



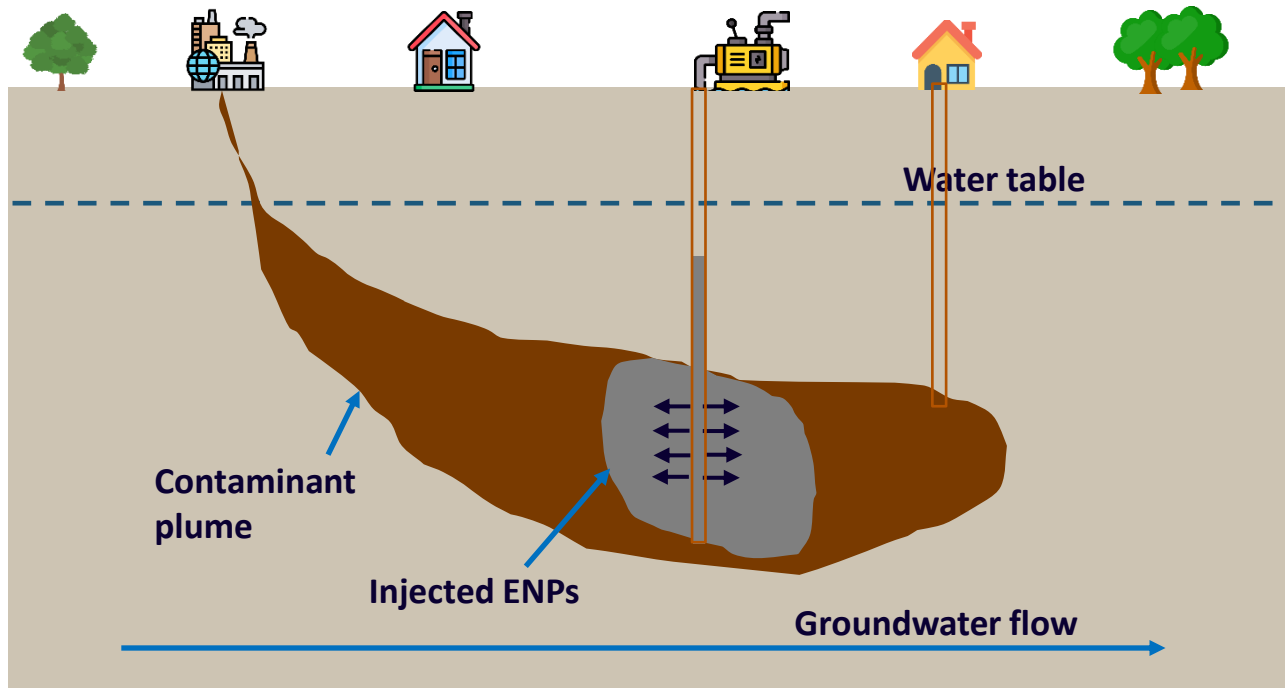
Dynamic weights enabled Physics-Informed Neural Network for simulating the mobility of Engineered Nano-particles in a contaminated aquifer

