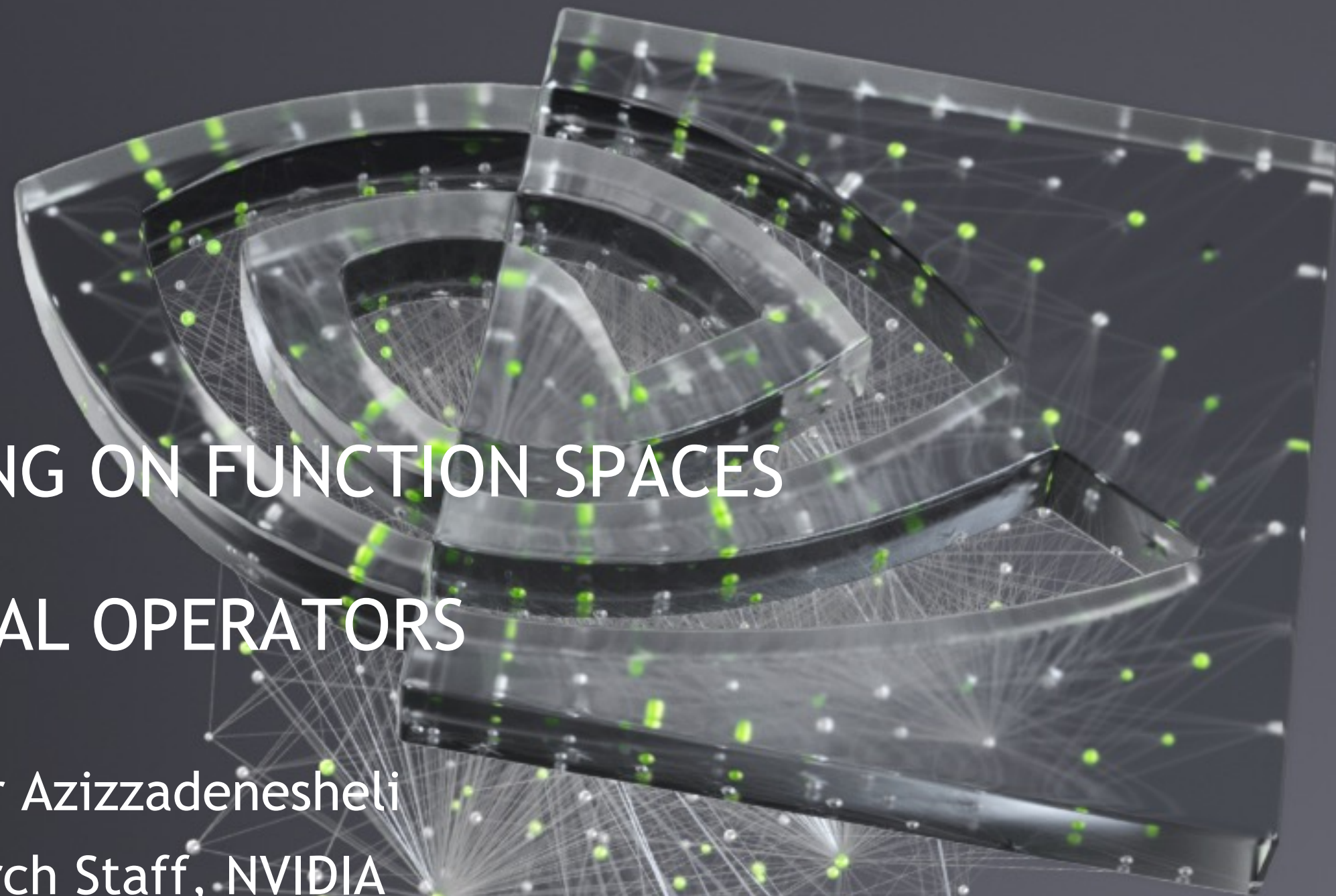




MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTION SPACES

NEURAL OPERATORS

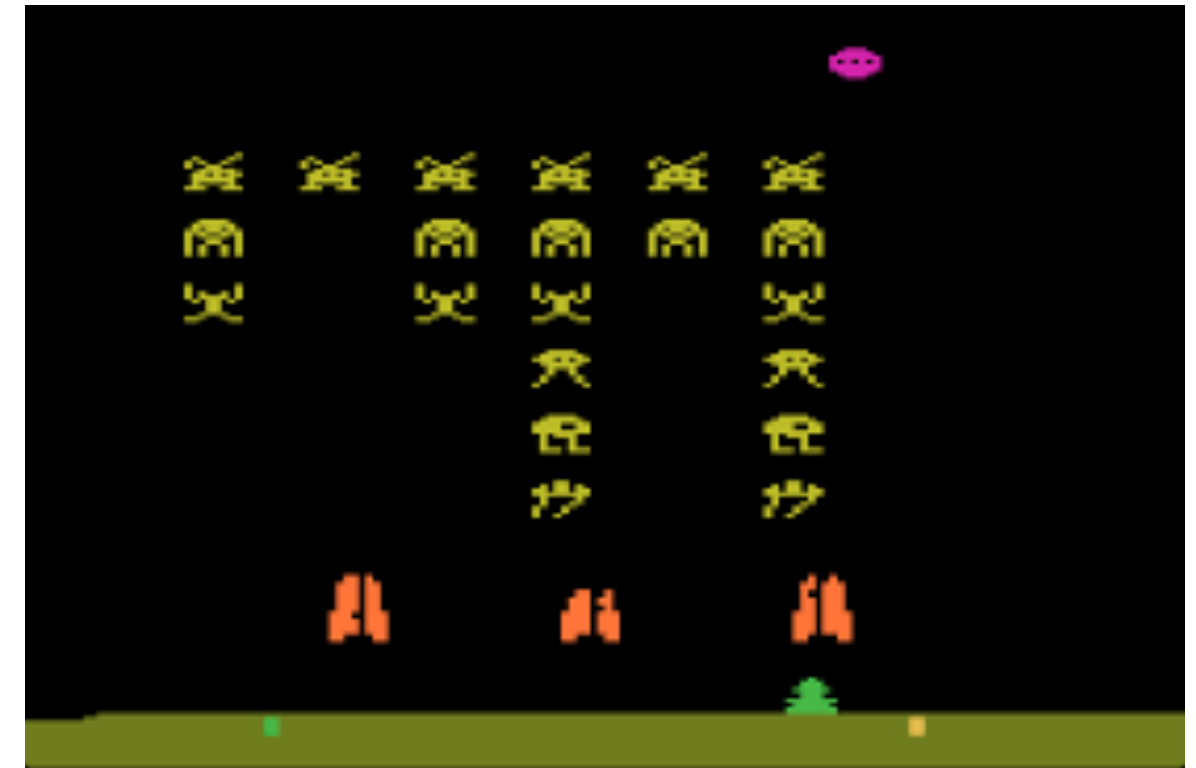
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TRADITIONAL DEEP LEARNING

Text, speech, image, etc.

Data: Finite dimensional objects

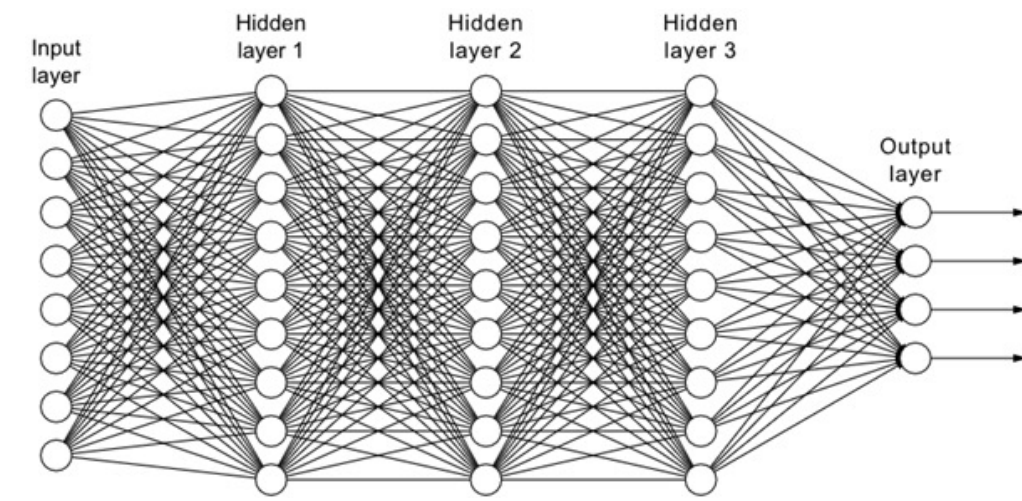


Despite the rapid advances in AI, computer vision (CV) is still challenged in matching the precision of human perception. The training data here is as important as algorithms. The more accurate the input data annotation, the more effective the model prediction.

How do we annotate data, though? There are multiple ways to go with this one, but it all depends on your use case. For the purposes of this article, we'll take a deeper dive into bounding boxes as one of the most extensively used annotation techniques. Moving forward, we'll walk you through the following:

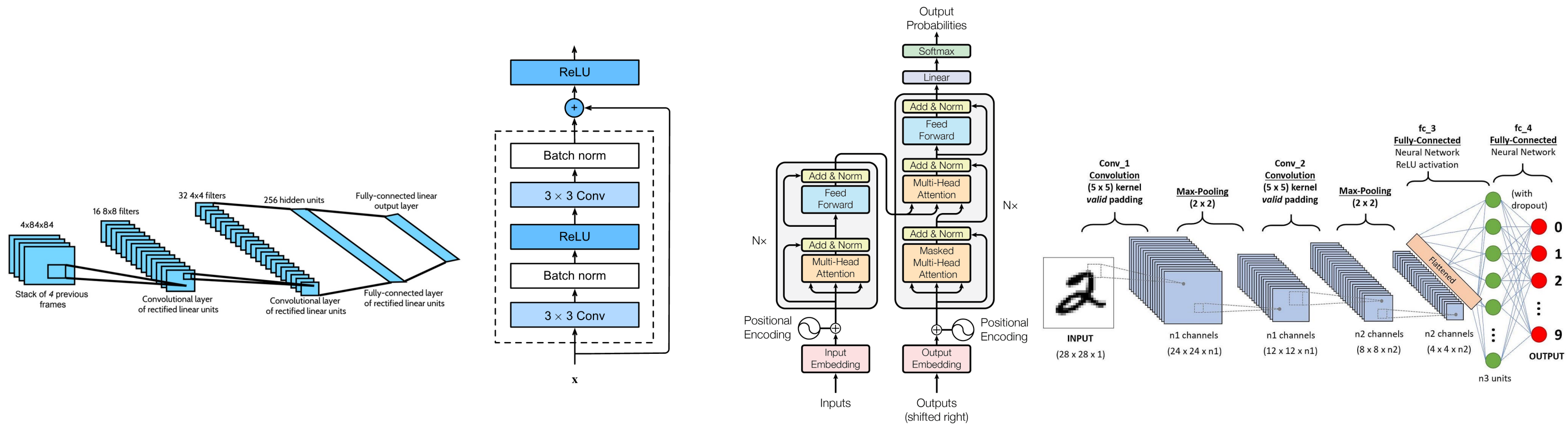
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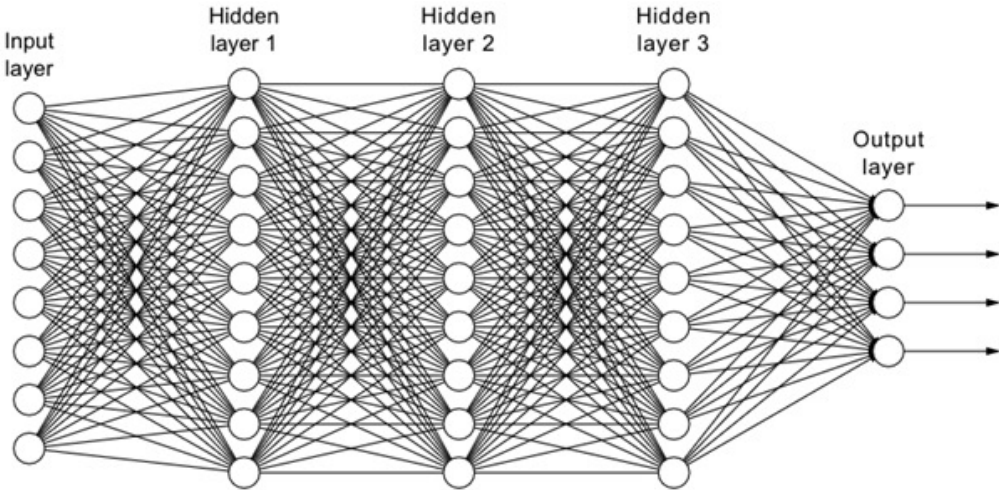
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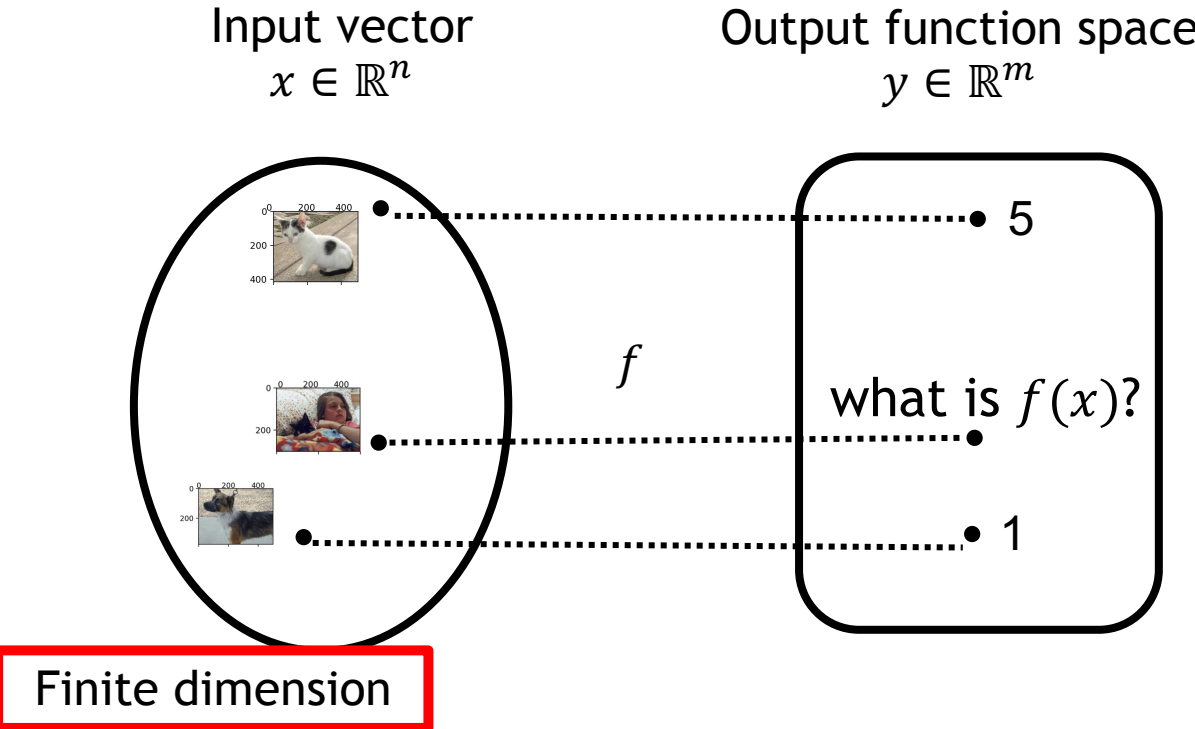
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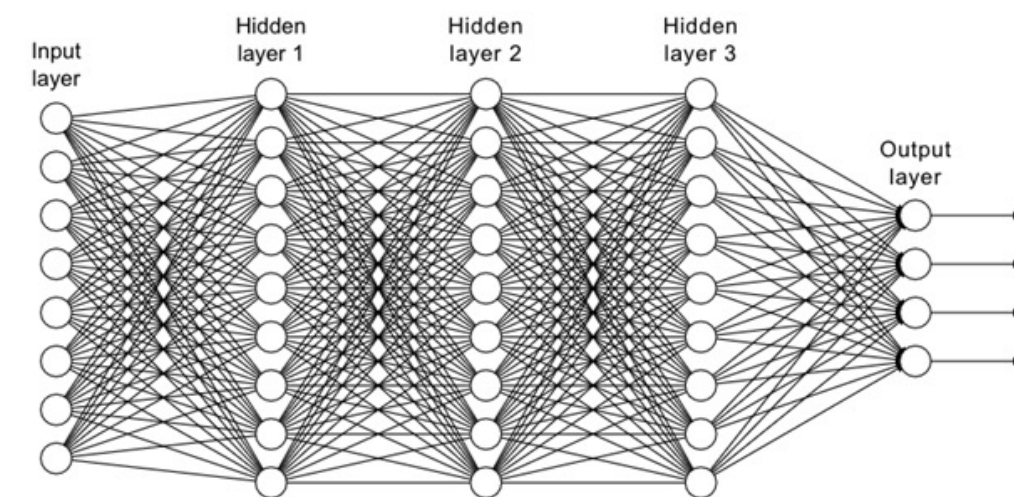
Conventional machine learning practice,

Learning a function between finite dimensional spaces, $f_{\theta}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$



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Datasets: UCI-dataset, MNITS, ImageNet, Common Crawl.

Problem setup: input/output, supervision, Image/label, laws, metric, loss,

- Inception score,
- FID
- RMSE
- L1
- CLIP
- ...

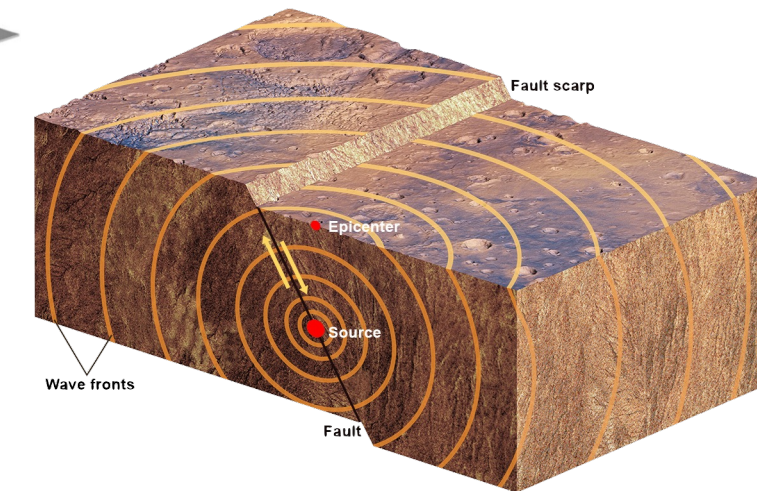
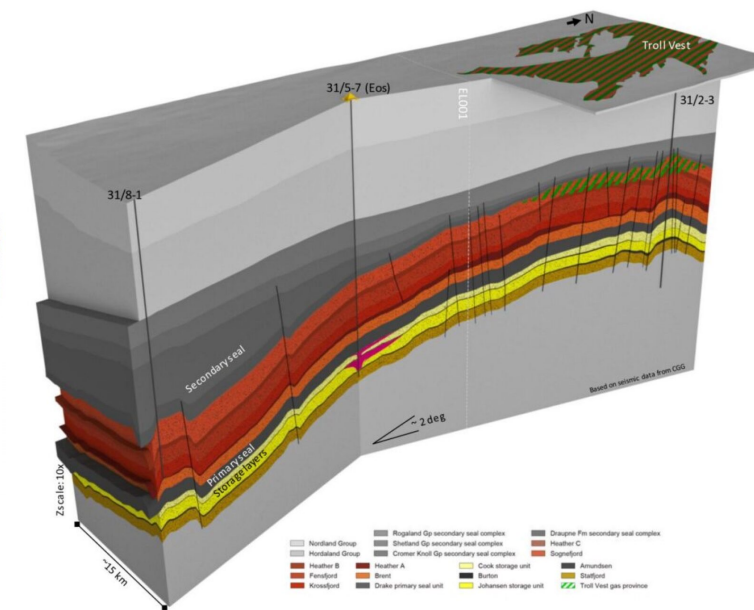
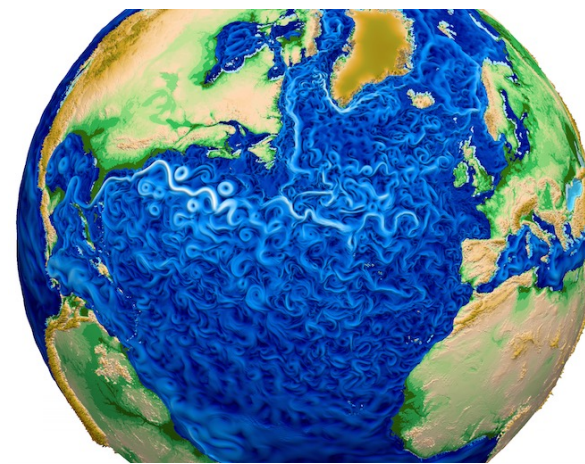
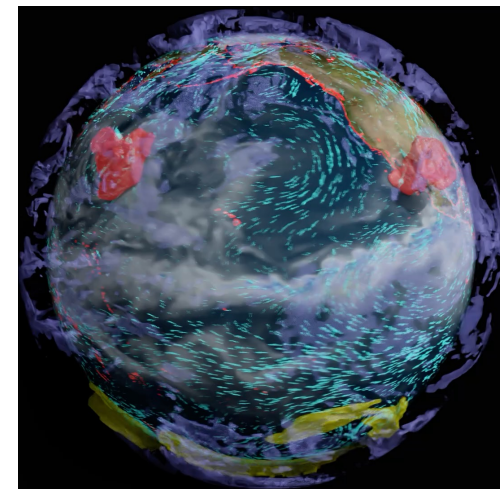
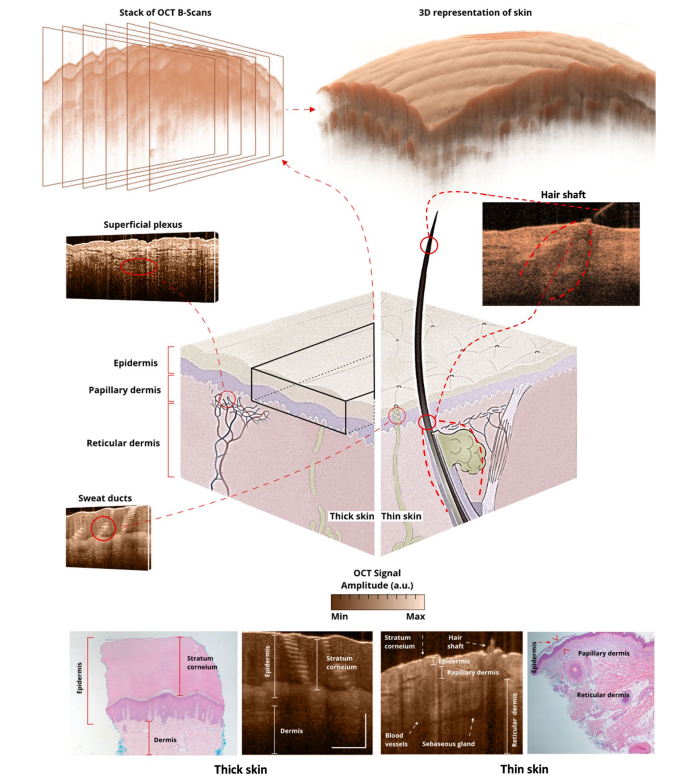
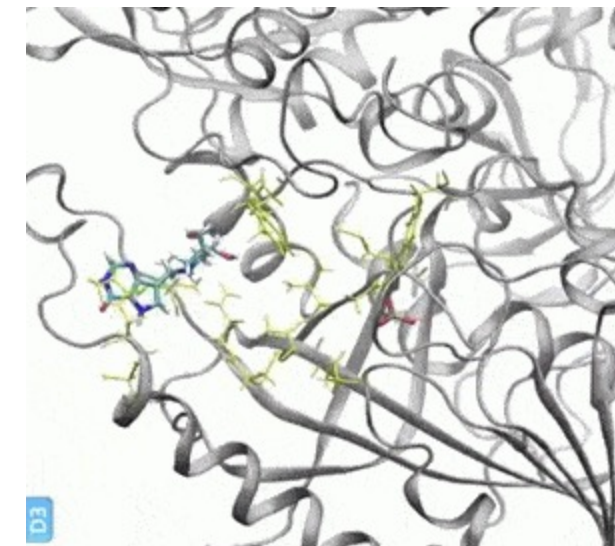
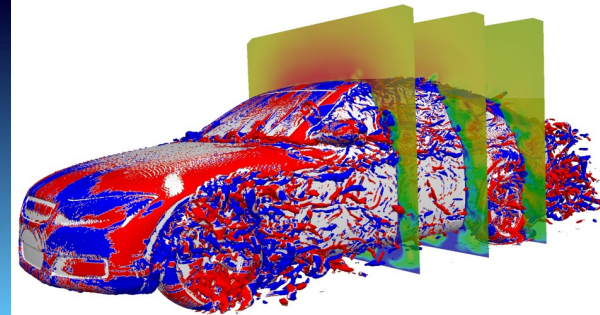
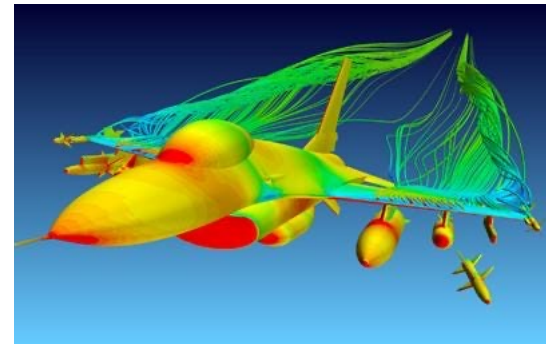
With the **main focus** in CV and language

Applications: Recommendation systems, content generation, self driving cars, knowledge, search, etc.

COMMUTATING

Text, speech, and image what else?

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- Biology, Developmental
- Biomedical Informatics
- Business,
- Chemical and Systems Biology
- Chemical Engineering Department
- Chemistry Department
- Civil & Environmental Engineering Department
- Computer Science Department
- Developmental Biology Department
- Dermatology Department
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Earth System Science
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Now project it to the broader industry



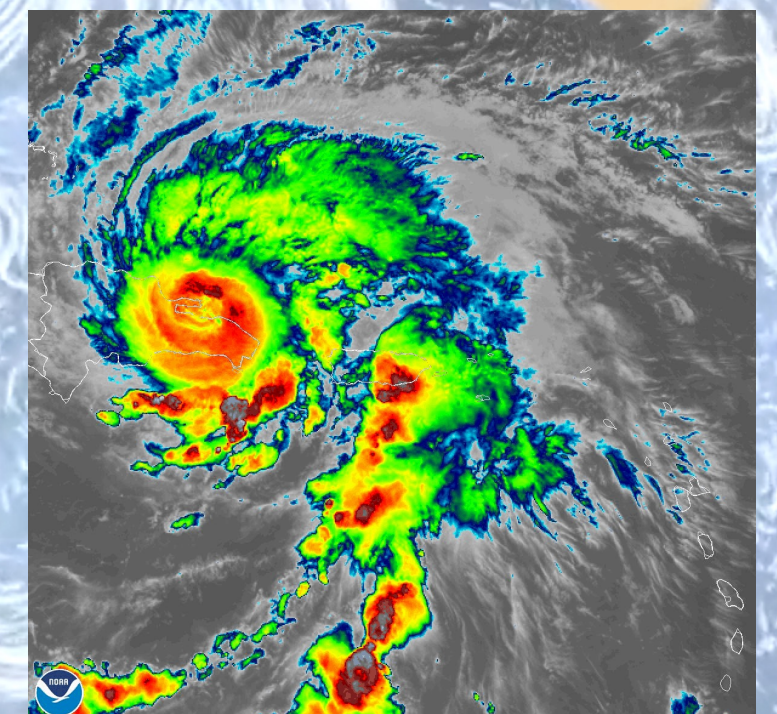
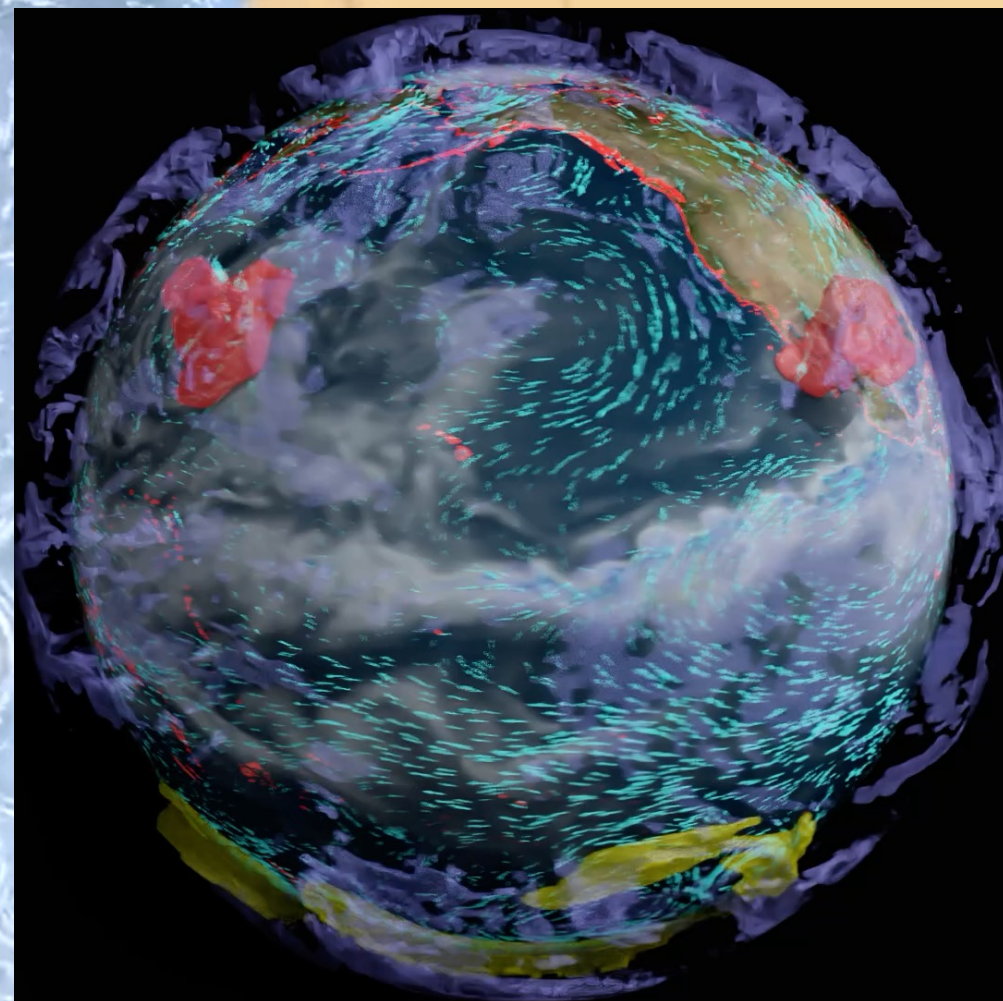
REAL WORLD DATA

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Weather, ocean, climate

Domain is function \rightarrow data is function, e.g.,

- Given temperature and wind today, forecast temperature and wind tomorrow

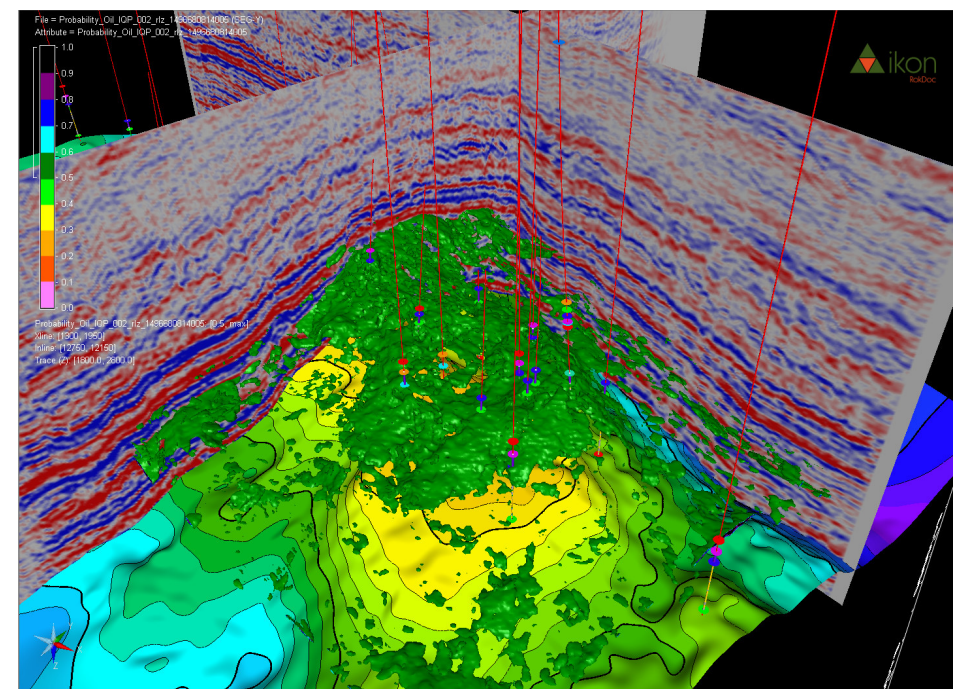


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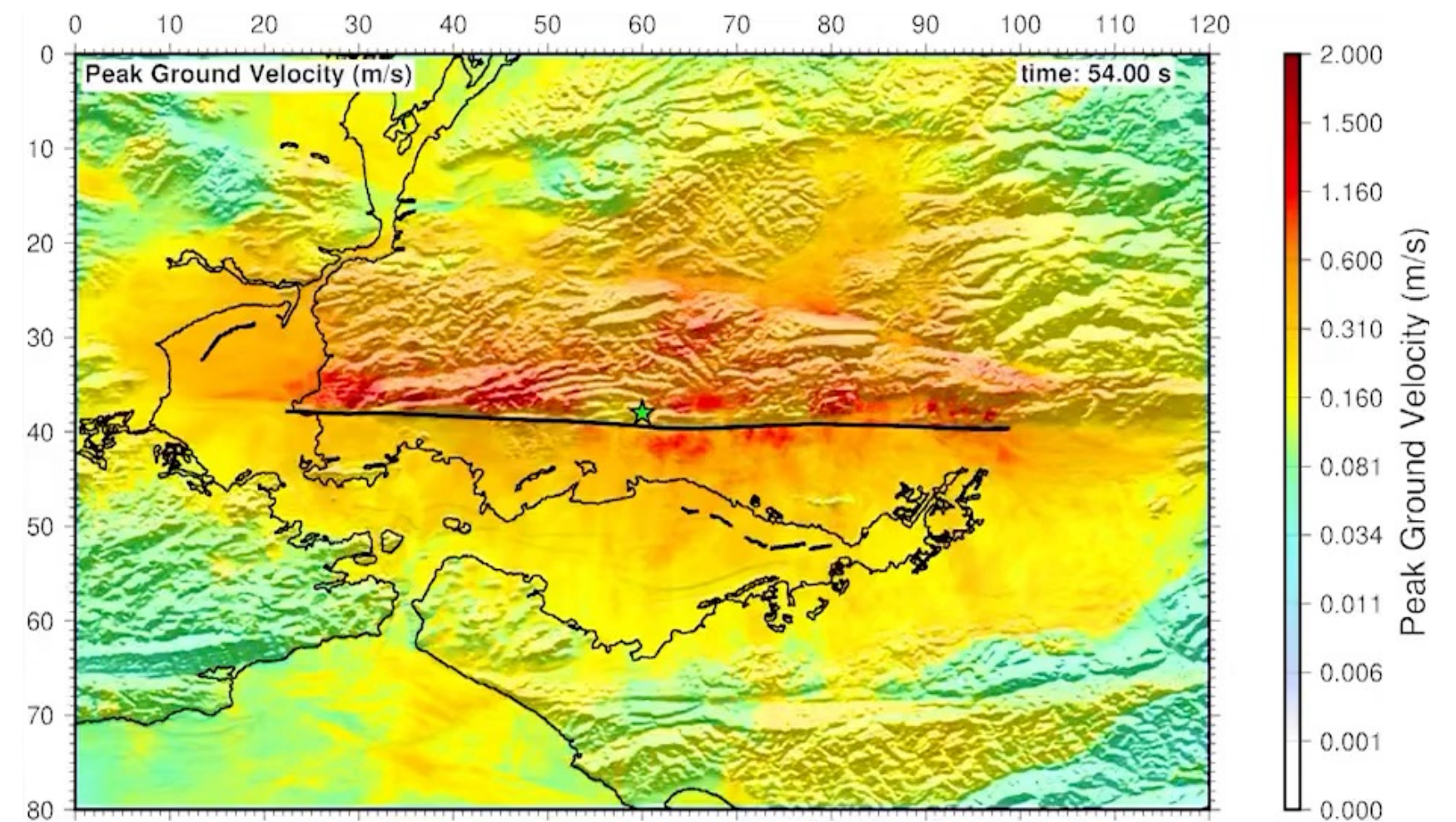
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Domain is function \rightarrow data is function, e.g.,

- Given the velocity field in subsurface, how the wave propagates and cause earthquakes



Los Angeles basin



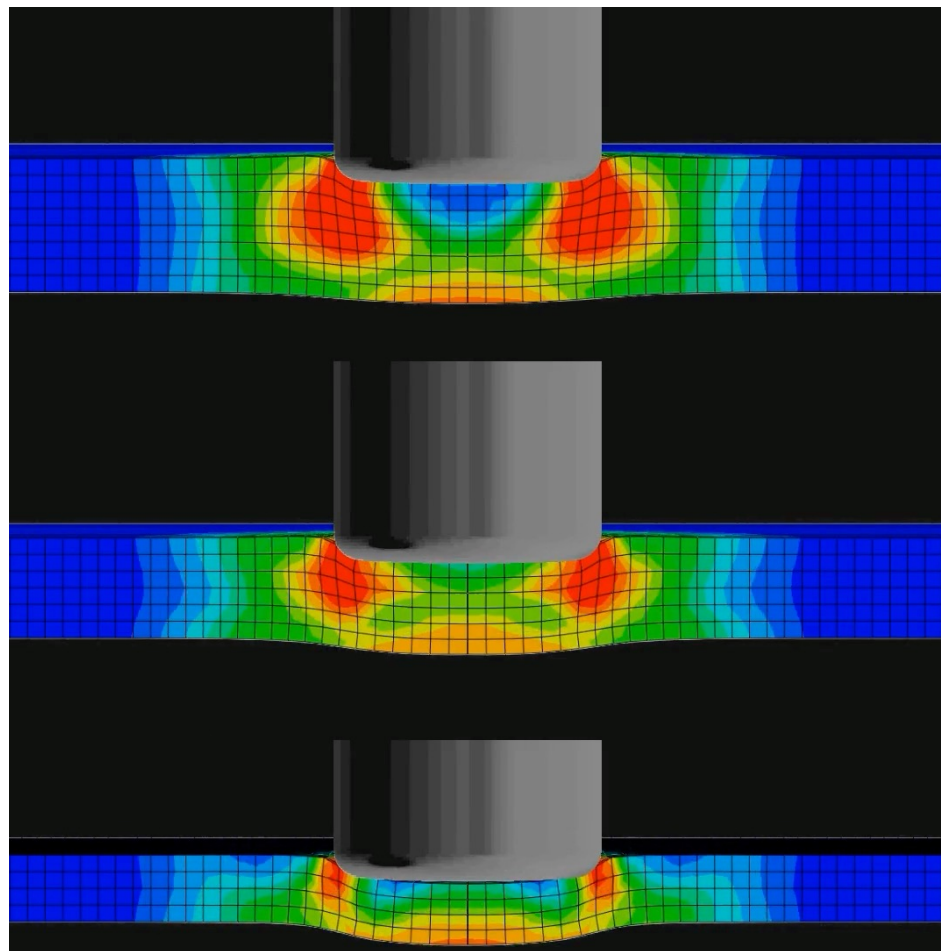
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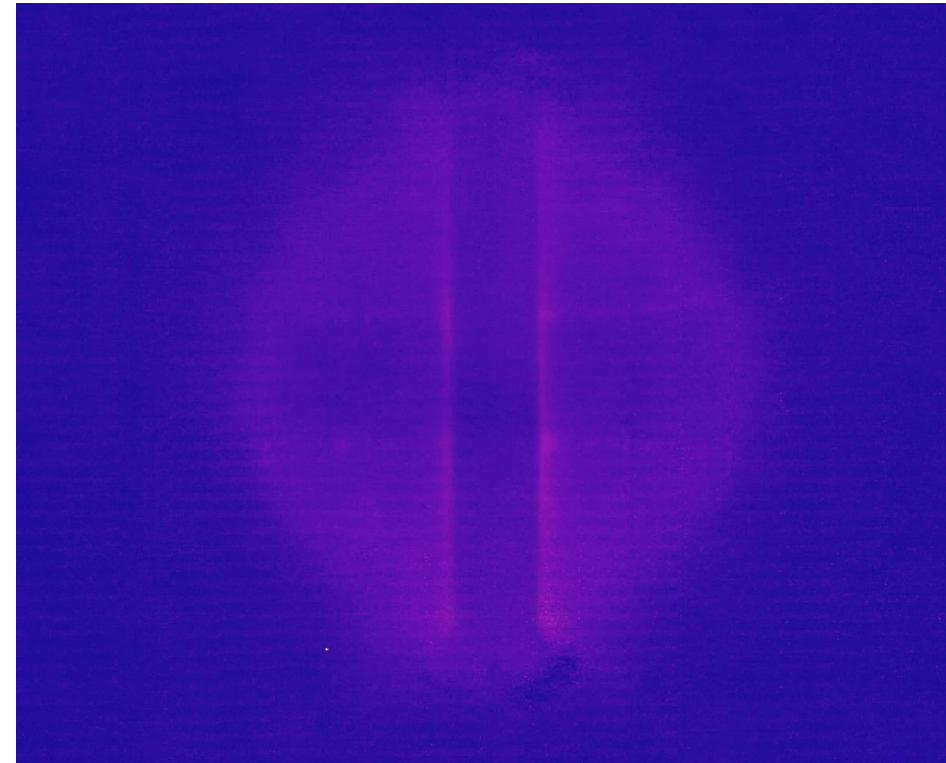
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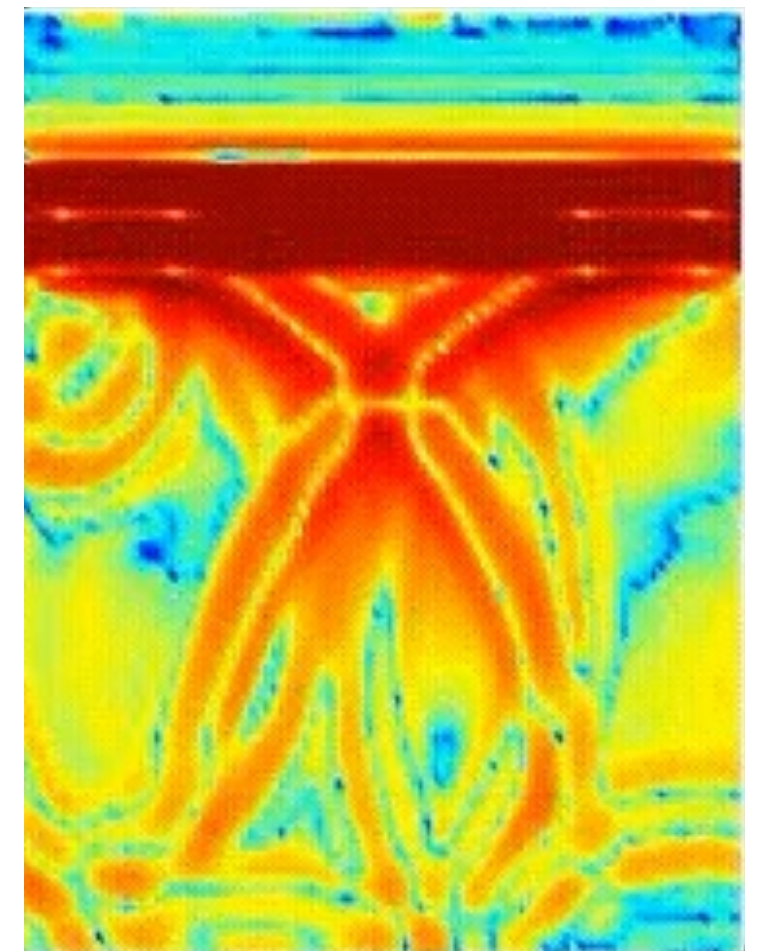
- Material deformation, plasma evolution, tissue imaging



Deformation



Fusion



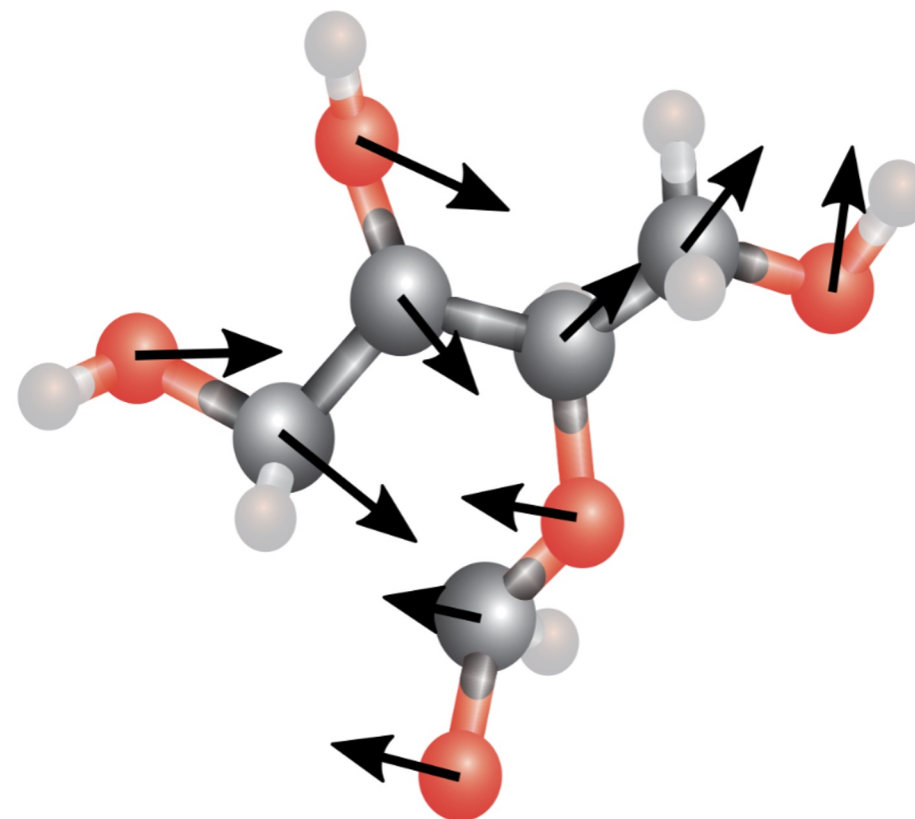
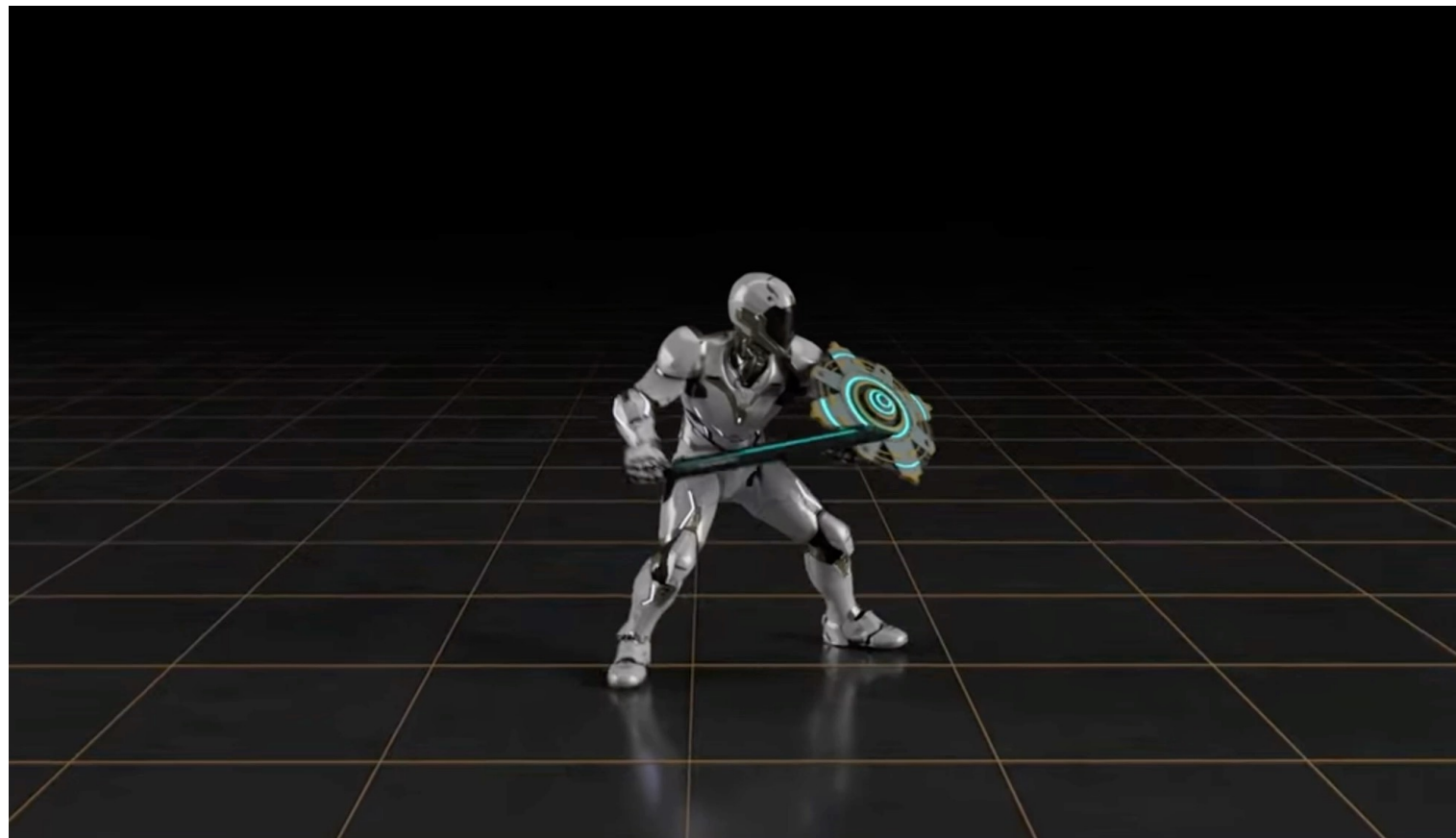
Ultrasound

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- Molecular dynamics, protein engineering, humanoid and robotics

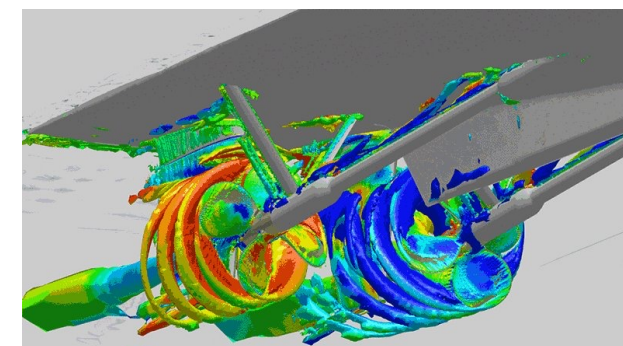
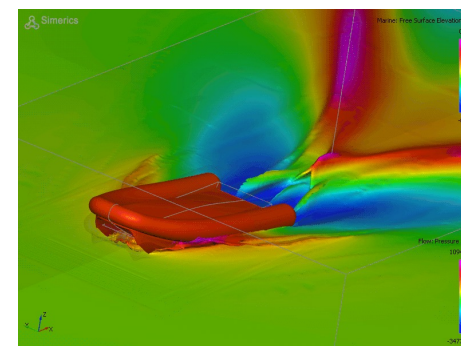
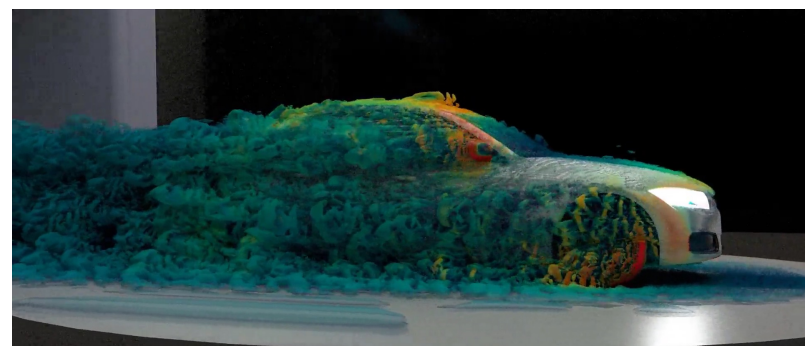
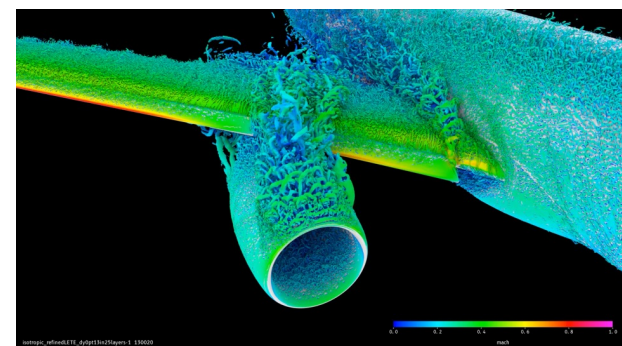
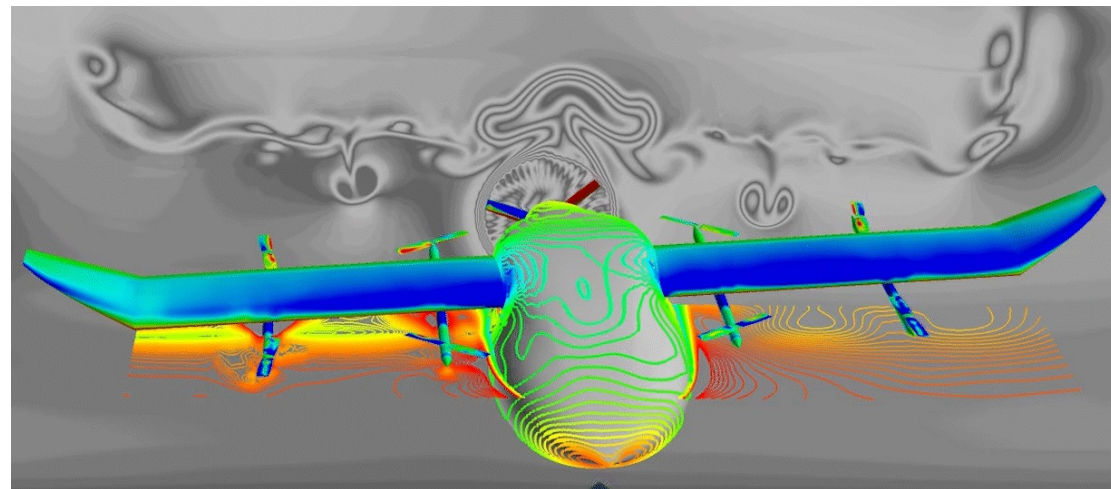


REAL WORLD DATA

Automotive industry, aviation industry

Domain is function \rightarrow data is function, e.g.,

- Fluid dynamics dynamics



REAL WORLD DATA

Natural Sciences and engineering

Domain is function \rightarrow data is function, e.g.,

- Biochemistry
- Carbon dioxide deposit
- Climate mitigation
- Water reservoir
- Medicine
- Sustainability
- ...

