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Immersed Boundary–Aware Physics-Informed Surrogates for Unsteady Moving-Body Flows Capabilities, Insights, and Open Challenges

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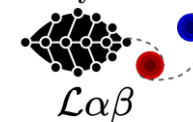
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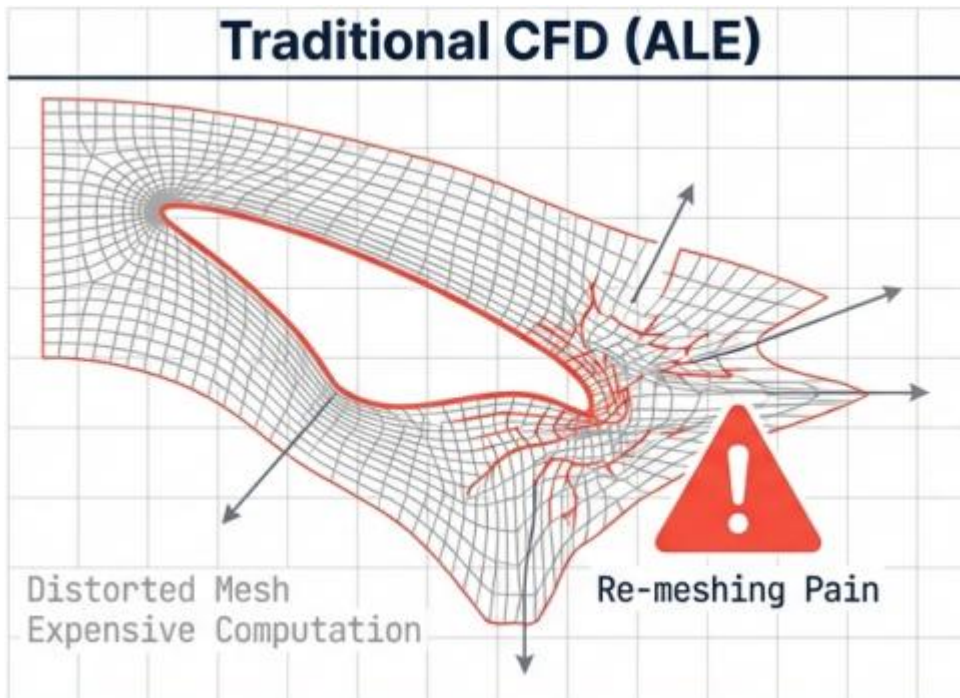
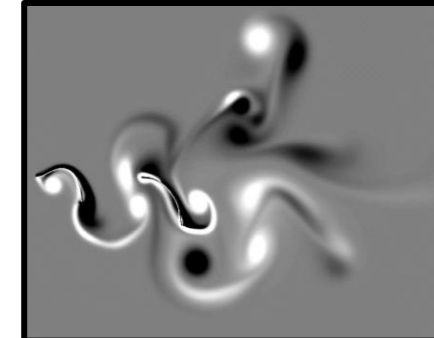
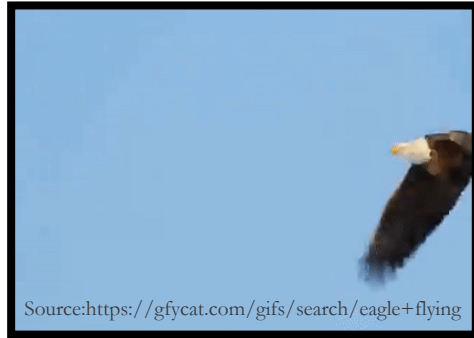
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Outline

Key research question: "Can we recover hidden flow physics from sparse data — even when boundaries move?"

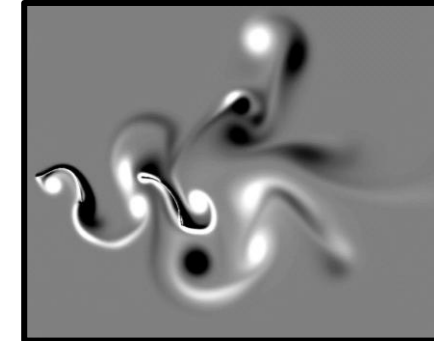
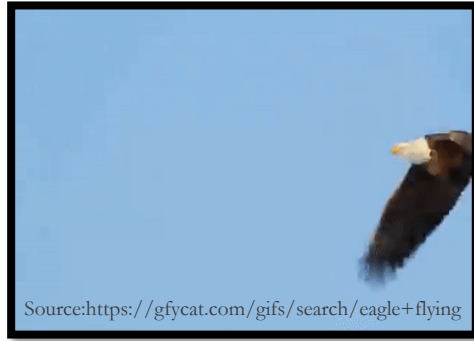
- Challenges in surrogate modelling for moving boundary flows: **Data & Modeling complexities**
- **Our wish list & desired applications**
- Immersed boundary aware framework: **The three key ideas**
- **Salient results**
- **Key Takeaways**

Challenges in surrogate modelling for moving boundary flows

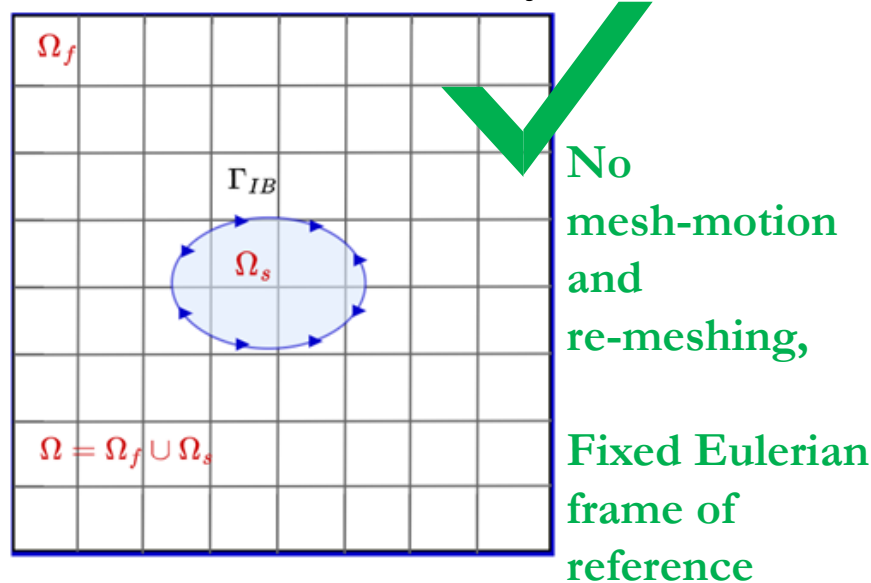


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Challenges in surrogate modelling for moving boundary flows



Immersed boundary methods

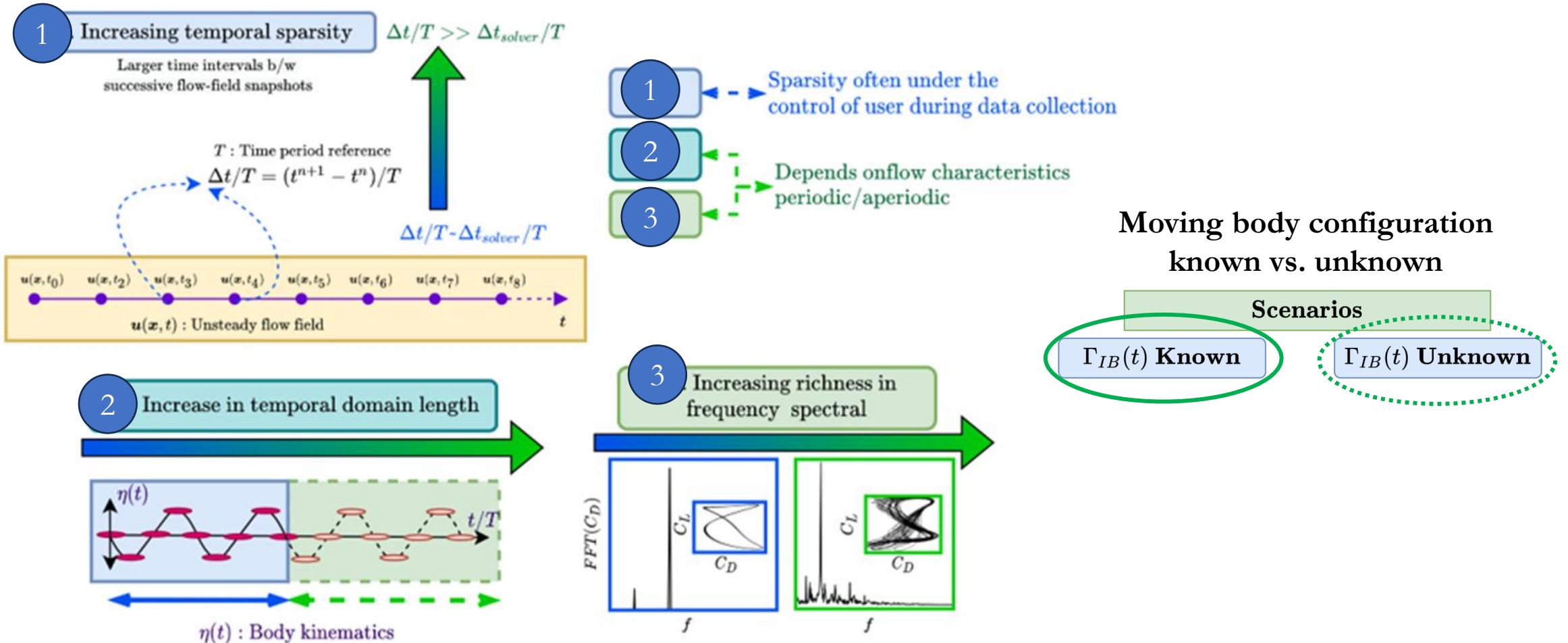


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Challenges in surrogate modelling: Data and Modeling Complexities

Types of **temporal domain complexities** in the context of Unsteady flow datasets

1) Sparsity, 2) Long time domain, and 3) Aperiodicity



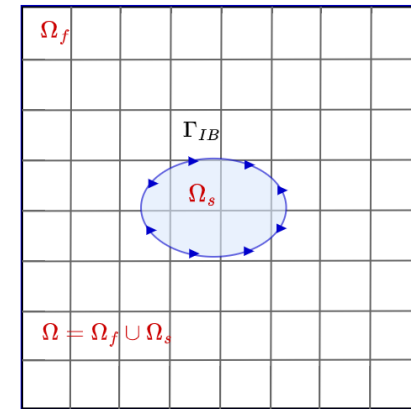
Challenges for surrogate modeling: **Data & Modeling complexities**

Challenges posed for data-driven surrogate modelling using IBM data:

→ IBM obtained solutions – fictitious flow field Ω_s (solid region) → **varying in time** → **Moving discontinuity**

→ **Enforcing no-slip BC** on the solid boundary:

- **The IBM solution** - Disjoint representation of fluid (**Eulerian grid**) and Solid boundary (**Lagrangian Markers**)
- **Body forcing term (f)** in momentum conservation equation



$\Gamma_{IB}(t)$ – Moving boundary
 Ω_s, Ω_f – Solid & Fluid regions

Discrete forcing IBM (Incompressible flow)

[Kim *et al.* (2001), Majumdar *et al.* (2020)]

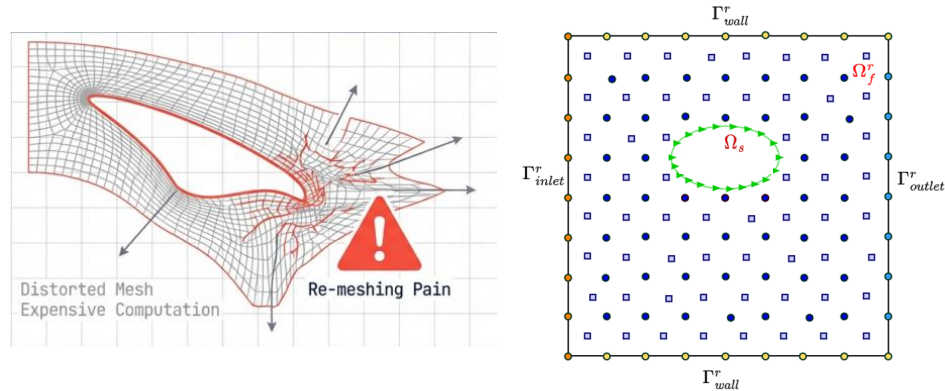
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - q = 0.$$

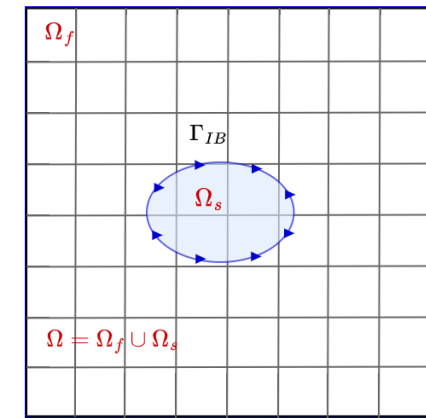
Our wish list

Based on the challenges and the attractive features of IBM, our requirements for an ideal framework are

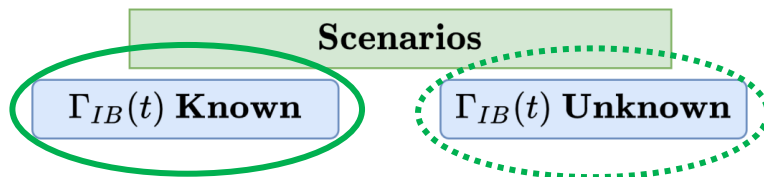
- 1 Grid agnosticity allowing any arbitrary domain & grid



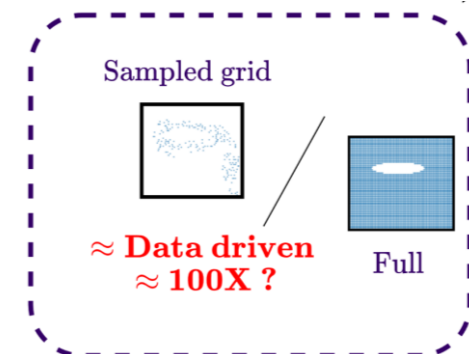
- 2 Eulerian fixed frame of reference



- 3 Flexibility to handle both scenarios under spatio-temporal sparsity



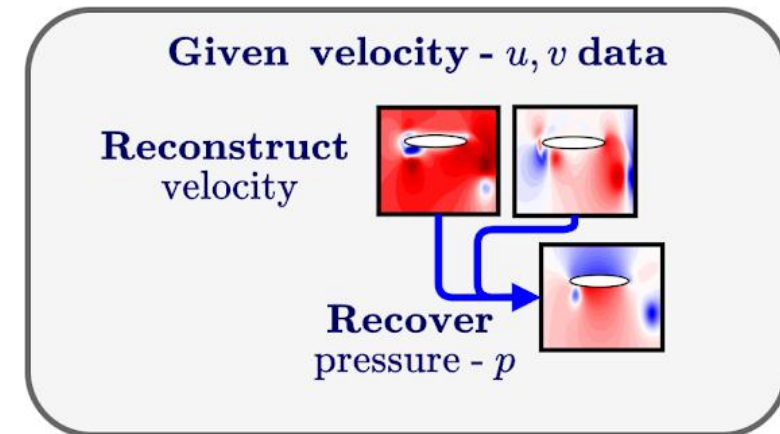
- 4 Data efficiency



Desired Applications

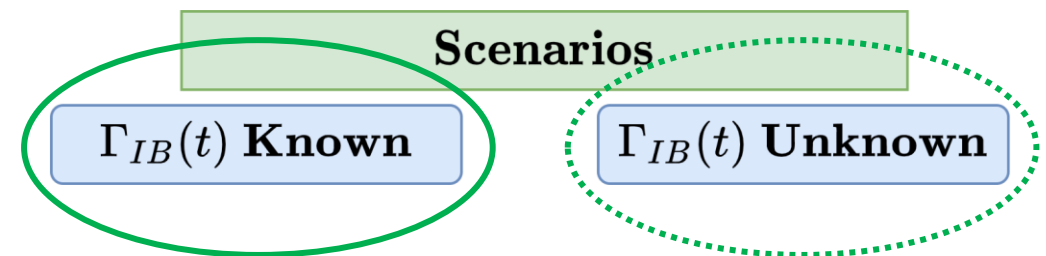
1 Non-intrusive hidden pressure recovery

- **Instantaneous pressure fields** – desirable to understand sources driving aero-/hydrodynamic loads:
- **Simulations:** Some **IBM variants** – velocity alone needed for **load estimation** – **pressure data not stored** [Majumdar *et al.* (2020)]
- **Experiments:** – PIV Measurements of velocity [Dabiri *et al.* (2014)]

