

# Physics-informed neural networks (PINN)

A ML-based partial differential equation numerical solver.

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# Outline

- Physics-informed neural networks
- Three applications
- Challenges and opportunities

# Cost function

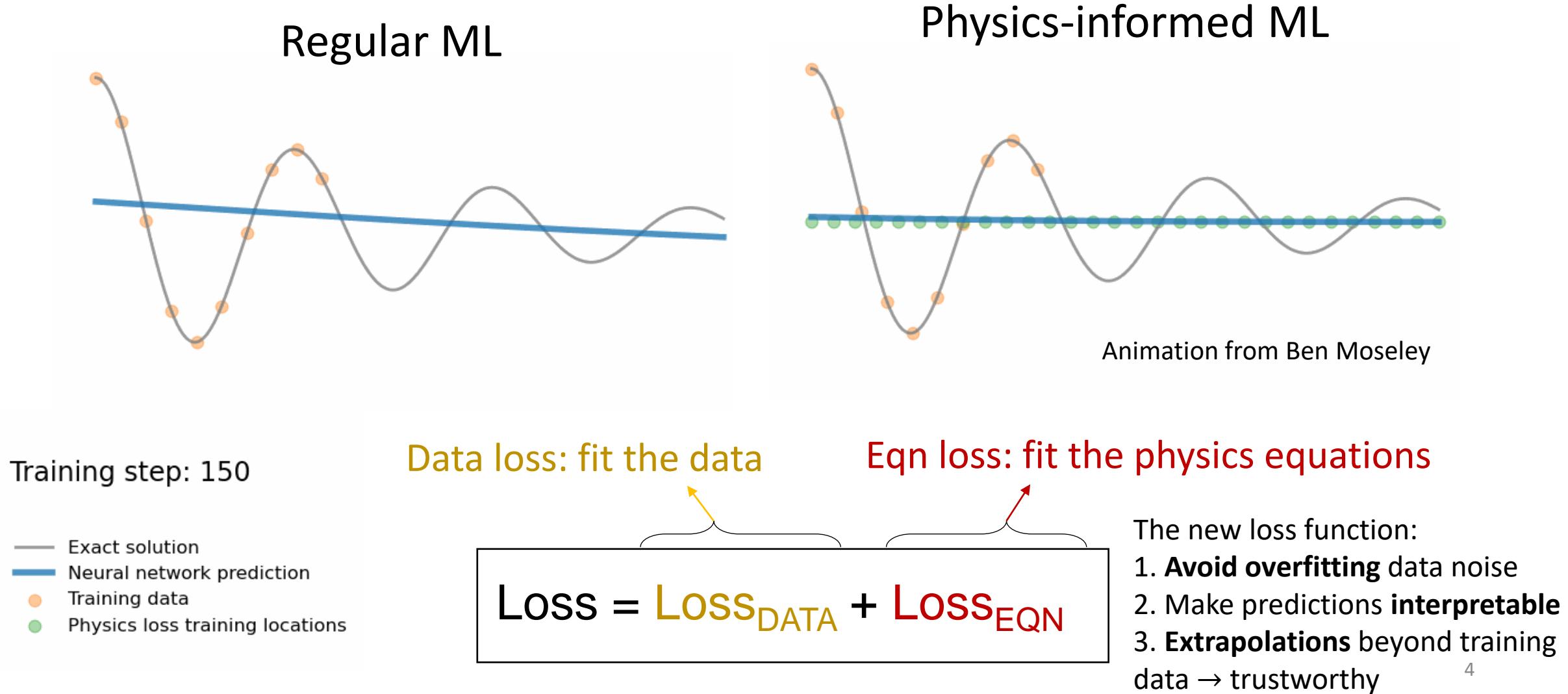
- Fits the ML model to the data

$$\text{Loss} = f(\text{ground truth} - \text{prediction}) = \text{LOSS}_{\text{DATA}}$$

The diagram shows a mathematical equation for the loss function. Inside a rectangular box, the equation is written as  $\text{Loss} = f(\text{ground truth} - \text{prediction}) = \text{LOSS}_{\text{DATA}}$ . Below the box, there are two arrows: one labeled "From the data" pointing to the term "ground truth", and another labeled "From the deep learning model" pointing to the term "prediction".

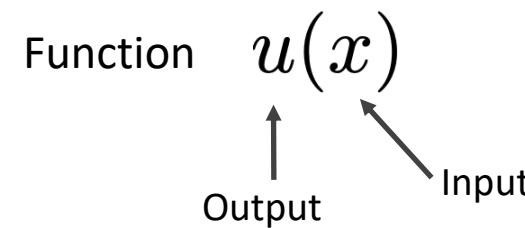
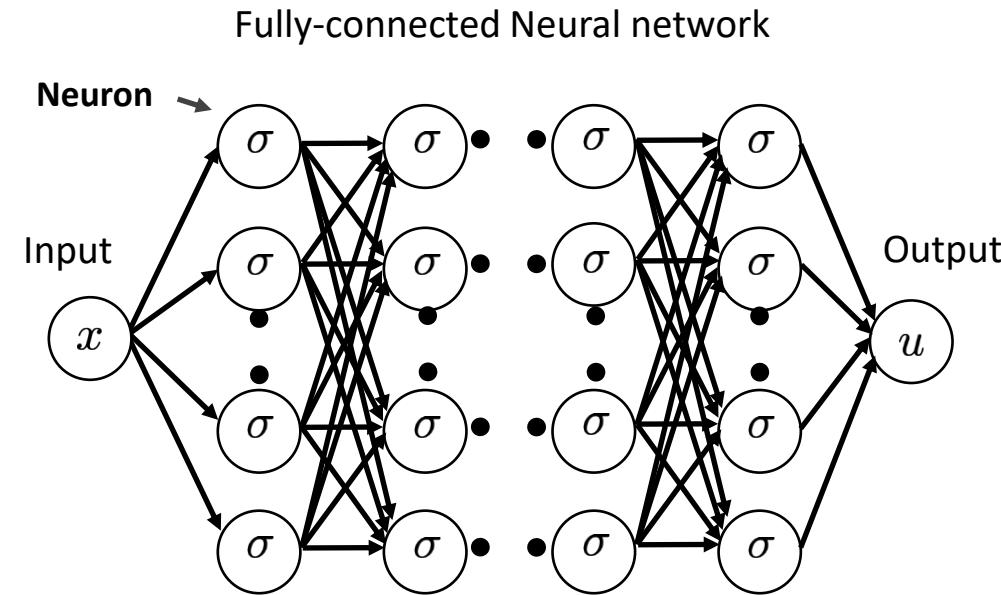
- Observation data is **almost certainly noisy**. How to avoid overfitting?
- Extrapolation: to what extent can the ML model generalize to unseen data?

