

## Problem Motivation



Energy



Aerospace & Automotive



Process Control

**Fluid-dynamics Simulations** play a critical role in a large class of engineering problems

- Design Processes
- Planning and Control Problems

**Challenge:** High-fidelity simulations require significant time and compute power!

- Limited scope in design optimization can lead to sub-optimal design
- Restricted use of simulation in control and reinforcement learning

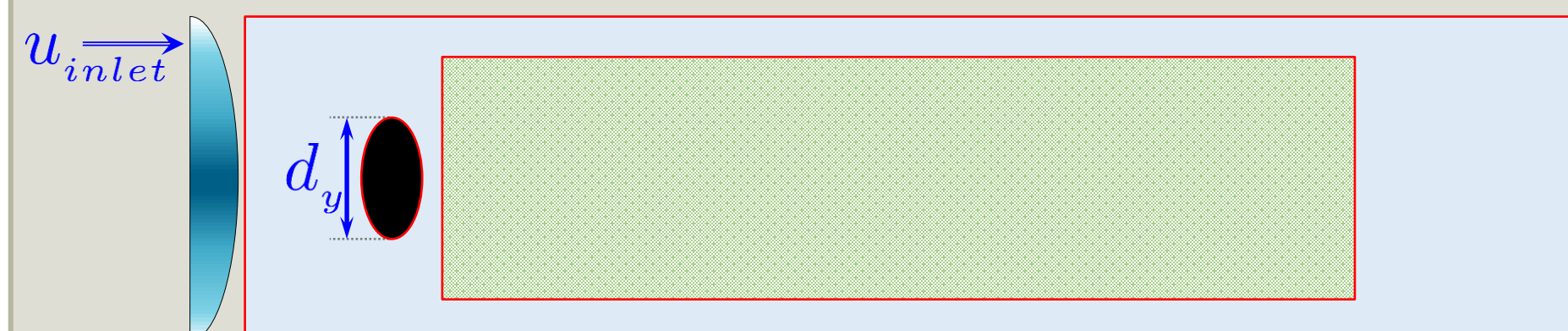
**Solution:** Surrogates which obey/enforce the underlying physics while predicting simulation outputs

**Loss Function = Prediction Error + Physics-based Regularizer**

Related Work:

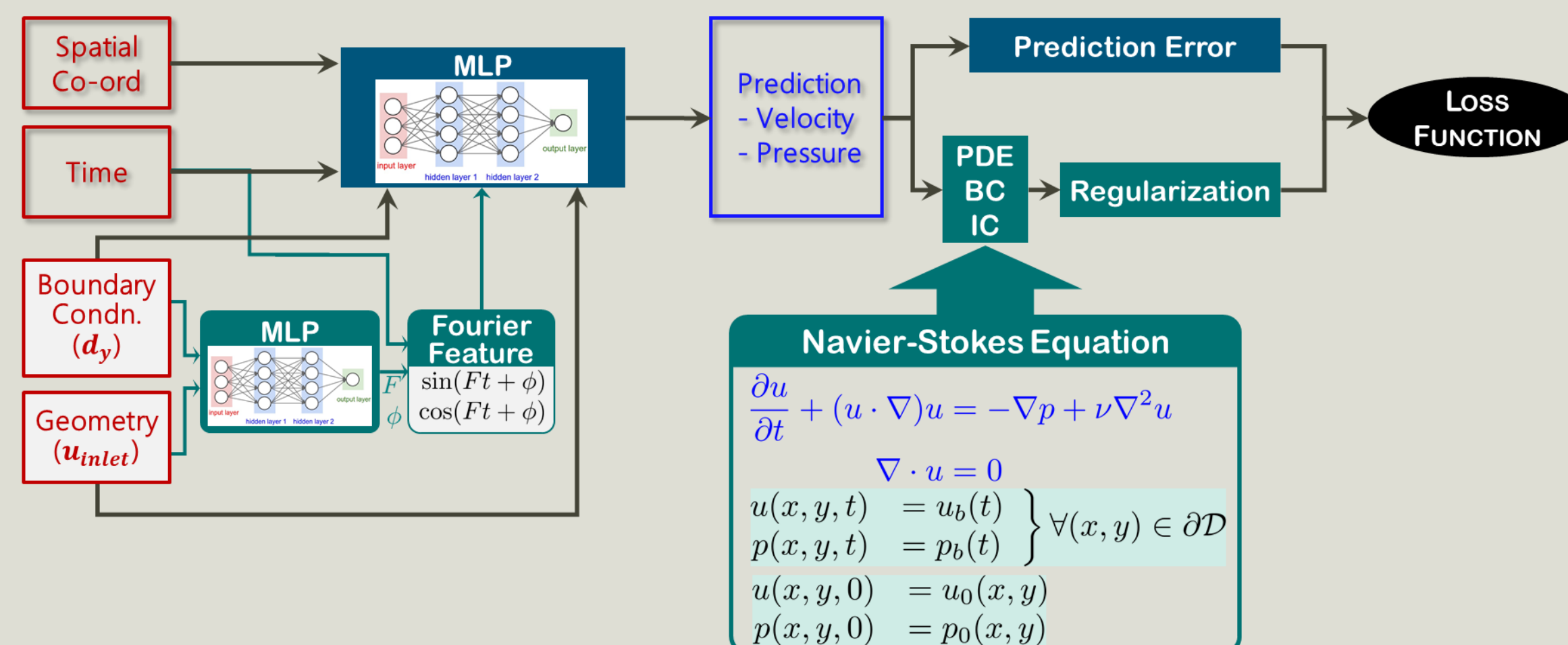
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## Cylinder in a Cross-flow



