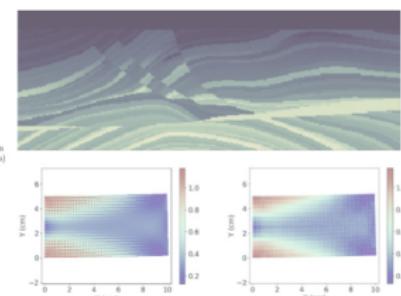
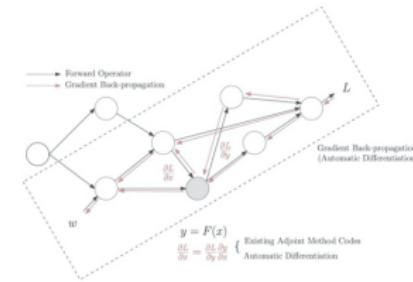
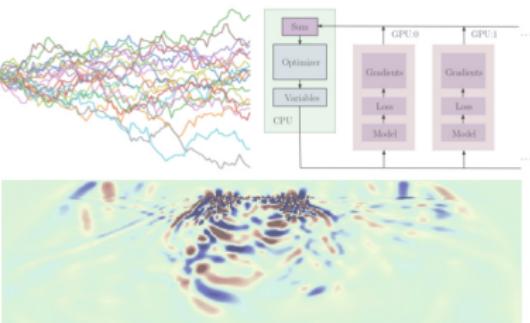


# Machine Learning for Computational Engineering

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# Outline

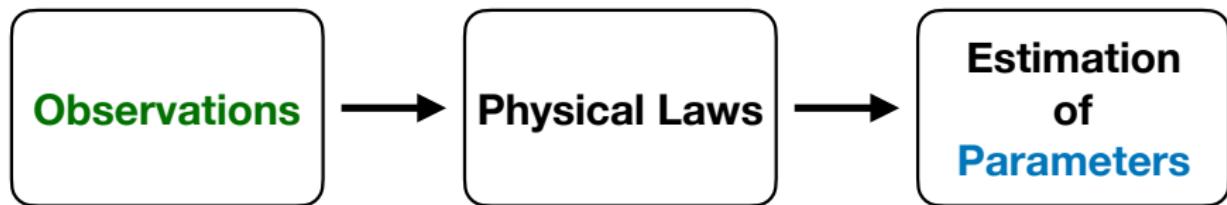
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# Inverse Modeling

## Forward Problem



## Inverse Problem



# Inverse Modeling

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 or differential algebraic equations (DAEs); e.g.,

$$F_h(\theta, u_h) = A(\theta)u_h - f_h = 0$$

# Function Inverse Problem

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

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.
- ...

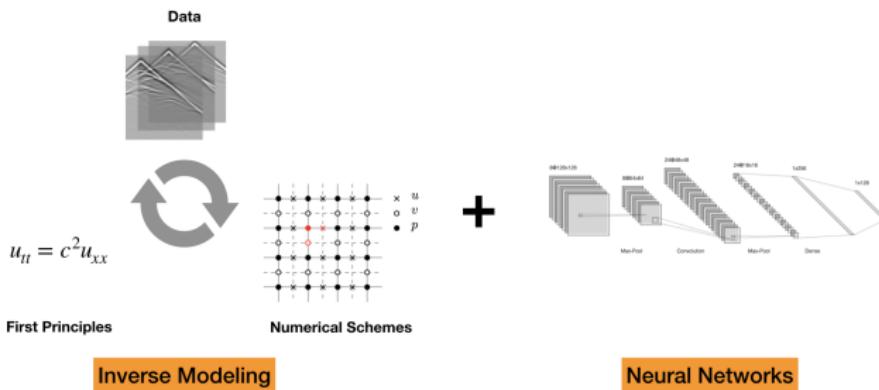
The candidate solution space is **infinite dimensional**.

# Machine Learning for Computational Engineering

$$\min_{\theta} L_h(u_h) \quad \text{s.t. } F_h(\mathbf{N}_{\theta}, u_h) = 0 \leftarrow \text{Solved numerically}$$

- ① Use a deep neural network to approximate the (high dimensional) unknown function;
- ② Solve  $u_h$  from the physical constraint using a **numerical PDE solver**;
- ③ Apply an unconstrained optimizer to the reduced problem

$$\min_{\theta} L_h(u_h(\theta))$$

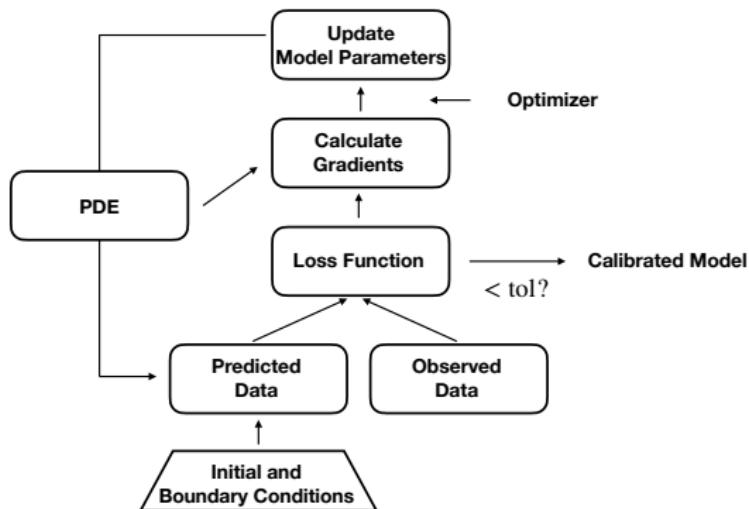


# Gradient Based Optimization

$$\min_{\theta} L_h(u_h(\theta))$$

- Steepest descent method:

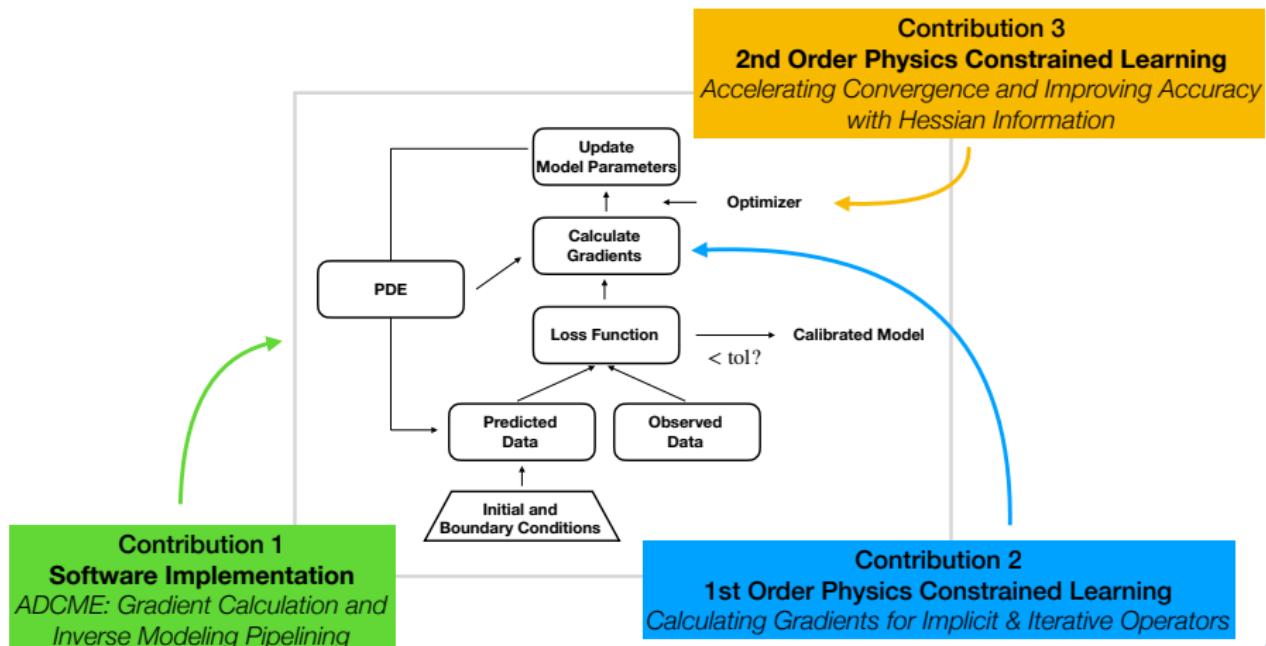
$$\theta_{k+1} \leftarrow \theta_k - \alpha_k \nabla_{\theta} L_h(u_h(\theta_k))$$



