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  - A principled way of extracting MZ operators for regression-based projection operators
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- **Summary**

# Introduction to Mori-Zwanzig (MZ) formalism

## Context

Non-equilibrium statistical physics, for coarse graining/model reduction/reduced-order modeling

## Problem

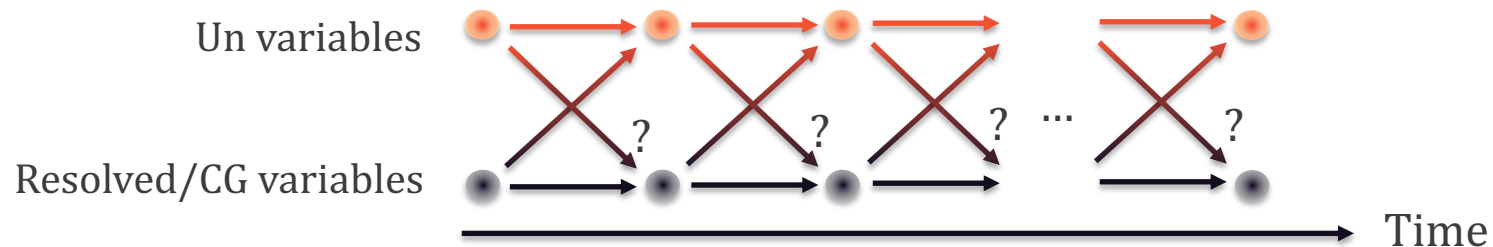
- A dynamical system with a many degrees of freedom  $D$
- One only cares about the evolution of a small set ( $M \ll D$ ) of *resolved/coarse-grained* variables (observables, descriptors, dynamic variables: functions of the system's state)
- Also for partially-observed dynamical system

## Example

- Models describing biomolecules with many atoms: the dynamics of the “rough” molecular conformation
- Models describing materials: meso/macroscopic features, e.g. dislocation density
- Complex fluid-dynamical models: the dynamics of the mesoscopic features: e.g., large eddies/coherent structures

## Key challenge

How to evolve  $M$  variables under the influence of unresolved degrees of freedom?



# Projection

## Projection operator

Suppose the system's state  $\boldsymbol{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^D$  is fully characterized by

- Resolved/CG observables  $\mathbf{g}_r: \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$  and
- Unresolved observables  $\mathbf{g}_u: \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{D-M}$

Given an state  $\boldsymbol{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^D$ , the CG and unresolved observations are  $\mathbf{g}_r(\boldsymbol{\phi})$  and  $\mathbf{g}_u(\boldsymbol{\phi})$ .

The projection operator  $\mathcal{P}$  maps any function  $f$  of the resolved *and* under-resolved observations to another function  $\mathcal{P}f$  that depends only on the resolved observation:

$$f \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} (\mathcal{P}f),$$
$$f(\mathbf{g}_r(\boldsymbol{\phi}), \mathbf{g}_u(\boldsymbol{\phi})) \approx (\mathcal{P}f)(\mathbf{g}_r(\boldsymbol{\phi})) \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^D$$

This allows us to write a *closed reduced-order dynamics* in terms of the resolved observables only.

We will denote  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_r$  when appropriate.

# Projection operators

Existing projection operators include

- Mori's [Mori65, Lin21b] linear functional projection operator:  $(\mathcal{P}f)(\mathbf{g}_r) := \langle f, \mathbf{g}_r \rangle_\rho \cdot \langle \mathbf{g}_r, \mathbf{g}_r^T \rangle_\rho^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{g}_r$  with inner product space  $\langle f, g \rangle_\rho := \int_\Omega f(\phi)g(\phi) \rho(\phi) d\phi$ , with a density  $\rho$  induced by the dynamics
- Finite-rank projection: orthonormal components of  $\mathbf{g}_r$  under the induced density  $\rho$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}f)(\mathbf{g}_r) := \langle f, \mathbf{g}_r \rangle_\rho \cdot \mathbf{g}_r$
- Zwanzig's [Zwanzig73] conditional expectation projection:
$$(\mathcal{P}f)(\mathbf{h}) = \mathbb{E}_\rho[f(\mathbf{g}_r(\phi), \mathbf{g}_u(\phi)) | \mathbf{g}_r(\phi) = \mathbf{h}] = \int_{\mathbf{g}_r^{-1}(\mathbf{h})} f(\mathbf{g}_r(\phi), \mathbf{g}_u(\phi)) \rho(\phi) d\phi$$
- Truncations [Durasaimi, Stinis19, Stinis21]: sending  $\mathbf{g}_u(\phi) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$
- Wiener projection [Lin21a]: delay embedding but with infinite delay to augment state space; no MZ memory kernel

Mori's linear  $\mathcal{P}$

Computationally OK  
but with unsatisfactory  
predictions [Lin21b]

**Question:** can we gradationally fill the gap?

Zwanzig's nonlinear  $\mathcal{P}$

Optimal yet computationally infeasible

# Mori-Zwanzig (MZ) formalism

We consider an autonomous and deterministic dynamical system:

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\phi}), \quad \boldsymbol{\phi}(t = 0) = \boldsymbol{\phi}_0,$$

where  $\mathbf{R}: \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$  is the vector field.

