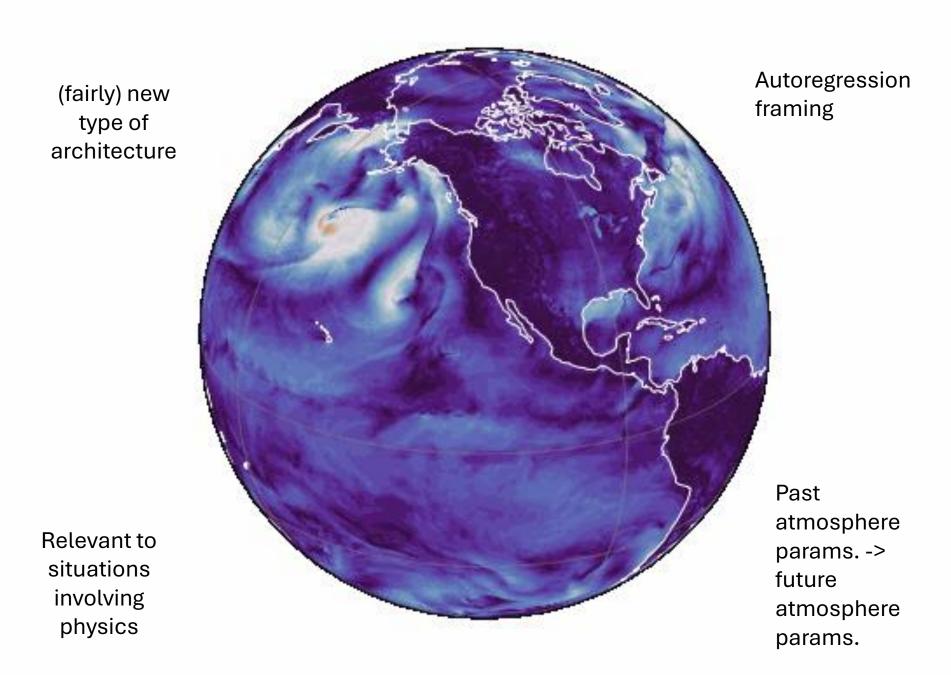
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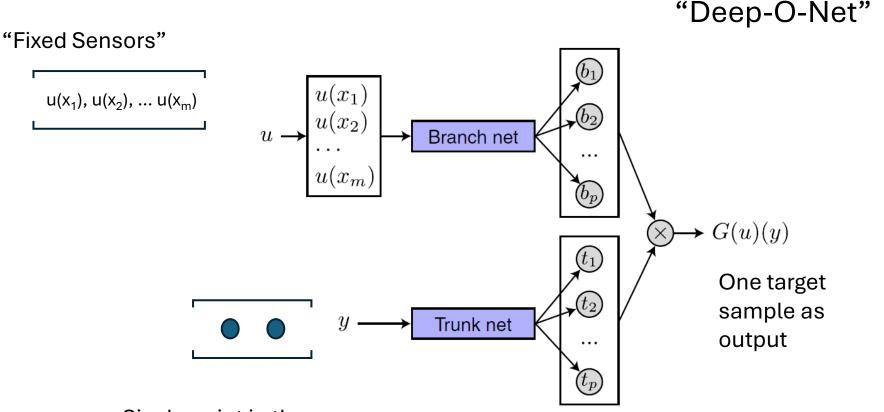
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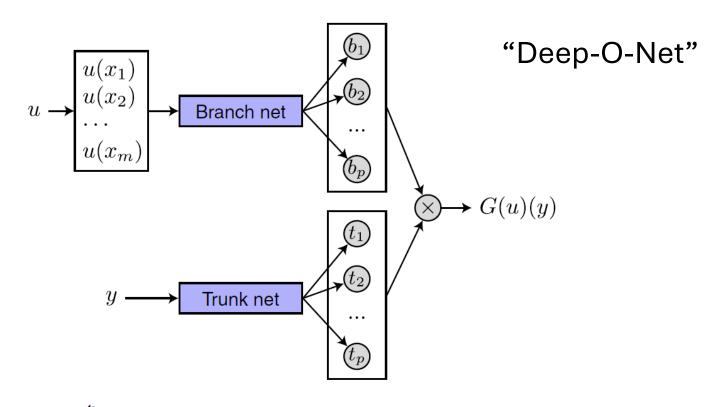


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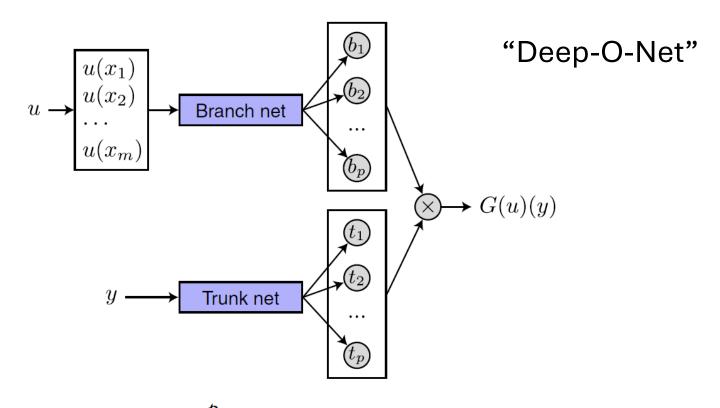
Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator:

$$G(u)(y) - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{i}^{k} \sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \xi_{ij}^{k} u(x_{j}) + \theta_{i}^{k} \right) \underbrace{\sigma(w_{k} \cdot y + \zeta_{k})}_{\text{trunk}} < \epsilon$$
branch

