

# Learning Solution Operators For PDEs

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# Operator Learning

## Supervised Learning

Determine  $\Psi^\dagger : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  from samples

$$\{u_n, \Psi^\dagger(u_n)\}_{n=1}^N, \quad u_n \sim \mu.$$

Probability measure  $\mu$  supported on  $\mathcal{U}$ .

In standard supervised learning  $\mathcal{U} = \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^{d_y}$  (regression) or  $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, K\}$  (classification).

## Supervised Learning Of Operators

Separable Banach spaces  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  of vector-valued functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U} &= \{u : D_u \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_i}\}, & D_u &\subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_u} \\ \mathcal{V} &= \{v : D_v \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_o}\}, & D_v &\subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_v}. \end{aligned}$$

# Operator Learning

## Training

Consider a family of parameterized functions from  $\mathcal{U}$  into  $\mathcal{V}$  :

$$\Psi : \mathcal{U} \times \Theta \mapsto \mathcal{V}.$$

Here  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$  denotes the parameter space.

$$\mu_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \delta_{u_n}, \quad \text{RE}(v, w) = \frac{\|v - w\|_{\mathcal{V}}}{\max\{1, \|v\|_{\mathcal{V}}\}},$$

$$\mathcal{R}_N(\theta) = \mathbb{E}^{u \sim \mu_N} \text{RE}(\Psi^\dagger(u), \Psi(u; \theta)),$$

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathcal{R}_N(\theta),$$

# Motivation

## Uses of Supervised Learning in Banach Space

- ▶ Surrogate Modeling;
- ▶ Model Discovery.

# Example (Porous Medium Flow)

## Darcy Law

Mass conservation

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

Boundary condition

$$v = 0, \quad x \in \partial D$$

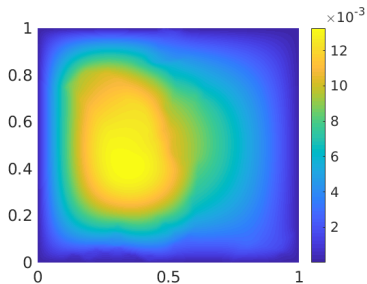
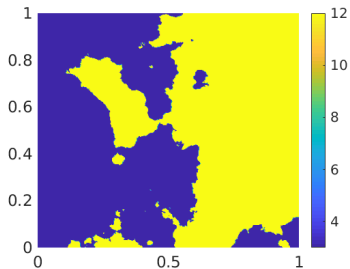
## Operator Of Interest

Parametric Dependence  $\Psi^\dagger : a \mapsto v$

# Example (Porous Medium Flow)

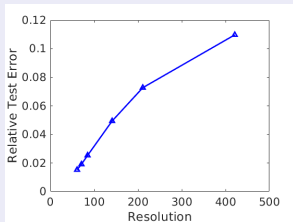
## Input-Output

Input:  $a \in L^\infty(D)$  (Left),  
Output:  $v \in H_0^1(D)$ . (Right),



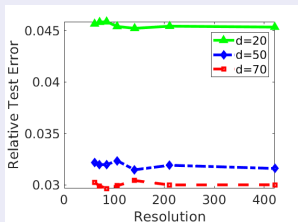


## Example (Porous Medium Flow): Discretize Then Learn



Zhu and Zabaras 2018 [23], Khoo et al [10]

## Example (Porous Medium Flow): Learn Then Discretize



Bhattacharya et al 2021 [2]

# Examples: (Homogenized Constitutive Models)

## Material Properties Dependence

- ▶  $\mathcal{U}$  : material properties  $A(\cdot)$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{V}$  : stress  $\sigma$ .
- ▶  $\sigma = \Psi^\dagger(A)(\nabla u + \nabla u^\top)$ .
- ▶ Approximate  $\Psi^\dagger \approx \Psi(\cdot; \theta^*)$

## History Dependence

- ▶  $\mathcal{U}$  : time histories of strain  $\{\nabla u\}$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{V}$  : time histories of stress  $\{\sigma\}$ .
- ▶  $\{\sigma\} = \Psi^\dagger(\{\nabla u\})$ .
- ▶ Approximate  $\Psi^\dagger \approx \Psi(\cdot; \theta^*)$

