

Learning Nonlocal Constitutive Laws for Material Fracture Modeling

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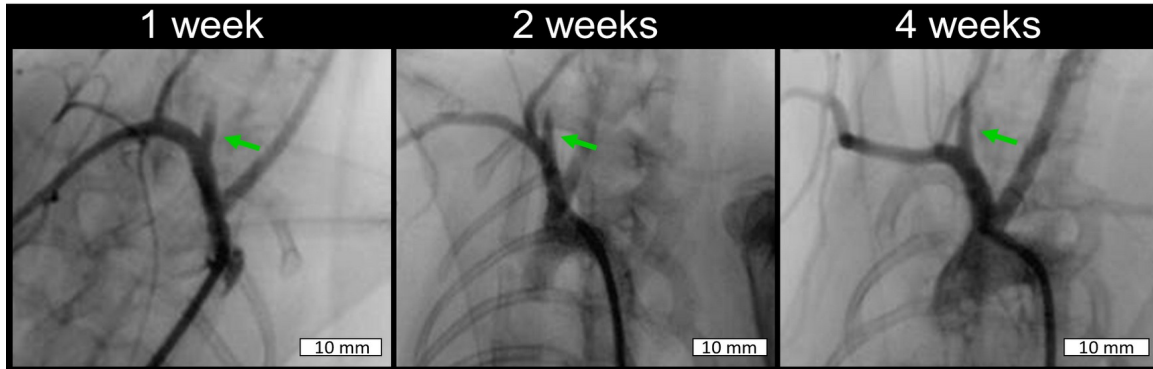
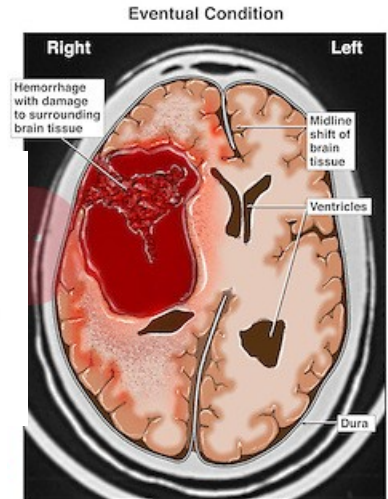
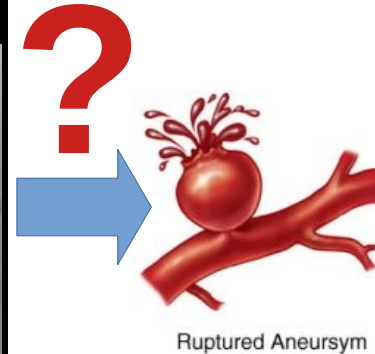


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Example 1: monitor aneurysm status and predict the possible hemorrhagic stroke.

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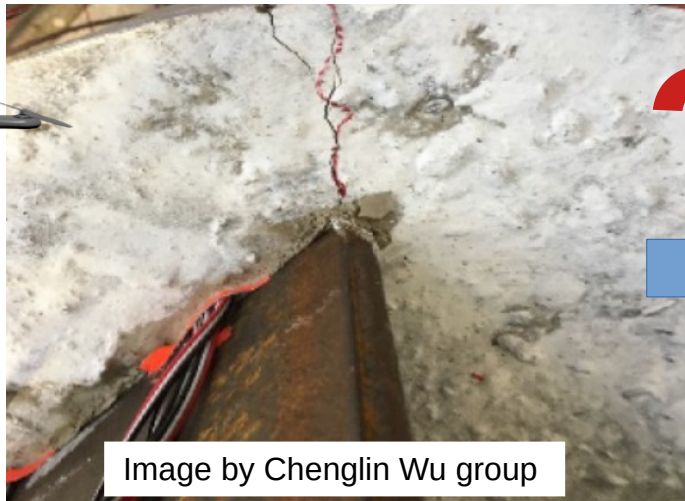


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Example 2: monitor crack propagation and corrosion to predict the bridge serving life.

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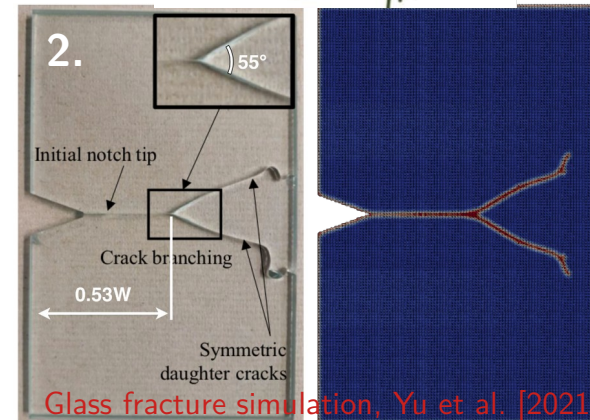
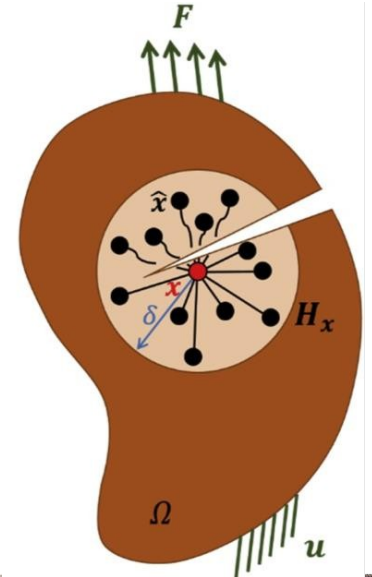
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Facts:

These models can capture effects that traditional PDEs **hard to capture**

- 1) Multiscale behavior (*nonlocal as an upscaled/homogenized model*)
- 2) Discontinuities such as cracks and fractures
- 3) Anomalous behavior such as superdiffusion and subdiffusion (*fractional operators*)



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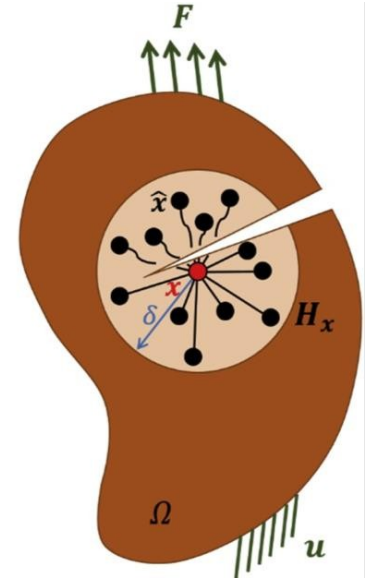
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A general nonlocal mechanical (peridynamics) model:

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) d\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Learn the integrands from data pairs

$$\{\mathbf{u}_i(\mathbf{x}, t), \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{x}, t)\}_{i=1}^N$$



The integrand depends on material properties, microstructure, etc.