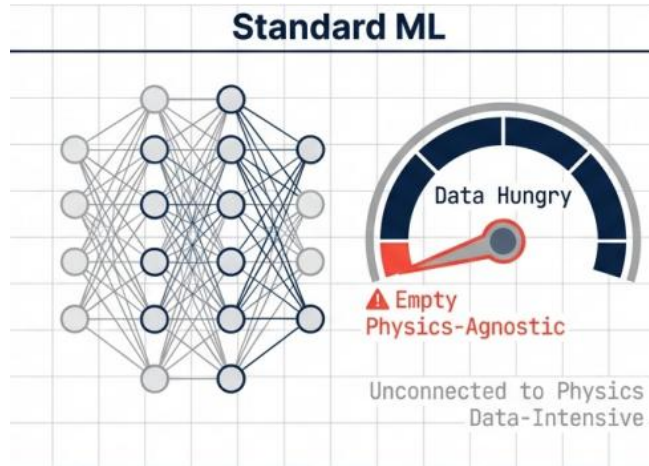


2 Hidden boundary estimation (*high complexity*)

Pressure recovery and moving body configuration estimation when body shape, position, and velocity are not known apriori

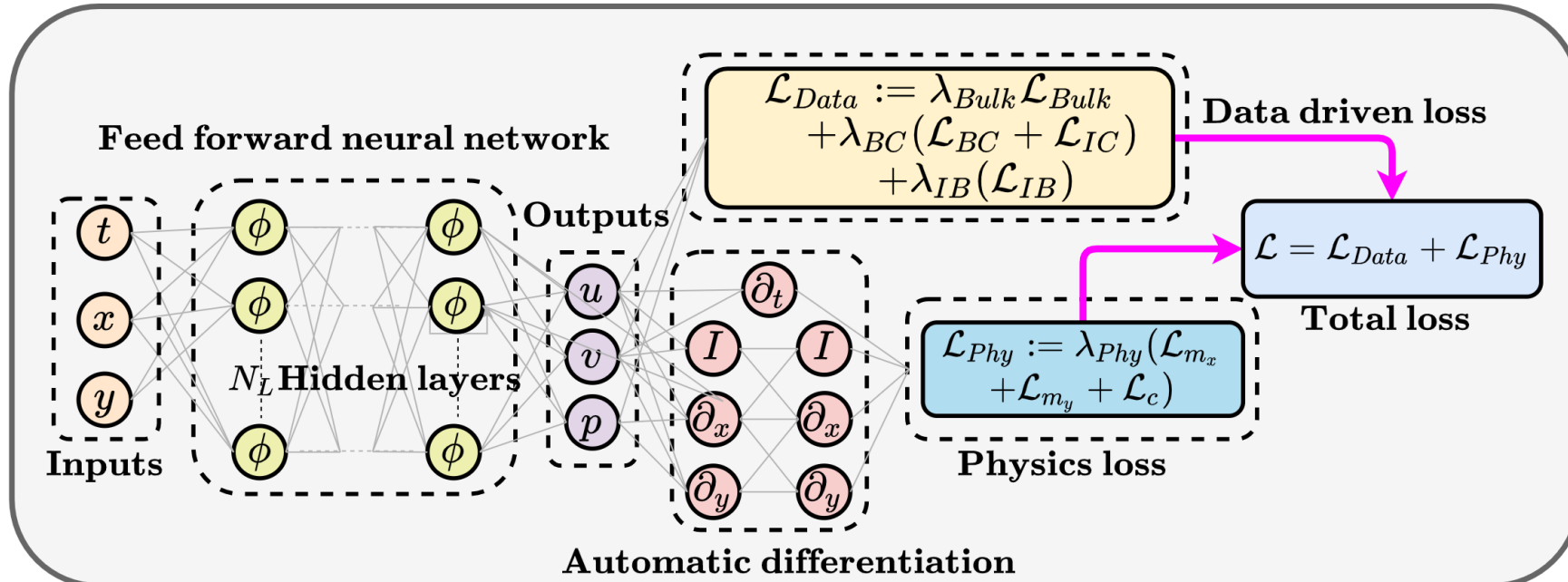


Potential of Physics informed neural networks



Physics informed neural networks (Raissi et al. (2019), JCP)

- 1 Physics-informed loss + Data-driven loss
- 2 Can handle any **arbitrary domain / grid** – pointwise inputs!
- 3 Flexible to implement for **forward/inverse problems (Hidden variable recovery, hidden boundary estimation, etc.)**



Immersed Boundary Aware (IBA) Framework

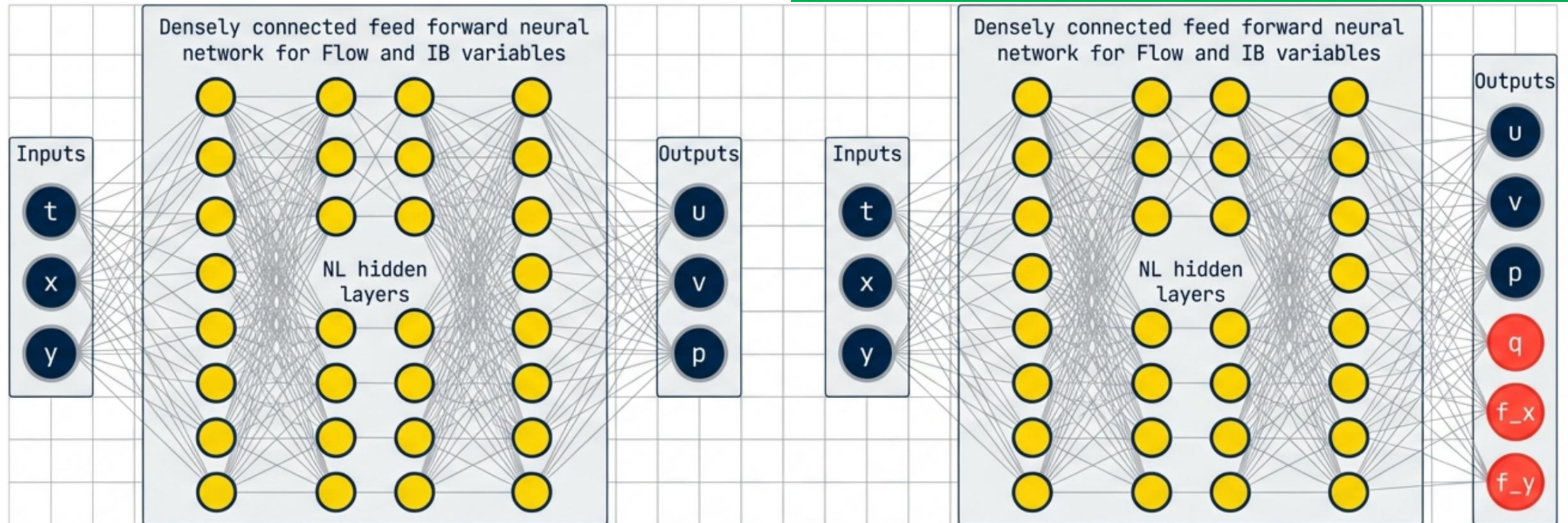
based on Physics Informed Neural Networks

IBA Framework – Dual PINN Formulations

Moving Boundary (MB) enabled PINNs (NS and IBM formulations)

MB-PINN (*Standard N-S GEqns.*)

MB-IBM-PINN (*IBM formulation GEqns.*)



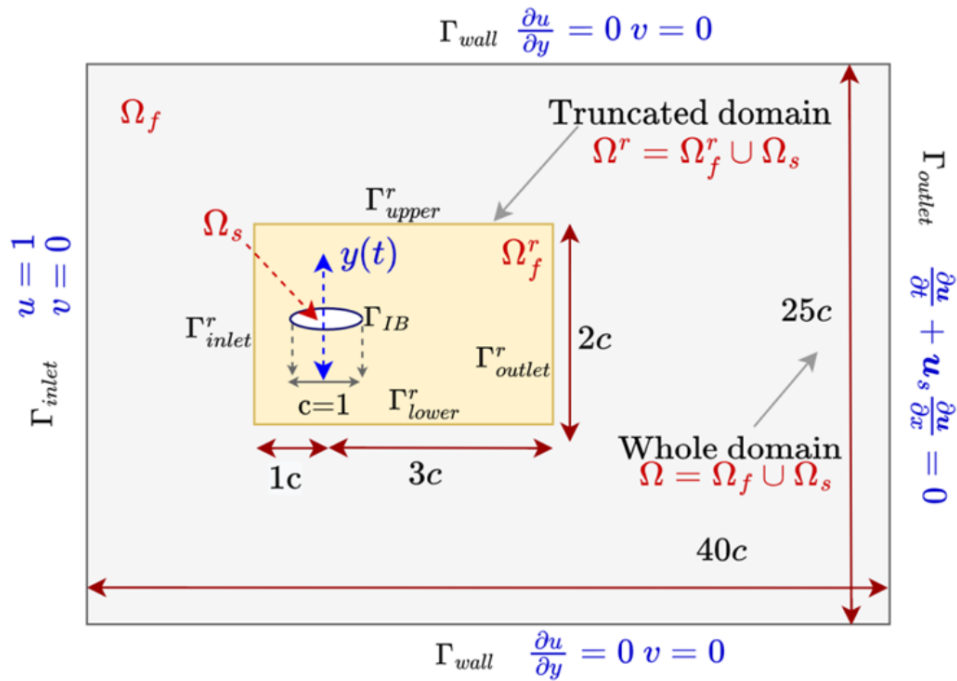
$$\mathcal{L} := \mathcal{L}_{Phy} + \mathcal{L}_{Data}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Phy} = \lambda_{fluid}(\mathcal{L}_{m_x} + \mathcal{L}_{m_y} + \mathcal{L}_c)^{\Omega_f} + \lambda_{solid}(\mathcal{L}_{m_x} + \mathcal{L}_{m_y} + \mathcal{L}_c)^{\Omega_s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Data} = \lambda_{Bulk} \mathcal{L}_{Bulk} + \lambda_{inlet} \mathcal{L}_{inlet} + \lambda_{IB} \mathcal{L}_{IB} + \lambda_{IBvar} \mathcal{L}_{IBvar}$$

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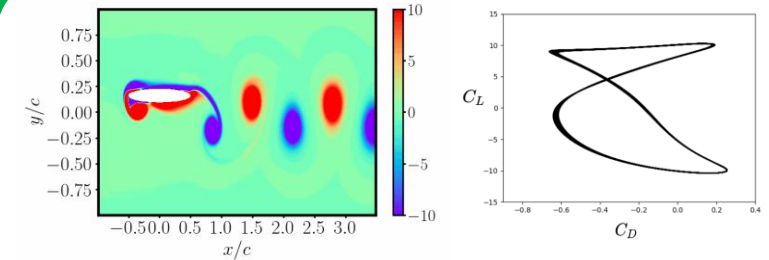
Plunging foil problem setup



$$y(t) = h_a \cos(2\pi f_h t + \phi)$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -2\pi f_h h_a \sin(2\pi f_h t + \phi)$$

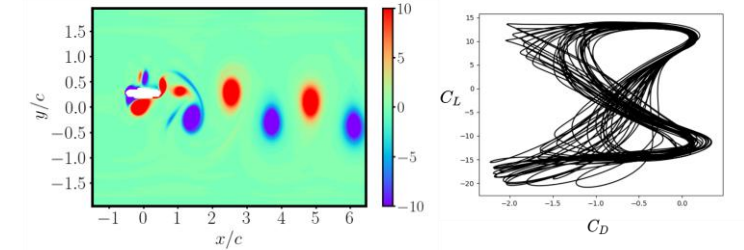
h_a :Plunging Amplitude
 ϕ :Phase
 f_h :Plunging frequency
 c : foil chord length



Case 1: Periodic

$Re = 500, h_a = 0.16, f_h = 1, c = 1, U_\infty = 1$

[validated with Khalid et al. (2015)]



Case 2: Quasi-Periodic

$Re = 300, h_a = 0.4125, f_h = 4, c = 1, U_\infty = 1$

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Ω_f, Ω_f^2 :Whole and truncated fluid domains

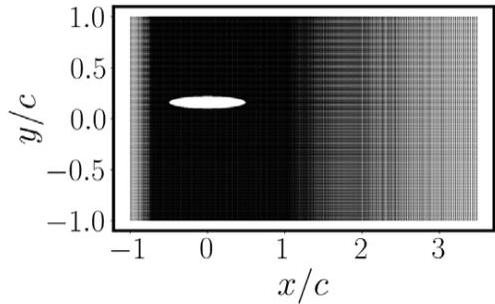
Ω_s :Solid domain

$\Gamma_{\#}$: inlet, walls, outlet boundaries of whole domain Ω

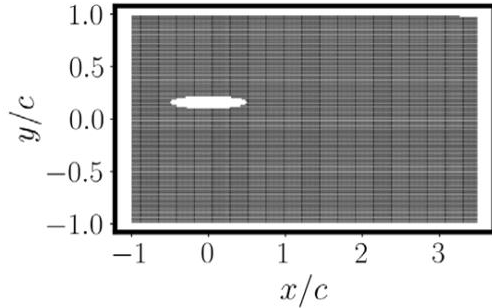
Γ_{*}^r : inlet, outlet, lower & upper boundaries of truncated domain Ω^r

Plunging foil problem setup

Computational domain: $(x, y) \in [-1.5, 3.5] \times [-1.0, 1.0]$

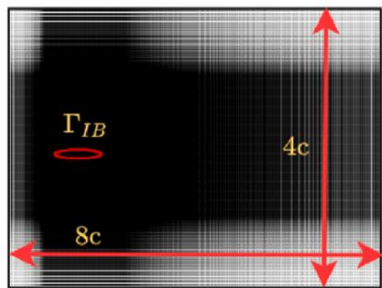


(a) IBM grid
 $N_x * N_y = 325500, \Delta x = \Delta y = 0.004$

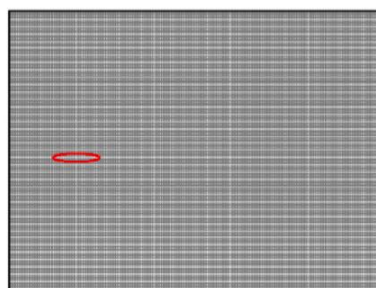


(b) Coarsened grid
 $N_x * N_y = 30000, \Delta x = \Delta y = 0.016$

Computational domain: $(x, y) \in [-1.5c, 6.5c] \times [-2.0c, 2.0c]$

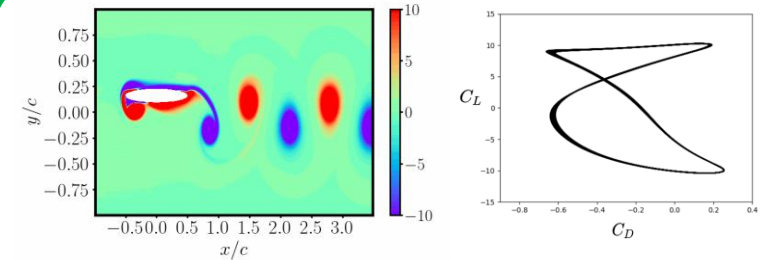


(a) High resolution IBM grid
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 $N_x * N_y = 45000, \Delta x = \Delta y = 0.026$

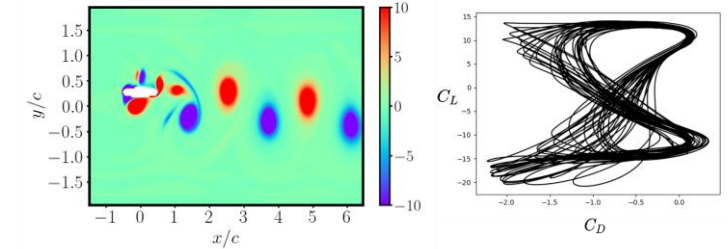
Interpolate IBM grid data onto a relatively coarse grid ($\sim 10\%$ the size)



