

# Aerothermodynamic Design Sensitivities for a Reacting Gas Flow Solver on an Unstructured Mesh Using a Discrete Adjoint Formulation

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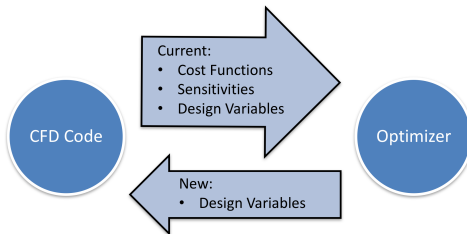
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# Introduction - Design

- Gradient-based design optimization is based on the minimization of a target “cost” function by changing a set of design variables
- A CFD code can be coupled with a numerical optimization package to iteratively improve target aerothermodynamic quantities, by change inputs to the CFD code



CFD-Optimizer Relationship

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## Direct differentiation approach - Expensive

- Navier-Stokes equations can be directly differentiated to yield sensitivity derivatives necessary for gradient-based optimization
- Finite difference requires a minimum of **one flow solution for each design variable sensitivity**
- Prohibitively expensive for large number of design variables

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## Adjoint approach - More efficient

- Solve adjoint equations in addition to Navier Stokes flow equations to obtain sensitivity derivatives
- **One flow and adjoint solution needed for each cost function**, regardless of number of design variables
- Considerably more efficient than direct differentiation approach for large number of design variables

# Introduction - Design

- Adjoint-based design optimization is widely adopted in compressible, perfect gas CFD solvers
- Reacting flow solvers have lagged in adopting adjoint-based approach, due to
  - ① Complexity of linearizing the additional equations for multi-species chemical kinetics
  - ② Resorting to Automatic Differentiation tools incurs performance overhead that is implementation-specific
  - ③ Serious memory and computational cost concerns when simulating a large number of species
- Points 1 and 2 can be overcome through stubbornness (or hiring a graduate student. . .)
- Point 3 is a serious concern, if reacting flow solver are to be made attractive for design optimization



# Introduction - Improvement to State of the Art

- Current state of the art
  - Both continuous<sup>1</sup> and discrete<sup>2</sup> adjoint formulations have been implemented for compressible reacting flow solvers
  - These attempts suffer from quadratic scaling in memory and computational cost with number of species
  - Recent scheme at Barcelona Supercomputing Center<sup>3</sup> is promising, but only for incompressible reacting flows
- Improvement to the state of the art
  - New decoupled scheme for both hypersonic flow solver and adjoint solver that is robust for high-speed flows in chemical non-equilibrium
  - New schemes significantly improve scaling in computational cost and memory with number of species

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<sup>1</sup>S. R. Copeland, F. Palacios, and J. J. Alonso. *52nd Aerospace Sciences Meeting*. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 2014.

<sup>2</sup>B. Lockwood et al. *49th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting including the New Horizons Forum and Aerospace Exposition*. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 2011.

<sup>3</sup>M. K. Esfahani and G. Houzeaux. *57th AIAA/ASCE/AHS/ASC Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference*. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 2016.

# Introduction - Decoupled Approach

- Reacting gas simulations require solving a large number of conservation equations
- Memory concerns
  - Size of Jacobians scales quadratically with number species in gas mixture
  - Solving system of equations in a tightly-coupled fashion can be limited by memory constraints
- Cost concerns
  - Cost of solving the linear system scales quadratically with number of species in gas mixture
- Efficiently solving adjoint problem is a primary motivator
  - Solving adjoint system particularly costly if linear solver is slow
  - Can be necessary to store Jacobian twice → large memory overhead

# Introduction - Decoupled Approach

- Loosely-coupled solvers have become popular in the combustion community<sup>4</sup>
  - Decouple species conservation equations from meanflow equations, and solve two smaller systems

$$\begin{pmatrix} \square & \square & \dots & \square \\ \square & \square & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \square & \dots & \dots & \square \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \square & \dots & \square \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \square & \dots & \square \end{pmatrix}_{5 \times 5} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} \square & \boxtimes & \dots & \boxtimes \\ \boxtimes & \square & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \boxtimes & \dots & \dots & \square \end{pmatrix}_{ns \times ns}$$

- Candler, et al.<sup>5</sup> originally derived this for Steger-Warming scheme, this work extends to Roe FDS scheme

<sup>4</sup>V. Sankaran and M. Olsen. *16th AIAA Computational Fluid Dynamics Conference*. 2003.

<sup>5</sup>G. V. Candler, P. K. Subbareddy, and I. Nompelis. *AIAA Journal* 51.5 (2013), pp. 1245–1254.

