chapter is organized as follows. Section [4.1](#) covers the latest advancements in using ML, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), to identify flow phenomenon in CFD results and observed data. Section [4.2](#) shows how MLs can be employed as reduced order models (ROMs) to compress CFD data and accelerate engineering design and optimization. Section [4.3](#) includes the recent progress in using ML to improve and upscale low resolution data to high resolution data. Section [4.4](#) reviews strategies to incorporating physical principles into ML models to ensure physics-consistent predictions.

4.1 Flow phenomena identification

Most of the researches that aim at identifying flow phenomena focus on vortex detection because of both its importance on understanding the flow mechanism and its difficulties using the current local and global detection methods. Local vortex detection methods, imply the use of specific criteria such as the Vorticity ω , the Q -criterion, the λ_2 -criterion

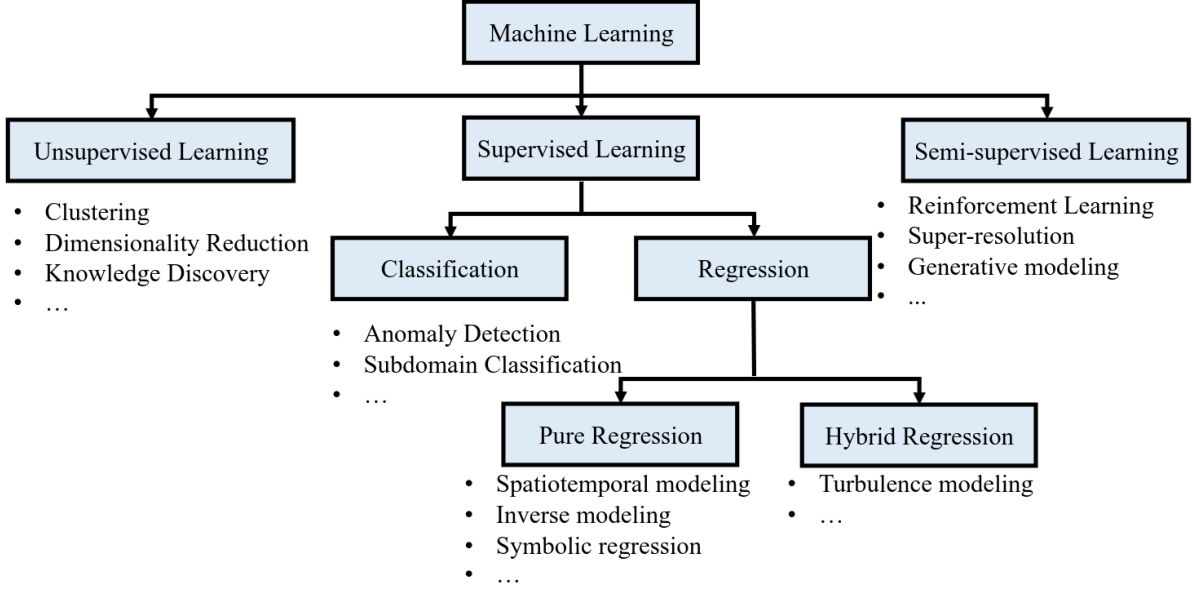


Figure 4.1: ML applications in fluid mechanics. Adapted from [Sharma et al. \(2023\)](#).

and Δ -criterion, that all rely on the gradient of the velocity field. The Vorticity ω is defined as:

$$\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{u}. \quad (4.1)$$

The Q -criterion [Hunt \(1987\)](#) considers the region

$$Q = \frac{1}{2}(\|\boldsymbol{\Omega}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{S}\|^2) > Q_{thresh} \quad (4.2)$$

as vortex region, where $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ and \mathbf{S} are the rotation tensor and strain-rate tensor:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T), \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T). \quad (4.3)$$

λ_2 -criterion [Jeong and Hussain \(1995\)](#) is the second largest eigenvalue of $\mathbf{S}^2 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}^2$. Δ -criterion proposed by [Chong et al. \(1990\)](#) defines the vortex region as:

$$\Delta = \left(\frac{Q}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{\det(\nabla \mathbf{u})}{2}\right)^2 > 0, \quad (4.4)$$

where $\det(\nabla \mathbf{u})$ is the determinant of velocity gradient tensor. All these methods not only require a user specified threshold which greatly limits the generality from case to case, but also generate false and missing detections compared with global methods.

The instantaneous vorticity deviation (IVD) proposed by [Haller et al. \(2016\)](#) is one of the global detection methods which is defined as the absolute value of the difference between the vorticity at a point and the spatially averaged vorticity of the global field larger than a threshold as vortex region:

$$IVD(\mathbf{x}, t) = |\omega(\mathbf{x}, t) - \bar{\omega}(\mathbf{x}, t)|. \quad (4.5)$$

This method should select the IVD-based boundaries on 2D planes that enclose the local maxima. Though the IVD method is objective, it is computationally intensive and require too much computing time. As a result, it is not suitable for large-scale applications.

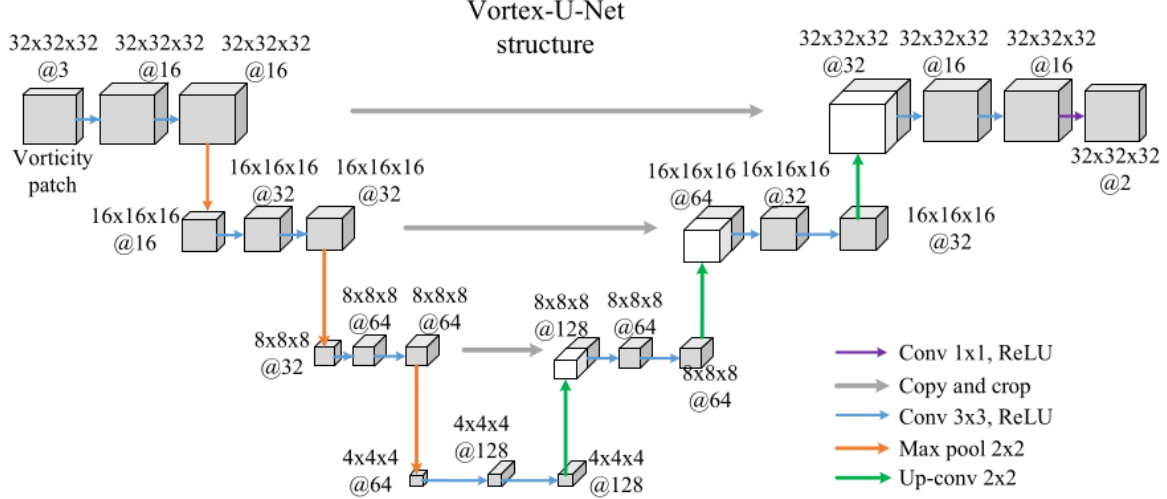


Figure 4.2: Vortex-U-Net from [Deng, Bao, Wang, Yang, Zhao, Wang, Bi and Guo \(2022\)](#) contains three steps. The preprocessing step transforms non-uniform velocity fields into uniform vorticity patches as the inputs of the neural networks. The neural network generates the predicted labels for all input patches. The post-processing step puts together all predicted label patches to obtain the whole predicted field.

Though there are other ML approaches applied to identify vortex structures such as recurrent neural network [Rajendran et al. \(2018\)](#), the most successful ones are CNNs [Ye et al. \(2019, 2020\)](#); [Monfort et al. \(2017\)](#); [Deng et al. \(2019\)](#); [Bai et al. \(2019\)](#); [Berenjkoub et al. \(2020\)](#); [Ströfer et al. \(2018\)](#); [Kim and Günther \(2019\)](#); [Wang, Guo, Wang, Deng, Wang and Li \(2020\)](#). [Deng et al. \(2019\)](#) proposed a Vortex-Net model to identify the vortex region with velocity as input which achieved higher precision and recall on the identification compared with the local methods and is faster than global methods such as IVD. Vortex-Seg-Net proposed by [Wang et al. \(2021\)](#) discards the fully-connected layer in the Vortex-Net to reduce the number of parameters to be more computationally efficient and deepens the model depth to improve the identification performance. [Deng, Bao, Wang, Yang, Zhao, Wang, Bi and Guo \(2022\)](#) proposed the Vortex-U-Net model, as shown in Fig. 4.2, to identify vortex region feeding on local patches in the vorticity field in 3D cases. The IVD, a global vortex detection method, was used as the ground-truth label. Vortex-U-Net model achieves higher vortex identification accuracy in terms of recall and F1 score than the local detection methods and its execution time is two order of magnitude lower than that of IVD. A multi-view U-Net (MVU-Net) was proposed by [Deng, Chen, Wang, Chen, Wang and Liu \(2022\)](#) to combine multiple variables while reducing the model complexity due to the juxtaposition of three identical U-Net models with each feeding on one of three variables: \mathbf{u} , ω and IVD. The comparative work of [Berenjkoub et al. \(2020\)](#) shows that after being trained on synthetic dataset the 8-layer U-Net CNN model outperforms both the 2-layer plain CNN model and Resnet20 model on the accuracy of the vortex boundary extraction. As the most utilized visualization method to analyze the flow structure in CFD result, streamlining in the entire domain is computationally prohibitive thus leading to missing some of the prominent flow structures. The CNN-based deep regression model (DRM) proposed by [Lee and Park \(2021\)](#) reduces the streamline creation time required to reveal the prominent flow features.

However, the design of the rectangular-like convolution kernel limits the CNNs to only accept the data stored in Cartesian grid which constrains its generality to the data stored

in unstructured meshes widely used in the industrial CFD cases. Therefore, most of the current applications of CNNs on detecting flow phenomena are limited to simple flow cases. When dealing with the unstructured meshes and complex geometries, either the mesh deformation [Ströfer et al. \(2018\)](#); [Wang, Guo, Wang, Deng, Wang and Li \(2020\)](#); [Deng, Bao, Wang, Yang, Zhao, Wang, Bi and Guo \(2022\)](#) or data interpolation [Ye et al. \(2020\)](#) are used which are cumbersome and inevitably introduce numerical errors.

4.2 Reduced order model

Despite recent advancements in computational resources, high-fidelity simulations like direct numerical simulation (DNS) and large-eddy simulation (LES) remain prohibitive for turbulent flows in high Reynolds number regions with complex geometries. Even simulations with Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) models, which are less computationally demanding, become costly when optimizing a large number of parameters. Reduced order models (ROMs), such as proper orthogonal decomposition (POD), can be used to expand the database from a limited set of full order model results [Sinha et al. \(2022\)](#).

POD, initially introduced by [Lumley \(1967\)](#), serves to represent the spatio-temporal velocity field as a combination of an infinite number of spatial structures with amplitudes varying in time, forming linearly uncorrelated modes. The POD modes are ranked according to the preserved energy, with higher modes being prioritized, and then truncated. However, as the Reynolds number increases, given a fraction of the total energy, the convergence rate of the truncated POD modes decreases due to nonlinear interactions among different modes in the turbulent flow - a phenomenon characterized by the slow decay rate of the Kolmogorov n -width, as noted by [Ahmed and San \(2020\)](#). [Milano and Koumoutsakos \(2002\)](#) showed for the first time that linear multilayer perceptrons (MLPs) are equivalent to the POD, whereas nonlinear MLPs are superior in compression and reconstruction capabilities. A similar conclusion was drawn for CNNs with autoencoder (AE) architecture later by [Murata et al. \(2020\)](#). Furthermore, [Lee and Carlberg \(2020\)](#) demonstrated that using deep convolutional autoencoders to project the dynamical systems onto nonlinear manifolds can outperform the classical linear-subspace ROMs like POD, even overcoming the Kolmogorov n -width barrier in advection-dominated flows, albeit at significant higher computational cost.

Plenty of ROMs used CNN-AE as the feature extractor to build low-order models for different flows, such as advection-dominated systems [Maulik et al. \(2021\)](#), laminar and turbulent flows [Fukami, Hasegawa, Nakamura, Morimoto and Fukagata \(2021\)](#) and 3D incompressible and transient flow [Akkari et al. \(2022\)](#). Despite the widely accepted use of CNN-AEs as ROMs, the comparison study of fully connected neural network (FCNN), CNN and graph convolutional neural networks (GCNN) against POD show that the superior architecture highly depends on both the size of latent space and the task [Gruber et al. \(2022\)](#). Other drawbacks of AE architecture, such as the learned entangled latent and a blindly predefined large enough latent dimension, make these ROMs physically uninterpretable and inefficient. Targeting on these problems, β -variational autoencoder (VAE) introduced by [Higgins et al. \(2016\)](#) was employed by many researchers to disentangle the latent variables by adjusting the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence term [Kullback and Leibler \(1951\)](#) with a weighting factor β in the original VAE [Kingma and Welling \(2013\)](#) loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} (\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}})^2}_{\text{Reconstruction loss}} + \underbrace{\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d (1 + \log(\sigma_i^2) - \mu_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)}_{\text{- KL divergence}} \quad (4.6)$$

It was found that increasing β suppresses the KL-divergence while the reconstruction loss increases and the latent variables become more disentangled. Wang et al. (2024) put forward a CNN- β -VAE model, as shown in Fig. 4.3, to reduce the dimensionality of the transient fields in the wall-mounted square cylinder. Comparison with the results obtained by POD method suggest that with the same number of decomposition modes, CNN- β -VAE can recover more information of the flow field. Increasing the latent dimension enhances the reconstruction quality while sacrificing the orthogonality of the decomposed modes. With larger β value, the CNN- β -VAE model tend to learn a more orthogonal latent space at the cost of lower reconstruction precision. To address the uninterpretability problem, Kang et al. (2022) made the latent variables in β -VAE physics aware by introducing the Gaussian process regression (GPR) to correlate the latent variables with the input physical parameters. Their results confirmed that the proposed physics aware β -VAE can pinpoint the latent variables corresponding to the generating factors, such as Mach number and angle of attack (AoA) in the transonic flow around airfoil case.

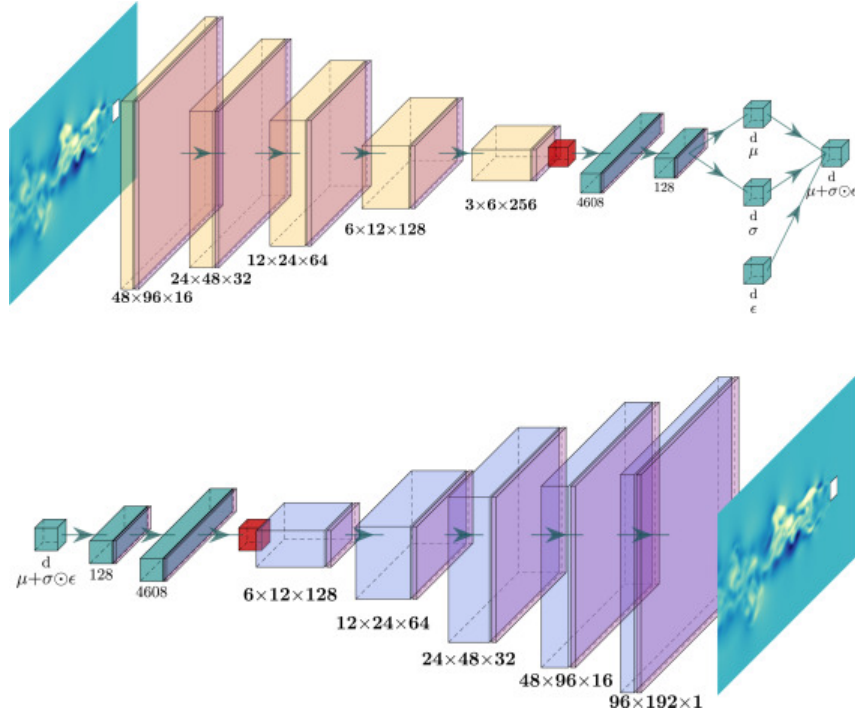


Figure 4.3: CNN- β -VAE architecture extracted from Wang et al. (2024).

Most of the ML ROMs focus on the structured meshes using CNNs. When applied to unstructured meshes where the data reshaping is necessary, the CNN reconstruction accuracy degrades. This deficiency of CNN can be overcome by utilising GCNN as evidenced in framework of Gruber et al. (2022) based on the GCNII graph convolution operation Chen et al. (2020). More GNN-based ROMs for unstructured meshes can be expected in the future.

4.3 Super-resolution

Driven by the various demands in fluid dynamics such as data compression of DNS simulations, acceleration of high fidelity CFD simulations [Kochkov et al. \(2021\)](#) and recover more details from sparse and irregular particle image velocity data points [Cai et al. \(2019\)](#); [Morimoto et al. \(2021\)](#), and benefited from the state of the art development in image super-resolution [Dong et al. \(2015\)](#); [Yang et al. \(2019\)](#); [Lu et al. \(2022\)](#); [Li et al. \(2022\)](#); [Karras et al. \(2017\)](#); [Ho et al. \(2020\)](#), different super-resolution models have been proposed recently to reconstruct high-resolution CFD results from the low-resolution counterparts [Fukami et al. \(2023\)](#).

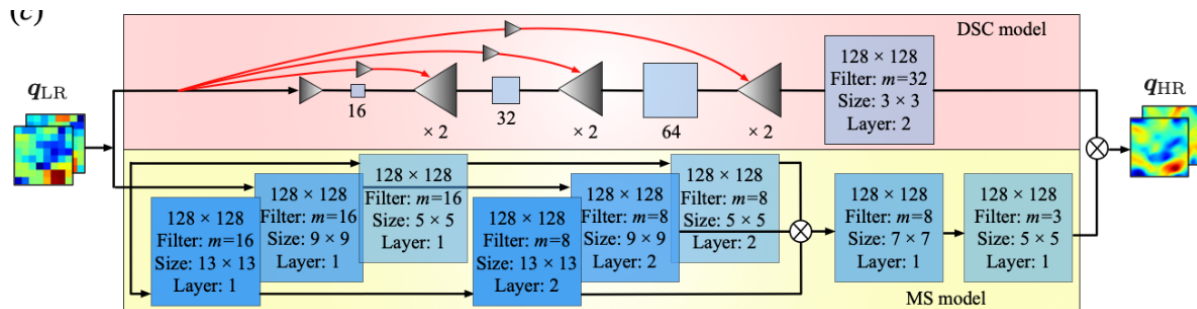


Figure 4.4: Schematic of the hybrid Downsampled Skip-Connection Multi-Scale (DSC/MS) model extracted from [Fukami et al. \(2019\)](#).

As shown in Fig. 4.4, [Fukami et al. \(2019\)](#) devised a hybrid downsampled skip-connection/multi-scale (DSC/MS) model to reconstruct the super-resolution results from low-resolution results. The proposed DSC/MS model demonstrated superiority on the very coarse cases than traditional methods like bicubic interpolation in recovering more details. This model is later extended to recover the temporal evolution of flow field between two time instants [Fukami, Fukagata and Taira \(2021\)](#). [Obiols-Sales et al. \(2021\)](#) proposed a transfer learning-based super-resolution flow network SURFNet. The tested two types of transfer learning strategies, one shot transfer learning (OSTL) where the network is pretrained on the coarsest grid and then transferred to the finest grid dataset in one shot, while incremental transfer learning (ITL) passes the network gradually through intermediate resolutions step-by-step from the lowest resolution to the target resolution. As a comparison of the increasing loss of OSTL method as the resolution ratio increases, ITL loss remains relatively constant and much lower. Compared with baseline model, the transfer learning significantly reduces the data collection size and the training time. More super-resolution works can be found in [Zhou et al. \(2022\)](#); [Liu et al. \(2020\)](#); [Xie et al. \(2018\)](#); [Hu et al. \(2024\)](#); [Bao et al. \(2023\)](#).

The above direct mapping models suffer from two problems: the reconstructed flow field does not satisfy the continuity and the reconstruction accuracy degrades once applied to low-fidelity input that significantly deviates from the training dataset in terms of resolution or a Gaussian blurring process. While adding physics based loss terms like continuity loss to the conventional L_p norm loss seems a plausible remedy, [Pant and Farimani \(2020\)](#); [Li and McComb \(2022\)](#) suggested that such method even deteriorates the reconstruction accuracy. For the latter problem, these direct mapping models have to be retrained when a out-of-distribution test data is given. To address these problems, [Shu et al. \(2023\)](#) cast super-resolution as a problem of denoising and proposed a denoising diffusion probabilistic model (DDPM) which incorporates the PDE information. This

diffusion based model is trained to minimize the Kullback-Leibler divergence between the forward diffusion process and the backward diffusion process. As a result, it is only sensitive to data reconstruction error in the statistical sense with the presence of Gaussian noise. Compared with direct mapping models, the proposed DDPM achieved similar L_2 loss and remains accurate in terms of kinetic energy spectrum and PDE residual loss for different input data distributions.

While the supervised training requires the paired low resolution input and high resolution output which hinders the practical application of super-resolution works, the unsupervised training models especially generative adversarial network (GAN) are the promising ones to avoid this problem. [Yousif et al. \(2021\)](#) designed a multi-scale enhanced super-resolution generative adversarial network (MS-ESRGAN), as indicated in Fig. 4.5, to reconstruct the high-resolution wall-bounded turbulent flow fields from sparse information. Besides the regular adversarial loss term used in GAN-based models, the other three loss terms, L_{pixel} , $L_{perceptual}$, $L_{gradient}$ and $L_{ReynoldsStress}$ indicating the pixel-wise regression difference, extracted features difference, the gradient difference, Reynolds stresses difference between the generated data and the ground truth data, respectively, are combined and weighted as the discriminator loss function. The model is trained and tested on two turbulent channel flow DNS results at friction Reynolds numbers $Re_\tau = 180, 550$. The reconstructed fields agree remarkably well the ground-truth data on the Reynolds stresses, velocity profiles in the boundary layer and the energy spectra as well. [Kim et al. \(2021\)](#) applied the CycleGAN [Zhu et al. \(2017\)](#) to generate DNS-resolution flow field from LES-resolution result. CycleGAN outperformed the bicubic interpolation and supervised method on reproducing the small-scale structures, energy spectra. More GAN-based super-resolution models were developed for multiphase fluid simulations [Li and McComb \(2022\)](#), and CFD acceleration [Kochkov et al. \(2021\)](#).

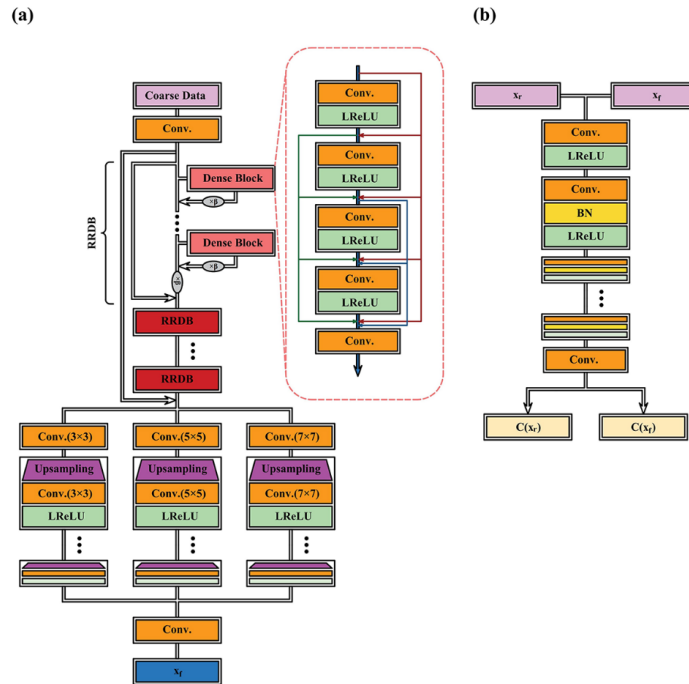


Figure 4.5: MS-ESRGAN architecture adapted from [Yousif et al. \(2021\)](#): (a) generator and (b) discriminator.

4.4 Physics-informed Machine learning

While the conventional PDE solvers are widely employed to forward problems, they fall short when it comes to addressing ill-posed problems such as noisy or incomplete boundary conditions, assimilating observed data into calculations, or solving inverse problems to infer model parameters from observations [Raissi and Karniadakis \(2018\)](#). In contrast, machine learning (ML) models have been employed to address these challenges by finding hidden patterns in noisy data. However, purely data-driven ML models tend to perform well only on small training datasets due to their strong universal approximation capability, but they struggle to generalize to data outside the training distribution. Their predictions often do not adhere to physical laws such as continuity and momentum conservation. By incorporating physical knowledge into ML models, these shortcomings can be mitigated. Embedding Domain knowledge can occur in three key aspects of the ML framework: a) model input and output, b) model architecture and c) loss function [Karniadakis et al. \(2021\)](#); [Sharma et al. \(2023\)](#). This integration not only reduces the reliance on large datasets but also ensures that predictions align with physical principles and exhibit better generalization to unseen data.

Physics-informed input and output. The first approach involves incorporating physical intuitions and principles through data preprocessing and feature selection. This physics embedding strategy is widely employed in the data-driven turbulence modeling. [Ling, Jones and Templeton \(2016\)](#) compared methods for constructing invariant inputs against methods using multiple transformations of raw input data for turbulence modeling. They found that embedding invariance properties into input features led to better performance at considerably reduced training cost. This finding is further validated by the tensor basis neural network (TBNN) introduced by [Ling, Kurzawski and Templeton \(2016\)](#). Their work used TBNN to model the relationship between five Galilean invariants and the coefficients of ten tensor basis to reconstruct the Reynolds anisotropy tensor using a multiplicative layer neural network as shown in Fig. 4.6.

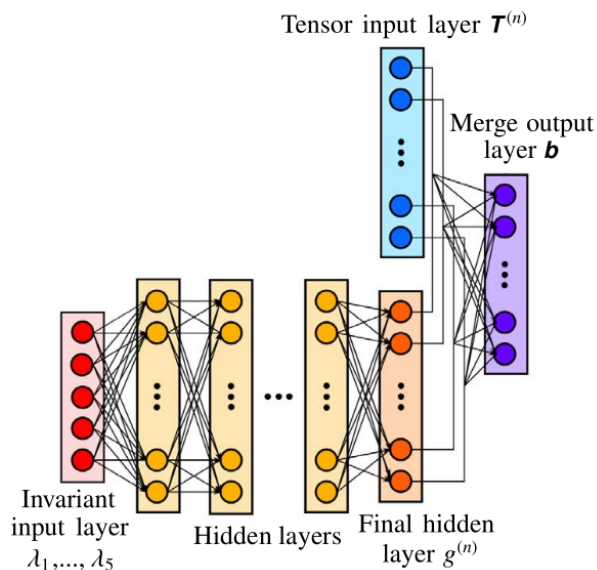


Figure 4.6: Multiplicative layer neural network proposed by [Ling, Kurzawski and Templeton \(2016\)](#)

In order to take into account the effect of the wall curvature, [Xie et al. \(2021\)](#) used

a local artificial neural network (LANN) to reconstruct the turbulent heat flux using average input features transformed into a local reference frame orthogonal to the nearest wall. The LANN model produced more accurate results than algebraic turbulence models and closely matched DNS results for periodic hill flow with varying slope ratios at different Reynolds numbers. However, directly incorporating Reynolds stress tensors predicted by ML models into RANS turbulence models can lead to significant velocity deviations, as errors from high-fidelity data and ML model are amplified [Wu et al. \(2019\)](#); [Brener et al. \(2021\)](#). Instead of reconstructing Reynolds stress tensors, [Cruz et al. \(2019\)](#) focused on modeling the Reynolds force vector - the divergence of Reynolds stress tensors - using a two-layer neural network. This network used the strain rate tensor and the non-persistence-of-straining tensor proposed by [Thompson and de Souza Mendes \(2011\)](#), and their divergence as input features. This approach produced smaller propagation errors of the Reynolds stress tensors in the mean momentum balance equation, leading to a more accurate secondary flow predictions in the square duct flow compared to using Reynolds stress tensors directly. Using physics-informed features and labels, as the simplest way to introduce the physics, is the weakest mechanism to embed physics into the model and still requires a considerable amount of data.

Physics-informed architecture. The second approach involves embedding physics into customized functions or architectures of the ML model. [Ling, Kurzawski and Templeton \(2016\)](#) proposed a tensor basis neural network (TBNN) with two multiplicative input layers to embed Galilean invariance for reconstructing the Reynolds anisotropy tensor. To ensure translation invariance, transport linearity and Galilean invariance required by the turbulent scalar transport equation, [Frezat et al. \(2021\)](#) introduced a subgrid transport neural network (SGNN). This SGNN features customized periodic padding and two parallel convolution operators - one without activation for processing velocity and another for processing the transported scalar. The SGNN framework outperformed algebraic and non-physical constrained models in predicting turbulent scalar flux in extrapolated flow regimes and showed better stability as a surrogate model in LES. In contrast to ensuring rotational invariance through data augmentation (extending the dataset by rotating available data) as done by [Frezat et al. \(2021\)](#), [Wang, Walters and Yu \(2020\)](#) achieved this by applying the E(2)-CNN proposed by [Weiler and Cesa \(2019\)](#), which outperformed the baselines trained with data augmentation.

To address different scales in turbulent flow, [Wang, Kashinath, Mustafa, Albert and Yu \(2020\)](#) developed the Turbulent-Flow Net (TF-Net), as shown in 4.7. This network contains three independent encoders for velocity components at three scales - time-averaged mean flow \bar{w} , spatially-filtered large-scale component \tilde{w} , and the fluctuating quantity w' - and a shared decoder. Each encoder-decoder pair can be seen as a U-Net. This customized architecture demonstrated significant advantages in predicting turbulent Rayleigh-Bénard convection flow, reducing root mean square error (RMSE) and flow divergence, and preserving physical quantities such as turbulence kinetic energy and energy spectrum. It outperformed both purely data-driven spatiotemporal deep learning models and hybrid physics-informed deep learning models like the Deep Hidden Physics Model (DHPM) by [Raissi \(2018\)](#).

Physics-informed loss function. The third strategy incorporates physics directly into the loss function, a technique often used in the so-called physics-informed neural networks (PINN) first introduced by [Raissi et al. \(2017\)](#). By integrating the residual loss of the governing equations, the training process of the neural network is regularized, resulting in significantly reduced training data and costs. While there is less interest in

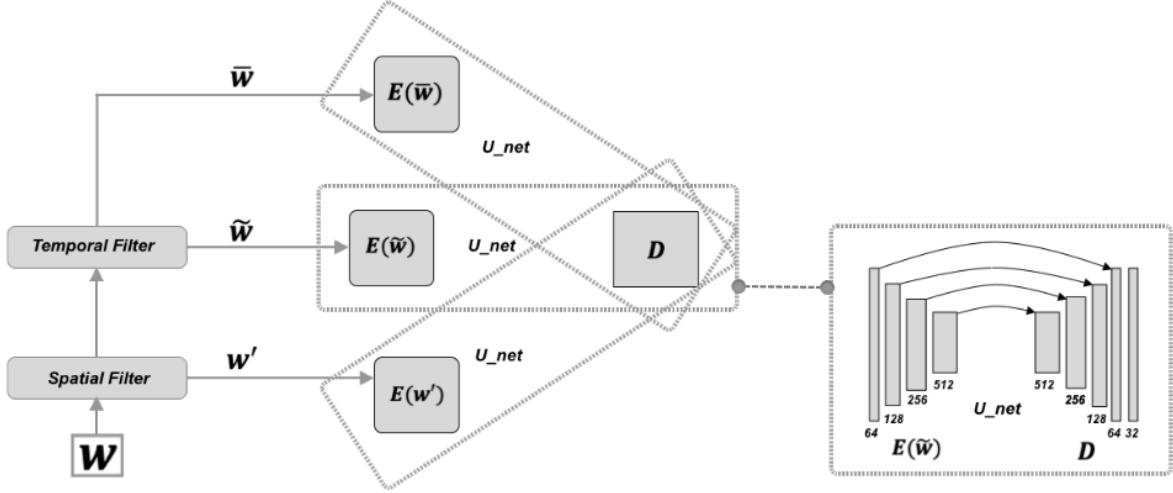


Figure 4.7: *Turbulent-Flow Net: three identical encoders to learn the transformations of the three components of different scales, and one shared decoder that learns the interactions among three scales to predict 2D velocity field at the next instant. Extracted from Wang, Kashinath, Mustafa, Albert and Yu (2020).*

solving forward problems, which can be addressed using classical PDE solvers, solving inverse problems - such as deducing physical fields in the entire fluid domain from sparse observed data - has gained more attention.

Hanrahan et al. (2023) developed a PINN, as shown in Fig. 4.8, to reconstruct Reynolds stress from sparse experimental data points. The proposed PINN contains a deep neural network (DNN) to predict the physical quantities field from the coordinates, followed by automatic differential (AD) layers to calculate the derivatives. The loss function is defined as:

$$L = \underbrace{\frac{1}{N_b} \sum_{j=1}^{N_d} \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} |\mathbf{T}_{ij} - \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{ij}|^2}_{L_{Data}} + \lambda_r \underbrace{\frac{1}{N_r} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} \sum_{i=1}^{N_r} \epsilon_{ij}^2}_{L_{PDE}} \quad (4.7)$$

where L_{Data} represents the mean square error (MSE) between the network's predictions and the training data, and L_{PDE} is the residual loss of the governing equations, which weighted by the factor λ_r . The results demonstrated that while the network could predict the reattachment point from sparse experimental data, it failed to accurately predict velocity magnitudes in the recirculation region if no data points were provided within this area. The authors concluded that using PINNs with open RANS equations remains a data-driven methodology. This means that adjusting network hyperparameters does not improve prediction convergence; instead, increasing the amount of training data enhances prediction quality.

The traditional PINNs struggle with multi-scale problems, such as boundary layer prediction, where high-frequency features in the refined near wall region make it difficult for the PINNs to converge. To address this, Huang et al. (2024) designed a multi-scale PINN (msPINN) that includes two independent neural networks for solving outer region and boundary layer inner region, respectively. While the traditional PINNs fail to capture the asymptotic velocity profile in the semi-infinite flat plate flow, the msPINN's predictions align well with reference numerical results.

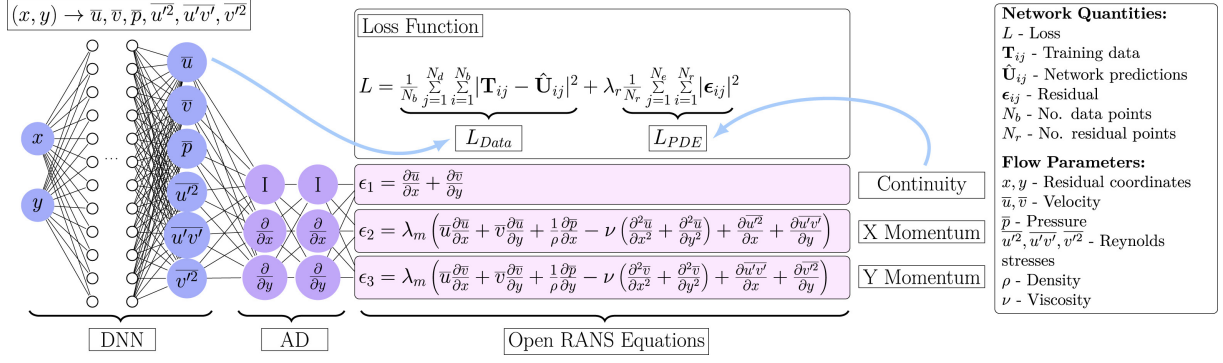


Figure 4.8: The PINN architecture with embedded RANS equations from Hanrahan et al. (2023).

4.5 Summary

Recent fast advancements in neural networks, particularly deep learning, has made it a powerful alternative for addressing longstanding problems in fluid mechanics. Deep learning has achieved success in different tasks, including flow phenomena identification, reduced order modeling, and the super-resolution of the flow field. However, there is no universally accepted superior design for even the same task, making benchmarking among different customized models both critical and challenging.

Another issue with deep learning is the generalizability. Data-driven algorithms provide meaningful predictions when testing data aligns well with training data, but they lose accuracy and reliability otherwise. Incorporating physics into data, model architecture, and loss function can extend the model's applicability to broader range of scenarios. However, at this stage, deep learning remains a black box, introducing additional uncertainty and inexplainsibility to fluid mechanics when applied directly to CFD solvers. Users should exercise caution in such applications.