Data is function, it is visualized, but these are not

- Pictures
- Sequential time series.

TRADITIONAL METHODS

Natural Sciences and engineering

How are we used to tackling these computational problems?

Model the phenomena using **differential** and **algebraic** equations (e.g., PDEs)

Schrödinger, Darcy, Maxwell, Navier-Stokes, fluid dynamics, laws of thermodynamics, Helmholtz,

etc.,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) \end{aligned}$$
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(x, t) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x, t) \right] \Psi(x, t)$$
$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{f} + (\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \mu \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}).$$
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u(x, t) + u(x, t) \cdot \nabla u(x, t) + \nabla p(x, t) &= \nu \Delta u(x, t) + f(x), \\ \nabla \cdot u(x, t) &= 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \end{aligned}$$

Develop suitable conventional solvers to solve these equations at certain **resolutions**,

Finite difference, elements, volume methods, spectral, etc.

TRADITIONAL METHODS

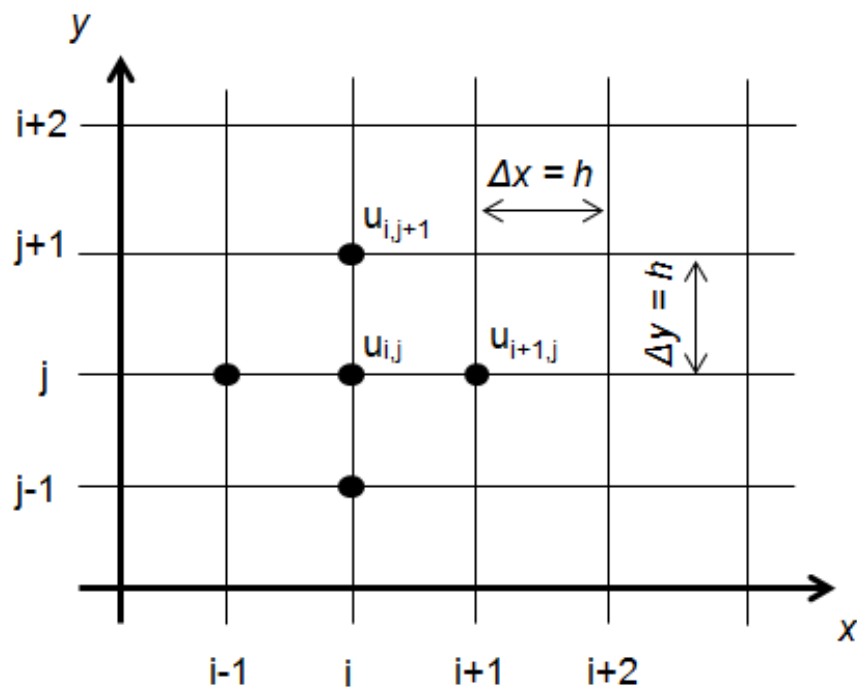
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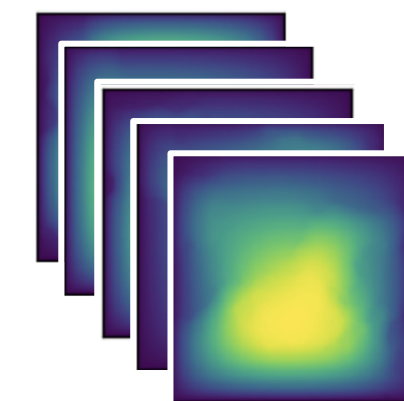
E.g., in Darcy's flow

$$-\nabla \cdot (a(x) \nabla u(x)) = f(x)$$

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{ij}}{\Delta x}$$



Solution operator
 \mathcal{G}



Input function: diffusion coefficients, a 's

Output functions: solutions, u 's

Finer discretization \rightarrow more accurate solution, and more accurate method,
Also more compute

TRADITIONAL METHODS

Modeling is hard to impossible, computation is massive

Why not continue this direction and hand design solution operator?

Modeling real world using equations is hard, e.g., weather forecast,

Parametrizing behavior of clouds, ocean waves, mountains, etc. For some, we don't have much idea how to do them.

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{a \cos^2 \theta} \left\{ U \frac{\partial U}{\partial \lambda} + V \cos \theta \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta} \right\} + \dot{\eta} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} - fV + \frac{1}{a} \left\{ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \lambda} + R_{\text{dry}} T_v \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\ln p) \right\} = P_U + K_U$$

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$$\frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = -\alpha \vec{\nabla} p - \vec{\nabla} \Phi + \vec{F} - 2\Omega \times \vec{V}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{V})$$

$$p\alpha = RT$$

$$Q = C_p \frac{dT}{dt} - \alpha \frac{dp}{dt}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho q}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{V} q) + \rho(E - C)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \delta_t T + A(T) - \frac{\kappa T_v \omega}{(1 + (\delta - 1)q)p} &= P_T + K_T - \frac{\beta}{2} \Delta_{tt}([\tau]D) \\ \delta_t q + A(q) &= P_q + K_q \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{a} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + 2\Omega u \cos \phi - g + Fr_z$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + (\gamma - \gamma_d)w + \frac{1}{c_p} \frac{dH}{dt}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} - \rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial q_v}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial q_v}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial q_v}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial q_v}{\partial z} + Q_v$$

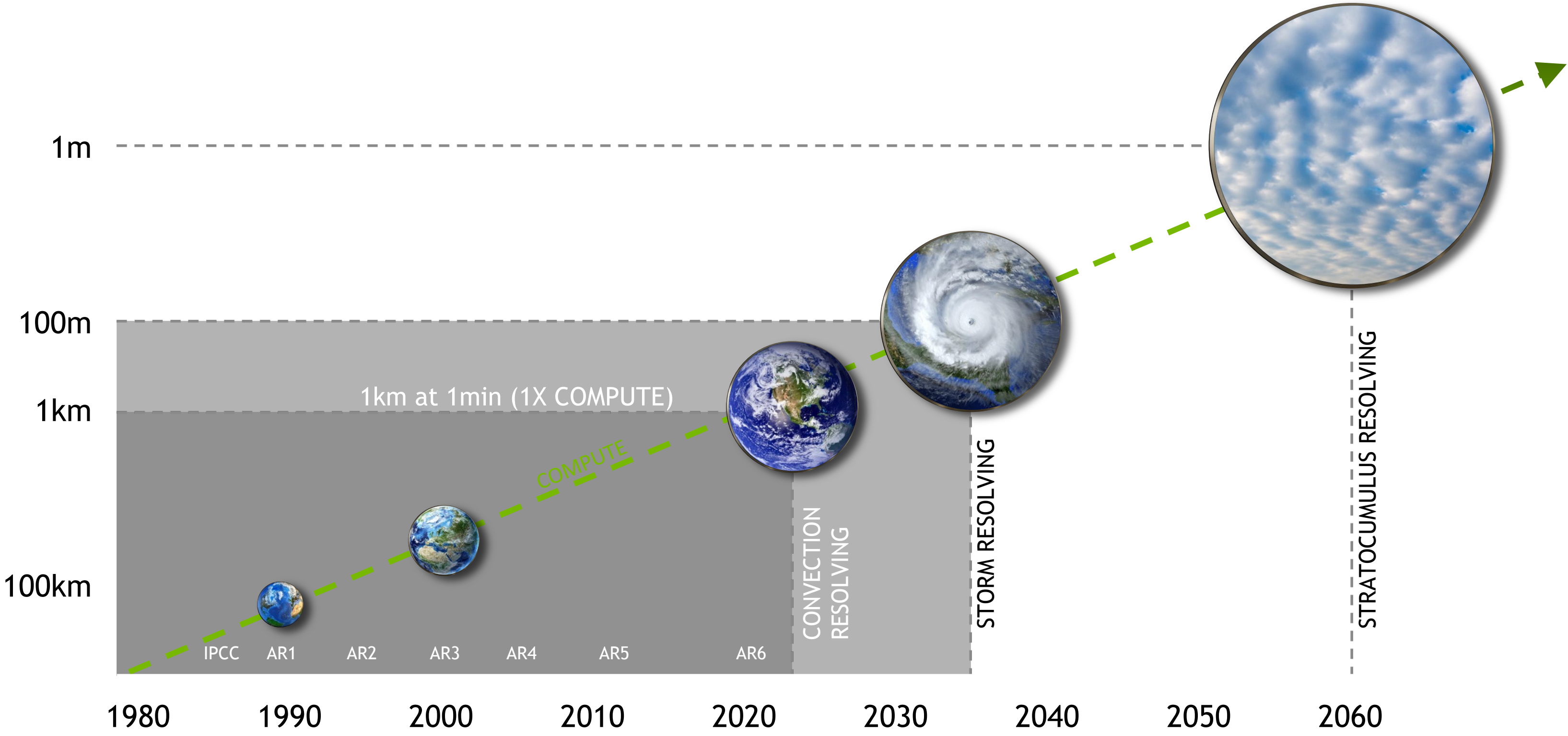
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TRADITIONAL METHODS

Computational constraints limit model resolution

Reasonable solution operator requires high resolution → much more computes



TRADITIONAL METHODS

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Why not continue this direction and hand design solution operator?

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Modeling unknown physics

Error due to parameterization

Differentiability for invers problems

Barrier to entry

Often hard to incorporate expert knowledge

Hard to incorporate real data and experiments

Massive computation

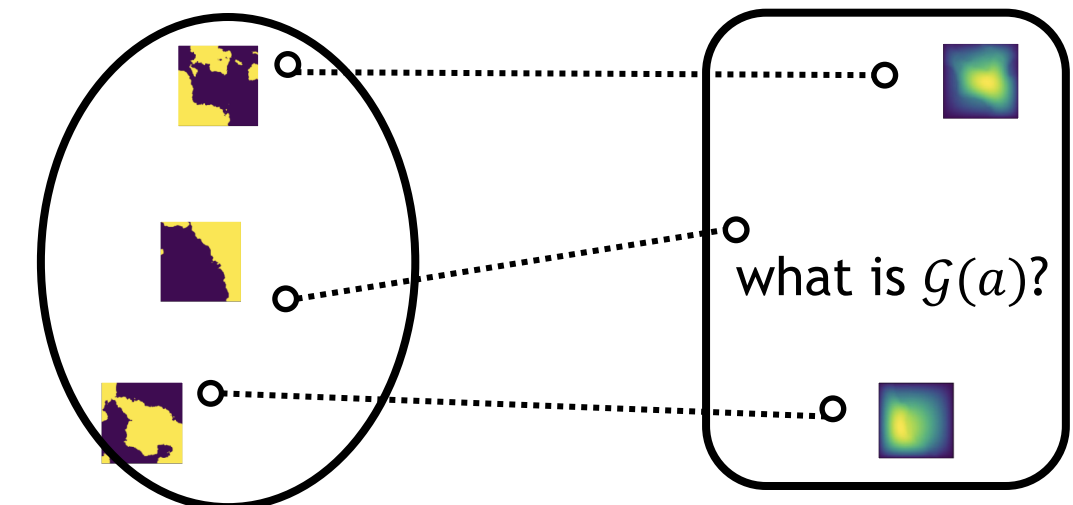
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How about we learn the solution operator?

Given a , predict u

Input function space
 $a \in \mathcal{A}$

Output function space
 $u \in \mathcal{U}$



Infinite dimension

Machine learning provides tool to advance science and complement the conventional methods

TRADITIONAL METHODS

AI/ML to enable the leap in performance

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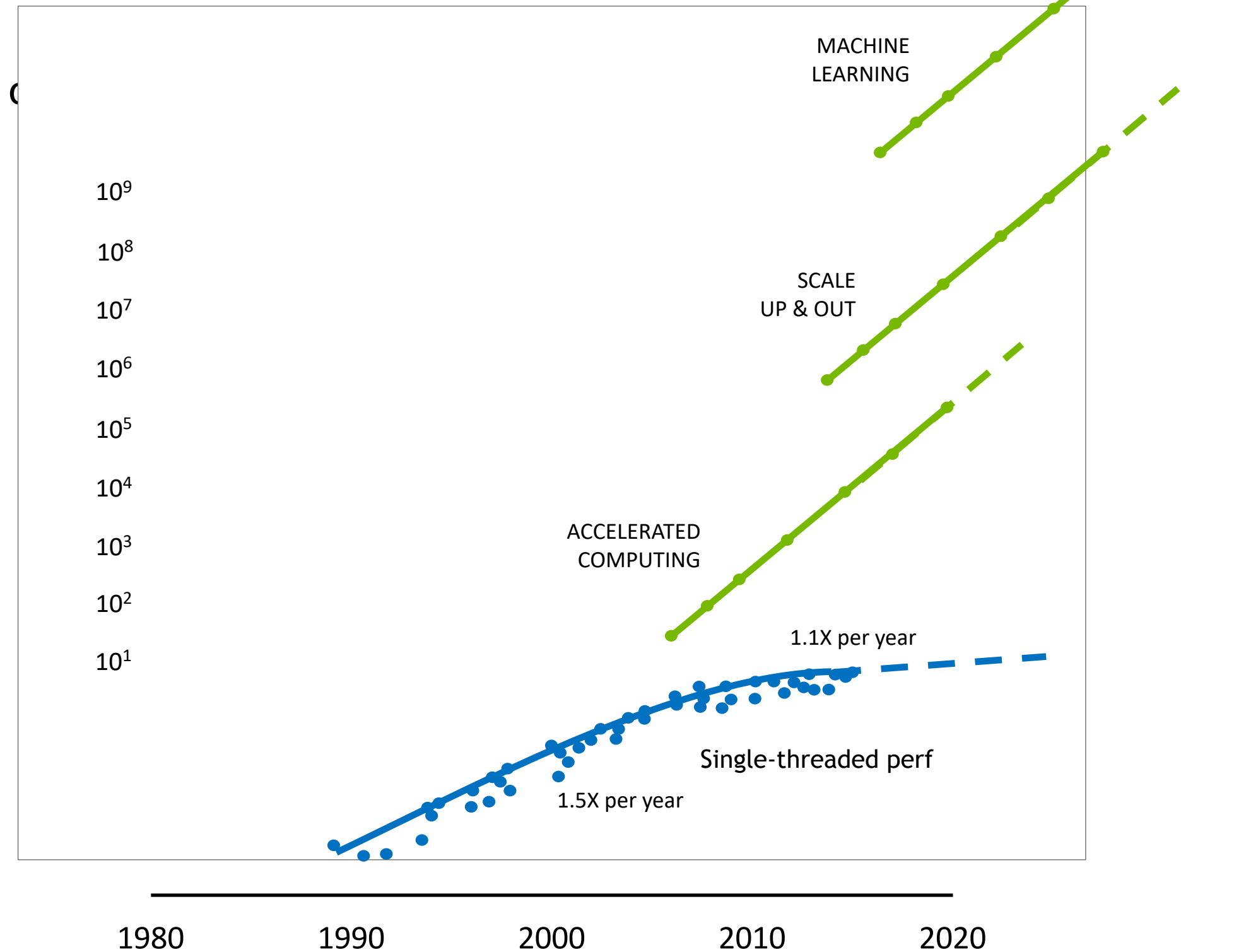
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Approximation due to parameterization

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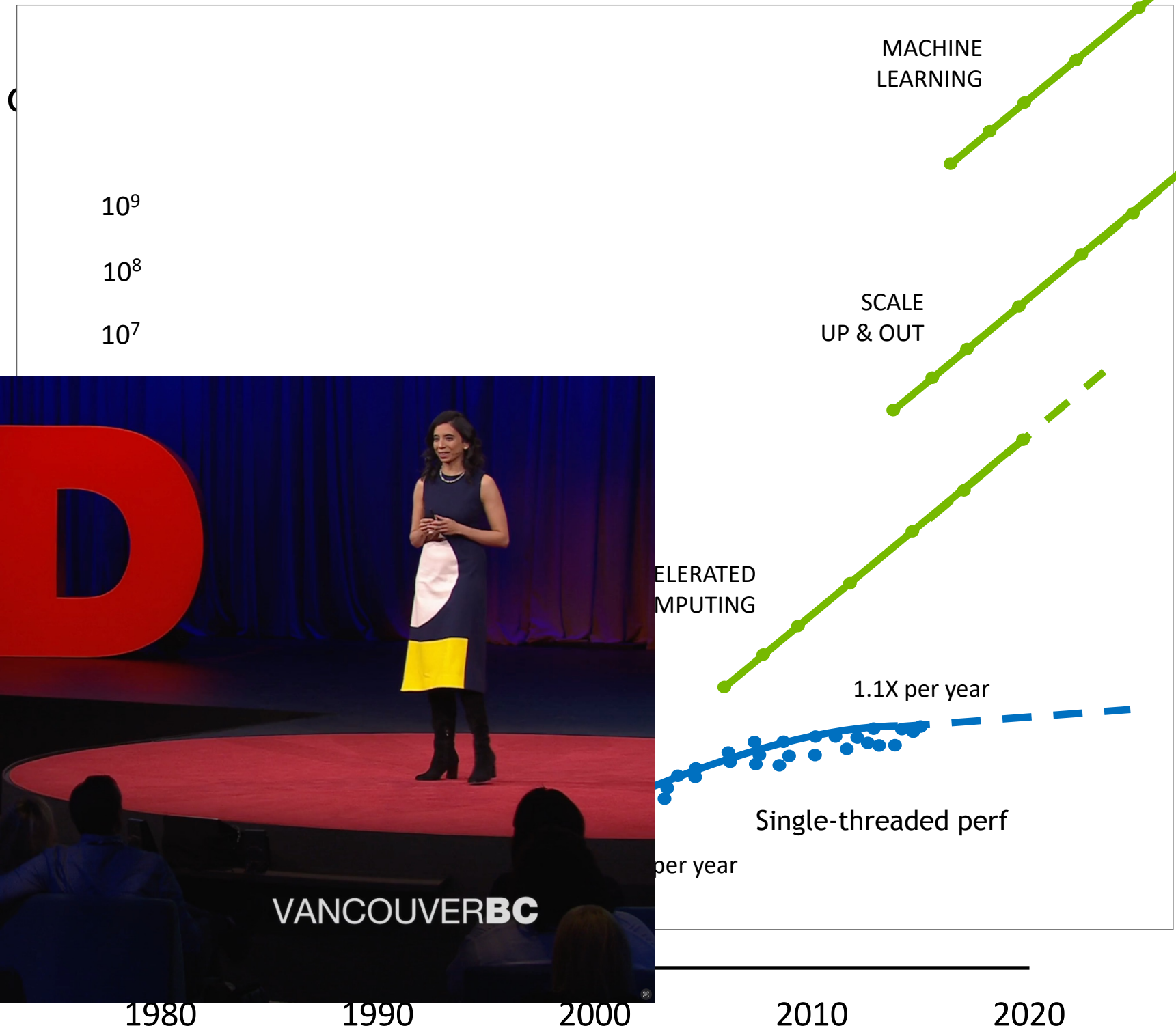
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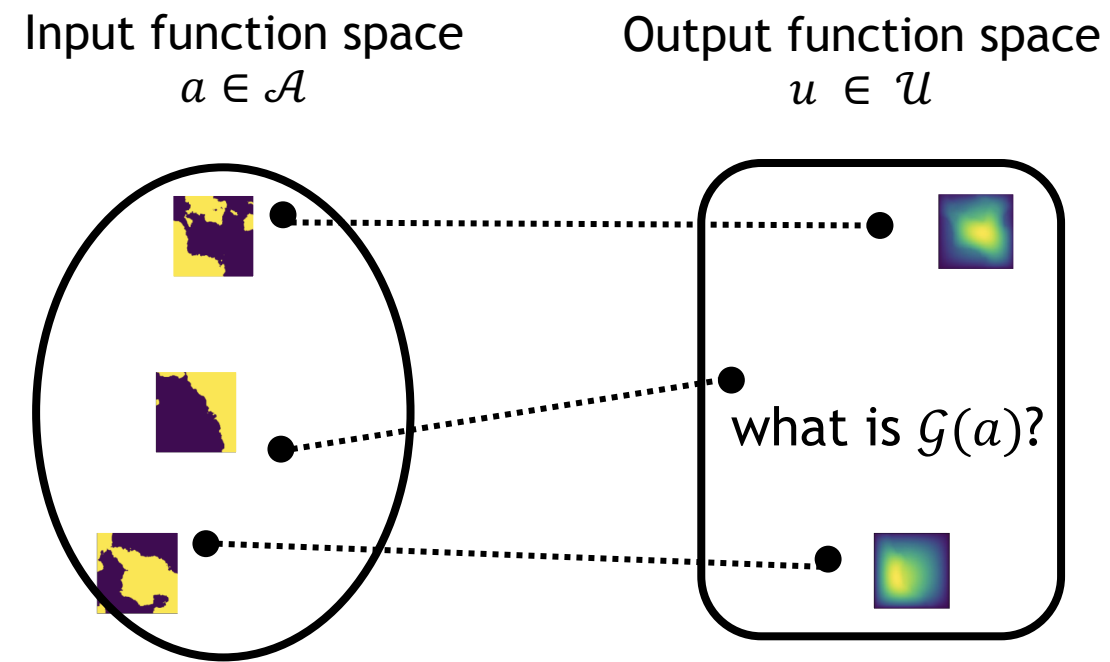
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Data and discretization

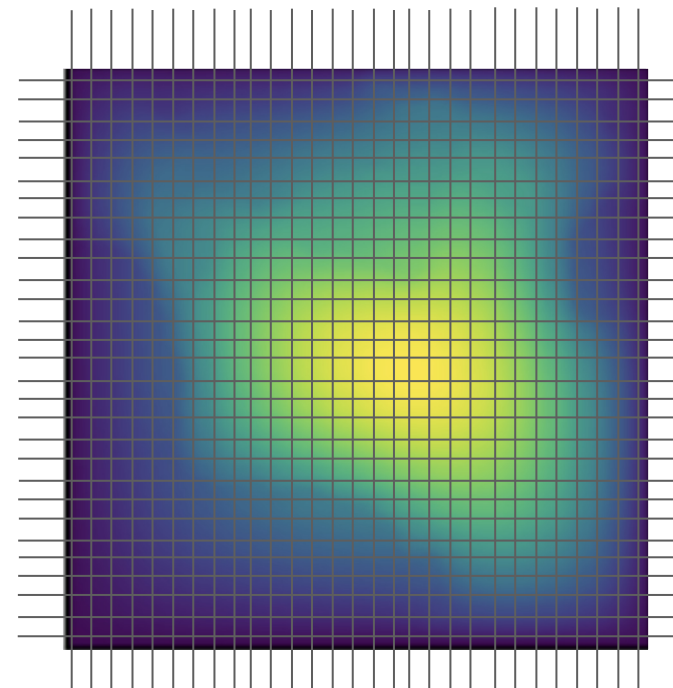
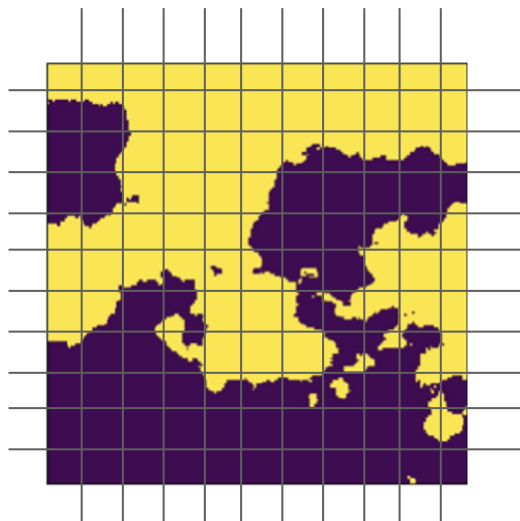


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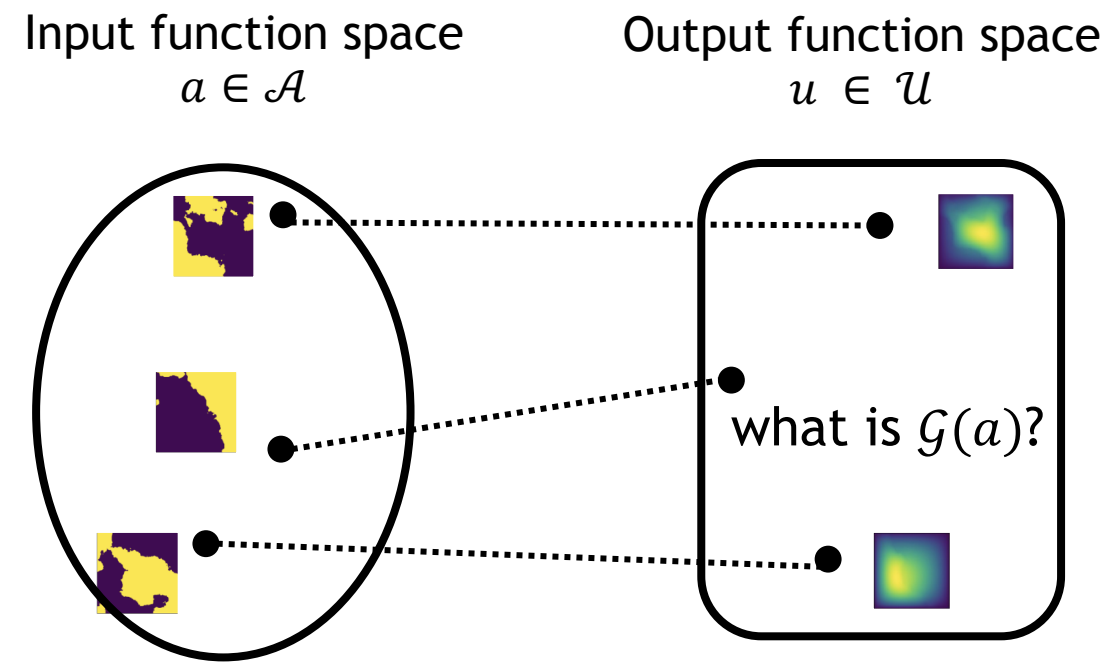
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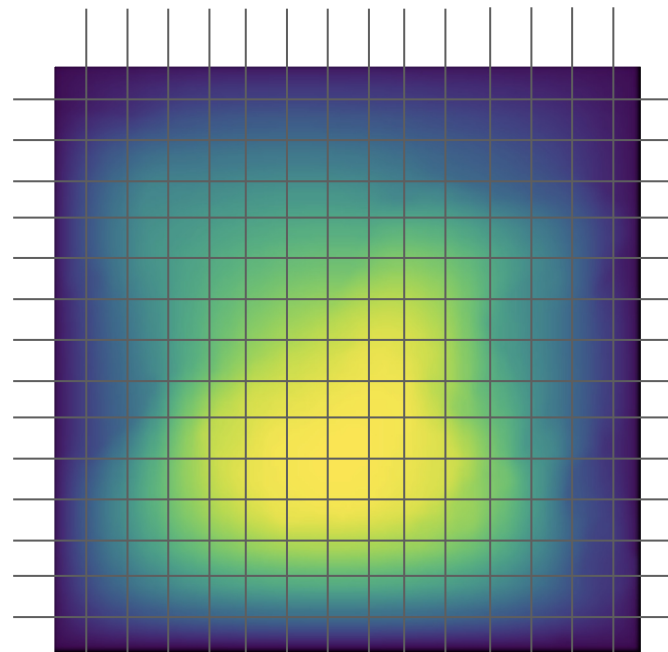
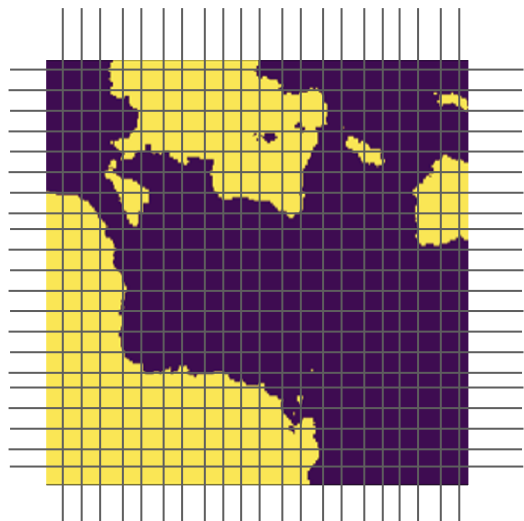


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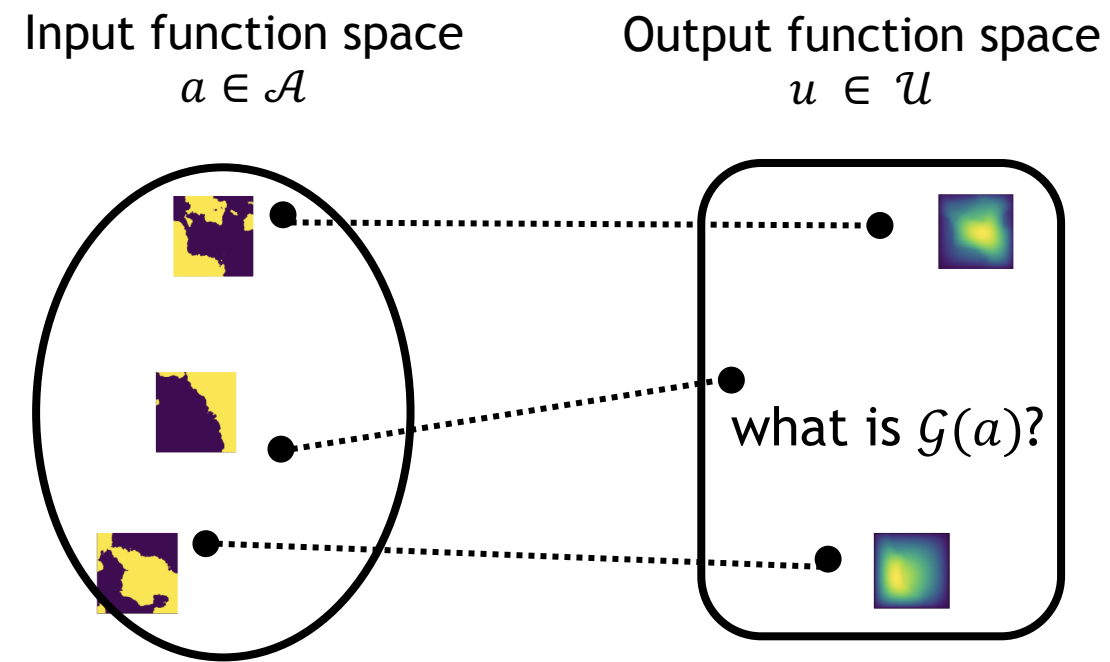
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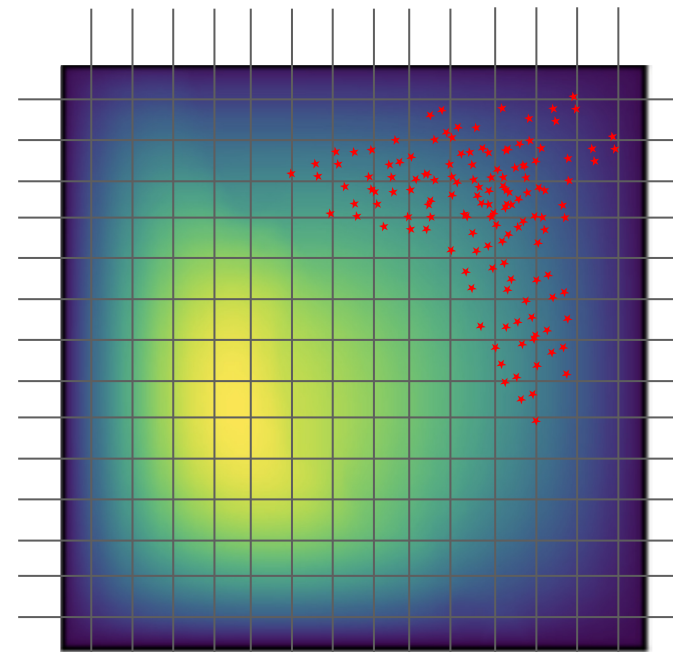
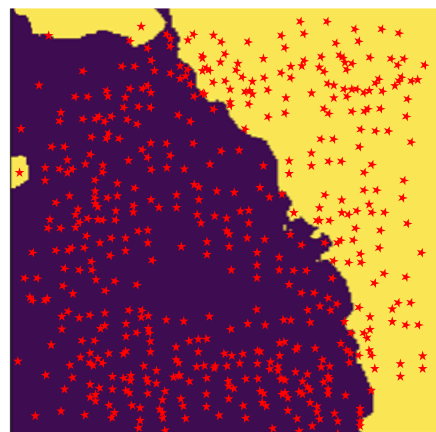


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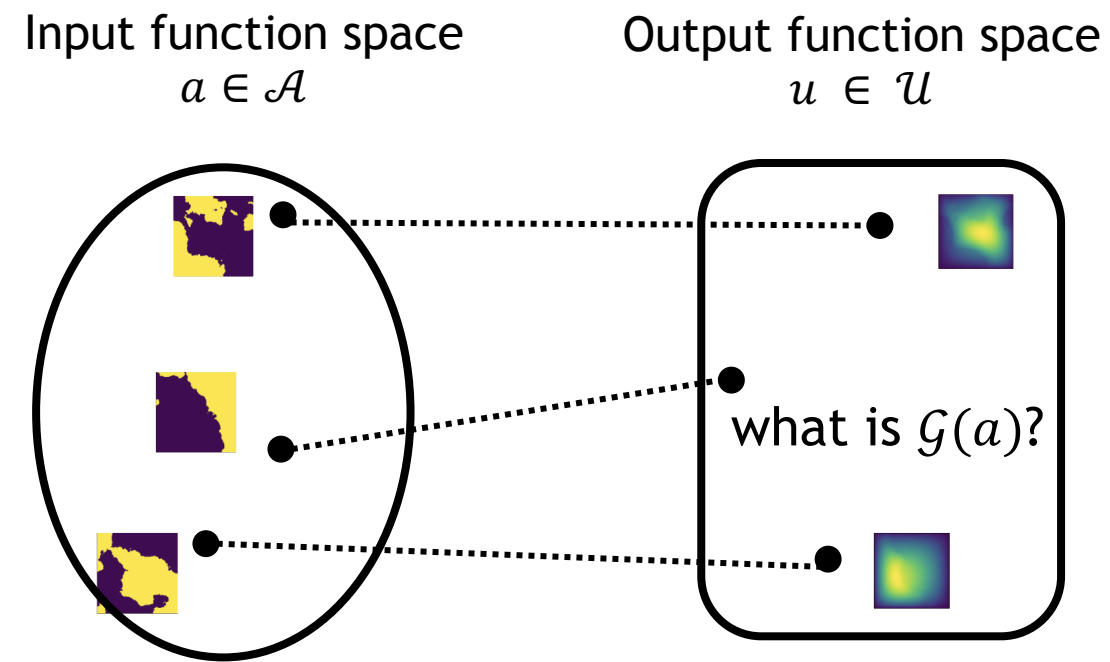
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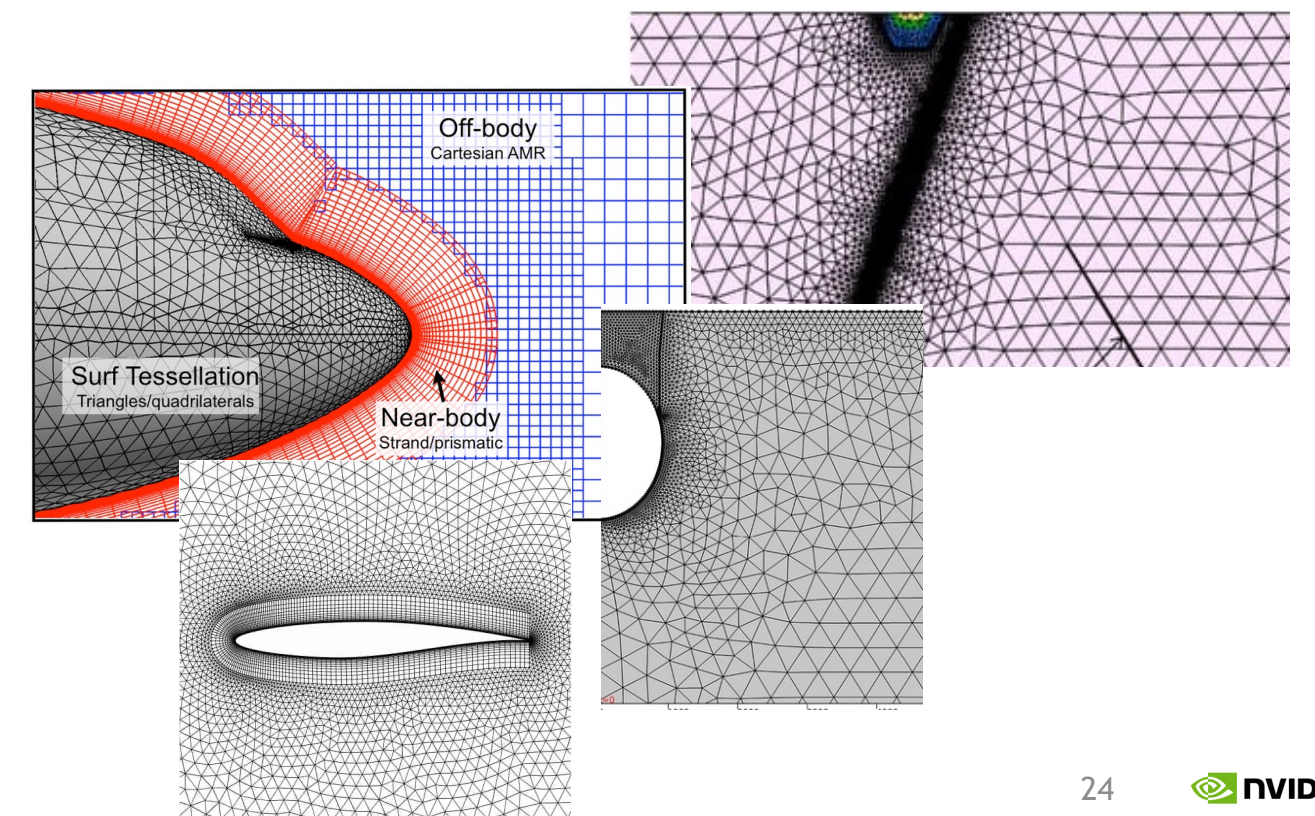
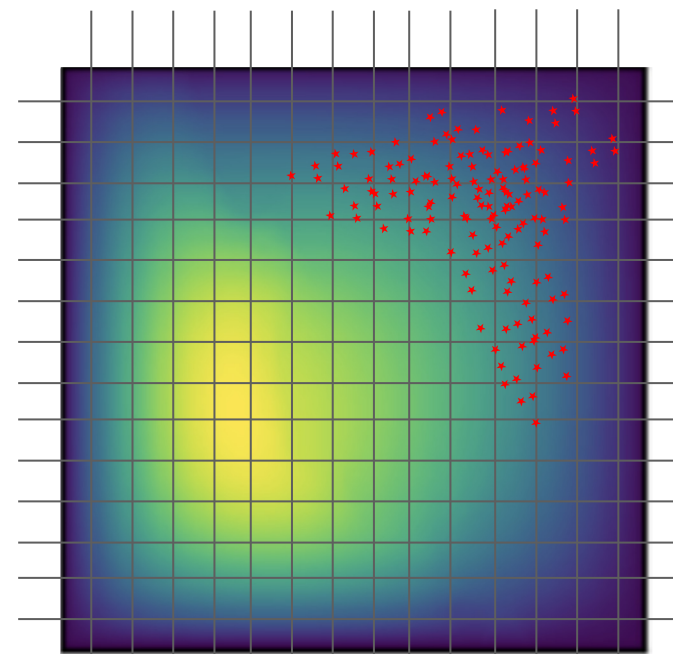
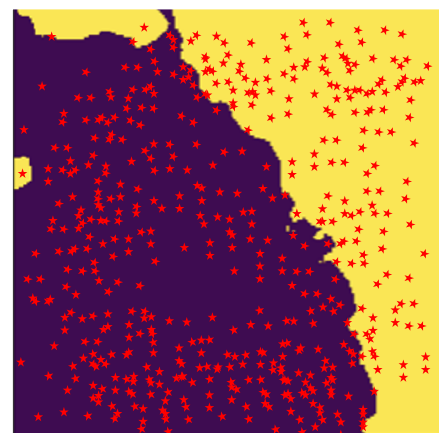


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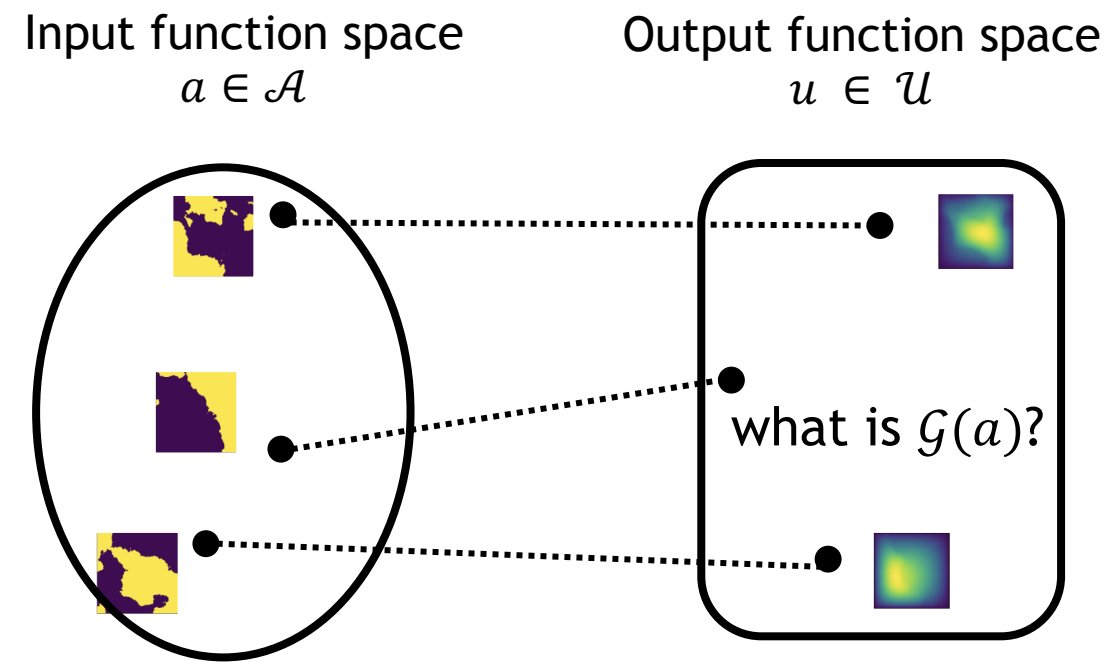
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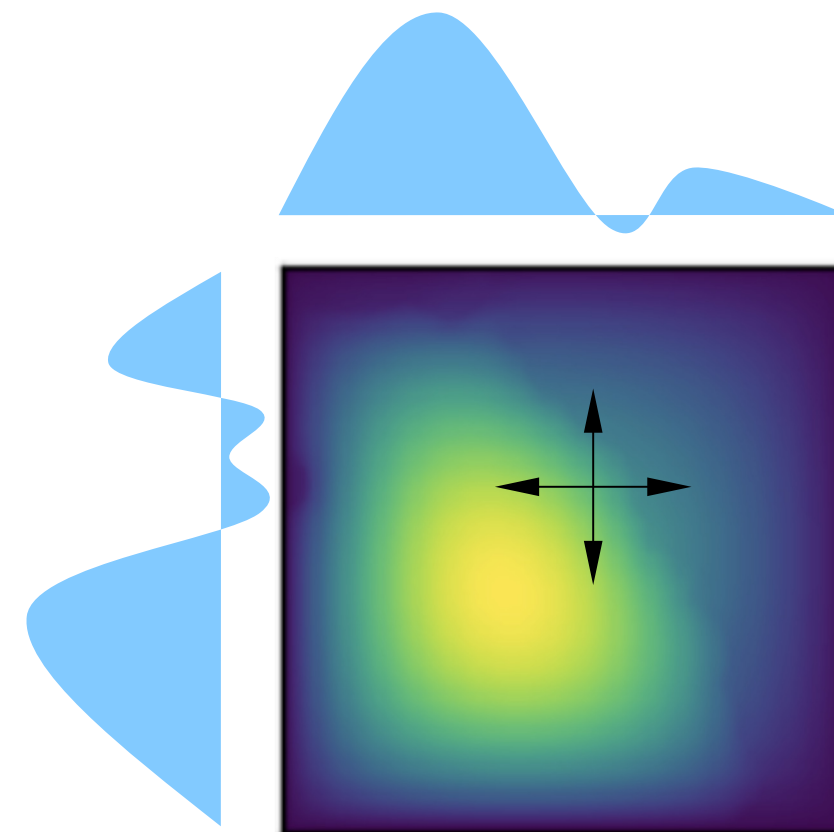
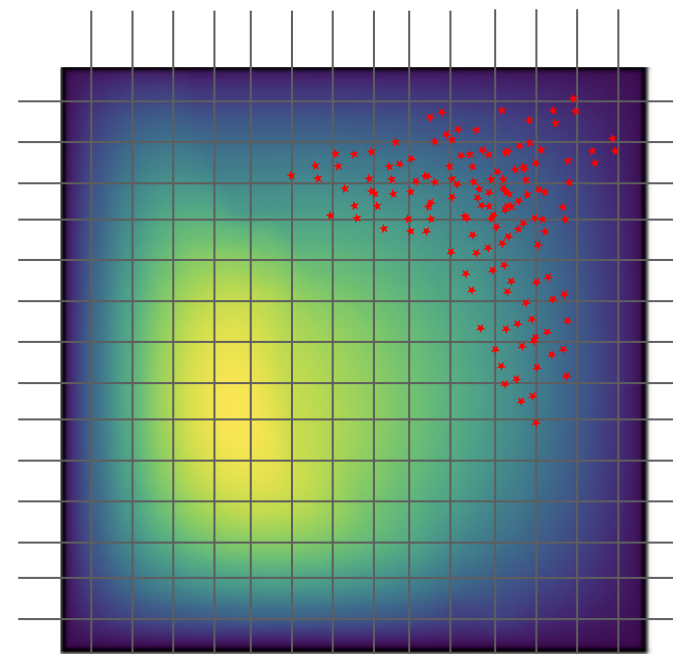
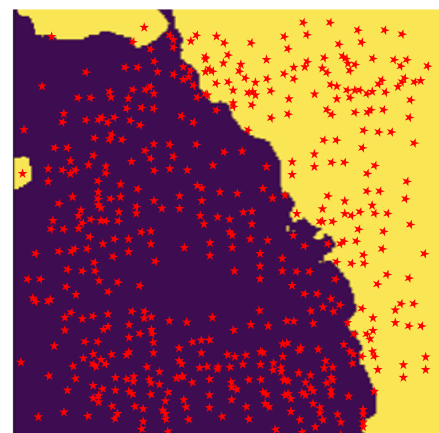


First step challenge

Input data is given at various resolutions

Output data is given at various resolution

The model output needs to be function (derivatives and integrals in physics)





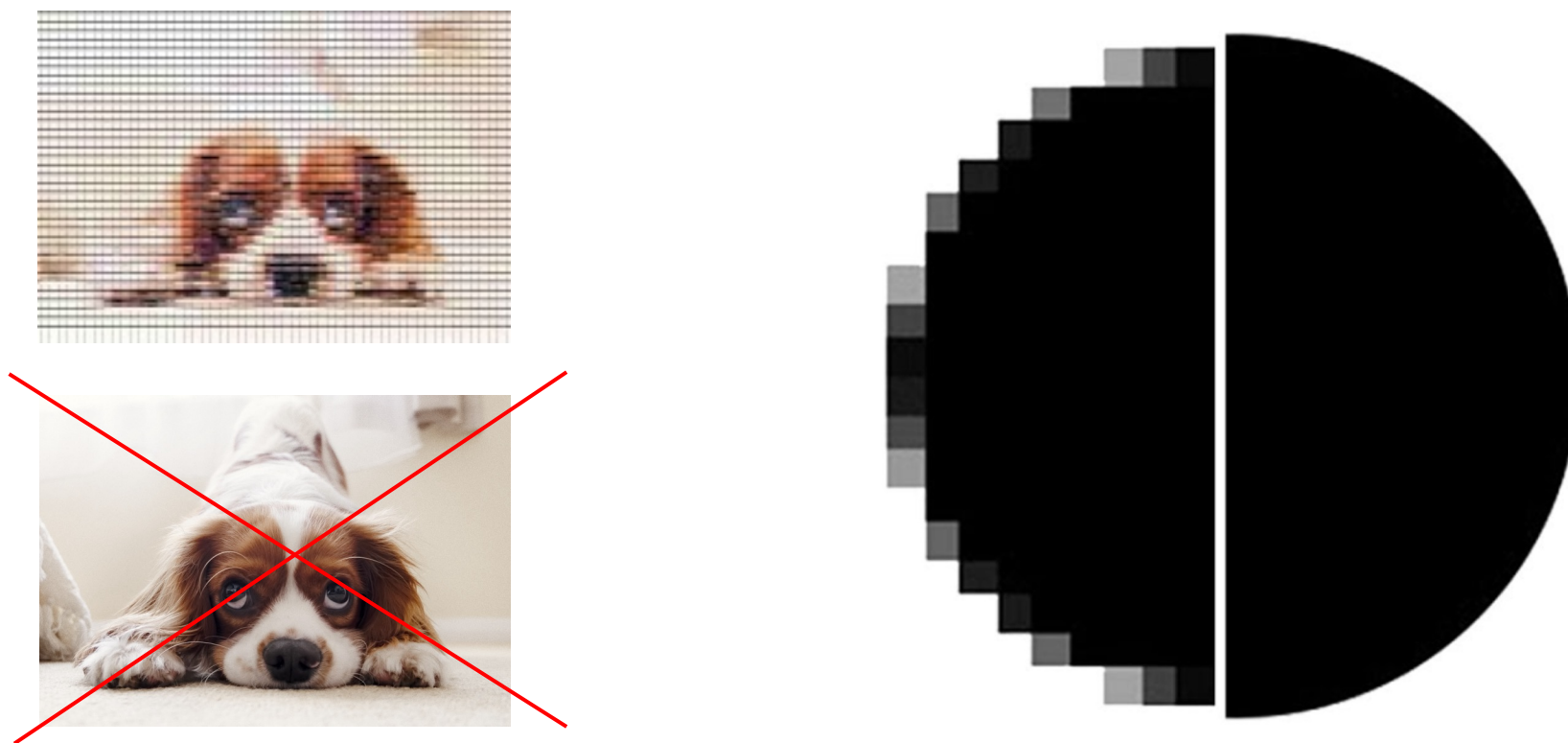
NEURAL OPERATOR

DISCRETIZATION AGNOSTIC LEARNING

One ML model for any discretization

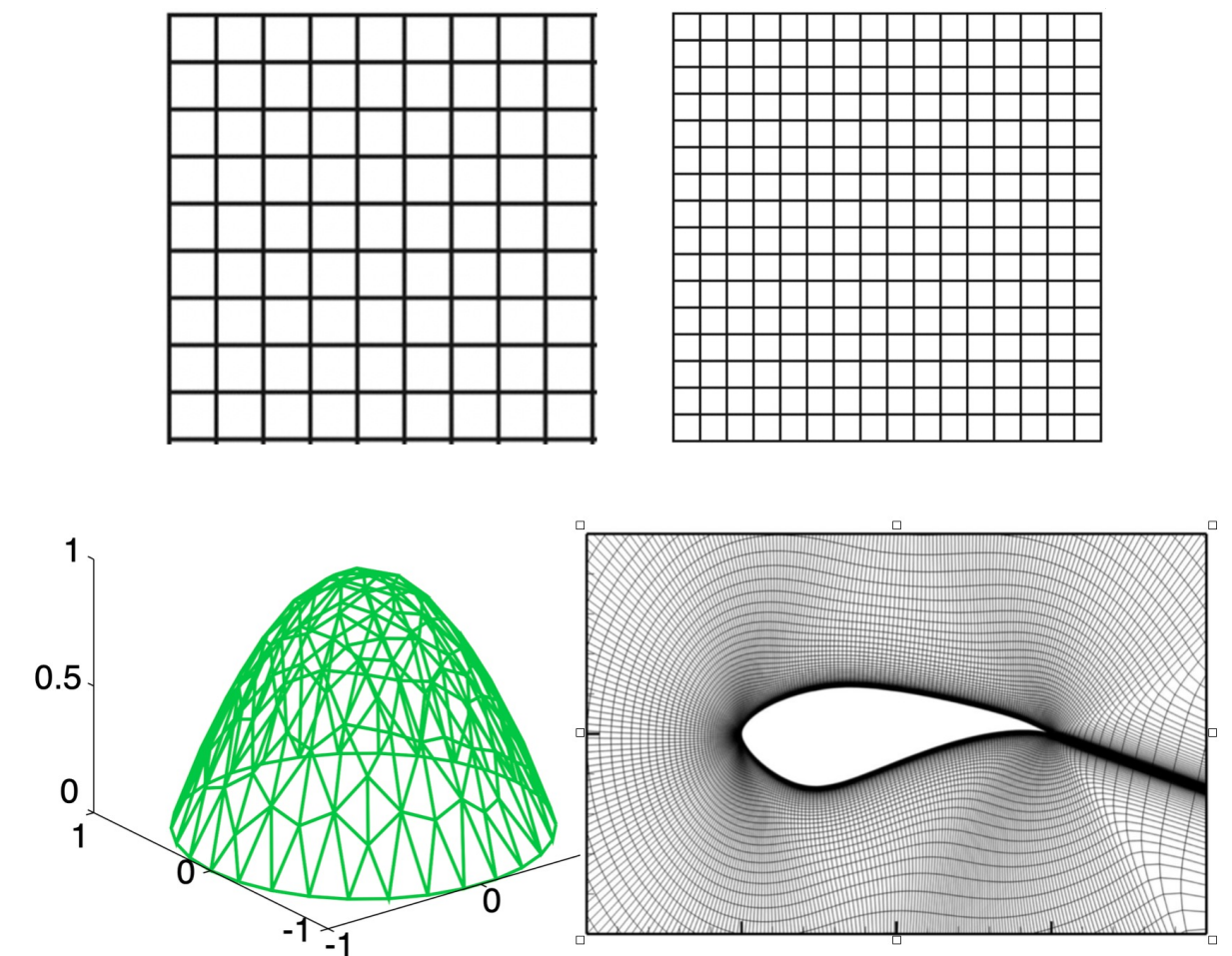
Neural Network

Input and output at fixed resolution



Neural Operator

Input and output at any resolution



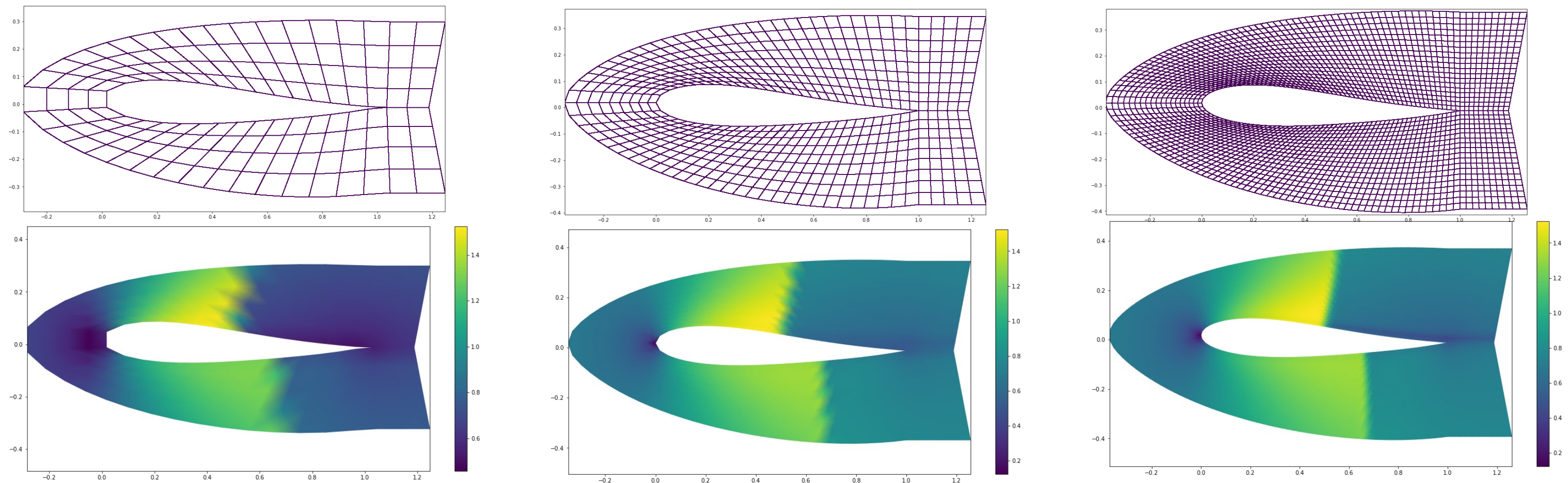
NEURAL OPERATOR: DISCRETIZATION AGNOSTIC

One ML model for any discretization

Definition: a trained AI model is discretization-convergent if

- We can query at any point.
- Converges upon mesh refinement to a limit.

