

Generalizing to New Physical Systems via Context-Informed Dynamics Model

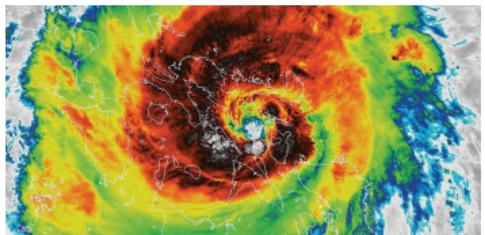
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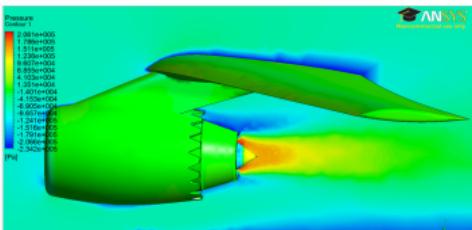
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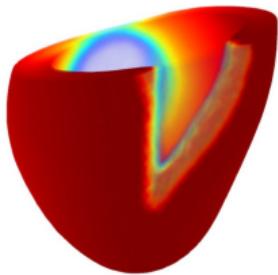
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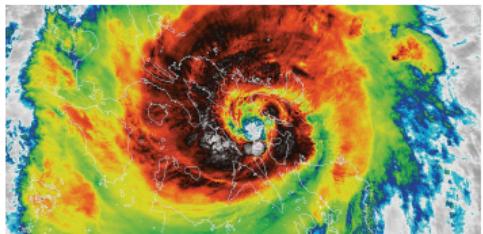
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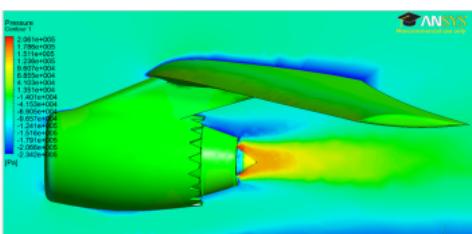
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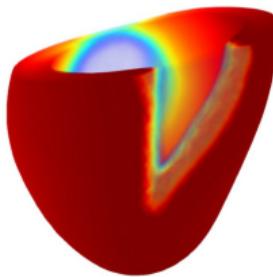
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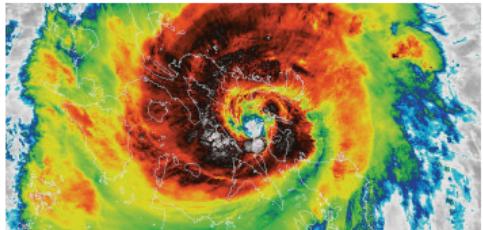
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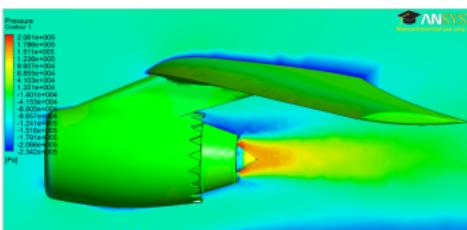
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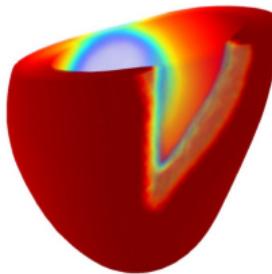
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- Successfully applied to various problems (Li et al., 2021; Sirignano and Spiliopoulos, 2018; de Bézenac et al., 2018).

Li et al., Fourier Neural Operator for Parametric Partial Differential Equations. ICLR, 2021

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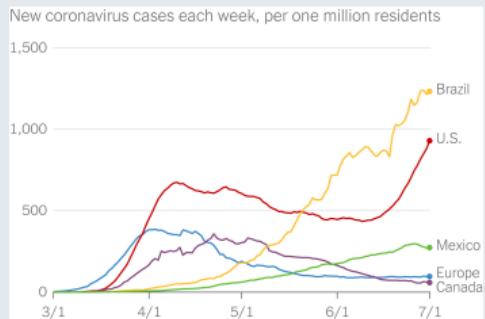
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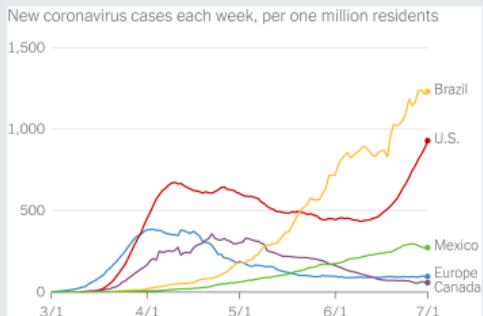


