

# Simulating Blood Flow in the Pulmonary Artery using Physics-Informed Neural Networks

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# What is Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH)?

- Rare, progressive, mPAP > 20 mmHg at rest
- Late diagnosis: 2 to 3 years, 4 to 6 physicians
- Structural alterations of the vascular wall
- **Highly invasive evaluation**

Subject-specific computational models:

- **Non-invasive**
- In silico experimentation
- Gain prediction capabilities

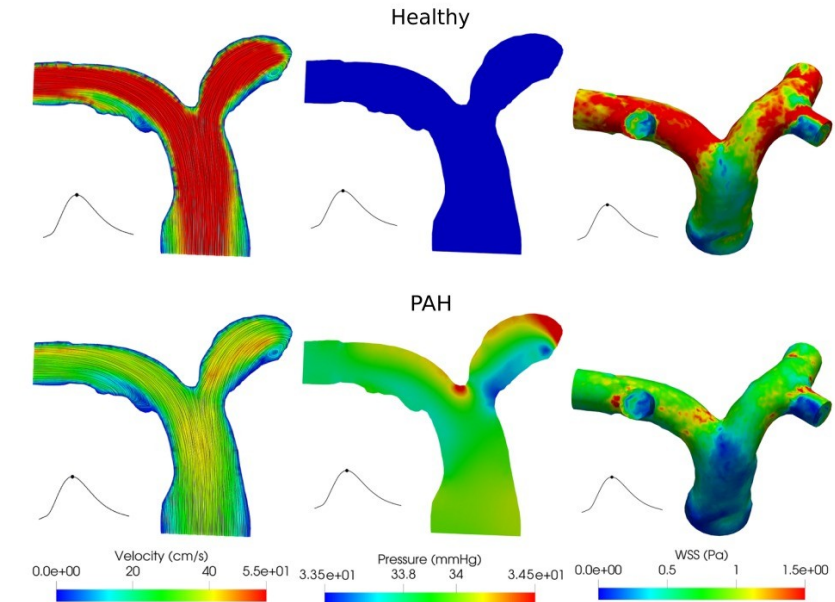
