

# *Latent-space Dynamics for Reduced Deformable Simulation*

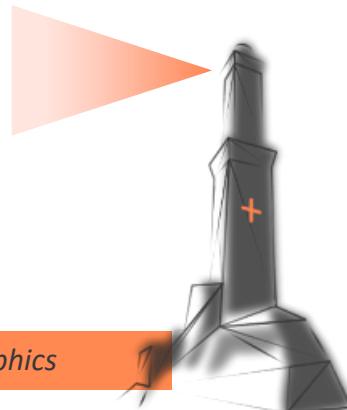
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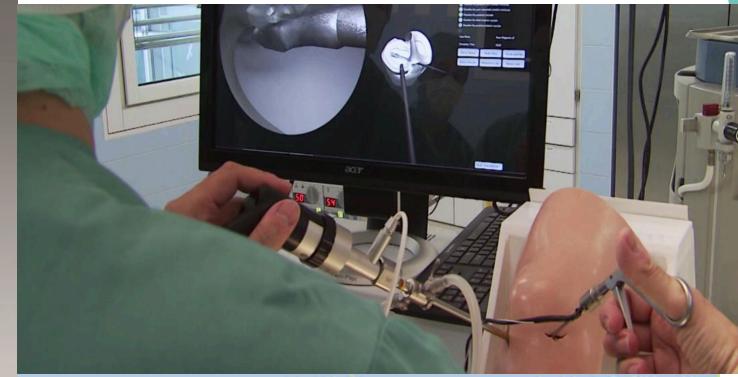
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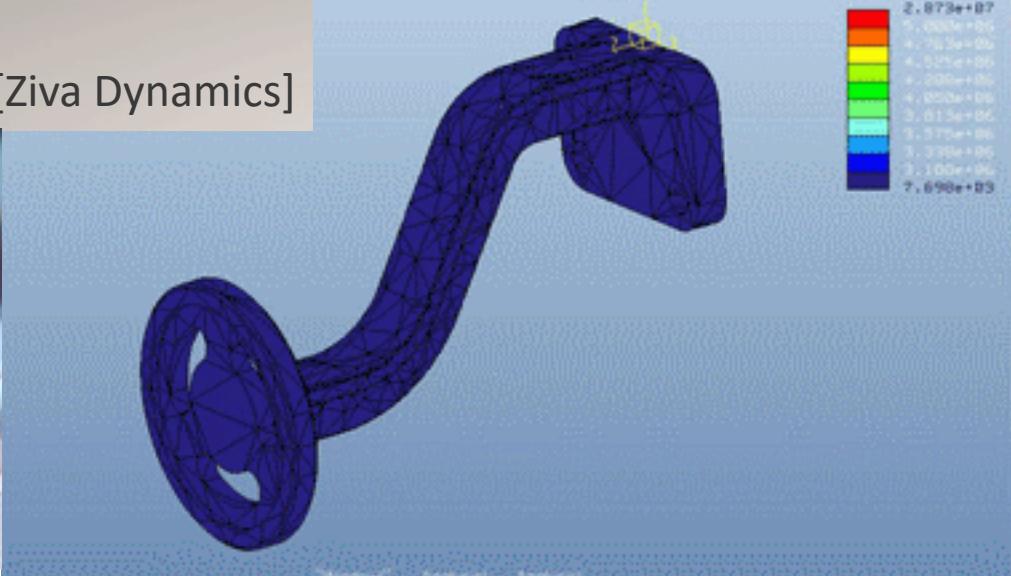
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# Why deformable simulation?



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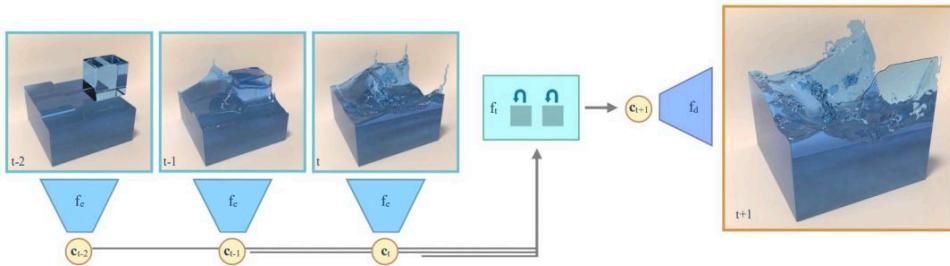
# Research Question

Can we use machine learning to accelerate  
hyperelastic simulation?

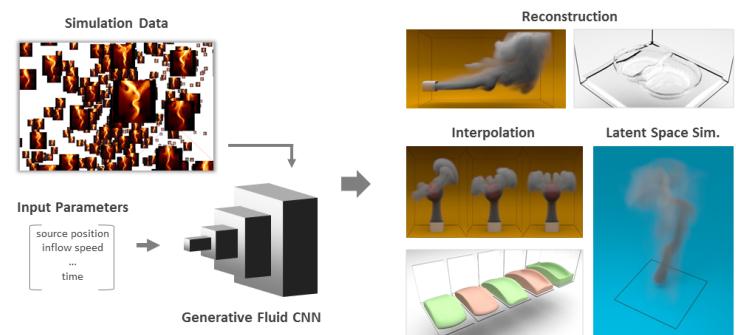


# Related Work

**Latent-space Physics: Towards Learning the Temporal Evolution of Fluid Flow**  
Wiewel et al. 2019



**Deep Fluids – A Generative Network for Parameterized Fluid Simulations**  
Kim et al. 2019

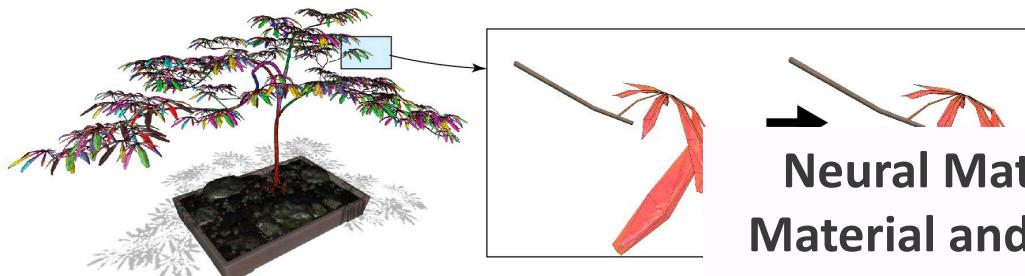


Learn how to *update* the latent state of a system

# Related Work

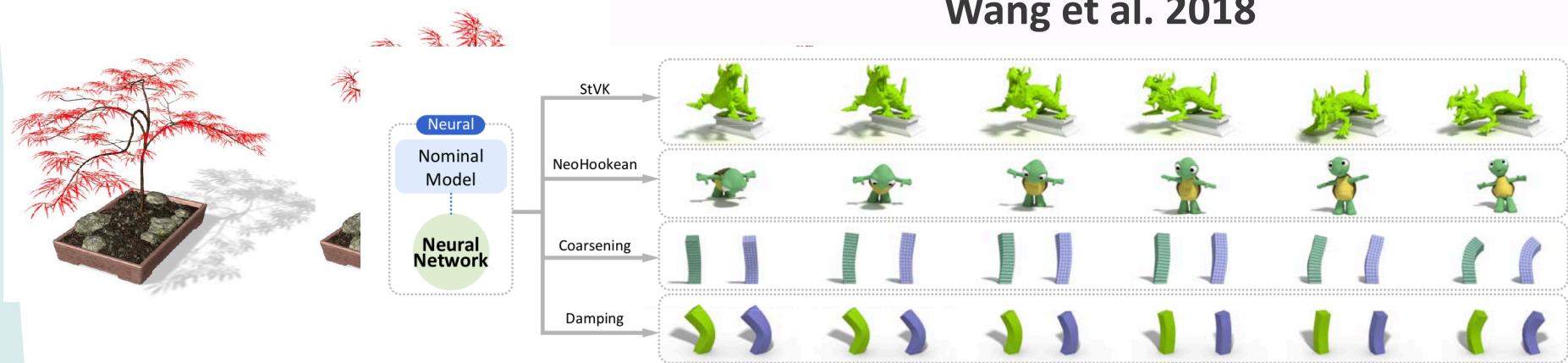
## DeepWarp: DNN-based Nonlinear Deformation

Luo et al. 2018



## Neural Material: Learning Elastic Constitutive Material and Damping Models from Sparse Data

Wang et al. 2018



Learn *correction* to cheap simulation

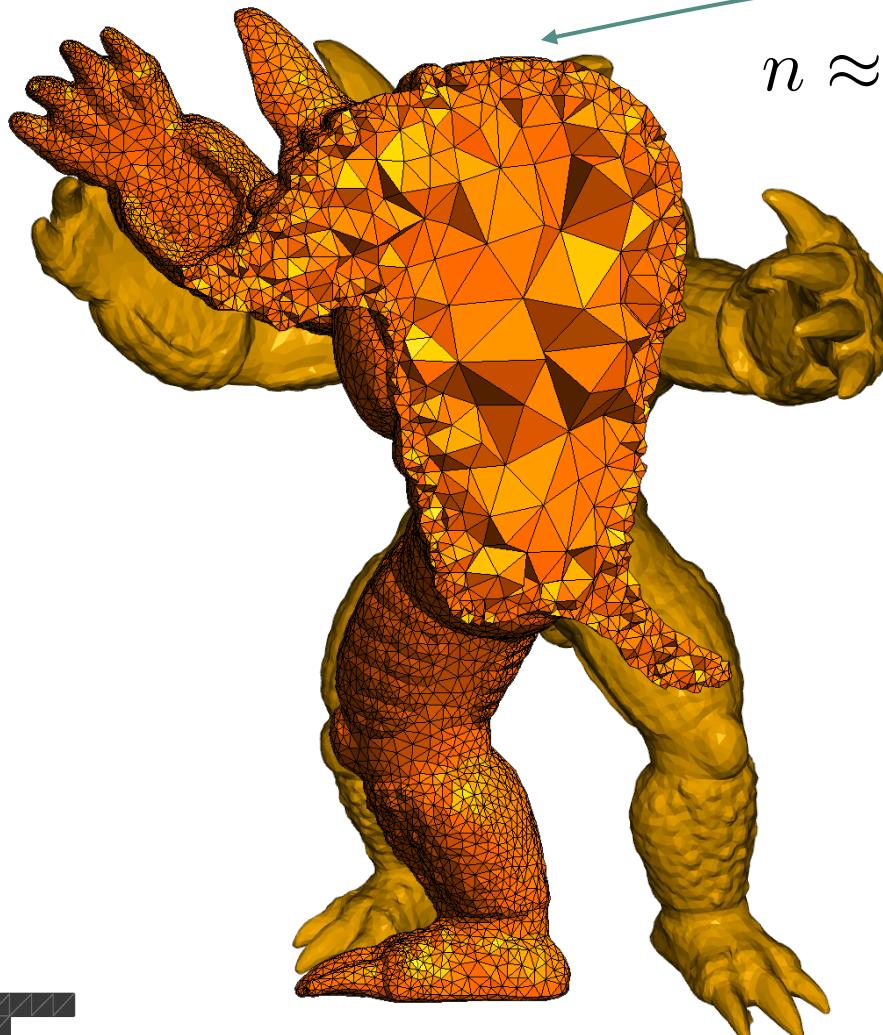
# Our Approach

Build on the vast literature of **Model Reduction**

Simulate in nonlinear latent space using the **true equations of motion**



# First, why is it slow?



$n \approx 40,000$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Vertex Displacements