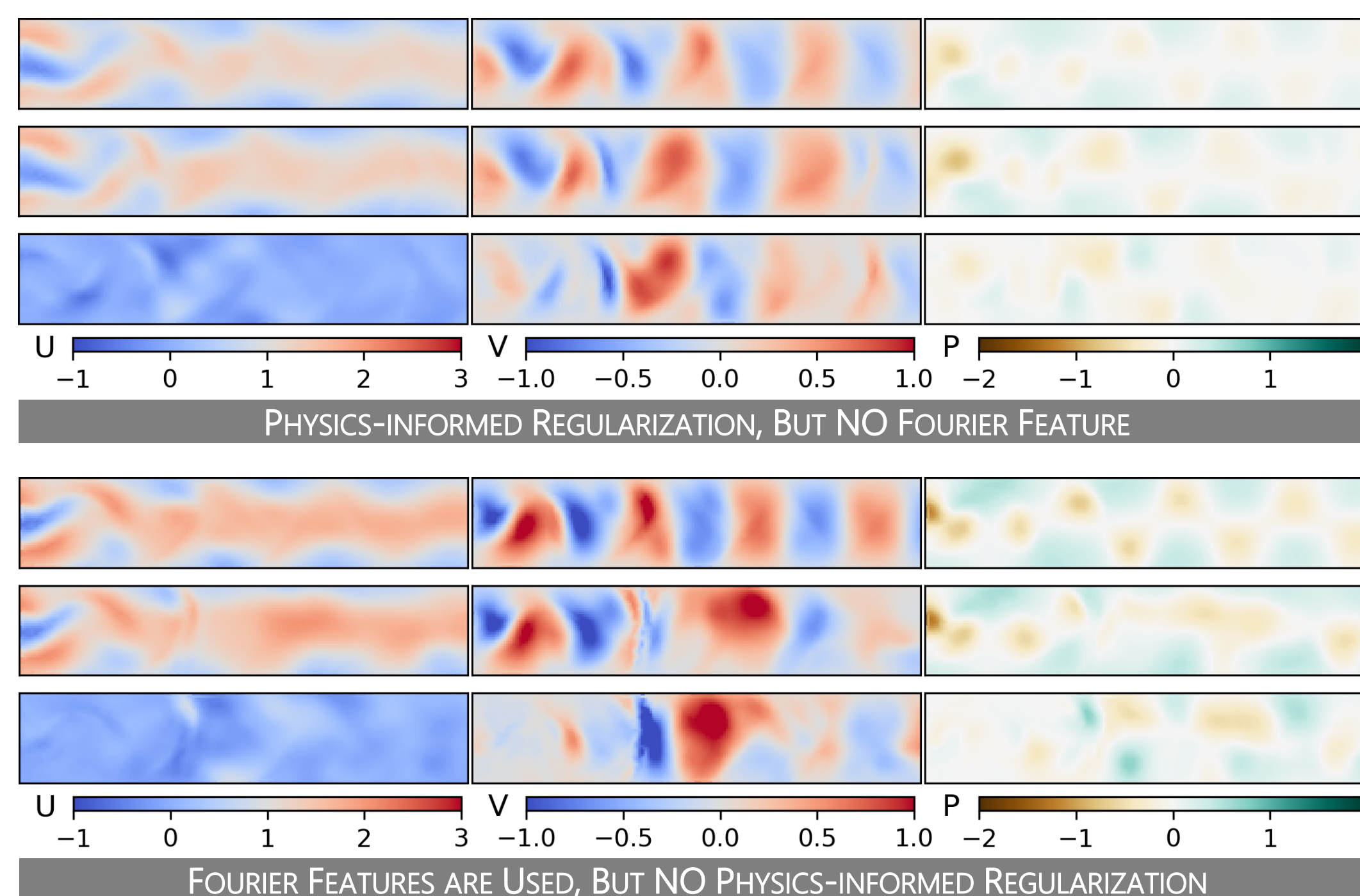
- ❖ Reynolds number:  $Re = \frac{u_{inlet} * d_y}{\nu}$
- ❖ Vortex Shedding Frequency:  $0.21 * \left(1 - \frac{21}{Re}\right) * \left(\frac{u_{inlet}}{d_y}\right)$
- ❖ Design Space
  - Parametrized Geometry:  $d_y \in \mathcal{D}$
  - Parametrized Boundary Conditions:  $u_{inlet} \in \mathcal{U}$
- ❖ **Objective:** Learn a surrogate that can predict flow velocity ( $u, v$ ) and pressure ( $p$ ) at any location  $(x, y)$  inside the shaded region at any time ( $t$ ) for a given geometry  $d_y \in \mathcal{D}$  and inlet velocity  $u_{inlet} \in \mathcal{U}$ .