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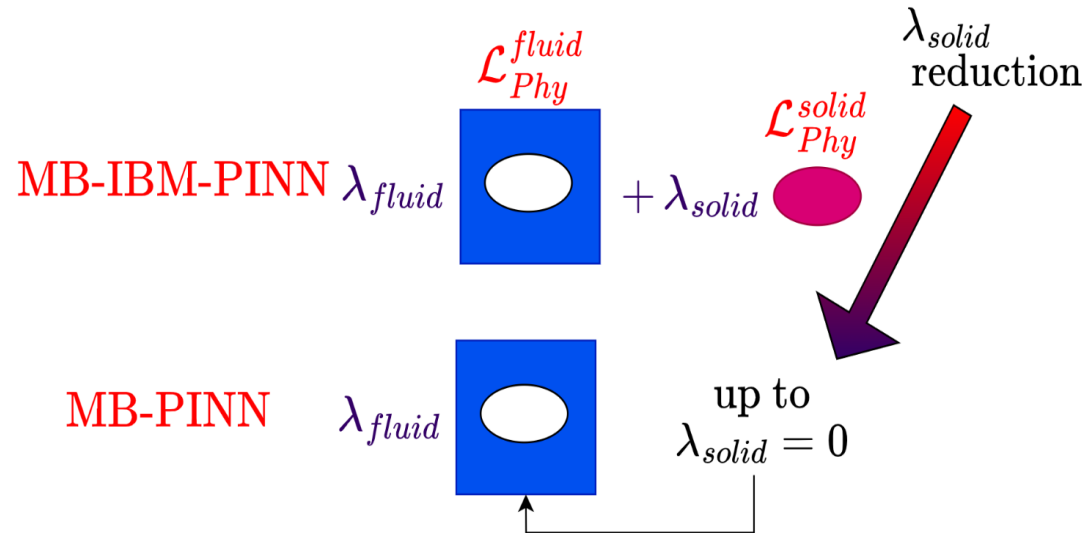
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Key contribution #1 – Physics-Aware training design

Multipart physics loss weighting

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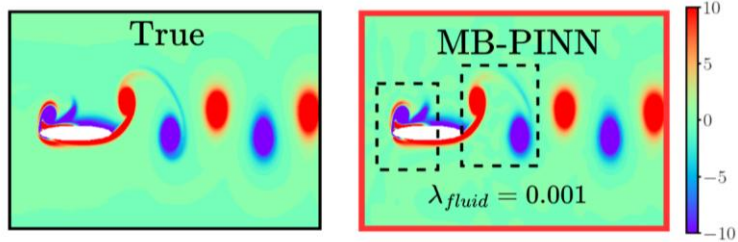
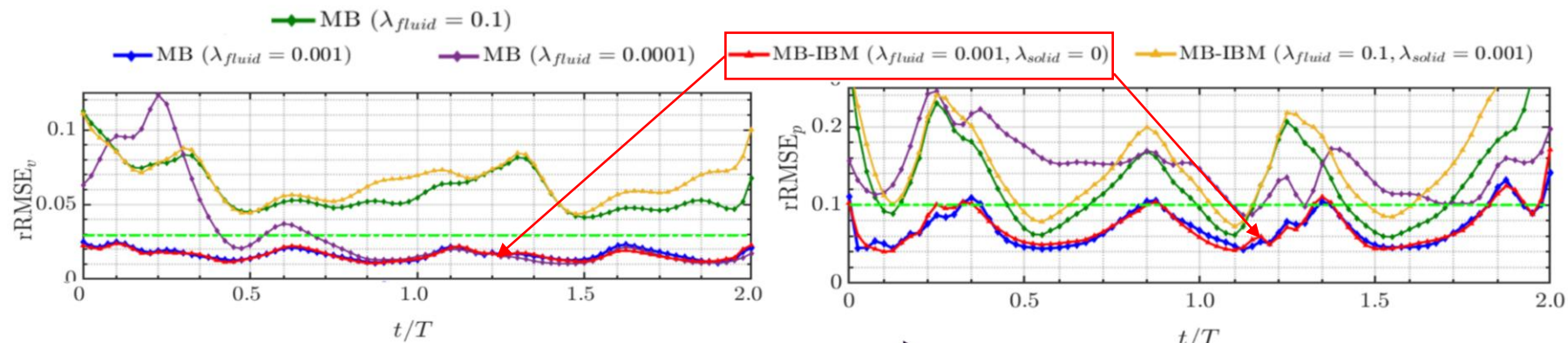


- 1 Explain conditions under which **MB-PINN** and **MB-IBM-PINN** are equivalent
- 2 Explain role of **Solid domain** in model performance of MB-IBM-PINN
- 3 Explain scenarios where **MB-PINN** or **MB-IBM-PINN** are applicable

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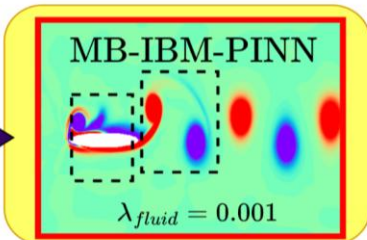
Multi-part loss weighting & hidden pressure recovery

1 MB-IBM-PINN equivalent to MB-PINN when $\lambda_{solid} = 0$



At optimal $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.001$,

$\lambda_{solid} = 0$

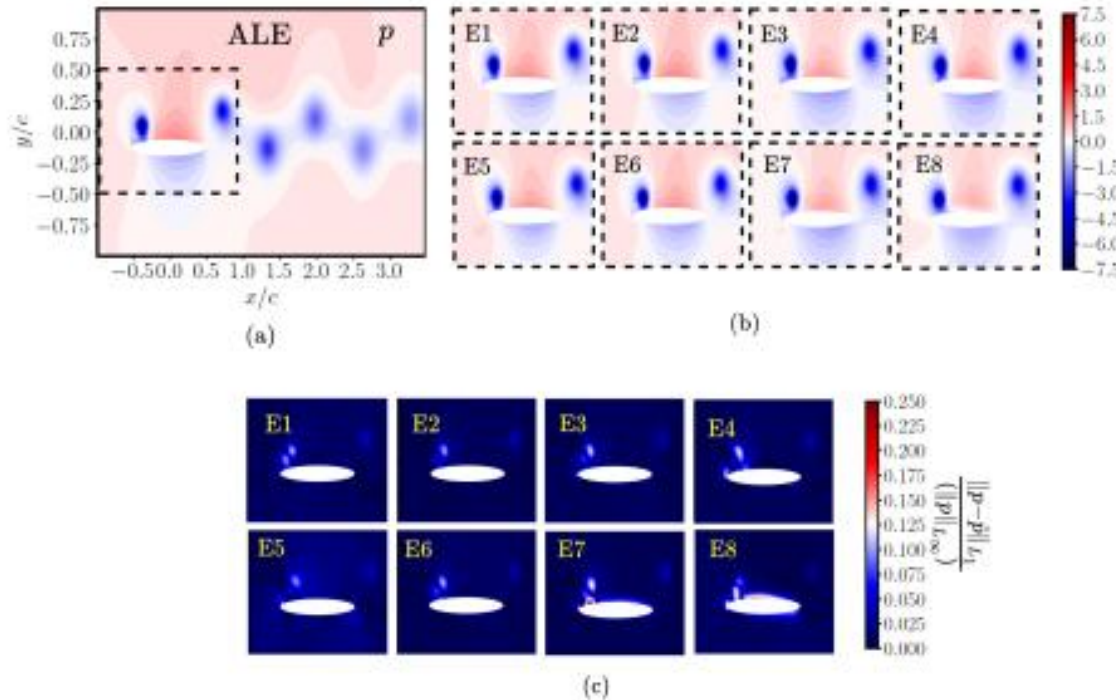


2 If solid body position and velocity known $L_{Phy}^{solid} \rightarrow \Omega_s$ can be discarded!

3 But what if body configuration is not known? – MB-IBM-PINN has potential

Hidden Boundary estimation

Pressure recovery when body shape, position, and velocity are not known apriori



Given velocity data away from the moving boundary:

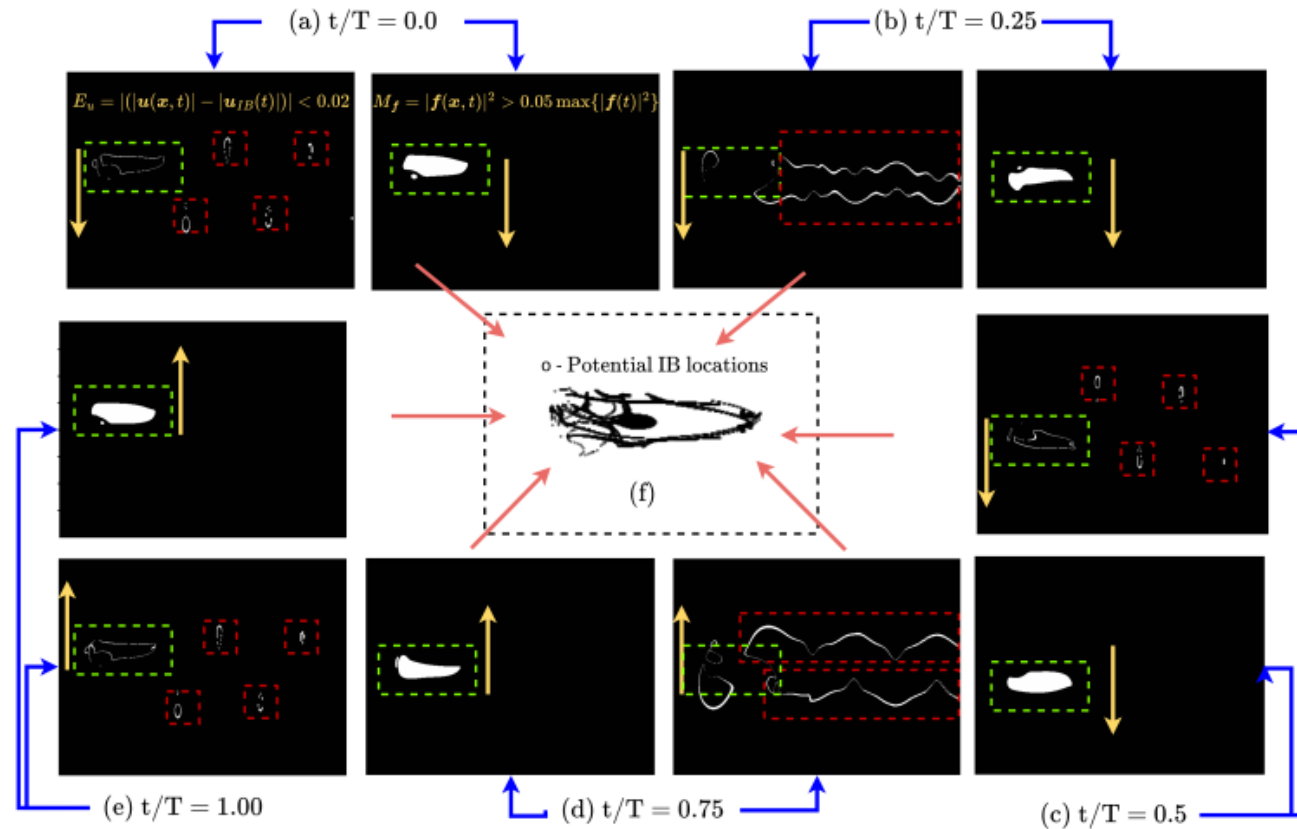
Steps involved:

1. Train MB-IBM-PINNs to obtain velocity, recover pressure and IBM auxiliary variables f and q .

Figure 8: Comparison of (a) true ALE pressure with the (b) predictions obtained from optimal MB-PINN (with and without \mathcal{L}_{IB} constraint) and MB-IBM-PINN (without \mathcal{L}_{IB} constraint) models and (c) corresponding maximum value normalised pointwise absolute error contours. The rectangular boxes in (b) and (c) representing the near-field region in (a) marked by E1 $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.001, \gamma = 1$ - taken from the manuscript), E2-E4 (MB-PINN - $\lambda = 0.001, \gamma = 0$ with fluid data points sampled 2, 5 and 10 cells away from the solid boundary, respectively), E5 (MB-IBM-PINN - $\lambda = 0.01, \gamma = 0, \xi = 1$ (no VF)), and E6-E8 (MB-IBM-PINN - $\lambda = 0.001, \gamma = 0, \xi = 1$ (VF) with fluid data points sampled 2, 5 and 10 cells away from the solid boundary, respectively).

Hidden Boundary estimation

Preliminary extension to body shape estimation using MB-IBM-PINN



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2. **Extract edges** based on velocity fields
3. **Extract masks** using \mathbf{f}
4. **Combine masks and edges** to obtain a cluster of potential IB marker locations.

Figure 15: Detailed representation of (a)-(e) extracting the potential IB marker locations by combining the body velocity magnitude based edge extraction ($E_{|\mathbf{u}_{IB}|}$) with the masks $M_f(t)$ at different time instants. The extracted potential IB marker locations are depicted in (f).

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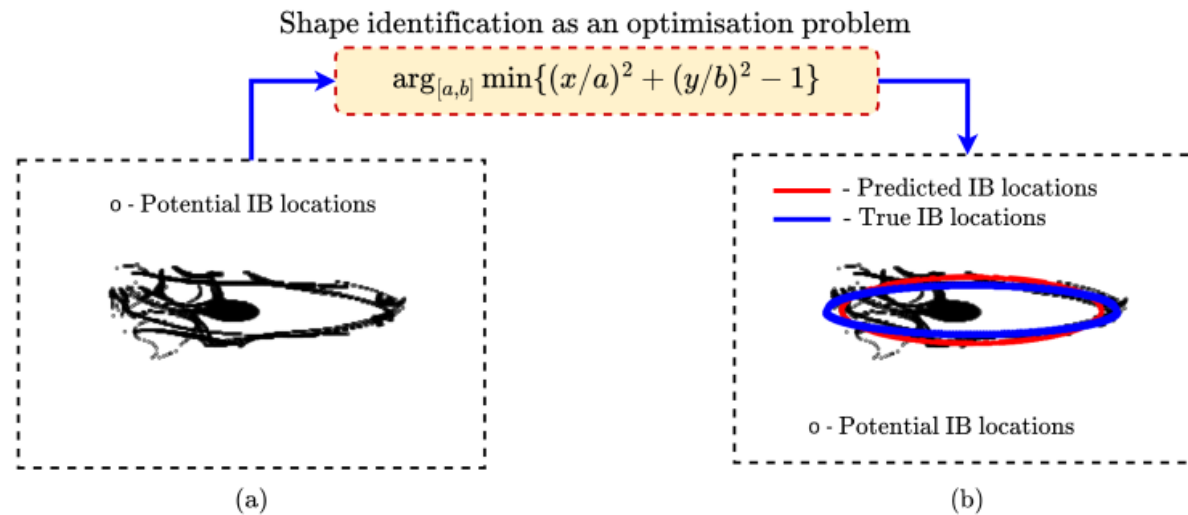


Figure 16: Shape estimation as an optimisation problem. (a) The extracted potential IB marker locations and (b) overlay of the true and predicted IB.

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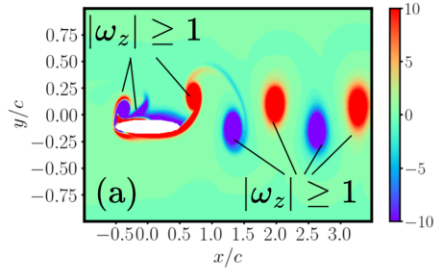
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5. **Assume a shape prior (ellipse)** and determine the shape parameters.

