#### Deep Neural Networks for PDEs

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#### Short Reading List

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## **Syllabus**

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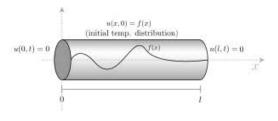
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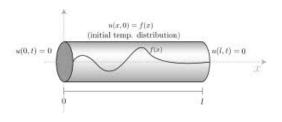
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together with suitable boundary conditions.



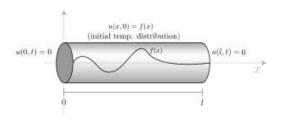
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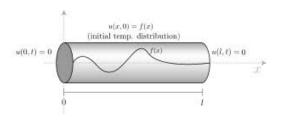
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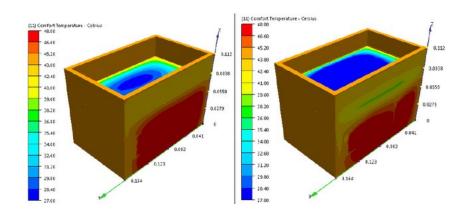
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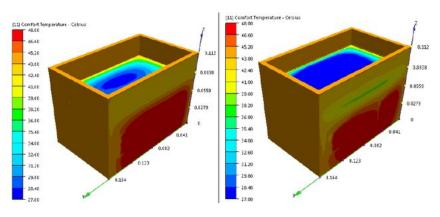
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#### Fluid Dynamics

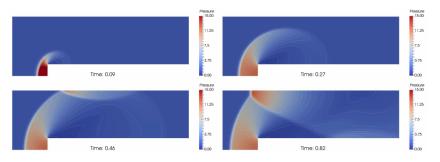


Figure 8: Mach 3 wind tunnel: Polynomial degree K=40,35k Vertices, Maxwellian molecules, 28.9M total DoFs. Coloring: pressure, contour lines: density. Computations were carried out on the Euler cluster of ETH Zurich (Xeon E5-2697 v2) with 360 cores.

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t,x,v) + v \cdot \nabla u(t,x,v) &= Qu(t,x,v) \\ t &\in (0,\infty), x, v \in \mathbb{R}^3; \ d = 7. \end{split}$$

# (Multi Electron) Schrödinger Equation

 $t \in (0, \infty), \; \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N \in \mathbb{R}^3; \; d = 3N + 1.$ 

Wave function of non-relativistic quantum mechanical system of N electors in a field of K nuclei of charge  $Z_{\nu}$  and fixed position  $R_{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ 

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{N}; t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi=1}^{N} \Delta_{i} \Psi(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{N}; t) -$$

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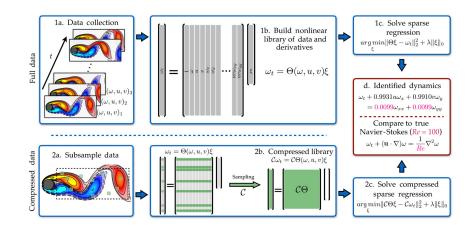
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# Learning the PDE [Rudy et.al. (2017)]



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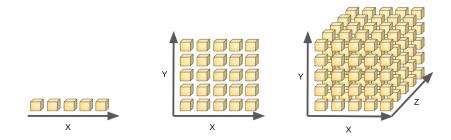
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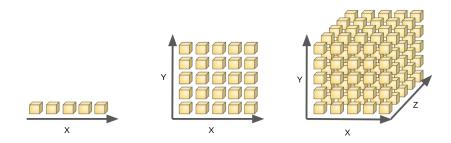
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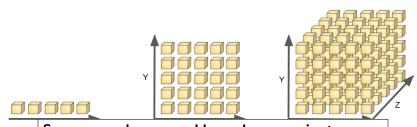
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The Suppose we have a problem where we aim to approximate a *d*-dimensional function. An algorithm to solve the problem suffers from the curse of dimensionality if its computational complexity depends exponentially on the dimension *d*.

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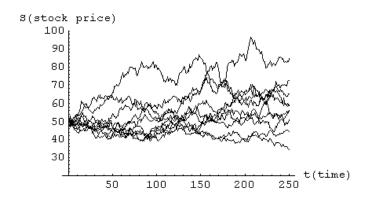
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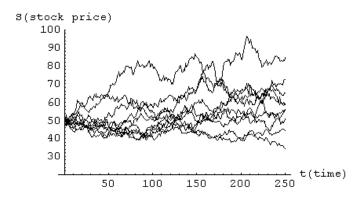
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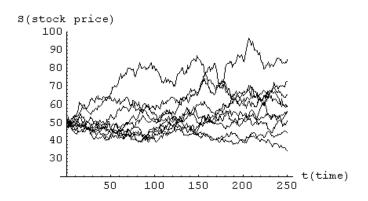
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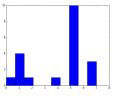
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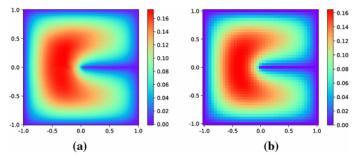
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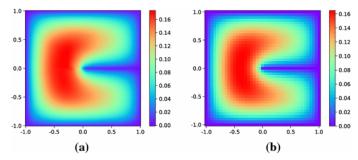
using an (SGD) update

