

# Generative Modeling of Turbulence

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# Ergodicity: What Does “Chaotic” Actually Mean?

- ▶ Turbulent flow is **chaotic** by nature
- ▶ **LES:** Simulation of fine details in vortex flow but associated with **enormous computational costs** ⇒ Can we get around this problem?
- ▶ Vortices always look different but in the long run their statistical properties are determined (**ergodicity**):

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f \circ \varphi_t(x_0) dt = \int_{\Omega} f(x) d\mu(x) \quad \forall x_0 \in \Omega. \quad (1)$$

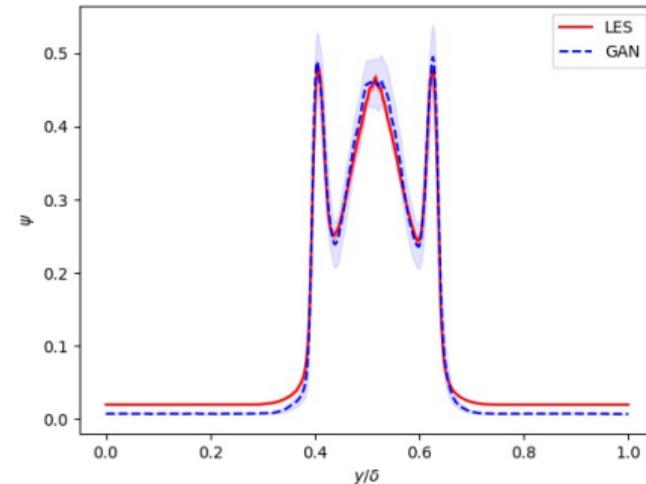


- ⇒ The time average of a dynamical system equates with the ensemble average of its invariant measure.
- ▶ Probability measure  $\mu$  on the flow configurations  $x$  encodes the statistical properties of the chaotic flow/dynamics  $\varphi_t(x_0)$
  - ▶ Goal: Sampling from the **unknown** measure  $\mu$  ⇒ Can we **learn  $\mu$  from data?**

# Turbulence Modeling with GAN

## Our contribution<sup>1</sup>:

- ▶ Demonstrated that GAN-synthesized images match the output of LES in terms of visual level and physical quantities, while requiring significantly less computation.
- ▶ Proof that GAN do converge for ergodic learning problems



<sup>1</sup>Drygala et. al. (2022). *Generative modeling of turbulence*. Physics of Fluids, 34(3), 035114.

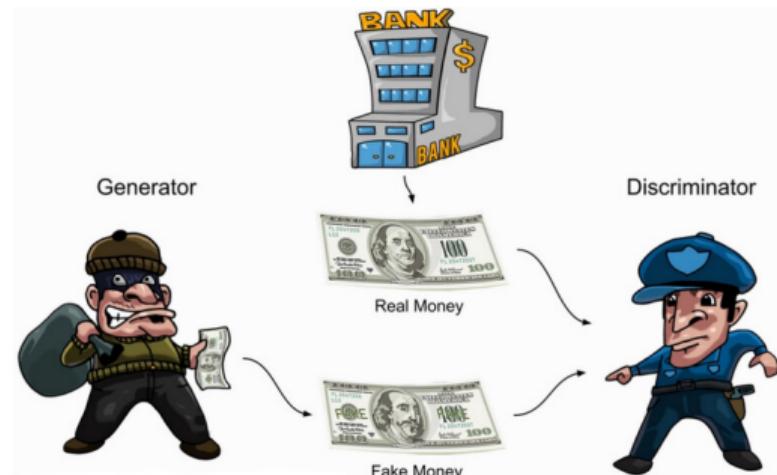
# Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN) - Intuition

## Generator:

Generates “fake” images, which should look as close as possible to given real-world data.

## Discriminator:

Distinguishes real images from generated ones.



