

Physics-informed Neural Networks for Super-Resolution of Turbulent Flows

Super Resolution with Data and Physics

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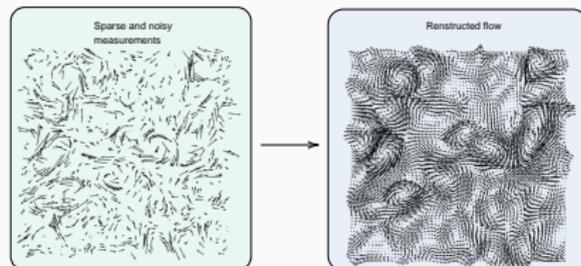
It's **inverse ill-posed problem** → How to recover the missing information? And which?

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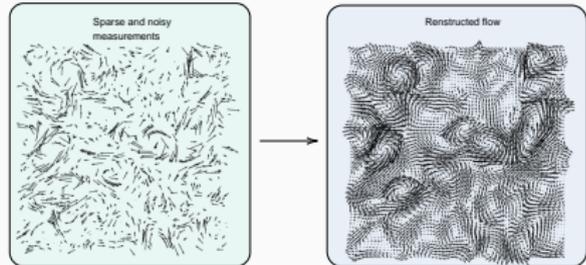


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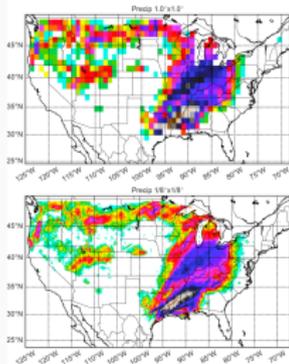


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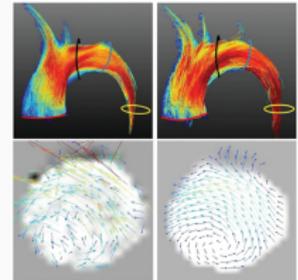
Geo-science

Wind, Temperature, Pollution, etc.



Fluid Dynamics

Fluids simulation and identification



Biomedics

Blood flows

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✗ PDE terms only
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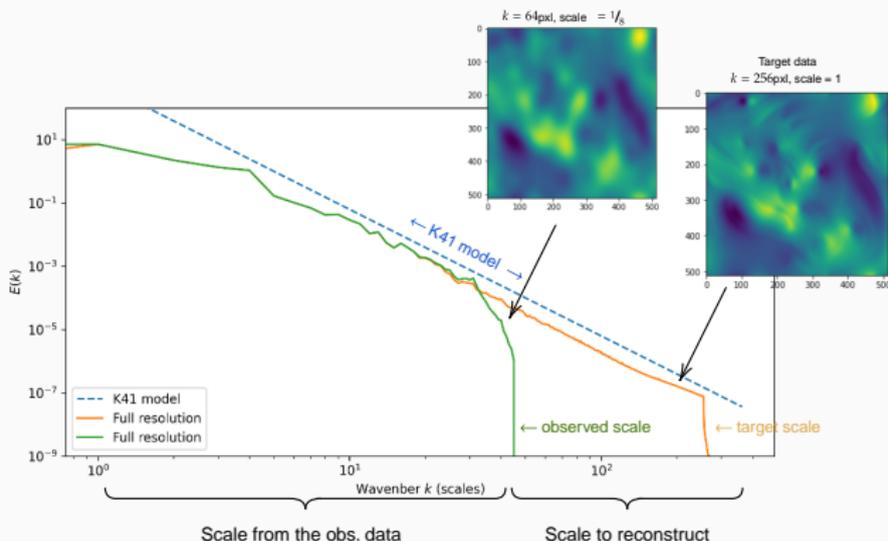
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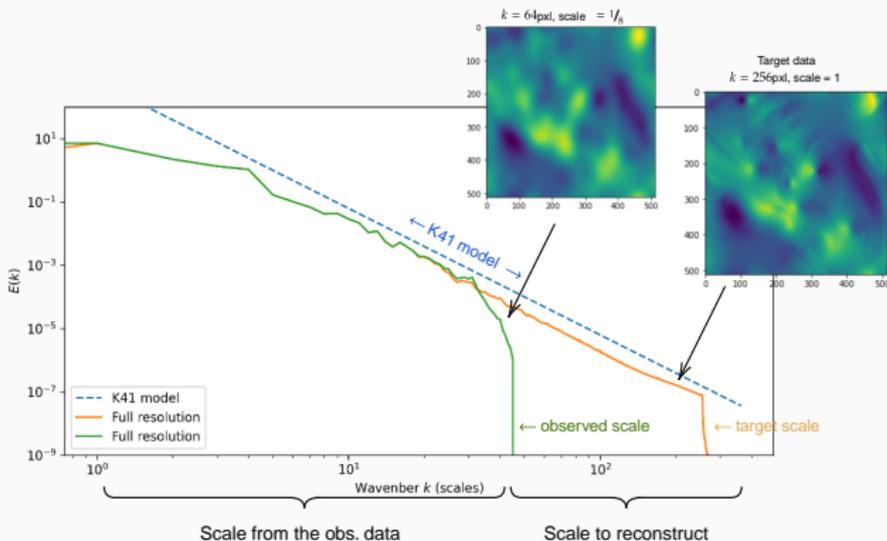
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Physical models:

Divergence-free output

Sub-grid models
(Structure fun.)

Smooth gradient
regularization

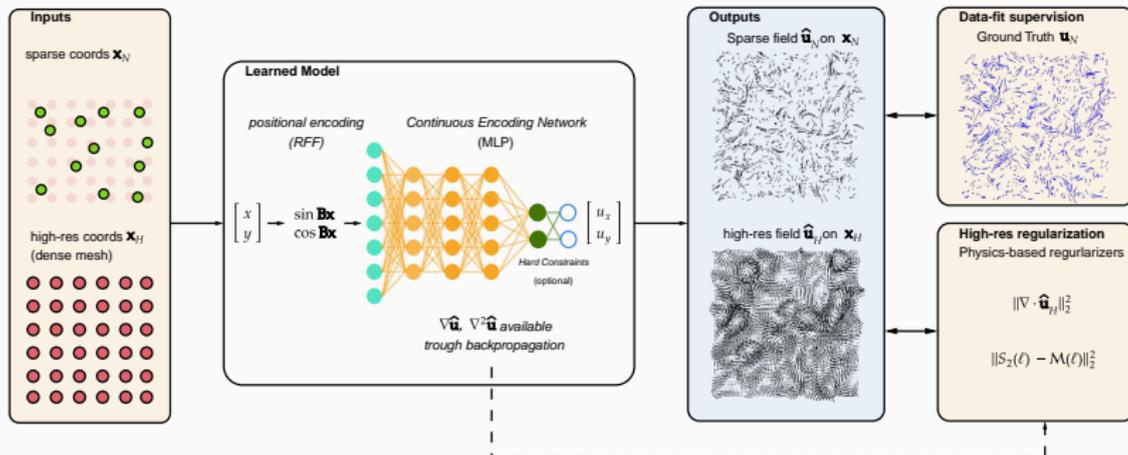
Navier-Stokes PDE
(if temporal data)



