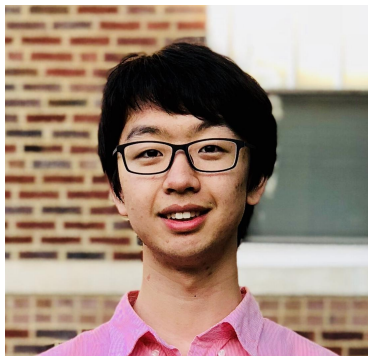


# Neural Operator For Parametric PDEs

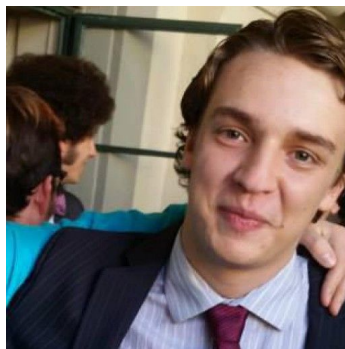
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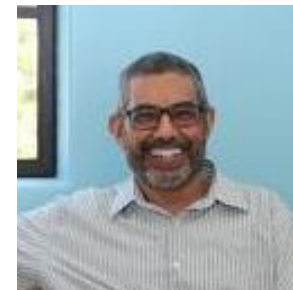
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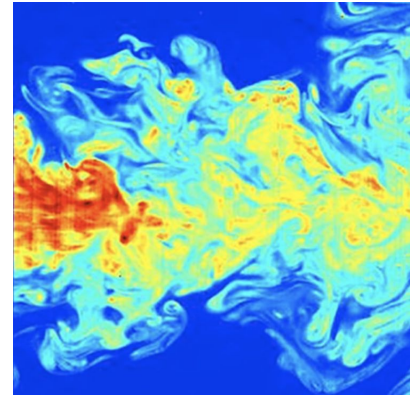
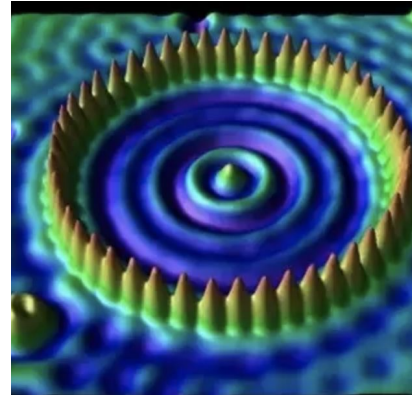
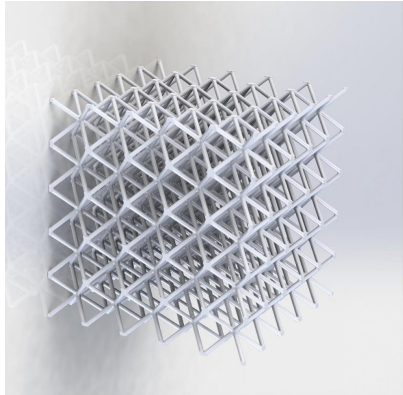
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# Overview

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# 1. Introduction

Problems in science and engineering reduce to PDEs.

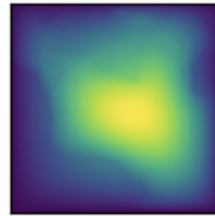
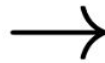


# Introduction

- Learning parametric PDE:  
Given the a set of coefficients/boundary conditions  
Find the solution functions



Input: coefficient

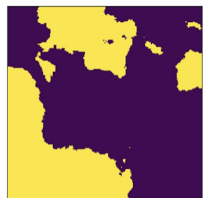


Output: solution

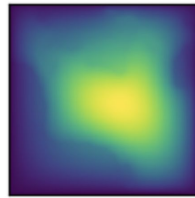
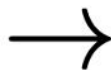
# Problem Setting

Second order elliptic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) &= f(x), & x \in D \\ u(x) &= 0, & x \in \partial D \end{aligned}$$



Input:  $a(x)$



Output:  $u(x)$

$$\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$$

# Operator learning

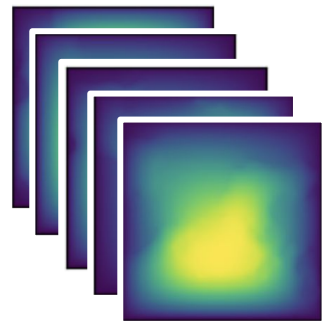
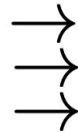
Solving PDEs is slow.

Learn the mapping from data (coefficients & solutions pairs).

- Fix an equation
- Multiple training instances
- Learn the mapping



Input: coefficients

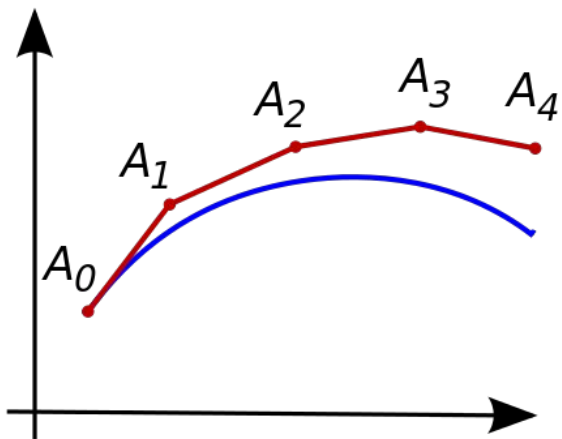


Output: solutions

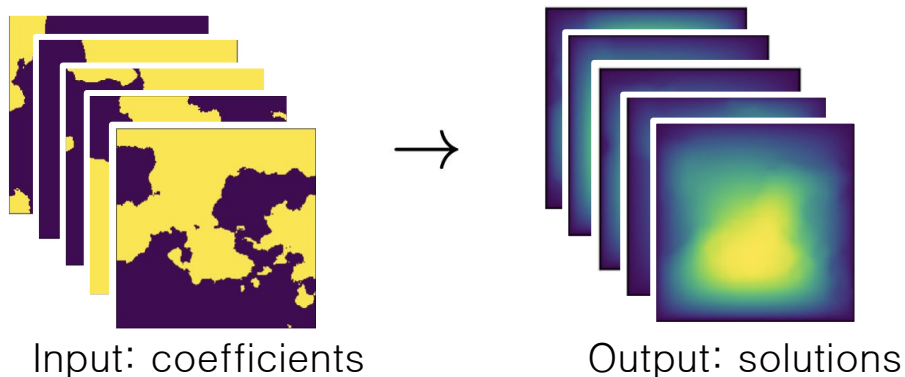
Slow to train. Fast to evaluate.  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$

# Solve vs learn

Conventional methods:  
Solve the equation  
By approximation on a mesh



Data-driven methods:  
Learn the trajectory  
From a distribution

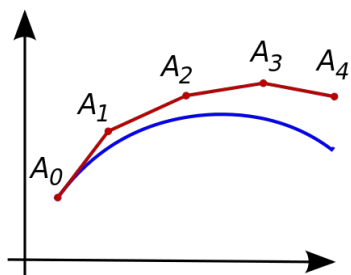




# Solve vs learn

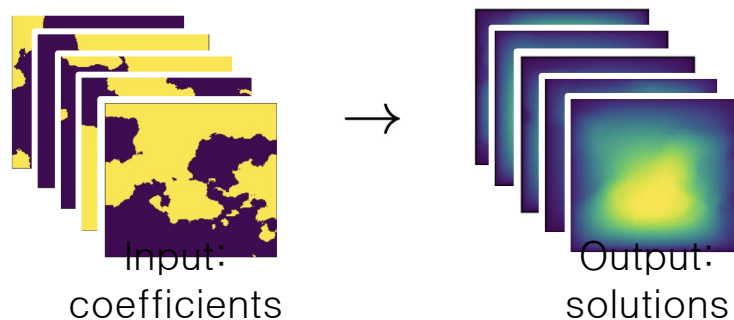
## Conventional methods:

- Solve one instance
- Require the explicit form
- trade-off on resolution
- Slow on fine grids; fast on coarse grids



## Data-driven methods:

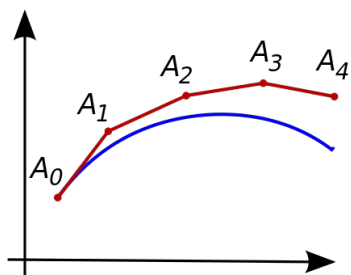
- Learn a family of PDE
- Black-box, data-driven
- Resolution-invariant, mesh-invariant
- Slow to train; fast to evaluate



