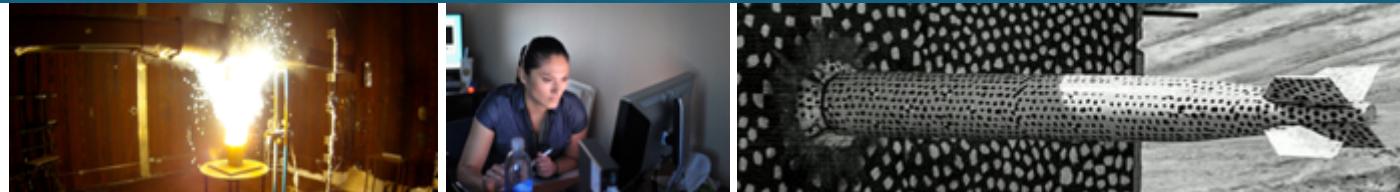




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# Error-in-variables modelling for operator learning



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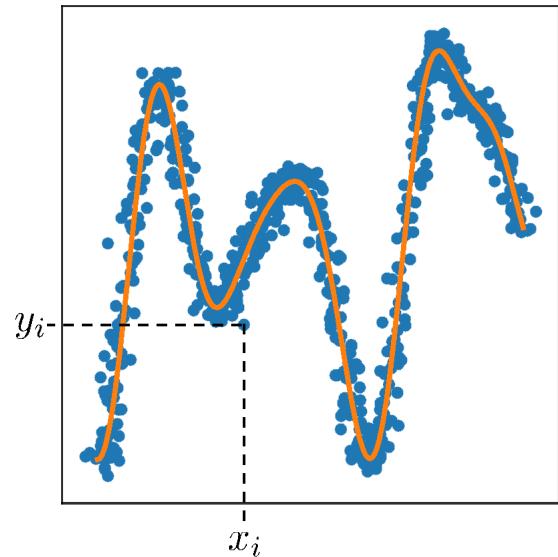


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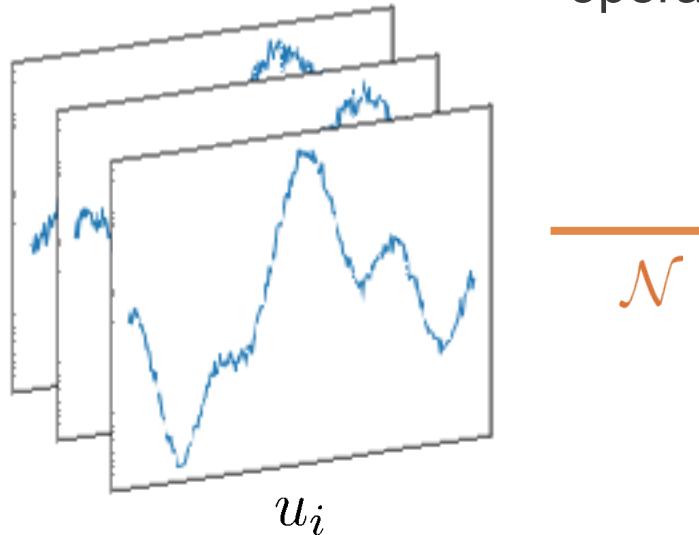


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$$\hat{f} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f} \sum_i \|y_i - f(x_i)\|$$

Fitting operators

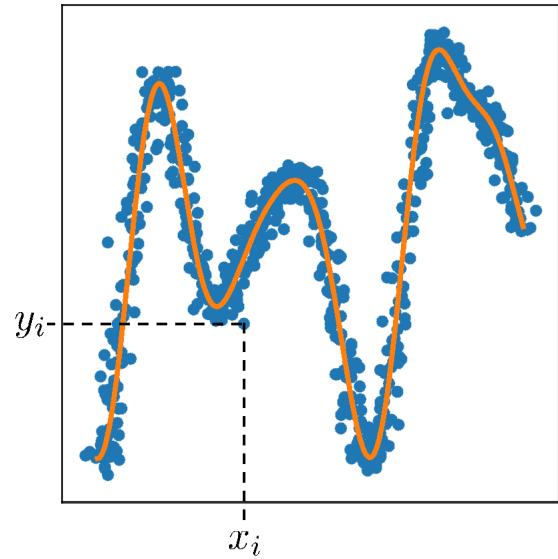


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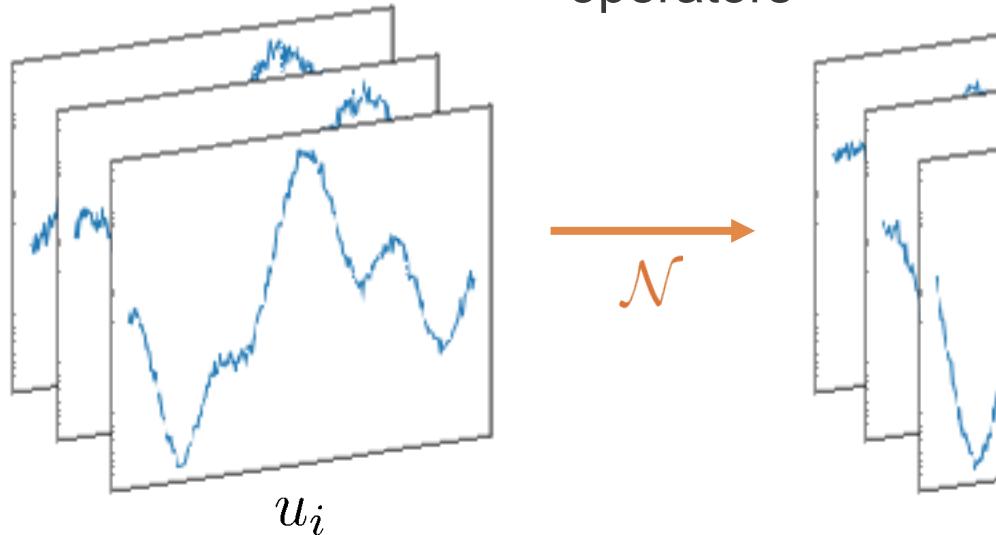


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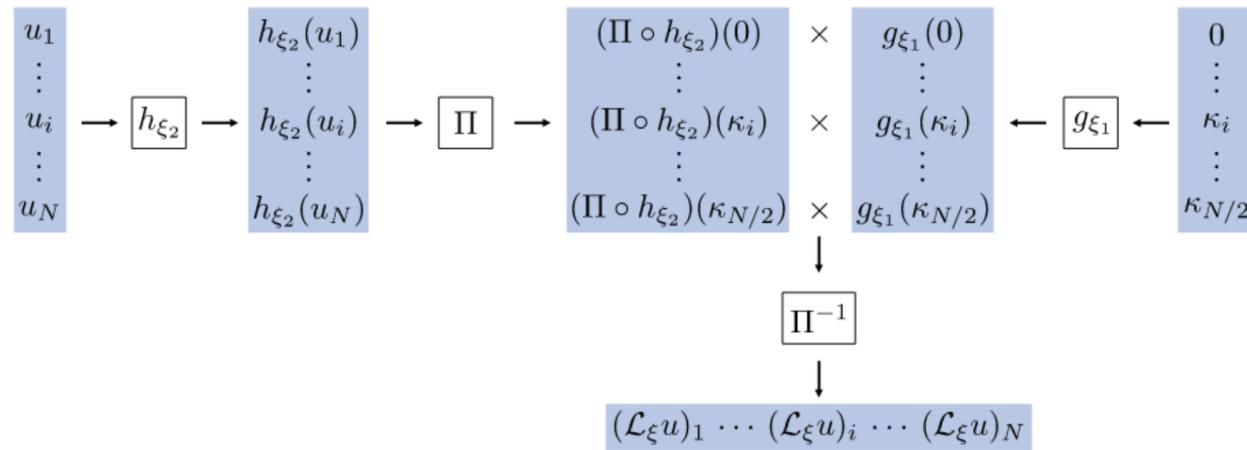


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Least squares approach to PDE modelling

- Given functional data, find a PDE that generates it
- Experiments  $\rightarrow$  PDE
- Simulation of high fidelity PDE  $\rightarrow$  low fidelity PDE