Mesh refinement



Converging solution

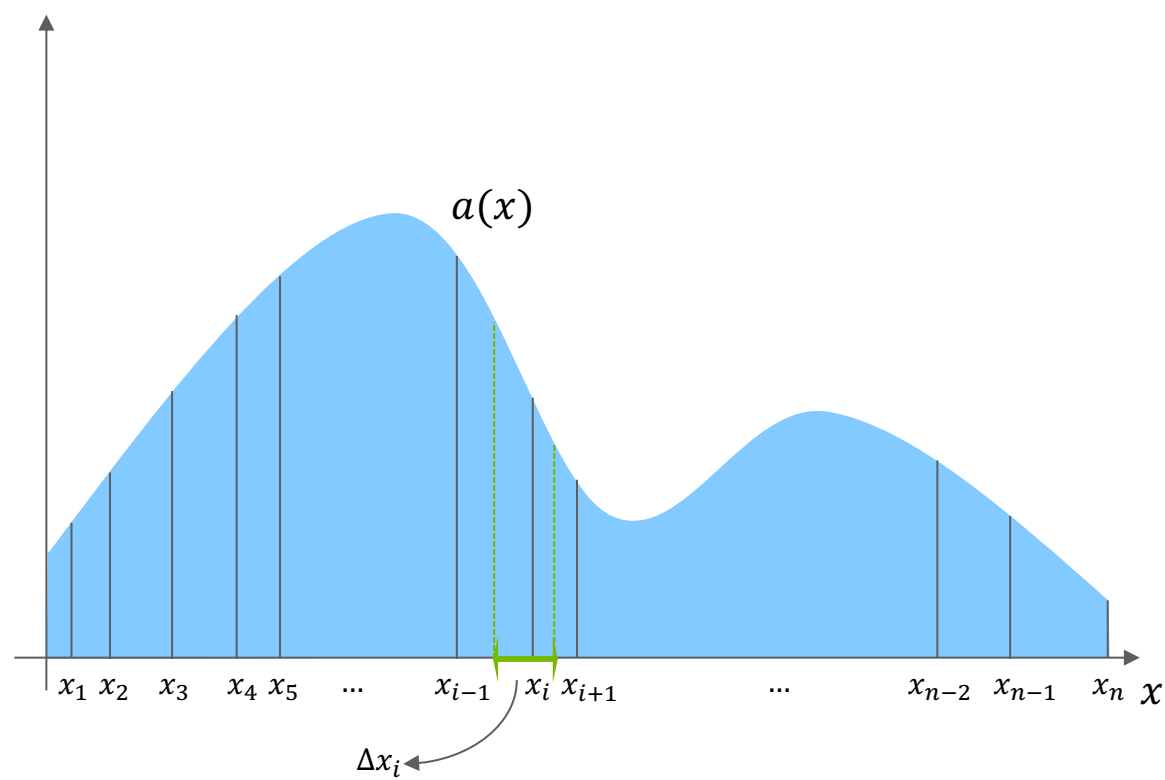


PRE-REQ

MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

Integral and discretization

Pre-req for ML on function spaces



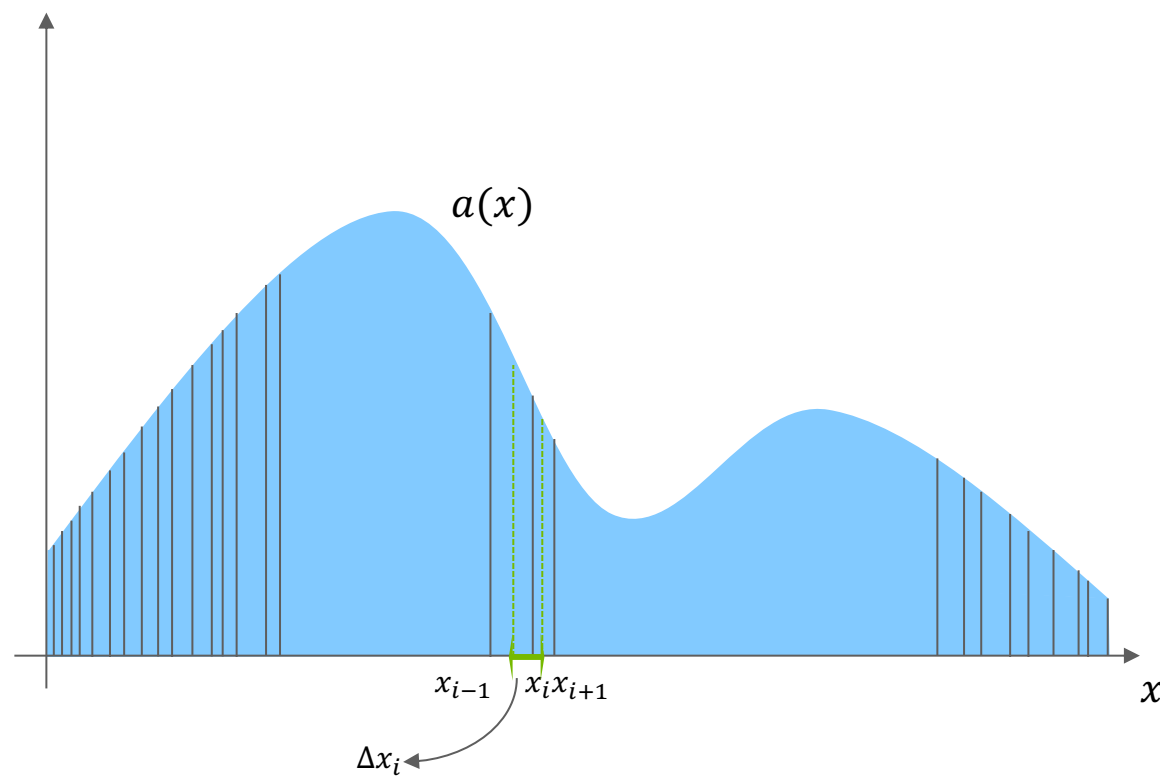
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Riemannian sum

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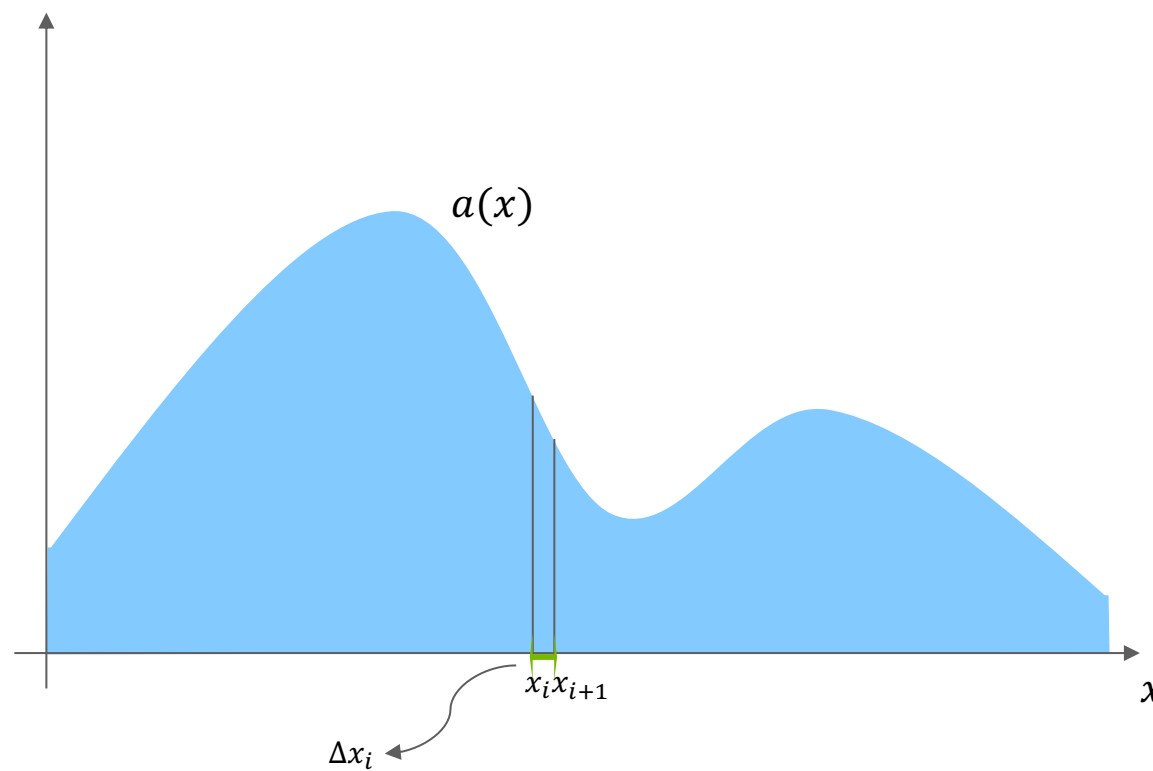
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Finer mesh \rightarrow better approximation of integral

MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

Derivative and discretization

Pre-req for ML on function spaces



$$\left. \frac{da}{dx} \right|_x \approx \frac{a(x_{i+1}) - a(x_i)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\left. \frac{da}{dx} \right|_x \approx \frac{a(x_{i+1}) - a(x_i)}{2\Delta x} + \frac{a(x_i) - a(x_{i-1}))}{2\Delta x}$$

Finer mesh → better approximation of derivatives

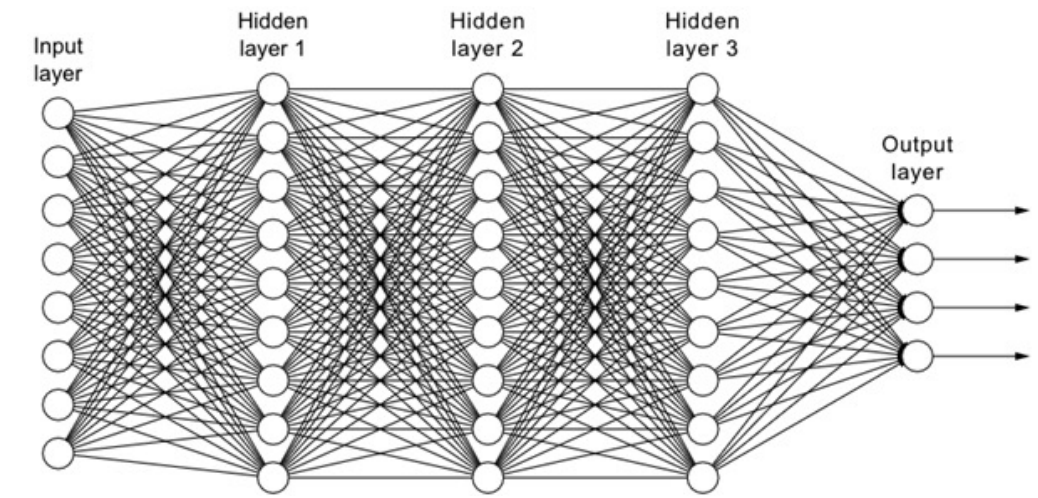
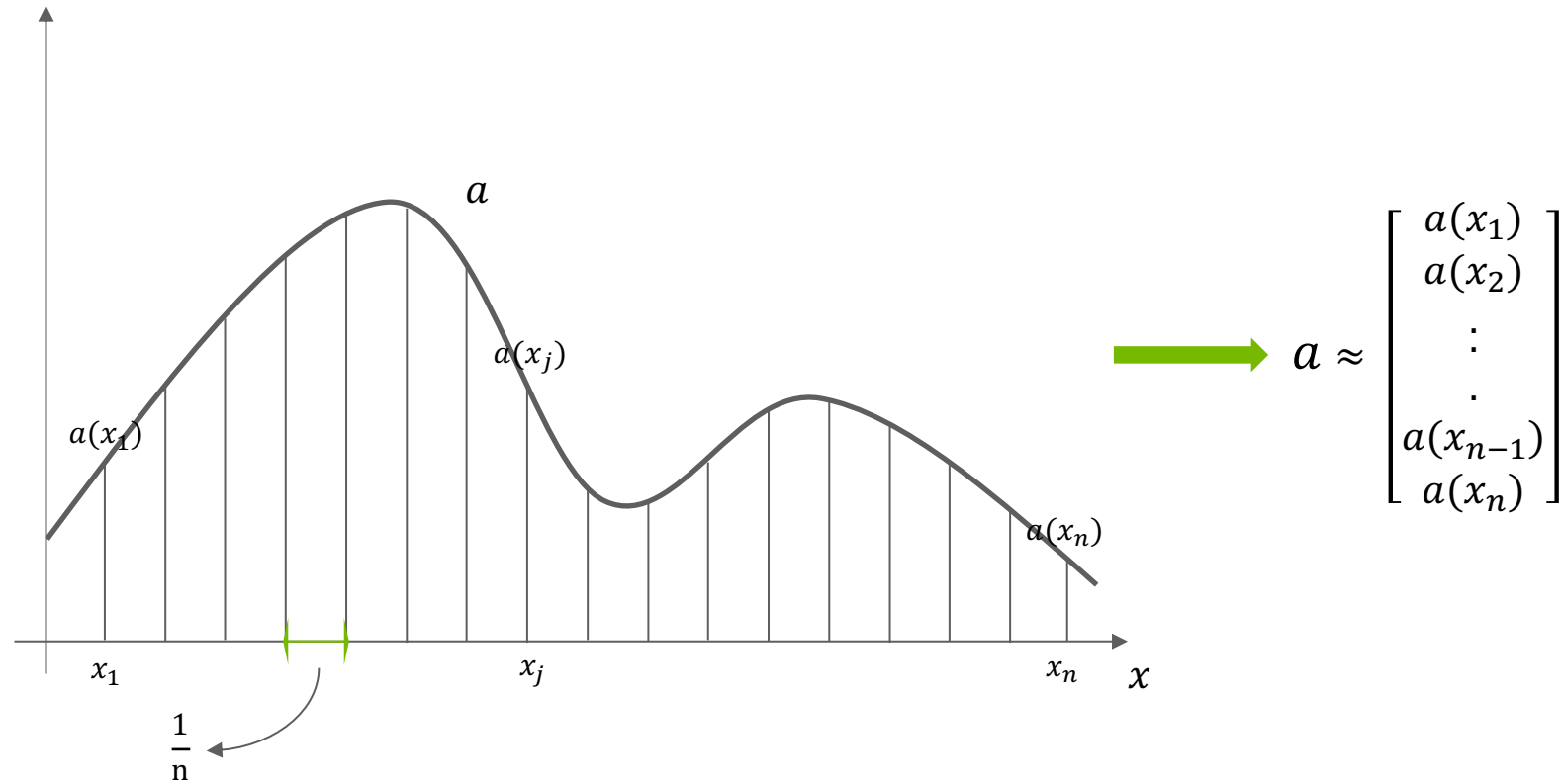


FROM NEURAL NETWORKS
TO NEURAL OPERATORS

MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators

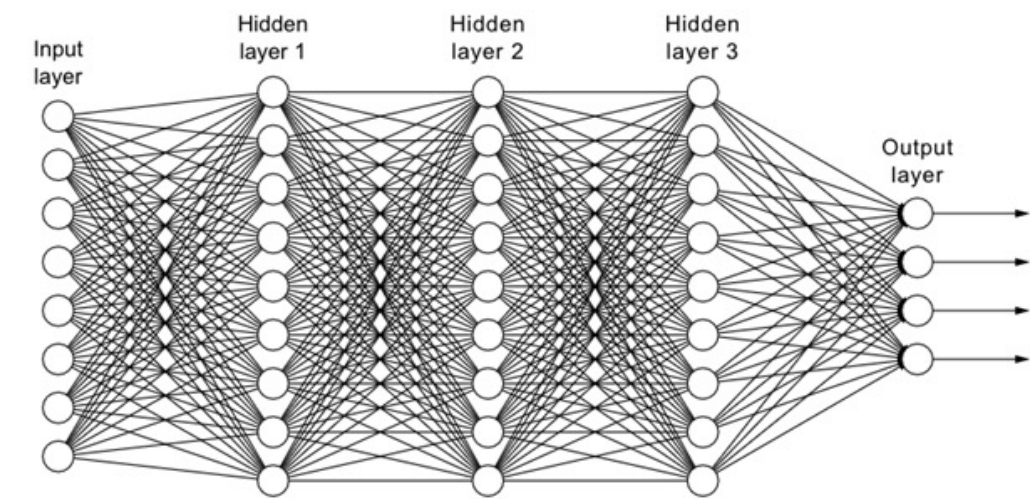
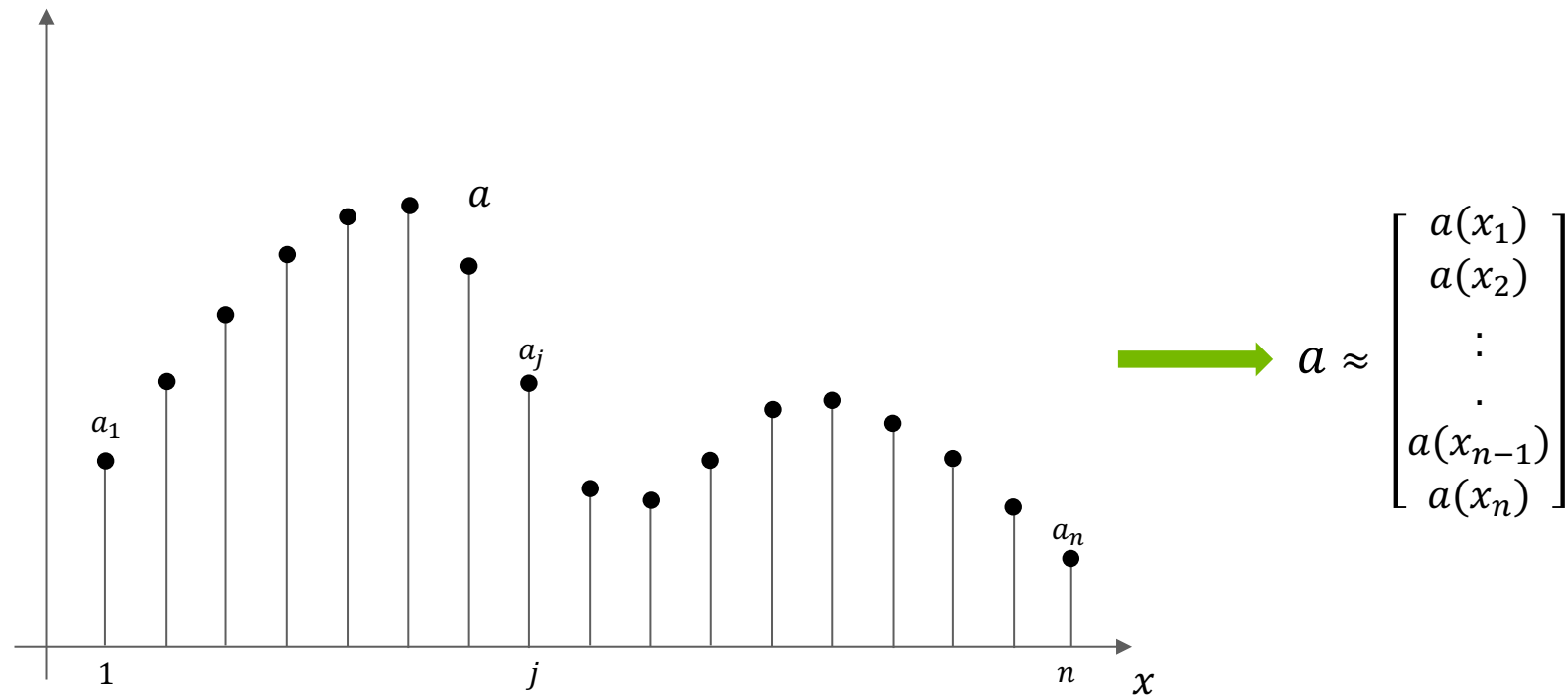
Consider a basic feed forward neural network layer



MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators

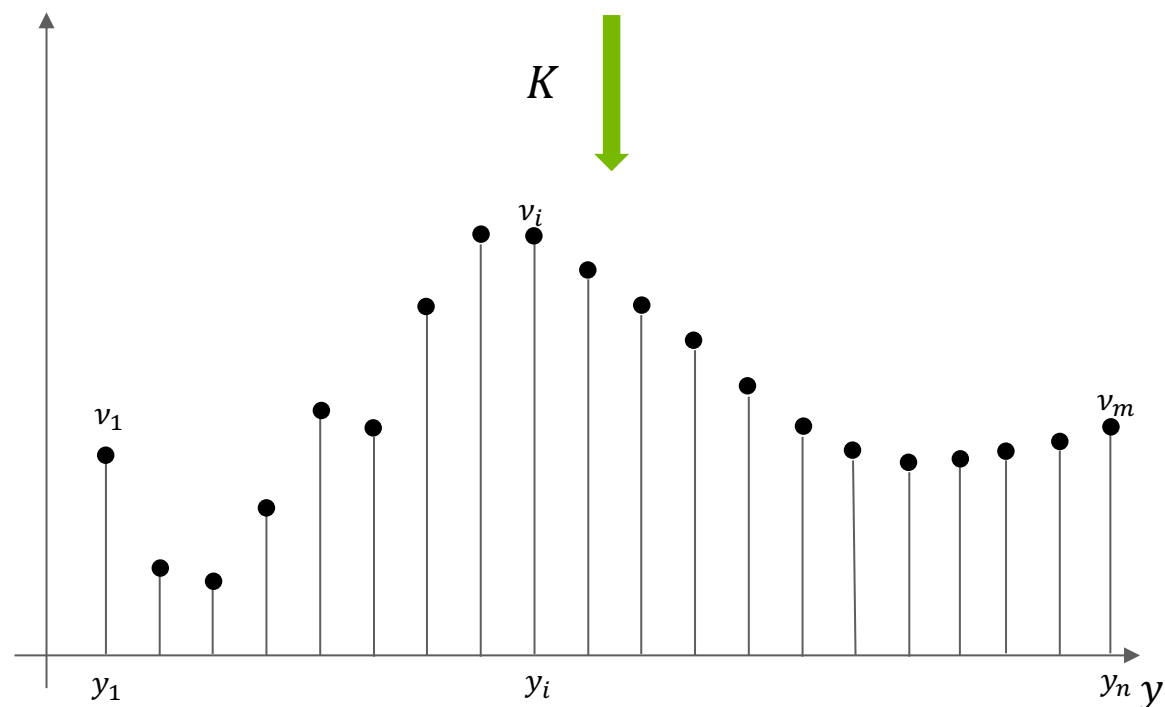
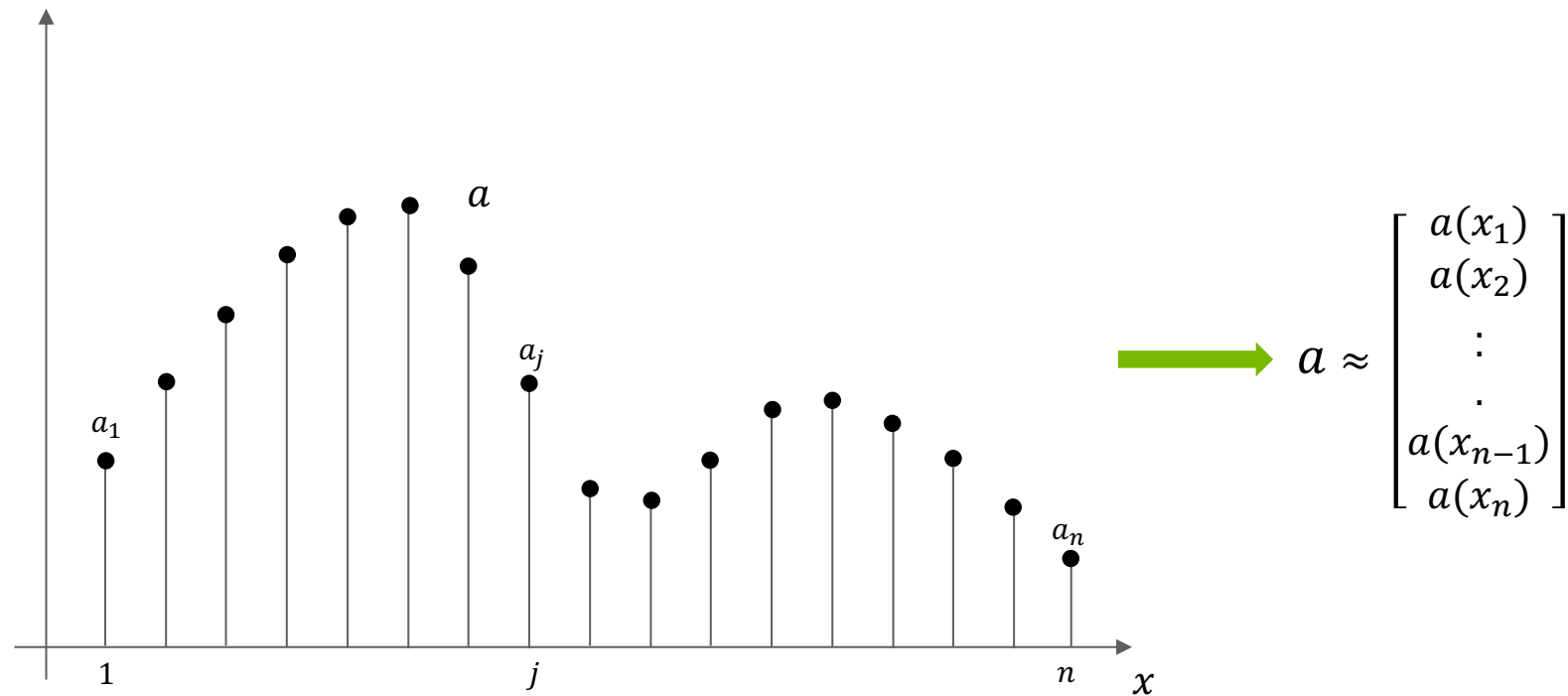
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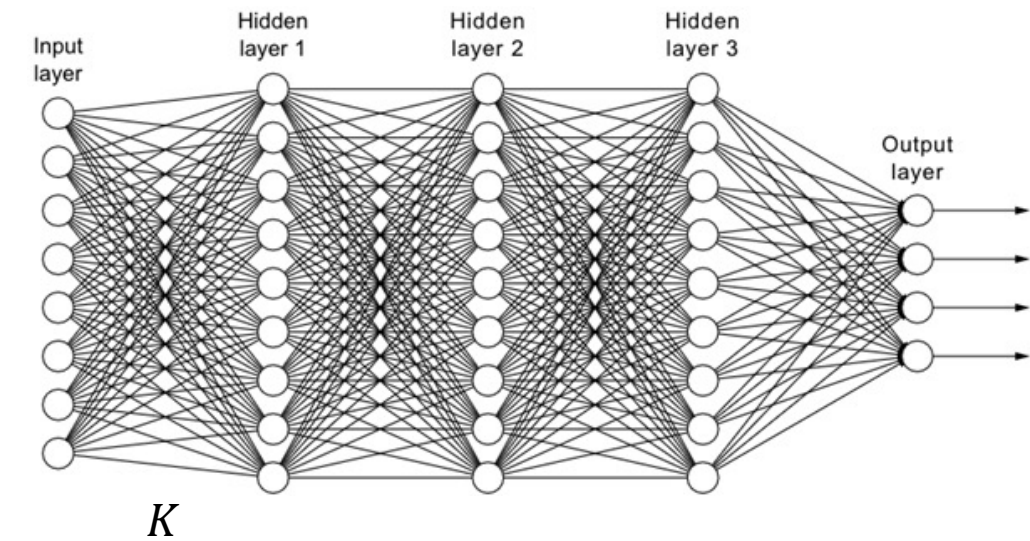
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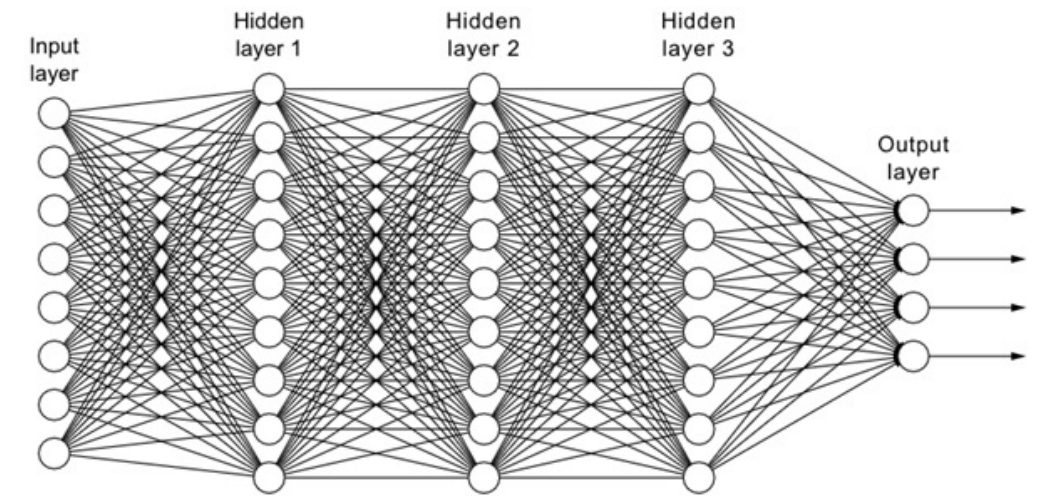
Linear model in conventional ML
(finite dimensional ML)



MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators

Consider a basic feed forward neural network layer



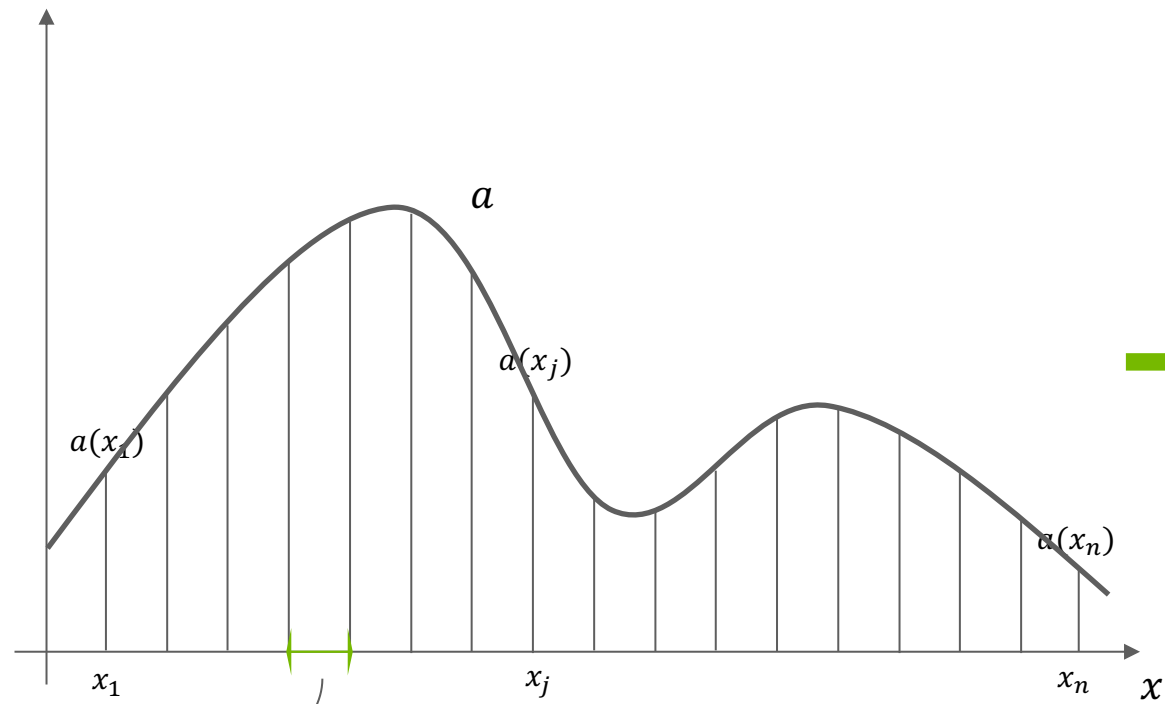
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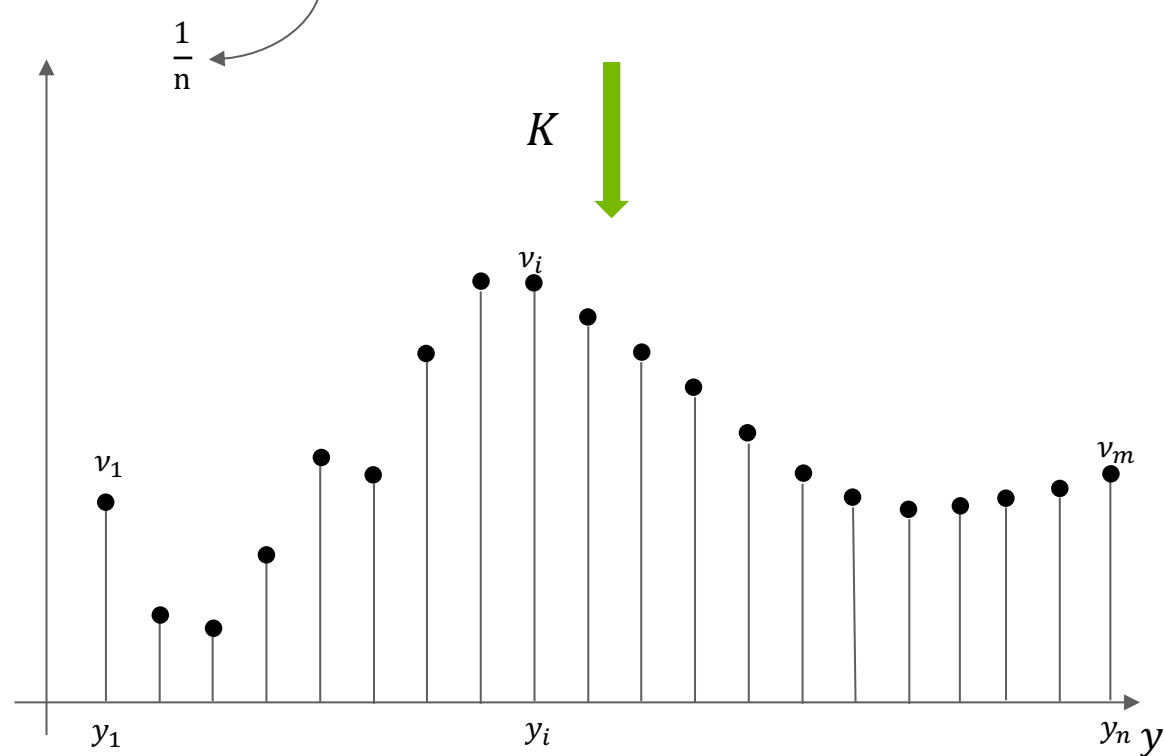
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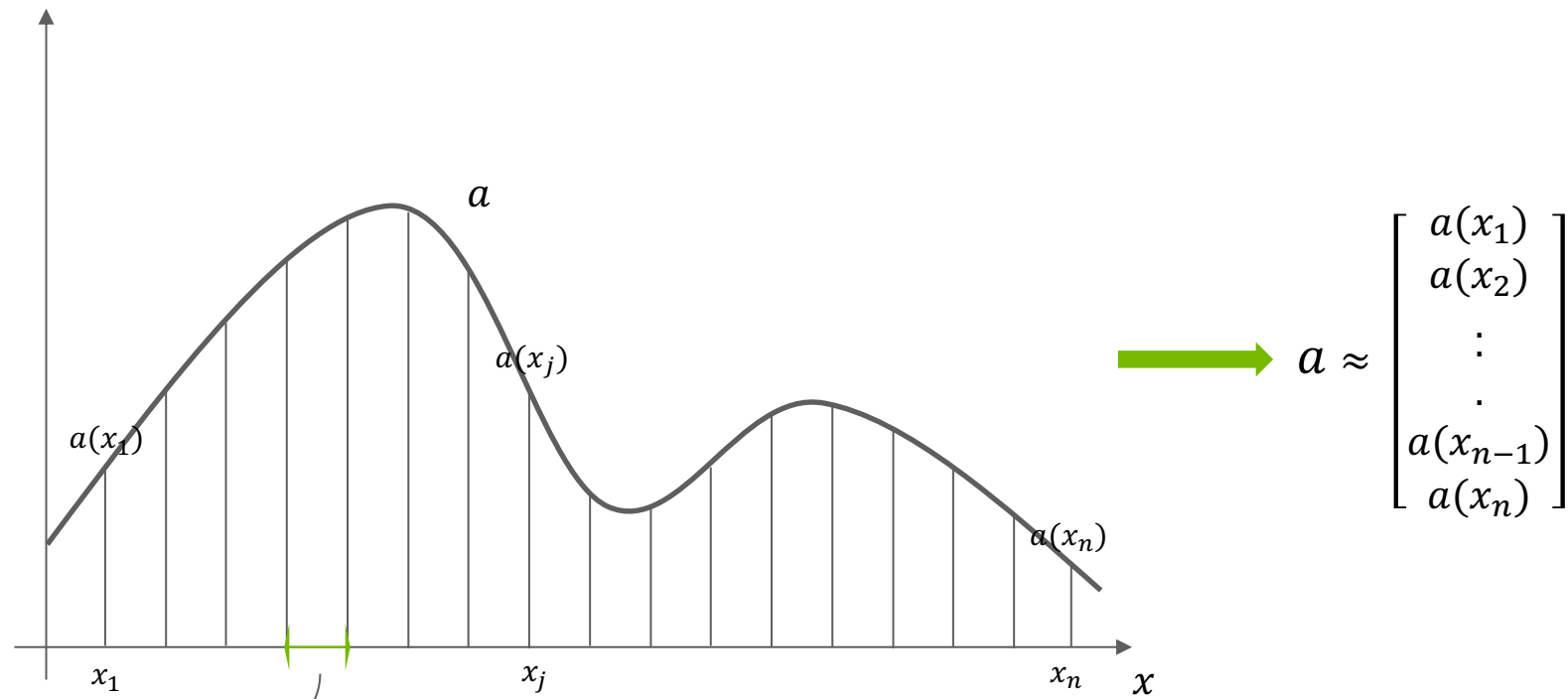
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MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators

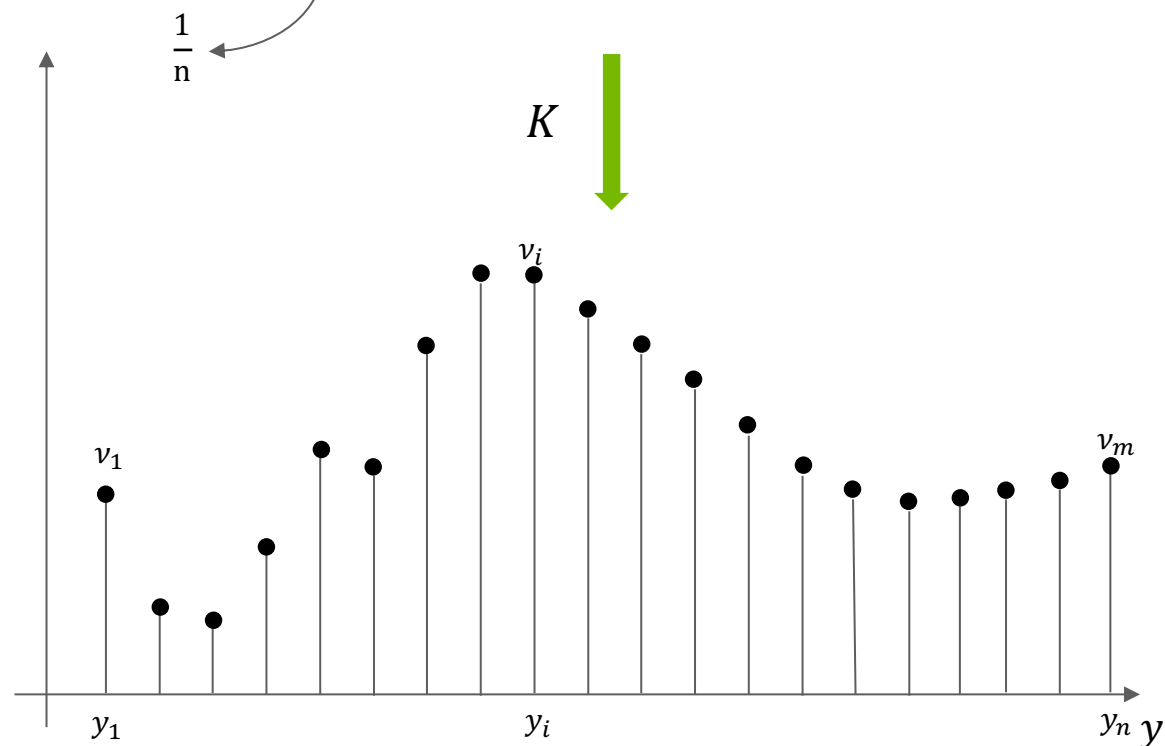
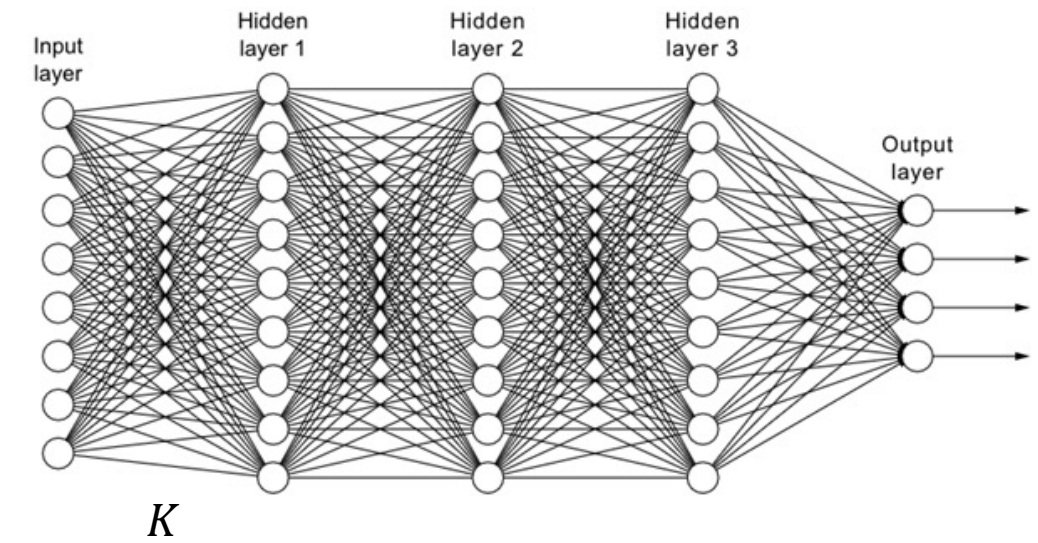
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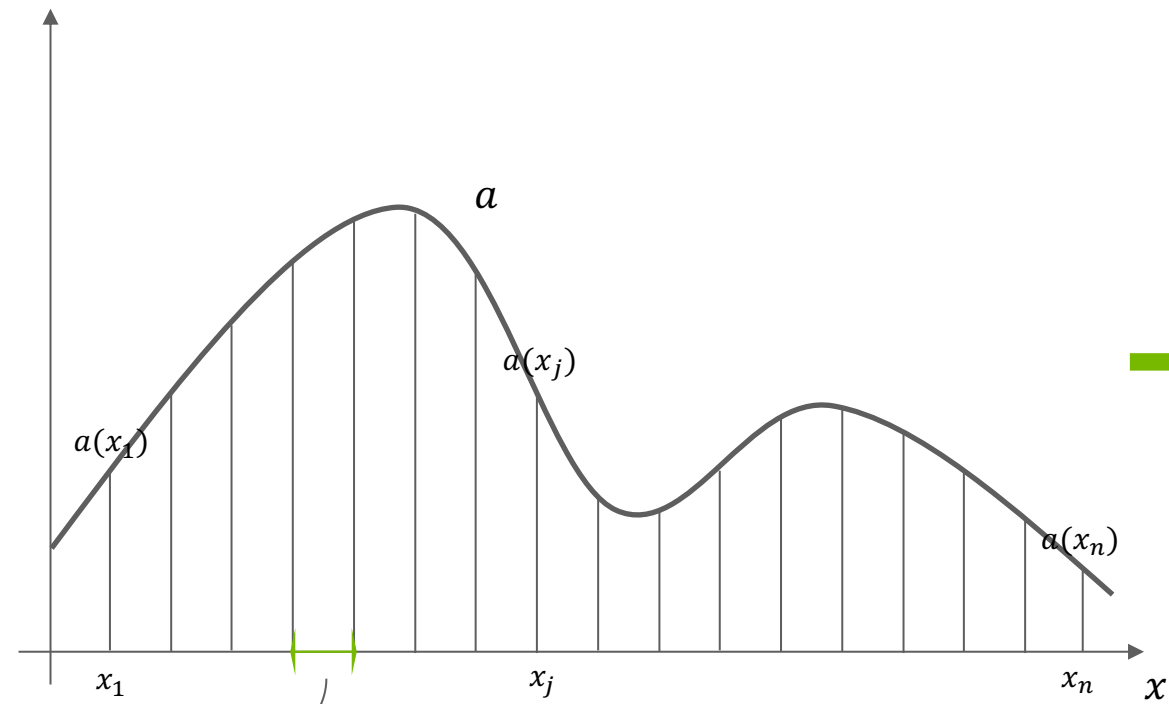
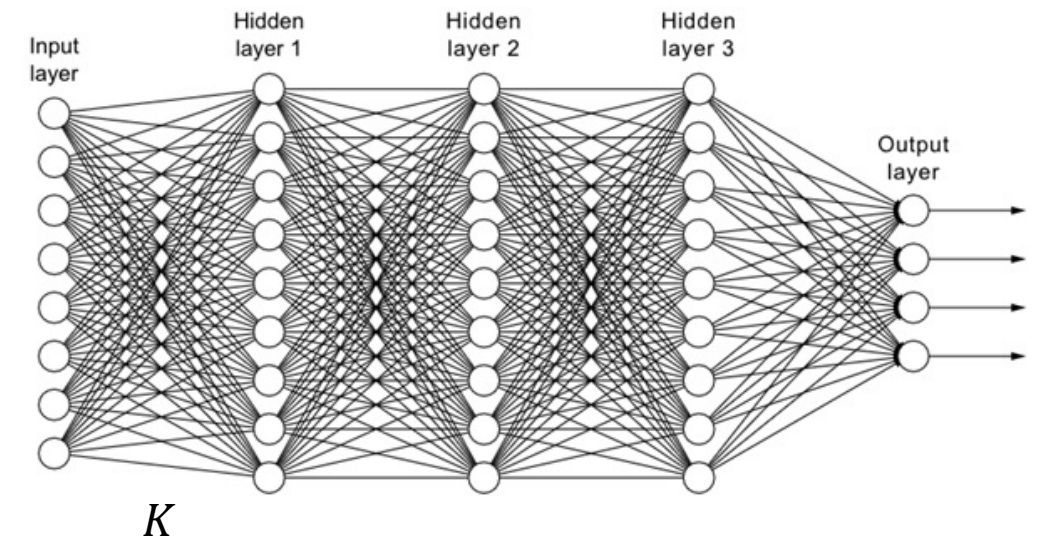
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MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators

Consider a basic feed forward neural network layer

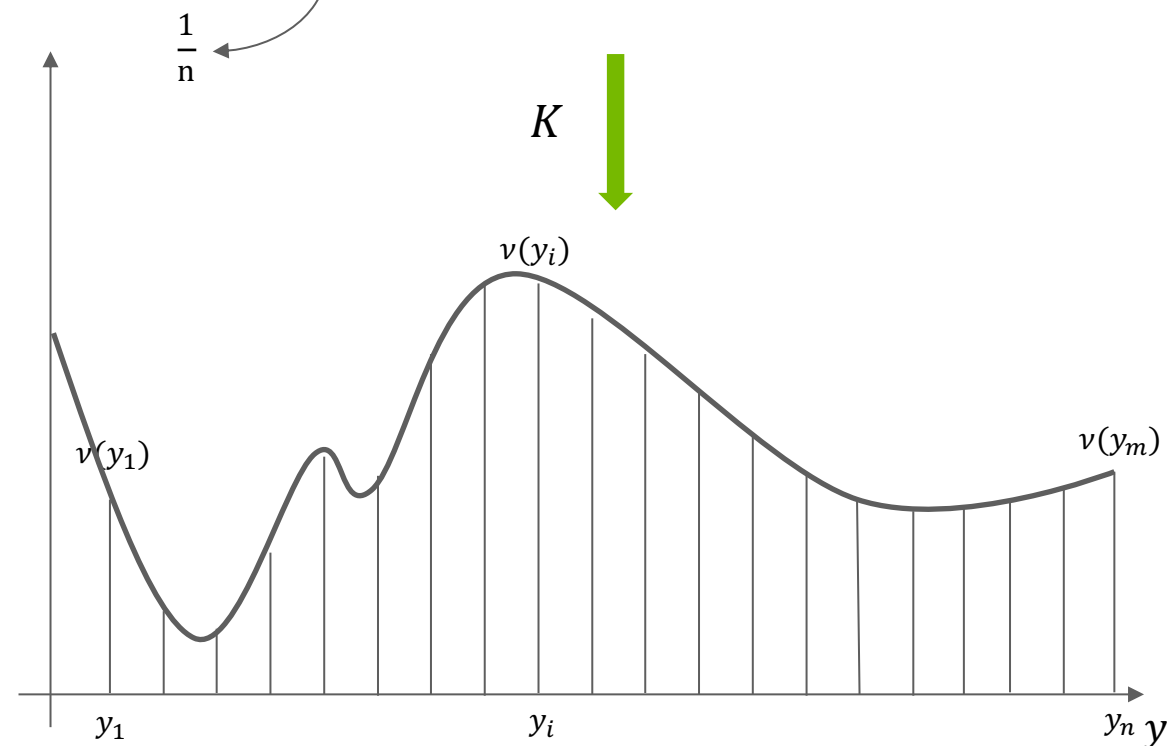


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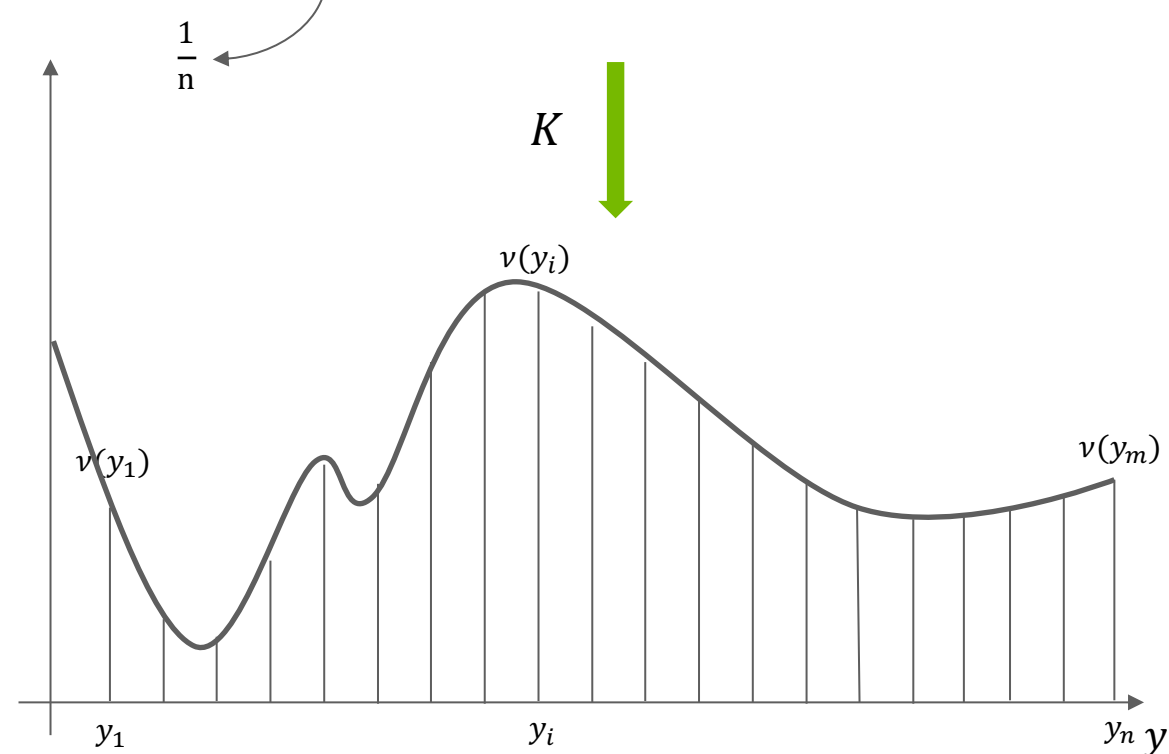
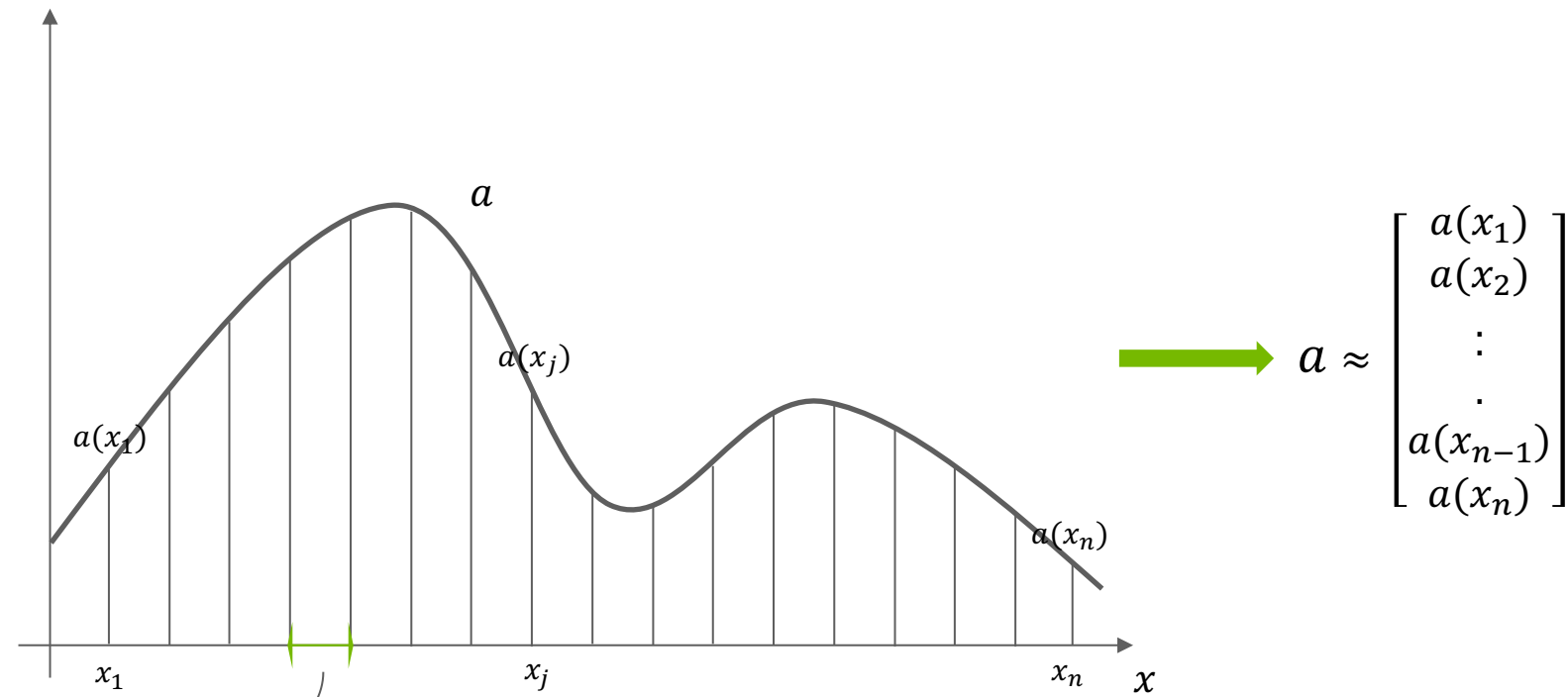
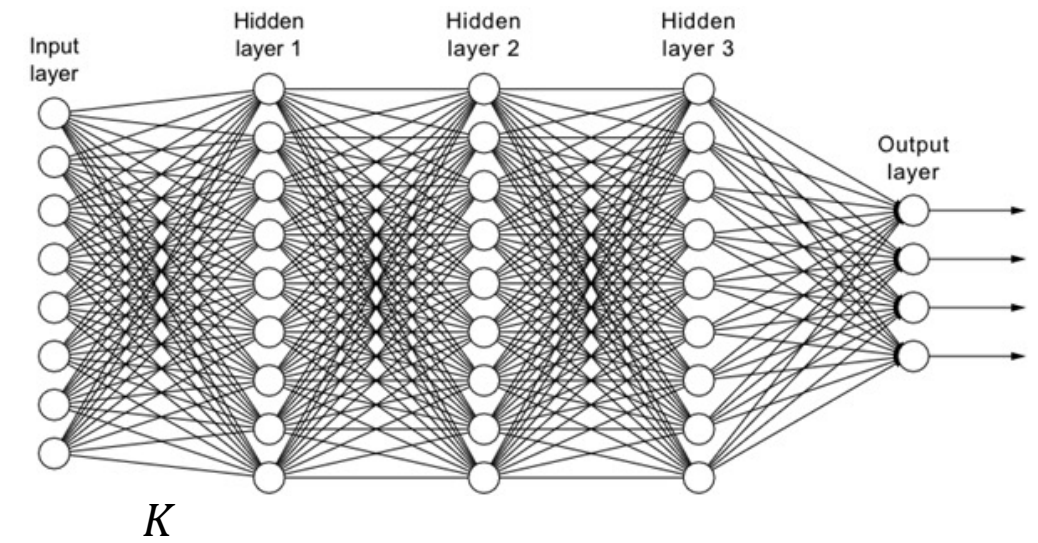
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MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators

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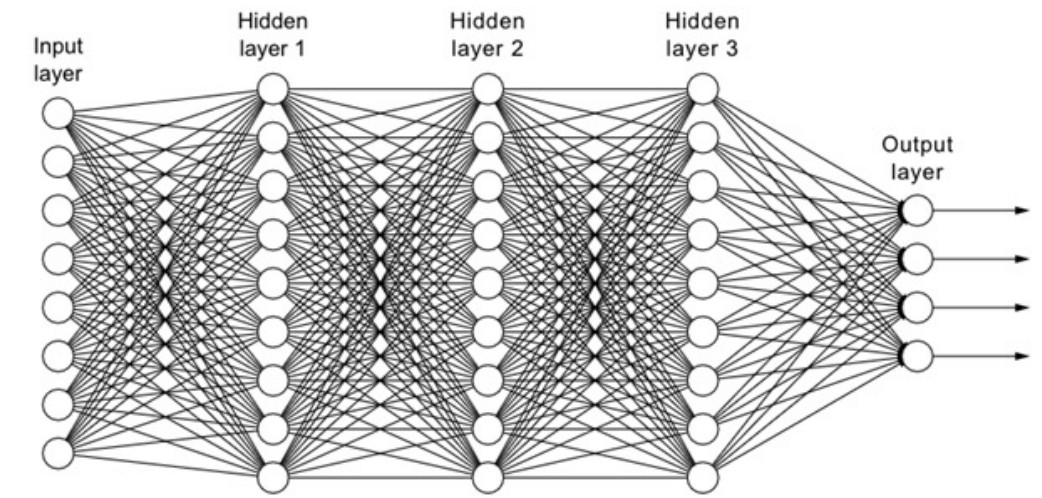
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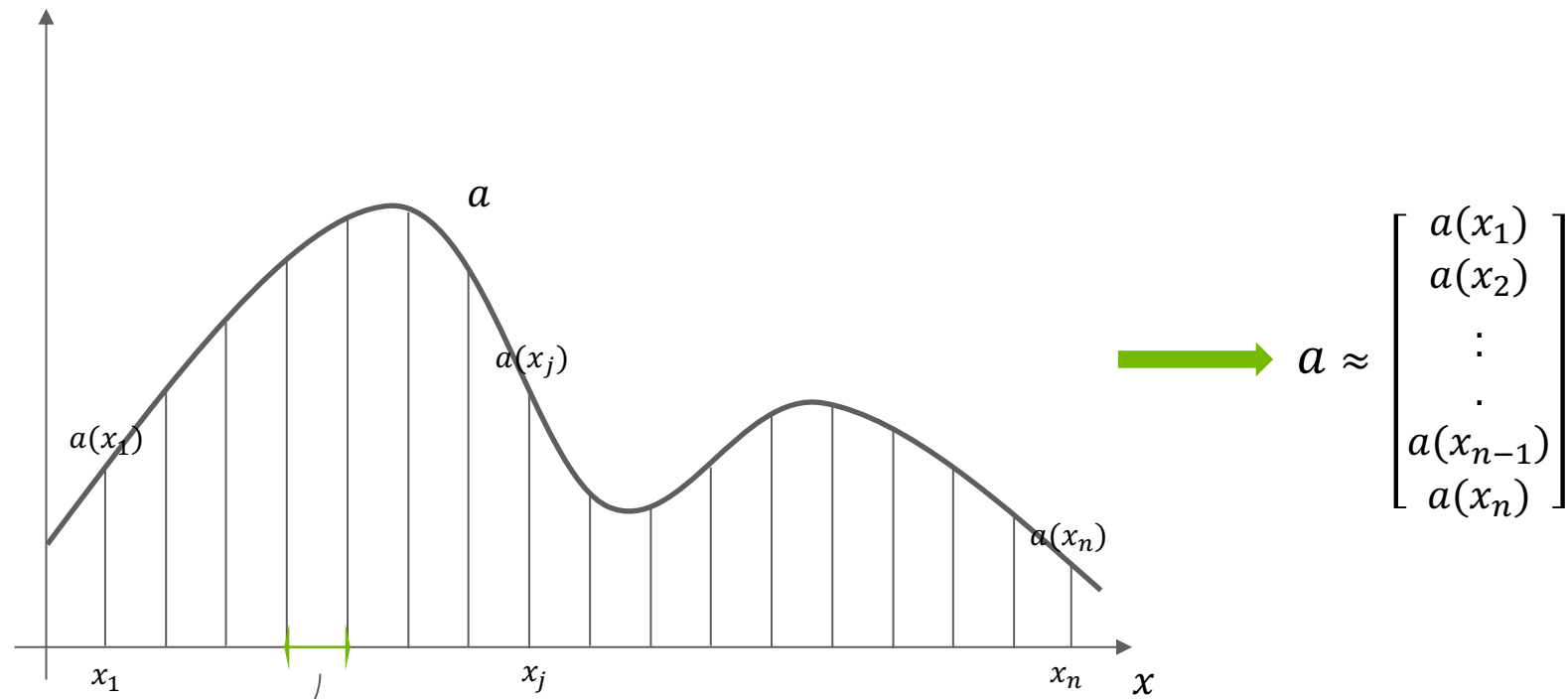
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MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators



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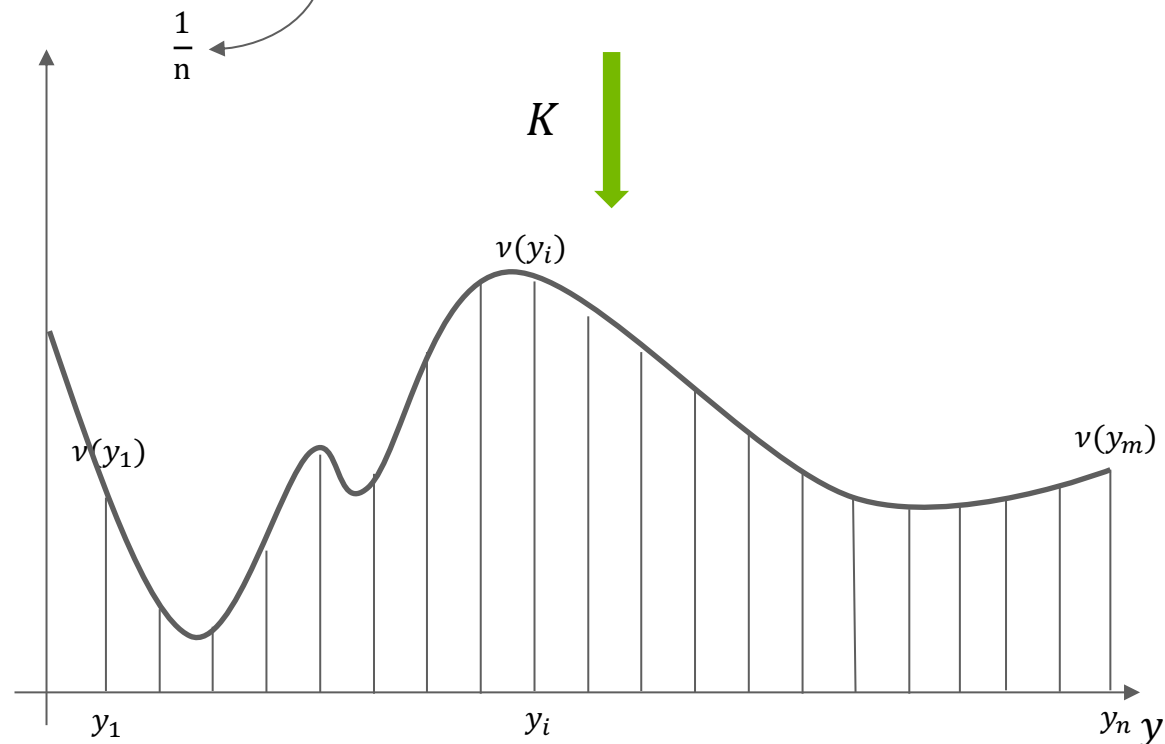
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Linear model in conventional ML
(finite dimensional ML)

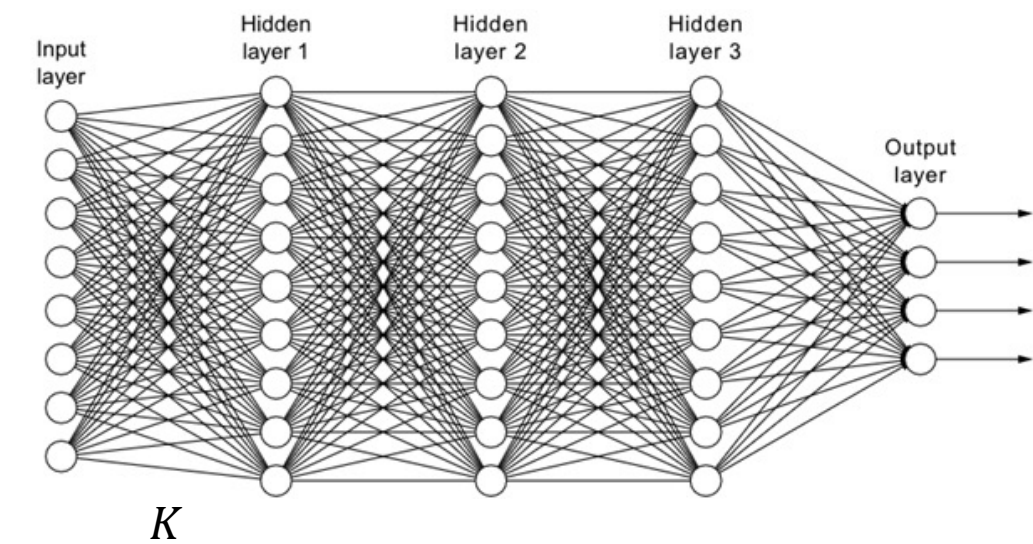


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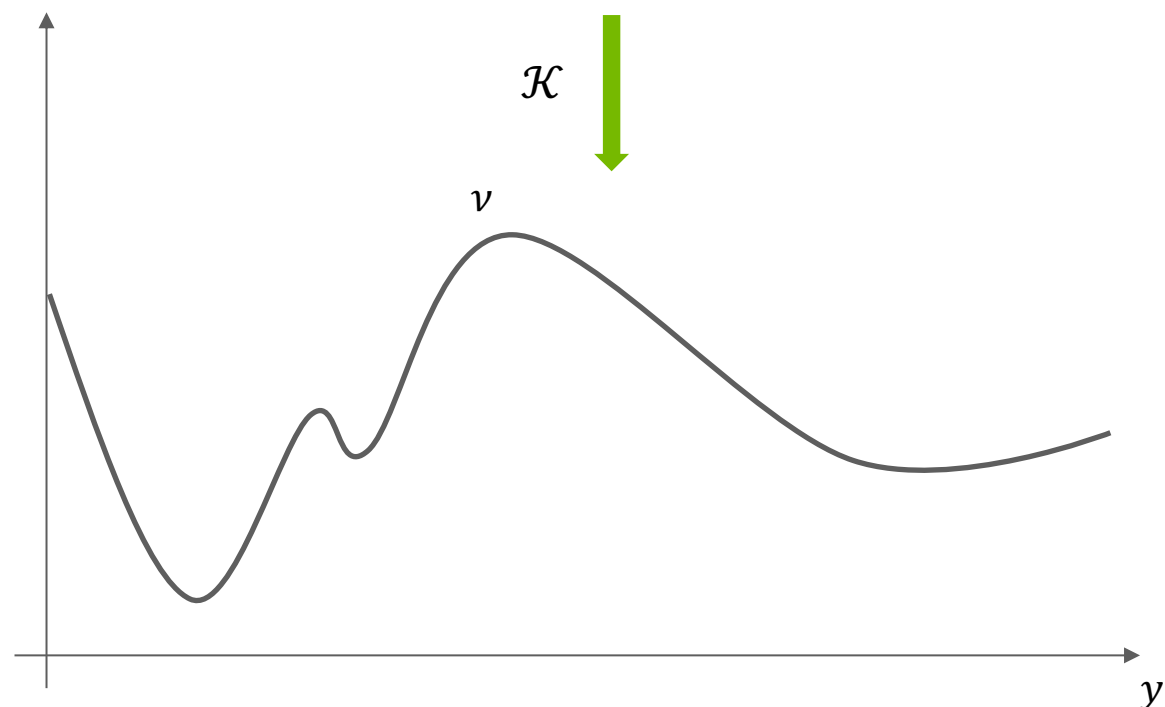
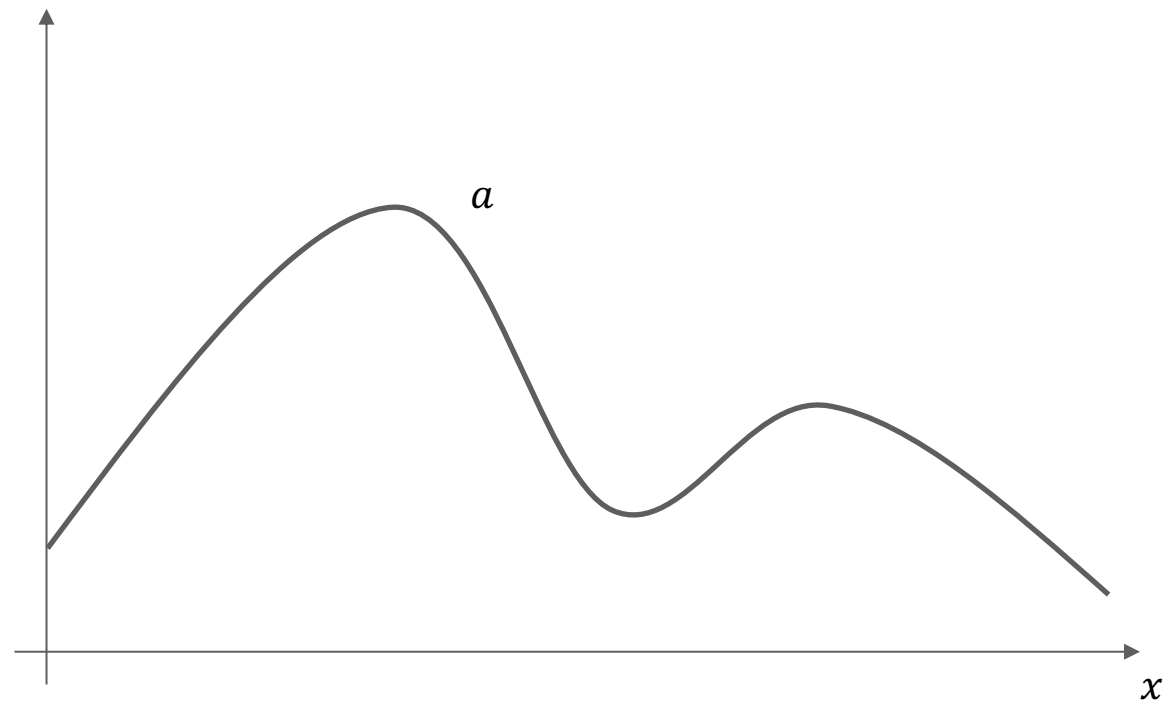
Linear integral operator in function spaces
(infinite dimensional ML)

MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators



Basic neural operator layer



$$\mathcal{K}(a)(y) = \int \kappa(y, x) a(x) dx$$

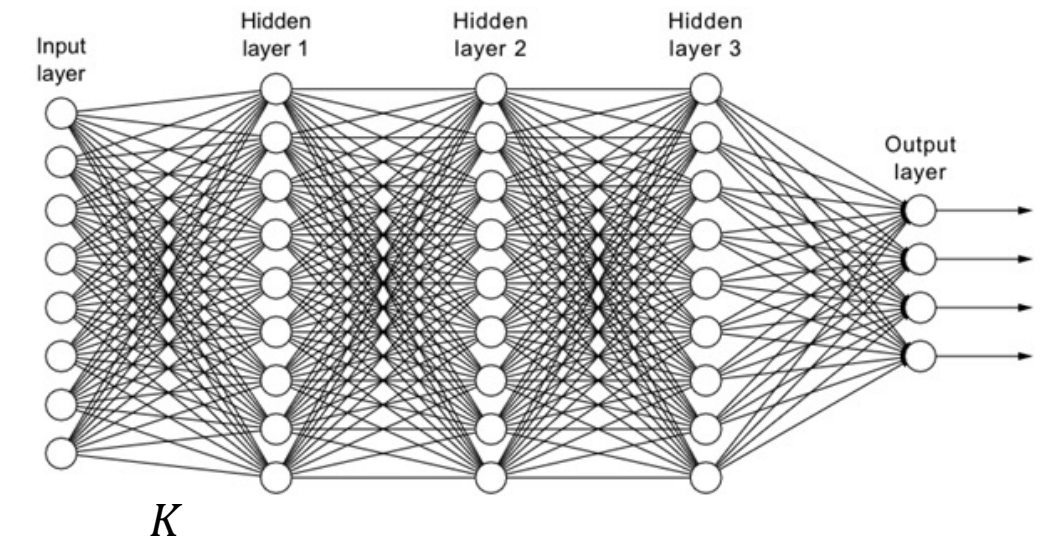
Note: Similar to linear model $y = Ax$ that is ubiquitous,

The linear integral operator $\int \kappa(y, x) a(x) dx$ is also familiar and ubiquitous:

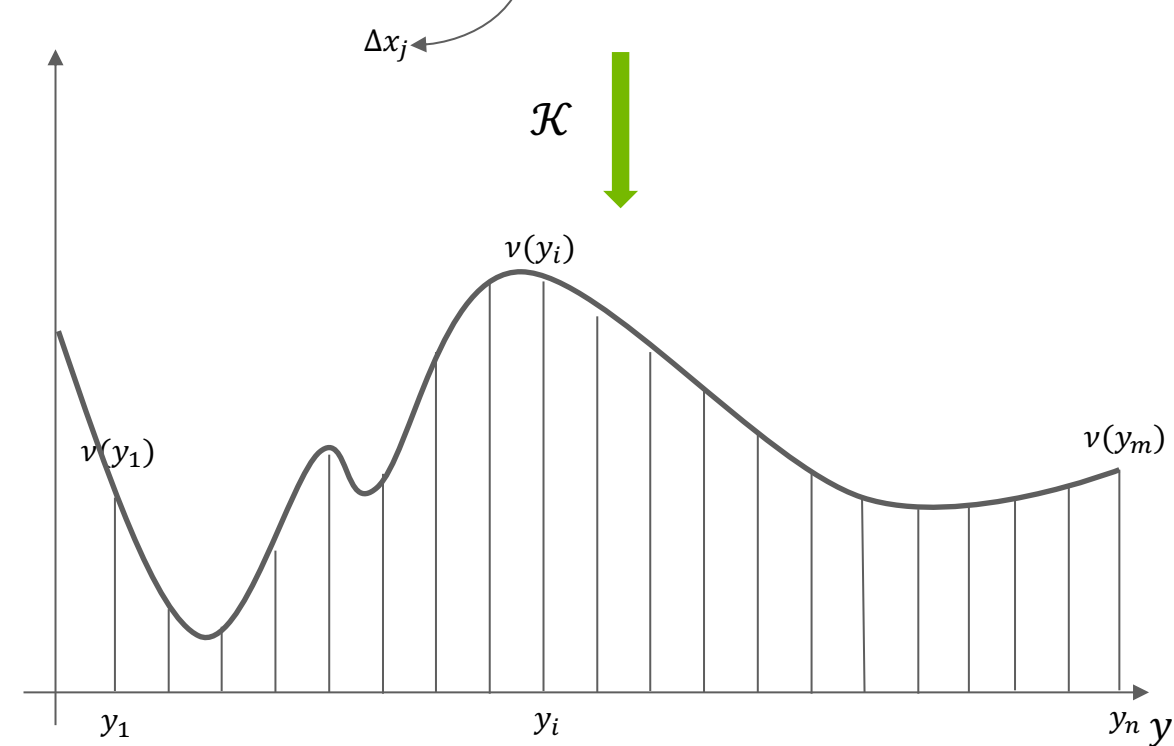
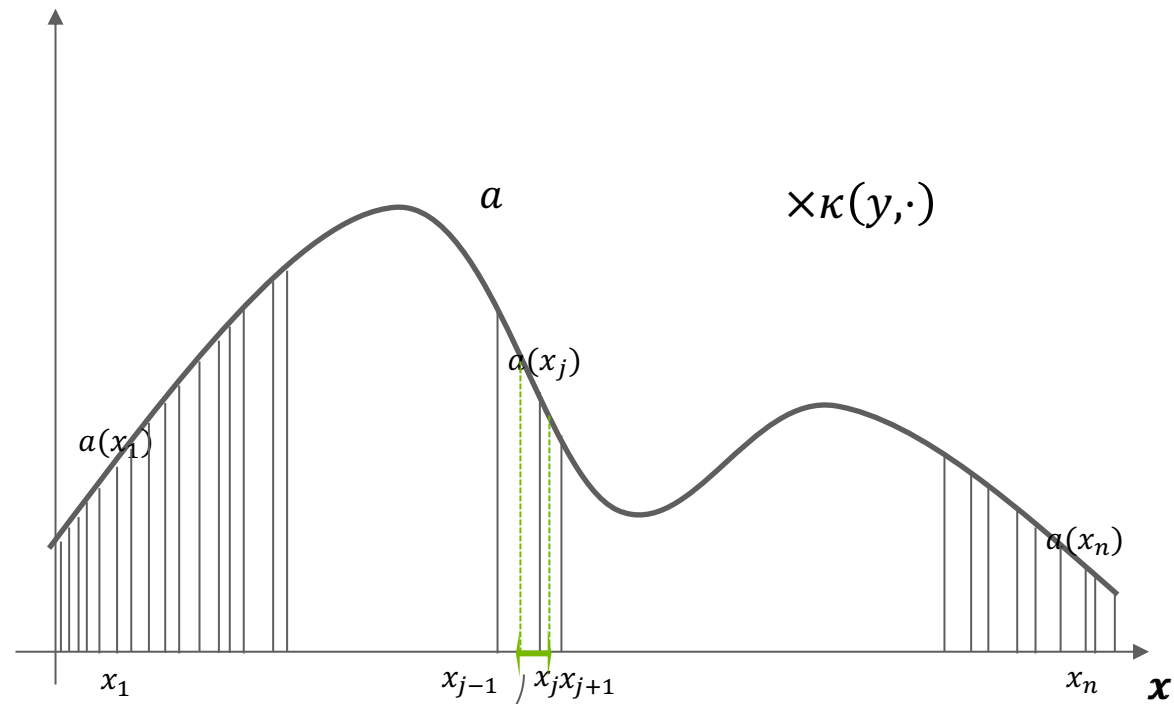
- Impulse response
- Green's function
- Frequency response, convolution
- ...
- Poisson eq, stationary 3D Schrödinger eq, wave eq, diffusion eq, harmonic oscillator, Gravity eq, heat eq, relativity eq, Feynman eq, ...

MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators



Basic neural operator layer



Output function can be evaluated at any point

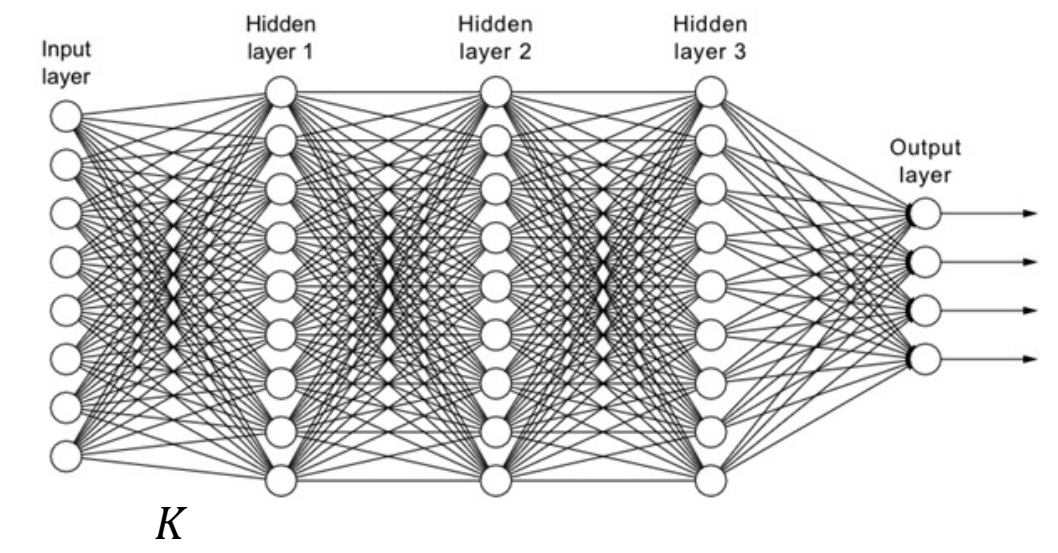
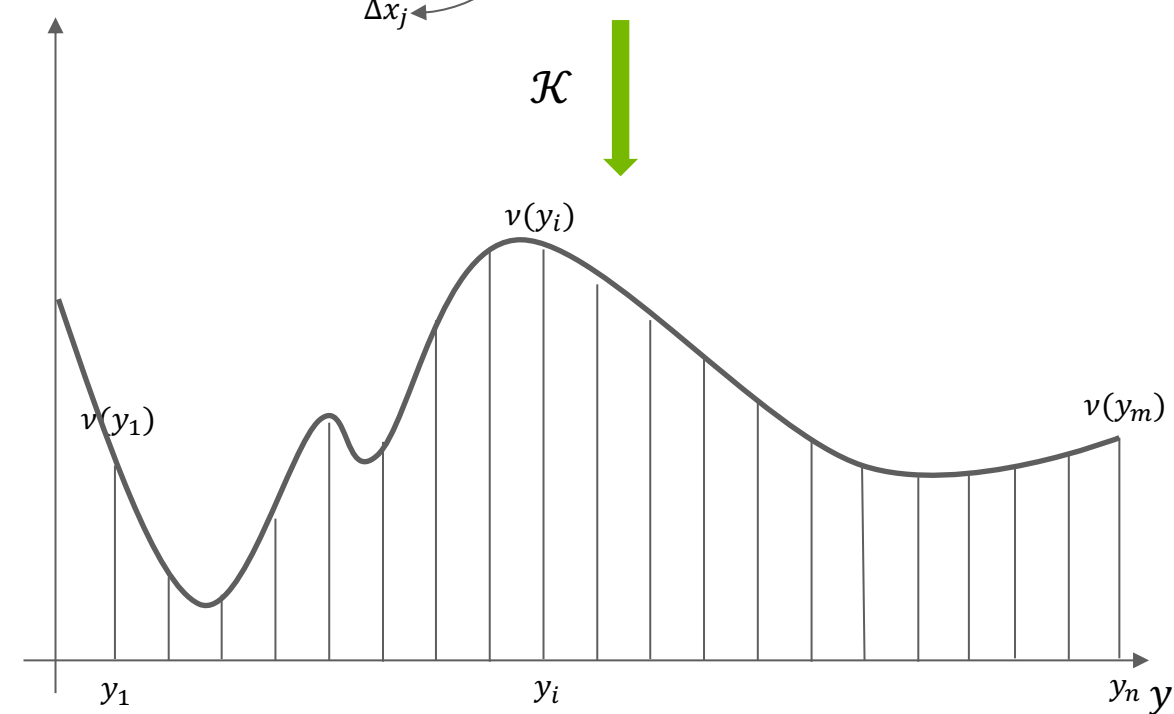
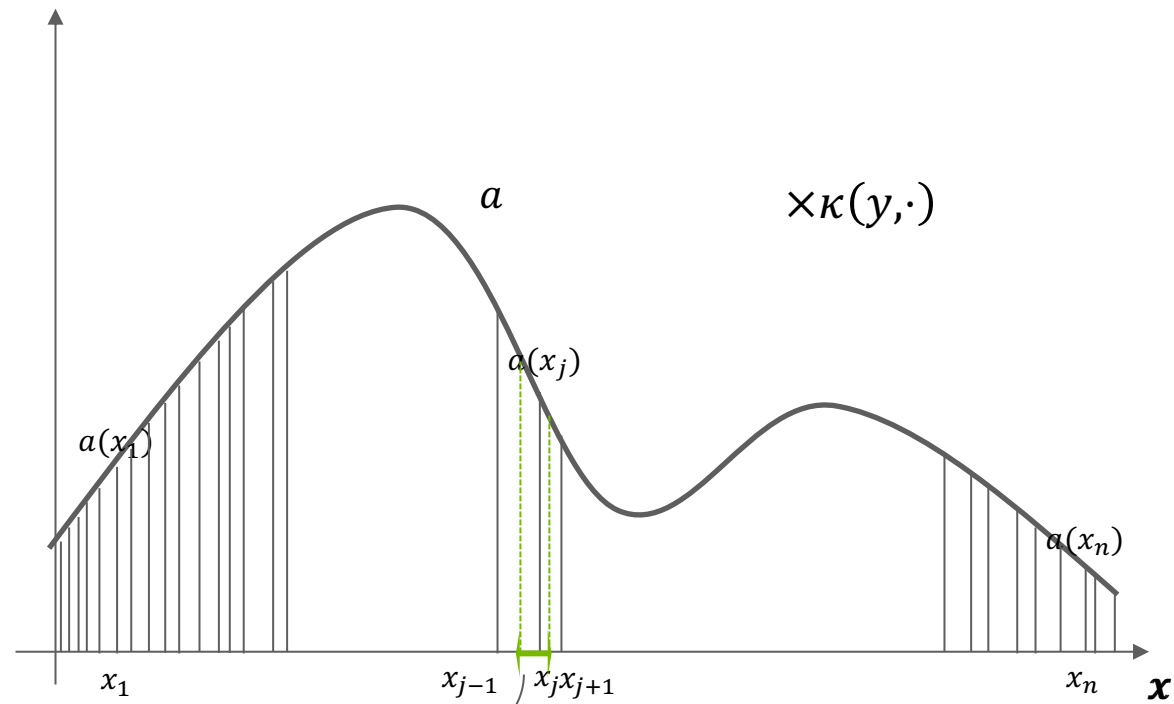
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Input function at any resolution

MACHINE LEARNING ON FUNCTIONS

From neural networks to neural operators

Basic neural operator layer



Proper measure/distribution

Add more basic components

$$v(y) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}(a))(y) = \sigma\left(\int \kappa(y, x)a(x) d\mu + Wa(y) + b(y)\right)$$

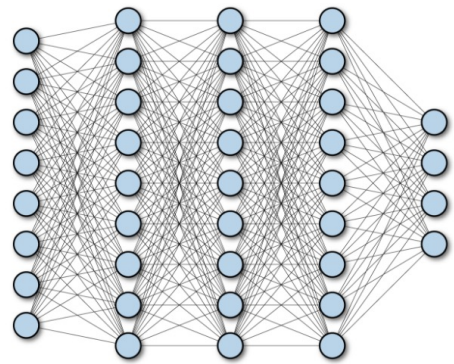
Residual connection

Bias function

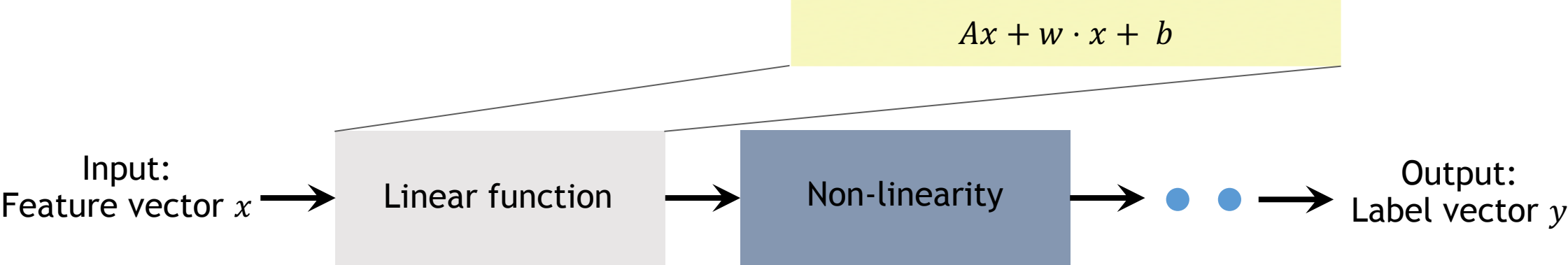
For simplicity, we keep x and y to belong to same space

NEURAL OPERATORS

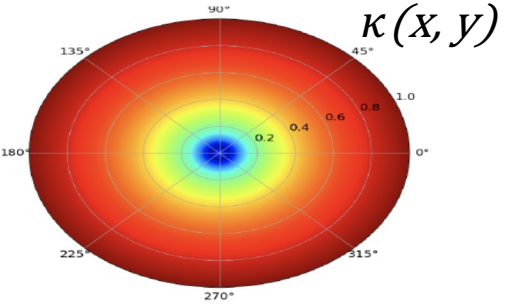
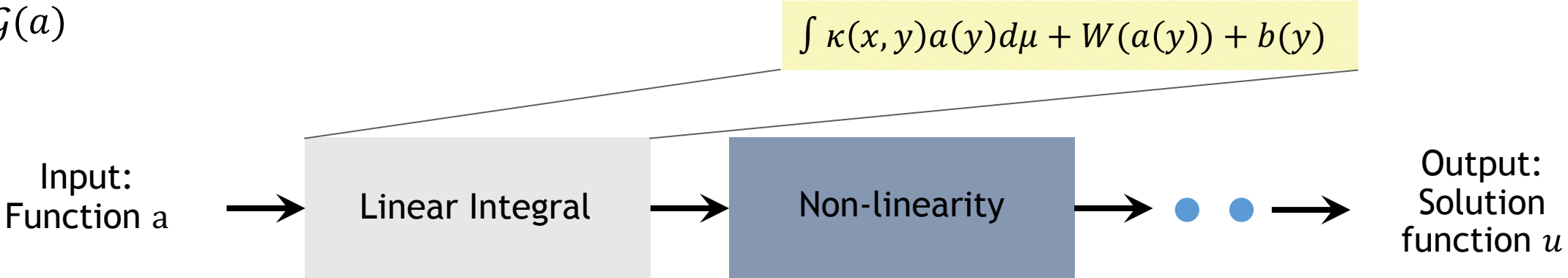
From neural networks to neural operators



Neural Networks, learn function $y = f(x)$



Neural Operators, learn operator $u = G(a)$

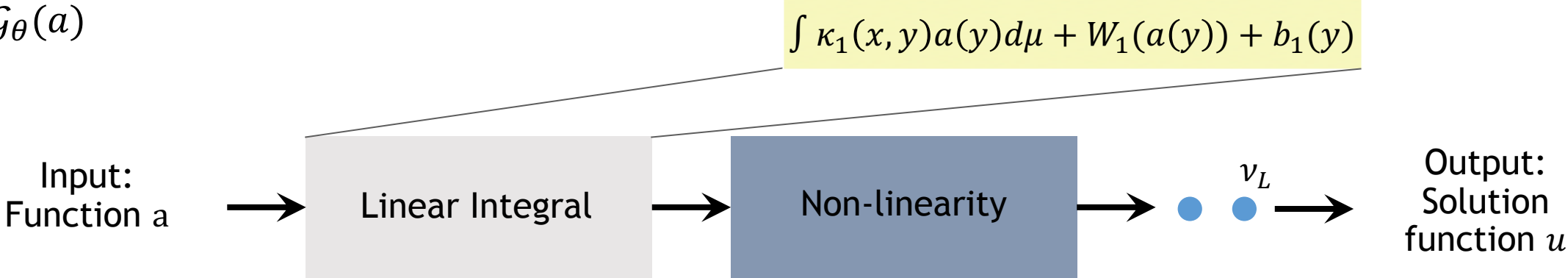


- Integral operator outputs functions (not just finite-dimensional vectors).
- Integral operator is discretization agnostic and discretization convergent.
- Neural Operators are universal approximator of operators.

NEURAL OPERATORS

Function to function map

Neural Operators, learn operator $u = \mathcal{G}_\theta(a)$



- Composition of linear operators followed by point-wise non linearity

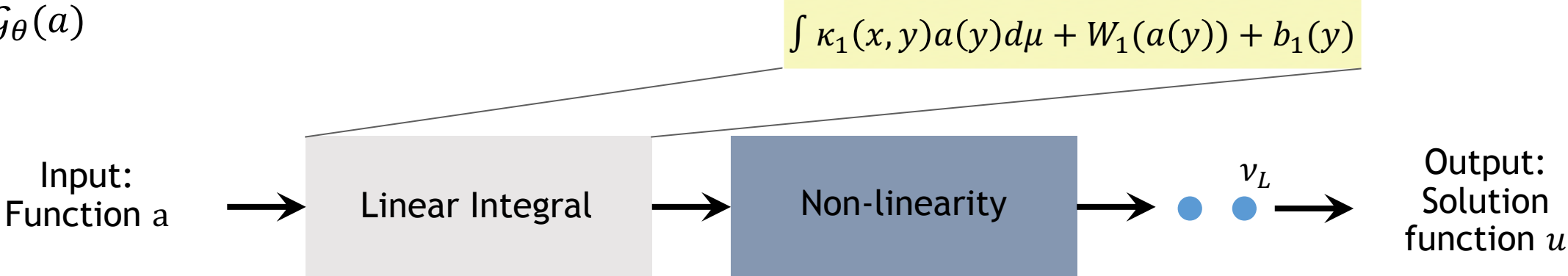
$$u = \mathcal{G}(a) = \sigma \left(\mathcal{K}_L \left(\sigma \left(\mathcal{K}_{L-1} \left(\dots \left(\sigma \left(\mathcal{K}_1(a) \right) \dots \right) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

Recall neural networks

NEURAL OPERATORS

Function to function map

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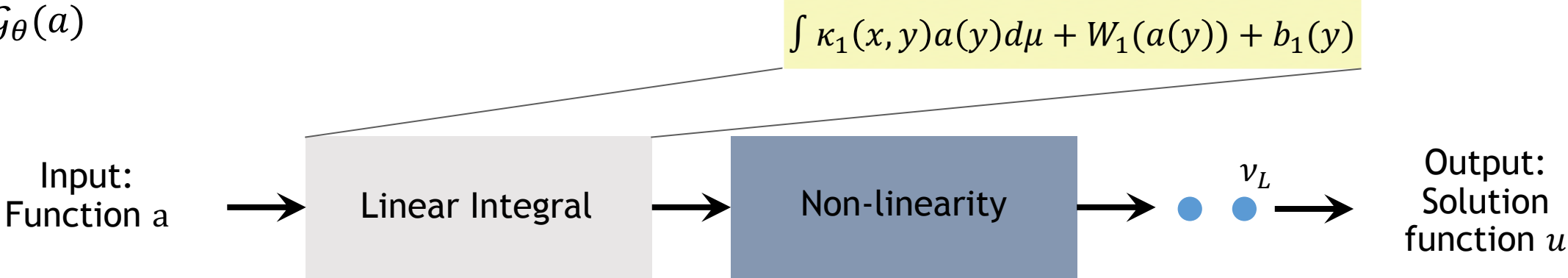
$$u(y) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}_L(v_L))(y) = \sigma\left(\int \kappa_L(y, x)v_L(x) dx\right) \approx \sigma\left(\sum_j^n \kappa_L(y, x_j)v_L(x_j) \Delta x_i\right)$$

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NEURAL OPERATORS

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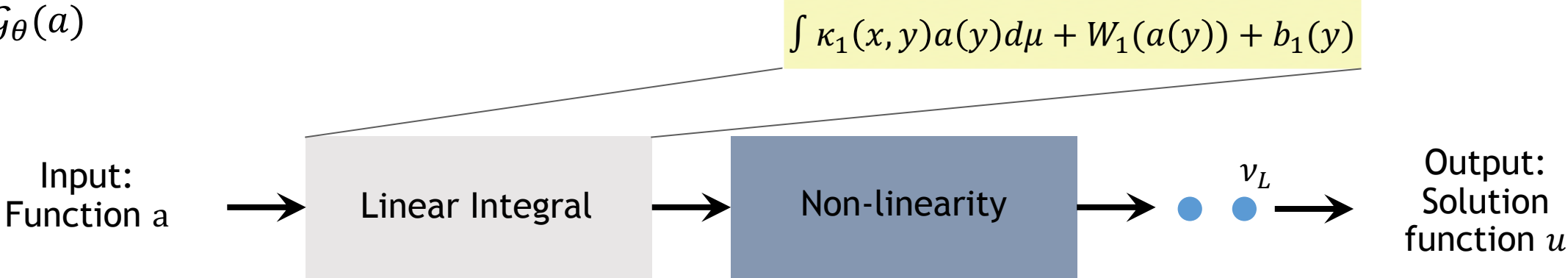
$$v_1(y) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}_1(a))(y) = \sigma\left(\int \kappa_1(y, x)a(x) dx\right) \approx \sigma\left(\sum_j^n \kappa_1(y, x_j)a(x_j) \Delta x_i\right)$$

Input function can be provided at any discretization
 As discretization gets finer (no matter what way), the operator converges to a unique operator in continuum.

