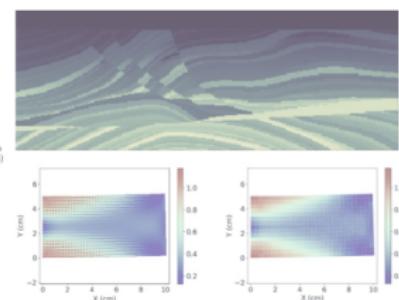
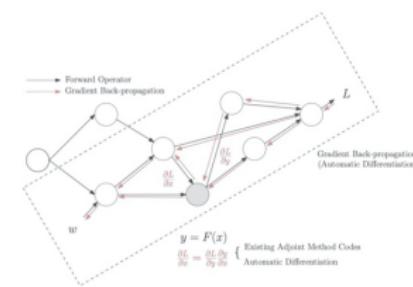
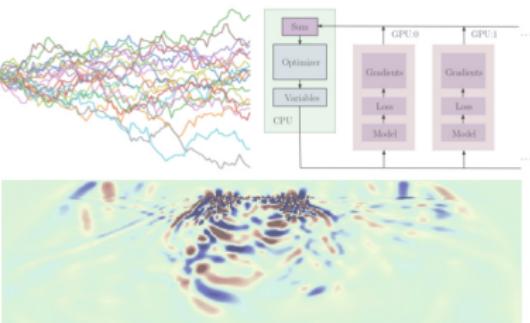


# Subsurface Inverse Modeling with Physics Based Machine Learning

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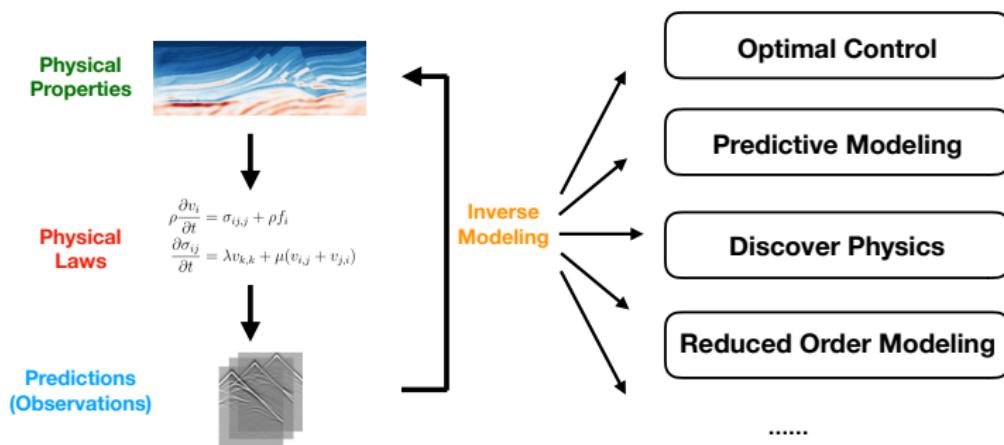
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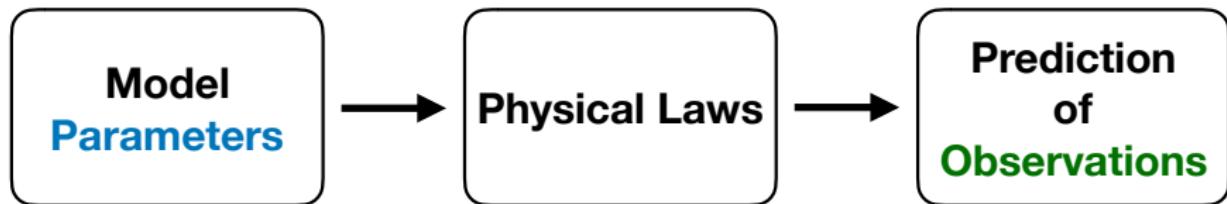
# Inverse Modeling

- **Inverse modeling** identifies a certain set of parameters or functions with which the outputs of the forward analysis matches the desired result or measurement.
- Many real life engineering problems can be formulated as inverse modeling problems: shape optimization for improving the performance of structures, optimal control of fluid dynamic systems, etc.t



# Inverse Modeling

## Forward Problem

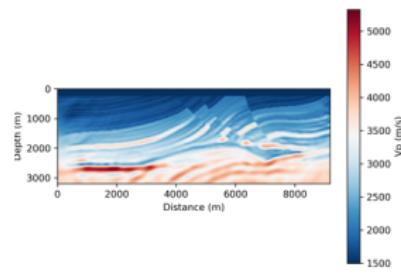


## Inverse Problem

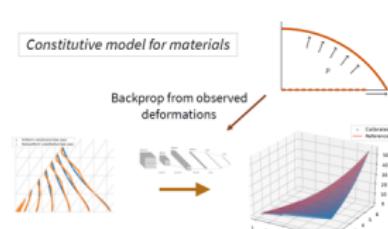


# Inverse Modeling for Subsurface Properties

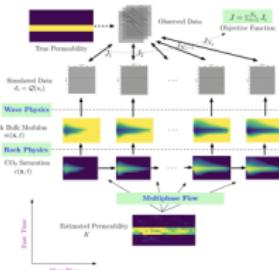
There are many forms of subsurface inverse modeling problems.