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Background

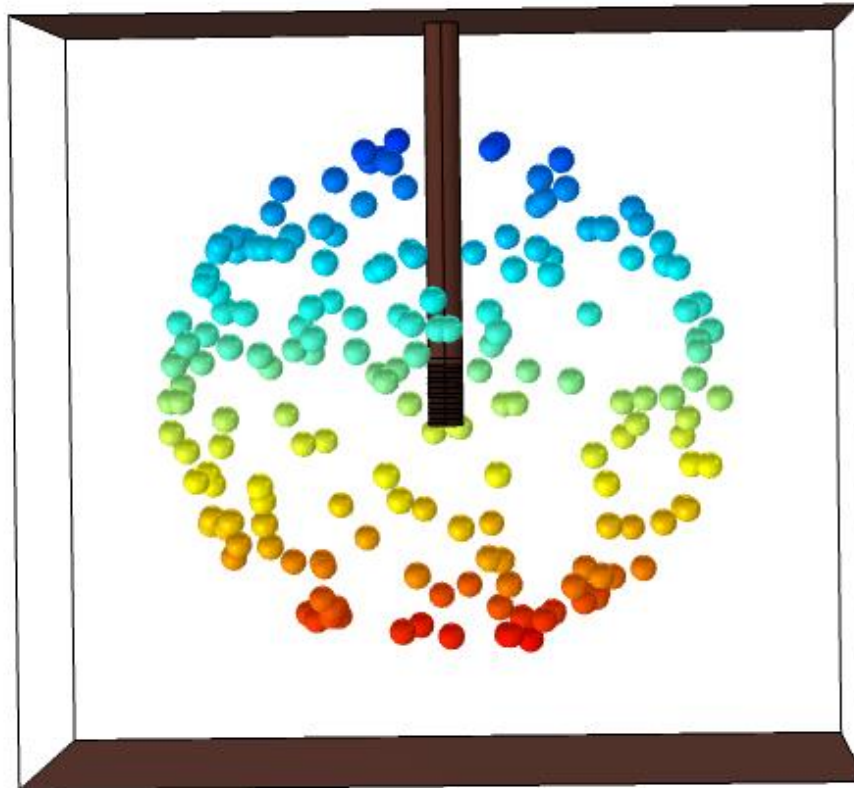
- More than 340000 aquifers are contaminated due to anthropogenic activities just in Europe (Jarsjö et al., 2022)
- The aquifer contamination aggravate climate change due to degradation of soil quality, costal ecosystem and deforestation.
- A promising techniques for remediating the groundwater is by injecting Engineered nano particles (ENPs) that eliminates the contamination



Groundwater remediation strategy

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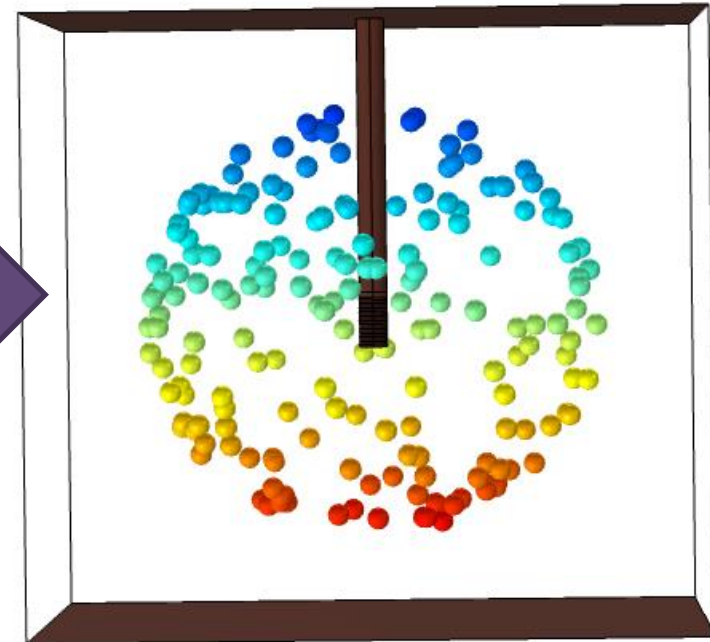
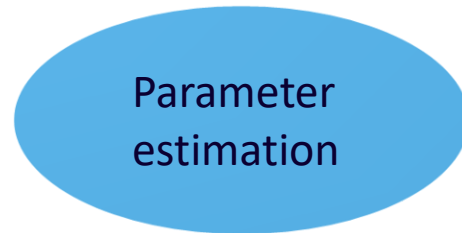
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ENPs observed

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Simulation workflow

Aim: To develop a simulator for parameter estimation

PINN
formulation

Verification
with Comsol

Inverse
modeling

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$$c(0, t) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-0.02(t-500)}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{0.02(t+500)}} \right)$$

