

Recent advances in flow diagnostics and (predictive) control at UC3M

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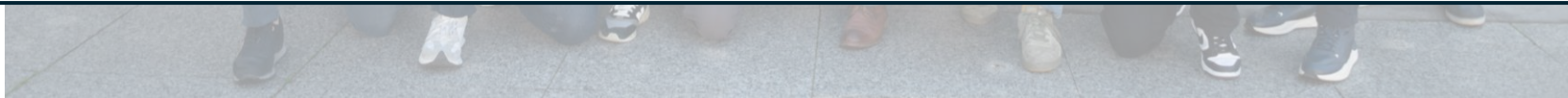


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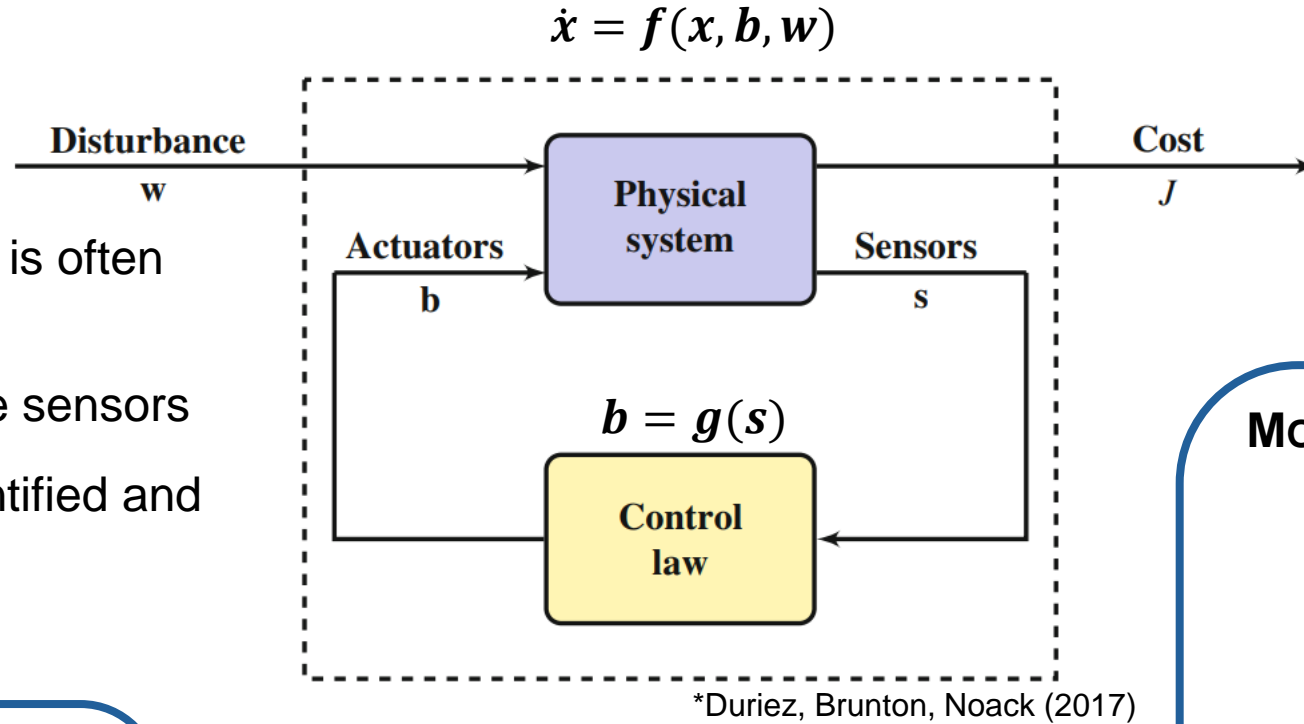


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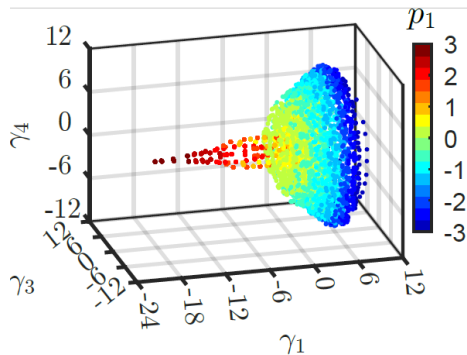
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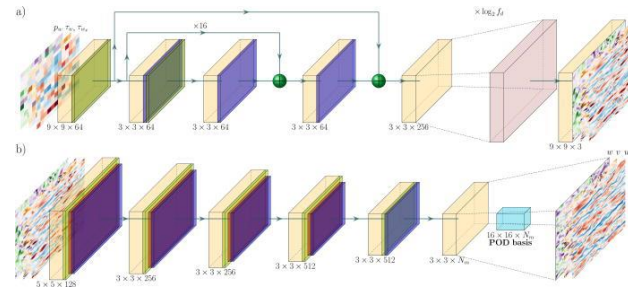
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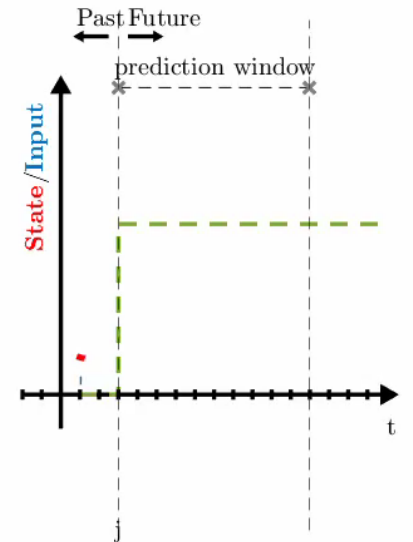
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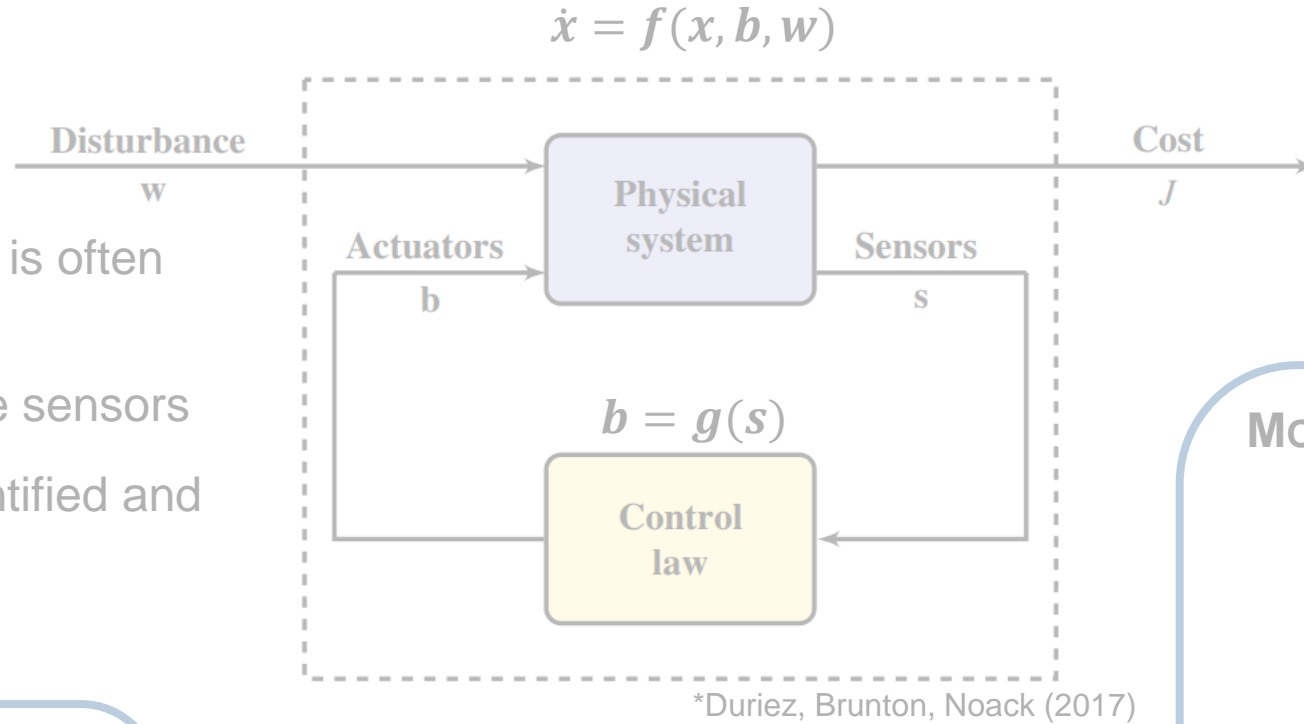


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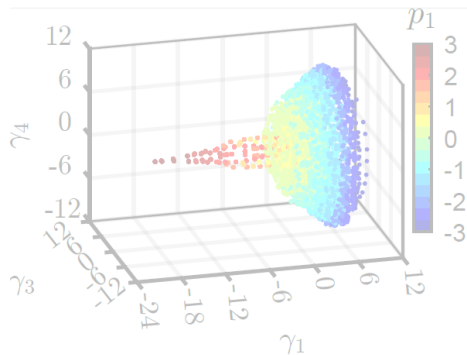


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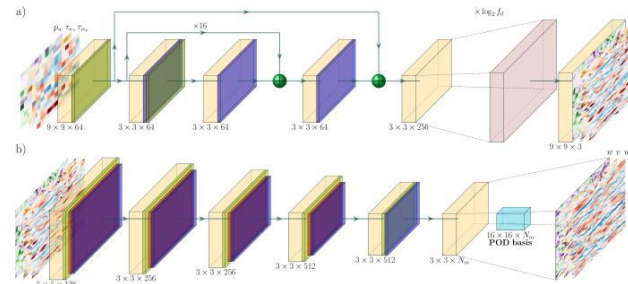
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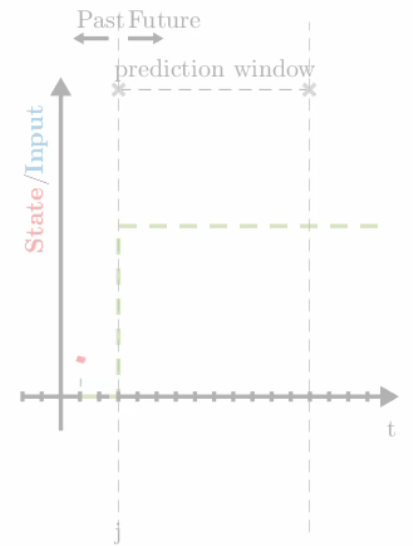
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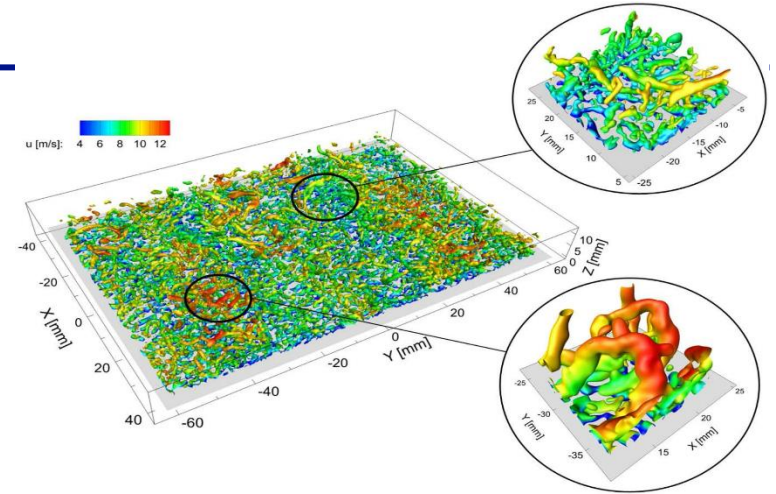
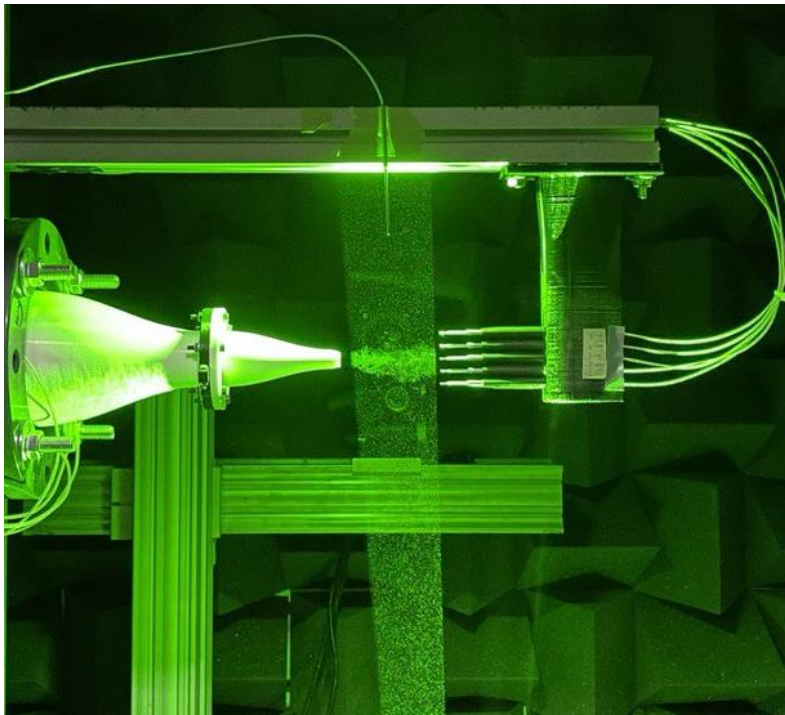
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Full-field estimation from sensors

- Key for interpretability
 - PIV “sees” the flow but time-resolution is often inaccessible

