



Dimensionally Consistent Learning with **Buckingham Pi**

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Navier-Stokes Equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{St} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - \nabla p$$

Dimensionless
=
Unitless

Dimensionless Numbers

$$Re = \frac{\rho v D}{\mu}$$

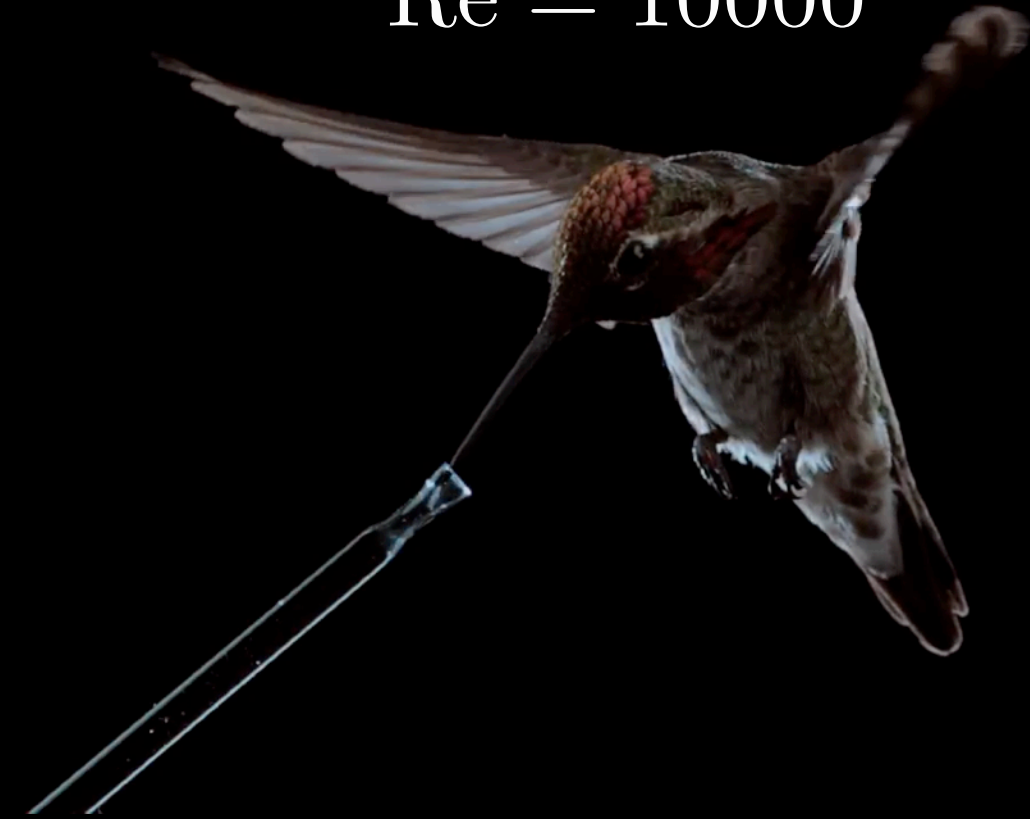
$$Ma = \frac{v}{v_s}$$

$$St = \frac{fL}{U}$$

$$Pr = \frac{c_p \mu}{k}$$

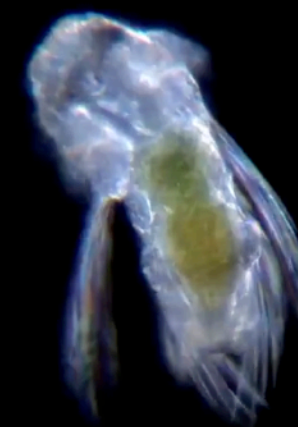
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Re = 10000

