

# Large-scale Inverse Modeling of Hydraulic Tomography by Physics Informed Neural Network

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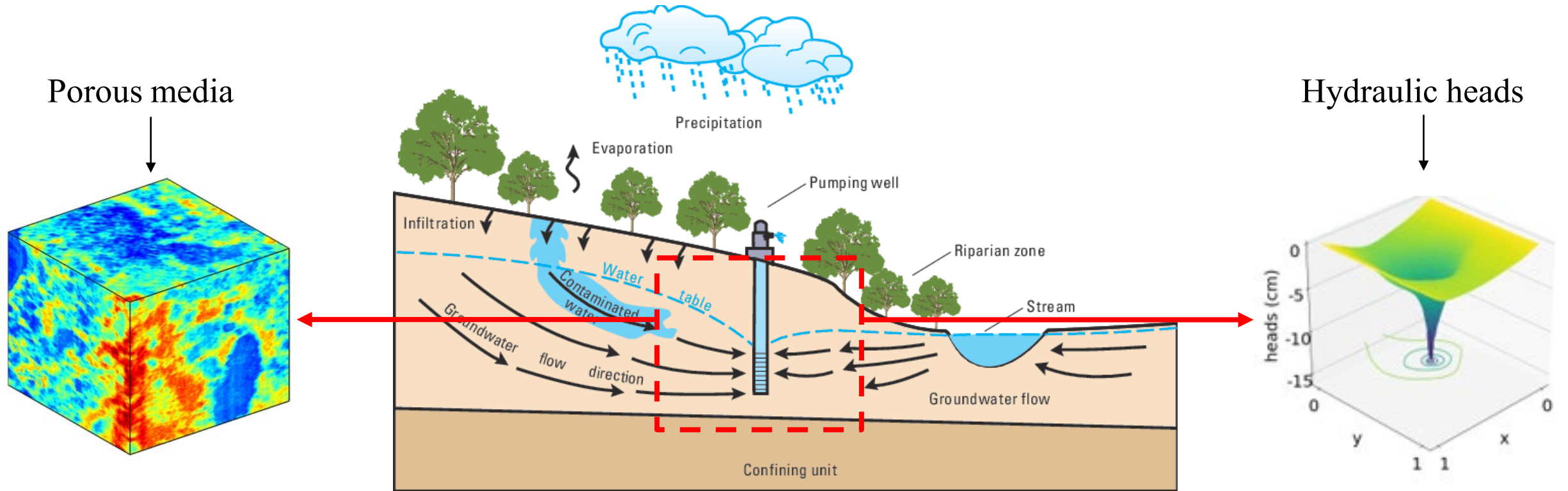
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# Groundwater Pumping Test

Pumping test is widely used to investigate porous media property and simulate groundwater (GW) flow.



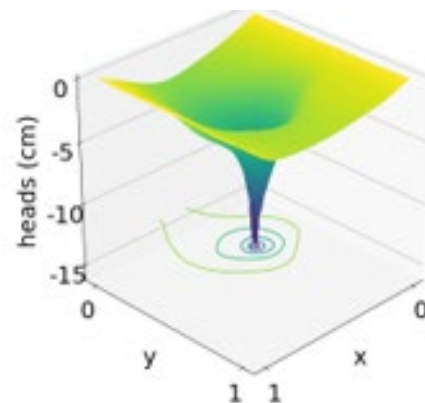
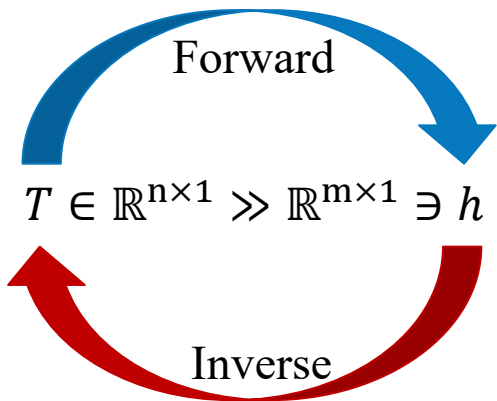
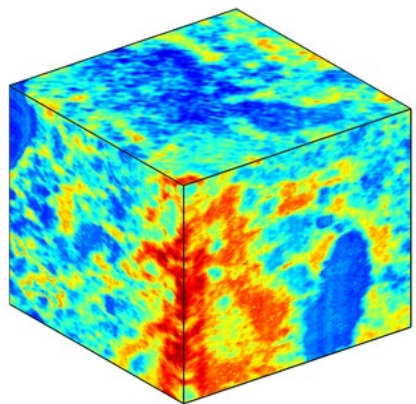
# GW Forward and Inverse Problem

forward problem

parameterized PDEs

Forward model is numerical method, e.g., finite element method (FEM)

Field dimension:  $n$   
Complexity:  $O(n^2)$



$$S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + Q \quad \text{Mass conservation}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = T \nabla h \quad \text{Darcy's Law}$$

$S_s$  – specific storage;  $T$  – hydraulic transmissivity  
 $h$  – hydraulic head;  $\mathbf{q}$  – flux;  $Q$  – source/sink

inverse problem

non-linear and ill-posed

Gradient-based inverse methods iteratively run forward model to determine Jacobian matrix, etc.