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# Finding Latent Structure

## In A Picture

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{U} & \xrightarrow{F_U} & \mathbb{R}^{d_U} & \xrightarrow{G_U} & \mathcal{U} \\ \Psi^\dagger \downarrow & & \varphi \downarrow & & \Psi^\dagger \downarrow \\ \mathcal{V} & \xrightarrow{F_V} & \mathbb{R}^{d_V} & \xrightarrow{G_V} & \mathcal{V} \end{array}$$

$$G_U \circ F_U \approx Id$$

$$G_V \circ F_V \approx Id$$

$$G_V \circ \varphi \circ F_U \approx \Psi^\dagger$$

## Architecture Bhattacharya, Hosseini, Kovachki and AMS '19 [2]

$$\Psi_{PCA}(u; \theta) = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j(Lu; \theta) \psi_j, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{U} \quad x \in D_V.$$

## Details

- ▶  $\{\phi_j\}$  are PCA basis functions under  $\mu$ .
- ▶  $Lu = \{\langle \phi_j, u \rangle\}$  maps to PCA coefficients under  $\mu$ .
- ▶  $\{\psi_j\}$  are PCA basis functions under  $(\Psi^\dagger)^\# \mu$ .
- ▶  $\{\alpha_j\}$  are finite dimensional neural networks.

## Architecture Lu, Jin, Pang, Zhang, and Karniadakis'19 [20]

$$\Psi_{DEEP}(u; \theta) = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j(Lu; \theta_\alpha) \psi_j(\bullet; \theta_\psi), \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{U} \quad x \in D_V.$$

## Details

- ▶  $Lu$  maps to linear functionals on  $\mathcal{U}$ .
- ▶ e.g. PCA coefficients under  $\mu$ ; or pointwise  $\{u(x_\ell)\}$ .
- ▶  $\{\alpha_j, \psi_j\}$  are finite dimensional neural networks.
- ▶  $\theta = (\theta_\alpha, \theta_\psi)$ .

# Fourier Neural Operator (FNO) DNN (Goodfellow et al [8]) Extended to Operators

Architecture Li, Kovachki, Azizzadenesheli, Liu, Bhattacharya, AMS and Anandkumar et al '20 [18, 13]

$\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{V}$  Hilbert

$$\Psi_{FNO}(u; \theta) = \mathcal{Q} \circ \mathcal{L}_L \circ \cdots \circ \mathcal{L}_2 \circ \mathcal{L}_1 \circ \mathcal{R}(u), \forall u \in \mathcal{U},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_l(v)(x; \theta) = \sigma(W_l v(x) + b_l + \mathcal{K}(v)(x; \gamma_l)),$$

$$\mathcal{K}(v)(x; \gamma) = \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m(\gamma(m)) \langle \mathbf{f}_m, v \rangle_{\mathcal{U} \otimes d_c} \mathbf{g}_m(x).$$

## Details

- ▶  $\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{R}$  pointwise NNs or linear transformations.
- ▶  $(W_l, b_l)$  define pointwise affine transformations.
- ▶  $\mathcal{K}$  eg FFT as convolutional integral operator.
- ▶  $\theta$  collects parameters from previous three bullets.

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# Universal Approximation (Latent) over compact sets

## Definition

A Banach space has the **approximation property (AP)** if every compact operator is a limit of finite-rank operators.

## Theorem 1 Kovachki '22 [12, 13]

Assume

- ▶  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  Banach spaces with the AP.
- ▶  $\Psi^\dagger : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  continuous,  $K \subset \mathcal{U}$  compact.

