

# A data-driven peridynamic continuum model for upscaling molecular dynamics

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# Outline

- Introduction to the nonlocal modeling
- Challenges in MD (molecular dynamics) and nonlocal model
- A nonlocal operator regression algorithm
- Nonlocal surrogates for MD simulations

# What is a nonlocal model?

- **Basic concepts**

- 1) The state of a system at any material point depends on the state in a neighborhood of points
- 2) Interactions can occur at distance without contact
- 3) The solutions has a lower requirement of regularity: non-differentiable, singular, discontinuous

- **Why nonlocal model?** The nonlocal model can capture the feature that traditional PDE fails to capture

- 1) Multiscale behavior (nonlocal as an upscaled/homogenized model)
- 2) Discontinuities such as cracks and fractures (peridynamics)
- 3) Anomalous behavior such as superdiffusion and subdiffusion (fractional operators)

- **Nonlocal operator with kernel K**

$$\mathcal{L}_K(u) = \int_{B_\delta(x)} K(x, y)(u(y) - u(x))dy$$

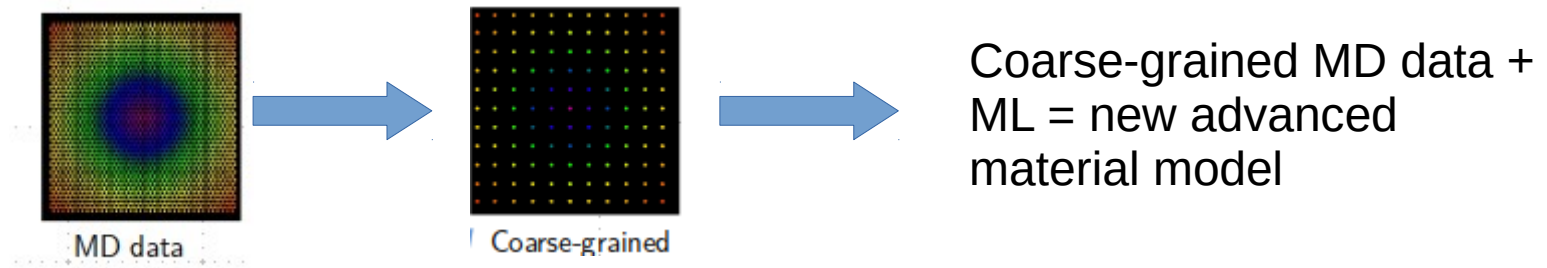
# Challenges in MD and nonlocal model

## Existing challenges in MD and nonlocal model:

- MD has become a fundamental tool for inventing new materials, but it suffers from its computational limitations in length and time scale it can address.
- We need to upscale MD to the continuum level, and nonlocal models exhibit all desired properties: 1. can handle discontinuities; 2. compatible with molecular scale forces; 3. can capture multiscale behavior
- **Knowledge gap:** Nonlocal kernels are often chosen as a posteriori. It's difficult to derive them from the physical laws.

## Our strategy:

- 1) Collect high-fidelity data from MD simulations
- 2) Use machine learning algorithm to learn a nonlocal kernel as well as the material properties from coarse-grained MD data
- 3) Learned nonlocal operator needs to satisfy some solvability constraints to ensure well-posedness.



# Learning process

- **Goal** : Identify the kernel function as well as the material properties
- **Given** : A collection of samples of coarse-grained MD displacement and forcing

$$\{(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{b}_i)\}_{i=1}^N$$

- **Model** : Linearized peridynamic solid (LPS) model

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_K \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) &:= -\frac{C_\alpha}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} (\lambda - \mu) K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) (\theta(\mathbf{x}) + \theta(\mathbf{y})) d\mathbf{y} \\ &\quad - \frac{C_\beta}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} \mu K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) \frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \otimes (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})}{|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|^2} (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}), \\ \theta(\mathbf{x}) &:= \frac{2}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{y}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $K$  is approximated by Bernstein polynomials:

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{k=0}^M \frac{D_k}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^\alpha} B_{k,M} \left( \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|}{\delta} \right).$$

- **Optimization**: Learn  $K$ , Young's modulus  $E$ , Poisson ratio  $\nu$ , and  $\alpha$  by minimizing the residual

$$\frac{1}{N} \|\mathcal{L}_K \mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{b}_i\|_2^2 \text{ subject to solvability constraints}$$

# Solvability constraints

- When the kernel function  $K$  is positive and not too singular, the LPS model is guaranteed to be solvable
- To better improve the accuracy of the nonlocal model, we allow the kernel to be partially negative.
- While there's no known theory on sign-changing kernel available for the LPS model, we impose the solvability constraints in a discrete manner

**Theorem** : the discrete LPS system is solvable if

$$\min \operatorname{eig}(A) > 0, \text{ coercivity,}$$

$$\min \operatorname{eig}(BA^{-1}B^t) > 0, \text{ inf-sup,}$$

$$\min \operatorname{eig}(A - 2B^tB) \geq 0, \text{ Cauchy Schwarz,}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are the discrete operators

$$Au \approx -\frac{C_\beta}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} \mu K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) \frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \otimes (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})}{|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|^2} (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$Bu \approx \frac{d}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{y}$$

# The two-phase algorithm

- Phase 1: Constrain the parameters  $\{D_k\}$  to be non-negative, and minimize the residual

$$\{D_k^{pre}, E^{pre}, \nu^{pre}, \alpha^{pre}\} = \operatorname{argmin} \frac{1}{N} \|\mathcal{L}_\delta \mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{b}_i\|_2^2$$

- Phase 2: Allow the kernel to be negative and apply the solvability constraints while minimizing the residual

$$\{D_k, E, \nu, \alpha\} = \operatorname{argmin} \frac{1}{N} \|\mathcal{L}_\delta \mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{b}_i\|_2^2$$

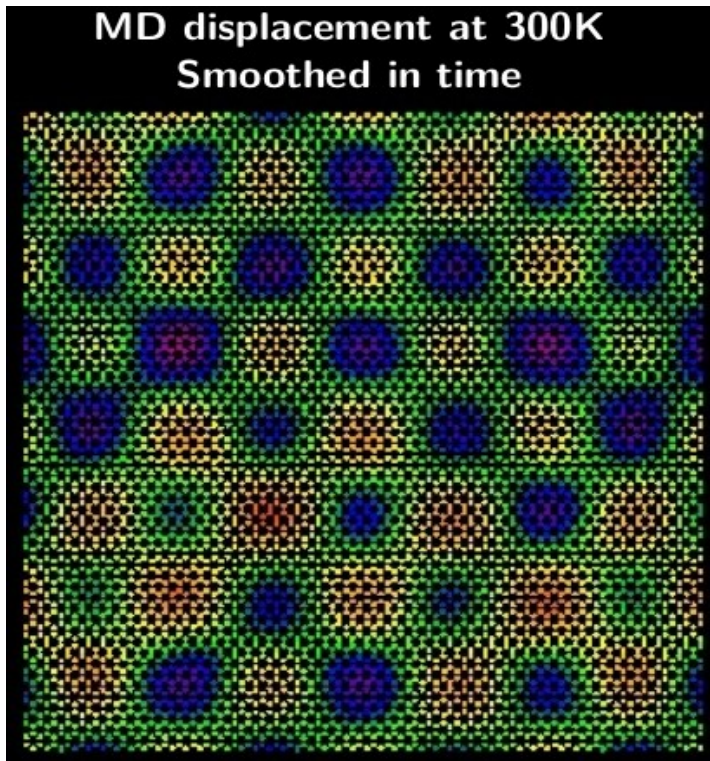
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# MD simulations of graphene: Training set

- Perform MD simulation of a perfect sheet under the loads  $\mathbf{b}$  at 0K and 300K
- Compute the smoothed (coarse-grained) displacements for **70** training samples, grid size is  $5\text{\AA}$



