

# SymPDE $\rightarrow$ Model

*Incorporating PDE symmetries into equivariant models*

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slides at: [github.com/elidub/SymPDE](https://github.com/elidub/SymPDE)

# Outline

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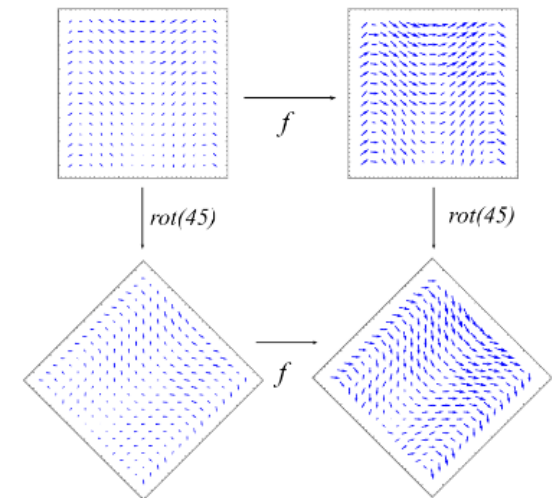
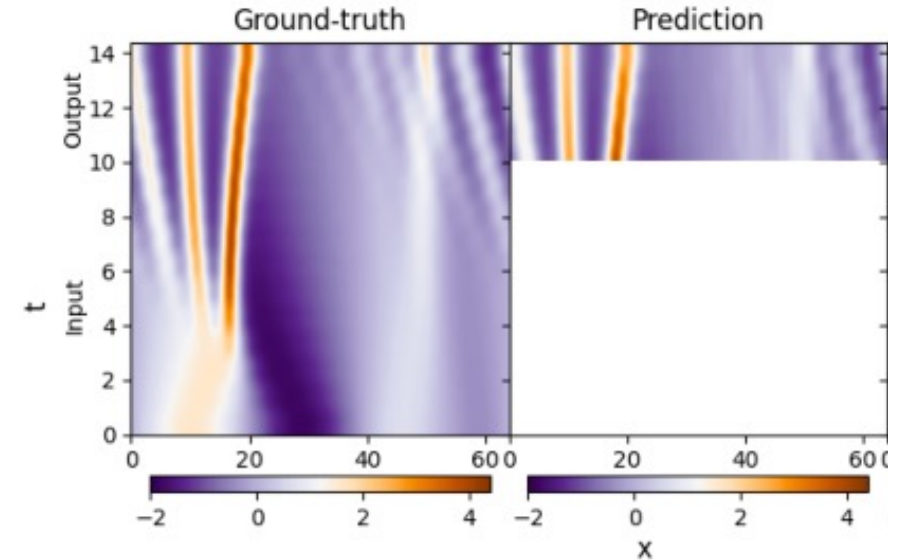
# Motivation

- Setting: PDE future prediction
- Neural PDE solvers can speed up classical solvers
- However:  
Neural PDE solvers are data hungry
- Therefore:  
Incorporate PDE symmetries into equivariant models: “SymPDE → Model”
- Symmetries of PDEs are described by the group *Lie point symmetries*:

$$\Delta(x, t, u) = u_t + uu_x + u_{xx} + u_{xxx} = 0.$$

$$\Delta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = 0 \implies \Delta[g \cdot (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})] = 0, \quad \forall g \in G$$

$$g_1 = \partial_t, g_2 = \partial_x, g_3 = t\partial_x - \partial_u, g_4 = 3t\partial_t + x\partial_x - 2u\partial_u$$