Suppose we always observe at discrete time

$\boldsymbol{\phi}$

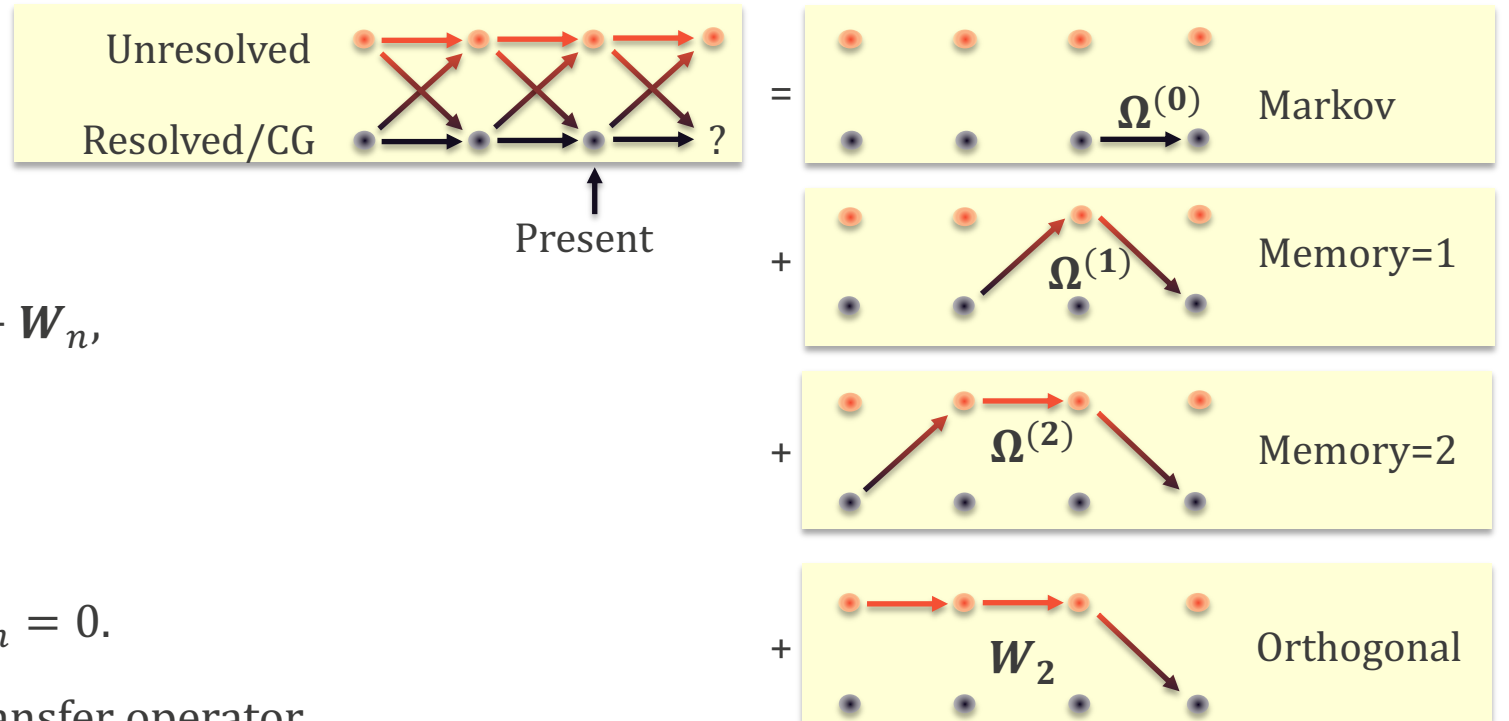
The discrete-time Mori-Zwanzig formalism as the *Generalized Langevin Equation*:

$$\mathbf{g}_{n+1} \triangleq \mathcal{K}_{\Delta}^n \mathbf{g} = \sum_{\ell=0}^n \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(\ell)} \circ \mathbf{g}_{n-\ell} + \mathbf{W}_n,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(\ell)} := \mathcal{P} \mathcal{K}_{\Delta} [(1 - \mathcal{P}) \mathcal{K}_{\Delta}]^n$$

$$\mathbf{W}_n := [(1 - \mathcal{P}) \mathcal{K}_{\Delta}]^{n+1} \mathbf{g} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \mathbf{W}_n = 0.$$

where  $\mathcal{K}_{\Delta}$  is the finite-time ( $\Delta$ ) Koopman transfer operator.





# Generalized Fluctuation-Dissipation Relation

$$\mathbf{g}_{n+1} \triangleq \mathcal{K}_\Delta^n \mathbf{g} = \sum_{\ell=0}^n \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(\ell)} \circ \mathbf{g}_{n-\ell} + \mathbf{W}_n \quad (\text{Generalized Langevin Equation})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(\ell)} := \mathcal{P} \mathcal{K}_\Delta [(1 - \mathcal{P}) \mathcal{K}_\Delta]^\ell \quad (\ell = 0: \text{Markov}, \ell > 0: \text{memory kernel})$$

$$\mathbf{W}_n := \mathbf{W}_n := [(\mathcal{P} - \mathcal{K}_\Delta)]^{n+1} \mathbf{g} \quad (\text{orthogonal dynamics}, \mathcal{P} \mathbf{W}_n = 0)$$

Importantly, the operators are related by the **Generalized Fluctuation-Dissipation Relation**:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(n)} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{W}_{n-1} \circ \mathbf{F}), \quad n \geq 1$$

which relates the  $n$ th *memory kernel* to the  $(n - 1)$ th orthogonal dynamics.

It is challenging to compute  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(n)}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_n$  analytically.

➤ **Research question:** Can we learn the *operators*  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(n)}$  and *observables*  $\mathbf{W}_n$  from snapshots (time series) of  $\mathbf{g}_n(\phi_0)$  out of exact simulations of the full system, with sufficiently many samples of  $\phi_0$ ?

# Regression as a projection operator

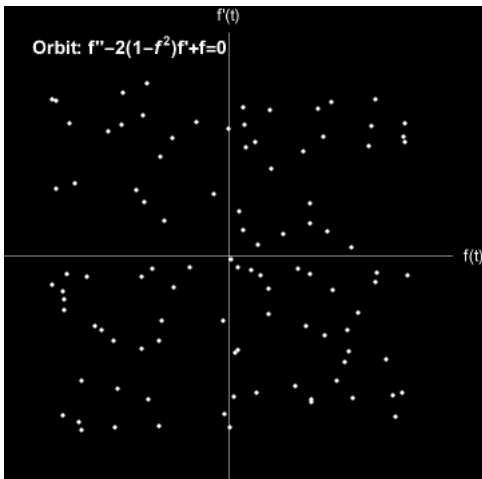
We propose to use statistical regression as a projection operator

$f_{\theta}: \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a family of functions parametrized by  $\theta$  to approximate  $f(\mathbf{g}_r(\phi^{[i]}), \mathbf{g}_u(\phi^{[i]}))$

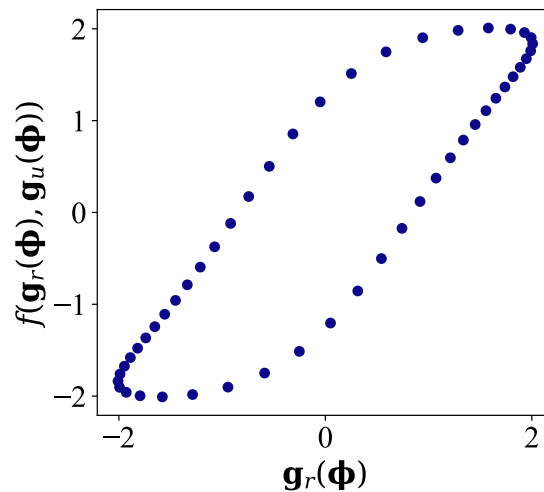
Cost/Risk/loss/Negative log-likelihood  $\mathcal{C}(\theta; \text{observed data} = \{\mathbf{g}_r(\phi^{[i]}), f(\mathbf{g}_r(\phi^{[i]}), \mathbf{g}_u(\phi^{[i]}))\}_i)$

Best-fit parameter:  $\theta_* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathcal{C}(\theta; \text{observed data})$

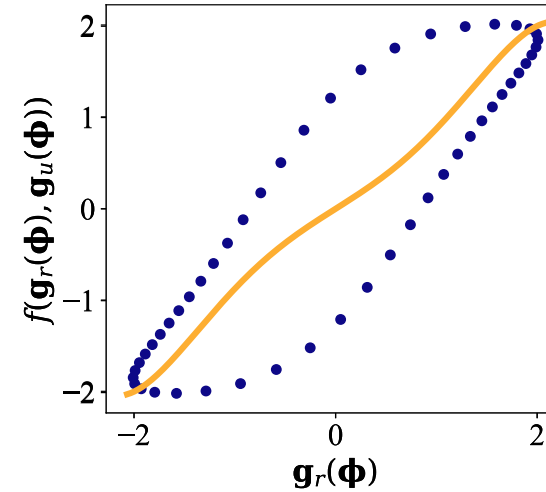
In dynamics,  $\mathbf{f}$  is just resolved part of the dynamics in the future!