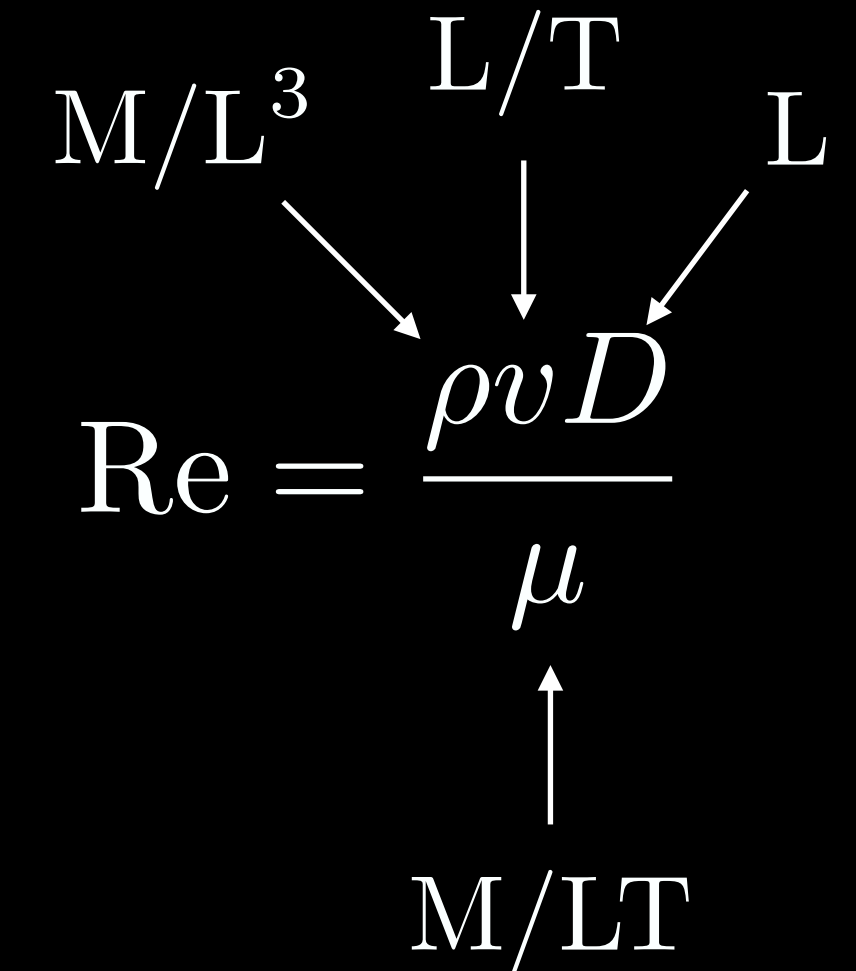


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Re ≪ 1

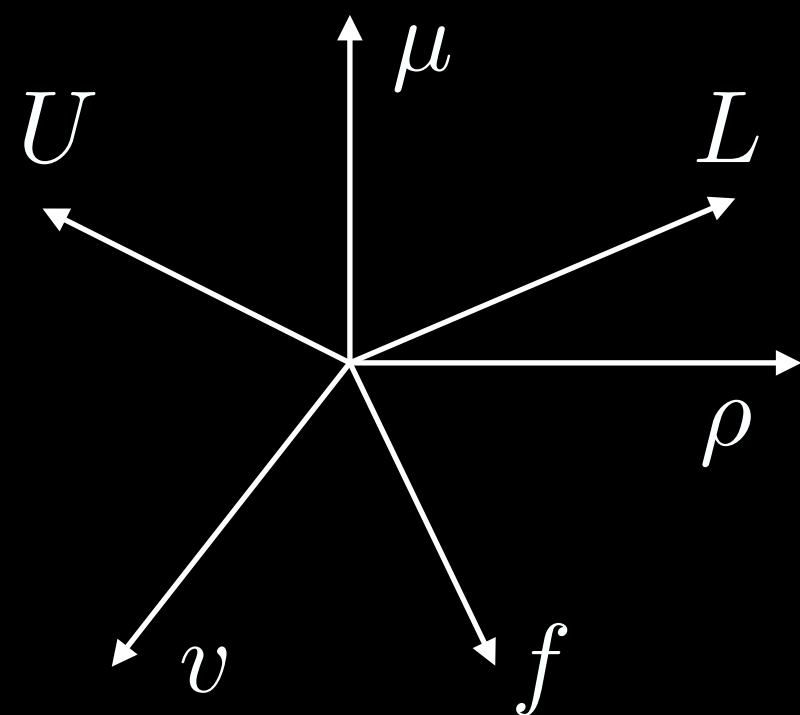


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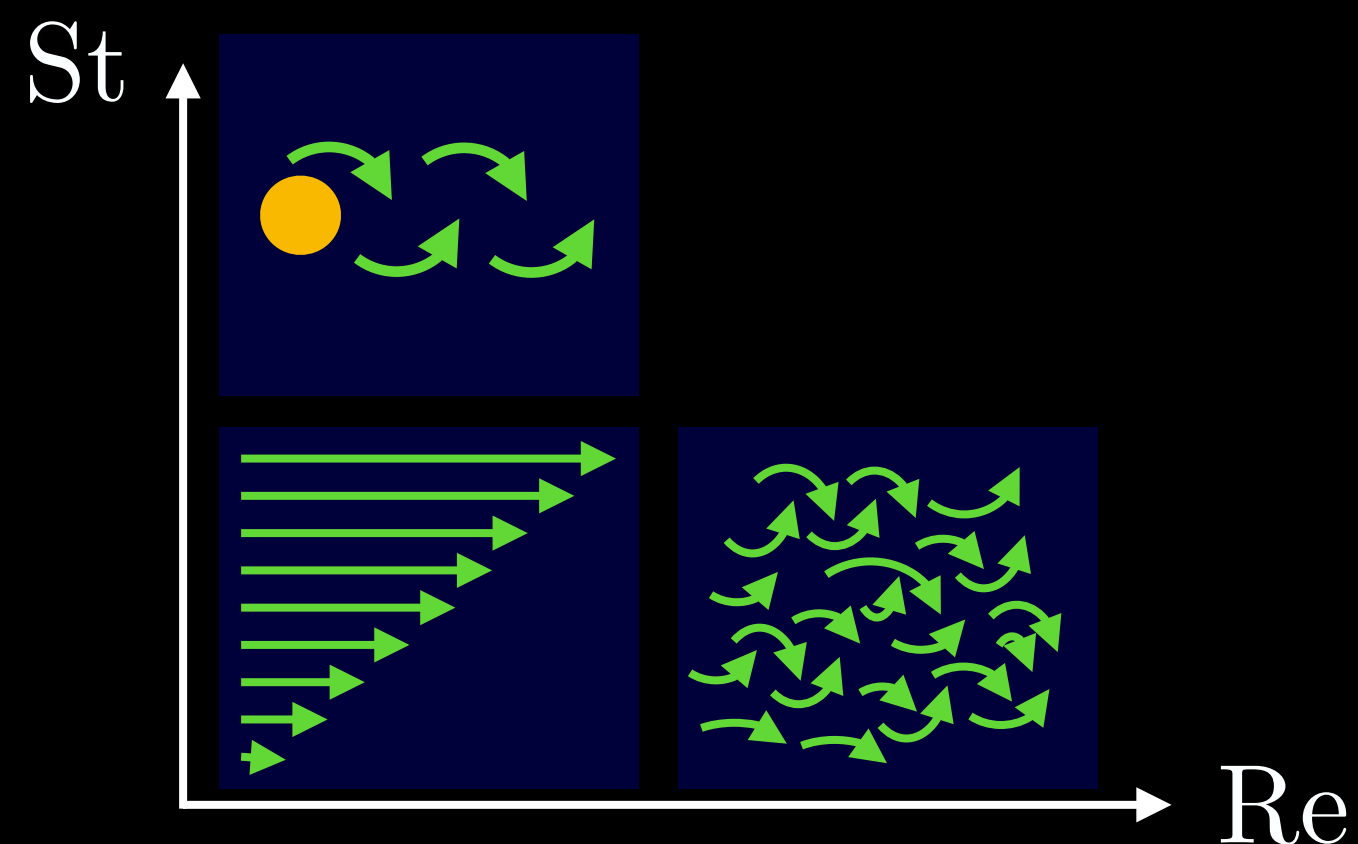


$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{St} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - \nabla p$$

Negligeable



Dimensionality reduction



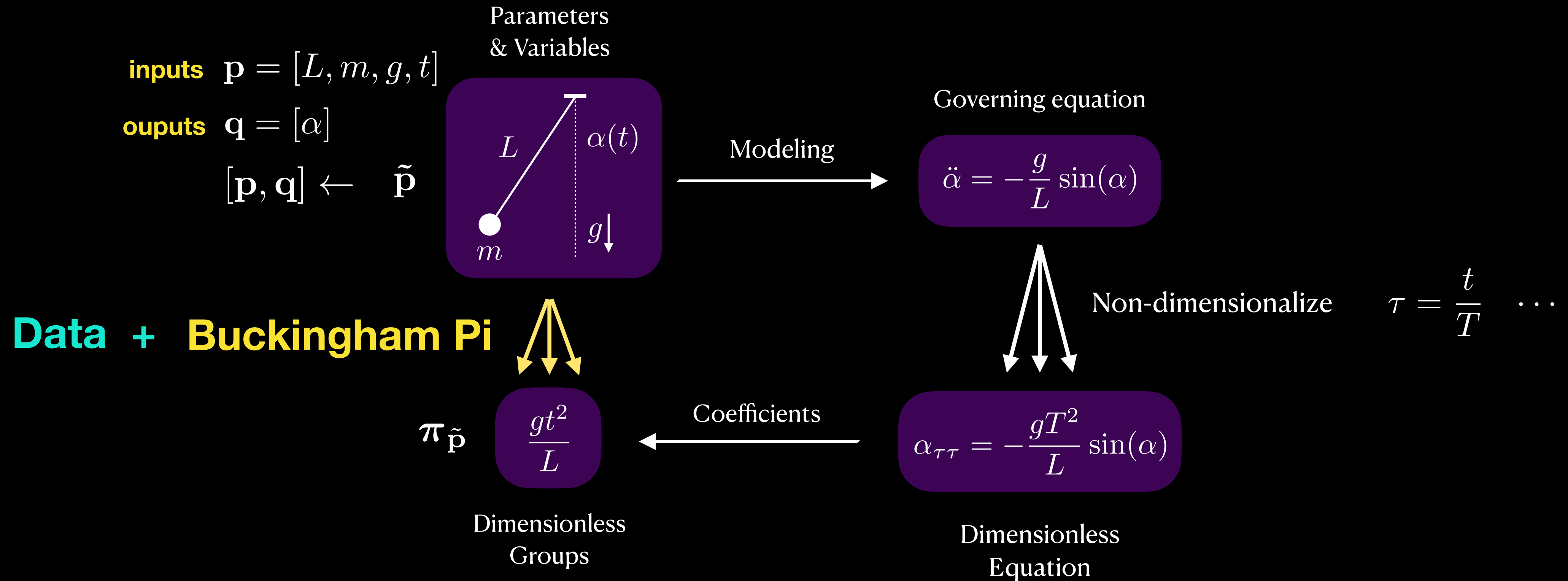
- Approximate nonlinear models
- Can be done without modeling
- Loss-less dimensionality reduction
- Bifurcation and scaling parameters
- Physically interpretable change of variables that generalize across scales

Not known in many problems

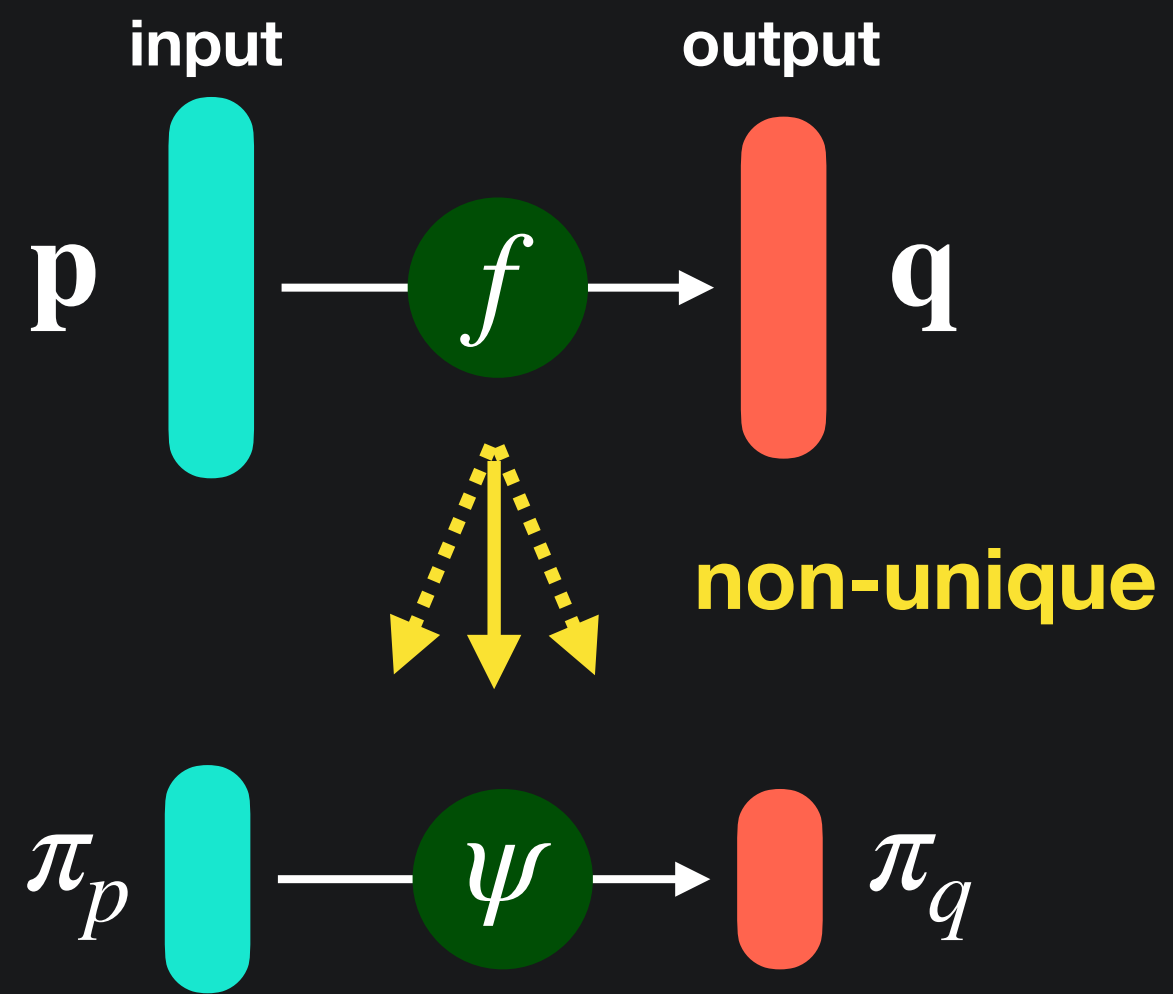
- Non-newtonian fluids
- Bio-chemical systems
- Complex systems

Find dimensionless groups that best collapse available data

How do we find dimensionless numbers?



