

Teaching a Fish to Swim

A hybrid approach for fast fish simulation



Fish gotta swim, bird's gotta fly...

I've gotta sit and wonder why, why, why...

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Yellowfin Tuna ~2 m



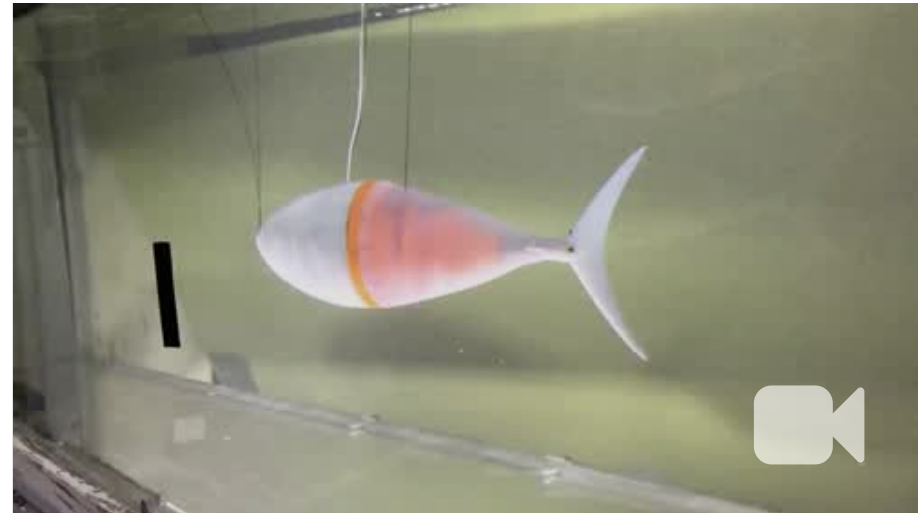
Humpback Whale ~ 15 m

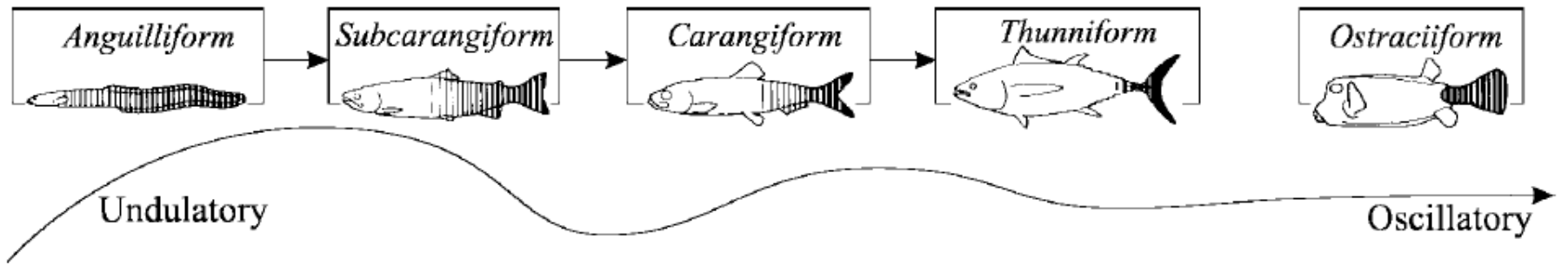


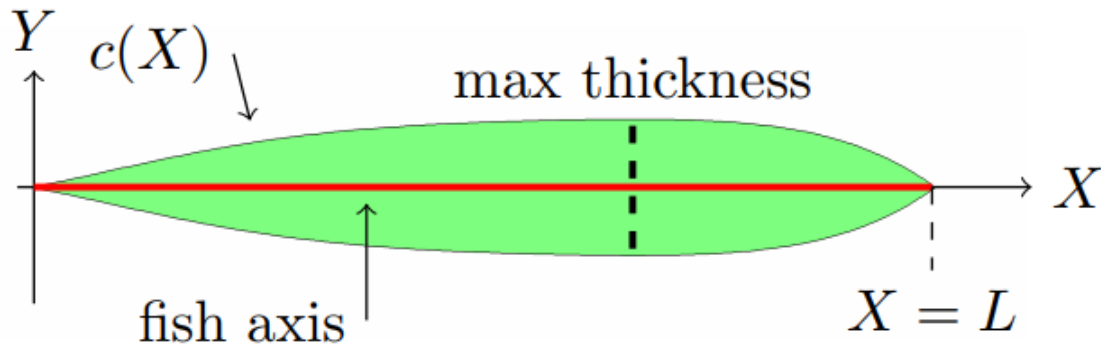
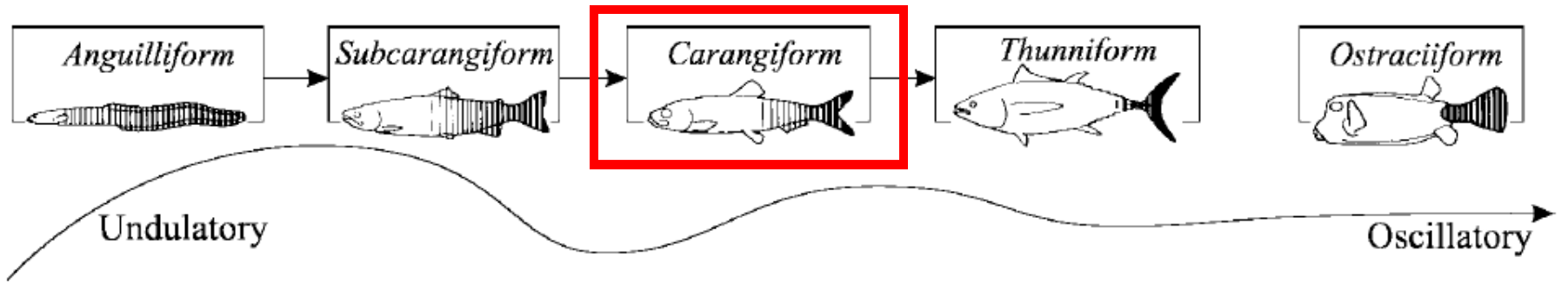
Schooling Fish



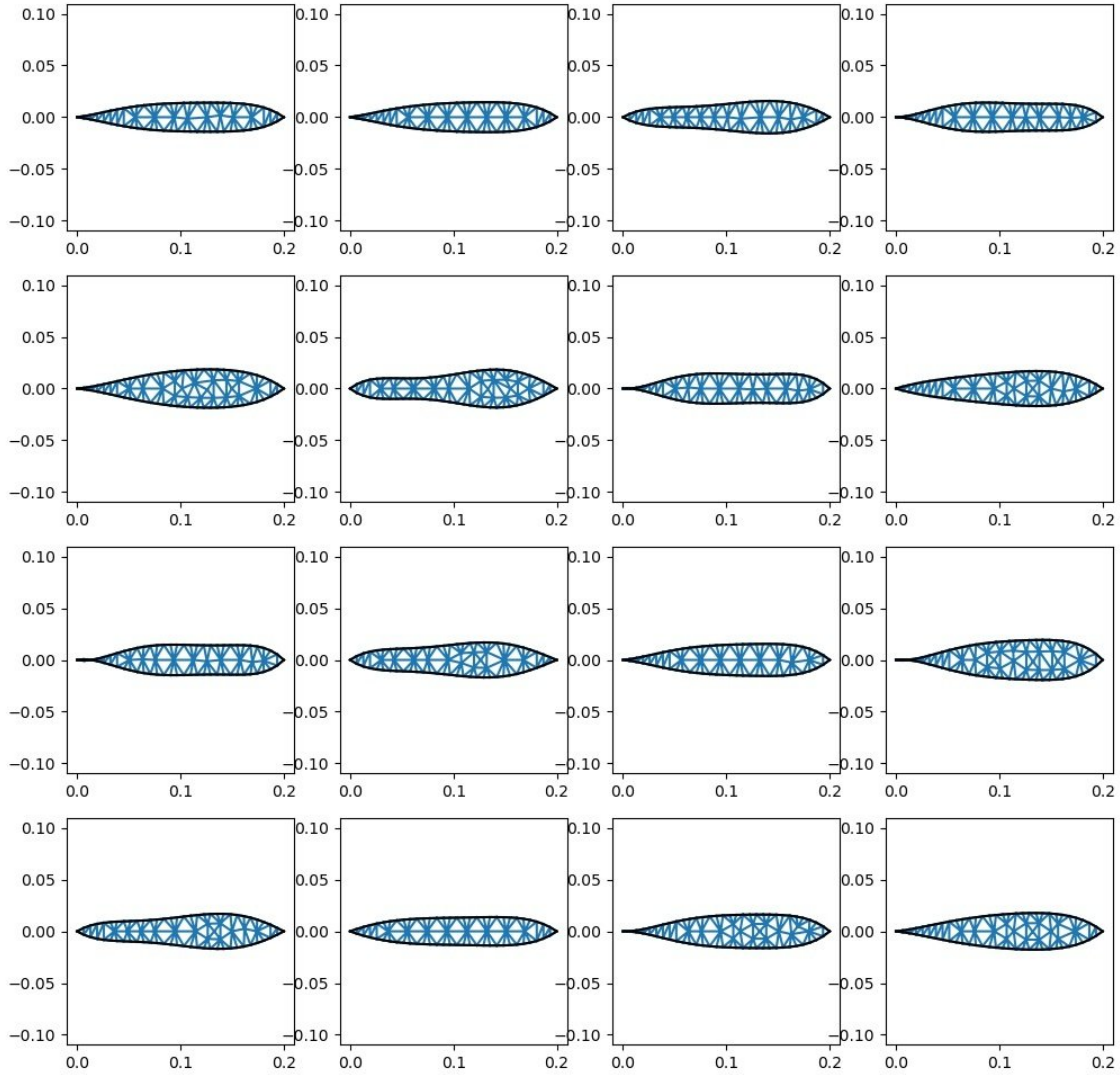
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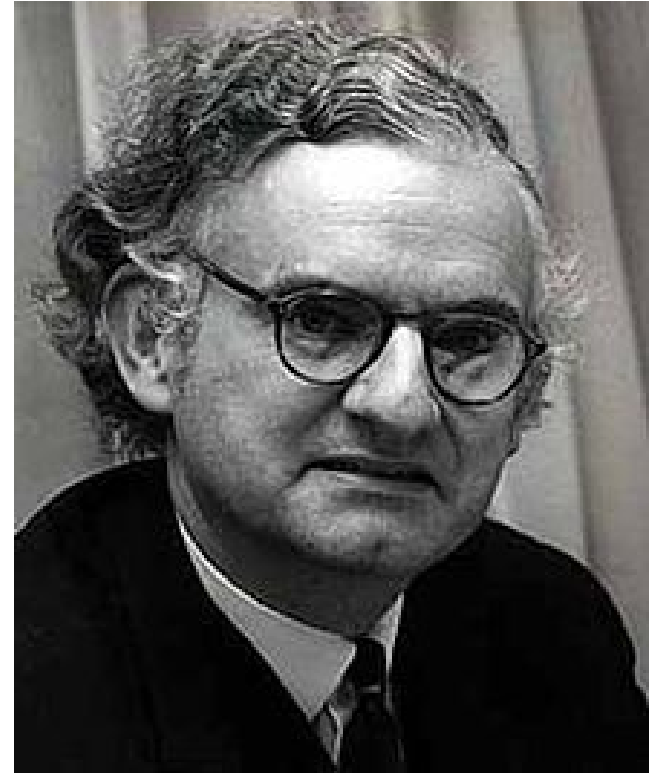