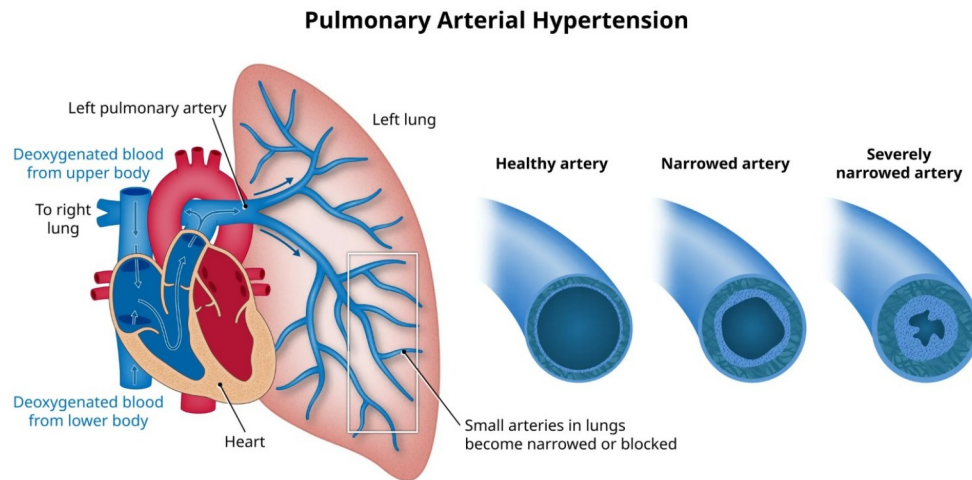
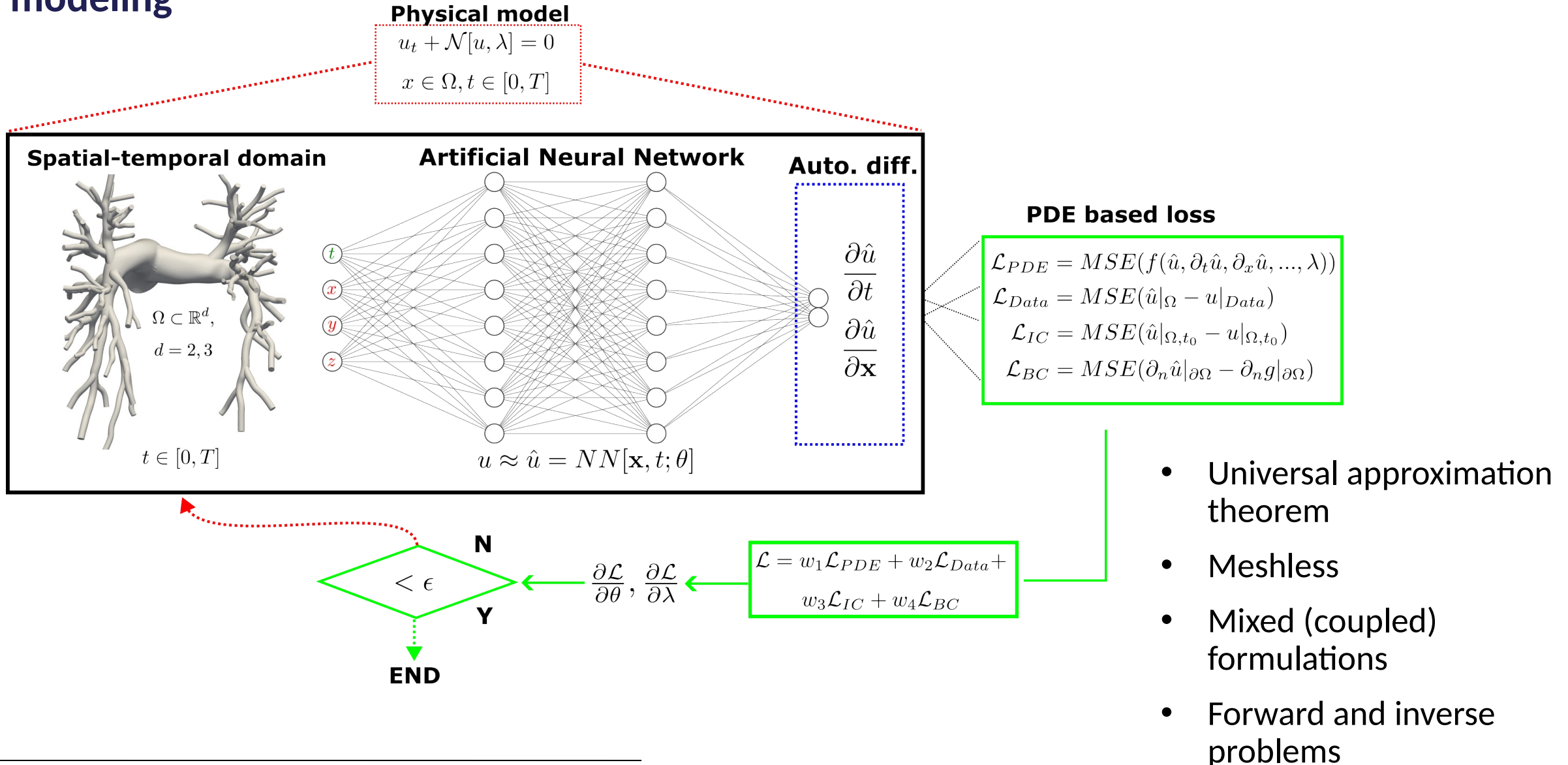
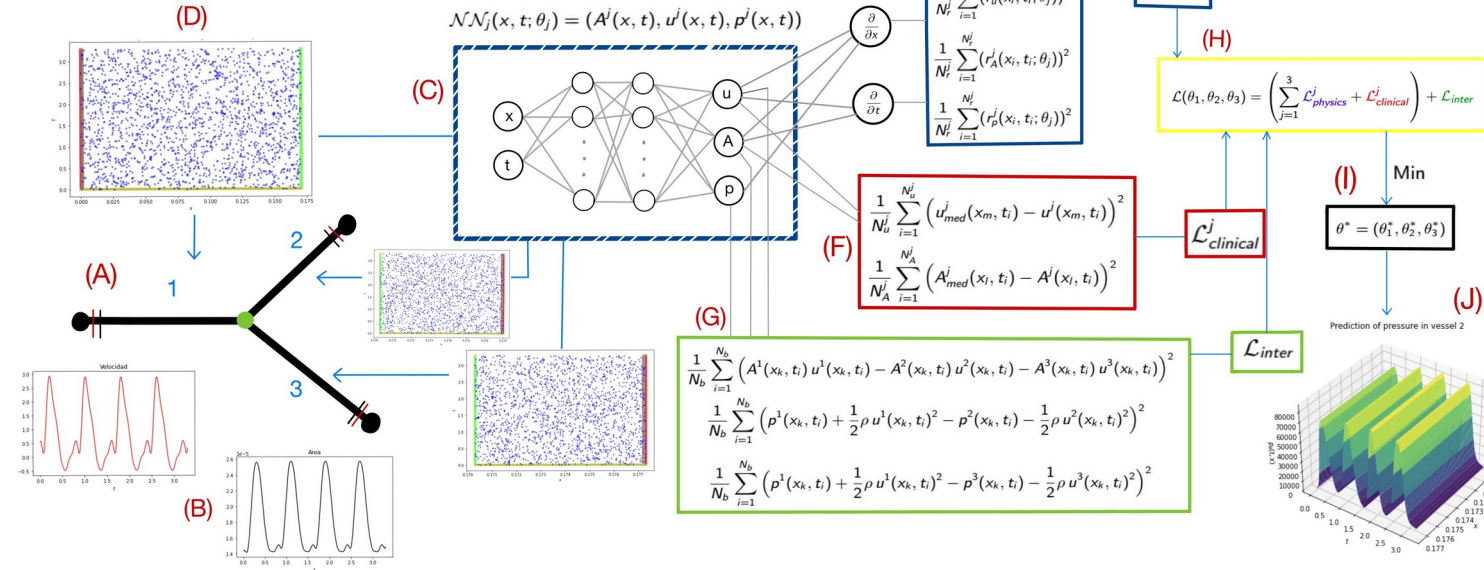
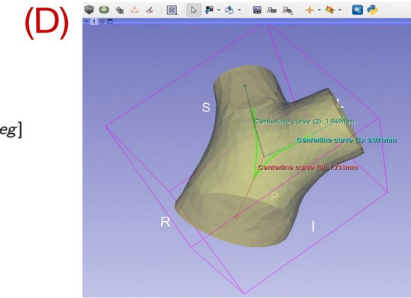
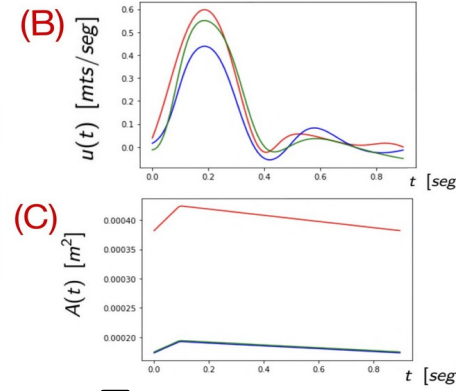
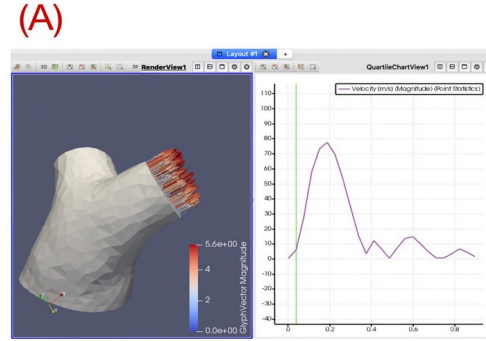
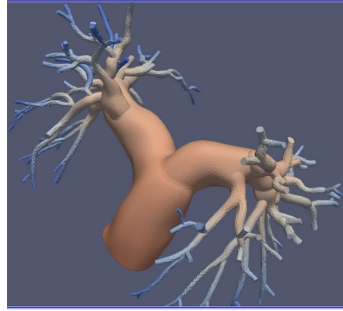