# Introduction - Choice of Code and Implementation



- FUN3D chosen as code to facilitate all research presented, because
  - Excellent infrastructure for adjoint-based design analysis and optimization
  - Robust hypersonic flow solver
  - NASA Langley Research Center supporting me through the Pathways program

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# Fully-Coupled Point Implicit Flow Solver

- All work presented is for inviscid flows in chemical non-equilibrium, using a one-temperature model, but is extendable to viscous flows.
- Finite-volume with backward-Euler time integration

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_f (\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N})^f = \mathbf{W}$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_{N_s} \\ \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \rho E \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \bar{U} \\ \vdots \\ \rho_{N_s} \bar{U} \\ \rho \mathbf{u} \bar{U} + p \mathbf{n} \\ (\rho E + p) \bar{U} \end{pmatrix} N, \quad \mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\rho}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\rho}_{N_s} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Fully-Coupled Point Implicit Flow Solver

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- With global system composed of block matrices

$$\underbrace{\left[ \frac{\Omega}{\Delta t} \mathbf{I} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho 1}}{\partial \rho_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho 1}}{\partial \rho_{N_s}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho 1}}{\partial \rho_{\mathbf{u}}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho 1}}{\partial \rho E} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho N_s}}{\partial \rho_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho N_s}}{\partial \rho_{N_s}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho N_s}}{\partial \rho_{\mathbf{u}}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho N_s}}{\partial \rho E} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}}{\partial c_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}}{\partial c_{N_s}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}}{\partial \rho_{\mathbf{u}}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}}{\partial \rho E} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial c_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial c_{N_s}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho_{\mathbf{u}}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho E} \end{pmatrix} \right]}_{(N_s + 4) \times (N_s + 4)} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{U}_{\rho 1} \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \mathbf{U}_{\rho N_s} \\ \Delta \mathbf{U}_{\rho \mathbf{u}} \\ \Delta \mathbf{U}_{\rho E} \end{pmatrix}}_{(N_s + 4) \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\rho 1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho N_s} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho E} \end{pmatrix}}_{(N_s + 4) \times 1}$$



# Fully-Coupled Point Implicit Flow Solver

- Constructing the Jacobian in a fully-coupled fashion results in large, dense block matrices
- Cost of multi-color Gauss-Seidel sweeps dominated by matrix-vector products

$$\text{Cost} \rightarrow O((N_s + 4)^2)$$

- Leads to onerous quadratic scaling with respect to number of species

# Decoupled Point Implicit Flow Solver

- The main idea is to separate the meanflow and species composition equations, adding a new equation for the total mixture density
- Leads to two sets of conserved variables

$$\mathbf{U}' = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho w \\ \rho E \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\mathbf{V}} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{N_s} \end{pmatrix}$$

Meanflow

Species Composition

# Decoupled Point Implicit Flow Solver

- The Roe FDS scheme species mass fluxes can be rewritten as

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\rho_s} = c_s \mathbf{F}'_{\rho} + (c_s^L - \tilde{c}_s) \rho^L \lambda^+ + (c_s^R - \tilde{c}_s) \rho^R \lambda^-$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\rho_s}}{\partial c_s^L} = \tilde{w} \mathbf{F}'_{\rho} + (1 - \tilde{w}) \rho^L \lambda^+ - \tilde{w} \rho^R \lambda^-$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\rho_s}}{\partial c_s^R} = (1 - w) \mathbf{F}'_{\rho} + (\tilde{w} - 1) \rho^L \lambda^+ + \tilde{w} \rho^R \lambda^-$$

- Jacobian Approximations

$$\text{Step 1: } \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{U}'} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{V}}} = 5 \times 5 \text{ Roe FDS Jacobian}_{c_s=\text{Constant}}$$

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## Mixture Equations :

$$\left[ \frac{\Omega}{\Delta t} \mathbf{I} + \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{U}'}}{\partial \mathbf{U}'} \right] \Delta \mathbf{U}' = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{U}'}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\Omega}{\Delta t} \mathbf{I} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\rho}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\rho}{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\rho}{\partial \rho E} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}}{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}}{\partial \rho E} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho E} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \rho \\ \Delta \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \Delta \rho E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\mathbf{R}_{\rho_i}) \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho E} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Species Continuity Equations :

$$\left[ \frac{\Omega}{\Delta t} \mathbf{I} + \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{\hat{\mathbf{V}}}}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}} \right] \Delta \hat{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{R}_{\hat{\mathbf{V}}}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\rho \Omega}{\Delta t} \mathbf{I} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho_1}}{\partial c_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho_1}}{\partial c_{ns}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho_{ns}}}{\partial c_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho_{ns}}}{\partial c_{ns}} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \Delta c_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta c_{ns} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\rho_1} - c_1 \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\mathbf{R}_{\rho_i}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho_{N_s}} - c_{N_s} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\mathbf{R}_{\rho_i}) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Cost and Memory Savings of the Decoupled Flow Solver

- Most significant savings comes from the source term linearization being purely node-based
  - Convective contributions to block Jacobians are diagonal
  - Source term Jacobian is dense block Jacobian
  - In the global system (w/chemistry), all off-diagonal block Jacobians are diagonal

$$\begin{pmatrix} \square & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \square & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & \square \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}_i \\ \vdots \\ \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{nodes} \end{pmatrix}^{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{b}_i \\ \vdots \\ \hat{b}_{nodes} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} (\sum_{j=1}^{N_{nb}} [\mathcal{N}] \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}_j)_1 \\ \vdots \\ (\sum_{j=1}^{N_{nb}} [\mathcal{N}] \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}_j)_i \\ \vdots \\ (\sum_{j=1}^{N_{nb}} [\mathcal{N}] \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}_j)_{nodes} \end{pmatrix}^{n,n+1}$$

- Matrix-vector products  $\rightarrow$  inner products:  $O(N_s^2) \rightarrow O(N_s)$