# Solve vs learn

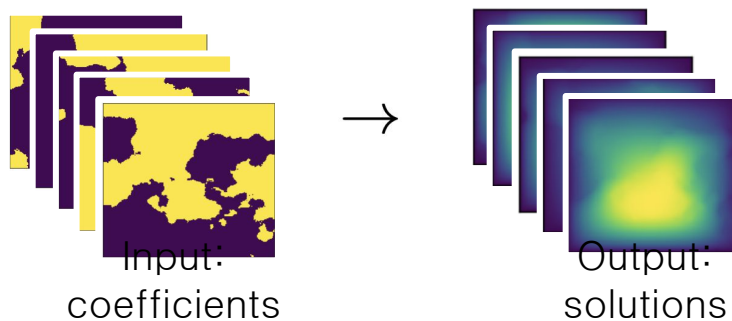
## Conventional methods:

- Changing parameter
- Changing boundary
- Changing initial condition



## Data-driven methods:

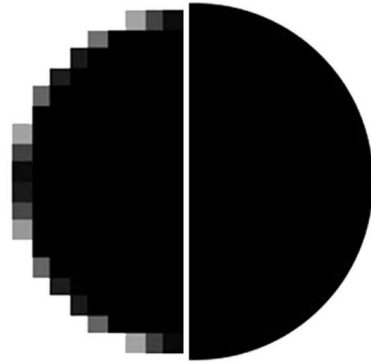
- From a distribution
- Large distribution require more data
- Data could be slow to generate



# Operator learning

- Not vector-to-vector mapping.
- But function-to-function mapping.

Discretized vector



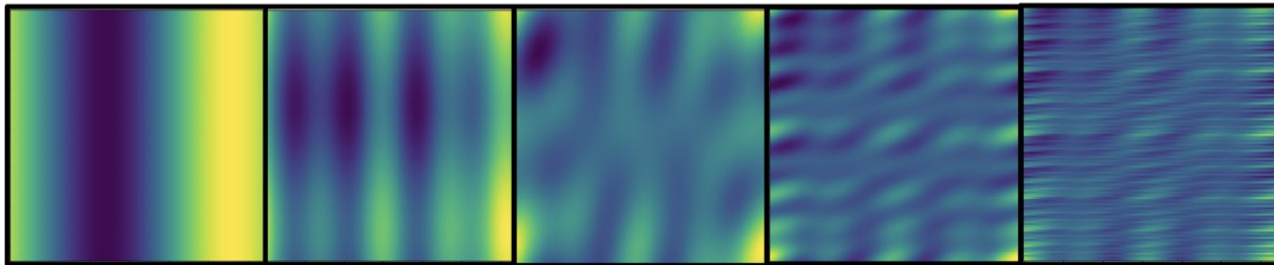
Continuous function

# Operator learning

Key idea: represent function & operator in mesh-invariant way



Filters in CNN



Fourier Filters

## 2. Neural operator

$$u = (K_l \circ \sigma_l \circ \cdots \circ \sigma_1 \circ K_0) v$$

# Problem Setting

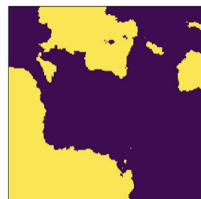
Second order elliptic equation:

$$-\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) = f(x), \quad x \in D$$
$$u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \partial D$$

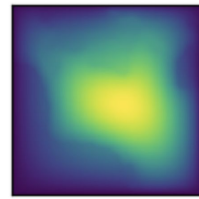
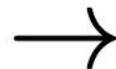
Given  $\{a_j, u_j\}_{j=1}^N$  pairs of functions

Want to learn the **operator**

$$\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$$



Input: a(x)



Output: u(x)

# Intuition: kernel method

$$-\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) = f(x), \quad x \in D$$

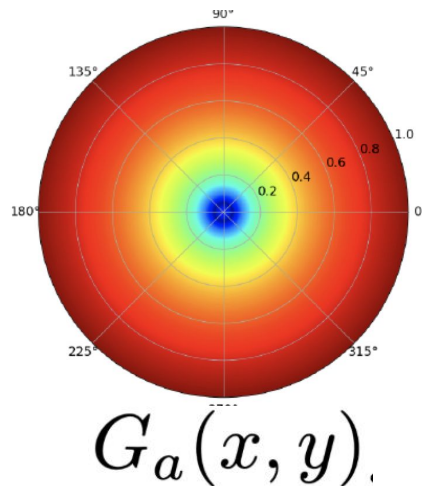
$$u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \partial D$$

Inverse of differential operator can be written in form of kernel

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) f(y) dy.$$

Where G is the green function

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) [f(y) + (\Gamma_a u)(y)] dy.$$



# Integral Operator

Idea: Approximate the kernel by a **neural network**  $\kappa_\phi$

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) [f(y) + (\Gamma_a u)(y)] dy.$$

$$\int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy)$$



# Iterative solver: stack layers

$$u(x) = \int_D G_a(x, y) f(y) dy + \int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy)$$

Add iterations for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , like an implicit method

$$K : v_t \mapsto v_{t+1}$$

$$v_{t+1}(x) = \sigma \left( W v_t(x) + \int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy) \right)$$

# Neural operator

$$u = (K_l \circ \sigma_l \circ \dots \circ \sigma_1 \circ K_0) v$$

$K$  are linear non-local integral operator

$\sigma$  are non-linear local activation functions

# Neural operator

$$u = Q (K_l \circ \sigma_l \circ \dots \circ \sigma_1 \circ K_0) P v$$

$P, Q$  are local network (encoder, decoder)

$P$  lifts the input to a high dimensional channel space.  
 $Q$  projects the representation back to the original space

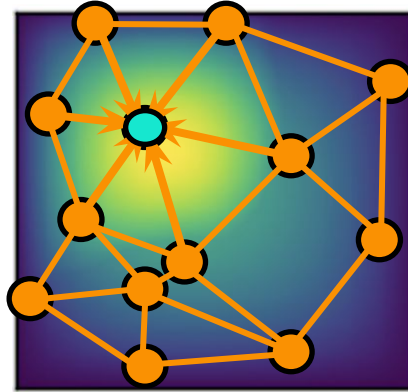
# Neural operator

$$\int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy)$$

Four variations:

1. Graph neural operator
2. Multipole graph neural operator
3. Low-rank neural operator
4. Fourier neural operator

# 3. Graph-based Neural operator



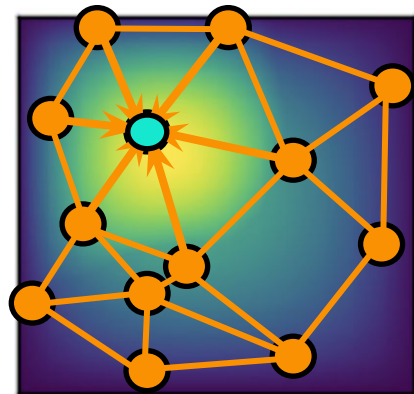
# Kernel convolution as message passing on graph

$$v_{t+1}(x) = \sigma \left( W v_t(x) + \int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy) \right)$$

