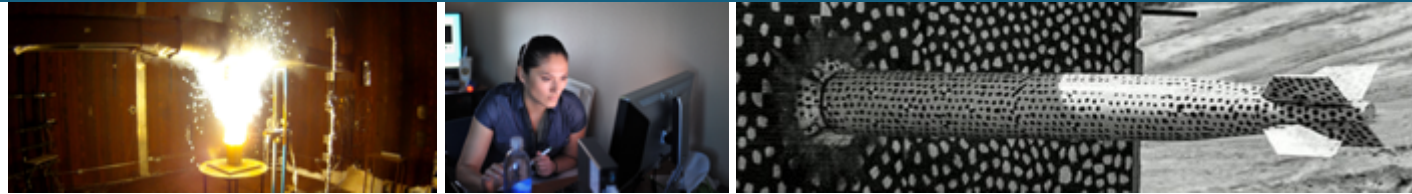




Error-in-variables modelling for operator learning



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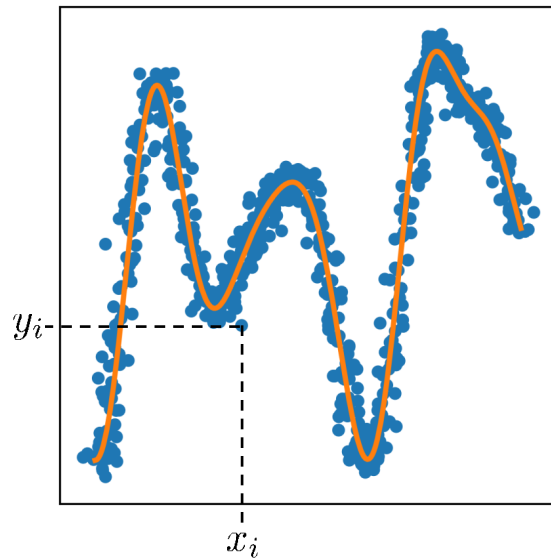
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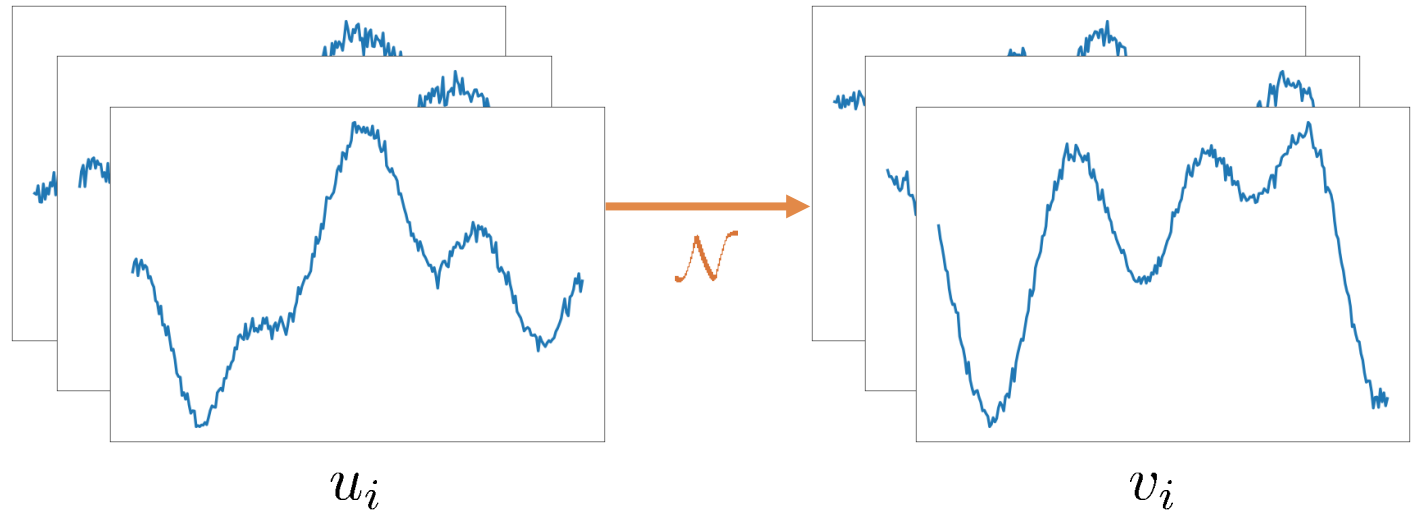
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Fitting functions



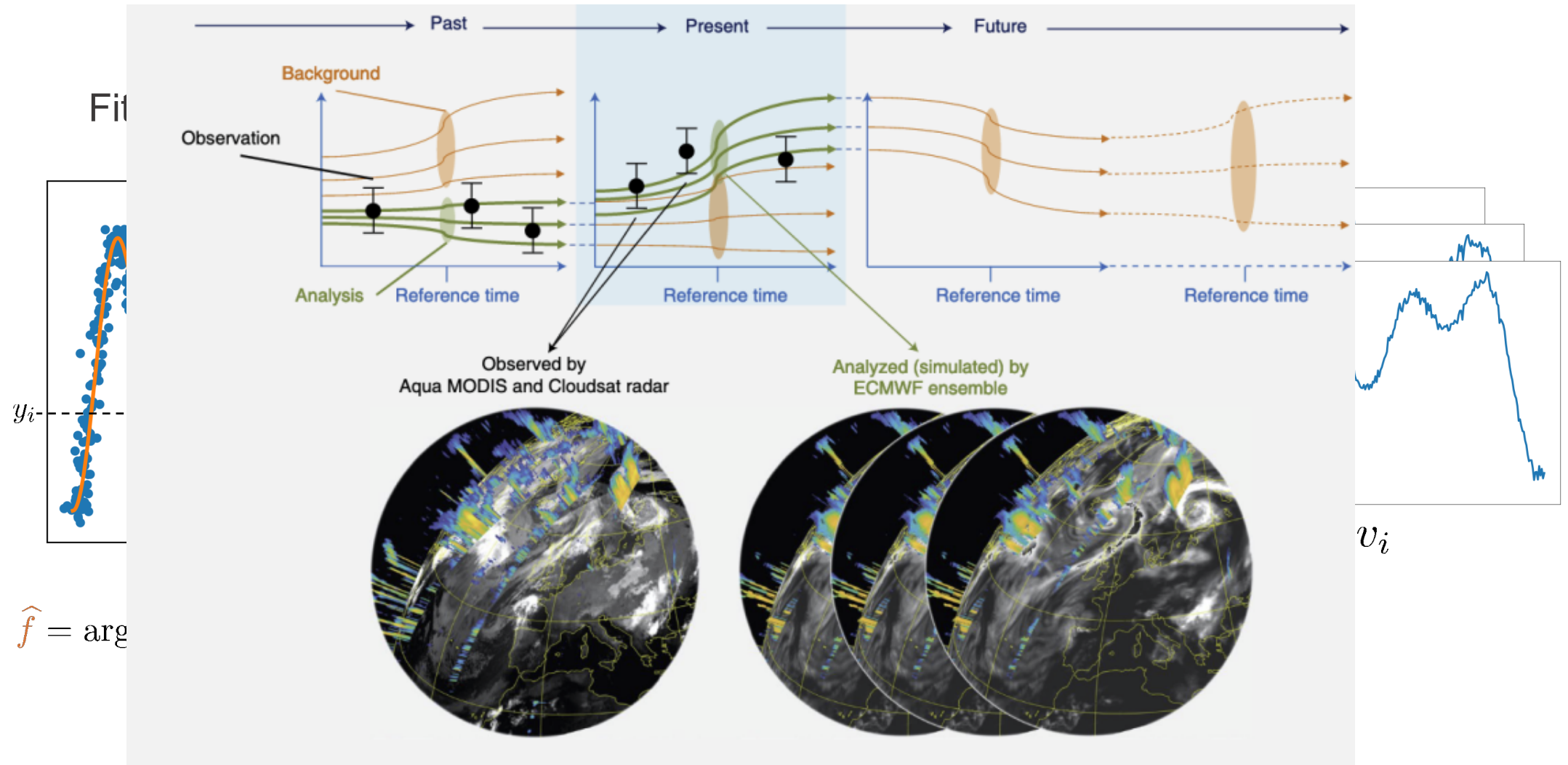
$$\hat{f} = \operatorname{argmin}_f \sum_i ||y_i - f(x_i)||$$

Fitting operators



$$\hat{\mathcal{N}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathcal{N}} \sum_i ||v_i - \mathcal{N}[u_i]||$$

