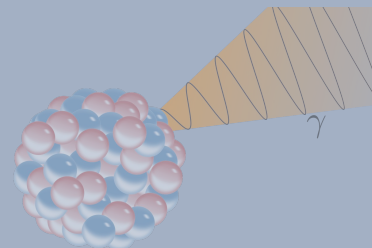




# Solving the Bateman Equations Using Physics Informed Neural Networks (PINN)

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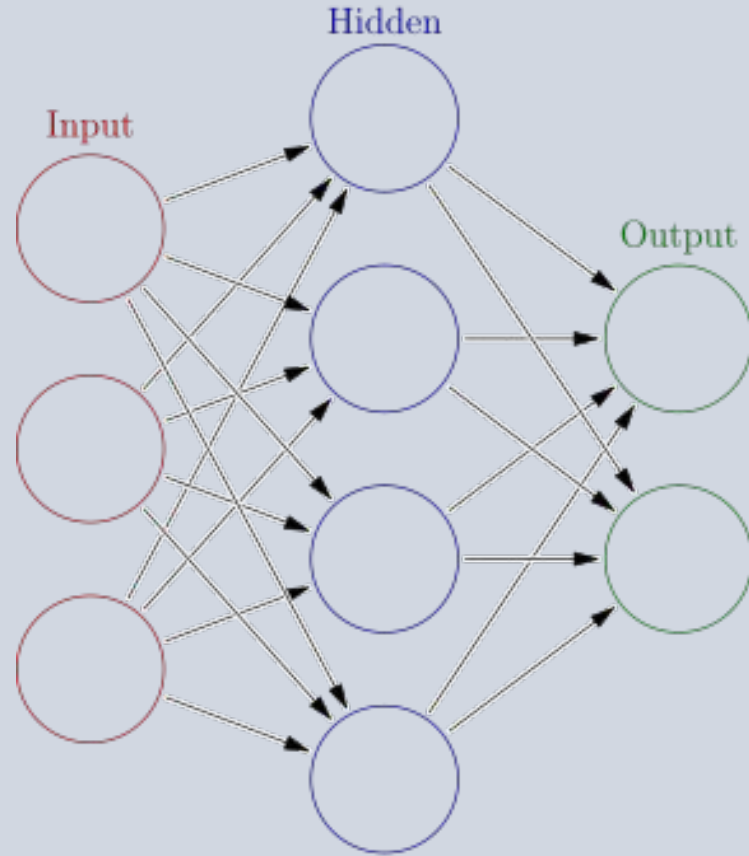
# What are the Bateman Equations?

- Mathematical model describing the abundances and activities in decay chains of radioactive isotopes
- Used in fields of nuclear physics, radiochemistry, nuclear medicine, etc.
- $\vec{N}(t)$  : vector representing concentrations of various nuclides at time  $t$
- $\mathbb{A}$  : the transmutation matrix, detailing decay rates and pathways between nuclides
- $\vec{N}_0$  : the initial concentration vector

$$\frac{d\vec{N}(t)}{dt} = \mathbb{A}\vec{N}(t), \text{ with } \vec{N}(t = 0) = \vec{N}_0$$

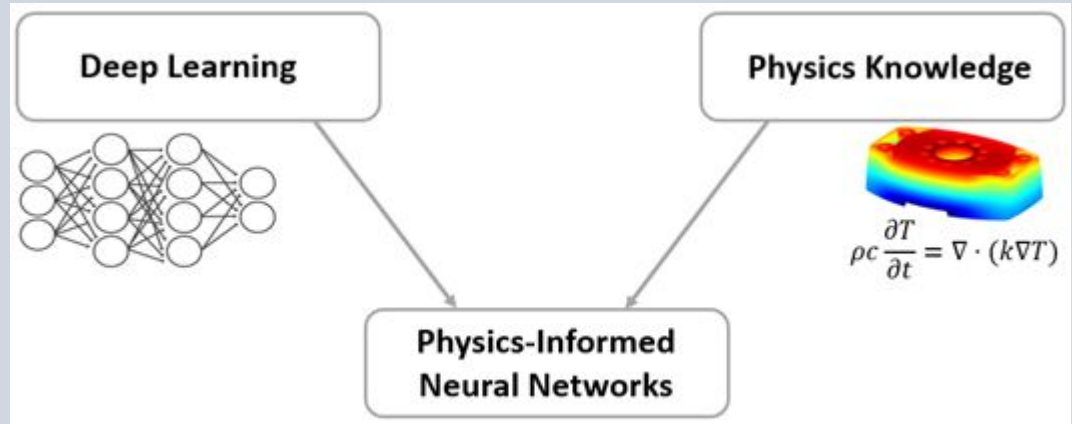
# What are Neural Networks?