Solving large differential equation

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}$$

# Solver

## Fast and stable solution: Implicit Euler as a minimization problem

# New configuration

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{u}} V(\mathbf{u}) + I(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}_n, \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n)$$

w configuration  
 $\mathbf{u}_{n+1}$   
 $\mathbf{u}$   
 Elastic Potential  
 Inertia Term  
 Previous State  
 Objective Function

Solve using pre-conditioned quasi-newton solver like L-BFGS

# Existing Work: Model Reduction

$$\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{40,000}$$

High  
Dimensional  
System

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{\sim 60}$$


Low  
Dimensional  
System

Reduced Coordinates



# Model Reduction

Replace high-dimensional problem with low-dimensional

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{u}} E(\mathbf{u})$$

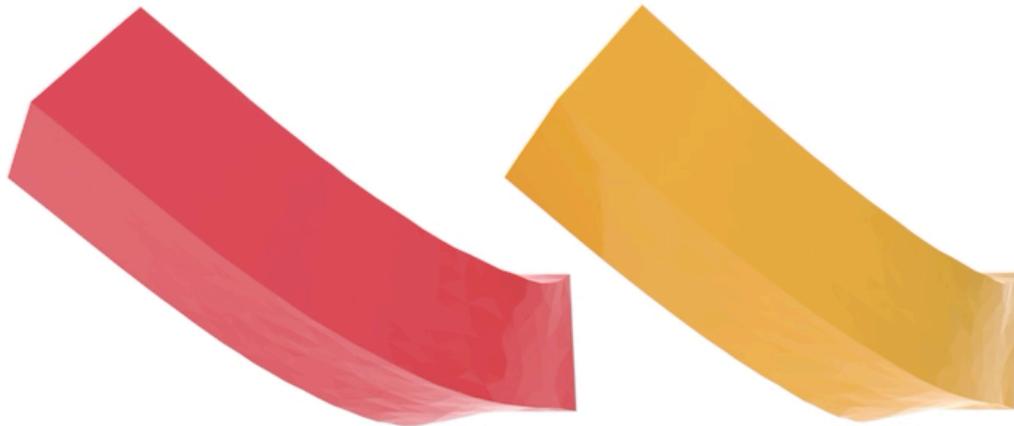
Big  $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{u}}$

↓ Becomes

$$\mathbf{q}_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{q}} E(\mathbf{Uq})$$

Small  $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{q}}$

# Static Solve Example



Full

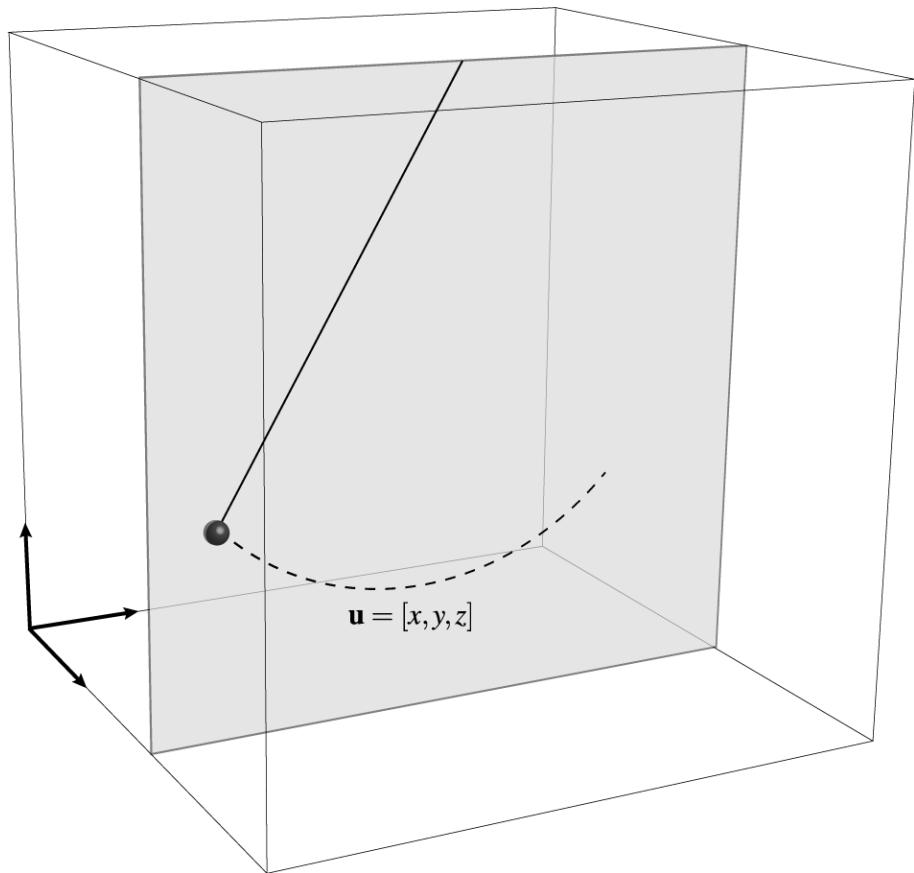
Linear

Iterations  
0

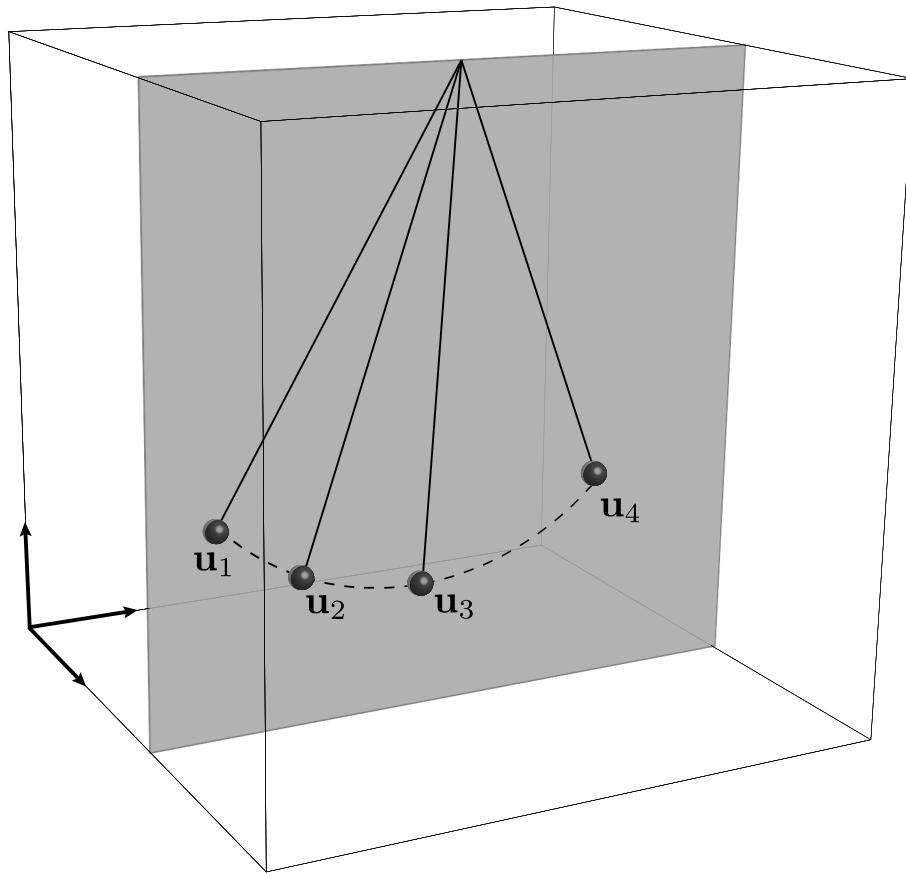
# Where does U come from?



# Model Reduction - Example



# Model Reduction - Example



Collect Snapshots

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{u}_3 \mathbf{u}_4]$$

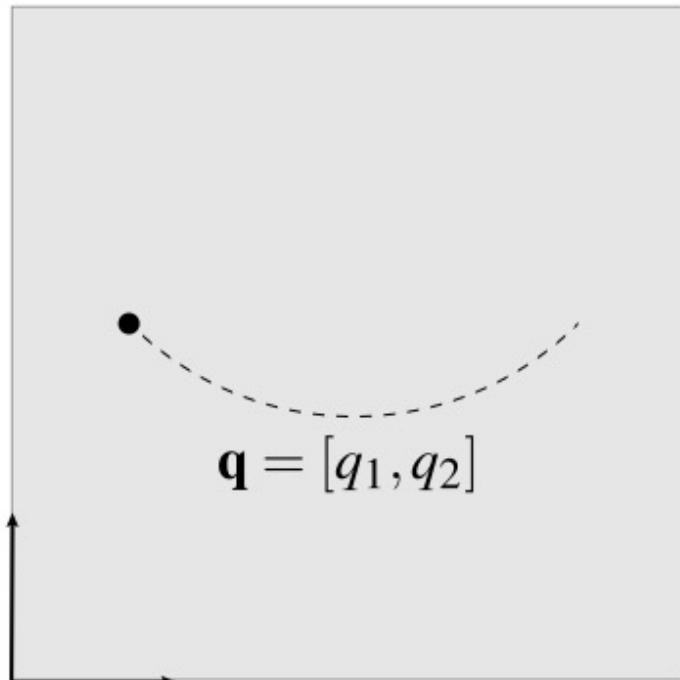
Perform PCA (via SVD)

