

AI in the Sciences and Engineering 2024: Lecture 4

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What you learnt so far

- ▶ What is Deep Learning ?
 - ▶ Deep Neural Networks.
 - ▶ Large labelled datasets.
 - ▶ Gradient descent training algorithms.
 - ▶ Ability to generalize.
- ▶ The next several lectures: Use of Deep Learning for solving PDEs

What are PDEs ?

The general paradigm is : given a blueprint, to find the corresponding recipe. Much of the activity of science is an application of that paradigm : given the description of some natural phenomena, to find the differential equations for processes that will produce the phenomena.

- ▶ A prize quote from [Herbert Simon](#) (Nobel prize in Economics, 1978)
- ▶ Given a scientific problem, find a Partial Differential Equation (PDE) describing it

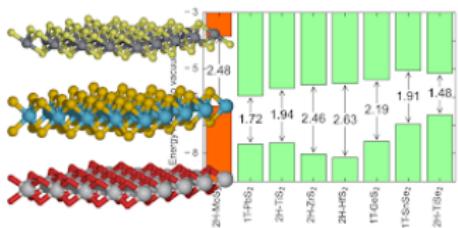
What are PDEs ?

- ▶ Generic form of PDEs:

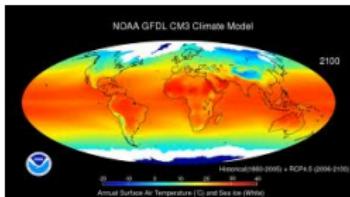
$$\mathcal{F}(x, t, u, \nabla u, u_t, u_{tt}, \nabla^2 u, \dots, \dots) = 0.$$

- ▶ Here $u : D \times (0, T) \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$ for $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

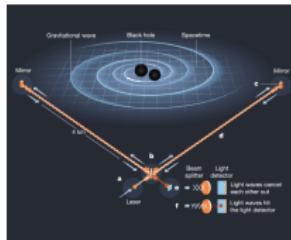
Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)



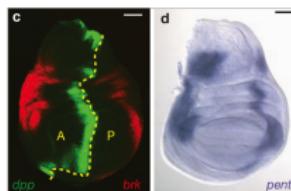
Atoms



Climate

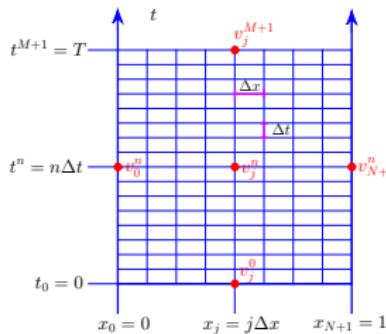


Black Holes

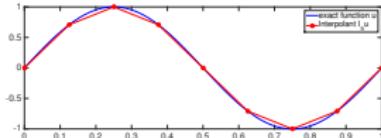


Fly wing

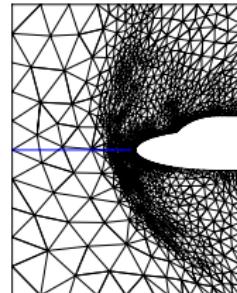
Traditional Numerical Methods



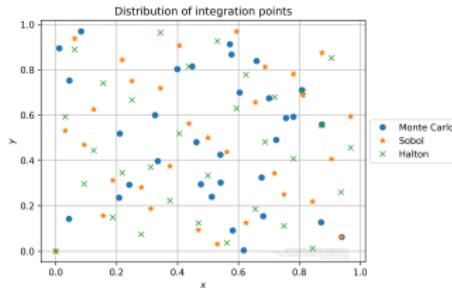
Finite Difference



Finite Element



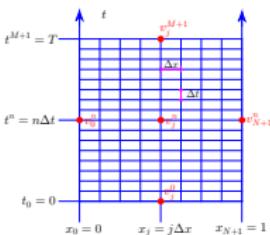
Finite Volume



Collocation

- Different flavors of Runge-Kutta for Time Integration

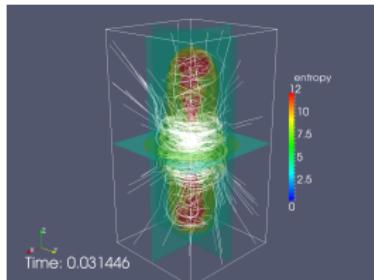
Finite Difference Schemes (FDS) for the Heat Equation



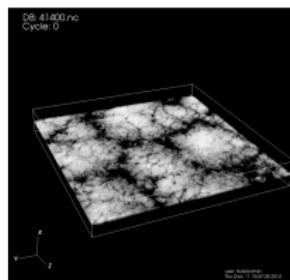
- ▶ Heat equation is $u_t = u_{xx}$, Initial conditions: $u(x, 0) = \bar{u}(x)$,
Boundary conditions: $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$.
- ▶ $u_t(x_j, t^n) \approx \frac{v_j^{n+1} - v_j^n}{\Delta t}$, $u_{xx} \approx \frac{v_{j+1}^n - 2v_j^n + v_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$
- ▶ **Finite Difference Scheme:**

$$v_j^{n+1} = (1 - 2\lambda)v_j^n + \lambda(v_{j-1}^n + v_{j+1}^n), \quad \lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}$$

