

Lecture #5: Deep Learning and Inverse Problems in Geoscience

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Advanced course on Deep Learning and
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Mathematical formulation for inverse
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Inverse problems & Deep learning

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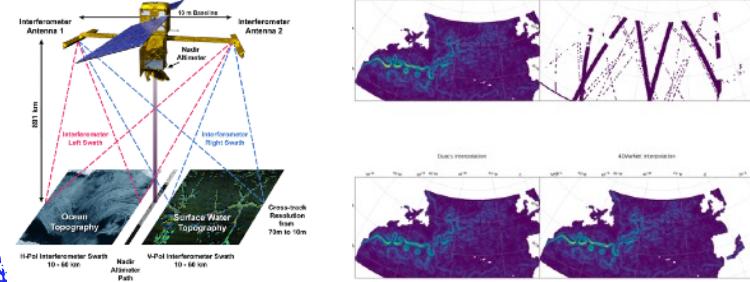
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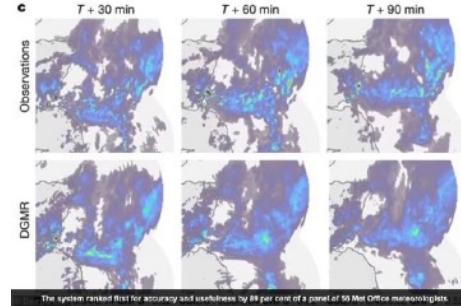
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Inverse Problems in Geoscience: some examples

Interpolation

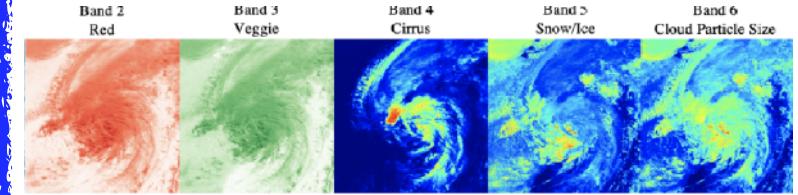


Obs.-driven Forecasting



Deepmind

Multimodal fusion

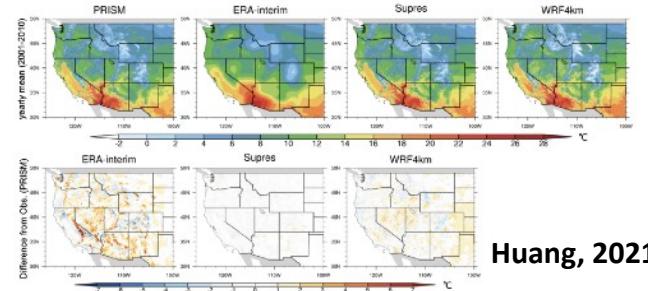


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Deconvolution



Downscaling

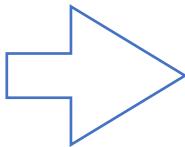
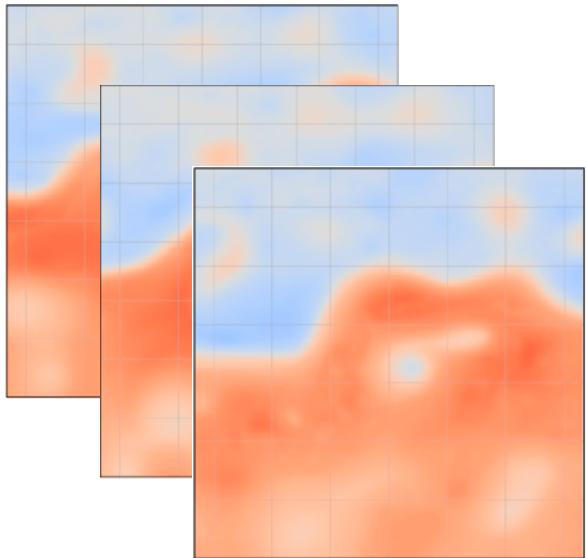


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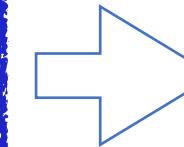
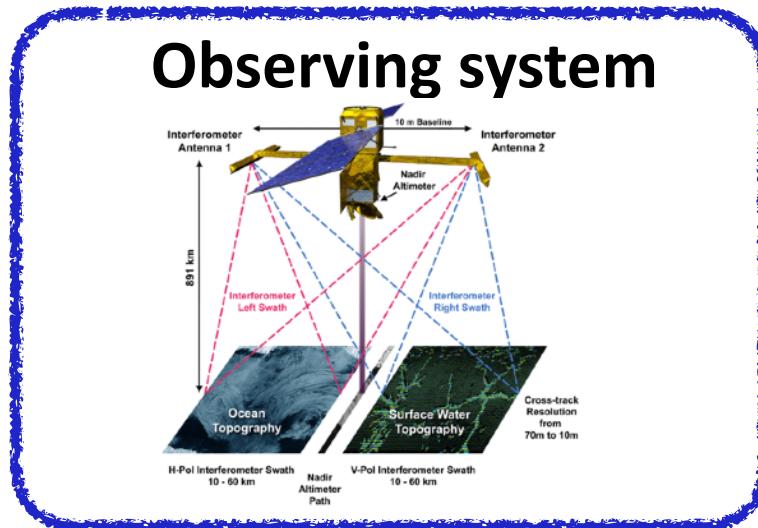


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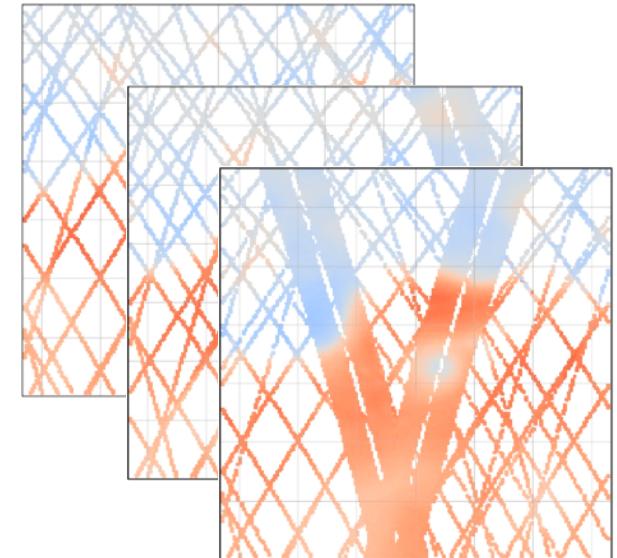
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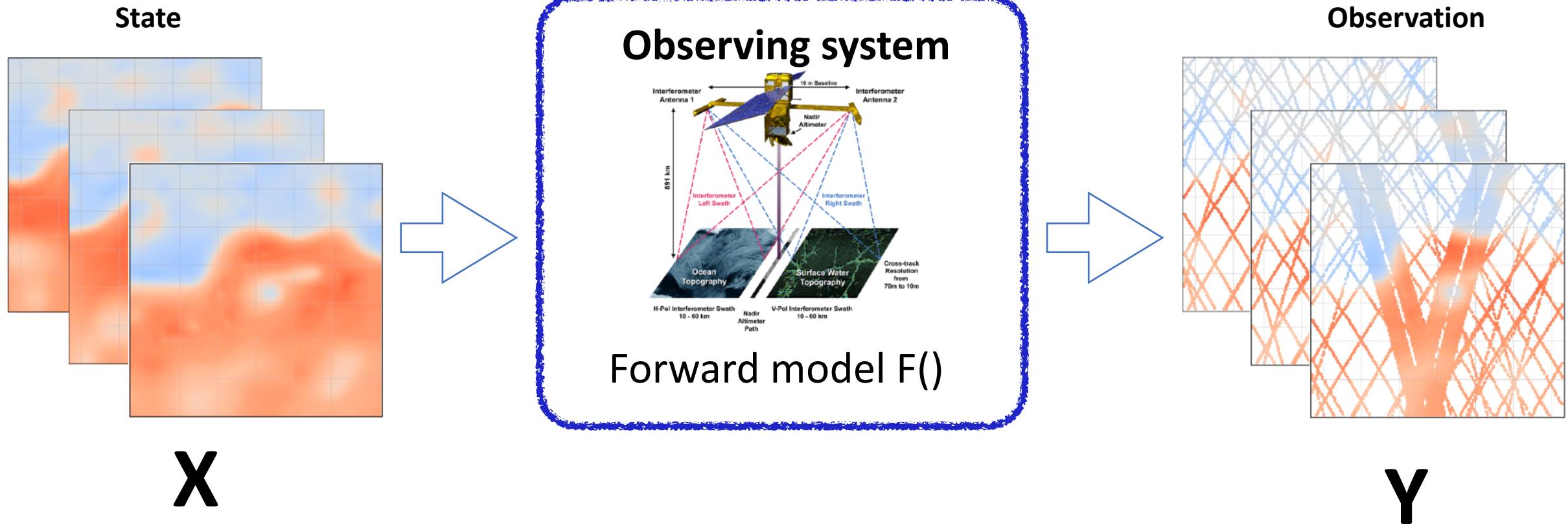
Observing system



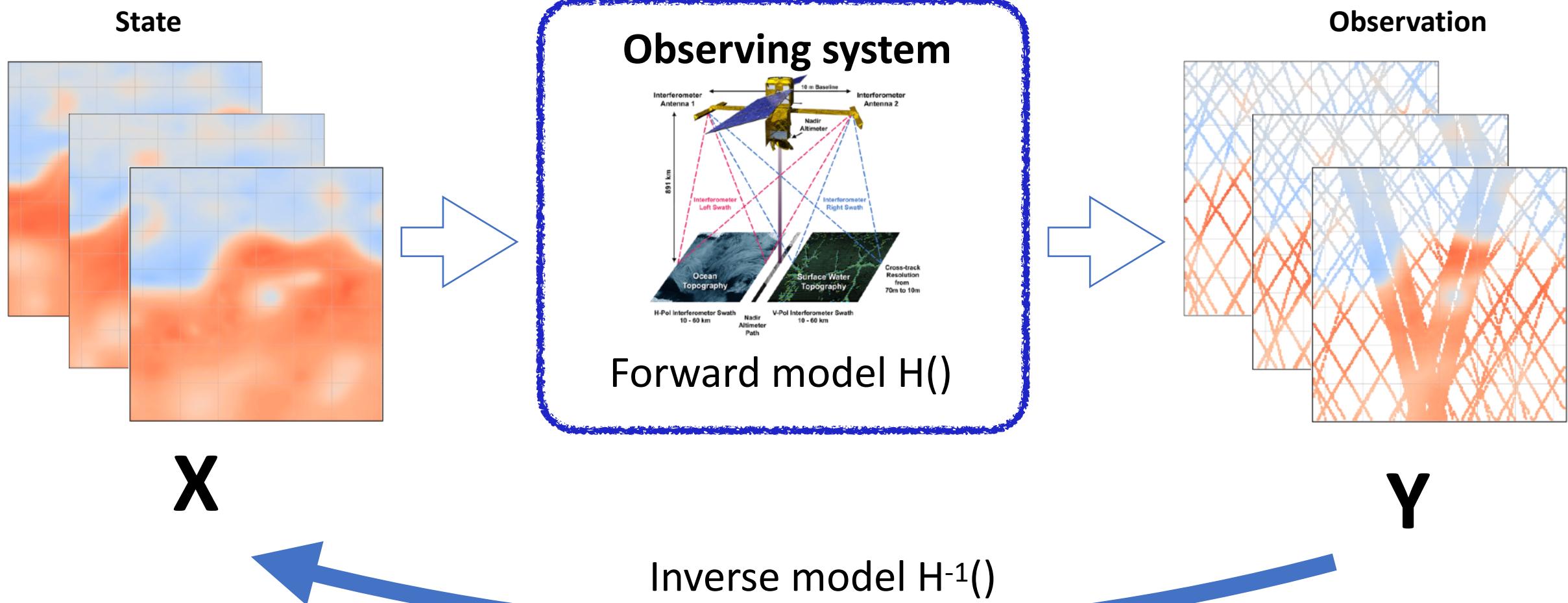
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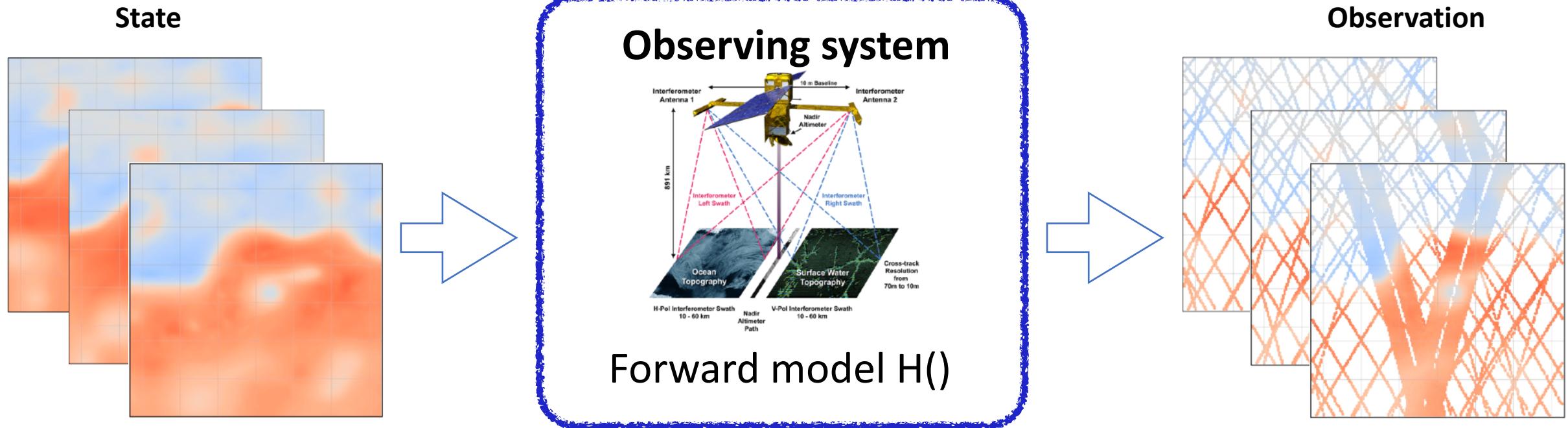
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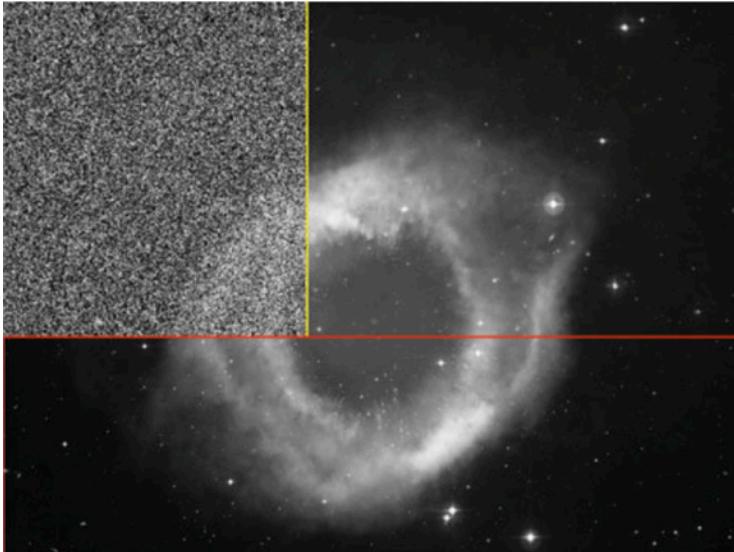


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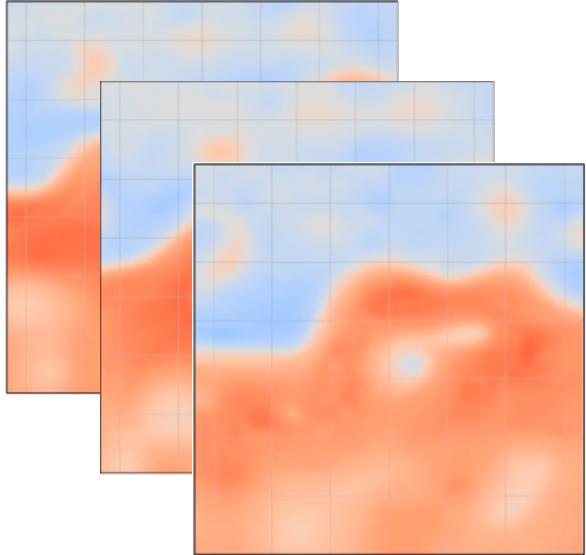


Downscaling problem

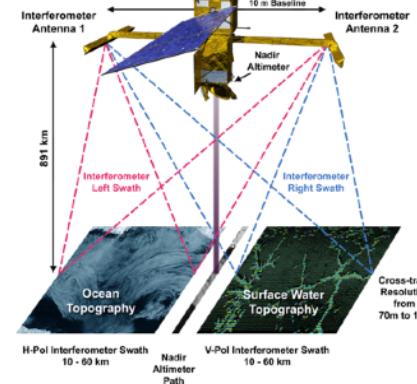


Inverse Problems and ill-posedness

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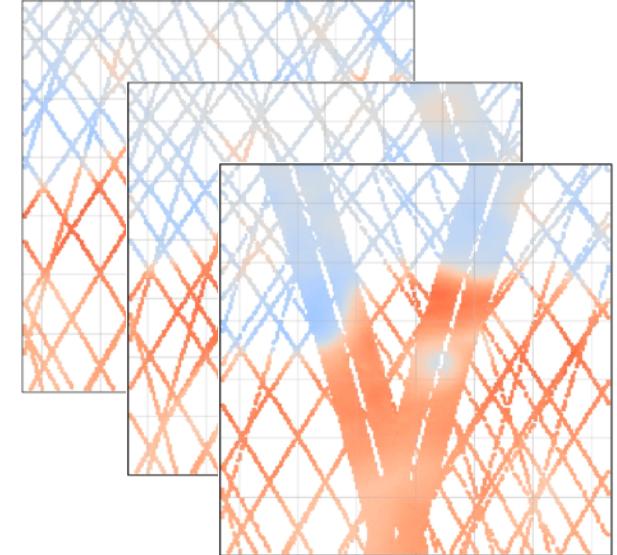