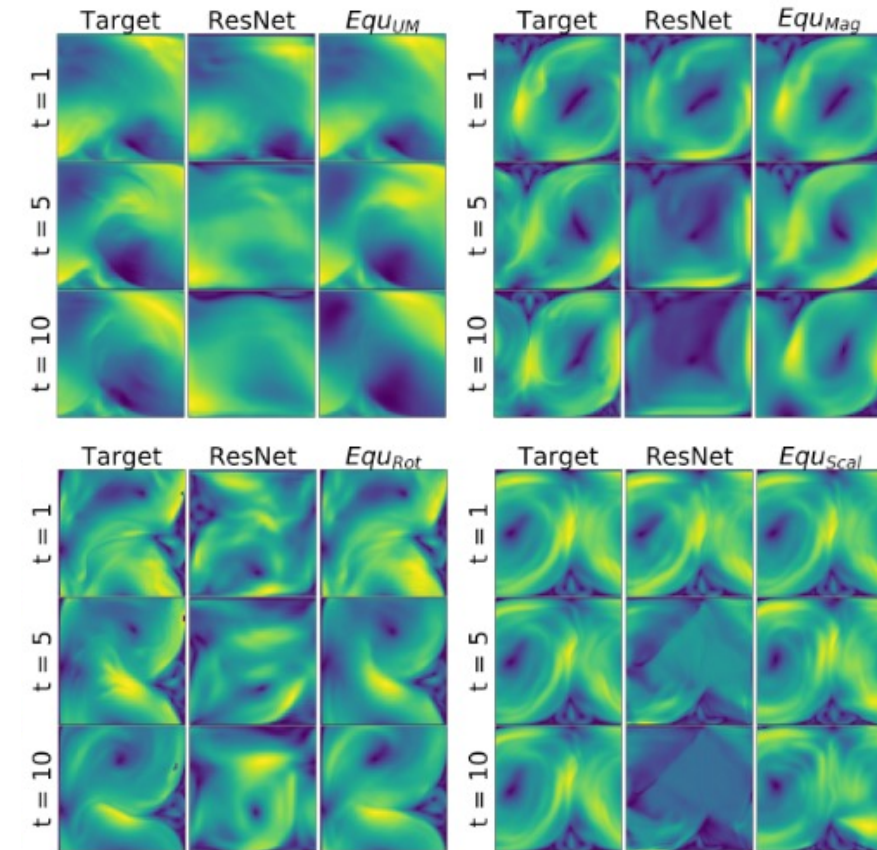


# Single Symmetry Nets

*Incorporating Symmetry into Deep Dynamics Models for Improved Generalization*

ICLR21 by Wang, Yu & Walters (Univ of California)

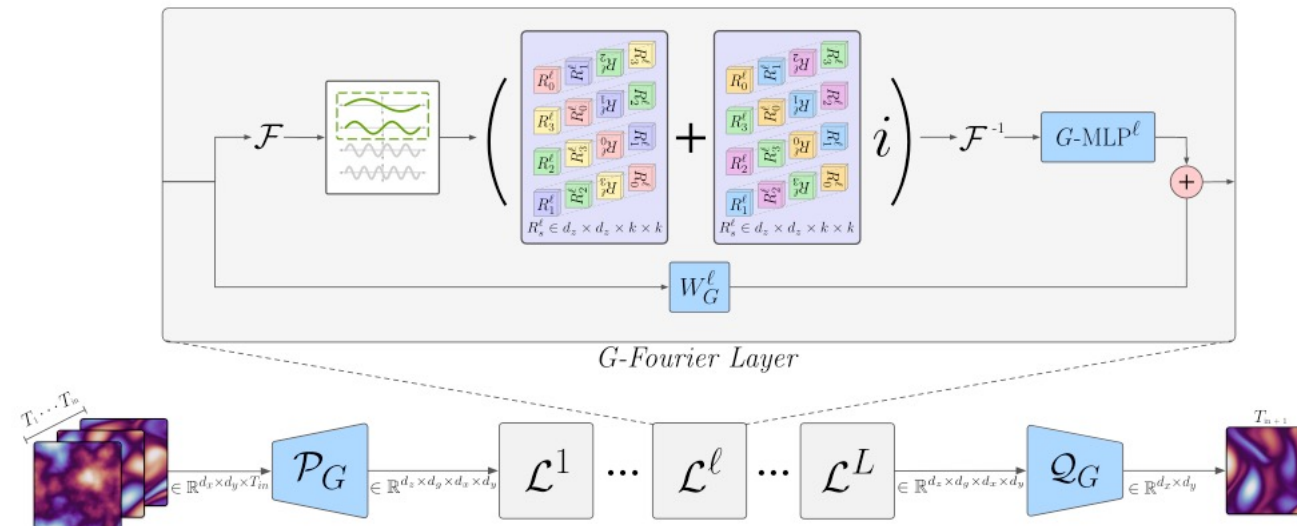
- First work that incorporates Lie point symmetries (LPS).
- ‘Only’ able to incorporate a single symmetry (besides space and time translation) with e2cnn
- Implemented separate equivariant ResNet and U-Net.



# Literature Overview

## Equivariant architectures

- **Single Symmetry Nets** *Incorporating Symmetry into Deep Dynamics Models for Improved Generalization*, ICLR21 by Wang, Yu & Walters (Univ of California)
- **G-FNO** *Group Equivariant Fourier Neural Operators for Partial Differential Equations*, PMLR23 by Helwig et al (Texas A&M University)  
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# LPSDA