Parameter Inverse Problem



Function Inverse Problem



Coupled Inversion

## The Central Challenge

Can we have a general approach for solving these inverse problems?

# Parameter Inverse Problem

We can formulate inverse modeling as a PDE-constrained optimization problem

$$\min_{\theta} L_h(u_h) \quad \text{s.t. } F_h(\theta, u_h) = 0$$

- The **loss function**  $L_h$  measures the discrepancy between the prediction  $u_h$  and the observation  $u_{\text{obs}}$ , e.g.,  $L_h(u_h) = \|u_h - u_{\text{obs}}\|_2^2$ .
- $\theta$  is the **model parameter** to be calibrated.
- The **physics constraints**  $F_h(\theta, u_h) = 0$  are described by a system of partial differential equations. Solving for  $u_h$  may require solving linear systems or applying an iterative algorithm such as the Newton-Raphson method.

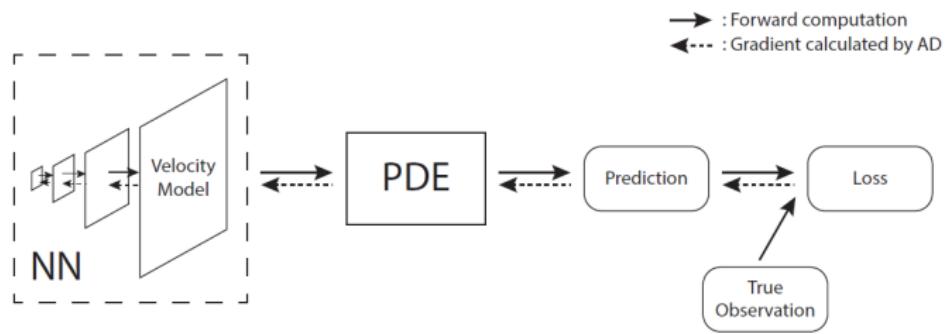
# Function Inverse Problem

$$\min_f L_h(u_h) \quad \text{s.t. } F_h(\mathbf{f}, u_h) = 0$$

What if the unknown is a **function** instead of a set of parameters?

- Koopman operator in dynamical systems.
- Constitutive relations in solid mechanics.
- Turbulent closure relations in fluid mechanics.
- Neural-network-based physical properties.
- ...

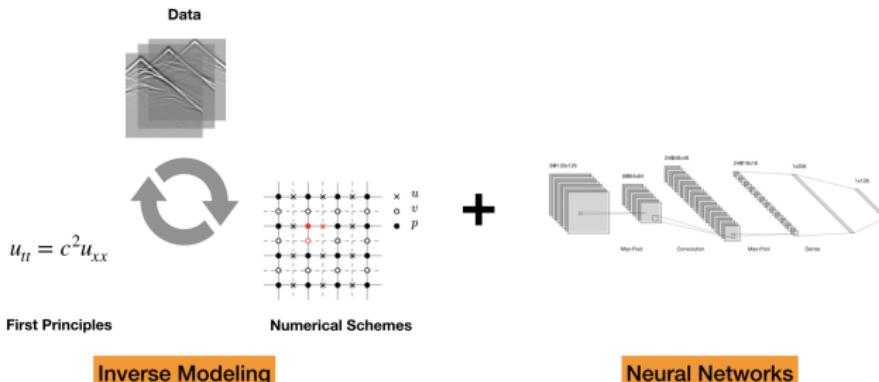
The candidate solution space is **infinite dimensional**.



# Physics Based Machine Learning

$$\min_{\theta} L_h(u_h) \quad \text{s.t. } F_h(\text{NN}_{\theta}, u_h) = 0$$

- Deep neural networks exhibit capability of approximating high dimensional and complicated functions.
- **Physics based machine learning:** the unknown function is approximated by a deep neural network, and the physical constraints are enforced by numerical schemes.
- Satisfy the physics to the largest extent.

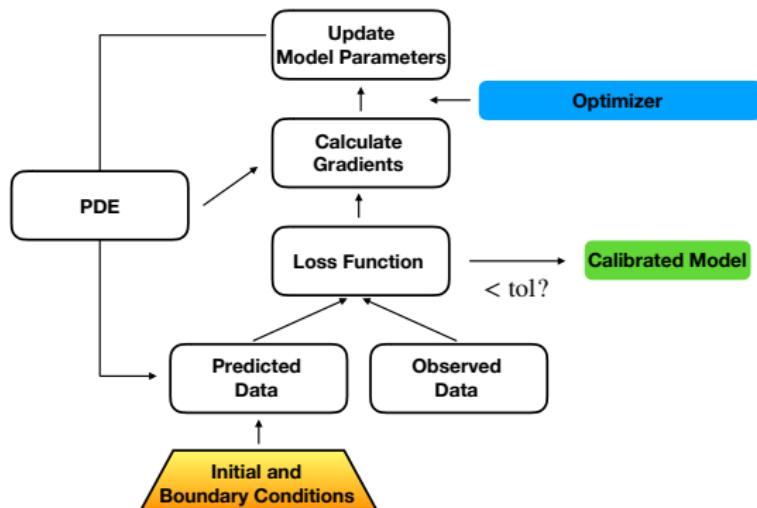


# Gradient Based Optimization

$$\min_{\theta} L_h(u_h) \quad \text{s.t. } F_h(\theta, u_h) = 0 \quad (1)$$

- We can now apply a gradient-based optimization method to (1).
- The key is to calculate the gradient descent direction  $g^k$

$$\theta^{k+1} \leftarrow \theta^k - \alpha g^k$$



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# Automatic Differentiation

The fact that bridges the **technical** gap between machine learning and inverse modeling:

- Deep learning (and many other machine learning techniques) and numerical schemes share the same computational model: composition of individual operators.

