

# DeepONet: Learning nonlinear operators

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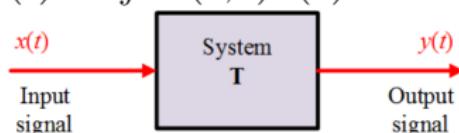
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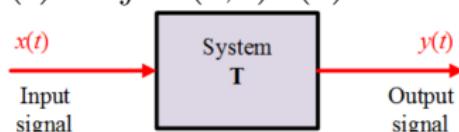
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⇒ Can we learn operators via neural networks?

⇒ How?



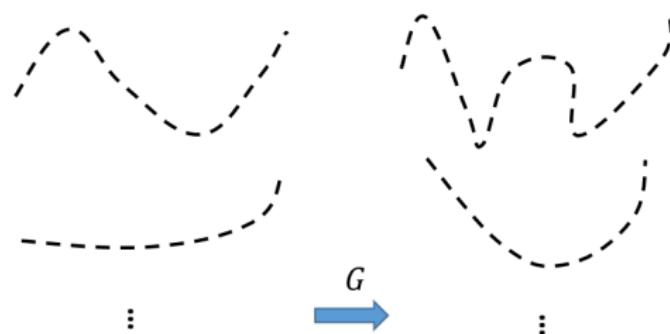
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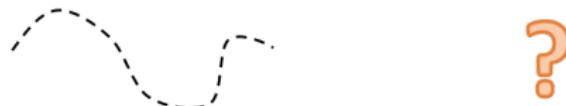
Input function  $u$

Data:



Output function  $G(u)$

Question:



# Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator

$G : \textcolor{blue}{u} \in V \subset C(K_1) \mapsto \textcolor{teal}{G}(u) \in C(K_2)$

$G(u) : \textcolor{red}{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \textcolor{magenta}{G}(u)(y) \in \mathbb{R}$

Theorem (Chen & Chen, 1995)

Suppose that  $\sigma$  is a continuous non-polynomial function,  $X$  is a Banach Space,  $K_1 \subset X$ ,  $K_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  are two compact sets in  $X$  and  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , respectively,  $V$  is a compact set in  $C(K_1)$ ,  $G$  is a continuous operator, which maps  $V$  into  $C(K_2)$ .

Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there are positive integers  $n, p, m$ , constants  $c_i^k, \xi_{ij}^k, \theta_i^k, \zeta_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $w_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $x_j \in K_1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , such that

$$\left| G(u)(y) - \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k \sigma \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}^k u(x_j) + \theta_i^k \right) \sigma(w_k \cdot \textcolor{red}{y} + \zeta_k) \right| < \epsilon$$

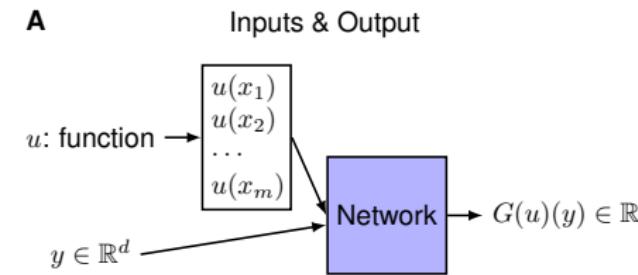
holds for all  $u \in V$  and  $y \in K_2$ .

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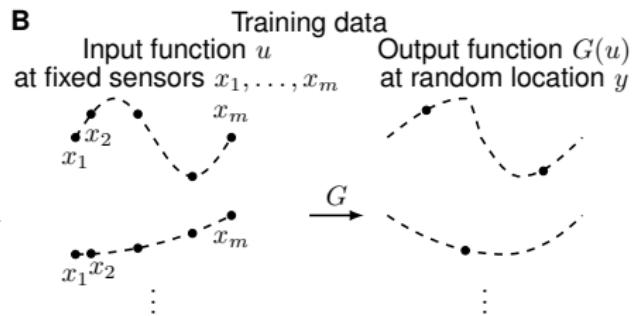
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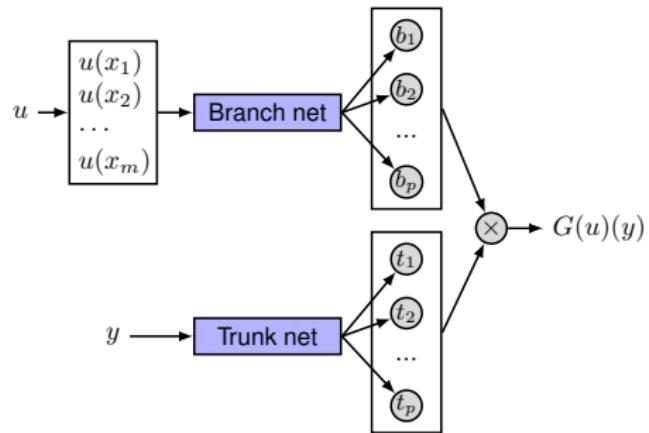
- Inputs:  $u$  at sensors  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Output:  $G(u)(y) \in \mathbb{R}$

# Deep operator network (DeepONet)

Lu et al., *Nature Mach Intell*, 2021

$$G(u)(y) \approx \sum_{k=1}^p \underbrace{b_k(u)}_{\text{branch}} \underbrace{t_k(y)}_{\text{trunk}}$$

D Unstacked DeepONet



**Idea:**  $G(u)(y)$ : a function of  $y$  conditioning on  $u$

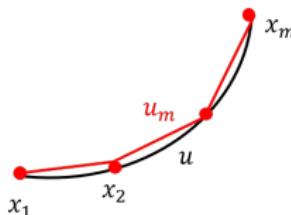
- $t_k(y)$ : basis function of  $y$
- $b_k(u)$ :  $u$ -dependent coefficient, i.e., functional of  $u$



## Error analysis: the number of sensors

Consider  $G : u(x) \mapsto s(x)$  ( $x \in [0, 1]$ ) by ODE system

$$\frac{d}{dx} s(x) = g(s(x), u(x), x), \quad s(0) = s_0$$



$$\forall u \in V \Rightarrow u_m \in V_m$$

$$\text{Let } \kappa(m, V) := \sup_{u \in V} \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |u(x) - u_m(x)|$$

e.g., Gaussian process with kernel  $e^{-\frac{\|x_1 - x_2\|^2}{2l^2}}$ :  $\kappa(m, V) \sim \frac{1}{m^2 l^2}$

**Theorem (Lu et al., Nature Mach Intell, 2021)**

Assume  $g$  is Lipschitz continuous ( $c$ ).

