

Modeling of Highly Porous Materials under Extreme Loading using Deep Learning

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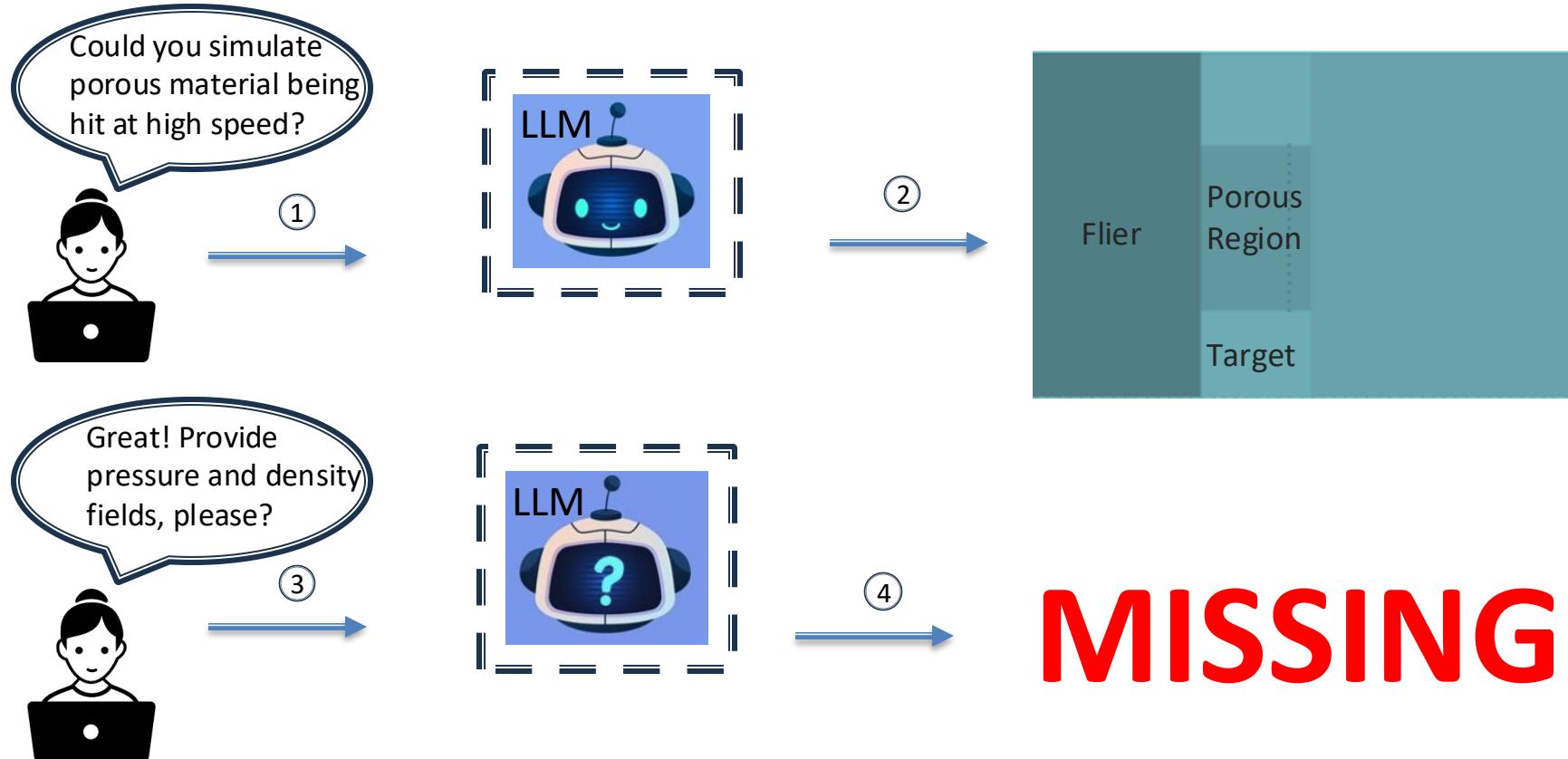
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MOTIVATION

Accelerating Scientific Discovery and Predict Physics Without Full-Scale Computation

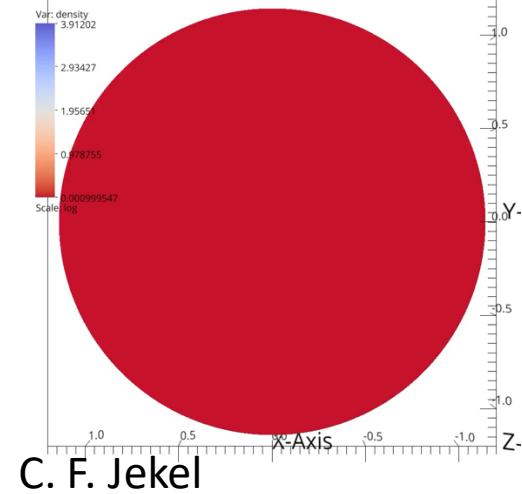
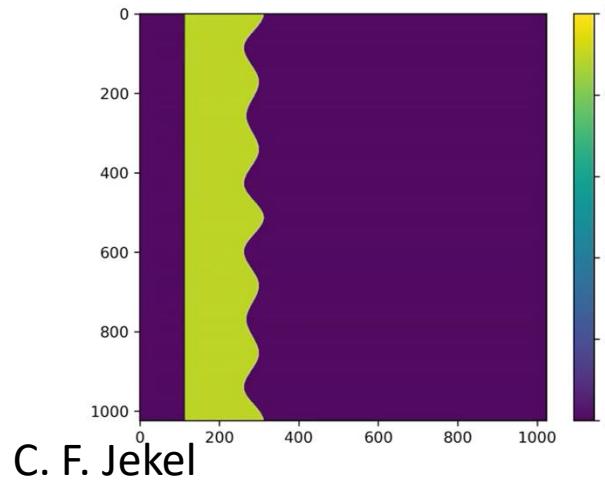


Large Language Models (LLMs) **understand and generate text/videos**. Can we build similar models for **simulating physics**?

Predicting Temporal Evolution through Physics Simulations is Computationally Expensive

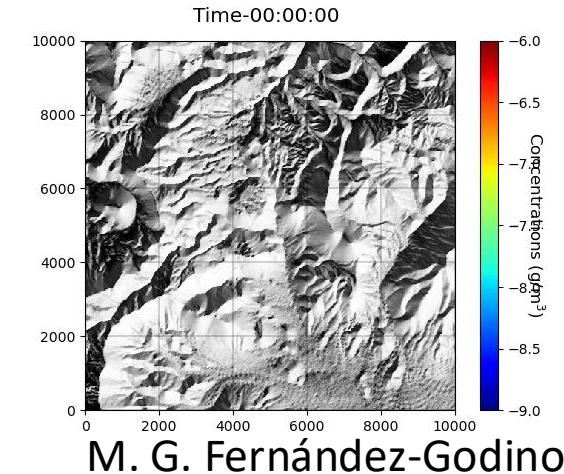
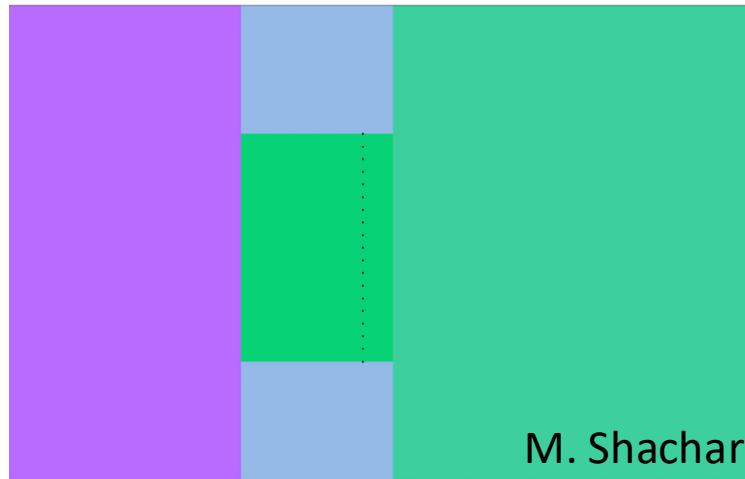
Challenge:

- High-fidelity simulations require **expensive iterative solvers**.
- Model reduction techniques often **lose key dynamics**.