## Mathematical Fact

Back-propagation

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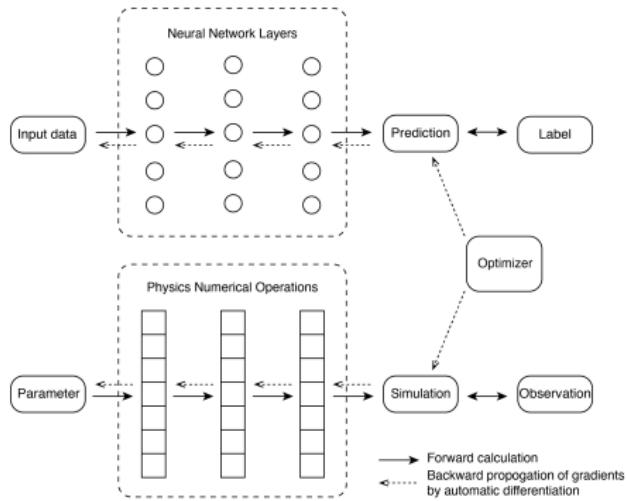
Reverse-mode

Automatic Differentiation

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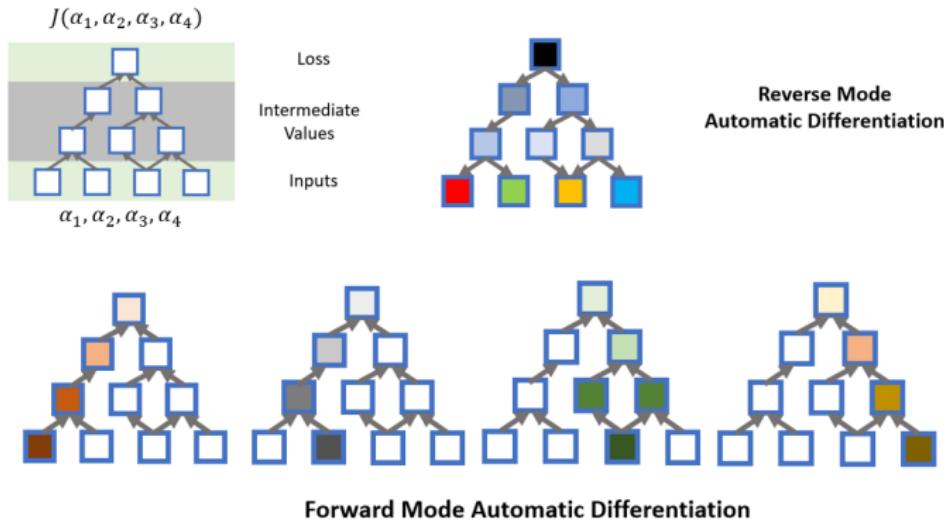
Discrete

Adjoint-State Method



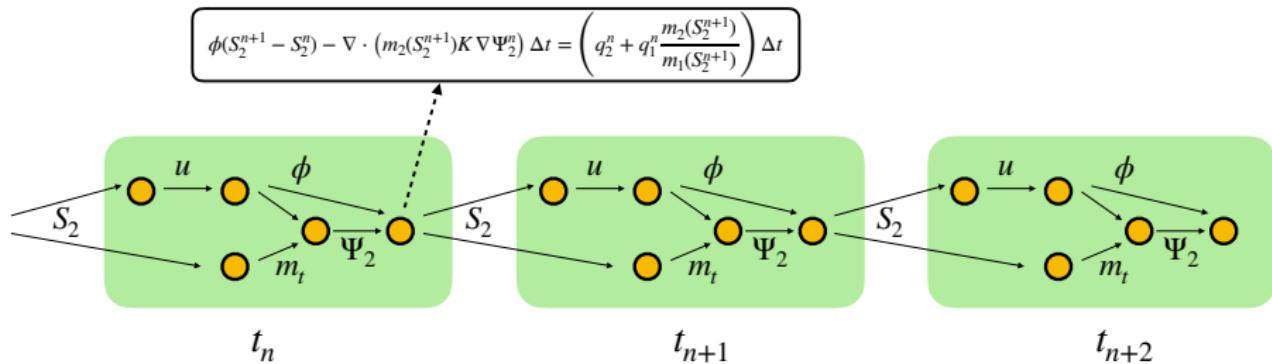
# Forward Mode vs. Reverse Mode

- Reverse mode automatic differentiation evaluates gradients in the **reverse order** of forward computation.
- Reverse mode automatic differentiation is a more efficient way to compute gradients of a many-to-one mapping  $J(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4) \Rightarrow$  suitable for minimizing a loss (misfit) function.



# Computational Graph for Numerical Schemes

- To leverage automatic differentiation for inverse modeling, we need to express the numerical schemes in the “AD language”: computational graph.
- No matter how complicated a numerical scheme is, it can be decomposed into a collection of operators that are interlinked via state variable dependencies.