# MOR-Physics<sup>1,2</sup>

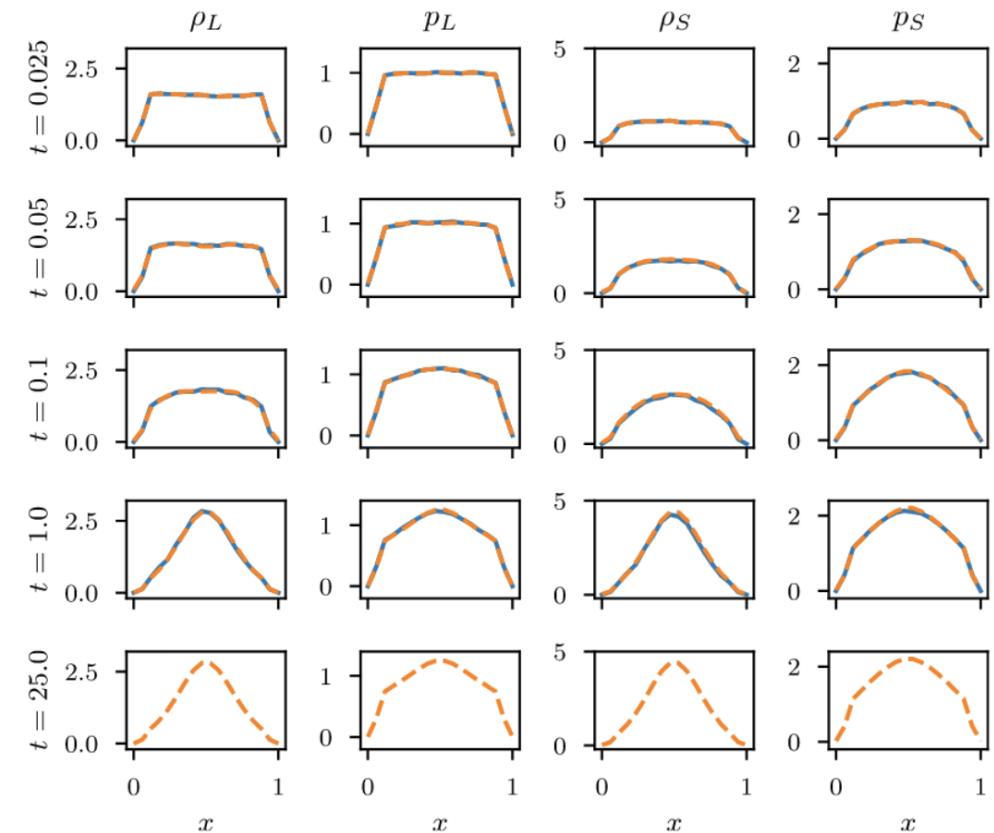
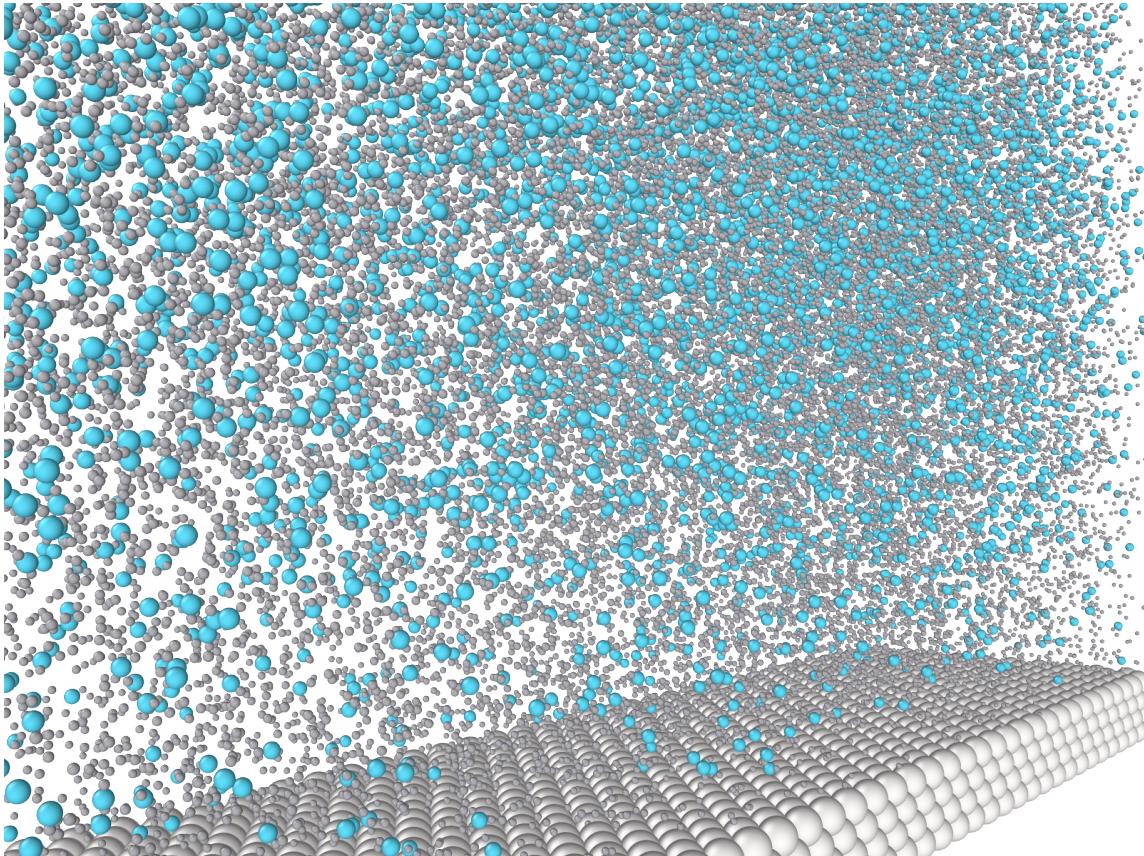


## MOR-Physics parameterization

<sup>1</sup>Patel and Desjardins, arXiv:1810.08552, 2018

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

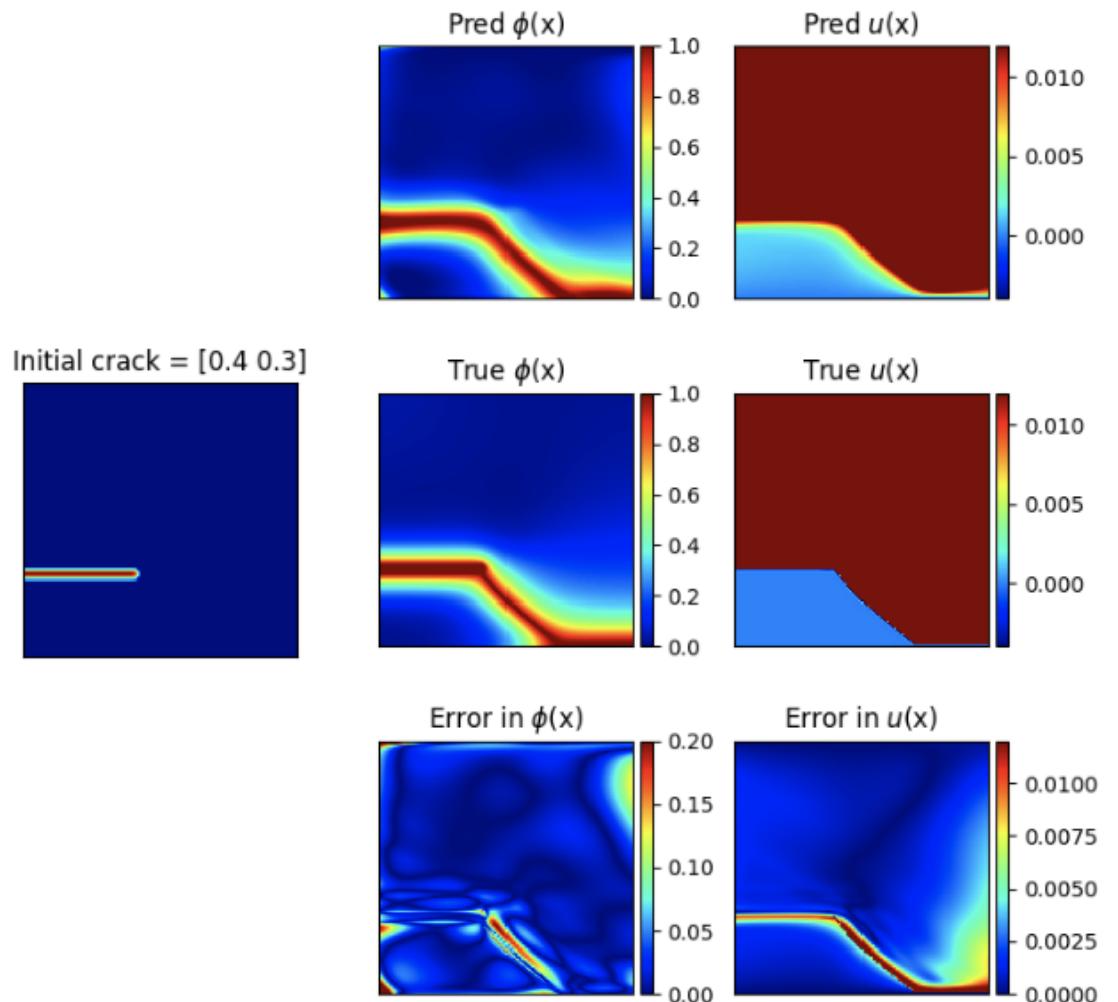
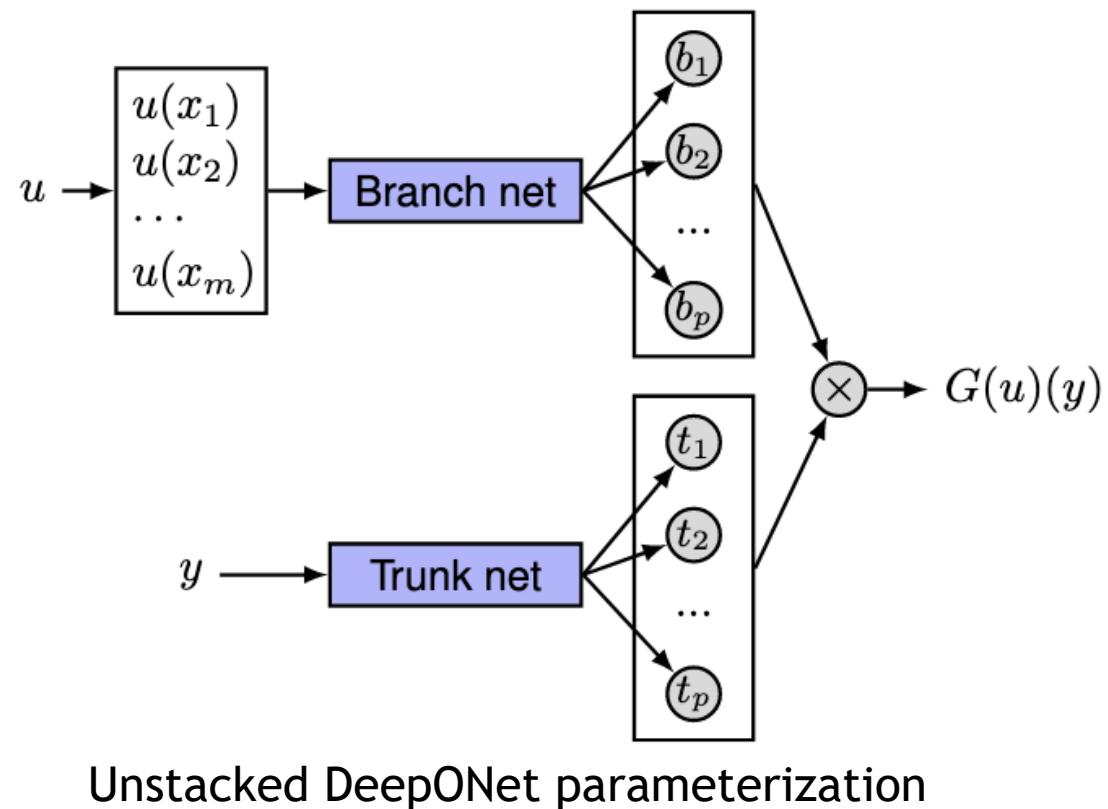
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# Operator learning methods