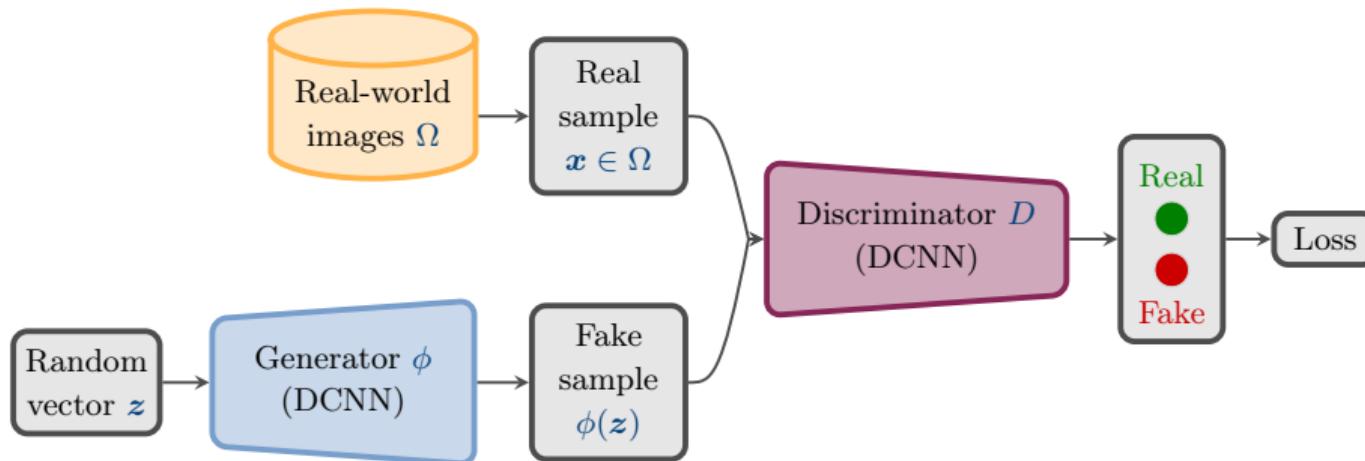
Intuition behind GAN.<sup>2</sup>

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# Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN) - Architecture

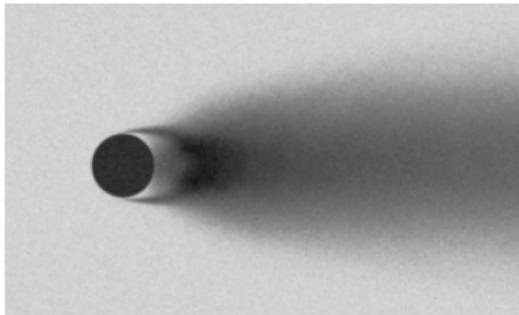
- ▶ Two-player Min-Max game:

$$\min_{\phi} \max_D \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mu} [\log(D(x))] + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim \lambda} [\log(1 - D(\phi(z)))]$$

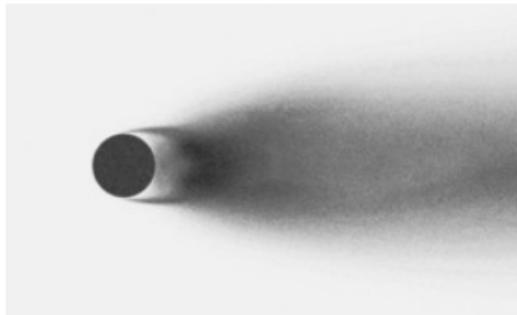


# DCGAN vs. Vanilla GAN & WGAN

- ▶ DCNN especially successful and applicable in field of **image processing**
- ▶ Guidelines for stable training at higher resolution and deeper architectures for GAN with CNN



**Vanilla GAN**



**Wasserstein GAN**

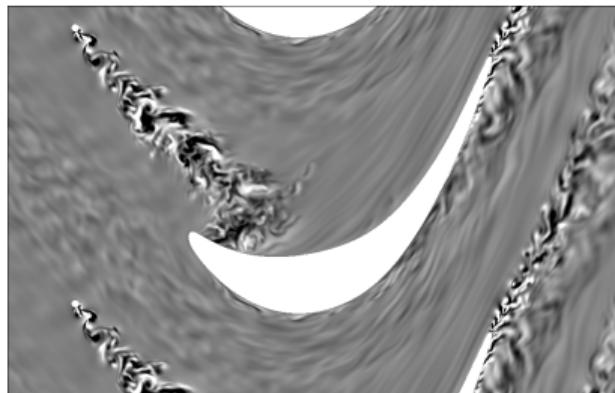
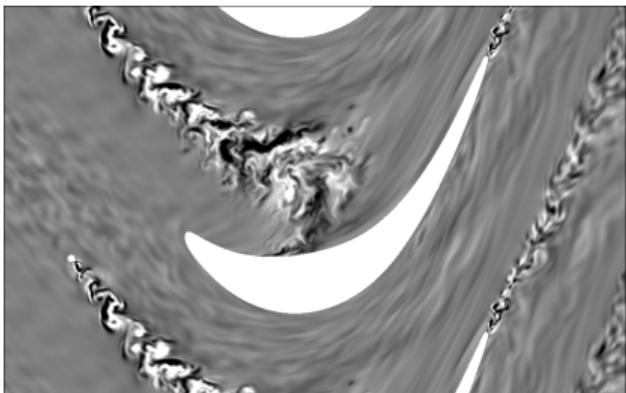