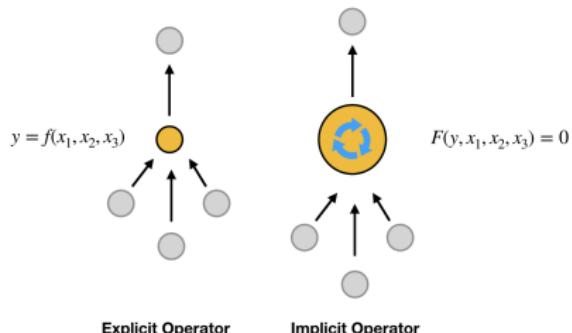


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# Challenges in AD

- Most AD frameworks only deal with **explicit operators**, i.e., the functions that has analytical derivatives that are easy to implement.
- Many scientific computing algorithms are **iterative** or **implicit** in nature.



Linear/Nonlinear	Explicit/Implicit	Expression
Linear	Explicit	$y = Ax$
Nonlinear	Explicit	$y = F(x)$
<b>Linear</b>	<b>Implicit</b>	$Ay = x$
<b>Nonlinear</b>	<b>Implicit</b>	$F(x, y) = 0$

# Implicit Operators in Subsurface Modeling

- For reasons such as nonlinearity and stability, implicit operators (schemes) are almost everywhere in subsurface modeling...

## Navier-Stokes Equations

$$\begin{aligned}x: \quad & \rho \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) + \rho g_x \\y: \quad & \rho \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) + \rho g_y \\z: \quad & \rho \left( \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) + \rho g_z\end{aligned}$$

## Two-phase Flow Equations

$$\partial_t (\alpha_k \rho_k A) + \nabla \cdot [\alpha_k A (\rho_k \mathbf{u}_k \otimes \mathbf{u}_k + P_k \mathbb{I})] =$$

$$-\nabla A + P_{int} A \nabla \alpha_k + A \lambda_u (\mathbf{u}_j - \mathbf{u}_k)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \phi \left( \frac{S_o}{B_o} + \frac{R_V S_g}{B_g} \right) \right] + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{1}{B_o} \vec{u}_o + \frac{R_V}{B_g} \vec{u}_g \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \phi \left( \frac{S_w}{B_w} \right) \right] + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{1}{B_w} \vec{u}_w \right) = 0$$

$$\eta_k E_k + P_k)] =$$

$$A(P_k - P_i) + A \lambda_u \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{int} \cdot (\mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{u}_k)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \phi \left( \frac{R_S S_o}{B_o} + \frac{S_g}{B_g} \right) \right] + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{R_S}{B_o} \vec{u}_o + \frac{1}{B_g} \vec{u}_g \right) = 0$$

## Black Oil Equations

- The ultimate solution: design “differentiable” implicit operators.

## Example

- Consider a function  $f : x \rightarrow y$ , which is implicitly defined by

$$F(x, y) = x^3 - (y^3 + y) = 0$$

If not using the cubic formula for finding the roots, the forward computation consists of iterative algorithms, such as the Newton's method and bisection method

```
y0 ← 0  
k ← 0  
while |F(x, yk)| > ε do  
    δk ← F(x, yk)/F'y(x, yk)  
    yk+1 ← yk - δk  
    k ← k + 1  
end while  
Return yk
```

```
I ← -M, r ← M, m ← 0  
while |F(x, m)| > ε do  
    c ←  $\frac{a+b}{2}$   
    if F(x, m) > 0 then  
        a ← m  
    else  
        b ← m  
    end if  
end while  
Return c
```

## Example

- An efficient way is to apply the **implicit function theorem**. For our example,  $F(x, y) = x^3 - (y^3 + y) = 0$ , treat  $y$  as a function of  $x$  and take the derivative on both sides

$$3x^2 - 3y(x)^2y'(x) - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y'(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 1}{3y(x)^2}$$

The above gradient is **exact**.

**Can we apply the same idea to inverse modeling?**

# Physics Constrained Learning

$$\min_{\theta} L_h(u_h) \quad \text{s.t. } F_h(\theta, u_h) = 0$$

- Assume that we solve for  $u_h = G_h(\theta)$  with  $F_h(\theta, u_h) = 0$ , and then

$$\tilde{L}_h(\theta) = L_h(G_h(\theta))$$

- Applying the **implicit function theorem**

$$\frac{\partial F_h(\theta, u_h)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial F_h(\theta, u_h)}{\partial u_h} \frac{\partial G_h(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial G_h(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = - \left( \frac{\partial F_h(\theta, u_h)}{\partial u_h} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial F_h(\theta, u_h)}{\partial \theta}$$

- Finally we have

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \tilde{L}_h(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial L_h(u_h)}{\partial u_h} \frac{\partial G_h(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = - \frac{\partial L_h(u_h)}{\partial u_h} \left( \frac{\partial F_h(\theta, u_h)}{\partial u_h} \Big|_{u_h=G_h(\theta)} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial F_h(\theta, u_h)}{\partial \theta} \Big|_{u_h=G_h(\theta)}}$$

