

Modèles de turbulence pour la simulation des écoulements

8. Apprentissage
automatique de modèles et
quantification des incertitudes

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Overview

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- Turbulence modelling : errors and uncertainties
- Uncertainty quantification for RANS turbulence modelling
 - Tackling parametric uncertainties
 - Tackling structural uncertainties
- Conclusions and future trends

Introductory thoughts

- Computer models of physical systems affected by both **errors** and **uncertainties**:
 - Numerical approximation errors, solution errors, round-off errors
→ can be improved
 - Model definition uncertainties (geometry, operating conditions)
→ cannot be improved
- Physical/mathematical models: error or uncertainty?
 - Modeling **errors** : conscious use of a possibly unsuitable/partially suitable model for a given problem
 - Modelling **uncertainties** :
 - does a model fit a given problem?
 - How close it is to reality?

→ lack of knowledge that could be improved → **epistemic uncertainty**

Turbulence modelling : errors and uncertainties

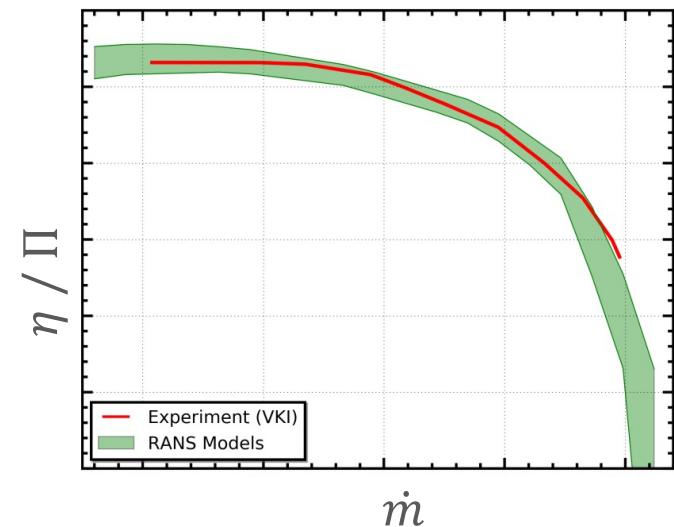
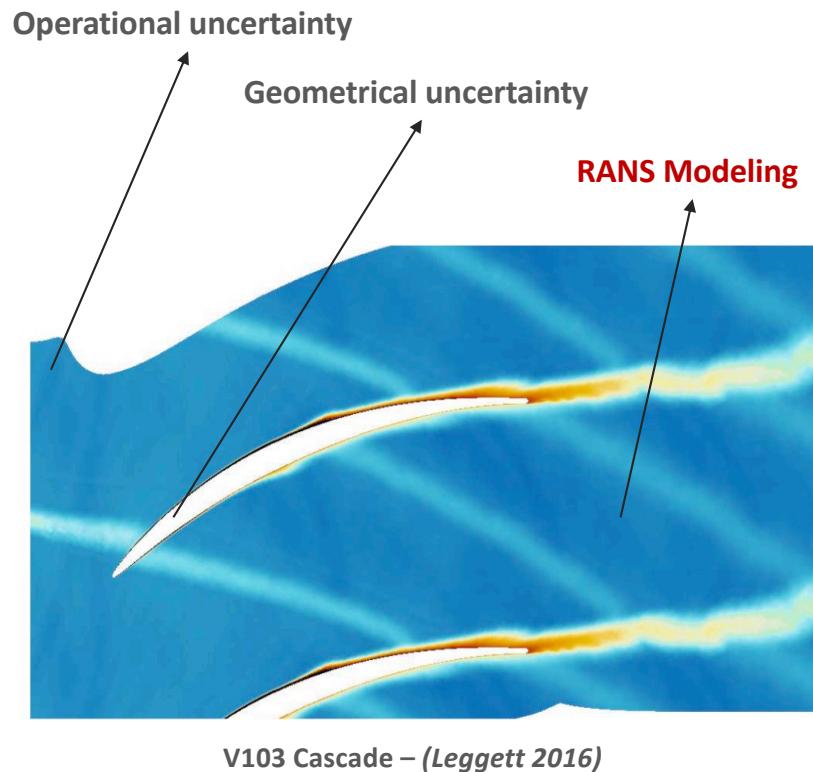
■ Reminder:

- DNS of turbulent flow fields computationally intractable for most practical cases
- Several levels of approximation are possible, according to flow scales that are resolved/modelled (RANS, LES, hybrid RANS/LES)
- Scale separation introduces unclosed terms that need to be **modelled**
- Increasing the range of **modelled** scales lead to more flow-dependent, uncertain models
- Increasing the range of **resolved** scales leads to a stronger influence of numerical errors/boundary condition treatment

Turbulence modelling : errors and uncertainties

- Choice of the appropriate modelling level: essentially “expert judgement” :
→ **cost/accuracy considerations**
- For a given level
 - Several possible models, which differ by
 - Their mathematical structure
 - The associated closure parameters
- Common practice in turbulence modelling
 - Model structure chosen by expert judgement
 - Model constants imperfectly known/calibrated on simple flows
→ **Both are sources of uncertainty**

Uncertainties in CFD may lead to design failures



RANS modelling uncertainties

- Reynolds averaged Navier-Stokes (**RANS**) equations:

- Define a suitable averaging operator (modeling choice)
- Decompose field quantities into average and fluctuating parts

$$\mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{u}'; \quad p = \bar{p} + p'$$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial t} + \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \bar{\mathbf{u}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \bar{p} + \nabla \cdot \left(\nu \nabla \bar{\mathbf{u}} - \boxed{\overline{\mathbf{u}' \mathbf{u}'}} \right)$$

Reynolds stresses

$$\tau_{ij} = \overline{u'_i u'_j} = 2k \left(b_{ij} + \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \right)$$

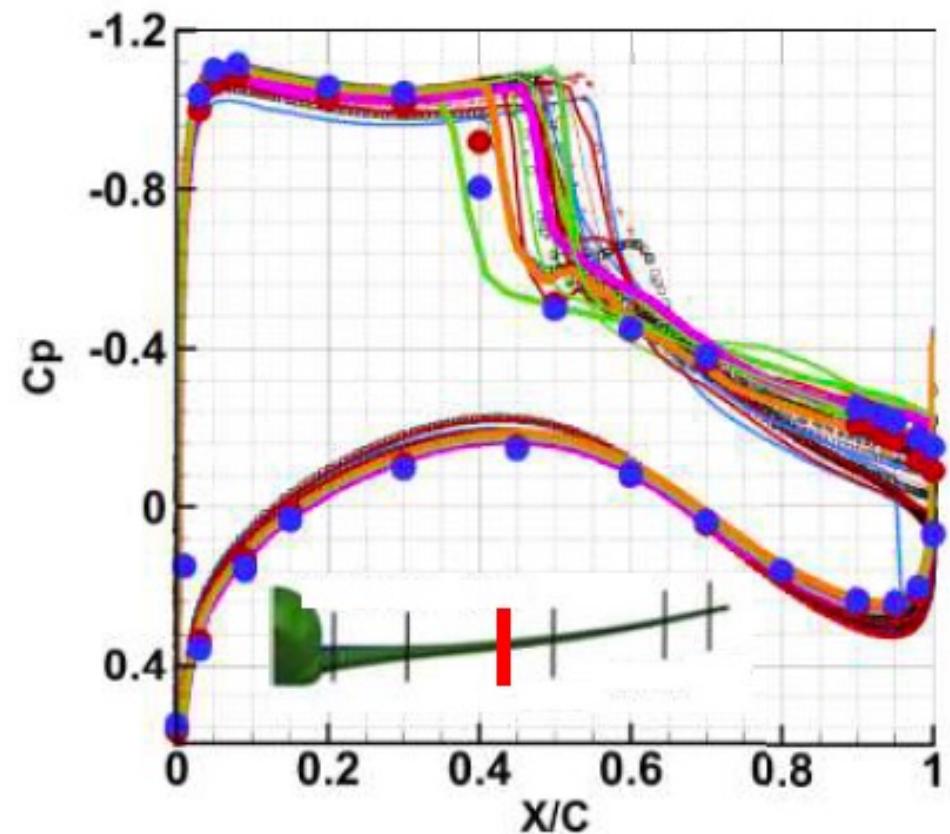
b_{ij} = anisotropy tensor → must be modelled
 k = turbulent kinetic energy

Reynolds stresses need a constitutive law: a **turbulence model**

1. Look for a mathematical formulation (model structure)
2. Look for closure coefficients (model parameters)

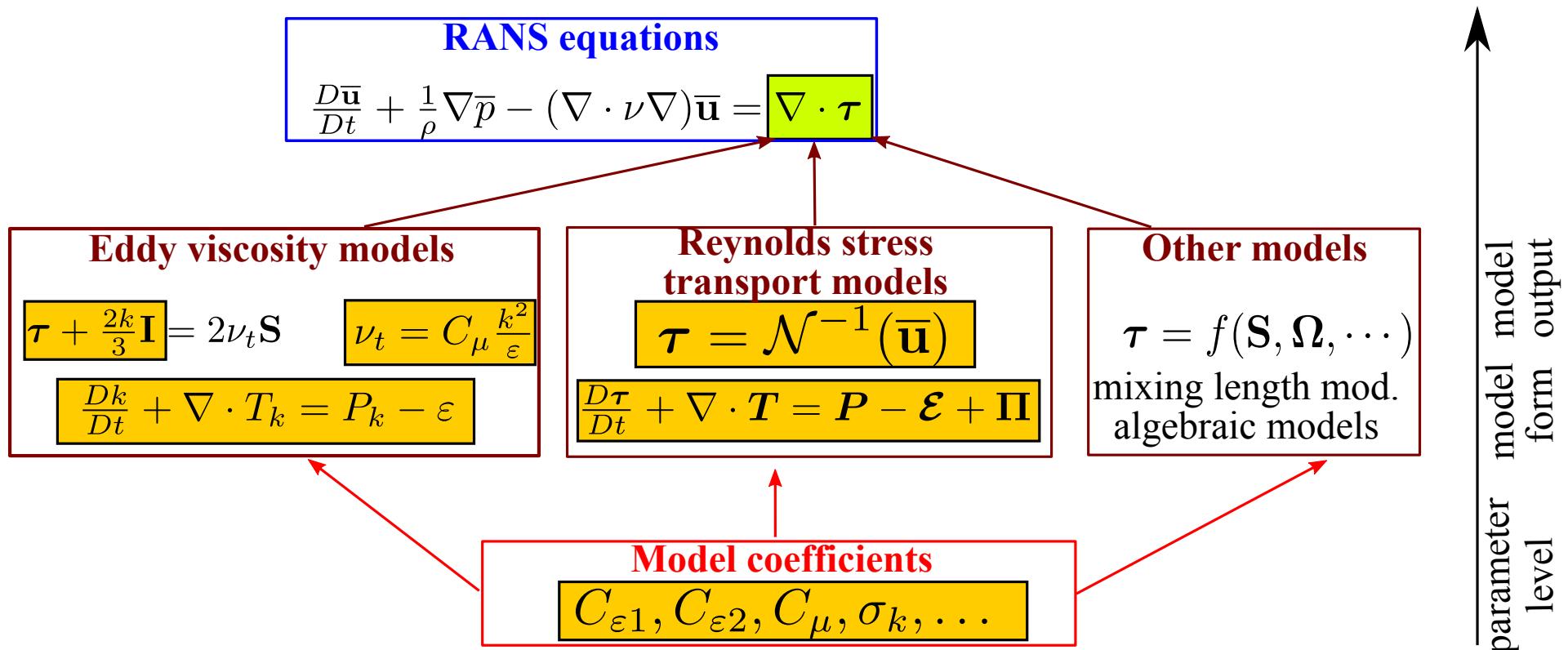
RANS modelling uncertainties

- **Model structure** classically derived from physical arguments
 - Integrates physical principles such as objectivity, symmetries, realizability
 - Relies on more or less crude modeling assumptions
- **Model parameters** calibrated for simple flows and from uncertain data
- Rich zoology of models of different complexities
- **No universally accepted model, no universal parameters**



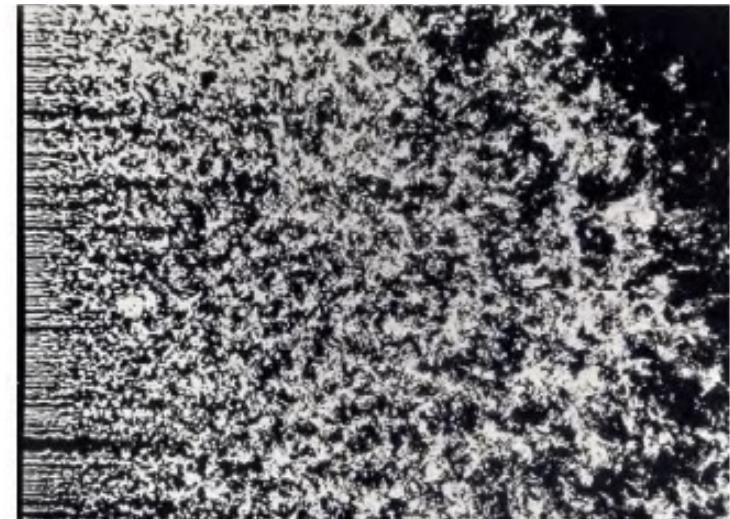
Pressure distribution along a wing section from various RANS models (lines) and experiments (symbols).
6th AIAA Drag prediction workshop.

RANS modelling uncertainties



Comments on model coefficients

- Need for specifying closure coefficients
 - Calibrated in a deterministic (empirical) way
 - ...from **uncertain experimental data**
 - ...on **simple** flow configurations
 - (e.g. isotropic decaying turbulence)
 - **Example:** k- ε model
 - Several versions (structure uncertainty)
 - Coefficients may vary a lot, e.g. $C_{\varepsilon 2}$
 - ✓ Commonly used **1.92**
 - ✓ RNG k- ε **1.68**
 - ✓ k- τ **1.83**
 - ✓ Best-fit to data (n=1.3) **1.77**

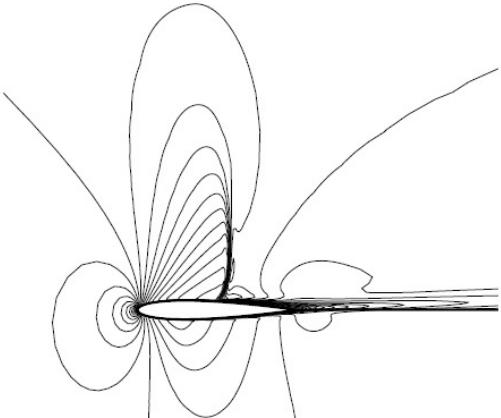


$$n = 1/(C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1)$$

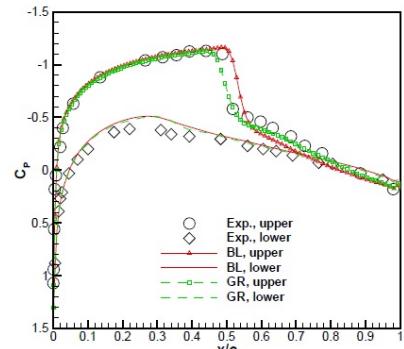
→ Model coefficients ARE NOT SACRED!!!

