



# MPIPN: a multi physics-informed PointNet for solving parametric acoustic-structure systems

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## Abstract

Machine learning is employed for solving physical systems governed by general nonlinear partial differential equations (PDEs). However, complex multi-physics systems such as acoustic-structure coupling are often described by a series of PDEs that incorporate variable physical quantities, which are referred to as parametric systems. There are lack of strategies for solving parametric systems governed by PDEs that involve explicit and implicit quantities. In this paper, a deep learning-based Multi Physics-Informed PointNet (MPIPN) is proposed for solving parametric acoustic-structure systems. First, the MPIPN introduces an enhanced point-cloud architecture that encompasses explicit physical quantities and geometric features of computational domains. Then, the MPIPN extracts local and global features of the reconstructed point-cloud as parts of solving criteria of parametric systems, respectively. Besides, implicit physical quantities are embedded by encoding techniques as another part of solving criteria. Finally, all solving criteria that characterize parametric systems are amalgamated to form distinctive sequences as the input of the MPIPN, whose outputs are solutions of systems. The proposed framework is trained by adaptive physics-informed loss functions for corresponding computational domains. The framework is generalized to deal with new parametric conditions of systems. The effectiveness of the MPIPN is validated by applying it to solve steady parametric acoustic-structure coupling systems governed by the Helmholtz equations. An ablation experiment has been implemented to demonstrate the efficacy of physics-informed impact with a minority of supervised data. The proposed method yields reasonable precision across all computational domains under constant parametric conditions and changeable combinations of parametric conditions for acoustic-structure systems.

**Keywords** Physics-informed deep learning · Parametric physical systems · Partial differential equations · Point-cloud neural networks · Acoustic-structure systems

## 1 Introduction

Acoustic-structure systems are classic and vital multi-physics systems that can be abstracted from various engineering scenarios such as acoustic focusing [1], sonar cloaking [2], and sound absorption [3]. Mastering the physical performance of acoustic-structure systems is fundamental to acoustic structure design. Modeling and forecasting the dynamics of multi-physics systems remains an open scientific problem [4]. Solving parametric multi-physics systems from the mechanism necessitates designing a general framework that can identify and solve components of

systems governed by corresponding governing equations. Commonly, the governing equations for the dynamics of physical systems are PDEs [5]. Deep learning methods, especially the neural network architecture have become a hotspot because of their ability in high-dimensional nonlinear mapping and automatic extraction of features. In the field of PDE solving, deep learning methods of physics-informed models were first used by Raissi et al. [6] to solve both linear and nonlinear PDEs in forward and inverse forms. It now has been broadly used to deal with various physical issues such as heat transfer [7], mechanics [8], and fluid dynamics [9]. For physics-informed methods, physical information is embedded in three pathways [10] separately or in tandem to accelerate training and enhance generalization. First, the utilization of variable fidelities observations that provide monitor data across the physical spatial and temporal field as supervised regime [11]. Wu et al. [12] constructed

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a multi-fidelity neural network to predict the acoustic pressure through data of multiple precision. Second, specialized architectures of neural networks are designed to embed the priori physical knowledge into the architecture itself. PointNet [13] extracts both local and global depth of field information to realize segmentation tasks. Kashefi et al. [14] designed a framework based on PointNet [13] to solve fluid flow fields on irregular geometries. Lagaris [15] proposed a systematic construction of neural networks to satisfy the initial boundary conditions and interface conditions of differential equations. Gao et al. [16] constructed a deep auto-encoder network to predict the peak points and directed the design of the Helmholtz resonator. Wang et al. [17] and Liu et al. [18] encoded multiple scale features to solve oscillatory stokes flows and Poisson–Boltzmann equations. Third, imposing physical constraints into the training process such as penalizing the residual of governing equations in loss function [6]. These aim to incorporate any domain-based physical knowledge into machine learning models in a flexible manner [19]. More related work can be seen in Refs. [20–22].

Furthermore, dedicating to constant computational conditions is insufficient to fully characterize performances of parametric physical systems [23]. Taking the parametric acoustic-structure systems as examples, changeable physical quantities including frequency, modulus and density affect solutions of governing PDEs. To broaden the applications of deep learning methods modeling parametric physical systems, there is a need for advanced solvers tailored for parametric PDEs that govern those physical systems. Im et al. [24, 25] used evolutionary processes to randomly generate diverse PDEs based on priori data of a multi-physics system. Berner et al. [26] solved numerical solutions of the parametric families of high-dimensional linear Kolmogorov PDEs by transforming multiple PDEs of interest to a single statistical learning problem. Chen et al. [27] used meta-learning to solve the parametric PDEs as a multi-task learning problem and guaranteed convergence for Poisson's equation. Isogeometric neural networks [28] are proposed to combine the solutions of PDEs with physical domains as linear Isogeometric representation and approximate based on domain features. PhyGeoNet [29] used CNN architecture by elliptic coordinate mapping from the irregular physical domain and regular reference domain. Kashefi et al. [30] proposed PIPN to solve the PDEs on multiple computational domains with irregular geometries. Operator learning methods were first introduced by DeepONet [31–33], which consists of two networks. The branch network deals with input function, while the truck network connects the output function at selected observation points. Li et al. [34] mapped families of Burgers' equation, Darcy flow, and Navier–Stokes equation into the frequency domain space to impose constraints by parameterizing the Fourier operator to embed in neural networks.

Wavelet Neural Operator [35] further generalizes the neural operator by inducing spectral decomposition-based operator. In summary, physics-informed PDE solvers aim to come up with fast prediction mechanisms that are embedded with the physical priori knowledge to solve PDEs of interest.

However, mechanisms in the aforementioned cited work are characterized by three unresolved issues. First, data-driven methods derive the solutions of systems by being trained with massive observation data that are extensively designed manually [23–26, 31–33]. This requires generating labeled data coming at a strenuous consumption of time and it ignores the interrelated mathematical and spatial information. Once the model is trained under a constant parametric condition, it is unable to fit in with new parametric conditions of systems. Second, in certain methods [27–30], parametric conditions are encoded as the input sequence to differentiate the parametric systems. On the one hand, the discretization of systems is elusive to be captured. On the other hand, the interrelated correlations between parametric conditions and computational domains fail to be represented. Therefore, models are incapable of simultaneously identifying parametric conditions and spatial coordinates in parametric systems that contain multiple computational domains. Third, the above-cited methods process one single PDE for each training due to its limitation in extracting the spatial information of discrete points, which is insufficient for PDEs series governing the multi-physics systems. In the parametric acoustic-structure systems, combinations of diverse physical quantities and multiple computational domains make these three problems inevitable.

To address the aforementioned issues, we propose a Multi Physics-informed PointNet architecture, referred to as the MPIPN, to solve parametric acoustic-structure systems. The parametric systems include explicit physical quantities that are directly formulated in the governing PDEs and implicit quantities that indirectly affect the solutions. The combinations of these quantities form the parametric conditions of systems. Based on point-cloud architecture, the MPIPN deals with overall parametric conditions, and calculates pointwise solutions of governing PDEs for systems. The MPIPN is trained for each computational domain in systems through the compositions of corresponding governing PDEs and a minority of observation solutions as weakly supervised. The MPIPN uses the least amount of priori observation data and captures the correlation between physical quantities and spatial coordinates. The proposed method is utilized to solve the steady parametric acoustic-structure systems [36] governed by the Helmholtz equations. Two discrete acoustic-structure systems generate three numerical cases to test the efficiency of the MPIPN. The finite element and boundary element (FE-BE) method is executed to provide the ground truth as an assessment of the predicted solutions generated by the MPIPN. While during the testing process of the MPIPN,

results of FE-BE simulation are no longer used. The salient contributions of this paper are as follows:

1. The MPIPN utilizes enhanced point-cloud architecture to directly compute the Helmholtz equations at discrete points and learns the correlations of spatial coordinates. It circumvents the necessity of massive manually designing supervised learning. Indeed, less than 3% of total discrete points are required for observation solutions while training to reasonable accuracy.
2. The MPIPN preserves the constitutive mathematical information of acoustic-structure systems by constructing physics-informed loss function to calculate the values of parametric PDEs directly by the neural networks. Every computational domain in the system can be separately identified and solved. This ensures the scalability of the model to new parametric conditions without inducing extra labeled data.
3. The MPIPN embeds and fuses explicit and implicit parametric conditions with spatial coordinates of multiple computational domains. The correlation of parametric conditions and spatial features can be simultaneously extracted to identify a series of parametric PDEs governing different domains in acoustic-structure systems. Multiple computational conditions can be identified and integrated to solve.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: The background of PDEs for parametric physical systems and point-cloud-based architecture for PDE solvers are discussed in Sect. 2. In Sect. 3, we introduce the methodology of the proposed framework MPIPN, including its architecture and adaptive physics-informed loss function. In Sect. 4, numerical experiments of acoustic-structure systems are implemented by applying the MPIPN to test its effectiveness in solving the governing PDEs. Three cases including constant explicit and implicit conditions and changeable combinations of physical conditions are executed as validation as well as the ablation experiment. Finally, Section 5 discusses the conclusions and future works of MPIPN.

## 2 Background

### 2.1 PDEs of parametric systems

Real-world physical effects can be abstracted into different multi-physics systems. Solving physical systems is solving corresponding governing equations at essence. In physical systems, PDEs can describe a wide range of physical phenomena and dynamics, including heat transfer, convection-diffusion processes, fluid dynamics, etc. A multi-physics system is usually composed of several types of physical

fields and coupling relationships, including fluid-structure coupling, thermo-structure coupling, acoustic-structure coupling, etc. In such multi-physics systems, there are multiple computational domains with independent governing PDEs. This can be mathematically represented as

$$S[(u(t, \mathbf{x}))] = \{D_1[u(t, \mathbf{x})], \dots, D_i[u(t, \mathbf{x})], \dots, D_n[u(t, \mathbf{x})]\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $S(\cdot)$  denotes the governing PDEs for the system,  $u(t, \mathbf{x})$  is the solution, and  $D_i(\cdot)$  is the governing equations for the  $i$ th computational domain.

For a certain computational domain in physical systems, changeable systematic parameters cannot be characterized by a single fixed PDE. Parametric PDE is a series of PDEs that govern a certain computational domain with variable parameters. A general form of time-dependent governing parametric PDE can be written as

$$F\left(u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}, \dots\right) = f(t, \mathbf{x}), \quad t \in [0, T], \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \quad (2)$$

where  $f(t, \mathbf{x})$  is the source term of PDE,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is spatial vector, and  $\Omega$  is the computational domain of spatial vectors.  $F(\cdot)$  means nonlinear parametric mapping of governing equations. Since the system is time-dependent, a general form of initial condition can be written as

$$G\left(u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \dots\right) = g(\mathbf{x}), \quad t = 0, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \quad (3)$$

where  $g(\mathbf{x})$  is the source term of the initial condition PDE and  $G(\cdot)$  is the nonlinear parametric mapping of the initial condition. Meanwhile, the boundary condition for time-dependent PDE can be written as

$$H\left(u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}, \dots\right) = h(t, \mathbf{x}), \quad t \in [0, T], \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega, \quad (4)$$

where  $h(t, \mathbf{x})$  is the source term of boundary condition PDE,  $\partial\Omega$  denotes the boundary of computational domain, and  $H(\cdot)$  is the nonlinear parametric mapping of boundary condition. It should be noted that the nonlinear parametric mappings  $F(\cdot)$ ,  $G(\cdot)$  and  $H(\cdot)$  contain physical quantities that remain variables in the computation process, from which all differential terms are subjected to the parametric PDEs family. For a computational domain with variable physical quantities, the parametric PDE family can characterize it as a collection. Some of the quantities exist as variables in the governing PDEs for the system, while others exist in the associated equations of the system other than directly in the governing equations. For example, the mapping function of three-dimensional non-source heat equation can be written as

$$F[u(t, \mathbf{x})] = u_t - \alpha(u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}), \quad (5)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the thermal diffusivity that exists as a variable in the governing PDE. Therefore, the mapping function  $F[u(t, \mathbf{x})]$  represents the PDE family of the three-dimensional non-source heat equation. In this paper, we solve the two-dimensional steady parametric acoustic-structure systems governed by parametric Helmholtz equations that contain both explicit and implicit physical quantities.

