



# NEURAL OPERATORS FOR SCIENTIFIC MACHINE LEARNING

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# Functions map data, Operators map functions

- Function:  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$

e.g., image classification:



$\mapsto 5$

- Operator: function ( $\infty$ -dim)  $\mapsto$  function ( $\infty$ -dim)

e.g., derivative (local):  $x(t) \mapsto x'(t)$

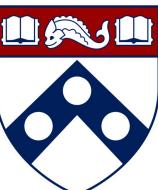
e.g., integral (global):  $x(t) \mapsto \int K(s, t)x(s)ds$

e.g., dynamic system:



e.g., biological system

e.g., social system



# Problem Setup

$$G : u \mapsto G(u)$$

$$G(u) : y \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto G(u)(y) \in \mathbb{R}$$

Input function  $u$

Data:



Output function  $G(u)$

$\xrightarrow{G}$

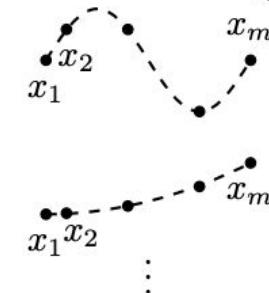
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Question:



Input function  $u$   
at fixed sensors  $x_1, \dots, x_m$



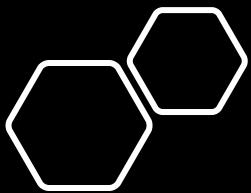
Output function  $G(u)$   
at random location  $y$



$$G(u)(y) \approx \sum_{k=1}^p b_k t_k$$

- Inputs:  $u$  at sensors  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}, y$
- Outputs:  $G(u)(y)$
- $G(u)(y)$ : a function of  $y$  conditioning on  $u$ 
  - $t_k(y)$ : basis functions of  $y$
  - $b_k(u)$ :  $u$ -dependent coefficient



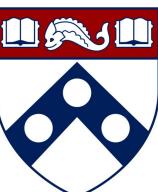


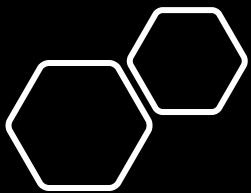
# Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator

**Theorem 1 (Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator).**  
*Suppose that  $\sigma$  is a continuous non-polynomial function,  $X$  is a Banach space,  $K_1 \subset X$ ,  $K_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  are two compact sets in  $X$  and  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , respectively,  $V$  is a compact set in  $C(K_1)$ ,  $G$  is a nonlinear continuous operator, which maps  $V$  into  $C(K_2)$ . Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there are positive integers  $n, p$  and  $m$ , constants  $c_i^k$ ,  $\xi_{ij}^k$ ,  $\theta_i^k$ ,  $\zeta_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $w_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $x_j \in K_1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , such that*

$$\left| G(u)(y) - \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k \sigma \left( \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}^k u(x_j) + \theta_i^k}_{\text{branch}} \right)}_{\text{trunk}} \underbrace{\sigma(w_k \cdot y + \zeta_k)}_{\text{trunk}} \right| < \epsilon \quad (1)$$

holds for all  $u \in V$  and  $y \in K_2$ . Here,  $C(K)$  is the Banach space of all continuous functions defined on  $K$  with norm  $\|f\|_{C(K)} = \max_{x \in K} |f(x)|$ .





# Generalized Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator

**Theorem 2 (Generalized Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator).** Suppose that  $X$  is a Banach space,  $K_1 \subset X$ ,  $K_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  are two compact sets in  $X$  and  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , respectively,  $V$  is a compact set in  $C(K_1)$ . Assume that  $G: V \rightarrow C(K_2)$  is a nonlinear continuous operator. Then, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist positive integers  $m, p$ , continuous vector functions  $\mathbf{g}: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ , and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \in K_1$ , such that

$$\left| G(u)(y) - \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{g}(u(x_1), u(x_2), \dots, u(x_m)), \mathbf{f}(y) \rangle}_{\text{branch}} \right| < \epsilon$$

holds for all  $u \in V$  and  $y \in K_2$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the dot product in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . Furthermore, the functions  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  can be chosen as diverse classes of neural networks, which satisfy the classical universal approximation theorem of functions, for example, (stacked/unstacked) fully connected neural networks, residual neural networks and convolutional neural networks.



# Sketch of Proof

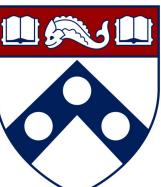
Continuously extend  $\mathcal{G}(u)(y), y \in K_2$  to  $\mathcal{G}(u)(y), y \in D$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}(u) &\approx \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{I}_{m,x}^0 u) \quad (\text{piecewise constant interpolation}) \\ &\approx \sum_{k=1}^p \int_D \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{I}_{m,x}^0 u) e_k(y) dy \quad e_k(y), \quad (K_2 \subset D, \text{spectral expansion}) \\ &\approx \sum_{k=1}^p \int_D \mathcal{I}_{n,y}^0 (\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{I}_{m,x}^0 u)(y)) e_k(y) dy e_k(y) \quad (\text{interpolation}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^p \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{I}_{m,x}^0 u)(y_i) \underbrace{\int_D e_k(y) \chi_{D_i}(y) dy}_{c_i^k} \right) e_k(y)\end{aligned}$$

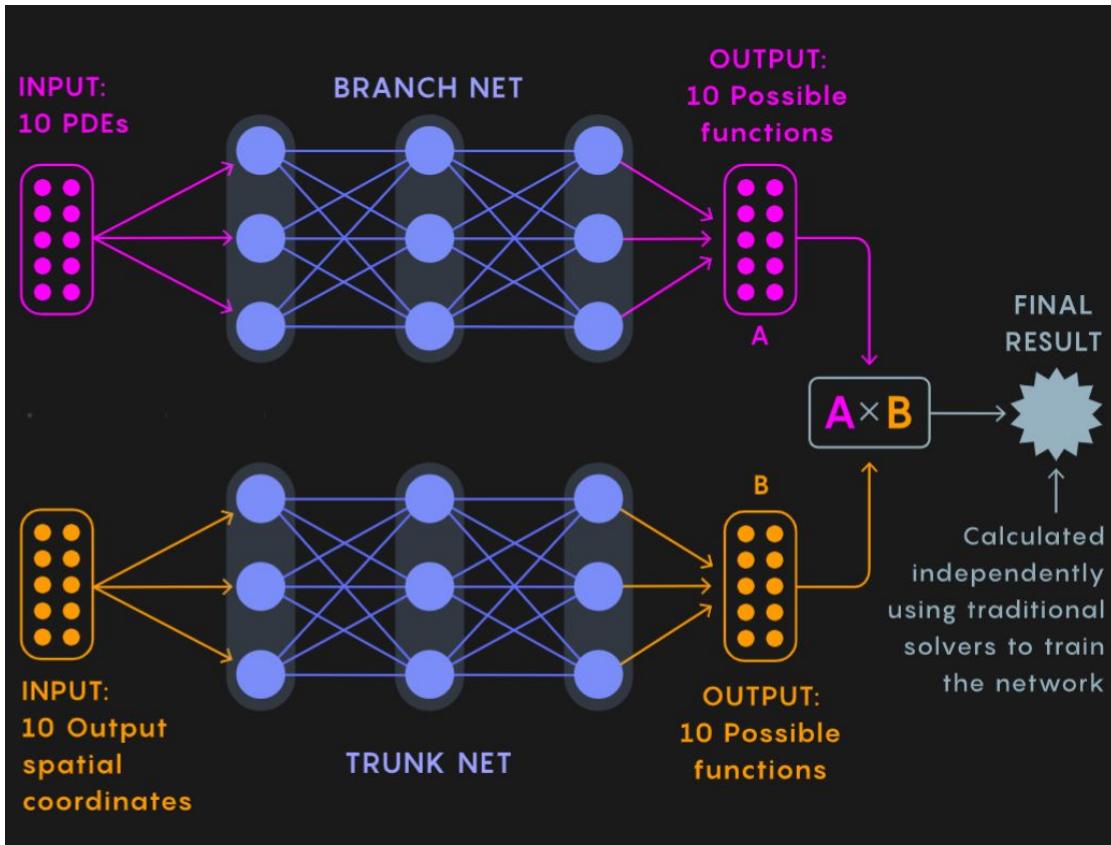
- $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{I}_m^0 u)(y_i)$  is continuous in  $u_m$ , on  $[-M, M]^m$ ,  $M = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |u(x_i)|$ .
- As  $\mathcal{G} : V \rightarrow C(D)$  is continuous, we have uniform approximation