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$$

Keep  $k$  largest eigen values

$$\mathbf{U} := \mathbf{U}_{1:k}$$

# Model Reduction - Example



$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{q}$$

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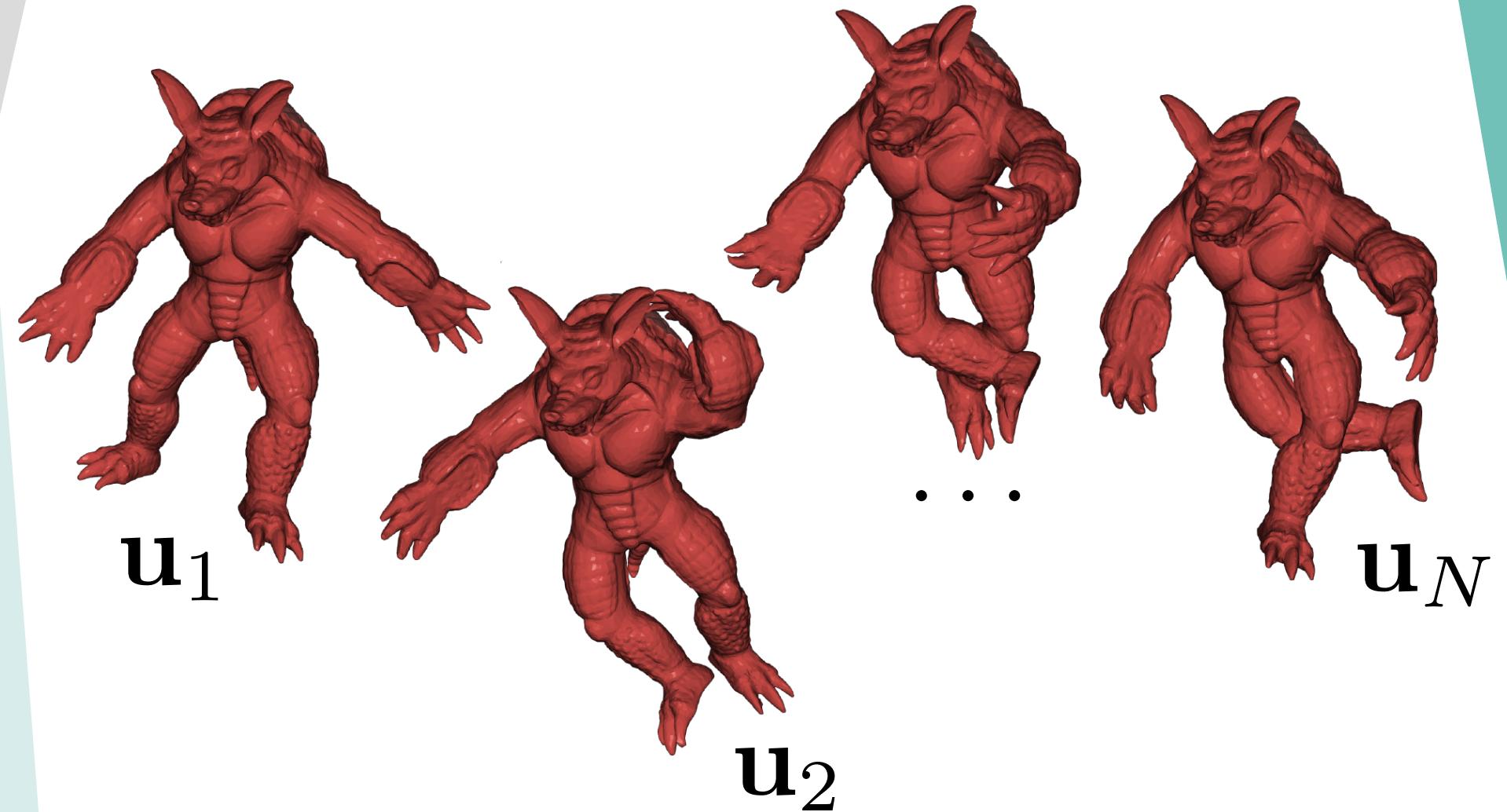
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$k = 62$

# Limits to Linear Reduction

Full Space

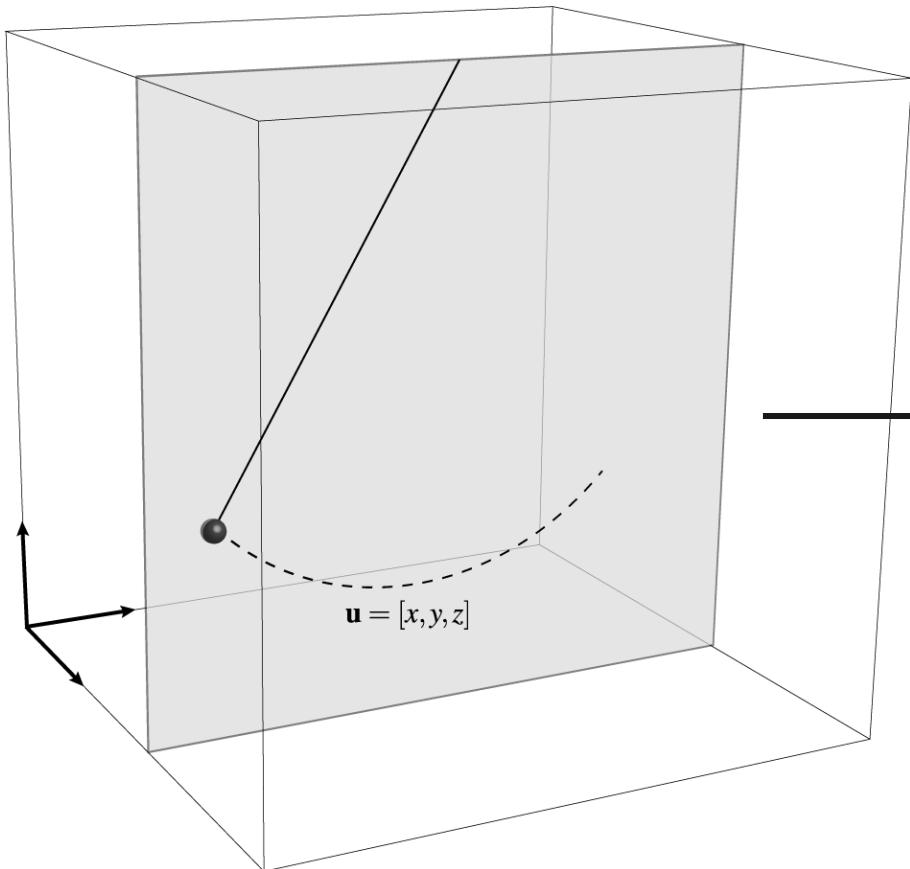


# Limits to Linear Reduction

6 Degrees of Freedom



# Can we do better?



$$\mathbf{u} = \text{nonlinear}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$|\mathbf{q}| > |\mathbf{z}|$$

Linear: 6 DOF



Nonlinear: 6 DOF



# Our Contribution

Many possibilities for  $\text{nonlinear}(\mathbf{z})$

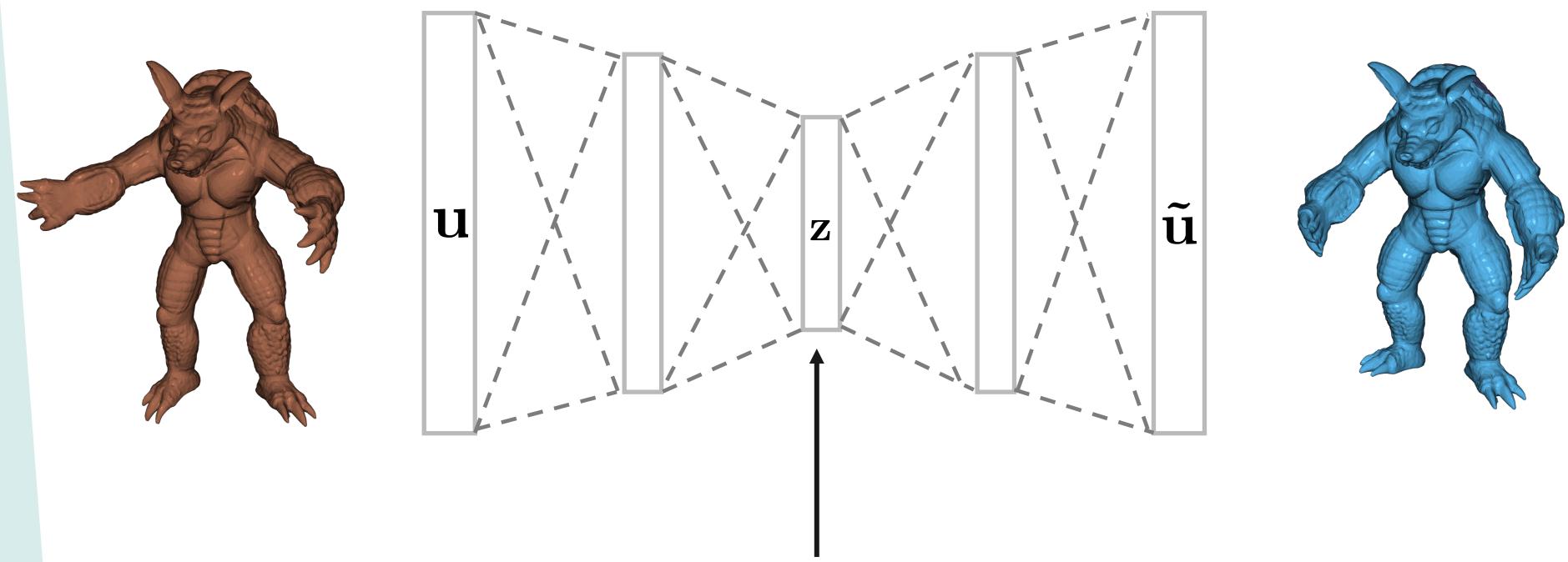
We use a neural network trained as an *Autoencoder* to create a unique  $\text{nonlinear}(\mathbf{z})$  for a given scenario



# Autoencoders

$\text{encode}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{z}$

$\text{decode}(\mathbf{z}) = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$