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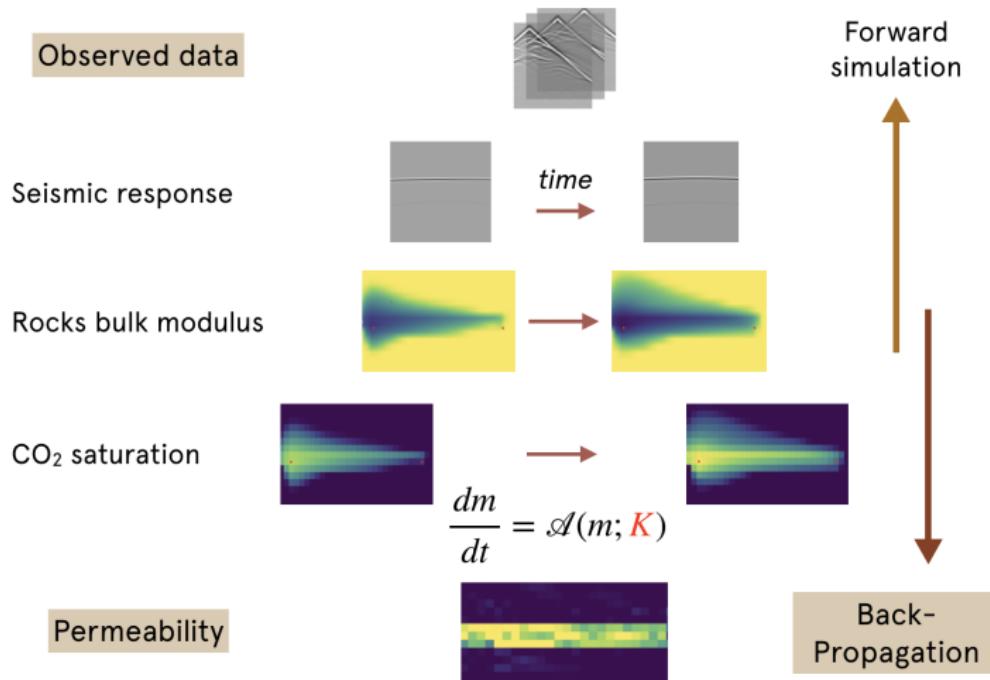
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# Parameter Inverse Problem: Elastic Full Waveform Inversion for Subsurface Flow Problems



# Fully Nonlinear Implicit Schemes

- The governing equation is a nonlinear PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\phi S_i \rho_i) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_i \mathbf{v}_i) = \rho_i q_i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$S_1 + S_2 = 1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = -\frac{K k_{ri}}{\tilde{\mu}_i} (\nabla P_i - g \rho_i \nabla Z), \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$k_{r1}(S_1) = \frac{k_{r1}^o S_1^{L_1}}{S_1^{L_1} + E_1 S_2^{T_1}}$$

$$k_{r2}(S_1) = \frac{S_2^{L_2}}{S_2^{L_2} + E_2 S_1^{T_2}}$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial x}$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial t} = (\lambda + 2\mu) \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} + \lambda \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial t} = (\lambda + 2\mu) \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \lambda \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

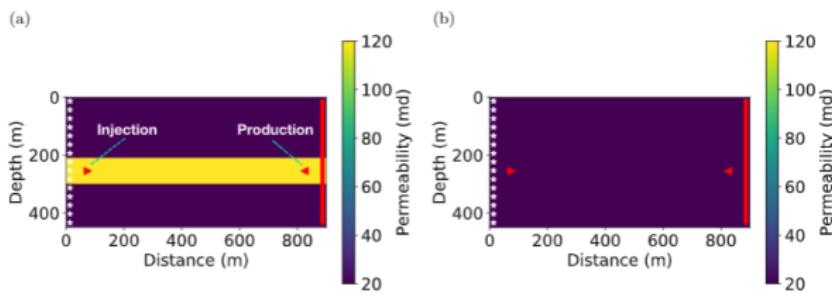
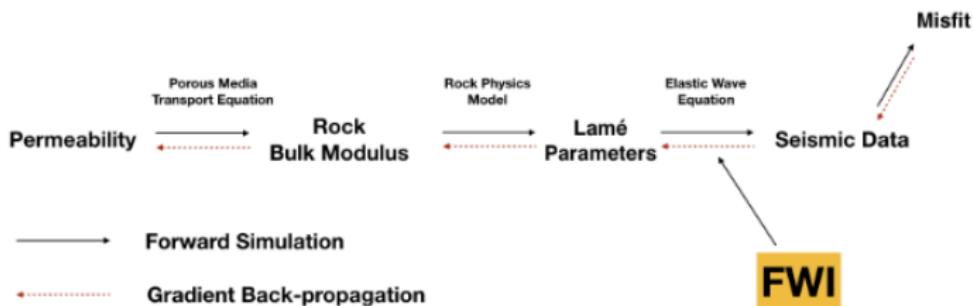
$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial t} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right),$$

- For stability and efficiency, implicit methods are the industrial standards.

$$\phi(S_2^{n+1} - S_2^n) - \nabla \cdot (m_2(S_2^{n+1}) K \nabla \Psi_2^n) \Delta t = \left( q_2^n + q_1^n \frac{m_2(S_2^{n+1})}{m_1(S_2^{n+1})} \right) \Delta t \quad m_i(s) = \frac{k_{ri}(s)}{\tilde{\mu}_i}$$

