

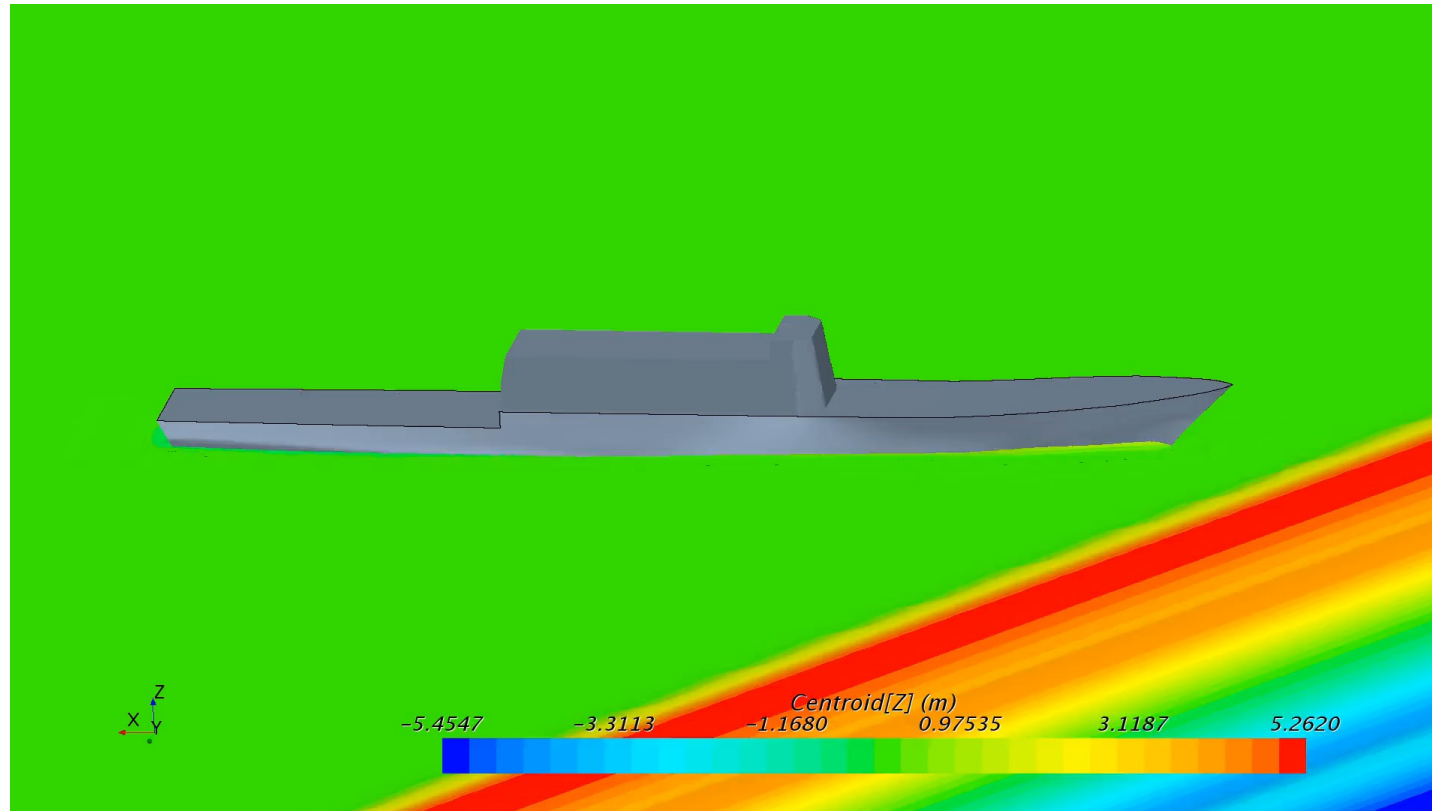
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# Transfer and Multi-Task Learning in Physics-Based Applications with Deep Neural Operators

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# Can Neural Networks Predict in Real-Time (Autonomy)?



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# Can we predict the rupture of aneurysm?



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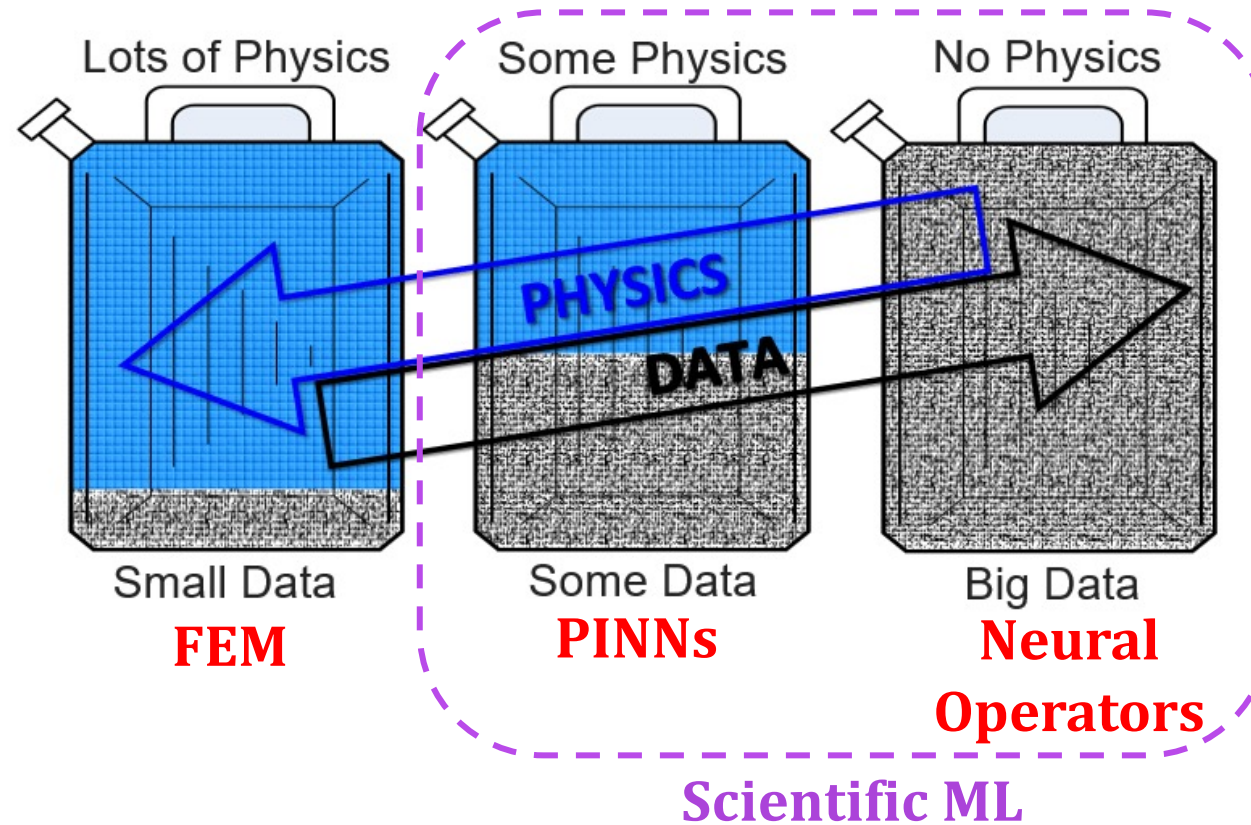