Buckingham Pi Theorem



$$D\Phi = 0$$

$$\pi_j = \prod_{i=1}^d \tilde{p}_i^{\Phi_{ij}}$$

$$Re = \rho^1 v^1 D^1 \mu^{-1}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \Omega(\tilde{p}_1) & \dots & \Omega(\tilde{p}_d) \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[F] = \text{ML/T}^2$$

$$\Omega(F) = [1, 1, -2]^\top$$

Probabilistic corollary of the Buckingham Pi theorem

Loss-less dimensionality reduction that preserves prediction error

$$\|\mathbf{q} - f(\mathbf{p})\| < \varepsilon \quad \rightarrow \quad \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_q - \psi(\boldsymbol{\pi}_p)\| < \varepsilon$$

Hypothesis

The *most physically meaningful* dimensionless basis $\boldsymbol{\pi}^*$ is the optimal coordinate transformation $\tilde{\mathbf{p}} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\pi}^*$ that minimizes the loss

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}^* = \underset{\boldsymbol{\pi}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\min_{\psi} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_q - \psi(\boldsymbol{\pi}_p)\|_2^2 \right) \quad \boldsymbol{\pi} = [\boldsymbol{\pi}_p, \boldsymbol{\pi}_q]$$

How do we constrain the set of possible solutions for $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ and ψ ?

Methods

1. **BuckiNet:** include the null-space loss in the first layer of a deep network
2. **Constrained optimization** with non-parametric ψ
3. **Sparse identification** of parametric differential equations with dimensionless coefficients

1. Constrained Optimization

Loss function

$$\pi_i = \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d \Phi_{ij} \log(\tilde{p}_j) \right\}$$

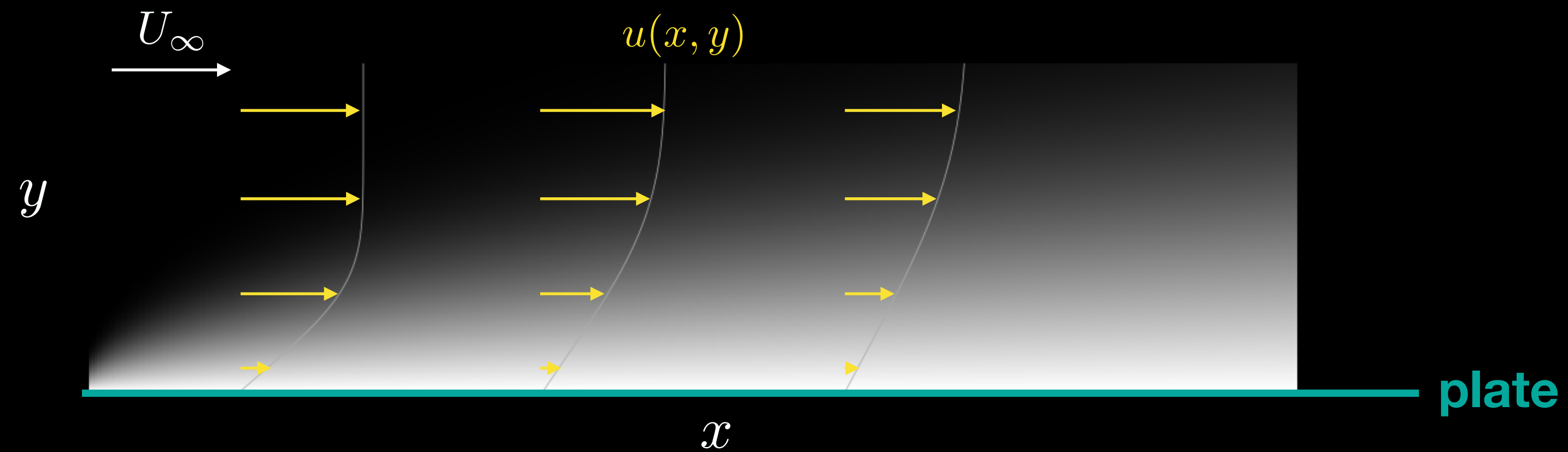
Regularization

Dimensionless
constraint

$$\check{\Phi}_p = \arg \min_{\Phi_p} \|\Pi_q - \psi(\exp(\log(\mathbf{P})\Phi_p))\|_2 + \lambda_1 \|\Phi_p\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\Phi_p\|_2, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{D}_p \Phi_p = \mathbf{0}$$

- ψ is a non-parametric Gaussian radial basis function (RBF)
- Using Kernel Ridge Regression

Laminar boundary layer



Streamfunction equation

$$\Psi_y \Psi_{xy} - \Psi_x \Psi_{yy} = \nu \Psi_{yyy}$$

$$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}},$$

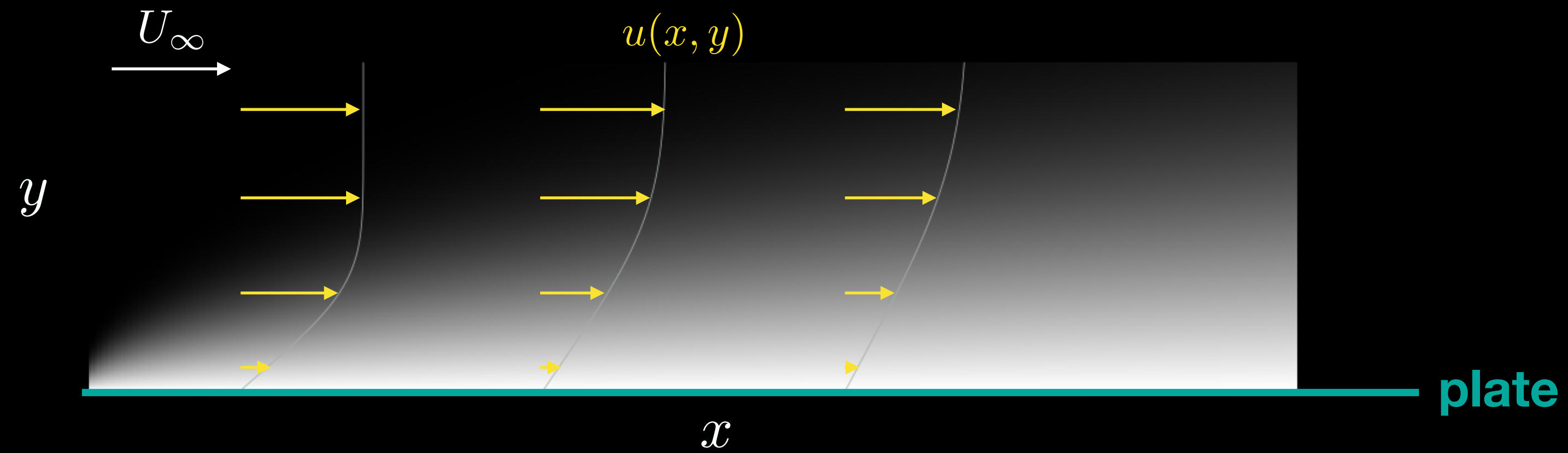
$$f(\eta) = \frac{\Psi(x, y)}{\sqrt{\nu U_\infty x}}$$

Simplified ODE

$$f'''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2} f''(\eta) f'(\eta) = 0$$