**DCGAN**

# Generalization Capabilities under Changes of Geometry

## Our contribution:<sup>3</sup>

- ▶ Demonstration of generalization capabilities of GAN-synthesized turbulence generators when geometric changes occur in the flow configuration
- ▶ Data: Flow around a low-pressure turbine (LPT) stator with periodic wake impact obtained from highly resolved LES
- ▶ Turbulence Modeling by conditional deep convolutional GAN pix2pixHD

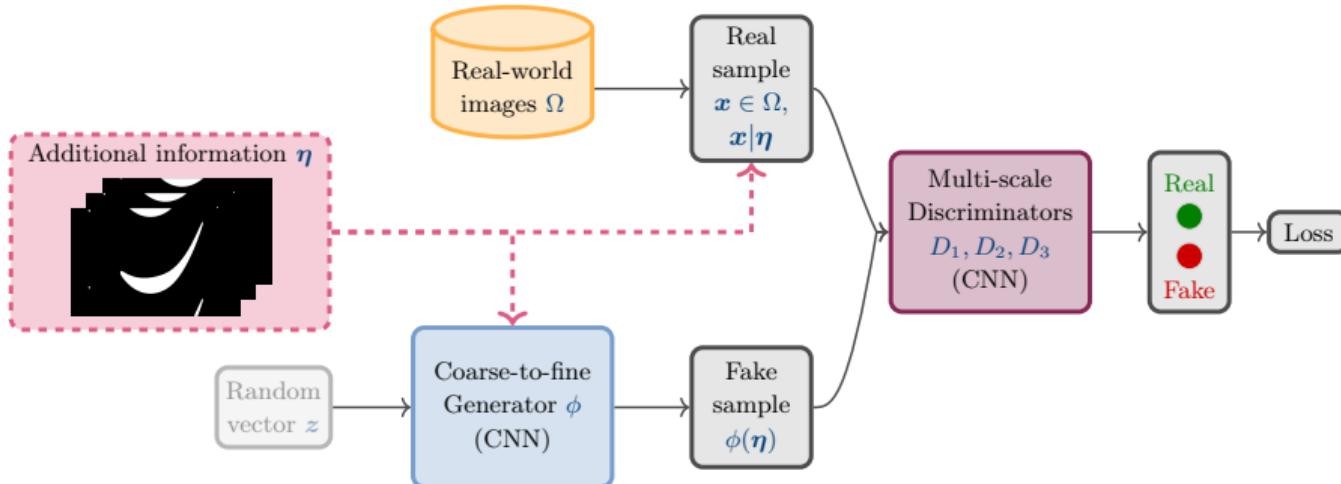


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# Conditional Deep Convolutional GAN (cDCGAN)

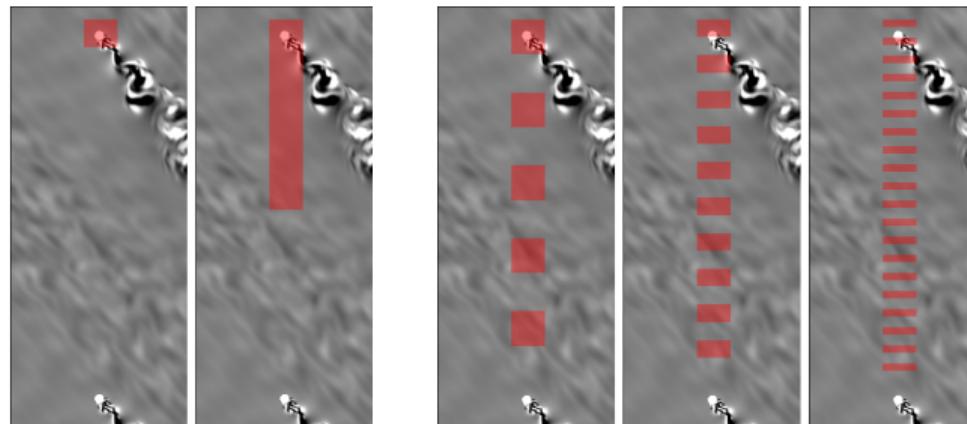
- pix2pixHD: Generation of **high-resolution photo-realistic** images by **conditioning** the input of the adversarial network on the corresponding **semantic label maps**

$$\mathcal{L}_{cond}(D, \phi) = \mathbb{E}_{\substack{x \sim \mu \\ \eta \sim \nu}} [\log(D(x|\eta))] + \mathbb{E}_{\substack{z \sim \lambda \\ \eta \sim \nu}} [\log(1 - D(\phi(z|\eta)))] \quad (2)$$



