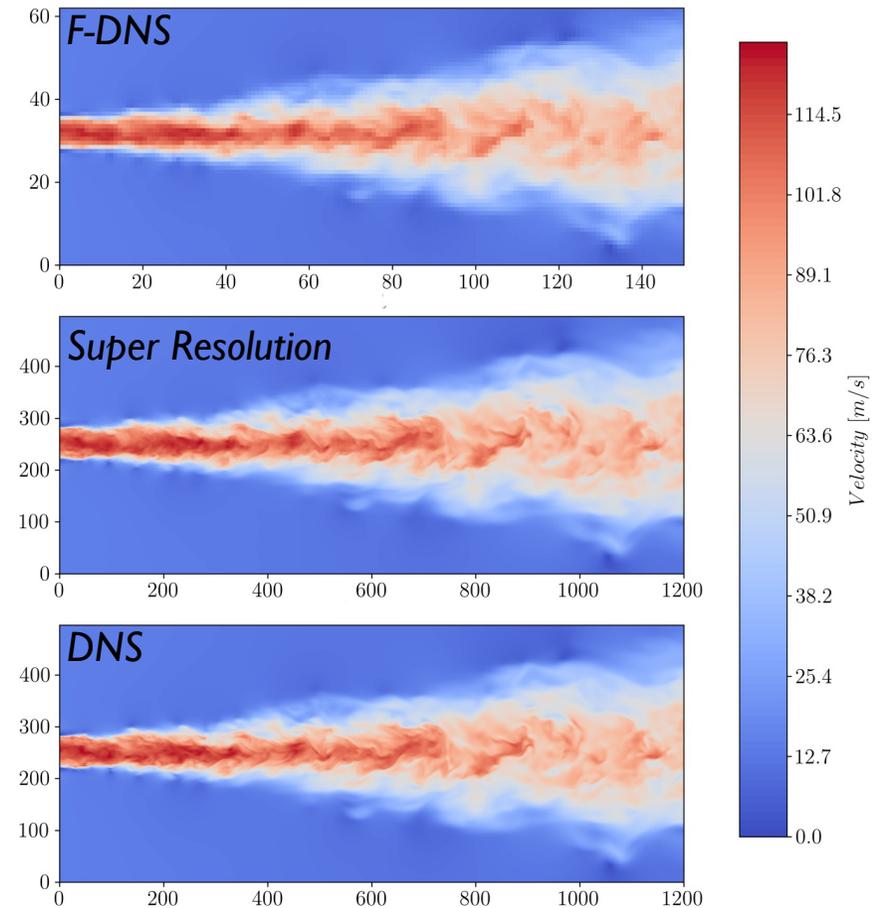


# A generative model for large eddy simulation closure modeling

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## Large Eddy Simulation and closure modeling in turbulent combustion

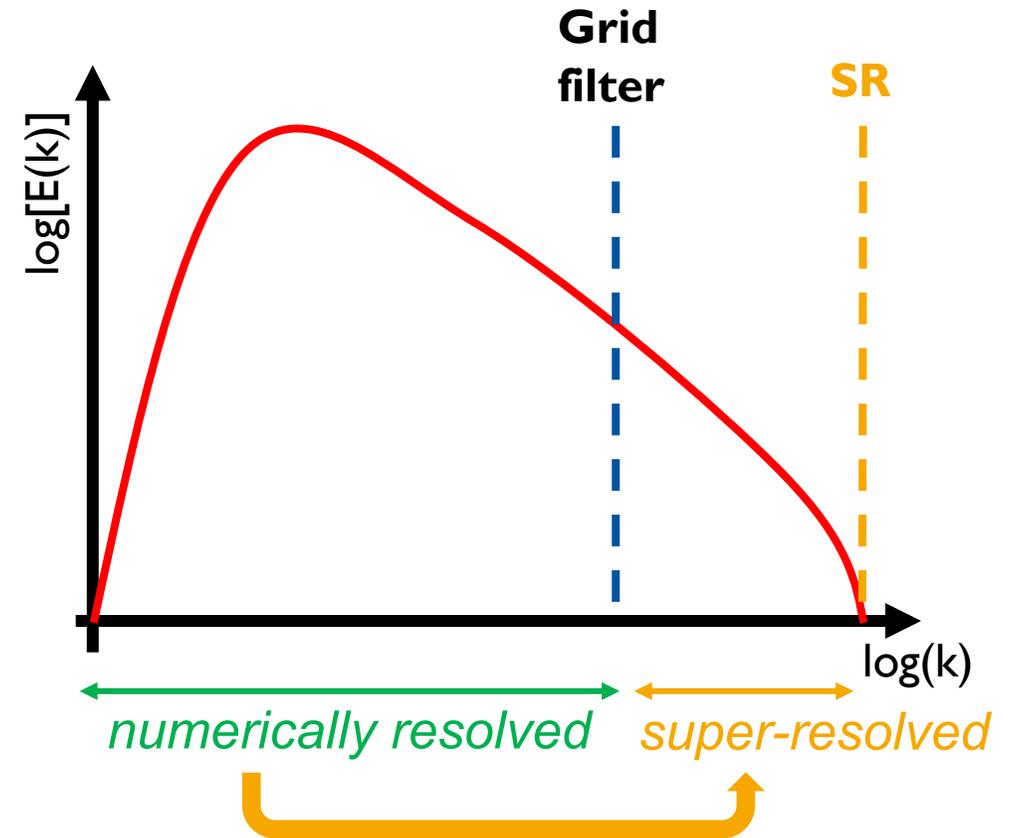
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- **algebraic:** e.g., Smagorinsky model

$$\tau_{ij}^r \approx -2\nu_T \tilde{S}_{ij}$$

- **data-driven:** through **super-resolution**

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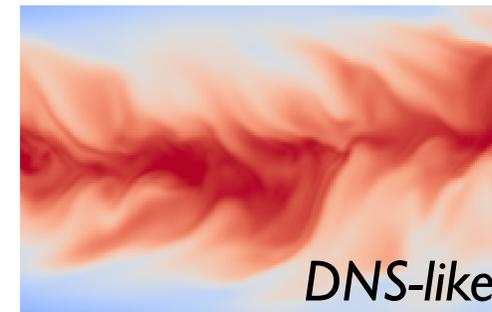
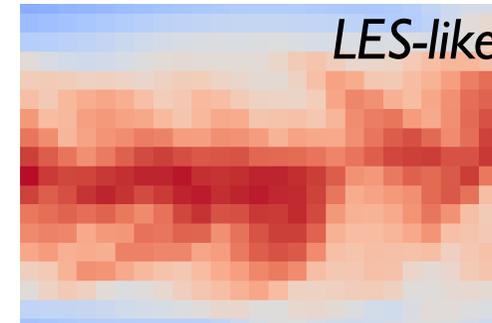
➤ **data-driven:** through **super-resolution**

$$\tau_{ij}^r = \overline{\tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_j} - \tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_j \text{ (unresolved stress tensor)}$$

$$\tau_j^T = \overline{\tilde{u}_j \tilde{T}} - \tilde{u}_j \tilde{T} \text{ (unresolved scalar flux)}$$

**evaluated at DNS resolution**

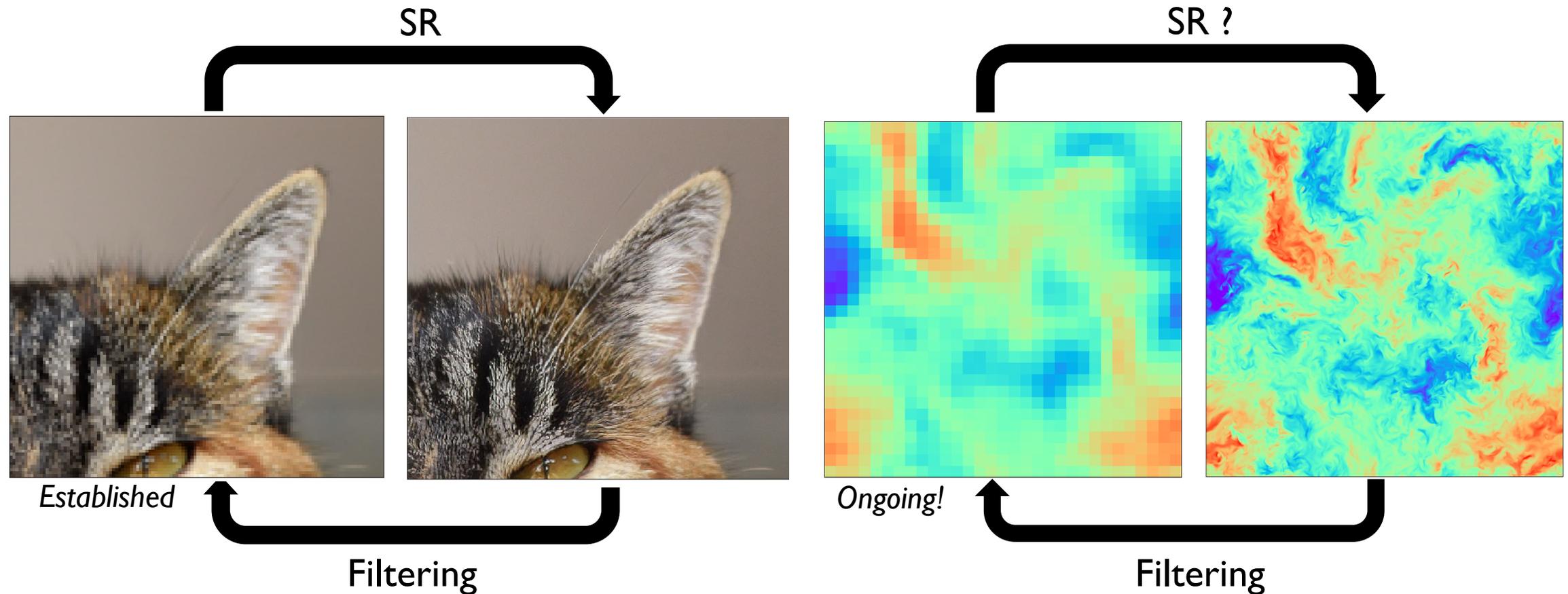
(original idea proposed by Fukami et al. and Bode et al.)