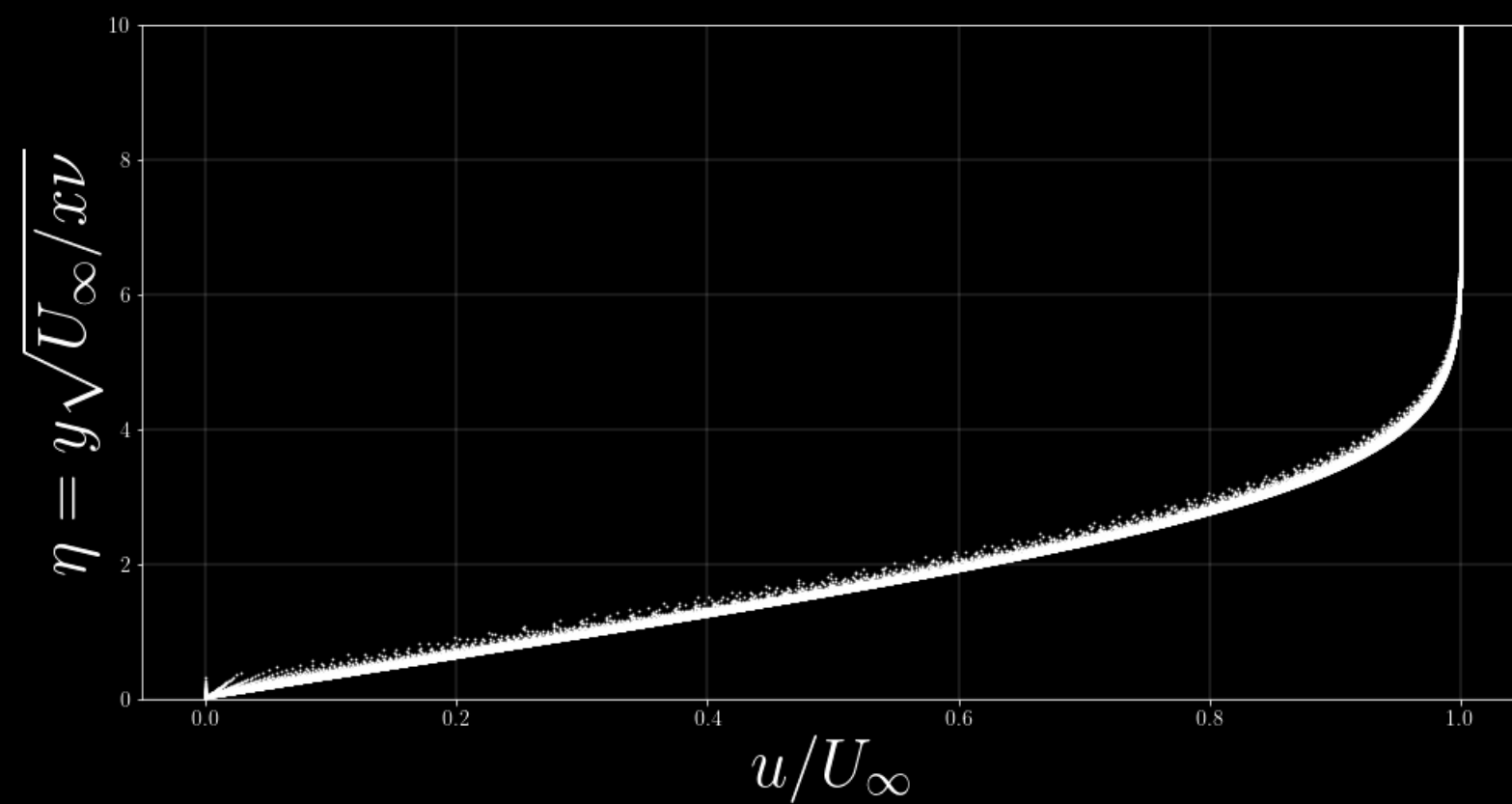
$$f(0) = f'(0) = 0, f'(\infty) = 1$$

Results

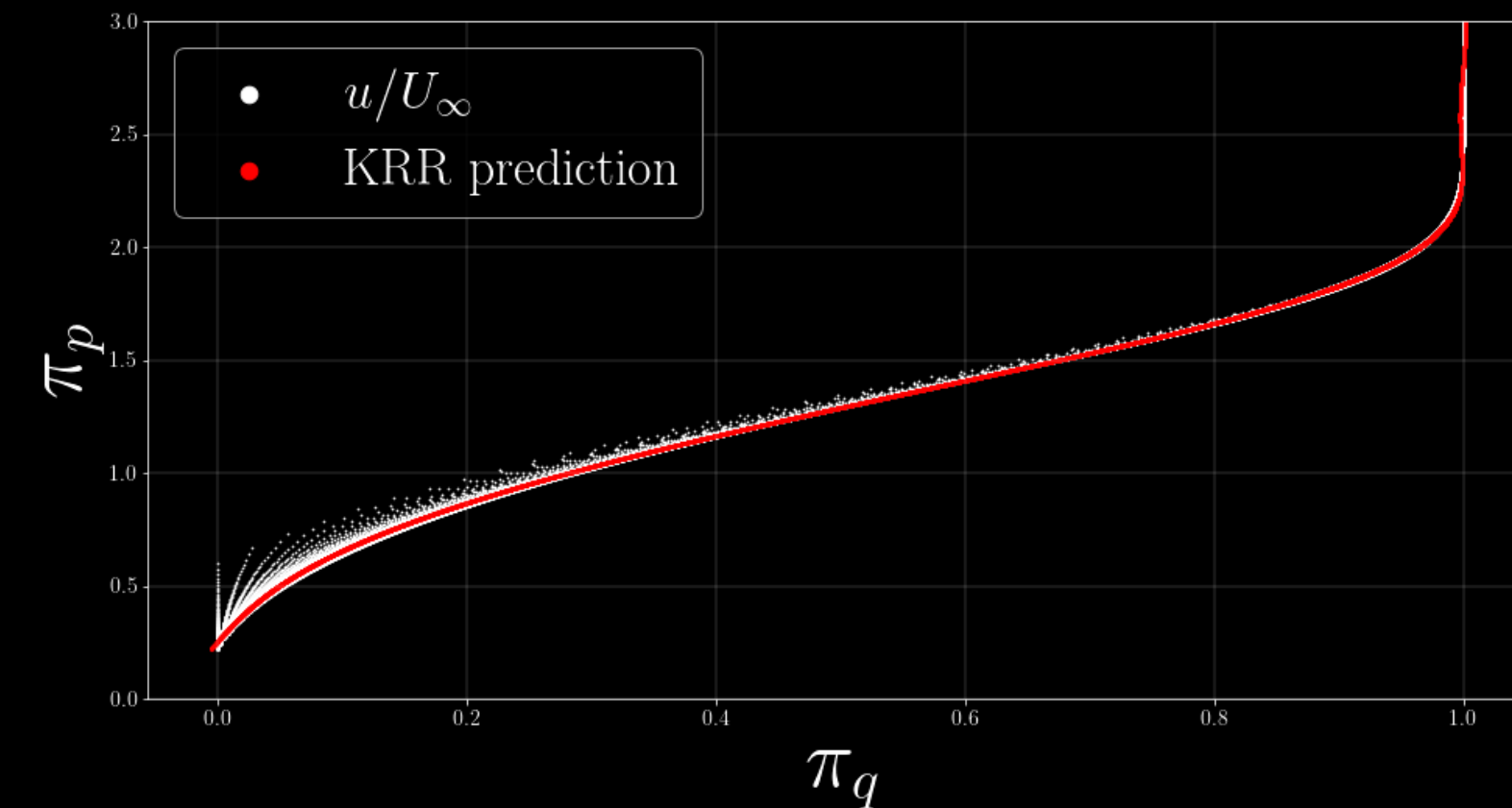


$$\pi_p = \frac{yU_\infty^{0.51}}{x^{0.49}\nu^{0.51}} \approx \eta$$

Blasius scaling



Predicted scaling



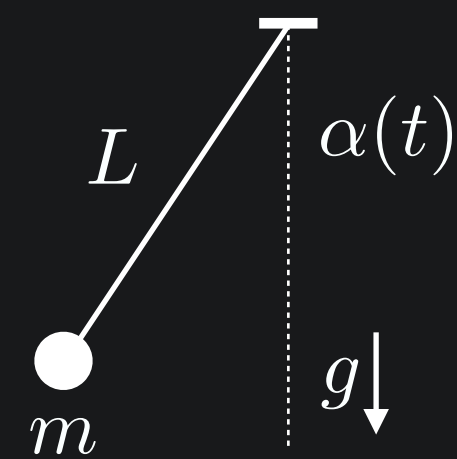
2. BuckiNet

Minimize

$$\mathcal{L}(\Phi_p) = \|\Pi_q - \psi(\exp(\log(P)\Phi_p))\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{D}_p \Phi_p\|_2^2 + \text{reg.}$$

Dimensionless
Loss

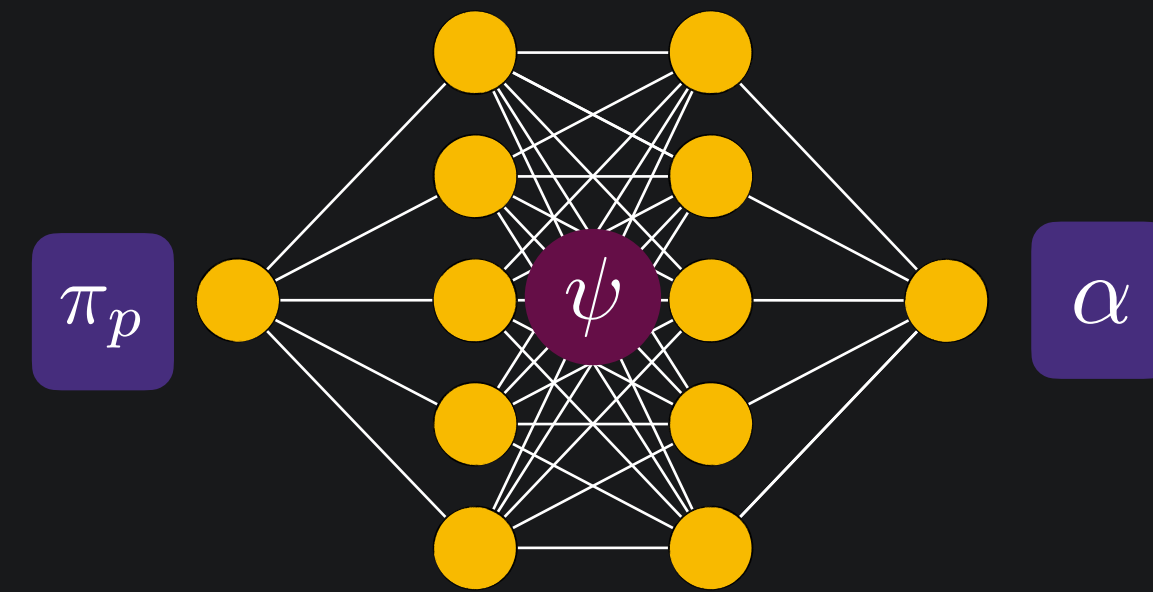
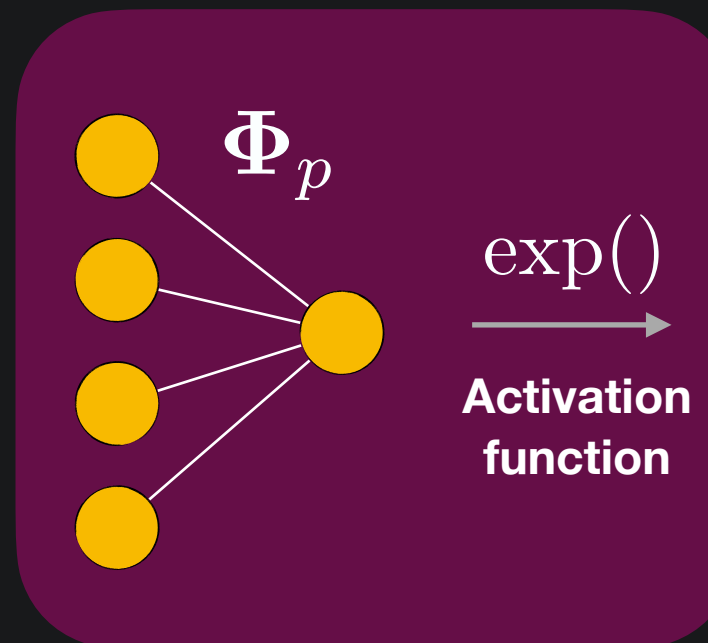
Pendulum



