

# Physics-Guided AI for Learning Spatiotemporal Dynamics

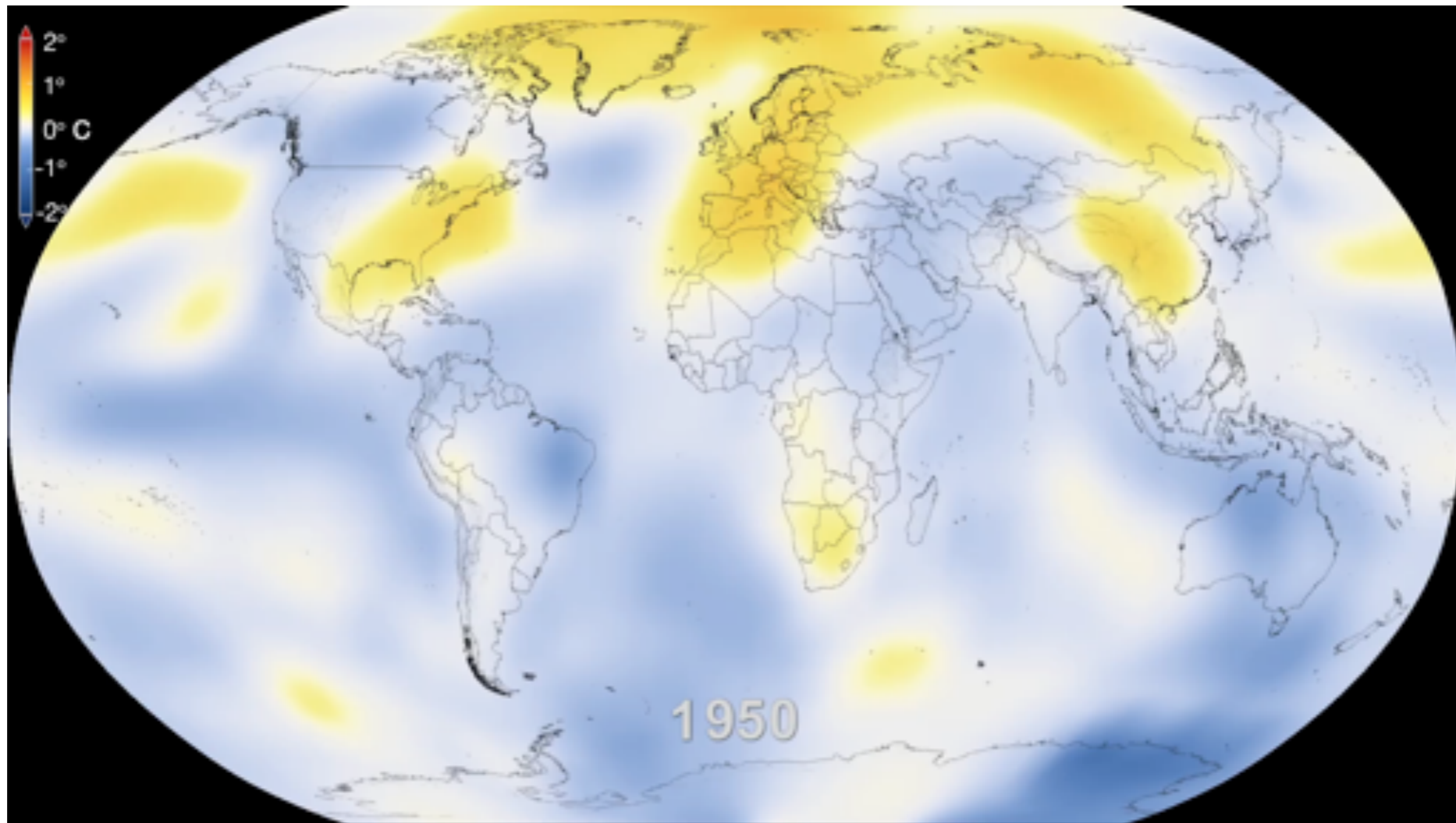


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# Predicting Global Climate

100,000 stations, 180 countries



credit: NASA

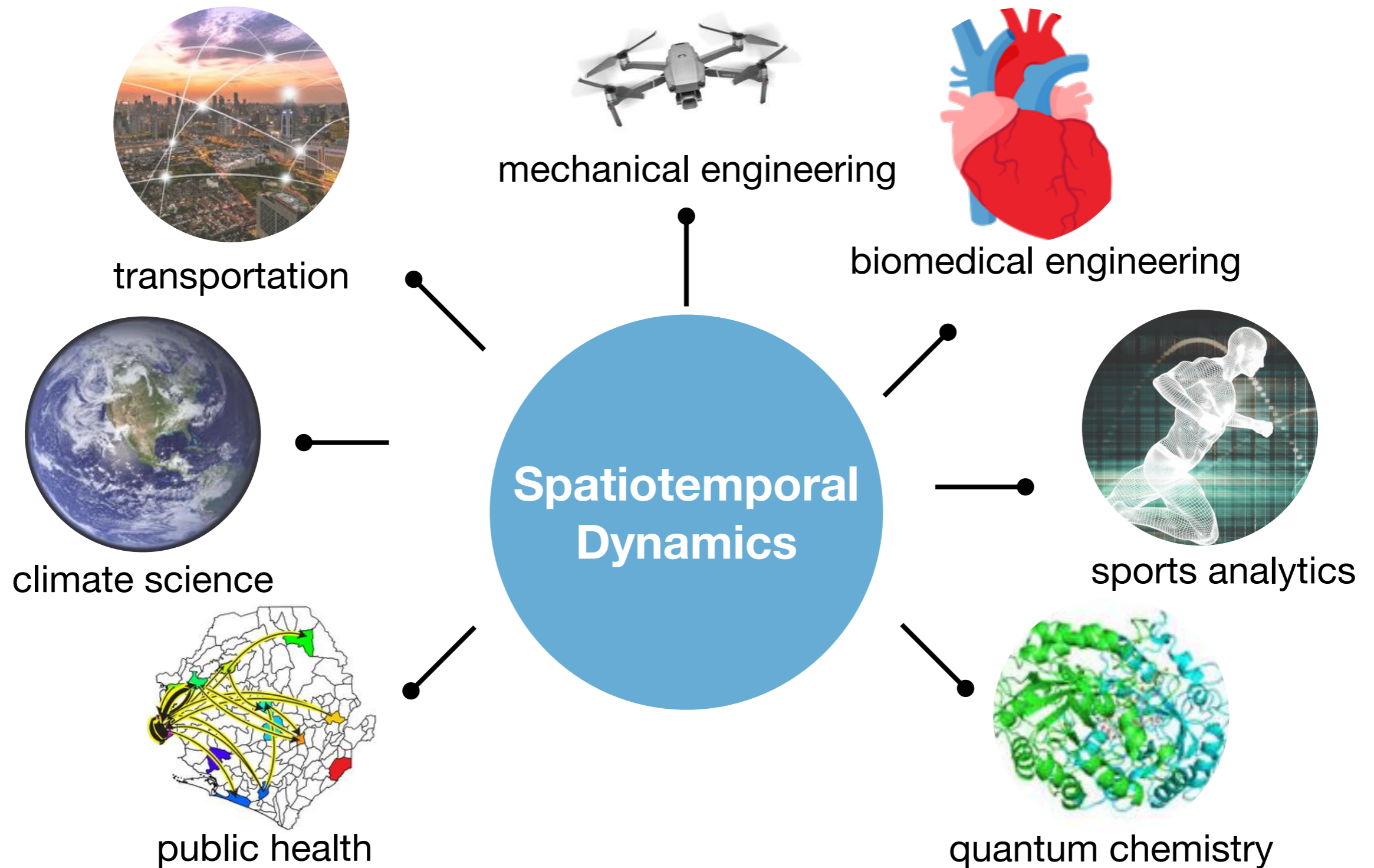
# Forecasting Daily Traffic

35,000 detectors, every 30 seconds



credit: Waze

# Learning Spatiotemporal Dynamics



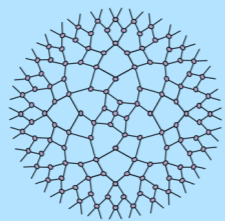
# Physics-Guided AI

## Physics

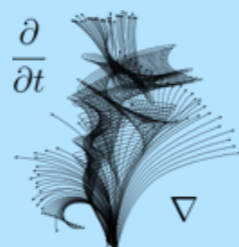
First Principles

Model-Based

tensor network

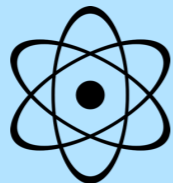


$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$



differential equations

symmetry



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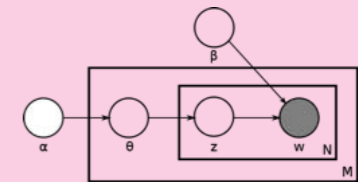


## Learning

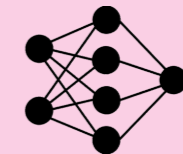
Statistical Inference

Data-Driven

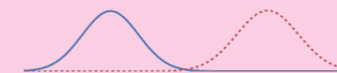
graphical model



neural networks



variational Bayes



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Encode Inductive Bias

Improve Generalization

Reduce Sample Complexity

Increase **Trust** in AI

# Trainable Operator

- Given input time series  $(x_1, \dots, x_t)$
- Goal: Learn a mathematical operator parameterized by deep neural nets

$$f : x_t \longrightarrow y_t$$

$$L\{f\}(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-xt} f(t) dt$$

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Trainable Weights

# Accelerating Turbulence Simulation

Rayleigh-Bénard convection<sup>1</sup>



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**Towards Physics Informed Deep Learning for Spatiotemporal Modeling of Turbulence Flows**

Rui Wang, Adrian Albert, Karthik Kashinath, Mustafa Mustafa, Rose Yu

In ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data (KDD), 2020

# Related Work

- **Turbulence Modeling** [Ling et al. 2016, Raissi et al. 2017, Fang et al. 2018, Kim and Lee 2019, Chertkov et al. 2019, Wu et al. 2019]
  - no external force, spatial modeling
  - require boundary condition inputs
- **Fluid Animation** [Tompson et al. 2017, Chu and Thuerey, 2017, Xie et al. 2018, Thuerey et al. 2019]
  - emphasize simulation realism
  - lack physical interpretation
- **Video Prediction** [Wang et al. 2015, Finn et al. 2016, Xue et al. 2016, Denton et al. 2018]
  - complex noisy data
  - unknown physical processes