Proposed: Nonlocal Constitutive Law

- **Goal:** identify a nonlocal integrant in $\mathcal{G}[\mathbf{u}](\mathbf{x}, t) := \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) d\mathbf{y}$
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Generic model² $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) := \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, t)$

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Training set: measurements or high fidelity simulations

Outcomes:

1. material-specific kernel function \mathbf{k} , force state \mathbf{T} , and damage field \mathbf{d} .

2. the surrogate model

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for downstream tasks.

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Nonlocal Operator vs PDE Learning

- Nonlocal models replaces the derivatives in PDEs with integral operators.
- Solutions can be irregular: non-differentiable, singular, discontinuous.

Pros:

- 1) Nonlocal models are a broader family of equations, and therefore can capture effects that traditional PDEs **hard to capture**.
- 2) The material heterogeneity can also be embedded in the kernel.
- 3) Many **mathematical tools** of PDEs have analogs in nonlocal models, making the well-posedness analysis possible.

Cons:

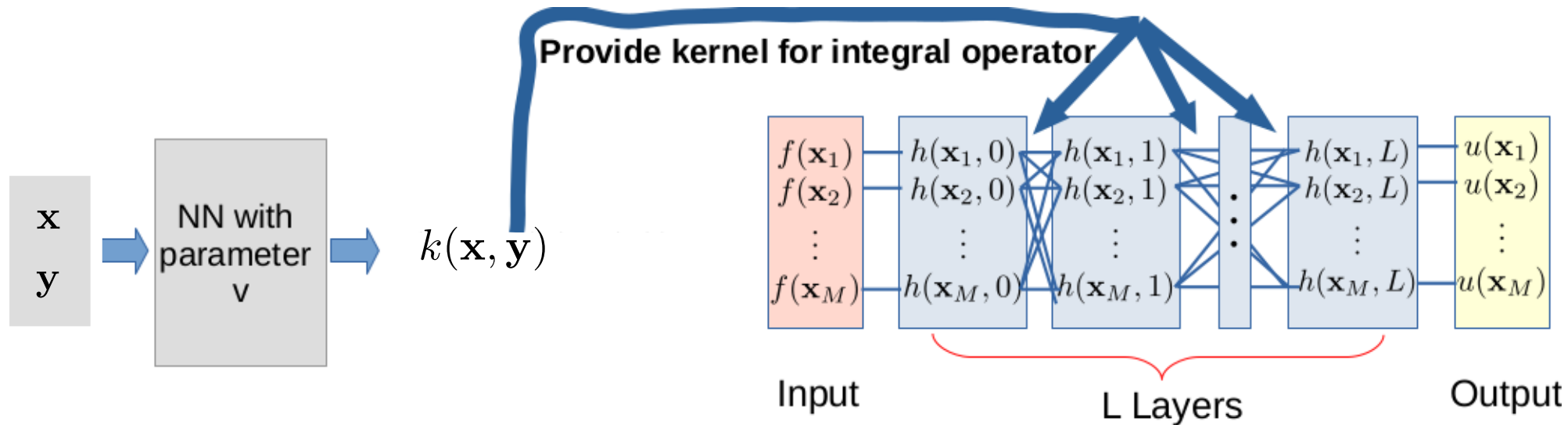
- 1) The boundary condition of nonlocal models should be described in a region, not in just a layer.
(The boundary region is provided by data)
- 2) The assembly and solution of nonlocal problems are generally more expensive than with classical PDEs.
(Evaluation of Integrals can be accelerated using GPUs and sometimes FFTs)

Nonlocal Operator vs Neural Network

- In contrast to classical neural networks which provides a vector-to-vector mapping, nonlocal operator provides a data-driven **surrogate mapping between two function spaces**.

Classical NN:
$$h_i^{l+1} = \sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^N W_{ij}^l h_j^l \right)$$

Nonlocal Operator:
$$h^{l+1}(x_i) = \sigma \left(\int k(x_i, y) h^l(y) dy \right) \approx \sigma \left(\Delta x \sum_{j=1}^N k(x_i, x_j) h^l(x_j) \right)$$



Nonlocal Operators: different resolution has invariant parameters

Part I

Learning Nonlocal Kernel for Homogenized Models

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Homogenized Nonlocal Constitutive Law

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3) Step 2: Optimize a smoothed damage criteria on $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(-\tanh \left(\frac{\max_{\tau \leq t} S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, \tau) - s_0}{\eta} \right) + 1 \right)$$

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Homogenized NO: Coarse-grained MD model

- **Given:** a collection of samples of coarse-grained MD displacements and forcing $\{(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{f}_i)\}_{i=1}^N$
- **Model:** linearized peridynamic solid (LPS) model

$$\mathcal{L}_\delta \mathbf{u} := - \frac{C_\alpha}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} (\lambda - \mu) K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) (\theta(\mathbf{x}) + \theta(\mathbf{y})) d\mathbf{y} - \frac{C_\beta}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} \mu K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) \frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \otimes (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})}{|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|^2} (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega,$$

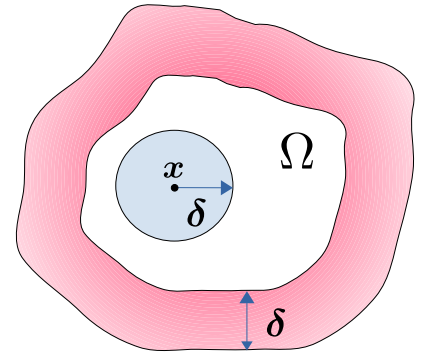
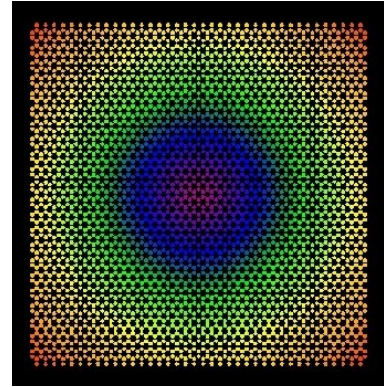
$$\theta(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{d}{m(\delta)} \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_I \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_I.$$

where the kernel K is approximated by Bernstein polynomials:

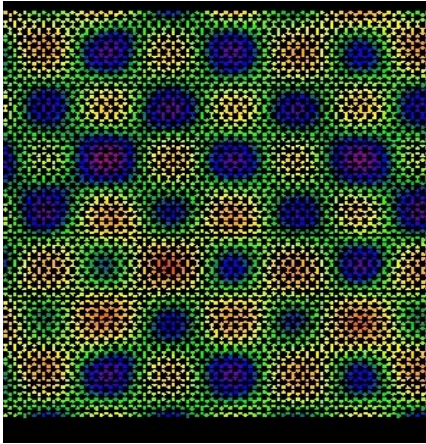
$$K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|) = \sum_{m=0}^M \frac{C_m}{\delta^{d+2-\alpha} |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|^\alpha} B_{m,M} \left(\left| \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}}{\delta} \right| \right) \quad \text{when } |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}| < \delta$$

- **Goal:** approximate the kernel $K(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|)$, Young's modulus E , Poisson ratio ν , and damage criteria s_0 .

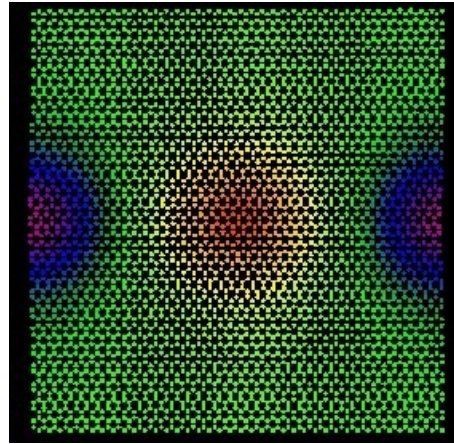


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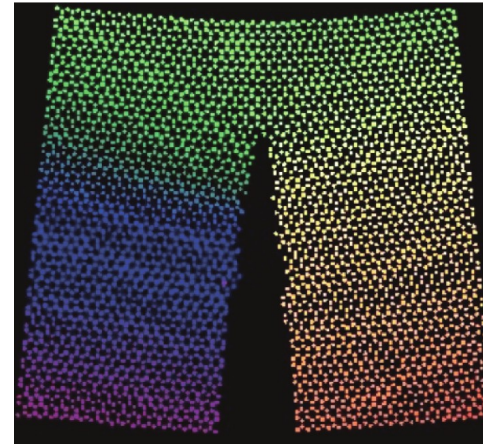
- Data generation:** perform MD modeling and coarse graining of a perfect graphene sheet at constant temperature (0 or 300K).



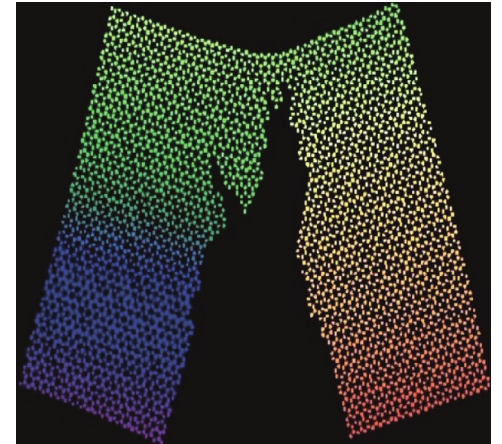
70 static training samples:
under loads with different frequencies



10 static validation samples:
under different point loads



1 dynamic training sample with damage:
under prescribed velocities on left and right edges



1 dynamic test sample with damage:
under a non-zero pulse force to open the slit

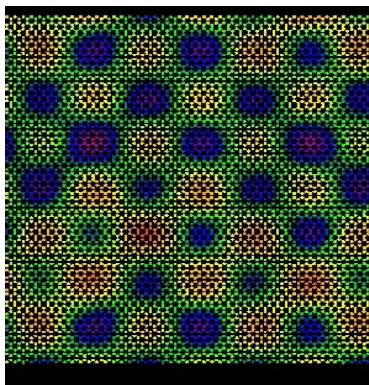
No damage training set D

With damage training set D

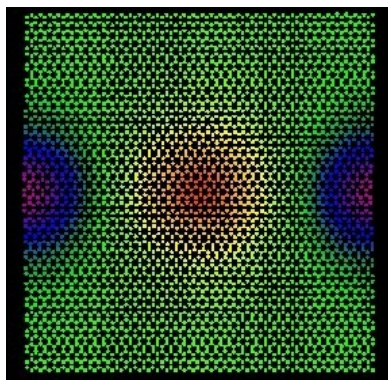
Coarse-grained MD model: No Damage

- Perform MD modeling and coarse graining of a perfect graphene sheet: Learn from square domains and test on circular domains.