TRPIV → expensive and not always feasible



Novara et al EiT 2019

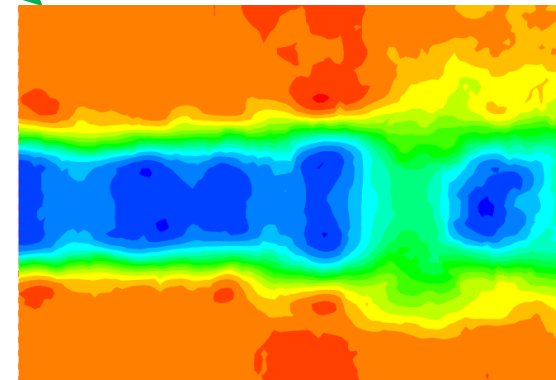
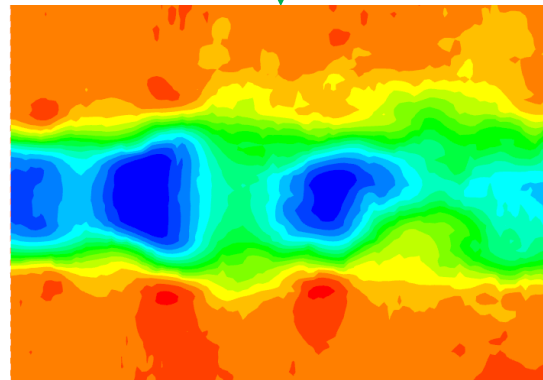
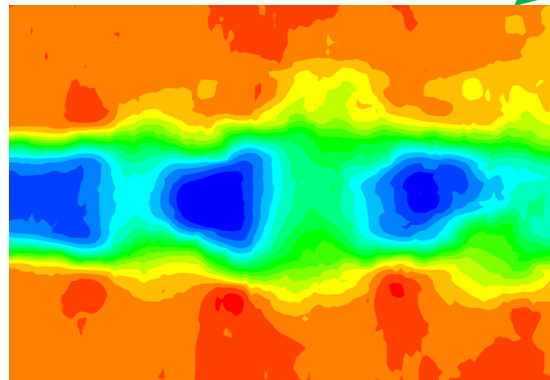
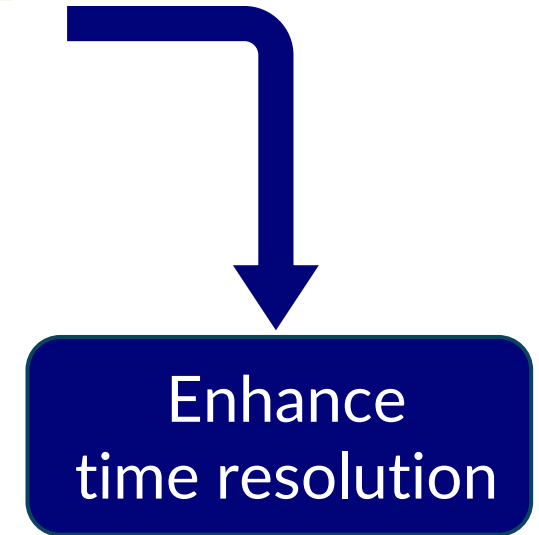
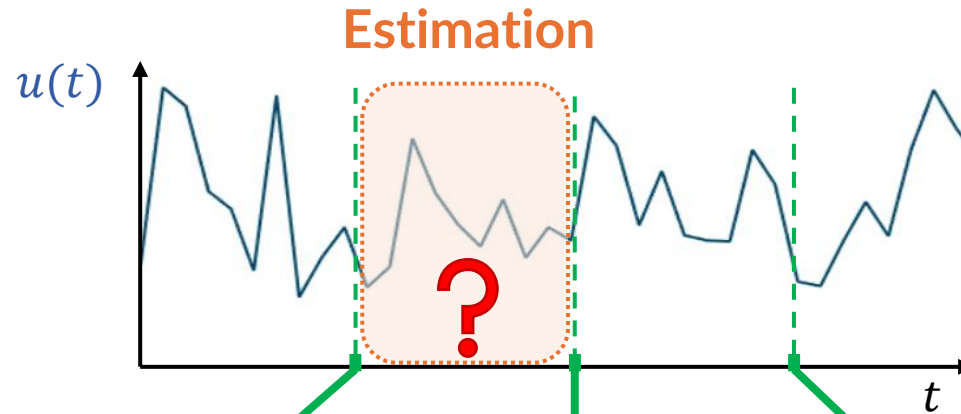
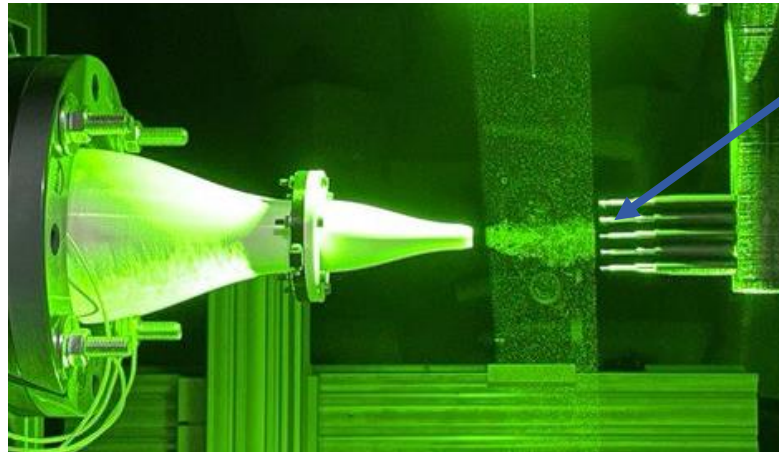
Sensors are going to be there anyway for the control...

Can we get the picture of the flow fields from them?

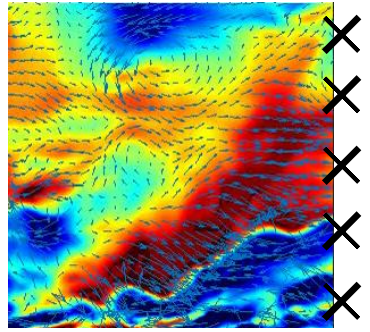
Full-field estimation from sensors

✓ Fast response probes → ~~Point-wise measurement~~, high temporal resolution

✓ Snapshot PIV → Instantaneous Flow-field, ~~no temporal resolution~~

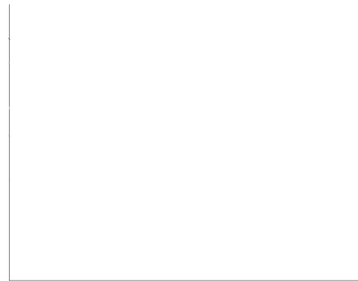


Full flow description from probes



NON-TR-PIV

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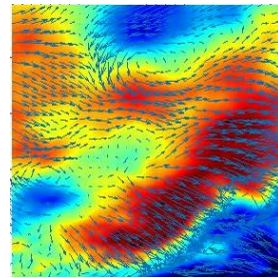


FAST PROBES

HOT-WIRE,
PRESSURE
TRANSDUCERS...



TIME-RESOLVED
VELOCITY



STANDARD EQUIPMENT



REQUIRES ROBUST
METHODS FOR FIELD
ESTIMATE



DIMENSIONALITY
REDUCTION IS THE KEY

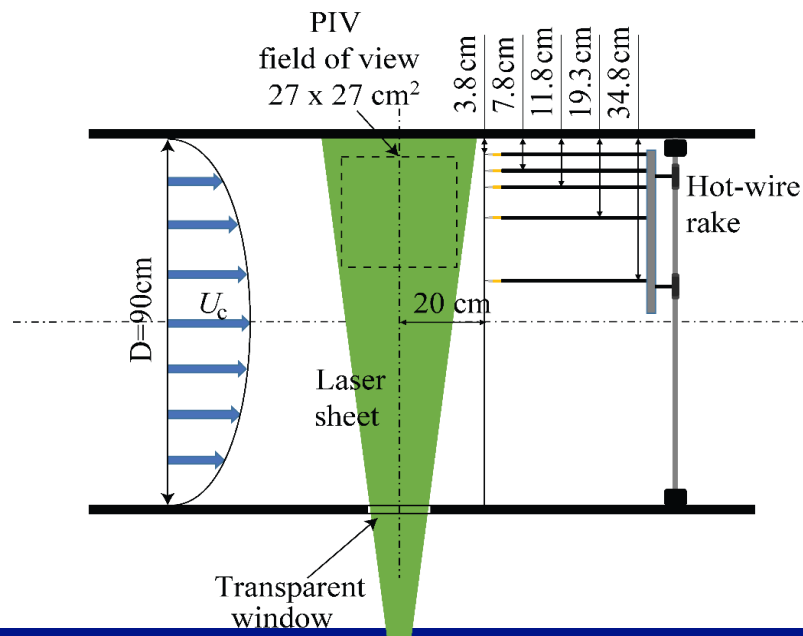
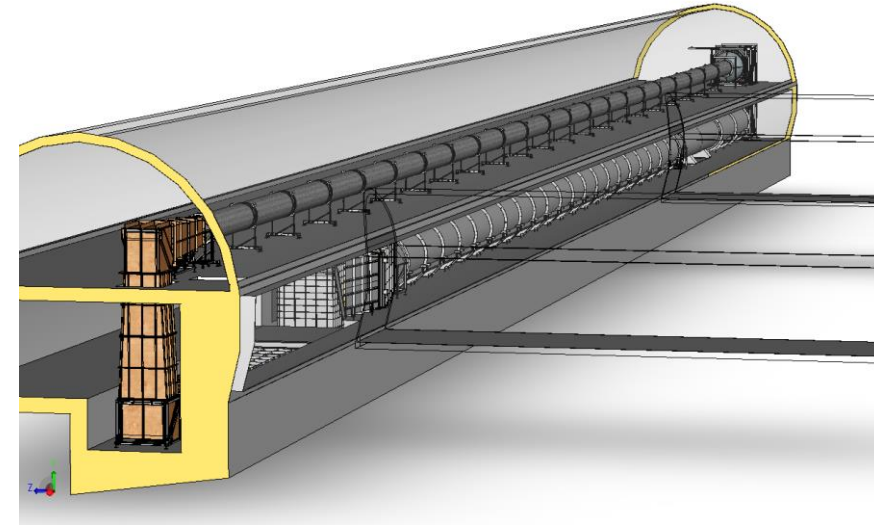
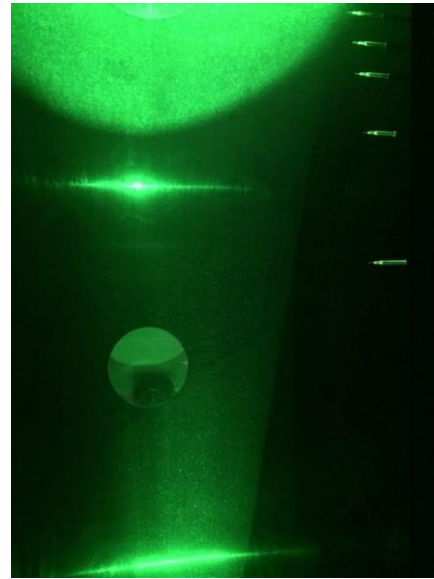
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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

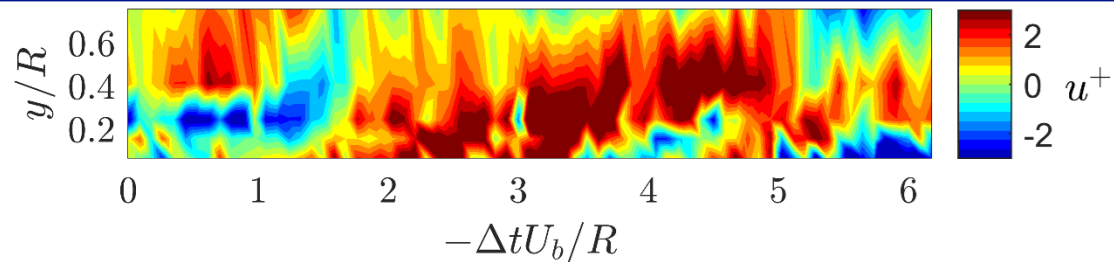
$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$



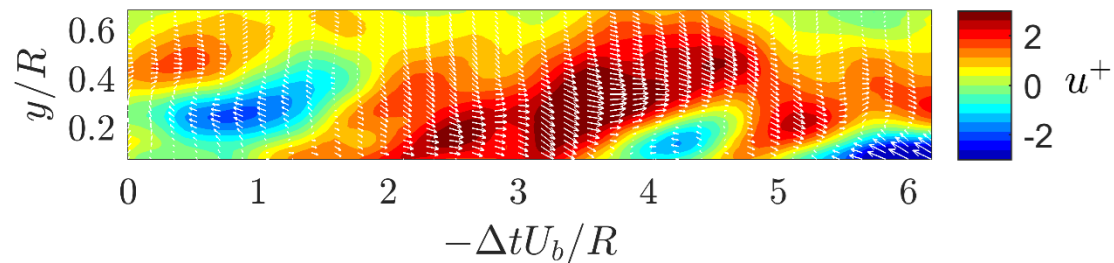
FULL FLOW
DESCRIPTION



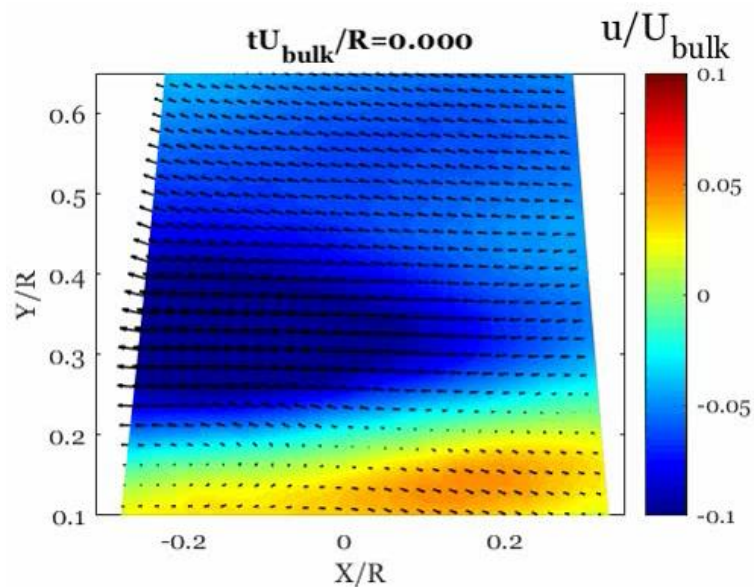
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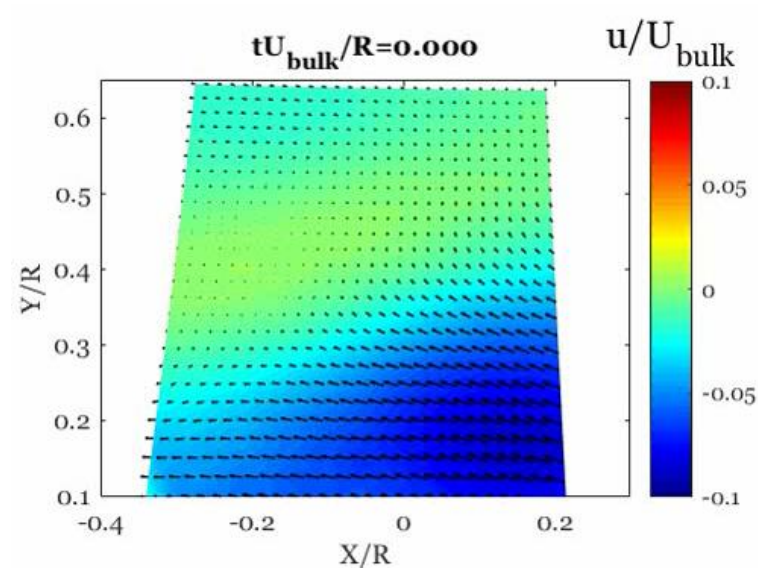
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EPOD-PIV

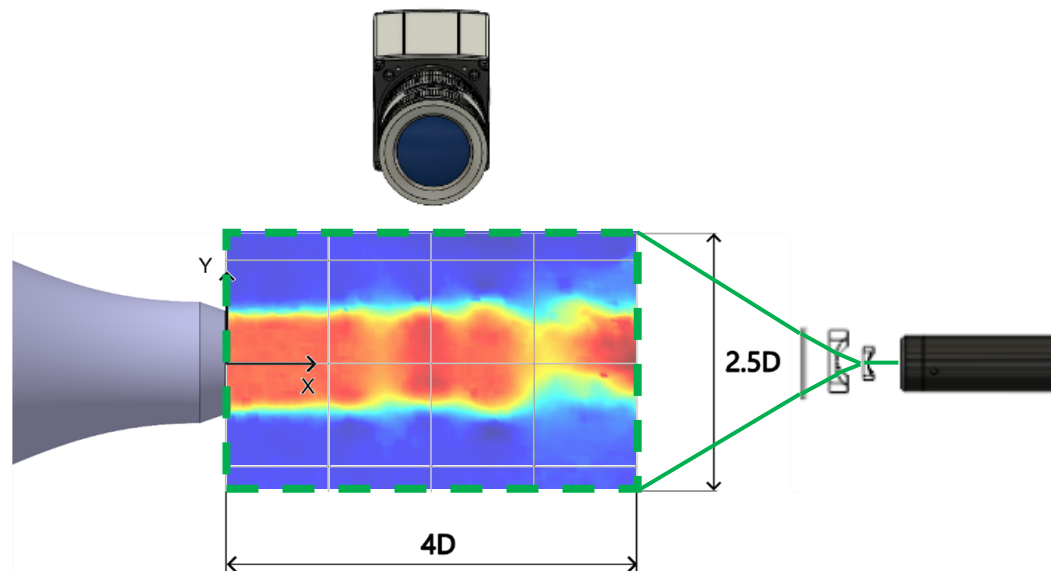


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Experimental setup – wáter jet flow