For any  $\epsilon > 0 \exists$  bounded linear  $F_{\mathcal{U}} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}$ ,  $G_{\mathcal{V}} : \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{V}}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , and a continuous map  $\varphi \in C(\mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}; \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{V}}})$  such that

$$\sup_{u \in K} \|\Psi^\dagger(u) - (G_{\mathcal{V}} \circ \varphi \circ F_{\mathcal{U}})(u)\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq \epsilon.$$

## Theorem 2 Kovachki '22 [12, 13]

Assume

- ▶  $\mathcal{U}$  Banach space with AP,  $\mathcal{V}$  separable Hilbert space.
- ▶  $\mu$  probability measure on  $\mathcal{U}$ .
- ▶  $\Psi^\dagger \in L_\mu^p(\mathcal{U}; \mathcal{V})$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

For any  $\epsilon > 0 \exists$  bounded linear  $F_{\mathcal{U}} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}$ ,  $G_{\mathcal{V}} : \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{V}}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , and a continuous map  $\varphi \in C(\mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}; \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathcal{V}}})$  such that

$$\|\Psi^\dagger - G_{\mathcal{V}} \circ \varphi \circ F_{\mathcal{U}}\|_{L_\mu^p(\mathcal{U}; \mathcal{V})} \leq \epsilon.$$

# Complexity of Approximation (Latent)

Lanthaler, Mishra and Karniadakis '21 [16] (DeepONet and complexity, NSE)

Lanthaler '23 [14] (PCA-Net and complexity, Darcy and NSE)

Marcati and Schwab '23 [21] (Analyticity of coefficients/solution, Darcy)

Herrmann, Schwab and Zech '23 [9] (Operator holomorphy, Darcy)

Lanthaler and AMS '23 [17] (Complexity estimates, Hamilton-Jacobi)

# Universal Approximation (FNO)

## Theorem 3 Lanthaler, Li and AMS '23 [15]

Assume

- ▶  $\mathcal{U} = C^s(\bar{D}, \mathbb{R}^d), \mathcal{V} = C^{s'}(\bar{D}, \mathbb{R}^{d'})$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{U} = W^{s,p}(\bar{D}, \mathbb{R}^d), \mathcal{V} = W^{s',p'}(\bar{D}, \mathbb{R}^{d'})$ .
- ▶  $\Psi^\dagger : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  continuous,  $K \subset \mathcal{U}$  compact.

For any  $L, M > 0$  and any  $\epsilon > 0 \exists$  an FNO  $\Psi(\cdot; \theta^*) : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  such that

$$\sup_{u \in K} \|\Psi^\dagger(u) - \Psi(u; \theta^*)\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq \epsilon.$$

Kovachki, Lanthaler and Mishra '21 [11] (Complexity, NSE)

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# Multiscale Problem

## Canonical Elliptic Multiscale Problem

$$-\nabla \cdot (A^\epsilon \nabla u^\epsilon) = f, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$u^\epsilon = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega$$

$$A^\epsilon(x) = A\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right), \quad A \in \mathcal{U} := L^\infty(\mathbb{T}^d, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}).$$

## Standing Assumption on $A$

$$PD_{\alpha,\beta} = \{A \in L^\infty(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}) :$$

$$\forall (y, \xi) \in \mathbb{T}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d, \alpha|\xi|^2 \leq \langle \xi, A(y)\xi \rangle \leq \beta|\xi|^2\}.$$

# Operator Learning

Homogenized Elliptic Problem;  $u_0 \approx u^\epsilon$

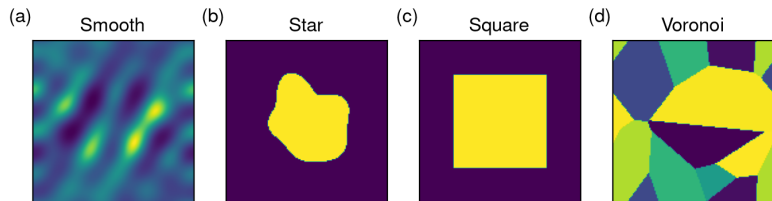
$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (A_0 \nabla u_0) &= f, & x \in \Omega \\ u_0 &= 0, & x \in \partial\Omega \\ A_0(x) &= A_0, & \text{constant.} \end{aligned}$$

Constitutive Model Bensoussan, Lions, Papanicolaou '78 [1], Pavliotis and AMS '08 [22][Ch12]

