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## Data-efficient Kernel Methods for PDE Discovery

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## Problem Statement

$$P(x, u(x), Du(x), D^2u(x)) = f(x), \quad \forall x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

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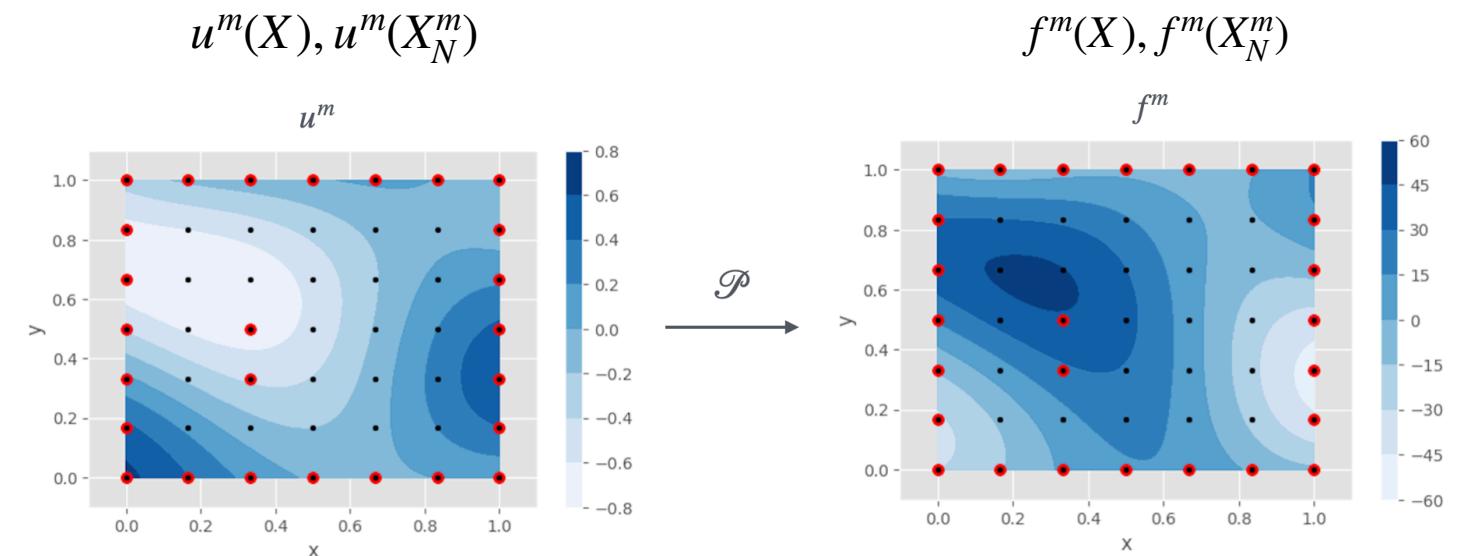
- $P : \mathbb{R}^{d+q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  **unknown** possibly nonlinear function of known order 2
- $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  **partially observed** source term (continuous function)
- $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  **partially observed** function describing the state of the physical system (strong solution to the PDE with source term  $f$ )

### Data:

- data points  $X \subset \Omega$
- $M$  pairs of functions  $(u^m, f^m)$
- $N$  observation points  $X_N^m = \{x_1^m, \dots, x_N^m\} \subset X$

### Objective:

- learn the function  $P$  and the functions  $u^m$  on the continuum from data



## Example: Darcy Flow

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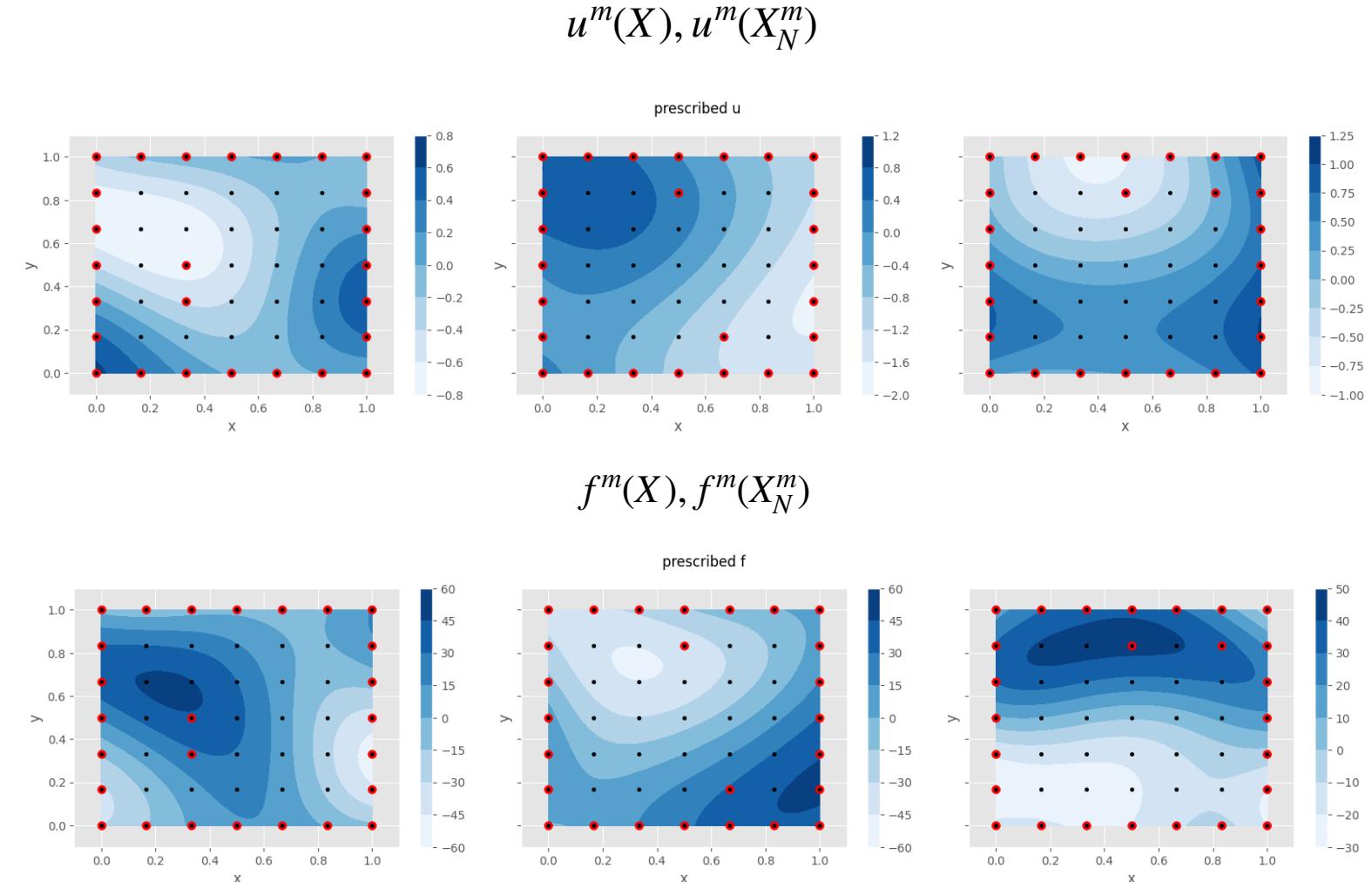
$$P(x, u(x), Du(x), D^2u(x)) = \nabla \cdot (a(x) \nabla u(x)) = f(x), \quad \forall x \in (0,1)^2$$