# Better extrapolation beyond training data



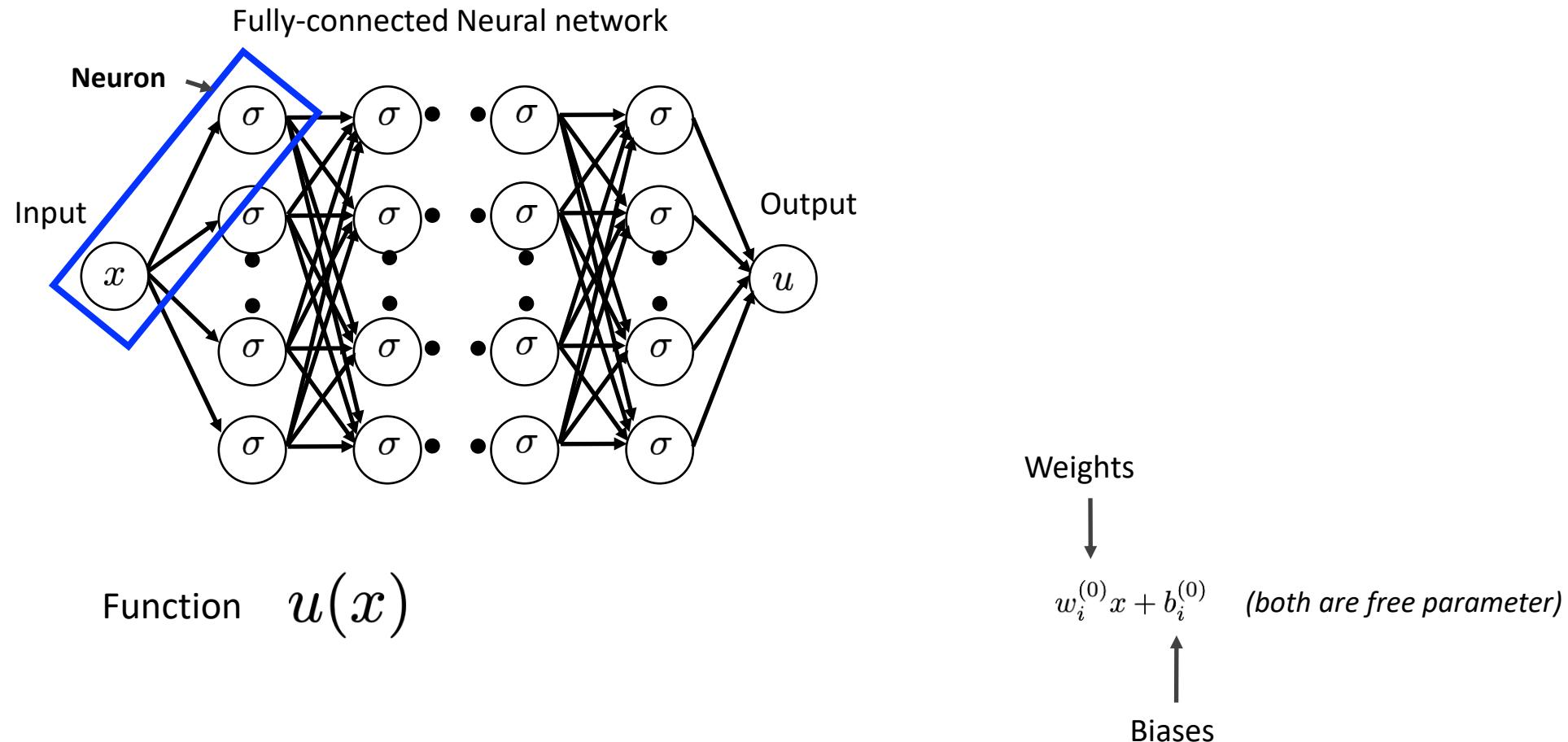
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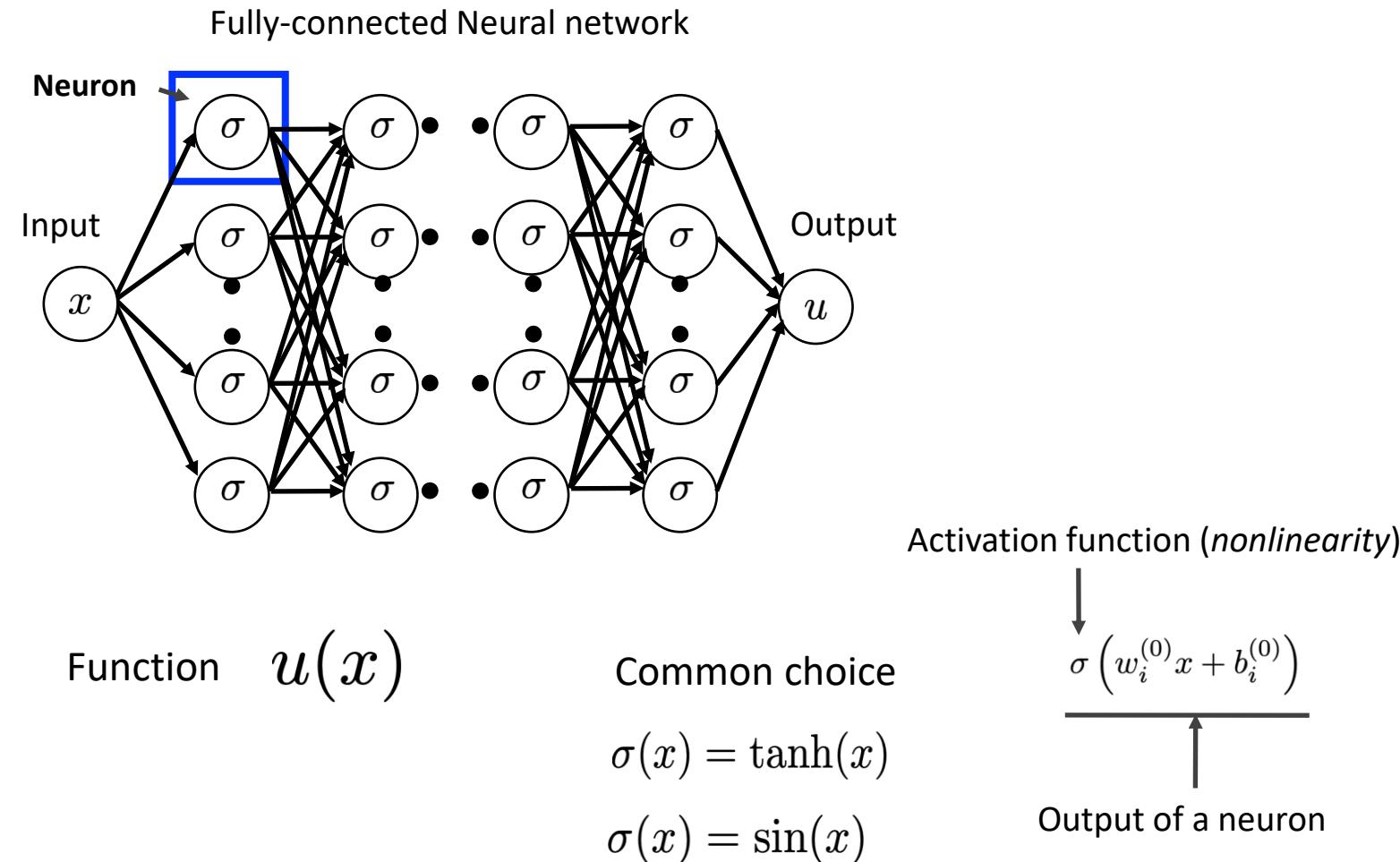
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