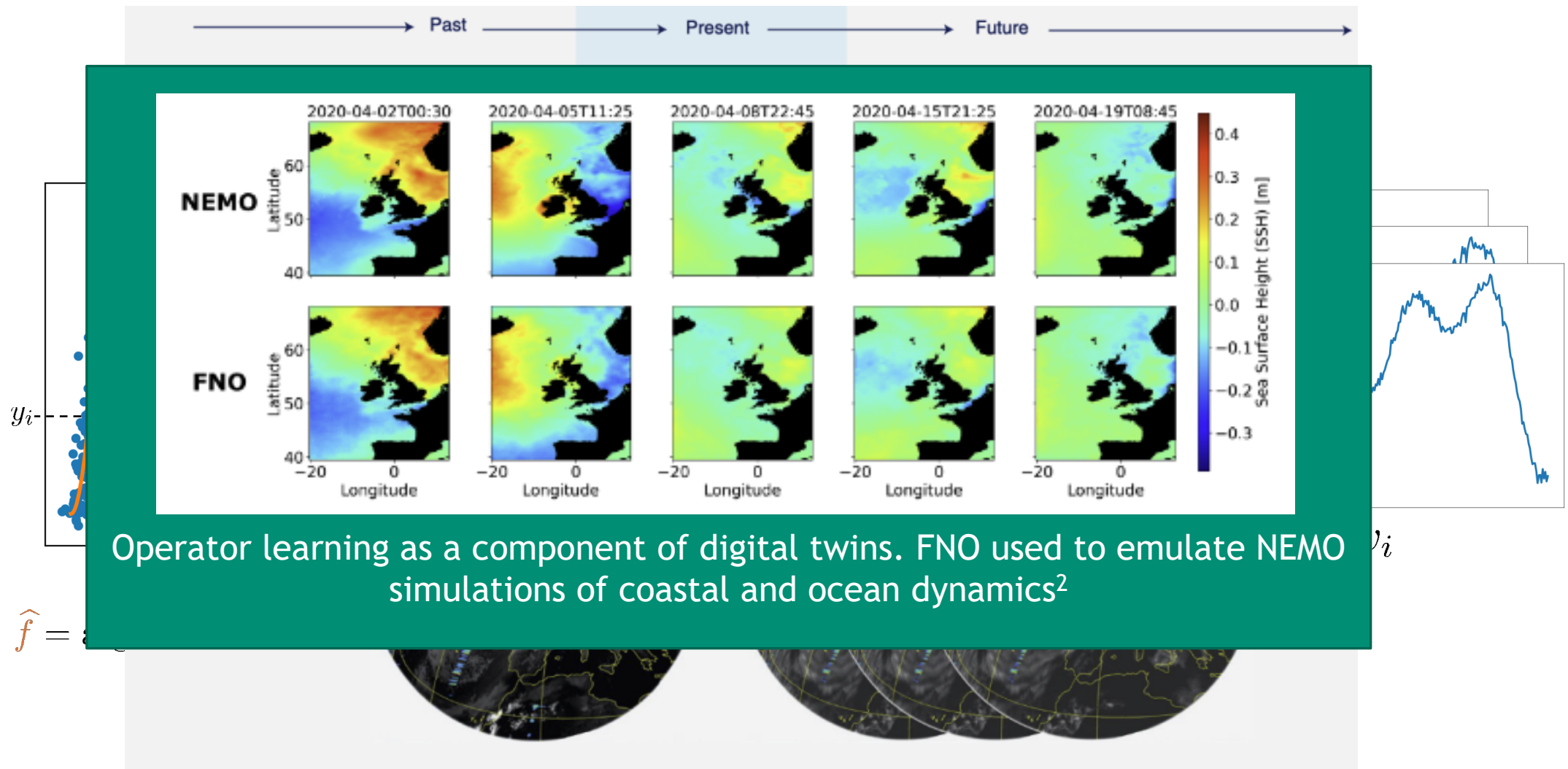
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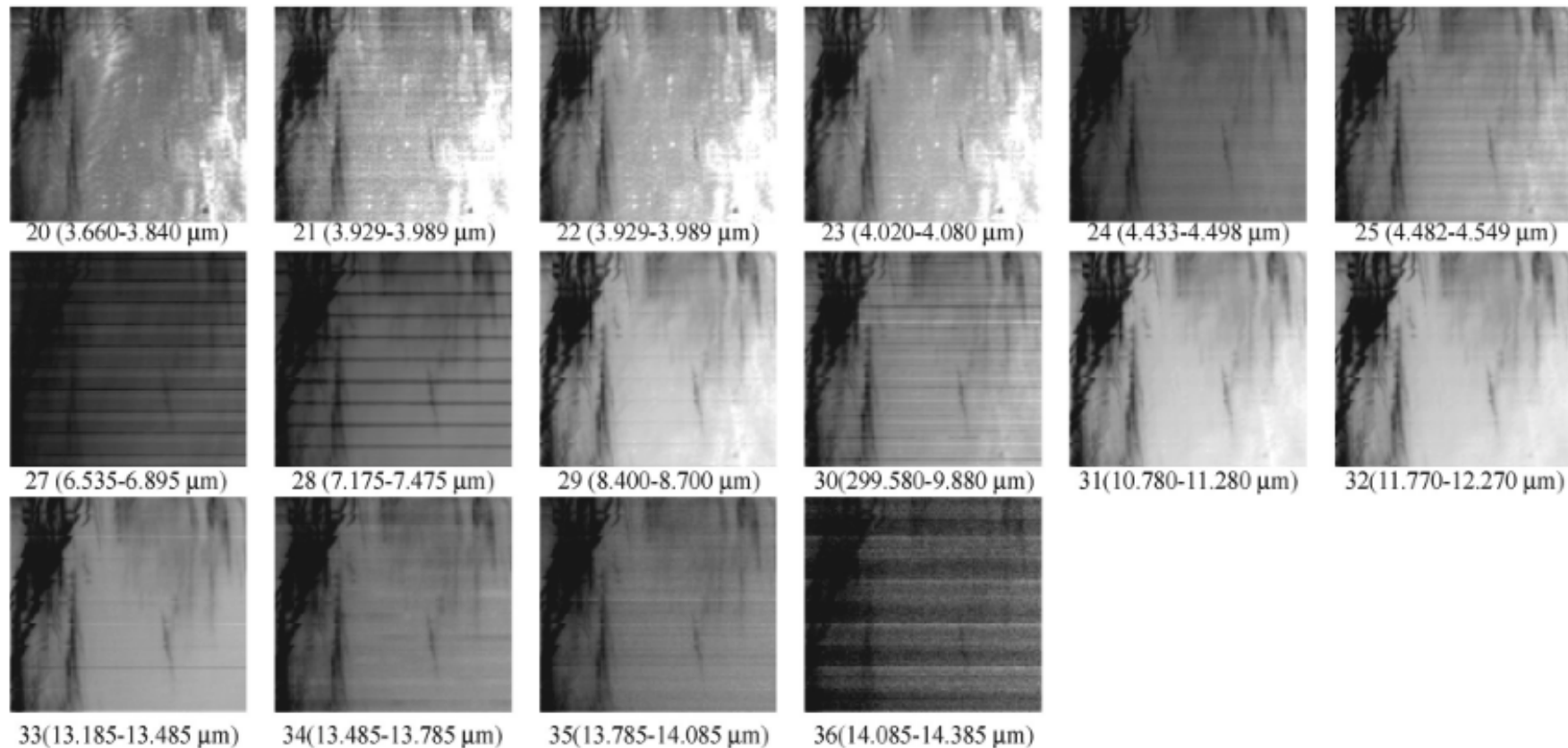


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Functional data is always noisy



Terrestrial MODIS data exhibits striped noise pattern¹

¹Liu et al., *IEEE GEOSCIENCE AND REMOTE SENSING LETTERS*, 2006

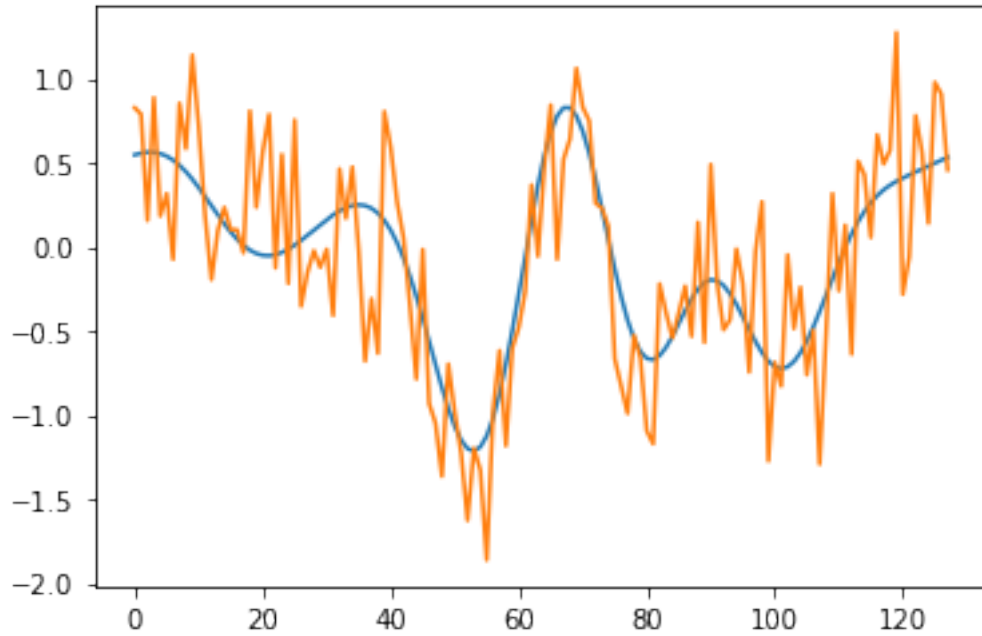
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Find $L\hat{u} \approx \partial_x \hat{u}^2$

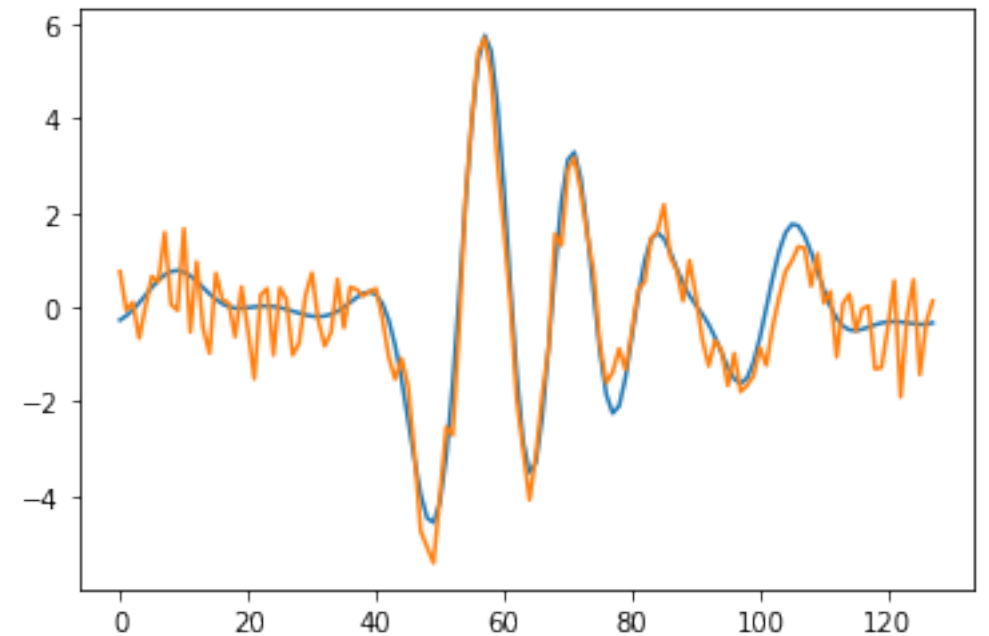
$$u = \hat{u} + \epsilon_u$$

$$\epsilon_u \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, \sigma_u \delta_{x,x'})$$