The domain is a  $[-50\text{\AA}, 50\text{\AA}]^2$  square, the given loads  $\mathbf{b}$  are

$$\mathbf{b}_{k_1, k_2}(x_1, x_2) = (\mathbb{C} \cos(k_1 x_1) \cos(k_2 x_2), 0) \quad \text{or}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{k_1, k_2}(x_1, x_2) = (0, \mathbb{C} \cos(k_1 x_1) \cos(k_2 x_2))$$

Where  $k_1, k_2 \in \{0, \pi/50, 2\pi/50, \dots, 5\pi/50\}$

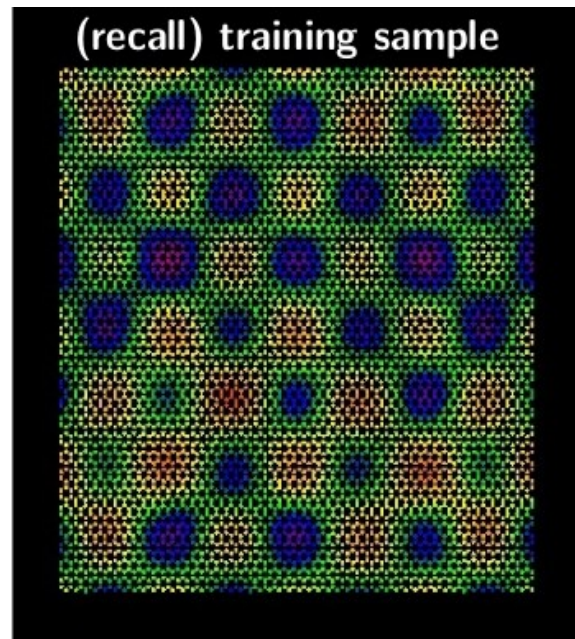
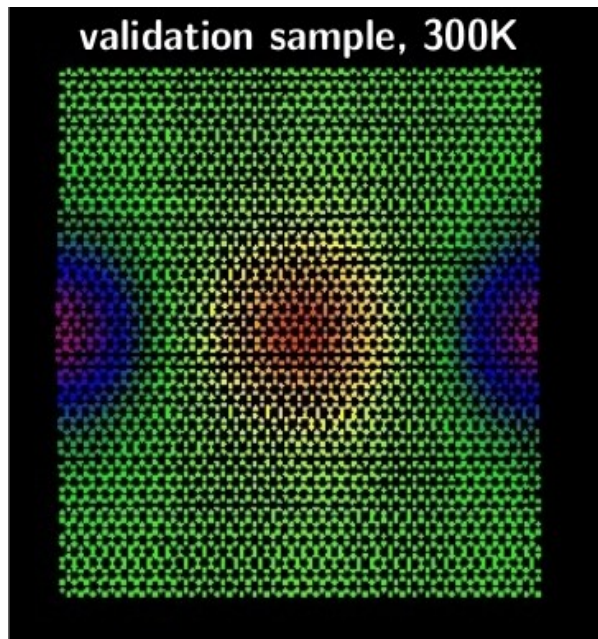
$\mathbb{C}$  is chosen such that the resulting strain are within the small strain regime (1%)



# MD simulations of graphene: Validation set

- Perform MD simulation of a perfect sheet under the loads  $\mathbf{b}$  at 0K and 300K
- Compute the smoothed (coarse-grained) displacements for **10** training samples

$$\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n=-1}^1 \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{1 - \frac{(x_1 - na)^2 + x_2^2}{r^2}} \right\}$$



The training and validation datasets have the same domain but different loading conditions

# Optimal choice of hyperparameters ( $\delta$ , $M$ )

- To find the optimal hyperparameters, we compare the optimal  $\delta$  for each given kernel order  $M$ , using two metrics on training and validation datasets.