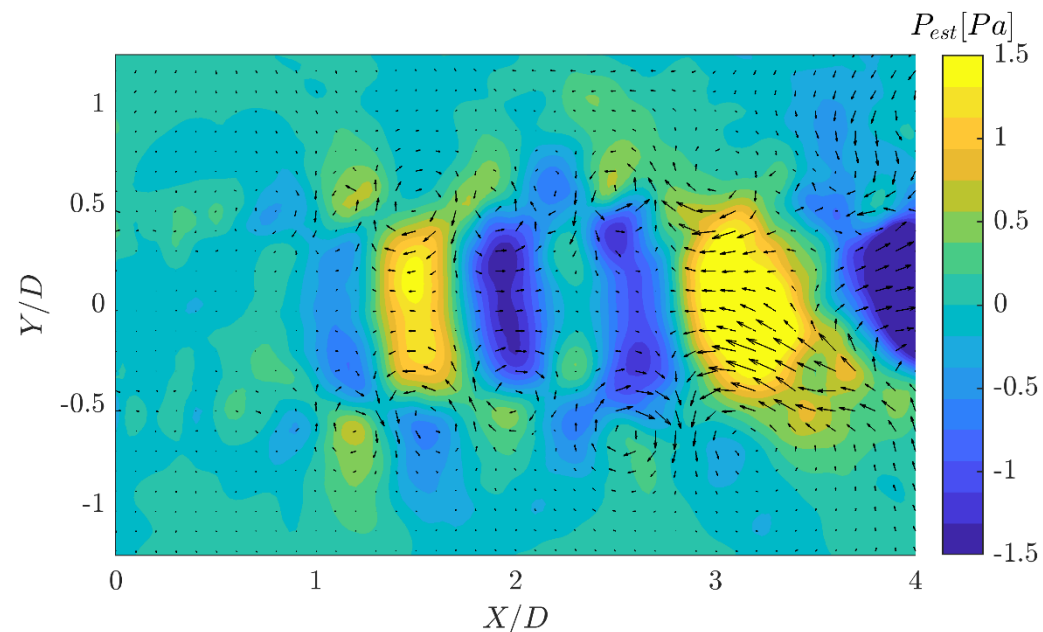


Time-resolved 2D PIV



Pressure field estimation
Chen et al. (2022)

Parameter	Value
D	30 mm
U_j	0.08 m/s - 0.16 m/s
Re	2400 - 4800
f	100 Hz
Resolved Area	120x75 mm
Acquired Snapshots	10^4



Synthetic Dataset Generation

Simulate non-TR PIV experiment with point-wise probes

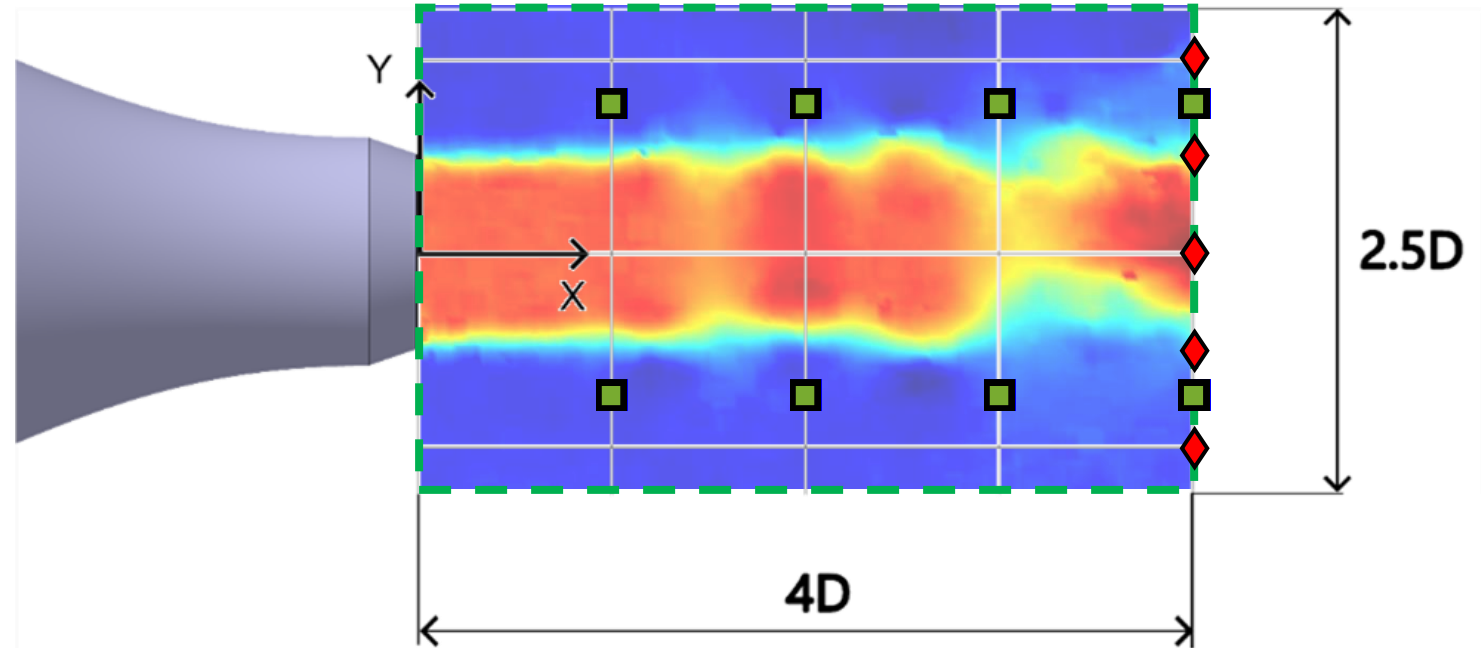
Down-sampled PIV data

TR-PIV fields

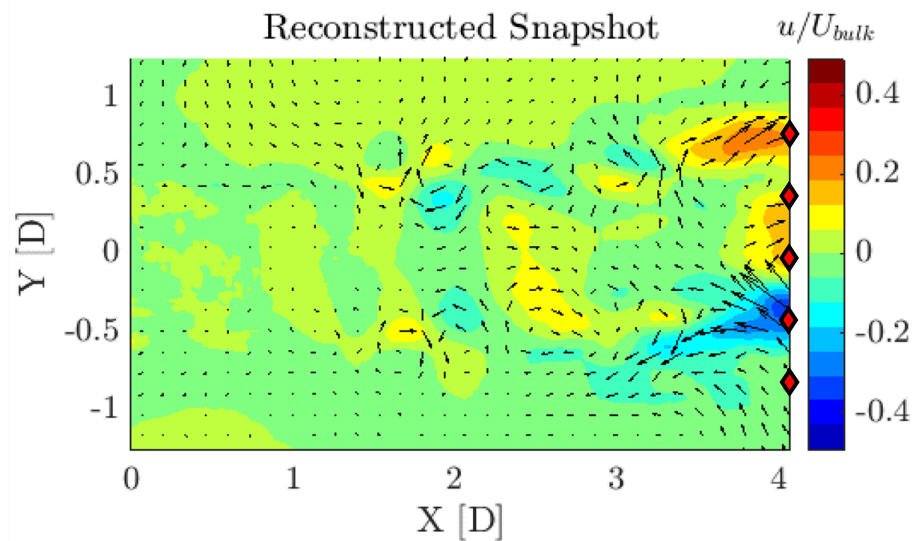
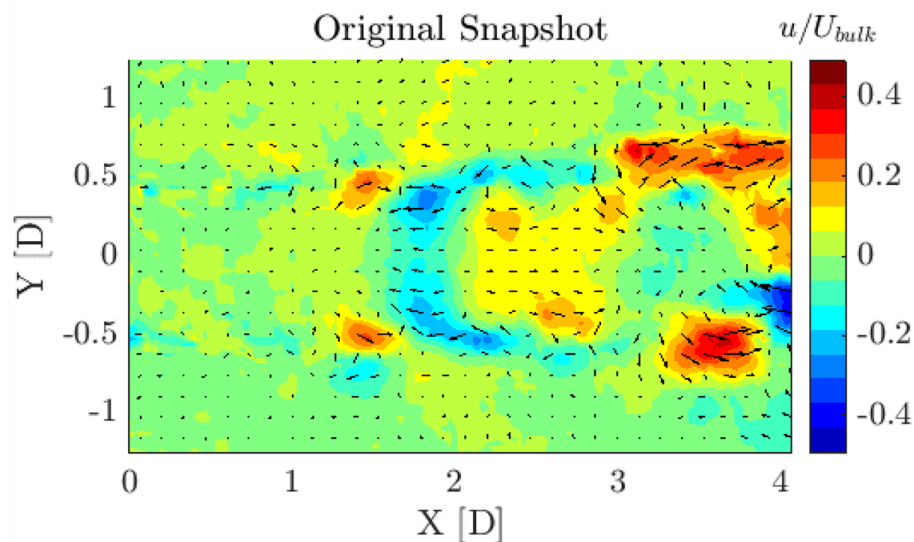
Point-wise fully-resolved synthetic probes

Hot-wires $\rightarrow \vec{u}(x, t)$

Microphones $\rightarrow p(x, t)$

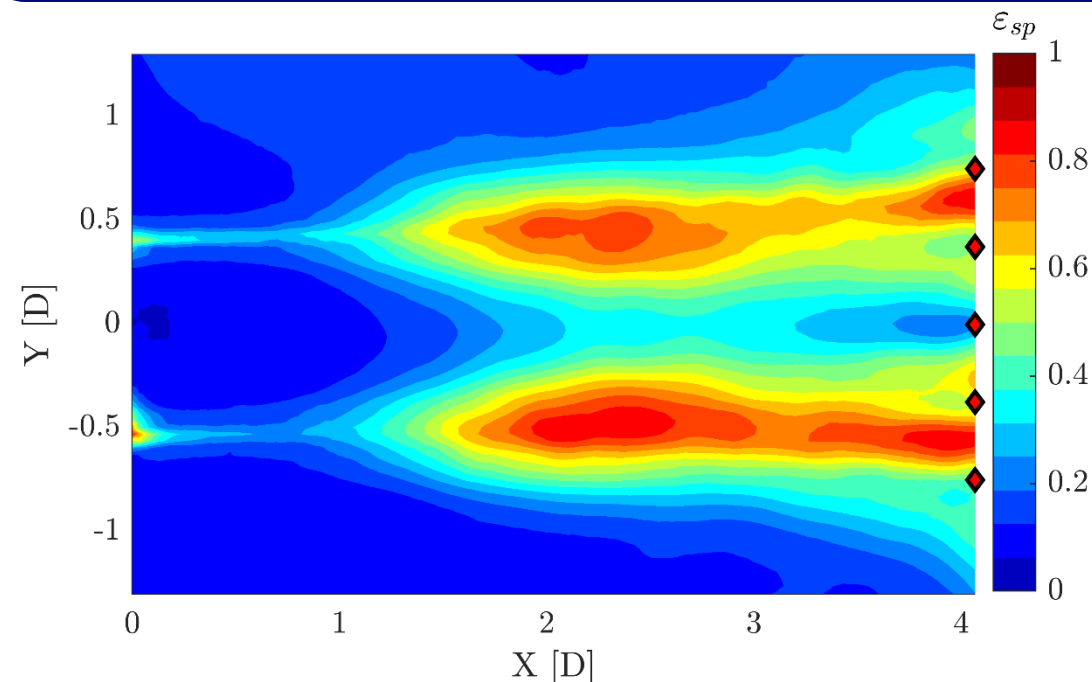


Extended POD – 5 Virtual Hot-Wires

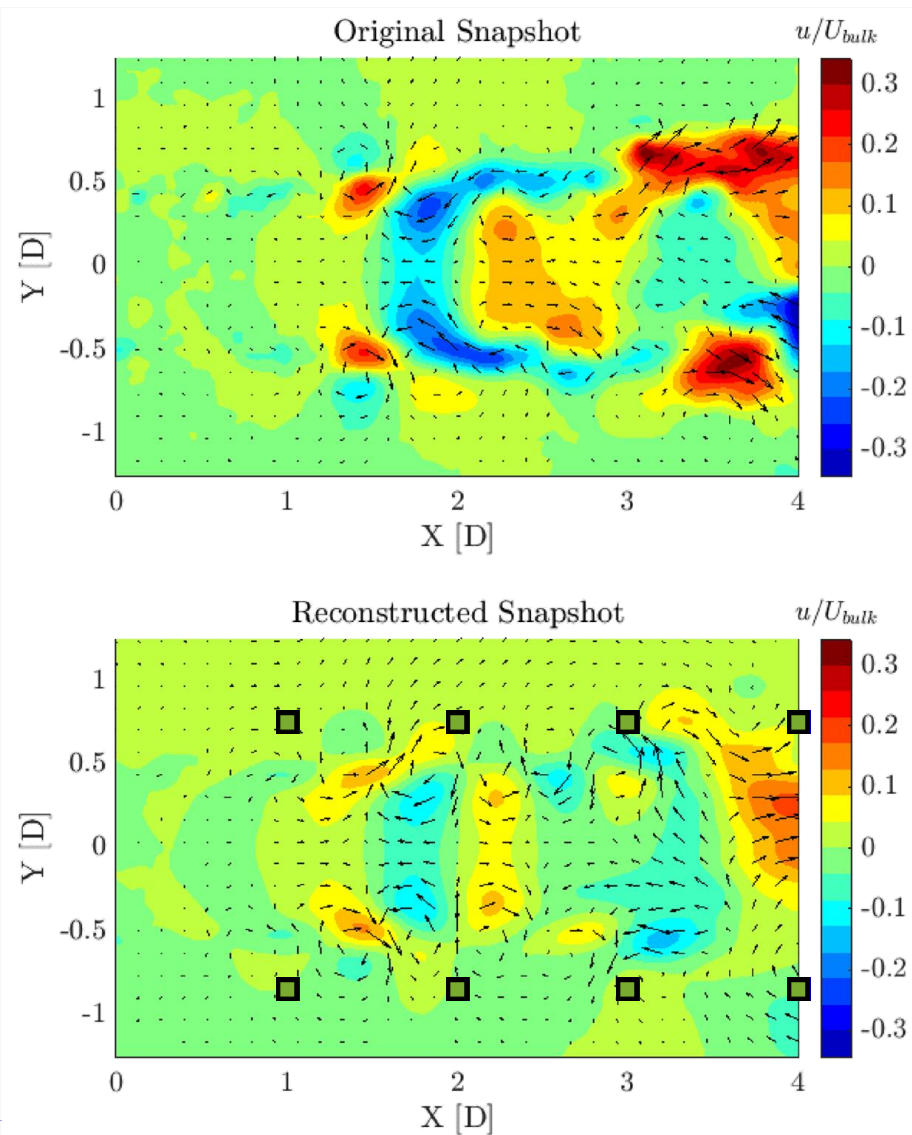


- $u_i = i^{th}$ exact velocity fluctuation component
- $\tilde{u}_i = i^{th}$ estimated velocity fluctuation component
- $N_t =$ Number of reconstructed snapshots