$$\sup_{u \in V} \sup_{u_m \in [-M, M]^m} \left| \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{I}_m^0 u)(y_i) - g^N(u_m; \Theta^{(k,i)}) \right| < \epsilon$$

- $e_k(y) \approx f^N(y; \theta^{(k)})$

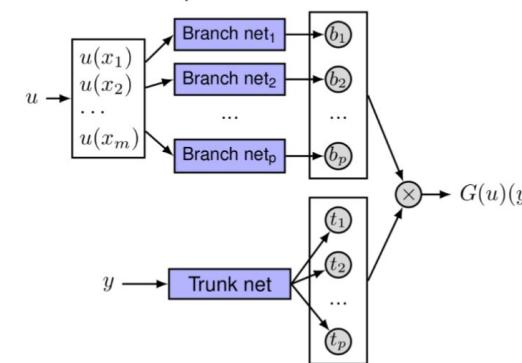


# DeepONet

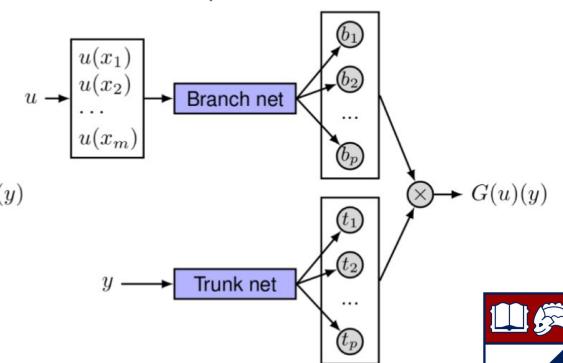


$$G(u)(y) \approx \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k \sigma \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}^k u(x_j) + \theta_i^k \right)}_{\text{branch}} \underbrace{\sigma(w_k \cdot y + \zeta_k)}_{\text{trunk}}$$

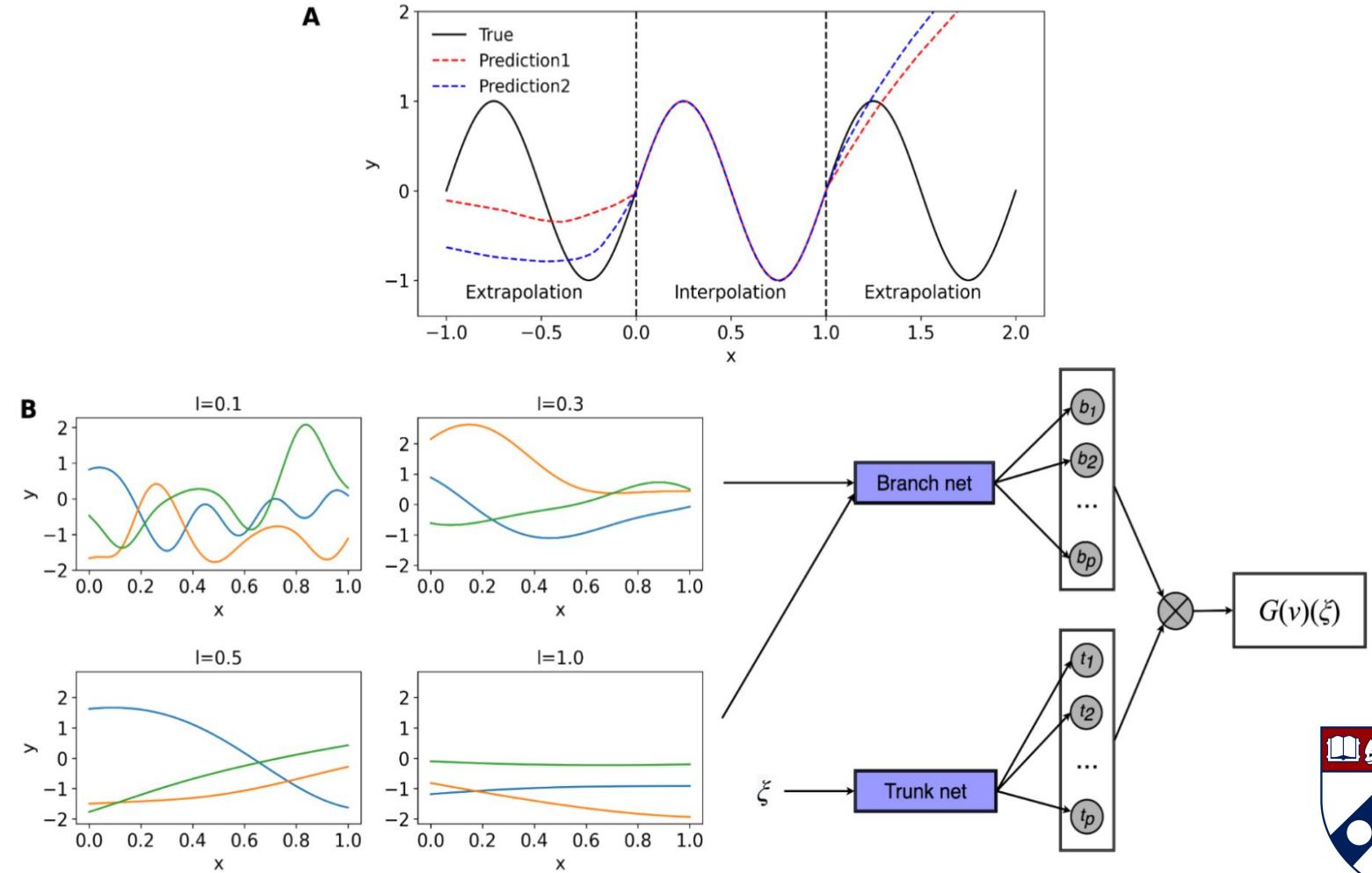
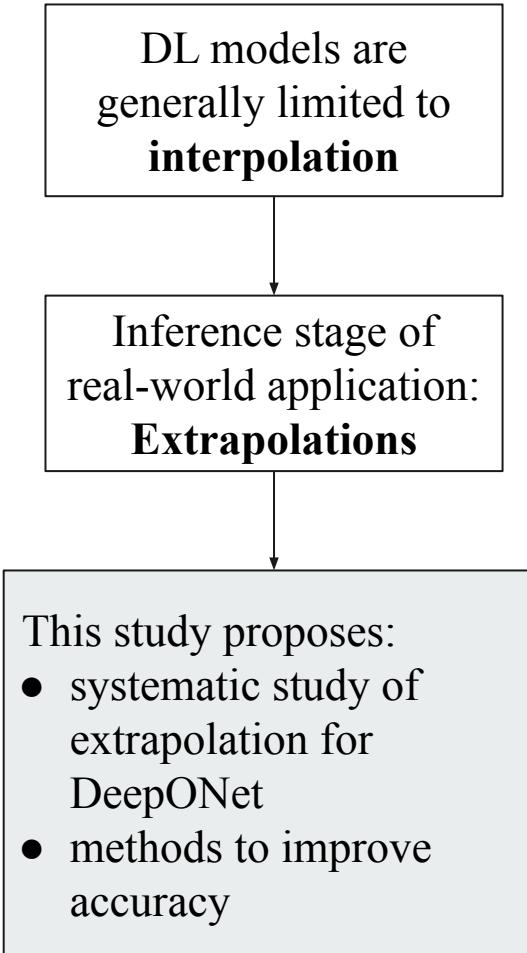
**C** Stacked DeepONet