$$\nabla((D_e + \alpha_L v) \nabla c(1, t)) = 0$$

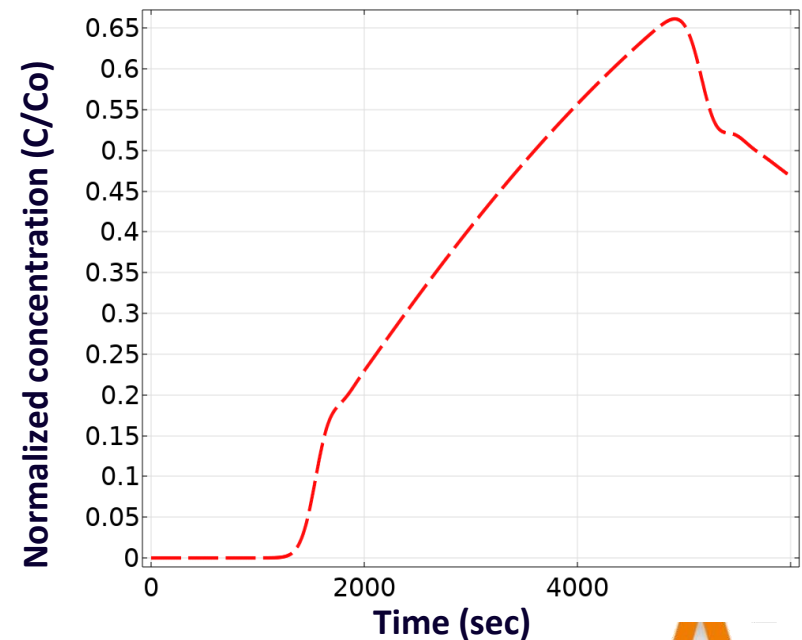
$$c(x, 0) = s(x, 0) = 0$$

Second Inverse model:

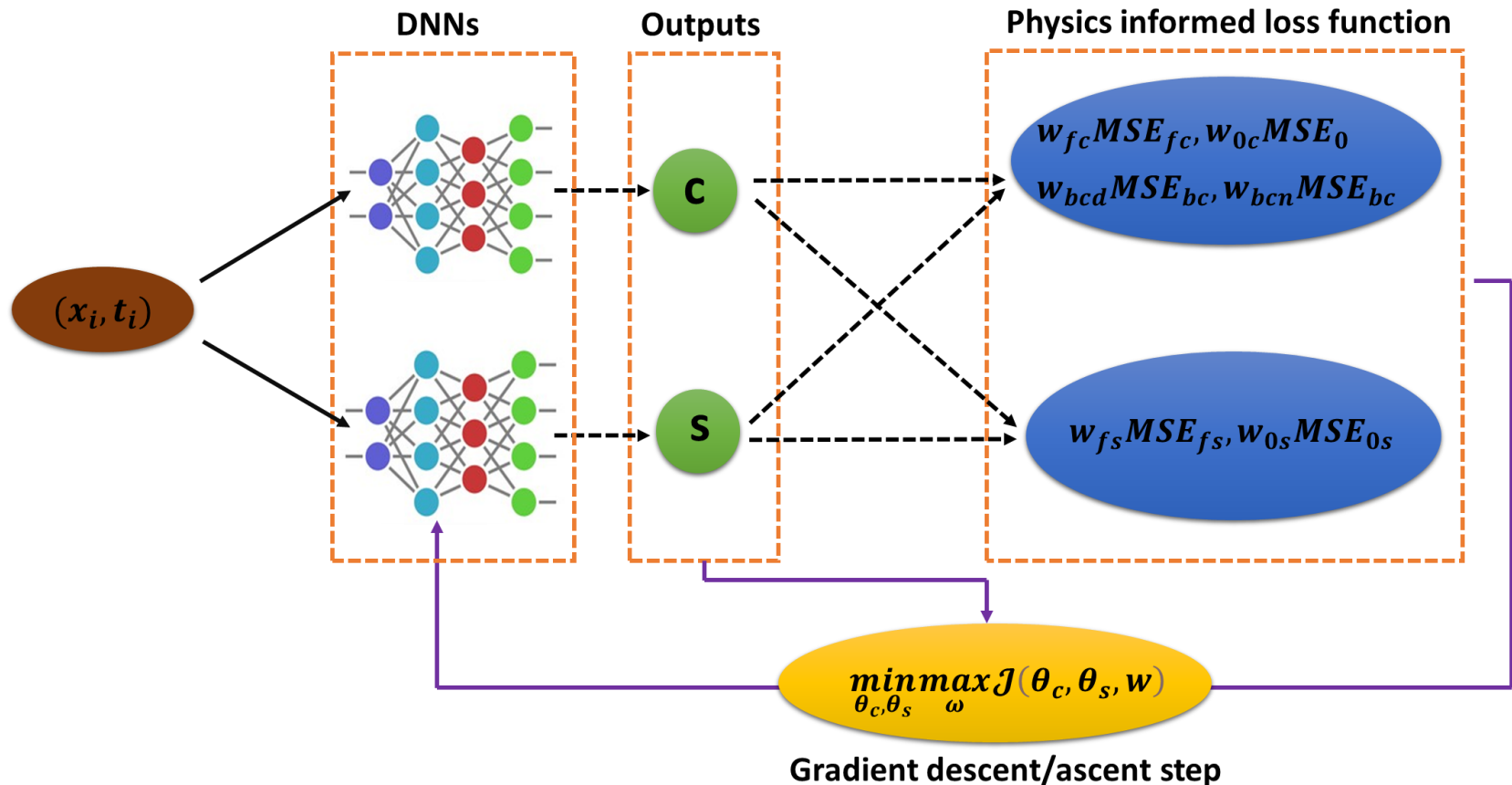
$$\theta = \checkmark \quad \alpha = \checkmark \quad k_a = ? , k_d = ?$$