Fig. 10 Systolic peak ( $t = 1.9$  s). Left: Velocity field. Center: Pressure field. Right: WSS field. Test VI

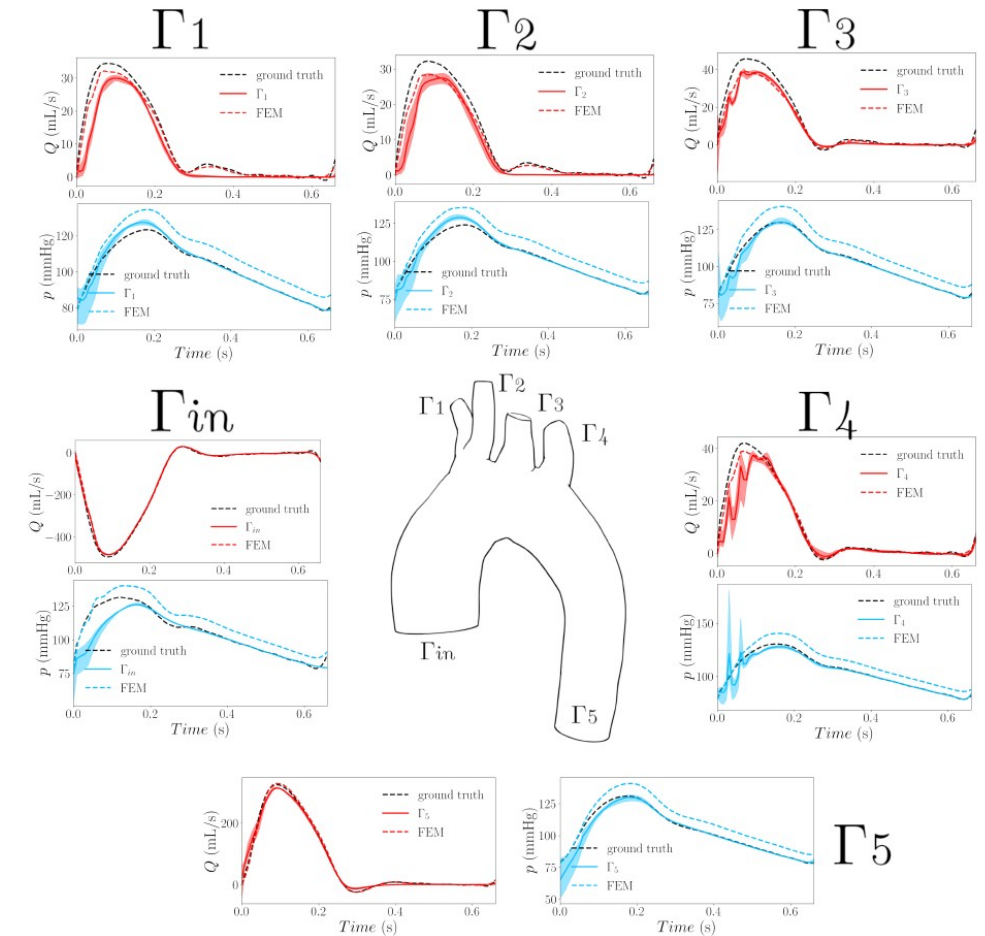
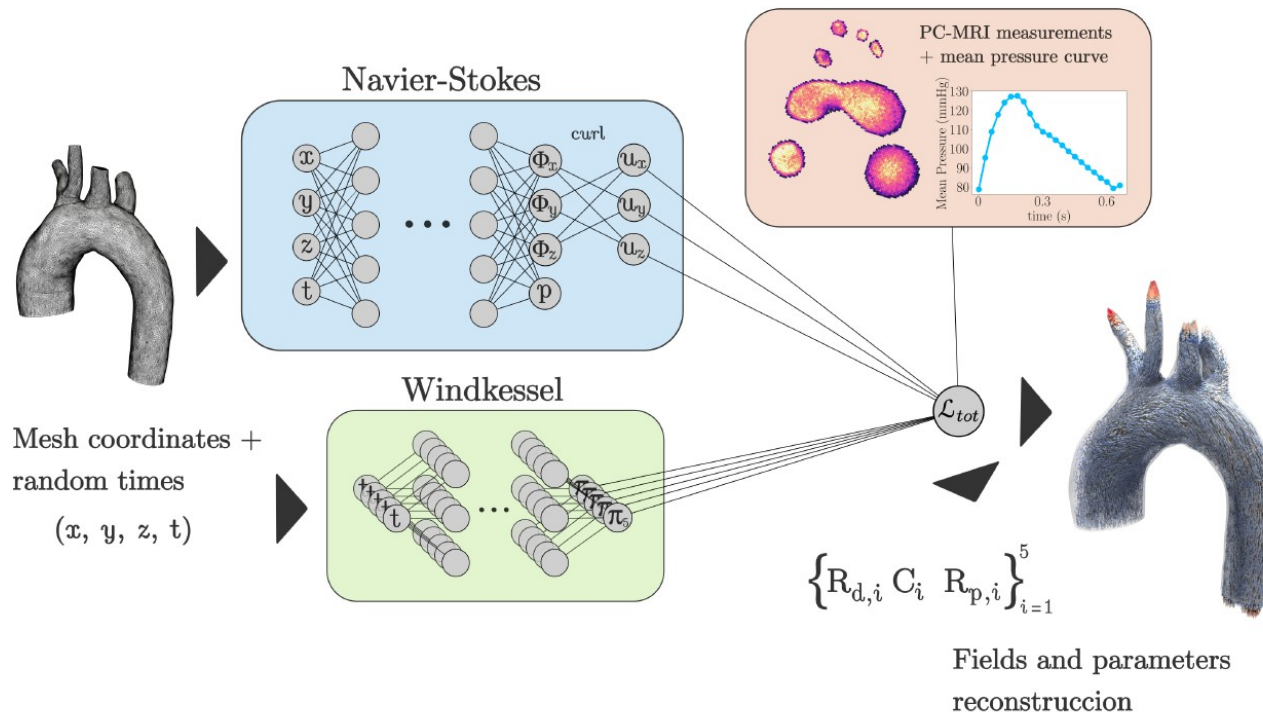
# Physics-Informed neural networks (PINNs) for computational modeling