∈ can be minimized so that the neural operator approximates the true operator

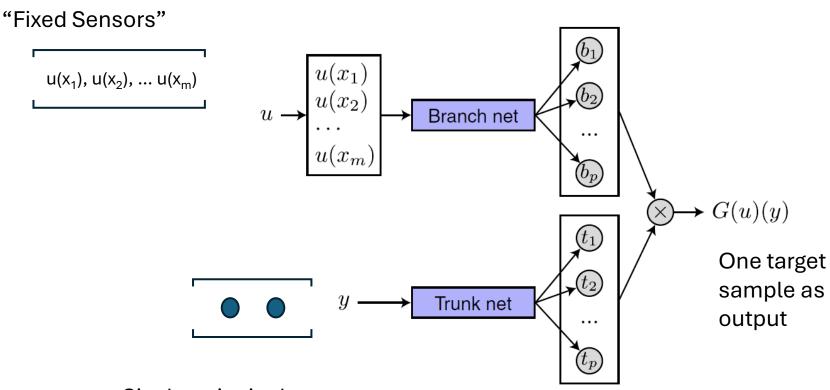


$$G(u)(y) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{p} b_k(u(x_1), u(x_2), ..., u(x_m)) \underbrace{t_k(y)}_{\text{branch}}$$
 trunk

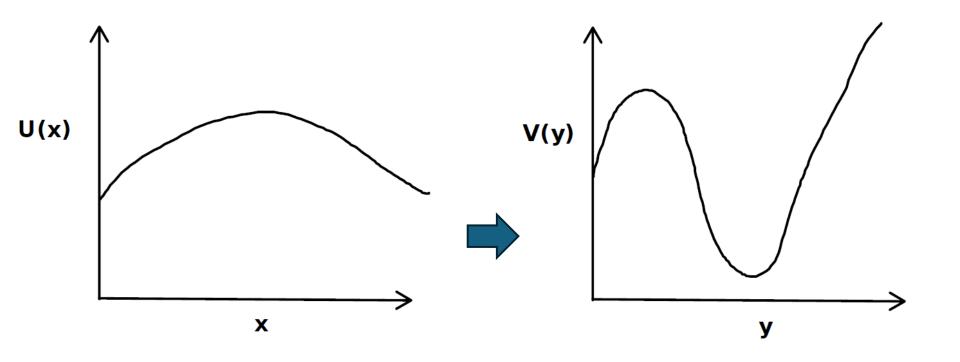


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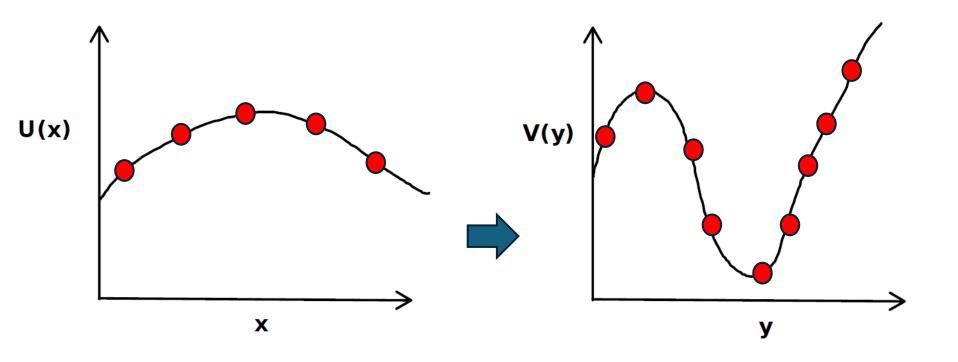
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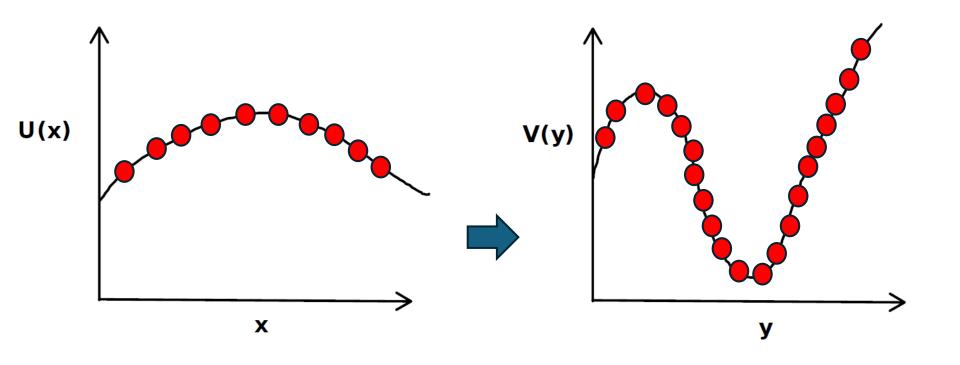
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Mapping from continuous function space to continuous function space (...supposedly)

