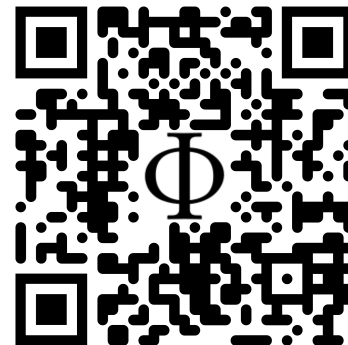


# Physics-informed Reduced Order Modeling of Time-dependent PDEs via Differentiable Solvers

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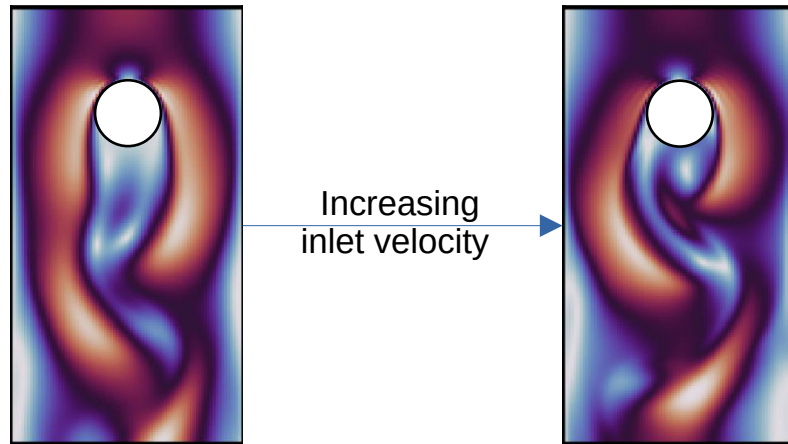
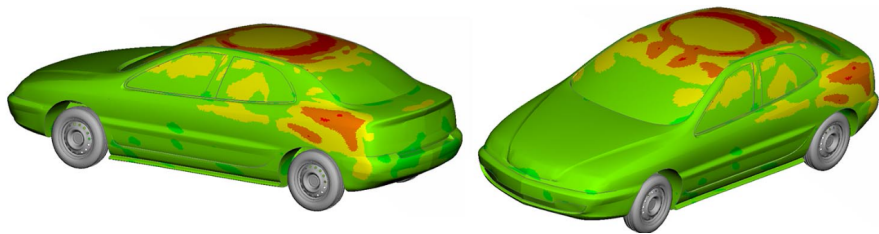
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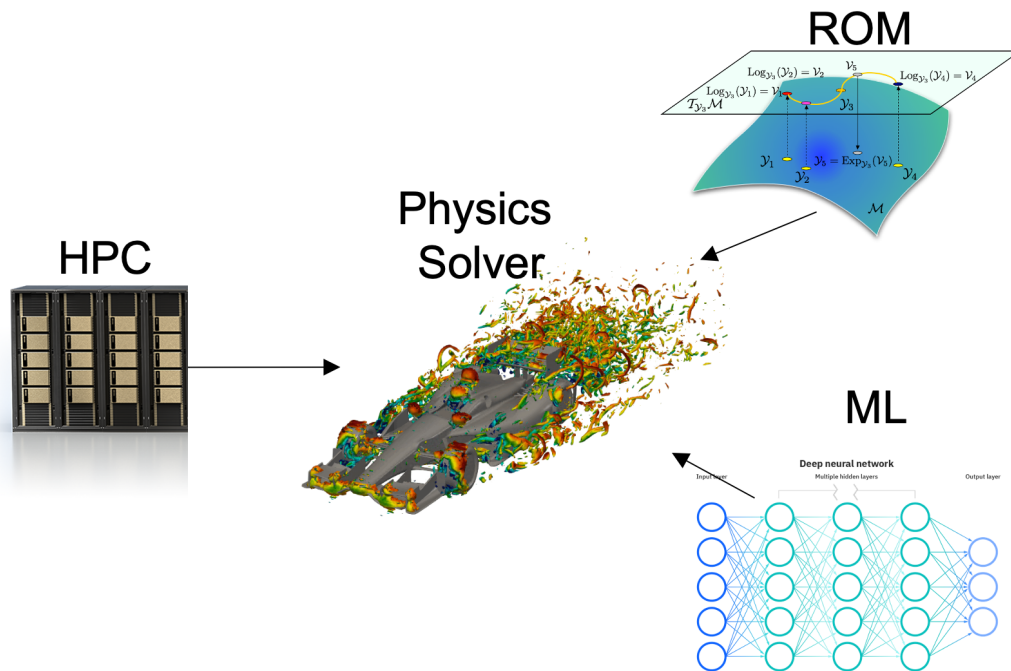