Observing system



Forward model $H()$

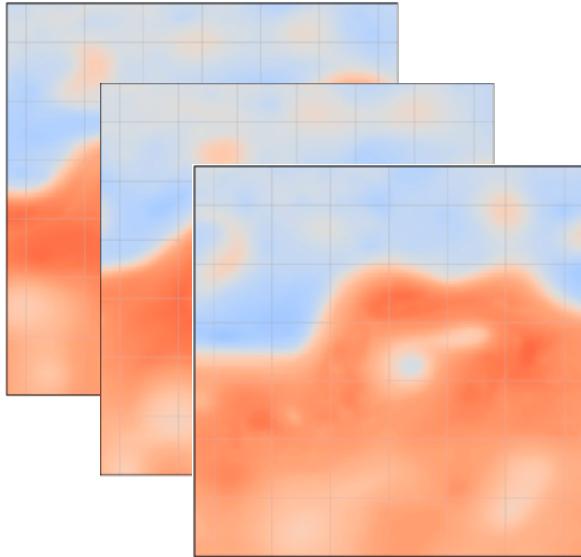
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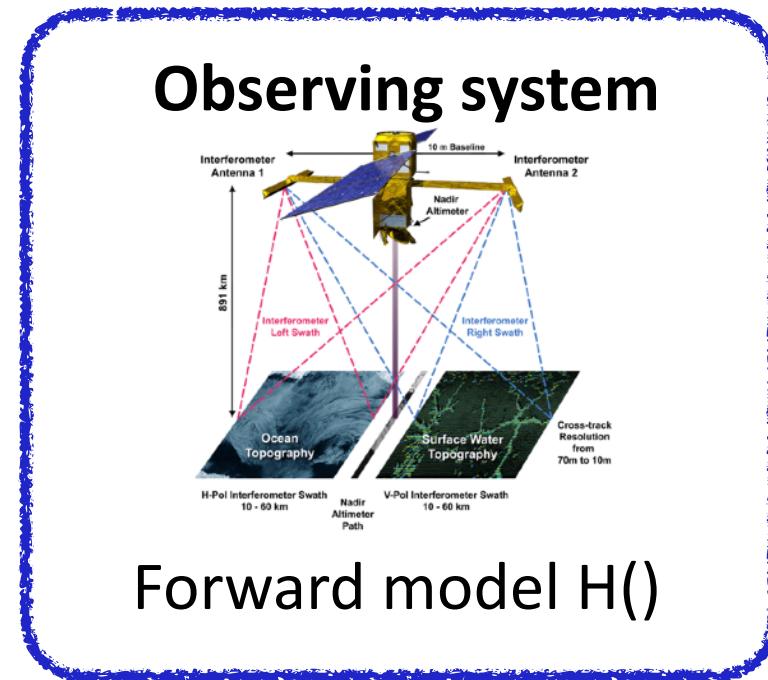
Why is space-time interpolation an ill-posed problem ?

Inverse Problems and ill-posedness

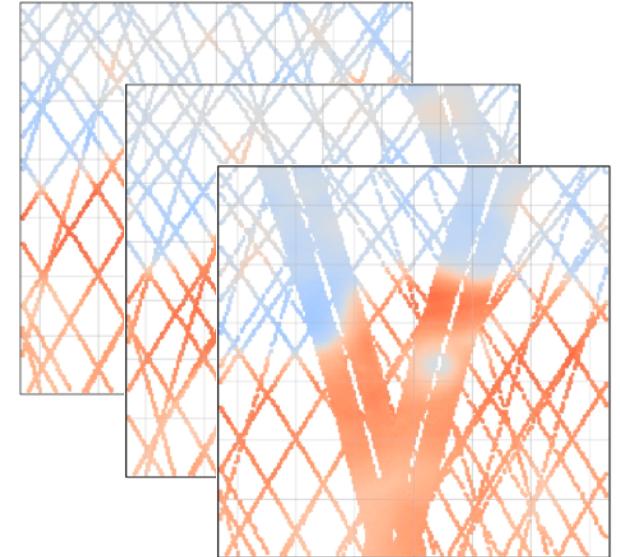
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Observation



X

Y

Inverse model $H^{-1}()$

We need some additional information (prior) to make
the problem invertible

Inverse Problems in Geoscience

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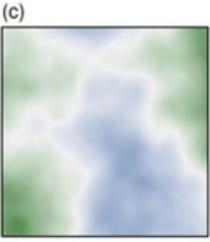
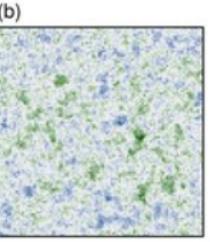
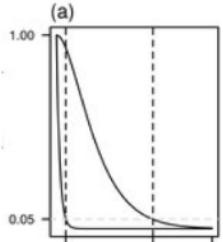
Applications to geophysical dynamics

Which priors to solve inverse problems?

Probabilistic prior

$$X \sim P_X$$

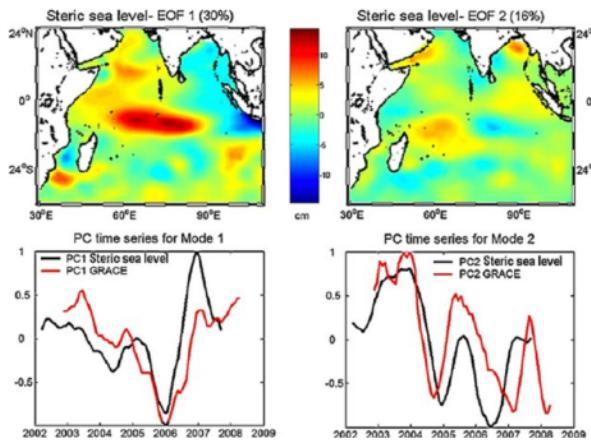
Gaussian process



Dictionary-based prior

$$X = \sum_k \alpha_k D_k$$

$$X = D.\alpha$$



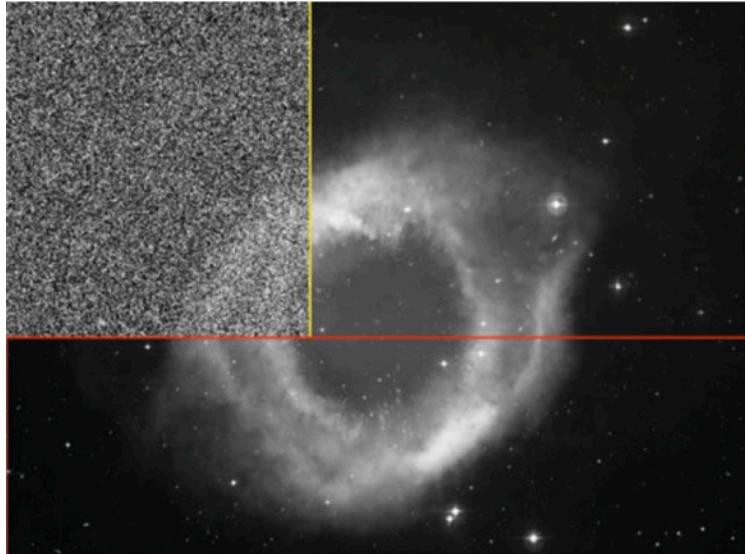
Norm-based prior

$$\|\nabla X\|_2^2$$

$$\|\nabla X\|$$

Inverse problems stated as minimisation problems

Denoising problem



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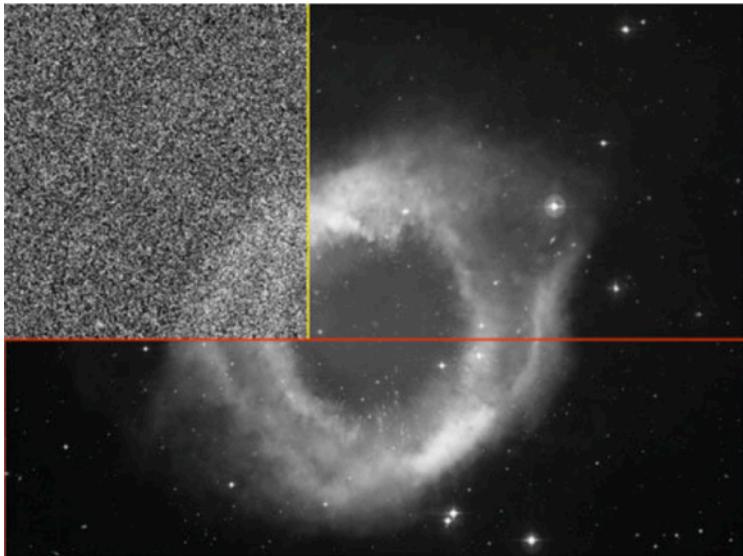
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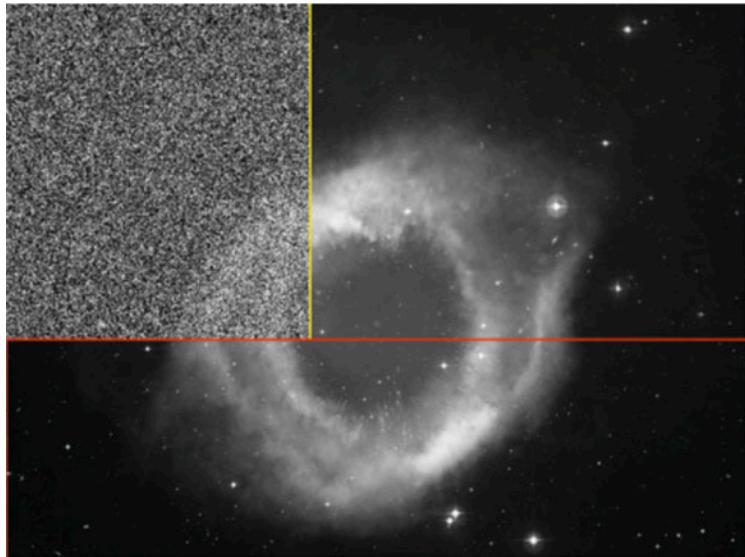
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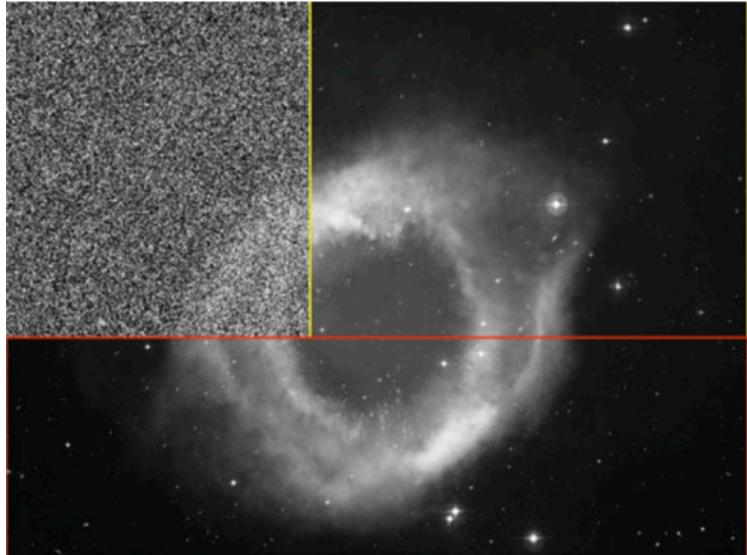
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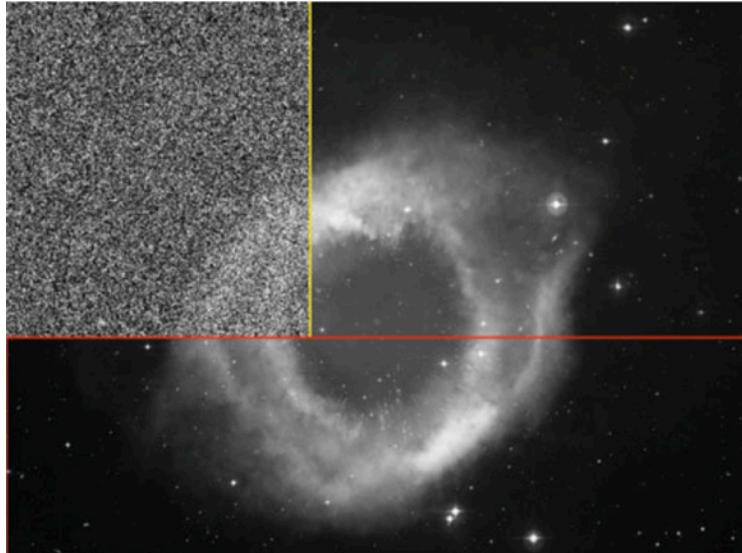
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Generic formulation

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Inverse problems stated as minimisation problems

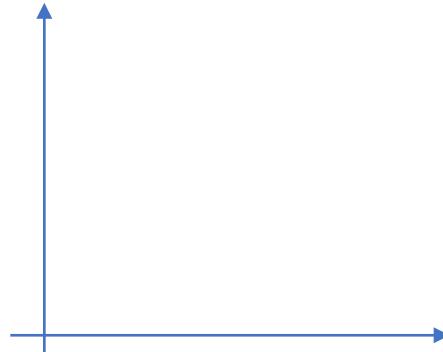
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Minimisation problem

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How to solve the minimisation ?

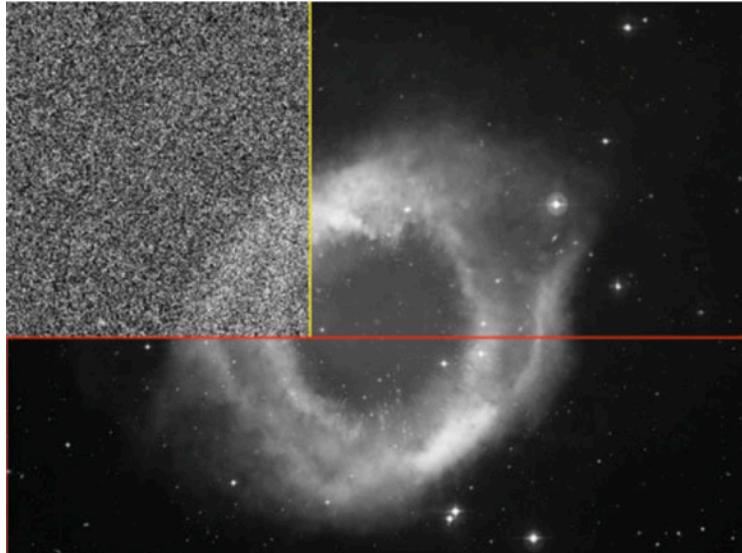


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No need to derive analytically the gradient of the variational cost ?

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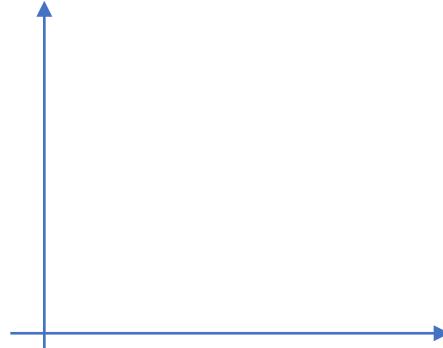
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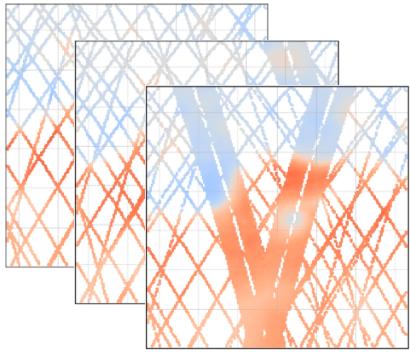
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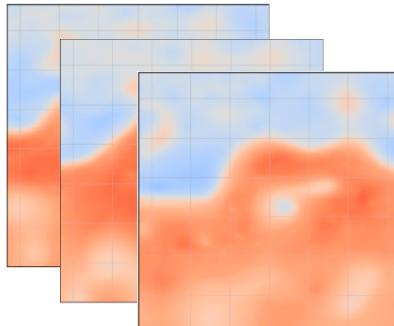
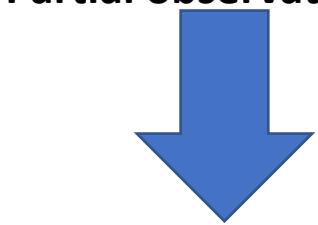
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(Variational) Data Assimilation: (Weak-Constraint) 4DVar DA



Partial observations y



True states x

State-space formulation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} = \mathcal{M}(x(t)) + \eta(t) \\ y(t, p) = x(t, p) \quad \forall t, \forall p \in \Omega_t \end{cases}$$

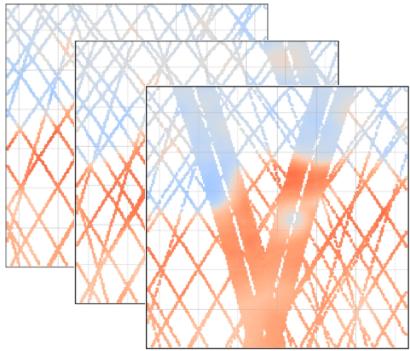
Associated variational formulation:

$$\arg \min_x \lambda_1 \sum_i \|x(t_i) - y(t_i)\|_{\Omega_{t_i}}^2 + \lambda_2 \sum \|x(t_i) - \Phi(x)(t_i)\|^2$$

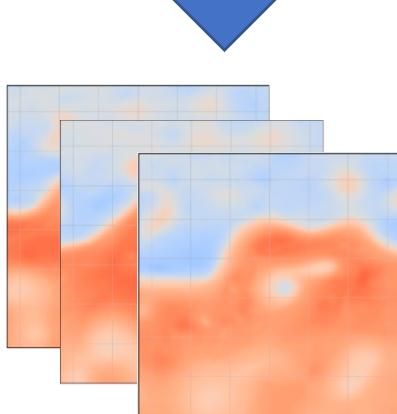
with $\Phi(x)(t) = x(t - \Delta) + \int_{t-\Delta}^t \mathcal{M}(x(u)) du$

$$\boxed{\arg \min_x \lambda_1 \|x - y\|_{\Omega}^2 + \lambda_2 \|x - \Phi(x)\|^2}$$

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If the dynamical model is known, which implementation using a differentiable framework ?