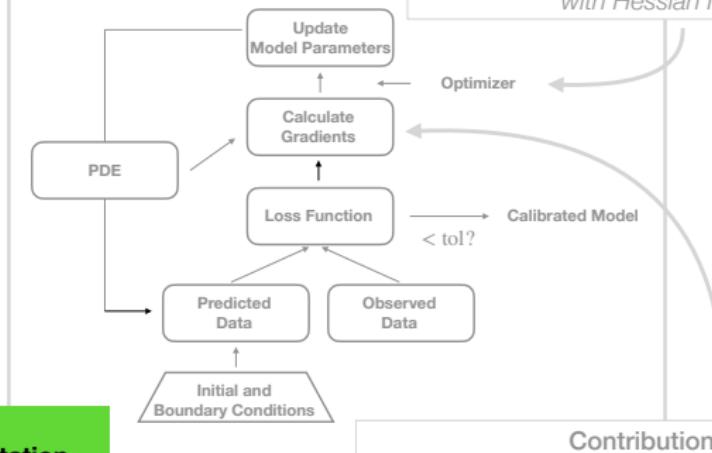
# Contributions

## Goal

*Develop algorithms and tools for solving inverse problems by combining DNNs and numerical PDE solvers.*



Contribution 3  
**2nd Order Physics Constrained Learning**  
*Accelerating Convergence and Improving Accuracy with Hessian Information*



Contribution 1

**Software Implementation**

ADCME: Gradient Calculation and Inverse Modeling Pipelining

Contribution 2

**1st Order Physics Constrained Learning**

Calculating Gradients for Implicit & Iterative Operators

# Ecosystem for Inverse Modeling

The figure displays four software documentation pages arranged in a grid:

- ADSeismic**: An open-source high-performance package for general seismic inversion problems. It includes sections for "Getting Started" and "AdFem.jl Documentation".
- AdFem**: A software for finite element analysis, featuring a logo with wavy lines and a green sphere.
- ADCME**: A library for automatic differentiation in scientific computing, with a red header and a green sphere icon.
- Adjoint-FEM**: A software for solving inverse problems using finite element methods, with a yellow and purple logo.

**ADSeismic Documentation**

**Getting Started**

An Open Source High Performance Package for General Seismic Inversion Problems

**AdFem.jl Documentation**

**ADCME Documentation**

**Adjoint-FEM Documentation**

**Computational Graph**

In wave simulation, Users only need to specify the terms traditionally derived by adjoint methods are variables such as full waveform inversion (FWI), etc. But computing, multi GPU (in theory TPUs are also supported), your own inversion models, automatic differentiation, and optimization for computational mathematics and engineering, this package (ADCME.jl) can serve as a base.

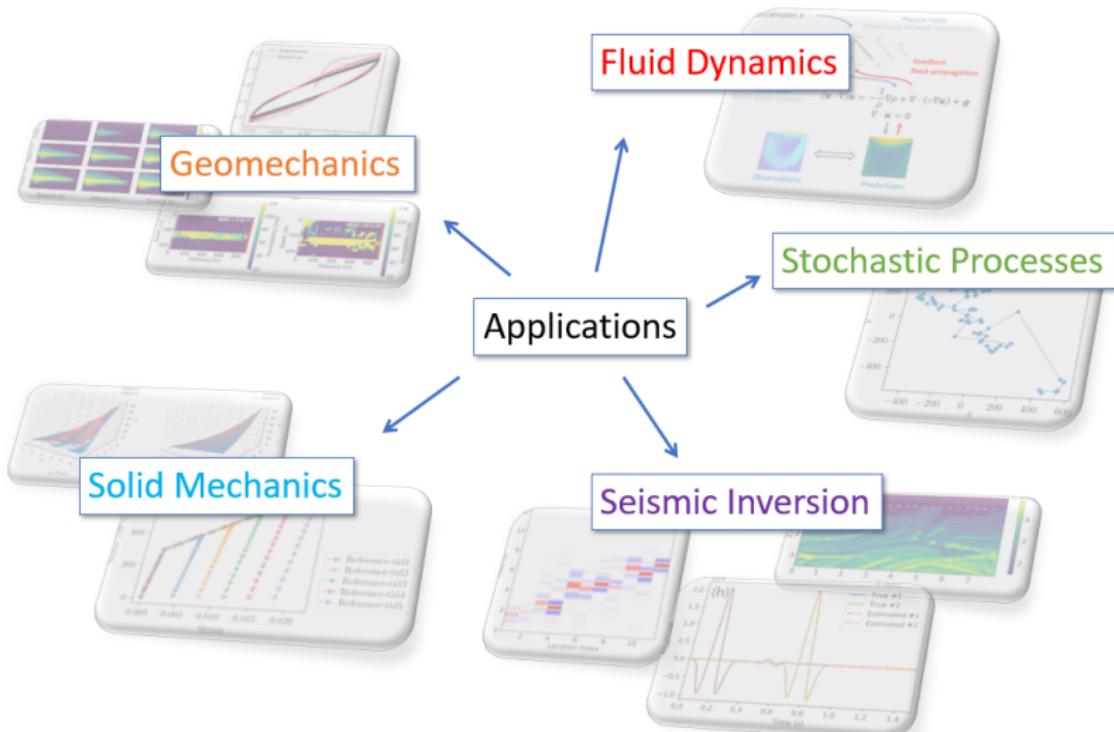
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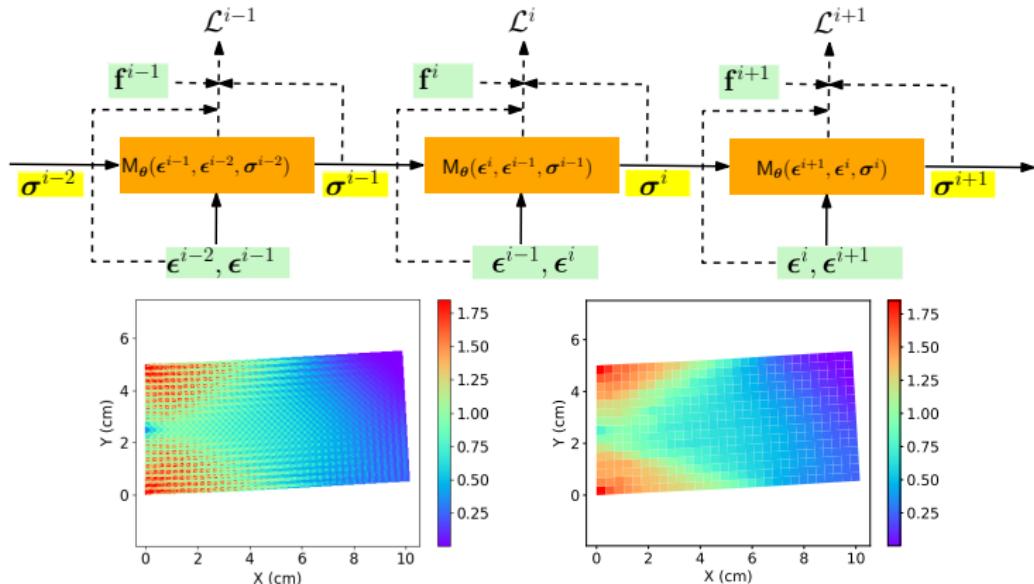
# Applications