Goal:

Develop an **ML model** that learns spatio-temporal fields evolution from simulation data, reducing computational cost.



We can train **LLMs to run physics simulations**. Physics simulations are **expensive**, can we accelerate the process training LLMs using **ML models**?

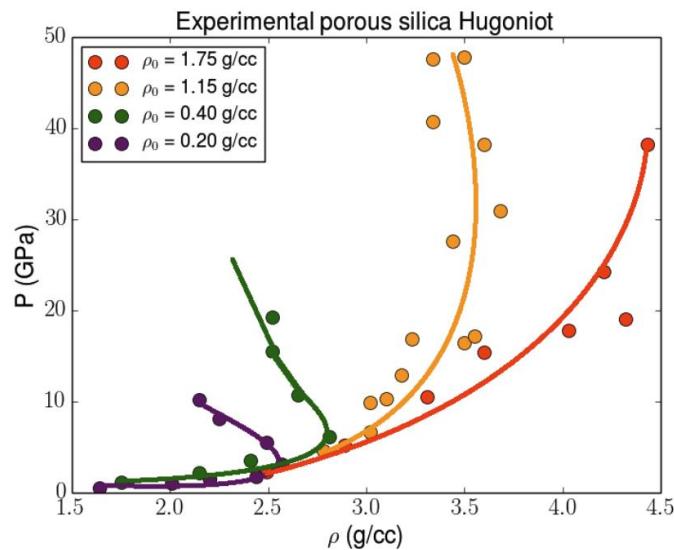
SIMULATION DATA

The Problem of Interest is a Highly Porous Material under Extreme Loading

Porous materials exhibit complex shock responses:

- Anomalous responses where higher pressure behind the shock front leads to lower density.
- Significantly **reduced shock wave speeds** compared to fully dense materials, varying smoothly with porosity.

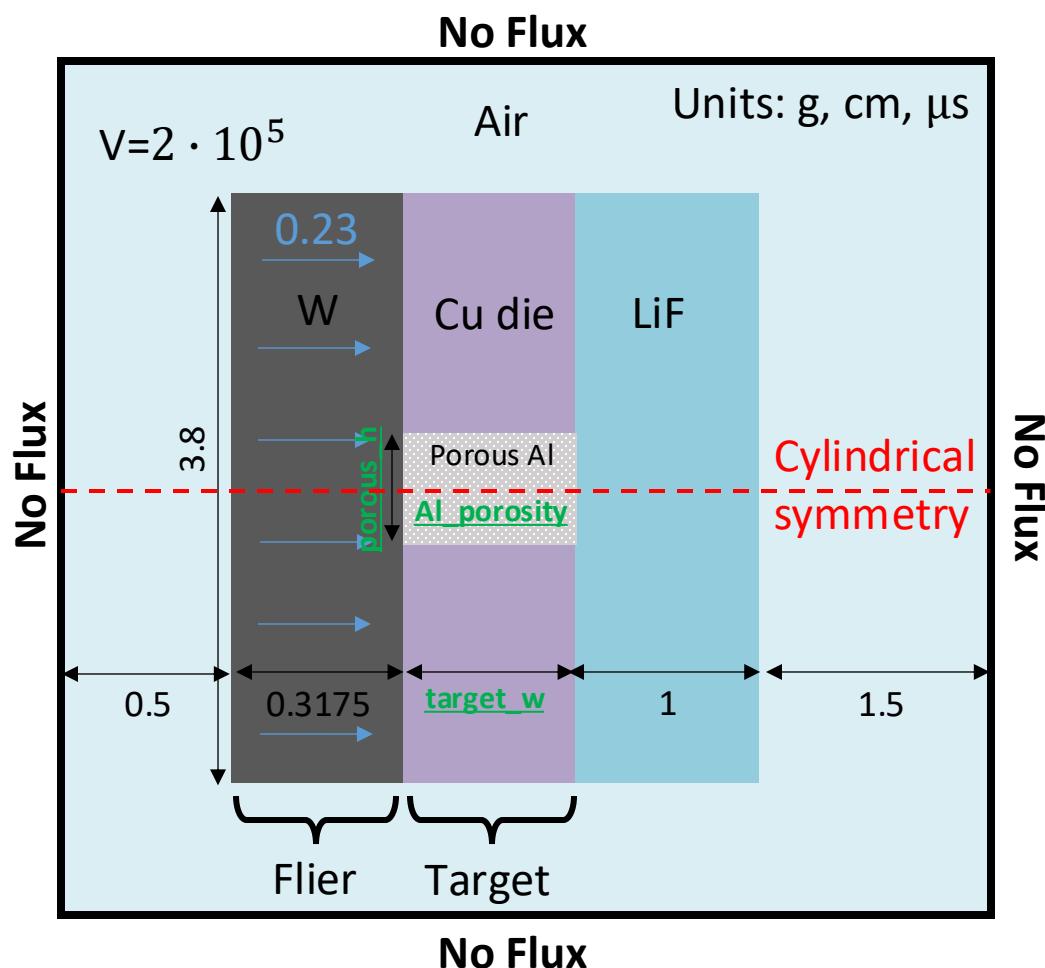
Controlling porosity distributions can achieve **variable shock speeds**, allowing for **precise wave shape control**, **management of interfacial instabilities** and **energy** (Jones et al., 2018; Huy Pham et al., 2023).



Trunin et al., 2001

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Many Hydrodynamic Simulations Were Ran to Obtain Enough Data for ML Training



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Number of fields: 7

Spatial resolution: 60x60

Studied variables:

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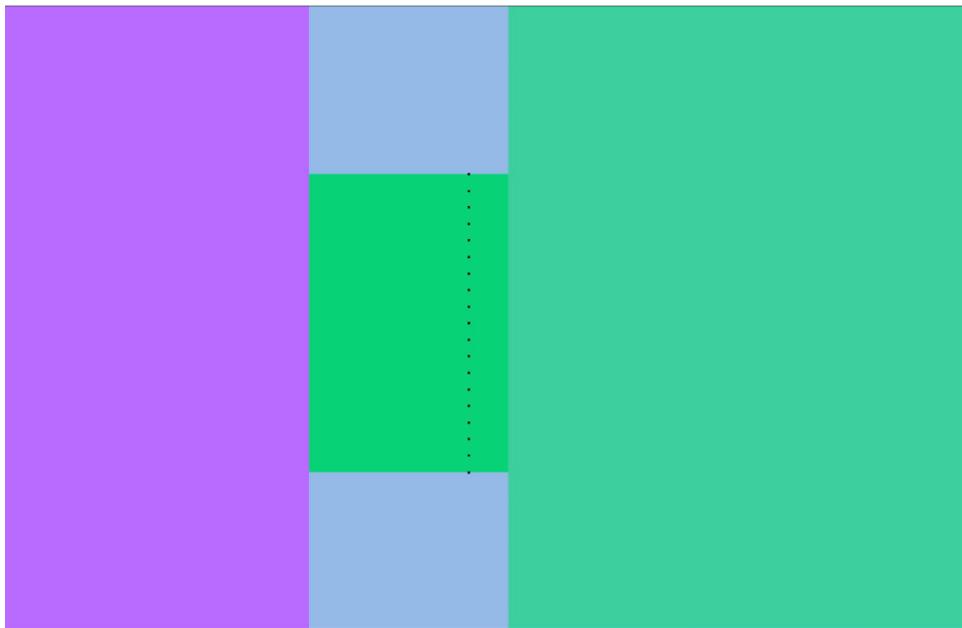
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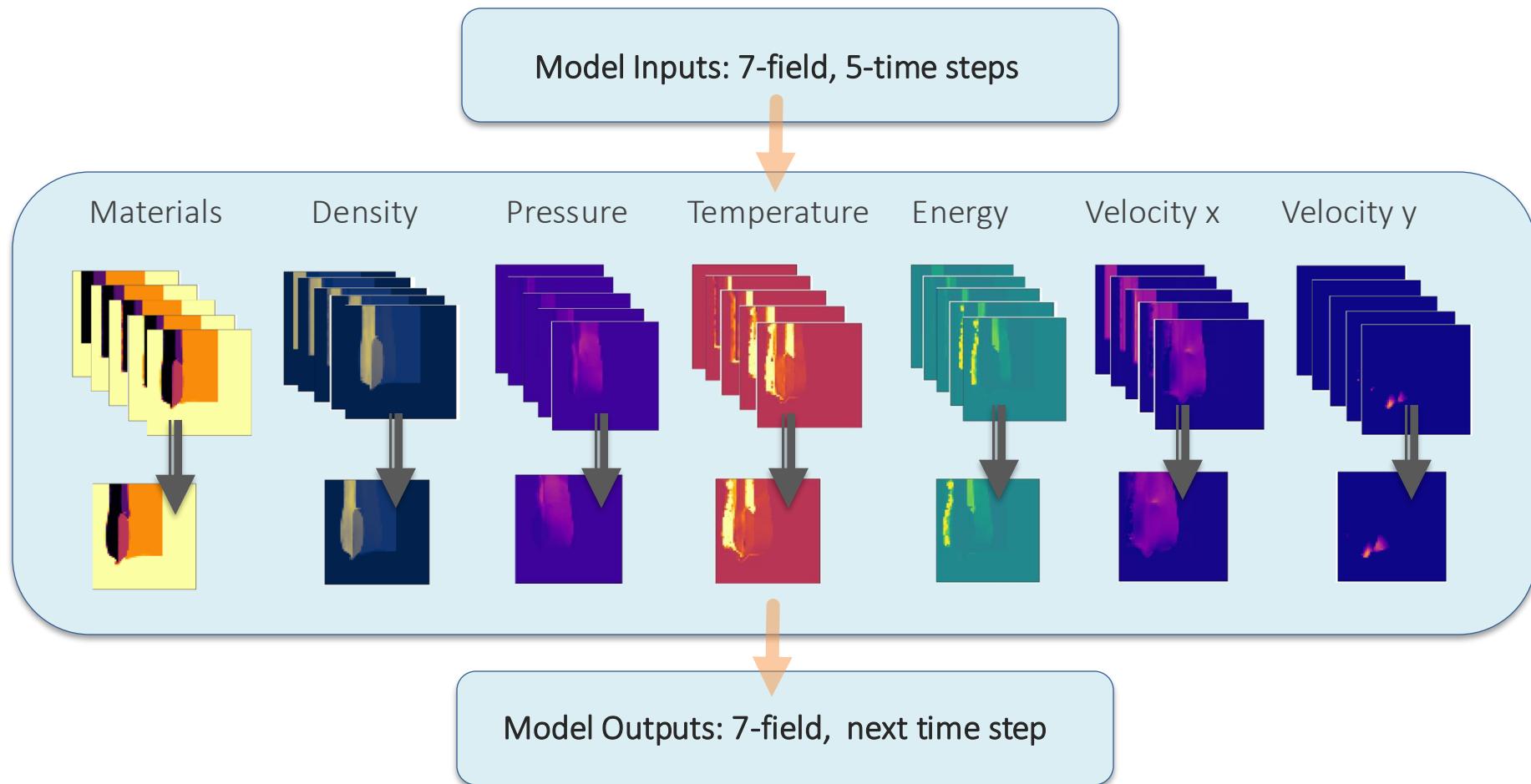
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MACHINE LEARNING MODEL

