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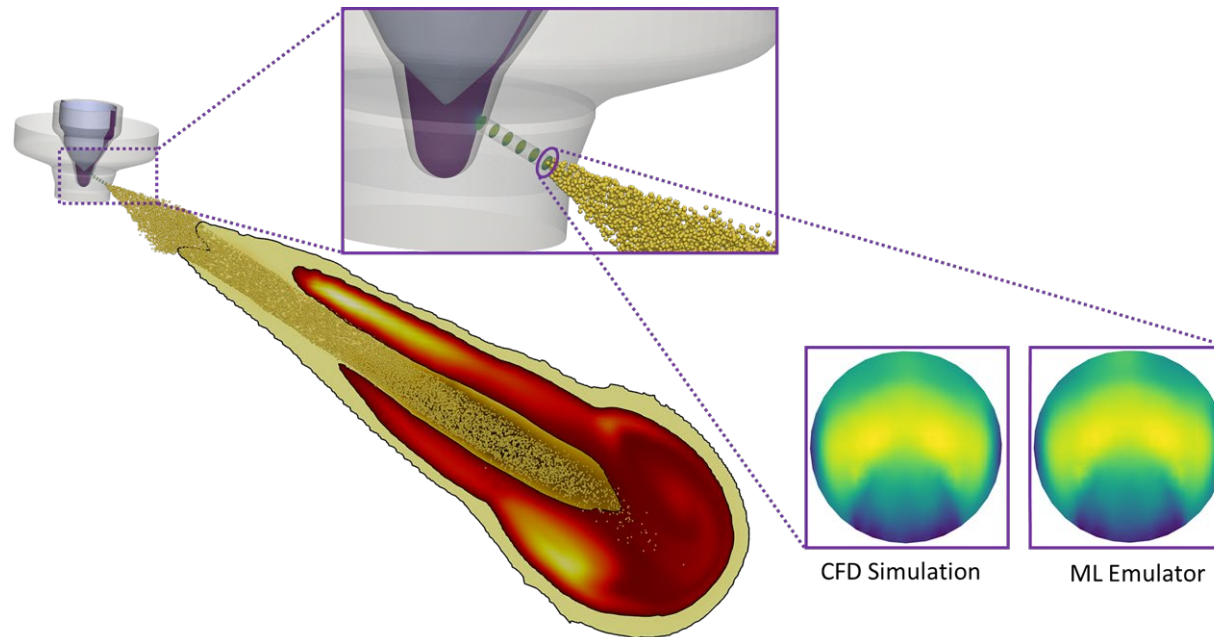
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# ENABLING PREDICTIVE SIMULATIONS OF REACTING MULTIPHASE FLOWS VIA DATA-DRIVEN EMULATION

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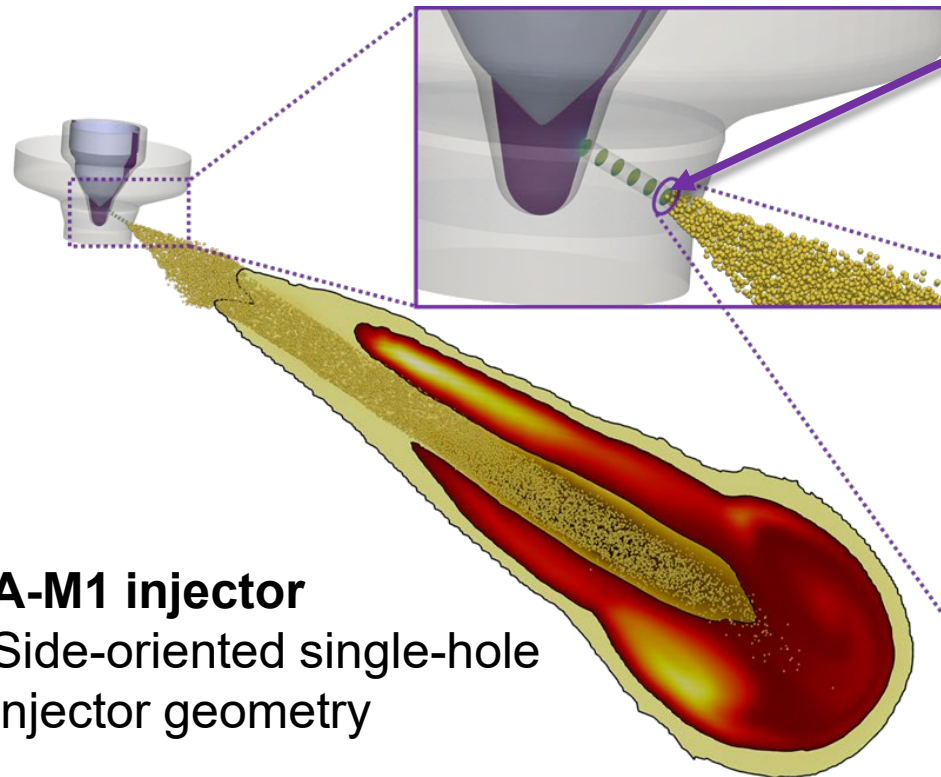
# INJECTION INFLUENCES ENGINE PERFORMANCE<sup>[1]</sup>

Detailed injection simulations are too expensive at the industry level

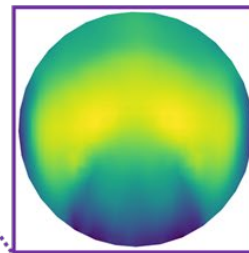
Emulated flowfields at orifice exit for static-needle-lift Large Eddy Simulations at steady state<sup>[2]</sup>:

- Gaseous volume fraction ( $\alpha$ )
- Velocity components ( $u, v, w$ )
- Liquid mass ( $m_l$ )

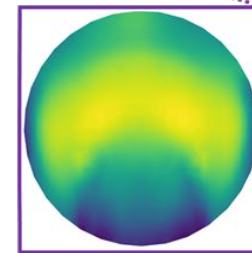
- Machine Learning models emulate internal flow fields at orifice exit
- Emulated flowfields coupled with Lagrangian spray simulations using static one-way coupling