## 2.2 Point-cloud architecture

In this paper, point-cloud data is used to represent the spatial state of acoustic-structure systems. Point-cloud data is widely used in segmentation tasks. The common point-cloud is constructed with spatial coordinates of the target multi-dimensional domain. Taking PointNet [13] for example, it utilizes the spatial information of point-cloud, and extracts local and global features to segment the images. The architecture of PointNet is shown in Fig. 1. Specifically, the number of points that constitute point-cloud is  $N$ ,  $d_{\text{input}}$ ,  $d_{\text{output}}$  represents the input and output dimensions, respectively. Dimensions of hidden layers in PointNet are denoted as  $N_{\text{local}}$ ,  $N_1$ ,  $N_1$  and  $N_{\text{global}}$ . When being applied to solve PDEs, by mapping the input of point-cloud to the output as the solutions under the constraints of PDE, PointNet can capture geometric features of the computational domains. The input is coordinates of the point-cloud and the output is the solutions of each point in PDE. Therefore, PointNet can process changeable geometries of computational domains. Under the circumstance that different computational domains obey the same PDE with constant parametric conditions, the networks are first trained on a set of irregular geometries of computational domains  $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^m$ . Then, the well-trained model is used for an unseen set of irregular geometries of computational domains  $\Psi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^l$ .

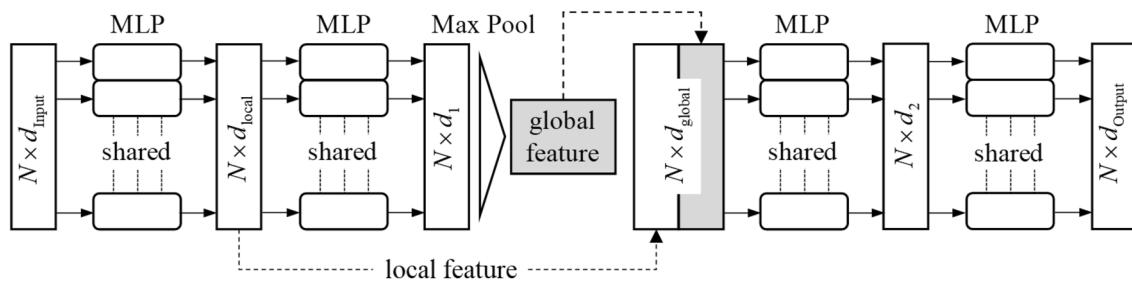
There are three advantages that point-cloud architecture can provide. First, based on spatial discretization, point-cloud data can be extracted from vertices of structured or unstructured grids of the computational domains. The input

of networks are sets of discretized spatial coordinates that explicitly represent the initial computational domains. This realizes computing the derivative terms on each point in PDEs directly concerning the predicted solutions. Hence, we can judge and measure how well the current solution satisfies the PDEs. This is fundamental to the unsupervised or weakly supervised learning of physics-informed machine learning, since the priori solutions are not completely known. Second, the spatial information of coordinates can represent irregular geometries and describe computational domains. Unlike CNN which utilizes pixel data, the point-cloud data is suitable to be transformed in spatial dimension. The formation of the computational domain is determined by the spatial properties of the point-cloud, avoiding binary one-hot encoding. Third, the governing PDEs of the computational domain are trainable under the point-cloud architecture. A fixed PDE can be explicitly computed concerning the point-cloud as a loss function for the training of the neural networks.

## 3 Methodology

### 3.1 Architecture of MPIPN

Our goal is to train the framework over the training dataset  $\Gamma$  and use the well-trained model to solve new parametric conditions in the testing dataset  $\Lambda$ . The  $\Gamma$  consists of the prior knowledge of the systems, while the  $\Lambda$  contains points to be solved and parametric conditions. Specifically, the prior knowledge consists of four types of physical information to identify different computational domains and parametric conditions of the systems. First, the spatial point-cloud is extracted from discrete physical systems. Point-cloud represents geometric information and is fundamental to gradient-based computation. The mapping between the discrete point-cloud and the physical field numerically forms the solutions of the systems. Second, there are physical quantities that remain variables within the governing PDEs of the system, i.e., frequency, temperature, density and time series. Changeable combinations of physical quantities constitute

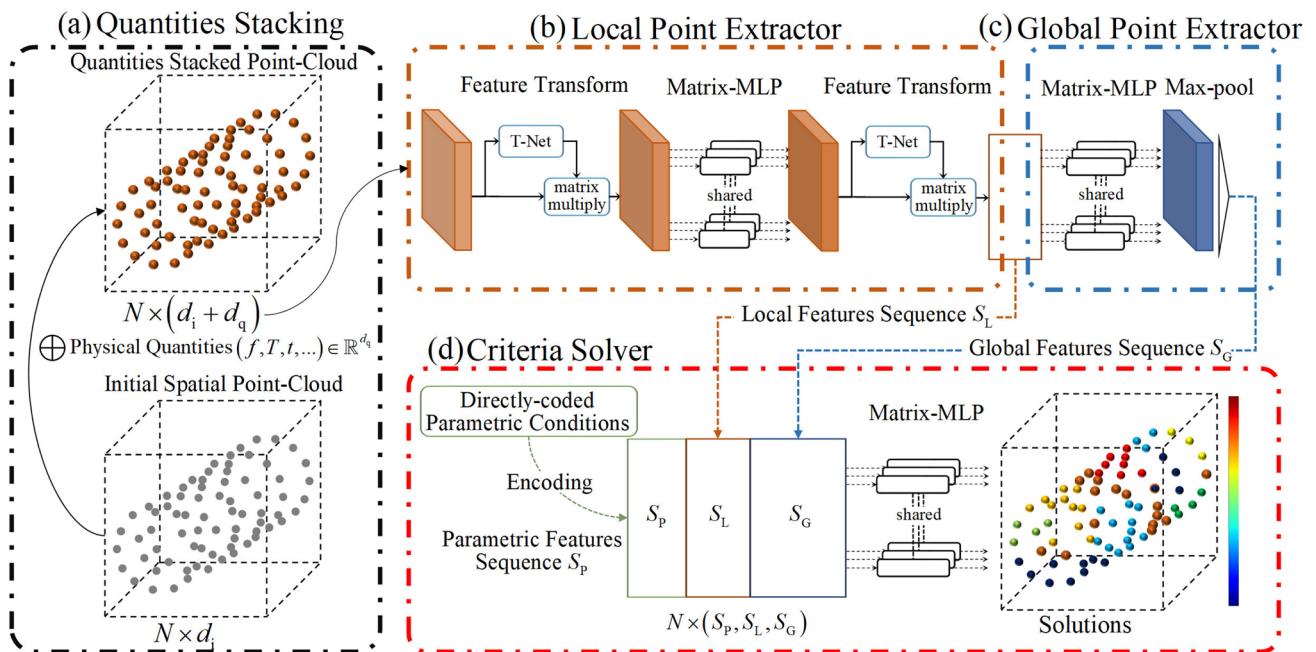


**Fig. 1** PointNet architecture for PDE solving

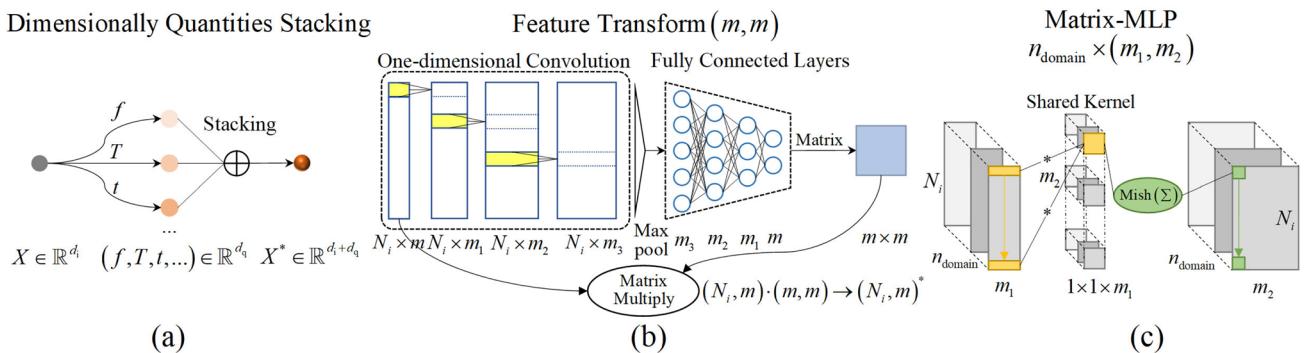
parametric conditions for systems. These quantities directly or indirectly influence the solutions of PDEs. Therefore, physical quantities that appear directly in the PDEs are referred to as explicit quantities or explicit conditions. Physical quantities that cannot be explicitly expressed in the PDEs, but affect the solutions of the systems, are termed implicit quantities or implicit conditions. Third, the governing PDEs for corresponding computational domains of the systems. For a multi-physics system, each computational domain satisfies a particular PDE. Therefore, the constraints of the governing PDEs are supervised guidelines as the physics-informed information for training the framework. Fourth, the priori exact solutions as the observation values that rectify the predicted solutions to avoid the degenerate solutions. This is either detected by engineering sensors or

provided by mathematically known solutions. Observation solutions should be randomly or naturally selected without deliberate design. For the testing dataset  $\Lambda$ , the former three types of physical information are included, while the priori solutions are prohibited when being used to solve unseen parametric conditions. The  $\Lambda$  provides spatial, explicit and implicit physical quantities as input of the MPIPN and overall pointwise solutions of the systems are obtained as output. The overarching framework of the proposed is illustrated in Fig. 2, and details of substructures are shown in Fig. 3.

In general, the MPIPN receives spatial coordinates of the point-cloud and stacks with explicit physical quantities to obtain reconstructed point-cloud through the Quantities Stacking module. Then, Local Point Extractor and Global Point Extractor networks step-wisely extract the interrelated



**Fig. 2** Multi physics-informed PointNet architecture with four modules



**Fig. 3** Details of substructures in the MPIPN: (a) dimensionally quantities stacking; (b) feature transform method; (c) matrix-MLP structure

features of the spatial coordinates and explicit physical quantities derived from stacked point-cloud. Thus, we obtain the local features sequence and global features sequence, respectively. Afterward, the implicit physical quantities are encoded as parametric features to form solving criteria with local and global feature sequences for the parametric PDEs on each discrete point. Finally, the Criteria Solver networks take solving criteria sequences as input and output pointwise solutions. The training of the architecture requires one-time gradient back-propagation for each iteration to update overall parameters of the neural networks.

The Quantities Stacking module is the first step of the framework. Based on the FE-BE method, the systems can be arbitrarily discretized. Therefore, spatial point-cloud can be extracted from the vertices of the meshes. We denote point-cloud as  $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$  and explicit quantities as  $Q = \{q_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q}$  in the  $\Gamma$ , where  $N = \{N_i\}_{i=1}^{n_{\text{domain}}}$  indicates the total number of points for each computational domain,  $n_{\text{domain}}$  denotes the number of computational domains within the systems,  $d_i$  indicates the dimension of the initial spatial point-cloud. Figure 3a shows the Quantities Stacking module, through which, the initial spatial point-cloud and explicit quantities can be fused mathematically as

$$x_i^* = \{x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i} \oplus q_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i+d_q}, \quad (6)$$

where the reconstructed point-cloud  $X^* = \{x_i^*\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i+d_q}$  is stacked dimensionally and contains pointwise spatial and explicit physical information.