NEURAL OPERATORS

Function to function map

Neural Operators, learn operator $u = \mathcal{G}_\theta(a)$



- Neural Operators are universal approximator of operators.

$$\|\hat{\mathcal{G}}_\theta(D_L, a|_{D_L}) - \mathcal{G}^\dagger(a)\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq \underbrace{\|\hat{\mathcal{G}}_\theta(D_L, a|_{D_L}) - \mathcal{G}_\theta(a)\|_{\mathcal{U}}}_{\text{discretization error}} + \underbrace{\|\mathcal{G}_\theta(a) - \mathcal{G}^\dagger(a)\|_{\mathcal{U}}}_{\text{approximation error}}.$$

Theorem (Universal approximation theorem of neural operators) :

Under a mild regularity condition, for any given arbitrary operator between general function spaces \mathcal{G}^\dagger , and any $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a neural operator \mathcal{G}_θ , such that,

$$\sup_a \|\mathcal{G}^\dagger(a) - \mathcal{G}(a)\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq \epsilon.$$

NEURAL OPERATORS

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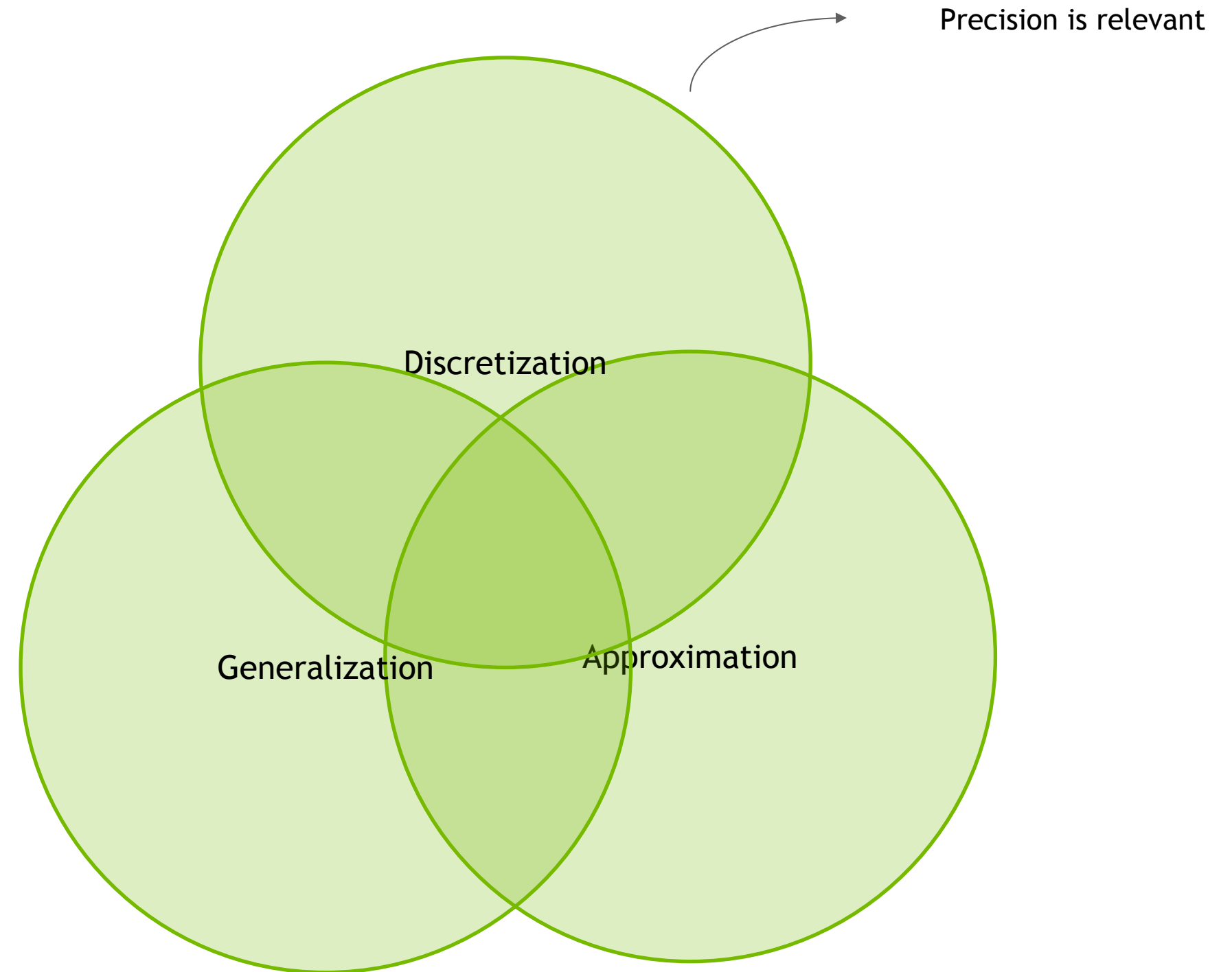
Conventional deep learning error analysis

- Generalization
- Approximation

Error analysis in operator learning

- Generalization
- Approximation
- Discretization

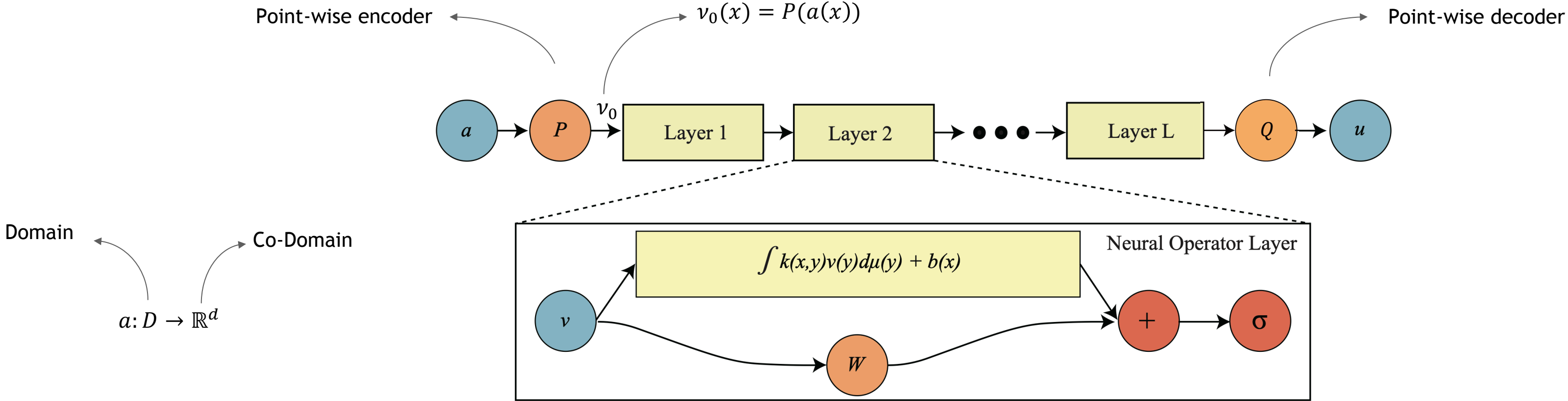
Learning happens on discretized data



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Architectures

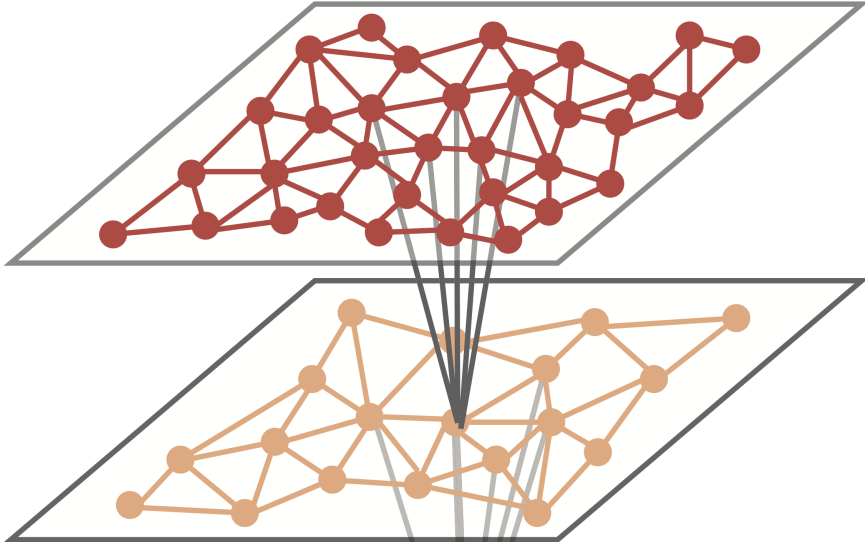
Neural Operator architecture



E.g., weather:
Temperature, velocity, humidity, land mask, vorticity, precipitation, ...

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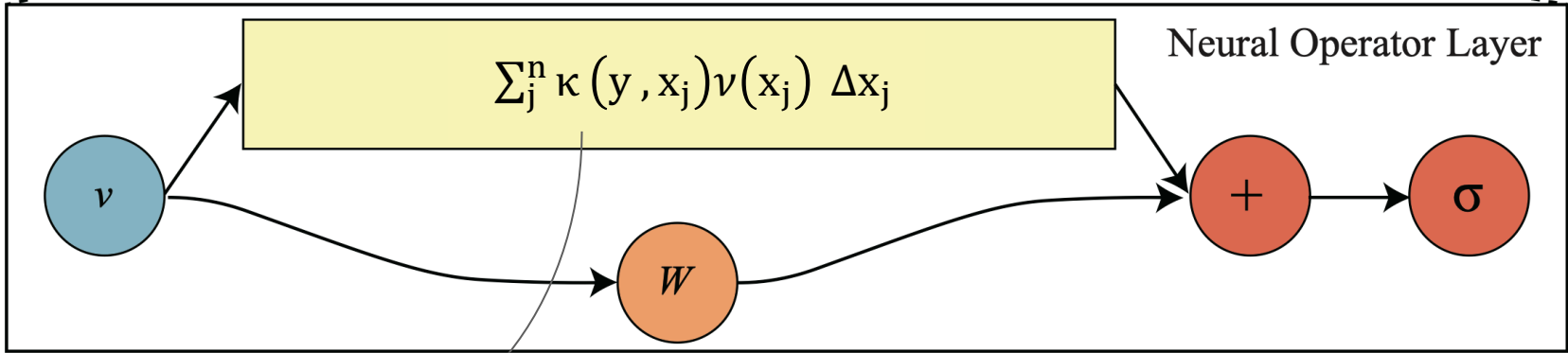
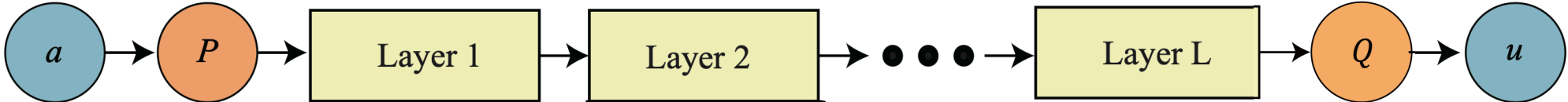


Neural Operator architecture

Represent the kernel using a neural network

Graph Neural Operator (GNO) “also referred to as kernel NO)

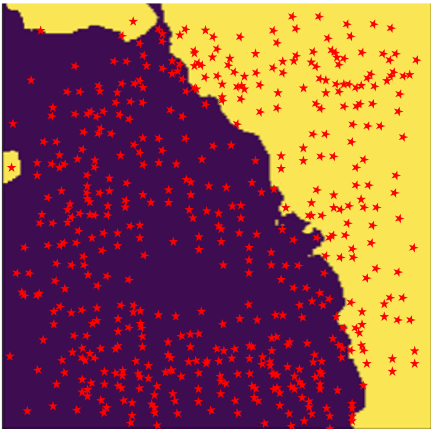
Or $\sum_j^n \kappa(y, x_j, v(x_j)) v(x_j) \Delta x_j$,
and many more variants

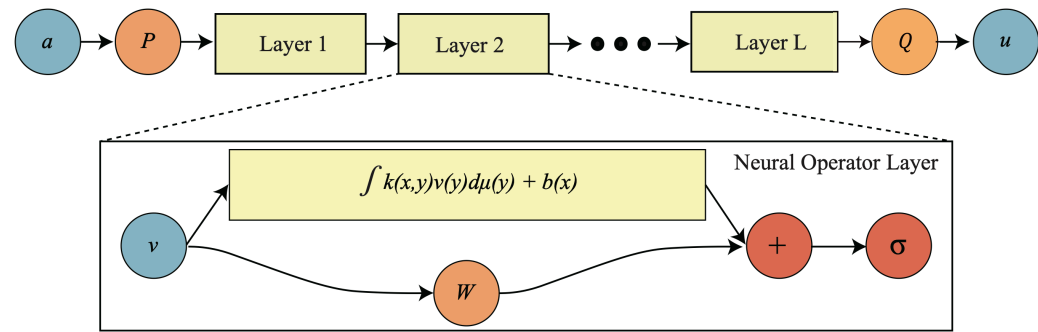


Learnable neural network

Local or Global

Generalization of GNNs to neural operators





NEURAL OPERATORS

Architectures

Project input function on ϕ_k ψ_k Rep. functions for output space

$$\int \kappa(y, x) a(x) dx = \sum_k (R_k \cdot \langle \phi_k, a \rangle) \psi_k(y)$$

$$= \sum_k \left(R_k \cdot \int \phi_k(x) a(x) dx \right) \psi_k(y)$$

$$\approx \sum_k \left(R_k \cdot \sum_j^n \phi_k(x_j) a(x_j) \Delta x_j \right) \psi_k(y)$$

What are the ways to compute integrals?

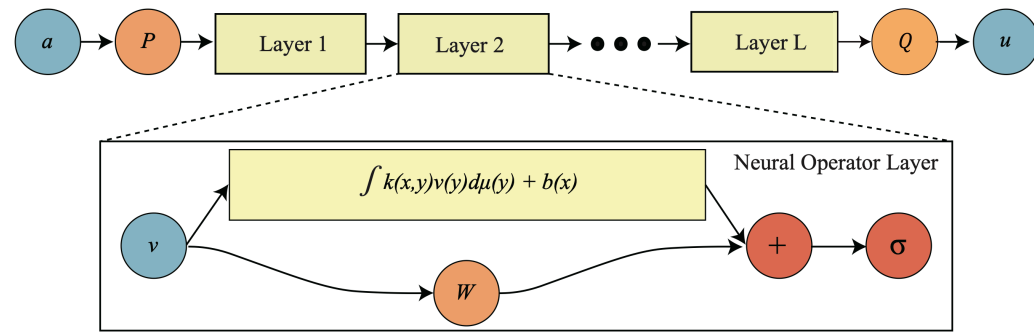
Project onto ϕ_k and project back to ψ_k

Residual connection

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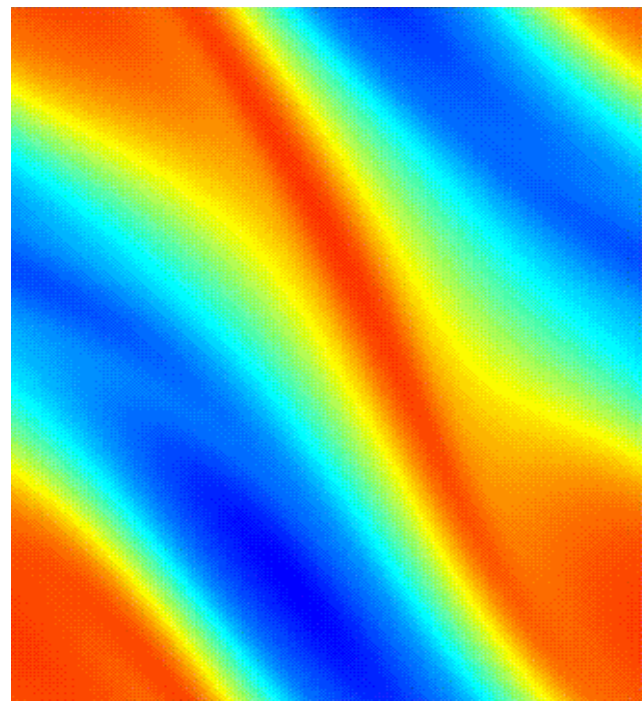
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What are the ways to compute integrals?

When ϕ_k and ψ_k are Fourier bases \rightarrow similarity to convolution
 (inspired by Fluid dynamics where Fourier bases are ubiquitous)



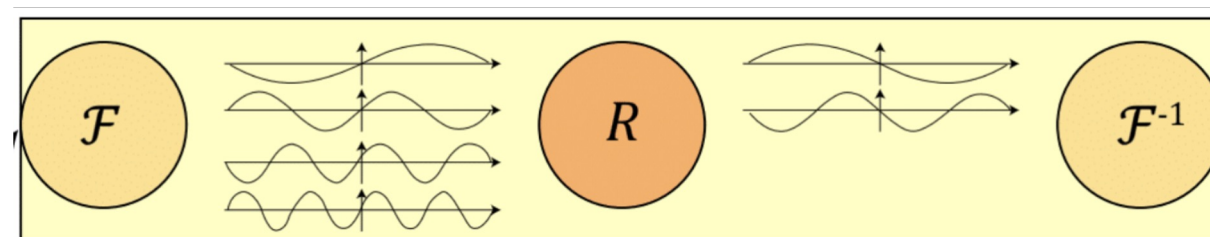
$$\int \kappa(y, x) a(x) dx \quad \text{Integral kernel operator}$$

$$\int \kappa(y - x) a(x) dx \quad \text{Convolution}$$

Learn κ function \leftarrow
 $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\kappa) \cdot \mathcal{F}(a)) \quad \text{Fourier Domain}$

Learn R matrix \leftarrow
 $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(R \cdot \mathcal{F}(a)) \quad \text{Fourier Domain}$

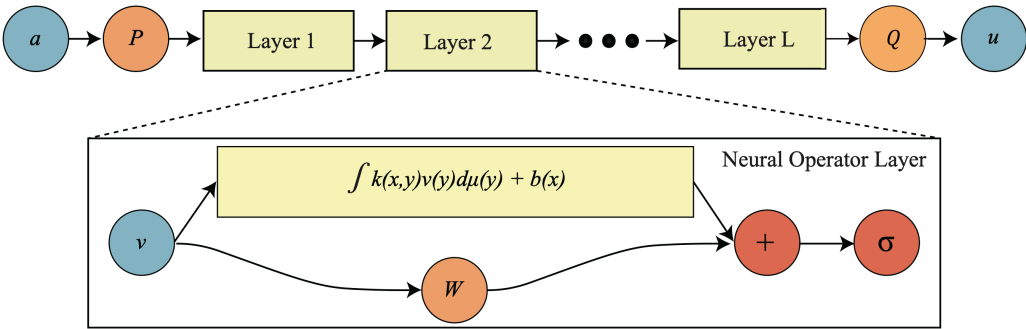
Learn weights R in Fourier Domain



Generalization of CNN with large kernels to neural operators

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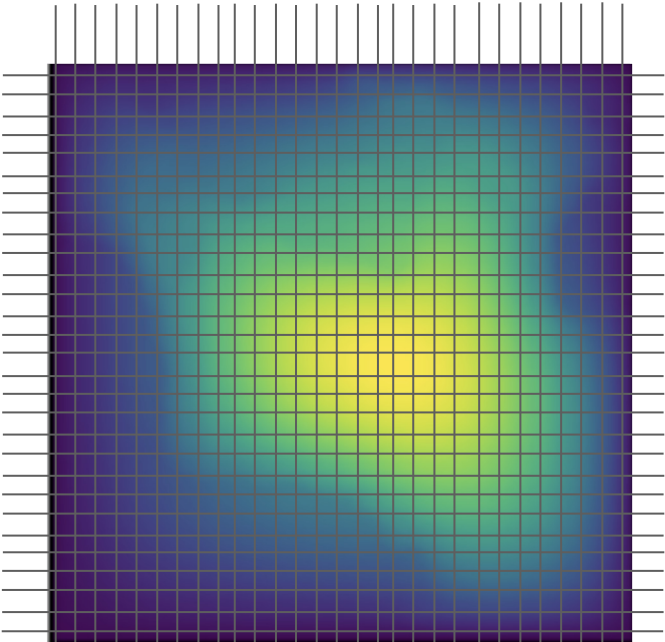
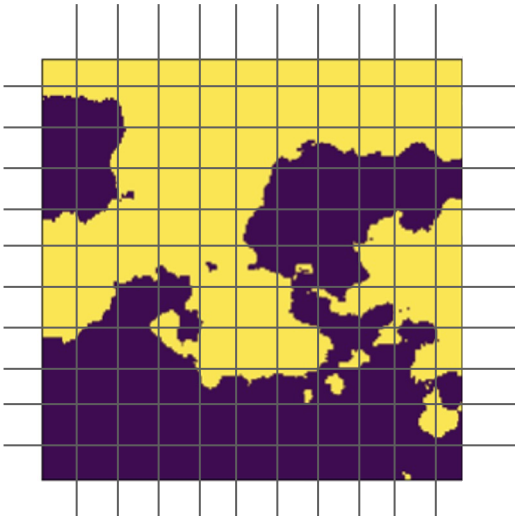
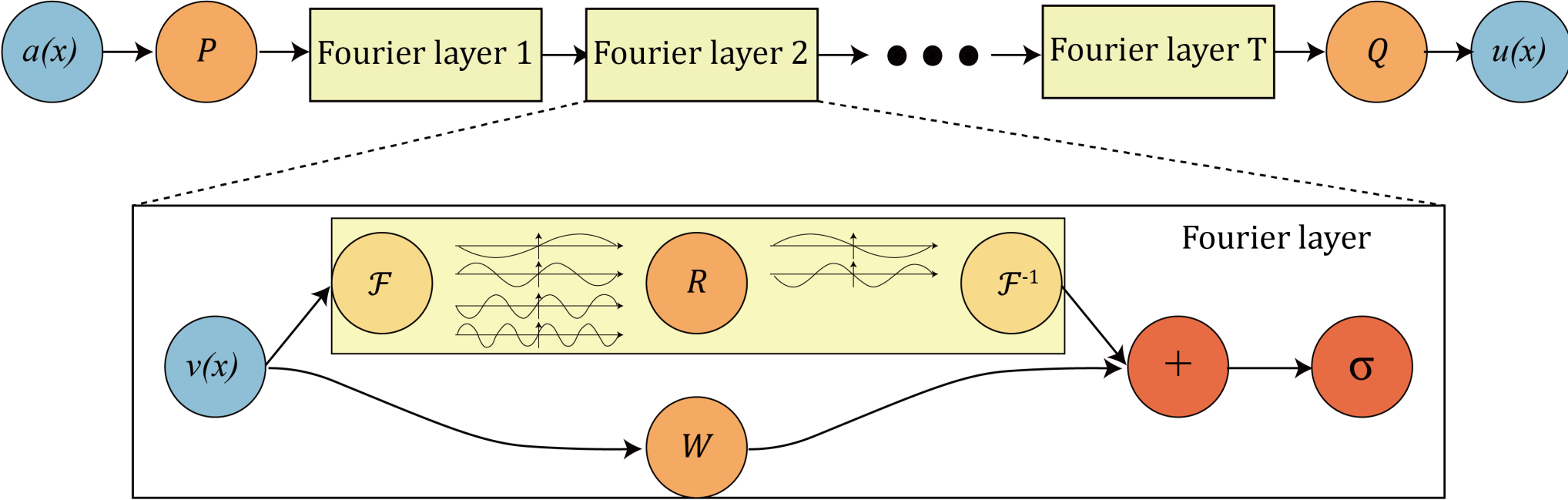
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What are the ways to compute integrals?

Fourier Neural Operator (FNO)

When the input function is given on a regular grid,
The integral is approximated using FFT



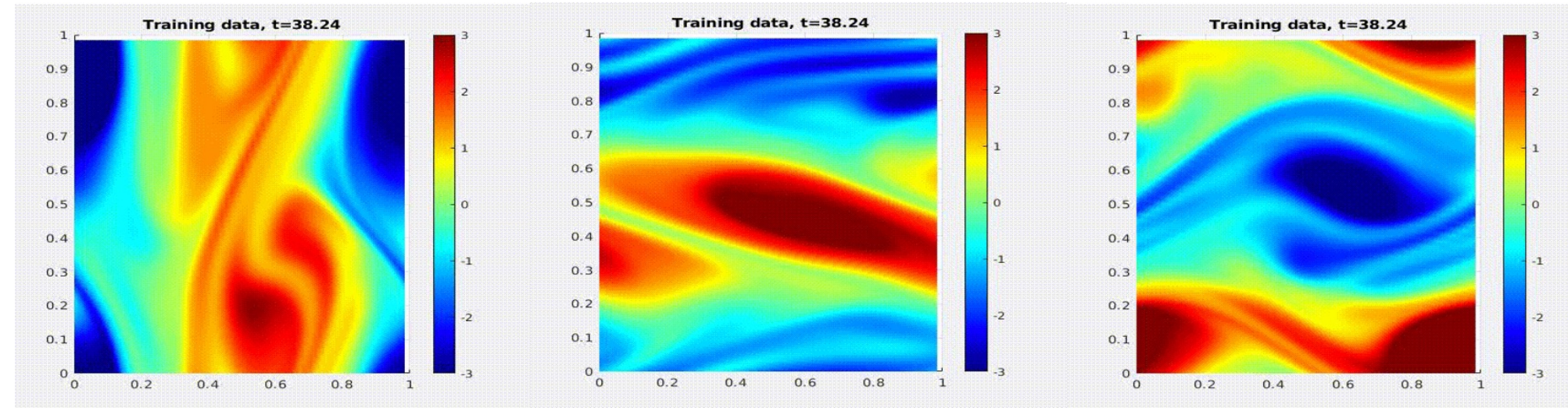
$$\int e^{-i\omega_k x} a(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_j^n e^{-i\omega_k x_j} a(x_j)$$

Discrete Fourier transform → Fast Fourier transform

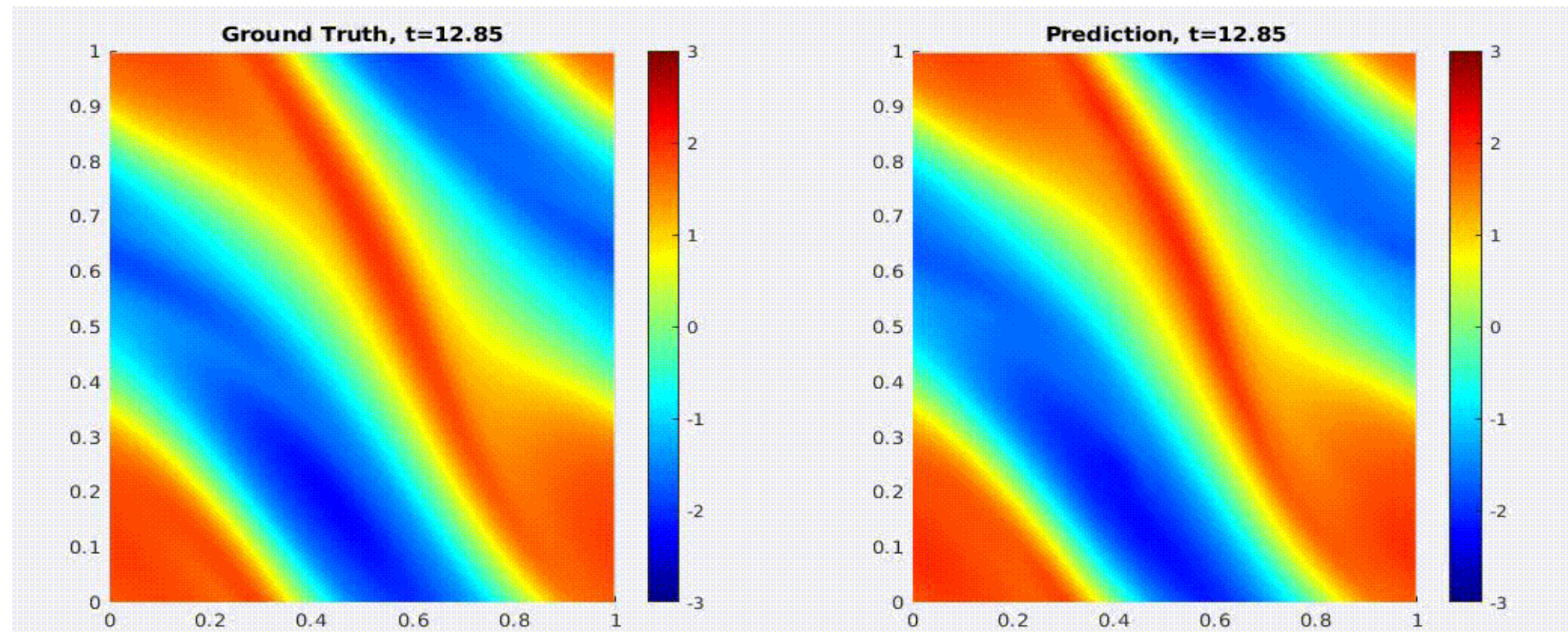
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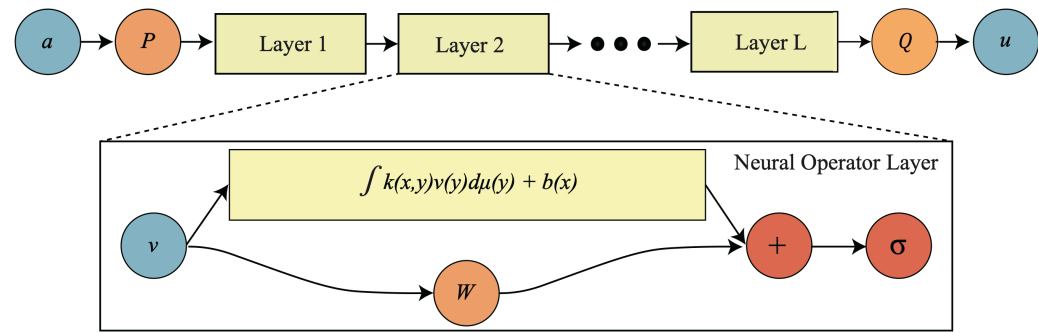
Discretization agnostic, zero shot super resolution

Train using coarse resolution data



Directly evaluate on higher resolution (no re-training)





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What are the ways to compute integrals?

- Wavelet (WNO)
- PCA (PCA-NO)
- Laplace (LNO)
- Represented by an implicit neural network (GNO, DeepONet-NeuralOperator)

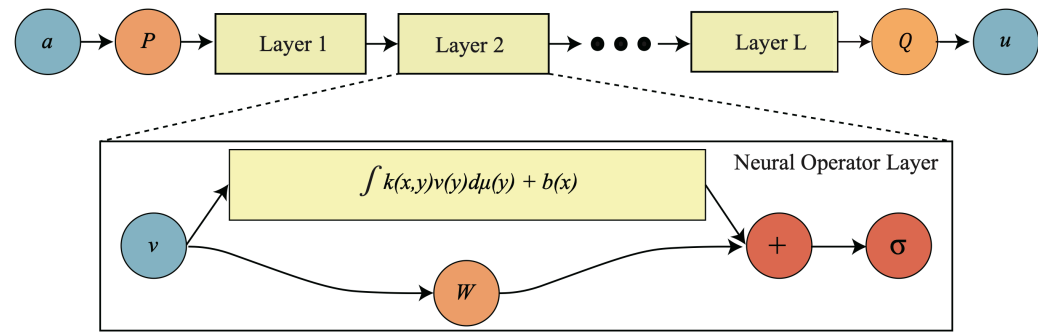
$$\int \kappa(y, x)a(x) dx = \sum_k (R_k \cdot \langle \phi_k, a \rangle) \phi'_k(y)$$

$$= \sum_k \left(R_k \cdot \int \phi_k(x)a(x)dx \right) \phi'_k(y)$$

$$\approx \sum_k \left(R_k \cdot \sum_j^n \phi_k(x_j)a(x_j)\Delta x_j \right) \phi'_k(y)$$

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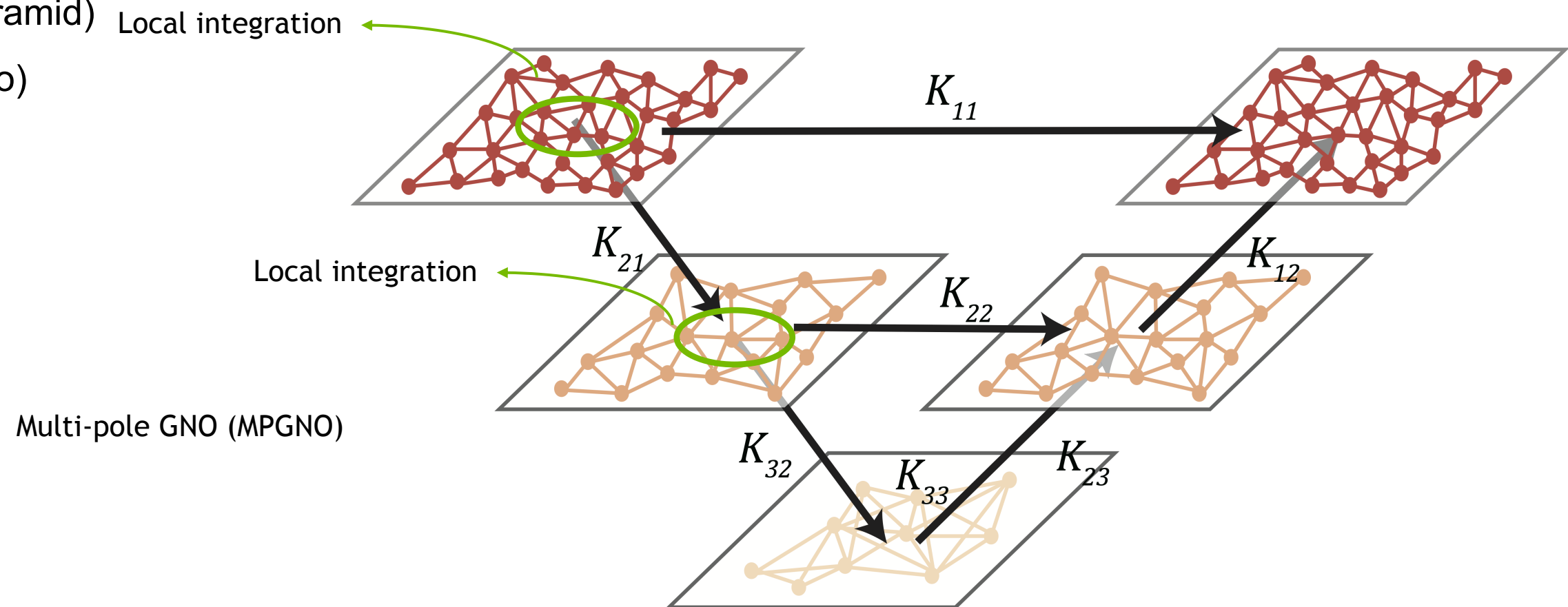


What are the ways to compute integrals?

$$\int \kappa(y, x)v(x) dx \approx \sum_j^n \kappa(y, x_j)v(x_j) \Delta x_i$$

In the last few centuries, many methods are developed to compute integrals

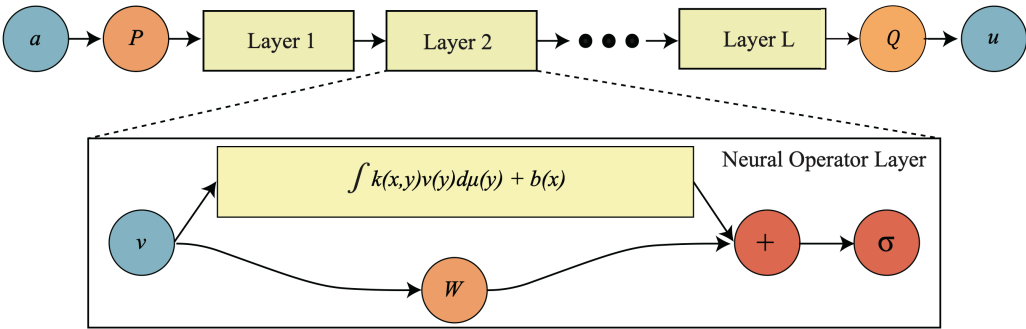
- Gaussian quadrature ($\omega_i \Delta x_i$)
- Galerkin method (Gaussian Pyramid) Local integration
- Multi-grid method (Pyramid+Yolo)
- Multi-pole method (UNet)
- ...



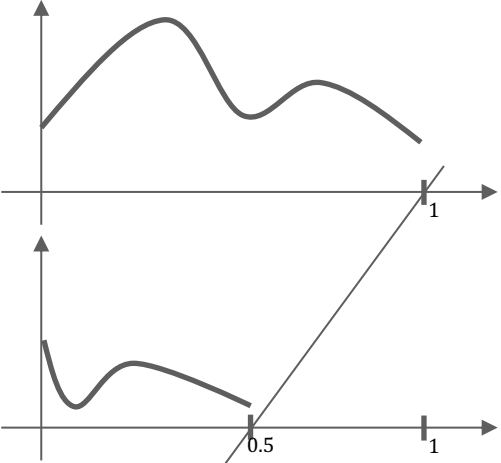
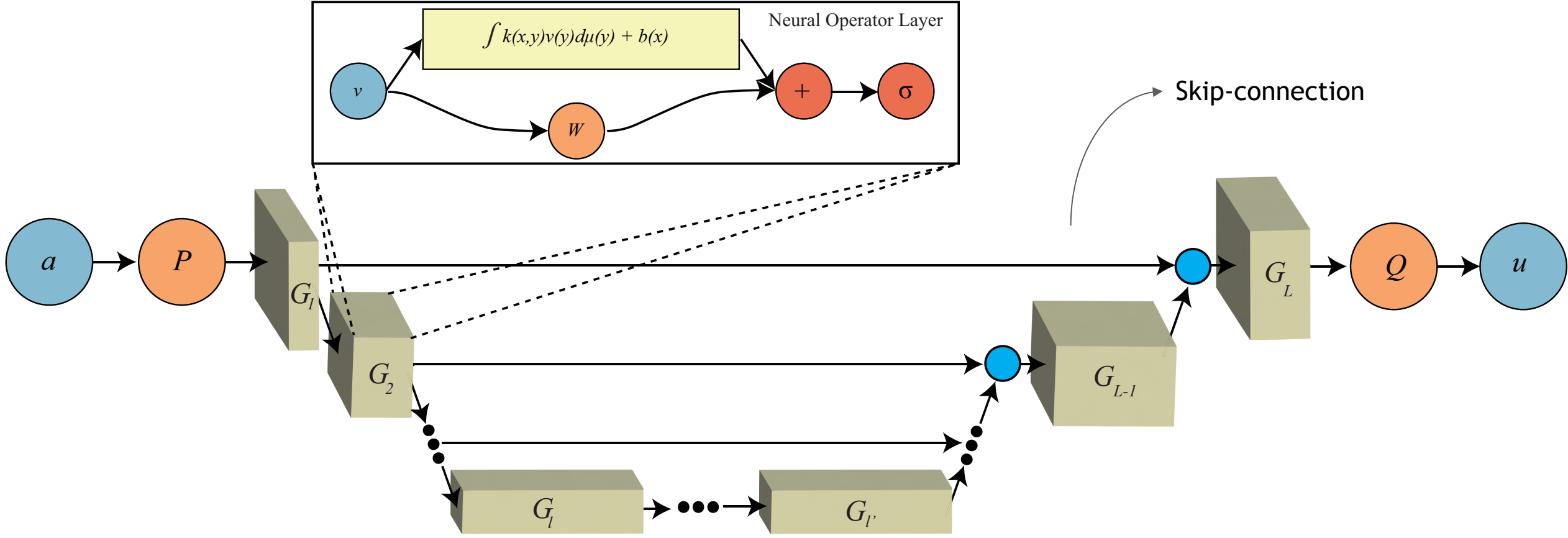
Generalization of UNet to graph based Neural Operators

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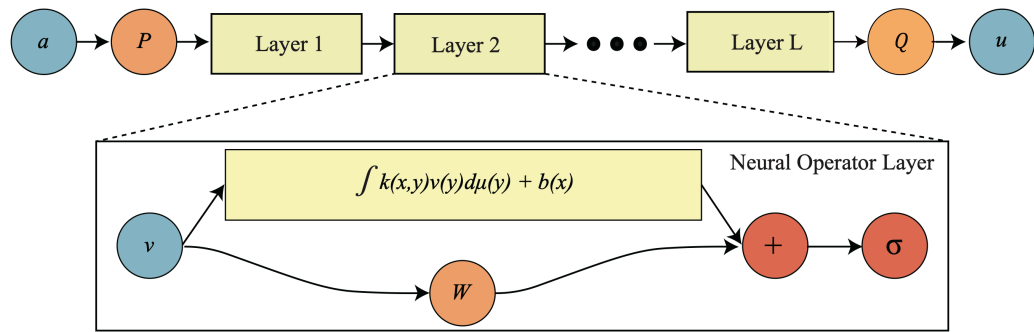
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U-shaped neural operator (UNO)



Shrinking domain size

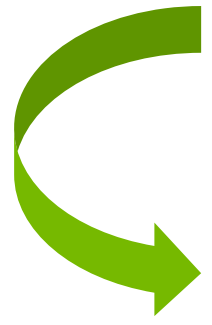
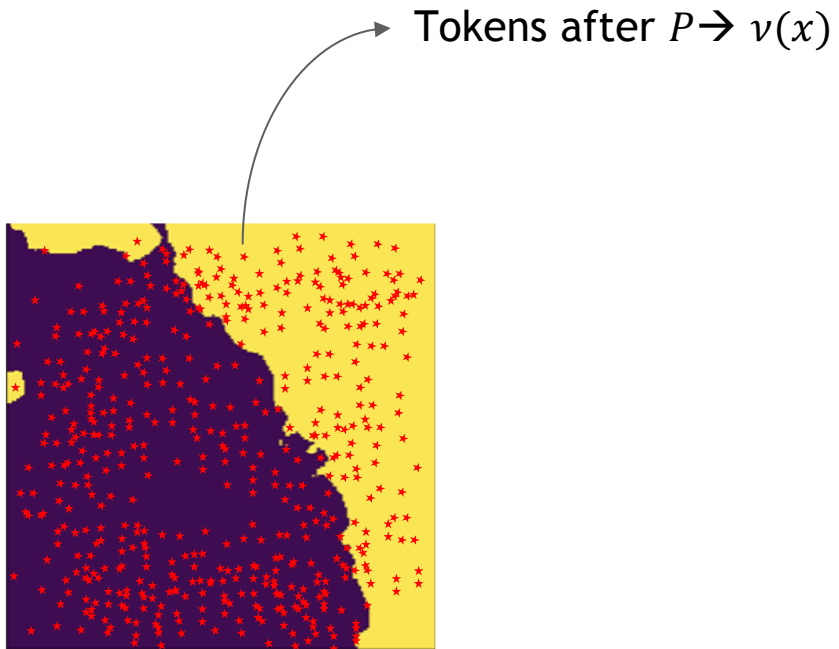


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Transformer Neural Operator

From neural networks to neural operators



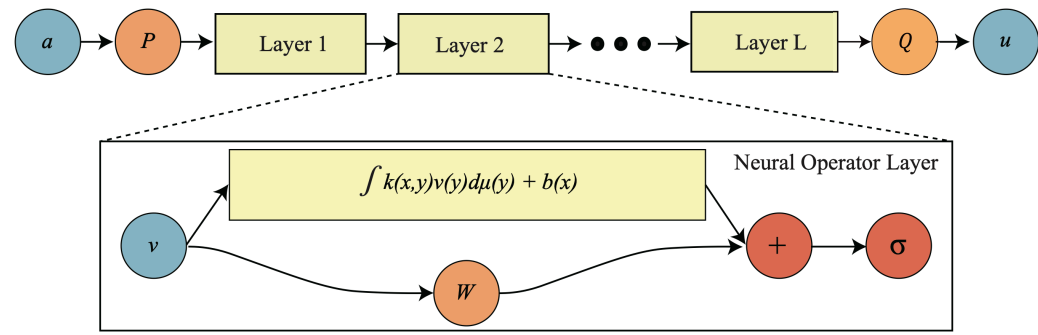
$$\sum_j \frac{\text{Key} \left(\exp(k(\nu(x_j))^\top q(\nu(y_i))) \right)}{\sum_j \exp(k(\nu(x_j))^\top q(\nu(y_i)))} \text{Query} \left(v(\nu(y_i)) \right) \text{Value}$$

$$\int_x \frac{\exp(k(\nu(x))^\top q(\nu(y)))}{\int_x \exp(k(\nu(x))^\top q(\nu(y))) dx} v(\nu(y)) dx,$$

$$\sum_j \frac{\exp(k(\nu(x_j))^\top q(\nu(y_i)))}{\sum_j \exp(k(\nu(x_j))^\top q(\nu(y_i))) \Delta x_j} v(\nu(y_i)) \Delta x_j,$$



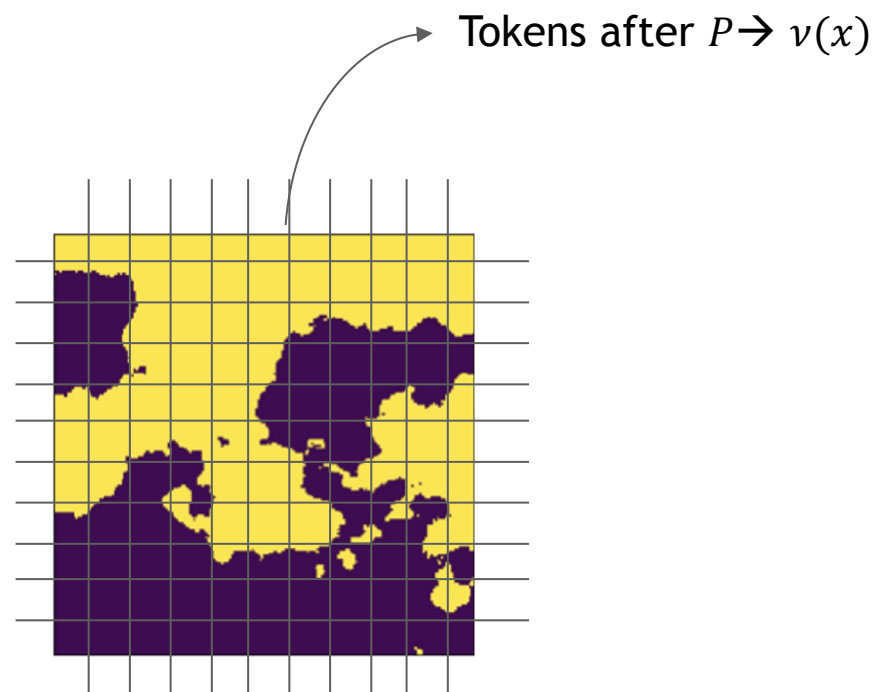
Discretization



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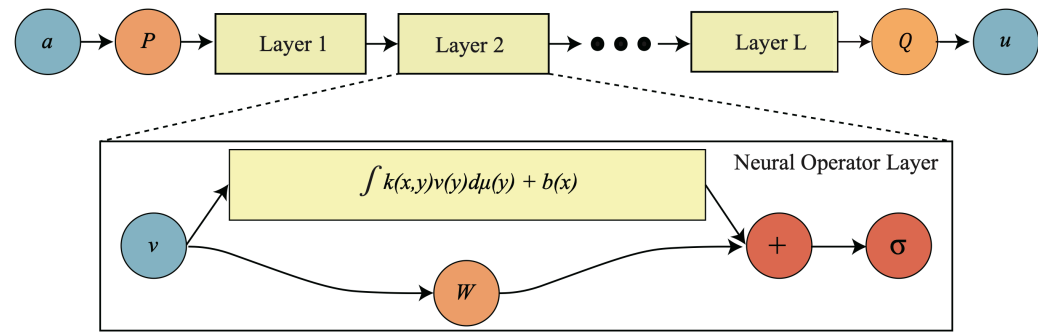
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$\frac{1}{n}$

When grid/mesh is *regular*





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arXiv ID	Year	Author	Model	Abstract	Code	Dataset	Task	Architecture	Performance	Notes
arXiv:2006.09785	2020	Fourier et al.	FourierNet	Approximating PDE solutions with Fourier series	GitHub	Various PDEs	Regression	Fourier series	High accuracy	Simple architecture
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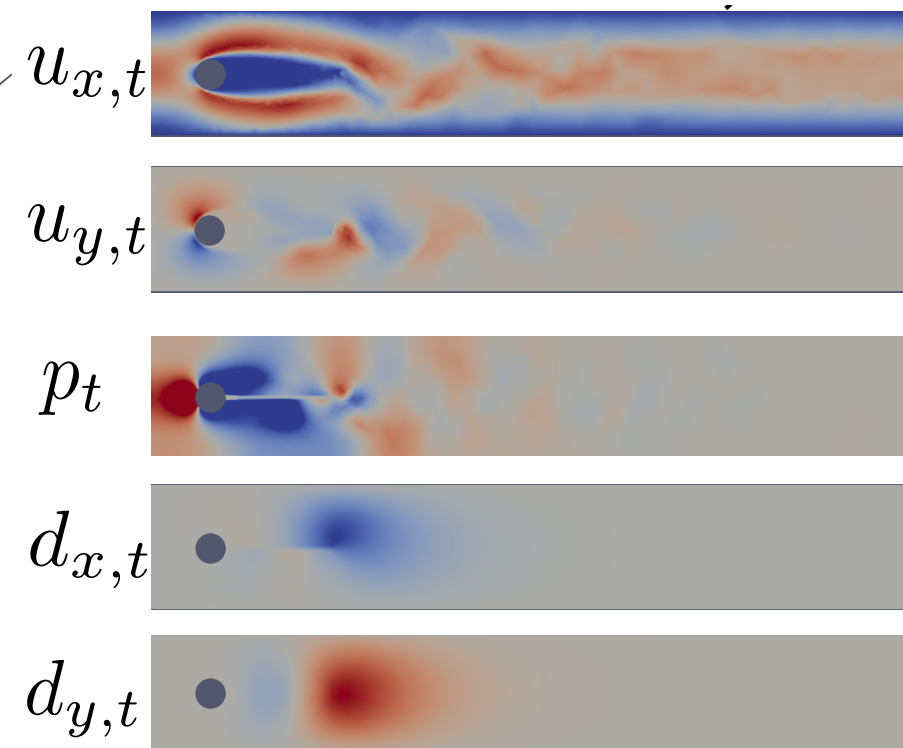
Many real-world datasets have different number of variables, e.g., coupled PDEs, climate data (collaboration between many countries) ...

Co-domain Attention Neural Operator (CoDANO)

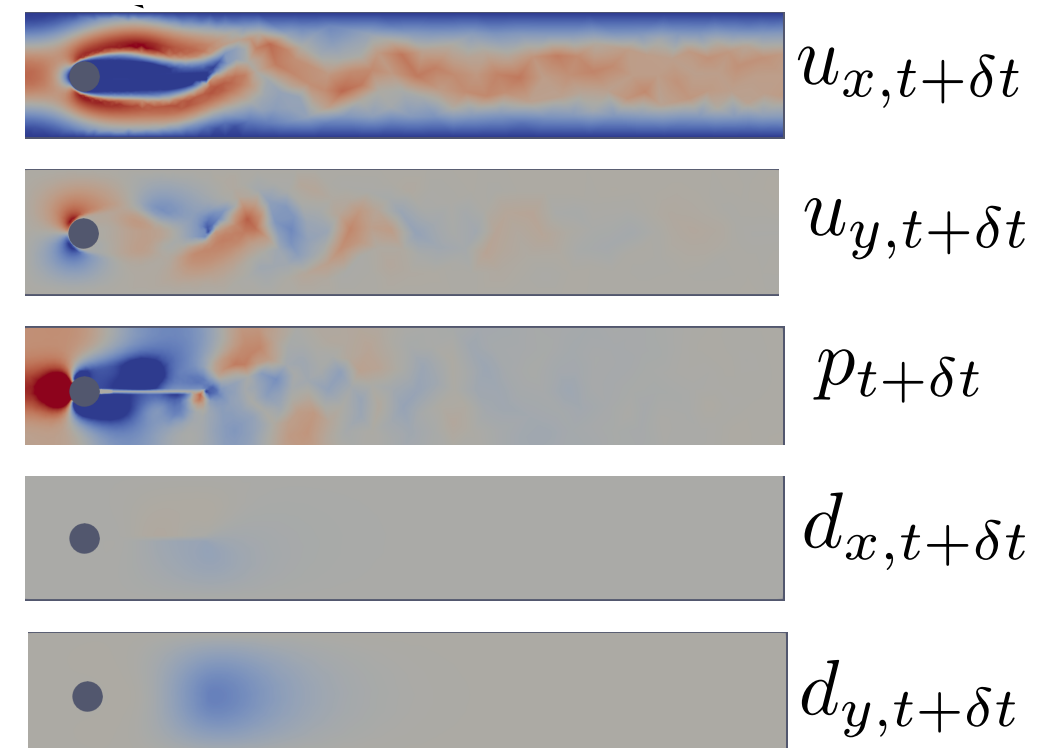
Each token is a **function** (an infinite dimensional vector)

5 tokens

Input function with 5 variables



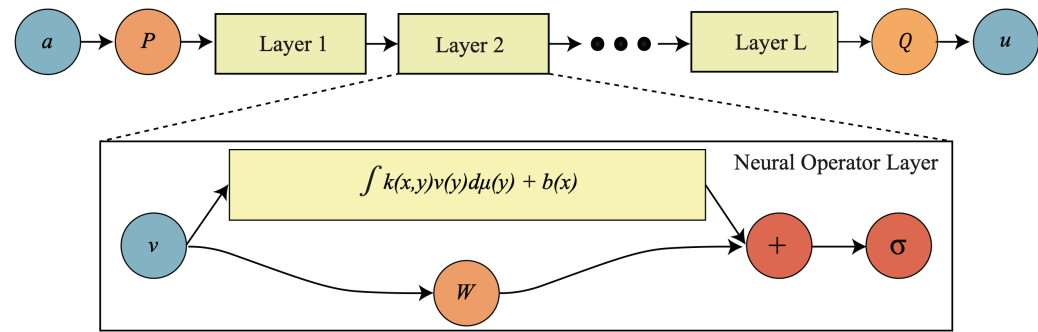
Output function with 5 variables



Query, key, value matrices in transformers become become integral operators in CoDANO.

