

# A data-driven exterior calculus for probabilistic digital twins

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# Rigorous digital twins for systems of systems

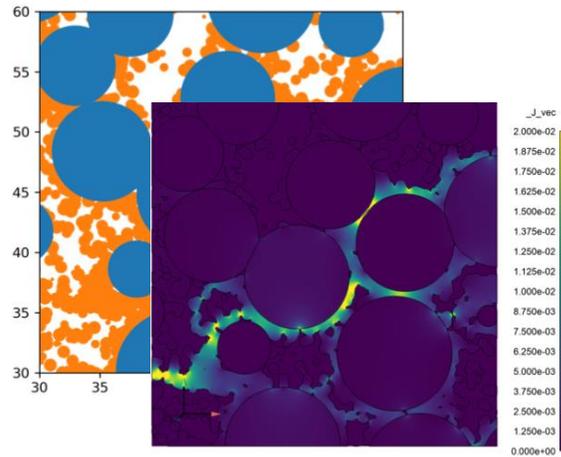


“The size and complexity of many systems being built for government, industry, and the military have reached a threshold where customary methods of analysis, design, implementation, and operation are no longer sufficiently reliable. Many of these large systems are properly described as “systems-of-systems” in that they are composed of many systems” (Dvorak 2005)

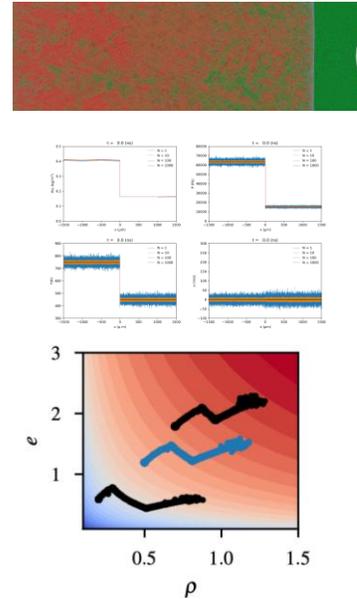
## Mathematical Requirements

- Near real-time prediction
- Stable inter-model coupling
- Efficient data assimilation
- Physical structure preservation
- Causal structure preservation
- Support VV+UQ
- Multimodal/multiscale data

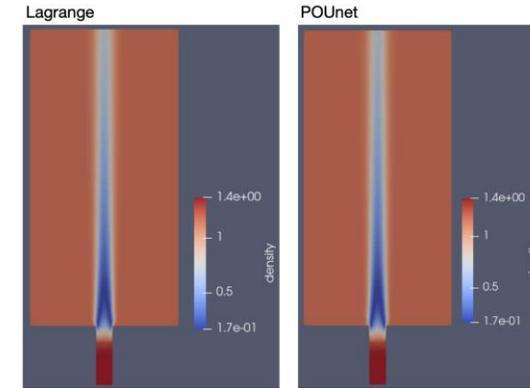
# Data-driven models for high-consequence engineering



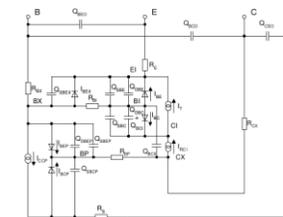
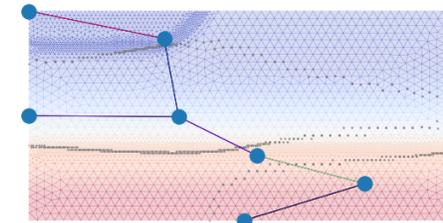
Data-driven multiscale FEM



Hyperbolicity preserving fluid closures



High-dimensional chemistry surrogates



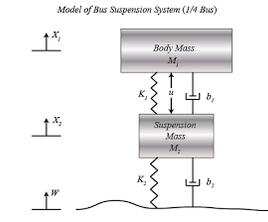
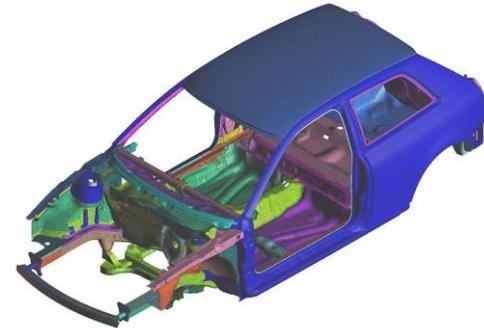
Robust sub-system surrogates in systems of systems

Extracting a physics-based model when first principles derivation is intractable

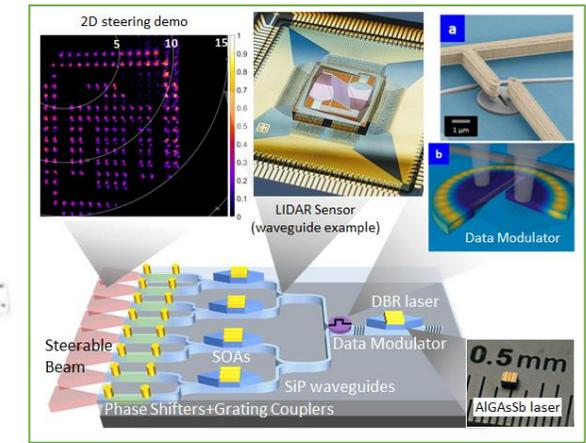
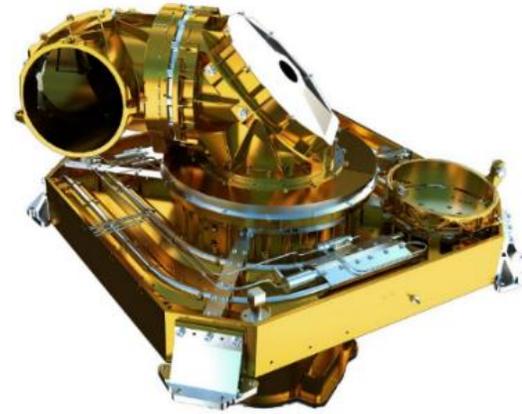
To **reliably** embed in **high-consequence** engineering applications – need guarantees

# Systems of systems are ubiquitous in multiphysics/multiscale problems

**Mechanical assemblies**  
Multiphysics across coupled components

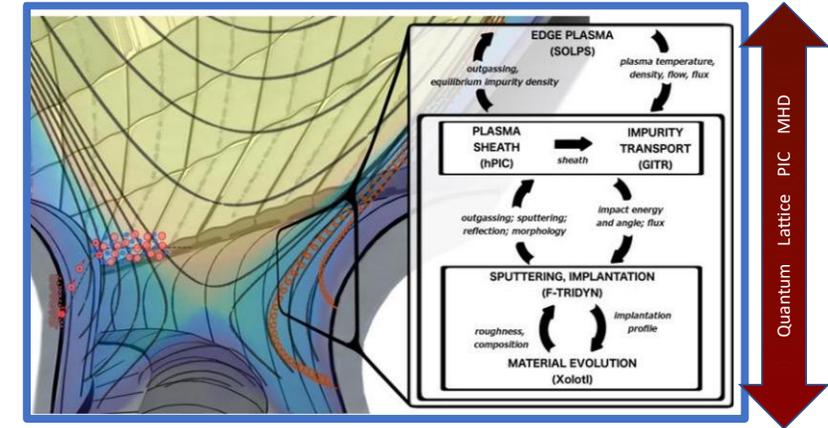


**Microelectronics codesign**  
Two-way scale bridging between material, device, and circuit scales

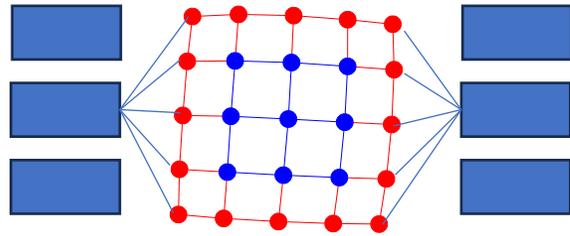


**Fusion Power**  
Plasma/material interactions bridging scales and models

**GOAL:**  
Rigorous multiphysics coupling preserving physical invariances with guaranteed performance



# Why the exterior calculus? Structure preserving Dirichlet2Neumann maps

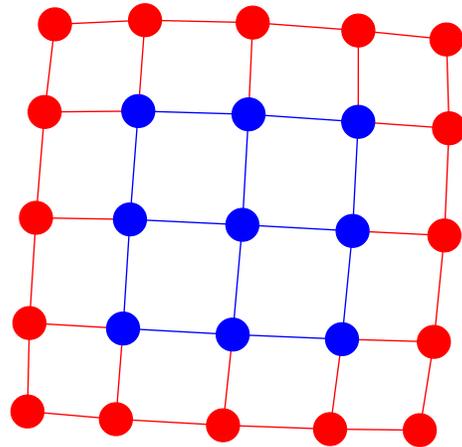


$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{un}} \cup \mathcal{V}_{\text{obs}}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_{\text{un}} \cup \mathcal{E}_{\text{obs}}$$

Red: Mortar nodes/edges  
Blue: Internal nodes/edges



## Definition

The *dirichlet2neumann* map for a hodge Laplacian problem is the unique linear map from potential functions on boundary nodes to currents at edges coincident on boundary nodes

We pose learning of surrogates on structure-preserving subgraphs coupled through flux/state relationships

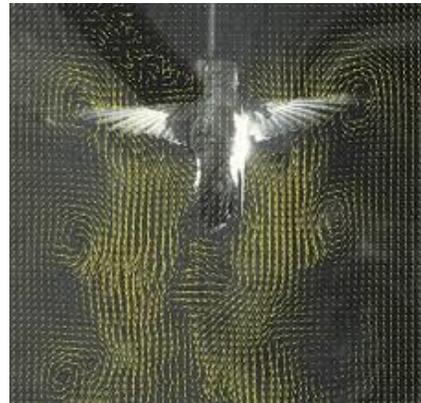
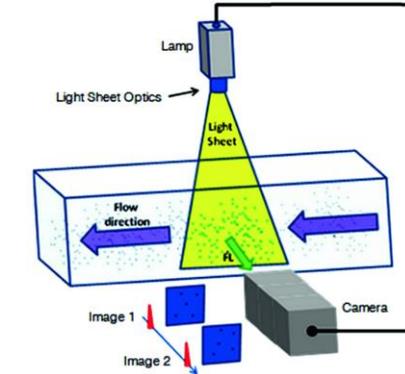
$$F = d_0 u + \mathcal{N}[u; \theta]$$

$$\partial_t u + d_0^* F = f$$

DNN or GP

# Graph discovery from full-field data – talk overview

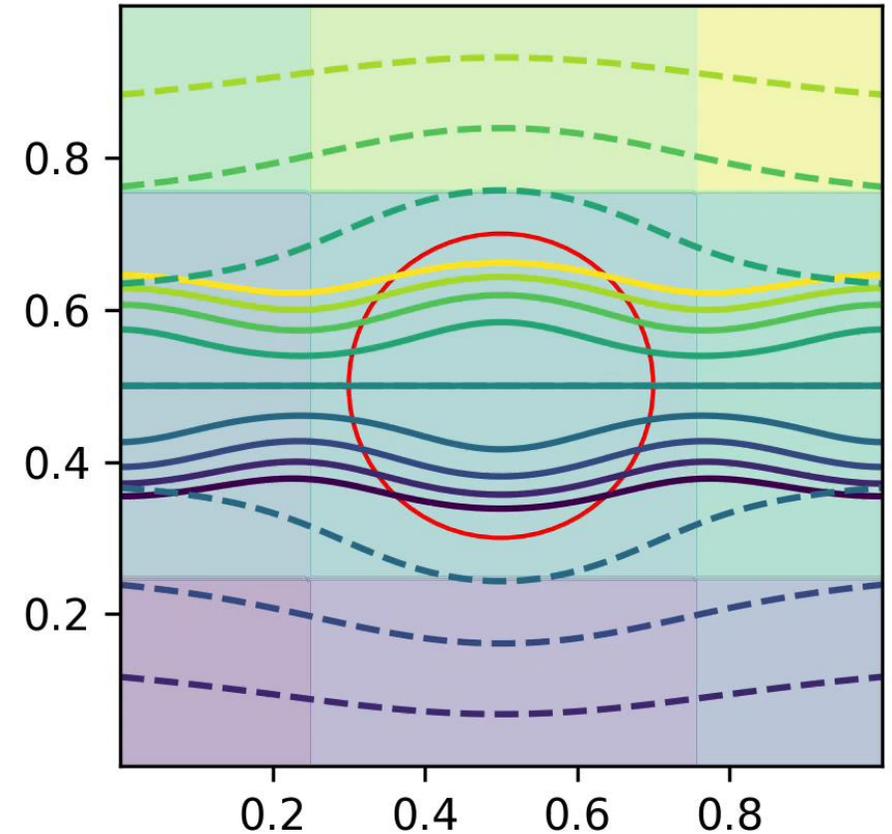
Element	Circuit Analogy	Pipe Analogy	Flow Equation
Node	Junction	Junction	Total Flow = 0
Path	Wire	Rigid Pipe	Solve Directly
Resistance	Resistor	Aperture	$F = P/R$
Compliance	Capacitor	Diaphragm	$F(t) = C \frac{dP(t)}{dt}$
Inertance	Inductor	Heavy Paddle	$F = \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t P dt + F(t_0)$
Switch	Switch	Gate Valve	Solve Directly
Valve	Diode	Check Valve	Solve Directly
Pressure Source	Voltage Source	Pump	Solve Directly
Flow Source	Current Source		$F = F$