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# Data + Laws of Physics

The 5D Law: Dinky, Dirty, Dynamic, Deceptive Data

Three scenarios of  
Physics-Informed Learning Machines



# Motivation

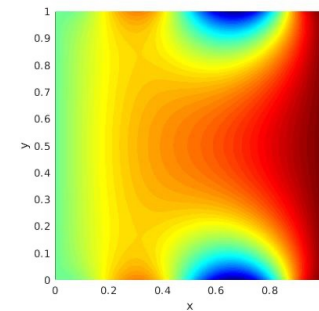
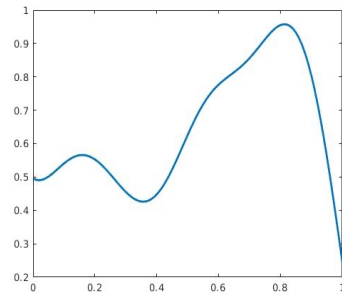
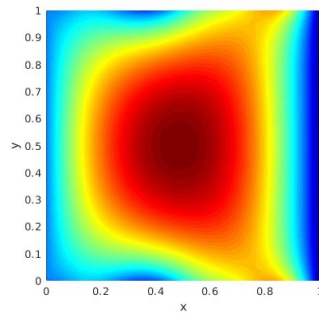
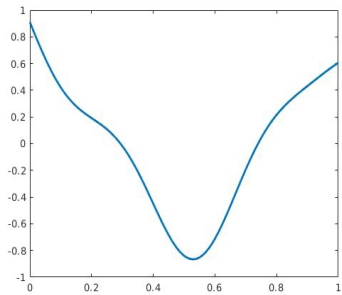
$$k \left( \frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial y^2} \right) = f(x,y)$$

**Domain**

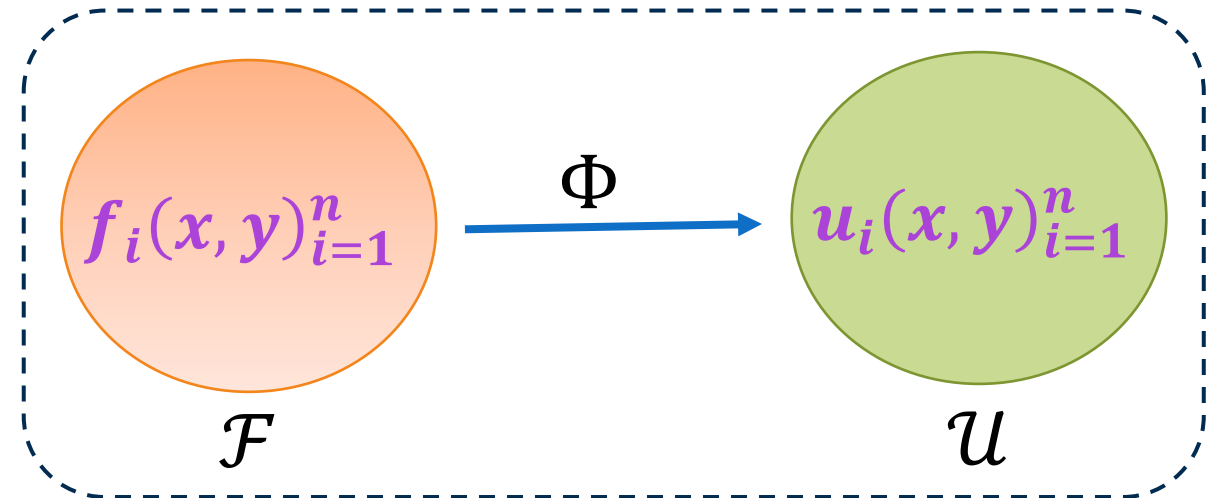
$$\Omega = [0,1] \times [0,1]$$

$f(x,y) \longrightarrow u(x,y)$

**To Generalize:** Need an approach to **learn** to predict the solution for **unseen**  $f(x,y)$ .



**Aim**



# Operator learning

**Input-output map**       $\Phi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$        $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{U}$  are infinite dimensional function space

**Data**       $\{\mathcal{F}_i, \mathcal{U}_i\}_{i=1}^n$        $\mathcal{U}_i = \Phi(\mathcal{F}_i), \mathcal{F}_i \sim \mu \text{ i.i.d}$

**Operator learning**       $\Psi: \mathcal{F} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\Psi(\cdot, \theta^*) \approx \Phi$

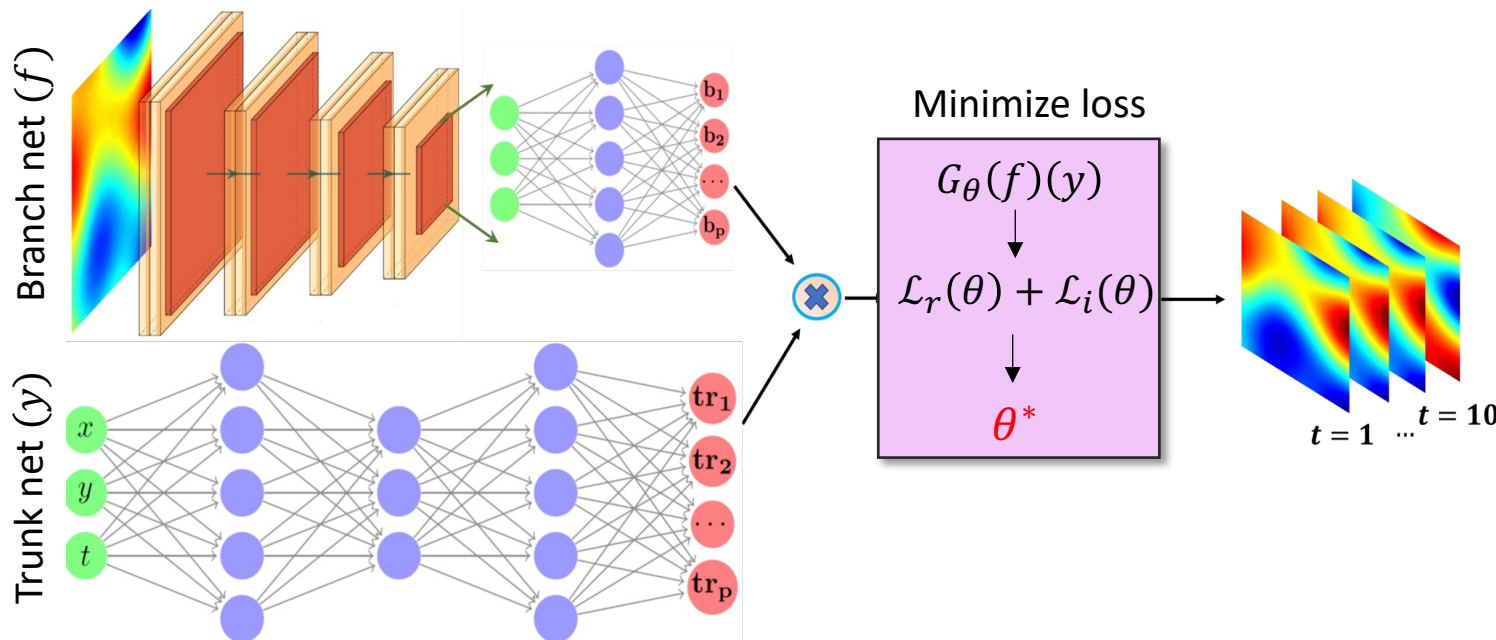
**Training**       $\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} l(\{\mathcal{F}_i, \Psi(\mathcal{U}_i, \theta)\})$

## Universal Approximation Theorem for Operators

$$\mathcal{G}: f \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(f), \mathcal{G}(f): y \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

# Deep Operator Network (DeepONet)

- Generalized Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator [Chen '95, Lu et al. '19]
  - **Branch net:** Input  $\{f(x_i)\}_{i=1}^m$ , output:  $[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p]^T \in \mathbb{R}^p$
  - **Trunk net:** Input  $y$ , output:  $[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p]^T \in \mathbb{R}^p$
  - Input  $f$  is evaluated at locations  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^m$
- $$\hat{u} = G_\theta(f)(y) = \sum_{i=1}^p \underbrace{b_i(f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_m))}_{\text{branch net}} \cdot \underbrace{tr_i(y)}_{\text{trunk net}}$$