**A-M1 injector**  
Side-oriented single-hole  
injector geometry

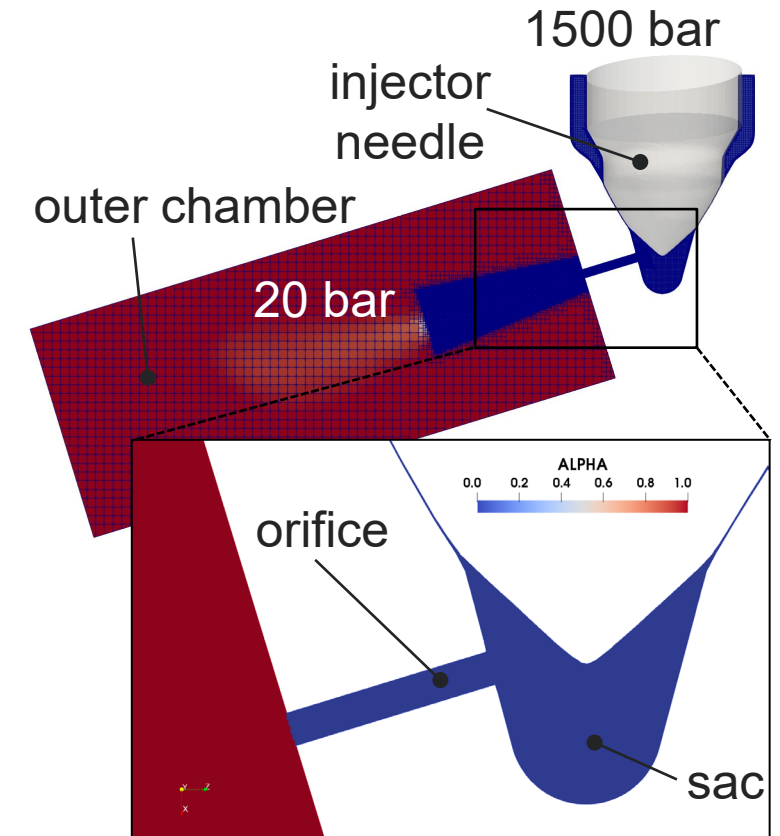


CFD Simulation



ML Emulator

Fuel: n-Dodecane -  $P_{sat} = 0.0013$  bar



1400 – 2000 CPU-hours per  
10  $\mu$ s of simulated time<sup>[3]</sup>

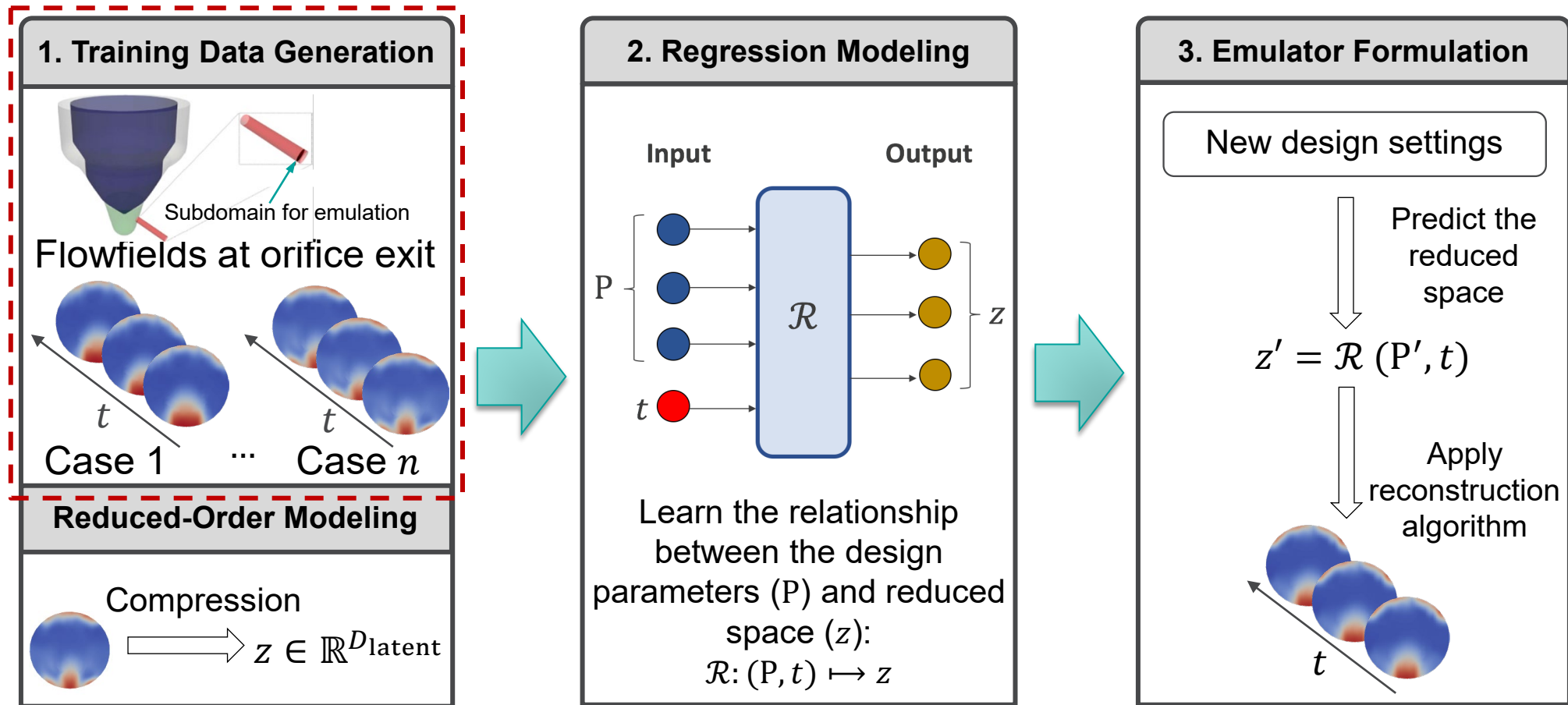
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# EMULATOR FRAMEWORK

## Three phases to deconstruct the emulator formulation



81 snapshots per CFD case extracted at the **orifice exit** between  $t = 20\text{-}40 \mu\text{s}$ , for steady-state flow conditions with static needle lift. Each snapshot contains 4,214 grid points



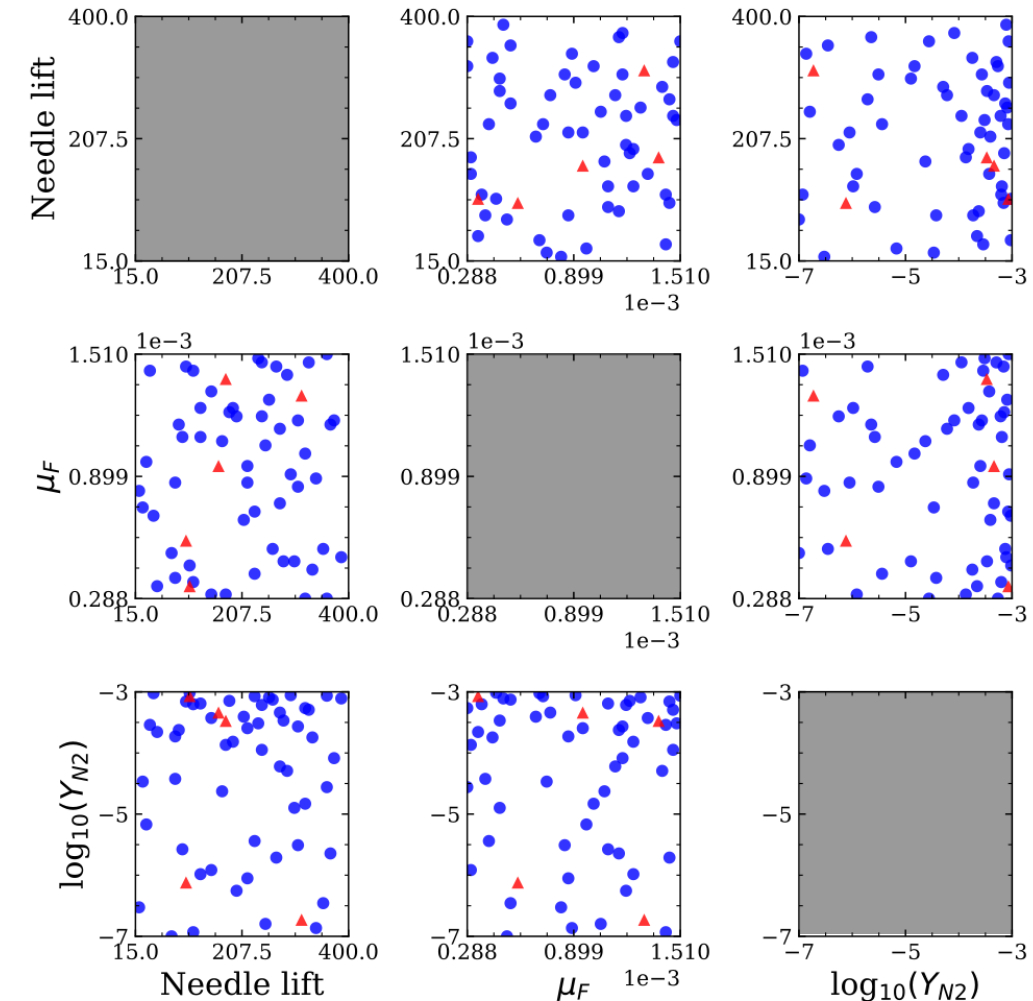
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- Design of Experiments (DoE)
  - Variant of Latin Hypercube Sampling
  - **60 samples in total in 3-D design parameter space**
- The blue dots (55) represent operating conditions seen during training, and the red dots (5) correspond to new operating conditions (test cases)

**The test cases are chosen to encompass the different flow structures of the gas phase in the design space through input sensitivity analysis**