$$v = \partial_x \hat{u}^2 + \epsilon_v$$

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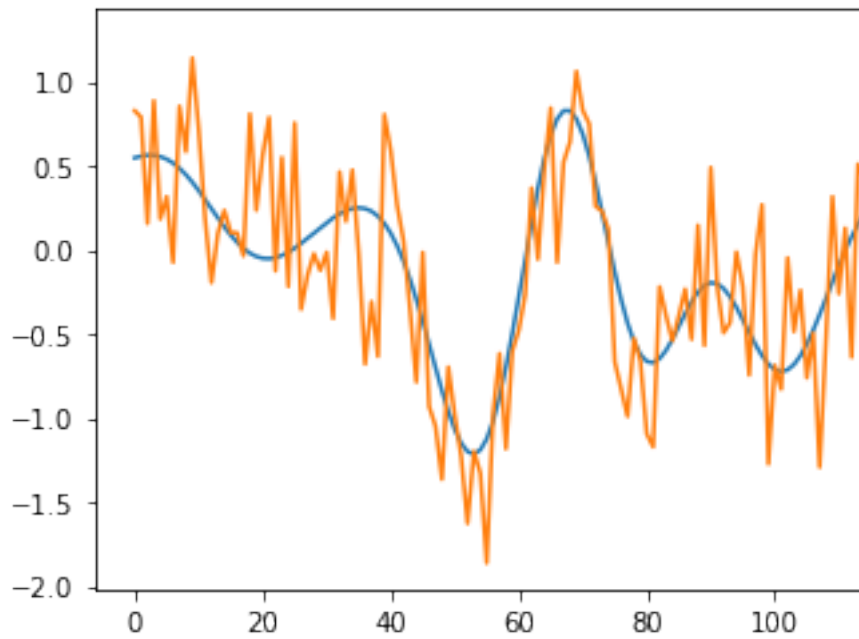
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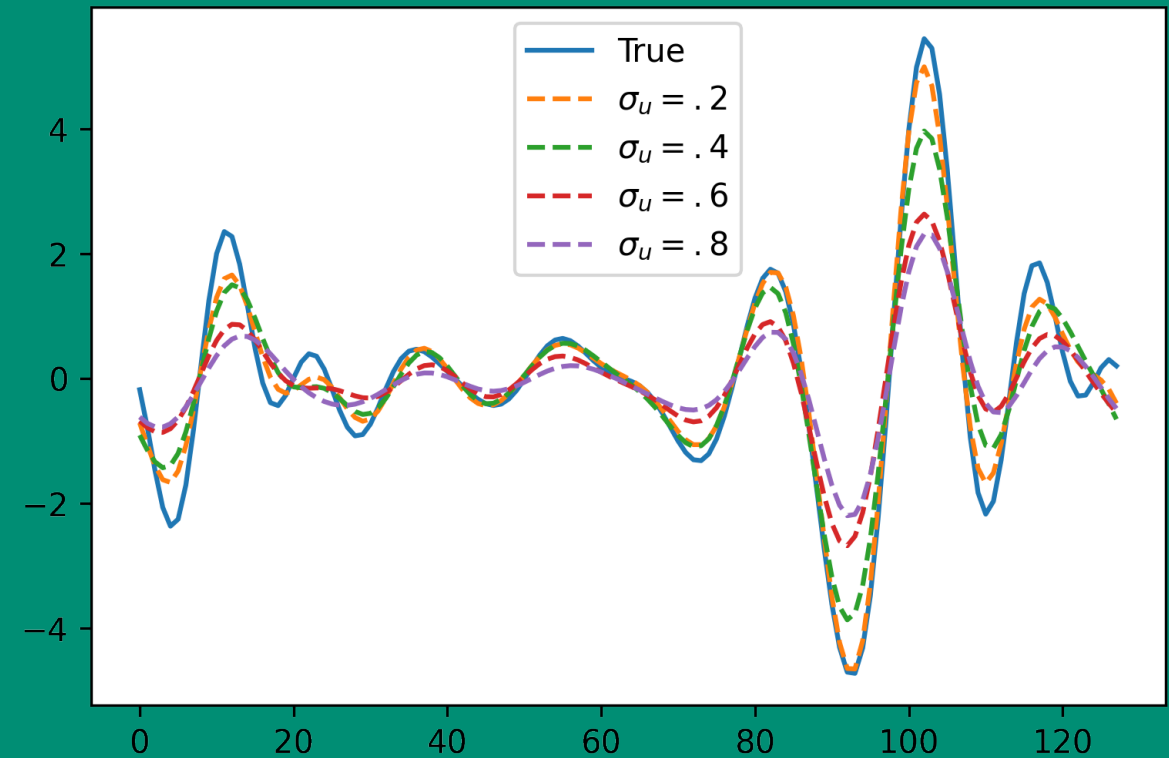
OLS:

$$\min_L \|L(u) - v\|_V^2$$

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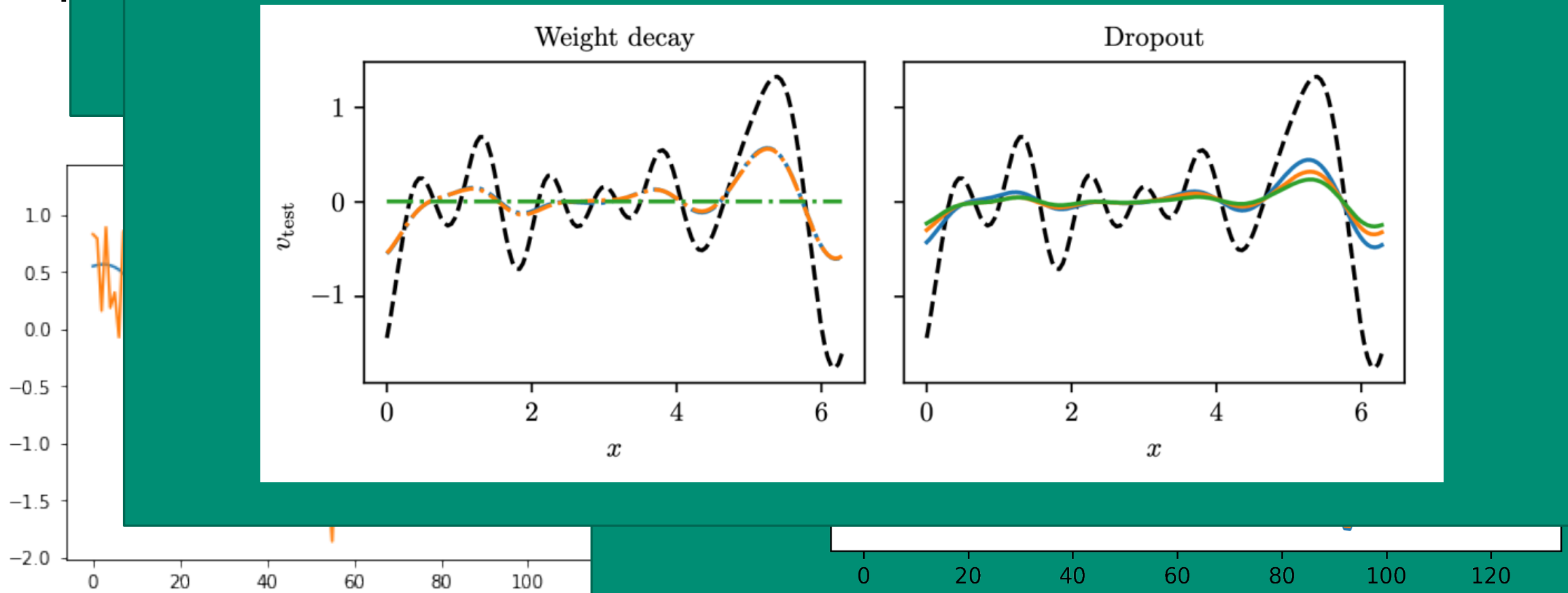
Action of learned operators on noiseless test u :



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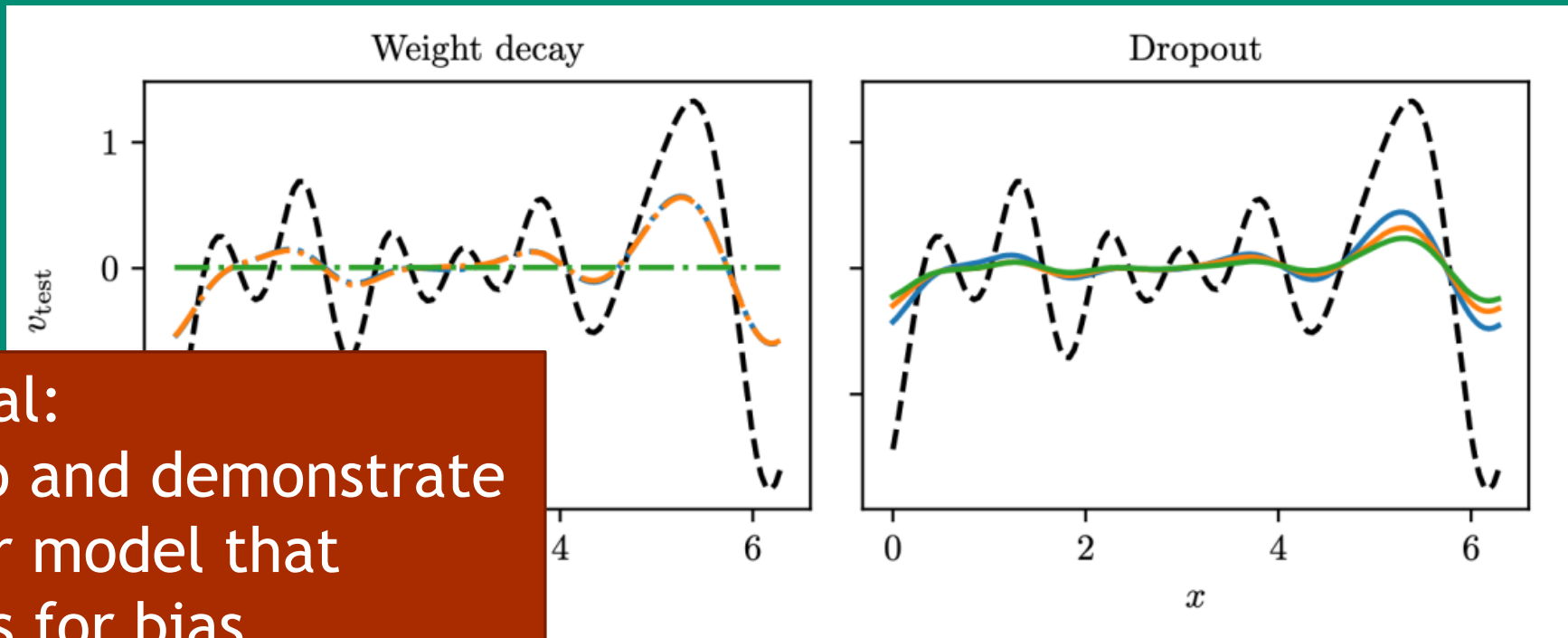
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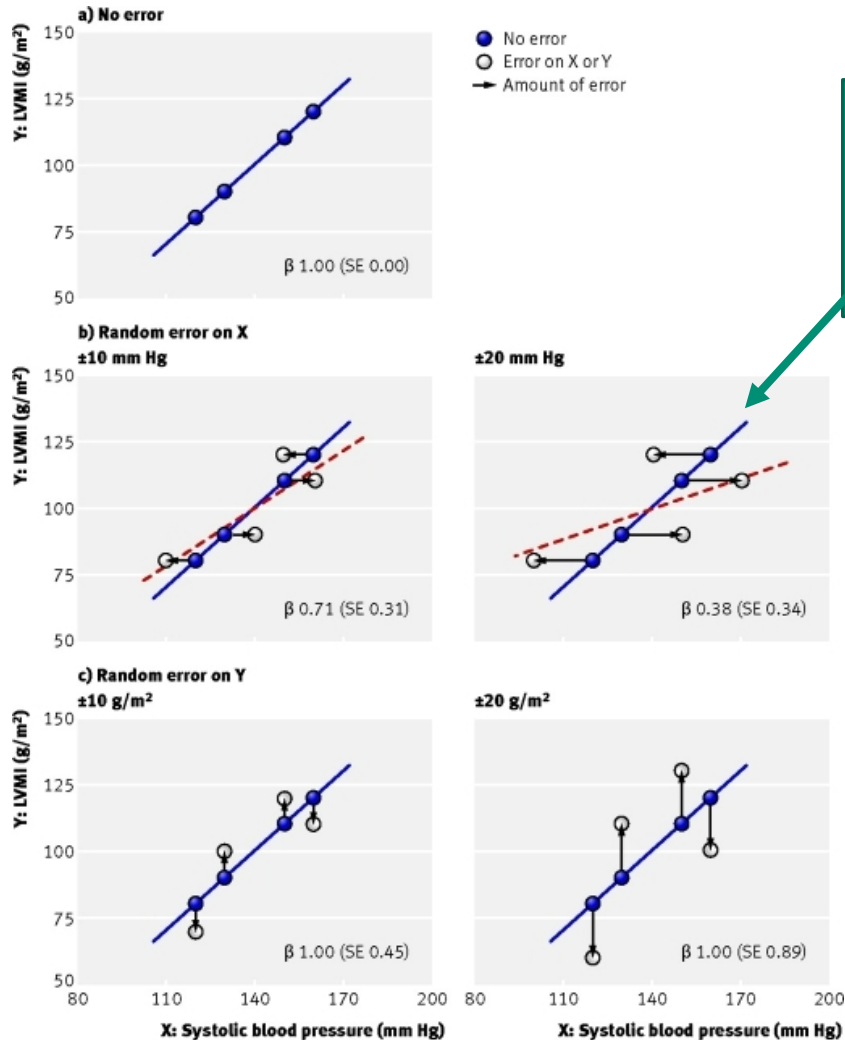