Computationally expensive & non-scalable

# GW PINN Model

Groundwater PINNs  
(Tartakovsky et al., 2020)

$$NN(x^*, y^*) = h(x^*, y^*)$$

$$TNN(x^*, y^*) = T(x^*, y^*)$$

minimize



$$||\mathcal{L}(T^*, h^*; x^*, y^*)||$$

Loss of PDE regularization

governs



Mass conservation  
Darcy's Law

$$S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + Q$$

$$\mathbf{q} = T \nabla h$$

soft constraint



formulate



$$\mathcal{L}(T^*, h^*; x^*, y^*) = 0$$

PDE residuals

$$\mathcal{L}(T^*, h^*; x^*, y^*) = \phi_n \left( T^*, h^*, \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial x^*}, \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial y^*}, \frac{\partial h^*}{\partial x^*}, \frac{\partial h^*}{\partial y^*}, \frac{\partial^2 T^*}{\partial x^{*2}}, \dots, \frac{\partial^n h^*}{\partial y^{*n}} \right)$$

Partial derivatives are evaluated with automatic differentiation

# Physical Constraints of Pumping Test

Aquifer ( $T$ ): 2D,  $1024 \times 1024$ , confined & saturated, isotropic

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PDE for non-pumping grid

$$S_s \frac{\partial h(x_e, y_e, t_e)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot [T(x_e, y_e) \nabla h(x_e, y_e, t_e)] = 0, \quad (x_e, y_e) \in \Omega, t_e \in (0, T]$$

PDE for pumping grid

$$S_s \frac{\partial h(x_p, y_p, t_p)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot [T(x_p, y_p) \nabla h(x_p, y_p, t_p)] = Q_p, \quad (x_p, y_p) \in \Omega, t_p \in (0, T]$$

Neumann Boundary Condition

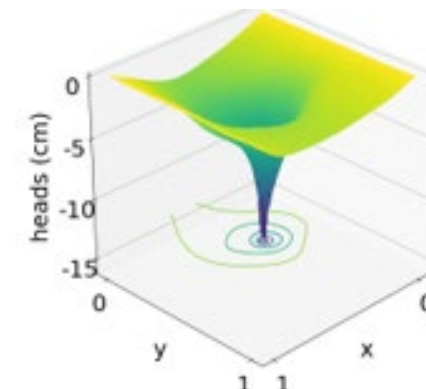
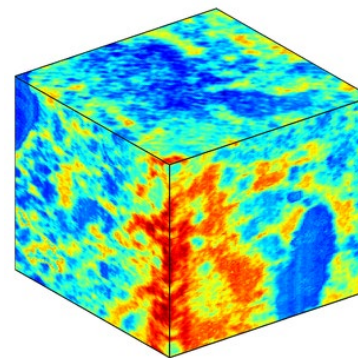
$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla h(x_N, y_N, t_N) = q_N, \quad (x_N, y_N) \in \Gamma_N, t_N \in (0, T]$$

Dirichlet Boundary Condition

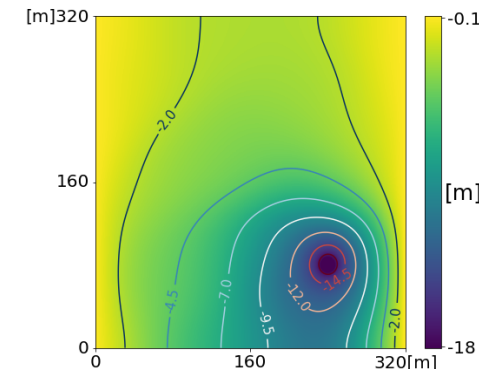
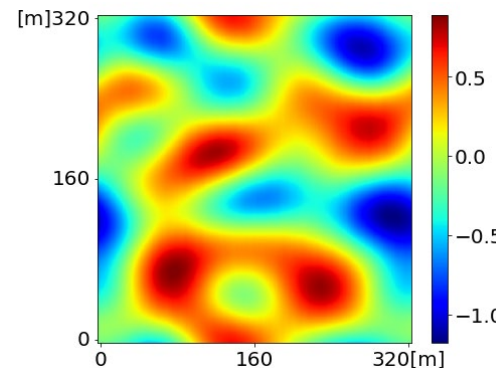
$$h(x_D, y_D, t_D) = h_D, \quad (x_D, y_D) \in \Gamma_D, t_D \in (0, T]$$

Initial Condition

$$h(x_{init}, y_{init}, 0) = h_{init}, \quad (x_{init}, y_{init}) \in \Omega$$



PLAN View



# Network Structure

DNN model:

$$h(x, y, t) \approx NN(x, y, t)$$

$$T(x, y) \approx TNN(x, y)$$

Data (reference):

Monitored hydraulic heads:  $NN(x_m, y_m) = h_m$   
 Measurements of transmissivity:  $TNN(x_T, y_T) = T(x_T, y_T)$

Regularization (collocation):

