Antony Jameson's Contributions and Lasting Impact on Computational Aerodynamics

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Happy Birthdays

- Great accomplishments
- Great opportunity for a symposium
	- Thanks to the organizers

Pictures at 60 years of age

Overview of my Talk

- Focus on Antony Jameson's contributions and impact
- Not too technical
	- Challenge 1: No equations
	- Challenge 2: No results from me
		- Use as much as possible Jameson material
- Personal experience
- Thoughts about future directions/opportunities

Antony Jameson's Contributions

• > 500 papers on Stanford site

❑ Discretization schemes

- ❖ JST, but many others
- ❑ Convergence acceleration/Solvers
	- ❖ Enthalpy damping, Residual smoothing, Multigrid, etc.
- ❑ Adjoint methods/Design Optimization
- ❑ Implicit Time Stepping
	- ❖ Dual Time stepping, Time Spectral, Implicit RK
- ❑ High Order Methods (DG, FR …)

❑ FLO, SYN and AIRPLANE codes

Antony Jameson's Impact

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MULTIGRID ALGORITHMS FOR COMPRESSIBLE **FLOW CALCULATIONS**

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Introduction emputational fluid dynamics has penetrated into a broad ty of fields, including airplane design, car design, studies

Transonic Flow Calculations

Antony Jameson

Princeton University MAE Report $\#1651$

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Note

This text is based on lectures given at the CIME Third Session, on Numerical Methods in Fluid Dynamics, held at Como, July 4-12, 1983. It has been typed with great patience by Lori Marchesano.

1 Introduction

In these lectures I shall attempt to survey some of the principal recent de-

The Evolution of Computational **Methods in Aerodynamics**

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TRANSONIC FLOW PAST AN AIRFOIL Fig. 1.1

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Circa 1987

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end over

• 2nd "Airplane" Paper

- Delaunay triangulation
- Unstructured mesh Euler solver
	- JST Sheme
	- Explicit Runge-Kutta
	- Implicit residual smoothing
	- Enthalpy damping

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Circa 1999 (12 Years later)

Application Domain: Computational Aerodynamics

Gordon Bell Prize Finalist Talk

• PETSc-FUN3D wins **1999 Gordon Bell prize**

AIAA 99-0537

LARGE-SCALE PARALLEL UNSTRUCTURED MESH **COMPUTATIONS FOR 3D HIGH-LIFT ANALYSIS**

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37 Years Later HLPW5 Fixed Grid RANS TFG

Reproduced from HLPW5 Fixed Grid RANS TFG Presentation

• Discretization Approaches

- \circ Node-centered, finite-volume, 2nd order
- o Cell-centered, finite-volume, 2nd order
- Node-centered, continuous finite-element

· RANS Models

- \circ Spalart-Allmaras (SA) equations, including SA-neg and SA-noft2 variants
- \circ SA-R(C_{rof}=1)-QCR2000 equations
- \circ Other models

• Fixed-Grid Families

 \circ POINTWISE, mixed-element (1.R.01, 1.R.09, 2.R.03, 3.R.01) : 18 solvers, 83 sets \circ HELDENMESH, mixed-element (1.R.03, 1.R.05, 1.R.07, 2.R.01, 3.R.02) : 11 solvers, 76 sets \circ ANSYS ICEM CFD, hex-dominant (1.R.04, 1.L.01, 1.H.04, 2.L.01) : 10 solvers, 31 sets \circ STAR-CCM+, mixed-element (2.R.04) \circ Custom grids

Exclusively Unstructured Meshes

: 6 solvers, 69 sets : 16 solvers, 141 sets

: 2 solvers, 14 sets

- $: 22$ solvers, 150 sets
- : 13 solvers. 32 sets
- : 9 solvers, 42 sets
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- 2 solvers, 9 sets
- $: 6$ solvers, 18 sets

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Convergence Acceleration

1983 Copper Mountain MG Conference:

SOLUTION OF THE EULER EQUATIONS FOR TWO DIMENSIONAL TRANSONIC FLOW BY A MULTIGRID METHOD^{*}

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1 Introduction

A crucial input to the design of a long range aircraft is the prediction of the aerodynamic flow in cruising flight. In contrast to the flow past a blunt object, such as a golf ball, or ski racer, the flow past an aircraft generally does not separate. Consequently, the important viscous effects are mainly confined to boundary layers over the surface of the aircraft, and useful predictions can be made by solving the equations of inviscid flow. The cruising efficiency is roughly proportional to the speed multiplied by the lift to drag ratio, so that it pays to increase the speed into the transonic range, where compressibility effects lead to the formation of shock waves, and have a dominating influence on the flow.