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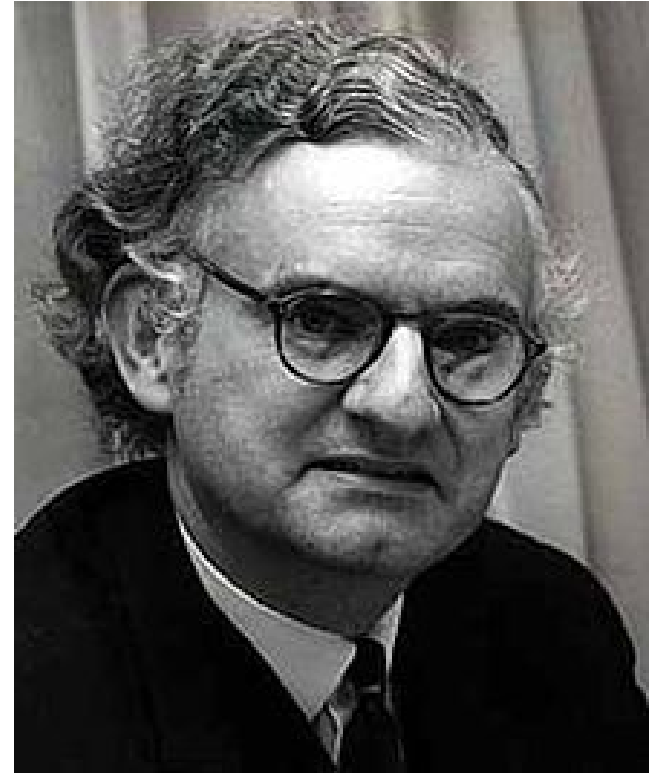
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Resistive Theory

$$F_s(\mathbf{s}, t) = -\frac{1}{2}\rho H(\mathbf{s})C_D v^2(\mathbf{s}, t)$$

Elongated Body (Reactive) Theory

$$F_a(\mathbf{s}, t) = -\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) [V(\mathbf{s}, t)m(\mathbf{s})]$$

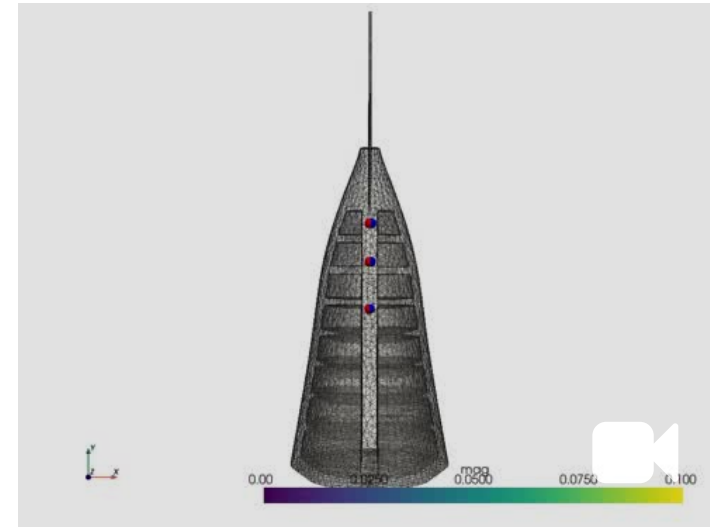
Combined Theory

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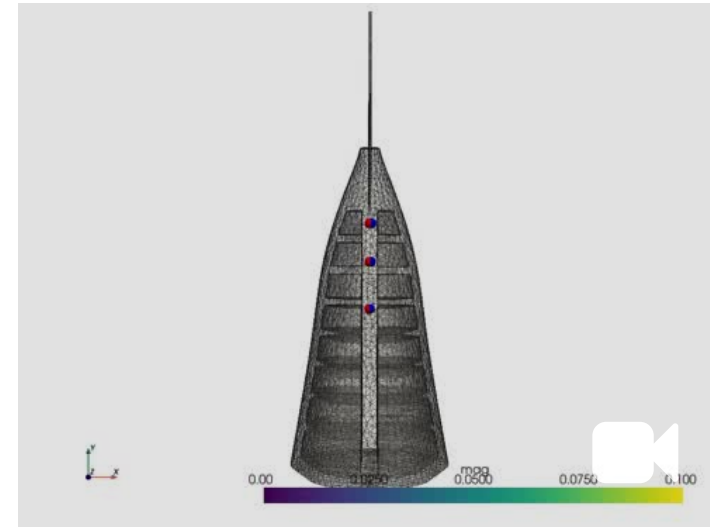
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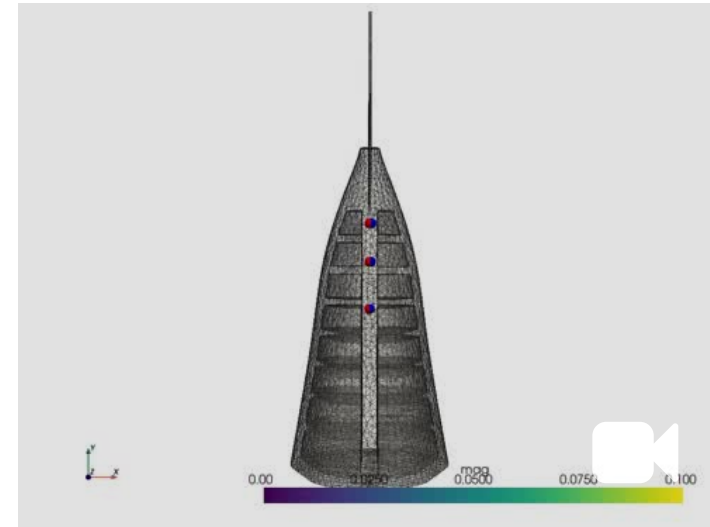


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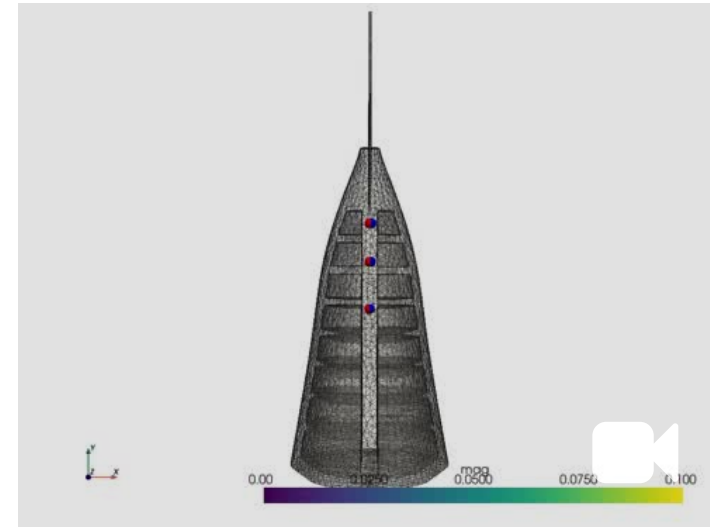