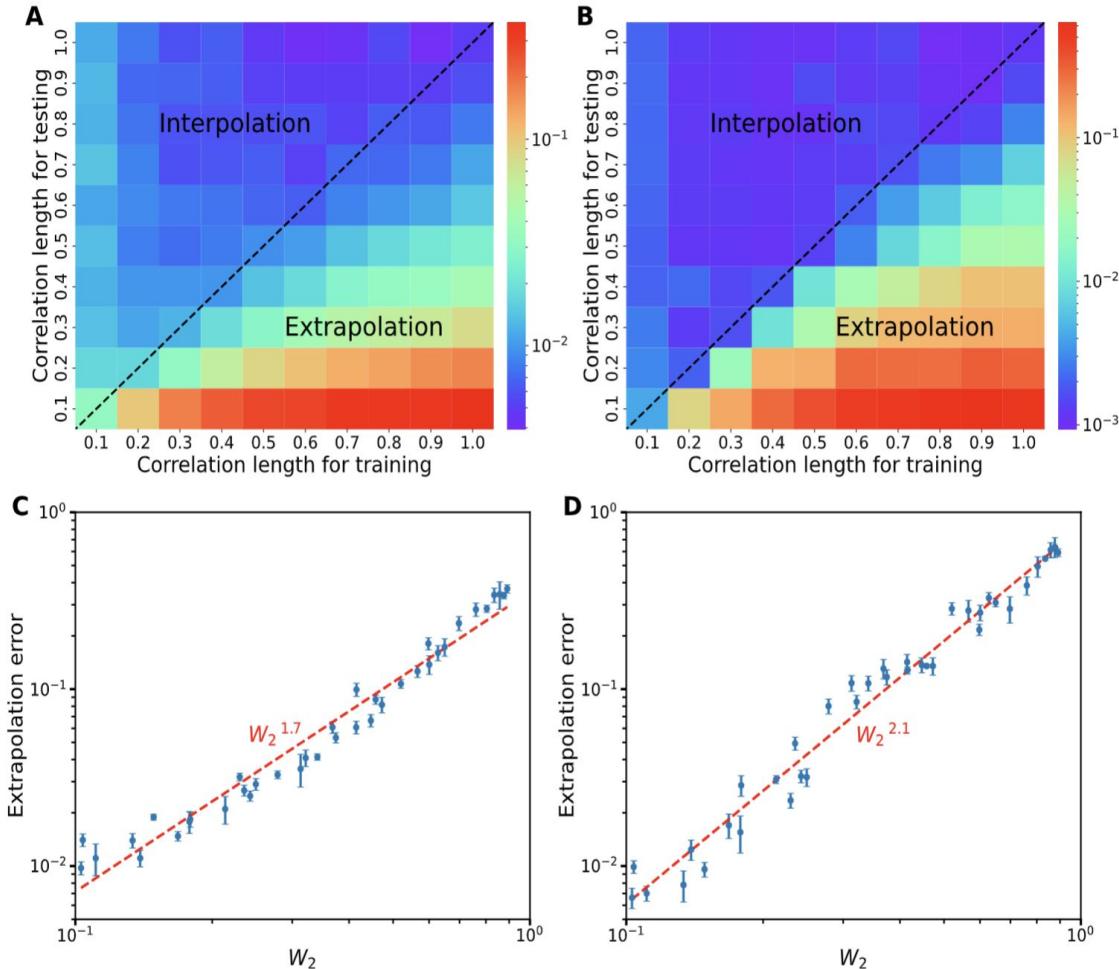
**D** Unstacked DeepONet



# Reliable learning of DeepONets informed by physics or Sparse observation for safe extrapolation



# Extrapolation of DeepONet



- **Interpolation and extrapolation region**

$\text{Prediction} = \begin{cases} \text{Interpolation}, & \text{when } l_{\text{train}} \leq l_{\text{test}}, \\ \text{Extrapolation}, & \text{when } l_{\text{train}} > l_{\text{test}}. \end{cases}$

- **Extrapolation complexity by 2-Wasserstein distance**

Suppose two Gaussian processes,

$$f_1 \sim \mathcal{GP}(m_1, k_1) \text{ and } f_2 \sim \mathcal{GP}(m_2, k_2)$$

A covariance operator is defined as

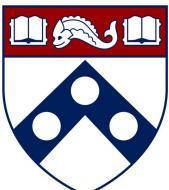
$$[K_i \phi](x) = \int_X k_i(x, s) \phi(s) ds, \quad \forall \phi \in L^2(X).$$