5 | CNN identification of flow phenomena on structured meshes

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Deep learning has been employed to identify flow characteristics from Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) results to assist the researcher to better understand the flow field, to optimize the geometry design and to select the correct CFD configuration for corresponding flow characteristics. Among all the machine learning algorithms, convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is the most popular algorithm used to extract and identify flow features. Application of CNNs in CFD domain has at least several differences compared with feature detection/object identification in the images: 1) depending on the nature of the task, the input features are different from case to case; 2) CNNs' generality is limited not only by the small size of the dataset and 3) CFD simulations have more selections, such as various mesh refinement levels, different turbulence models and flow regimes, which significantly confines a trained CNN to the same dataset over which it is trained.

In this chapter, the limitations of CNNs' application on flow feature identification is firstly explored through prediction of the pressure distribution around cylinder wall based on the velocity field in the wake region, concerning their performance on datasets constructed using different data interpolation methods on different types of meshes and meshes of varied refinement level. Then the whole process of CNN identification of independent vortexes behind 2D backward-facing step is investigated, including ground-truth label generation, input feature selection and result analysis. The feasibility of using CNN

to identify other flow phenomena such as thermal stratification region is showcased at the end.

5.1 Prediction of the pressure around cylinder from velocity field

Many factors may influence the prediction accuracy of a trained machine learning algorithm, such as data sampling strategy, data interpolation method, CFD mesh type and so on. To investigation to which extent these factors influence model’s accuracy and generality, a series of CNNs are trained on different datasets to predict the pressure distribution around cylinder based on the velocity field in the wake region. As shown in Fig. 5.1, our CNN architecture contains two convolutional layers to extract spatial features, a flatten layer and a dense layer to map the learned hidden features to 32 pressure coefficient, $C_p = p/\frac{1}{2}\rho u^2$, around the cylinder. The input to the model is velocity components on x and y directions which are sampled from an array of points in the wake region.

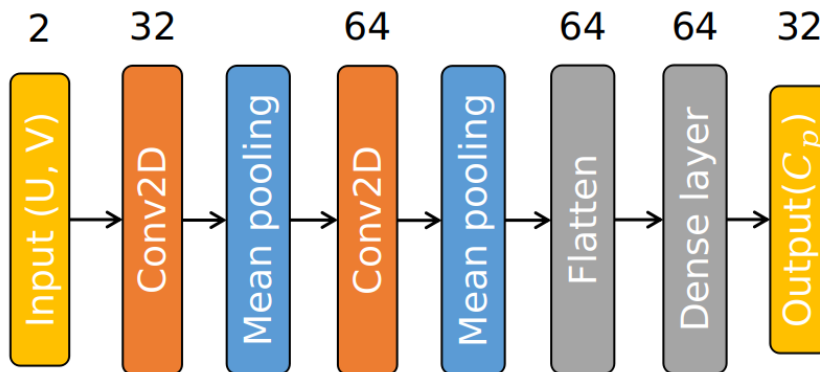


Figure 5.1: CNN model architecture to predict pressure distribution around cylinder. The number over each block indicates the channel width.

5.1.1 Dataset generation

The transient vortex shedding behind the cylinder is simulated using $k-\omega$ SST turbulence model with the geometry shown in Fig. 5.2. The parabolic velocity profile is imposed at the inlet boundary: $u(y) = 4u_m y(H - y)/H^2$, where H is the channel width, u_m is the maximum velocity. Ten flow cases with Reynolds number ranging from 10^3 to 10^4 with the interval of 10^3 are calculated. Reynolds number here is defined as $Re = \bar{u}D/\nu$ where D is the cylinder diameter and $\bar{u} = 2/3u(H/2)$. The second-order linear upwind (SOLU) scheme is used for the convective term of momentum equations and turbulence equations. The second-order Crank-Nicolson time-stepping scheme is used. The time step is set to 0.005s.

As the reference training dataset, the velocity components (U, V) at 41×17 points, as shown in Fig. 5.2, in the wake region are sampled from 300 consecutive time steps after the flow is fully developed are sampled as the input for the CNN model. The pressure coefficient C_p at 32 points evenly distributed around the cylinder is also extracted as the ground-truth label. The cases of $Re = [1000, 3000, 5000, 7000, 9000]$ are used to form the training dataset while cases of $Re = [2000, 4000, 6000, 8000, 10000]$ are used as the test dataset.

Table 5.1: Flow around cylinder meshes information.

Mesh type	Unstructured	Structured		
		Coarse	Medium	Fine
Cells	8132	9600	4×9600	16×9600

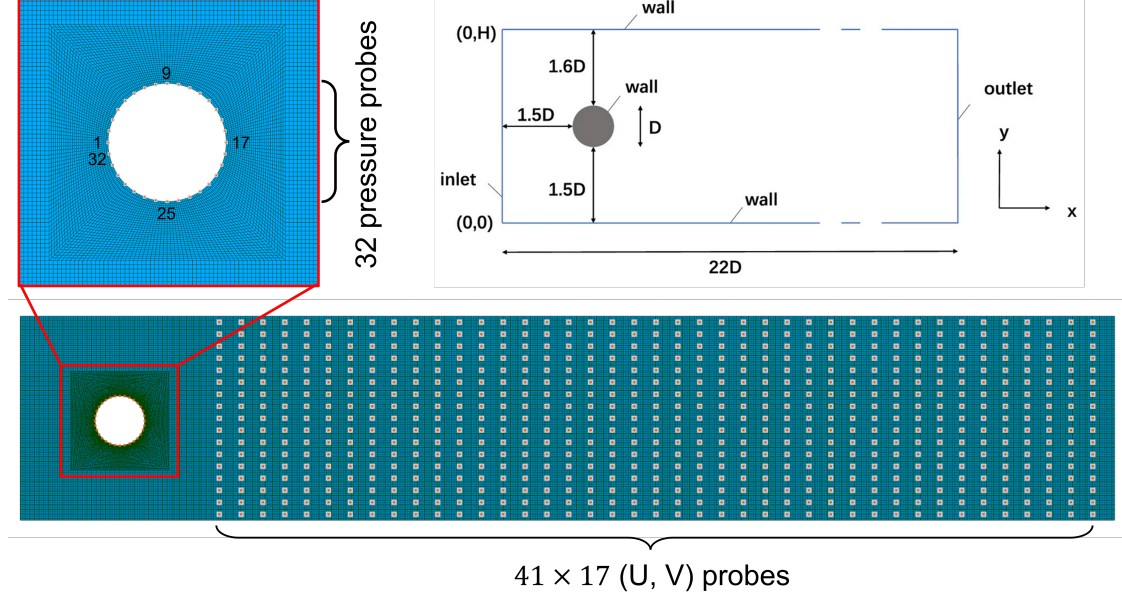


Figure 5.2: Flow around cylinder case geometry and data sampling points.

5.1.2 Results analysis

5.1.2.1 Training details

Each CNN model is trained for 100 epochs using Adam 2 as optimizer with default values $\eta = 0.001$, $\beta_1 = 0.9$, $\beta_2 = 0.999$ and $\epsilon = 10^{-8}$ adopted in the training. Root mean square error (RMSE) as loss function:

$$RSME = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}, \quad (5.1)$$

where the y is the ground-truth value and \hat{y} is the CNN prediction.

The coefficient of determination R^2 which measures how well a regression fits the observed data is used to evaluate the CNN model prediction accuracy:

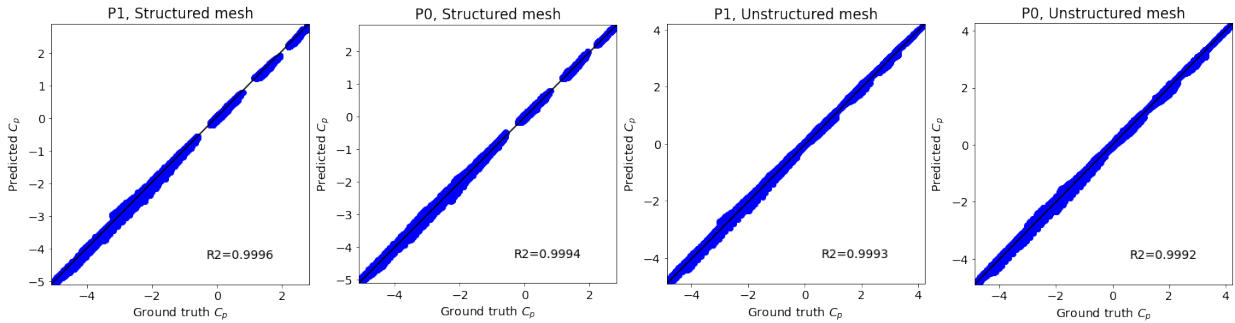
$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2}, \quad (5.2)$$

where y and \bar{y} are the observed values and its mean, respectively, and \hat{y} is the predicted value.

5.1.2.2 Data interpolation and mesh types

CNN algorithms are suitable for structured data or Cartesian mesh in CFD, while applied to unstructured mesh data interpolation is inevitable to sample the required input. The

influence of data interpolation methods on the obtained CNN model over unstructured mesh should be investigated by being compared with structured mesh. The comparisons between the ground-truth label sampled from two types of meshes using P0/P1 interpolation and the corresponding CNN predictions are visualized in Fig. 5.3a, the mesh type and data interpolation method have no noticeable influence on the CNN prediction accuracy. The predicted pressure coefficient at one time step for flows of three Reynolds numbers is plotted Fig. 5.3b, 5.3c and 5.3d, respectively. The CNN prediction agrees well with the ground-truth on both the interpolation cases ($Re = 2000, 6000$) and the extrapolation case ($Re = 10000$).



(a) Comparison of CNN prediction trained on dataset sampled using P0/P1 interpolation on structured/unstructured meshes. (From left to right: P1 interpolation from coarse structured mesh; P0 interpolation from coarse structured mesh; P1 interpolation from unstructured mesh and P0 interpolation from unstructured mesh.)

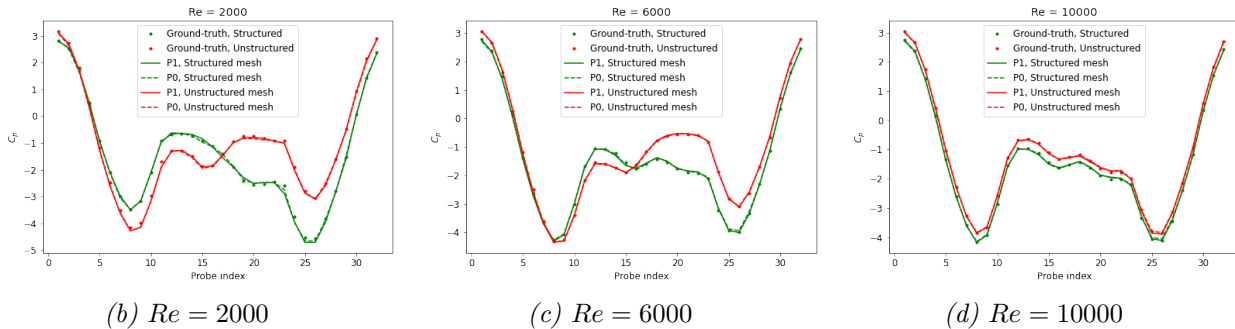
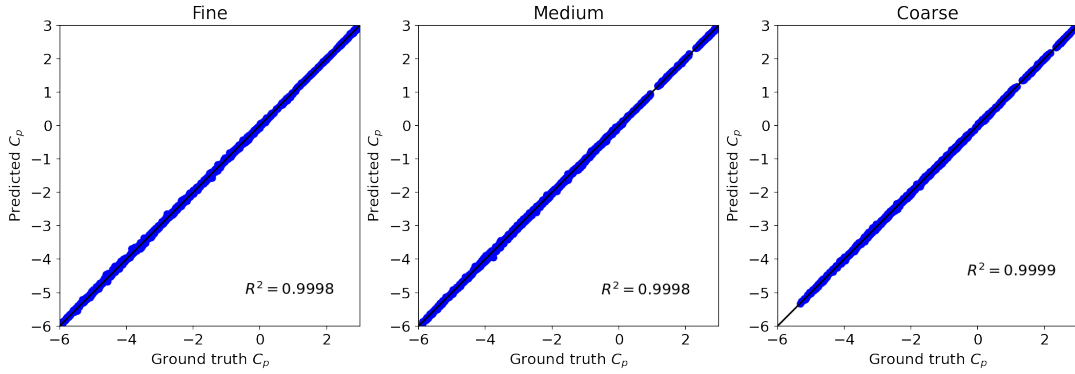


Figure 5.3: Comparison of ground-truth with predictions of CNNs trained on dataset sampled using different interpolation methods on coarse structured mesh and unstructured mesh.

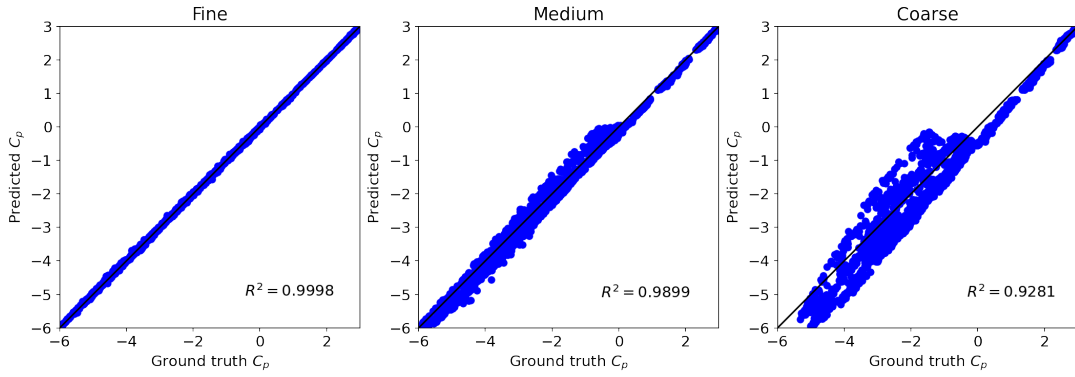
5.1.2.3 Mesh refinement

A trained model loses generality on the data of the mesh different from that used to form dataset even for the same flow case. The dataset is regenerated using structured meshes at three refinement levels which contain 16×9600 , 4×9600 and 9600 cells for fine, medium and coarse meshes, respectively. As shown in Fig. 5.4a, the predictions of CNN models agree well with the ground-truth values of the dataset on which CNN model is trained. However, the prediction deteriorates significantly either when the CNN is trained on fine-mesh dataset and predicts on two coarser meshes, as shown in Fig. 5.4b, or when the CNN is trained on coarse-mesh dataset and predicts on the other two finer meshes, as shown in Fig. 5.4c. The predictions of CNNs trained on different datasets at one time step on flow case with $Re = 6000$ and medium mesh are shown in Fig. 5.5. A trained CNN model makes precise prediction on the same dataset over which it is trained

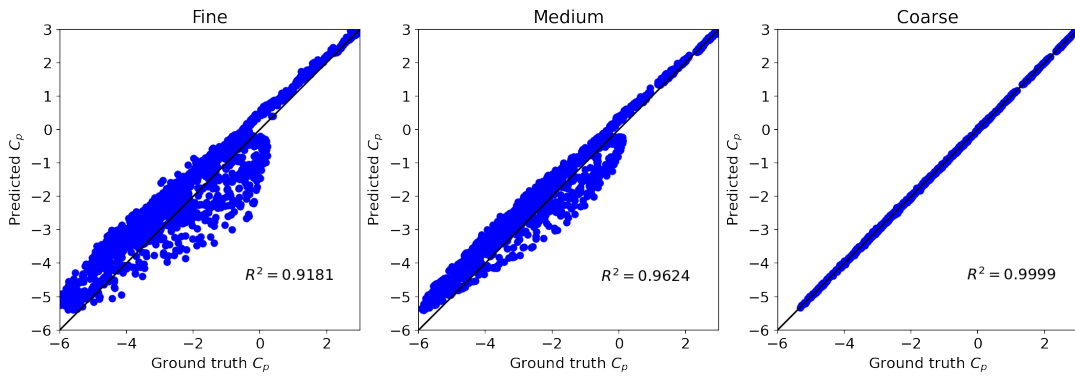
(Fig. 5.5b, however its prediction degrades significantly when the mesh encountered in the inference stage is either coarsened (Fig. 5.5a) or refined (Fig. 5.5c), especially in the vortex detaching region (probe index from 5 to 28). The prediction over medium-mesh dataset of the CNN trained on fine-mesh dataset correlates with the ground-truth label better than that of the CNN trained on coarse-mesh dataset, which can be ascribed to the fact that the CFD result using this coarse mesh is not mesh independent.



(a) CNN trained on the datasets of corresponding meshes.

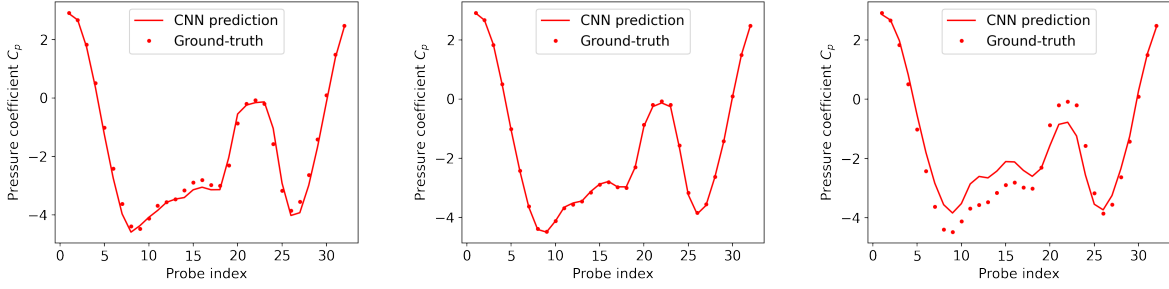


(b) CNN trained on fine-mesh dataset.



(c) CNN trained on coarse-mesh dataset.

Figure 5.4: Comparison of the ground-truth C_p with the prediction of CNN trained on different datasets. (From left to right: CNN predictions on fine, medium and coarse resolution meshes for flow cases with $Re = 6000$.)



(a) CNN is trained on fine-mesh dataset. (b) CNN is trained on medium-mesh dataset. (c) CNN is trained on coarse-mesh dataset.

Figure 5.5: Comparison of the ground-truth C_p of medium-mesh dataset with CNN predictions trained on datasets formed by different meshes for $Re = 6000$ case on one time step.

5.2 Identification of vortex shedding behind backward-facing step

In this section, how to detect vortex regions behind a 2D BFS using CNN model is described. The input for the CNN model, including CFD simulation and vortex labeling method, is introduced firstly. A series of potential input sets to characterise vortices are selected and compared in terms of the identification performance of the corresponding trained CNN models. The general steps of flow phenomena identification in the CFD results by machine learning models is shown in Fig. 5.6.

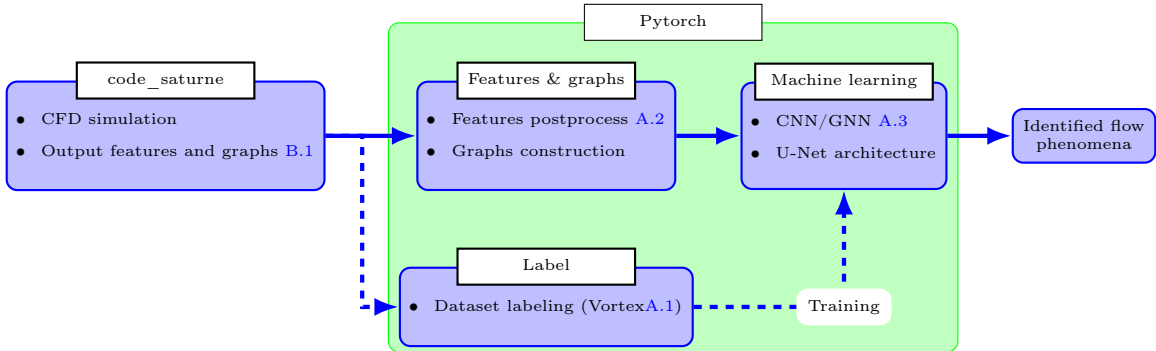


Figure 5.6: Flowchart of flow phenomena identification in the CFD results by machine learning models.

5.2.1 Dataset generation

In order to generate the dataset, the vortex shedding behind the 2D BFS [Le et al. \(1997\)](#) is simulated using transient `code_saturne` solver solving Navier-Stokes equations and $R_{ij} - \epsilon$ SSG turbulence model. The flow configuration is shown in Fig. 5.7. The computational domain consists of an inlet section $L_i = 10h$ prior to the sudden expansion. The total length in streamwise direction is $L_x = 30h$ and the vertical height is $L_y = 6h$. The mean velocity with the turbulence intensity of 5% of the mean velocity magnitude is imposed at the inlet boundary. The Neumann condition is imposed at the outlet boundary. The scalable wall function is applied to the bottom wall. The upper boundary is set to symmetry boundary condition. The Reynolds number based on step height h and bulk velocity is $Re_h = 5100$. The total number of computational cells in x direction after the step is 240 and that in y direction is 220. Only one cell is used for z direction.

Ten flow-throughs were calculated before outputting the results in order to make sure the flow field is fully developed. Then the physical fields at 100 time steps with an interval of 0.1s were output and divided into three groups with the splitting ratio of 80/10/10 for training, validation and test cases, respectively.

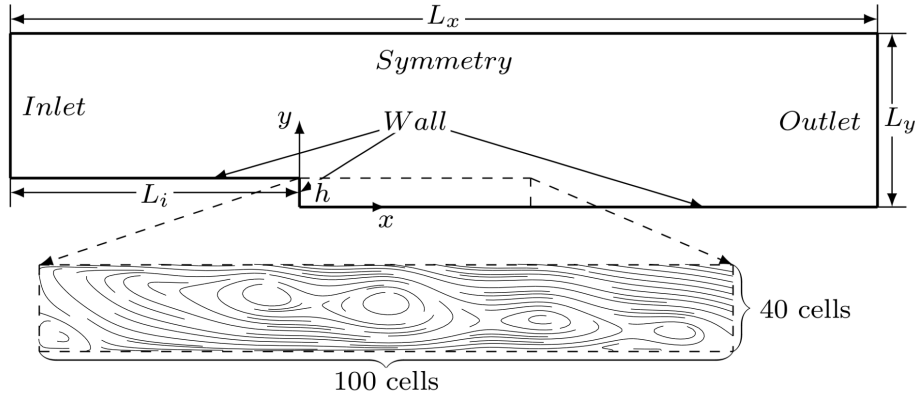


Figure 5.7: Backward-facing step flow configuration.

5.2.2 Vortex labeling

Since the supervised training of the neural networks is adopted in our study, a binary ground-truth label for each node indicating whether the node is in the vortex region or not should be provided. One of our contribution of our work is to the proposition of an auto-labeling method using Depth First Search (DFS) and Biased Random Walking (BRW) on the directed graph derived from the velocity field. DFS is an algorithm for traversing or searching tree and graph structured data and is employed for various applications, such as finding bridges or strongly connected components on the graph, maze generation. BRW algorithm explores the graph structure by going from one state/node to the next potential state/node with a probability and it is widely used for the search engine, to investigate the advertisement diffusion on the social networks, distribution of the animal community and etc. Here we apply these two algorithms to label the vortex region on the CFD meshes with velocity field which can be naturally viewed as a weighted directed graph. As shown in Fig. 5.8, the edge in the directed graph is the shared face of adjacent cells in the mesh whose direction is from upwind cell to downwind cell according to the velocity field.

As shown in algorithm 3, this vortex auto-labeling algorithm labels the vortex in 2D CFD results based on the closure of the streamline in two steps: a) locating the vortex core with DFS algorithm Jungnickel and Jungnickel (2005); b) enlarging the vortex region by BRW. The pseudo codes of DFS and BRW algorithms are shown in algorithm 4 and algorithm 5, respectively.

The vortex core is assumed to exist among a limited number, 4 for 2D structured mesh and 8 for 2D unstructured mesh, of connected cells. The DFS algorithm traverses all the nodes on the graph and recursively search the downstream nodes until it goes back to the beginning node within predefined steps. Once the vortex core is located, the BRW algorithm enlarges the vortex region starting from the vortex core. The probability of random walking from central node to a downstream node is proportional to the ratio of mass flux entering the corresponding downstream node from central node to the total

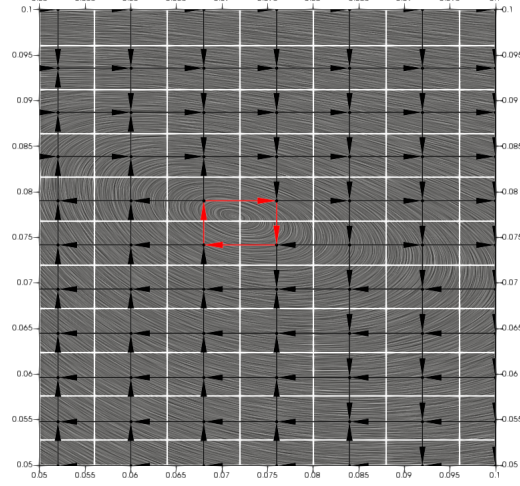


Figure 5.8: Directed graph superimposed on streamline background. The red arrows connect the vortex core cells. The white wire frame is the CFD mesh.

Algorithm 3: Vortex auto-labeling algorithm in 2D CFD cases

input : Nodes \mathcal{V} , Mass flux $\{M_{u,v} : u \in \mathcal{V}, v \in \mathcal{V}\}$, Neighborhood $\mathcal{N}(u) = \{v \in \mathcal{V} : M_{u,v} > 0\}$

output: Vortex nodes: \mathcal{V}_{vortex}

- 1 Build weighted directed graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ with edge weight $e_{u,v} = \frac{M_{u,v}}{\sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}(u)} M_{u,v}}$;
- 2 initialize vortex core set \mathcal{V}_{core} ;
- 3 **for** each $u \in \mathcal{V}$ **do**
- 4 | add DFS $(\mathcal{G}, v, 0)$ to \mathcal{V}_{core} ;
- 5 **end**
- 6 create working graph $\mathcal{G}_w \leftarrow \mathcal{G}$;
- 7 **while** \mathcal{G}_w changes **do**
- 8 | **for** $icore$ in \mathcal{V}_{core} **do**
- 9 | | randomly select a node u from $icore$;
- 10 | | find the loop enclosing u : $L_u \leftarrow \text{BRW}(\mathcal{G}_w, u)$;
- 11 | | remove the nodes enclosed by L_u from \mathcal{G}_w ;
- 12 | **end**
- 13 **end**
- 14 **return** $\mathcal{V}_{vortex} = \mathcal{G}.nodes() - \mathcal{G}_w.nodes()$;

mass flux exiting the central node. One walking path either ends at the beginning node leading to the success of enlarging the vortex region or ends at the outlet nodes leading to the failure of enlarging vortex region. To make sure the final labeled vortices are separate from each another, a single enlarged vortex region should not contain multiple vortex cores. The vortex location labeling process is terminated when the searched vortex boundary is not changed from the last random walking.

The ground-truth labels superimposed on the streamline plot at one time instant obtained using this method from a structured mesh of 74400 nodes and an unstructured mesh of 131118 nodes for 2D BFS case are shown in Fig. 5.9. All the cells in vortex zone are represented by the points over the streamline background. It should be noted that although the vortex boundary labeled in this method does not precisely reflect the

Algorithm 4: Depth first search algorithm

```
input : Graph  $\mathcal{G}$ , starting node  $v$ , depth count  $d$ 
output: Vortex core nodes
1  $d++$ ;
2 for  $w$  in  $\mathcal{G}.adj[v]$  do
3   if  $w$  is unvisited and  $d < depth$  then /* Set depth to 4 for structured
   mesh, 8 for unstructured mesh. */
4     if DFS ( $\mathcal{G}, w, d$ ) then
5       return list( $w$ , DFS ( $\mathcal{G}, w, d$ ));
6     end
7   else if  $w$  is visited then
8     return  $w$ ;
9   else
10    return None
11  end
12 ;
13 end
```

Algorithm 5: Biased random walking

```
input : Graph  $\mathcal{G}$ , Starting point  $u$ 
output: Nodes on the loop  $\mathbf{V}_{path}$  enclosing  $u$ 
1 while  $step < threshold$  do /* Threshold depends on mesh size. */
2   add  $u$  to  $path$ ;
3   select next node  $v$  in  $\mathcal{G}.adj[u]$  with possibility  $\mathcal{P}(v) \propto e_{u,v}$ ;
4   if  $v$  in  $\mathcal{V}_{core}$  then
5     return  $\mathbf{V}_{path}$ ;
6   end
7   walk to next  $v : u \leftarrow v$ ;
8    $step++$ ;
9 end
```

real vortex shape leading to a noisy dataset, it has the merit of auto-labeling and can label vortex location for massive snapshots. And we expect that the machine learning algorithm outperforms the ground-truth label on identifying the vortex position and shape after trained on this noisy dataset. The auto-labeling algorithms takes 292s and 122s on average to label vortexes at one time step on the structured mesh and on the unstructured mesh, respectively.

5.2.3 Input feature selection

To find out the optimal vortex indicators as the input for, five features, summarized in Table 5.2, were selected such as velocity field, Q -criterion, turbulence intensity, deviation from shear flow and pressure gradient along streamline. The latter four features are visualised in Fig. 5.10 along with ground-truth label and streamline. Intuitively, the closure of the streamline is the intrinsic feature and has sufficient information to characterize the presence of vortex. However, the deterministic methods which derive local value from

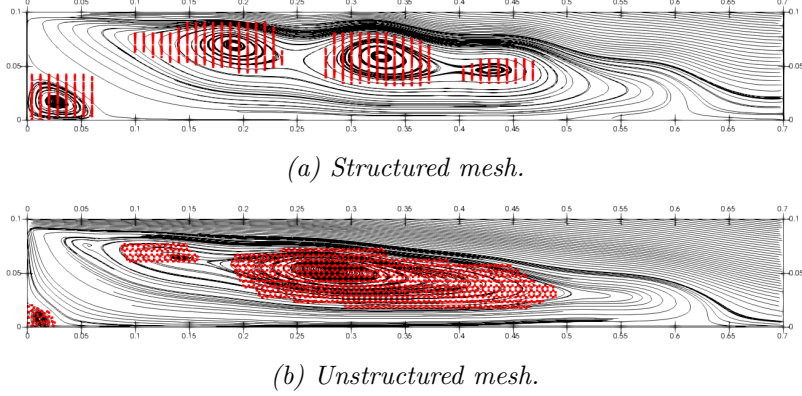


Figure 5.9: Labeled vortex region in 2D BFS case meshes superimposed on streamline background.

the velocity field and its gradient field fail to capture the global view of the streamline closure, such as the widely accepted vortex indicator Q -criterion $Q = \|\mathbf{R}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{S}\|^2$, where $\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\mathbf{U} - (\nabla\mathbf{U})^T)$ and $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\mathbf{U} + (\nabla\mathbf{U})^T)$. It can be seen from Fig. 5.10a that Q -criterion has false high value in both the near wall region and the far-wake region in $x > 1.0m$. In the vortex region, the turbulence level is generally higher than in the pure shear flow region which makes the turbulence intensity a natural choice as vortex indicator. The latter two variables are both related to the vortex physics. The deviation from shear flow characterizes the streamline curvature. The pressure at the vortex center is lower than the peripheral area which causes two perpendicular characterising lines in the pressure-gradient-along-streamline field located at the vortex center as shown in Fig. 5.10d. These features are normalized following the practice in Ling and Templeton (2015): $\hat{a} = \frac{\|\alpha\|}{\|\alpha\| + \|\beta\|}$, where α is the original feature, β is the normalization factor.

Table 5.2: Non-dimensional input features characterizing vortex as input for CNNs. The features are normalized following the practice in Ling and Templeton (2015): $\hat{a} = \frac{\|\alpha\|}{\|\alpha\| + \|\beta\|}$

Feature	α	β
Normalized velocity	\mathbf{U}	0
Q -criterion	$\frac{1}{2}(\ \mathbf{R}\ ^2 - \ \mathbf{S}\ ^2)$	$\ \mathbf{S}\ ^2$
Turbulence intensity	k	$0.5U_iU_i + k$
Pressure gradient along streamline	$U_k \frac{dP}{dx_k}$	$\sqrt{\frac{dP}{dx_j} \frac{dP}{dx_j} U_i U_i}$
Deviation from parallel shear flow	$ U_k U_l \frac{dU_k}{dx_l} $	$\sqrt{U_n U_n U_i \frac{dU_i}{dx_j} U_m \frac{dU_m}{dx_j}}$

Five combinations of the above mentioned variables, as shown in Table 5.3, are tested. The original velocity is used as the baseline input set #1. The normalized velocity fields is used as input set #2 to show investigate the normalization influence. The Q -criterion is used as single input for input set #3. The last three variables in Table 5.2 form the input set #4 since each one of them characterizes vortex by a certain spatial pattern, not by a threshold, The combination of input sets #1 and #4 form the last input set.

A CNN model with a 4-level and 8-layer U-Net architecture containing 55633 trainable parameters is built to test different input sets. The channel dimensions are shown in Fig. 5.11. The kernel size is 3×3 for all convolutional layer. Each input set is tested five times by training the CNN model for 100 epochs with the parameters initialized using different random seed each time. The mean and standard deviation of the training loss and

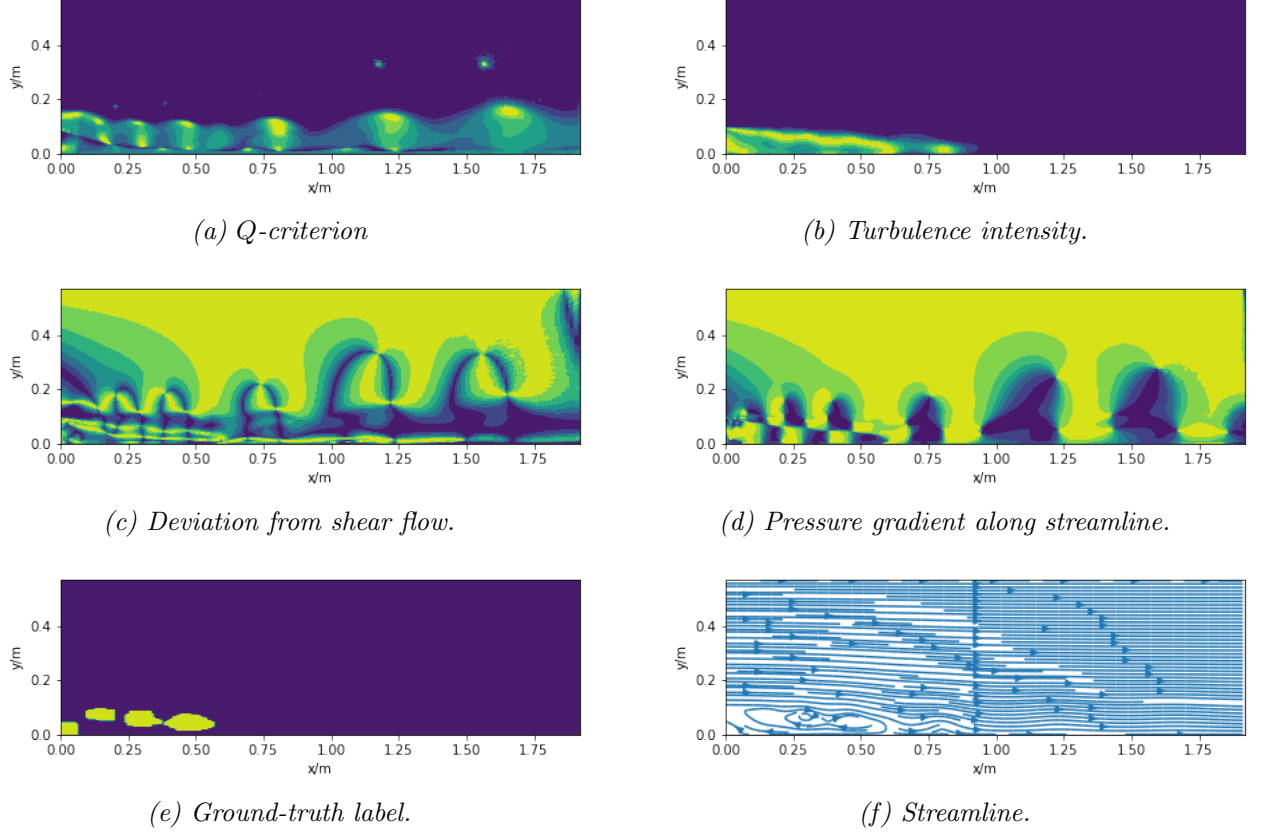


Figure 5.10: The contour plot of four input features \hat{a} , ground-truth label and streamline of the BFS test case at time=12.65s.