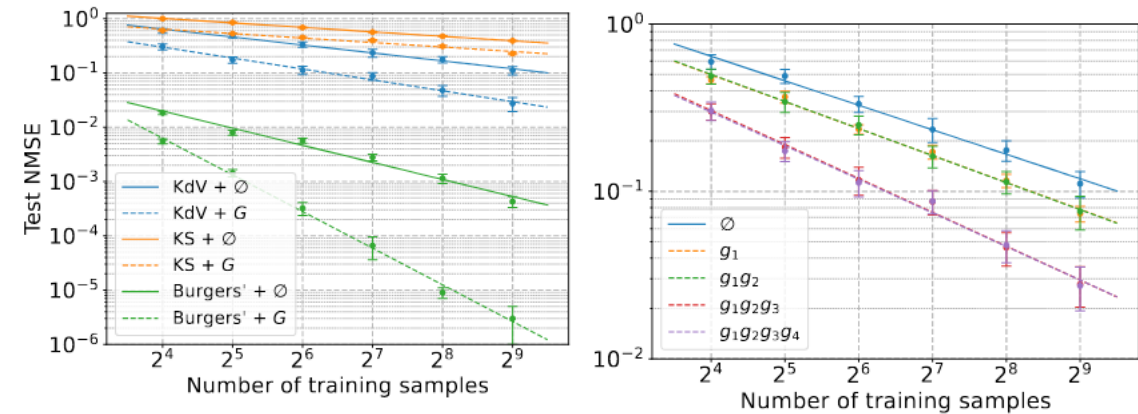
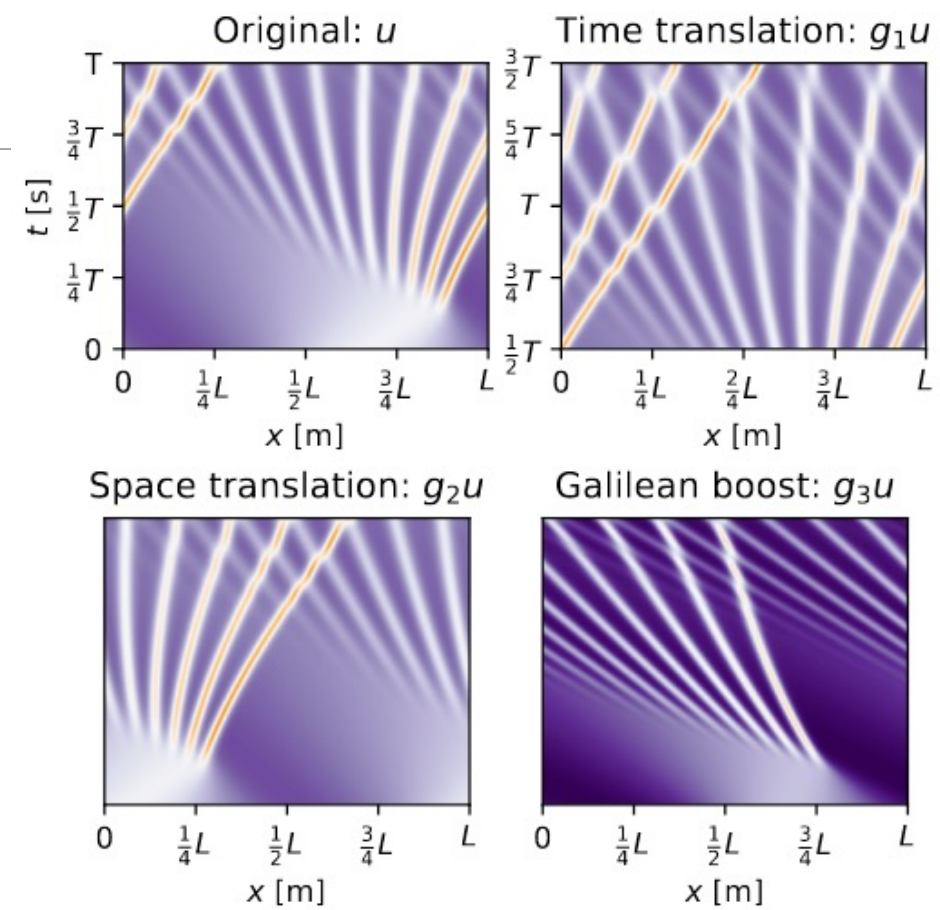
*Lie Point Symmetry Data Augmentation for Neural PDE Solvers*

PMLR22 by Brandstetter, Welling & Worall (UvA)

- Augment training data with continuous LPS:

$$\mathbf{u}' = g_d(\epsilon_d) \cdots g_1(\epsilon_1) \mathbf{u}$$

- With  $g$  time and space translation, Galilean boosting and scaling;  
Typically,  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{U}(-0.5, 0.5)$
- Using FNO and ResNets



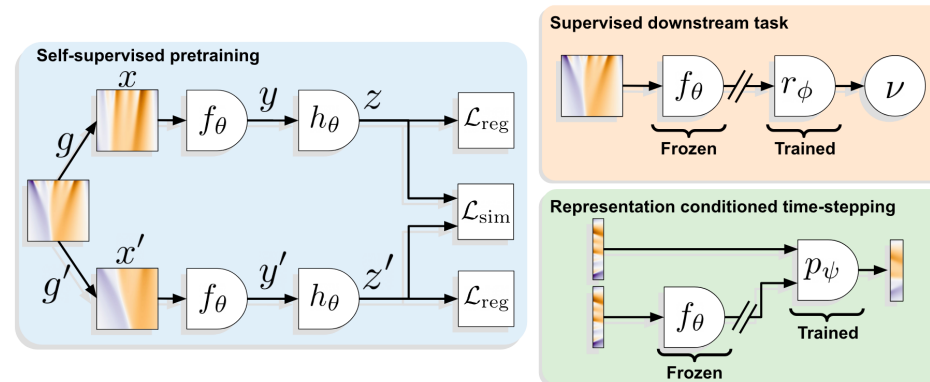
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Similar approach a LPSDA, but trained on similarity between augmentations from same PDE using SSL:  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}') \approx \alpha \mathcal{L}_{\text{sim}}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}') + \beta (\mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}}(\mathbf{Z}) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}}(\mathbf{Z}'))$