given  
upsampling  
factor

# Super-resolution approach for closure modeling

Could we use the super-resolution approach for subfilter-scale modeling?



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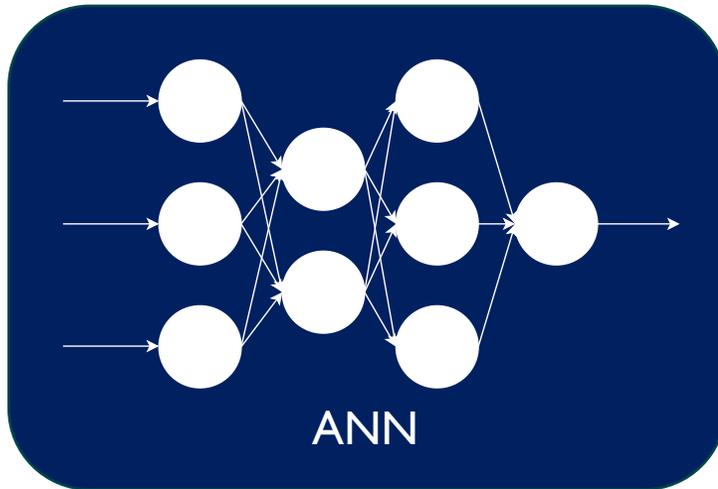
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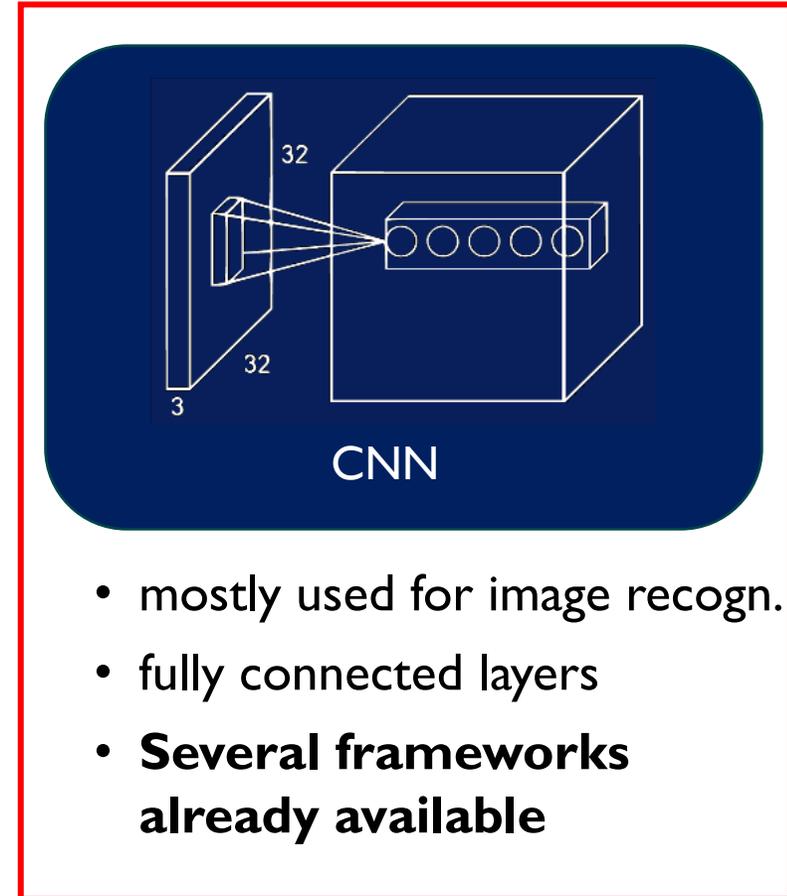
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# What architecture should we use?

## Recent types of ML architectures for super-resolution subfilter-scale modeling

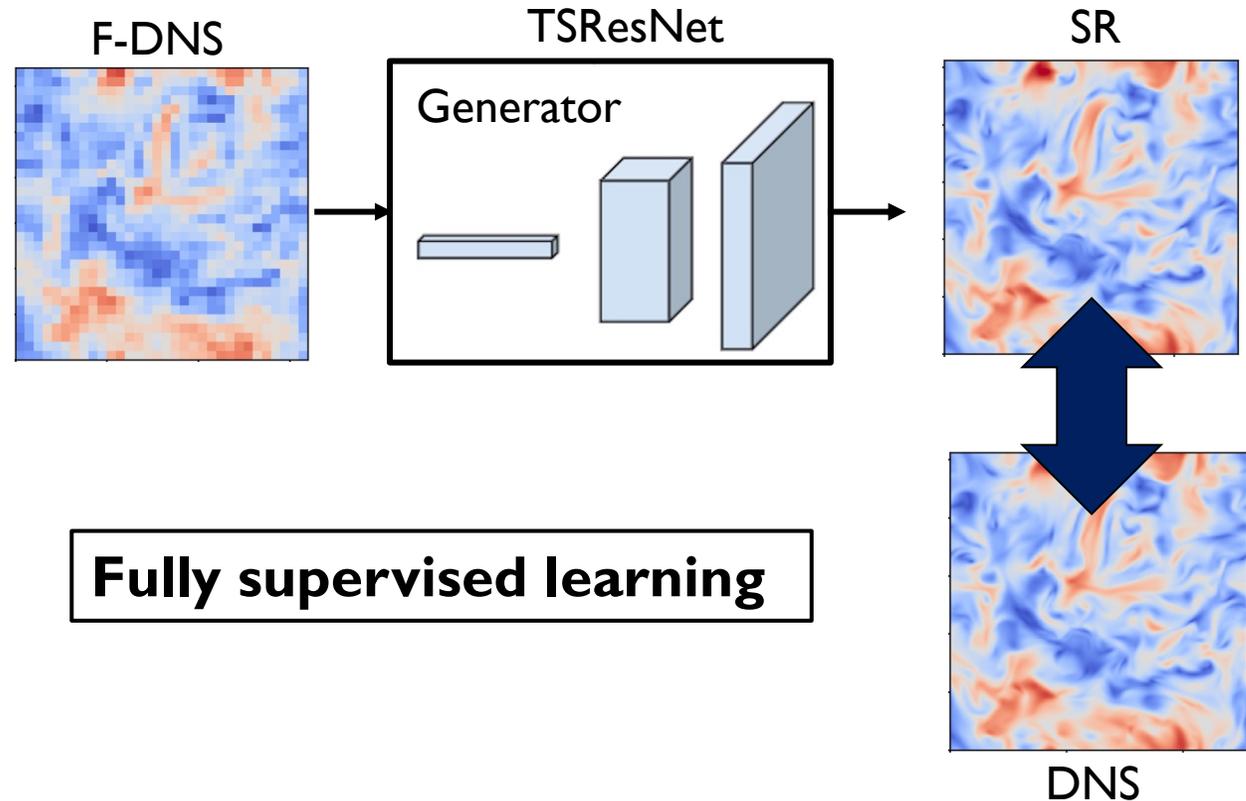


- simplest ML approach
- ability to work with incomplete knowledge
- **missing spatial information**



- mostly used for image recogn.
- fully connected layers
- **Several frameworks already available**