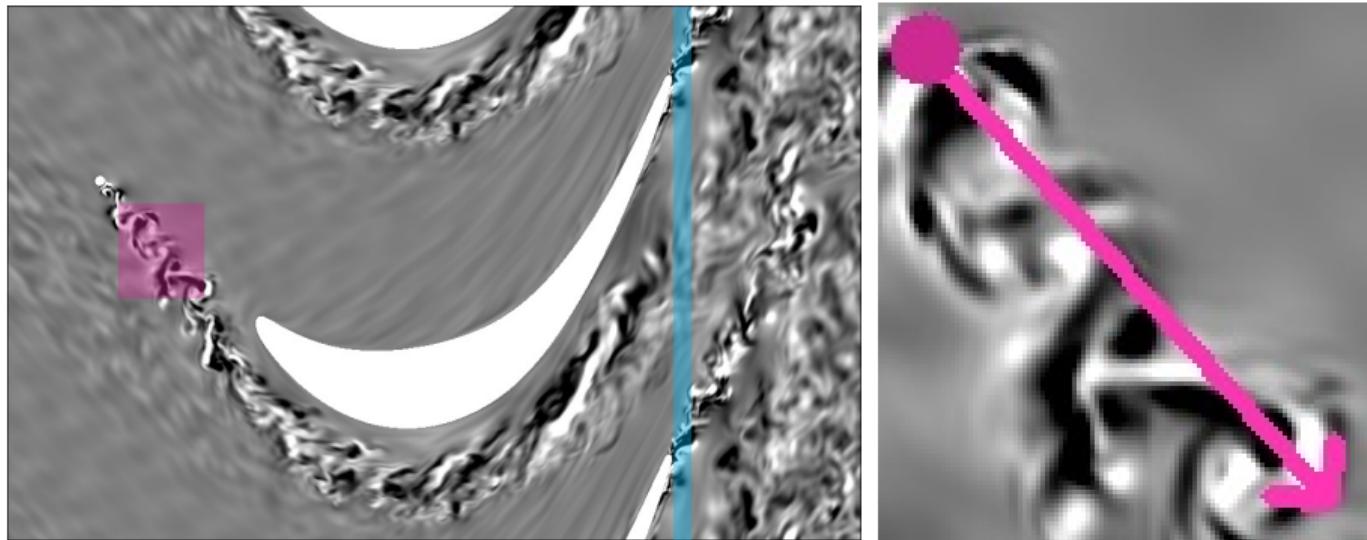
## Generalization - Setup Data

- ▶ **Data set:** 2,250 images with resolution  $1,000 \times 625$  ( $\hat{=} 10$  bar passing periods)
- ▶ **Data set splits:** Exclusion of a certain percentage from each period from the training that represents the test data
  - Strategy 1: Extraction of sequential frames
  - Strategy 2: Reduction of the frame rate at regular intervals
- ▶ **Generalization capabilities:** Iterative increase of percentage of excluded images  
⇒ Gradual reduction of variation in training data



## Generalization - Physics-based Metrics

- ▶ Turbulent flow field **correlations** in front of the rotor blade
- ▶ **Moving average** for the turbulence pattern in the rear region of the LPT stator suction side