The Local Point Extractor and Global Point Extractor both extract the features of the stacked point-cloud to capture the interrelation of the spatial and explicit quantities. Due to different sizes of receptive fields, global features represent the overall geometric characteristics and identify computational domains, while local features represent spatial correlation and depict gradient information in a small range. The two extraction networks generate features of local and global scales by using Feature Transform and Matrix-MLP structures. Figure 3b, c show the Feature Transform method and Matrix-MLP structure, respectively. In the Feature Transform method, the T-Net is realized by the composition of one-dimensional convolution and fully connected layers. Suppose that there are  $N_i$  points in a reconstructed point-cloud with dimension of  $m$  on the  $i$  th computational domain. The input  $(N_i \times m)$  is mapped by the T-Net to the transform matrix  $(m \times m)$ . Through the Matrix Multiply, we obtain  $(N_i \times m)^*$  as the result of the matrix dot product of the input and transform matrix. This procedure can be expressed as

$$(N_i \times m)^* = \mathcal{F}(N_i \times m) = (N_i \times m) \odot T(N_i \times m)_{m \times m}, \quad (7)$$

where,  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  denotes the overall mapping of Feature Transform  $(m \times m)$ ,  $T(\cdot)$  denotes the mapping of T-Net to a matrix

in the shape of  $m \times m$ ,  $\odot$  represents matrix dot product. In Matrix-MLP structure noted as  $n_{\text{domain}} \times (m_1, m_2)$ , the input  $(N_i \times m_1)$  on the  $i$  th computational domain with dimension of  $m_1$  is scanned by number of  $m_2$  shared kernel of shape  $1 \times 1 \times m_1$ , and generates output  $(N_i \times m_2)$ . This can be mathematically expressed as

$$\{\mathbf{O}\}_{j=1}^{m_2} = \mathcal{M}(\{\mathbf{I}\}_{l=1}^{m_1}) = \text{Mish}\left(\sum_{l=1}^{m_1} \{k_l\}_{j=1}^{m_2} \cdot \mathbf{I}_l\right), \quad (8)$$

where  $\mathcal{M}(\cdot)$  denotes the overall mapping of Matrix-MLP,  $\mathbf{O}$  denotes the  $j$  th dimension sequence of output with the shape of  $N_i \times 1$ ,  $k_l$  denotes the  $l$  th element of the  $j$  th kernel,  $\mathbf{I}_l$  denotes the  $l$  th dimension sequence of input with the shape of  $N_i \times 1$ , and Mish( $\cdot$ ) represents the Mish activation function [37]. The non-monotonic property of Mish causes small negative inputs to be preserved as negative and the order of continuity to be infinite. The Mish activation function can be written as

$$\sigma(x) = x \cdot \tanh(\ln(1 + e^x)), \quad (9)$$

where  $\tanh(\cdot)$  is an activation function that can be written as

$$\tanh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}. \quad (10)$$

The Feature Transform method achieves the transformation alignment, ensuring the point-cloud is robust in geometrical configuration. While, the Matrix-MLP structure extracts the features of the point-cloud automatically. Through the above two methods, local features sequence  $S_L$  can be obtained as

$$S_L = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}(x_i^*)). \quad (11)$$

The sequence is obtained by several connected blocks consisting of the Feature Transform and Matrix-MLP. The Global Point Extractor decodes the global features from the local features by utilizing permutation invariant function, max-pool. The global features sequence  $S_G$  can be mathematically derived as

$$S_G = \max_j (x_{N_i}^j), \text{ with } i = 1, \dots, n_{\text{domain}}; \quad j = 1, \dots, m_3, \quad (12)$$

where  $m_3$  denotes the number of global features, and  $x_{N_i}^j$  represents the  $j$  th feature of input sequence on the  $i$  th computational domain. Therefore, physical features are obtained as local features sequence  $S_L$  and global features sequence  $S_G$  by features extraction of various scales with the constructed point-cloud as input.

For those implicit parametric conditions, they are separately encoded by auto-encoder or statistically as parametric features sequence  $S_P$  as

$$S_P = \mathcal{E}(q_i^*, g(q_i^*)), \text{ with } q_i^* \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q^*}, \quad (13)$$

where  $Q^* = \{q_i^*\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q^*}$  denotes the implicit physical quantities,  $g(\cdot)$  denotes the priori correlation of different implicit quantities, and  $\mathcal{E}(\cdot)$  denotes the selected encoder mapping method. Finally, the solving criteria of parametric systems can be expressed as the concatenating of the above three sequences:  $N \times (S_P, S_L, S_G)$ . Predicted solutions  $Y = \{y_j\}_{j=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s}$  are mapped nonlinearly by the solving criteria as

$$Y_i = \mathcal{C}_i(N_i \times (S_P, S_L, S_G)_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{\text{domain}} \quad (14)$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_i(\cdot)$  denotes the  $i$  th mapping from the solving criteria for individual computational domains to the solutions in the solver. Based on the corresponding solving criteria, parametric physical systems with multiple quantities can be solved.

### 3.2 Adaptive physics-informed loss function

In MPIPN, the mapping neural networks and encoder are trained simultaneously by PyTorch automatic gradient computation mechanism. All mapping functions including  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$ ,  $T(\cdot)$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(\cdot)$ , and  $\mathcal{E}(\cdot)$  are trained by compositing the residuals of the governing PDEs and residuals of the predicted solutions with priori exact solutions at the observation points. Since the physical systems are discretized by the FE-BE method and the vertices of meshes are extracted, the values of the PDEs can be directly calculated. To solve the PDEs corresponding to multiple computational domains, the calculated values of the equations by predicted solutions on each domain should satisfy the equilibrium of the PDEs. This offers the inspiration of physics-informed loss function  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}$  for arbitrary computational domains as

$$\mathcal{L}_{PDE} = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \left\| F \left( x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \tilde{u}, \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x_n}, \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial^n \tilde{u}}{\partial x_1^{a_1} \partial x_2^{a_2} \dots \partial x_n^{a_n}} \right) \right\|_L, \quad (15)$$

where  $F(\cdot)$  is the function that represents the general PDE,  $N_p$  denotes the number of points in the computational domain,  $x_n$  denotes the variable quantities and  $\tilde{u}$  denotes the predicted solutions on the  $i$  th computational domain,  $\|\cdot\|_L$  denotes the  $L$  norms. In the MPIPN, we add observation solutions term to the physics-informed loss function. On the one hand, degenerate solutions can be prohibited by setting constraints on priori exact solutions to rectify the updating of neural networks. On the other hand, any pre-known priori solution without computation can be added through the observation term to the loss function and thus promote

accuracy. By constructing the mean squared errors of the priori observation solutions, the observation loss function  $\mathcal{L}_{OBS}$  can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}_{OBS} = \frac{1}{N_o} \sum_{j=1}^{N_o} \|\tilde{u} - u\|_2, \quad (16)$$

where  $N_o$  denotes the number of observation solutions,  $u$  denotes the ground true solutions and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is the  $L_2$  norm. It should be noted that  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{OBS}$  can be adaptively combined to generate suitable loss functions for multi-physics systems. Indeed, residuals of physics-informed loss function  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}$  and observation loss function  $\mathcal{L}_{OBS}$  may be out of scale during the training process. To avoid the inconsistency of the scales between the two components of the loss function, an adaptive physics-informed loss function is proposed here. We first assigned a weight to each loss function component to balance all components to the same scale, and second to sum up balanced components to obtain the adaptive weighted loss function. The form of adaptive physics-informed loss function for an arbitrary domain can be mathematically written as

$$\mathcal{L} = \alpha \cdot \mathcal{L}_{OBS} + \beta \cdot \mathcal{L}_{PDE}, \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}$  indicates arbitrary loss function of discrete PDEs,  $\mathcal{L}_{OBS}$  indicates the observation loss function term,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are corresponding learnable coefficients for each component. Here we fix  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 0.1$  to simplify the training.

## 4 Numerical experiments for acoustic-structure problems

In this section, the MPIPN is applied to solve two-dimensional acoustic-structure systems by obtaining pointwise scattered acoustic pressure. The system contains three computational domains with different governing PDEs. The numerical experiments are implemented to validate the superiority of the MPIPN in solving constant and changeable parametric conditions of the Helmholtz equations of the parametric systems.

### 4.1 Application of MPIPN to acoustic-structure systems

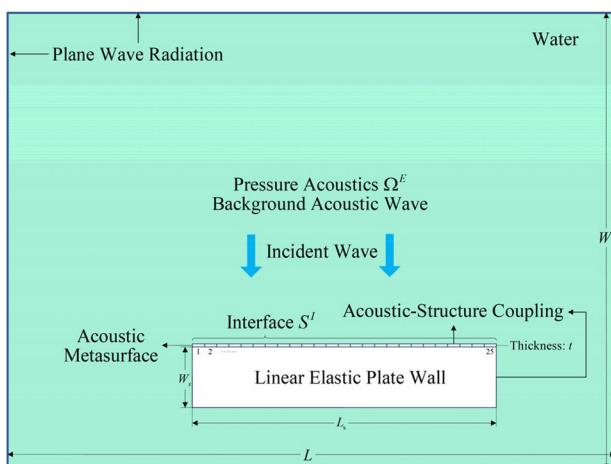
#### 4.1.1 Acoustic-structure systems

In the present work, the two-dimensional parametric acoustic-structure system consists of different mediums including liquid phase and solid phase. The liquid phase is filled with water, while the solid phase is composed of an acoustic

metasurface [38, 39] and a linear elastic plate wall. The overall parametric acoustic-structure system of this study is shown in Fig. 4. The metasurface and the linear elastic wall below the interface  $S'$  of the incident wave are submerged in the exterior acoustic field  $\Omega^E$ . The whole system is divided into three computational domains and each domain obeys the Helmholtz PDEs under three specific conditions. First, the outer boundary obeys the plane wave radiation condition which surrounds the entire water medium domain in a quadrangle. Second, the water medium obeys the pressure acoustics condition. Third, the surface of the solid phase obeys the acoustic-structure coupling condition. Specifically, in the verification system, the multi-physics phenomenon is realized by the coupling effect between acoustic metasurface and incident harmonic acoustic wave. The acoustic-structure coupling effect can be described by the generalized Snell's law [40] as

$$\theta_r = \arcsin \left( \frac{\lambda \partial \phi}{2\pi n \partial x} \right), \quad (18)$$

where  $\theta_r$  denotes the reflection wave angle,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength,  $n$  represents the reflection indices, and  $\partial \phi / \partial x$  represents the phase shifts along the  $x$  direction. As an artificial layered metamaterial, the acoustic metasurface is artificially divided into multiple subunits. The metasurface is divided into 25 subunits and different physical parameters are assigned to each subunit. Each subunit is characterized by density and Young's modulus, resulting in a total of 50 physical parameters for acoustic metasurface. When the incident acoustic wave is emitted to the interface of the metasurface, it generates elastic deformation on the solid phase. The monitorable deformation of the solid causes phase shifts along the interface of different mediums. Therefore, the acoustic metasurface obeys the generalized Snell's law [40].



**Fig. 4** Overall parametric acoustic-structure system

The phase shifts lead to deviation of the reflection acoustic wave and influence the solutions of scattered acoustic field, which is the consequence of the acoustic-structure coupling.

## 4.2 Governing PDEs

The typical steady acoustic-structure system is composed of three computational domains and each part obeys corresponding governing PDEs. Solving the parametric acoustic-structure systems is predicting the solutions of the parametric Helmholtz equations across all computational domains. We apply harmonic background acoustic wave as the incident wave, which can be expressed as

$$p_b = p_0 e^{-ik_{eq} \left( \frac{\mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{e}_k}{\|\mathbf{e}_k\|} \right)}, \quad (19)$$

where the initial excitation pressure  $p_0 = 1\text{pa}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_k$  denotes the unit direction vector,  $\mathbf{X}$  denotes the space coordinates. Specifically,  $k_{eq} = (2\pi f)^2/c$  denotes the exact value of the wave number under the specific velocity of the sound in water  $c$  and frequency  $f$  of the background acoustic wave. In the verification system, we set zero dipole domain source and zero monopole domain source. Therefore, we derive the governing PDEs for each domain as follows.

First, the water medium obeys the pressure acoustic condition, and the governing equation satisfies the wave equation form of the Helmholtz equation that can be expressed as

$$\nabla \left( -\frac{1}{\rho_c} (\nabla p_t) \right) - \frac{k_{eq}^2 p_t}{\rho_c} = 0, \quad (20)$$

where  $p_t$  is the total acoustic pressure,  $\rho_c$  is the density of the water medium. Specifically, the total pressure  $p_t$  is the sum of the scattered acoustic pressure  $p_s$  and the background acoustic pressure  $p_b$ .

Second, the outer boundary obeys the plane wave radiation condition. Based on Givoli and Neta's reformulation of the Higdon conditions [41] for plane wave and Helmholtz equation. The outer boundary obeys the plane wave radiation and the governing equations can be expressed as

$$-\mathbf{n} \left( -\frac{1}{\rho_c} (\nabla p_t) \right) + i \left( \frac{k_{eq}}{\rho_c} + \frac{\Delta_{||}}{2k_{eq}\rho_c} \right) p_s = 0, \quad (21)$$

where  $\Delta_{||}$  at a given point on the boundary denotes the Laplace operator in the tangent plane at a particular point,  $i$  is the imaginary unit, and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit normal vector of the solid surface.

The boundary of the solid phase including the acoustic metasurface and the linear elastic plate wall obeys the acoustic-structure coupling condition. The steady state of the governing equation derived from harmonic wave and elastic condition of the Helmholtz equation can be expressed as

$$-\mathbf{n} \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{\rho_c} (\nabla p_t) \right) = -\mathbf{n} \cdot (-\omega^2 \bar{\mathbf{u}}), \quad (22)$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$  indicates the steady state displacement of the acoustic-structure boundaries which can be monitored directly,  $\omega$  indicates angular velocity.