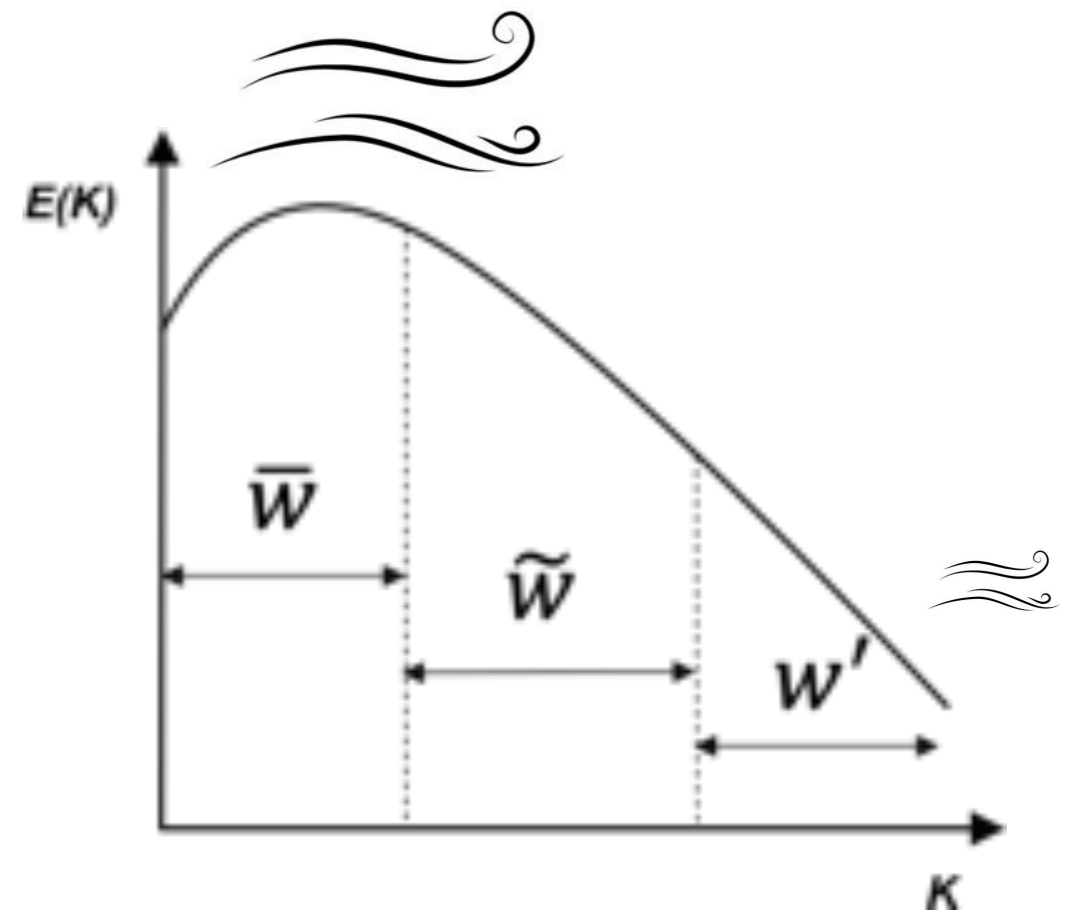
# Hybrid Learning Framework

- **Navier-Stokes equations:** describe the motion of viscous fluids
- Reynolds Averaging (RANS)

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{w}'(\mathbf{x}, t)$$
$$\bar{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T}^t G(s) \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, s) ds$$

- Large Eddy Simulation (LES)

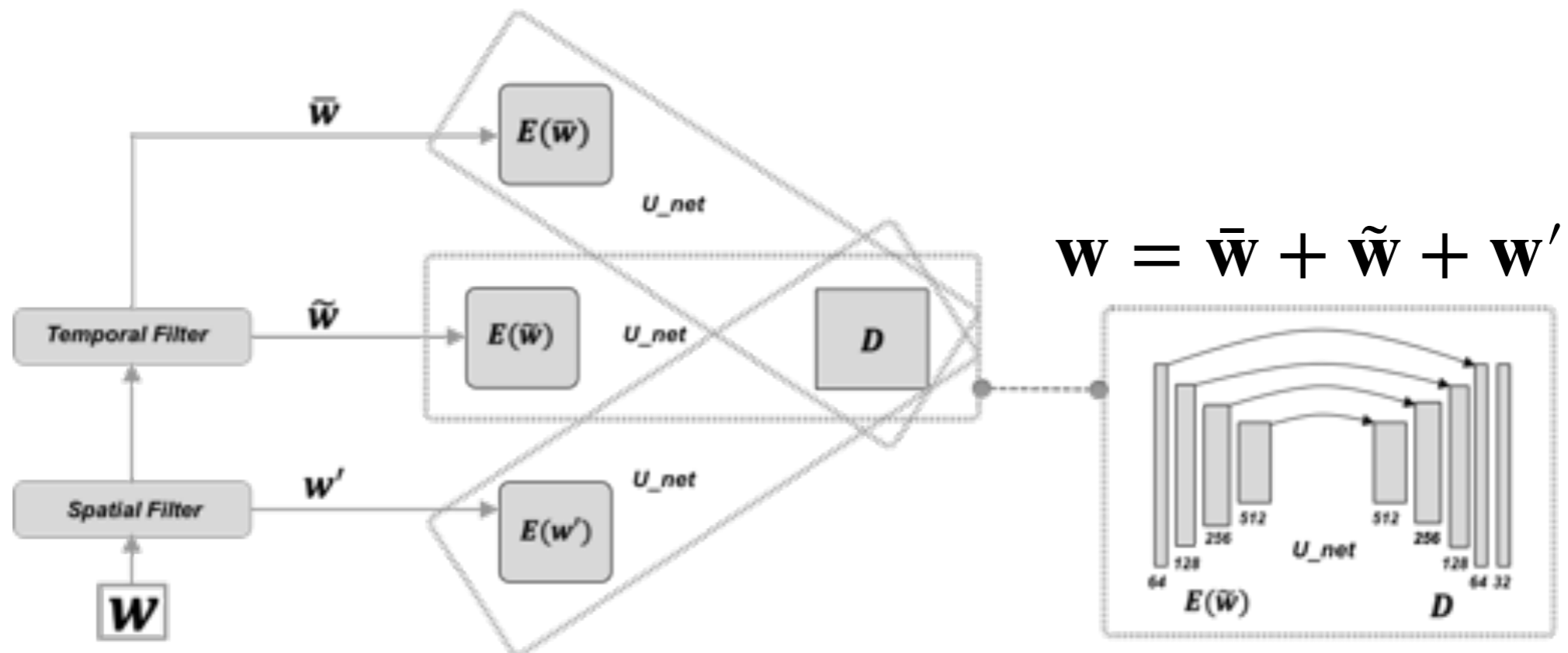
$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \tilde{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{w}'(\mathbf{x}, t)$$
$$\tilde{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int G(\mathbf{x} | \xi) \mathbf{w}(\xi, t) d\xi$$



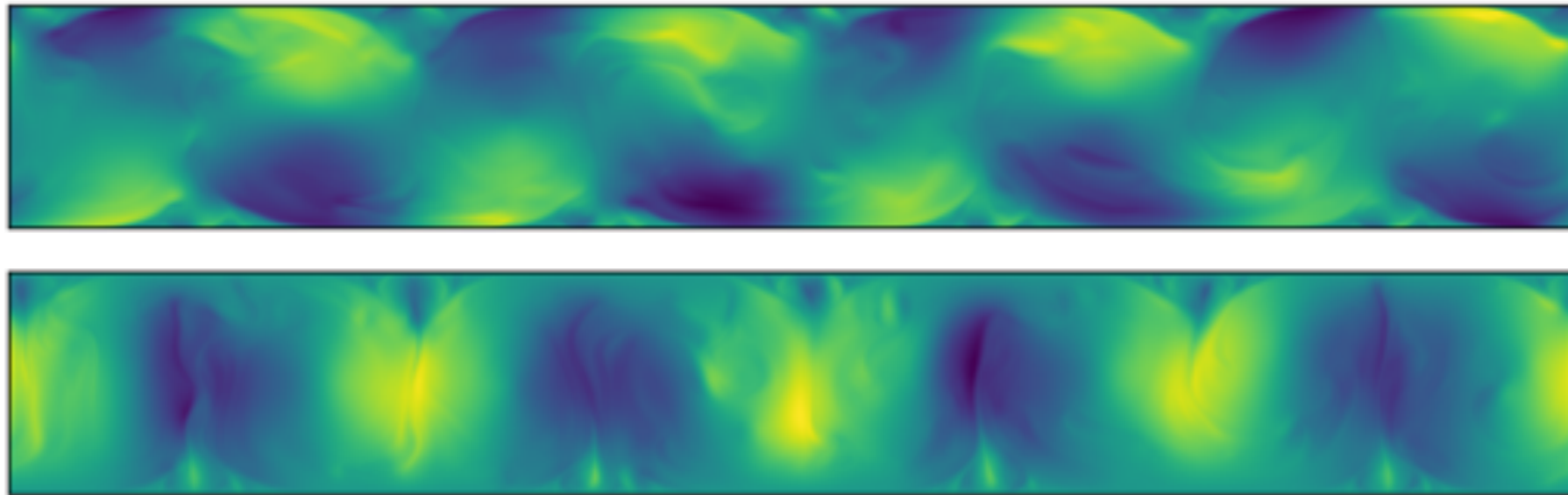
# Turbulent-Flow Net

- RANS-LES Coupling

$$\mathbf{w}^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\xi} \overset{\text{Spatial Filter}}{G_1(\mathbf{x} | \xi)} \mathbf{w}(\xi, t) \quad \bar{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=t-T}^t \overset{\text{Temporal Filter}}{G_2(s)} \mathbf{w}^*(\mathbf{x}, s)$$