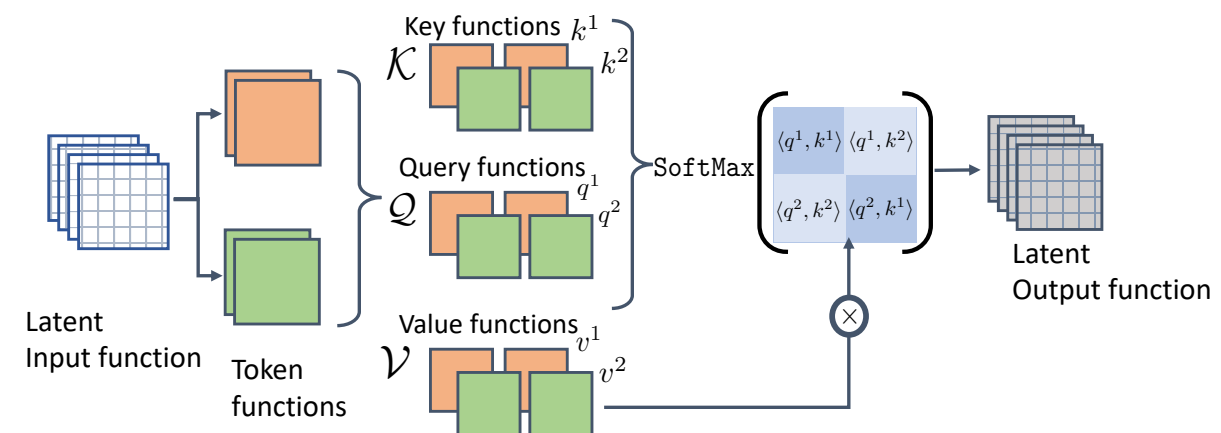
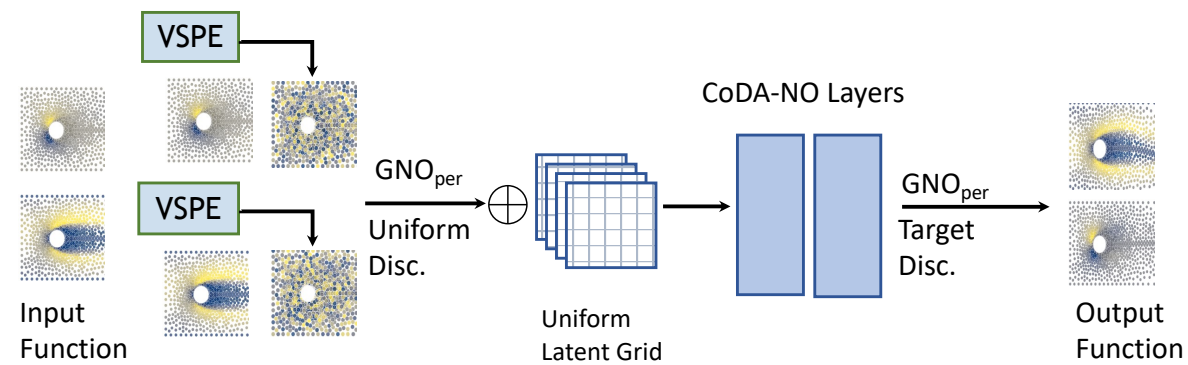
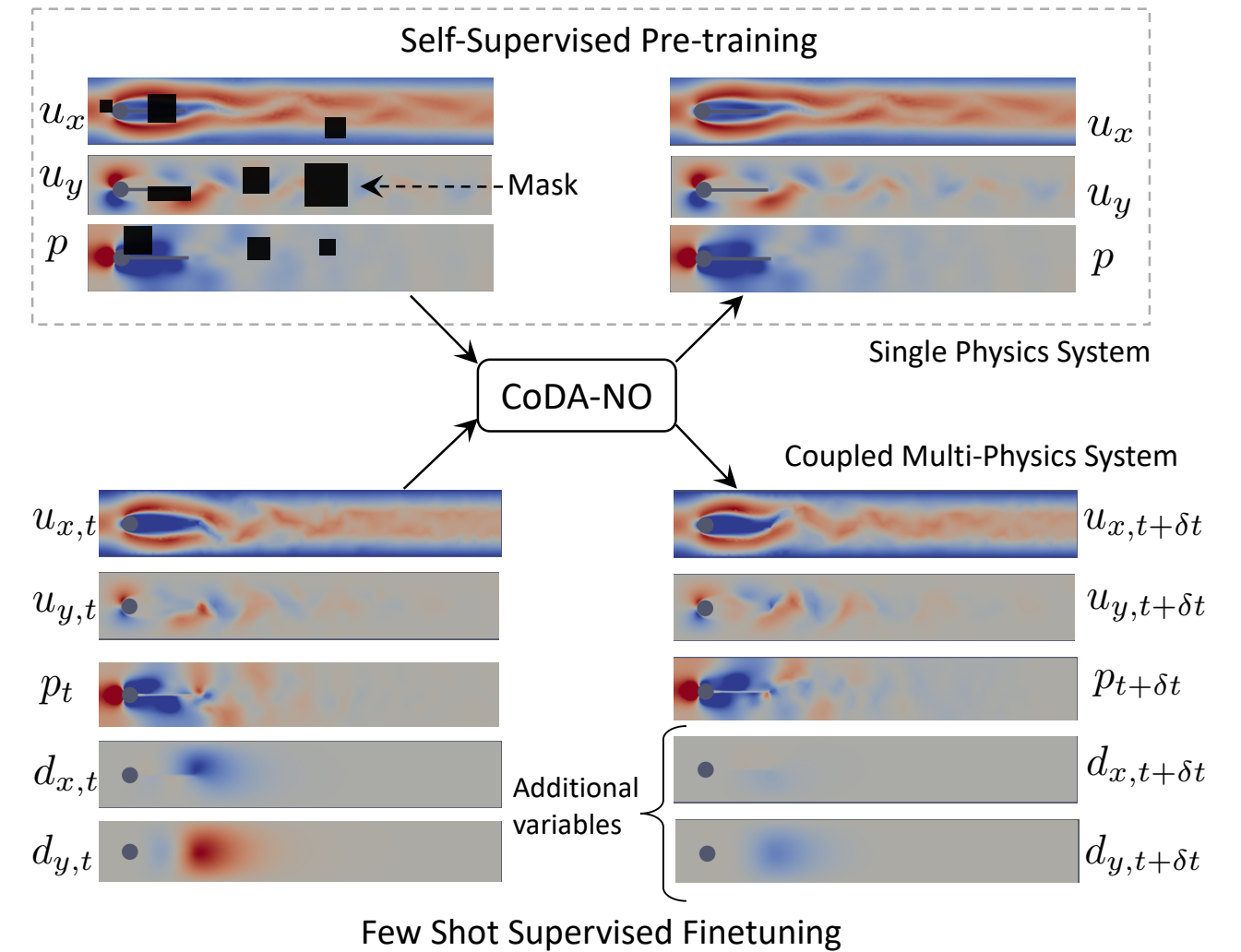
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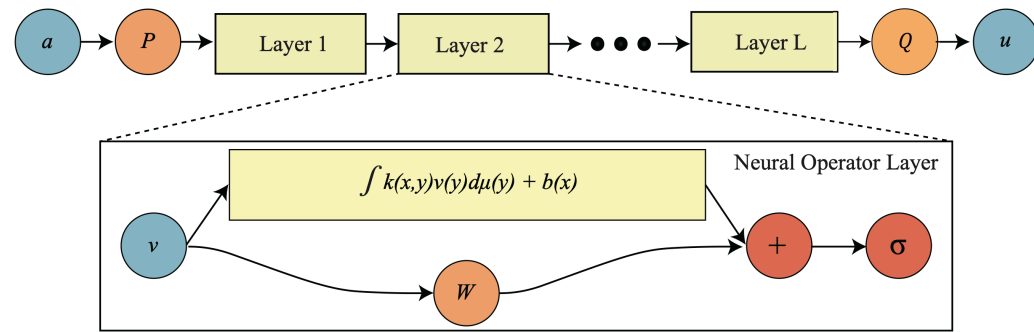
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Co-domain Attention Neural Operator (CoDANO)

- Self-supervised learning
- Generalize to new unseen functions
- Prompt learning for fine tuning
- Variable specific positional encoding





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Main components so far,

- Integration, global (FNO) or local (GNO)
- Residual connection (point-wise)
- Bias function (point-wise)
- What else?

Remember Darcy's flow

$$-\nabla \cdot (a(x) \nabla u(x)) = f(x)$$

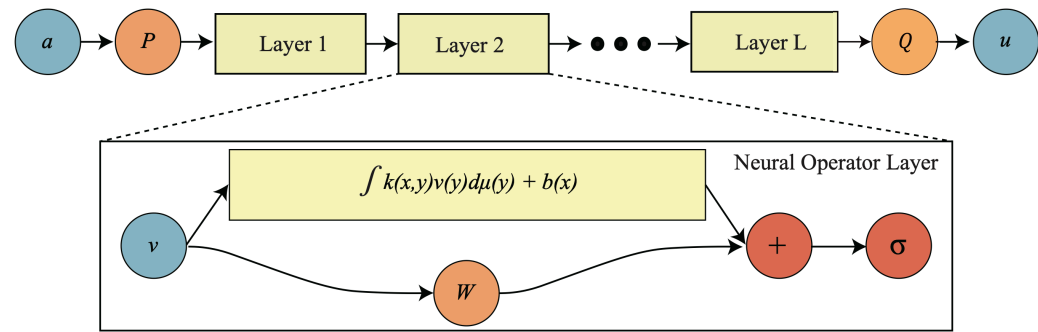
Consider the following inverse problem,

Fix a , input is u and output is f , then is integration efficient?

We need **derivatives** in the architecture $\frac{d}{dt}, \frac{d}{dx}, \frac{d^2}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \dots$

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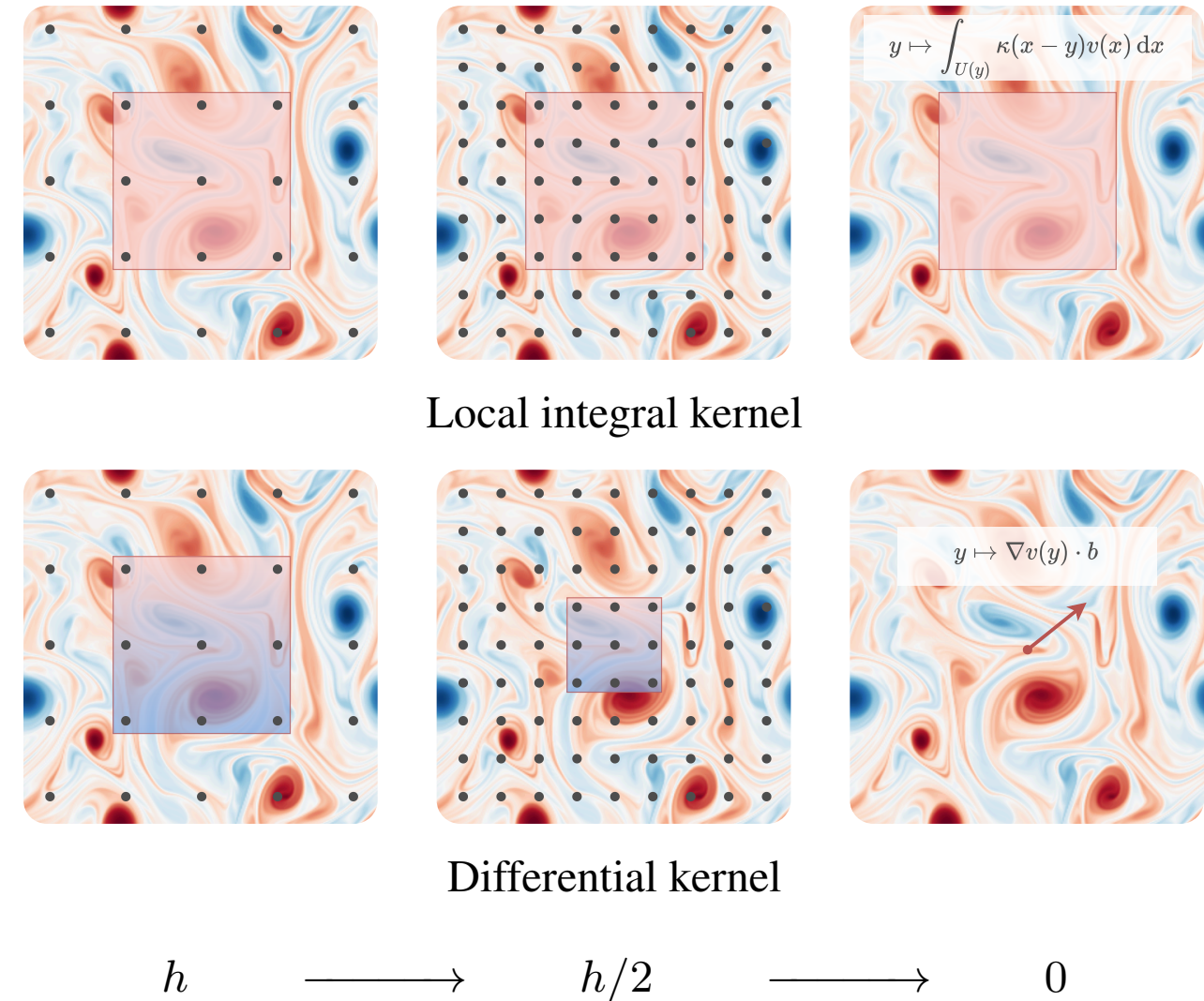


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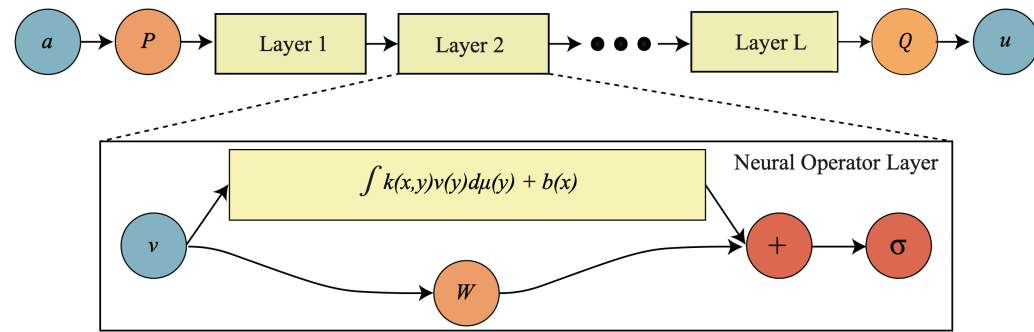
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Derivative layers corresponds to small (e.g., 3x3) kernel CNNs



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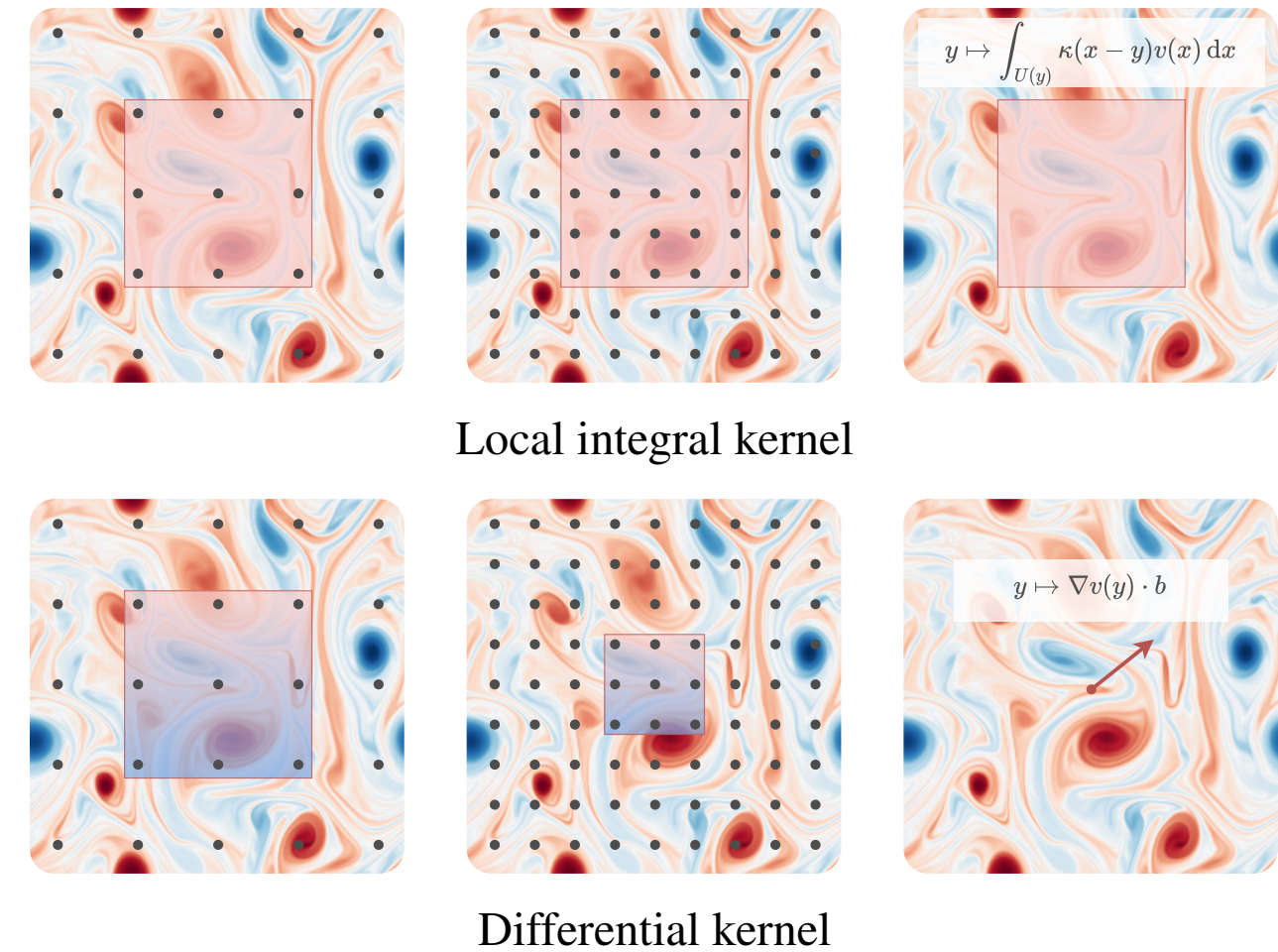


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$h \longrightarrow h/2 \longrightarrow 0$

Recall derivative in CNNs:

The coefficients sum to zero

0	1	0
-1	0	1
0	-1	0

Discretization agonistic derivative

0	1/h	0
-1/h	0	1/h
0	-1/h	0

General directional derivative

k_{11}	k_{12}	k_{13}
k_{21}	k_{22}	k_{23}
k_{31}	k_{32}	k_{33}

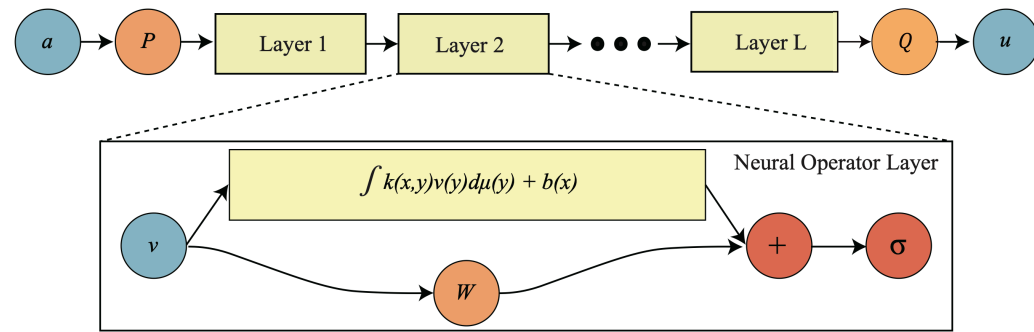
$$\sum_{ij} k_{ij} = 0$$

If we double the resolution, $k_{ij} \leftarrow 2k_{ij}$

Irregular grids: GNNs to compute derivatives

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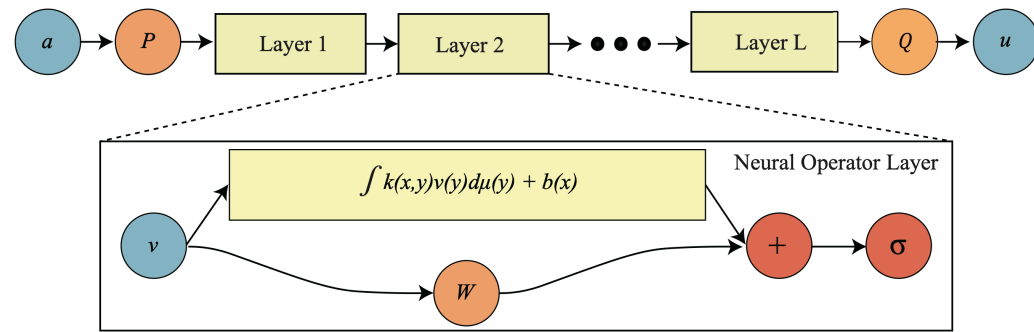
- Integration, global (FNO) or local (GNO, CNO)
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- Derivatives
- What else? what other ways of information aggregation? Max pooling? We need consistency in some sense
- What else? (yet to be solved)

$$v(y) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}(a))(y) = \sigma\left(\int \kappa_{Global}(y, x)v(x) d\mu + \int \kappa_{Local}(y, x)v(x) d\mu' + \mathcal{D}a\Big|_y(y) + Wa(y) + b(y)\right)$$

Global integral operator Local integral operator Differential operator
 Residual connection Bias function



NEURAL OPERATORS AND SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING



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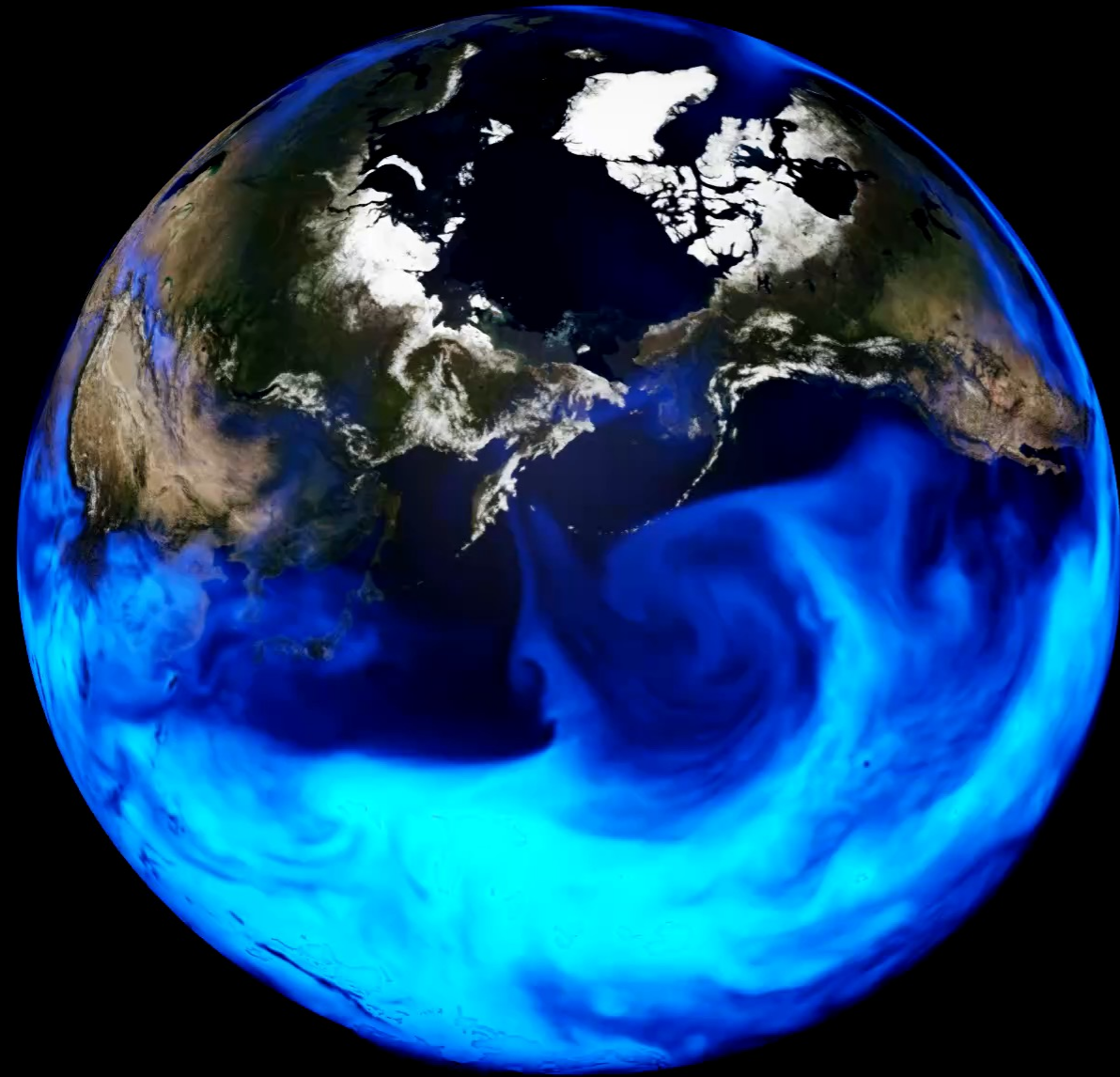
In the past many decades, for each domain, CV, language, etc, we developed algorithms, architectures, benchmarks, datasets, metrics, ...

We need to do the same for each domain of scientific computing domains, e.g.,

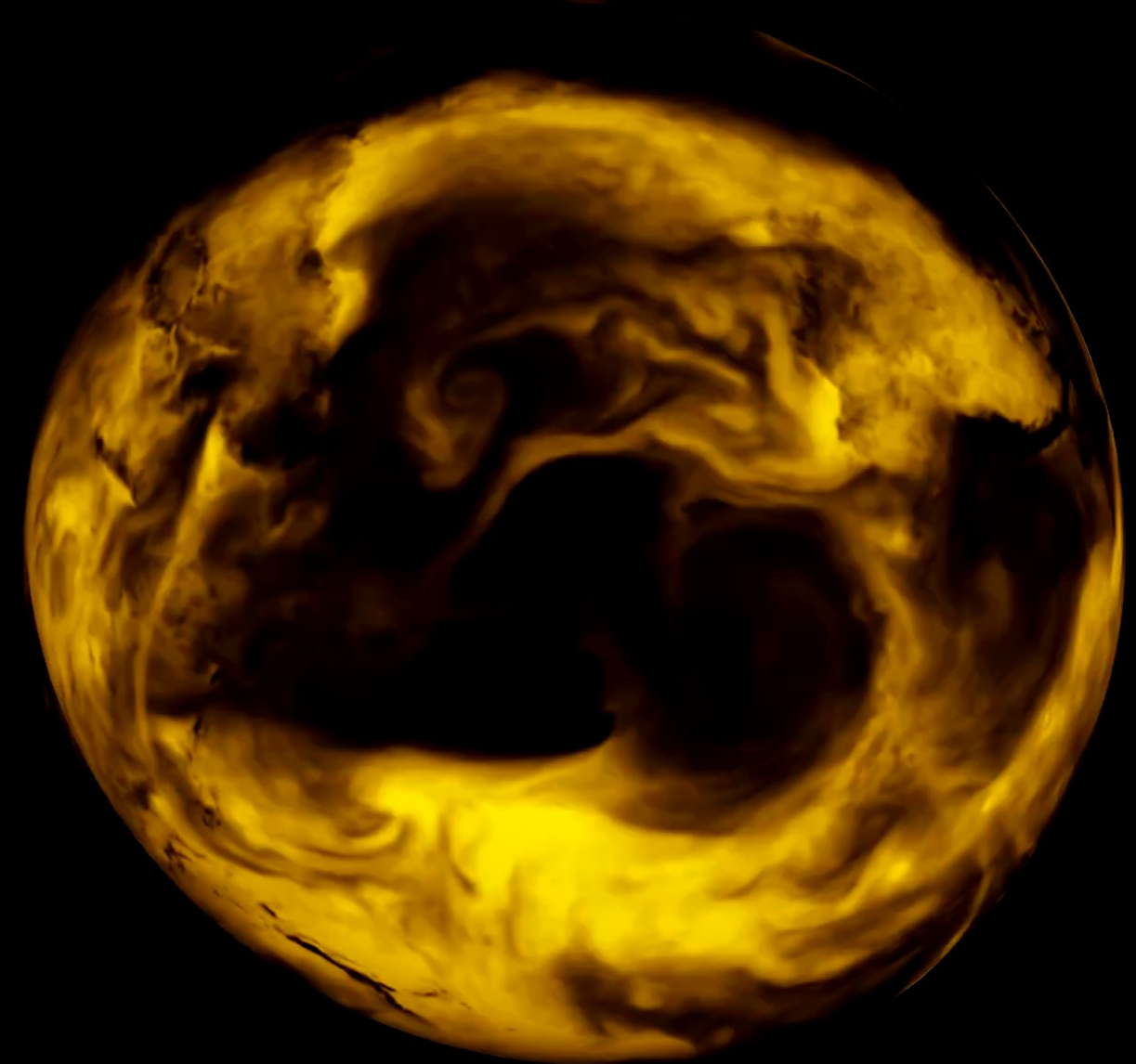
- Automotive industry,
- Weather/climate,
- Molecular dynamics
- Seismology
- Electromagnetic
- Material design
- Drug discovery
- ...

These are not applications, these are **domains**, **no plug and play!**

Ground Truth



FourCastNet

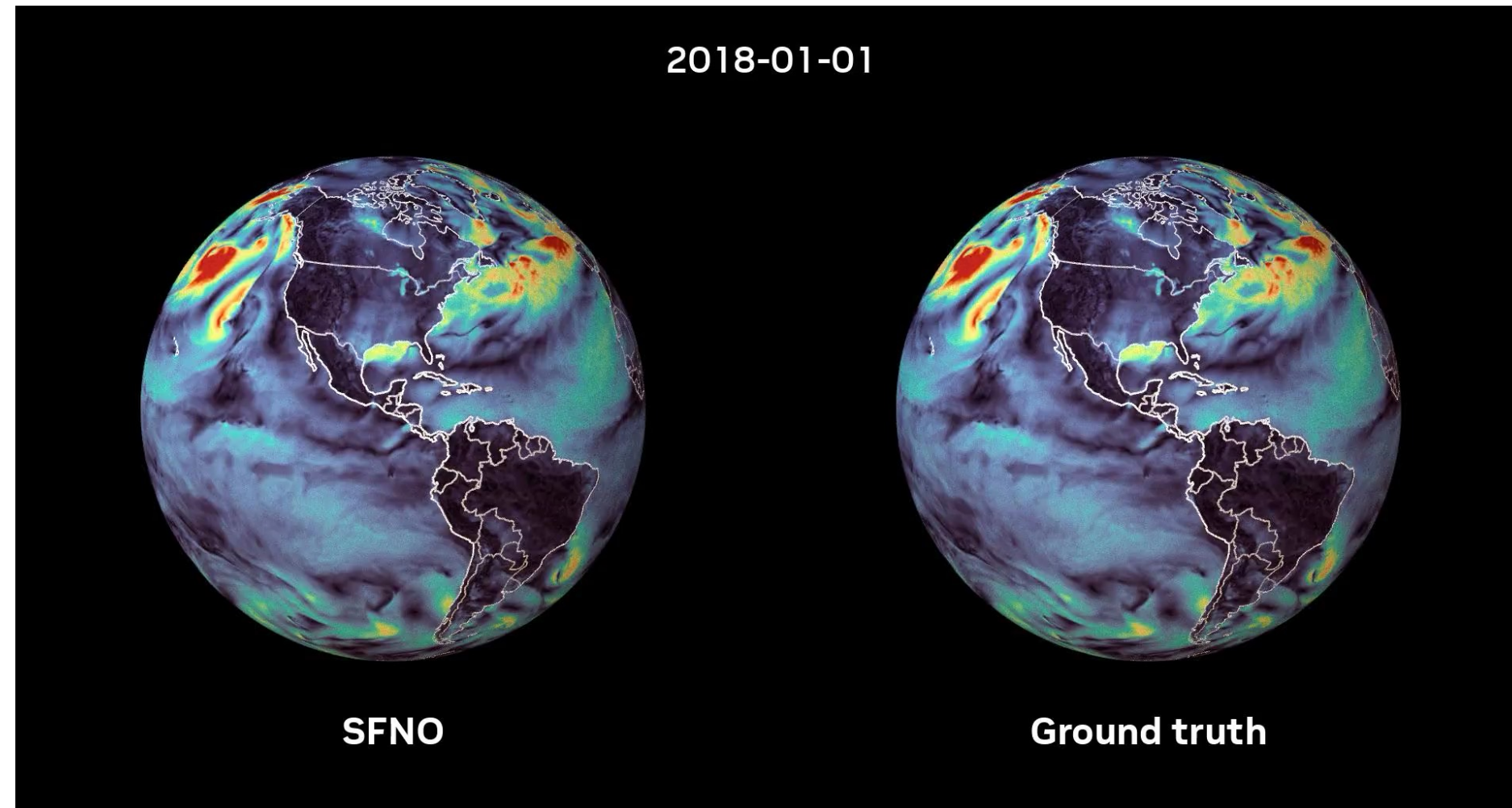


FourCastNet is 45,000 times faster than current weather models

FOURCASTNET FOR WEATHER PREDICTION

Domain: Weather/Climate/Ocean

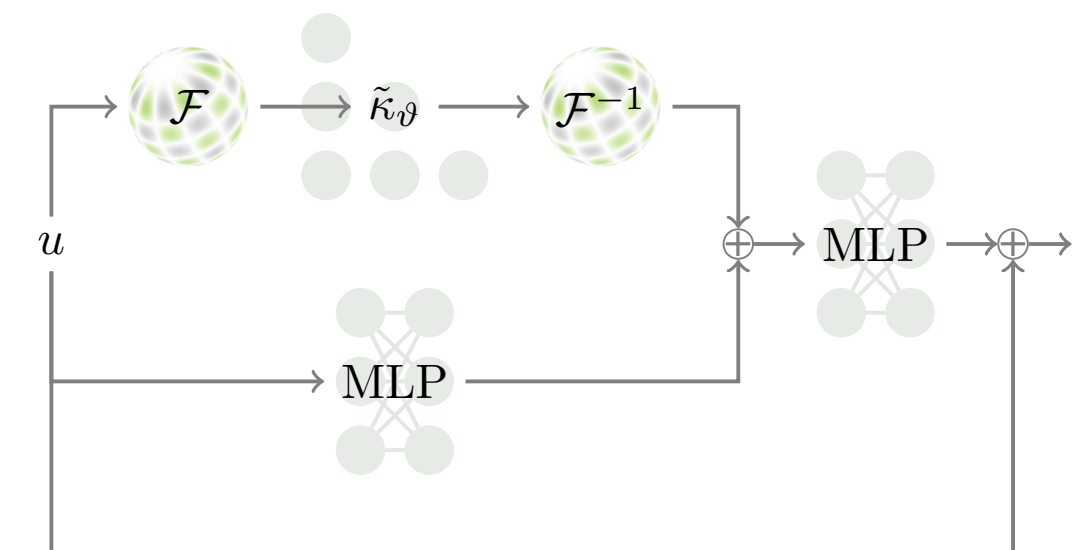
- Dataset: 10 TB of weather data
- Metrics: L2 on function space, ACC, expert analysis
- Architecture: Adaptive FNO (AFNO)
- **45,000x** speedup
- **25000x** smaller energy footprint.



Domain inspired advanced architecture

Spherical-harmonic Fourier Neural Operator (SFNO)

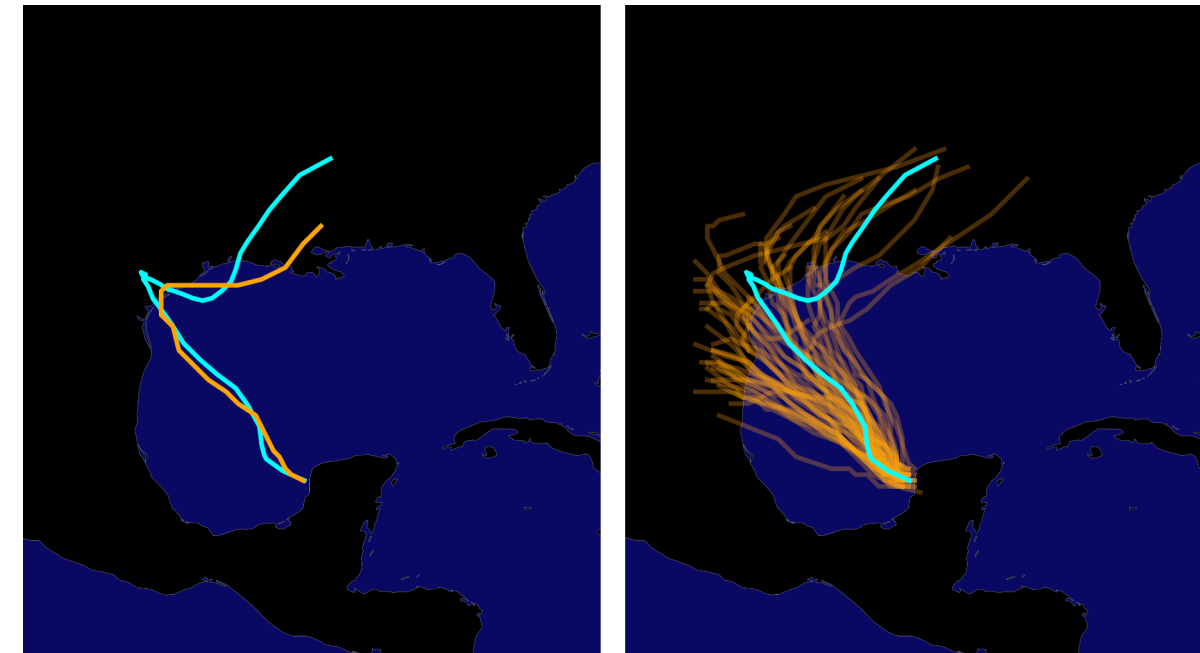
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- Gaussian quadrature for sum
- MLP based residual connections



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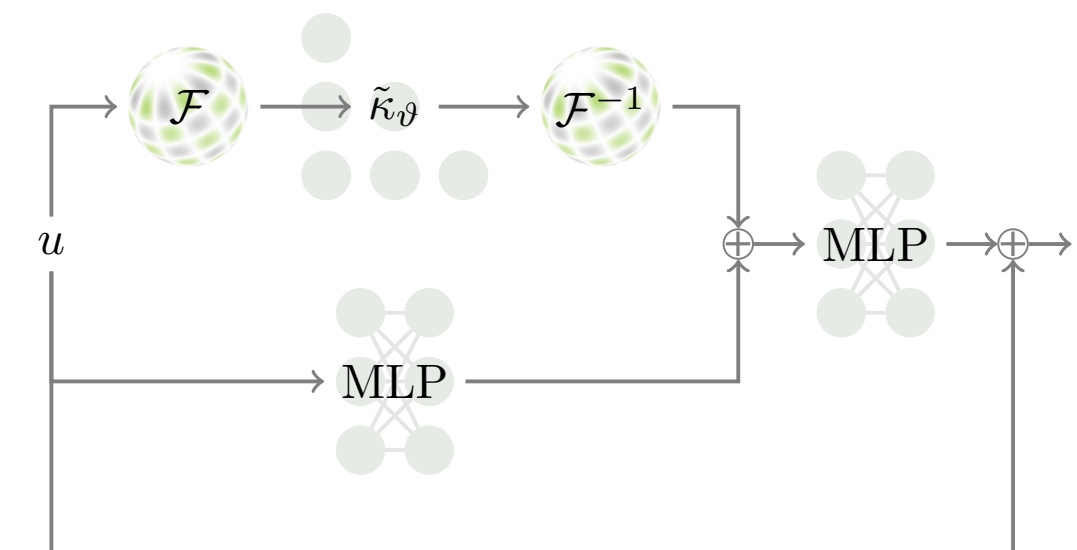
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- 1000-member ensemble in a few seconds



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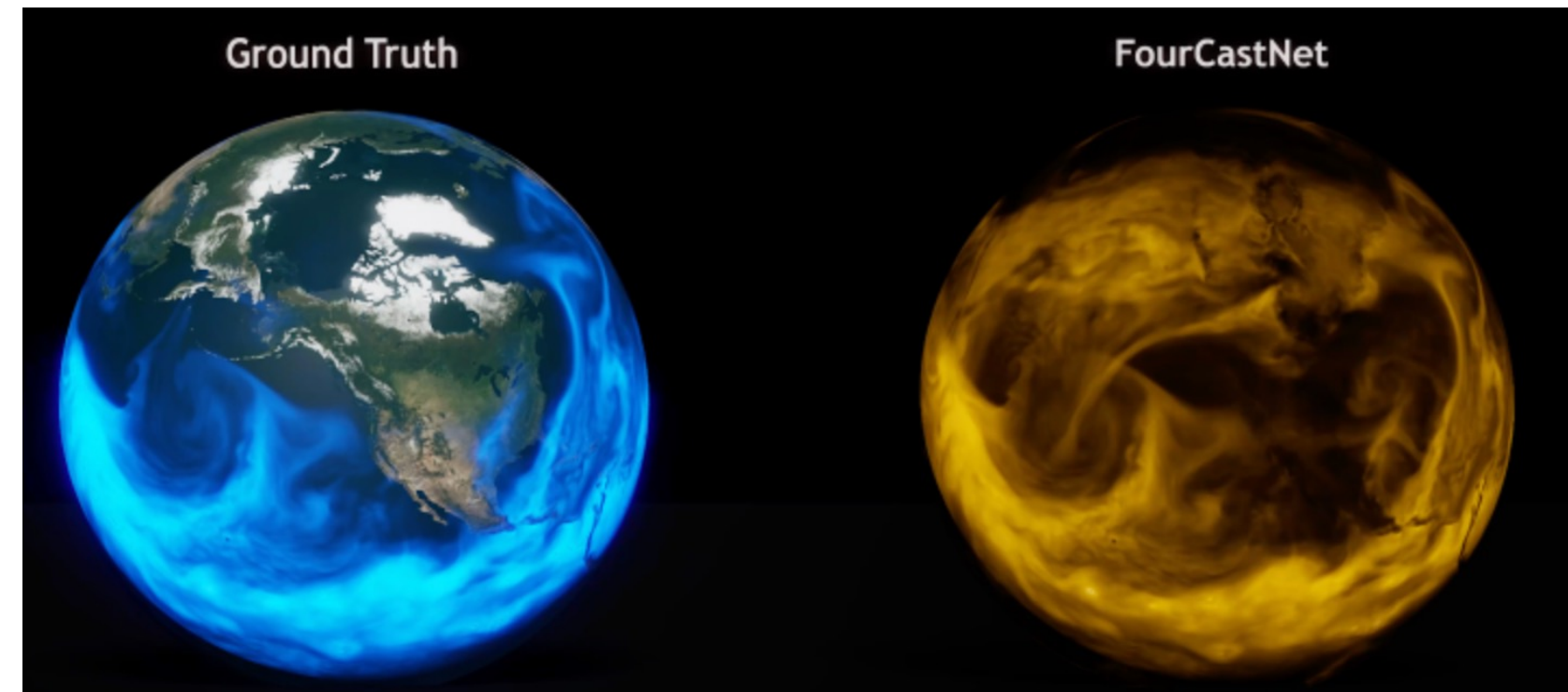


WEATHER FORECAST

Domain: Weather/Climate/Ocean

Open problems:

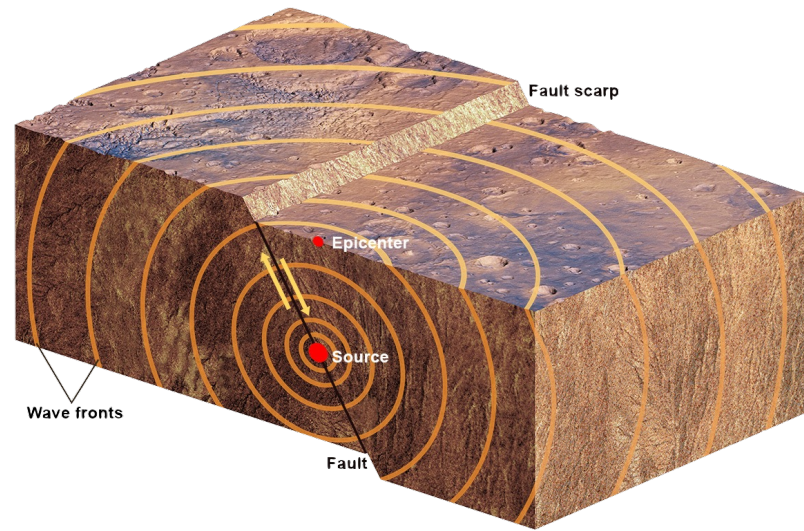
- How to make the accuracy absolute?
- How to deal with discretization error?
- How to deal with chaotic nature of the problem?
- How to deal with uncertainty and probabilistic nature of the problem?
- How to scale up?
- How to train on multiple datasets?
- How to incorporate physics and domain knowledge?
- What are the right metrics here (F^2ID)?



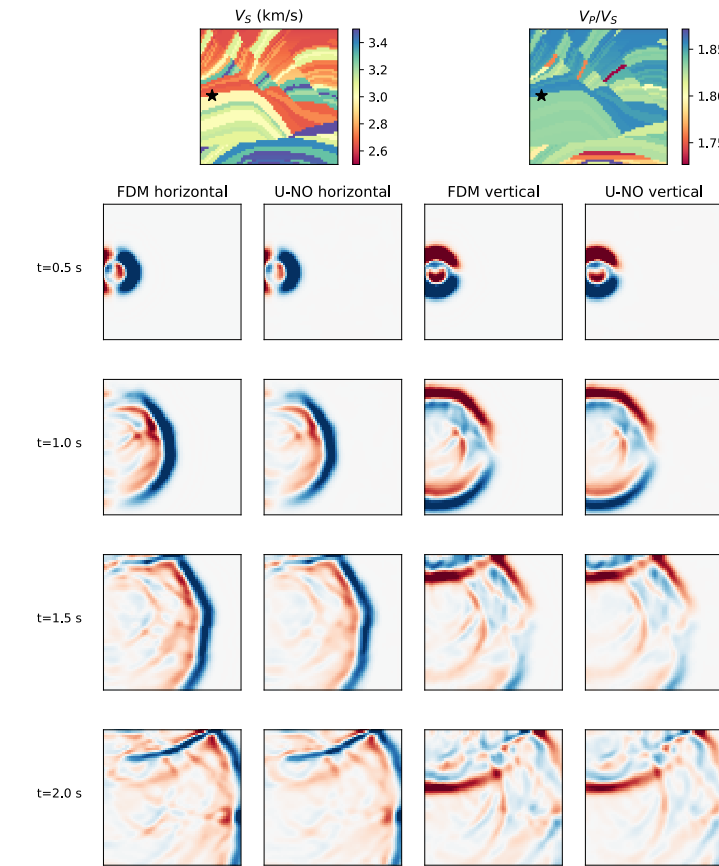
A very important domain of study of ML on function space, which many open problems

GEOPHYSICS

Domain: Seismology, Earth Sciences



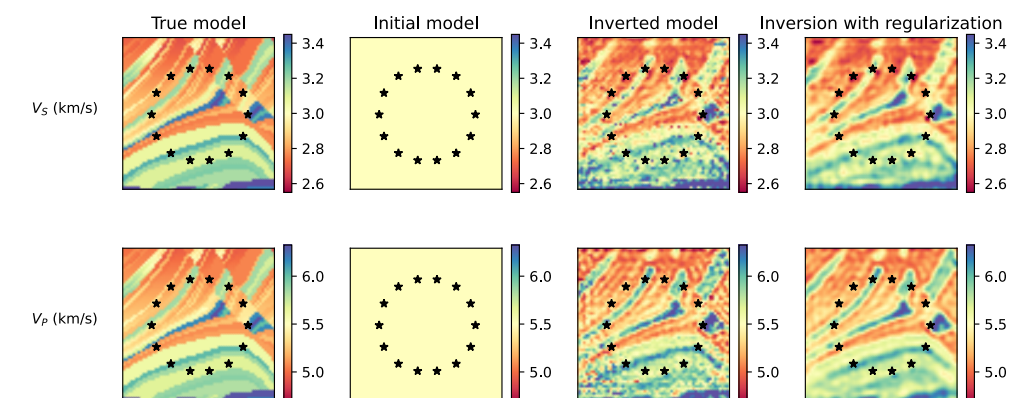
Given earth structure, earthquake location, and shaking profile, how the wave propagates?



Given the wave observation on the surface, what is Earth structure and earthquake source?