Then there exists a DeepONet  $\mathcal{N}$ , such that

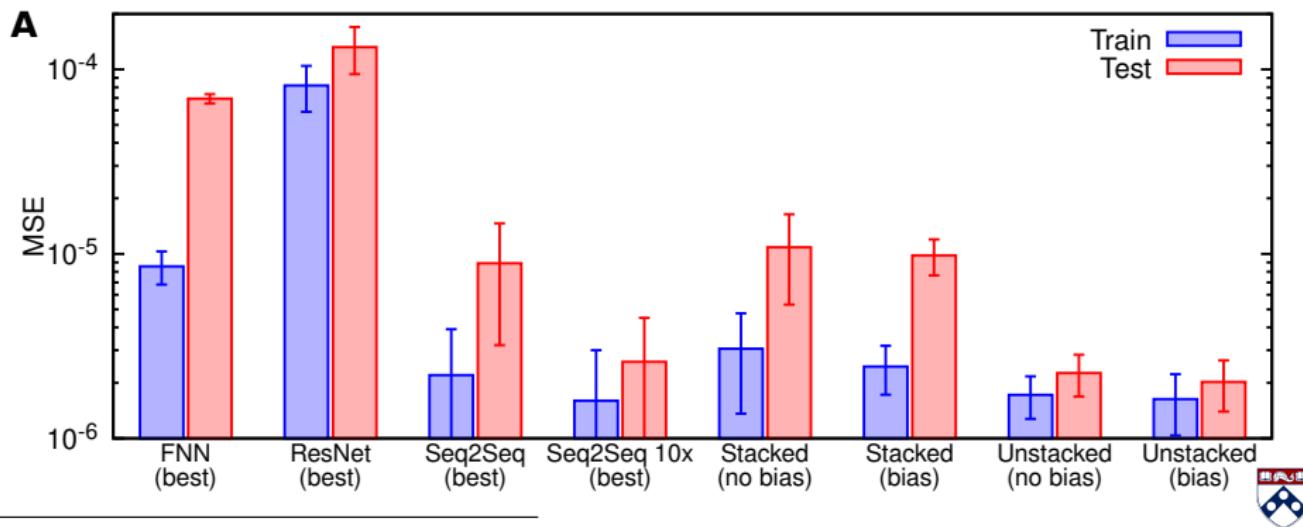
$$\sup_{u \in V} \max_{x \in [0, 1]} \|G(u)(x) - \mathcal{N}([u(x_1), \dots, u(x_m)], x)\|_2 < ce^c \kappa(m, V).$$

# Explicit operator: A simple ODE case

$$\frac{ds(x)}{dx} = u(x), \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad s(0) = 0$$

$$G : u(x) \mapsto s(y) = s(0) + \int_0^y u(\tau) d\tau$$

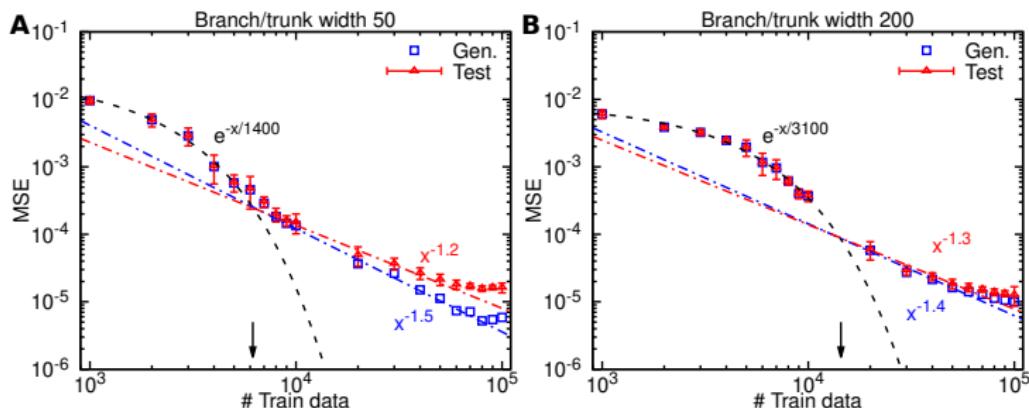
Very small generalization error!



# Implicit operator: Gravity pendulum with an external force

$$\frac{ds_1}{dt} = s_2, \quad \frac{ds_2}{dt} = -k \sin s_1 + u(t)$$

$G : u(t) \mapsto \mathbf{s}(t)$



Test/generalization error:

- small dataset: exponential convergence
- large dataset: polynomial rates
- larger network has later transition point

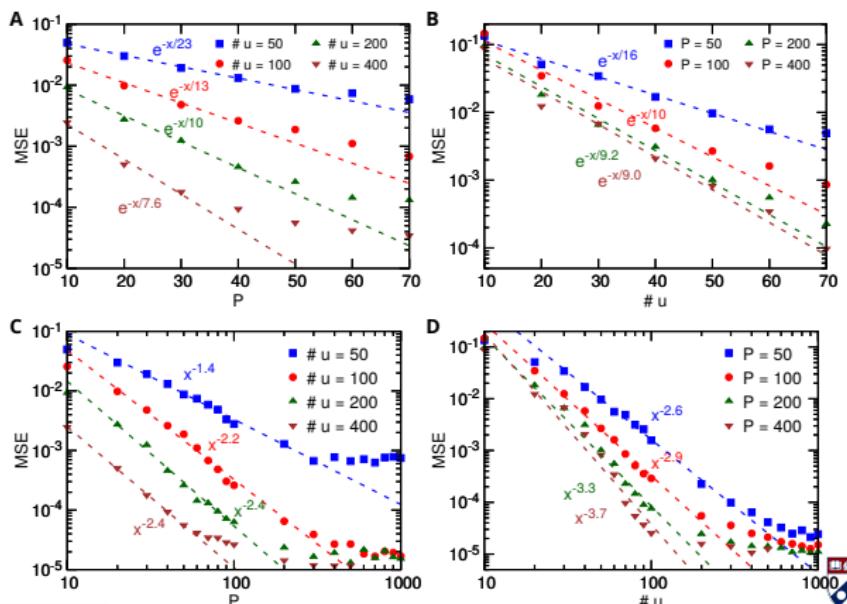


# Implicit operator: Diffusion-reaction system

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial x^2} + ks^2 + u(x), \quad x \in [0, 1], t \in [0, 1]$$

# Training points = # $u \times P$

Small dataset:  
Exponential convergence



Large dataset:  
Polynomial convergence

# Stochastic ODE

Consider the population growth model

$$dy(t; \omega) = k(t; \omega)y(t; \omega)dt, \quad y(0) = 1$$

Stochastic process  $k(t; \omega) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, \sigma^2 \exp(-\|t_1 - t_2\|^2/2l^2))$

$$G : k(t; \omega) \mapsto y(t; \omega)$$

Ideas:

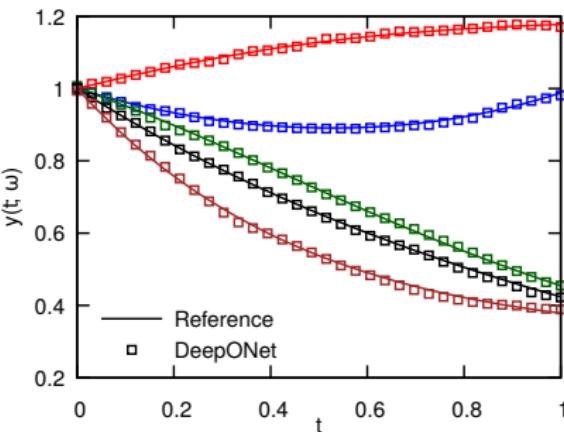
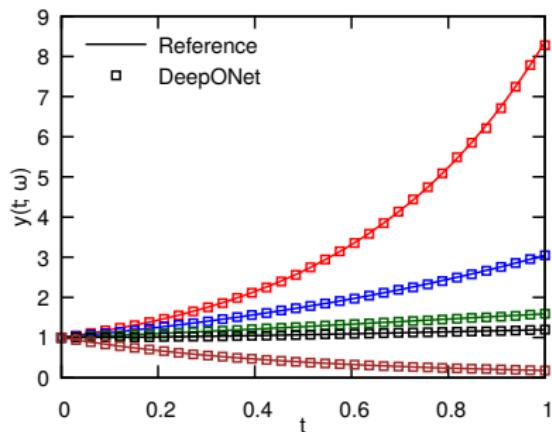
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- trunk net inputs:  $[t, \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{N+1}$



# Stochastic ODE

- Choose  $N = 5$  to conserve 99.9% stochastic energy
- Train with 10000 different  $k(t; \omega)$  with  $l$  randomly sampled in  $[1, 2]$ , and for each  $k(t; \omega)$  we use only one realization
- Test MSE is  $8.0 \times 10^{-5} \pm 3.4 \times 10^{-5}$

Example: 10 different random samples of  $y(t; \omega)$  for  $k(t; \omega)$  with  $l = 1.5$



# Stochastic PDE

Consider the elliptic problem with multiplicative noise

$$-\operatorname{div}(e^{b(x;\omega)} \nabla u(x;\omega)) = f(x), \quad x \in (0,1)$$

with zero boundary conditions,  $f(x) = 10$ .

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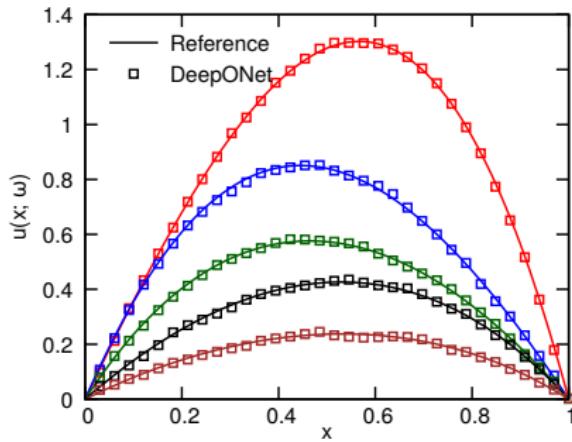
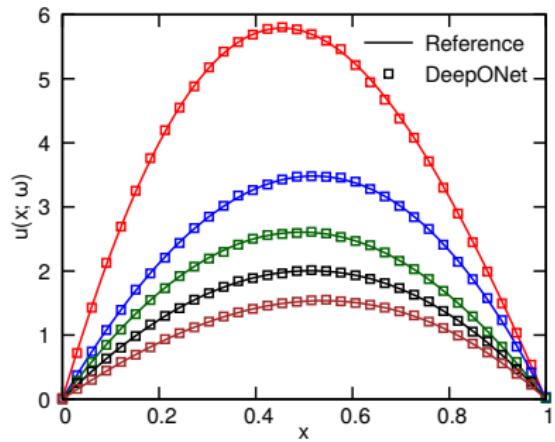
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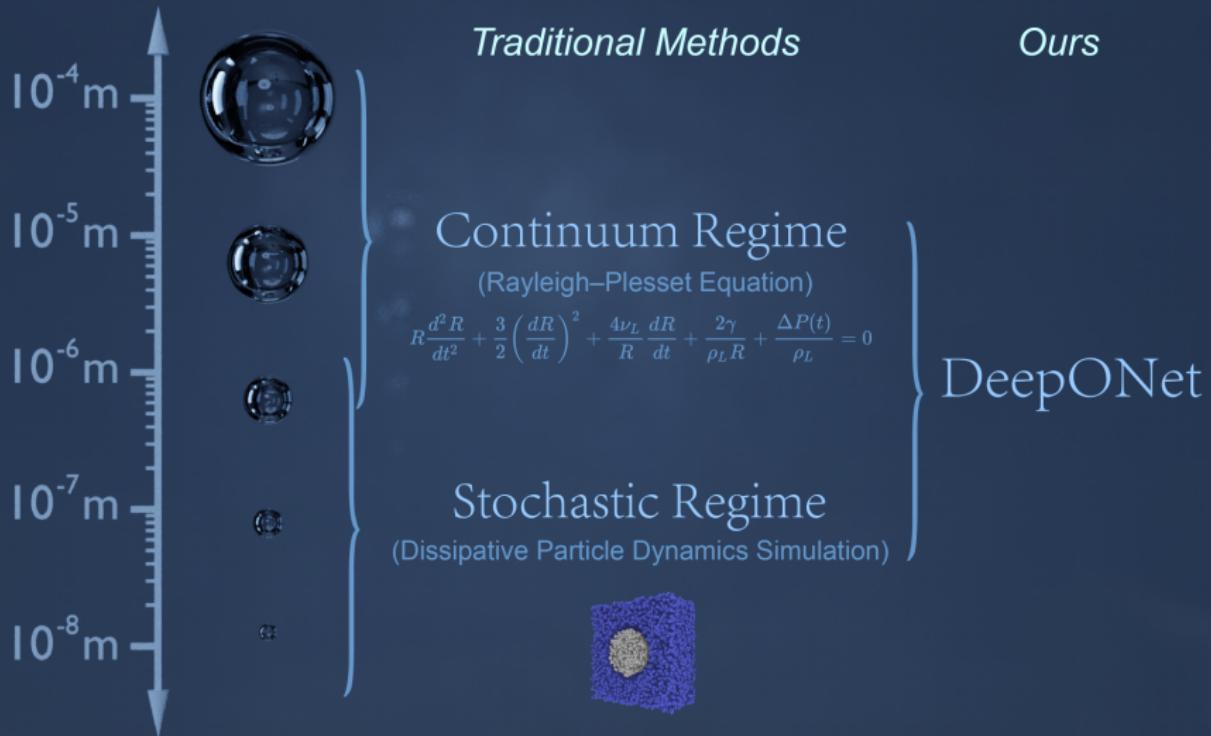