## DeepONet<sup>1</sup>

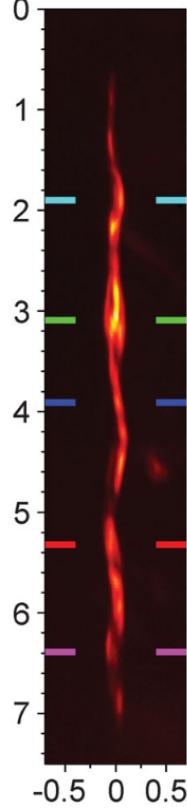


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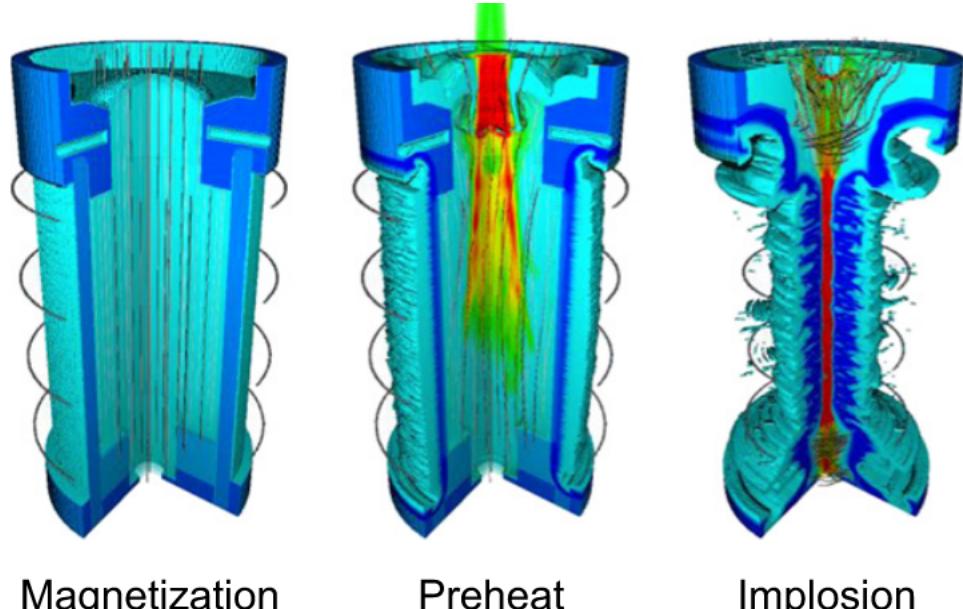
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Variational DeepONet learns crack path under shear loading. Generalizes to unseen crack tip locations.<sup>2</sup>

# Potential operator learning application at Z – PDE discovery



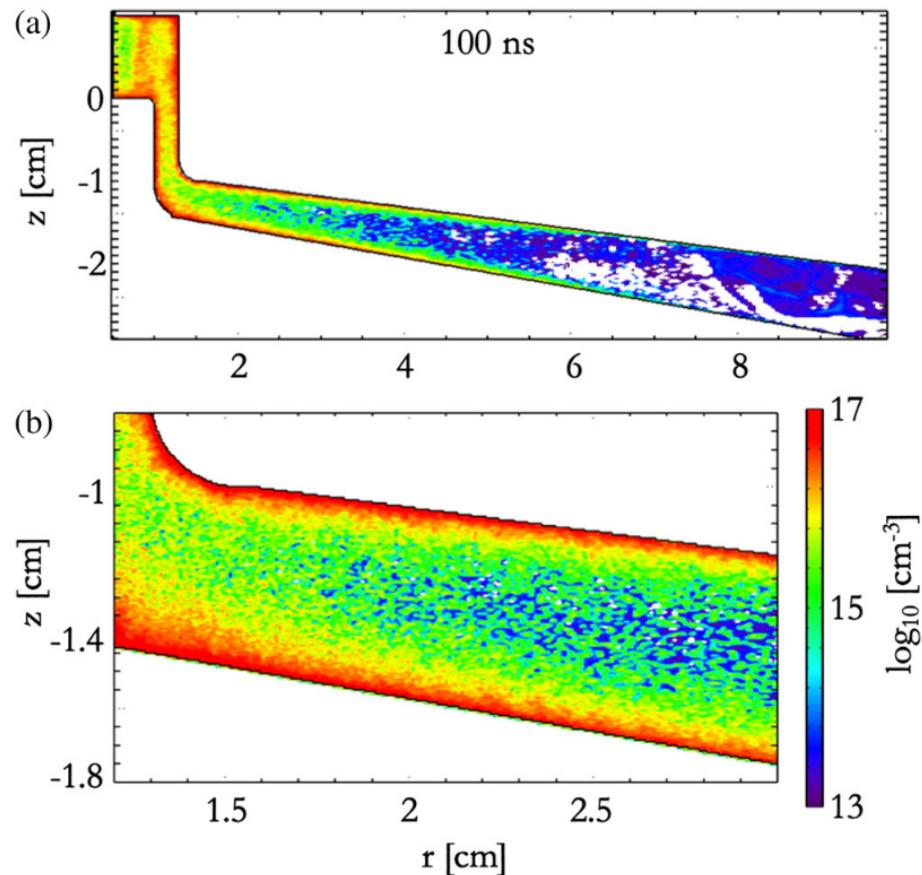
Learn operators  
that correct  
current MagLIF  
models?



MagLIF Simulations. Reproduced from [1]

Image of stagnation  
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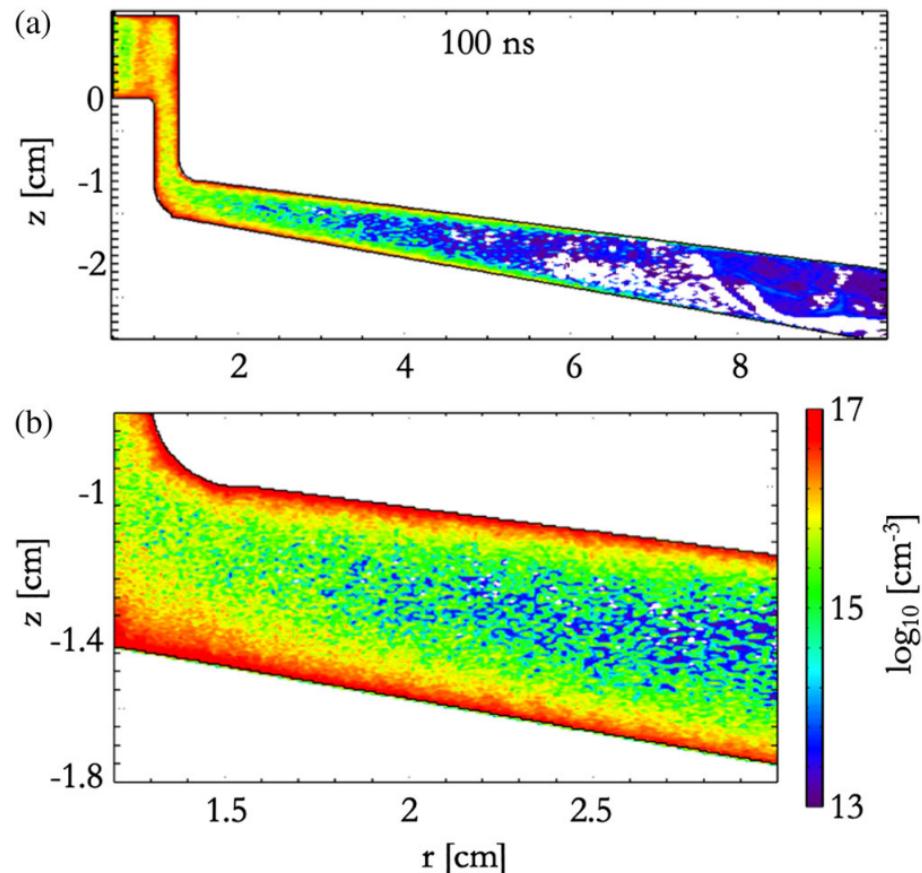


Particle-in-cell simulation



Transport equations for moments  
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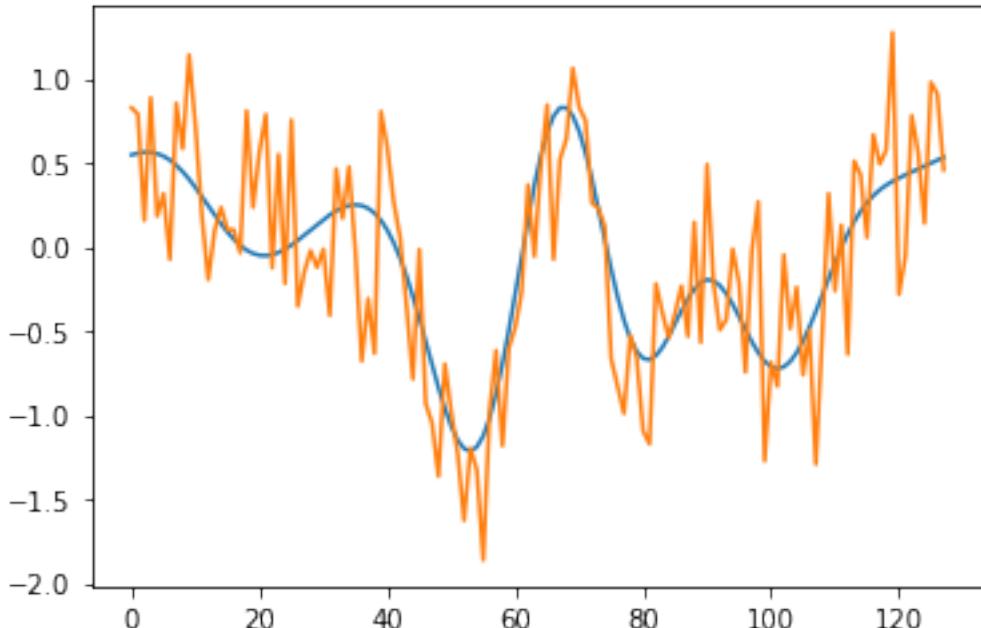
Both examples  
involve noisy data