Van der Pol oscillator



$f \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}=\text{regression}} f_{\theta_*}$



# Learning the memory kernels and orthogonal dynamics

**Generalized Langevin Equation (GLE):**  $W_n \equiv \mathbf{g}_{n+1} - \sum_{\ell=0}^n \Omega^{(\ell)}(\mathbf{g}_{n-\ell})$

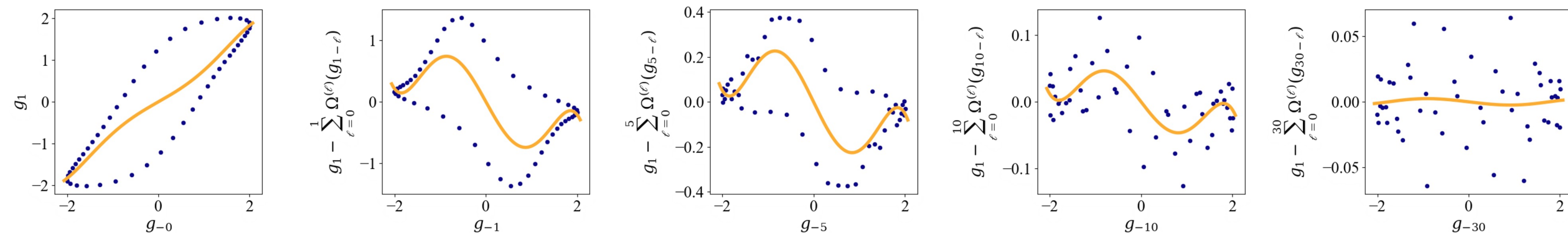
Key idea:  $W_n$  is the *residual* of the regression model, which can be computed

**Generalized Fluctuation-Dissipation relation (GFD):**  $\Omega^{(n)} = \mathcal{P}(W_{n-1} \circ F)$

$\Omega^{(0)} := \mathcal{PK}_\Delta$  is just a regression of  $\mathbf{g}_1$  on  $\mathbf{g}_0$ : Many talks are about this Markov operator!

We can learn  $\Omega^{(n+1)}$  and  $W_n$  if  $\Omega^{(0)}, \dots, \Omega^{(n)}$  and  $\mathbf{g}_{n+1}$  are given.

Operationally an intuitive iterative procedure (statistical boosting) :



Mori's linear  $\mathcal{P}$   
(Linear regression)

Polynomial regression

Spline regression

Neural network

Zwanzig's nonlinear  $\mathcal{P}$   
(Conditional expectation)

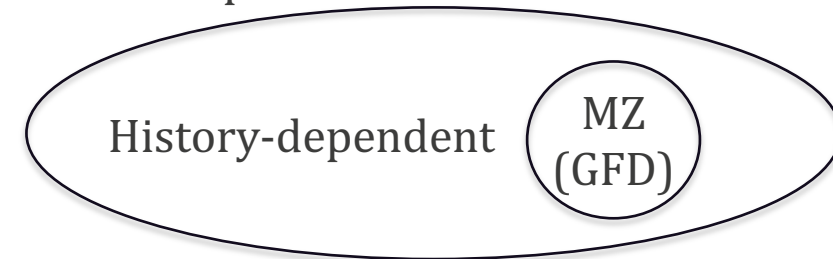
# Clarification

## Our proposition:

1. [Crucial decision!] Define a set of resolved/CG variables
2. [Crucial decision!] Define a projection operator: a model and a regression-based parametrization scheme
3. Use **Generalized Fluctuation Dissipation** to recursively **extract** the memory kernels and the orthogonal dynamics (The kernels and the orthogonal dynamics depends on the choices of CG variables and projection operators)
  - a. Solve for the the best-fit function
  - b. Compute the residual
  - c. Assign the residual as the dependent variable and an earlier snapshots as the independent variables
  - d. Repeat

## What our proposition is *not*:

1. Motivated by Mori-Zwanzig's memory-dependent dynamics
  2. Postulate a memory-dependent dynamics (e.g., delay-embedded dynamics; Recurrent Neural Network with Long Short-Term Memory; time-embedded Transformer)
  3. Use the data to fit a memory kernel without enforcing or checking **Generalized Fluctuation Dissipation**
- Logical fallacy: MZ is memory dependent, but not all memory-dependent dynamics is MZ.



# Clarification: comparison between MZ and delay embedding

MZ is more less expressive due to its structure:

$f$ : Same regression family of functions parametrized by  $\theta$

$$g(\phi(n+1)) = f(\phi(n); \theta_0) + f(\phi(n-1); \theta_1) + f(\phi(n); \theta_2) + \dots$$

Delay embedding is more expressive (may be even more data-hungry):

$$g(\phi(n+1)) = h(\phi(n), \phi(n-1), \phi(n-2) \dots; \theta)$$

They are not exclusive: possible to apply MZ to DE with finite-embedding:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\phi(n+1)) = & h(\phi(n), \phi(n-1), \phi(n-2); \theta_0) \\ & + h(\phi(n-1), \phi(n-2), \phi(n-3); \theta_1) \\ & + h(\phi(n-2), \phi(n-3), \phi(n-4); \theta_2) \\ & + h(\phi(n-3), \phi(n-4), \phi(n-5); \theta_3) \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Making predictions

How well do these “trained” model (truncated  $H$ ) predict?

In prediction, we truncated the memory by the threshold and provided a finite history for the GLE to propagate:

$$\mathbf{g}_1 \leftarrow \sum_{\ell=0}^H \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(\ell)} \circ \mathbf{g}_{-\ell}$$

Assuming negligible,  $\mathbf{W}_H \approx 0$ . We iteratively used the predicted observables again assuming  $\mathbf{W}_{H+1} = 0$ , e.g.,

$$\mathbf{g}_2 \leftarrow \sum_{\ell=0}^L \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(\ell)} \circ \mathbf{g}_{1-\ell}$$

A technical/nuanced detail: Take two polynomial features for example,  $[\phi, \phi^2]$ :

- Linear projection:  $\phi(t=1) = \kappa_{11} \phi(t=0) + \kappa_{12} \phi^2(t=0)$  and  $\phi^2(t=1) = \kappa_{21} \phi(t=0) + \kappa_{22} \phi^2(t=0)$
- Nonlinear projection:  $\phi(t=1) = \kappa_{11} \phi(t=0) + \kappa_{12} \phi^2(t=0)$  and  $\phi^2(t=1) = [\kappa_{11} \phi(t=0) + \kappa_{12} \phi^2(t=0)]^2$

Linear projection scheme is commonly used in approximate Koopman, the resulting DS is linear.