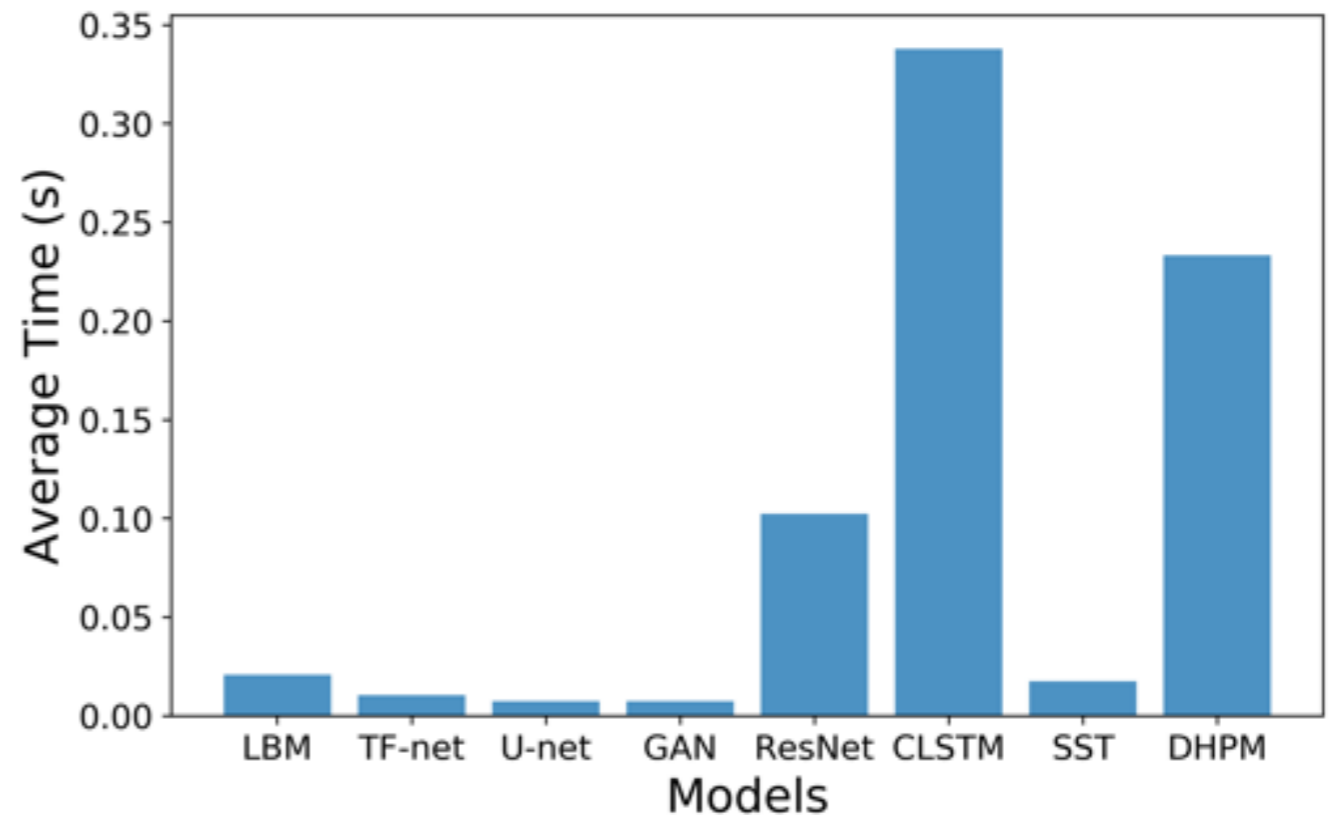
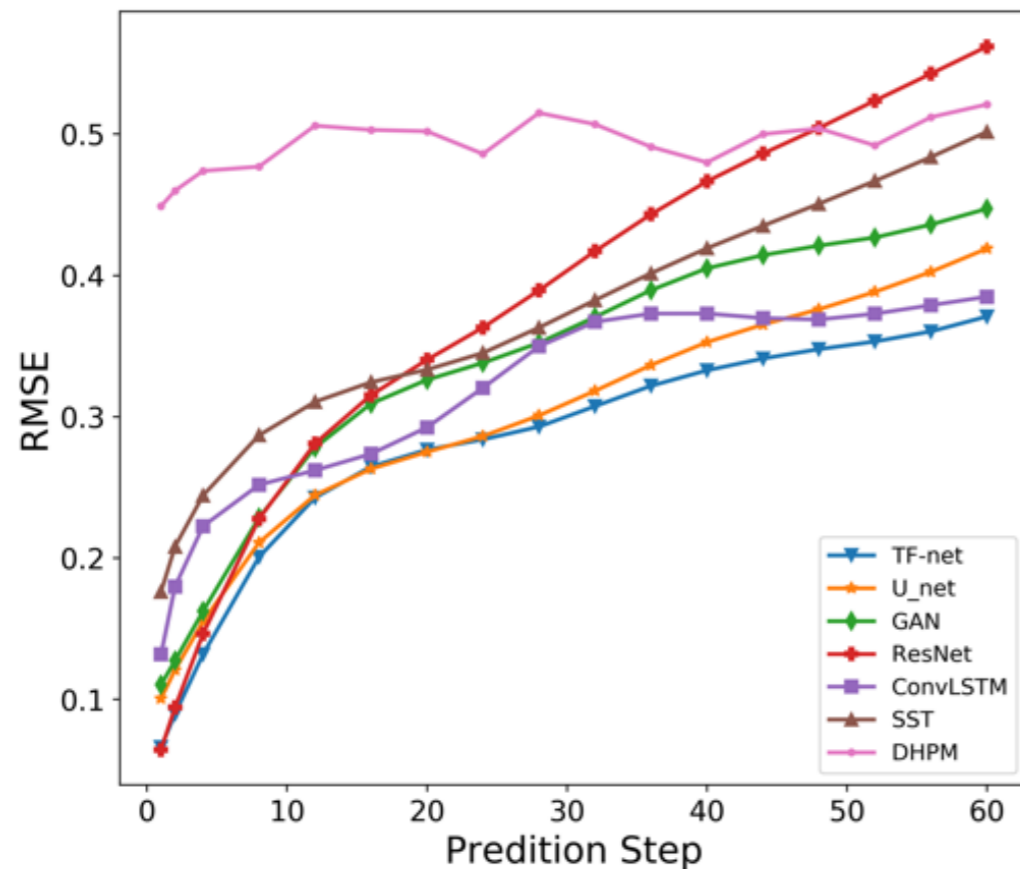


# Data Description



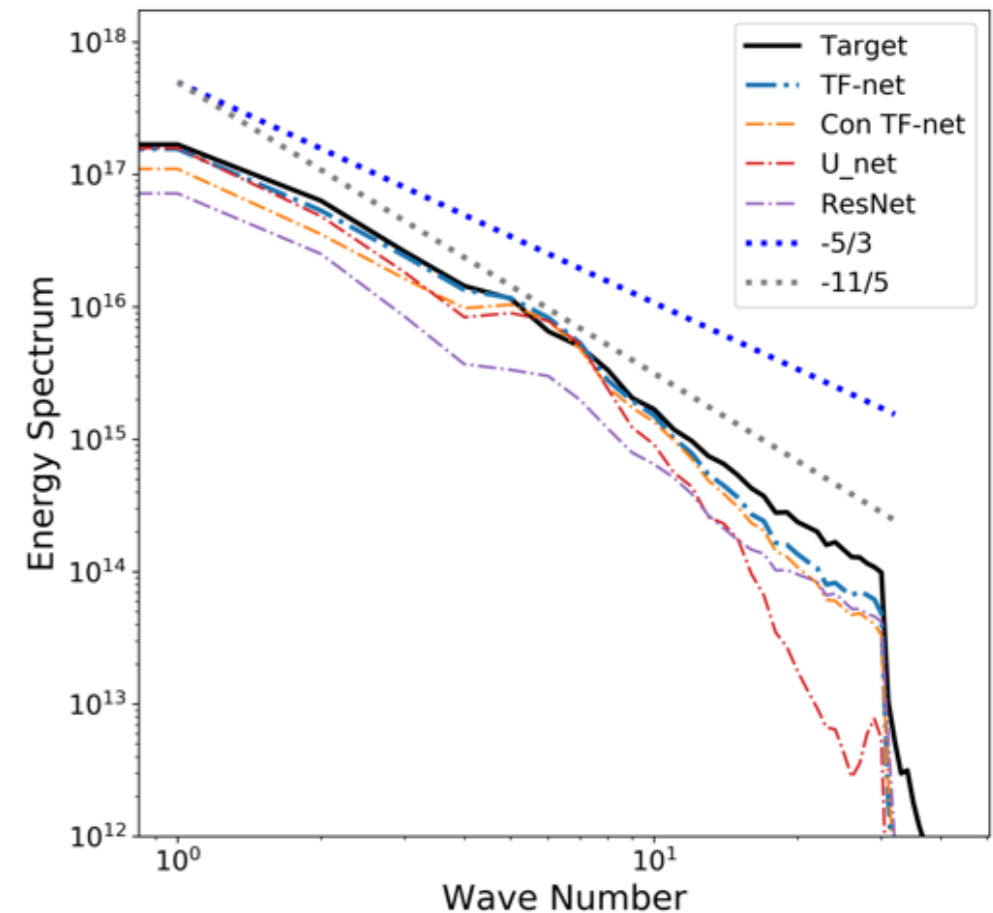
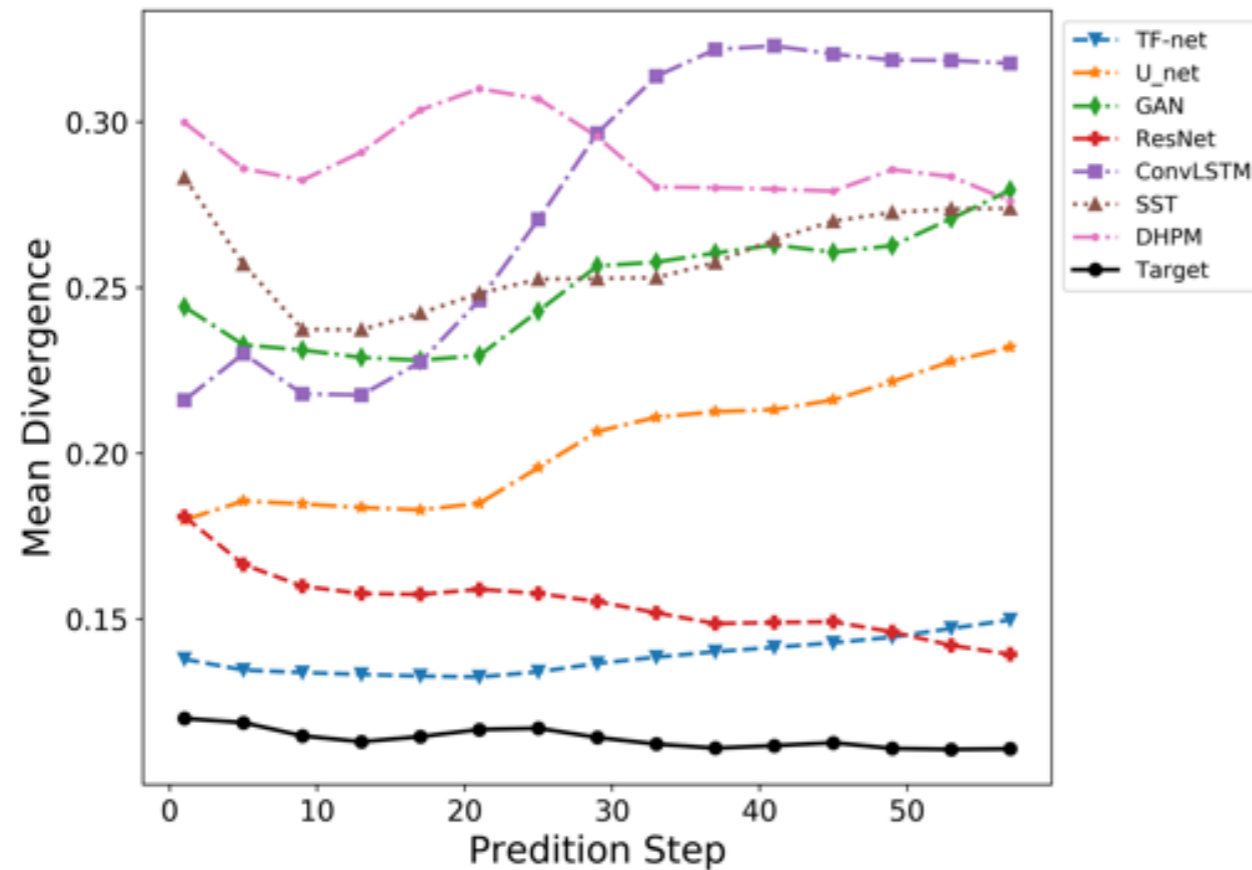
- RBC simulation with Prandtl number 0.71 and Reynolds number  $2.5 \times 10^8$
- ~10k sequences, spatial resolution 64x64, time length 90
- 60 time step ahead prediction, results averaged over three runs