Project goal:

- Develop and demonstrate an error model that corrects for bias
- Assuming smooth functions and white noise

0 20 40 60 80 100 120

Attenuation bias for scalar linear regression



Slope is underpredicted by OLS with error in x

True slope vs. predicted slope via OLS:

$$m^* = m \frac{\text{var}(x)}{\text{var}(x) + \text{var}(\epsilon_x)}$$

Hutcheon, Chiolero, and Hanley, *BMJ*, 2010

Error-in-variable (EiV) models for standard regression



- Given,
 (x, y) where $x = \hat{x} + \epsilon_x$ and $y = f(\hat{x}) + \epsilon_y$
- Find f
- Tools are narrowly tailored
- Deming regression and total least-squares – variance/covariance must be known
- Thesis with review of EiV models: Zwanzig, *Estimation in nonlinear functional error-in-variables models*, 1997

Generalization of attenuation bias to discrete linear operators



Given (u, v) where $u = \hat{u} + \epsilon_u$ and $v = L(\hat{u}) + \epsilon_v$

Let U, V be finite dimensional and be linear

Assume enough data such that the sample statistics converge

The optimum of the OLS problem,

$$\min_L ||L(u) - v||_V^2$$

is $L = E[vu^T](E[uu^T] + \sigma_u I)^{-1}$

With norm upperbound,

$$||L|| \leq \frac{||E[vu^T]||}{||E[uu^T] + \sigma_u I||}$$

EiV model for operator regression



Error model,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}^i - u^i \\ L\tilde{u}^i - v^i \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{GP} \left(0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u \delta_{x,x'} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_v \delta_{x,x'} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Use maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)

$$\max_{L, \tilde{u}, \sigma_u, \sigma_v} \prod_i P \left(\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}^i - u^i \\ L\tilde{u}^i - v^i \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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Methods of parameterizing the operator

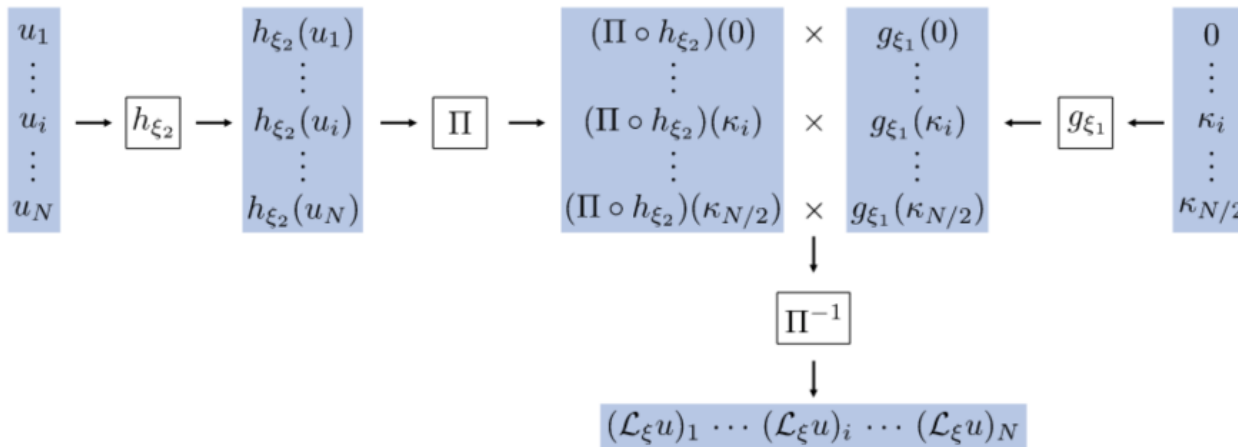
1. MOR-Physics
2. DeepONet

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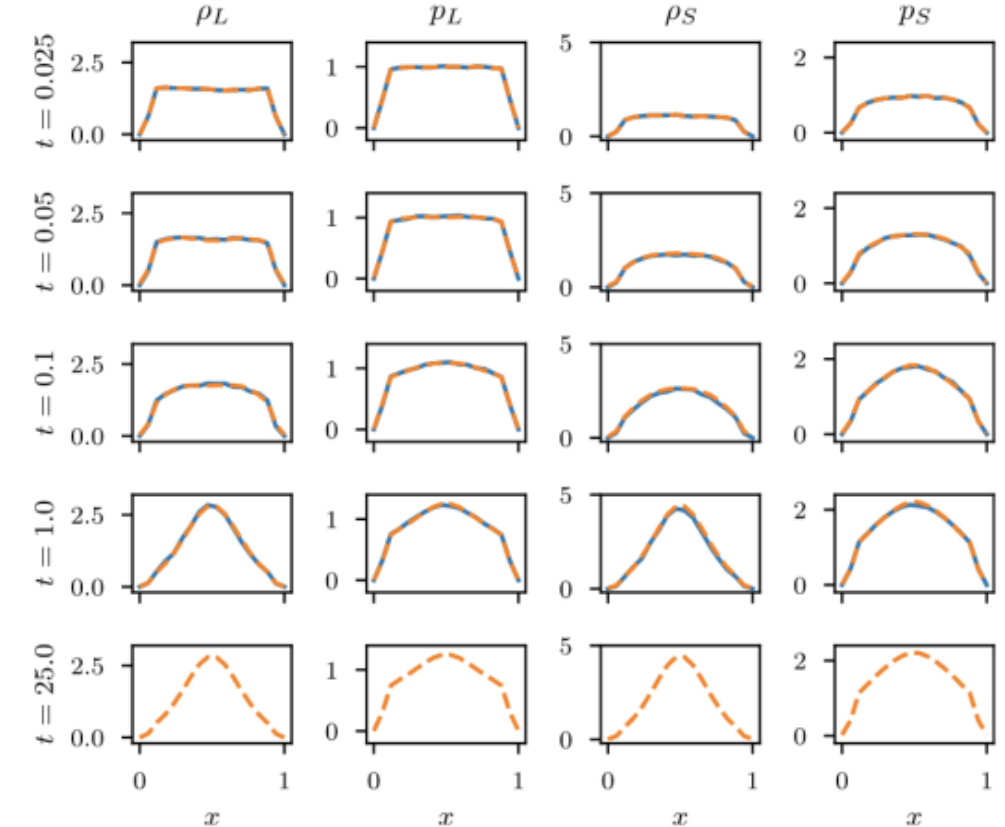
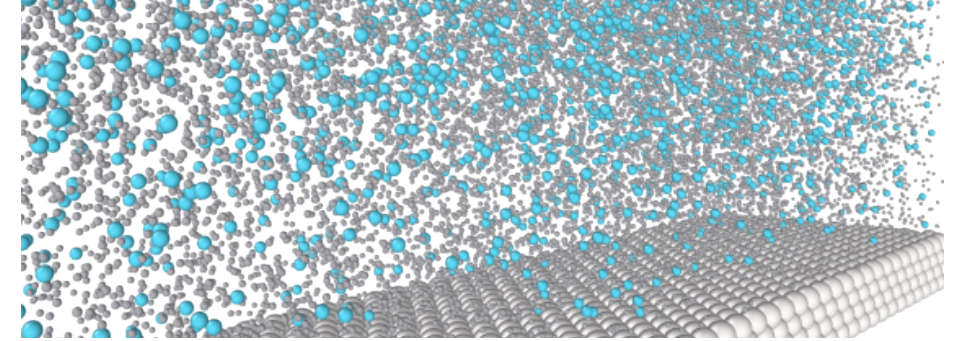
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Operator learning methods