## TSResNet architecture

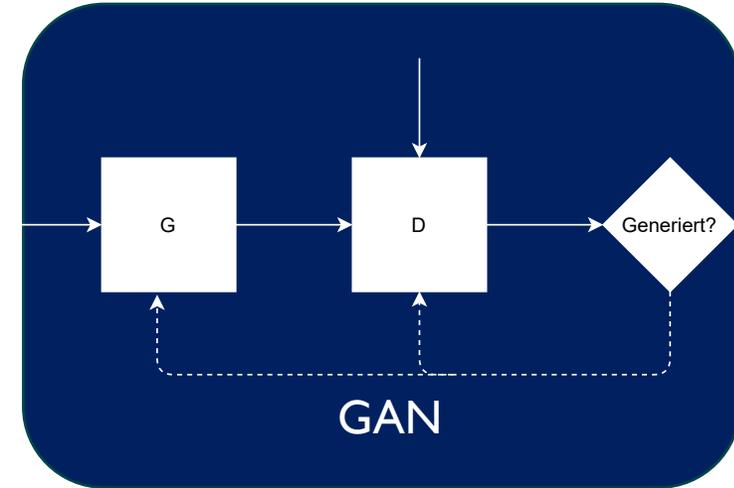
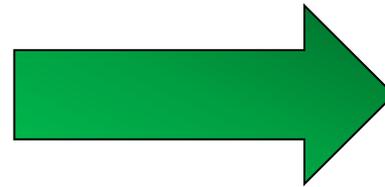
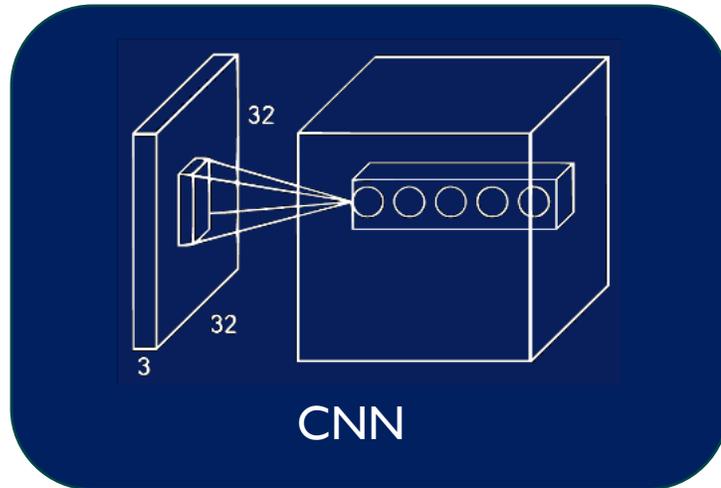


$$L_{gen} = \beta_1 L_{pixel} + \beta_2 L_{gradient} + \beta_3 L_{continuity}$$

**This approach presents some challenges!**

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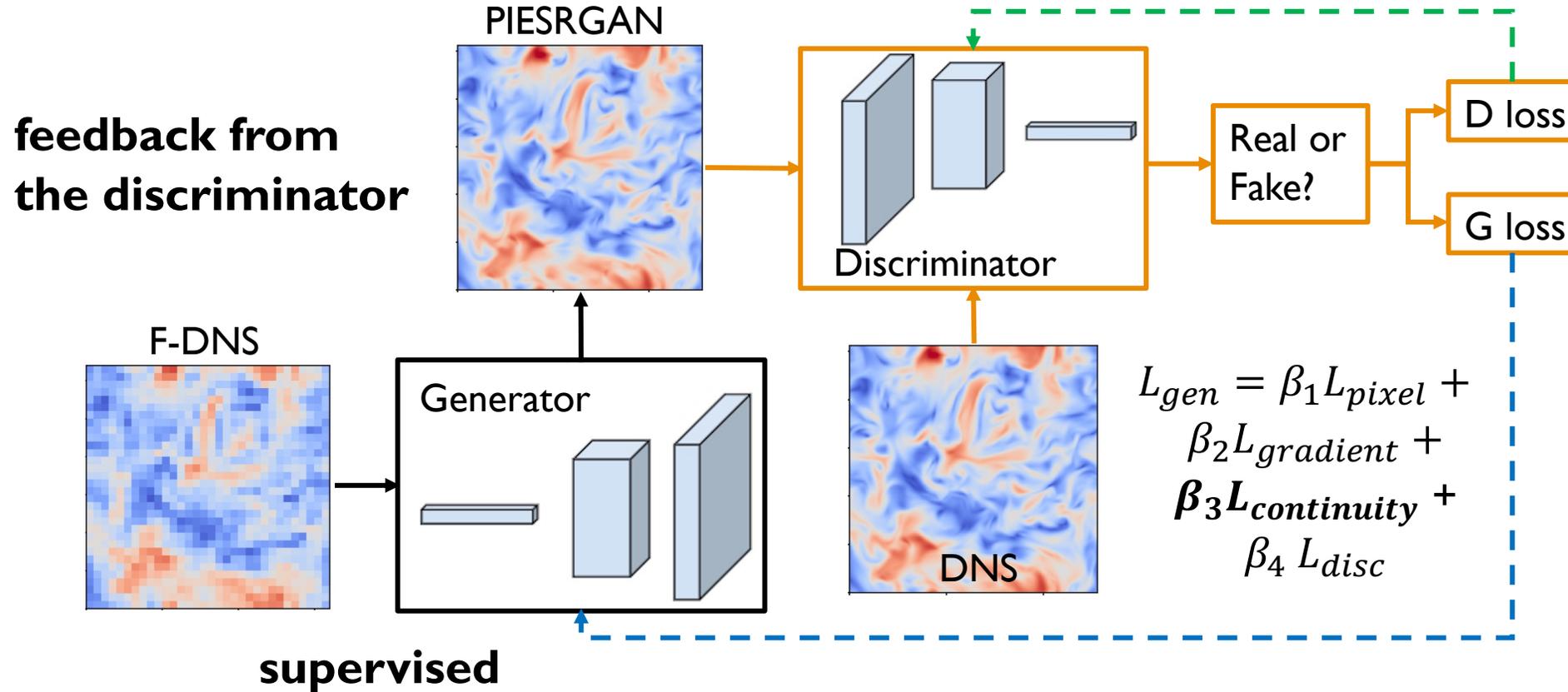


- **large amount** of data required
- lack **generalization capabilities**
- cannot guarantee **high-wavenumber details**

- **estimates PDF** of observed data
- **semi-supervised learning**
- **increases information content**

# Super-Resolution Generative Adversarial Network

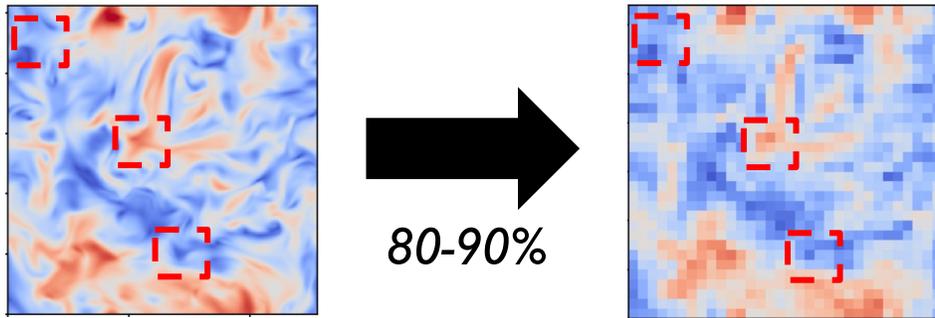
## PIESRGAN architecture



# Preprocessing & training strategy

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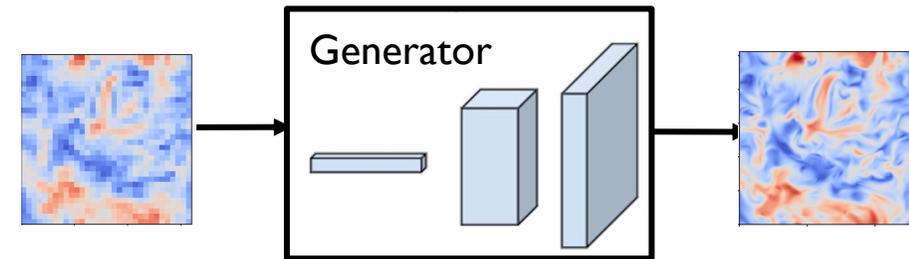
Training on a Forced HIT DNS dataset with  $Re_\lambda = 88$



- filtering the DNS dataset (e.g. *box* or *gaussian* kernel) to obtain the input data
- extracting sub-boxes to be used during the training
- normalizing input variables:  $(u, v, w) \in [0, 1]$