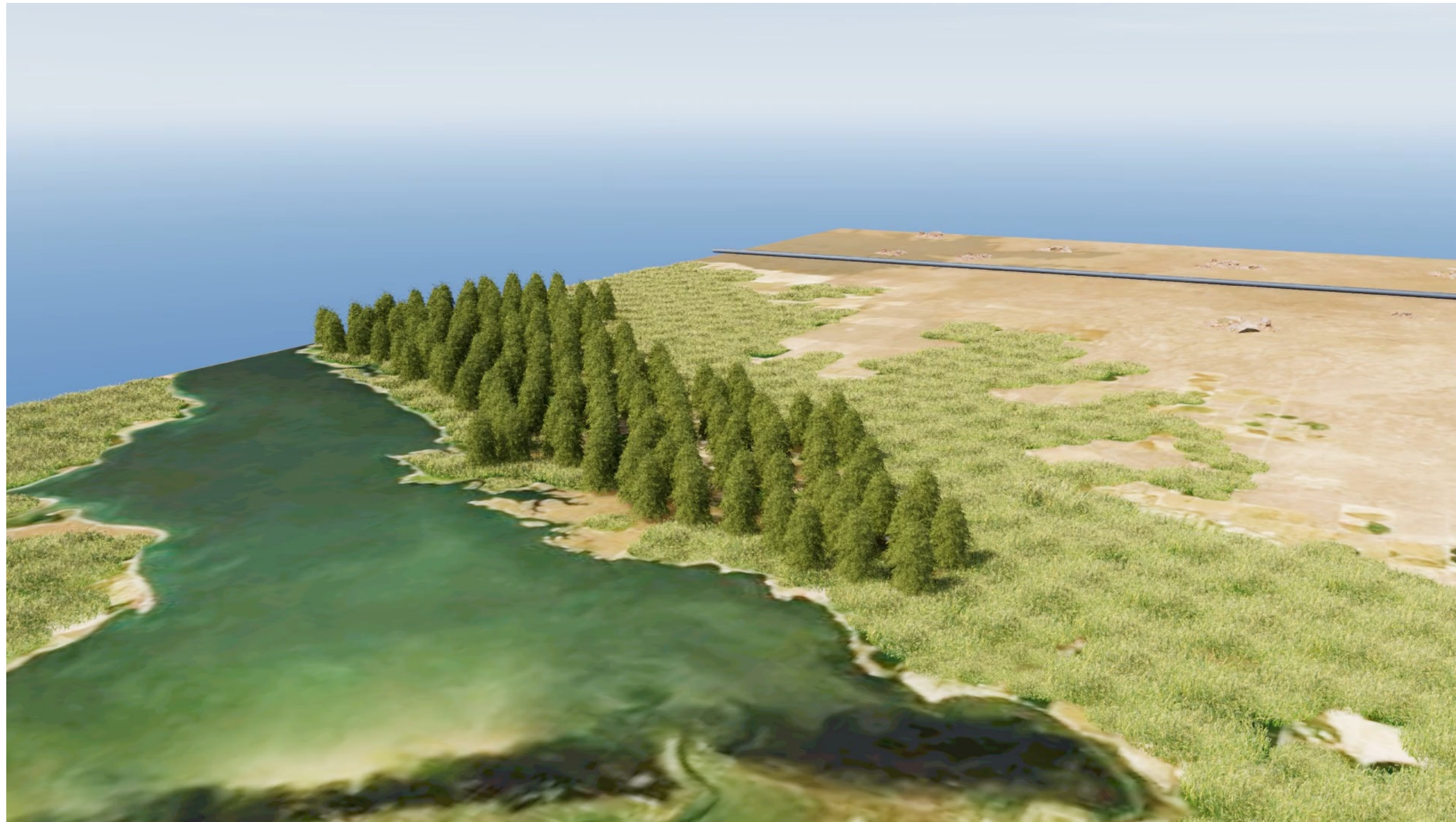
- Neural operators are fast to query and differentiable → fast inverse solvers

$$u = \mathcal{G}_\theta(a)$$



CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION: MODELING CO2 STORAGE

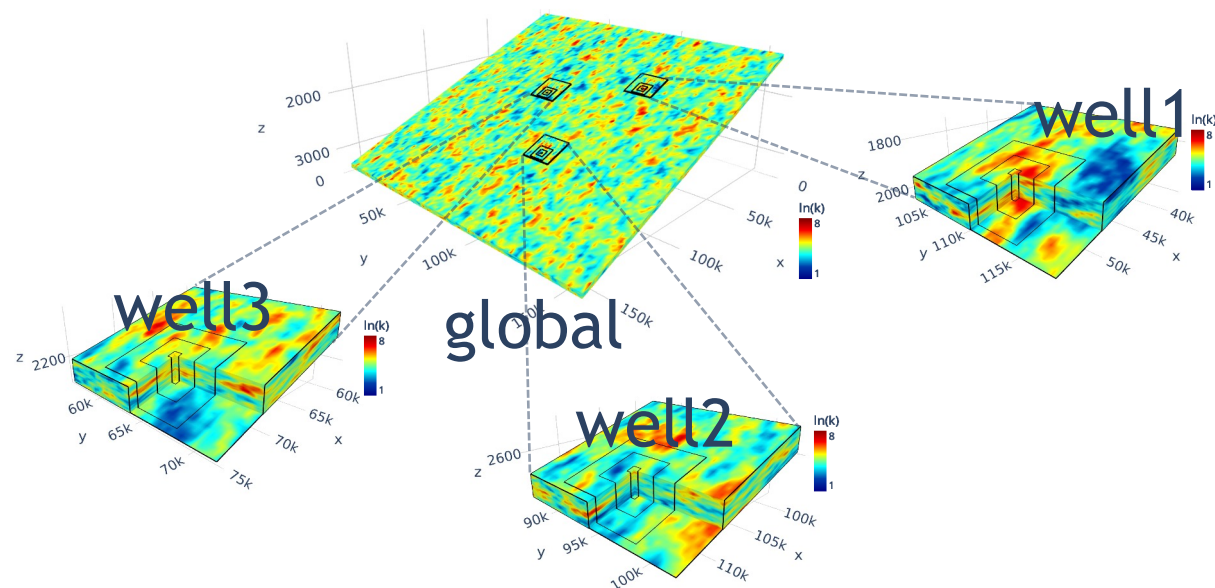
Domain: Sub-surface flow



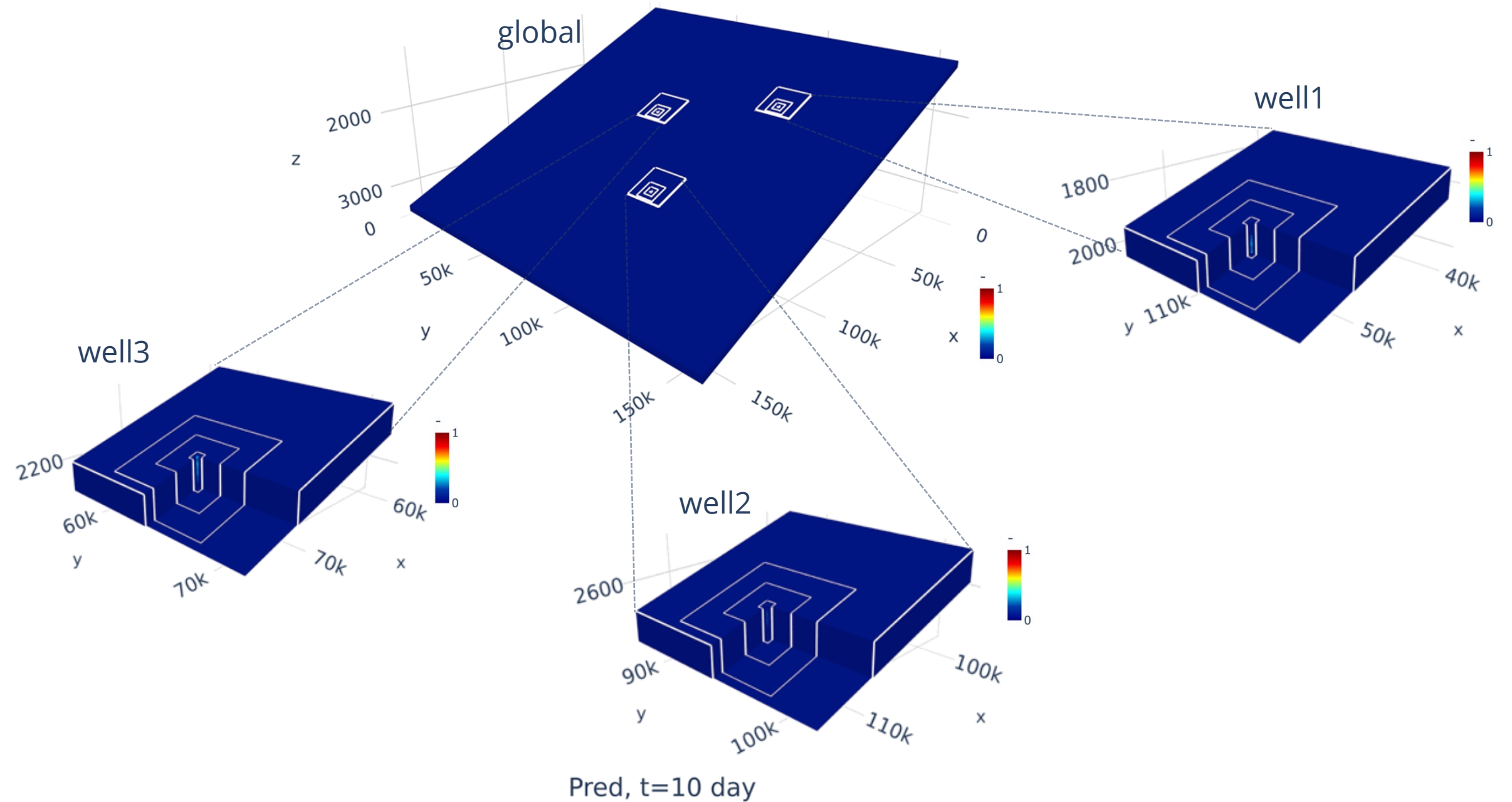
CCS plumes spanning ~ 1km

NETZERO CLIMATE: CO₂ MODELING WITH AI (FNO)

ML to accelerates CCS by 700,000 times using Nvidia GPU - A100



Permeability Heat Map



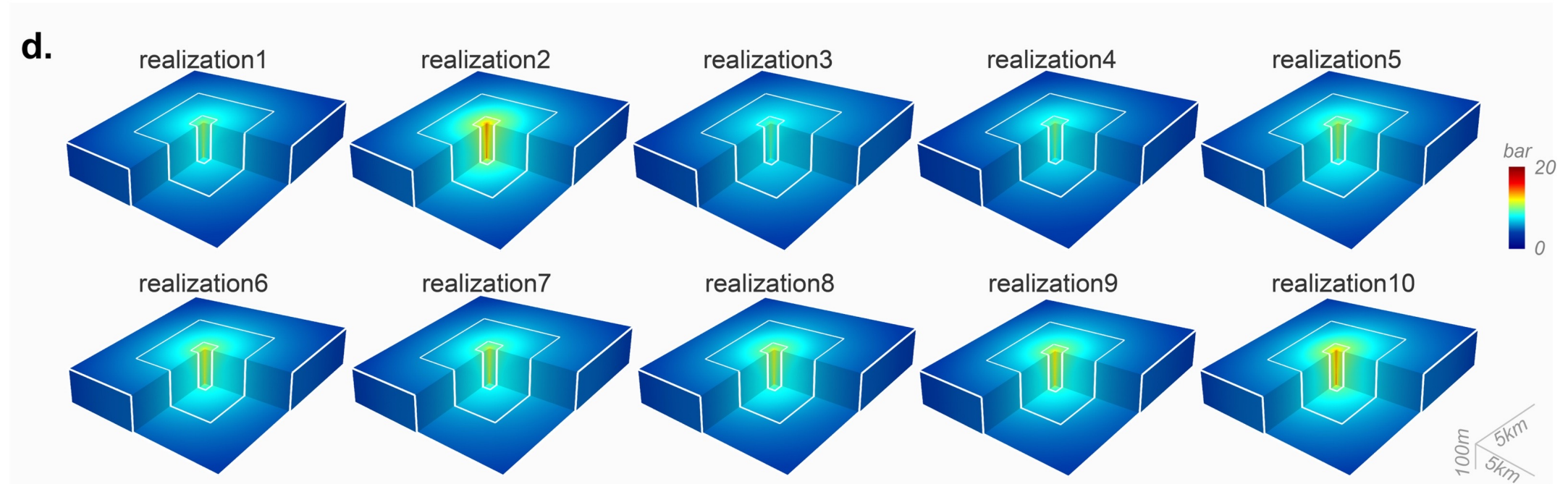
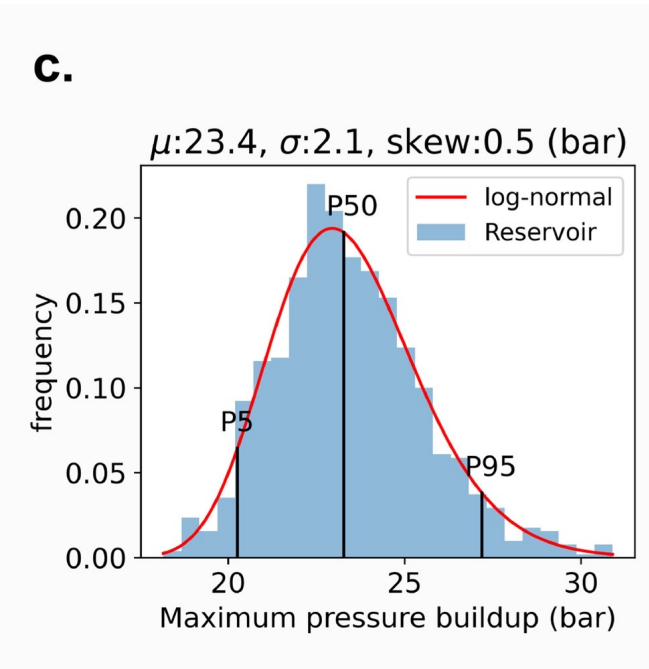
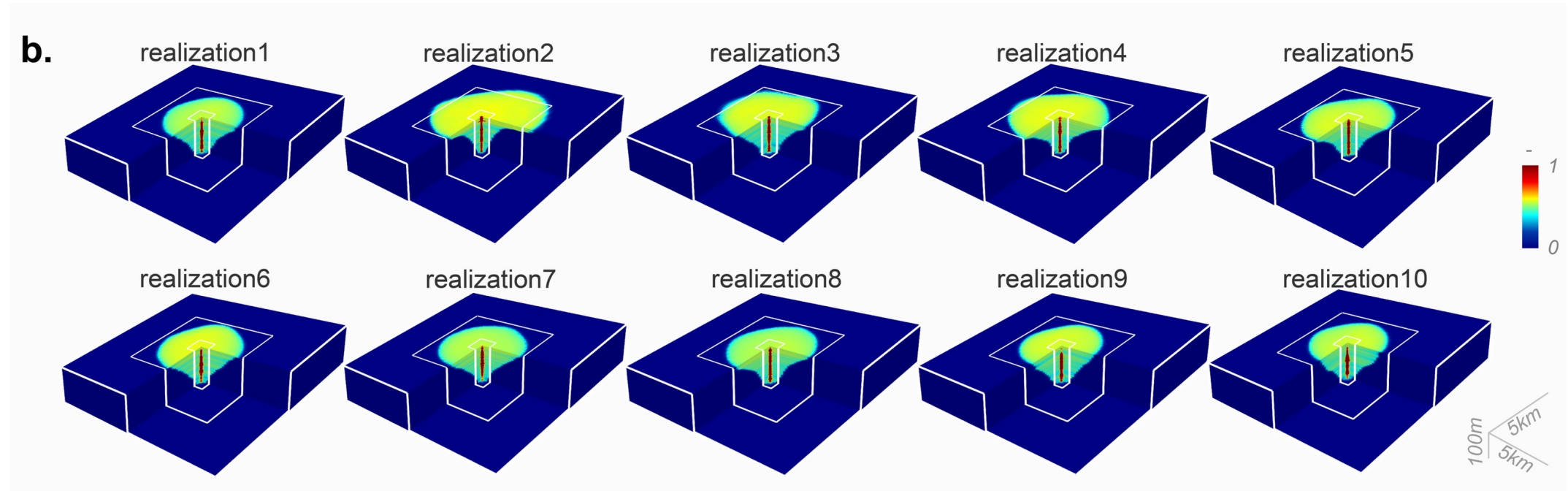
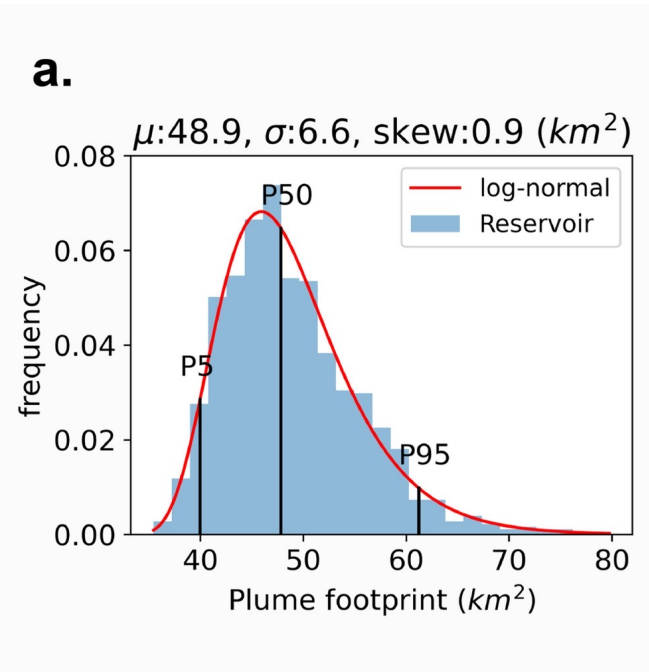
Pred, t=10 day

Challenges:

- Multi physics, scale, phase
- 30yr to 1000yr
- Seismic monitoring

FOUR-DIMENSIONAL CCS MODELING WITH AI (FNO)

Uncertainty quantification 20 years to 20 second



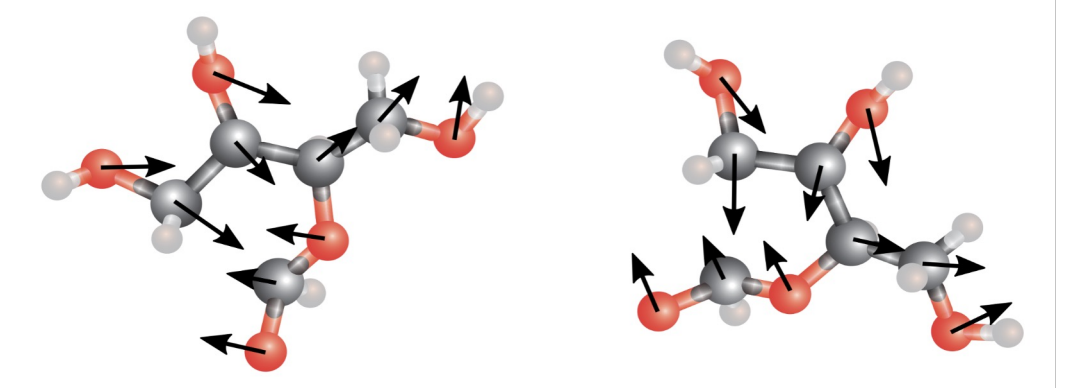
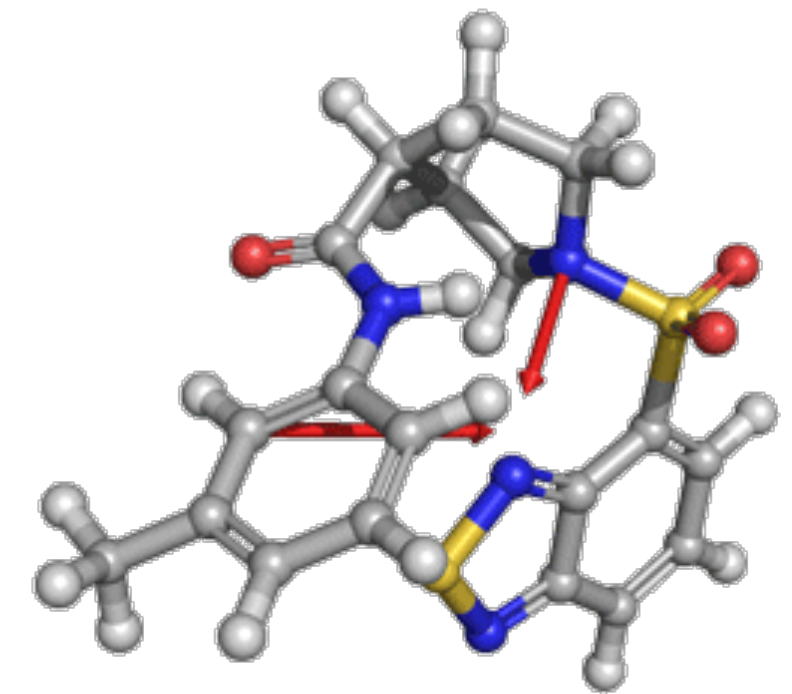
TIME SERIES OR A FUNCTION IN TIME?

Molecular dynamics

- Simulate stable structure of molecular geometries
- Computationally costly quantum mechanical calculations
- Equivariant to rotation and translation
- Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H}\Psi = E\Psi$$

Method	Complexity
Hartree Fock	$O(n^3) - O(n^4)$
Density Functional Theory	$O(n^3) - O(n^4)$
MP2	$O(n^5)$
CCSD	$O(n^6)$
CCSD(T)	$O(n^7)$
Full CI	$O(n!)$

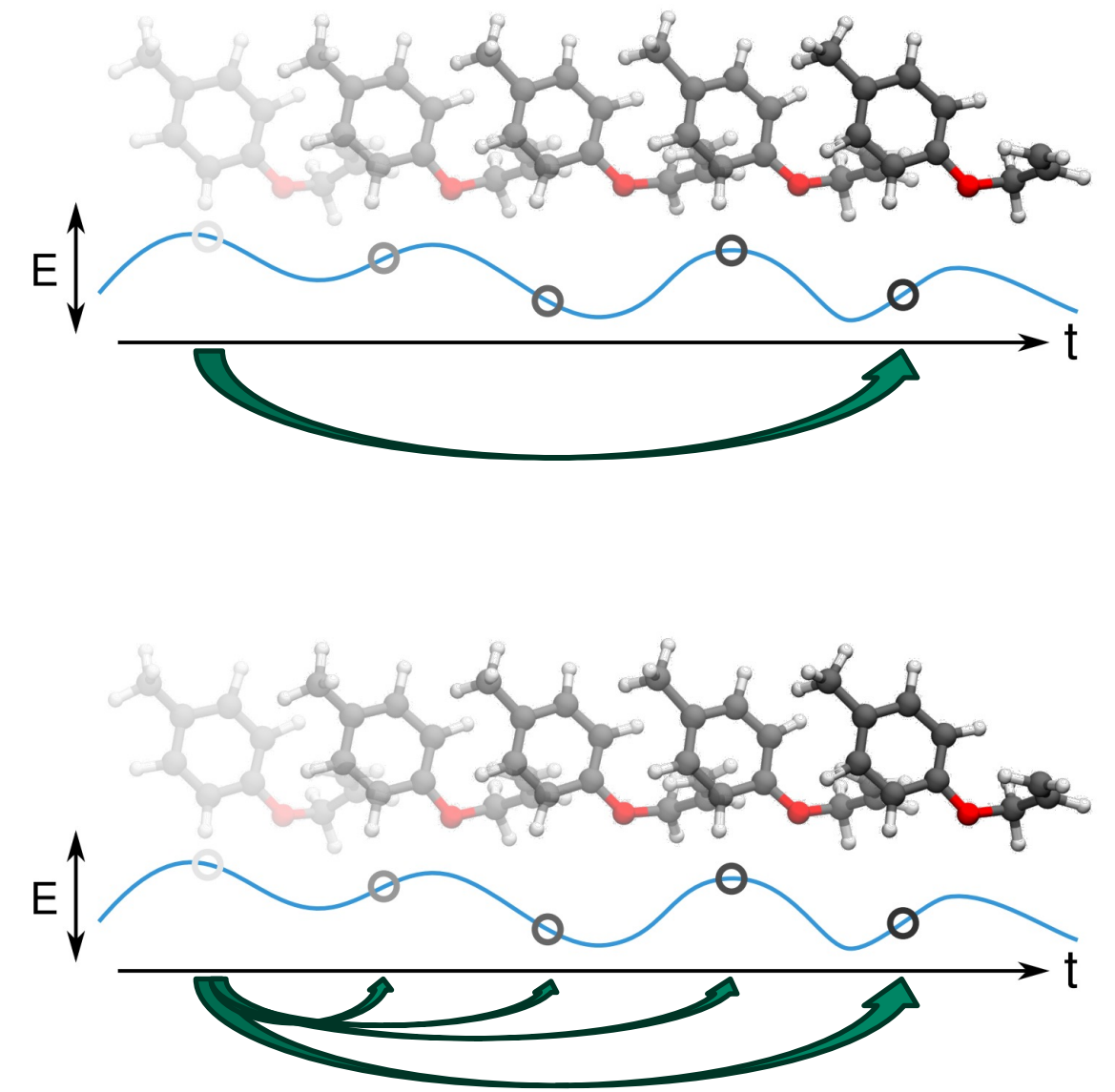


Rotate and translate

TIME SERIES OR A FUNCTION IN TIME?

Molecular dynamics

- Neural network approach: data is a time series
 - Equivariant graph neural network
- Nature of MD is **continuous** in time
 - Not a discrete sequence of considerably different events
- Spatial graph in space and temporal neural operator in time
- Potentially **infinitely** more supervision
- True **emulator**, capturing force and higher order physics



When dealing with time series looking data, we borrow domain expert glasses and check whether it is discrete time series or a **continuous function in time**

TIME SERIES OR A FUNCTION IN TIME?

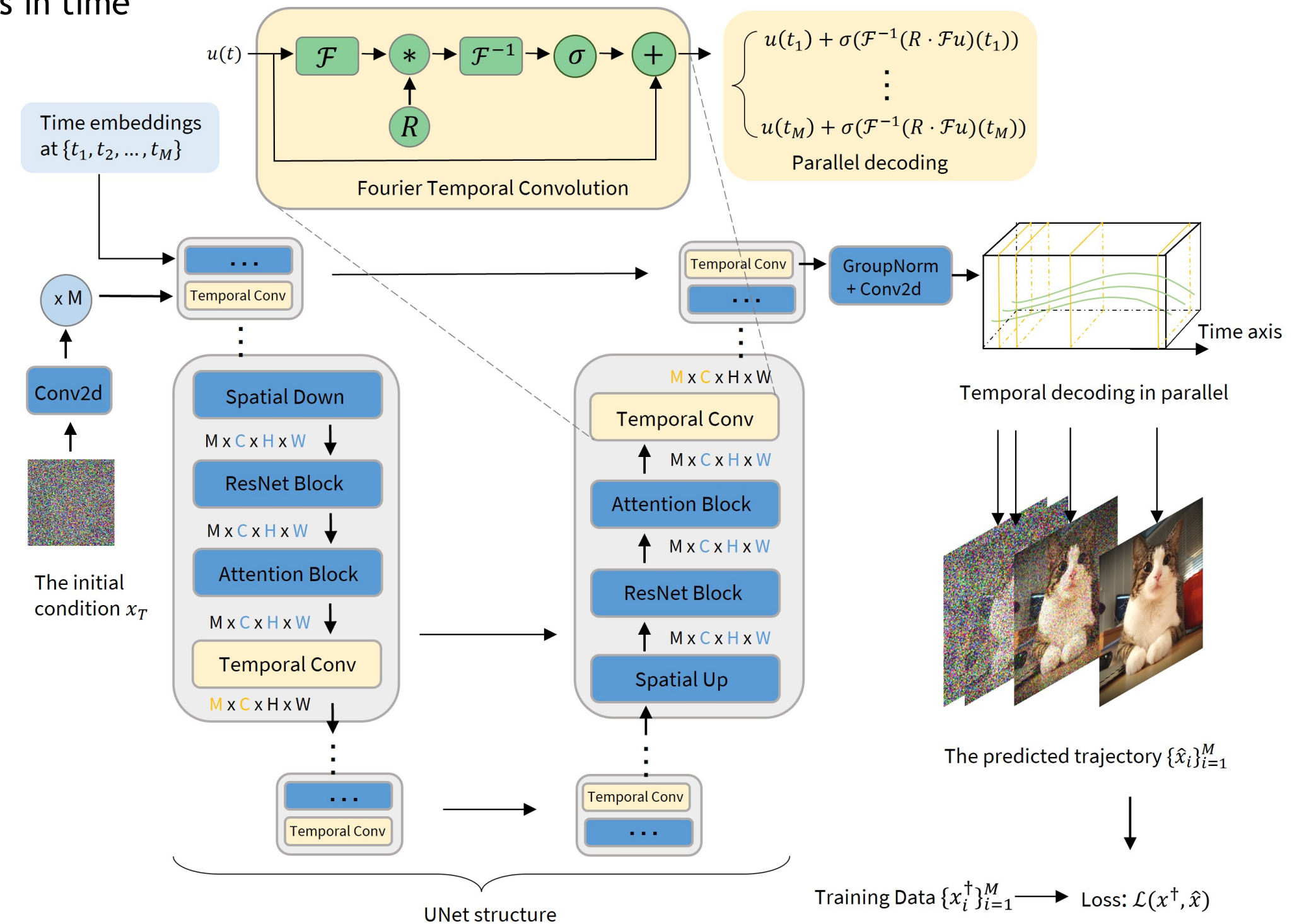
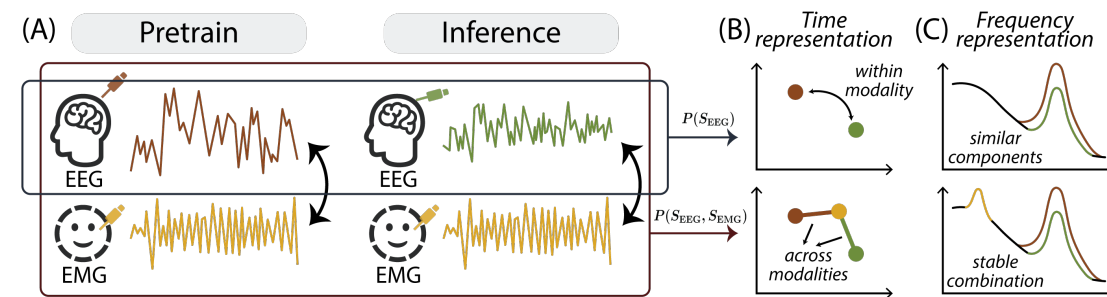
Diffusion models distillation

From noise to image, there is a path, which is continuous in time

Map the noise to the function in time

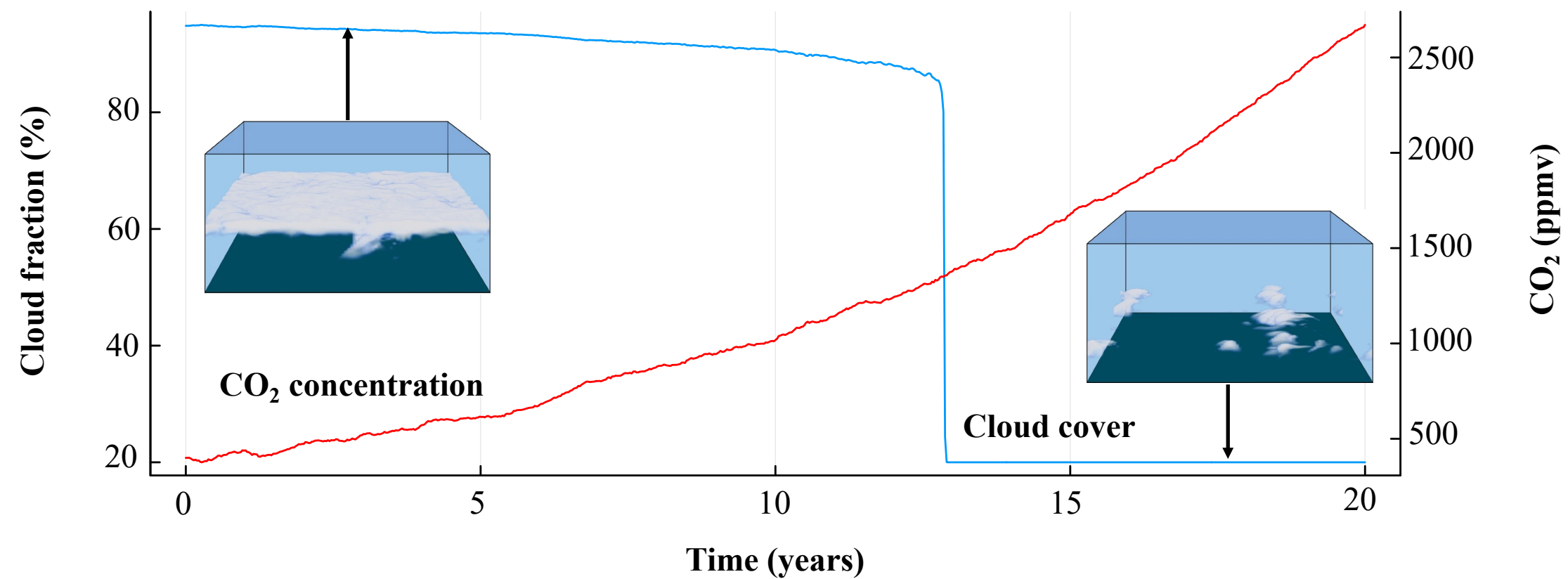
Infinite supervision

Other domains, finance, speech, bio ...

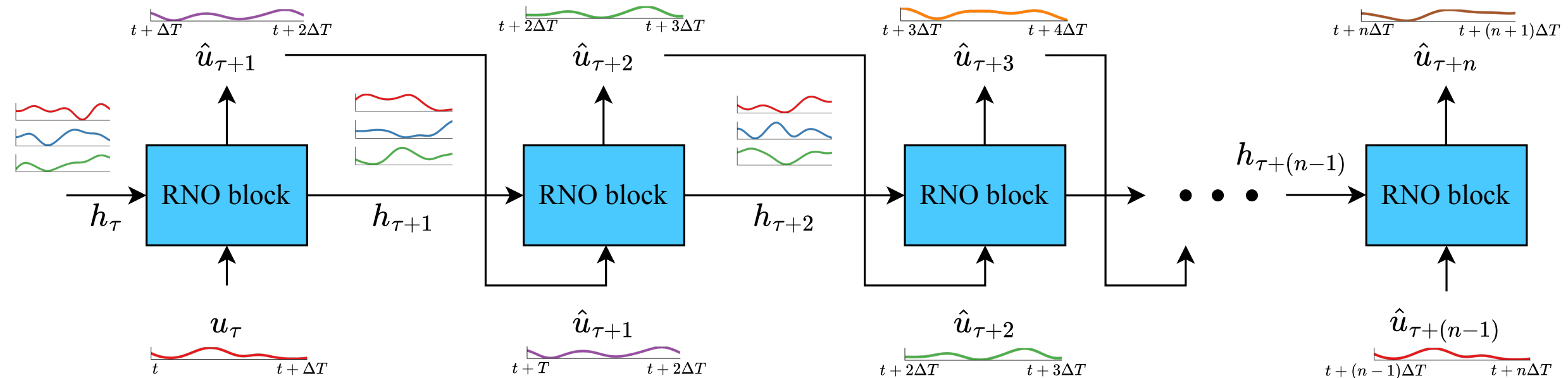


TIPPING POINT FORECASTING ON FUNCTION SPACES

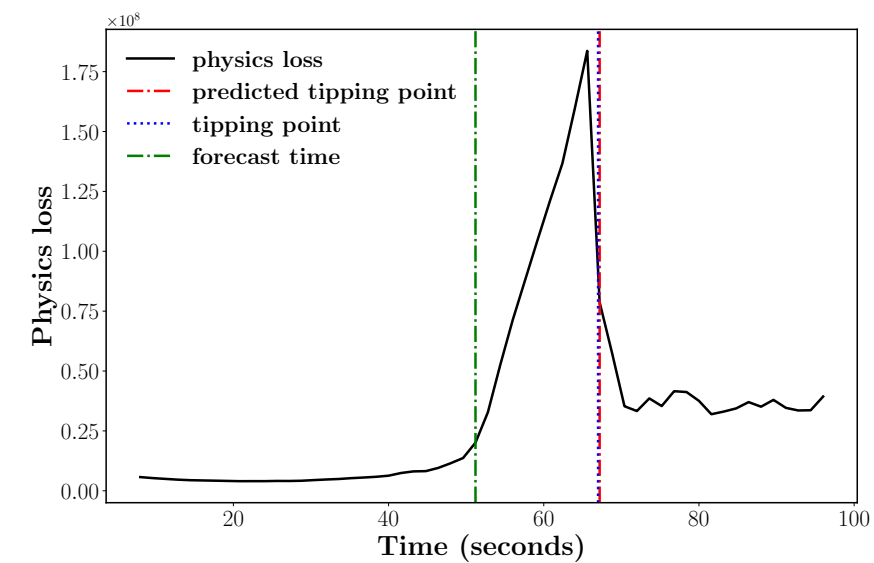
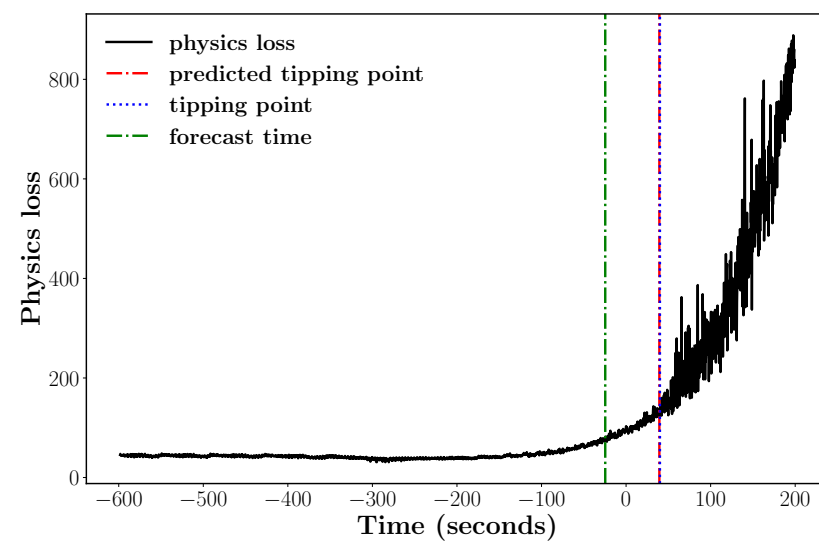
Tipping points: abrupt, drastic, and often irreversible changes in the evolution of non-stationary and chaotic dynamical systems.



TIPPING POINT FORECASTING ON FUNCTION SPACES



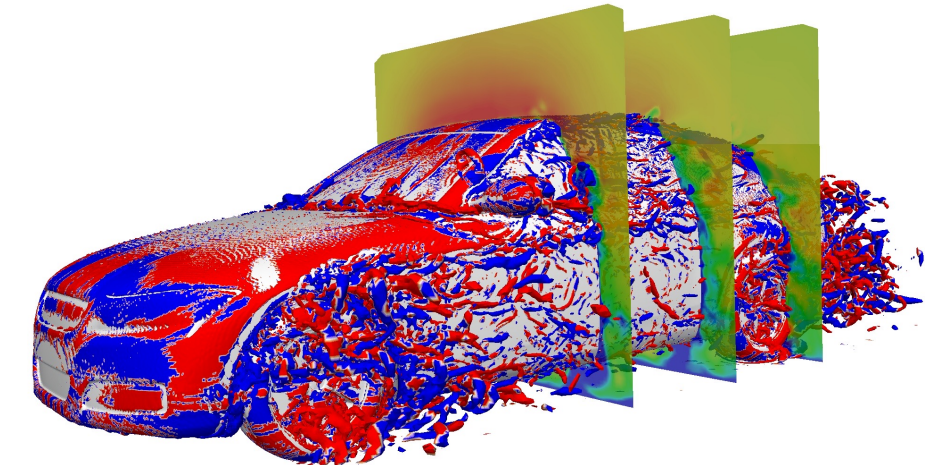
- Recurrent neural operator (RNO) to forecast evolution of non-stationary systems
- RNO maps time interval to time interval
- Tipping point forecast through tracking physics constraint violation



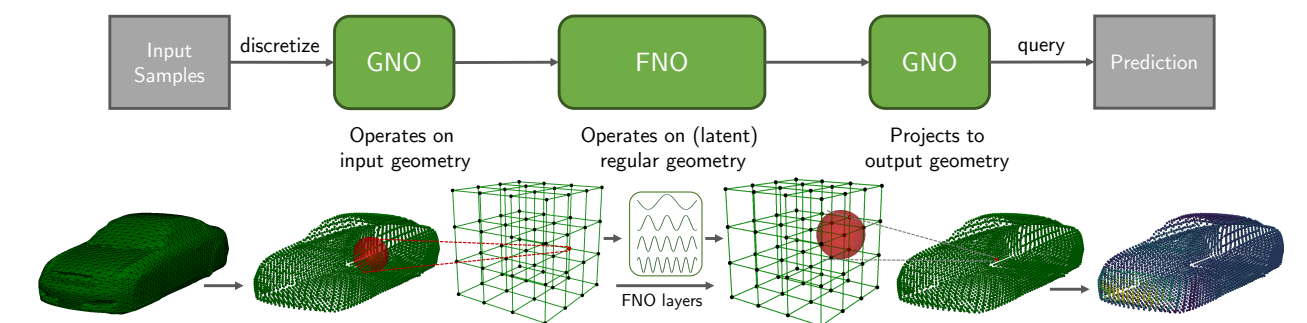
AUTOMATIVE INDUSTRY

140,000 speed up on CFD of real cars

- Complex fluid dynamics problem
- 3D solvers to compute pressure and velocity
- Geometry-informed Neural Operator (GINO)



Model	training error	test error
GNO	18.16%	18.77%
Geo-FNO (sphere)	10.79%	15.85%
UNet (interp)	12.48%	12.83%
FNO (interp)	9.65%	9.42%
GINO (encoder-decoder)	7.95%	9.47%
GINO (decoder)	6.37%	7.12%



An open problem in all the mentioned domains: The accuracy is not good enough yet → need same or more amount of work as we did in CV and NLP



PHYSICS INFORMED NEURAL OPERATORS

PHYSICS

Supervision in supervised learning

Supervision in conventional machine learning:

- Data (real, simulation)
- Domain knowledge

Supervision in Scientific computing and Neural operators?

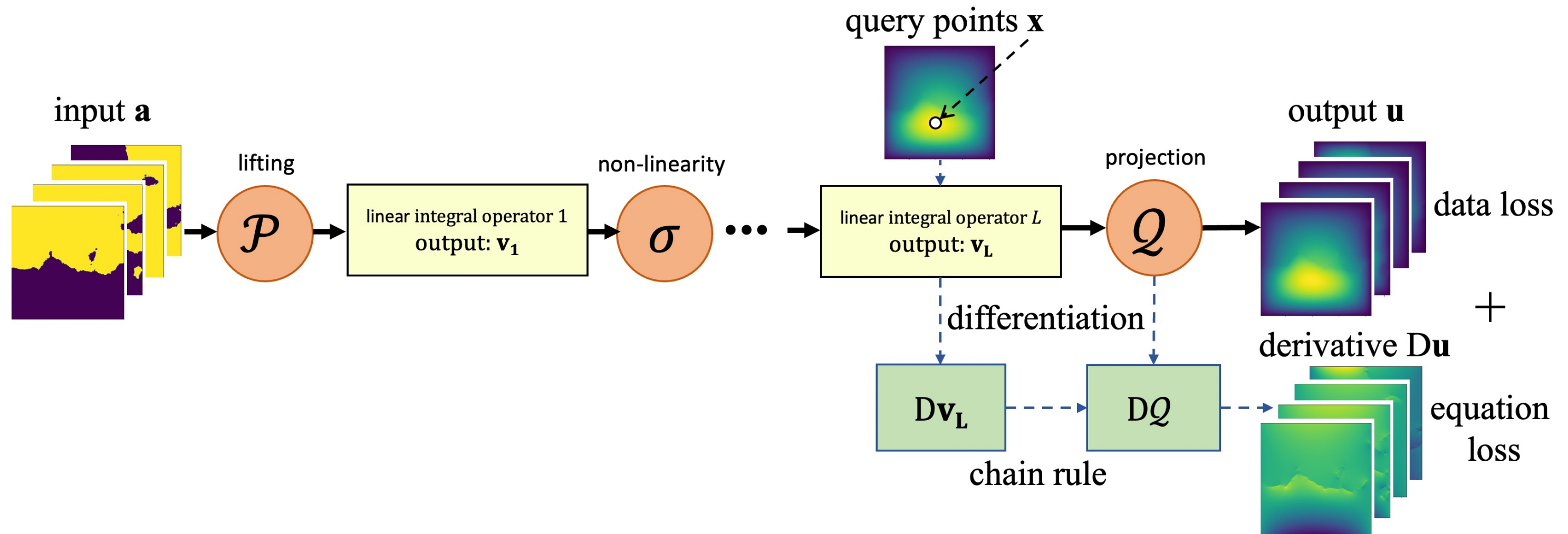
- Data (real, simulation, simulation, simulation)
- Domain knowledge
- Physics

How to use **physics** in operator learning?

Neural operators output functions → accurate **derivatives** and **integrals**

PINO: PHYSICS-INFORMED NEURAL OPERATOR

Infinite supervision from physics

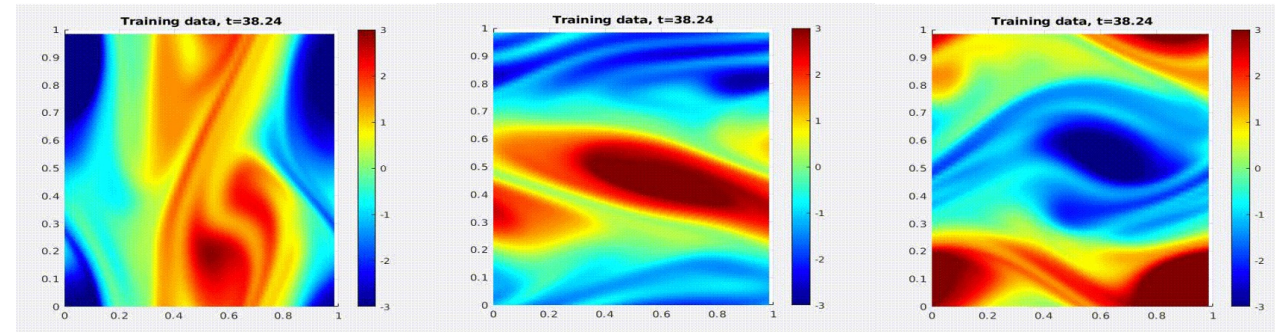


E.g., for a fixed f , $\rightarrow -\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) - f(x) = 0$

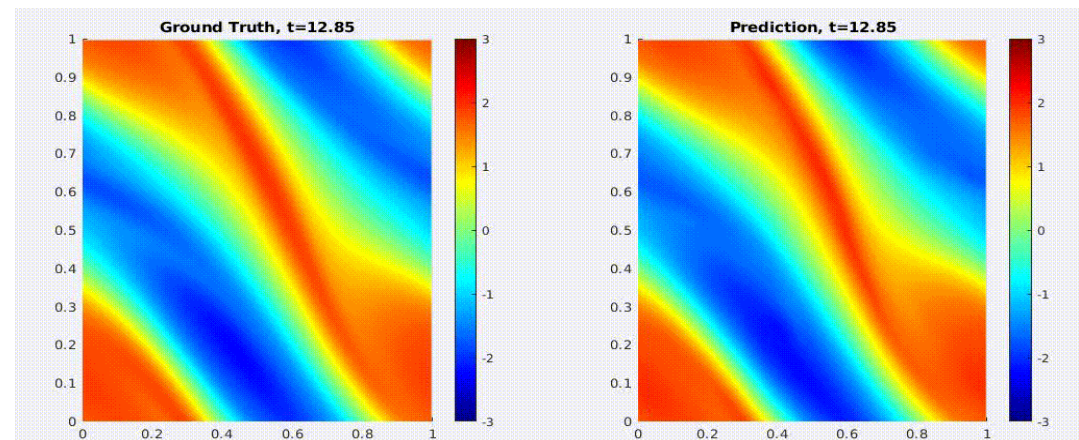
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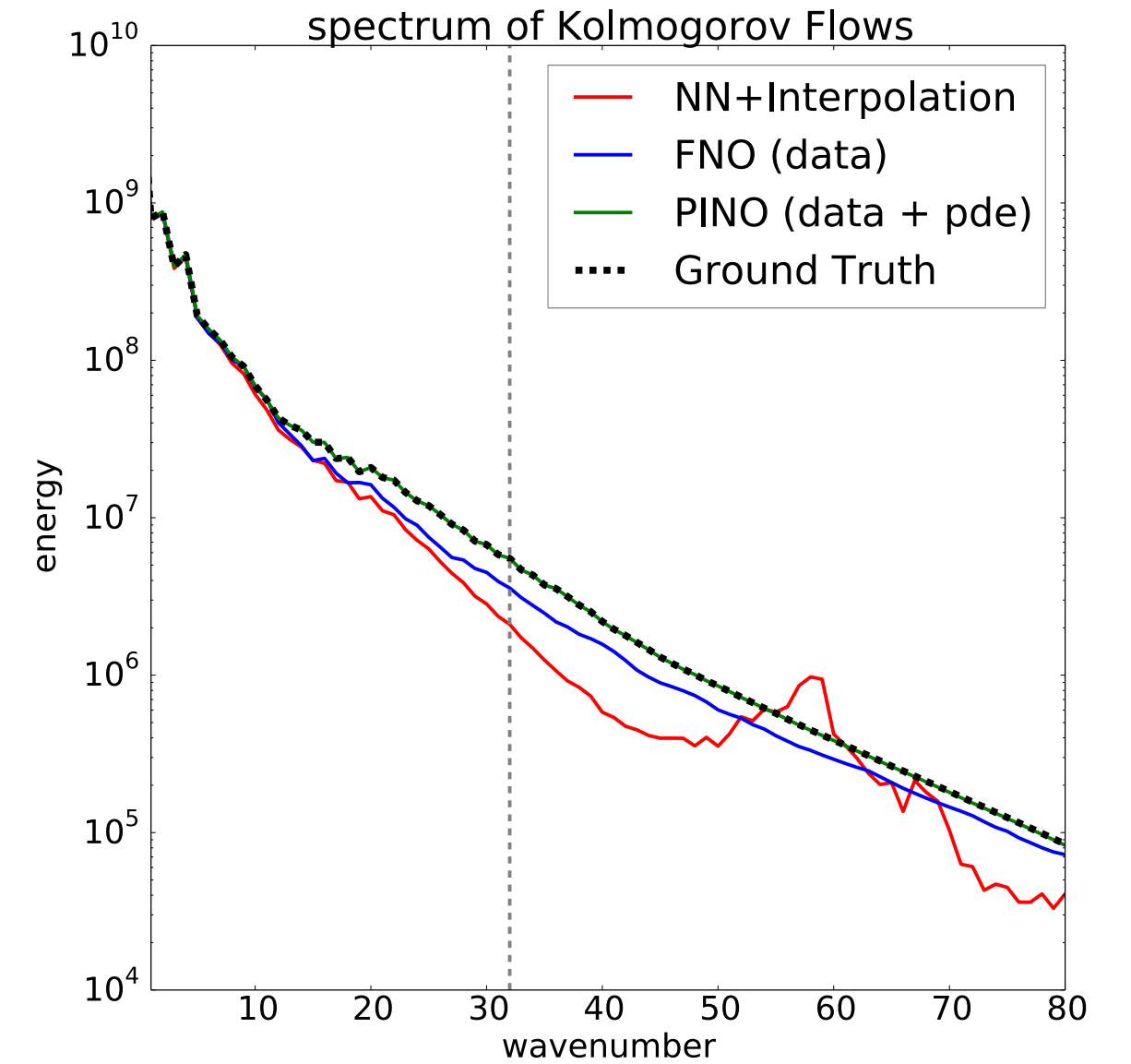
Train at low resolution



Use PINO principle to further tune → test at higher resolution



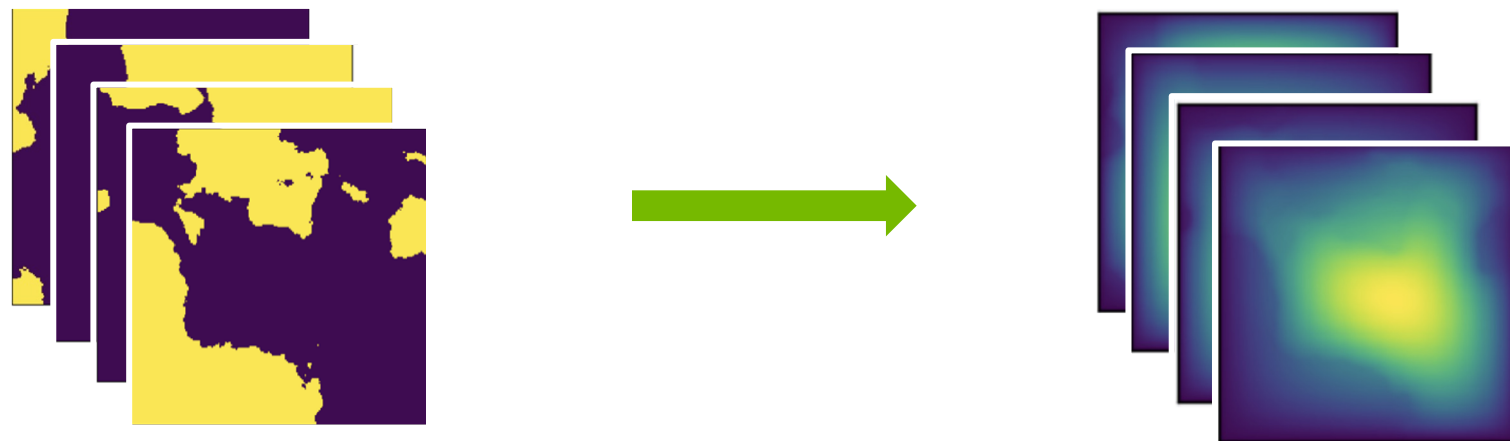
PINO enables **generalization to unseen high resolutions**, where we don't have data



PINO: PHYSICS-INFORMED NEURAL OPERATOR

Solution operator for a family of equations and fine-tune on an instance

Operator learning



Instance-wise finetuning

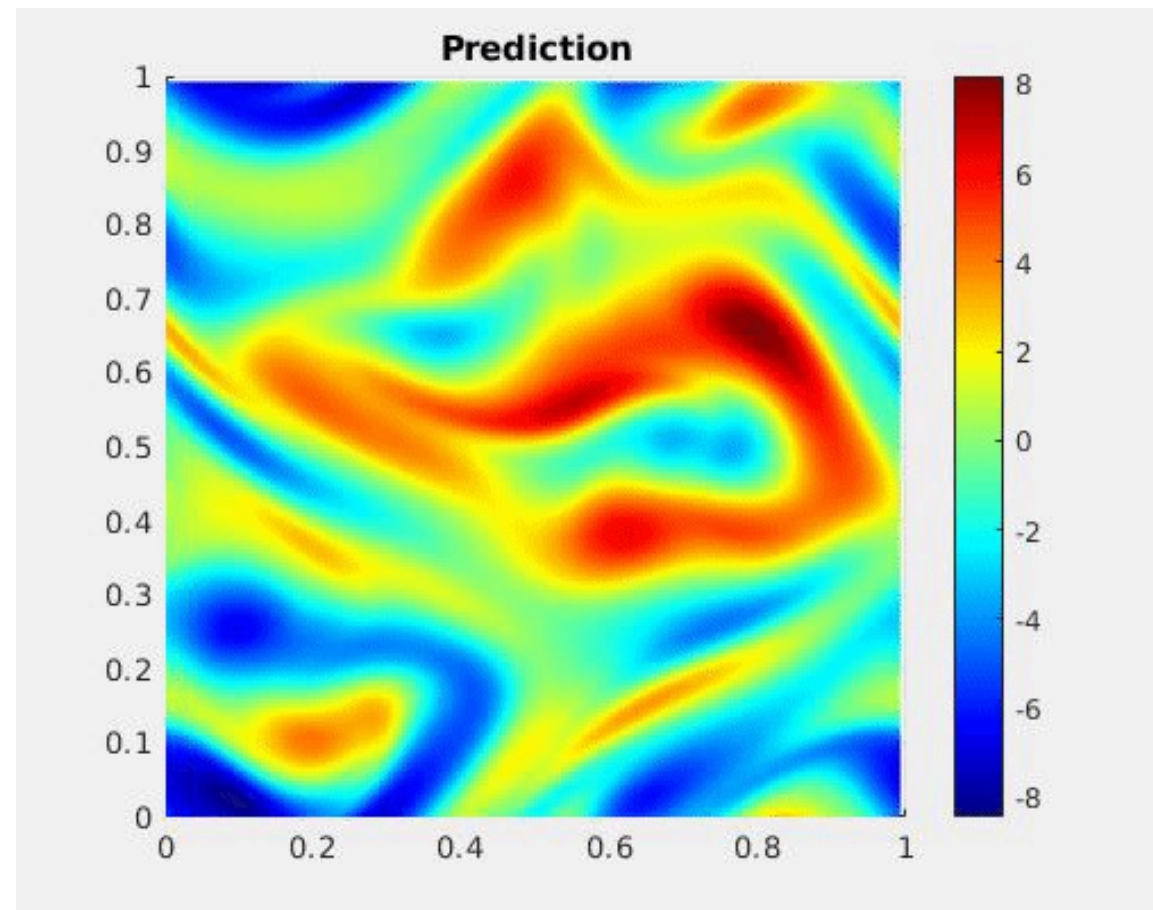


Resembles physics informed neural network, with good preconditioner

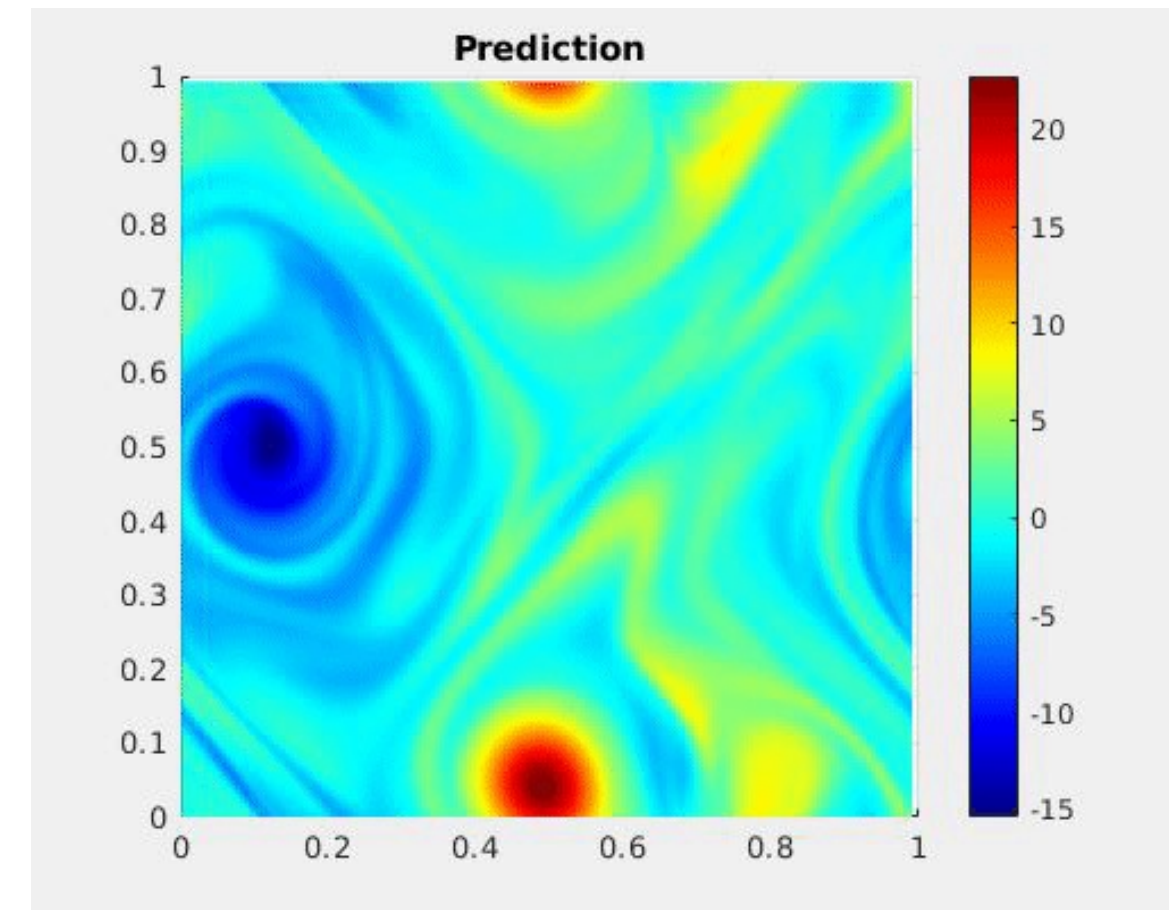
PINO: PHYSICS-INFORMED NEURAL OPERATOR

Transfer Learning with PINO

Operator learned on Re100, fine-tune to Re500. Converges 3x faster.



