

Complete flow description from combination of incomplete measurements

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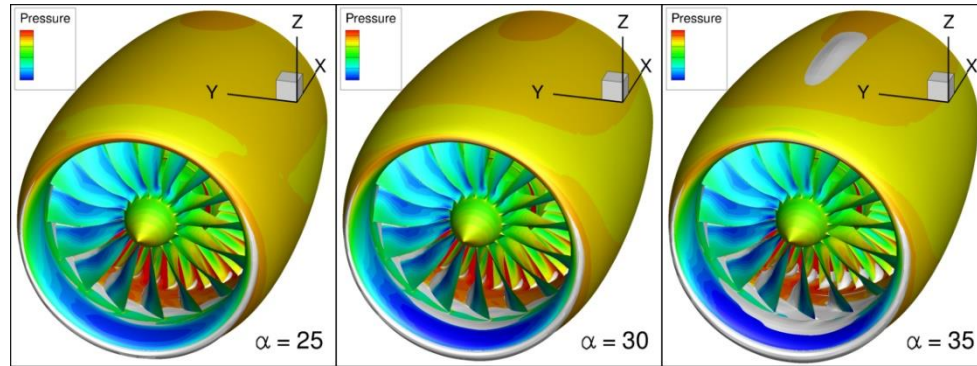
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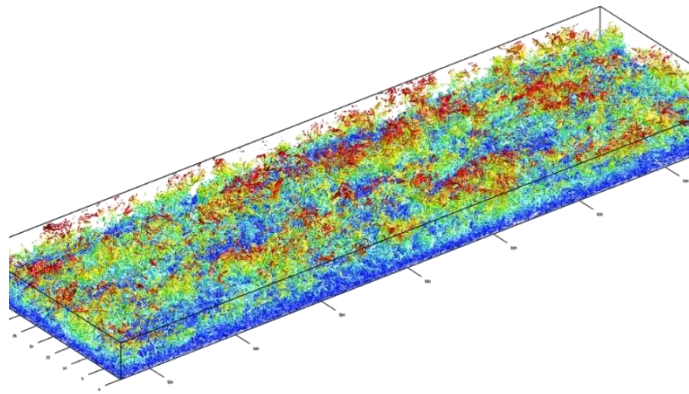
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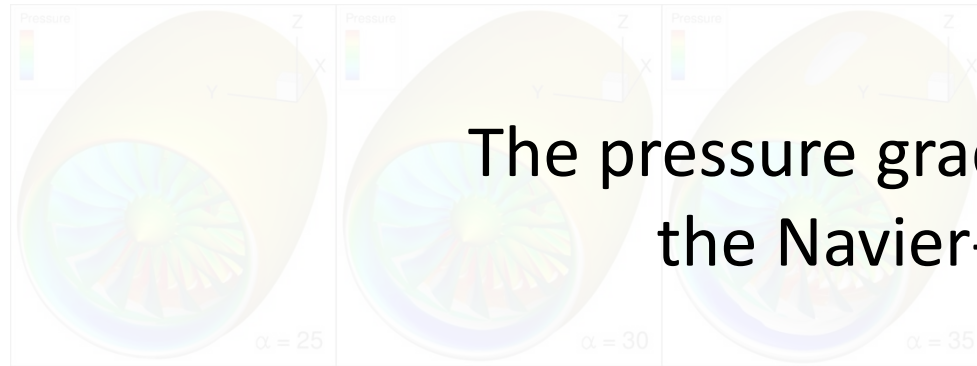
Turbulence



Aerodynamic loads

- Time-resolved velocity and pressure fields are important in research and engineering
- Direct measurements of pressure are limited to point wise or surface measurements

figure from ONERA (up), University of Texas at Austin (downleft), and autosport (downright)

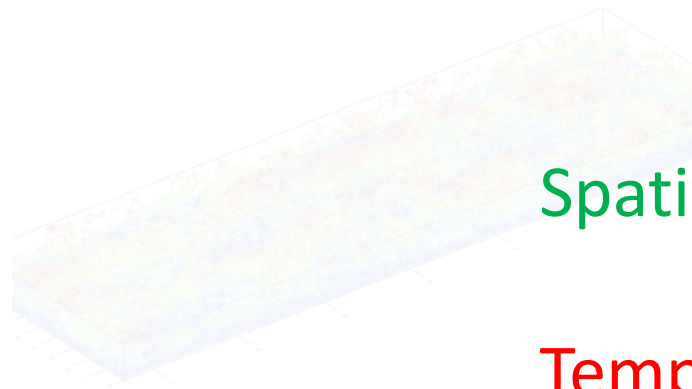


The pressure gradient can be computed from the Navier-Stokes (N-S) equation

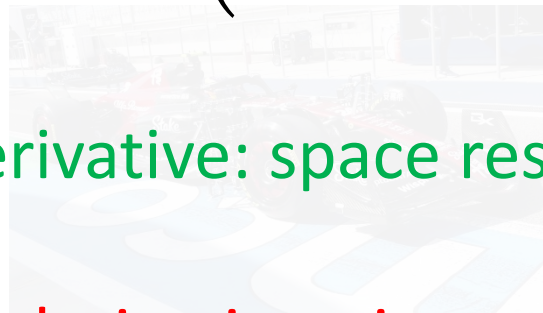
$$\nabla p = -\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \right)$$