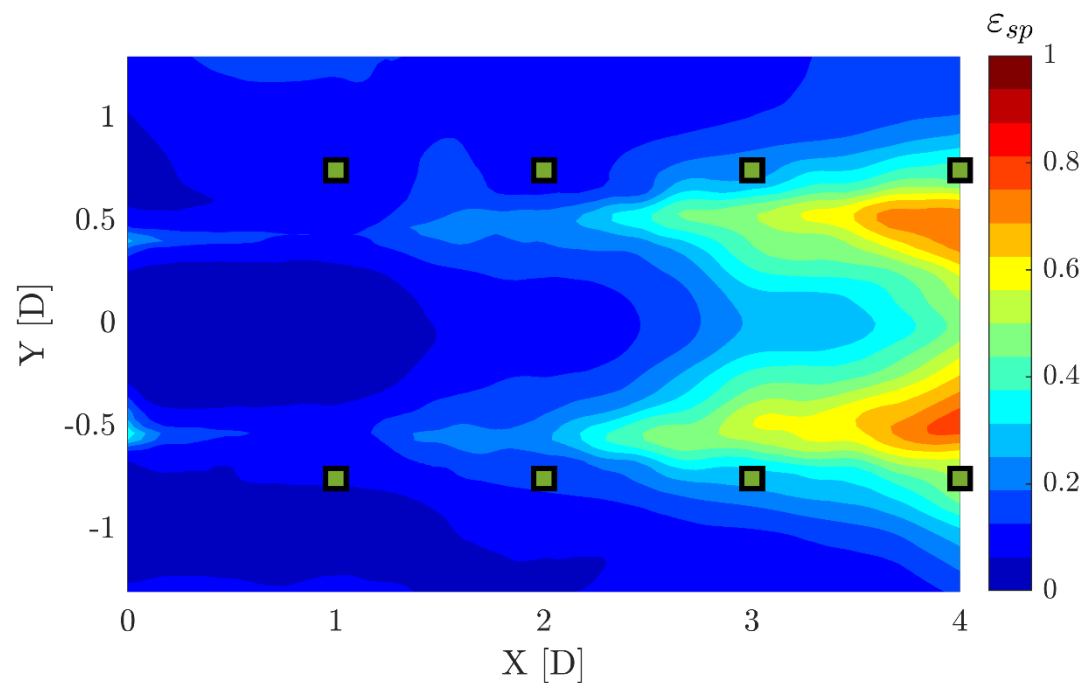
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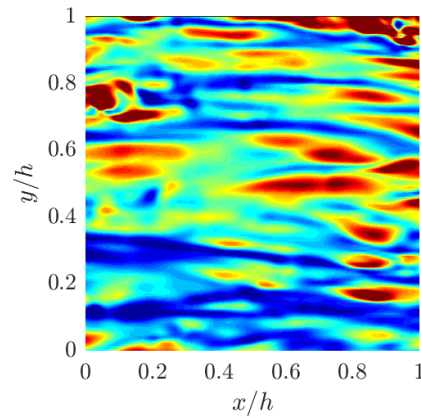
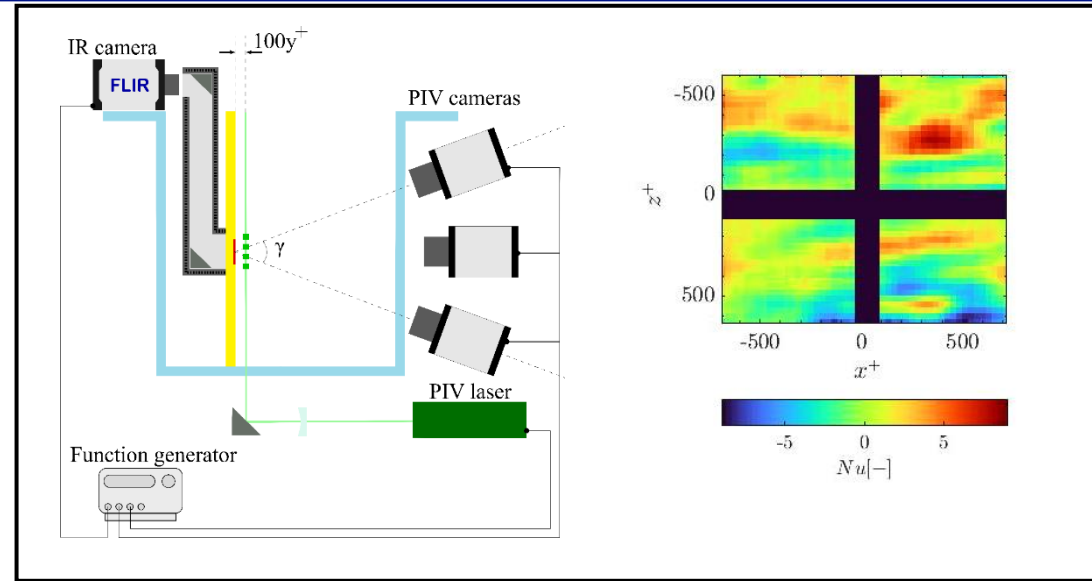
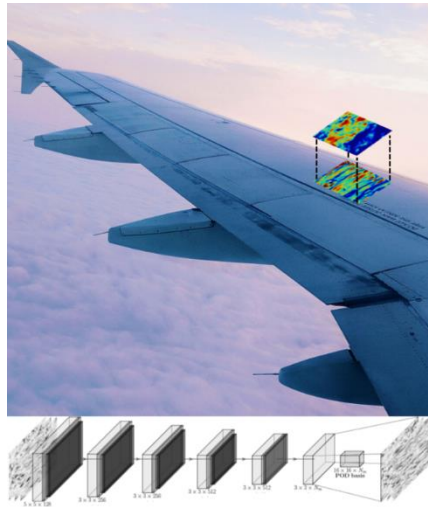
Extended POD – 8 Virtual Microphones



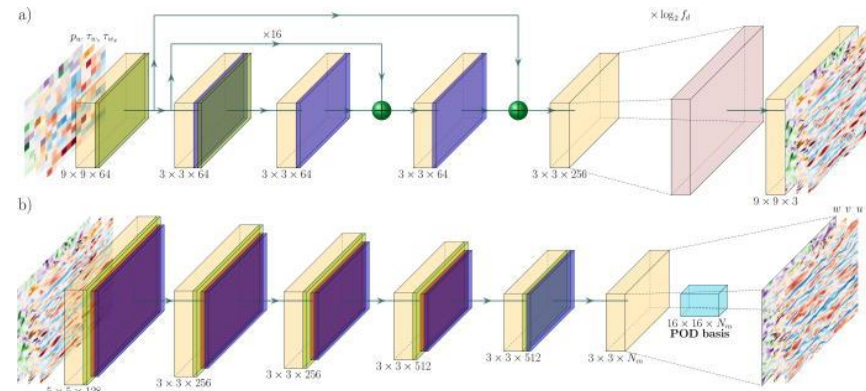
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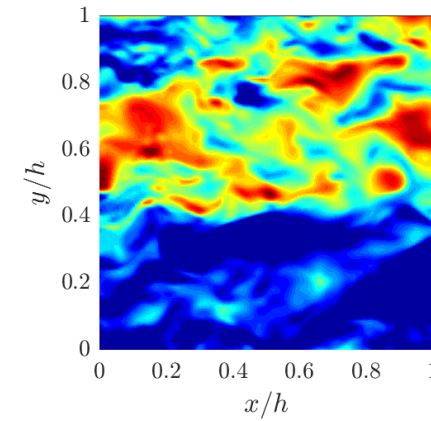
Sensing from the wall



Wall-measured quantity (τ_w, p)



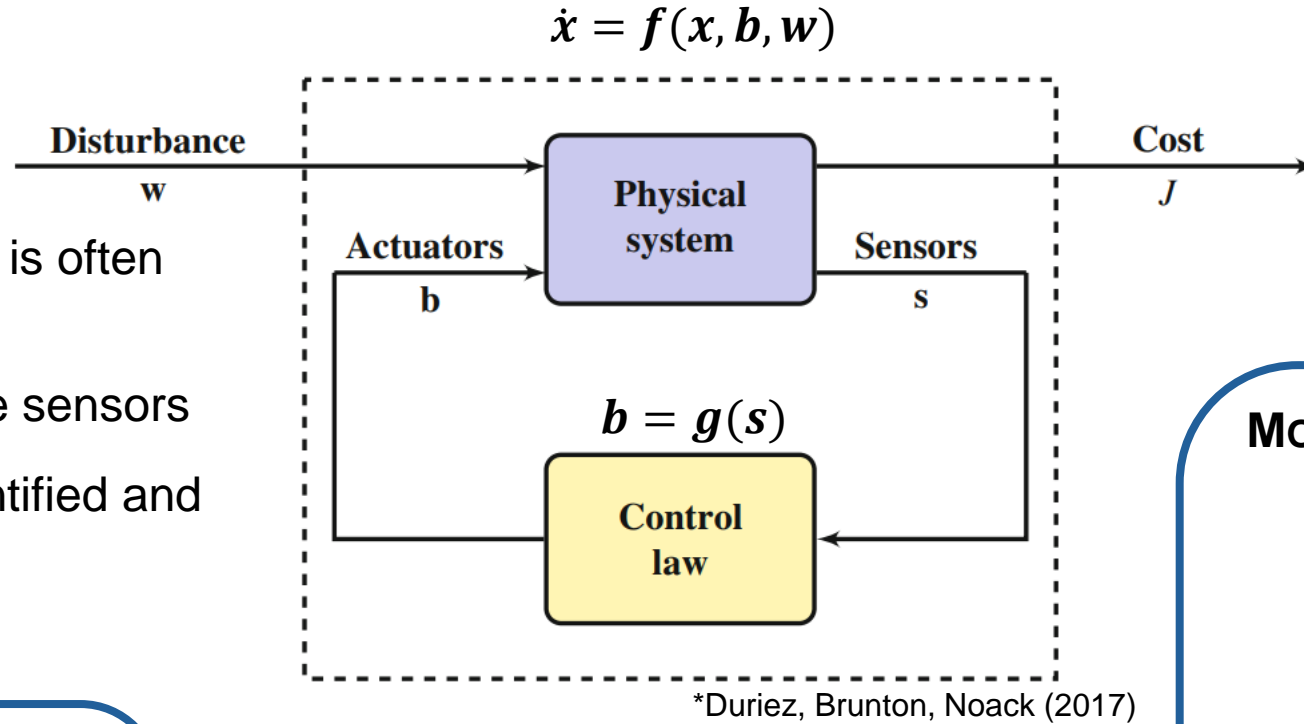
Güemes et al. "From coarse wall measurements to turbulent velocity fields through deep learning." *Physics of fluids* 33.7 (2021): 075121.



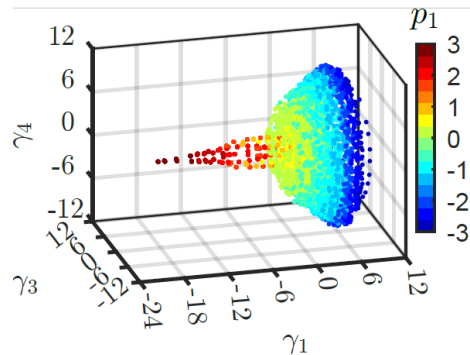
Wall-parallel velocity field

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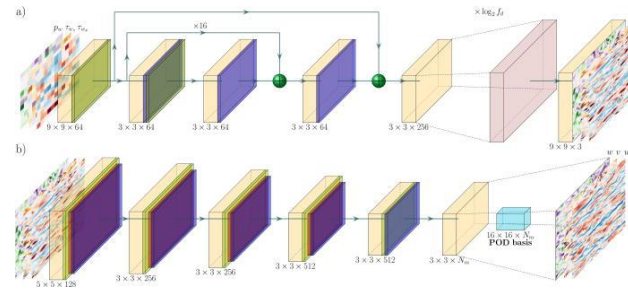
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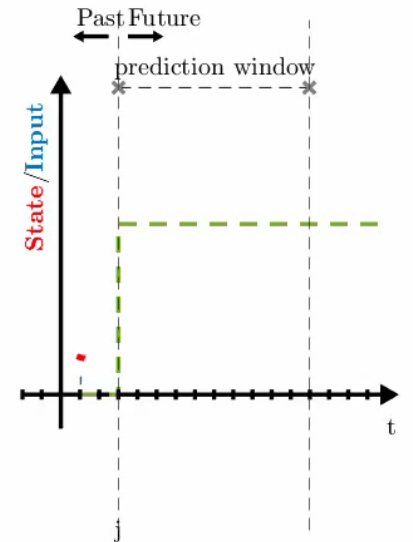
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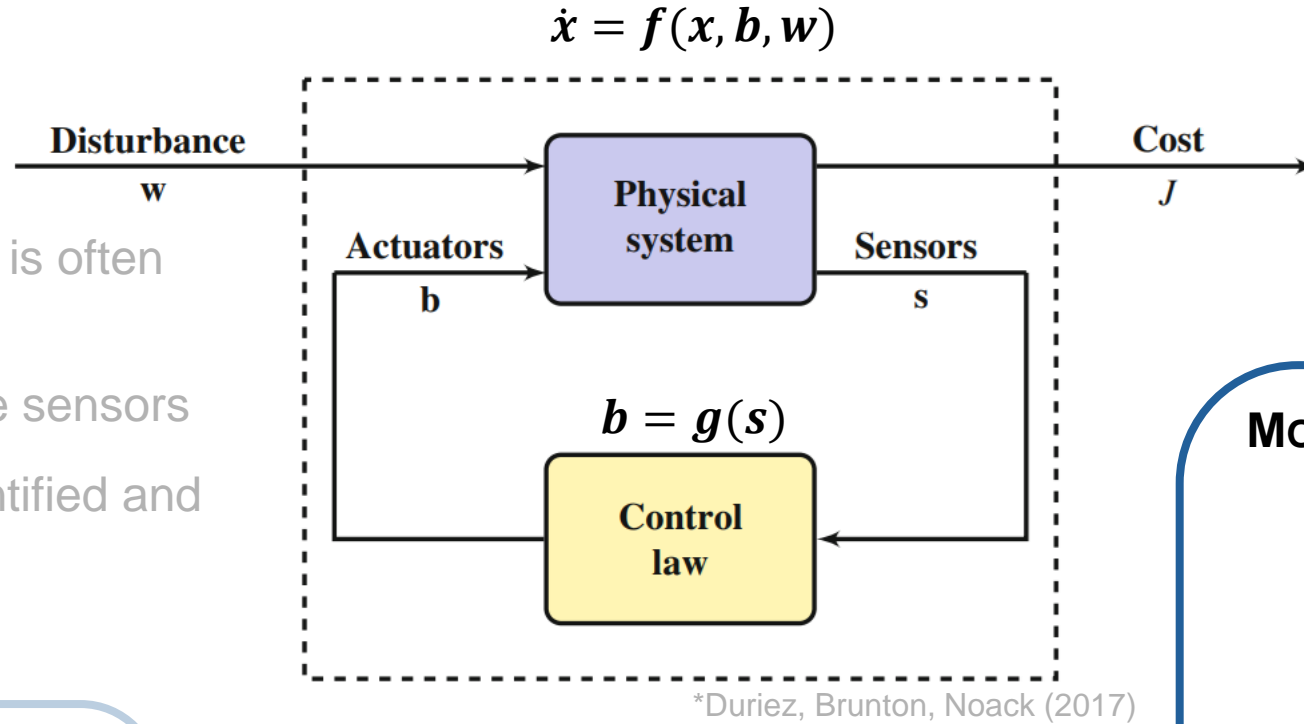