1D simulated domain
to estimate:
 θ, α, k_a, k_d

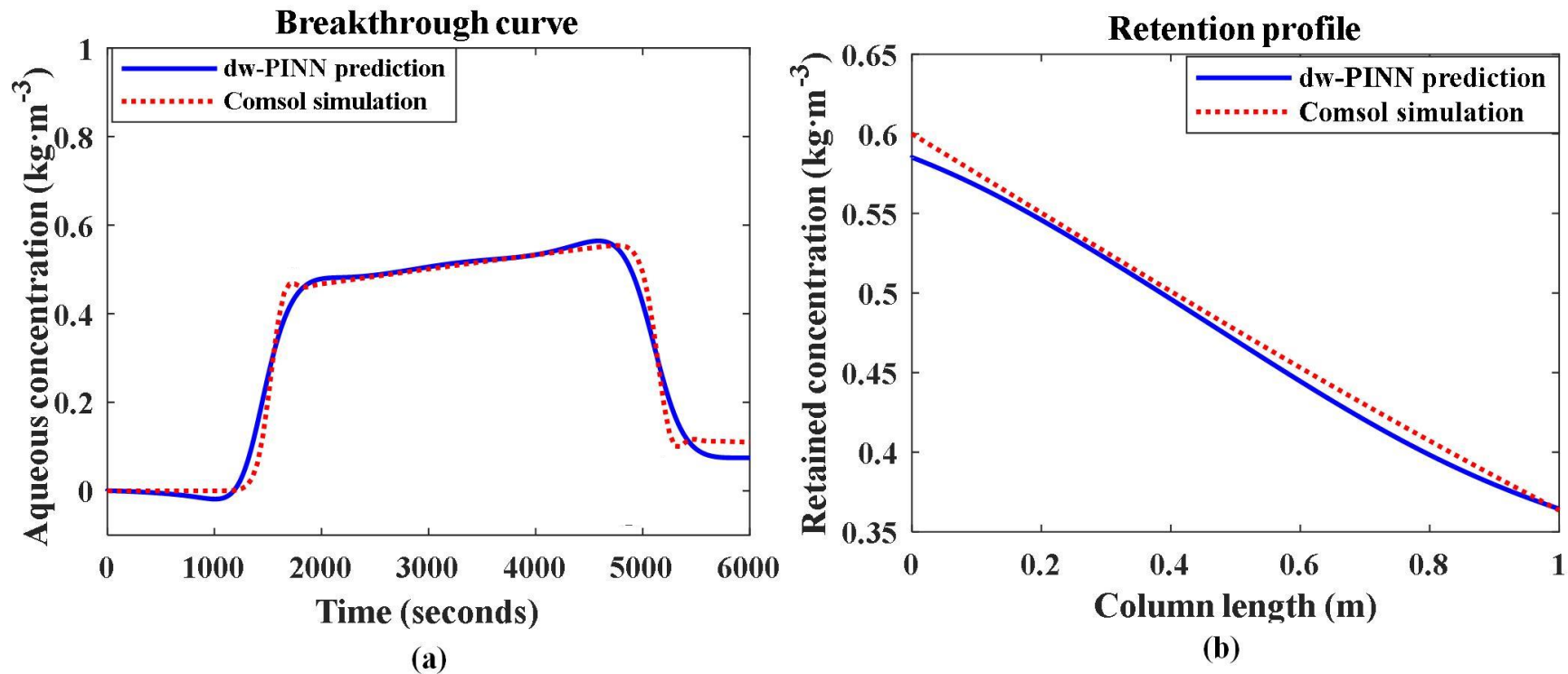


Applied PINN framework



Flowchart of dw-PINN framework representing two Deep Neural Networks with time and spatial points as input and concentration of aqueous and retained ENPs as output

Stage 1: Forward modeling verification

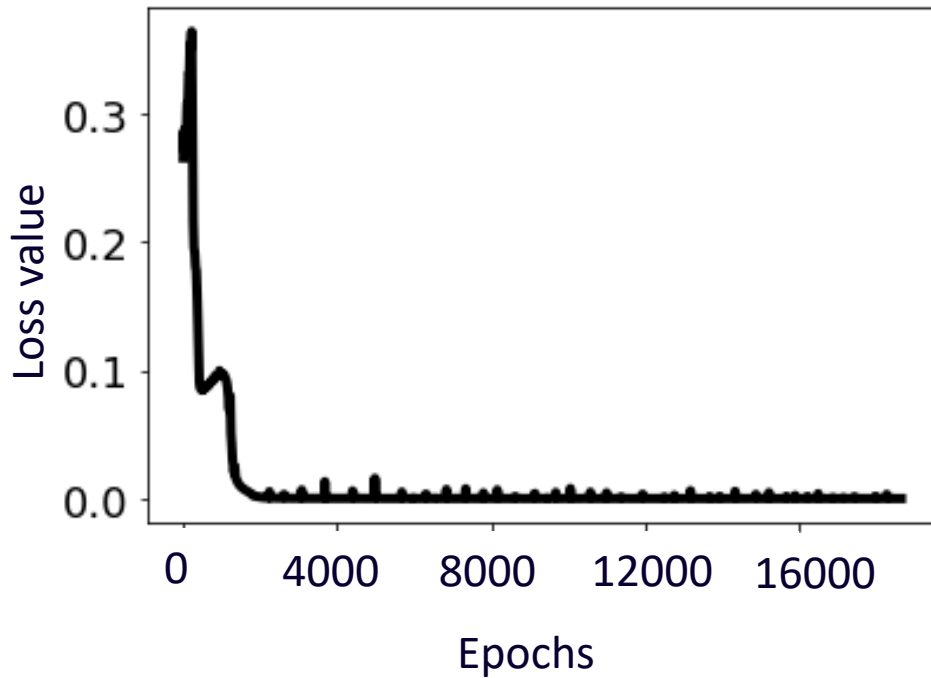


Result comparison of dw-PINN and Comsol model; (a) breakthrough curve (b) retention profile