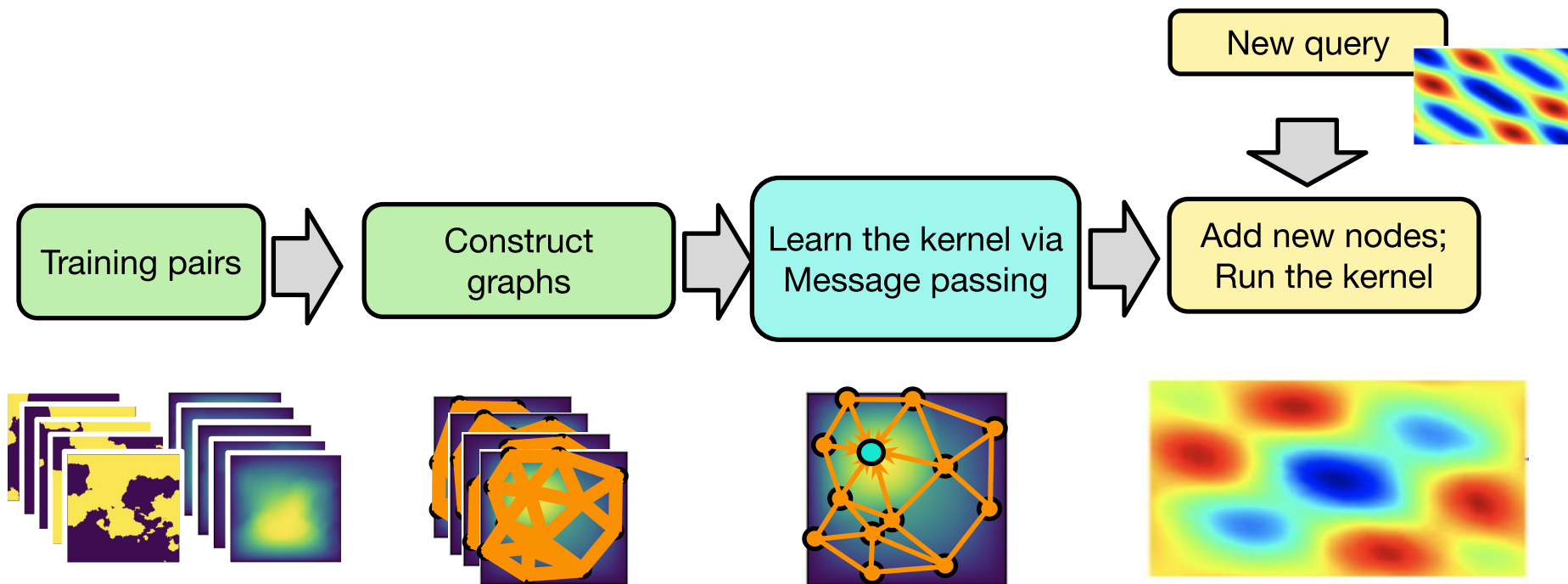
$$v_{t+1}(x) = W v_t(x) + \sum_{y \in N(x)} \kappa_\phi(e(x, y)) v_t(y)$$

Graph neural network

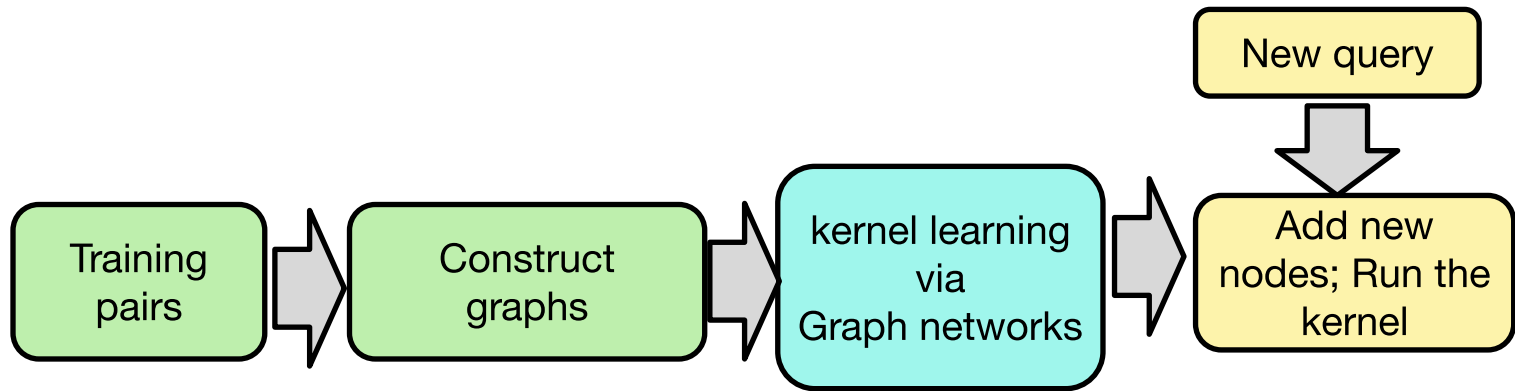
- Adjacency matrix = kernel matrix.
- Kernel integration = message passing



# Graph Kernel Operator



# Training and Testing



## Training:

- for each training pair  $(a, u)$ , sample several random graphs.
- Learn a universal kernel.

## Testing:

- To evaluate at a specific location, simply add a node at this location.
- No interpolation needed.



# Nystrom Approximation

Computation scales with the number of edges.

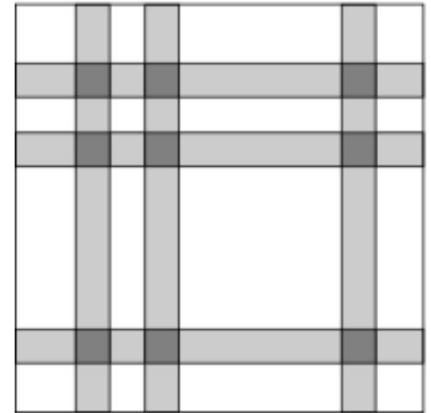
On an  $s$ -by- $s$  grid,  $O(E) = O(K^2) = O(s^4)$

Nystrom Approximation:

Sample a small number of nodes ( $m$ ).

No need to sample too many nodes!

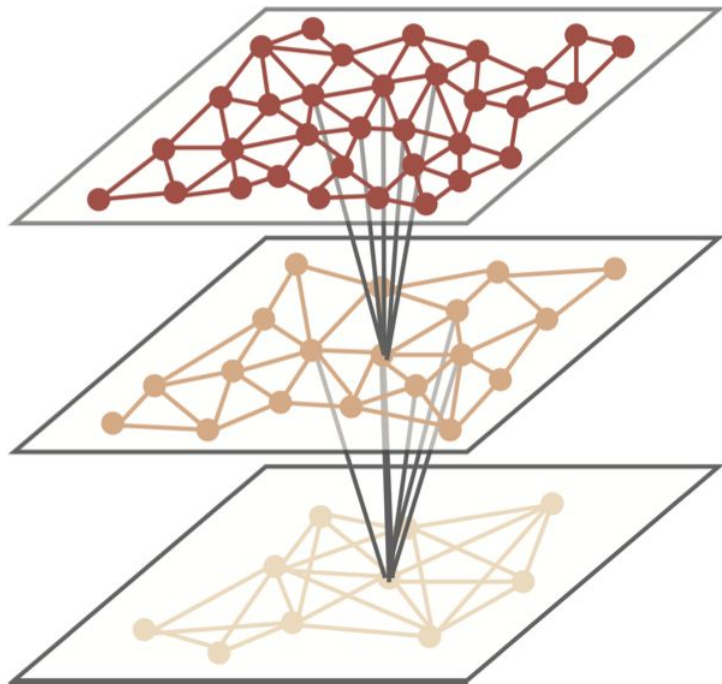
In practice,  $m \sim 200$  is sufficient,  
invariant of the resolution  $s$ .



# Multipole graph method

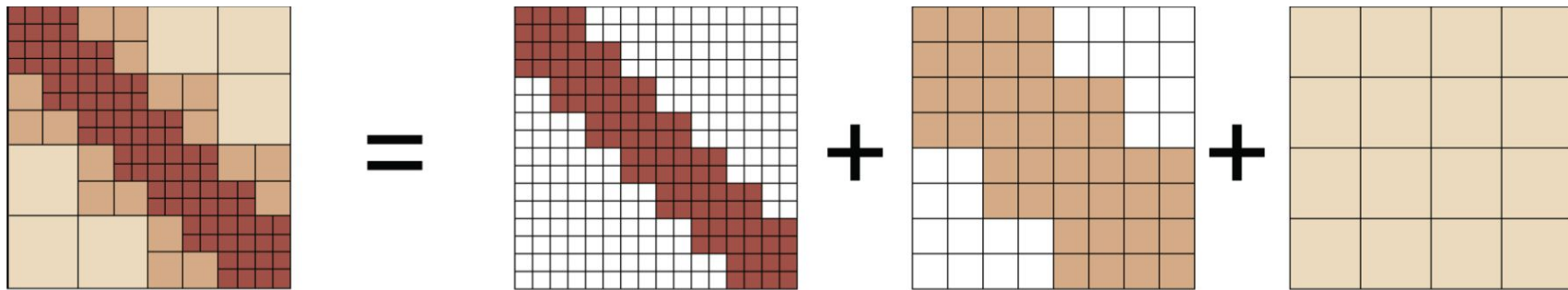
- Construct multi-level of graphs
- Long-term interaction captured by coarser-level graphs