$A_0$  determined by  $\chi \in \mathcal{V} := H_{\text{per}}^1(\mathbb{T}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla_y \cdot (\nabla_y \chi A) &= \nabla_y \cdot A, & y \in \mathbb{T}^d, \\ A_0 &= \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \left( A(y) + A(y) \nabla \chi(y)^T \right) dy. \end{aligned}$$

# Varying Microstructures



$$K \subset BV(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}) \cap PD_{\alpha, \beta} \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}).$$



# Universal Approximation (Cell Problem Solution Operator)

## Goal: Supervised Learning (FNO)

Bhattacharya, Kovachki, Rajan, AMS, Trautner '23 [3]

- ▶ Learn map  $A(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U} \mapsto \chi(\cdot) \in \mathcal{V} = H_{\text{per}}^1(\mathbb{T}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$ .
- ▶ How to choose  $\mathcal{U}$ ?

## Theorem 4 Bhattacharya, Kovachki, Rajan, AMS, Trautner '23 [3]

Define the mapping  $\Psi^\dagger : PD_{\alpha, \beta} \rightarrow \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$  from the solution map  $A \mapsto \chi$  given by

$$-\nabla_y \cdot (\nabla_y \chi A) = \nabla_y \cdot A, \quad y \in \mathbb{T}^d.$$

Then, for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $K \subset PD_{\alpha, \beta}$  compact in  $L^2(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ , there exists an FNO  $\Psi(\cdot; \theta^*) : K \rightarrow \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$  such that

$$\sup_{A \in K} \|\Psi^d(A) - \Psi(A; \theta^*)\|_{\dot{H}^1} < \epsilon.$$

# Stability Estimates

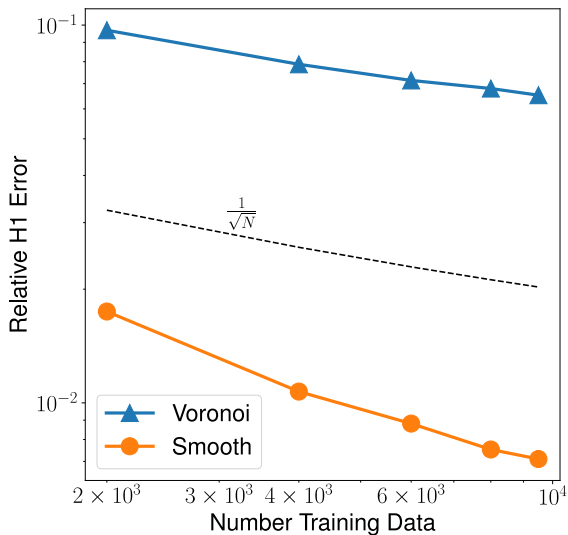
## Lemma $A \mapsto \chi$

Assume that  $U = PD_{\alpha,\beta} \cap \mathcal{U}$ .

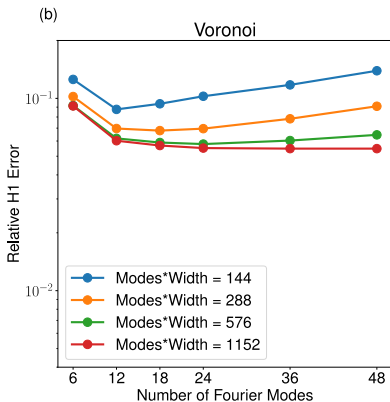
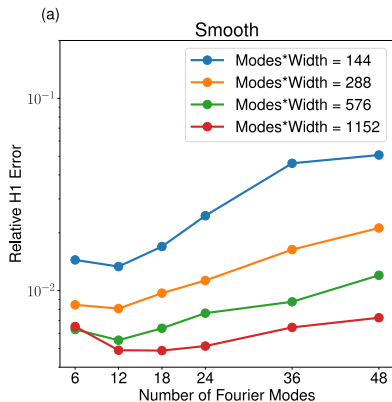
- ▶ For  $\mathcal{U} = L^2(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$  the map  $U \rightarrow \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$  is continuous.
- ▶ For  $\mathcal{U} = L^q(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$  the map  $U \rightarrow \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$  is Lipschitz,  $q \in (2, q')$ , for some  $q' \in (2, \infty)$ .

