

# Using Tensor Theory to Embed Invariances: A Case Study from Turbulence Modeling

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# Objective



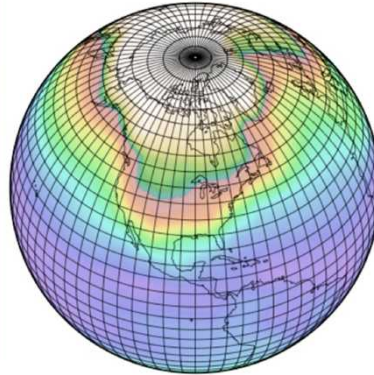
- Constitutive models are used to model unresolved physical processes

Turbulence



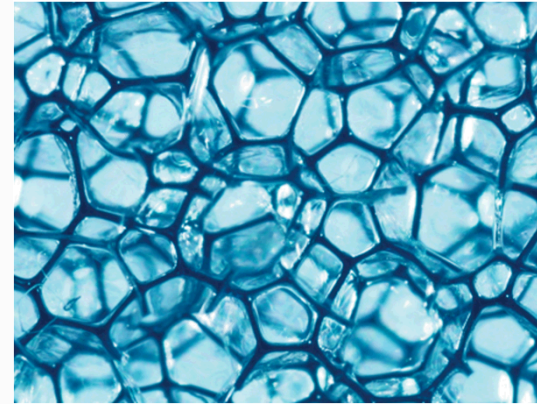
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Climate Modeling



Henderson-Sellers

Materials Science



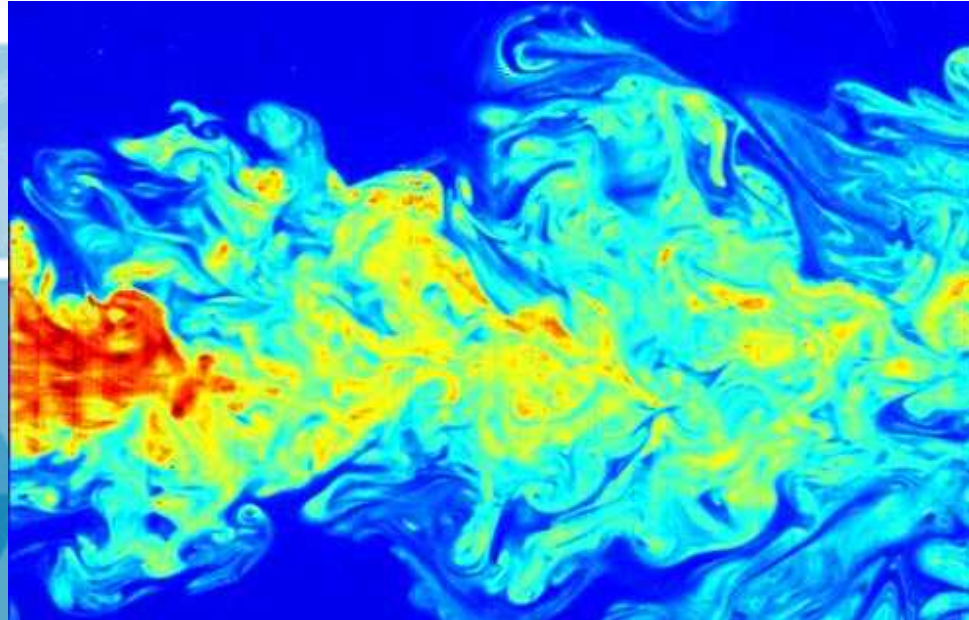
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- Growing interest in applying machine learning to constitutive modeling
- We present a method of embedding known invariance constraints directly into these data-driven constitutive models
- Case study from turbulence modeling

# Turbulence



Chaotic 3-D fluid motion at a continuum of scales



Fukushima et al.