## Jara 2023. Pulmonary artery blood pressure estimation using PINNs



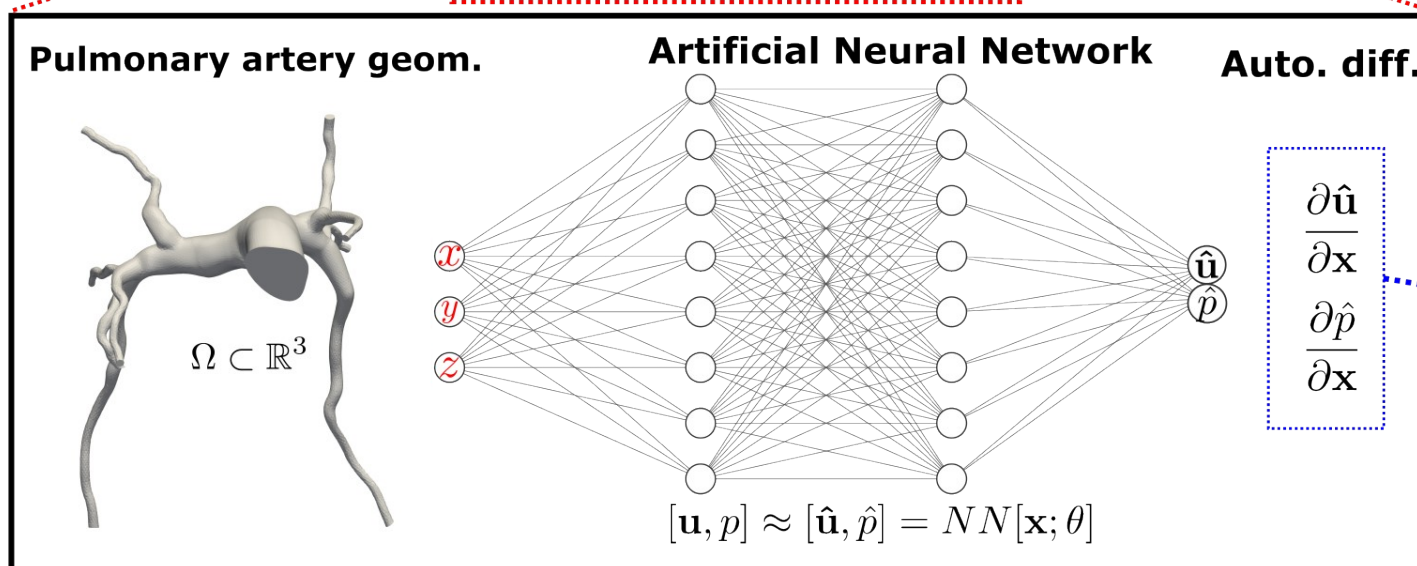
## Garay 2023. Physics-informed neural networks for blood flow inverse problems





## Adimensional Steady Navier-Stokes model

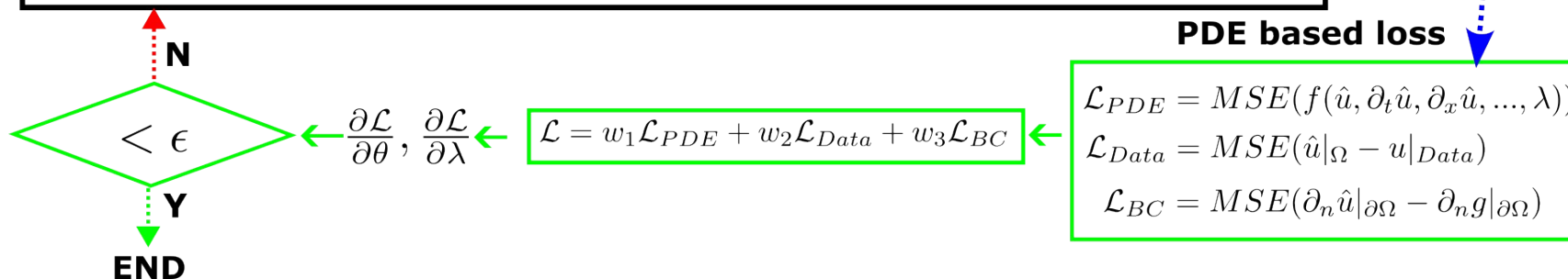
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}^* \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^* - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \mathbf{u}^* + \nabla p^* &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^* &= 0 \\ BC: \quad \mathbf{u}^* &= 0, \quad \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^*}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - \mathbf{n} p^* = 0 \end{aligned}$$