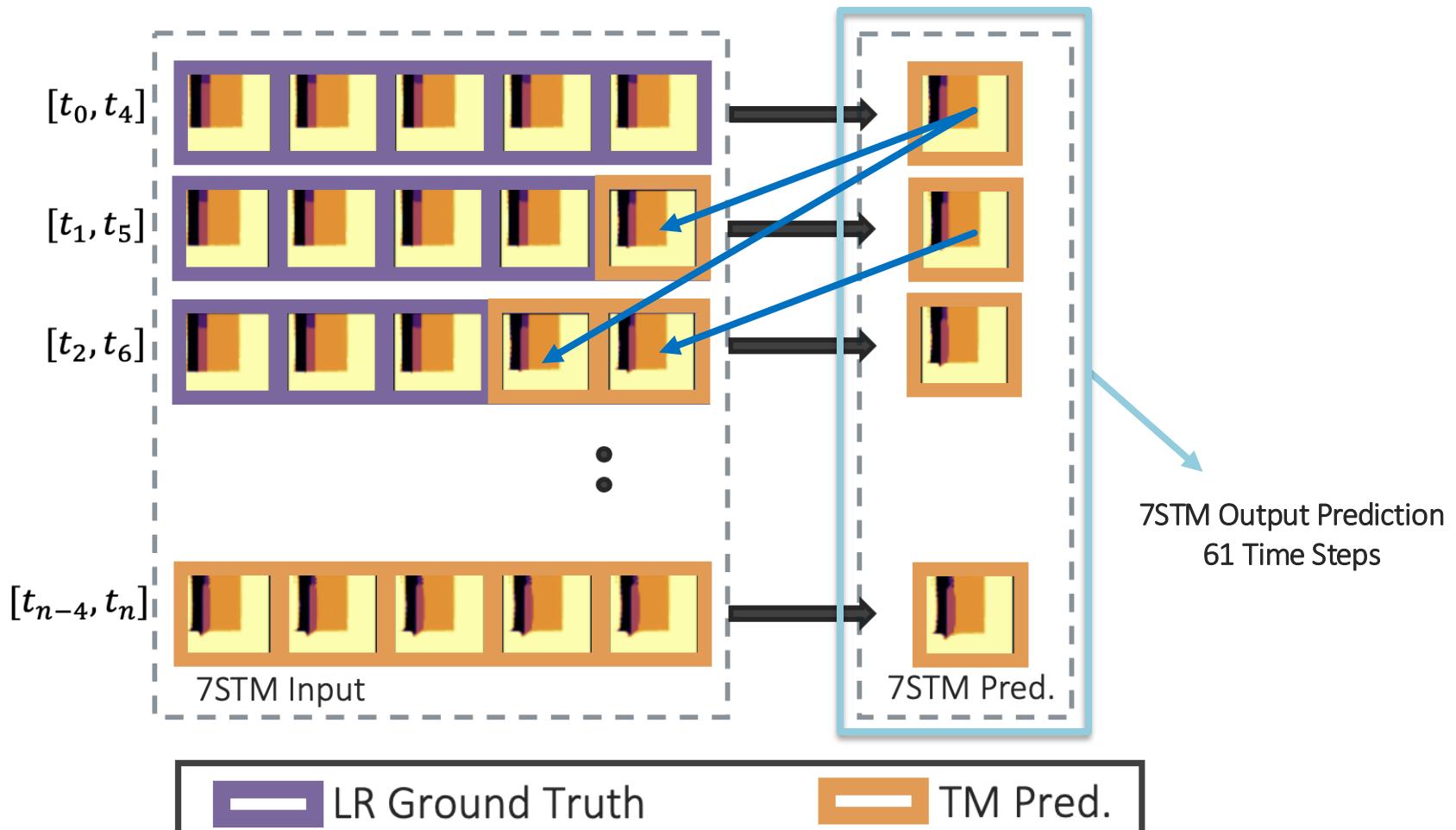
The ML Model (7STM) Predicts the Shocked Plate Evolution Considering Seven Fields



All field values normalized between 0 and 1

7STM receives information of previous steps and is able to predict the following time step for fields Materials, Density, Pressure, Temperature, Energy, Velocity x, and Velocity y.