See the publication list at: <https://github.com/kailaiX/ADCME.jl>

# Applications: Solid Mechanics

- Modeling constitutive relations with deep neural networks

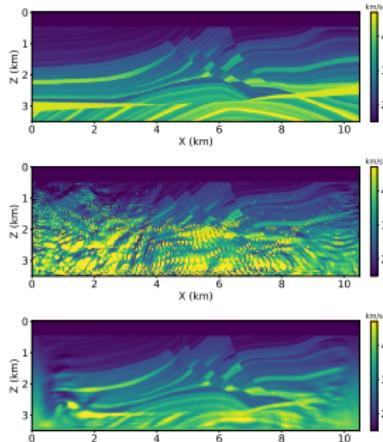
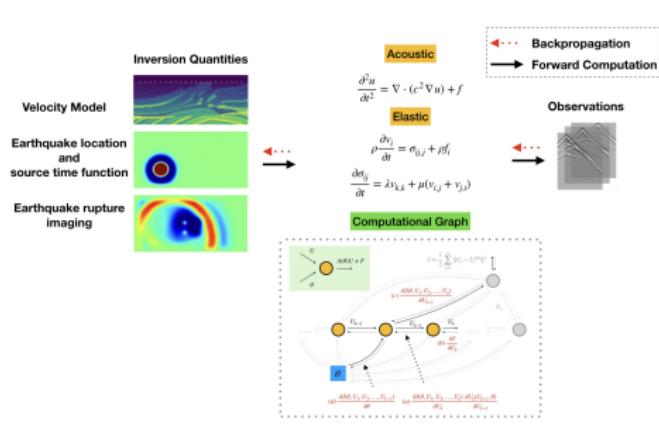


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# Applications: Seismic Inversion

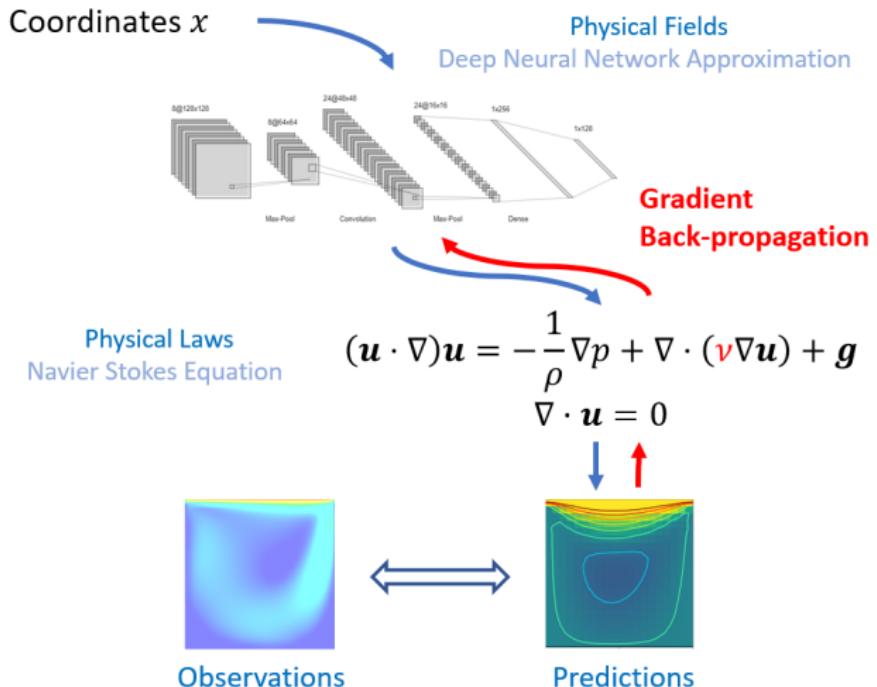
- **ADSeismic:** AD + Seismic Inversion
- **NNFWI:** DNN + FWI



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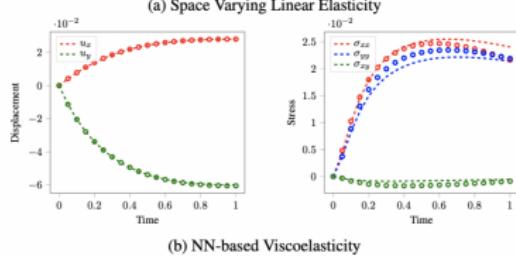
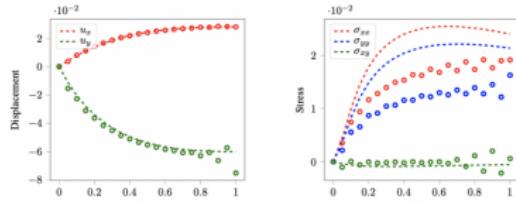
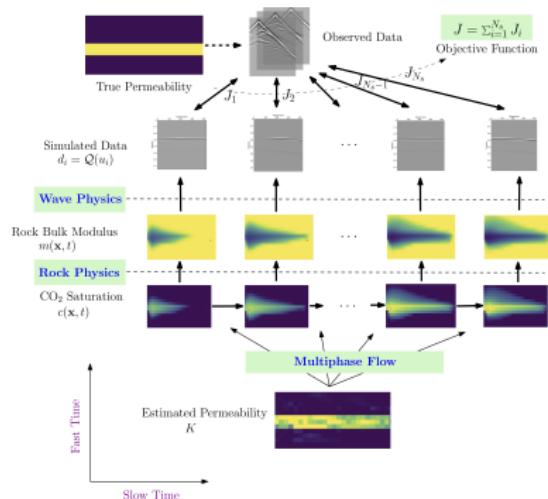
# Applications: Fluid Dynamics



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# Applications: Geo-mechanics

- Learning intrinsic fluid properties from indirect seismic data using automatic differentiation
- Modeling viscoelasticity using deep neural networks