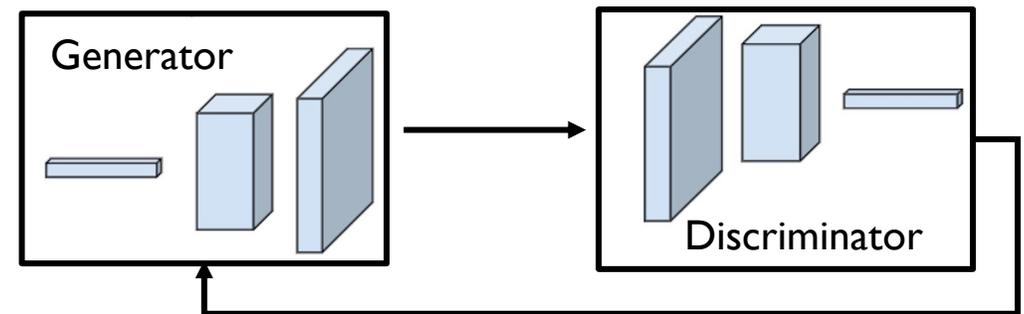
## Training strategy

1<sup>st</sup> training phase

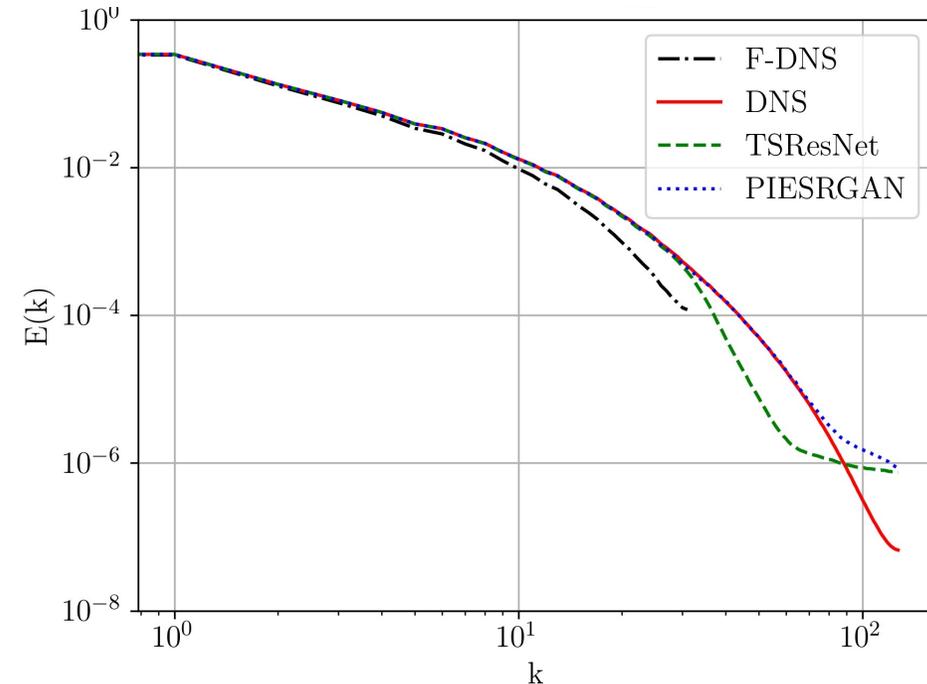
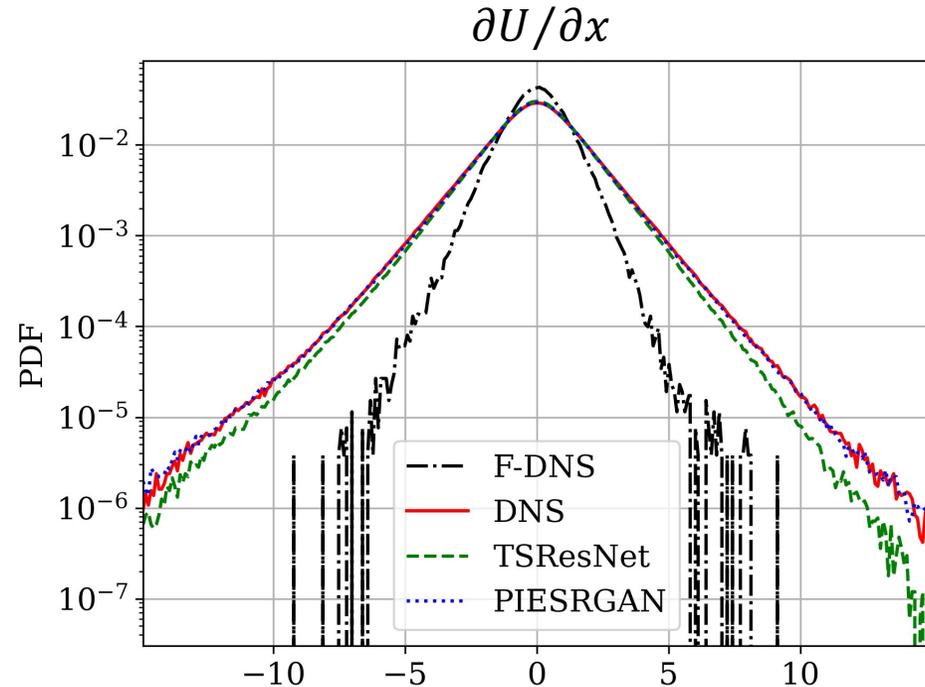


Supervised: only pixel loss

2<sup>nd</sup> training phase



## PDFs of velocity gradients and energy spectra



**TSResNet** model captures only larger features/large scales well, while **PIESRGAN** almost exactly predicts the **DNS** results and reproduced accurately the kinetic energy spectra over wider spatial wavenumbers

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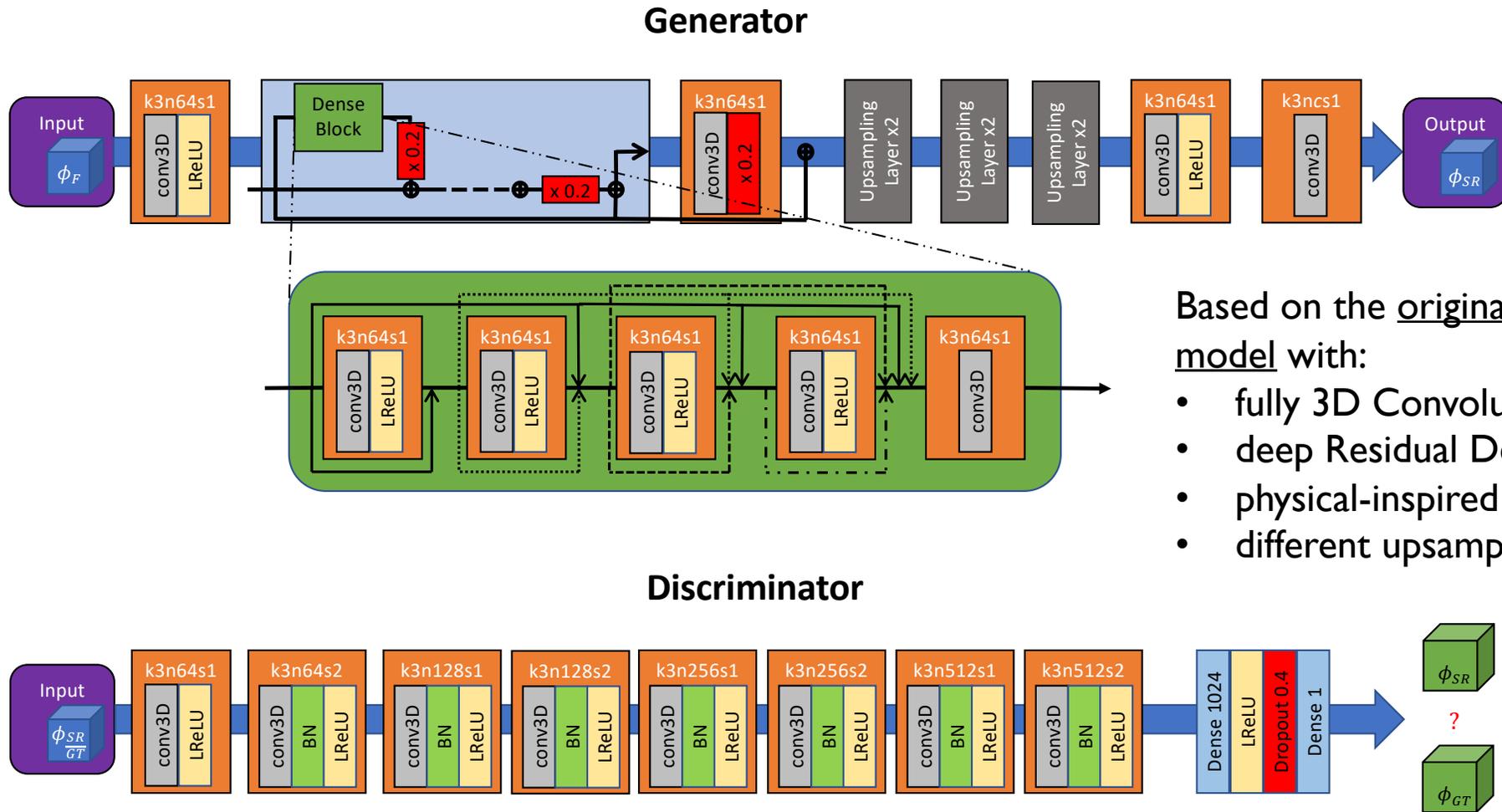
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# PIESGAN network structure