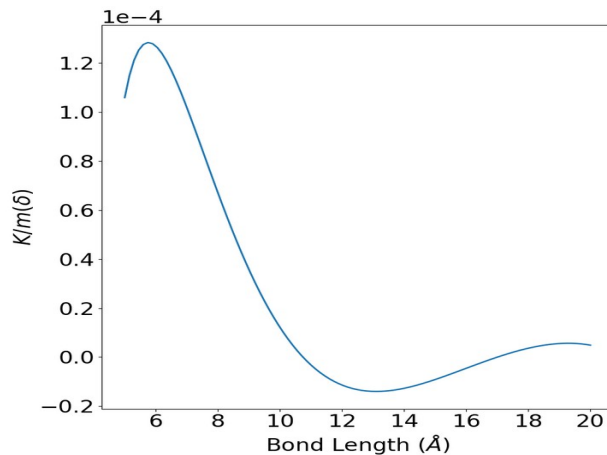
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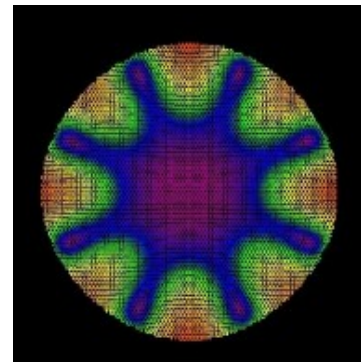
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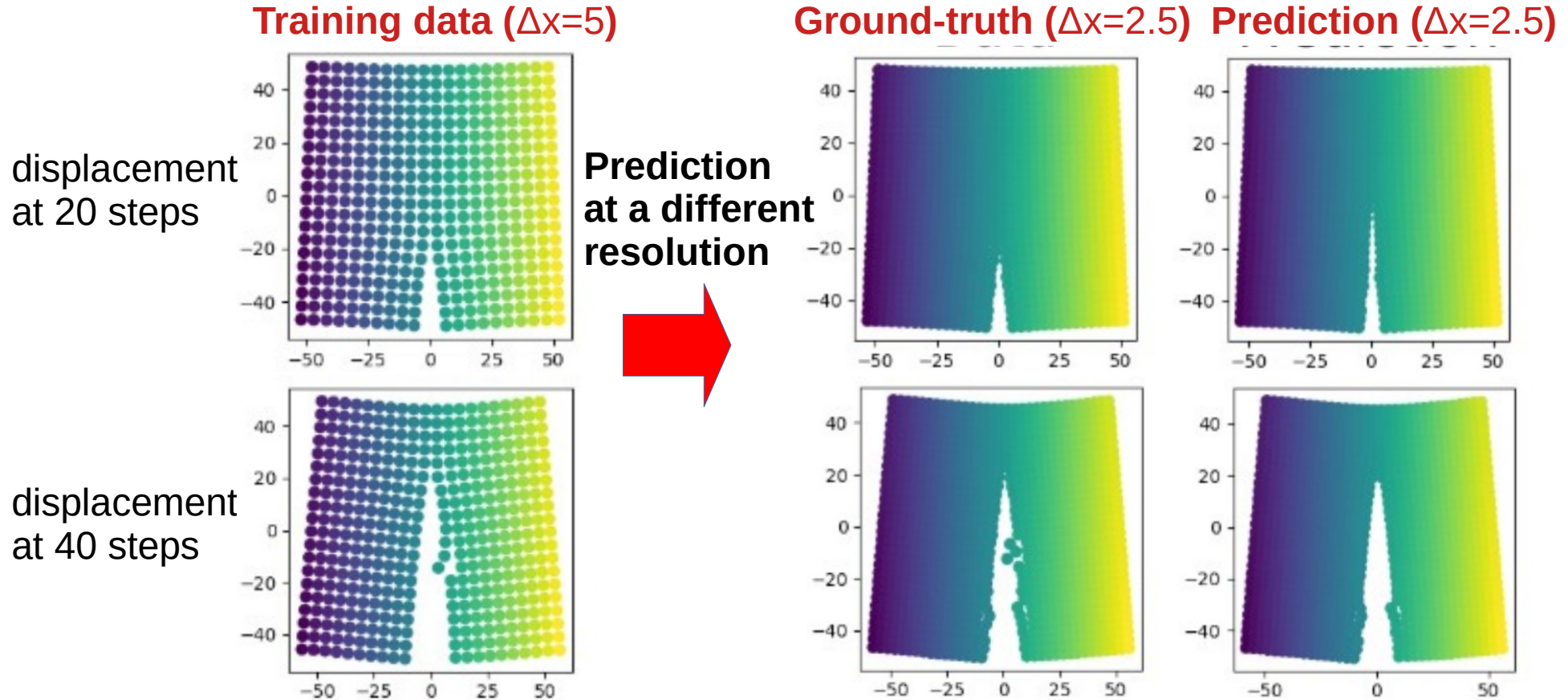
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4 test samples: MD data

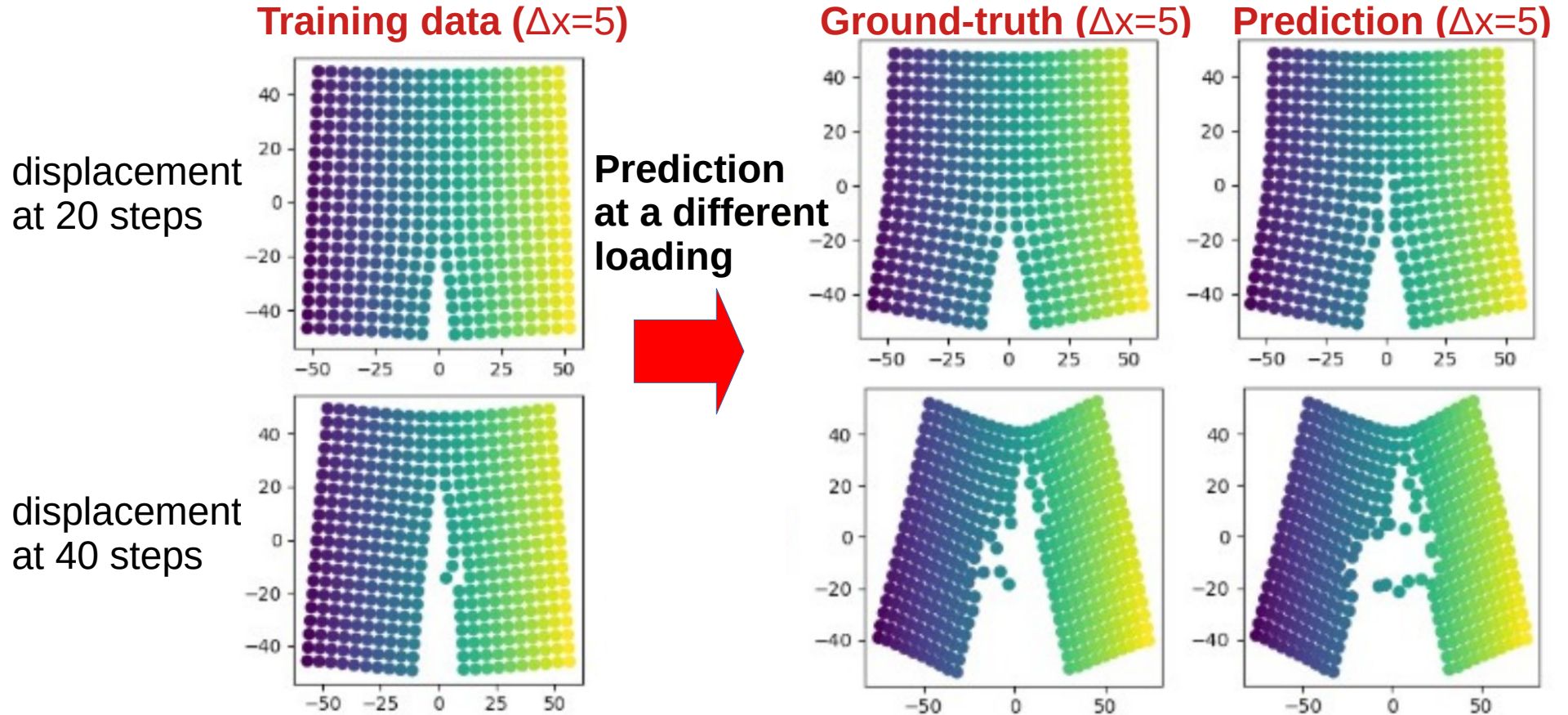
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- Learning damage criteria from one crack propagation case.



