



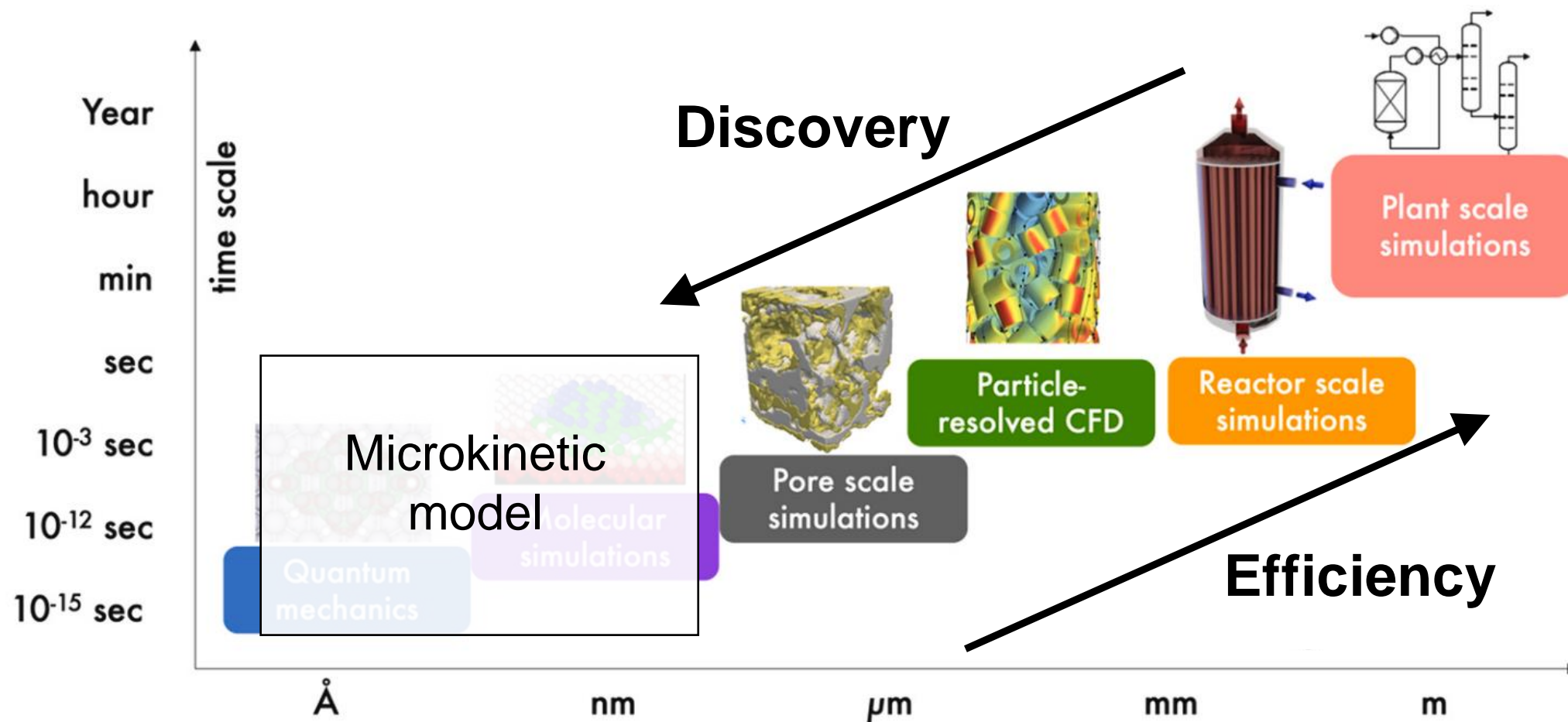
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# **SCIENTIFIC MACHINE LEARNING EFFICIENT MULTISCALE MODELLING OF CHEMICAL REACTORS**

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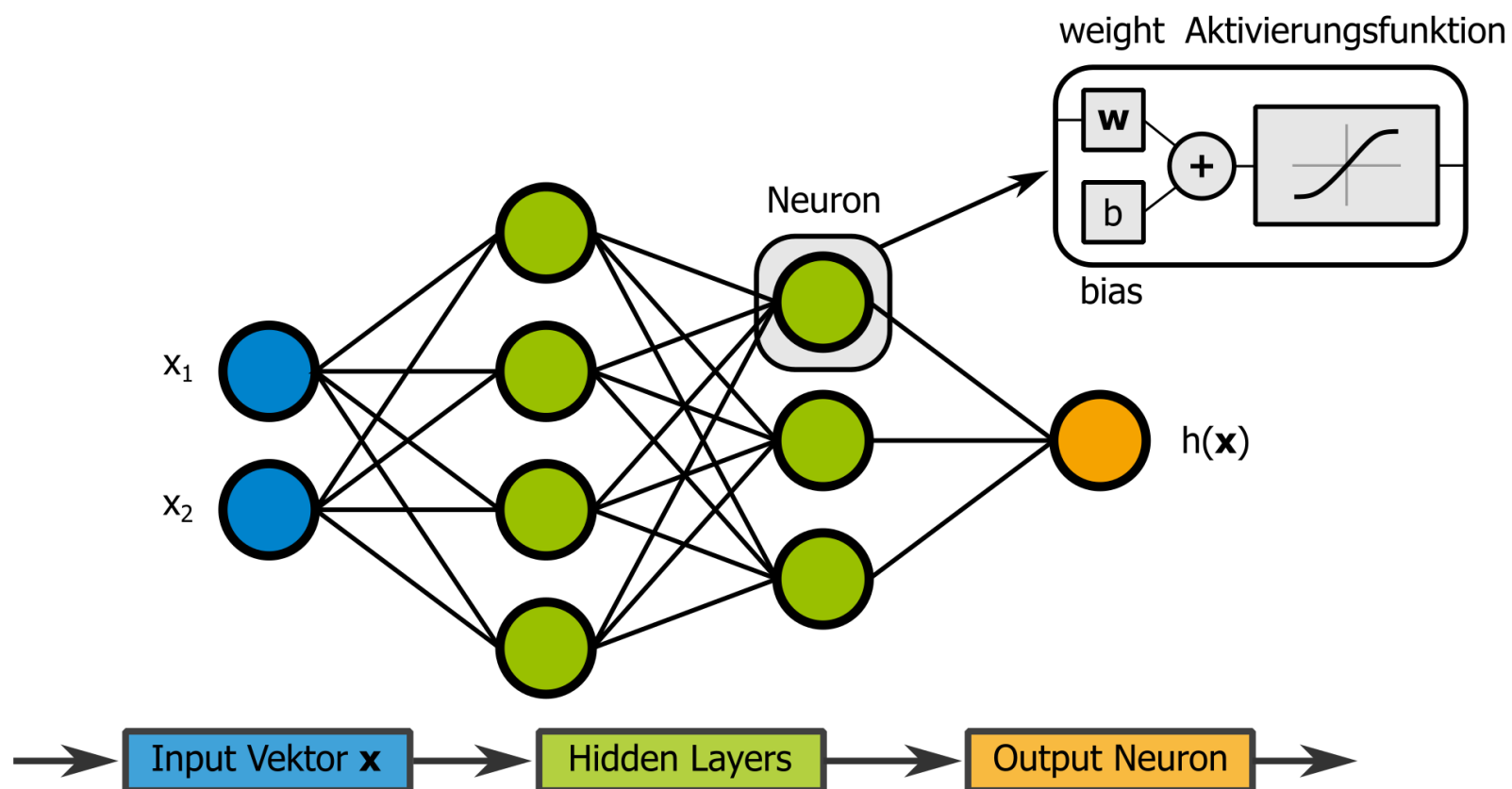