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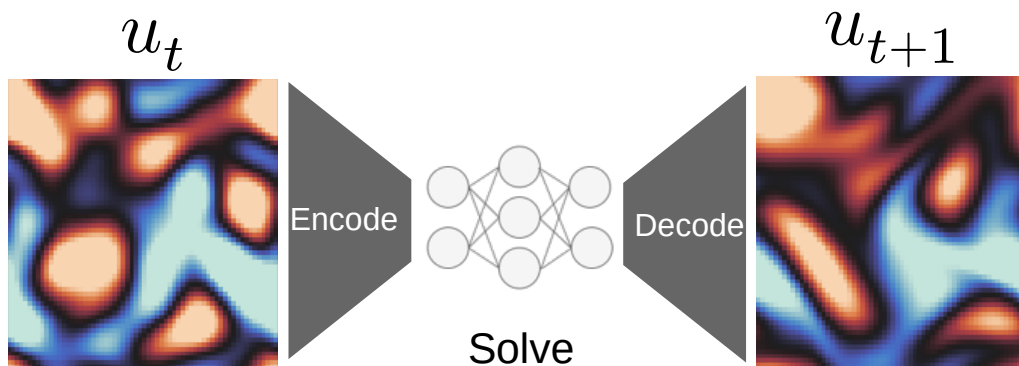
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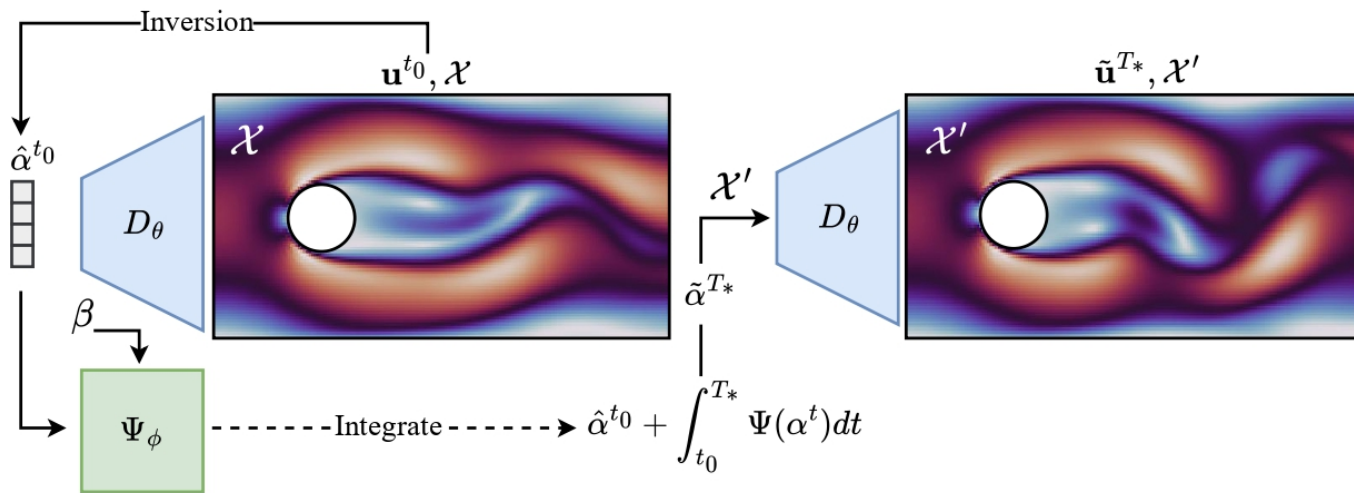
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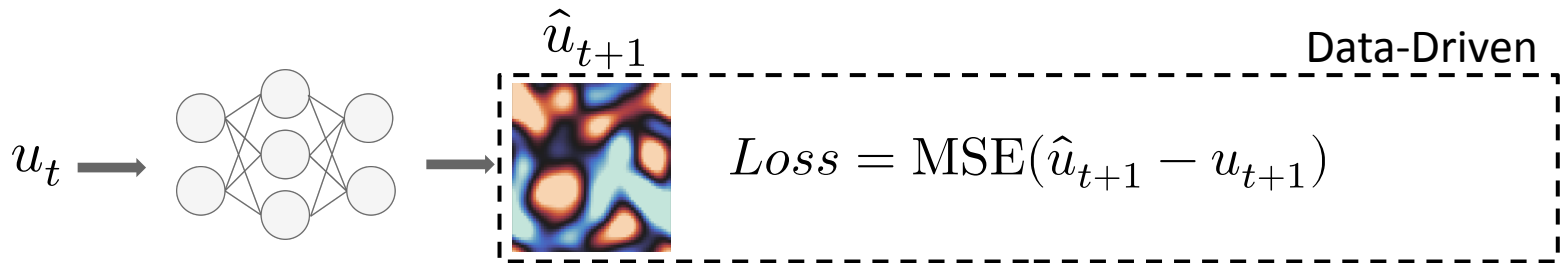
# Introducing $\Phi$ -ROM