Spatial derivative: space resolution is required

Temporal derivative: time resolution is required



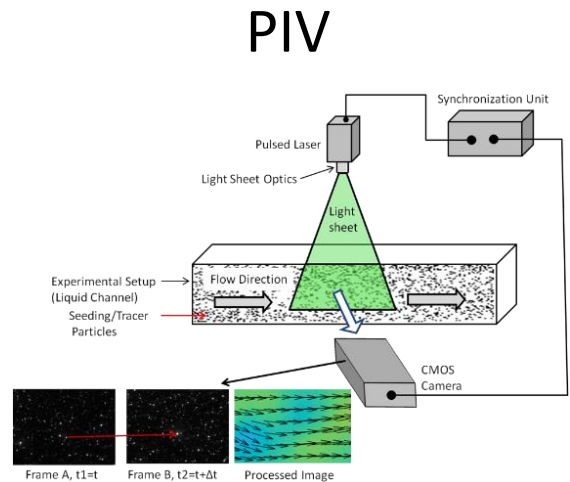
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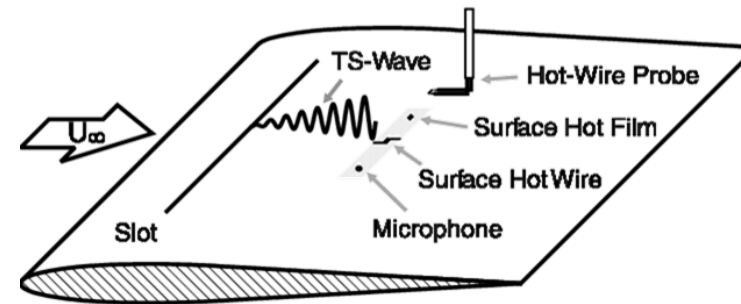


limited sampling rate

high-sensitive cameras + Nd:YAG LASER:
up to 15 Hz \sim 0.1 m/s

high frequency cameras + Nd:YLF LASER:
up to 10k Hz \sim 10 m/s

probes



advantages:

frequency up to 10 MHz \rightarrow time derivative

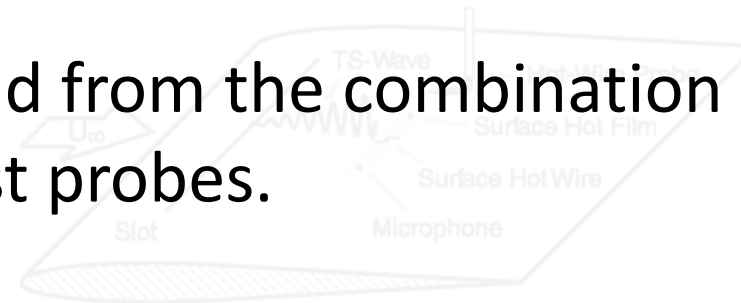
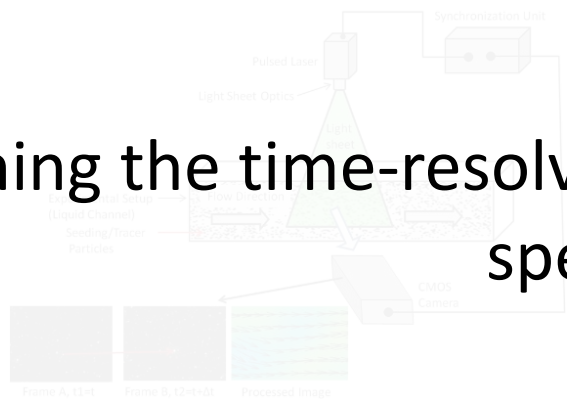
drawbacks:

not easy to interpret
no spatial resolution

- high cost of time-resolved PIV
- limitation on the frequency of high-speed LASER and cameras

OBJECTIVE

Obtaining the time-resolved velocity field from the combination of low-speed PIV and fast probes.



limited sampling rate

Then integrating the pressure field.

high-sensitive cameras + Nd:YAG LASER:

up to 15 Hz ~ 0.1 m/s

high frequency cameras + Nd:YLF LASER:

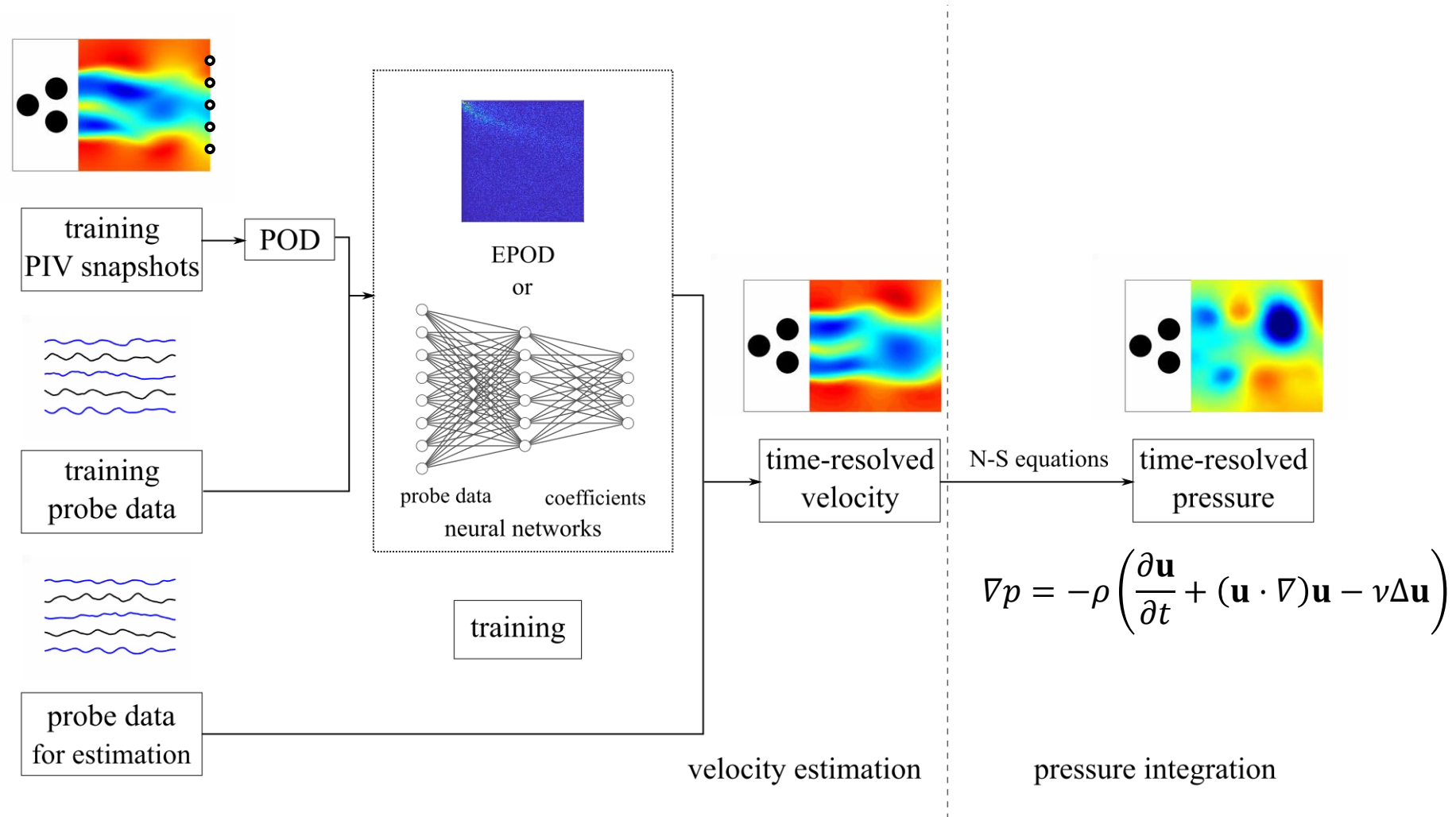
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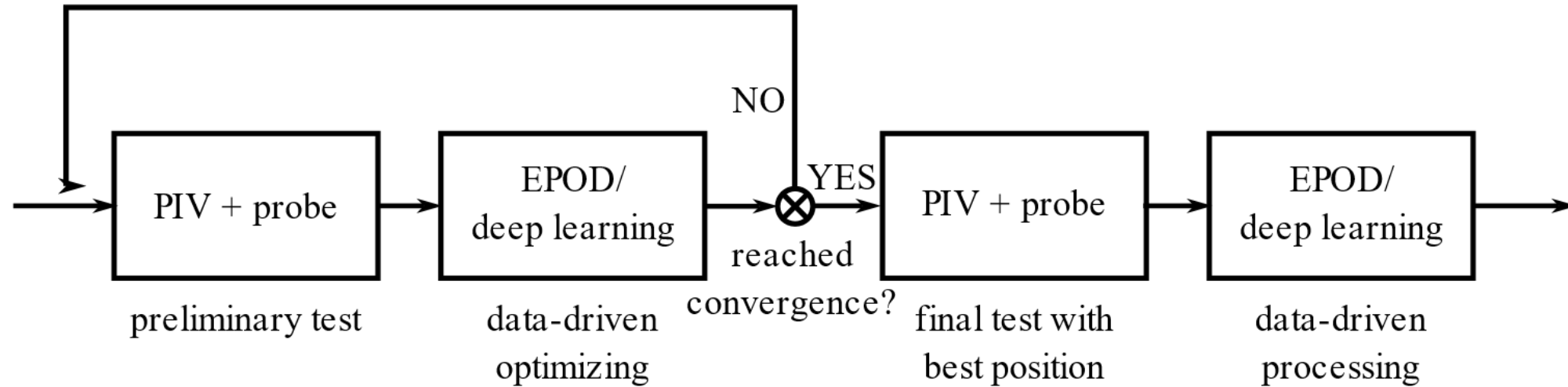
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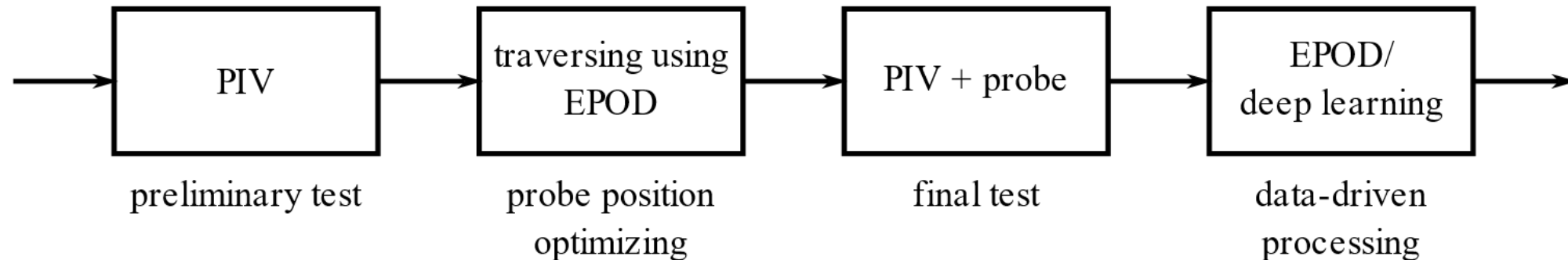
Chen et al. (2022) Exp. Therm. Fluid Sci.