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## Lie symmetry convolutions

- **LieConv** *Generalizing Convolutional Neural Networks for Equivariance to Lie Groups on Arbitrary Continuous Data*, PMLR20 by Finzi *et al* (NYU)
- **L-conv** *Automatic Symmetry Discovery with Lie Algebra Convolutional Network*, NeurIPS21 by Dehmamy, Walters, Yu, *et al* (Northwestern Univ)



# Limitations of current SymPDE → Model

**Data:** Existing work analyses only a few PDEs, landscape is scattered.

- Models are hard to compare
- Contribution per symmetry is poorly understood

Previous work		Heat	Burger's	KdV	KS	NS	SWE	Other
Equivariant architectures	Single Symmetry Nets	2D						Ocean currents, Rayleigh–Bénard convection
	G-FNO					2D, 3D	2D, 3D	
“External” equivariant models	LPSDA		1D	1D	1D			
	LPS in PINNs	1D	1D					
	SSL		1D	1D	1D	2D		

## Model

- Equivariant architectures don't use all symmetries and only work discretized → Not all inductive biases are used
- “External” equivariant models do not exploit symmetry inside model, therefore not guaranteed.

# Data: PDE Suite

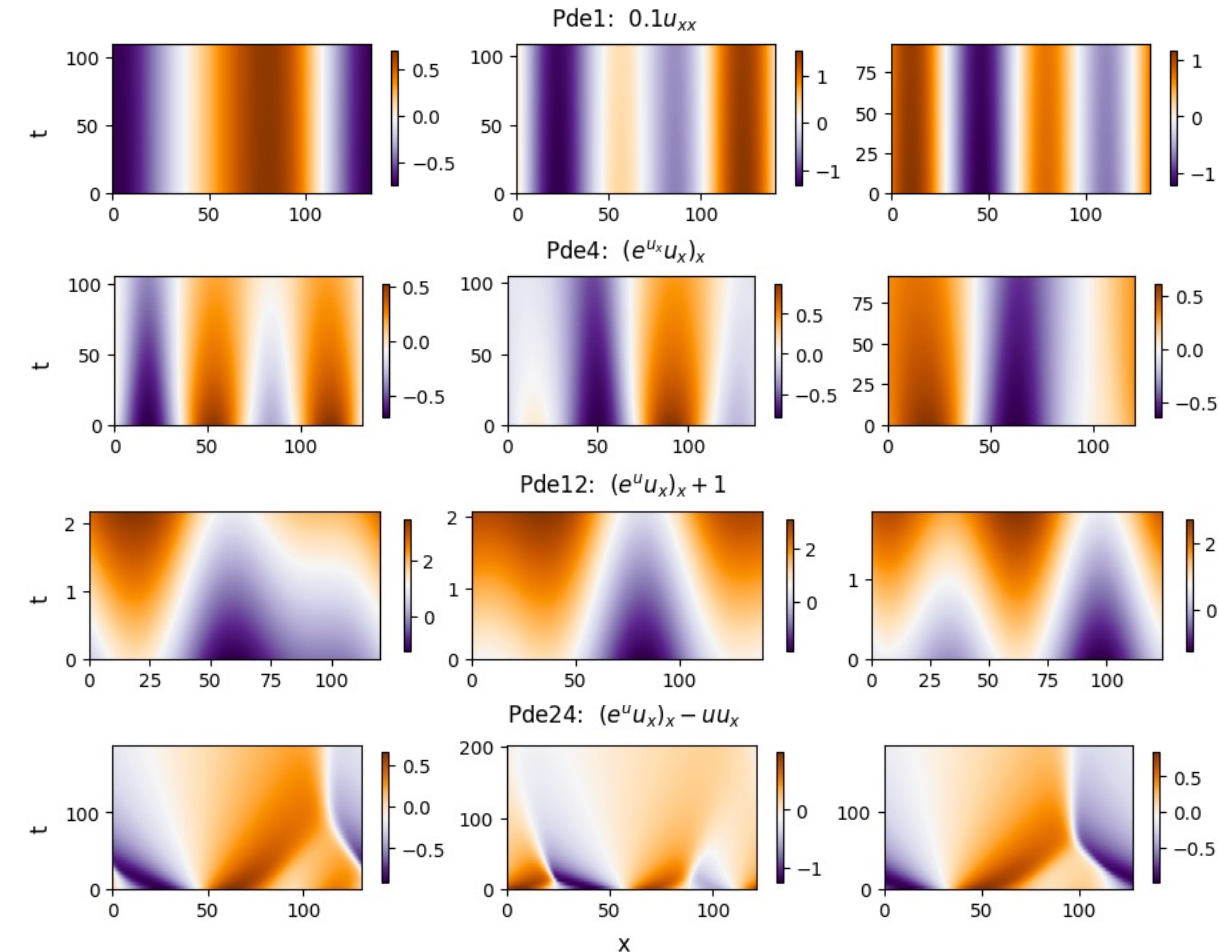
PDE Suite: a benchmark for SymPDE → Model

- As a start use, the PDEs from *Data-driven Lie Point Symmetry Detection for Continuous Dynamical Systems* (Gabel, unpublished).
- Most PDEs have much more symmetries than ‘standard’ PDEs