$\log()$

Dimensionless loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{null}} = \|\mathbf{D}_p \Phi_p\|$$



$$\Phi_p = [-0.0025, 1.000, -0.9867, -1.9948]$$

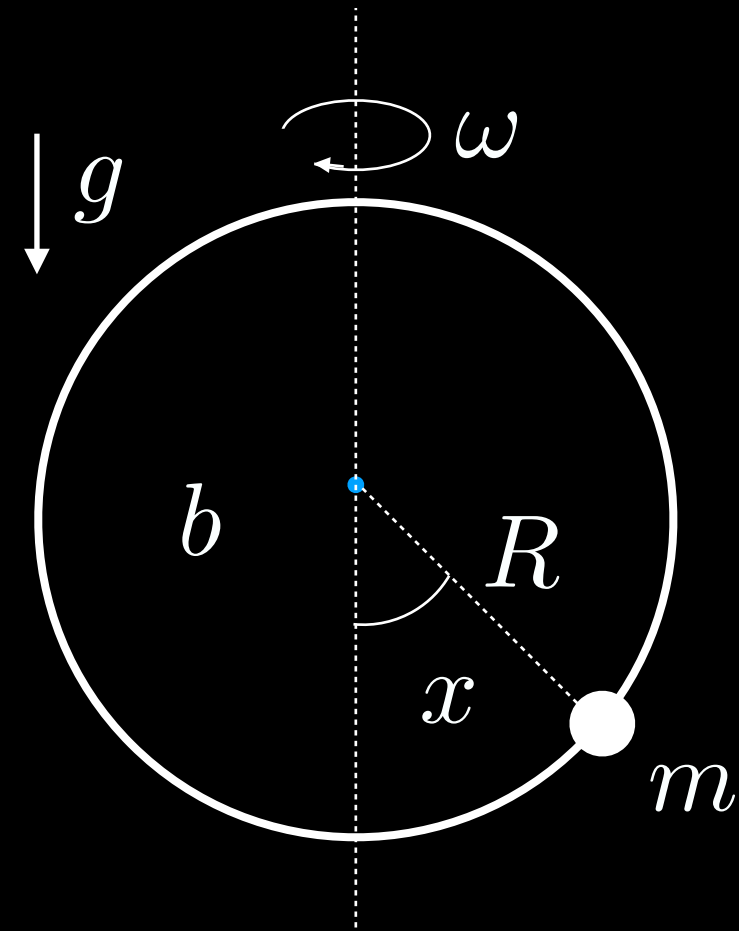


$$\pi_p = \frac{gt^2}{L}$$

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_0 \cos(\sqrt{\pi_p} + \theta)$$

- Works without dimensionless loss
- Trivial: has a unique null-space solution

Bead on rotating hoop



$$mR\ddot{x} = -bx - mg \sin(x) + mR\omega^2 \sin(x) \cos(x)$$

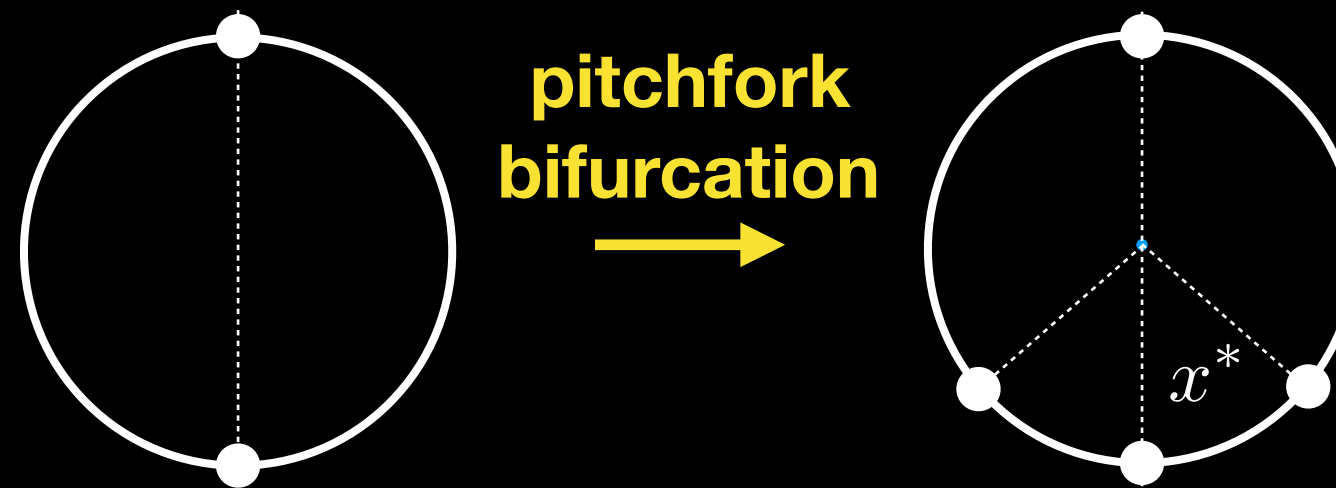
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Non-dimensionalize
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$$\varepsilon\ddot{x} = -\dot{x} - \sin(x) + \gamma \sin(x) \cos(x)$$

