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# A Physics-Informed Operator Regression Framework for Extracting Data-Driven Continuum Models



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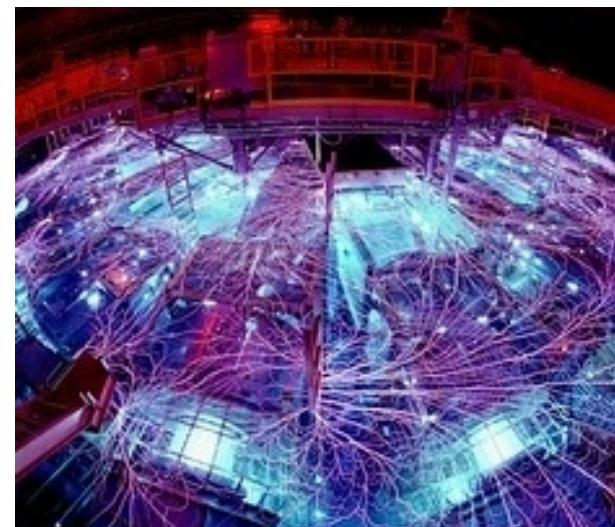
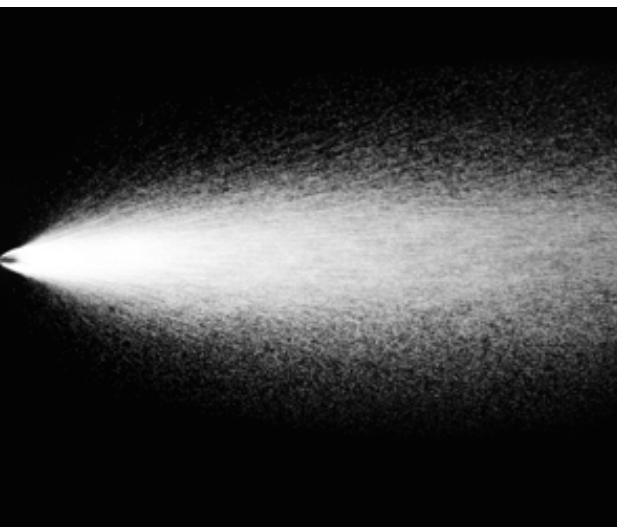
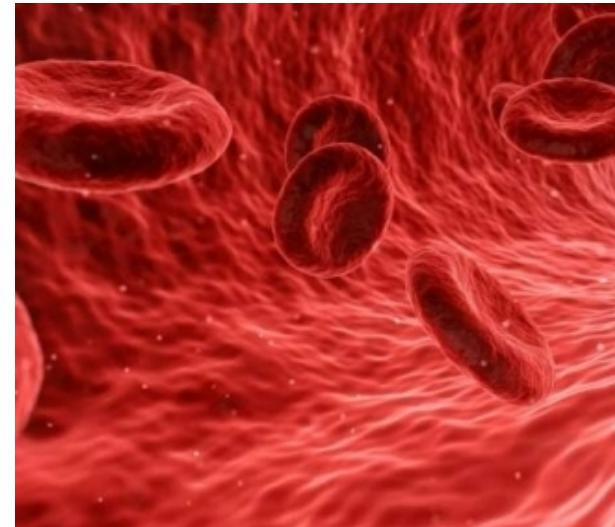
MS134: Machine Learning for Surrogate Model and Operator Discovery

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## Finding models for multi-scale, multi-physics systems



Given experimental/high fidelity simulation data from a system,

Find a mathematical model that describes the system

Experiments/simulations generate **noisy, biased, sparse** data



### 3 Model power tradeoff



$$\mathcal{F}(u, \dot{u}, x, t) = 0$$

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 u$$

Black-box ML

Physics constrained ML

Parameter estimation

Prone to overfitting

Strong assumptions

# Case study: inductive bias in image classification



Translation, scaling, and rotation shouldn't affect an image's class

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Data augmentation: train with transformed versions of training data

- How thoroughly should transformations be sampled?
- Increased cost of training

Choose model form to have desired invariance/equivariance

- E.g. ConvNets for approximate translational invariance<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Lawrence et al. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*, 1997