RANS modelling uncertainties

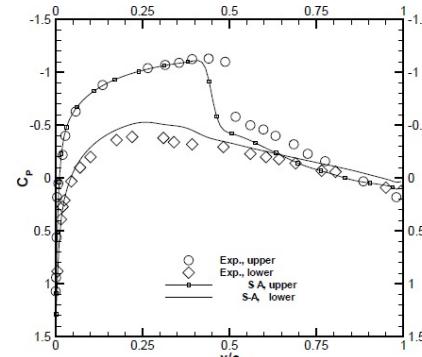
- Turbulent flow past an NACA0012 airfoil, $M=0.8$, $\text{AoA}=2^\circ$, $\text{Re}=9\text{e}6$
- Perfect gas, Newtonian fluid, eddy viscosity turbulence model



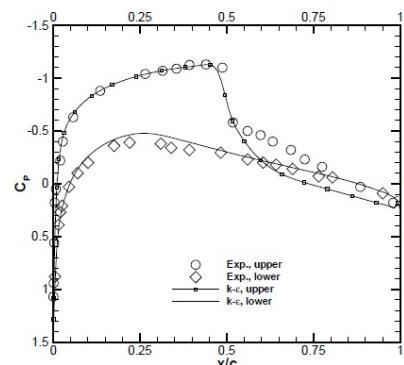
IsoMach lines



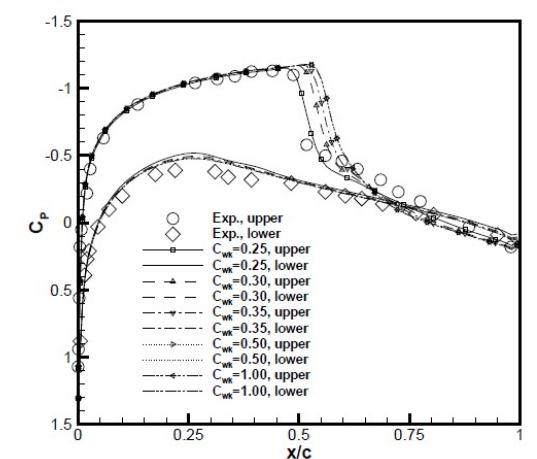
(a)



(b)



Wall pressure coefficient, different models



Wall pressure coefficient,
BL model, different values of
a closure coefficient

LES: Closure models for the subgrid stresses

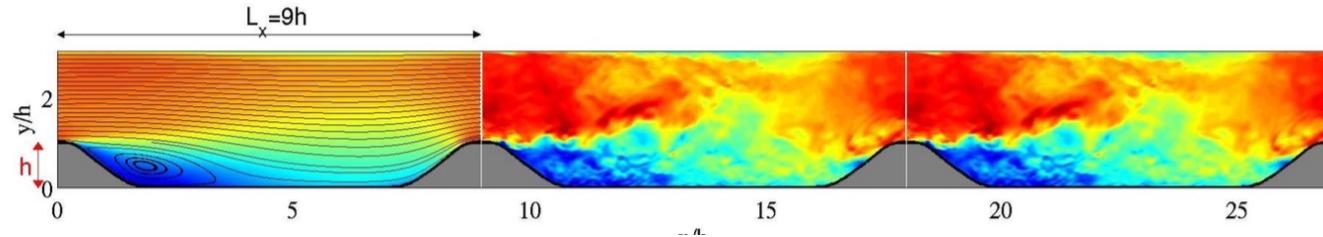
- Not so many models as RANS, yet...

- Smagorinsky model (1963)
- Dynamic Smagorinsky model
- Multiscale models
- Transport-equation models
- Implicit models
- ...

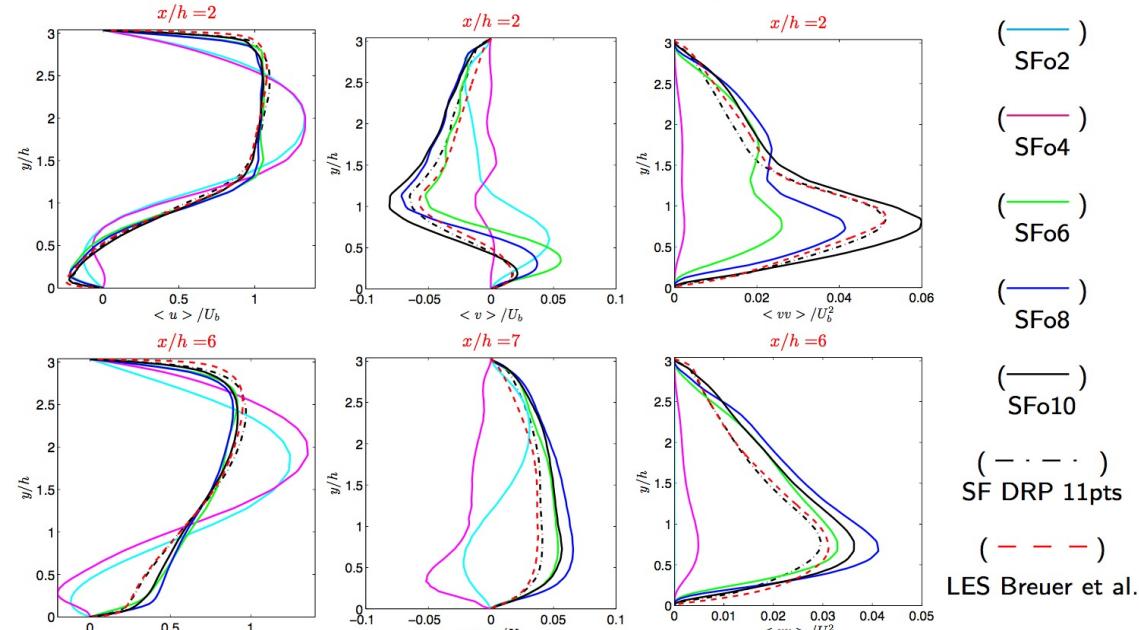
→ Model less critical than in RANS

Numerics tends to be the primary source of uncertainty

LES errors/uncertainties



Periodic hill at $Re=10595$: numerical schemes
grid $64 \times 33 \times 32$; influence of filter alone (FD DRP 11pts)



Average streamwise velocity (Gloerfelt & Cinnella, 2015)

RANS/LES uncertainties

- The most uncertain of all
 - RANS modeling uncertainties, e.g. in the boundary layers
 - LES errors/uncertainties: sensitivity to the numerical scheme, grid resolution, boundary conditions
 - Uncertainties associated with the treatment of grey zones
- Requires A LOT of expert judgement

In the following we focus on RANS models

Objectives

- “Improve” RANS models
 - More accurate prediction (not always possible)
 - **Reliability information** (**how much wrong am I?**)
 - Identify flows/flow regions with high RANS uncertainty
 - Quantify the uncertainty



- Two main approaches
 1. Model structure is not modified → **parametric** approach
 - Update model parameters
 - Bayesian mixture of models
 2. Model structure is modified → **non parametric** approach
 - « Data-driven » modelling, machine learning approaches

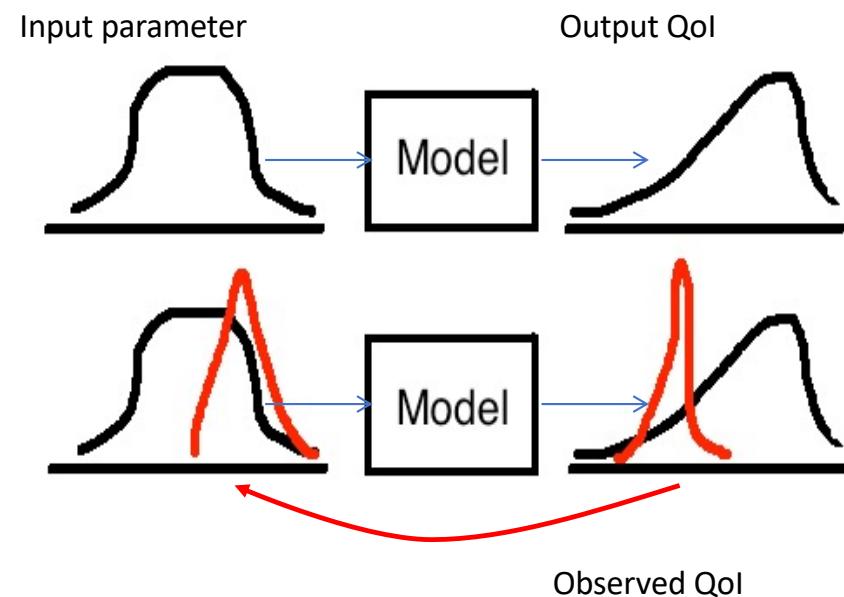
Interlude: a (very) short introduction to Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)

Quantification of parametric uncertainty

- **Goal:** quantifying and reducing uncertainties related with the choice of closure coefficients

Direct vs Backward UQ

- Direct
 - **Sensitivity analysis** of a QoI to model parameters
[Platteau et al. 2008, Roy & Oberkampf 2010, Edeling et al., 2013, Margheri et al. 2014]
- Backward
 - **Infer** posterior pdf of model coefficients from available observations
[Cheung et al., 2011; Kato & Obayashi 2013; Edeling et al. 2013; Margheri et al. 2014...]



→ Solve an inverse probabilistic problem

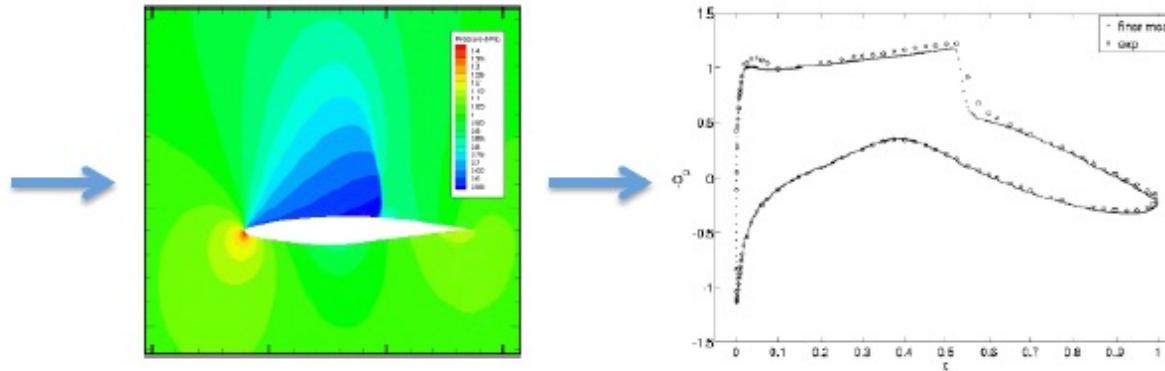
Forward step: direct UQ

- Monte Carlo sampling converges slowly (as $1/\sqrt{N}$) and is not applicable to computationally intensive problems
 - Multi-level Monte Carlo methods may reduce the cost
- Other methods
 - Non probabilistic methods:
 - Interval analysis
 - Method of moments (based on the use of sensitivity derivatives)
 - Probabilistic methods
 - Polynomial chaos
 - Probabilistic collocation
 - Surface response methods
 - ...

Uncertainty quantification of complex models

- Consider a **computational model** for the transonic turbulent flow around an airfoil

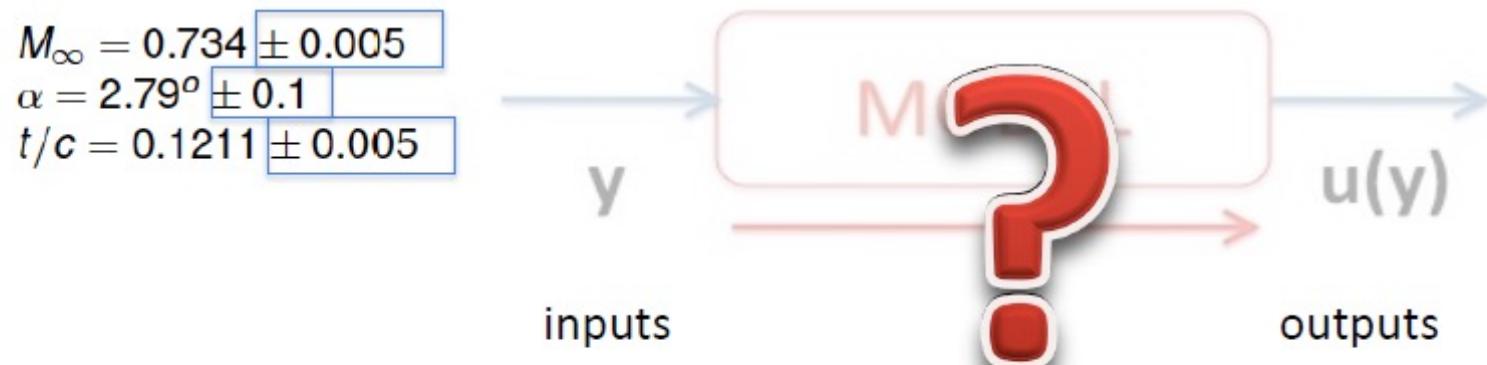
$$\begin{aligned} M_\infty &= 0.734 \\ \alpha &= 2.79^\circ \\ Re &= 6.5 \times 10^6 \end{aligned}$$



- Common practice in Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD):
 - choose a model
 - set the configuration
 - run the corresponding computation
 - Validate results against experiments (if available)

Uncertainty quantification of complex models

- Assume that free-stream conditions and geometry are **not precisely known**



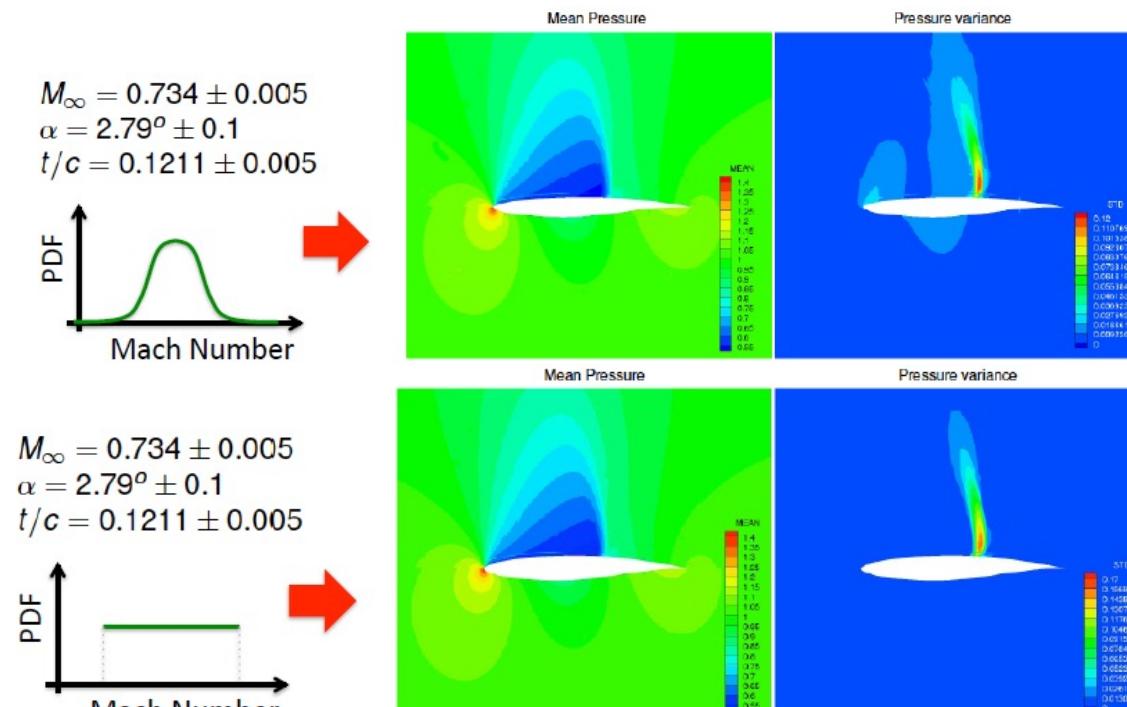
- How can I quantify **the impact of this uncertainty on the outputs?**

→ **This is the role of UQ methods**

Exemple: transonic airfoil flow

- The definition of the input pdf is critical

- If the range is interpreted as a 95% confidence interval we can, e.g. model the input distribution as a multivariate normal
- If we do not have any information → uniform pdf