Full-field data has no natural graph

## Examples

- Particle imaging velocimetry
- Digital imaging correlation
- Homogenized particle systems



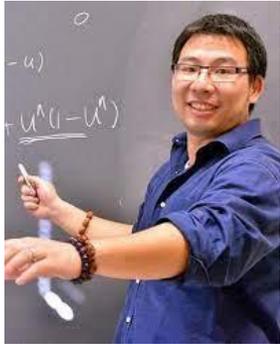
Use Whitney forms to exploit duality between geometry and graphs  
Repurpose classification networks to concurrently learn control volumes and balance laws

Systems admitting a circuit analogy admit a natural graph to “hang” a model on

## Examples

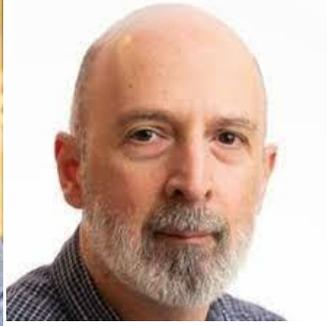
- Electrical circuits
- Subsurface fracture networks
- Mesh from simulations

# Collaborators



## Data-driven exterior calculus

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## Metriplectic bracket discovery

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## Optimal Recovery Problem

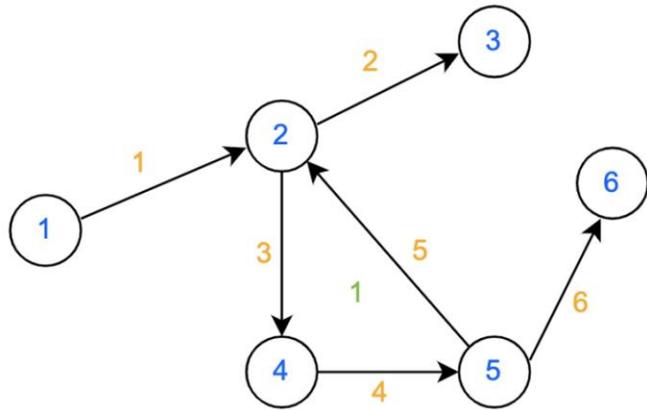
**Houman Owhadi – Caltech**  
**Daniel Tartakovsky, Adrienne Propp – Stanford**  
**Jonas Actor, Elise Walker – SNL**

# Data-driven exterior calculus

div/grad/curl building blocks on graphs

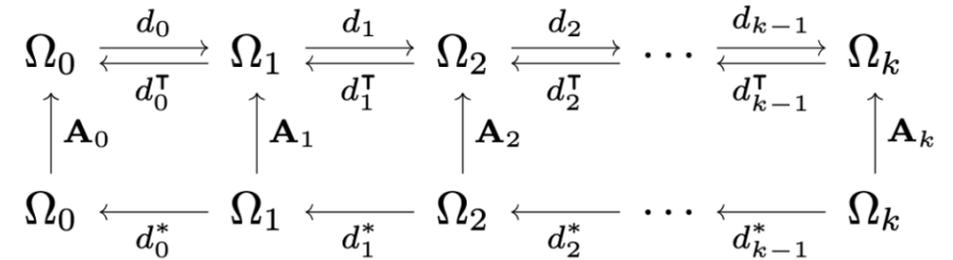
# Mathematical preliminaries: Data-driven graph exterior calculus

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$$d_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_1 = (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0)$$



Choice of inner product induces a dual operator

$d_k$  - matrix mapping from  $k$  to  $k + 1$  clique  
 $d_k^*$  - matrix mapping from  $k + 1$  to  $k$  clique  
 $A_k$  - machine learnable inner product

$$\delta_{k+1} \circ \delta_k = 0 \quad \delta_k^* \circ \delta_{k+1}^* = 0$$

De Rham complex encodes commuting diagram relationship

Definition: a **k-clique** is an ordered collection of nodes

Definition: a **graph coboundary operator**  $\delta_k$  is a mapping from values associated with  $k$ -cliques to  $(k + 1)$ -cliques

**Graph Coboundary**  $d_k f_{i_0, \dots, i_{k+1}} = \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} (-1)^j f(i_0, \dots, \hat{i}_j, \dots, i_{k+1})$

**Graph Gradient/Curl**  
 $d_0 u_{ij} = u_j - u_i$   
 $d_1 u_{ijk} = u_{ij} + u_{jk} + u_{ki}$

IDEA

Traditional PDE:  $A_k$  are metrics from a mesh  
 Data-driven exterior calc: Fit to data w/ backprop

# Result: Combinatorial Hodge + Lax Milgram theory for elliptic operators

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \Omega_0 & \xleftrightarrow{d_0} & \Omega_1 & \xleftrightarrow{d_1} & \Omega_2 & \xleftrightarrow{d_2} & \dots & \xleftrightarrow{d_{k-1}} & \Omega_k \\
 \uparrow \mathbf{A}_0 & & \uparrow \mathbf{A}_1 & & \uparrow \mathbf{A}_2 & & & & \uparrow \mathbf{A}_k \\
 \Omega_0 & \xleftarrow{d_0^*} & \Omega_1 & \xleftarrow{d_1^*} & \Omega_2 & \xleftarrow{d_2^*} & \dots & \xleftarrow{d_{k-1}^*} & \Omega_k
 \end{array}$$

**Combinatorial  
Hodge Laplacian**

$$\Delta_k = d_{k-1} d_{k-1}^* + d_k^* d_k$$

Obtain standard results from traditional finite element analysis:

- Preserve exact sequence property
- Hodge decomposition
- Poincaré inequality
- Lax-Milgram stability theory
- Conservation structure

**Theorem 3.1.** The discrete derivatives  $\mathbf{d}_k$  in (11) form an exact sequence if the simplicial complex is exact, and in particular  $\mathbf{d}_{k+1} \circ \mathbf{d}_k = 0$ . In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we have  $CURL_h \circ GRAD_h = DIV_h \circ CURL_h = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** The discrete derivatives  $\mathbf{d}_k^*$  in (11) form an exact sequence of the simplicial complex is exact, and in particular  $\mathbf{d}_k^* \circ \mathbf{d}_{k+1}^* = 0$ . In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $DIV_h^* \circ CURL_h^* = CURL_h^* \circ GRAD_h^* = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.3 (Hodge Decomposition).** For  $C^k$ , the following decomposition holds

$$C^k = \text{im}(\mathbf{d}_{k-1}) \oplus_k \ker(\Delta_k) \oplus_k \text{im}(\mathbf{d}_k^*), \quad (17)$$

where  $\oplus_k$  means the orthogonality with respect to the  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{B}_k^{-1}}$ -inner product.

**Theorem 3.4 (Poincaré inequality).** For each  $k$ , there exists a constant  $c_{P,k}$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{z}_k\|_{\mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{B}_k^{-1}} \leq c_{P,k} \|\mathbf{d}_k \mathbf{z}_k\|_{\mathbf{D}_{k+1} \mathbf{B}_{k+1}^{-1}}, \quad \mathbf{z}_k \in \text{im}(\mathbf{d}_k^*),$$

and another constant  $c_{P,k}^*$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{z}_k\|_{\mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{B}_k^{-1}} \leq c_{P,k}^* \|\mathbf{d}_{k-1}^* \mathbf{z}_k\|_{\mathbf{D}_{k-1} \mathbf{B}_{k-1}^{-1}}, \quad \mathbf{z}_k \in \text{im}(\mathbf{d}_{k-1}).$$

Thus, for  $\mathbf{u}_k \in C^k$ , we have

$$\inf_{\mathbf{h}_k \in \ker(\Delta_k)} \|\mathbf{u}_k - \mathbf{h}_k\|_{\mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{B}_k^{-1}} \leq C \left( \|\mathbf{d}_k \mathbf{u}_k\|_{\mathbf{D}_{k+1} \mathbf{B}_{k+1}^{-1}} + \|\mathbf{d}_{k-1}^* \mathbf{u}_k\|_{\mathbf{D}_{k-1} \mathbf{B}_{k-1}^{-1}} \right),$$

where constant  $C > 0$  only depends on  $c_{P,k}$  and  $c_{P,k}^*$ .

**Theorem 3.5 (Invertibility of Hodge Laplacian).** The  $k^{\text{th}}$ -order Hodge Laplacian  $\Delta_k$  is positive-semidefinite, with the dimension of its null-space equal to the dimension of the corresponding homology  $H^k = \ker(\mathbf{d}_k) / \text{im}(\mathbf{d}_{k-1})$ .

# Enforcing exact physics via equality constrained QP

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**Conservation structure**  
Exact physics treatment

$$d_{k-1} d_{k-1}^* \mathbf{u}_k + d_k^* \mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}_k$$

+

**Generalized flux**  
Stabilize "black-box"  
physics with Hodge  
Laplacian

$$\mathbf{w}_{k+1} = d_k \mathbf{u}_k + \mathcal{N}[d_k \mathbf{u}_k; \theta]$$

**Provides variational form**  
Conservation structure  
gives SBP formulas

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{A}) + N_{\mathbf{v}}[\mathbf{u}; \theta] = b(\mathbf{v})$$

Invertible bilinear form  
w/ metric params

Nonparametric  
estimator of "black-box"  
flux

## IDEA

If constraint is feasible (guaranteed solvable)  
then we are guaranteed to obtain a model  
preserving structure independent of data/model fit

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{A}, \theta} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{data}\|^2 + \epsilon^2 \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_{data}\|^2$$

such that  $a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{A}) + N_{\mathbf{v}}[\mathbf{u}; \theta] = b(\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v}$

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{A}) + N_{\mathbf{v}}[\mathbf{u}; \theta] = b(\mathbf{v})$$

**Theorem 3.6.** The equation (24) has at least one solution  $\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathbb{V}$  satisfies

$$\|\mathbf{u}_k\| \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{f}\|}{(C_p - C_N)}. \quad (26)$$

**Theorem 3.7.** If  $\frac{C_{\nabla N} \|\mathbf{f}\|}{C_p(C_p - C_N)} < 1$ , then the equation (24) has at most one solution in  $\mathbb{V}$ .