Nonlinear projection scheme is commonly used in modeling; the resulting DS can be nonlinear.

# Numerical experiment 1: Lorenz '63

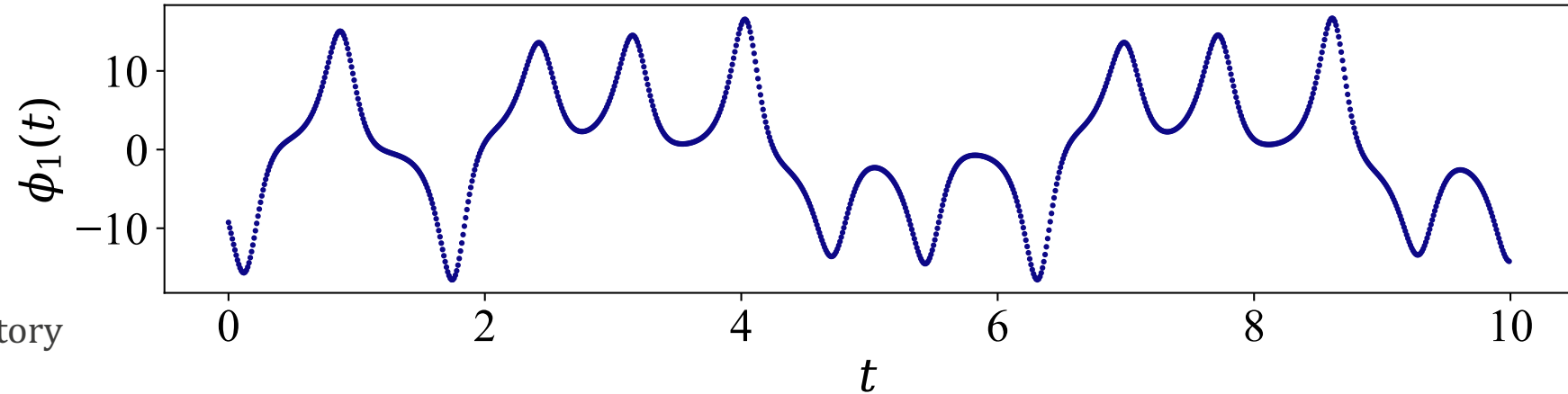
$$\dot{\phi}_1 = 10(\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

$$\dot{\phi}_2 = \phi_1(28 - \phi_3) - \phi_2$$

$$\dot{\phi}_3 = \phi_1\phi_2 - \frac{8}{3}\phi_3$$

Only  $\phi_1(n\Delta)$  is observed,  $\Delta = 0.01$

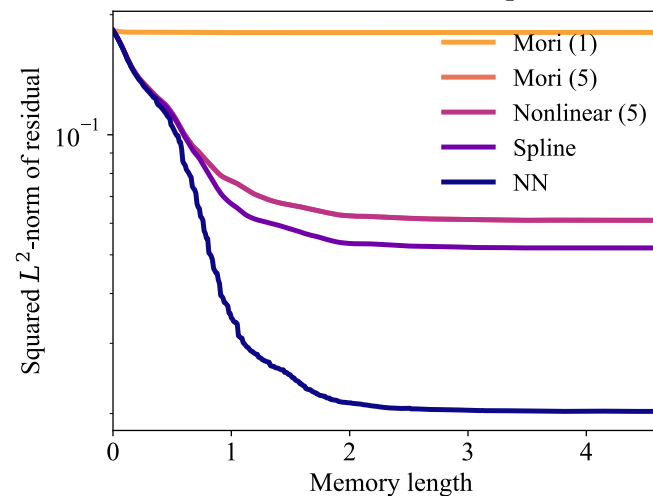
$N = 10^6$  data points along a long trajectory



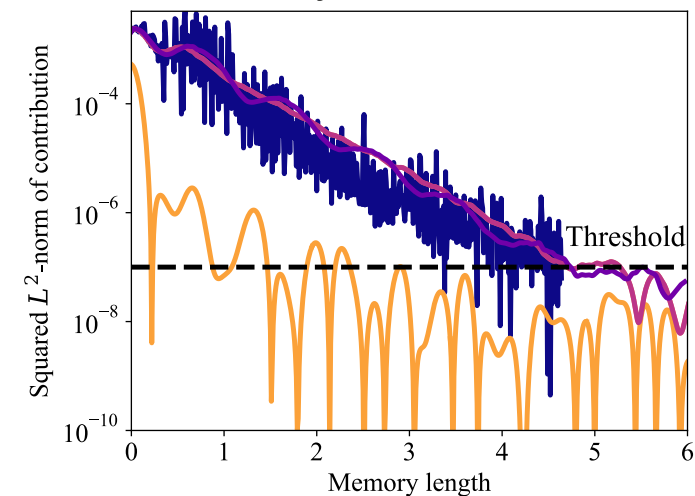
Regression models:

- Mori (1): linear regression on  $\phi_1^0, \phi_1^1$  (DMD)
- Mori (5): polynomial regression on  $\phi_1^{0\dots 5}$  (EDMD)
- Nonlinear: 5<sup>th</sup> order polynomial regression on  $\phi_1$ 
  - Identical to Mori (5) only in the first step of prediction
- Spline regression
- Fully-connected Feedforward Neural Network