# Real life problems are multi scale



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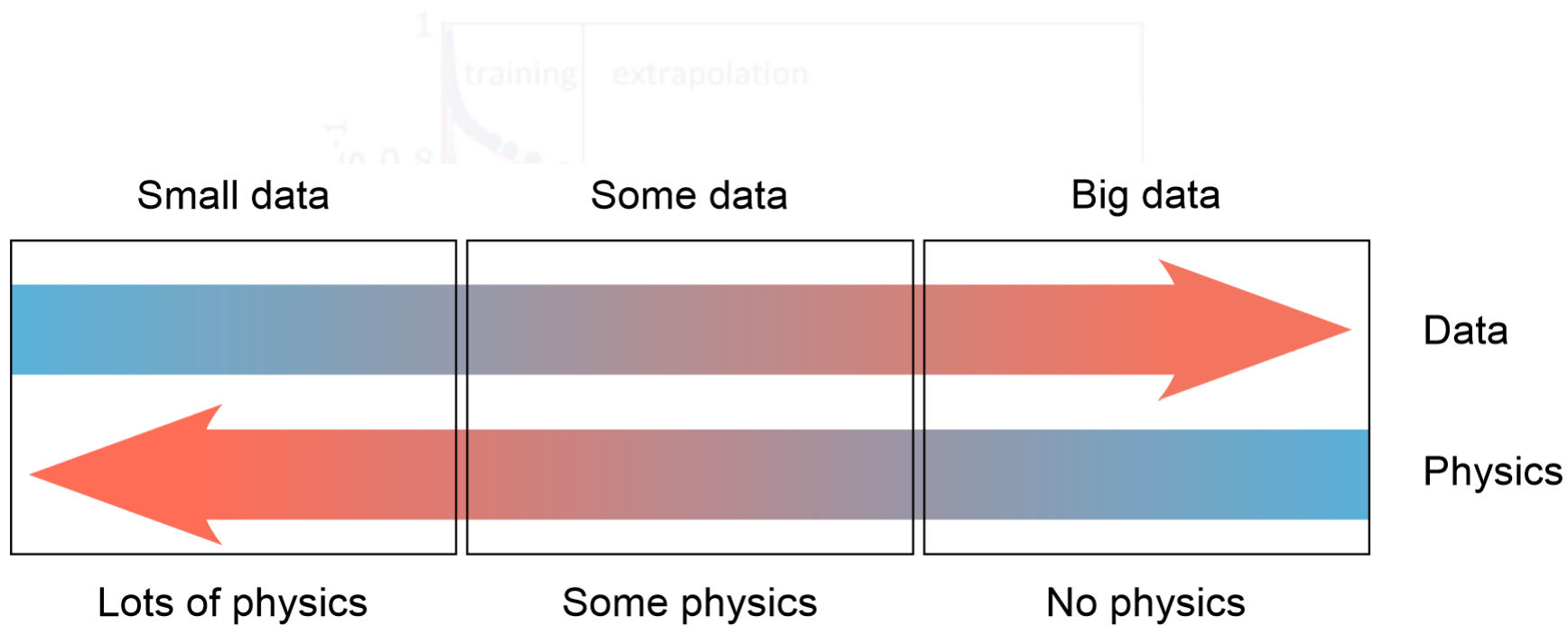
# Neural networks



- Learn parameters  $w, b$
- Loss:  $L = (h(x) - y)^2$
- Automatic differentiation

$$\frac{dL}{dw} = \dots$$

# Extrapolation

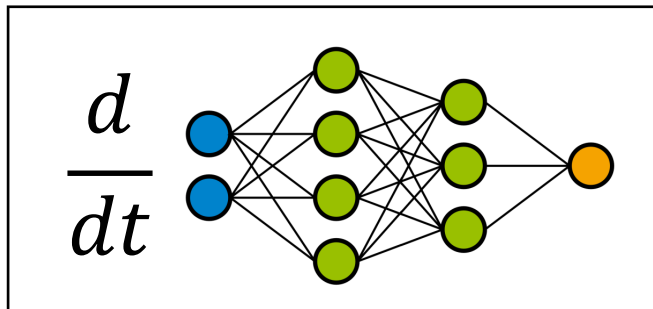


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# Physical knowledge

- Data



$$L_{\text{data}} = \text{MSE}$$

- Kinetics

$$\frac{dc_i}{dt} = \sum_j v_{i,j} \cdot r_j$$

$$L_{\text{kinetics}} = \frac{dNN_i}{dt} - \sum_j v_{i,j} \cdot r_j$$

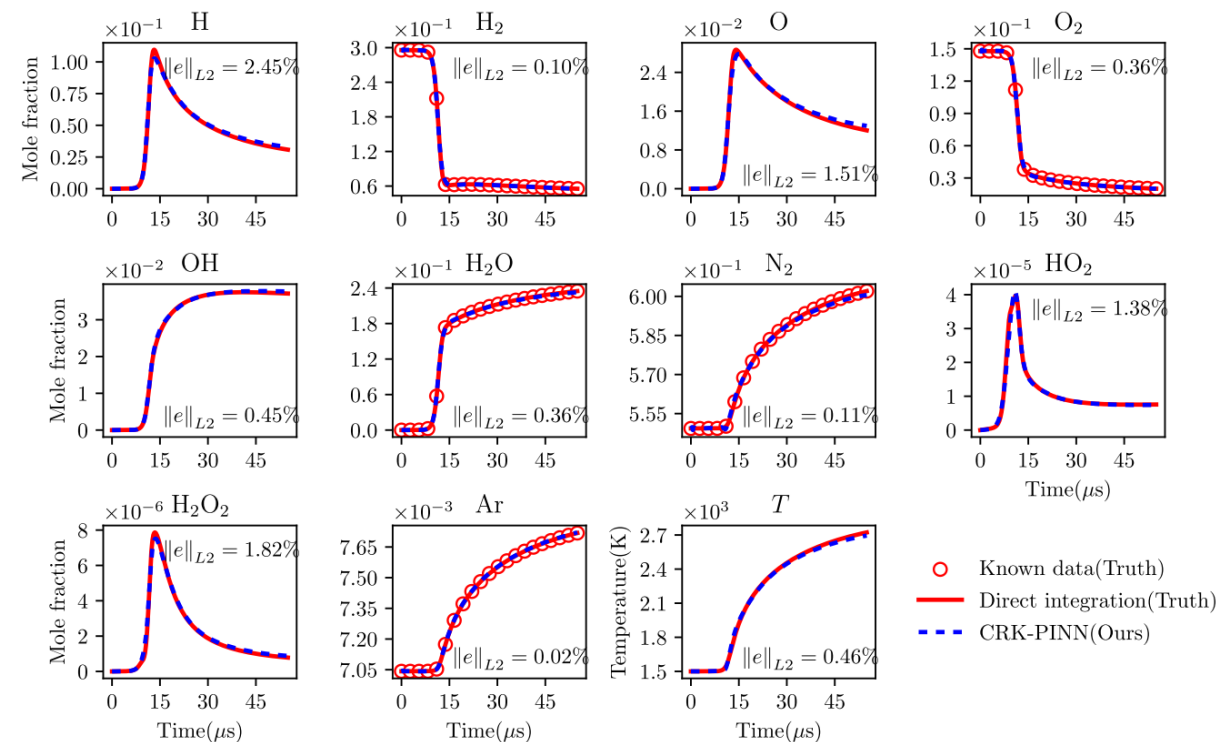
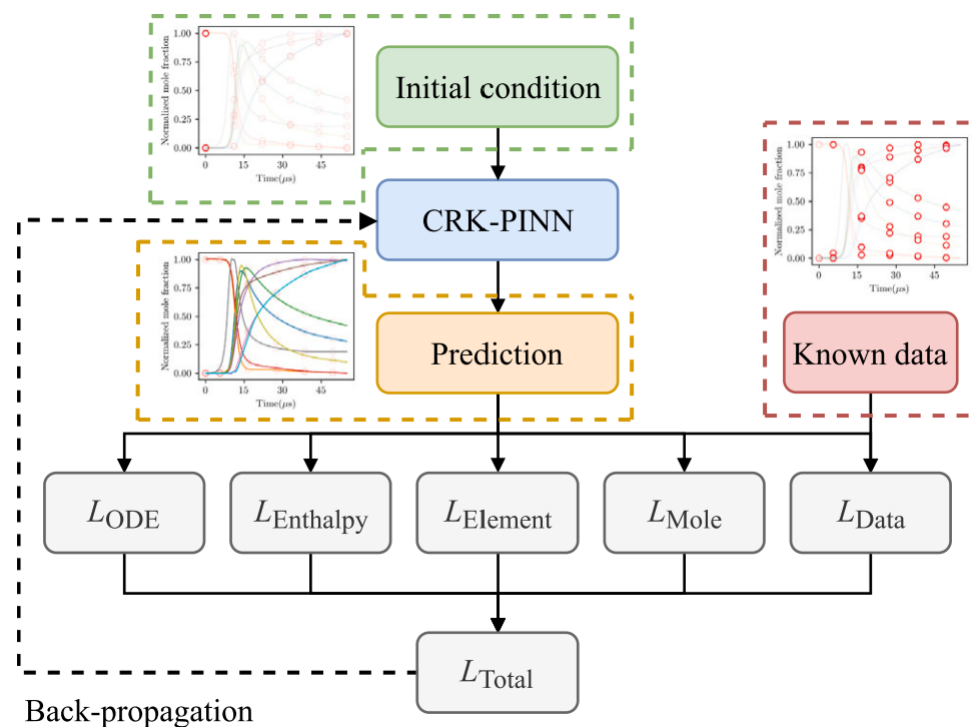
- Atom balance