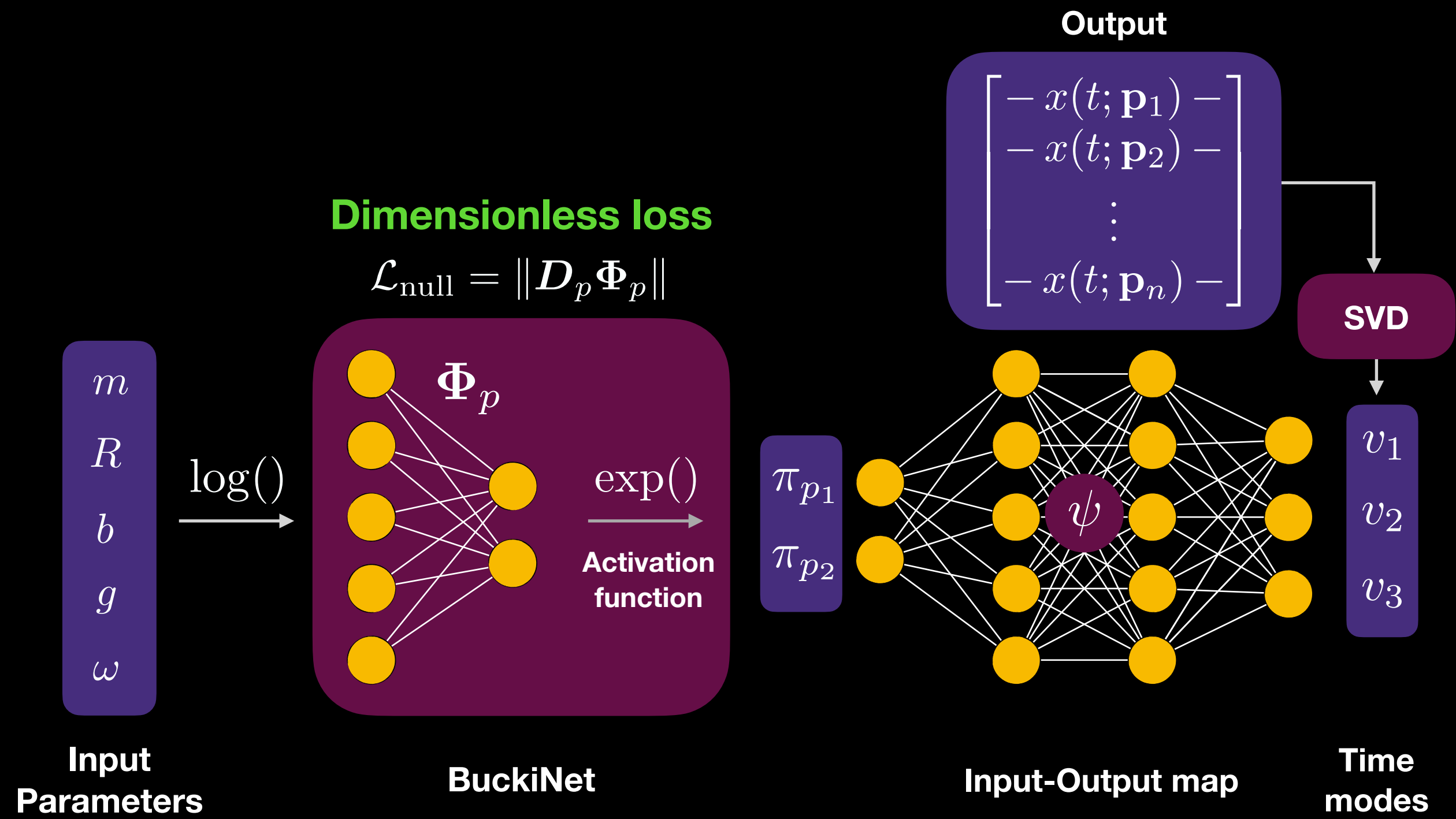
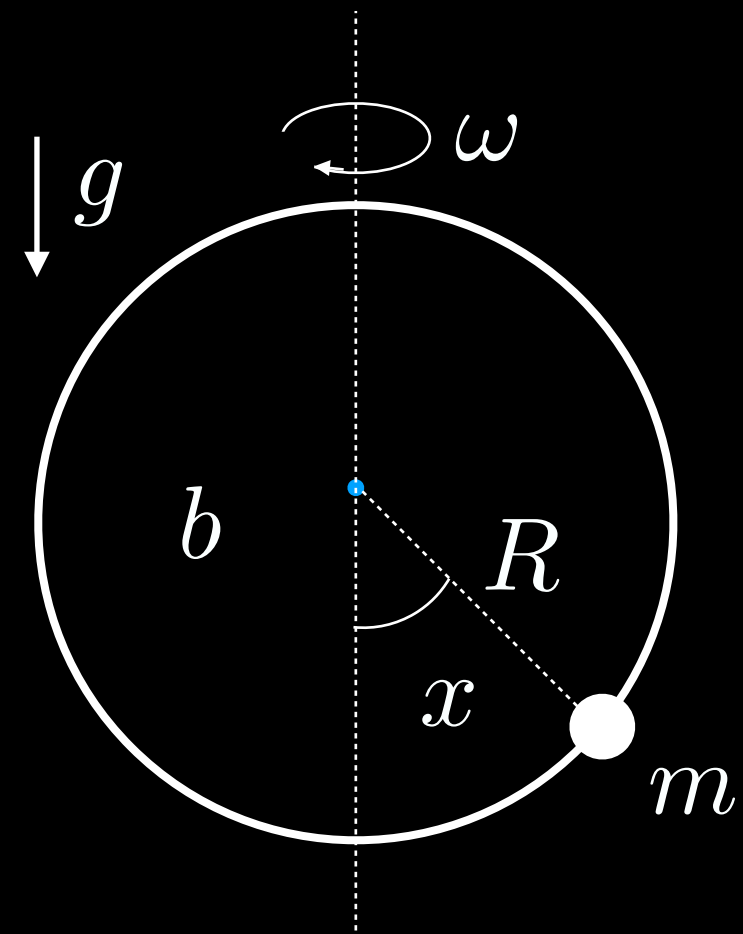
$$\gamma = \frac{R\omega^2}{g}, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{m^2 g R}{b^2}$$

For $\gamma > 1$, we have two extra fixed points at

$$x^* = \pm \arccos(\gamma)$$



Bead on rotating hoop

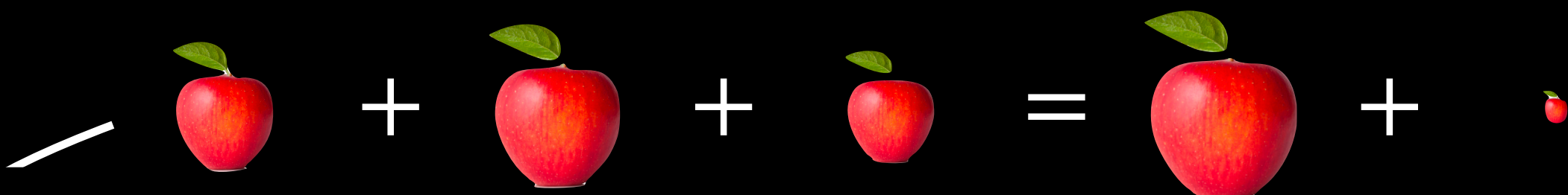


Φ_p	m	R	b	g	ω	
$\phi(\pi_{p_1})$	0.0011	1	0.0001	-0.997	1.99	→ γ
$\phi(\pi_{p_2})$	1.99	1	-1.99	0.998	0.002	→ ε

$$\gamma = \frac{R\omega^2}{g}, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{m^2 g R}{b^2}$$

Physically meaningful equations are **dimensionally homogeneous**

Divide by first apple


$$1 + 1.1 + 0.9 = 2.9 + \cancel{0.1}$$

\approx Ignore

Navier-Stokes Equation

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3. Dimensionless SINDy

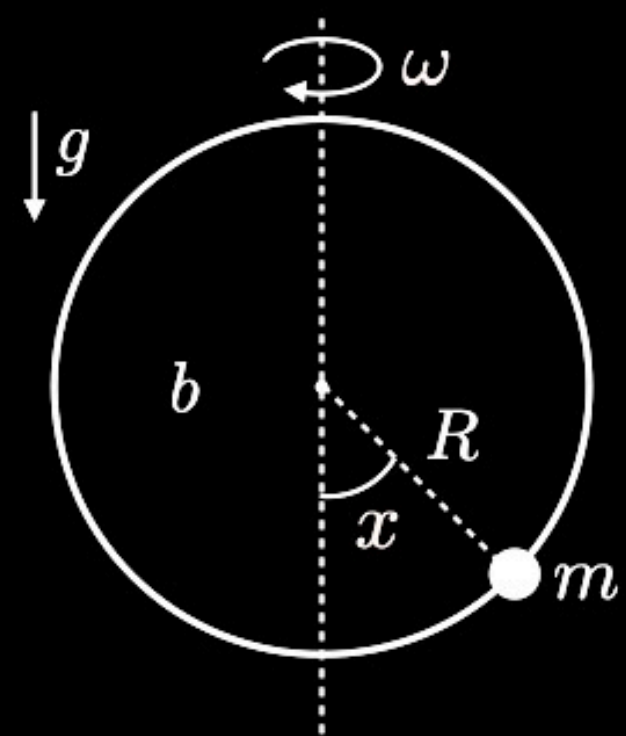
$$\frac{d\pi_q}{dt} \equiv \frac{1}{T} \frac{d\pi_q}{d\tau} = \mathcal{F}(\pi_q; \pi_p) = \mathbf{g}(\pi_p) \otimes \hat{\Theta}(\pi_q, T) \Xi$$

$[\pi_p^{0.5}, \pi_p, \pi_p^2, \dots]$ $[\pi_q, \pi_q^2, \pi_q^3, \dots]$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SINDy}}(\pi_q, \pi_p, T; \Xi) = \left\| \frac{1}{T} \frac{d\pi_q}{d\tau} - \mathbf{g}(\pi_p) \otimes \hat{\Theta}(\pi_q, T) \Xi \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\Xi\|_0$$

$$\check{\Xi}, \check{\Phi} = \underset{\Xi, \Phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SINDy}}(\pi_p(\mathbf{p}; \Phi), \pi_q(\mathbf{q}; \Phi), T(\mathbf{p}, \Phi); \Xi)$$

Generate all combinations
Of dimensionless numbers



p
 m
 R
 b
 g
 ω
t

candidate
dimensionless
numbers
satisfying
 $D_p \Phi_p = 0$

Φ_p

m	R	b	g	ω
-2	0	2	-2	2
1	0	-1	1	-1
1	1	-1	0	1
1	-1	-1	2	-3
1	2	-1	-1	3
-2	-1	2	-1	0
3	1	-3	2	-1

m	R	b	g	ω
0	0	0	0	-1
1	1	-1	0	0
-2	0	2	-2	1
1	-1	-1	2	-3

candidate
time scales

$\pi_p^{(j)}$
 $\pi_1^{(j)}$
 $\pi_2^{(j)}$
 j^{th}
combination

$T^{(j)}$

Input-output data

$(\mathbf{p}_1, x_1(t))$
 $(\mathbf{p}_2, x_2(t))$
 \vdots
 $(\mathbf{p}_n, x_n(t))$

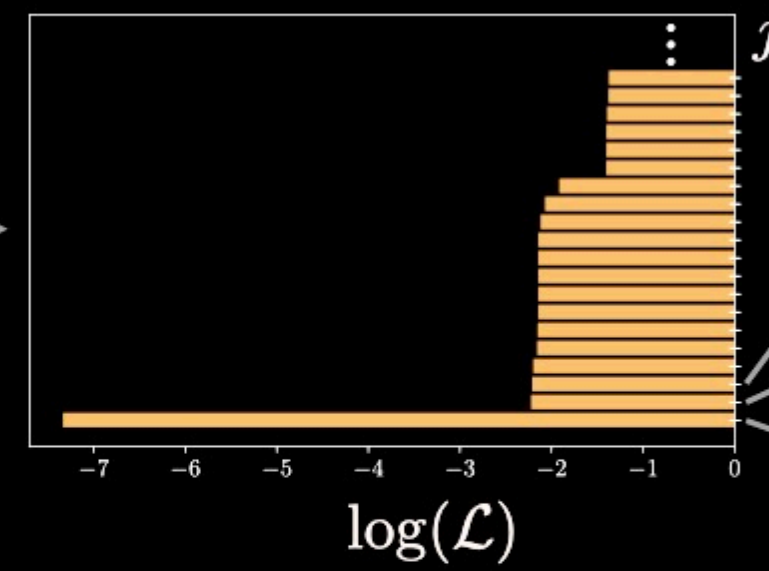
r dimensionless
combinations

$\left\{ \left(\pi_{p_i}^{(1)}, x_i(t/T^{(1)}) \right) \right\}_{i=1}^n$
 $\left\{ \left(\pi_{p_i}^{(2)}, x_i(t/T^{(2)}) \right) \right\}_{i=1}^n$
 \vdots
 $\left\{ \left(\pi_{p_i}^{(r)}, x_i(t/T^{(r)}) \right) \right\}_{i=1}^n$