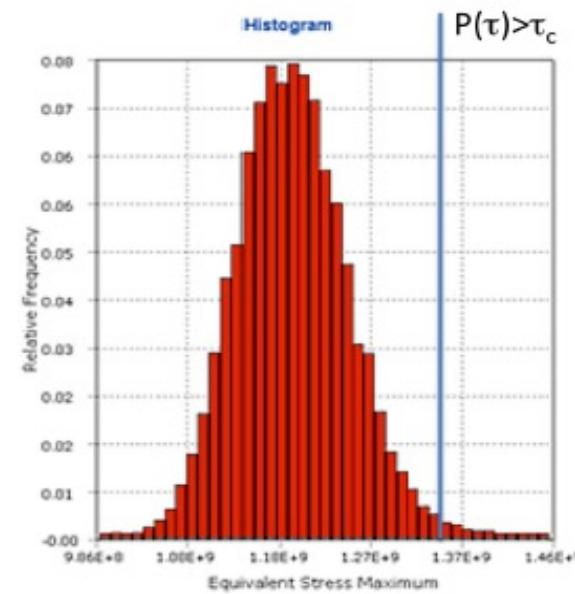
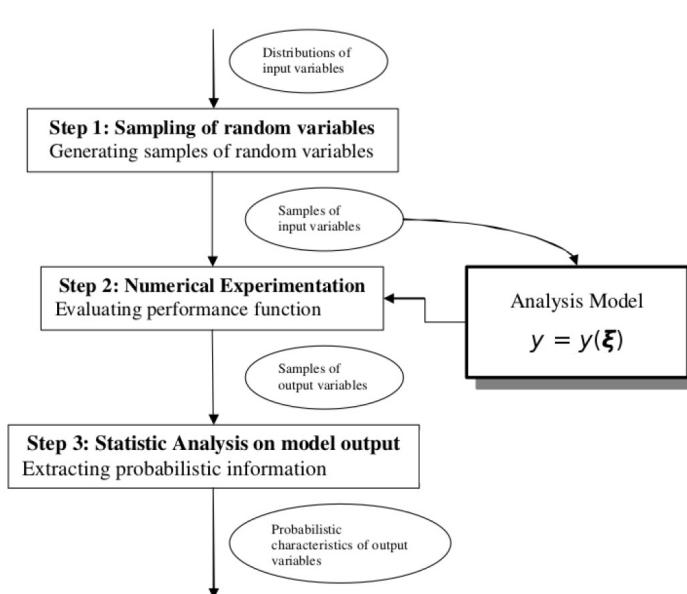


Monte Carlo Method

- Sample input random variables according to their pdf and generate N samples

$$\mathbf{y}^k \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

- Solve a **deterministic model** for each sample
- Compute an histogram of the output
- Compute solution statistics: mean, variance, probability of failure...
 - Central limit theorem → for a large enough sampling set, the approximated statistics converge to the true value



Monte Carlo Method

- Advantages:

- Simple, parallel, non intrusive
- The accuracy of MC increases an \sqrt{N} independently on the dimensionality d of the parameter space
- May treat correlated parameters if their joint pdf is known

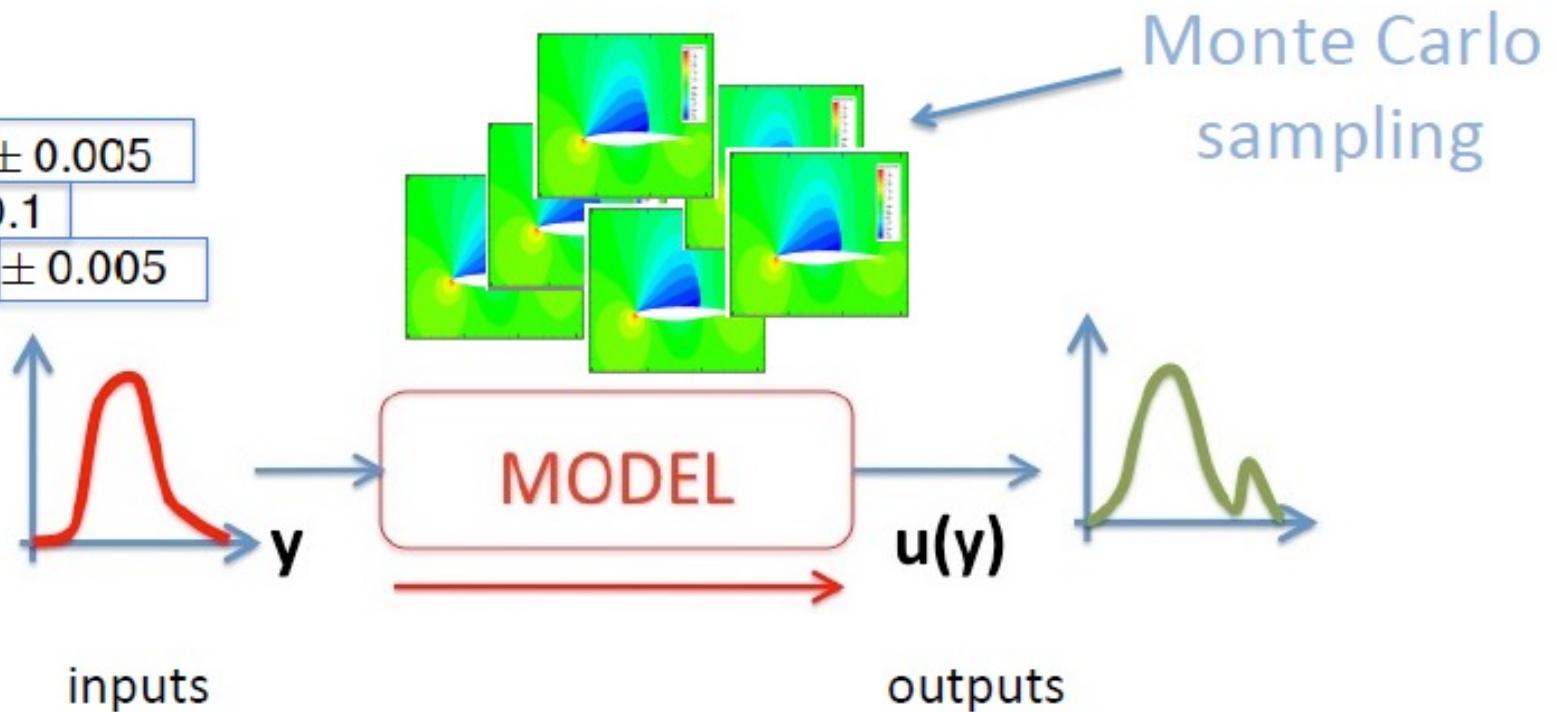
- Drawbacks:

- Convergence in \sqrt{N} is too slow!
- Inacceptably expensive for costly computer models even using multiple cores (maximum core number is limited)

Again the transonic airfoil...

- Three input parameters are described in probabilistic terms, i.e. via a *pdf*

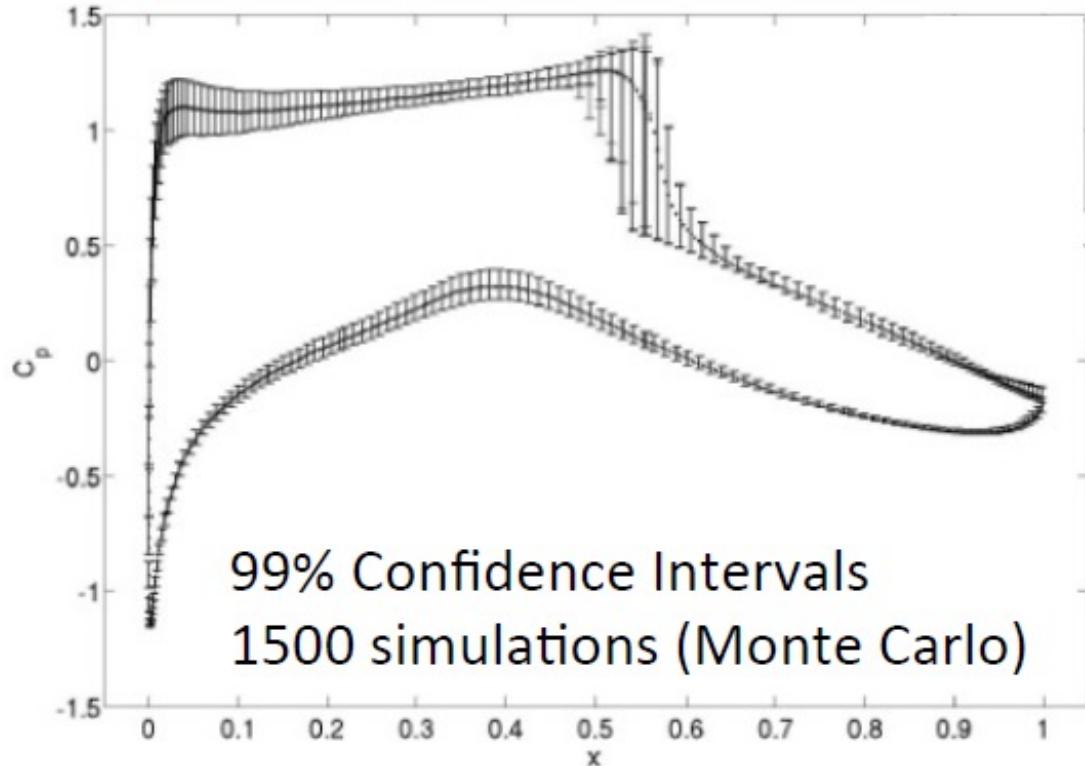
$$\begin{aligned} M_\infty &= 0.734 \pm 0.005 \\ \alpha &= 2.79^\circ \pm 0.1 \\ t/c &= 0.1211 \pm 0.005 \end{aligned}$$



Again the transonic airfoil...

- Compute a set of simulations and determine **statistics for the outputs** (expectancy, confidence intervals, ...)

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Calibration

- The process of **fitting** the model to the observed data by **adjusting the parameters**.
- Calibration is typically effectuated by **ad hoc fitting**;
after calibration the model is used, with the fitted input values, to predict the future behavior of the system
- Hereafter we look for **statistical** calibration techniques

Approaches to statistics

- **Frequentist** : assumes infinite sampling
- **Likelihood** : single-sample inference based on maximisation of the likelihood
→ disguised Bayesian...
- **Bayesian** (Bayes, Laplace) : unknown quantities are treated probabilistically and all knowledge can always be updated

Let us look in some more detail to the different philosophies

Frequentist/Likelihood vs Bayesian

- **Non Bayesian:** objective view of probability.
 - The relative frequency of an outcome of an experiment over repeated runs of the experiment
 - The observed proportion in a population
- **Bayesian:** subjective view of probability
 - Individual's degree of belief in a statement
 - Defined personally
 - Can be influenced in many ways (personal beliefs, prior evidence)

Bayesian statistics does not require repeated sampling or large n assumptions

Model calibration: problem statement

▪ Problem data

- A model

$$y=M(x, \vartheta)$$

with ϑ the unknown model random inputs and x the explanatory (known) variables

- An *a priori* probability distribution for ϑ , $p(\vartheta)$ (for Bayesian only)
- A sample of observations for y

▪ Problem outcome

- An estimate for ϑ . This can be:

- **STANDARD CALIBRATION (e.g. least mean squares)** : A « best fit » value for ϑ , ϑ^* , *no error estimate or complicated*
- **BAYESIAN CALIBRATION**: The *a posteriori* probability distribution for ϑ
→ results from our *a priori* knowledge on ϑ , *plus*
the observation *likelihood*
- An estimate of the model/measurement error variance

Bayesian inference

- **Bayesian inference** is the process of fitting a probability model to a set of data and summarizing the result by a probability distribution on the parameters of the model and on unobserved quantities such as predictions for new observations
 - Represents uncertainty as a **probability** distribution
 - Uses a set of observational data to infer a PDF of the closure coefficients
→ estimate + measure of confidence in estimate
 - All uncertainties are treated in terms of probabilities, including model-form uncertainties



Bayesian inference

Model calibration results from Bayes theorem on conditional probability:

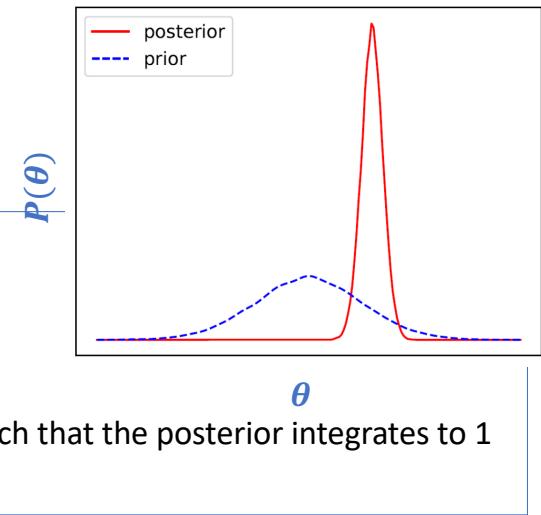
$$p(\theta|z) = \frac{p(z|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(z)}$$

where $p(\theta)$ is the prior belief about parameters θ ;

$p(z|\theta)$ is the likelihood (probability) of observing the data z given the parameters;

$p(z)$ is the evidence of the data can generally be treated as a normalization constant, such that the posterior integrates to 1

$p(\theta|z)$ is the joint posterior distribution of the parameters



Equation (1) is a statistical **calibration** : it infers the posterior *pdf* of the parameters that fits the model to the observations y .

It also **updates** the prior belief when new information becomes available

For most engineering problems, z results from running a computer code!!

→ The posterior has to be computed numerically

Incertitudes paramétriques des modèles RANS

Forward UQ of RANS models

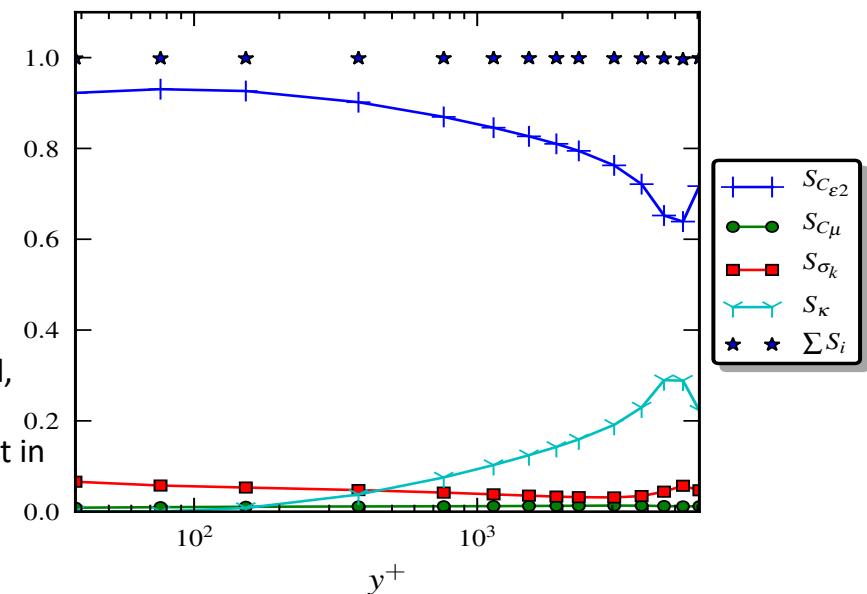
- Sensitivity analysis of the QoI to model parameters

(Platteuw, Loeven, Bijl, AIAA Paper 2008-2150, Edeling et al., JCP 2013, Margheri et al. 2014)

1. Sample model coefficients
2. Propagate through a CFD solver
3. Summarize the output distributions for the parameters contributing the most to the uncertainty

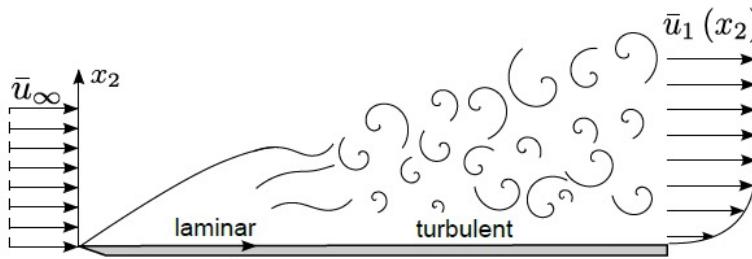
Sobol indexes of u^+ vs y^+ for a ZPG boundary layer
(Edeling, 2013)