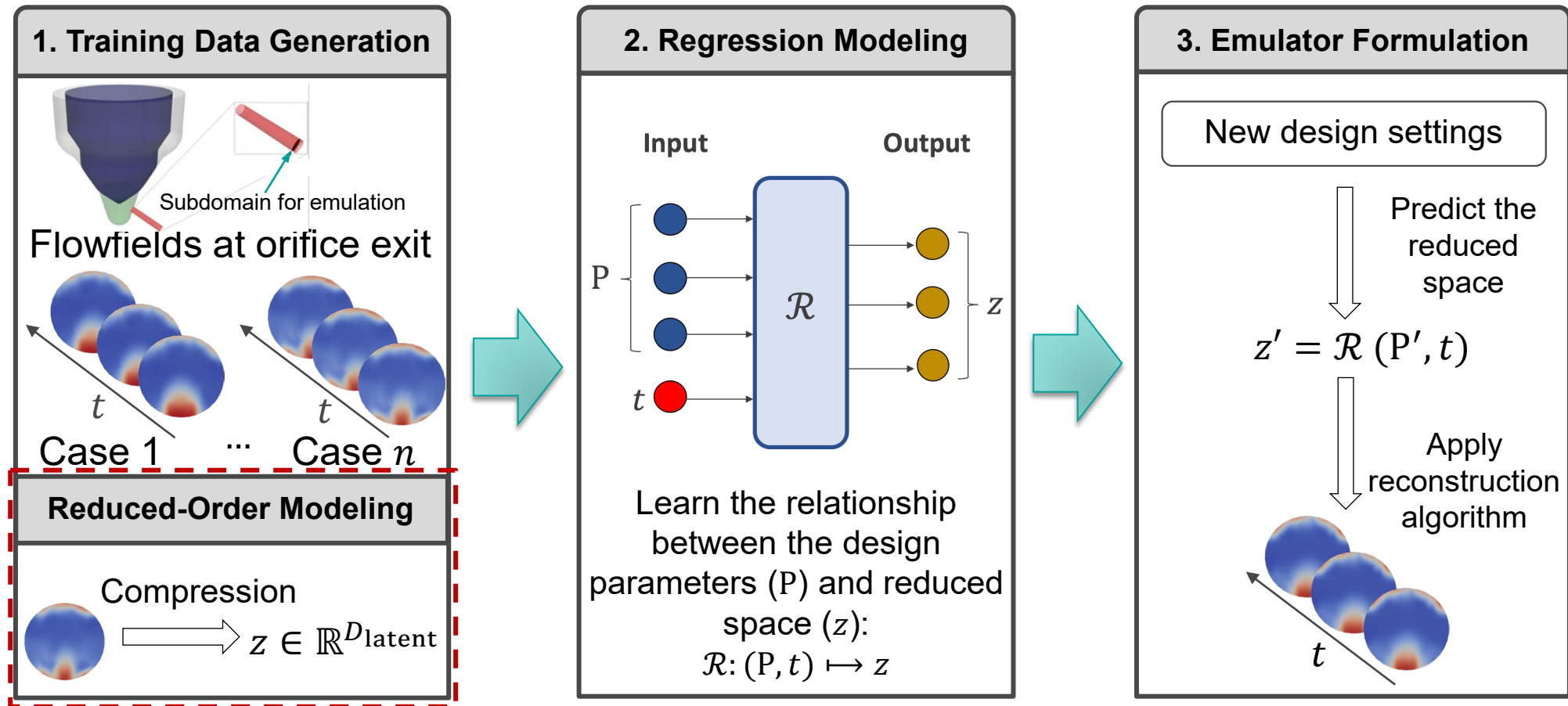
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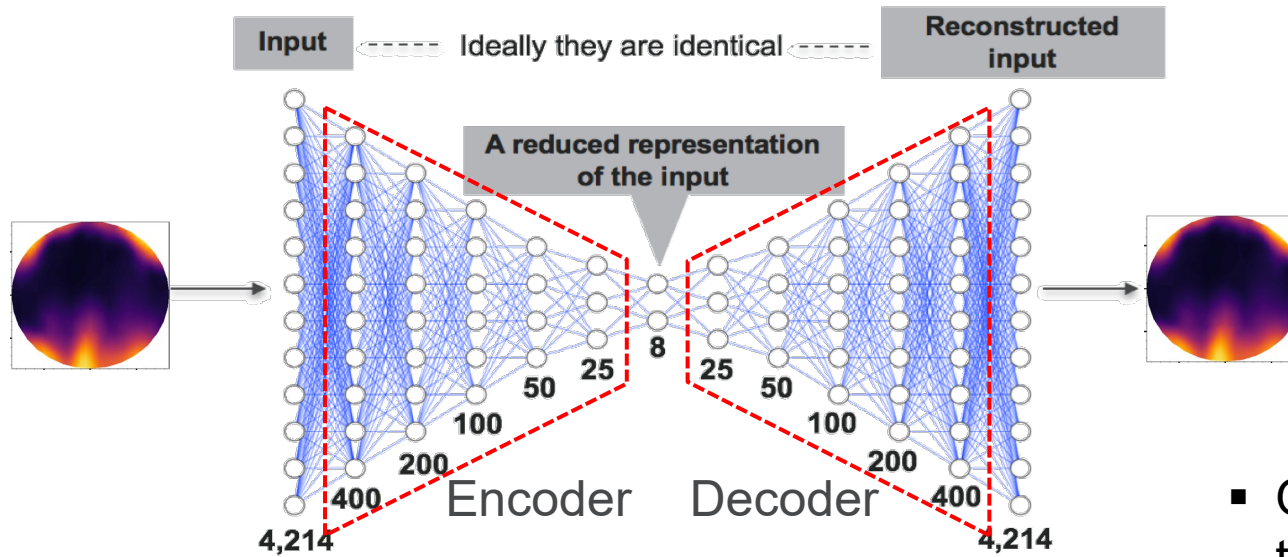
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# AUTOENCODER FRAMEWORK

## Using deep learning to reduce the dimensionality of flowfields



Hyperparameters (grid-search-based)

Hyperparameter	Value
Number of hidden layers	10 (5 each for $\mathcal{T}_{enc}$ and $\mathcal{T}_{dec}$ )
$\mathcal{T}_{enc}$	[400, 200, 100, 50, 25]
$\mathcal{T}_{dec}$	[25, 50, 100, 200, 400]
$D_{code}$	8 (for $\alpha, u, w, m_l$ ), 20 (for $v$ )
Optimizer algorithm	Adam
Learning rate of optimizer	$2 \times 10^{-5}$
Number of epochs	1000
Batch size	25
$L_2$ Regularization parameter	$5 \times 10^{-5}$

### Autoencoders:

Reduce the dimension of the flowfields



Make the problem of predicting flowfields for unknown operating conditions tractable

- Other dimensionality reduction techniques like Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD) were also explored <sup>[1]</sup>
- Deep autoencoders are chosen as the preferred dimensionality reduction tool because the complex non-linear transformations allow high representation power with low latent space dimensions

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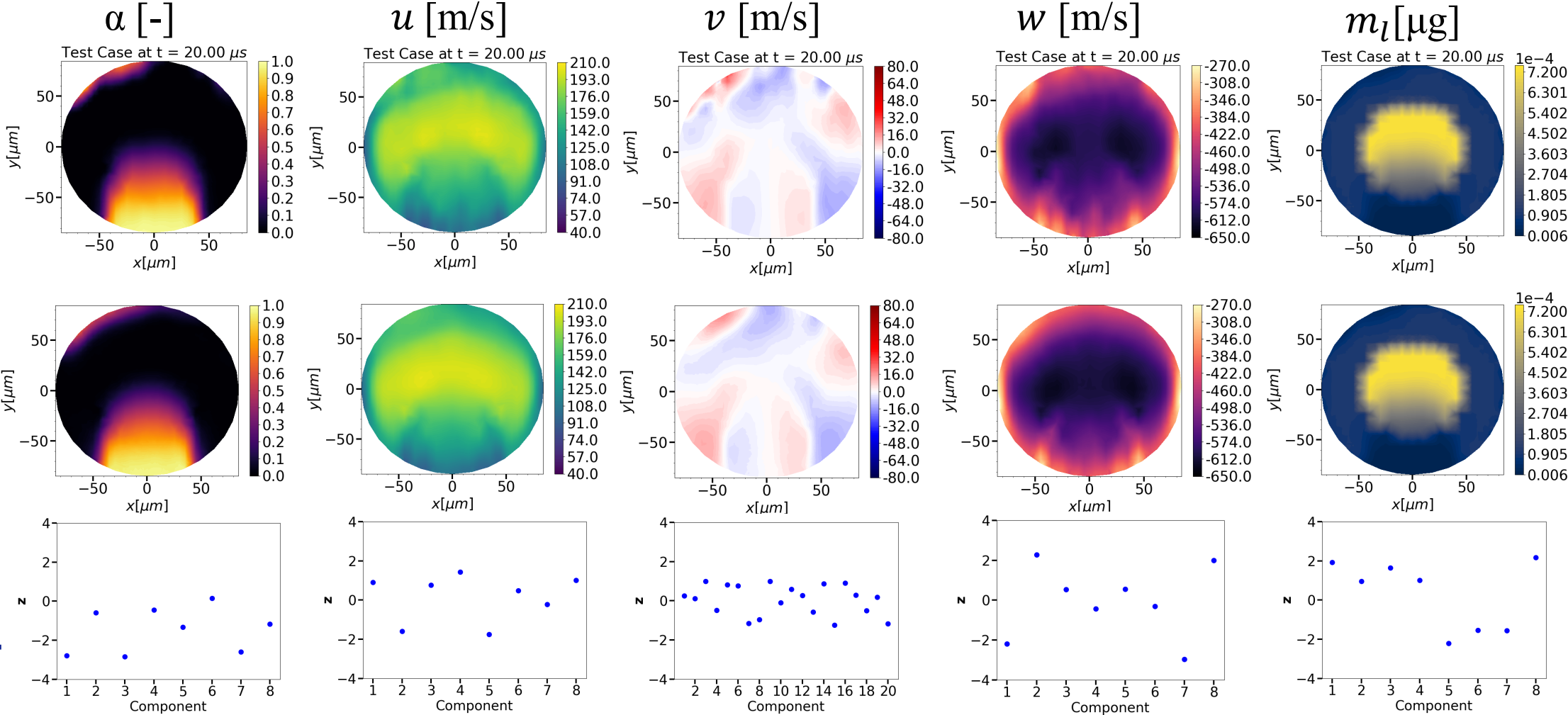
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# REDUCED SPACE CAPTURES FLOW COMPLEXITIES