### Data:

- $M = 3$  pairs of  $(u^m, f^m)$ , for  $m \in \{1,2,3\}$  prescribe functions  
 $u^m \sim GP(0, K)$
- $7 \times 7$  data points  $X$ ,  $N = 26$  observation points  $X_N^m$

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# Data-driven Methods for Solving & Learning PDEs

## Current Approaches:

### 1. ANN-based methods

- **Solving high-dimensional PDEs using deep learning.** Han, Jentzen, E, 2018
- **Deep Hidden Physics Models: Deep Learning of Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations,** Maziar Raissi, 2018
- **Physics-informed neural networks: A deep learning framework for solving forward and inverse problems involving nonlinear partial differential equations.** M. Raissi, P. Perdikaris, G.E. Karniadakis, JCP 2019
- **Model reduction and neural networks for parametric PDEs.** K. Bhattacharya, B. Hosseini, N. Kovachki, A. Stuart. 2020.
- **Competitive Physics Informed Networks.** Q. Zeng, Y. Kothari, S. Bryngelson, F. Schäfer., 2022
- **Self-adaptive physics-informed neural networks.** L. McClenny, U. M Braga-Neto. 2023

### 2. Kernel-based methods

- **Bayesian Numerical Homogenization.** Houman Owhadi. 2015
- **Gamblets for opening the complexity-bottleneck of implicit schemes for hyperbolic and parabolic ODEs/PDEs with rough coefficients.** Houman Owhadi, Lei Zhang, JCP 2016
- **Machine learning of linear differential equations using Gaussian processes.** Maziar Raissi, Paris Perdikaris, George Em Karniadaki, 2017
- **Numerical Gaussian Processes for Time-dependent and Non-linear Partial Differential Equations.** Maziar Raissi, Paris Perdikaris, and George Em Karniadakis, 2017
- **Inferring solutions of differential equations using noisy multi-fidelity data.** Maziar Raissi, Paris Perdikaris, George Em Karniadakis, SISC 2018
- **Solving and Learning Nonlinear PDEs with Gaussian Processes.** Yifan Chen, Bamdad Hosseini, Houman Owhadi, and Andrew M Stuart, 2021



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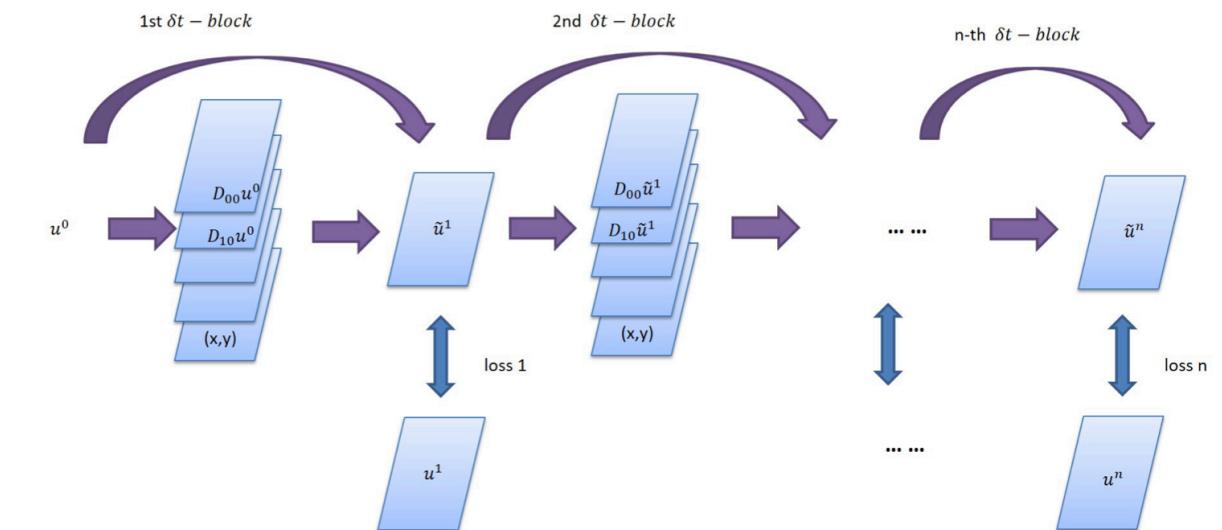
1. ANN-based methods
2. Kernel-based methods

## Advantages of kernel-based method:

- Theoretically more well-founded
- Interpretable and amenable to numerical analysis
- Number of kernel parameters to learn is smaller
- Come with rigorous a priori error estimates



# Equation Learning

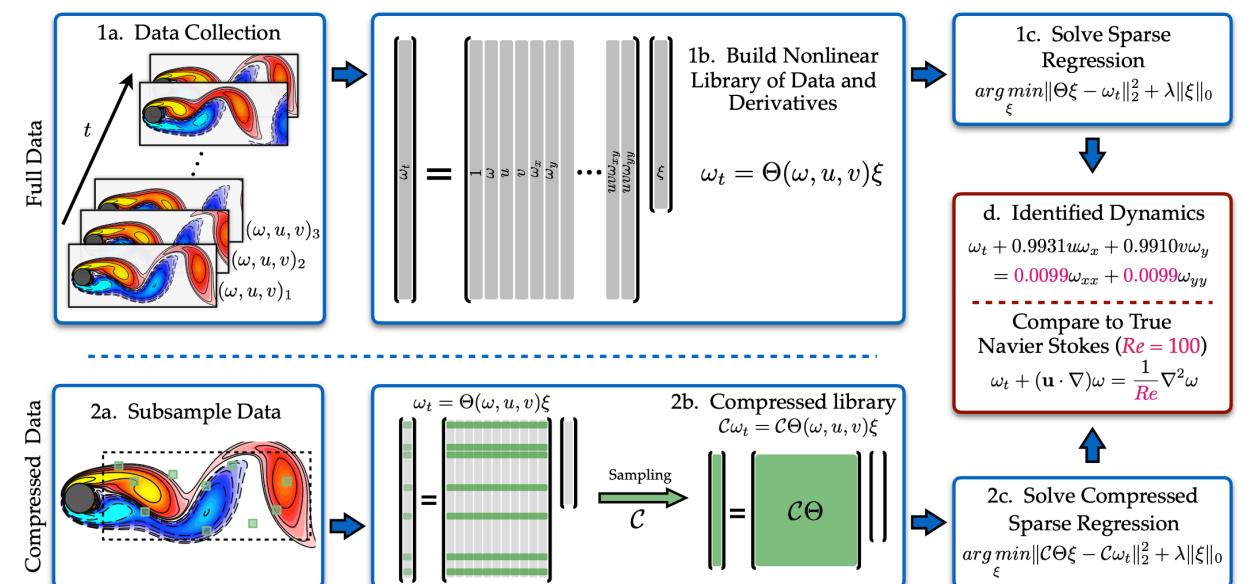


## Other Approaches:

- Symbolic Regression (Bongard & Lipson (2007), Schmidt & Lipson (2009))
- SINDy and PDE-Find (Brunton et al. (2016), Rudy et al. (2016))
- PDE-Net (Zichao Long et al. (2018))

## Advantages of kernel-based method:

- Handle sparse data (Da Long et al. (2023))
- A priori error estimates (Batlle et al. (2023))