MOR-Physics^{1,2}



MOR-Physics parameterization



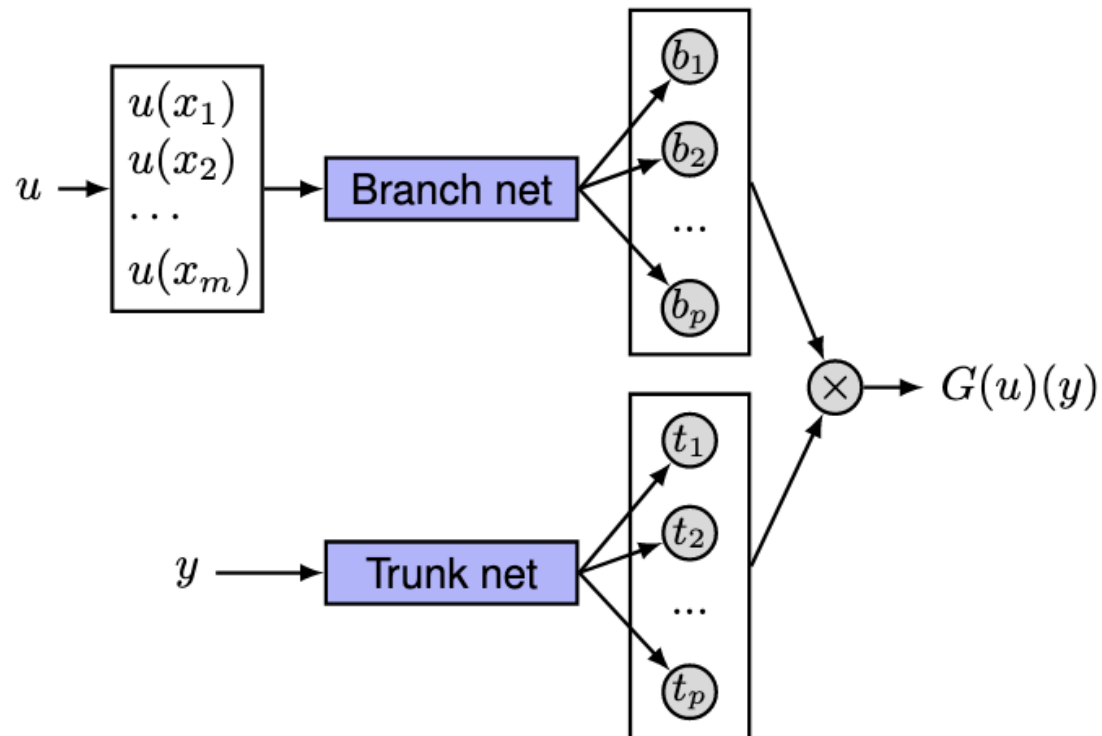
MOR-physics learns dynamics of colloidal system from molecular dynamics simulations. Generalizes to unseen concentration and colloid diameter

¹Patel and Desjardins, arXiv:1810.08552, 2018

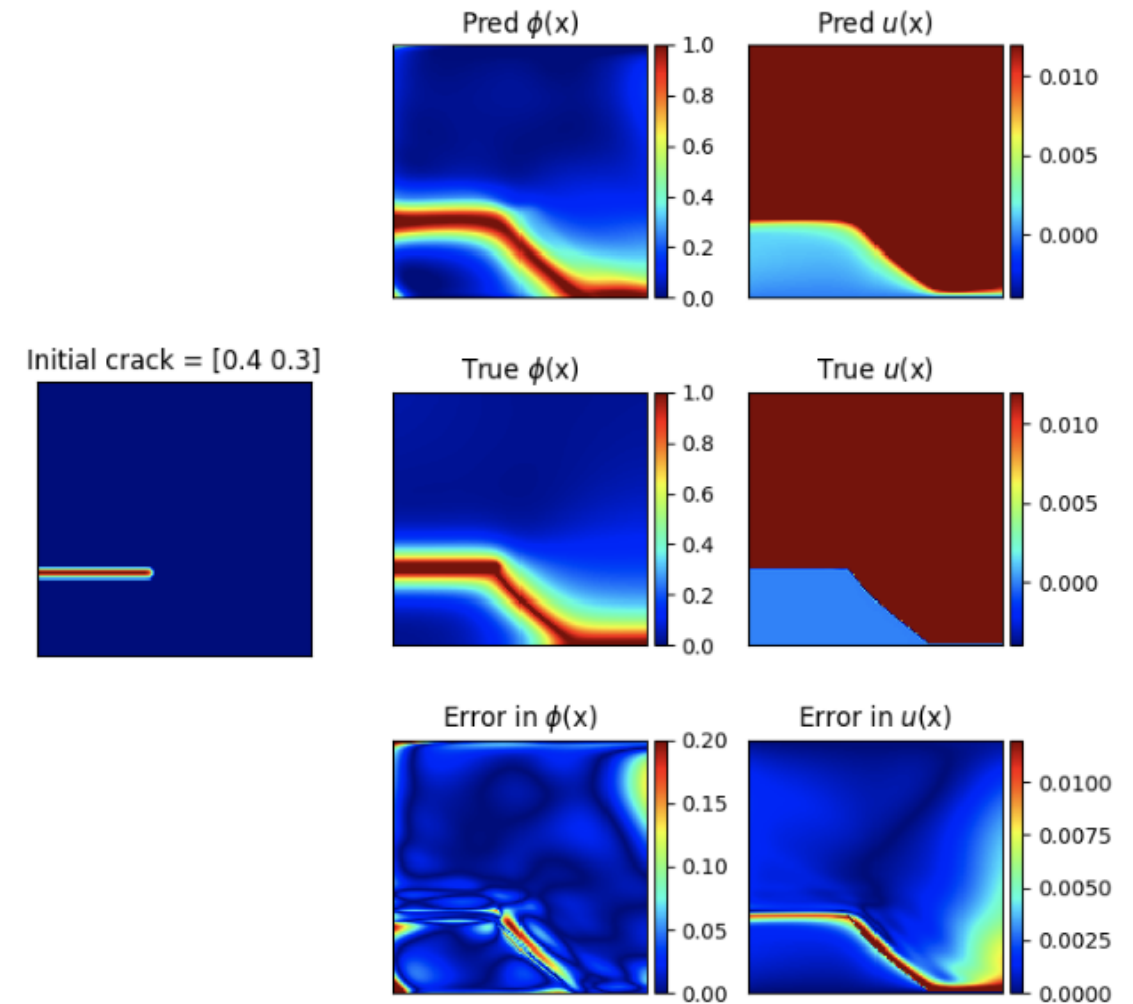
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Operator learning methods

DeepONet¹



Unstacked DeepONet parameterization



Variational DeepONet learns crack path under shear loading. Generalizes to unseen crack tip locations.²

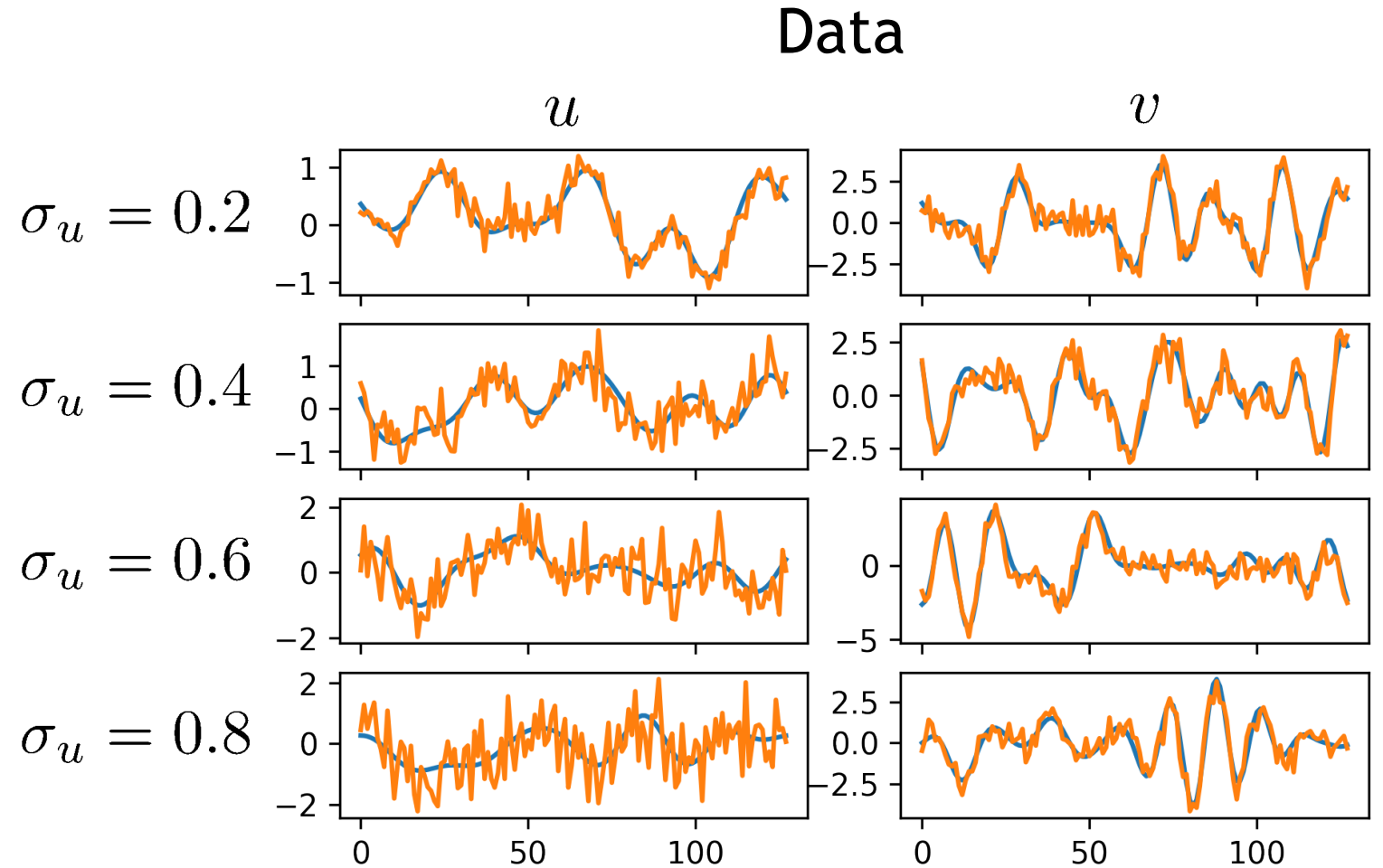
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Recover Burgers
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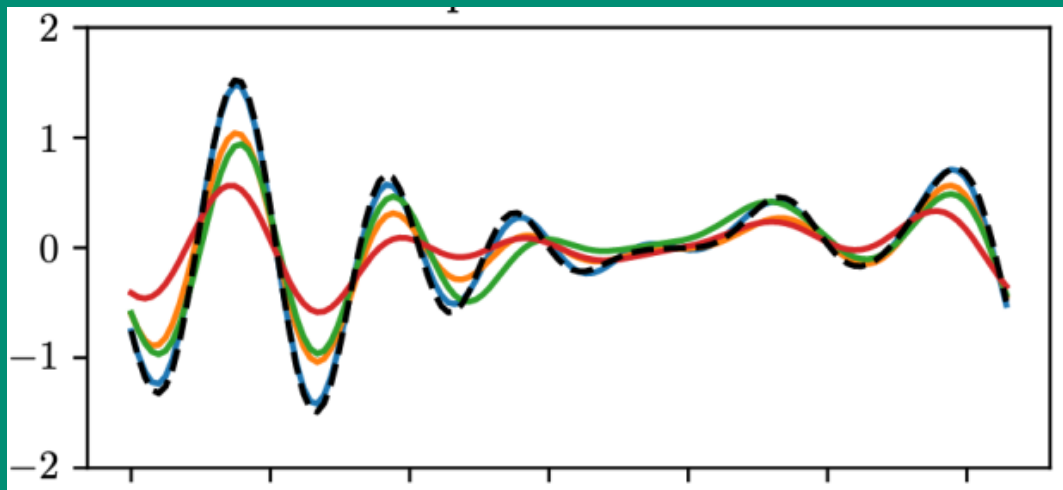
$$Lu = \partial_x u^2$$