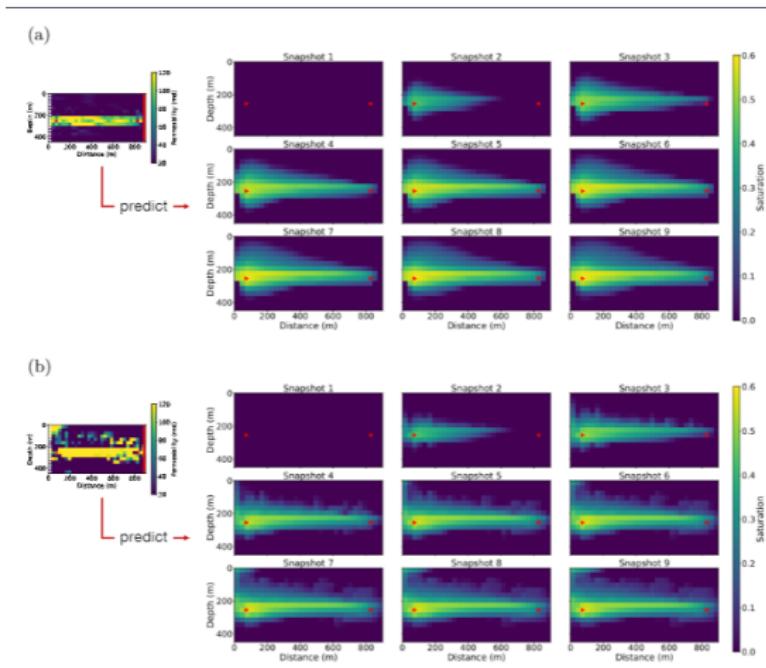
# Inverse Modeling Workflow

Traditionally, the inversion is typically solved by separately inverting the wave equation (FWI) and the flow transport equations.



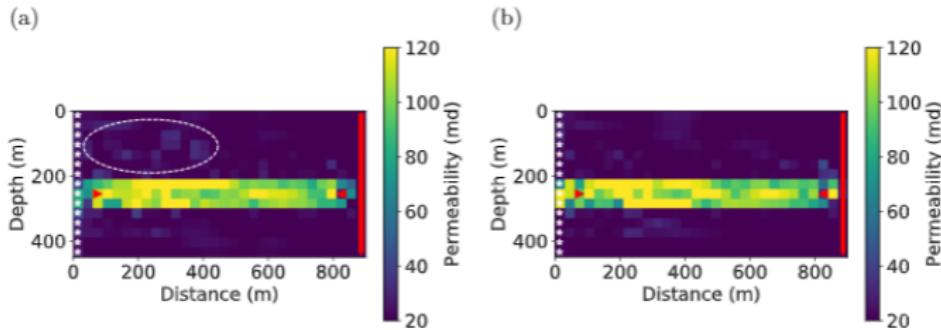
# Coupled Inversion vs. Decoupled Inversion

We found that by coupled inversion reduces the artifacts from FWI significantly and yields a substantially better results.



# Travel Time vs. Full Waveforms

We also compared using only travel time (left, Eikonal equation) versus using full waveforms (right, FWI) for inversion. We found that **full waveforms do contain more information for making a better estimation of the permeability property.**



The Eikonal equation solver was also implemented with physics constrained learning!

Check out our package FwiFlow.jl for wave and flow inversion and our recently published paper for this work.

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Water Resources Research

## High Performance

Solves inverse modeling problems faster with our GPU-accelerated FWI module.

## Designed for Subsurface Modeling

Provides many operators that can be reused for different subsurface modeling problems.

## Easy to Extend

Allows users to implement and insert their own custom operators and solve new problems.

# Function Inverse Problem: Modeling Viscoelasticity

- Multi-physics Interaction of Coupled Geomechanics and Multi-Phase Flow Equations

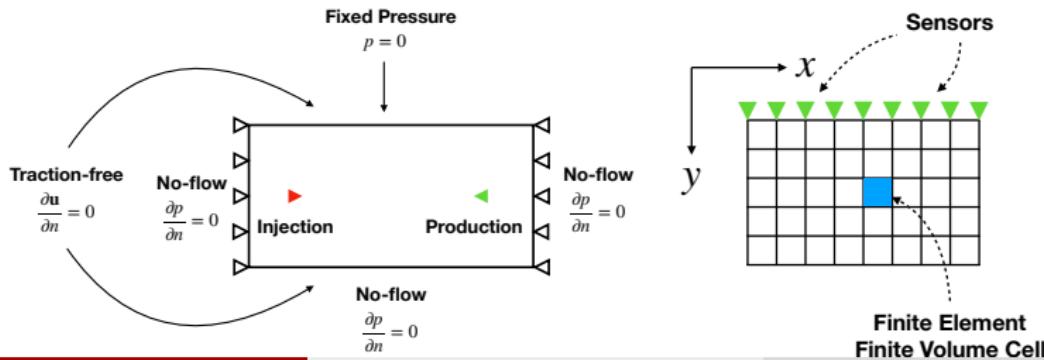
$$\operatorname{div}\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) - b\nabla p = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + b \frac{\partial \epsilon_v(\mathbf{u})}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{k}{B_f \mu} \nabla p \right) = f(x, t)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}})$$

- Approximate the constitutive relation by a neural network

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} = \mathcal{NN}_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^n, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^n) + H\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{n+1}$$



# Neural Networks: Inverse Modeling of Viscoelasticity

- We propose the following form for modeling viscosity (assume the time step size is fixed):

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^n = \mathcal{NN}_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^n, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^n) + H(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^n)$$

- $H$  is a free optimizable **symmetric positive definite matrix** (SPD). Hence the numerical stiffness matrix is SPD.
- Implicit linear equation

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} - H\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{n+1} = -H\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^n + \mathcal{NN}_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^n, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^n) + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^n := \mathcal{NN}_{\theta}^*(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^n, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^n)$$

- Linear system to solve in each time step  $\Rightarrow$  good balance between **numerical stability** and **computational cost**.
- Good performance in our numerical examples.