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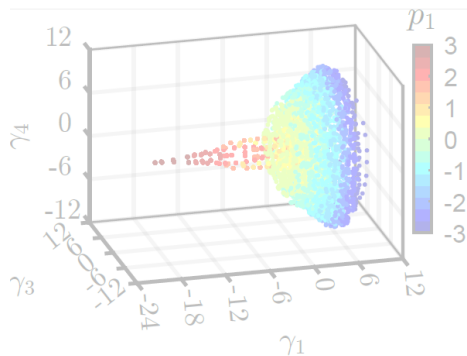


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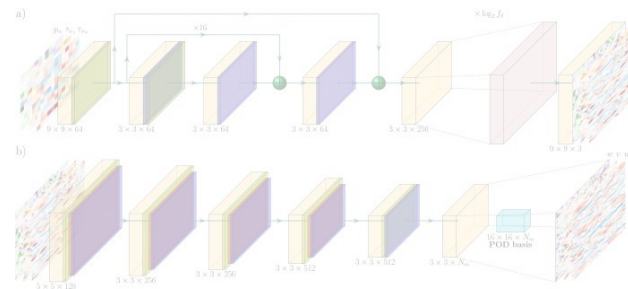
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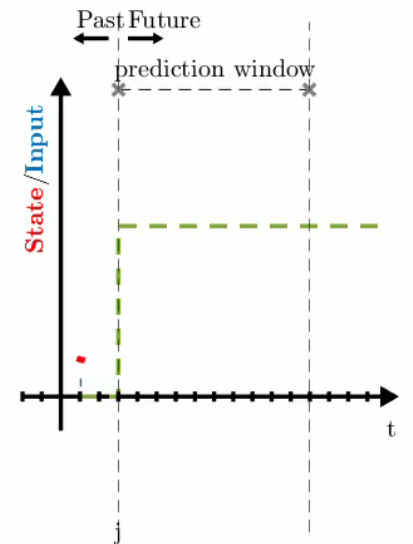
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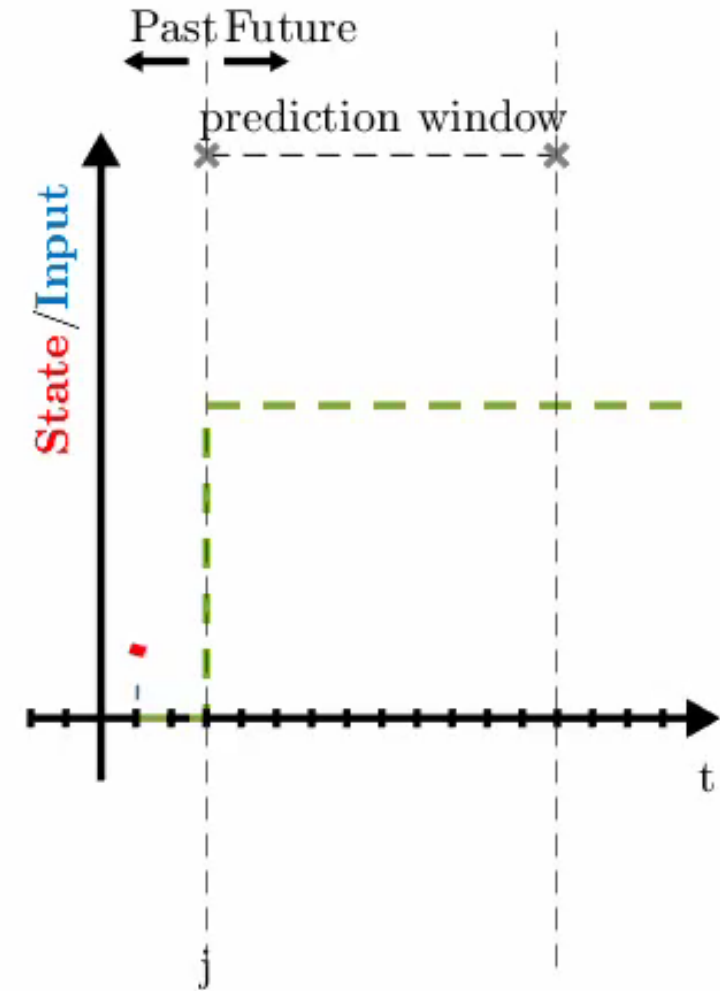
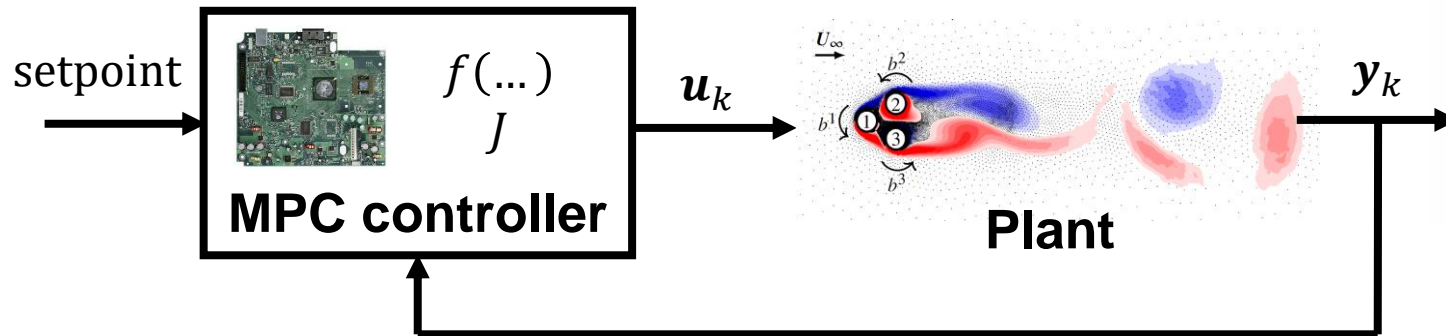
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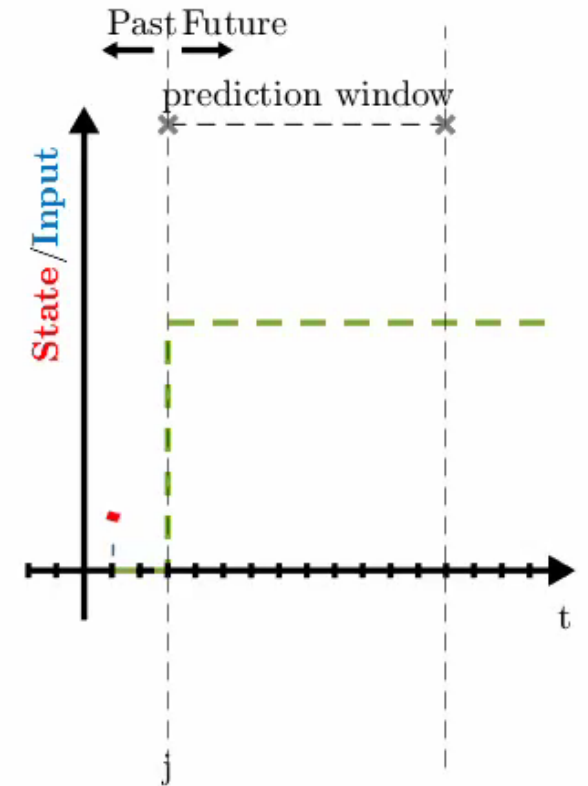
Optimization of **control** actions in receding horizon with **model**-based state **predictions**.

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{[u_0, u_1, \dots, u_N]} J(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N, \dots) \\ & \text{subj. to } \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = f(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{u}_k) \\ & \quad + \text{constraints} \\ & \quad \text{given } \mathbf{x}_0 \end{aligned}$$

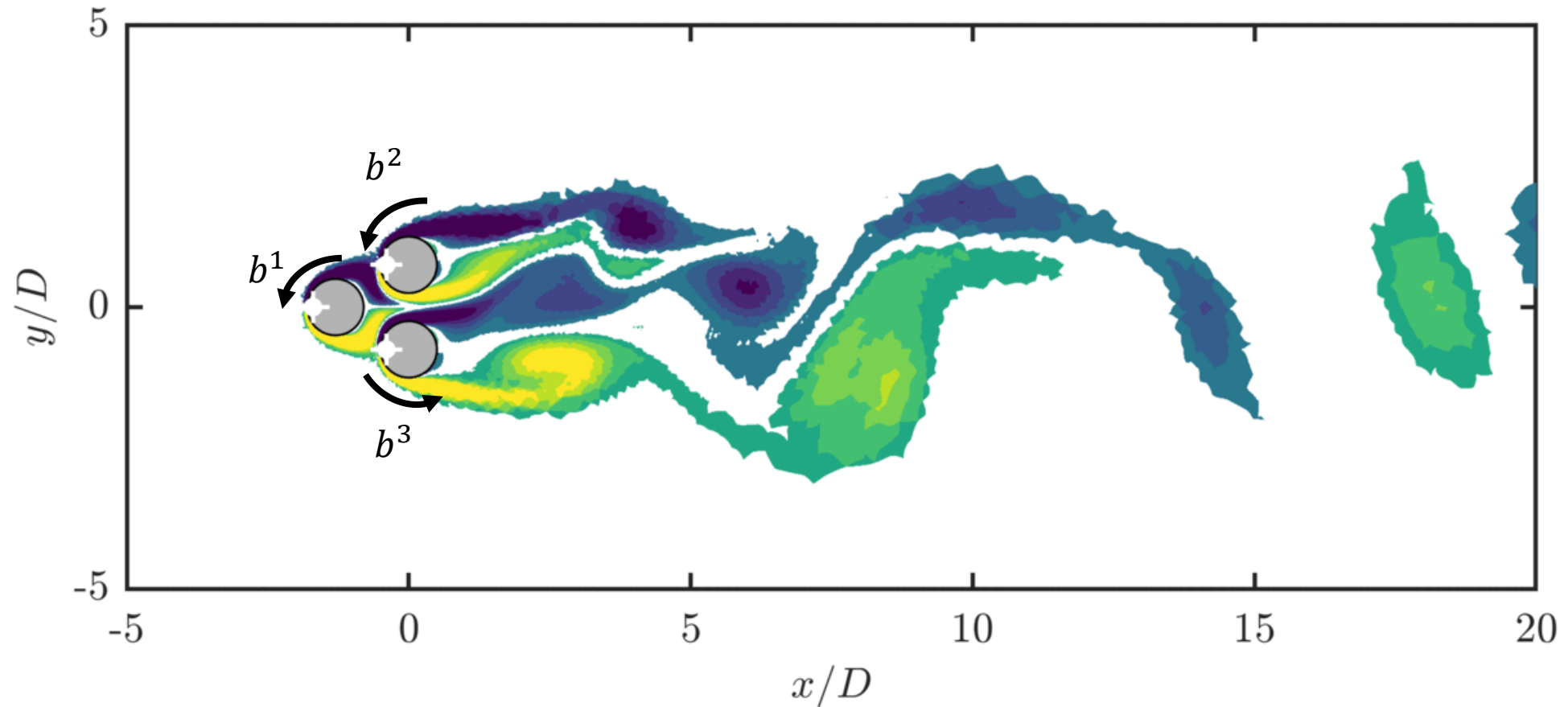


Why Model Predictive Control

- ✓ Linear control, nonlinear control,...
- ✓ Handling easily hard and soft constraints
- ✓ Anticipative actions, not simply reactions
- ✓ Handles well multiple inputs → coordinated “strategies”
- ✓ It uses explicitly a model of the system
- ✗ Computational cost
- ✗ You need good models!
- ✗ Assessing stability and feasibility guarantees