This solves the problem that current SymPDE → Model landscape is scattered, enabling to:

- Have a comparative overview of SymPDE → Model techniques
- Analyse and understand the contribution per type of symmetry

Index	PDE	Generators
1	$u_t = 0.1u_{xx}$	$X_1 = \partial_t, X_2 = \partial_x, X_3 = 2t\partial_t + x\partial_x, \dots, X_\infty = b(t, x)\frac{\partial}{\partial u}$
4	$u_t = (e^u u_x)_x$	$X_1 = \partial_t, X_2 = \partial_x, X_3 = 2t\partial_t + x\partial_x, \dots, X_7 = \partial_x - t\partial_t + \partial_u$
12	$u_t = (e^u u_x)_x + 1$	$X_1 = \partial_t, X_2 = \partial_x, X_3 = e^{-t}\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + e^{-t}\frac{\partial}{\partial u}, X_4 = x\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2\frac{\partial}{\partial u}$
24	$(e^u u_x)_x - uu_x$	$X_1 = \partial_t, X_2 = \partial_x, X_3 = t\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (x+t)\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$



# Experimenting baseline models

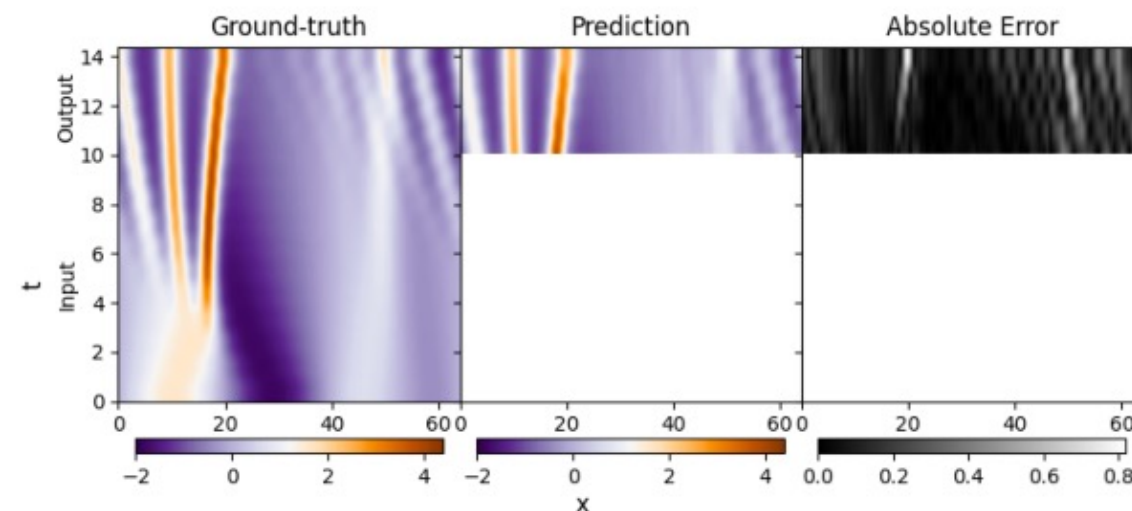
## Task

- PDE future prediction on PDE Suite
- $(N_{train}, N_{val}, N_{test})=(500,100,100)$

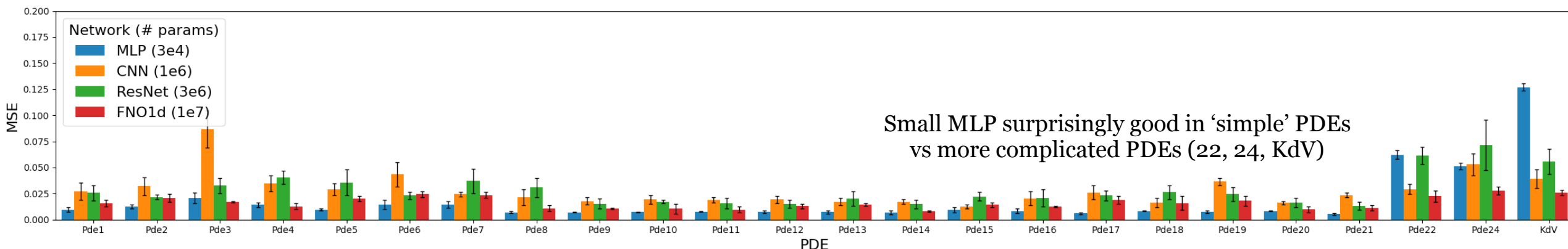
## Next steps

- Apply other SympDE → Model techniques (such as LPSDA, LPS in PINNs, G-FNO) to PDE Suite
- ✓ Have a comparative overview of SympDE → Model techniques