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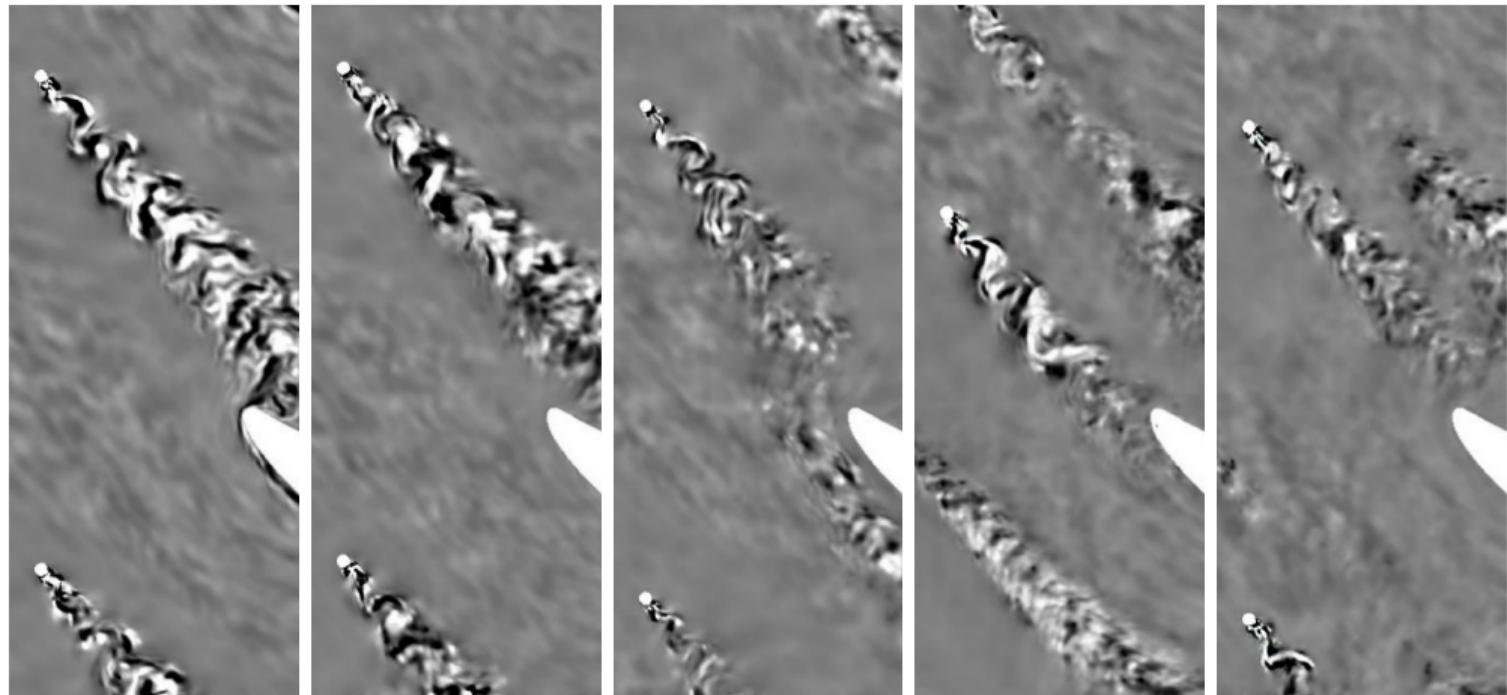
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## Inference Results - Sequential Frame Exclusion



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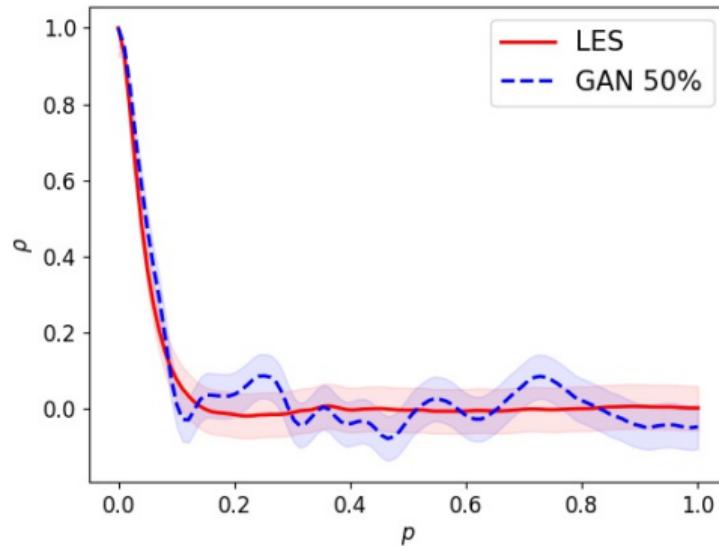
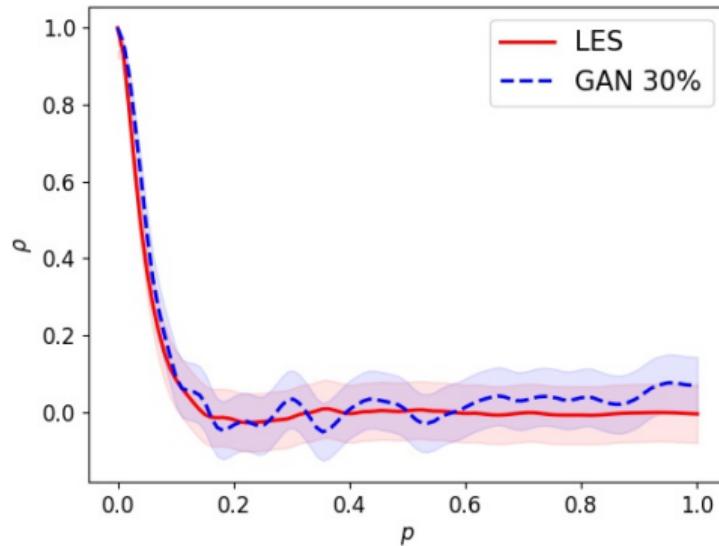
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# Sequential Frame Exclusion - Correlations