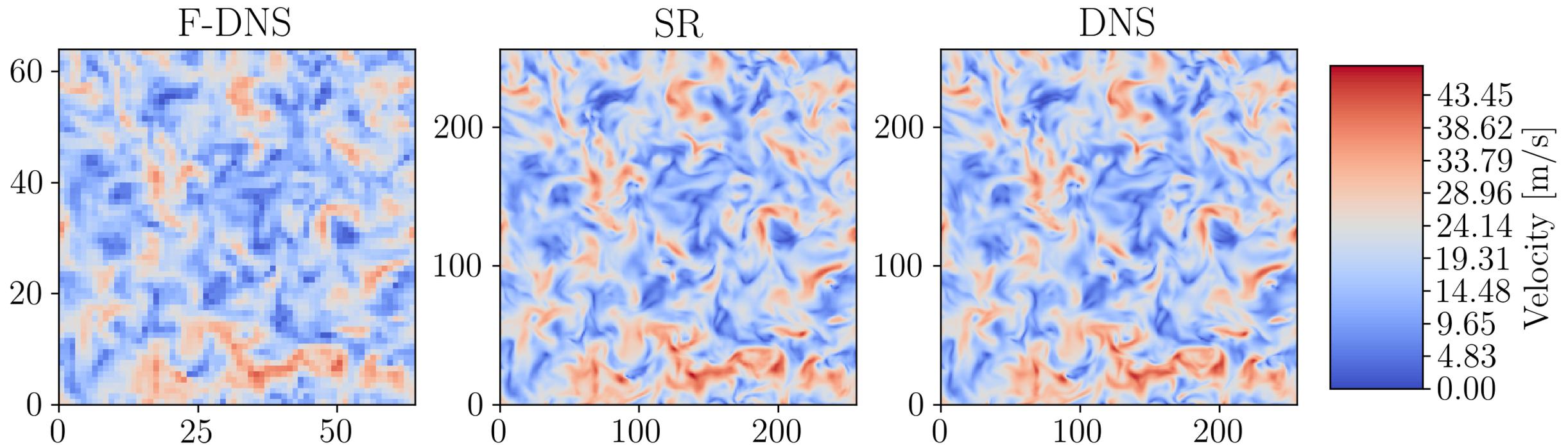


Based on the original ESRGAN model with:

- fully 3D Convolutional Layers
- deep Residual Dense Blocks
- physical-inspired Loss Function
- different upsampling layers

# A-priori in-sample analysis: non-reactive configuration

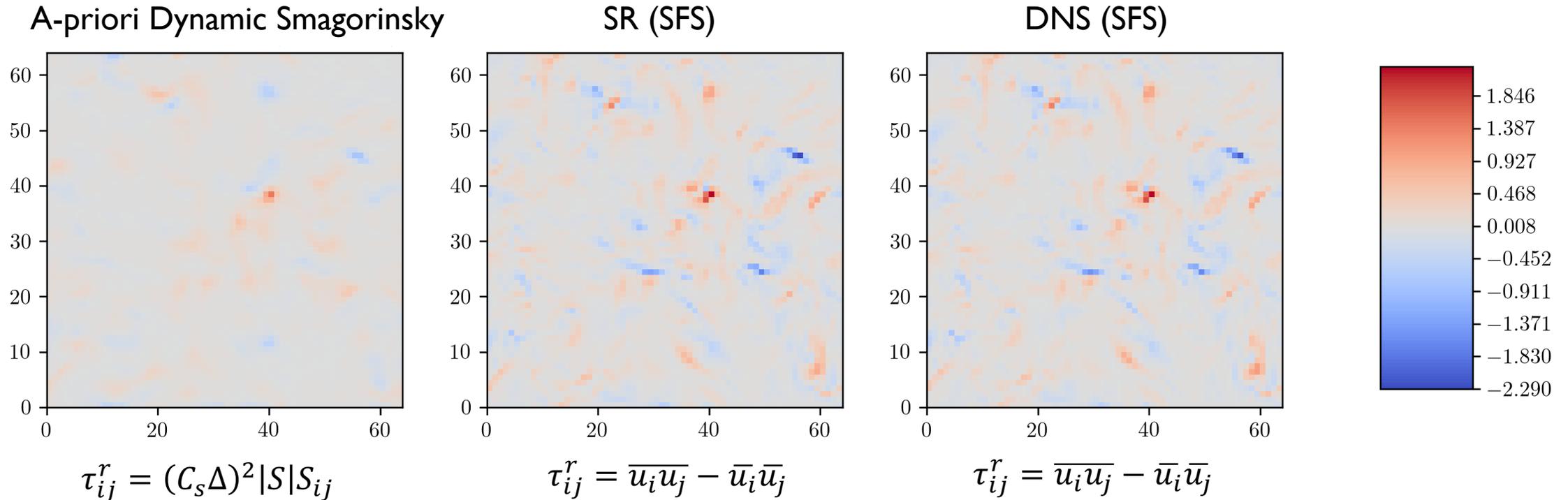
## Visual similarities (velocity magnitude)



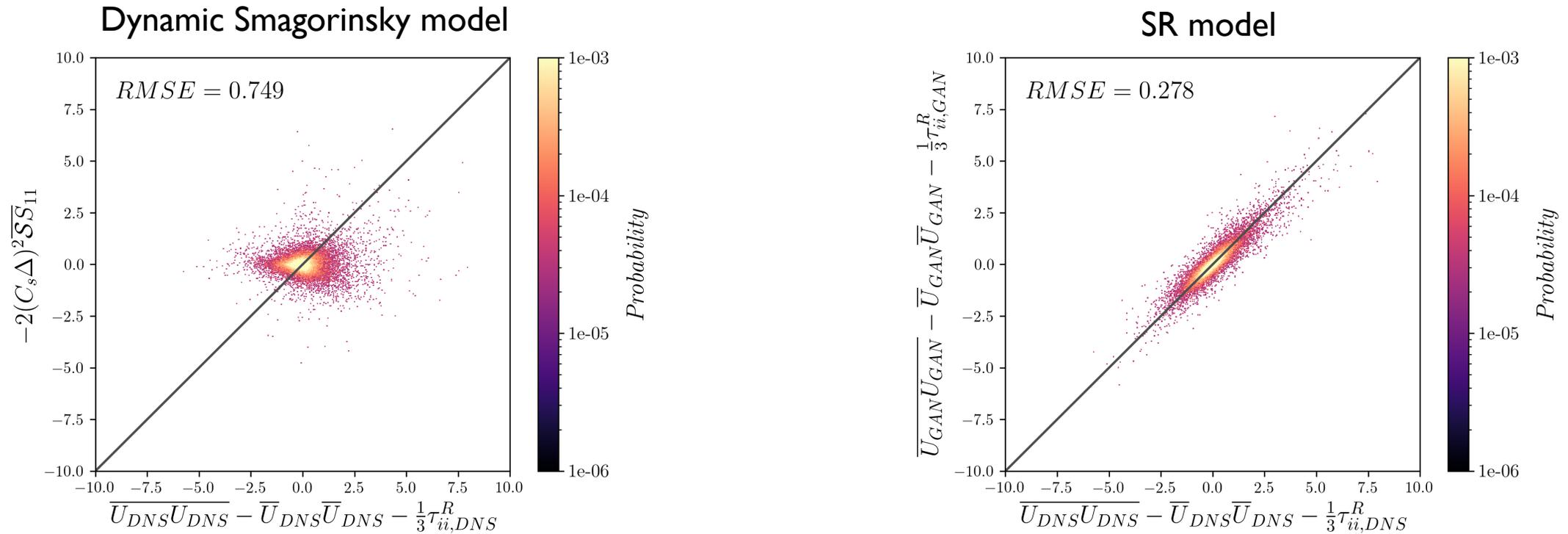
- **the GAN model** reconstructs fairly well *small-scale structures*, not included in the input
- at this level, **there are no visible differences**

# A-priori in-sample analysis: non-reactive configuration

## Comparison of a-priori SFS stress tensor component $\tau_{11}$ (jPDF)



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➤ **remarkable correlation** of the SR model with the DNS