### 4.3 MPIPN for parametric acoustic-structure systems

We apply the MPIPN to solve the governing PDEs of the parametric acoustic-structure systems and study both explicit and implicit parametric conditions of the Helmholtz equations to determine complete solutions of the systems. The parametric conditions for the governing PDEs include the background acoustic frequency and physical parameters of the acoustic metasurface, where three physical quantities that govern the solutions are explicit and implicit in the PDEs of the system, respectively. Specifically, the background acoustic wave frequency is explicit, while the physical parameters of the acoustic metasurface are implicit.

The background acoustic wave frequency directly exists in the PDEs. This can be expressed by substituting Eqs. (19) for Eqs. (20)–(22) as

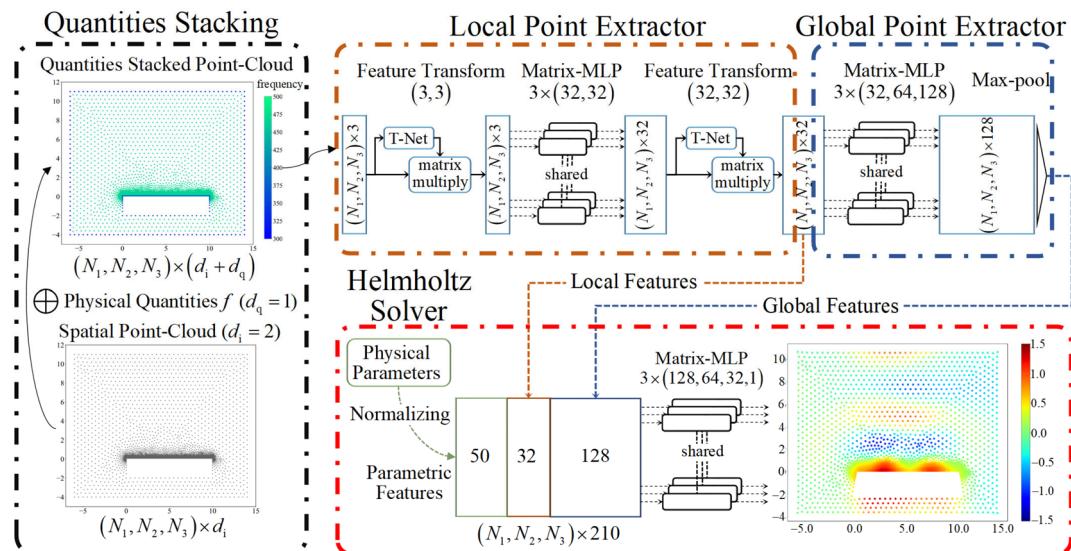
$$\nabla \left( -\frac{1}{\rho_c} \left( \nabla(p_s + p_0 e^{-i \frac{(2\pi f)^2}{c} (\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e}_k}{\|\mathbf{e}_k\|})}) \right) \right) - \frac{k_{eq}^2 (p_s + p_0 e^{-i \frac{(2\pi f)^2}{c} (\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e}_k}{\|\mathbf{e}_k\|})})}{\rho_c} = 0, \quad (23)$$

$$-\mathbf{n} \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{\rho_c} \left( \nabla(p_s + p_0 e^{-i \frac{(2\pi f)^2}{c} (\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e}_k}{\|\mathbf{e}_k\|})}) \right) \right) + i \left( \frac{k_{eq}}{\rho_c} + \frac{\Delta_{||}}{2k_{eq}\rho_c} \right) p_s = 0, \quad (24)$$

$$-\mathbf{n} \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{\rho_c} \left( \nabla(\bar{p}_s + \bar{p}_0 e^{-i \frac{(2\pi f)^2}{c} (\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{e}_k}{\|\mathbf{e}_k\|})}) \right) \right) = -\mathbf{n} \cdot (-\omega^2 \bar{\mathbf{u}}). \quad (25)$$

Therefore, the background acoustic wave frequency is an explicit quantity for the governing PDEs. Nevertheless, the physical parameters of the acoustic metasurface including density and Young's modulus are implicit quantities. Since the deviation effect on solutions of the system cannot be captured directly from the governing equations of the system, and the physical parameters do not exist as mutable variables in the governing PDEs. In the validation cases, the MPIPN is used to solve parametric Helmholtz equations. The flowchart for the application of the MPIPN is shown in Fig. 5.  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N_3$  represent the number of points in point-cloud of the pressure acoustic domain, plane wave radiation boundary and acoustic-structure coupling boundary, respectively.  $d_i$  and  $d_q$  denote the dimensions of spatial coordinates and explicit quantities.

The Quantities Stacking module dimensionally stacks the explicit physical quantity, frequency of background acoustic wave  $Q = \{q_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q}$  with initial spatial point-cloud  $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ , where  $d_q = 1$ , and  $d_i = 2$ . The point-cloud  $(N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 3$  consists of two-dimensional spatial and frequency information on the three computational domains. The point-cloud is mapped by Local Point Extractor including Feature Transform ( $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$ ) and Matrix-MLP ( $\mathcal{M}(\cdot)$ ) and outputs the local feature sequence



**Fig. 5** Application of the MPIPN for the parametric acoustic-structure systems

$S_L (N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 32$ . The global feature sequence  $S_G (N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 128$  is obtained by mapping  $S_L$  with the Global Point Extractor. As for the implicit physical quantities, physical parameters of the acoustic metasurface  $Q^* = \{q_i^*\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q^*}$ , we encode the combination of density and Young's modulus as a sequence through Z-Score normalization. Each quantity can be mathematically encoded as

$$(q_i^*)_{\text{new}} = \frac{q_i^* - \mu_{q_i^*}}{\sigma_{q_i^*}}, \text{ with } q_i^* \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q^*}, \quad (26)$$

where  $d_q^*$  denotes dimensions of implicit quantities,  $\mu_{q_i^*}$  indicates the mean of the implicit quantity, and  $\sigma_{q_i^*}$  indicates the standard deviation of the implicit quantity. By using the Z-Score normalization as an encoder, the implicit quantities can be scaled to the same level as the parametric sequence  $S_P (N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 50$ . The concatenating solving criteria sequence  $(N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 210$  is mapped to output the solutions as

$$Y = \mathcal{M}((N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 210), \text{ with } Y \in \mathbb{R}^1 \quad (27)$$

where  $\mathcal{M}(\cdot)$  indicates the Matrix-MLP  $3 \times (128, 64, 32, 1)$  that maps the criteria sequence  $(N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 210$  to solutions  $Y (N_1, N_2, N_3) \times 1$ . All mapping networks including  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(\cdot)$  necessitate being trained on  $\Gamma$  with prior knowledge of  $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$ ,  $Q = \{q_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q}$ ,  $Q^* = \{q_i^*\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q^*}$  and the Helmholtz equations under constraints of physics-informed loss function and observation loss function.

For the three computational domains in the acoustic-structure system, physics-informed loss functions are derived for each domain. We define:  $\mathcal{L}_{pad}$  as the loss function of pressure acoustic domain governed by Eqs. (20),  $\mathcal{L}_{pwr-r}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{pwr-i}$  as the real and imaginary part, respectively for the loss function of the plane wave radiation boundary governed by Eqs. (21),  $\mathcal{L}_{asc}$  as the loss function of acoustic-structure coupling boundary governed by Eqs. (22), and  $\mathcal{L}_{OBS}$  as the residual of the priori observation solutions and the predicted values on those discrete points. The above loss functions can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{L}_{pad} = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_1} \left\| \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}_s}{\partial y^2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 p_b}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p_b}{\partial y^2} \right) + k_{eq}^2 (\tilde{p}_s + p_b) \right\|_1, \quad (28)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{pwr-r} = \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_2} \left\| -\mathbf{n} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{p}_s}{\partial x} \mathbf{x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}_s}{\partial y} \mathbf{y} + \frac{\partial p_b}{\partial x} \mathbf{x} + \frac{\partial p_b}{\partial y} \mathbf{y} \right) \right\|_1, \quad (29)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{pwr-i} = \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_2} \left\| k_{eq} \cdot \tilde{p}_s + \frac{1}{2k_{eq}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}_s}{\partial x^2} \mathbf{x} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}_s}{\partial y^2} \mathbf{y} \right)_{\tan} \right\|_1, \quad (30)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{asc} = \frac{1}{N_3} \sum_{i=1}^{N_3} \left\| \mathbf{n} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}_s}{\partial x^2} \mathbf{x} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}_s}{\partial y^2} \mathbf{y} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 p_b}{\partial x^2} \mathbf{x} + \frac{\partial^2 p_b}{\partial y^2} \mathbf{y} \right) \right) - \mathbf{n} \cdot (\omega^2 \mathbf{u}) \right\|_1. \quad (31)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{OBS} = \frac{1}{N_4} \sum_{i=1}^{N_4} \|\tilde{p}_s - p_s\|_2, \quad (32)$$

where  $N_4$  refers to the number of observation solutions in the system,  $\tilde{p}_s$  denotes predicted solutions and  $p_s$  denotes ground true solutions. The observation solutions are randomly selected to distribute and kept constant in the system while training. This avoids extra knowledge induced by manual design of the position of observation points (sensors when implementing experiments), thus ensuring robustness of the MPIPn for general acoustic-structure systems. The reason why observation solutions are needed is mathematically deduced from the degenerate solutions of PDEs. For Eqs. (20) of pressure acoustic domain, one degenerate solution can be obtained that  $p_t = 0$ , and the scattered acoustic pressure  $p_s = -p_b$  for all points in the domain, which is not the solution we want for the system. For Eqs. (21) of the plane wave radiation boundary, one degenerate solution of the real part of the equation is  $p_s = -p_b$ , whereas one degenerate solution of the imaginary part is  $p_s = 0$ . Since  $p_b = 1\text{pa}$ , the neural networks tend to obtain a balanced value between 0 and 1 to minimize the residual of the loss function for governing equations. These will affect the solutions of the acoustic-structure coupling boundary. Therefore, the FE-BE simulation provides a minority of priori observation solutions to construct the residual of the priori solutions and the predicted values to avoid degenerate solutions.

In the numerical experiments, we utilized an optimizer that combines RAdam (Rectified Adam) [42] and LookAhead [43], RAdam-LookAhead to solve the optimization problem of parameter updating in models. To compare the performance of MPIPn fairly, the framework was trained three times in the same environment and the average results are recorded. We obtained the predicted solutions  $\tilde{p}_s$  of the Helmholtz equations on three computational domains. Relative domain errors of  $L_2$  norm (RDE) and absolute pointwise errors of  $L_1$  norm (APE) are utilized as evaluation metrics for each computational domain, which are given by

$$\text{RDE} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \tilde{p}_{s_i} - p_{s_i} \right\|_2 / \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| p_{s_i} \right\|_2, \quad (33)$$

$$\text{APE} = \left| \tilde{p}_{s_i} - p_{s_i} \right|_1, \quad (34)$$

where  $N$  indicates the number of points for the computational domain, respectively. RDE provides the global accuracy of predicted solutions, and APE intuitively reflects the deviation of the predicted solutions.