## Other examples of inductive bias



Rotation invariant model for galaxy classification

- Dieleman et al. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 2015

Warp invariant model

- Wong et al. *DICTA*, 2016

Permutation invariant model

- Meltzer et al. *arXiv:1905.03046*

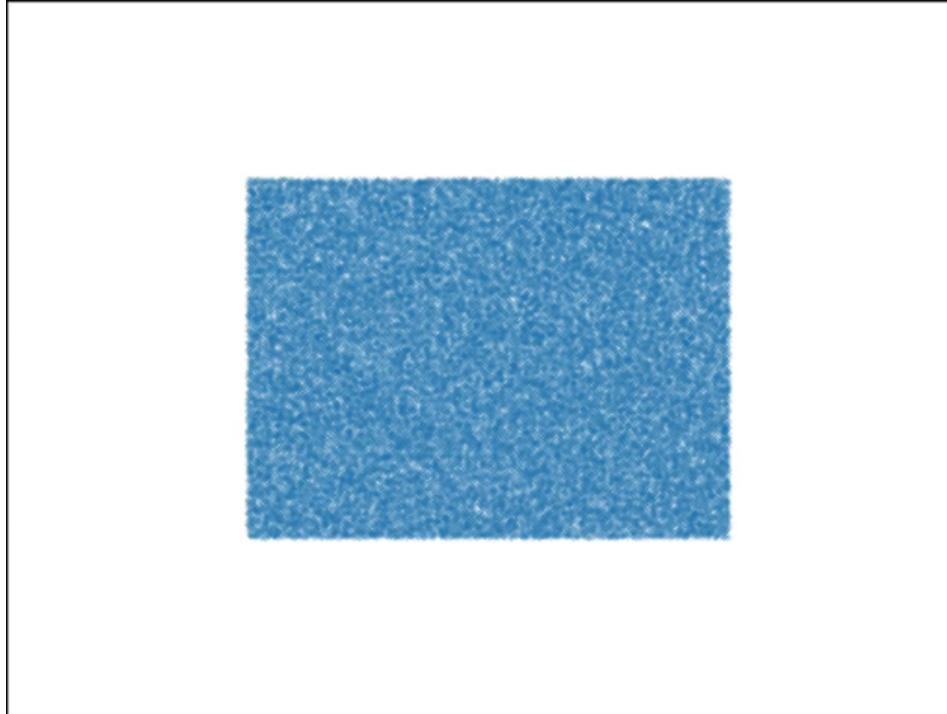
Rotation and translation equivariant model for 3d point cloud data

- Thomas et al. *arXiv:1802.08219*

# Extracting coarse grain models



Find coarse grained dynamics, e.g. evolution of particle density for,



It may be reasonable to assume,

- Conservation
- Translational equivariance
- Rotational equivariance

# Problem statement



Assume system is described by 1<sup>st</sup> order in time, autonomous PDE,

$$\partial_t u = \mathcal{N} u$$

Discretize in time,

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + \Delta t \mathcal{N} u^n = (I + \Delta t \mathcal{N}) u^n$$

Given observations  $\{v^n\}$  , find,

$$\mathcal{N} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\hat{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_n \left\| v^{n+1} - (I + \Delta t \hat{\mathcal{N}}) v^n \right\|$$

More generally,

$$\mathcal{N} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\hat{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_n \left\| v^{n+p} - (I + \Delta t \hat{\mathcal{N}})^p v^n \right\|$$



For,

$$u^{n+1} = (I + \Delta t \mathcal{N})u^n$$

Choose,

$$\mathcal{N}u = \mathcal{F}^{-1}g(\kappa; \xi_g)\mathcal{F}h(u; \xi_h)$$

Where  $g$  and  $h$  are neural networks

Optimization problem becomes,

$$\underset{\hat{\xi}_g, \hat{\xi}_h}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_n \left\| v^{n+p} - (I + \Delta t \hat{\mathcal{N}})^p v^n \right\|$$

Other modal approaches

- Wu and Xiu, *JCP*, 2020
- Li et al. *arXiv:2010.08895*

# 9 MOR-Physics: motivation



For smooth functions in a periodic domain,

Physical space

$$f(x) = \sum_{\kappa} = \tilde{f}_{\kappa} e^{j\kappa x}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \\ \xleftarrow{\mathcal{F}^{-1}} \end{array}$$

Fourier space

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\kappa} &= \int f(x) e^{-j\kappa x} dx \\ (j\kappa)^{\gamma} \tilde{f}_{\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

Parameterization  
contains,

- Laplacian

$$\partial_x^2 u \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}^{-1} [ (-\kappa^2) \mathcal{F}[u] ]$$

- Advection

$$\partial_x u^2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}^{-1} [ (j\kappa) \mathcal{F}[u^2] ]$$

# MOR-Physics: introducing inductive biases



Translational equivariance:

$$\text{apply } h \text{ point-wise } (h \circ u)(x) = h(u(x))$$

Reflective symmetry: If  $u$  solves the PDE, so does

$$\text{let } h(u) = \text{sign}(u)\tilde{h}(|u|)$$

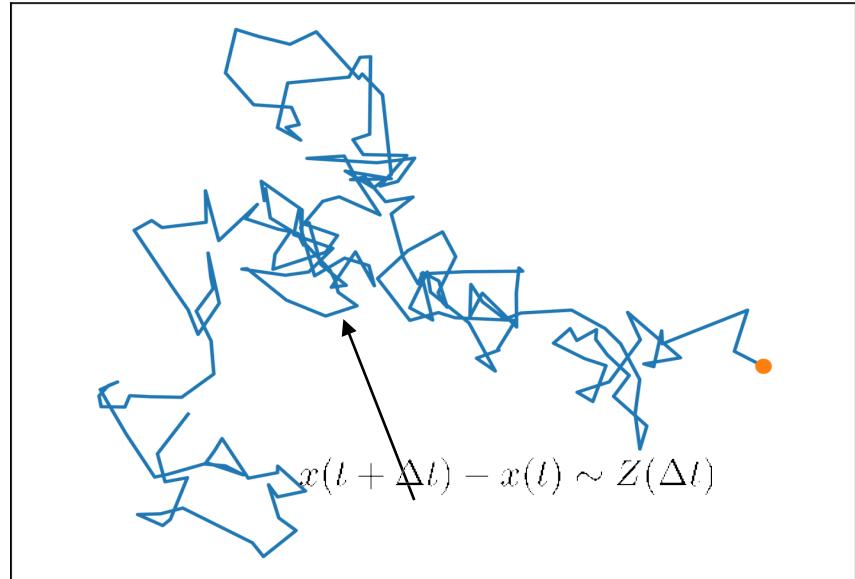
Isotropy:

$$\text{let } g(\kappa) = \tilde{g}(\|\kappa\|_2^2)$$

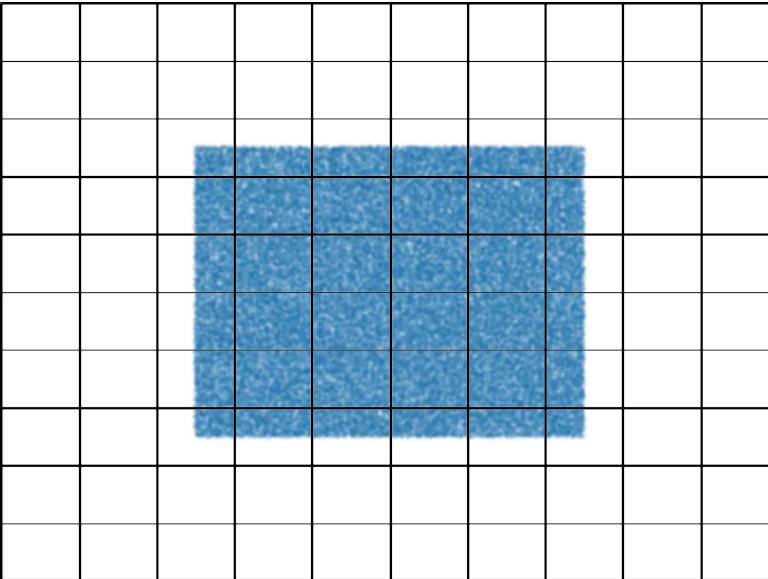
Global conservation:

$$\text{let } g(\kappa) = \tilde{g}(\kappa)(1 - \delta_{\kappa,0})$$

# Coarse graining stochastic differential equations (SDEs)



SDE for particle trajectory



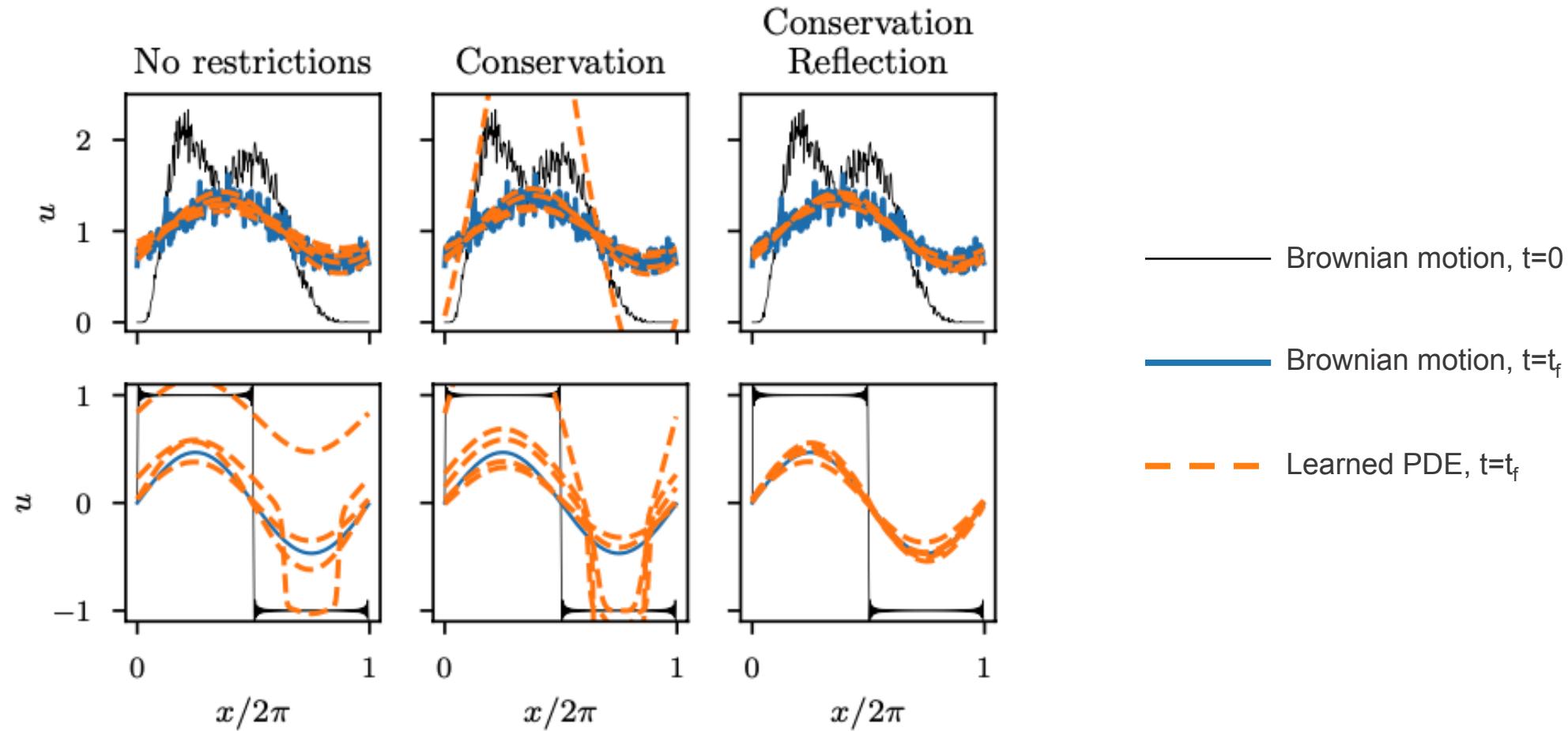
PDE for particle density

1. Compute evolution of binned density from SDE trajectories
2. Fit PDE for evolution of binned density
3. Compare to analytical result

# SDEs: Conservation and reflective symmetry inductive biases improves generalization



Density of Brownian data follows heat equation  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(t, x) = 0$  for  $x(t) + \Delta t) - x(t) \sim N(0, 2\Delta t) \rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