Table 5.3: Five input sets of vortex indicators.

Input set	Features
1	U, V
2	U_{norm}, V_{norm}
3	Q-criterion
4	Turbulence intensity Deviation from shear flow Pressure gradient along streamline
5	U, V Turbulence intensity Deviation from shear flow Pressure gradient along streamline

classification evaluation metrics are calculated. Adam optimizer with the initial learning rate of 10^{-3} and the weight decay rate of 5×10^{-4} was used. The binary cross entropy (BCE) was used as the loss function:

$$BCE = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i), \quad (5.3)$$

where N is the number of nodes, y_i is the label for node i , 1 for that in vortex region and 0 for that in non-vortex region, and \hat{y}_i is the predicted category value by the model at

node i . The learning rate and weight decay rate are set to 10^{-3} and 10^{-5} , respectively. The batch size is set to 5.

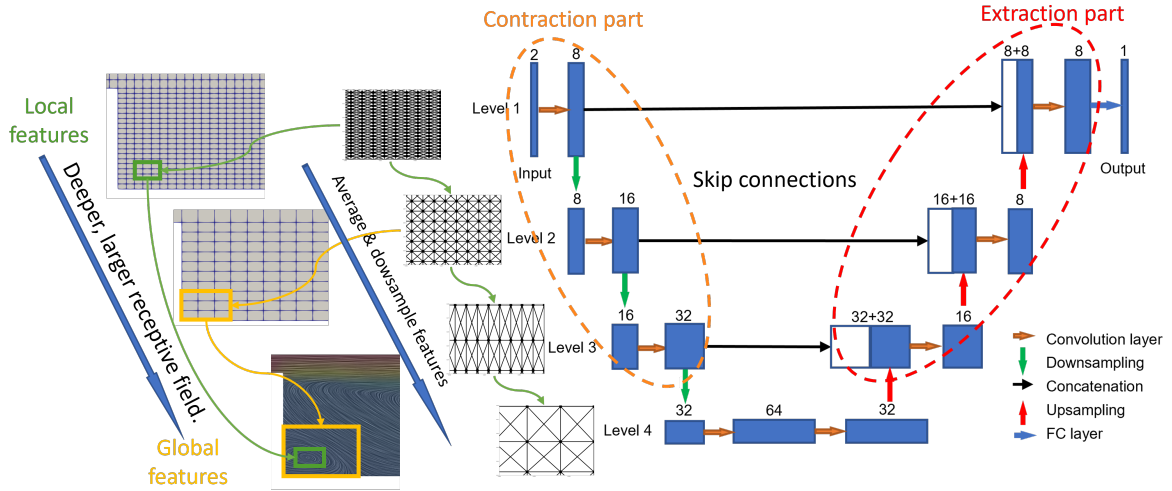


Figure 5.11: The 4-level 8-layer U-Net architecture.

5.2.4 Results analysis

As indicated by the training loss histories in Fig. 5.12, all the trainings proceed smoothly. The input sets #1 #2 and #5 have losses very close to each other and are noticeably lower than the other two input sets. The input set #3, Q -criterion, has the highest standard deviation and is the only scenario where the validation loss is higher than training loss.

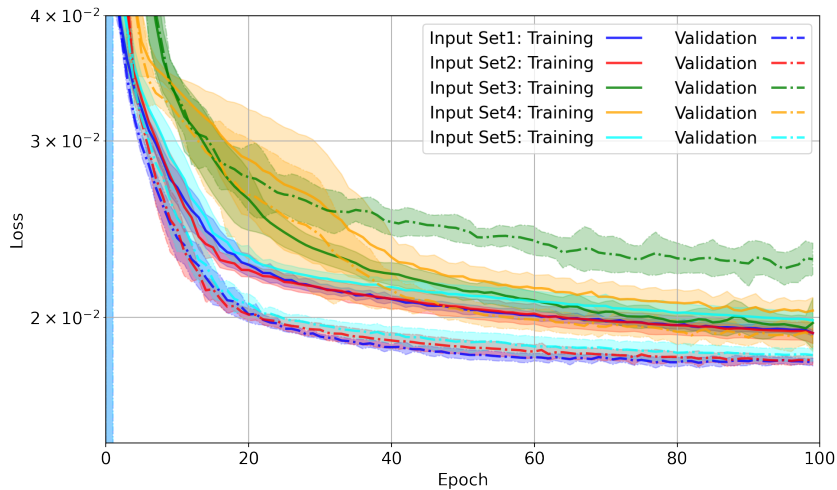


Figure 5.12: Training loss history CNNs with five input sets. The curve and shaded region represent the mean and standard deviation of five trainings, respectively.

The output value of CNNs ranges from 0 to 1 indicating the probability whether a point is in the vortex region. A threshold should be selected to separate non-vortex region from vortex region. A good model should give consistent predictions within a large threshold range. A receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve [Fawcett \(2006\)](#) is a graphical plot measures the consistency of the diagnostic ability of a binary classifier

as the discrimination threshold varies. The ROC curve is created by plotting the true positive rate (TPR) against the false positive rate (FPR) at various threshold settings. The ideal prediction model should yield a point in the upper left corner or coordinate (0,1) in the ROC space, representing no false negatives and no false positives. As shown in Fig. 5.13, the ROC curves of all input sets are very close and input set #2 is slightly better than the others. As shown in Fig. 5.14, the shapes of the identified vortices are very similar among all input sets except the input set #3 which is the worst.

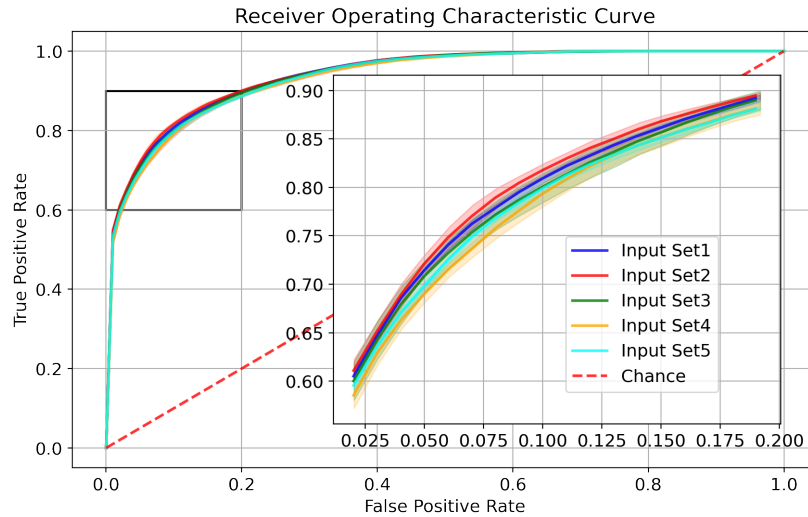


Figure 5.13: Receiver operating characteristic curves of CNN-Unet with different input sets. (The curve and shaded region represent the mean and standard deviation of five trainings, respectively.)

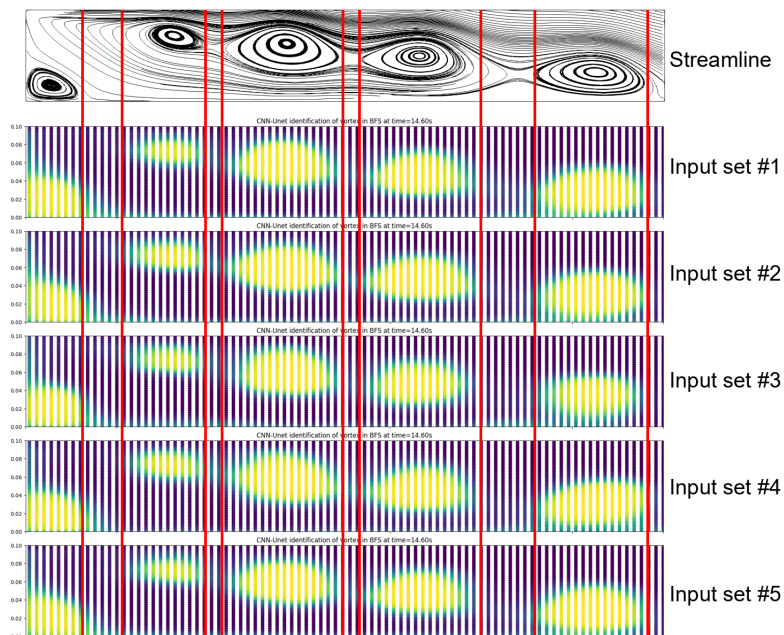


Figure 5.14: Vortices at time=14.60s identified by CNN-Unet algorithm with different input sets. (From top to bottom: streamline, input sets from #1 to #5.)

Since the dataset is a biased one where only a small portion of points belong to vortex region, therefore the following four classification metrics are used to evaluate the classification performance: accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}, \quad (5.4)$$

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}, \quad (5.5)$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}, \quad (5.6)$$

$$F1 = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}, \quad (5.7)$$

where TP, TN, FP, FN are the numbers of true positives, true negatives, false positives and false negatives, respectively. The performances of the CNNs trained on five input sets are evaluated in the vortex region behind the step $[[0, 0.8m], [0, 0.14m]]$ and summarized in Table 5.4. The highest and lowest values of each of four classification evaluation metrics among all input sets are labeled in green and red color, respectively. The input sets #1 and #2 have close classification performance and are generally better than the other input sets reflected by the fact that they have no worst mean values for four metrics. The normalization of the velocity field significantly accelerates the training. The input sets #3 has the highest standard deviations and the longest training time which suggests that the CNN model struggles to find the correlation between Q -criterion and the ground-truth label. Compared with input set #1, additional features in input set #5 do not bring performance improvement but longer training time.

Table 5.4: Classification performance of CNNs trained on five different input sets. (Green: best value; Red: worst value.)

Input set	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Time/epoch
1	88.03±0.16	90.86±0.48	61.73±0.81	73.51±0.50	2.63±0.79s
2	88.02±0.27	91.82±0.49	60.92±0.94	73.24±0.74	1.85±0.13s
3	87.83±1.10	89.38±3.97	62.74±7.78	73.22±4.32	4.43±0.34s
4	87.53±0.31	90.42±0.86	60.03±1.23	72.15±0.89	2.42±0.27s
5	87.64±0.12	91.44±0.49	59.68±0.61	72.22±0.37	3.32±1.63s

5.3 Thermal stratification region identification

5.3.1 Dataset generation

To form the training dataset, the transient mixed thermal convection process inside a 2D square cavity is simulated whose geometry and dimensions are illustrated in Fig. 5.15. The cavity has the width and height of H . The inlet and outlet are located at the upper and lower corners of the right side wall, respectively and their width are both $0.1H$. The cavity is initially filled with static fluid at temperature T_c . A jet at velocity of u_0 and temperature T_h enters the domain through the inlet and pushes the initial colder fluid out of the cavity through the outlet. To enlarge the dataset, nine cases including three Richardson numbers $Ri = [1, 10, 760]$ and three inclination angles $\alpha = [0, 10^\circ, 30^\circ]$, are

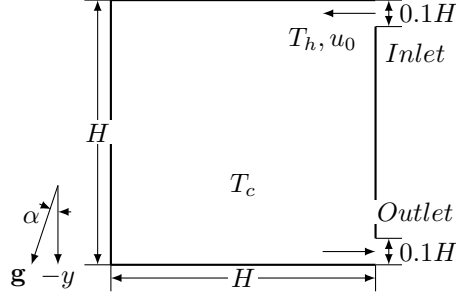


Figure 5.15: Schematic of transient mixed convection in a 2D square cavity.

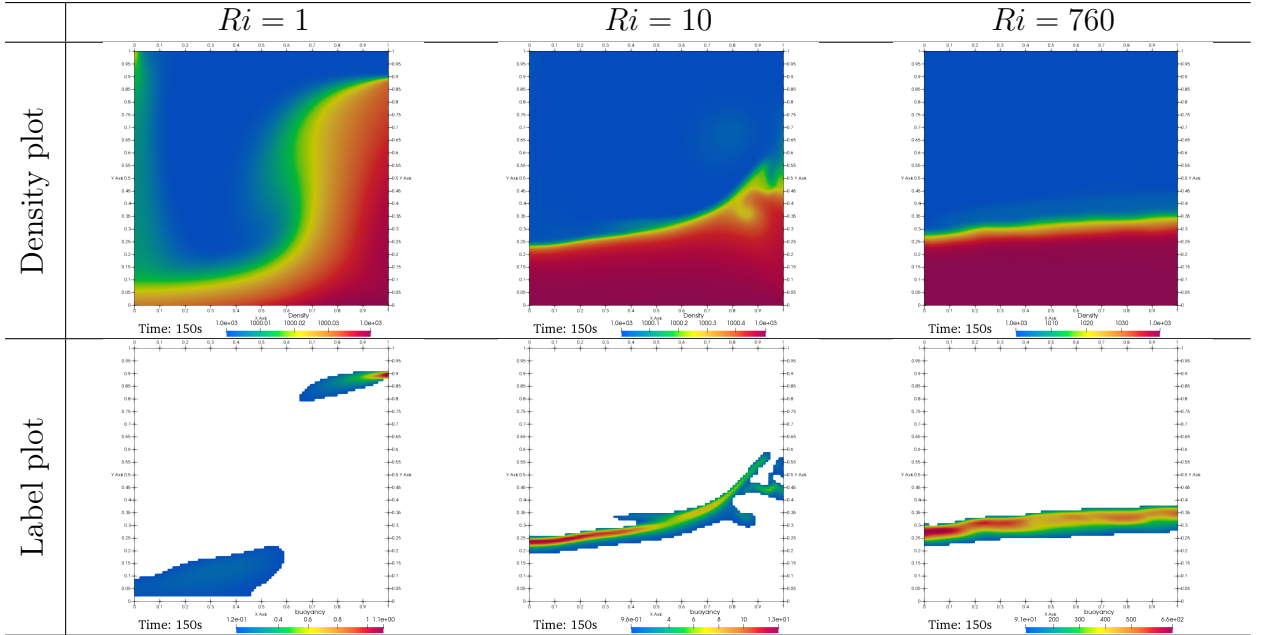
simulated. Richardson number is the measurement of the ratio of natural convection to forced convection:

$$Ri = \frac{g\beta H(T_h - T_c)}{u_0^2}, \quad (5.8)$$

where β is the coefficient of thermal expansion of the material. The inclination angle α represents the angle between gravity direction and $-y$ direction. All fluid properties are constant except density which is linearly dependent on the temperature:

$$\rho = \rho_0 - \beta\rho_0(T - T_c). \quad (5.9)$$

Table 5.5: Density and labeled thermal stratification region plots for cases with $Ri = [1, 10, 760]$ and $\alpha = 0$ at the last time step.



A duration of 150s is simulated with the time step of 0.1s from which 30 time steps are sampled to form the dataset. The buoyancy term $B = \nabla\rho \cdot \mathbf{g}$ is calculated to label the thermal stratification region. Due to the simplicity of the geometry and the flow structure, the cells of the highest 10% buoyancy value are selected as thermal stratification region for cases with $Ri = [10, 760]$ where the stratification is maintained due to larger buoyancy force compared with inertial force, while no stable thermal stratification region selected for case with $Ri = 1$ since inertial force becomes dominant. The density plots for cases with $Ri = [1, 10, 760]$ and $\alpha = 0$ at the last time step and their labeled thermal stratification regions are shown in Table 5.5.

5.3.2 Input feature selection and architecture design

Three input sets are tested on the CNN architecture of the previous section: 1) density ρ , 2) buoyancy: $B = \nabla\rho \cdot g$ and 3) buoyancy gradient vector: $(\nabla B_x, \nabla B_y)$. These these input sets for case with $Ri = 10$ and inclination degree $\alpha = 0$ at one time step are visualised in Fig. 5.16. Intuitively, these features well characterise the boundary between hot fluid and cold fluid.

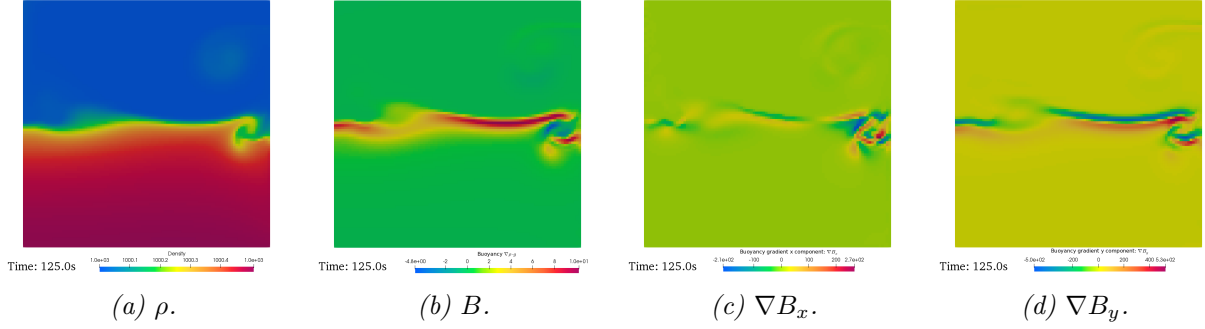


Figure 5.16: Features to characterise thermal stratification region for case with $Ri = 10$ and inclination degree $\alpha = 0$ at time $t = 125s$.

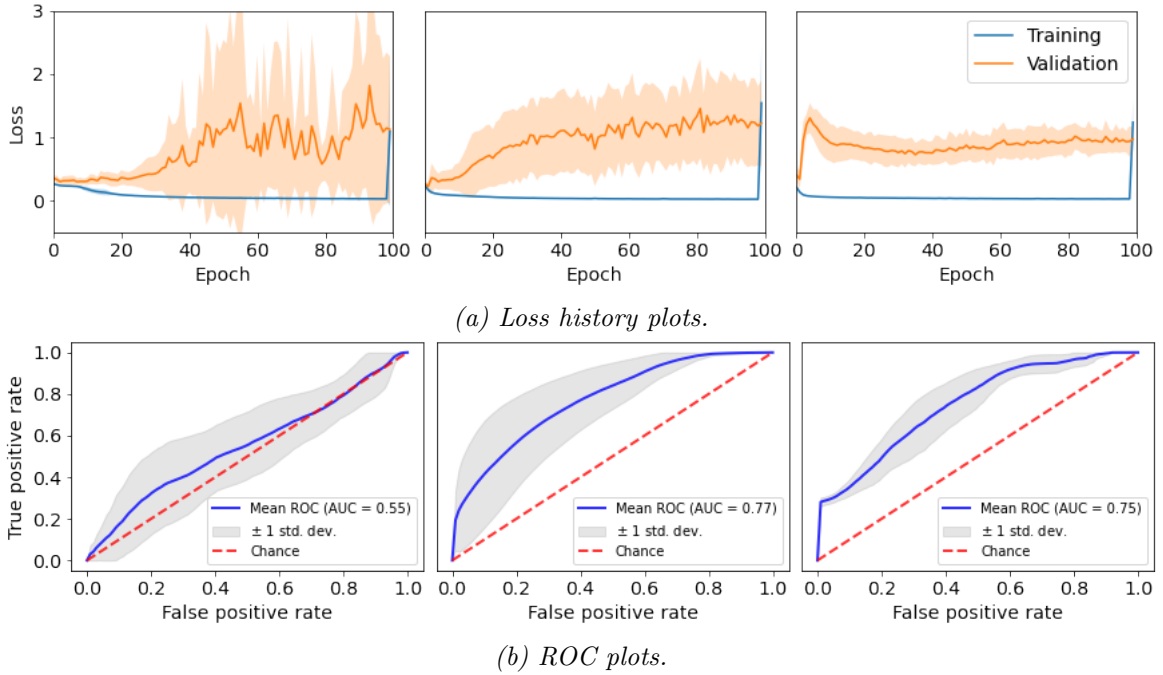


Figure 5.17: Loss history and ROC plots with different inputs and the previous architecture. (From left to right: input #1, input #2 and input #3.)

However, as shown in Fig. 5.17, training CNN models with these features as input cannot converge. Take the case of $Ri = 1$ and inclination angle $\alpha = 30^\circ$ for example, as shown in Fig. 5.18, CNN model may extract the same hidden features at thermal stratification position A and non thermal stratification position B. What makes these two positions intrinsically differently from each other is the angle between the gravity direction and the orientation of the thermal stratification layer, the orientation of the thermal stratification layer is perpendicular to the gravity direction at position A, while

these two directions are aligned at position B. Thus, as shown in Fig. 5.19, in order to inform the CNN model the gravity direction, a second input layer was introduced before the final output layer with gravity direction as input.

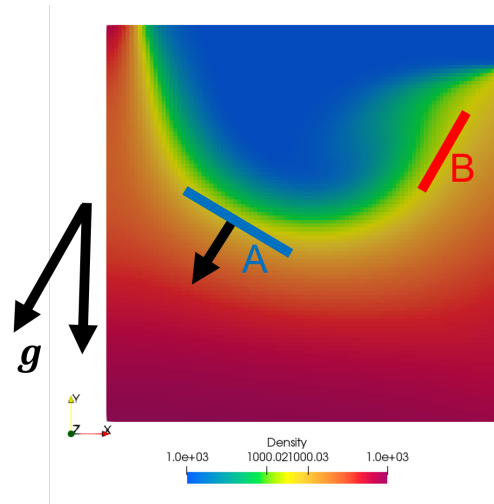


Figure 5.18: The angle between gravity direction and the orientation of thermal stratification layer distinguishes position A from B.

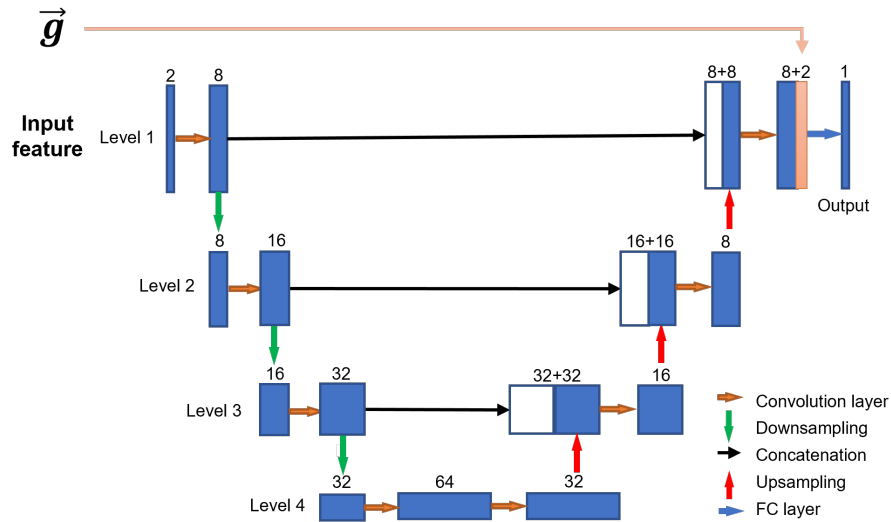


Figure 5.19: Architecture used to identify thermal stratification region.

The training histories and ROC plots of CNN models identifying thermal stratification region with the above-mentioned three input sets are plotted in Fig. 5.20 and the corresponding identification performances are summarized in Table 5.6. Among three input sets, no specific one possesses significant advantage over the other two in terms of four classification evaluation criteria.

5.3.3 Generalization on unseen case

The trained CNN model with $(\nabla B_x, \nabla B_y)$ as input is tested in an unseen case - 2D thermal stratification in T-junction, one of the code_saturne validation cases. As shown in Fig. 5.21, the hot water enters the pipe from the right inlet while the cold water enters

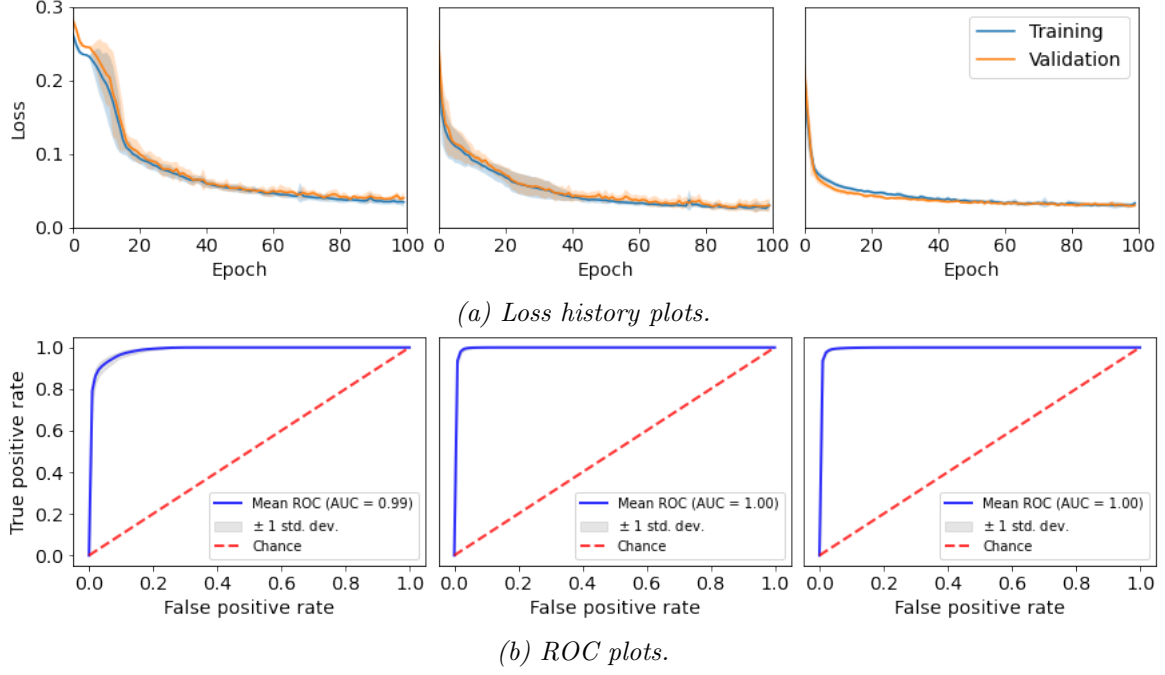


Figure 5.20: Loss history and ROC plots with different inputs and the architecture with a gravity input layer. (From left to right: input #1, input #2 and input #3.)

Table 5.6: CNN identification performance of thermal stratification region with different input sets. (The best values are labeled in red)

Input	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score
ρ	98.83±0.12	88.06±2.45	90.73±1.42	89.34±0.90
B	98.93±0.09	92.61±2.58	89.43±4.03	90.87±0.99
$(\nabla B_x, \nabla B_y)$	98.66±0.25	93.72±2.98	77.97±7.23	84.82±3.67

through the middle inlet. Temperature difference of two inlets is 20.24°C. Hot water and colder meet at the horizontal part of the pipe and a stable thermal stratified region forms. Even though a structured mesh is used, the CFD result is interpolated into a uniformly distributed array of points before being fed to CNN model due to the complex geometry. CNN successfully identified the interface between cold and hot water for most time steps as suggested in Fig. 5.21, however it fails to capture the mixing process when the cold water first encounters the hot water at the T-junction region as shown in Fig. 5.22. The inaccuracy of CNN model can be partly ascribed to the small size dataset and incompleteness of the input feature. More variables other than buoyancy term, such as the velocity field, should be considered.

5.4 Summary

In this chapter, possible factors that might influence the performance of the trained CNN algorithms, such as data interpolation method, mesh type and mesh refinement, are experimentally investigated. As the suggested by the CNN regression of the pressure around the cylinder based on the velocity field in the wake region, data interpolation method (P0/P1) and mesh type have negligible influence on the CNN model accuracy. A more concerning problem for data-driven algorithms is its generality on the dataset different

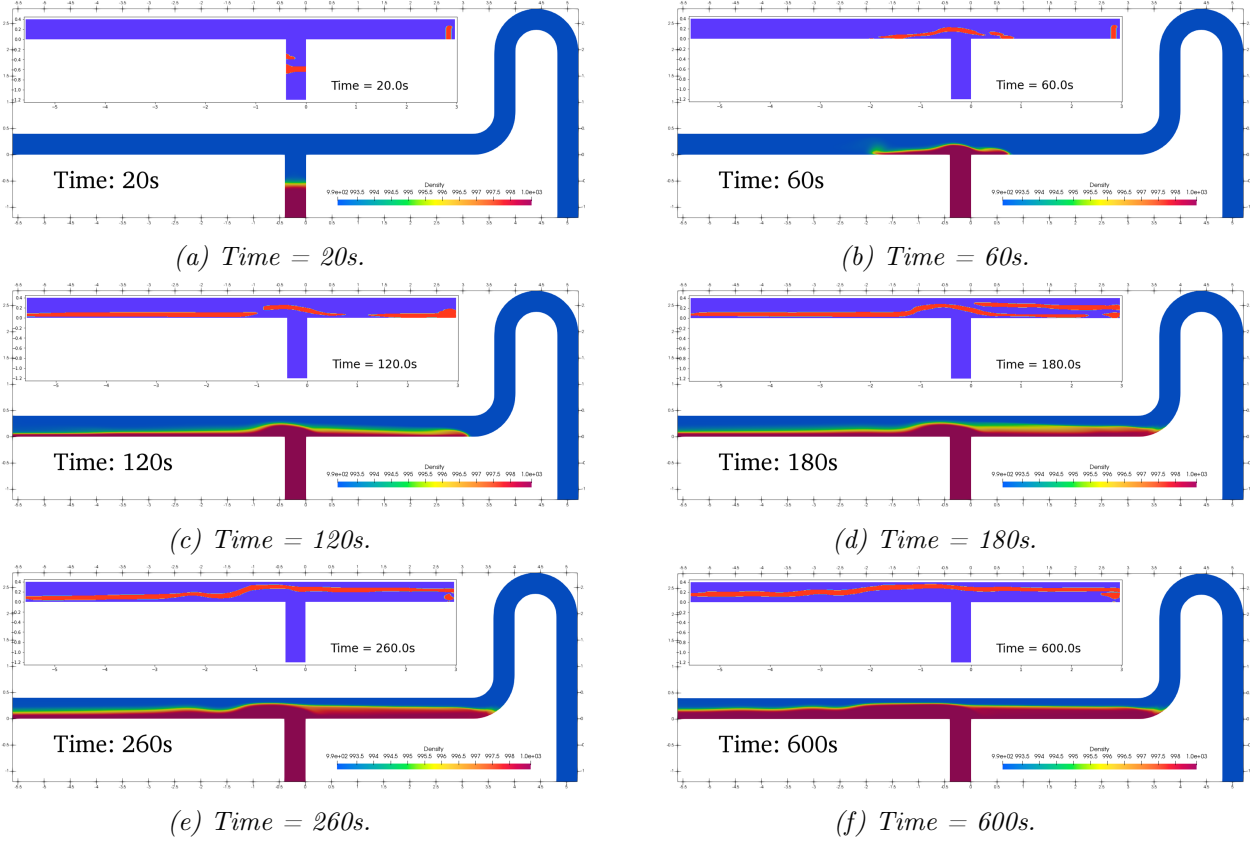


Figure 5.21: Comparison between density plots and thermal stratification region identified by CNN (upper left panel) at different time steps.

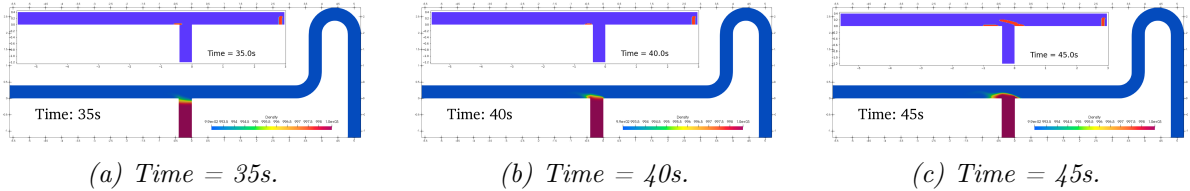


Figure 5.22: CNN fails to capture the thermal stratification region when cold water enters the horizontal pipe.

from the one over which it is trained. The learned feature pattern by CNN fails to generalize when the mesh is either refined or coarsened. This is a key difference of using CNN in CFD domain than in computer vision domain where more options in the CFD simulation process introduce much larger variance in the dataset, thus causing that most of the data-driven algorithms are scenario-specific or dataset specific.

In the second section, the possibility of using CNN to detect independent vortex behind a 2D backward-facing step is explored. A novel vortex labeling method for 2D mesh based on depth first search algorithm and random walking algorithm on directed graph is introduced. Experiment shows that CNN is able to identify separated vortexes from the velocity vector without additional postprocess of the CFD result thanks to its ability to extract non-local spatial features which may have better generality on cases of different geometries.

The feasibility of CNN identifying other flow phenomenon such as thermal stratification is also demonstrated at the end.

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In the previous chapter, the flow phenomena identification was conducted on cartesian meshes which has huge limitations when applied to industrial cases where unstructured meshes are normally used to fit the curved surfaces. Therefore the pursuit of a methodology suitable for unstructured meshes is necessary. Graph neural networks can be a promising candidate. Unlike the uniqueness of the convolution kernel in CNNs, there are various graph convolution kernels and their performance should be evaluated firstly. A proper convolution suitable for CFD meshes kernel should be searched or proposed. A good architecture for GNN model should be evaluated as well in terms of both computational efficiency and identification accuracy. This chapter will address aforementioned problems by firstly introducing the proposed Fast-GMM kernel. The superiority of the U-Net architecture with graph hierarchy generated from AMG as input is demonstrated by comparing against other two architectures, skip-connection and sequential-connection architectures. The generality of the proposed approach to different mesh topologies, turbulence models at different Reynolds numbers and the kernel differences are experimentally demonstrated. The feasibility of the proposed framework with proposed kernel identifying 3D vortex is showcased at the end.

6.1 Proposed Fast-GMM kernel

CNNs are computationally efficient in terms of training time per epoch and training epochs to achieve convergence due to the structured representation of data. On the contrary, equivalent GNNs need much more training time per epoch and more epochs before giving meaningful prediction due to unstructured representation of data, all connections and relative positions of connected nodes must be explicitly stored. During our previous tests, we found that GNNs with the GMM kernel require considerable training time per epoch compared to those with GCN kernels, almost the simplest kernel of GNNs, which further worsens the efficiency of GNN training. Training efficiency becomes an important concern since we intend to detect flow phenomena on industrial 3D unstructured meshes in the future. Its training inefficiency comes from the fact that two variables should be trained simultaneously, covariance matrix \sum_k and mean direction vector μ_k . In addition, if a learned GMM kernel with all the directions μ_k having the same distribution as the CNN kernel, shown in Fig. 6.1a, and the covariance matrix \sum_k being $\mathbf{1}$ is used to distinguish the directions of an edge distribution as shown in Fig. 6.1b, the obtained $e_{ij}-\mu_k$ alignment matrix as defined in 3.23 has a distribution as shown in Fig. 6.1d. It can be seen that the alignment matrix obtained by GMM kernel is more diffuse than that obtained by CNN kernel, which is binary, 1 for most well aligned pair and 0 for not well aligned pairs.

In order to make the training more efficient and improve the resolution of detecting edge directions, several simplifications are made to the original GMM kernel by using analogies to the traditional CNN kernel. In the traditional CNN kernel, the relative directions of the neighboring weight to the central weight are fixed. Take the 3×3 kernel for example, the central weight has eight neighboring weights which are fixed at eight directions evenly distributed around the central weight. Each trainable weight is uniquely associated to the neighboring pixel on that corresponding direction. The distance between the central pixel and the neighboring pixel is not learned by the kernel since in the image all the pixels are equidistant. Therefore, the relative directions of the neighboring cells, instead of their distances, from the central cell are important in capturing some spatial patterns residing on the mesh. What is more, the distance between nodes on the CFD mesh is normalized, which will be introduced in Section 6.2, to avoid poor generality brought by the cell size variation from one case to another. Thus, the trainable covariance matrix \sum_k in the original GMM kernel is removed and the trainable mean vectors are replaced by predefined directions. The square of the min-max scaled alignment is calculated to make the most aligned $e_{ij} - \mu_k$ pair distinguished from the other non-aligned pairs. Thus, the alignment between the edges and the directions in predefined template reads:

$$g_k(\mathbf{e}_{ij}) = \left| \left(\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{e}_{ij} - \mu_k)^T (\mathbf{e}_{ij} - \mu_k) \right) \right) \right|_{MinMax}^2, \quad (6.1)$$

where min-max scaling is defined as:

$$\|x\|_{MinMax} = \frac{x - x_{min}}{x_{max} - x_{min}}. \quad (6.2)$$

The proposed kernel is termed as Fast Gaussian Mixture Model (Fast-GMM). We keep one direction in the template for the center node and evenly divide 2π into $k-1$ directions for the neighboring nodes. Since the following trainings done on graphs derived from 2D structured mesh where each center cell has eight neighboring cells, as shown in 6.1a, we

set the hyperparameter $k = 9$ which is analogous to the 3×3 convolution kernel in CNNs. As shown in Fig. 6.1e, the alignment matrix obtained by Fast-GMM is closer to that of CNN kernel compared with the original GMM. This characteristic enables the Fast-GMM kernel to have a higher resolution on discerning the edge directions and thus leading to identify sharper vortex boundary compared to the original GMM which will be shown in the following.