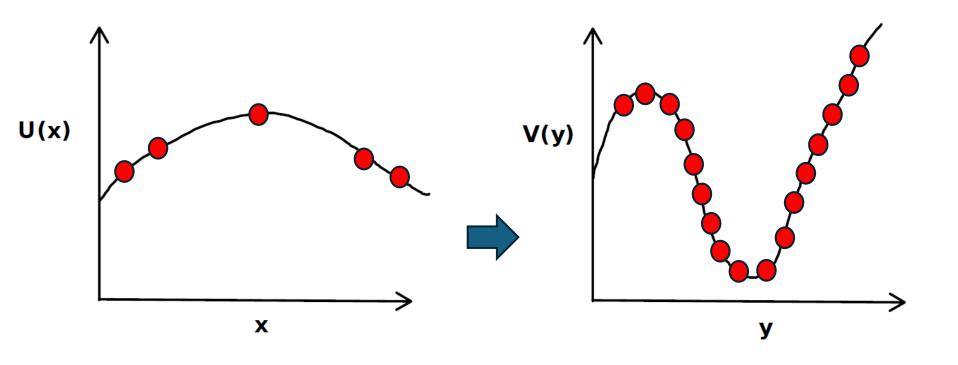


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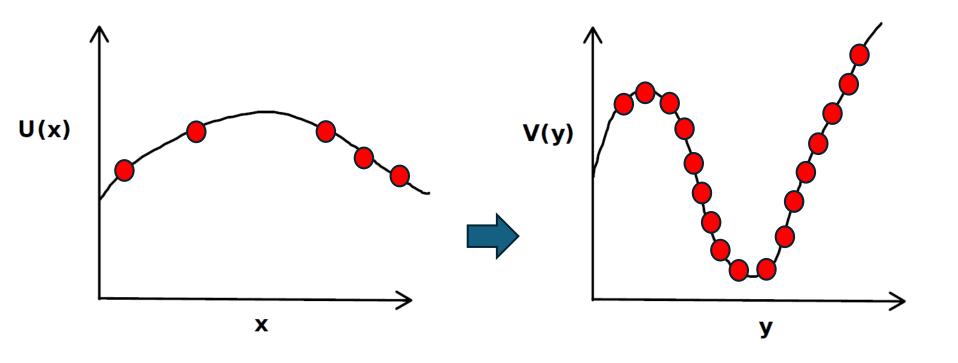


Neural operators trained at lower resolution can often "perform well at higher resolution"

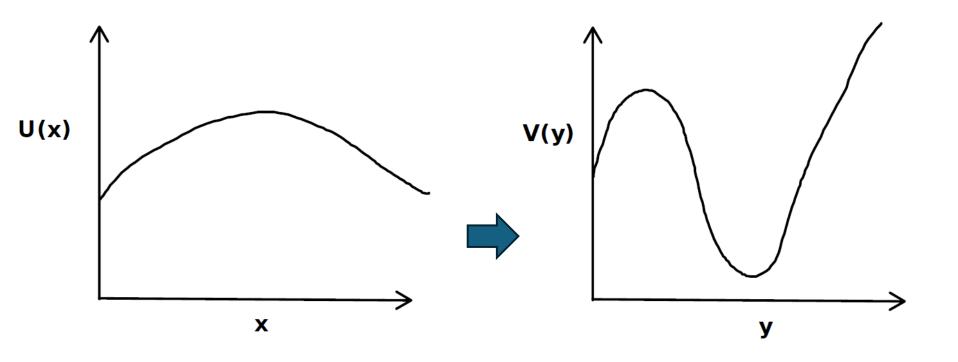
Property of "Super-resolution"