$$\sum_i N_i^{\text{elem}} \cdot \frac{dc_i}{dt} = 0$$

$$L_{\text{element}} = \sum_i N_i^{\text{elem}} \cdot \frac{dNN_i}{dt}$$

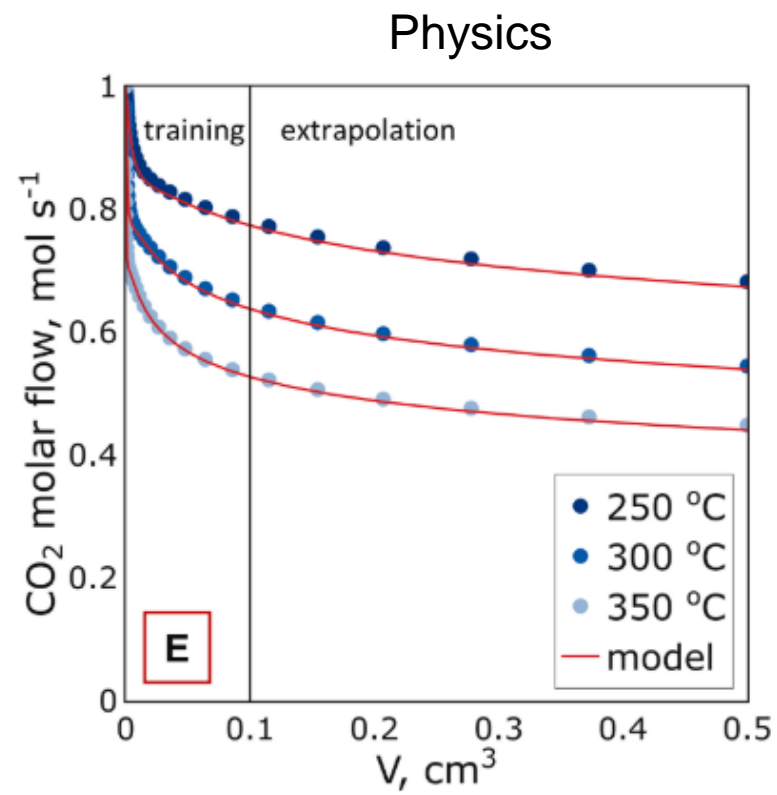
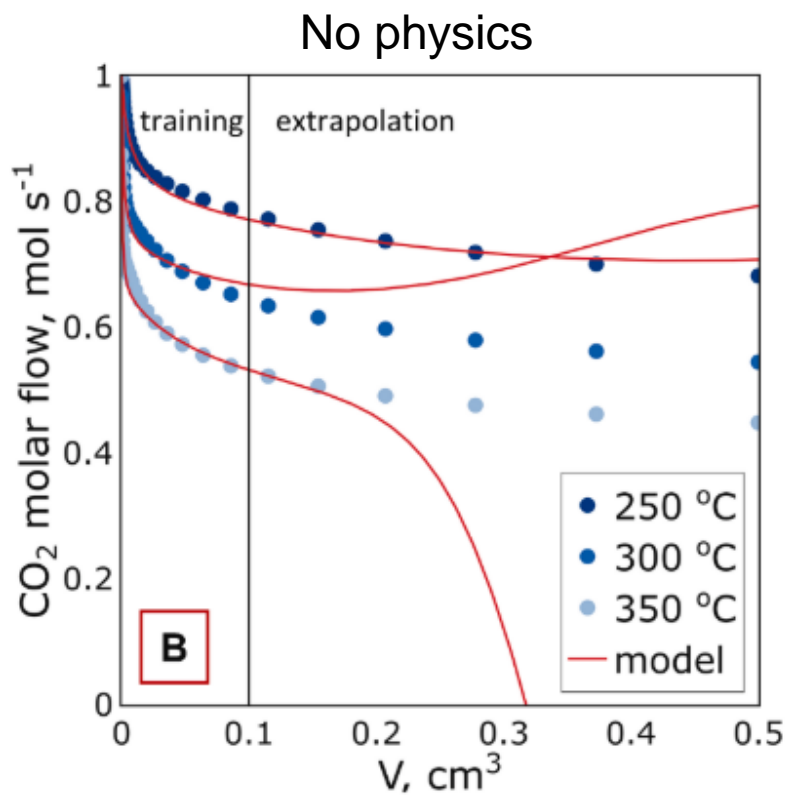
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# Physics-Informed Neural Network



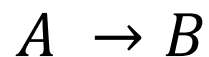
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# Extrapolation