Reynolds number 100



Reynolds number 500

PINO: PHYSICS-INFORMED NEURAL OPERATOR

Inverse problems with PINO

Inverse problem: $u = \mathcal{G}(a)$

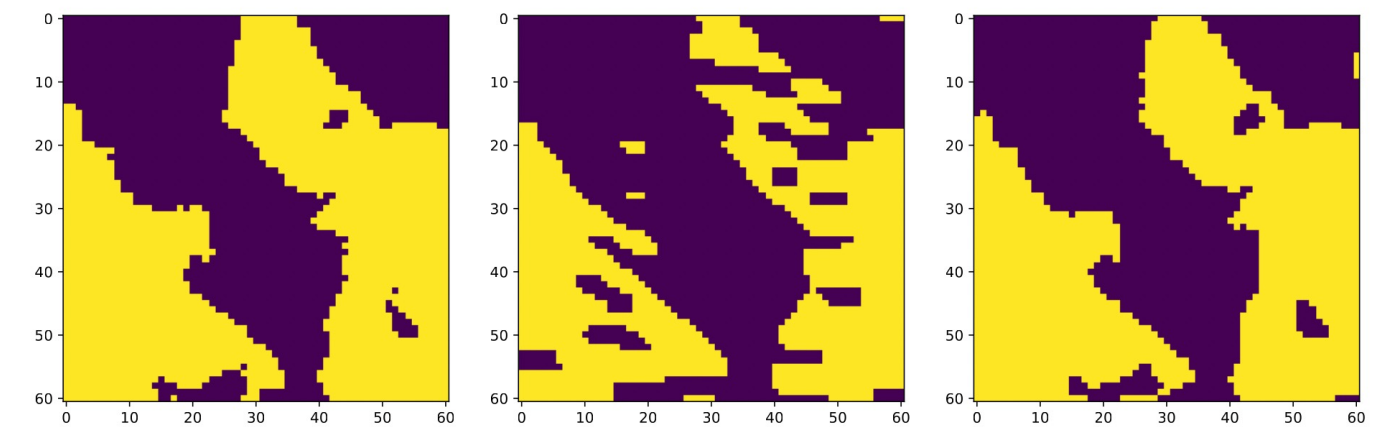
Given the output u , what was the corresponding input a ?

Gradient descent find a solution \rightarrow it might not be physically valid

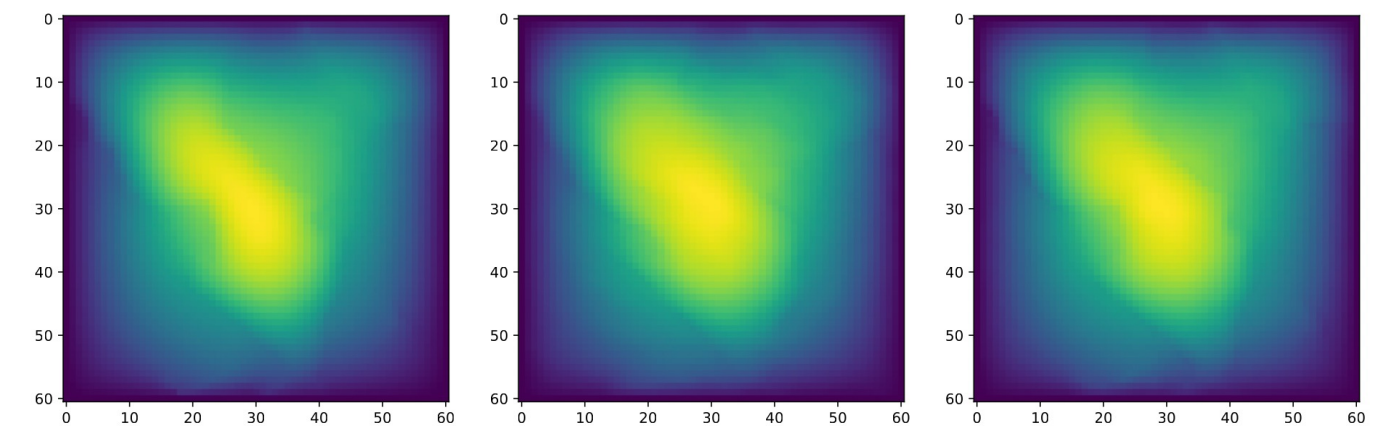
Run Gradient descent with physics in mind.

$$\min_a \|u^* - \mathcal{G}(a)\|$$

$$-\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) = f(x)$$



(a) Ground truth input a (b) Inversion using only data constraint (c) Inversion using data and PDE constraints



(d) Observed output function (e) Output function of inversion using only data constraint (f) Output function of inversion using data and PDE constraints

PINO: PHYSICS-INFORMED NEURAL OPERATOR

How to make PINO principle really practical

Open problems:

- How to impose partial physics
- How to preserve physics quantities
- How to speed/scale up the PINO paradigm
- How to reduce error to sufficient degree
- How to outperform solvers in terms of accuracy



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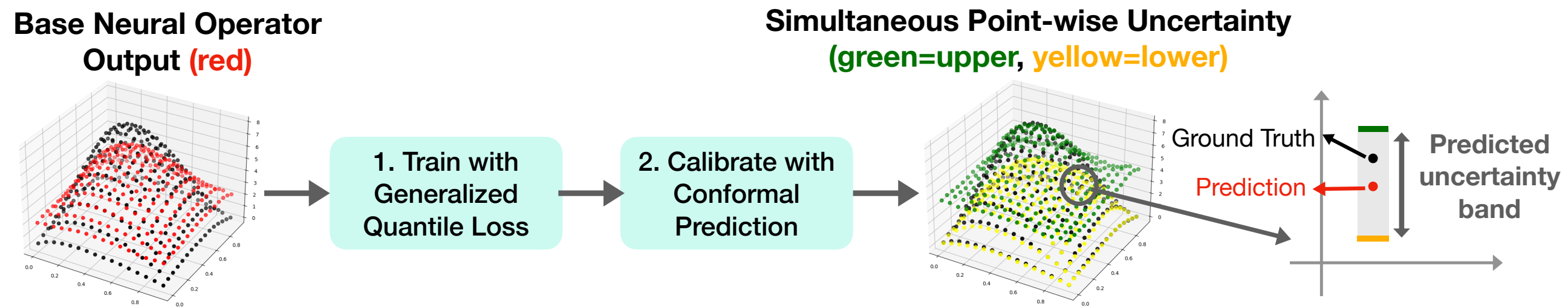
UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION

UQ is ubiquitous in science

Report: 3.63 ± 0.04

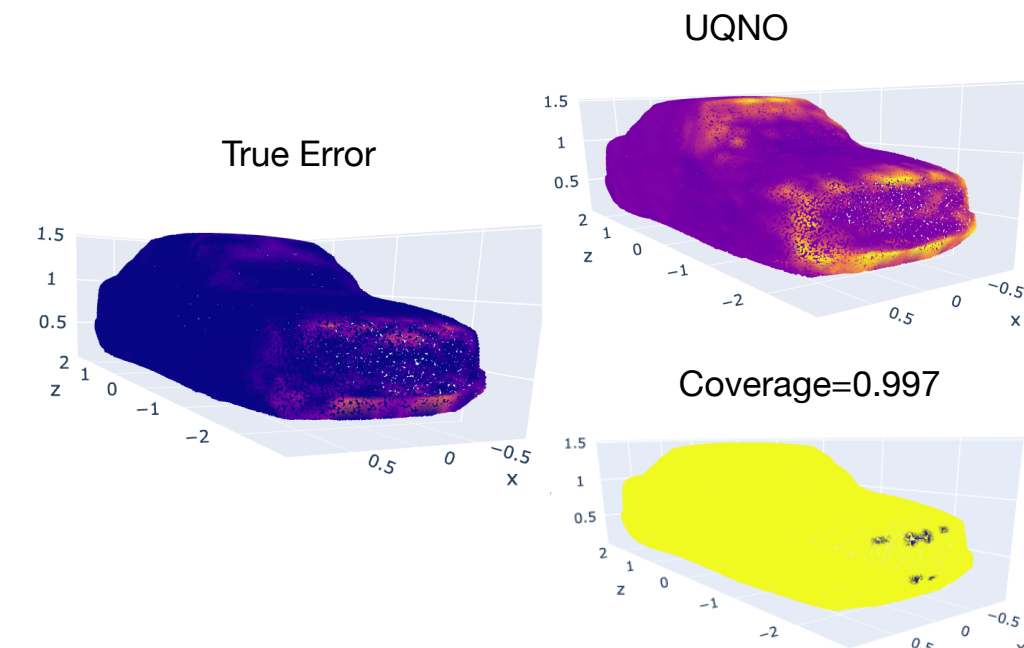
In science, reporting numbers without error bar is almost always unadvised (remember, we learned error analysis first in science classes)

UQ on function spaces is an important area, with only few studies, e.g., generalization of conformal prediction to function spaces



Train a predictive neural operator

Train a risk-controlling quantile neural operator





GENERATIVE MODELS IN FUNCTION SPACES

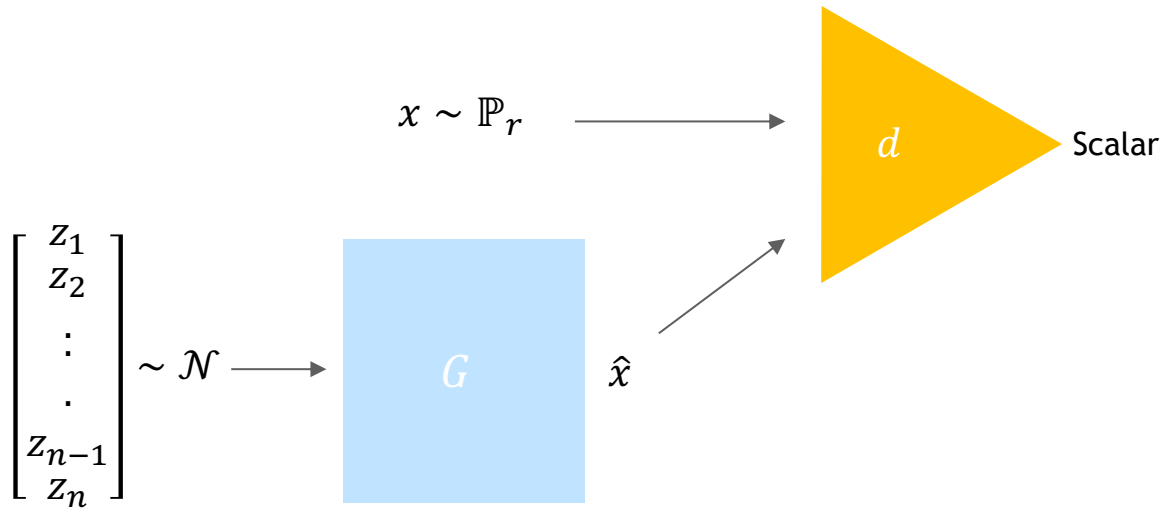
GANO: GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NEURAL OPERATOR

Generative model for function spaces

Let's see how we can generalize Wasserstein GAN to function spaces

GAN

G : Generator neural network
 d : Discriminator neural network



x, z, \hat{x} : Finite dimensional objects

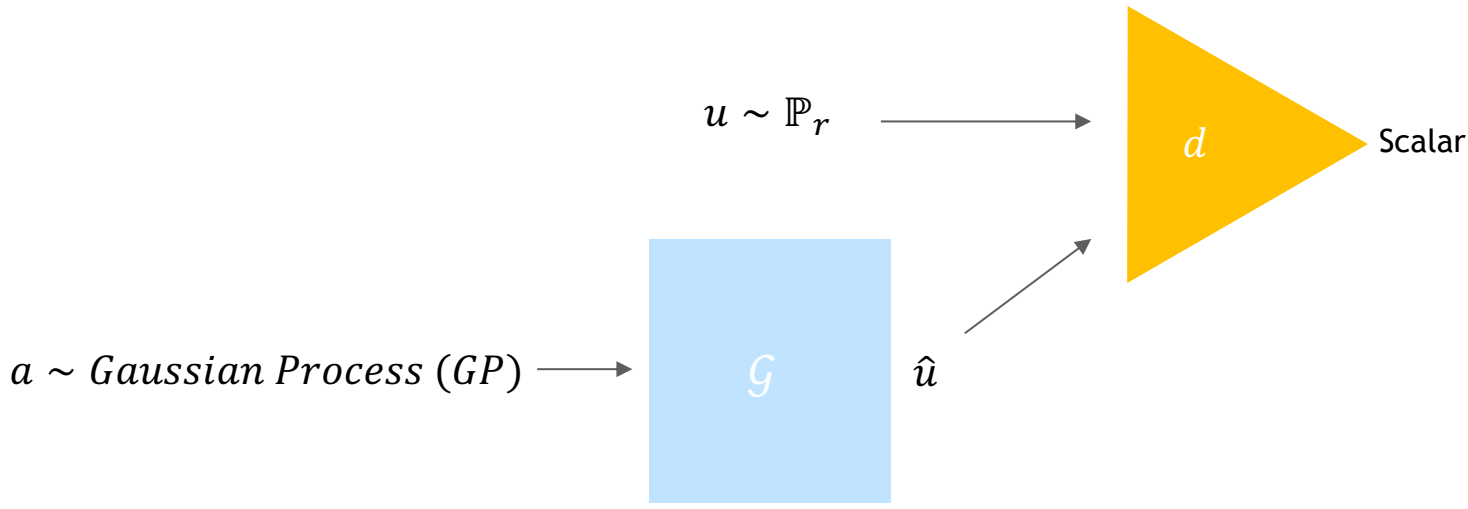
Minimize Wasserstein distance

$$\sup_{\|d\|_L \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_r} [d(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{x} \sim G(z)} [d(\hat{x})]$$

Gradient penalty: $\|\nabla d\| \leq 1$

GANO

\mathcal{G} : Generator neural operator
 d : Discriminator neural functional



a, u, \hat{u} : Infinite dimensional objects

Minimize Wasserstein distance

$$\sup_{\|d\|_L \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{u \sim \mathbb{P}_r} [d(u)] - \mathbb{E}_{\hat{u} \sim G(a)} [d(\hat{u})]$$

Gradient penalty: $\|\partial d\|_{u^*} \leq 1$

Fréchet derivative

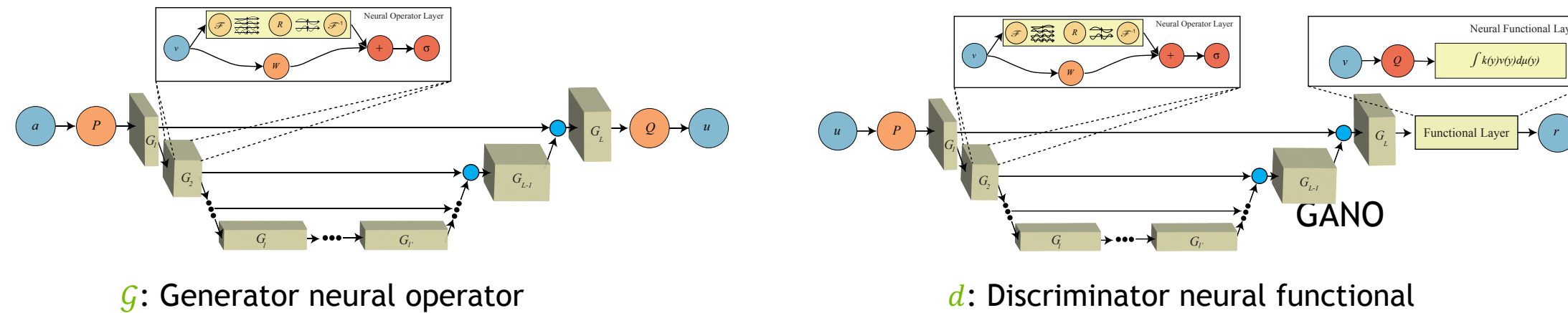
Dual space

GANO: GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NEURAL OPERATOR

Train and generate at different resolutions

GANO in practice

Base model: UNO-FNO



Gradient penalty: $\|\partial d\|_{u^*} \leq 1$

- 1D domain: If $u|_m$ presented on a regular grid of size $m \rightarrow \|\nabla d(u|_m)\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$
- 2D domain: If $u|_m$ presented on a regular grid of size $m_1 \times m_2 \rightarrow \|\nabla d(u|_m)\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_1 m_2}}$
- For irregular grid, the law needs to be calculated for each datapoint

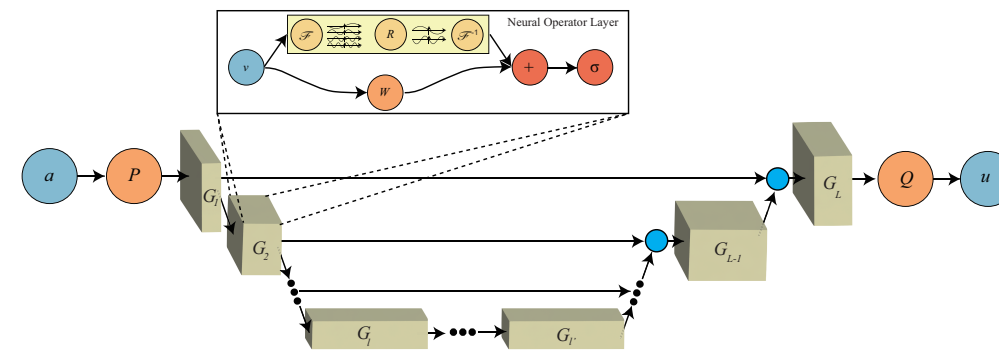
Models	GANO	GAN
Input/output spaces	Function Spaces	Euclidean spaces
Input measure	Gaussian Random Fields	Multivariate random variables
Controls	length scale, variance, energy, etc.	dimension, variance, etc.

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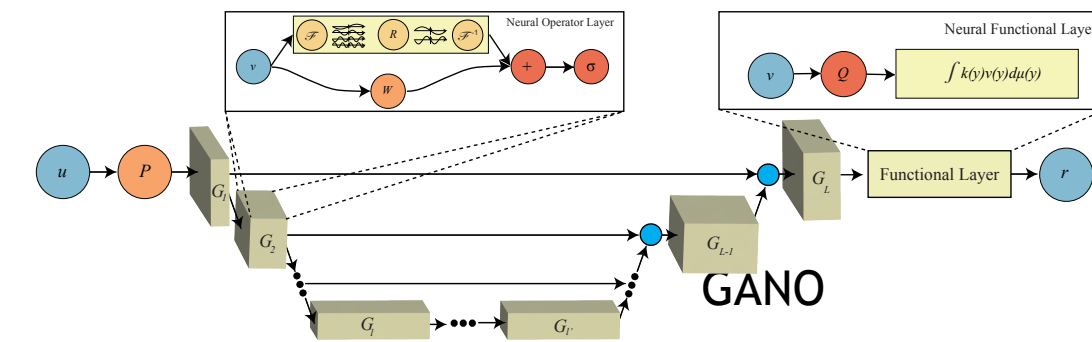
Train and generate at different resolutions

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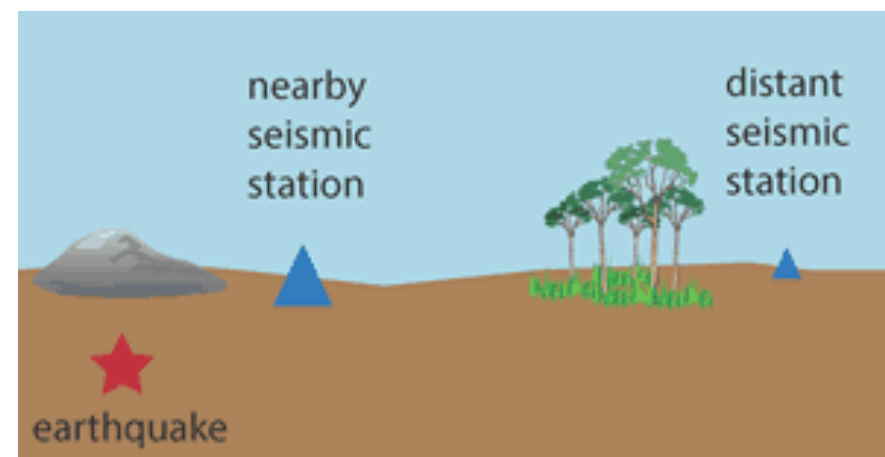
Base model: UNO-FNO



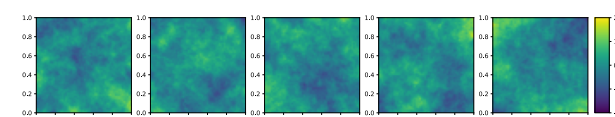
g : Generator neural operator



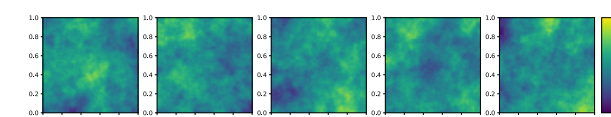
d : Discriminator neural functional



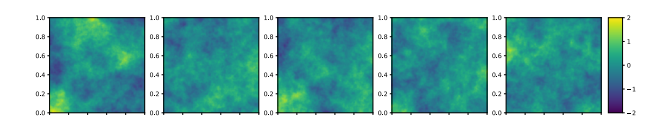
Train and generation at different resolutions



(a) Input GRF samples

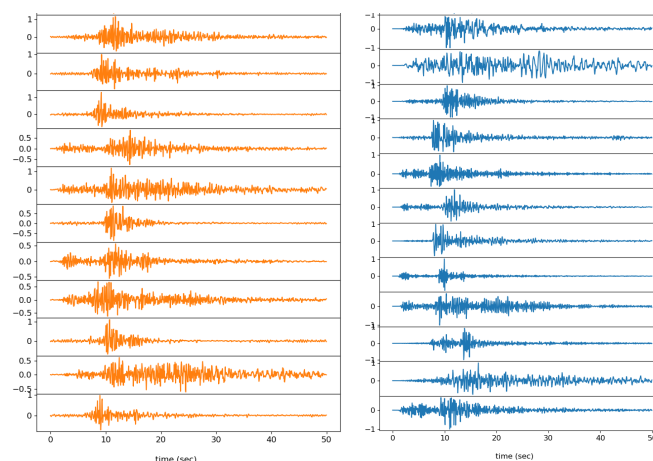


(b) Data GRF samples at 64×64

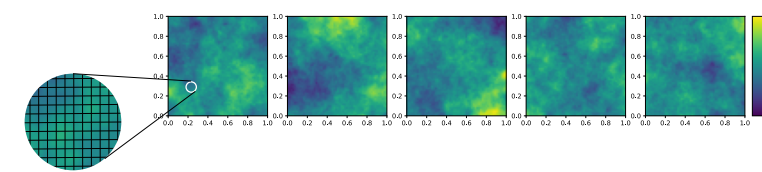


(c) Data GRF samples at 128×128

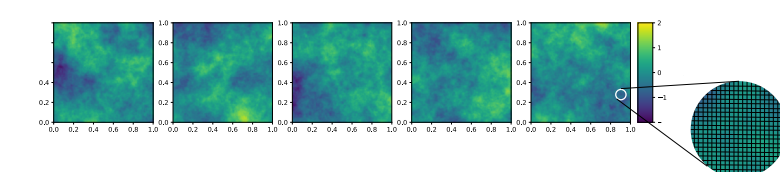
Generated



Seismogram



(d) GANO generated samples on 64×64



(e) GANO generated samples on 128×128

DENOISING DIFFUSION OPERATOR (DDO)

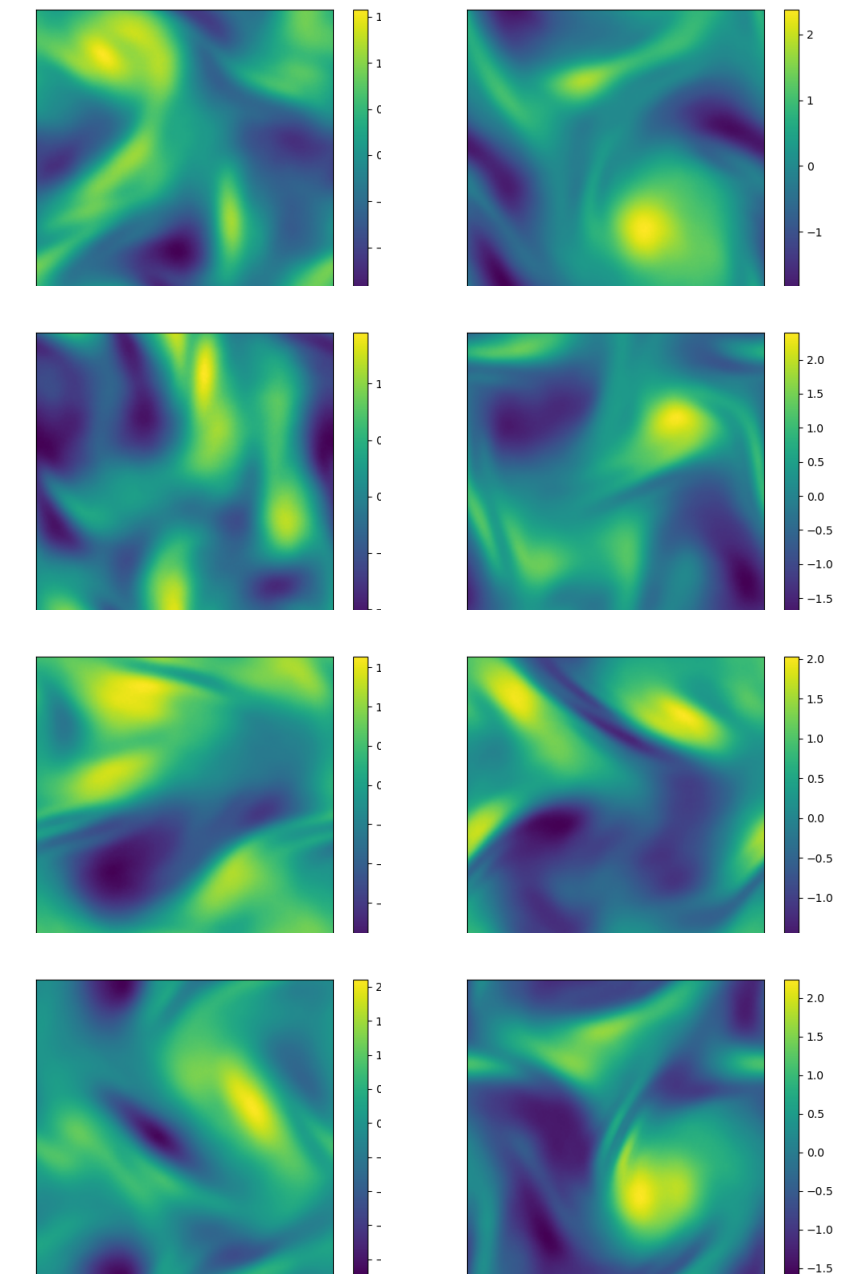
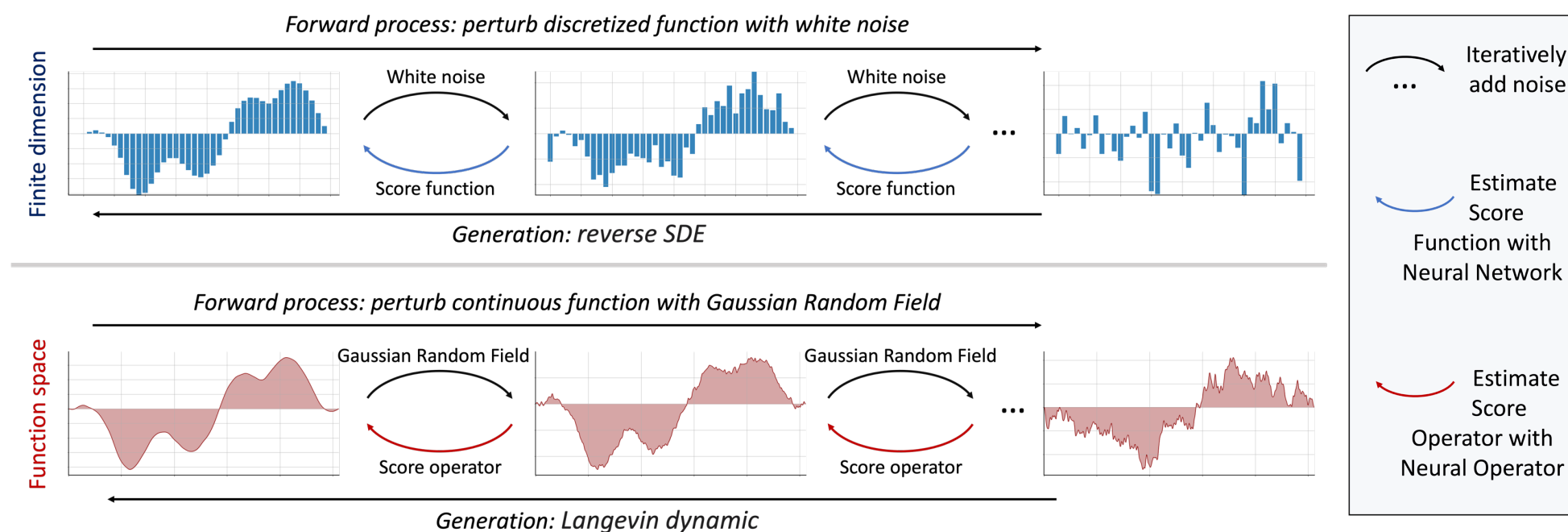
Score based generative model for function spaces

Theory of SDE on function spaces

Score operator vs score function

Multivariate Gaussian for noise, vs GP

Training loss on function space



Training on 128x128, generation on 1024x1024

- Score-based Diffusion Models in Function Space
- Diffusion generative models in infinite dimensions
- Infinite-dimensional diffusion models for function spaces
- Functional Diffusion
- Infinite-Dimensional Diffusion Models
- Conditional score-based diffusion models for Bayesian inference in infinite dimensions
- Multilevel diffusion: Infinite dimensional score-based diffusion models for image generation

GENERATIVE MODEL ON FUNCTION SPACES

Variational Autoencoding Neural Operators (VAE to function spaces)

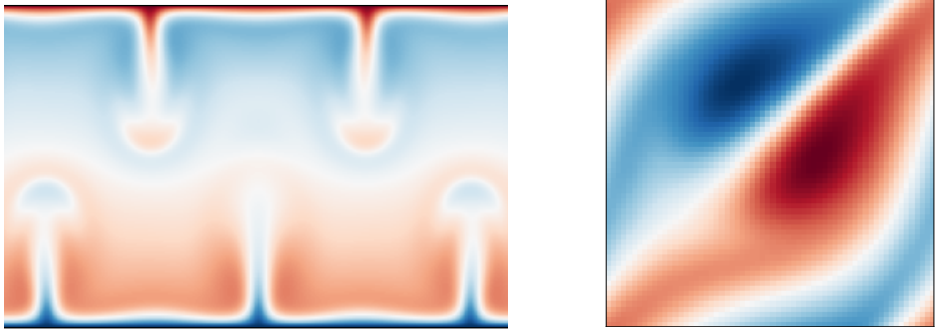
Universal Functional Regression with Neural Operator Flows (Normalizing flow to function spaces)

Functional Flow Matching (Flow matching to function spaces)

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UNIVERSAL FUNCTION REGRESSION

Neural Operators to generalize GP regression

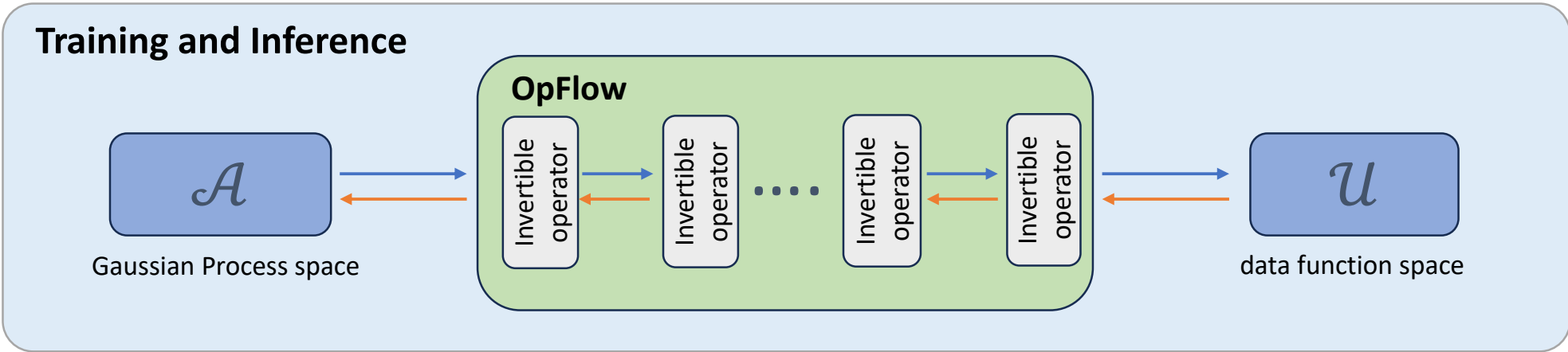
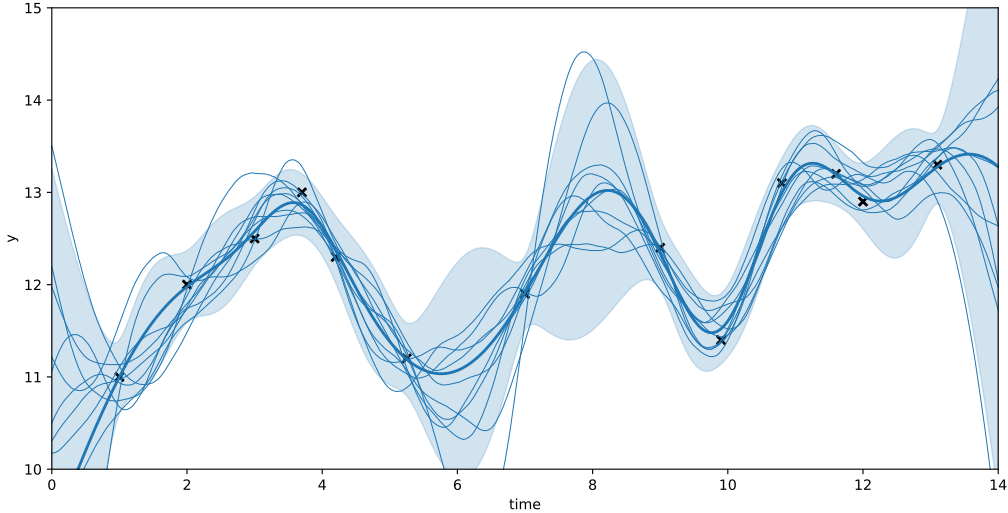


GP regression → Function prior is Gaussian



In real world, function data is not Gaussian

Can we learn maps between stochastic processes?



$$\log p_{\theta}(u|D) = \log p(a|D_A) + \sum_{i=1}^s \log \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial(v^i|_{D_v^i})}{\partial(v^{i-1}|_{D_v^{i-1}})} \right) \right|.$$

Models	Fast training	Fast inference	Bijective architecture	Exact likelihood estimation
GANO	✗	✓	✗	✗
DDO	✗	✗	✗	✗
VANO	✓	✓	✗	✗
OPFLOW	✓	✓	✓	✓



OPEN PROBLEMS

OPEN PROBLEM

Architecture and training

Takeaway message → the whole field is absolutely open

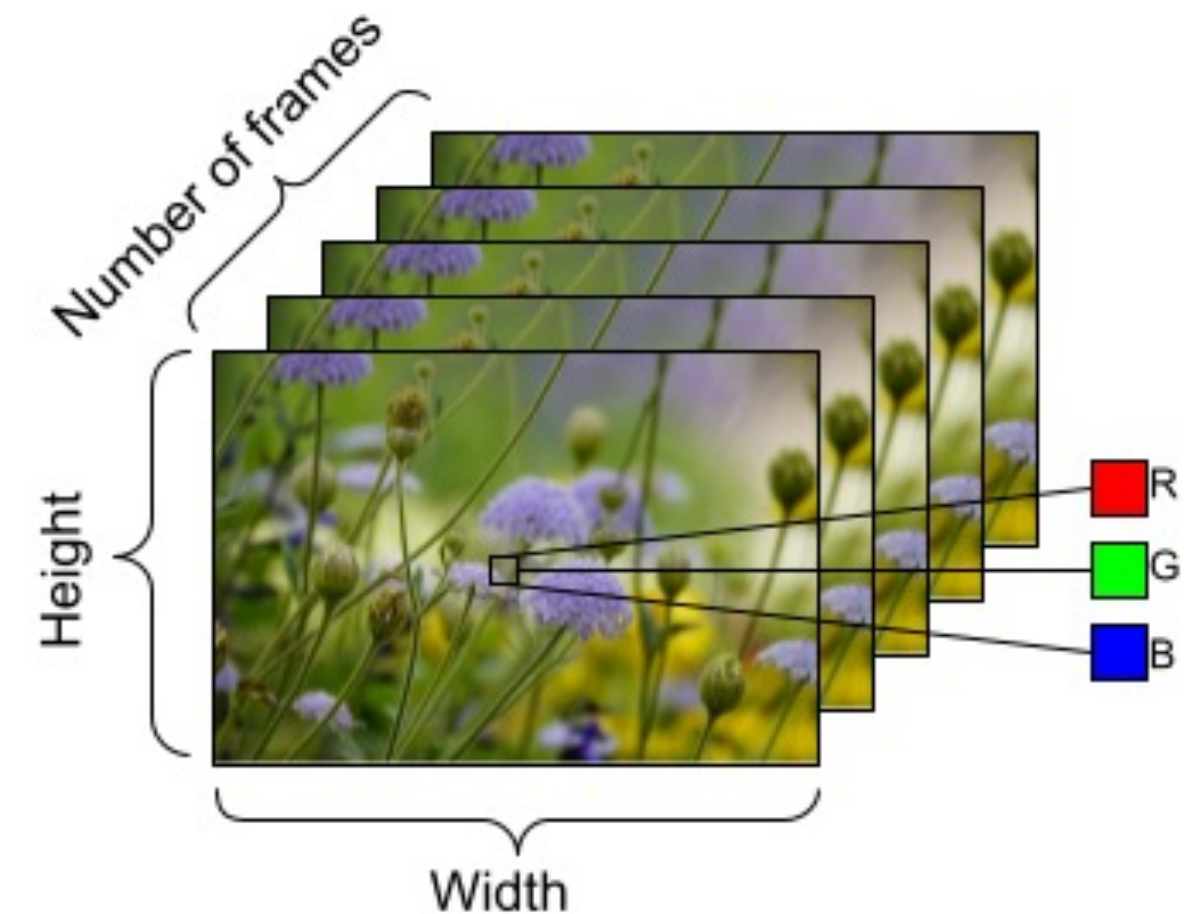
- The neural operator architectures are still primitive
- Also, what other ways of information aggregation? Max pooling? We need consistency in some sense
- Necessary components yet to be explored
- Scaling up is a big challenge
- The accuracies of supervised models are yet limited
- PINO is the future, and very challenging
- What are the best methods for inverse problem
- What happens if we train on low res and test on high res, and vice versa? Theory and practice
- What is the deep learning theory for neural operators? What is width?
- The resolution in the intermediate layers is designer choice, how it should be done?
- The last layer of Neural Operator models is similar to NeRF, how we can bridge between these two?

OPEN PROBLEM

Computer vision, image as a function

Takeaway message → the whole field is absolutely open

- Image as a spatial function
- Video as spatial temporal function



OPEN PROBLEM

Active learning and UQ

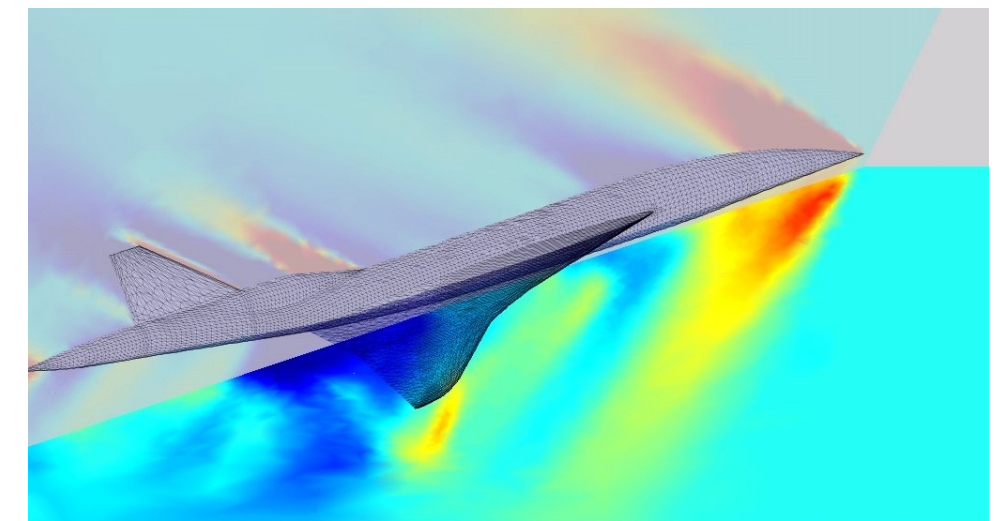
Takeaway message → the whole field is absolutely open

- Data collection and data generation (simulation) are expensive
- Active learning method for data collection and training
- Each scientific domain needs its own active learning method
- UQ is essential in science; what are the principles for UQ in function spaces
- UQ is essential for inverse problem and optimization

Real world wind tunnel experiment



Simulations takes days to months



OPEN PROBLEM

RL in function spaces

Takeaway message → the whole field is absolutely open

RL is essential in scientific computing and engineering

- Fluid control
- Wind farm control
- Climate navigation
- Material design
- Drug discovery
- Flow current stabilization
- Online learning in function spaces,

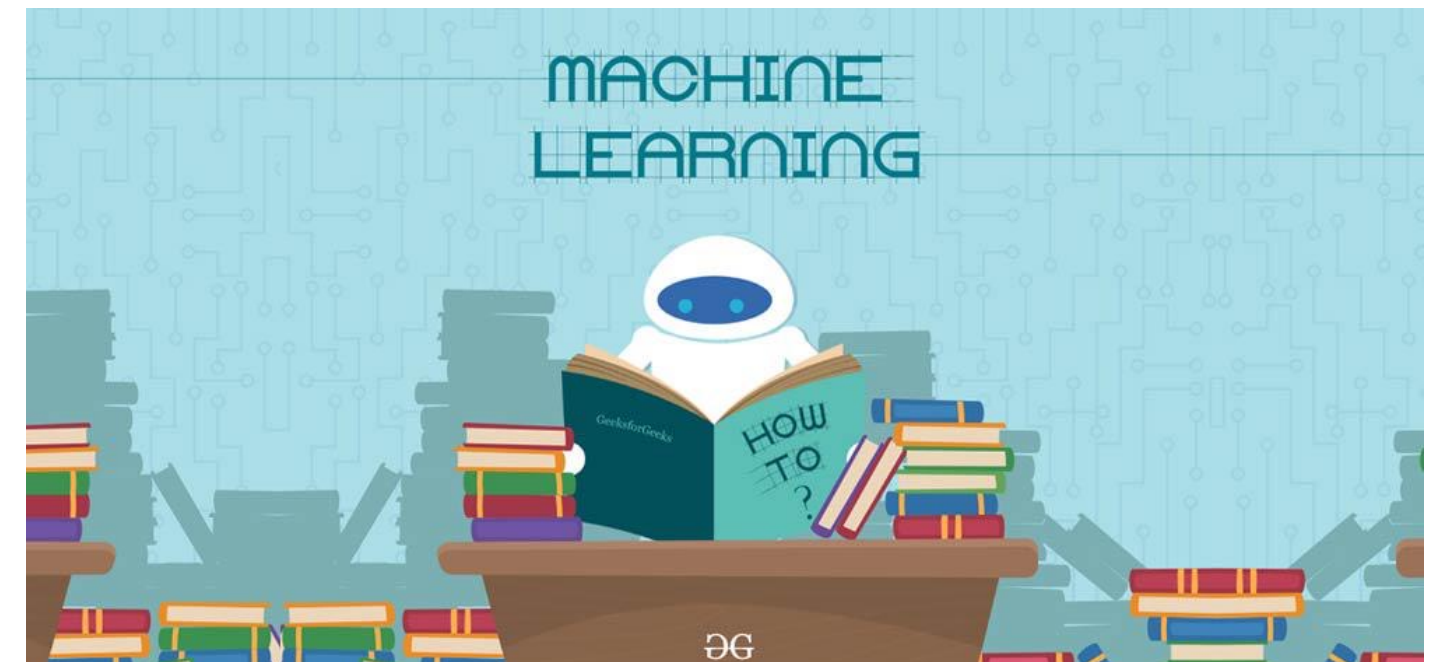


OPEN PROBLEM

Write all of ML on function spaces, with domain in mind

Takeaway message → the whole field is absolutely open

- Unsupervised learning in function spaces,
- Transfer learning and domain adaptation in function spaces,
- Adversarial robustness in function spaces,
- Anomaly Detection in function spaces,
- Self supervised learning in function spaces
- Meta learning in function spaces,
- ...



There is urgent need for curating **massive datasets** for all these domains

COLLABORATION

How to collaborate with domain experts

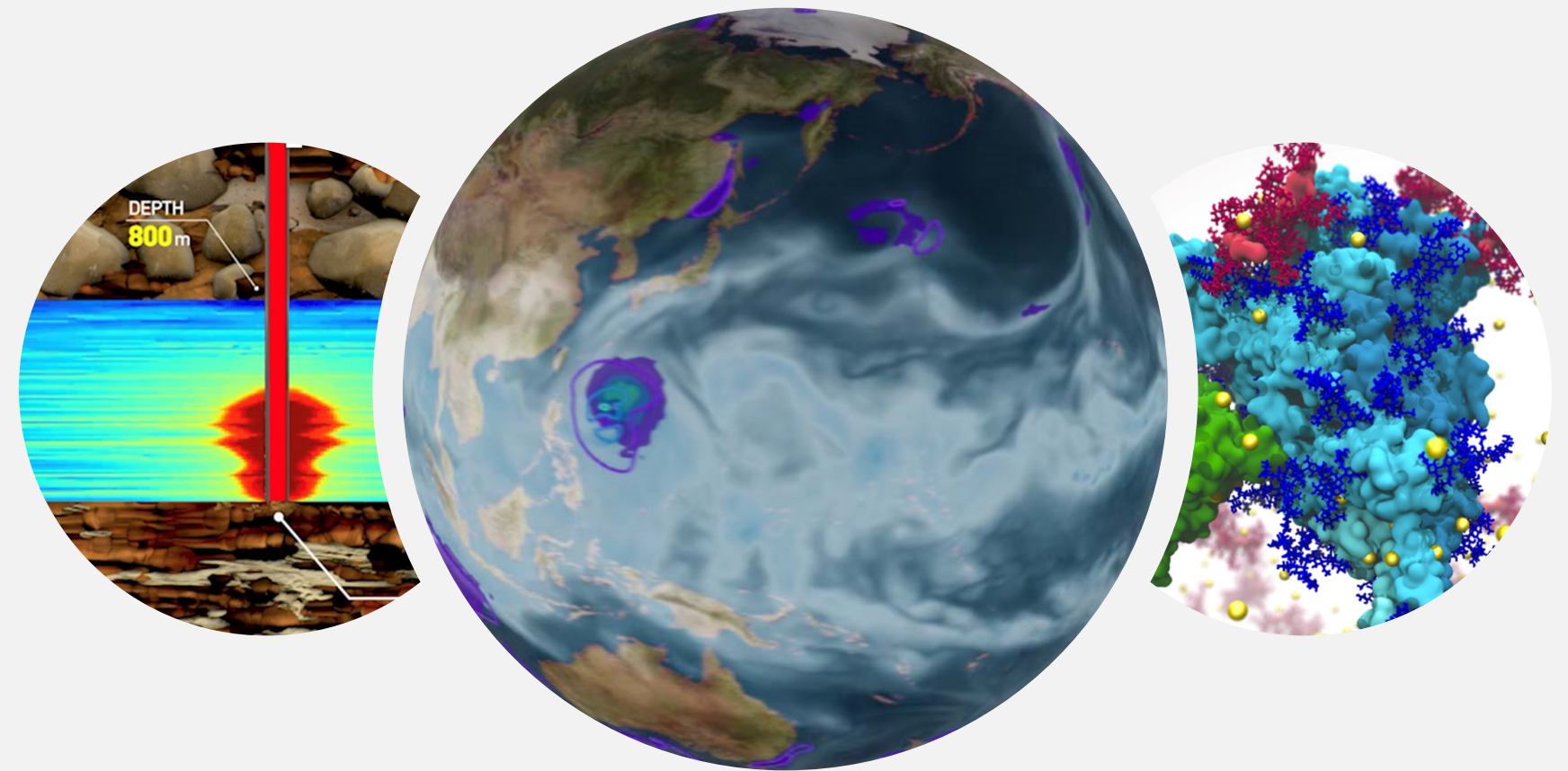
Be aware of challenges:

- Often domain experts are pessimistic about ML
- Initial ML methods are often not as good as the existing paradigms
- Domain experts don't know much ML as ML-ists don't know much other field
- Domain experts often don't have right metrics
- Needs joint development
- Needs building language bridge
- The data is not generated having ML in mind



CONCLUSION

- AI4science is the future of science
- Principled algorithms for zero-shot generalization
- Neural operator extends neural networks to learning in infinite dimensional spaces
- Orders of magnitude speedup while maintaining accuracy



RESOURCES

Neural operator library :

<https://neuraloperator.github.io/neuraloperator/dev/index.html>

Nvidia Modulus

<https://docs.nvidia.com/modulus/index.html>

RESOURCES

Nature: - Neural Operators for Accelerating Scientific Simulations and Design

GNO: Neural Operator: - Graph Kernel Network for Partial Differential Equations

Multi-pole: - Multipole Graph Neural Operator for Parametric Partial Differential Equations

FNO: - Fourier Neural Operator for Parametric Partial Differential Equations

PINO: - Physics-informed machine learning: case studies for weather and climate modelling
: - Physics-Informed Neural Operators with Exact Differentiation on Arbitrary Geometries

Multi-grid: - Multi-Grid Tensorized Fourier Neural Operator for High-Resolution PDEs

Theory: - Neural Operator: Learning Maps Between Function Spaces With Applications to PDEs

UNO: - U-NO: U-shaped Neural Operators

Differential operator: - Neural Operators with Localized Integral and Differential Kernels

DNO: - Fast Sampling of Diffusion Models via Operator Learning

Precision: - Guaranteed Approximation Bounds for Mixed-Precision Neural Operators

CoDANO: - Pretraining Codomain Attention Neural Operators for Solving Multiphysics PDEs

MD: - Equivariant Graph Neural Operator for Modeling 3D Dynamics

UQ: - Calibrated Uncertainty Quantification for Operator Learning via Conformal Prediction

Material science: - A learning-based multiscale method and its application to inelastic impact problems

Tipping points: - Tipping Point Forecasting in Non-Stationary Dynamics on Function Spaces

GINO: - Geometry-Informed Neural Operator for Large-Scale 3D PDEs

Seismology: - Seismic wave propagation and inversion with Neural Operators
: - Rapid Seismic Waveform Modeling and Inversion with Universal Neural Operators

FourcastNet: - Fourcastnet: A global data-driven high-resolution weather model using adaptive Fourier neural operators
- Calibration of Large Neural Weather Models
- Spherical Fourier Neural Operators: Learning Stable Dynamics on the Sphere

CCS: - U-FNO - an enhanced Fourier neural operator based-deep learning model for multiphase flow
: - Real-time high-resolution CO₂ geological storage prediction using nested Fourier neural operators

GANO: - Generative Adversarial Neural Operators

F^2ID : - PaCMO: Partner Dependent Human Motion Generation in Dyadic Human Activity using Neural Operators

DDO: Score-based Diffusion Models in Function Space

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