# Cost and Memory Savings of the Decoupled Flow Solver

- Comparing size of Jacobian systems, using Compressed Row Storage

$\mathbf{A}_d$  = Decoupled system Jacobians

$\mathbf{A}$  = Fully-coupled system Jacobians

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Relative Memory Cost} &= \frac{\text{size}(\mathbf{A}_d)}{\text{size}(\mathbf{A})} \\ &= \lim_{N_s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(N_s^2 + 5^2)(N_{nodes}) + (N_s + 5^2)(N_{nbrs})}{(N_s + 4)^2(N_{nodes} + N_{nbrs})} \\ &= \frac{N_{nodes}}{N_{nodes} + N_{nbrs}} \end{aligned}$$

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# Derivation of Discrete Adjoint Formulation

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- Need to eliminate flow variable dependence on design variables,  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial \mathbf{D}}$
- Adjoint equation

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} \right]^T \Lambda = - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{Q}}$$

- Solve for  $\Lambda$  and compute sensitivity derivatives

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{D}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{D}} + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{D}} \right]^T \Lambda$$

# Fully Coupled Adjoint Solver

- Adjoint problem is a linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho i}}{\partial \rho_j}^T & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho u}}{\partial \rho_j}^T & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho_j}^T \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho i}}{\partial \rho u}^T & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho u}}{\partial \rho u}^T & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho u}^T \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho i}}{\partial \rho E}^T & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho u}}{\partial \rho E}^T & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho E}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{\rho i} \\ \Lambda_{\rho u} \\ \Lambda_{\rho E} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho_i} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho u} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho E} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Can be solved with Krylov method (i.e. GMRES), but time marching similar to flow solver shown to be more robust

$$\left( \frac{\Omega}{\Delta t} \mathbf{I} + \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{U}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right) \Delta \Lambda = - \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{U}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}}^T \Lambda_{\mathbf{U}}^n + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right)$$

- Straightforward to formulate, but cost and memory requirements scale quadratically with number of species

# Decoupled Adjoint Scheme

- The decoupled flow solver has an analog in the adjoint
- First, recognize that the decoupled flow solver can be rewritten as a fully coupled system, with a change of variables and change of equations

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_{N_s} \\ \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \rho E \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{N_s} \\ \rho \\ \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \rho E \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Change of Variables}}, \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{R}_U = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\rho_1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho_{N_s}} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho E} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_V = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\rho_1} - c_1 \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\mathbf{R}_{\rho_i}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho_{N_s}} - c_{N_s} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\mathbf{R}_{\rho_i}) \\ \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\mathbf{R}_{\rho_i}) \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho \mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\rho E} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Change of Equations}}$$

$$c_s = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho}, \quad \rho = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\rho_i)$$

# Decoupled Adjoint Scheme

- This change of variables/equations results in non-square transformation matrices

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \mathbf{V}} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \dots & 0 & c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \rho & c_{ns} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_V}{\partial \mathbf{R}_U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - c_1 & -c_1 & \dots & -c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -c_2 & 1 - c_2 & \dots & -c_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -c_{N_s} & -c_{N_s} & \dots & 1 - c_{N_s} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Decoupled Adjoint Scheme

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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_V}{\partial \mathbf{V}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_V}{\partial \mathbf{R}_U} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_U}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \mathbf{V}}$$



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- This transformation avoids having to explicitly form the Jacobian  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{V}}$ , which is more complicated than  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\mathbf{U}}{\partial \mathbf{U}}$

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- Effectively another Left/Right Preconditioning

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \mathbf{V}}\right)^T}_{\text{Left Preconditioning}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_U}{\partial \mathbf{U}}\right)^T \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_V}{\partial \mathbf{R}_U}\right)^T}_{\text{Right Preconditioning}} \Lambda_V = - \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \mathbf{V}}\right)^T}_{\text{Left Preconditioning}} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{U}}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_V}{\partial \mathbf{R}_U}\right)^T \Lambda_V = \Lambda_U$$

# Decoupled Adjoint Solver

- Time march adjoint solution with approximate Jacobians

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The diagram illustrates the decoupling of the adjoint Jacobian matrix  $\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{V}}}{\partial \mathbf{V}}$  into two parts: Species Equations and Mixture Equations.

The full Jacobian matrix is shown as a large block matrix with rows and columns corresponding to variables  $c_1, \dots, c_{N_s}, \rho, \rho u, \rho E$ . The top-left block (pink) represents the species equations, the bottom-right block (blue) represents the mixture equations, and the off-diagonal blocks represent coupling terms.

A red dashed arrow labeled "Species Equations" points from the top-left block to the species part of the decoupled system. A blue dashed arrow labeled "Mixture Equations" points from the bottom-right block to the mixture part of the decoupled system.

The decoupled system is represented by the following matrices:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{\hat{\mathbf{V}}}}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{p1}}{\partial c_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{p1}}{\partial c_{N_s}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{pN_s}}{\partial c_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{pN_s}}{\partial c_{N_s}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{U}'}}{\partial \mathbf{U}'} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\rho}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\rho}{\partial \rho u} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_\rho}{\partial \rho E} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho u}}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho u}}{\partial \rho u} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho u}}{\partial \rho E} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho u} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\rho E}}{\partial \rho E} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Decoupled Adjoint Solver

- Separate into two systems and solve as block jacobi scheme

## Species Continuity Equations :

$$\left( \frac{\rho\Omega}{\Delta t} \mathbf{I} + \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{\hat{\mathbf{V}}}}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}} \right)^T \Delta \Lambda_{\hat{\mathbf{V}}} = - \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}} \right)^T \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{U}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}}^T \Lambda_{\mathbf{U}}^n + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right)$$

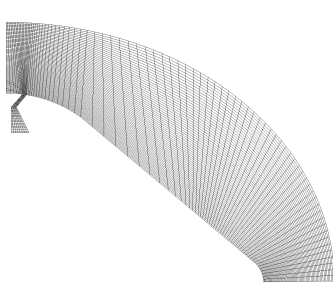
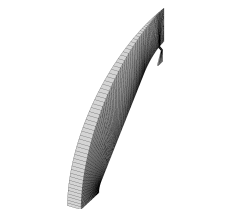
## Mixture Equations :

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# Geometry and Test Conditions



Annular jet geometry.