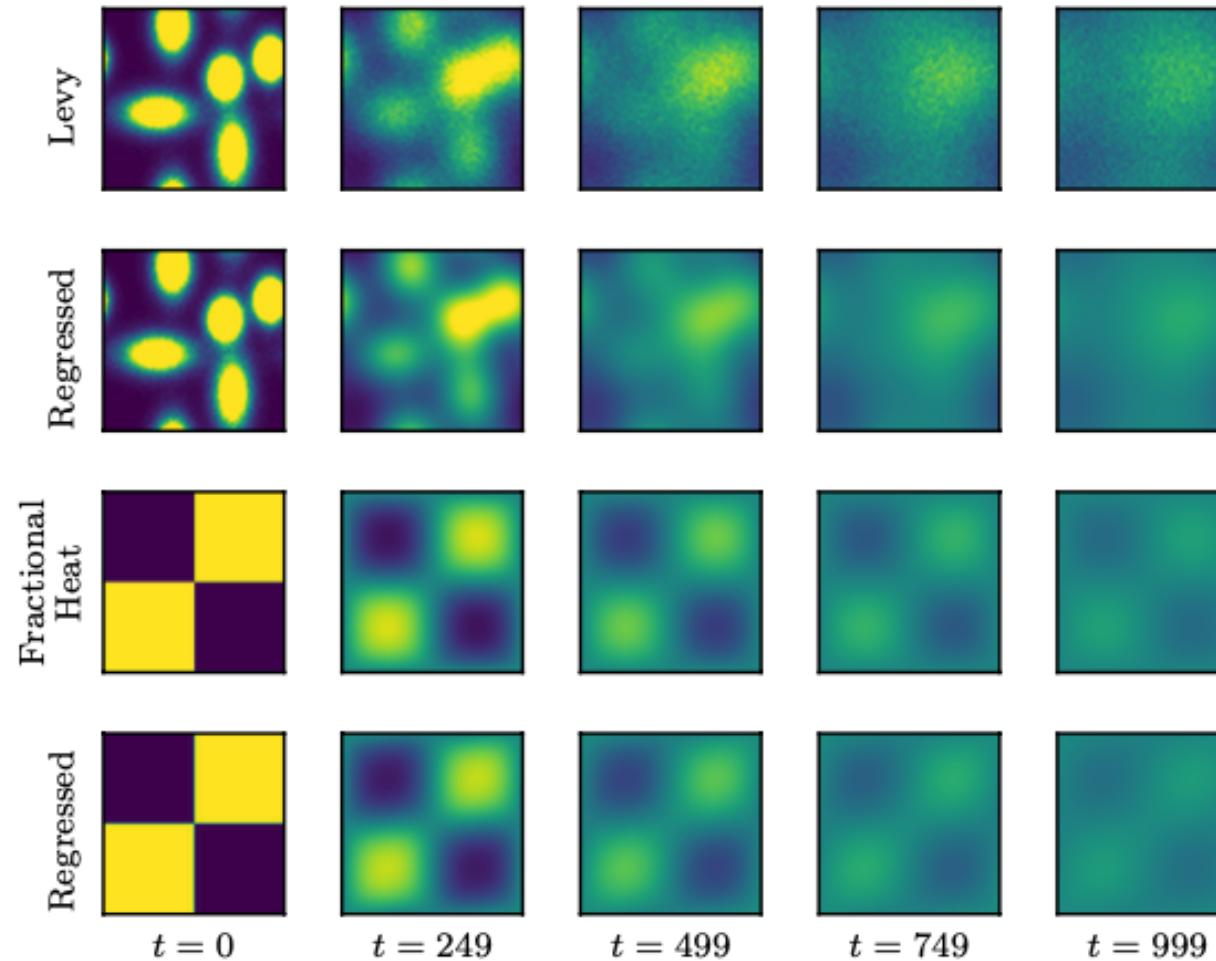


# SDEs: Isotropy inductive bias improves generalization



Density of Levy flight data follows fractional heat equation<sup>1</sup>,

$$x(t + \Delta t) - x(t) \sim L(\alpha, 0, \Delta t^{1/\alpha}, 0) \rightarrow \partial_t u = \Delta^{\alpha/2} u$$