Work 1: Offline optimal sensor positioning

ONLINE OPTIMIZATION



OFFLINE OPTIMIZATION



- The offline optimization is sufficient for sensor positioning.
- The accuracy is improved when considering upstream-downstream correlation.
- The positioning from planar PIV field are often acceptable for volumetric measurements.

- Paper published: Chen, Junwei, Marco Raiola, and Stefano Discetti. "An efficient offline sensor placement method for flow estimation." Experimental Thermal and Fluid Science 167 (2025): 111448.
- Code: github.com/erc-nextflow/sensor_placement_V1
- Data: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15114116>

Work 2: Machine learning with overabundant unlabelled samples

high-repetition-rate field measurements (ideal)



low-repetition-rate field measurements (under limited condition)



paired training dataset



high-repetition-rate point measurements



STRATEGY:

- field propagation to generate more labelled samples
- semi-supervised machine learning

Deep learning model \mathbf{f} is optimised to predict the POD coefficients

$$\mathbf{f}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \left\| \mathbf{\Sigma} \left[\mathbf{\Psi}(t_j) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{p}(t_j)) \right]^T \right\|_2, \quad \forall t_j, \text{ if } \mathbf{\Psi}(t_j) \text{ is known}$$

$\mathbf{\Sigma}$, $\mathbf{\Psi}$ from POD, t_j time instant, \mathbf{p} probe signal

There exists a unique combination of the temporal derivative of POD coefficients $\mathbf{\Psi}_t$, when the velocity field is temporal derivable.

Introducing another deep learning model \mathbf{g} to predict $\mathbf{\Psi}_t$

$$\mathbf{g}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{g}} \left\| \mathbf{\Sigma} \left[\frac{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{p}(t_{j+k})) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{p}(t_{j-k}))}{t_{j+k} - t_{j-k}} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{p}(t_j)) \right]^T \right\|_2, \quad \forall t_j, \mathbf{\Psi}(t_j) \text{ is known or unknown}$$

high-repetition-rate field measurements (ideal)