Bonito, De Vore, Nochetto 2013 [5]

# Test Error versus Data Size



# Test Error versus Model Size



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# Big Picture

## Multiscale Problem Pavliotis and AMS '08 [22][Ch12]

Displacement  $u^\epsilon(x, t)$ , stress  $\sigma^\epsilon(x, t)$ ,  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ . **F=MA**:

$$\rho \partial_t^2 u^\epsilon = \nabla \cdot (\sigma^\epsilon) + f, \quad \sigma^\epsilon = \Psi^\epsilon \left( \{\nabla u^\epsilon\}, \frac{x}{\epsilon} \right).$$

## Homogenized Problem Bensoussan, Lions, Papanicolaou [1]

Approximate  $u^\epsilon = u_0 + \epsilon u_1 + \epsilon^2 u_2 + \dots$

Determine map  $\Psi$ , so that small scales are removed in  $u_0$ . **F=MA**:

$$\rho \partial_t^2 u_0 = \nabla \cdot (\sigma) + f, \quad \sigma = \Psi(\{\nabla u_0\}).$$

## Operator Learning

- ▶  $\mathcal{U}$  histories of strain  $\{\nabla u_0\}$ ;  $\mathcal{V}$  histories of stress  $\{\sigma\}$ .
- ▶ Approximate  $\Psi \approx \Psi_{NN}$

## Quasi-Static Viscoelasticity Multiscale Problem

$$-\nabla \cdot (\sigma^\epsilon) = f, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$\sigma^\epsilon = \nu^\epsilon \partial_t \nabla u^\epsilon + E^\epsilon \nabla u^\epsilon$$

$$E^\epsilon(x) = E\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right), \quad \nu^\epsilon(x) = \nu\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right), \quad E, \nu : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

## Laplace Transform, Homogenize, Invert

$$-\nabla \cdot (\bar{\sigma}^\epsilon) = f, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$\bar{\sigma}^\epsilon = (s\nu^\epsilon + E^\epsilon) \nabla \bar{u}^\epsilon.$$

- ▶ Introduces memory.

## Theorem (Piecewise-Constant Homogenization: Memory)

In piecewise-constant case and in dimension  $d = 1$  homogenized equation for  $u_0$  is Markovian:

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\sigma) &= f, \quad x \in \Omega, \\ \sigma &= \nu' \partial_t \nabla u_0 + E' \nabla u_0 + \langle \mathbf{1}, r \rangle \\ \partial_t r_\ell &= -\alpha_\ell r_\ell + \beta_\ell \nabla u_0, \quad \ell \in \{1, 2, \dots, L\}, \end{aligned}$$

for some choice of  $E' \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\nu' \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^L$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^L$ ,  $L \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

- ▶ Homogenization introduces memory.
- ▶ In  $d = 1$  (approximate) Markovian structure.
- ▶ Dimension  $d > 1$  ?



# Viscoelasticity III: Operator Learning

## True Solution Map

Let  $\Psi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  be the map such that the homogenized constitutive relation is

$$\sigma = \Psi(\{\nabla u_0\}).$$

## Goal: Supervised Learning (RNO-NET)

Learn map  $\Psi_{RNO} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  approximating  $\Psi$  with the form

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= F(\nabla u_0, \partial_t \nabla u_0, r) \\ \partial_t r &= G(r, \nabla u_0), \quad r(0) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ RNO – Recurrent neural operator.
- ▶ Dimension of memory variable  $r$  has to be learned.