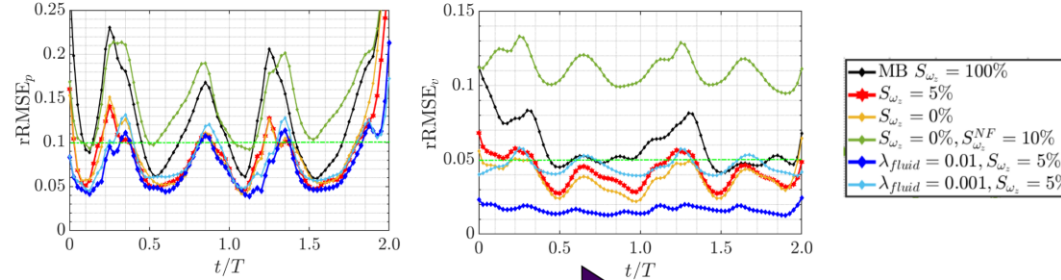
Key contribution #2 – Physics-Aware training design

Vorticity cut off sampling

Vorticity cut off selection



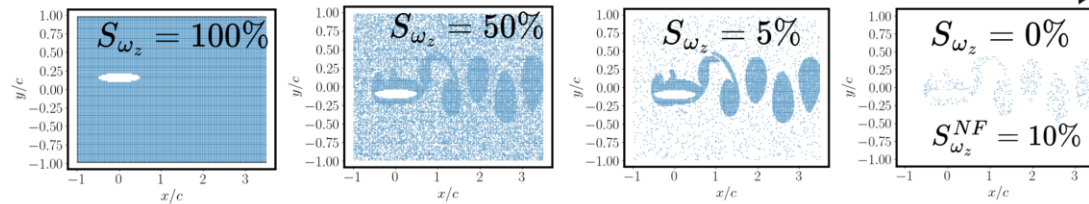
Snapwise relative RMSE for pressure p and velocity components v



Vorticity cut-off based far field sampling ratio

$$S_{\omega_z} = 100 \times \frac{N_{|\omega_z| < 1}^{sample}}{N_{|\omega_z| < 1}}$$

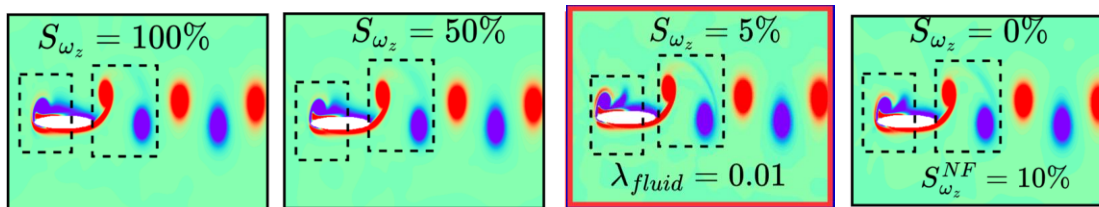
Effect of S_{ω_z} reduction: Increasing data efficiency



Near field sampling ratio

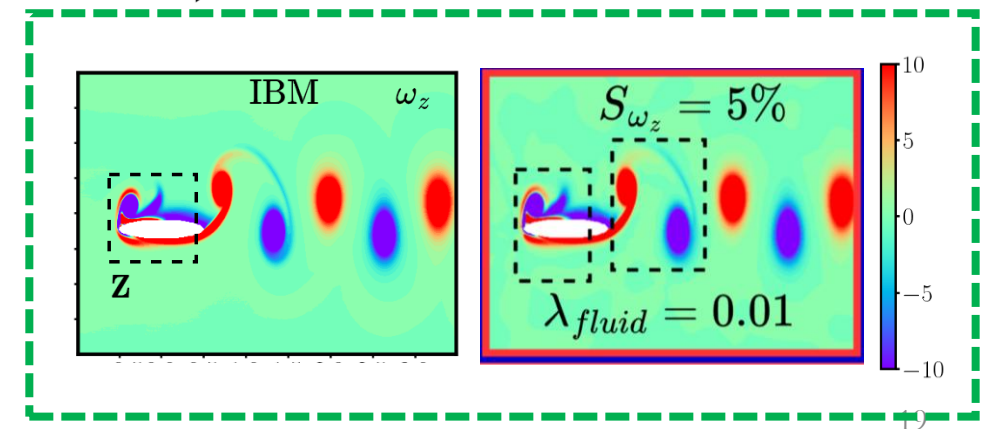
$$S_{\omega_z}^{NF} = 100 \times \frac{N_{|\omega_z| \geq 1}^{sample}}{N_{|\omega_z| \geq 1}}$$

Effect of S_{ω_z} reduction: Improved reconstruction of primary and secondary vortex structures



Optimal: $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.01$ and $S_{\omega_z} = 5\%$

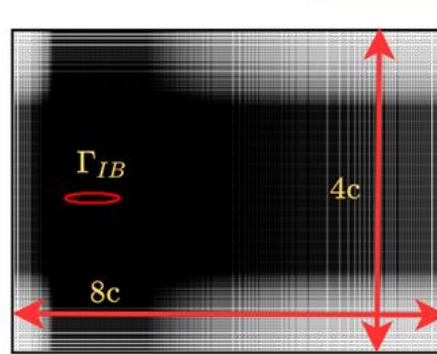
- ~ 1% of the grid points in **Ref-IBM** grid.
- 100 × savings on memory



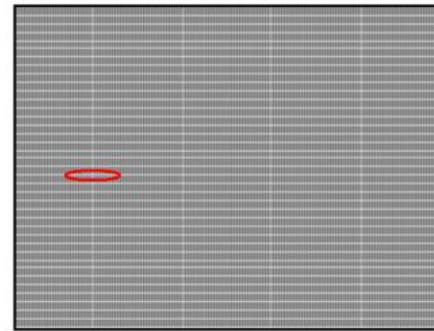
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Preferential spatio-temporal sampling

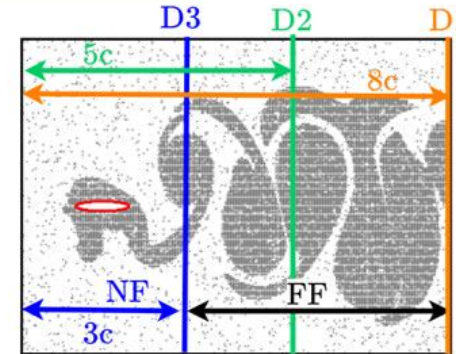
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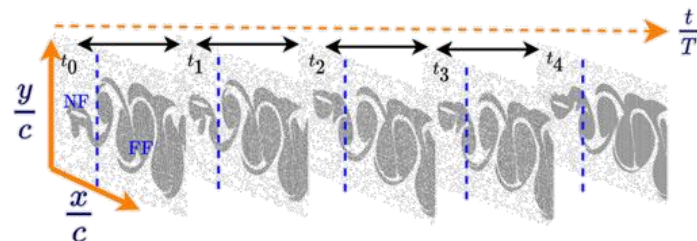
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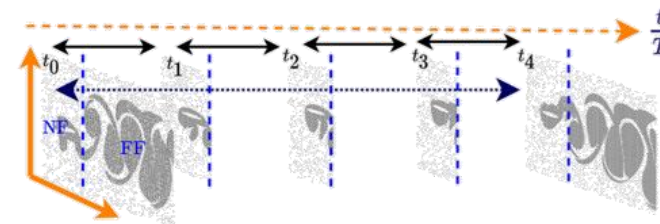


(c) Vorticity cutoff based under sampled grid
 $N_x * N_y = 15610, |\omega_z^*| = 0.1$



— $\Delta t_{NF}/T = \Delta t_{FF}/T = (t_{i+1} - t_i) = 0.125$

(d) Vorticity cutoff based sampling

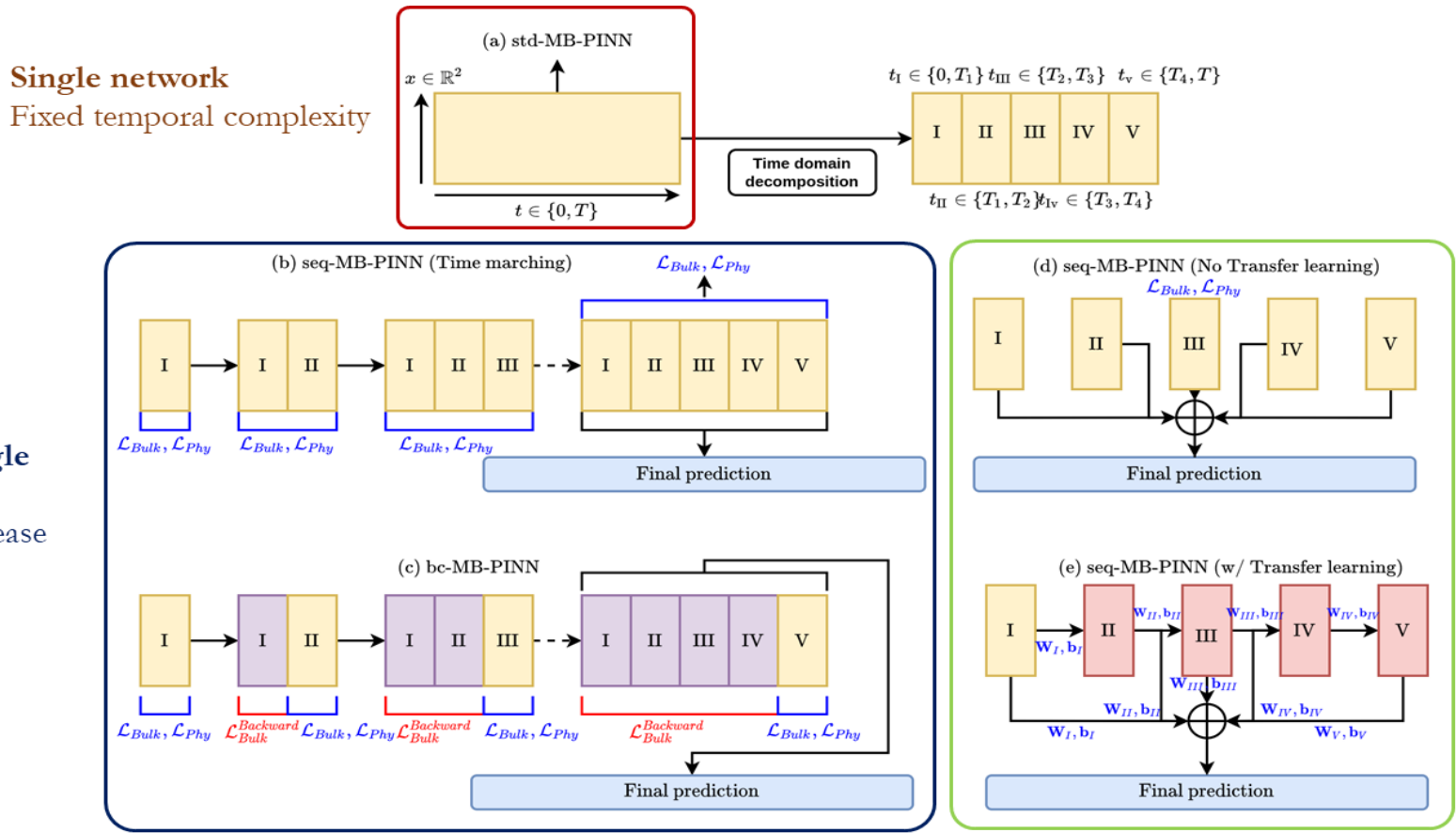


— $\Delta t_{NF}/T = (t_{i+1} - t_i) = 0.125$
 $\Delta t_{FF}/T = 0.5$

(e) Preferential spatio-temporal sampling

Key contribution #3 – Temporal learning

Time marching vs time domain decomposition, and transfer learning



Class I: Single Network
Gradual increase in temporal complexity

Class II: Multiple small networks
Reduced temporal complexity

Hyper parameters:

Layers ($l = 5, 10$), Neurons ($n = 100, 225$), Subdomains $N_d = 5$ over 10 cycles,
ADAM optimiser | $N_{iter} = 5e05$ iterations | 3 training cycles – [1e-03, 5e-04, 1e-04] | Mini batch – 1.5e03

Case studies and salient results

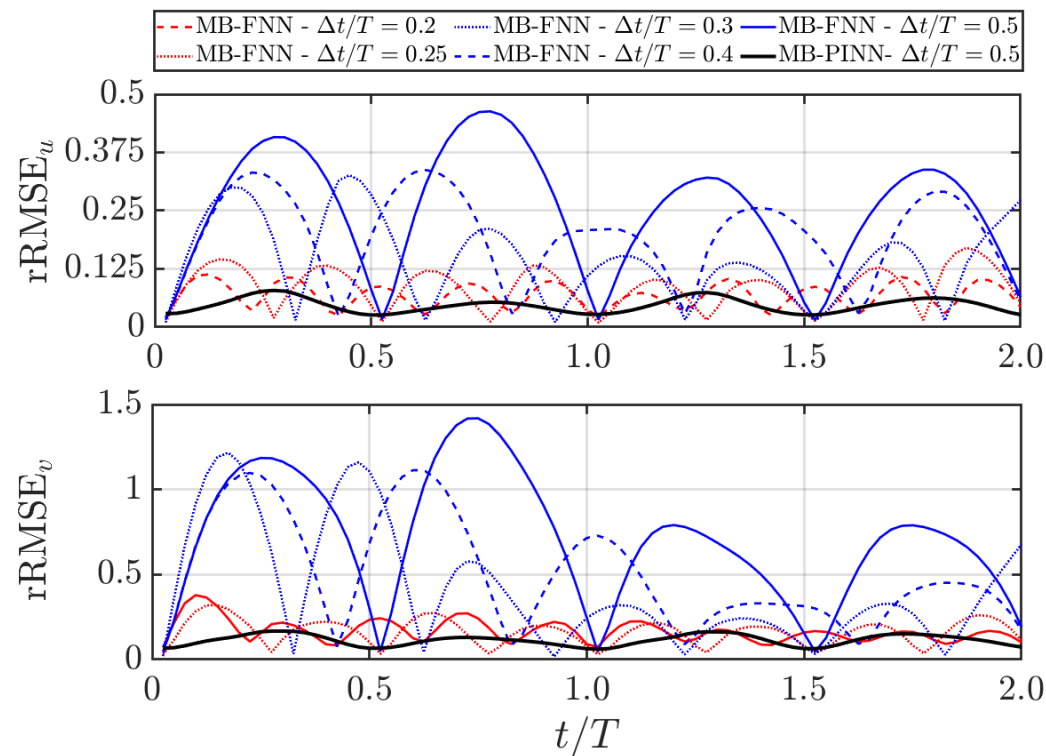
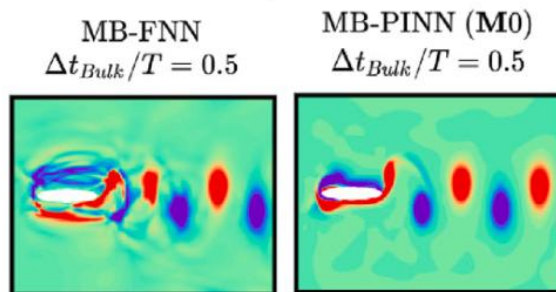
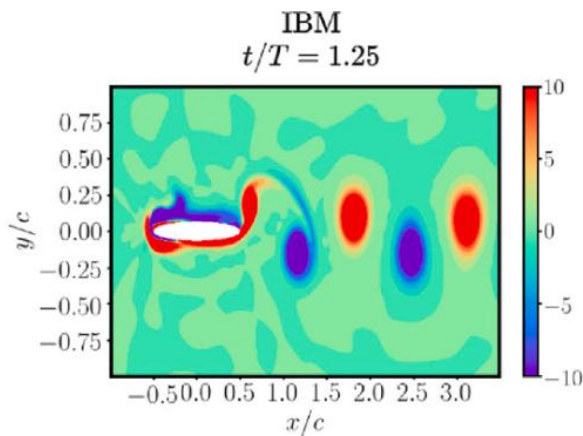
Periodic flow case study

Importance of having a physics loss under temporal sparsity

Temporal sampling intervals
 $\frac{\Delta t}{T} = [0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5]$

MB-FNN :

Data driven, no physics loss.
 Compared with MB-PINN

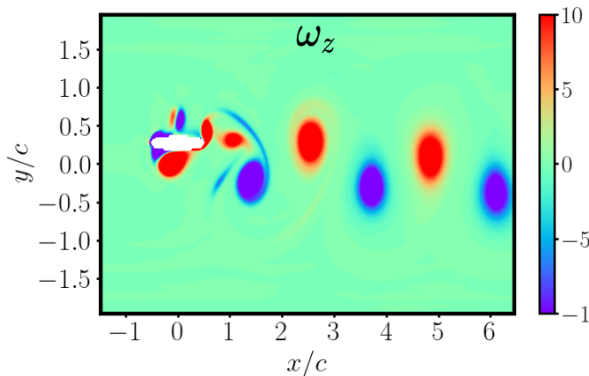
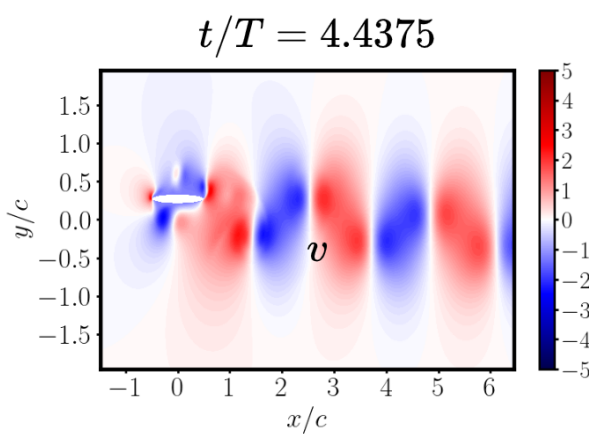


- **Physics loss is a good regulariser for temporally sparse datasets and can improve spatiotemporal interpolation**
- Hence **std-MB-PINN** better than purely data driven (**MB-FNN**) models in this case even under high sparsity.