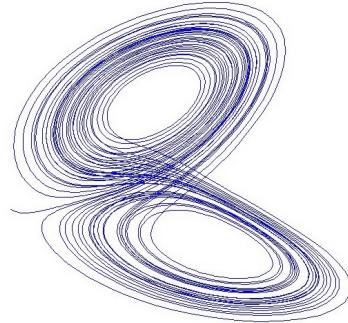
How to implement flow operator Φ ?

(Variational) Data Assimilation: (Weak-Constraint) 4DVar DA

Numerical integration scheme as residual neural networks (eg, Fablet et al., 2018)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx(t)}{dt} &= \sigma (y(t) - x(t)) \\ \frac{dy(t)}{dt} &= x(t) (\rho - z(t)) - y(t) \\ \frac{dz(t)}{dt} &= x(t) y(t) - \beta z(t)\end{aligned}$$

Lorenz-63 equations



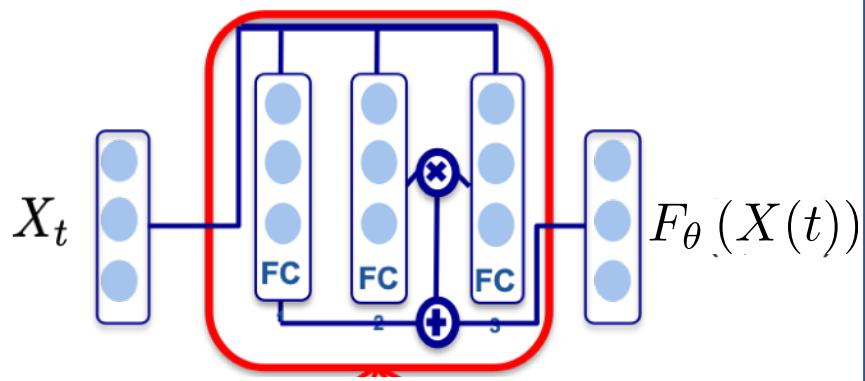
Associated Euler integration scheme

$$d_t X(t) = F_\theta (X(t))$$

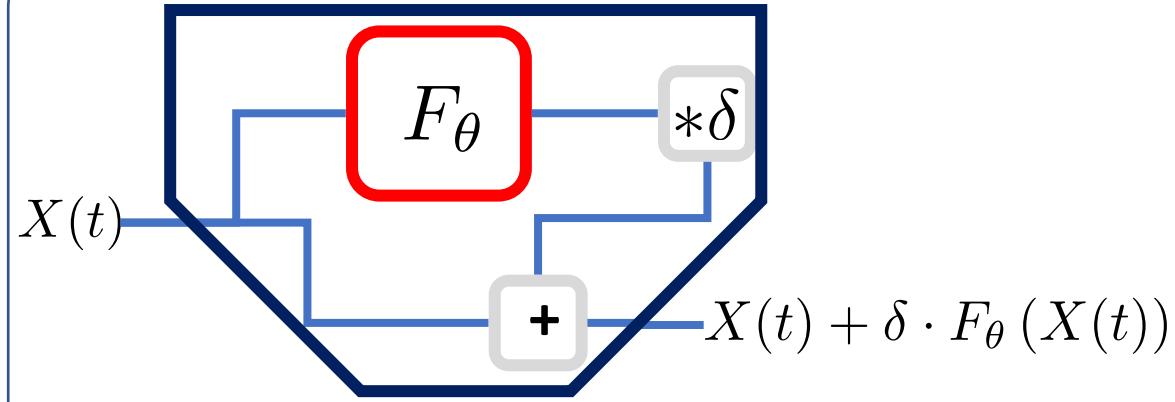


$$X(t + \delta) = X(t) + \delta \cdot F_\theta (X(t))$$

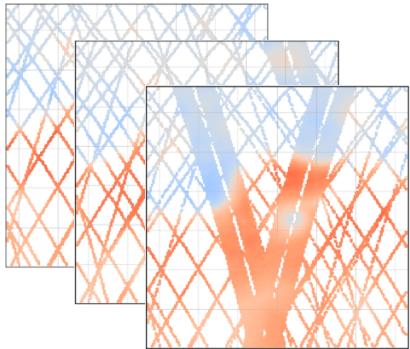
NN architecture for differential operator



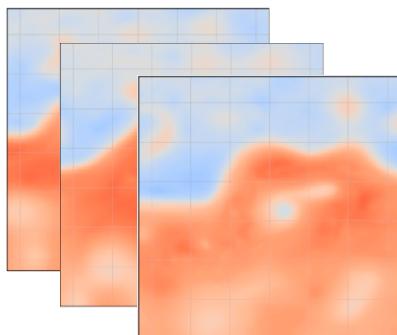
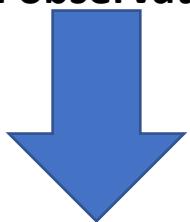
NN architecture for integration scheme



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Let's try to implement this minimisation with Pytorch.

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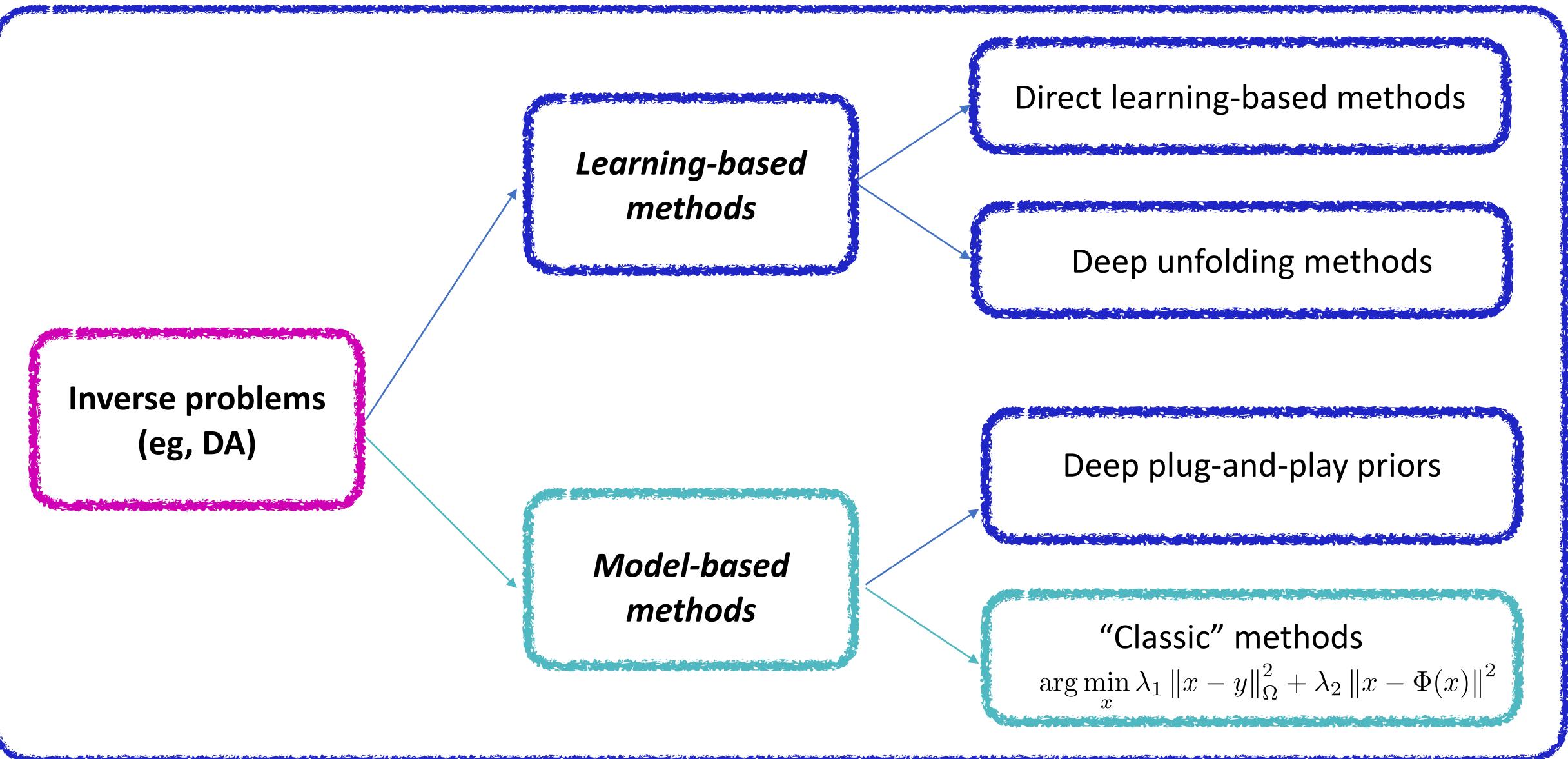
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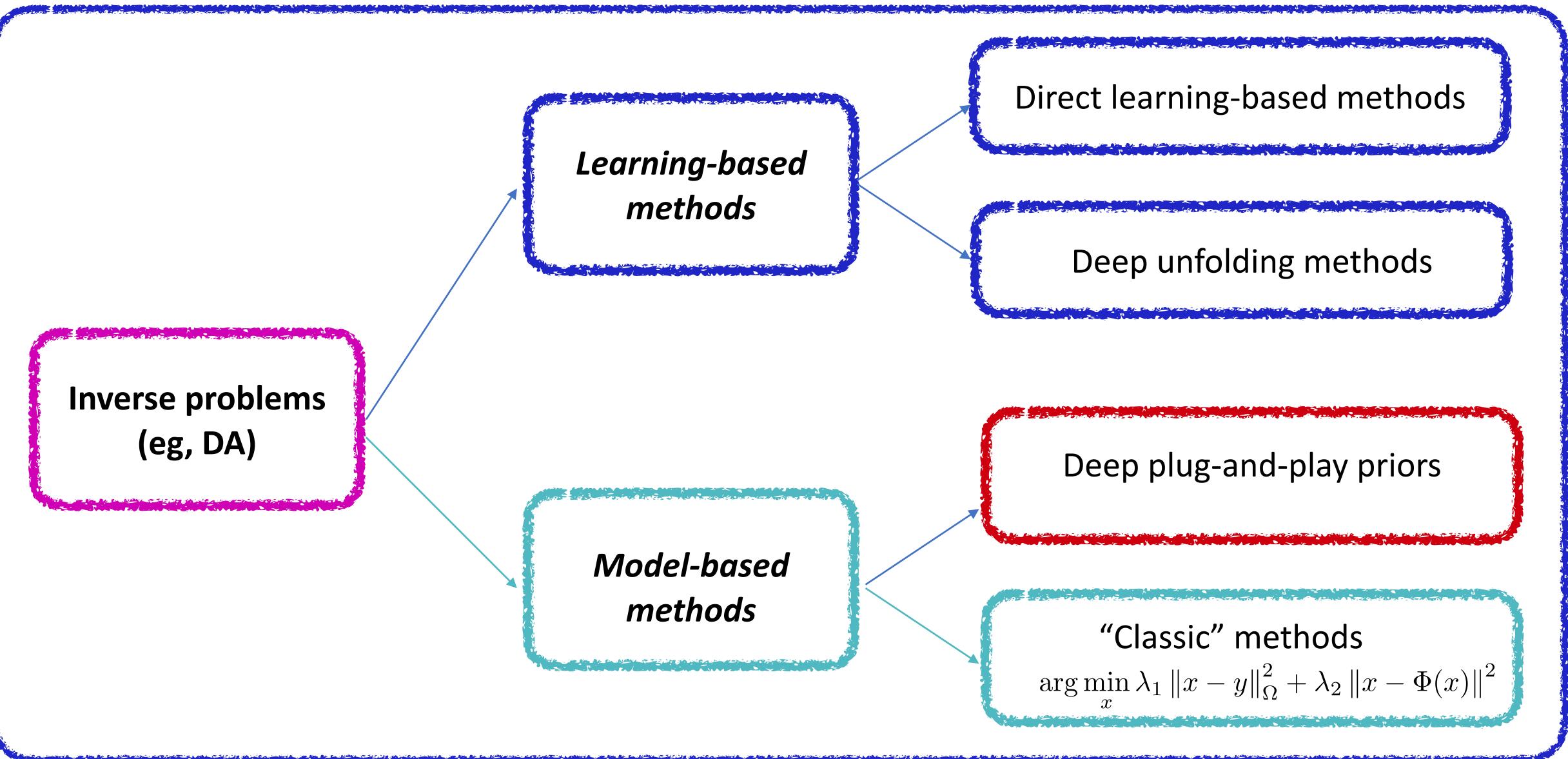
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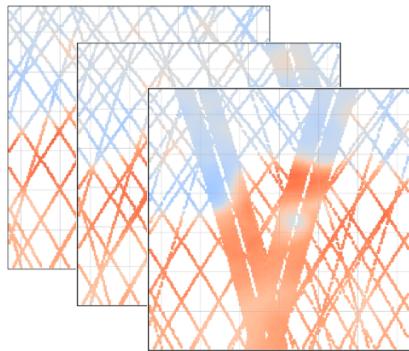
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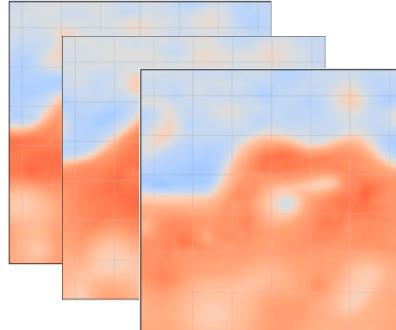
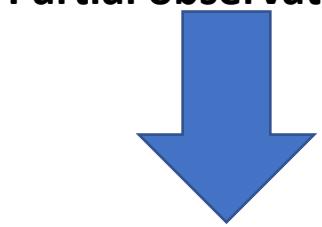
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Inverse problems using Deep plug-and-play priors



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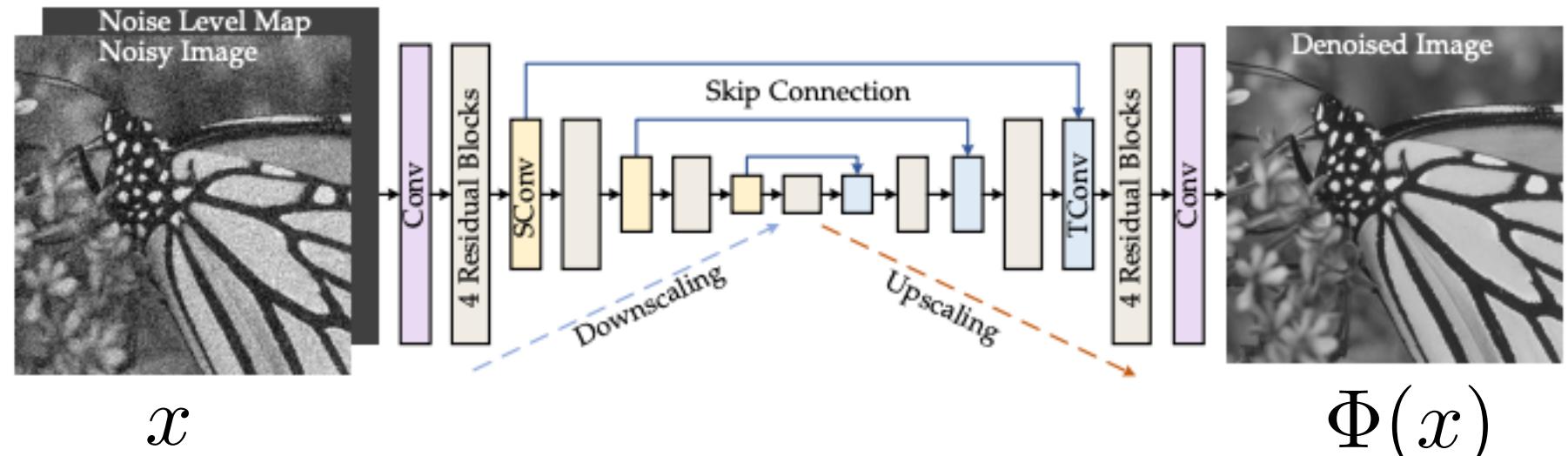


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Model-based formulation

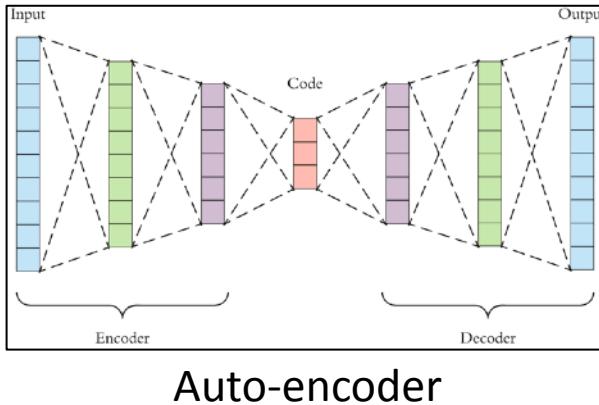
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Trainable plug-and-play prior