# Noisy independent variables lead to biased estimates in ordinary least-squares (OLS) operator regression

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

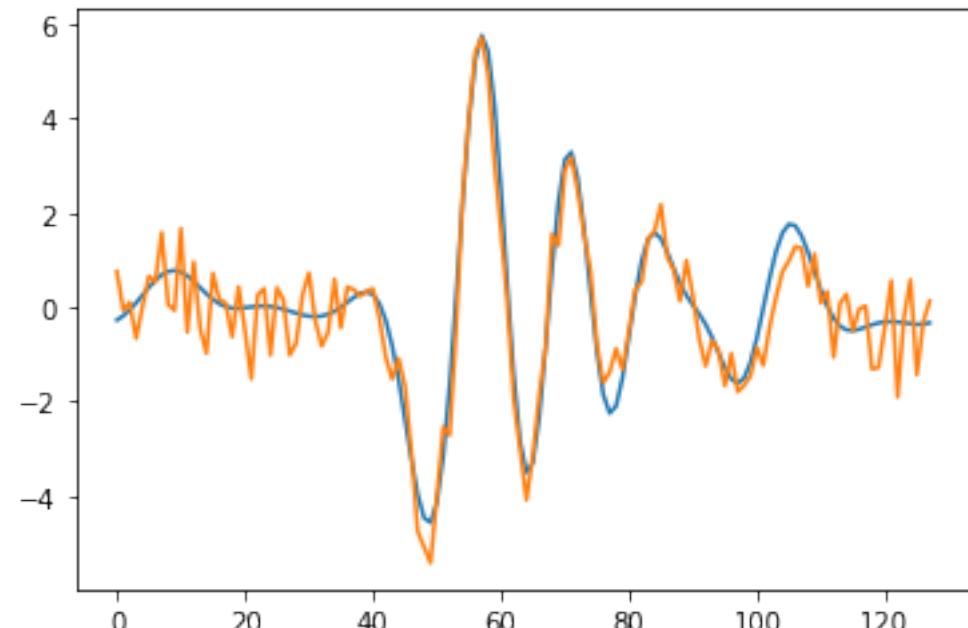
$$u = \hat{u} + \epsilon_u$$

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



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

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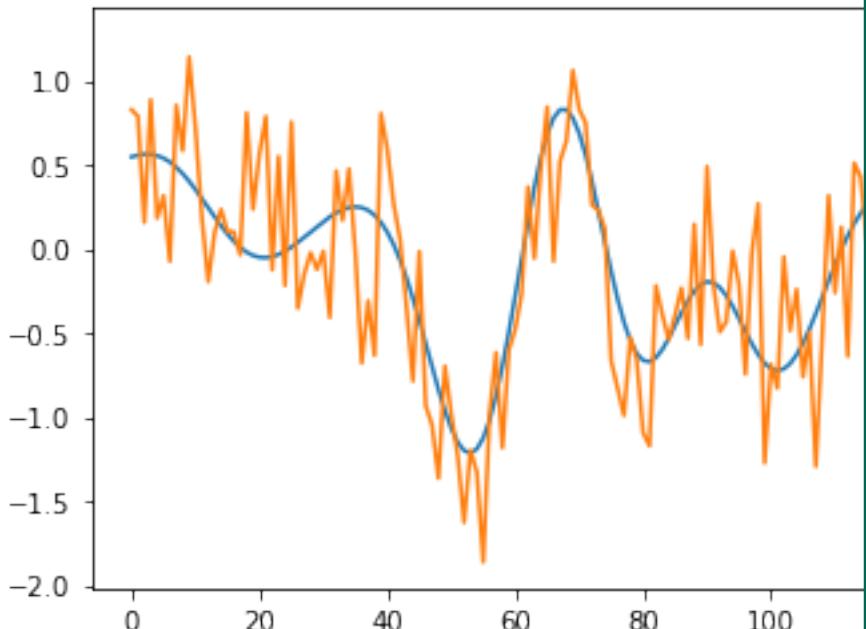


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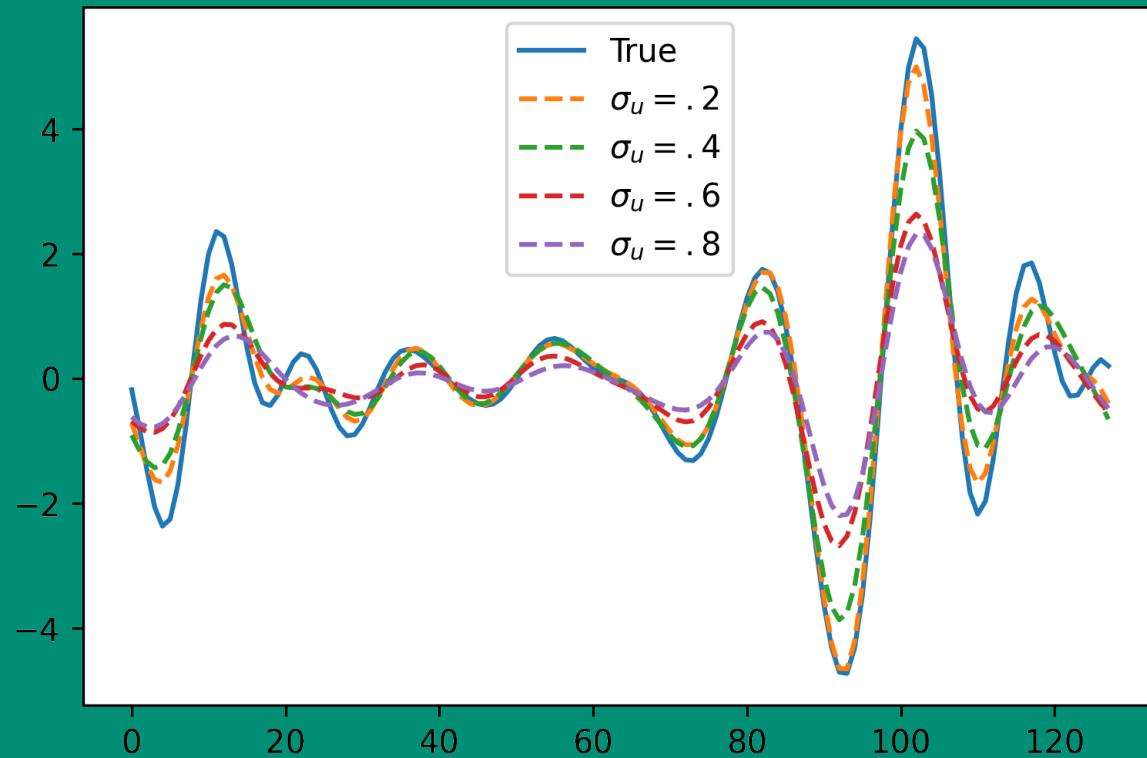
OLS:

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

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Action of learned operators on noiseless test  $u$ :