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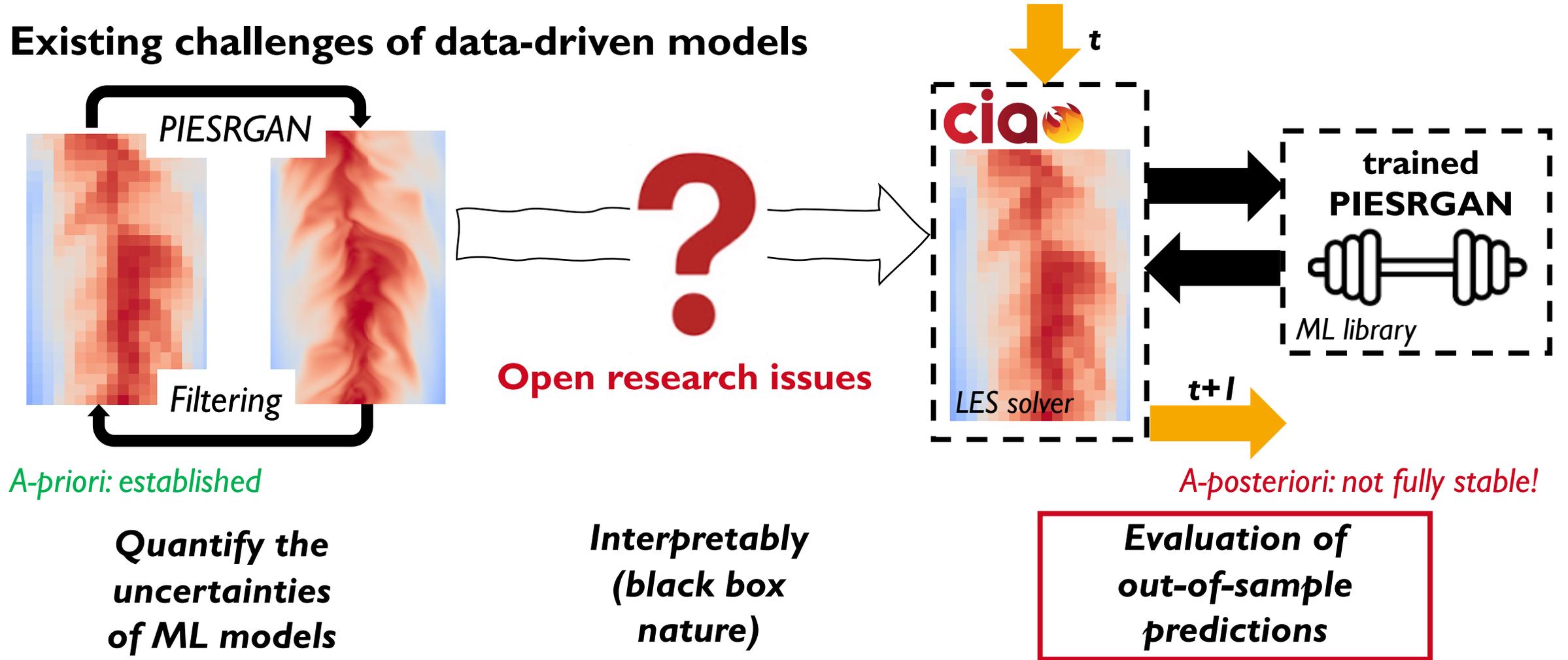
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# Generalization capabilities of data-driven models

## Existing challenges of data-driven models



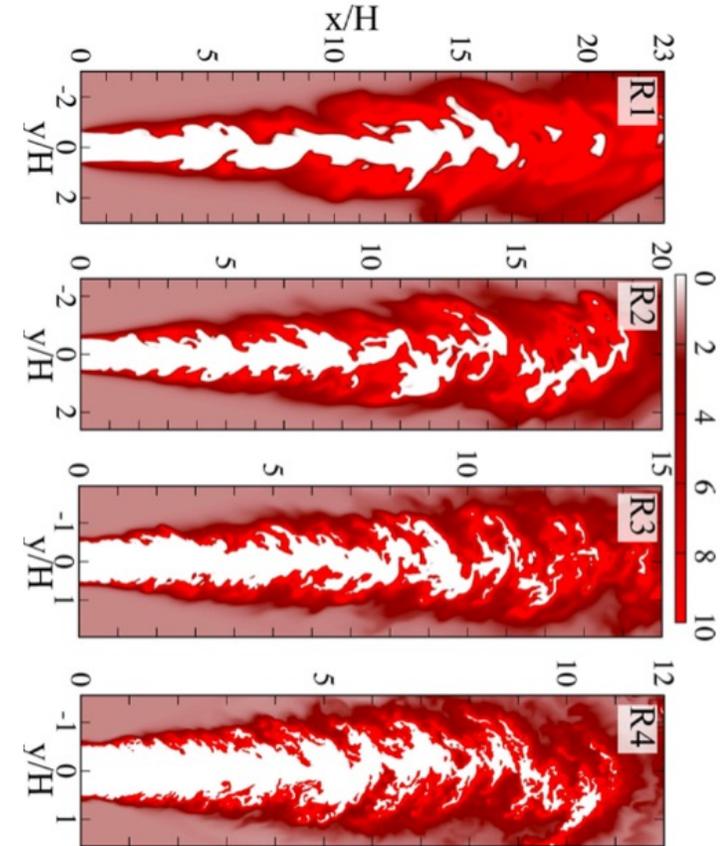
# Generalization at different Reynolds numbers

## Premixed methane/air jet flames DNS dataset

Phys. Param.	R1K1	R2K1	R3K1	R4K1
<b>Re [-]</b>	<b>2800</b>	<b>5600</b>	<b>11200</b>	<b>22400</b>
$\eta$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	18	23	25	25
$\delta_L$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	110	110	110	110
$dx$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	20	20	20	20
Ka [-]	39	23	21	21

*increasing Re*

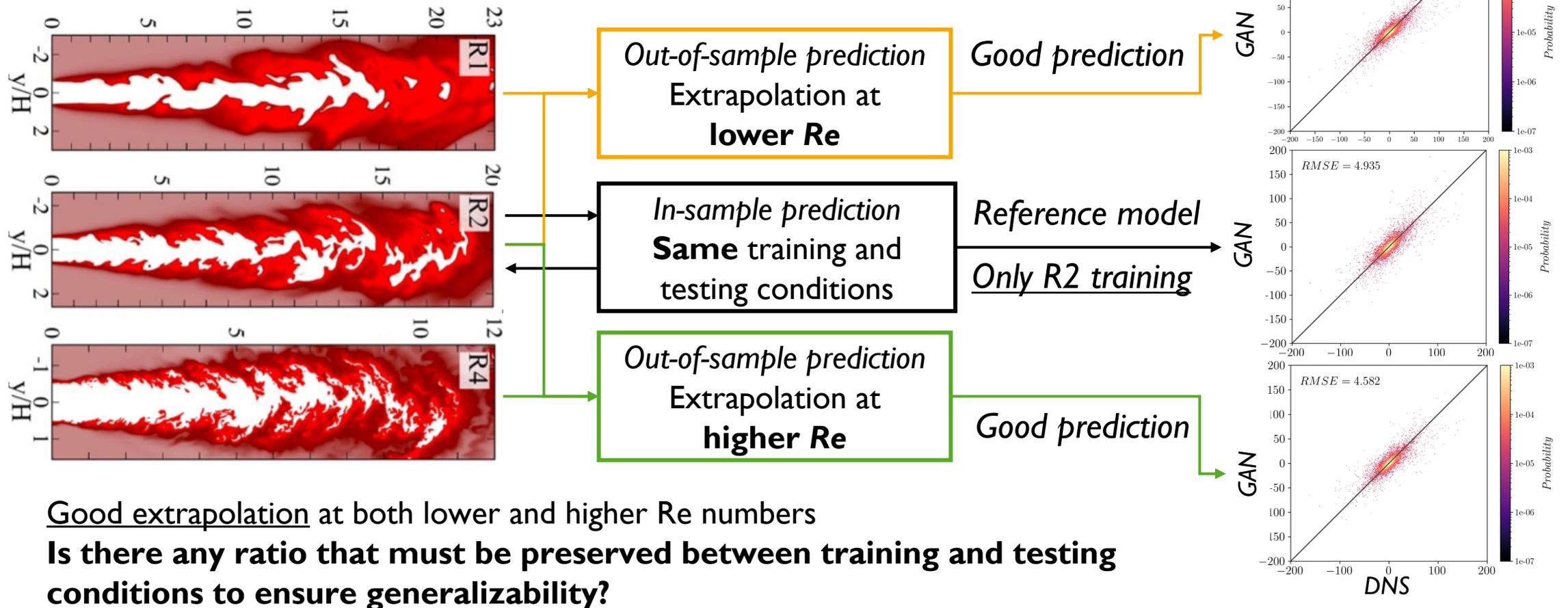
*roughly constant*



**Is the SR model learning any of those physical quantities?**

# Generalization at different Reynolds numbers

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Good extrapolation at both lower and higher Re numbers