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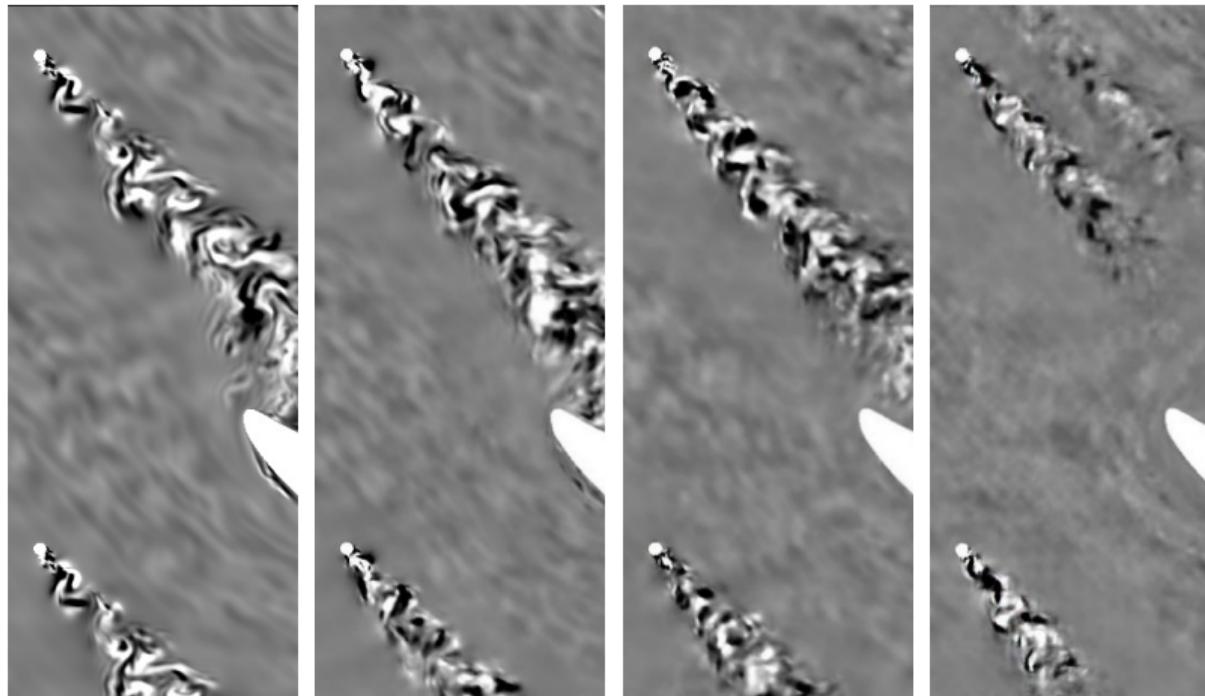
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## Inference Results - Frame Rate Reduction at 5 Intervals