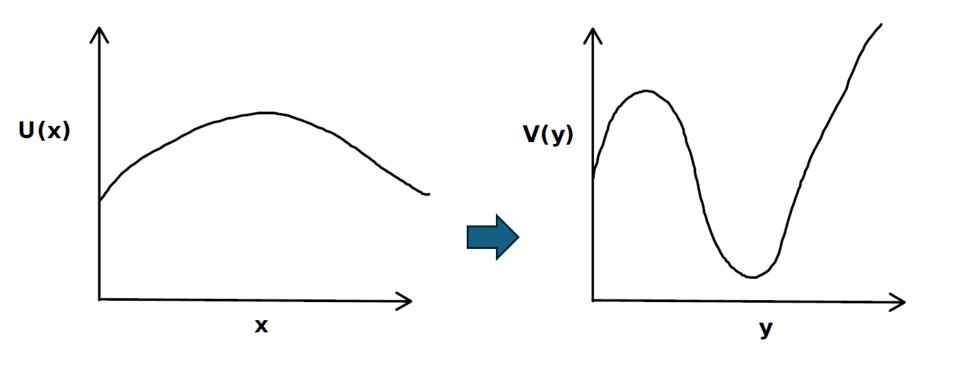
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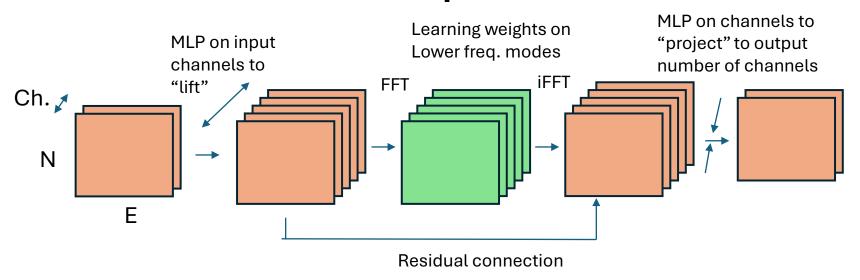
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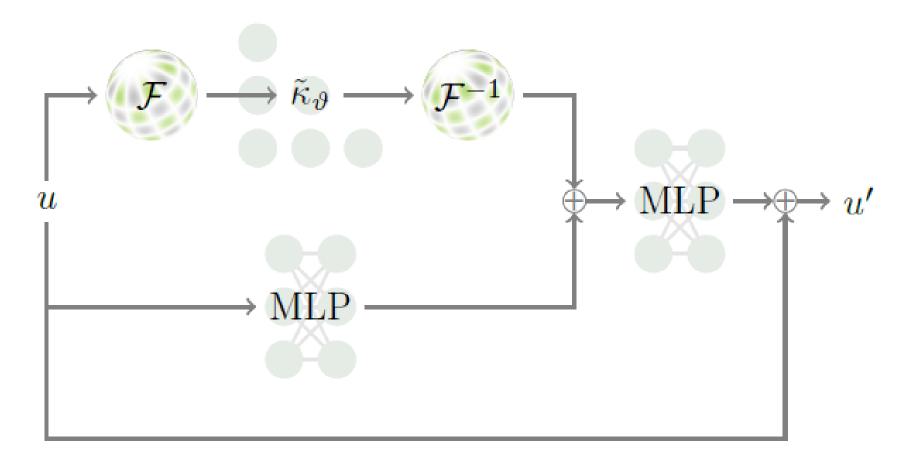
Fourier Neural Operator



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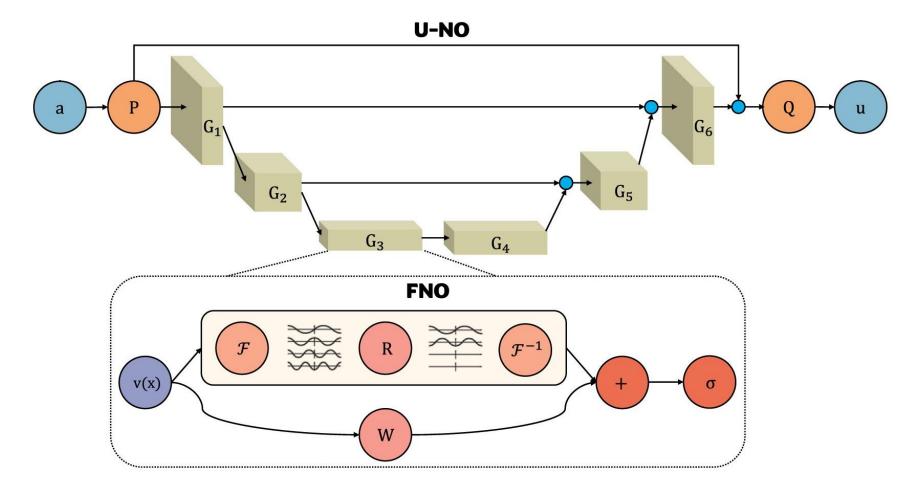
- Agnostic to the input dimension; train on lo-res, inference on hi-res ("zero-shot super-resolution")
- No branch, no trunk... but still an operator network...
- ..the necessary convolution in the original domain is replaced by multiplication in frequency domain which leads to much faster application of the operator across all samples

Fourier Neural Operator variants



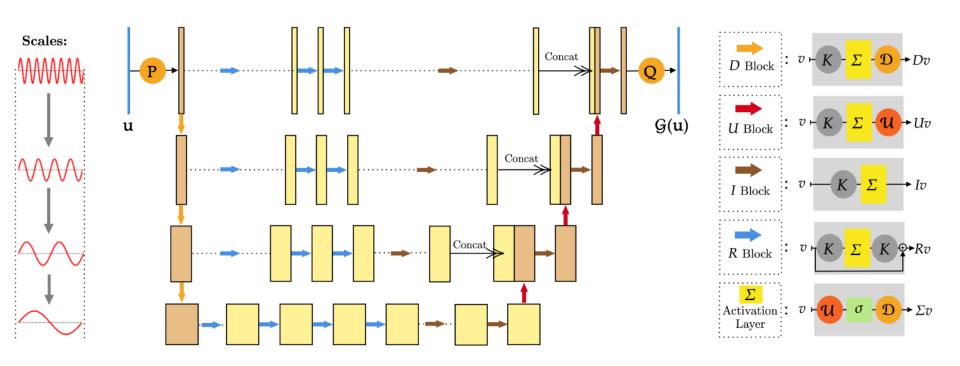
SFNO (Spherical)

Fourier Neural Operator variants



UFNO (U shaped)

Convolutional Neural Operator



CNO (Convolutional)