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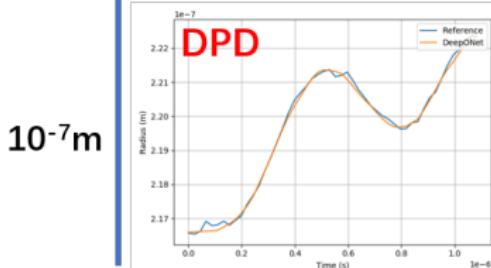
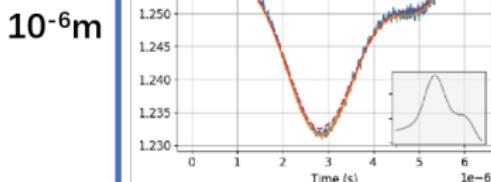
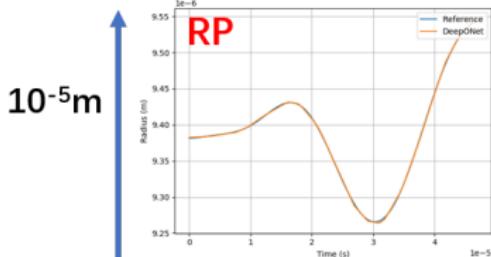
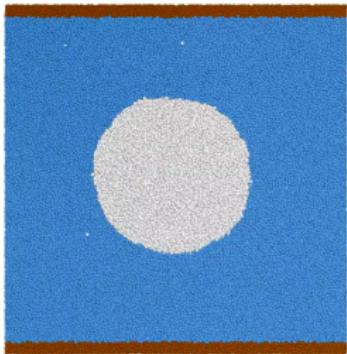
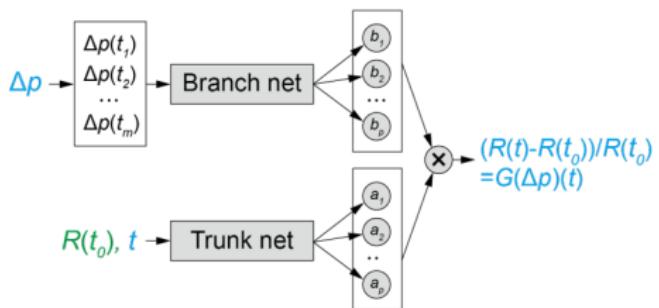
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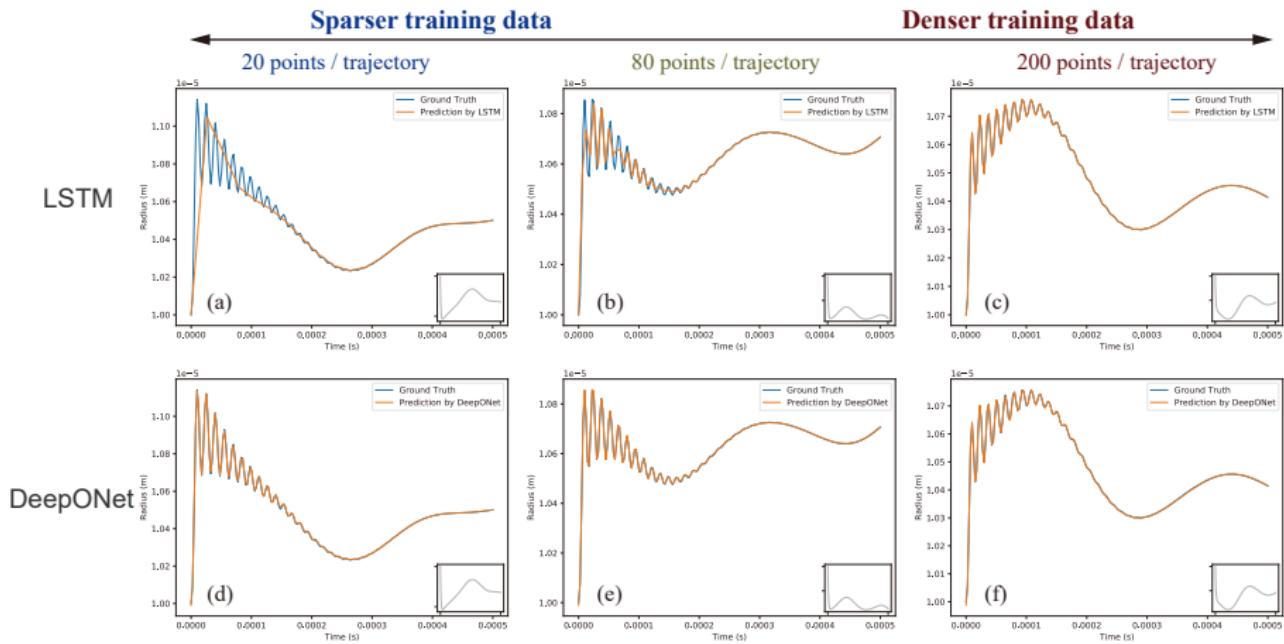
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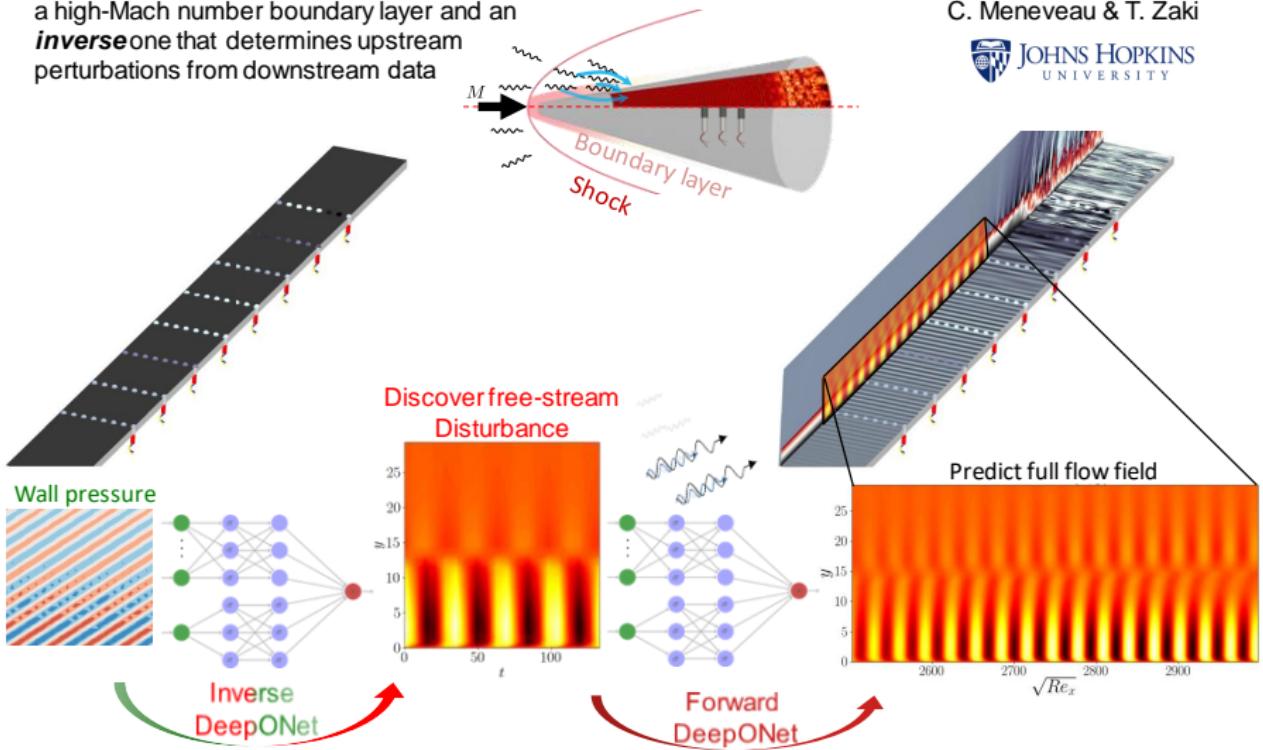
# DeepONet vs. LSTM