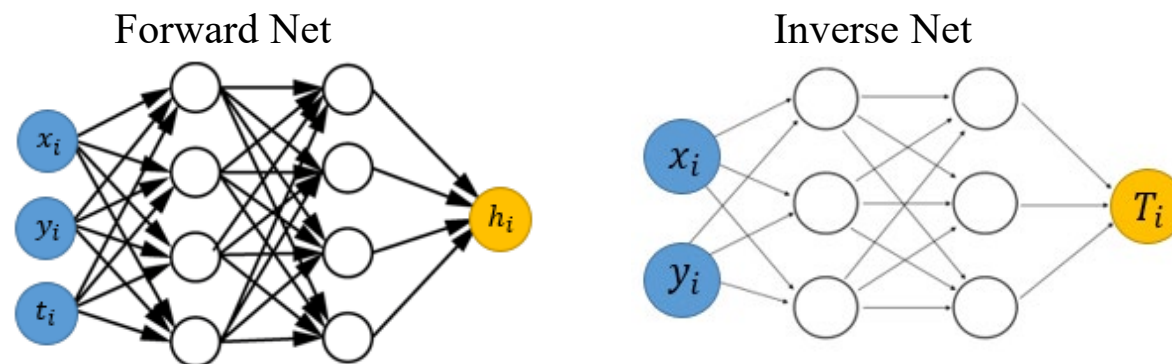
$$S_s \frac{\partial NN(x_e, y_e, t_e)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot [TNN(x_e, y_e) \nabla NN(x_e, y_e, t_e)] = 0$$

$$S_s \frac{\partial NN(x_p, y_p, t_p)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot [TNN(x_p, y_p) \nabla NN(x_p, y_p, t_p)] = Q_p$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla NN(x_N, y_N, t_N) = q_N$$

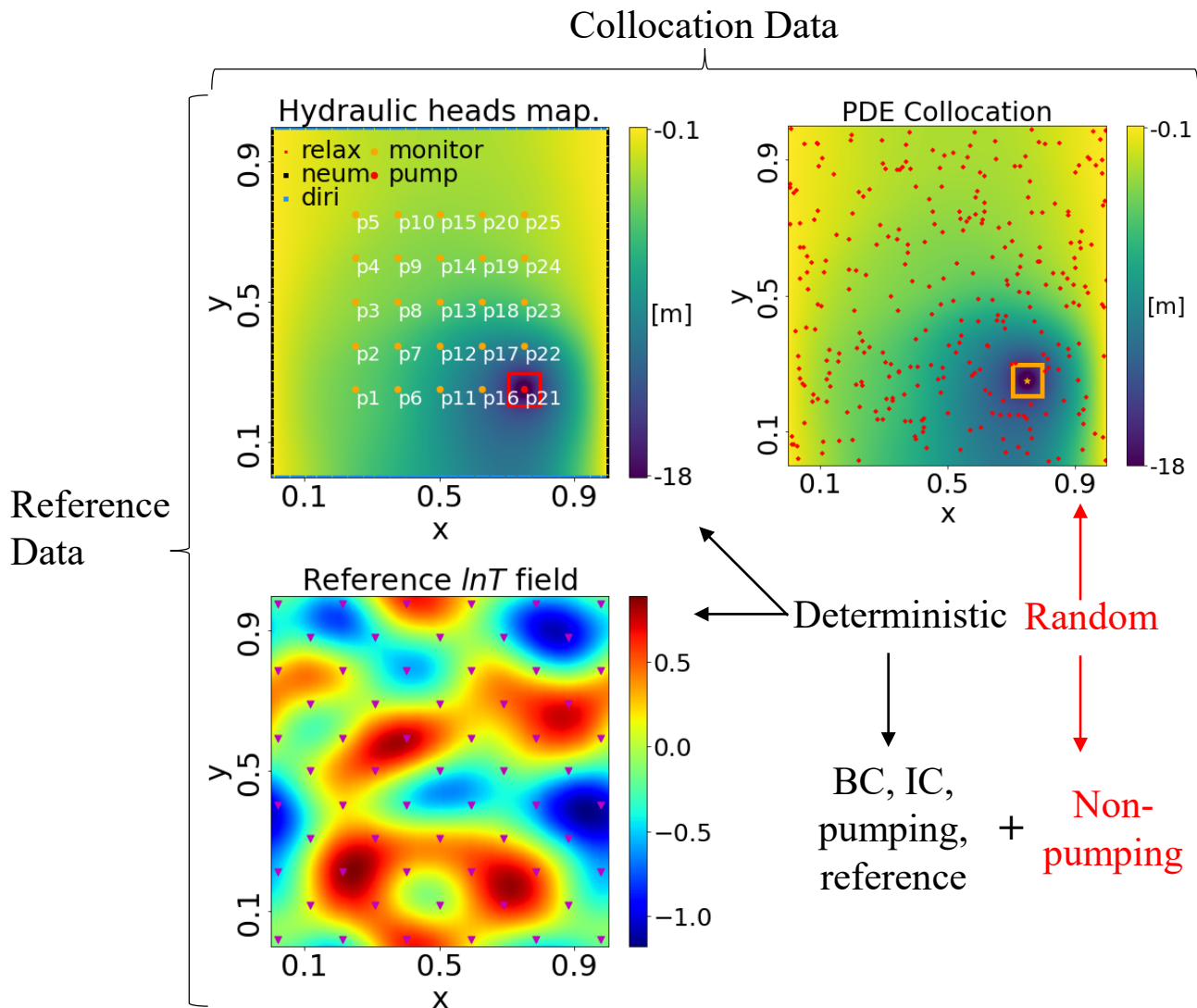
$$NN(x_D, y_D, t_D) = h_D$$

$$NN(x_{init}, y_{init}, 0) = h_{init}$$



	Network Architecture	
	Transient Forward	Inverse
Input variables	Spatial & temporal ( $x, y, t$ )	Spatial ( $x, y$ )
Output variables	Hydraulic heads ( $h$ )	Transmissivity ( $T$ )
Number of layers		7
Hidden dimensions		50
Activation function		Hyperbolic ( $\tanh$ )
Output layer type		Linear