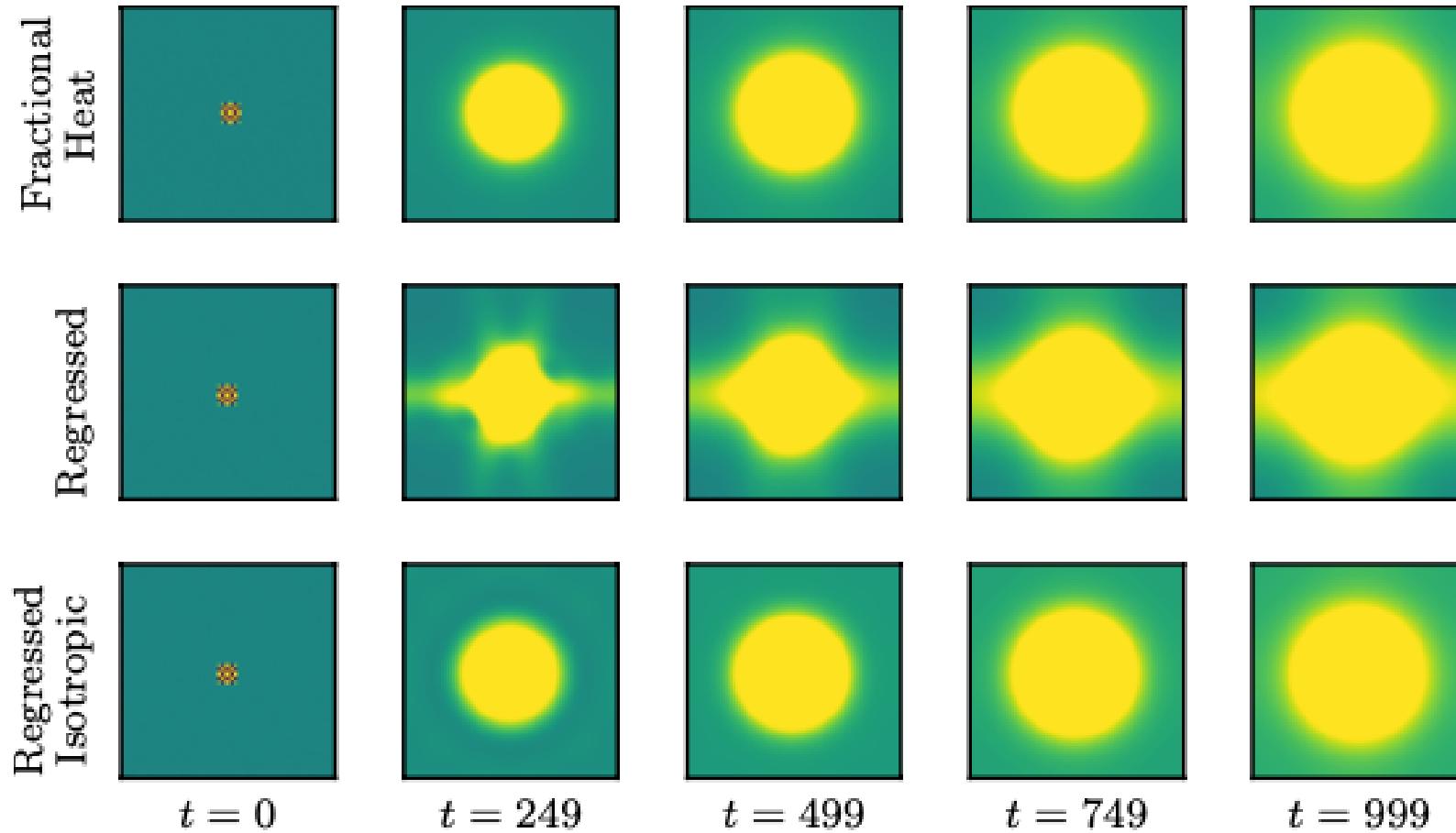


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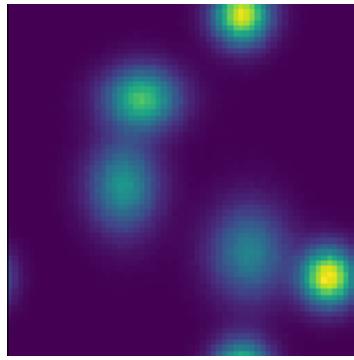
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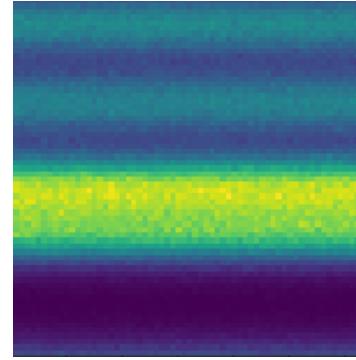
# Isotropy inductive bias counteracts biased data