# Data assimilation in high-Mach boundary layers

We trained a **forward** DeepONet that predicts the evolution of instability waves in a high-Mach number boundary layer and an **inverse** one that determines upstream perturbations from downstream data

In collaboration with  
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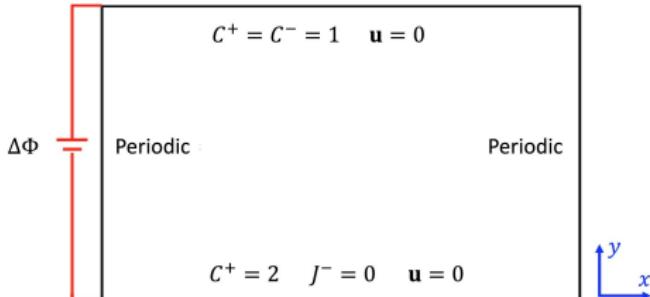
# Multiphysics & Multiscale problems

## Electroconvection problem

- Stokes equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -\nabla p + \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - \frac{\kappa}{2\epsilon^2} \rho_e \nabla \phi$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$



- Electric potential

$$\Delta\phi \in [5, 75]$$

$$-2\epsilon^2 \nabla^2 \phi = \rho_e = z(c^+ - c^-)$$

- Ion transport equation

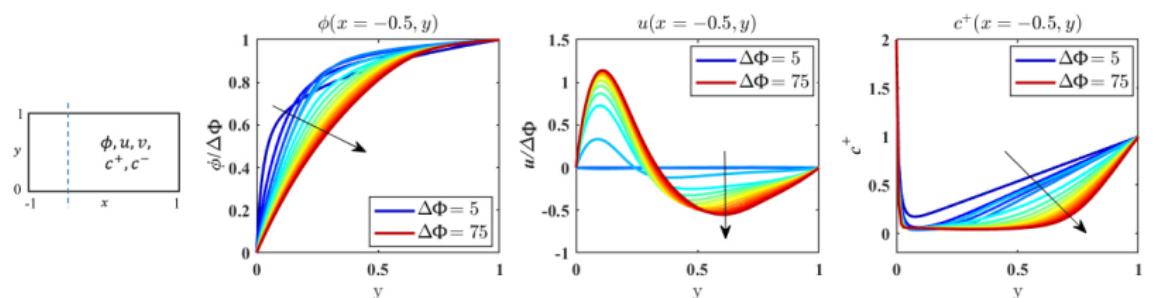
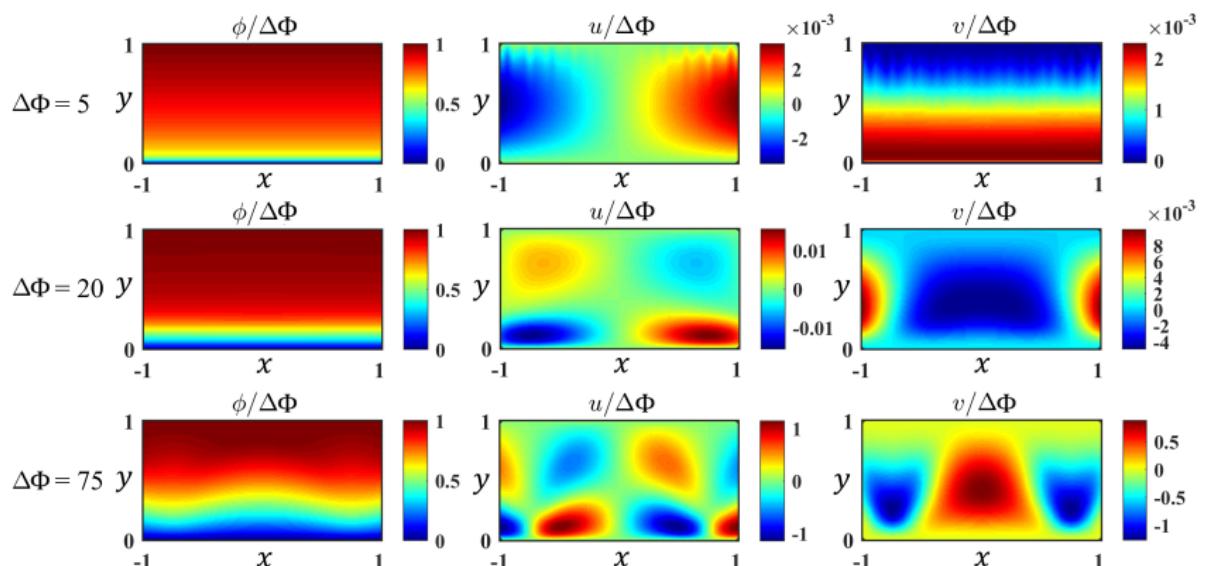
$$\frac{\partial c^\pm}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^\pm$$

$$\mathbf{J}^\pm = c^\pm \mathbf{u} - \nabla c^\pm \mp c^\pm \nabla \phi$$

- $\mathbf{u}$ : velocity
- $p$ : pressure
- $\phi$ : electric potential
- $\rho_e$ : free charge density
- $c^\pm$ : cation/anion concentrations
- $\mathbf{J}^\pm$ : flux