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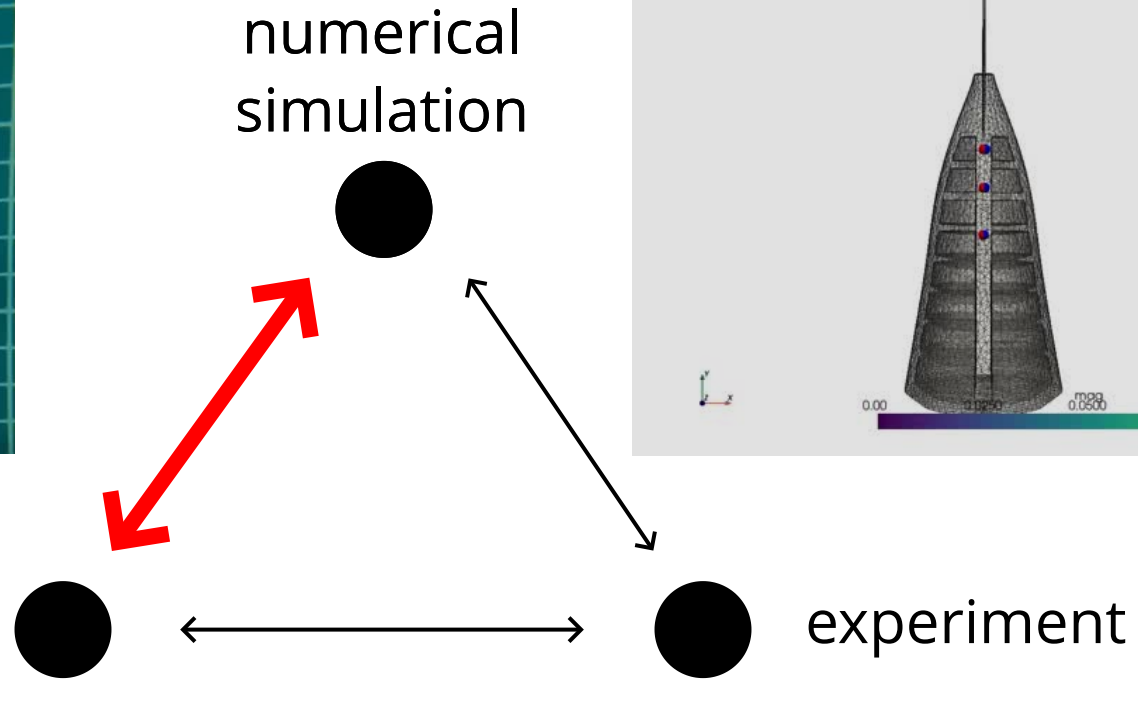
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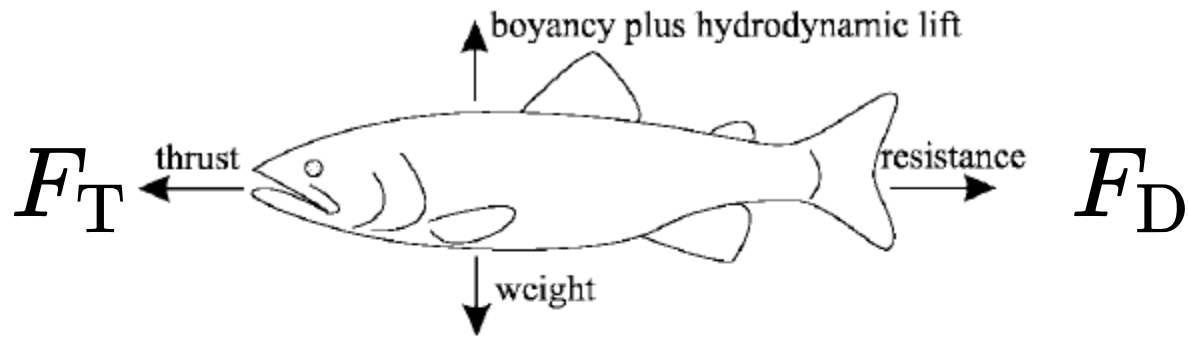
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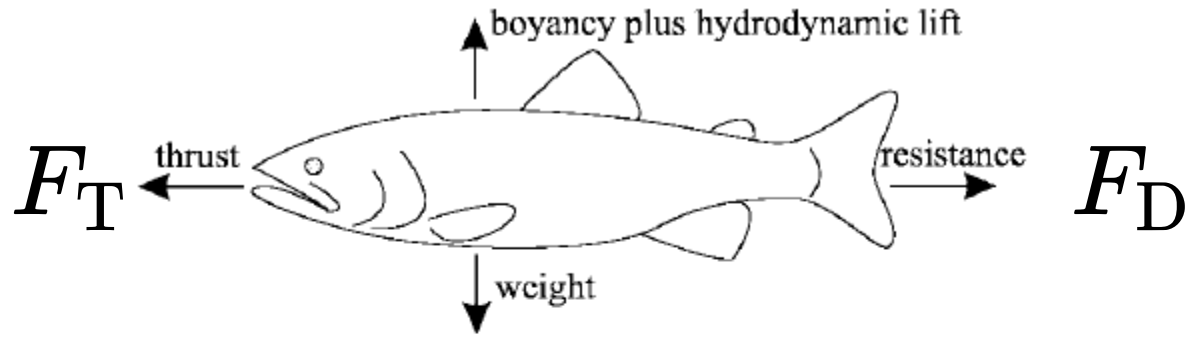


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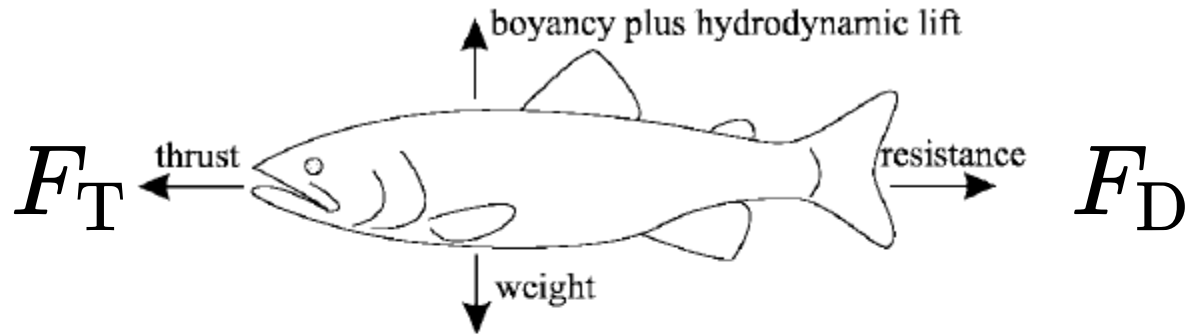


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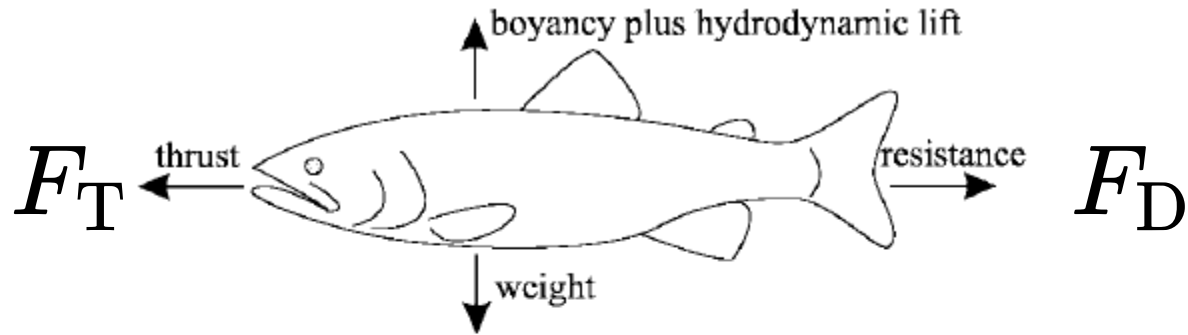
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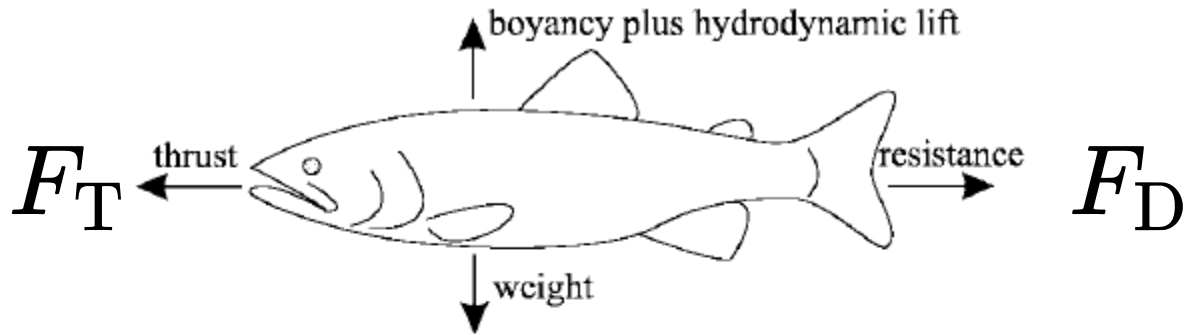


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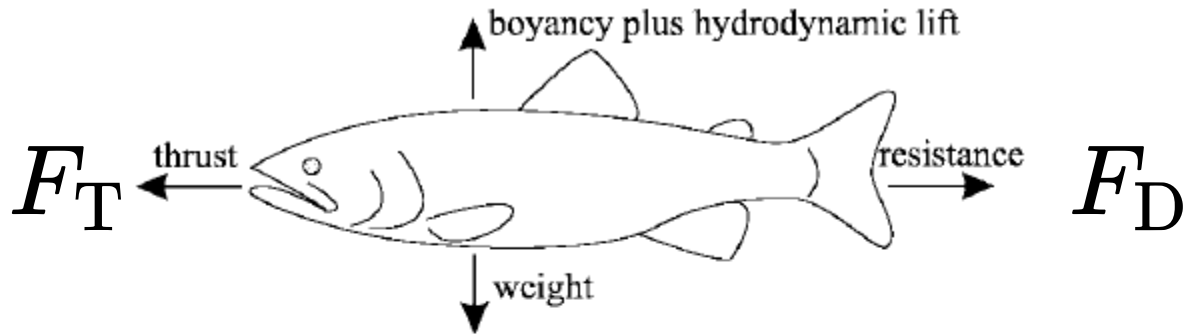


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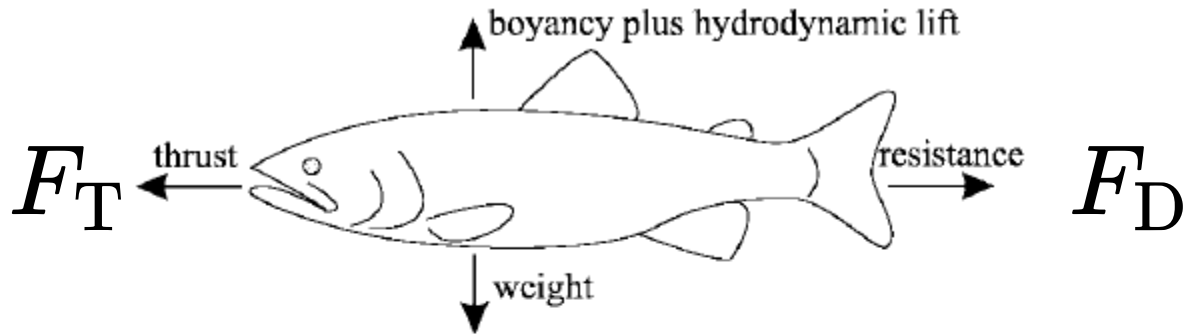


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DiffPD: Existing framework for differentiable simulation of soft bodies from [MIT CDFG](#)

DiffAqua:
A Differentiable Computational Design Pipeline
for Soft Underwater Swimmers
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Submission ID 367