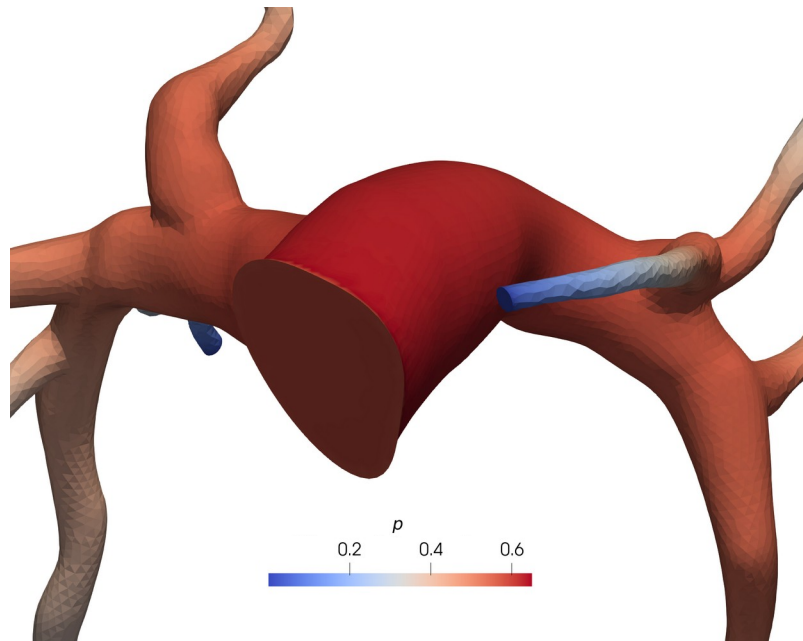
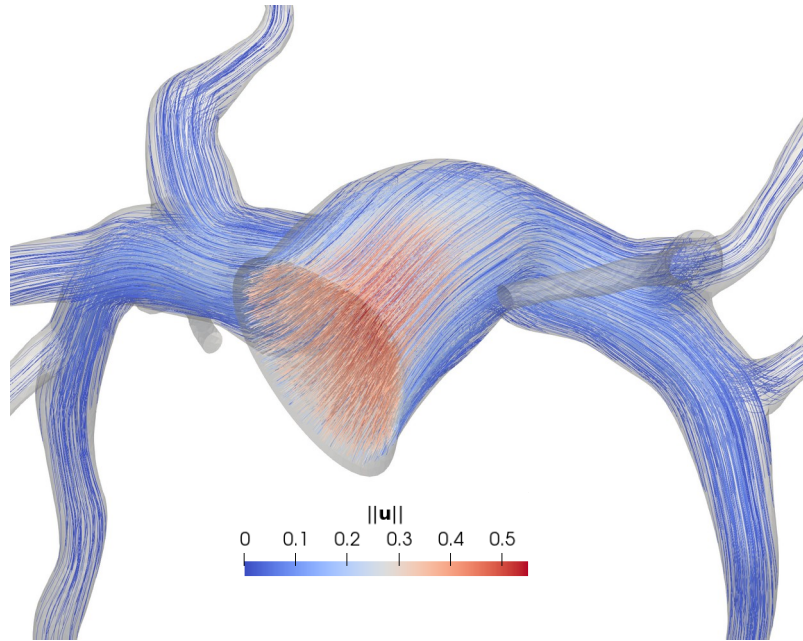
Parameters:

- Density:
- Viscosity:
- Velocity:
- Length:
- Reynolds: 2500

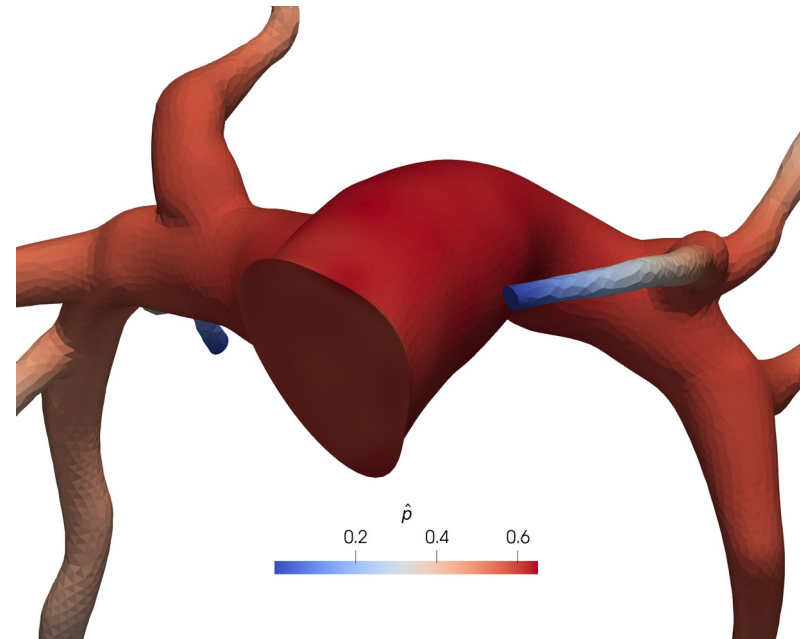
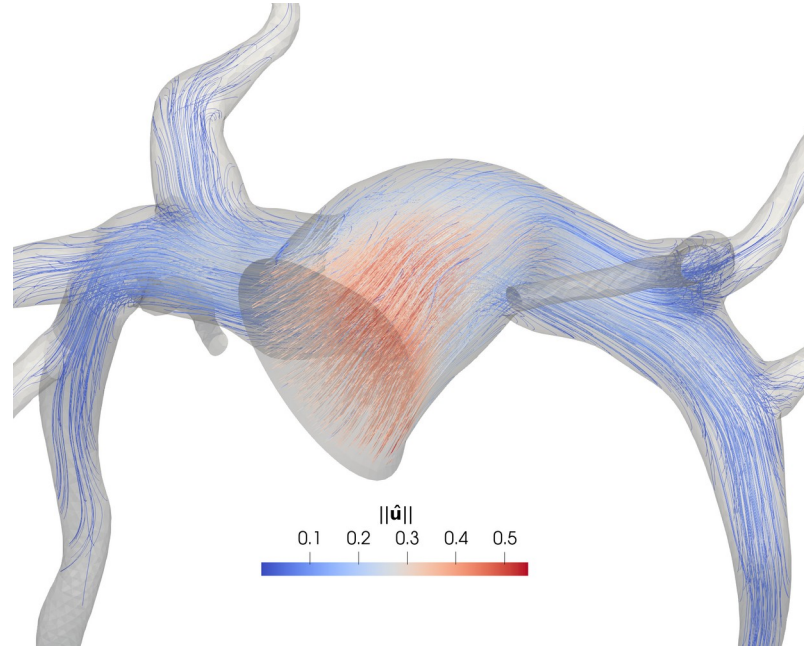
Reference solution (Data):