# Training Strategy and Numerical Stability

- Physics constrained learning = improved numerical stability in predictive modeling.
- For simplicity, consider two strategies to train an NN-based constitutive relation using direct data  $\{(\epsilon_o^n, \sigma_o^n)\}_n$

$$\Delta\sigma^n = H\Delta\epsilon^n + \mathcal{NN}_{\theta}(\sigma^n, \epsilon^n), \quad H \succ 0$$

- Training with input-output pairs

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_n \left( \sigma_o^{n+1} - (H\epsilon_o^{n+1} + \mathcal{NN}_{\theta}^*(\sigma_o^n, \epsilon_o^n)) \right)^2$$

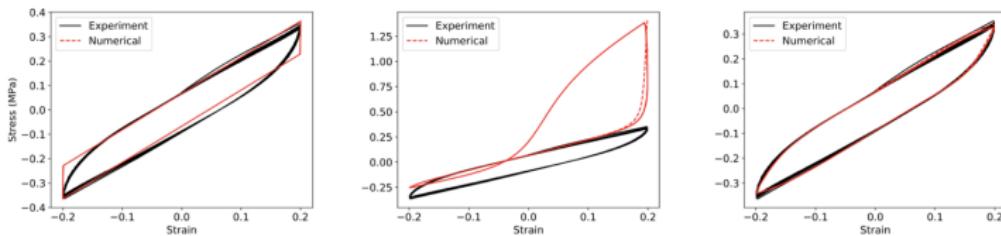
- Better stability using training on trajectory = **physics constrained learning**

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_n (\sigma^n(\theta) - \sigma_o^n)^2$$

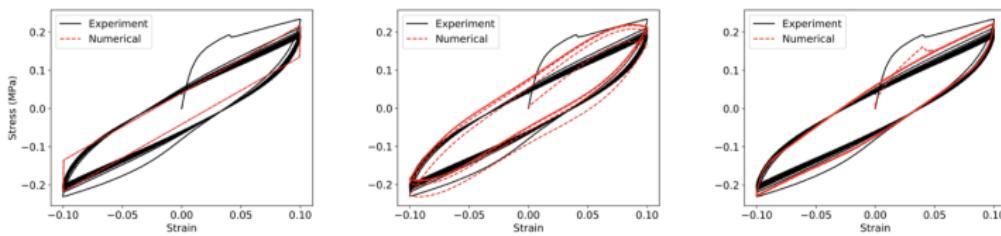
s.t. I.C.  $\sigma^1 = \sigma_o^1$  and time integrator  $\Delta\sigma^n = H\Delta\epsilon^n + \mathcal{NN}_{\theta}(\sigma^n, \epsilon^n)$

# Experimental Data

Dataset 1



Dataset 2



Kevin-Voigt Model

Trained with  
Input-output Pairs

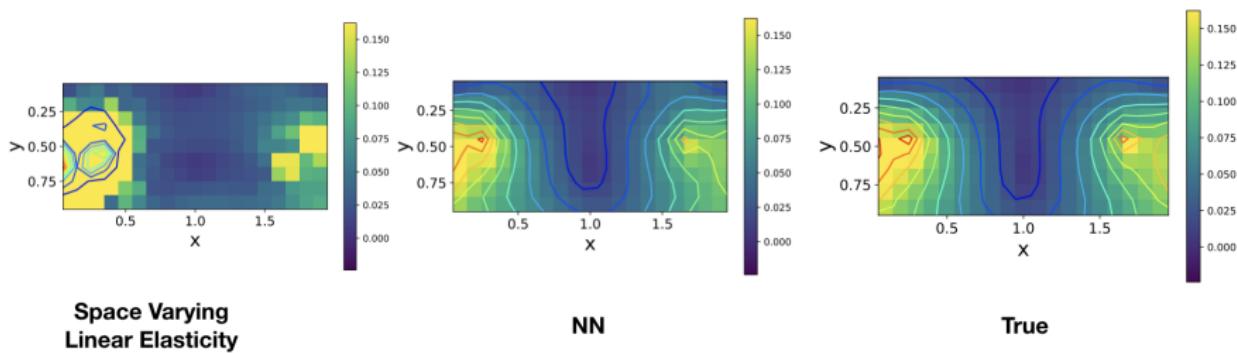
Trained with  
Physics Constrained Learning

Experimental data from: Javidan, Mohammad Mahdi, and Jinkoo Kim. "Experimental and numerical Sensitivity Assessment of Viscoelasticity for polymer composite Materials." Scientific Reports 10.1 (2020): 1–9.