expanded training set

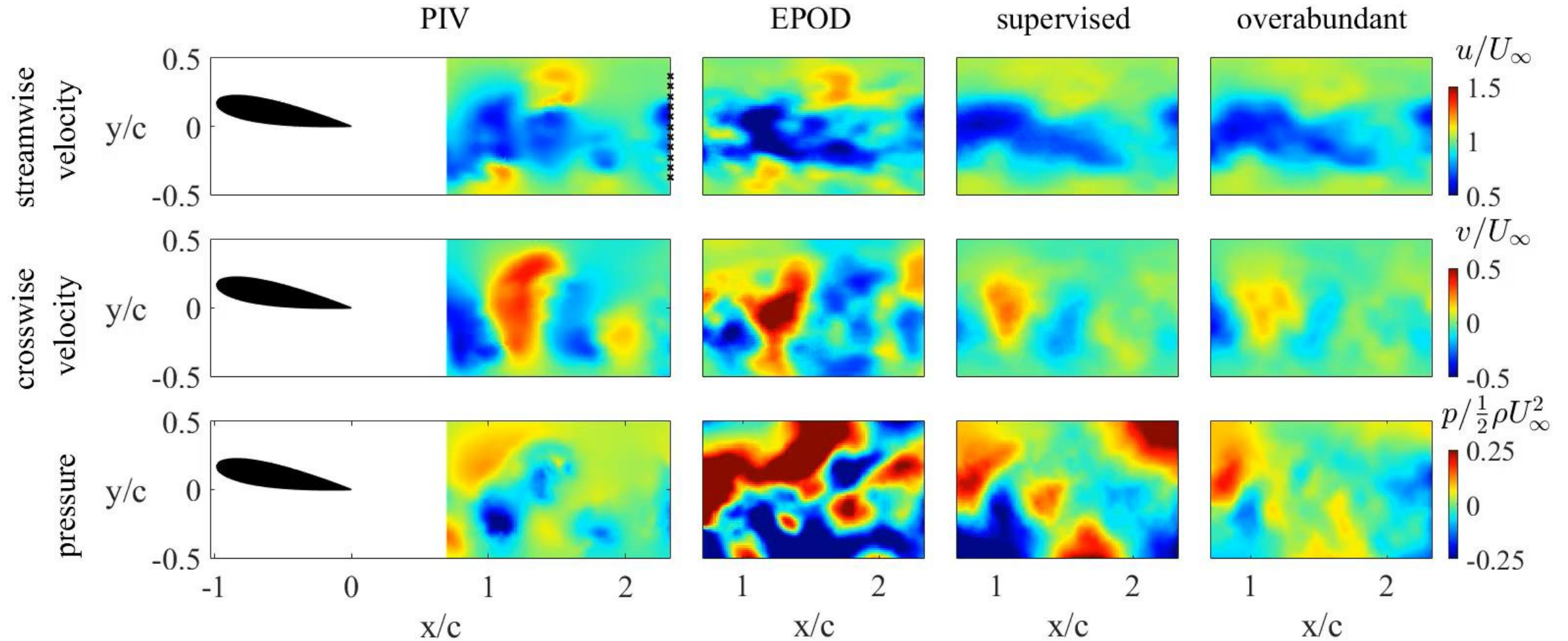


applying semi-supervised machine learning

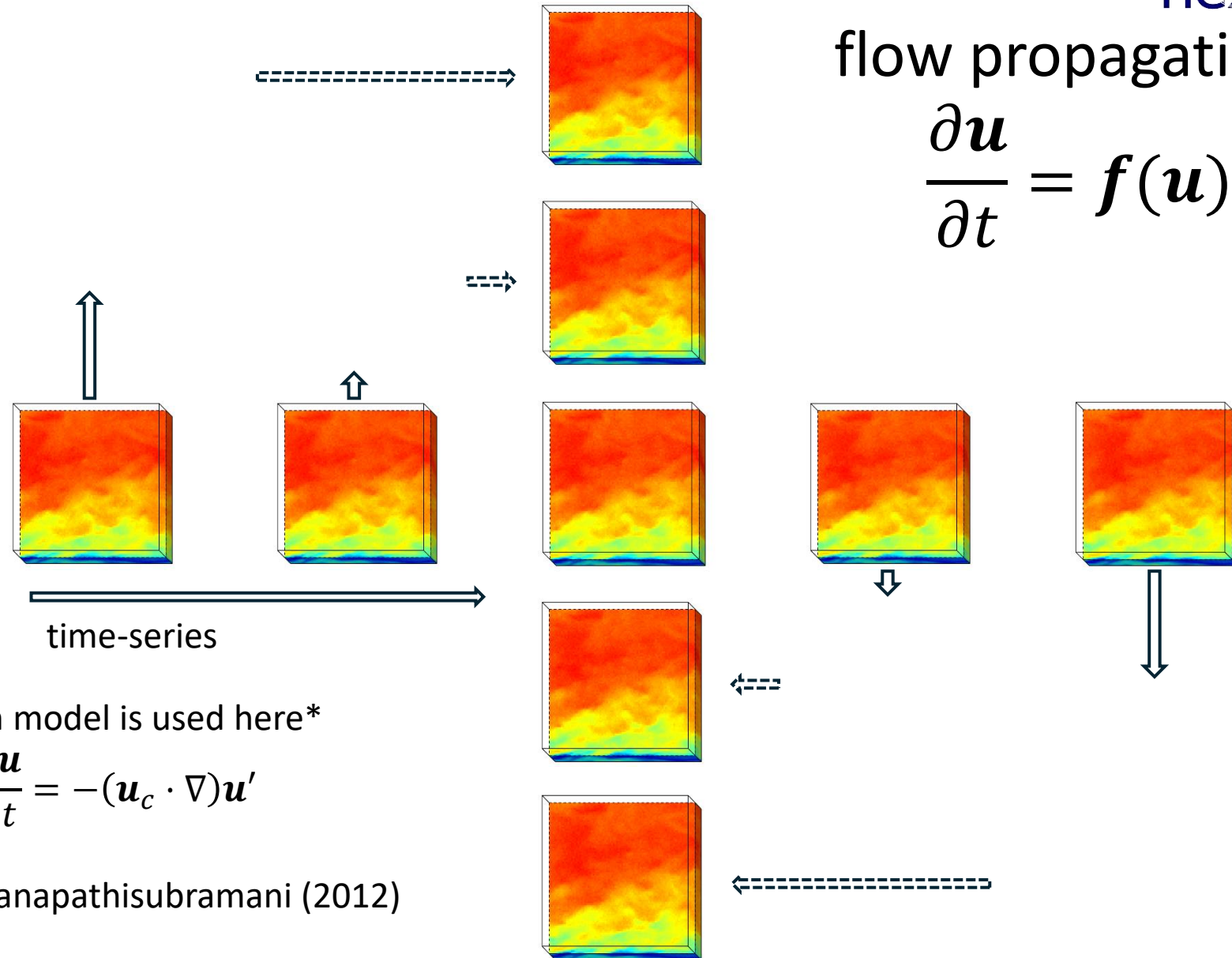


high-repetition-rate point measurements





Side work: Advection-based multiframe
iterative correction (AMIC)

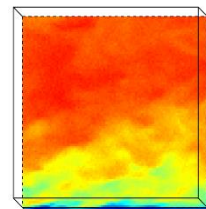
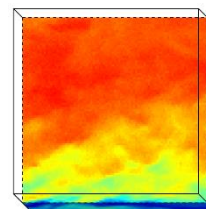
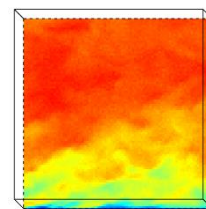
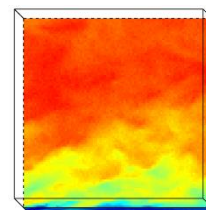
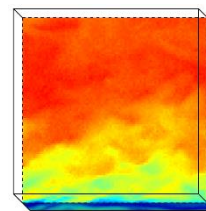
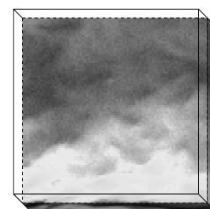
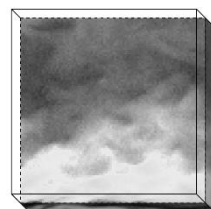


An advection model is used here*

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u}_c \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}'$$

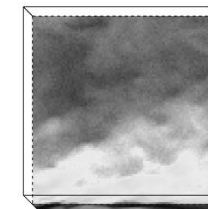
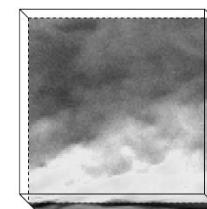
* de Kat & Ganapathisubramani (2012)

The filter will be applied through the corresponding position of original and propagated frames. reducing the detail loss