# Prediction Performance



- TF-Net consistently outperforms baselines on forward prediction RMSE
- 2X faster than Lattice Boltzmann method (LBM)

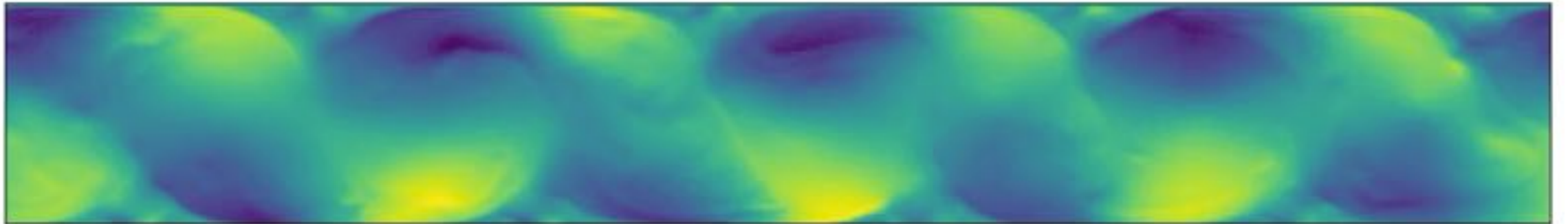
# Physical Consistency



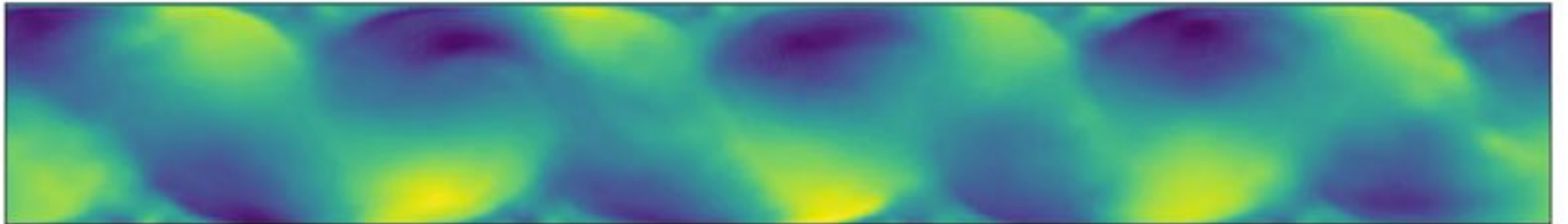
- TF-net predictions are closest to the target w.r.t. kinetic energy
- Video forward predictions methods (e.g. Unet, ConvLSTM) cannot capture physical properties

# Prediction Visualization

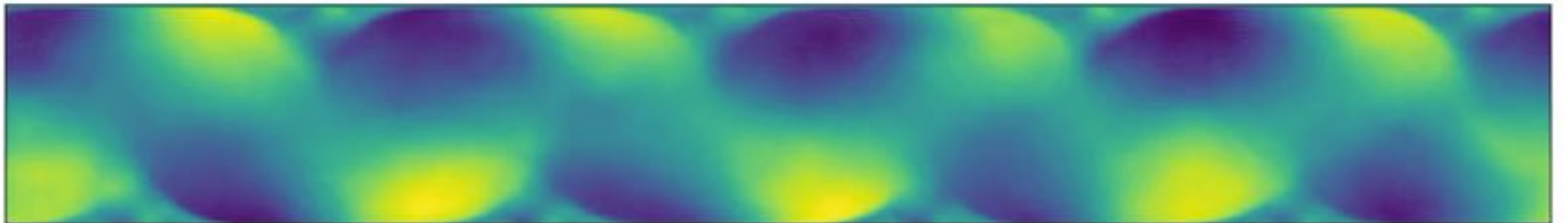
**Target**



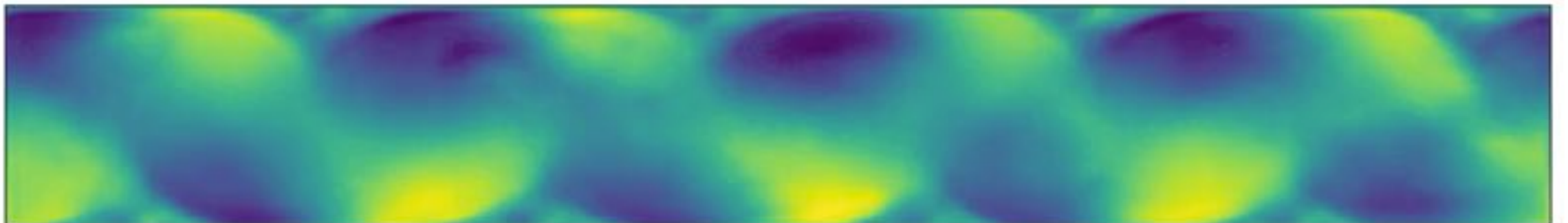
**TF-Net**



**ResNet**



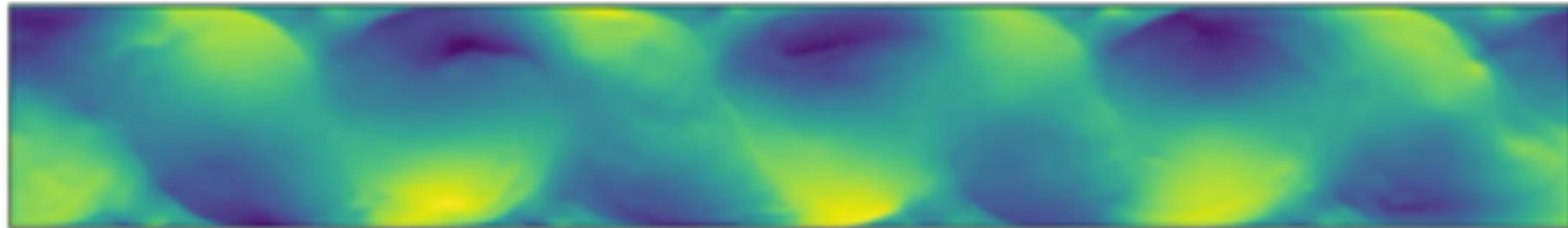
**GAN**



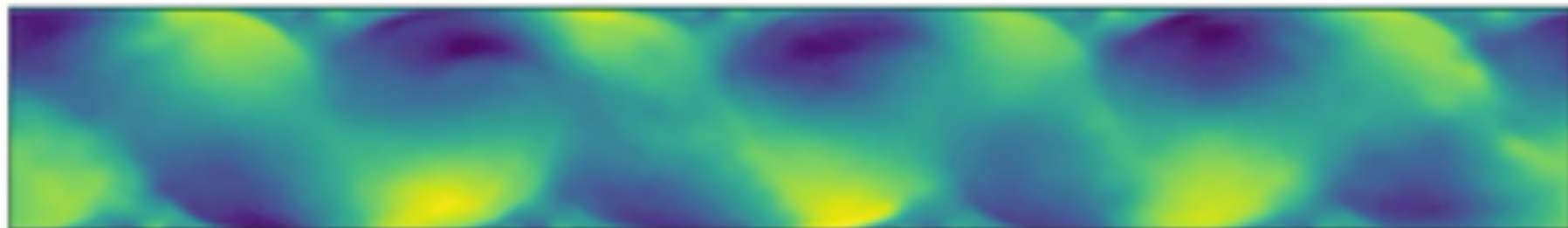
# Ablation Study

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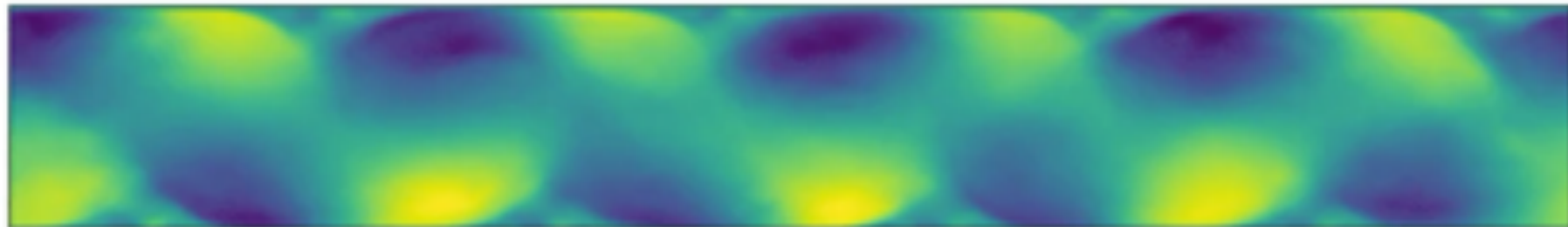
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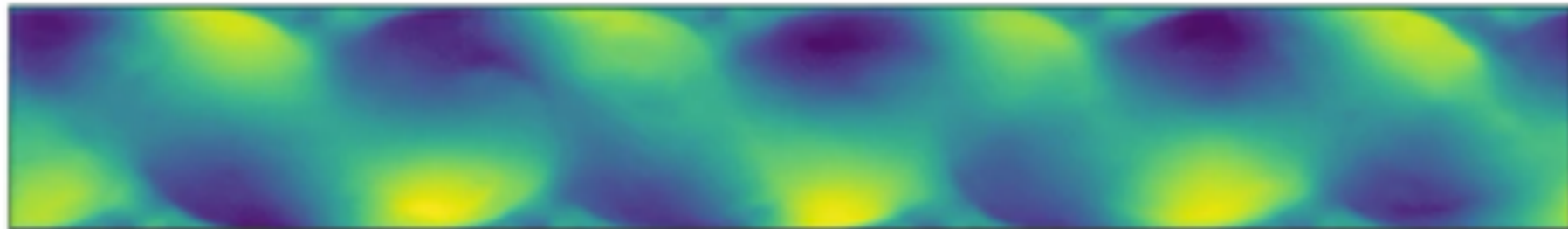
TF-net