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Part II

Learning Nonlocal Constitutive Laws with Neural Operator

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Generic Nonlocal Constitutive Law

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Idea: parameterize \mathcal{G} with a Nonlocal Neural Operator

3) **Minimize the residual**

$$\mathcal{E}_\lambda(k, \underline{\mathbf{T}}, d) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \|\mathcal{G}_{[k, \underline{\mathbf{T}}, d]}[\mathbf{u}_j] + \mathbf{f}_j - \rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_j\|_{L^2}^2 + \lambda \mathcal{R}(k, \underline{\mathbf{T}}, d)$$

Training set: measurements or high fidelity simulations

Outcomes:

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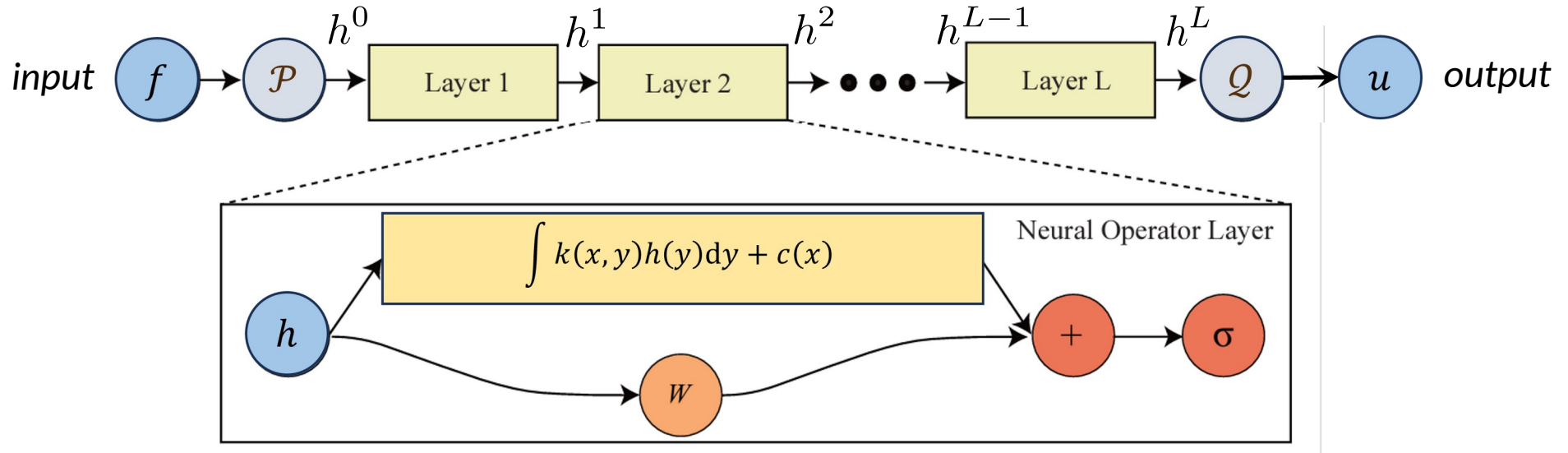
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for downstream tasks.

Nonlocal Neural Operators

Idea: design neural networks to model function-to-function mapping

- **Features:** The learnt model is **generalizable to future prediction tasks, with different loadings and/or different resolutions.**

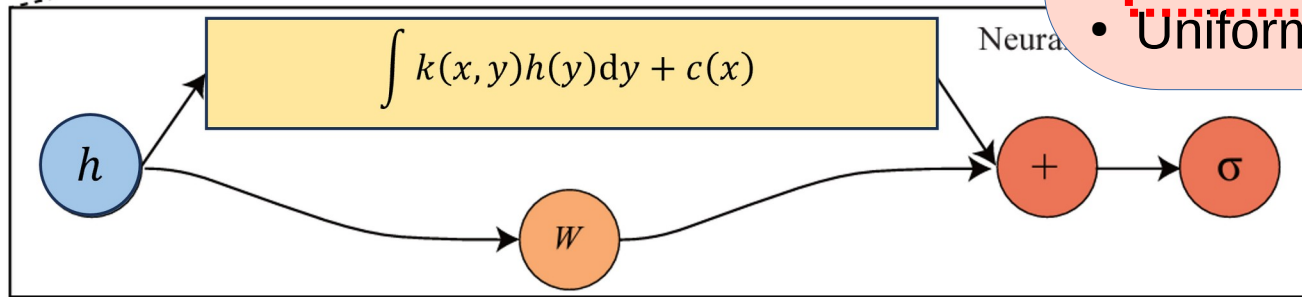
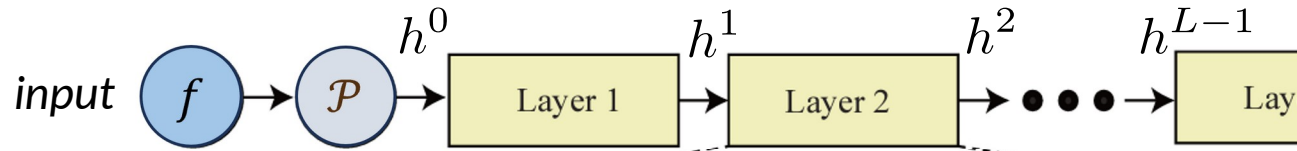


$$\mathbf{h}^{l+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{L}^l[\mathbf{h}^l](\mathbf{x}) := \sigma\left(W^l \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{c}^l + \int_{\Omega} \kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{v}^l) \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}\right)$$

Fourier Neural Operators

Idea: design neural networks to model function-

- **Features:** The learnt model is **generalizable to future prediction and/or different resolutions.**



$$\mathbf{h}^{l+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{L}_{FNO}^l[\mathbf{h}^l](\mathbf{x}) := \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{c}^l + \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\mathcal{F}[\kappa(\cdot; \mathbf{v}^l)] \cdot \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{h}^l(\cdot)]](\mathbf{x}) \right)$$