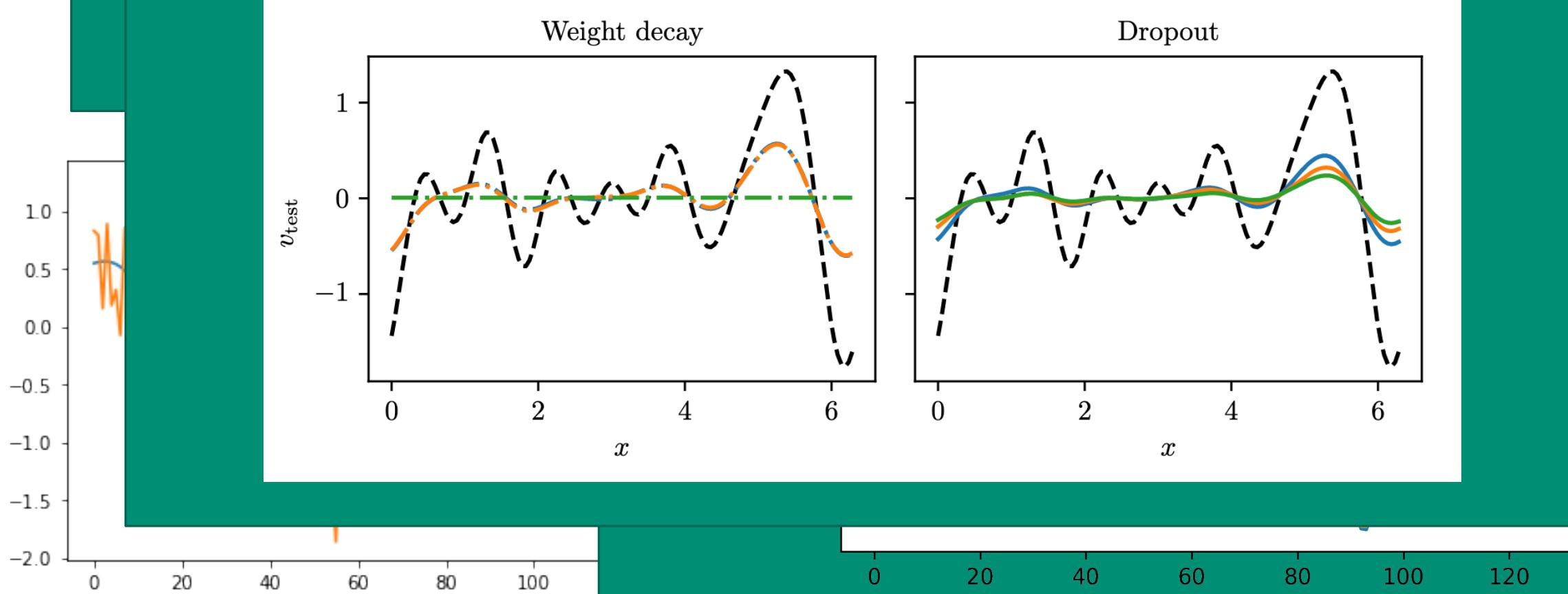
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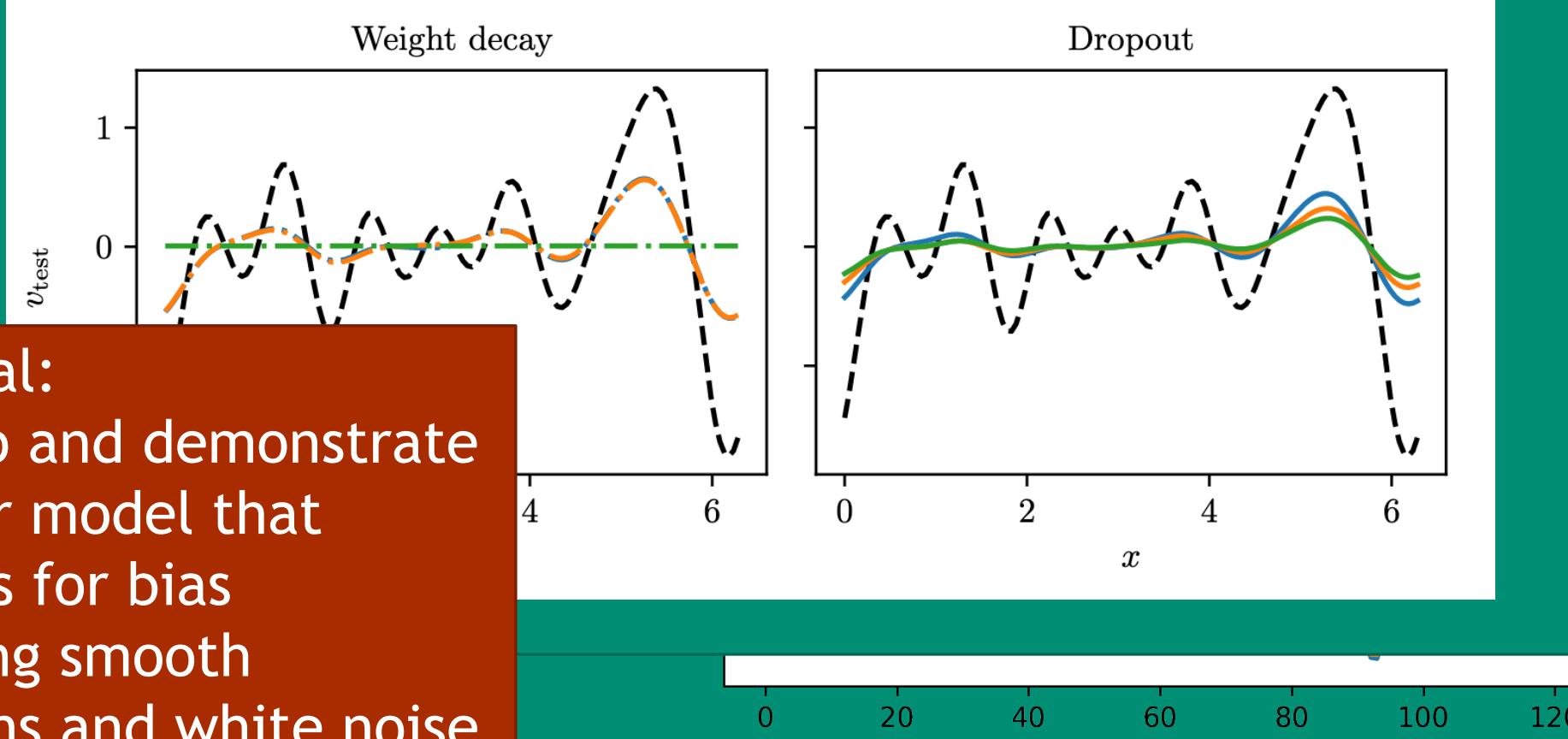
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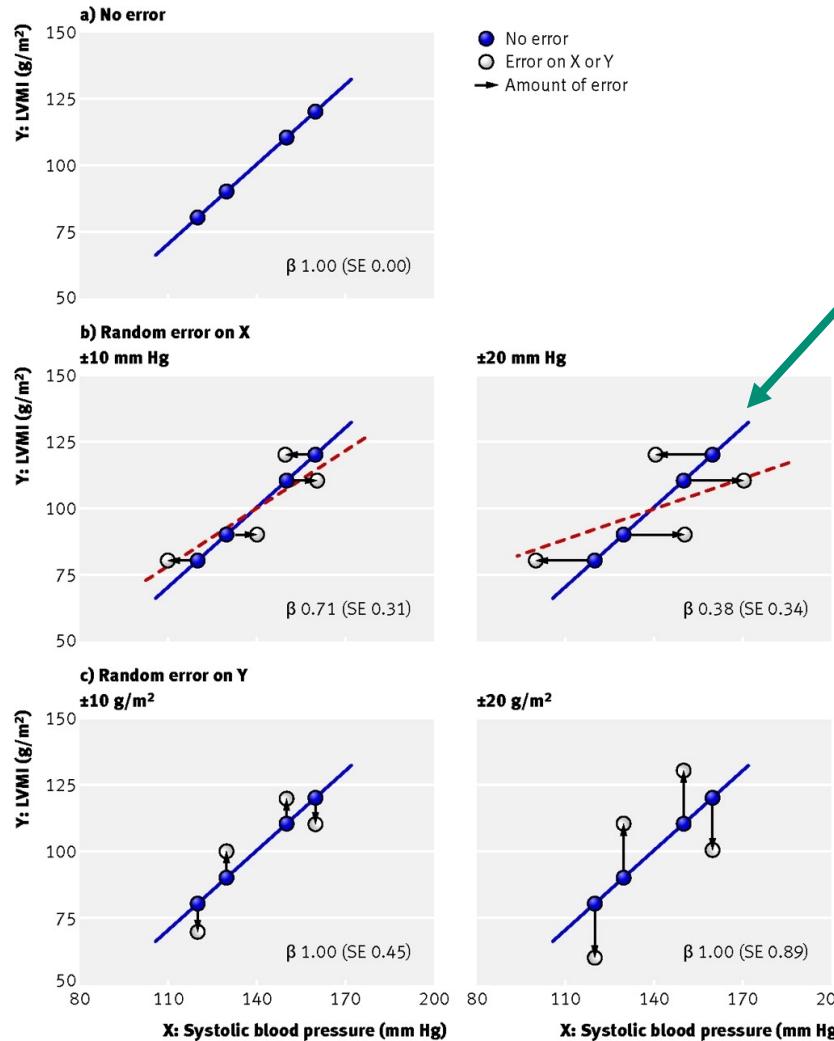
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Project goal:

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



# Attenuation bias for scalar linear regression



Slope is underpredicted  
by OLS with error in x

True slope vs. predicted slope via OLS:

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

# 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: Zwanig, *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  $L$  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,

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



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)

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

Assume  $\hat{u}$  is a smooth function and introduce a filter

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Smooth spectral filter,

$$\mathcal{G}u = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \operatorname{erfc}(a(\kappa - \kappa_c)) \mathcal{F}u$$



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Methods of parameterizing the operator

1. MOR-Physics
2. DeepONet

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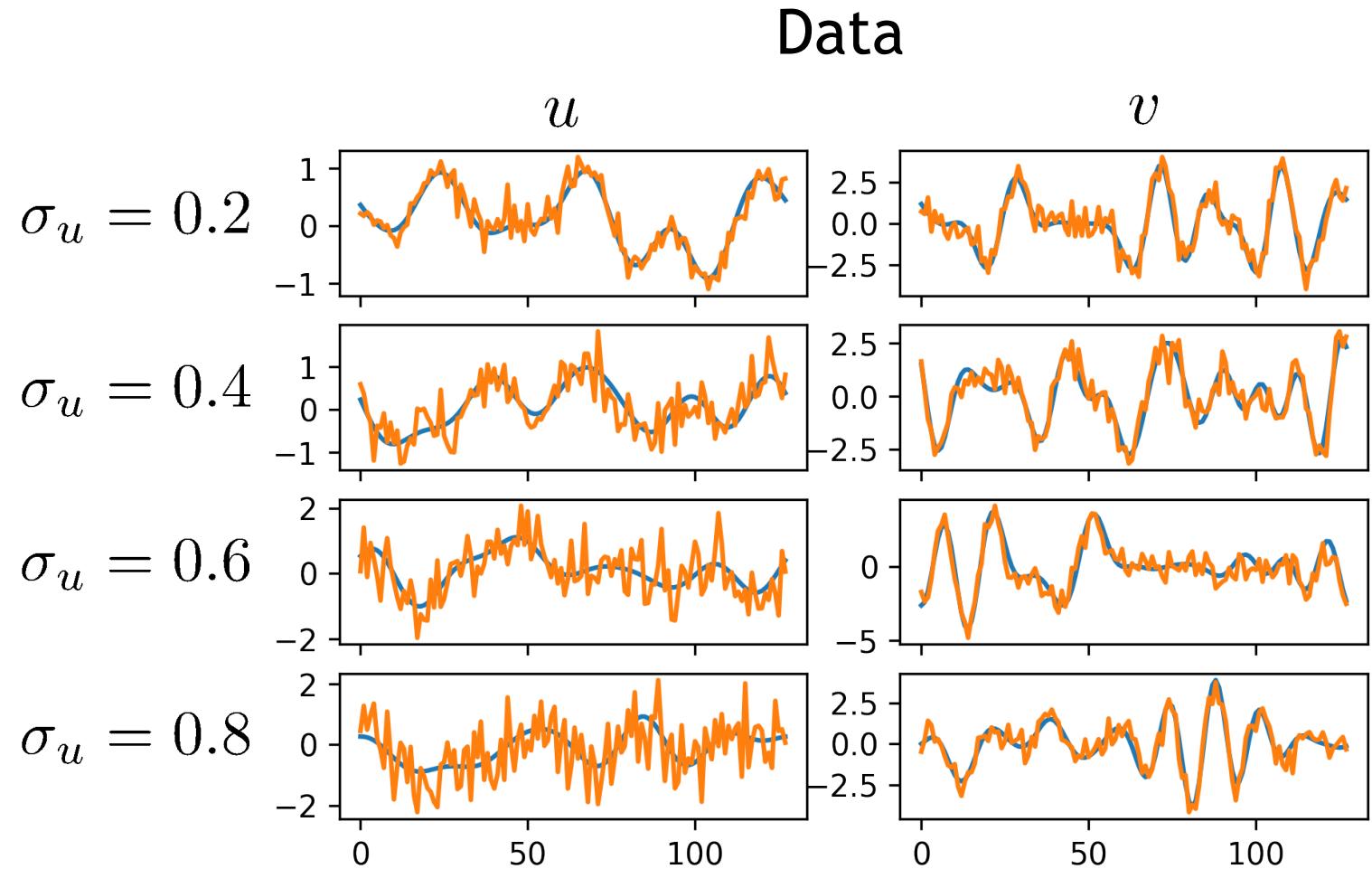
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Recover Burgers  
operator,