## Kernel Interpolation Problem

**Data:**

inputs  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^\top$ , outputs  $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^\top$

**Goal:**

find  $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x_i) = y_i$

**Interpolation Problem:**

$$\begin{cases} \underset{f \in \mathcal{H}}{\text{minimize}} & \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ \text{s.t.} & f(x_i) = y_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** Using representer theorem, we get a closed form solution

$$f(x) = K(x, X)K(X, X)^{-1}Y,$$

with norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = Y^\top K(X, X)^{-1}Y.$$



## Summary of Methods

**Problem:**

$$P(x, u^m(x), Du^m(x), D^2u^m(x)) = f^m(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

**Two Approaches:**

- **two-step learning**
  1. approximate the solutions  $u^m$
  2. using the approximant, learn the function  $P$
- **one-step learning**
  4. learn the solution functions  $u^m$  and the function  $P$  at once





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## Two-step learning

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**Kernel Interpolation Problem:**

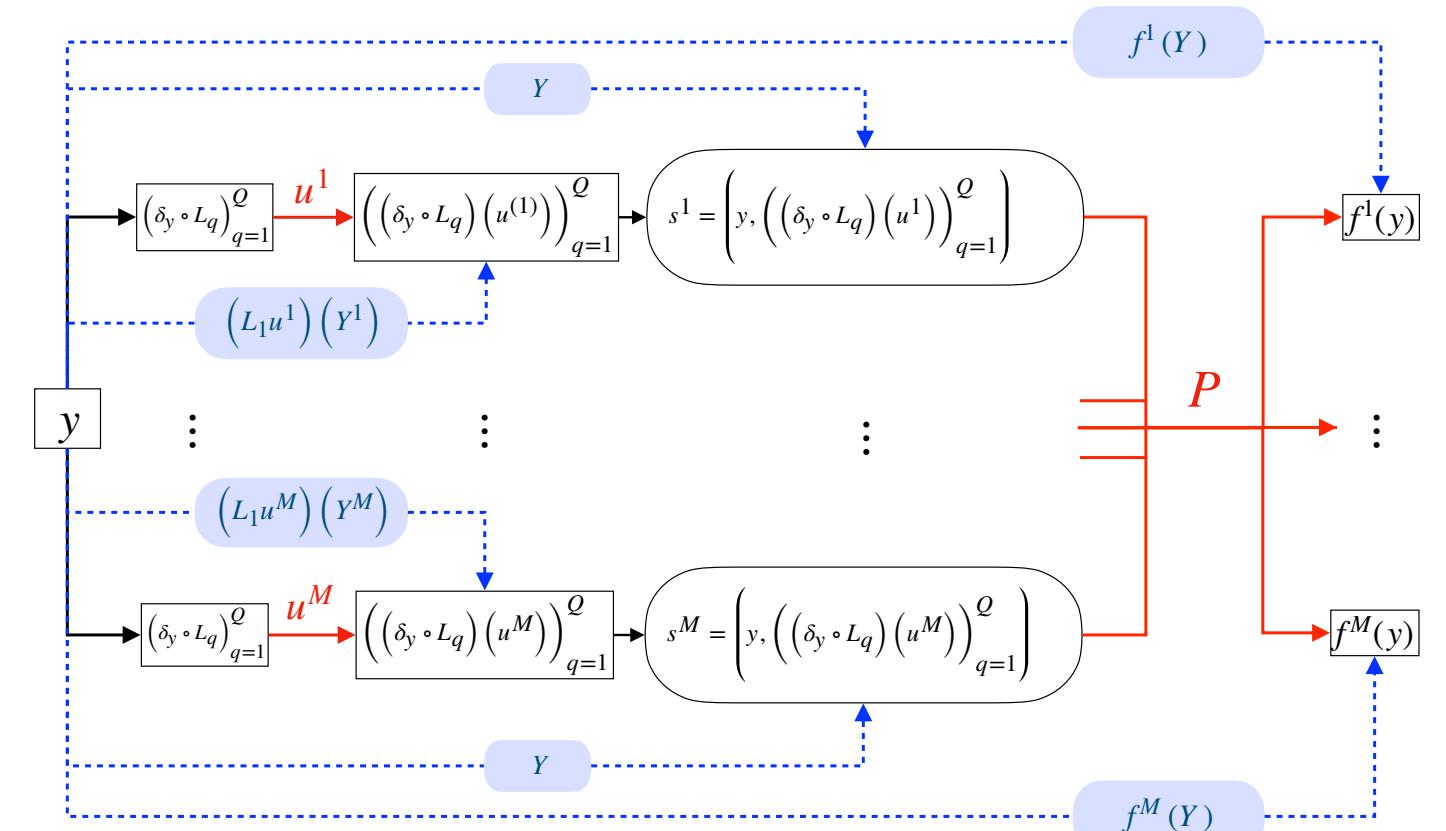
**1. Learn  $u^m$ 's:**

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize}_{v^m \in \mathcal{H}_K} \|v^m\|_{\mathcal{H}_K} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad v^m(X_N) = u^m(X_N) \end{cases}$$

**2. Learn  $P$ : for minimizer  $v_N^m$ ,**

- compute  $Dv_N^m$  and  $D^2v_N^m$ ,
- define  $\phi_N^m := (v_N^m(X_N), Dv_N^m(X_N), D^2v_N^m(X_N))$ ,
- solve

$$\underset{Q \in \mathcal{H}_\Gamma}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|Q\|_{\mathcal{H}_\Gamma}^2 + \lambda \sum_{m=1}^M \|Q(X_N, \phi_N^m) - f^m(X_N)\|_2^2$$





## One-step learning

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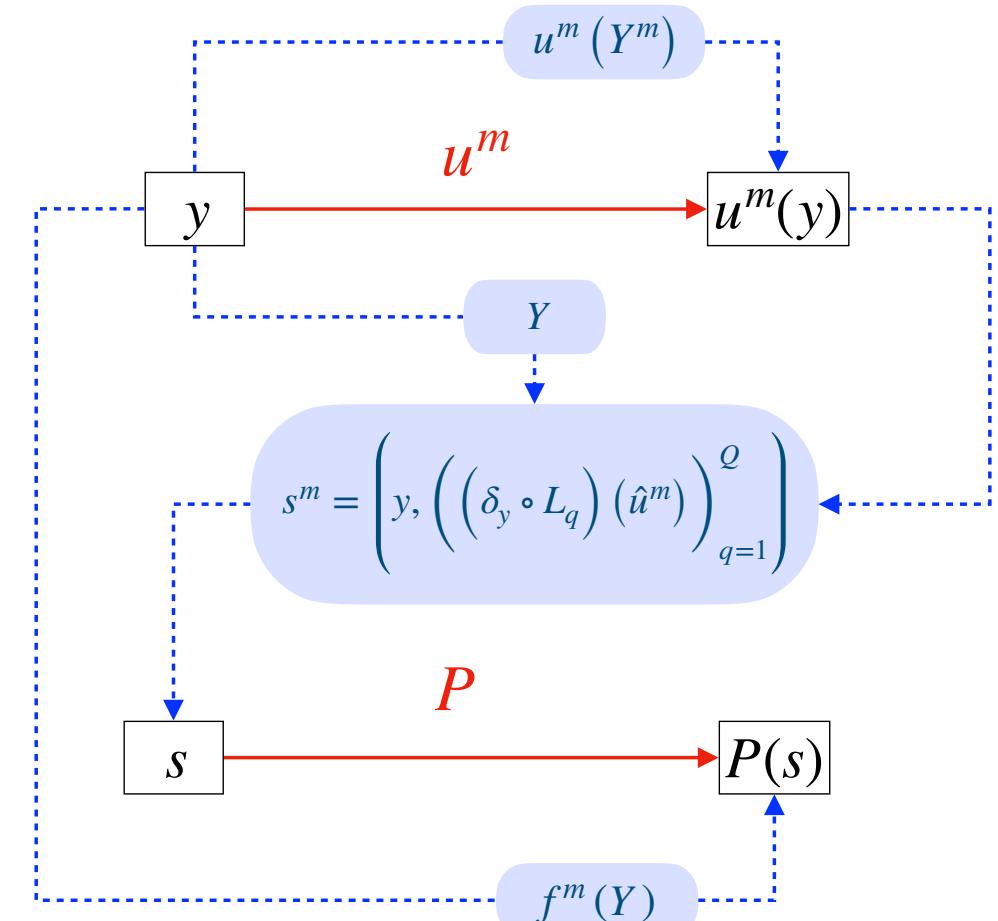
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**Kernel Interpolation Problem:**

