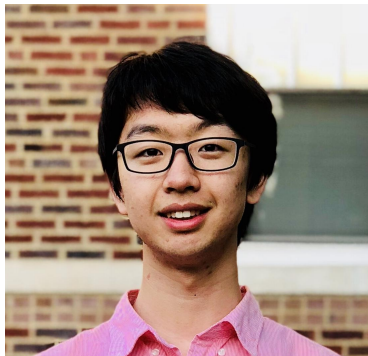


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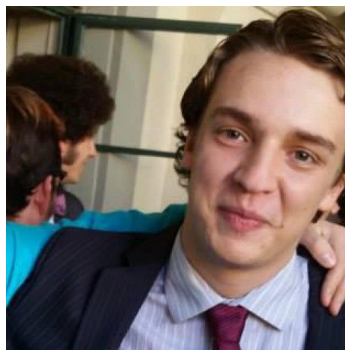
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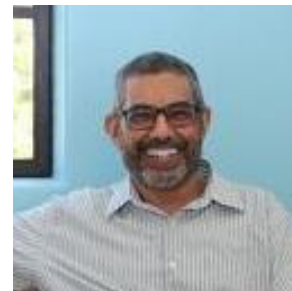
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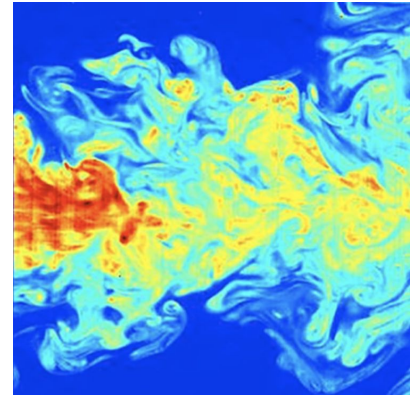
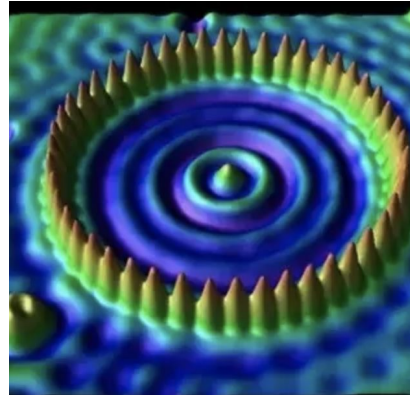
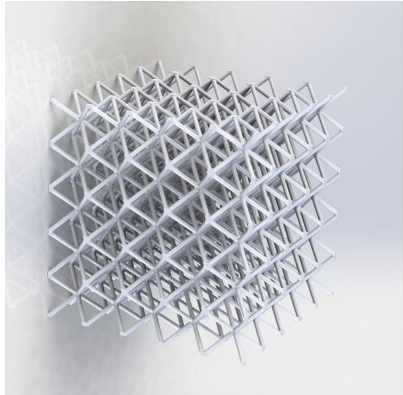
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# Overview

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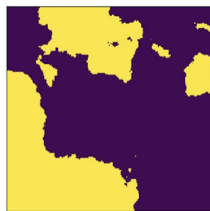
# 1. Introduction

Problems in science and engineering reduce to PDEs.

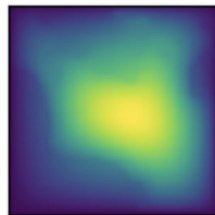
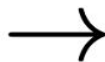


# Introduction

- Learning parametric PDE:  
Given the a set of coefficients/boundary conditions  
Find the solution functions



Input: coefficient

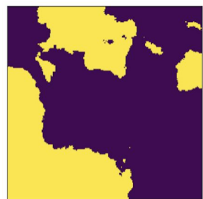


Output: solution

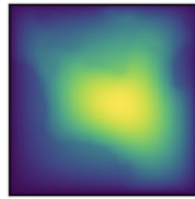
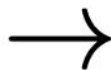
# Problem Setting

Second order elliptic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) &= f(x), & x \in D \\ u(x) &= 0, & x \in \partial D \end{aligned}$$



Input:  $a(x)$



Output:  $u(x)$

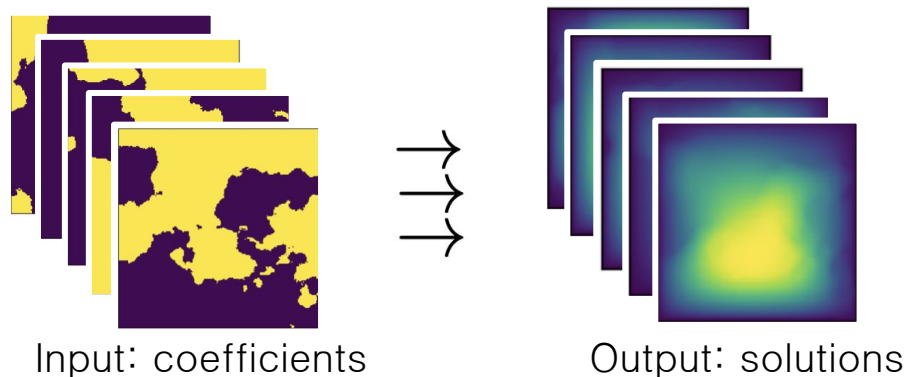
$$\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$$

# Operator learning

Solving PDEs is slow.

Learn the mapping from data (coefficients & solutions pairs).

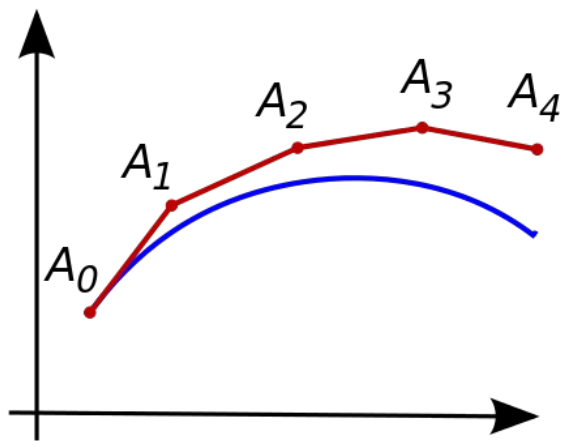
- Fix an equation
- Multiple training instances
- Learn the mapping



Slow to train. Fast to evaluate.  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$

# Solve vs learn

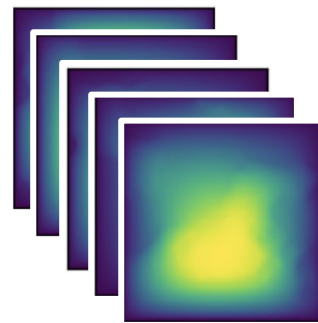
Conventional methods:  
Solve the equation  
By approximation on a mesh



Data-driven methods:  
Learn the trajectory  
From a distribution



Input: coefficients



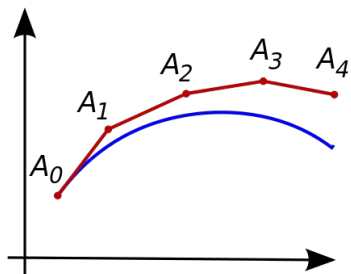
Output: solutions



# Solve vs learn

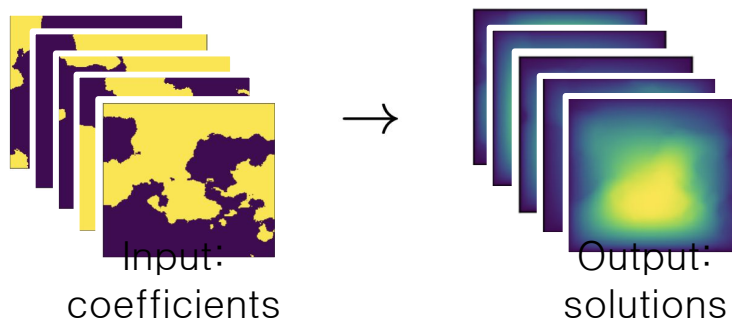
## Conventional methods:

- Solve one instance
- Require the explicit form
- trade-off on resolution
- Slow on fine grids; fast on coarse grids



## Data-driven methods:

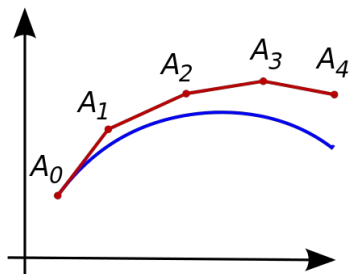
- Learn a family of PDE
- Black-box, data-driven
- Resolution-invariant, mesh-invariant
- Slow to train; fast to evaluate



# Solve vs learn

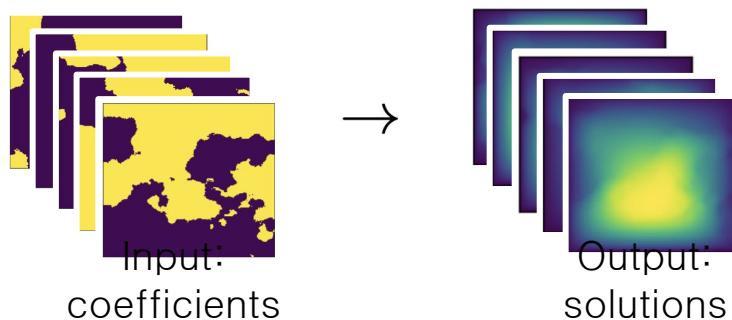
## Conventional methods:

- Solve for any parameters
- Worst case guarantees
- Consistency



## Data-driven methods:

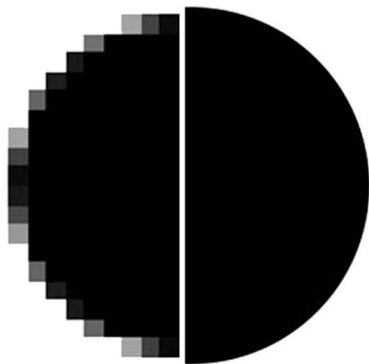
- Parameters from a distribution
- Less guaranteed
- Not “consistent”



# Operator learning

- Not vector-to-vector mapping.
- But function-to-function mapping.

Discretized vector



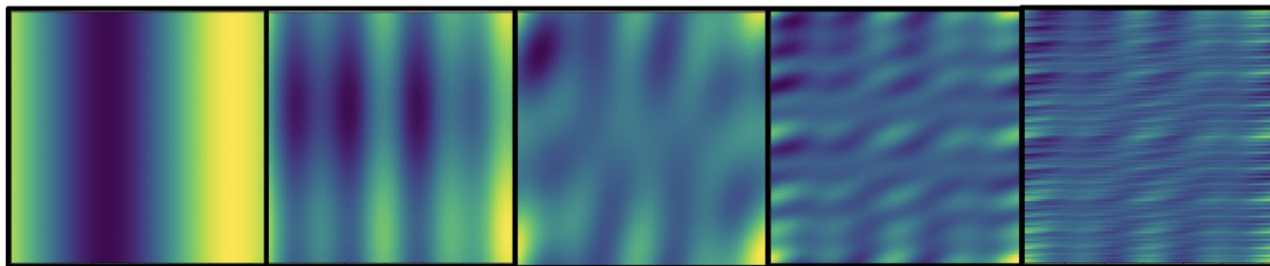
Continuous function

# Operator learning

Key idea: represent function & operator in mesh-invariant way



Filters in CNN



Fourier Filters

## 2. Neural operator

$$u = (K_l \circ \sigma_l \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_1 \circ K_0) v$$

# Problem Setting

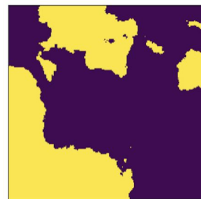
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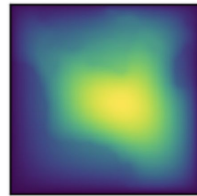
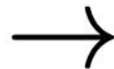
Given  $\{a_j, u_j\}_{j=1}^N$  pairs of functions

Want to learn the **operator**

$$\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$$



Input:  $a(x)$



Output:  $u(x)$

# Intuition: kernel method

$$-\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) = f(x), \quad x \in D$$

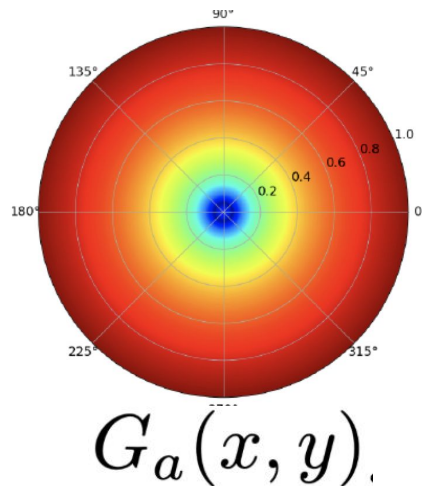
$$u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \partial D$$

Inverse of differential operator can be written in form of kernel

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) f(y) dy.$$

Where G is the green function

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) [f(y) + (\Gamma_a u)(y)] dy.$$



# Integral Operator

Idea: Approximate the kernel by a **neural network**  $\kappa_\phi$

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) [f(y) + (\Gamma_a u)(y)] dy.$$

$$(\mathcal{K}(a; \phi)v_t)(x) := \int_D \kappa(x, y, a(x), a(y); \phi) v_t(y) dy,$$



# Iterative solver: stack layers

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) f(y) dy.$$

$$(\mathcal{K}(a; \phi)v_t)(x) := \int_D \kappa(x, y, a(x), a(y); \phi) v_t(y) dy,$$

Add iterations for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , like an implicit method

$$\mathbf{K} : v_t \mapsto v_{t+1}$$

$$v_{t+1}(x) = \sigma \left( W v_t(x) + \int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy) \right)$$

# Neural operator

$$u = (K_l \circ \sigma_l \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_1 \circ K_0) v$$

$K$  are linear non-local integral operator

$\sigma$  are non-linear local activation functions

# Neural operator

$$u = Q \left( K_l \circ \sigma_l \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_1 \circ K_0 \right) P v$$

$P$ ,  $Q$  are local network (encoder, decoder)

$P$  lifts the input to a high dimensional channel space.

$Q$  projects the representation back to the original space

# Approximation bound

For any continuous operator defined on a compact domain, there exists a two-layers neural operators can approximate it. Derivation following Chen & Chen and DeepONet (Lu et. al.)

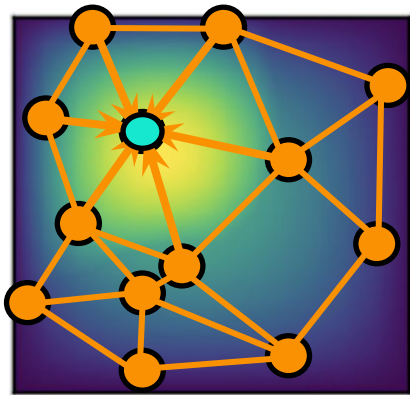
# Neural operator

$$\int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy)$$

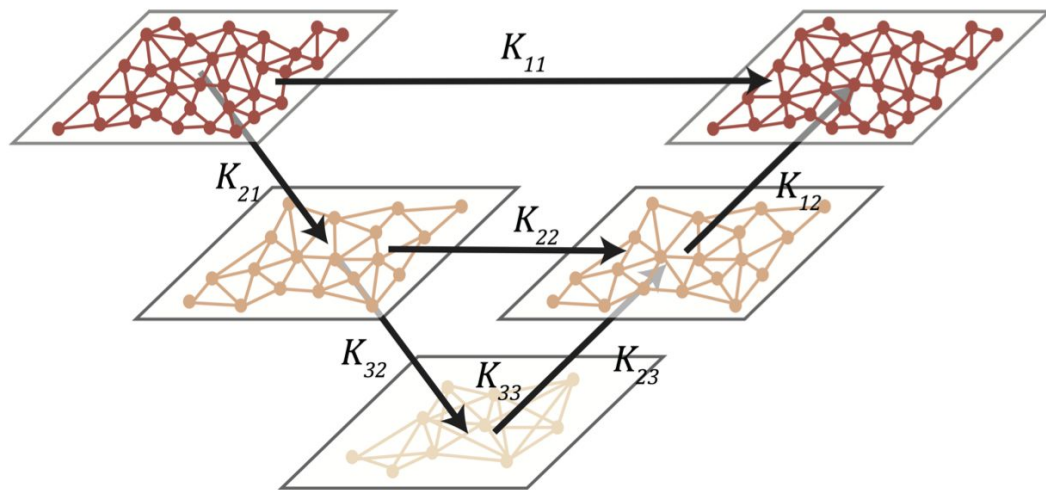
Four variations:

1. Graph neural operator
2. Multipole graph neural operator
3. Low-rank neural operator
4. Fourier neural operator

# Graph-based neural operators

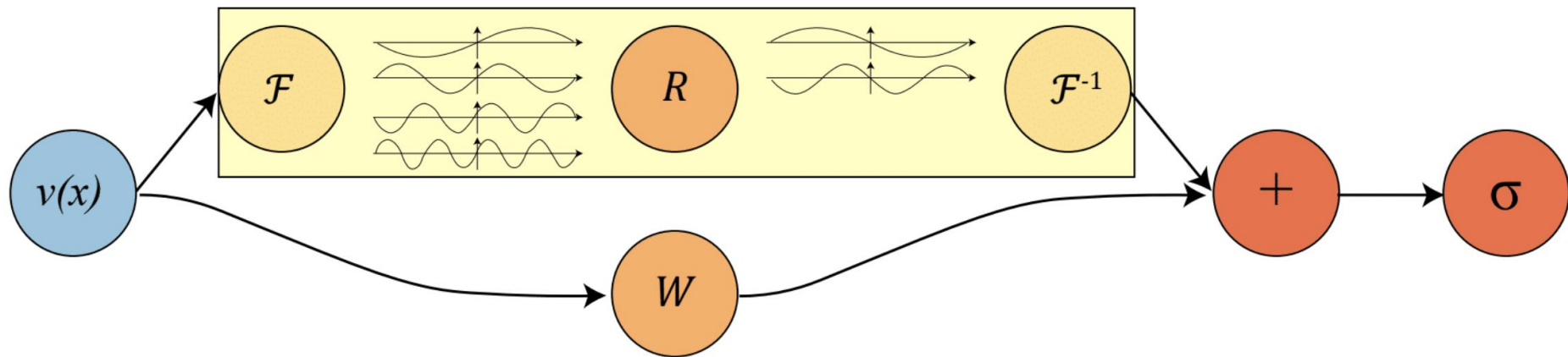


GKN



MGKN

### 3. Fourier neural operator

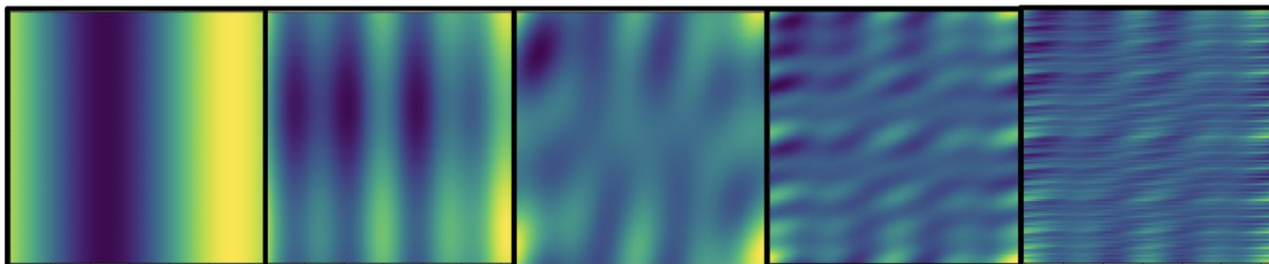


# Fourier filters

Fourier representation is more efficient than CNN.



Filters in CNN



Fourier Filters



# Fourier layer

Use convolution as the integral operator  
and implement with Fourier transform

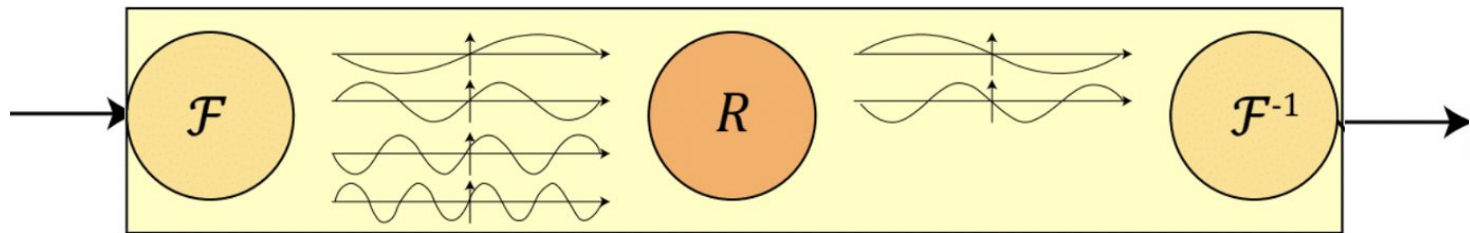
$$(\mathcal{K}(a; \phi)v_t)(x) := \int_D \kappa(x, y, a(x), a(y); \phi) v_t(y) dy,$$

$$(\mathcal{K}(\phi)v_t)(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left( R_\phi \cdot (\mathcal{F}v_t) \right) (x)$$

# Fourier layer

1. Fourier transform
2. Linear transform
3. Inverse Fourier transform

$$(\mathcal{K}(\phi)v_t)(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(R_\phi \cdot (\mathcal{F}v_t)\right)(x)$$



# Fourier layer

```
def forward(self, x):
    batchsize = x.shape[0]
    #Compute Fourier coefficients up to factor of  $e^{(- \text{something constant})}$ 
    x_ft = torch.rfft(x, 2, normalized=True, onesided=True)

    # Multiply relevant Fourier modes
    out_ft = torch.zeros(batchsize, self.in_channels, x.size(-2), x.size(-1)//2 + 1, 2, device=x.device)
    out_ft[:, :, :self.modes1, :self.modes2] = \
        compl_mul2d(x_ft[:, :, :self.modes1, :self.modes2], self.weights1)
    out_ft[:, :, -self.modes1:, :self.modes2] = \
        compl_mul2d(x_ft[:, :, -self.modes1:, :self.modes2], self.weights2)

    #Return to physical space
    x = torch.irfft(out_ft, 2, normalized=True, onesided=True, signal_sizes=(x.size(-2), x.size(-1)))
    return x
```

# Fourier layer

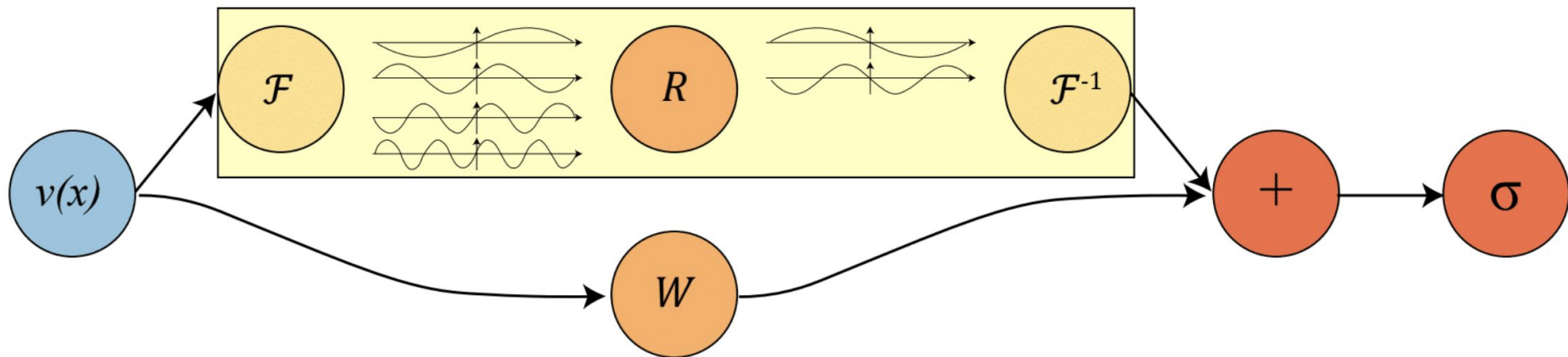
Encoding & decoding

Activation function on the spatial domain

Recover high frequency modes

# Fourier layer

The linear transform  $W$  outside keep the track of the location information (x) and non-periodic boundary



$$v_{t+1}(x) = \sigma \left( W v_t(x) + \int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy) \right)$$