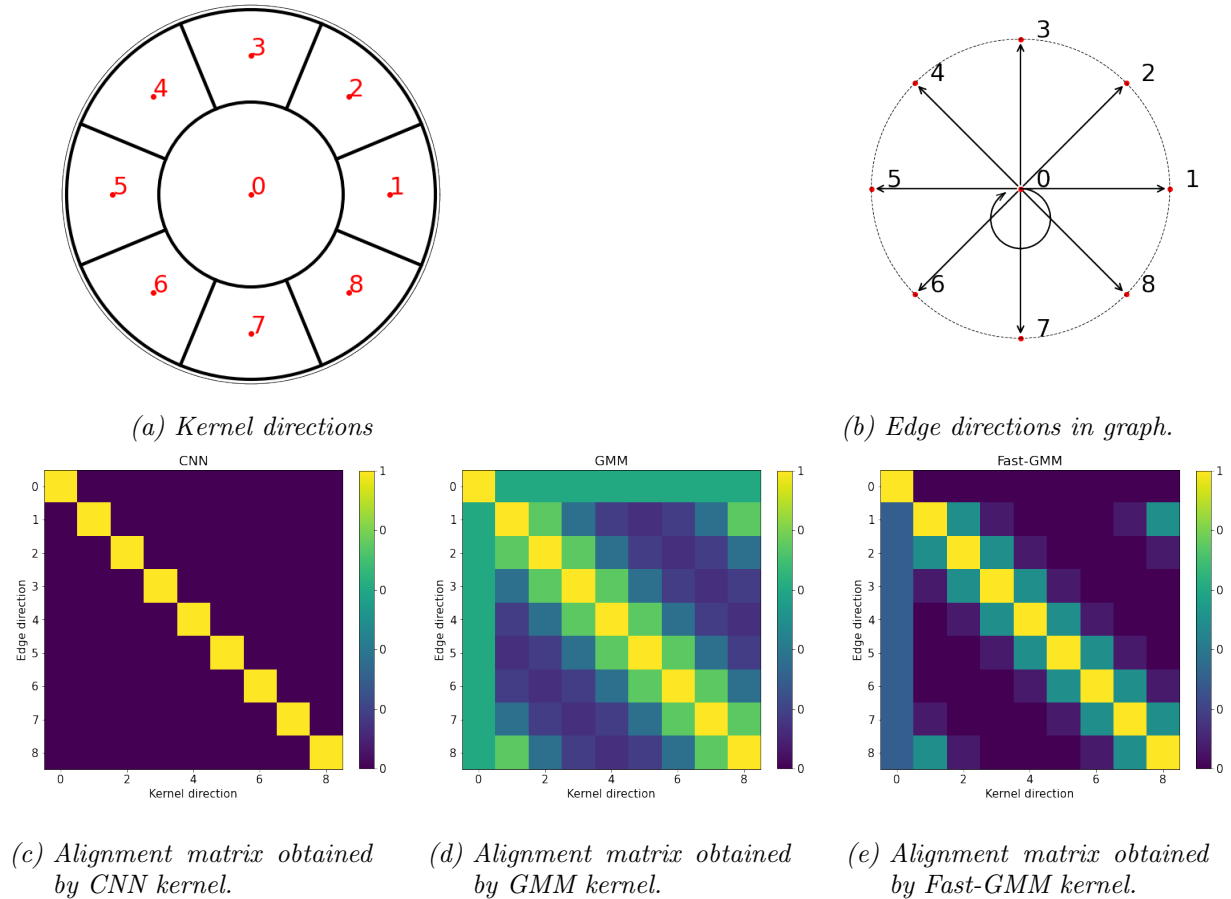


Figure 6.1: Alignment between edges directions and trainable directions obtained by different kernels.

6.2 Framework of graph neural networks

6.2.1 Graph construction

The graphs fed to the GNNs are derived from the CFD meshes where the cells and the vertices shared by adjacent cells in CFD meshes become the nodes and the edges in graphs. The derived graph is a dual mesh of the CFD mesh. The input data are stored on the nodes. To regularize the graph, the normalized direction \mathbf{e}_{ij} pointing from center node i to neighbor node j is stored on the edge connecting the two nodes:

$$\mathbf{e}_{ij} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i}{\|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i\|} \quad (6.3)$$

where, \mathbf{x}_i and \mathbf{x}_j are the center node and neighbor node coordinates, respectively. There exists one forward edge and one backward edge between two connected nodes since every

node can be a center node and a self-loop is added to each node with the distance of $\mathbf{0}$. Therefore the bi-directed graphs with self-loops are generated, as shown in Fig. 6.2.

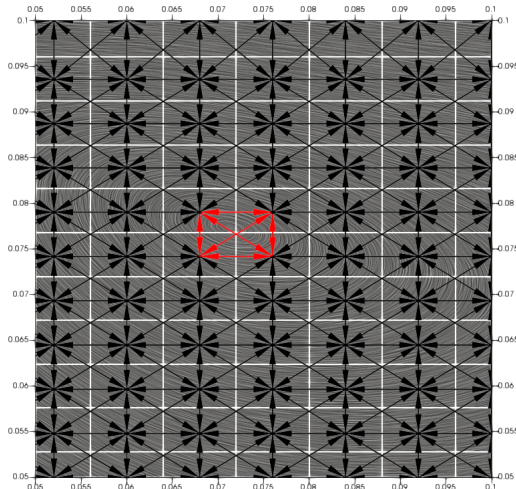


Figure 6.2: Bi-directed graph superimposed on streamline background. The red arrows connect the vortex core cells. The self-loop of each node is not show here. The white wire frame is the CFD mesh.

GNNs perform feature aggregating and updating on the graphs. The transformation from CFD mesh to graph is very straightforward. Each cell in a CFD mesh corresponds to one node in the graph. The connectivity between the nodes in the graph can be obtained based on either shared vertex or shared face between adjacent cells in the CFD mesh. The graph derived from a 2D structured mesh based on shared-vertex connectivity is the natural analogue to the images for CNNs where each node in the graph has eight neighbors except for those on the border. A directed graph with self-loops is constructed with the attributes \mathbf{e}_{ij} stored on the edges representing the relative orientation of the neighbors to the center. Only the edge direction is kept in order to regularize the graph since the magnitude of the distance between cells may vary significantly from case to case:

$$\mathbf{e}_{ij} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i}{\|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i\|}. \quad (6.4)$$

The velocity direction \mathbf{u}_{norm} is stored on the nodes as the node features:

$$\mathbf{u}_{norm} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}. \quad (6.5)$$

6.2.2 Graph hierarchy generation

Since we intend to use U-net architecture to build the GNN model whose advantages over other architectures will be shown in the following subsection, a hierarchy of coarsened graphs to down-sample and up-sample the hidden features should be provided to the multiple levels in U-Net architecture. Unlike the already existed pooling and unpooling operations in CNNs, there is no widely accepted down-sampling and up-sampling method in GNNs. Thus a proper graph coarsening algorithm should be proposed and evaluated in order to build a mapping relationship between fine and coarse graphs. In the following trainings, the average down-sampling as shown in Fig. 3.6 and nearest upsampling as

shown in Fig. 3.7b are used for GNNs. Here, we use the algebraic multigrid method embedded in `code_saturne` to generate this hierarchy of graphs and the connectivity between two successive graphs. The inspiration of using AMG method is that it is originally designed to accelerate the convergence of linear algebraic equations by removing different wave-length components of errors, which we believe will also accelerate the training procedure. As a byproduct of CFD simulation, using AMG graph hierarchy brings no additional computational expense.

Fig. 6.3 and Fig. 6.4 respectively show a small portion of the graphs at four levels generated from 2D structured mesh and unstructured mesh for backward-facing step (BFS) case based on shared-vertices. The graph of level 1 in Fig. 6.3 is directly generated from original mesh and the graphs of other levels are generated by the AMG algorithm. Each node in the graph has a self-loop which is not shown for the clarity of visualization. It is clear that the graphs are evenly coarsened. The graphs' information of four levels are summarized in Table. 6.1.

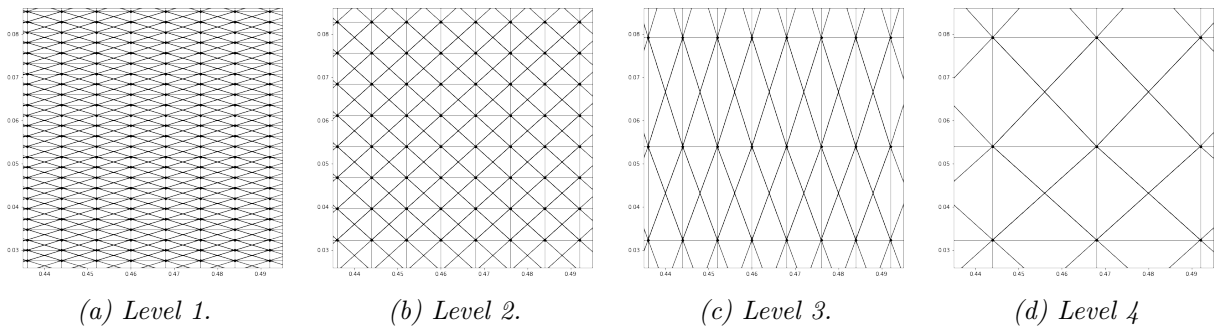


Figure 6.3: The details of graphs generated from the 2D BFS structured mesh at different levels.

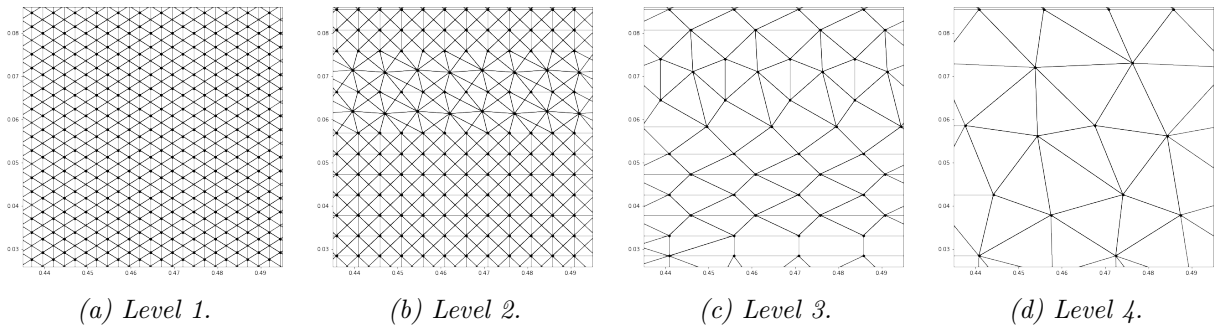


Figure 6.4: The details of graphs generated from BFS unstructured mesh at different level.

6.2.3 Architecture selection

The U-Net architecture firstly proposed for biomedical image segmentation [Ronneberger et al. \(2015\)](#) is adopted because of three merits: 1) training efficiency, 2) accuracy and 3) stability. The training cost is significantly reduced because it successively down-samples the data from fine graph level to the next coarse level. Since the input data is down-sampled, the graph size shrinks and only the main features are kept to the next level. The same kernel size covers larger regions in coarser levels than in the fine levels, which enables the model to capture global features. In other words, this architecture is accurate because it captures the details at shallower levels and global features at deeper levels. The

Table 6.1: The details of graphs.

Graph	Level	Nodes	Edges	Average node degree
BFS structured mesh	1	74400	666124	9.0
	2	24720	220002	8.9
	3	8231	72401	8.8
	4	2719	23727	8.7
BFS unstructured mesh	1	131118	907510	6.9
	2	50780	407126	8.0
	3	17127	118619	6.9
	4	5596	38384	6.9

skip-connections between the leading contraction blocks and the corresponding trailing extraction blocks make the training more stable.

As shown in Fig. 6.5a, a four-level 14-layer U-Net architecture is used for GNN models which is similar to that used in section 5.2 except deeper. To demonstrate the feasibility and advantage of using U-Net architecture with AMG graph hierarchy, another two architectures, skip-connection and sequential connection, are constructed. Unlike the U-Net using a hierarchy of different coarsen levels of graphs, skip-connection architecture has no down-sampling and up-sampling between different levels of graphs and performs all the computation on the same graph. Thus, the skip-connection can be viewed as an intermediate architecture between U-Net and sequential architecture. Further removing the skip-connection leads to the sequential architecture. The number of trainables for each architecture is summarized in Table 6.2. All the three architectures have the same number of convolution layers, the same channel number at the corresponding layers. Compared with the other two architectures, the sequential one has more trainables which is the result of removing skip-connections while keeping the channel number at the second half layers the same as those in the other two architectures. Other hyper-parameters, such as convolutional kernel and activation function, are kept the same as the U-Net architecture in section 5.2.

Table 6.2: Parameter details of different architectures.

No.	Kernel	Architecture	Layers	Kernel size	Trainables
1.	GMM	U-Net	14	9	86793
2.	GMM	Skip-connection	14	9	86793
3.	GMM	Sequential	14	9	111157

The performance of U-Net architecture with AMG graph hierarchy is evaluated on the data-set introduced in section 5.2 using GMM kernel. As shown in Fig. 6.6, the original GMM kernel has a large fluctuation on validation loss for all the three architectures considered. U-Net architecture does not distinguish itself from the other two in term of training loss history. However, as shown in Table 6.3, it requires significantly less training time per epoch and inference time per case, only about one third of those of the other two architectures, while achieving the highest mean values for all four classification evaluation criteria and smallest standard deviation values except for Accuracy thanks to the usage of multigrid down-sampling and up-sampling of the hidden features. The model with sequential architecture has the lowest mean value on four criteria and largest standard

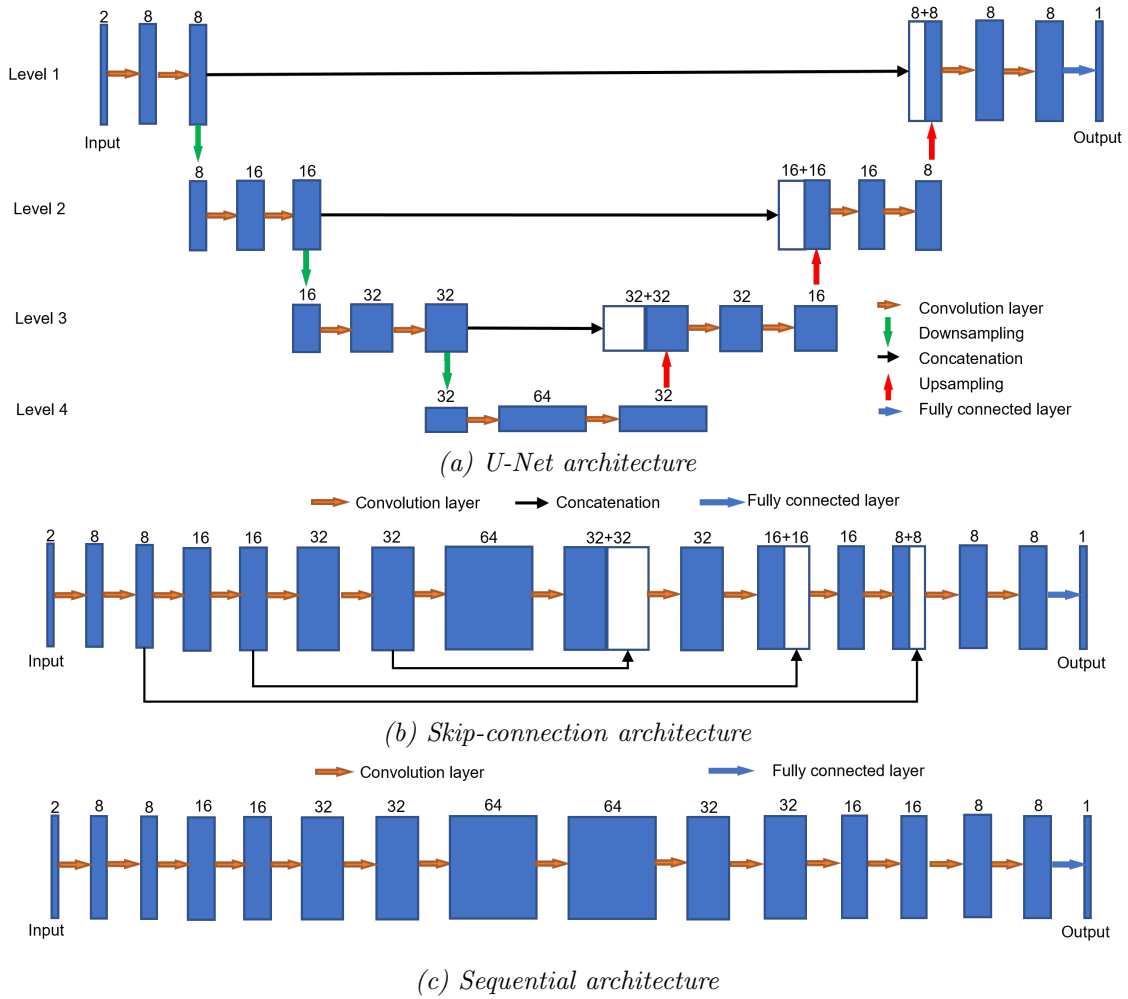


Figure 6.5: Three tested architectures.

deviation values except for Precision even though it has more trainables. As shown in Fig. 6.7, U-Net architecture has a ROC curve closest to the upper left corner while sequential architecture behaves the worst.

Table 6.3: Performance summary of three architectures on test cases. (Green: best value; Red: worst value.)

No.	Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Training time/epoch	Inference time/case
1.	GMM-Unet	88.58±0.28	91.15±0.91	63.80±1.31	75.04±0.80	85.5±0.3s	0.498s
2.	GMM-Skip	87.75±0.26	88.53±1.55	62.64±1.84	73.33±0.89	244.8±1.0s	1.433s
3.	GMM-Seq	86.40±0.51	86.44±1.40	58.76±3.12	69.88±1.89	250.9±0.8s	1.467s

6.3 2D Vortex identification

6.3.1 Training details

The superiority of our proposed Fast-GMM kernel was demonstrated by comparing it with CNN, GMM, SplineCNN and GCN convolution kernels on U-Net architecture. The

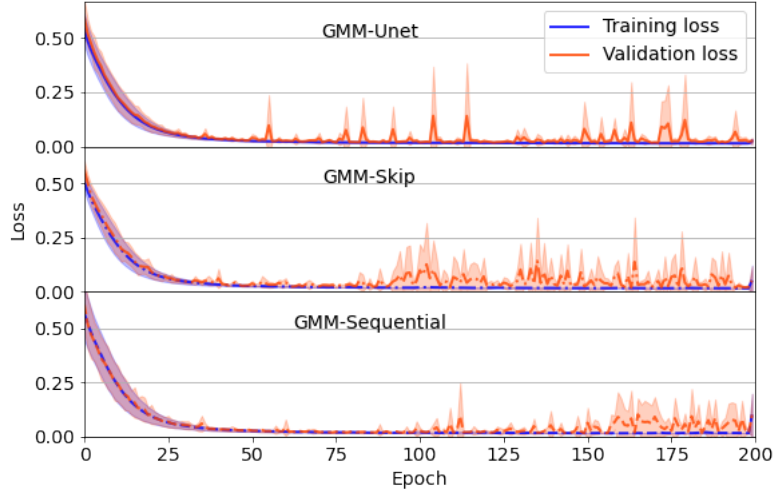


Figure 6.6: Loss history of GMM models with three different architectures.

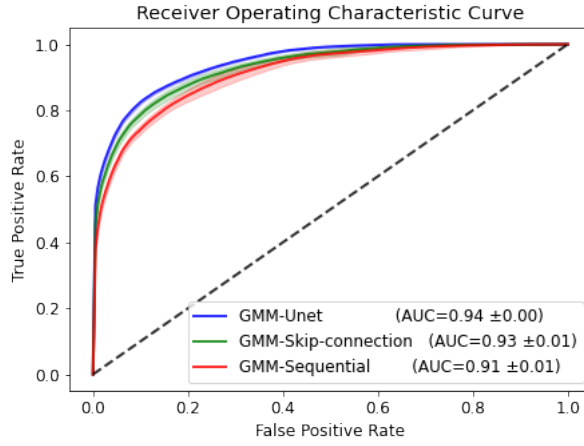


Figure 6.7: Receiver operating characteristic curves of GMM models with different architectures evaluated on test cases of BFS structured mesh.

main parameters of the tested models are summarized in Table. 6.4. It is noteworthy that the model with GCN kernel has much less trainables than other models as a result of its layers and channels being kept the same as other models instead of the trainables. According to our previous tests, the performance of a GNN model with GCN kernel can not be improved even if its trainables are increased to the same level of the others by increasing channel number proportionally at each layer.

To investigate the influence of different convolutional kernels and to show the adaptability of proposed approach to unstructured mesh, all the models are trained five times with different random seeds for 200 epochs on dataset generated from 2D BFS structured mesh introduced in section 5.2. The results are summarized in subsection 6.3.2 and 6.3.3, respectively. For all the GNN based models, the velocity on all the 74400 cells in the BFS structured mesh were used as the input. For CNN model, only 240×80 cells located in a rectangular region behind the step ($0 < x < 8h, 0 < y < h$) were used as the input. Other training details are kept the same as those in section 5.2. The vortex identification

Table 6.4: Summary of hyper-parameters of different models.

No.	Kernel	Architecture	Layers	Kernel size	Trainables
1.	CNN	U-Net	14	3*3	85697
2.	GMM	U-Net	14	9	86793
3.	Fast-GMM	U-Net	14	9	85697
4.	SplineCNN	U-Net	14	3*3	85697
5.	GCN	U-Net	14	-	9793

performances of all the models are evaluated in terms of the four classification metrics: accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score, on the points in the vortex region behind the step ($0 < x < 8h, 0 < y < h$) over test cases to ensure the fairness of the performance comparison between CNNs and GNNs. To further reveal the generality of different GNN convolutional kernels, the GNN models are trained on data-set formed by both structured and unstructured BFS meshes and then tested on unseen cases with different mesh topologies and different turbulence models at different Reynolds numbers. The results are included in subsection 6.3.4. Mesh types of the training and testing cases in the following sections are summarized in Table 6.5.

Table 6.5: Mesh types of the training and testing cases in the following sections.

	Training mesh type	Testing mesh type
Section 6.3.2	Structured	Structured
Section 6.3.3	Structured	Unstructured
Section 6.3.4	Structured and unstructured	Structured and unstructured

6.3.2 Kernel influence

Since the U-Net architecture leads to faster model training and a more accurate classification, we continue to test all kernels on this architecture. As shown in Table 6.6, all the highest values and lowest values for each column are colored in green and red respectively among all models except the one with GCN kernel whose bad performances are expected. The model with our proposed Fast-GMM kernel outperforms the other models on all classification evaluation criteria by a large margin, except for precision which is very close to the highest at the price of slightly larger standard deviation. And it requires significantly shorter training time compared with those with original GMM kernel and SplineCNN kernel (even though it is far behind the CNN-Unet model on computational efficiency), despite its inference time per case being slightly higher than GMM-Unet. The training time per epoch for CNN-Unet model is at least one order of magnitude lower not only because it takes one fifth of the points used by GNN models in our training but also mainly because the connectivity and orientation information between the neighboring points are already implicitly embedded in the arrangement of the array.

As shown in Fig. 6.8, CNN-Unet model converges the fastest, requiring around 15 epochs to give meaningful classification according to the authors' experience, while other GNN model needs at least 5 times as many epochs. The GNN model with our proposed Fast-GMM kernel converges faster than GMM-Unet and has no fluctuation in validation loss history. The validation loss curve overlaps the training loss curve for all the models except the GMM-Unet, which implies that no overfitting happens in the training.

Table 6.6: Performance summary of five kernel functions on test cases. (Among CNN-Unet, GMM-Unet, Fast-GMM Unet, SplineCNN-Unet: *Green - best value; Red - worst value.*)

No.	Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Training time/epoch	Inference time/case
1.	CNN-Unet	88.88±0.12	91.11±1.61	65.09±1.86	75.89±0.70	5.6±0.3s	0.008s
2.	GMM-Unet	88.58±0.28	91.15±0.91	63.80±1.31	75.04±0.80	85.5±0.3s	0.498s
3.	Fast-GMM-Unet	89.62±0.32	90.94±1.01	68.27±1.71	77.97±0.92	51.4±0.1s	0.580s
4.	SplineCNN-Unet	88.79±1.20	89.99±2.91	65.68±3.05	75.91±2.78	125.8±0.1s	0.831s
5.	GCN-Unet	77.74±1.08	66.50±1.68	35.06±7.83	45.32±7.25	62.3±0.8s	0.205s

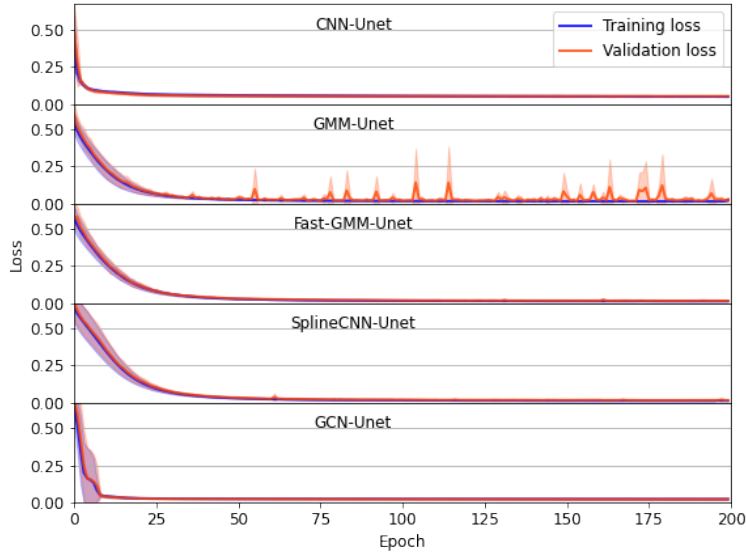


Figure 6.8: Loss history of five models with U-Net architecture.

The identifications by different models at a given time step in test cases are shown in Fig. 6.9. Among all the models, CNN-Unet model can identify the vortices with the sharpest boundary and with the shape closest to the ground-truth, while GCN-Unet model fails to identify separate vortexes which is as expected. By contrast, GMM-Unet model identifies the vortexes smaller than the ground-truth with diffuse boundary which is especially visible for the second and last vortexes counting from the left. Fast-GMM-Unet model and SplineCNN-Unet model are the two GNN-based models which can identify the vortexes' shape closest to those identified by CNN-Unet and to ground-truth.

The performance of the Fast-GMM-Unet model is slightly higher than CNN-Unet judging from ROC plot shown in Fig. 6.10, and slightly better than both CNN-Unet and other GNN models. The SplineCNN-Unet model has the largest standard deviation value for a large range of FPR compared to other direction-aware GNN models which is aligned with the statistics in Table 6.6.

6.3.3 Adaptability to unstructured mesh

In this section, we demonstrate the generality of our proposed framework and Fast-GMM kernel to unstructured meshes and case not included in the training. A BFS case at

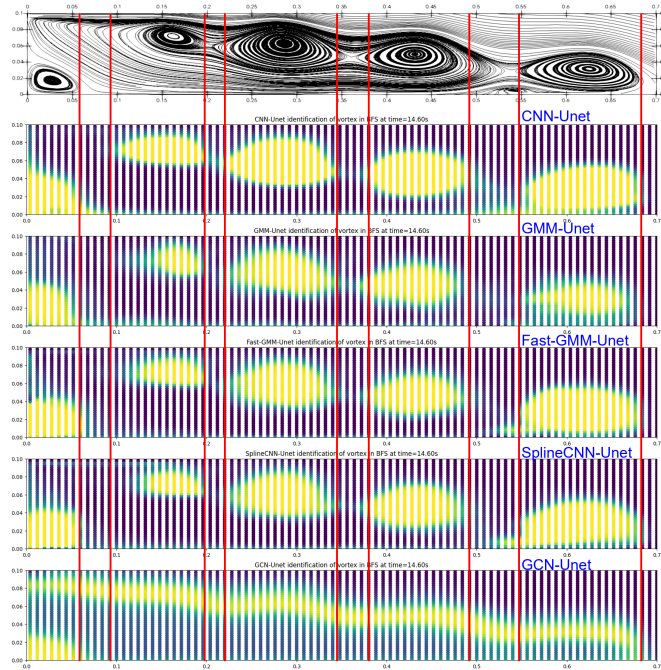


Figure 6.9: Comparison of the identified vortices of five models on test cases of BFS structured mesh. (From top to bottom: Streamline of vortices in BFS; CNN-Unet; GMM-Unet; Fast-GMM-Unet; SplineCNN-Unet, GCN-Unet.)

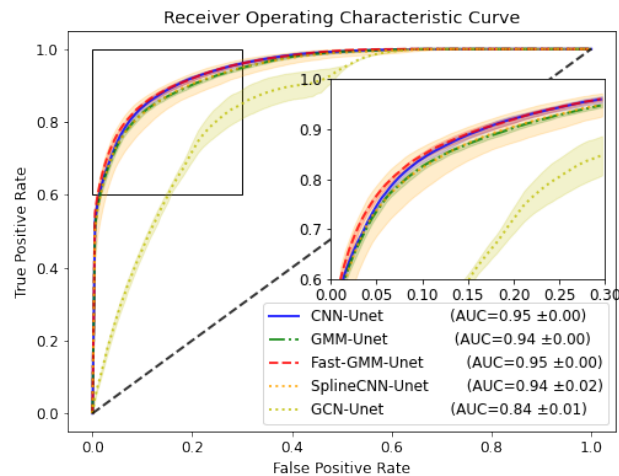


Figure 6.10: Receiver operating characteristic curves of different models with U-Net architecture evaluated on test cases of BFS structured mesh.

the same Reynolds number as that included in the dataset was simulated with the same turbulence model using an unstructured mesh. All the models are trained on graphs built from BFS structured mesh and directly tested on flow field and graphs obtained from BFS unstructured mesh and unseen periodic hill (PH) structured mesh. The graphs from unstructured BFS case are shown in Fig. 6.4. The graphs for BFS unstructured mesh are based on shared-faces since no significant model performance improvement observed when the connectivity is increased using shared-vertices. All the graphs' information including number of nodes, edges and average node degree is summarized in Table 6.1.

The vortices at two time steps identified by GMM-Unet, Fast-GMM-Unet and SplineCNN-

Unet are shown in Fig. 6.11 together with the streamline plots. While SplineCNN-Unet model fails to correctly identify the shape of most vortices, both GMM-Unet and Fast-GMM-Unet models capture the vortices morphology closer to the ground-truth. The Fast-GMM-Unet model tends to identify larger vortex regions and has the closest identification to the ground-truth than the other two models. All three models misidentify the near-wall region at the left as vortex, which could be ascribed to the differences between the structured mesh included in the dataset and the unstructured mesh. They also struggle to detect the elongated vortices, especially the stretched tail part which is possibly due to morphological differences between vortices in the dataset and those on this unseen unstructured mesh. The vortices' shapes are more compact on the structured mesh and more elongated on the unstructured mesh. Even with so many differences between the cases in the dataset and the unseen case, our proposed framework combined with Fast-GMM kernel still gives very satisfactory results. Therefore, we have good reasons to believe that with more cases of unstructured mesh included in the training dataset, the performance of our model can be further improved.

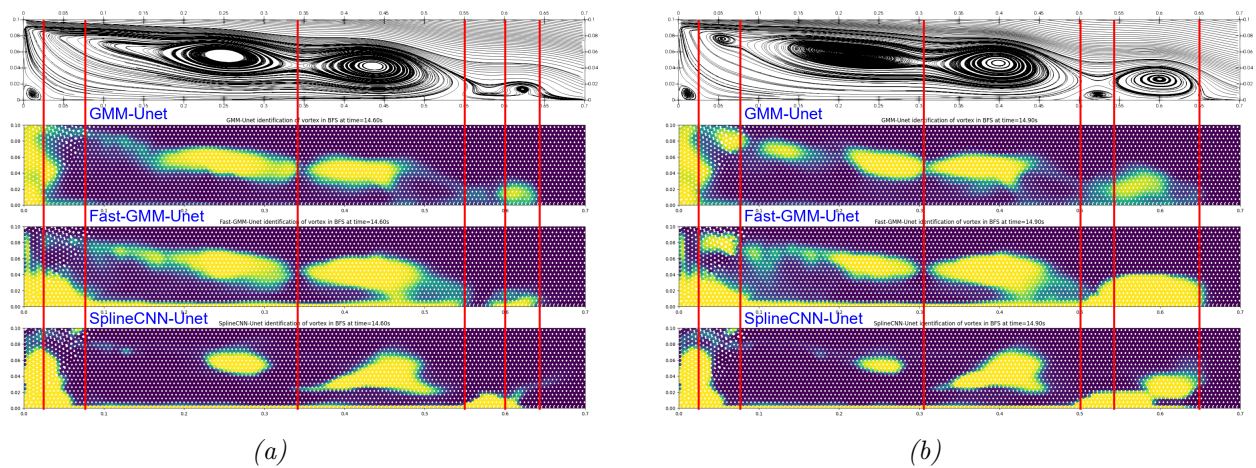


Figure 6.11: Comparison of vortices identified by GMM-Unet, Fast-GMM-Unet and SplineCNN-Unet models on unseen BFS unstructured mesh at two time steps: (a) Time = 14.60s; (b) Time = 14.90s. (From top to bottom: streamline, GMM-Unet, Fast-GMM-Unet and SplineCNN-Unet.)

6.3.4 Generality analysis

To further evaluate the generality of the proposed approach on detecting vortices with respect to different meshes in terms of mesh type, mesh density and mesh aspect ratio for structured mesh, different turbulence models and different Reynolds numbers, the GMM-Unet and SplineCNN-Unet models are trained again on the dataset formed by the BFS results obtained using both BFS structured and unstructured meshes and then tested on three of code_saturne validation cases: lid-driven cavity flow, heat transfer in a cooling channel with periodic ribs (RIBS) Rau et al. (1998); Arts et al. (2007), asymmetric plane diffuser flow Buice (1997); Obi et al. (1993). The main simulation details of these cases are summarized in Table 6.7. The configuration of three cases are shown in Fig. 6.12.

Lid-driven cavity. The lid-driven cavity flow configuration is shown in Fig. 6.12a. The top lid moves towards right direction and other walls are static. The no-slip conditions are applied on the walls. The Reynolds number is 5000. The $k-\omega$ SST turbulence model was

Table 6.7: Simulations details of four cases.