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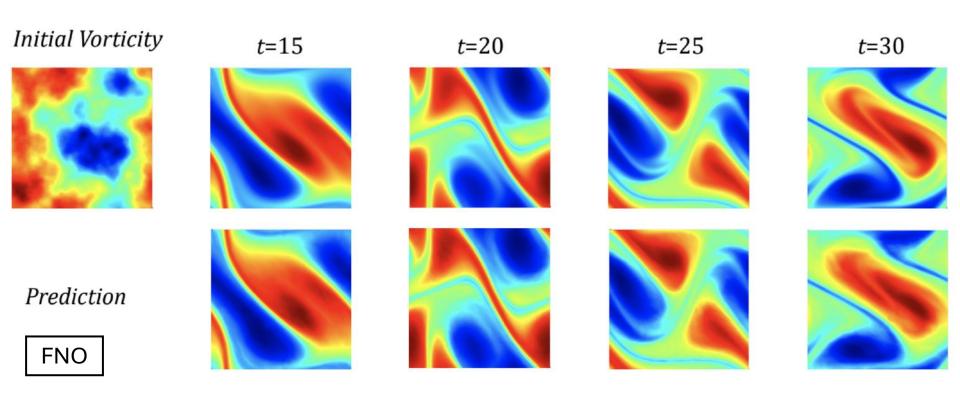
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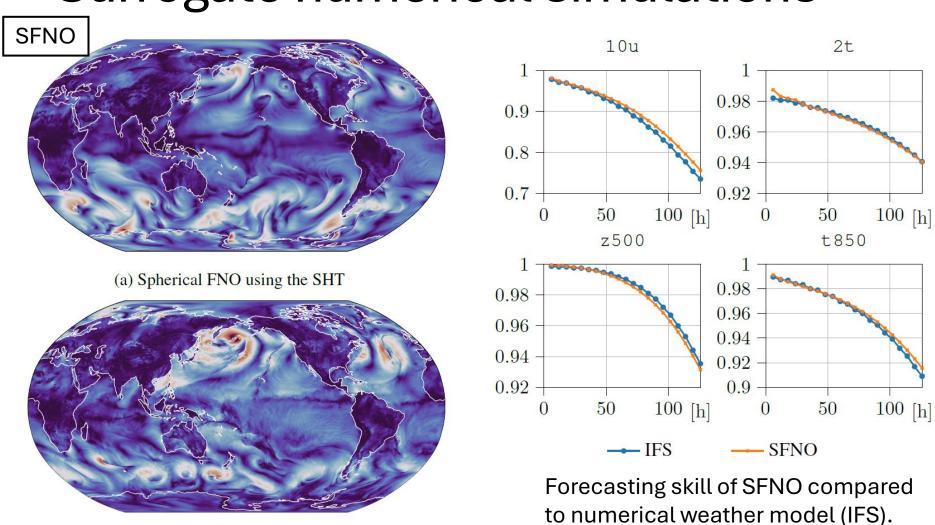
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Surrogate numerical simulations



- Navier-Stokes fluid vorticity dataset created with pseudospectral numerical method
- FNO 3-D Trained on (64,64,20); evaluated on (256,256,80) -> Super resolution
- Over 200 times faster than numerical model simulation

Surrogate numerical simulations



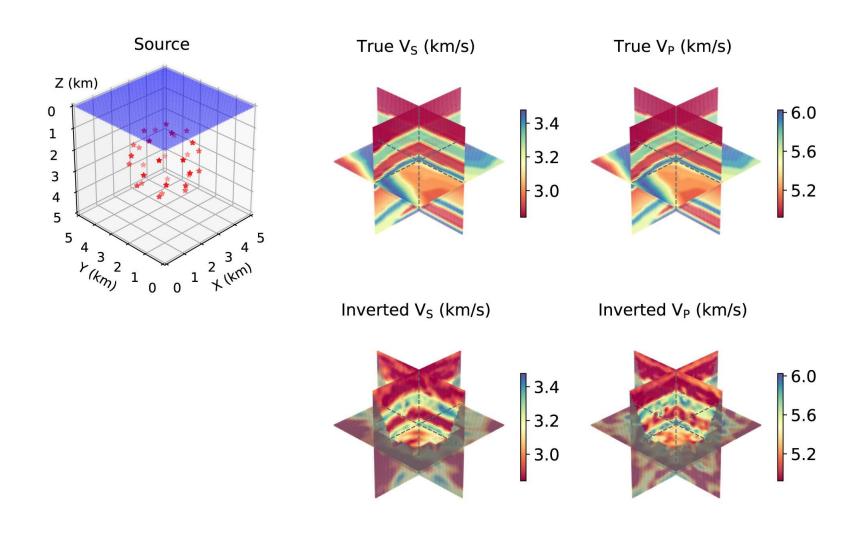
5 year long rollout (1450 autoregressive steps) Stability.