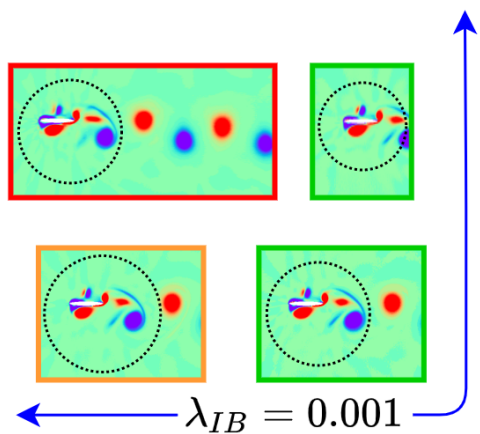
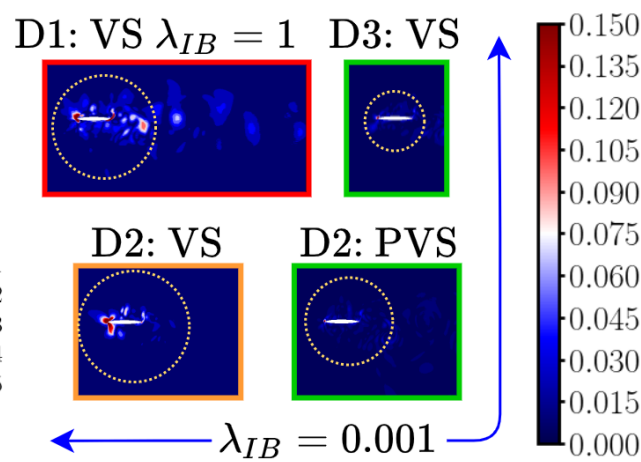
Quasi-Periodic flow case study

Preferential sampling and relaxing of L_{IB} ($\lambda_{IB} = 1, 0.1, 0.01, 0.001$)

(a) IBM



(b) seq-MB-PINN (TLLR)



- Preferential sampling improves **nearfield velocity reconstruction**
- In fact, in scenarios where wake data is not available or not necessary for analysis, **near-field data alone suffices for velocity reconstruction.**

Sequential learning based PINNs to overcome temporal domain complexities in unsteady flow past flapping wings

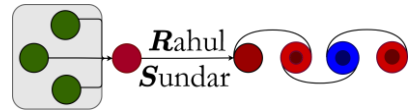
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Key Takeaways

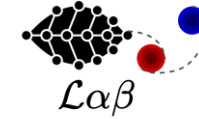
Yes, we recover hidden flow physics from sparse data — even when boundaries move – borrowing inspiration from IBM"

- Challenges in surrogate modelling for moving boundary flows: **Data & Modeling complexities**
- **Immersed boundary framework:** grid agnosticity, eulerian frame, flexibility to handle different data availability scenarios
- Immersed boundary aware framework: **The three key ideas**
 - Multipart loss weighting, physics-based sampling, sequential learning and transfer learning
- **Salient results:**
 - Hidden pressure recovery from just near-field data for Quasi-periodic flows
 - Hidden boundary estimation/approximation and simultaneous pressure recovery
- **Future directions/ open challenges:**
 - Multiple moving bodies, flexible deforming bodies
 - 3D flows and chaotic flows
 - Parametric operator based model
 - Single foundational model to handle forward/ inverse problems



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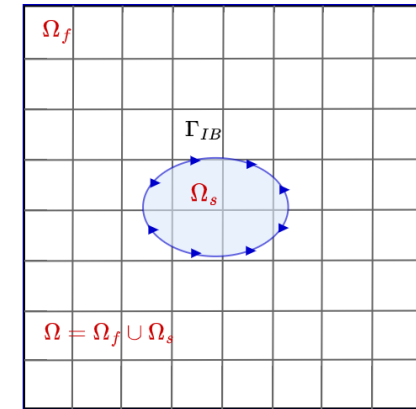
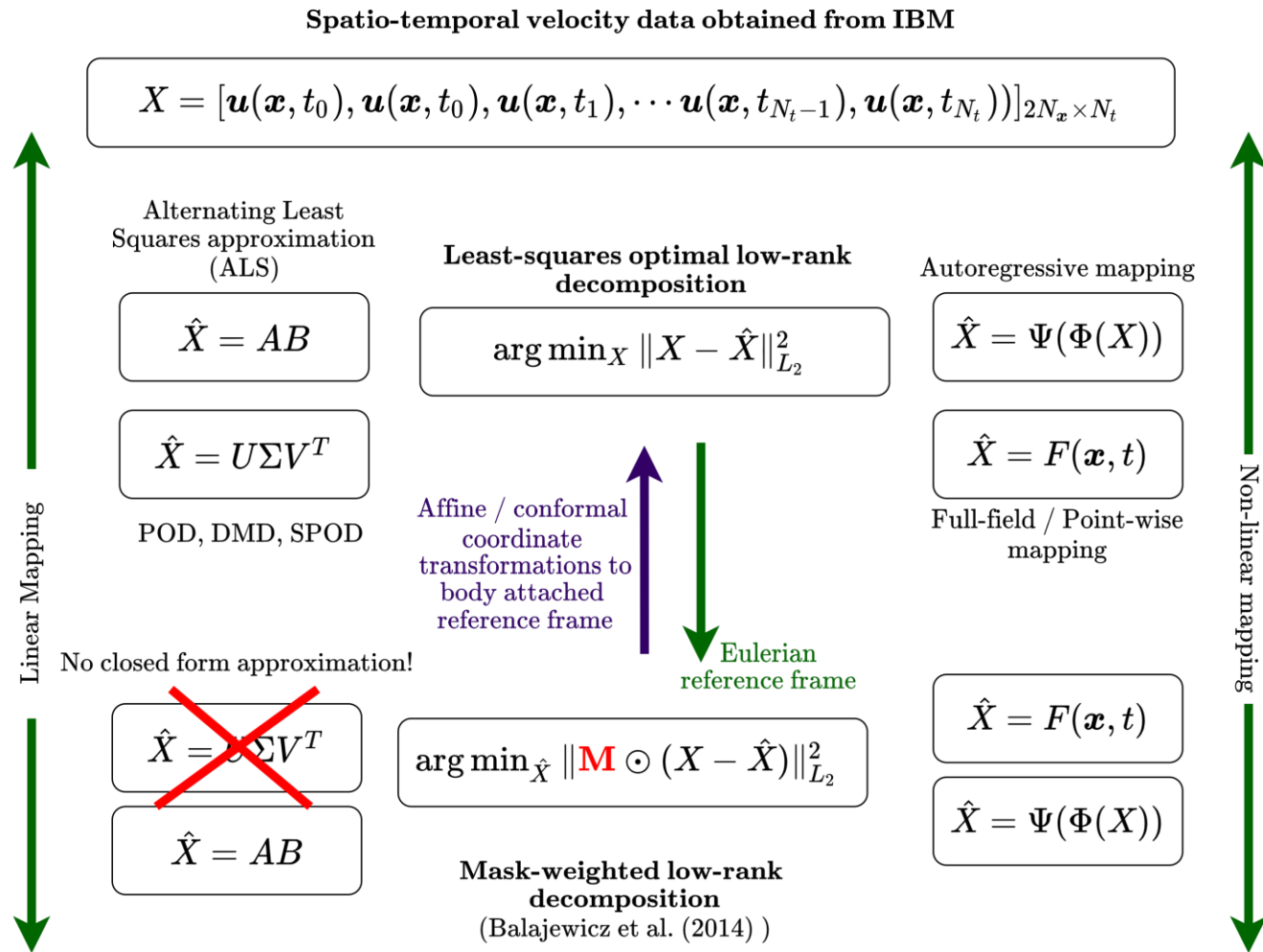
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Appendix

- IBM data reconstruction – An ML problem
- Overview of the IBA framework
- Detailed MB-PINN and MB-IBM-PINN architecture and formulation
- Training vs testing approach
- Additional results from periodic case study
- Quasi-periodic case study – additional results – Aerodynamic load reconstruction
- Present and other contemporary works
- Other ongoing works in the lab

IBM data reconstruction: An ML problem



Discrete forcing IBM (Incompressible flow)

[Kim et al. (2001), Majumdar et al. (2020)]

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - q = 0.$$

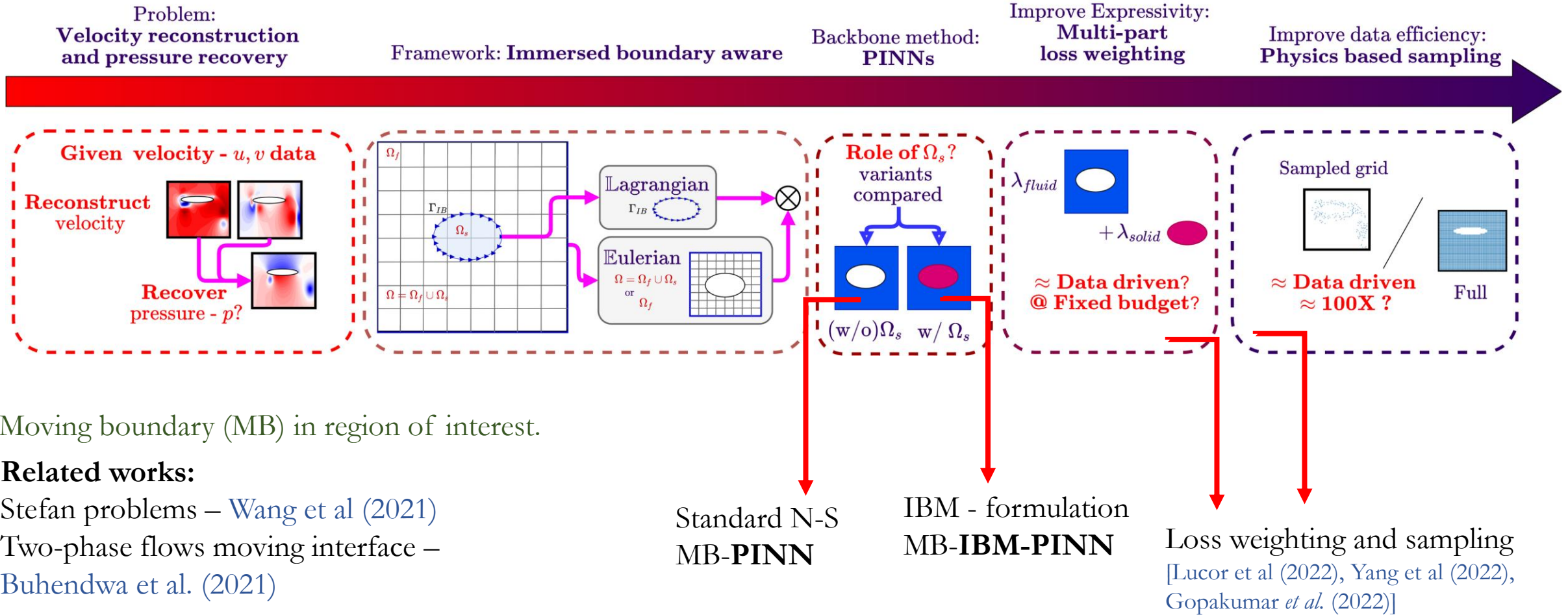
\mathbf{M} - Binary mask of fluid vs. moving solid region (ghost cells in IBM)

IBA framework overview

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Moving boundary (MB) in region of interest.

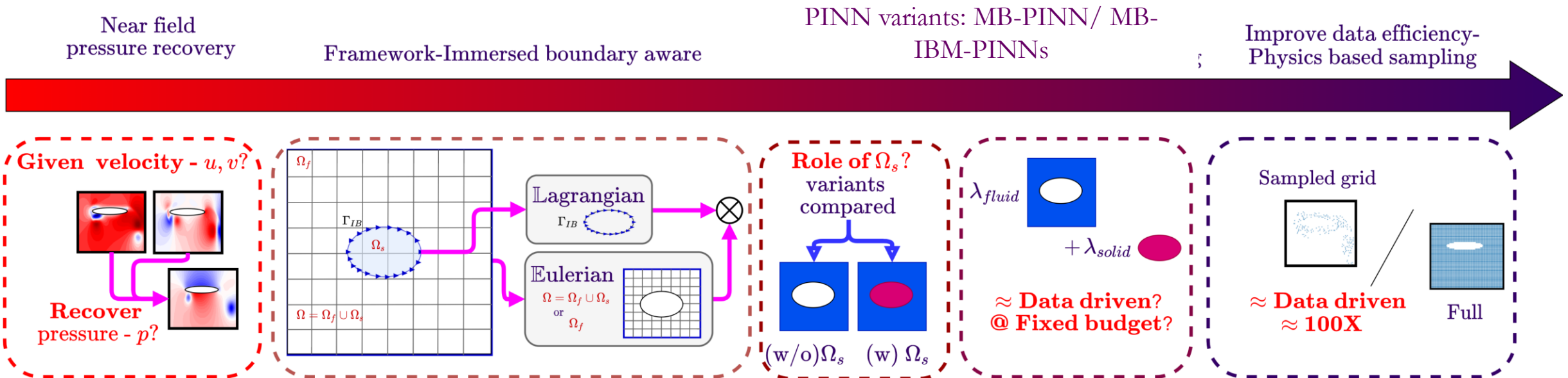
Related works:

Stefan problems – Wang et al (2021)

Two-phase flows moving interface –

Buhendwa et al. (2021)

Immersed boundary aware framework



- 1. General framework!
- 2. Flexibly handled by PINNs!

- 3. Balanced contributions from data & physics with physics loss relaxation

- 4. Residual collocation points from moving solid region not necessary if Γ_{IB} position and velocity known *a priori*.

- 5. Physics based sampling - Data efficient!

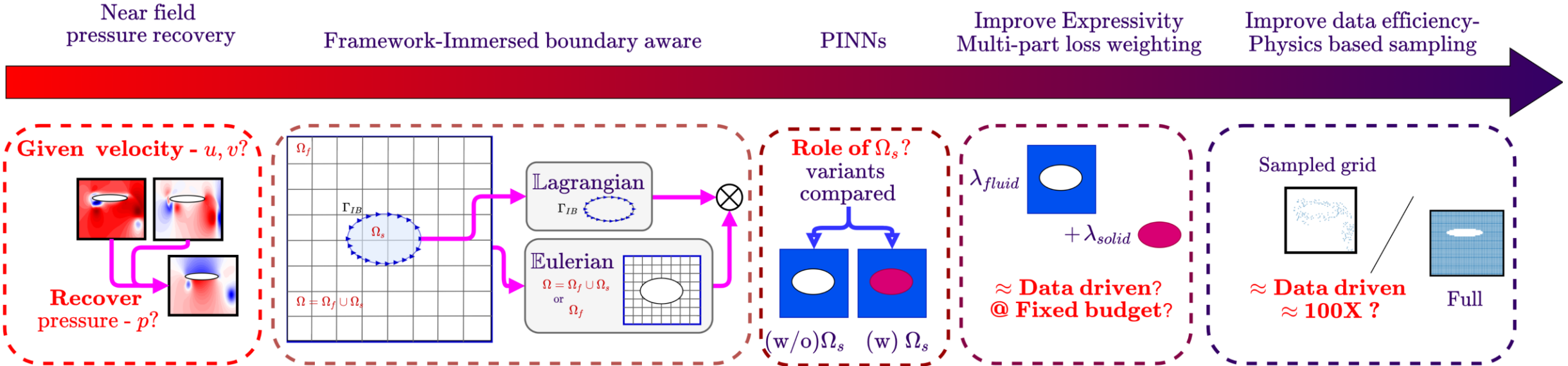
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Key outcomes and conclusions



1. General framework!

2. Flexibly handled by PINNs!

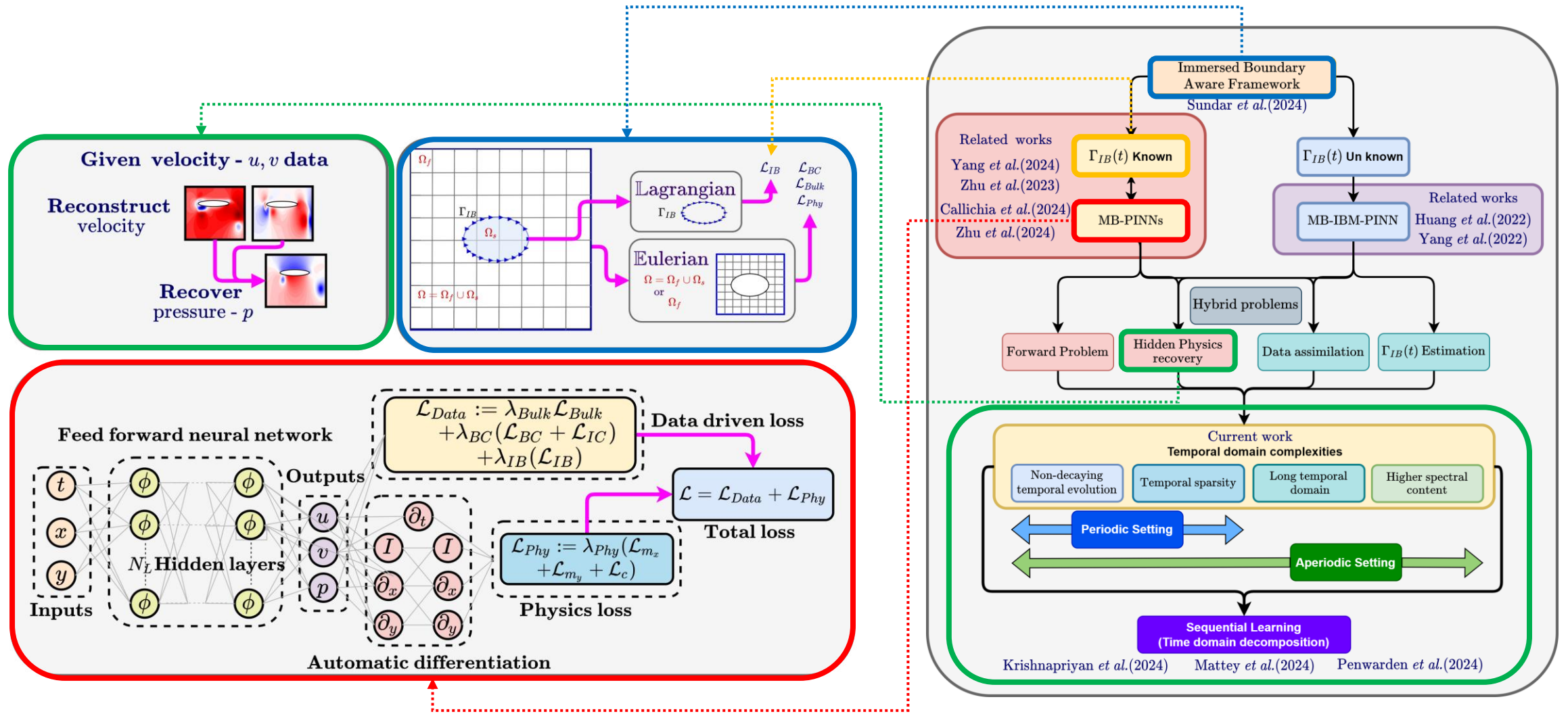
3. λ_{fluid} - calibrated – to balance contributions from data & physics

4. Ω_s & L_{phy}^{solid} not necessary if Γ_{IB} position and velocity known apriori.