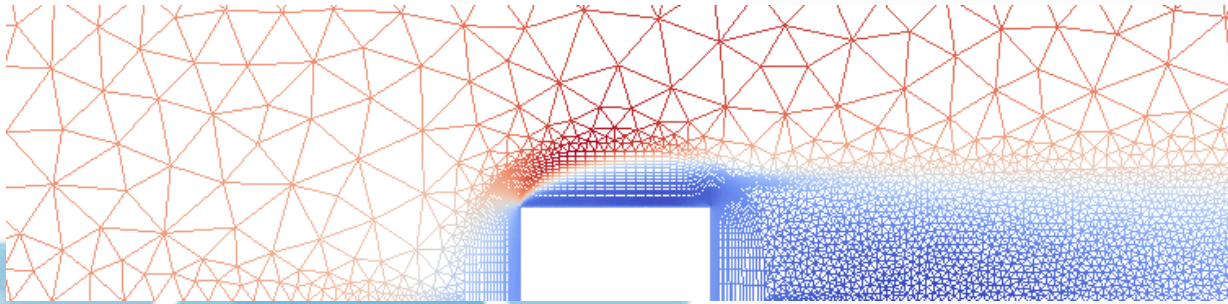
Hokusai (c 1830)



<http://www.windturbinesyndrome.com/2011/wind-turbine-turbulence-what-are-the-micro-climate-effects/>



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## Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS)

- Hundreds of millions of core hours for even simple flows
- Exact

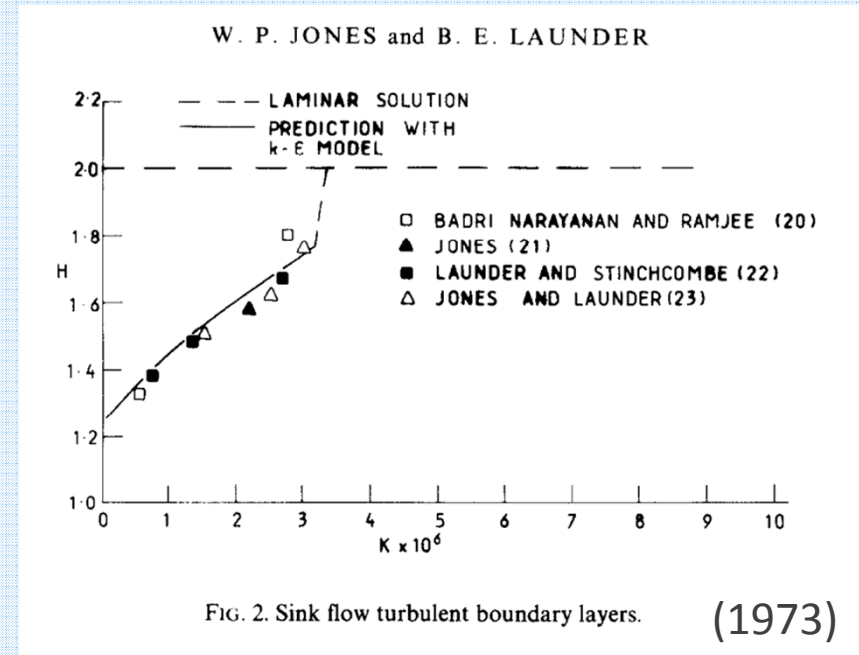
## Reynolds Averaged Navier Stokes (RANS)

- Orders of magnitude less computationally expensive
- Approximate

# Deep Learning for Turbulence Modeling



- In RANS, use simplifying assumptions to get computational efficiency
  - Need model for unknown term: the Reynolds stress anisotropy tensor  $\mathbf{A}$
- Default model: Linear Eddy Viscosity Model
  - Based on theory + sparse experimental data
- Our approach: Deep neural network
- Inputs: Mean strain rate tensor  $\mathbf{S}$ , mean rotation rate tensor  $\mathbf{R}$
- Outputs: Reynolds stress anisotropy  $\mathbf{A}$
- **Tensors are the natural language of scientific computing**



# Deep Learning for Turbulence Modeling



- Inputs: Tensors  $\mathbf{S}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$
- Output: Tensor  $\mathbf{A}$
- Would like to enforce Galilean invariance
  - Invariance to inertial coordinate frame transformations
  - Borrow some ideas from group theory, representation theory
  - All Galilean invariant tensors that are a function of  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  lie on a tensor basis: the *integrity basis* of  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  for the orthogonal group