- $C_{\epsilon 2}$ is by far the most influential parameter
- The von Karman constant κ is also highly influential, especially in the logarithmic and defect layers
- The diffusion coefficient σ_k is particularly important in the viscous and inner logarithmic layers



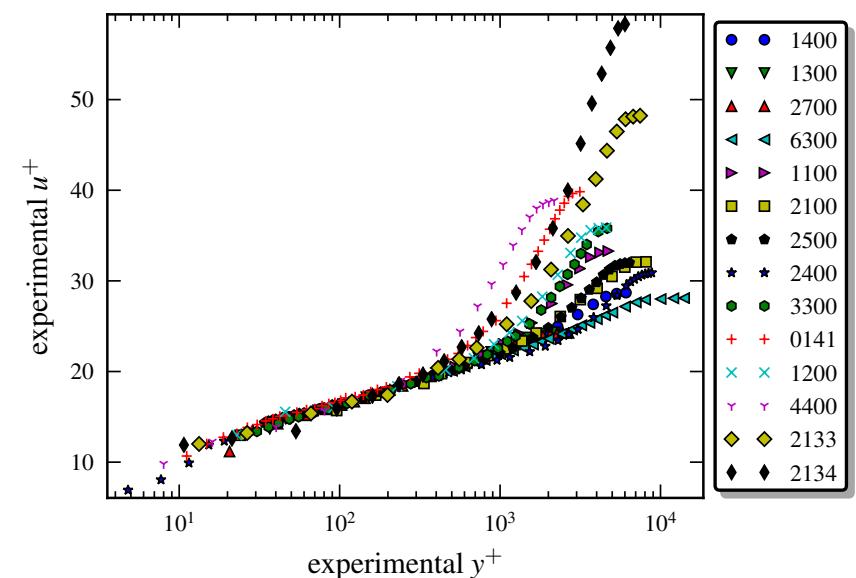
Backward UQ: turbulent flow over a flat plate

Objective: predict velocity profiles developing in the turbulent boundary layer close to the wall



- **Governing equations:** RANS + turbulence model
 - Wilcox' boundary layer code (fast function evaluations)
 - Launder-Jones's (1972) k- ε model

- **Data :** 13 measured velocity profiles
[Coles & Hirst, 1968]



Calibration setup

- **Likelihood model:** data \mathbf{z} related to model outcomes $y(\theta_p)$, a function of the parameters via the multiplicative model error η and the observational error e , at each measurement point i

$$z_i = \eta_i y_i(\theta) + e_i \text{ with, e.g., the assumptions}$$

$$\eta \sim N(\mathbf{1}, K_{mc}), \text{ squared exponential correlation structure}$$

$$e_i \sim N(0, \lambda^2)$$

- Numerical solutions: quick boundary-layer code
- Use **Markov-Chain Monte-Carlo** method to draw samples from the posterior

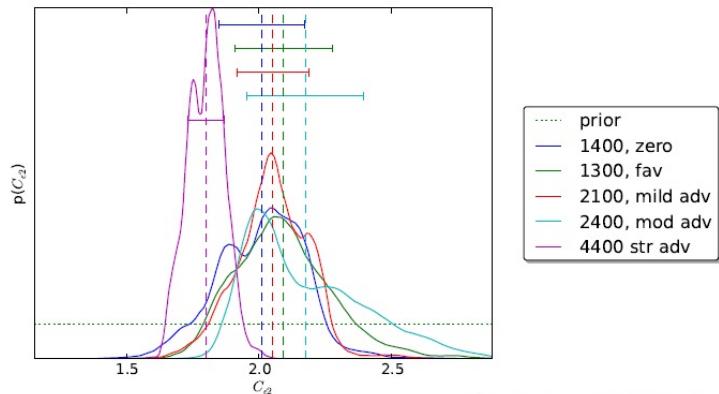
$$p(\theta | \mathbf{z})$$

- ▶ Python package pymc <https://pymcmc.readthedocs.org/en/latest/#>

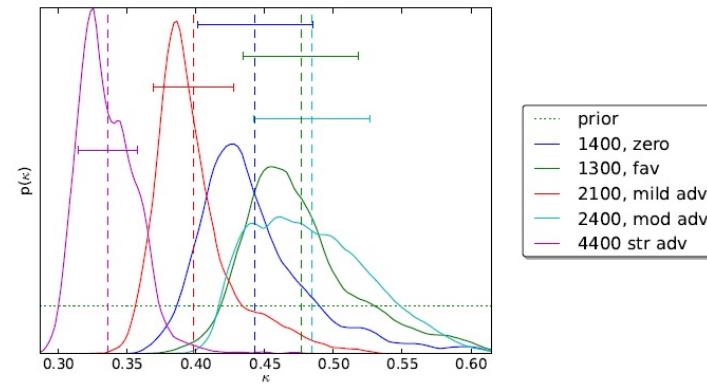
- Other options: Kalman filters (MAP estimate), particle filters...

Some results for the $k\text{-}\varepsilon$ Jones-Launder model

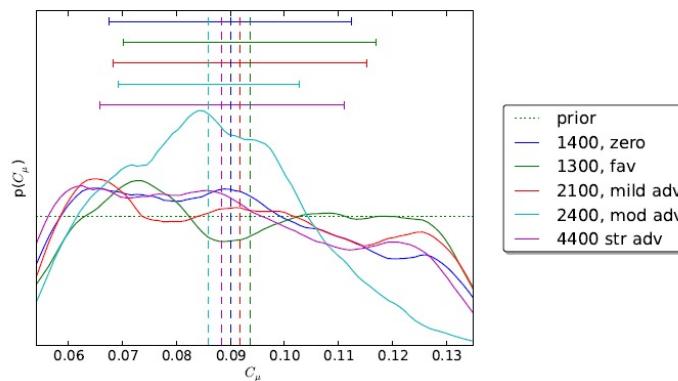
Posterior distributions for $C_{\varepsilon 2}$ for a favorable, zero, mild, moderate and strongly adverse $d\bar{p}/dx$.



Posterior distributions for κ for a favorable, zero, mild, moderate and strongly adverse $d\bar{p}/dx$.

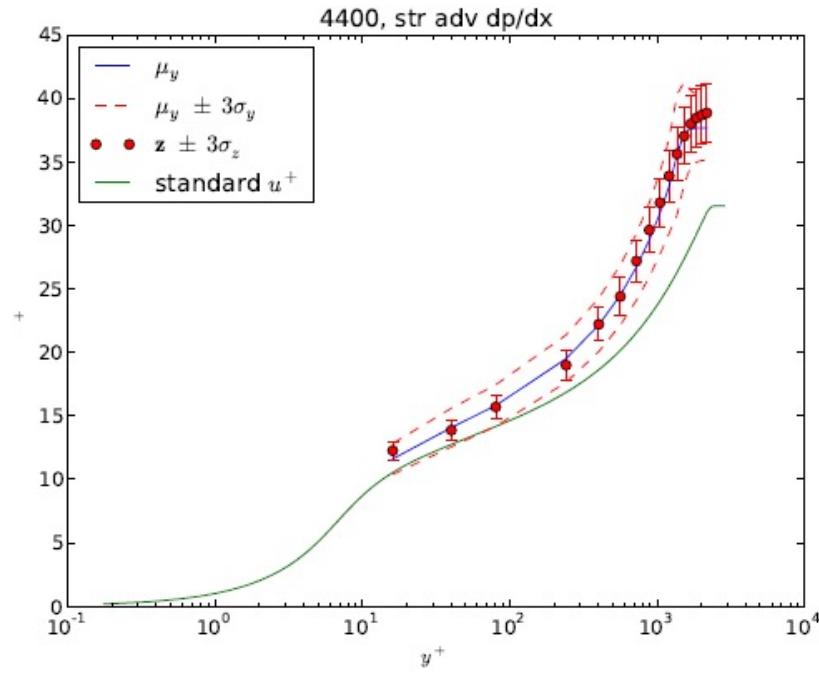


Posterior distributions for C_μ for a favorable, zero, mild, moderate and strongly adverse $d\bar{p}/dx$.

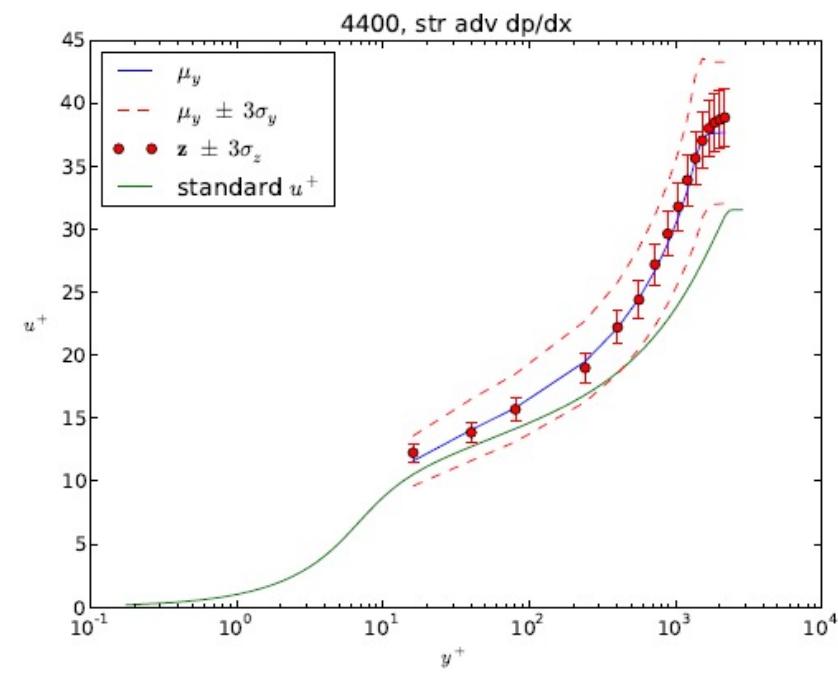


Some results for the k- ε Jones-Launder model

- Posteriors are *propagated* through the RANS code to get the *posterior* estimate of the velocity profile
- Samples can also be drawn out of the model inadequacy term



Posterior distribution of y



Posterior distribution of ηy

Lessons learned about parametric uncertainty

- Coefficients **highly case-dependent**
 - This reflects the structural inadequacy of the calibrated model
 - Including a model-inadequacy term (e.g. Kennedy & O'Hagan) partly alleviates overfitting, but is hardly extended to prediction cases
 - Parameter variability can be used to estimate structural uncertainty (p-box approach)
- How to summarize the effect of both parametric and model-form uncertainty to make predictions of new cases?

Incertitudes structurelles des modèles RANS

Dealing with structural uncertainties

- Much more **challenging** than parametric uncertainty
- Approaches applied to turbulence modelling
 1. Non-intrusive approach: Bayesian Model Averaging (BMA) [Edeling et al., 2014; 2018]
 2. Intrusive approaches: find a deterministic or stochastic correction of modeled terms (eddy viscosity, source terms in model transport equations, Reynolds stresses) by learning from data

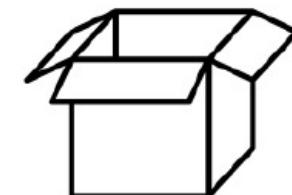
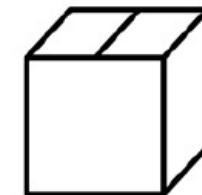
- **Black-box** machine learning → Difficult to get insight into models

[Singh & Duraisamy, 2016; Xiao et al., 2016; Ling et al., 2016]

- **Open-box** machine learning

[Weatheritt & Sandberg, 2016; Edeling et al., 2018; Schmeltzer et al., 2018]

- Tangible mathematical expressions



Non-intrusive approach: Bayesian Model Averaging (BMA)

[e.g., Hoeting, 1999; Fragoso et al., 2018]

- Call \mathcal{M} the space of all possible models, M a precise model, Δ a QoI which we want to **predict** for a new case, z the observed data (not necessarily for Δ):
- Approximate \mathcal{M} using a **finite discrete set** of models $\mathcal{M} = (M_1, M_2, \dots, M_N)$
 - Use **several concurrent models** for predicting a new configuration
- Calibrate each model in \mathcal{M} against z
- Make predictions from alternative models as a **weighted average**
 - Bayesian Model Average, BMA:

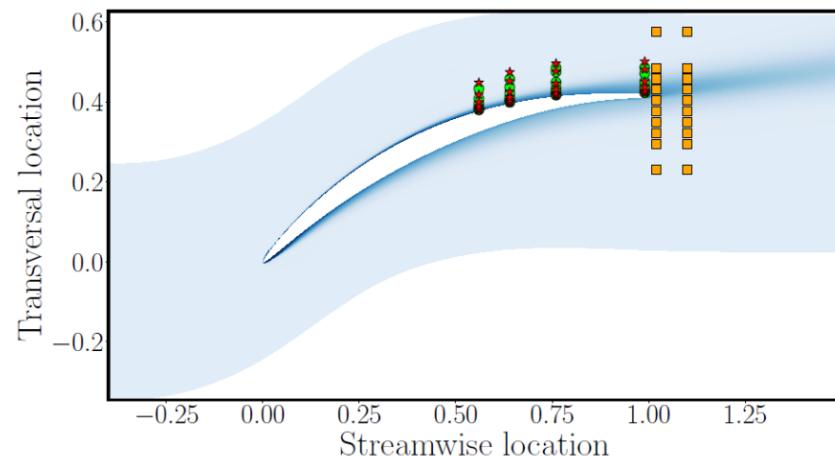
$$p(\Delta | \mathcal{M}, z) = \sum_{i=1}^N p(\Delta | M_i, z) P(M_i | z)$$

- The weights are the **posterior model probabilities** (related to the denominators of Bayes' formula when calibrating each concurrent model M_i against z)

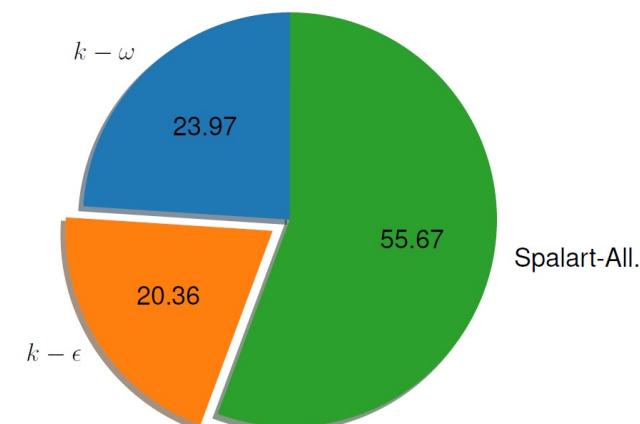
Non-intrusive approach: Bayesian Model Averaging (BMA)

▪ Model Probabilities

- >We compare RANS models results with REFERENCE data (experiments, LES, DNS,...) for each probe.
- >Statistical tools (Monte-Carlo) lead to a global probability for each model.
- >We call it **posterior model probability** $P(M_i|D)$, and it will be the weight in the model averaging.