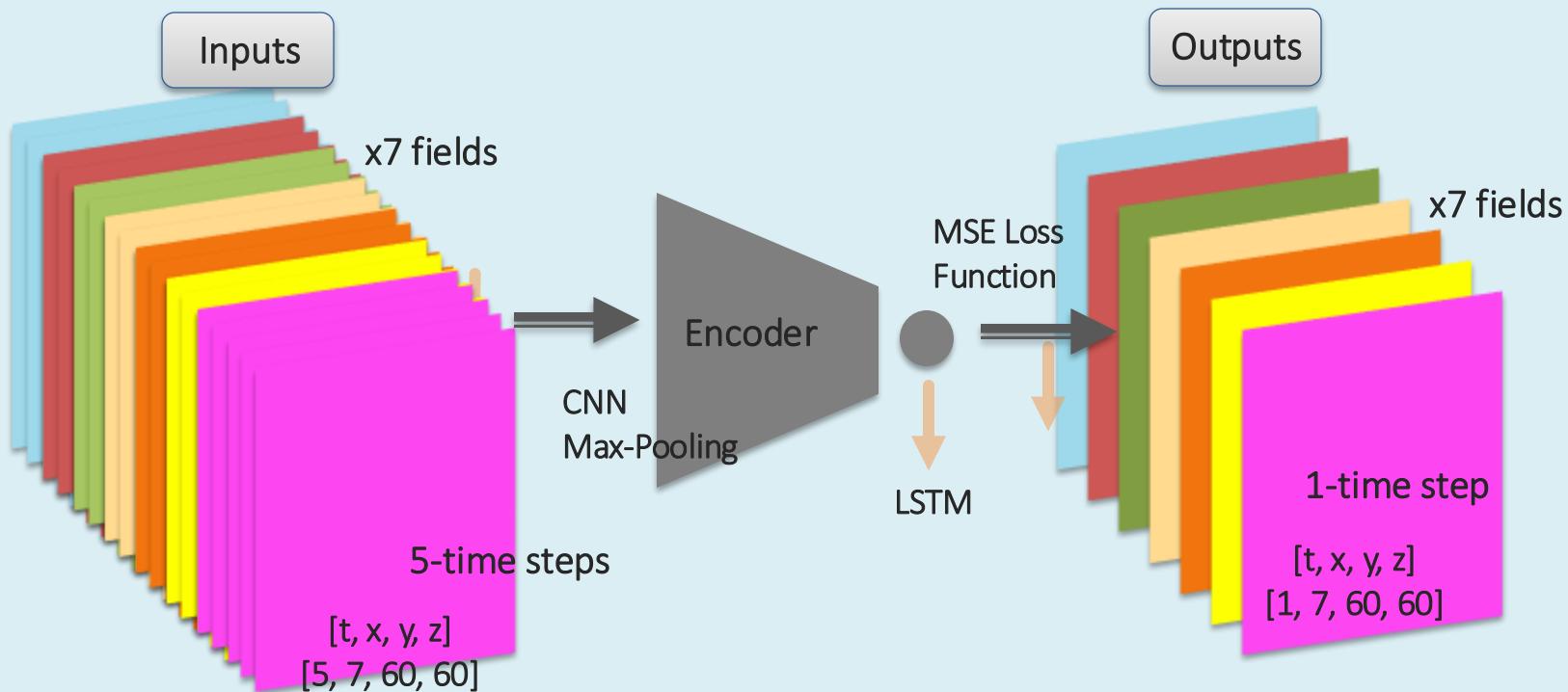
7STM Receives Five Time Steps and Returns the Next Frame.



7STM receives fields of previous steps and predict the following time step auto-regressively. The predicted time step is now fed into the input set for the next prediction.

Temporal Autoencoder is the Architecture Used to Predict the 2D Evolution of 7 Fields

7-field Spatio-Temporal Model (7STM)

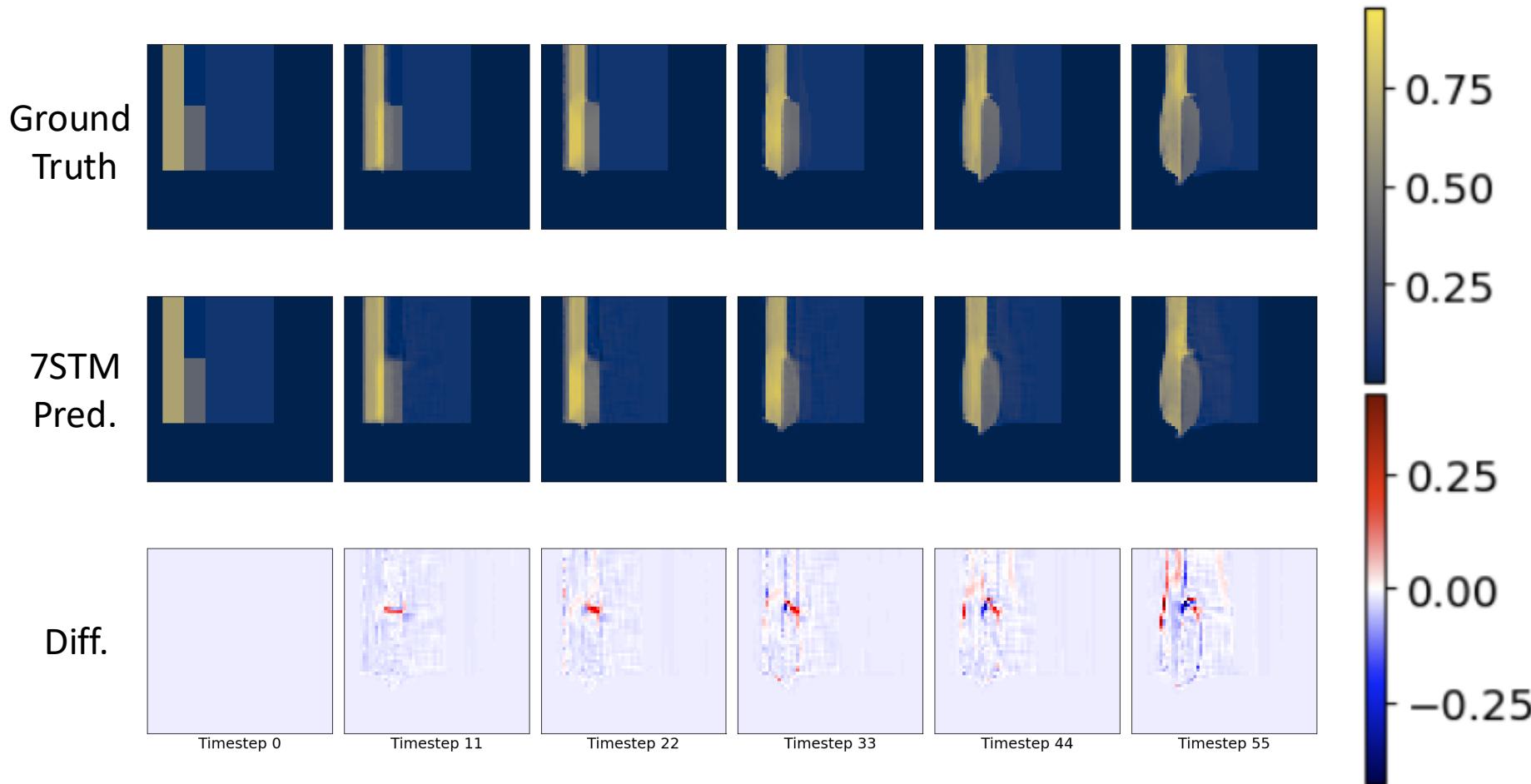


7STM predicts the next time step using a temporal autoencoder with **CNN** and **LSTM**, capturing spatio-temporal evolution across **seven fields**.