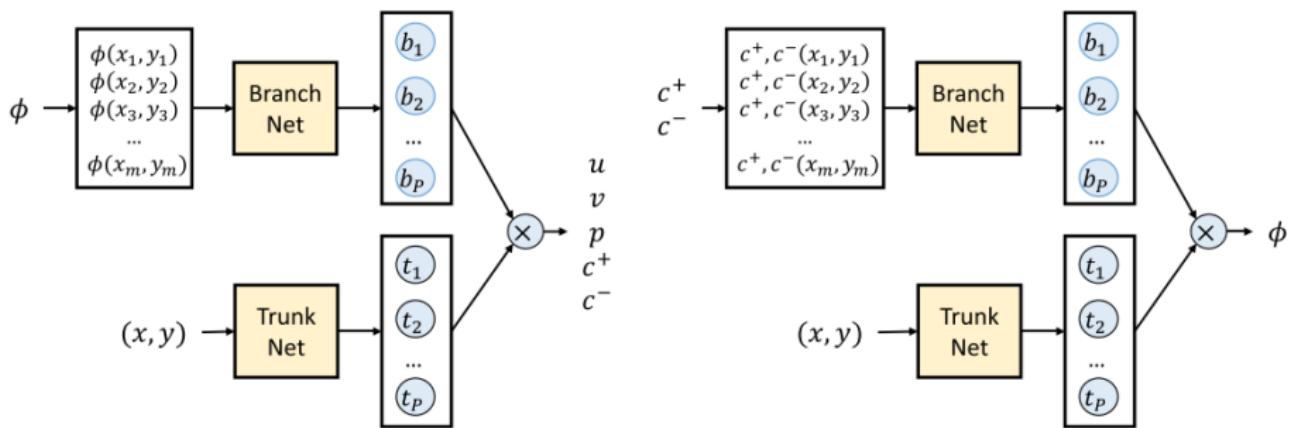


# Data examples (steady state)

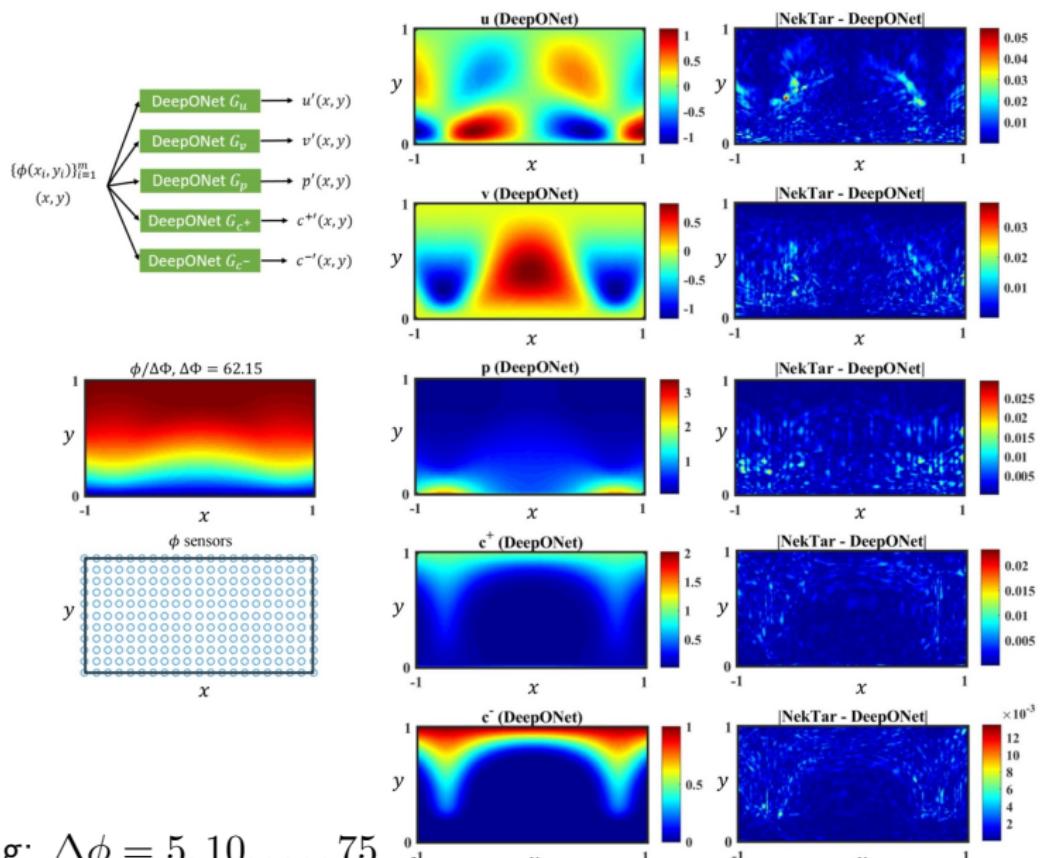


# Physics decomposition via 6 DeepONets

| DeepONets | Input function         | Output function |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| $G_\phi$  | $c^+(x, y), c^-(x, y)$ | $\phi(x, y)$    |
| $G_u$     | $\phi(x, y)$           | $u(x, y)$       |
| $G_v$     | $\phi(x, y)$           | $v(x, y)$       |
| $G_p$     | $\phi(x, y)$           | $p(x, y)$       |
| $G_{c^+}$ | $\phi(x, y)$           | $c^+(x, y)$     |
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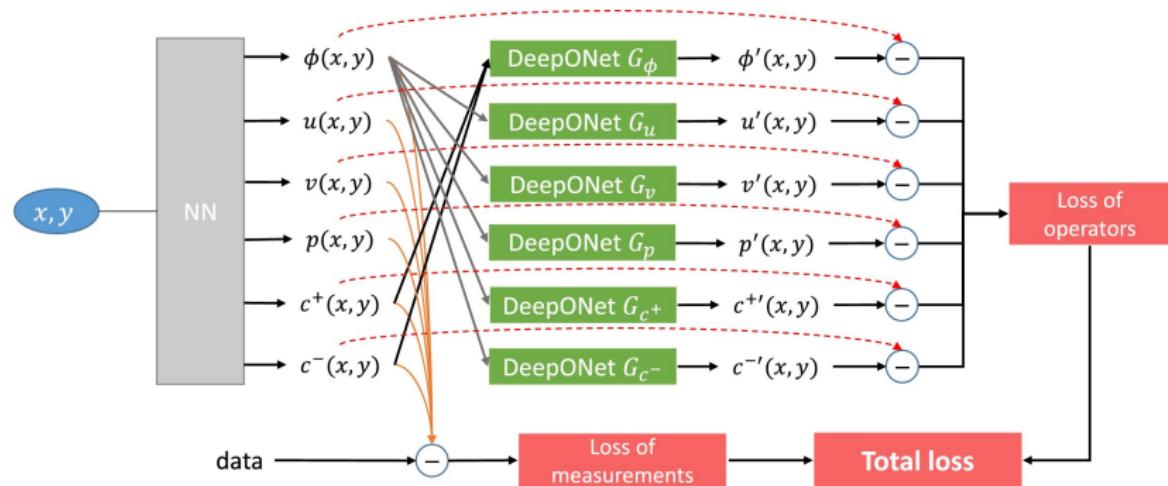