#### 4.4 Constant parametric conditions

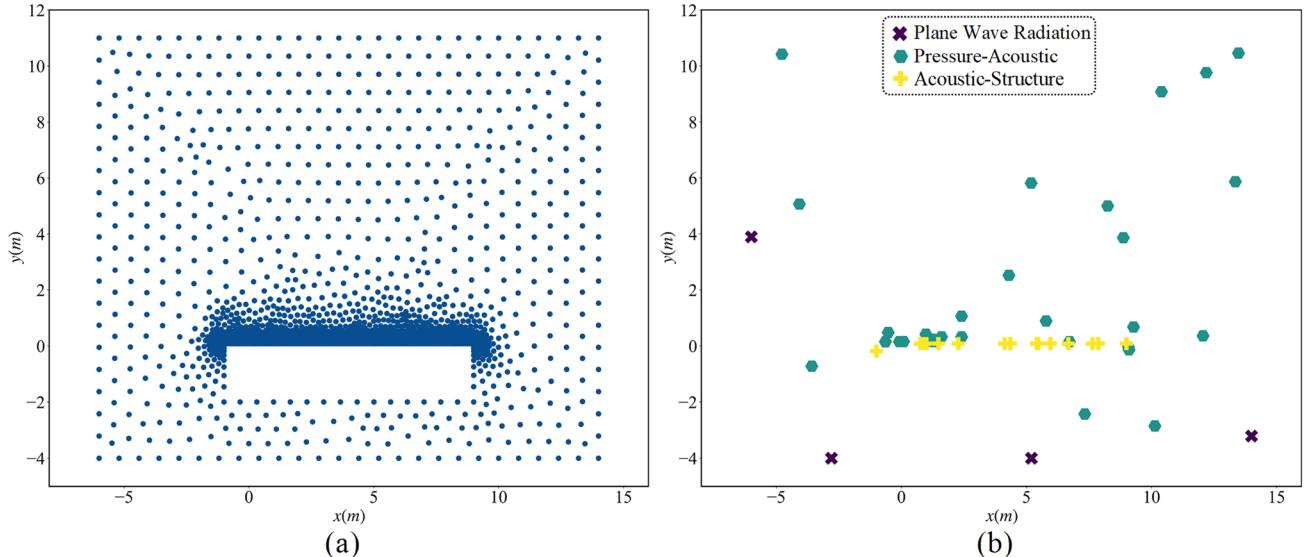
The MPIPNI is tested to solve the Helmholtz equations on a series of constant parametric conditions for the systems. In the acoustic field  $\Omega^E$  of the system, the length of the acoustic domain  $L = 20\text{m}$ , the width of the domain  $W = 15\text{m}$ , the length of the linear elastic plate wall  $L_s = 10\text{m}$  and the width of the linear elastic plate wall  $W_s = 2\text{m}$ . The acoustic metasurface is in an extremely thin shape, whose thickness is less than the acoustic wavelength. Therefore, the thickness of the metasurface  $t = 0.08\text{m}$ . After spatial discretization, the oriented PDEs are as follows

$$\partial_x^2 p_s + \partial_y^2 p_s + \partial_x^2 p_b + \partial_y^2 p_b + k_{eq}^2 (p_s + p_b) = 0, \quad \begin{cases} x \in (-10, -5] \cup [5, 10), y \in (-4, 11), \\ x \in [-5, 5], y \in (-4, -2] \cup [0.08, 11), \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\partial_x p_s \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y p_s \cdot \mathbf{y} + \partial_x p_b \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y p_b \cdot \mathbf{y}) = 0, \\ k_{eq} \cdot p_s + \frac{1}{2k_{eq}} (\partial_x^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{y})_{tan} = 0, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x = -10, x = 10, y = -4, y = 11, \\ x = -5 \text{ or } 5, y \in [-2, 0.08]. \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

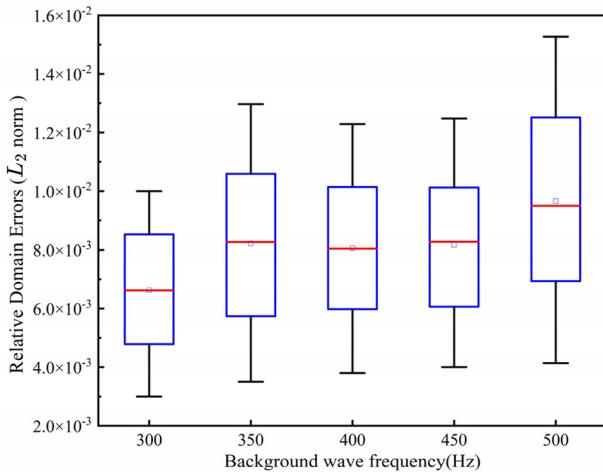
$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\partial_x^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{y} + \partial_x^2 p_b \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y^2 p_b \cdot \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \omega^2 \mathbf{u}, \quad \begin{cases} x \in [-5, 5], y = -2 \text{ or } 0.08, \\ x = -5 \text{ or } 5, y \in [-2, 0.08]. \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

In the following case 1 and case 2, there are  $N_1 = 1377$  points in the pressure acoustic domain,  $N_2 = 88$  points on



**Fig. 6** Discrete point-cloud of case 1 and case 2: (a) overall oriented discrete points, (b) randomly selected observation points

the plane wave radiation boundary,  $N_3 = 158$  points on the acoustic-structure coupling boundary. Overall, a total of 1623 oriented discrete points necessitate to be solved in case 1 and case 2. As for observation solutions, 50 discrete points are randomly selected to provide the ground truth as priori physical constraints. Therefore, for loss function Eqs. (32), the number of observation solutions is  $N_4 = 50$ . Among the selected priori solutions, there are 4 solutions for the plane wave radiation, 30 solutions for the pressure acoustic domain and 16 solutions for the acoustic-structure coupling boundary. The extracted point-cloud of the



**Fig. 7** Box plot of Relative domain errors on testing background wave frequencies

computational domain and the observation discrete points are illustrated in Fig. 6.

#### 4.5 Case 1: constant background acoustic wave frequency

In case 1, the MPIPN is tested to validate its ability to extract explicit physical quantity, which is the background acoustic wave frequency in the system. We select three background acoustic wave frequencies as a constant variable, which are 300 Hz, 350 Hz, 400 Hz, 450 Hz, 500 Hz. For each constant frequency, we set 1000 changeable physical parameters. The density of each subunit is randomly selected from the interval ranging from 1/3 to 2 times the water density, where the water density is  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . The Young's modulus of each subunit is randomly selected from the interval ranging from 1/3 to 5 times the water modulus, where the Young's modulus of water is  $2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$ . For the linear elastic wall, Poisson's ratio is set to be 0.34 and the density is  $4500 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , with Young's modulus selected to be  $1.08 \times 10^5 \text{ MPa}$ . The box plot of RDE on four frequencies with 1000 combinations of parameters is shown in Fig. 7. The maximum error is less than  $2 \times 10^{-2}$ , and the average error is less than  $1 \times 10^{-2}$ . With the frequency increasing, the average RDE and dispersion of errors are in reasonable interval. This indicates that, with constant explicit physical quantities, the MPIPN is able to identify the implicit quantities.

#### 4.6 Case 2: constant physical parameters

In case 2, the MPIPN is tested to validate its ability to encode and fuse the implicit physical quantities to solve the related parametric PDEs. In the acoustic-structure system, physical parameters including density and Young's modulus

are implicit quantities. We select three combinations of physical parameters as constant variables, which are densities of 1, 1.5, 2 times the water density and Young's modulus of 1, 3, 5 times the water modulus. The parameters of elastic plate wall are the same as it in case 1. For each combination, the background wave frequency uniformly sampled 1000 frequencies from 300 Hz to 500 Hz. We present one combination of physical parameters of the metasurface computed under frequencies of 300 Hz, 400 Hz, 500 Hz in Fig. 8. The mean APE of 300 Hz, 400 Hz, 500 Hz are 0.017, 0.008 and 0.013, respectively. It can be noted that although various frequencies cause great change in the distribution of solutions, the absolute errors are at a reasonably low level. The quantitative average RDE of one randomly selected combination of physical parameters on the testing frequencies is illustrated in Table 1. The proposed method successfully identifies the background wave frequency and maintains considerable accuracy. The MPIPN is able to capture the changes in frequency as explicitly existing in the governing PDEs with constant implicit quantities.

#### 4.7 Case 3: changeable parametric conditions

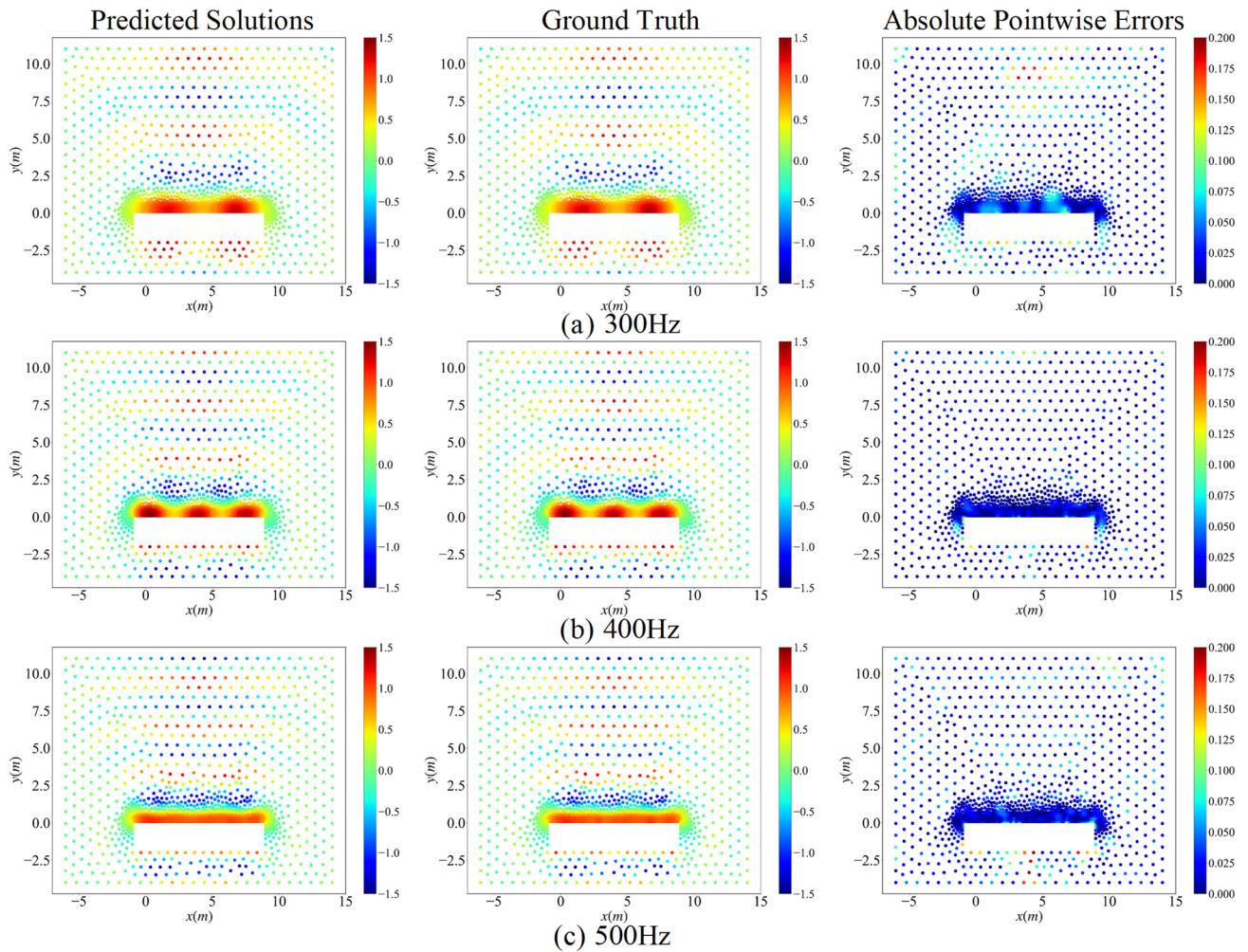
In case 3, the MPIPN is tested to solve the Helmholtz equations with changeable combinations of background frequency and physical parameters of the acoustic metasurface. Both the explicit and implicit conditions are changeable and form 1000 combinations of parametric conditions as training datasets  $\Gamma$  and 200 unseen combinations as testing datasets  $\Lambda$ . Specifically, the overall 1200 combinations are composed of 12 groups of physical parameters and 100 frequencies. All quantities are randomly selected from the interval mentioned in the constant condition cases. In case 3, we adjust the position of the solid phase and create new oriented PDEs as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_x^2 p_s + \partial_y^2 p_s + \partial_x^2 p_b + \partial_y^2 p_b + k_{eq}^2 (p_s + p_b) \\ &= 0, \quad x \in (-6, 0] \cup [10, 14], y \in (-4, 11), \\ & \quad x \in [0, 10], y \in (-4, -2] \cup [0.08, 11], \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\partial_x p_s \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y p_s \cdot \mathbf{y} + \partial_x p_b \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y p_b \cdot \mathbf{y}) = 0, \\ k_{eq} \cdot p_s + \frac{1}{2k_{eq}} (\partial_x^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{y})_{tan} = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad x = -6, x = 14, y = -4, y = 11, \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{n} \cdot (\partial_x^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y^2 p_s \cdot \mathbf{y} + \partial_x^2 p_b \cdot \mathbf{x} + \partial_y^2 p_b \cdot \mathbf{y}) \\ &= \mathbf{n} \cdot \omega^2 \mathbf{u}, \quad x \in [0, 10], y = -2 \text{ or } 0.08, \\ & \quad x = 0 \text{ or } 10, y \in [-2, 0.08]. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

There are  $N_1 = 4928$  points in the pressure acoustic domain,  $N_2 = 140$  points on the plane wave radiation boundary,  $N_3 = 554$  points on the acoustic-structure