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GAN 40%

GAN 60%

GAN 80%

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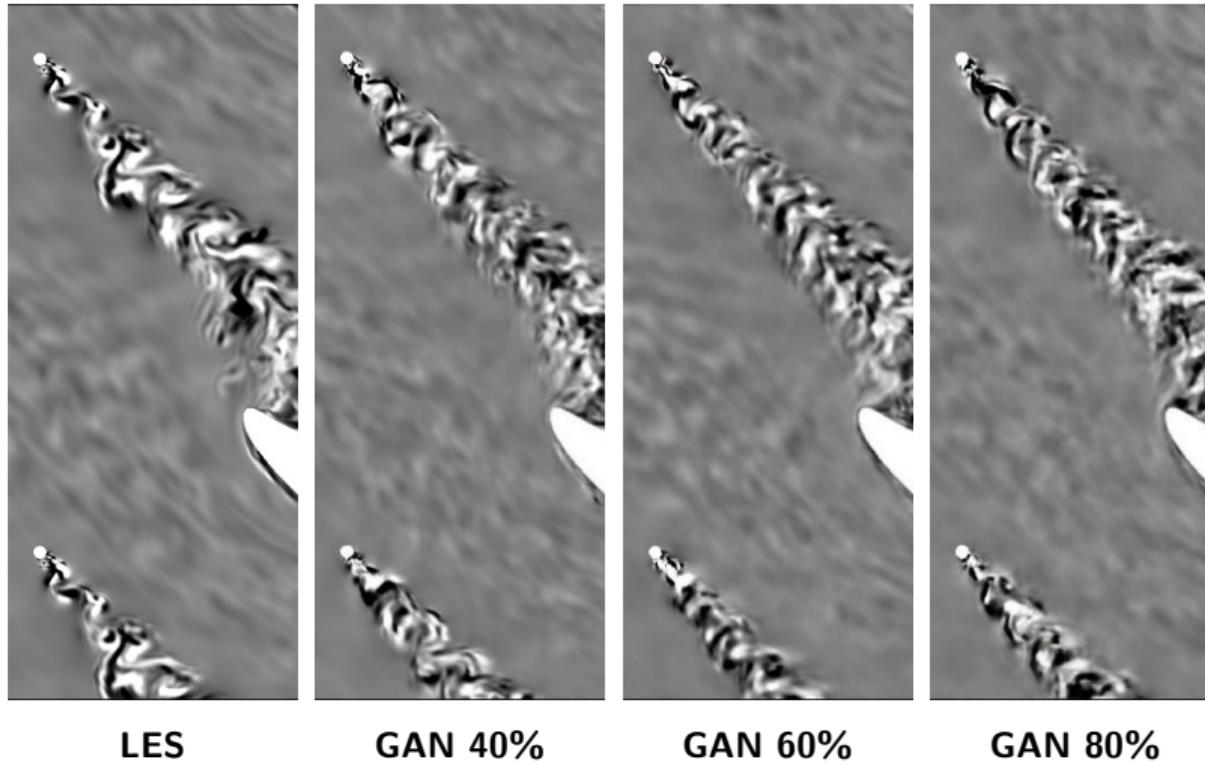
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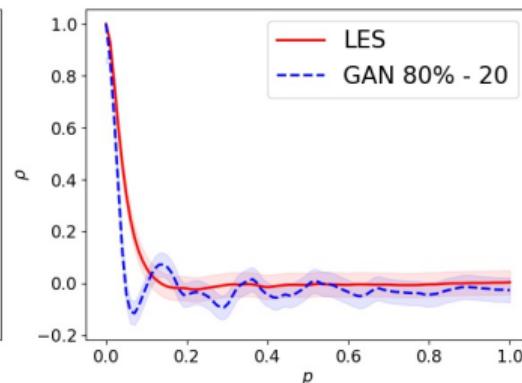
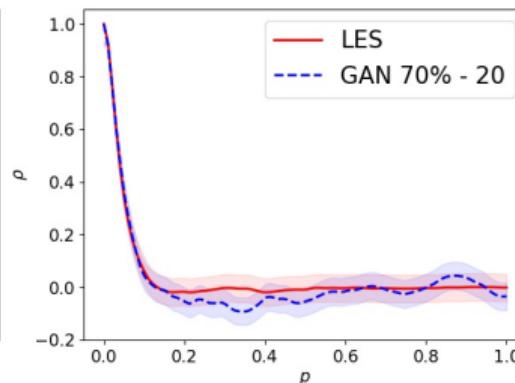
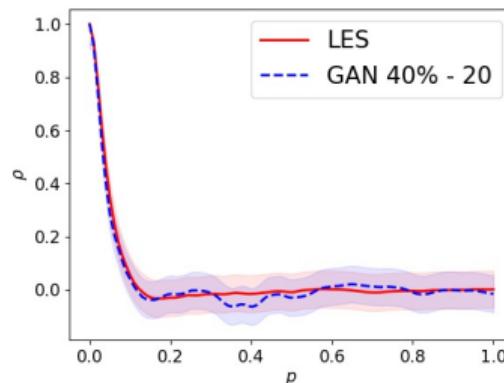
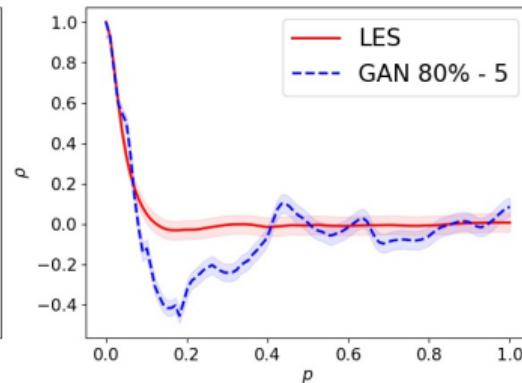
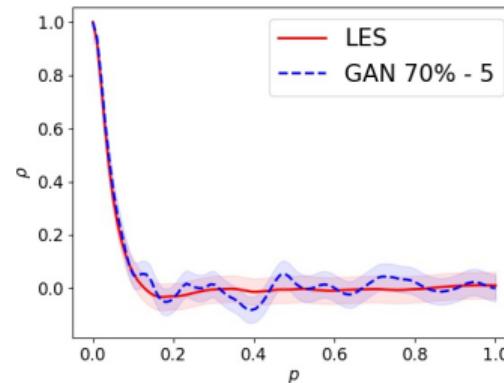
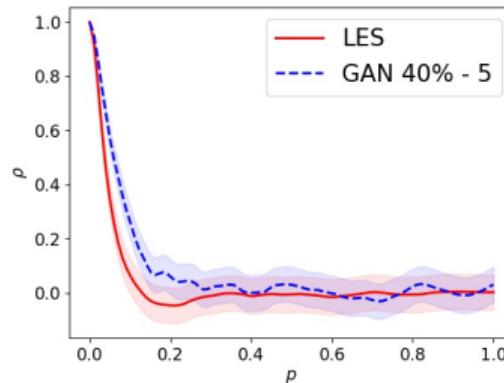
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## Inference Results - Frame Rate Reduction at 20 Intervals