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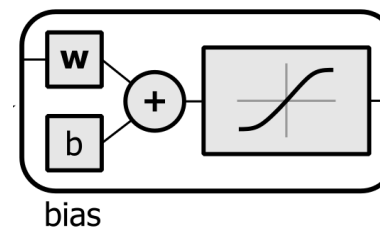
# Kinetics vs Neural Networks



$$r = \exp \left( \ln k_0 + \frac{E_A}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{T} + \sum_{i \in \text{react}} |v_i| \cdot \ln c_i \right)$$

$$\dot{s} = \sum_j v_{i,j} \cdot r_j$$

weight Aktivierungsfunktion

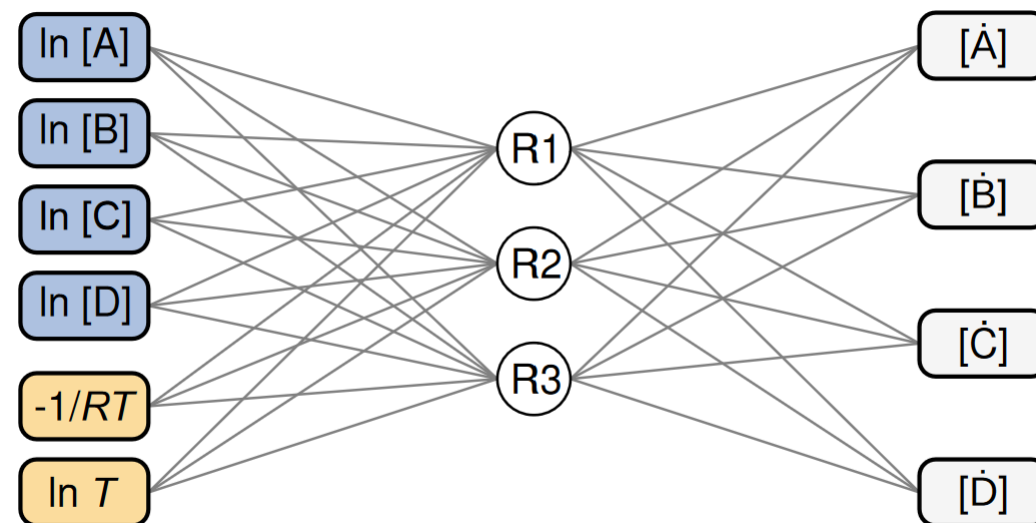
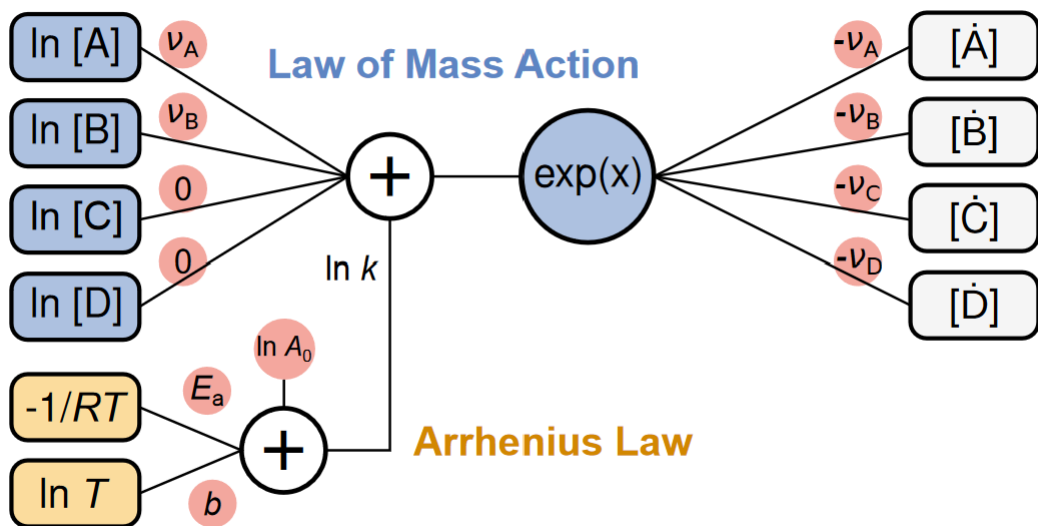


$$z = \sigma(b + wx)$$

$$NN = \sum_j w'_j \cdot z_j$$

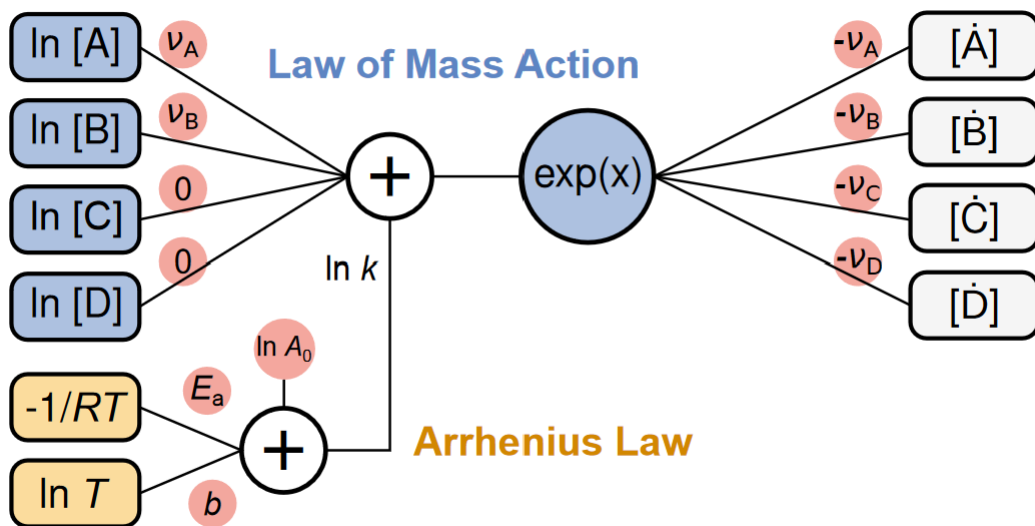


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## Applications

- (Bio-)chemical engineering<sup>[1]</sup>
- Biomass pyrolysis<sup>[2]</sup>
- Decomposition of energetic materials<sup>[3-5]</sup>
- Combustion<sup>[6]</sup>
- HyChem models<sup>[7]</sup>

[1] J. Phys. Chem. A 125 (4) (2021) 1082–1092

[2] Combust. Flame 240 (2022) 111992

[3] J. Anal. Appl. Pyrolysis 169 (2023) 105860

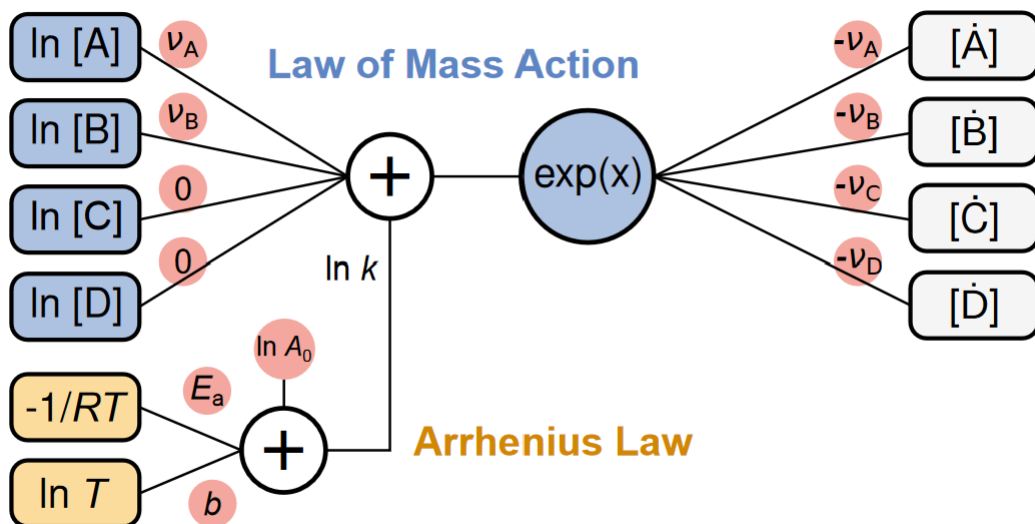
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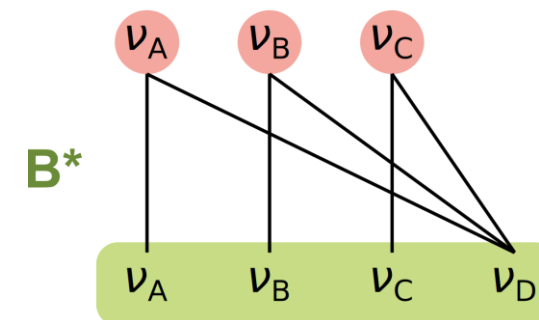
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Atom conservation?