**Fig. 8** Predicted solutions compared with ground truth in absolute pointwise error level

**Table 1** RDE of one combination of physical parameters on three frequencies

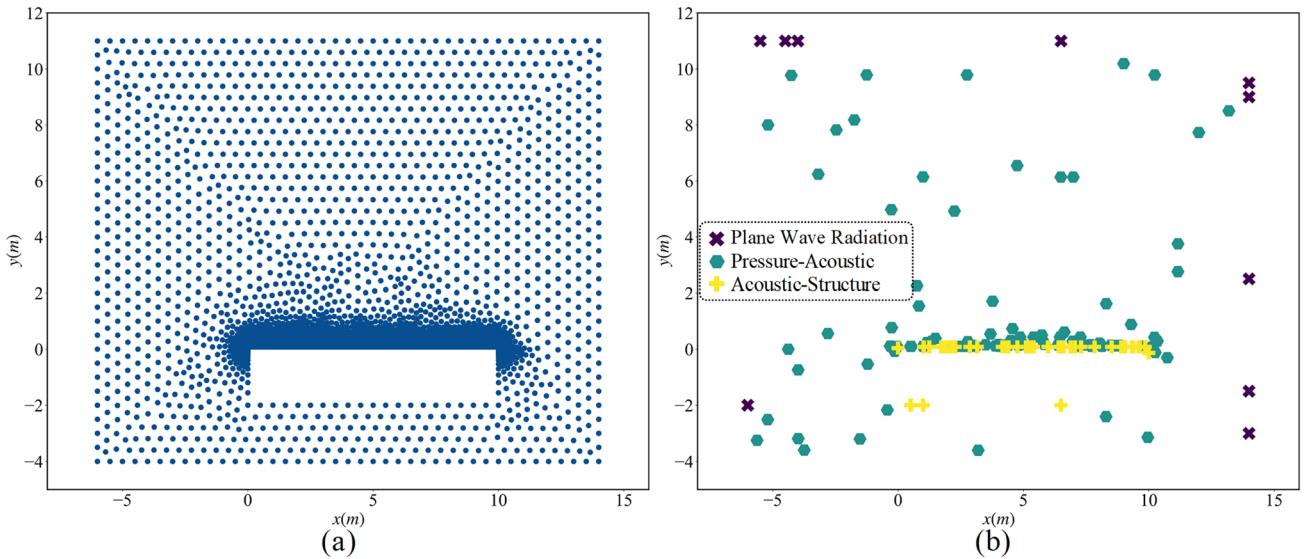
Frequency (Hz)	Average $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$ on $\Lambda$		
	Pressure acoustics	Plane wave radiation	Acoustic-structure coupling
300	6.4285E-3	1.3242E-2	7.8252E-3
400	4.1452E-3	9.1213E-3	6.3256E-3
500	4.9424E-3	1.1623E-2	7.4367E-3
<b>Average</b>	5.1720E-3	1.1329E-2	7.1958E-3
<b>Variance</b>	1.3429E-6	4.3099E-6	6.0571E-7

coupling boundary. Overall, a total of 5622 oriented discrete points necessitate to be solved in case 3. As for observation solutions, 150 discrete points are randomly selected to provide the ground truth as priori physical

constraints. For loss function Eqs. (32), the number of observation solutions is  $N_4 = 150$ . Among the priori solutions, there are 10 solutions for the plane wave radiation, 100 solutions for the pressure acoustic domain and 40 solutions for the acoustic-structure coupling boundary. We propose the extracted point-cloud of the computational domain and the observation discrete points in Fig. 9.

#### 4.8 General results

Within the testing dataset  $\Lambda$ , we randomly selected an example of predicted solutions and ground truth. The results are compared and the APE is presented in Fig. 10. It can be observed that predicted solutions are consistent with the



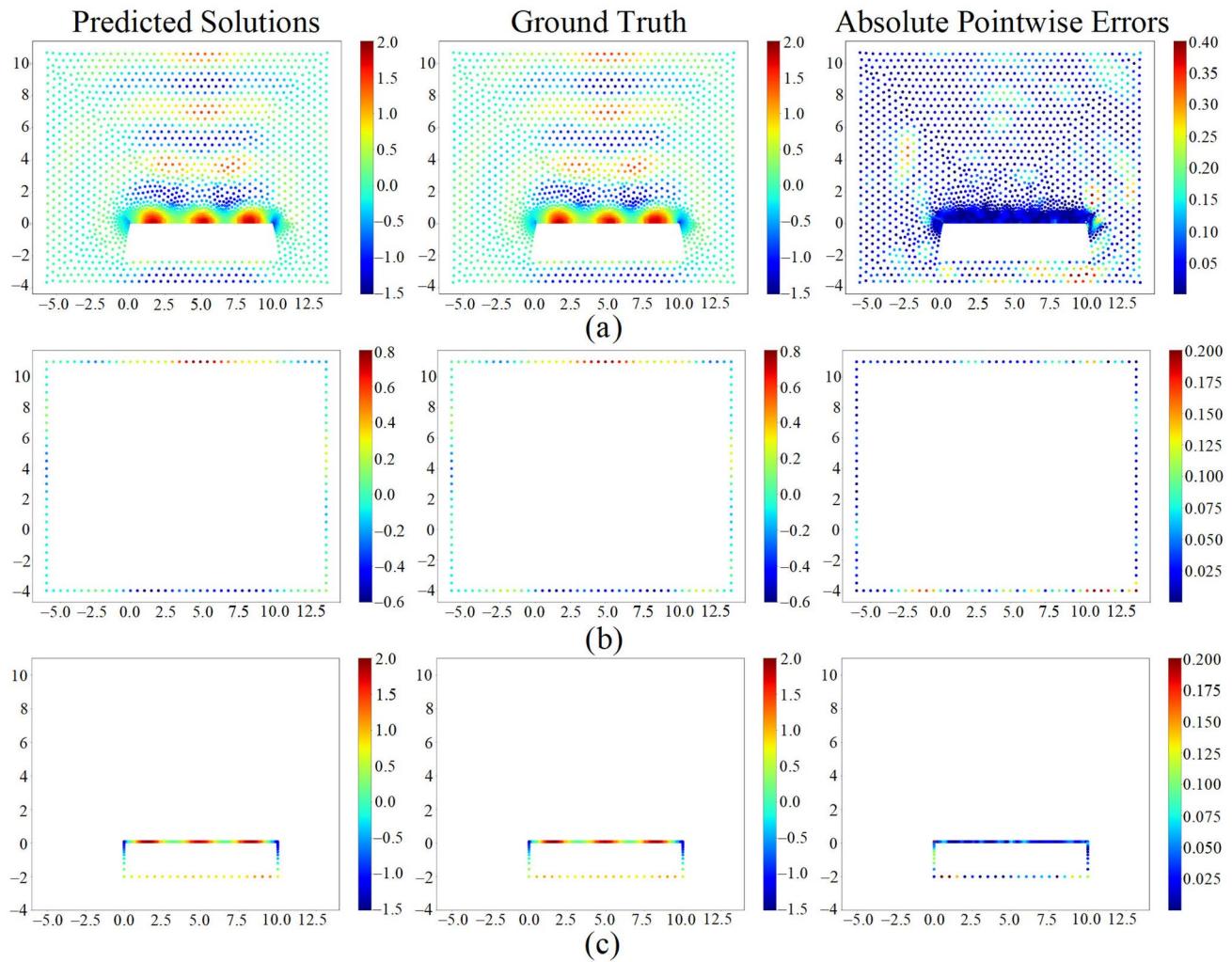
**Fig. 9** Discrete point-cloud of case 3: (a) overall oriented discrete points, (b) randomly selected observation points

ground truth distribution, proving that the proposed framework captures the mapping functions to features of various scales and features of different computational domains. Solutions near the acoustic-structure boundary are the most significant parts of the system, since the coupling conditions are complex and the exact value of the solutions are in a strong correlation with the values of the acoustic pressure field. Besides, the predicted solutions near the coupling boundary are highly accurate. The error analysis of the solutions compared with ground true values is shown in Table 2. The framework obtained predicted solutions with an average RDE of 1.52% on the pressure acoustic domain, 2.03% on the plane wave radiation boundary and 1.64% on the acoustic-structure coupling boundary. The maximum RDE for unseen parametric conditions in  $\Lambda$  is less than 5%. Figure 11 shows the average absolute errors of  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}$  on  $\Lambda$ . The error distribution is at a reasonable level of  $10^{-3}$ . The intuitive distribution of relative errors on each domain and the probability density function (PDF) of RDE for all domains are shown in Fig. 12. The distributions of errors on three computational domains are close to the normal distributions. Fewer outliers in the error distribution exist in the histogram, which is an acceptable margin of error for solving the oriented equations.

#### 4.9 Errors clustering phenomenon with training stages

A noteworthy phenomenon in Fig. 10 is that, those points whose APE are relatively high are clustering in the domain. The reason is that the Helmholtz equations under the pressure acoustic condition constrain the gradient information of the solutions for the point-cloud. For a cluster of points, the

gradients inside satisfy the governing equations but values of points are not exactly right. To illustrate this, we take the pressure acoustic domain as an example since it contains the majority of arbitrary discrete points in acoustic-structure systems. Figure 13 shows the predicted solutions obtained by MPIN after training on datasets  $\Gamma$  at the beginning, middle and end stages of the training process, which are 200, 800, and 1800 epochs respectively. At the beginning of the training, the predicted solutions are inaccurate. The number of clusters of points with high errors and the distribution area are large. When trained to the middle stage, clusters with high errors begin to shrink, and the general trend of the solutions is right. After being trained to convergence, the predicted solutions fit in well with the ground truth and few clusters of high errors exist, meaning that the governing equations of the domain are fully satisfied. Noticing that the clusters of high errors first fade away at areas with high point-cloud density (near the metasurface), and then is the area with low point-cloud density. This can be explained by the convergence and divergence of the meshes during computation: The high density of meshes makes the derivative computation between points more accurate. In this sense, although the high density of point-cloud makes the amount of calculation increase and harder for the training of the neural network, it is more suitable for the fitness of the governing equations. This indicates that the well-trained MPIN is capable of capturing the gradient information of point-cloud in clusters.



**Fig. 10** Randomly selected predicted results: (a) pressure acoustic domain, (b) plane wave radiation boundary, (c) acoustic-structure coupling boundary

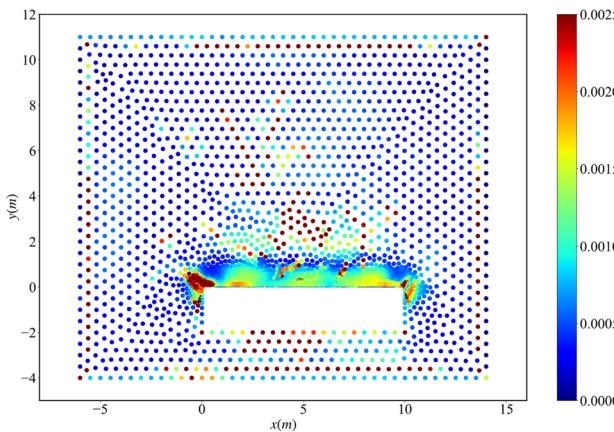
**Table 2** Comparison results of different computational domains on  $\Lambda$

Computational domains	Average $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$	Maximum $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$	Minimum $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$
Pressure acoustics	1.5171E-2	4.9791E-2	9.1626E-3
Plane wave radiation	2.0311E-2	3.7654E-2	1.1523E-2
Acoustic-structure coupling	1.6438E-2	8.7362E-2	7.4959E-3