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where  $\phi_N^m := (v^m(X_N), Dv^m(X_N), D^2v^m(X_N))$ .

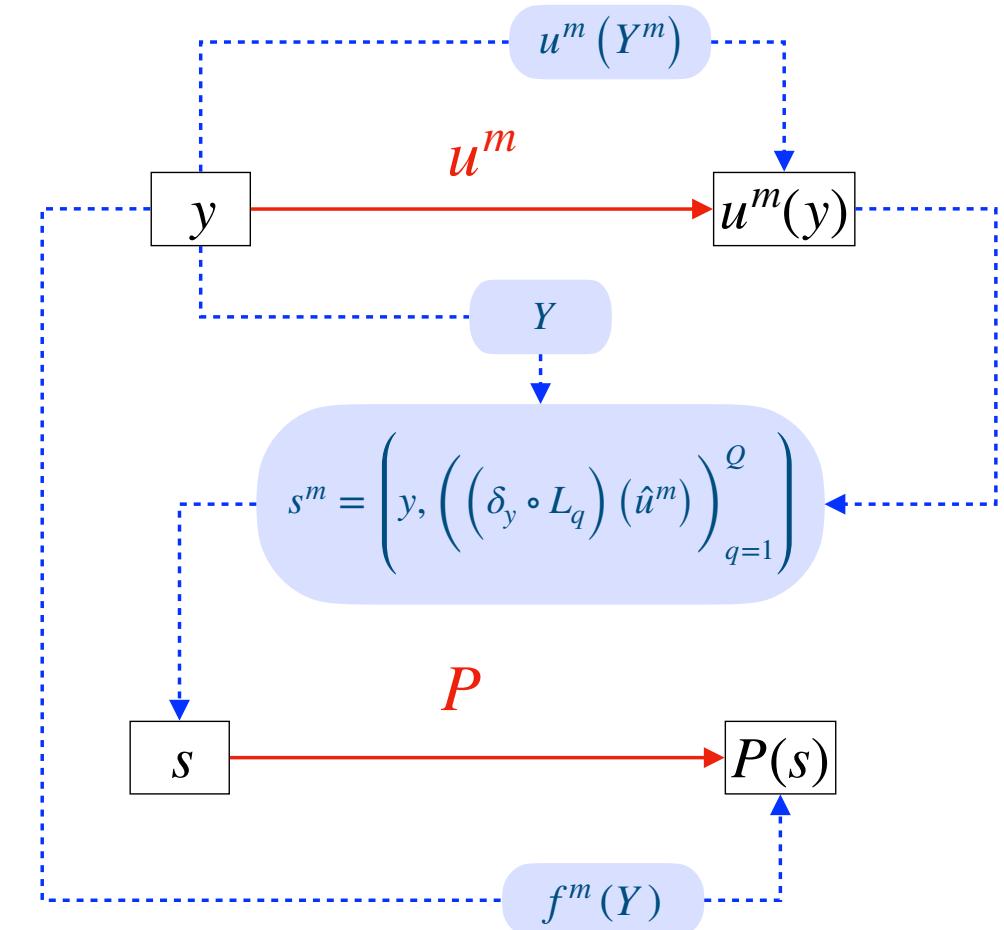




## One-step learning

- introduce latent variables  $Z_N^m$  such that  $Z_N^m = \phi_N^m$ ,
- rewrite the problem as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_{Q \in \mathcal{H}_\Gamma, v^m \in \mathcal{H}_K, Z_N^m} \|Q\|_\Gamma^2 + \lambda \sum_{m=1}^M \|v^m\|_K^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & v^m(X_N) = u^m(X_N), \quad \text{for } m = 1, \dots, M, \\ & Q(X_N, Z_N^m) = f^m(X_N), \quad \text{for } m = 1, \dots, M, \\ & Z_N^m = \phi_N^m, \quad \text{for } m = 1, \dots, M. \end{array} \right.$$



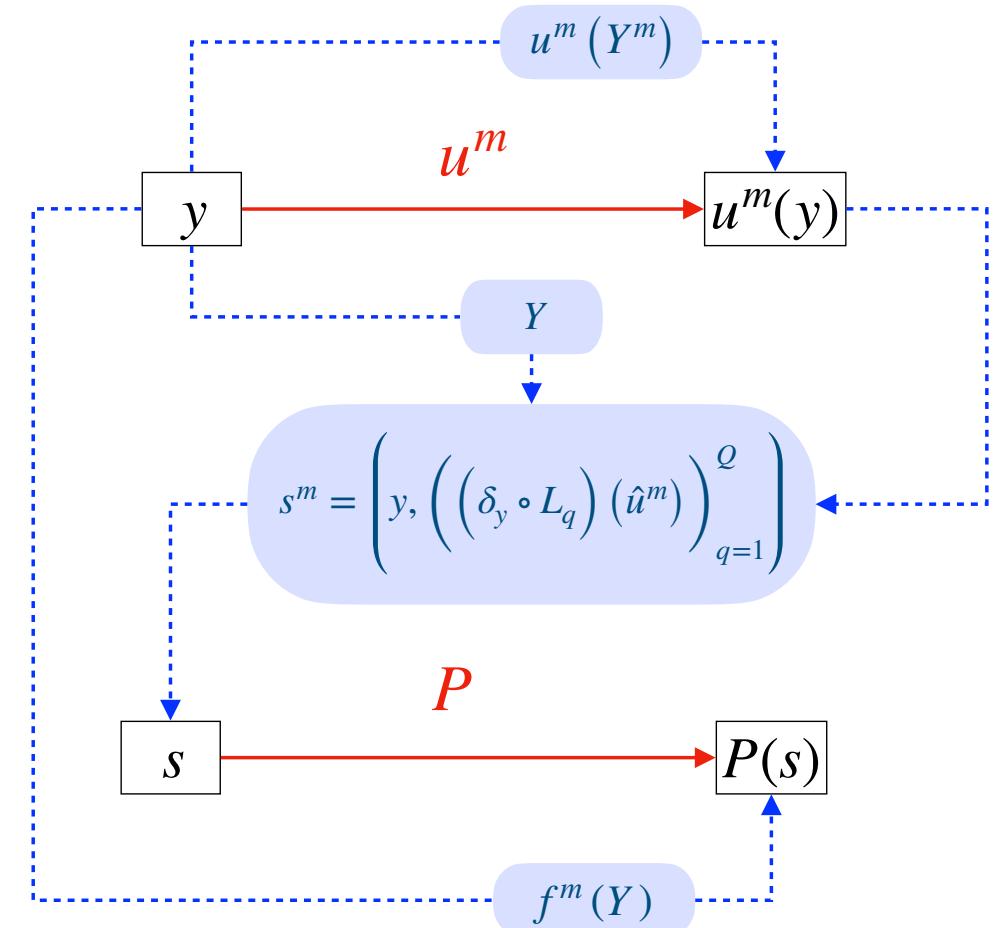


## One-step learning

- define  $S_N^m := (X_N, Z_N^m)$ ,
- using representer theorem, reduce the problem to