# Fourier layer

Complexity:

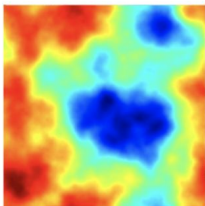
- Fourier transform  $O(k n)$
- FFT  $O(n \log n)$
- Linear  $O(n)$

Resolution-invariant

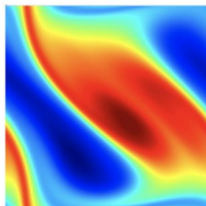
Mesh-invariant

# 4. Experiments

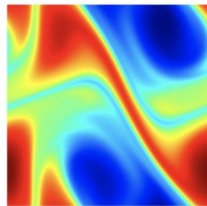
*Initial Vorticity*



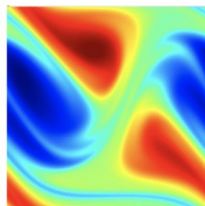
$t=15$



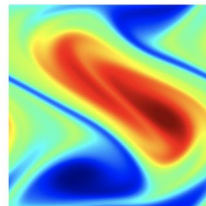
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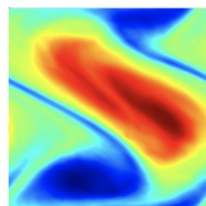
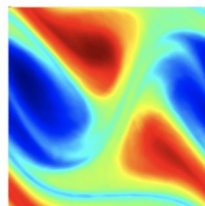
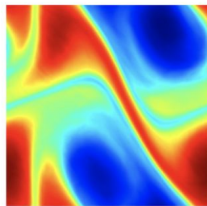
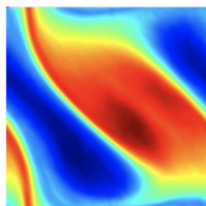
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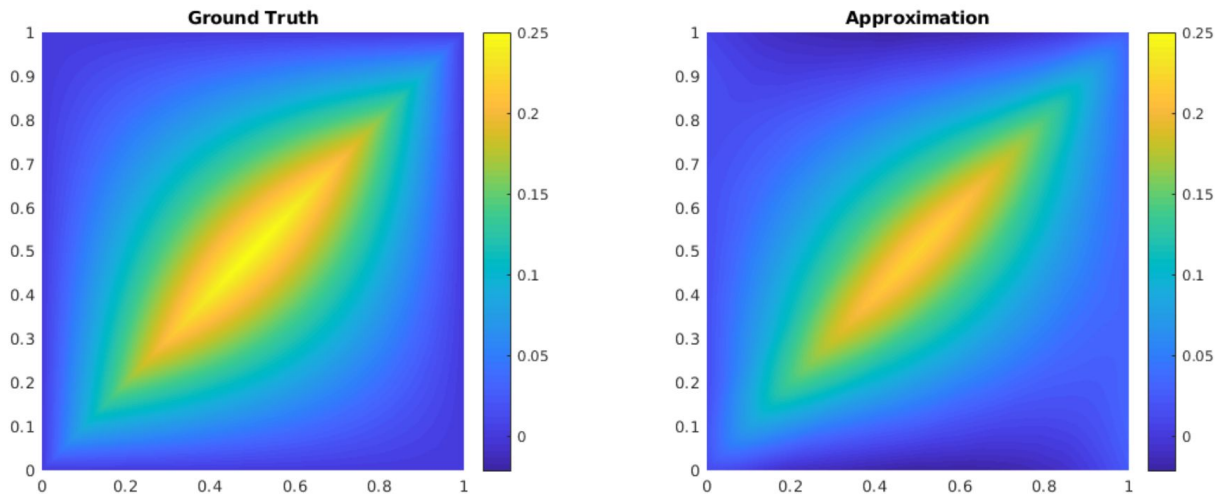
$t=30$



*Prediction*



# Example 1: 1d-Poisson



Sanity check: the learned neural network kernel  
is very closed to the true analytic kernel

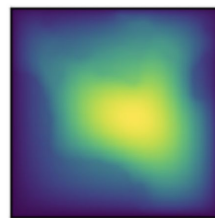
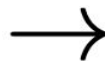


# Example 2: 2d Darcy Flow

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a(x) \nabla u(x)) &= f(x) & x \in (0, 1)^2 \\ u(x) &= 0 & x \in \partial(0, 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$



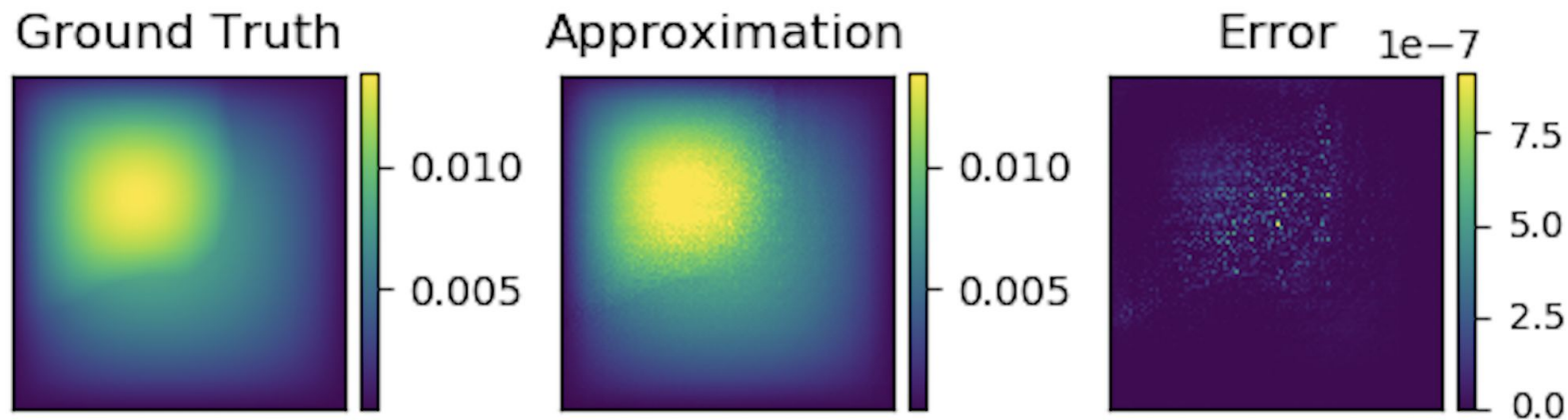
Input: coefficient



Output: solution

$$a \sim \mu \text{ where } \mu = \psi_{\#} \mathcal{N}(0, (-\Delta + 9I)^{-2})$$

# Train on $16 \times 16$ , test on $241 \times 241$

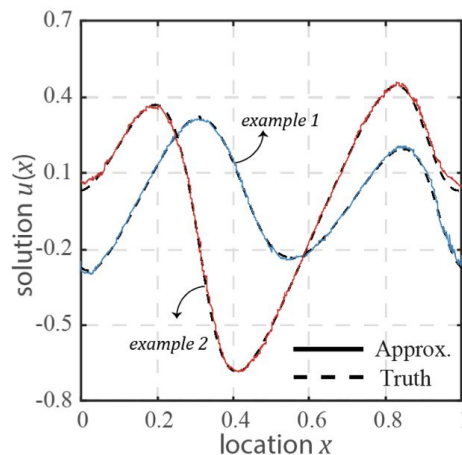
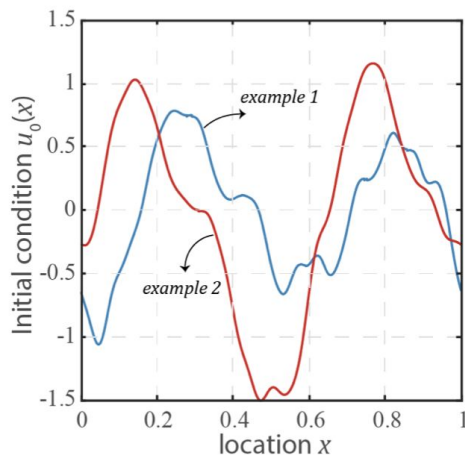