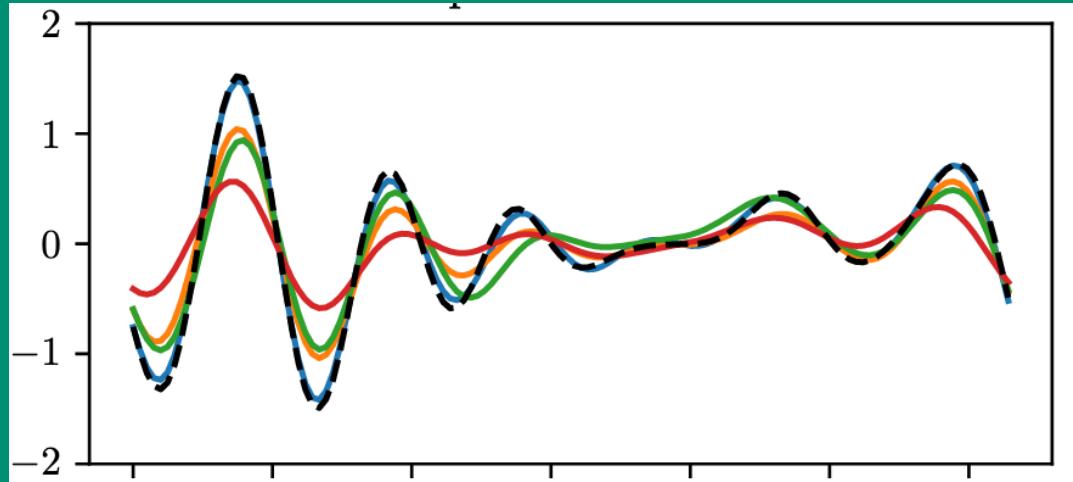
$$Lu = \partial_x u^2$$



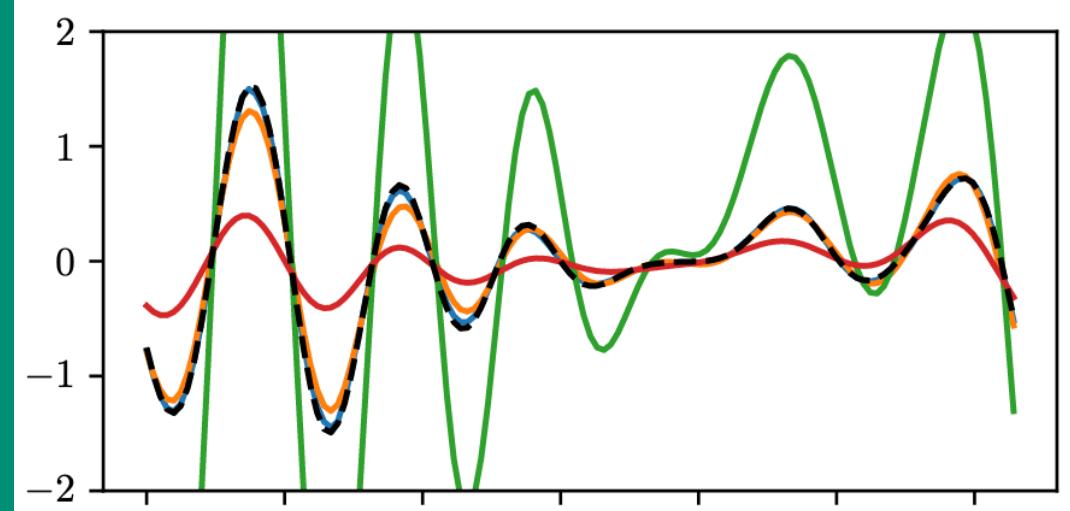
# EiV model reduces attenuation bias in learning the Burgers operator – MOR-Physics



Action of OLS operator on clean  $u$

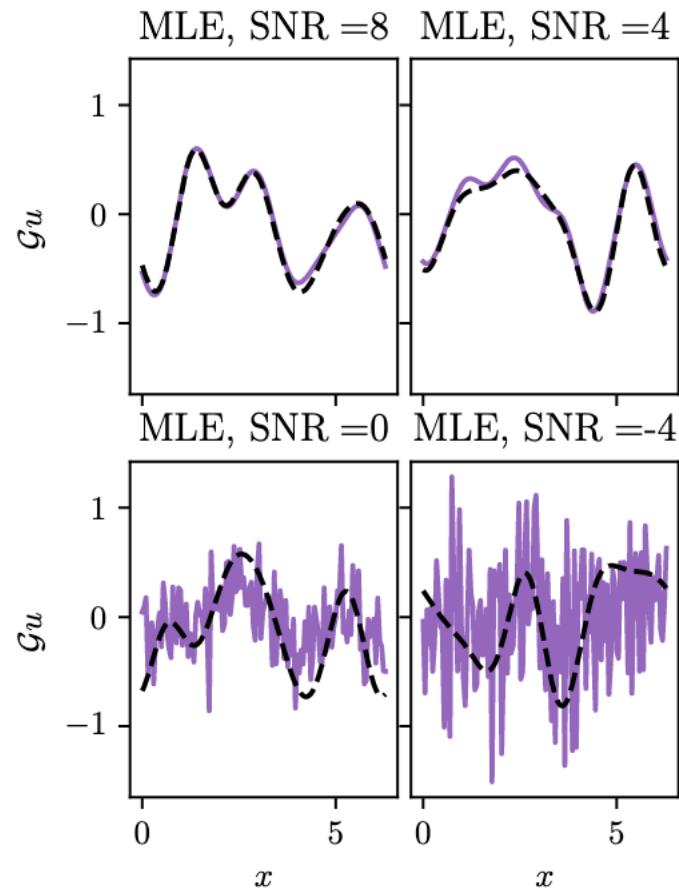


Action of EiV operator on clean  $u$



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  $\text{SNR} = 8$  (—),  $\text{SNR} = 4$  (—),  $\text{SNR} = 0$  (—), and  $\text{SNR} = -4$  (—). (*Right*) Action of true Burgers operator (----) on noiseless test  $\mathbf{u}_{\text{test}}$  and action of learned operators from data with decreasing SNR for OLS (*Top right*) and EiV (*Bottom right*).

# MLE fails to find good filters



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 ( $\kappa_c$  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



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  $\mathcal{U}(10, 1)$ ),

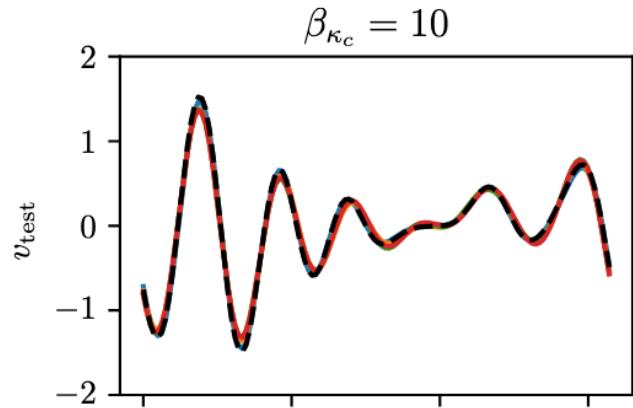
$$\kappa_c/\beta \sim \text{Beta}(1 + \delta, 1 + \delta)$$

Maximum a posteriori estimation (MAP),

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

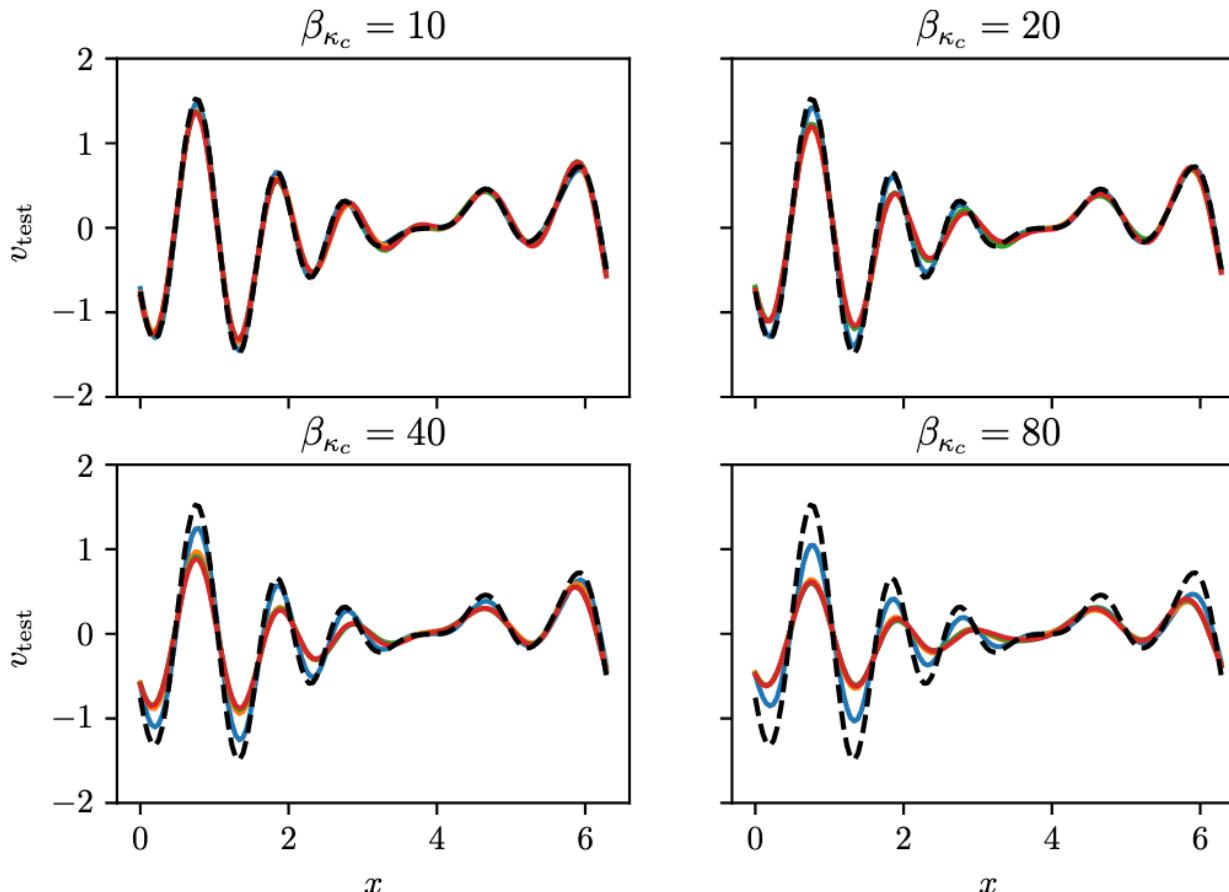
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# Smoothness prior robustly recovers operator with EiV model and is insensitive to hyperparameters