Case	Re	Turbulence model	Mesh		
			Type	AR	No. cells($N_x \times N_y$)
BFS	5100	$R_{ij} - \epsilon$ SSG	Structured	3.2	74400
			Unstructured	-	131118
Cavity	5000	$k - \omega$ SST	Structured	1	90000 _{300×300}
			Structured	1	40000 _{200×200}
			Structured	1	10000 _{100×100}
			Structured	1	2500 _{50×50}
			Structured	3	2494 _{29×86}
			Structured	6	2500 _{20×125}
			Structured	9	2499 _{14×147}
RIBS	30000	$k - \epsilon$ LP	Structured	3	18296
		$k - \omega$ SST	Unstructured	-	7735
		$R_{ij} - \epsilon$ SSG			
Diffuser	18000	$k - \omega$ SST	HR structured	0.3 ~ 47.7	21648 _{328×66}
			LR structured	0.3 ~ 119.8	31488 _{328×96}

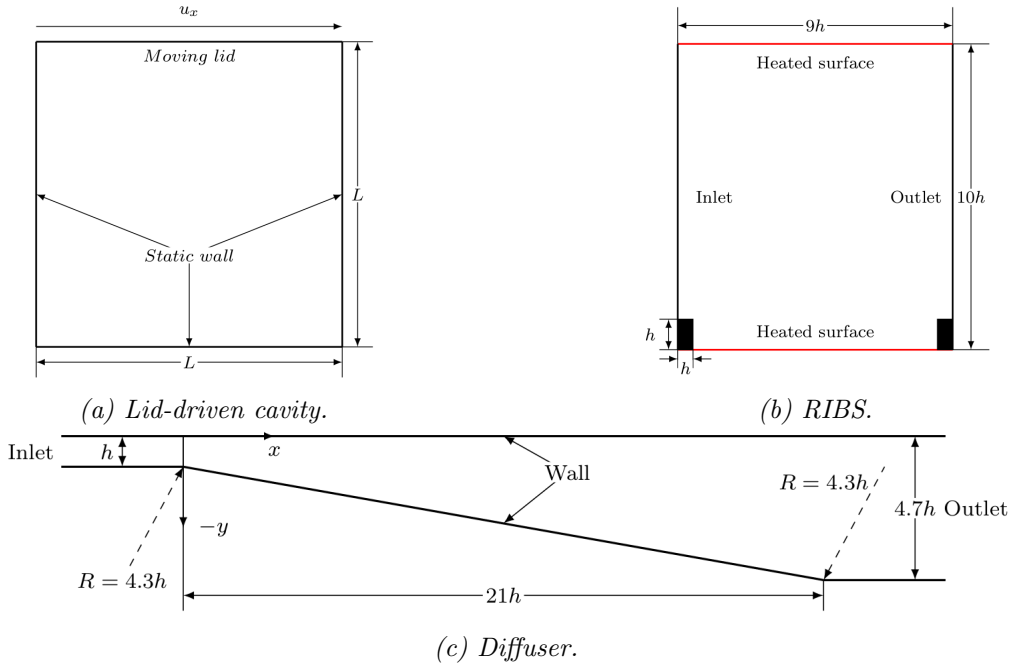


Figure 6.12: Configurations of three cases.

used to simulated the cavity flow on the finest mesh which contains $N_x \times N_y = 300 \times 300$ cells. The velocity field is then interpolated to coarser meshes of different refinement levels from 2500 to 40000 cells of the same aspect ratio $AR = 1$, and two meshes of different aspect ratios from 1 to 9 with the cell number around 2500. The aspect ratio is defined as the ratio of the cell's length on the x direction to its width on the y direction.

RIBS. The RIBS configuration is shown in Fig. 6.12b. Air flows from the left to the right, at the atmospheric pressure and temperature. The left and right boundaries are set to be periodic. The top and bottom walls are heated while the two ribs are not. The Reynolds number and Prandtl number are 30000 and 0.71, respectively. The RIBS

case was simulated using three turbulence models with both structured and unstructured meshes.

Diffuser. The 2D flow inside a planar asymmetric diffuser, as shown in Fig. 6.12c, is simulated using $k - \omega$ SST turbulence model with fully-developed turbulent inlet at $Re = 18000$ based on the bulk inlet velocity and the inlet channel height with two types of meshes: high-Reynolds (HR) mesh and low-Reynolds (LR) mesh.

Mesh density influence. As show in Fig. 6.13, the vortex regions identified by both

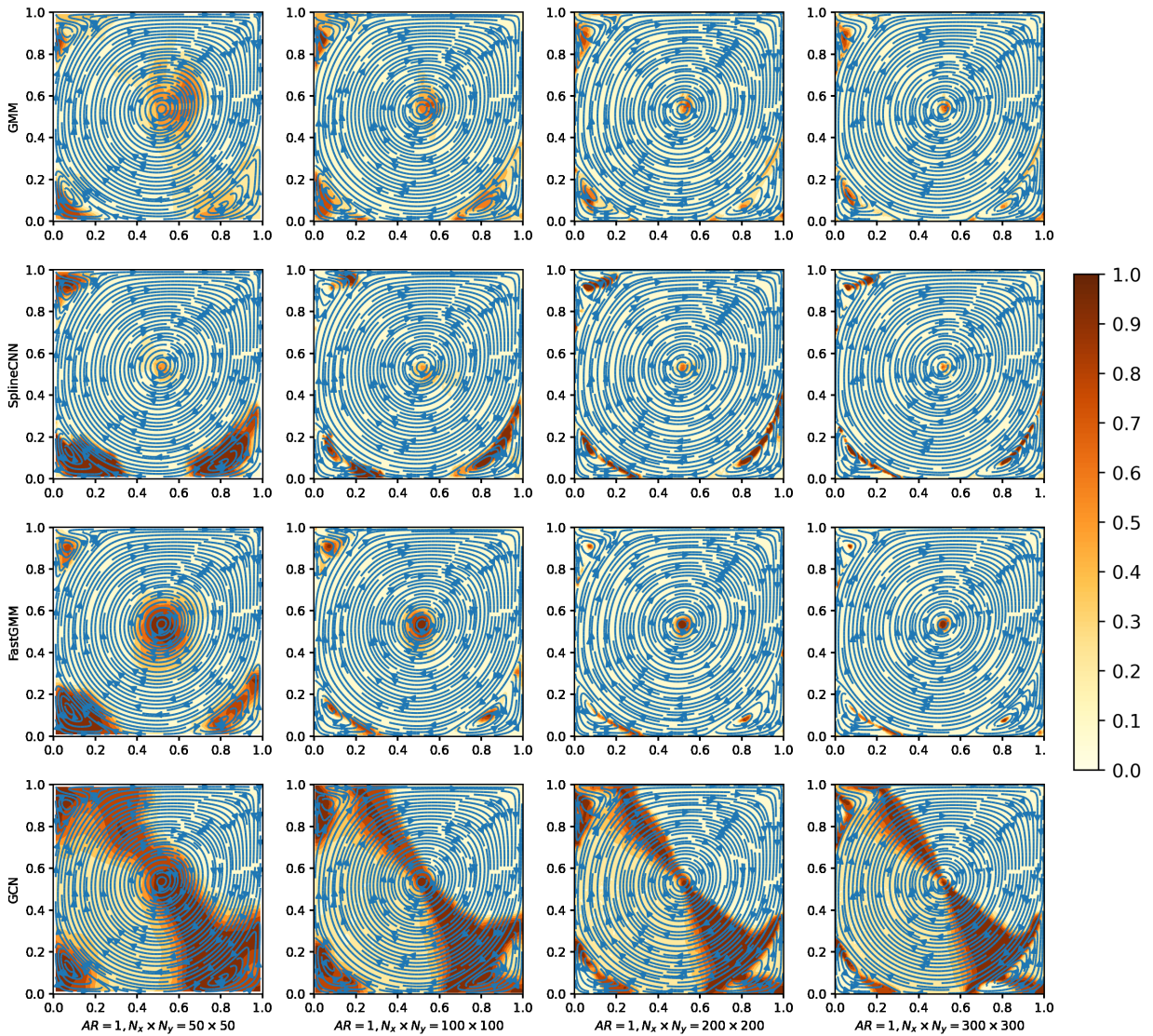


Figure 6.13: Identifications of vortices on lid-driven cavity meshes of different refinement levels by GNN models.

GMM-Unet and SplineCNN-Unet in the coarsest mesh are the largest in the coarsest mesh. The identified regions become smaller as the mesh refinement level increases. The capability of recognizing a certain pattern of all the pure convolution-based machine learning models is limited to the size of effective receptive field (ERF). A trained model fails to correlate two points separated by a distance larger than the ERF which is determined by both the hyper-parameters of the model and the dataset. As indicated by one typical snapshot of streamline plot in Fig. 5.7, for the BFS structured mesh, 100×40 cells are

distributed in the vortex region where normally four to five vortices exist. Thus, a single vortex in the training dataset covers no more than 25 cells on one specific direction. As a result, these two models trained on this dataset can only detect the vortices of comparable sizes in terms of how many mesh cells they span.

Mesh aspect ratio influence. The aspect ratio of the BFS structured mesh included in the training dataset is $AR = 3.2$. As a result, the two models trained on this dataset well identified the vortices on the mesh of $AR = 3$ as shown in Fig. 6.14. As the aspect ratio deviates from 3.2, their identification performances deteriorate which is more evident for SplineCNN-Unet. The SplineCNN-Unet model successfully identified three secondary vortices in the corners on the mesh of $AR = 1$, all vortices on the mesh of $AR = 3$, and the primary vortex center on the mesh of $AR = 6$, but failed on the mesh of $AR = 9$. Compared to SplineCNN-Unet, the GMM-Unet model identified more or less the same vortex region on the four meshes and thus has a better generality to the variation of the mesh aspect ratio. However, the vortex regions identified by the GMM-Unet model do not cover the vortex center and have diffuse boundaries compared with the SplineCNN-Unet.

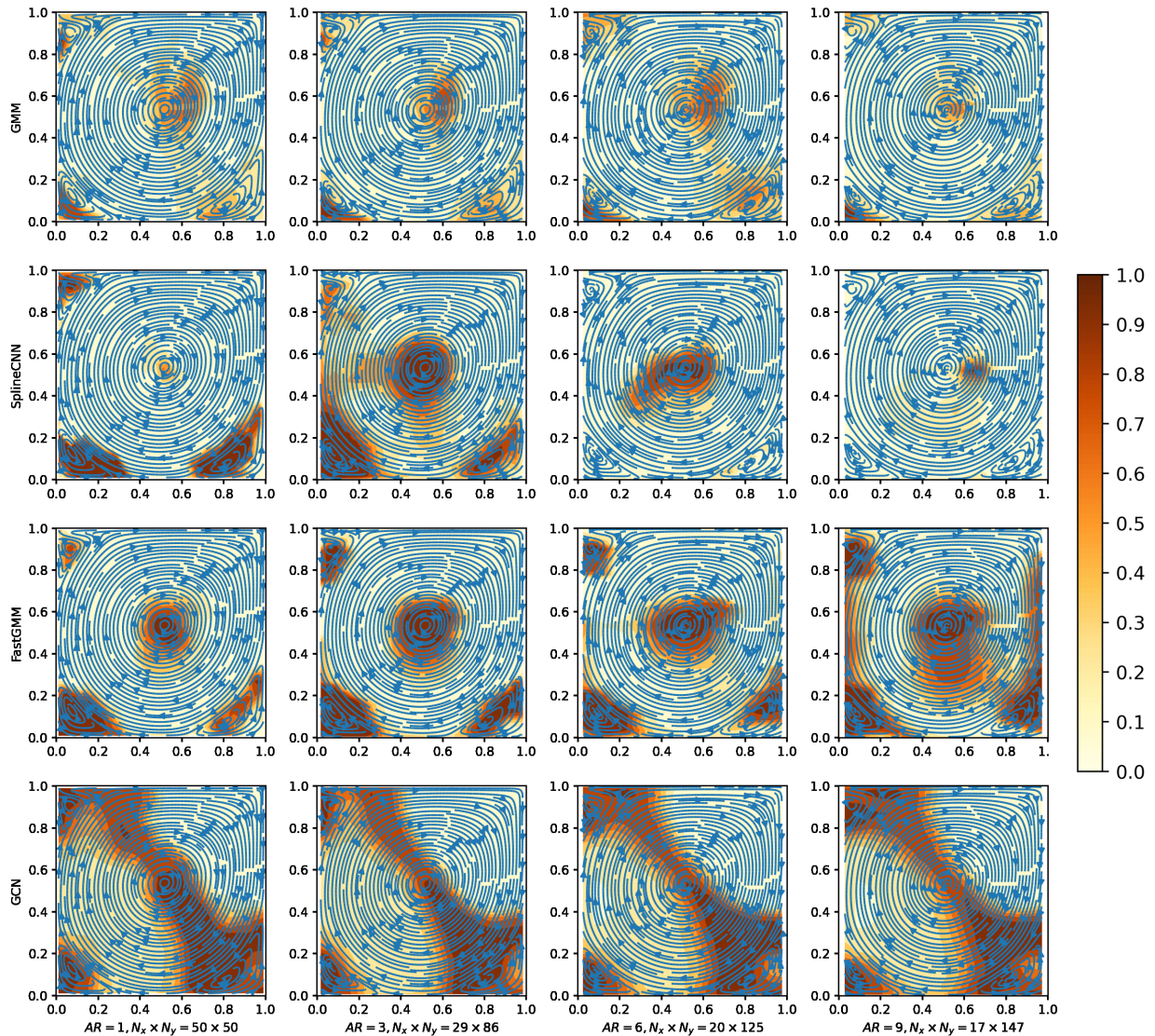


Figure 6.14: Identifications of vortices on lid-driven cavity meshes of different aspect ratios by GNN models.

Mesh type influence. The mixture of both structured and unstructured meshes in the dataset poses no problem to the training. As shown in Fig. 6.15, while the SplineCNN-UNet model better identified the vortex center and shape on the structured mesh compared with the GMM-UNet model, but degraded more on the unstructured mesh where it only identified the lower half of the vortices. The GMM-UNet model once again has better generality to the mesh type.

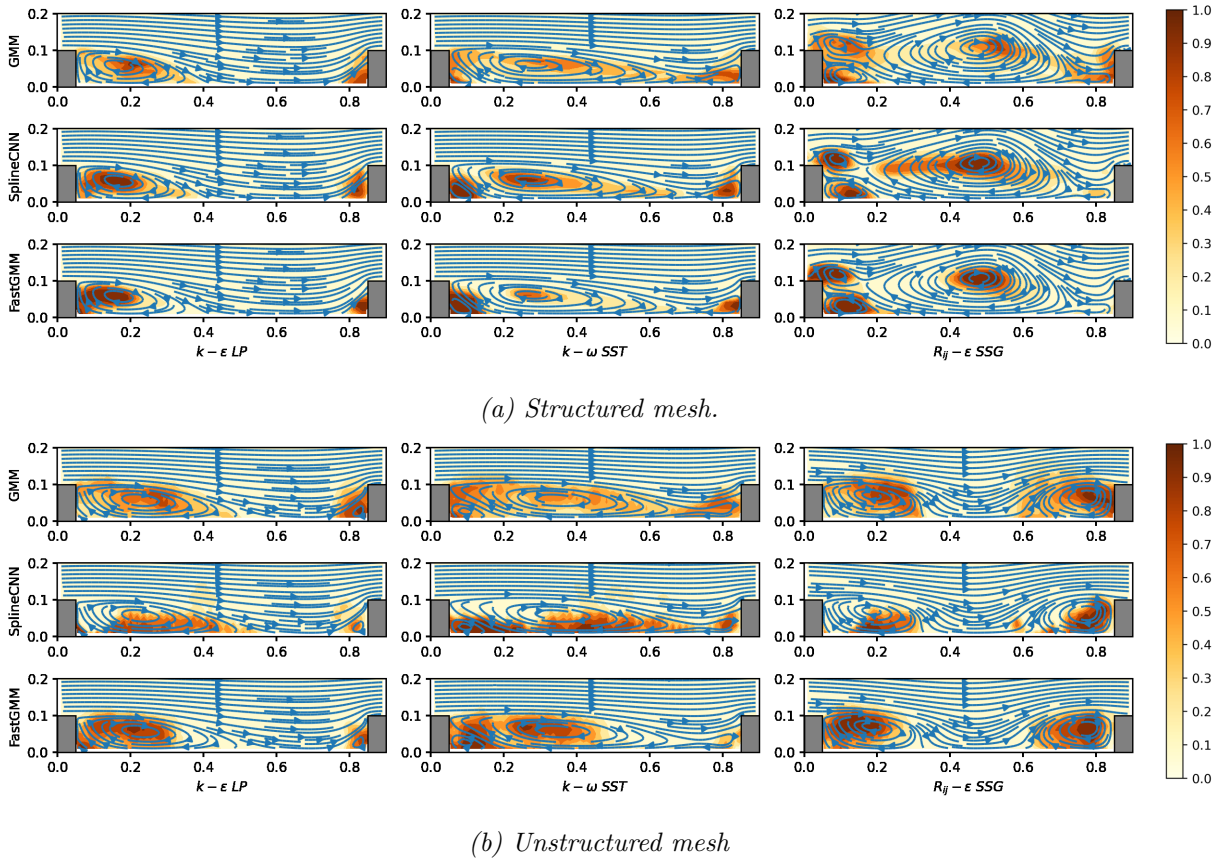


Figure 6.15: Identified Vortexes by different GNN kernels on RIBS structured and unstructured meshes. GNN kernels from top to bottom: GMM, SplineCNN and Fast-GMM. Turbulence models from left to right: $k - \epsilon LP$, $k - \omega SST$ and $R_{ij} - \epsilon SSG$.

Turbulence models' influence. To test the sensitivity of the proposed approach to the turbulence models, three commonly used models, $k - \epsilon$ linear production, $k - \omega SST$ and $R_{ij} - \epsilon SSG$, were selected because we intend to detect the vortexes generated by RANS turbulence models. As shown in Fig. 6.15, the turbulence models have no visible influence on the identification performance of the proposed approach. The robustness of our models to different turbulence models is explainable since they identify the vortexes based on the topological distribution of the velocity field which is universal among different turbulence models.

Mesh size scaling influence. As shown in Fig. 6.16, the cell size along the wall normal direction in the low-Reynolds diffuser mesh increases continuously, while in high-Reynolds diffuser mesh, the cell size from the first to the second layer perpendicular to the wall decreases abruptly. As shown in Fig. 6.17, both GMM-UNet and SplineCNN-UNet models can capture the vortexes on two meshes. On the high-Reynolds mesh, the identified vortex regions by both models are non-connected while those on the low-Reynolds mesh are closer

to the real vortex topology. Therefore the proposed approach is quite robust to the mesh size scaling but sensitive to the abrupt scaling jump.

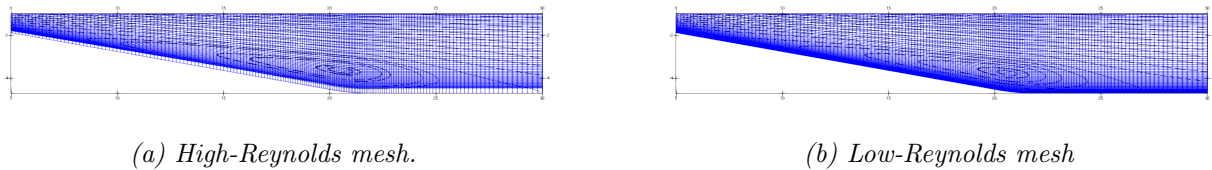


Figure 6.16: Two diffuser meshes.

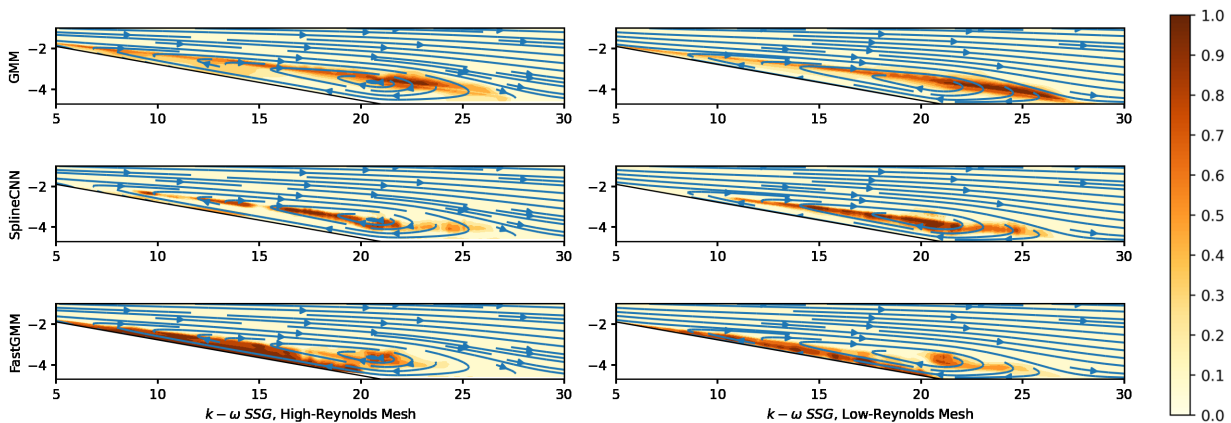


Figure 6.17: Identified vortices of different GNN kernels on two diffuser meshes. GNN kernels from top to bottom: GMM, SplineCNN and Fast-GMM. Turbulence models from left to right: high-Reynolds mesh and low-Reynolds mesh.

6.4 3D Vortex identification

In this section, the extensibility of the previous Fast-GMM-Unet model to 3D vortex identification is demonstrated on the vortex generator case [Derksen \(2005\)](#). The 3D counter-rotating vortex pair formed due to the injection of a high-velocity jet to the low-velocity crossflow is simulated as the 3D vortex dataset [Karvinen and Ahlstedt \(2005\)](#).

6.4.1 Dataset generation

The schematic of the computational domain is shown in Fig. 6.18. The computational domain contains a rectangle part with size of $40D \times 15D \times 15D$ at (x, y, z) directions and a vertical round pipe with diameter D . The right-ward horizontal crossflow enters the domain at velocity $1.435m/s$ from the left inlet located $10D$ upstream of the branch pipe through which the jet is injected to the crossflow. The outlet is located $30D$ downstream the pipe. The bottom boundary is wall while the rest three side boundaries are set to symmetry. To obtain a large dataset, a sinusoidal pulsating velocity component is added to the initial constant jet inlet velocity of $4.98m/s$ after the static flow field is fully established leading to the following jet velocity inlet:

$$w_j = 4.95 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right). \quad (6.6)$$

The Reynolds number Re_D based on the jet velocity and pipe diameter is in the range [6488, 9772]. The mapped inlet boundary is used for two inlets where the velocity profile at $10D$ downstream the inlet is mapped to the inlet to obtain a fully developed velocity profile.

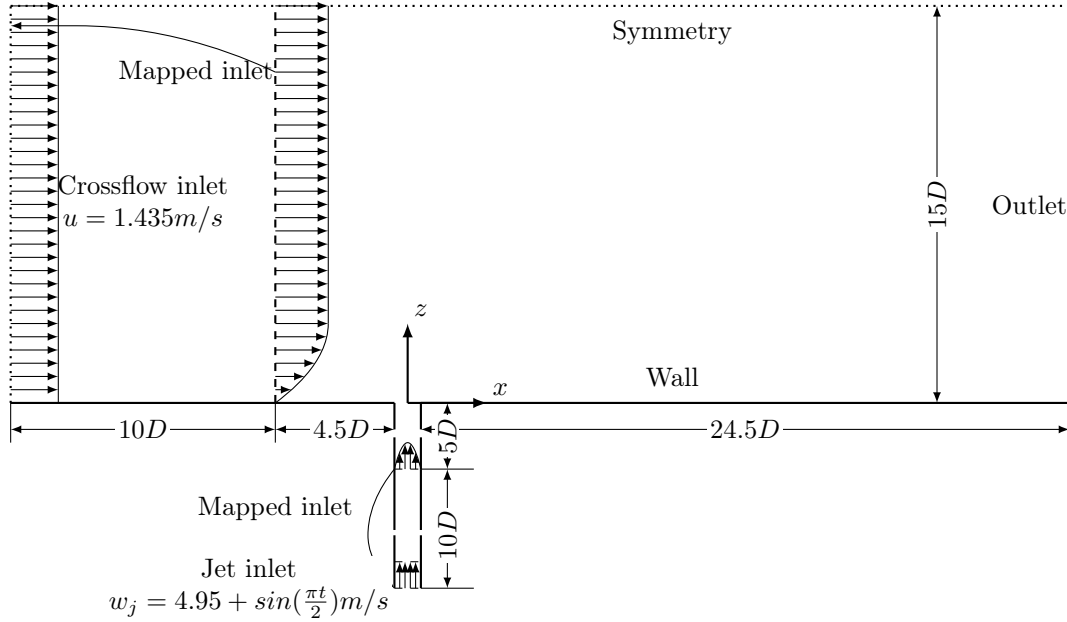


Figure 6.18: Schematic of the cross-section on OXZ plane through the jet inlet axis of 3D jet-in-crossflow case.

The jet-in-crossflow case is simulated by two turbulence models, $k - \epsilon$ and $k - \omega$ SST using transient solver with a structured mesh of 921600 cells. The results at 20 time instances evenly distributed within one pulsating period are sampled to form the dataset. The dataset is further augmented by rotating the results 90° around y axis resulting in 80 samples in the final dataset. Cells with Q -criterion larger than 0.01 are labeled as vortex region. This threshold is selected to remove the false vortex region near the bottom wall. The labeled vortex regions for two simulations at one time instance are shown in Fig. 6.19.

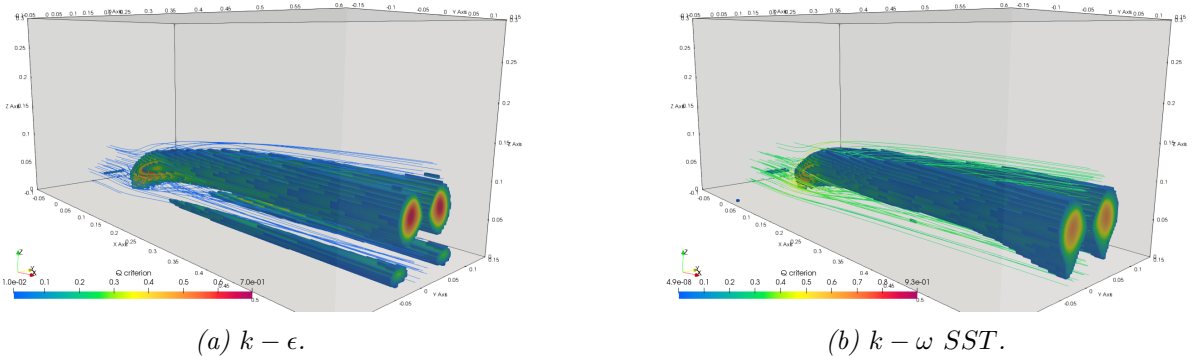


Figure 6.19: Vortex region labeled using Q -criterion in 3D jet-in-crossflow case obtained by two turbulence models.

6.4.2 Results analysis

As shown in Fig. 6.20, a 3D Fast-GMM kernel which contains 9 directions on 3 layers at Z direction, thus 27 direction in total, is constructed. The 8-layer architecture in Section 5.2 is utilised instead of the 14-layer architecture in the previous section due to the consideration of reducing memory consumption as a result of the tripling of the direction number in the kernel, leading to 166729 trainable parameters. This model was trained on one GPU node with 4 Tesla V100 GPUs on EDF Cronos cluster for 200 epochs which took around 1.7 hours.

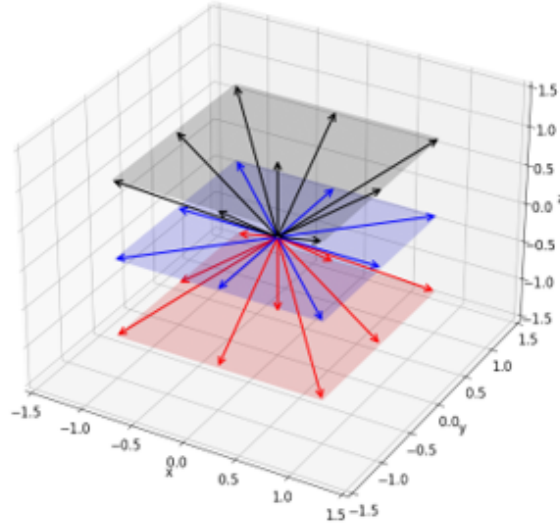


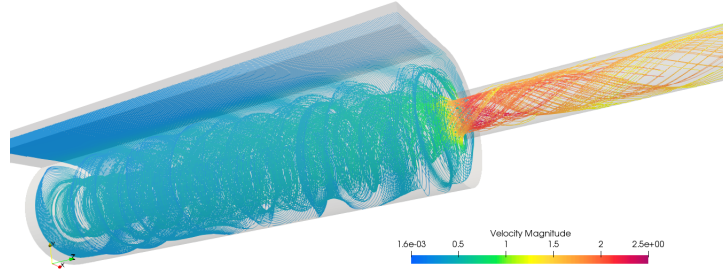
Figure 6.20: 3D Fast-GMM kernel.

The trained GNN model is tested on identifying the confined swirling flow inside a vortex generator [Derksen \(2005\)](#). Two inlet scenarios are simulated, one with inlet at the side slot, as shown in Fig. 6.21, and another one with inlet at the end of the large swirl tube, as shown in Fig. 6.22.

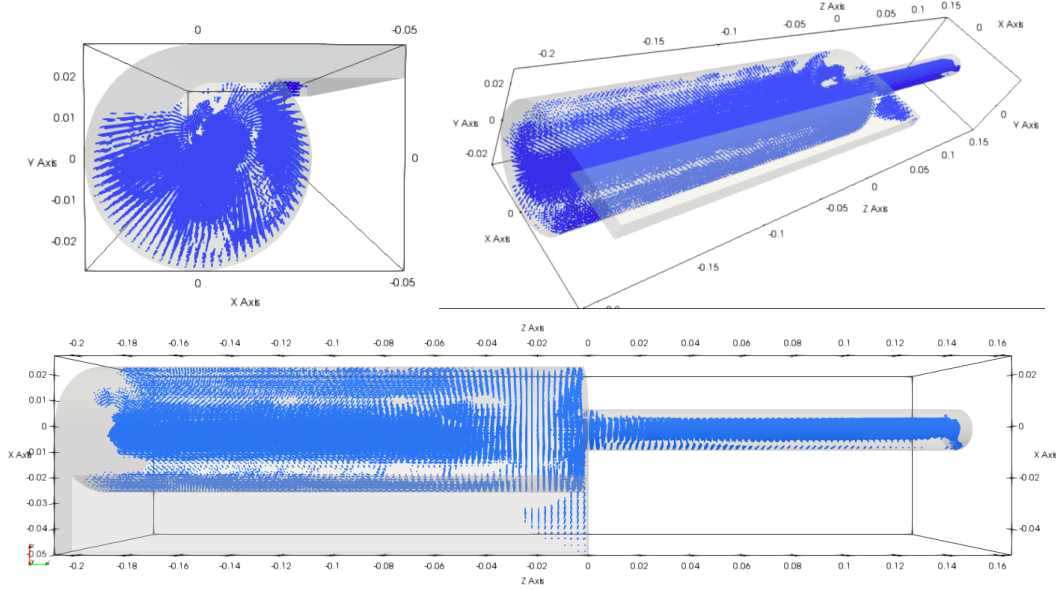
For the first scenario, GNN model successfully identified the main body of the vortex in both the swirl tube and exit pipe. However, its identification is not continuous, there is a clearance between the vortex core and the identified peripheral part of the vortex. It also misclassified the corner in the inlet slot near the contraction as a vortex region. While for the case with inlet at the end of the swirl tube there only exist vortexes near the contraction, the GNN model correctly identified a vortex region near the contraction but also made wrong classification near the inlet and inside the exit pipe.

6.5 Summary

In this chapter, we proposed a GNN-based framework to identify the flow phenomena based on CFD computations with the proposed Fast-GMM as the convolution kernel and U-Net architecture, which accepts unstructured data and therefore can be directly applied to the CFD results produced from real industrial cases using unstructured meshes. The Fast-GMM significantly increases the computational efficiency compared with the original GMM while maintaining a comparable identification performance to that achieved by the traditional CNNs. The U-Net architecture uses the graph hierarchy generated by an algebraic multigrid method (which is used in many CFD codes to accelerate the



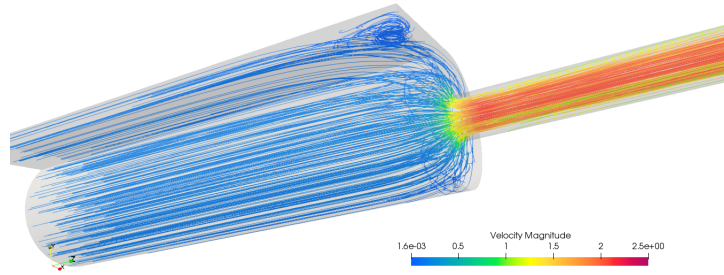
(a) Streamline.



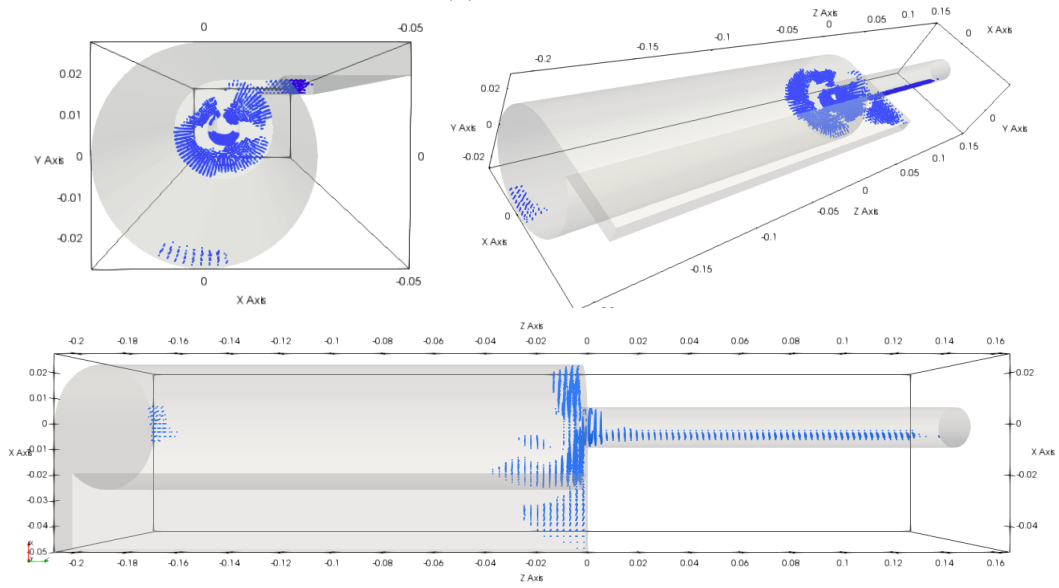
(b) Vortex region identified by GNN model.

Figure 6.21: Streamline plot and vortex region identified by GNN on vortex generator case with side inlet.

convergence of the iterative elliptic solvers), to shorten the training time and thus endows the framework the potential to be organically integrated into our open source CFD solver code_saturne in the future. The superiority of the proposed Fast-GMM kernel against the original GMM, SplineCNN and GCN, and the advantage of U-Net architecture against skip-connection and sequential architectures are experimentally demonstrated in terms of identification performance and computational efficiency on detecting vortices in 2D cases with both structured and unstructured meshes. The proposed framework on detecting 3D vortex is also exemplified in the vortex generator case.



(a) Streamline.



(b) Vortex region identified by GNN model.

Figure 6.22: Streamline plot and vortex region identified by GNN on vortex generator case with left inlet.

7 | Conclusions and perspectives

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7.1 Conclusions

In the current work, state-of-the-art algorithms from the computer vision domain were adapted to fluid dynamics to identify the flow phenomena on the CFD results.

First of all, a review of machine learning applications in several aspects of fluid dynamics, including flow phenomena identification, super resolution, surrogate modelling, turbulence modelling, reduced order modeling, was conducted. CNNs are widely adopted in these different tasks because of their capability of processing the spatial features and good generality.

Before applying the CNN model to identify flow phenomena, the possible influencing factors on the CNN's accuracy were explored in regression of the pressure around cylinder case based on the velocity field in the wake region. We started by using CNNs to detect the first phenomenon on 2D meshes - the vortex region behind the backward facing step. An automatic 2D vortex labelling method based on first-depth search and random walking algorithms was proposed to label the vortex regions on both structured and unstructured meshes. The potential features characterizing the vortex region were evaluated as input for the CNN model with U-Net architecture. The results showed that CNN can well identify the separated vortexes from the normalized velocity field. The extendability of this model to other flow phenomenon, provided with a properly labelled dataset, was also demonstrated on thermal stratification, requiring only a slight modification to the architecture - adding gravity direction.