5. If Γ_{IB} is unknown, MB-IBM-PINNs can be used for pressure recovery.

6. Physics based sampling - Data efficient!

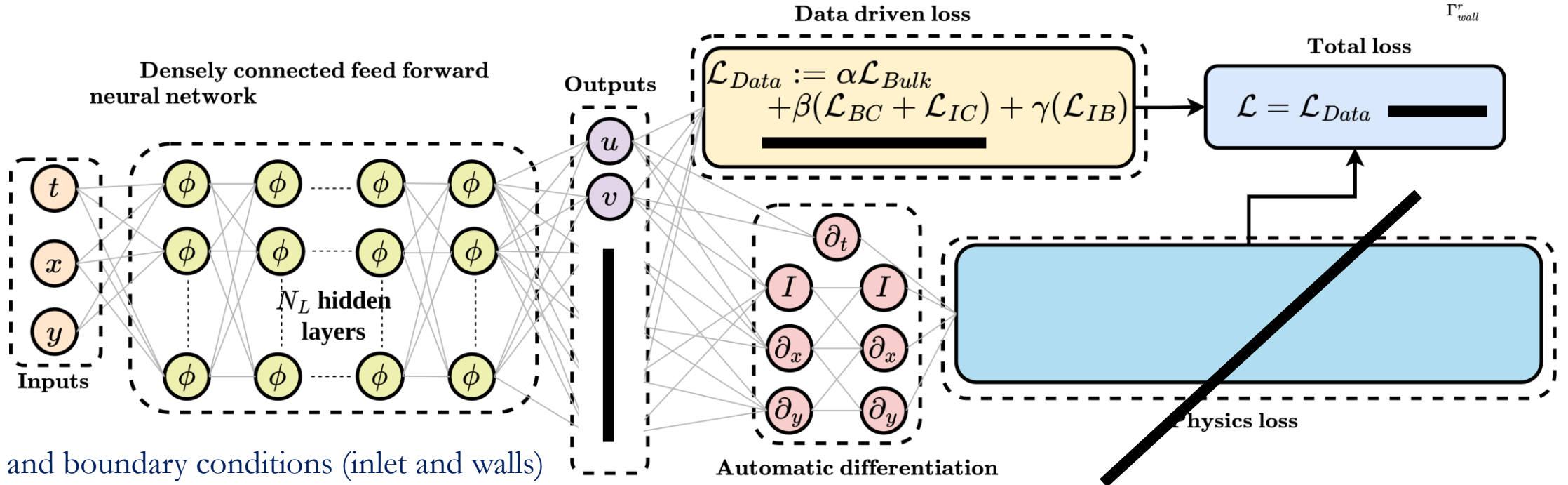
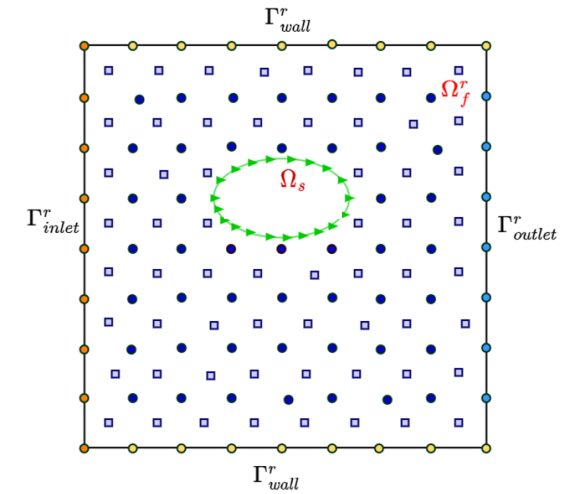
Overview immersed boundary aware framework



Velocity reconstruction

MB-FNN – Purely data-driven

Hyper parameters: $N_L = 10, N_n = 100$, **ADAM** optimiser – $N_{iter} = 5e05$ iterations, 3 training cycles – $[1e-03, 5e-04, 1e-04]$, mini batch – $1.5e03$



Initial and boundary conditions (inlet and walls)

$$\mathcal{L}_{IC} := \frac{1}{N_{IC}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{IC}} \|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_{IC}^i, t_0) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{IC}^i, t_0)\|_{L_2}^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{BC} := \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{k=1}^{N_k} \left(\frac{1}{N_{BC_k}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{BC_k}} \|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_{BC_k}^i, t^i) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{BC_k}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2 \right)$$

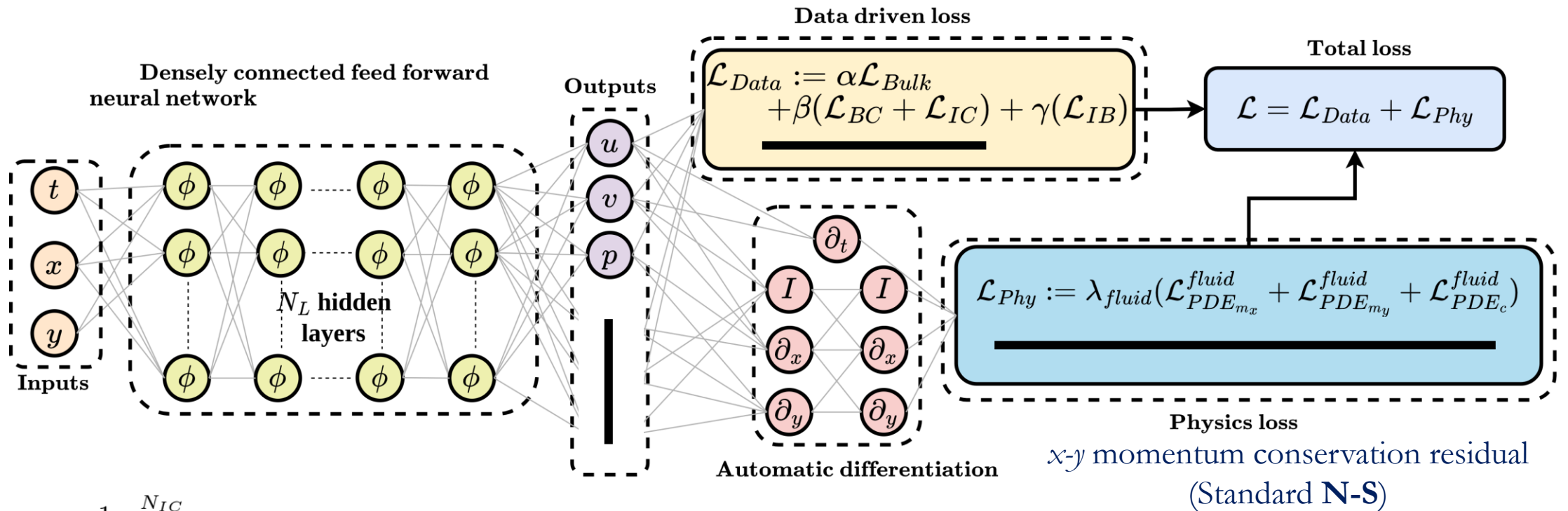
$$\mathcal{L}_{IB} := \frac{1}{N_{IB}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{IB}} \|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_{IB}^i, t_0) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{IB}^i, t_0)\|_{L_2}^2 - \text{No-slip velocity BC} \rightarrow \Gamma_{IB}: \text{Lagrangian markers}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Bulk} := \frac{1}{N_{Bulk}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{Bulk}} \|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_{Bulk}^i, t^i) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{Bulk}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2 - \text{Bulk velocity data reconstruction loss}$$

Velocity reconstruction + pressure recovery

MB-PINN

[Raissi et al. (2019b) , Calicchia et al. (2023)]



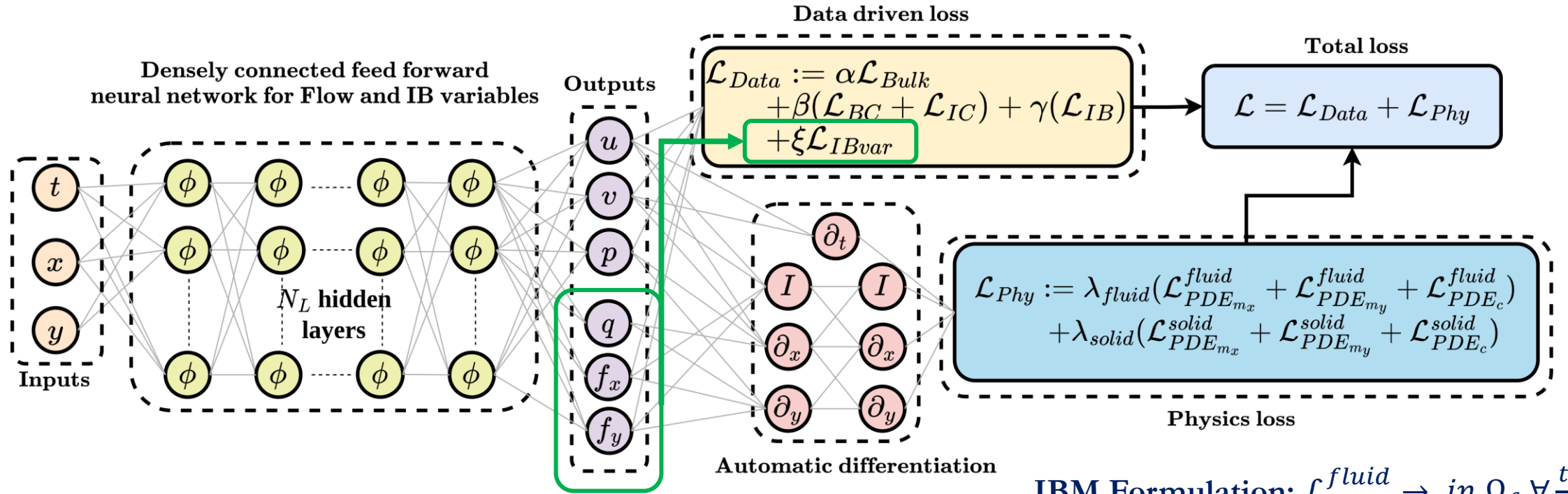
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Velocity reconstruction + pressure recovery

MB-IBM-PINN

[IB-PINNs Huang et al. (2022)]



IBM auxillary variables constraint $\rightarrow \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0$ in $\Omega_f \forall t/T$

$$\mathcal{L}_{IBvar} := \frac{1}{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{IBvar}} (\|f_x(\mathbf{x}_{IBvar}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2 + \|f_y(\mathbf{x}_{IBvar}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2 + \|q(\mathbf{x}_{IBvar}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2)$$

IBM Formulation: $\mathcal{L}_{PDE\#}^{fluid} \rightarrow$ in $\Omega_f \forall \frac{t}{T}$,
 $\mathcal{L}_{PDE\#}^{solid} \rightarrow$ in $\Omega_s \forall \frac{t}{T}$

Fluid-solid partitioned and weighted

Training and testing approach

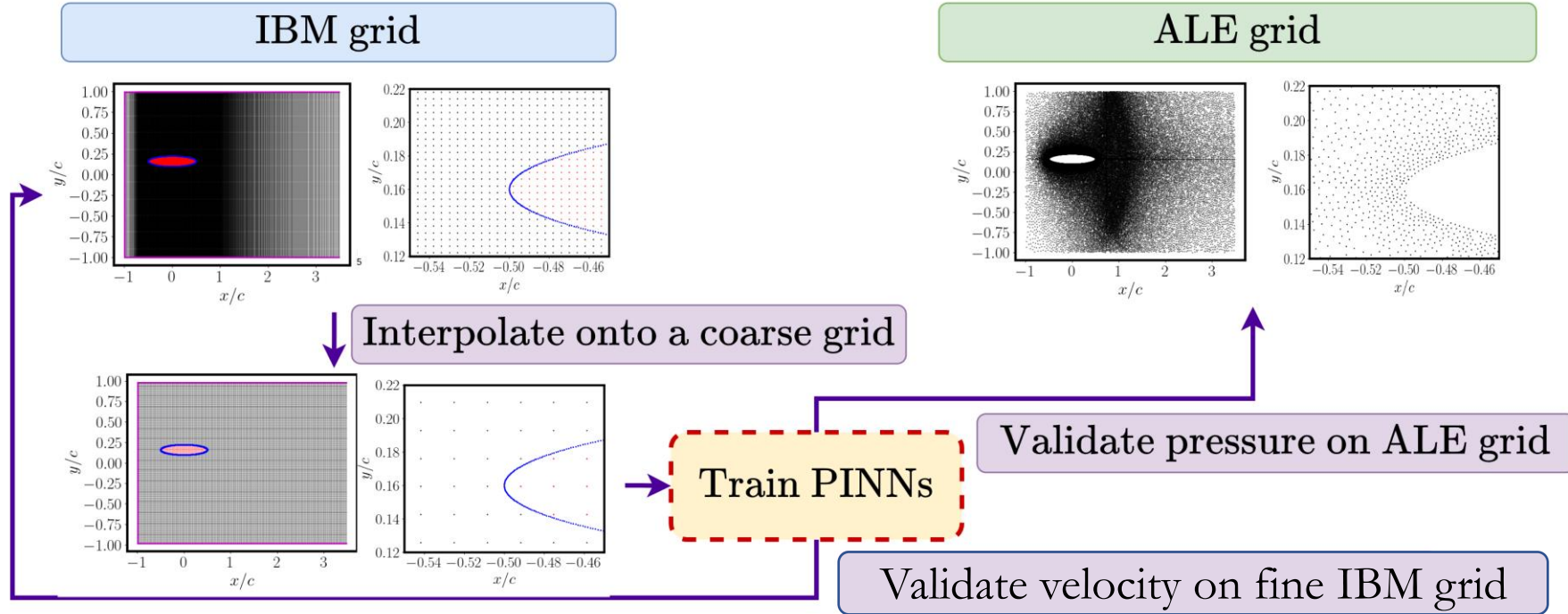
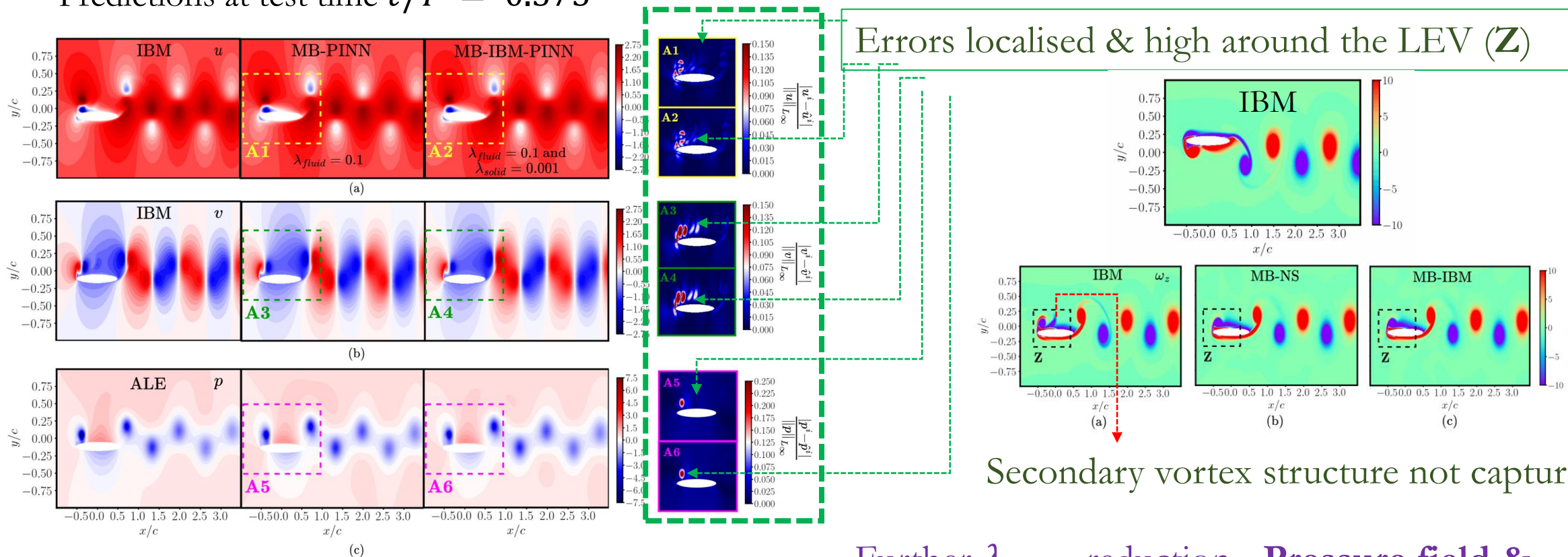