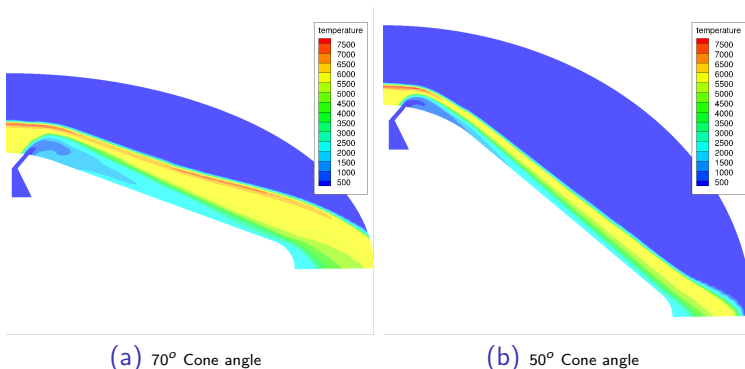
Flow Condition	Description	Value
$V_\infty$	freestream velocity, $m/s$	5686.24
$\rho_\infty$	freestream density, $kg/m^3$	0.001
$T_\infty$	freestream temperature, $K$	200.0
$M_\infty$	freestream Mach number (derived)	20.0

Flow conditions.

- Requirements of demonstration problem:
  - Steady flow
  - Hypersonic flow condition with challenging physics
  - Chemical non-equilibrium
- Extending hypersonic retro-propulsion work by Gnoffo et al. from perfect gas simulation to hydrogen-air mixture meets these requirements

# Flow Features and Cone Angle Effects

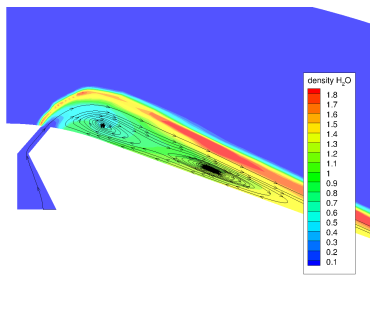
- Flow separates downstream of nozzle exit, creating a buffer gas zone of relatively low temperature.



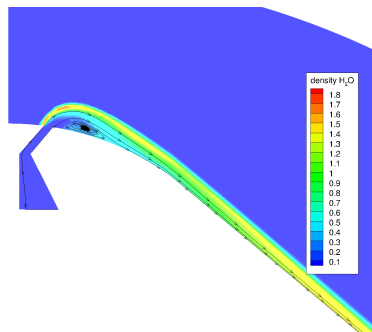
Annular jet temperature contours, blowing pure  $H_2$ .

# Flow Features and Cone Angle Effects

- Strong dependence between cone angle and size of recirculation zone



(a) 70° Cone angle

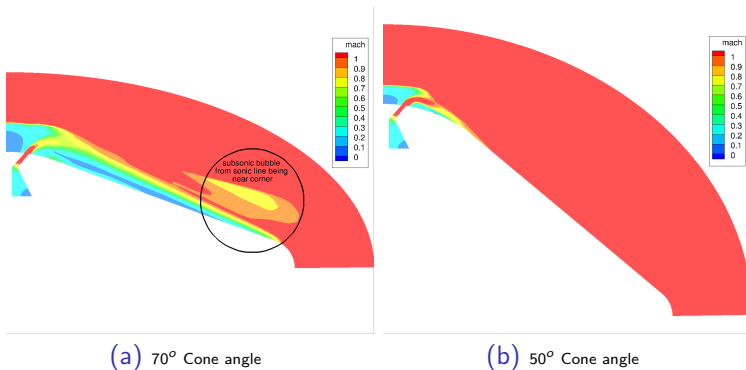


(b) 50° Cone angle

Annular jet  $H_2O$  density contours, blowing pure  $H_2$ .

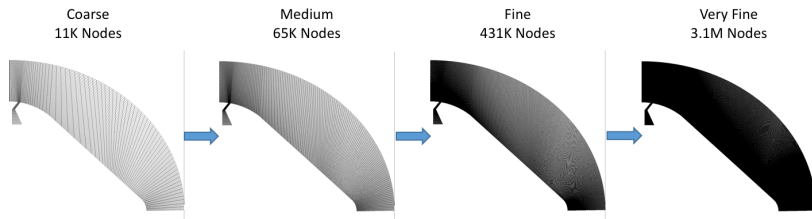
# Flow Features and Cone Angle Effects

- 70° Cone angle leads to sonic-corner body with low-amplitude oscillations in the separation bubble



Annular jet sonic line comparison, blowing pure  $H_2$ .