This CNN-UNet model template was then extended to GNNs in pursuit of directly consuming data on unstructured meshes. The methodology of constructing the bidirectional graphs from CFD meshes was detailed. Several promising graph convolutional kernels, such as GMM, SplineCNN and GCN, were compared with the conventional kernel in CNNs on structured mesh. A novel graph convolutional kernel - FastGMM was proposed by simplifying the original GMM which is more suitable for graphs derived from unstructured CFD meshes. The results suggested that the proposed FastGMM kernel has better identification accuracy on unstructured meshes and is more computational efficient. Inspired by the idea of AMG accelerating the iteration convergence of linear algebraic equations, the graph hierarchy generated from AMG method was used for the U-Net architecture to enable the model to gather and update hidden features of multi-scales.

The results evidenced that the AMG U-Net architecture leads to a higher identification accuracy and considerable improved computational efficiency compared with sequential- and skip-architecture. The proposed framework is also able to detect 3D flow phenomena such as the vortex structure inside the 3D vortex generator case.

7.2 Perspectives

As the first exploration in the département mécanique des fluides, energie et environnement (MFEE) of using ML algorithms to detect flow phenomena in CFD results, some deficiencies are inevitable and there remain several directions to be explored.

At the current stage, only two flow phenomena were detected, vortex and thermal stratification regions. In the future, more flow features, such as boundary layer and jet, can be identified. The grid coarsening could be based on flow phenomenon related systems instead of that used for the pressure correction. Take the vortex detection for example, we could merge cells having the most similar values of velocity direction and dynamic pressure.

CNN/GNN methods are perplexed by the problem induced by the fixed effective receptive field which is limited by the model hyperparameters such as architecture, kernel size, and training data. It is a problem when the model is applied to a case with the same geometry but with meshes of different refinement levels. Including more target flow phenomena of large scales in the training dataset can alleviate this problem to some extent. There is potential of detecting larger flow structures for the U-Net architecture. Including more levels of graphs in the U-Net architecture will enlarge the effective receptive field. Another possible direction is to compress the flow feature from the original mesh to deeper graphs and directly perform the feature identification on this deep graph. This can be combined with other types of neural networks such as transformer or recurrent neural network. However the former performs the calculation on the entire matrix which is very expensive, while the latter consumes a series of unlimited number of inputs which is compatible with non predefined number of depth in AMG hierarchy.

This work adopts supervised training that requires labeled datasets, which are not easily obtained for flow phenomena identification tasks. Since for the recommendations of CFD case configuration, we do not need to know exactly where the target flow features are located, but only some elements/statistics (i.e. strong presence, size, probably some orientation related elements, ...), so the requirements of the input for the machine learning model may be slightly relaxed (though finer detection is always useful for understanding/debugging what the models does). In the future, unsupervised training algorithms such as generative adversarial network can be explored.

This work currently focuses on the first step for improving confidence on CFD result - identifying flow phenomena. There is one possible direction for the second step - giving suggestions for CFD user to better configure CFD calculation case. Since the model form uncertainty in the turbulence models' prediction of Reynolds stress highly influences CFD result accuracy, it can be used as an indicator of CFD result accuracy. One possible direction is to build a surrogate model trained on high fidelity dataset formed by DNS and LES simulations to predict the Reynolds stress from the time averaged flow fields. The deviation between the Reynolds stress tensor predicted by turbulence model and that reconstructed by surrogate model indicates whether the result should be trusted.

A | Machine learning code snippets

The machine learning source code is included in this appendix.

The vortex labeling algorithm code on 2D CFD mesh is shown in 'labelSeparateVortex.py' [A.1](#).

The input data including flow features, label and mesh information is extracted from the csv file output by code_saturne and prepared in 'preDataset.py' [A.2](#). The data is split into training, testing and validation datasets and saved into three files respectively which are readable for pytorch.

The kernel functions and model architecture are written in 'model.py' [A.3](#). Every kernel/layer/model is a class. All the parameters related to the kernel/layer/model are defined in the `__init__()` property. How the kernel/layer/model calculates the output features from the input features is defined in `forward()` function.

The training loop is initiated by running 'train.py' [A.4](#). This script reads the datasets and load the models one by one from 'model.py' [A.3](#). Before entering the training loop, an optimizer is initialized using Adam algorithm with predefined learning rate. The graphs and the corresponding flow features in the dataset are fed to the model sequentially. The loss between the label and the output of the model is calculated and the gradients for all the trainable parameters are accumulated for every batch of data. After reading a batch of data, the trainables are updated by `optimizer.step()` function and the gradient are set to zero by `optimizer.zero_grad()`. It is called one training epoch when all the data is fed to the model one time. At the end of one epoch, the model with updated trainables is evaluated to obtain the training, testing and validation losses.

The hyperparameters about the model architecture, such as the dimensions of the hidden feature in each layer, depth of UNet architecture, are defined in 'param.py' [A.5](#).

Other useful functions are included in 'utils.py' [A.6](#). The algorithm (binary cross entropy selected here) used for loss calculation is defined in `loss_eval()`. The ROC and the area under ROC are calculated by `roc_eval()` and `auc_eval()`, respectively. Four classification evaluation criteria are calculated by `metrics()`. Other functions are used to output the loss plot, ROC plot, AUC plot and identified vortex region plot.

Code Listing A.1: labelSeparateVortex.py

```
1 # Python program to detect cycle
2 # in a graph
3 import os
4 import math
5 import numpy as np
6 import random
7 import pandas as pd
8 from copy import deepcopy
9 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
10 from collections import defaultdict
11 import networkx as nx
```



```

12 from joblib import Parallel, delayed
13
14
15 def noPtInSet(ptset, pts):
16     no_pt_included = True
17     for ipt in pts:
18         if (ipt in ptset):
19             no_pt_included = False
20             break
21     return no_pt_included
22
23 def allPtInSet(ptset, pts):
24     all_pt_included = True
25     for ipt in pts:
26         if (ipt not in ptset):
27             all_pt_included = False
28             break
29     return all_pt_included
30
31
32 def twoHopsDsPt(graph, pts):
33     ptfound = False
34     for icore in pts:
35         """
36         if (icore in bounds_of_all_vortices):
37             continue
38         """
39         if (ptfound == True) :
40             break
41         for ids_core in list(graph.adj[icore]):
42             if (ptfound == True) :
43                 break
44             if (ids_core not in pts):
45                 for ids_ds_core in list(graph.adj[ids_core]):
46                     if (ids_ds_core not in pts):
47                         start_node = ids_ds_core
48                         ptfound = True
49                         break
50     if (ptfound == False):
51         print("Starting point is not found !!!")
52         return False
53     else:
54         return start_node
55
56 def delSubgraph(graph, subg):
57     graph.remove_nodes_from(subg)
58     for iedge in list(graph.edges()):
59         if (iedge[0] in subg or iedge[1] in subg):
60             graph.remove_edge(iedge[0], iedge[1])
61     graph.normFlux()
62     return graph
63
64
65 def plotBound(coord, bound, core_list, filename):
66     x_min = 0.0
67     x_max = 0.80
68     y_min = 0.00
69     y_max = 0.120

```

```

70     size = 40
71     diag_size = math.sqrt(pow(y_max-y_min, 2)+pow(x_max-x_min, 2))
72
73     fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=((x_max-x_min)/diag_size* size, (
y_max-y_min)/diag_size*size),
74                             constrained_layout=True)
75
76     bound_coord = coord[bound]
77     ax.scatter(bound_coord[:, 0], bound_coord[:, 1], c='b')
78     for i, icore in enumerate(core_list):
79         core_coord = coord[list(icore)]
80         ax.scatter(core_coord[:, 0], core_coord[:, 1], c='r')
81     ax.set_aspect('equal')
82     plt.xlim(x_min, x_max)
83     plt.ylim(y_min, y_max)
84     #plt.savefig(filename, transparent=True)
85     plt.show()
86     plt.close()
87     return
88
89 def plotBoundInGraph(g, coord, bound, vortex_core, more_in_list,
more_out_list, filename):
90     print("    Saving Figure!!!")
91     width = 0.0001
92     scatter_size = 200
93
94     x_min = 0.0
95     x_max = 0.80
96     y_min = 0.00
97     y_max = 0.120
98
99     size = 20
100    diag_size = math.sqrt(pow(y_max-y_min, 2)+pow(x_max-x_min, 2))
101
102    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=((x_max-x_min)/diag_size* size, (
y_max-y_min)/diag_size*size),
103                            constrained_layout=True)
104
105    for start in list(g.nodes()):
106        x = coord[start][0]
107        y = coord[start][1]
108        if (x<x_max and x>x_min and y<y_max and y>y_min):
109            for end in list(g.adj[start]):
110
111                dx = coord[end][0] - x
112                dy = coord[end][1] - y
113                length = math.sqrt(pow(dx,2)+pow(dy,2))
114
115                arrow_color = 'k'
116                """
117                if (dx>0 or dy >0):
118                    arrow_color = 'g'
119                """
120                if (start in bound and end in bound):
121                    arrow_color = 'r'
122                if (start in vortex_core and end in vortex_core):
123                    arrow_color = 'r'
124

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125         ax.arrow(x, y, dx, dy,
126                 width = width, length_includes_head=True,
127                 head_width=0.1*length, head_length=length*0.3,
128                 ec=arrow_color, fc=arrow_color)
129
130         if (start in bound ):
131             ax.scatter(x, y, s=scatter_size, c='r')
132         elif (start in more_in_list):
133             ax.scatter(x, y, s=scatter_size, c='g')
134         elif (start in more_out_list):
135             ax.scatter(x, y, s=scatter_size, c='b')
136         else:
137             ax.scatter(x, y, s=scatter_size, c='k')
138     #ax.set_xticklabels([])
139     #ax.set_yticklabels([])
140     ax.set_aspect('equal')
141     plt.xlim(x_min, x_max)
142     plt.ylim(y_min, y_max)
143     plt.savefig(figname, transparent=True)
144     #plt.show()
145     return
146
147 class MyGraph(nx.DiGraph):
148     def __init__(self, vertices):
149         super(MyGraph, self).__init__()
150         self.graph = defaultdict(list)
151         self.upstream = defaultdict(list)
152         self.flux = defaultdict(list)
153         self.V = vertices
154
155
156     def normFlux(self):
157         for inode in self.nodes():
158             sumflux = 0.0
159             for iflu in self[inode].values():
160                 sumflux = sumflux+abs(iflu['flux'])
161             for iout in self[inode].keys():
162                 self[inode][iout]['weight'] = abs(self[inode][iout]['
flux']/sumflux
163         return
164
165     def findVortCoreUtil(self, v, visited, depth, max_depth):
166
167         for neighbour in list(self.adj[v]):
168             if visited[neighbour] == True:
169                 return True
170             elif depth < max_depth:
171                 if self.findVortCoreUtil(neighbour, visited, depth+1,
max_depth) == True:
172                     return True
173         return False
174
175     def findVortCore(self, roi = None, max_depth = 4):
176         vort_core_list = []
177
178         if roi == None:
179             roi = range(self.number_of_nodes())
180

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181     for node in roi:
182         visited = [False] * (self.V + 1)
183         visited[node] = True
184
185         if self.findVortCoreUtil(node, visited, 0, max_depth) ==
True:
186             vort_core_list.append(node)
187
188     graphCopy = deepcopy(self)
189     for inode in self.nodes():
190         if (inode not in vort_core_list):
191             graphCopy.remove_node(inode)
192
193     return list(nx.weakly_connected_components(graphCopy))
194
195
196     def findBoundary(self, start_node=3843):
197         closed = False
198         count = 0
199         while closed == False:
200             loop_list = []
201             loop_list.append(start_node)
202             prev_node = deepcopy(start_node)
203             count = count+1
204             length = 0
205
206             while (True):
207                 #print("start_node ={}, count = {}, node = {}".format(
start_node, count, node))
208                 if (len(self[prev_node]) == 0):
209                     break
210                 elif (len(self.out_edges(prev_node)) == 1):
211                     next_node = list(self.adj[prev_node])[0]
212                 else:
213                     next_node = np.random.choice(list(self.adj[prev_node
]),
214                                                    p=[i['weight'] for i in self[
prev_node].values()])
215
216                 if next_node == start_node:
217                     closed = True
218                     print("count = {}, closed flag = {}, length = {}".
format(count, closed, length))
219                     #print(loop_list)
220                     break
221                 elif (next_node in loop_list[1:]):
222                     break
223                 loop_list.append(next_node)
224                 prev_node = deepcopy(next_node)
225                 length = length+1
226                 if (count > 10000):
227                     print("#### Maximum searching times 10000 reached! ####"
)
228                 loop_list = []
229                 break
230             return set(loop_list)
231
232     def insideBoundary(self, bd_ids):

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233
234     bd_coord_ar = np.zeros((len(bd_ids), 2))
235
236     inside_bound = []
237     for i, ibd_id in enumerate(bd_ids):
238         bd_coord_ar[i][0] = self.nodes[ibd_id]['coord'][0]
239         bd_coord_ar[i][1] = self.nodes[ibd_id]['coord'][1]
240
241     barycenter = np.mean(bd_coord_ar, axis=0)
242     print("barycenter = ", barycenter)
243     xc = barycenter[0] *100
244     yc = barycenter[1] *100
245     min_coord = np.min(bd_coord_ar, axis=0)
246     max_coord = np.max(bd_coord_ar, axis=0)
247
248     for ipt in self.nodes():
249         if (self.nodes[ipt]['coord'][0]>min_coord[0] and
250             self.nodes[ipt]['coord'][0]<max_coord[0] and
251             self.nodes[ipt]['coord'][1]>min_coord[1] and
252             self.nodes[ipt]['coord'][1]<max_coord[1]):
253
254             xp = self.nodes[ipt]['coord'][0] *100
255             yp = self.nodes[ipt]['coord'][1] *100
256             outside_flag = False
257             for ibd in range(len(bd_ids)):
258                 x0 = bd_coord_ar[ibd][0] *100
259                 y0 = bd_coord_ar[ibd][1] *100
260                 x1 = bd_coord_ar[(ibd+1)%len(bd_ids)][0] *100
261                 y1 = bd_coord_ar[(ibd+1)%len(bd_ids)][1] *100
262
263                 A = np.array([[yc-yp, -xc+xp],
264                               [y1-y0, -x1+x0]])
265                 b = np.array([[-(xc-xp)*yp+xp*(yc-yp)],
266                               [-(x1-x0)*y0+x0*(y1-y0)]]])
267                 inter = np.linalg.solve(A, b)
268
269                 if ((inter[1]-yc)*(inter[1]-yp)<=0 and (inter[0]-xc)
270 * (inter[0]-xp)<=0):
271                     outside_flag = True
272                     break
273                 del A, b, inter
274                 if (outside_flag == False):
275                     inside_bound.append(ipt)
276             inside_bound = list(set(inside_bound) - set(bd_ids))
277     return inside_bound
278
279 def labelSeparatedVortex(path, step, anchor_pts = [0, 7200]):
280
281     print("LABELING ", os.path.join(path, 'directededge_'+step))
282     edges = np.array(pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'directededge_'+step
283 ), usecols = ['x', 'y'],
284                                     skipinitialspace=True, delimiter=",",
285                                     dtype=np.int64))
286     flux = np.array(pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'directededge_'+step)
287 , usecols = ['massflux'],
288                                     skipinitialspace=True, delimiter=",",
289                                     dtype = np.float64))

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286     coord = np.array(pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'nodes_'+step),
287                               usecols = ['x', 'y'],
288                                       skipinitialspace=True, delimiter=",",
289                                       dtype = np.float64))
290
291     roi = [i for i, item in enumerate(coord) if item[0] < 0.7 and item
292           [1] < 0.1]
293
294     g = MyGraph(len(edges))
295
296     for i in range(len(coord)):
297         g.add_node(i, coord=coord[i])
298
299     for i, item in enumerate(edges):
300         g.add_edge(item[0], item[1], flux=abs(flux[i][0]))
301
302     g.normFlux()
303     print("num of nodes = ", g.number_of_nodes())
304
305     vortex_core = g.findVortCore(max_depth = 6)
306
307     sepCore = deepcopy(g)
308     for inode in g.nodes():
309         if (inode not in vortex_core):
310             sepCore.remove_node(inode)
311     core_list = list(nx.weakly_connected_components(sepCore))
312     print("core_list = ", core_list)
313     plotBound(coord, list(vortex_core), core_list, "figname")
314
315     bound_list = deepcopy(core_list)
316     bound_bk_list = []
317     allbound = []
318
319     boundnotchanged = True
320     g_nonvort = deepcopy(g)
321     while (boundnotchanged):
322         for num_core, icore in enumerate(core_list):
323             print("*** number = {}, icore = {}".format(num_core, icore))
324             print(coord[list(icore)[0]][0], coord[list(icore)[0]][1])
325             if (removed_node[num_core] == 1):
326                 startpt = twoHopsDsPt(g, icore)
327             else:
328                 startpt = random.choice(list(bound_list[num_core]))
329
330             bound = g_nonvort.findBoundary(start_node = startpt)
331             print("boundary = ", bound)
332             plotBound(coord, list(bound), core_list, "figname")
333
334             g_temp = deepcopy(g)
335             g_temp.remove_nodes_from(bound)
336             subgraphs = list(nx.weakly_connected_components(g_temp))
337
338             otherCoreInBound = False
339
340             for isubg in subgraphs:
341                 if (noPtInSet(isubg, anchor_pts) and allPtInSet(isubg.
342 union(bound), icore)):

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340         if (noPtInSet(isubg.union(bound), set(vortex_core)-
icore) ):
341             print("rest_core = ", set(vortex_core)-icore)
342             print("## Deleting subgraph ! Deleting points
number = {}##".format(len(isubg)))
343             delSubgraph(g_nonvort, isubg)
344             bound_list[num_core] = deepcopy(bound)
345
346             break
347         else:
348             otherCoreInBound = True
349             print("## Other core in Bound! ##")
350             break
351
352     if (bound_list == bound_bk_list):
353         boundnotchanged = False
354         print("#### All bounds not changed, searching terminated!!
####")
355     else:
356         bound_bk_list = deepcopy(bound_list)
357         print("##### Bound changed, continue searching!!
#####")
358     allbound = [ipt for ibound in bound_list for ipt in ibound]
359
360     delSubgraph(g_nonvort, allbound)
361
362     print("Search completed!!!")
363     return
364
365
366 def createGraph(path, step, anchor_pts = [0, 7200]):
367
368     print("LABELLING ", step)
369     edges = np.array(pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'directededge_' + step
), usecols = ['x', 'y'],
370                                     skipinitialspace=True, delimiter=",",
dtype=np.int64))
371     flux = np.array(pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'directededge_' + step)
, usecols = ['massflux'],
372                                     skipinitialspace=True, delimiter=",",
dtype = np.float64))
373     coord = np.array(pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'nodes_' + step),
usecols = ['x', 'y'],
374                                     skipinitialspace=True, delimiter=",",
dtype = np.float64))
375
376     roi = [i for i, item in enumerate(coord) if item[0] < 0.7 and item
[1] < 0.1]
377
378     g = MyGraph(len(edges))
379
380     for i in range(len(coord)):
381         g.add_node(i, coord=coord[i])
382
383     for i, item in enumerate(edges):
384         g.add_edge(item[0], item[1], flux=abs(flux[i][0]))
385
386     g.normFlux()

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387     return g
388
389 def mergeNearbyCores(core_list):
390     icore_center = np.zeros((len(core_list), 2), dtype = np.float64)
391     icore_diam = np.zeros(len(core_list))
392     for i, icore in enumerate(core_list):
393         icore_coord = coord[list(icore)]
394         icore_coord_min = np.min(icore_coord, axis = 0)
395         icore_coord_max = np.max(icore_coord, axis = 0)
396         icore_center[i] = np.mean(icore_coord, axis = 0)
397         icore_diam[i] = np.max(icore_coord_max - icore_coord_min)
398     #print(icore_coord_min, icore_coord_max, icore_center, icore_diam)
399
400     merge_list = []
401     for i in range(len(core_list) - 1):
402         for j in range(i+1, len(core_list)):
403             dist = icore_center[i] - icore_center[j]
404
405             dist = math.sqrt(dist[0]*dist[0]+ dist[1]*dist[1])
406             if (dist < icore_diam[i]+icore_diam[j]):
407                 merge_list.append([i, j])
408
409     for imerge in merge_list:
410         core_list[imerge[0]] = core_list[imerge[0]].union(core_list[
imerge[1]])
411         core_list[imerge[1]] = core_list[imerge[1]].union(core_list[
imerge[0]])
412     index = set(range(0, len(core_list))) - set([imerge[1] for imerge in
merge_list])
413     return [core_list[i] for i in index]
414
415
416 def labelIndependentVortex(g, core_list, anchor_pts = [0, 7200]):
417     vortex_core = [ipt for icore in core_list for ipt in list(icore)]
418     bound_list = deepcopy(core_list)
419
420     bound_bk_list = []
421     allbound = []
422
423     removed_node = np.zeros(len(core_list), dtype= np.int32)
424     otherCoreInCount = np.zeros(len(core_list), dtype= np.int32)
425     maxSearchTimeReached = np.zeros(len(core_list), dtype= np.int32)
426
427     boundnotchanged = 0
428     g_nonvort = deepcopy(g)
429     while (boundnotchanged<2):
430         for num_core, icore in enumerate(core_list):
431             if (otherCoreInCount[num_core] >3 or maxSearchTimeReached[
num_core] == 1):
432                 continue
433
434             print("*** number = {}, icore = {}".format(num_core, icore))
435             print(coord[list(icore)[0]][0], coord[list(icore)[0]][1])
436             if (len(bound_bk_list)<len(core_list)):
437                 startpt = twoHopsDsPt(g, icore)
438             else:
439                 #print('bound_list = ', bound_list)
440                 #print('core_list = ', core_list)

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441         startpt = random.choice(list(bound_list[num_core]))
442
443         bound = g_nonvort.findBoundary(start_node = startpt)
444         plotBound(coord, list(bound), core_list, "figname")
445
446         g_temp = deepcopy(g)
447         g_temp.remove_nodes_from(bound)
448         subgraphs = list(nx.weakly_connected_components(g_temp))
449         if len(bound) == 0 :
450             maxSearchTimeReached[num_core] = 1
451
452         if (len(subgraphs)==1 and len(bound) > 0):      #No points
inside the boundary
453             bound_list[num_core] = deepcopy(bound)
454         else:
455             for isubg in subgraphs:
456                 if (noPtInSet(isubg, anchor_pts)):
457                     if (noPtInSet(isubg.union(bound), set(
vortex_core)-icore) ):
458                         print("rest_core = ", set(vortex_core)-icore
)
459                         print("## Deleting subgraph ! Deleting
points number = {}".format(len(isubg)))
460                         delSubgraph(g_nonvort, isubg)
461                         bound_list[num_core] = deepcopy(bound)
462                         removed_node[num_core] = 1
463                         otherCoreInCount[num_core] = 0
464                         break
465                     else:
466                         otherCoreInCount[num_core] =
otherCoreInCount[num_core] +1
467                         print("## Other core in Bound! ##")
468                         break
469
470             if (bound_list == bound_bk_list):
471                 boundnotchanged = boundnotchanged +1
472                 print("#### All bounds not changed, searching terminated!!
####")
473             else:
474                 bound_bk_list = deepcopy(bound_list)
475                 print("##### Bound changed, continue searching!!
#####")
476             allbound = [ipt for ibound in bound_list for ipt in ibound]
477
478             delSubgraph(g_nonvort, allbound)
479             print("Search completed!!!")
480
481             g_temp = deepcopy(g)
482             g_temp.remove_nodes_from(g_nonvort.nodes())
483             subgraphs = list(nx.weakly_connected_components(g_temp))
484
485             pts_idx = []
486             for igrph in subgraphs:
487                 if len(igrph) > 8:
488                     for ipt in igrph:
489                         pts_idx.append(ipt)
490
491             return pts_idx

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492
493 def writeLabel(pts_idx, istep):
494     label = np.zeros((len(coord), 1), dtype=np.int64)
495     for i, ipt in enumerate( pts_idx):
496         label[ipt] = 1
497
498     np.savetxt('label_'+istep.split('.')[0]+'.csv', label)
499     return
500
501
502 def writePtsFile(pts_idx, istep):
503     pts = np.ones((len(pts_idx), 7))*255
504     for i, ipt in enumerate( pts_idx):
505         pts[i][0] = coord[ipt][0]
506         pts[i][1] = coord[ipt][1]
507         pts[i][2] = 0.001
508
509     np.savetxt('label_'+istep.split('.')[0]+'.pts', pts)
510     f = open('label_'+istep.split('.')[0]+'.pts', 'r+')
511     content = f.read()
512     f.write(str(len(pts_idx))+'\n'+content)
513     f.close()
514     return
515
516 def labelVortex(path, istep, anchor_pts):
517     graph = createGraph(path, istep, anchor_pts = anchor_pts)
518
519     roi = [i for i, icoord in enumerate(coord) if icoord[0] < 0.7 and
520 icoord[1] < 0.1]
521     core_list = graph.findVortCore(roi, max_depth = 5)
522
523     core_list = mergeNearbyCores(core_list)
524     pts_idx = labelIndependentVortex(graph, core_list, anchor_pts)
525     writeLabel(pts_idx, istep)
526
527     figname = 'label'+istep.split('.')[0]+'.png'
528     plotBound(coord, pts_idx, core_list, figname)
529
530 if __name__ == "__main__":
531     path = "../BFS/rij_e/RESU/unstructured_yplus_129830_restart/"
532
533     files = [file for file in os.listdir(path) if file.endswith('0.csv')
534 and file.startswith('nodes_')]
535     files.sort(reverse=False)
536
537     step = [step.split('_')[1] for step in files]
538
539     labelled_steps = [file for file in os.listdir('./') if file.endswith
540 ('0.csv') and file.startswith('label_')]
541     labelled_steps = [labelled.split('_')[1] for labelled in
542 labelled_steps]
543
544     step = list(set(step) - set(labelled_steps))
545     step.sort()
546
547     print(len(step), 'steps to be labelled')
548     print("step = ", step)

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546     coord = np.array(pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'nodes_10050.csv'),
547 usecols = ['x', 'y'],
548                                     skipinitialspace=True, delimiter=","))
549
550     anchor_pts = [ipt for ipt, icoord in enumerate(coord) if icoord[1] >
551 0.2]
552
553     Parallel(n_jobs=30)(delayed(labelVortex)(path, istep, anchor_pts)
554 for istep in step)

```

Code Listing A.2: preDataset.py

```

1  import os
2  import numpy as np
3  import pandas as pd
4  import progressbar
5  from time import sleep
6
7  import torch
8  from params import net_params, input_path
9
10 def load_dataset(files, root):
11     nodepath = root + "graph_data/nodes_"
12     labelpath = root + "label/label_"
13     dataset = dict()
14
15     bar = progressbar.ProgressBar(maxval=len(files),
16                                 widgets=[progressbar.Bar('=', '[', ']'),
17 ), ' ', progressbar.Percentage()])
18     bar.start()
19     for i, ifile in enumerate(files):
20         bar.update(i+1)
21         sleep(0.1)
22         nd = pd.read_csv(nodepath+ifile+'.csv', skipinitialspace = "True
23 ",
24                             usecols=['x', 'y', 'u', 'v', 'turb_inten', '
25 dev_shear', 'p_grad_al_st', 'q_criteria'])
26         label = np.loadtxt(labelpath+ifile+'.csv').reshape((-1, 1))
27         label = pd.DataFrame(label, columns=['label'])
28         nd = pd.concat([nd, label], axis=1)
29
30         nd = np.array([i for i in np.array(nd.sort_values(by=['y', 'x'])
31 ) if i[0]>0])
32
33         xlen, ylen = len(set(nd[:, 0])), len(set(nd[:, 1]))
34         nd = pd.DataFrame(nd, columns = ['x', 'y', 'u', 'v', 'turb_inten',
35 , 'dev_shear', 'p_grad_al_st', 'q_criteria', 'label'])
36         nd = nd.sort_values(by=['x', 'y'])
37
38         coord = np.array(nd[['x', 'y']]).reshape((xlen, ylen, 2))
39         coord = np.moveaxis(coord, -1, 0)
40
41         label = np.array(nd[['label']]).reshape((xlen, ylen))
42
43         dataset[ifile] = {'node_feat': nd, 'label': label, 'coord':
44 coord}
45     bar.finish()
46     return dataset

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41
42
43 if __name__ == "__main__":
44     rootpath = "/home/h79380/test_cases/saturne_vnv/BFS/rij_e/RESU/
structured_yplus_restart/"
45     path = rootpath + "graph_data/"
46
47     input_files = [file.split('_')[-1].split('.')[0] for file in os.
listdir(path) if file.endswith('.csv') and file.startswith('nodes_')
]
48     input_files.sort(reverse=False)
49
50     train_files = input_files[:80]
51     valid_files = input_files[80:90]
52     test_files = input_files[90:100]
53
54     torch.save(load_dataset(train_files, rootpath), input_path['train'])
55     torch.save(load_dataset(valid_files, rootpath), input_path['valid'])
56     torch.save(load_dataset(test_files, rootpath), input_path['test'])
57     print('Data loading finished')