QUALITATIVE PERFORMANCE

Qualitative Performance: Density

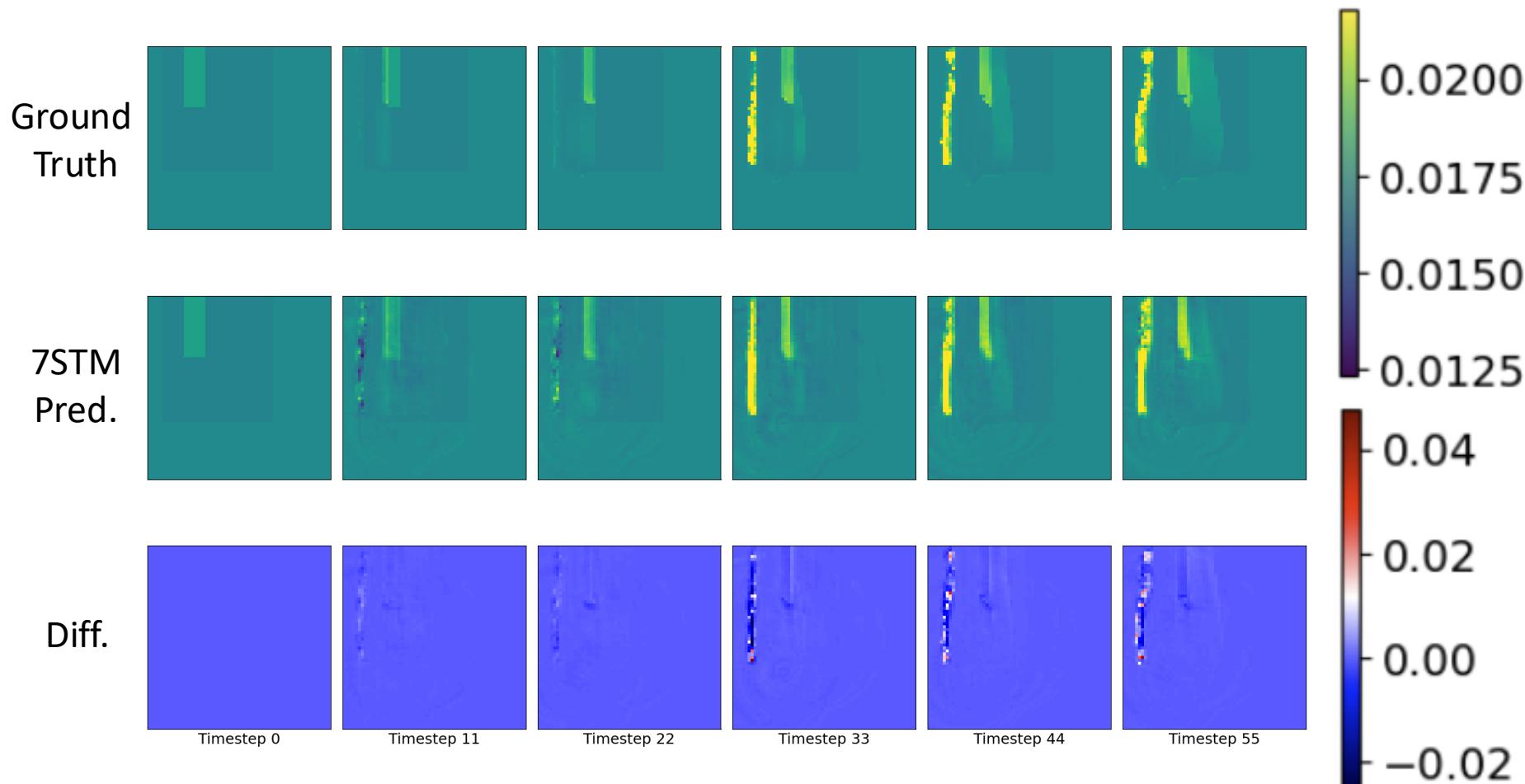
*Field values normalized between zero and one.



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Qualitative Performance: Energy

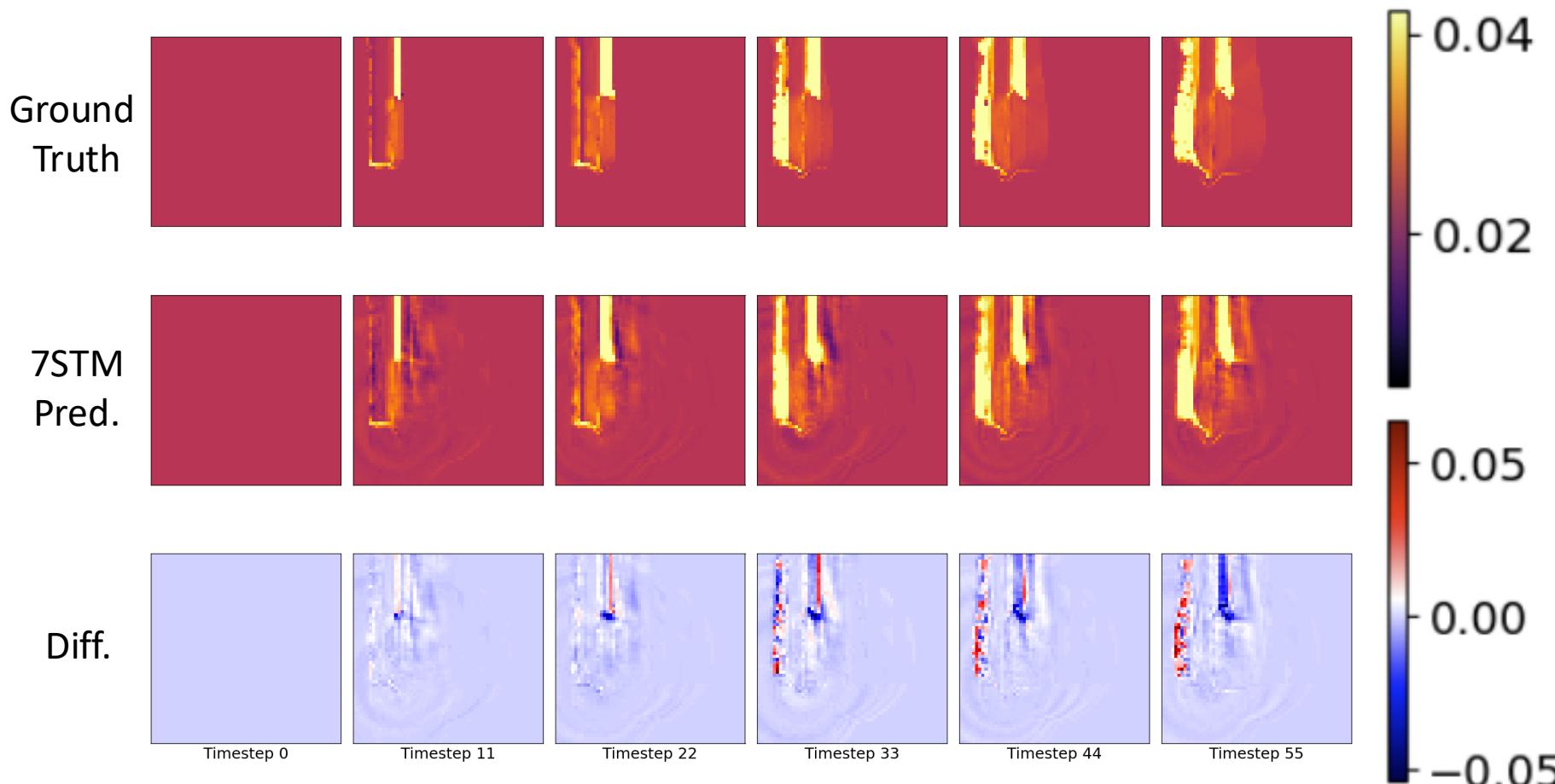
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Qualitative Performance: Temperature

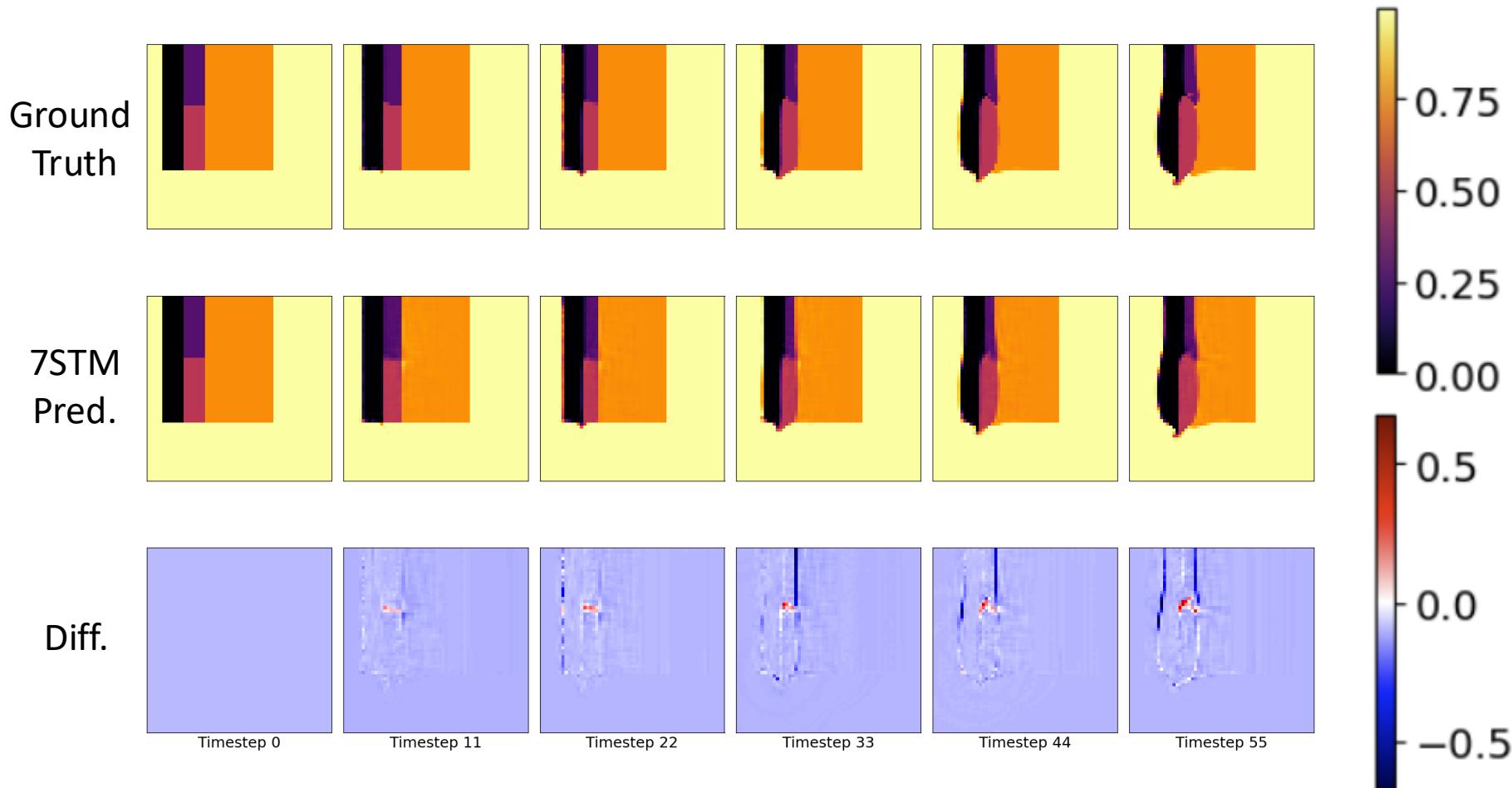
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Qualitative Performance: Materials