FFT to evaluate integral

Key advantages:

- Efficiency
- Resolution-independence

Limitations:

- Rectangular domain
- Uniform grids

Generic Nonlocal Constitutive Law

- **Goal:** identify a nonlocal integrant in $\mathcal{G}[\mathbf{u}](\mathbf{x}, t) := \int_{B_\delta(\mathbf{x})} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) d\mathbf{y}$

$$\text{s.t., } \begin{cases} \rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}} = \mathcal{G}_{[k, \underline{\mathbf{T}}, d]} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{bc} & \text{on the nonlocal boundary } \Omega_c \end{cases}$$

- 1) **Collect measurements** of function pairs: $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{u}_j(\mathbf{x}, t), \mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}, t)\}_{j=1}^N$
- 2) **Approximate the integrant** with a parameterization:

Generic model² $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) := \underline{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, t)$

Idea: parameterize G with an FNO:

$$\mathcal{G}[\mathbf{u}] := \mathcal{Q} \circ \mathcal{L}^L \cdots \mathcal{L}^0 \circ \mathcal{P}[\mathbf{u}]$$

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Advantages:

1. FNO is a universal approximator
2. Efficiency

Challenge:

1. Need to handle complicated and evolving domains

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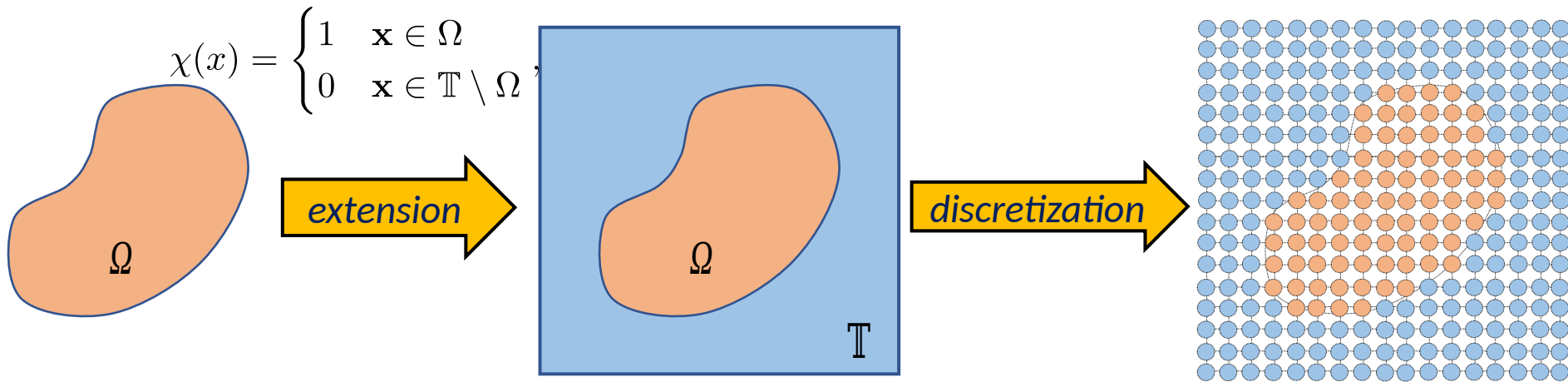
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Domain Agnostic FNOs

Goal: design FNO for geometry and topology changes

- **Key idea 1:** Encode the geometry information into the integral layer, using the characteristic function $\chi(\mathbf{x})$, while retaining the convolutional architecture.



$$\mathbf{h}^{l+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{L}_{DAFNO}^l[\mathbf{h}^l](\mathbf{x}) := \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x}) \chi(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{c}^l \chi(\mathbf{x}) + \int_{\Omega} \chi(\mathbf{x}) \chi(\mathbf{y}) \kappa(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{v}^l) (\mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x})) dy \right)$$

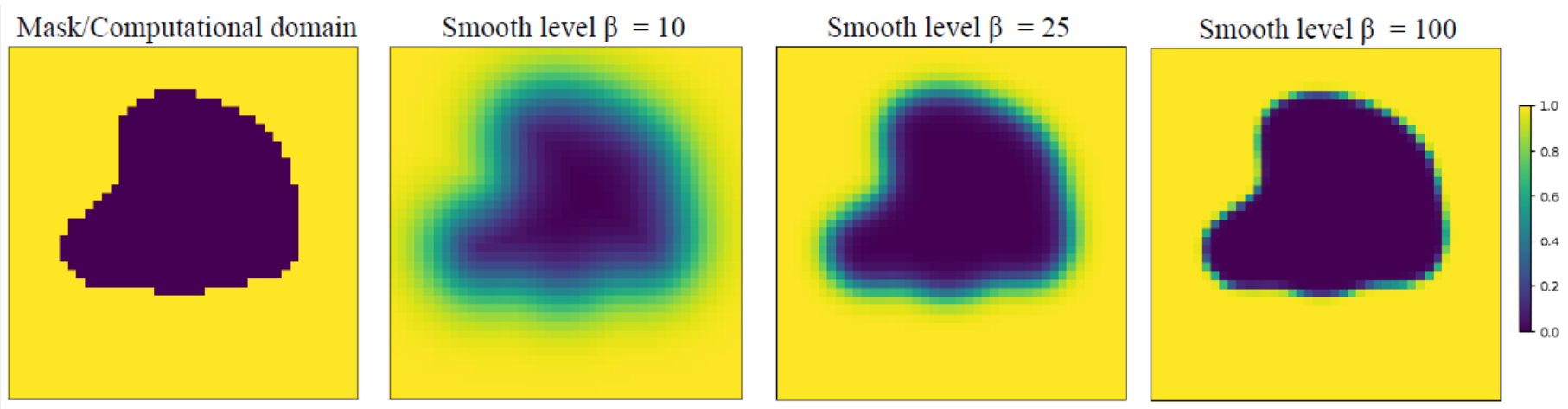
$$= \sigma \left(\chi(\mathbf{x}) \left(\mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{c}^l + \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\mathcal{F}[\kappa(\cdot; \mathbf{v}^l)] \cdot \mathcal{F}[\chi(\cdot) \mathbf{h}^l(\cdot)]](\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\mathcal{F}[\kappa(\cdot; \mathbf{v}^l)] \cdot \mathcal{F}[\chi(\cdot)]](\mathbf{x}) \right) \right).$$