# Data Batch Sampling



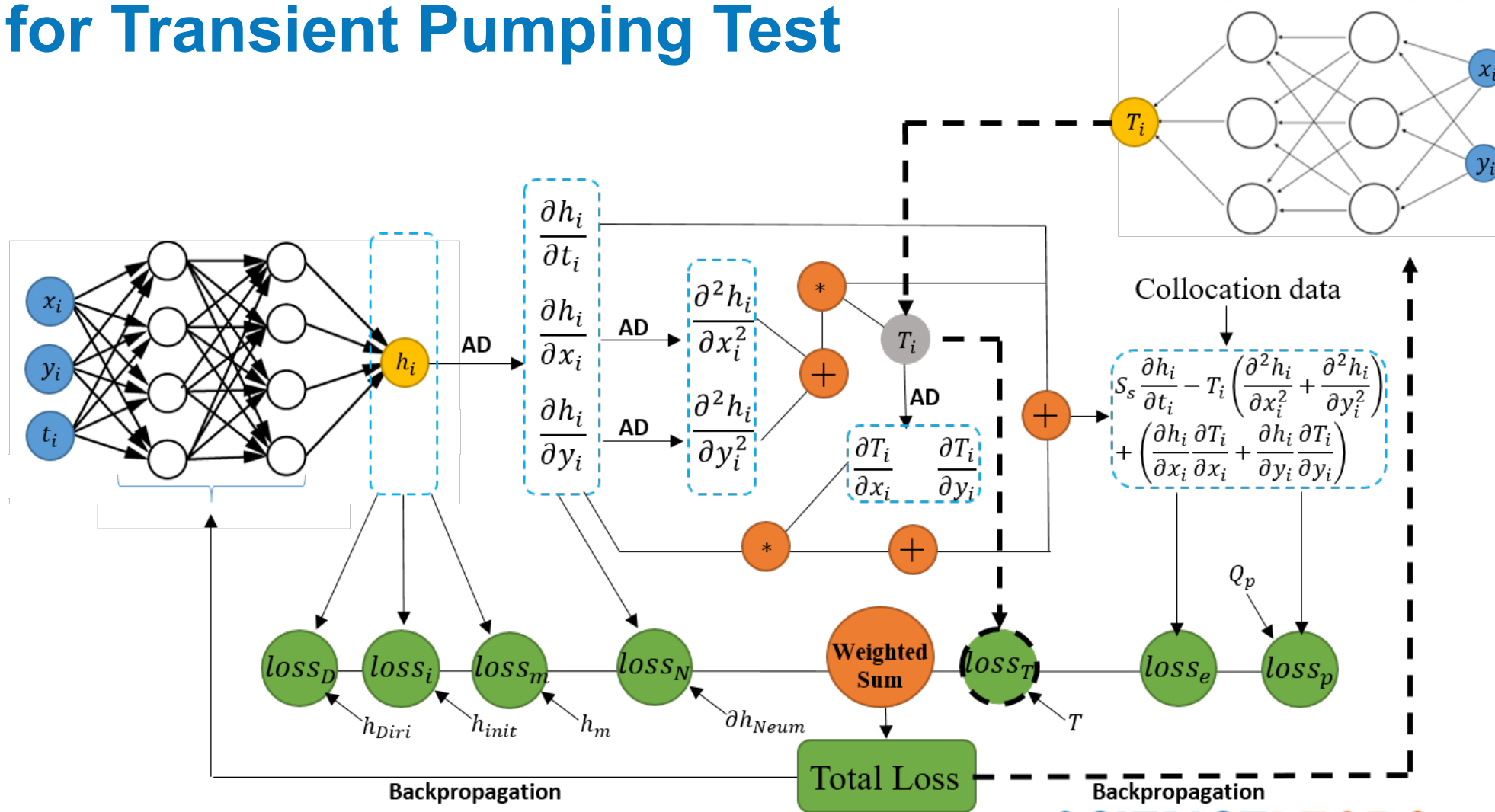
Composition of training data in each batch for HT-PINN

Type of points	Pumping	Time	Batch	Number
Pumping $(x_p, y_p)$	Invariant	Invariant	Invariant	1
Neumann $(x_N, y_N)$	Invariant	Invariant	Invariant	$64 \times 2$
Dirichlet $(x_D, y_D)$	Invariant	Invariant	Invariant	$64 \times 2$
Direct $(x_T, y_T)$	Invariant	Invariant	Invariant	61
Initial $(x_{init}, y_{init})$	Variant	Invariant	Invariant	25
Monitored $(x_m, y_m, t_m)$	Variant	Variant	Invariant	24
Non-pumping $(x_e, y_e, t_e)$	Variant	Variant	Variant	300