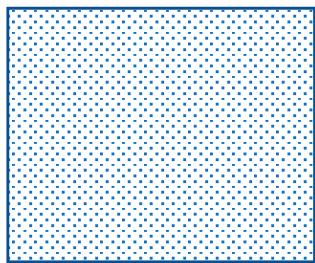
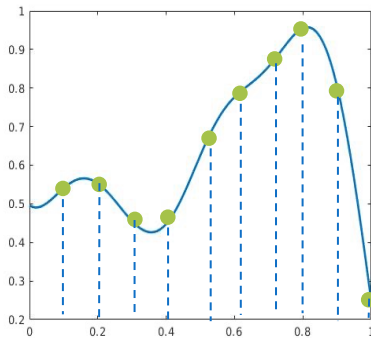
# Constructing the DeepONet model

$$k \left( \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial y^2} \right) = f(x, y)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_\theta: f(x, y) \rightarrow u(x, y)$$

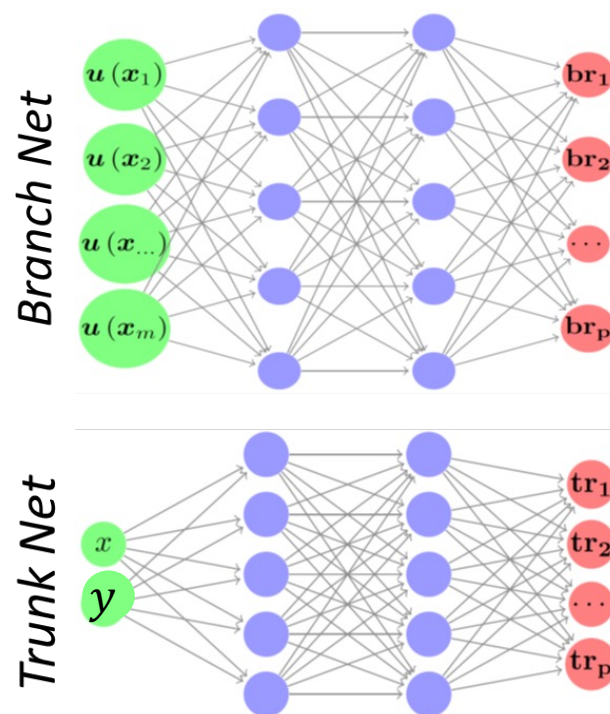
Testing Boundary conditions

$f(x, y)$



Query Points during testing

Sensors ( $m$ ) = 10



$$\mathcal{G}_\theta(f(x, y))(x, y)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p br_i * tr_i$$

Data Loss

Loss ( $\mathcal{L}$ )

Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$



DeepONet is data hungry

# Transfer learning

- Transfer learning (TL) allows us to learn from a **source data distribution** a well performing model on a different but related **target data distribution**
- TL addresses the expense of data acquisition and labelling, potential computational power limitations and dataset distribution mismatches
- Problem setup:

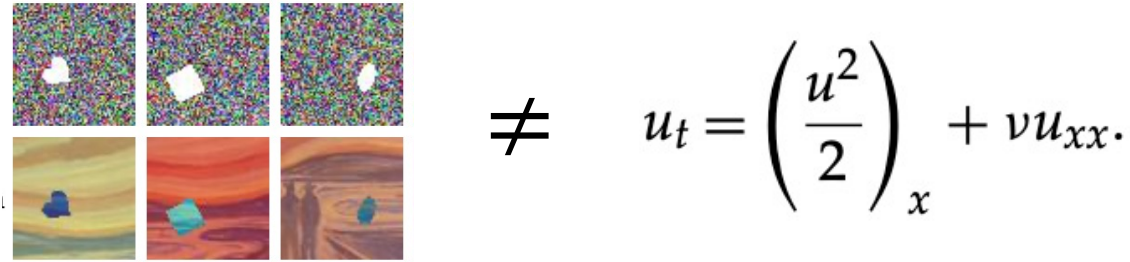
$\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{S}} = \{(x_i^{\mathcal{S}}, y_i^{\mathcal{S}})\}$  labeled data sampled from  $P$

$\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}} = \{(x_i^{\mathcal{T}})\}$  (un)labeled data samples from  $Q$

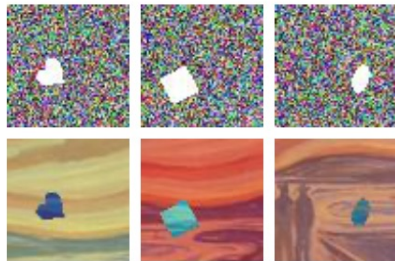
$P \neq Q$

$\mathcal{S}$ : source domain,  $\mathcal{T}$ : target domain

# Covariate vs conditional shift



Computer vision problems:



$\mathcal{D}^S = \{(x_i^S, y_i^S)\}$  sufficient labeled data

$\mathcal{D}^T = \{(x_i^T)\}$  unlabeled data

$$P(x_S) \neq P(x_T)$$

$$P(y_S|x_S) = P(y_T|x_T)$$

“covariate shift”

Nonlinear PDE problems:

$$u_t = \left(\frac{u^2}{2}\right)_x + \nu u_{xx}$$

$\mathcal{D}^S = \{(x_i^S, y_i^S)\}$  sufficient labeled data

$\mathcal{D}^T = \{(x_i^T, y_i^T)\}$  few labeled data

$$P(x_S) = P(x_T)$$

$$P(y_S|x_S) \neq P(y_T|x_T)$$

“conditional shift”

$S$ : source domain,  $T$ : target domain

# Learning the solution of PDE on multiple domains

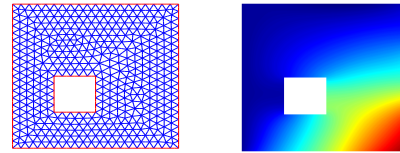
$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d_x}), \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Y}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d_x})$$

Nonlinear operator  $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

Neural operator  $\mathcal{G}_\theta : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}, \theta \in \Theta$

Training data  $\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^N$

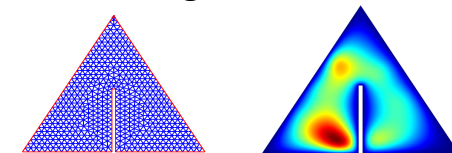
$\mathcal{S}$ : source domain



sufficient labeled data  
 $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{S}} = \{(x_i^{\mathcal{S}}, y_i^{\mathcal{S}})\}_{i=1}^{N_s}$

$$N_s \gg N_t$$

$\mathcal{T}$ : target domain



few labeled data  
 $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}} = \{(x_i^{\mathcal{T}}, y_i^{\mathcal{T}})\}_{i=1}^{N_t}$



Learn surrogate 1



Knowledge



Learn surrogate 2

**Conditional shift:**  $P(x_s) = P(x_t)$   
 $P(y_s|x_s) \neq P(y_t|x_t)$

\* $x_s$ : Model inputs;  $y_s$ : Model outputs

- Learning surrogate models in *isolation* is expensive
- Training a surrogate with very few data can lead to overfitting
- Networks used for similar tasks (datasets) should be similar
- Leverage learned information between source and target models
  - ✓ Remove the need for big data for every new problem
  - ✓ Accelerate learning by fast fine-tuning of target network