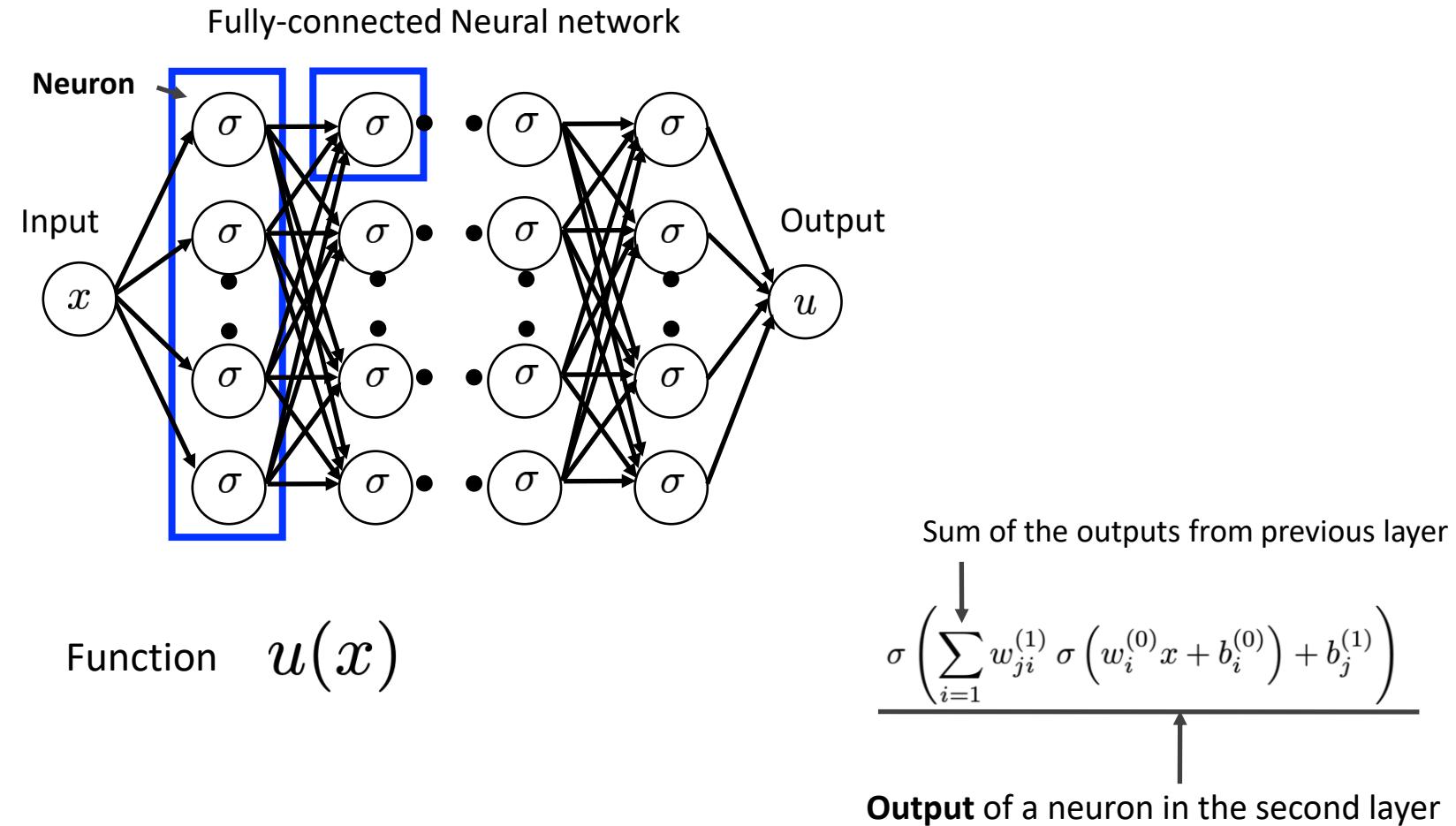
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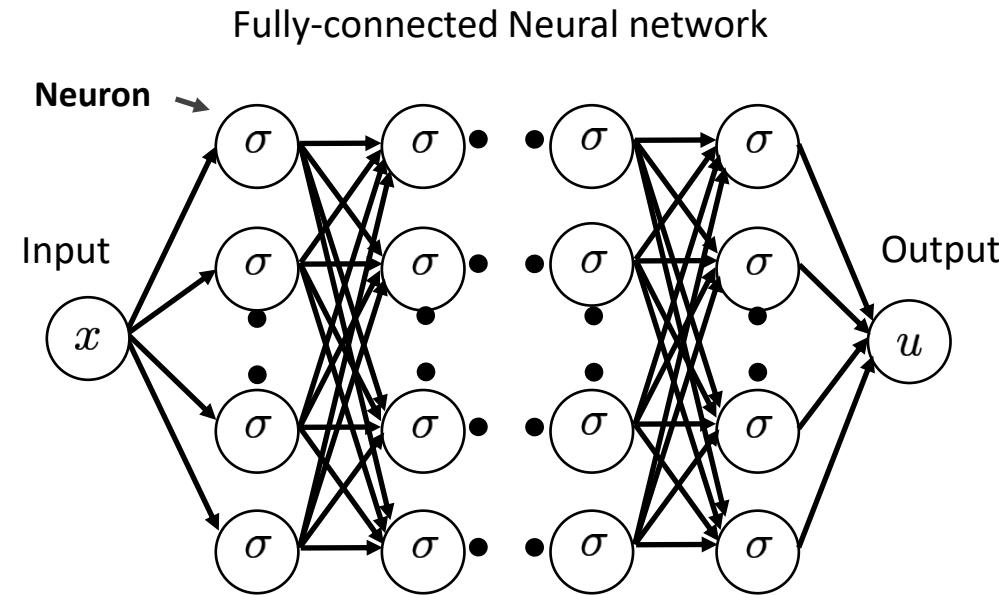
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w: weights