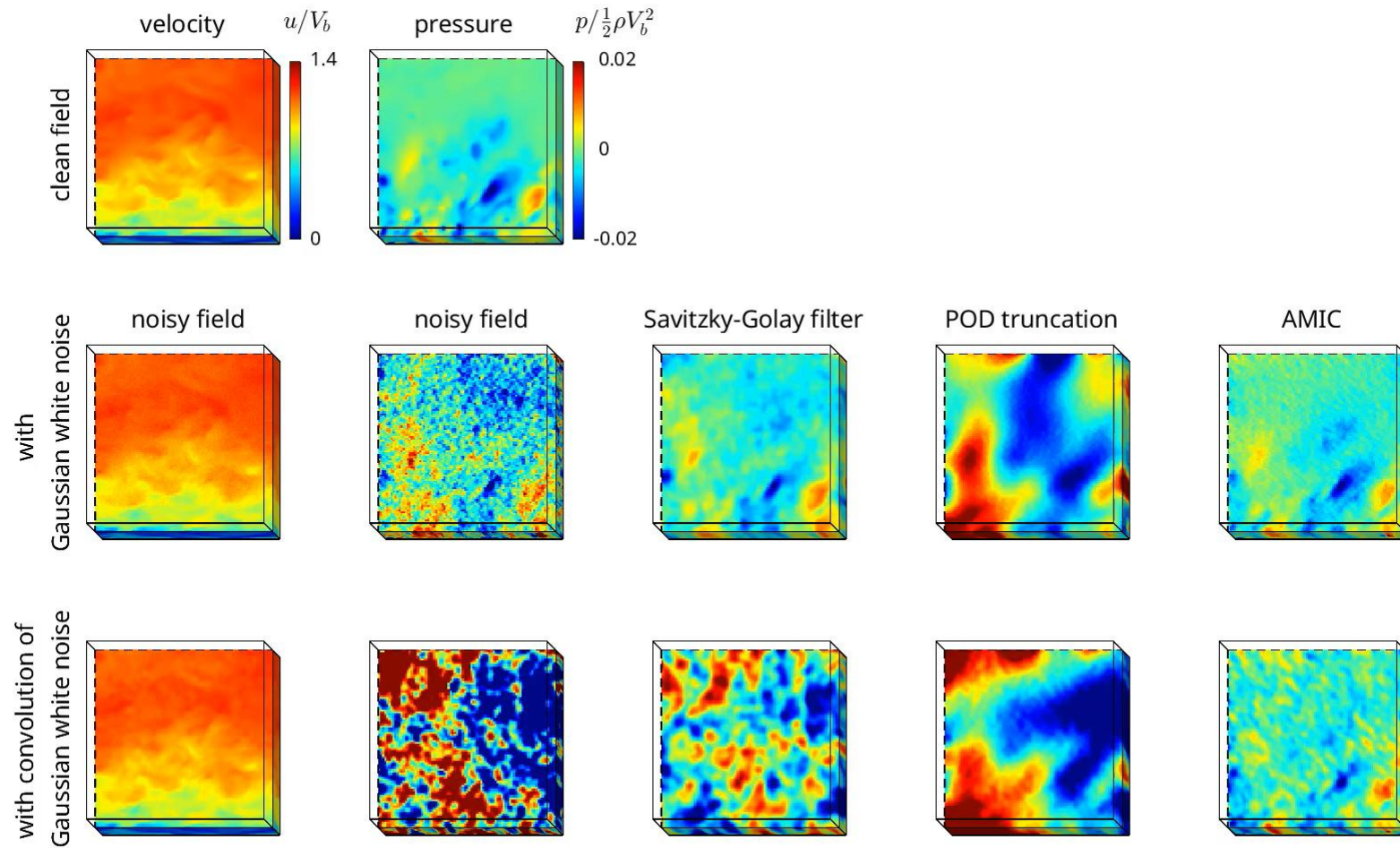
flow evolution

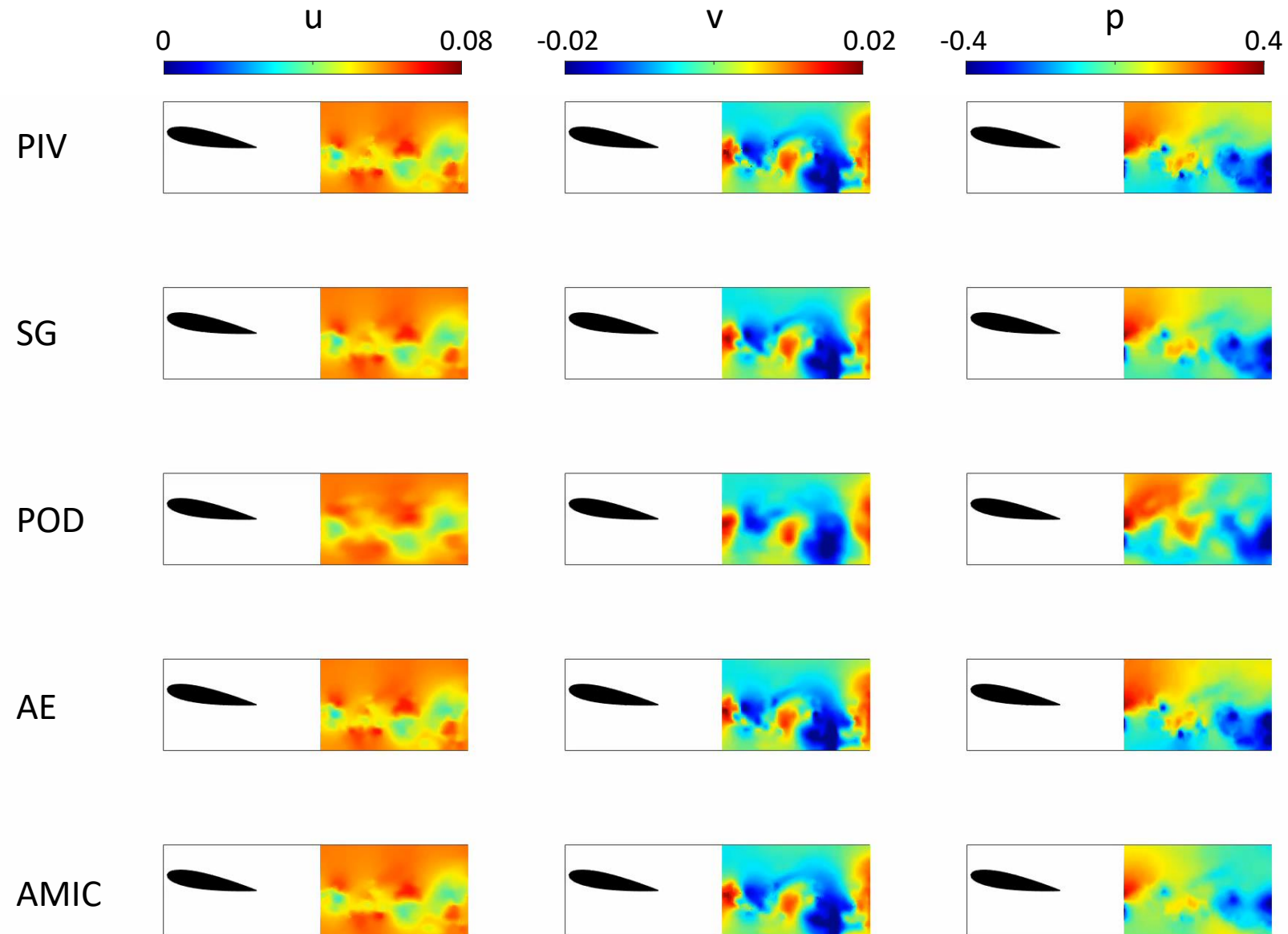
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u})$$