Error in residual :  $average\{||\mathcal{L}_\delta \mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{b}_i||\}_{i=1}^N$

Error in solution :  $average\{||\mathcal{L}_\delta^{-1} \mathbf{b}_i - \mathbf{u}_i||\}_{i=1}^N$

- Results:

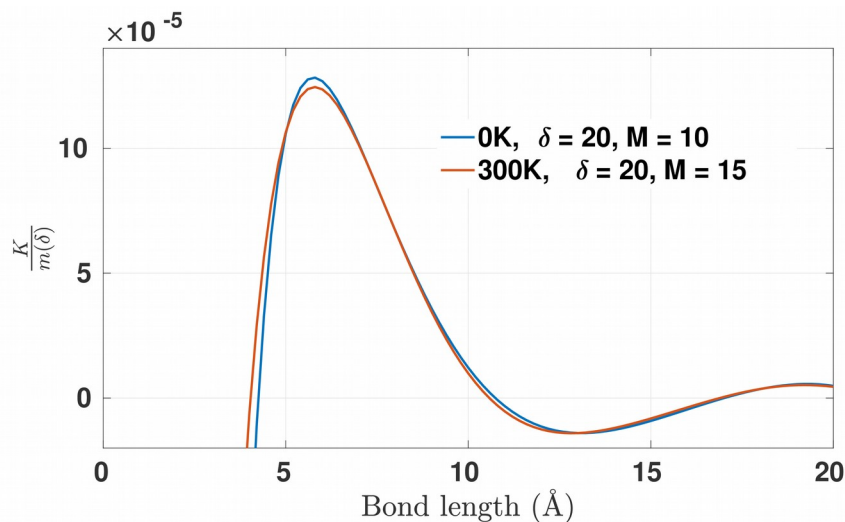
data set	M	$\delta_M^*$	$E_{Res}^{train}$	$E_u^{train}$	$E_{Res}^{eval}$	$E_u^{eval}$	AvgE
0K	0	12.5Å	13.91%	17.54%	16.31%	14.49%	1
	5	12.5Å	10.42%	12.19%	13.02%	7.69%	0.6933
	<b>10</b>	<b>20Å</b>	9.81%	11.72%	13.28%	7.16%	<b>0.6704</b>
	15	22.5Å	9.80%	11.61%	13.50%	7.22%	0.6731
	20	25Å	9.75%	11.89%	13.53%	7.00%	0.6729
300K	0	12.5Å	13.46%	31.33%	20.15%	14.86%	1
	5	12.5Å	10.50%	13.80%	17.83%	9.66%	0.6784
	10	20Å	9.79%	13.32%	18.11%	9.08%	0.6549
	<b>15</b>	<b>20Å</b>	9.82%	13.16%	18.08%	8.88%	<b>0.6505</b>
	20	25Å	9.81%	13.36%	18.34%	9.23%	0.6609

# Kernel function and material properties

- We compare the material properties obtained from 0K and 300K

Dataset	E (Tpa)	Poisson ratio $\nu$	$\alpha$
0K	0.91	-0.4297	2.8335
300K	0.90	-0.4196	2.5946

- Optimal kernel K:

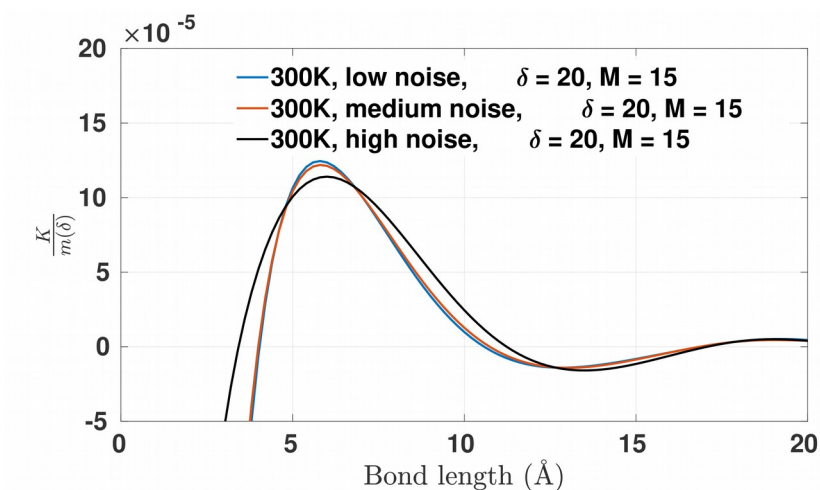


Kernel functions and material properties are not sensitive to temperature

# Kernel function and material properties at 300K

- We compare the material properties at 300K with different noise level.

Datasets	E (Tpa)	$\nu$	$\alpha$	Residual (train)	Solution (train)	Residual (Val)	Solution (Val)
low noise	0.90	-0.4196	2.5946	9.82%	13.16%	18.08%	8.88%
med noise	0.87	-0.4422	2.5197	14.52%	28.27%	18.34%	9.82%
high noise	0.95	-0.3106	1.9365	27.64%	48.86%	23.73%	17.54%

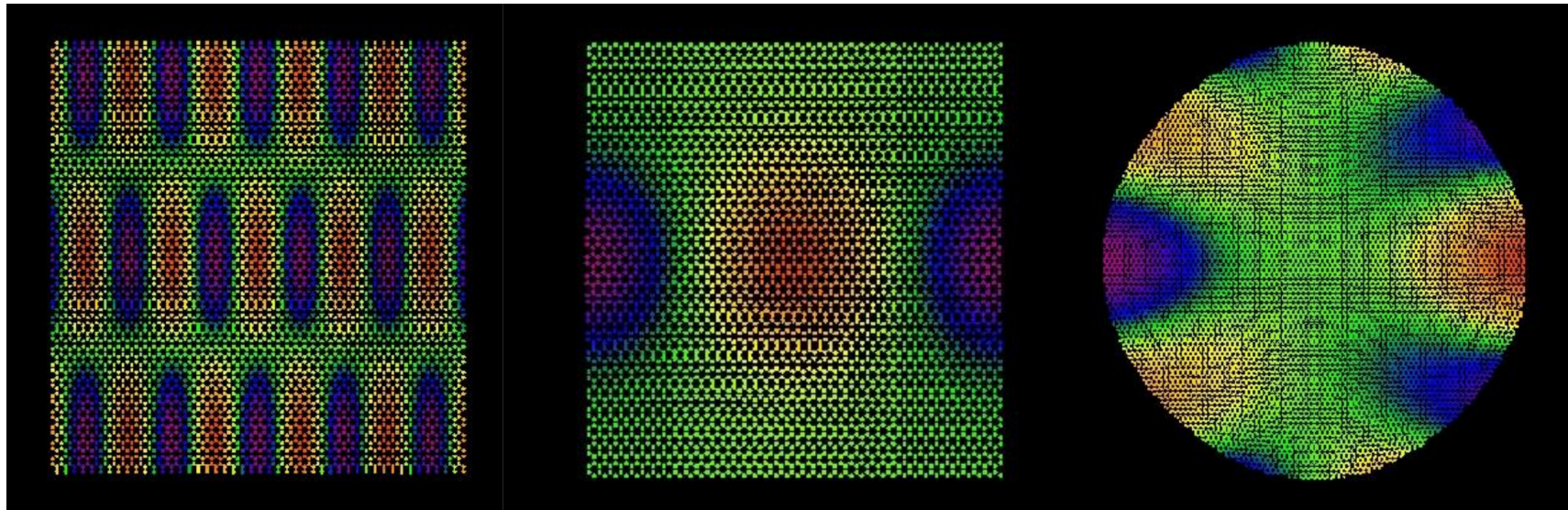


Our learning strategy is robust with the existence of thermal noise.