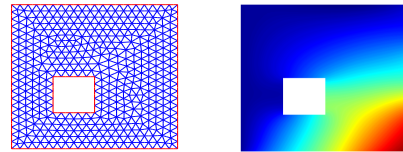
# Transfer learning approach

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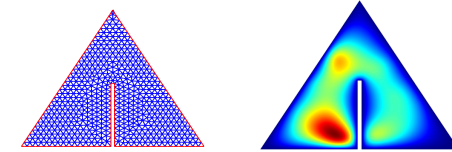
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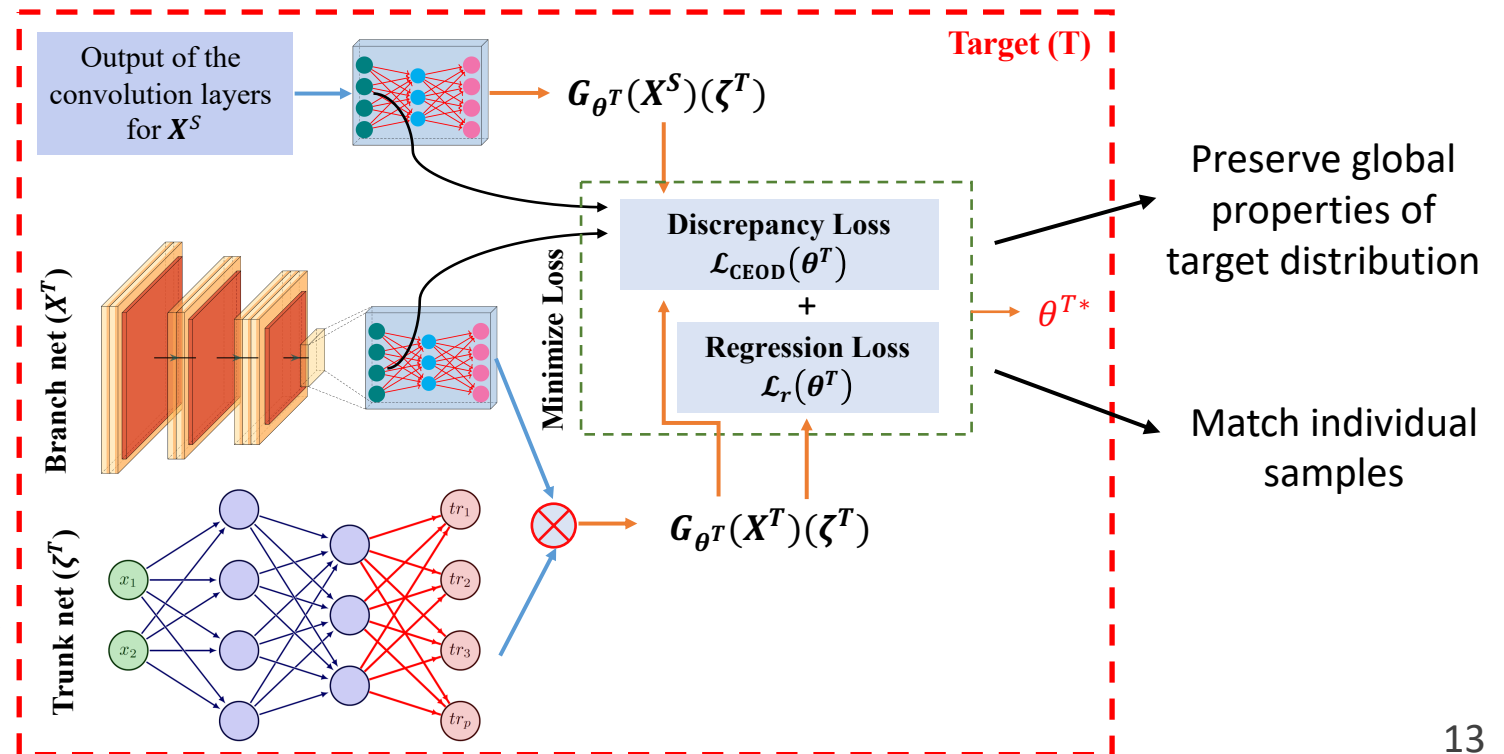
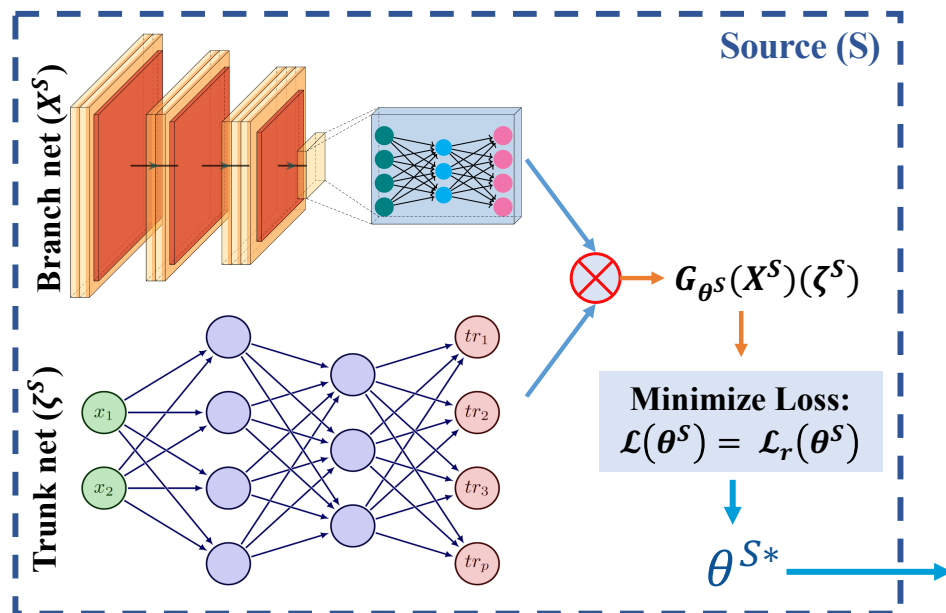
sufficient labeled data  
 $\mathcal{D}^S = \{(x_i^S, y_i^S)\}_{i=1}^{N_s}$

$N_s \gg N_t$

$\mathcal{T}$ : target domain



few labeled data  
 $\mathcal{D}^T = \{(x_i^T, y_i^T)\}_{i=1}^{N_t}$



# CEOD: Conditional embedding operator discrepancy

Given two datasets:  $\mathcal{D}_p = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{N_1}, y_{N_1})\}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{D}_q = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{N_2}, y_{N_2})\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\text{CEOD}}(\mathcal{D}_p, \mathcal{D}_q) &= \left\| \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Y_p|X_p} - \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Y_q|X_q} \right\|_{HS}^2 \\
 &= \left\| \Phi(Y_p) \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_p X_p} + \lambda N_1 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{y}^T(X_p) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \Phi(Y_q) \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_q X_q} + \lambda N_2 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{y}^T(X_q) \right\|_{HS}^2 \\
 &= \text{Tr} \left\{ \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_p X_p} + \lambda N_1 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{Y_p Y_p} \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_p X_p} + \lambda N_1 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{X_p X_p} \right\} \\
 &\quad + \text{Tr} \left\{ \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_q X_q} + \lambda N_2 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{Y_q Y_q} \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_q X_q} + \lambda N_2 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{X_q X_q} \right\} \\
 &\quad - 2 \text{Tr} \left\{ \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_p X_p} + \lambda N_1 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{Y_p Y_q} \left( \mathbf{K}_{X_q X_q} + \lambda N_2 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{X_q X_p} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Inspired by:  $D_{\text{MMD}}(\mathcal{D}_p, \mathcal{D}_q) = \left\| \hat{\mu}_{X_p} - \hat{\mu}_{X_q} \right\|_{HS}^2$
- CEOD measures the conditional distribution discrepancy in a reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)
- Constructs a **Hilbert-Schmidt norm** of the empirical conditional embedding operators of two distributions
- Based on the theory of kernel embeddings of conditional distributions

$\mathcal{C}_{Y|X}$ : operator of inputs to outputs on a RKHS

$\Phi, \mathcal{Y}$ : embed from original space to RKHS

$\mathbf{K}_{XX'}$ : Gram matrix calculated with a Gaussian kernel  $k$

$\lambda$ : regularization term to avoid overfitting

# CEOD: Conditional embedding operator discrepancy

RVS:  $X, Y$  Original space  $\Omega_X, \Omega_Y$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in \Omega_X \\ X \sim \mathbb{P}_X \\ Y \sim \mathbb{P}_Y \\ (X, Y) \sim \mathbb{P}_{XY} \end{array} \right\}$$

embed

$$\begin{array}{l} * \varphi(X): \Omega_X \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \\ \psi(Y): \Omega_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