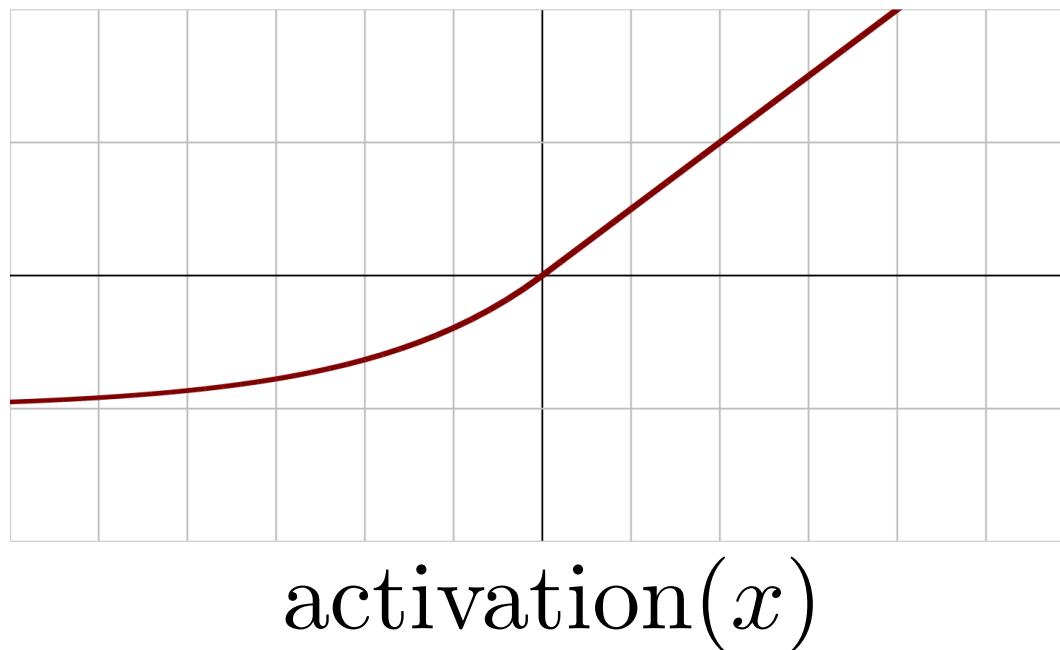


Encoded “Latent” vector  $\mathbf{Z}$

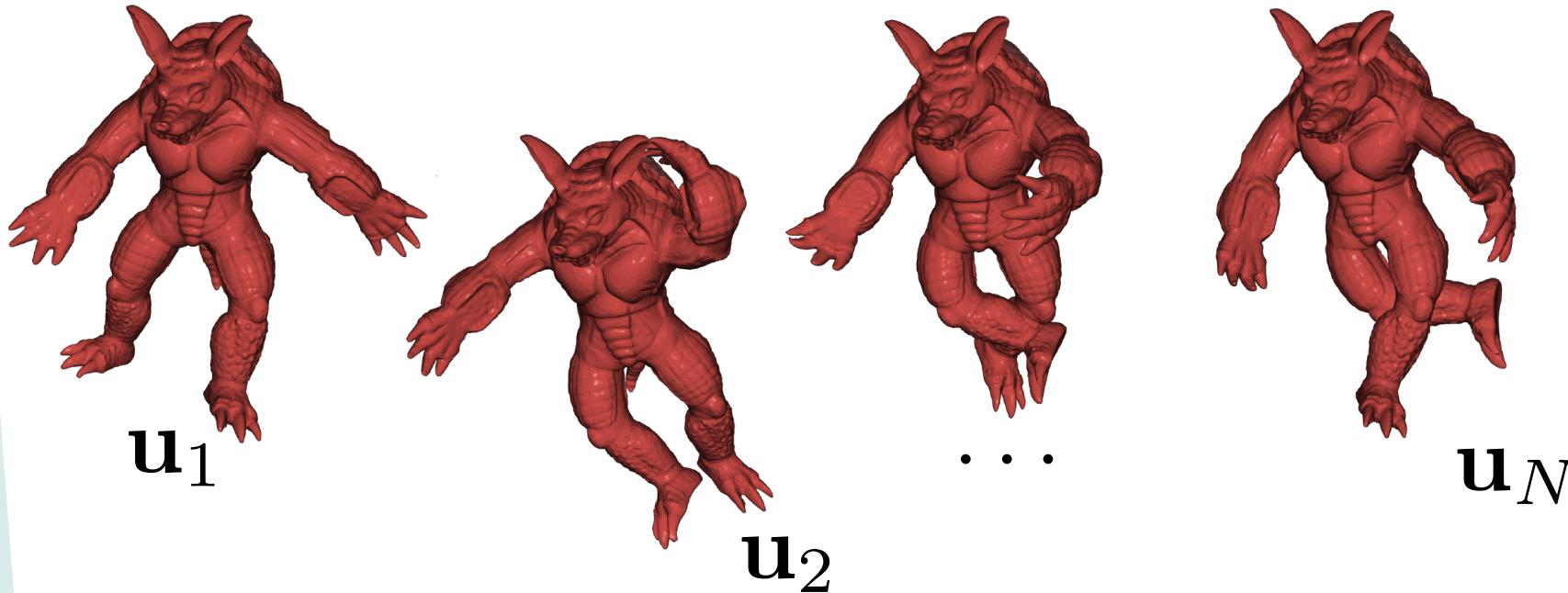


Decode is a sequence of function applications

$$\text{decode}_k(\mathbf{z}) = \text{activation}(\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{W}_\theta + \mathbf{b})$$



Optimize the weights  $\mathbf{W}_\theta$  by automatic differentiation  
and gradient descent

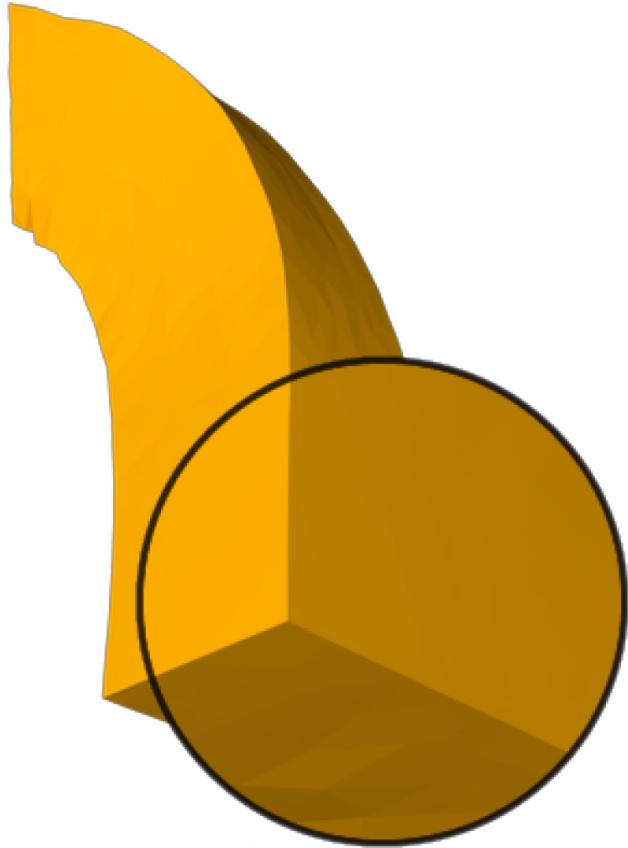


$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_\theta \sum_{i=1}^N \| \text{decode}(\text{encode}(\mathbf{u}_i)) - \mathbf{u}_i \|_2^2$$

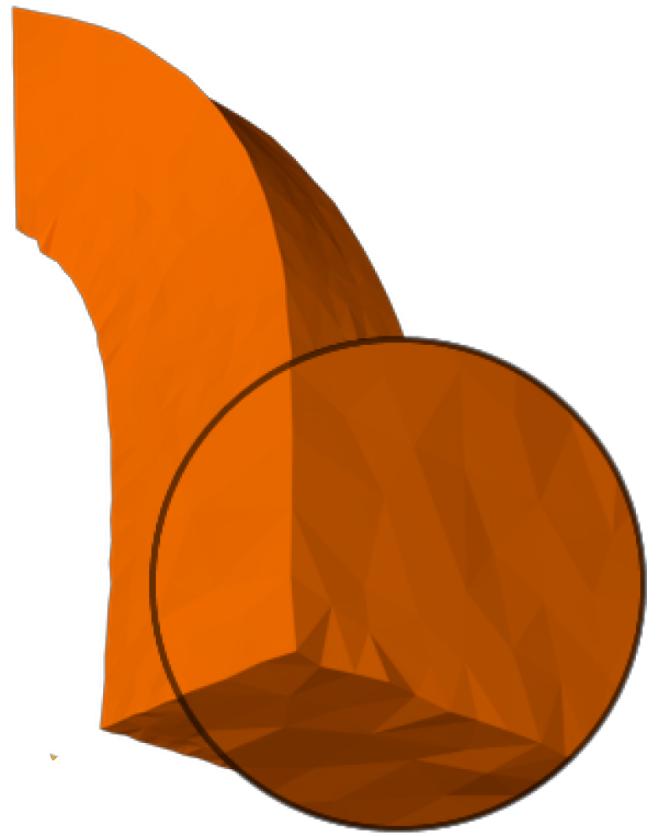
Minimize Mean Squared Error with ADAM

Training directly on full mesh results in long training times and poor approximation

$u$



$\tilde{u}$



Previous work: last layer of network is **linear**, so just initialize it with PCA

We observe you can train directly in the PCA space and get equivalent results.



# Our Training Pipeline

$\mathbf{U} = \text{PCA}([\mathbf{u}_1 \dots \mathbf{u}_N], k)$  Do PCA on snapshots

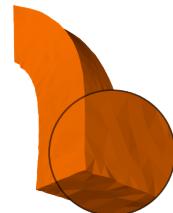
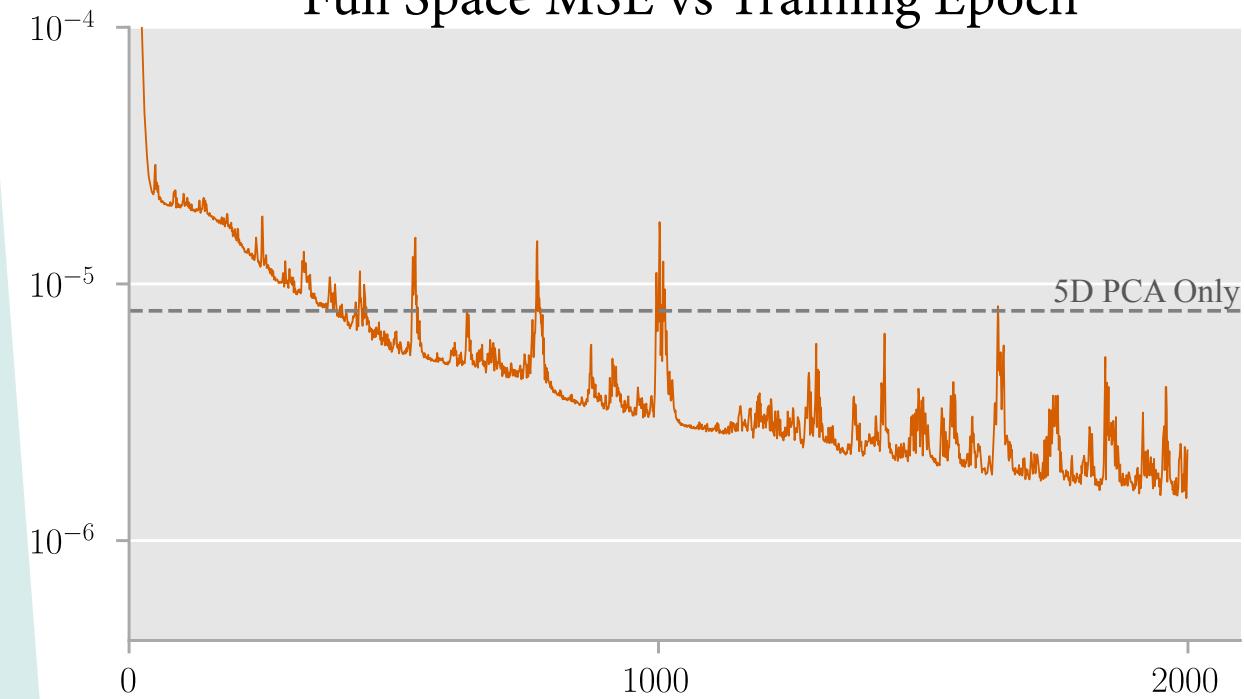
$[\mathbf{q}_1 \dots \mathbf{q}_N] = \mathbf{U}^T [\mathbf{u}_1 \dots \mathbf{u}_N]$  Project training samples

Train autoencoder to reduce the PCA coefficients further

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\text{decode}(\text{encode}(\mathbf{q}_i)) - \mathbf{q}_i\|_2^2$$