Domain Agnostic FNOs

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- **Key idea 2:** Employ a **smoothed characteristic function** $\tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{x})$, to avoid the Gibbs phenomenon:

$$\tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{x}) := \tanh(\beta \text{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \partial\Omega))(\chi(\mathbf{x}) - 0.5) + 0.5$$



$$\mathbf{h}^{l+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma \left(\tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{x}) \left(W^l \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{c}^l + \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\mathcal{F}[\kappa(\cdot; \mathbf{v}^l)] \cdot \mathcal{F}[\tilde{\chi}(\cdot) \mathbf{h}^l(\cdot)]](\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{h}^l(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\mathcal{F}[\kappa(\cdot; \mathbf{v}^l)] \cdot \mathcal{F}[\tilde{\chi}(\cdot)]](\mathbf{x}) \right) \right).$$

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1) Collect measurements of function pairs

without damage: $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{u}_j(\mathbf{x}, t), \mathbf{f}_j(\mathbf{x}, t)\}_{j=1}^N$, and with damage: $\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = \{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_j(\mathbf{x}, t), \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_j(\mathbf{x}, t)\}_{j=1}^{\tilde{N}}$.

2) Approximate the integrant with a parameterization:

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3) Step 1: Pre-train the neural operator on \mathcal{D} .

Step 2: Fine-tune the neural operator on $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$.

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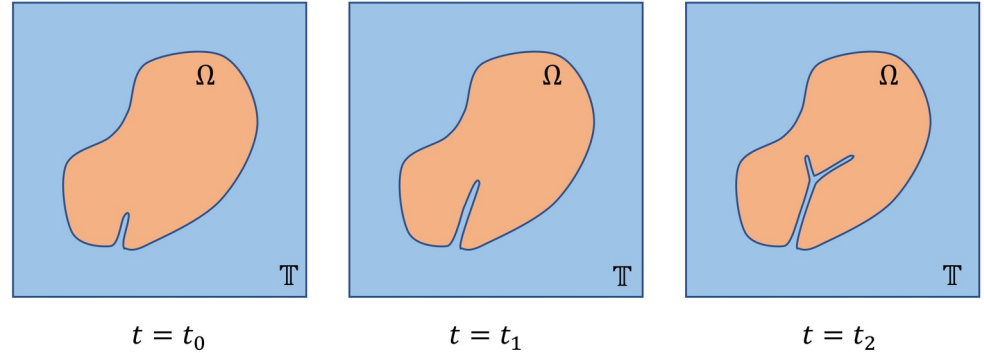
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DAFNO: Crack Propagation Prediction

- **Goal:** learn the **constitutive model** and use it to **predict crack propagation**.

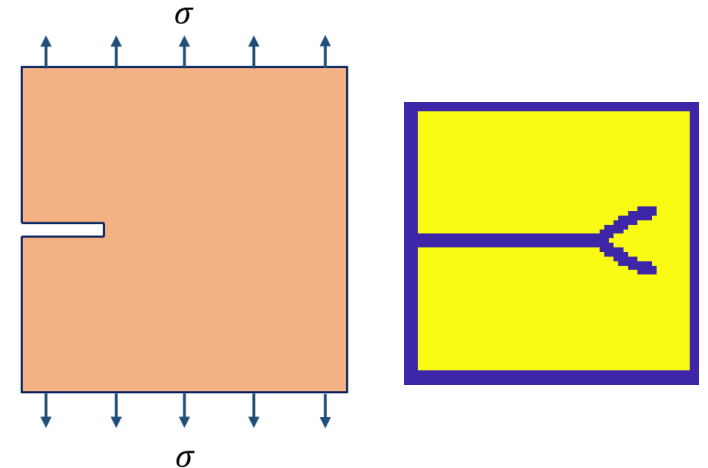


- **Training data setting:**

1) Dataset without damage: 2048 sinusoidal data pairs

$$\begin{array}{l} 1024 \\ + \\ 1024 \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_1 = c \sin\left(m \frac{2\pi x_1}{L}\right) \sin\left(n \frac{2\pi x_2}{L}\right), \\ u_2 = 0 \\ u_1 = 0 \\ u_2 = c \sin\left(m \frac{2\pi x_1}{L}\right) \sin\left(n \frac{2\pi x_2}{L}\right) \end{array} \right. \\ \text{for } m, n = 1, 2, \dots, 32$$

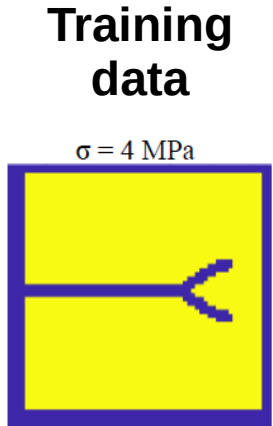
2) Dataset with damage: A thin plate with a pre-crack subjected to a fixed traction of 4 Mpa (450 snapshots in total)