Probabilities of model for scenario S_3 ($AoA = 44^\circ$)



Non-intrusive approach: Bayesian Model-Scenario Averaging (BMSA)

[Edeling, Cinnella, Dwight, JCP 2014, AIAA J 2018]

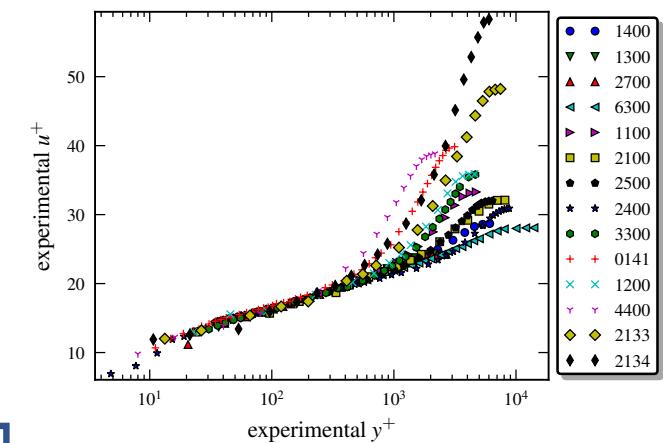
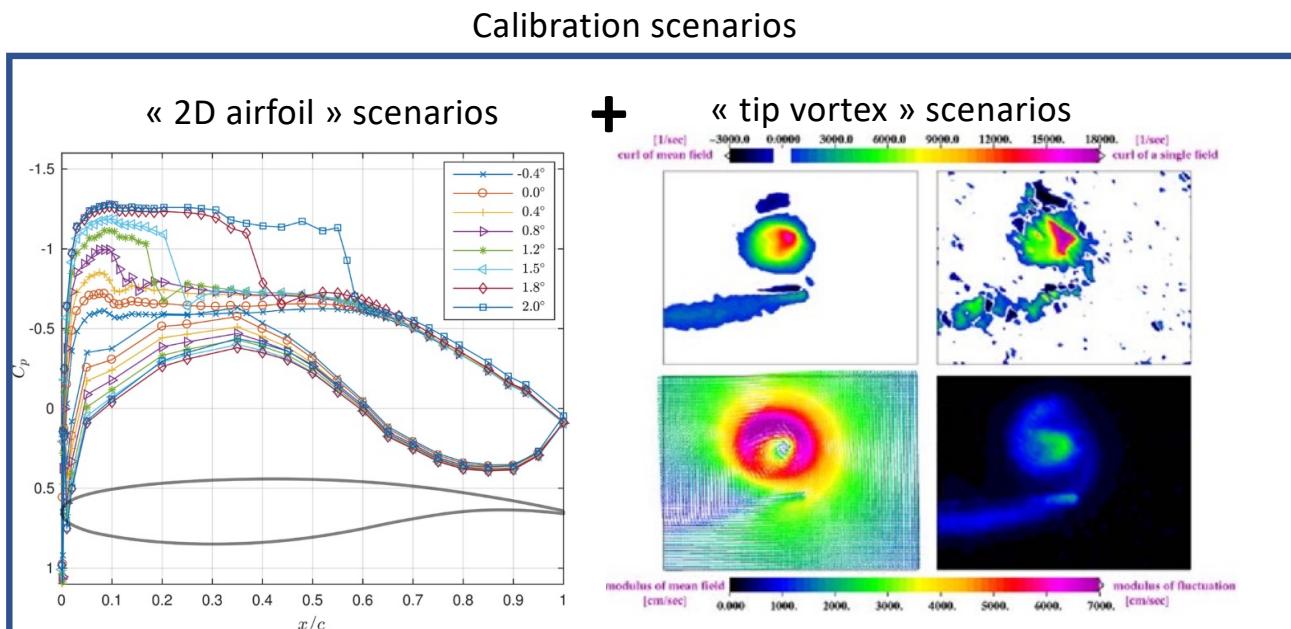
- Bayesian Model-Scenario Average, BMSA: extension of BMA
- Remark: \mathcal{M} can be trained against multiple competing datasets!
- Which dataset is the most suitable to train the BMA for predicting a given new flow?
 - Call $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_K)$ the set of all available calibration scenarios
 - Call z_k the data observed for scenario S_k (not necessarily for Δ)
 - Calibrate each model in \mathcal{M} against each scenario in S
 - Make predictions from alternative models as a weighted average over all models and scenarios

$$p(\Delta | \mathcal{M}, S) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K p(\Delta | M_i, z_k) P(M_i | z_k) P(S_k)$$

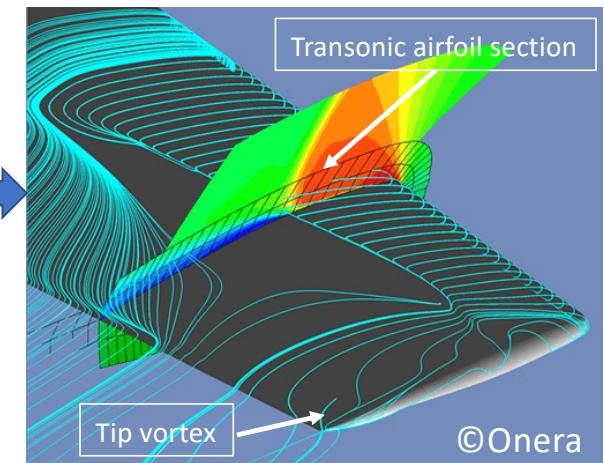
- The weights are the posterior model probabilities AND scenario probabilities (to be assigned a priori)

Scenarios

- **Simpler case:** Same class of flows, various operating conditions :
 - Example: boundary layers with various pressure gradients
- **More complex case :** various flows (see exemple below)

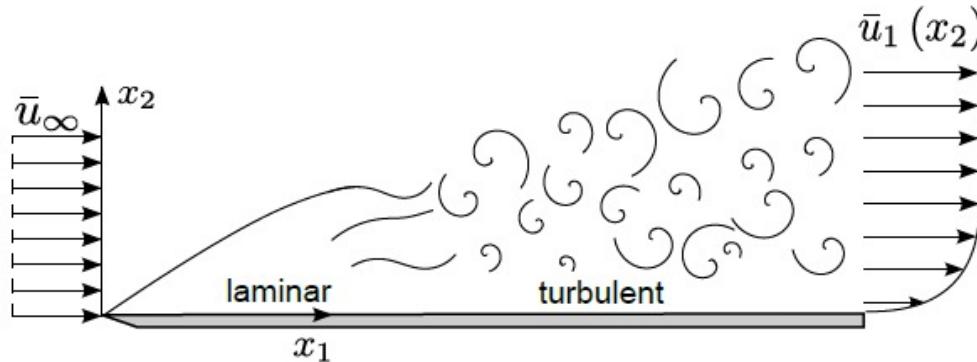


Prediction scenario



BMSA: Turbulent flow over a flat plate

Objective: predict velocity profiles for flat plate boundary layer subject to various gradients



Governing equations: RANS + turbulence model

- Algebraic Baldwin-Lomax' (1972) model
- Launder-Jones's (1972) $k-\epsilon$ model
- Menter's (1992) $k-\omega$ SST model
- Spalart-Allmaras (1992) model
- Wilcox' stress- ω model (2006)

Data: 13 velocity profile measurements from [Coles & Hirst, 1968]

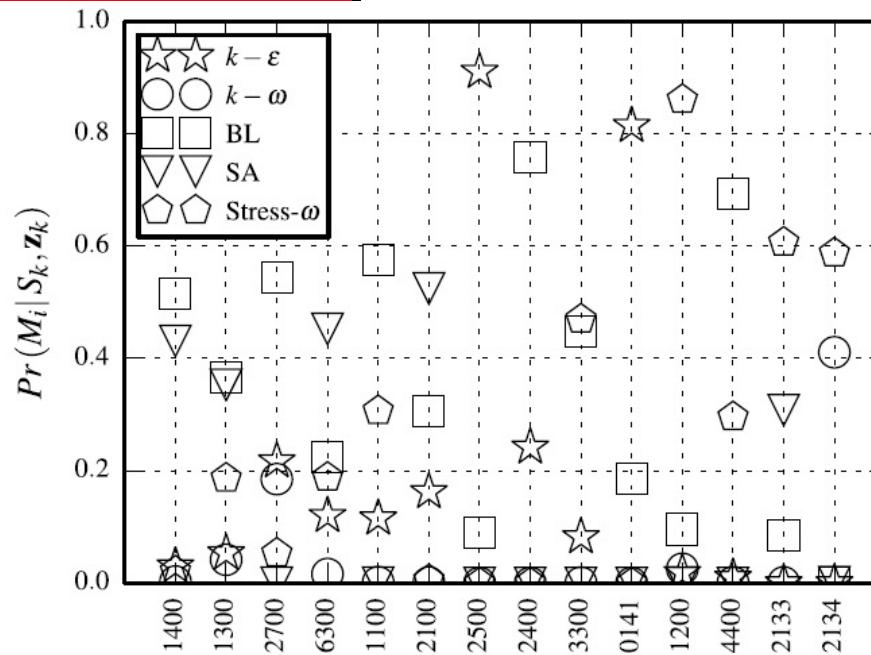
Bayesian model-scenario averaged prediction of the profiles : requires 5x13 UQ runs

BMSA : model probabilities

- Posterior model probabilities computed for all models in M for each \mathbf{z}_k by sampling

$$p(\theta_k | \mathbf{z}_k)$$

- Can be considered as a measure of consistency of calibrated model M_i with data \mathbf{z}_k



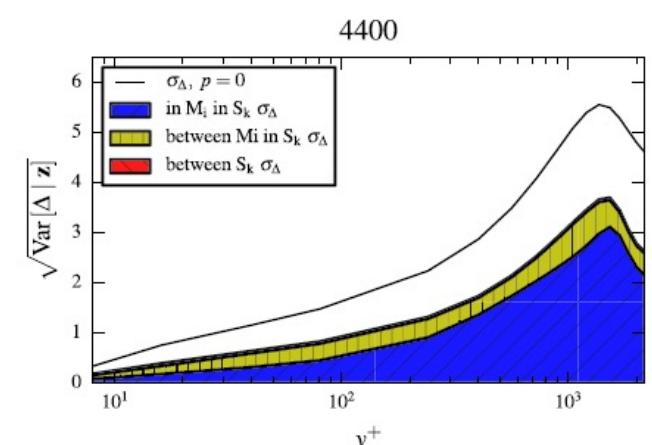
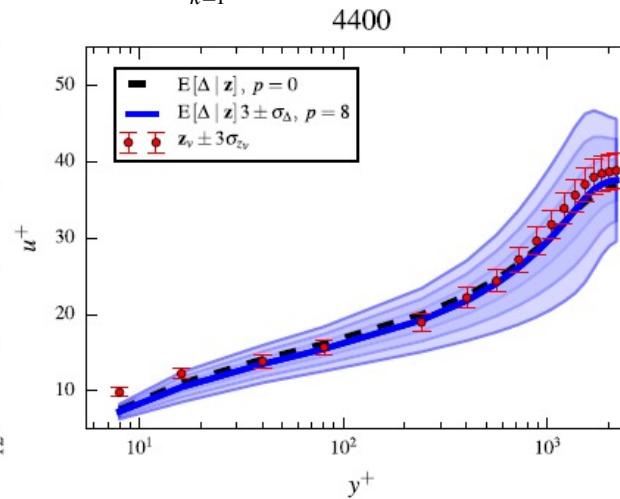
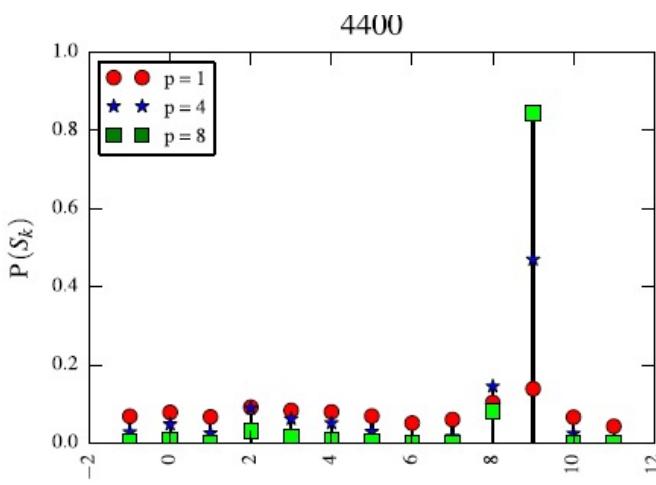
Large spread in model probabilities when changing the pressure gradient scenario

BMSA prediction

- Scenario pmf uniform (overconservative) or weighted according to an error measure
→ penalizes scenarios with a large between-model, in-scenario variance

$$\varepsilon_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| E[\Delta | z_j, M_i] - E[\Delta | z_j, \mathcal{M}] \right\|_{L_2} \quad \forall z_j \in \mathcal{Z}$$

$$P(z_j) = \varepsilon_j^{-p} / \sum_{k=1}^s \varepsilon_k^{-p}$$



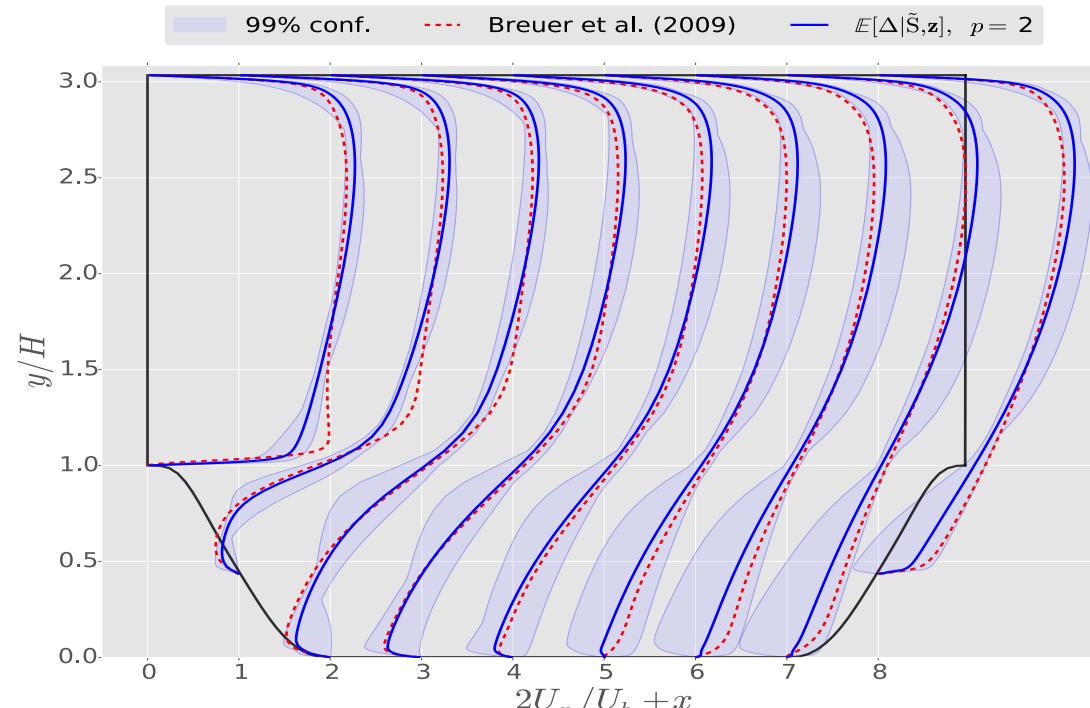
Prediction of an adverse pressure gradient BL using 5 models calibrated for 13 different pressure gradients

Good prediction, variance consistent with experimental uncertainty

BMSA: Flow over a periodic 2D hill at Re=5600

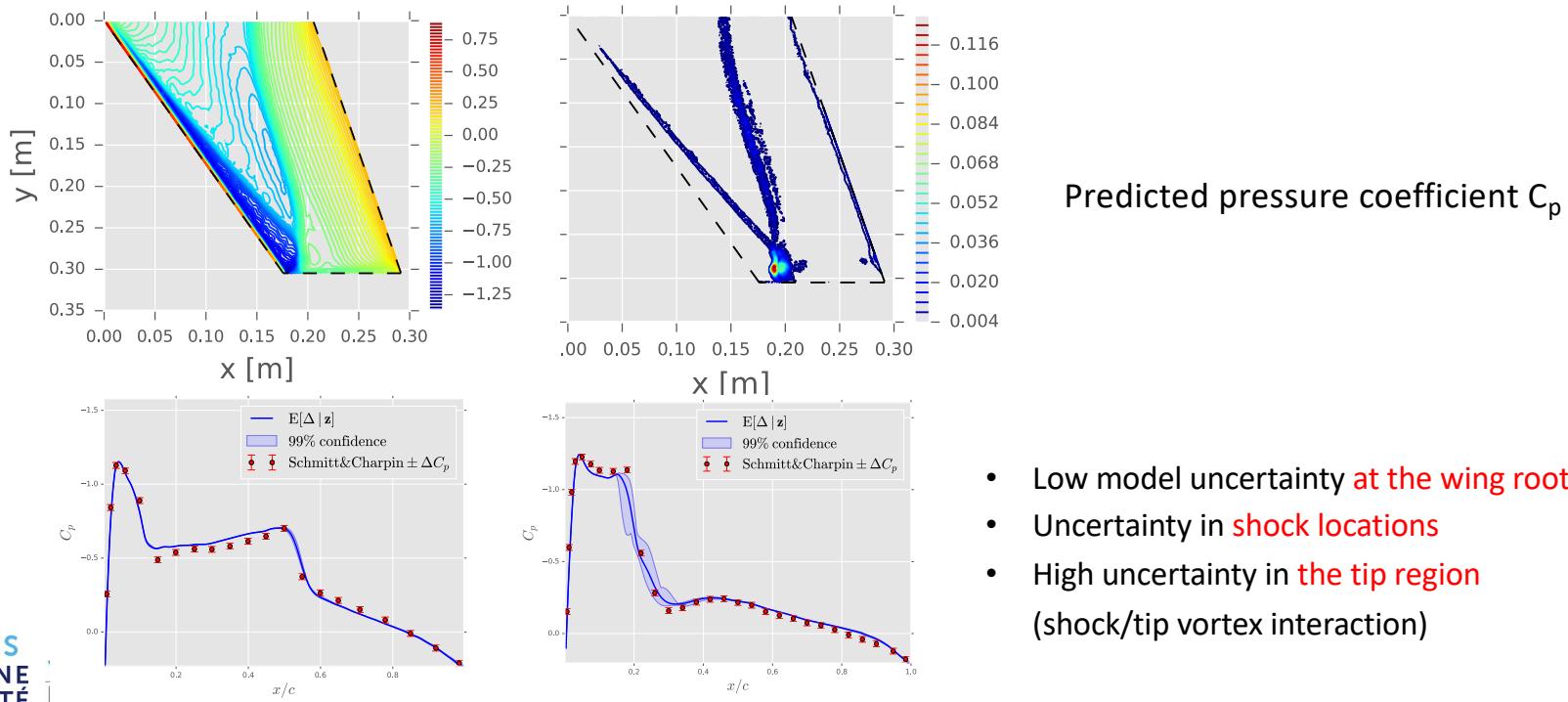
- Prediction of a flow configuration **far from RANS safety margins**
- Models: Spalart-Allmaras, Jones-Launder, Wilcox
- Propagation of the 13 boundary layer **MAP estimates** of the parameters through SIMPLEFOAM
- Comparison with DNS data of Breuer et al.