**A unique solution exists if the Hodge-Laplacian is sufficiently large relative to the nonlinear part, following standard elliptic PDE arguments**

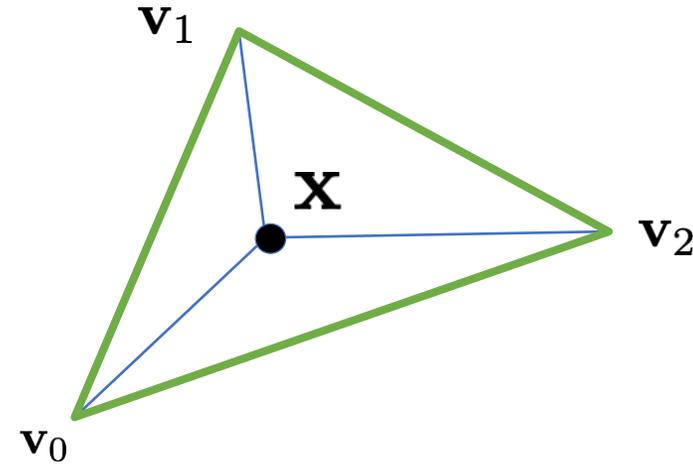
- Poincare constant easily estimated from matrix eigenvalues
- Lipschitz constant on nonlinearity straightforward for DNNs

Solvability constraint could be enforced during training if desired

# Data-driven Whitney forms

Learning a finite element space which implicitly defines a graph

# Mathematical preliminaries: barycentric coordinates



Consider the simplex  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{v}_0, \dots, \mathbf{v}_d\}$ .

Definition: Barycentric coordinates  $\{\lambda_i\}_i$  are the unique linear polynomials satisfying

- $\sum_i \lambda_i(\mathbf{x}) = 1$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$  ← **Partition of Unity property**
- $\sum_i \mathbf{v}_i \lambda_i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$

Definition: The barycentric interpolant is defined  $f_B(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i f(\mathbf{v}_i) \lambda_i(\mathbf{x})$

# Mathematical preliminaries: low-order Whitney forms

**Whitney Form Definition**  
Construction follows from barycentric interpolant

$$\mathcal{W}_{j_0 \dots j_k} = k! \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \lambda_{j_i} d\lambda_{j_0} \wedge \dots \widehat{d\lambda_{j_i}} \wedge \dots \wedge d\lambda_{j_k}$$

**P1 nodal  
Lagrange Elements**

$$\text{span} \{1, x_1, x_2\}$$

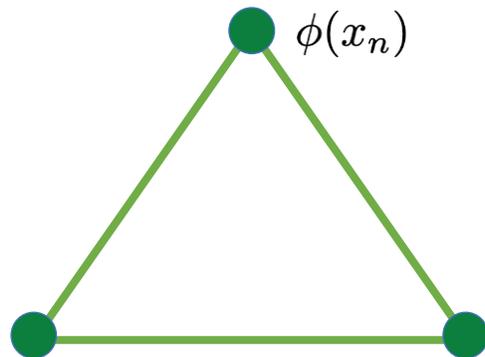
**Nedelec  
Edge Elements**

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

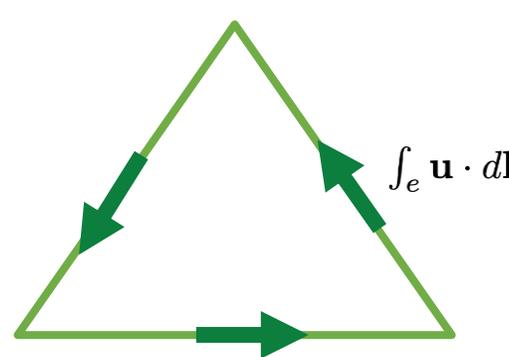
**Raviart-Thomas  
Face Elements**

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

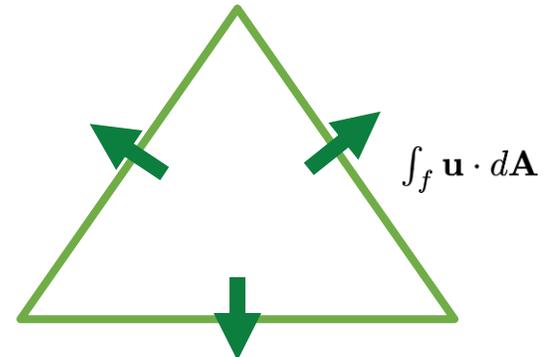
**DOF are integral moments associated with mesh node/edge/face/cells**



$$\mathcal{W}_i = \lambda_i$$

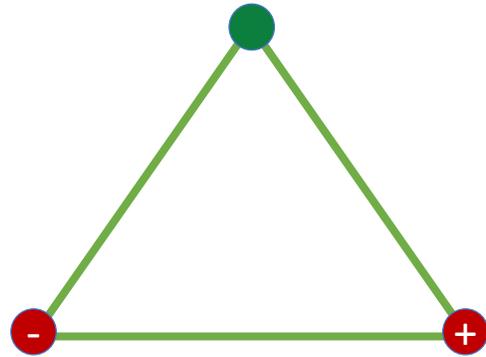


$$\mathcal{W}_{ij} = \lambda_i \nabla \lambda_j - \lambda_j \nabla \lambda_i$$



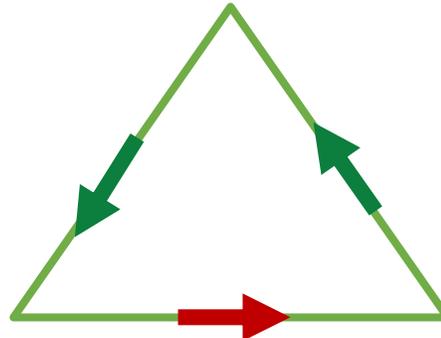
$$\mathcal{W}_{ijk} = \lambda_i \nabla \lambda_j \times \nabla \lambda_k + \lambda_j \nabla \lambda_k \times \nabla \lambda_i + \lambda_k \nabla \lambda_i \times \nabla \lambda_j$$

# What's special about Whitney forms?



$$\mathcal{W}_i = \lambda_i$$

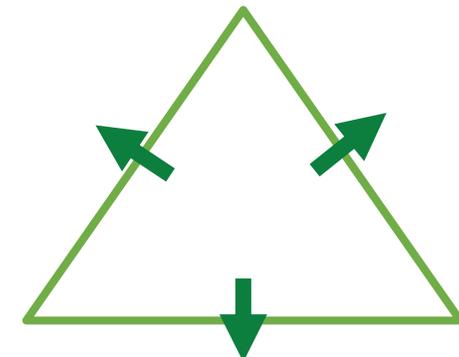
$$\subset H_1(\text{grad}; \Omega)$$



$$\mathcal{W}_{ij} =$$

$$\lambda_i \nabla \lambda_j - \lambda_j \nabla \lambda_i$$

$$\subset H_1(\text{curl}; \Omega)$$



$$\mathcal{W}_{ijk} = \lambda_i \nabla \lambda_j \times \nabla \lambda_k$$

$$+ \lambda_j \nabla \lambda_k \times \nabla \lambda_i + \lambda_k \nabla \lambda_i \times \nabla \lambda_j$$

$$\subset H_1(\text{div}; \Omega)$$

**Exact treatment of vector calculus operations**  
Image of exterior derivative is onto, giving pointwise exact sequence property

**Explicit tie to conservation structure**

Derivatives map differential forms directly using generalized Stokes theorems

$$\int_e \nabla \phi \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \phi(n_+) - \phi(n_-)$$

$$\int_f \nabla \times \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \sum_{e \in \partial f} \int_f \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

$$\text{DIV} = \delta_0^T \mathbf{M}_1, \quad \text{CURL} = 2 \delta_1^T \mathbf{M}_2, \quad \text{GRAD} = 6 \delta_2^T \mathbf{M}_3$$

**Exterior derivative (DEC)**

**Graph coboundary**

**FEM mass matrix**

**Alternative view in the graph exterior calculus**

Mass matrix can be viewed as imposing sparsity on a fully connected graph

# Mathematical preliminaries: partition of unity

## Definition: *Partition of unity (POU)*

A collection of functions  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1,\dots,N}$  satisfying

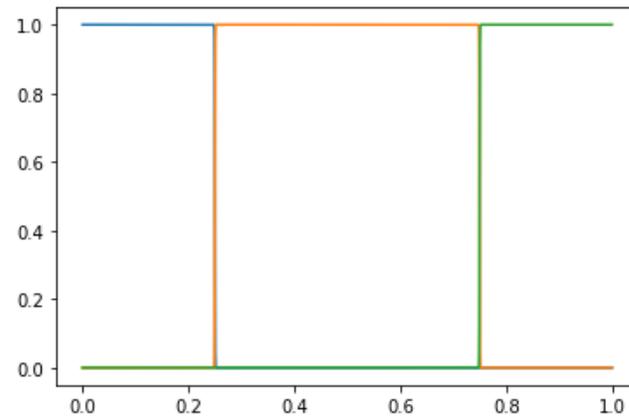
- $\phi_i > 0$
- $\sum_i \phi_i = 1$

## Example:

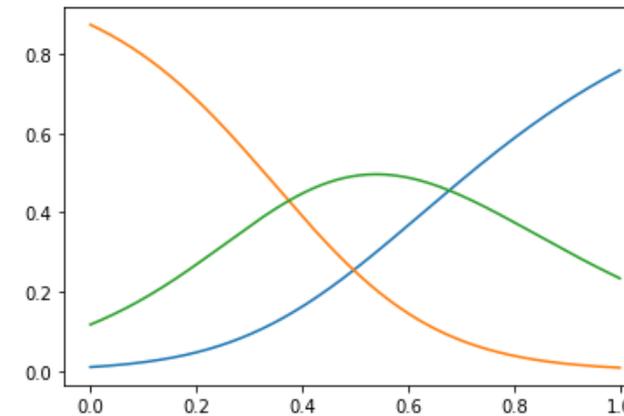
Consider a partition of  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  into disjoint cells  $\Omega = \bigcup_i C_i$ . Then the indicator functions  $\phi_i(x) = \mathbb{1}_{C_i}(x)$  form a POU.

**Traditional role:**  
Localizing approximation  
Identifying charts of atlas

**Our use:**  
Replace barycentric  
coordinates in Whitney  
form construction



$$\phi_i(x) = \text{softmax} \circ NN(x; \theta)$$

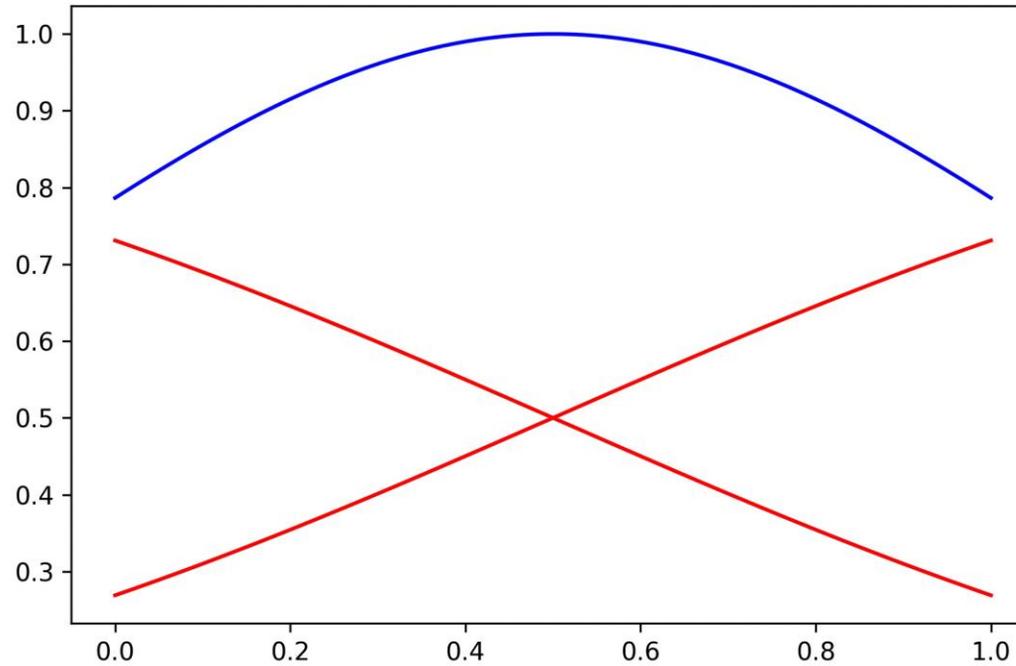


POU corresponding to Cartesian mesh vs learnable POU with non-disjoint support associated with a traditional logistic regression network for a categorical RV