# Generalization to different domains/loadings

- Graphene at 0K on a different domain, circular object with radius 100Å
- Forcing terms are given as
$$\mathbf{b} = (0, 0) \text{ for } r \leq 50$$
$$\mathbf{b} = (a \cos(4\theta) \cos(\theta), a \cos(4\theta) \sin(\theta)) \text{ for } r > 50$$



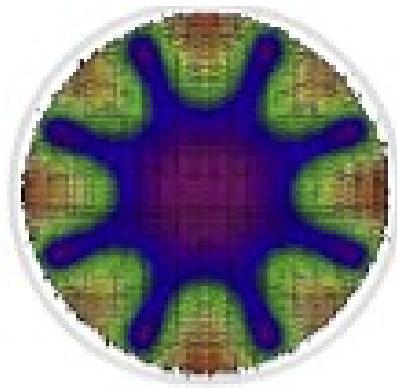
Training set

Validation set

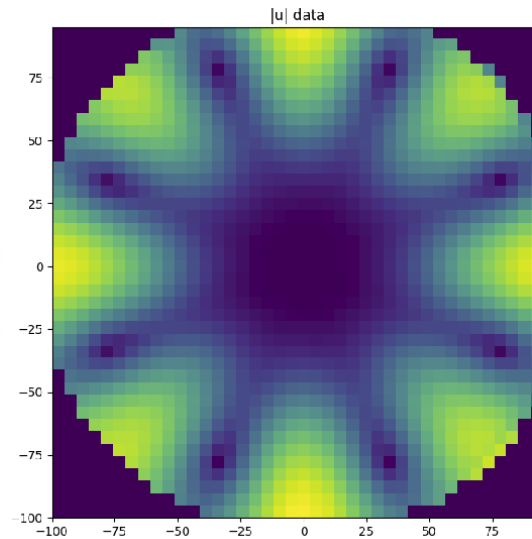
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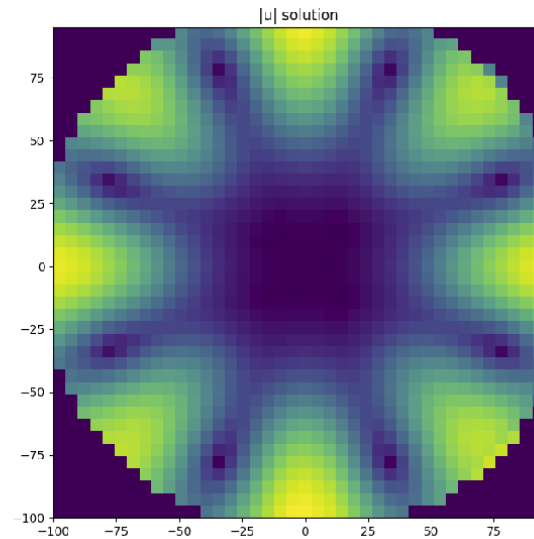
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Test sample



|u| data



|u| solution (9% accuracy)

# Generalization to different discretizations

- We consider training on hybrid datasets with grid size  $5\text{\AA}$  and  $2.5\text{\AA}$ , and compare the residual error and solution error on each grid size.

$S_{train}$	$S_{val}$ and $S_{test}$	$E_{Res}^{val}$	$E_u^{val}$	$E_{Res}^{test}$	$E_u^{test}$
$h = 5\text{\AA}$ and $h = 2.5\text{\AA}$	$h = 2.5\text{\AA}$	16.19%	8.01%	2.95E-0	8.44%
$h = 5\text{\AA}$ and $h = 2.5\text{\AA}$	$h = 5\text{\AA}$	13.24%	9.29%	1.97E-1	7.80%

**Our learning strategy can handle data from different discretizations!**

# Summary

- We proposed a machine learning method that extracts nonlocal models from coarse-grained MD data.
- The learned nonlocal model is guaranteed to be solvable.
- The learned nonlocal model is robust with the presence of thermal noise, and can be generalized to problems with different loadings/domains/discretizations.