A test case: self-tuning control of a fluidic pinball wake

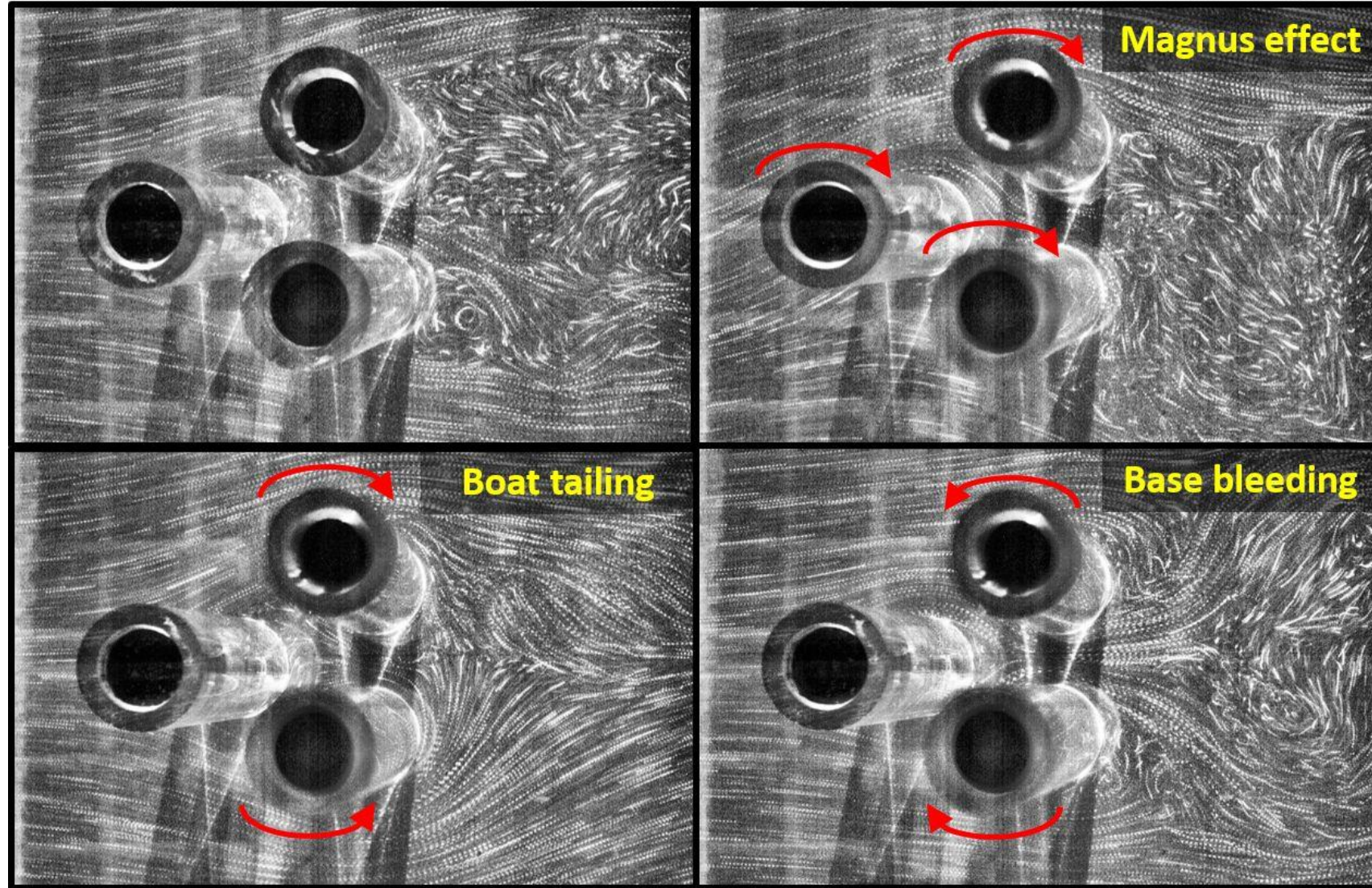
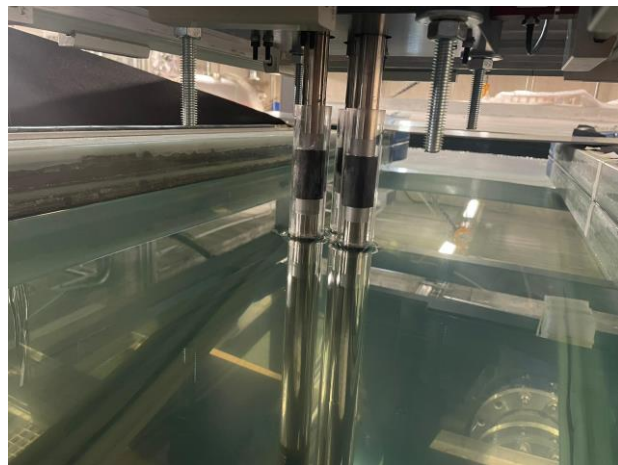
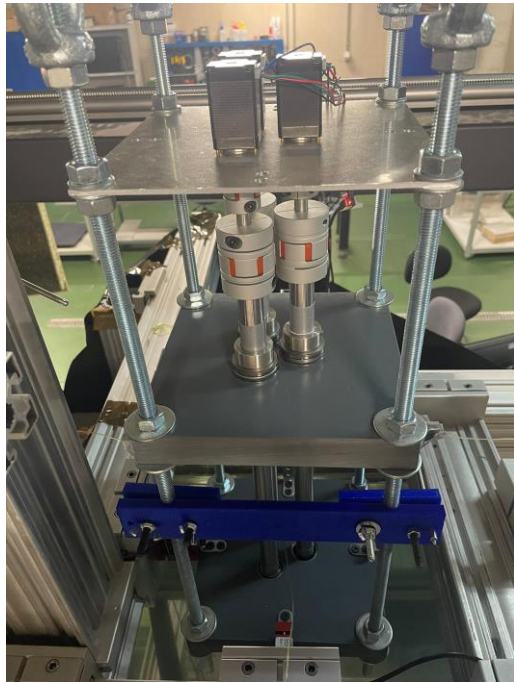


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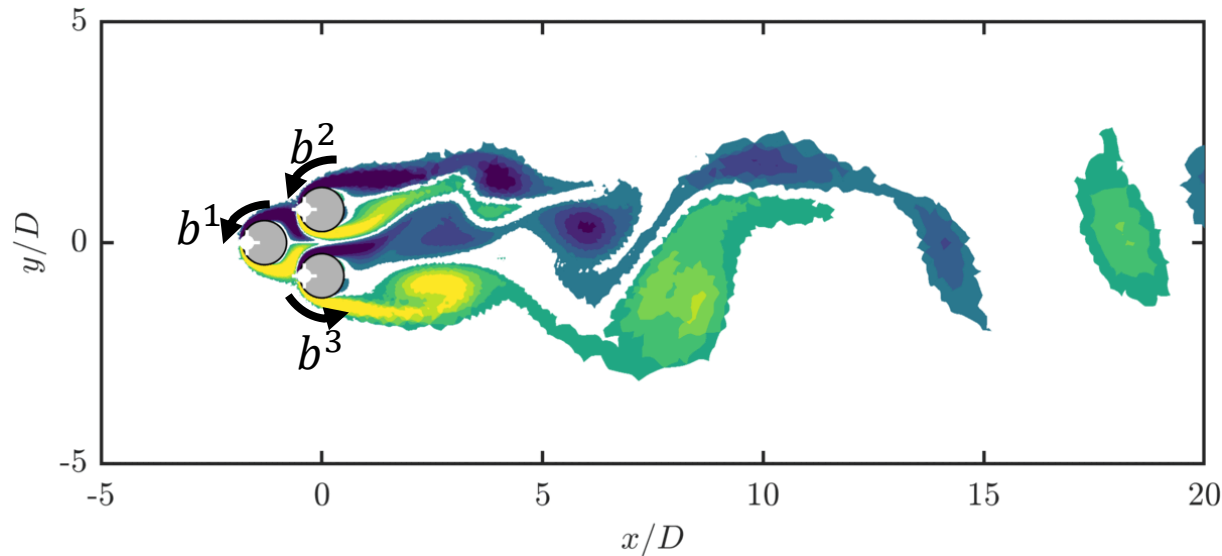
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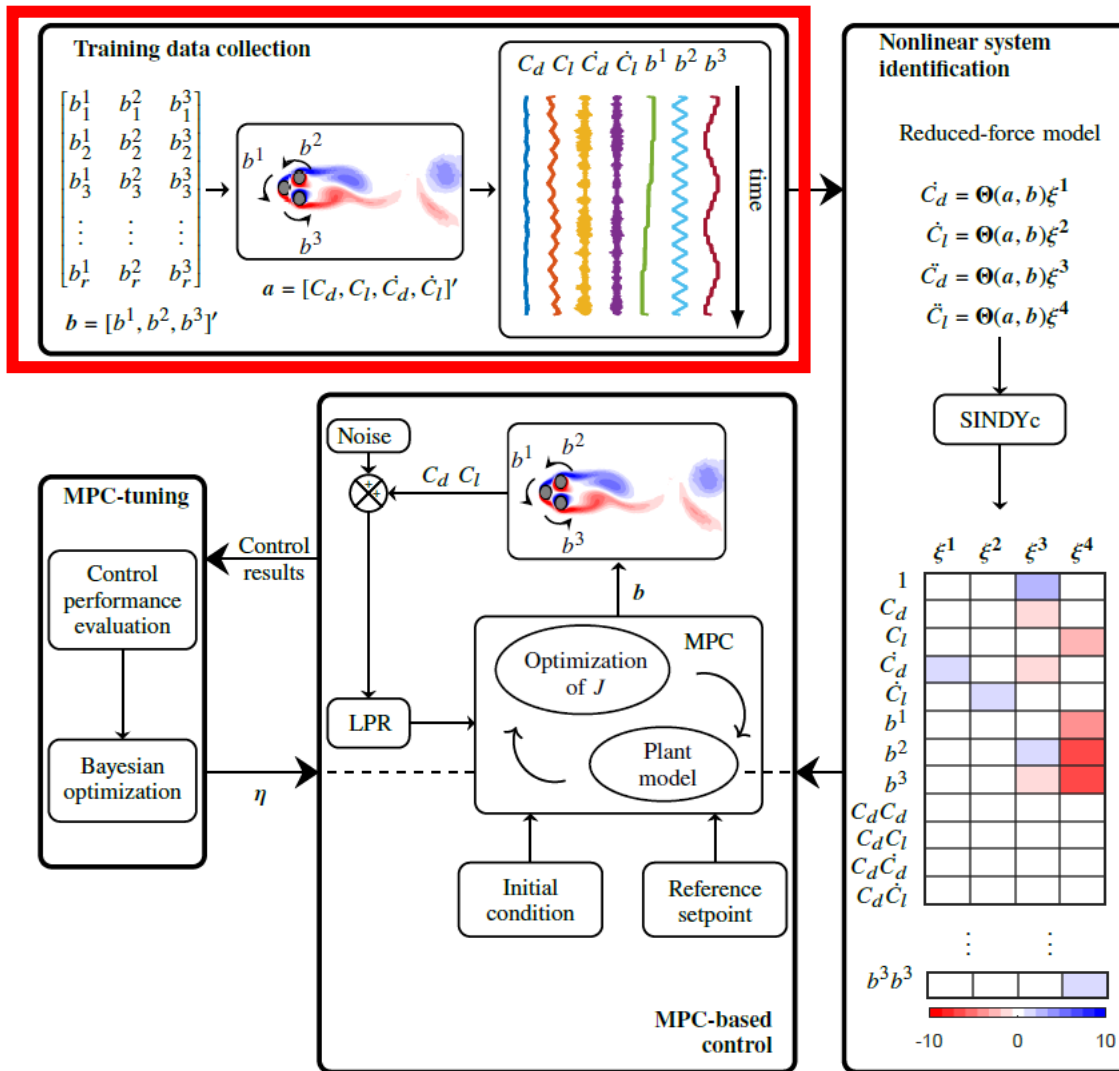
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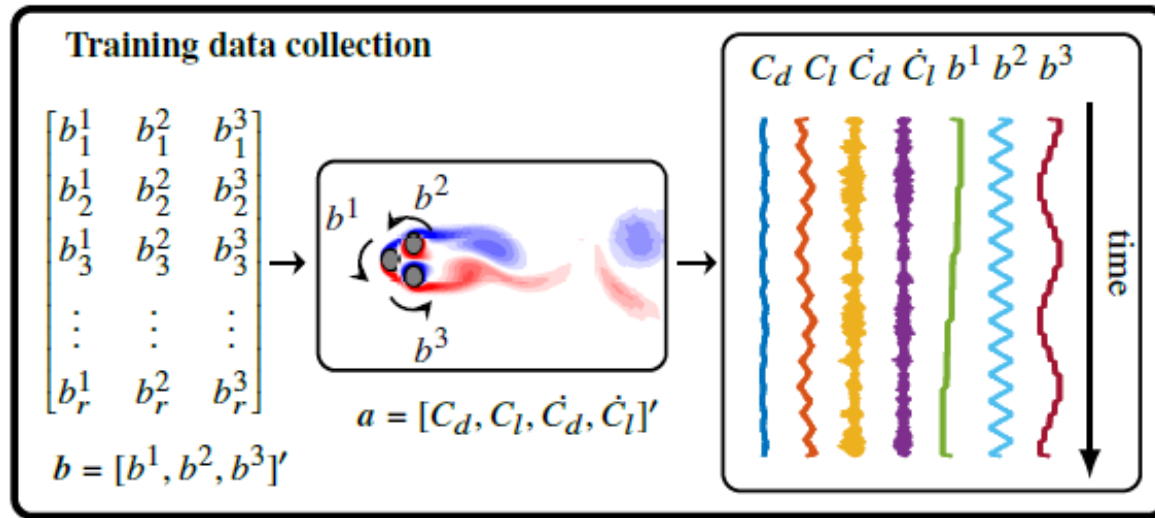
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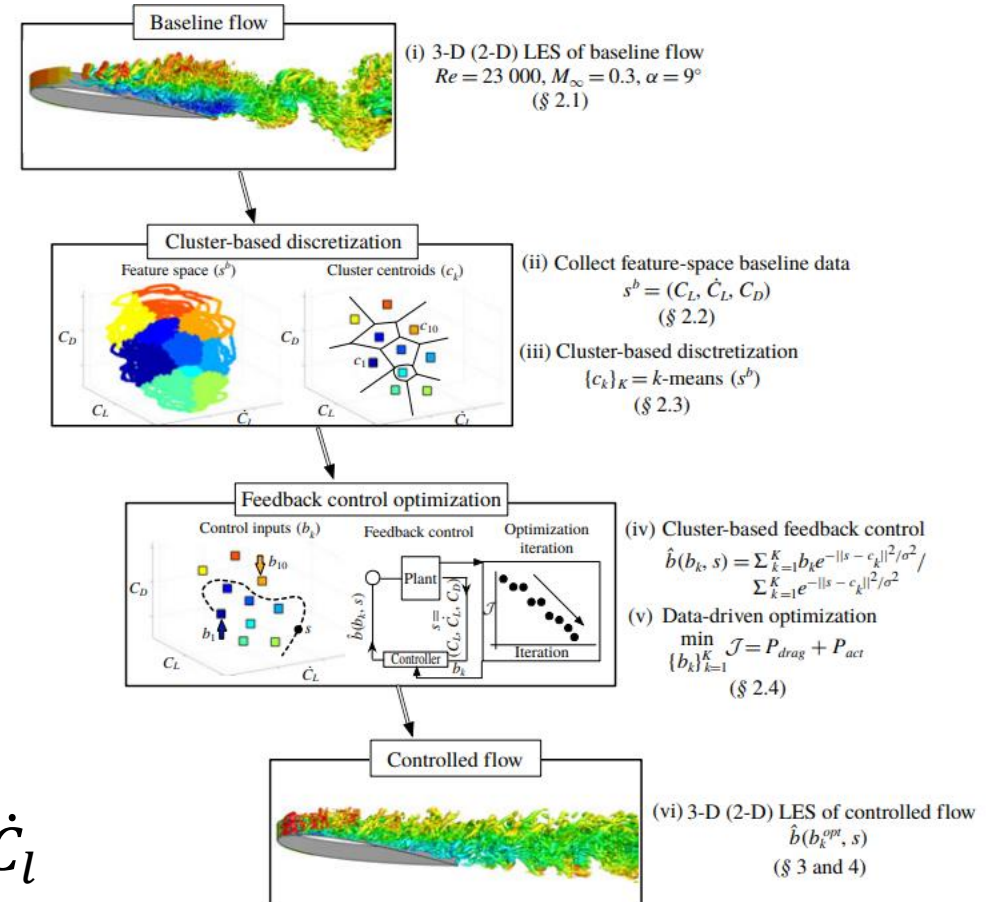
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Selection of the coordinates



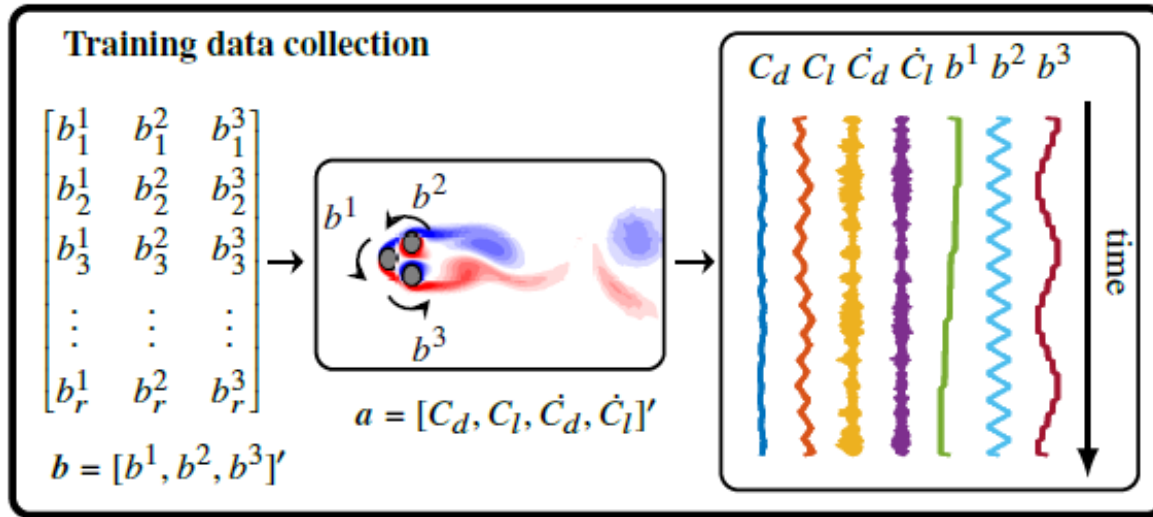
Several automatic options but...