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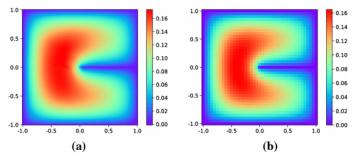
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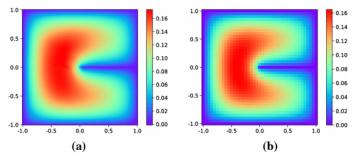
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■ The wave function Φ needs to satisfy the Pauli exclustion principle (if two electrons have the same spin, the wave function has to be antisymmetric w.r.t. the respective coordinates)

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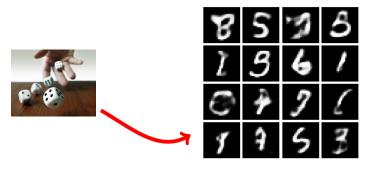
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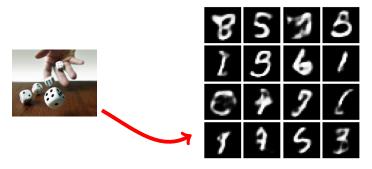
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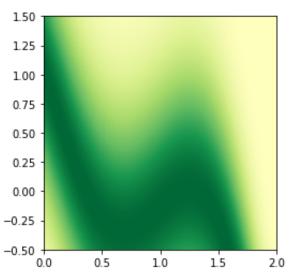
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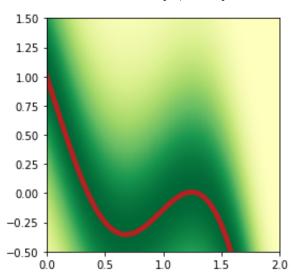
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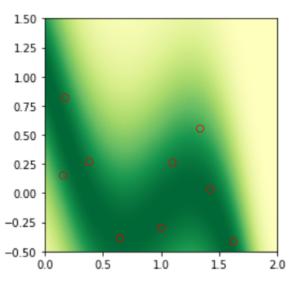
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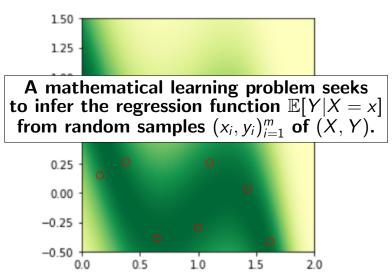


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#### Proof of the Theorem.

Use Lemma and Lipschitz property (see blackboard).

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#### Proof.

Combine Bias-Variance decomposition, Covering number estimate and genearlization result.

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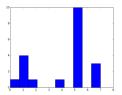
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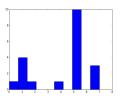




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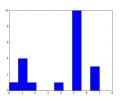
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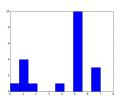




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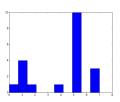




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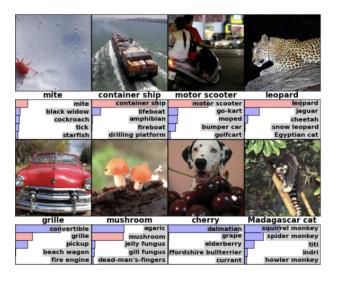




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#### Description of Image Content

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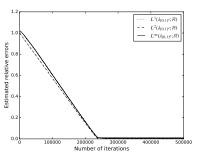
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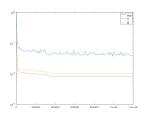
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in Tensorflow.



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50000	0.786743	0.786806	0.828184	220.8
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150000	0.361564	0.361594	0.384105	661.0
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Figure: Estimated errors associated to the solution  $u(1,\cdot)$  of the 100-dimensional parabolic PDE  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t,x)=\Delta_x u(t,x),\ u(0,x)=|x|^2,\ x\in[0,1]^{100}.$ 



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Approximation Results (special cases)

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since by independence it holds that for  $i \neq j$ 

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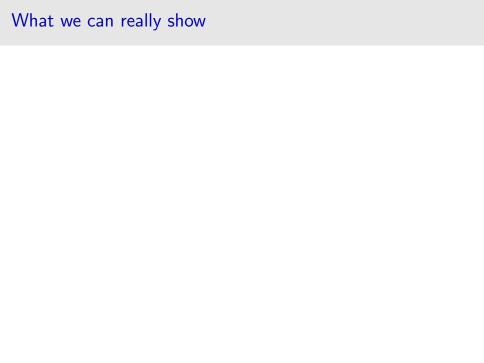
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