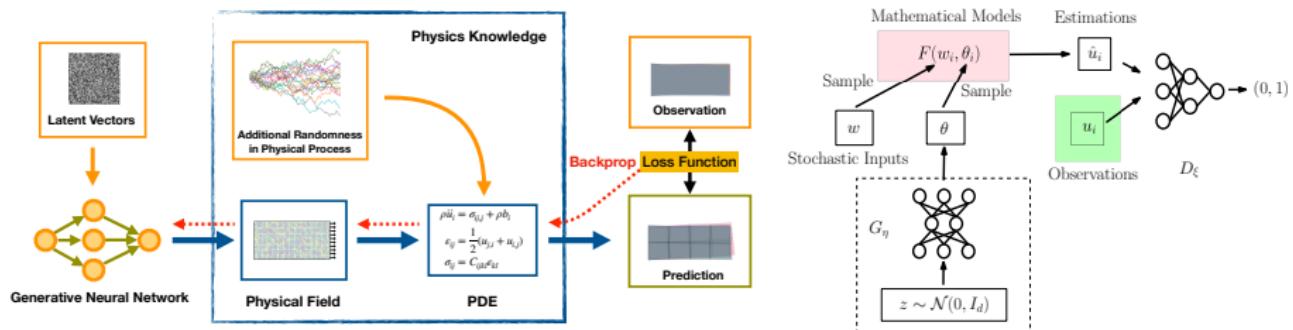


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# Applications: Stochastic Processes

- Approximating unknown distributions with deep neural networks in a stochastic process/differential equation.
- **Adversarial Inverse Modeling (AIM)**: adversarial training
- **Physics Generative Neural Networks (PhysGNN)**: optimal transport



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# Automatic Differentiation

Bridging the technical gap between deep learning and inverse modeling:

Mathematical Fact

Back-propagation

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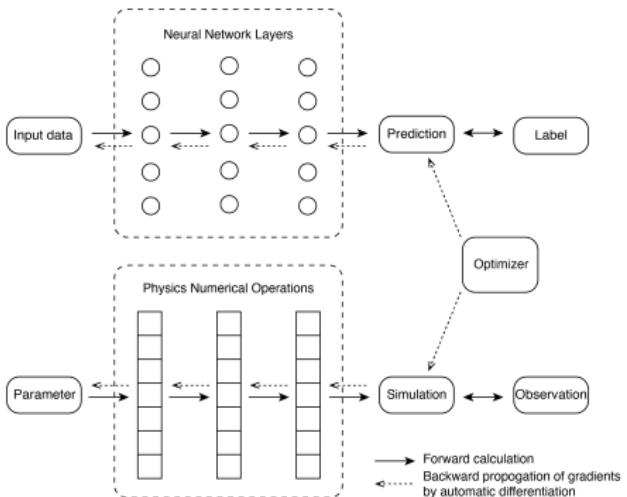
Reverse-mode

Automatic Differentiation

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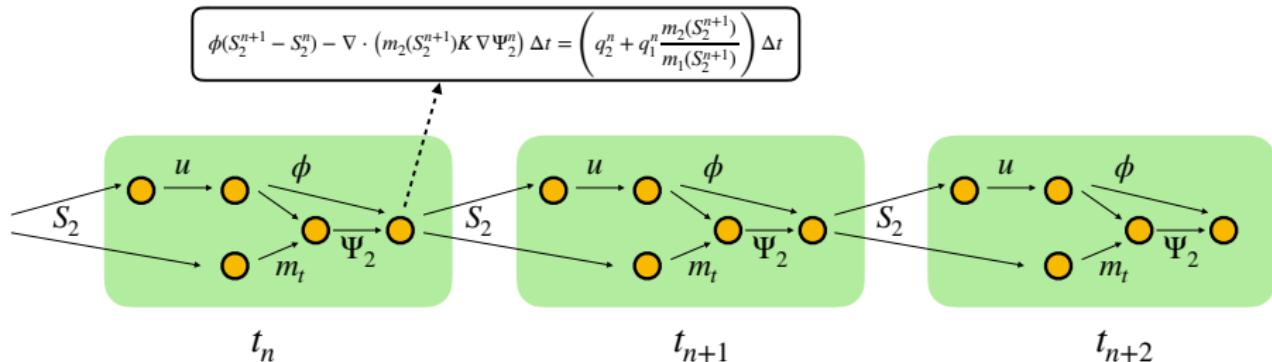
Discrete

Adjoint-State Method

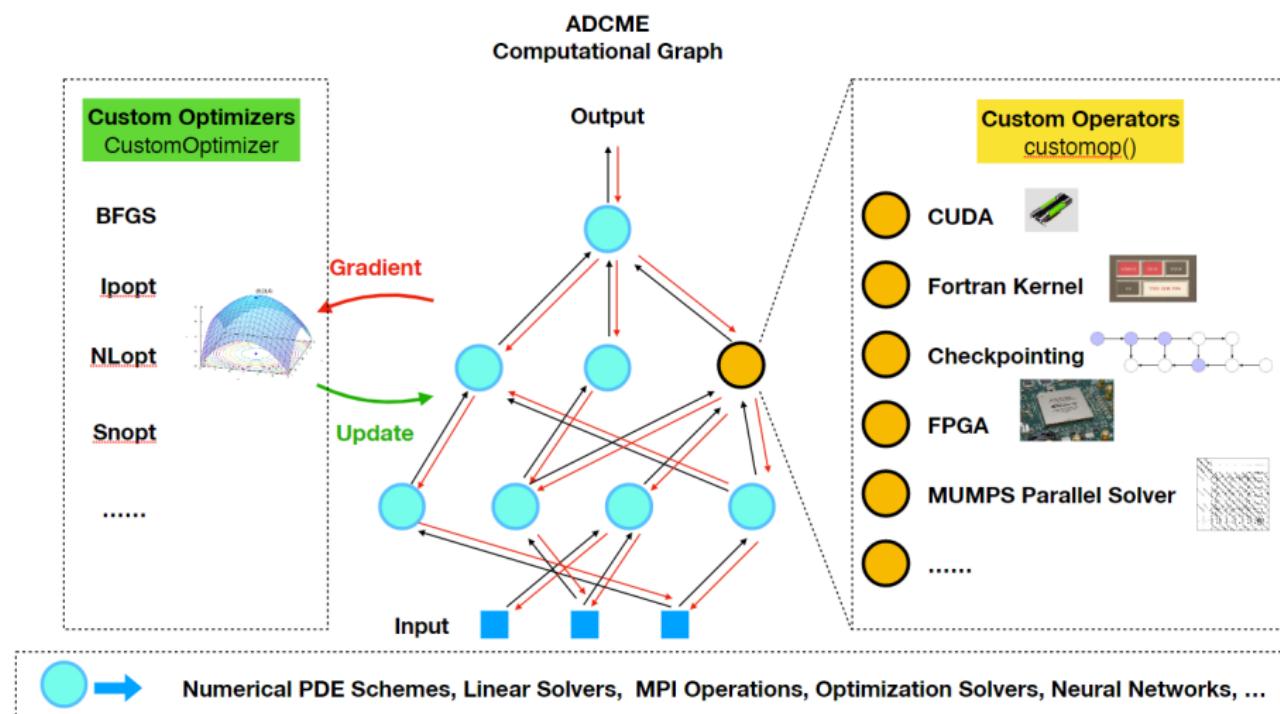


# Computational Graph for Numerical Schemes

- 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.