- Mean flow shift $\rightarrow C_d$
- Limit cycle of unsteady oscillations $\rightarrow C_l, \dot{C}_l$

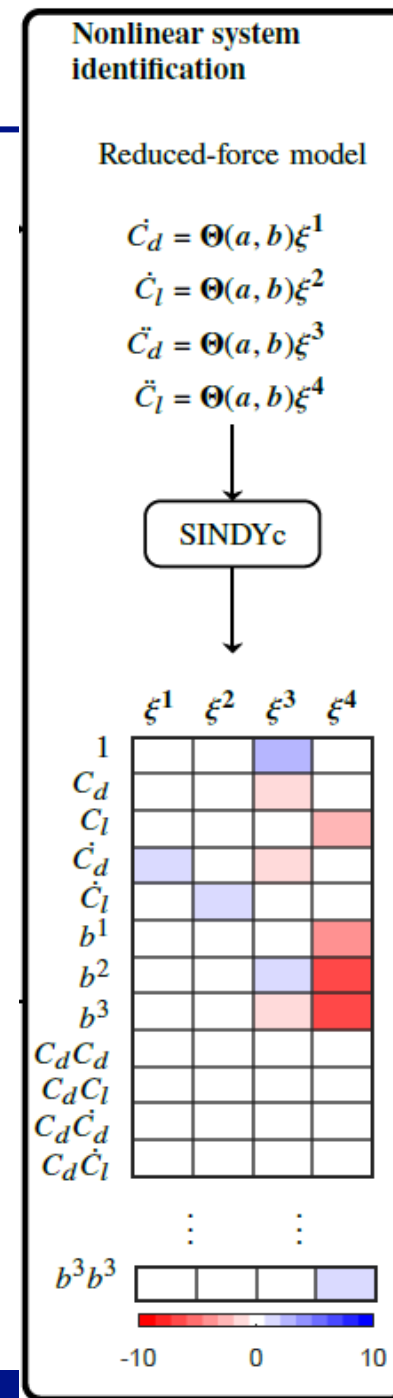


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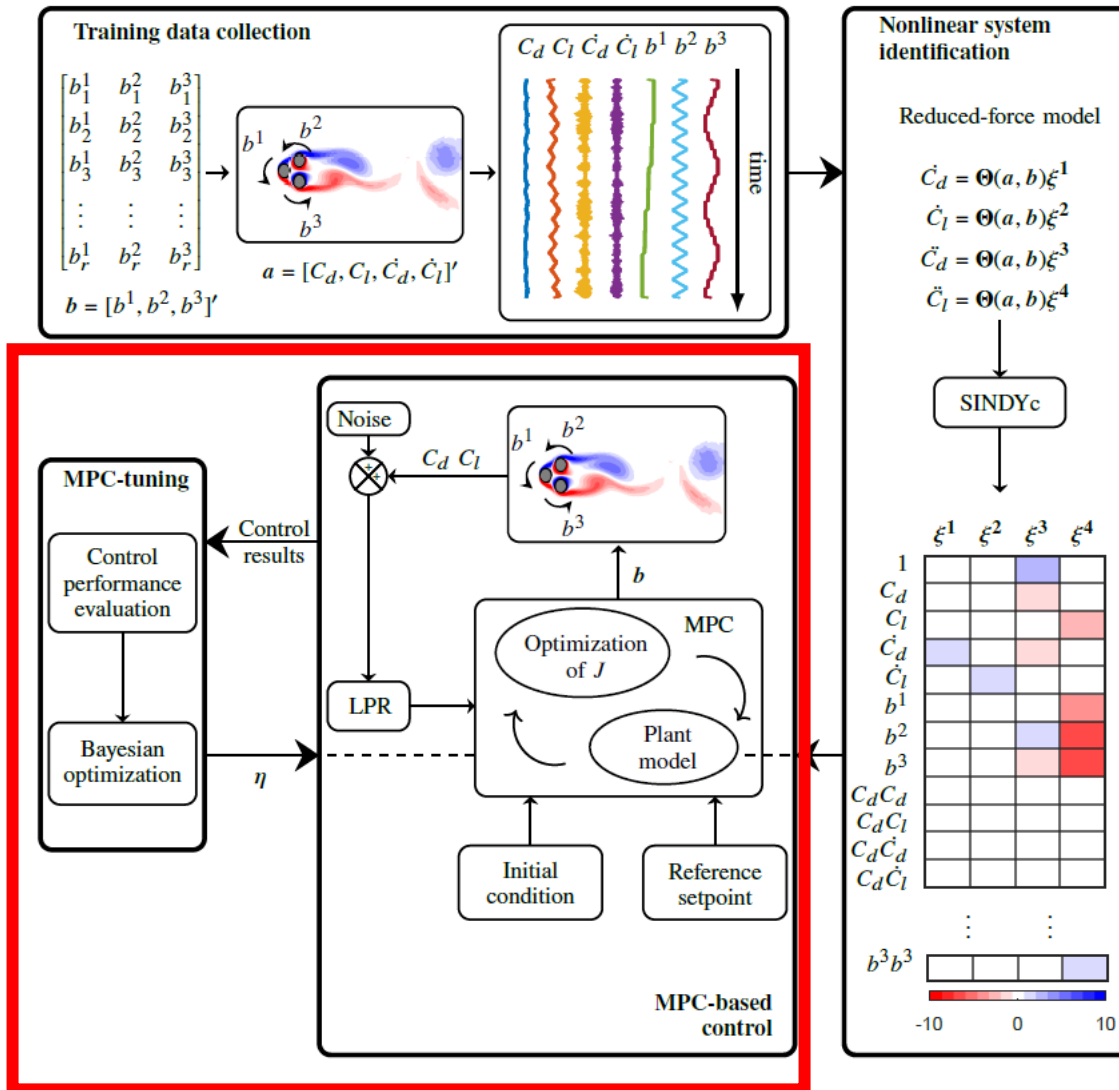
System identification



SINDy (Brunton et al 2016) based on polynomials up to 2nd order



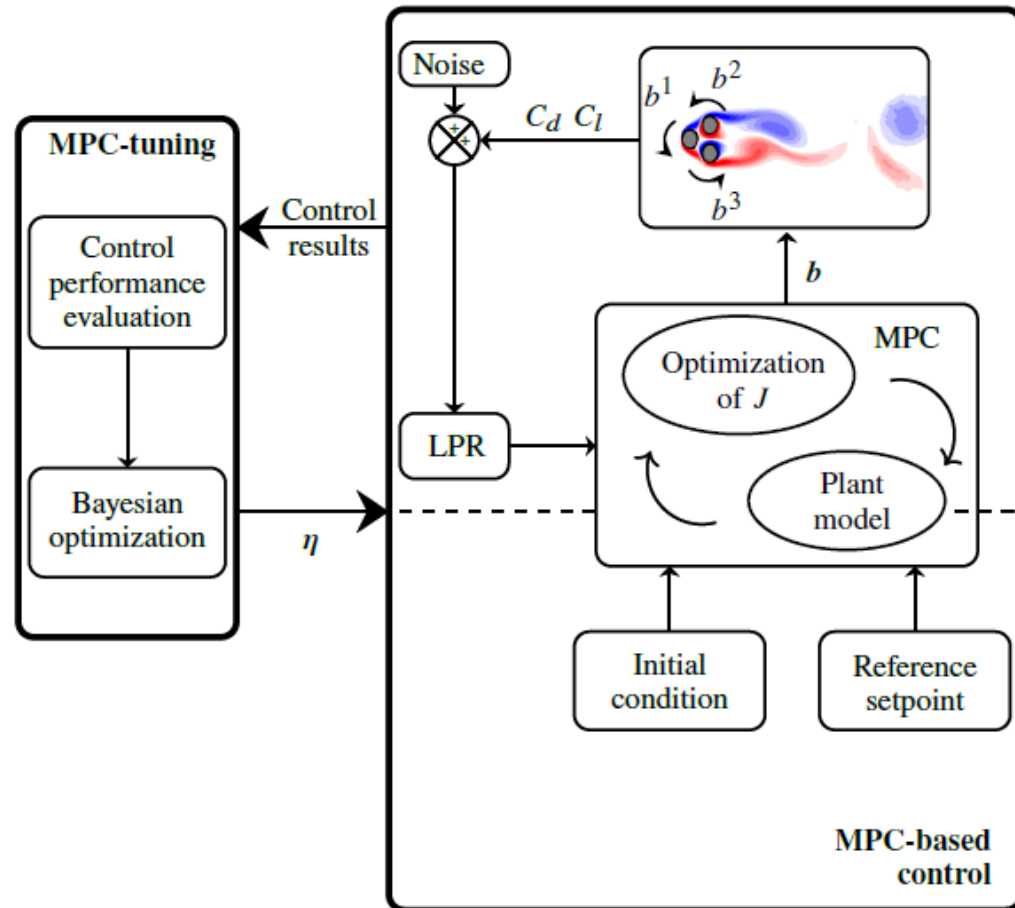
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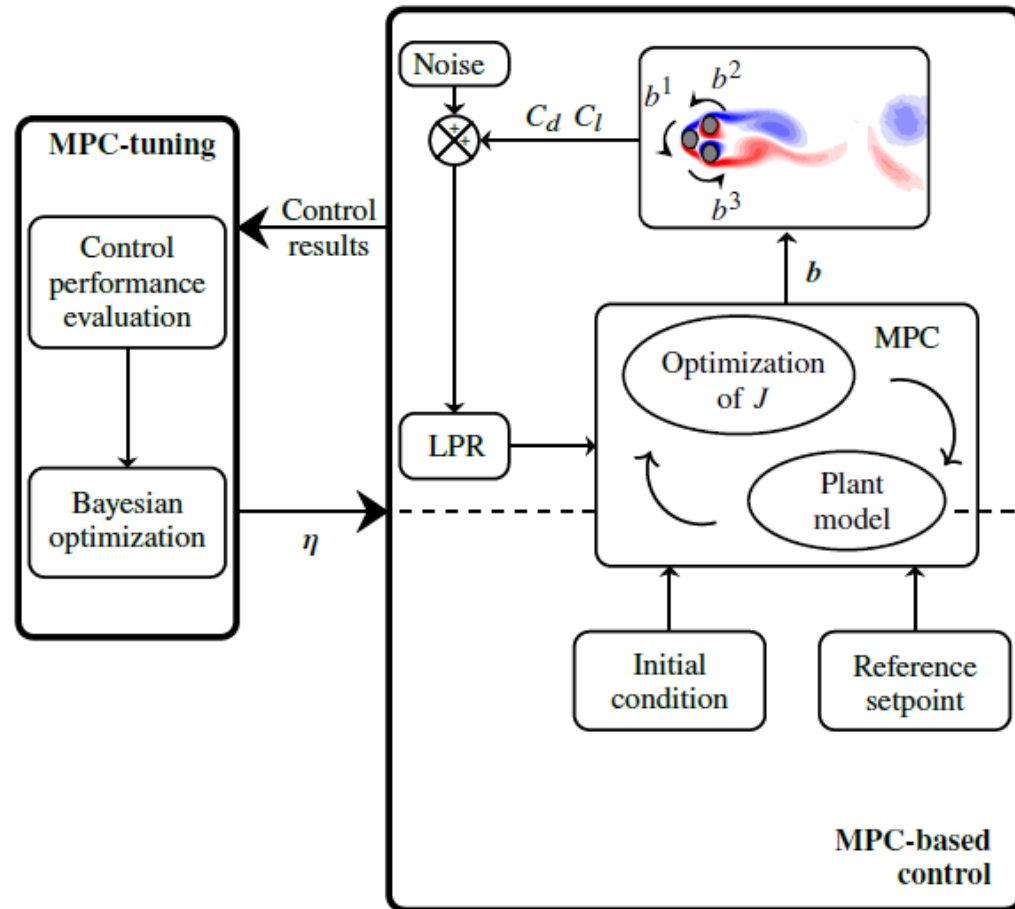
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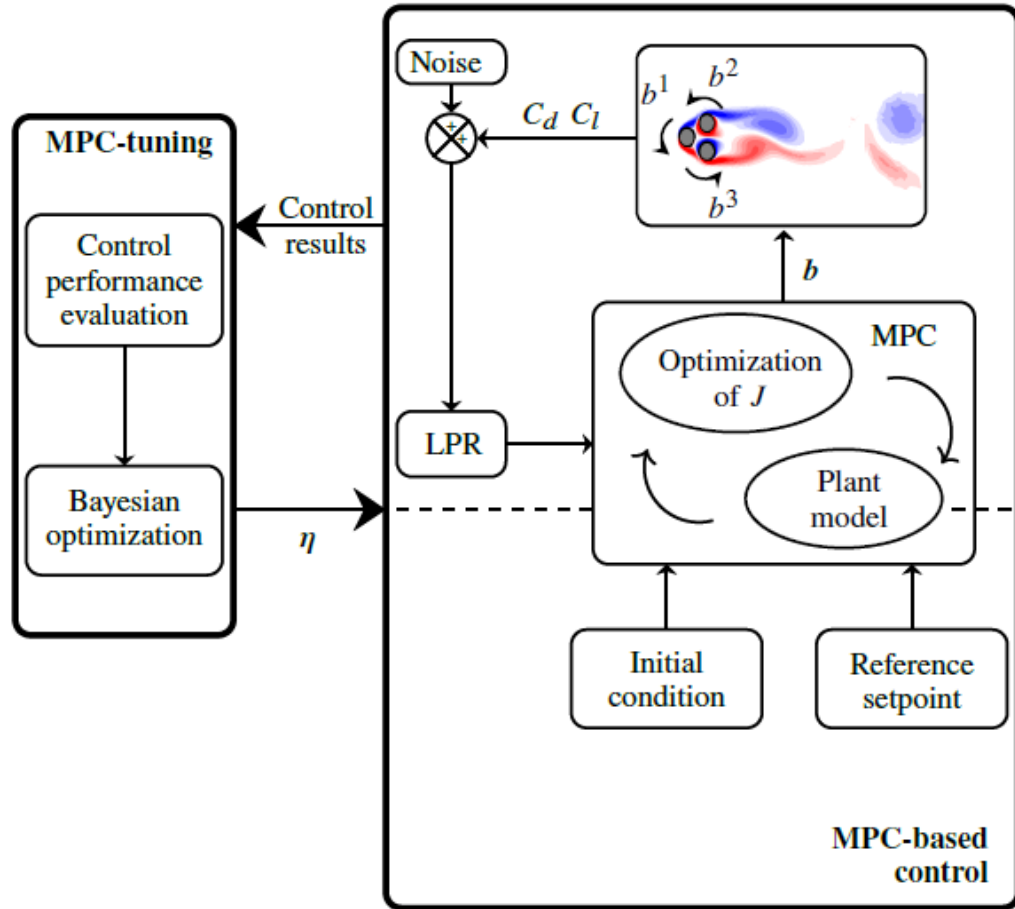
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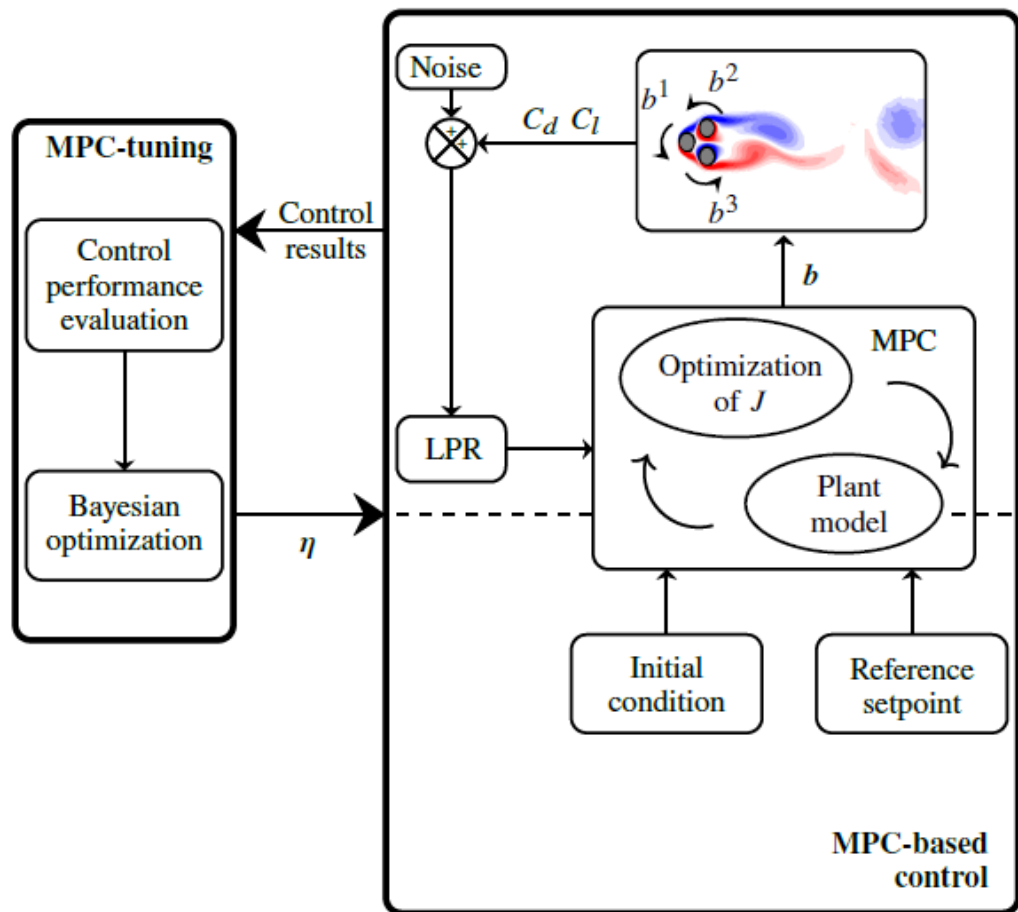
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Actuation cost