Vary anisotropy bias in data by setting initial condition,

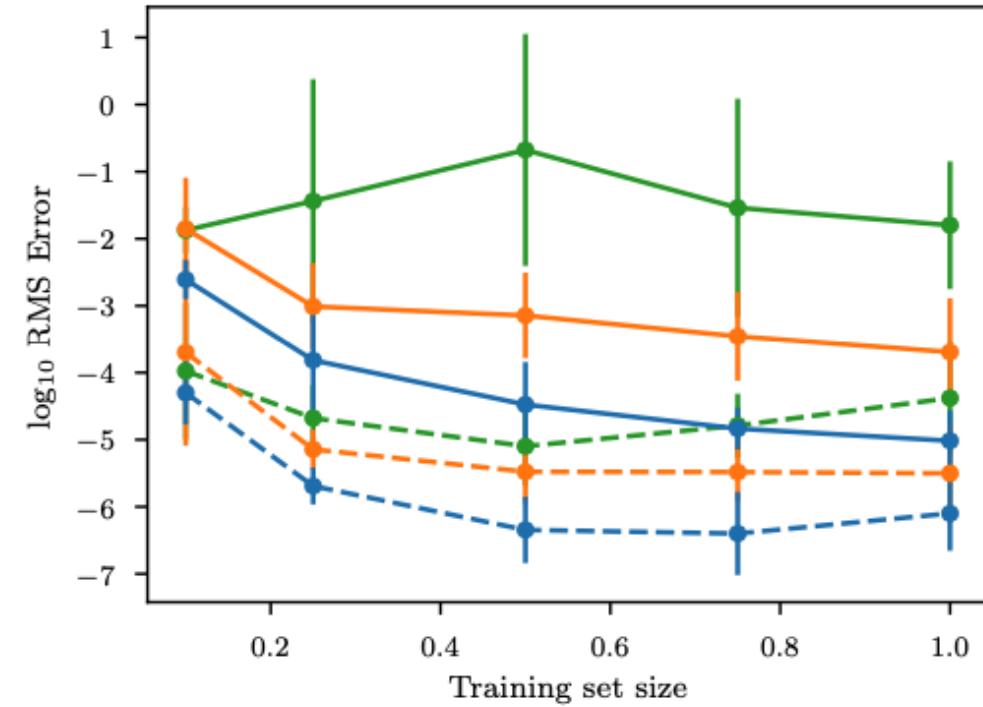


$\beta = 0$



$\beta = 1$

Compare effect of isotropy inductive bias for various



Anisotropic model

$\beta = 0$

$\beta = 0.1$

$\beta = 1$

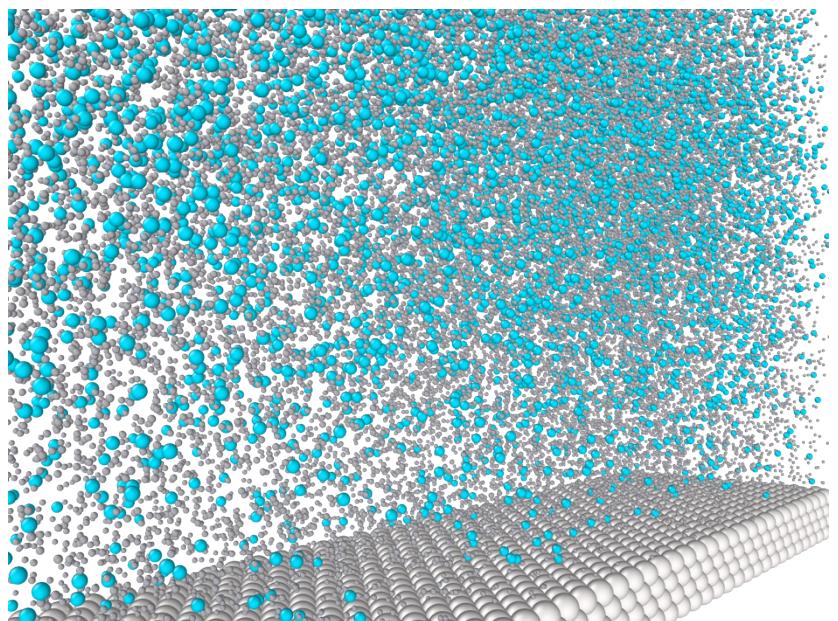
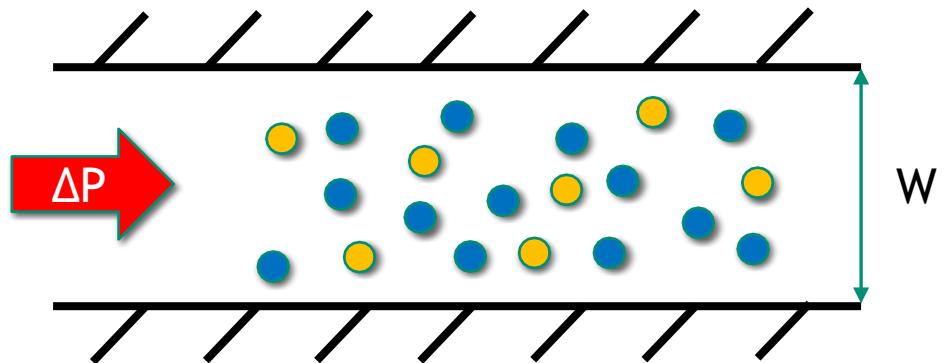
Isotropic model

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$\beta = 0.1$

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# Application: coarse graining colloidal Poiseuille flow



Perform molecular dynamics simulations with varying concentration ( $c$ ), colloid particle size ( $d$ )

- Get time evolution of 1d profiles of

$$\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{u}_D) = ([\rho^L, \rho^S], [p^L, p^S], \dots)$$

Fit continuum model assuming conservation of mass

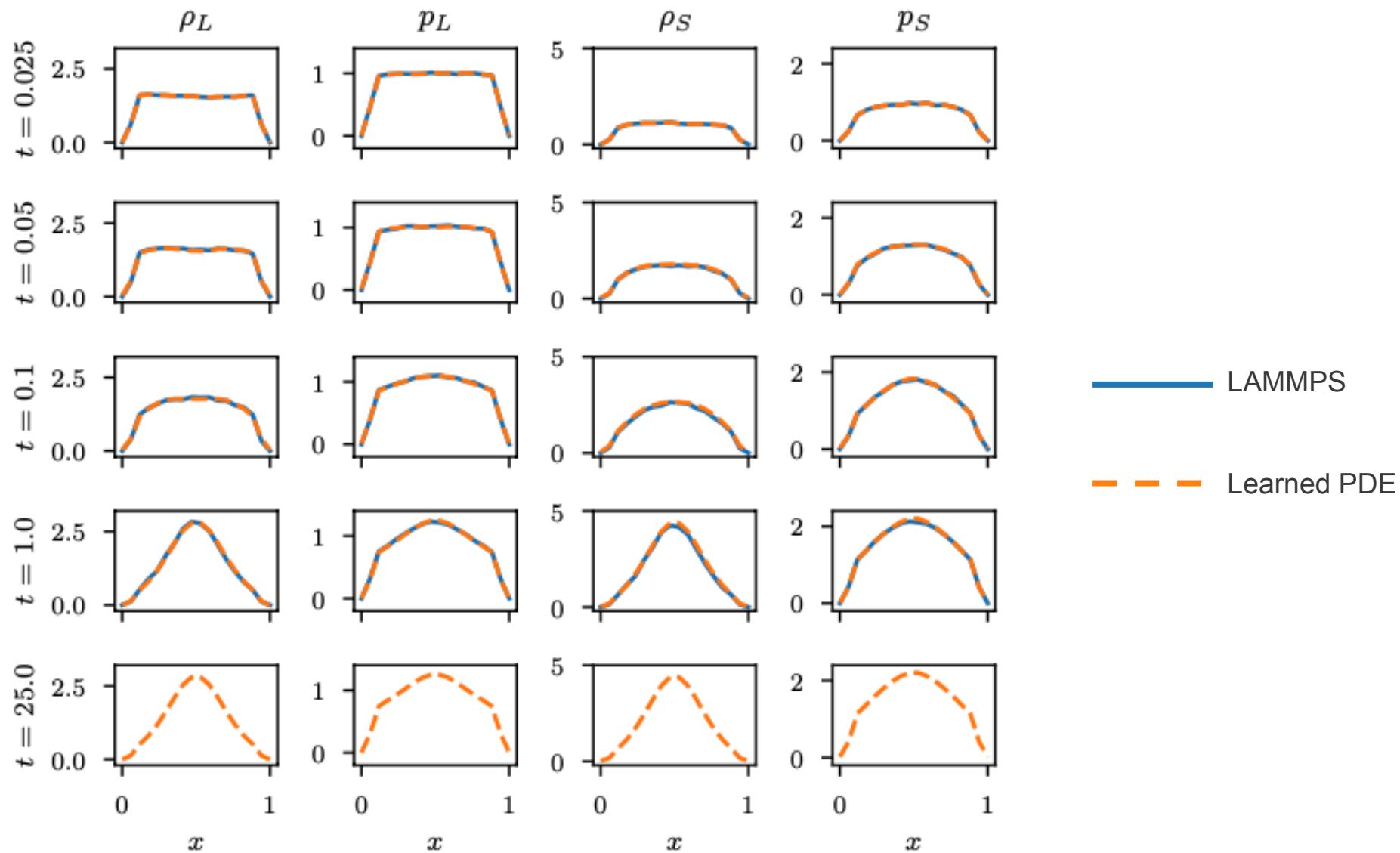
$$\partial_t u_N^i = \sum_k \mathcal{C}^{-1} g_k^i(\kappa, c, d) \mathcal{C} h_k^i(\mathbf{u}, c, d)$$