# Frame Rate Reduction at Regular Intervals - Correlations



# Computational Cost

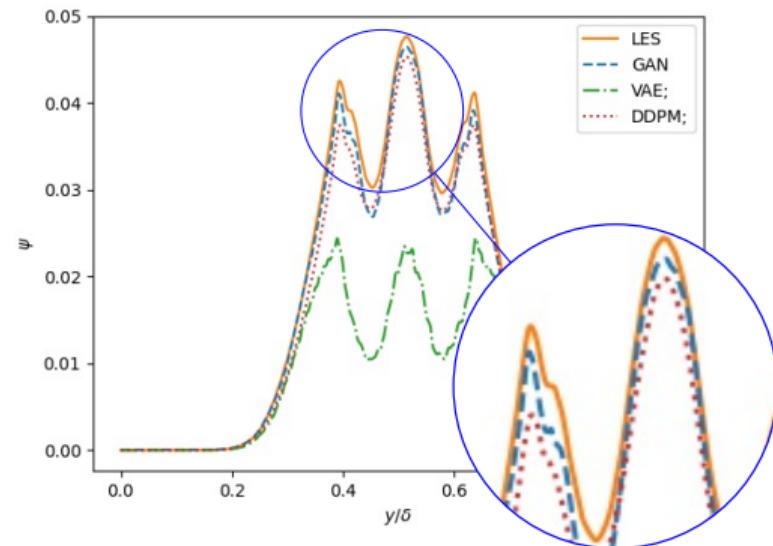
Flow	LES <sup>a</sup>	GAN-Training <sup>b</sup>	GAN-Inference <sup>b</sup>
Cylinder (DCGAN)	72 core weeks $\hat{=}$ 1 day (for 5,000 images)	1.5 min/epoch ( $\approx$ 2 days for 2,000 epochs)	0.001 sec/image ( $\approx$ 5 sec for 5,000 images)
LPT stator (pix2pixHD)	640 core weeks $\hat{=}$ 8 days (for 2,250 images)	Full dataset: 15 min/epoch ( $\approx$ 2 days for 200 epochs); 30% of dataset: 6 min/epoch ( $\approx$ 20 hours for 200 epochs)	0.01 sec/image ( $\approx$ 22.5 sec for 2,250 images)

Machines: <sup>a</sup>: 560 CPU cores, Intel Xeon SSkylake" Gold 6132 @2.6 GHz, <sup>b</sup>: GPU Quadro RTX 8000, 48 GB

# Comparison of Generative Learning Methods

## Our contribution:<sup>4</sup>

- ▶ Comparison of three generative learning methods for turbulence modeling: Variational Autoencoder (VAE), GAN and Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models (DDPM)
- ▶ Demonstrated that DDPM can generate adequate turbulent flow like DCGAN.
- ▶ In comparison to DDPM, DCGAN offers three key advantages: Significantly faster training and inference times, and a much lower data requirement.



<sup>4</sup>Drygala, Ross et. al. (2024). *Comparison of Generative Learning Methods for Turbulence Modeling*. arXiv: tba.

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# Comparison of Generative Learning Methods - Results



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GAN

DDPM

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# Outlook

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