**Is there any ratio that must be preserved between training and testing conditions to ensure generalizability?**

# Generalization on a different jet flame

## Generalization on a hydrogen/air jet flame

	training	testing
Phys. Param.	R2K1 [1]	H2K2 [2]
Re [-]	5600	5000
$\eta$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	<b>23</b>	<b>10.2</b>
$\delta_L$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	<b>110</b>	<b>435</b>
Ka [-]	23	43.5
$dx$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	20	17

➤ Similar Re

➤ **Larger**  $\Delta/\eta$  compared to R2K1

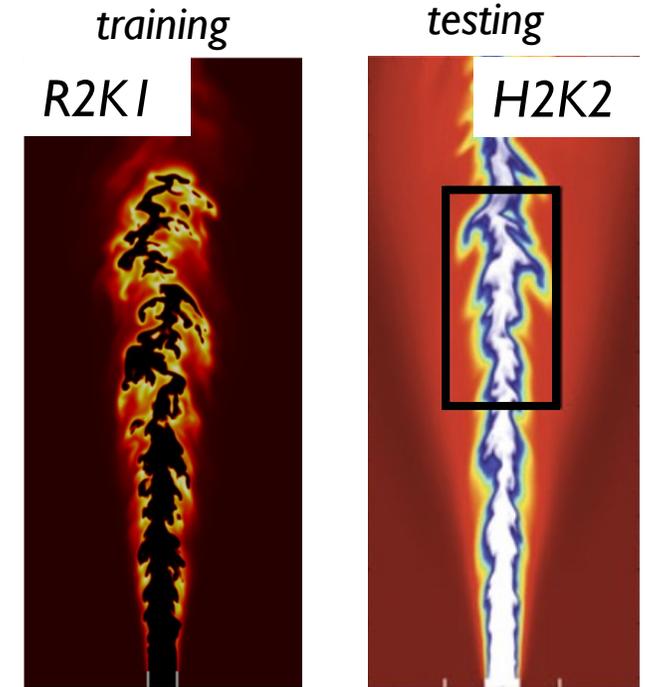
➤ **Smaller**  $\Delta/\delta_L$  compared to R2K1

➤ Similar Ka

2 different approaches

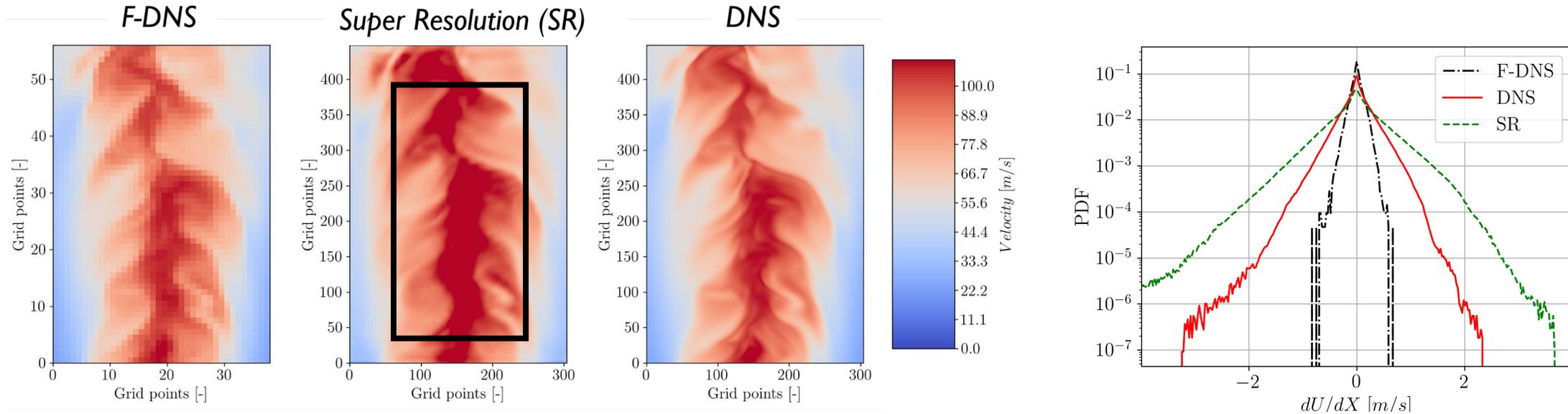
filter size **consistent with the training:**  
 $\Delta/\eta$  and  $\Delta/\delta_L$  are not equal to the training

filter size is adjusted to match  $\Delta/\eta$   
of the training



# Generalization on a different jet flame

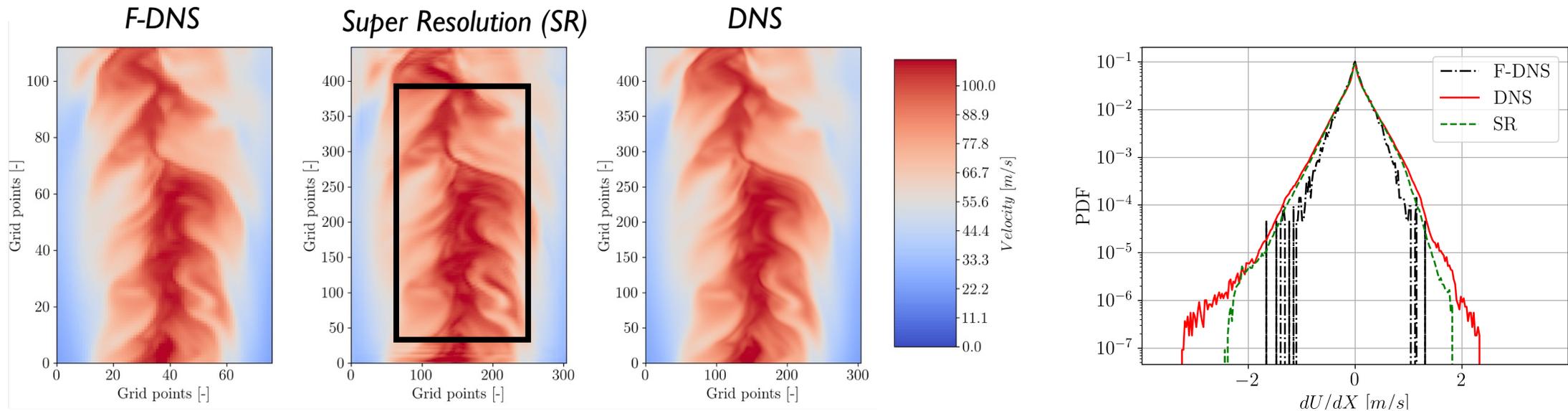
## Fs consistent with the training



- **strong overprediction of the velocity in the jet region** which results in thicker and without small-scales turbulent oscillations
- **the error is less marked in the coflow**

# Generalization on a different jet flame

***F<sub>s</sub> rescales to match  $\Delta/\eta$  - adjusting the input field***



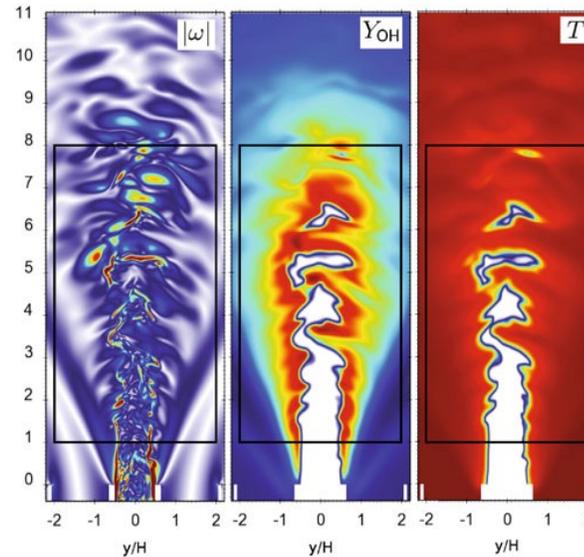
➤ **SR field looks visibly sharper**, where some features at the jet regions are enhanced

**The ratio between the Kolmogorov scale and grid size must be preserved between training and testing to ensure generalization**