## Task example (KdV)



## Performance across models and PDEs



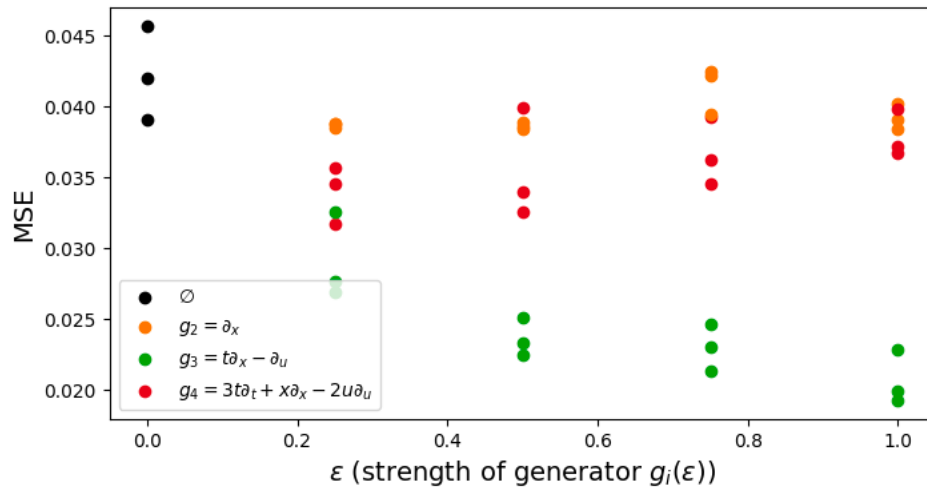
# Analysing symmetries

## Reproducing LPSDA

Next steps

- Apply to PDE Suite with all generators
- ✓ Analyse and understand the contribution per type of symmetry

Best generator strength for KdV with LPSDA



Contribution per symmetry

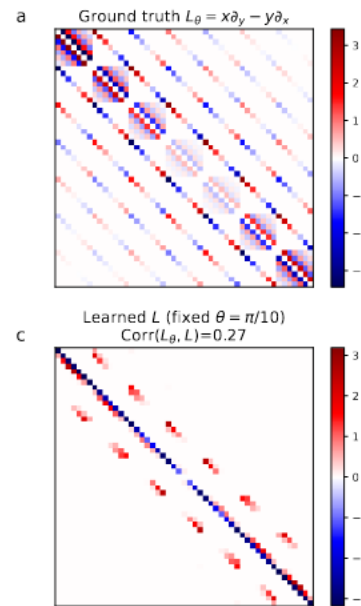
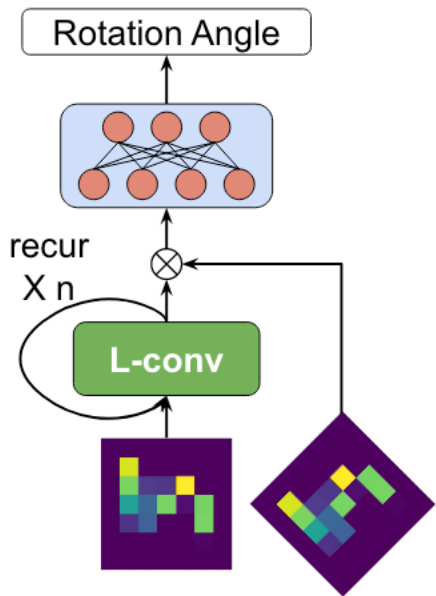
*Some plot which: ‘groups’ the symmetries in PDE suite and analyses the contribution per symmetry*

# Model

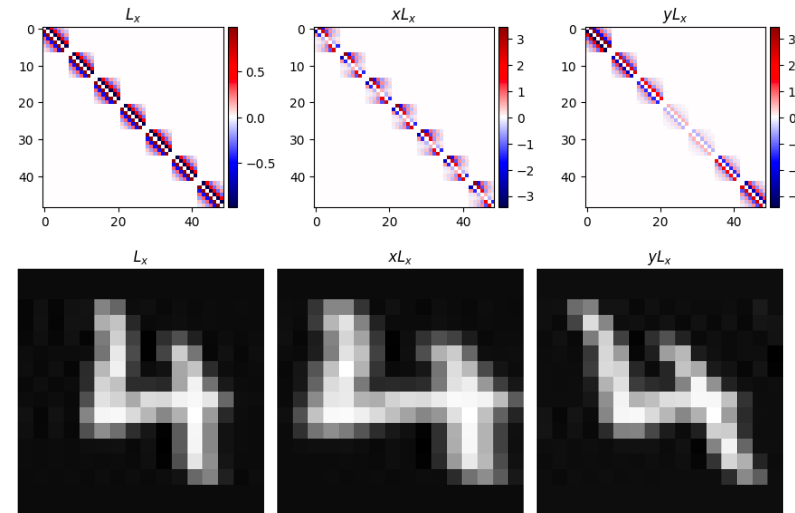
## Equivariant kernel method?

- To incorporate all symmetries continuously inside the model architecture.

