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# A MACHINE LEARNING FRAMEWORK FOR ALLEVIATING BOTTLENECKS OF PROJECTION-BASED REDUCED ORDER MODELS

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Real life system



# Problem Statement

## Physics-Based Reduced Order Modelling (ROM)

Complex Dynamics

Nonlinear behaviour

Parametric dependency on:

- *Geometric features*
- *Material properties*
- *Environmental conditions*
- *Operational conditions*
- *Excitation*

**High fidelity  
Finite Element model**

Capture underlying dynamics

Reproduce physical behaviour

Retain parametric dependencies

Efficient evaluation

**Virtual  
Representation**

**Reduced Order Model  
( ROM )**

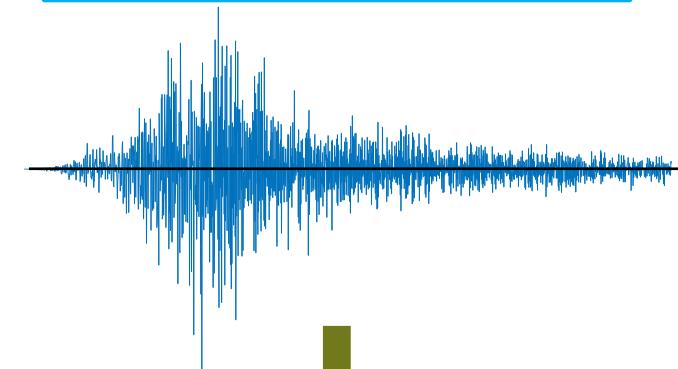


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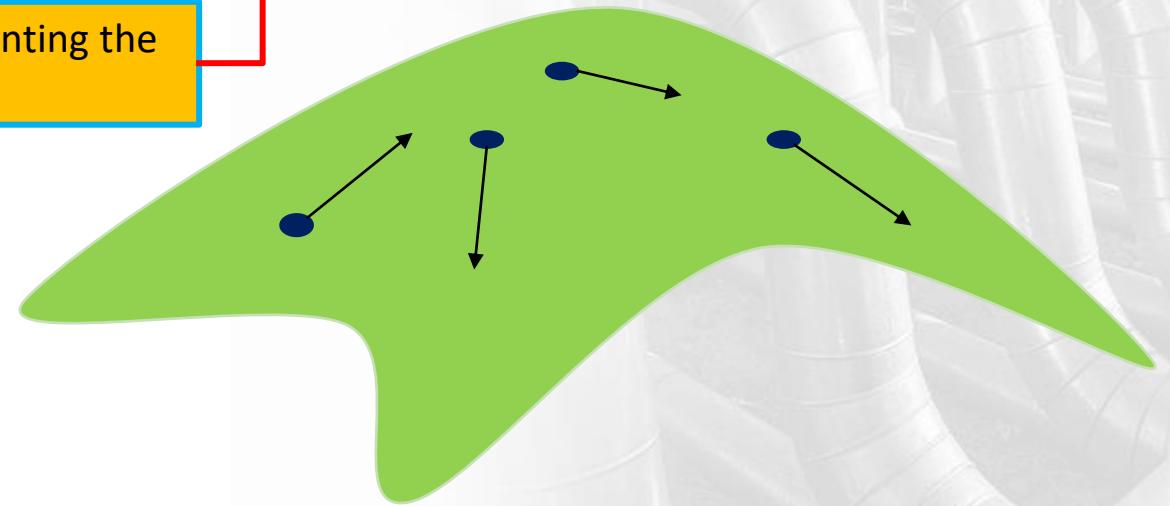
Dynamic structural response



Try to extract components representing the  
**solution manifold  $S$**

### Physical Interpretation:

Dynamic response under any parametric state spans low-dimensional subspace  $S$



# Problem Statement

## Projection-Based Reduction

Assuming a general a nonlinear, parametric, dynamical system:

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}(t), \dot{\mathbf{u}}(t), \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{p})$$

$$\mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}(t), \dot{\mathbf{u}}(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Parametric dependency on  $k$  parameters denoted by:

$$\mathbf{p} = [p_1, \dots, p_k]^T \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$$

Relevant notation:

$\mathbf{M}$  is the system mass matrix

$\mathbf{f}$  is the vector of external loads

$\mathbf{u}$  is the response time history

$\mathbf{g}$  are the nonlinear, state-dependent internal forces



# Problem Statement

## Projection-Based Reduction

***The goal of parametric ROM is to generate a low-dimensional, equivalent system such that the underlying physics along with the parametric dependencies of interest are further retained.***

$$\mathbf{M}_r(\mathbf{p}_j) \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_r(t) + \mathbf{g}_r(\mathbf{u}(t), \dot{\mathbf{u}}(t), \mathbf{p}_j) = \mathbf{f}_r(t, \mathbf{p}_j)$$

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$$r \ll n$$

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{p}_j) \mathbf{u}_r(t)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_r(\mathbf{p}_j) = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{p}_j)^T \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{p}_j)$$

**Galerkin Projection Basis**

$$\mathbf{M}_r(\mathbf{p}_j) = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{p}_j)^T \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{p}_j) \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{p}_j)$$

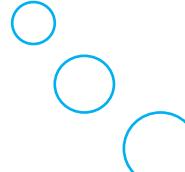
$$\mathbf{g}_r(\mathbf{p}_j) = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{p}_j)^T \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}(t), \dot{\mathbf{u}}(t), \mathbf{p}_j)$$

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## Algorithmic Framework

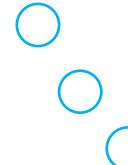
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$$\forall \mathbf{p}_k, k \in [1, N_s]$$



Step 2: Time Integration of Full Model

$$\forall t_i, i \in [0, N_t]$$



For each parametric state:

- Assemble **system matrices**  
*stiffness K / mass M / damping C / Excitation f*
- Evaluate the **time domain response** (integration)

The full-order, high fidelity finite element model **depends on a parametric input state**.

The parametric states are first sampled. The respective **parameters may represent**:

- **system properties:** yield stress, hysteretic damping coeffs.
- **excitation traits:** amplitude of ground motion, frequency content

Notation:

$n$  : Full-order dimension

$N_s$  : Number of training samples

$N_t$  : Number of simulated timesteps

$\mathbf{M}$  : Mass matrix

$\mathbf{f}$  : External forcing

$\mathbf{u}$  : Response solution



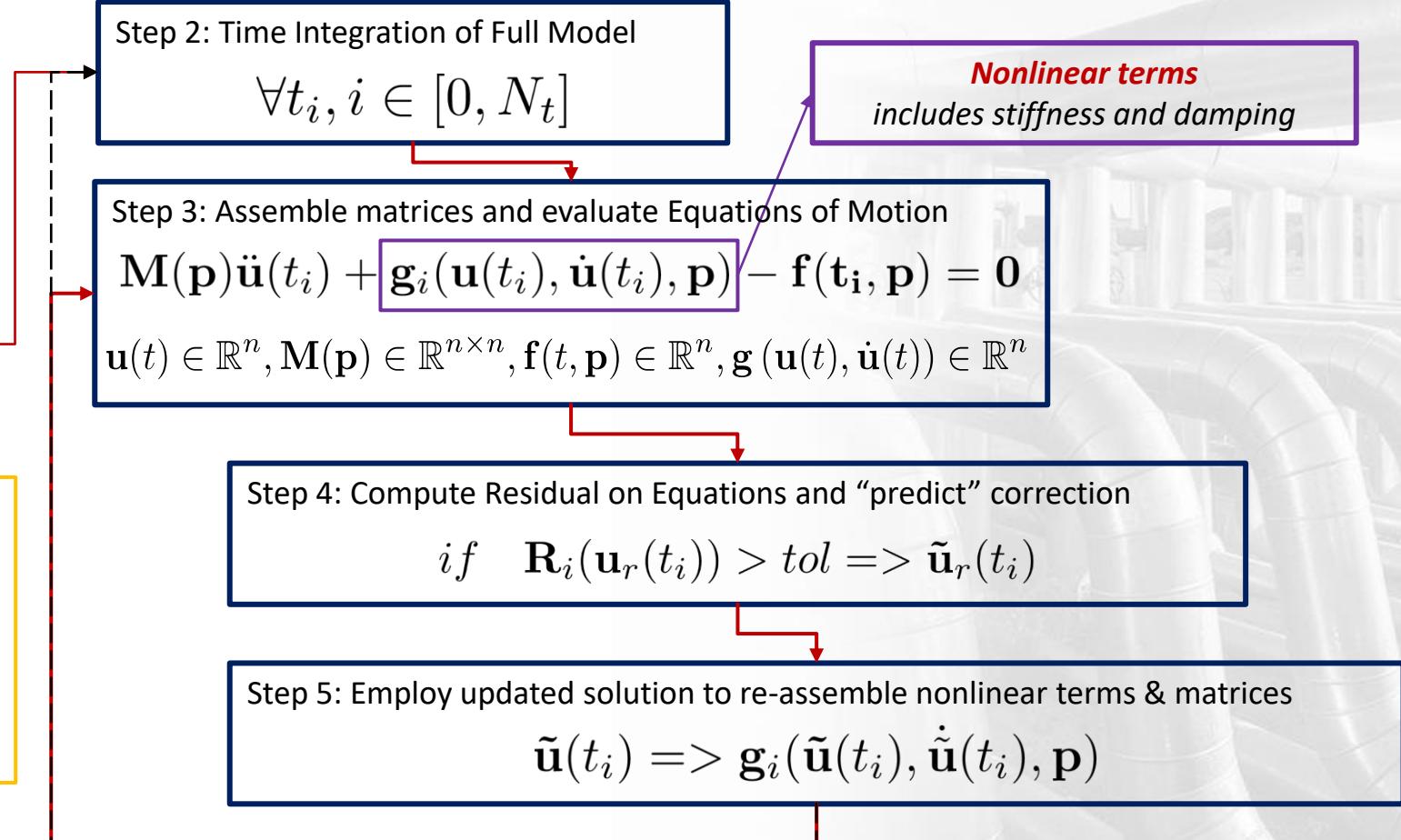
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## Algorithmic Framework

### Training / Offline Phase

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## Algorithmic Framework

POD - Projection-based Reduction

Assemble POD Basis

*Each training point has a projection basis.*

Proper Orthogonal Decomposition

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{u}_r(t) \quad \mathbf{U} \equiv [\mathbf{u}(t_1) \dots \mathbf{u}(t_N)] = \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{R}^T$$

$$\mathbf{V} \equiv \mathbf{W}_k = \mathbf{W}(:, 1:k)$$

As a next step, to evaluate the pROM :

- Assemble the **full-order matrices** of the validation parametric state
- Assemble a **suitable basis** representing the solution subspace (**Interpolation / Clustering**)
- **Project** the system matrices on the reduced dimension
- **Integrate the reduced order matrices** forward in time to evaluate the dynamic response
- **Map** the reduced response **back** to full coordinates

# principal components



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## Bottlenecks/Limitations

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### Limitations:

- **POD is a linear operator**  
*Linearization* in neighbourhood of stable points is assumed to address nonlinearities
- **Accuracy** for new parametric states *relies on clustering or interpolation* between POD bases

# Problem Statement

## Algorithmic Framework



### ROM Evaluation / Online Phase

#### Step 1: Parametric input states

$$\exists \mathbf{p}_v, v \notin [1, N_s]$$

#### Step 2: Time Integration of ROM

$$\forall t_i, i \in [0, N_t]$$

#### Step 3: Assemble matrices and evaluate Equations of Motion

$$\mathbf{M}_r(\mathbf{p})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_r(t_i) + \mathbf{g}_{ri}(\mathbf{u}(t_i), \dot{\mathbf{u}}(t_i), \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{f}_r(t_i, \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0}$$

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#### Step 4: Compute Residual on Equations and “predict” correction

$$if \quad \mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{u}_r(t_i)) > tol \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r(t_i)$$

#### Step 5: Employ updated solution to re-assemble nonlinear terms & matrices

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$$\mathbf{g}_{ri} = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{g}_i$$

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**Nonlinear terms**  
still scale with **full dimension**