= Data Batch

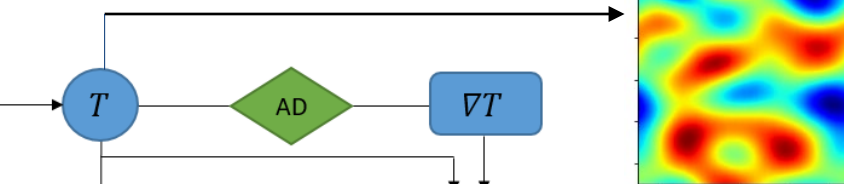
# PINN for Transient Pumping Test





# Hydraulic Tomography - PINN

One inverse network  $TNN$



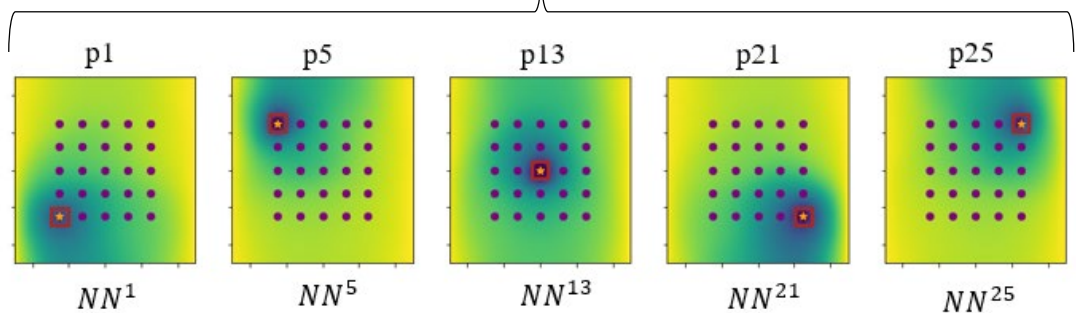
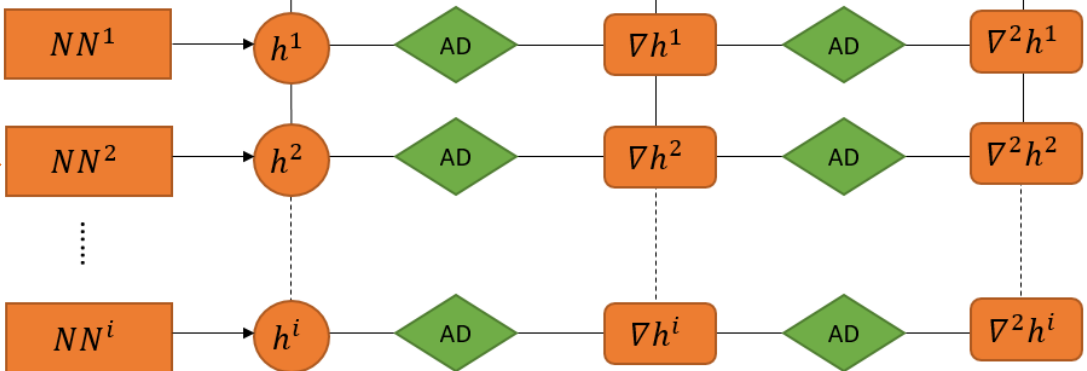
Total loss of HT-PINN:



$$l_{HT-PINN} = \sum l_{NN^i} + l_{TNN}$$

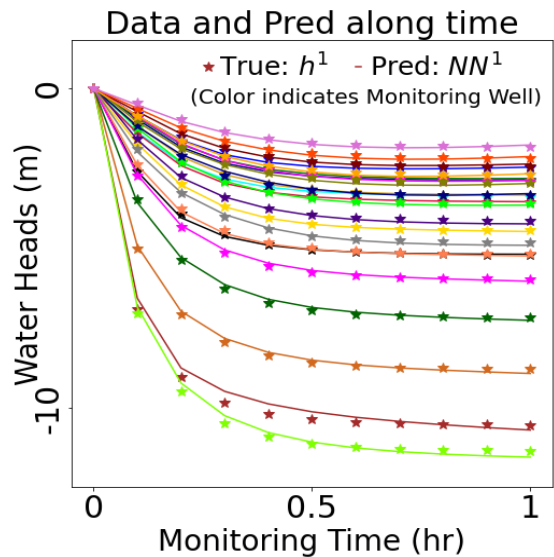
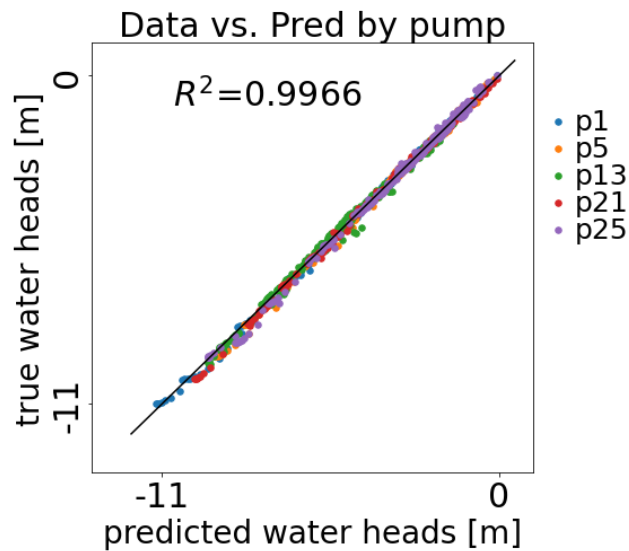
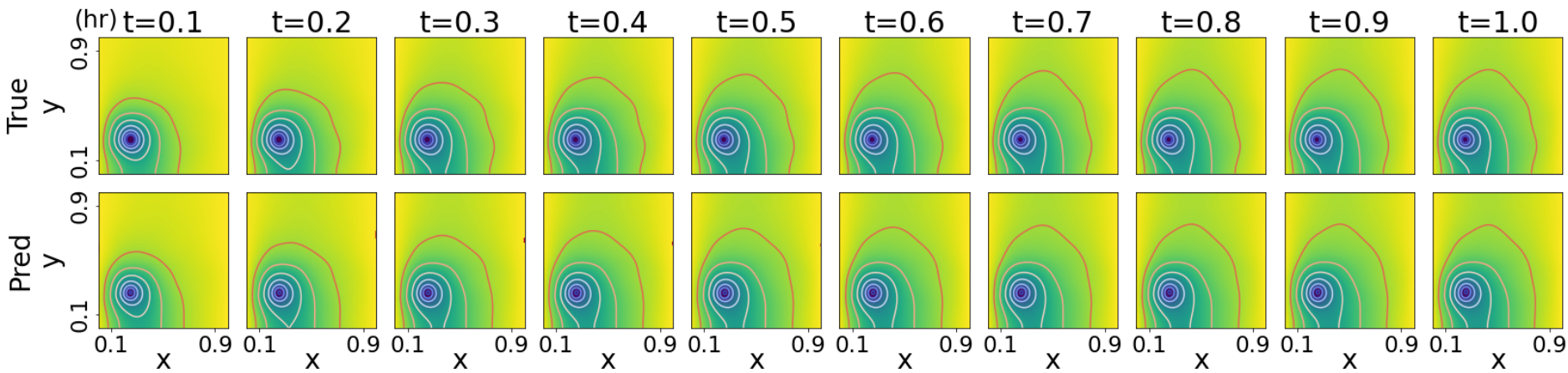