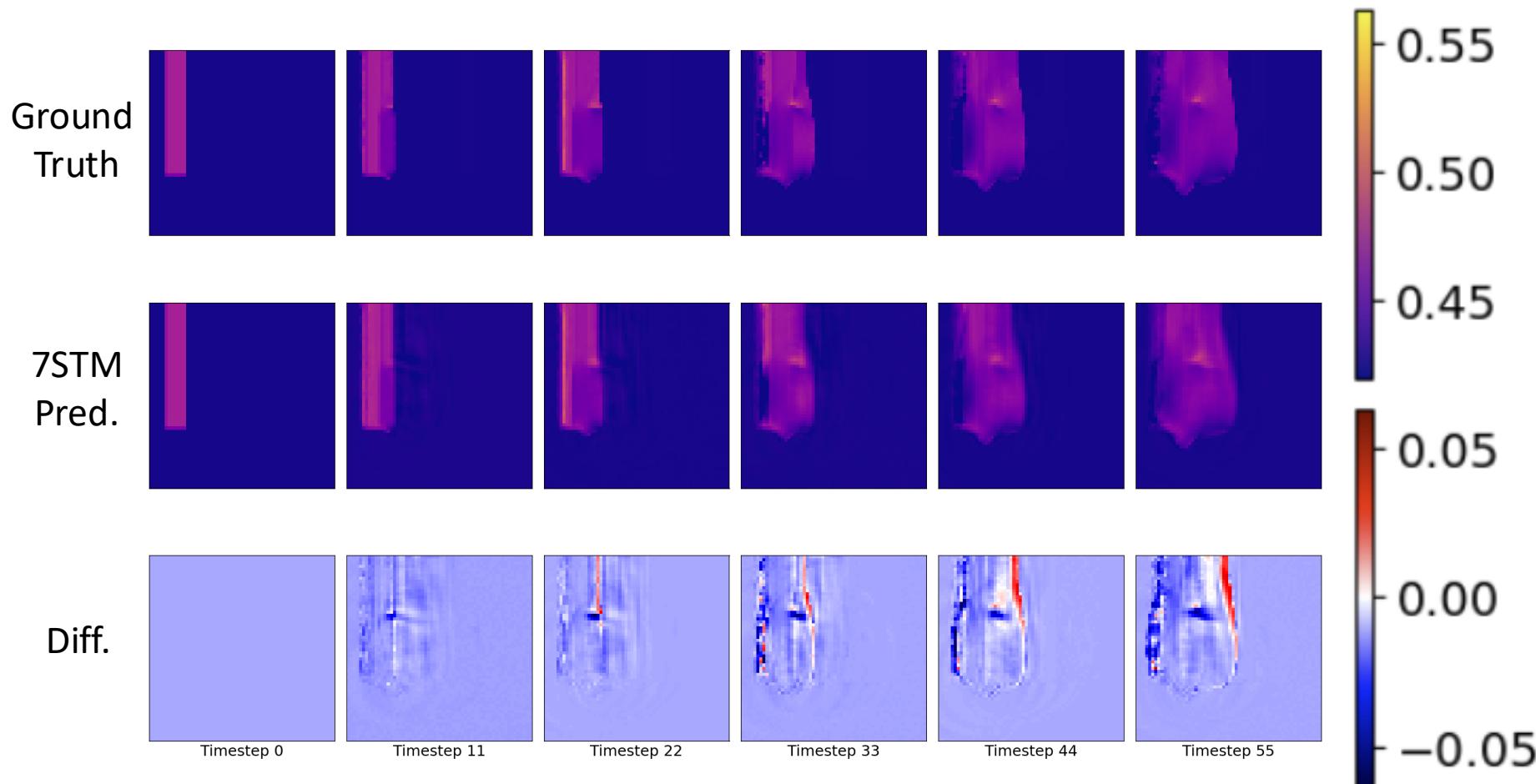
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Qualitative Performance: Velocity_x

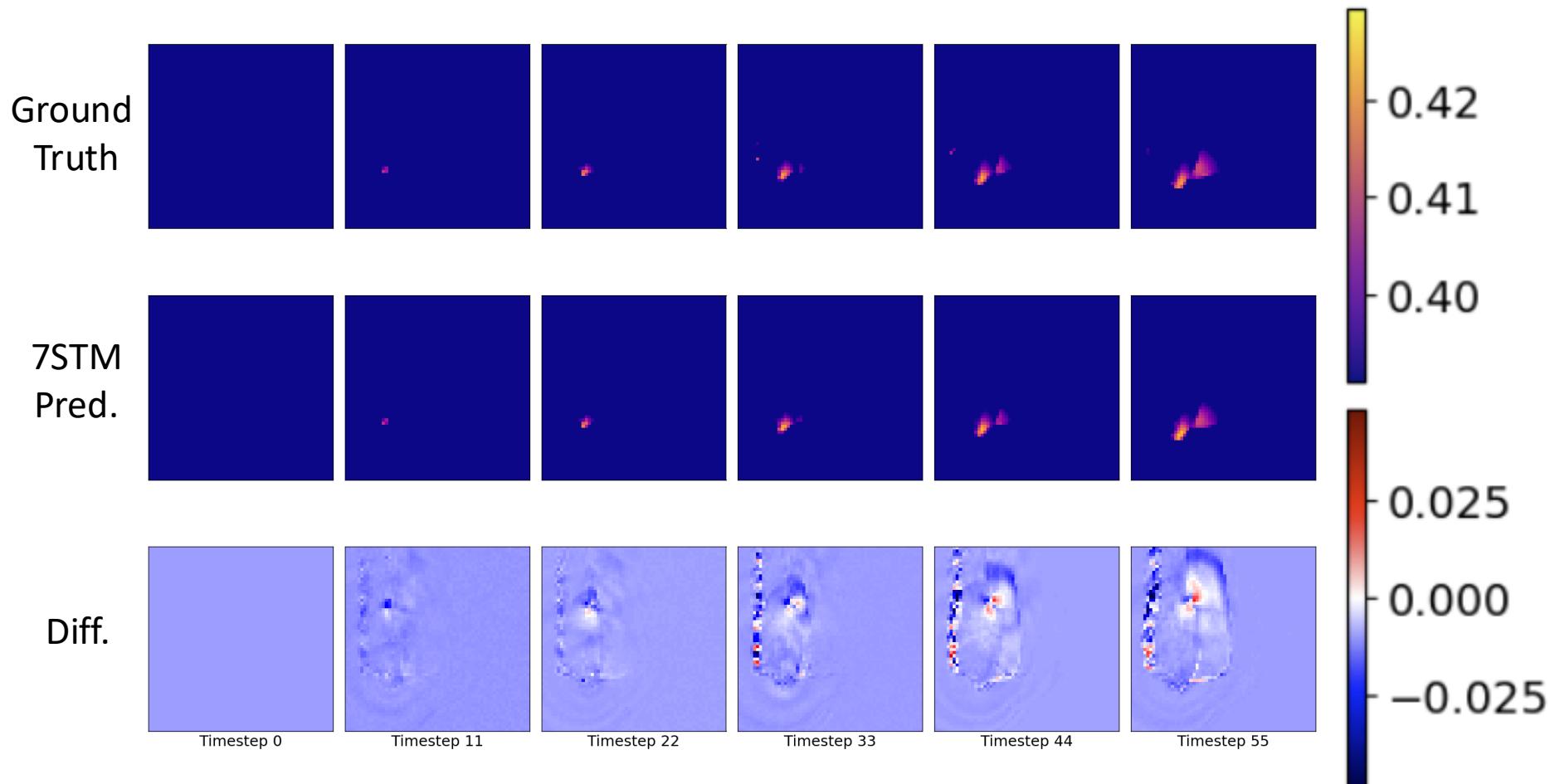
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Qualitative Performance: Velocity_y