$\Phi$ -ROM uses the same architecture as DIno[1]:

- Mesh-free and continuous decoding and encoding using a Neural Field  $D(\alpha, \mathcal{X}) = \mathbf{u}$ ,
- Latent space time evolution using Neural-ODE-inspired dynamics network,  $\Psi(\alpha) = d\alpha/dt$ .

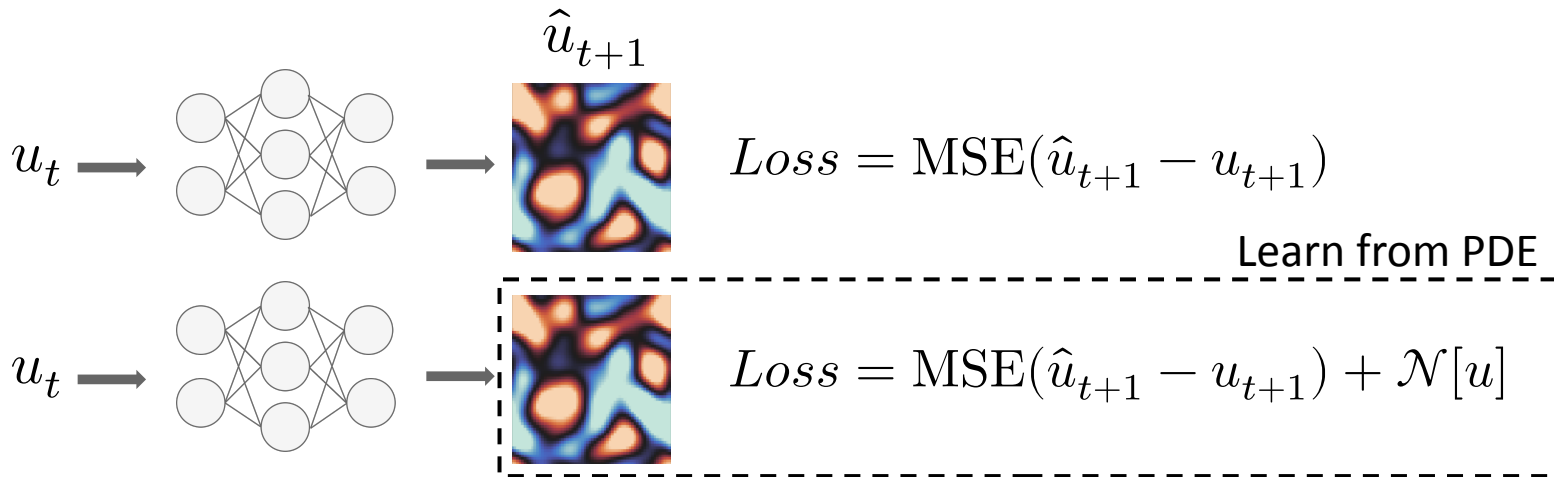


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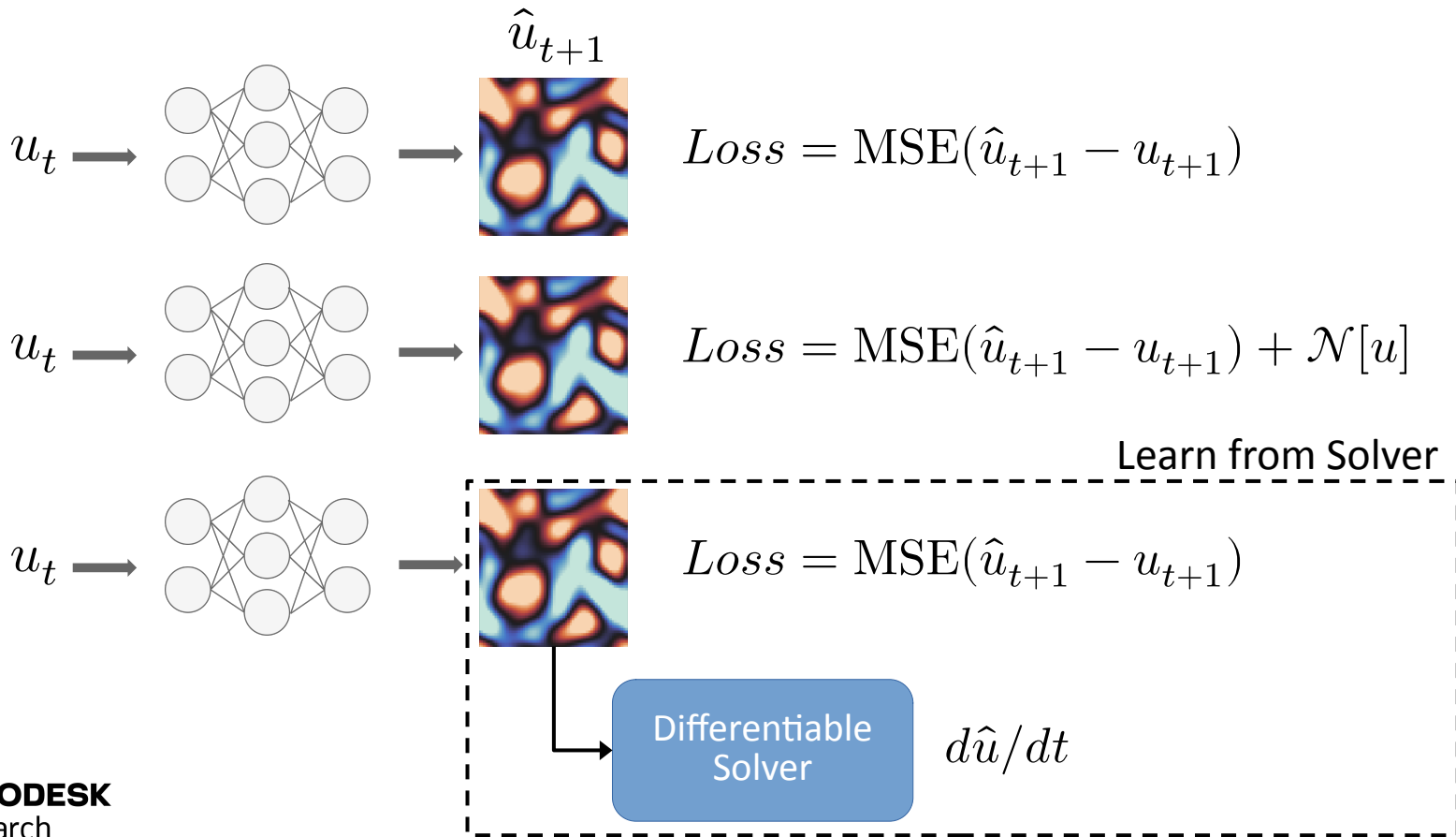


Fails to generalize to unseen physical parameters, forecast beyond the training time horizon, etc.