# Solution Sensitivity to Mesh Density



- Flow becomes unsteady as mesh is refined
- Very unsteady by finest grid level (3.1M Nodes)
- Solution is sensitive to flux limiter, regardless of mesh density
  - Frozen flux limiter required by adjoint, and required “tuning” Van Albada flux limiter to get consistent results



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# Cost Function Definition

- The optimization goal is to minimize a cost function generically defined as

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{func}} w_j (C_j - C_{j*})^{p_j}$$

$C_j$  = Component value     $C_{j*}$  = Component target

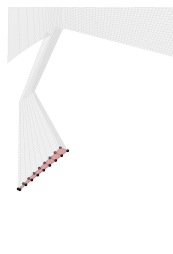
$w_j$  = Component weight     $p_j$  = Component power

$N_{func}$  = Number of cost function components

# Cost Function Integrated Areas



(a)  $T_{RMS}$  integrated area



(b)  $\dot{m}_p$  integrated area

- Define cost function to minimize surface temperature RMS,  $T_{RMS}$  and mass flow rate  $\dot{m}_p$  through the annular plenum

$$f = w_1 \left( \dot{m}_p - \dot{m}_p^* \right)^2 + w_2 \left( T_{RMS} - T_{RMS}^* \right)^2$$

# Design Variables

- These plenum conditions are used as design variables:
  - Plenum total pressure,  $P_{p,o}$
  - Plenum fuel-air ratio,  $\phi_p$
- The mass fractions of species  $H_2$  and  $N_2$  at the plenum are defined by the fuel-air ratio

$$c_{H_2} = \phi_p$$

$$c_{N_2} = 1 - \phi_p$$

- $\phi_p = 1$  corresponds to blowing pure  $H_2$  from annular nozzle
- $\phi_p = 0$  corresponds to blowing pure  $N_2$  from annular nozzle

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- “Inverse” design optimization seeks to match a predetermined target design by altering a set of design inputs
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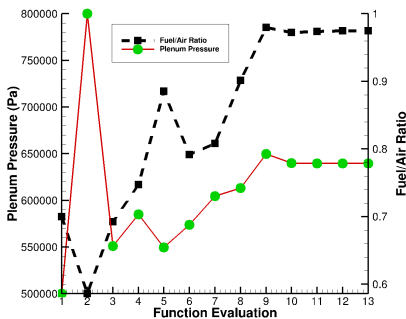
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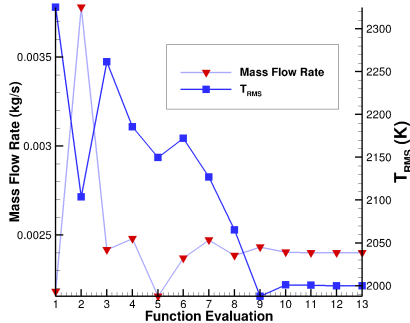
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- Target design is mostly met within 10 function evaluations



(a) Design variables



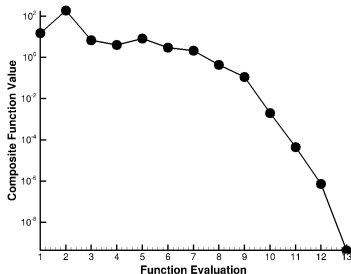
(b) Surface temperature RMS and mass flow rate

Inverse design history

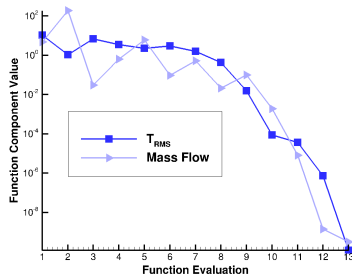


# First-Order, Inverse Design Optimization

- Optimization terminated when cost function  $< 10^{-8}$
- Cost function components are well normalized and approach zero as optimizer drives design to specified target



(a) Cost function value



(b) Component values

Inverse design history

## Second-Order, Direct Design Optimization

- For direct optimization, the function is minimized with no predetermined target, so  $T_{RMS}^*$  and  $\dot{m}_p^*$  are set to zero

$$f = w_1 \left( \dot{m}_p - \dot{m}_p^* \right)^2 + w_2 \left( T_{RMS} - T_{RMS}^* \right)^2$$

- Weights again chosen to normalize components based on starting design condition

$$\frac{w_1}{w_2} = \frac{(T_{RMS})^2}{(\dot{m}_p)^2}$$

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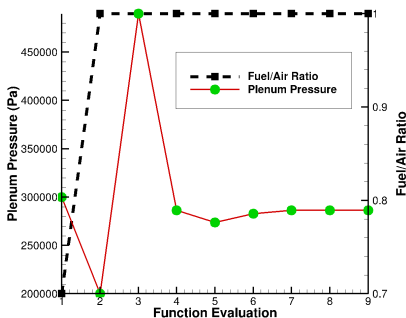
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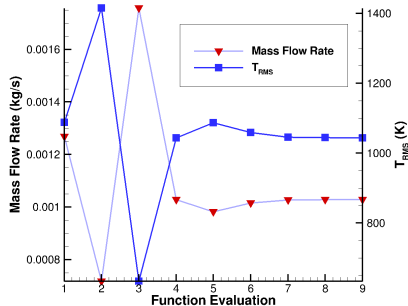
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# Second-Order, Direct Design Optimization

- Design mostly driven by chemistry and  $H_2$  lower molecular weight, relative to  $N_2$
- The optimization is terminated after 9 function evaluations, when change in all design variables  $< 10^{-8}$