During the last decade, numerous codes have been developed for the solution of the potential flow equation in transonic flow. Some of these codes employ sophisticated numerical algorithms, and are capable of treating flows in complex geometric domains [1,2]. It has been established that the multigrid technique can dramatically accelerate the convergence of transonic potential flow calculations, although the governing equations are of mixed elliptic and hyperbolic type [3-6].

The assumption of potential flow implies that the flow is irrotational. This is not strictly correct when shock waves are present. An exact description of transonic inviscid flow requires the solution of the Euler equations. The numerical solution of the Euler equations for steady transonic flows is therefore a problem of great interest to the aeronautical community. It also presents a testing challenge to applied mathematicians and numerical analvete

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Illustration of Multigrid Efficiency Easy test case

- F6 Wing-body (DPW3)
- Mach=0.75, Incidence=1deg, Re=3 million
- Prism-Tet Mesh: 1.2 million points (~3 million elements)

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NSU3D for HLPW2 Mesh Refinement Study (More Difficult)

 (a) Coarse

(b) Medium

 (c) Fine

- Mach=0.175, Incidence=16deg, Re=15 million
	- Coarse Mesh: 10 million points
	- Medium Mesh: 30 million points
	- Fine Mesh: 75 million points

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Hierarchy of Solvers

- FAS Multigrid
	- Fast when works
	- No tuning parameters
- Linear Iterative Solver (MG, GS, Lines, etc)
	- Somewhat more robust
	- Some tuning parameters
		- linear tol., inner cycles, CFL ramping
- Newton-Krylov
	- Most robust
	- Even more tuning parameters…
	- Considerably slower when other methods converge
	- Effective in final stages of convergence
	- Slow initial convergence
	- Forces/moments only converge at end !
- Importance of improved solver technology
	- For ALL CFD DISCRETIZATIONS
	- For MDA/MDAO

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- Jameson et al. continued interest in these areas
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Another paradigm shift, ~40 years later? Or an opportunity for MG for moderate CFL implicit systems?

Octree Cartesian

List of Antony Jameson's PhD Students

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The Jameson way

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The methods developed, as well as the style in which these were coded have been copied and implemented innumerable times throughout the world. These FLO and SYN-codes were written in a particularly clear and legible style, the 'Jameson Style'. In the same way that we can recognize a Bach suite or a Vivaldi concerto, a CFD code from Antony Jameson is clearly recognizable.

2. Lessons learned: the lameson way

velopment of computers'. It is hard to argue with such vague and generalizing statements, which always contain some truth. Then again, many were there, and he stood out. So what can the community at large, and individuals, learn from such a life? Was there a methodology, a discipline, that was conducive to it?

What the last 60 years have shown in the person of Antony Jameson is that in order to contribute lastingly to CFD one should:

- Keep doing research;
- Stay with the problem:
- Keep running cases;
- Code, and code clearly:
- First solve fast, then solve well;
- Publish in a concise and reproducible way.

Let us expand on each of these items.

2.1. Keep doing research

A very common career path for academics, particularly those that distinguish themselves, is to attract a considerable amount of funding, and the associated students, post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty and visiting scientists. All of which may add to the scientific output, but which invariably means more management duties and less time for 'doing' research, and knowing less and less details of the research being carried out. One often observes at Conferences and Symposia well-known professors giving plenary talks presenting material that, if asked for further clarifica-

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The methods developed, as well as the style in which these were coded have been copied and implemented innumerable times throughout the world. These FLO and SYN-codes were written in a particularly clear and legible style, the 'Jameson Style'. In the same way that we can recognize a Bach suite or a Vivaldi concerto. a CFD code from Antony Jameson is clearly recognizable.

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velopment of computers'. It is hard to argue with such vague and generalizing statements, which always contain some truth. Then again, many were there, and he stood out. So what can the community at large, and individuals, learn from such a life? Was there a methodology, a discipline, that was conducive to it?

What the last 60 years have shown in the person of Antony lameson is that in order to contribute lastingly to CFD one should:

- Keep doing research;
- Stay with the problem;
- Keep running cases:
- Code, and code clearly:
- First solve fast, then solve well:
- Publish in a concise and reproducible way.

Let us expand on each of these items.

2.1. Keep doing research

A very common career path for academics, particularly those that distinguish themselves, is to attract a considerable amount of funding, and the associated students, post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty and visiting scientists. All of which may add to the scientific output, but which invariably means more management duties and less time for 'doing' research, and knowing less and less details of the research being carried out. One often observes at Conferences and Symposia well-known professors giving plenary talks presenting material that, if asked for further clarifica-

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	- John C. Maxwell is the person who famously said, "The true measure of leadership is influence - nothing more, nothing less," essentially stating that success should be measured by how many people you influence.

Thank you