*Velocity profiles
at various downstream
positions.*



BMSA: Transonic flow past a wing

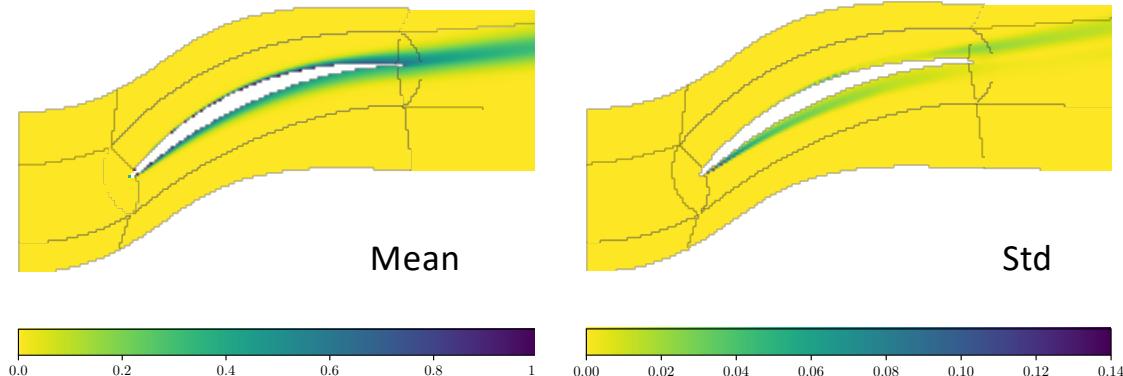
- Prediction of the **pressure coefficient** for transonic flow past the ONERA M6 wing:
 - $M=0.8395$, $AoA=3.06^\circ$
- Results based on **two models** (Jones-Launder & Spalart-Allmaras)
- Propagation of the 13 boundary layer **MAP estimates** of the parameters through FLUENT
- Scenario weights computed **locally** in each section.



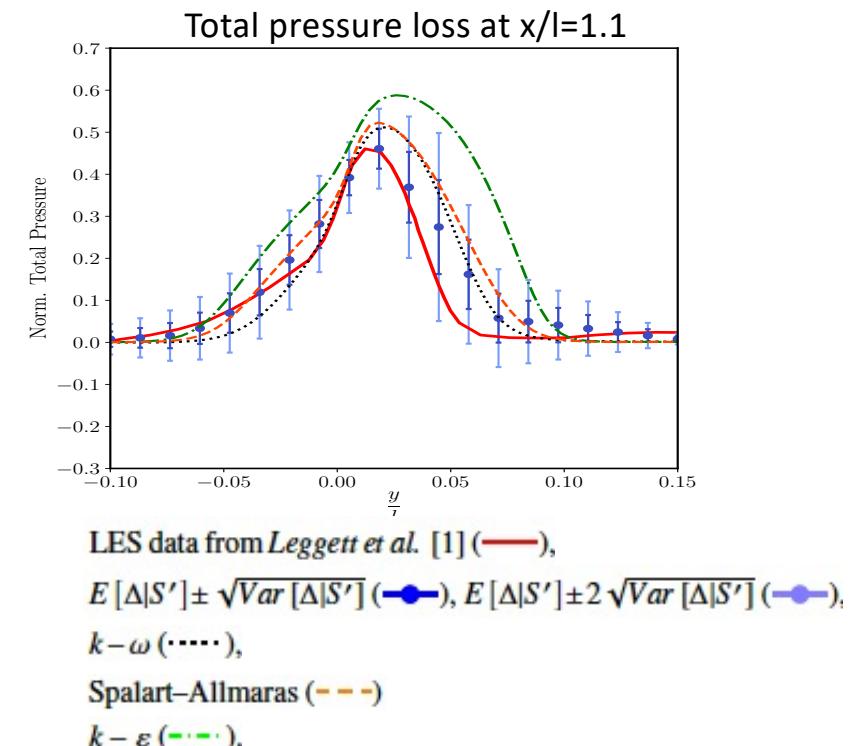
BMSA: Flow through a compressor cascade

- Prediction of compressible flow through a compressor cascade (NACA65 V103) at off design conditions
- Results based on [three](#) models ($k - \omega$ Wilcox, $k - \varepsilon$ Launder-Sharma & Spalart-Allmaras)
- Propagation of the 13 boundary layer [MAP estimates](#) AND of 3 MAP estimates calibrated against LES data for the NAVA65 V103 cascade at operating conditions different from prediction ones

From De Zordo-Banliat et al., C&F, 2020



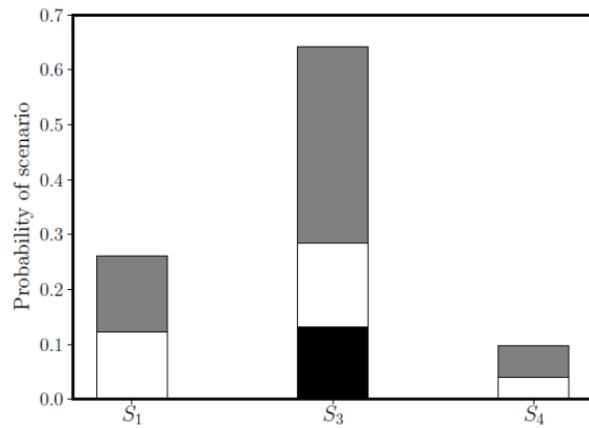
Total pressure loss field: mean and standard deviation



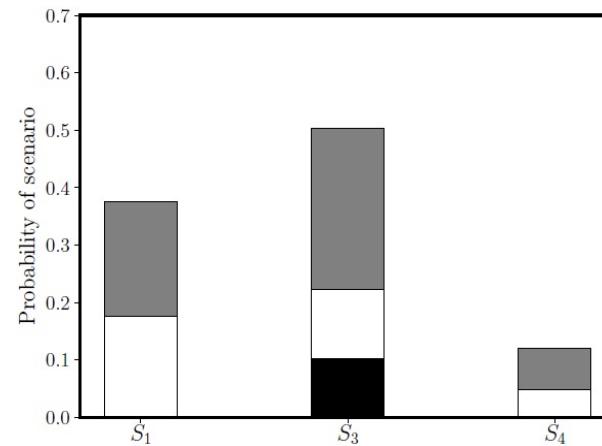
BMSA: Flow through a compressor cascade

- Three formulations for $P(S_k)$ were tested

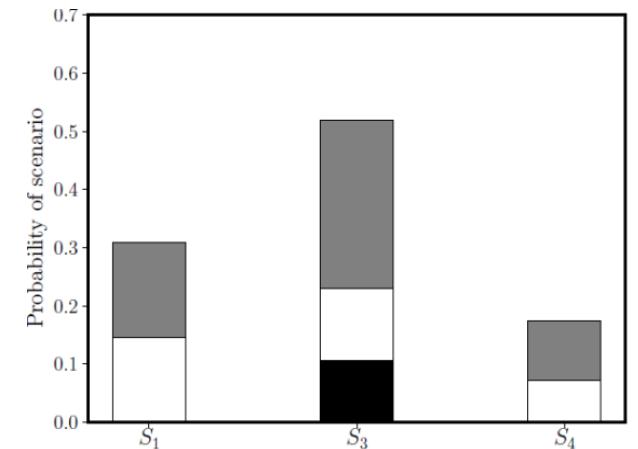
>Consensus based criterion



>Calibration-driven criterion



>Operating condition-based criterion

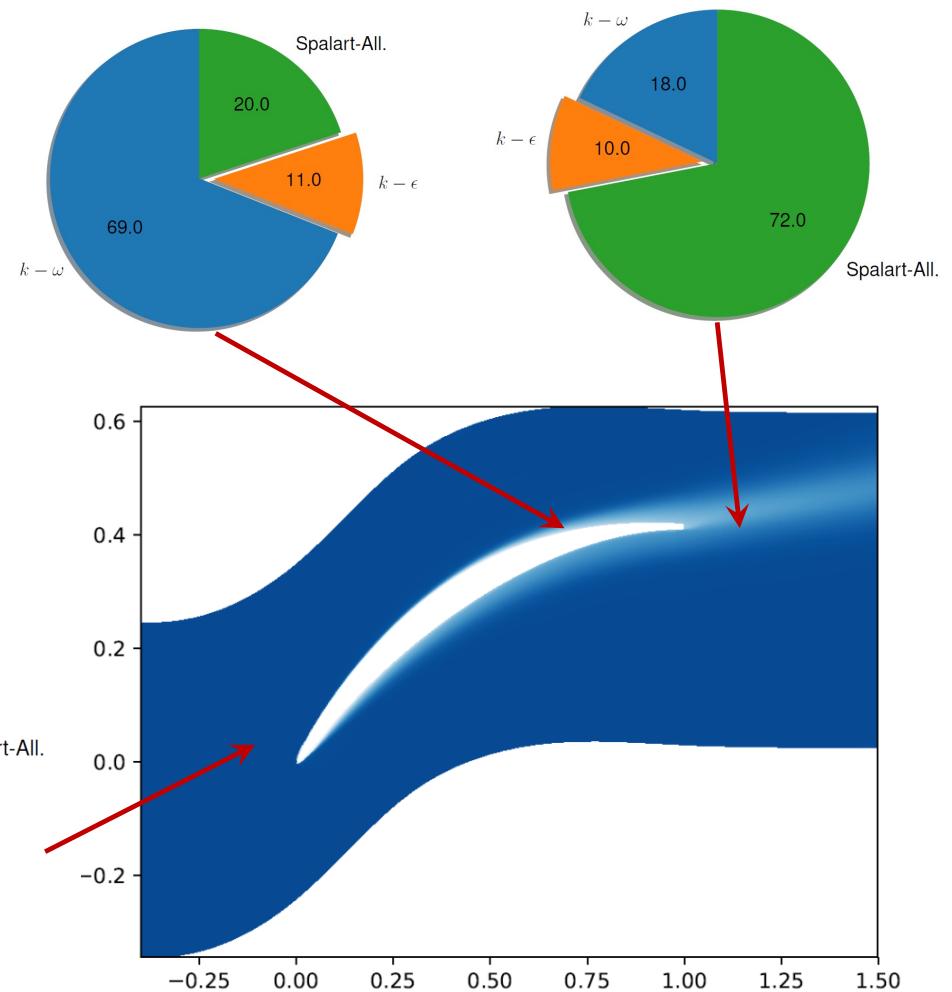
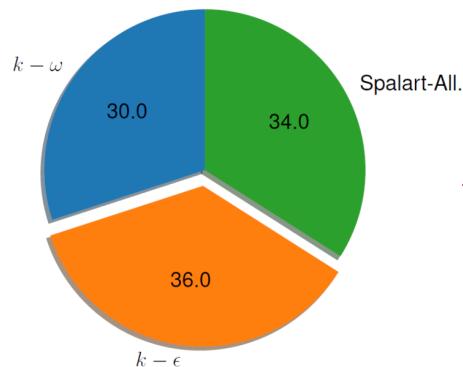


Scenario and model probabilities used for BMSA prediction:

$k - \omega$ Wilcox (white), $k - \varepsilon$ Launder-Sharma (black), Spalart-Allmaras (grey)

Can we go further?

- Could we compute $P(M_i|D)$ as a function of space?
 - > Quantify the model probabilities for each region.
 - > Identify the best model in each region.
 - > Use similar model combinations but with space-dependent weights.
 - > Further improve predictions and confidence intervals.



Space-dependent Bayesian Model Averaging

- BMSA uses the same weights throughout the flow field → contrary to expert judgment
- Further progress: compute $P(M_i|\mathcal{D})$ as a function of space
 - Infer model probabilities for each flow region
 - Identify the “best” model (if any) in each region
- Clustered Bayesian Model Averaging (CMA) [Yu, 2011]:
regression of weights using **decision trees**
 - For a new point x_t , the average prediction on the ensemble of trees gives the weights of the models.
 - The final prediction is a space-dependent model average with weights w_j

$$y_{final} = \sum_j w_j y_j$$

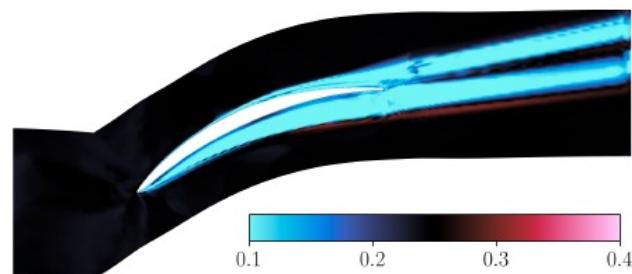
- Adaptation of CMA to CFD problems. Use of **random forests** instead of decision trees → XBMA (thèse M. de Zordo-Banliat)

XBMA : spatially-varying BMA

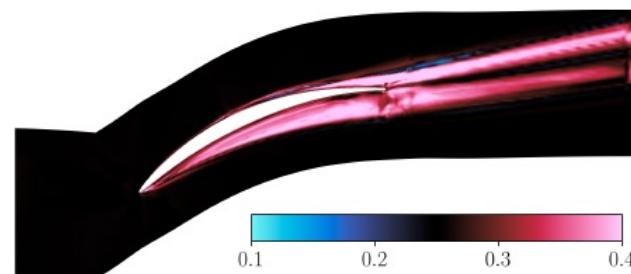
- XBMA of $k - l$, $k - \omega$, $k - \epsilon$ & Spalart-Allmaras as models. EARSM as reference data

Data: 40080 points per scenario Random forest: 1000 trees

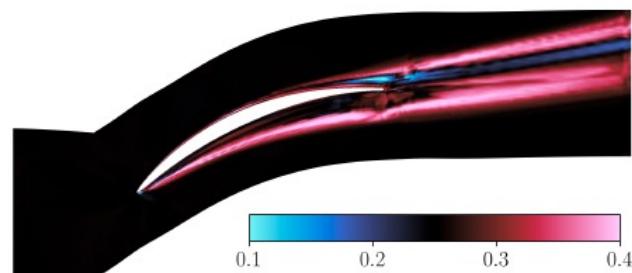
2D distribution of model weights



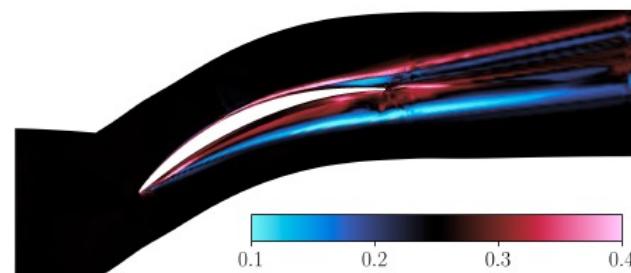
(a) Probability of the $k - \epsilon$ model.