Each pumping test has a forward network  $NN^i$



# Transient Forward Prediction

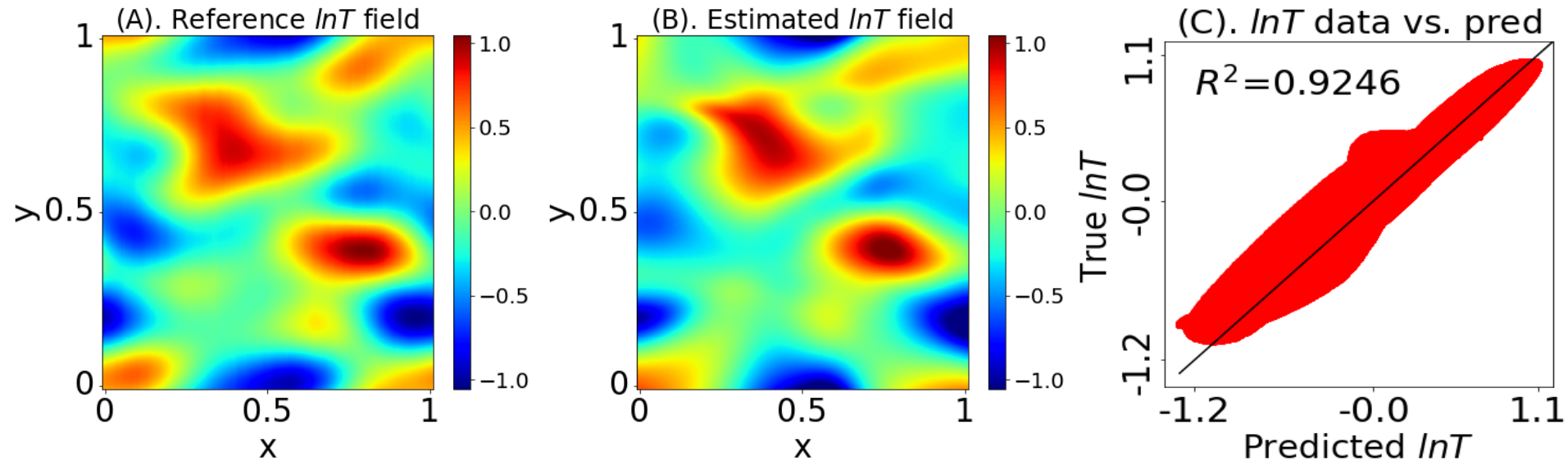
True and predicted hydraulic heads in pumping test at well p1



Average relative residual  $\epsilon_{NN_t^i}$  average on all time steps  $t = 0.1 - 1.0$ :

- P1: 6.14%
- P5: 6.26%
- P13: 6.23%
- P21: 6.58%
- P25: 6.53%

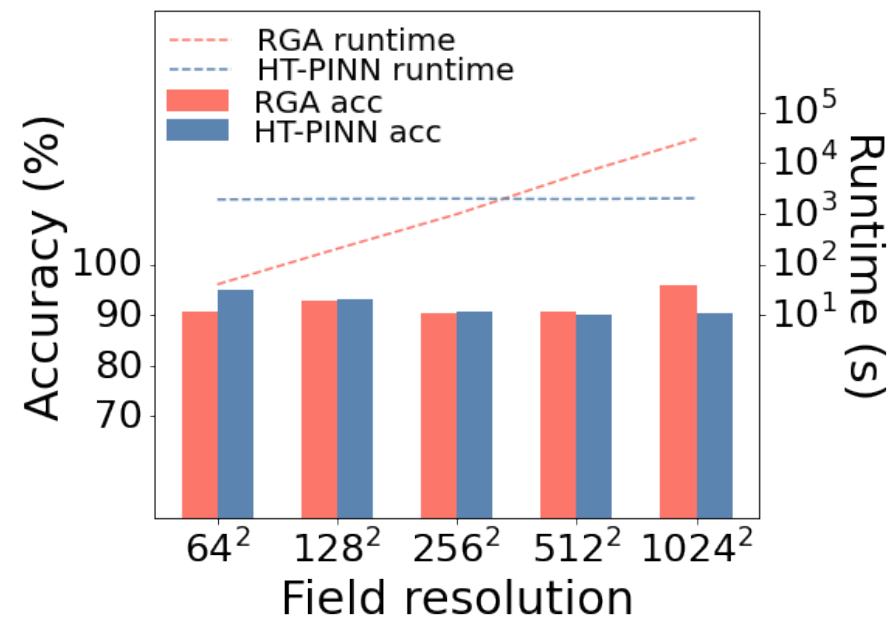
# Inverse Estimation



The relative residual  $\epsilon_{TNN}$  is 10.32%, and the accuracy is 94.93%.