(Plot for the absolute squared error.  
Average relative l2 error  $\sim 0.05$ )

Graph kernel network does super-resolution

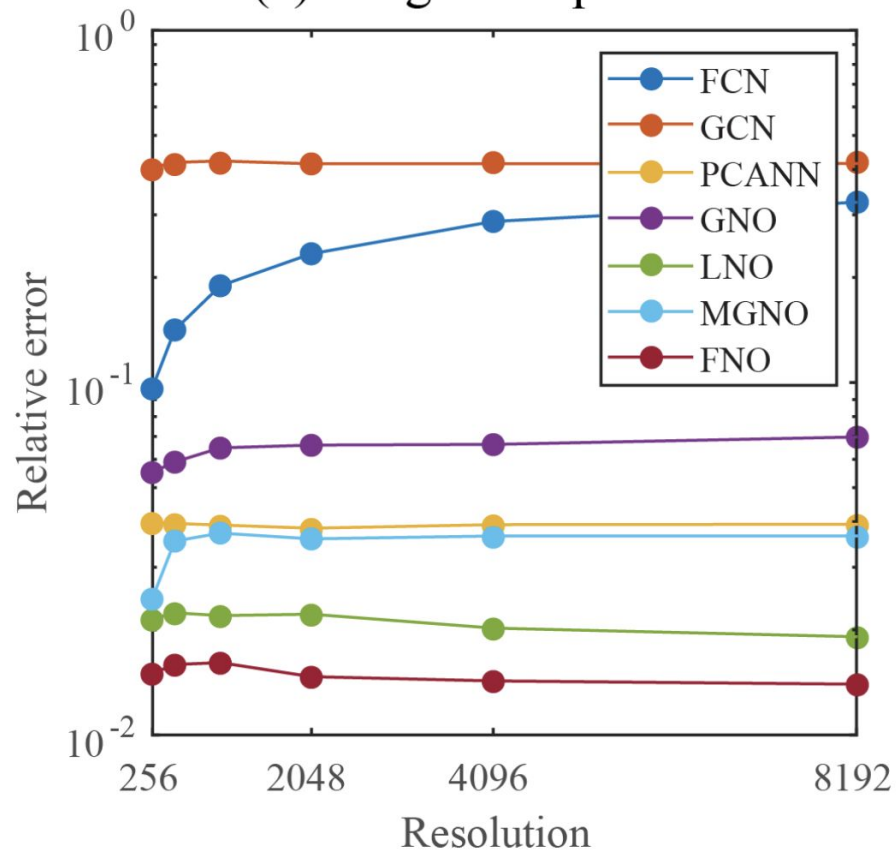
# Example 3: 1d Burgers

$$\partial_t u(x, t) + \partial_x (u^2(x, t)/2) = \nu \partial_{xx} u(x, t), \quad x \in (0, 1), t \in (0, 1]$$
$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

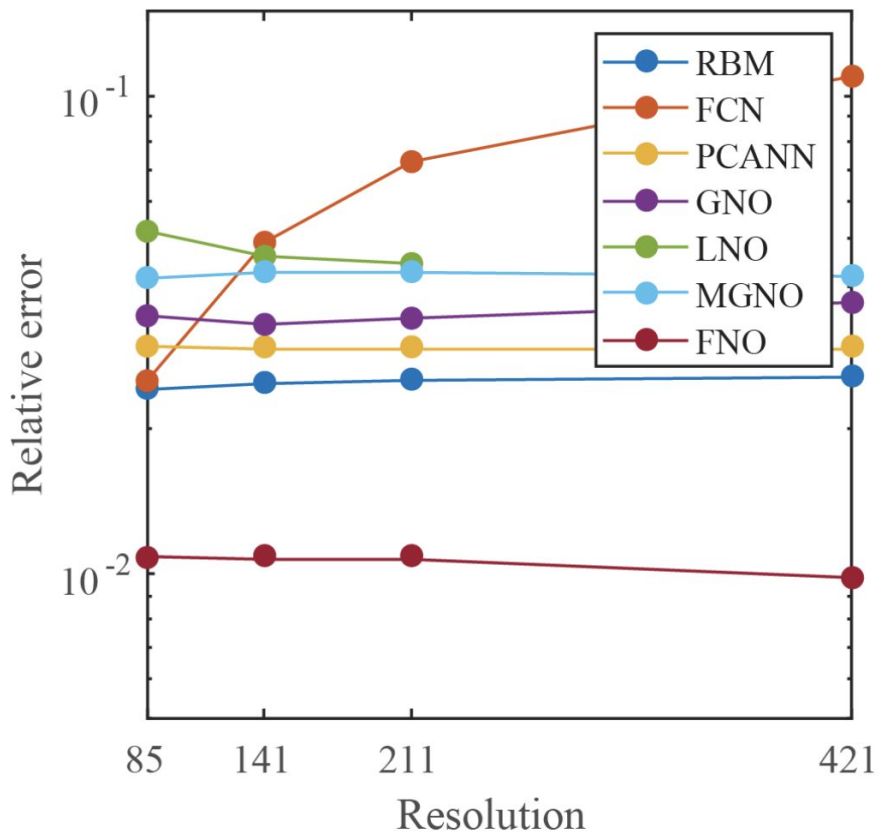


$$u_0 \sim \mu \text{ where } \mu = \mathcal{N}(0, 625(-\Delta + 25I)^{-2})$$

(a) Burger's Equation



(b) Darcy Flow



# Example 4: Navier-Stokes

$$\partial_t w(x, t) + u(x, t) \cdot \nabla w(x, t) = \nu \Delta w(x, t) + f(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)^2, t \in (0, T]$$

$$\nabla \cdot u(x, t) = 0, \quad x \in (0, 1)^2, t \in [0, T]$$

$$w(x, 0) = w_0(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)^2$$

$$f(x) = 0.1(\sin(2\pi(x_1 + x_2)) + \cos(2\pi(x_1 + x_2)))$$

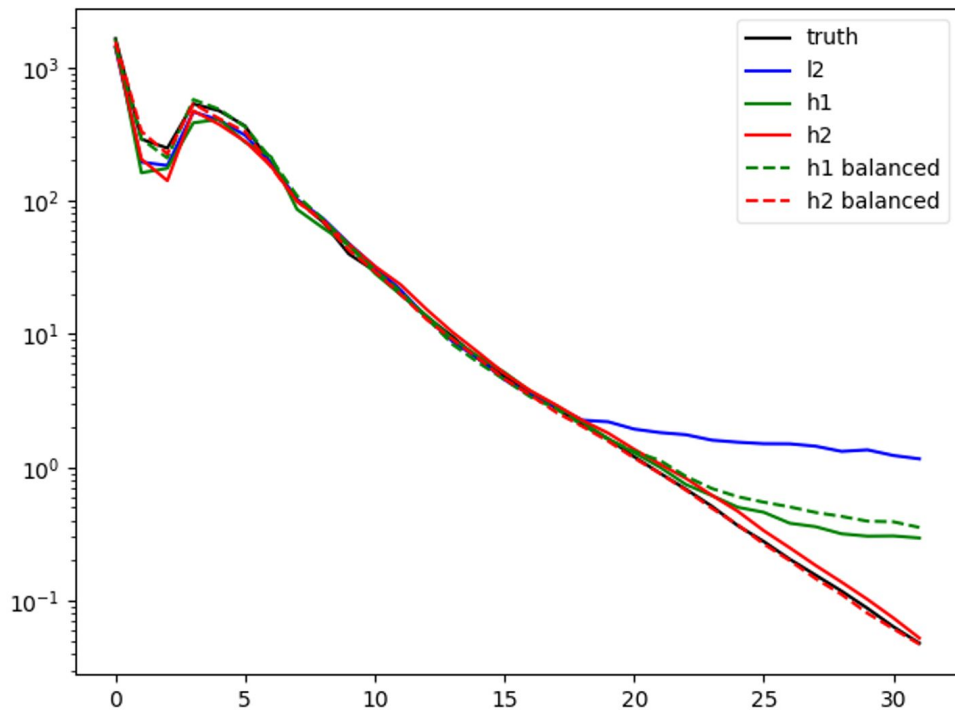
$$w_0 \sim \mu \text{ where } \mu = \mathcal{N}(0, 7^{3/2}(-\Delta + 49I)^{-2.5})$$