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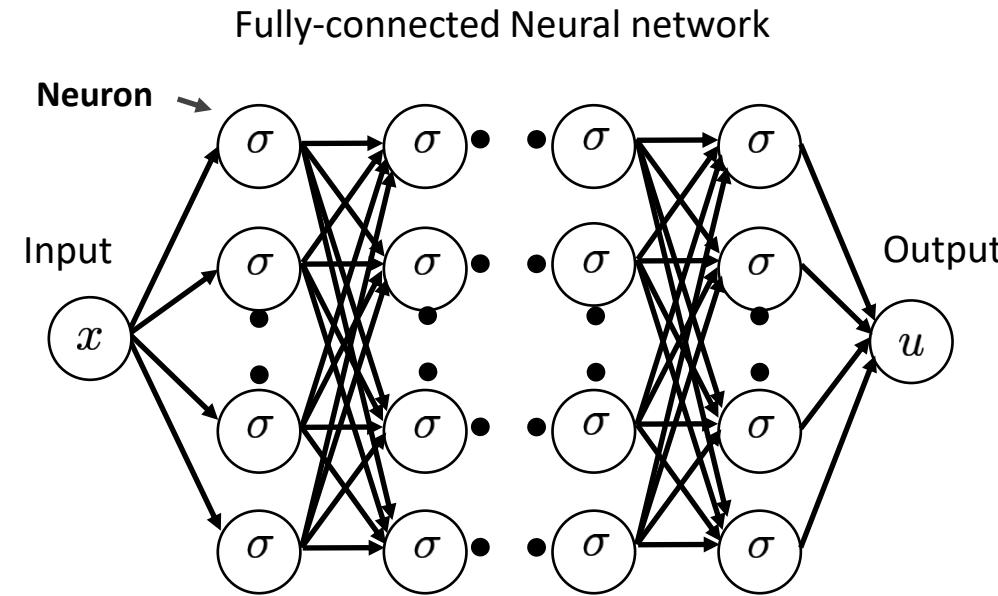
$\sigma(x)$ : activation function

(free parameters to be trained)

(fixed and selected by users)