- Computational model inspired by the structure and functions of biological neural networks
- Each neuron receives input, processes it through mathematical functions, and passes the output to the next layer
- Can be much more accurate interpretations of complex patterns in data



# What are Physics Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)?

- Class of neural networks
- Incorporate physical laws as differential equations
- Trained to satisfy both data and governing physical equations

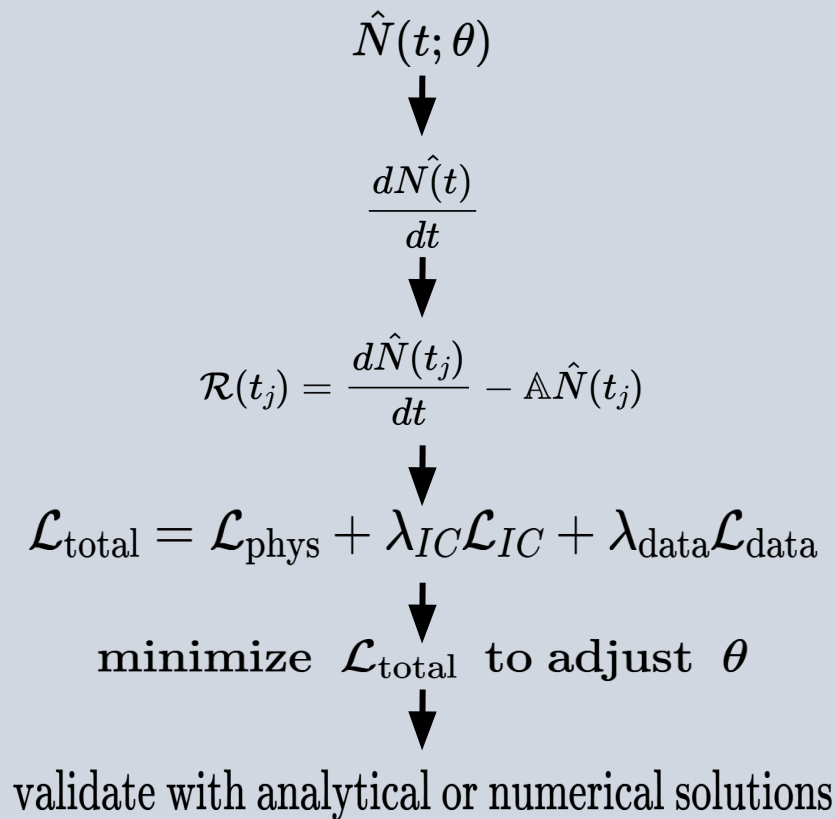


# How do PINNs solve the Bateman Equation?

- (1) Define a neural network
- (2) Compute the derivative wrt time + compute the residual of the Bateman equation at a set of time points
- (3) Construct the Loss Function
- (4) Train the neural network
- (5) Evaluate and validate

## PROBLEM

$$\frac{d\vec{N}(t)}{dt} = \mathbb{A}\vec{N}(t), \text{ with } \vec{N}(t=0) = \vec{N}_0$$



Real world example:  $^{88}\text{Y} \rightarrow ^{88}\text{Sr}$

$$\frac{dN_Y}{dt} = -\lambda_Y N_Y$$

$$\frac{dN_{Sr}}{dt} = \lambda_Y N_Y$$

NEED TO KNOW:

$$\lambda_Y = \frac{\ln(2)}{106.6} \approx 0.0065 \text{ days}^{-1}$$

# STEP 1: Defining a neural network

Input:  $t \in [0, T]$  (e.g. days)

Output:  $\hat{N}_Y(t)$ ,  $\hat{N}_{Sr}(t)$

## Architecture:

- Input: 1 neuron (time)
- Output: 2 neurons
- Hidden layers: 3 layers with 20 neurons each (for example)
- Activation: **tanh**

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# STEP 2: Defining Physics Residuals

Use automatic differentiation to compute derivatives from the network then define residuals:

$$\mathcal{R}_Y(t) = \frac{d\hat{N}_Y}{dt} + \lambda_Y \hat{N}_Y(t)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{Sr}(t) = \frac{d\hat{N}_{Sr}}{dt} - \lambda_Y \hat{N}_Y(t)$$

Real world example:  $^{88}\text{Y} \rightarrow ^{88}\text{Sr}$



# STEP 3: Defining Loss Function

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{MSE}_{\text{residual}} + \text{MSE}_{\text{initial}}$$

physics ←                      → data

start with 1  
mole  $^{88}\text{Y}$  and  
0 mole  $^{88}\text{Sr}$

$$\text{MSE}_{\text{residual}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathcal{R}_Y(t_i)^2 + \mathcal{R}_{Sr}(t_i)^2)$$

$$\text{MSE}_{\text{initial}} = \left( \hat{N}_Y(0) - 1 \right)^2 + \left( \hat{N}_{Sr}(0) - 0 \right)^2$$

Real world example:  $^{88}\text{Y} \rightarrow ^{88}\text{Sr}$

# STEP 4: Training

- (1) Learning the decay rate: the model learns the correct decay rate by minimizing error between the predicted decay and accumulation and the true data
- (2) Loss function: the MSE between predictions and actual values guides the model in adjusting its parameters
- (3) Backpropagation: gradients are used to update parameters through backpropagation, helping the model to minimize error
- (4) Optimization: optimizers like AdamW helps in adjusting the model's parameters efficiently using adaptive learning rates.

Real world example:  $^{88}\text{Y} \rightarrow ^{88}\text{Sr}$

# STEP 5: Evaluating

After training, the neural network approximates:

$$\hat{N}_Y(t) \approx N_Y(t) = N_Y(0)e^{-\lambda_Y t}$$

$$\hat{N}_{Sr}(t) \approx N_{Sr}(t) = N_Y(0)(1 - e^{-\lambda_Y t})$$

Real world example:  $^{88}\text{Y} \rightarrow ^{88}\text{Sr}$

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