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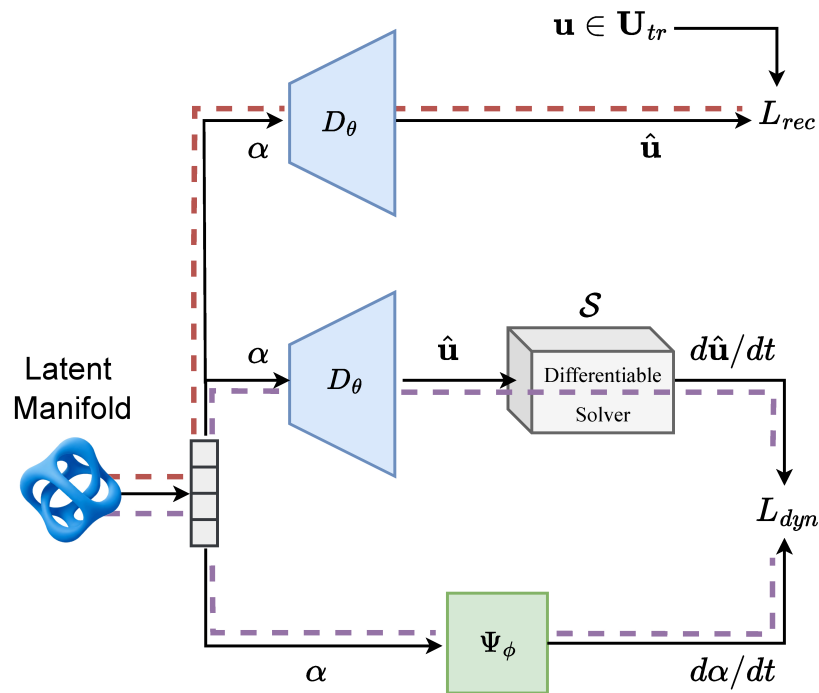
$\Phi$ -ROM learns the latent dynamics  $d\alpha/dt$  directly from a differentiable PDE solver  $\mathcal{S}$ .

- The dynamics loss  $L_{dyn}$  trains the dynamics network using the true physical dynamics given by the solver, i.e.  $d\hat{u}/dt = \mathcal{S}[\hat{u}]$ .

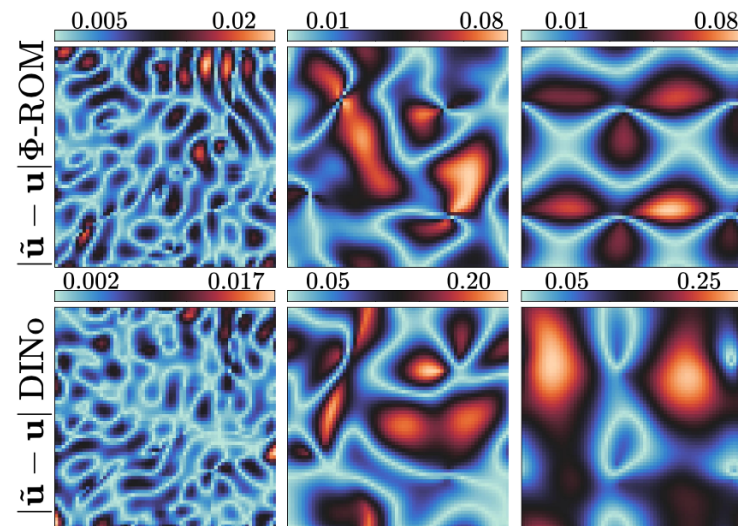
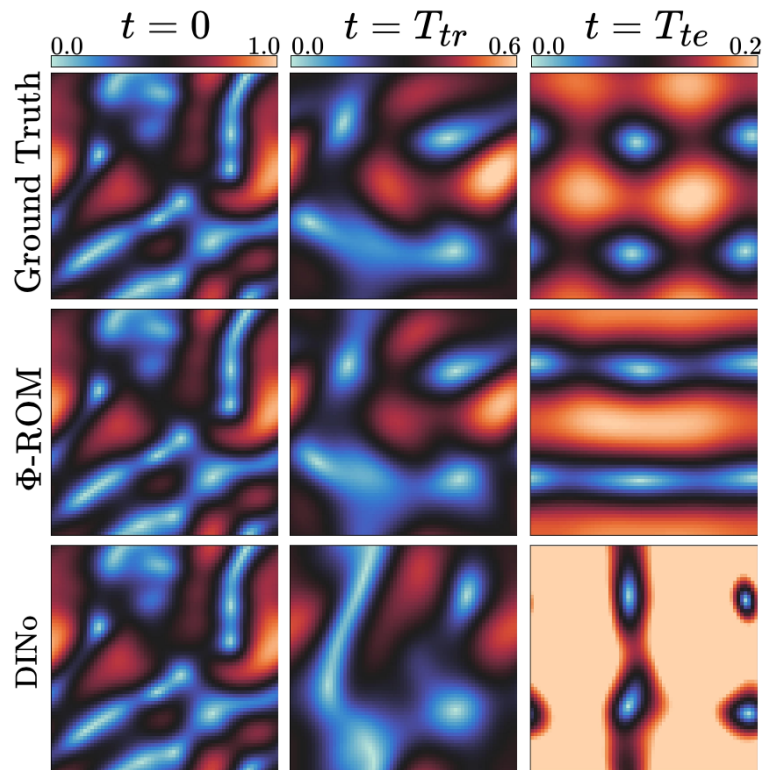
$$J_D(\alpha) \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Psi(\alpha) = J_D(\alpha)^\dagger \frac{d\hat{u}}{dt}$$