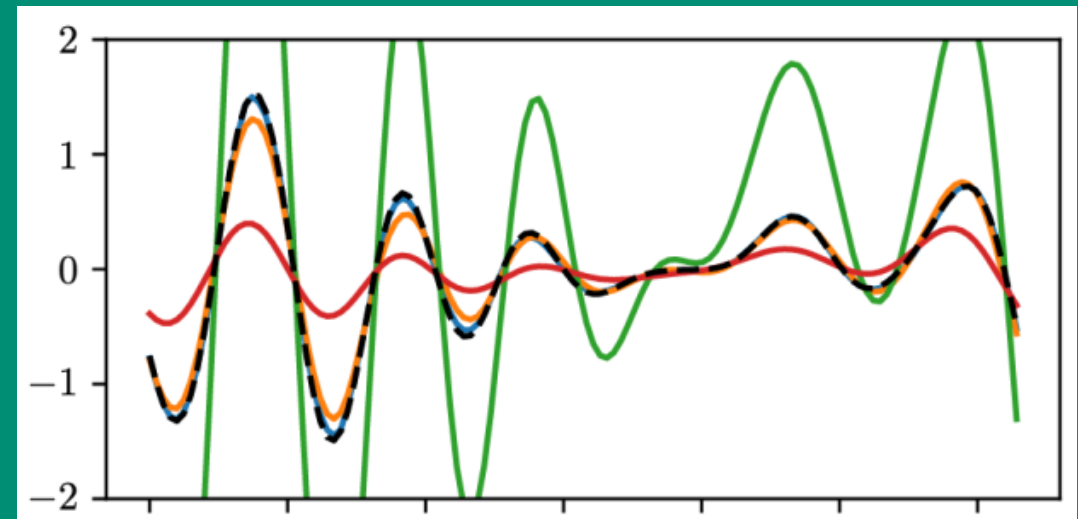
EiV model reduces attenuation bias in learning the Burgers operator – MOR-Physics



Action of OLS operator on clean u



Action of EiV operator on clean u



EiV model improves recovery of true Burgers operator in the presence of noisy independent variables. (*Left*) Underlying smooth function \hat{u} (---) and training u for SNR = 8 (—), SNR = 4 (—), SNR = 0 (—), and SNR = -4 (—). (*Right*) Action of true Burgers operator (---) on noiseless test u_{test} and action of learned operators from data with decreasing SNR for OLS (*Top right*) and EiV (*Bottom right*).

Smoothness prior



Use a smooth spectral filter $\mathcal{G}u = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \text{erfc}(a(\kappa - \kappa_c)) \mathcal{F}u$

Use a Beta distribution for prior (approximation $\mathcal{U}(10, 1)$),

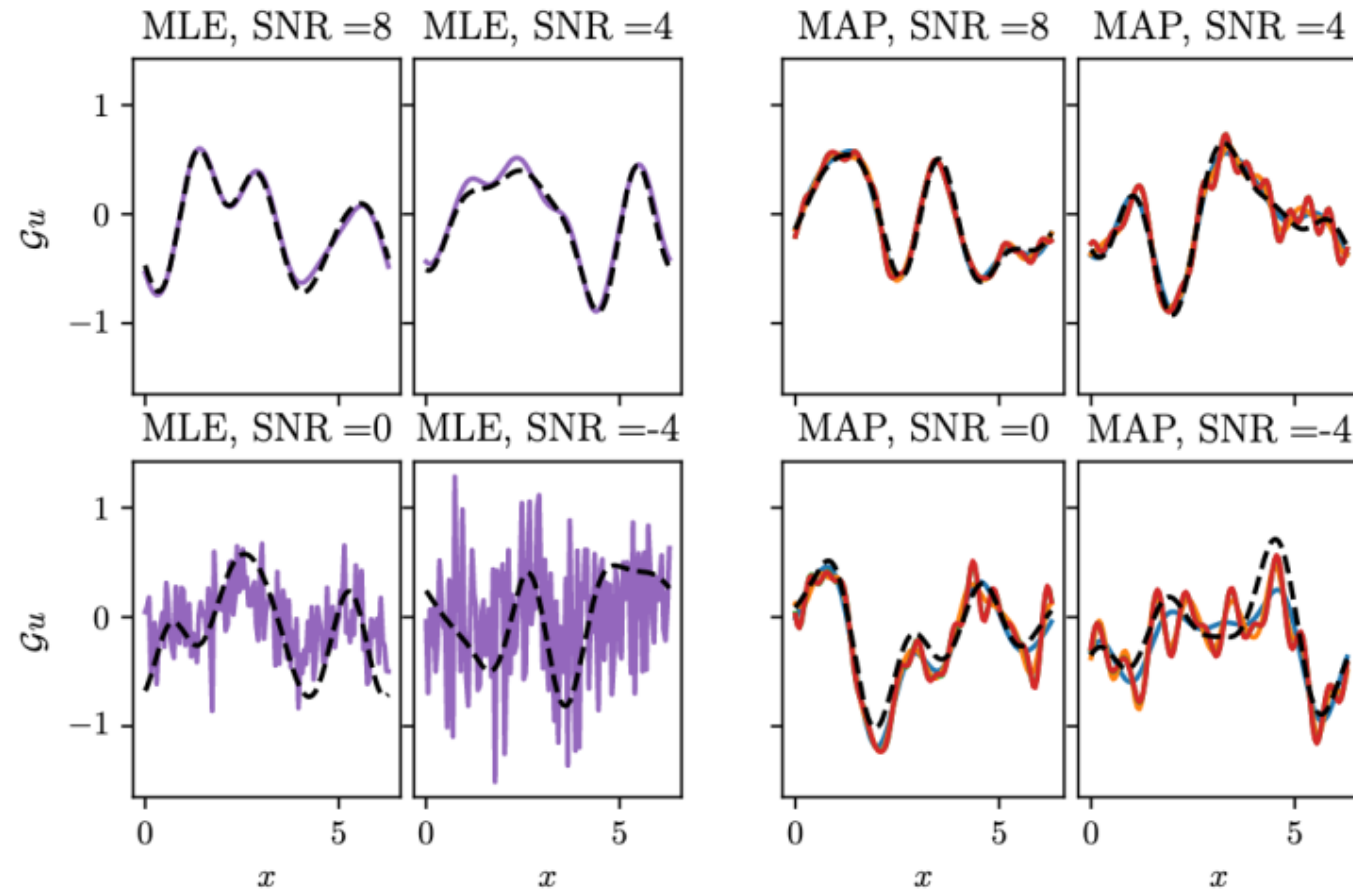
$$\kappa_c / \beta \sim \text{Beta}(1 + \delta, 1 + \delta)$$

Maximum a posteriori estimation (MAP),

$$\max_{L, \mathcal{G}, \sigma_u, \sigma_v, \kappa_c} \prod_i P \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{G}u^i - u^i \\ L\tilde{u}^i - v^i \end{bmatrix} \right) P(\kappa_c / \beta)$$