Training time is about 9.5 hours.

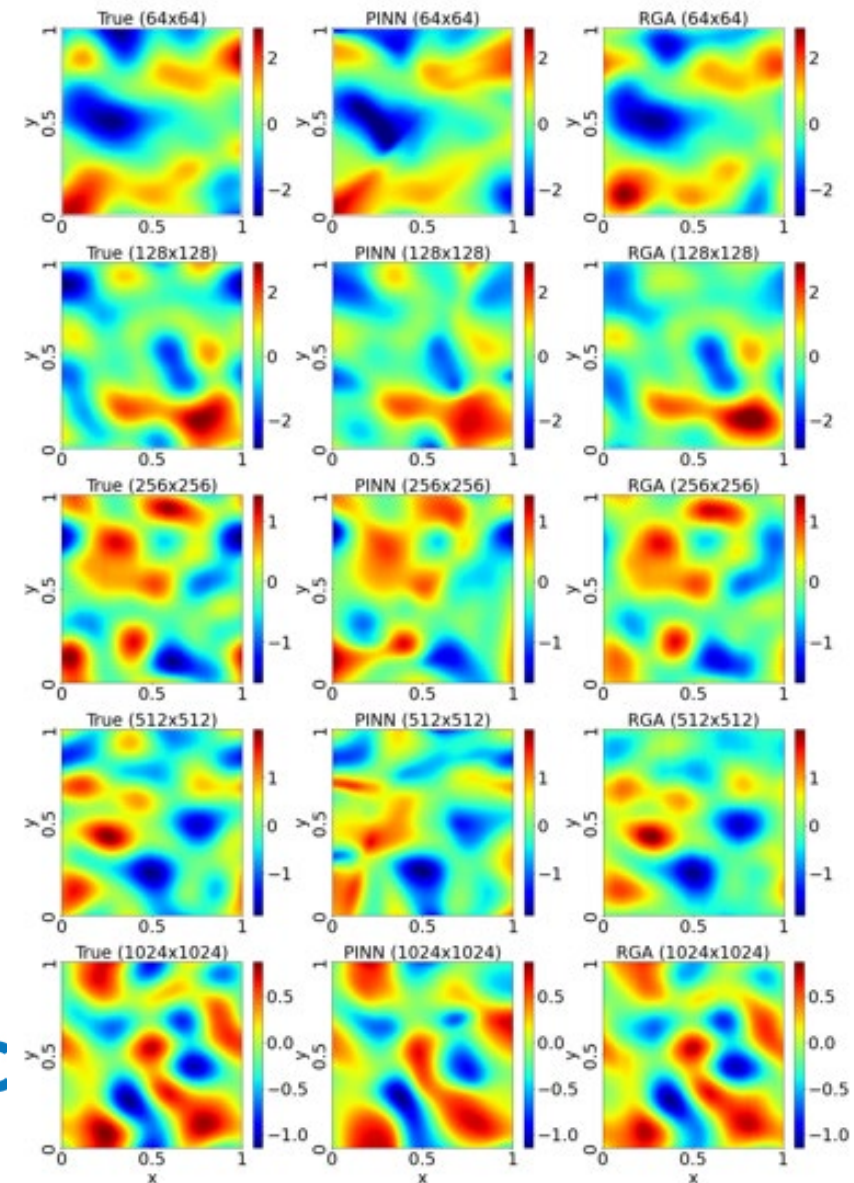
# Model Scalability



Model	RGA	HT-PINN
Accuracy	> 90%	> 90%
$N_h$	24×5	24×5
$N_{lnT}$	0	61
Covariance	Yes	No
Scalability	Linear	Constant

Future improvements:

- Data efficiency: reduce amount of reference data
- Generalizability: applicable to non-Gaussian field



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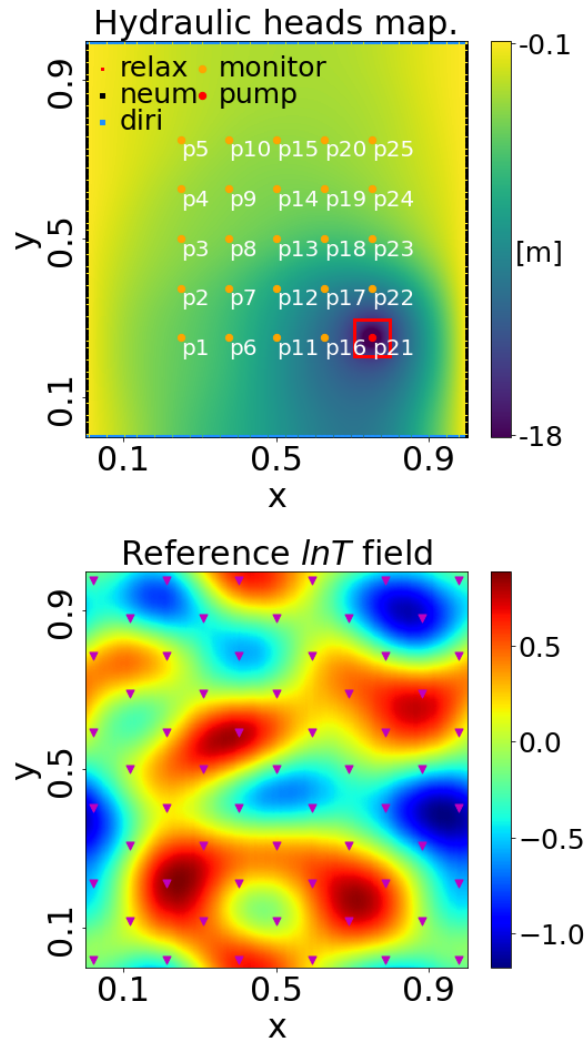
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# Appendix – Experimental Domain