Truth

Reconstructed

Reduced Space



Reconstruction error of time-averaged flowfields

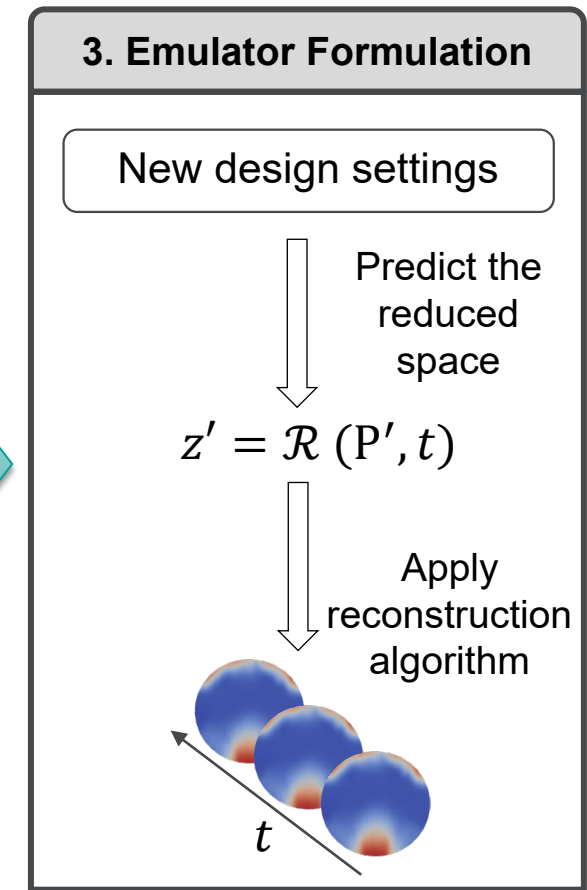
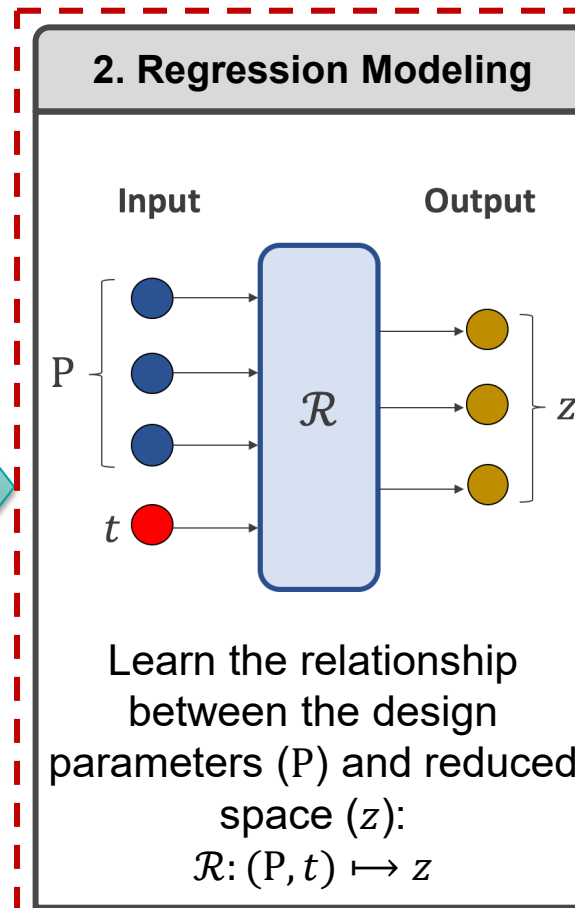
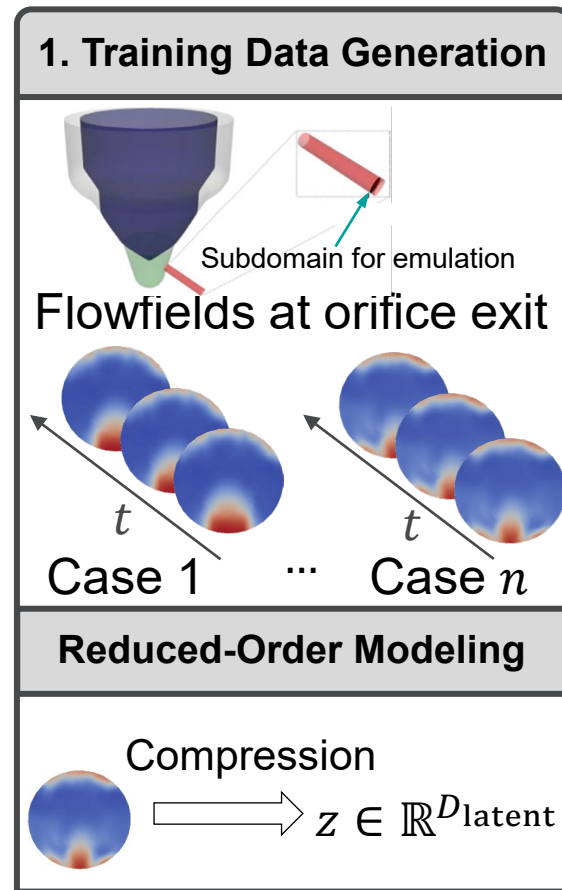
Errors averaged over 5 test cases

Flowfield	$\alpha$	$u$	$v$	$w$	$m_l$
Error	2%	1%	8%	1%	1%

Demonstrations shown for Case 51

# EMULATOR FRAMEWORK

## Three phases to deconstruct the emulator formulation

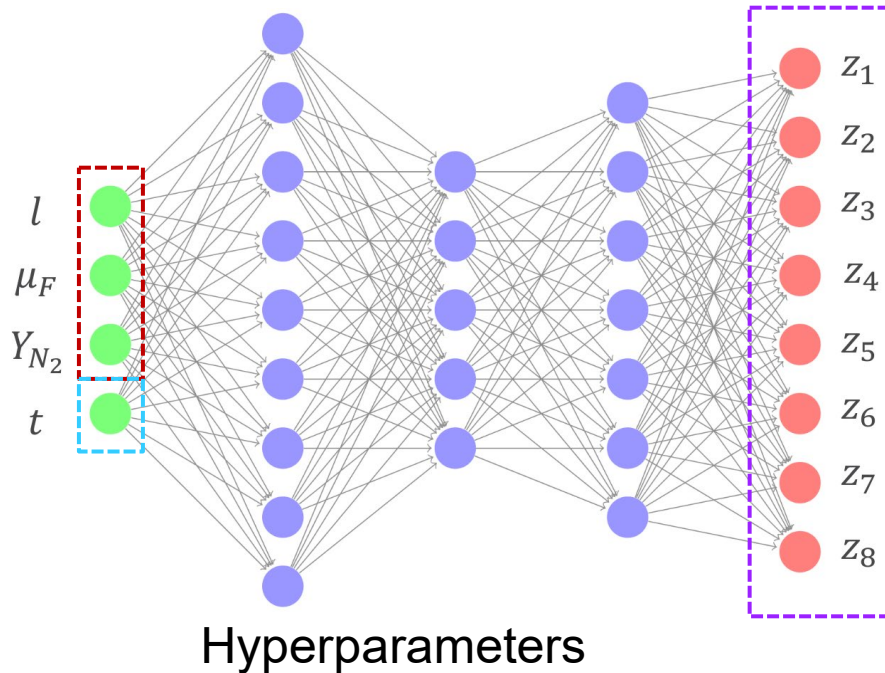


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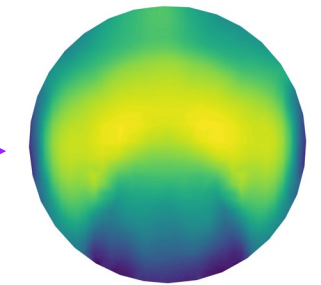
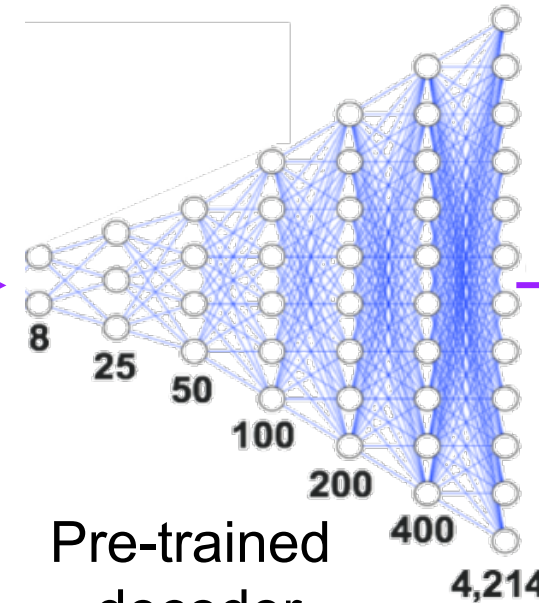
# REGRESSION AND EMULATION PERFORMANCE