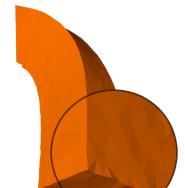
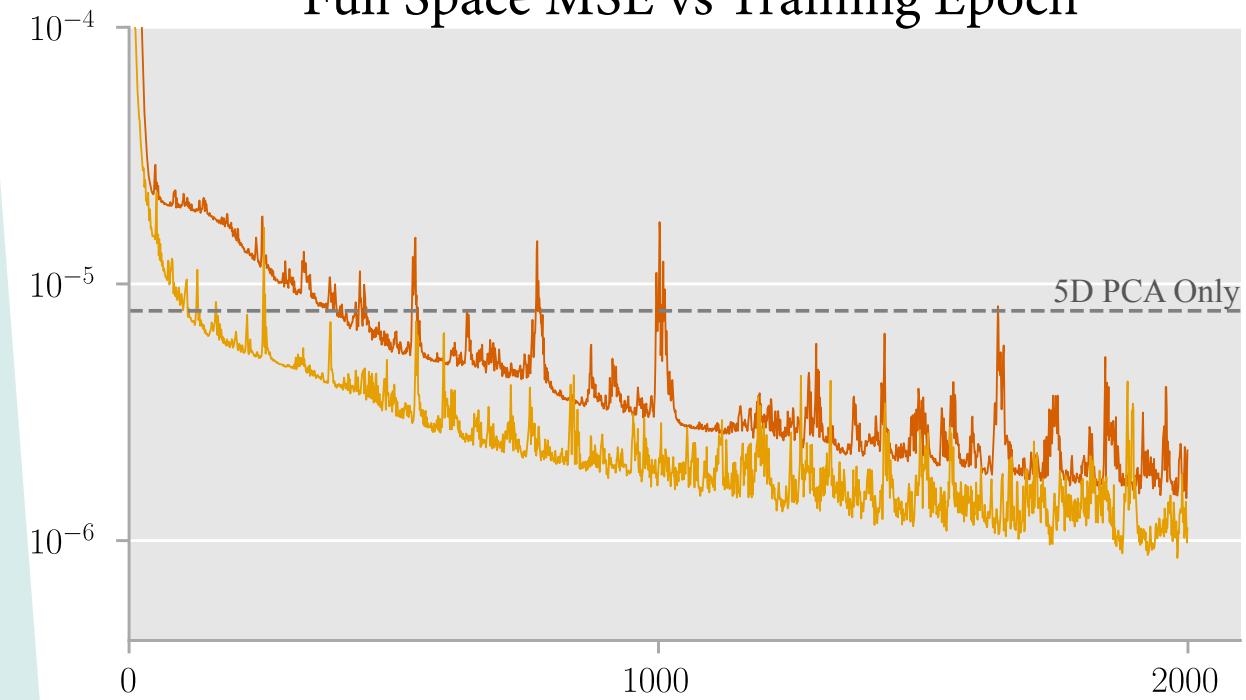
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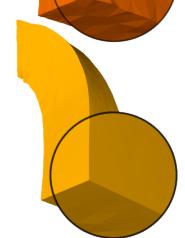
Random Weights

5D PCA Only

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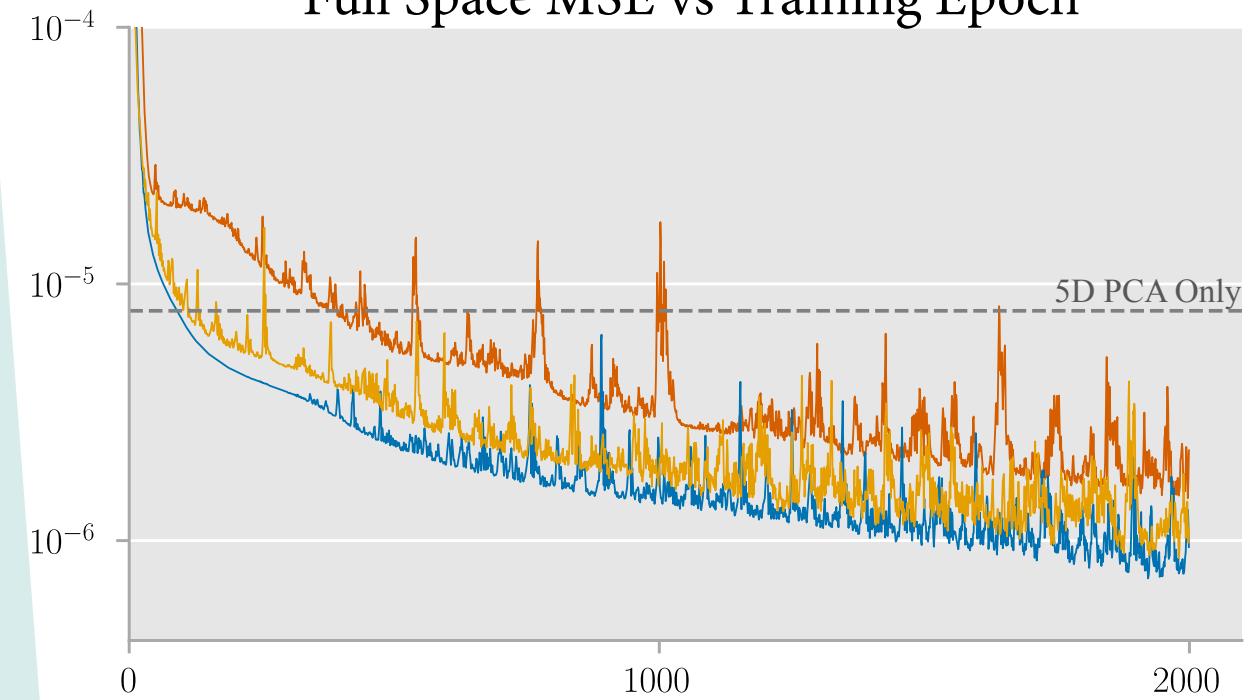


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PCA Initialized

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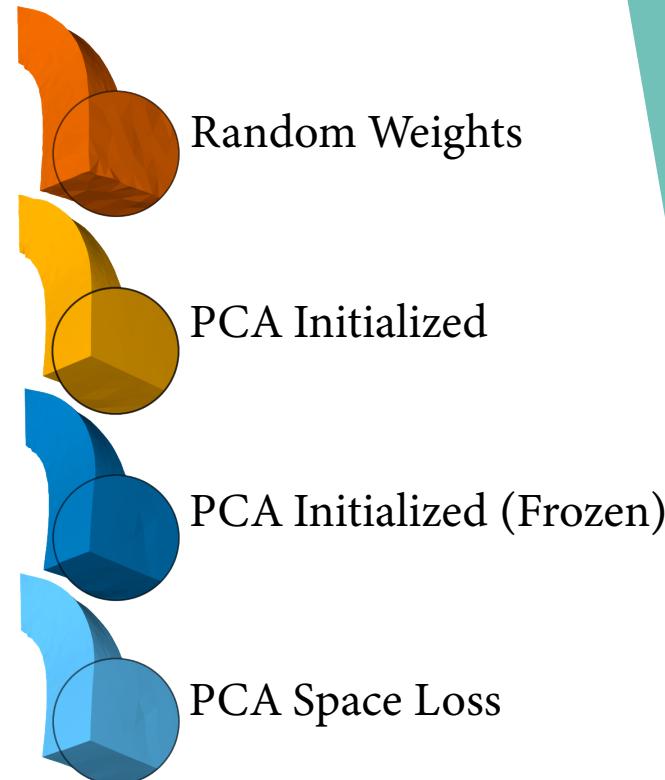
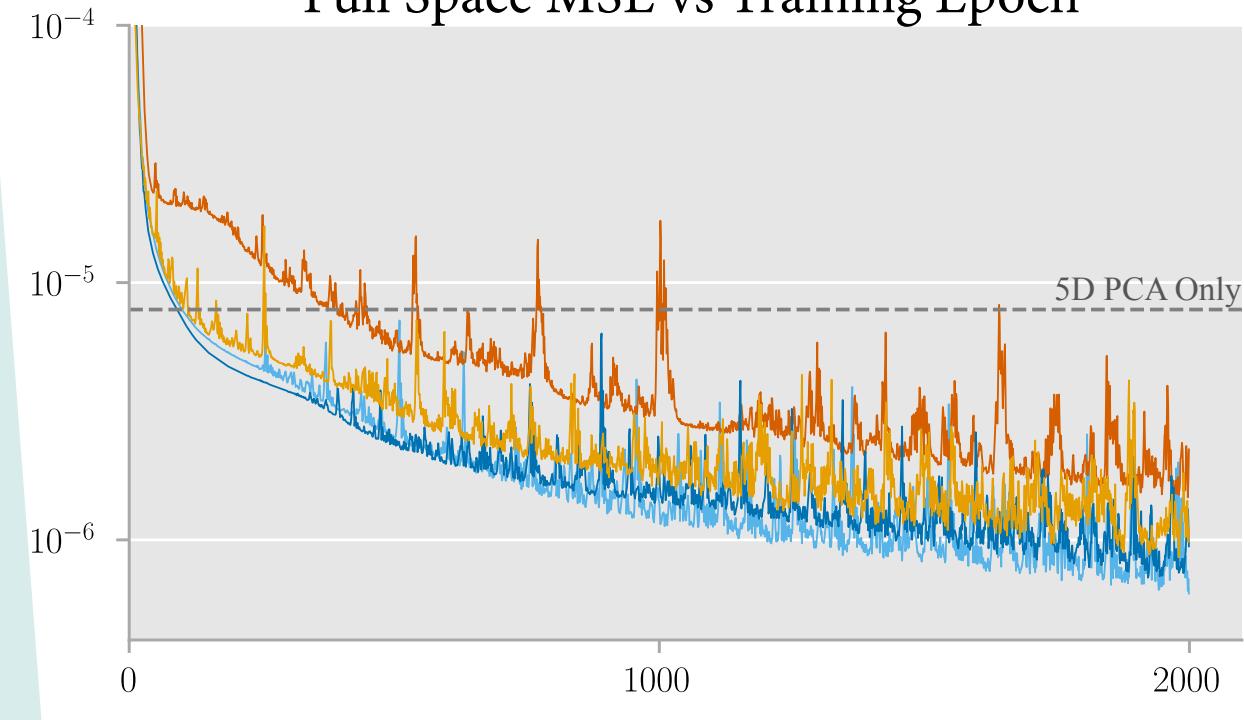


Random Weights

PCA Initialized

PCA Initialized (Frozen)