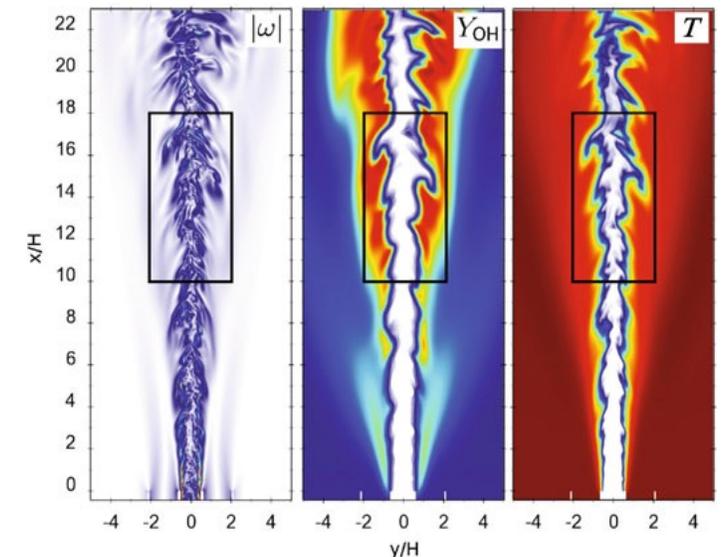
# Generalization at different combustion regimes

$Ka < Ka_{cr}$  (Low Ka)

$Ka > Ka_{cr}$  (High Ka)



Heat release  
**strongly**  
affects vorticity



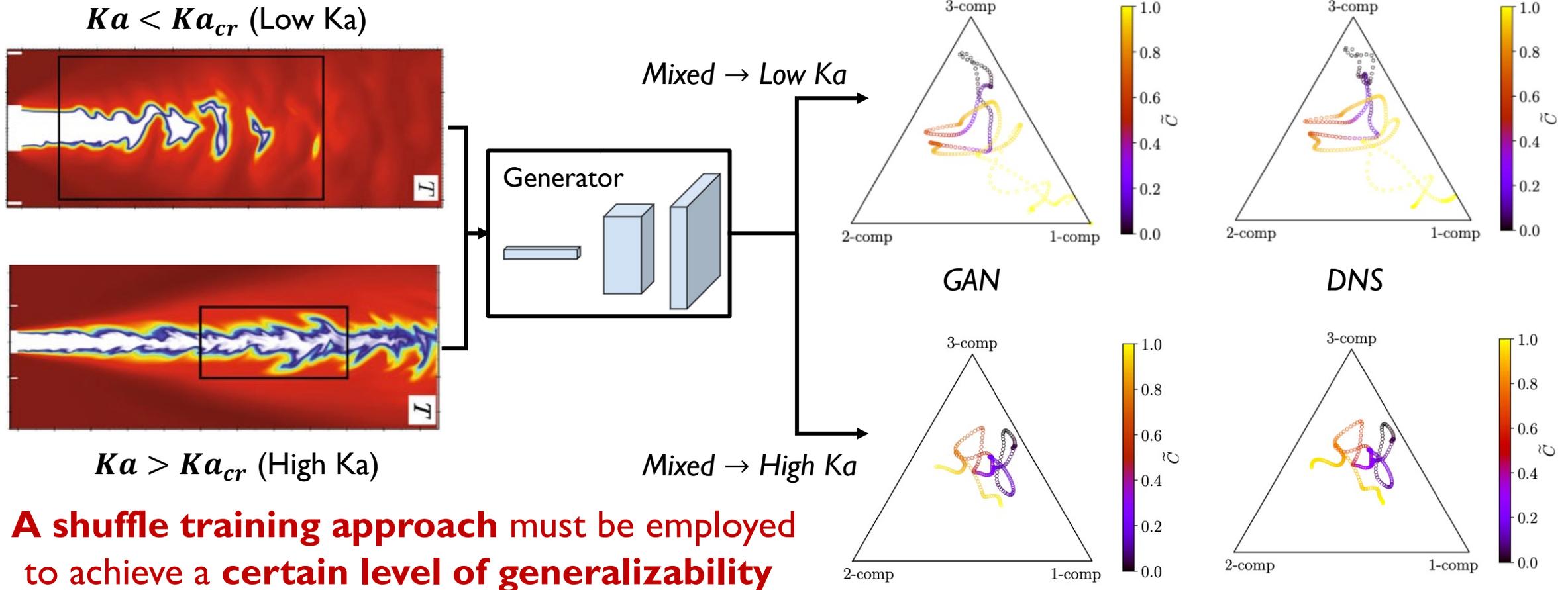
Heat release  
**barely**  
affects vorticity

Phys. Param.	H2K1	H2K2
Re [-]	5000	5000
U [m/s]	23	93
<b>Ka [-]</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>32</b>
$u' / S_L$ [-]	1.25	7.0
$\eta$ [ $\mu m$ ]	40	10
$\delta_L$ [ $\mu m$ ]	435	435

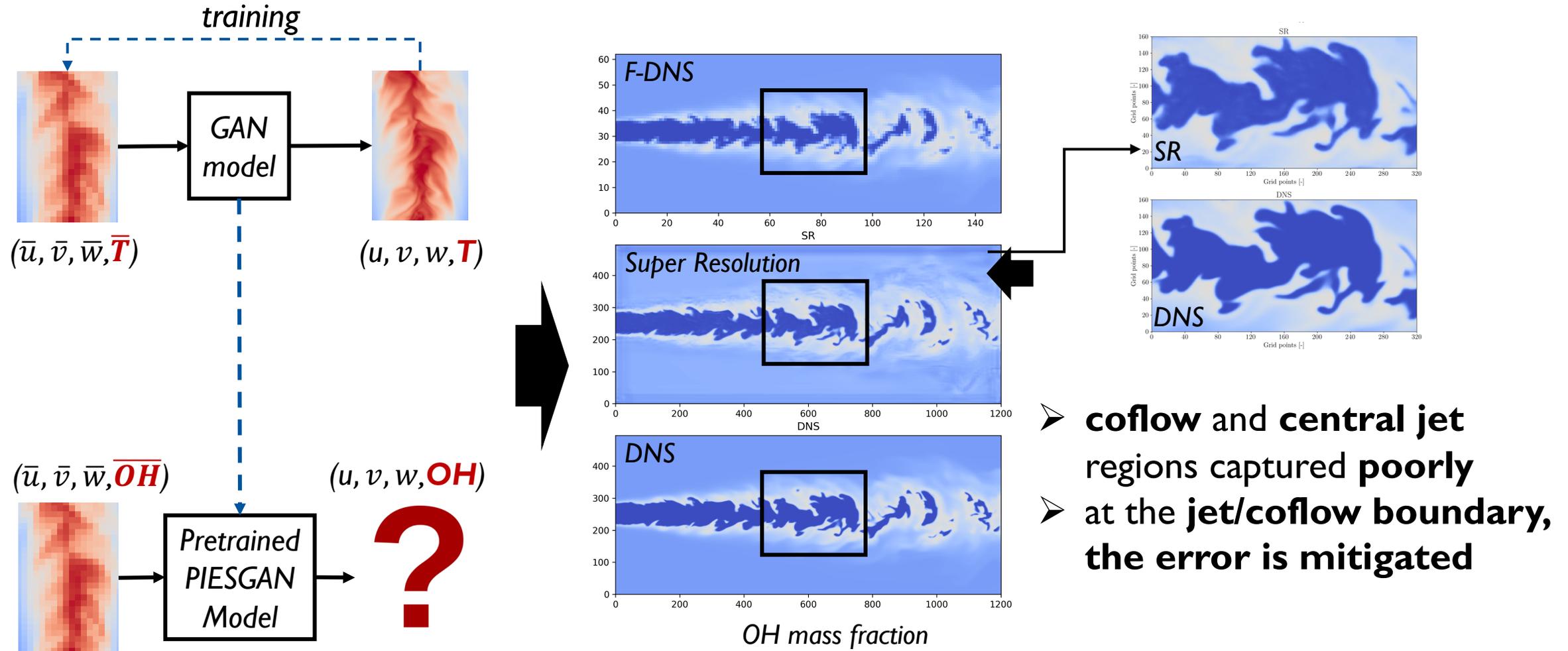
**Strong influence of heat release on turbulence below the critical Karlovitz number**

# Generalization at different combustion regimes

## Premixed hydrogen/air flames DNS dataset



# Generalization towards different physical quantities not included at the input



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# Conclusion and future works

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- PIESRGAN network performance is assessed **against a supervised CNN-based network** in the context of **turbulence closure modeling**
- a-priori in-sample analysis demonstrates the ability of the **GAN model to recover the DNS data**
  - a-priori **subfilter-scale GAN model outperforms** the dynamic Smagorinsky model
  - a-priori **performance of far-from-training conditions** has been investigated
    - **the ratio  $\Delta/\eta$  needs to be matched to ensure generalizability**, showing good extrapolation at both lower and higher Re
    - **Shuffle training approach** efficient to predict different combustion regimes

## Future works

- perform additional investigations at different flow conditions
- further extrapolation and generalization capability
- a-posteriori embedding in a LES solver

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