#### 4.10 Explicit background acoustic wave frequency conditions

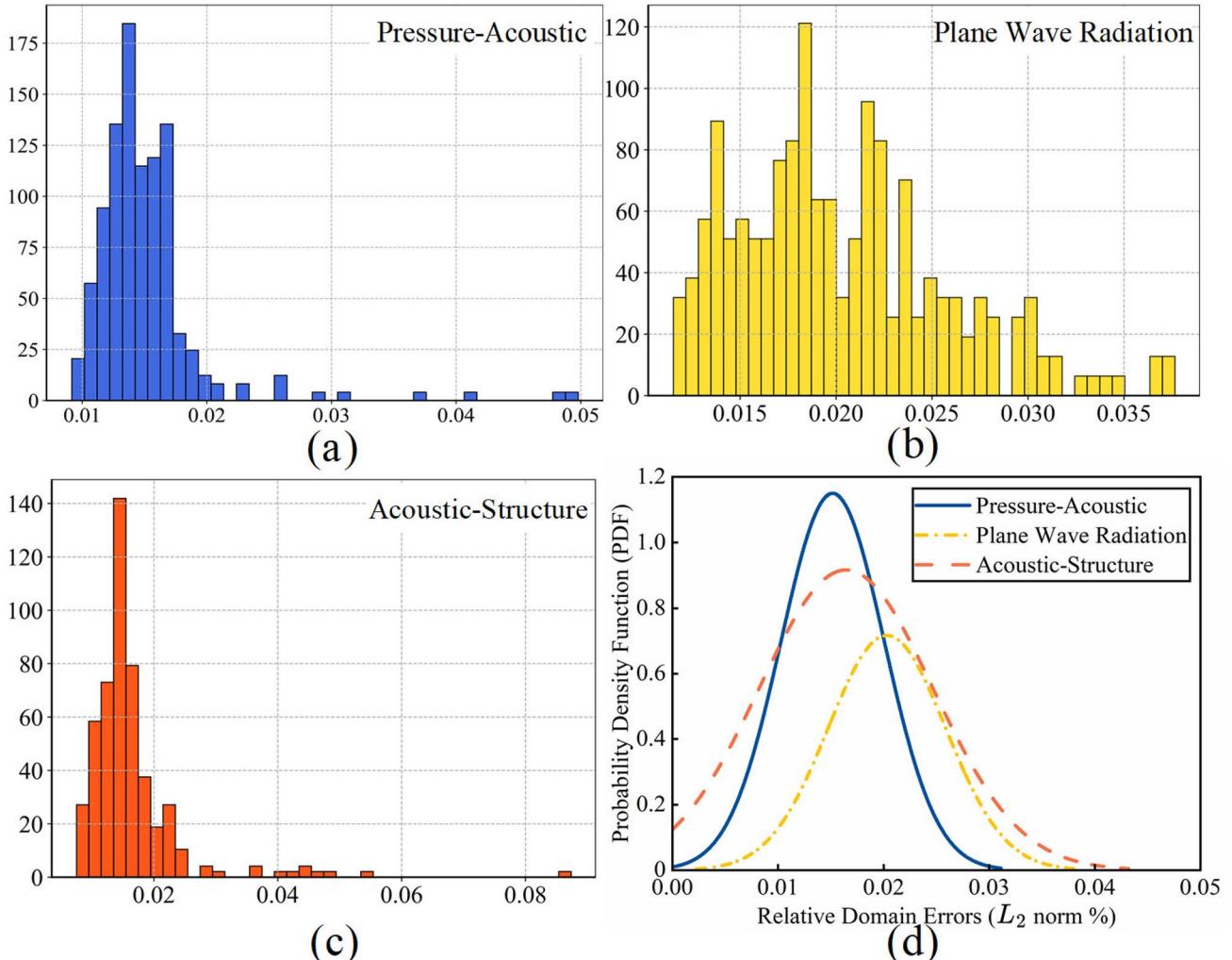
As the explicit parametric condition for the acoustic-structure system, frequency of the background acoustic wave determines the background wave pressure and directly influences the solutions of scattered acoustic pressure on three domains, which can be inferred from Eqs. (23), (24) and (25). Different domains computed in the same frequency form a complete scattered acoustic field under certain

frequency conditions. Here, we show the predicted solutions on 300 Hz, 350 Hz, 400 Hz, and 500 Hz across the sampling interval with the same physical parameters of the metasurface in Fig. 14. It can be noted from the comparison that the frequency generates significant variance of the acoustic pressure field. As the frequency increases from 300 Hz to 500 Hz, the gradient of the pressure distribution of the scattered field changes more sharply. The average RDE for multi-frequency conditions is shown in Table 3. The average RDE is less than 2.0% on all domains. The values

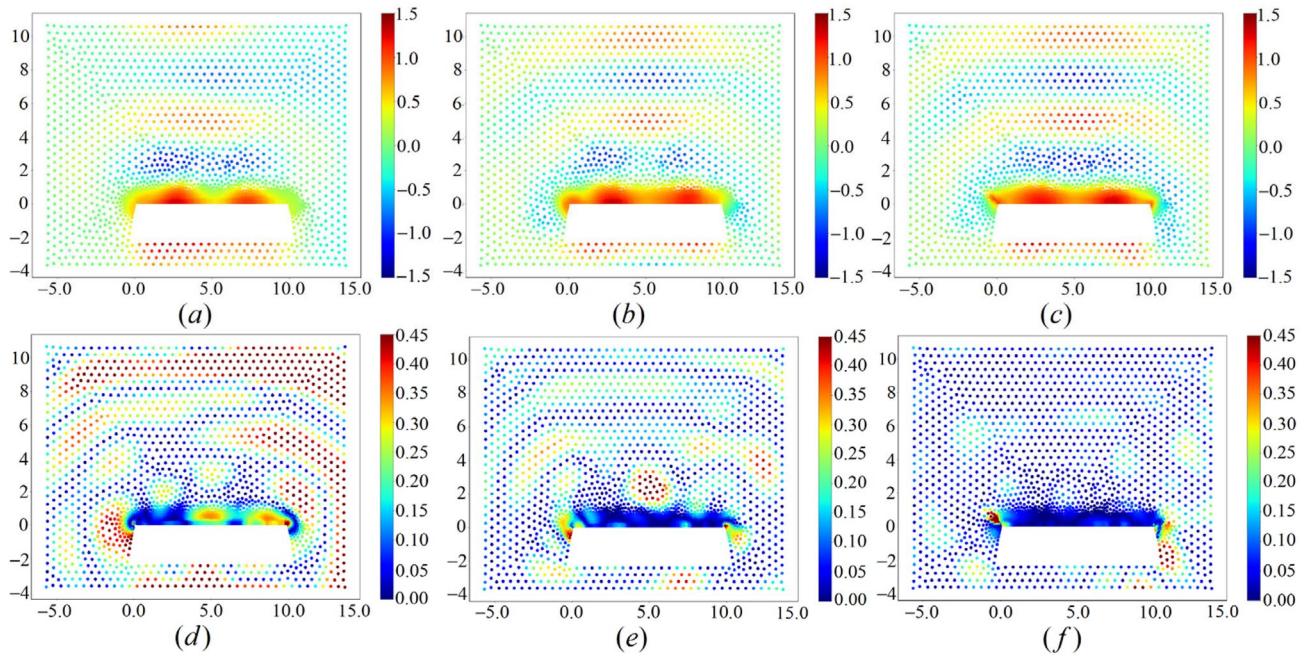


**Fig. 11** Average absolute errors of  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}$  on testing datasets  $\Lambda$

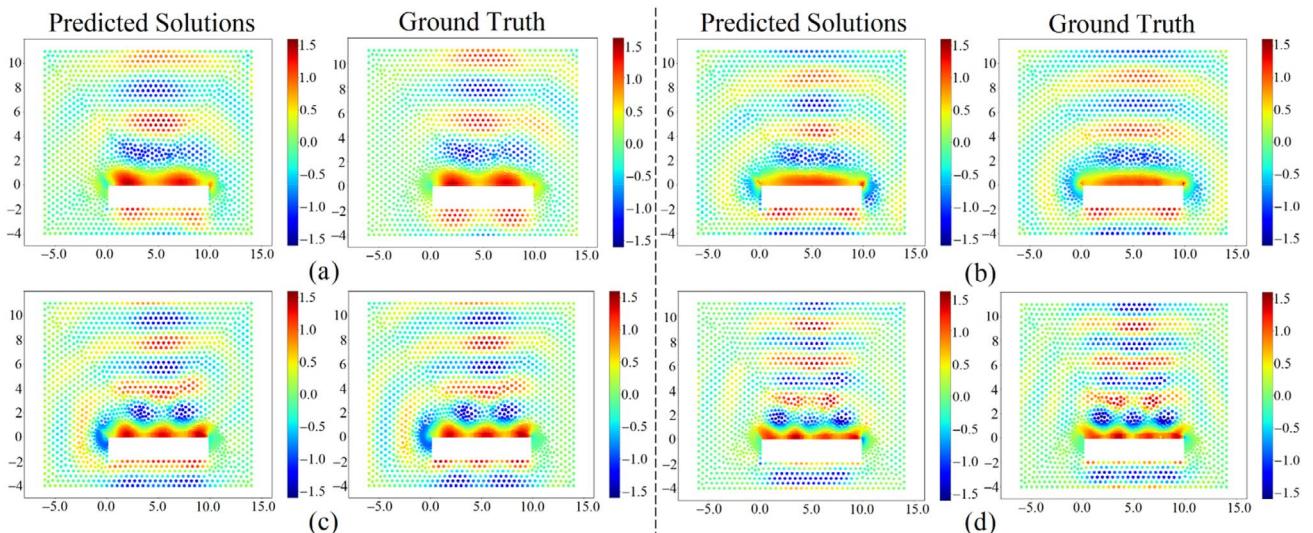
of errors tend to be smaller around 440 Hz than those on other frequencies. This is because the priori knowledge is densely distributed at about 400 Hz and the distribution of frequency sampling points is smoother around 400 Hz, making neural networks have a greater weight for updating the predicted solutions at this frequency interval to reduce the loss function rapidly and the correlation between frequency and spatial coordinates are prominently expressed. It can be observed that there are no outliers for four frequencies with a maximum variance of RDE less than  $4 \times 10^{-5}$ . This indicates the proposed framework is stable across frequencies. Therefore, the frequency parametric condition for the acoustic-structure system can be distinguished by MPIPN. The framework can capture the correlation between the explicit physical quantities and the initial spatial information, and accurately solve the Helmholtz equations concerning varying explicit physical quantities.



**Fig. 12** Relative domain errors: (a) Pressure acoustic domain, (b) Plane wave radiation boundary (c) Acoustic-structure boundary, (d) PDF of relative domain errors



**Fig. 13** Comparison between predicted solutions and ground truth of pressure acoustic domain: **(a)** 200 epochs, **(b)** 800 epochs, **(c)** 1800 epochs. **(d–f)** correspond to the APE of **(a–c)** respectively



**Fig. 14** Predicted solutions and corresponding ground truth on multi-frequency: **(a)** 300 Hz, **(b)** 350 Hz, **(c)** 400 Hz, **(d)** 500 Hz

#### 4.11 Implicit physics parameters conditions

The 12 sets of physical parameters of the metasurface are randomly selected on the proposed interval. A variety of physical parameters causes phase shifts to generate deviated angles on the reflection acoustic wave physically. Mathematically, the variance of the physical properties changes the acoustic-structure coupling condition by affecting the displacement field. Therefore, variances of

physical properties of the metasurface have the greatest influence on the solutions on acoustic-structure coupling boundary and indirectly affect other domains. We present predicted solutions of 6 groups of physical parameters out of 12 groups in the  $\Gamma$  under the frequency of 450 Hz and corresponding ground truths in Fig. 15. In comparison with multi-frequency condition, it can be observed that the proposed framework ensures that the distribution trend of solutions with the same frequency is consistent