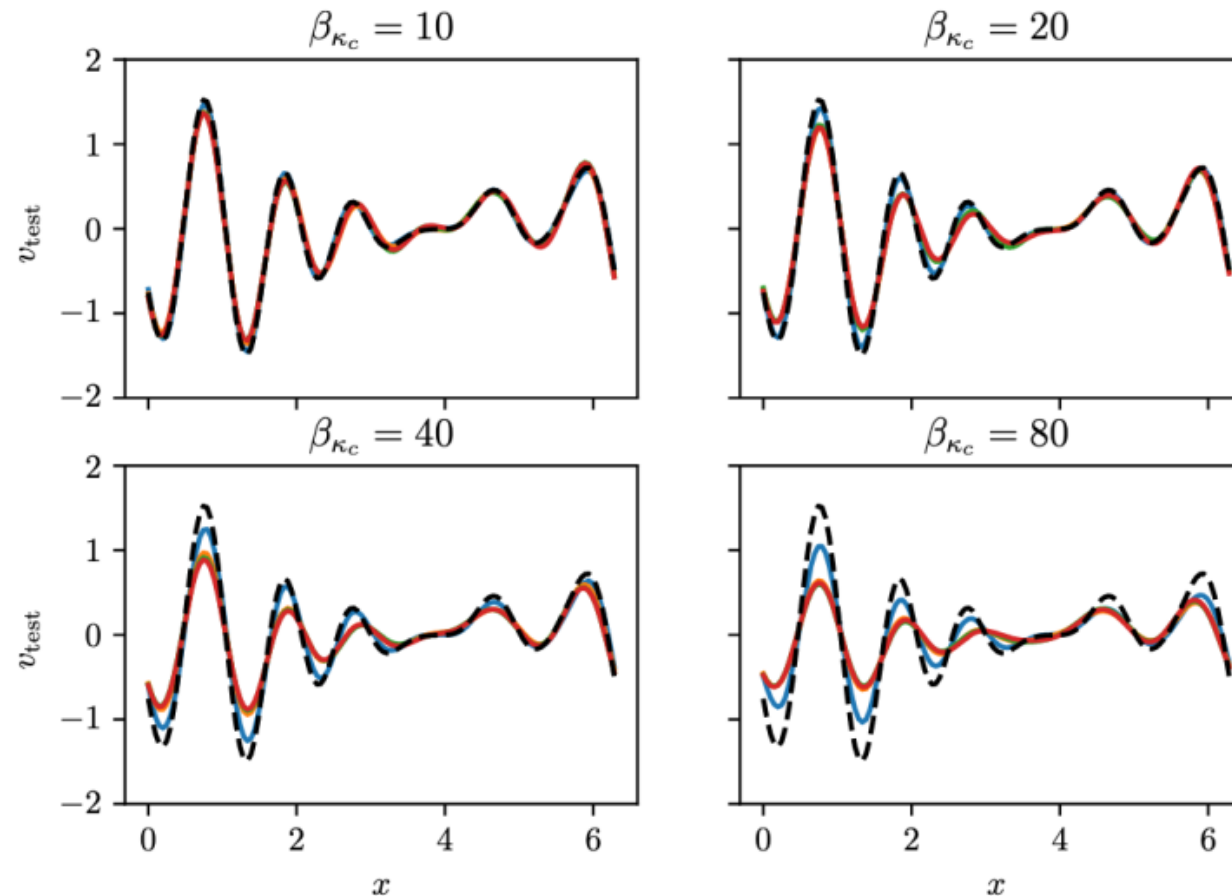
a, δ, β are hyperparameters

Effect of smoothness prior on filter



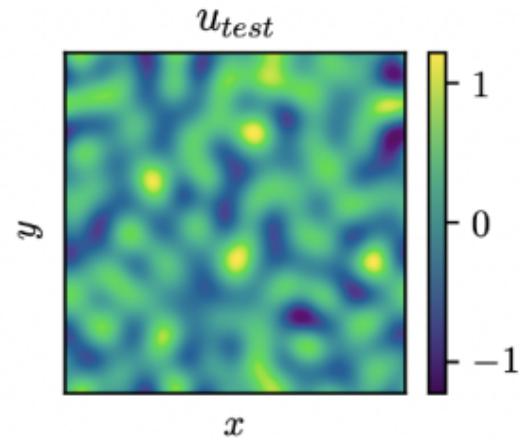
Effect of cutoff wavenumber prior on filter for EiV model. (*Left*) Action of MLE estimate of filters on noisy u^i (—) for decreasing SNR and corresponding noiseless \hat{u}^i (----). (*Right*) Action of MAP estimate of filters (κ_c prior) on u^i with hyperparameters, $\beta_{\kappa_c} = 10$ (—), $\beta_{\kappa_c} = 20$ (—), $\beta_{\kappa_c} = 40$ (—), and $\beta_{\kappa_c} = 80$ (—).

Smoothness prior robustly recovers operator with EiV model and is insensitive to hyperparameters

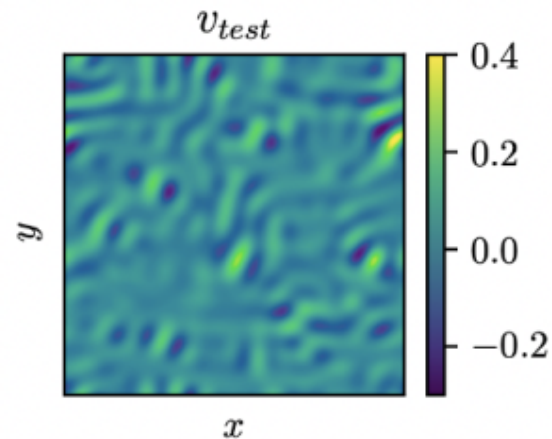


Cutoff wavenumber prior improves EiV model. Action of EiV operator on u_{test} learned from SNR = 8 (—), SNR = 4 (—), SNR = 0 (—), and SNR = -4 (—) for various β_{κ_c} . Action of true operator (---).

EiV model reduces attenuation bias in learning the 2D Burgers operator – MOR-Physics

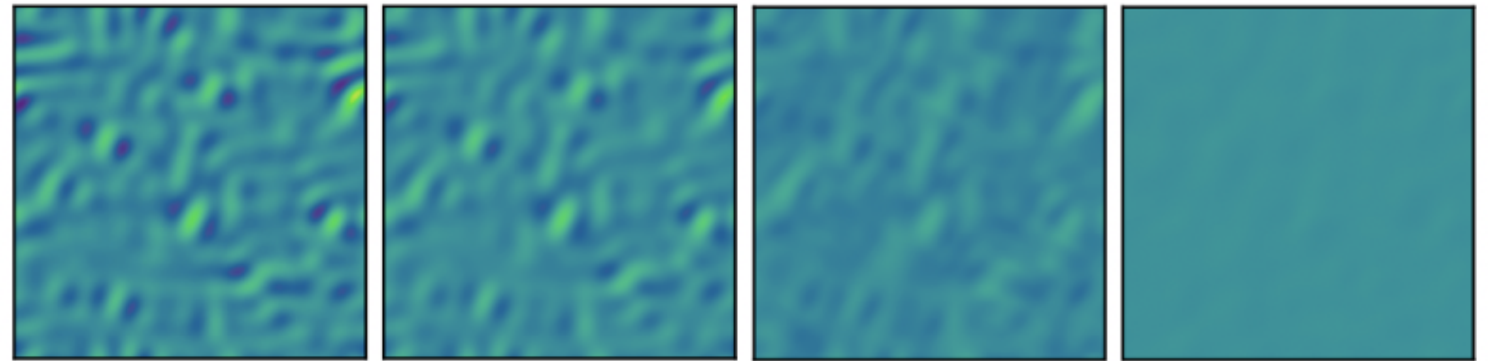


Noise free test function

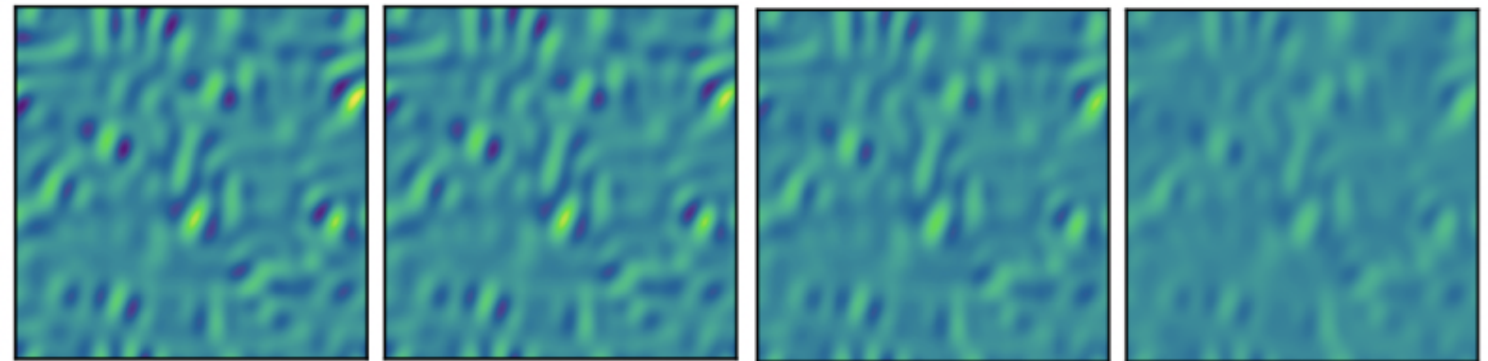


True operator's action

Increasing Signal to noise (SNR) in training data



OLS learned model applied to u_{test}



EiV learned model applied to u_{test}

Extension of operator inference and EiV model to time-dependent PDEs

For PDEs of the form,

$$\partial_t \hat{u} = \mathcal{L} \hat{u}$$

We seek to infer \mathcal{L} given time independent 2white noise corrupted solutions,

$$u = \hat{u} + \epsilon_u$$

The OLS loss is computed as,

$$\min_{\mathcal{L}} ||\mathcal{P}(u(t=0), t_f) - u(t_f)||_U^2$$

where \mathcal{P} is the evolution operator for the PDE (approximated via forward Euler)

The EiV model is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{G}u(\cdot, 0)^i - u(\cdot, 0)^i \\ L\mathcal{G}u(\cdot, t_f)^i - u(\cdot, t_f)^i \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{GP} \left(0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u \delta_{x,x'} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_u \delta_{x,x'} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

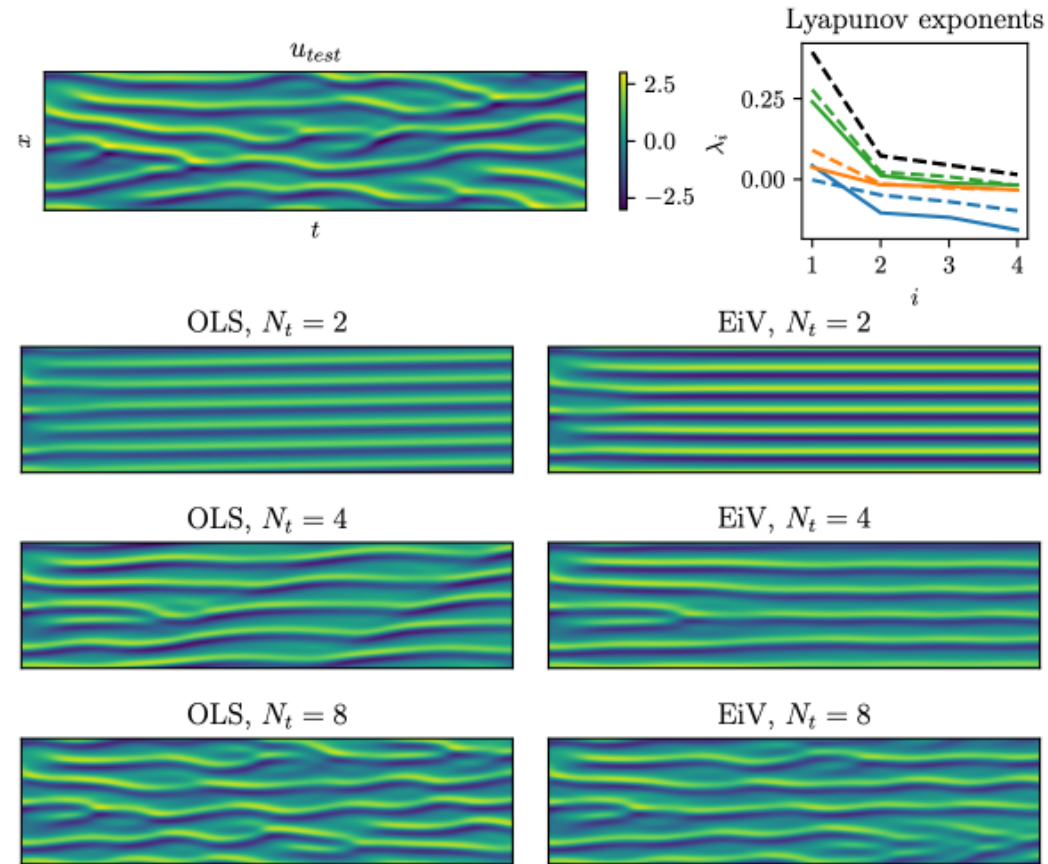
Where MLE and MAP estimation is computed as shown previously