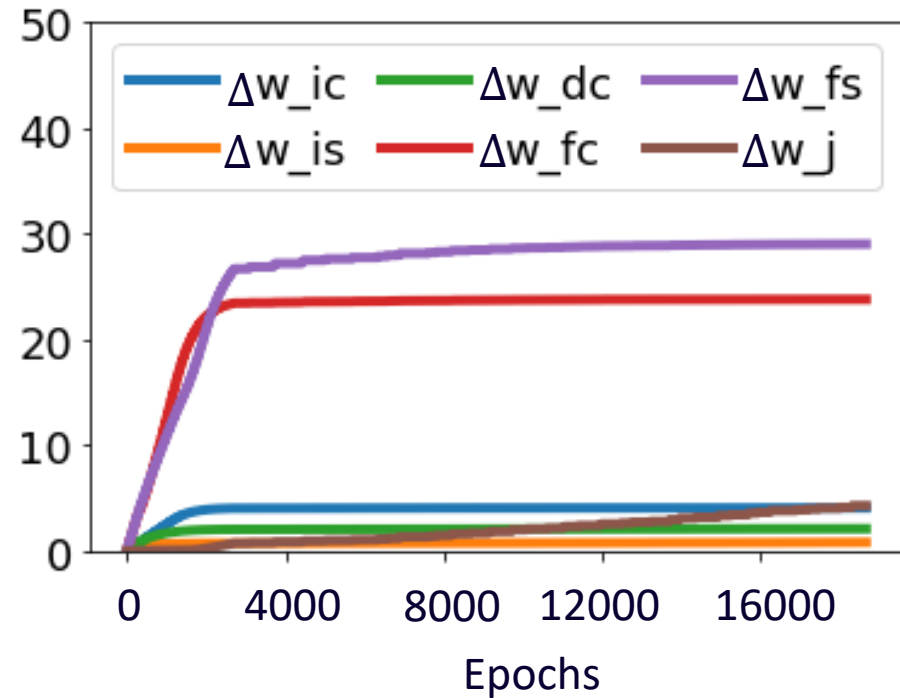
$v = 0.0003 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$, $D_e = 1\text{e-}9 \text{ m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$, $\alpha = 0.01$, $k_a = 0.00008 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k_d = 0.0001 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $\theta = 0.3$,
Column length = 1 m