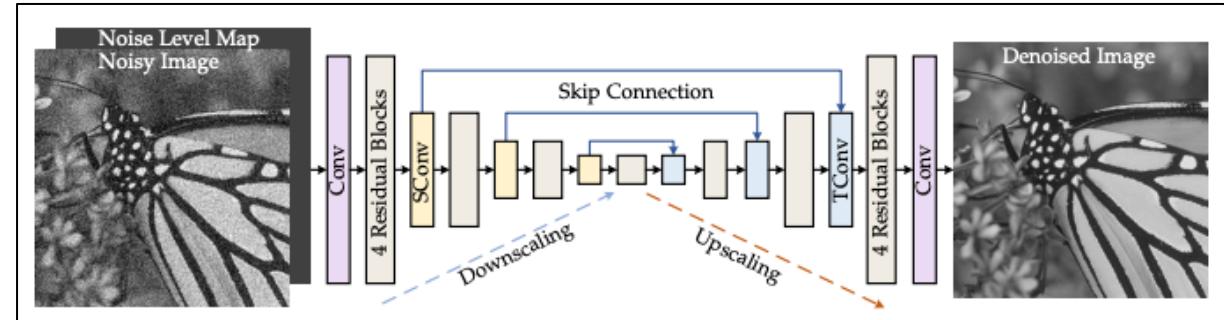


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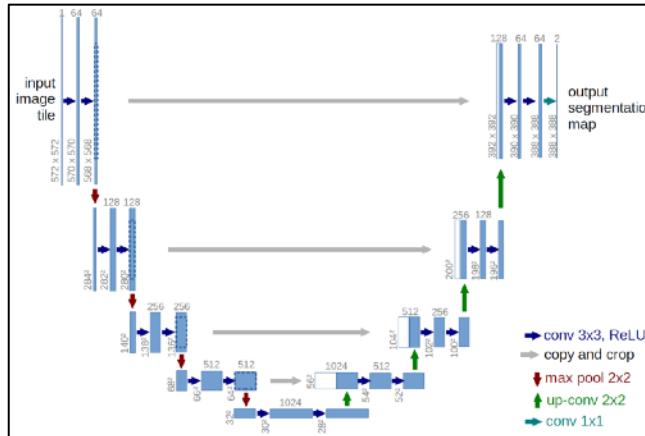
Examples of plug-and-play priors (denoiser architecture)



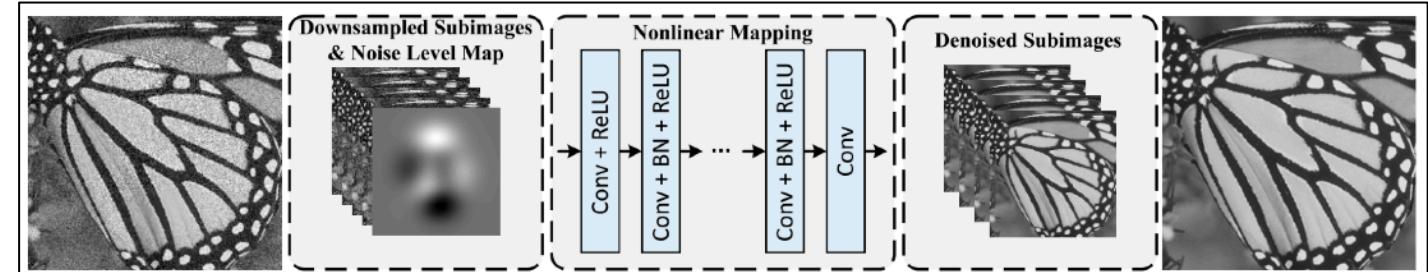
Auto-encoder



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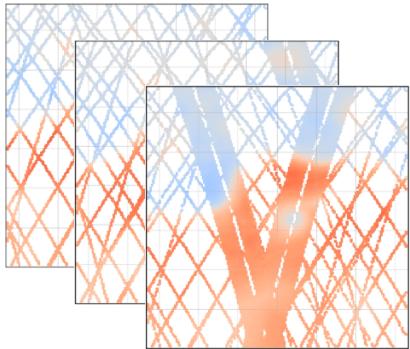


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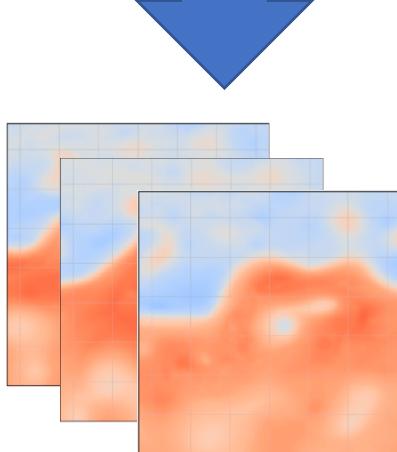


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Trainable plug-and-play prior

Use of trainable priors but no actual learning specifically designed for the targeted inverse problem

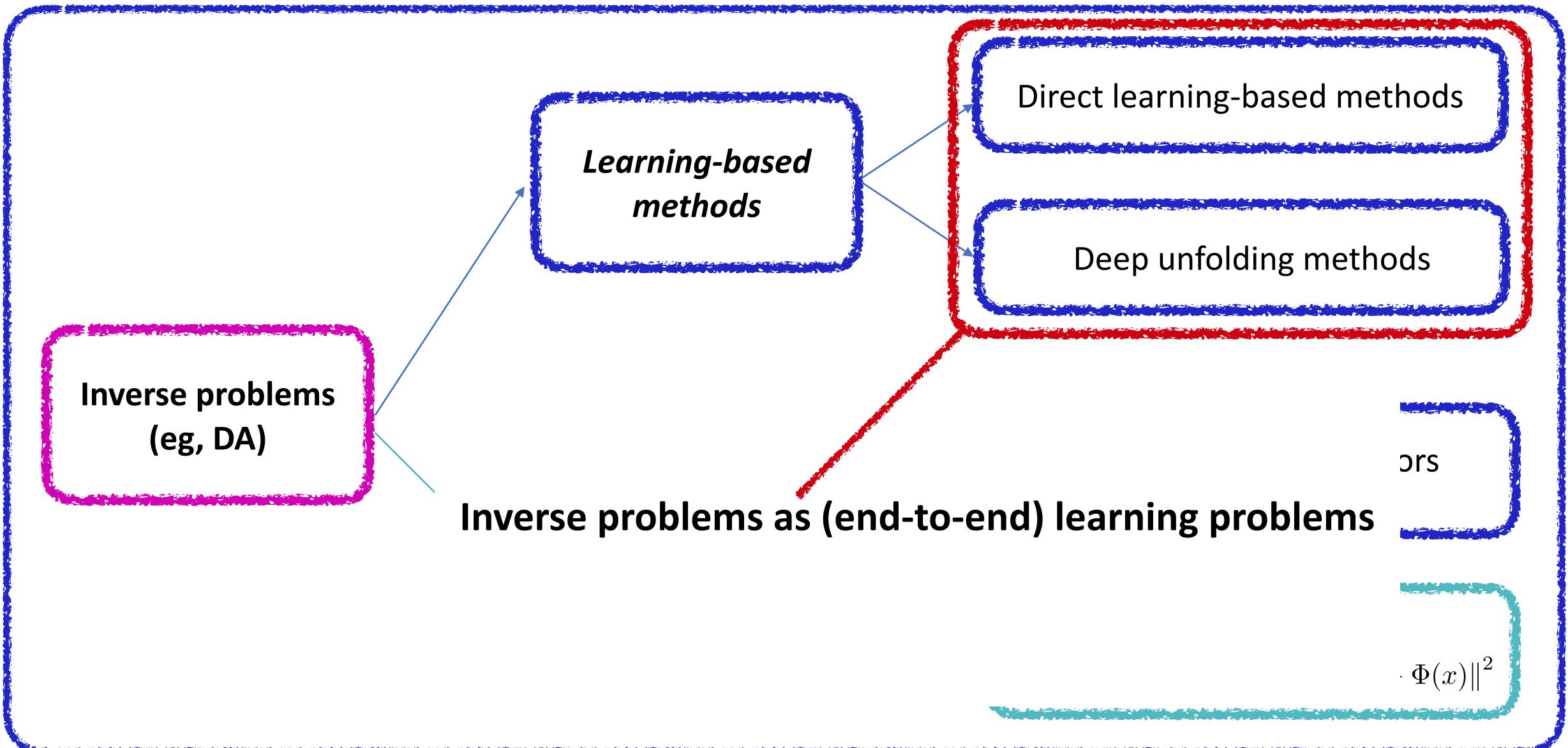
Let's go and test it using a PCA-based prior

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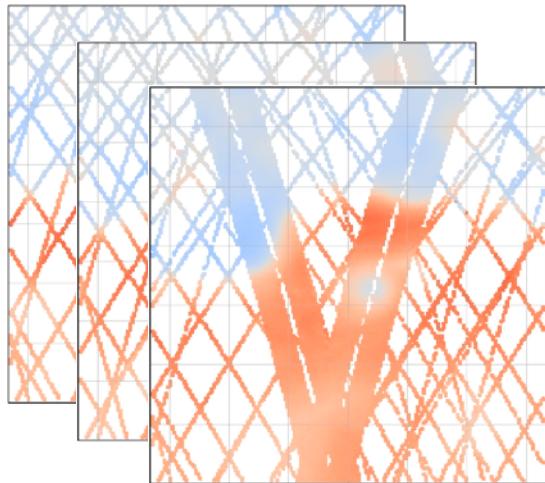
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- *Possible extension to pre-trained plug-and-play priors*

Model-driven vs. Learning-based approaches

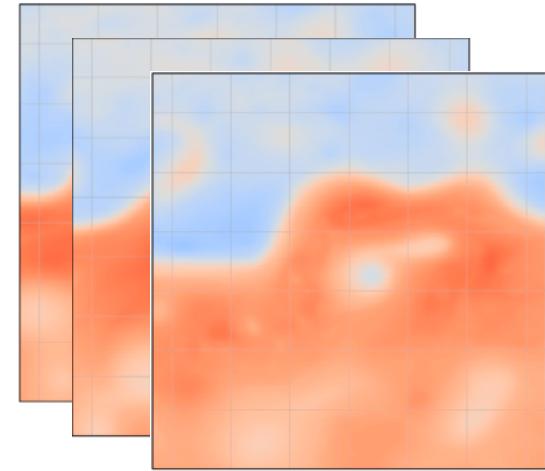
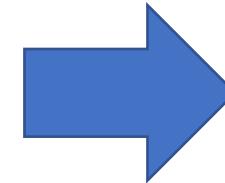
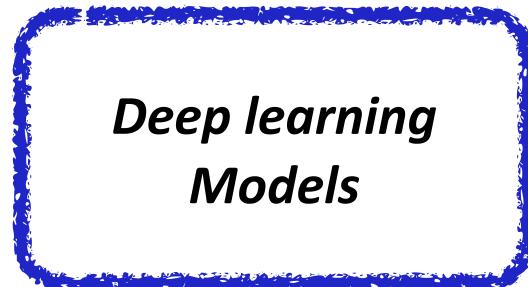
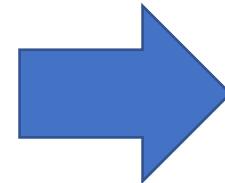


End-to-end learning for inverse problems

End-to-end architecture



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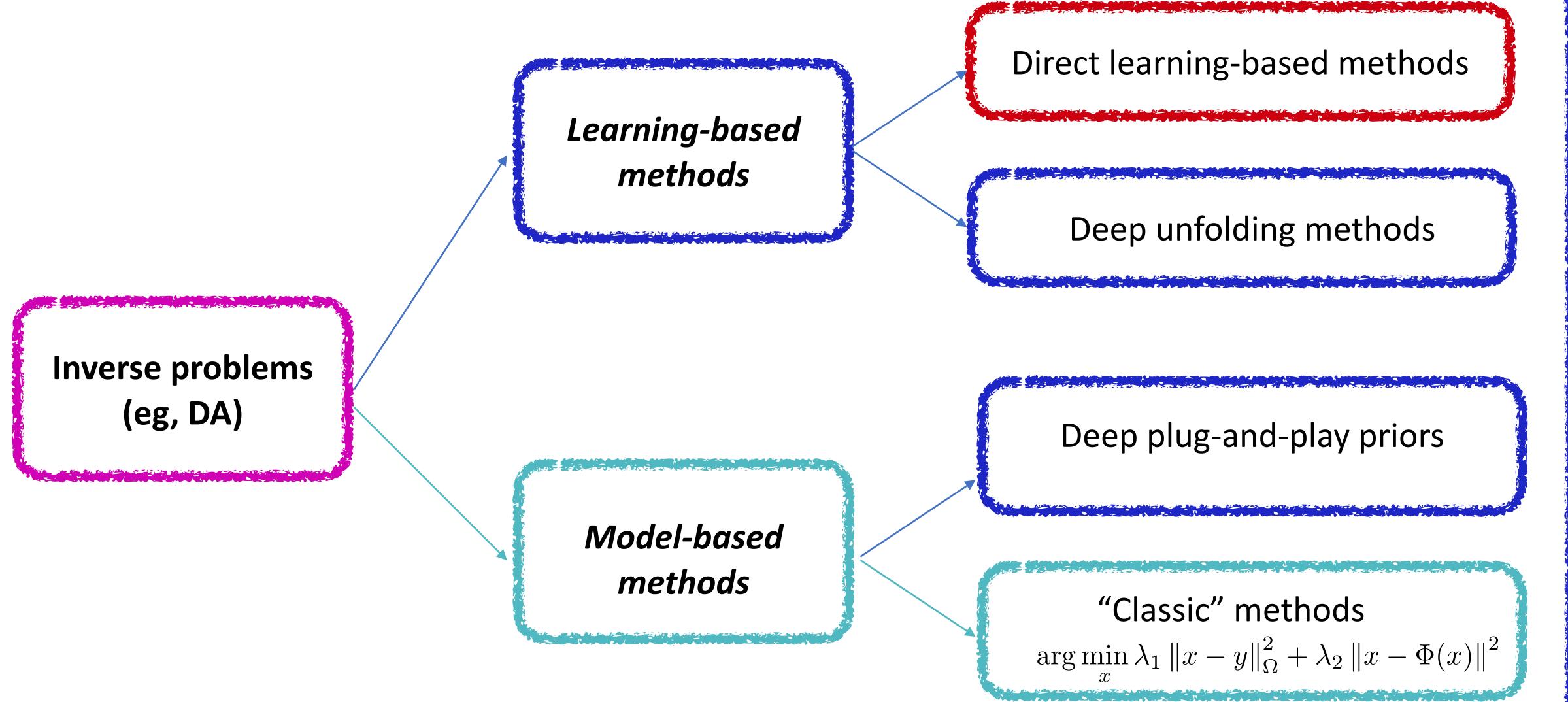


True states x

Which training loss ?

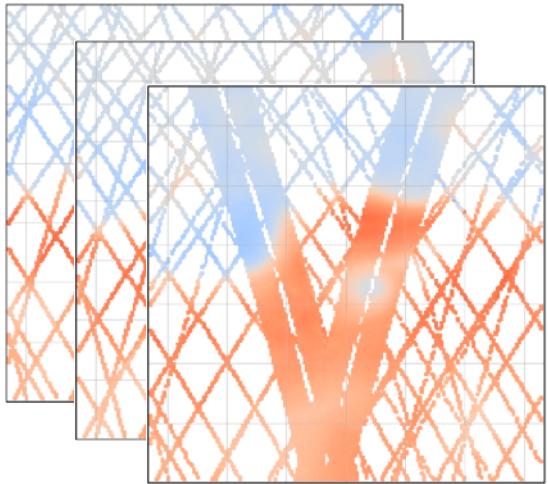
Which models / architectures ?

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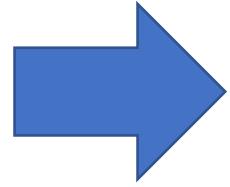


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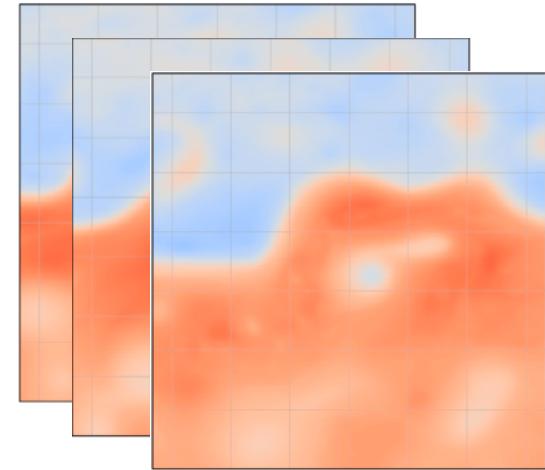
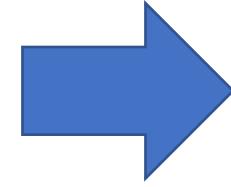
End-to-end architecture



Partial observations y

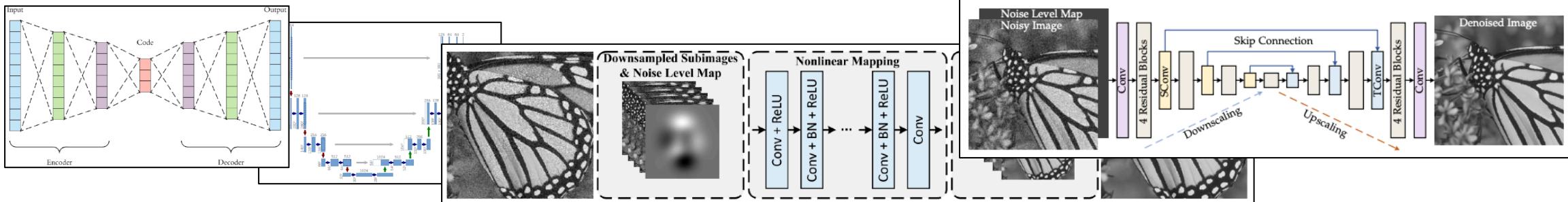


*Deep learning
Models*



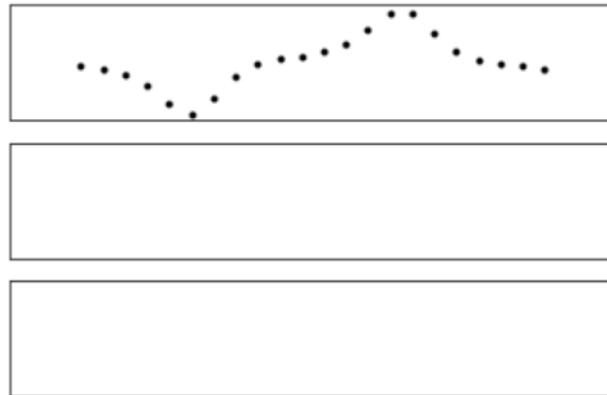
True states x

Which architectures? State-of-the-art CNN architectures?