iterative: this procedure will be repeated for several times.

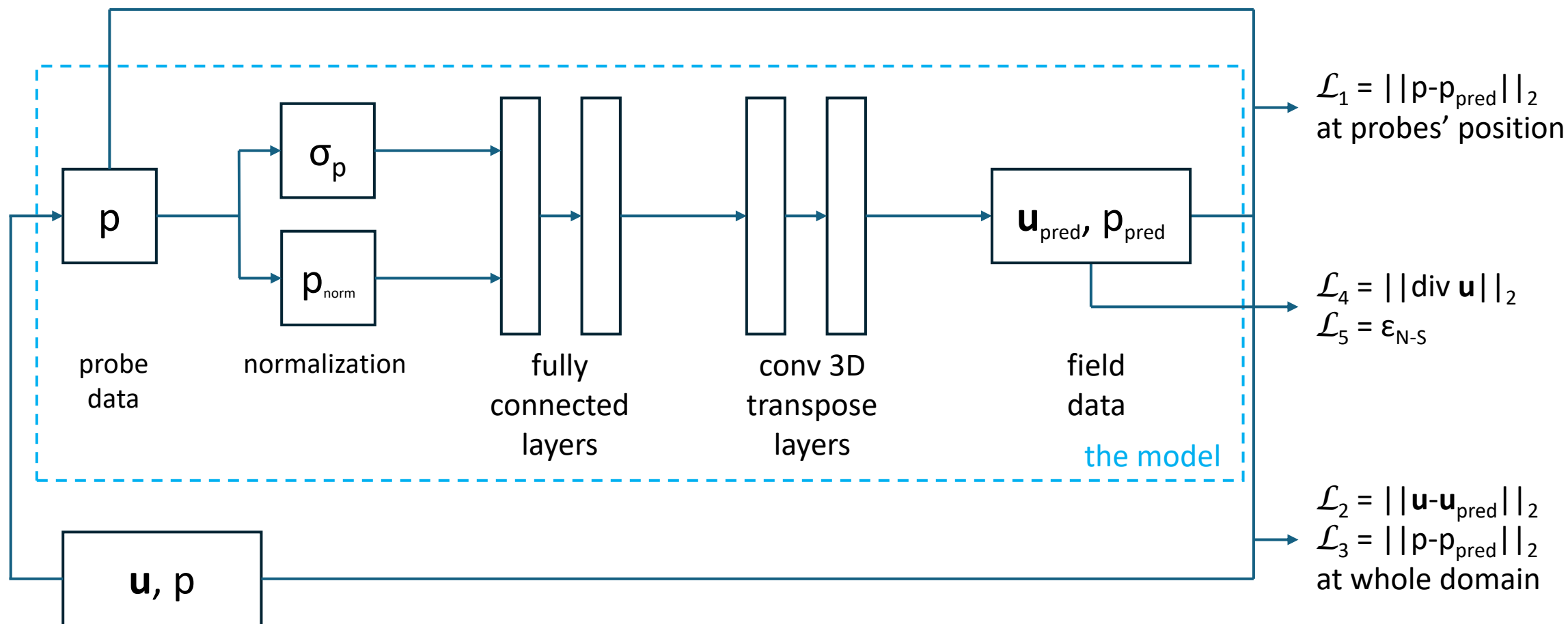
Advection-based multiframe iterative correction (AMIC)





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conferences:

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