The metric is defined as

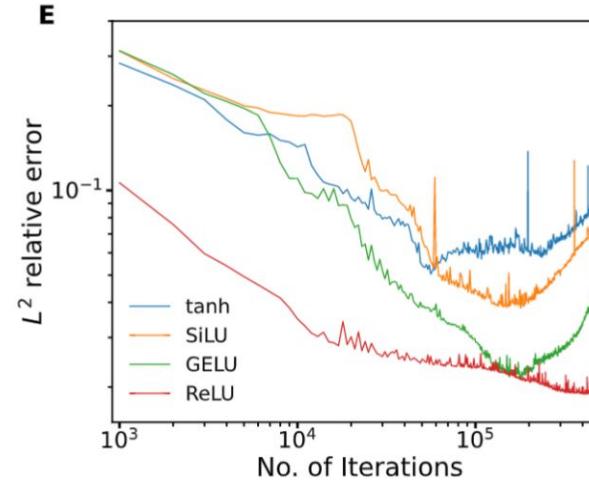
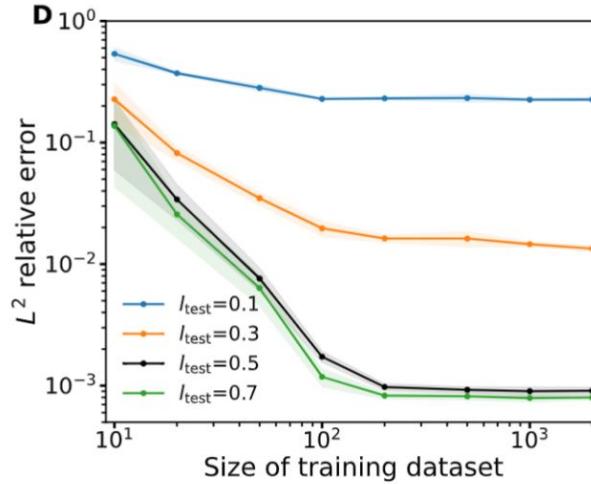
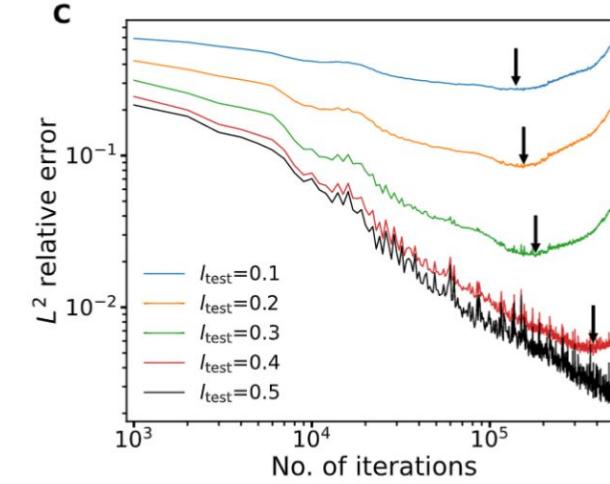
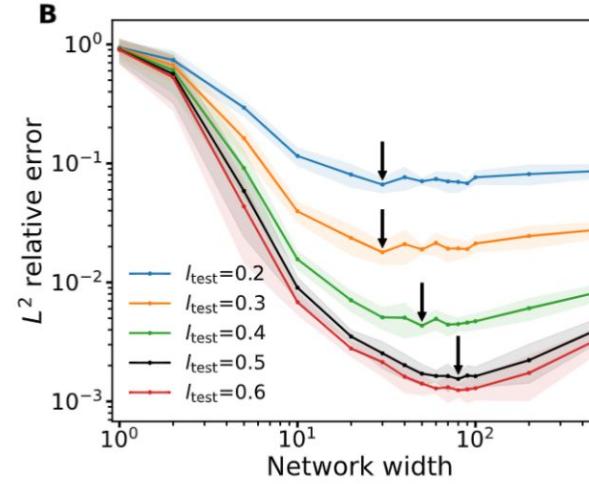
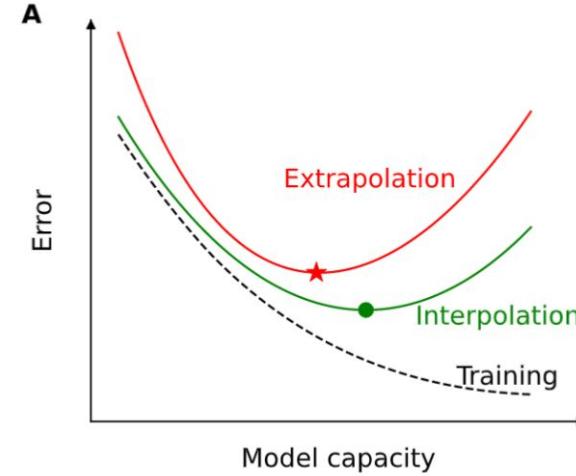
$$W_2(f_1, f_2) := \left\{ \|m_1 - m_2\|_2^2 + \text{Tr} \left[ K_1 + K_2 - 2 \left( K_1^{\frac{1}{2}} K_2 K_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- **Understanding extrapolation error**

- Bias-variance trade-off
- Training dataset size
- Activation functions



# Understanding Extrapolation Error



## Findings:

- A,B: U-shaped error curves
- C: Early overfitting
- D: Larger dataset has smaller error
- E: ReLU and GELU present good performance



# Learning methods for safe extrapolation

- **Workflow of extrapolation**

- **Physics:**

$$\mathcal{F}[u; v] = 0 \quad \mathcal{B}[u; v] = 0.$$

⇒ Fine-tune with physics

- **Sparse observations**

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\xi_1, u(\xi_1)), (\xi_2, u(\xi_2)), \dots, (\xi_{N_{\text{obs}}}, u(\xi_{N_{\text{obs}}}))\}$$

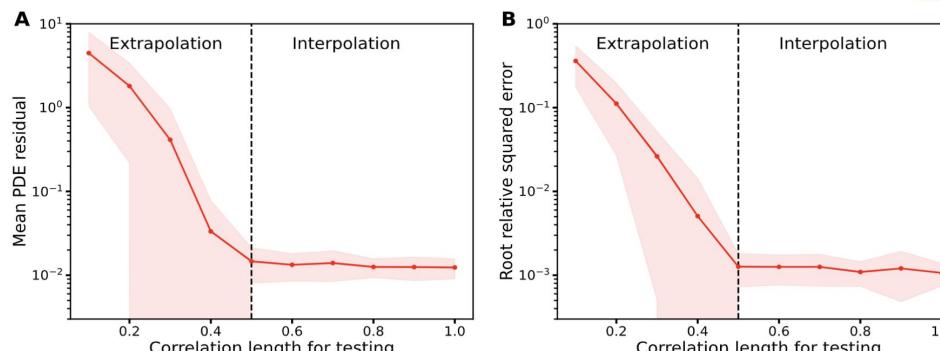
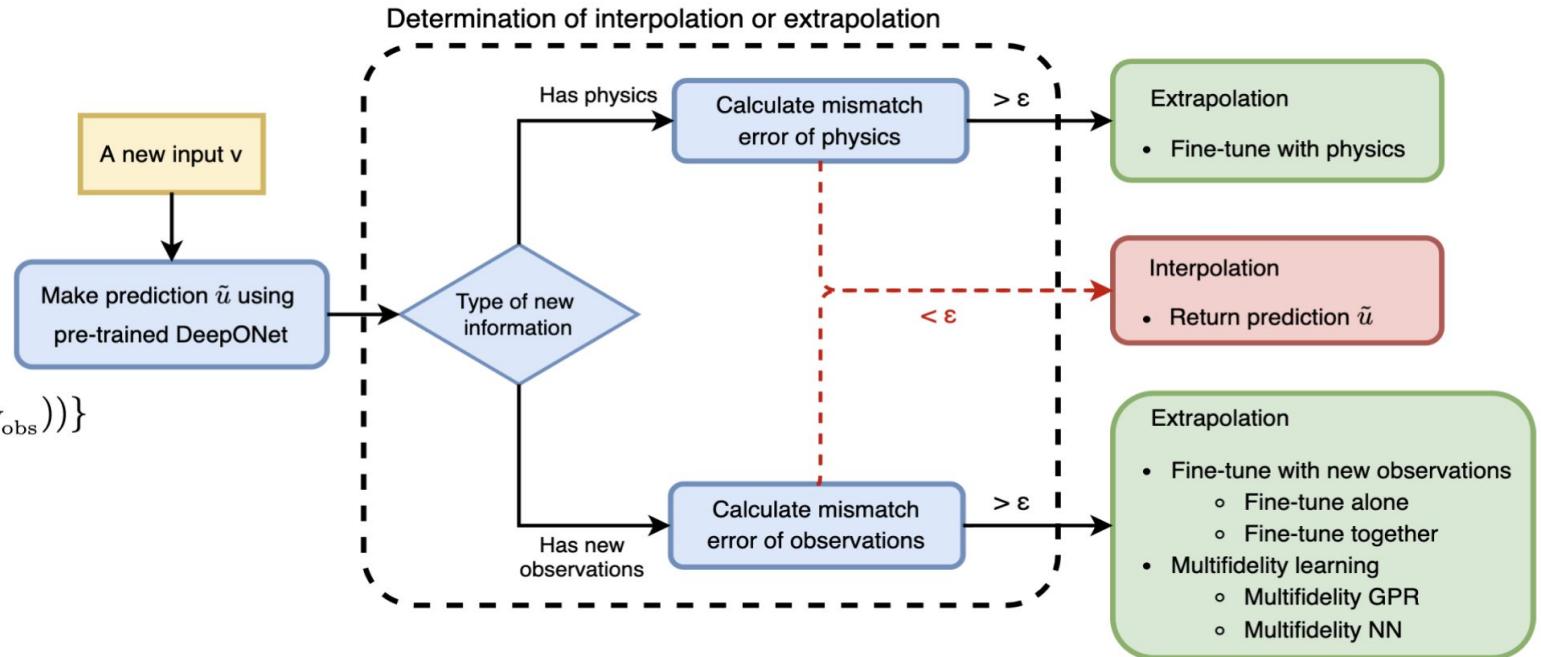
⇒ Fine-tune with new observations