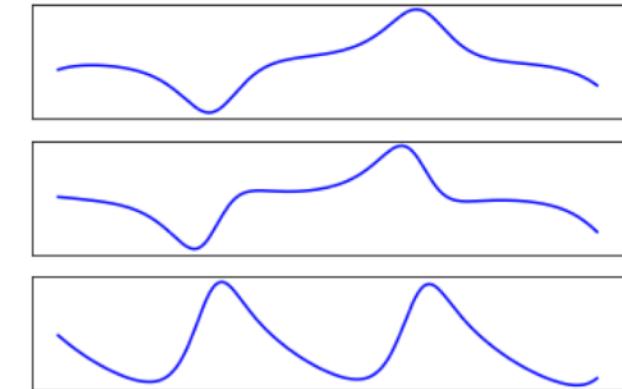
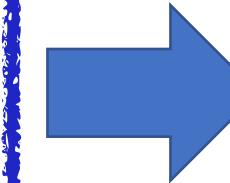
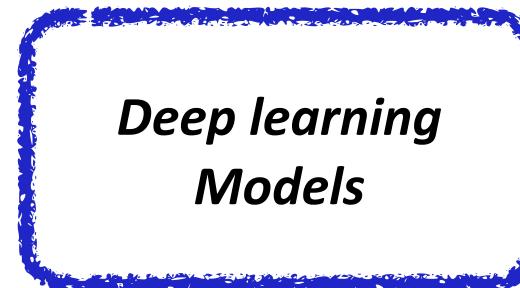
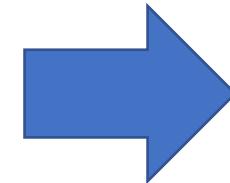


End-to-end learning for inverse problems

An illustration for Lorenz-63 dynamics



Partial observations y

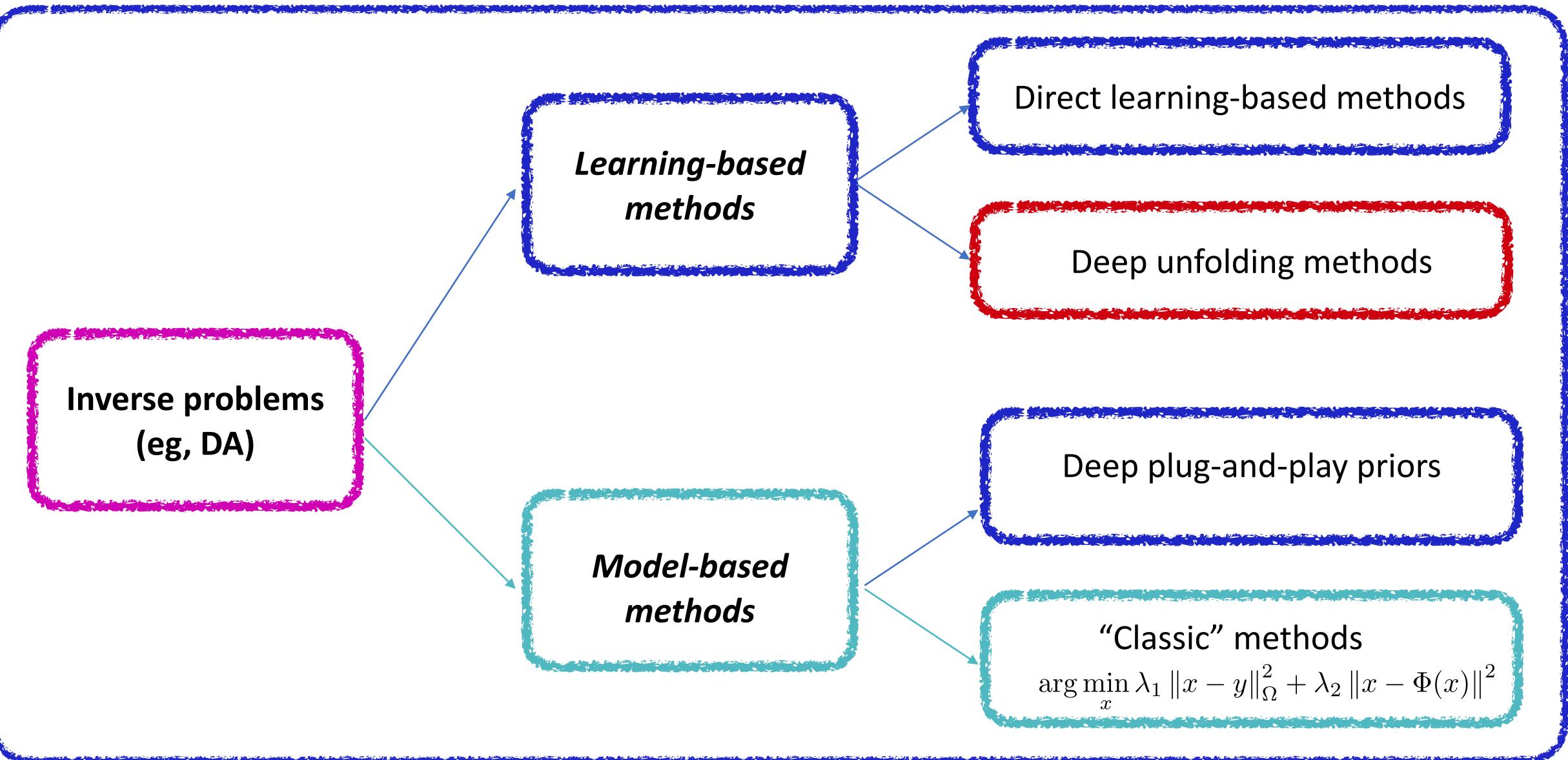


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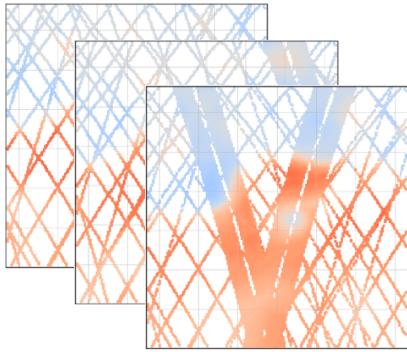
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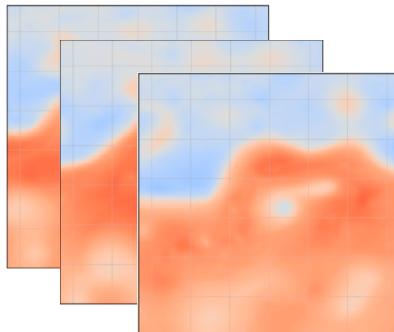
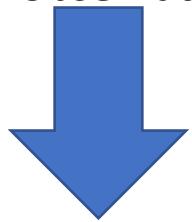
Model-driven vs. Learning-based approaches



Inverse problems using Deep unfolding schemes



Partial observations y



True states x

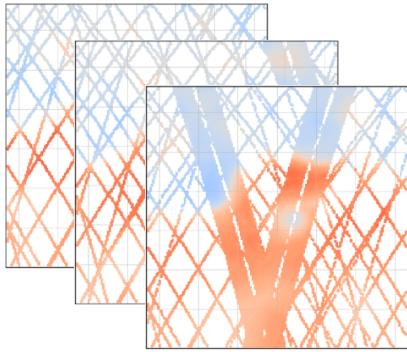
Basic idea:

- Many schemes involve iterative algorithms
- One may unfold an iterative procedure to define a deep learning architecture

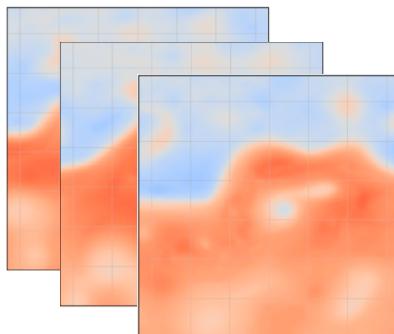
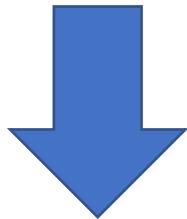
Examples

- Unfolding of reaction-diffusion schemes (e.g., Chen et al., 2015)
- Unfolding of ADMM schemes (e.g., Yang et al., 2016)
- Unfolding of fixed-point algorithms (e.g., Fablet et al., 2020)

Inverse problems using Deep unfolding schemes



Partial observations y



True states x

An example using fixed-point algorithms for interpolation problems

$$\arg \min_x \|x - \Phi(x)\|^2 \text{ subject to } y_\Omega = x_\Omega$$

Iterative step $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x}^{(k)} = \Phi(x^{(k)}) \\ x^{(k+1)}(\Omega) = y^{(k)}(\Omega) \\ x^{(k+1)}(\bar{\Omega}) = \tilde{x}^{(k)}(\bar{\Omega}) \end{array} \right.$

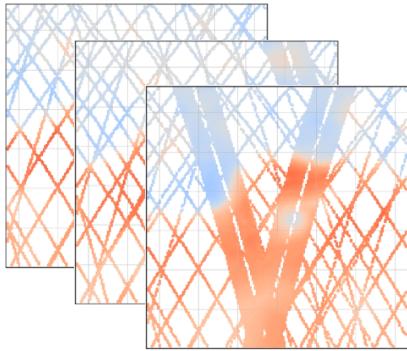
Projection using Φ

Keep observed data

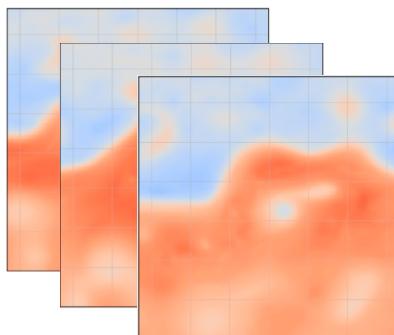
Update unobserved data

Associated Deep unfolding scheme

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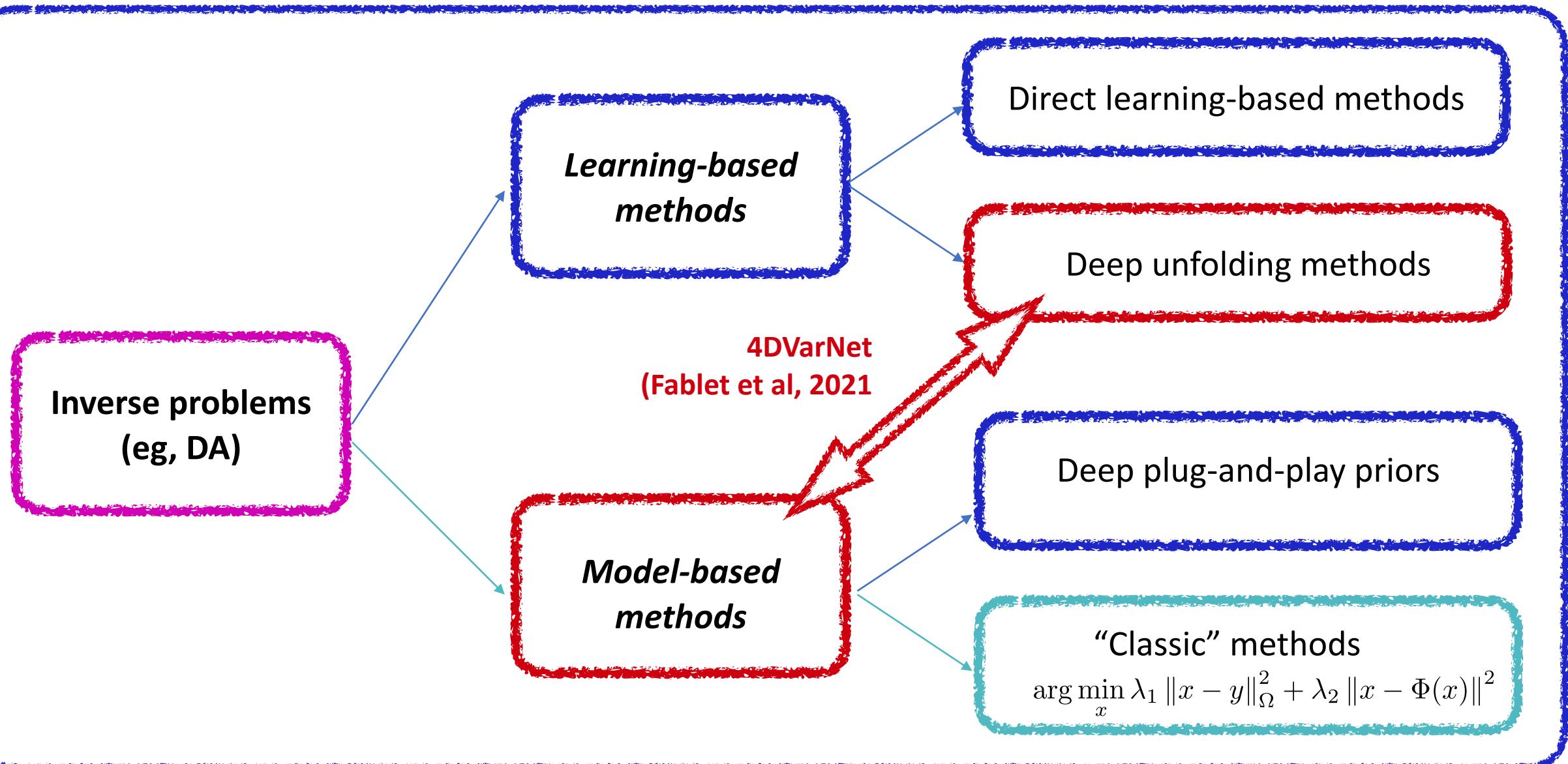
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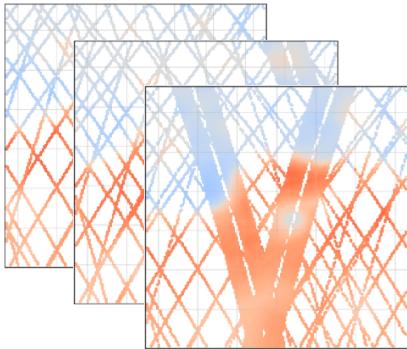
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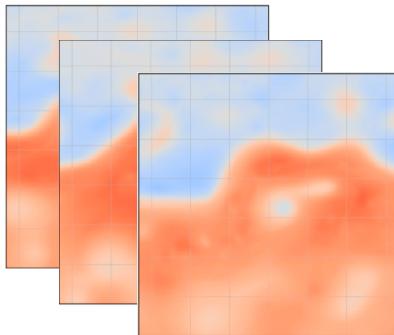
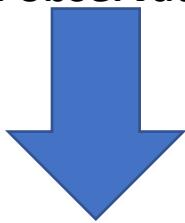
Model-driven vs. Learning-based approaches



Inverse problems: Unfolding 4DVar DA



Partial observations y



True states x

Gradient-based solver (adjoint/Euler-Lagrange method):

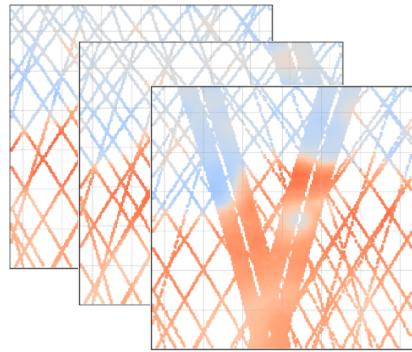
$$\arg \min_x \underbrace{\lambda_1 \|x - y\|_{\Omega}^2 + \lambda_2 \|x - \Phi(x)\|^2}_{U_{\Phi}(x, y, \Omega)}$$

Iterative update:

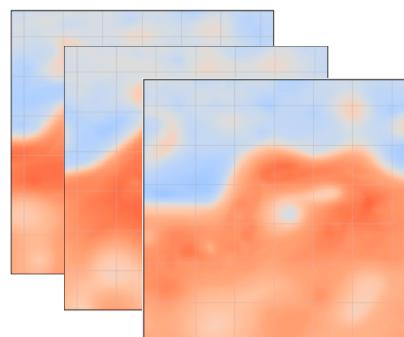
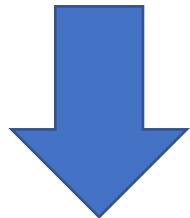
$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha \nabla_x U_{\Phi} \left(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega \right)$$

Associated residual architecture ?