$$0 = N \cdot \nu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu &= B \cdot \nu_0 \\ &= B^* \cdot \nu_{\text{key}} \end{aligned}$$

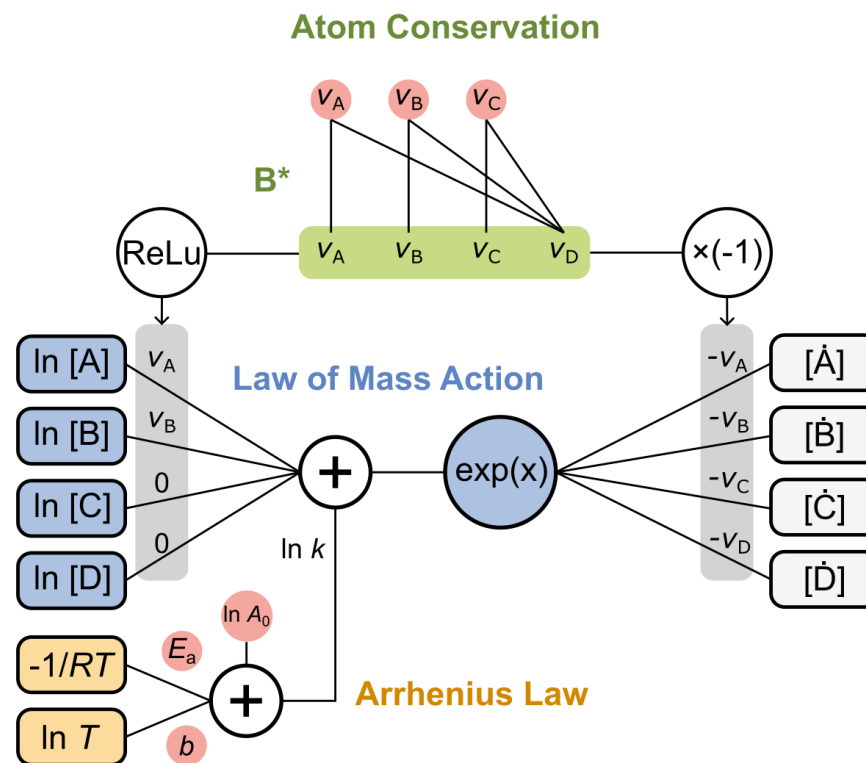
Atom Conservation



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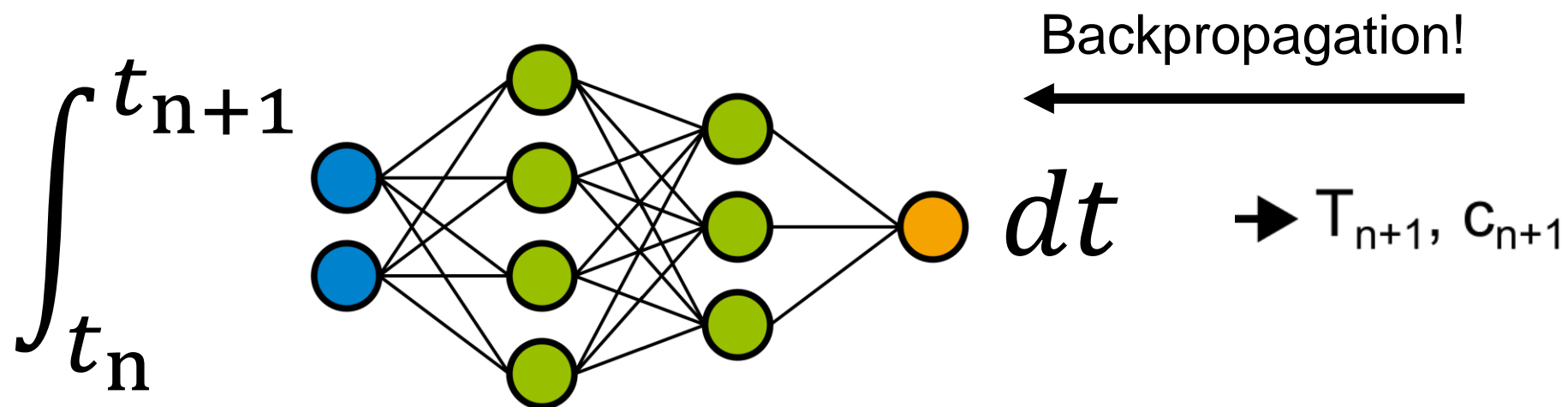
# Atom conserving chemical reaction neural network

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# Neural Ordinary Differential Equations

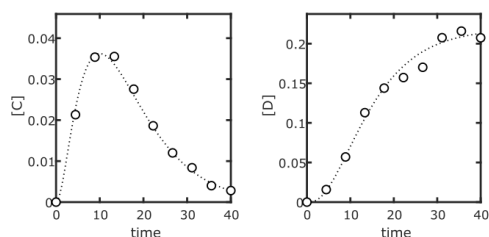
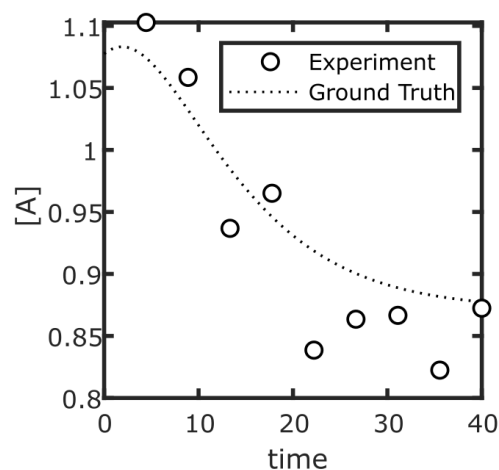


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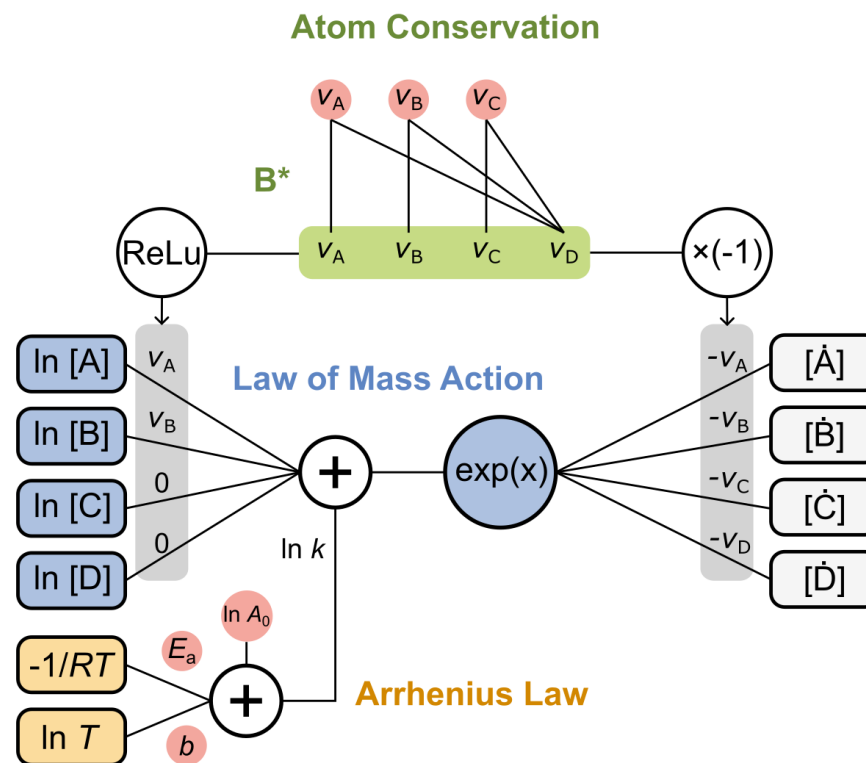