Inferring the Kuramoto–Sivashinsky Equation with EiV vs. OLS – MOR-Physics

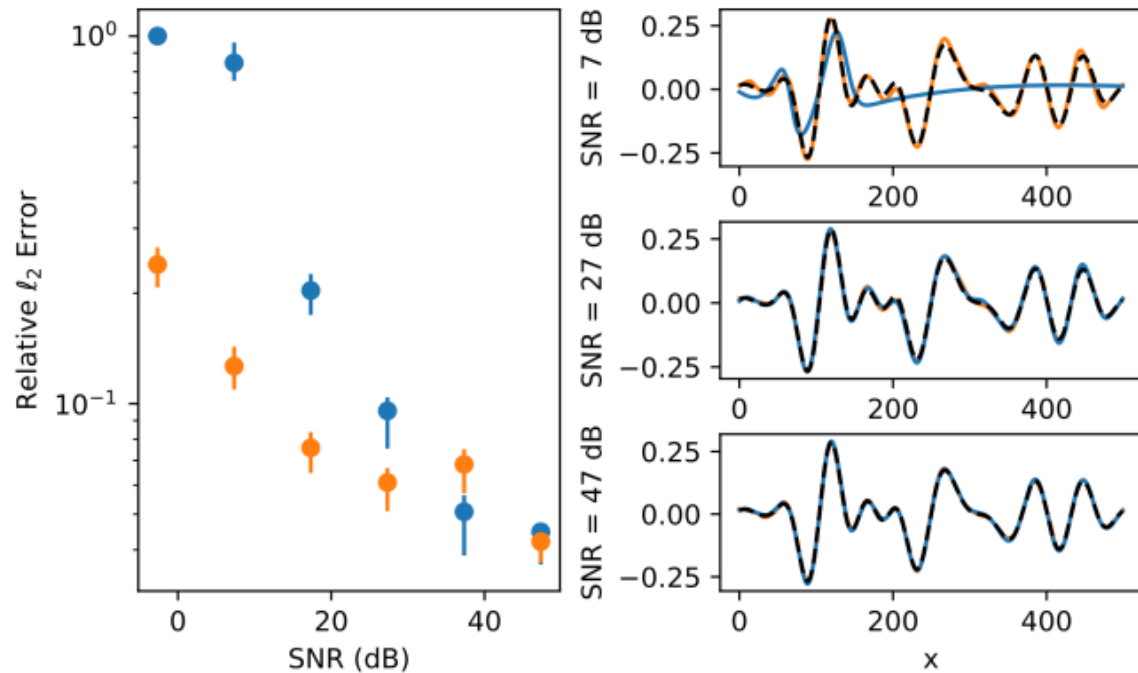
Kuramoto–Sivashinsky Equation:

$$\partial_t u + 0.5 \partial_x u^2 + \partial_x^2 u + \partial_x^4 u = 0,$$

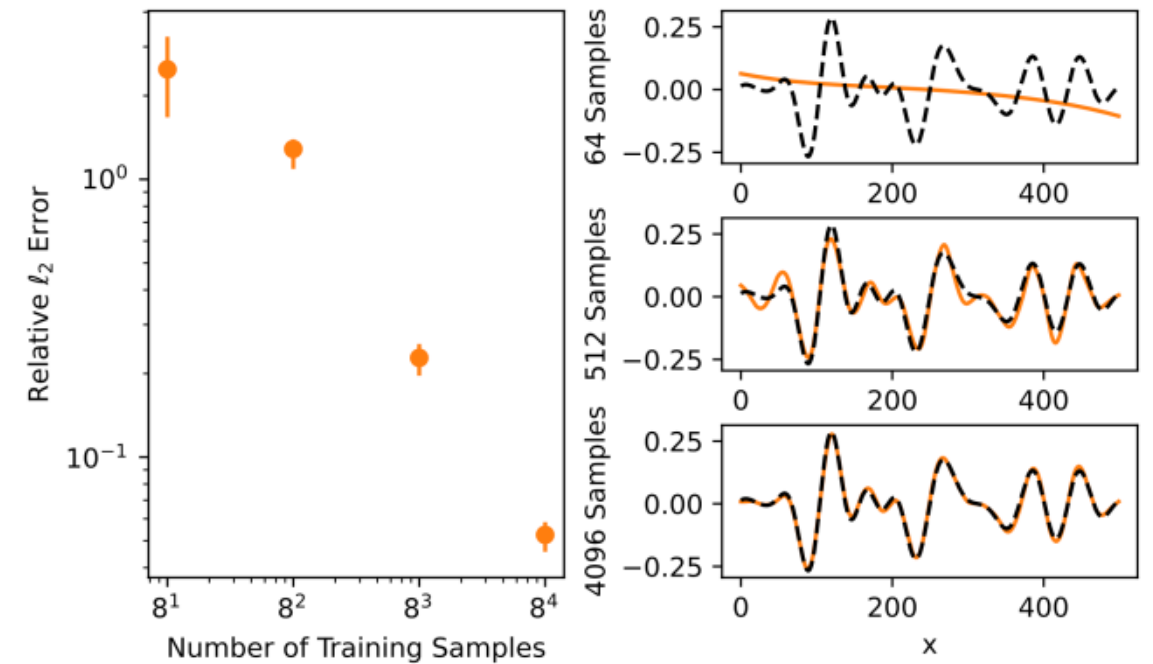


OLS and EiV models perform similarly for KS equation inference. (Top left) Noiseless test data, u_{test} . (Bottom left) OLS and (Bottom right) EiV inferred operators for increasing hyperparameter, N_t . (Top right) Lyapunov exponents for true equation (---); OLS equation with $N_t = 2$ (---), $N_t = 4$ (---), $N_t = 8$ (---); and EiV equation with $N_t = 2$ (—), $N_t = 4$ (—), $N_t = 8$ (—).

Statistics on learning the Burgers operator with EiV vs. OLS – DeepONets

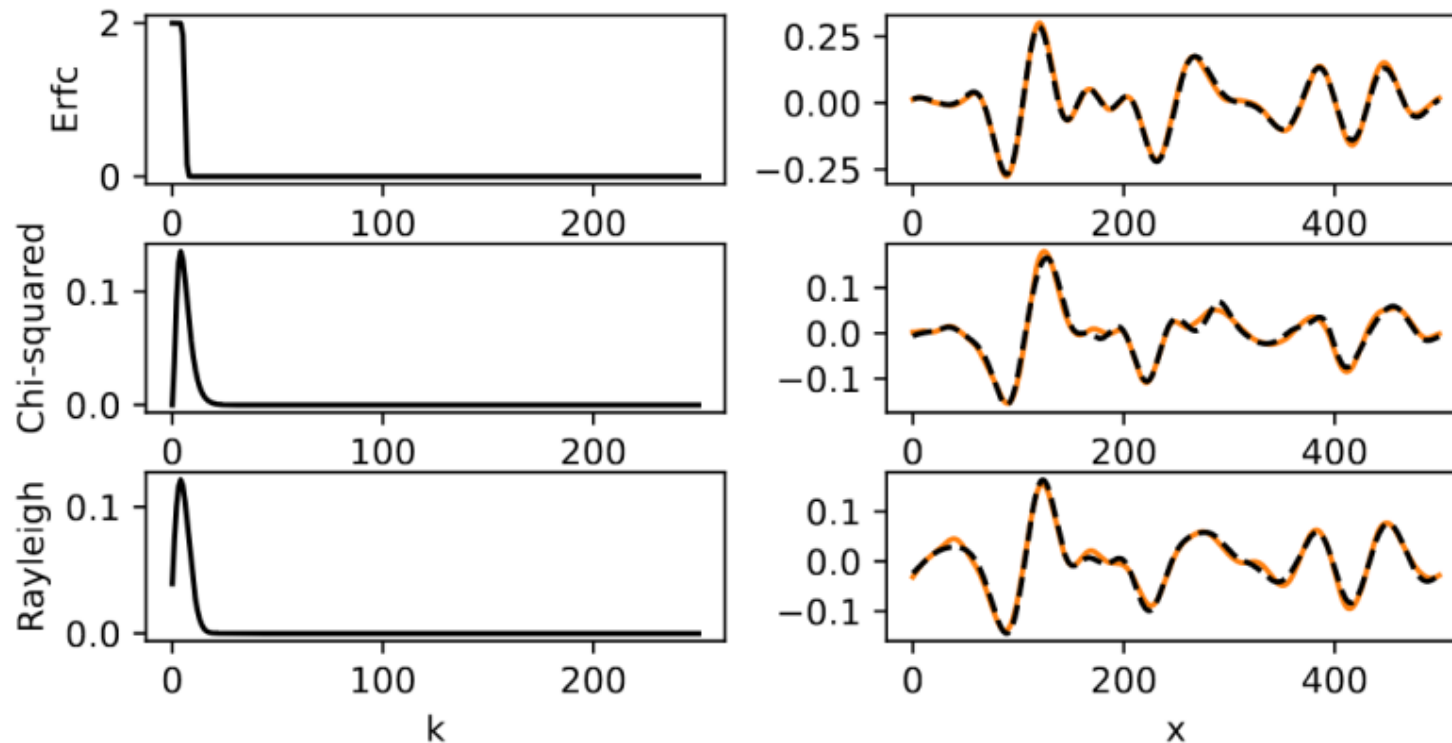


OLS (●) and EiV (●) training error vs. SNR



EiV (●) training error vs. number of samples

EiV model is robust to various distributions of the smooth underlying input functions – DeepONet



Effect of spectral filter used to generate input signals. *(Left)* Frequency content of u_{test} . *(Right)* Action of true (----) and DeepONet EiV (—) operators on u_{test} .



Failure to account for error in the independent variables leads to biased estimates for operator regression

Developed an error-in-variables model to correct for bias

Demonstrated this error model with MOR-Physics and DeepONet

Future work

- Explore the full posterior distribution of operators
 - Besides the MAP, how do other plausible operators behave?
 - UQ - The action of operators sampled from the posterior will give error bars
- Other error models, e.g. multiplicative noise
- Relax smoothness assumption

Manuscript,

- Patel et al., arXiv:2204.10909, 2022