## Deep Learning to relate design parameters to reduced space



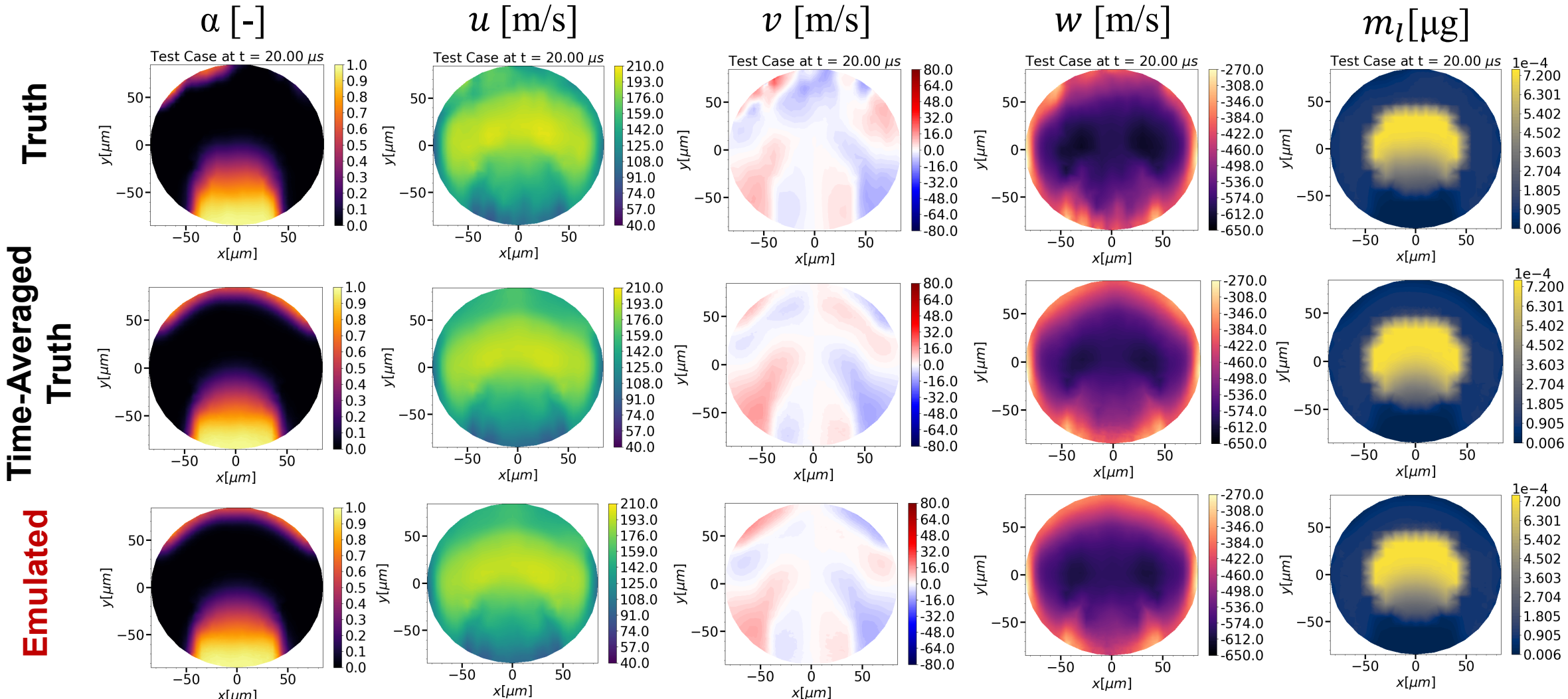
Hyperparameter	Value
Number of hidden layers	4
$\mathcal{T}_{enc}$	[8, 16, 32, 32]
Optimizer algorithm	Adam
Learning rate of optimizer	$1 \times 10^{-4}$
Number of epochs	500
Batch size	25
$L_2$ Regularization parameter	$2 \times 10^{-3}$

The regression model is another deep neural network that maps the **design variables** and **time** to the **reduced dimensional latent space**



Emulated  
flowfield of  
Interest

# PREDICTIONS OF TIME-AVERAGED FLOWFIELDS



Errors averaged over 5 test cases

Emulation error of time-averaged flowfields

Flowfield	$\alpha$	$u$	$v$	$w$	$m_l$
Error	8%	2%	22%	2%	2%

Demonstrations shown for Case 51

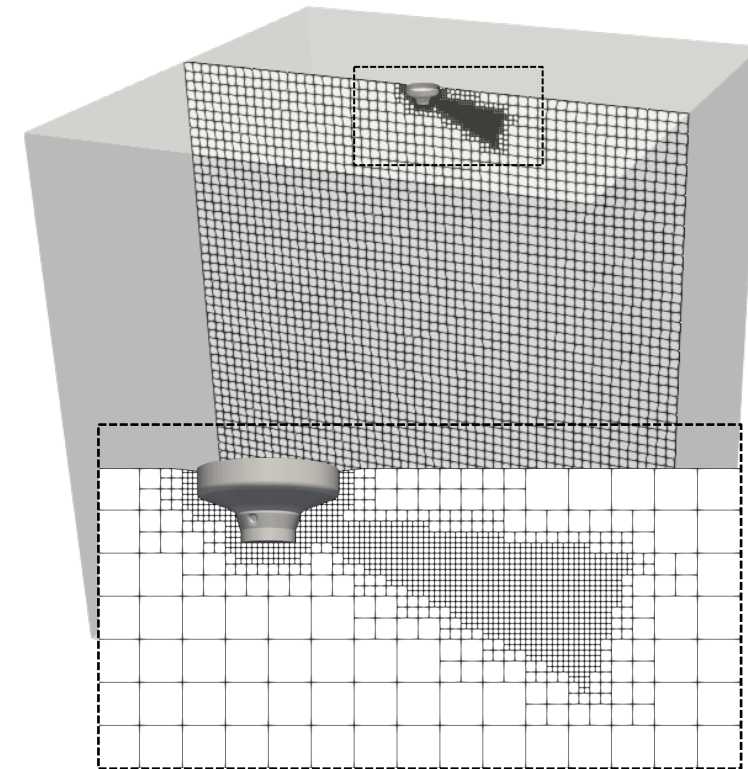
# APPLICATION OF EMULATED FLOWFIELDS

## Injector-exit predictions to study the spray and combustion behavior

Fuel	Fuel Temperature [K]	Fuel Pressure [bar]	Chamber Temperature [K]	Chamber Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
n-dodecane	323	1500	900	22.8

### Model Set-up

Software	CONVERGE
Parcel Initialization	Static coupling, LVF threshold = 0.1, TKE = 3000 m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> [1]
Spray breakup	KH-RT, No collisions
Turbulence	RANS, RNG $\kappa$ - $\epsilon$
Combustion	UFPV – 4D tabulation ( $\chi$ , $c$ , $\tilde{Z}''^2$ , $\tilde{Z}$ ) [2] LLNL mechanism (2,755 species + 11,173 reactions) 2 mm base grid size
Mesh spacing	250 $\mu$ m min grid size (AMR + Embedding) Peak cell count: 940,000 cells
Run time	~20 core-hours per 10 $\mu$ s of simulated time Max convective-based CFL = 1.0, dt ~ 1e-07 s



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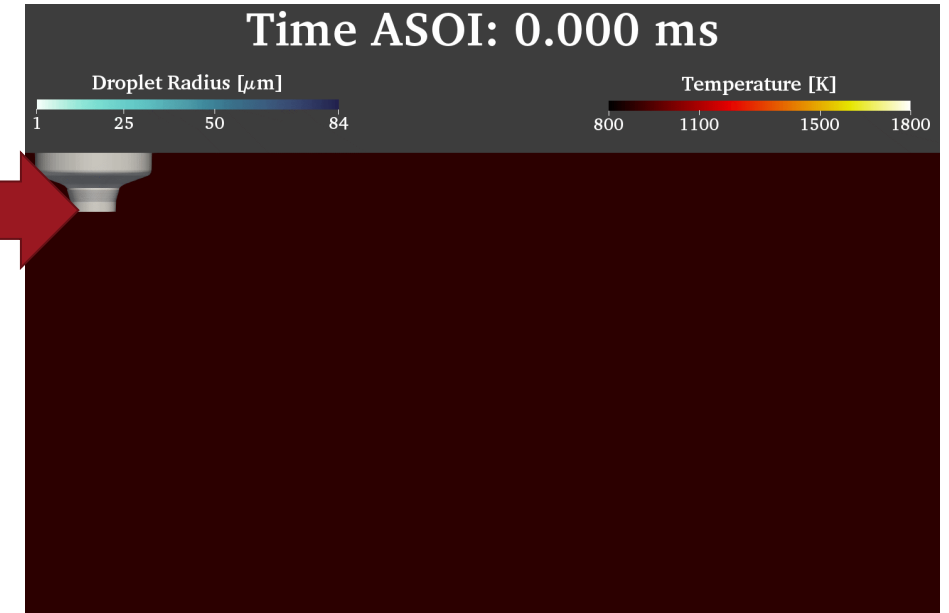
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Accurate spray combustion predictions at a fraction of the cost

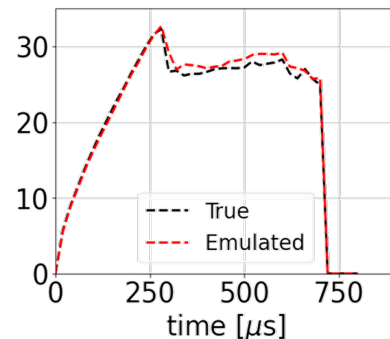
Injection Map from CFD (“Truth”)

Injection Map from **Emulator**



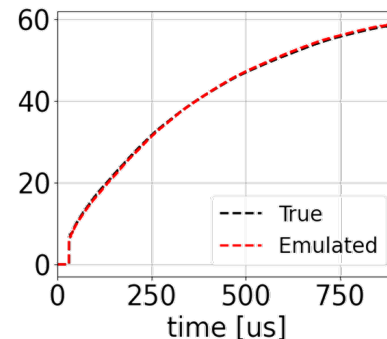
Liquid Penetration [mm]

Error < 4%



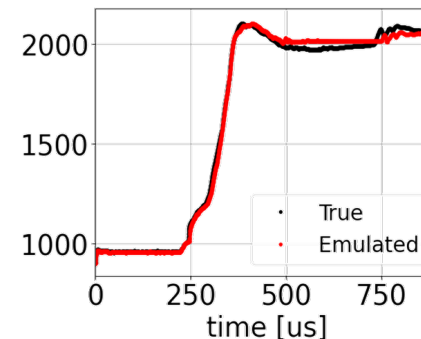
Vapor Penetration [mm]