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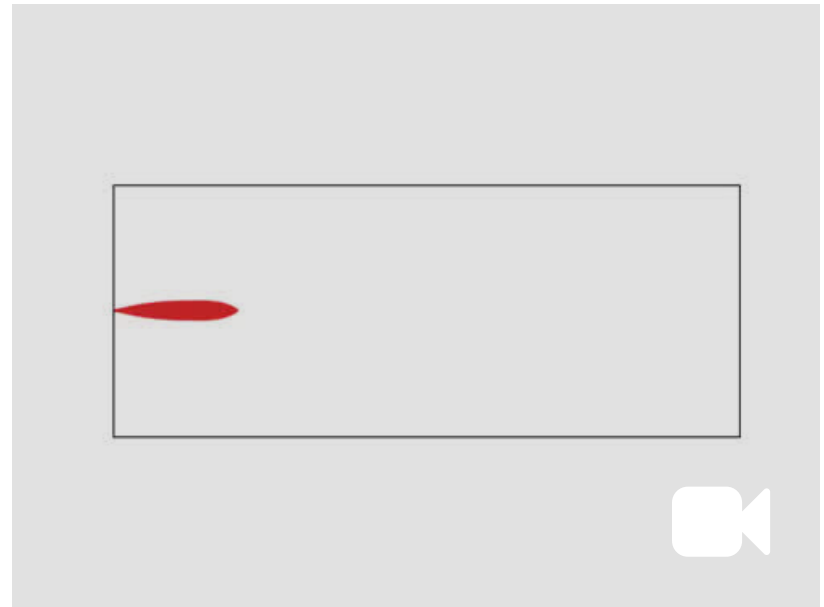
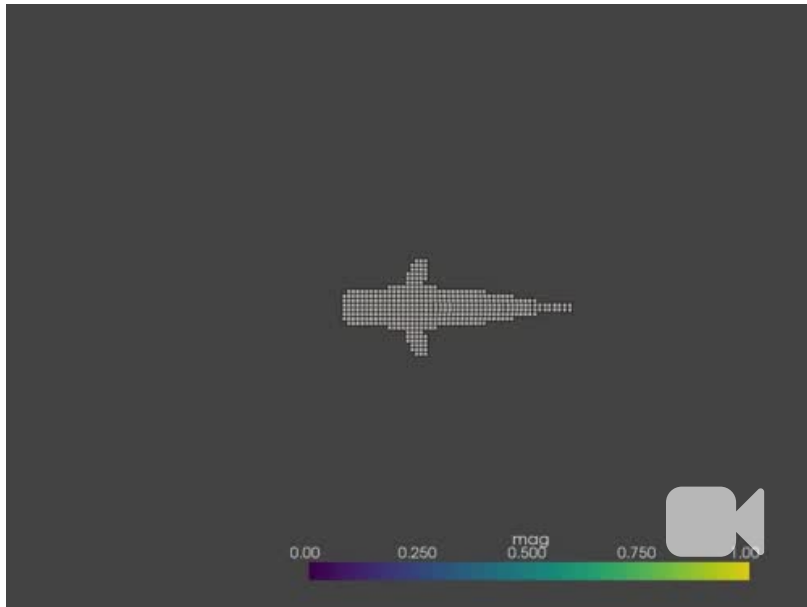
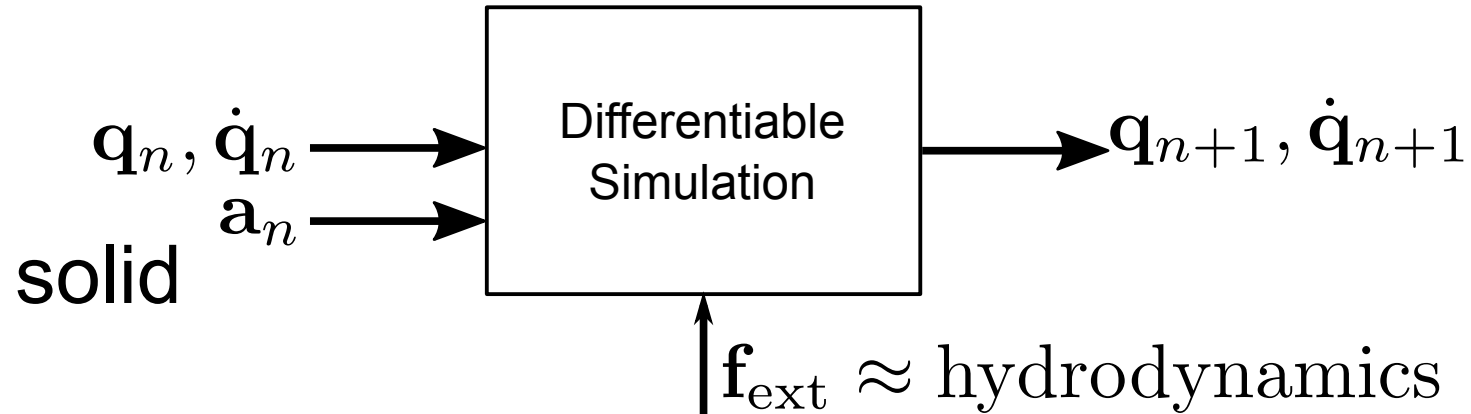
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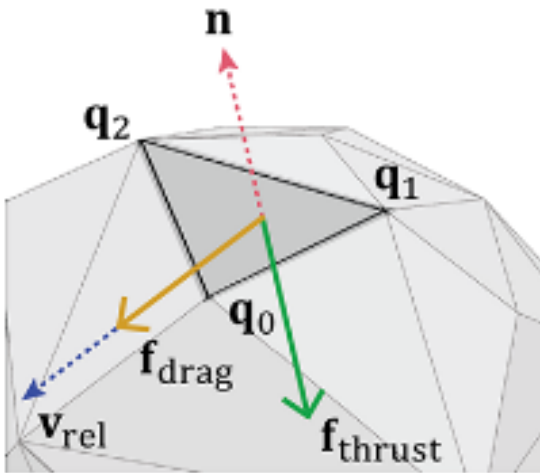
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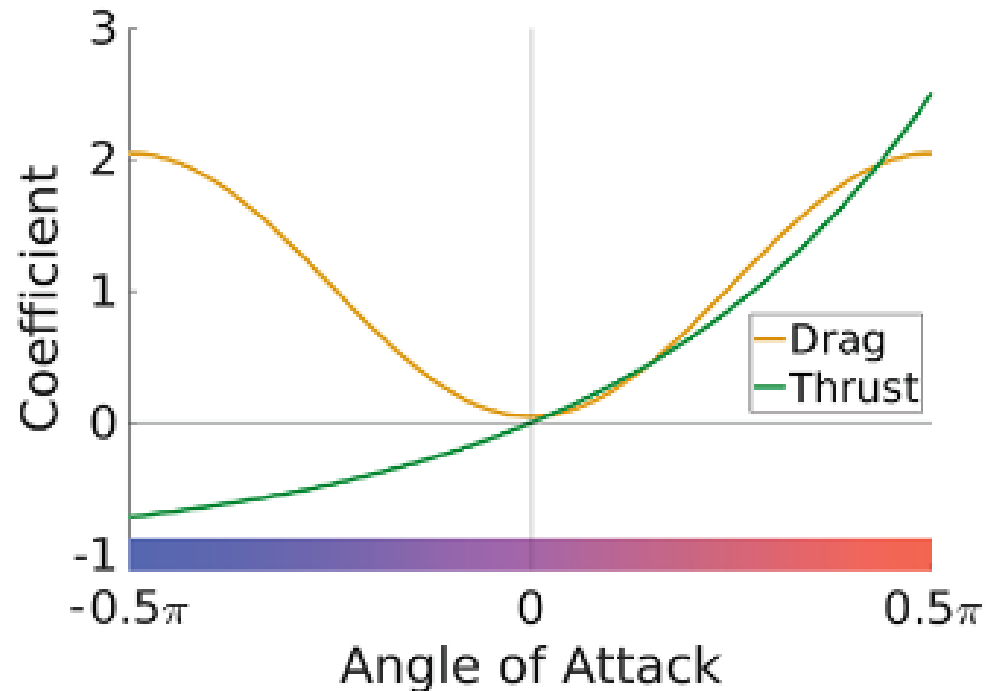
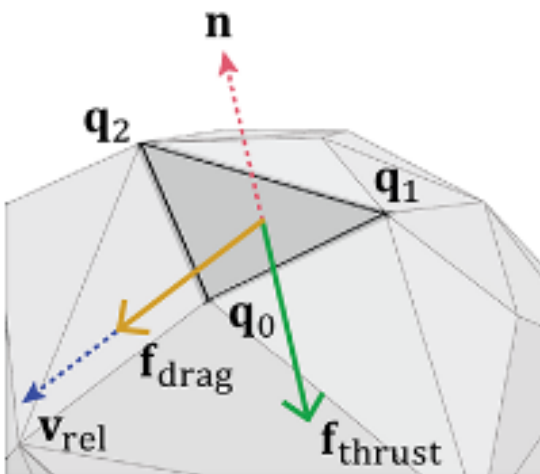
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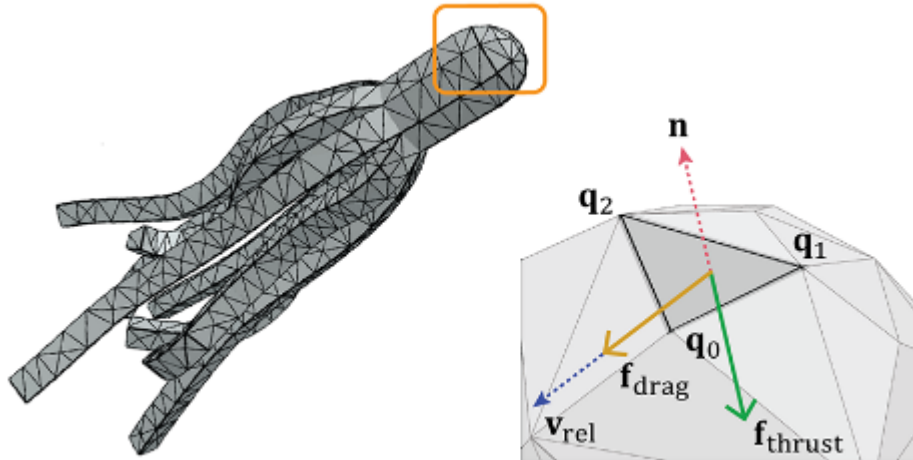
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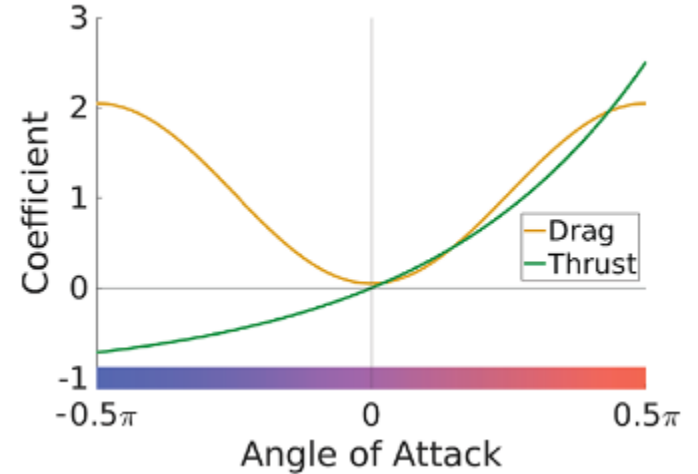
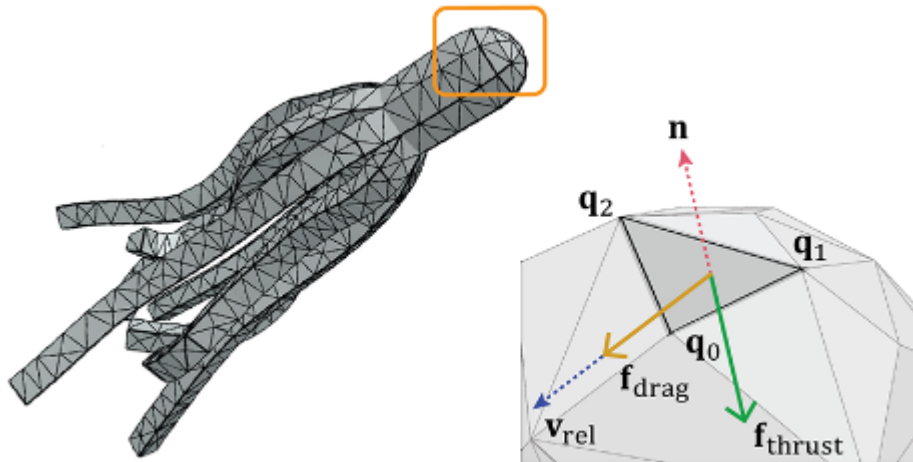
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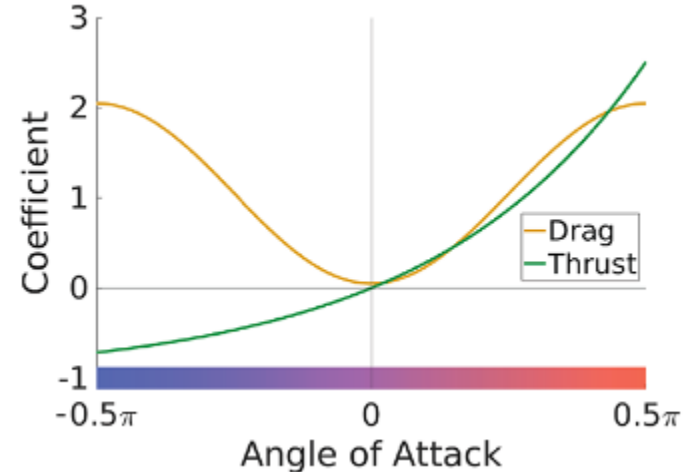
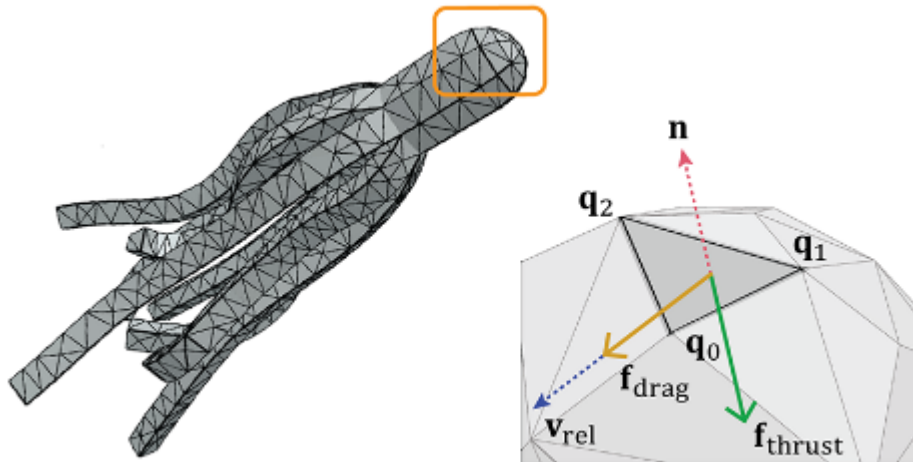
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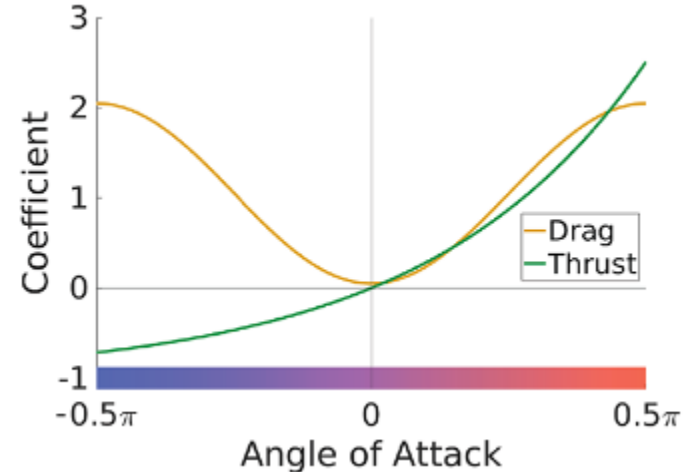
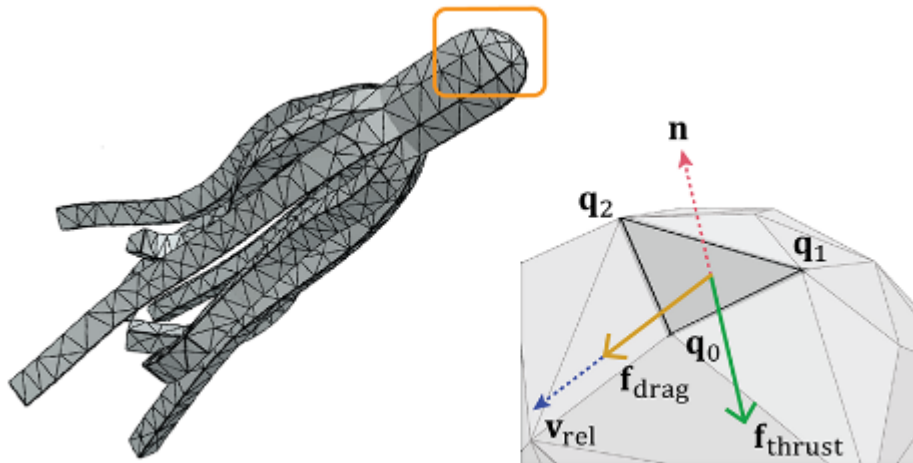