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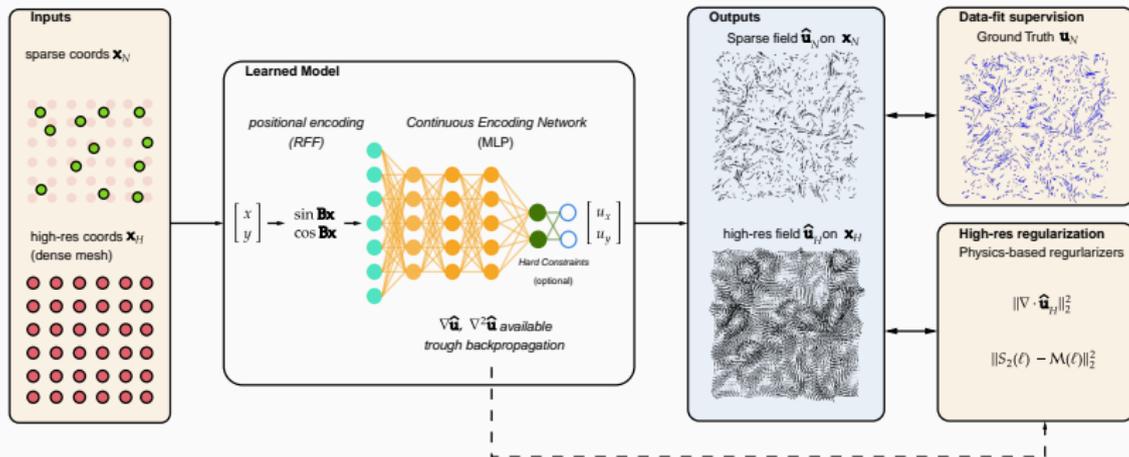




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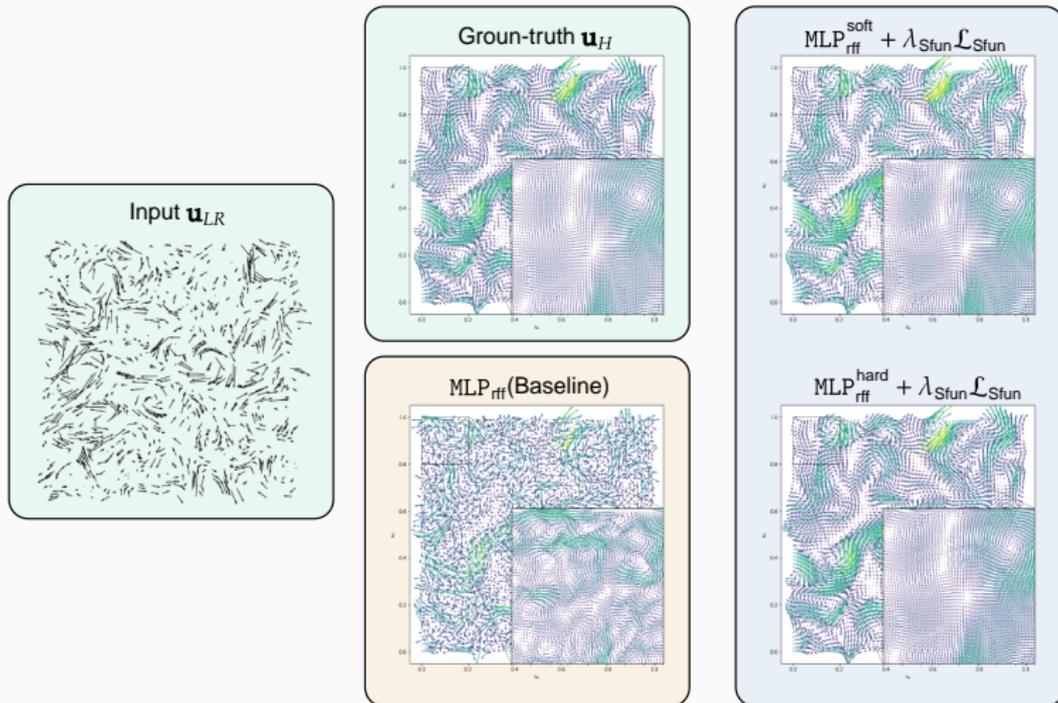


⚠ Not “image to image”, but coordinate to “image”

⚠ Not dataset of “images”, but dataset of pixels of one image



Proposed Approach: Qualitative results



Quantitative results published in *20th International Symposium on Applications of Laser and Imaging Techniques to Fluid Mechanics, Lisbon, 2022*

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