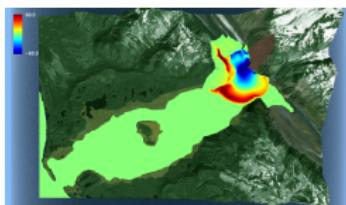
Numerical Methods are very Successful



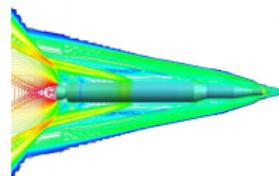
Supernovas



Clouds



Tsunamis



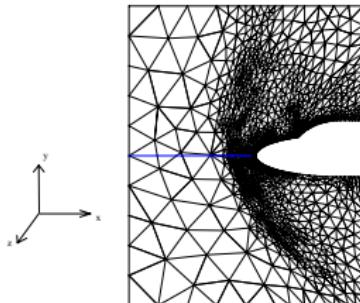
Rockets

Wheres the Caveat ?

- ▶ For stability (**CFL**): $\Delta t \sim \Delta x^2$.
- ▶ Error: $E = E_{\Delta x} \sim \Delta x^2$
- ▶ # (meshpoints) $\sim \Delta x^d$, # (timesteps) $\sim \Delta t \approx \Delta x^2$,
- ▶ **Compute:** $\mathcal{C} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta x^{d+2}}$
- ▶ Computational Complexity: $\mathcal{C} \sim \left(\frac{1}{E}\right)^{\frac{d+2}{2}}$
- ▶ Compute grows exponentially with dimension

Issues with Numerical Simulations

- ▶ High-quality **Grid Generation**:



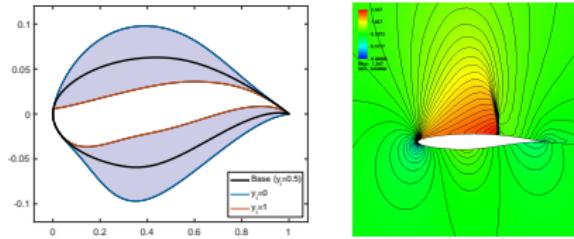
- ▶ Multiscale, MultiPhysics problems.
- ▶ High-Dimensional Problems

PDEs in high dimensions: $d \geq 4$

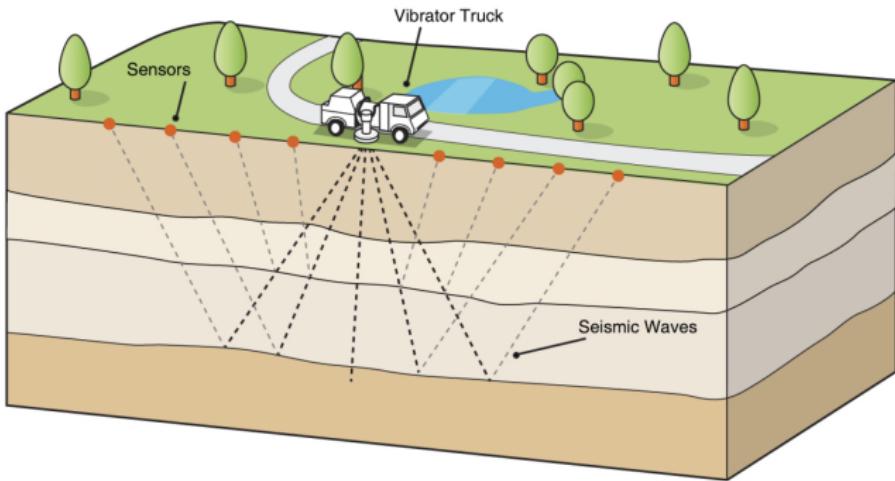
- ▶ Boltzmann Equation ($d = 7$)
- ▶ Radiative Transfer Equation ($d \geq 5$)
- ▶ Computational Finance: Black-Scholes ($d \gg 1$)
- ▶ Computational Chemistry: Schrödinger ($d \gg 1$).

Many Query Problems: Optimal Design

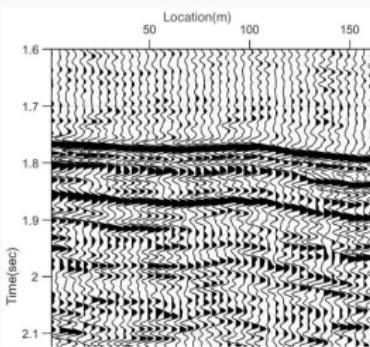
- ▶ Example: Flow past airfoils (**Euler** or **Navier-Stokes**)
- ▶ Observables: **Lift**, **Drag**
- ▶ Uncertain parameters: Incident Mach Number, Angle of Attack, Pressure, Shape defects.
- ▶ Design parameters: Shape via **Hicks-Henne** functions.