$$\partial_t u_D^i = \sum_k \mathcal{S}^{-1} g_k^i(\kappa, c, d) \mathcal{S} h_k^i(\mathbf{u}, c, d)$$

where  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  are the sine and cosine transform

Find time evolution for new  $c, d$

## Application: coarse graining colloidal Poiseuille flow



# Future work



Limited to simple geometries and PDEs with smooth solutions

- Alternative basis
  - Generalized moving least squares: Trask et al., *NeurIPS*, 2019

Bayesian version

Noisy data for more general problems

- Error-in-variables models

Applications

Comparisons to other operator regression methods

- Wu and Xiu, *JCP*, 2020
- Li et al. *arXiv:2010.08895*
- Graph Neural operator: Li et al., *NeurIPS*, 2020
- DeepONets: *arXiv:1910.03193*

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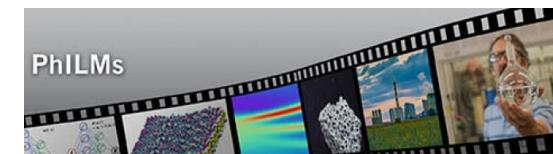


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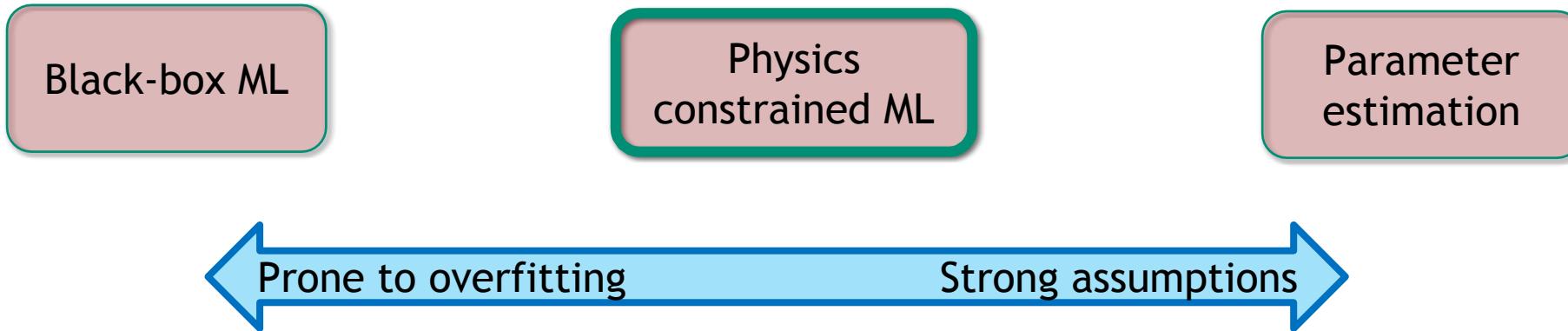
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# Conclusion



## ML with physics informed inductive biases

- More powerful than parameter estimation
- Better generalization and extrapolation than black-box ML

## Paper and code:

- Patel and Desjardins, arXiv:1810.08552
- Patel et al. *CMAME*, 2021 (arXiv:2009.11992)
- <https://github.com/rgp62/MOR-Physics>