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize}_{Z_N^m} & f(X_N)^\top \Gamma(S_N, S_N)^{-1} f(X_N) + \lambda \sum_{m=1}^M (Z_N^m)^\top K(\phi_N^m, \phi_N^m)^{-1} Z_N^m \\ \text{s.t.} & Z_{N,0}^m = u^m(X_N), \quad \text{for } m = 1, \dots, M. \end{cases}$$

- solve numerically using a Levenberg–Marquardt-type algorithm



## Theorem (convergence guarantee)

Assumptions:

- the kernel  $K : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $\mathcal{H}_K \subset H^s(\Omega)$  for some  $s > d/2 + \text{order}_P$
- the kernel  $\Gamma : \mathbb{R}^{d+q} \times \mathbb{R}^{d+q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $\mathcal{H}_\Gamma \subset H^{s'}(\mathbb{R}^{d+q})$  for some  $s' > \frac{q}{2}$
- the fill distance between  $x_j \in \Omega$  goes to zero as  $N \rightarrow \infty$
- the fill distance  $h_{S_N, \mathbb{R}^{d+q}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $M \rightarrow \infty$

Let  $v_N^m, Q_{M,N}$  be the minimizers of the kernel interpolation problem.

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} v_N^m = u^m, \quad \text{pointwise and in } H^t(t < s) \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} Q_{M,N} = P, \quad \text{pointwise and in } H^{t'}(t' < s') \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^{d+q}$$

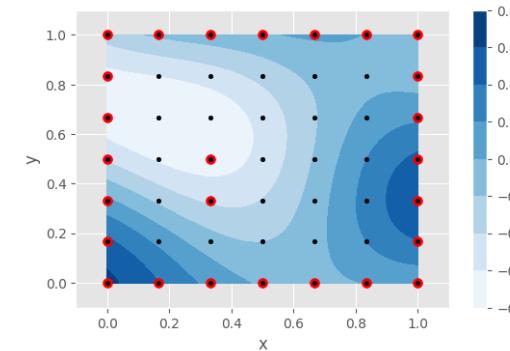
+ A priori Error Estimates for  $u^m$  and  $P$



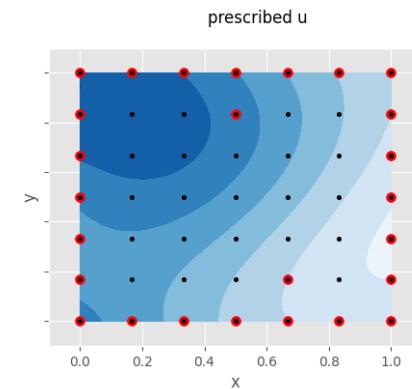
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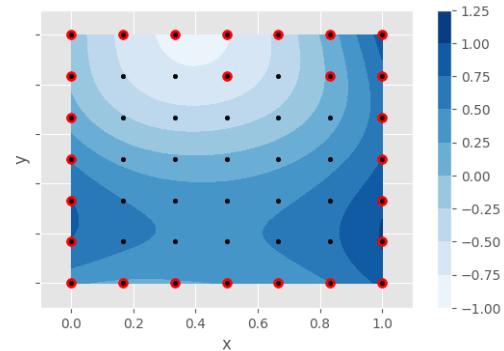
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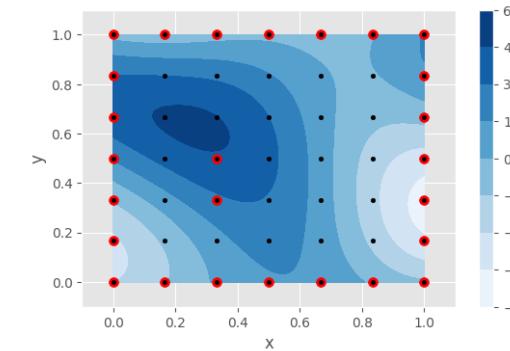


prescribed  $u$

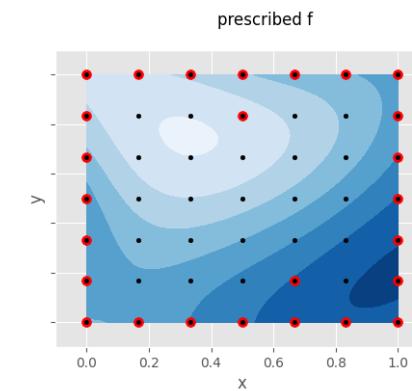


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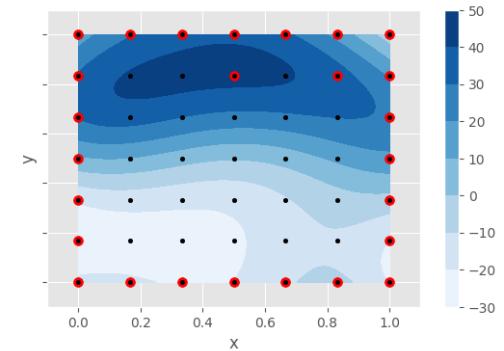
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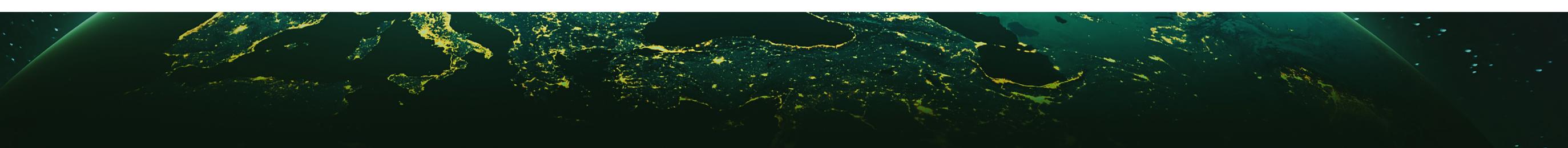