# ADCME: Computational-Graph-based Numerical Simulation



# How ADCME works

- ADCME translates your numerical simulation codes to computational graph and then the computations are delegated to a heterogeneous task-based parallel computing environment through TensorFlow runtime.

```
div  $\sigma(u) = f(x)$        $x \in \Omega$ 
 $\sigma(u) = C\varepsilon(u)$ 
 $u(x) = u_0(x)$        $x \in \Gamma_u$ 
 $\sigma(x)n(x) = t(x)$        $x \in \Gamma_n$ 

mesh = Mesh(50, 50, 1/50, degree=2)

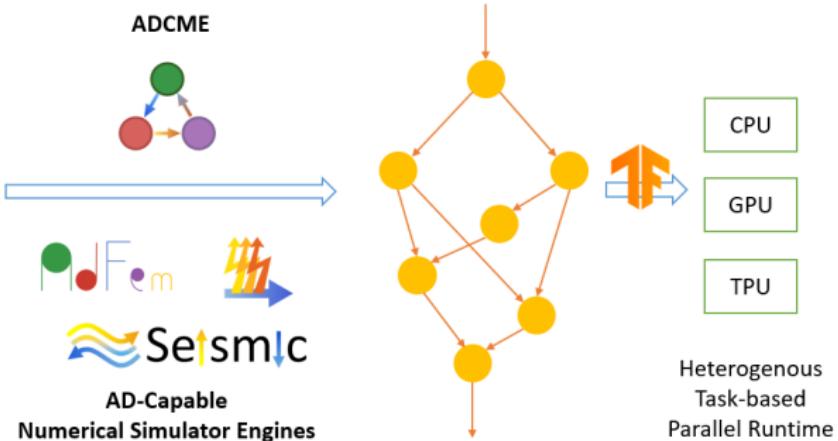
left = bcond((x,y)->x<1e-5, mesh)
right = bcond((x,y1,x2,y2)->(x2>0.049-1e-5) && (x2<0.050-1e-5), mesh)

t1 = eval_f_on_boundary_edge((x,y)->1.0e-4, right, mesh)
t2 = eval_f_on_boundary_edge((x,y)->0.0, right, mesh)
rhs = compute_fem_traction_term(t1, t2, right, mesh)

mu = 0.3
X = gauss_nodes(mesh)
E = abs(f(x, [20, 20, 20, 1]))>squeeze
# E = constant(eval_f_on_gauss_pts(f, mesh))

D = compute_plane_stress_matrix(X, mu*ones(gauss(mesh)))
K = compute_fem_stiffness_matrix(D, mesh)

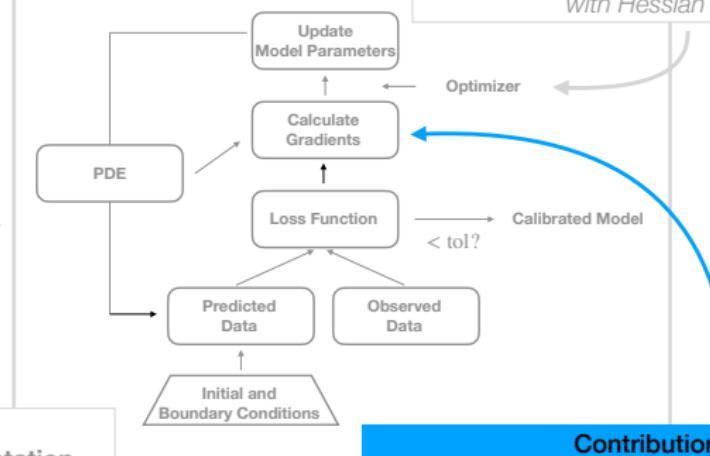
bdval = [eval_f_on_boundary_node((x,y)->0.0, left, mesh);
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DOF = [left;left+mesh.ndof]
K, rhs = import_Dirichlet_boundary_conditions(K, rhs, DOF, bdval)
u = K\rhs
```



# Summary

- Mathematically equivalent techniques for calculating gradients:
  - gradient back-propagation (DNN)
  - discrete adjoint-state methods (PDE)
  - reverse-mode automatic differentiation
- Computational graphs bridge the gap between gradient calculations in numerical PDE solvers and DNNs.
- ADCME extends the capability of TensorFlow to PDE solvers, providing users a single piece of software for numerical simulations, deep learning, and optimization.

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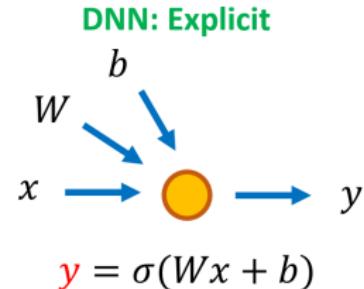


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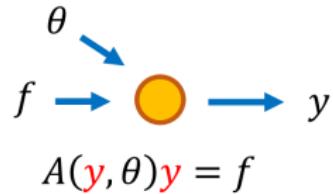
# Motivation

- Most AD frameworks only deal with **explicit operators**, i.e., the functions that has analytical derivatives, or composition of these functions.
- 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>	$F(x, y) = 0$

Numerical Schemes:  
Implicit, Iterative



## 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)/Fy'(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 to do automatic differentiation 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

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

The above gradient is **exact**.

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

# Physics Constrained Learning (PCL)

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

- 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

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

# Penalty Methods

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

- **Penalty Method:** parametrize  $f$  with  $f_\theta$  (DNNs, linear finite element basis, radial basis functions, etc.) and incorporate the physical constraint as a **penalty term** (regularization, prior, ...) in the loss function.

$$\min_{\theta, u_h} L_h(u_h) + \lambda \|F_h(f_\theta, u_h)\|_2^2$$

- + Easy to implement (no need for differentiating numerical solvers)
- May not satisfy physical constraint  $F_h(f_\theta, u_h) = 0$  accurately;
- High dimensional optimization problem; both  $\theta$  and  $u_h$  are variables.

# Physics Constrained Learning for Stiff Problems

- PCL is superior for stiff problems.
- Consider a model problem

$$\min_{\theta} \|u - u_0\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t. } Au = \theta y$$

$$\text{PCL : } \min_{\theta} \tilde{L}_h(\theta) = \|\theta A^{-1}y - u_0\|_2^2 = (\theta - 1)^2 \|u_0\|_2^2$$

$$\text{Penalty Method : } \min_{\theta, u_h} \tilde{L}_h(\theta, u_h) = \|u_h - u_0\|_2^2 + \lambda \|Au_h - \theta y\|_2^2$$

## Theorem

The condition number of  $A_\lambda$  is

$$\liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \kappa(A_\lambda) = \kappa(A)^2, \quad A_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ \sqrt{\lambda}A & -\sqrt{\lambda}y \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

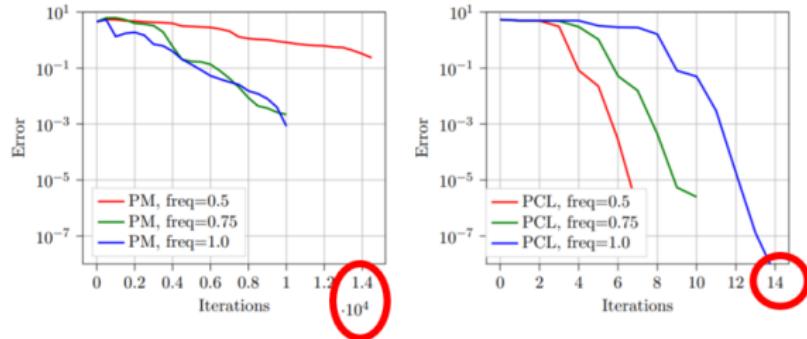
and therefore, the condition number of the unconstrained optimization problem from the penalty method is equal to the square of the condition number of the PCL asymptotically.