$$\text{viscosities } \nu = 1\text{e-}3, 1\text{e-}4, 1\text{e-}5$$

# Example 4: Navier-Stokes

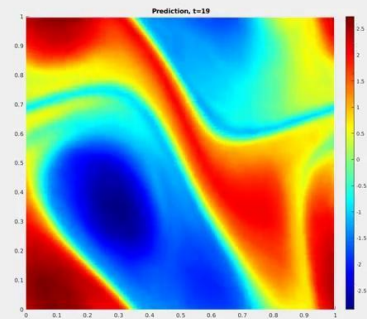
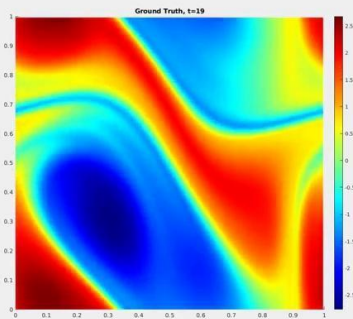
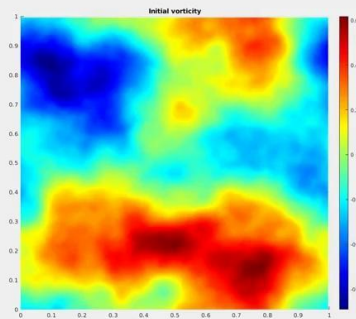
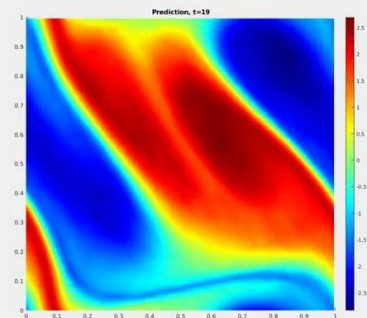
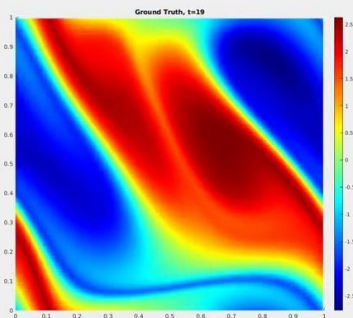
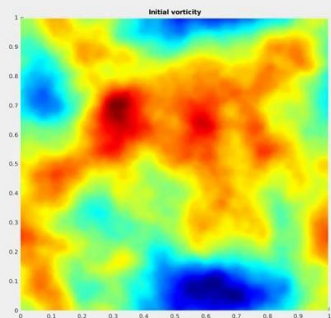
Config	Parameters	Time per epoch	$\nu = 1e-3$	$\nu = 1e-4$	$\nu = 1e-4$	$\nu = 1e-5$
			$T = 50$ $N = 1000$	$T = 30$ $N = 1000$	$T = 30$ $N = 10000$	$T = 20$ $N = 1000$
FNO-3D	6, 558, 537	38.99s	<b>0.0086</b>	0.1918	<b>0.0820</b>	0.1893
FNO-2D	414, 517	127.80s	0.0128	<b>0.1559</b>	0.0973	<b>0.1556</b>
U-Net	24, 950, 491	48.67s	0.0245	0.2051	0.1190	0.1982
TF-Net	7, 451, 724	47.21s	0.0225	0.2253	0.1168	0.2268
ResNet	266, 641	78.47s	0.0701	0.2871	0.2311	0.2753

# Energy spectrum



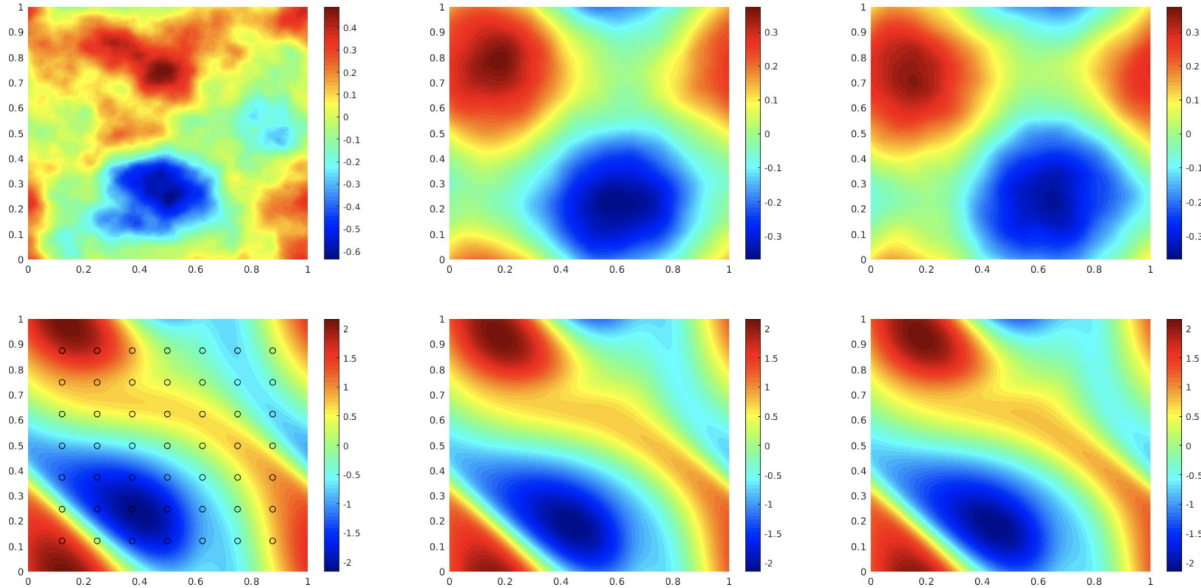
Train with derivatives (Sobolev norm) helps recover the higher frequencies.

# $V=1e-4$ , zero-shot super-resolution





# Example 5: Bayesian inverse problem:



We use a MCMC method, sampling initial conditions and evaluating them with the traditional solver and Fourier operator. The Fourier operator takes **0.005s** to evaluate each initial condition, while the traditional solver takes **2.2s**.