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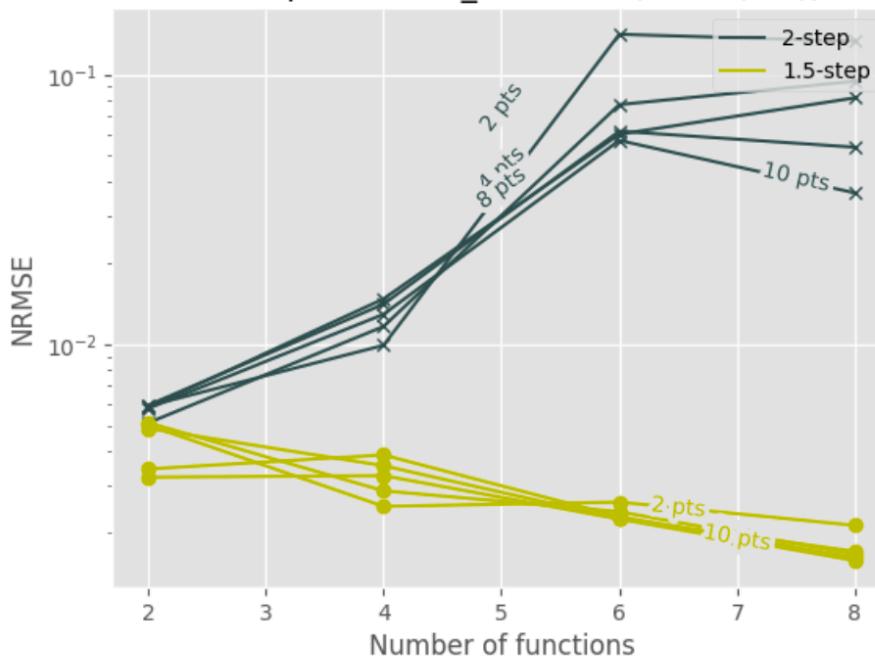


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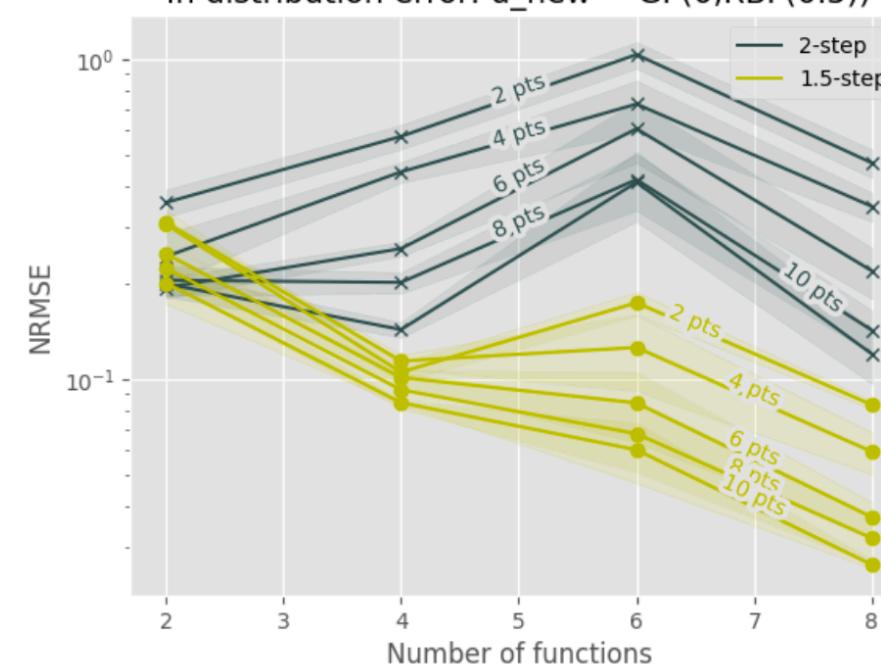
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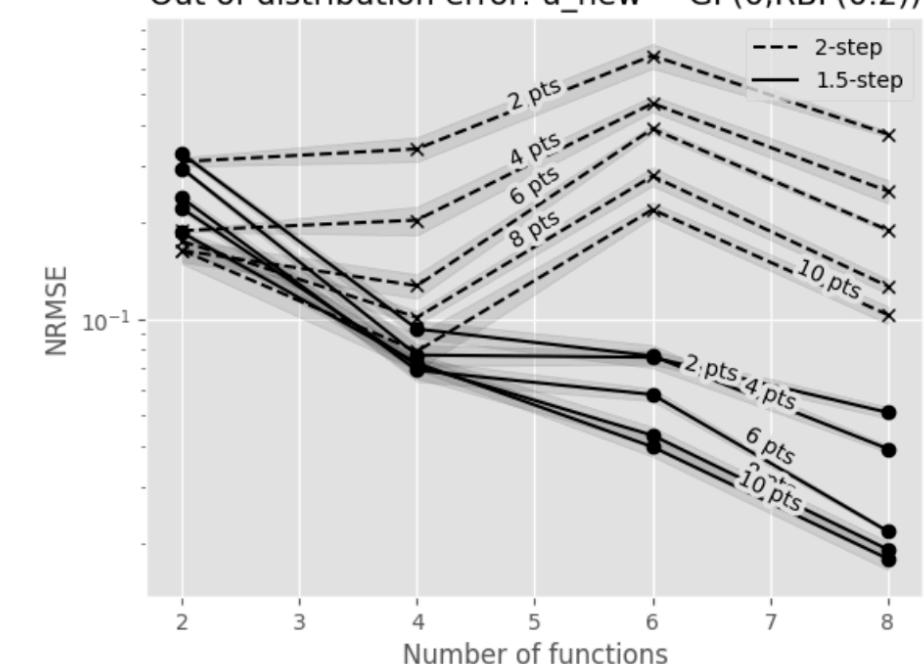
In sample error:  $u_{\text{new}} \sim \text{GP}(0, \text{RBF}(0.5))$