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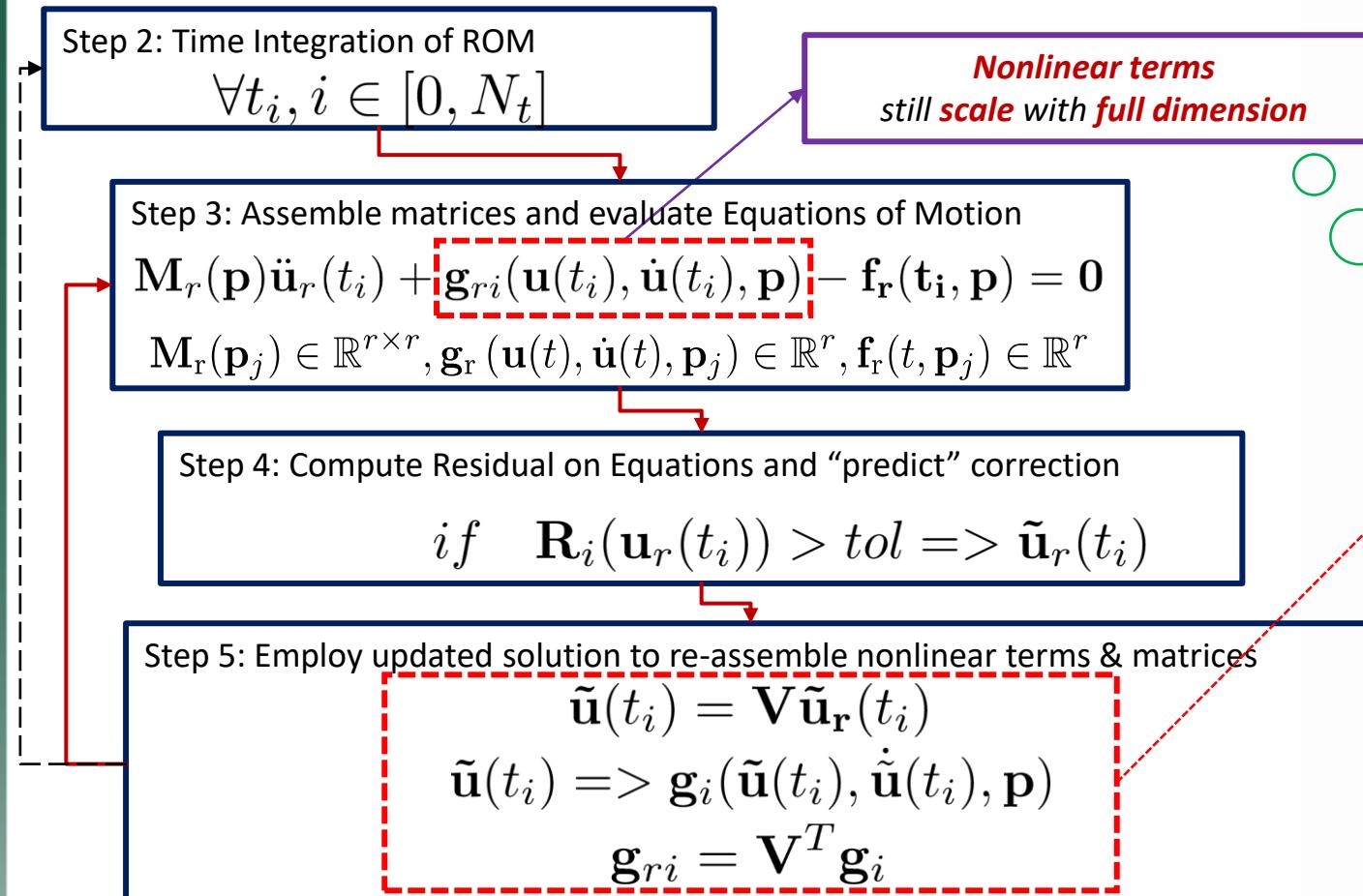
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## Bottlenecks/Limitations



- The evaluation of the nonlinear terms still **scales with the full order dimension**.
- For every solution increment we need to:
  - **Project** displ./vel. **back to full-order**
  - Evaluate nonlinear terms
  - **Update** forces and stiffness matrix
  - **Project** updated matrices **back to reduced-order** coordinates.

*This **back-and-forth projection** is a major computational bottleneck.*

Especially in large scale systems where time integration savings cannot outweigh the projection & evaluation.

*To address this, we rely on **hyper-reduction**, a **second-tier approximation** of the nonlinear contributions.*



# Problem Statement

## Bottlenecks/Limitations

- Back & forth projection to update nonlinear terms compromises efficiency
- Hyper-reduction is introduced
  - ⇒ Several alternatives available (ECSW, DEIM, GNAT, EQM)
  - ⇒ **ECSW**: Sparse evaluation of full-order nonlinear terms based on energy contributions coupled with weighting scheme
  - ⇒ **DEIM**: Additional POD-based reduction coupled with selection scheme
- ✓ Hyper-reduction is essential for efficiency
- ❖ Introduces an additional source of error that usually outweighs the POD projection error

=> Accuracy bottleneck/threshold for the ROM

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# Working Approaches

## Reconstruction Error Minimization

**Tackle projection-based reduction error**

=> *Replace POD with AE-driven process*

**Argumentation:**

POD is a linear operator / Accuracy relies on linearization assumptions

- *Employ mapping techniques based on nonlinear (feature) transformations*
- *Explore potential nonlinear kernels*
- *Check if orthogonality conditions need to be retained*

=> **Improve pROM accuracy**

- Initial approaches yield questionable results
- Additional bottleneck on how to propagate ROM dynamics after projection

=> ***Further and deeper research is needed***



# Working Approaches

## Data-driven Mapping for Hyper-Reduction

**Address ROM's nonlinear mapping limitations**

⇒ *Replace Hyper-Reduction with data-driven surrogates*

**Argumentation:**

Hyper-Reduction guarantees efficiency however is the largest error source of the pROM

- Couple POD basis assembly process with data-driven method to learn the nonlinear mapping directly in ROM coordinates
- Every iteration of the training state contributes nonlinear mapping training data
  - => Thousands of data available for a single training realization
- Parametric dependencies on the nonlinear law might be explored as a next step

+ Potentially substantial improvement in efficiency

+ Achieve real-time evaluations

- Potential trade-off with accuracy

- Parametric dependency is challenging



# Numerical Validation

## Case study description

Two-story shear frame with nodal connections  
modeled employing hysteretic links

Multisine **stochastic ground motion excitation**

### Hysteretic links response model

➤ **Total restoring force:**

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{linear} + \mathbf{R}_{hysteretic} = \alpha k \mathbf{u} + (1 - \alpha) k \mathbf{z}$$

➤ **Bouc-Wen equation with degradation/deterioration effects:**

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{A \dot{\mathbf{u}} - \nu(t) (\beta |\dot{\mathbf{u}}| \mathbf{z} |\mathbf{z}|^{w-1} - \gamma \dot{\mathbf{u}} |\mathbf{z}|^w)}{\eta(t)}$$

$$\nu(t) = 1.0 + \delta_\nu \epsilon(t), \quad \eta(t) = 1.0 + \delta_\eta \epsilon(t), \quad \epsilon(t) = \int_0^t \mathbf{z} \dot{\mathbf{u}} \delta t$$

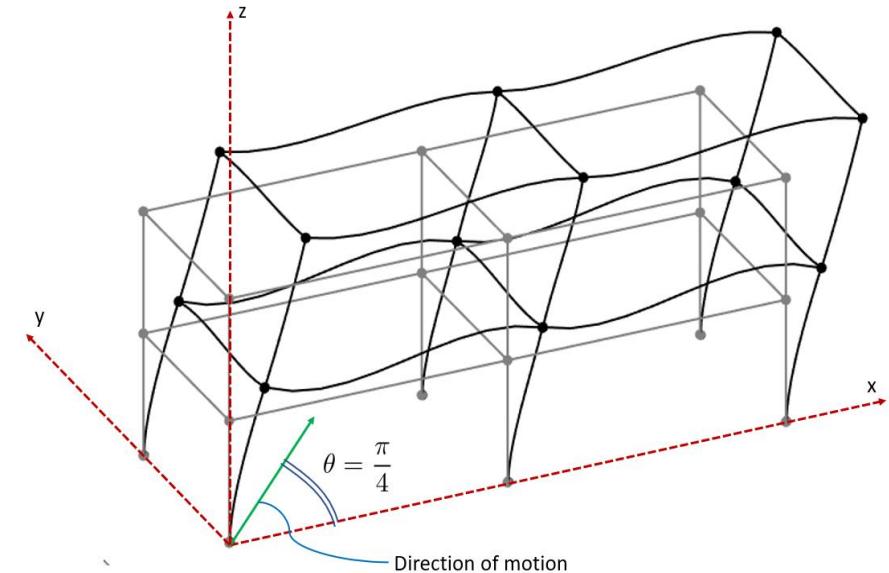
### Characteristics of the Bouc-Wen links:

$\beta, \gamma, A, w$  : **Smoothness and shape** of hysteresis curve

$\delta_\nu, \delta_\eta$  : **Degradation/Deterioration** effects

$a, k$  : **Linear/Hysteretic contribution weighting**

=> **Parametric dependencies** of the hysteretic links



Benchmark example featured in:

- Vlachas K. et al. "A local basis approximation approach for nonlinear parametric model order reduction." *Journal of Sound and Vibration* 502 (2021): 116055.
- Vlachas K. et al. "Two-story frame with Bouc-Wen hysteretic links as a multi-degree of freedom nonlinear response simulator." Workshop on non-linear system identification benchmarks (2021)

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### Detailed Task Formulation

**Input:**

- *Reduced-Order Displacements in current iteration (and previous ones)*
- *Reduced-Order Force terms in previous iteration(s)*
- *Reduced-Order Stiffness terms in previous iteration(s)*

$$\begin{aligned}\rightarrow \mathbf{U} &\in \mathbb{R}^{16,(t-k):t} \\ \rightarrow \mathbf{F} &\in \mathbb{R}^{16,(t-k):(t-1)} \\ \rightarrow \mathbf{K} &\in \mathbb{R}^{16 \times 16,(t-k):(t-1)}\end{aligned}$$

**Output:**

- *Reduced-Order Force terms in current iteration*
- *Reduced-Order Stiffness terms in current iteration*

$$\begin{aligned}\rightarrow \mathbf{F} &\in \mathbb{R}^{16,1} \\ \rightarrow \mathbf{K} &\in \mathbb{R}^{16 \times 16,1}\end{aligned}$$

# Numerical Validation

## Network details and potential improvements

### Neural Network Details

- 1D (Temporal) Convolution layers
- Spatial local correlations ignored => Assumes only time correlations
- Activation function: CELU, Tanh
- Train / Validation ratio: 0.75
- Temporal width: 8
- Dropout: 0.01
- Scaling: Normalization/ Minimum=0, Maximum=1
- Kernel size = 3
- Batch size = 64 / Epochs = 10000
- Adaptive learning rate with overfitting patience enabled
- Network size: ~500,000 parameters

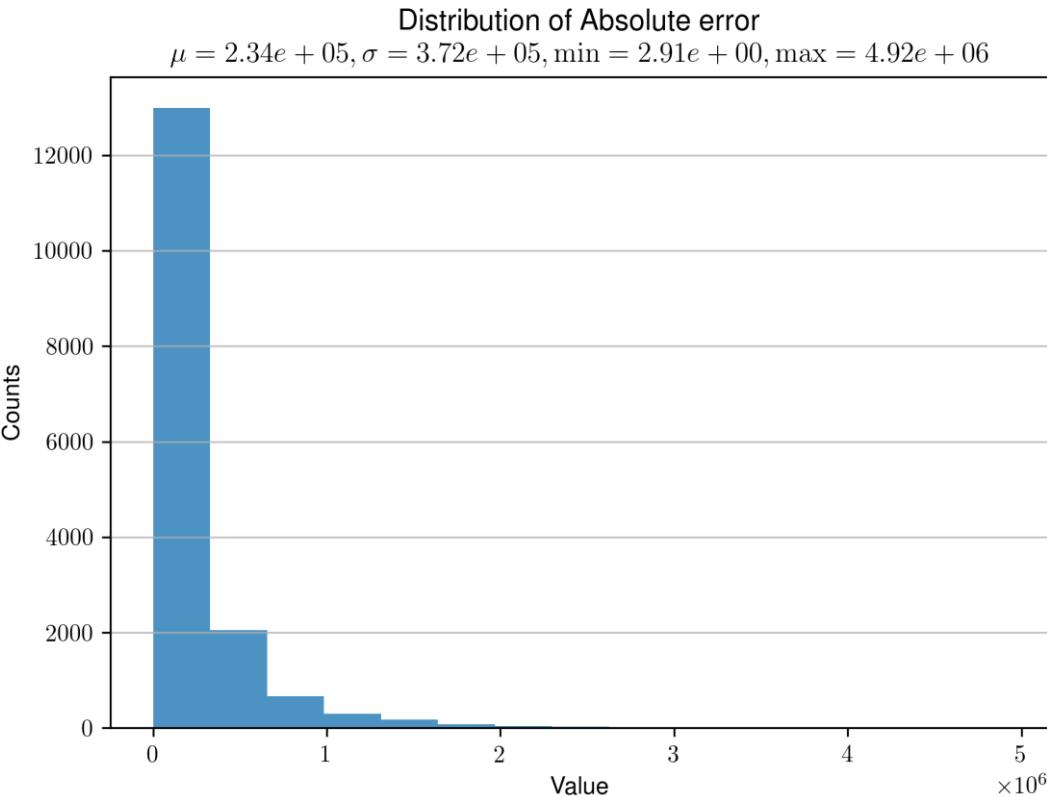
#### Potential improvements:

- ✓ Increase temporal width parameter
- ✓ Improve post-processing and error diagnostics
- ✓ Explore the trade-off between deep CNNs and efficiency
- ✓ Explore MLP network potential

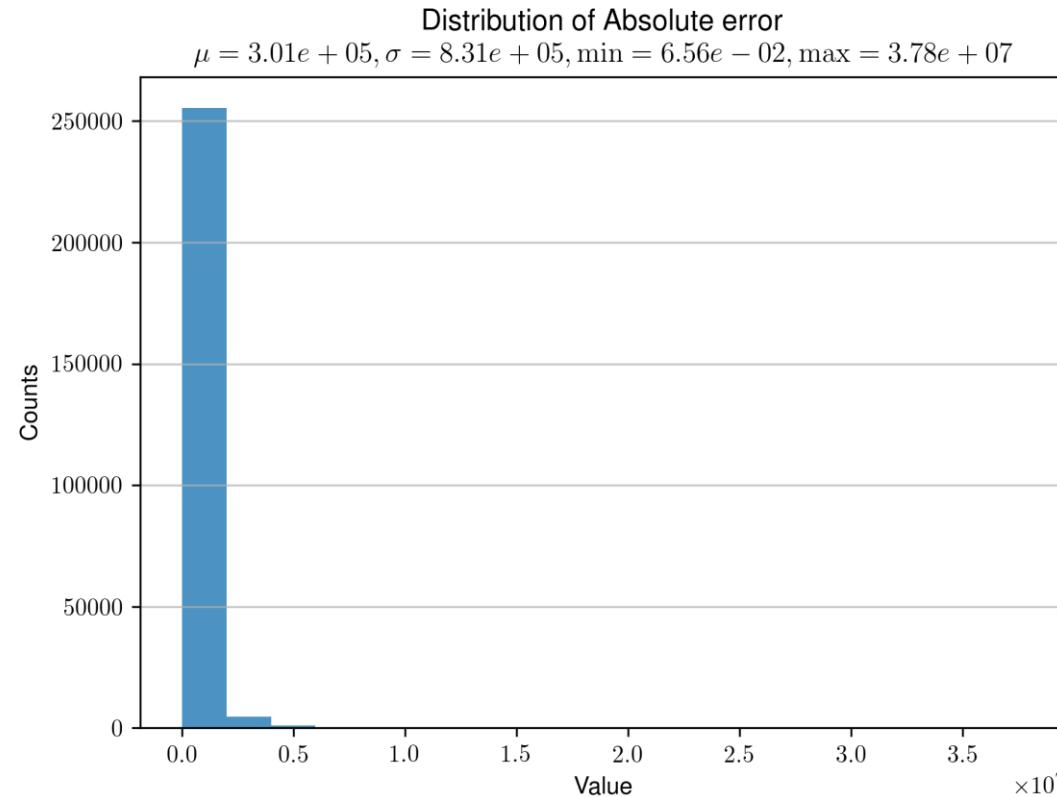
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## Absolute errors distribution