Find combination with optimal error

$$\text{minimize}_{\Xi, j} \mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \frac{1}{T^{(j)^2}} \ddot{x}_i - \pi_{p_i}^{(j)} \otimes \Theta(x_i, \dot{x}_i / T^{(j)}) \Xi \right\|_2^2$$

Log-loss per combination



T	π_1	π_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
$\frac{\omega b^2}{m^2 g^2}$	$\frac{b^2}{m^2 R g}$	$\frac{\omega^2 b^2}{m^2 g^2}$
$\frac{\omega b^2}{m^2 g^2}$	$\frac{\omega b}{m g}$	$\frac{b^2}{R m g^2}$
$\frac{b}{m g}$	$\frac{b^2}{m^2 R g}$	$\frac{\omega^2 b^2}{m^2 g^2}$

Optimal combination

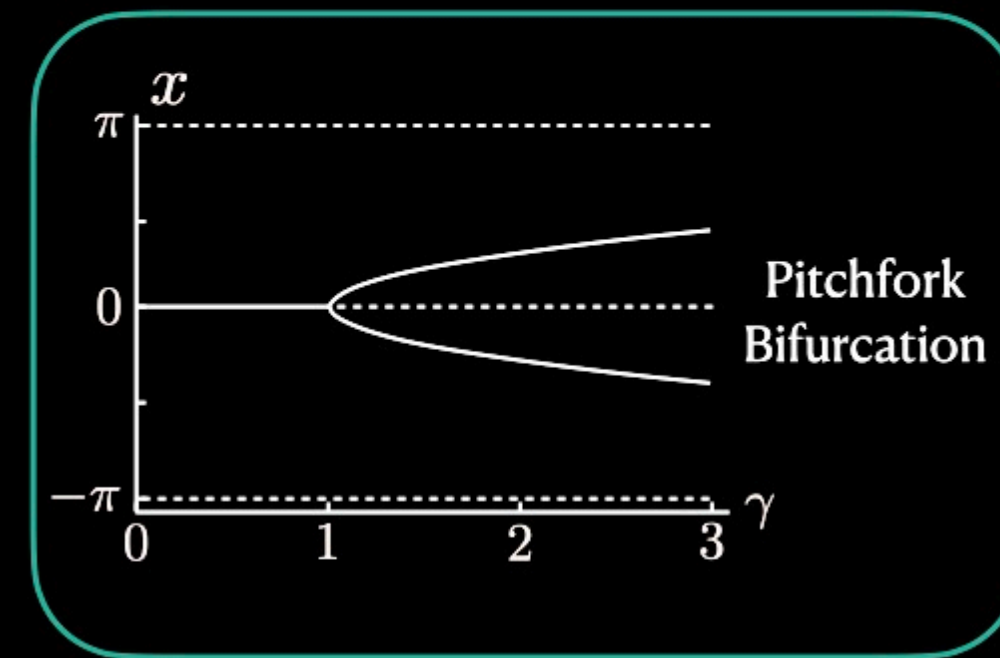
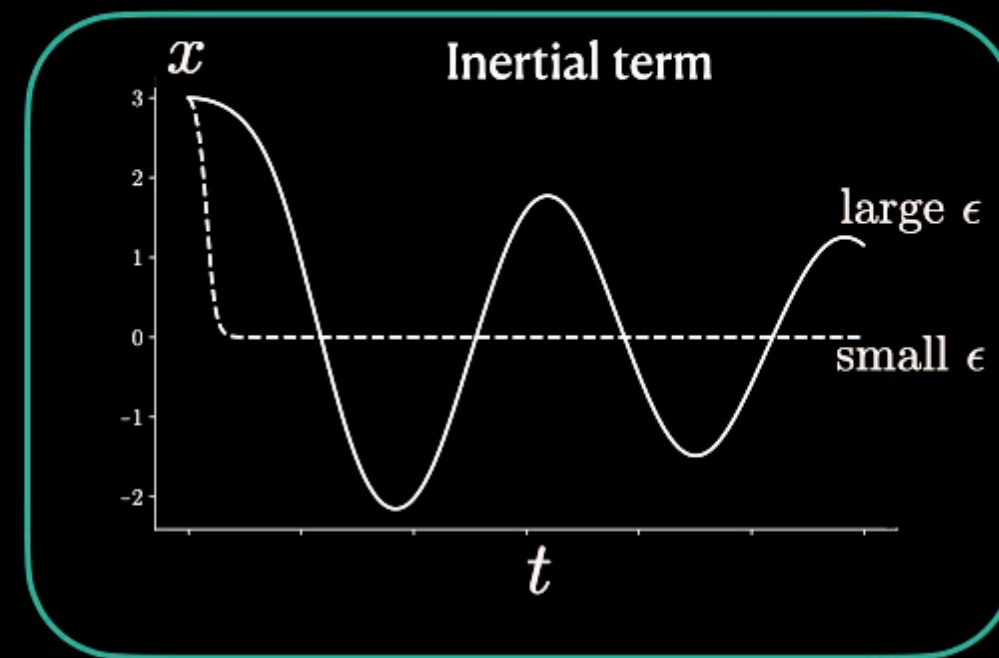
Equation with optimal dimensionless groups

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \ddot{x} = -\pi_1 \frac{1}{T} \dot{x} - \pi_1 (x + 0.16x^3) + \pi_2 (x - 0.64x^3)$$

$\frac{1}{\epsilon}$

$\frac{\gamma}{\epsilon}$

Physical Interpretation



$$\epsilon \ddot{x} = -\dot{x} - \sin(x) + \gamma \sin(x) \cos(x)$$

Discovered groups

$$\pi_1 = \frac{b^2}{Rgm^2} = \frac{1}{\epsilon}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{\omega^2 g^2}{m^2 g^2} = \frac{\gamma}{\epsilon}$$

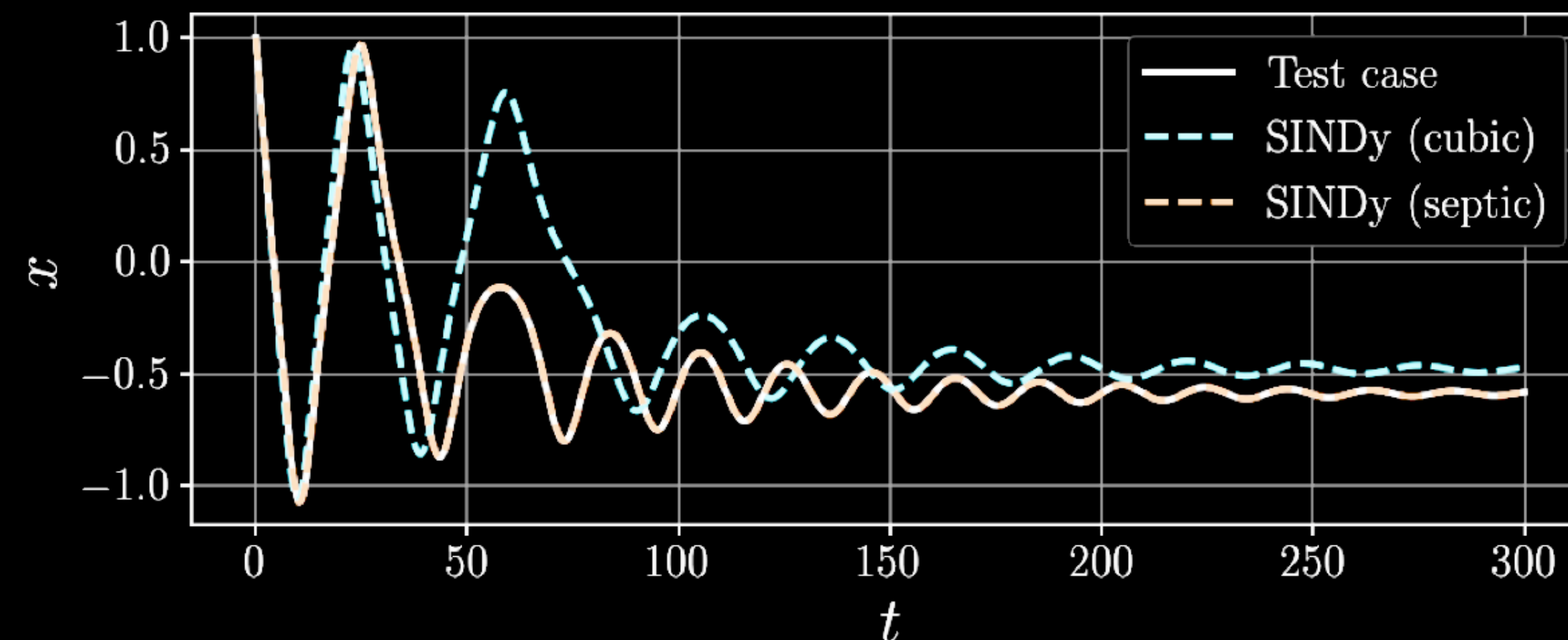
Cubic polynomial library

$$\frac{d^2 x}{d\tau^2} = -0.96\pi_1 \frac{dx}{d\tau} - 0.94\pi_1 x + \pi_2(0.86x - 0.34x^3)$$