# Whitney forms define diffuse boundary operators

Red: POU on cells  
Blue: Boundary of POUS

In limit of disjoint partitions, want to recover oriented Dirac distribution



$$\int_c \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} dx = \int_{f \in \partial c} \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

POUs generalize cell

Defining boundary operator provides exterior derivative

## IDEA:

Replace barycentric coordinates with machine learnable POU and perform standard Whitney form construction

$$\mathcal{W}_i = \lambda_i$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{ij} = \lambda_i \nabla \lambda_j - \lambda_j \nabla \lambda_i$$

Using automatic differentiation, we obtain a fully differentiable ML architecture generalizing a traditional computational mesh

## Whitney forms define diffuse boundary operators

Compare to:  $V_i \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_i = \sum_j \mathbf{A}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{ij}$

- Let  $\psi_i = \phi_i$ . Define a function space  $V_0 = \{ \sum_i c_i \psi_i(x) \mid c_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_0} \}$ .
- Integrating by parts we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \psi_i \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA \\ \text{POU property} & \\ \text{Multiply by one} & \quad = - \sum_j \int_{\Omega} \phi_j \nabla \phi_i \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA \\ \text{Grad of POU property} & \\ \text{Add zero} & \quad = \sum_{j \neq i} \int_{\Omega} (\phi_i \nabla \phi_j - \phi_j \nabla \phi_i) \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA \\ & \quad = \sum_{j \neq i} \int_{\Omega} \psi_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \phi_i \mathbf{u} \cdot dA \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi_{ij} = \phi_i \nabla \phi_j - \phi_j \nabla \phi_i$ , and we note that  $\psi_{ij} = -\psi_{ji}$ .

# Proceed by induction on arbitrary manifolds

**Replace IBP with Leibniz rule:**

$$\int_{\Omega} (d\omega_k) \wedge \omega_l = (-1)^{k+1} \int_{\Omega} \omega_k \wedge (d\omega_l) + \int_{\partial\Omega} \text{tr } \omega_k \wedge \text{tr } \omega_l$$

**Inductively define Whitney form shape functions by mimicking construction:**

$$\psi_{j_0 \dots j_k}^k = k! \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \phi_{j_i} d\phi_{j_0} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d\phi_{j_i}} \wedge \dots \wedge d\phi_{j_k}$$

**Obtain discrete "differential form" DOFs that induce coboundary operator:**

$$U_{j_0 \dots j_{k+1}} = \int_{\omega} u \wedge \psi_{j_0 \dots j_{k+1}}^{k+1}$$

$$D_k(U)_{j_0 \dots j_k} = (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{j_{k+1} \neq j_0, \dots, j_k} U_{j_0 \dots j_{k+1}} + \int \text{tr } u \wedge \text{tr } \psi_{j_0 \dots j_k}^k$$

**Preserve exact sequence property to induce de Rham complex:**

$$D_k \circ D_{k-1}(U)_{j_0 \dots j_{k-1}} = \int_{\Omega} d(du) \wedge \phi_{j_0 \dots j_{k-1}}^k = 0$$

## Requirement – how to build mass matrix

### Continuous Galerkin treatment of Hodge operator

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{E}) - (d^0 p_0, \mathbf{E}) &= (d^0 p_D, \mathbf{E}) \\ -(\mathbf{F}, d^0 q_0) &= (f, q_0) - (g_N, q_0)_{\Gamma_N}.\end{aligned}$$

### Metric now comes from FEEC mass matrix

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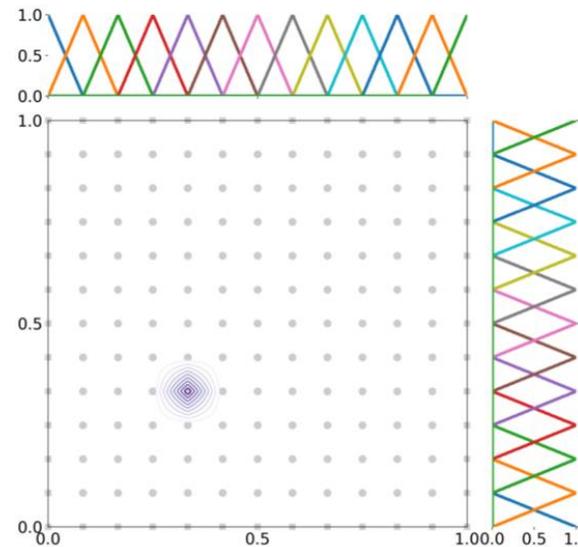
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If mass matrix is easily computable, we obtain a continuous Galerkin (AKA no variational crimes)

**Option 1:**

Convex combinations of B-splines

Quadrature via pull-back to Cartesian mesh



$$\phi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k_1=1}^{N_{x_1}} \cdots \sum_{k_n=1}^{N_{x_n}} W_{k_1 \dots k_n i} \zeta_{k_1 \dots k_n}(\mathbf{x})$$

**Define POU as convex combination of B1-splines**

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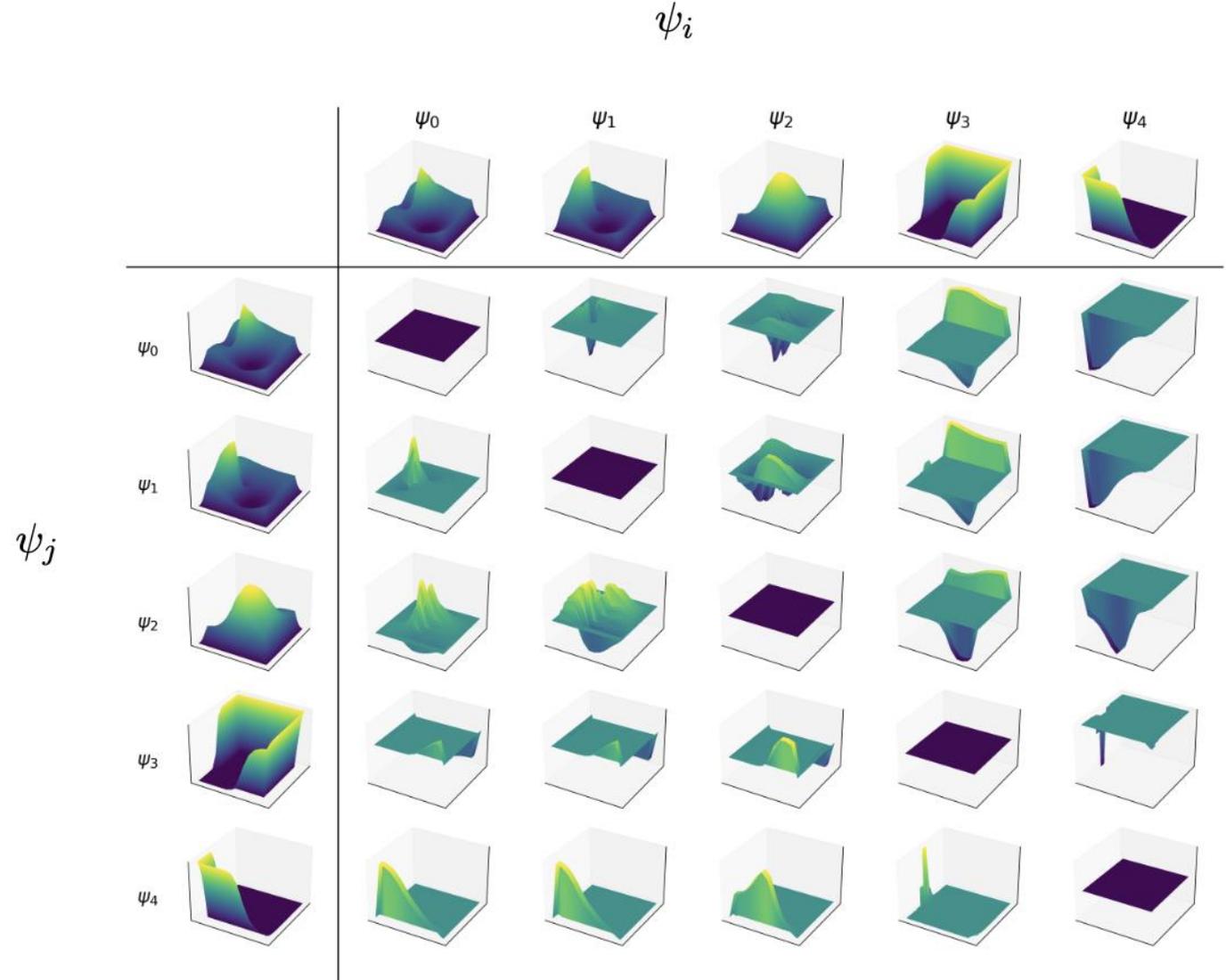
$$(F, \nabla q) \rightarrow \text{DIV } F = d_0^\top \mathbf{M}$$

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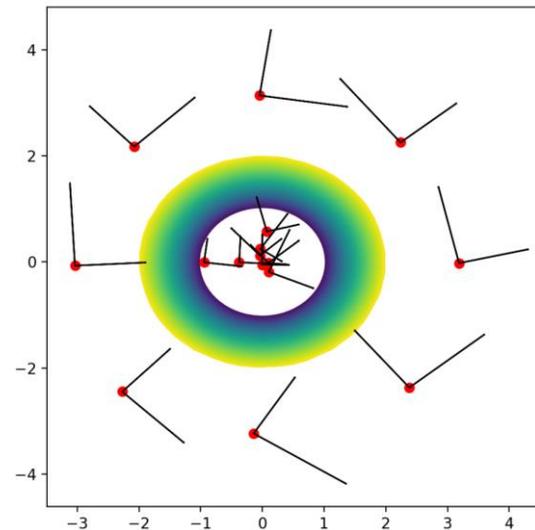
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**Option 2:**  
Multivariate Gaussian PDF as POU

Analytic expressions for mass matrices

Choose  $\psi_i = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}_i, \mathbf{C}_i) = \phi_i$   
Then  $\psi_{ij} = \phi_i \nabla \phi_j = \phi_i \phi_j \mathbf{C}_j^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_j - x)$   
And mass matrix over infinite domain has closed form expression

$$\mathbf{M} = \int \psi_{ij} \psi_{kl} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \phi_i \phi_j} [x - \mathbf{m}]$$



**Trainable mean and covariance** allows for partitions to move and find optimal arrangement

Finally:

**Continuous Galerkin treatment of Hodge operator**

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**Metric now comes from FEEC mass matrix**  $(F, \nabla q) \rightarrow \text{DIV } F = d_0^\top \mathbf{M}$


$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{A}) + N_{\mathbf{v}}[\mathbf{u}; \theta] = b(\mathbf{v})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\underset{\mathbf{A}, \theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} & \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{data}\|^2 + \epsilon^2 \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_{data}\|^2 \\ \text{such that } & a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \mathbf{A}) + N_{\mathbf{v}}[\mathbf{u}; \theta] = b(\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v}\end{aligned}$$