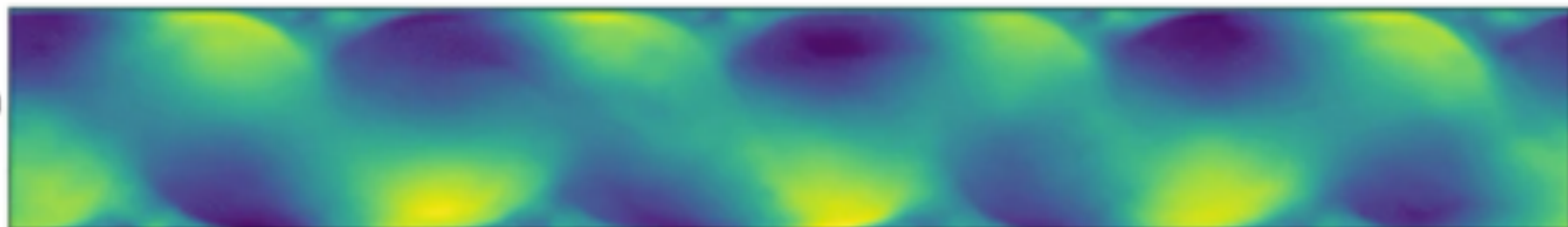
$\bar{w}$  Temporal



$\tilde{w}$  Spatial



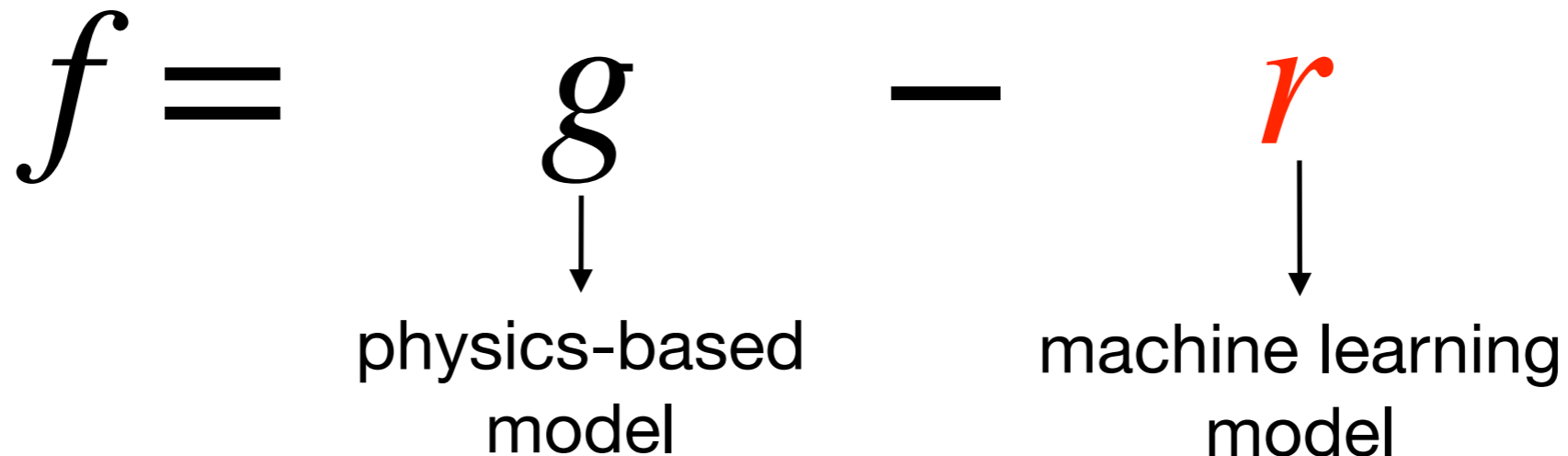
$w'$  Fluctuation



# Residual Learning

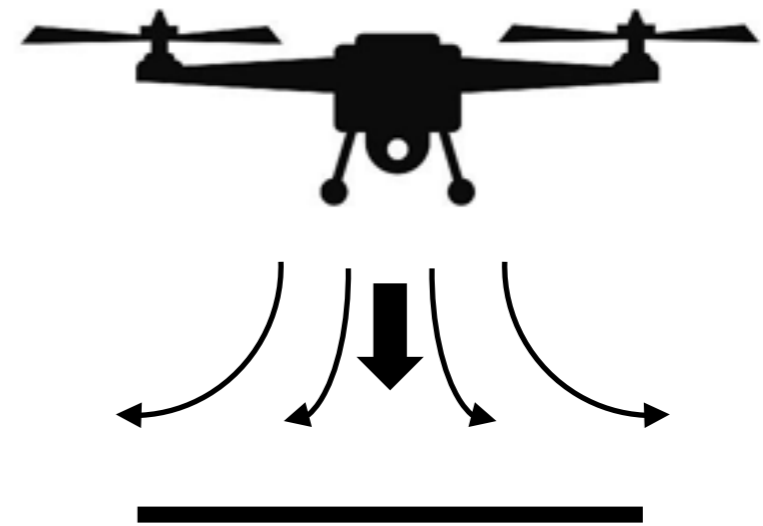
- Given input time series  $(x_1, \dots, x_t)$
- Goal: Learn a dynamics model  $f$

$$f : (x_0, \dots, x_t) \longrightarrow (x_{t+1}, \dots, x_{t+H})$$





# Combating Ground Effect



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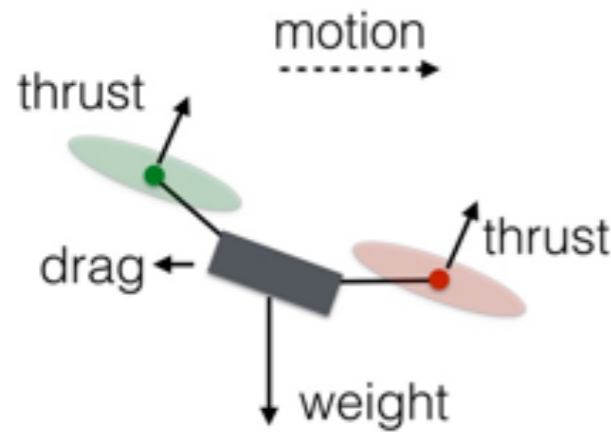


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**Neural Lander: Stable Drone Landing Control using Learned Dynamics**

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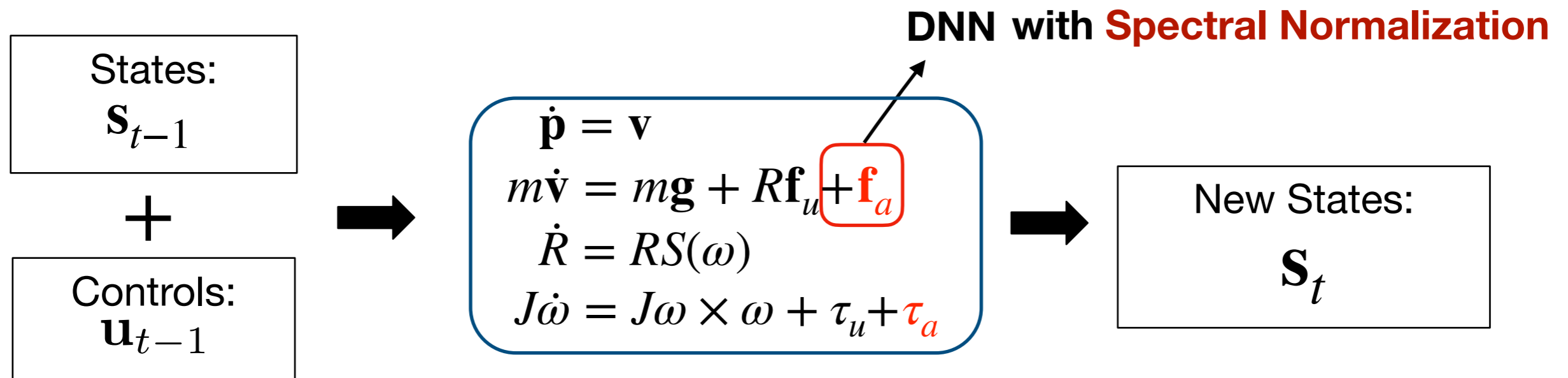
# Hybrid Learning Framework



Position:  $\rho$  Velocity:  $\mathcal{V}$  Angular Velocity:  $\omega$

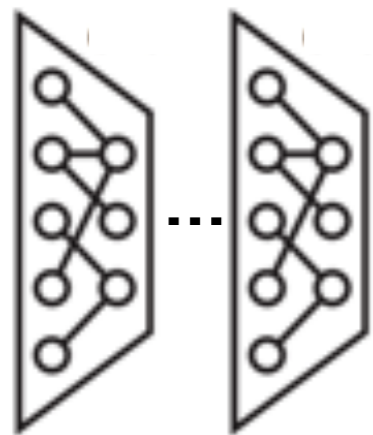
Total Thrust, Torque:  $\mathbf{f}_u, \tau_u$

Unknown Disturbance Force, Torque:  $\mathbf{f}_a, \tau_a$



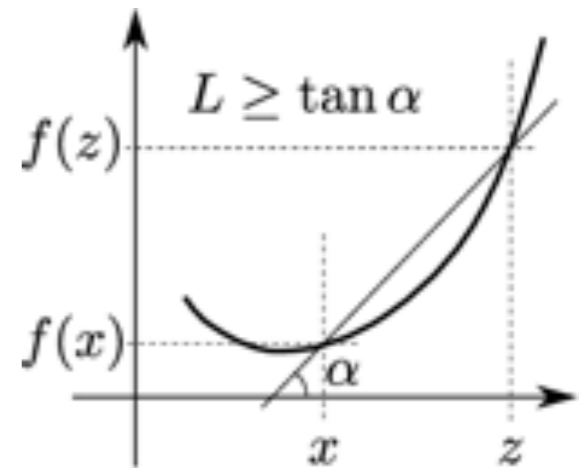
# Learning Stable Dynamics

- **Spectral Normalization:** constrain the Lipschitz constant



$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g^L \circ g^{L-1} \cdots \circ g^1(\mathbf{x})$$

$$g^L(x) = \phi(W^L x)$$



Approximate the Lipschitz constant

$$\|f\|_{Lip} \leq \|g^L\|_{Lip} \cdot \|\phi\|_{Lip} \cdots \|g^1\|_{Lip}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{l=1}^L \sigma(W^l)$$