```

Code Listing A.3: model.py

```

1 import math
2 import numpy as np
3
4 import torch
5 import torch.nn as nn
6 from torch.nn import init
7 import torch.nn.functional as F
8 import dgl.function as fn
9
10 class FastGMMLayer(nn.Module):
11     """
12     [!] code adapted from dgl implementation of GMMConv
13     Parameters
14     -----
15     in_dim :
16         Number of input self.hidden_dim.
17     out_dim :
18         Number of output self.hidden_dim.
19     dim :
20         Dimensionality of pseudo-coordinte.
21     kernel :
22         Number of kernels :math:'K'.
23     aggr_type :
24         Aggregator type ('sum', 'mean', 'max').
25     dropout :
26         Required for dropout of output self.hidden_dim.
27     batch_norm :
28         boolean flag for batch_norm layer.
29     residual :
30         If True, use residual connection inside this layer. Default: '
False'.
31     bias :
32         If True, adds a learnable bias to the output. Default: 'True'.
33
34     """
35     def __init__(self, in_dim, out_dim, dim, kernel, aggr_type, dropout,

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36         batch_norm, residual=False, bias=True):
37     super().__init__()
38
39     self.in_dim = in_dim
40     self.out_dim = out_dim
41     self.dim = dim
42     self.kernel = kernel
43     self.batch_norm = batch_norm
44     self.residual = residual
45     self.dropout = dropout
46
47     if aggr_type == 'sum':
48         self._reducer = fn.sum
49     elif aggr_type == 'mean':
50         self._reducer = fn.mean
51     elif aggr_type == 'max':
52         self._reducer = fn.max
53     else:
54         raise KeyError("Aggregator type {} not recognized.".format(
aggr_type))
55
56     self.mu = torch.zeros(self.kernel, self.dim)
57     for i, theta in enumerate(np.arange(self.kernel-1)*2*math.pi/(
self.kernel-1)):
58         self.mu[i+1, 0] = math.cos(theta)
59         self.mu[i+1, 1] = math.sin(theta)
60
61     self.fc = nn.Linear(in_dim, kernel * out_dim, bias=False)
62
63     self.bn_node_h = nn.BatchNorm1d(out_dim, affine=False)
64
65     if in_dim != out_dim:
66         self.residual = False
67
68     if bias:
69         self.bias = nn.Parameter(torch.Tensor(out_dim))
70     else:
71         self.register_buffer('bias', None)
72     self.reset_parameters()
73
74     def reset_parameters(self):
75         """Reinitialize learnable parameters."""
76         gain = init.calculate_gain('relu')
77         init.xavier_normal_(self.fc.weight, gain=gain)
78         if self.bias is not None:
79             init.zeros_(self.bias.data)
80
81     def forward(self, g, h, vector):
82         h_in = h # for residual connection
83
84         g = g.local_var()
85         g.ndata['h'] = self.fc(h).view(-1, self.kernel, self.out_dim)
86         E = g.number_of_edges()
87
88         # compute gaussian weight
89         gaussian = -0.5 * ((vector.view(E, 1, self.dim) -
self.mu.view(1, self.kernel, self.dim)) **
90

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91     gaussian = torch.exp(gaussian.sum(dim=-1, keepdim=True)) # (E, K
92     , 1)
93
94
95     min_kernel, _ = torch.min(gaussian, 1)
96     max_kernel, _ = torch.max(gaussian, 1)
97     gaussian = (gaussian - min_kernel.view(-1, 1, 1))/(max_kernel -
98     min_kernel).view(-1, 1, 1)
99
100     gaussian = gaussian**2
101
102     g.edata['w'] = gaussian
103     g.update_all(fn.u_mul_e('h', 'w', 'm'), self._reducer('m', 'h'))
104     h = g.ndata['h'].sum(1)
105
106     if self.batch_norm:
107         h = self.bn_node_h(h) # batch normalization
108
109     h = F.relu(h) # non-linear activation
110
111     if self.residual:
112         h = h_in + h # residual connection
113
114     if self.bias is not None:
115         h = h + self.bias
116
117     h = F.dropout(h, self.dropout, training=self.training)
118     return h
119
120 class FastGMM(torch.nn.Module):
121     def __init__(self, params):
122         super().__init__()
123         self.name = 'FastGMM'
124         self.depth = len(params['hidden_dim'])
125
126         self.channel = params['hidden_dim']
127         self.kernel = params['kernel'] # for MoNet
128         dim = params['pseudo_dim_MoNet'] # for MoNet
129         self.n_classes = params['n_classes']
130         self.dropout = params['dropout']
131         self.batch_norm = params['batch_norm']
132         self.residual = params['residual']
133         self.device = params['device']
134         self.depth = params['depth']
135         self.aggr_type = "mean"
136
137         self.contract = nn.ModuleList()
138         for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
139             self.contract.append(FastGMMLayer(self.channel[idepth][0],
140             self.channel[idepth][-1], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.
141             dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))
142
143         self.bottom = nn.ModuleList()
144         self.bottom.append(FastGMMLayer(self.channel[-1][0], self.
145         channel[-1][-1], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.dropout, self.
146         batch_norm, self.residual))

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143     self.bottom.append(FastGMMLayer(self.channel[-1][-1], self.
channel[-1][0], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.dropout, self.
batch_norm, self.residual))
144
145     self.expand = nn.ModuleList()
146     for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
147         if idepth == 0:
148             self.expand.append(FastGMMLayer(self.channel[idepth
][-1]*2, self.channel[idepth][-1], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type,
self.dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))
149         else:
150             self.expand.append(FastGMMLayer(self.channel[idepth
][-1]*2, self.channel[idepth][0], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type,
self.dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))
151
152     self.out = nn.Linear(self.channel[0][-1], 1, bias=True)
153
154
155     def forward(self, case):
156         g = case['graph']
157         coarsen = [torch.tensor(icoarsen) for icoarsen in case['coarsen'
]]
158         h = torch.from_numpy(case['node_feat']).float()
159
160         h_concat_depth = []
161         for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
162             h = self.contract[idepth](g[idepth], h, g[idepth].edata['vec
'].float())
163             h_concat_depth.append(h)
164             h = torch.scatter_reduce(h, 0, torch.matmul(coarsen[idepth
][:, 1:],
165                                                         torch.ones(1, h.
shape[1], dtype=int)),
166                                                         reduce="mean")    ### Downsampling
the node features from fine graph to coarse graph
167
168         h = self.bottom[0](g[-1], h, g[-1].edata['vec'].float())
169         h = self.bottom[1](g[-1], h, g[-1].edata['vec'].float())
170
171         for i in range(self.depth-1):
172             idepth = self.depth - 2 - i
173             h = torch.cat((torch.index_select(h, 0,
coarsen[idepth][:, 1]),
174                             h_concat_depth[idepth]),
175                             1)
176             h = self.expand[idepth](g[idepth], h, g[idepth].edata['vec'
].float())
177
178
179     return self.out(h)
180
181
182 class CNN(nn.Module):
183     def __init__(self, params):
184         super().__init__()
185         self.name = 'CNN'
186
187         self.dim = params['dim']
188         self.channel = params['channels']

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189     self.depth = len(self.channel)
190
191     self.contract = nn.ModuleList()
192     for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
193         self.contract.append(nn.Conv2d(self.channel[idepth][0], self
194 .channel[idepth][-1],
195                                     (3, 3), stride=(1, 1),
padding=(1, 1)))
196
197     self.bottom = nn.ModuleList()
198     self.bottom.append(nn.Conv2d(self.channel[-1][0], self.channel
199 [-1][-1], (3, 3), stride=(1, 1), padding=(1, 1)))
200     self.bottom.append(nn.Conv2d(self.channel[-1][-1], self.channel
201 [-1][0], (3, 3), stride=(1, 1), padding=(1, 1)))
202
203     self.expand = nn.ModuleList()
204     for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
205         if idepth == 0:
206             self.expand.append(nn.Conv2d(self.channel[idepth][-1]*2,
207 self.channel[idepth][-1], (3, 3), stride=(1, 1), padding=(1, 1)))
208         else:
209             self.expand.append(nn.Conv2d(self.channel[idepth][-1]*2,
210 self.channel[idepth][0], (3, 3), stride=(1, 1), padding=(1, 1)))
211
212     self.out = nn.Conv2d(self.channel[0][-1], 1, (1, 1), stride=(1,
213 1))
214
215 def forward(self, h):
216     h_concat_depth = []
217     for idepth in range(self.depth - 1):
218         h = F.relu(self.contract[idepth](h))
219         h_concat_depth.append(h)
220         h = F.avg_pool2d(h, (2, 2), stride = (2, 2))
221
222     h = F.relu(self.bottom[0](h))
223     h = F.relu(self.bottom[1](h))
224
225     for i in range(self.depth-1):
226
227         order = self.depth - 2 - i
228         idepth = self.depth - 2 - i
229         h = F.interpolate(h,
230                           size = (int(self.dim[0]/pow(2, order)),
231 int(self.dim[-1]/pow(2, order))),
232                           mode='nearest')
233         h = torch.cat((h_concat_depth[idepth], h), 1)
234         h = F.relu(self.expand[idepth](h))
235
236     return self.out(h)
237
238 from BsplineInterpolate import BSpline
239 class SplineLayer(nn.Module):
240     """
241     [!] code adapted from dgl implementation of GMMConv
242     Parameters
243     -----
244     in_dim :

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239     Number of input self.hidden_dim.
240     out_dim :
241     Number of output self.hidden_dim.
242     dim :
243     Dimensionality of pseudo-coordinte.
244     kernel :
245     Number of kernels :math:'K'.
246     aggr_type :
247     Aggregator type ('sum', 'mean', 'max').
248     dropout :
249     Required for dropout of output self.hidden_dim.
250     batch_norm :
251     boolean flag for batch_norm layer.
252     residual :
253     If True, use residual connection inside this layer. Default: '
False'.
254     bias :
255     If True, adds a learnable bias to the output. Default: 'True'.
256
257     """
258     def __init__(self, in_dim, out_dim, dim, kernel, aggr_type, dropout,
259                 batch_norm, residual=False, bias=True):
260         super().__init__()
261
262         self.in_dim = in_dim
263         self.out_dim = out_dim
264         self.dim = dim
265         self.kernel = kernel
266         self.batch_norm = batch_norm
267         self.residual = residual
268         self.dropout = dropout
269
270
271         if aggr_type == 'sum':
272             self._reducer = fn.sum
273         elif aggr_type == 'mean':
274             self._reducer = fn.mean
275         elif aggr_type == 'max':
276             self._reducer = fn.max
277         else:
278             raise KeyError("Aggregator type {} not recognized.".format(
aggr_type))
279
280         self.weight = nn.Parameter(torch.Tensor(self.kernel, out_dim,
in_dim))
281         self.bn_node_h = nn.BatchNorm1d(out_dim, affine=False)
282
283         if in_dim != out_dim:
284             self.residual = False
285
286         if bias:
287             self.bias = nn.Parameter(torch.Tensor(out_dim))
288         else:
289             self.register_buffer('bias', None)
290         self.reset_parameters()
291
292
293     def reset_parameters(self):

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294     """Reinitialize learnable parameters."""
295     gain = init.calculate_gain('relu')
296     init.xavier_normal_(self.weight, gain=gain)
297
298     if self.bias is not None:
299         init.zeros_(self.bias.data)
300
301     def forward(self, g, h):
302         h_in = h # for residual connection
303         g.ndata['h'] = h.view(-1, self.in_dim)
304         E = g.number_of_edges()
305
306
307         g.apply_edges(lambda edges: {'w': torch.matmul(edges.data['BFs'
308 self.weight.view(
self.kernel, -1)).view(-1, self.out_dim, self.in_dim)}
309         g.update_all(fn.u_dot_e('h', 'w', 'm'), fn.sum('m', 'h'))
310         h = g.ndata['h'].squeeze()
311
312         if self.batch_norm:
313             h = self.bn_node_h(h) # batch normalization
314
315         h = F.relu(h) # non-linear activation
316
317         if self.residual:
318             h = h_in + h # residual connection
319
320         if self.bias is not None:
321             h = h + self.bias
322
323         h = F.dropout(h, self.dropout, training=self.training)
324         return h
325
326
327 class SplineCNN(torch.nn.Module):
328     def __init__(self, params):
329         super().__init__()
330         self.name = 'SplineCNN'
331         self.depth = len(params['hidden_dim'])
332
333         self.channel = params['hidden_dim']
334         self.kernel = params['kernel'] # for MoNet
335         dim = params['pseudo_dim_MoNet'] # for MoNet
336         self.n_classes = params['n_classes']
337         self.dropout = params['dropout']
338         self.batch_norm = params['batch_norm']
339         self.residual = params['residual']
340         self.device = params['device']
341         self.depth = params['depth']
342         self.aggr_type = "sum"
343         self.BSpline = BSpline(a = -1, b = 1, deg = 2, kts = 3)
344         self.contract = nn.ModuleList()
345         for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
346             self.contract.append(SplineLayer(self.channel[idepth][0],
self.channel[idepth][-1], dim, self.kernel,
self.aggr_type, self.
347 dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))

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348     self.bottom = nn.ModuleList()
349     self.bottom.append(SplineLayer(self.channel[-1][0], self.channel
[-1][-1], dim, self.kernel,
350                                     self.aggr_type, self.dropout,
self.batch_norm, self.residual))
351     self.bottom.append(SplineLayer(self.channel[-1][-1], self.
channel[-1][0], dim, self.kernel,
352                                     self.aggr_type, self.dropout,
self.batch_norm, self.residual))
353
354     self.expand = nn.ModuleList()
355     for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
356         if idepth == 0:
357             self.expand.append(SplineLayer(self.channel[idepth
][-1]*2, self.channel[idepth][-1], dim, self.kernel,
358                                             self.aggr_type, self.
dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))
359         else:
360             self.expand.append(SplineLayer(self.channel[idepth
][-1]*2, self.channel[idepth][0], dim, self.kernel,
361                                             self.aggr_type, self.
dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))
362
363     self.out = nn.Linear(self.channel[0][-1], 1, bias=True)
364
365
366     def forward(self, case):
367         g = case['graph']
368         coarsen = [torch.tensor(icoarsen) for icoarsen in case['coarsen'
]]
369         h = torch.from_numpy(case['node_feat']).float()
370
371         h_concat_depth = []
372         for igraph in g:
373             igraph.apply_edges(lambda edges: {'BFs': self.BSpline.
Interpolate(edges.data['vec'][:, 0], edges.data['vec'][:, 1]).float()
})
374             for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
375                 h = self.contract[idepth](g[idepth], h)
376                 h_concat_depth.append(h)
377                 h = torch.scatter_reduce(h, 0, torch.matmul(coarsen[idepth
][:, 1:],
378                                                         torch.ones(1, h.
shape[1], dtype=int)),
379                                                         reduce="mean")    ### Downsampling
the node features from fine graph to coarse graph
380
381         h = self.bottom[0](g[-1], h)
382         h = self.bottom[1](g[-1], h)
383
384         for i in range(self.depth-1):
385             idepth = self.depth - 2 - i
386             h = torch.cat((torch.index_select(h, 0,
coarsen[idepth][:, 1]),
387                             h_concat_depth[idepth]),
388                             1)
389             h = self.expand[idepth](g[idepth], h)
390
391

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392         return self.out(h)
393
394 """
395     GMM: Gaussian Mixture Model Convolution layer
396     Geometric Deep Learning on Graphs and Manifolds using Mixture Model
397     CNNs (Federico Monti et al., CVPR 2017)
398     https://arxiv.org/pdf/1611.08402.pdf
399 """
400 class GMMLayer(nn.Module):
401     """
402     [!] code adapted from dgl implementation of GMMConv
403     Parameters
404     -----
405     in_dim :
406         Number of input self.hidden_dim.
407     out_dim :
408         Number of output self.hidden_dim.
409     dim :
410         Dimensionality of pseudo-coordinte.
411     kernel :
412         Number of kernels :math:'K'.
413     aggr_type :
414         Aggregator type ('sum', 'mean', 'max').
415     dropout :
416         Required for dropout of output self.hidden_dim.
417     batch_norm :
418         boolean flag for batch_norm layer.
419     residual :
420         If True, use residual connection inside this layer. Default: 'False'.
421     bias :
422         If True, adds a learnable bias to the output. Default: 'True'.
423     """
424     def __init__(self, in_dim, out_dim, dim, kernel, aggr_type, dropout,
425                 batch_norm, residual=False, bias=True):
426         super().__init__()
427
428         self.in_dim = in_dim
429         self.out_dim = out_dim
430         self.dim = dim
431         self.kernel = kernel
432         self.batch_norm = batch_norm
433         self.residual = residual
434         self.dropout = dropout
435
436         if aggr_type == 'sum':
437             self._reducer = fn.sum
438         elif aggr_type == 'mean':
439             self._reducer = fn.mean
440         elif aggr_type == 'max':
441             self._reducer = fn.max
442         else:
443             raise KeyError("Aggregator type {} not recognized.".format(
444                 aggr_type))
445
446         self.mu = nn.Parameter(torch.Tensor(kernel, dim))
447         self.inv_sigma = nn.Parameter(torch.Tensor(kernel, dim))

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447     self.fc = nn.Linear(in_dim, kernel * out_dim, bias=False)
448
449     self.bn_node_h = nn.BatchNorm1d(out_dim, affine=False)
450
451     if in_dim != out_dim:
452         self.residual = False
453
454     if bias:
455         self.bias = nn.Parameter(torch.Tensor(out_dim))
456     else:
457         self.register_buffer('bias', None)
458     self.reset_parameters()
459
460     def reset_parameters(self):
461         """Reinitialize learnable parameters."""
462         gain = init.calculate_gain('relu')
463         init.xavier_normal_(self.fc.weight, gain=gain)
464         init.normal_(self.mu.data, 0, 0.1)
465         init.constant_(self.inv_sigma.data, 1)
466         if self.bias is not None:
467             init.zeros_(self.bias.data)
468
469     def forward(self, g, h, vector):
470         h_in = h # for residual connection
471         g = g.local_var()
472         g.ndata['h'] = self.fc(h).view(-1, self.kernel, self.out_dim)
473         E = g.number_of_edges()
474
475         # compute gaussian weight
476         gaussian = -0.5 * ((vector.view(E, 1, self.dim) -
477                             self.mu.view(1, self.kernel, self.dim)) **
478                             2)
479         gaussian = gaussian * (self.inv_sigma.view(1, self.kernel, self.
480 dim) ** 2)
481         gaussian = torch.exp(gaussian.sum(dim=-1, keepdim=True)) # (E, K
482 , 1)
483         g.edata['w'] = gaussian
484         g.update_all(fn.u_mul_e('h', 'w', 'm'), self._reducer('m', 'h'))
485         h = g.ndata['h'].sum(1)
486
487         if self.batch_norm:
488             h = self.bn_node_h(h) # batch normalization
489
490         h = F.relu(h) # non-linear activation
491
492         if self.residual:
493             h = h_in + h # residual connection
494
495         if self.bias is not None:
496             h = h + self.bias
497
498         h = F.dropout(h, self.dropout, training=self.training)
499         return h
500
501 class GMM(torch.nn.Module):
502     def __init__(self, params):
503         super().__init__()

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502     self.name = 'GMM'
503     self.depth = len(params['hidden_dim'])
504
505     self.channel = params['hidden_dim']
506     self.kernel = params['kernel'] # for MoNet
507     dim = params['pseudo_dim_MoNet'] # for MoNet
508     self.n_classes = params['n_classes']
509     self.dropout = params['dropout']
510     self.batch_norm = params['batch_norm']
511     self.residual = params['residual']
512     self.device = params['device']
513     self.depth = params['depth']
514     self.aggr_type = "sum"
515
516     self.contract = nn.ModuleList()
517     for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
518         self.contract.append(GMMLayer(self.channel[idepth][0], self.
channel[idepth][-1], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.dropout,
self.batch_norm, self.residual))
519
520     self.bottom = nn.ModuleList()
521     self.bottom.append(GMMLayer(self.channel[-1][0], self.channel
[-1][-1], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.dropout, self.
batch_norm, self.residual))
522     self.bottom.append(GMMLayer(self.channel[-1][-1], self.channel
[-1][0], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.dropout, self.
batch_norm, self.residual))
523
524     self.expand = nn.ModuleList()
525     for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
526         if idepth == 0:
527             self.expand.append(GMMLayer(self.channel[idepth][-1]*2,
self.channel[idepth][-1], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.
dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))
528         else:
529             self.expand.append(GMMLayer(self.channel[idepth][-1]*2,
self.channel[idepth][0], dim, self.kernel, self.aggr_type, self.
dropout, self.batch_norm, self.residual))
530
531     self.out = nn.Linear(self.channel[0][-1], 1, bias=True)
532
533
534     def forward(self, case):
535         g = case['graph']
536         coarsen = [torch.tensor(icoarsen) for icoarsen in case['coarsen'
]]
537         h = torch.from_numpy(case['node_feat']).float()
538
539         h_concat_depth = []
540         for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
541             h = self.contract[idepth](g[idepth], h, g[idepth].edata['vec
'].float())
542             h_concat_depth.append(h)
543             h = torch.scatter_reduce(h, 0, torch.matmul(coarsen[idepth
][:, 1:],
544                                                         torch.ones(1, h.
shape[1], dtype=int)),
545                                     reduce="mean") ### Downsampling

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546
547     h = self.bottom[0](g[-1], h, g[-1].edata['vec'].float())
548     h = self.bottom[1](g[-1], h, g[-1].edata['vec'].float())
549
550     for i in range(self.depth-1):
551         idepth = self.depth - 2 - i
552         h = torch.cat((torch.index_select(h, 0,
553             coarsen[idepth][:, 1]),
554             h_concat_depth[idepth]),
555             1)
556         h = self.expand[idepth](g[idepth], h, g[idepth].edata['vec']
557     ].float())
558
559     return self.out(h)
560
561 from dgl.nn import GraphConv
562 """
563     GCN: Graph Convolutional Networks
564     Thomas N. Kipf, Max Welling, Semi-Supervised Classification with
565     Graph Convolutional Networks (ICLR 2017)
566     http://arxiv.org/abs/1609.02907
567 """
568 class GCNLayer(nn.Module):
569     def __init__(self, in_dim, out_dim):
570         super().__init__()
571         self.in_dim = in_dim
572         self.out_dim = out_dim
573         self.conv = GraphConv(self.in_dim, self.out_dim, weight=True,
574             bias=True, activation=None, allow_zero_in_degree=False)
575         self.act = nn.ReLU()
576
577     def forward(self, g, h):
578         h = self.conv(g, h)
579         return self.act(h)
580
581 class GCN(nn.Module):
582     def __init__(self, params):
583         super().__init__()
584         self.name = 'GCN'
585         self.depth = len(params['hidden_dim'])
586
587         self.channel = params['hidden_dim']
588         self.kernel = params['kernel'] # for MoNet
589         dim = params['pseudo_dim_MoNet'] # for MoNet
590         self.n_classes = params['n_classes']
591         self.dropout = params['dropout']
592         self.batch_norm = params['batch_norm']
593         self.residual = params['residual']
594         self.device = params['device']
595         self.depth = params['depth']
596         self.aggr_type = "sum"
597         self.contract = nn.ModuleList()
598         for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
599             self.contract.append(GCNLayer(self.channel[idepth][0], self.
600 channel[idepth][-1]))
601         self.bottom = nn.ModuleList()
602         self.bottom.append(GCNLayer(self.channel[-1][0], self.channel

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[-1][-1]))
599     self.bottom.append(GCNLayer(self.channel[-1][-1], self.channel
[-1][0]))
600
601     self.expand = nn.ModuleList()
602     for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
603         if idepth == 0:
604             self.expand.append(GCNLayer(self.channel[idepth][-1]*2,
self.channel[idepth][-1]))
605         else:
606             self.expand.append(GCNLayer(self.channel[idepth][-1]*2,
self.channel[idepth][0]))
607         self.out = nn.Linear(self.channel[0][-1], 1, bias=True)
608
609
610     def forward(self, case):
611         g = case['graph']
612         coarsen = [torch.tensor(icoarsen) for icoarsen in case['coarsen',
]]
613
614         h = torch.from_numpy(case['node_feat']).float()
615
616         h_concat_depth = []
617         for idepth in range(self.depth-1):
618             h = self.contract[idepth](g[idepth], h)
619             h_concat_depth.append(h)
620             h = torch.scatter_reduce(h, 0,
torch.matmul(coarsen[idepth][:, 1:],
torch.ones(1, h.shape[1], dtype=int)),
reduce="mean")    ### Downsampling the node features from
fine graph to coarse graph
623
624         h = self.bottom[0](g[-1], h)
625         h = self.bottom[1](g[-1], h)
626
627         for i in range(self.depth-1):
628             idepth = self.depth - 2 - i
629             h = torch.cat((torch.index_select(h, 0,
coarsen[idepth][:, 1]),
h_concat_depth[idepth]),
632             1)
633             h = self.expand[idepth](g[idepth], h)
634
635         return self.out(h)

```

Code Listing A.4: train.py

```

1 import os
2 import time
3 import numpy as np
4 import pandas as pd
5 import progressbar
6 from joblib import Parallel, delayed
7 from copy import deepcopy
8
9 import torch
10 import torch.nn.functional as F
11 from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score
12
13 from utils import *

```



```

14 from params import input_path, net_params
15 from model import CNN, SplineCNN, GMM, GCN, FastGMM
16
17 def train(net_params, model_name, train_no, out_path, train_input,
18 valid_input, test_input, epoch):
19     model = modelSelection(net_params, model_name)
20     optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr = 0.001,
21 weight_decay=5e-4)
22     optimizer.zero_grad()
23
24     begin_time = time.time()
25     batch_size = 5
26
27     history = np.zeros((epoch+1, 3))
28     print('{:^5s}, {:^10s}, {:^10s}, {:^10s}'.format('Epoch', 'Train
29 loss', 'Valid loss', 'Time'))
30
31     for iepoch in range(epoch):
32         model.eval()
33         valid_loss = loss_eval(valid_input, model)
34         train_loss_epoch = np.zeros(len(train_input))
35         model.train()
36         tt = time.time()
37
38         for idx, idata in enumerate(train_input):
39             #bar.update(idx+1)
40             #time.sleep(0.1)
41             out = model(train_input[str(idata)])
42             loss = F.binary_cross_entropy(torch.sigmoid(out).reshape(-1,
43 1), torch.from_numpy(train_input[str(idata)]['label'].reshape(-1, 1))
44 .float())
45
46             train_loss_epoch[idx] = loss
47
48             loss = loss/batch_size
49             loss.backward()
50             if ((idx+1)%batch_size ==0 or batch_size+1 == len(
51 train_input)):
52                 optimizer.step()
53                 optimizer.zero_grad()
54
55                 model.eval()
56                 history[ieepoch] = [np.mean(train_loss_epoch), valid_loss, time.
57 time()-tt]
58                 print('{:5d}, {:10.5f}, {:10.5f}, {:10.5f}'
59 .format(ieepoch, history[ieepoch][0], history[ieepoch][1],
60 history[ieepoch][2]))
61
62                 np.savetxt(out_path+'/history'+str(train_no)+'.csv', history,
63 delimiter=',')
64                 if (ieepoch%20==0 or iepoch == epoch-1):
65                     torch.save({'epoch': iepoch,
66 'model_state_dict': model.state_dict(),
67 'optimizer_state_dict': optimizer.state_dict(),
68 'loss': loss,},
69 out_path+"/best_model_Train"+str(train_no))
70
71                 history[ieepoch+1] = [loss_eval(train_input, model), loss_eval(

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valid_input, model), time.time()-tt]
63     print('{:5d}, {:10.5f}, {:10.5f}, {:10.5f}'
64           .format(iePOCH+1, history[iePOCH+1][0], history[iePOCH+1][1],
        history[iePOCH+1][2]))
65
66     history = pd.DataFrame(history, columns=['Train_loss', 'Valid_loss',
        'Time'])
67     history.to_csv(out_path+'/history'+str(train_no)+'.csv')
68
69     print('Total_time = ', time.time() - begin_time)
70
71 if __name__ == "__main__":
72     train_input_all = torch.load(input_path['train'])
73     valid_input_all = torch.load(input_path['valid'])
74     test_input_all = torch.load(input_path['test'])
75     train_input = {icase: train_input_all[icase] for i, icase in
        enumerate(train_input_all) if i < 80}
76     valid_input = {icase: valid_input_all[icase] for i, icase in
        enumerate(valid_input_all) if i < 10}
77     test_input = {icase: test_input_all[icase] for i, icase in enumerate
        (test_input_all) if i < 10}
78
79     models = ['FastGMM', 'GMM', 'SplineCNN', 'GCN']
80
81     num_training, epoch = (5, 100)
82
83     for imodel in models:
84         out_path = imodel
85         if not os.path.exists(out_path):
86             os.mkdir(out_path)
87
88         file = open(out_path+'/log.txt', 'w')
89
90         print("{} training begun".format(imodel))
91         t_start = time.time()
92         Parallel(n_jobs=num_training)(delayed(train)(net_params, imodel,
        itrain, out_path, train_input, valid_input, test_input, epoch) for
        itrain in range(num_training))
93         print("{} training finished".format(imodel))
94
95         file.write('\nTotal_time = {}\n'.format(time.time()-t_start))
96         logTrainInfo(net_params, imodel, out_path, file, test_input)
97         file.close()
98     print("All trainings finished")

```

Code Listing A.5: param.py

```

1 net_params = {
2     "depth": 4,
3     "hidden_dim": [[ 2,      8],
4                   [ 8,     16],
5                   [16,     32],
6                   [32,     64]],
7     "kernel": 9,
8     "pseudo_dim_MoNet": 2,
9     "n_classes": 1,
10    "dropout": 0.0,
11    "batch_norm": True,
12    "residual": False,

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13     "readout": "mean",
14     "device": "cpu"}
15
16 input_path = {
17     'train': '../train_input_AMG_unstructureBFS_uvnorm.pt',
18     'valid': '../valid_input_AMG_unstructureBFS_uvnorm.pt',
19     'test': '../test_input_AMG_unstructureBFS_uvnorm.pt',
20     'unseen': '../unseen_input_AMG_unstructureBFS_uvnorm.pt'
21 }

```

Code Listing A.6: utils.py

```

1 import os
2 import time
3 import math
4 import json
5 import numpy as np
6 import pandas as pd
7 from copy import deepcopy
8 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
9
10 from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score, roc_curve, RocCurveDisplay
11 from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelBinarizer
12
13 import torch
14 import torch.nn.functional as F
15
16 from model import CNN, SplineCNN, GMM, GCN, FastGMM
17 from params import input_path
18
19
20 def logTrainInfo(net_params, model_name, out_path, file, test_input):
21     model = modelSelection(net_params, model_name)
22
23     LossPlot(out_path)
24     RocPlot(model_name, out_path, net_params, test_input)
25     ClassificationEvaluate(model_name, out_path, net_params, file,
26                             test_input)
27
28     checkpoint = torch.load(out_path+"/best_model_Train0")
29     model.load_state_dict(checkpoint['model_state_dict'])
30     model_parameters = filter(lambda p: p.requires_grad, model.
31                               parameters())
32     model_identification_plot(test_input, model, out_path,
33                               identification=False)
34
35     file.write("\nTrainable parameters = {}\n".format(sum([np.prod(p.
36                                                         size()) for p in model_parameters])))
37     file.write(json.dumps(net_params))
38     file.write('\n'+str(model.eval()))
39     return
40
41 def modelSelection(net_params, model_name):
42     if model_name == 'SplineCNN':
43         model = SplineCNN(net_params).to('cpu')
44     if model_name == 'GMM':
45         model = GMM(net_params).to('cpu')
46     if model_name == 'GCN':
47         model = GCN(net_params).to('cpu')

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44     if model_name == 'CNN':
45         model = CNN(net_params).to('cpu')
46     if model_name == 'FastGMM':
47         model = FastGMM(net_params).to('cpu')
48     return model
49
50 def loss_eval(dataset, model):
51     average_loss = np.zeros(len(dataset))
52     for i, idata in enumerate(dataset):
53         out = model(dataset[str(idata)])
54         loss = F.binary_cross_entropy(torch.sigmoid(out).reshape(-1, 1),
55                                     torch.tensor(dataset[str(idata)][
56                                     'label']).reshape(-1, 1)).float()
57         average_loss[i] = loss
58     return np.mean(average_loss)
59
60 def roc_curve(dataset, model, epoch):
61     y_truth = []
62     y_pred = []
63
64     mean_fpr = np.linspace(0, 1, epoch)
65     for idx, casename in enumerate(dataset):
66         idata = dataset[casename]
67         pred = torch.sigmoid(model(idata)).detach().numpy().squeeze()
68
69         truth = idata['label'].reshape(-1)
70         try:
71             coord = idata['coord']
72         except ValueError:
73             coord = idata['graph'][0]['coord']
74
75         for i in range(len(truth)):
76             if (coord[i][0] > 0.0 and coord[i][0] < 0.8 and coord[i][1]
77             > 0.0 and coord[i][1] < 0.1):
78                 y_truth.append(truth[i])
79                 y_pred.append(pred[i])
80
81     viz = RocCurveDisplay.from_predictions(np.array(y_truth), np.array(
82     y_pred))
83     interp_tpr = np.interp(mean_fpr, viz.fpr, viz.tpr)
84     interp_tpr[0] = 0.0
85     return interp_tpr, viz.roc_auc
86
87 def auc_eval(dataset, model):
88     average_auc = np.zeros(len(dataset))
89     for i, casename in enumerate(dataset):
90         idata = dataset[casename]
91         pred = torch.sigmoid(model(idata)).detach().numpy().squeeze()
92         average_auc[i] = roc_auc_score(np.array(idata['label']).astype(
93         int), pred)
94     return np.mean(average_auc)
95
96 def metrics(dataset, model):
97     metrics = np.zeros((len(dataset), 4))
98     for idx, casename in enumerate(dataset):
99         idata = dataset[casename]

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98     pred = torch.sigmoid(model(idata)).detach().numpy().squeeze()
99
100    truth = idata['label'].reshape(-1)
101    try:
102        coord = idata['coord']
103    except ValueError:
104        coord = idata['graph'][0]['coord']
105
106    threshold = 0.5
107    TP = TN = FP = FN = 0
108    for i in range(len(truth)):
109        if (coord[i][0] >0.0 and coord[i][0]<0.8 and coord[i][1]
110>0.0 and coord[i][1]<0.1):
111            if (pred[i]>threshold and truth[i]>threshold):
112                TP = TP+1
113            if (pred[i]<threshold and truth[i]<threshold):
114                TN = TN+1
115            if (pred[i]>threshold and truth[i]<threshold):
116                FP = FP+1
117            if (pred[i]<threshold and truth[i]>threshold):
118                FN = FN+1
119    metrics[idx] = [TP, TN, FP, FN]
120    metrics = np.sum(metrics, axis=0)
121    accuracy = (metrics[0] + metrics[1])/np.sum(metrics)
122    precision = metrics[0]/(metrics[0]+metrics[2])
123    recall = metrics[0]/(metrics[0]+metrics[3])
124    F1 = 2*precision*recall/(precision+recall)
125    return accuracy, precision, recall, F1
126
127#### Loss history plot ####
128def LossPlot(out_path):
129    epoch = torch.load(out_path+"/best_model_Train0")['epoch']+1
130
131    hist = np.zeros((5, epoch+1, 2))
132
133    for i in range(5):
134        f = open(out_path+"/history"+str(i)+'.csv', "r")
135        if ('loss' in f.readline()):
136            hist[i] = np.array(pd.read_csv(out_path+"/history"+str(i)+'.
137csv', skipinitialspace=True,
138                                     usecols=['Train_loss', 'Valid_loss']
139)
140        else:
141            hist[i] = np.array(pd.read_csv(out_path+"/history"+str(i)+'.
142csv', skipinitialspace=True))[:,epoch+1,:2]
143
144    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
145    ax.set_xlim([0, epoch])
146    #ax.set_ylim([0, 0.1])
147    ax.set_xlabel('Epoch')
148    ax.set_ylabel('Loss')
149
150    labels = ['Training loss', 'Validation loss']
151    for i in range(2):
152        plt.fill_between(x=np.arange(hist.shape[1]-1),
153                        y1=np.mean(hist[:,1:,i], axis = 0) - np.std(
154hist[:,1:,i], axis=0),
155                        y2=np.mean(hist[:,1:,i], axis = 0) + np.std(

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hist[:,1:,i], axis=0),
151         alpha=0.25)
152     plt.plot(np.arange(len(np.mean(hist[:,1:,i], axis=0))), np.mean(
hist[:,1:,i], axis=0),
153         label = labels[i])
154     plt.legend()
155     plt.savefig(out_path+'/Training loss history.png')
156     plt.show()
157
158     fig, ax = plt.subplots()
159     ax.set_xlim([0, epoch])
160     ax.set_ylim([0., 1.0])
161     ax.set_xlabel('Epoch')
162     ax.set_ylabel('Loss')
163     return
164
165
166 ##### Classification evaluation #####
167 def ClassificationEvaluate(model_name, out_path, net_params, file,
test_input):
168     model = modelSelection(net_params, model_name)
169
170     file.write("{:~8s}, {:~12s}, {:~12s}, {:~12s}, {:~12s}\n".format("
Train", "Accuracy", "Precision", "Recall", "F1"))
171     eval_metrics = np.zeros((5, 4))
172     for i in range(5):
173         checkpoint = torch.load(out_path+"/best_model_Train"+str(i))
174         model.load_state_dict(checkpoint['model_state_dict'])
175
176         acc, pre, rec, F1 = metrics(test_input, model)
177         eval_metrics[i, :] = (acc, pre, rec, F1)
178
179         file.write("{:~8d}, {:~12.4f}, {:~12.4f}, {:~12.4f}, {:~12.4f}\n"
".format(i, acc, pre, rec, F1))
180
181     eval_metrics_mean, eval_metrics_std = (np.mean(eval_metrics, axis=0)
, np.std(eval_metrics, axis=0))
182
183     file.write("{:~8s}, {:>6.2f}{}{:<4.2f}, {:>6.2f}{}{:<4.2f}, {:>6.2f
}{}{:<4.2f}, {:>6.2f}{}{:<4.2f}\n"
184         .format("Summary",
185             eval_metrics_mean[0]*100, u"\u00B1", eval_metrics_std
[0]*100,
186             eval_metrics_mean[1]*100, u"\u00B1", eval_metrics_std
[1]*100,
187             eval_metrics_mean[2]*100, u"\u00B1", eval_metrics_std
[2]*100,
188             eval_metrics_mean[3]*100, u"\u00B1", eval_metrics_std
[3]*100))
189     return
190
191
192 ##### ROC Curve plot #####
193 def RocPlot(model_name, out_path, net_params, test_input):
194     model = modelSelection(net_params, model_name)
195
196     epoch = torch.load(out_path+"/best_model_Train0")['epoch']+1
197

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198     tprs = np.zeros((epoch, 5))
199     aucs = np.zeros(5)
200     for i in range(5):
201         checkpoint = torch.load(out_path+"/best_model_Train"+str(i))
202         model.load_state_dict(checkpoint['model_state_dict'])
203         tprs[:, i], aucs[i] = roc_curve(test_input, model, epoch)
204
205     mean_fpr = np.linspace(0, 1, epoch)
206
207     fig, ax = plt.subplots()
208     ax.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], linestyle="--", lw=2, color="r", label="
Chance", alpha=0.8)
209
210     mean_tpr = np.mean(tprs, axis=1)
211     mean_tpr[-1] = 1.0
212     mean_auc, std_auc = (np.mean(aucs), np.std(aucs))
213     ax.plot(
214         mean_fpr,
215         mean_tpr,
216         color="b",
217         label=r"Mean ROC (AUC = %0.2f  $\pm$  %0.2f)" % (mean_auc, std_auc
),
218         lw=2,
219         alpha=0.8,
220     )
221
222     std_tpr = np.std(tprs, axis=1)
223     tprs_upper = np.minimum(mean_tpr + std_tpr, 1)
224     tprs_lower = np.maximum(mean_tpr - std_tpr, 0)
225     ax.fill_between(
226         mean_fpr,
227         tprs_lower,
228         tprs_upper,
229         color="grey",
230         alpha=0.2,
231         label=r" $\pm$  1 std. dev.",
232     )
233
234     ax.set(xlim=[-0.05, 1.05],
235           ylim=[-0.05, 1.05])
236     #title="Receiver operating characteristic example",)
237     ax.set_xlabel("False positive rate")
238     ax.set_ylabel("True positive rate")
239
240     ax.legend(loc="lower right")
241     plt.savefig(out_path+'/receiver_operating_characteristic.png')
242     #plt.show()
243
244     np.savetxt(out_path+'/mean_true_positive_rate.csv', mean_tpr)
245     np.savetxt(out_path+'/standard_deviation_true_positive_rate.csv',
std_tpr, delimiter=',')
246     np.savetxt(out_path+'/aucs.csv', aucs, delimiter=',')
247     return
248
249 def model_identification_plot(dataset, model, out_path, identification=
False):
250     savepath = out_path+'/predictionContour'
251     if not os.path.exists(savepath):

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```

252     os.mkdir(savepath)
253     for idx, casename in enumerate(dataset):
254         idata = dataset[casename]
255         pred = torch.sigmoid(model(idata)).detach().numpy().squeeze()
256
257         try:
258             coord = idata['coord']
259         except ValueError:
260             coord = idata['graph'][0]['coord']
261
262         size = 20
263         x_min,x_max,y_min,y_max = (0.0, 0.80, 0.0, 0.120)
264         diag_size = math.sqrt(pow(y_max-y_min, 2)+pow(x_max-x_min, 2))
265         fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=((x_max-x_min)/diag_size* size, (
y_max-y_min)/diag_size*size),
266                               constrained_layout=True)
267         ax.scatter(coord[:, 0], coord[:, 1], c=pred)
268
269         title = title = '{}-Unet identification of vortex in BFS at time
= {:.2f}s'.format(model.name, int(casename.split('.')[0])/1000)
270         ax.set_title(title)
271         ax.set_xlim([0, 0.7])
272         ax.set_ylim([0, 0.1])
273         #ax.set_xlabel('x/m')
274         #ax.set_ylabel('y/m')
275         ax.set_aspect(aspect='equal')
276
277         plt.savefig(os.path.join(savepath, title+'.png'))
278         #plt.show()
279     return

```


B | Code_saturne code snippets

Two main functions related to the postprocessing of the mesh hierarchy and flow field in code_saturne are written in the file 'cs_user_postprocess.c' [B.1](#). The algebraic multigrid theory for mesh coarsening used in this function is introduced in [2.4.4](#).

Function cs_post_first_grid_output outputs the mesh structure and flow field variables at the highest level (the original mesh).

Function cs_post_multigrid_output outputs the mesh structures starting from the second level and mesh coarsening mapping between two successive levels.