➔ Multipole method



# Hierarchical matrix

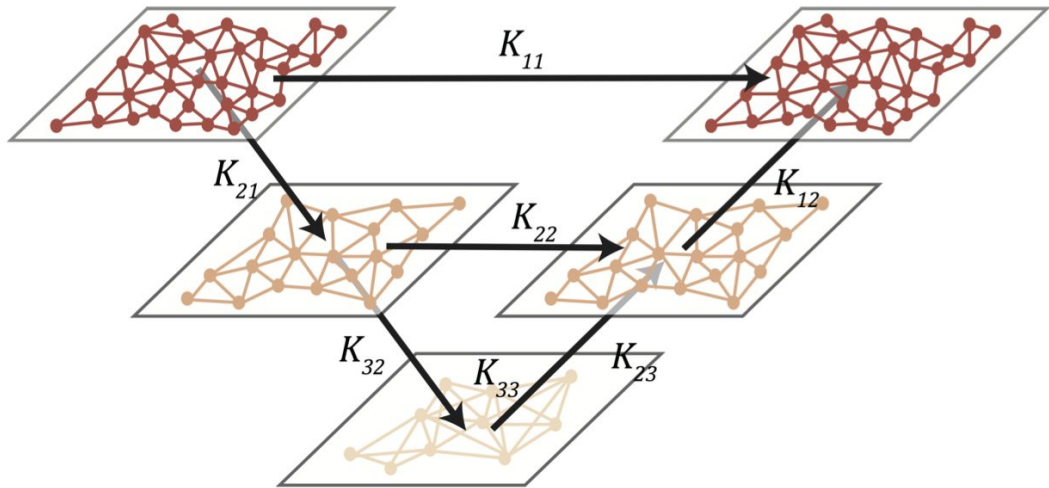
- Insight: the long-range interaction is usually smooth
- Decompose the interaction into different ranges
  - Short-range matrix is sparse
  - Long-range matrix is low-rank



$$K = K_1 + K_2 + \dots + K_L$$

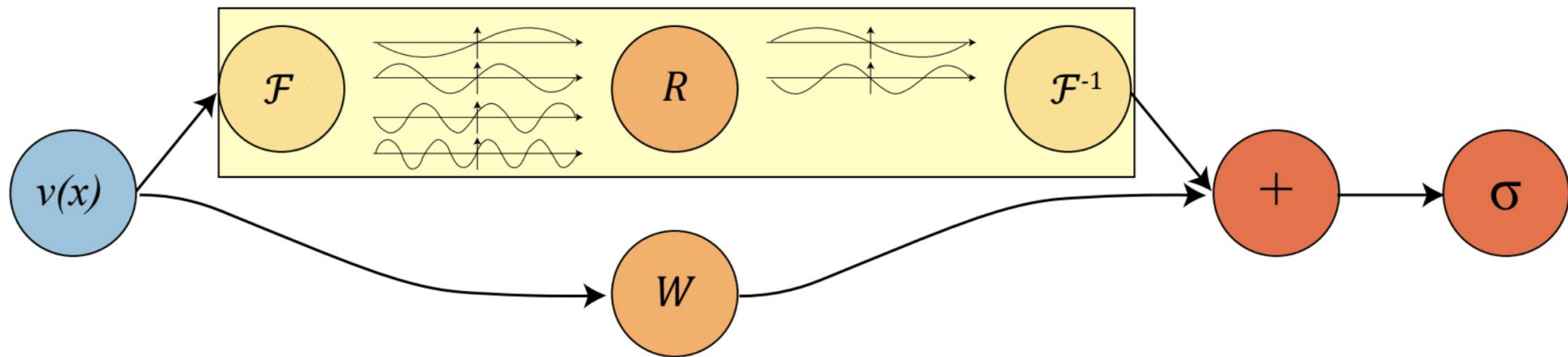
# Multi-resolution decomposition

- Recursive low-rank structure = multi-resolution decomposition
- Equivalent to message passing via V-cycle algorithm



$$K \approx K_{1,1} + K_{1,2}K_{2,2}K_{2,1} + K_{1,2}K_{2,3}K_{3,3}K_{3,2}K_{2,1} + \dots$$

# 4. Fourier neural operator

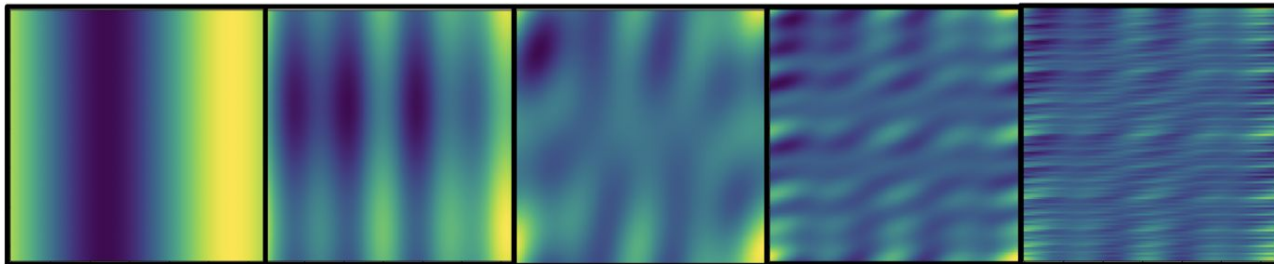


# Fourier filters

Fourier representation is more efficient than CNN.



Filters in CNN



Fourier Filters

# Fourier layer

Use convolution as the integral operator  
and implement with Fourier transform

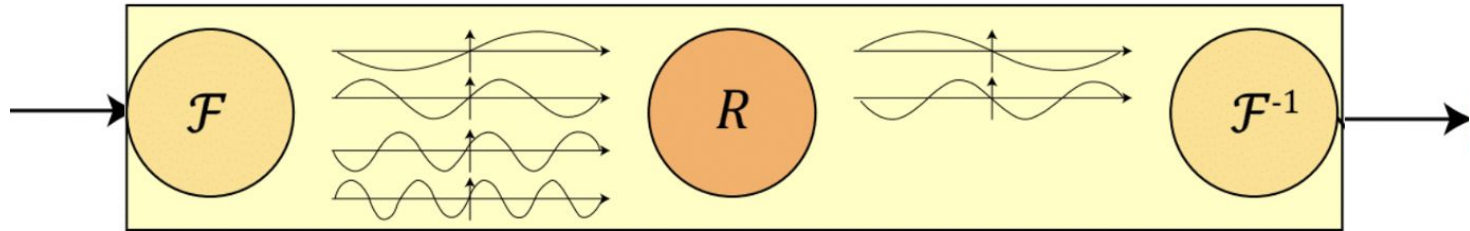
$$(\mathcal{K}(a; \phi)v_t)(x) := \int_D \kappa(x, y, a(x), a(y); \phi)v_t(y)dy,$$

$$(\mathcal{K}(\phi)v_t)(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(R_\phi \cdot (\mathcal{F}v_t)\right)(x)$$

# Fourier layer

1. Fourier transform
2. Linear transform
3. Inverse Fourier transform

$$(\mathcal{K}(\phi)v_t)(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(R_\phi \cdot (\mathcal{F}v_t)\right)(x)$$