$$\|b_{j+k|j}\|_{R_b}^2 = (b_{j+k|j})^T \begin{bmatrix} R_{b^1} & & \\ & R_{b^2} & \\ & & R_{b^3} \end{bmatrix} (b_{j+k|j})$$

Selection of the hyperparameters



$$J = \sum_{k=0}^{w_p} \|\hat{c}_{j+k|j} - c_*\|_Q^2 + \sum_{k=0}^{w_c} \left(\|b_{j+k|j}\|_{R_b}^2 + \|\Delta b_{j+k|j}\|_{R_{\Delta b}}^2 \right)$$

State penalty

$$\|\hat{c}_{j+k|j} - c_*\|_Q^2 = (\hat{c}_{j+k|j} - c_*)^T \begin{bmatrix} Q_{C_d} & 0 \\ 0 & Q_{C_l} \end{bmatrix} (\hat{c}_{j+k|j} - c_*)$$

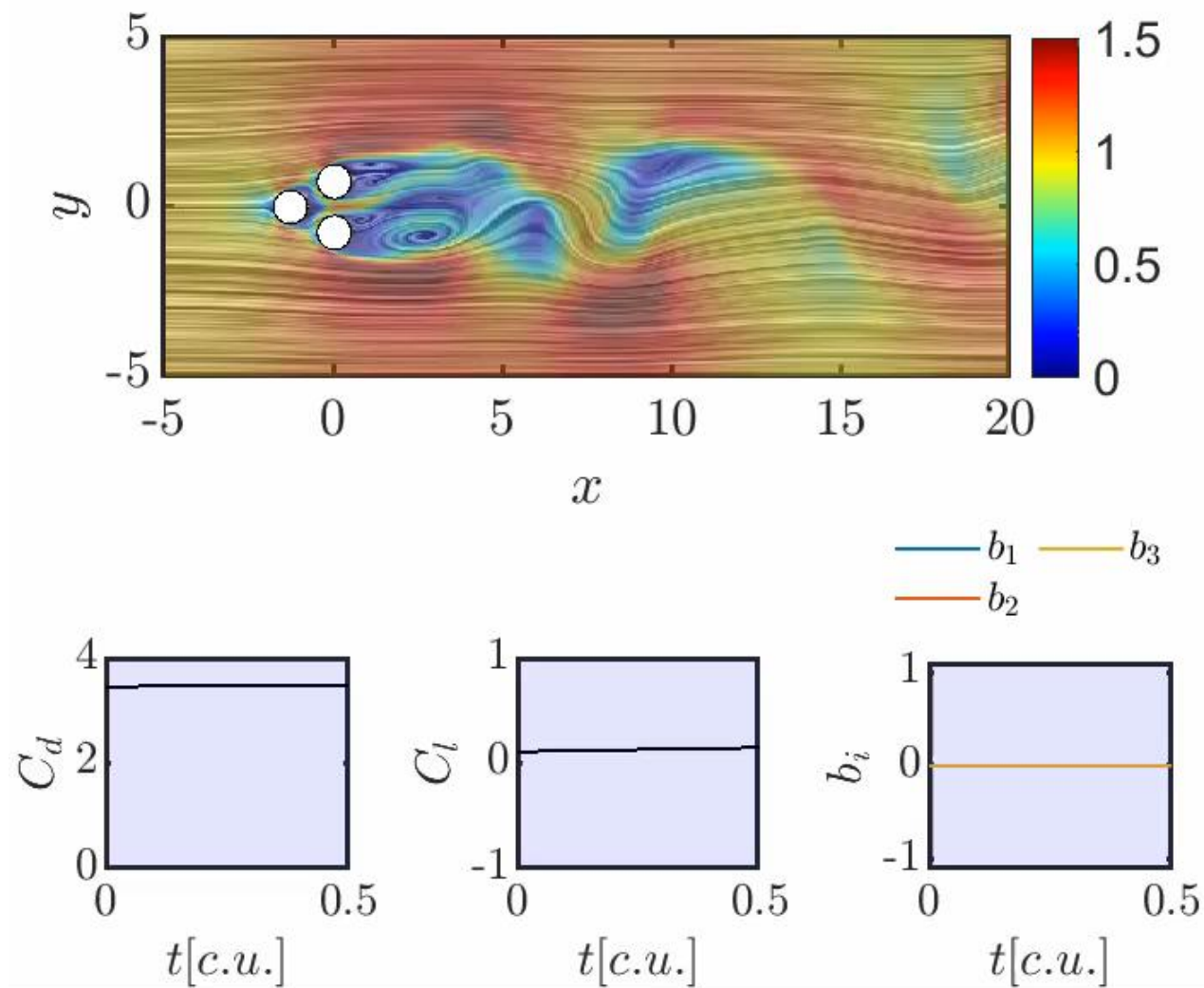
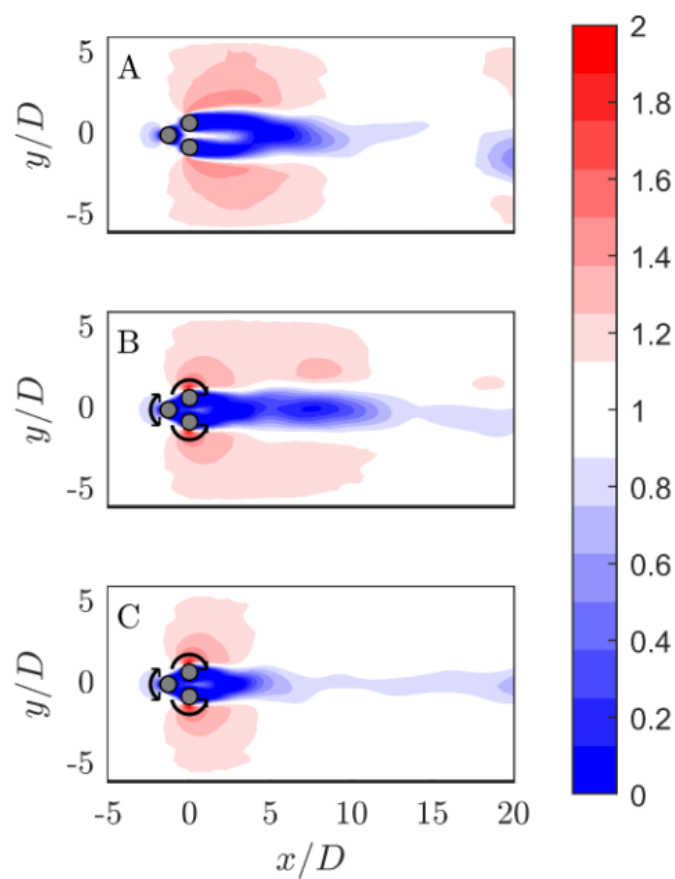
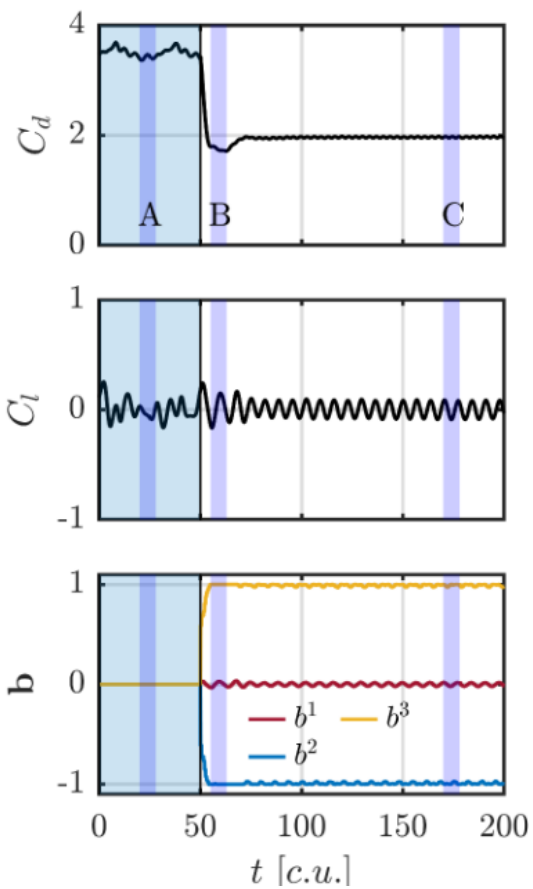
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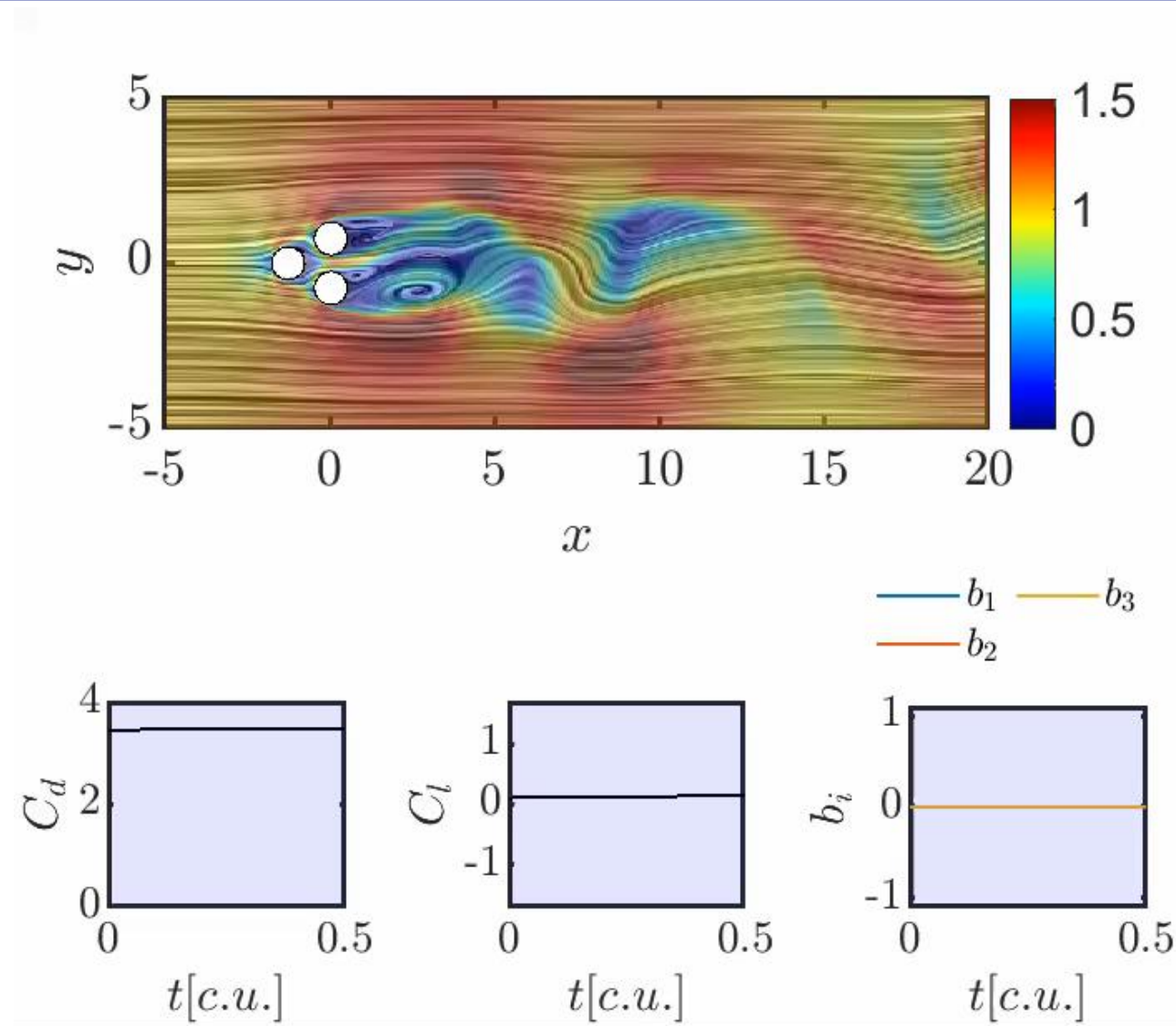
Input variability

$$\|\Delta b_{j+k|j}\|_{R_b}^2 = (\Delta b_{j+k|j})^T \begin{bmatrix} R_{\Delta b^1} & & \\ & R_{\Delta b^2} & \\ & & R_{\Delta b^3} \end{bmatrix} (\Delta b_{j+k|j})$$

Control strategy



Setpoint tracking



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