*Internal Forces F*

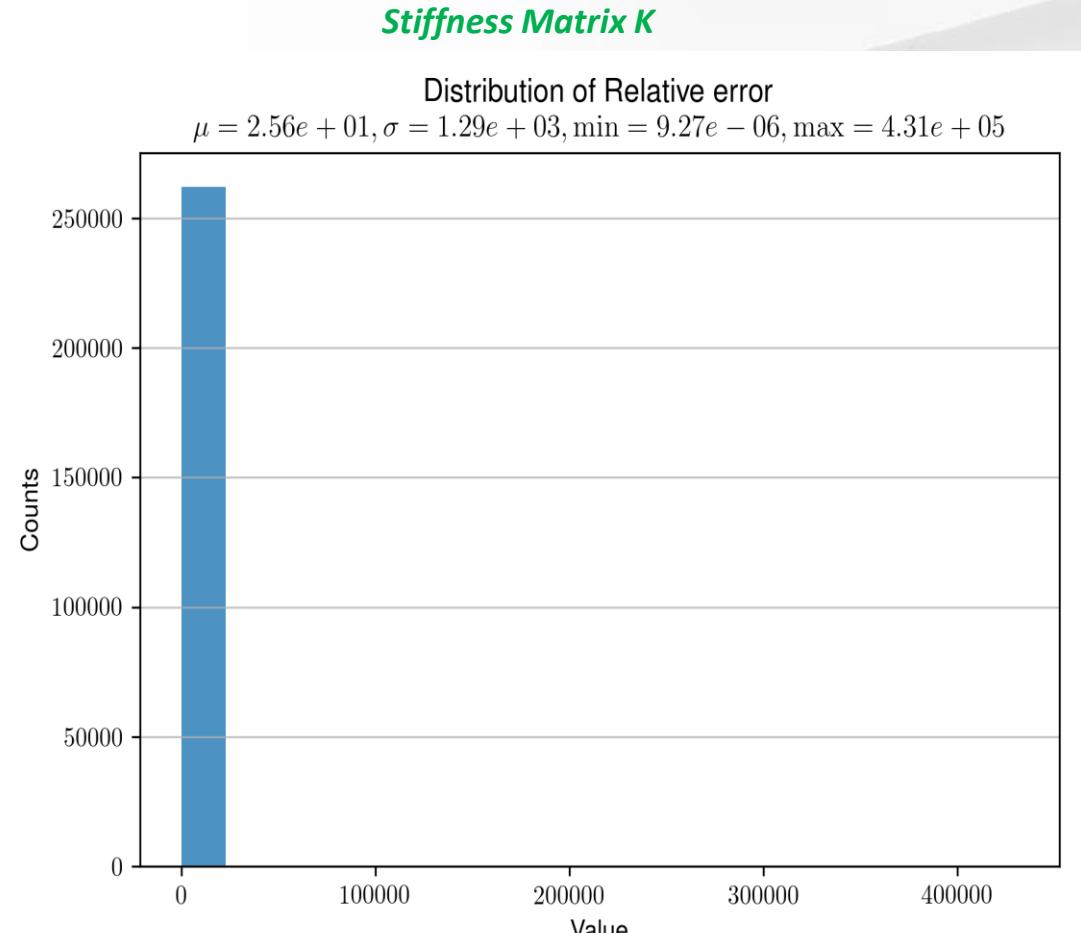
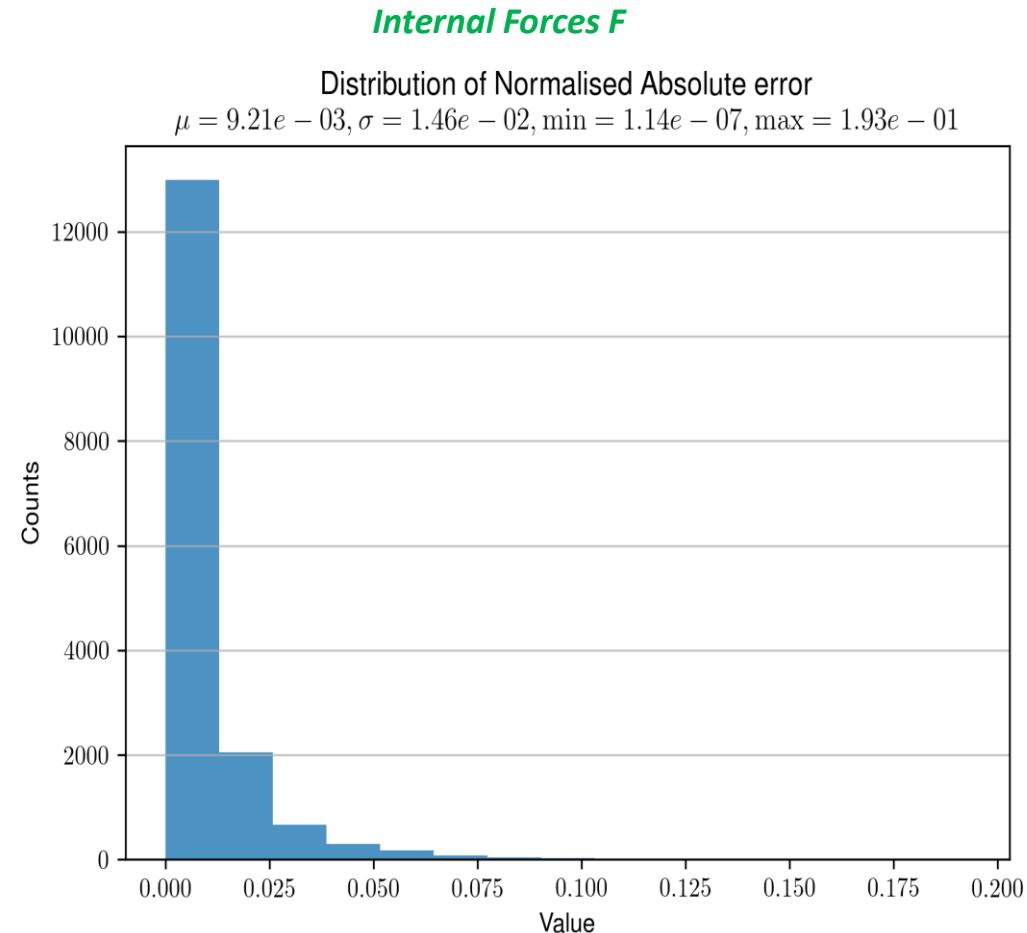