Table 1: Training and testing data sets used in the current study. Here, for each snapshot, the boundary points $N_{IB} = 1000$, $N_{wall} = 540$, $N_{inlet} = 120$ and $N_{IC} = 31500$. here, the ratio of data points in the coarse data set $\Theta_{Data} = 100 \times \frac{N_{Bulk}}{N_{Ref}}$ with $N_{Ref} = 651 \times 500 \times 81 = 2.63655e07$ points as in the Ref-IBM database.

| Data set | N_x | N_y | N_t | $\Delta t/T$ | $(N_x \times N_y \times N_t)$ | N_{Bulk} | N_{res}^{fluid} | N_{res}^{solid} | Θ_{Data} |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Ref-IBM | 651 | 500 | 81 | 0.025 | 2.6365e07 | - | - | - | - |
| Ref-ALE | - | - | 81 | 0.025 | 4.05e06 | - | - | - | - |
| CI | 270 | 120 | 41 | 0.05 | 1.3284e06 | 1.2915e06 | 1.2915e06 | 1.476e04 | 4.8984% |

Effect of fluid-solid partitioning/ weighting

Predictions at test time $t/T = 0.375$



Baseline MB-PINN \sim MB-IBM-PINN

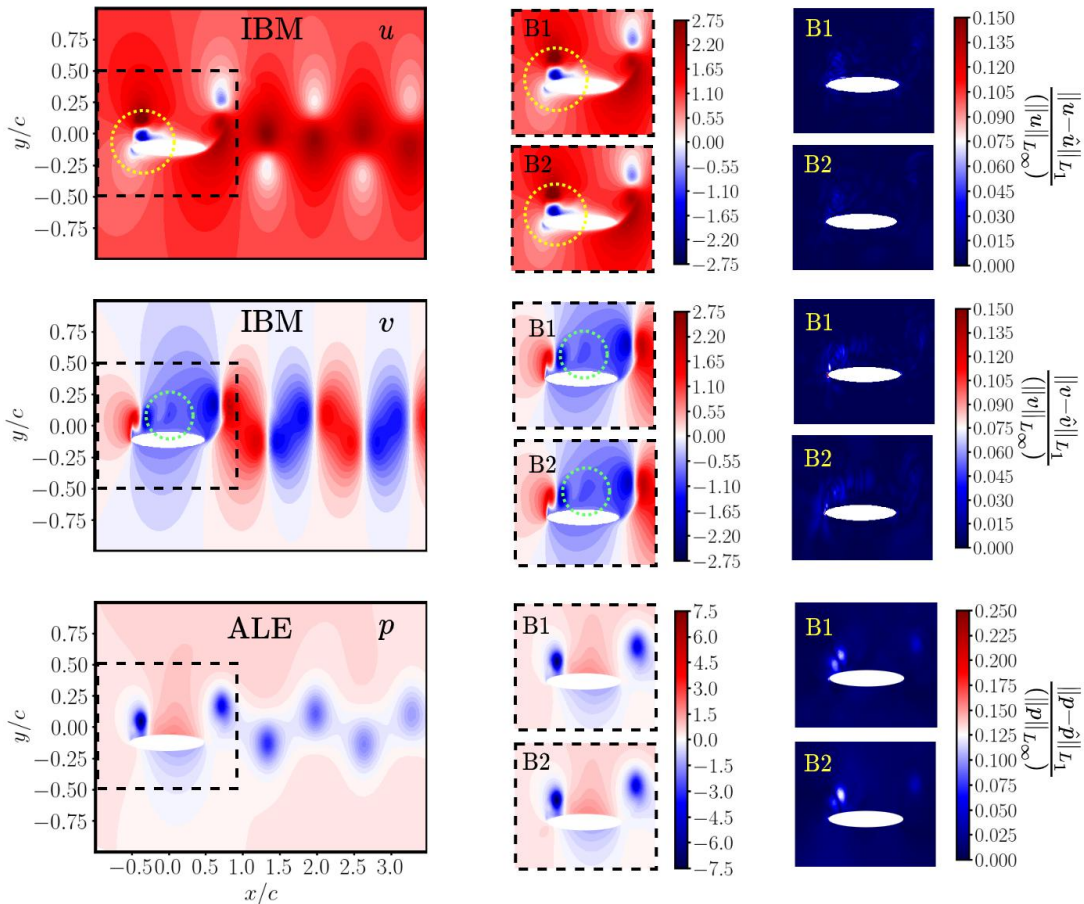
$$\lambda_{fluid} = 0.1, \lambda_{solid} = 0.001$$

Further λ_{fluid} reduction - Pressure field & vortex structures improve?

$\lambda_{solid} \ll \lambda_{fluid}$ - Role of solid region?

Comparing optimal MB-PINN models

MB-PINN - B1 : $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.001, S_{\omega_z} = 100\%$
B2 : $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.01$ and $S_{\omega_z} = 5\%$



Purely data driven

| Model | Accuracy | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|-------|
| | RMSE | MAE | R^2 | rRMSE |
| FNN | | | | |
| u | 5.8e-03 | 2.1e-03 | 9.999e-01 | 0.51 |
| v | 6.5e-03 | 2.3e-03 | 9.998e-01 | 1.31 |
| $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.1$ (Baseline) | | | | |
| MB-PINN | RMSE | MAE | R^2 | rRMSE |
| u | 2.7e-02 | 1.1e-02 | 9.994e-01 | 2.41 |
| v | 3.0e-02 | 1.2e-02 | 9.961e-01 | 6.01 |
| p | 1.7e-01 | 1.0e-01 | 9.781e-01 | 13.41 |

(In %)

Physics loss relaxation (A)

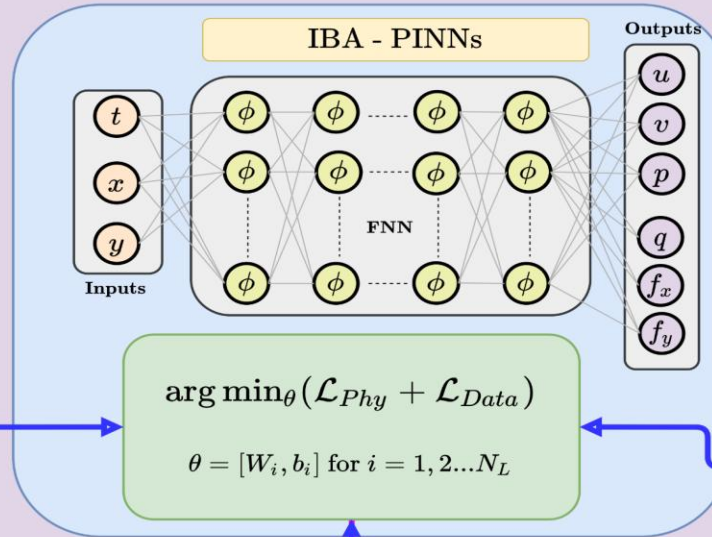
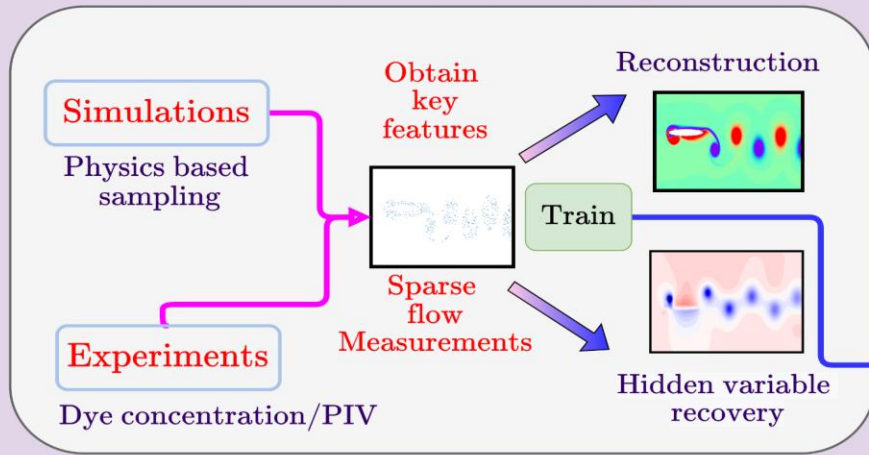
| MB-PINN | $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.001$ | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| | RMSE | MAE | R^2 | rRMSE |
| u | 9.6e-03 | 3.8e-03 | 9.999e-01 | 0.84 |
| v | 8.3e-03 | 3.3e-03 | 9.997e-01 | 1.67 |
| p | 8.9e-02 | 5.5e-01 | 9.943e-01 | 7.14 |

(A) + Physics based sampling

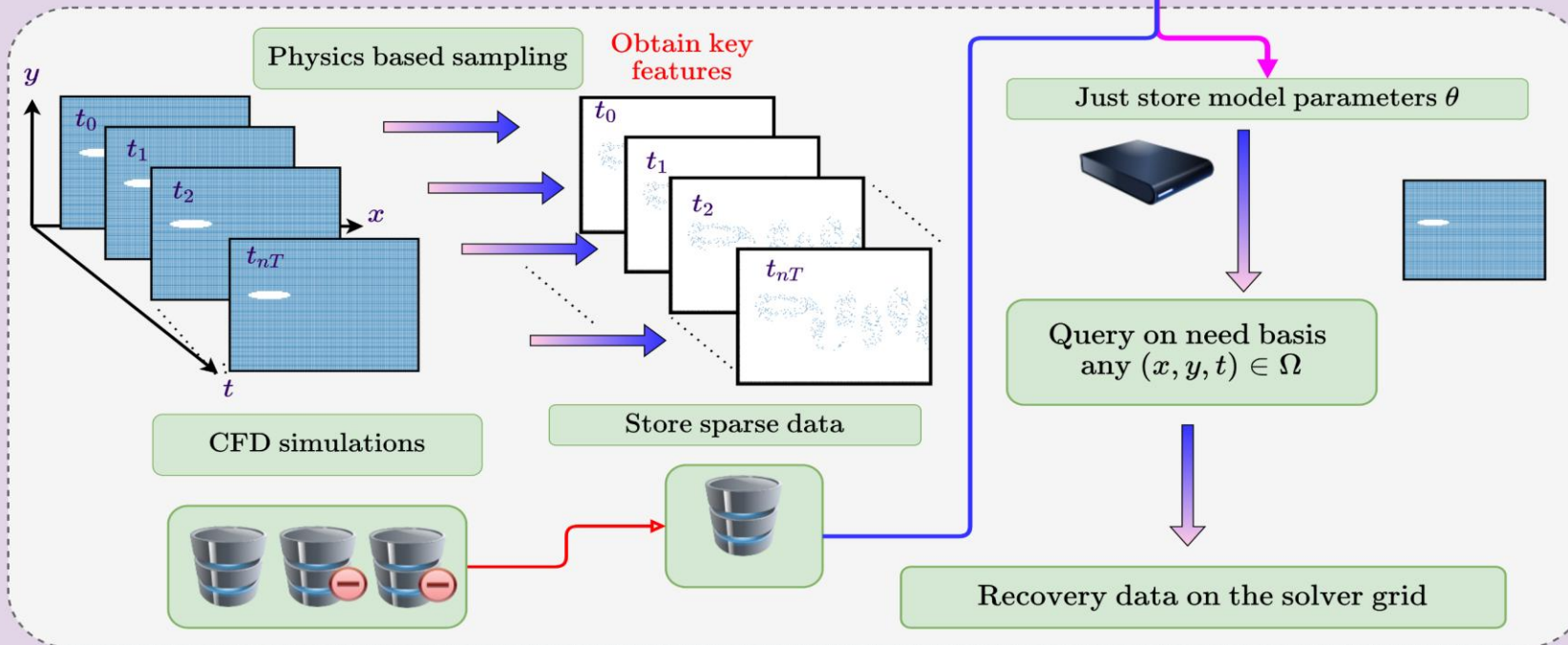
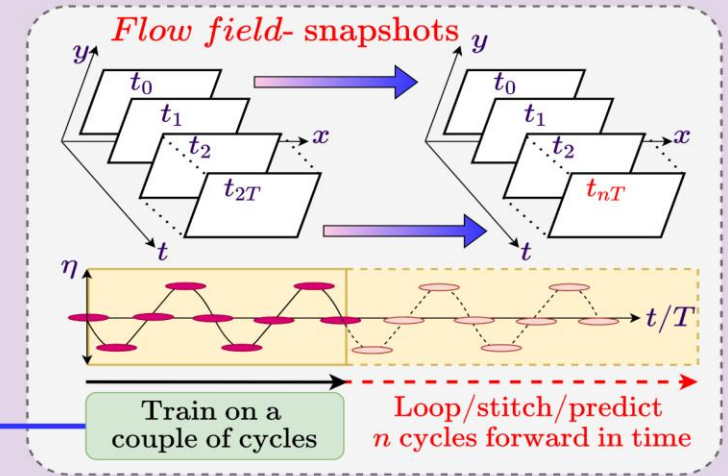
| MB-PINN | $\lambda_{fluid} = 0.01, S_{\omega_z} = 5\%$ | | | |
|---------|--|---------|-----------|-------|
| | RMSE | MAE | R^2 | rRMSE |
| u | 8.6e-03 | 4.9e-03 | 9.999e-01 | 0.75 |
| v | 8.2e-03 | 4.7e-03 | 9.997e-01 | 1.64 |
| p | 9.1e-02 | 5.8e-02 | 9.938e-01 | 7.28 |

Use Cases for periodic regime of unsteady flows past moving bodies

A: Simultaneous data reconstruction and hidden variable recovery



B: Query model in time



C: Memory savings and space-time querying

Other possibilities

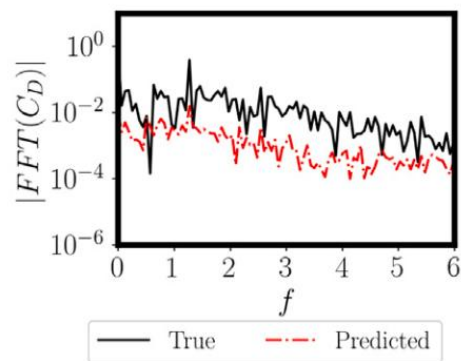
- D:** Parametric surrogate and query models. Solve complex optimisations problem
- E:** Transfer learn/fine-tune pre-trained models to model similar or more complex flows