Error < 1%



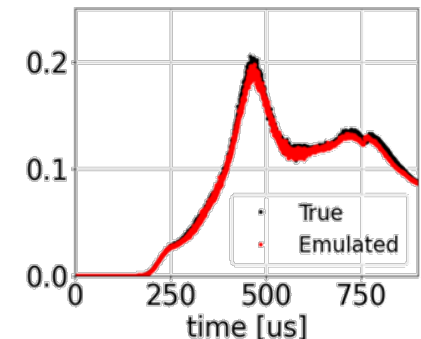
Max Temperature [K]

Error < 2%



Heat Release Rate [MJ/s]

Error < 2%





# NEED FOR TRANSFER LEARNING<sup>[1]</sup>

## Addressing data scarcity in transient injection simulations

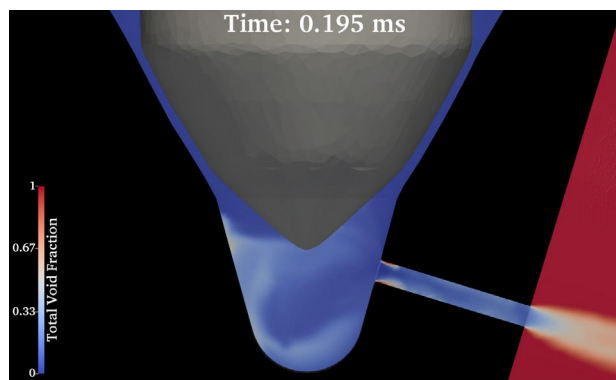
Typical turn-around time	
Internal flow simulations ~ weeks	Engine simulations ~ days



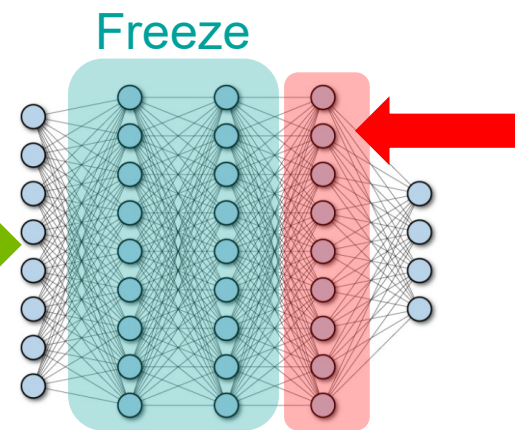
**Need to accelerate internal flow simulations to have comparable turn around time with engine simulations**

**Transient injection simulations are expensive  $\Rightarrow$  Scarcity of data for training machine learning models**

## Expedite training for transient injector simulations using transfer learning



Static-Needle simulations  
(Source domain)



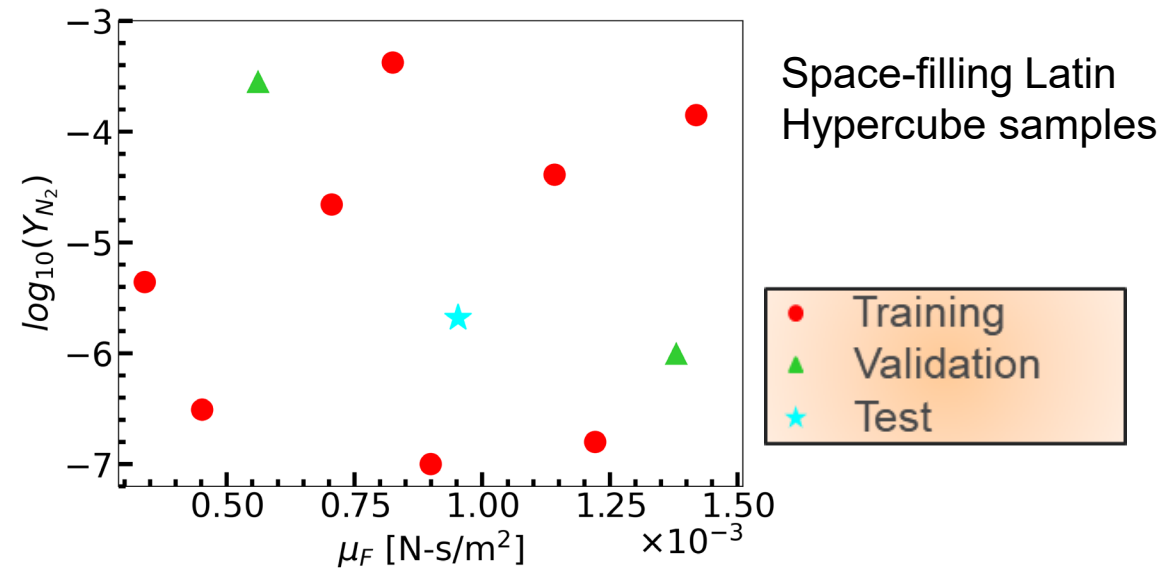
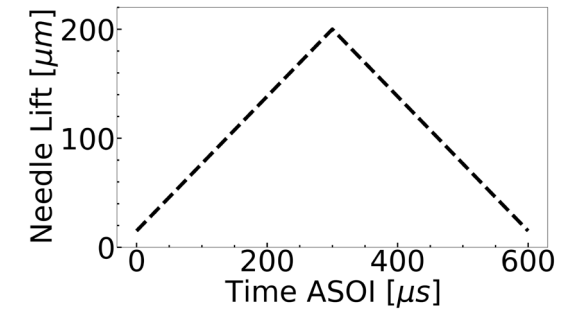
Moving-needle simulations  
(Target domain)



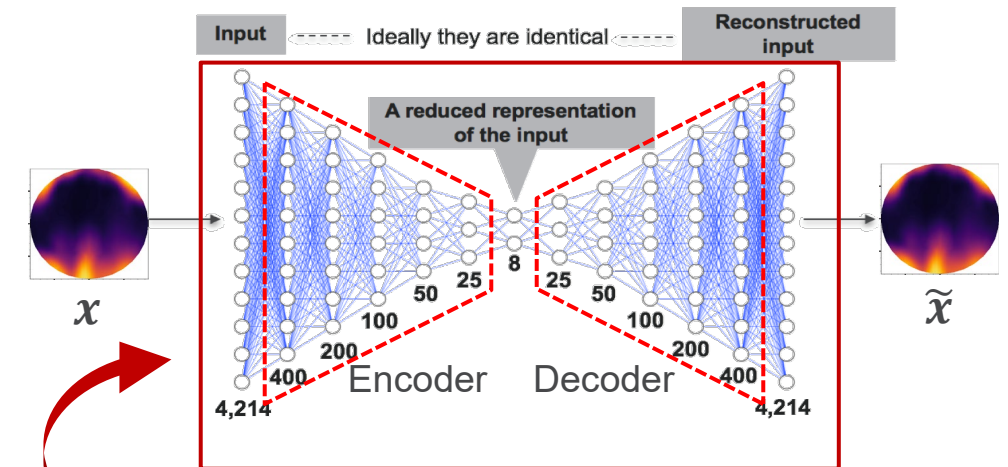
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11 samples in total in 2-D design parameter space



Weights and biases of the autoencoder framework initialized from the trained static needle autoencoder

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# IMPACT OF TRANSFER LEARNING