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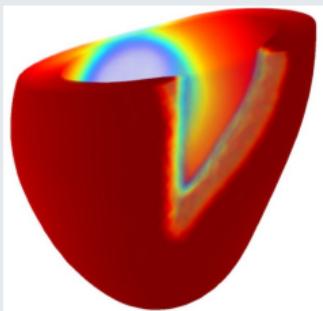
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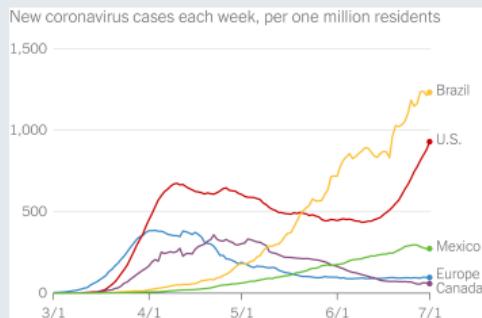
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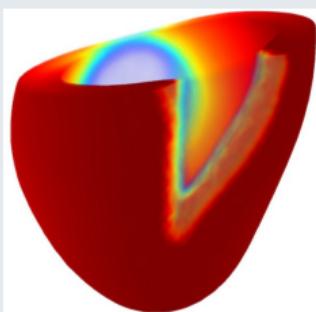
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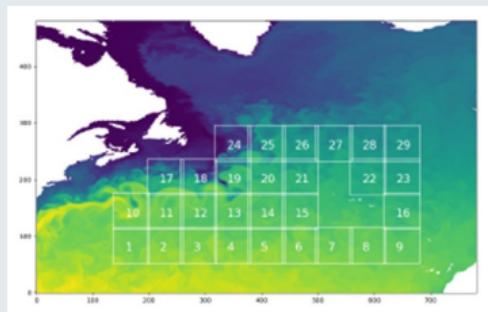
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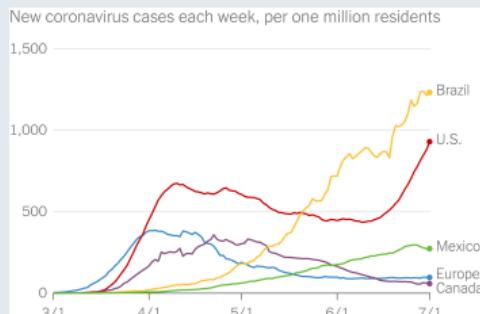


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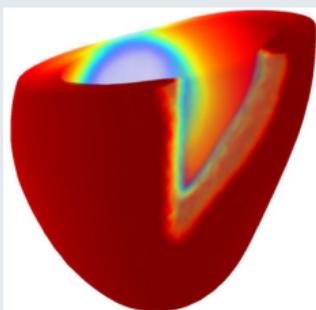
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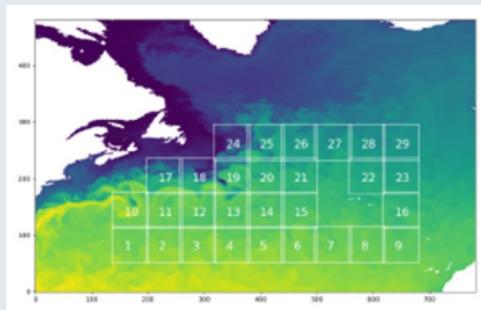
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- Context-Informed Dynamics Adaptation (CoDA)
 - one of the first principled solution to this open generalization problem.