Hydrogeological and geostatistical parameters for the hydraulic tomography experiment

Parameter	Values
Domain size, $L_x \times L_y$	320m $\times$ 320m
Grid spacing, $\Delta x \times \Delta y$	0.3125m $\times$ 0.3125m
Spatial resolution, $n_x \times n_y$	1024 $\times$ 1024
Transmissivity, $T$ [ $m^2/hr$ ]	
Geometric mean	0
Variance of $\ln T$ , $\sigma_{\ln T}^2$	1
Correlation length, $\lambda_x \times \lambda_y$	64m $\times$ 48m
Left Boundary	$h=0m$
Right Boundary	$h=0m$
Initial Condition	$h=0m$
Pumping Time [hr]	1
Monitor Time Step [hr]	0.1
Pumping Rate [ $m^3/hr$ ]	3.6

# Appendix – PDE Loss

Physical Constraints:

$$S_s \frac{\partial h(x_e, y_e, t_e)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot [T(x_e, y_e) \nabla h(x_e, y_e, t_e)] = 0,$$

PDE residual:

$$f_{NN^i, TNN}(x, y, t) = S_s \frac{\partial NN^i(x, y, t)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot [TNN(x, y) \nabla NN^i(x, y, t)],$$

PDE for non-pumping grid:

$$Loss_e = \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} |f_{NN, TNN}(x_e^j, y_e^j, t_e^j)|^2$$

PDE for pumping grid:

$$Loss_p = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} |f_{NN, TNN}(x_p^j, y_p^j, t_p^j) - Q_p|^2$$

## Appendix – B.C and I.C Loss

Dirichlet B.C.:

$$Loss_D = \frac{1}{N_D} \sum_{j=1}^{N_D} |NN(x_D^j, y_D^j, t_D^j) - h(x_D^j, y_D^j, t_D^j)|^2$$

Neumann B.C.:

$$Loss_N = \frac{1}{N_N} \sum_{j=1}^{N_N} |\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla NN(x_N, y_N, t_N) - q_N|^2$$

Initial Condition:

$$Loss_{init} = \frac{1}{N_{init}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{init}} |NN(x_{init}, y_{init}, 0) - h(x_{init}, y_{init}, 0)|^2$$

## Appendix – Data Match Loss

Monitored Hydraulic Heads:

$$Loss_m = \frac{1}{N_m} \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} |NN(x_m^j, y_m^j, t_m^j) - h(x_m^j, y_m^j, t_m^j)|^2$$

Measured Transmissivity:

$$Loss_T = \frac{1}{N_T} \sum_{j=1}^{N_T} |TNN(x_T^j, y_T^j) - T(x_T^j, y_T^j)|^2$$

## Appendix – Loss Function

$$LOSS_{NN} = \lambda_m LOSS_m + \lambda_e LOSS_e + \lambda_N LOSS_N + \lambda_D LOSS_D + \lambda_p LOSS_p + \lambda_{init} LOSS_{init}$$

$$LOSS_{HT-PINN} = \sum_{i=1,2,\dots,n} LOSS_{NN}^i + \lambda_T LOSS_T$$

$$\lambda_m = 10^4, \lambda_f = 50, \lambda_p = 1, \lambda_N = 10^4, \lambda_D = 2 \times 10^4, \lambda_T = 10^3, \lambda_{init} = 10^4$$

## Appendix – Evaluation Met

Relative residuals:

$$\epsilon_{NN^i} = \frac{\|NN^i(x, y, t) - \mathbf{h}^i(x, y, t)\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{h}^i(x, y, t)\|_2^2}, (x, y) \in \Omega, t \in (0, T]$$

$$\epsilon_T = \frac{\|TNN(x, y) - \mathbf{T}(x, y)\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{T}(x, y)\|_2^2}, (x, y) \in \Omega$$

Inverse accuracy:

$$\epsilon(x, y) = \frac{|TNN(x, y) - T(x, y)|}{T^{max} - T^{min}}, (x, y) \in \Omega$$

Accuracy = percent of grids with  $\epsilon(x, y) < 10\%$

## Appendix – Training Implementation

- 5 forward networks + 1 inverse network are trained together.
- Reference data are corrupted with 5% white noises.
- Input and output variables are normalized.
- Different loss terms are weighted to similar magnitude.
- Each training iteration takes a batch of data to feed HT-PINN.
- Each epoch has 50 iterations for steady-state and 500 iterations for transient HT.
- HT-PINN is trained for 3000 epochs with Adam optimizer.
- Learning rate =  $10^{-3}$  for 1-1000,  $10^{-4}$  for 1000-2000,  $10^{-5}$  for 2000-3000.
- Training hardwares are Google Colab GPU