# Data-driven Whitney forms

**Applications**

# Applications: unsupervised identification of material properties

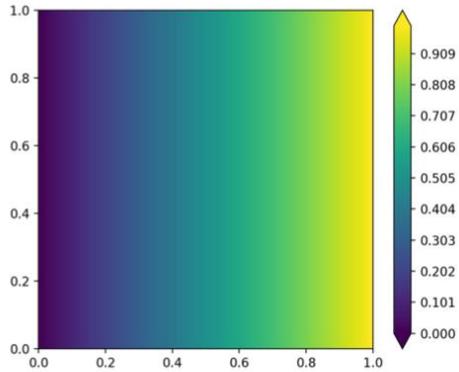
No nonlinear fluxes

$$\nabla \cdot \underbrace{\kappa(x)} \nabla \phi = f$$

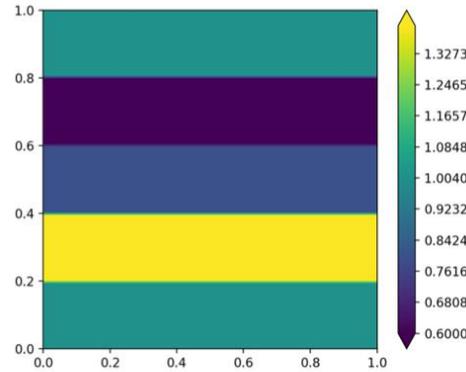
$$[\hat{n} \cdot \kappa \nabla \phi] = 0$$

Discontinuity parallel to gradient

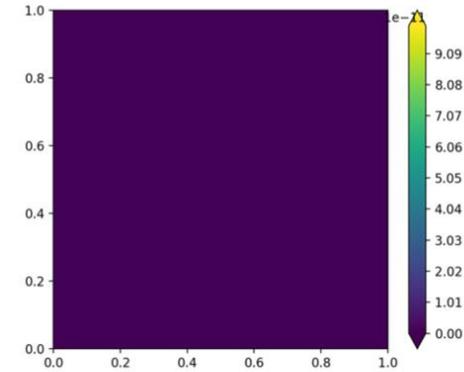
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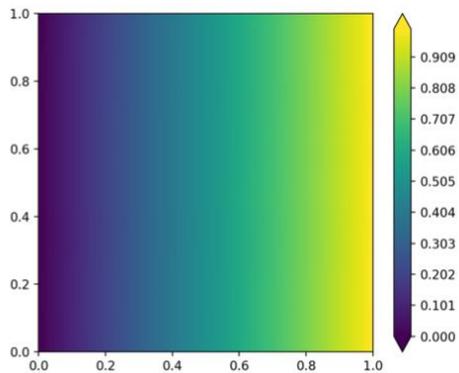
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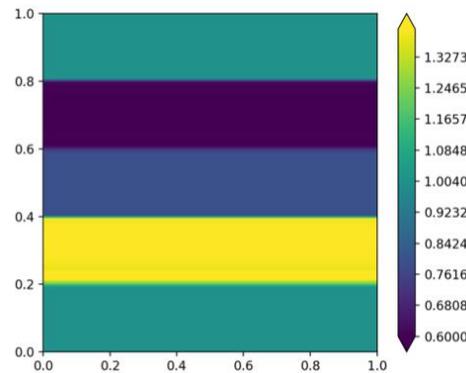
(b) True  $\mathbf{F}_x$



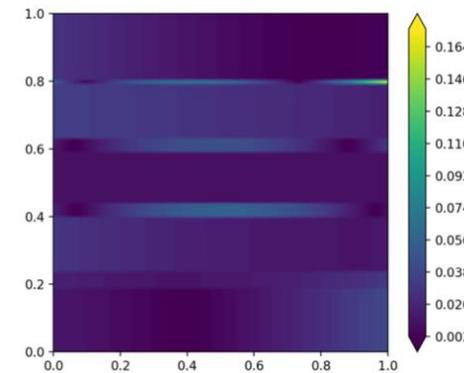
(c) True  $\mathbf{F}_y$



(d) Predicted  $p$

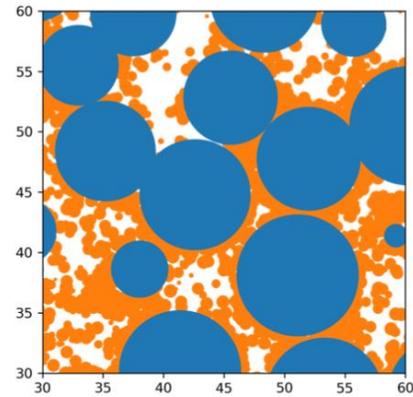


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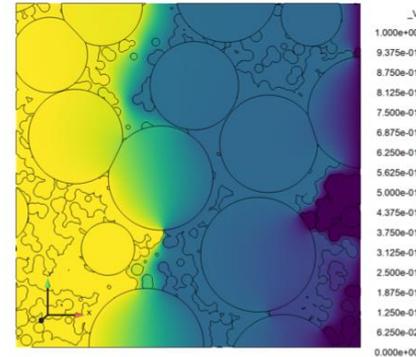


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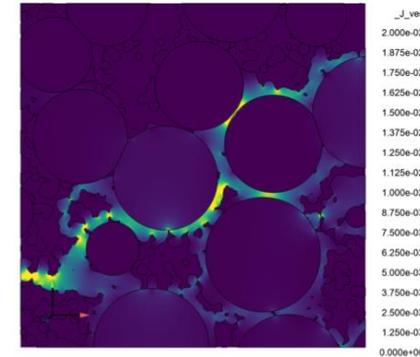
# Applications: digital twins of as built Lithium-ion battery cathode



(a) Matrix layout

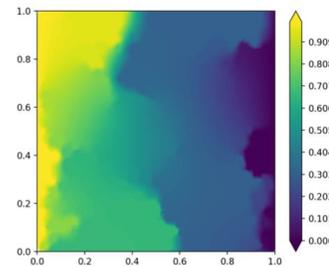


(b) Voltage

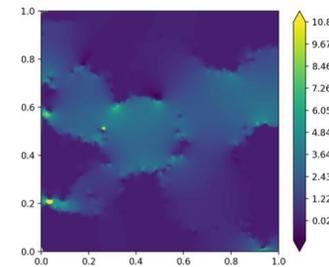


(c) Magnitude of current

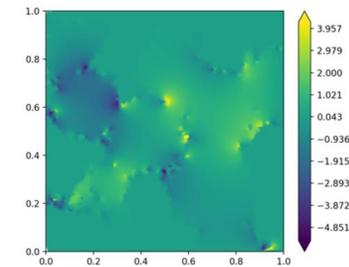
Replace a 5.89M finite element simulation of as-built geometry with 8 data-driven elements w/ ~0.1% error implemented in production FEM code



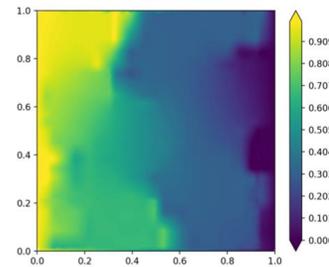
(a) True  $p$



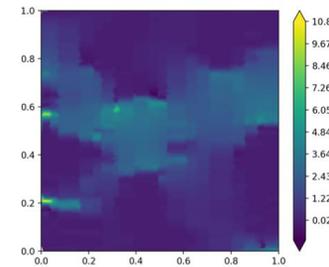
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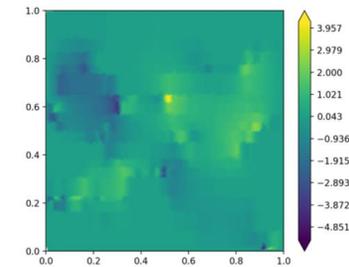
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(d) Predicted  $p$

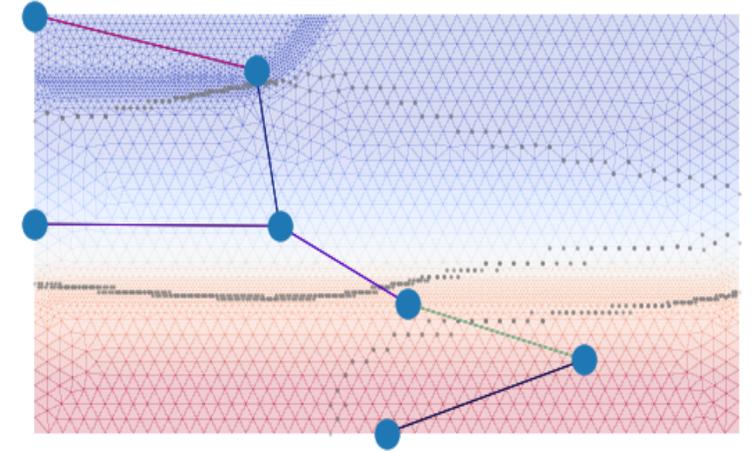
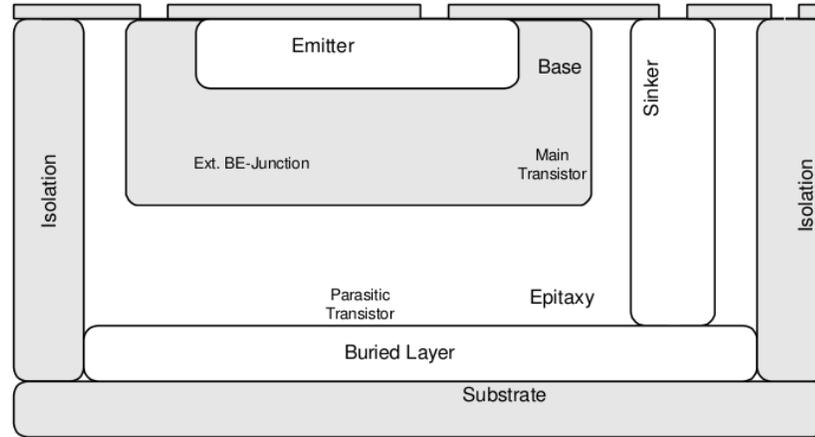


(e) Predicted  $F_x$



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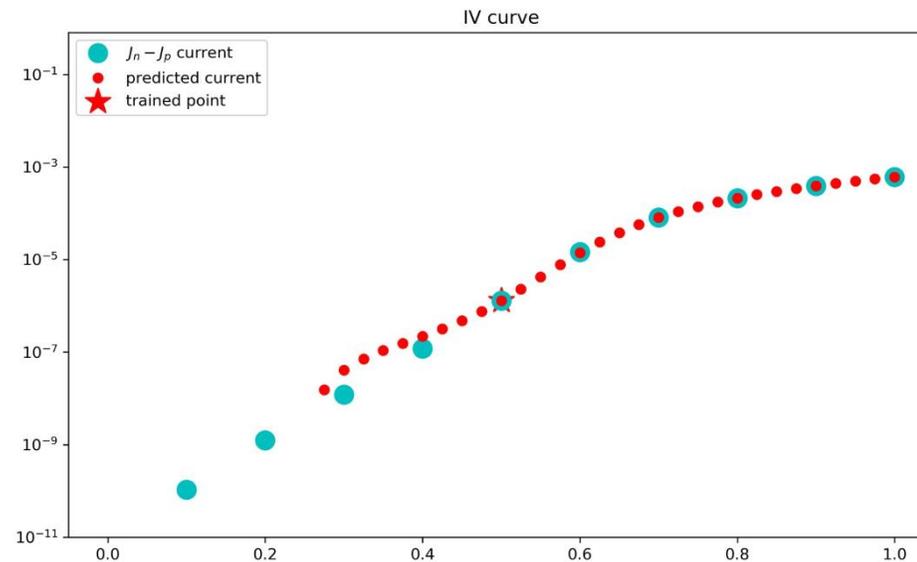
# Applications: digital twins of bipolar junction transistor