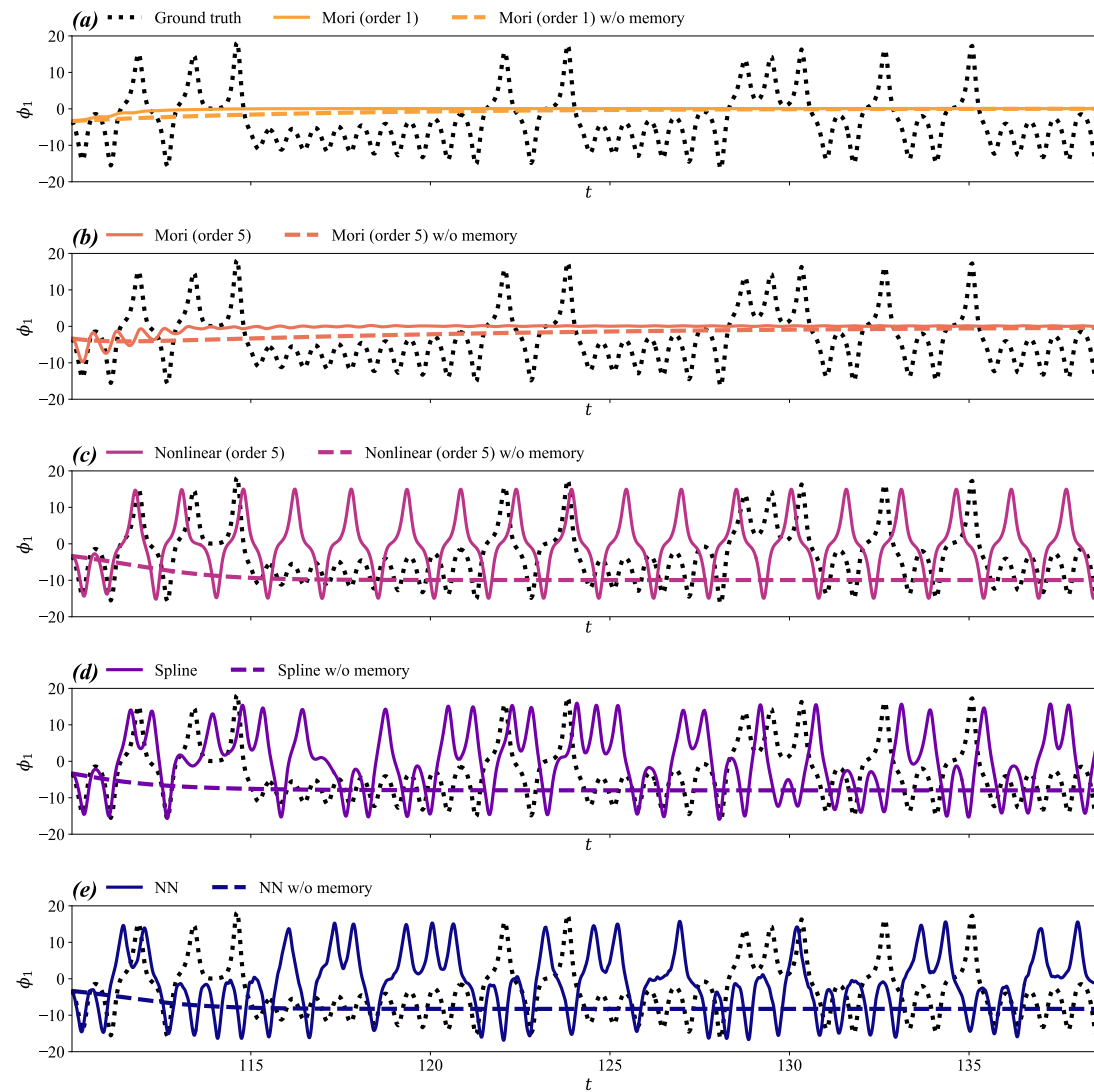
(a) Validation error, 1st prediction



(b) Memory contribution

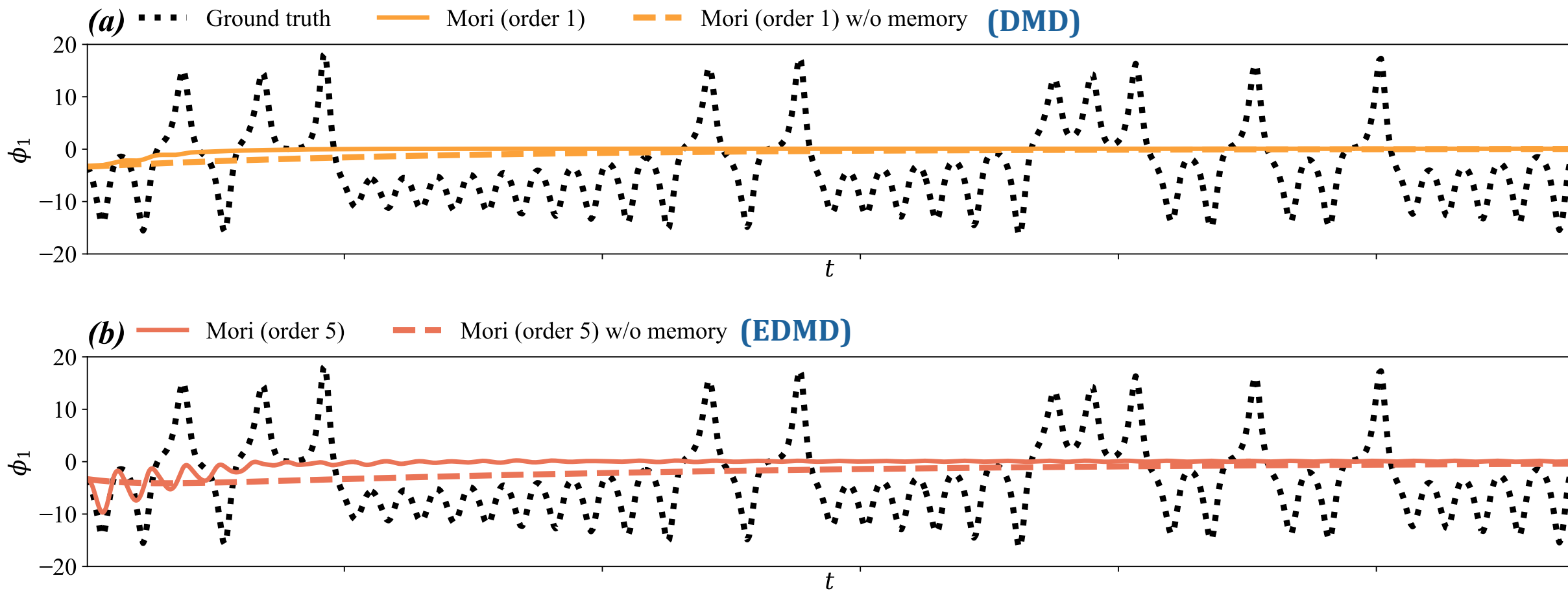


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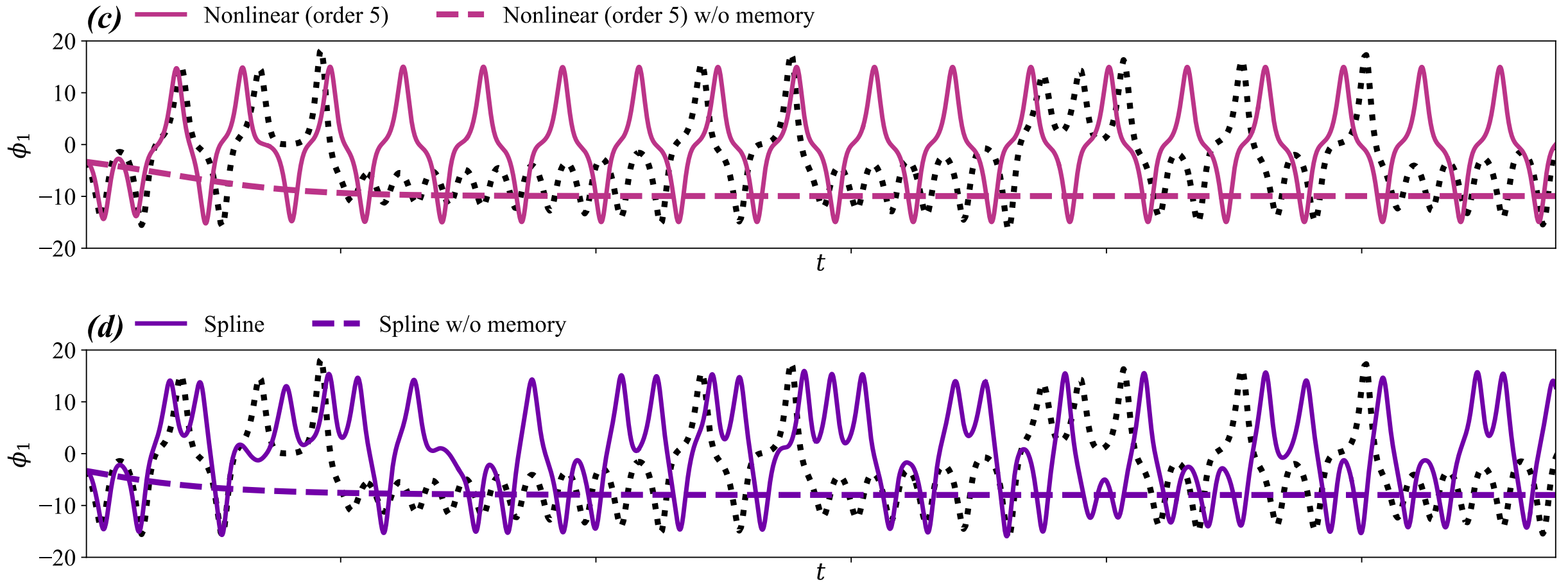




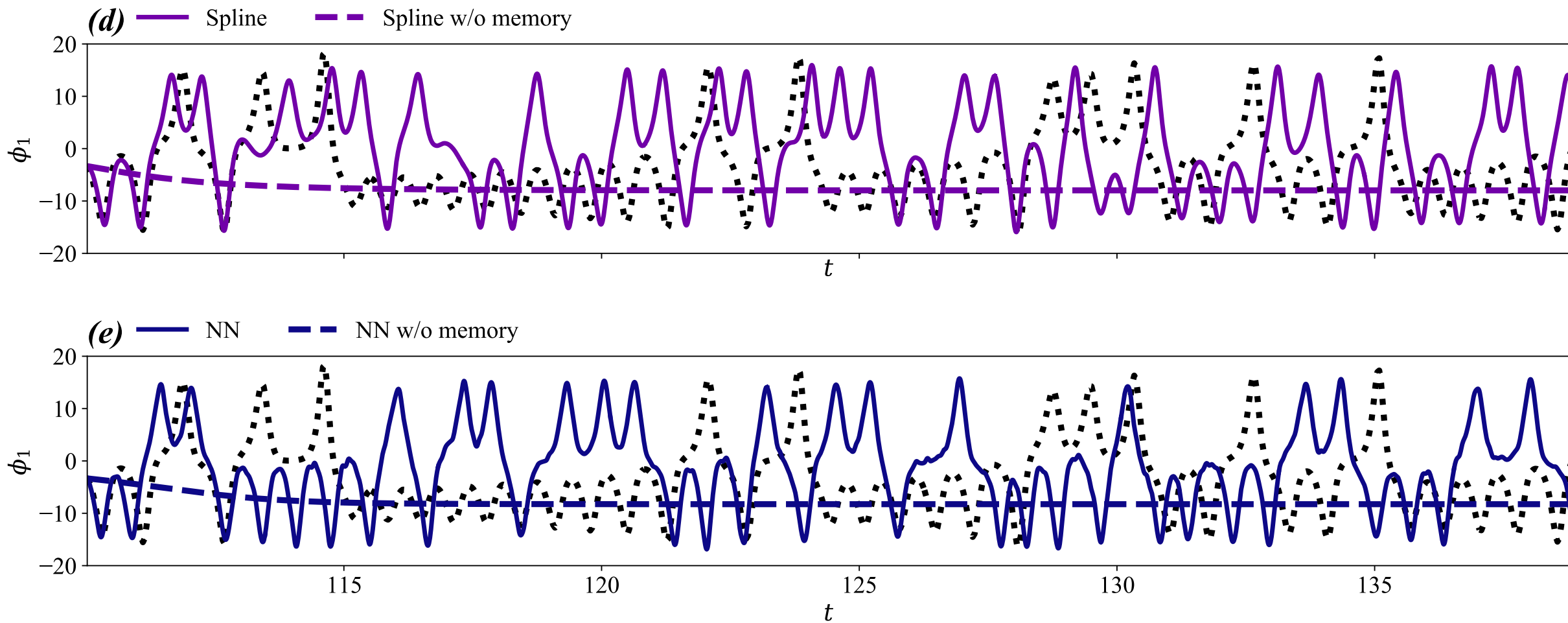
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# Numerical experiment 2: 1D Kuramoto–Sivashinsky Equation

$$\partial_t u(x, t) + \partial_x [\lambda(x) \partial_x u(x, t)] + \partial_{xxxx} u(x, t) + \frac{1}{2} [\partial_x u(x, t)]^2$$

$x \in [0, 16\pi], \quad \text{periodic boundary condition.}$

Ground truth: spatially discretized as 128 points

Integration step  $\delta = 0.001$ , observe every 1,000 steps ( $\Delta = 1$ )