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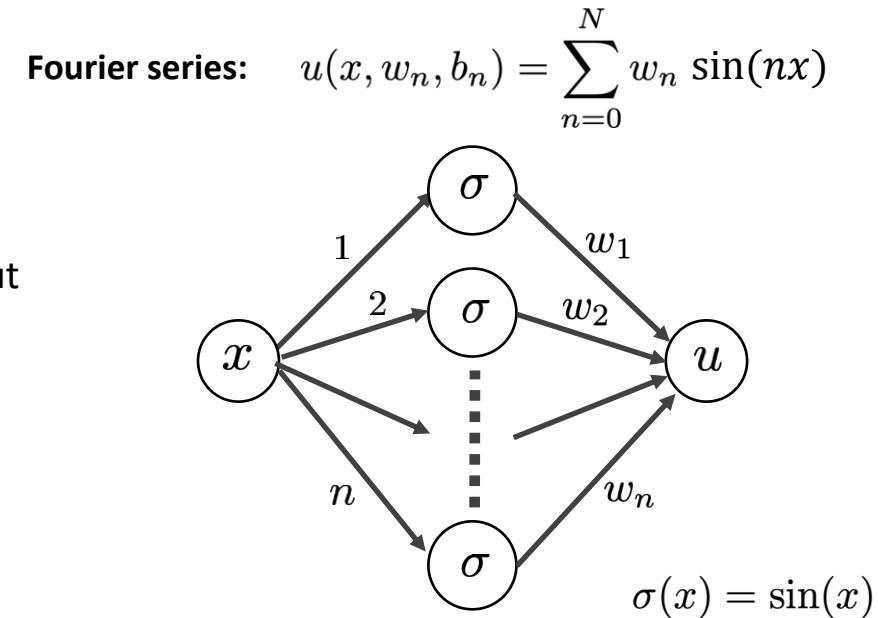
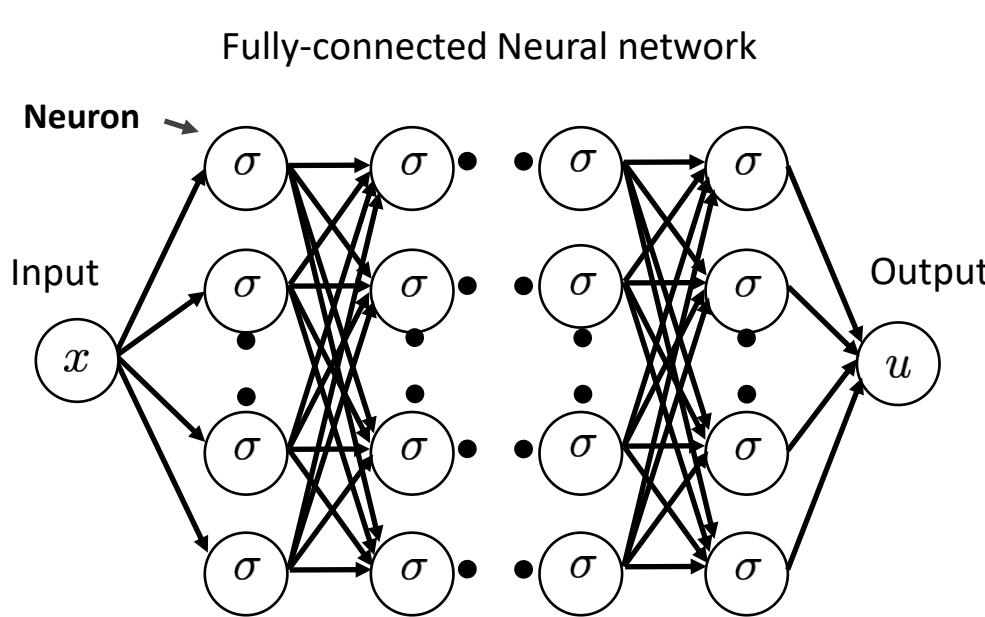
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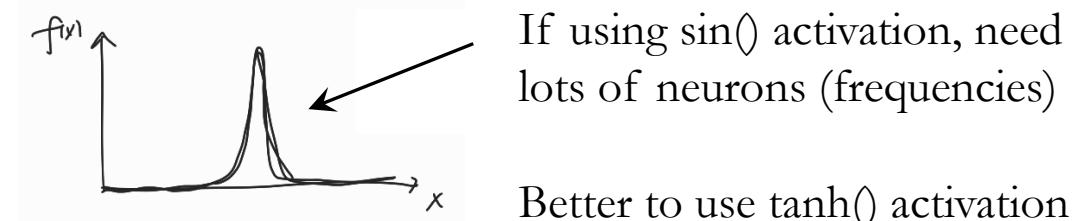
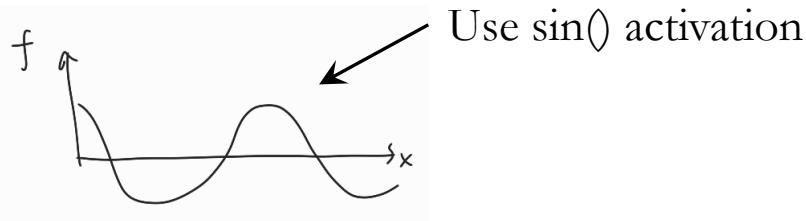
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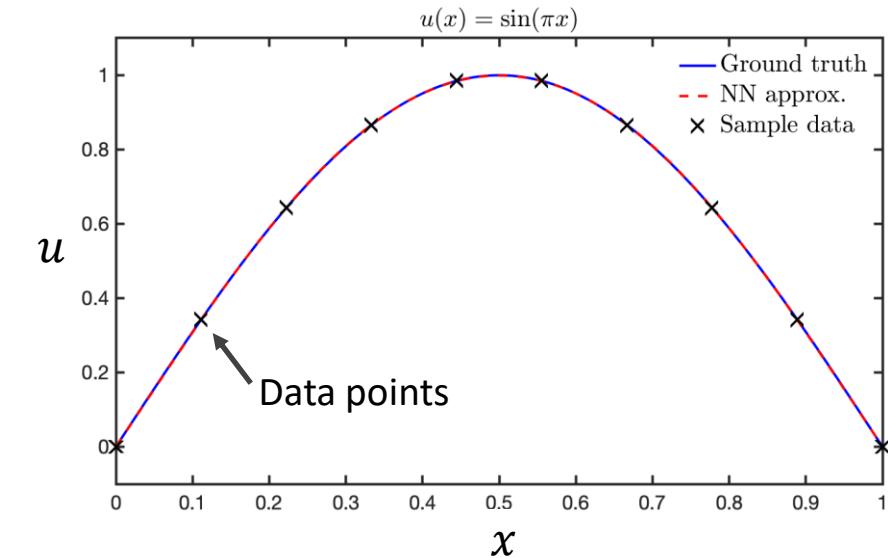
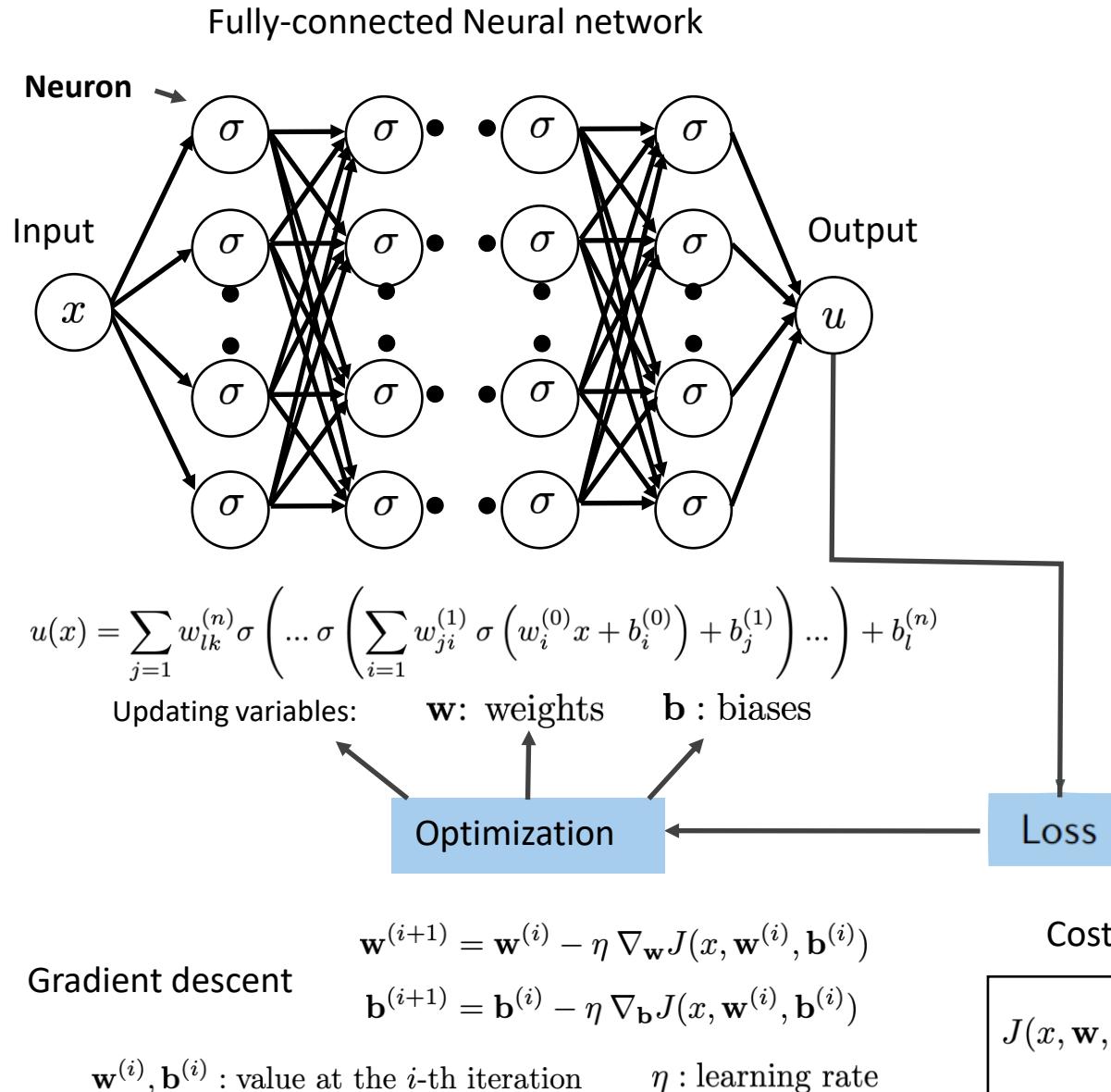
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# Neural network for curve fitting