# Viscoelasticity IV: Learning the Constitutive Map

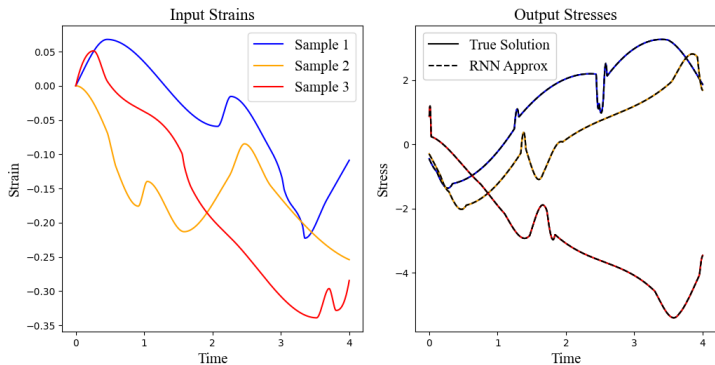
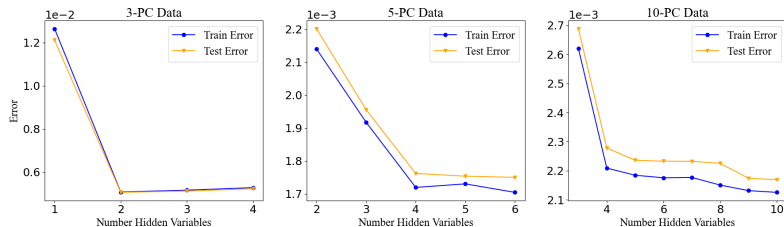


Figure: Viscoelasticity: trained model performs well on test samples

# Viscoelasticity V: Choosing the Number of Hidden Variables



**Figure:** Absolute  $L^2$  error of RNNs trained with different numbers of hidden variables on different piecewise-constant viscoelastic materials.

# Viscoelasticity VI: Time Discretization Invariance

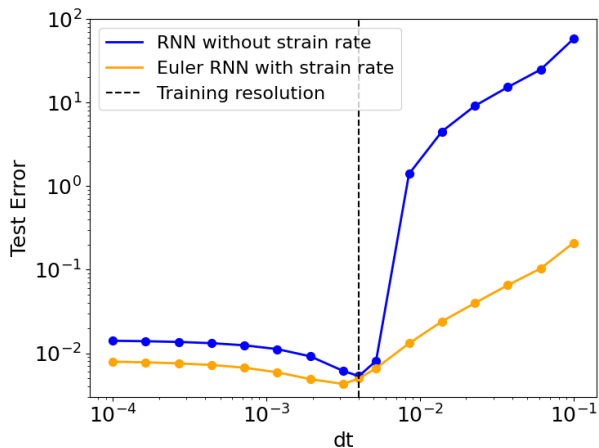


Figure: Viscoelasticity models trained with and without access to the strain rate variable: preferred model exhibits more invariance to time discretization of test trajectories

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# Conclusions

## 1. Algorithms:

- ▶ define on function space;
- ▶ then learn;
- ▶ leads to models which transfer between discretizations.

## 2. Analysis:

- ▶ universal approximation theory well-developed;
- ▶ complexity (cost versus error) incompletely understood;
- ▶ what solution is found via optimization?

## 3. Applications:

- ▶ cheap surrogates;
- ▶ scientific discovery;
- ▶ constitutive laws.

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## Plasticity Multiscale Problem

$$\rho \partial_t^2 u^\epsilon = \nabla \cdot \sigma^\epsilon + f, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$\partial_t \xi^\epsilon = K(\xi^\epsilon, \nabla u^\epsilon), \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$\sigma^\epsilon = \Psi^\epsilon \left( \nabla u^\epsilon, \xi^\epsilon, \frac{x}{\epsilon} \right)$$

# Plasticity II

## Homogenized Plasticity Problem

$$\begin{aligned}\rho \partial_t^2 u_0 &= \nabla \cdot \sigma_0 + f, & x \in \Omega \\ \sigma_0 &= \Psi(\{\nabla u_0\})\end{aligned}$$

## Plasticity III: Operator Learning

### Goal: Supervised Learning (PCA-NET)

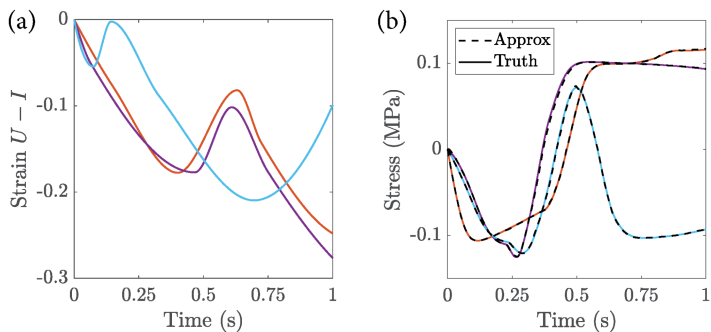
Learn map  $\Psi_{PCA} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  approximating  $\Psi$ .  
In particular causality must be learned.