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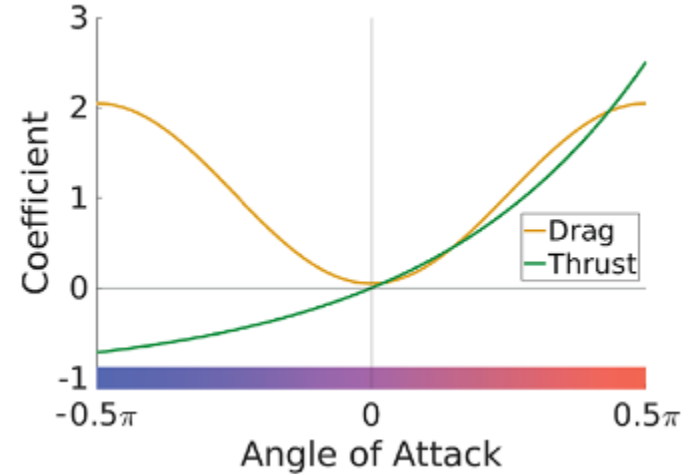
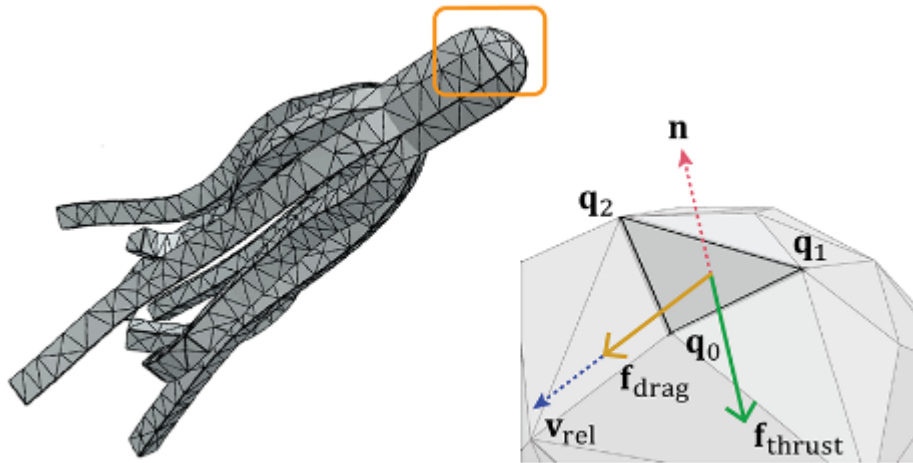
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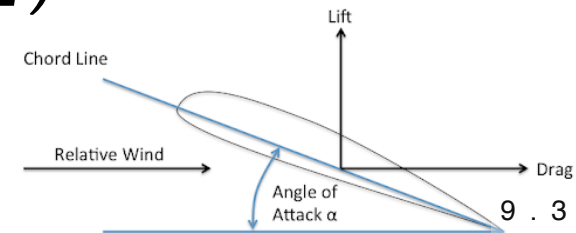
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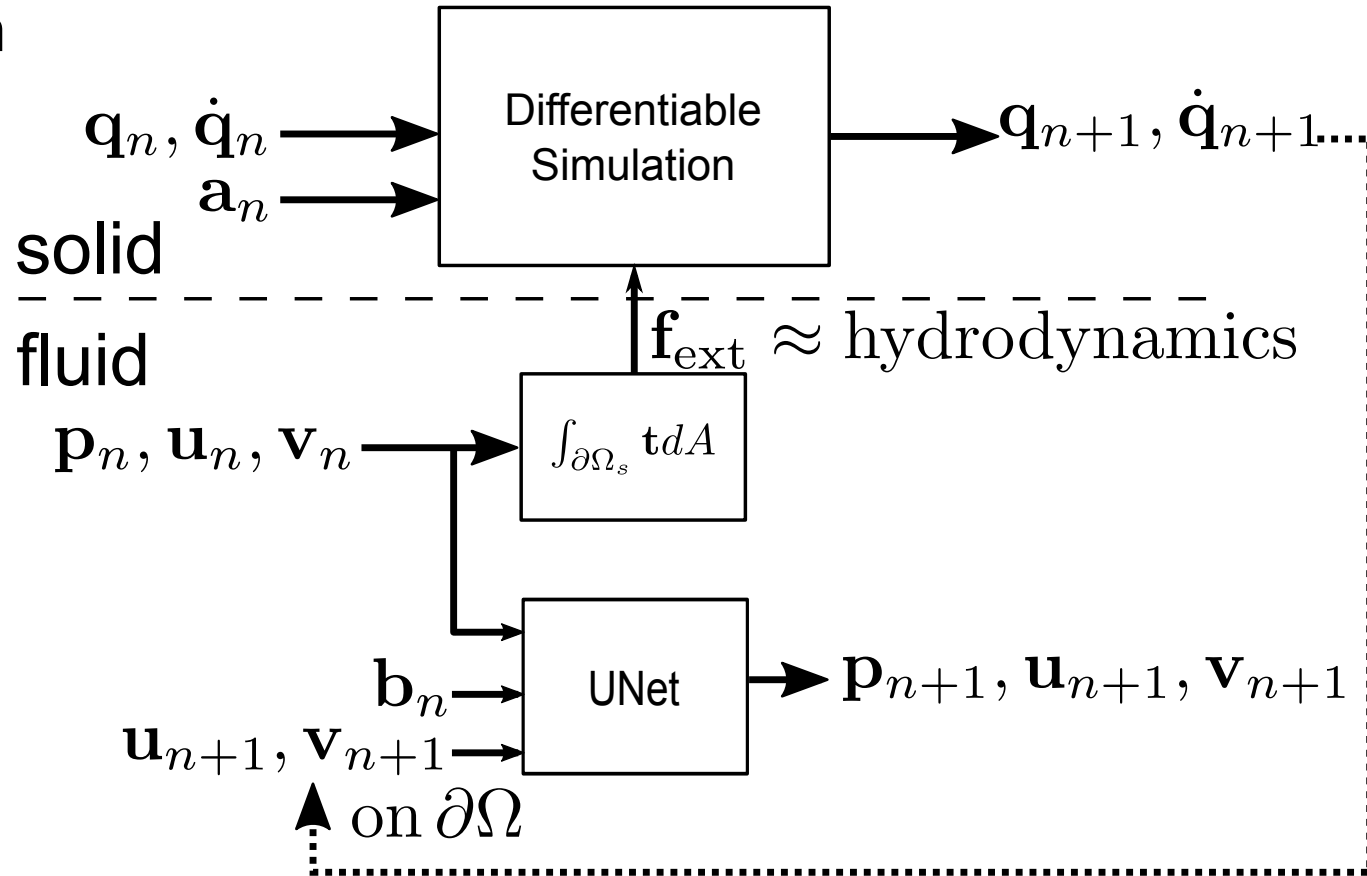