Training:  $\Delta\phi = 5, 10, \dots, 75$



# DeepM&Mnet: DeepONets coupling

## Parallel DeepONets



Loss function:

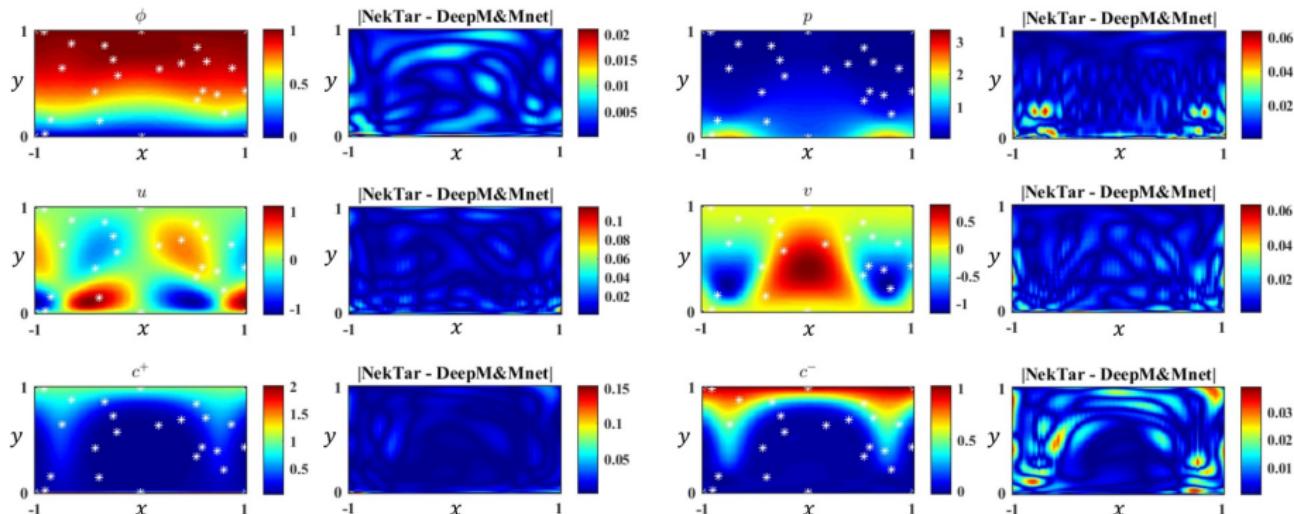
$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_d \mathcal{L}_{data} + \lambda_o \mathcal{L}_{op} + \lambda_r \mathcal{L}_2(\theta)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{op} = \sum_{V \in \{\phi, u, v, p, c^+, c^-\}} \frac{1}{N_{op}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{op}} \left( V(x^i, y^i) - V'(x^i, y^i) \right)^2$$



# Testing example

$$\Delta\phi = 62.15$$



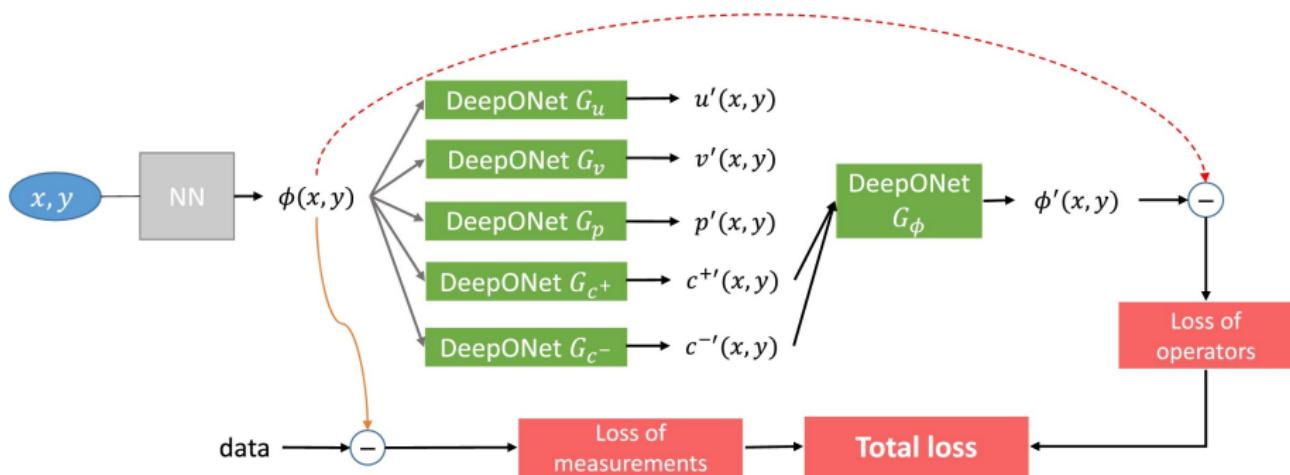
Relative error  $\sim 1\%$

$\phi$ : 0.54%,  $u$ : 1.26%,  $v$ : 0.54%,  $p$ : 0.93%,  $c^+$ : 0.67%,  $c^-$ : 0.48%



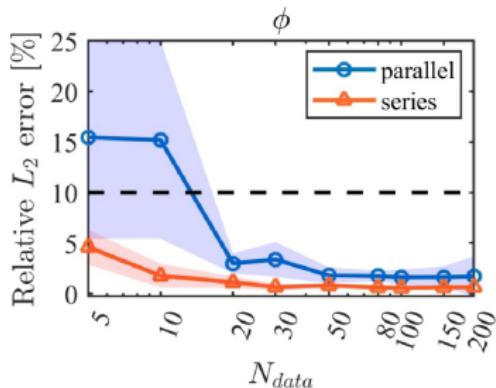
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## Serial DeepONets