4DVar Data Assimilation (DA) formulation



Partial observations y



True states x

Model-driven schemes:

$$\arg \min_x \lambda_1 \|x - y\|_{\Omega}^2 + \lambda_2 \|x - \Phi(x)\|^2$$

Gradient-based solver (adjoint/Euler-Lagrange method):

$$U_{\Phi}(x, y, \Omega)$$

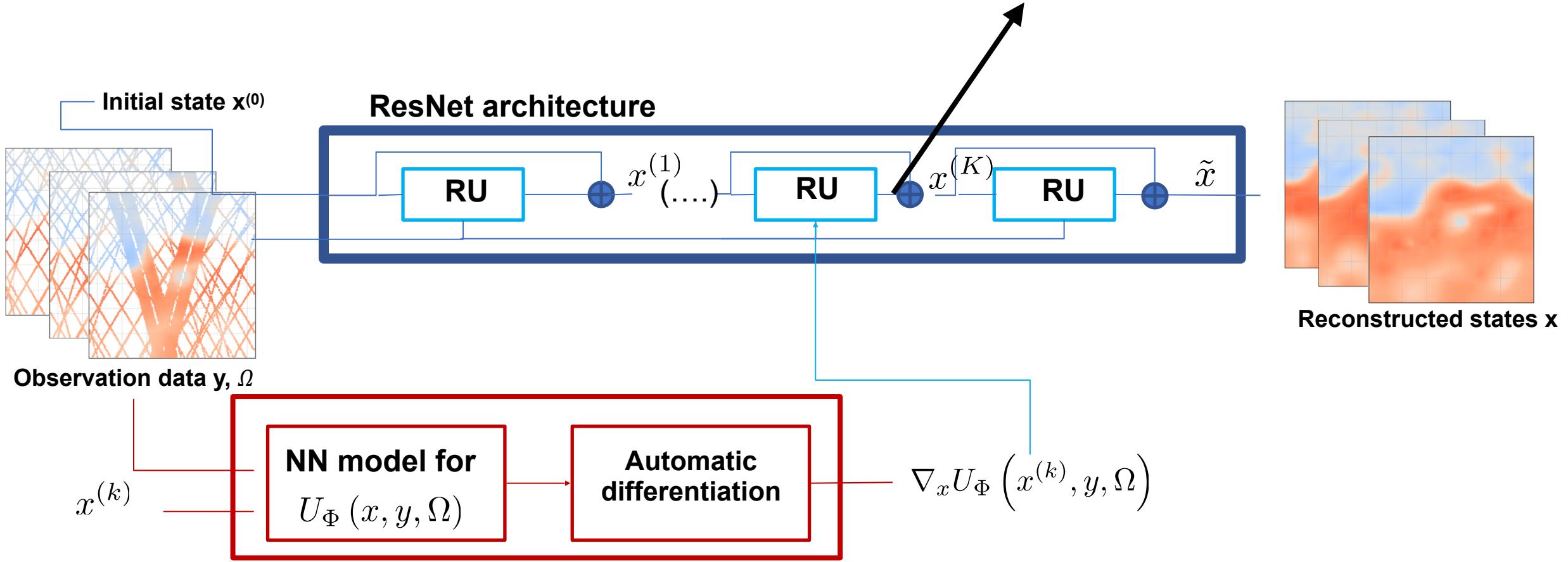
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Implementation of 4DVar Data Assimilation using Deep Learning frameworks

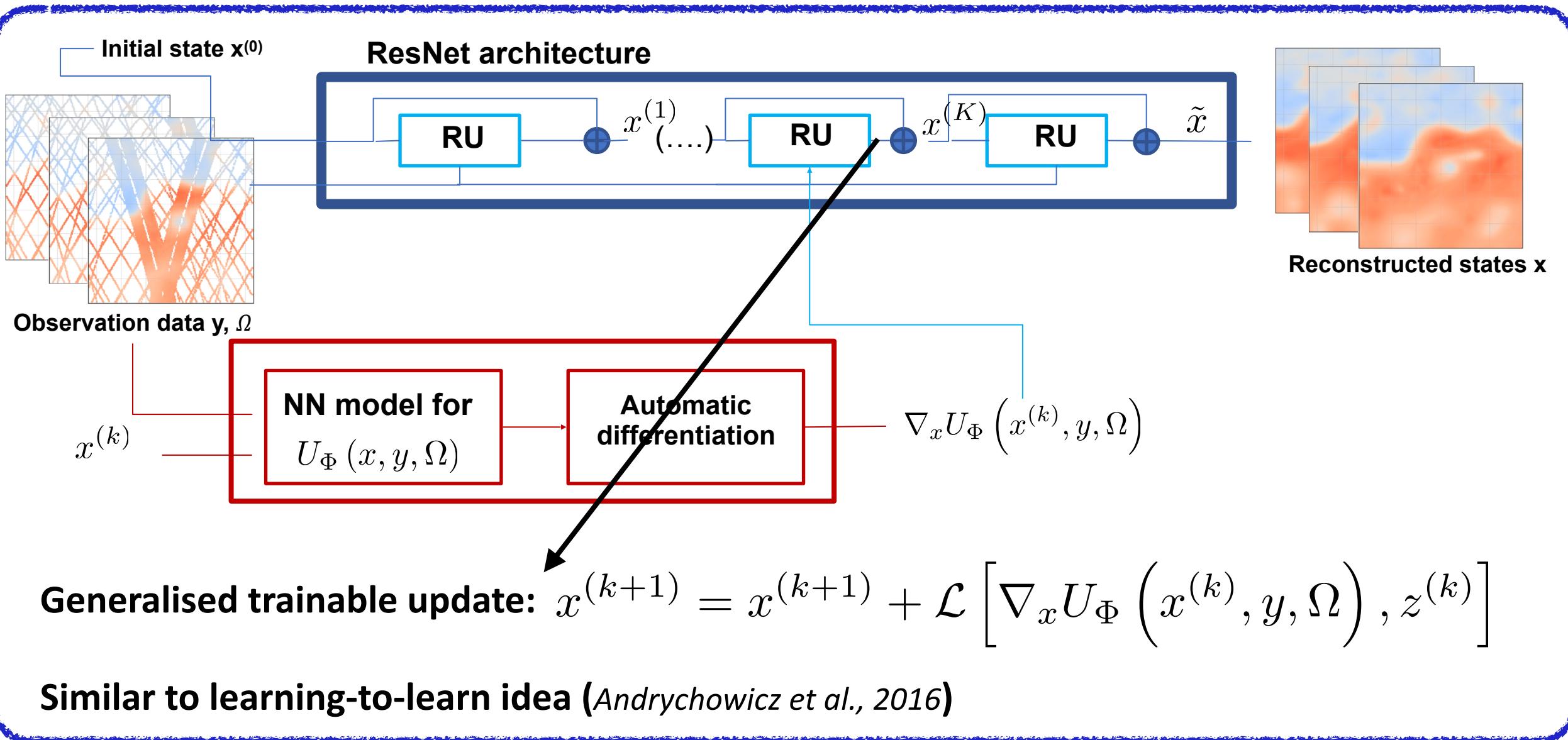
- Implement operator Φ as a neural network (e.g., neural ODE architecture w.r.t. a known dynamical operator)
- Use embedded automatic differentiation tool to implement the above gradient descent without deriving analytically the adjoint operator

Inverse problems: Unfolding 4DVar DA

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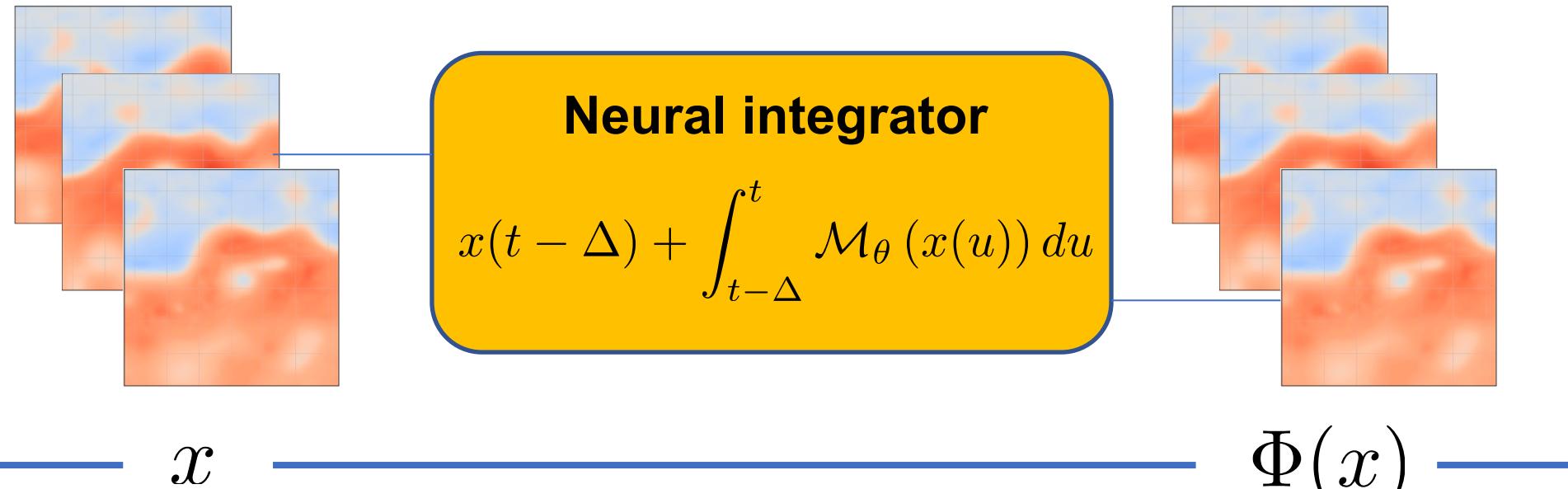


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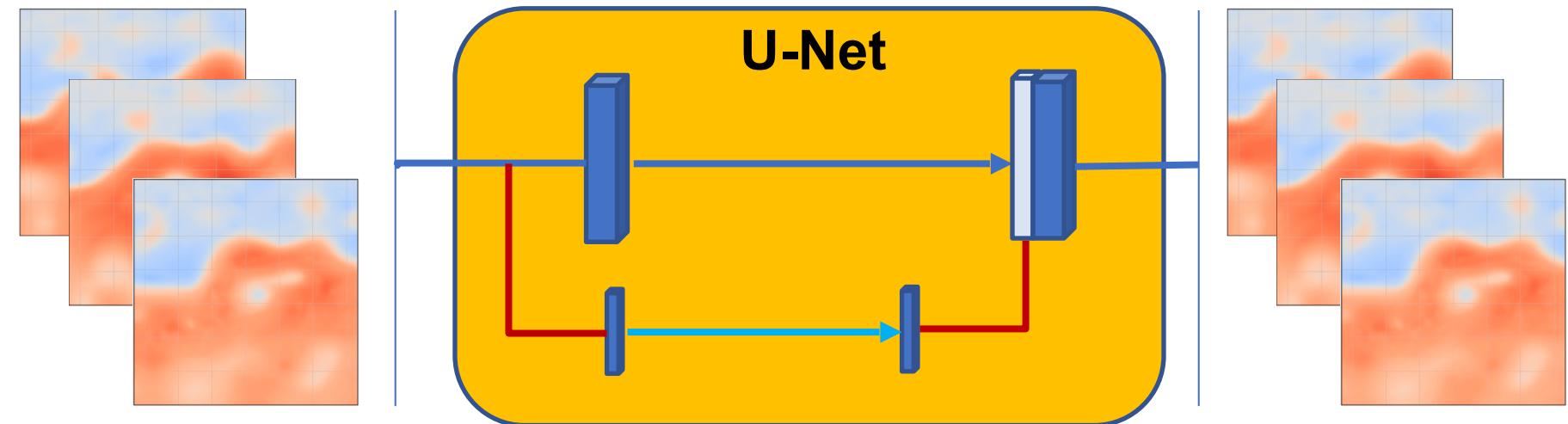


End-to-end learning for 4DVar DA: projection operator Φ

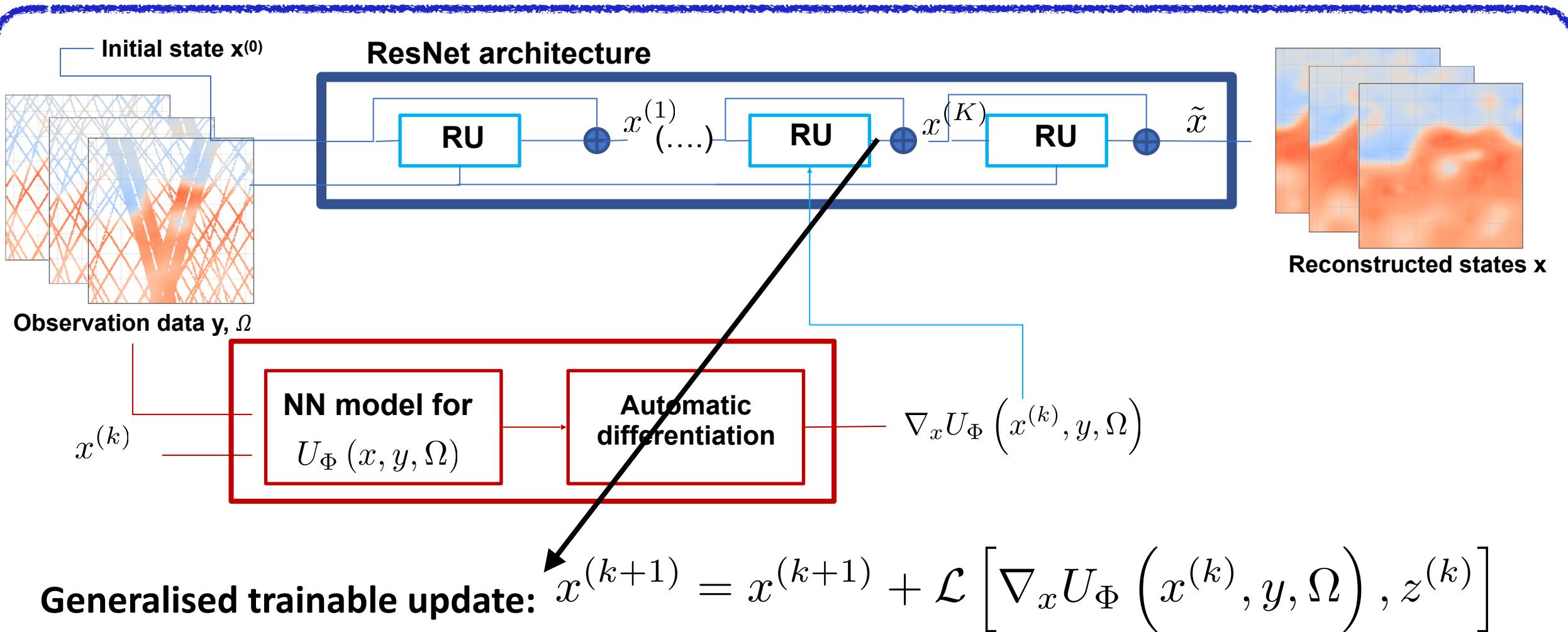
Parameterization using (learnable) ODE operator

$$\frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} = \mathcal{M}_\theta(x(t))$$


Two-scale U-Net-like Parameterization (Gibbs Field)

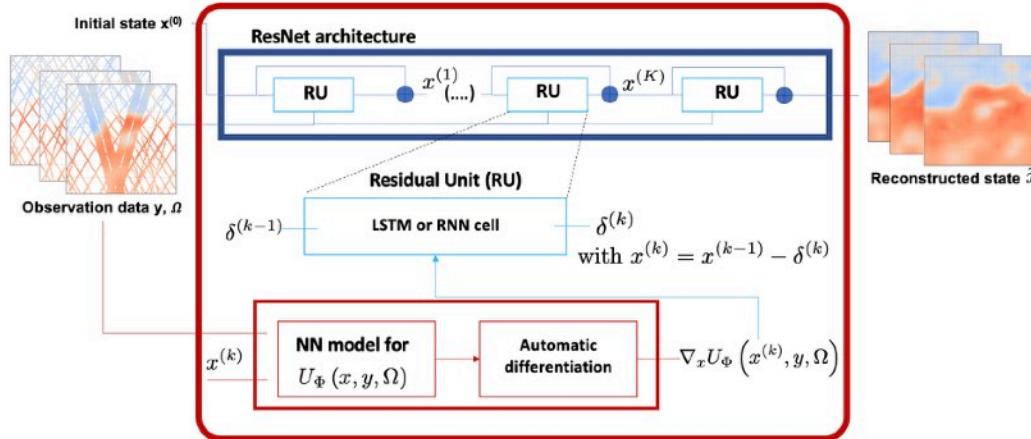


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Model-based vs. Learning-based 4DVar DA: Unsupervised vs. Supervised scheme



Which training loss for 4DVarNet scheme ?