(a) Design variables

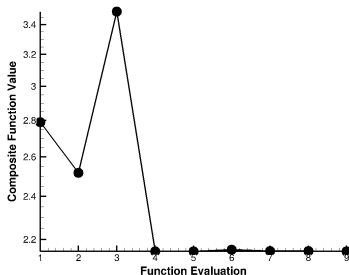


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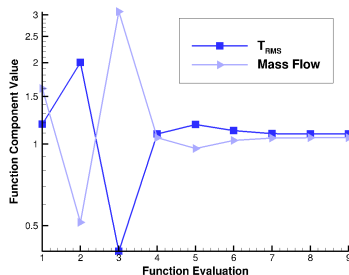
Direct design history

# Second-Order, Direct Design Optimization

- Cost function components are well normalized
- Noticable net improvements stop after 4 function evaluations, due to weak dependence on plenum total pressure



(a) Cost function value



(b) Component values

Direct design history

## Second-Order, Direct Design Optimization

Component	Initial	Final	Improvement
$\dot{m}$ , kg/s	1.268e-3	1.028e-3	18.93%
$T_{RMS}$ , K	1088	1044	4.044%

Direct design optimization improvement.

- Net +22.9% design improvement
- Optimizer significantly improved the mass flow rate, without largely affecting surface temperature
- Most gains associated with changing  $\phi_p = 0.7 \rightarrow \phi_p = 1.0$
- Results can be tweaked by cost function component weighting

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# Accuracy of the Adjoint Sensitivity Derivatives

- To verify adjoint, derivatives computed by complex step eliminates subtractive cancellation error

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\text{Im}[f(x + ih)]}{h} - O(h^2)$$

- Better agreement for frozen flow than chemically reacting flow

Design Variable	Adjoint	Complex	Relative Difference
$P_{p,o}$	-0.18451007644622E-06	-0.184510076442032E-06	2.27e-11
$T_{p,o}$	0.62086963151678E-03	0.620869631517086E-03	4.93e-13
$\phi_p$	-0.34045335117520E-01	-0.340453351177196E-01	5.86e-12

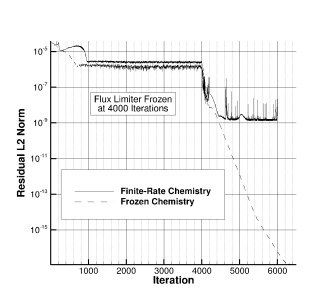
Sensitivity derivative comparison -  $H_2$ - $N_2$  frozen.

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$P_{p,o}$	-0.11081315601976E-06	-0.110529774659536E-06	2.56e-03
$T_{p,o}$	0.19089941237390E-03	0.190892847933810E-03	3.44e-05
$\phi_p$	-0.28035409045530E-01	-0.280251731728184E-01	3.65e-04

Sensitivity derivative comparison -  $H_2$ - $N_2$  reacting.

# Accuracy of the Adjoint Sensitivity Derivatives

- Difference is explained by relative convergence of frozen flow vs. flow with finite-rate chemistry



- Convergence of reacting flow stalls  $\sim 8$  orders of magnitude before the convergence of frozen flow.
- This degrades the discrete comparison of adjoint and complex step derivatives, because many digits are still changing

# Consistency of Decoupled Solvers

- Good agreement between decoupled and fully coupled flow solvers for temperature RMS and plenum mass flow rate

Quantity	Decoupled	Fully Coupled	Relative Difference
$\dot{m}_p$	0.8448720721551258E-03	0.8448720721551088E-03	2.01E-14
$T_{RMS}$	0.1545729169703027E+04	0.1545720949811712E+04	5.32E-06

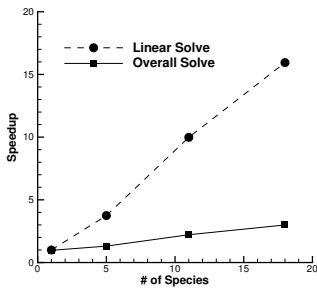
Flow solution difference with finite-rate chemistry.

- Very good agreement between the sensitivity derivatives computed by the decoupled and fully coupled adjoint solvers

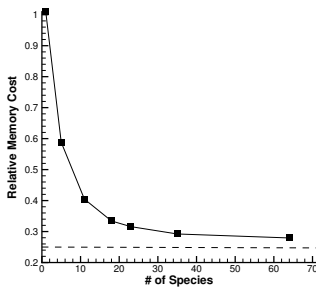
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$\phi_p$	-0.28035409093945E-01	-0.28035409045530E-01	1E-9

Adjoint solution difference with finite-rate chemistry.

# Relative Speedup of Decoupled Flow Solver



(a) Relative cost



(b) Relative memory required

- 5 km/s Cylinder flow confirms that speedup in linear solver and overall solver increases linearly with number of species
- Relative memory required by the flow solver approaches  $\sim 1/4$ , which is correct when off-diagonal Jacobian elements are single precision

# Relative Speedup of Decoupled Flow Solver

- For annular jet demonstration problem, speedup is much better for frozen flow, where convergence is clean
  - More Jacobian evaluations are required due to stiffness of chemical source terms, which bottlenecks decoupled flow solver performance

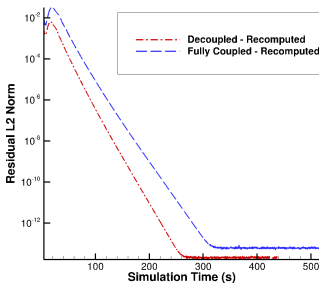
Scheme	Time (s)	Speedup
Fully Coupled (Approximate)	348.6	1.0 (baseline)
Fully Coupled (Exact)	265.6	1.31
Decoupled	138.7	2.51

Relative speedup for frozen chemistry.