# Fourier layer

```
def forward(self, x):
    batchsize = x.shape[0]
    #Compute Fourier coefficients up to factor of e^(- something constant)
    x_ft = torch.rfft(x, 2, normalized=True, onesided=True)

    # Multiply relevant Fourier modes
    out_ft = torch.zeros(batchsize, self.in_channels, x.size(-2), x.size(-1)//2 + 1, 2, device=x.device)
    out_ft[:, :, :self.modes1, :self.modes2] = \
        compl_mul2d(x_ft[:, :, :self.modes1, :self.modes2], self.weights1)
    out_ft[:, :, -self.modes1:, :self.modes2] = \
        compl_mul2d(x_ft[:, :, -self.modes1:, :self.modes2], self.weights2)

    #Return to physical space
    x = torch.irfft(out_ft, 2, normalized=True, onesided=True, signal_sizes=( x.size(-2), x.size(-1)))
    return x
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# Fourier layer

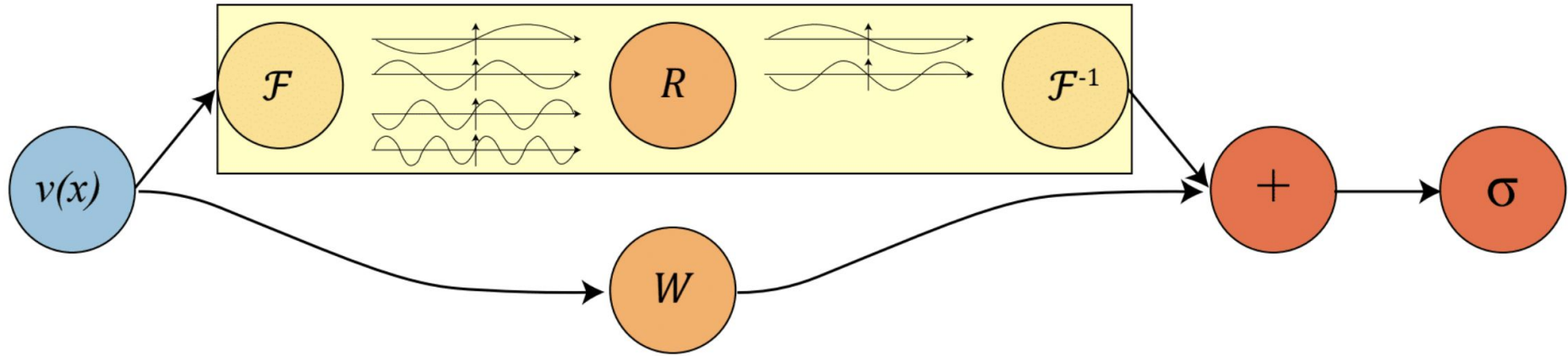
Encoding & decoding

Activation function on the spatial domain

Recover high frequency modes

# Fourier layer

The linear transform  $W$  outside keep the track of the location information ( $x$ ) and non-periodic boundary



$$v_{t+1}(x) = \sigma \left( W v_t(x) + \int_D \kappa_\phi(x, y, a(x), a(y)) v_t(y) \nu_x(dy) \right)$$

# Fourier layer

Complexity:

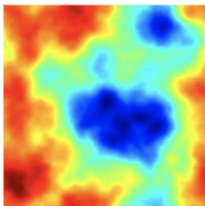
- Fourier transform  $O(k n)$
- FFT  $O(n \log n)$
- Linear  $O(n)$

Resolution-invariant

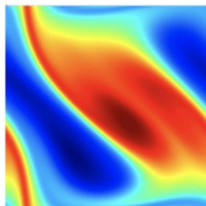
Mesh-invariant