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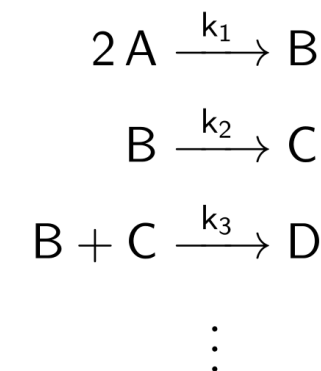
Reactor measurements



Chemical Reaction Neural Network



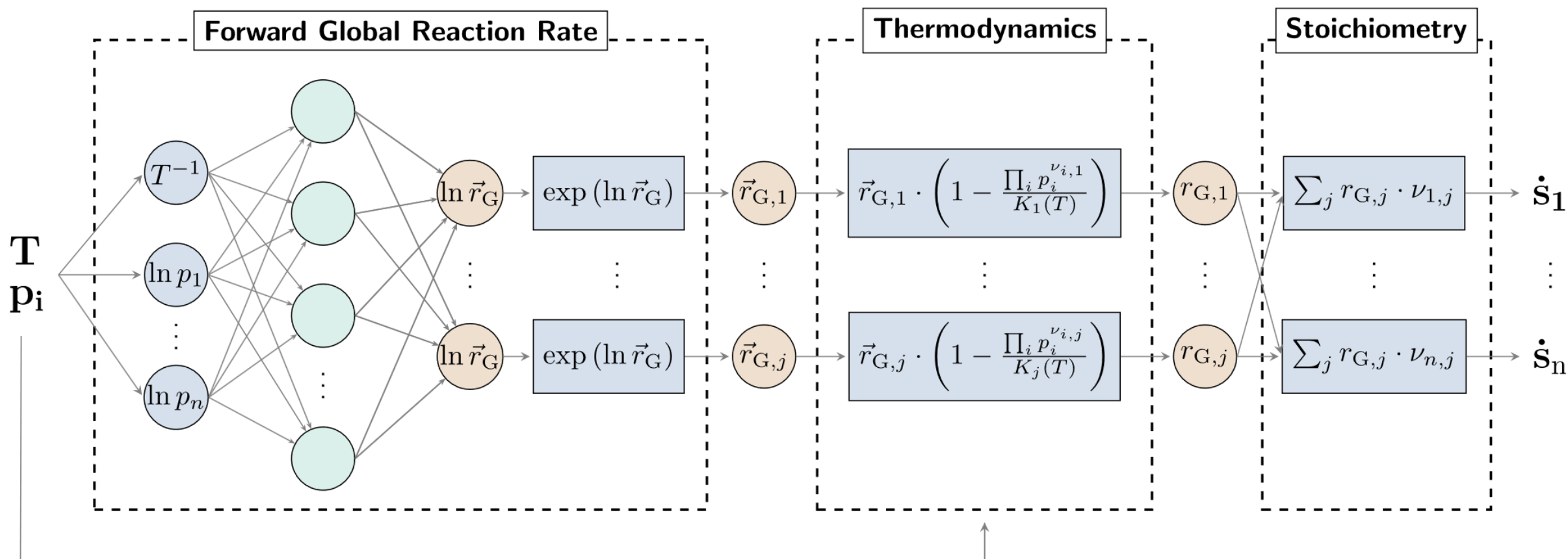
Full microkinetic  
mechanism



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# Global Reaction Neural Network

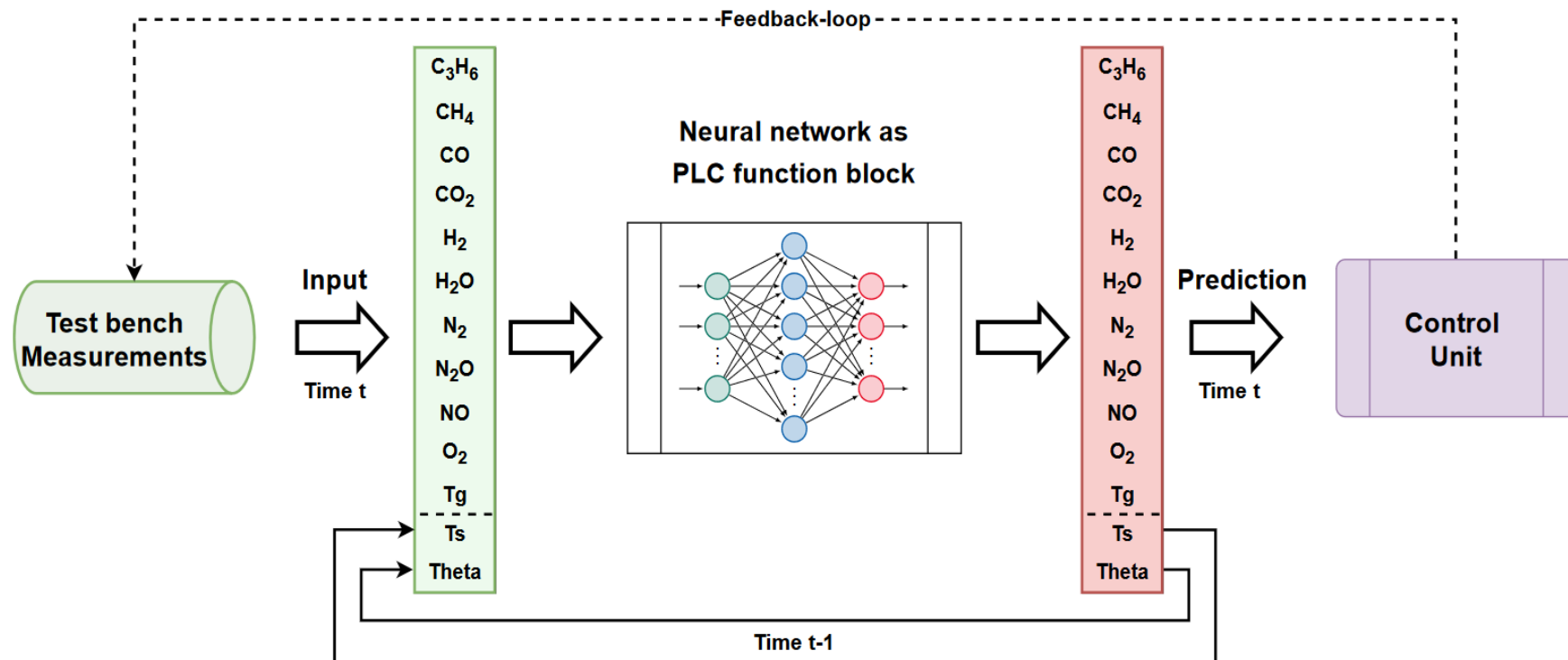


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# Applications

- Preferential oxidation of CO on Pt
- Ostwald Process
- Fischer-Tropsch
- Three-way catalyst



