

# Generalizing to New Physical Systems via Context-Informed Dynamics Model

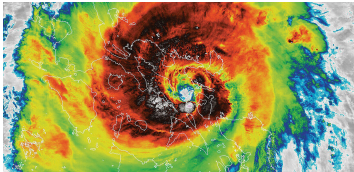
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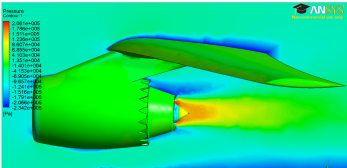
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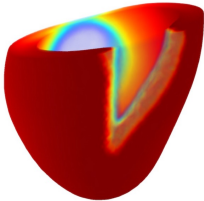
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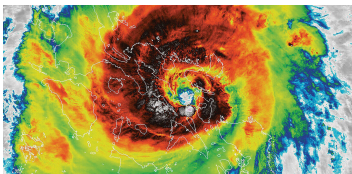
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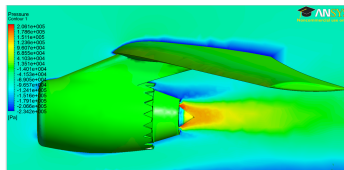
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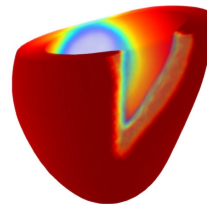
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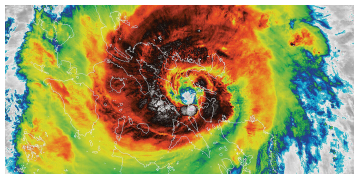
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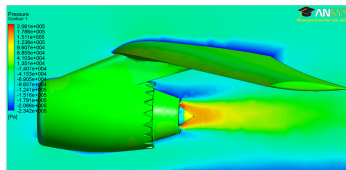
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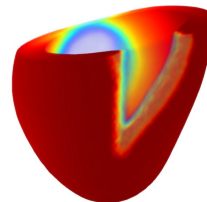
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- Successfully applied to various problems (Li et al., 2021; Sirignano and Spiliopoulos, 2018; de Bézenac et al., 2018).

Li et al., *Fourier Neural Operator for Parametric Partial Differential Equations*. ICLR, 2021

Sirignano and Spiliopoulos, *DGM: A deep learning algorithm for solving partial differential equations*. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 2018

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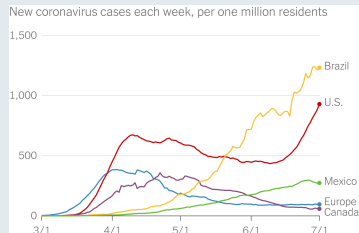
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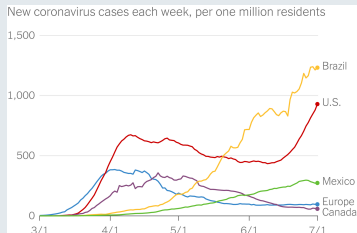
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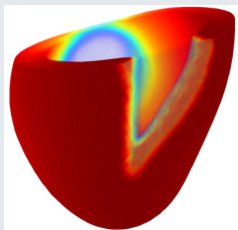
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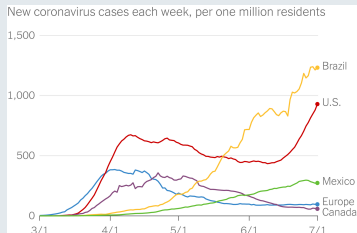
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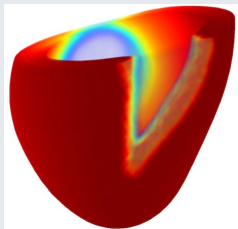
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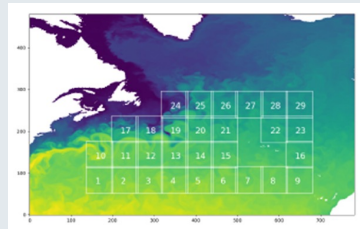
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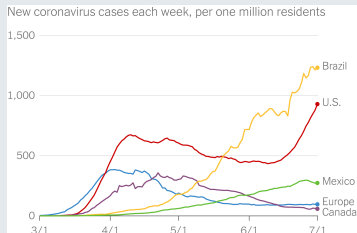
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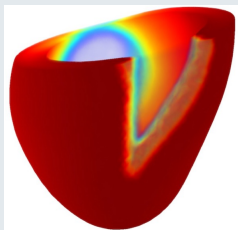
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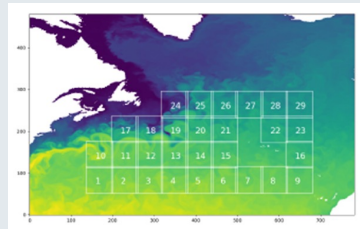
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- Context-Informed Dynamics Adaptation (CoDA)
  - one of the first principled solution to this open generalization problem.