Outcomes

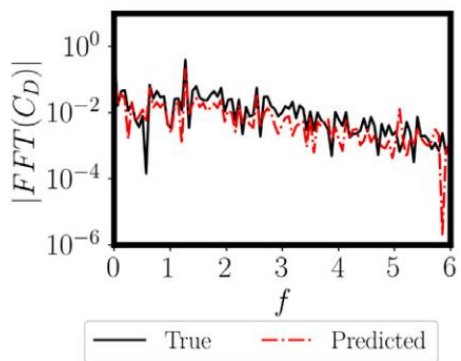
Non-intrusive
recovery
>100X Memory
savings

Quasi-Periodic flow case study

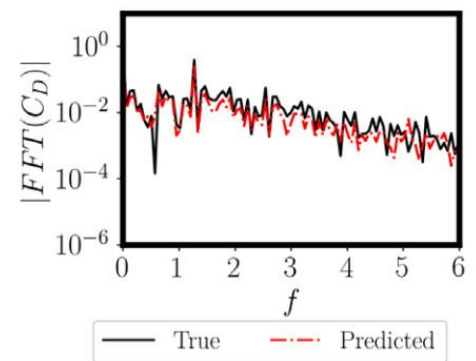
Preferential sampling and relaxing of L_{IB} ($\lambda_{IB} = 1, 0.1, 0.01, 0.001$)



(a) $M_0, VS, \lambda_{IB} = 1, \Omega_1^r, n = 225$

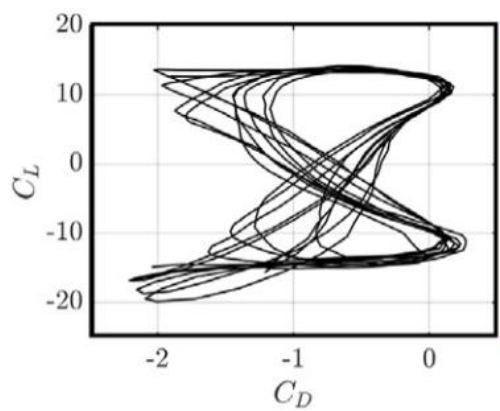


(b) $M_{2TD+TLLR}, PVS, \lambda_{IB} = 1, \Omega_2^r$

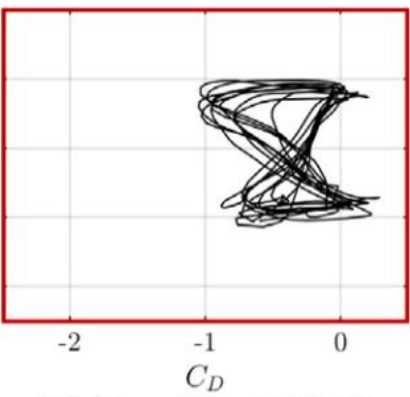


(c) $M_{2TD+TLLR}, PVS, \lambda_{IB} = 0.001, \Omega_2^r$

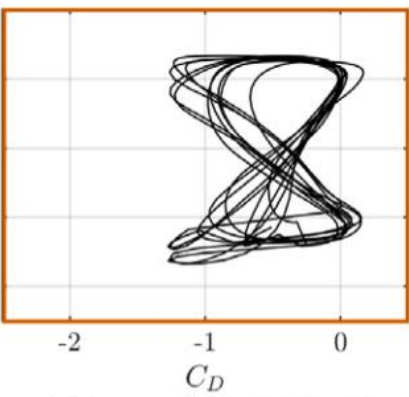
- Preferential sampling + IB loss relaxation **improves temporal spectral recovery**
- CL-CD phase portraits **qualitatively capture the quasi-periodic dynamics.**
- **CD underpredicted** -> Due to **temporal sparsity and low data quality**



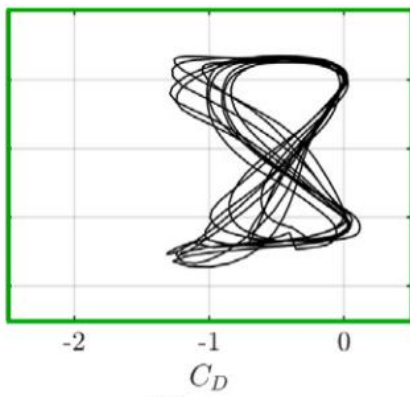
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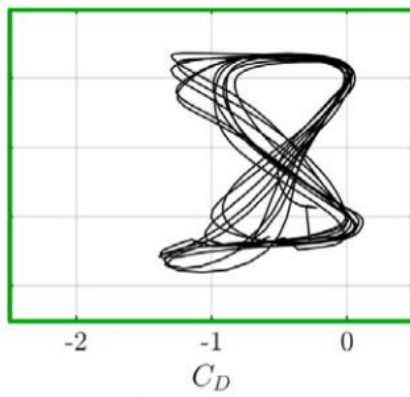
(b) $\Delta t_{Bulk}/T = 0.125, \Omega_1^r, \lambda_{IB} = 1$



(c) $\Delta t_{Bulk}/T = 0.125, \Omega_2^r, \lambda_{IB} = 0.001$



(d) $\Delta t_{Bulk}^{NF}/T = 0.125, \Delta t_{Bulk}^{FF}/T = 0.5, \Omega_2^r, \lambda_{IB} = 0.001$



(e) $\Delta t_{Bulk}^{NF}/T = 0.125, \Omega_3^r, \lambda_{IB} = 0.001$

PINNs for moving boundary problems

| Authors (Year) | Problem considered | System(s) considered | Remarks/Contributions |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Raissi <i>et al.</i> (1998) | Hidden physics recovery | VIV of a 2D cylinder | PINNs in body attached frame |
| Yang <i>et al.</i> (2021) | Forward solutions | Linear Elliptic and parabolic 2D PDEs with moving boundaries | Fictitious domain based PINNs (FDM-PINNs) proposed |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2020) | Forward and inverse system identification | Free boundary (Stefan) problems | Deep Stefan PINNs [Stacked PINNs] |
| Calicchia <i>et al.</i> (2023) | Pressure recovery from planar PIV velocity fields | Swimming fish | PINNs operating in fluid region alone |
| Huang <i>et al.</i> (2022) | Forward solution of IBM modified NS equations | 2D Cylinder | IB-PINNs operating over the entire Eulerian grid. |
| Ours (2024, 2025) | Pressure recovery from velocity data | 2D Plunging foil | An Immersed boundary aware framework proposed, NS and IBM based PINN formulations, role of solid region explained, data-efficient physic- based sampling proposed |
| Zhu <i>et al.</i> (2024) | Forward and inverse problems | 2D and 3D single/multiple moving boundary unsteady flow examples | PINNs (equivalent to our MB-PINNs) were successful for inverse pressure recovery, forward (very short time-domain) problems. |

Analysis

Understanding training of PINNs

Sundar et al. (2024)

Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2402.17346>

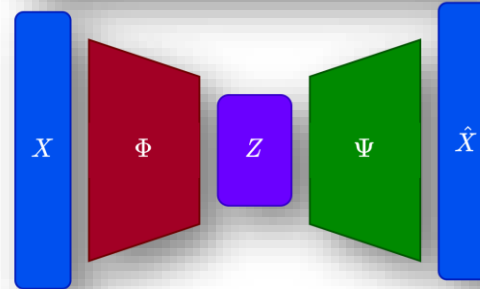
Quantify input subdomain level contributions to the loss

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_* = \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \left(p_{Zi} \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_*^{Zi} \right) \right)$$

Dimensionality reduction and modal analysis

Dimensionality reduction

$$\hat{X} = \Psi(Z) = \Psi(\Phi(X)) \approx \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(X))$$



Comparative analysis of model reduction techniques for flapping wing dynamics

Arvind Thirunavukkarasu et al., *POF*, (2024)

Input subdomain level analysis

Rahul Sundar, Didier Lucor, and Sunetra Sarkar, *Preprint available: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2402.17346>*

- An **input subdomain splitting of loss gradients and novel metrics** were proposed to quantify spatial imbalances in loss calculations.
- **Dominant spatial zone** is the **moving body region (Z1)** across test cases followed by the wake region (Z2) – due to relative strength of flow-field gradients in **Z1**.
- The analysis also served as a means to further **establish that vorticity cut off sampling in a way alleviates vanishing gradients problem**.

Perspectives:

- **Improved interpretability!** Can extend to **spatio-temporal-parametric input domains too!**
- Can enable design of **better training strategies**.

Or even in-situ while training

Post process - after model training

1. **Visualize gradient distributions – (zonal and overall)**

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_* = \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \left(p_{Zi} \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_*^{Zi} \right) \right)$$

2. **Quantify contributions through relative zonal gradient magnitude statistics**

$$\mu_*^{Zi} = p_{Zi} \frac{|\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_*^{Zi}|}{|\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_*|}$$

$$\sigma_*^{Zi} = p_{Zi} \frac{\text{std}\{|\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_*^{Zi}|\}}{\text{std}\{|\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_*|\}}$$

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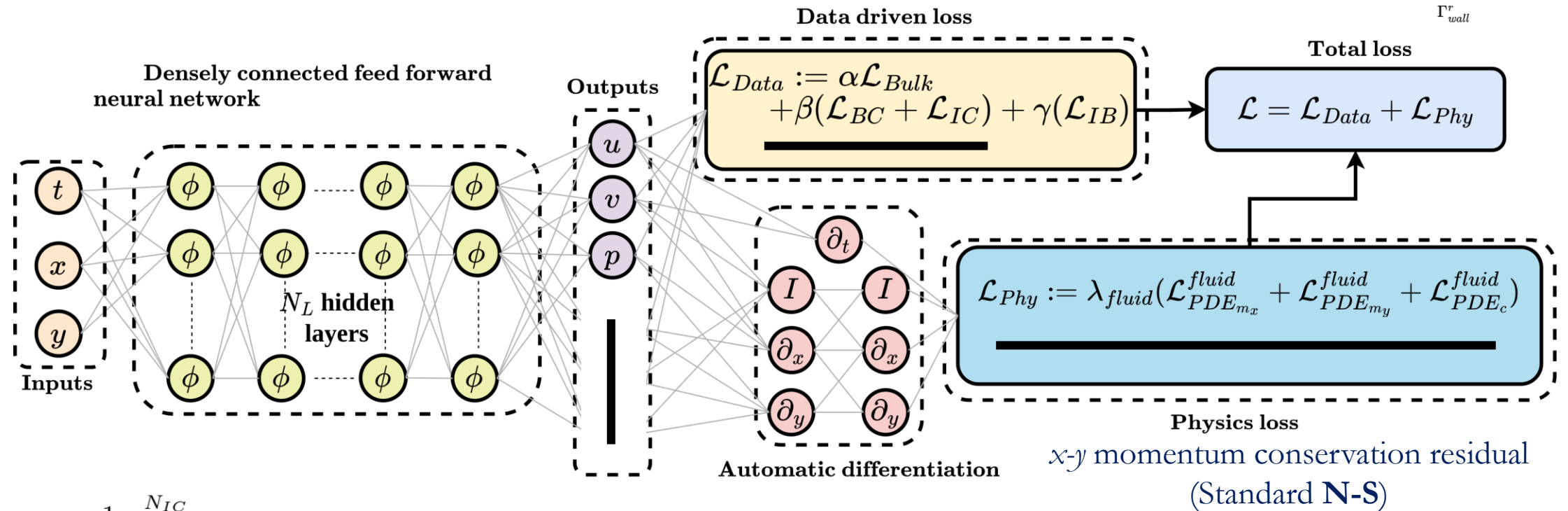
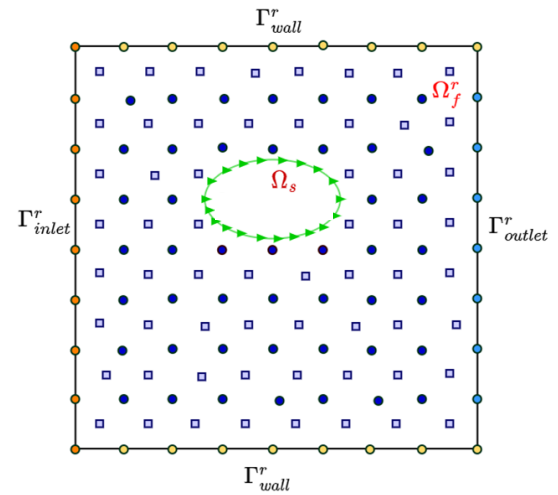
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Velocity reconstruction + pressure recovery

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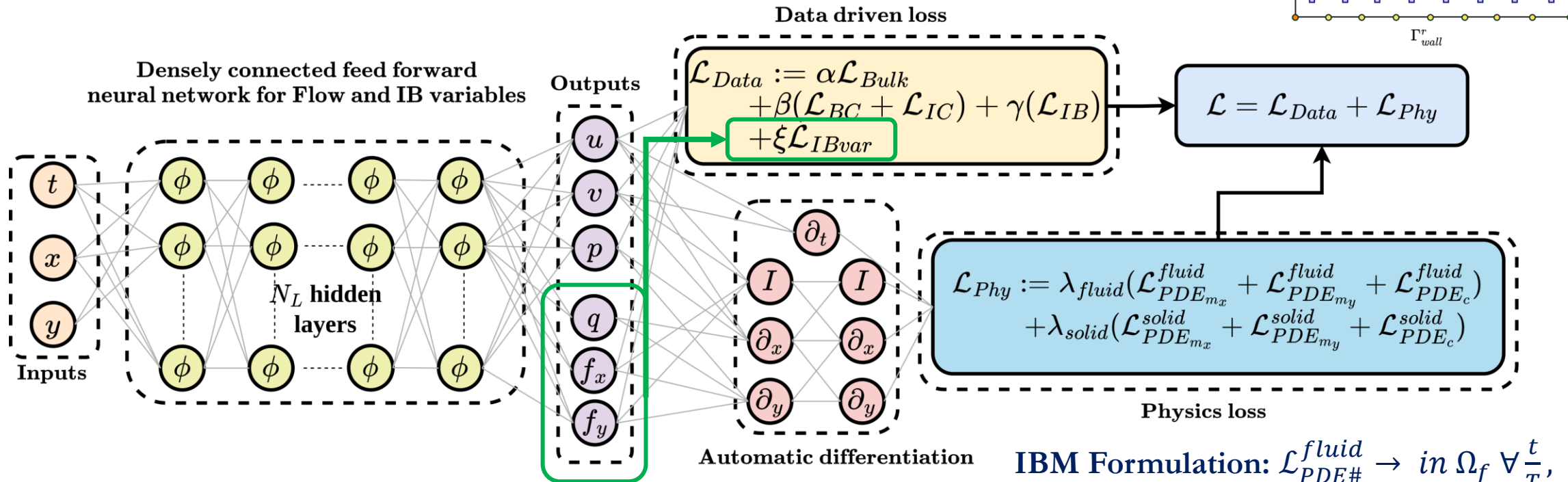
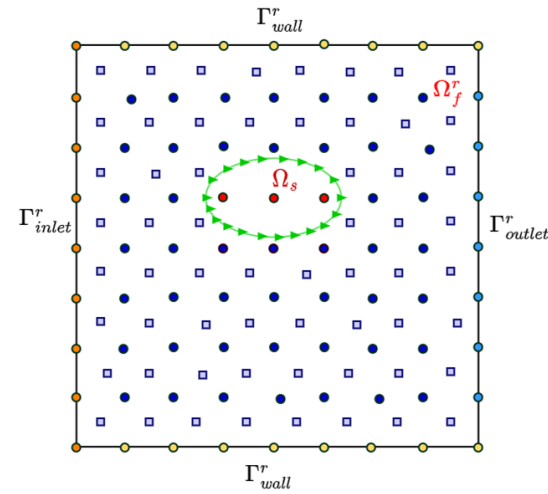
$$\mathcal{L}_{IB} := \frac{1}{N_{IB}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{IC}} \|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_{IB}^i, t_0) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{IB}^i, t_0)\|_{L_2}^2 - \text{No-slip velocity BC} \rightarrow \Gamma_{IB}: \text{Lagrangian markers}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Bulk} := \frac{1}{N_{Bulk}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{Bulk}} \|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_{Bulk}^i, t^i) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{Bulk}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2 - \text{Bulk velocity data reconstruction loss}$$

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IBM auxillary variables constraint $\rightarrow f, q \rightarrow 0$ in $\Omega_f \forall t/T$

IBM Formulation: $\mathcal{L}_{PDE\#}^{fluid} \rightarrow$ in $\Omega_f \forall \frac{t}{T}$,
 $\mathcal{L}_{PDE\#}^{solid} \rightarrow$ in $\Omega_s \forall \frac{t}{T}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{IBvar} := \frac{1}{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{IBvar}} (\|f_x(\mathbf{x}_{IBvar}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2 + \|f_y(\mathbf{x}_{IBvar}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2 + \|q(\mathbf{x}_{IBvar}^i, t^i)\|_{L_2}^2)$$

Fluid-solid partitioned and weighted