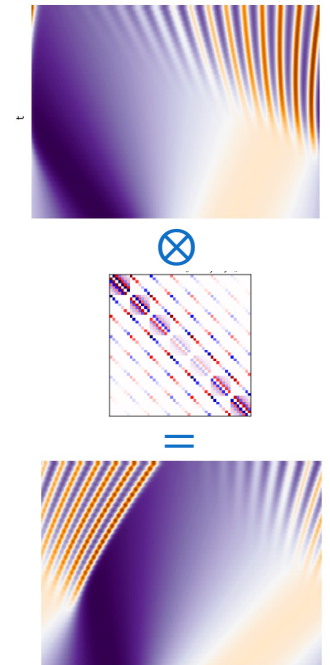
### L-Conv Dehmamy et al (2021)



### Transformations described by generators



### Generalize to PDEs



# Planning

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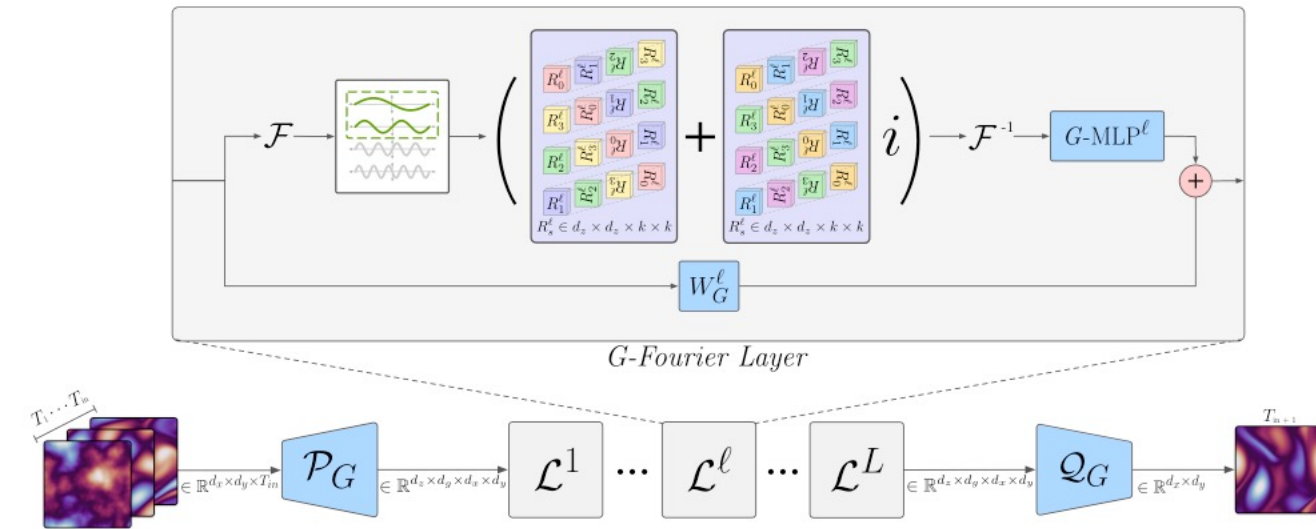
- ✓ Nov Literature review, data generation
- Nov-Dec Implementing literature
- Jan-March Researching and experimenting for new method
- April Implementing new method
- May-June Finalizing and writing thesis

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## Backup slides



# G-FNO



		NS
	# PAR. (M)	TEST (%)
FNO	0.93	8.41(0.41)
FNO+p4	0.93	10.44(0.47)
FNO+p4m	0.93	22.09(1.46)
G-FNO-p4	0.85	<b>4.78</b> (0.39)
G-FNO-p4m	0.84	<u>6.19</u> (0.61)
U-NET-p4	3.65	18.40(0.44)
RADIALFNO-p4	1.03	9.21(0.26)
RADIALFNO-p4m	0.95	10.86(0.18)

# LPS in PINNs

- Incorporate symmetry loss term using MLPs in PINN loss:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \alpha \mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}} + \beta \mathcal{L}_{\text{data-fit}} + \gamma \mathcal{L}_{\text{sym}}$$

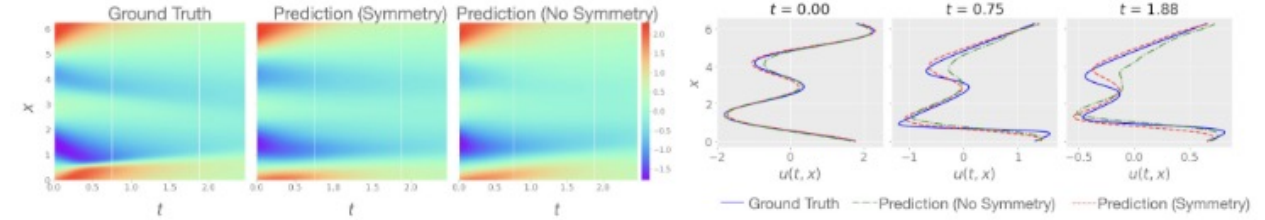
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}$  learns solution solving the PDE;  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data-fit}}$  learns IC and BC;  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{sym}}$  learns LPS.
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{sym}} = \sum_{k=1}^K J_{\Delta}^{\top} \text{coef}(\text{pr}^{(n)} \mathbf{v}_k)$ 
  - The orthogonality of the K prolonged vector fields and the gradient vector.
  - Equivalent to  $\text{pr}^{(n)} \mathbf{v}[\Delta] = 0$  when  $\Delta = 0$ . That is: asserting that applying a generator (e.g.  $\mathbf{v} = 2\nu t \partial_x - xu \partial_u$ ) to the PDE (e.g.  $\Delta = u_t - \nu u_{xx}$ ) still solves the PDE.