Leander Biet, Master Thesis, TU Darmstadt, 2023

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- Preferential oxidation of CO on Pt<sup>[1]</sup>
- Methane steam reforming on Rh<sup>[1]</sup>
- Methanol synthesis on Cu/Zn<sup>[2]</sup>
- Ammonia synthesis on Ru<sup>[3]</sup>
- Methane non-oxidative coupling over single atom Fe/SiO<sub>2</sub><sup>[3]</sup>

# Reactor Simulation

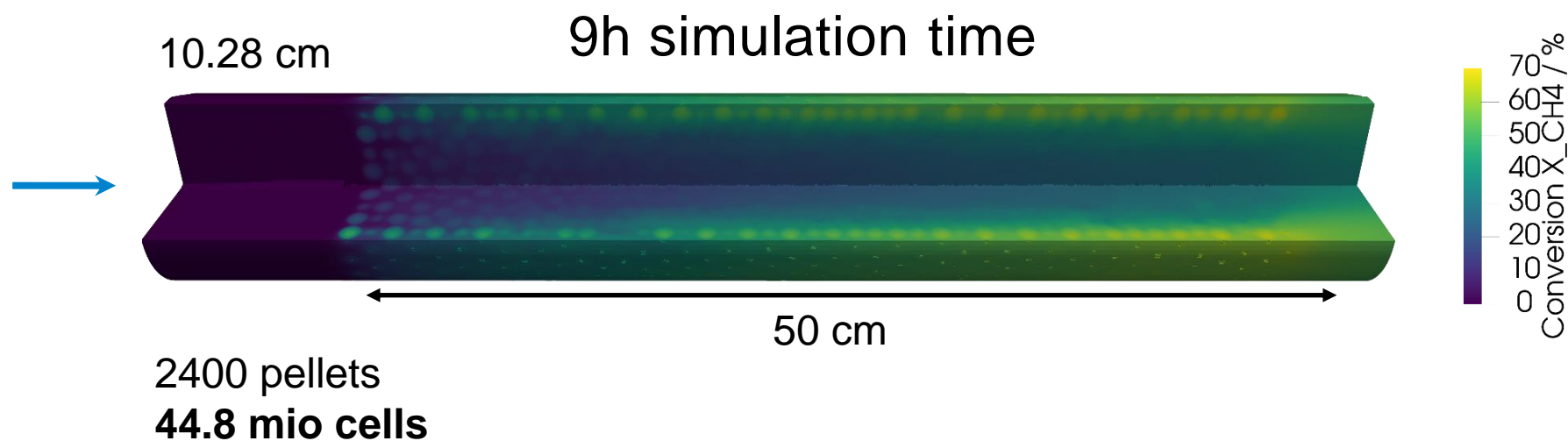
## Packed Bed Steam Reforming

Biermann, Uglietti, Döppel, Kircher, Votsmeier, Braconi, Maestri, Manuscript in preparation

Catalytic Foam<sup>[1]</sup> Interface



- 2D validation: 120x speed-up
- 3D simulation:

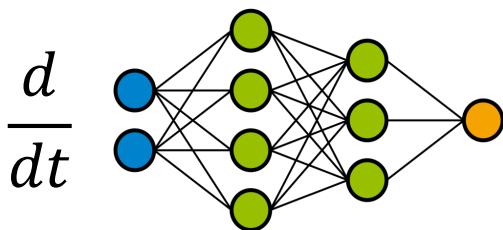




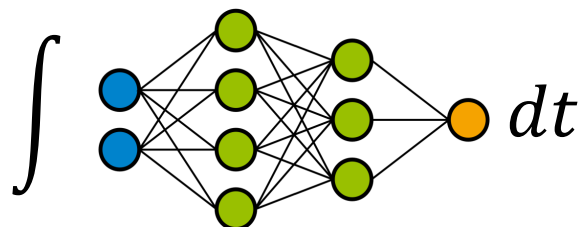
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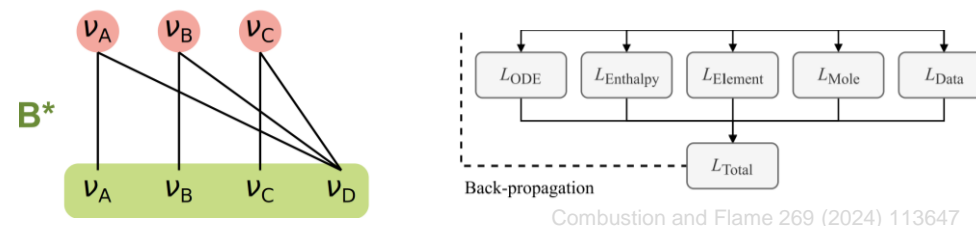
- Efficient training
- Computing derivatives



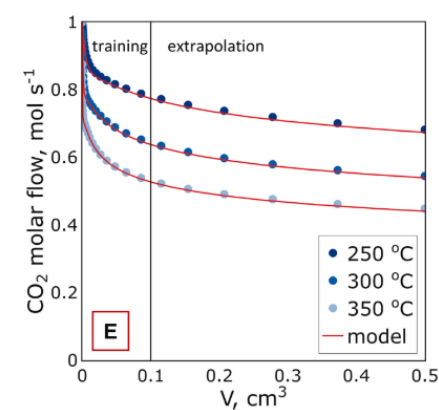
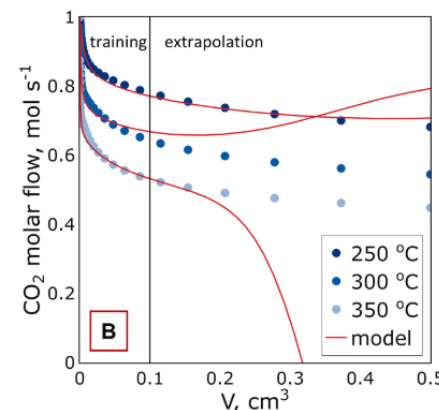
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Hard- vs soft constraints