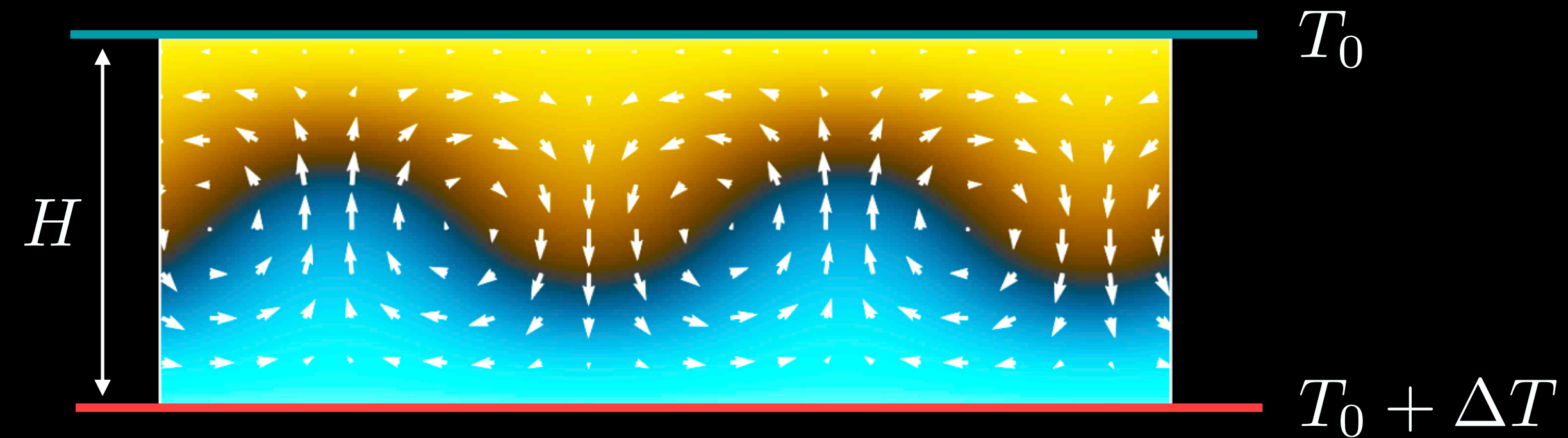
Septic polynomial library

$$\frac{d^2 x}{d\tau^2} = -0.96\pi_1 \frac{dx}{d\tau} - 0.94\pi_1(x - 0.16x^3 + 0.01x^5) + \pi_2(x - 0.66x^3 + 0.13x^5 - 0.01x^7)$$

Out-of sample test case



Rayleigh-Benard Problem



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\rho_0^{-1} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - g\alpha(T - T_0)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T = \kappa \nabla^2 T,$$

$$T(x, z, t) = \sum_k \hat{T}_k(z, t) e^{ikx}$$

Inputs

$$(H, g, \alpha, \Delta T, \nu, \kappa)$$

gravity

coef. of thermal
expansion

kinematic
viscosity

Thermal
diffusivity

Output

$$q(t) = \left| \int_0^{L_z} -ik \hat{T}_2(z, t) dz \right|$$

Discovered groups

$$\tau = \frac{t\kappa^2}{\alpha^2\nu(\Delta T)^2}$$

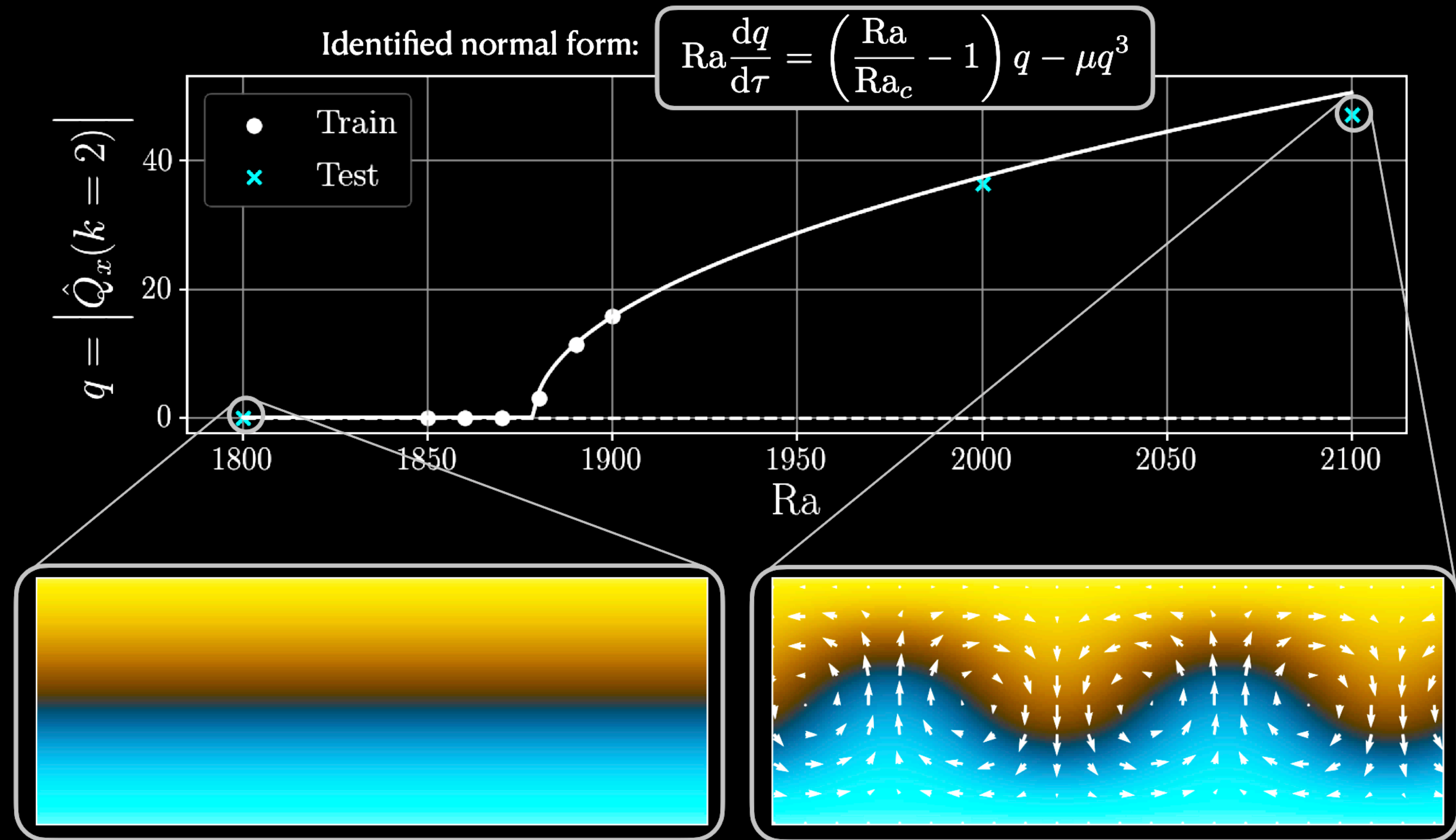
$$\pi_p = \text{Ra}^{-1} = \frac{\nu\kappa}{g\alpha\Delta TL_z^3}$$

Critical Rayleigh number

$$\text{Ra}_c \approx 1878$$

Landau parameter

$$\mu \approx 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$$



Conclusions

- Proposed a hypothesis for discovering **dimensionless groups from parametric data** through an optimal fit
- Used the algebraic form of the Buckingham Pi theorem as **soft and hard constraints**
- Generalized the SINDy method to discover **dimensionless parametric differential equations**

Future work

- Use these methods on **real-world data** where the underlying dimensionless groups are not known
- **Improve the robustness** of the method for small and noisy data
- **Improve efficiency** of hyper-parameter optimization, particularly in the dimensionless SINDy method



Contributions

- **Dimensionally Consistent Learning with Buckingham Pi**
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arXiv preprint arXiv:2202.04643. - Under review in *Nat. Comp. Sci.*
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- **Discovering Governing Equations from Partial Measurements with Deep Delay Autoencoders**
Bakarji, J., Champion, K., Kutz, J. N., & Brunton, S. L. (2022)
arXiv preprint arXiv:2201.05136.

Code available at

github.com/josephbakarji/bucki-data

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Questions 

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$$\Omega(F) = [1, 1, -2]^\top$$

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \phi(\pi_1) & \phi(\pi_2) & \dots & \phi(\pi_{d'}) \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d'},$$

$$\phi(\pi_j) = [\Phi_{1j}, \Phi_{2j}, \dots, \Phi_{dj}]^T$$

$$D\phi(\pi_i) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$$

Dimensional Matrix

$$\mathbf{D}_p = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega(g) & \Omega(m) & \Omega(L) & \Omega(t) \\ \Omega(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{D}_q = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Dimensionless powers

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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