In distribution error:  $u_{\text{new}} \sim \text{GP}(0, \text{RBF}(0.5))$



Out of distribution error:  $u_{\text{new}} \sim \text{GP}(0, \text{RBF}(0.2))$



## Example: Burgers' Equation

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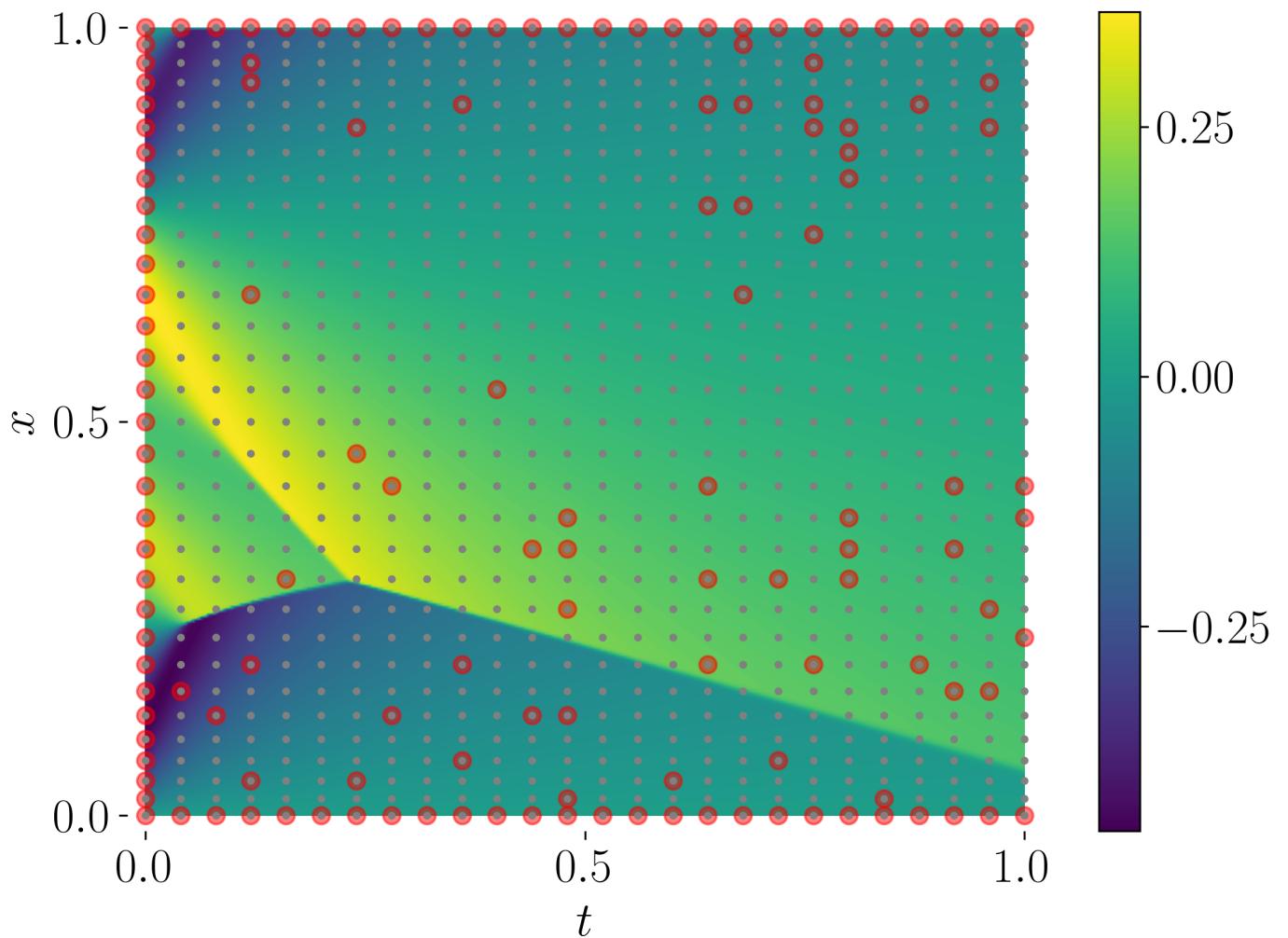
$$P(u)(y) = \partial_t u - 5u\partial_x u - 0.001\partial_{xx}u, \quad \forall y = (t, x) \in [0,1] \times (0,1)$$

**Data:**

- $M = 1$  pairs of  $(u^1, f^1)$
- 806 data points  $Y, N = 60$  observation points  $Y_N^1$

**Objective:**

learn  $P$  and  $u^1$

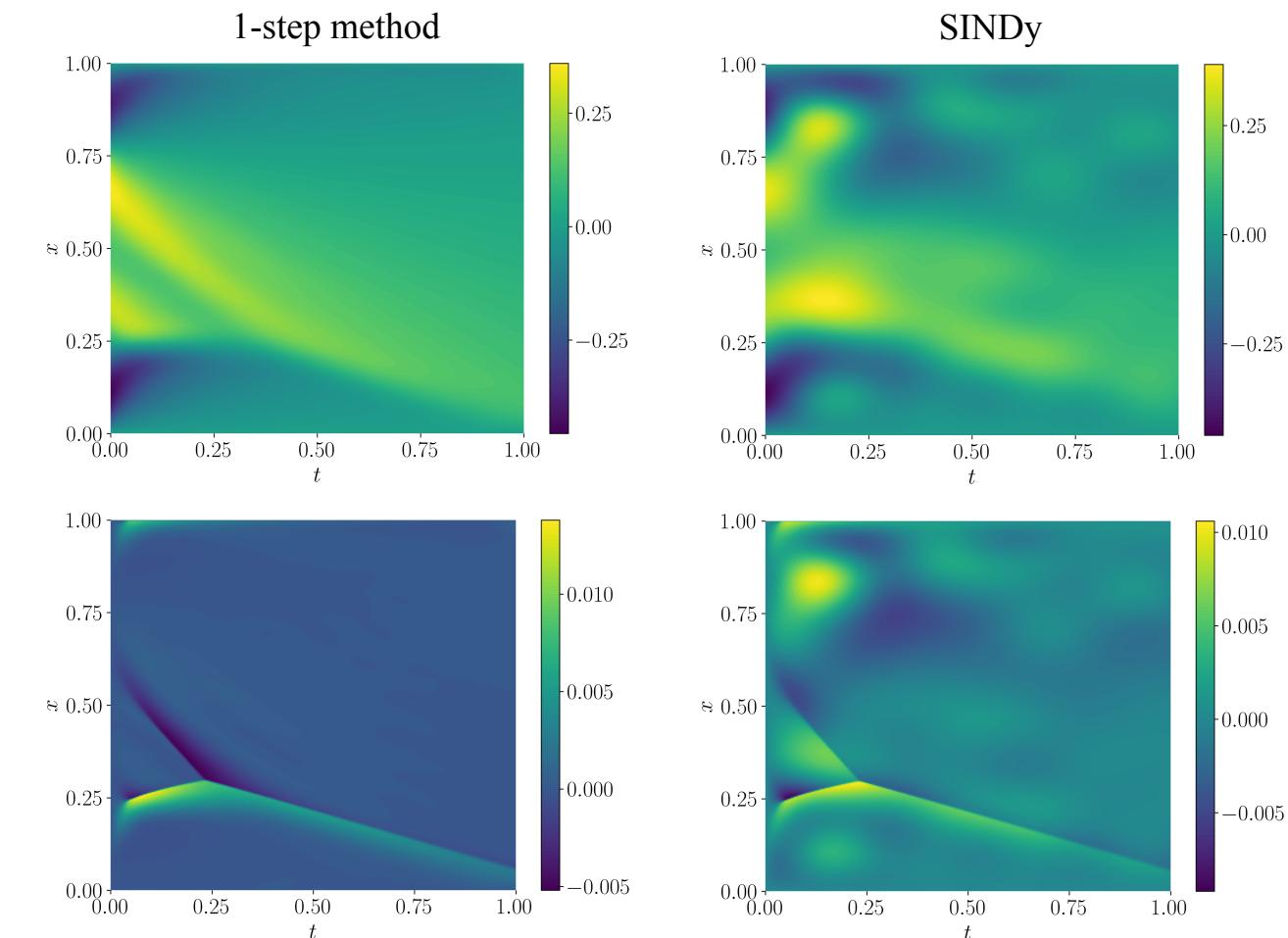
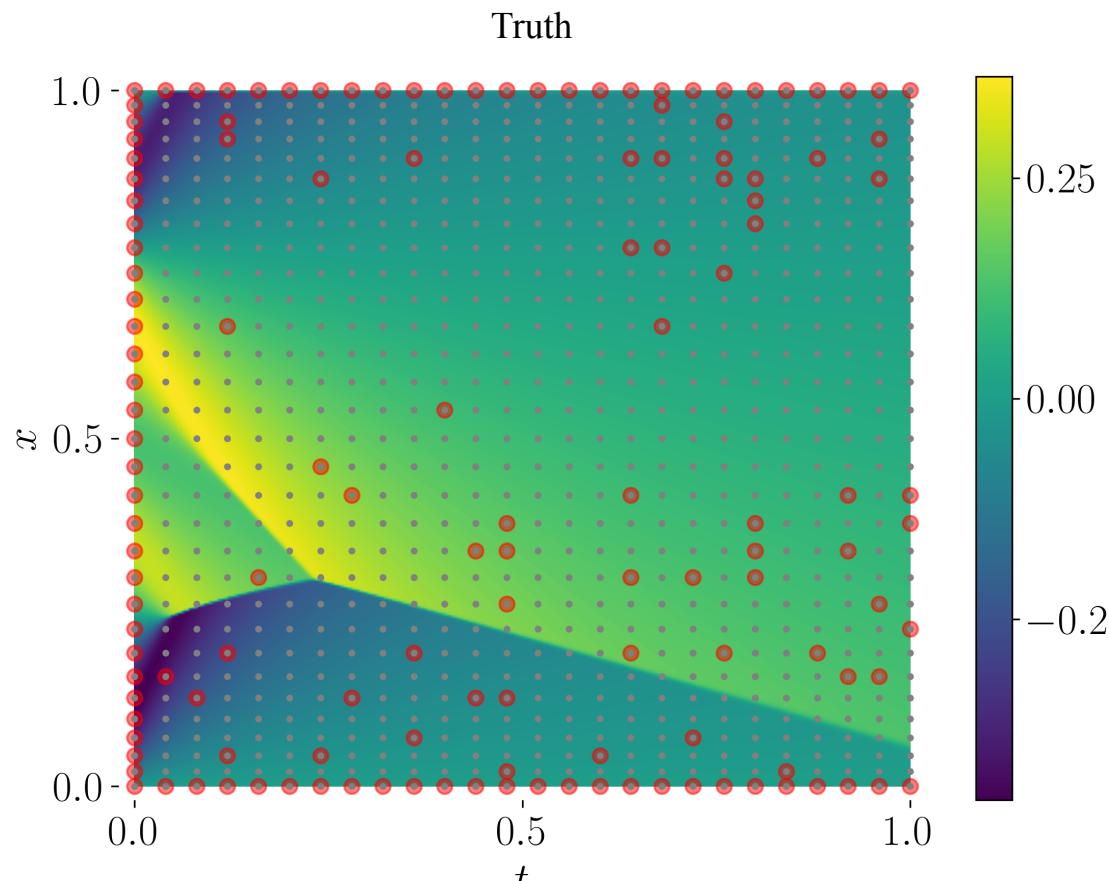