## Full Space MSE vs Training Epoch





**u**

High  
Dimensional  
System

$$q = U^T u$$

$$u = Uq$$

**q**

Low  
Dimensional  
System

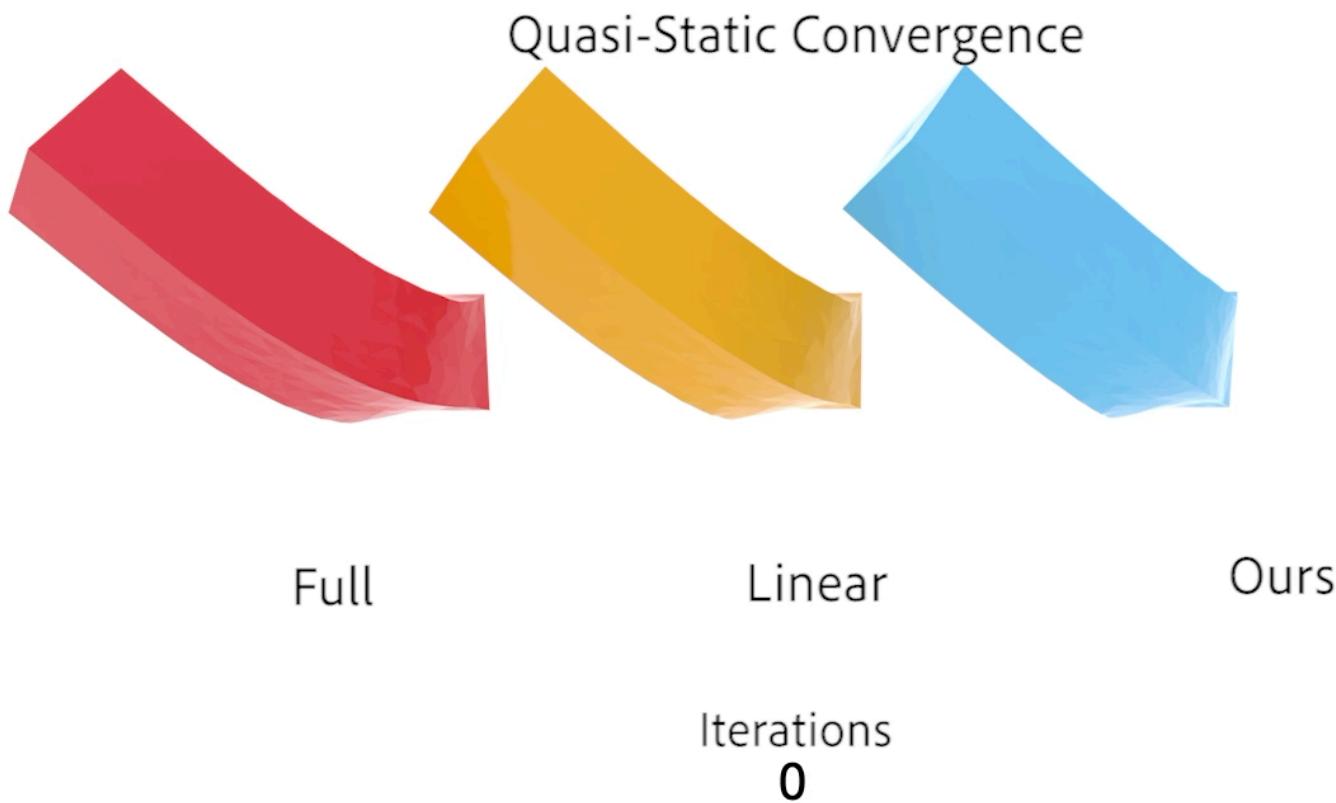
$$z = \text{encode}(q)$$

$$q = \text{decode}(z)$$

Tiny  
Dimensional  
System

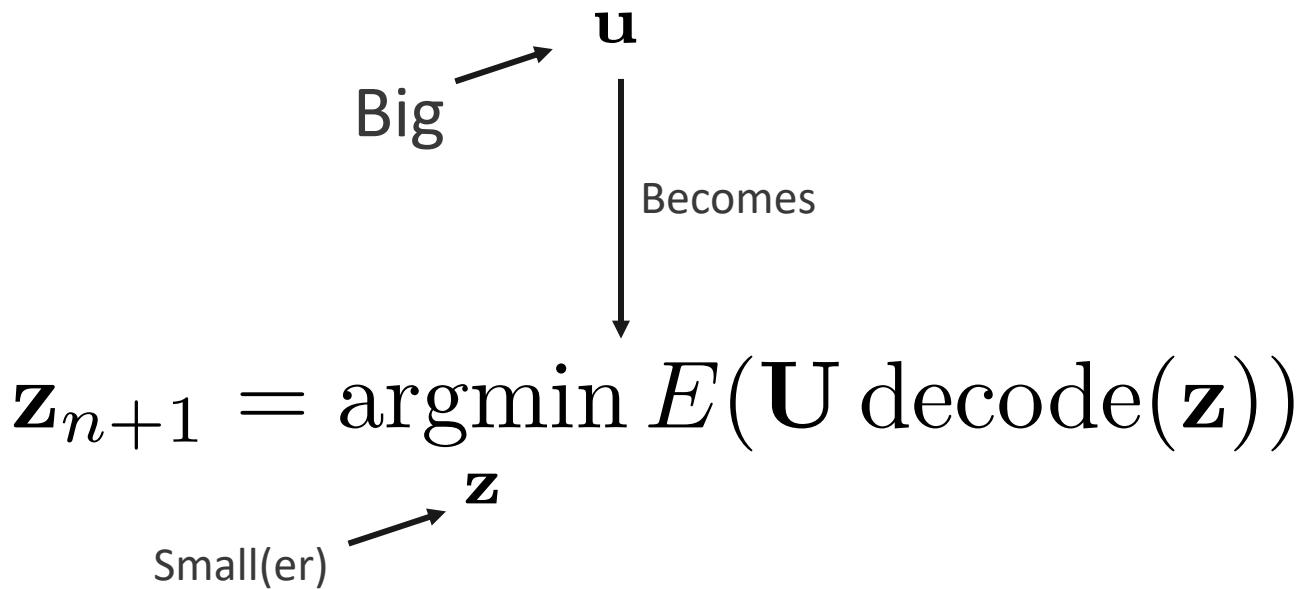
**z**

# Convergence Rate



# Latent Space Dynamics

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{u}} E(\mathbf{u})$$



# How do we make it fast?

Recall our objective function:

$$E(\mathbf{z}) = \underbrace{V(\mathbf{U} \text{decode}(\mathbf{z}))}_{\text{Elastic Potential}} + I(\mathbf{U} \text{decode}(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{u}_n, \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n)$$

Inertia Term

$$I = \frac{1}{2h^2} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_n - \dot{\mathbf{u}}_n h\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2$$

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Precompute  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{U}$  and only partially decode

$$I = \frac{1}{2h^2} \|\underbrace{\text{decode}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{q}_n - \dot{\mathbf{q}}_n h}_{\text{Save as } \mathbf{q}_n \text{ for next timestep}}\|_{\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{U}}^2$$

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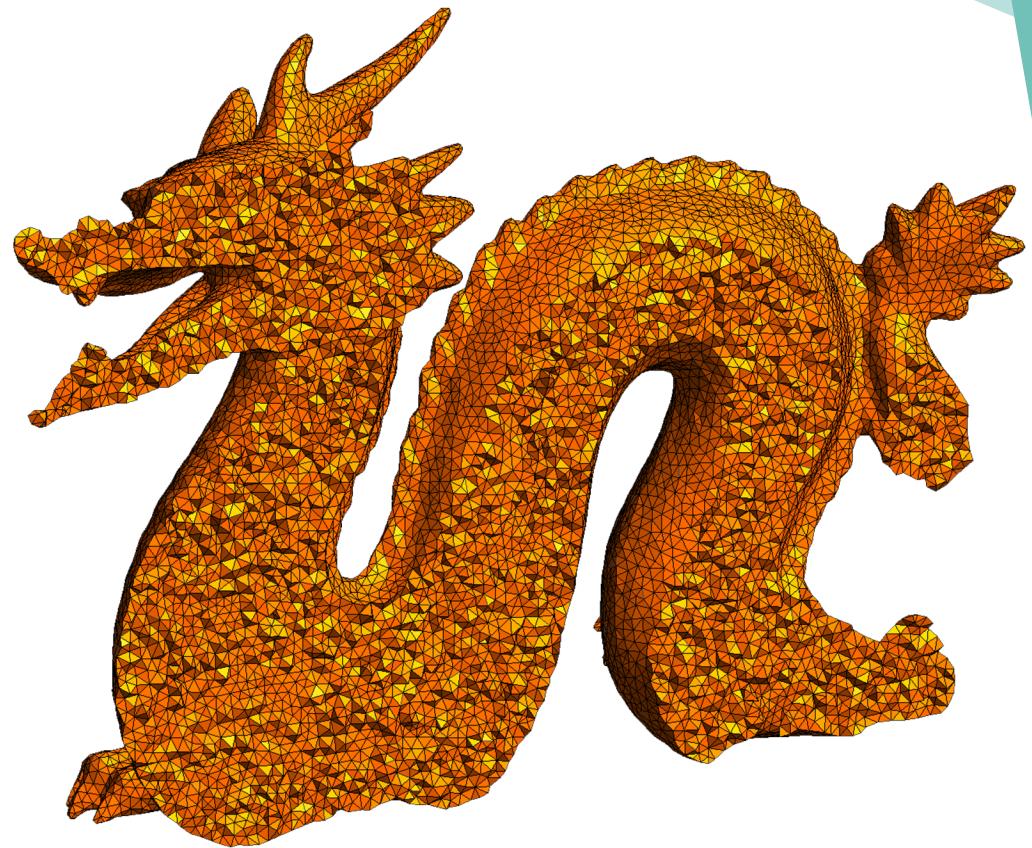
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# Cubature

$$V(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\# \text{ Tets}} V_i(\mathbf{u})$$

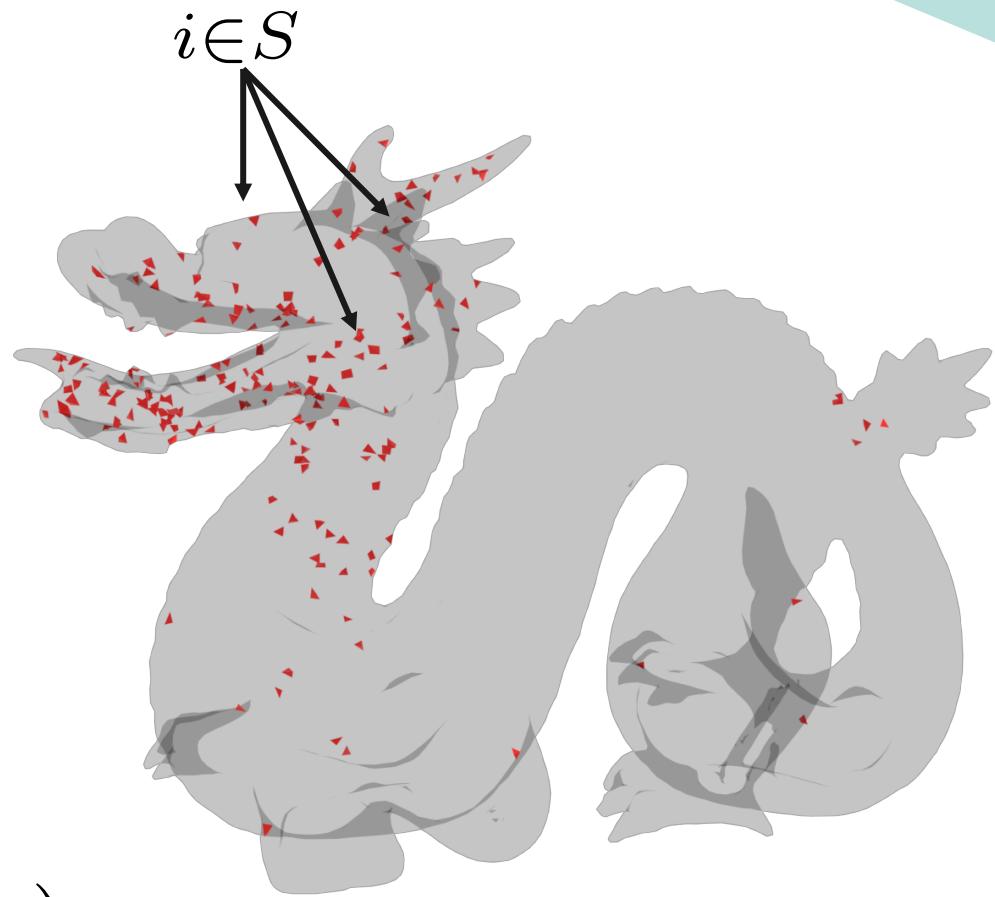


# Cubature

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Approximate with  
weighted sum



$$V(\mathbf{u}) \approx \sum_{i \in S} w_i V_i(\mathbf{u})$$

Use [An et al. 08]'s “Optimized Cubature”