# 5. Experiments

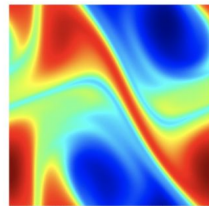
*Initial Vorticity*



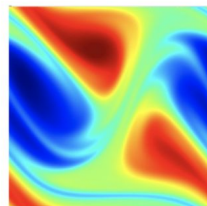
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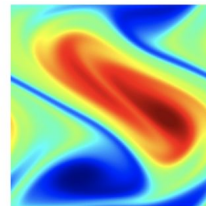
$t=20$



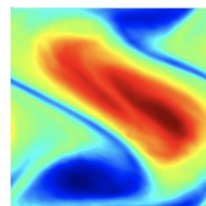
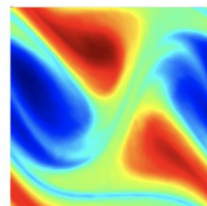
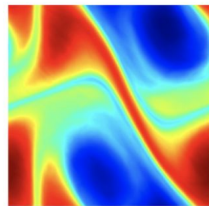
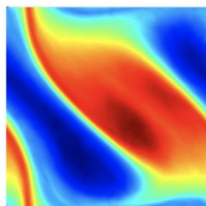
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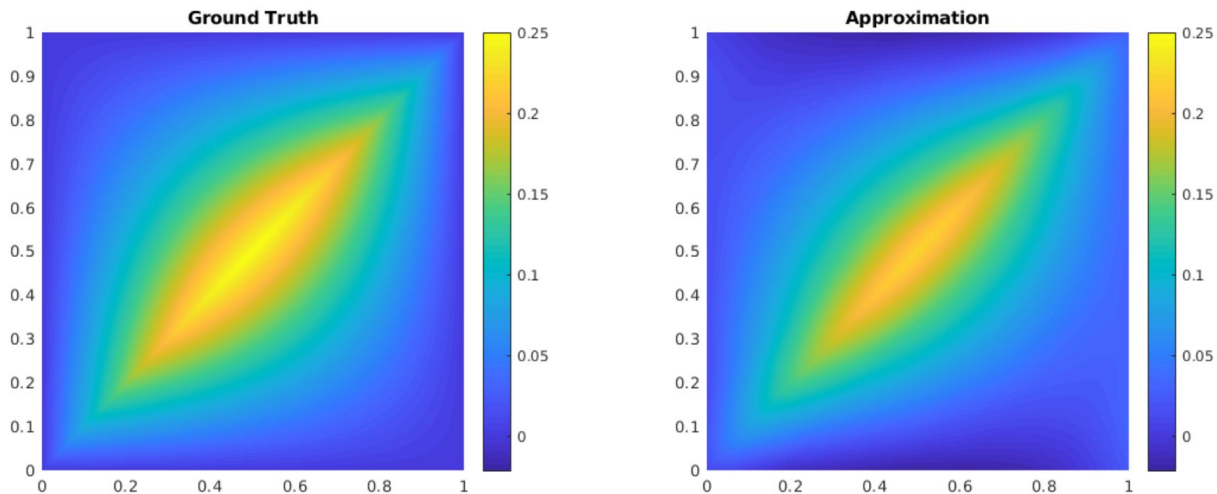
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*Prediction*



# Example 1: 1d-Poisson



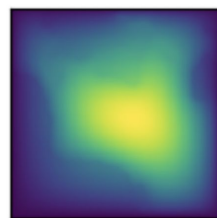
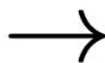
Sanity check: the learned neural network kernel is very closed to the true analytic kernel

# Example 2: 2d Darcy Flow

$$-\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u(x)) = f(x) \quad x \in (0, 1)^2$$
$$u(x) = 0 \quad x \in \partial(0, 1)^2$$



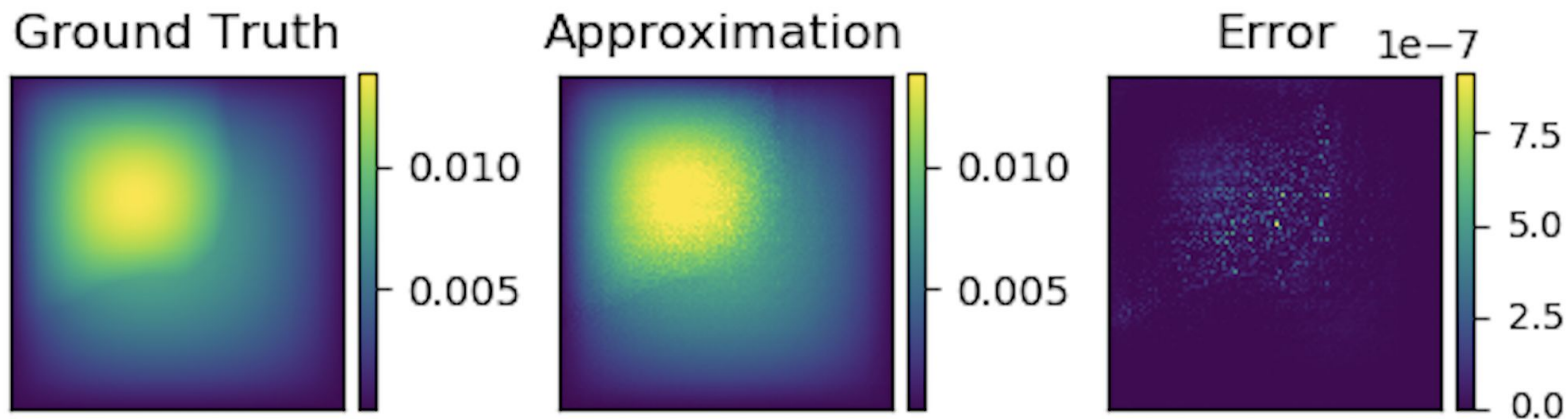
Input: coefficient



Output: solution

$$a \sim \mu \text{ where } \mu = \psi_{\#} \mathcal{N}(0, (-\Delta + 9I)^{-2})$$

# Train on $16 \times 16$ , test on $241 \times 241$



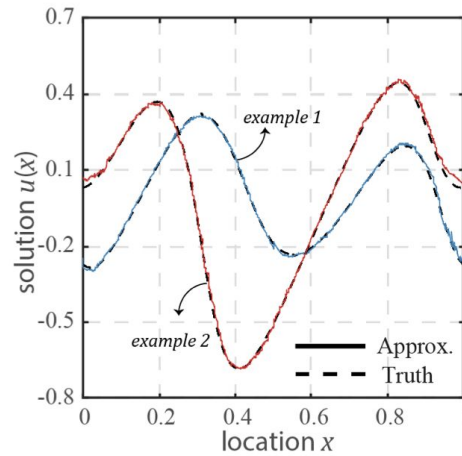
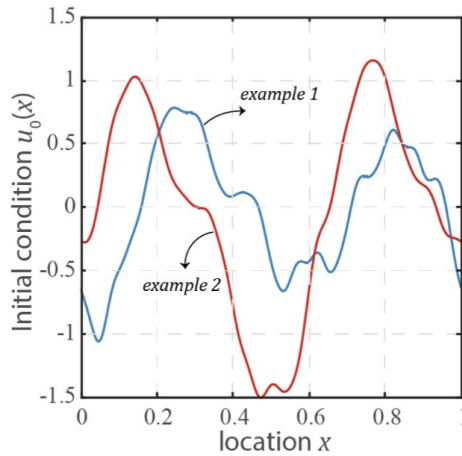
(Plot for the absolute squared error.  
Average relative l2 error  $\sim 0.05$ )

Graph kernel network does super-resolution



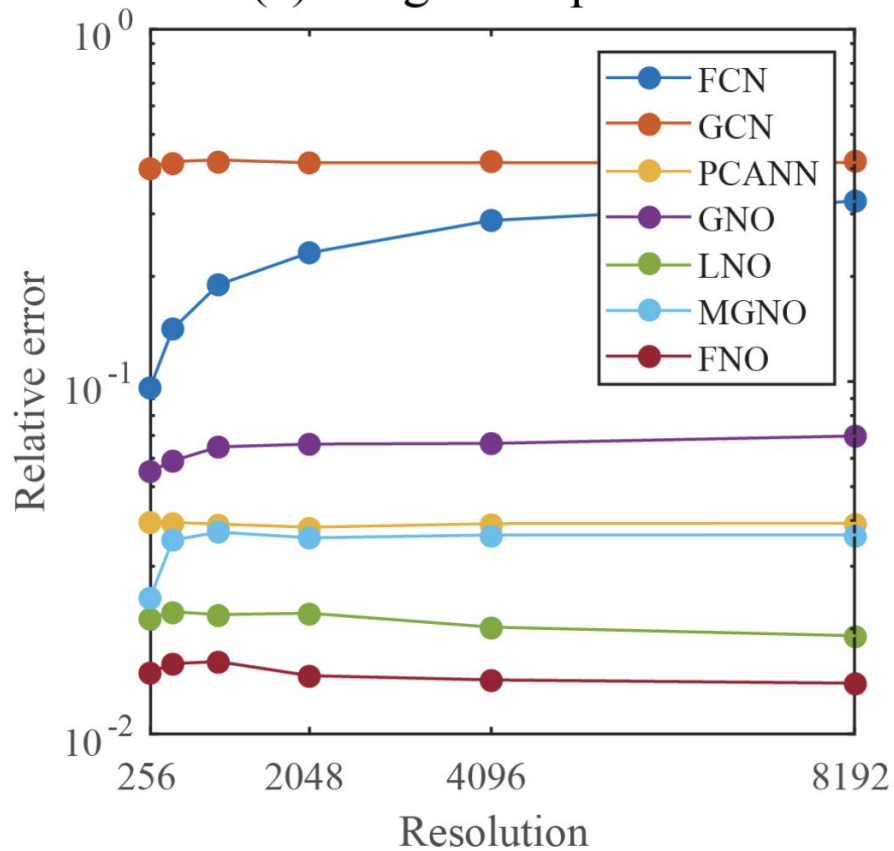