# Inverse Modeling of Viscoelasticity

- Comparison with space varying linear elasticity approximation

$$\sigma = H(x, y)\epsilon$$

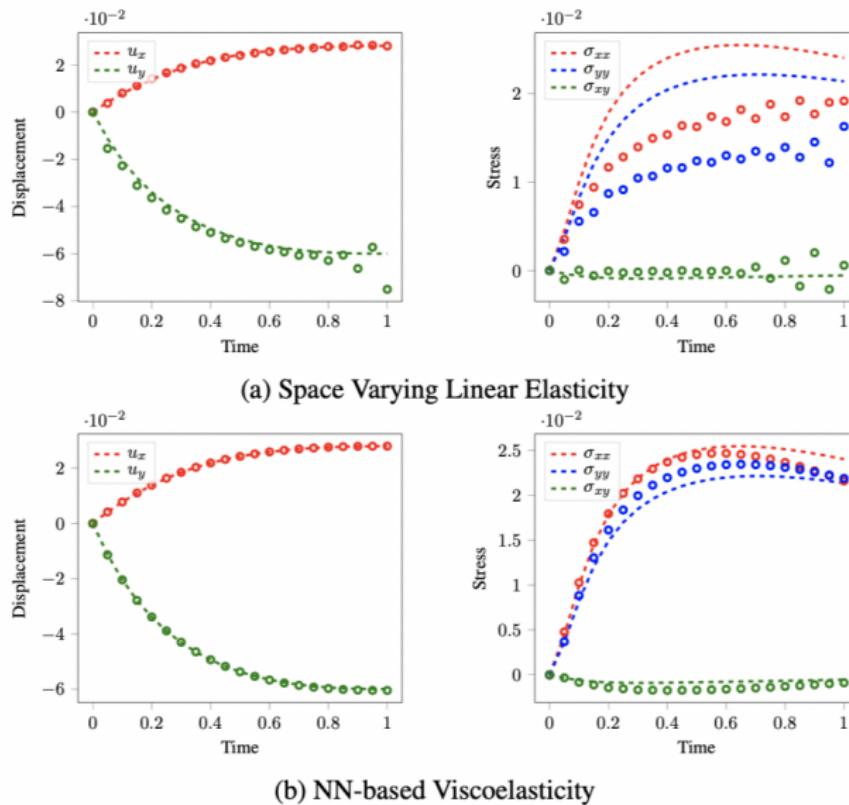


Space Varying  
Linear Elasticity

NN

True

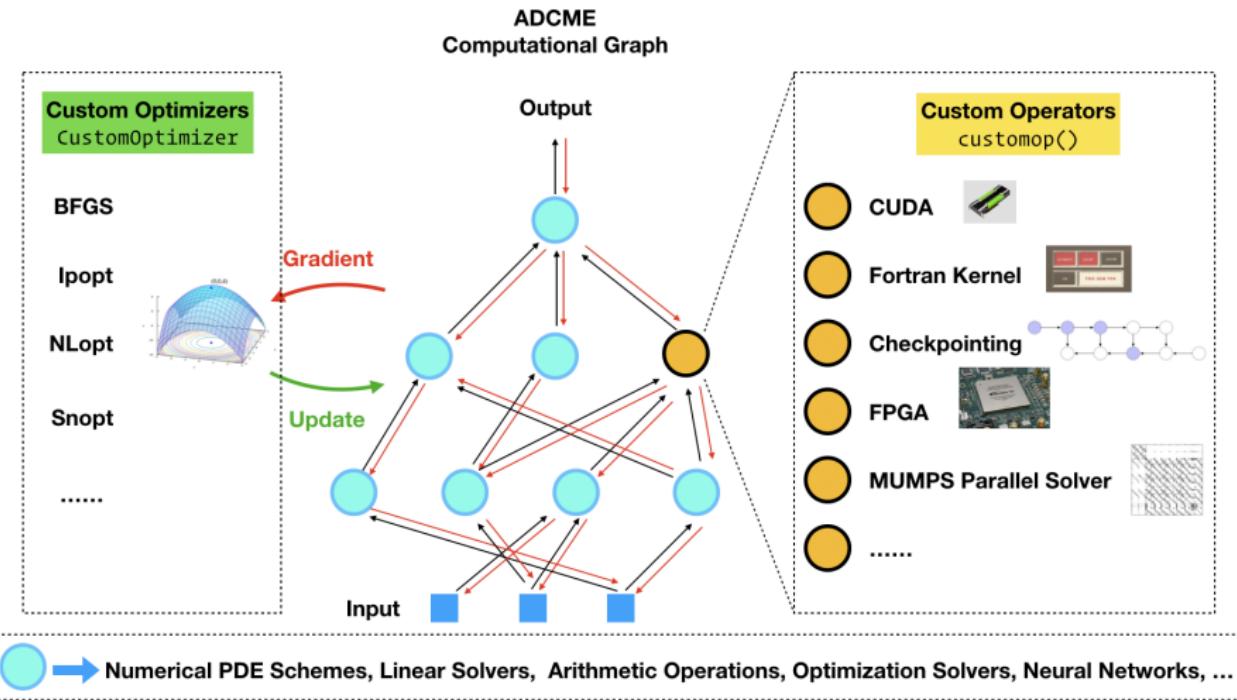
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# Physical Simulation as a Computational Graph



→ Numerical PDE Schemes, Linear Solvers, Arithmetic Operations, Optimization Solvers, Neural Networks, ...

# A General Approach to Inverse Modeling