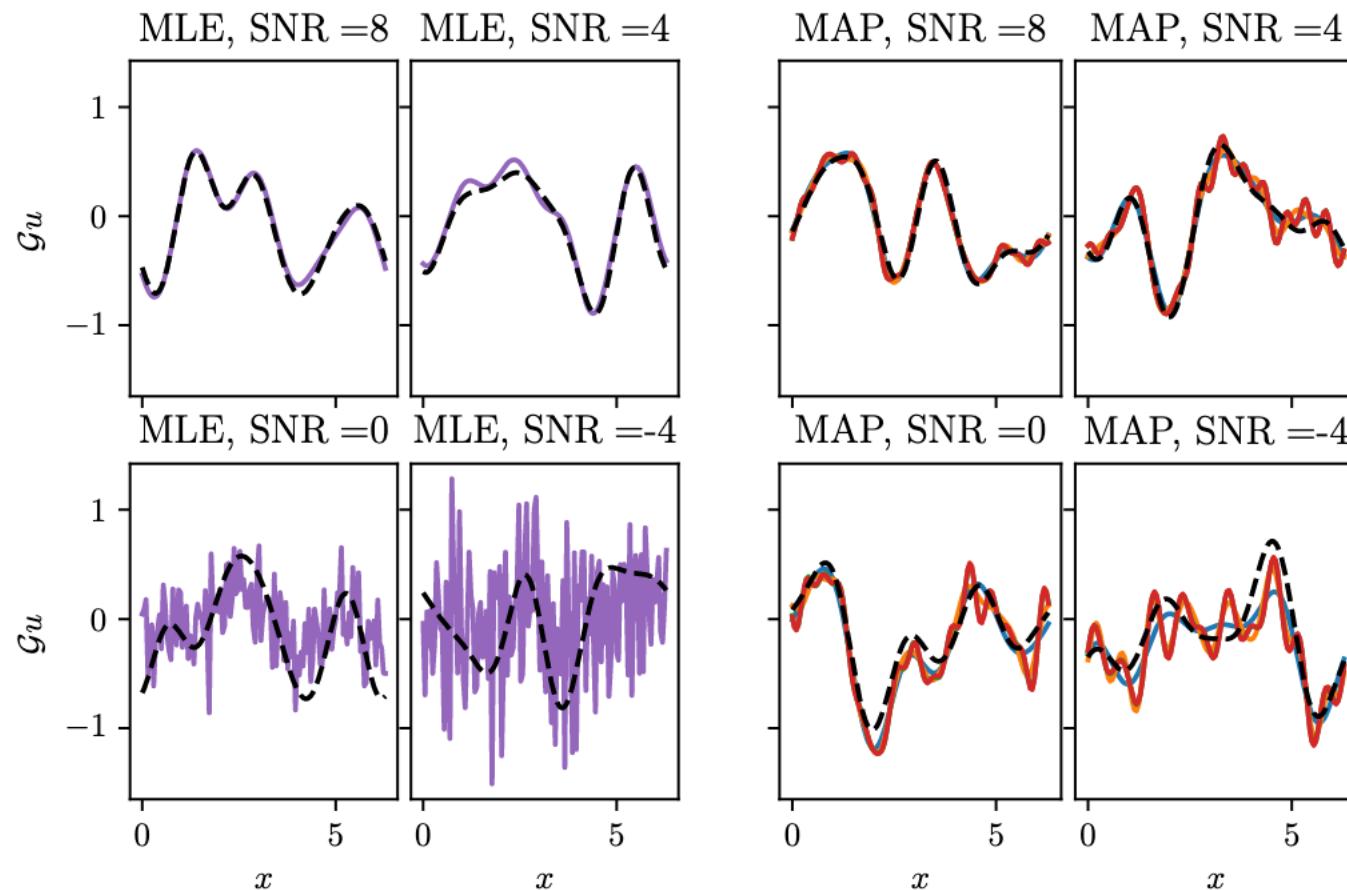
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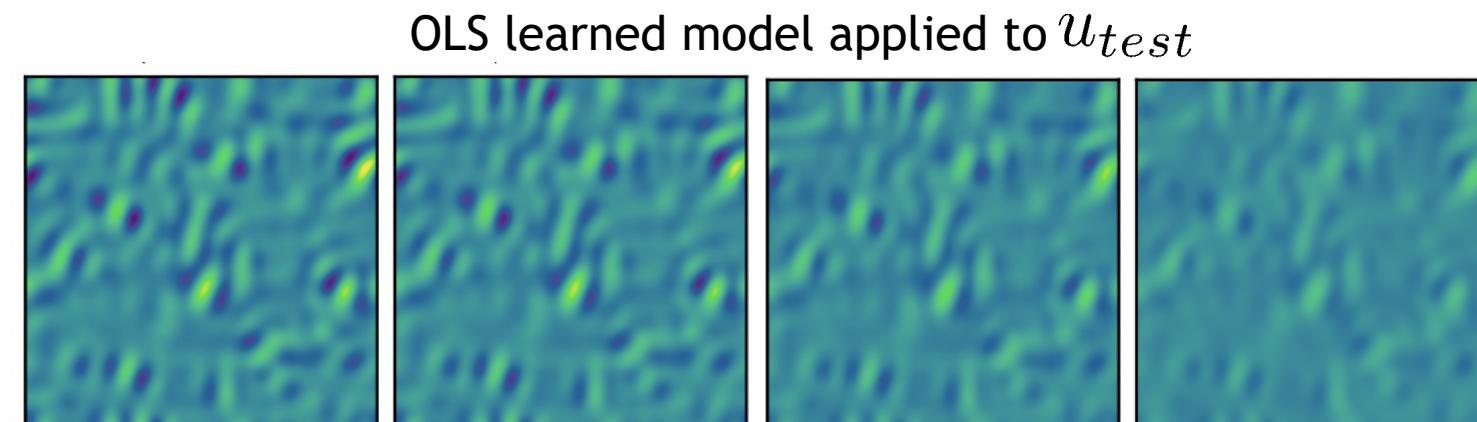
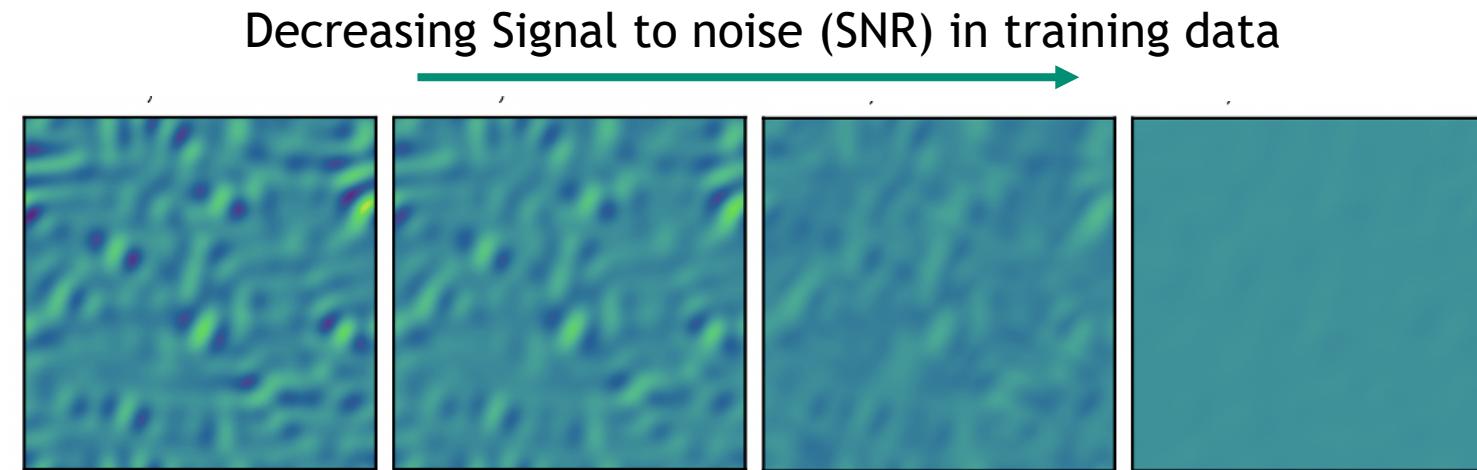
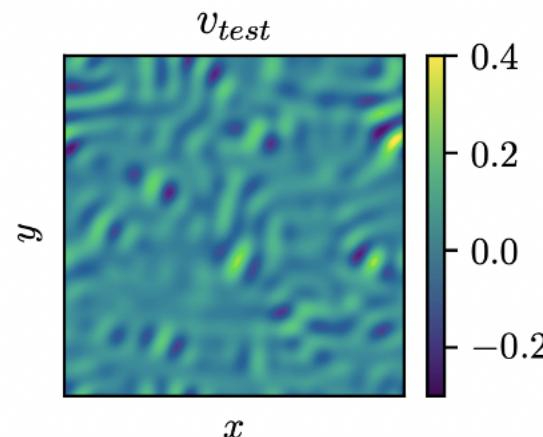
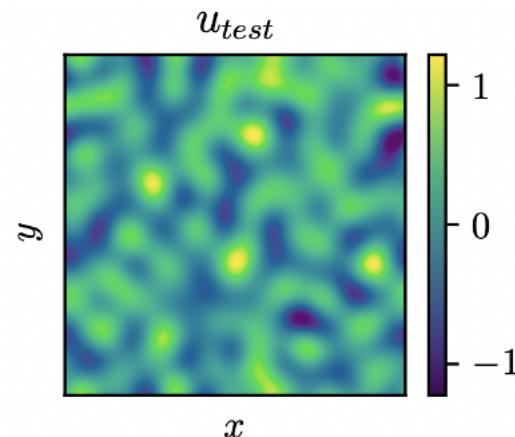
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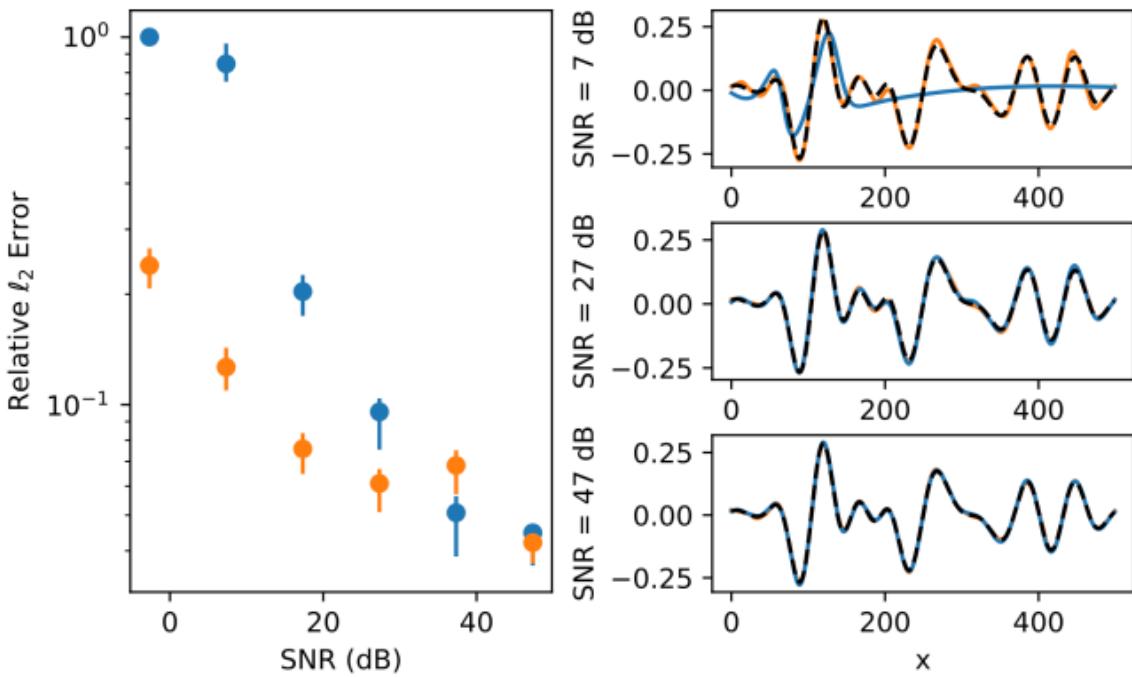