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{Q}^T, \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{Q}^T) = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{R})\mathbf{Q}^T$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{n=1}^{10} f^{(n)} \mathbf{B}^{(n)}$$

Unknown  
coefficients

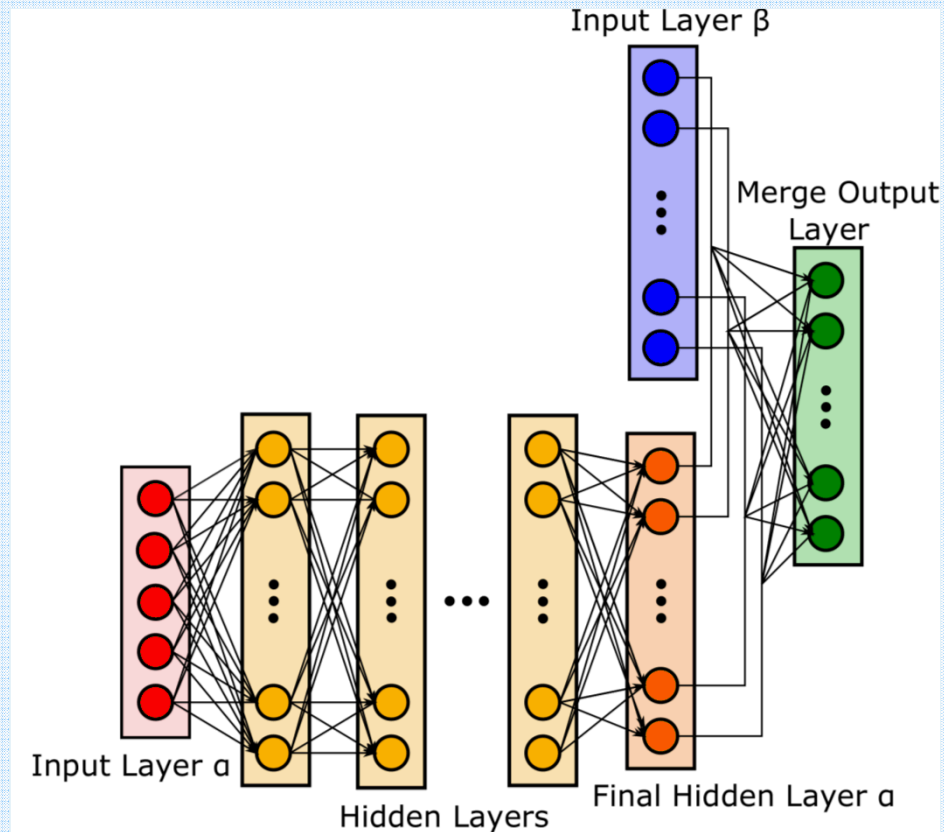
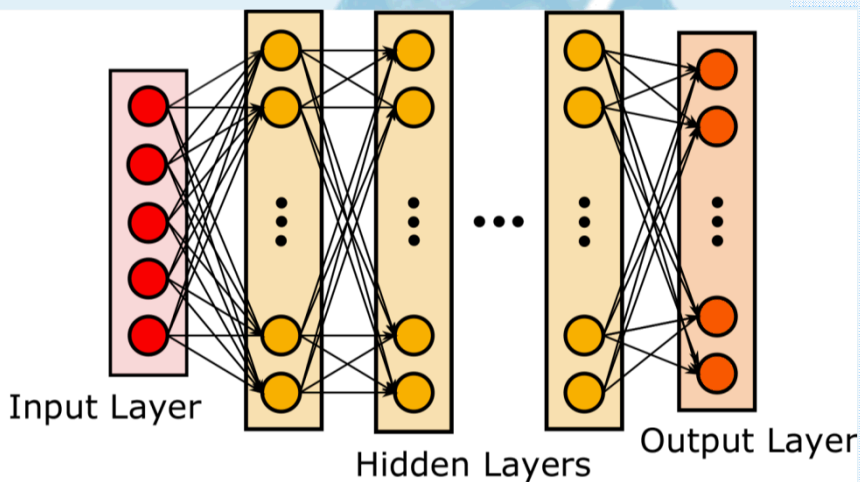
Known Tensor Basis