Performance evaluated on reconstruction error for total void fraction

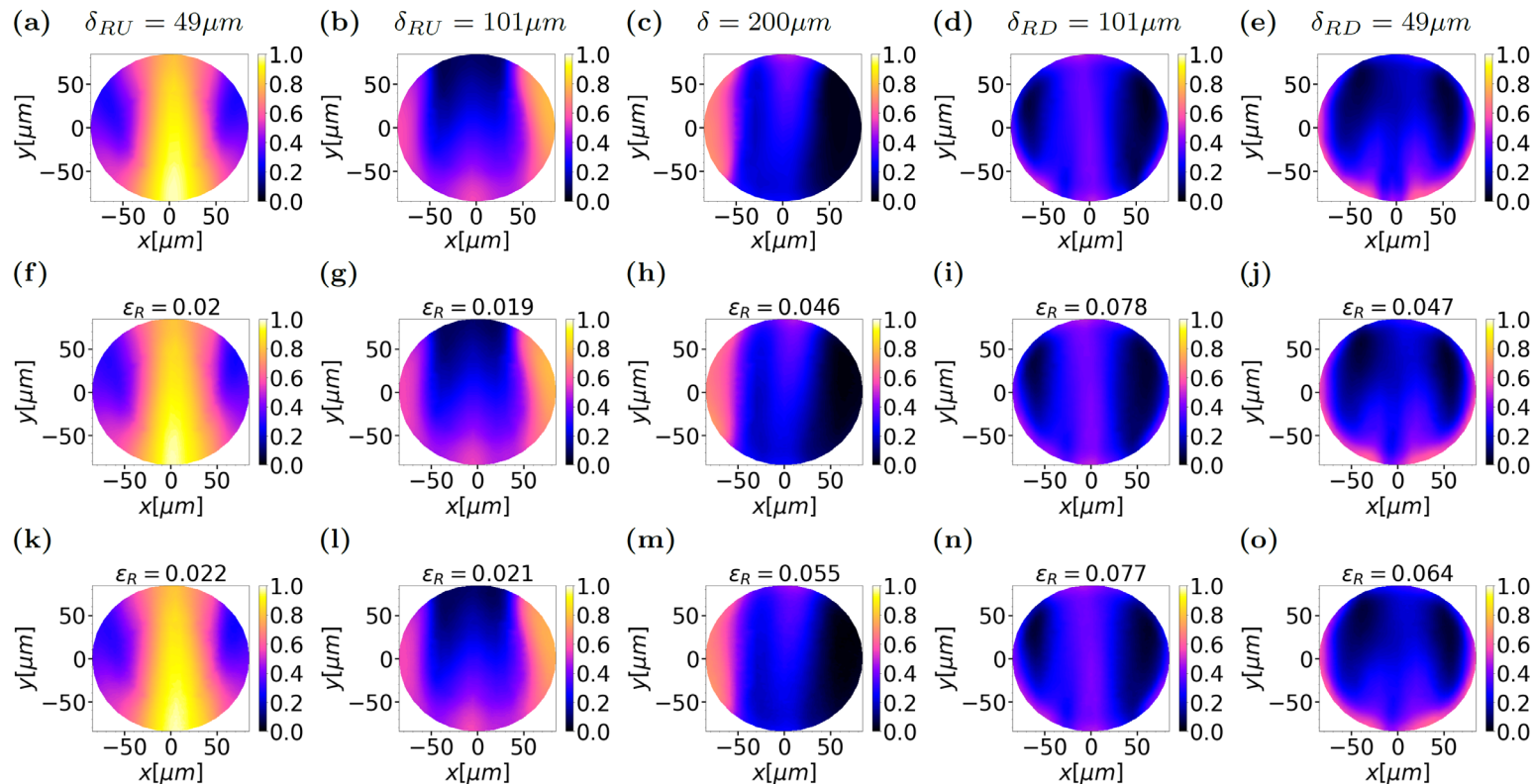
Truth  
(CFD)

Reconstructed  
with transfer  
learning

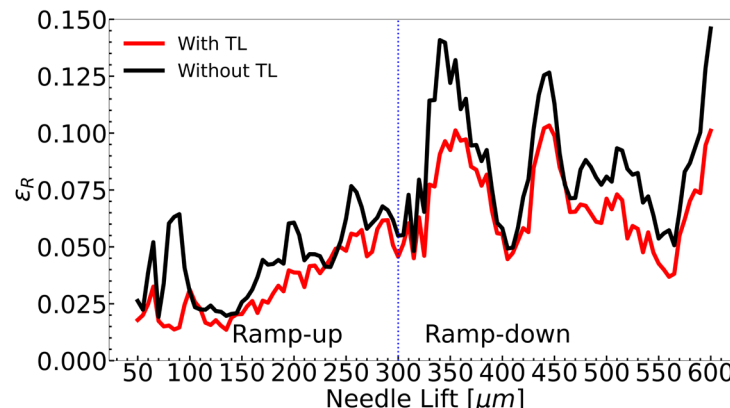
Reconstructed  
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Reconstruction  
error

$$\varepsilon_R \triangleq \frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}$$



$\delta_{RU}$   
Needle lift during  
ramp-up phase  
 $\delta_{RD}$   
Needle lift during  
ramp-down phase

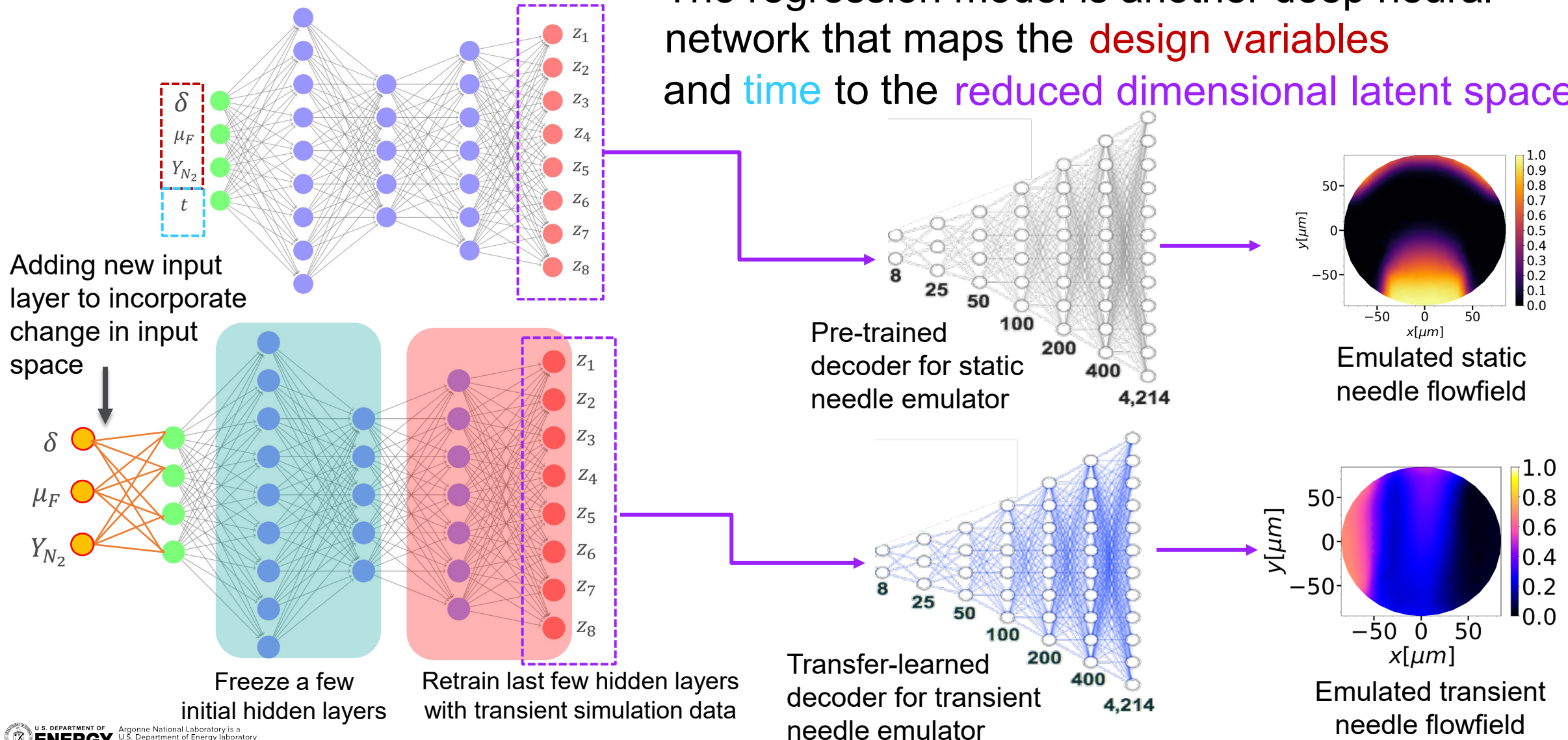


- Transfer Learning results in better reconstruction performance
- ~5% reduction in  $\varepsilon_R$  when transfer learning was employed