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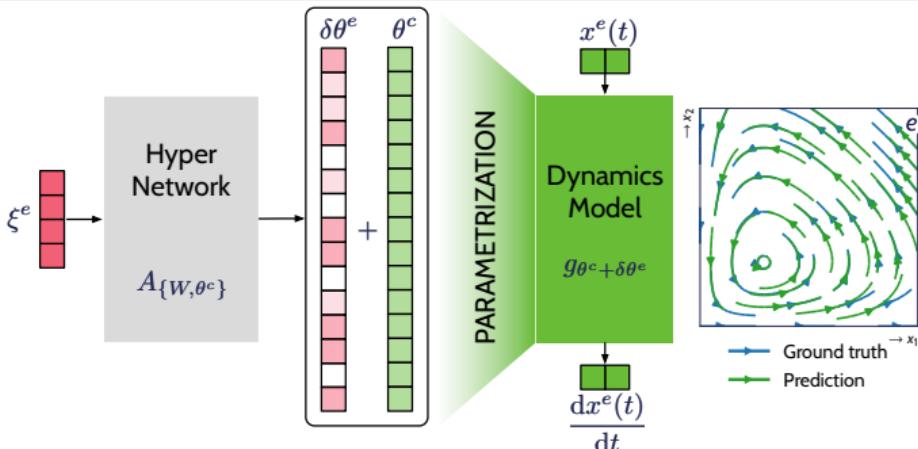
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- Fast adaptation by acting as a constraint over θ^c during training
 - few update steps.
- Hypothesis space is constrained around θ^c
 - under assumptions, simplifies optimization into a quadratic convex problem.

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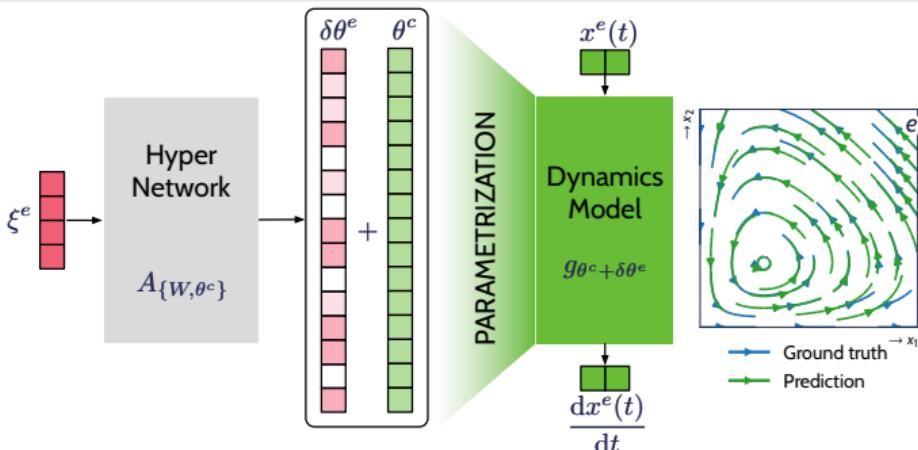
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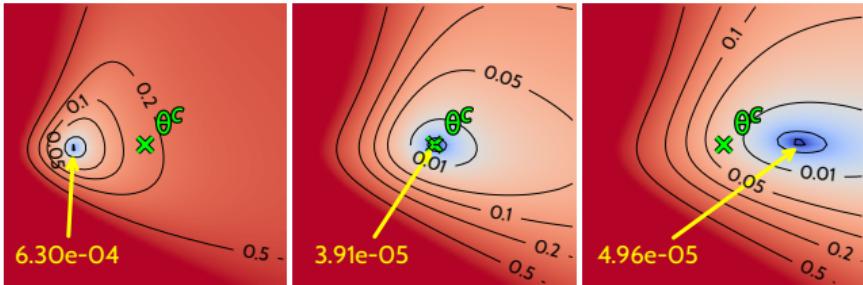
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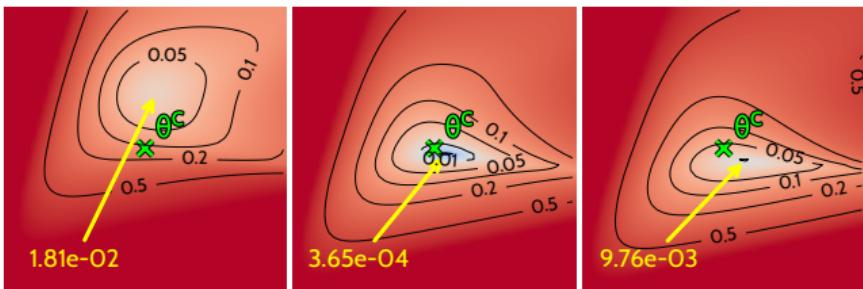
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- Adaptation in a small subspace: $d_\xi \ll d_\theta$
 - typically d_ξ is several orders of magnitude smaller than d_θ .
- ξ^e is adapted to each system with fixed $\{\theta^c, W\}$.