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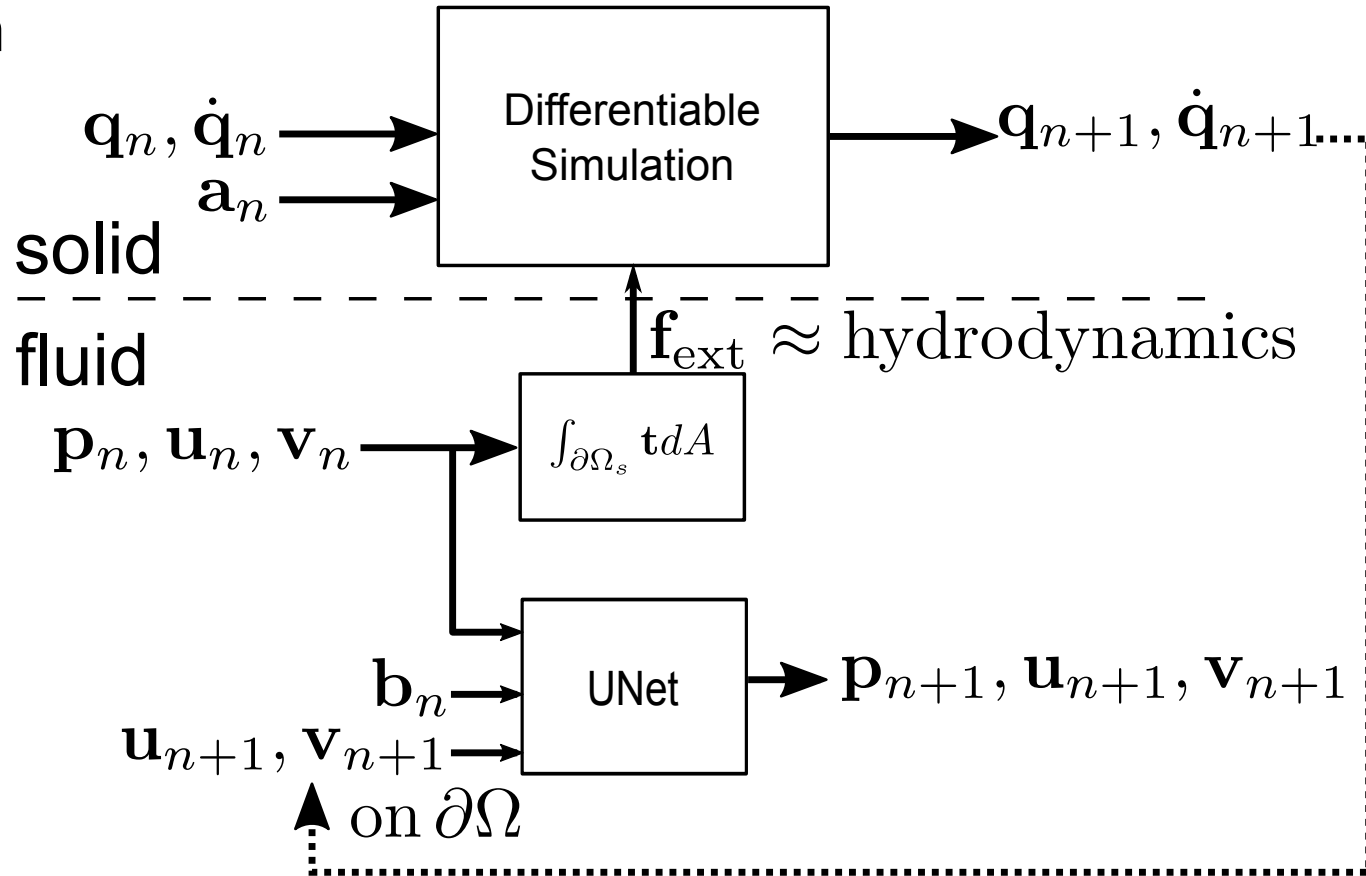
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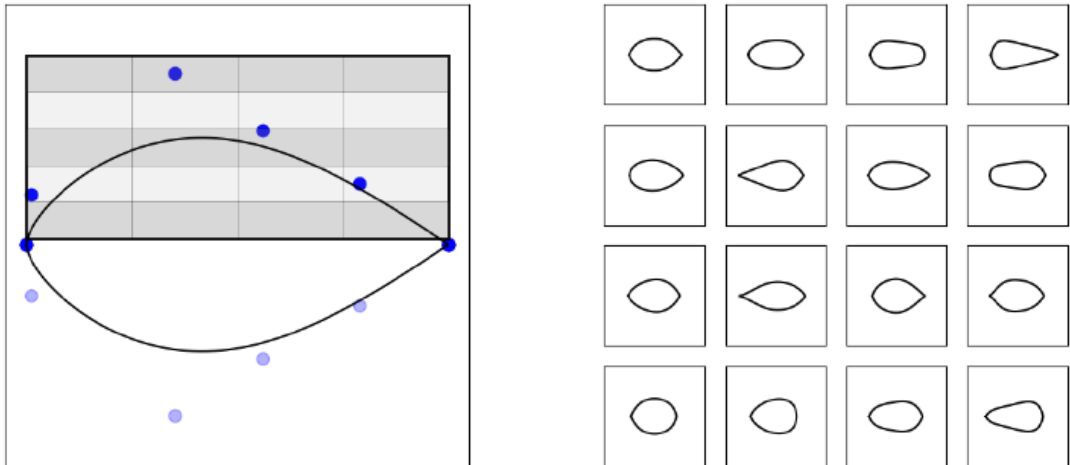
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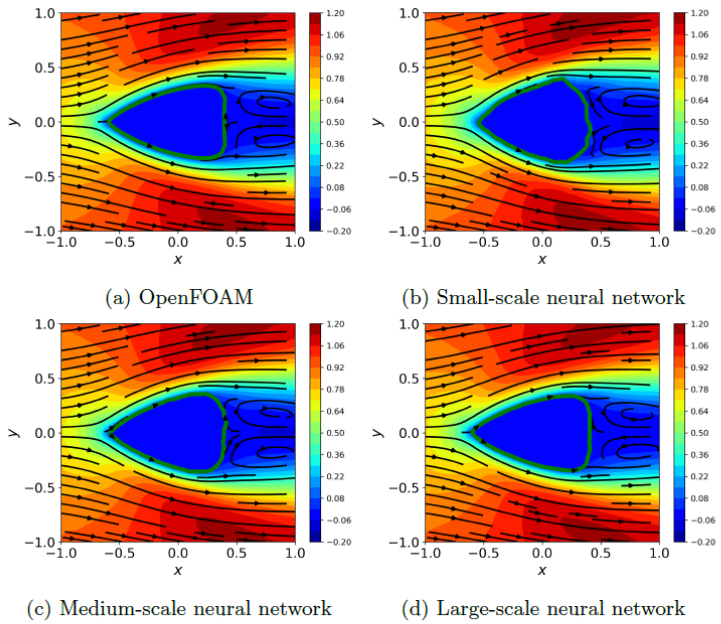
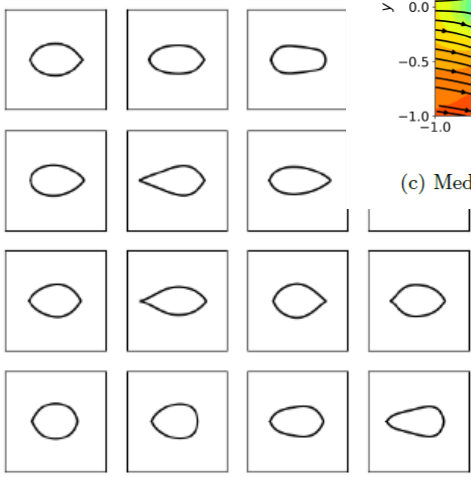
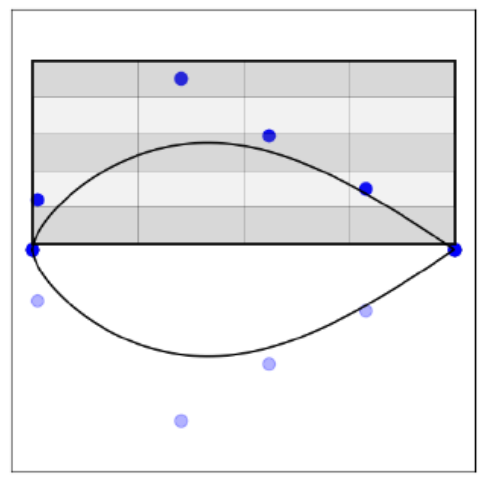
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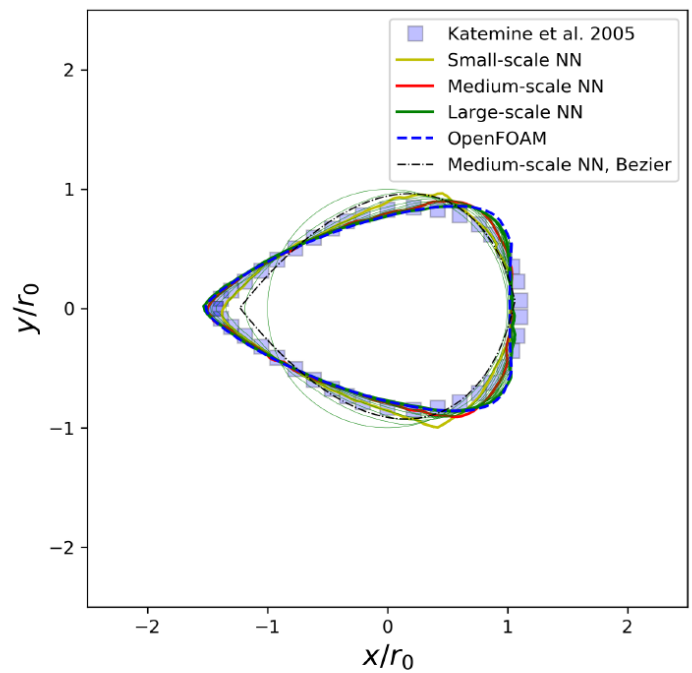
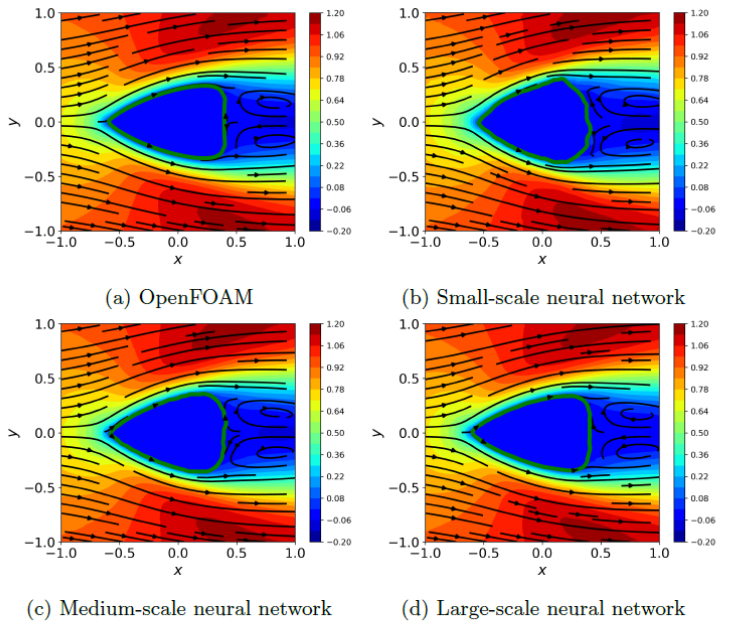
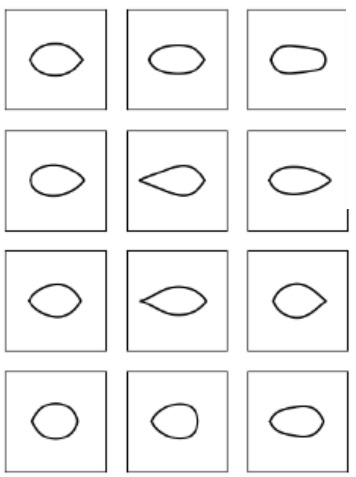
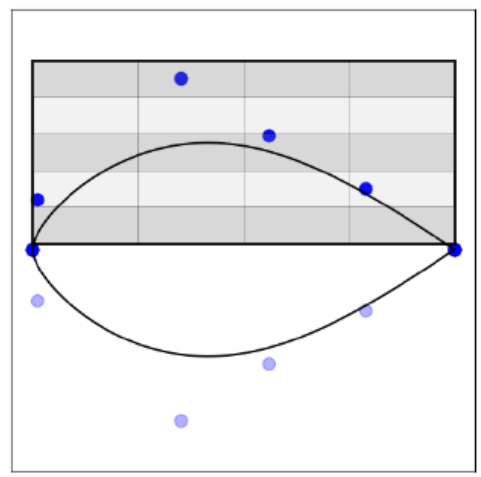
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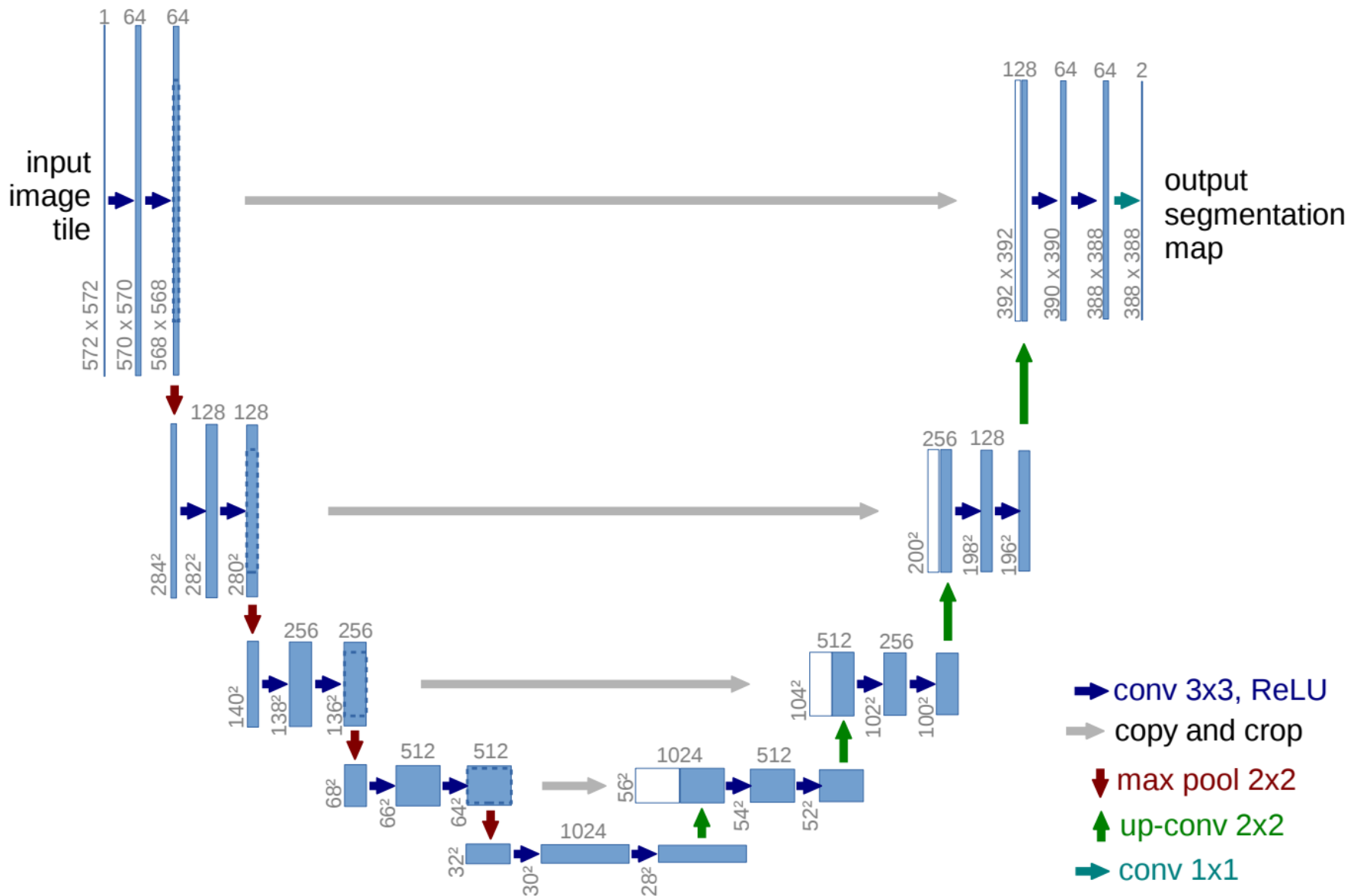
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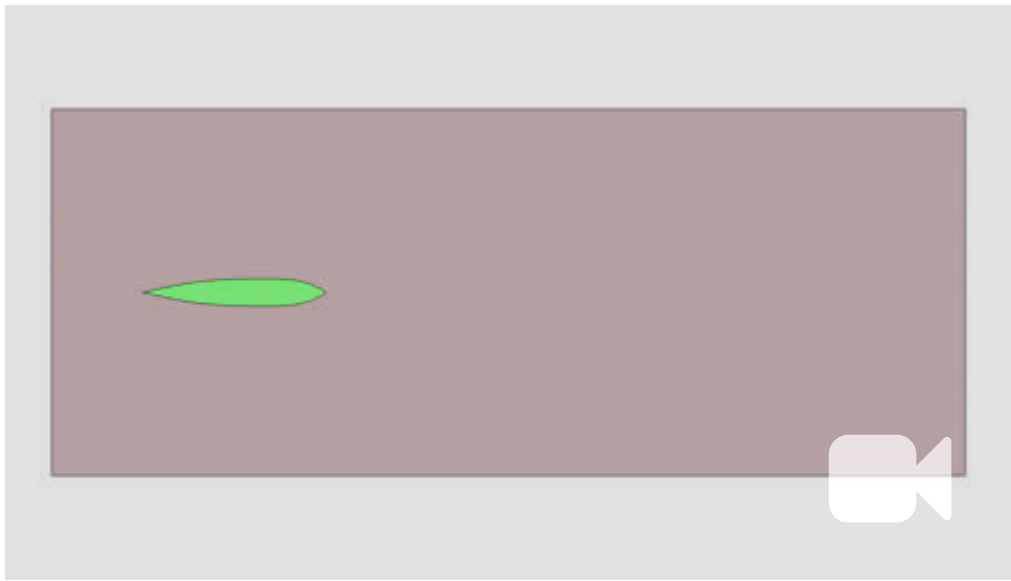