# IMPROVING TRANSIENT INJECTION PREDICTIONS

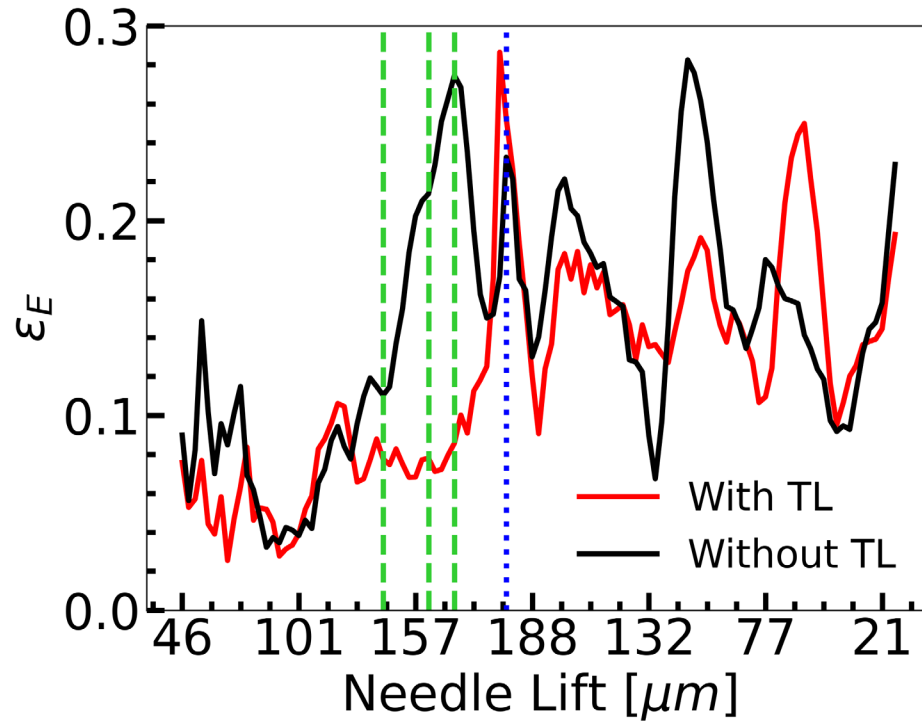
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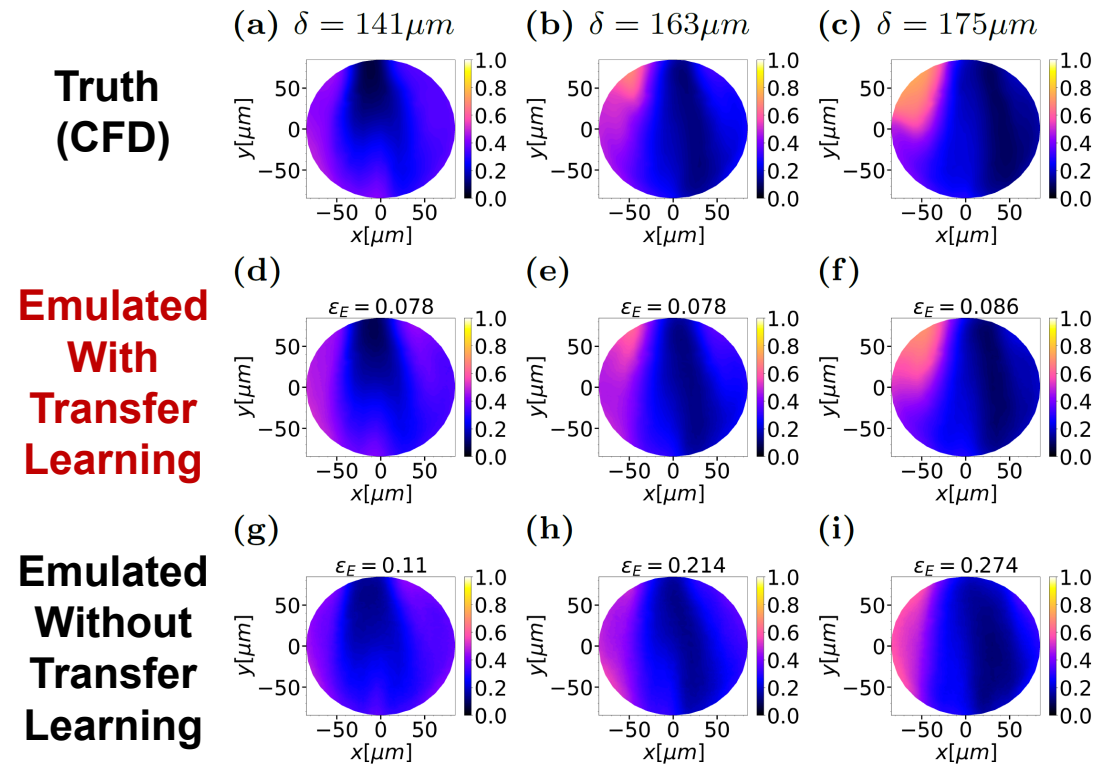


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- 3% reduction in average emulation error over time
- A peak reduction of 20% in emulation error before the end of ramp-up phase



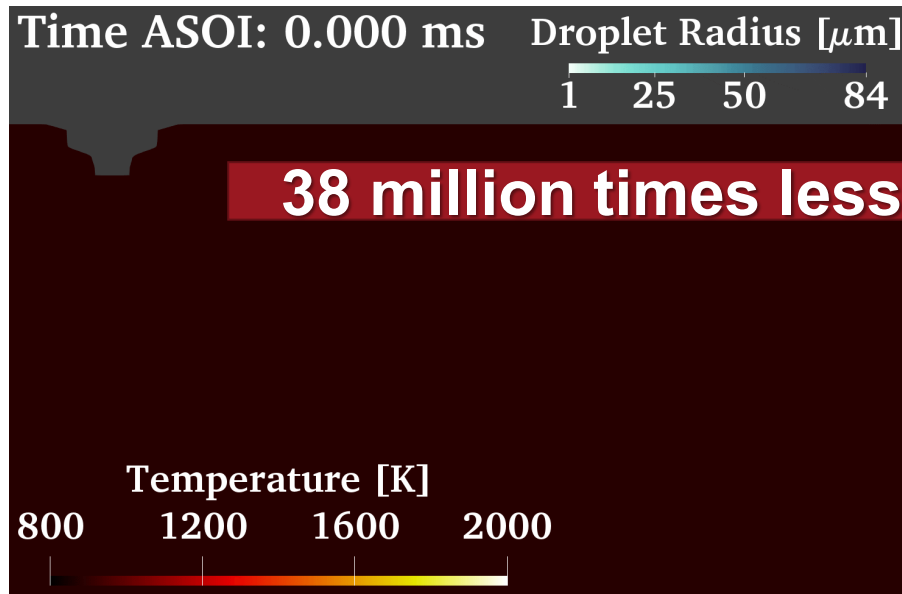
- Transfer Learning from static needle simulations helps in improving the predictions of total void fraction field for transient injection conditions.
- Maximum achievable speedup  $\sim 38$  million



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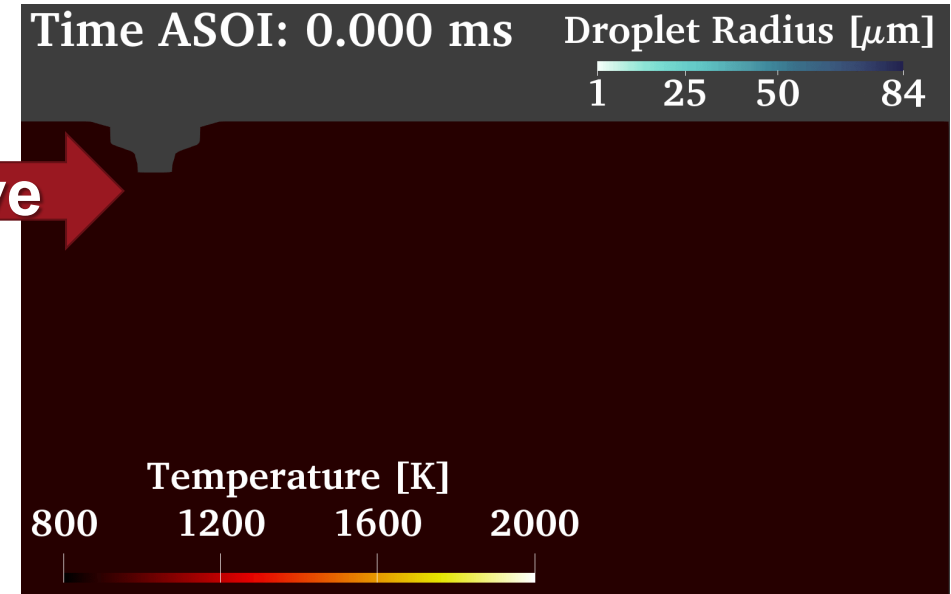
## Use of emulated transient injection maps

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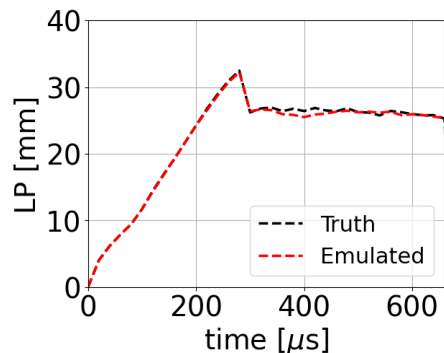
38 million times less expensive

### Injection Map from GP-based Emulator



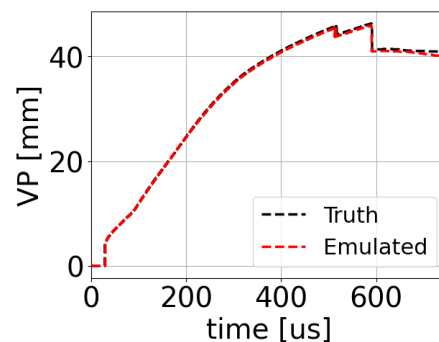
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Error < 1%



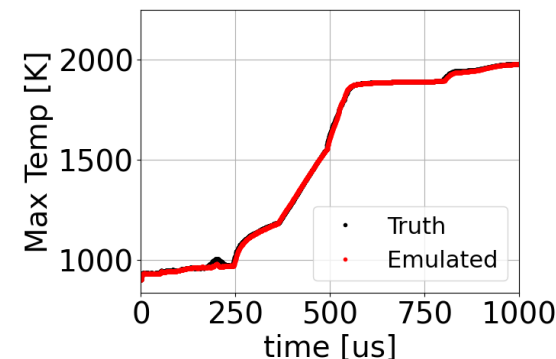
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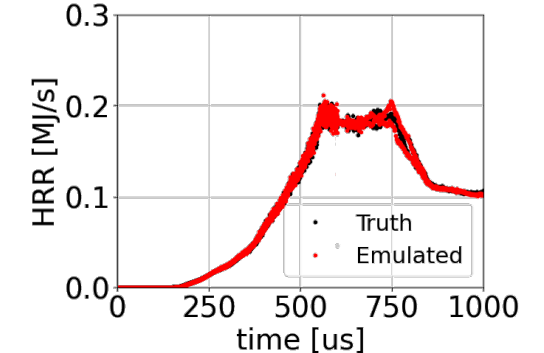
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