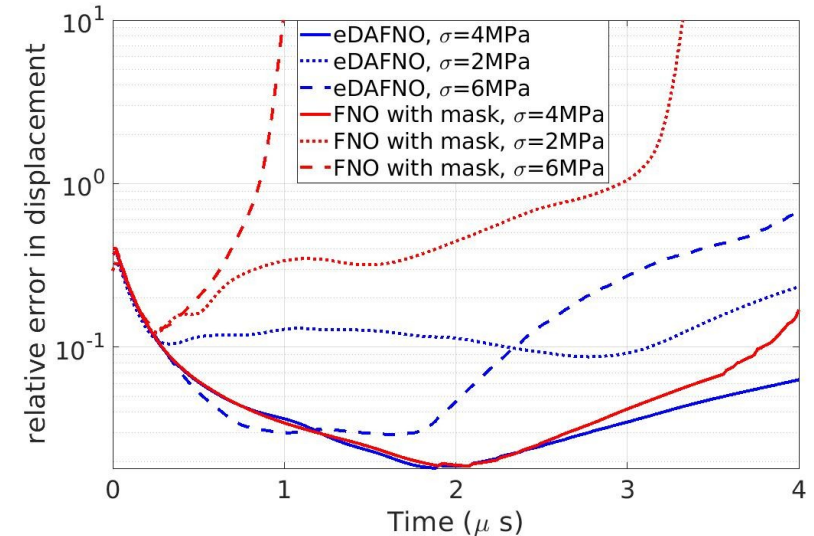
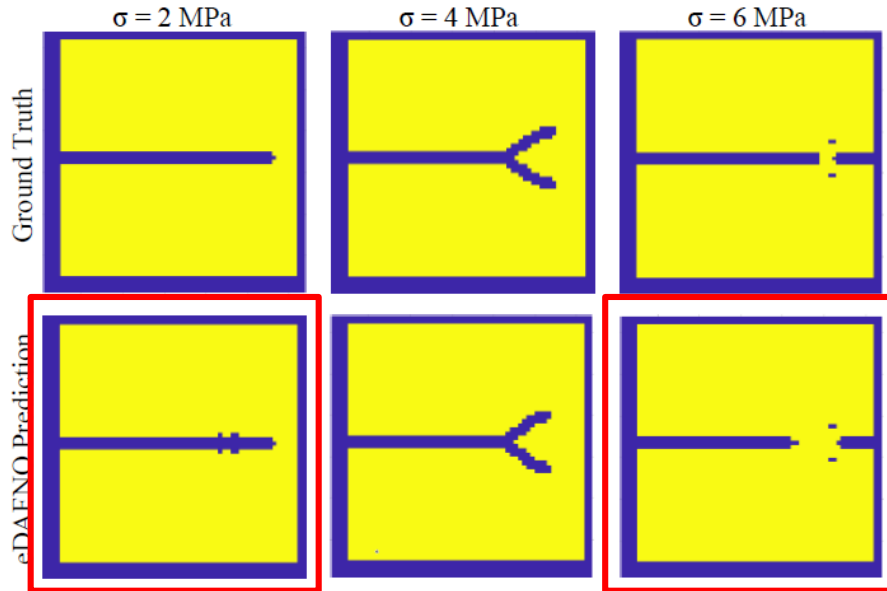
DAFNO: Crack Propagation Prediction

- **Training data setting:**

A thin plate with a pre-crack subjected to a different fixed traction (2MPa and 6MPa)
With loading magnitudes and crack patterns not seen from training.



Test data (unseen topology!)

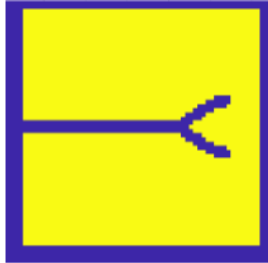


DAFNO: Crack Propagation Prediction

- Cross-resolution test:**
Use the trained model to perform zero-shot prediction on a different resolution.

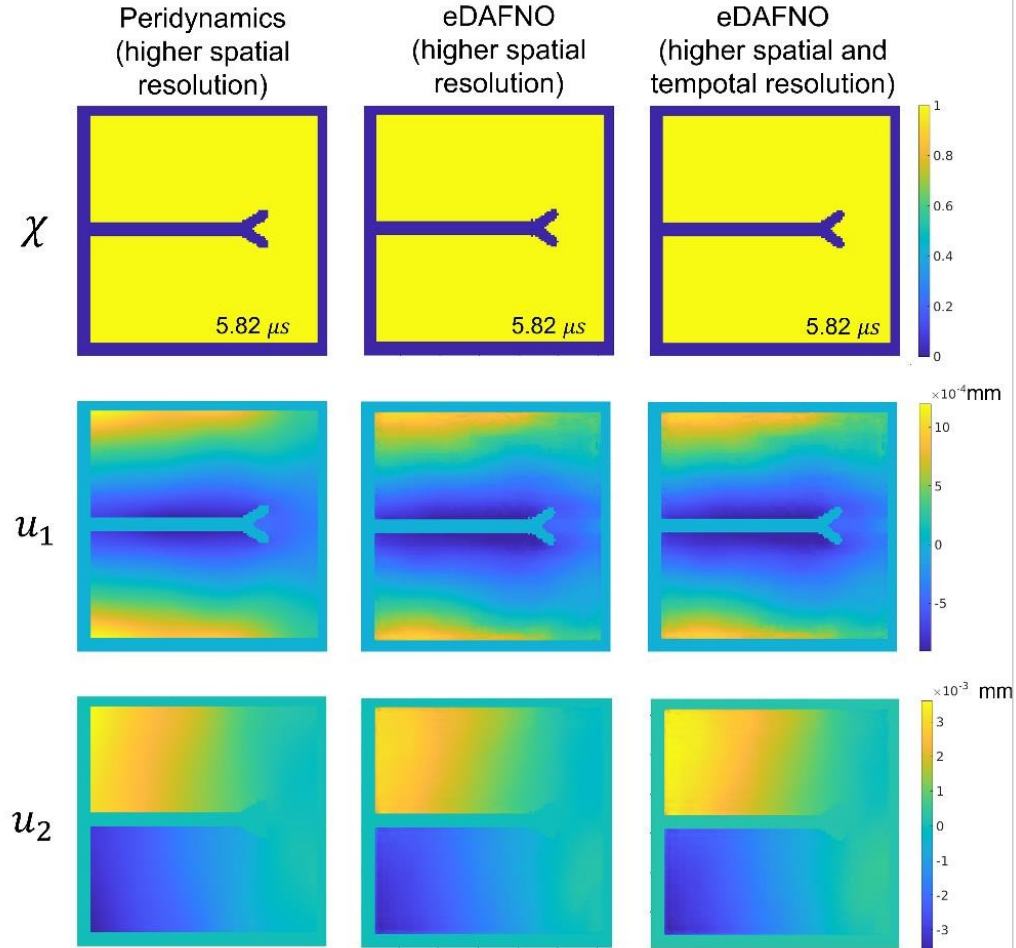
Training data

$\sigma = 4 \text{ MPa}$



Training dataset
Resolution: 64×64
 $\Delta t = 0.02 \mu s$

Predictions on
Resolution: 128×128
 $\Delta t = 0.01 \mu s$



Takeaways

- We proposed a **nonlocal constitutive law** learning framework, which learns **continuous integrants** for material learning tasks.
- For **linear & homogenized model learning tasks**, the **nonlocal operator regression (NOR) model** is proposed, which learns optimal kernel functions and damage criteria directly from data.
- For **nonlinear & generic material modeling tasks**, the **domain agnostic FNO (DAFNO) model** is proposed, which is geometry-generalizable and hence is capable to evolve the computational domain with fracture.
- The learnt nonlocal constitutive laws are **generalizable to different geometries, resolutions and loading scenarios**.
- Future work: impose physics knowledge in DAFNO.

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