(b) Probability of the Spalart-Allmaras model.



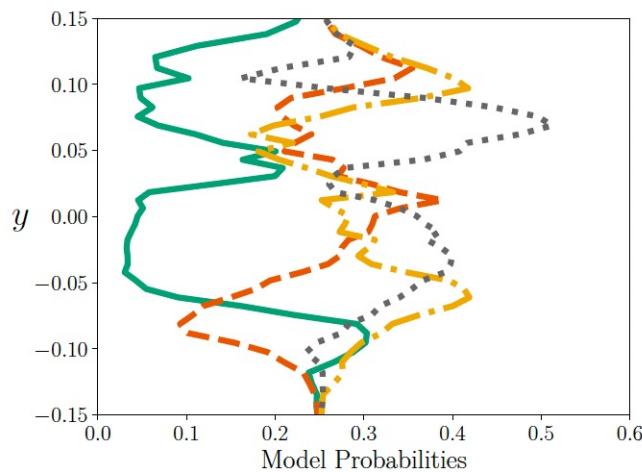
(c) Probability of the $k - l$ model.



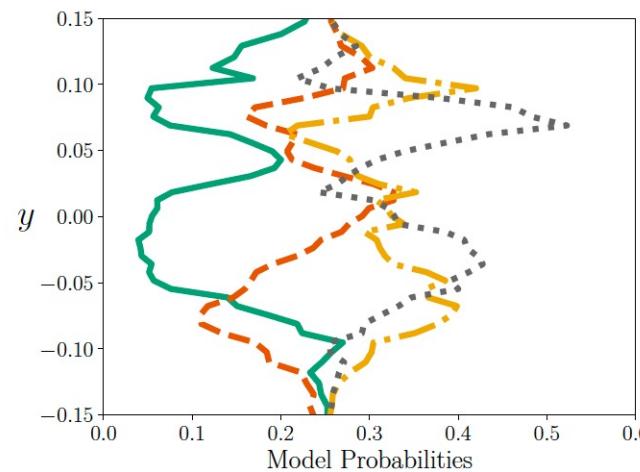
(d) Probability of the $k - \omega$ model.

XBMA : spatially-varying BMA

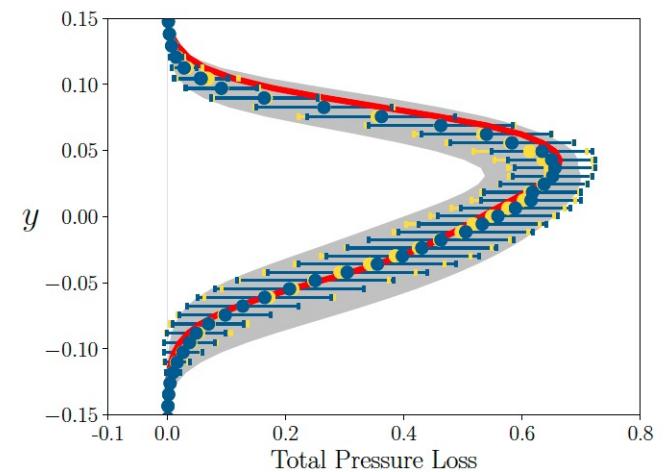
- XBMA of $k - l, k - \omega, k - \epsilon$ & Spalart-Allmaras as models. EARSM as reference data
Data: XBMA1, 40080 points per scenario, XBMA2, 820 points per scenario **Random forest:** 1000 trees



(a) Model probabilities obtained with $XBMA_1$.



(b) Model probabilities obtained with $XBMA_2$.



(c) $XBMA_1$ and $XBMA_2$ predictions superposed.

Apprentissage de modèles RANS

Using data for predicting turbulence?

- Rapidly increasing mass of **high-fidelity** flow field data
 - Turbulence-resolving simulations
 - Complete flow-field description, low residual uncertainty
 - Limited to simple configurations, low to moderate Reynolds numbers
 - Flow measurements (highly resolved PIV, stress-sensitive films, MEMS):
 - More complex configurations, high Reynolds numbers
 - Incomplete and possibly noisy data
- Use data to inform lower-fidelity RANS model
 - Inform parameters without changing model structure (model calibration)
 - Inform model structure (model identification)
- **Challenges:**
 - Much smaller (but well resolved) amount of training data than in typical IA applications
 - Use of possibly incomplete and noisy data
 - Estimate predictive uncertainties

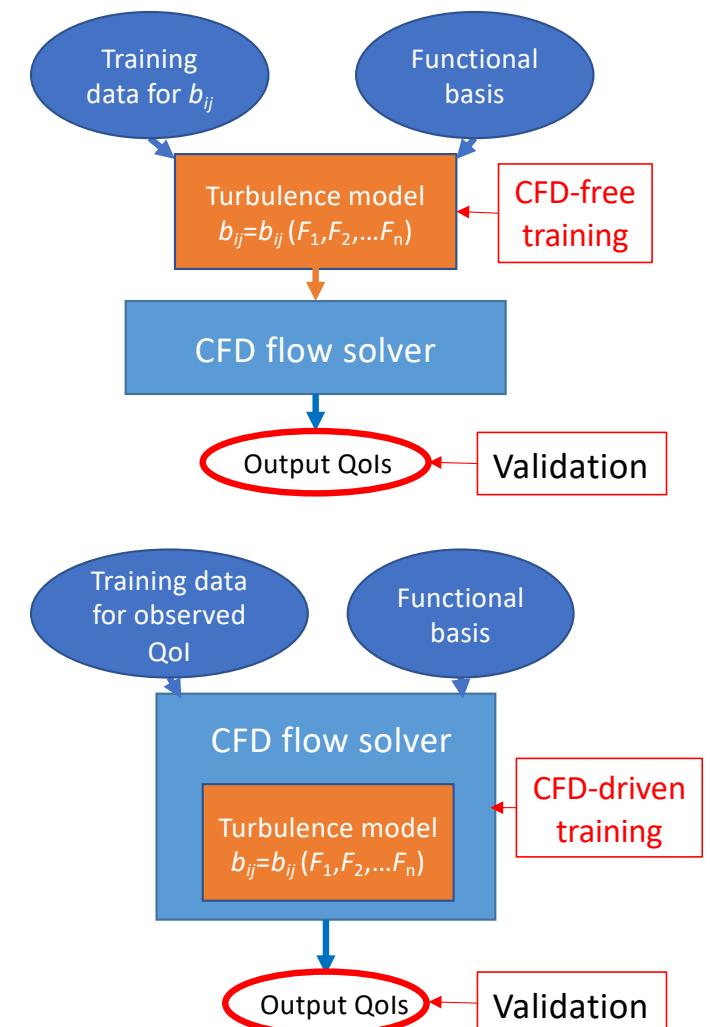
Using data for predicting turbulence?

▪ General framework

- No longer a « universal » model, but a model that generalises as well as possible to a **class** of flows
 - Choose a functional basis
 - Enforce physical constraints (whenever possible)
 - Train against data

▪ Two training strategies

- CFD-free training
 - ☺ Inexpensive (manipulate analytical expressions)
 - ☹ Requires high-fidelity, low noise data for turbulent quantities
 - ☹ Does not warrant exact energy conservation
 - ☹ May lead to non robust models
- CFD-driven training
 - ☺ May use virtually any data (mean flow and turbulent quantities)
 - ☺ May ensure energy conservation
 - ☺ Produces robust models
 - ☹ Requires the solution of a VERY costly multidimensional optimization problem



« Data-driven » frameworks

Characterized by:

- (Spatially) **local** information on model quality
- Use of **lots** of data (DNS/LES)
- High-dimensional parameter-spaces.
- Usually machine-learning to identify mean-flow => error relationship.

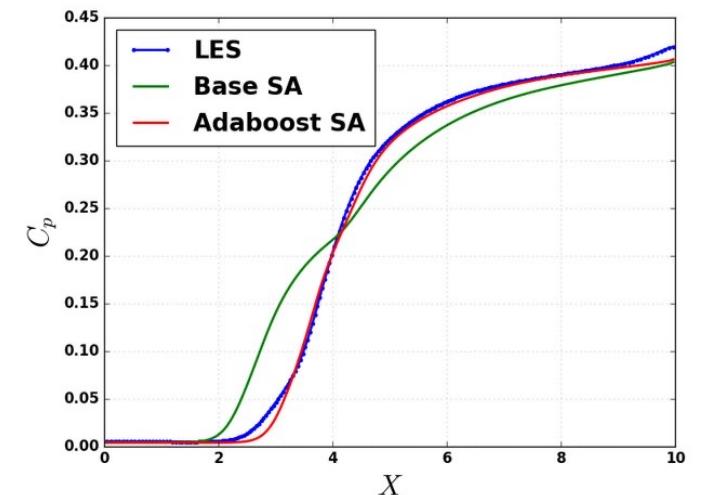
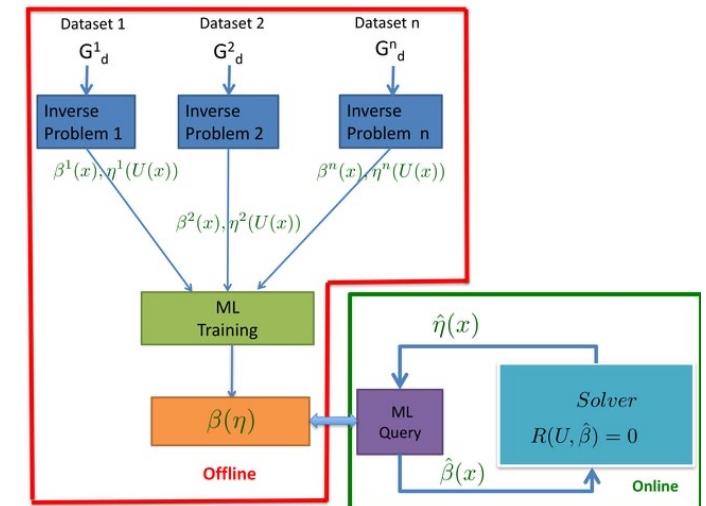
Possibilities:

- Calibrate **correction terms** for a baseline turbulence model (Parish & Duraisamy, JCP 2013; Ling & Templeton, POF 2015, Xiao et al., FFC 2015)
- **Calibrate Reynolds stresses** by enforcing realizability constraints
- Develop correction terms by means of Genetic Programming (Weatheritt&Sandberg, 2016) or deterministic identification (Schmeltzer et al., 2019)

Field inversion and machine learning

Two-step approach (Duraisamy and coworkers, AIAA 2015-1287, JCP 2016)

- **Step I:** calibrate a spatially-varying field.
 - **Stochastic error field β** (defined at every grid-point), modelled as a Gaussian Process
 - E.g. introduced as **multiple of production term in $k\omega$**
 - Validation of Gaussian assumption performed
 - **Calibration method:** Gradient-based optimization **for MAP estimate of β** using adjoint
 - And Hessian for covariance
- **Step II:** Use **Machine Learning** to identify relationships between resolved/calibrated quantities.
 - **Prediction:** Use Supervised Machine Learning to convert spatially varying β into a function of physical input features
 - Features: $Sk/\varepsilon, dVk/v, P/\varepsilon, y^+$ (« flow-specific »)
 - Bias due to the choice of the baseline model?
- Requires a lot of data and efficient high-dimensional optimization methods
- Does not extrapolate very far from the training set
- Ad hoc choice of learning features
- If the baseline model is Boussinesq, corrected model is Boussinesq

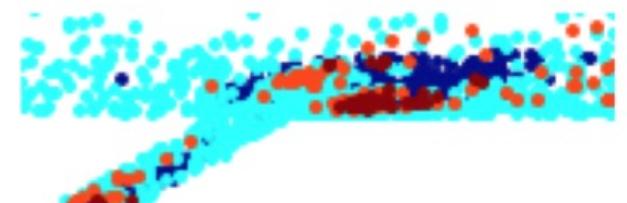


Machine learning of RANS error metrics

One-step approach (Ling and Templeton, POF 2015)

- **Goal:** Automatically identify regions of high-uncertainty in RANS models
- **How:** Train ML to classify typical error metrics based on mean-flow criteria
- **Method:** Random forests, Adaboost decision trees.
 - Inputs: 12 non-dimensional criteria based on mean-flow (turbulence Intensity, pressure gradient, streamline curvature ...)
 - Output: 3 binary error metrics (eddy-viscosity, anisotropy, non-linearity)
- **Data:** LES/DNS dataset over 7 cases.
 - Error metrics based on combination of LES/DNS solutions and RANS solution.
- **Prediction:** Ling et al., JCP 2016; Ling & Kutz, JFM 2016
- Pope's **generalized eddy viscosity** approach + deep neural networks or random forests to predict coefficients of the **tensor expansion**

- True Negative
- False Negative
- True Positive
- False Positive



*Example result, from Ling et al.:
Inclined jet in Crossflow, non-linearity
error metric*

Calibration of the Reynolds stress tensor

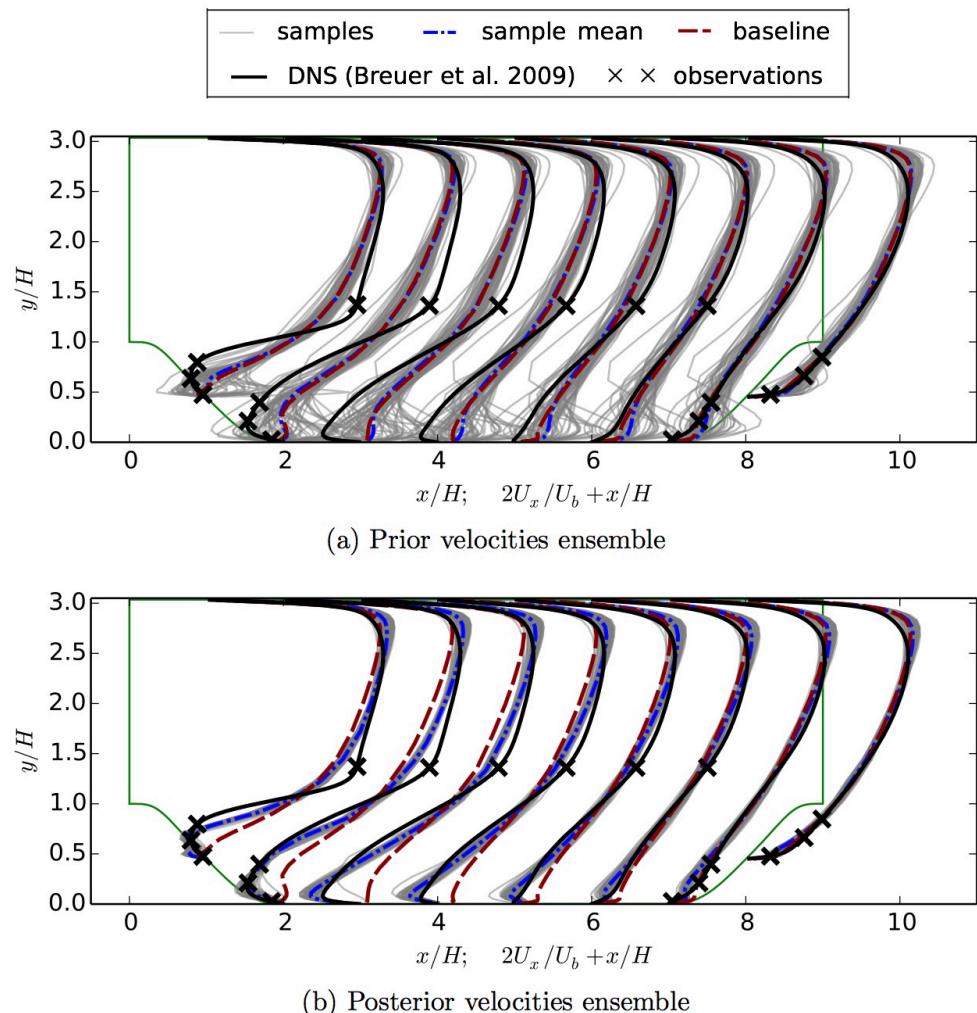
Inverse formulation of the UQ framework of Iaccarino et al. (Xiao et al., series of papers, Flow Turb Comb 2016)

- Emphasis on **physical priors**: realizability, problem-specific prior-knowledge.
- **Parameters**: Eigenvalues of RST, as function of space (GP via KL-expansion)
 - Positive kinetic-energy is assured
 - Reynolds tensor perturbed around a preliminary RANS solution (bias?)
 - KL used the reduce dimension of stochastic space
- **Calibration method**: Iterative Ensemble Kalman Method
 - Large number of evaluations of RANS (with different Reynolds stresses)
- **Data**: Velocity at a small number of locations
 - Periodic-hills and square duct

Calibration of the Reynolds stress tensor

- **Prediction:** Extrapolation to geometrically identical configuration with different Re or geometrically similar configuration with similar operating conditions
- Demonstrated **ability to improve RANS predictions** with sparse data

Example result, from Xiao&al.:
Wall-shear-stress on periodic
Hill case – DNS reference



Sparse identification of the Reynolds stress tensor: the SpaTA algorithm

[Schmeltzer, Dwight, Cinnella, FTaC 2020]

- SpaRTA = SPArse Regression of Turbulent-stress Anisotropy
 - Open-box machine learning algorithm
 - CFD-free training
 - Uses a pre-defined library of explicit functions for learning
- Start with linear eddy viscosity model (here, Menter's $k - \omega$ SST)

$$\tau_{ij} = 2k \left(b_{ij} + \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \right); \quad b_{ij} = -\frac{\nu_t}{k} S_{ij} \quad \nu_t = f(k, \omega)$$

+ transport equations for k and ω

→ Not suitable for flows separation, streamline curvature, strong gradients, etc.