Stage 1: Loss function and Dynamic weights

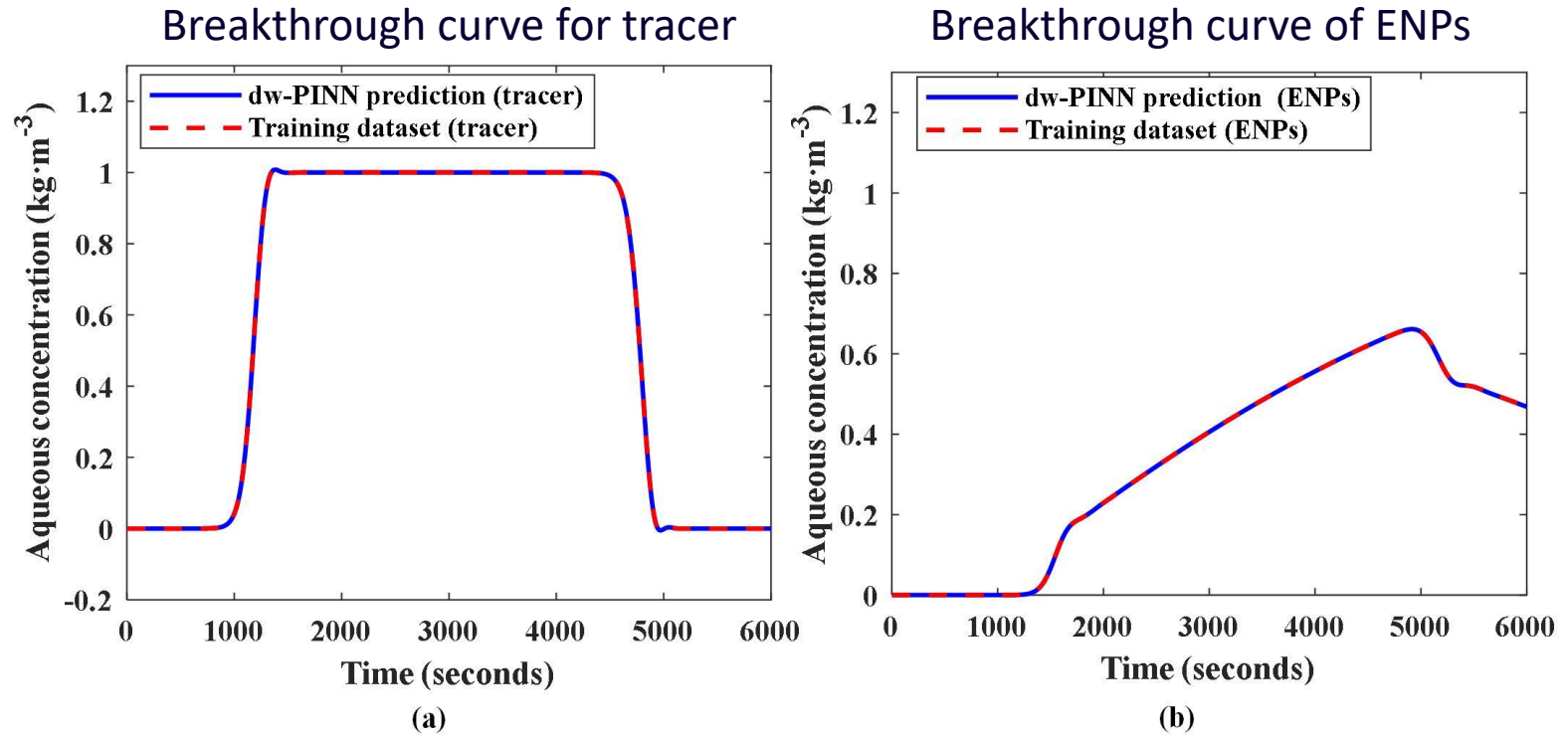
Loss function



Change in weights of loss function



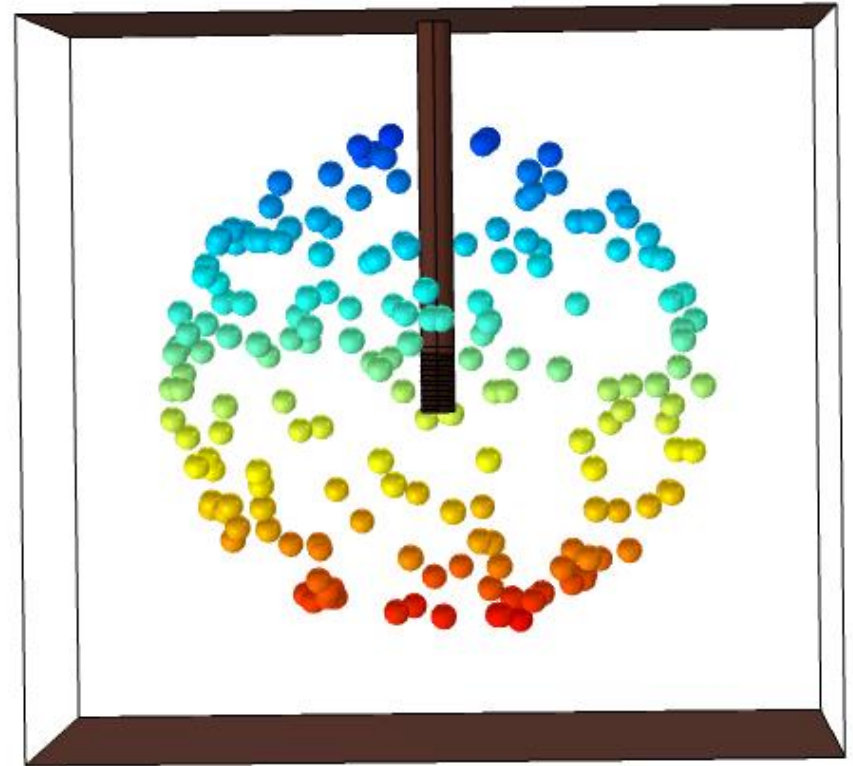
Stage 2: values estimated and comparison



	Porosity	Dispersivity (m)	Attachment Coefficient (s^{-1})	Detachment coefficient (s^{-1})
Ground truth	0.20	0.0050	0.00070	0.00010
Estimated values	0.21	0.0059	0.00071	0.00018

Conclusion and future work

- The model result matches well with the benchmark cases from the numerical simulator, Comsol Multiphysics
- The result demonstrates that the PINN based simulation tool is a viable option for parameter estimations required for upscaling
- Application of simulation tool on real 1D sand-filled column data & forward modeling on 3D system is being explored



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