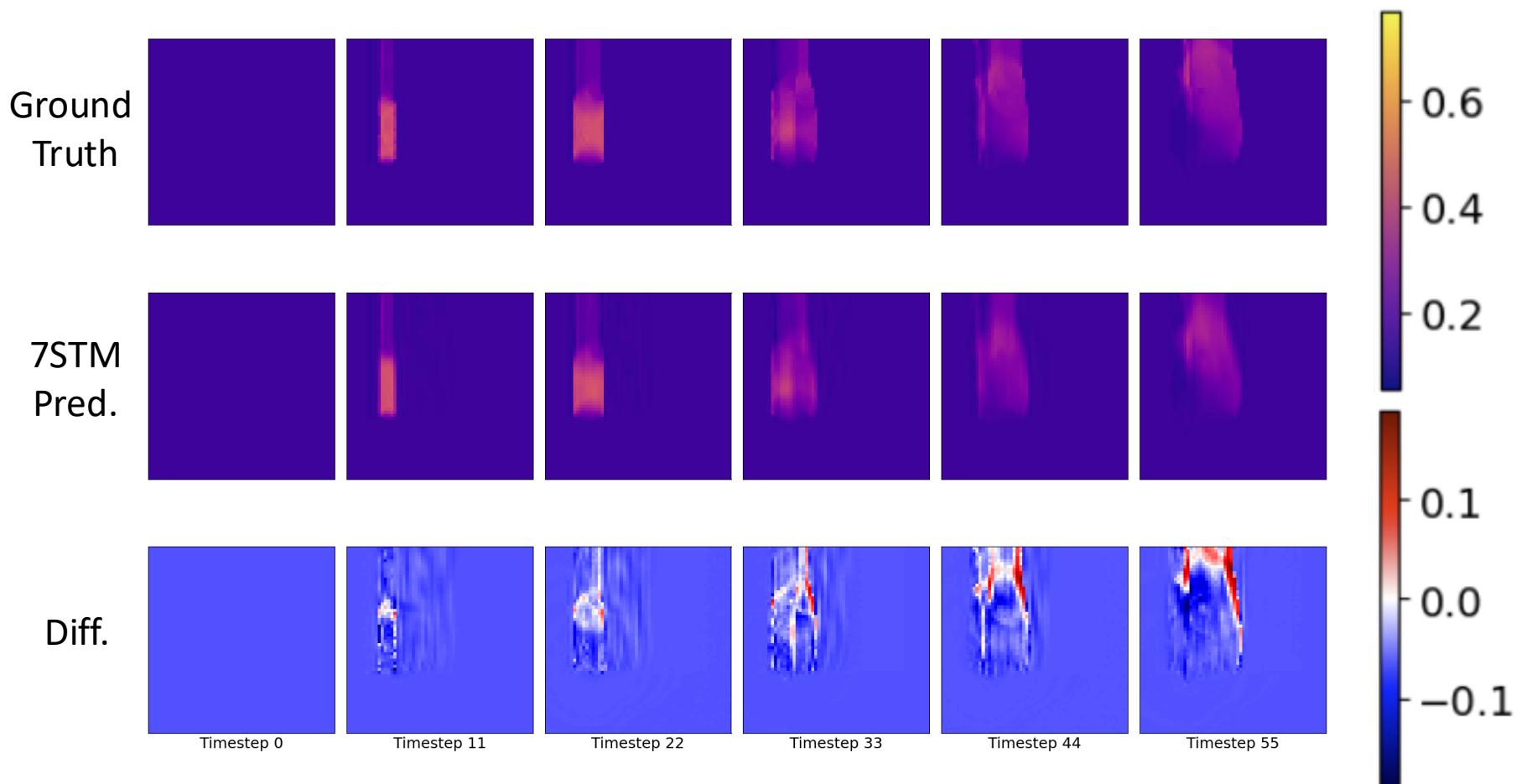
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Qualitative Performance: Pressure

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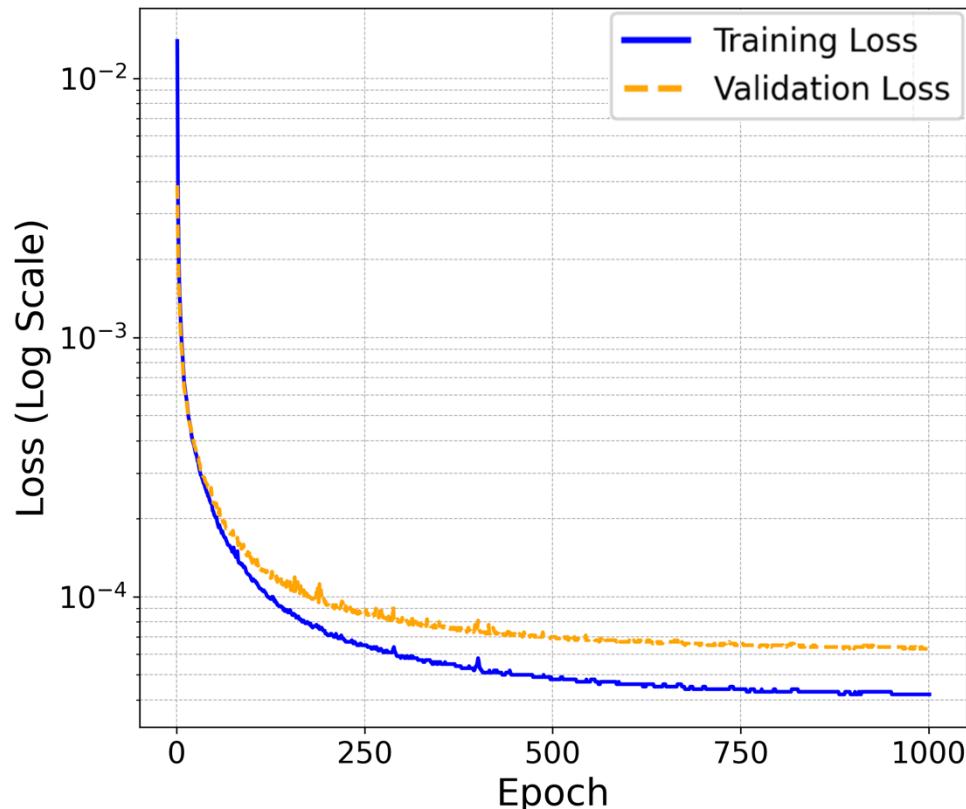


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QUANTITATIVE PERFORMANCE

7STM's Quantitative Performance on Training and Validation Data as a Function of Epoch

- Trained for 1000 epochs
- Error stabilizes after 1000 epochs
- Smooth error reduction observed in both training and validation datasets
- Validation loss function (MSE) reaches **6e-5**.
- In relative terms MSE represents a **0.005%** validation error.



This slide presents the quantitative **performance** of 7STM over the course of **training**, focusing on loss convergence.