RKHS feature spaces  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varphi(x) \\ \psi(Y), \varphi(X) \\ \mu_Y, C_Y, C_{YX} \\ \mu_X, C_{XY}, C_X \end{array} \right\}$$

conditioning on  
 $X = x$

conditional  
operator and  
mean embedding

$$(Y|X = x) \sim \mathbb{P}_{Y|X=x}$$

embed

$$C_{Y|X} = C_{YX} C_{XX}^{-1}$$

$$\mu_{Y|X=x} = C_{Y|X} \varphi(x)$$

$C_{Y|X}$ : operator  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

Given a dataset:  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ :

$$\hat{C}_{Y|X} = \hat{C}_{YX} \hat{C}_{XX}^{-1} = \Phi(\mathbf{K} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}^T$$

where  $\Phi := (\psi(\mathbf{y}_1), \dots, \psi(\mathbf{y}_N))$

$\mathbf{y} := (\varphi(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \varphi(\mathbf{x}_N))$

$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}$  Gram matrix

$\lambda$ : regularization parameter

Given two datasets  $\mathcal{D}_p, \mathcal{D}_q$ :

$$D_{\text{CEOD}}(\mathcal{D}_p, \mathcal{D}_q) = \left\| \hat{C}_{Y_p|X_p} - \hat{C}_{Y_q|X_q} \right\|_{\text{HS}}^2$$

$$* k(x, x') = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(x') \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

# Transfer learning DeepONet loss function

## Hybrid loss function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\theta^T) &= \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_r(\theta^T) + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{\text{CEOD}}(\theta^T) \\ &= \lambda_1 \frac{\|f_T(\mathbf{x}^{tL}) - \mathbf{y}^{tL}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}^{tL}\|_2} + \lambda_2 \|\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Y_{tL}|X_{tL}} - \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Y_{tU}|X_{tU}}\|_{\text{HS}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ : Trainable coefficients updated through backpropagation<sup>1</sup>

## Regression loss

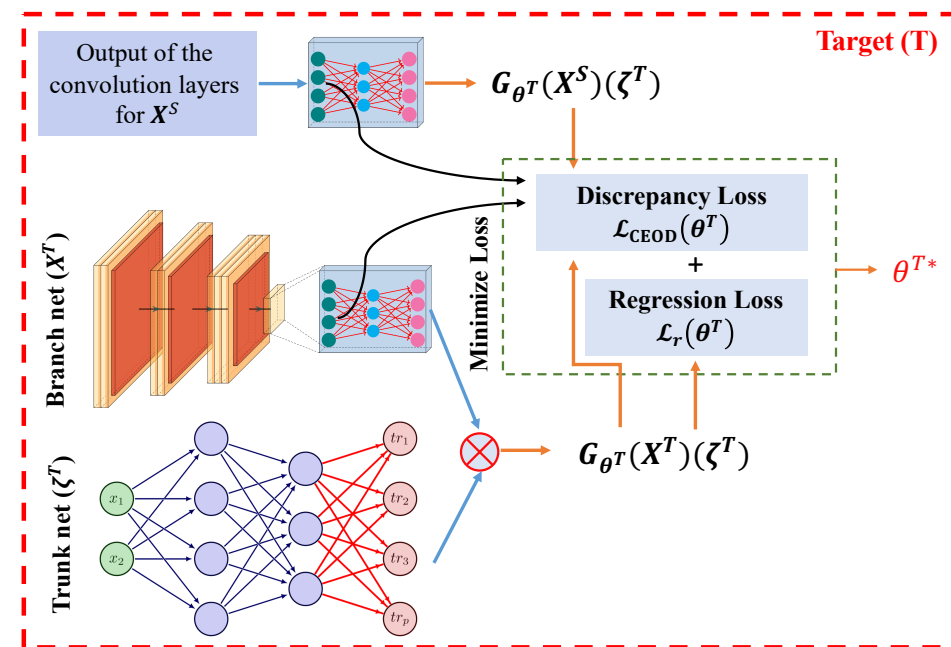
- $\mathcal{D}_t = \{(\mathbf{x}_i^{tL}, \mathbf{y}_i^{tL})\}_{i=1}^{N_t}$

## CEOD loss

- $\mathcal{D}_t^L = \{(\mathbf{x}_{b_1 i}^{tL}, \mathbf{y}_i^{tL})\}_{i=1}^{N_t}$
- $\mathcal{D}_t^U = \{(\mathbf{x}_{b_1 i}^{tU}, f_T(\mathbf{y}_i^{tU}))\}_{i=1}^{N_u}$

$\mathbf{x}_{b_1}$ : output of the 1<sup>st</sup> FNN layer of branch net

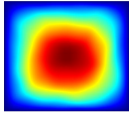

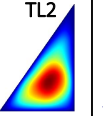
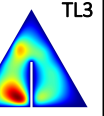
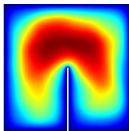
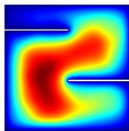
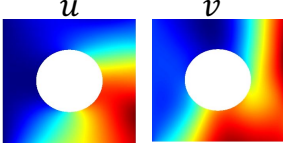
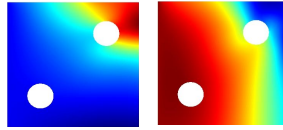
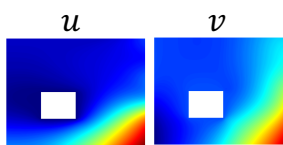
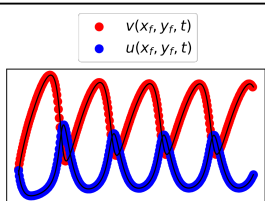
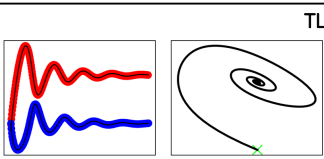
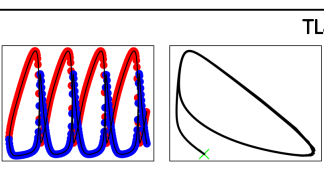
## Model finetuning



<sup>1</sup> Kontolati, K., Goswami, S., et al. (2023). *Journal of Computational Physics*



# Transfer learning applications

Application	Input Function	Model Output	Domain Visualization		
			Source	Target/s	
Darcy Flow	Random input conductivity field $K(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$ $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')^2}{2l^2}\right]$ $l = 0.25, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in [0,1]^2$	$\nabla \cdot (K(\mathbf{x})\nabla h(\mathbf{x})) = 1$ $h(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$ $\mathcal{G}_\theta: K(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow h(\mathbf{x})$		 TL1  TL2  TL3	} geometric domain shift
				 TL4	
Elasticity Model	Random boundary conditions $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$ $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')^2}{2l^2}\right]$ $l = 0.12, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in [0,1]$	$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ $(u, v) = 0 \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} = 0$ $\mathcal{G}_\theta: \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow (u, v)$ $u$ : X-Displacement $v$ : Y-Displacement		 TL5  TL6	} geometric domain + model parameter shift
		Material properties $E_S = 300 \cdot 10^5$ $E_{T_1} = 410 \cdot 10^3, \nu_{T_1} = 0.35$ $\nu_S = 0.3$ $E_{T_2} = 410 \cdot 10^3, \nu_{T_2} = 0.45$			
Brusselator Diffusion-Reaction System	Random initial condition $h_2(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(h_2(\mathbf{x}) \mu(\mathbf{x}), \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$ $v(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t = 0) = h_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \geq 0$ $\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sigma^2 \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')^2}{2l^2}\right]$ $l_x = 0.12, l_y = 0.4, \sigma^2 = 0.15$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D_0 \nabla^2 u + a - (1-b)u + vu^2$ $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = D_1 \nabla^2 v + bu - vu^2$ $\mathbf{x} \in [0,1]^2, t \in [0,1]$ $\mathcal{G}_\theta: h_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow v(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t)$		 TL7  TL8	} model dynamics shift
		Model parameter $b_S = 2.2$ $b_{T_1} = 1.7,$ $b_{T_2} = 3.0$			