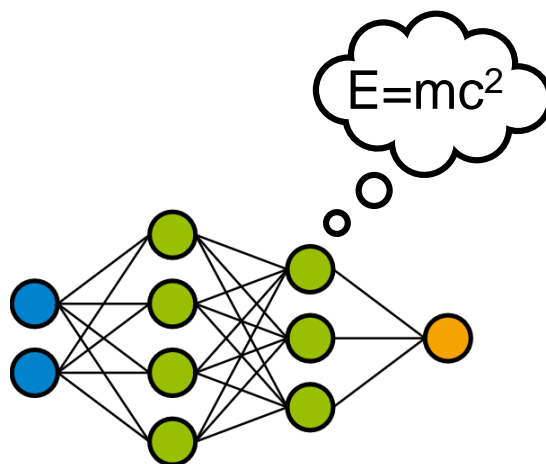
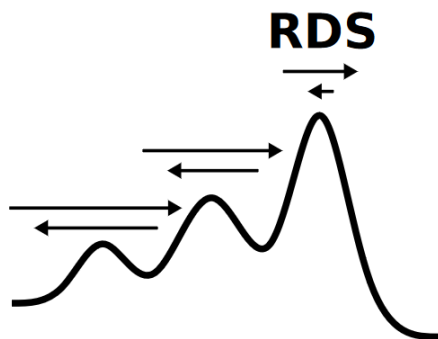
Physics improve extrapolation  
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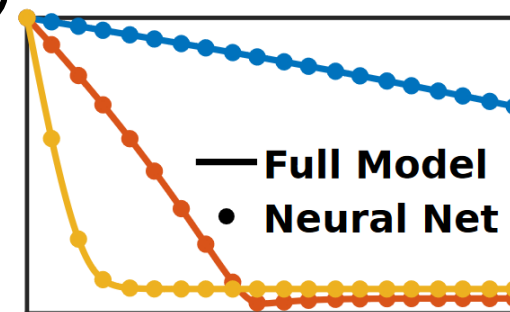
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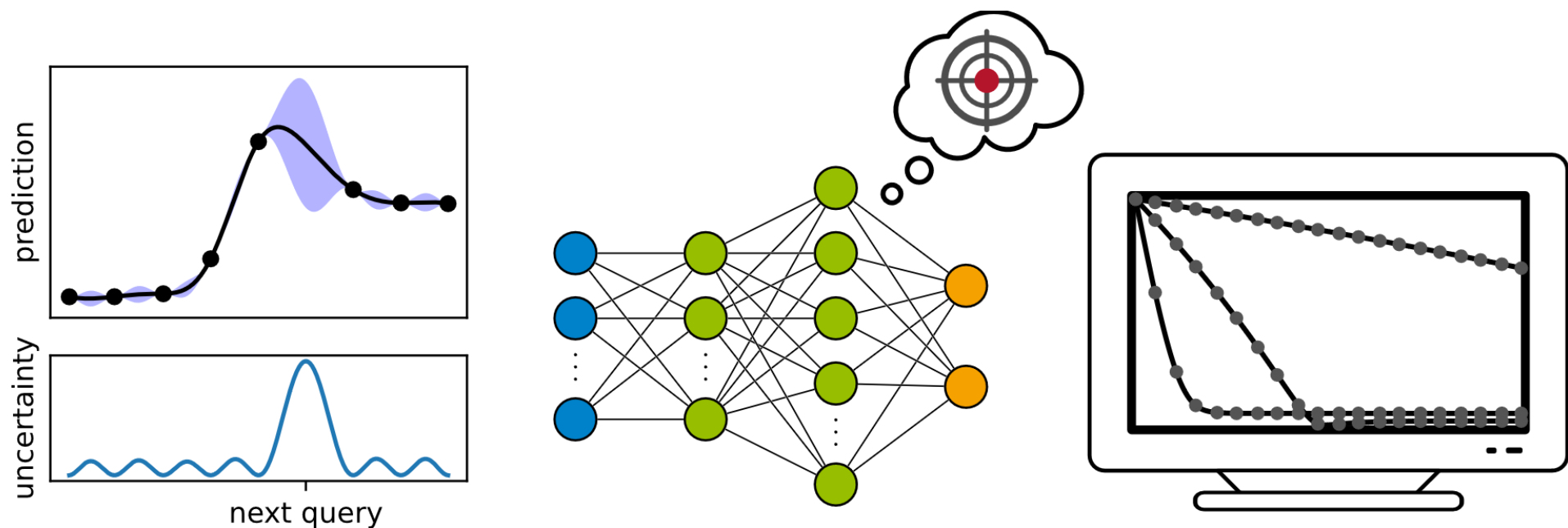


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# Automated surrogates



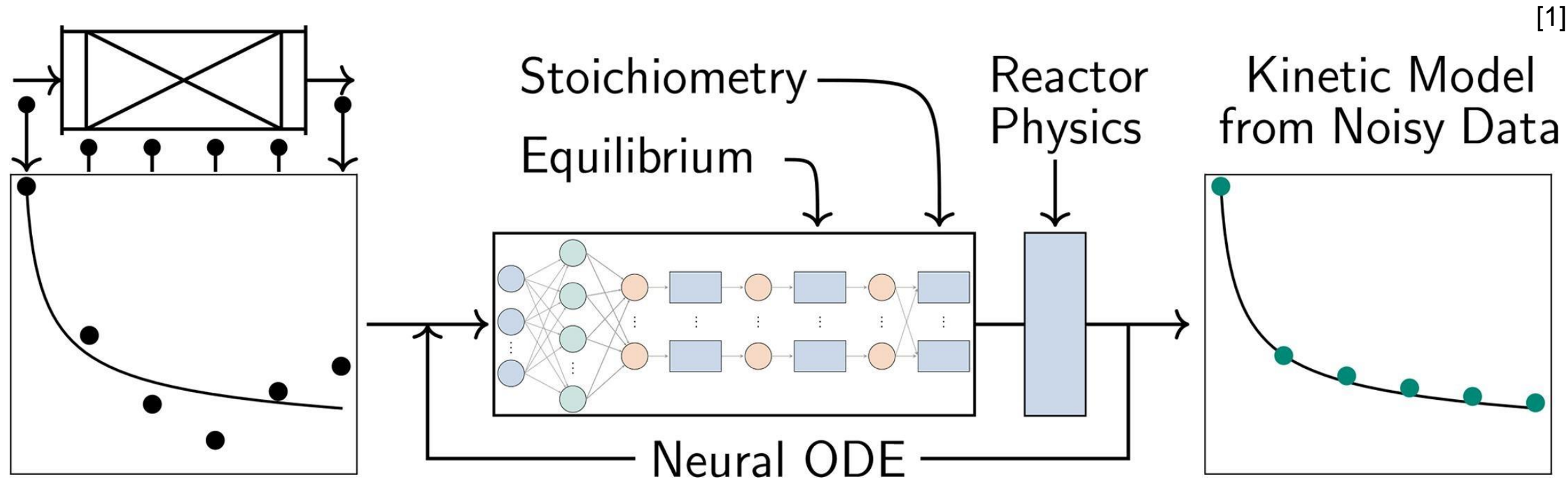
automated training  
set design

goal-oriented  
kernel model

fast & accurate  
reactor simulations

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# Model discovery from integral data



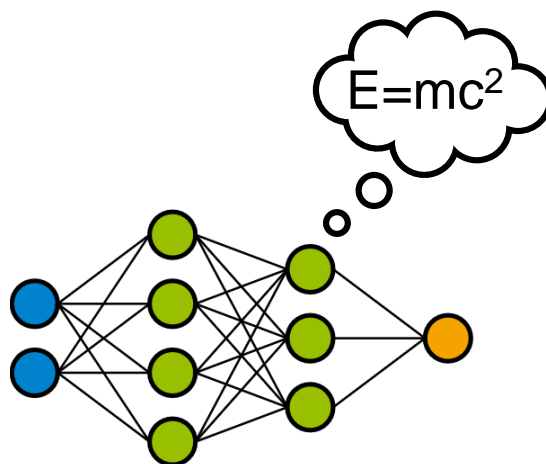
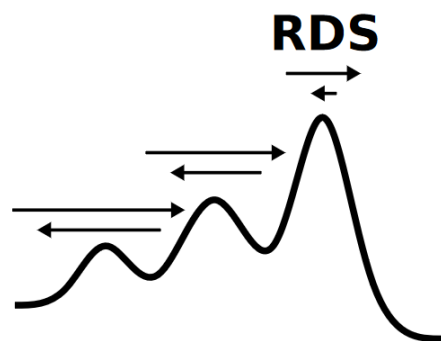
- Methane steam reforming on Rh<sup>[1]</sup>
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- CO<sub>2</sub> Fischer Tropsch<sup>[3]</sup>

- Upcoming: non-ideal reactors

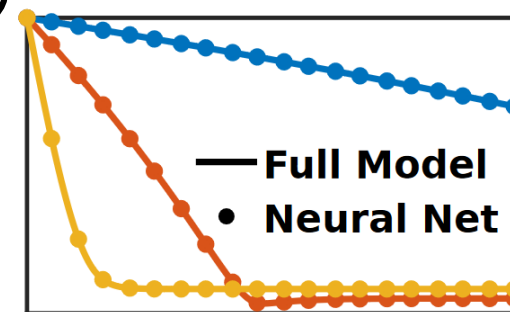
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