- Internal additive corrections of Reynolds stress anisotropy (b_{ij}^Δ) and turbulent transport equations (R):

$$b_{ij} = -\frac{\nu_t}{k} S_{ij} + b_{ij}^\Delta$$

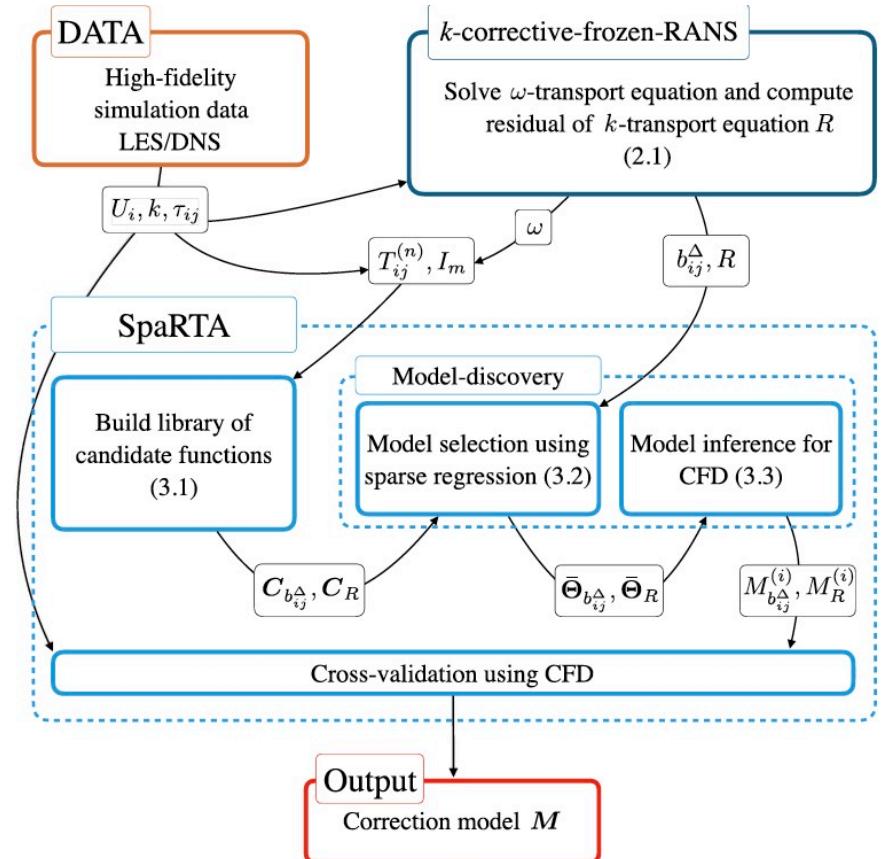
- Learn b_{ij}^Δ and R from high-fidelity data

Data-augmented SpaRTA model

Sparse identification of the Reynolds stress tensor: the SparTA algorithm

[Schmeltzer, Dwight, Cinnella, FTaC 2020]

- Create a database of "exact" DNS/LES data for b_{ij}^Δ and R
 - Frozen approach: passively solve turbulent equations using high-fidelity mean-flow and Reynolds-stress data
- Discovery step: use sparse elastic-net regression to identify suitable model structures
- Inference step: use ridge regularized least mean square regression to identify coefficients
- Run competing models through the CFD code and select best model



SparTA workflow (from Schmeltzer et al.)

Sparse identification of the Reynolds stress tensor: the SparTA algorithm

[Schmeltzer, Dwight, Cinnella, FTaC 2020]

- In practice: we construct b_{ij}^Δ by using the effective eddy viscosity approach of Pope (JFM, 1975)
- Assume $\tau_{ij} = \tau_{ij} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j} \right)$ and project τ_{ij} onto a minimal integrity basis:

$$b_{ij}^\Delta = \sum_{l=1,\dots,10} \alpha_l(I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4, I_5) T_{ij}^l$$

- For 2D flow, b_{ij} depends on three tensor polynomials of the mean strain rate S_{ij} and rotation Ω_{ij} + 2 invariants $I_1 = |S_{ij}|^2$, $I_2 = |\Omega_{ij}|^2$:

$$b_{ij}(S_{ij}, \Omega_{ij}) = \alpha_1(I_1, I_2) S_{ij} + \alpha_2(I_1, I_2)(S_{ik}\Omega_{kj} - \Omega_{ik}S_{kj}) + \alpha_3(I_1, I_2)\left(S_{ik}S_{kj} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}S_{mn}S_{nm}\right)$$

- Model R as : $R = 2kb_{ij}^R \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j}$, where is modelled similarly to b_{ij}^Δ

- Build libraries of polynomial functions of the invariants

$$\mathcal{B}_l = [C, I_1, I_2, I_1^2, I_2^2, I_1I_2, \dots] \quad \text{so that} \quad b_{ij}^\Delta = \sum_{l=1,\dots,10} \Theta \cdot \mathcal{B}_l T_{ij}^l$$

with Θ a vector of coefficients

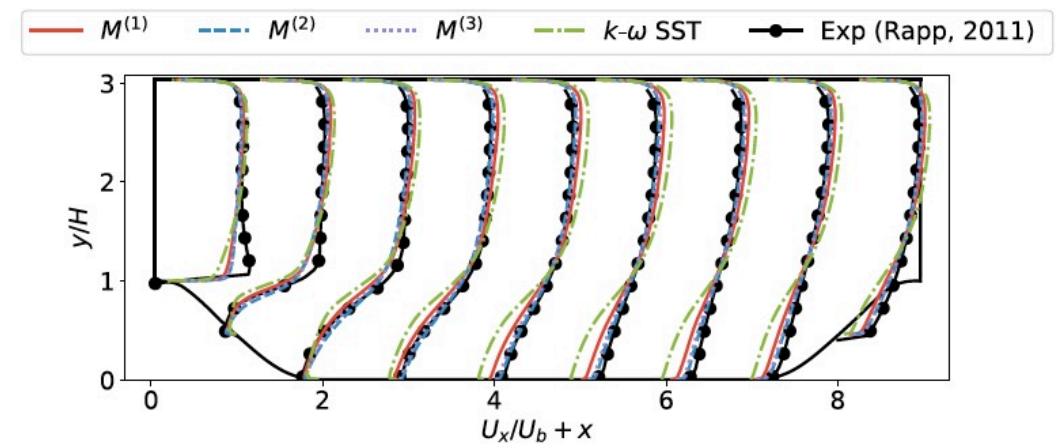
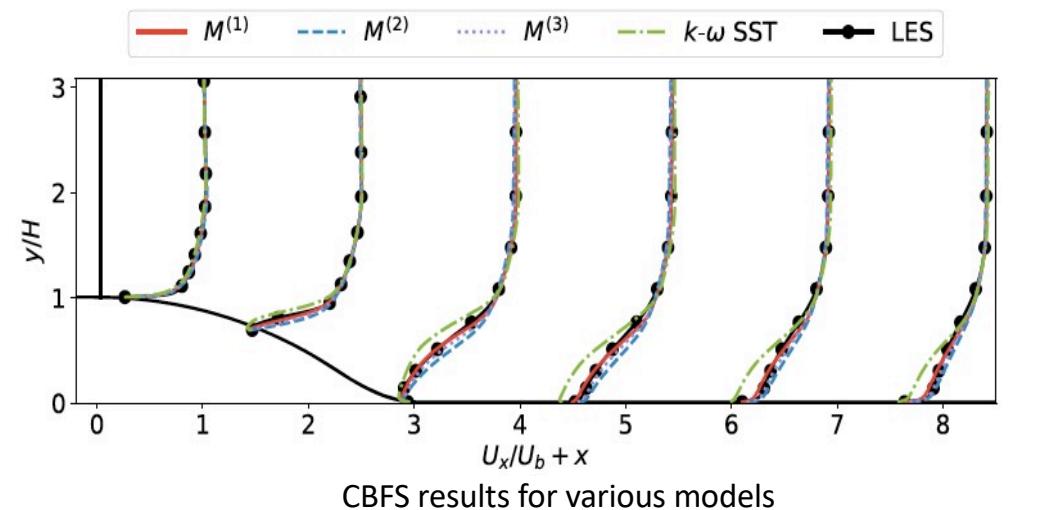
- Find Θ by solving a regularized (elastic net) regression problem

OUTCOME: sparse data-driven Explicit Algebraic Reynolds-Stress Model (EARSM)

Results

- Model corrections to $k-\omega$ SST derived using LES/DNS data for:
 - Periodic 2D-hill flow (PH) at $Re=10595 \rightarrow M^{(1)}$
 - Converging-diverging channel (CD) at $Re=12600 \rightarrow M^{(2)}$
 - Curved backward-facing step (CBFS) at $Re=13700 \rightarrow M^{(3)}$
- Corrections propagated through the OPENFOAM open source CFD solver

Data-driven models (including those trained for PH and CBFS) outperform the baseline for all cases



CFD-driven SparTA algorithm [Ben Hassan-Saidi, Cinnella, Grasso 2020]

- Plug generic model into the CFD solver
- Collect high-fidelity data for any QoI (e.g., velocity)
- Find coefficients by solving the optimization problem :

$$\Theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\Theta} \|U_{Sparta}(\Theta) - U_{HF}\| + \lambda \|\Theta\|_1 + 0.5\lambda(1 - \rho)\|\Theta\|_2$$

- Preliminary local sensitivity analysis for reducing problem dimensionality → 12 parameters
- Enforcement of realizability constraints
- Optimization based on blackbox python library : CORS algorithm (constrained optimization using response surfaces)
 - Cubic radial basis function surrogate + resampling
 - Candidate samples preventing the CFD solver to converge are discarded and resampled

OUTCOME: data-driven Explicit Algebraic Reynolds-Stress Model (EARSM)

- Only one step needed (simultaneous discovery and inference)

Results

- PH flow at $Re=37000$ (out of training set)

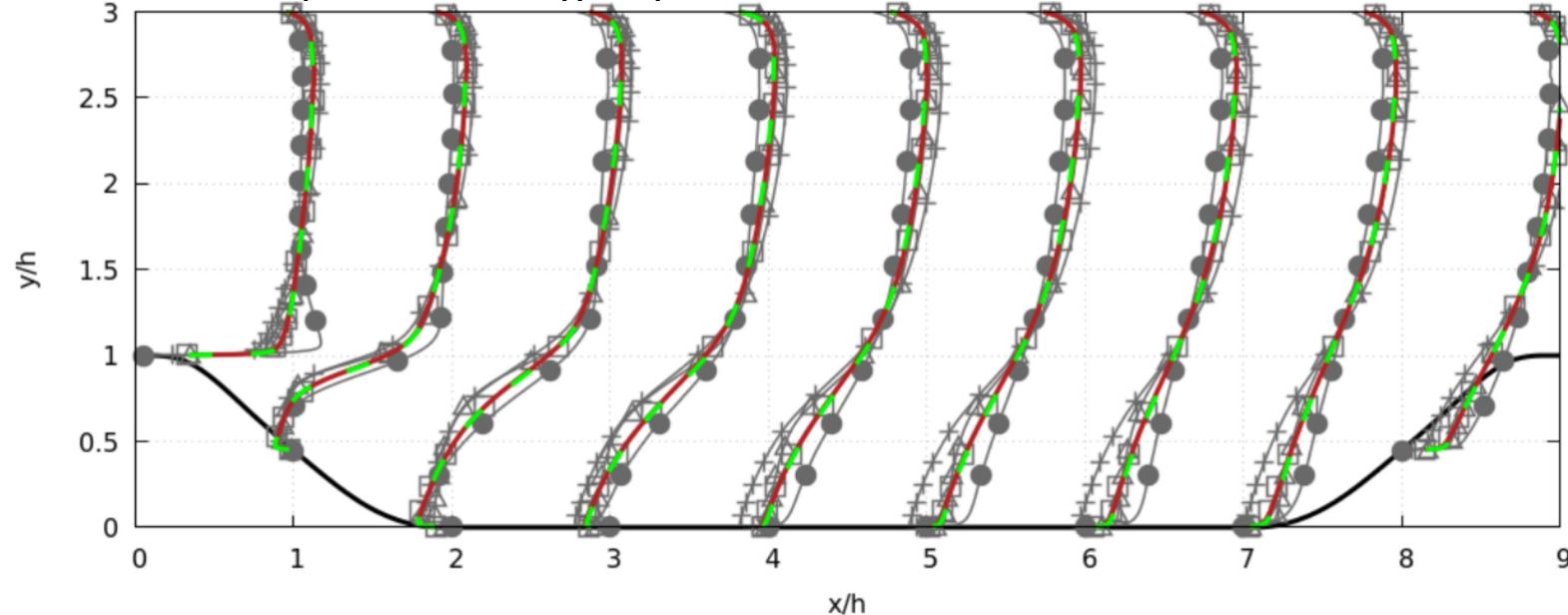


Figure 13: Longitudinal velocity profiles normalized with bulk velocity : \bar{u}_1/U_b+x for PH_{37000} .
k- ω -SST: (+), High fidelity data : (●), Model 1 : (—), Model 2 : (---), frozen-training: (□), BSL-EARSM : (△).

- CFD-driven SpaRTA outperforms the baseline and delivers results comparable to CFD-free SpaRTA

Récapitulatif

- Model discovery by **learning from data** represents an attractive opportunity for developing improved RANS models, customized for reproducing classes of flows
 - Encouraging results obtained for a variety of 2D flows, including massively separated flows and turbomachinery flows
 - Work needed for better improving the algorithms and reducing computational cost
- **Bayesian inference** provides a systematic framework for
 - updating coefficients associated to **turbulence models**,
 - selecting or averaging (BMSA) concurrent models
 - Providing estimates of confidence intervals