# Embedding Galilean Invariance

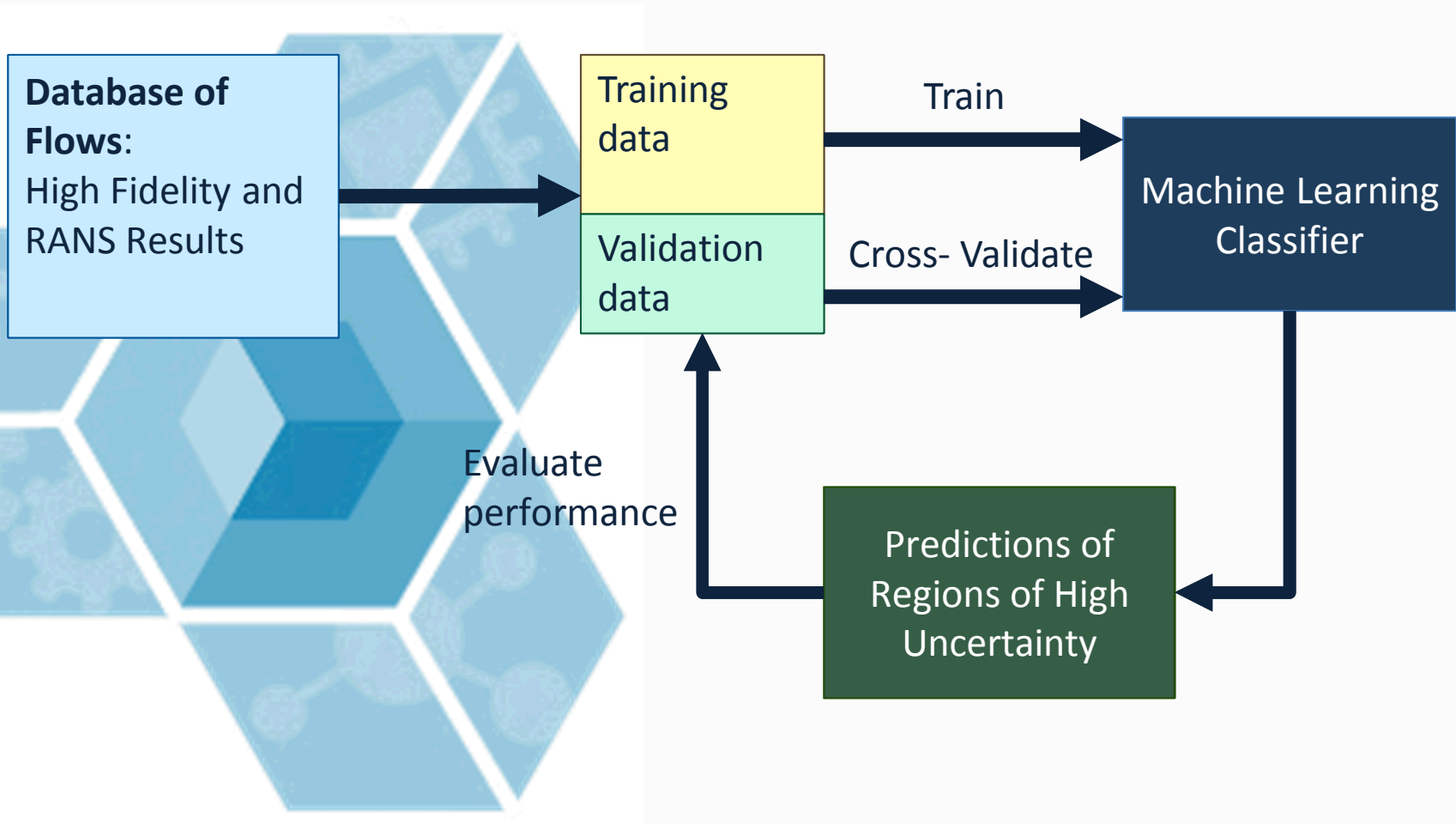


## Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

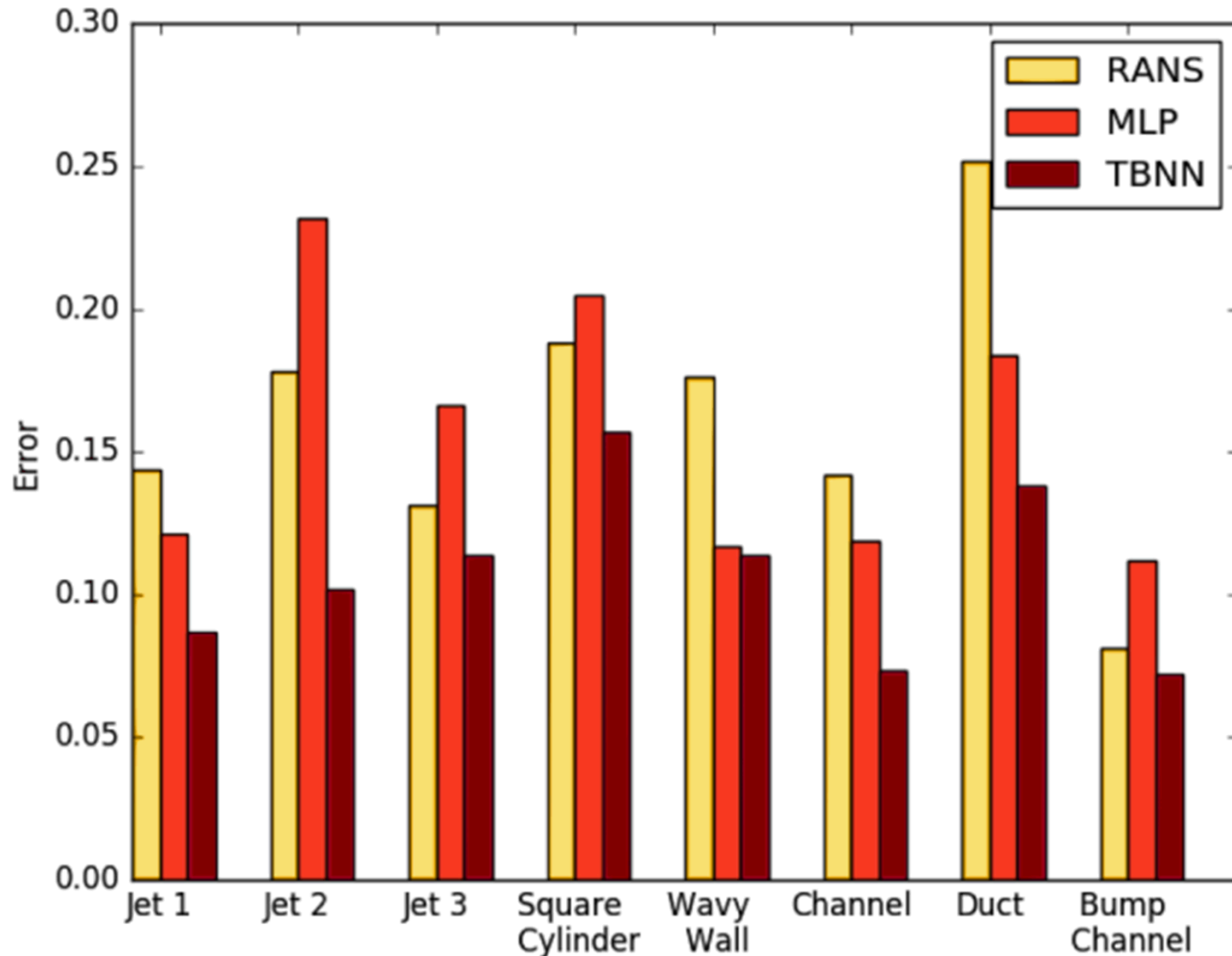
## Tensor Basis Neural Network (TBNN)



# Classifier Development



# Deep Learning for Turbulence Modeling





- Developed network architecture to embed known tensor invariance property
- Applied this neural network to turbulence modeling
- Demonstrated significant improvement over conventional eddy viscosity models, at orders of magnitude lower computational cost than DNS
- First application of deep learning to turbulence modeling
- Big Picture: Embedding domain knowledge can give improved performance, especially in data-limited scenarios



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# Questions