⇒ Multifidelity learning

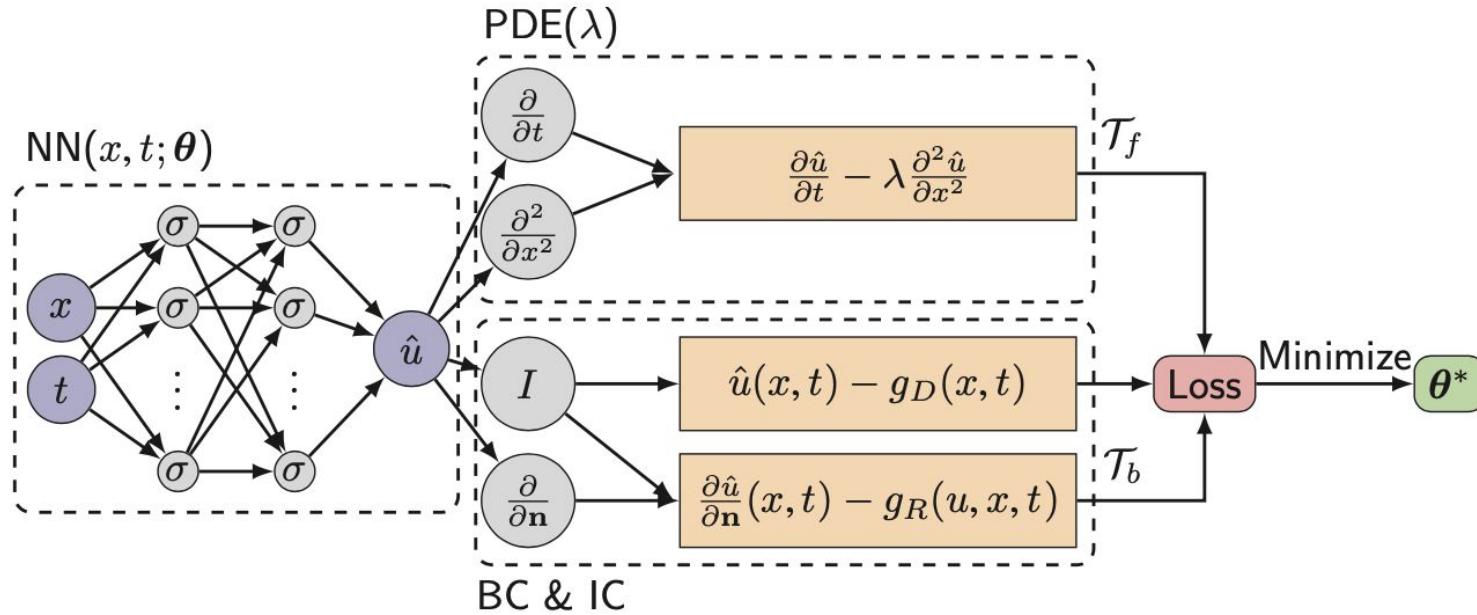
- **Errors of mismatch**

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{phys}} = \frac{1}{\text{Area}(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} |\mathcal{F}[\tilde{u}; v]| d\xi,$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{obs}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} (\tilde{u}(\xi_i) - u(\xi_i))^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} u^2(\xi_i)}}$$



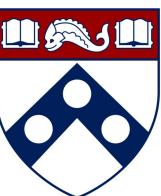
# Physics-Informed Neural Networks



$$\mathcal{L}(\theta; \mathcal{T}) = w_f \mathcal{L}_f(\theta; \mathcal{T}_f) + w_b \mathcal{L}_b(\theta; \mathcal{T}_b),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_f(\theta; \mathcal{T}_f) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}_f|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{T}_f} \left\| f \left( \mathbf{x}; \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial x_d}; \frac{\partial^2 \hat{u}}{\partial x_1 \partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2 \hat{u}}{\partial x_1 \partial x_d}; \dots; \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) \right\|_2^2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_b(\theta; \mathcal{T}_b) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}_b|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{T}_b} \|\mathcal{B}(\hat{u}, \mathbf{x})\|_2^2,$$



# Reliable learning of DeepONets informed by physics or Sparse observation for safe extrapolation

- **Fine-tuning with Physics (FT-Phys)**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{phys}} = w_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}} + w_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{B}},$$

- **Fine-tuning with sparse new observations**

- Fine-tune with new observations alone (FT-Obs-A)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{obs}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} (\mathcal{G}_{\theta}(v)(\xi_i) - u(\xi_i))^2.$$

- Fine-tune with new observations together (FT-Obs-T)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}, \text{obs}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}} + k \mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}$$

- **Multifidelity learning**

- Multifidelity GPR
  - Multifidelity NN

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**Algorithm 1: Extrapolation via fine-tuning with physics.**

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**Input:** A pre-trained DeepONet  $\mathcal{G}_{\theta}$ , and a new input function  $v$

**Data:** Physics information  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$

**Output:** Prediction  $u = \mathcal{G}_{\theta}(v)$

- 1 Fix the input of the branch net of  $\mathcal{G}_{\theta}$  to be  $v$ ;
  - 2 Sample the two sets of training points  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}}$  for the equation and initial/boundary conditions;
  - 3 Select the weights  $w_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $w_{\mathcal{B}}$ ;
  - 4 Train all the parameters or a subset of the parameters of  $\mathcal{G}_{\theta}$  by minimizing the loss  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{phys}}$  of Eq. (3);
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**Algorithm 2: Extrapolation via fine-tuning with new observations.**

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**Input:** A pre-trained DeepONet  $\mathcal{G}_{\theta}$ , and a new input function  $v$

**Data:** New observations  $\mathcal{D}$

**Output:** Prediction  $u = \mathcal{G}_{\theta}(v)$

- 1 Fix the input of the branch net of  $\mathcal{G}_{\theta}$  to be  $v$ ;
  - 2 Fine-tune  $\mathcal{G}_{\theta}$  by minimizing the loss of Eq. (4) for fine-tuning alone or Eq. (5) for fine-tuning together;
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**Algorithm 3: Extrapolation via multifidelity learning with new observations.**

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**Input:** A pre-trained DeepONet  $\mathcal{G}_{\theta}$ , and a new input function  $v$