*Stiffness Matrix K*



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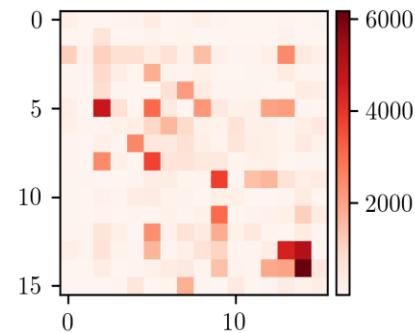
## Relative errors distribution



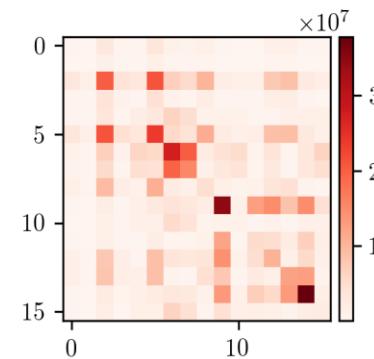
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## Error visualization in stiffness matrix

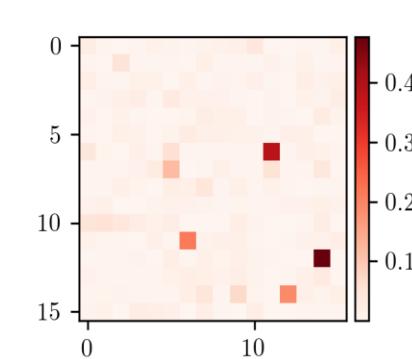
Minimum of Absolute error



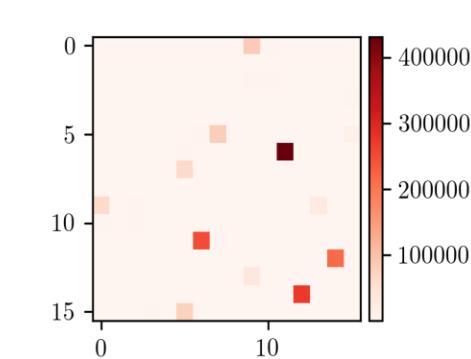
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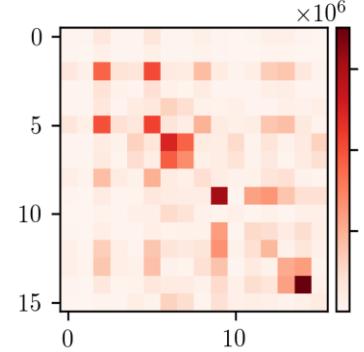
Minimum of Relative error [%]



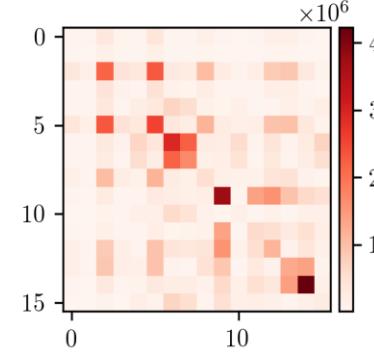
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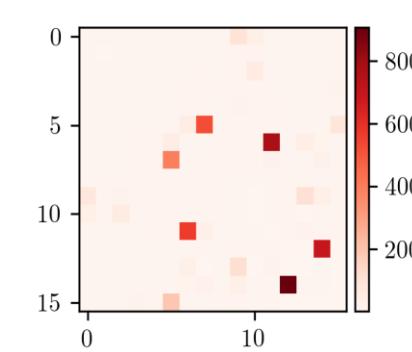
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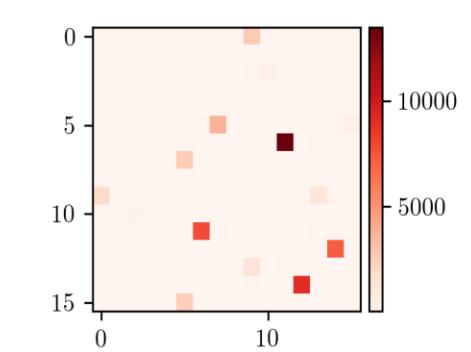
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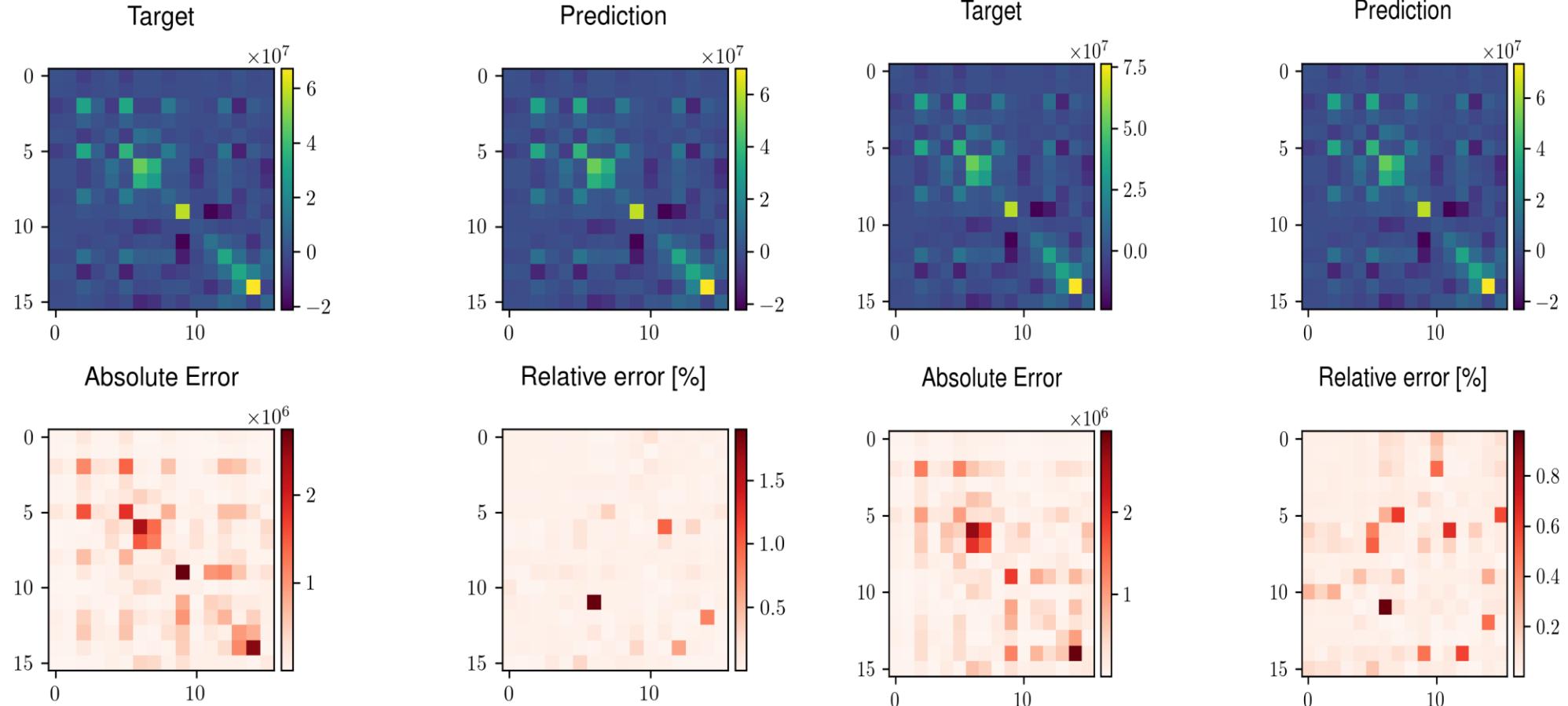