Table 1: The average test set mean-squared error for the Heat equation.

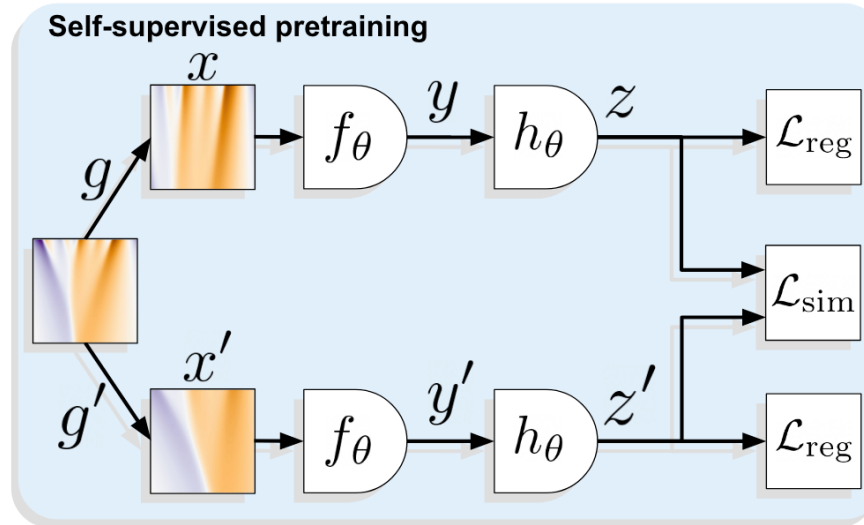
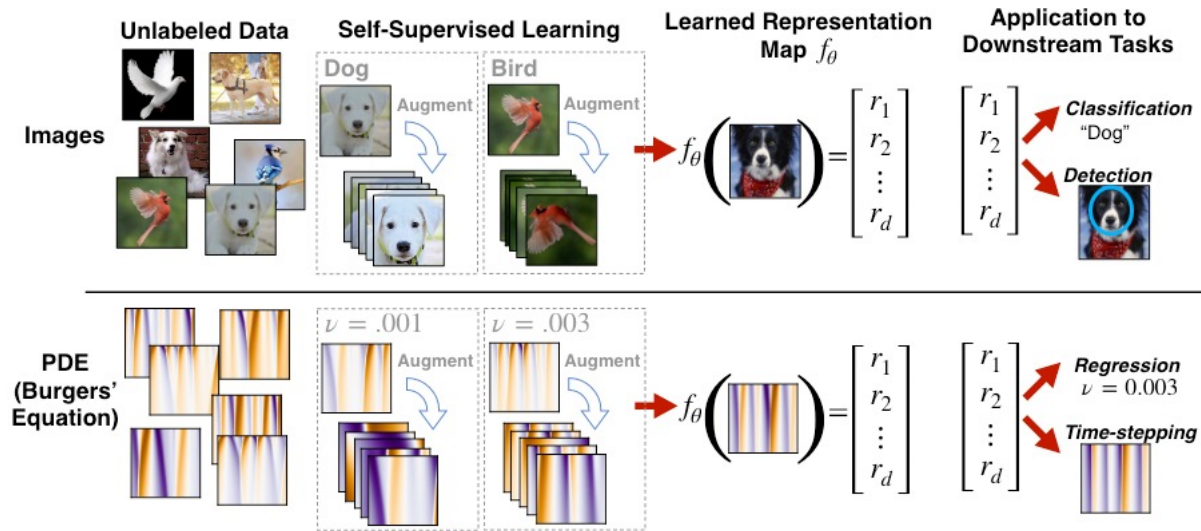
Number of Points ( $N_r$ )	No Symmetry	Symmetry
500	$1.12 \pm 0.58$	<b><math>0.30 \pm 0.15</math></b>
2000	$0.36 \pm 0.19$	<b><math>0.24 \pm 0.14</math></b>
10000	$0.22 \pm 0.14$	<b><math>0.21 \pm 0.13</math></b>

Table 2: The average test set mean-squared error for Burgers' equation.

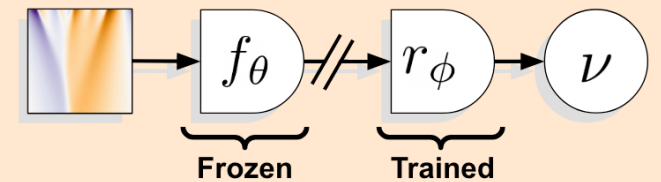
Number of Points ( $N_r$ )	No Symmetry	Symmetry
5000	$0.041 \pm 0.042$	<b><math>0.034 \pm 0.039</math></b>
25000	$0.030 \pm 0.038$	<b><math>0.017 \pm 0.020</math></b>
100000	$0.018 \pm 0.022$	<b><math>0.013 \pm 0.020</math></b>



# SSL



## Supervised downstream task



## Representation conditioned time-stepping