(b) Ground Truth

[Fig. from Bonev et al. 2023, PMLR]

In seismology FNO Velocity (km/s) Slow Fast t=0 $U(d \times d \times N)$ $A(d \times d \times 1)$ **FNO** $V_0 (d \times d \times w)$ FNO

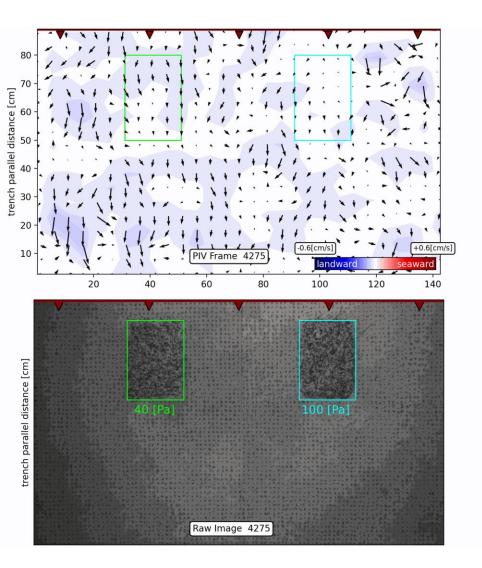
[Yang et al. The Seismic Record, 2021]



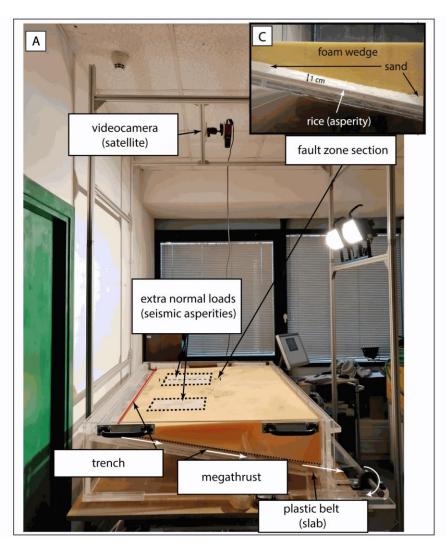
Models also being used in inversions (here the UFNO)

[Zou et al. 2024; Geophysical Journal International]

Autoregression for Laboratory earthquakes

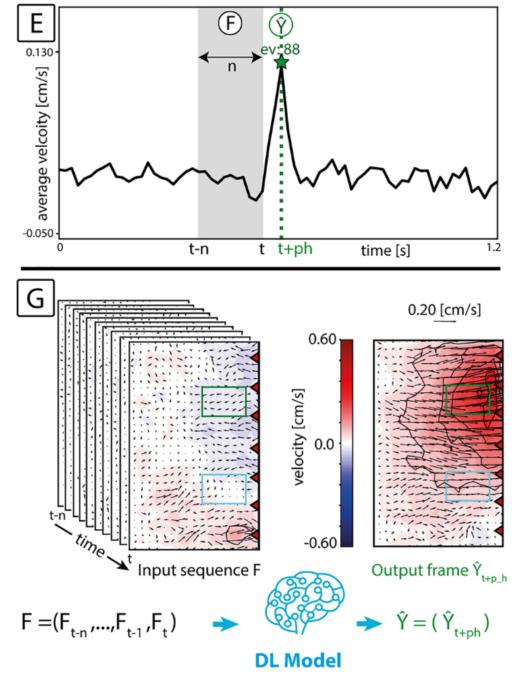




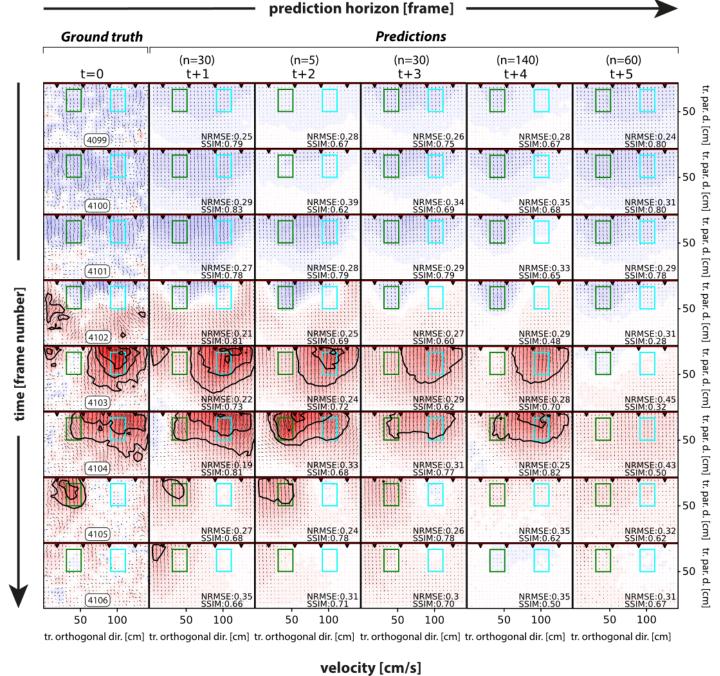


[Foamquake; Mastella et al. JGR 2022]