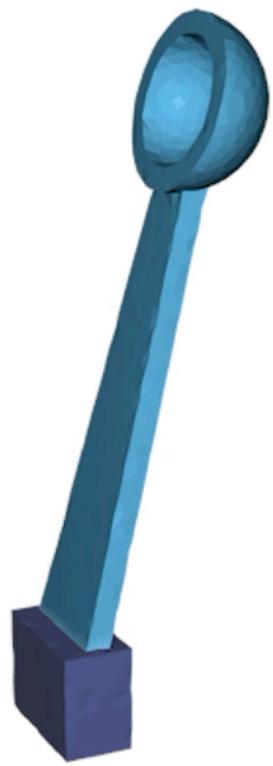
Only fully-decode elements we need

# Results: Stability

Single Cubature Point



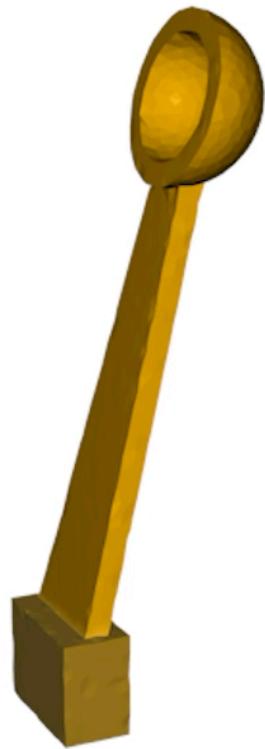
# Results: Stability



2 dof Autoencoder subspace (ours)

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# Results: Stability



6 dof linear subspace

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# And finally $\nabla E(\mathbf{z})$

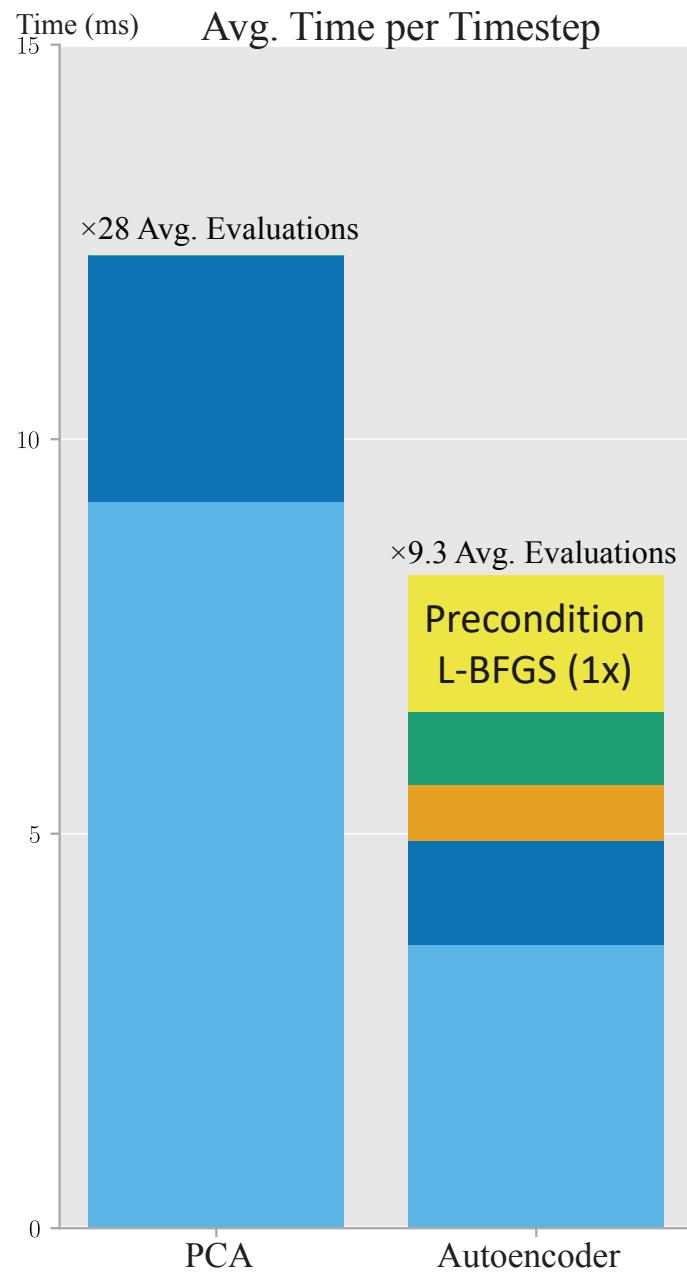
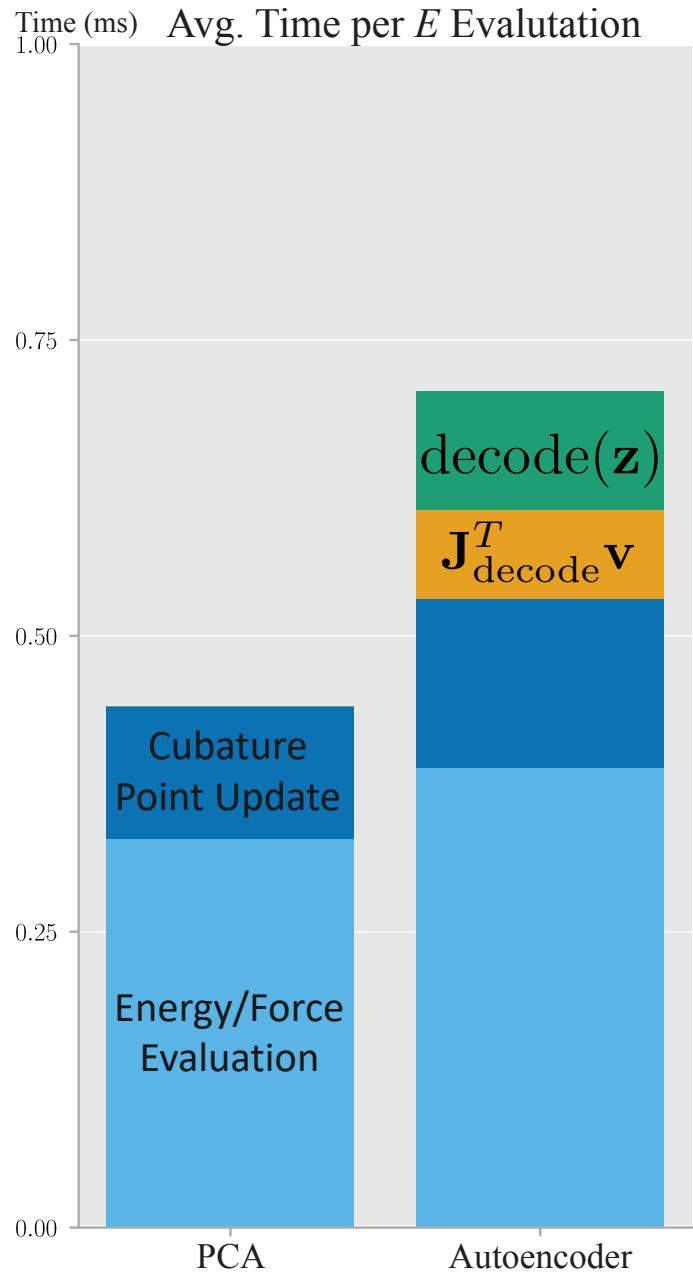
Only the gradient of our objective is required since using a quasi-Newton scheme

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{J}_{\text{decode}}^T \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$$

$\mathbf{J}_{\text{decode}}^T$  Non-constant Jacobian matrix of our autoencoder

Automatic differentiation allows us to evaluate  $\mathbf{J}_{\text{decode}}^T \mathbf{v}$  with equivalent complexity as a single forward evaluation





# Results: Performance

PCA - 62 dof



95Hz

Ours - 20 dof



159 Hz

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# Results: Accuracy

Full-space Comparison



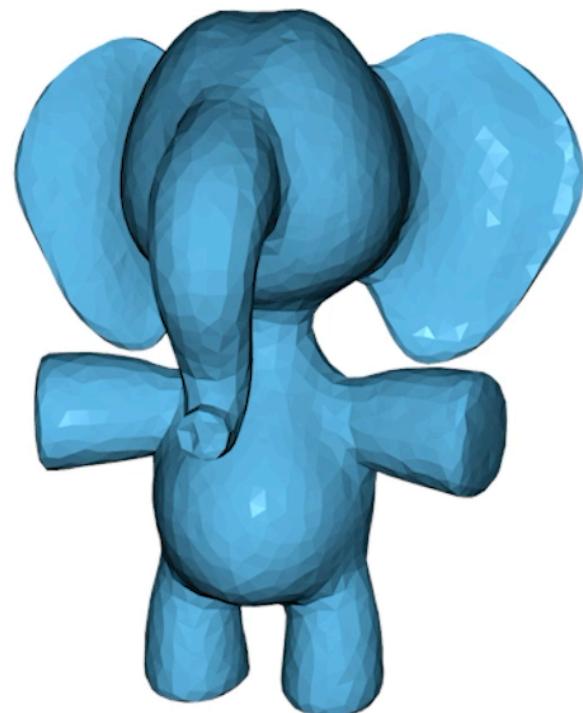
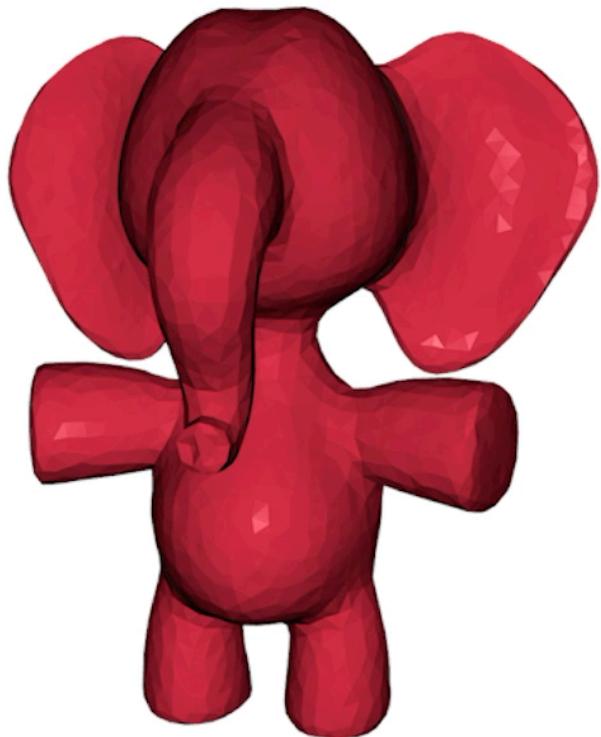
PCA Only



Autoencoder (ours)

Without Cubature Acceleration

# Limitations



# Summary

- Autoencoders can reduce system dimensionality further than linear alone.
- This reduction allows faster simulation
- Results are robust, even for small spaces and few cubature points.