Where  $d\alpha/dt = \Psi(\alpha)$ .

- The latent manifold is regularized by the PDE solver.



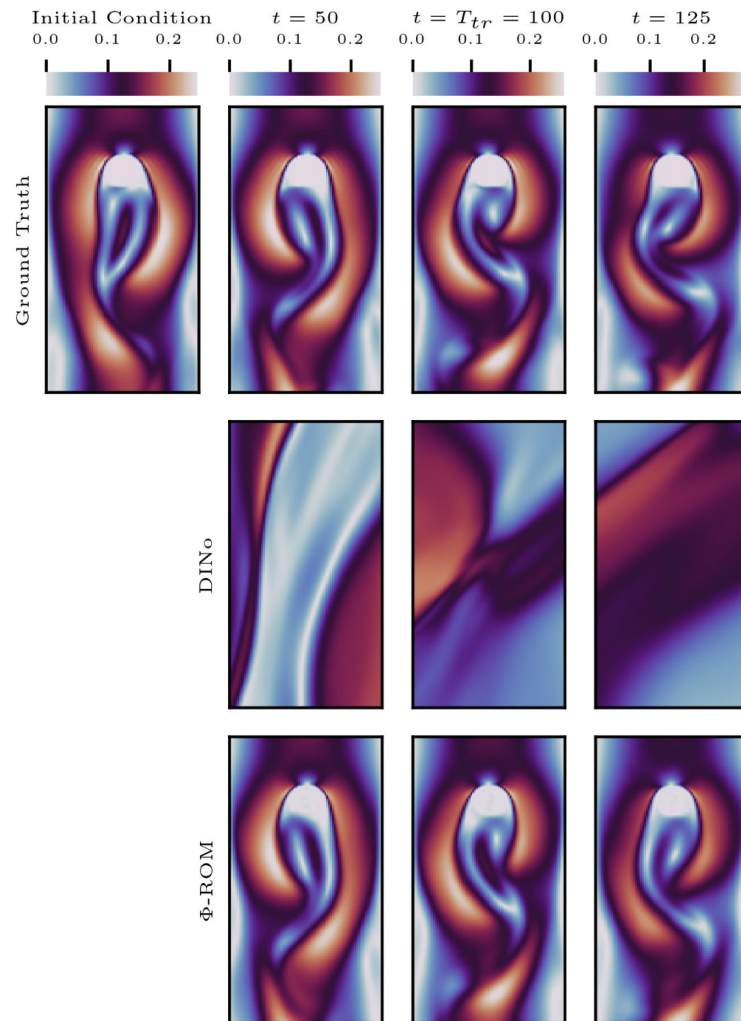
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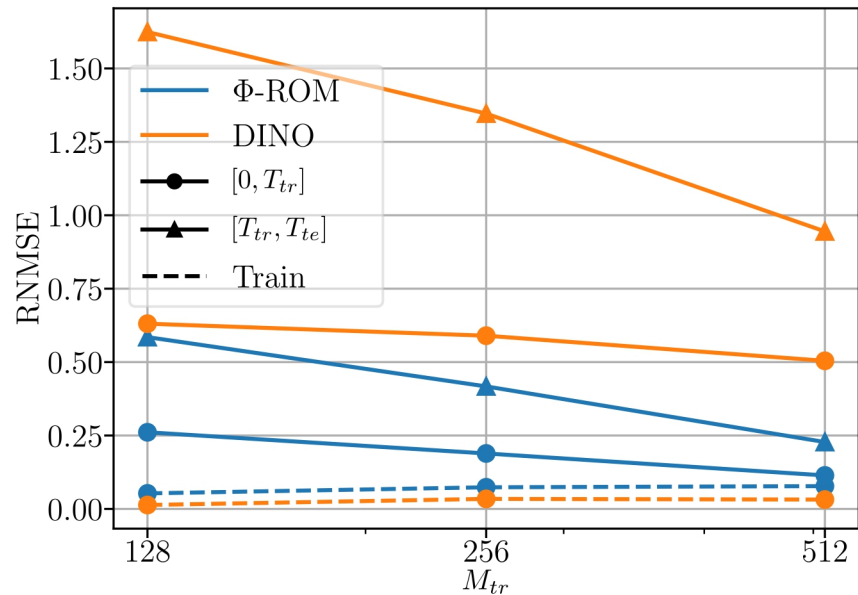
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Re extrapolation is improved by about 4 times