Code Listing B.1: cs_user_postprocess.c

```
1 #include "cs_defs.h"
2
3 /*-----
4  * Standard C library headers
5  *-----*/
6
7 #include "stdlib.h"
8 #include "string.h"
9
10 /*-----
11  * Local headers
12  *-----*/
13
14 #include "cs_headers.h"
15 #include "cs_user_post_variables.h"
16
17 static void *_mg_context = NULL;
18
19
20 typedef struct _cs_grid_t {
21
22     int            level;        /* Level in multigrid hierarchy */
23
24     bool          conv_diff;    /* true if convection/diffusion case
25     ,
26                               false otherwise */
27     bool          symmetric;    /* Symmetric matrix coefficients
28     indicator */
29     bool          use_faces;    /* True if face information is
30     present */
31
32     cs_lnum_t     db_size;      /* Block sizes for diagonal */
33     cs_lnum_t     eb_size;      /* Block sizes for extra diagonal */
34
35     cs_gnum_t     n_g_rows;    /* Global number of rows */
36 }
```

```

35 cs_lnum_t      n_rows;      /* Local number of rows */
36 cs_lnum_t      n_cols_ext;  /* Local number of participating
   cells
37                                     (cells + ghost cells sharing a
   face) */
38
39 cs_lnum_t      n_elts_r[2]; /* Size of array used for
   restriction
40                                     operations ({n_rows, n_cols_ext}
   when
41                                     no grid merging has taken place)
   */
42
43 /* Grid hierarchy information */
44
45 const struct _cs_grid_t *parent; /* Pointer to parent (finer) grid */
46
47 /* Connectivity information */
48
49 cs_lnum_t      n_faces;      /* Local number of faces */
50 const cs_lnum_2_t *face_cell; /* Face -> cells connectivity (1 to
   n) */
51 cs_lnum_2_t    *_face_cell; /* Face -> cells connectivity
   (private array) */
52
53
54 /* Restriction from parent to current level */
55
56 cs_lnum_t      *coarse_row; /* Fine -> coarse row connectivity;
   size: parent n_cols_ext */
57
58 cs_lnum_t      *coarse_face; /* Fine -> coarse face connectivity
   (1 to n, signed:
59 = 0 fine face inside coarse cell
60 > 0 orientation same as parent
61 < 0 orientation opposite as
62 parent);
63                                     size: parent n_faces */
64
65 /* Geometric data */
66
67 cs_real_t      relaxation; /* P0/P1 relaxation parameter */
68 const cs_real_t *cell_cen; /* Cell center (shared) */
69 cs_real_t      *_cell_cen; /* Cell center (private) */
70
71 const cs_real_t *cell_vol; /* Cell volume (shared) */
72 cs_real_t      *_cell_vol; /* Cell volume (private) */
73
74 const cs_real_t *face_normal; /* Surface normal of internal faces.
   (shared; L2 norm = face area) */
75
76 cs_real_t      *_face_normal; /* Surface normal of internal faces.
   (private; L2 norm = face area) */
77
78
79 /* Parallel / periodic halo */
80
81 const cs_halo_t *halo; /* Halo for this connectivity (
   shared) */
82 cs_halo_t      *_halo; /* Halo for this connectivity (
   private) */
83

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84  /* Matrix-related data */
85
86  const cs_real_t  *da;          /* Diagonal (shared) */
87  cs_real_t       *_da;        /* Diagonal (private) */
88
89  const cs_real_t  *xa;          /* Extra-diagonal (shared) */
90  cs_real_t       *_xa;        /* Extra-diagonal (private) */
91  cs_real_t       *xa_conv;     /* Extra-diagonal (except level 0)
92  */
93  cs_real_t       *xa_diff;     /* Extra-diagonal (except level 0)
94  */
95  const cs_real_t  *xa0;        /* Symmetrized extra-diagonal (
96  shared) */
97  cs_real_t       *_xa0;       /* Symmetrized extra-diagonal (
98  private) */
99  cs_real_t       *xa0_diff;    /* Symmetrized extra-diagonal */
100 cs_real_t       *xa0ij;
101
102 cs_matrix_structure_t *matrix_struct; /* Associated matrix
103 structure */
104 const cs_matrix_t   *matrix;        /* Associated matrix (shared)
105 */
106 cs_matrix_t       *_matrix;        /* Associated matrix (private)
107 */
108
109 #if defined(HAVE_MPI)
110
111 /* Additional fields to allow merging grids */
112
113 int      merge_sub_root; /* sub-root when merging */
114 int      merge_sub_rank; /* sub-rank when merging
115 (0 <= sub-rank <
116 merge_sub_size) */
117 int      merge_sub_size; /* current number of merged ranks
118 for this subset */
119 int      merge_stride; /* total number of ranks over
120 which
121 merging occurred at previous
122 levels */
123 int      next_merge_stride; /* total number of ranks over
124 which
125 merging occurred at current
126 level */
127
128 cs_lnum_t *merge_cell_idx; /* start cell_id for each sub-
129 rank
130 when merge_sub_rank = 0
131 (size: merge_size + 1) */
132
133 int      n_ranks; /* Number of active ranks */
134 MPI_Comm comm; /* Associated communicator */
135
136 #endif
137 } cs_grid_user;
138

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129 /*-----*/
130 /*!
131 * \brief Build a coarse grid based on multigrid coarsening of a
132 *       diffusion
133 *       type matrix (symmetric matrix).
134 * \param[in, out] domain pointer to a cs_domain_t structure
135 *
136 * \return multigrid structure.
137 */
138 /*-----*/
139
140 static cs_multigrid_t *
141 _build_coarse_grid(cs_domain_t *domain)
142 {
143     const cs_mesh_t *m = domain->mesh;
144
145     const cs_lnum_t n_cells_ext = m->n_cells_with_ghosts;
146     const cs_lnum_t n_i_faces = m->n_i_faces;
147     const cs_lnum_t n_b_faces = m->n_b_faces;
148
149     const cs_mesh_quantities_t *mq = cs_glob_mesh_quantities;
150
151     /* Build face viscosity array */
152
153     cs_real_t *c_visc, *i_visc, *b_visc, *rovsdt, *cofbfp;
154     BFT_MALLOC(c_visc, n_cells_ext, cs_real_t);
155     BFT_MALLOC(i_visc, n_i_faces, cs_real_t);
156     BFT_MALLOC(b_visc, n_b_faces, cs_real_t);
157
158     BFT_MALLOC(rovsdt, n_cells_ext, cs_real_t);
159     BFT_MALLOC(cofbfp, n_b_faces, cs_real_t);
160
161     for (cs_lnum_t cell_id = 0; cell_id < n_cells_ext; cell_id++) {
162         c_visc[cell_id] = 1.;
163         rovsdt[cell_id] = 1e-7;
164     }
165     for (cs_lnum_t face_id = 0; face_id < n_b_faces; face_id++) {
166         cofbfp[face_id] = 1.; /* 1 for Neumann, 0 for Dirichlet ? */
167     }
168
169     cs_face_viscosity(m, mq, 0, c_visc, i_visc, b_visc);
170
171     BFT_FREE(c_visc);
172
173     /* Build matrix coefficients */
174
175     cs_real_t *da, *xa;
176     BFT_MALLOC(da, n_cells_ext, cs_real_t);
177     BFT_MALLOC(xa, n_i_faces, cs_real_t);
178
179     cs_sym_matrix_scalar(m,
180                         1, /* idiffp */
181                         1, /* thetap */
182                         cofbfp,
183                         rovsdt,
184                         i_visc,
185                         b_visc,

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186         da,
187         xa);
188
189     printf("%g\n", da[1650]);
190
191     /* Free memory */
192
193     BFT_FREE(cofbfp);
194     BFT_FREE(rovsdt);
195
196     BFT_FREE(i_visc);
197     BFT_FREE(b_visc);
198
199     /* Assemble/convert matrix */
200
201     bool symmetric = true;
202
203     cs_matrix_t *a = cs_matrix_msr(symmetric,
204                                   1,
205                                   1);
206
207     cs_matrix_set_coefficients(a,
208                               symmetric,
209                               1,
210                               1,
211                               m->n_i_faces,
212                               (const cs_lnum_2_t *) (m->i_face_cells),
213                               da,
214                               xa);
215
216     /* Now build multigrid structure */
217
218     cs_multigrid_t *mg = cs_multigrid_create(CS_MULTIGRID_V_CYCLE);
219
220     cs_multigrid_set_coarsening_options
221     (mg,
222      4, /* aggregation_limit */
223      CS_GRID_COARSENING_DEFAULT, /* coarsening_type */
224      10, /* n_max_levels */
225      50, /* min_g_rows */
226      0.95, /* p0p1_relax */
227      20); /* postprocess (default 0) */
228
229     int verbosity = 1;
230
231     cs_multigrid_setup(mg,
232                      "Graph coarsening",
233                      a,
234                      verbosity);
235
236     BFT_FREE(xa);
237     BFT_FREE(da);
238
239     return mg;
240 }
241
242 /*-----*/
243 /*!

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244 * \brief This function is called at the end of each time step.
245 *
246 * It has a very general purpose, although it is recommended to handle
247 * mainly postprocessing or data-extraction type operations.
248 *
249 * \param[in, out] domain pointer to a cs_domain_t structure
250 */
251 /*-----*/
252
253 static void
254 _fine_to_coarse(const cs_multigrid_t *mg,
255                const cs_grid_t *c,
256                cs_lnum_t stride,
257                const cs_real_t *f_var,
258                cs_real_t *c_var)
259 {
260     cs_lnum_t n_f_rows = 0, n_f_cols_ext = 0;
261     cs_lnum_t n_c_rows = 0, n_c_cols_ext = 0;
262     int c_level = 0;
263
264     /* Fine grid info */
265     {
266         const cs_grid_t *f = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, 0);
267
268         cs_grid_get_info(f,
269                         NULL,
270                         NULL,
271                         NULL,
272                         NULL,
273                         NULL, /* n_ranks */
274                         &n_f_rows,
275                         &n_f_cols_ext,
276                         NULL,
277                         NULL);
278     }
279
280     /* Coarse grid info */
281     {
282         cs_grid_get_info(c,
283                         &c_level,
284                         NULL,
285                         NULL,
286                         NULL,
287                         NULL, /* n_ranks */
288                         &n_c_rows,
289                         &n_c_cols_ext,
290                         NULL,
291                         NULL);
292     }
293
294     /* Loop on stride (assume matrix is scalar, de-interlace
295        variable */
296
297     cs_real_t *b[2] = {NULL, NULL};
298     cs_lnum_t b_size[2] = {n_f_cols_ext, 0};
299
300     BFT_MALLOC(b[0], n_f_cols_ext, cs_real_t);
301

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302 for (cs_lnum_t c_id = 0; c_id < stride; c_id++) {
303
304     for (cs_lnum_t i = 0; i < n_f_cols_ext; i++)
305         b[0][i] = f_var[i*stride + c_id];
306
307     /* Project one level at a time */
308
309     int i_f = 0, i_c = 1;
310
311     for (int i = 1; i < c_level; i++) {
312
313         i_f = (i-1)%2;
314         i_c = (i)%2;
315
316         const cs_grid_t *g_f = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, i-1);
317         const cs_grid_t *g_c = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, i);
318
319         cs_lnum_t n_cols_ext = 0;
320
321         cs_grid_get_info(g_c,
322                         NULL,
323                         NULL,
324                         NULL,
325                         NULL,
326                         NULL, /* n_ranks */
327                         NULL, /* n_rows */
328                         &n_cols_ext,
329                         NULL,
330                         NULL);
331
332         if (n_cols_ext > b_size[i_c]) {
333             b_size[i_c] = n_cols_ext;
334             BFT_REALLOC(b[i_c], b_size[i_c], cs_real_t);
335         }
336
337         cs_grid_restrict_row_var(g_f,
338                                 g_c,
339                                 b[i_f],
340                                 b[i_c]);
341
342         const cs_matrix_t *a = cs_grid_get_matrix(g_c);
343         const cs_halo_t *h = cs_matrix_get_halo(a);
344
345         if (h != NULL)
346             cs_halo_sync_var(h, CS_HALO_STANDARD, b[i_c]);
347
348     }
349
350     for (cs_lnum_t i = 0; i < n_c_cols_ext; i++)
351         c_var[i*stride + c_id] = b[0][i];
352
353 }
354
355 BFT_FREE(b[1]);
356 BFT_FREE(b[0]);
357 }
358
359 void

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360 cs_post_first_grid_output(void)
361 {
362     //if (cat_id == CS_POST_MESH_VOLUME){
363     const cs_mesh_quantities_t *mq = cs_glob_mesh_quantities;
364     const cs_mesh_t *m = cs_glob_mesh;
365     const cs_time_step_t *ts = cs_glob_time_step;
366
367     const cs_real_3_t *xyz = (const cs_real_3_t *)mq->cell_cen;
368     const cs_real_3_t *vel = (const cs_real_3_t *)CS_F_(vel)->val;
369
370     const cs_lnum_2_t *edge = (const cs_lnum_2_t *)m->i_face_cells;
371
372     cs_matrix_t *mat = cs_matrix_native(true, 1, 1);
373     const cs_gnum_t *g_cell_id = cs_matrix_get_block_row_g_id(mat);
374
375     /*
376     const cs_mesh_adjacencies_t *ma = cs_glob_mesh_adjacencies;
377     char adj_file[20];
378     sprintf(adj_file, "c2c_rank%d.csv", cs_glob_rank_id);
379     FILE *fadj = fopen(adj_file, "w");
380     for (cs_lnum_t i = 0; i < m->n_cells; i++){
381         cs_lnum_t s_id = ma->cell_cells_idx[i];
382         cs_lnum_t e_id = ma->cell_cells_idx[i+1];
383         for (cs_lnum_t j = s_id; j < e_id; j++){
384             fprintf(fadj, "%8ld %8ld\n", g_cell_id[i], g_cell_id[ma->
cell_cells[j]]);
385         }
386
387         cs_lnum_t s_e_id = ma->cell_cells_e_idx[i];
388         cs_lnum_t e_e_id = ma->cell_cells_e_idx[i+1];
389         for (cs_lnum_t j = s_e_id; j < e_e_id; j++){
390             fprintf(fadj, "%8ld %8ld\n", g_cell_id[i], g_cell_id[ma->
cell_cells_e[j]]);
391         }
392     }
393     fclose(fadj);
394     */
395     cs_lnum_t *cell_list = NULL;
396     BFT_MALLOC(cell_list, m->n_cells, cs_lnum_t);
397     cs_lnum_t n_cells = 0;
398     cs_selector_get_cell_list("all[]",
399                             &n_cells,
400                             cell_list);
401
402     cs_real_t *q_norm = NULL;
403     BFT_MALLOC(q_norm, n_cells, cs_real_t);
404     cs_post_norm_q_criterion(q_norm);
405
406     /* Output flow field */
407     char nodefile[30];
408     sprintf(nodefile, "nodes_L0_Rank%d_Ts%d.csv", cs_glob_rank_id, ts->
nt_cur);
409     FILE *fnode = fopen(nodefile, "w");
410     fprintf(fnode,
411           "%10s, %10s, %10s, %10s, %10s, %10s, %10s, %10s\n",
412           "id",           "x",           "y",           "z",
413           "u",           "v",           "w",
414           "q_norm");

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415     for (cs_lnum_t iloc = 0; iloc < n_cells; iloc++){
416         cs_lnum_t icel = cell_list[iloc];
417         if (icel < n_cells){
418             fprintf(fnode,
419                 "%10ld, %10.8f, %10.8f, %10.8f, %10.8f, %10.8f, %10.8f, %10.8
f\n",
420                 g_cell_id[icel], xyz[icel][0], xyz[icel][1], xyz[icel][2],
421                 vel[icel][0], vel[icel][1], vel[icel][2],
422                 q_norm[icel]);
423         }
424     }
425     fclose(fnode);
426     BFT_FREE(q_norm);
427
428     /* Output wall nodes */
429     cs_lnum_t n_b_faces = 0, *b_faces = NULL;
430     BFT_MALLOC(b_faces, m->n_cells_with_ghosts, cs_lnum_t);
431     cs_selector_get_wall_face_list(&n_b_faces,
432                                   b_faces);
433     cs_lnum_t *b_face_cell =(cs_lnum_t *) m->b_face_cells;
434     char wallfile[30];
435     sprintf(wallfile, "wallnodes_L0_Rank%d_Ts%d.csv", cs_glob_rank_id,
ts->nt_cur);
436     FILE *fwall = fopen(wallfile, "w");
437     fprintf(fwall, "%10s\n", "id");
438     for (cs_lnum_t ifac = 0; ifac < n_b_faces; ifac++){
439         fprintf(fwall, "%10d\n", b_faces[ifac]);
440     }
441     fclose(fwall);
442     BFT_FREE(b_faces);
443
444     /* output edge info */
445     cs_real_3_t coord_min, coord_max;
446     for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++){
447         coord_min[j] = xyz[0][j];
448         coord_max[j] = xyz[0][j];
449     }
450     for (int i = 0; i < n_cells; i++){
451         cs_lnum_t icel = cell_list[i];
452         for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++){
453             coord_min[j] = CS_MIN(coord_min[j], xyz[icel][j]);
454             coord_max[j] = CS_MAX(coord_max[j], xyz[icel][j]);
455         }
456     }
457     cs_parall_min(3, CS_REAL_TYPE, coord_min);
458     cs_parall_max(3, CS_REAL_TYPE, coord_max);
459
460     cs_real_t dist_max = cs_math_3_distance(coord_min, coord_max)/sqrt
(3);
461     char edgefile[30];
462     sprintf(edgefile, "edges_L0_Rank%d_Ts%d.csv", cs_glob_rank_id, ts->
nt_cur);
463     FILE *fedge = fopen(edgefile, "w");
464     fprintf(fedge, "%8s, %8s\n", "node1", "node2");
465     for (int id = 0; id < m->n_i_faces; id++){
466         cs_lnum_t left = edge[id][0], right = edge[id][1];
467         cs_real_3_t left_coord, right_coord;
468         for (int j = 0; j<3; j++){

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469     left_coord[j] = xyz[left][j];
470     right_coord[j] = xyz[right][j];
471 }
472     cs_real_t dist = cs_math_3_distance(left_coord, right_coord);
473     if (right < n_cells && dist < dist_max){
474         fprintf(fedge, "%8ld, %8ld\n", g_cell_id[left], g_cell_id[right
]);
475     }
476 }
477     fclose(fedge);
478     BFT_FREE(cell_list);
479 //}
480 }
481
482 /*-----
483 * Compute coarse row variable values from fine row values average by
484 * volume
485 * parameters:
486 *   f      <-- Fine grid structure
487 *   c      <-- Fine grid structure
488 *   f_var  <-- Variable defined on fine grid rows
489 *   c_var  --> Variable defined on coarse grid rows
490 *-----*/
491
492 void
493 cs_grid_restrict_row_var_weighted_by_volume(const cs_grid_t *f,
494                                             const cs_grid_t *c,
495                                             int stride,
496                                             const cs_real_t *f_var,
497                                             cs_real_t *c_var)
498 {
499     cs_lnum_t f_n_rows = f->n_rows;
500     cs_lnum_t c_n_cols_ext = c->n_elts_r[1];
501
502     const cs_real_t *f_cell_vol = f->cell_vol;
503     const cs_real_t *c_cell_vol = c->cell_vol;
504
505     const cs_lnum_t *coarse_row;
506     const cs_lnum_t db_size = stride;
507
508     assert(f != NULL);
509     assert(c != NULL);
510     assert(c->coarse_row != NULL || f_n_rows == 0);
511     assert(f_var != NULL || f_n_rows == 0);
512     assert(c_var != NULL || c_n_cols_ext == 0);
513
514     /* Set coarse values */
515
516     coarse_row = c->coarse_row;
517
518     cs_lnum_t _c_n_cols_ext = c_n_cols_ext*stride;
519
520 # pragma omp parallel for if(_c_n_cols_ext > CS_THR_MIN)
521     for (cs_lnum_t ii = 0; ii < _c_n_cols_ext; ii++)
522         c_var[ii] = 0.;
523
524     if (db_size == 1) {

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525     for (cs_lnum_t ii = 0; ii < f_n_rows; ii++) {
526         cs_lnum_t i = coarse_row[ii];
527         if (i >= 0)
528             c_var[i] += f_var[ii] * f_cell_vol[ii];
529     }
530     for (cs_lnum_t i = 0; i < c_n_cols_ext; i++) {
531         if (i >= 0)
532             for (cs_lnum_t j = 0; j < db_size; j++)
533                 c_var[i] /= c_cell_vol[i];
534     }
535 }
536 else {
537     for (cs_lnum_t ii = 0; ii < f_n_rows; ii++) {
538         cs_lnum_t i = coarse_row[ii];
539         if (i >= 0) {
540             for (cs_lnum_t j = 0; j < db_size; j++)
541                 c_var[i*db_size+j] += f_var[ii*db_size+j]*f_cell_vol[ii];
542         }
543     }
544     for (cs_lnum_t i = 0; i < c_n_cols_ext; i++) {
545         if (i >= 0) {
546             for (cs_lnum_t j = 0; j < db_size; j++)
547                 c_var[i*db_size+j] /= c_cell_vol[i];
548         }
549     }
550 }
551
552 #if defined(HAVE_MPI)
553
554 /* If grid merging has taken place, gather coarse data */
555
556 if (c->merge_sub_size > 1) {
557
558     MPI_Comm comm = cs_glob_mpi_comm;
559     static const int tag = 'r'+ 'e'+ 's'+ 't'+ 'r'+ 'i'+ 'c'+ 't';
560
561     /* Append data */
562
563     if (c->merge_sub_rank == 0) {
564         int rank_id;
565         MPI_Status status;
566         assert(cs_glob_rank_id == c->merge_sub_root);
567         for (rank_id = 1; rank_id < c->merge_sub_size; rank_id++) {
568             cs_lnum_t n_recv = ( c->merge_cell_idx[rank_id+1]
569                                 - c->merge_cell_idx[rank_id]);
570             int dist_rank = c->merge_sub_root + c->merge_stride*rank_id;
571             MPI_Recv(c_var + c->merge_cell_idx[rank_id]*db_size,
572                    n_recv*db_size, CS_MPI_REAL, dist_rank, tag, comm, &
573                    status);
574         }
575     }
576     else
577         MPI_Send(c_var, c->n_elts_r[0]*db_size, CS_MPI_REAL,
578                c->merge_sub_root, tag, comm);
579 }
580 #endif /* defined(HAVE_MPI) */
581 }

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582
583
584 void
585 cs_post_multigrid_output(cs_domain_t      *domain)
586 {
587     cs_multigrid_t *mg = _build_coarse_grid(domain);
588     int max_level;
589     const cs_grid_user *coarest_grid = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, -1);
590     cs_grid_get_info(coarest_grid,
591                     &max_level,
592                     NULL,
593                     NULL,
594                     NULL,
595                     NULL, /* n_ranks */
596                     NULL,
597                     NULL,
598                     NULL,
599                     NULL);
600     cs_real_t **vel = NULL;
601     BFT_MALLOC(vel, max_level+1, cs_real_t *);
602     vel[0] = (cs_real_t *)CS_F(vel)->val;
603     for (int ilv = 1; ilv < max_level+1; ilv++){
604         cs_grid_user *f = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, ilv-1);
605         cs_grid_user *c = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, ilv);
606
607         int stride = 3;
608         BFT_MALLOC(vel[ilv], stride*c->n_elts_r[1], cs_real_t);
609         cs_grid_restrict_row_var_weighted_by_volume(f,
610                                                     c,
611                                                     stride,
612                                                     vel[ilv-1],
613                                                     vel[ilv]);
614     }
615     for (int f_level = 0; f_level < max_level; f_level++){
616
617         const cs_grid_user *c = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, f_level+1);
618         const cs_grid_user *f = cs_multigrid_get_grid(mg, f_level);
619
620         cs_lnum_t n_c_rows = 0, n_c_cols_ext = 0, n_c_entries = 0;
621         cs_gnum_t n_c_g_rows = 0;
622
623         cs_grid_get_info(c,
624                         NULL,
625                         NULL,
626                         NULL,
627                         NULL,
628                         NULL, /* n_ranks */
629                         &n_c_rows,
630                         &n_c_cols_ext,
631                         &n_c_entries,
632                         &n_c_g_rows);
633
634         cs_lnum_t n_f_rows = 0, n_f_cols_ext = 0, n_f_entries = 0;
635         cs_gnum_t n_f_g_rows = 0;
636
637         cs_grid_get_info(f,
638                         NULL,
639                         NULL,

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640         NULL,
641         NULL,
642         NULL, /* n_ranks */
643         &n_f_rows,
644         &n_f_cols_ext,
645         &n_f_entries,
646         &n_f_g_rows);
647     cs_matrix_t *f_mat = cs_grid_get_matrix(f);
648
649     cs_gnum_t *f_g_c_id = NULL;
650     BFT_MALLOC(f_g_c_id, n_f_rows, cs_gnum_t);
651     const cs_gnum_t *f_g_cell_id = cs_matrix_get_block_row_g_id(f_mat)
;
652     memcpy(f_g_c_id, f_g_cell_id, n_f_rows*sizeof(cs_gnum_t));
653
654     cs_gnum_t *c_g_c_id = NULL;
655     cs_matrix_t *c_mat = cs_grid_get_matrix(c);
656     BFT_MALLOC(c_g_c_id, n_c_cols_ext, cs_gnum_t);
657     const cs_gnum_t *c_g_cell_id = cs_matrix_get_block_row_g_id(c_mat)
;
658     memcpy(c_g_c_id, c_g_cell_id, n_c_cols_ext*sizeof(cs_gnum_t));
659
660
661     /* Export the fine to coarse mesh correspondence */
662     char *f2cfile = NULL;
663     BFT_MALLOC(f2cfile, 40, char);
664     sprintf(f2cfile, "L%dL%d_Rank%d-Ts%d.csv",
665             f_level, f_level+1, cs_glob_rank_id, domain->time_step->
nt_cur);
666
667     FILE *f2c = fopen(f2cfile, "w");
668     fprintf(f2c, "%8s, %8s\n", "f_node", "c_node");
669     for (int id = 0; id < n_f_rows; id++){
670         fprintf(f2c, "%8ld, %8ld\n", f_g_c_id[id], c_g_c_id[c->
coarse_row[id]]);
671     }
672     fclose(f2c);
673     BFT_FREE(f2cfile);
674     /* Export the fine to coarse mesh correspondence */
675
676     /* Export the cell connectivities at coarse level */
677     cs_real_3_t coord_min, coord_max;
678     for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++){
679         coord_min[j] = c->cell_cen[j];
680         coord_max[j] = c->cell_cen[j];
681     }
682     for (int irow = 0; irow < n_c_rows; irow++){
683         for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++){
684             coord_min[j] = CS_MIN(coord_min[j], c->cell_cen[irow*3+j]);
685             coord_max[j] = CS_MAX(coord_max[j], c->cell_cen[irow*3+j]);
686         }
687     }
688     cs_parall_min(3, CS_REAL_TYPE, coord_min);
689     cs_parall_max(3, CS_REAL_TYPE, coord_max);
690
691     cs_real_t dist_max = cs_math_3_distance(coord_min, coord_max)/sqrt
(3);
692     //printf("graph level = %8d, distance = %8f\n", f_level+1,

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dist_max);
693
694     const cs_lnum_t *row_index, *col_id;
695     cs_matrix_get_msr_arrays(c_mat,
696                             &row_index,
697                             &col_id,
698                             NULL,
699                             NULL);
700     char *edge_coarse_file = NULL;
701     BFT_MALLOC(edge_coarse_file, 40, char);
702     sprintf(edge_coarse_file, "edges_L%d_Rank%d_Ts%d.csv",
703             f_level+1, cs_glob_rank_id, domain->time_step->nt_cur);
704
705     FILE *coarse_level = fopen(edge_coarse_file, "w");
706     fprintf(coarse_level, "%8s, %8s\n", "node1", "node2");
707
708     for (int irow = 0; irow < n_c_rows; irow++){
709         const cs_lnum_t *restrict col_id_irow = col_id + row_index[irow
];
710
711         const cs_lnum_t n_cols = row_index[irow+1] - row_index[irow];
712         for (int icol = 0; icol < n_cols; icol++){
713             cs_lnum_t left, right;
714             left = c_g_c_id[irow];
715             right = c_g_c_id[col_id_irow[icol]];
716             cs_real_3_t left_coord, right_coord;
717             for (int j = 0; j<3; j++){
718                 left_coord[j] = c->cell_cen[left*3+j];
719                 right_coord[j] = c->cell_cen[right*3+j];
720             }
721             cs_real_t dist = cs_math_3_distance(left_coord, right_coord);
722             if (left < right && dist < dist_max){
723                 fprintf(coarse_level, "%8d, %8d\n", left, right);
724             }
725         }
726     }
727     fclose(coarse_level);
728     BFT_FREE(edge_coarse_file);
729     /* Export the cell connectivities at coarse level */
730
731     /* Export the cell coordinates at coarse level */
732     char *coord_filename = NULL;
733     BFT_MALLOC(coord_filename, 40, char);
734     sprintf(coord_filename, "nodes_L%d_Rank%d_Ts%d.csv",
735             f_level+1, cs_glob_rank_id, domain->time_step->nt_cur);
736
737     FILE *coord_file = fopen(coord_filename, "w");
738     fprintf(coord_file, "%8s, %12s, %12s, %12s, %12s, %12s, %12s\n",
739             "id", "x", "y", "z", "u", "v", "w");
740     for (int irow = 0; irow < n_c_rows; irow++){
741         fprintf(coord_file, "%8ld, %12.6f, %12.6f, %12.6f, %12.6f, %12.6
f, %12.6f \n",
742                 c_g_c_id[irow], c->cell_cen[irow*3], c->cell_cen[irow
*3+1], c->cell_cen[irow*3+2],
743                 vel[f_level+1][irow*3], vel[f_level+1][irow*3+1],
744                 vel[f_level+1][irow*3+2]);
745     }
746     fclose(coord_file);
747     BFT_FREE(coord_filename);

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746     /* Export the cell coordinates at coarse level */
747
748     BFT_FREE(f_g_c_id);
749     BFT_FREE(c_g_c_id);
750 }
751
752 for (int ilv = 1; ilv < max_level+1; ilv++){
753     BFT_FREE(vel[ilv]);
754 }
755 BFT_FREE(vel);
756 /*
757 cs_matrix_dump(cs_grid_get_matrix(c),
758               "coarse_graph_matrix.bd");
759 */
760 //c = NULL;
761
762 cs_multigrid_free(mg);
763
764 _mg_context = mg;
765 }
766
767
768 /*-----*/
769 /*!
770 * Output the mass flux on each interior face from central cell to
771 * downwind cell
772 *!
773 /*-----*/
774 void
775 output_directed_edges(const cs_time_step_t *ts)
776 {
777     const cs_mesh_t *m = cs_glob_mesh;
778
779     const cs_lnum_2_t *restrict i_face_cells
780     = (const cs_lnum_2_t *restrict)m->i_face_cells;
781
782     const int kimasf = cs_field_key_id("inner_mass_flux_id");
783     const cs_real_t *restrict i_massflux =
784     cs_field_by_id(cs_field_get_key_int(CS_F_(vel), kimasf))->val;
785
786     cs_matrix_t *mat = cs_matrix_native(true, 1, 1);
787     const cs_gnum_t *g_cell_id = cs_matrix_get_block_row_g_id(mat);
788
789     char *filename = NULL;
790     BFT_MALLOC(filename, 30, char);
791     sprintf(filename, "directededge_rank%d_ts%d.csv", cs_glob_rank_id,
792 ts->nt_cur);
793     FILE *file = fopen(filename, "w");
794     //FILE *file = fopen("directed_edge.csv", "w");
795     fprintf(file, "%5s, %5s, %15s\n", "x", "y", "massflux");
796     for (int face_id = 0; face_id < m->n_i_faces; face_id++){
797         cs_lnum_t ic, id;
798         cs_lnum_t ii = i_face_cells[face_id][0];
799         cs_lnum_t jj = i_face_cells[face_id][1];
800         //if (ii >=m->n_cells || jj >=m->n_cells)
801         if (jj >=m->n_cells)
802             continue;

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```
802     /* Determine central and downwind sides w.r.t. current face */
803     cs_central_downwind_cells(ii,
804                               jj,
805                               i_massflux[face_id],
806                               &ic, /* central cell id */
807                               &id); /* downwind cell id */
808
809     fprintf(file, "%5ld, %5ld, %15.10f\n", g_cell_id[ic], g_cell_id[id
810 ], i_massflux[face_id]);
811 }
812 fclose(file);
813 BFT_FREE(filename);
814 }
```

C | Publications and conferences attended

C.1 Publications

Two articles are published during this research:

1. [Lianfa Wang](#), Yvan Fournier, Jean-François Wald, and Youssef Mesri. "A graph neural network-based framework to identify flow phenomena on unstructured meshes.". *Physics of Fluids* 35, no. 7 (2023).
2. [Lianfa Wang](#), Yvan Fournier, Jean-François Wald, and Youssef Mesri. "Identification of vortex in unstructured mesh with graph neural networks.". *Computers and Fluids* 268 (2024): 106104.

C.2 Conferences attended

During this research, I've made oral presentations in three conferences:

1. Identifying flow characteristics with graph convolutional neural networks. 33rd Parallel CFD international conference, 25-27 May 2022, Alba, Italy.
2. A vortex identification method based on Convolutional Neural Network on unstructured mesh. Congrès Français de Mécanique 2022, 29 Aug – 02 Sep 2022, Nantes, France.
3. A GNN-based framework to identify flow phenomena on unstructured meshes. 34th Parallel CFD international conference, 2023, Online presentation.

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RÉSUMÉ

La dynamique des fluides numérique (CFD) s'est imposée depuis plusieurs années comme un outil indispensable pour l'étude des phénomènes d'écoulement complexes en recherche et en industrie. La précision des simulations CFD dépend de plusieurs paramètres – géométrie, maillage, schémas, solveurs, etc. – ainsi que de connaissances phénoménologiques que seul un ingénieur expert en CFD peut configurer et optimiser. L'objectif de ce travail de thèse est de proposer un assistant IA pour aider les utilisateurs, qu'ils soient experts ou non, à mieux choisir les options de simulation et à garantir la fiabilité des résultats pour un phénomène d'écoulement cible. Dans ce cadre, des algorithmes d'apprentissage profond sont explorés pour identifier les caractéristiques des écoulements calculés sur des maillages structurés et non structurés de géométries complexes. Dans un premier temps, des réseaux de neurones convolutifs (CNN), réputés pour leur capacité à extraire des motifs sur des images, sont utilisés pour identifier des phénomènes d'écoulement tels que les tourbillons et la stratification thermique sur des maillages structurés en 2D. Bien que les résultats obtenus sur maillages structurés soient satisfaisants, les réseaux CNN ne peuvent être appliqués qu'à ce type de maillage. Pour surmonter cette limitation, un cadre de réseau neuronal basé sur les graphes (GNN) est proposé. Ce cadre utilise l'architecture U-Net et une hiérarchie de graphes successivement déaffinés grâce à la mise en oeuvre d'une méthode multigrille (AMG) inspirée de celle utilisée dans le code de simulation Code_Saturne. Par la suite, une étude approfondie des fonctions à noyau a été menée selon des critères de précision d'identification et d'efficacité d'entraînement pour mieux filtrer les différents phénomènes sur maillages non structurés. Après avoir comparé des fonctions à noyau disponibles dans la littérature, une nouvelle fonction à noyau basée sur le modèle de mélange gaussien a été proposée. Cette fonction est mieux adaptée à l'identification de phénomènes d'écoulement sur des maillages non structurés. La supériorité de l'architecture et de la fonction à noyau proposées est démontrée par plusieurs expériences numériques d'identification des tourbillons en 2D, ainsi que par son adaptabilité à l'identification des caractéristiques d'un écoulement en 3D.

MOTS CLÉS

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ABSTRACT

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) has become an indispensable tool for studying complex flow phenomena in both research and industry over the years. The accuracy of CFD simulations depends on various parameters – geometry, mesh, schemes, solvers, etc. – as well as phenomenological knowledge that only an expert CFD engineer can configure and optimize. The objective of this thesis is to propose an AI assistant to help users, whether they are experts or not, to better choose simulation options and ensure the reliability of results for a target flow phenomenon. In this context, deep learning algorithms are explored to identify the characteristics of flows computed on structured and unstructured meshes of complex geometries. Initially, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), known for their ability to extract patterns from images, are used to identify flow phenomena such as vortices and thermal stratification on structured 2D meshes. Although the results obtained on structured meshes are satisfactory, CNNs can only be applied to structured meshes. To overcome this limitation, a graph-based neural network (GNN) framework is proposed. This framework uses the U-Net architecture and a hierarchy of successively refined graphs through the implementation of a multigrid method (AMG) inspired by the one used in the Code_Saturne CFD code. Subsequently, an in-depth study of kernel functions was conducted according to identification accuracy and training efficiency criteria to better filter the different phenomena on unstructured meshes. After comparing available kernel functions in the literature, a new kernel function based on the Gaussian mixture model was proposed. This function is better suited to identifying flow phenomena on unstructured meshes. The superiority of the proposed architecture and kernel function is demonstrated by several numerical experiments identifying 2D vortices and its adaptability to identifying the characteristics of a 3D flow.

KEYWORDS

Flow phenomena identification; Convolutional neural networks; Graph neural networks; Algebraic multigrid method