Numerical reference



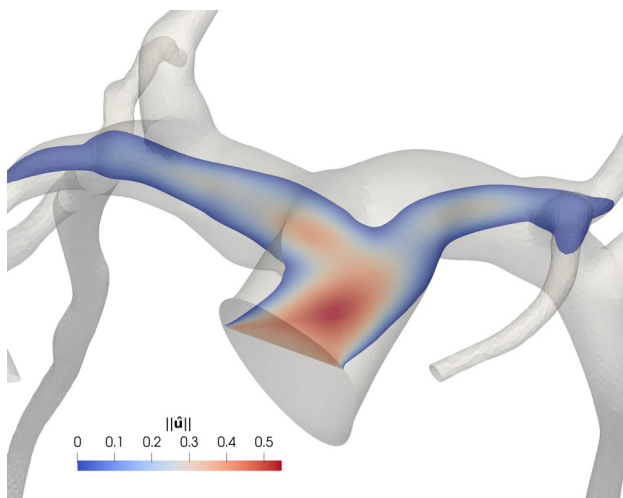
PINN solution



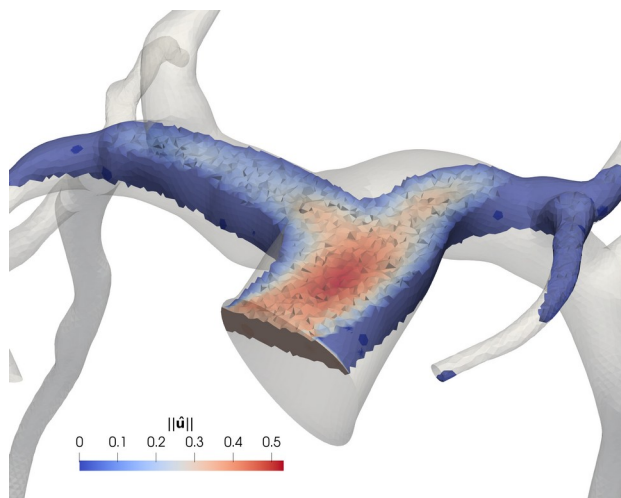
- ModifiedMLP (Wang etal. 2020)
- 10 Hidden layers
- 100 Neuron
- Fourier Features
- 100 Epochs