### Goal: Supervised Learning (RNO-NET)

Learn map  $\Psi_{RNO} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  approximating  $\Psi$  with the form

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= F(\nabla u_0, \partial_t \nabla u_0, r) \\ \partial_t r &= G(r, \nabla u_0), \quad r(0) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

## Plasticity IV: Learning the Constitutive Map



**Figure:** Viscoplasticity: Trained model performs well on test samples. Left: Input strains. Right: Output truth and approximation.

# Plasticity V: Choosing the Number of Hidden Variables

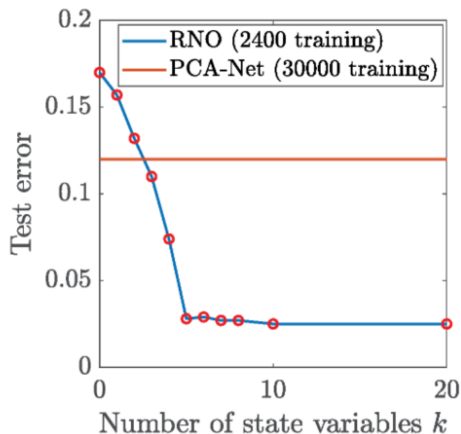
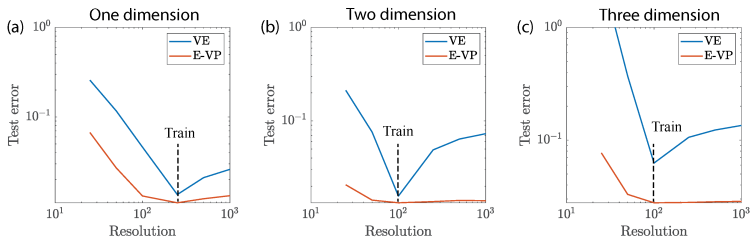


Figure: Viscoplasticity: 3D polycrystal (different hidden variable counts)

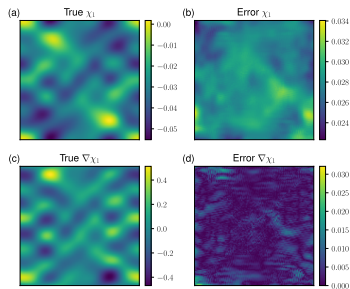
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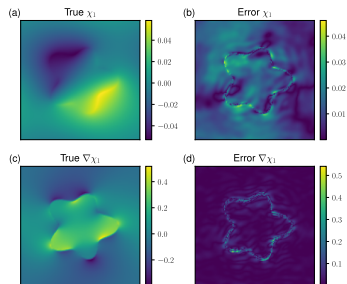
**Figure:** Models with viscoplastic (VP) and elasto-viscoplastic (E-VP) architecture trained on data from an E-VP material: preferred model exhibits more time discretization invariance

# Learning Error for Varying Microstructures (I)

## Smooth Microstructure



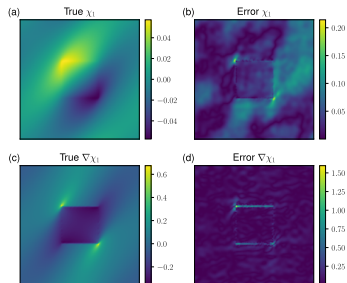
## Star Inclusion Microstructure



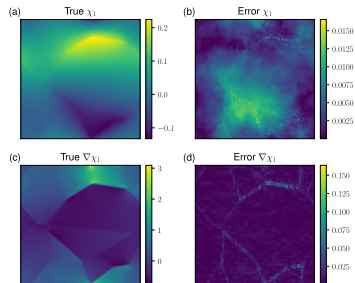


# Learning Error for Varying Microstructures (II)

## Square Inclusion Microstructure



## Voronoi Microstructure



# Learning Error for Voronoi Microstructure