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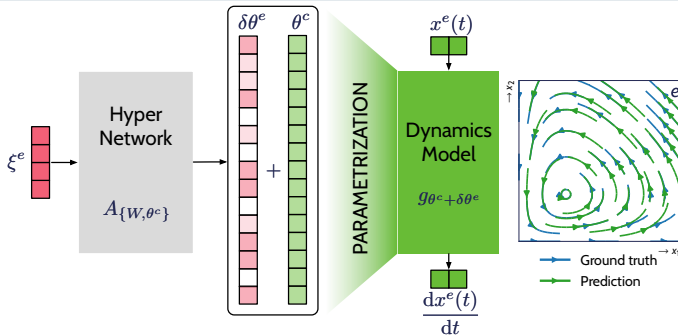
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- Fast adaptation by acting as a constraint over  $\theta^c$  during training
  - ↳ few update steps.
- Hypothesis space is constrained around  $\theta^c$ 
  - ↳ under assumptions, simplifies optimization into a quadratic convex problem.

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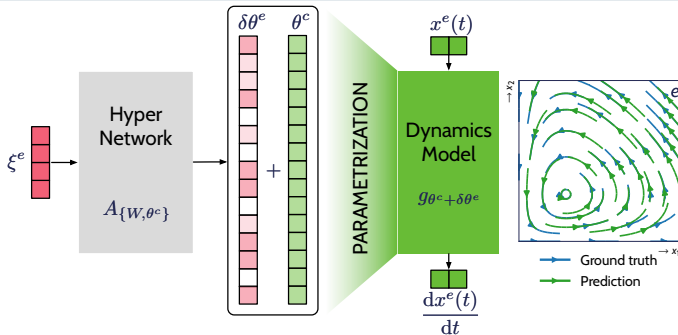
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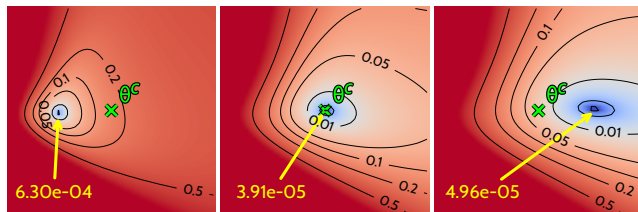
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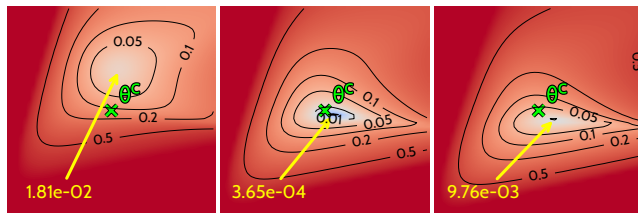
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- Adaptation in a small subspace:  $d_\xi \ll d_\theta$ 
  - ↳ typically  $d_\xi$  is several orders of magnitude smaller than  $d_\theta$ .
- $\xi^e$  is adapted to each system with fixed  $\{\theta^c, W\}$ .



CoDA's loss projected onto subspace  $\mathcal{W} \triangleq \text{Span}(W_1, W_2)$ .



ERM's loss projected onto the Span of the two principal gradient directions computed with SVD.

Figure 1: Loss landscapes centered in  $\theta^c$ , marked with  $\times$ , for 3 environments on the *Lotka-Volterra* ODE.  $\forall e, \rightarrow$  points to the local optimum  $\theta^{e*}$  with loss value reported in yellow.

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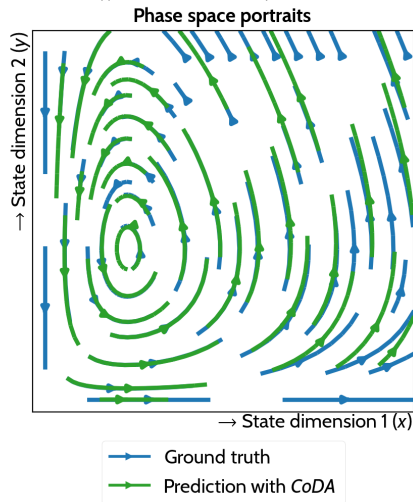
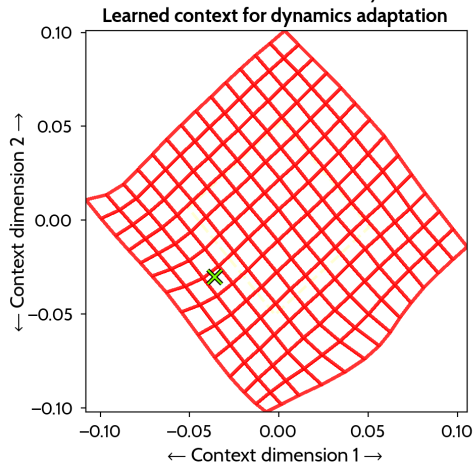
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## Check out more in the paper

- Can accurately predict parameters of new *unknown* physical systems.
- Theoretical results supporting the framework.

**Paper** [arxiv.org/abs/2202.01889](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.01889)

**Code** [github.com/yuan-yin/CoDA](https://github.com/yuan-yin/CoDA)

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