## Proposed Solution

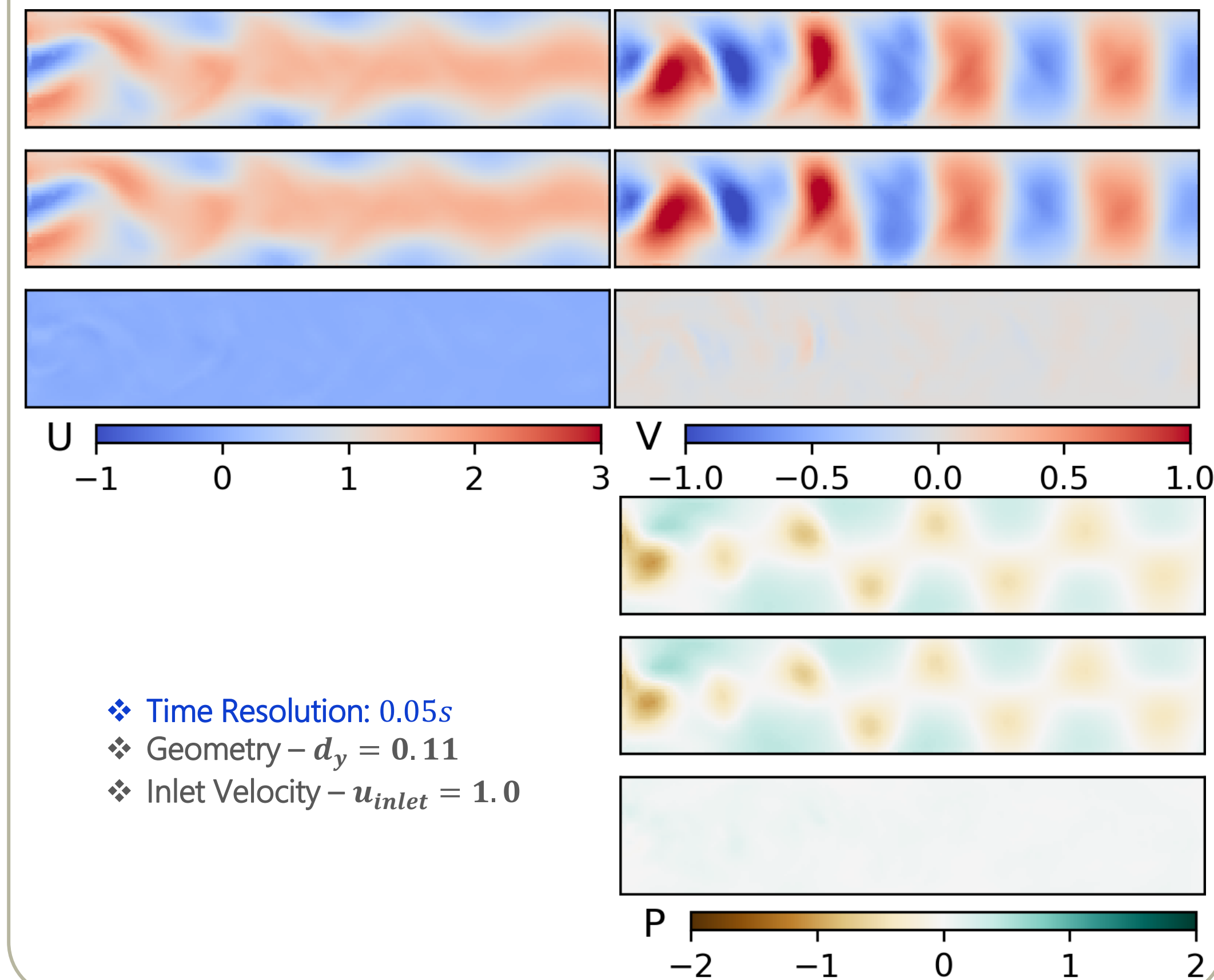


- ❖ Our solution adopts a two-pronged approach to encode physics into the surrogate!
  - **REGULARIZED LOSS FUNCTION** – A regularization term enforces **Navier-Stokes equation** along with appropriate initial and boundary conditions.
  - **COMPUTATION GRAPH** – Furthermore, a set of **Fourier features** are used to promote periodic behavior in the predicted velocity and pressure; this periodicity in the flow depends on underlying geometry and inlet velocity via the Strouhal number.
- ❖ **Training Dataset:**
  - First, 9 different design conditions are sampled from  $\mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{U}$ .
  - Then, *FEniCS* was used to build the ground-truth simulation dataset ( $[0s, 5s]$  with 0.1s time resolution).

## Why do we need both Physics-based Regularization and Fourier Features? Results from Ablation Studies



## Result – Generalization in Time



## Result – Generalization in Design Space