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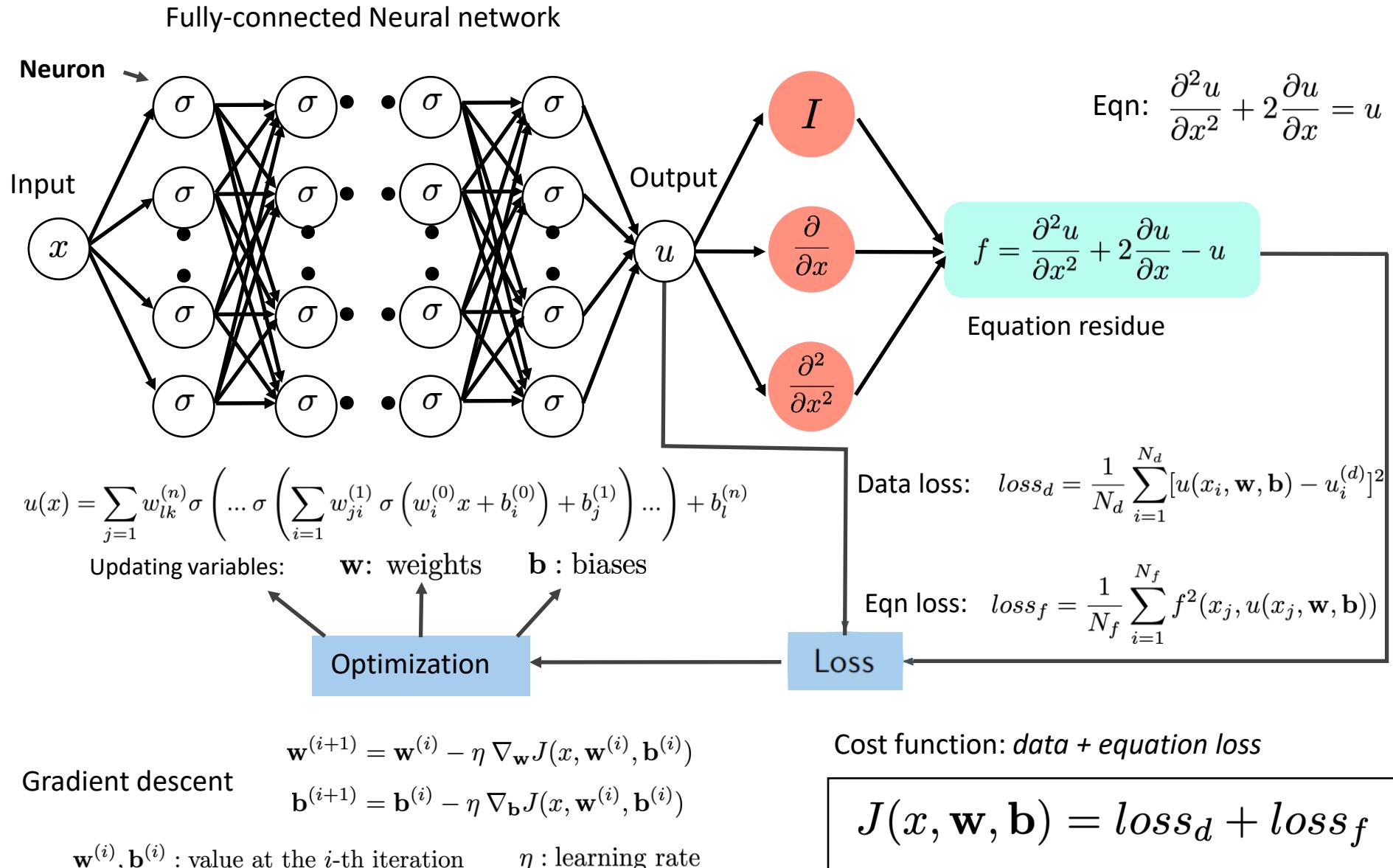
Cost function: *mean squared error*

$$J(x, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b}) = loss_d = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} [u(x_i, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b}) - u_i^{(d)}]^2$$

data of  $u$  at  $x = x_i$

# Physics-informed neural networks

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# Physics-informed neural networks (PINN)

- A new class of partial differential equation numerical solver.
- Utilize the NN's representation power (a universal function approximator)
- Derivatives of the equation's solution  $u(x, t)$  w.r.t x and t can be calculated exactly because we have an explicit expression of  $u(x, t)$ !