# Example 3: 1d Burgers

$$\partial_t u(x, t) + \partial_x (u^2(x, t)/2) = \nu \partial_{xx} u(x, t), \quad x \in (0, 1), t \in (0, 1]$$
$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

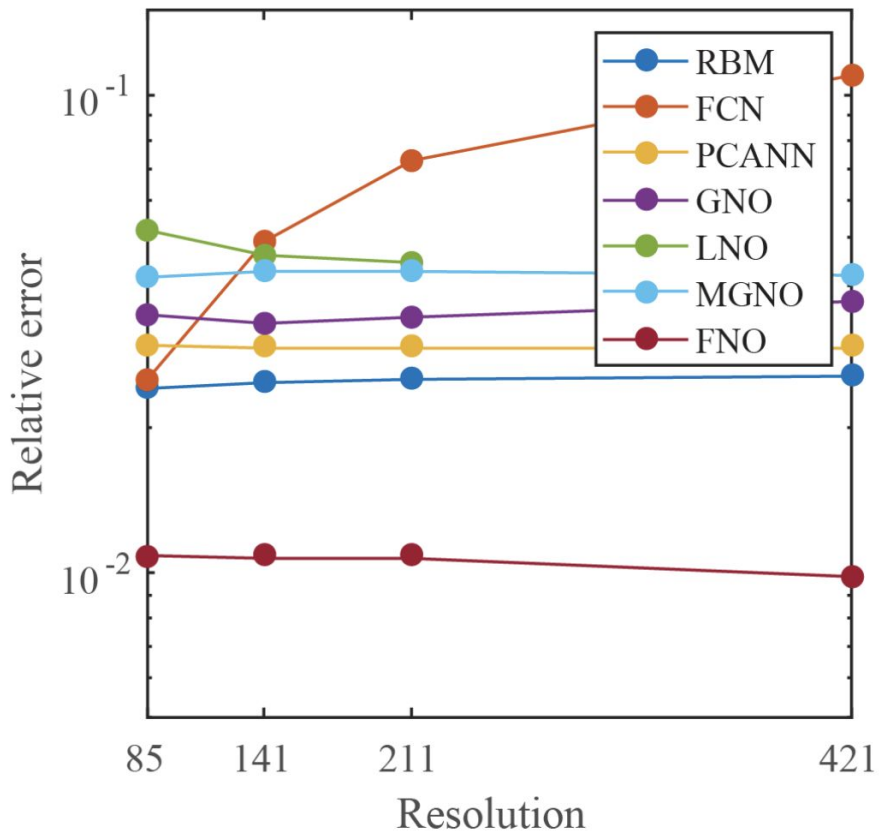


$$u_0 \sim \mu \text{ where } \mu = \mathcal{N}(0, 625(-\Delta + 25I)^{-2})$$

(a) Burger's Equation



(b) Darcy Flow



# Example 4: Navier-Stokes

$$\partial_t w(x, t) + u(x, t) \cdot \nabla w(x, t) = \nu \Delta w(x, t) + f(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)^2, t \in (0, T]$$

$$\nabla \cdot u(x, t) = 0, \quad x \in (0, 1)^2, t \in [0, T]$$

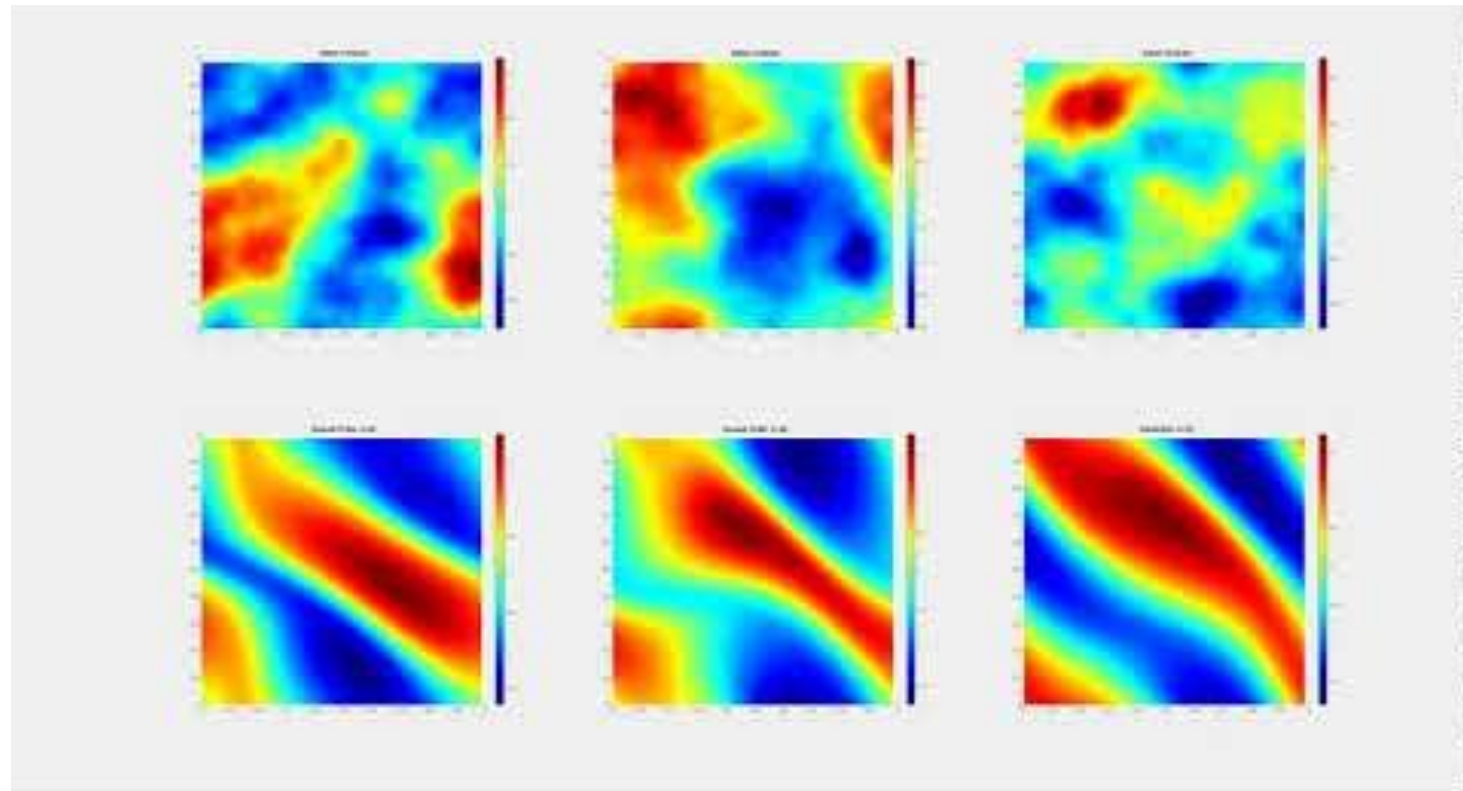
$$w(x, 0) = w_0(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)^2$$

$$f(x) = 0.1(\sin(2\pi(x_1 + x_2)) + \cos(2\pi(x_1 + x_2)))$$

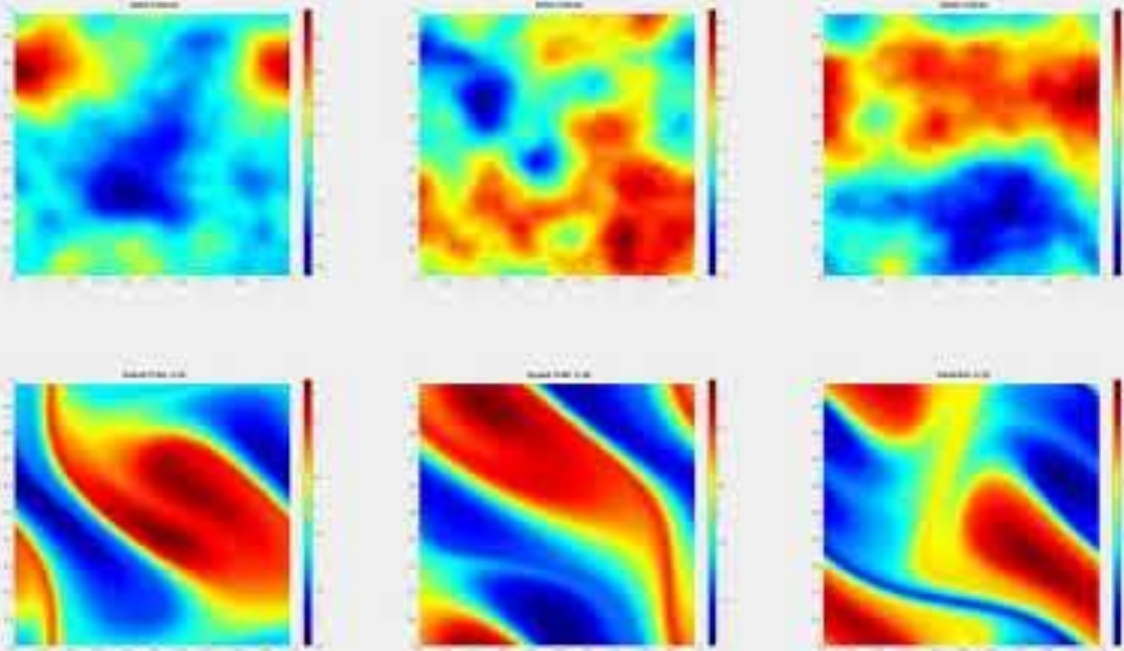
$$w_0 \sim \mu \text{ where } \mu = \mathcal{N}(0, 7^{3/2}(-\Delta + 49I)^{-2.5})$$

viscosities  $\nu = 1e-3, 1e-4, 1e-5$

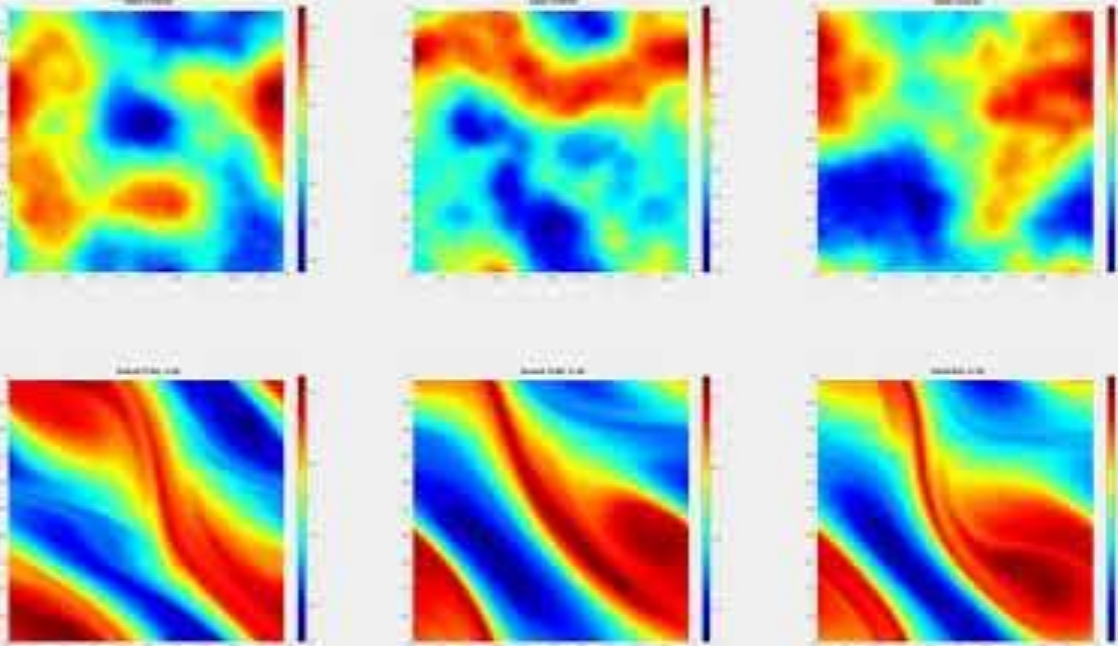
$$V=1e-3 \text{ (Re} \sim 1e+3)$$



$V=1e-4$  ( $Re \sim 1e+4$ )



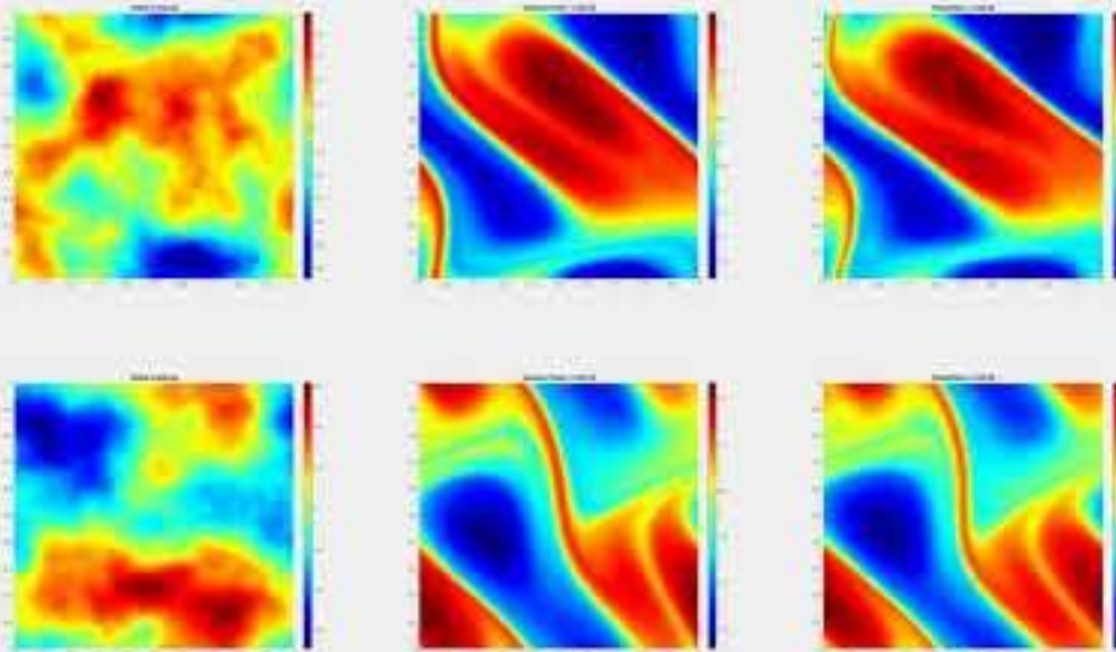
$V=1e-5$  ( $Re \sim 1e+5$ )



# Example 4: Navier-Stokes

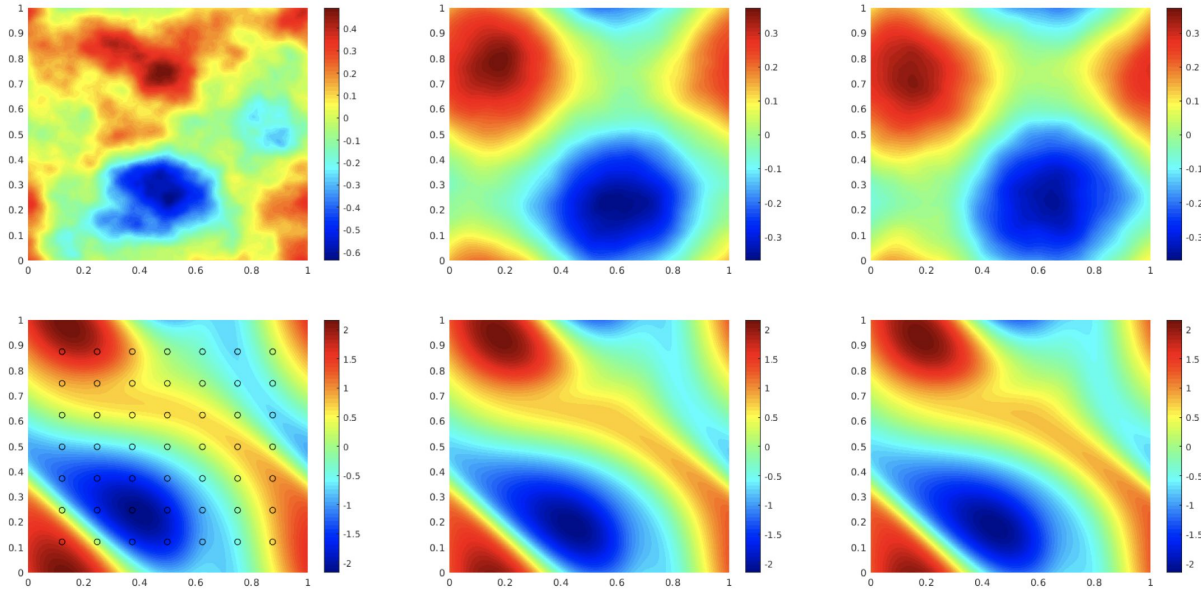
Config	Parameters	Time per epoch	$\nu = 1e-3$	$\nu = 1e-4$	$\nu = 1e-4$	$\nu = 1e-5$
			$T = 50$ $N = 1000$	$T = 30$ $N = 1000$	$T = 30$ $N = 10000$	$T = 20$ $N = 1000$
FNO-3D	6, 558, 537	38.99s	<b>0.0086</b>	0.1918	<b>0.0820</b>	0.1893