Integrator: Exponential Time-Derivative 4<sup>th</sup> order Runge–Kutta

Reduced-order observables: observation **every 4 points**

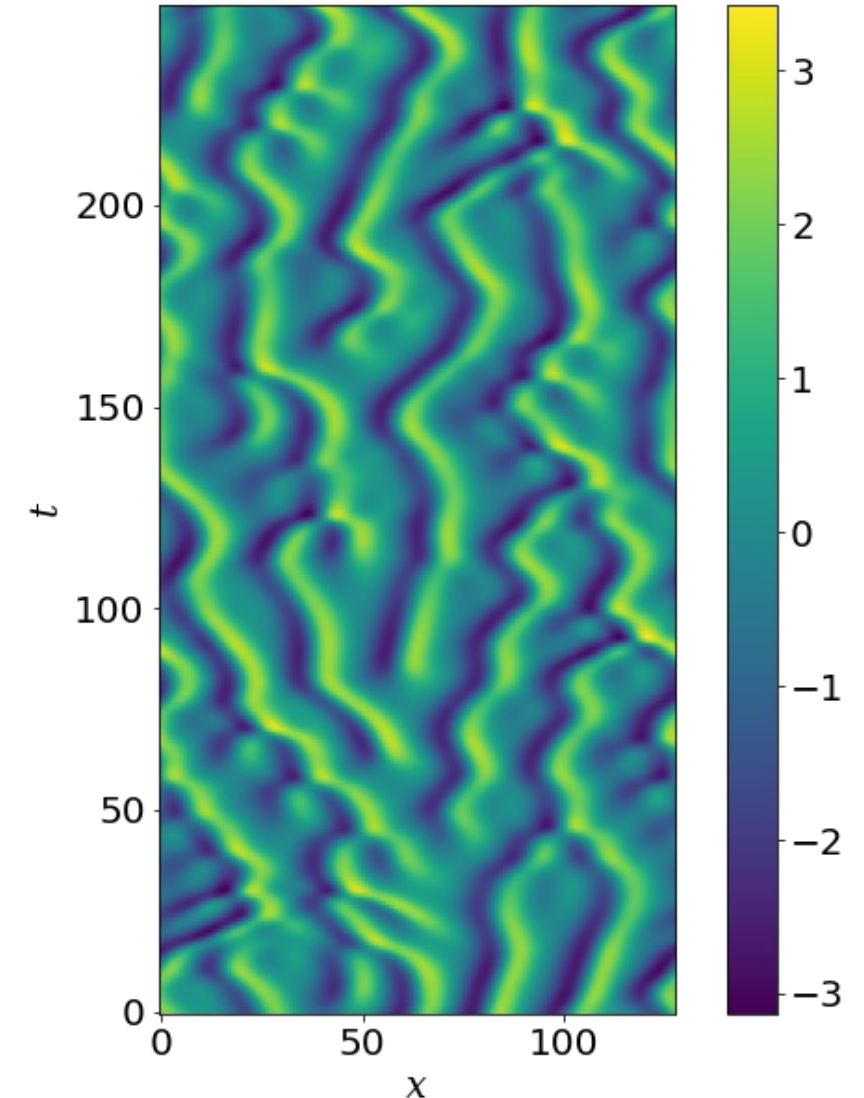
Total number of observations:  $10^5$

Data-augmentation by translational symmetry + PBC

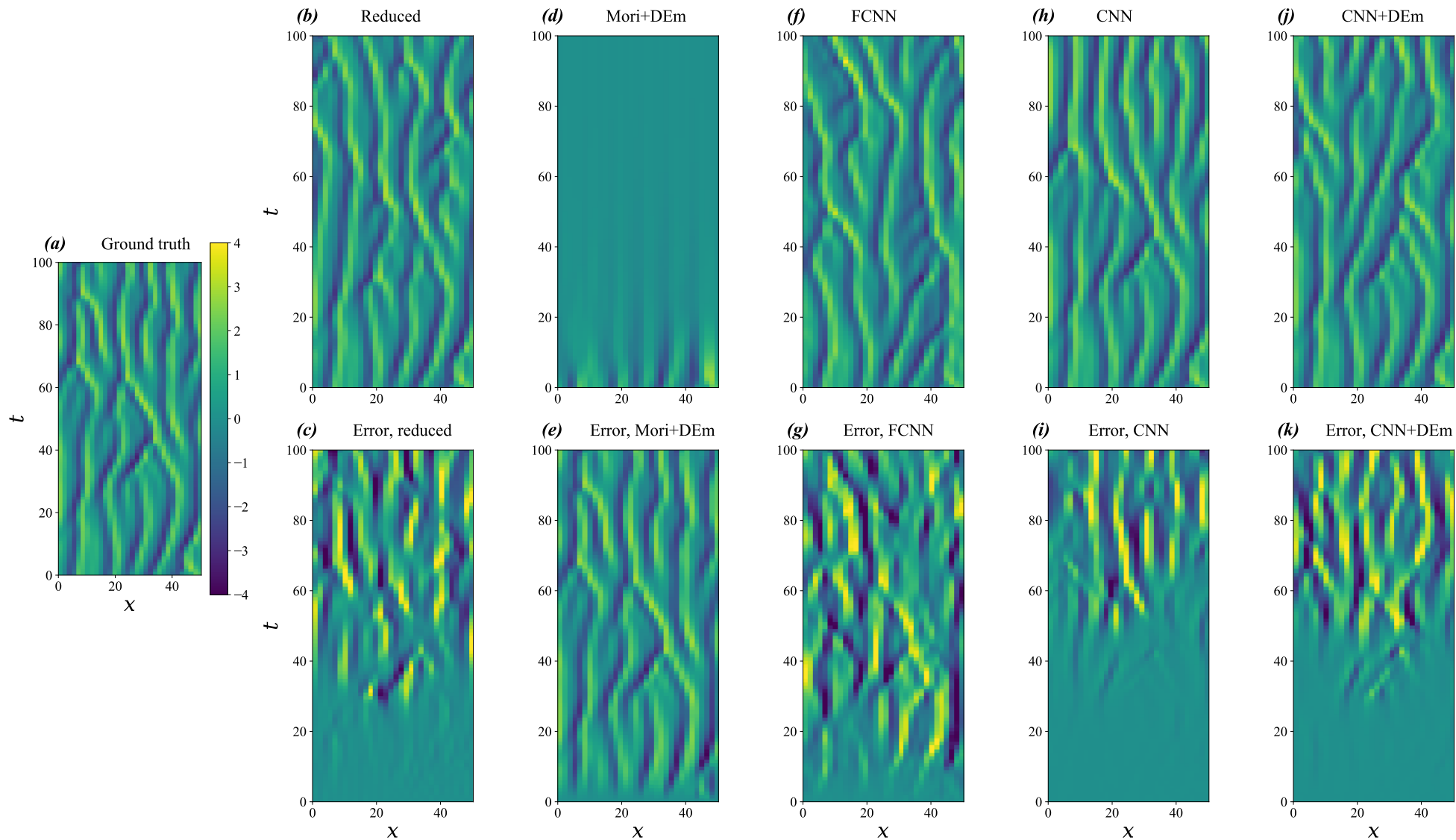
**Baseline:** Reduced-order simulation (as if a 32-point system)