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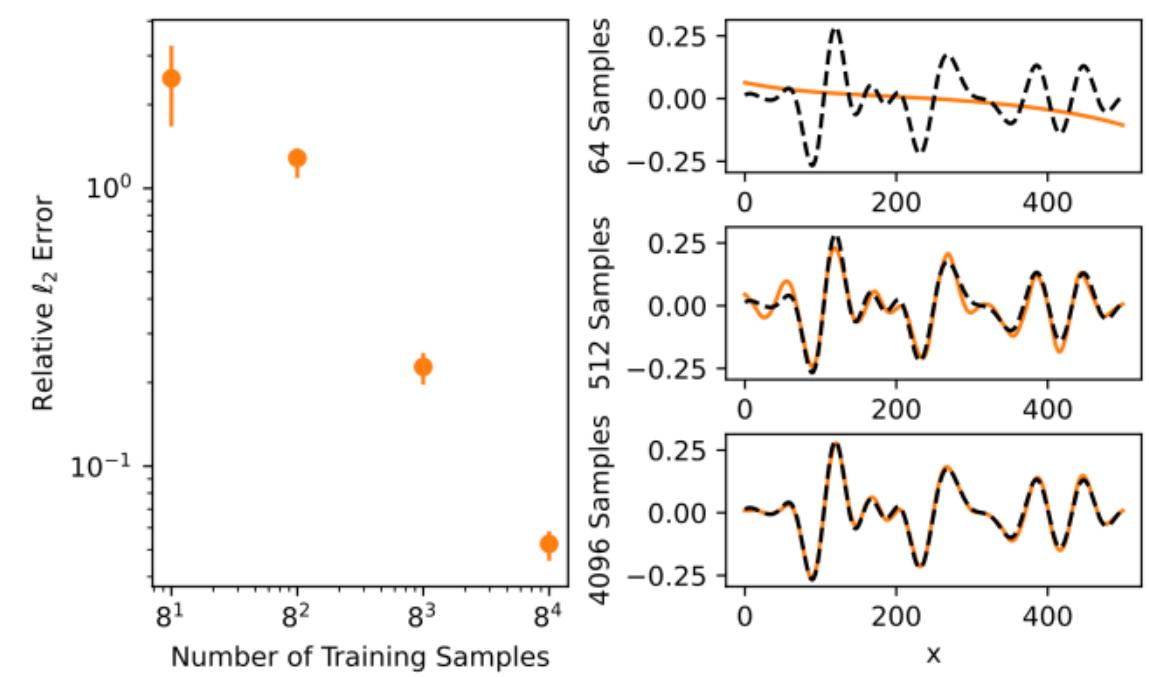
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# Statistics on learning the Burgers operator with EiV vs. OLS – DeepONets

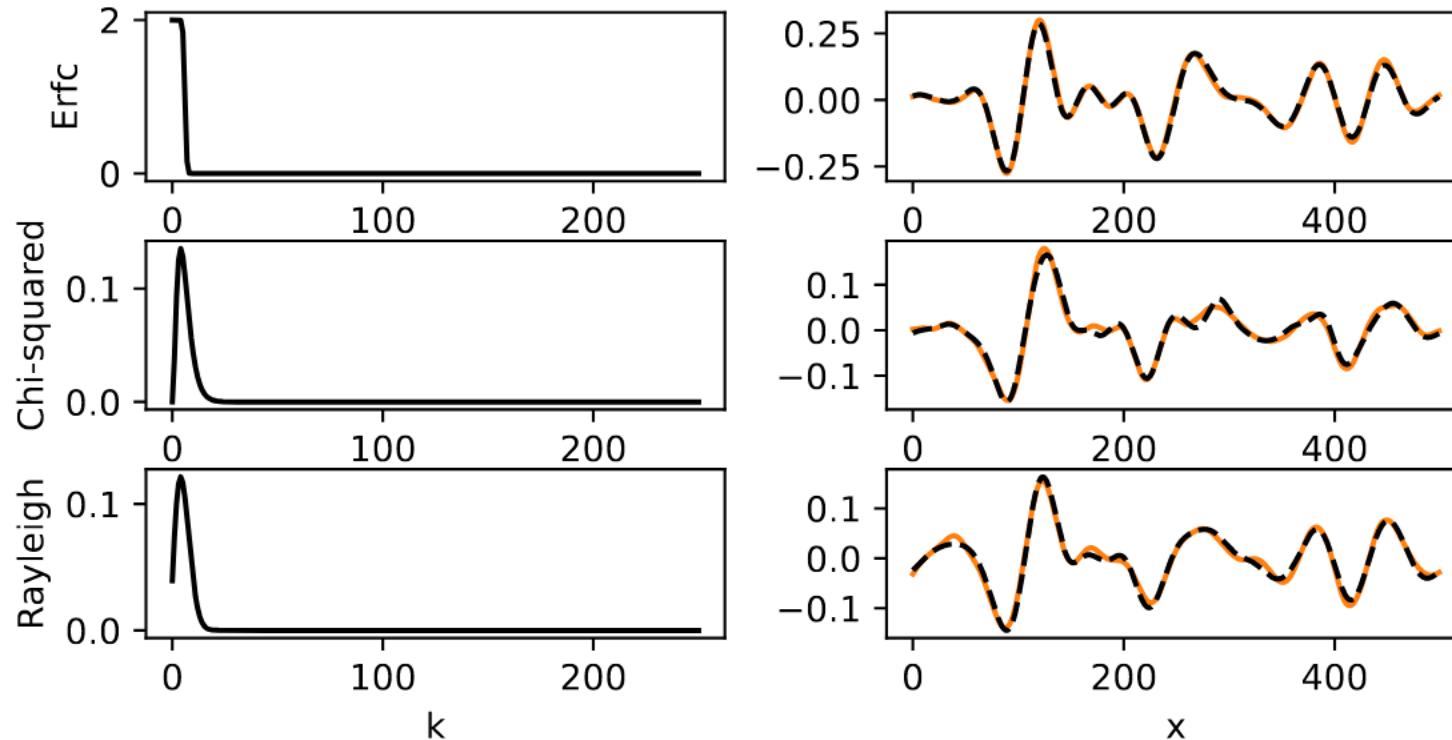


OLS (●) and EiV (●) test error vs. SNR



EiV (●) test 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  $u_{\text{test}}$ . (*Right*) Action of true (----) and DeepONet EiV (—) operators on  $u_{\text{test}}$ .

# 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  $\hat{u}$  given time independent white 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

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

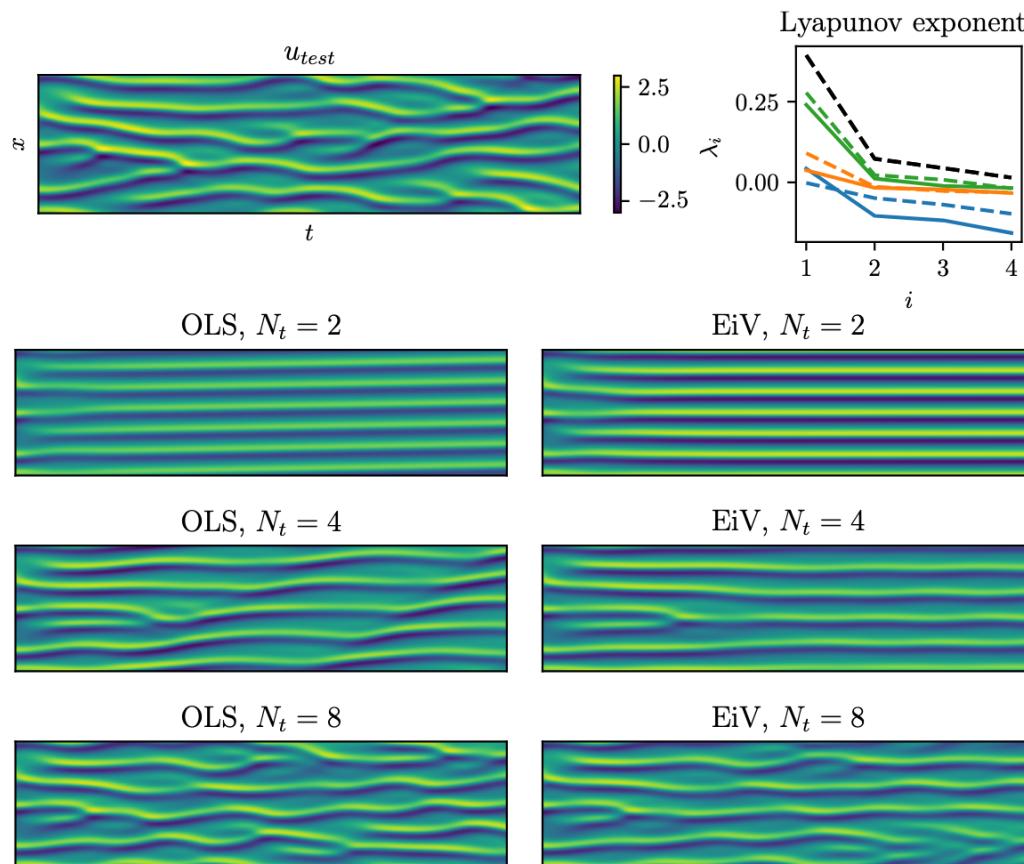
Where MAP estimation is computed as shown previously

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



Kuramoto–Sivashinsky (KS) 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  $N_t = 2$  (—),  $N_t = 4$  (—),  $N_t = 8$  (—).



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

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