FNO-2D	414, 517	127.80s	0.0128	<b>0.1559</b>	0.0973	<b>0.1556</b>
U-Net	24, 950, 491	48.67s	0.0245	0.2051	0.1190	0.1982
TF-Net	7, 451, 724	47.21s	0.0225	0.2253	0.1168	0.2268
ResNet	266, 641	78.47s	0.0701	0.2871	0.2311	0.2753

$V=1e-4$ , zero-shot super-resolution



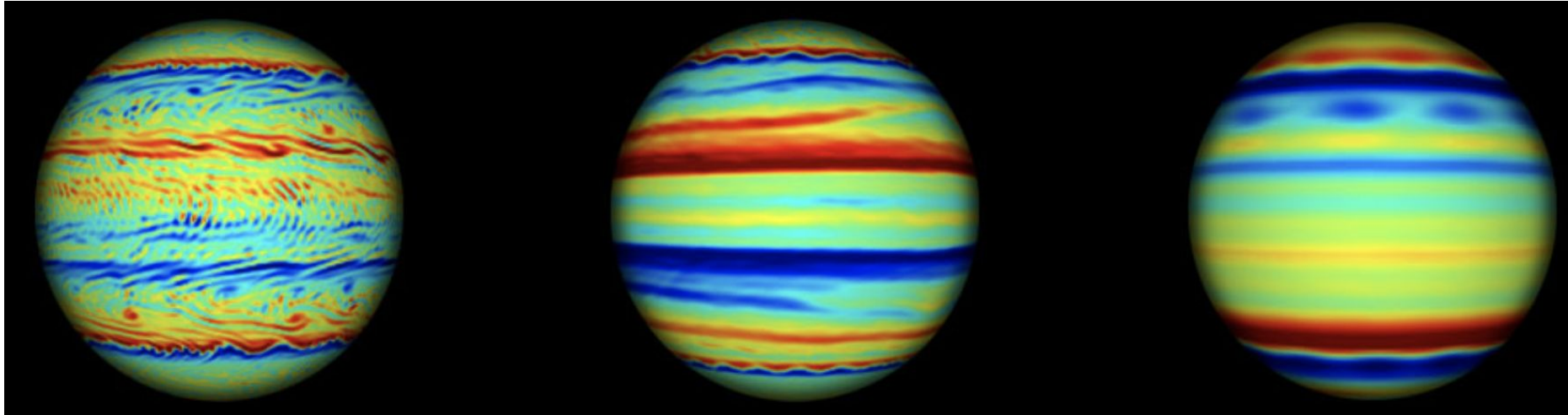


# Bayesian inverse problem:



We use a MCMC method, sampling initial conditions and evaluating them with the traditional solver and Fourier operator. The Fourier operator takes **0.005s** to evaluate each initial condition, while the traditional solver takes **2.2s**.

## 6. Future work



# Future work

1. Combine with solvers:

F:  $u(t) \rightarrow u(t+\text{delta\_t})$  or F:  $u[[t1,t2] \rightarrow u[[t2,t3]$

- For easier case, we can directly do  $u(0) \rightarrow u(50)$
- For hard case, smaller  $\text{delta\_t}$

Augment coarse-grid solver

- Coarser spatial grid
- Larger time-step

# Future work

## 2. Combine with PINNs

- Out a “context grid” (Meshfreeflownet)
- Helps PINNs parametrize the solution

# Takeaway

1. Data-driven method: learn the equation
2. Operator-learning: parameterize the mesh-invariant operator
3. Fourier method: efficient for continuous inputs and outputs
4. Results: accurate than other deep learning method, faster than conventional solvers
5. Future work: combine with solvers. Scale up.

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