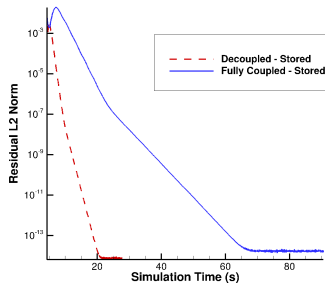
Scheme	Time (s)	Speedup
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Decoupled	168.6	1.66

Relative speedup for finite-rate chemistry.

# Relative Speedup of Decoupled Adjoint Solver



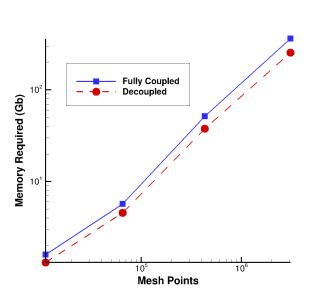
(a) Linearizations always recomputed



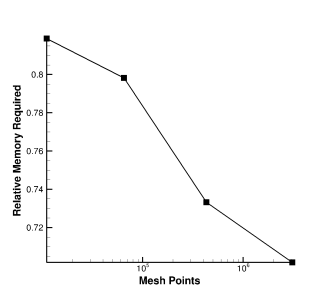
(b) Linearizations stored

- Computing linearizations of second-order reconstruction is the dominant cost in the adjoint solve
  - This can be mitigated by storing all linearizations, if there is enough memory

# Relative Speedup of Decoupled Adjoint Solver



(a) Absolute memory required



(b) Relative memory required

Memory required on annular jet meshes

- Second-order Jacobian is much larger than first-order Jacobian used by flow solver
- Memory savings less than flow solver, but non-trivial ( $\sim 20\%$ )
- There are ways of trading CPUs for memory

# Relative Speedup of Decoupled Adjoint Solver

- Speedup in decoupled adjoint solver very beneficial if there is enough memory to store all linearizations

Scheme	Linearizations	Time to Convergence (s)	Speedup
Fully Coupled	Recomputed	309.4	1.0 (baseline)
Decoupled	Recomputed	244.2	1.27
Fully Coupled	Stored	61.22	5.05
Decoupled	Stored	18.69	<b>16.6</b>

Relative speedup of decoupled to fully coupled adjoint solver.

- Decoupled adjoint solver  $\sim 3\times$  faster than fully coupled adjoint solver if both store linearizations
- 16.6x speedup is a credible scenario, due to decoupled scheme relative memory savings



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## Conclusion - Future Work

- Extend decoupled flow solver and adjoint solver to viscous flows in thermal non-equilibrium
- Enable a mixed storage/recompute strategy for adjoint linearizations
- Expand the design variables possible for optimization
- Improve overall performance of FUN3D reacting gas path

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# Questions?

# Decoupled Point Implicit Flow Solver

- The fluxes are solved in two sequential steps
  - The mixture fluxes are first solved as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}'}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_f (\mathbf{F}' \cdot \mathbf{N})^f = 0$$

- Followed by the species fluxes

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{U}}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_f (\hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathbf{N})^f = \hat{\mathbf{W}}$$

- Since the mixture density was determined in the first step, step two actually solves for the species mass fractions

$$\delta \hat{\mathbf{U}}^n = \rho^{n+1} \hat{\mathbf{V}}^{n+1} - \rho^n \hat{\mathbf{V}}^n = \rho^{n+1} \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}^n + \hat{\mathbf{V}}^n \delta \rho^n$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}} = (c_1, \dots, c_{ns})^T, c_s = \rho_s / \rho$$



# Decoupled Point Implicit Flow Solver

- Chemical source term linearized via

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}}^{n+1} = \hat{\mathbf{W}}^n + \left. \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{W}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right|_{\mathbf{U}'} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \left. \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{W}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \right|_{\mathbf{U}'} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}}$$

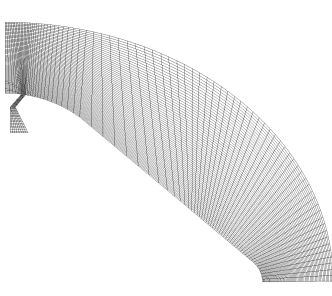
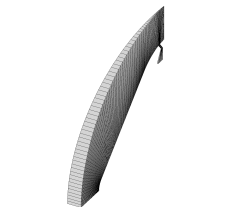
- Full system to be solved in step two

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Omega}{\delta t} \rho^{n+1} \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}} + \sum_f \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{F}}^f}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}^L} \cdot \mathbf{N}^f \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}^L + \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{F}}^f}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{V}}^R} \cdot \mathbf{N}^f \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}^R \right)^{n,n+1} - \Omega C^{n,n+1} \delta \hat{\mathbf{V}}^n \\ = - \sum_f \left( \hat{\mathbf{F}}^{n,n+1} \cdot \mathbf{N} \right)^f + (\Omega)(\omega_r)(\mathbf{W}^{n,n+1}) + R_\rho \hat{\mathbf{V}}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$R_\rho = \sum_f \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} (\hat{F}_{\rho_s}^{n,n+1} \cdot \mathbf{N})$$

- $R_\rho$  is included to preserve  $\sum_s c_s = 1$ ,  $\sum_s \delta c_s = 0$ .