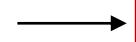
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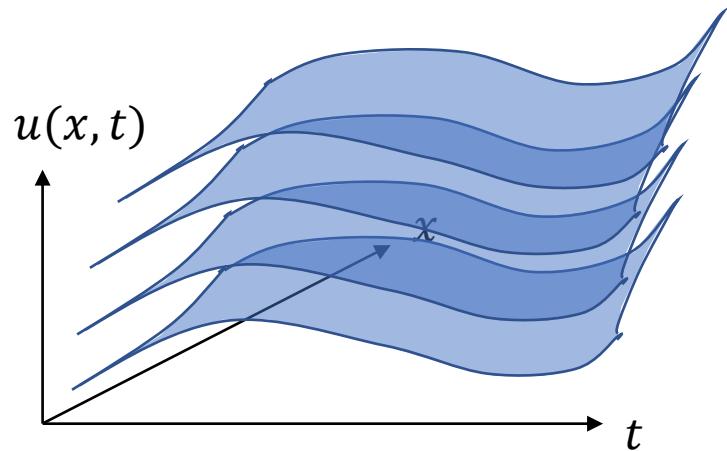
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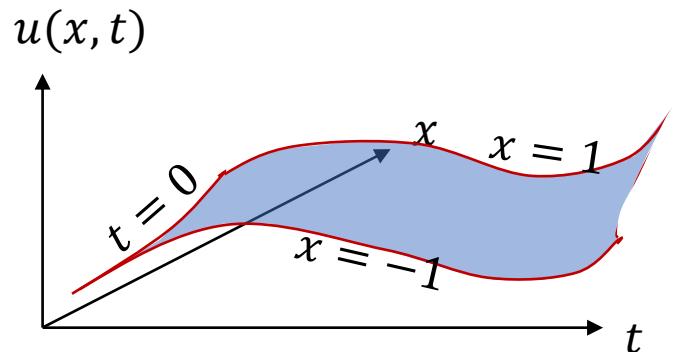
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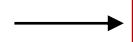
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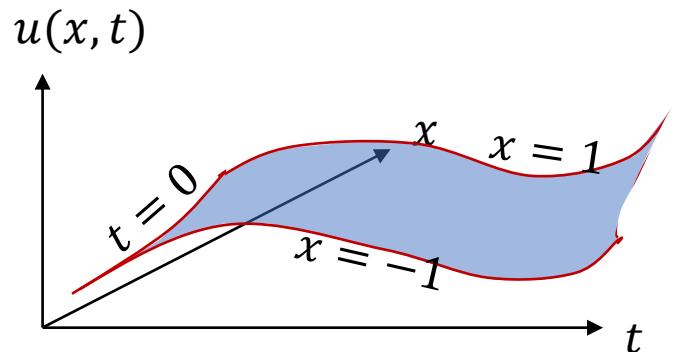
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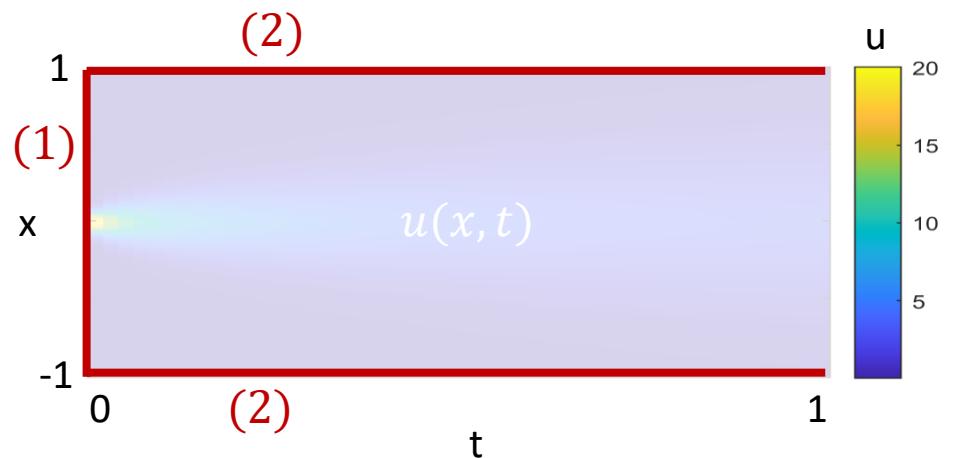
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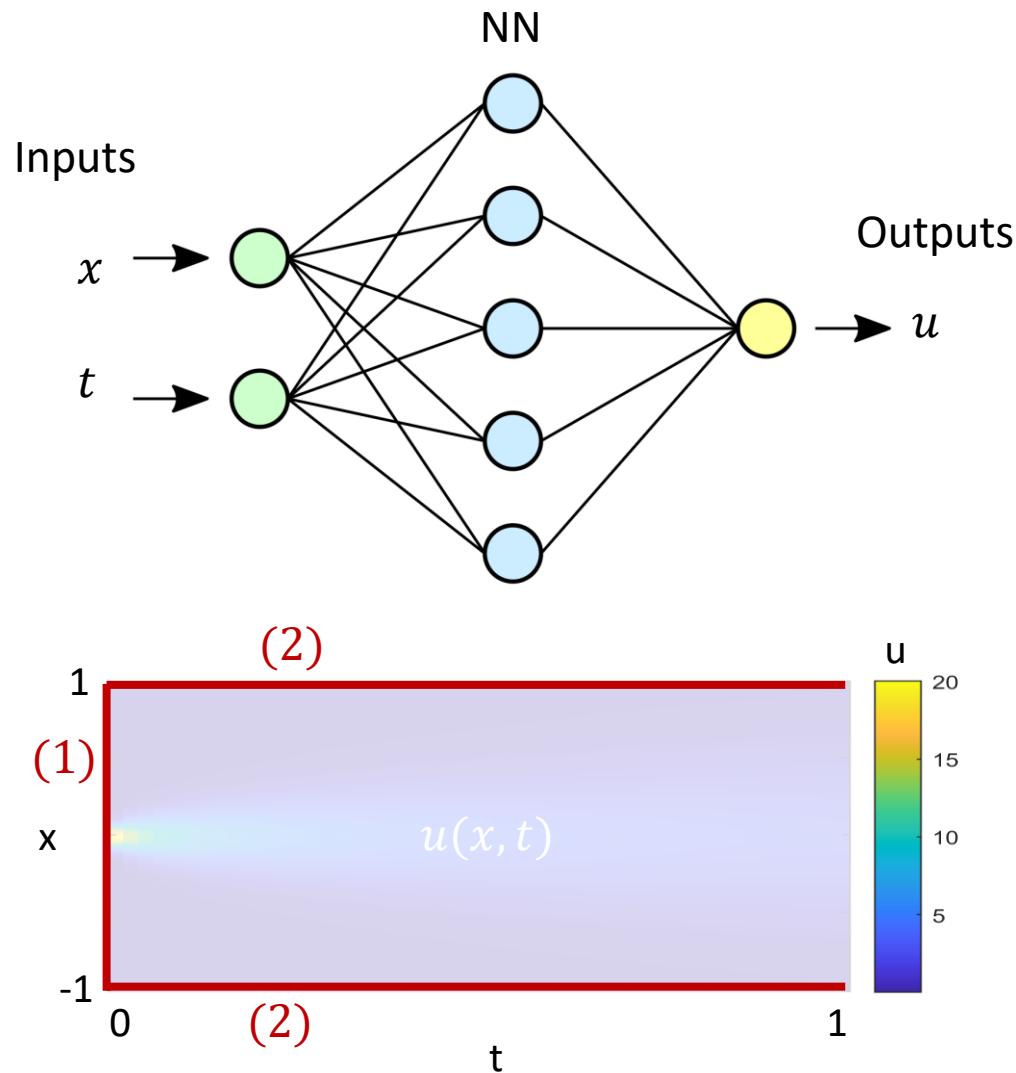
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Mathematically, the information we need to get  $u(x, t)$  is **(1) ICs + (2) BCs + (3) physics equation.**