# Physics Constrained Learning for Stiff Problems

## Parameter Inverse Problem

$$\Delta u + k^2 g(x)u = 0$$
$$g(x) = 5x^2 + 2y^2$$

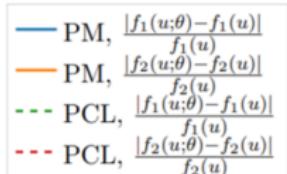
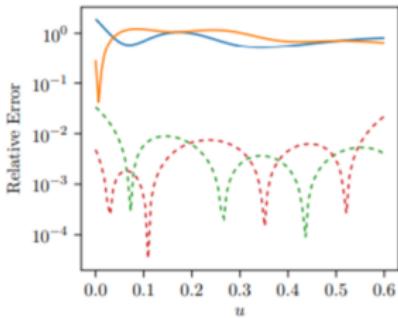
$$g_{\theta}(x) = \theta_1 x^2 + \theta_2 y^2 + \theta_3 xy \\ + \theta_4 x + \theta_5 y + \theta_6$$



## Approximate Unknown Functions using DNNs

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) \nabla \mathbf{u}) = h(\mathbf{x})$$

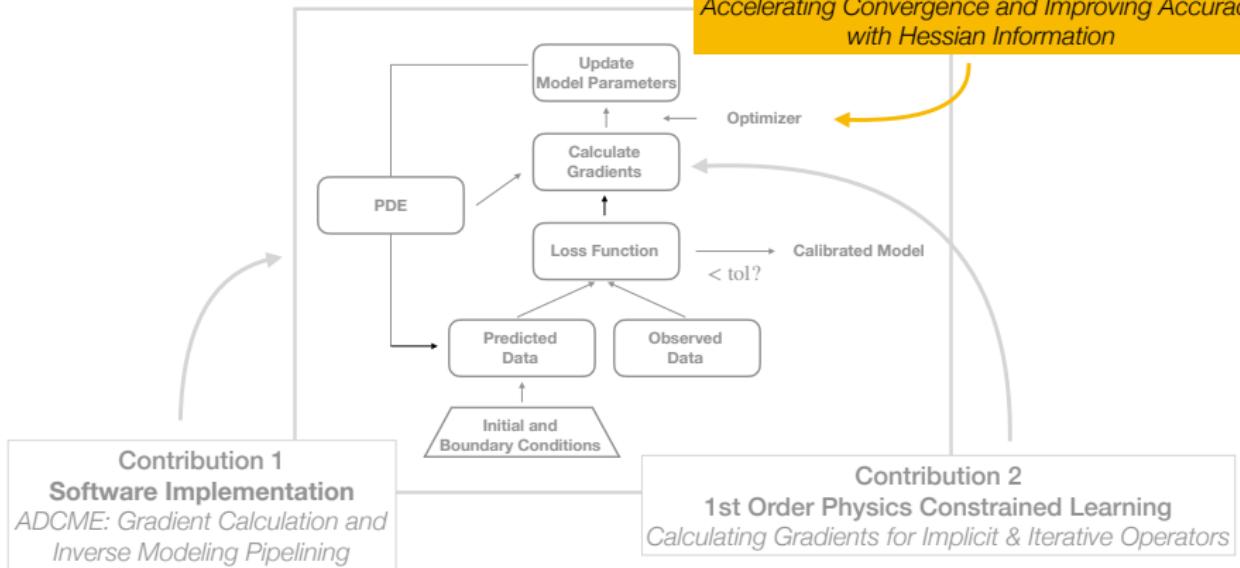
$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} NN(u; \theta_1) & 0 \\ 0 & NN(u; \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$



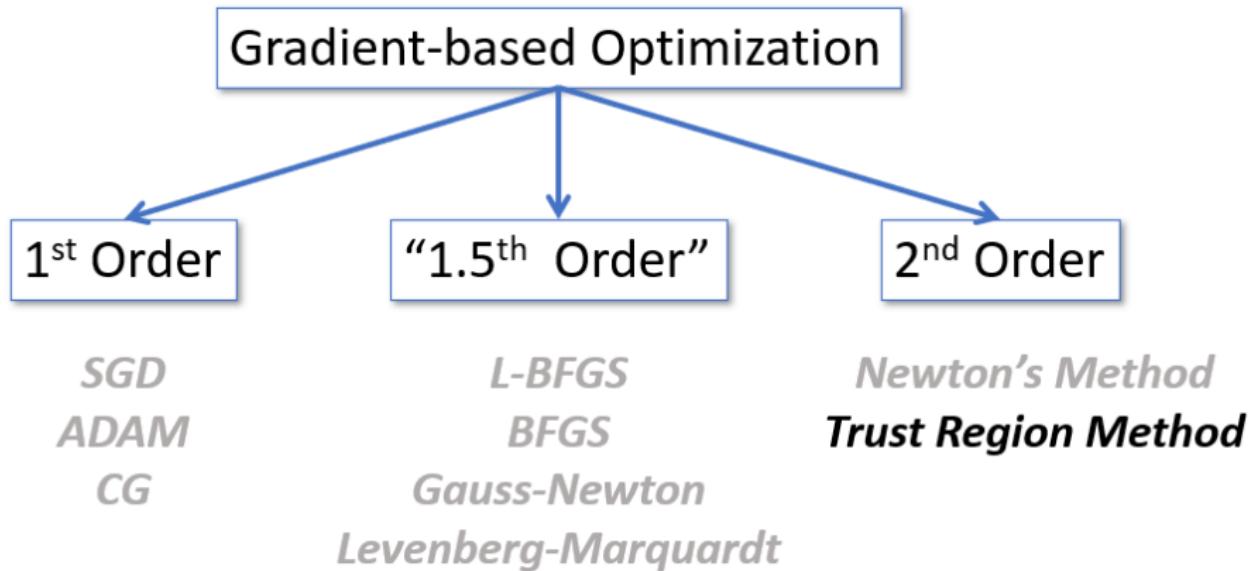
# Summary

- Implicit and iterative operators are ubiquitous in numerical PDE solvers. These operators are insufficiently treated in deep learning software and frameworks.
- PCL helps you calculate gradients of implicit/iterative operators efficiently.
- PCL leads to faster convergence and better accuracy compared to penalty methods for stiff problems.