Relative error: 0.04

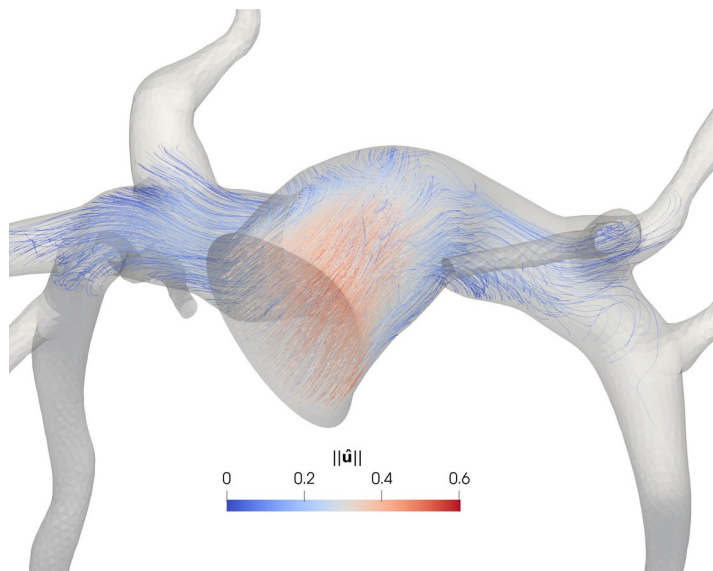
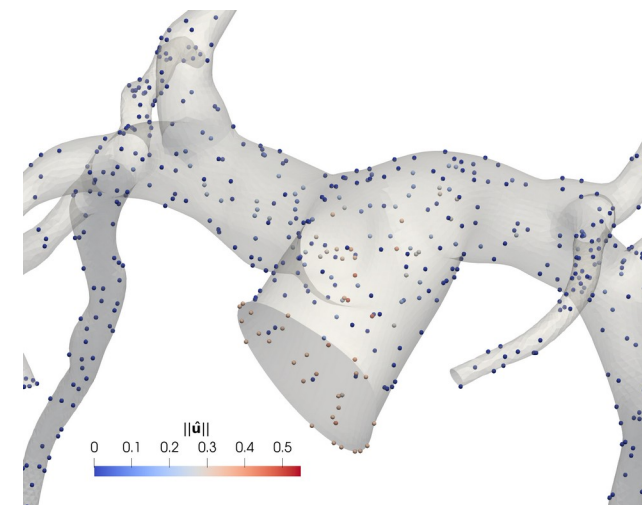
Simple cut



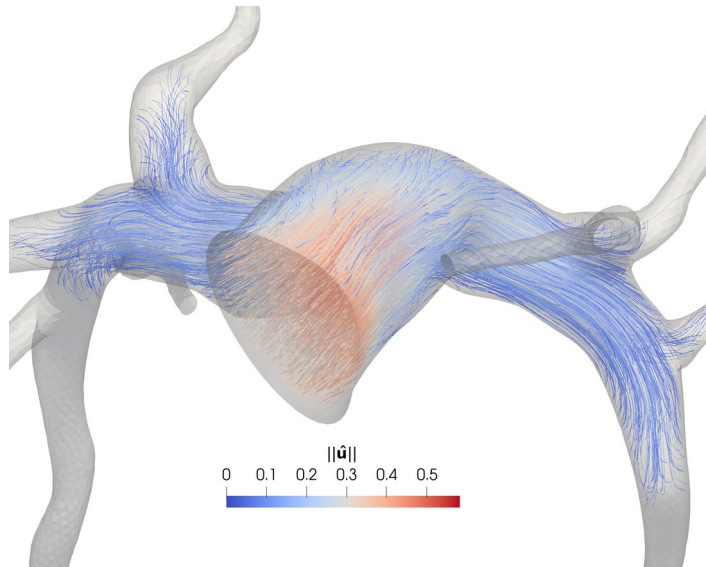
Chunk



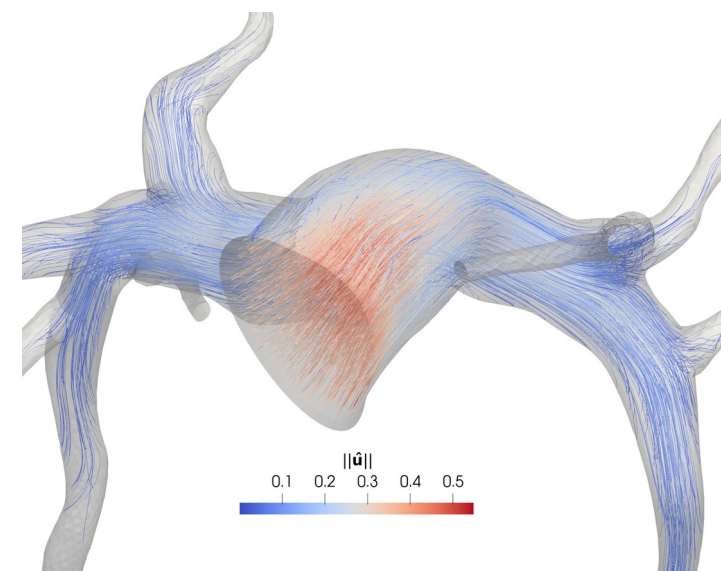
Random Sampling



Relative error: 0.11



Relative error: 0.09



Relative error: 0.04



## Conclusions:

- Accurate estimation of the blood pressure in the pulmonary artery
- Accurate in high Reynolds numbers
- Accuracy depends on the spatial distribution of the input data

## What is next?

- Transient Navier-Stokes
- Use 4D-flow (simulated) data
- Add Windkessel model

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