**Data:** New observations  $\mathcal{D}$

**Output:** Prediction  $u$

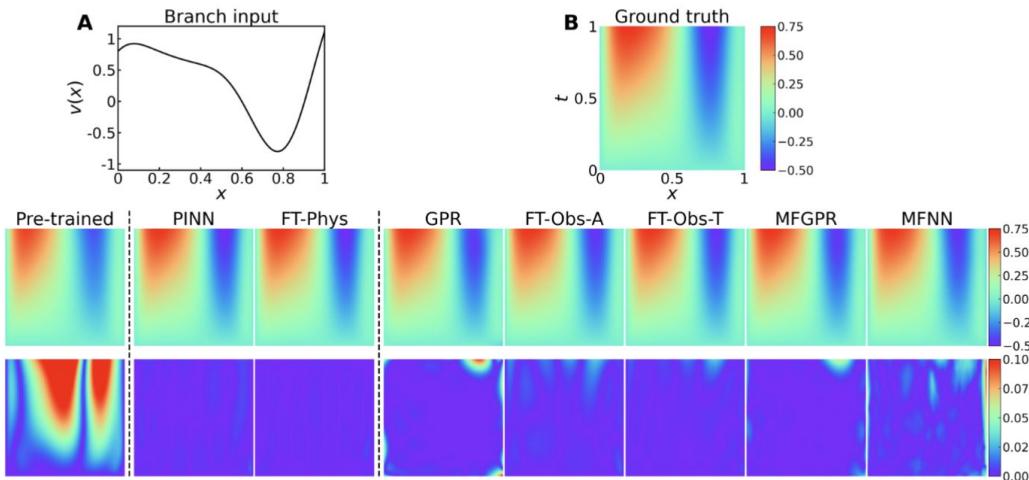
- 1 Compute the prediction  $\tilde{u} = \mathcal{G}_{\theta}(v)$ ;
  - 2 Sample a set of dense points  $\mathcal{S} = \{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{S}|}$  and use  $\{(\xi_i, \tilde{u}(\xi_i))\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{S}|}$  as the low-fidelity dataset;
  - 3 Use  $\mathcal{D}$  as the high-fidelity dataset;
  - 4 Train a multifidelity model (MFGPR or MFNN) on the multifidelity datasets;
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# Numerical Results: Diffusion-reaction equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + ku^2 + v(x), \quad x \in [0, 1], t \in [0, 1],$$

- $D = 0.01$ ,  $k = 0.01$ , with zero boundary and initial conditions.  $l_{\text{train}} = 0.5$ ,  $l_{\text{test}} = 0.2$
- Mapping from source term  $v(x)$  to solution  $u(x, t)$ .
- $v(x)$  are sampled from a Gaussian random field (GRF) with a radial-basis function kernel (RBF) kernel.



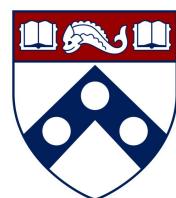
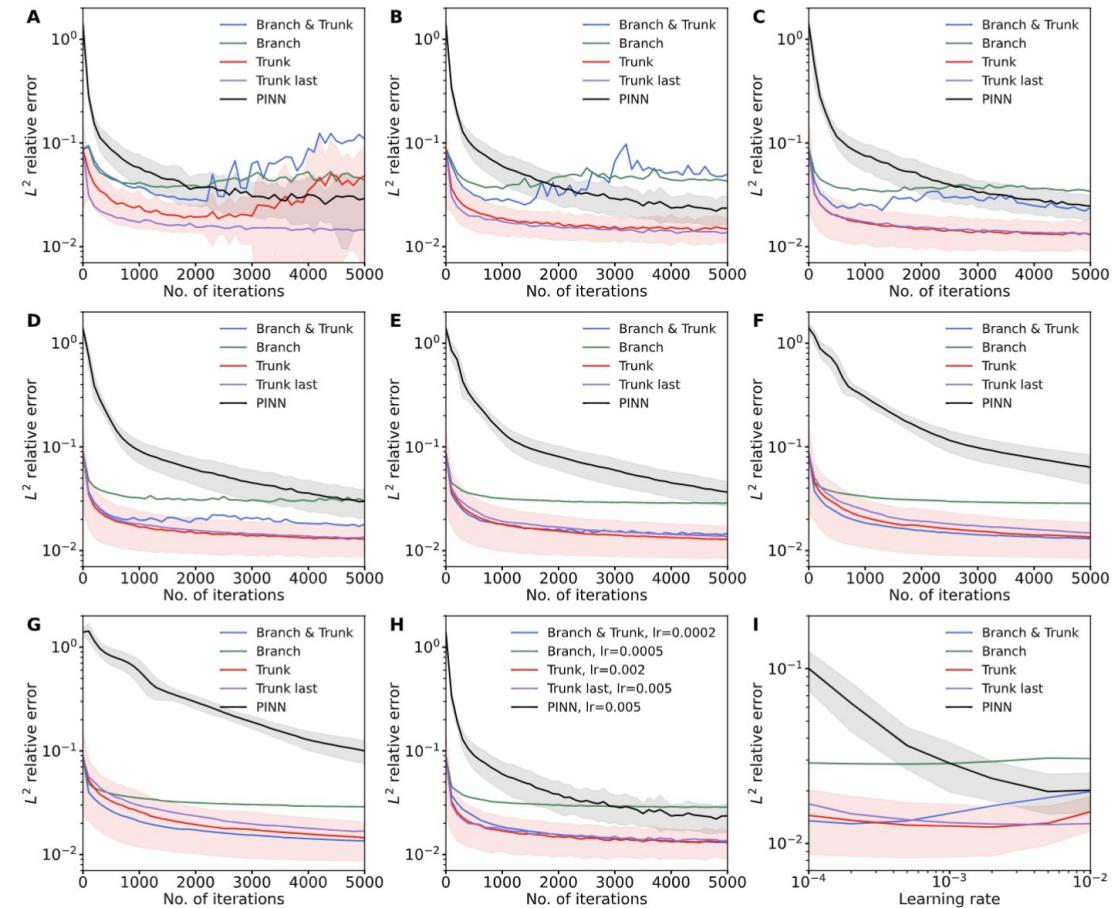
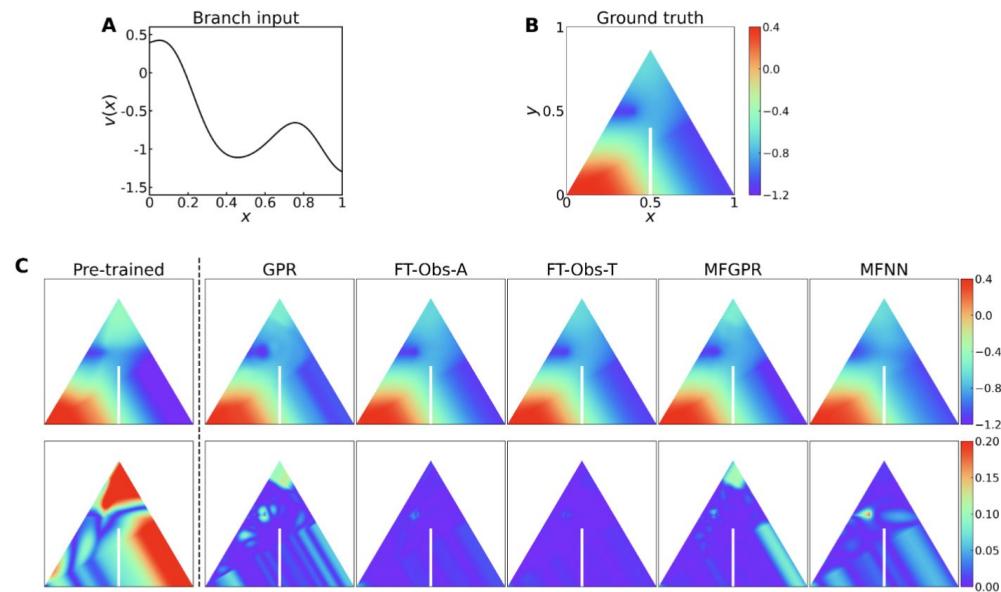
# Numerical Results: Other equation

## Poisson equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 10 = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega,$$