Time	$[0, T_{tr}]$		$[T_{tr}, T_{te}]$	
$\beta$	$\beta_{tr}$	$\beta_{te}$	$\beta_{tr}$	$\beta_{te}$
	$\mathcal{X}_{tr} = \mathcal{X}_S = \mathcal{X}_{te}$			
$\Phi$ -ROM	0.049	<b>0.115</b>	0.116	<b>0.180</b>
DINo	<b>0.011</b>	0.457	<b>0.108</b>	0.566

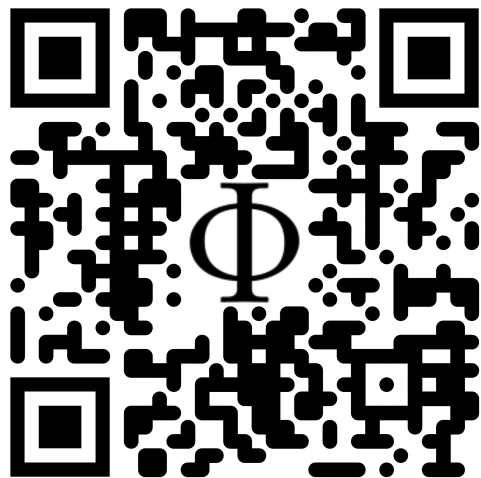
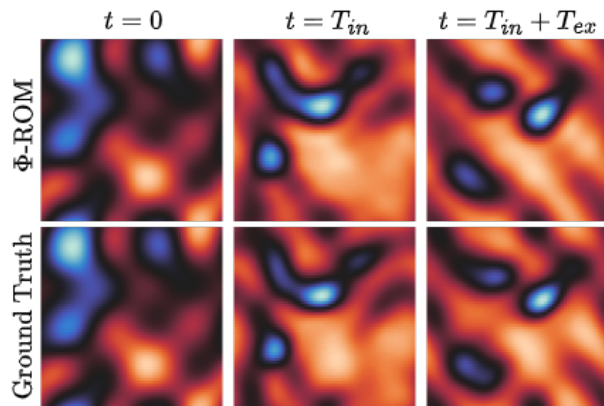


# Results: Data Efficiency



# Summary and Conclusions

- **Physics-informed** training:
  - Differentiable solver as a building block of ML
- $\Phi$ -ROM:
  - Generalizes better to unseen initial conditions or parameters
  - Has improved temporal stability
  - Extrapolates beyond training time horizon
- More in our paper:
  - Robust to various physical phenomena (e.g. shocks)
  - Works nicely with sparse observations
  - Mesh-free
  - Continuous in space and time



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# Thank you!