# Results: Darcy Flow (TL3)

Objective:

Random input conductivity field

Hydraulic head

$$\mathcal{G}: K(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow h(\mathbf{x})$$

$$K(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

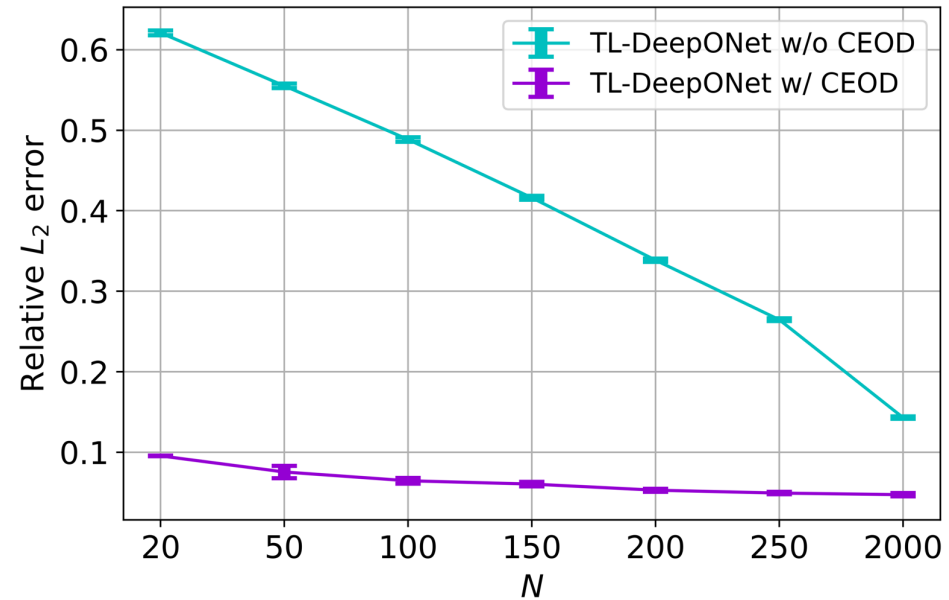
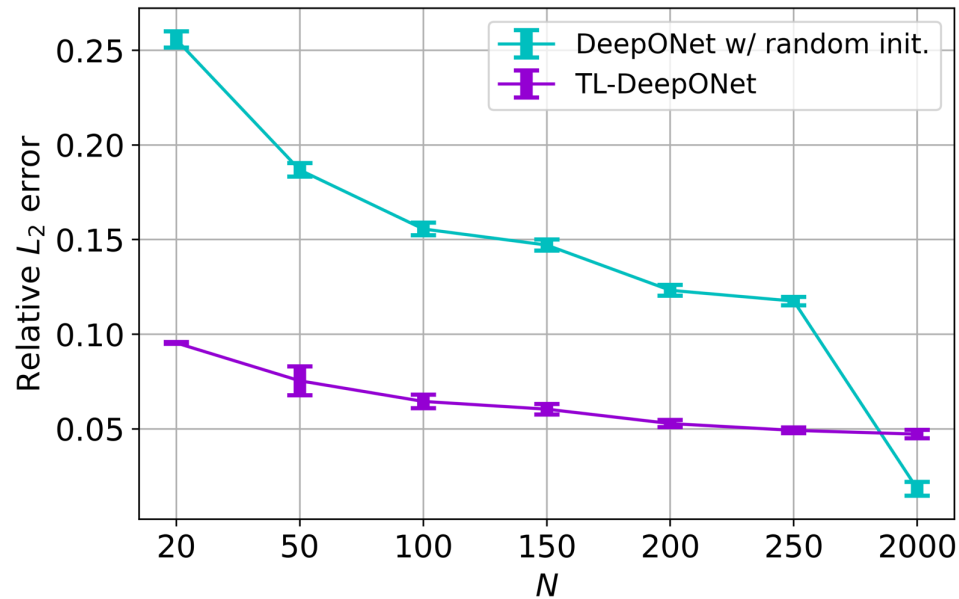
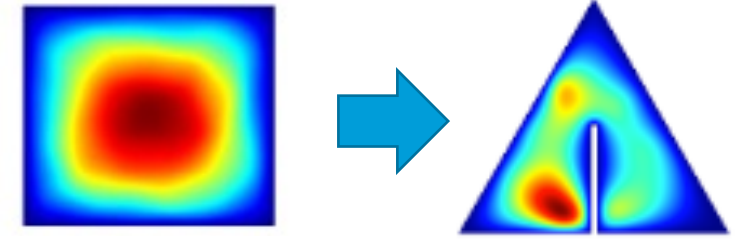
$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')^2}{2l^2}\right]$$

$$l = 0.25, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in [0,1]^2$$

$$\nabla(K(\mathbf{x})\nabla h(\mathbf{x})) = 1$$

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$$

Transfer learning scenario:



# Results: Darcy Flow (TL4)

Objective:

Random input  
conductivity field

Hydraulic head

$$\mathcal{G}: K(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow h(\mathbf{x})$$

$$K(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

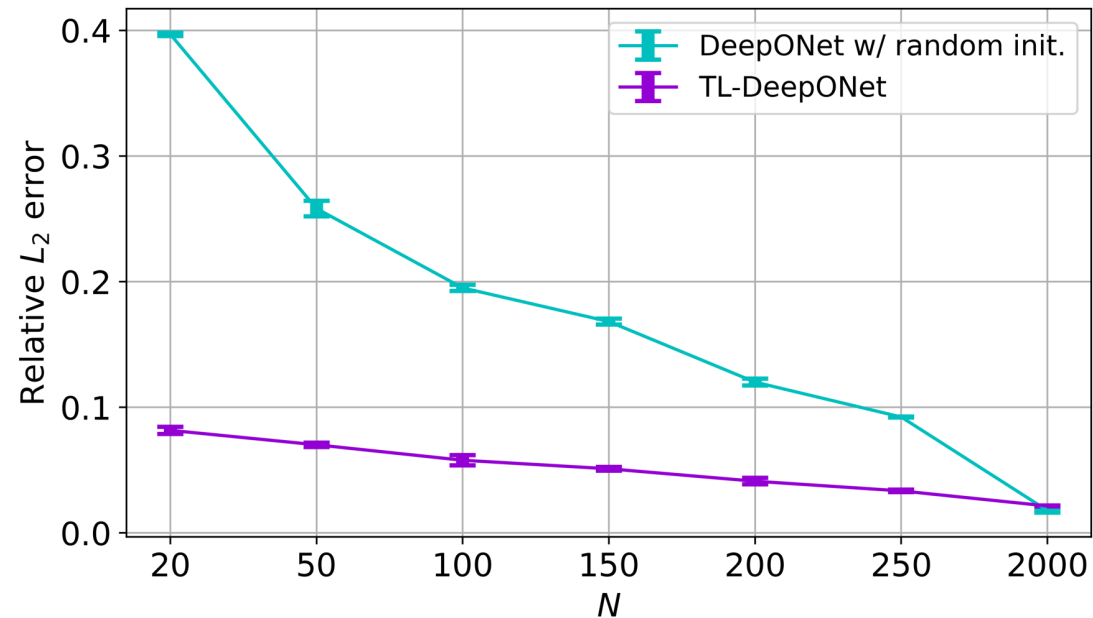
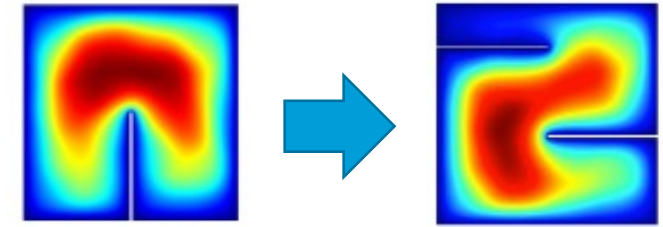
$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')^2}{2l^2}\right]$$