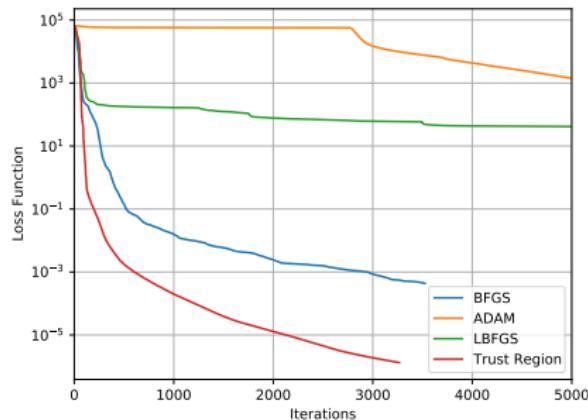
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# Motivation



# Overview



## Goal

*Accelerate convergence and improve accuracy with Hessian information*

## Challenge

*Calculate Hessians for coupled systems of PDEs and DNNs*

# Trust Region vs. Line Search

## Trust Region

- Approximate  $f(x_k + p)$  by a model quadratic function

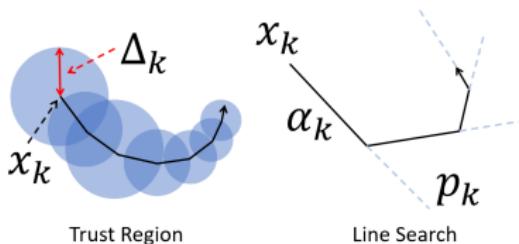
$$m_k(p) = f_k + g_k^T p + \frac{1}{2} p^T B_k p$$

$$f_k = f(x_k), g_k = \nabla f(x_k), B_k = \nabla^2 f(x_k)$$

- Solve the optimization problem within a trust region  $\|p\| \leq \Delta_k$

$$p_k = \arg \min_p m_k(p) \quad \text{s.t. } \|p\| \leq \Delta_k$$

- If decrease in  $f(x_k + p_k)$  is sufficient, then update the state  $x_{k+1} = x_k + p_k$ ; otherwise,  $x_{k+1} = x_k$  and improve  $\Delta_k$ .



## Line Search

- Determine a descent direction  $p_k$
- Determine a step size  $\alpha_k$  that sufficiently reduces  $f(x_k + \alpha_k p_k)$
- Update the state  
$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$$

# Second Order Physics Constrained Learning

- Consider a composite function with a vector input  $x$  and scalar output

$$v = f(G(x)) \quad (1)$$

- Define

$$\begin{aligned}f_{,k}(y) &= \frac{\partial f(y)}{\partial y_k}, & f_{,kl}(y) &= \frac{\partial^2 f(y)}{\partial y_k \partial y_l} \\G_{k,I}(x) &= \frac{\partial G_k(x)}{\partial x_I}, & G_{k,Ir}(x) &= \frac{\partial^2 G_k(x)}{\partial x_I \partial x_r}\end{aligned}$$

- Differentiate Equation (1) with respect to  $x_i$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} = f_{,k} G_{k,i} \quad (2)$$

- Differentiate Equation (2) with respect to  $x_j$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = f_{,kr} G_{k,i} G_{r,j} + f_{,k} G_{k,ij}$$

# Second Order Physics Constrained Learning

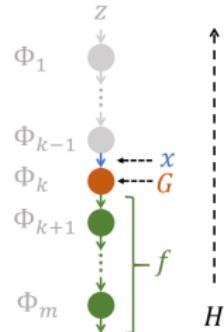
In the vector form,

$$\nabla^2 v = (\nabla G)^T \nabla^2 f(\nabla G) + \nabla^2(\bar{G}^T G) \quad \bar{G} = \nabla f$$

- Consider a function composed of a sequence of computations

$$v = \Phi_m(\Phi_{m-1}(\cdots(\Phi_1(z))))$$

- 1: Initialize  $H \leftarrow 0$
- 2: **for**  $k = m - 1, m - 2, \dots, 1$  **do**
- 3:   Define  $f := \Phi_m(\Phi_{m-1}(\cdots(\Phi_{k+1}(\cdot))))$ ,  $G := \Phi_k$
- 4:   Calculate the gradient (Jacobian)  $J \leftarrow \nabla G$
- 5:   Extract  $\bar{G}$  from the saved gradient back-propagation data
- 6:   Calculate  $Z = \nabla^2(\bar{G}^T G)$
- 7:   Update  $H \leftarrow J^T H J + Z$
- 8: **end for**



## Numerical Benchmark

- We consider the heat equation in  $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\kappa(x, y) \nabla u) + f(x, y) \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = x(1 - x)y^2(1 - y)^2 \quad (x, y) \in \Omega$$

$$u(x, y, t) = 0 \quad (x, y) \in \partial\Omega$$

- The diffusivity coefficient  $\kappa$  and exact solution  $u$  are given by

$$\kappa(x, y) = 2x^2 - 1.05x^4 + x^6 + xy + y^2$$

$$u(x, y, t) = x(1 - x)y^2(1 - y)^2 e^{-t}$$

- We learn a DNN approximation to  $\kappa$  using full-field observations of  $u$

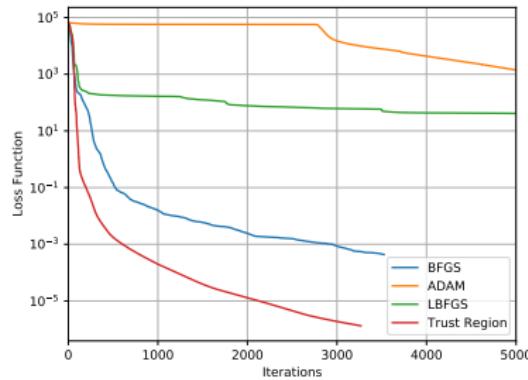
$$\kappa(x, y) \approx N_\theta(x, y)$$

# Convergence

- The optimization problem is given by

$$\min_{\theta} L(\theta) = \sum_n \sum_{i,j} \left( \frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} - F_{i,j}(u^{n+1}; \theta) - f_{i,j}^{n+1} \right)^2$$

$F_{i,j}(u^{n+1}; \theta)$ : the 4-point finite difference approximation to the Laplacian  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{N}_\theta \nabla u)$ .



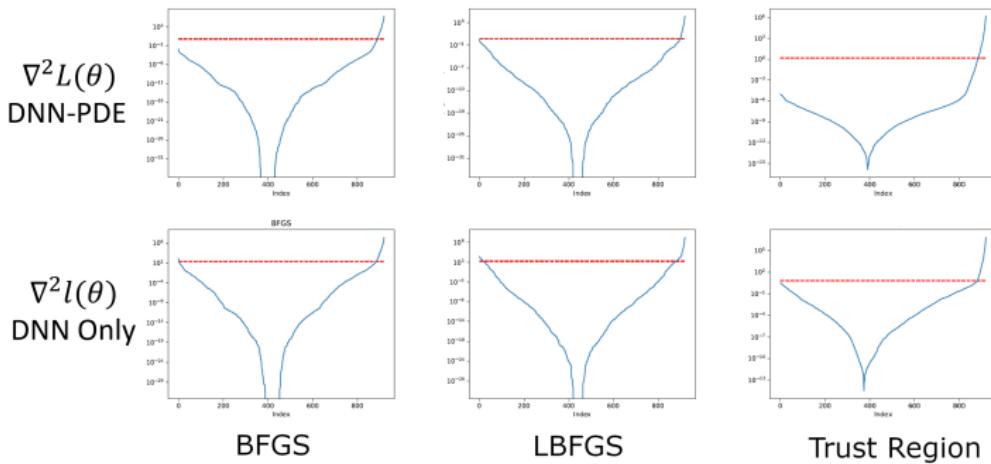
# Effect of PDEs

$N_\theta \rightarrow (\text{PDE Solver}) \rightarrow \text{Loss Function}$

- Consider the loss function excluding the effects of PDEs

$$l(\theta) = \sum_{i,j} (N_\theta(x_{i,j}, y_{i,j}) - \kappa(x_{i,j}, y_{i,j}))^2$$

- Eigenvalue magnitudes of  $\nabla^2 L(\theta)$  and  $\nabla^2 l(\theta)$



# Effect of PDEs

- Most of the eigenvalue directions at the local landscape of loss functions are “flat”  $\Rightarrow$  “effective degrees of freedom (DOFs)”.
- Physical constraints (PDEs) further cannibalize effective DOFs:

	BFGS	LBFGS	Trust Region
DNN-PDE	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>
DNN Only	34	41	38

# Effect of Widths and Depths

- The ratio of zero eigenvalues **increases** as
  - the number of hidden layers increase for a fixed number (20) of neurons per layer

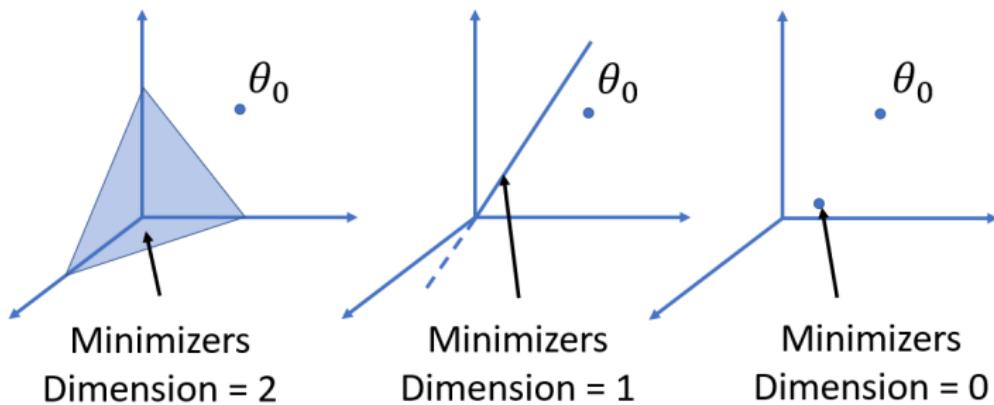
# Hidden Layers	LBFGS	BFGS	Trust Region
1	76.54	72.84	77.78
2	98.2	94.41	93.21
3	98.7	98.15	96.09

- the number of neurons per layer increases for a fixed number (3) of hidden layers

# Neurons per Layer	LBFGS	BFGS	Trust Region
5	93.83	85.19	69.14
10	97.7	83.52	89.66
20	96.2	97.39	96.42

## Effect of Widths and Depths: conjecture

- Implications for overparametrization: **the minimizer lies on a relatively higher dimensional manifold of the parameter space.**
- Conjecture: overparameterization makes the optimization easier due to a larger chance of hitting the minimizer manifold.



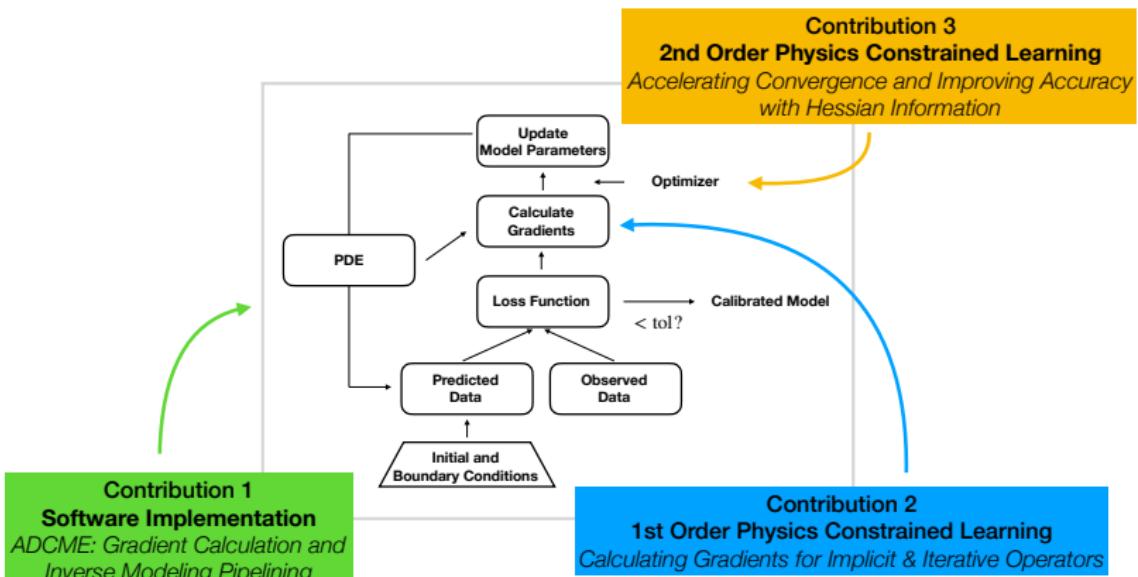
# Summary

- Trust region methods converge significantly faster compared to first order/quasi second order methods by leveraging Hessian information.
- Second order physics constrained learning helps you calculate Hessian matrices efficiently.
- The local minimum of DNNs have small effective degrees of freedom compared to DNN sizes.

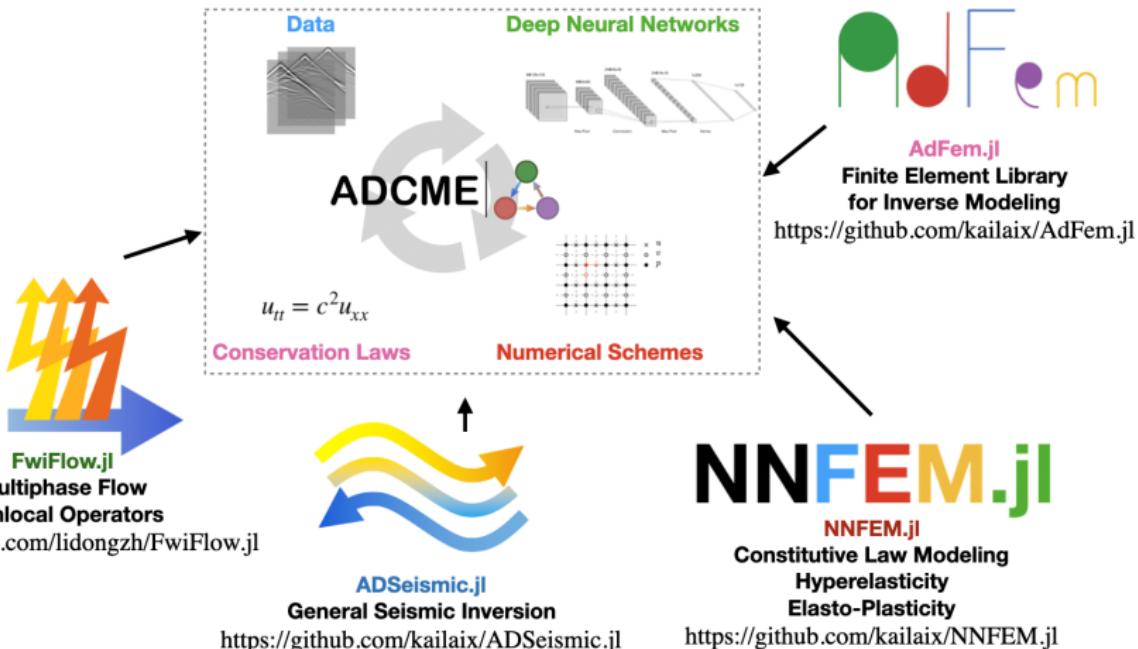
# Conclusion

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

- ✓ Develop algorithms and tools for solving inverse problems by combining DNNs and numerical PDE solvers.



# A General Approach to Inverse Modeling



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