CoDA's loss projected onto subspace $\mathcal{W} \triangleq \text{Span}(W_1, W_2)$.



ERM's loss projected onto the Span of the two principal gradient directions computed with SVD.

Figure 1: Loss landscapes centered in θ^c , marked with $\textcolor{green}{x}$, for 3 environments on the Lotka-Volterra ODE. $\forall e, \rightarrow$ points to the local optimum θ^{e*} with loss value reported in $\textcolor{yellow}{\text{yellow}}$.

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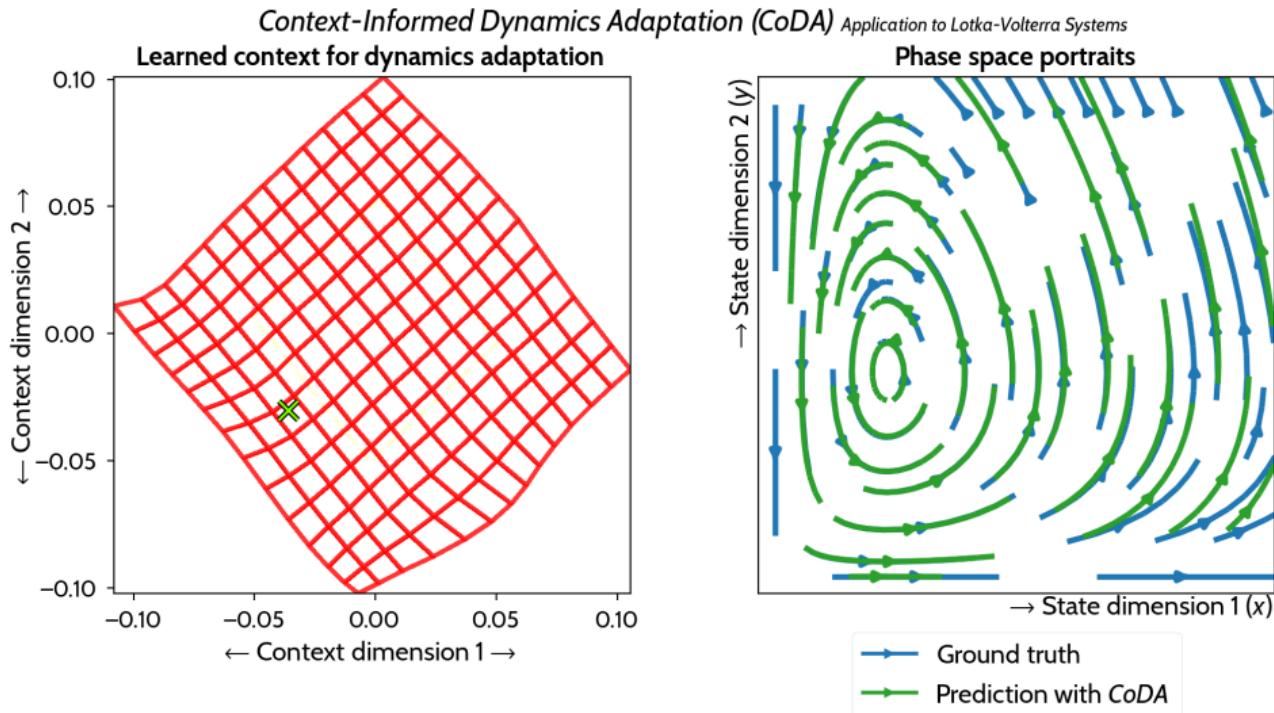
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Check out more in the paper

- Can accurately predict parameters of new *unknown* physical systems.
- Theoretical results supporting the framework.

Paper arxiv.org/abs/2202.01889

Code github.com/yuan-yin/CoDA

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