$$l = 0.25, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in [0,1]^2$$

$$\nabla \cdot (K(\mathbf{x}) \nabla h(\mathbf{x})) = 1$$

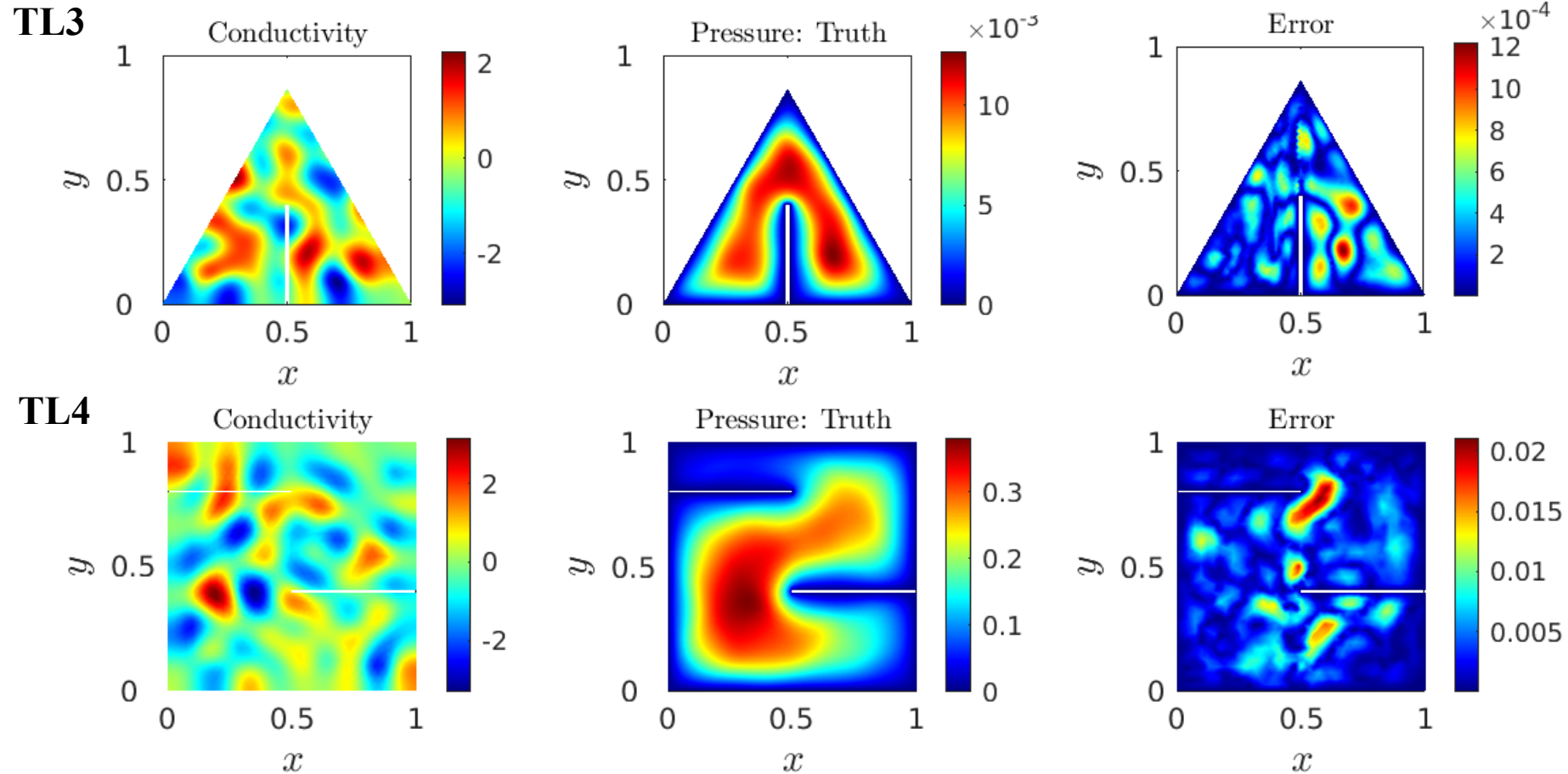
$$h(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$$

Transfer learning scenario:



# Representative result: Darcy Flow

Representative results of TL-DeepONet for Darcy's problem



# Representative result: Darcy Flow

**Table:** GPU time (s) for all Darcy flow transfer learning scenarios

	$N_t$	TL1	TL2	TL3	TL4
Training DeepONet (source)	2,000	15,260	15,260	15,260	2,261
Training DeepONet (target)	2,000	12,880	18,200	18,080	3,978
	5	11	10	10	83
	20	129	116	112	139
	50	416	399	302	289
Training TL-DeepONet	100	439	437	351	300
	150	459	439	378	302
	200	462	480	406	304
	250	531	528	586	305
	2,000	595	601	653	350

\* Simulations performed on single NVIDIA RTX A6000 GPU

# Results: Linear elasticity (TL5)

Objective:

$$\mathcal{G}: f(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow [u(\mathbf{x}), v(\mathbf{x})]$$

Random RHS

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')^2}{2l^2}\right]$$

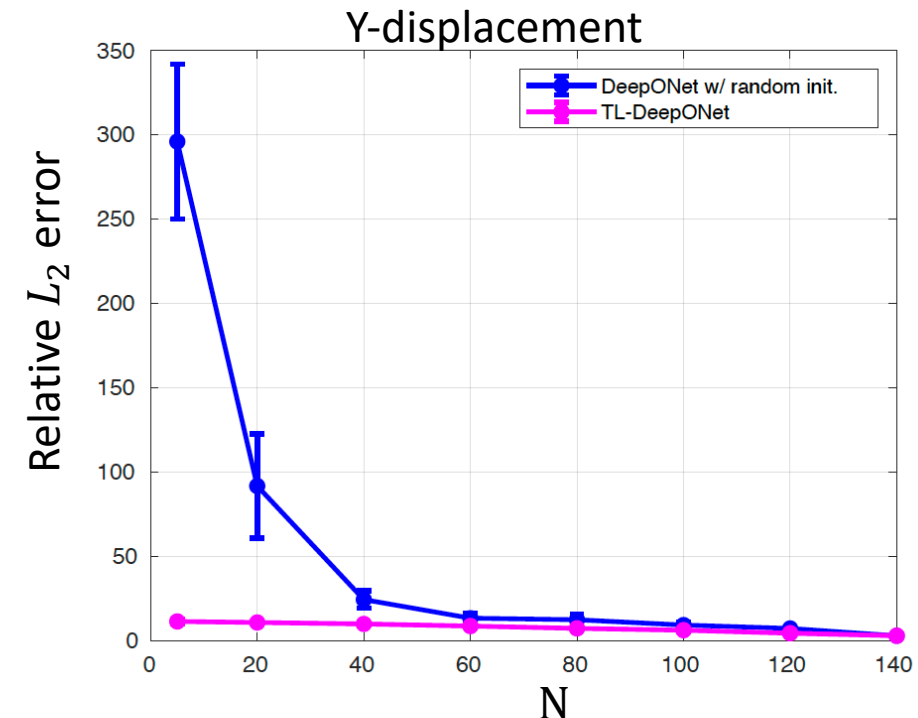
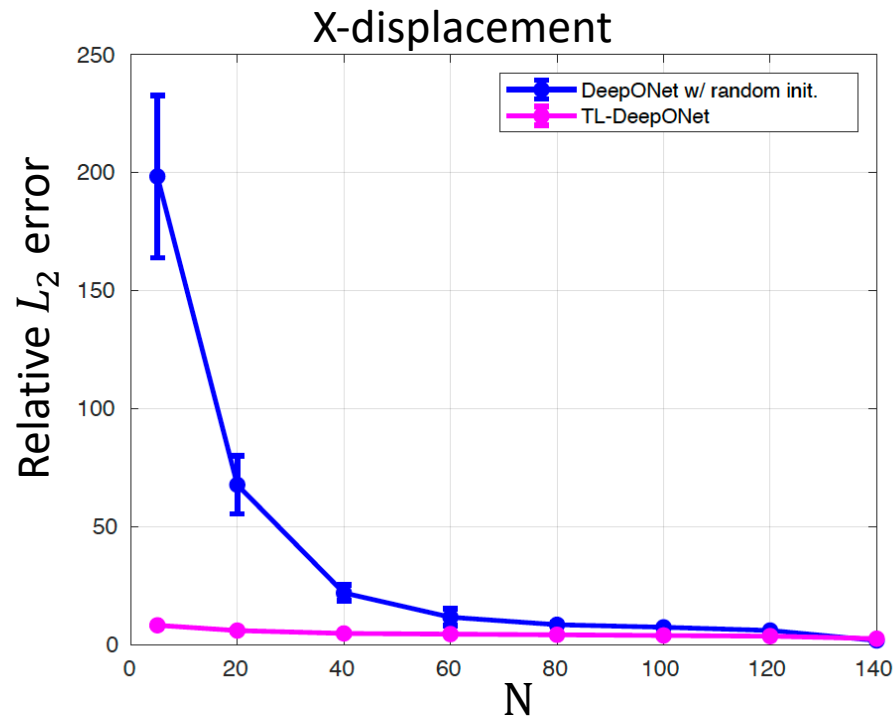
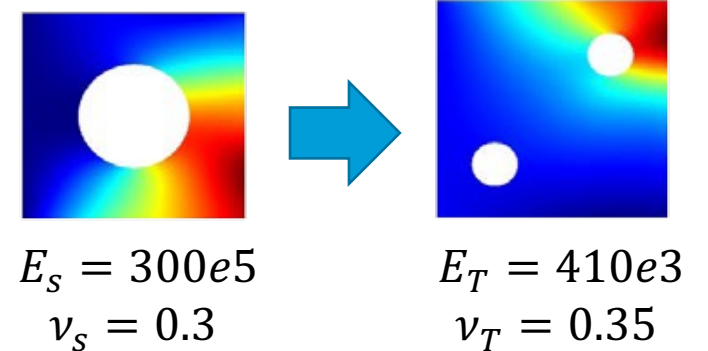
$$l = 0.12, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in [0,1]^2$$