Normalize the weights of a DNN by their singular values

$$\bar{W} = W / \sigma(W)$$

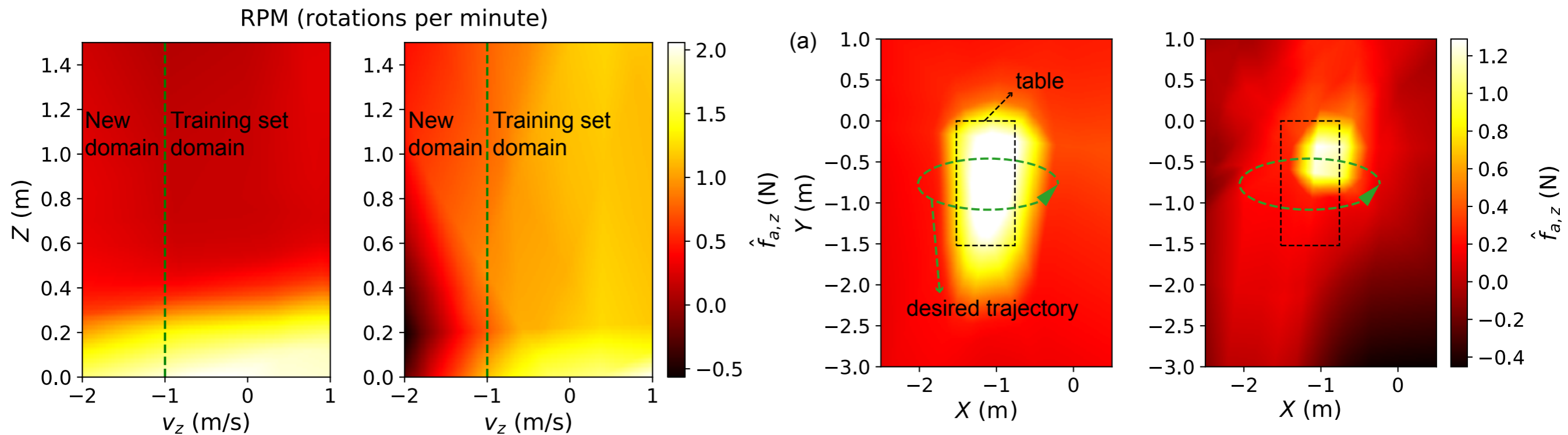
# Combat Ground Effect

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# Spectral Normalization



- Spectrally normalized DNNs **generalize** well [Bartlett et al. 17], which is an indication of **stability** in machine learning

# Equivariant Learning

- **Noether's theorem:** *For every symmetry, there is a corresponding conservation law.*
- Learn a function  $f$  that is  $G$ -equivariant w.r.t group  $G$

$$f(\rho(g)x) = \rho'(g)f(x)$$

# Sample Efficient Trajectory Prediction



Jinxi (Leo) Li

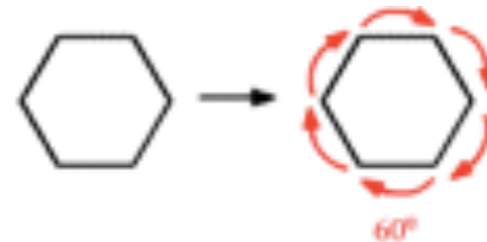


Robin Walters

**Trajectory Prediction using Equivariant Continuous Convolution**  
Walters, Robin, Jinxi Li, and [Rose Yu](#).  
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2021.

# Symmetry

- **Group:** a set  $G$  and a composition map  $\circ : G \times G \rightarrow G$ 
  - $1 \in G$  and  $\forall g \in G, \exists g^{-1} \in G$
  - $SO(2)$ : 2d rotation

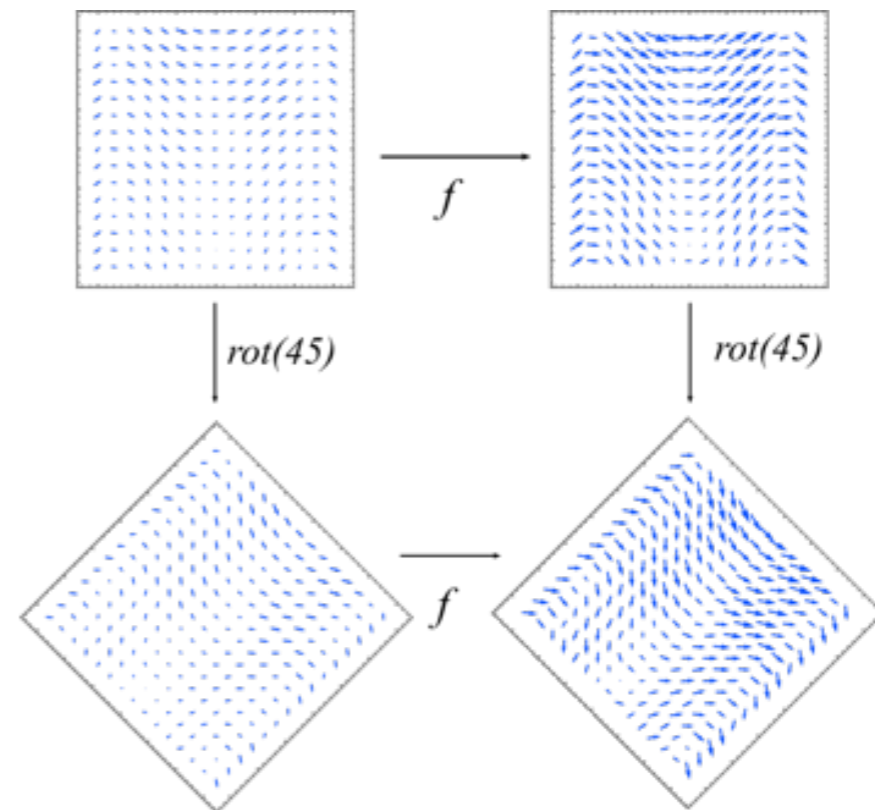


- **Invariance, Equivariance:** function  $f$  and group  $G$

- $G$ -invariant:  $f(g(x)) = f(x)$
- $G$ -equivariant:  $f(gx) = gf(x)$

$$f(x, v) = (x, 2v)$$

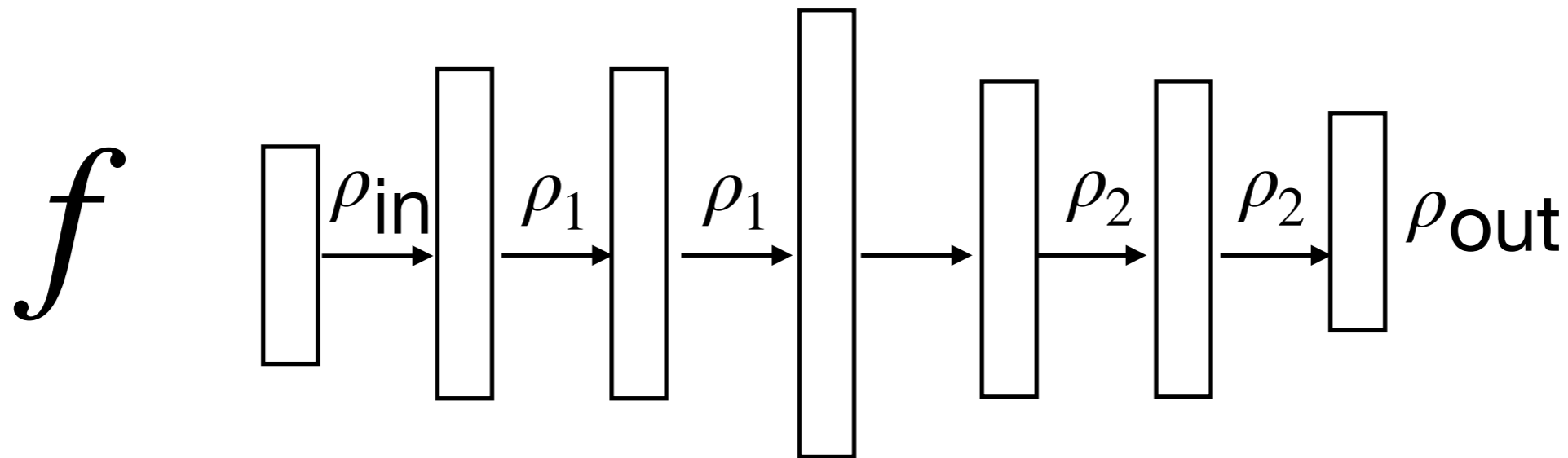
$$\rho(Rot(\theta)) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(-\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$





# Equivariant Networks

- Use a neural network to learn  $f$  that is  $G$ -equivariant



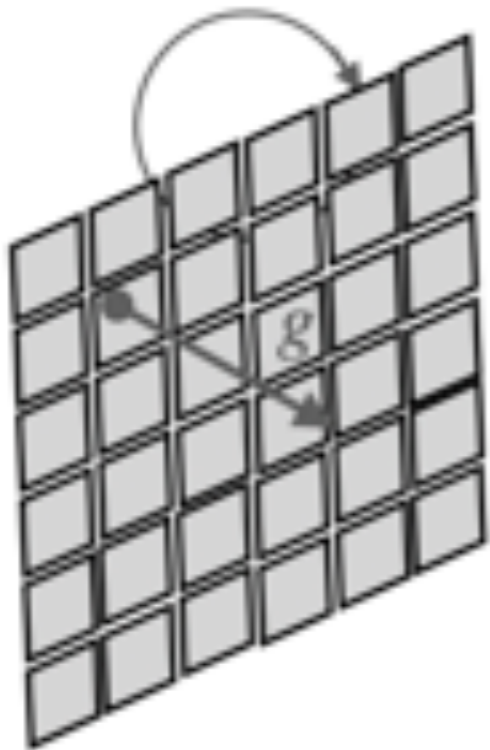
**Proposition:** Let the layer  $V^{(i)}$  be a  $G$ -representation for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $f^{(ij)} : V^{(i)} \rightarrow V^{(j)}$  be  $G$ -equivariant for  $i < j$ . Define recursively  $x^{(j)} = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j} f^{(ij)}(x^{(i)})$ , then  $x^{(n)} = f(x^{(0)})$  is  $G$ -equivariant.

- If the maps between layers are equivariant, then the entire network is equivariant.
- Adding skip connections does not affect its equivariance with respect to linear actions.