## Advection equation

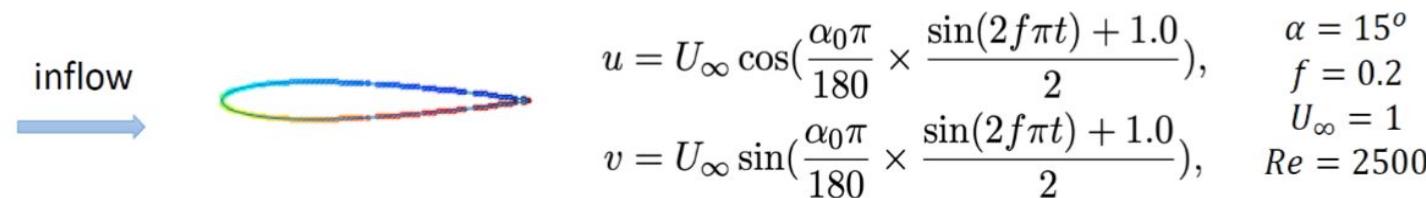
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + v(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad t \in [0, 1],$$



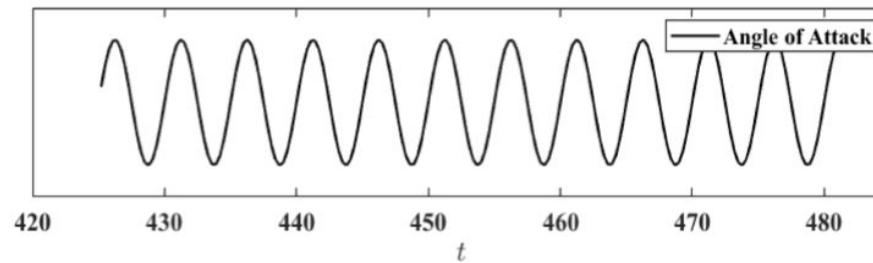
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## DeepONet for Approximating Functionals: Predicting unsteady pressure and lift/drag-force coefficients

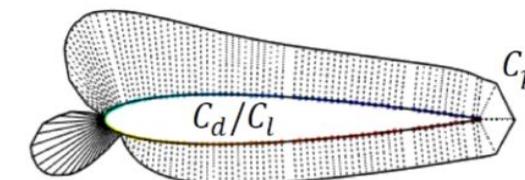
- Simulation of NACA0012 airfoil (Nektar by Z. Wang)



- Generate time-dependent AOA



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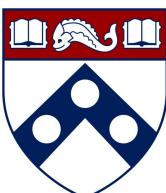
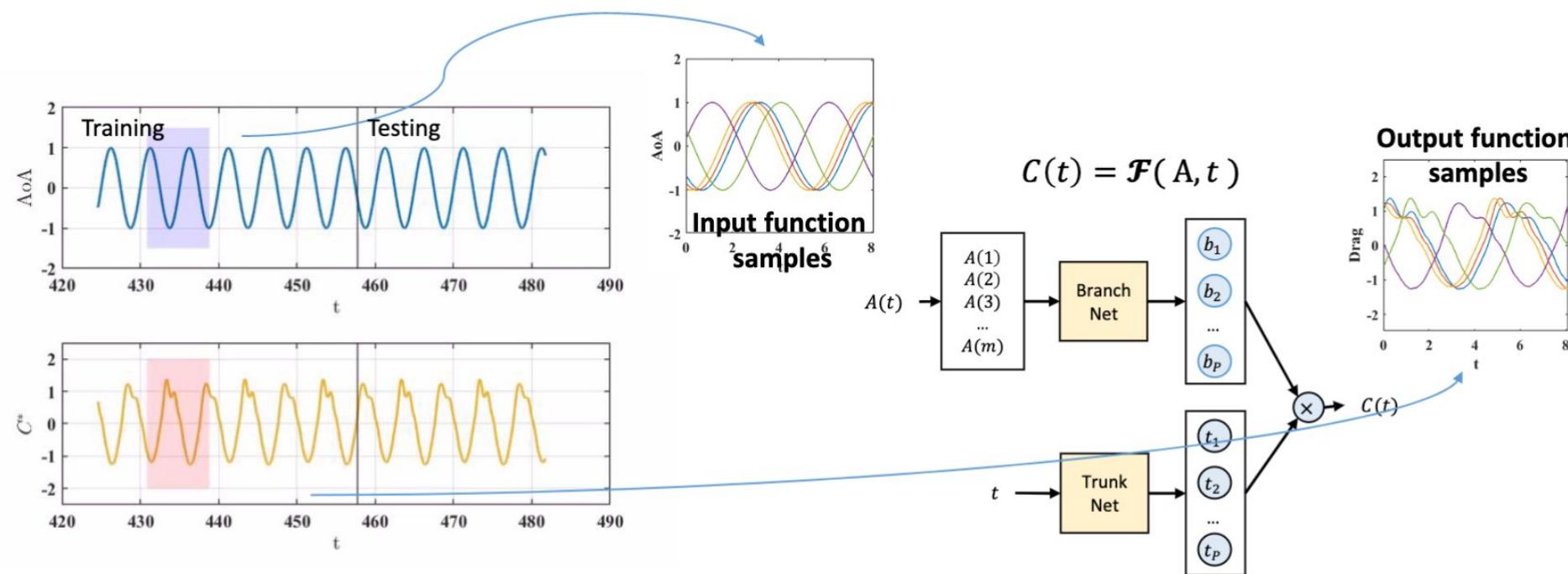
- Time-dependent coefficients of drag, lift, pressure



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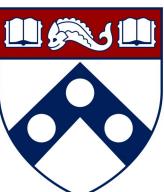
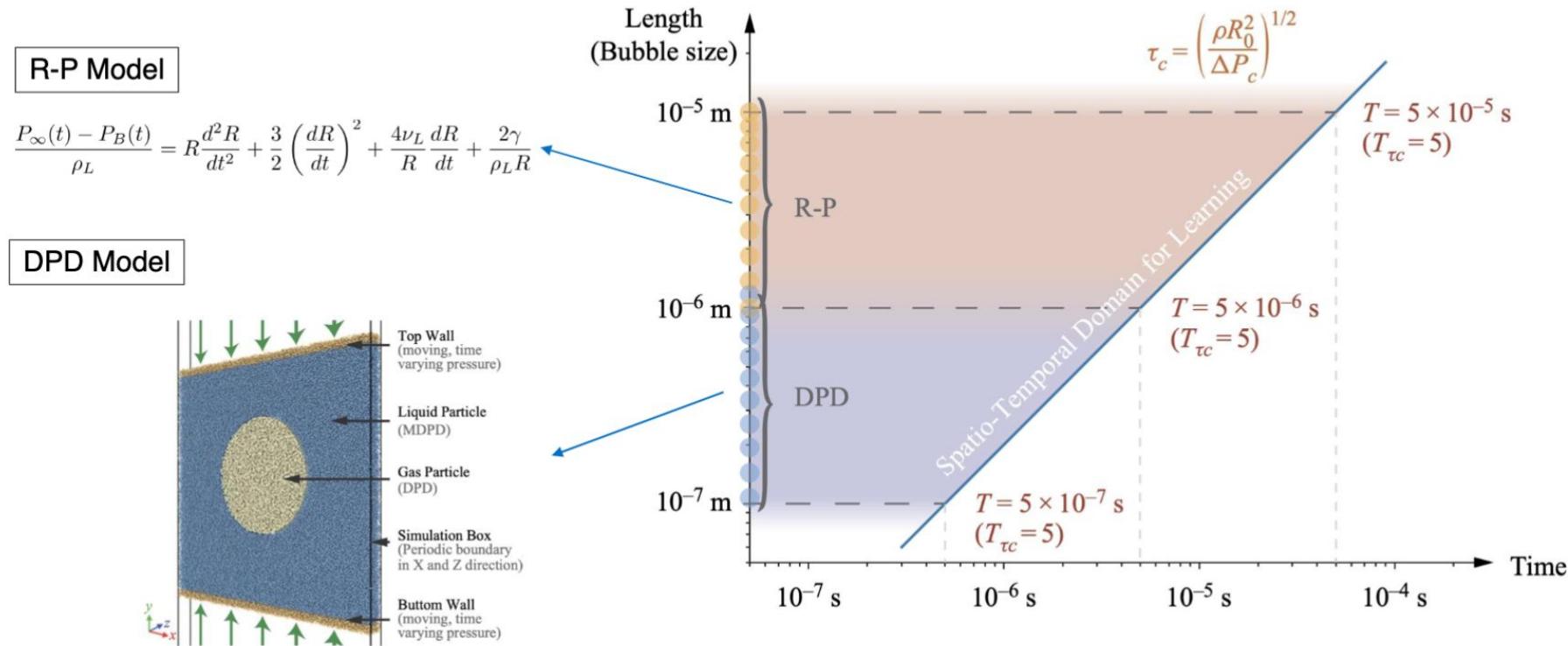
- Predicting drag/lift coefficient
- Cut the time-dependent signal into pieces, to generate a bunch of input-output pairs