Unsupervised loss

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y) = \|x - y\|^2 + \lambda \|x - \Phi(x)\|^2$$

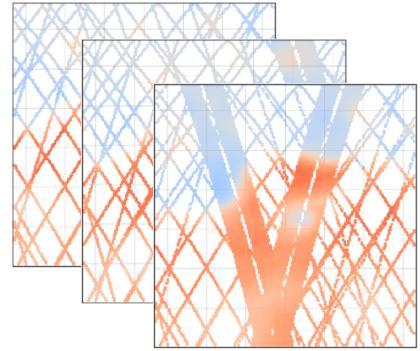
Supervised loss

$$\mathcal{L}(x, x^{true}) = \|x - x^{true}\|^2$$

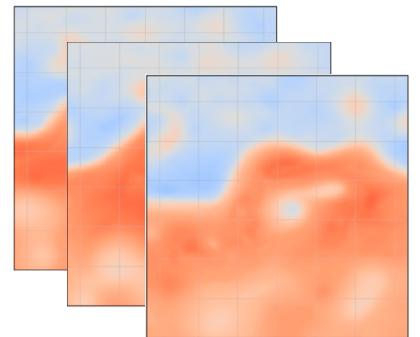
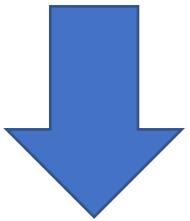
Regularisation loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{Reg}(x, x^{true}) = \|x - \Phi(x)\|^2 + \|x^{true} - \Phi(x^{true})\|^2$$

Model-based vs. Learning-based 4DVar DA



True states x



Partial observations y

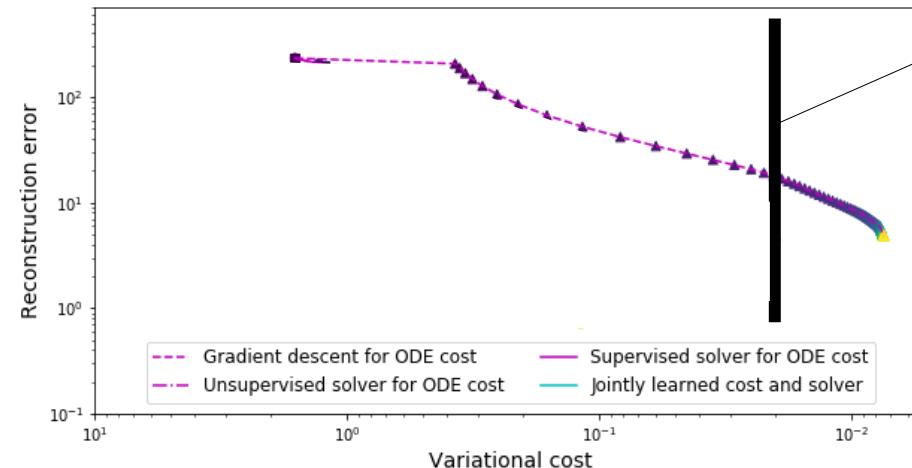
Model-driven schemes: $\widehat{x} = \arg \min_x \lambda_1 \|x - y\|_{\Omega}^2 + \lambda_2 \|x - \Phi(x)\|^2$

Gradient-based solver (adjoint/Euler-Lagrange method): $U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha \nabla_x U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$$

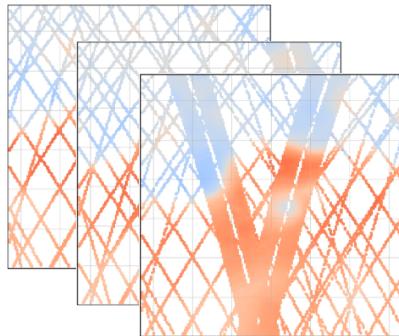
No control on the reconstruction error

$$x^{true} \neq \arg \min_x U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$$

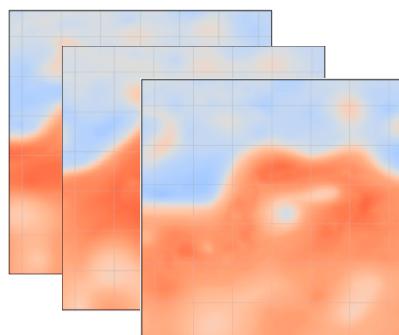
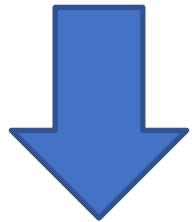


Variational cost
for the true state

Model-based vs. Learning-based 4DVar DA



Partial observations y



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Proposed scheme: joint learning of the variational model and solver

- Theoretical bi-level optimization

$$\arg \min_{\Phi} \sum_n \|x_n - \tilde{x}_n\|^2 \text{ s.t. } \tilde{x}_n = \arg \min_{x_n} U_{\Phi}(x_n, y_n, \Omega_n)$$

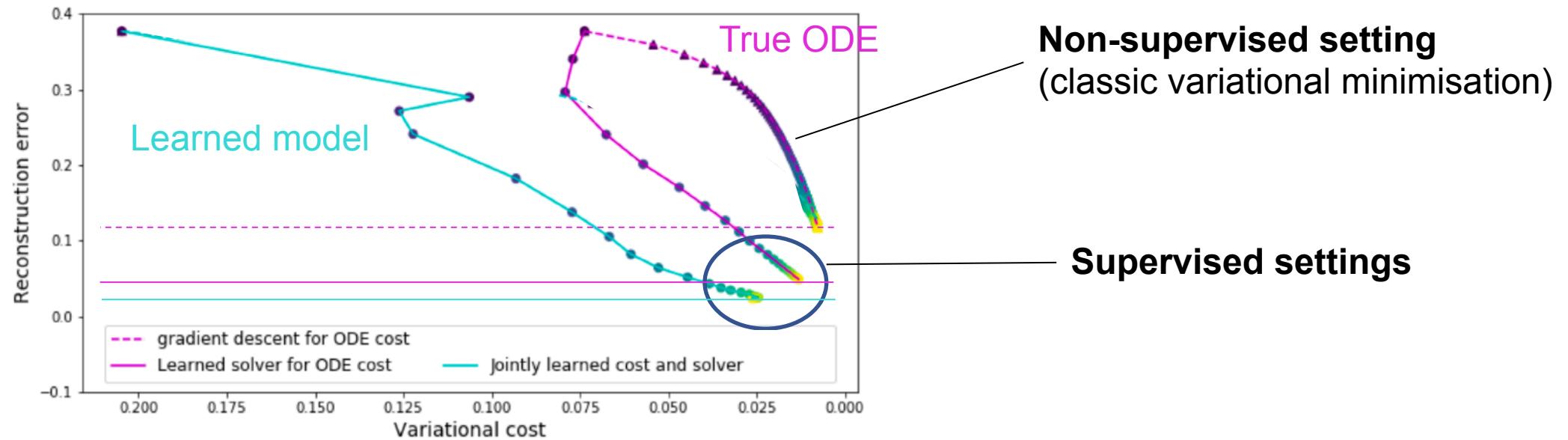
- Restated with a gradient-based NN solver for inner minimization

$$\arg \min_{\Phi, \Gamma} \sum_n \|x_n - \tilde{x}_n\|^2 \text{ s.t. } \tilde{x}_n = \Psi_{\Phi, \Gamma}(x_n^{(0)}, y_n, \Omega_n)$$

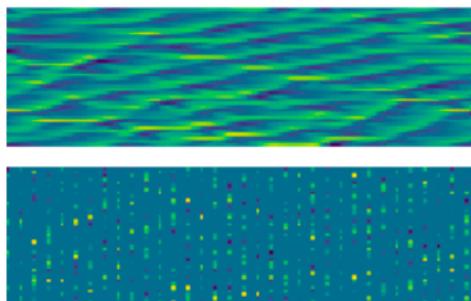
Iterative 4DVarNet solver using automatic differentiation to compute gradient $\nabla_x U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$

End-to-end learning for inverse problems (Fablet et al., 2020)

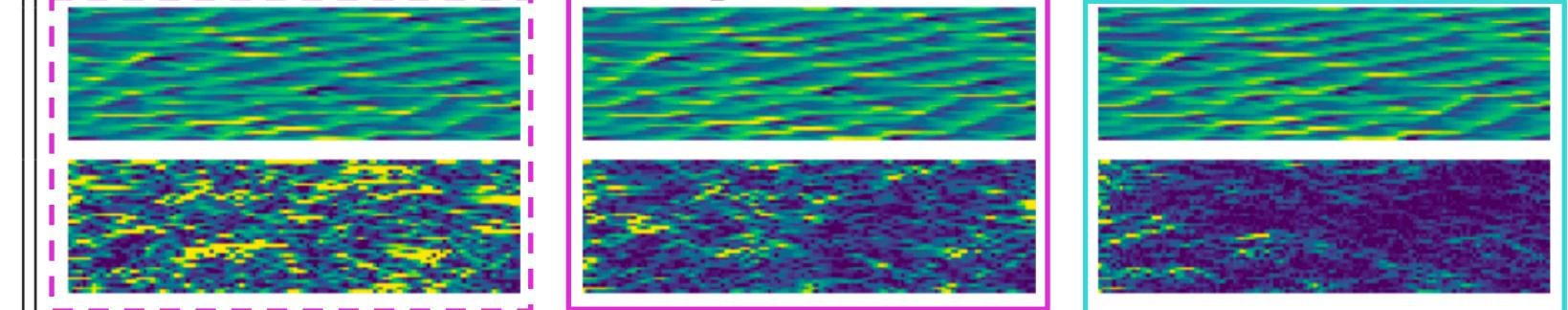
Illustration on Lorenz-96 dynamics (Bilinear ODE)



True and observed states

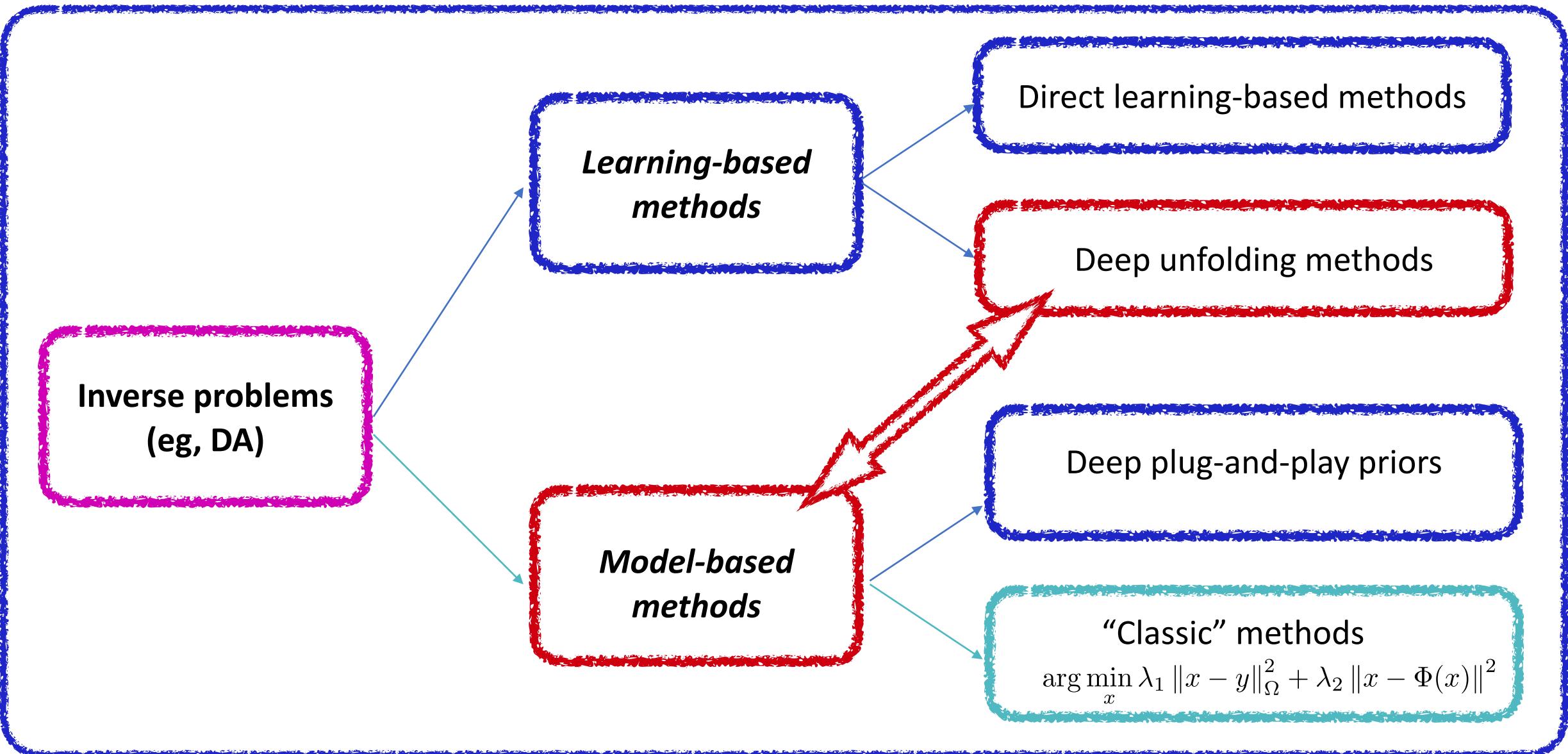


Reconstruction examples and associated error maps



Summary on Inverse Problems and Deep Learning

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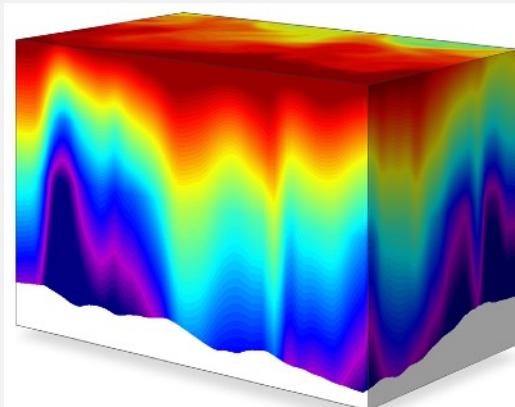
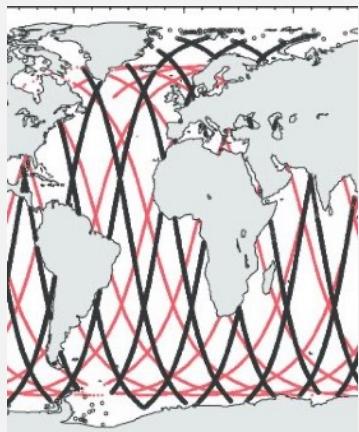
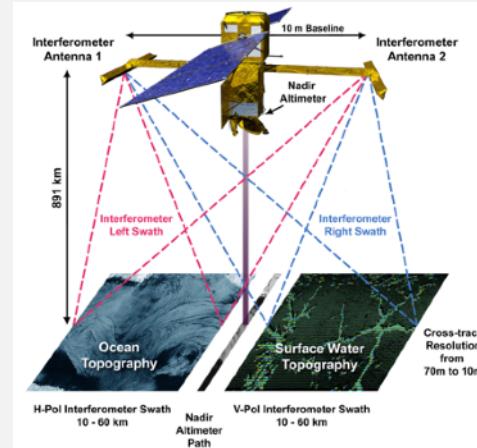
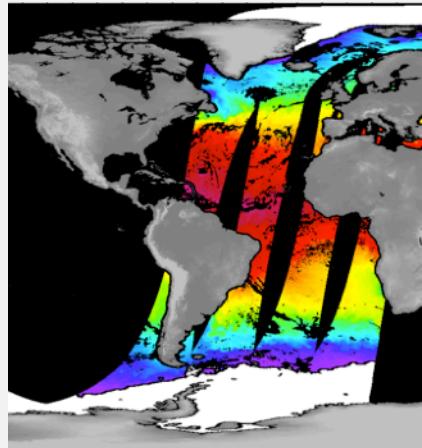


Summary

- *NNs as numerical schemes for ODE/PDE/variational representations of geophysical dynamics*
- *NN plug-and-play priors*
- *End-to-end architecture for jointly learning a representation (eg, ODE) and a solver*
- *Requirement for differential implementations*
- *The true prior might not be the optimal choice to solve inverse problems*

Applications to sea surface dynamics

Dealing with partially-observed and irregularly-sampled ocean dynamics



Problem statement:
Joint identification and inversion

Dynamical model

$$X_t \xrightarrow{\quad} \partial_t X = F(X, \xi, t, \theta) \xrightarrow{\quad} X_{t+1}$$



Observation model

$$Y_t = H(X, \zeta, t, \phi)$$

Fablet et al. 4DVarNet: Trainable Data Assimilation for Sea Surface dynamics

<https://cia-oceanix.github.io/>

Method

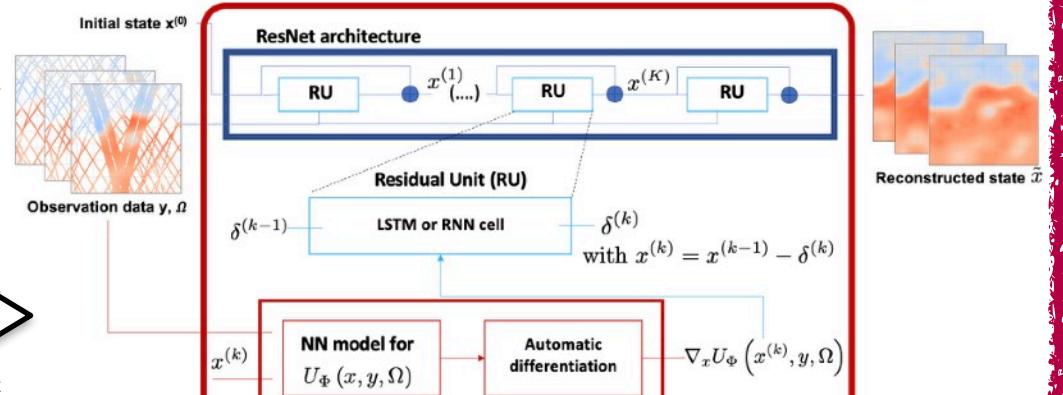
From a Variational DA formulation

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Trainable variational model

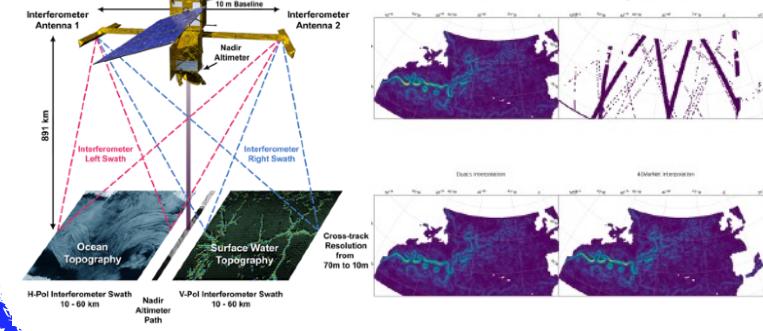
Trainable gradient-based solver

Associated end-to-end scheme

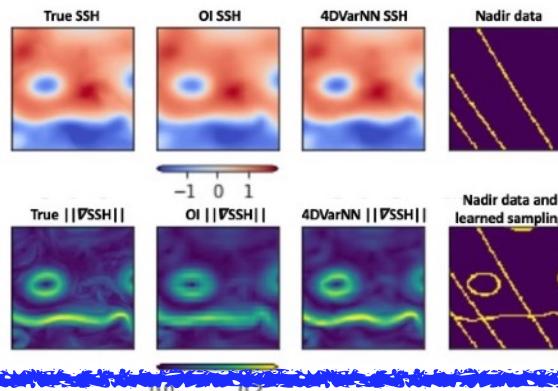


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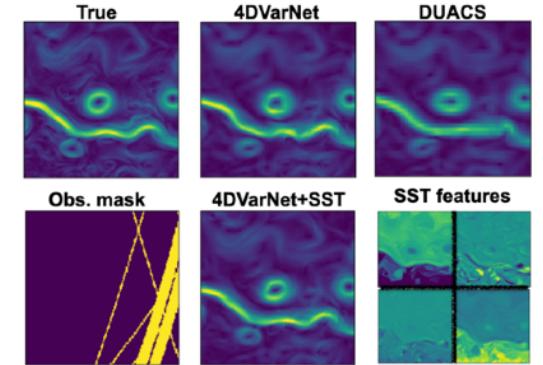
Interpolation & Forecasting



Learning where to sample ?