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# Application: Jupiter's radiation environment

Collaboration with JPL Natural Space Environments Group

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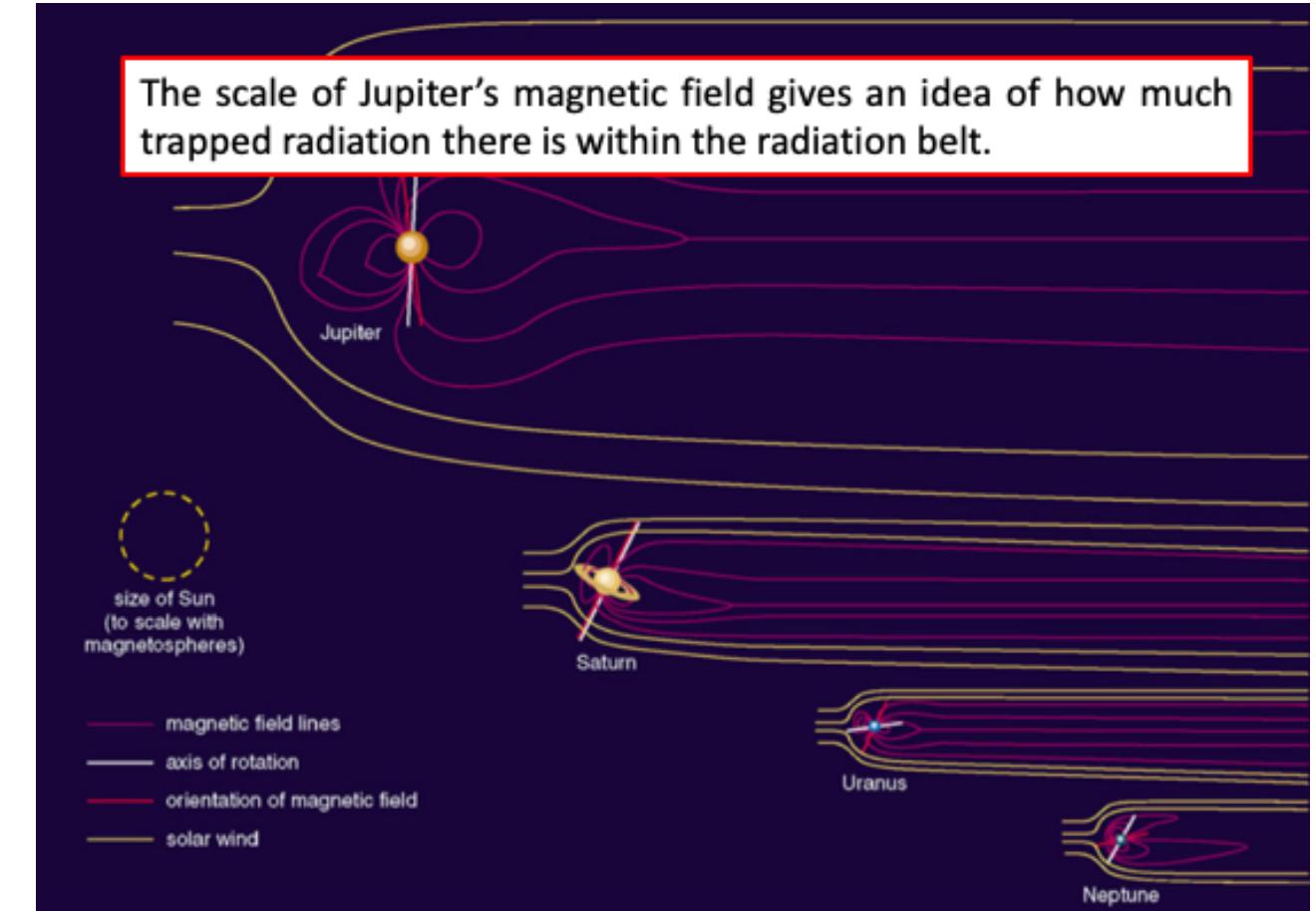
$$\partial_t f = \nabla \cdot (D \nabla f) + \nabla \cdot (cf)$$

**Data:**

Values of  $f$  at 6000 points in the domain

**Objective:**

learn  $f$  in the entire domain and learn the unknown coefficients  $c$  and  $D$





# Application: Stress Transfer & Earthquake Dynamics

Collaboration with USC Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science

## Problem:

$$\nabla \cdot (G \nabla u_x) + \frac{G}{1-2\nu} \frac{\partial \epsilon_v}{\partial x} - \alpha \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (G \nabla u_y) + \frac{G}{1-2\nu} \frac{\partial \epsilon_v}{\partial y} - \alpha \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (G \nabla u_z) + \frac{G}{1-2\nu} \frac{\partial \epsilon_v}{\partial z} - \alpha \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \rho_b g$$

$$\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \alpha \frac{\partial \epsilon_v}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{k}{\mu} \nabla p - \rho_f g \right) = 0$$

## Data:

Values of  $u$  and  $p$ , each on 5 million points in the domain

## Objective:

learn  $u$  and  $p$  in the entire domain and learn all the unknown coefficients