**Nonlinear fluxes**

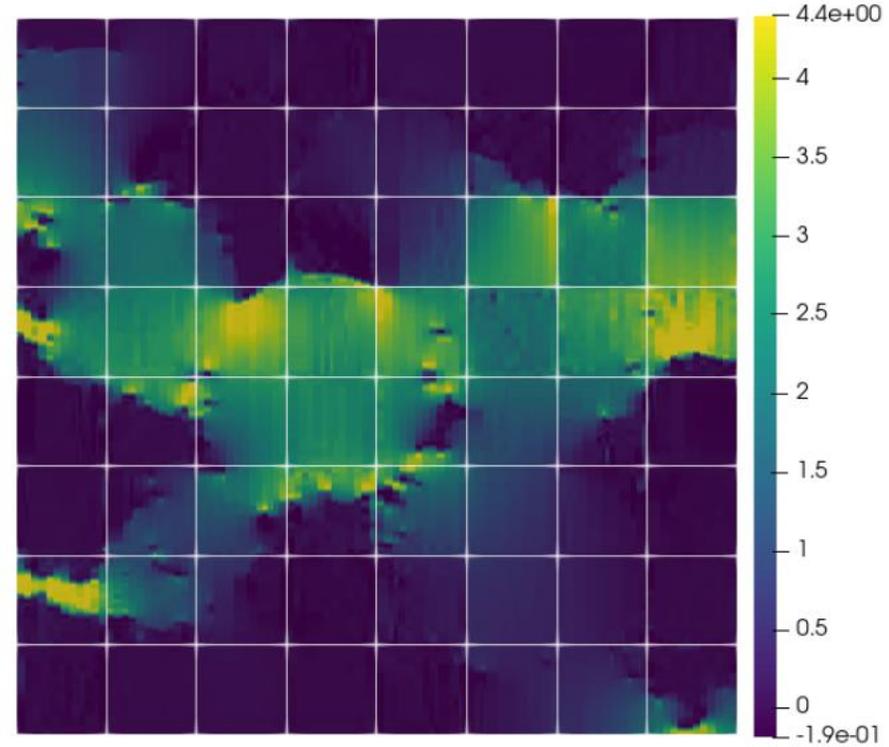
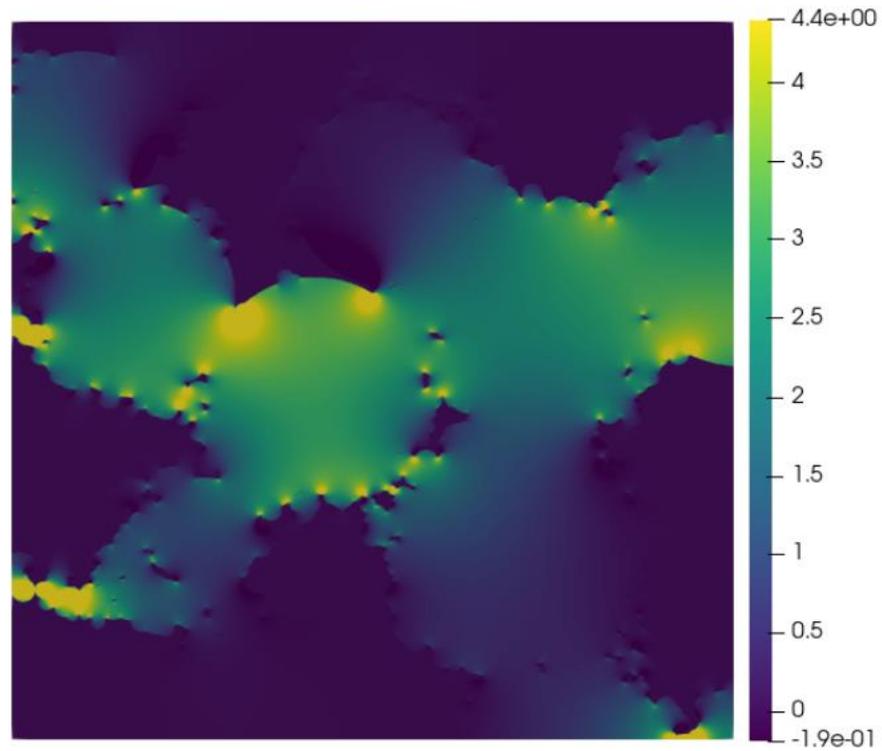
**Extrapolation  
from single data  
point calibration**

**(More on this one  
later)**



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_\phi - \nabla\phi &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{J}_n + \nabla n - n\nabla\phi &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{J}_p + \nabla p - p\nabla\phi &= \mathbf{0} \\ -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_\phi + n - p &= f_\phi \\ -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_n + R(n, p) &= f_n \\ -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_p - R(n, p) &= f_p \end{aligned}$$

## Scaling up: data-driven mortar methods



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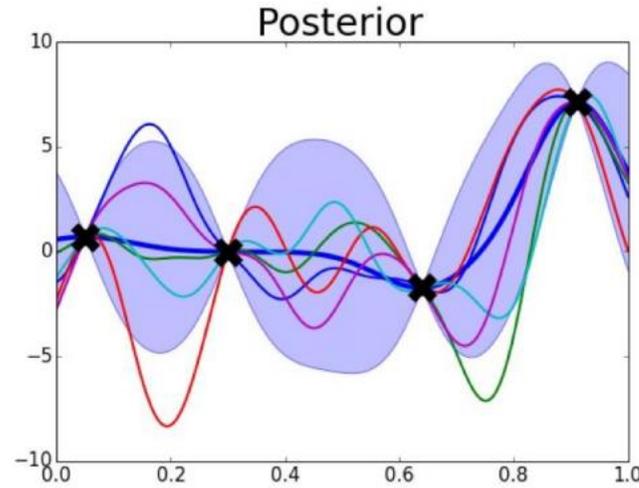
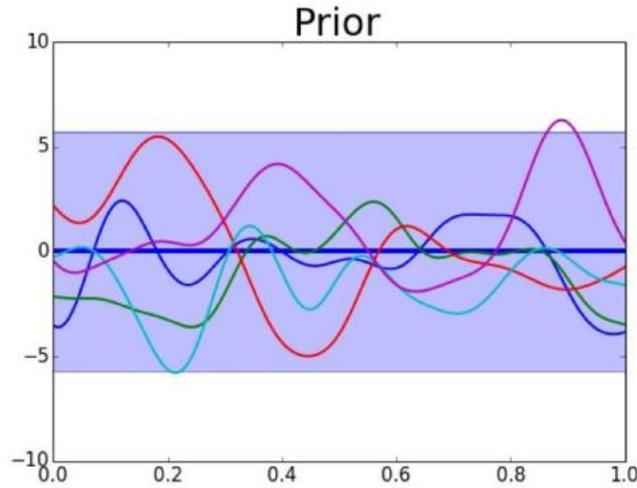
# The optimal recovery problem for uncertain physics

How do we account for model form uncertainty

# Mathematical preliminaries: Gaussian processes

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon$$

$$f \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$



- Classical kriging process:
1. Assume an RBF kernel for spatial covariance
  2. Perform MLE to scale kernel to data
  3. Condition on available data to obtain closed form posterior expression
- Schur complement gives posterior

## Training via maximizing the marginal likelihood

$$\log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{K} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I}| - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi$$

$$f(x) \sim GP(0, \kappa(x, x'; \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f(x) \\ f(x') \end{bmatrix} \sim GP \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \kappa(x, x) & \kappa(x, x') \\ \kappa(x', x) & \kappa(x', x') \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

## Prediction via conditioning on available data

$$p(f_* | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}_*) = \mathcal{N}(f_* | \mu_*, \sigma_*^2),$$

$$\mu_*(\mathbf{x}_*) = \mathbf{k}_{*N} (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y},$$

$$\sigma_*^2(\mathbf{x}_*) = \mathbf{k}_{**} - \mathbf{k}_{*N} (\mathbf{K} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{N*},$$

$$p(f(x^* | x, y) = \mathcal{N} \left( \underbrace{\kappa(x^*, x) \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{y}}_{\mu(x^*)}, \underbrace{\kappa(x^*, x^*) - \kappa(x^*, x) \mathbf{K}^{-1} \kappa(x, x^*)}_{\Sigma(x^*, x^*)} \right)$$

Let  $K : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a symmetric positive definite bivariate kernel, and let  $\mathcal{H}_K = \text{span}\{K(\cdot, x_i)\}$  be the induced RKHS space with accompanying RKHS norm  $\|\cdot\|_K$ . The **optimal recovery problem** consists of finding  $f \in \mathcal{H}_K : \mathbf{X} \subset \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbf{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \|f\|_K^2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \|f(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{Y}\|_2^2.$$

Expanding in terms of linear algebra

$$V^* = \arg \min_{V \in \mathbf{R}^N} V^T K(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) V + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \|K(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) V - \mathbf{Y}\|_2^2.$$

We recover in expectation the traditional Gaussian process posterior

$$f^*(\cdot) = K(\cdot, \mathbf{X}) (\mathbf{K} + \epsilon I)^{-1} \mathbf{Y}.$$

# Computational graph completion

$$\min_{\theta, \mathbf{u}_{\text{un}}} \min_{\mathbf{F}_{\text{un}}} \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{F}_e^T (K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_e + \log \det(K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{d}_k^T \mathbf{F} = 0$$

## IDEA:

- Introduce slack variables for unknown variables
  - Produce GP for every edge
  - Couple through conservation law
- Extract set of GPs with closed form posteriors

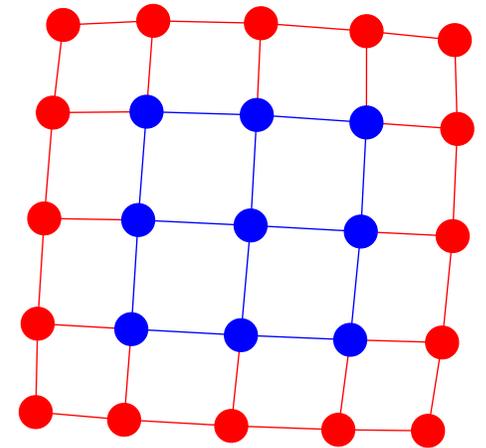
$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{un}} \cup \mathcal{V}_{\text{obs}}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_{\text{un}} \cup \mathcal{E}_{\text{obs}}$$

Red: Boundary nodes/edges

Blue: Internal nodes/edges



Owhadi, Houman. "Computational graph completion." *Research in the Mathematical Sciences* 9.2 (2022): 27.