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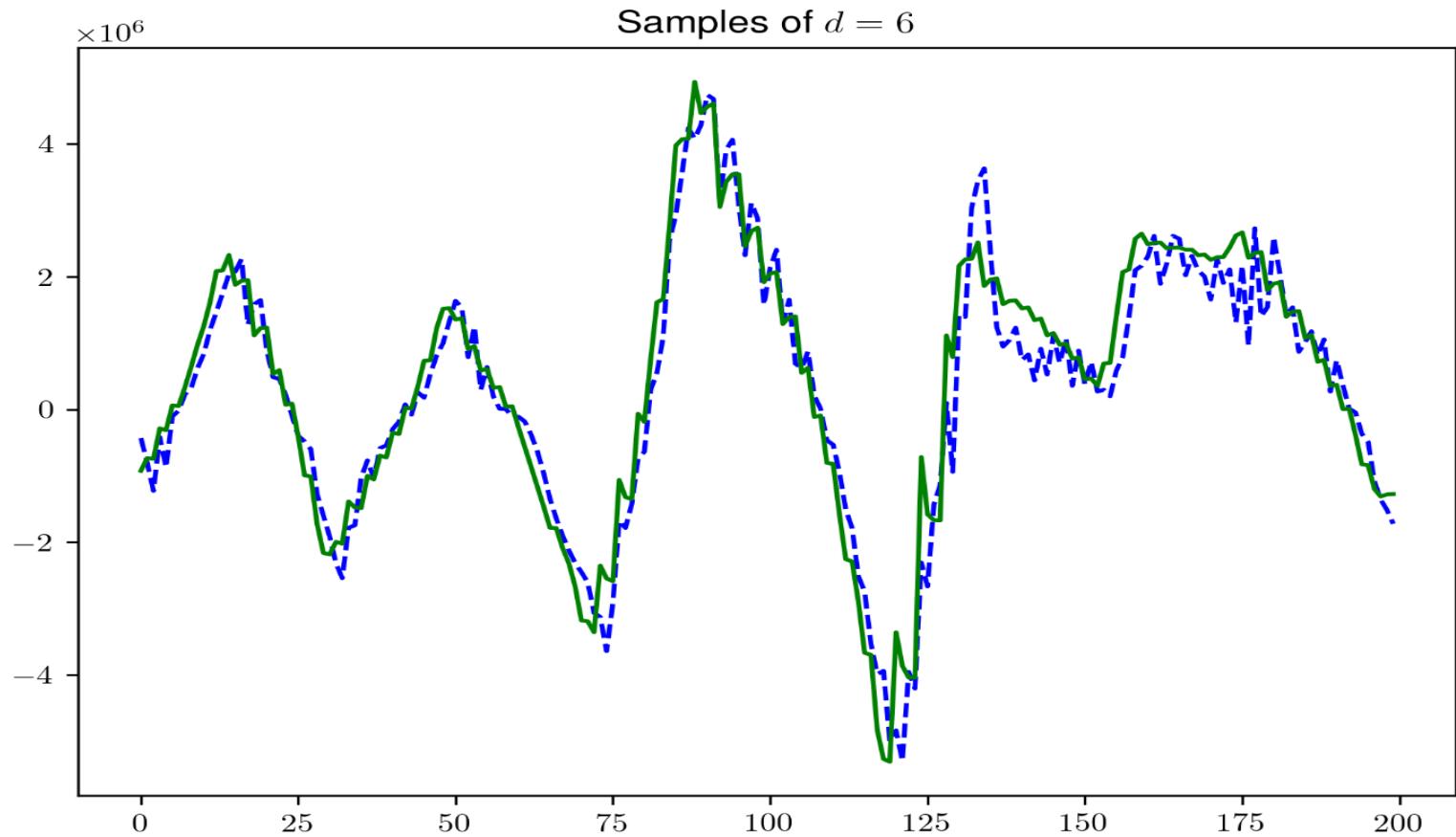
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Prediction visualization in stiffness matrix