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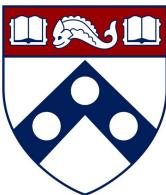
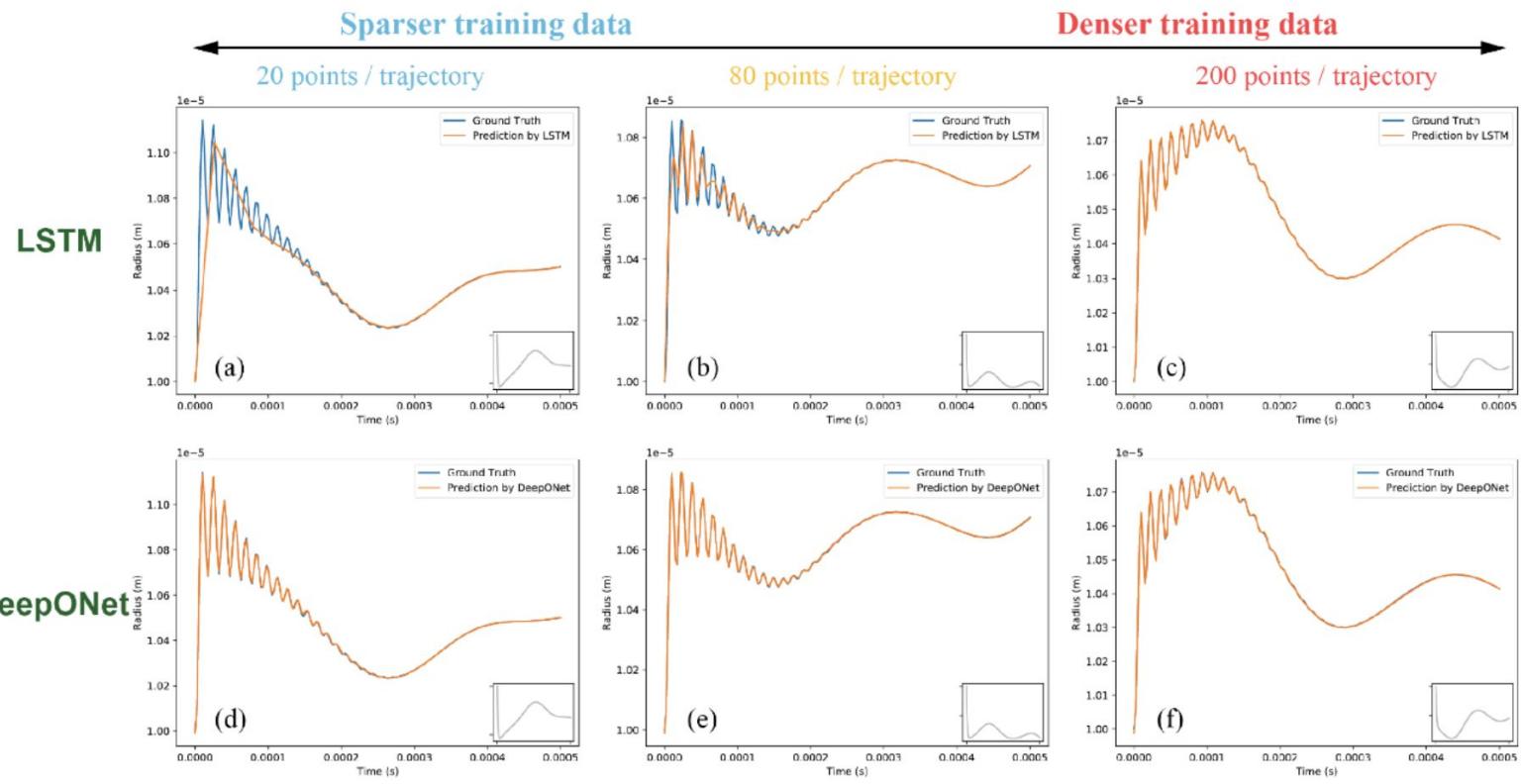
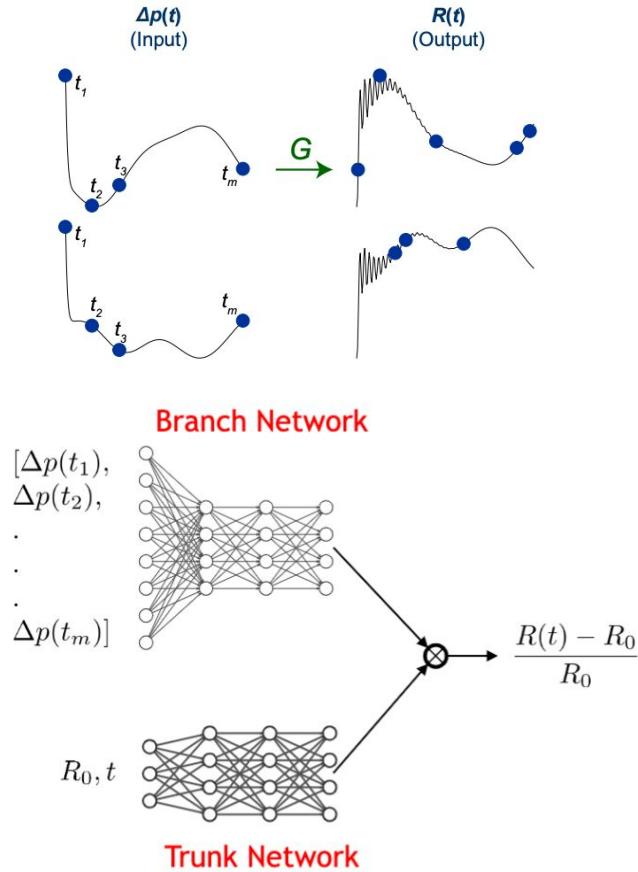
## DeepONet for Bubble Dynamics

- Rayleigh-Plesset equation is an ordinary differential equation which governs the dynamics of a spherical bubble in an infinite body of incompressible fluid
- For nanobubbles, the thermal fluctuation cannot be ignored, and training data are generated by particle simulation



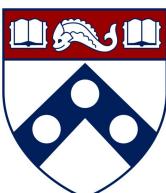
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