# Fast training with block coordinate descent

**Note the equality constrained QP buried in the MLE problem**

$$\min_{\theta, \mathbf{u}_{\text{un}}} \min_{\mathbf{F}_{\text{un}}} \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \mathbf{F}_e^T (K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_e + \log \det(K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I)$$

s.t.  $\mathbf{F} \delta_0 = 0$

**Solving KKT system allows gradient descent training on slack variables only**

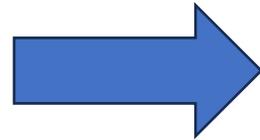
$$\min_{F; \lambda} F^T \hat{K} F + \lambda^T (\hat{D}_0^T F - b)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{K} & \hat{D}_0 \\ \hat{D}_0^T & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ b \end{bmatrix},$$

$$F = \text{vec}(\mathbf{F}_{\text{un}})$$

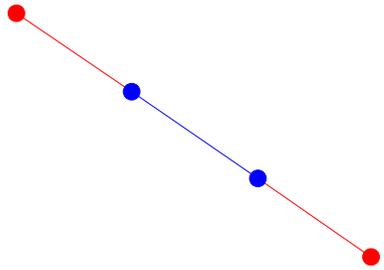
$$\hat{K} = \text{diag}(K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I)_{e \in \mathcal{E}_u}^{-1}$$

$$D_0 = \delta_0 \mathcal{E}_{\text{un}, \mathcal{V}_{\text{un}}}$$

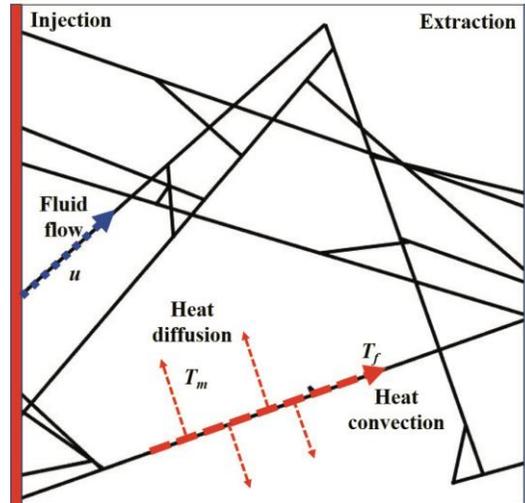


$$\min_{\theta, \mathbf{u}_{\text{un}}} \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_{\text{un}}} \mathbf{b}_e^T (K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I)^{-1} \mathbf{b}_e$$
$$+ \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_{\text{obs}}} \mathbf{F}_e^T (K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_e$$
$$+ \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \log \det (K_e(\delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e, \delta_0 \mathbf{u}_e) + \epsilon I).$$

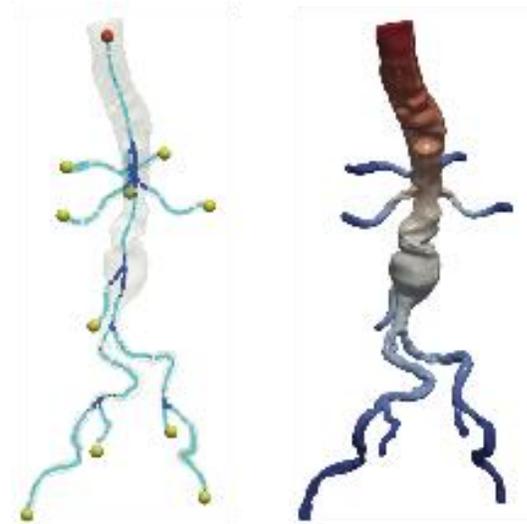
# Examples: probabilistic circuit discovery



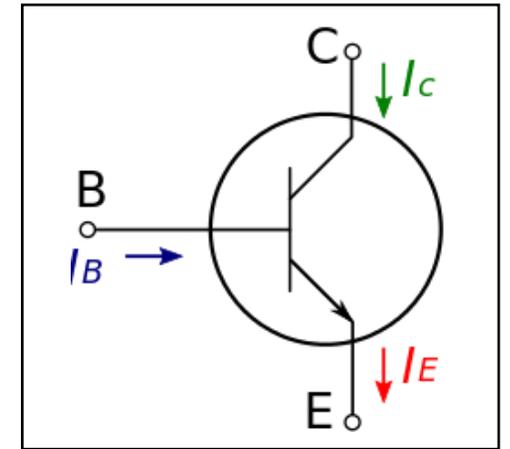
toy circuit



subsurface discrete fracture network<sup>1</sup>  
(linear)



arterial flow<sup>2</sup>  
(highly nonlinear)

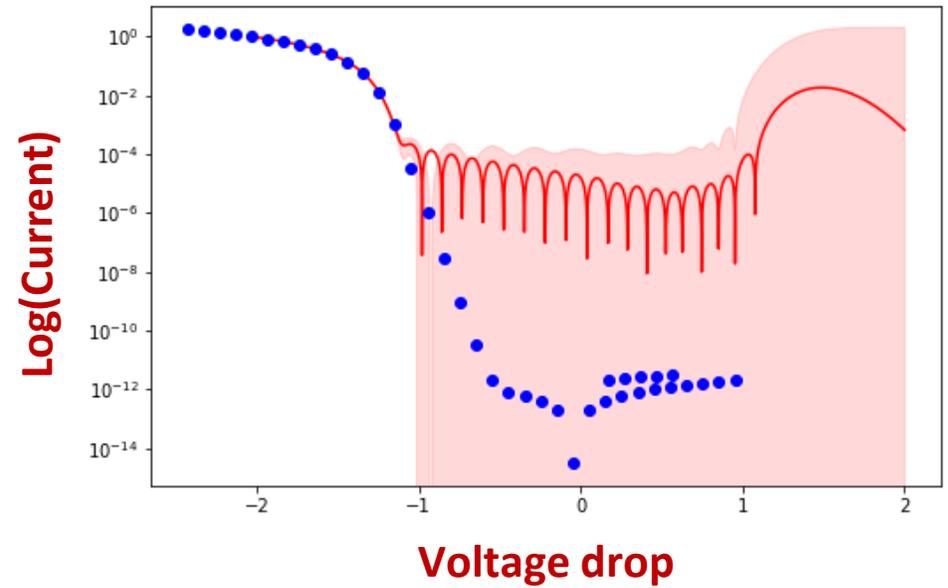
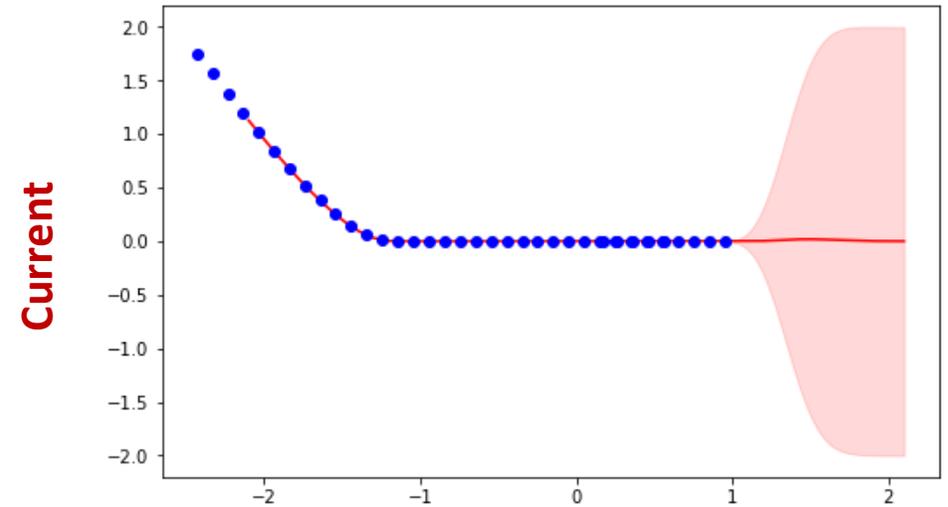
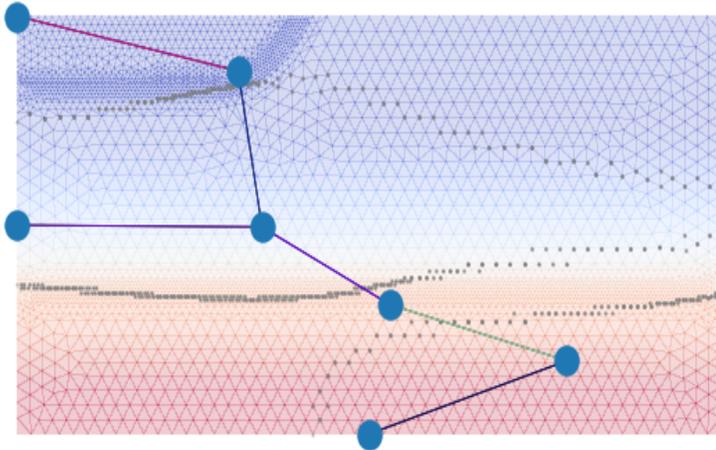
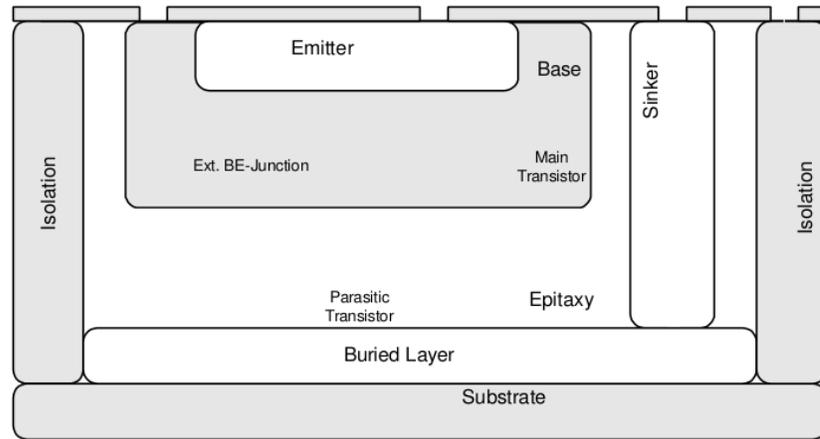


Bipolar junction transistor<sup>3</sup>  
(nonlinear & multiscale)

1. Song et al. "Surrogate models of heat transfer in fractured rock and their use in parameter estimation" (in review)
2. Pegolotti et al. "Learning Reduced-Order Models for Cardiovascular Simulations with Graph Neural Networks" (arXiv preprint)
3. Generated by Paul Kuberry (Sandia National Laboratories, 01442 Computational Mathematics)

# Fast training with block coordinate descent

## Epistemic uncertainty quantification in exponential regime

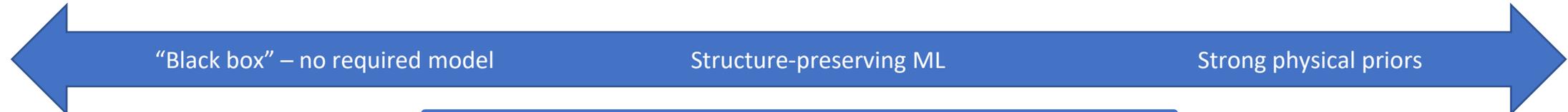


# **Structure preservation when discovering bracket dynamics**

**Moving toward dynamical systems and physics-inspired deep  
learning architectures**

# Beyond boundary value problems

**How can we learn dynamical systems with structure preservation when the governing equations are unknown?**



**Neural ODE (NODE)**  
Ricky TQ Chen, Yulia Rubanova, Jesse Bettencourt, and David Duvenaud. Neural ordinary differential equations. In *Proceedings of the 32nd International Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*, pages 6572–6583, 2018.