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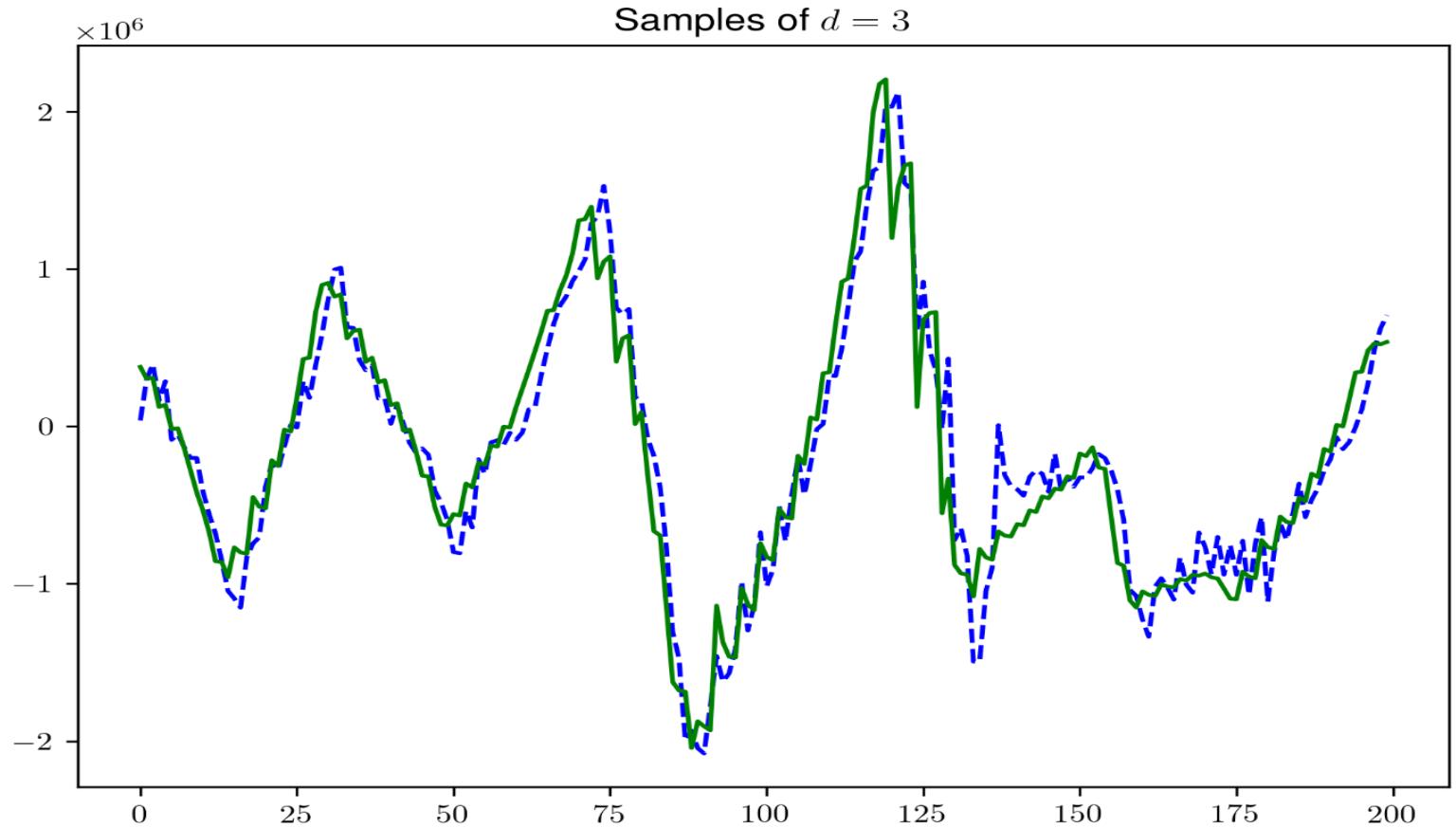
Prediction visualization in internal forces





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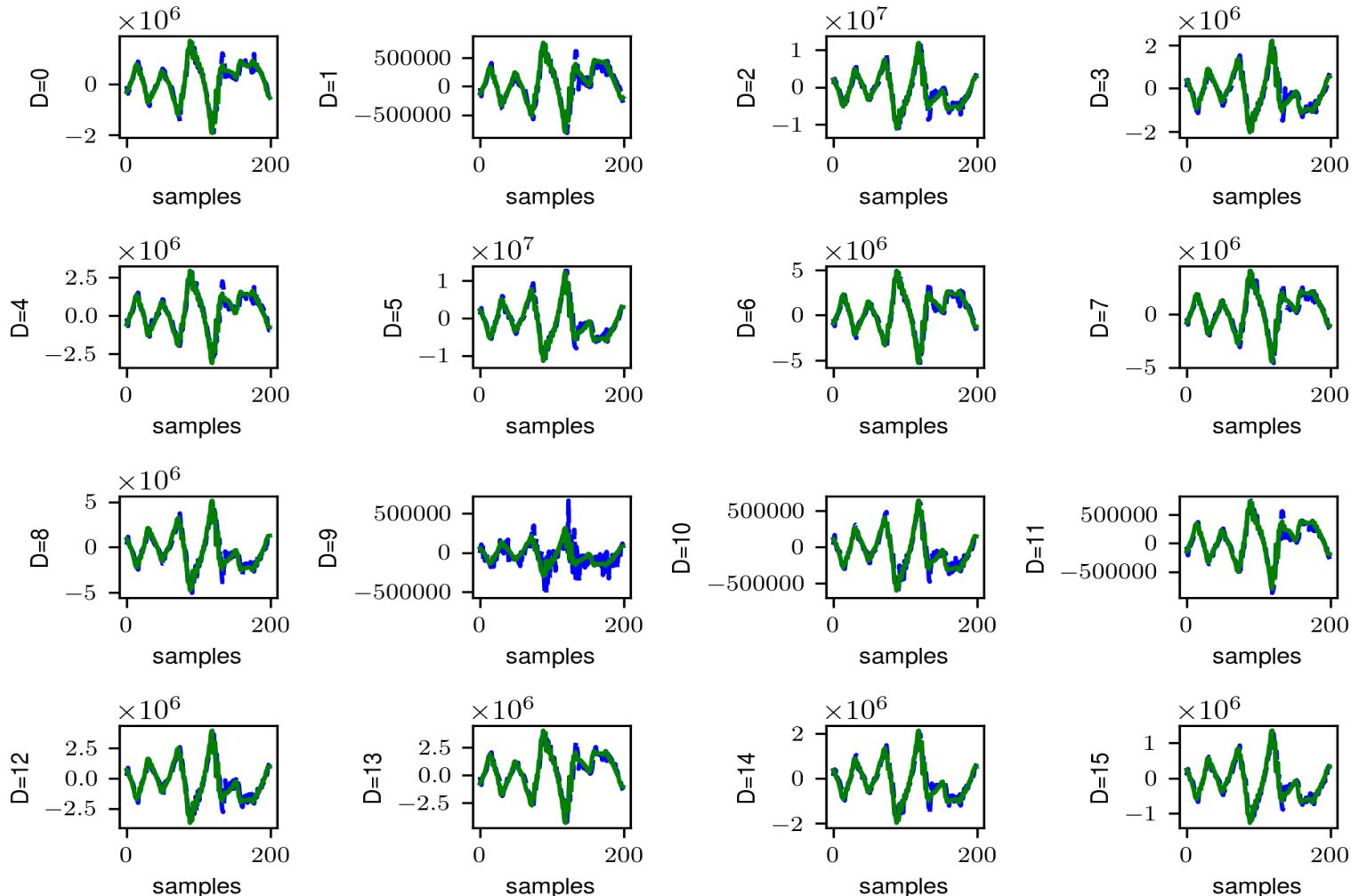
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# Numerical Validation

## Prediction visualization in internal forces





# Concluding Remarks

## ROM Performance and Generalization / Outlook

### Hyper-Reduction Based POD-ROM vs Data-driven assisted POD-ROM

#### Accuracy performance of the pROM

Median Error = **~2%** vs **~20%**

Max Error = **5%** vs **25%**

#### Efficiency performance of the pROM (Evaluation in GPU)

Average speed-up factor = **~7** vs **~50**

#### Parametric dependency treatment

**One hyper-reduction scheme** per POD cluster / Approximately **3 NN models** per cluster

=> **Ongoing Research**

Suffers from **error propagation**

=> **Improvement by training in sequences**

Remarkably **greater efficiency**

=> **Explore deeper networks**

**Generalization needs improvement**

=> **Include dependency as input variable**