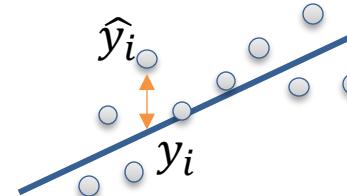
Description of the Metrics Used to Assess 7STM's Quantitative Performance

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

Absolute/Pointwise Error

Where:

- y_i = True value
- \hat{y}_i = Predicted value
- N = Total number of samples



$$\text{Conservation of Mass} = \frac{|M_{\text{pred}} - M_{\text{true}}|}{M_{\text{true}}}$$

Absolute/Pointwise Error

Where:

- M_{pred} = Total mass of the predicted values
- M_{true} = Total mass of the true values

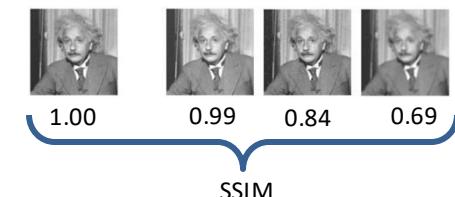
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M_{\text{true}} = 1 \\ M_{\text{pred}} = 0.9 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Cons.} \\ \text{Mass} = 0.1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{SSIM}(x, y) = \frac{(2\mu_x\mu_y + C_1)(2\sigma_{xy} + C_2)}{(\mu_x^2 + \mu_y^2 + C_1)(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + C_2)}$$

Structural/Perceptual Error

Where:

- μ_x and μ_y are the means of x and y
- σ_x^2 and σ_y^2 are the variances of x and y
- σ_{xy} is the covariance between x and y
- C_1 and C_2 are constants to stabilize the division



$$\text{IoU} = \frac{|\text{Prediction} \cap \text{Ground Truth}|}{|\text{Prediction} \cup \text{Ground Truth}|}$$

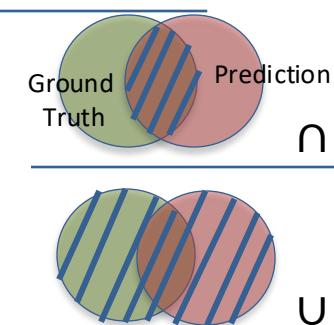
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Where:

- \cap represents the intersection (common elements in both sets)
- \cup represents the union (all unique elements in both sets)

For threshold-based binarization:

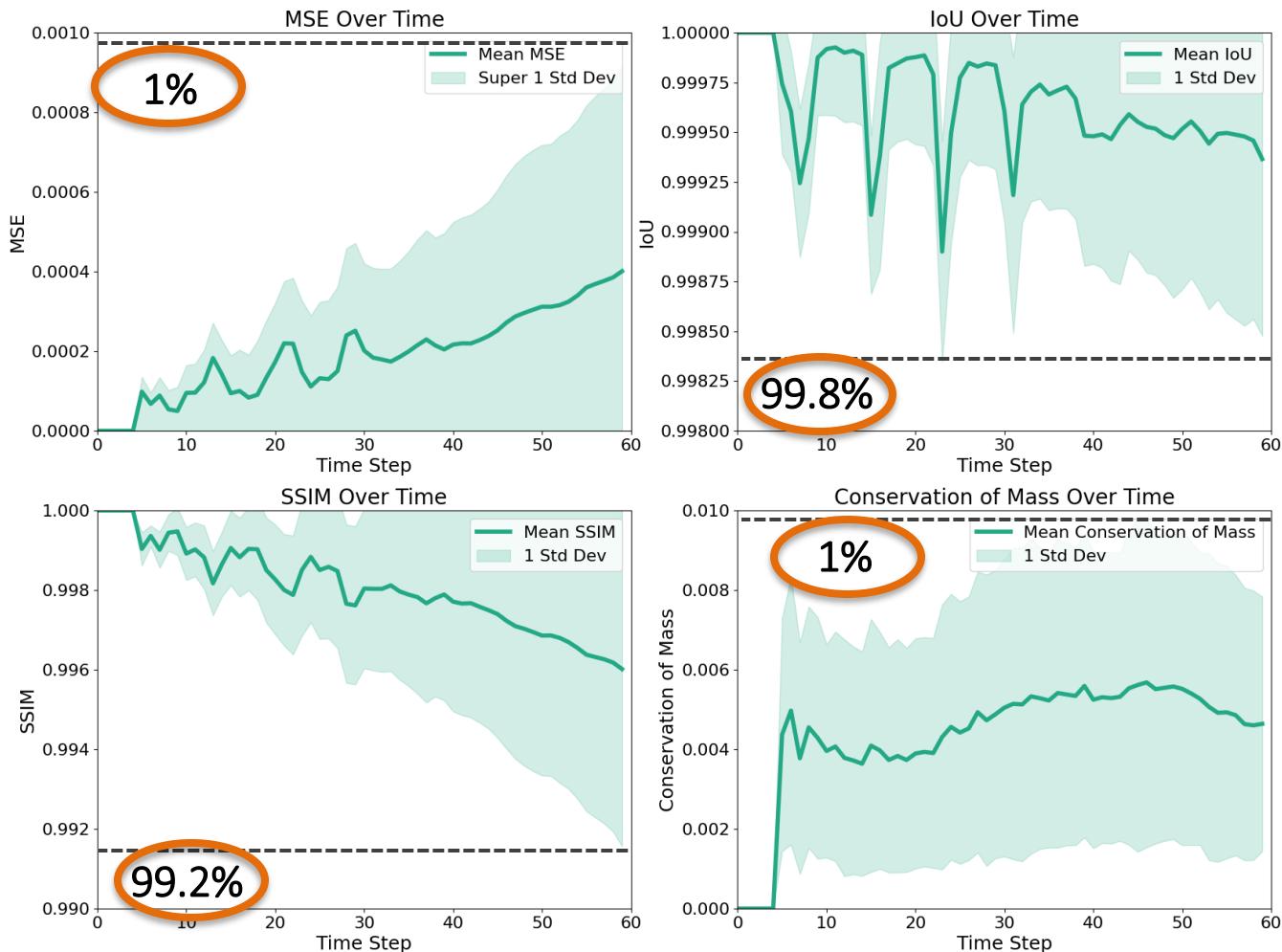
$$\hat{y}_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i < \text{threshold} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



MSE and **Conservation of Mass** assess prediction magnitude accuracy, while **SSIM** and **IoU** evaluate perceptual and structural differences.

7STM's Performance on 91 Test Data Sequences as a Function of Time Step

- The **solid line** represents the **mean** performance across 91 test simulations.
- The **shaded region** denotes **± 1 standard deviation** from the mean.
- The **dashed line** indicates the **maximum error** within the trained range.



The model demonstrates **exceptional** performance, with **errors consistently below 1%** throughout the simulated/trained time.

7STM's Averaged Performance on 91 Test Data Sequences

- The table values represent the field- and time-averaged metrics across 91 test simulations.
- Mean values highlight the overall model's **consistent high accuracy** throughout the simulations.
- **Standard deviations** remain relatively small, indicating low variability in performance across different test cases.

Metric	Mean Error	Standard Deviation
MSE 	2e-4  1.4%	RMSE 2e-4
Conservation of Mass 	4e-3  0.4%	3e-3
IoU 	0.9996  99.96%	0.0005
SSIM 	0.998  99.8%	0.002

*Arrows indicate whether a higher or lower value is better for each metric.

Although datasets differ making direct comparison challenging, prior ML-based fluid simulations report RMSE errors over 10% (Fernández-Godino, 2023; Negiar et al., 2023; Chalapathi et al., 2024; Saad et al., 2024), while our model's error is **ten times lower**.

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CONCLUSION

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- Porous materials exhibit unique shock responses, and optimizing porosity distributions allows for precise shock wave control.
- The 7-field Spatio-Temporal Model (**7STM**) achieves fast full simulation predictions in 7 seconds, reducing computational cost two orders of magnitude compared to simulations.
- The 7STM is lightweight and can be run on personal computers.
- The model delivers highly accurate predictions, with absolute errors below 1% and perceptual accuracy above 0.99, maintaining this performance even at late simulation times.
- The fast shape optimization enabled by **7STM** allows for a more comprehensive exploration and exploitation of optimal porosity configurations, advancing the study of shock compression in porous media.

7STM's speed, accuracy, and portability enable rapid and comprehensive optimization, unlocking new opportunities for discovering enhanced optimal porosity configurations.

Work in Progress

- Integrate **adjoint information** into the 7STM to enhance gradient-based optimization and improve accuracy in predicting optimal porosity distributions.
- Apply 7STM to real-world experiments for **validation** and further refinement of the predictive framework.
- Integrate 7STM into an **LLM-driven agentic framework** to create an interactive, conversational interface between users and predictive science.



Our team is advancing **exascale optimization** by leveraging deep learning and **LLMs** to expand access to predictive science, accelerate workflows, and **enhance design optimization**.

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7STM Architecture