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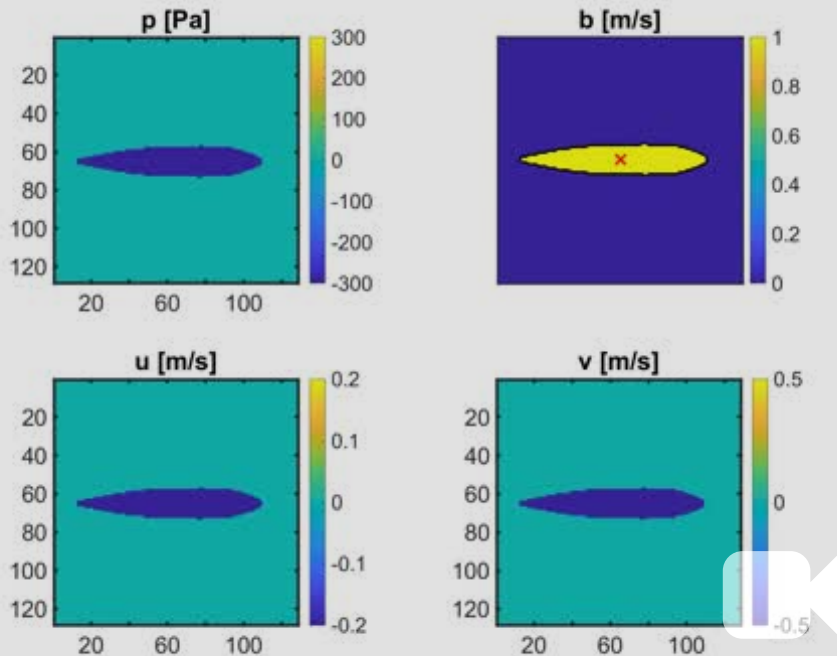
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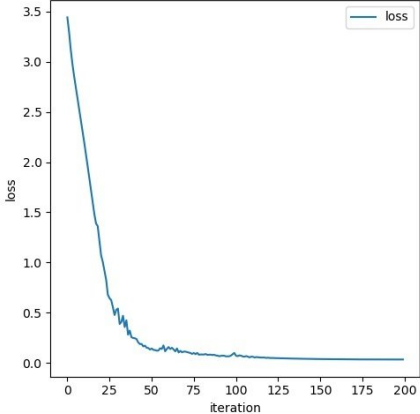
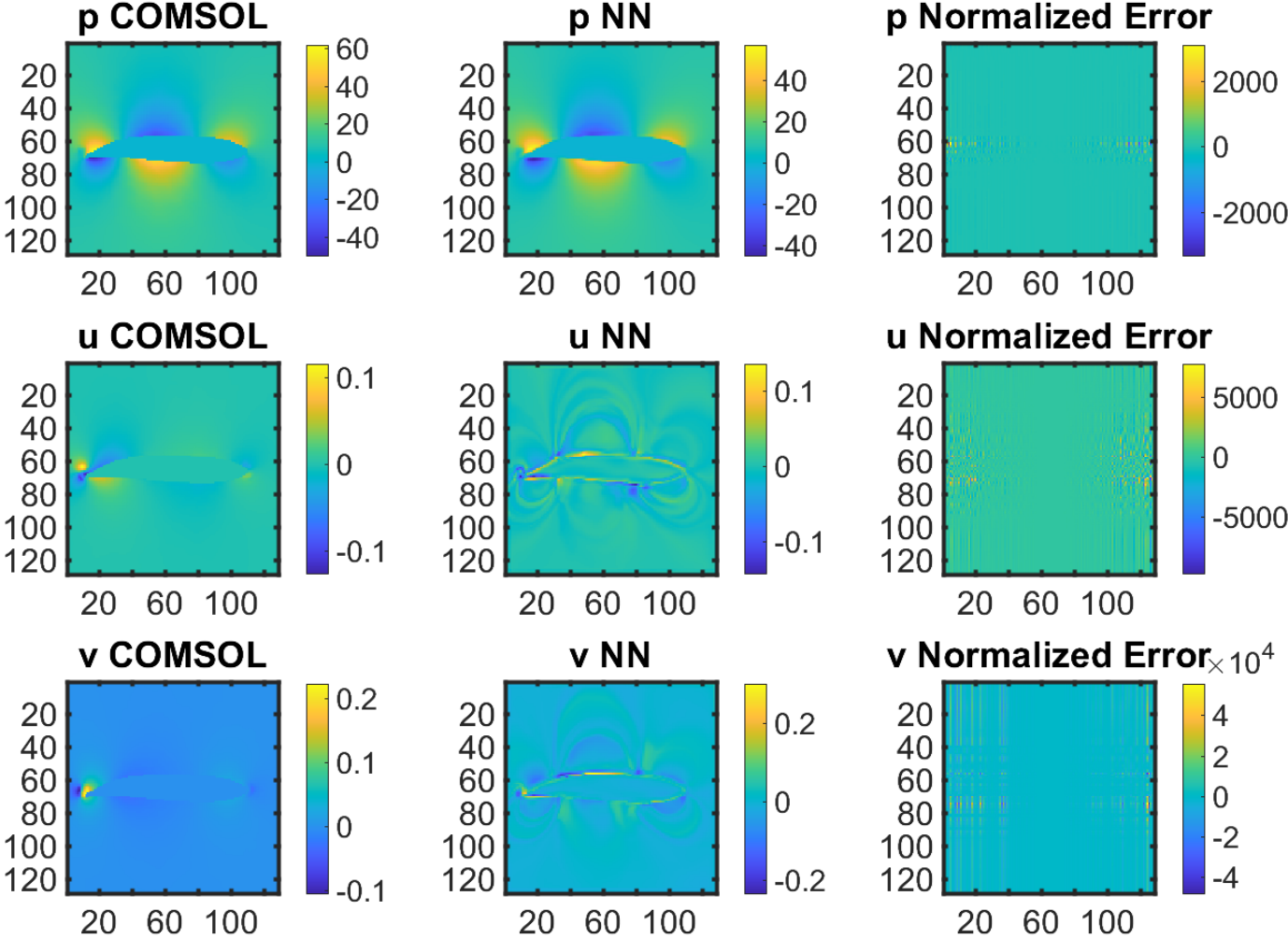
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Preliminary Results