## Regression models:

- Mori+Delay Embedding (DEm) = Hankel DMD [Arbabi17]
- FCNN
- CNN
- CNN+DEm



# Numerical experiment 2: 1D Kuramoto–Sivashinsky Equation



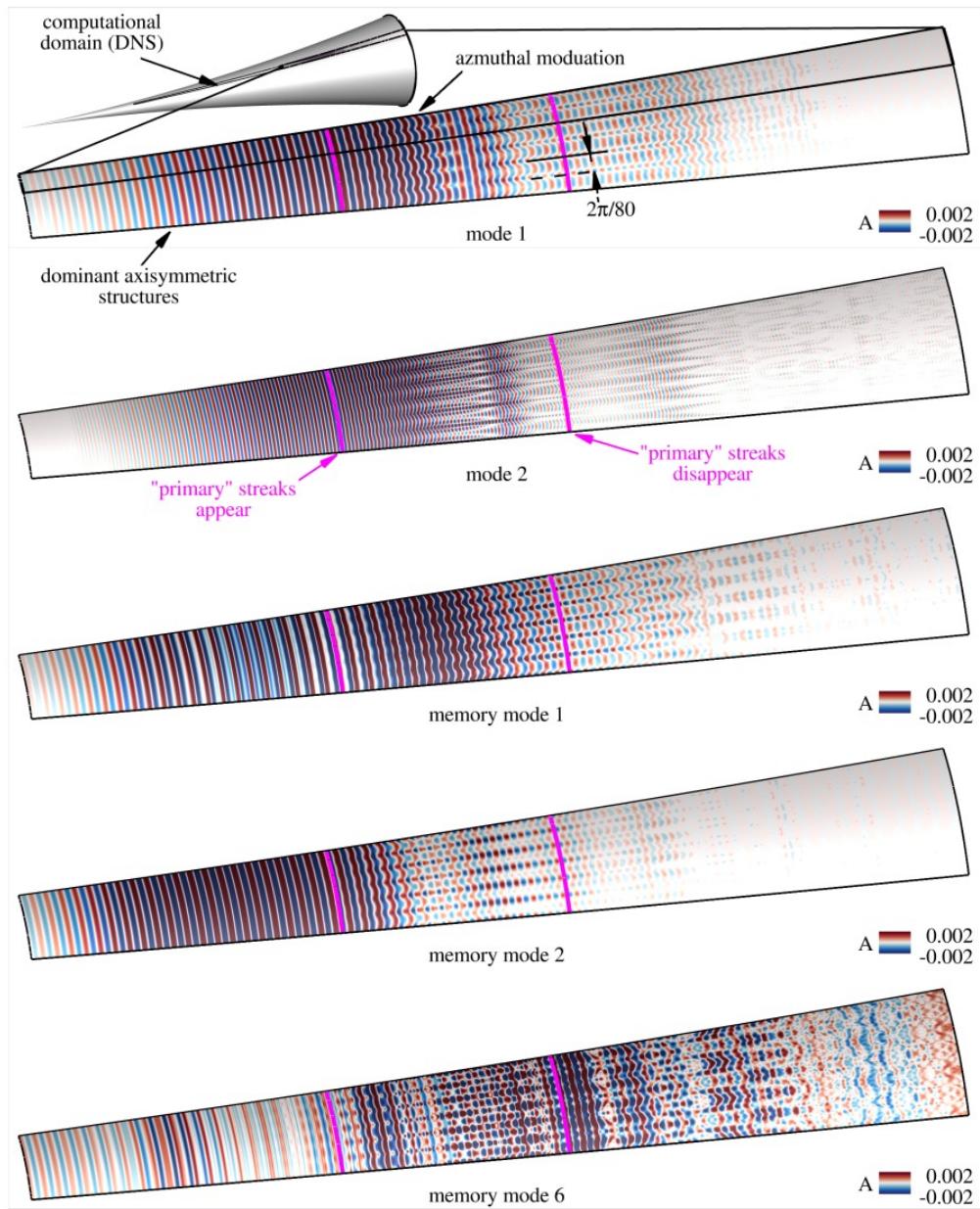
Prediction

Error:=Prediction – GT

# Summary

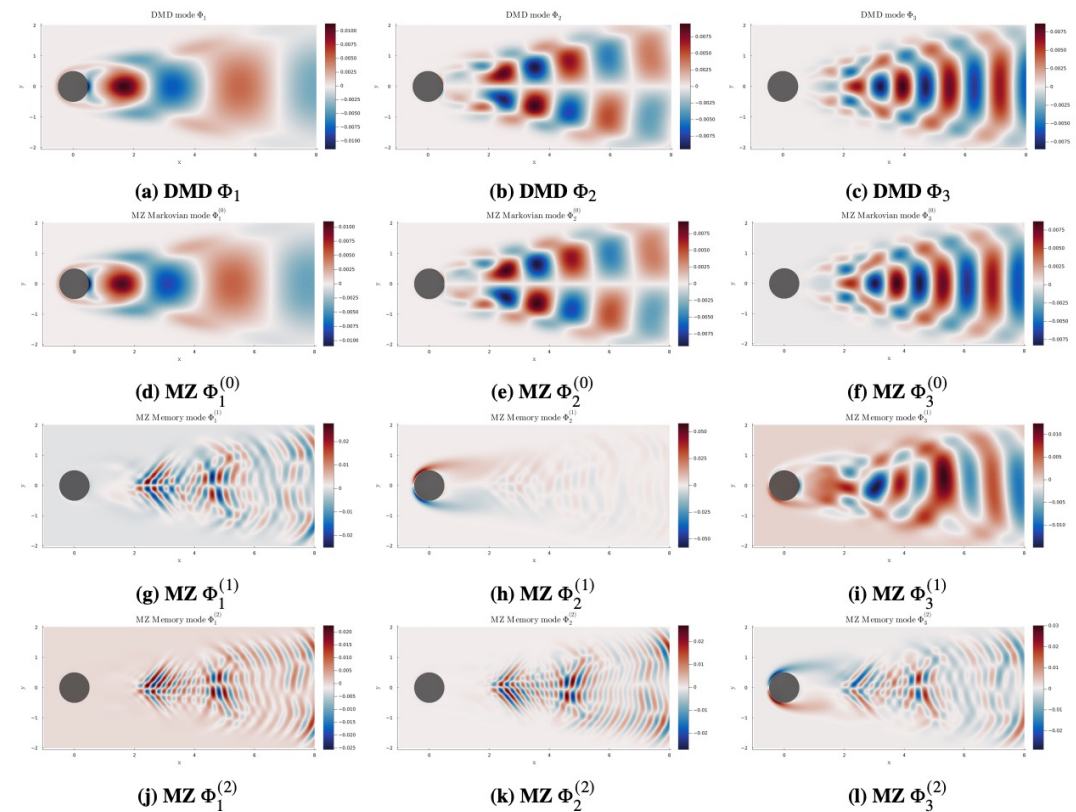
- **Theoretical contribution:** Regression is a projection operator for learning Mori–Zwanzig formalism
  - Generalize Mori’s projection operator, which is already a higher-order generalization of approximate Koopman [Lin21b]
  - Consistent to nonlinear closure schemes, and also other learning frameworks such as SINDy [Brunton16] and Koopman + NN [Li17, Yeung 17, Lusch18]
  - Bridging the gap between Mori’s [Mori65] and Zwanzig’s [Zwanzig73] projection operators
  - Makes connection to mechanistic models that are parametrized by data
- **Computational Contribution:** A principled way of extracting MZ operators
  - ... that are applicable to regression models with adjustable complexities:
    - Linear regression on nonlinear observables
    - Nonlinear regression on linear observables
    - Non-parametric (spline regression)
    - Neural architectures
  - The reduced-order/coarse-grained model can again be a nonlinear dynamical system (with MZ memory)
  - Finite memory truncation and zero-orthogonal-dynamics seemed to work relatively well
- **Future directions**
  - Applications: isotropic turbulence [Tian21], hypersonic boundary layer transition [Woodward22] and dislocation density evolution
  - “Generalized Mori-Zwanzig”: non-uniform time grid, non-uniform projection operator
  - Beyond zero-orthogonal-dynamics model; modeling by correlated noise





# Data-Driven Mori-Zwanzig: Approaching a Reduced Order Model for Hypersonic Boundary Layer Transition

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