Enhanced forecasting

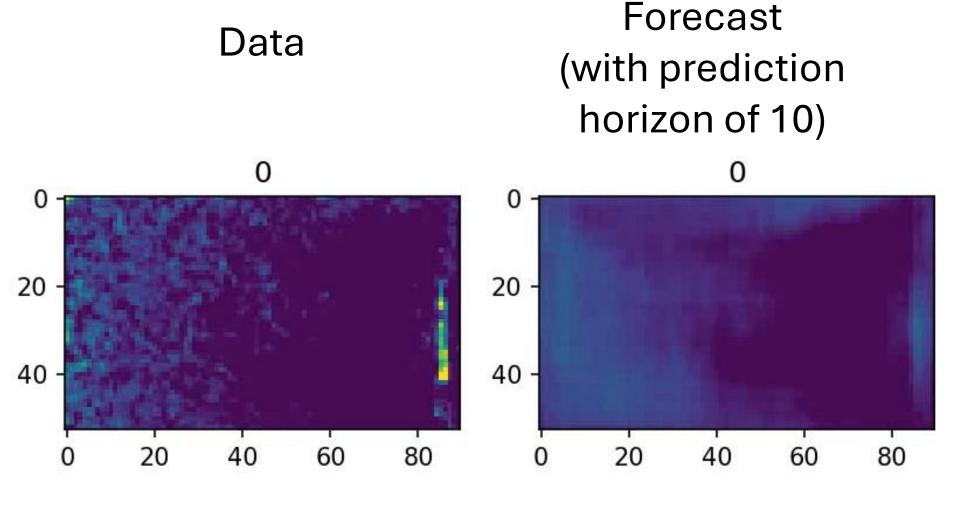


[Mastella et al., Geophysical Research Letters, 2022]



(convLSTM)

[Mastella et al., Geophysical Research Letters, 2022]



A "toy" FNO-2D model trained on some data of Van Rijsingen et al. [GRL 2019]

Plan to scale this up to the experiments of Elvira Latypova (PhD student at RUB).

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Do we need neural operators?

	In/Out	FFNN	\mathbf{GT}	UNet	ResNet	DON	FNO	CNO
Poisson Equation	In Out	5.74% 5.35%	2.77% $2.84%$	0.71% 1.27%	0.43% $1.10%$	12.92% $9.15%$	4.98% 7.05%	0.21% 0.27%
Wave Equation	In Out	2.51% $3.01%$	1,44% $1.79%$	1.51% $2.03%$	0.79% $1.36%$	2.26% $2.83%$	1.02% $1.77%$	$0.63\% \\ 1.17\%$
Smooth Transport	In Out	7.09% $650.6%$	0.98% 875.4%	0.49% $1.28%$	$0.39\% \\ 0.96\%$	$\frac{1.14\%}{157.2\%}$	0.28% 3.90%	$0.24\% \\ 0.46\%$
Discontinuous Transport	In Out	13.0% $257.3%$	$\frac{1.55\%}{22691.1\%}$	1.31% $1.35%$	1.01% 1.16%	5.78% $117.1%$	1.15% 2.89%	1.01% 1.09%
Allen-Cahn Equation	In Out	$\frac{18.27\%}{46.93\%}$	0.77% $2.90%$	0.82% $2.18%$	$1.40\% \ 3.74\%$	13.63% $19.86%$	$0.28\% \ 1.10\%$	0.54% $2.23%$
Navier-Stokes Equations	In Out	8.05% $16.12%$	4.14% 11.09%	3.54% $10.93%$	3.69% $9.68%$	11.64% 15.05%	3.57% 9.58%	2.76% 7.04%
Darcy Flow	In Out	2.14% $2.23%$	0.86% 1.17%	$0.54\% \\ 0.64\%$	$0.42\% \\ 0.60\%$	1.13% 1.61%	0.80% 1.11%	$0.38\% \\ 0.50\%$
Compressible Euler	In Out	0.78% $1.34%$	2.09% 2.94%	0.38% 0.76%	1.70% 2.06%	1.93% 2.88%	$0.44\% \\ 0.69\%$	$0.35\% \\ 0.59\%$

"Representation equivalency"

Are Neural Operators Really Neural Operators? Frame Theory Meets Operator Learning

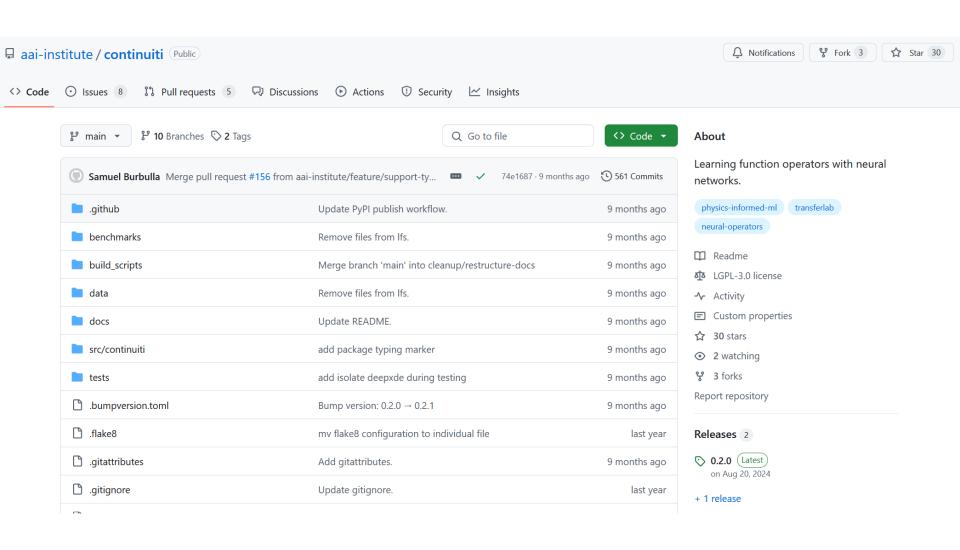
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Taking care about aliasing -> CNO has some solutions to this.