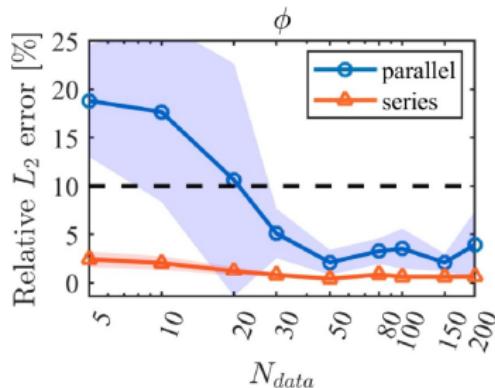


# DeepM&Mnet: Parallel vs. Serial

Only have data of  $\phi$ :



(a) NN size:  $6 \times 100$

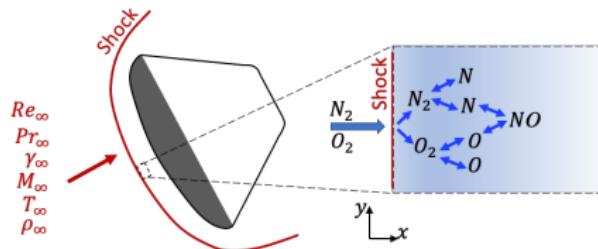


(b) NN size:  $3 \times 50$

- Serial: Better accuracy
  - especially when the data is small
- Parallel: More flexible

# DeepM&Mnet: Multiphysics & Multiscale problems

Hypersonics with chemical reaction: fluid flow & chemical reaction



$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho u_j) = 0$$

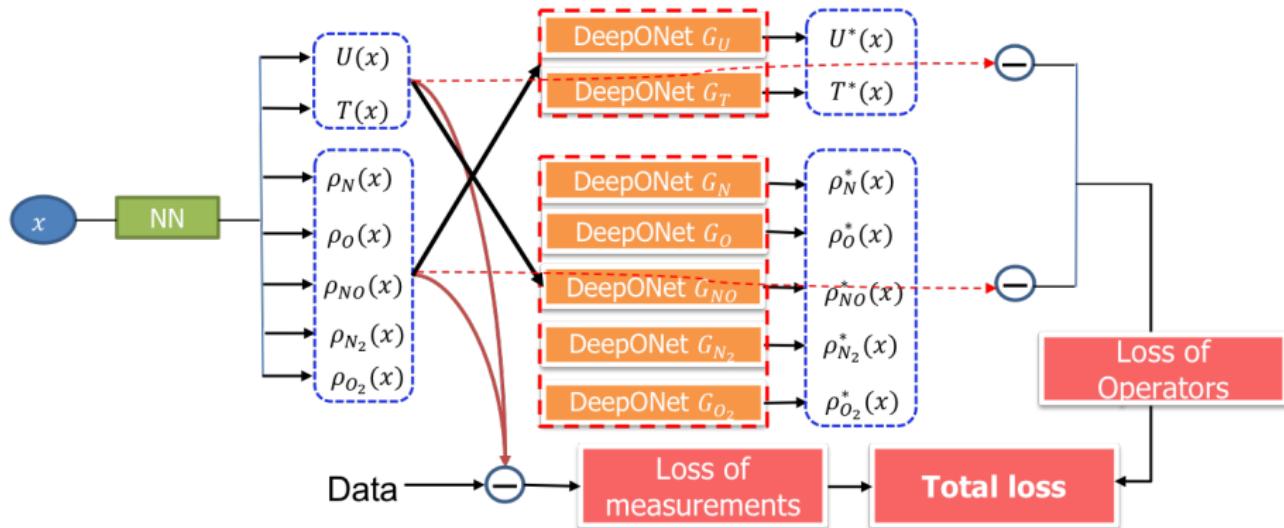
$$\frac{\partial \rho^s}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho^s u_j) = \dot{w}^s, \quad s = 1, \dots, 5$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho u_i u_j + p \delta_{ij}) = \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [(E + p) u_j] = -\frac{\partial q_j}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (u_j \sigma_{jk})$$



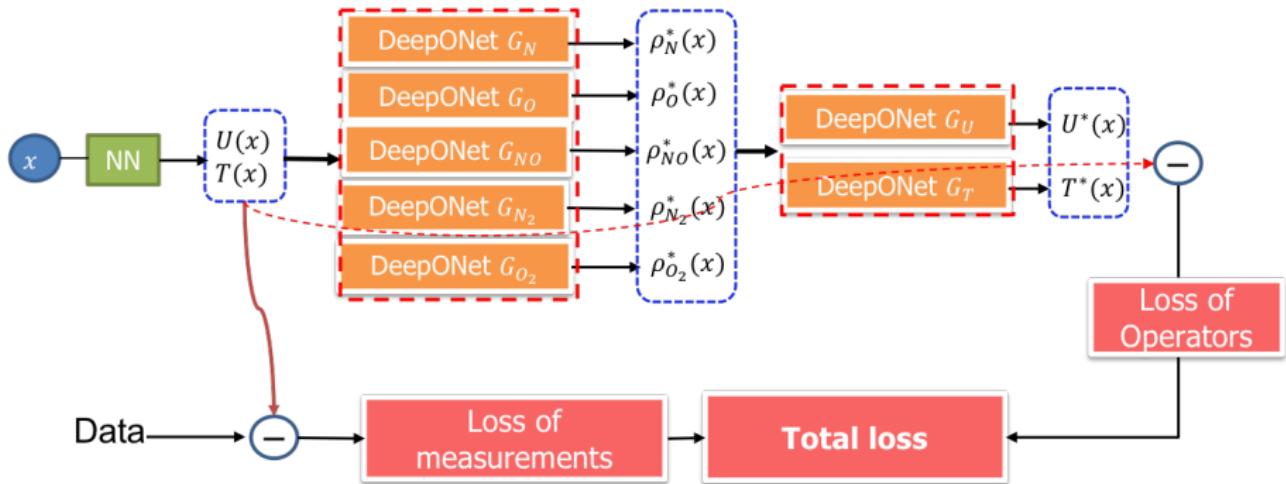
# Parallel DeepM&Mnet



Mao et al., arXiv:2011.03349



# Serial DeepM&Mnet



# DeepONet for learning operators

DeepONet (Lu et al., *Nature Mach Intell*, 2021)

- **Algorithms & Applications**

- ▶ 16 ODEs/PDEs (nonlinear, fractional & stochastic)
- ▶ Multiphysics & Multiscale problems
  - ★ Bubble growth dynamics from nm to mm (Lin et al., *J Chem Phys*, 2021)
  - ★ Linear instability waves in high-speed boundary layers (Clark Di Leoni et al., arXiv:2105.08697)
  - ★ Electroconvection (Cai et al., *J Comput Phys*, 2021)
  - ★ Hypersonics (Mao et al., arXiv:2011.03349)

- **Observation:** Good performance

- ▶ Small generalization error
- ▶ Exponential/polynomial error convergence

- **Theory**

- ▶ Convergence rate for advection-diffusion equations (Deng et al., arXiv:2102.10621)