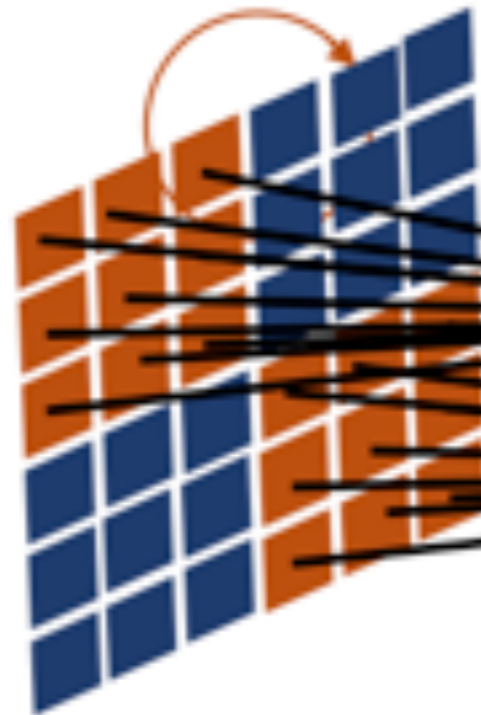
# Weight Symmetry

**Theorem** (Weiler & Cesa 2019): a convolutional layer is  $G$ -equivariant if and only if the kernel satisfies  $K(gv) = \rho_{out}^{-1}(g)K(v)\rho_{in}(g)$  for all  $g \in G$ , with action maps  $\rho_{in}$  and  $\rho_{out}$ .

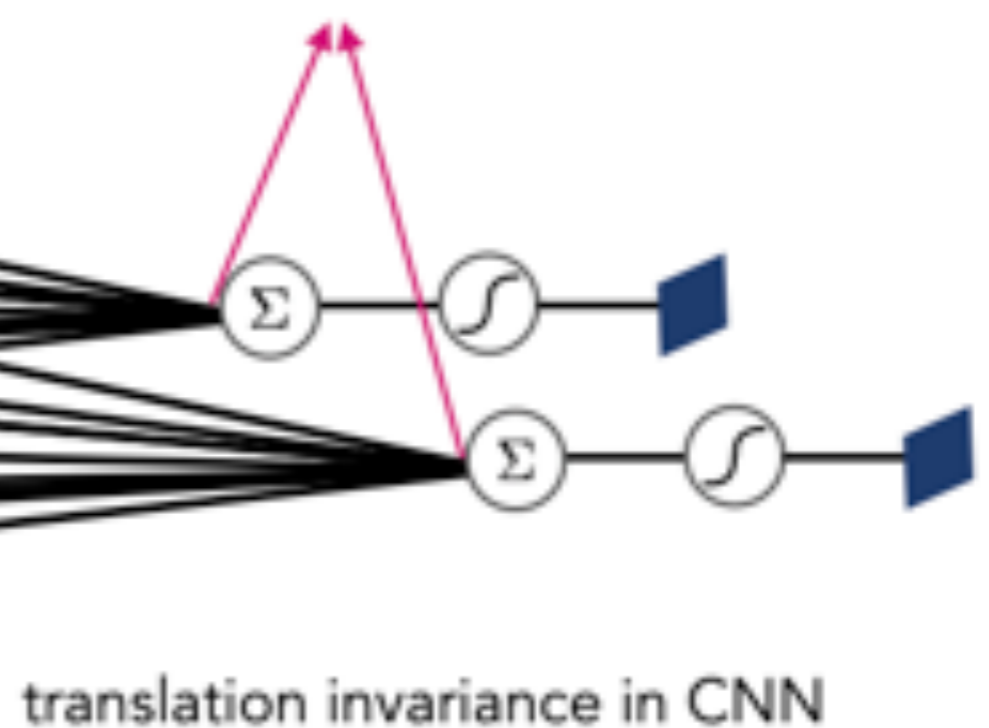
symmetry group  $G$



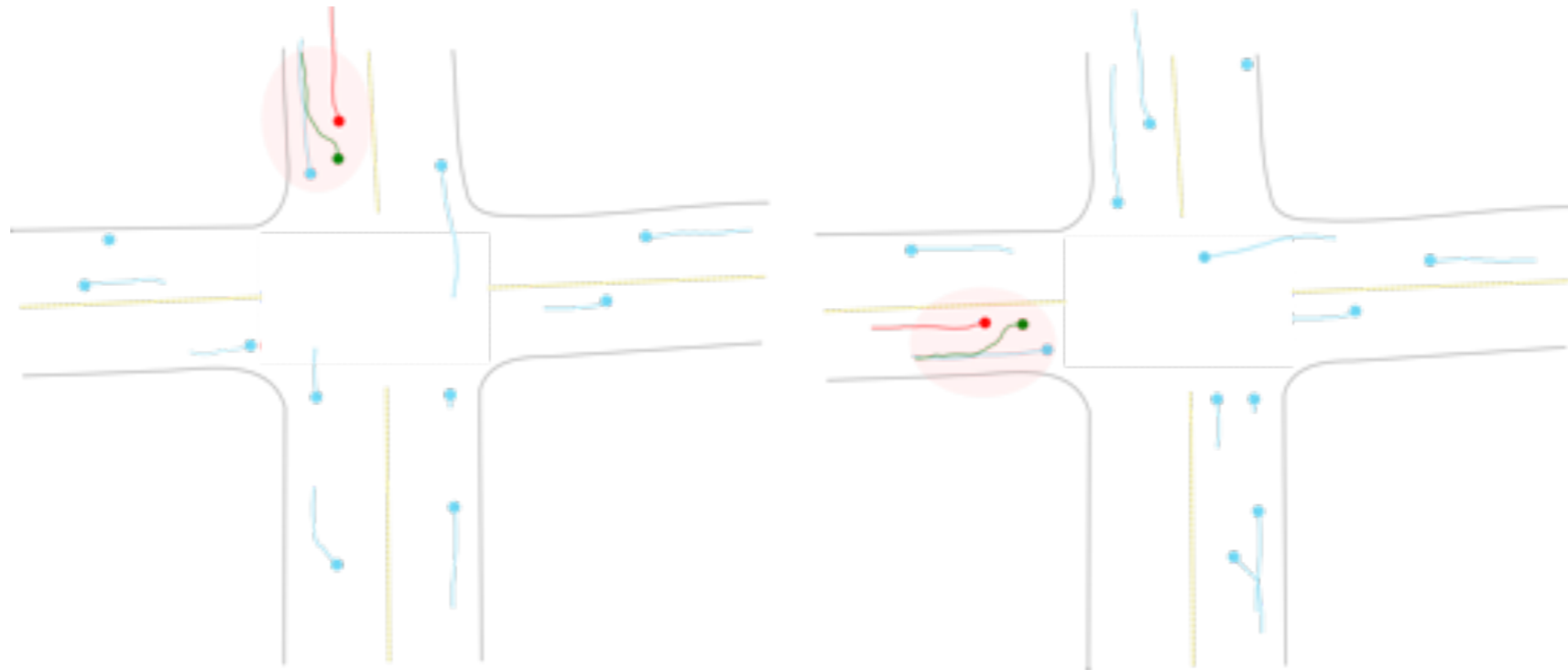
representation  $\rho(g)$



weight sharing



# Rotation Symmetry

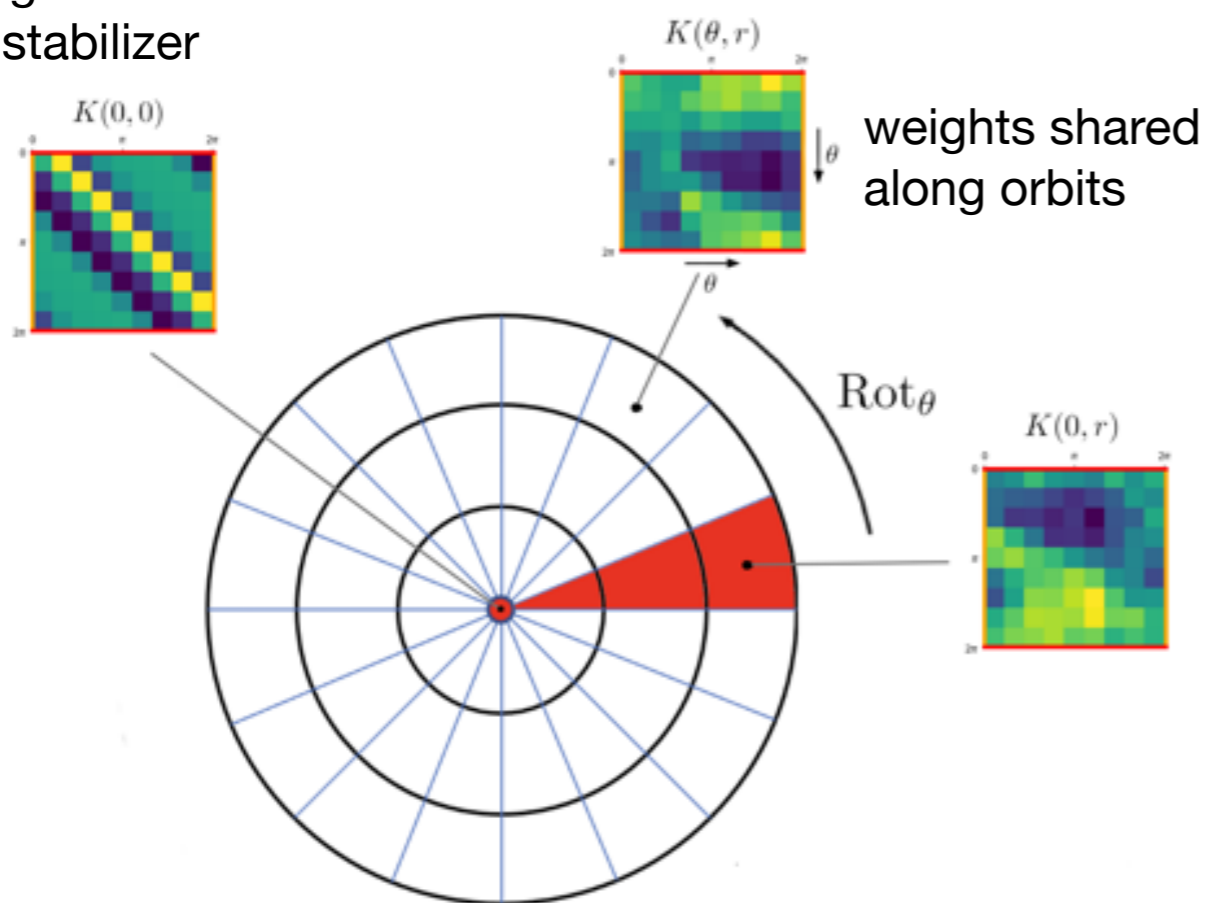


- Traffic dynamics resembles driven many-particle systems [Helbing 2000]
- Implicit rotation symmetry in vehicles
- Expect consistent predictions with different orientations