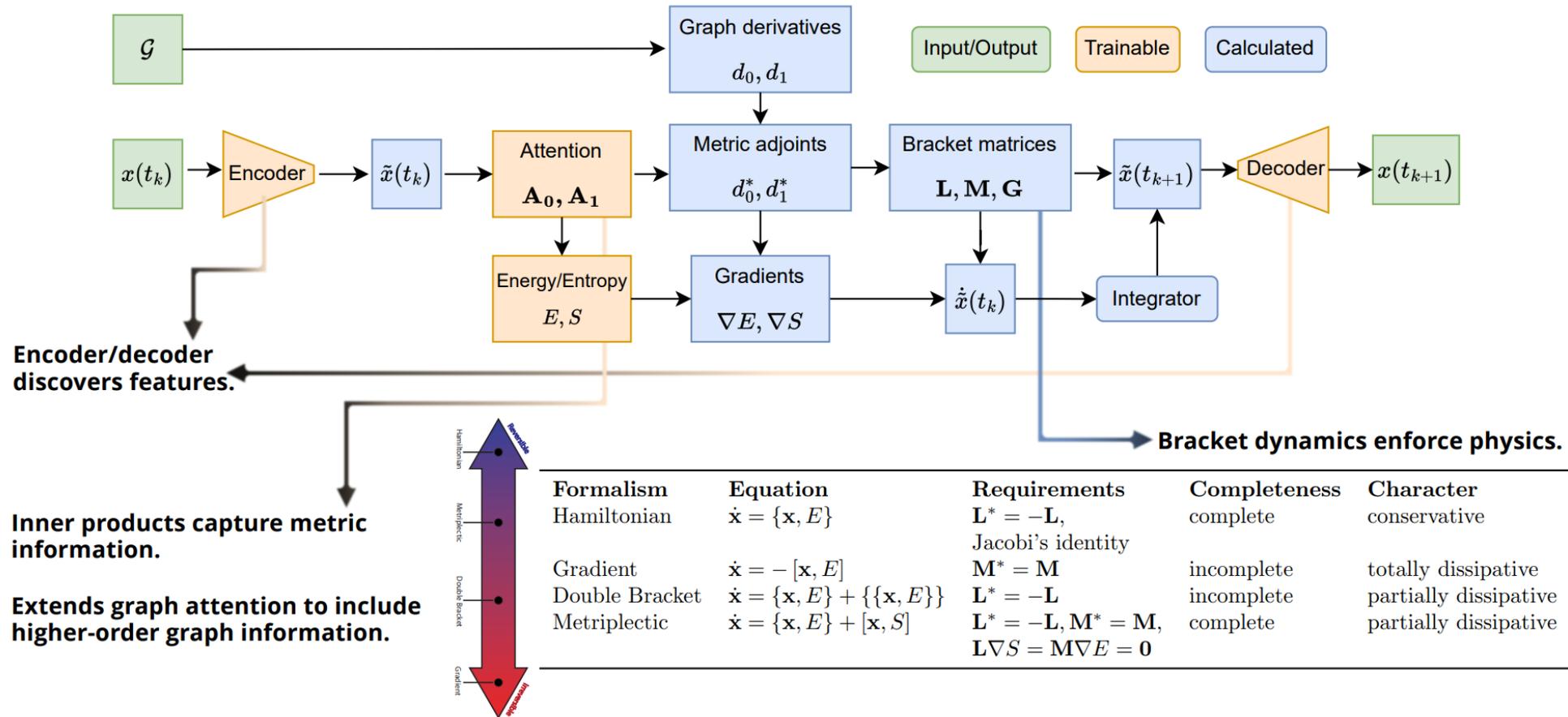
<p><b>Hamiltonian NN</b> Samuel Greydanus, Misko Dzamba, and Jason Yosinski. Hamiltonian neural networks. In H. Wallach, H. Larochelle, A. Beygelzimer, F. d'Alché-Buc, E. Fox, and R. Garnett, editors, <i>Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems</i>, volume 32. Curran Associates, Inc., 2019.</p>	<p><b>Symplectic RNN</b> Zhengdao Chen, Jianyu Zhang, Martin Arjovsky, and Léon Bottou. Symplectic recurrent neural networks. In <i>International Conference on Learning Representations</i>, 2019.</p>
<p><b>SympNets</b> Pengzhan Jin, Zhen Zhang, Aiqing Zhu, Yifa Tang, and George Em Karniadakis. Sympnets: Intrinsic structure-preserving symplectic networks for identifying hamiltonian systems. <i>Neural Networks</i>, 132:166–179, 2020.</p>	<p><b>Lagrangian NN</b> Miles Cranmer, Sam Greydanus, Stephan Hoyer, Peter Battaglia, David Spergel, and Shirley Ho. Lagrangian neural networks. In <i>ICLR 2020 Workshop on Integration of Deep Neural Models and Differential Equations</i>, 2020.</p>

**Universal DiffEq (UDE)**  
Christopher Rackauckas, Yingbo Ma, Julius Martensen, Collin Warner, Kirill Zubov, Rohit Supekar, Dominic Skinner, Ali Ramadhan, and Alan Edelman. Universal differential equations for scientific machine learning. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2001.04385*, 2020.

**Dictionary (e.g SINDy)**  
Brunton, Steven L., Joshua L. Proctor, and J. Nathan Kutz. "Discovering governing equations from data by sparse identification of nonlinear dynamical systems." *Proceedings of the national academy of sciences* 113.15 (2016): 3932-3937.

**Reversible Systems Only!**

# Structure preserving bracket dynamics



Gruber, Anthony, Kookjin Lee, and Nathaniel Trask. "Reversible and irreversible bracket-based dynamics for deep graph neural networks." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2305.15616* (2023).

Accepted to NeurIPS

# Structure preserving bracket dynamics

(SNL, Spelman, PNNL, Brown, UPenn)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{L} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{M} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{L} = -\mathbf{L}^\top \quad \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^\top$$

$$\mathbf{L} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{S} = \mathbf{M} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{E} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} = 0 \quad \frac{d\mathcal{S}}{dt} \geq 0$$

Classically, a model is derived from first principles and one notices GENERIC structure

**We parameterize algebraic structure and discover dissipative model**

## First law of thermodynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} &= \nabla_x \mathcal{E}^\top \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \\ &= \nabla_x \mathcal{E}^\top (\mathbf{L} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{M} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x})) \\ &= \nabla_x \mathcal{E}^\top \mathbf{L} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla_x \mathcal{S}^\top \mathbf{M} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Second law of thermodynamics

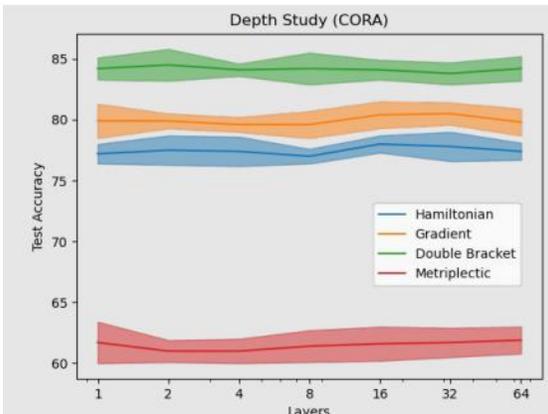
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{S}}{dt} &= \nabla_x \mathcal{S}^\top \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \\ &= \nabla_x \mathcal{S}^\top (\mathbf{L} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{M} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x})) \\ &= -\nabla_x \mathcal{E}^\top \mathbf{L} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla_x \mathcal{S}^\top \mathbf{M} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**How to enforce null-space condition on L and M?**

**Exploit exact sequence property of data-driven exterior calculus!**

# Science4AI and AI4Science

(SNL, Spelman, PNNL, Brown, UPenn)



Stable with increasing depth!

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<b>GAT</b>	81.8 ± 1.3	71.4 ± 1.9	78.7 ± 2.3	90.5 ± 0.6	78.0 ± 19.0	85.7 ± 20.3	-	-	-
<b>GDE</b>	78.7 ± 2.2	71.8 ± 1.1	73.9 ± 3.7	91.6 ± 0.1	82.9 ± 0.6	92.4 ± 2.0	-	-	-
<b>GRAND-nl</b>	82.3 ± 1.6	70.9 ± 1.0	77.5 ± 1.8	92.4 ± 0.3	82.4 ± 2.1	92.4 ± 0.8	-	-	-
<b>NODE+AE</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.106 ± 0.0011	0.0780 ± 0.0021	0.0297 ± 0.0036
<b>Hamiltonian</b>	76.2 ± 2.1	72.2 ± 1.9	76.8 ± 1.1	92.0 ± 0.2	84.0 ± 1.0	91.8 ± 0.2	0.0566 ± 0.013	0.0279 ± 0.0019	0.0122 ± 0.00044
<b>Gradient</b>	81.3 ± 1.2	72.1 ± 1.7	77.2 ± 2.1	92.2 ± 0.3	78.1 ± 1.2	88.2 ± 0.6	0.105 ± 0.0076	0.0848 ± 0.0011	0.0290 ± 0.0011
<b>Double Bracket</b>	83.0 ± 1.1	74.2 ± 2.5	78.2 ± 2.0	92.5 ± 0.2	84.8 ± 0.5	92.4 ± 0.3	0.0621 ± 0.0096	0.0297 ± 0.0048	0.0128 ± 0.00070
<b>Metriplectic</b>	59.6 ± 2.0	63.1 ± 2.4	69.8 ± 2.1	-	-	-	0.105 ± 0.0091	0.0398 ± 0.0057	0.0179 ± 0.00059

Graph analytics problems  
(higher is better)

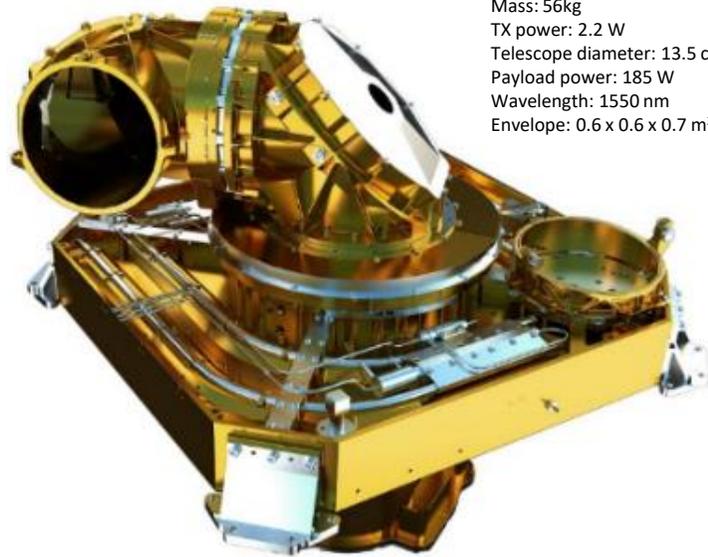
Physics simulation problems  
(lower is better)

$$d\mathbf{x}_t = \left( L \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + M \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + k_B \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot M \right) dt + \sqrt{2k_B M} dW_t$$

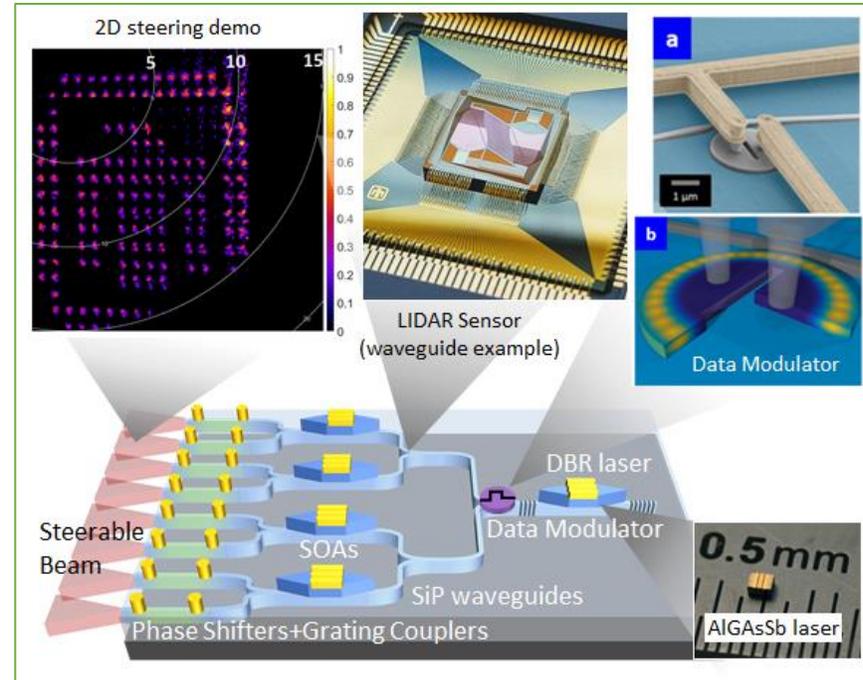
Reversible
Irreversible dissipation
Thermal noise

Key result: First O(N) method providing structure preserving dynamics!

# Conclusions: Toward robust data-driven multiscale digital twins



Laser Communication Terminal (LCT)  
Bandwidth: 1.8 Gbps  
Range: 45,000 km  
Mass: 56kg  
TX power: 2.2 W  
Telescope diameter: 13.5 cm  
Payload power: 185 W  
Wavelength: 1550 nm  
Envelope: 0.6 x 0.6 x 0.7 m<sup>3</sup>



**Big device O(1m<sup>3</sup>)**  
Individual systems  
Large motor to point and steer  
laser



**Small device O(1cm<sup>3</sup>)**  
Integrated multiphysics  
No mechanical system  
Challenge: cross device coupling