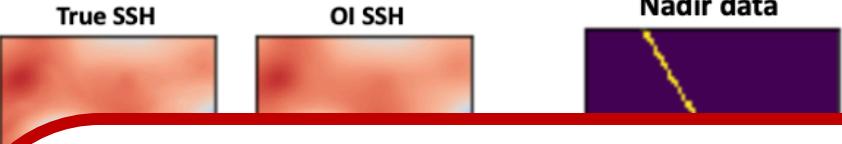


Multimodal learning

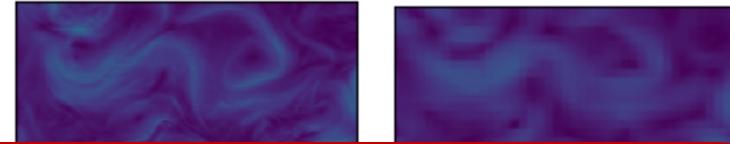


Trainable observation operators

Learning where to sample ?



Learning what to measure ?



4DVarNet models with trainable observation models

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \|x - y\|^2 + \lambda \|x - \phi(x)\|^2$$

Sparse sampling operator

$$\|H(z) * (x - y)\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \forall z, \|H(z)\|_1 < \epsilon$$

Multimodal observation

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x - y\|^2 \\ & + \alpha \|G * x - F * z\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Trainable observation operators

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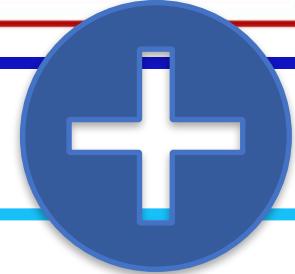
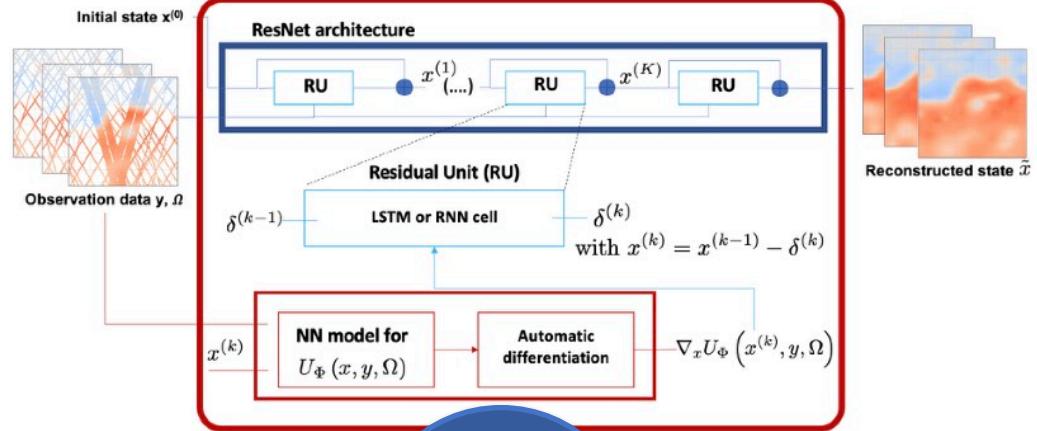
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End-to-end 4DVarNet



Supervised training loss

(under sparsity constraint for the optimal sampling case)

Multimodal data assimilation

SSH-SST case-study

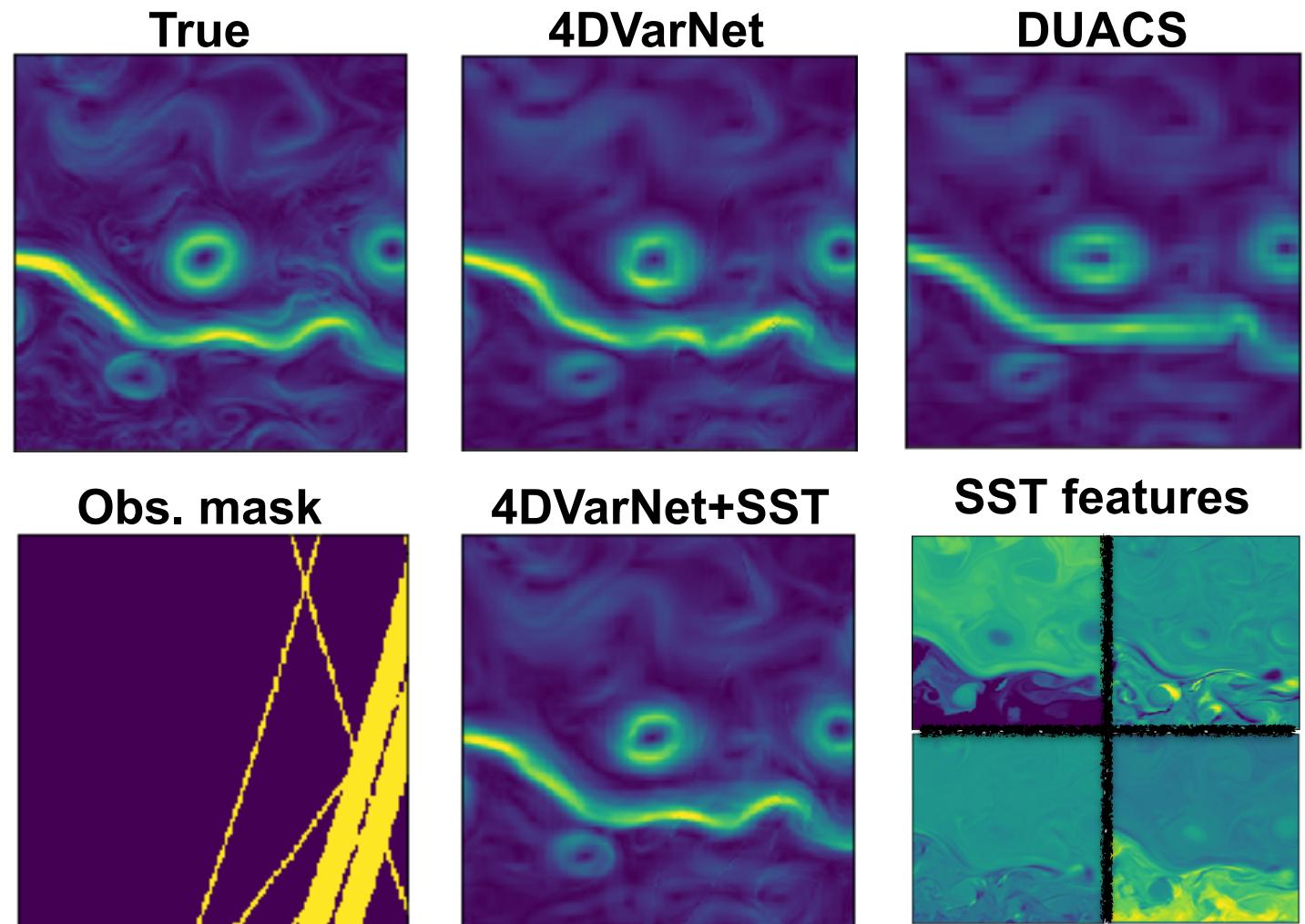
OSSE with NATL60 data

4-nadir-altimeter + SWOT +
DUACS baseline

Gulf Stream area ($10^\circ \times 10^\circ$)

63% vs. 53% gain in SSH
MSE w.r.t. DUACS with/
without SST (Winter period)

50% vs. 13% gain in SSH
MSE w.r.t. DUACS using
nadir altimeter data only



Optimal sampling

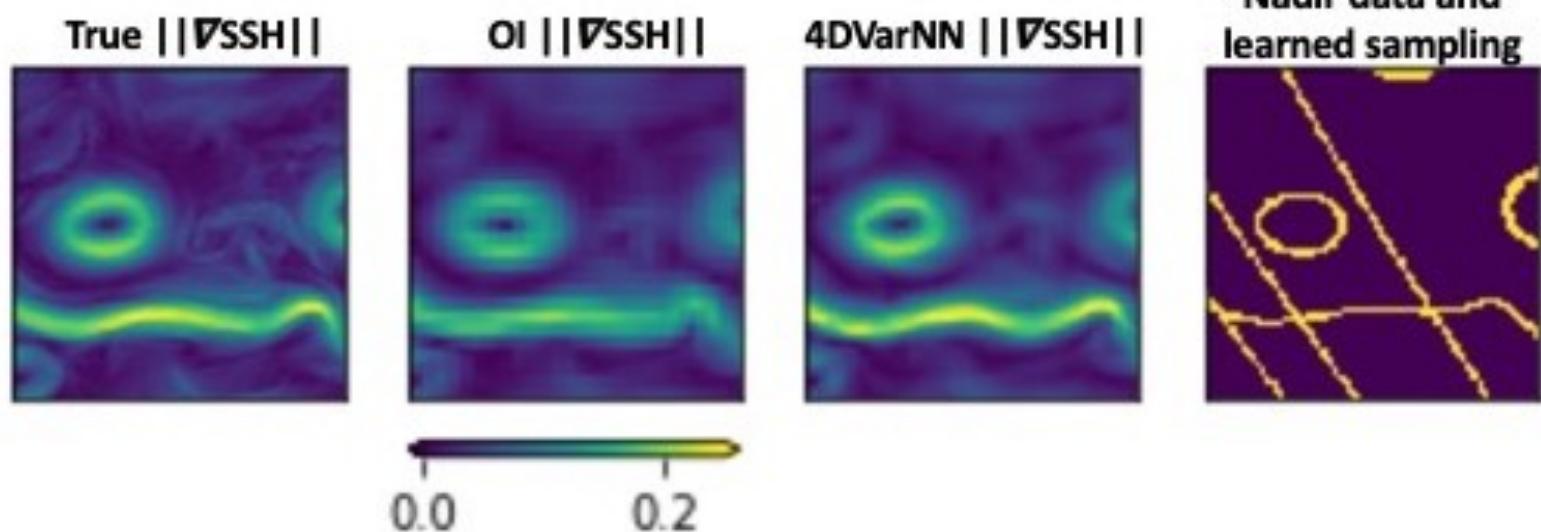
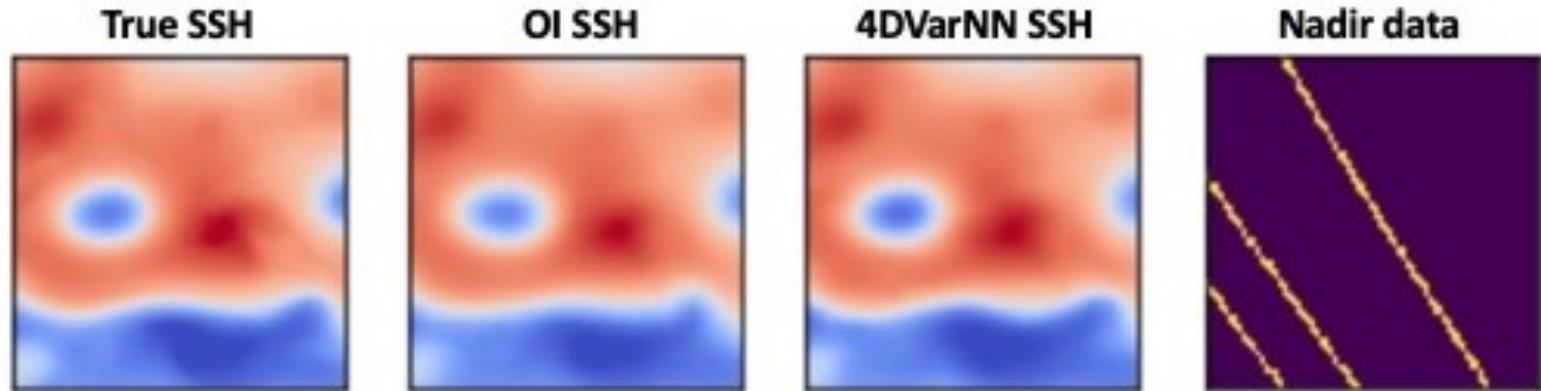
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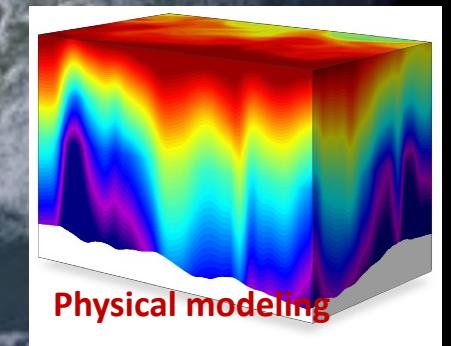
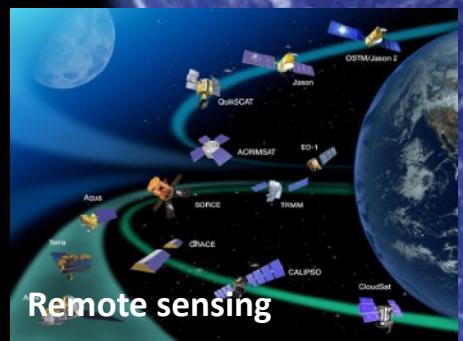
Gulf Stream area ($10^\circ \times 10^\circ$)

Mean relative gain of 60%
in the reconstruction of the
SSH using the learned
sampling (~6% of the pixels
vs. 1.3% for nadir altimeters)



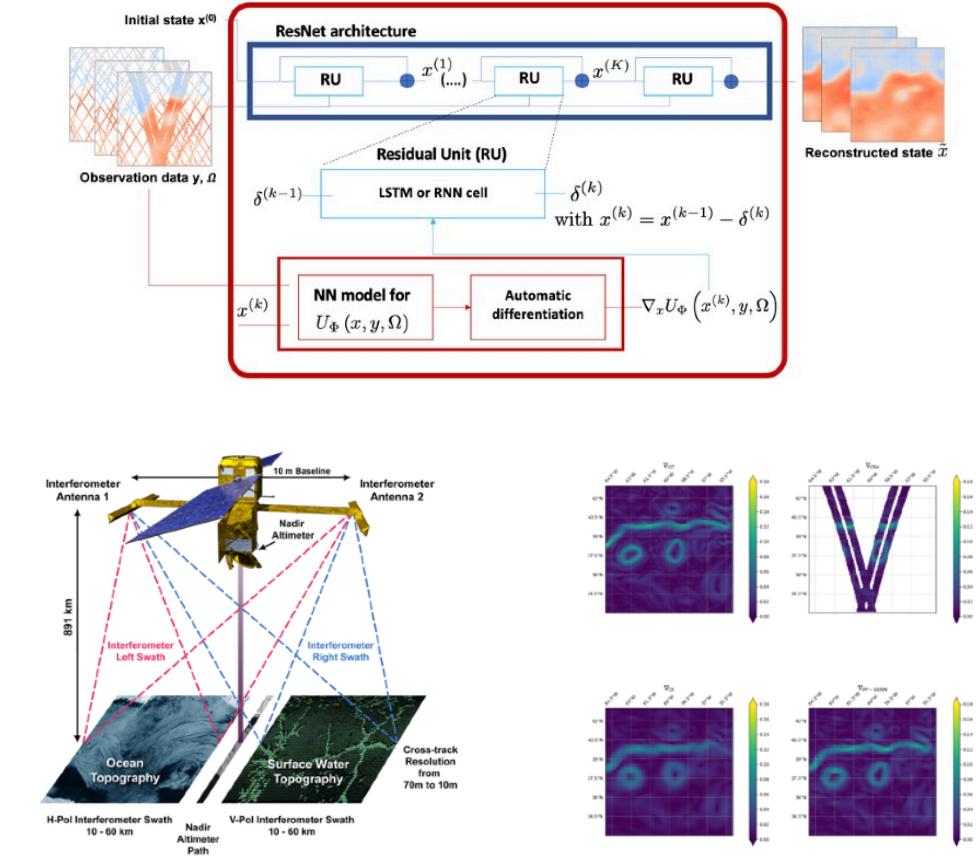
General question

How to solve sampling gaps and extract high-level information for ocean monitoring and surveillance ?



Key messages

- Physics-informed learning for satellite ocean remote sensing
- Trainable variational DA models (observation model, prior, solver)
- Application to interpolation, forecasting sampling and multimodal synergies
- Generic framework beyond space oceanography



Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.03653>
Code: https://github.com/CIA-Oceanix/DinAE_4DVarNN_torch

Thank you.

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