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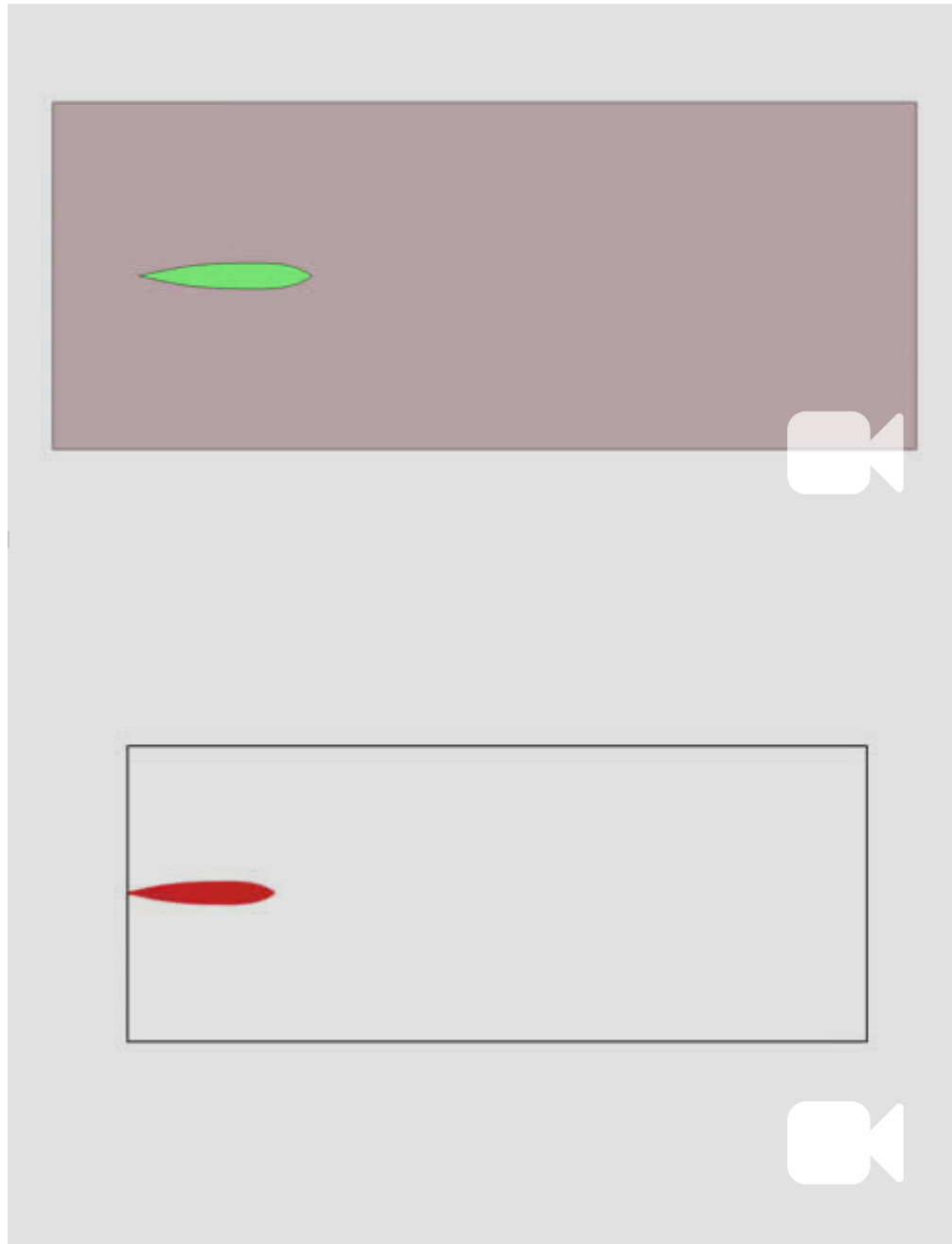


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Use the hybrid simulator for control, design optimization, fun, etc.

Future Directions

- Find a big computer and train with more data
- Integrate NN output around fish body and use output of network as surrogate hydrodynamics
- Physics-informed Neural Network similar to Raissi 2018 and Wandel 2021
- Consider using just the vorticity instead of the velocities for 2D
- Extend to 3D
- Compare with physical experiments

So long and thanks for all the fish!



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