# Future Work

- Can we incorporate cubature into our method?



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- One network, many shapes?
- Automatic training data generation?



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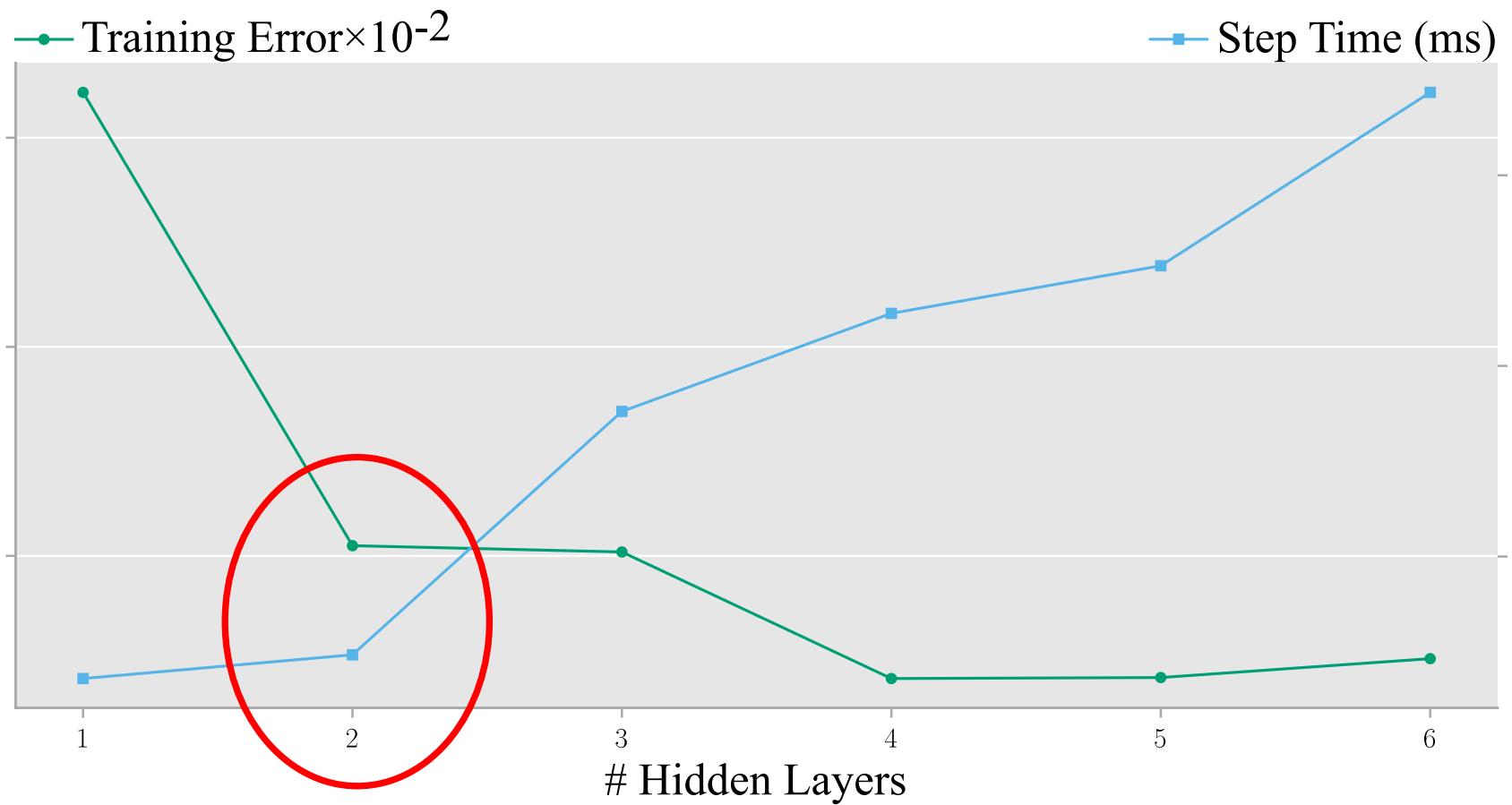
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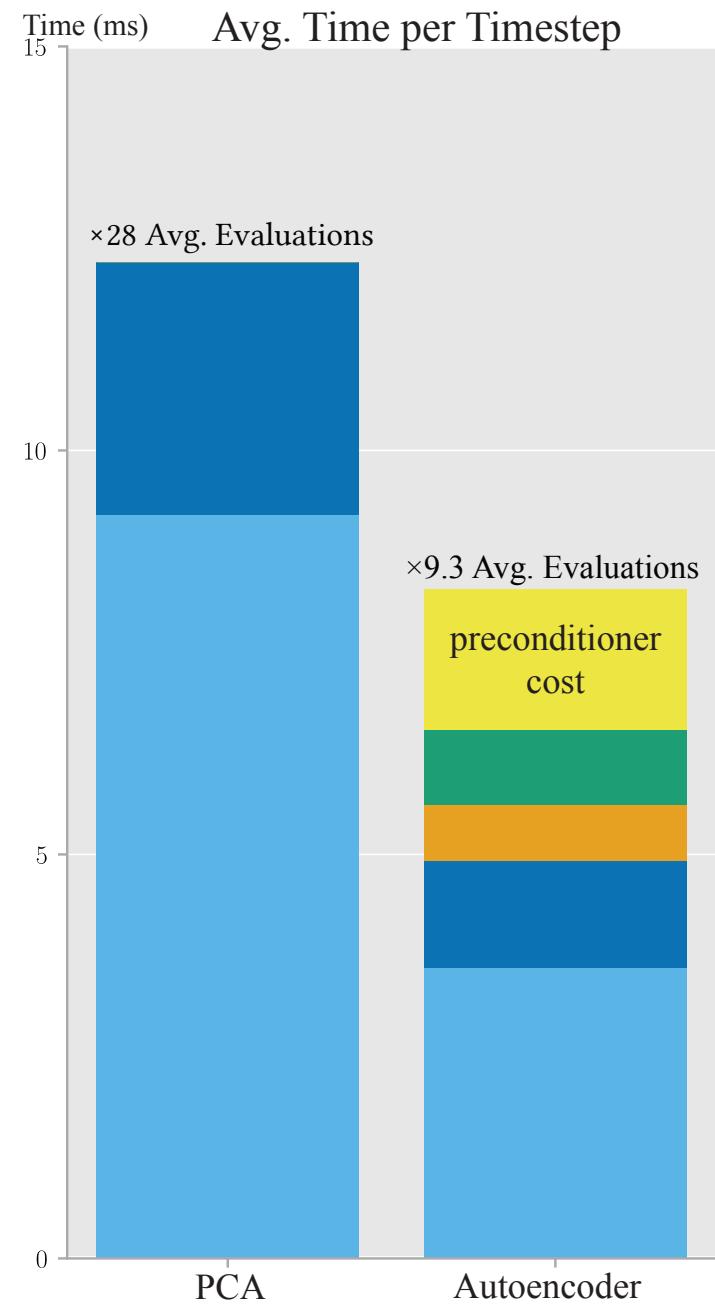
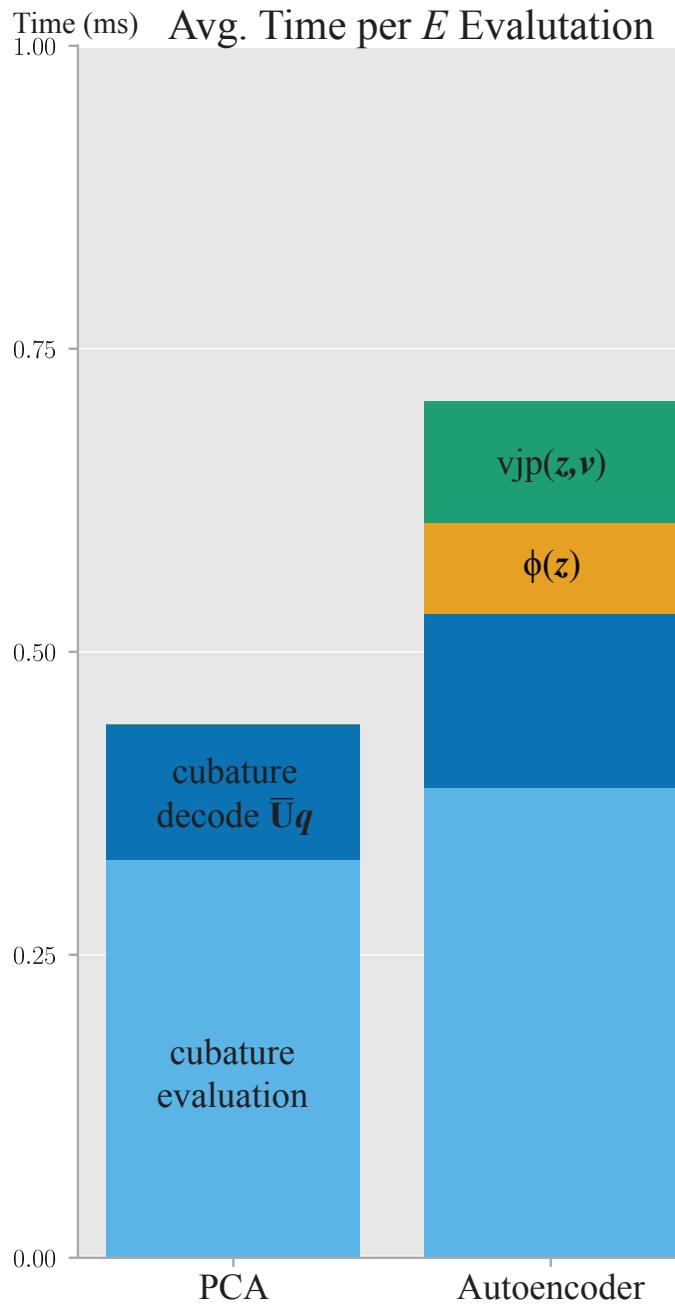
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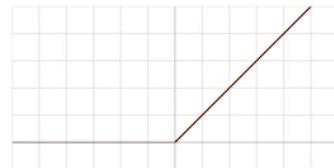
# Training Data



Training data generation

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# Choice of Activation



ReLU Activations

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# Preconditioner

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{z}_n}^T \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_0 \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{z}_n}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_0 = U^T \mathbf{K}_0 U$$

$$\mathbf{K}_0 = \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{0})}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2}$$