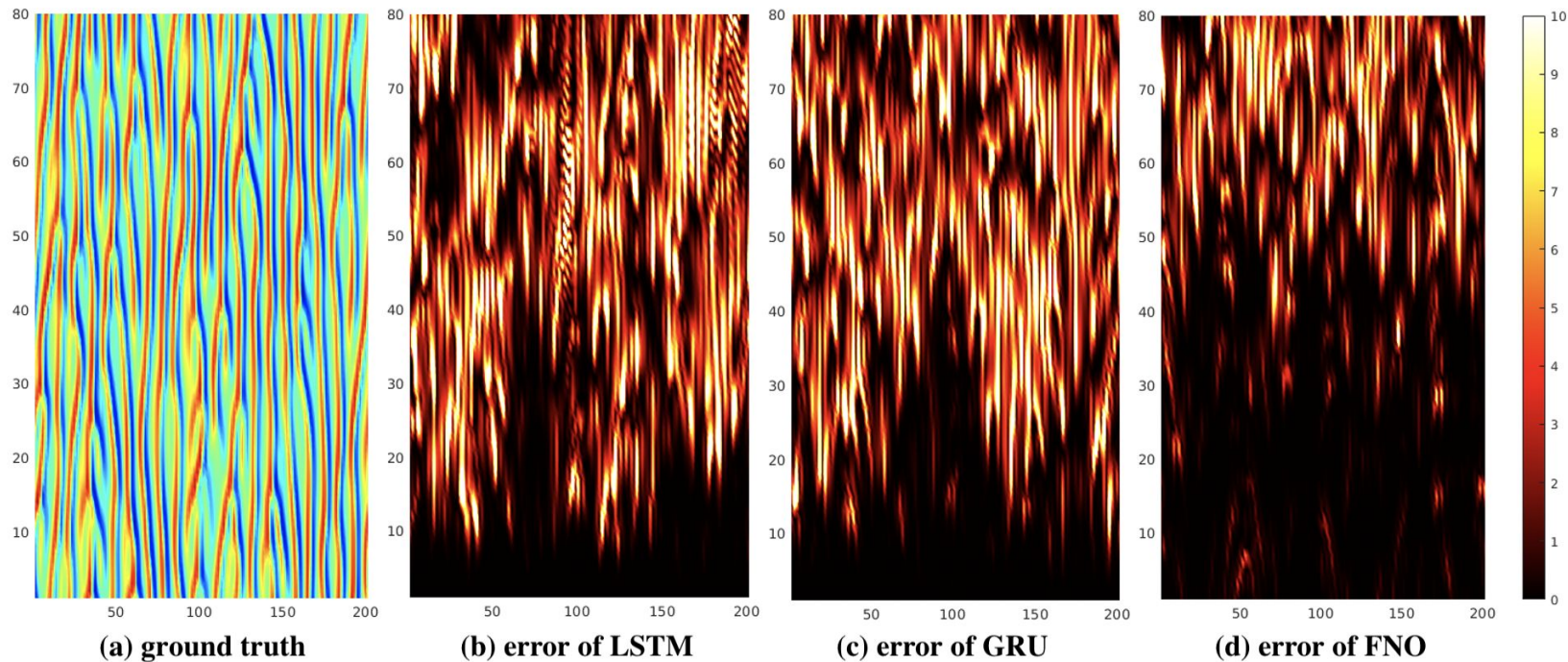
# Example 6: KS equation

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u &= -u\partial_x u - \partial_{xx}u - \partial_{xxxx}u, \\ u(\cdot, 0) &= u_0,\end{aligned}$$

1-d Kuramoto-Sivashinsky equation. Use neural operator to learn the update/residual.  
Compose the operator to reach for long time.

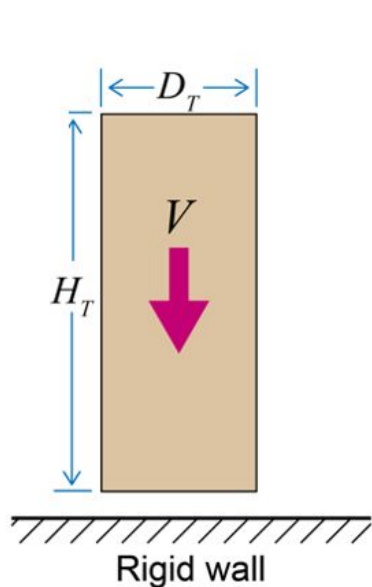
$$\begin{aligned}G : u(t) &\mapsto u(t + dt) \\ u(n \cdot dt) &\approx \underbrace{(\hat{G}_{dt} \circ \dots \circ \hat{G}_{dt})}_{n \text{ times}}(u_0)\end{aligned}$$

# Example 6: KS equation



Neural operator captures the invariant measures of chaotic system

# Example 7: Plasticity



$$\nabla \cdot S^\varepsilon = \rho^\varepsilon u_{tt}^\varepsilon$$

$$K^\varepsilon = 0$$

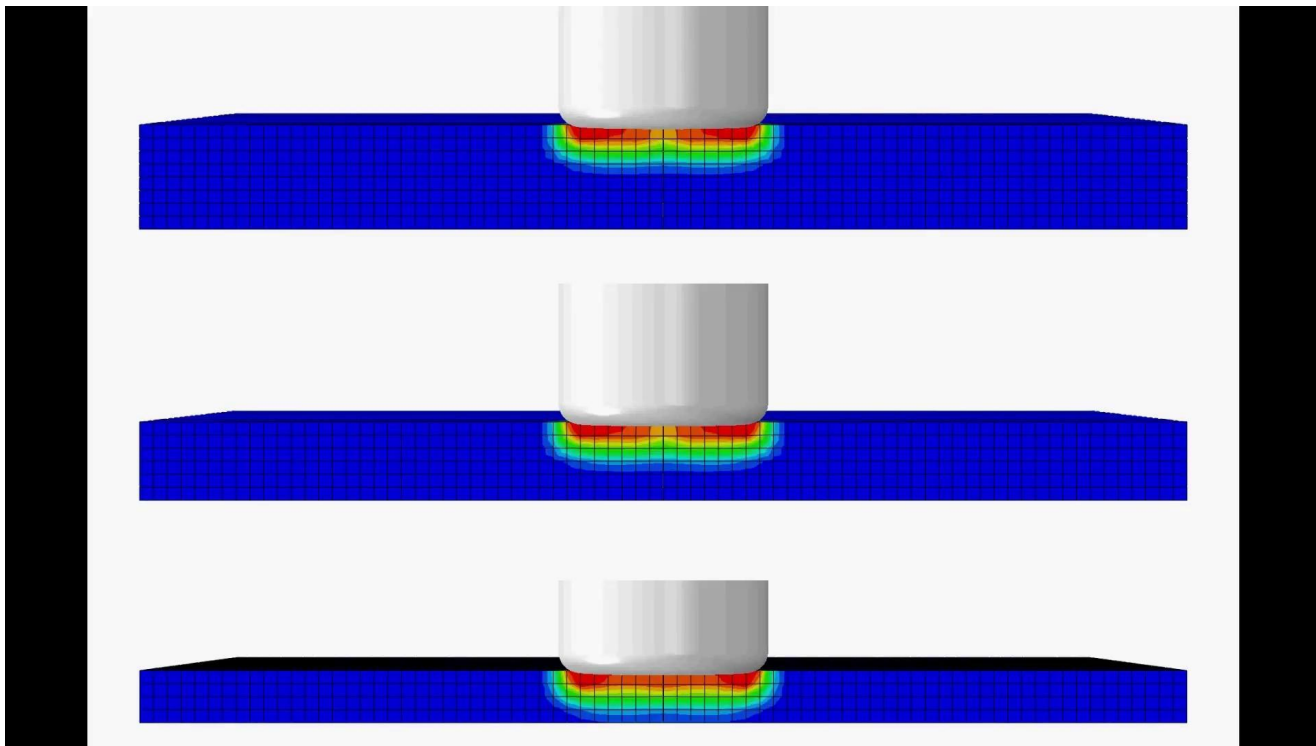
$$u^\varepsilon(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t^\varepsilon(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad \xi^\varepsilon(x, 0) = \xi_0$$

$$u^\varepsilon(x, t) = u^*(x, t)$$

$$S^\varepsilon(\nabla u^\varepsilon, \xi^\varepsilon, x)n(x) = s^*(x, t)$$

Multi-scale method: use neural operator to map from strain to stress on the unit cell; update macroscale with Abaqus solver.

# Example 7: Plasticity



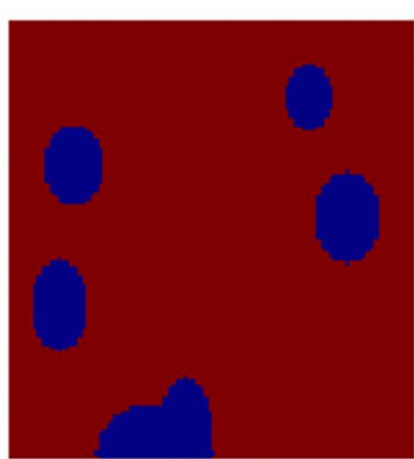
PCA-operator solves multi-scale plasticity problem (Burigede et. al.)