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Learning function operators with neural networks.

continuiti is a Python package for deep learning on function operators with a focus on elegance and generality. It provides a *unified interface* for neural operators (such as DeepONet or FNO) to be used in a plug and play fashion. As operator learning is particularly useful in scientific machine learning, **continuiti** also includes physics-informed loss functions and a collection of relevant benchmarks.

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This is a collection of notebooks that showcase some applications of **continuiti** and serve as a guide to solve specific problems.

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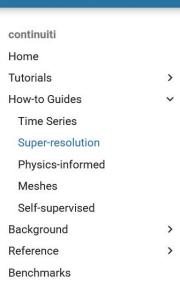


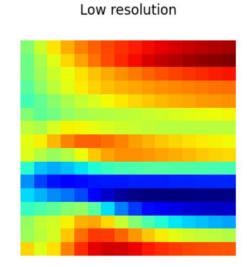
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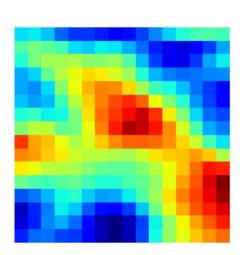


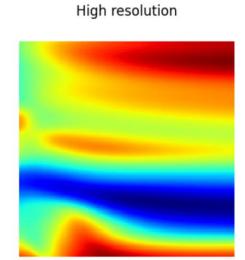












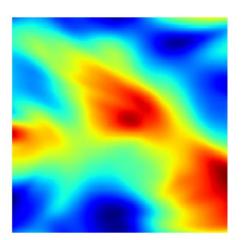


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neural operator is a comprehensive library for learning neural operators in PyTorch. It is the official implementation for Fourier Neural Operators and Tensorized Neural Operators.

Unlike regular neural networks, neural operators enable learning mapping between function spaces, and this library provides all of the tools to do so on your own data.

NeuralOperators are also resolution invariant, so your trained operator can be applied on data of any resolution.

Quickstart

This guide will walk you through the standard ML workflow of loading data, creating a neural operator, training it on the data and saving the trained model for later use. (Check out Examples for more info)

First install the library pip install neuraloperator (see Installing NeuralOperator for more options).

To create a Fourier Neural Operator model:

from neuralop.models import FNO



Overview

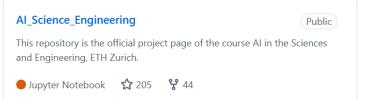
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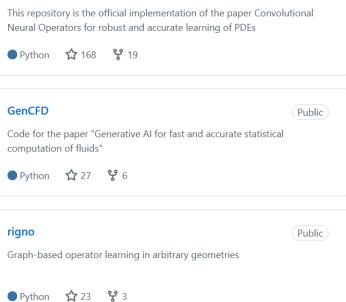
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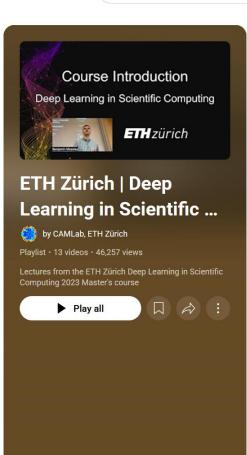
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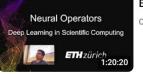
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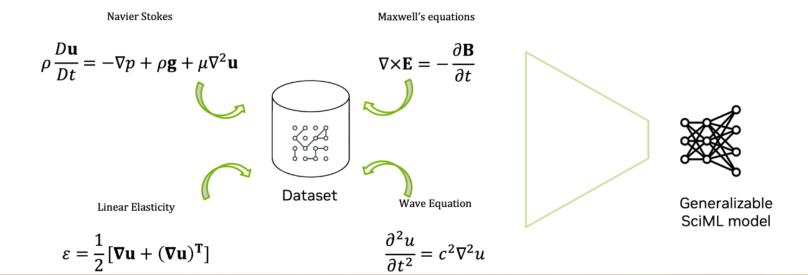
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What is PhysicsNeMo?

NVIDIA PhysicsNeMo is an open-source deep-learning framework for building, training, and fine-tuning deep learning models using state-of-the-art SciML methods for Al4science and engineering.

PhysicsNeMo provides utilities and optimized pipelines to develop AI models that combine physics knowledge with data, enabling real-time predictions.

Whether you are exploring the use of Neural operators, GNNs, or transformers or are interested in Physics-informed Neural Networks or a hybrid approach in between, PhysicsNeMo provides you with an optimized stack that will enable you to train your models at scale.







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NeuralOperators

NeuralOperators. 11 is a package written in Julia to provide the architectures for learning mapping between function spaces, and learning grid invariant solution of PDEs.

Installation

On Julia 1.10+, you can install NeuralOperators.jl by running

```
import Pkg
Pkg.add("NeuralOperators")
```

Currently provided operator architectures are:

- Fourier Neural Operators (FNOs)
- DeepONets
- Nonlinear Manifold Decoders for Operator Learning (NOMADs)

Reproducibility

- ▶ The documentation of this SciML package was built using these direct dependencies,
- ▶ and using this machine and Julia version.
- ▶ A more complete overview of all dependencies and their versions is also provided.

You can also download the manifest file and the project file.

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