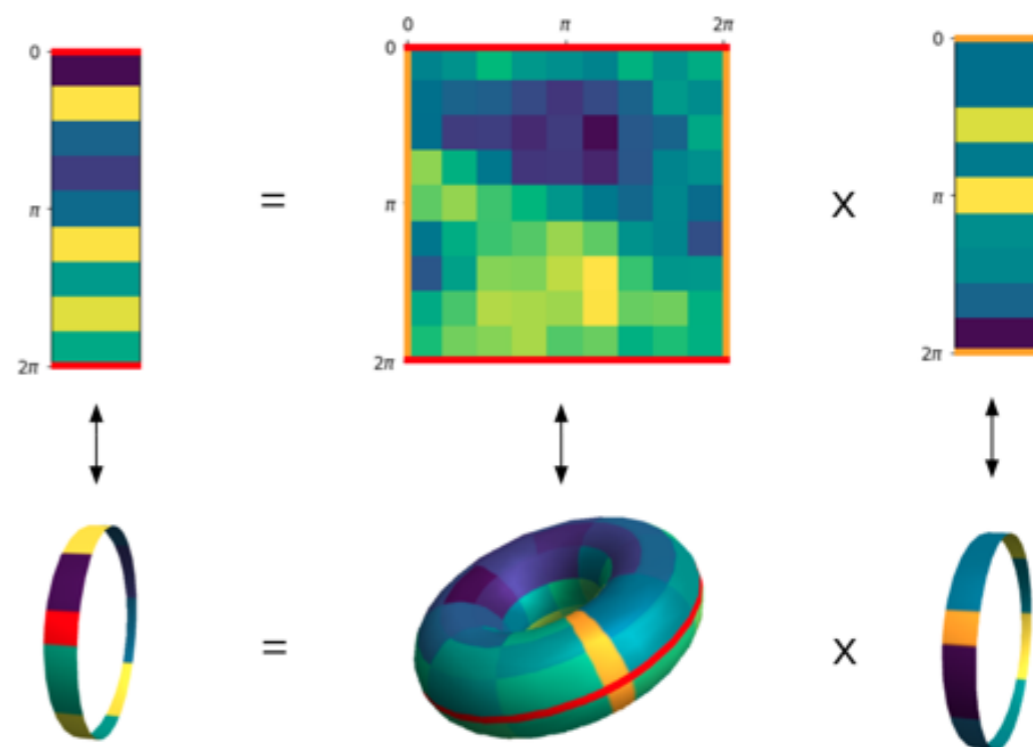
# Equivariant Continuous Convolution (ECCO)

$$K(\theta + \phi, r) = \rho_{\text{out}}(\text{Rot}_\theta)K(\phi, r)\rho_{\text{in}}(\text{Rot}_\theta^{-1}).$$

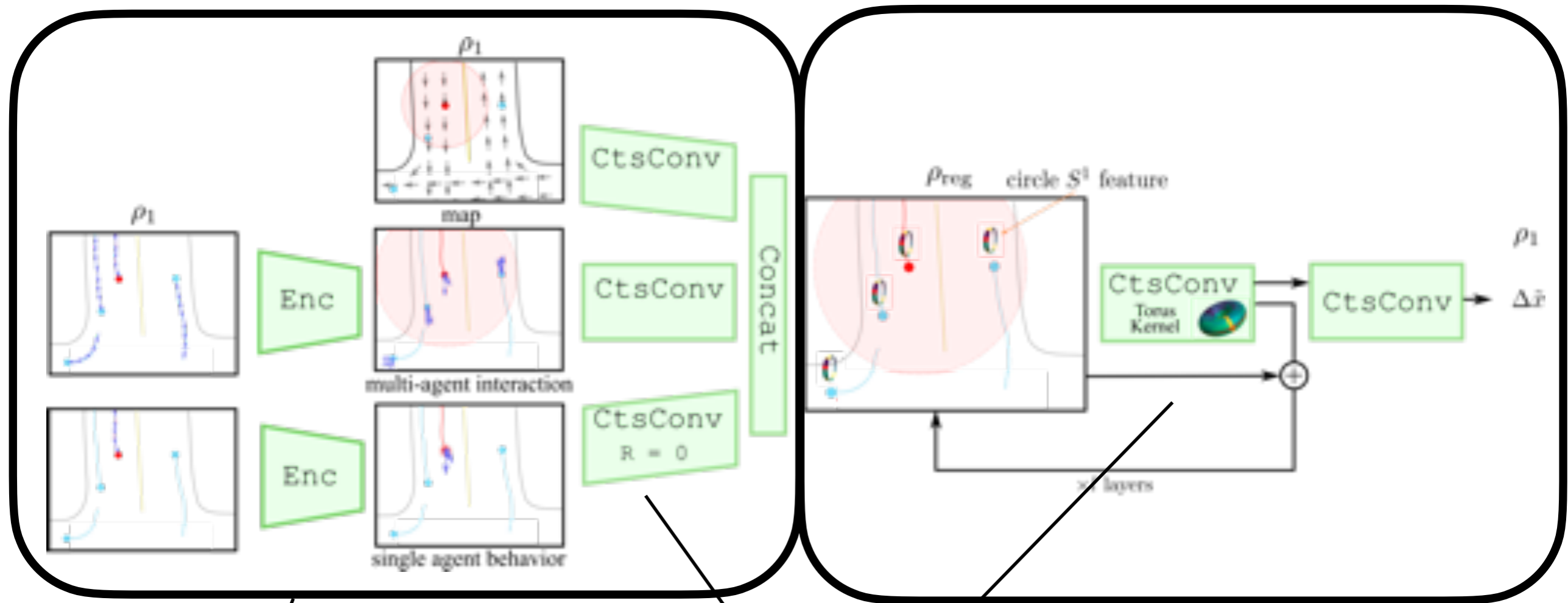
weights constrained  
by stabilizer



$$K(\mathbf{x}) \odot f^{(\mathbf{x})}(\phi_2) = \int_{\phi_1 \in S^1} K(\mathbf{x})(\phi_2, \phi_1) f^{(\mathbf{x})}(\phi_1) d\phi_1$$



# ECCO



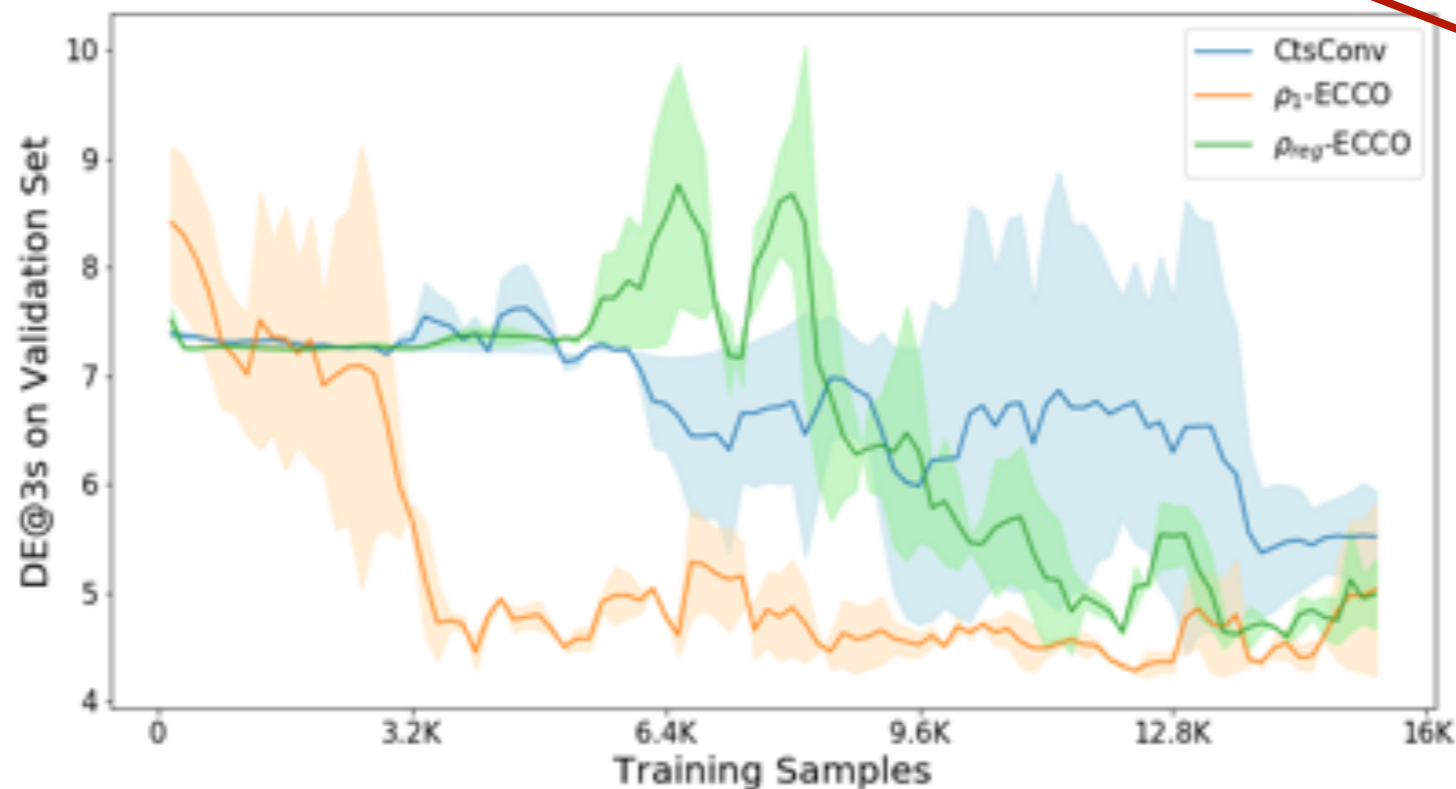
Encode Past

Continuous Convolution

Decode Future

# Performance Comparison

Model	Argoverse				TrajNet++		#Param
	ADE	DE@1s	DE@2s	DE@3s	ADE	FDE	
Constant Velocity	3.86	2.43	5.10	7.91	1.39	2.86	-
Nearest Neighbor	3.49	2.02	4.98	7.84	1.38	2.79	-
LSTM	2.13	1.16	2.81	4.83	1.11	2.03	50.6K
CtsConv	1.85	0.99	2.42	4.32	0.86	1.79	1078.1K
$\rho_1$ -ECCO	1.70	0.93	2.22	3.89	0.88	1.83	51.4K
$\rho_{reg}$ -ECCO	<b>1.62</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1.76</b>	129.8K
VectorNet	1.66	0.92	2.06	3.67	-	-	72K + Decoder



95% params  
reduction

80% data  
reduction

# Conclusion

- Incorporating Physical Principles in Deep Dynamics Models
  - **Trainable Operator:** replacing mathematical operators with trainable weights
  - **Residual Learning:** learning the correction terms of the physics-based models
  - **Equivariant Learning:** incorporating symmetry to guarantee laws of conservation
- Future Work
  - Stochastic dynamics and multi-agent interactions

“Time and space are not conditions of existence,  
time and space is a model of thinking.”

*–Albert Einstein*



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