# Example 7: Plasticity

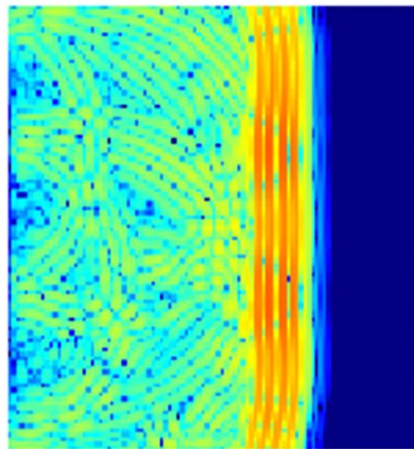
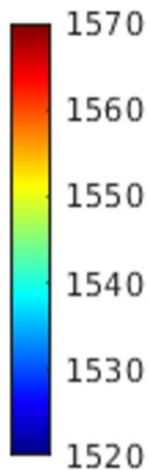
Time complexity: neural operator is  $10^5$  faster

- PCA-operator:
  - $10^6$  generate data
  - $10^4$  training
  - $10^3$  inference
- Taylor averaging
  - $10^8$  (est.) to solve
- Full multi-scale simulation
  - $10^{12}$  (est.) to solve

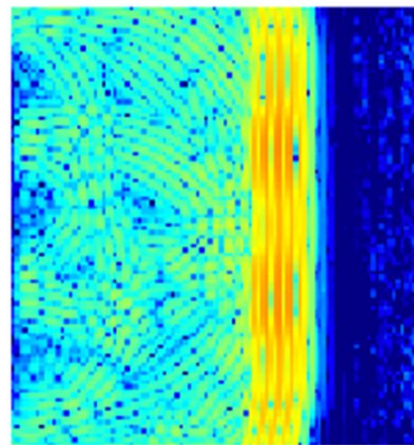
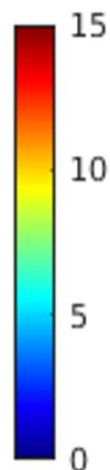
# Example 8: Ultrasound



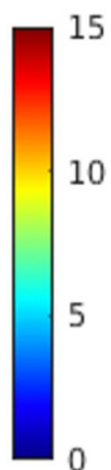
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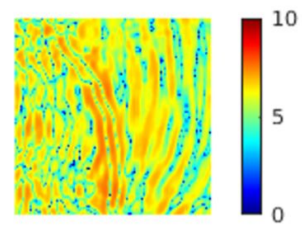
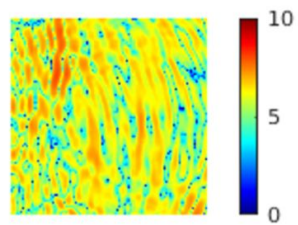
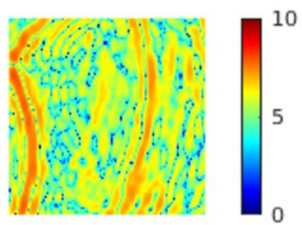
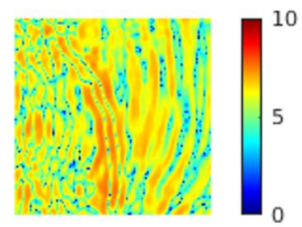
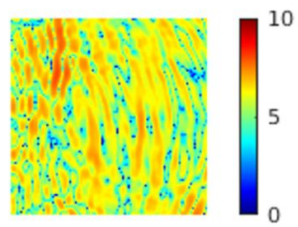
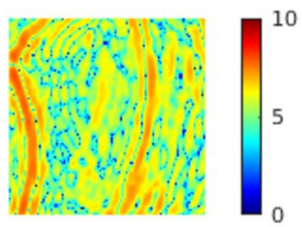
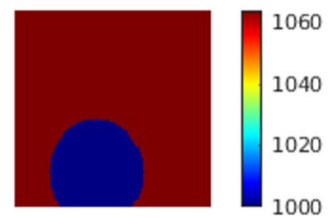
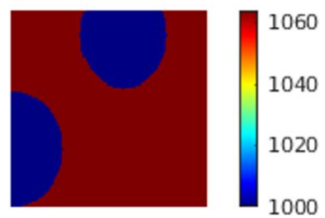
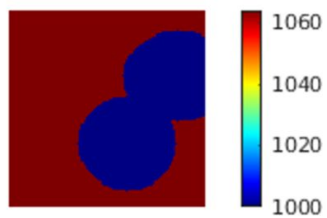
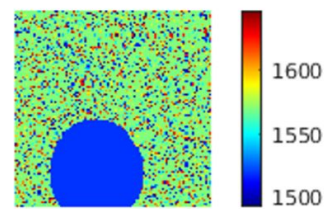
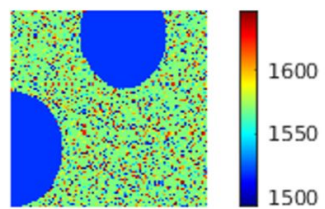
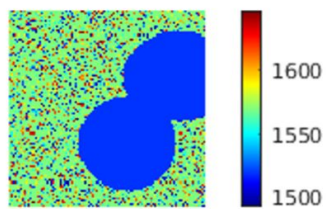
Ground Truth



Prediction

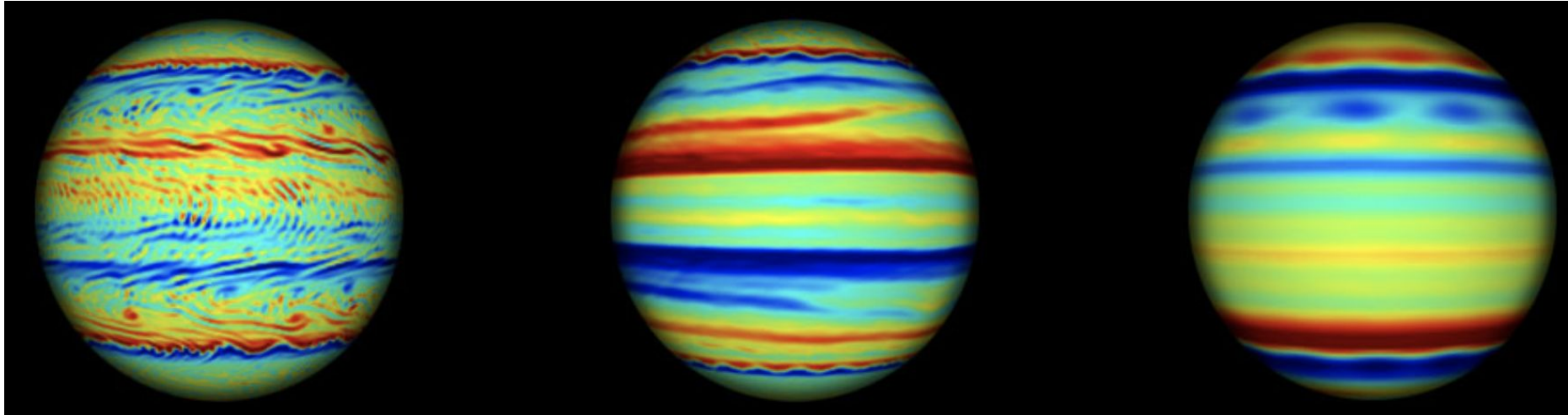








## 5. Future work



# Future work

## 1. New applications:

Any problems that admit a fair Fourier expansion

Replace the pseudo-spectral solvers / CNN / Unets

- Chaotic dynamics
- Geology
- Magneto Hydrodynamic (MHD)
- 3D Navier-stokes

# Future work

## 2. Hybrid solvers

- Physics-informed/constraint setting
- Solver in the loop
- Neural ODE

# Takeaway

1. Data-driven method: learn the equation
2. Operator-learning: parameterize the mesh-invariant operator
3. Fourier method: efficient for continuous inputs and outputs
4. Results: accurate than other deep learning method, faster than conventional solvers
5. Future work: combine with solvers. Scale up.

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