Many query Problems: Inverse Problem

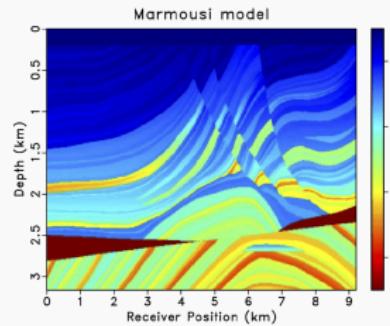


Inverse Problem for Wave Equation



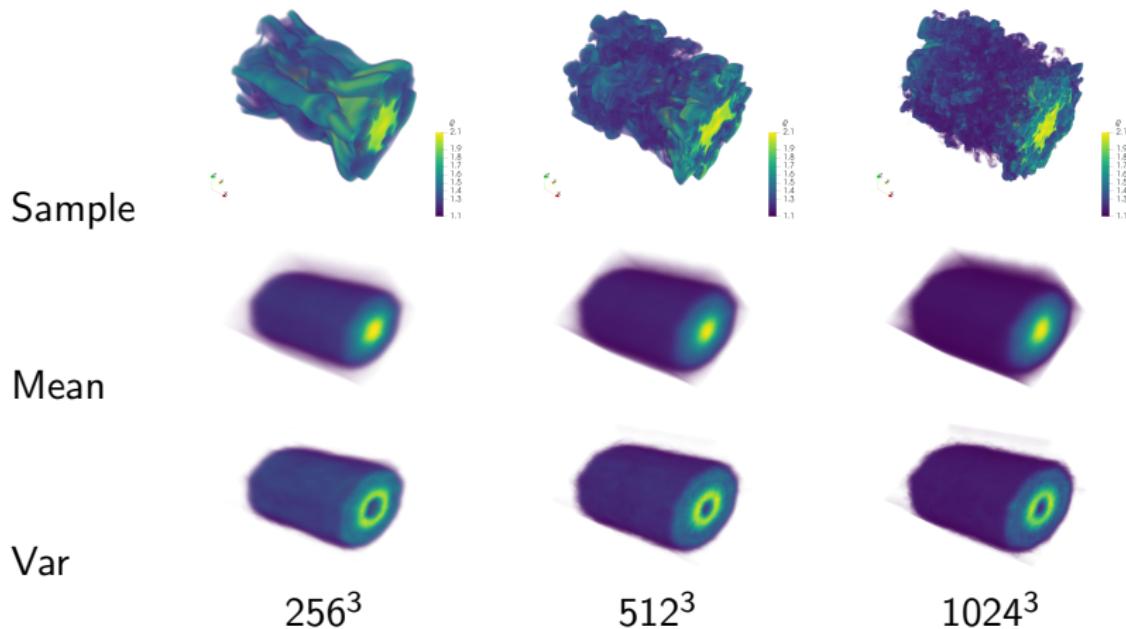
Waveform measurements from receivers at the surface

Invert
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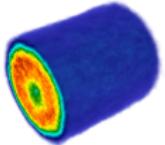
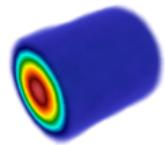
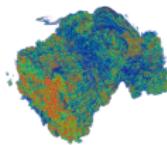


Subsurface properties (i.e., wave velocity or material density)

Many Query Problems: UQ

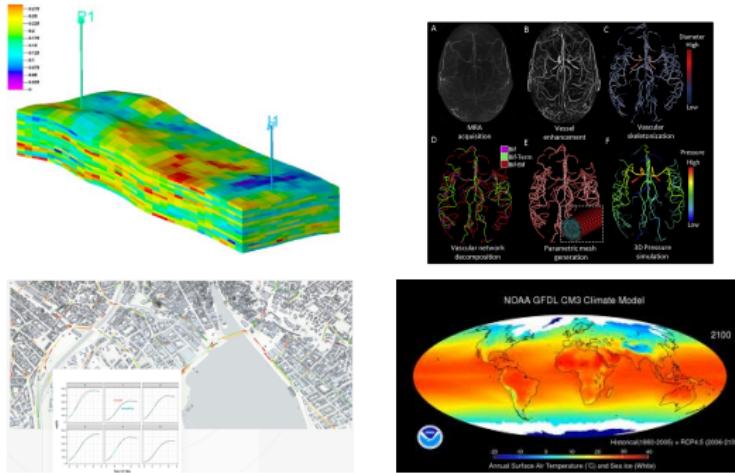


A little secret: Computational cost



- ▶ Ensemble simulation of Navier-Stokes at 1024^3 :
 - ▶ With Azeban on Piz Daint.
 - ▶ Single Sample: 94 node hours.
 - ▶ Ensemble simulation: 96256 node hours
 - ▶ Cost: Approx 560K CHF.

What about Missing Physics?



- The physics is incomplete/unknown and it is not just **Unknown Parameters** !!

Issue with traditional PDE solvers

- ▶ Computational Cost (Many Query Problems)
- ▶ Feasibility (High-dimensional Problems)
- ▶ Systems with Incomplete Physics but lots of data.
- ▶ Most of the rest of the course deals with finding alternative strategies based on deep learning.