# Geometry and Test Conditions



Annular jet geometry.

Parameter	Description	Value
$r_{throat}$	nozzle throat radius, $m$	0.02
$r_{plenum,inner}$	inside nozzle radius at plenum face, $m$	0.02
$r_{plenum,outer}$	outside nozzle radius at plenum face, $m$	0.07
$r_{exit,inner}$	inside nozzle radius at exit, $m$	0.064
$r_{exit,outer}$	outside nozzle radius at exit, $m$	0.08
$l_{conv}$	distance from plenum to throat, $m$	0.05
$\theta_c$	cone half angle, deg	50.0

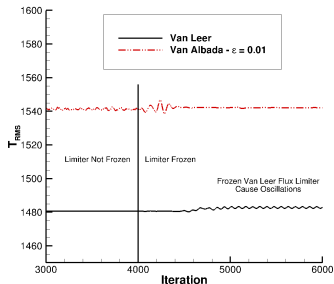
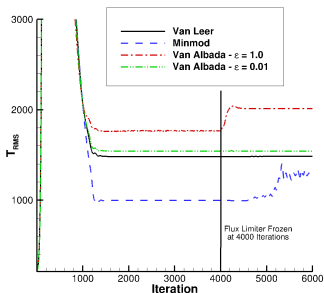
Annular nozzle geometry inputs.

Flow Condition	Description	Value
$V_\infty$	freestream velocity, $m/s$	5686.24
$\rho_\infty$	freestream density, $kg/m^3$	0.001
$T_\infty$	freestream temperature, $K$	200.0
$M_\infty$	freestream Mach number (derived)	20.0

Flow conditions.

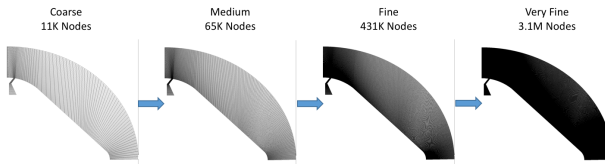
# Flux Limiter Sensitivity

- First-order and second-order solutions very different, so choice of flux limiter has strong impact on steady state solution
- Van Albada with tuneable parameter,  $\varepsilon = 0.01$ , least sensitive to “freezing” the limiter

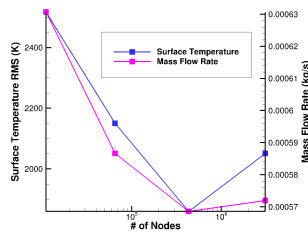


Flux limiter impact on surface temperature.

# Mesh Refinement Study



- Flow becomes unsteady as mesh is refined
- Very unsteady by finest grid level (3.1M Nodes)
- Coarse mesh used in optimization still retains all of the challenging physics of the problem



Surface temperature and plenum mass flow rate.

# Accuracy of the Adjoint Sensitivity Derivatives

- To verify adjoint, derivatives computed by complex step eliminates subtractive cancellation error

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\text{Im}[f(x + ih)]}{h} - O(h^2)$$

- FUN3D is “complexified” by ruby scripting, and sensitivities computed by perturbing design variables individually
- The complex-value solver is restarted with the real-value flow solver solution to avoid recomputing flux limiter
  - Ensures that frozen flux limiter values used by adjoint solver and complex-value flow solver are identical

# Consistency of Decoupled Flow Solver

- Decoupled and fully coupled flow solvers produce the same surface temperature RMS and almost the same plenum mass flow rate for frozen flow

Quantity	Decoupled	Fully Coupled	Relative Difference
$\dot{m}_p$	0.8450858226893225E-03	0.8450858226893034E-03	2.26E-14
$T_{RMS}$	0.1508600871984388E+04	0.1508600871984388E+04	0

Difference with frozen chemistry.

- Comparison degrades for chemically reacting flows, but is consistent with the aforementioned relative level of convergence

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Annular jet plenum sensitivity relative difference.

- All differences less than those in comparison to complex step derivatives
- More than sufficient for optimization procedure to converge to the same optimal result

# Relative Speedup of Decoupled Flow Solver

- Reasons for decrease in decoupled flow solver speedup with finite-rate chemistry relative to frozen flow:
  - Exact linearizations are less effective with the highly non-linear chemical source term.
  - Computing the Jacobian is a dominant cost in the decoupled flow solver, and is recomputed more frequently when solution is not converging
- Future work will focus on improving iterative convergence with finite-rate chemistry and optimizing the Jacobian computation
  - Better limiting for hydrogen-air combustion reactions
  - Force low-level vectorization and function inlining for Jacobian routines



# Conclusion - New Performance Opportunities

- Eliminating the linear solve as the dominant cost enables new avenues for performance improvements
  - ① Fixed  $5 \times 5$  problem size is beneficial for compile-time optimizations
  - ② More “low hanging fruit” in optimizing thermo-chemistry and Jacobian computations than the linear solver
  - ③ Adjoint memory co-location can be improved to recover speedup when second-order linearizations cannot be stored
- Decoupled flow and adjoint solvers enable the generation of a flow solution and sensitivities for a cost function in less time than a fully coupled flow solution, for demonstration problem