**Table 3** Average relative domain errors for changeable frequencies

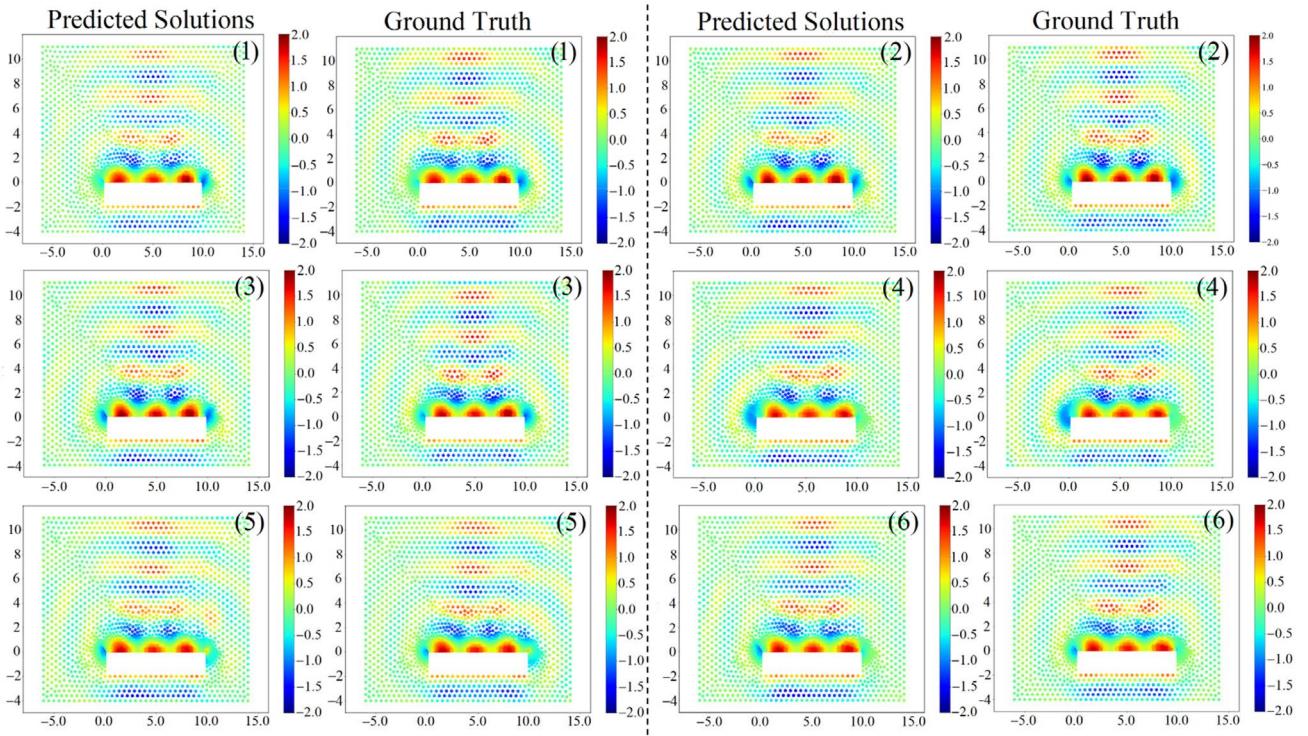
Frequency (Hz)	Average $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$ on $\Lambda$		
	Pressure acoustics	Plane wave radiation	Acoustic-structure coupling
300	1.4422E-2	1.9922E-2	1.4299E-2
320	1.6028E-2	2.3603E-2	1.4846E-2
350	1.4910E-2	2.1561E-2	2.1490E-2
380	1.3544E-2	2.3812E-2	1.1810E-2
400	1.3205E-2	1.8333E-2	1.4434E-2
420	1.2765E-2	1.8414E-2	1.6156E-2
450	1.2097E-2	1.1545E-2	9.7292E-3
480	1.5844E-2	1.6679E-2	2.3760E-2
500	1.8186E-2	1.7468E-2	2.8021E-2
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.4556E-2</b>	<b>1.9037E-2</b>	<b>1.7172E-2</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>3.2505E-6</b>	<b>1.2871E-5</b>	<b>3.1789E-5</b>

when the physical parameter vector changes and capture the variations near the coupling boundary and points near the boundary. Detailed values of the RDE are shown in Table 4. The average RDE on all physical parameters is less than 1.8% and the maximum variance of RDE is less than  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ , proving that the proposed framework is stable across the 12 sets of physical parameters. This

implicit parametric condition of the Helmholtz equations can be identified by the framework. In fact, by fusing a combination of density and Young's modulus directly with features of point-cloud, physical parameters that lack a direct mathematical correlation with PDEs and do not have a functional relationship with explicit physical quantities within the system can be directly utilized as criteria for the solutions. The MPIN successfully constructs a mapping relationship between implicit physical quantities and corresponding solutions of the acoustic-structure systems.

#### 4.12 Ablation experiment

We train the MPIN with only observation solutions as data-driven regime to validate the effectiveness of physics-informed regime as the ablation experiment. At the same time, the comparison of data-driven and physics-informed methods is completed. It is used to prove that the proposed model fully utilizes the mathematical constitutive information of PDE to obtain the solutions. Here we present the results on the pressure acoustic domain in Fig. 16. The randomly selected observation solutions in the domain mainly crowd on the upper of the metasurface, making this area have relatively high accuracy. However, for areas that have a low density of observation solutions, the APE



**Fig. 15** Predicted solutions and corresponding ground truth on multi-physical parameters: (1) to (6) denote different combinations of physical parameters

**Table 4** Average relative domain errors for changeable physical parameters

Combination of physical parameters	Average $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$ on $\Lambda$		
	Pressure acoustics	Plane wave radiation	Acoustic-structure coupling
1	1.3632E-2	1.6578E-2	1.4999E-2
2	1.3755E-2	1.6931E-2	1.0496E-2
3	1.3371E-2	1.6282E-2	1.1630E-2
4	1.3750E-2	1.6452E-2	1.4161E-2
5	1.6537E-2	2.0853E-2	1.5661E-2
6	1.2849E-2	1.4523E-2	1.0548E-2
7	1.5097E-2	1.4546E-2	1.2729E-2
8	1.3815E-2	1.6735E-2	1.3718E-2
9	1.5466E-2	2.2076E-2	1.7139E-2
10	1.4222E-2	2.0873E-2	1.4908E-2
11	1.3839E-2	1.8527E-2	1.6835E-2
12	1.5547E-2	1.5640E-2	1.9253E-2
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.4323E-2</b>	<b>1.7501E-2</b>	<b>1.4340E-2</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>1.0848E-6</b>	<b>5.8338E-6</b>	<b>6.6846E-6</b>

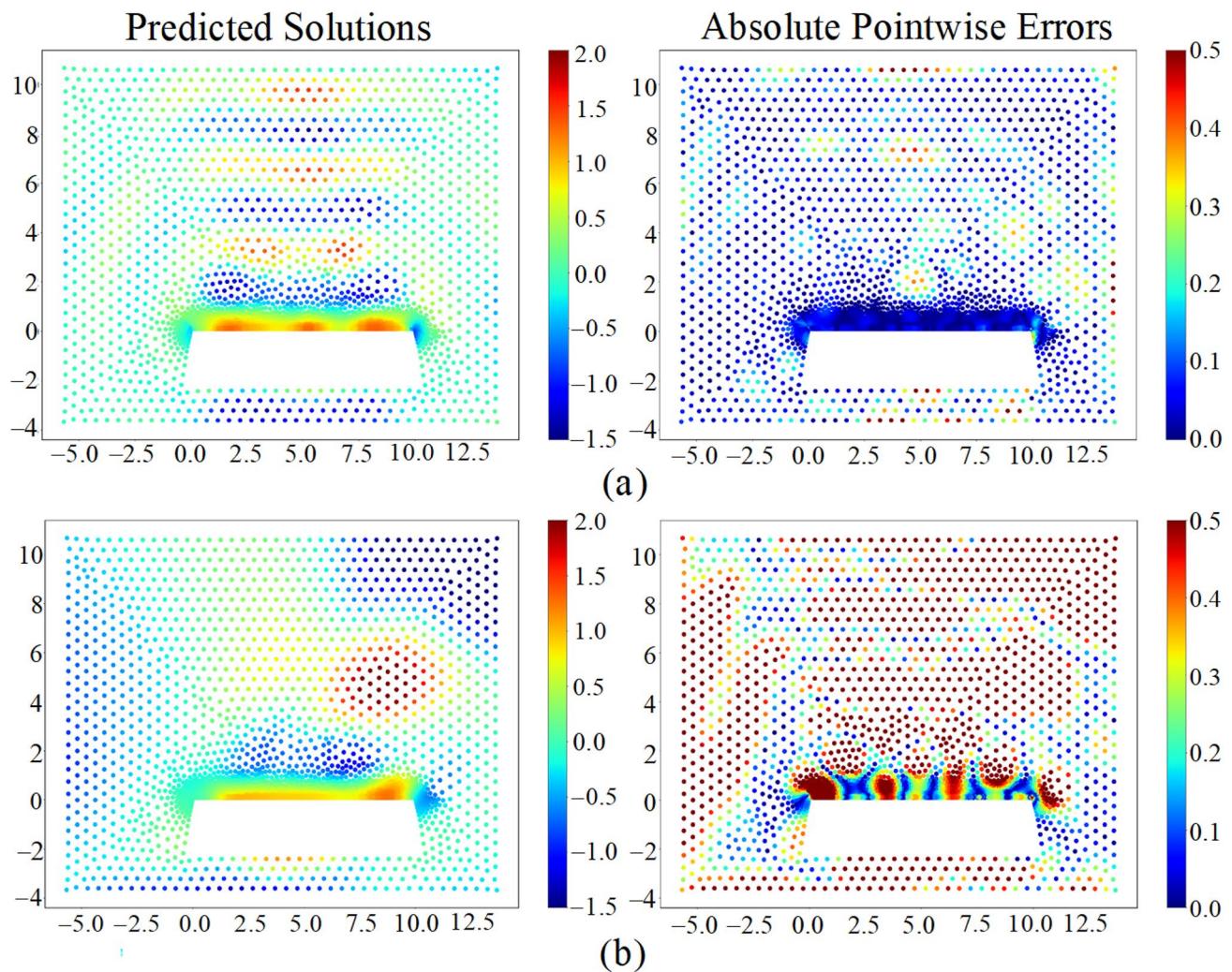
is unacceptably high. Quantitative comparison results are tabulated in Table 5. In comparison with training by  $\mathcal{L}_{OBS}$ , the MPIPН that is trained with  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{OBS}$  successfully captures the regulations of PDEs and the values of residual remain at a low level. Therefore, this verifies the validity of the physical information in solving the equation and also proves that the MPIPН is capable of identifying and transforming characteristics of computational conditions and parametric conditions as criteria for solving the Helmholtz equations. The MPIPН ensures that the constitutive mathematical information of PDE can be used to solve pointwise solutions of the entire computational domain with high accuracy while providing a priori solutions for less than 3% of the total number of points.

## 5 Conclusions

In this paper, we proposed Multi Physics-informed Point-Net (MPIPН) to solve the parametric acoustic-structure systems which are classic and vital multi-physics systems. Both explicit and implicit parametric conditions that govern the acoustic-structure systems can be solved. The MPIPН extracts the spatial geometric information and embeds parametric physical quantities by using a developed point-cloud architecture. The framework fuses the explicit physical quantities with the spatial point-cloud by dimensionally Quantities Stacking module. The correlation between physical quantities can be captured and encoded to sequences by Local Point Extractor and Global Point Extractor. Meanwhile, for implicit physical quantities that are not directly expressible to the governing PDEs, the MPIPН embeds these

quantities by manually encoding method automatically or statistically. The proposed framework is trained by adaptive physics-informed loss functions to realize weakly supervised learning by using a minority of acoustic pressure of systems as labeled solutions. Therefore, the MPIPН can identify the computational conditions including different domains and parametric conditions of the acoustic-structure systems. The well-trained MPIPН is capable of solving new unseen parametric conditions in acoustic-structure systems. We applied the MPIPН to parametric steady acoustic-structure systems to validate the effectiveness of the framework and obtained the following results:

- (1) The MPIPН is capable of identifying separate constant explicit and implicit parametric conditions for the Helmholtz equations that govern the acoustic-structure systems. Our method predicts solutions of the parametric acoustic-structure systems with constant frequency and physical parameters condition at average relative errors less than 1.0%.
- (2) The MPIPН can deal with changeable unseen combinations of parametric conditions for the Helmholtz equations. The proposed method achieves average relative domain errors of less than 2.82% and 2.21% under unseen combinations of changeable frequencies and physical parameters, respectively.
- (3) The MPIPН is efficient and robust for solving parametric acoustic-structure systems with multiple computational domains. By using the proposed method, average relative domain errors of predicted solutions in the acoustic-structure system are less than 2.1% and



**Fig. 16** Comparison between: (a) training with physics-informed regime, (b) training with observation solutions as data-driven regime

**Table 5** Comparison results of physics-informed and data-driven regimes

Computational domains		Pressure acoustics	Plane wave radiation	Acoustic-structure coupling
Average $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$	Physics-informed	<b>1.5171E-2</b>	<b>2.0311E-2</b>	<b>1.6438E-2</b>
	Data-driven	9.4462E-2	8.2960E-1	6.1231E-2
Maximum $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$	Physics-informed	<b>3.9791E-2</b>	<b>3.7654E-2</b>	<b>7.7362E-2</b>
	Data-driven	1.9638E-1	8.1457E-1	1.5955E-1
Minimum $\ \tilde{p}_s - p_s\ _2 / \ p_s\ _2$	Physics-informed	<b>9.1626E-3</b>	<b>1.1523E-2</b>	<b>7.4959E-3</b>
	Data-driven	3.1438E-2	4.0934E-2	1.7630E-2

maximum error is less than 5.0% across all three computational domains.

- (4) The MPIPN effectively leverages physics-informed impact to predict pointwise solutions of the acoustic-structure system. The ablation experiment exten-

sively illustrates that the incorporation of the physics-informed term in the loss function results in average improvement over 78% in accuracy, thereby demonstrating its necessary efficacy.

We plan to broaden the MPIPN in mainly three ways: (1) one is that more types of physics fields and physical knowledge should be involved orientally in the framework more than acoustic-structure systems, (2) another is that a more general method is required to deal with the degenerate solutions for complex PDEs to avoid necessity of any priori solution, (3) the last one is to generalize the feature extraction to the unit cell scale of the model to capture minor perturbations.

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