Displacement

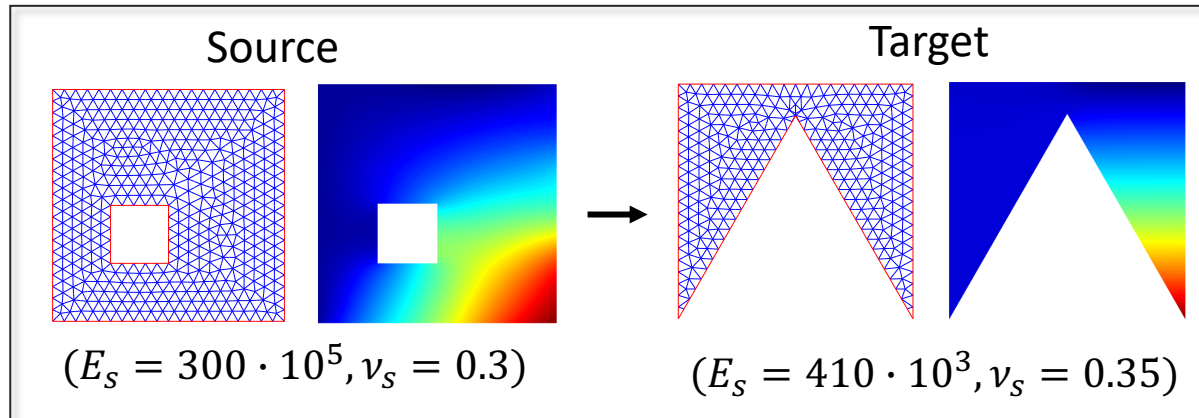
$$\nabla \cdot \sigma + f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = v(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} = 0$$

Transfer learning scenario:

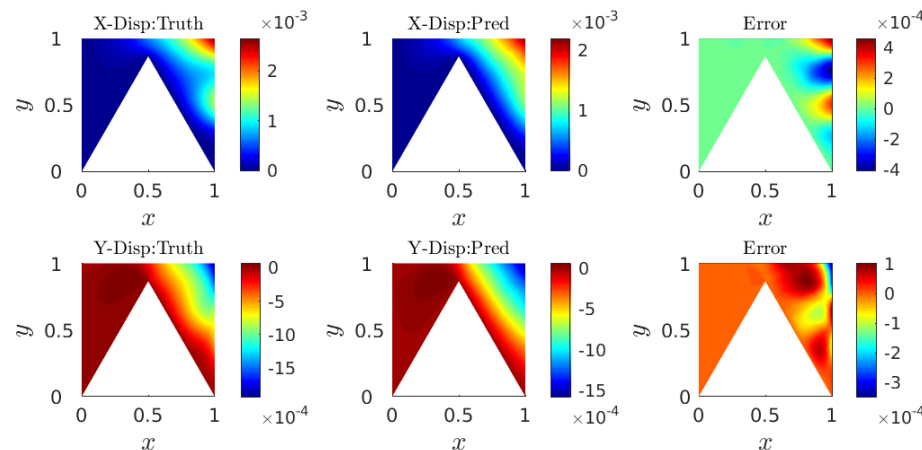
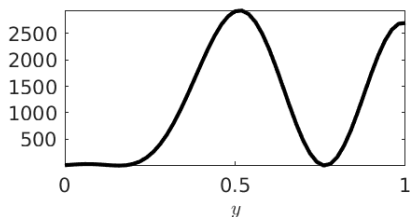


# Results: Limitations of TL-DeepONet



	$N_t$	$L_2$ (%)		
		$u(\mathbf{x})$	$v(\mathbf{x})$	time (s)
Training DeepONet (source)	1,900	$2.30 \pm 0.49$	$3.22 \pm 0.48$	10,060
Training DeepONet (target)	1,900	$2.72 \pm 0.26$	$1.92 \pm 0.41$	11,750
Training TL-DeepONet	5	$60.28 \pm 1.95$	$57.48 \pm 2.54$	18
	20	$29.14 \pm 0.31$	$21.42 \pm 3.20$	148
	50	$16.4 \pm 2.01$	$18.72 \pm 1.18$	25
	100	$11.37 \pm 0.34$	$14.15 \pm 0.96$	44
	150	$9.66 \pm 0.26$	$11.95 \pm 0.61$	116
	200	$5.52 \pm 0.20$	$10.94 \pm 0.20$	384
	250	$4.08 \pm 0.06$	$9.18 \pm 0.14$	480
	1,900	$3.82 \pm 0.20$	$7.89 \pm 0.21$	512

TL10



- Different internal, external boundaries and material properties;
- Predicted displacements field deviates significantly with the response predicted by training DeepONet from scratch

\* Simulations performed on single NVIDIA RTX A6000 GPU

# Key takeaways

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- Learn operators on multiple PDE domains via transfer learning and treat trained models as reusable building blocks
- TL-DeepONet:
  - Performs well under small-data regimes
  - TL-DeepONet accelerates learning via fine-tuning pre-trained models
  - Enhances generalizability in neural operators
- Code availability: <https://github.com/katiana22/TL-DeepONet.git>

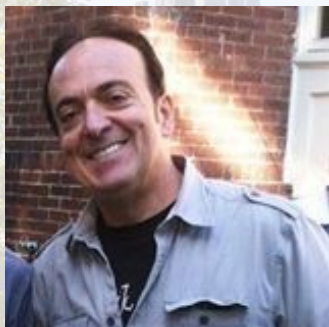


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