Instead of traditional numerical solver, can we use a NN to predict  $u(x, t)$  using **(1), (2), (3)?**

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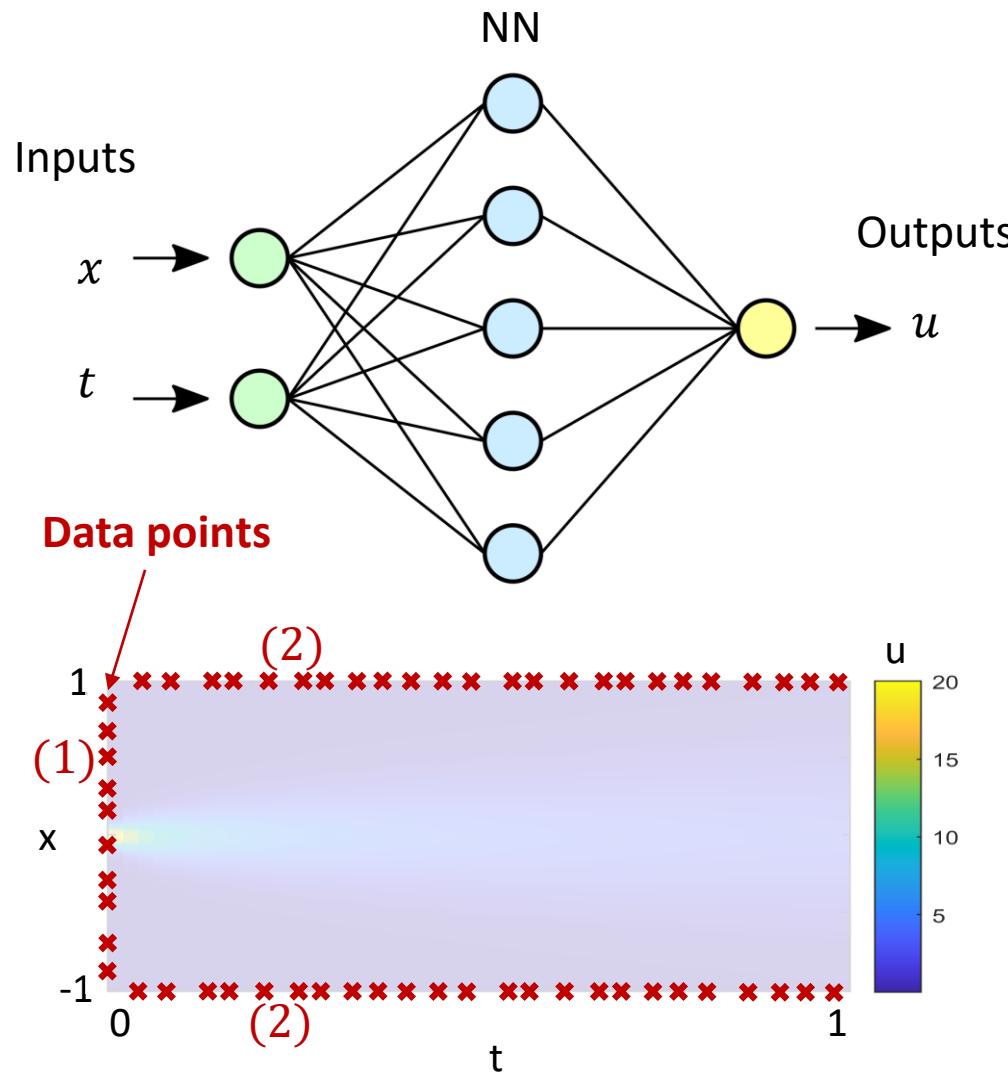
Use NN to search for a surface that satisfies  
**(1) ICs + (2) BCs + (3) physics equation.**

1. Initial  $NN(x, t) = u(x, t)$ .  $x, t$  are inputs,  $u$  is output
2. For a NN, all derivatives of  $u$  w.r.t  $x$  and  $t$  can be calculated analytically because  $u(x, t)$  is exact!

3. We can calculate  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$
4. In the cost function, minimize  $\left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right]^2$

Turn the problem into an optimization problem!

# Physics-informed NN



**Training data (ground truth):**

**(1) Initial condition:**

$$u_0^i \text{ at } \{t = 0, x_i\}, i = 1 \dots N$$

**(2) Boundary conditions:**

$$u_{lb}^j \text{ at } \{t_j, x = -1\} \text{ & } u_{ub}^j \text{ at } \{t_j, x = 1\}, j = 1 \dots M$$

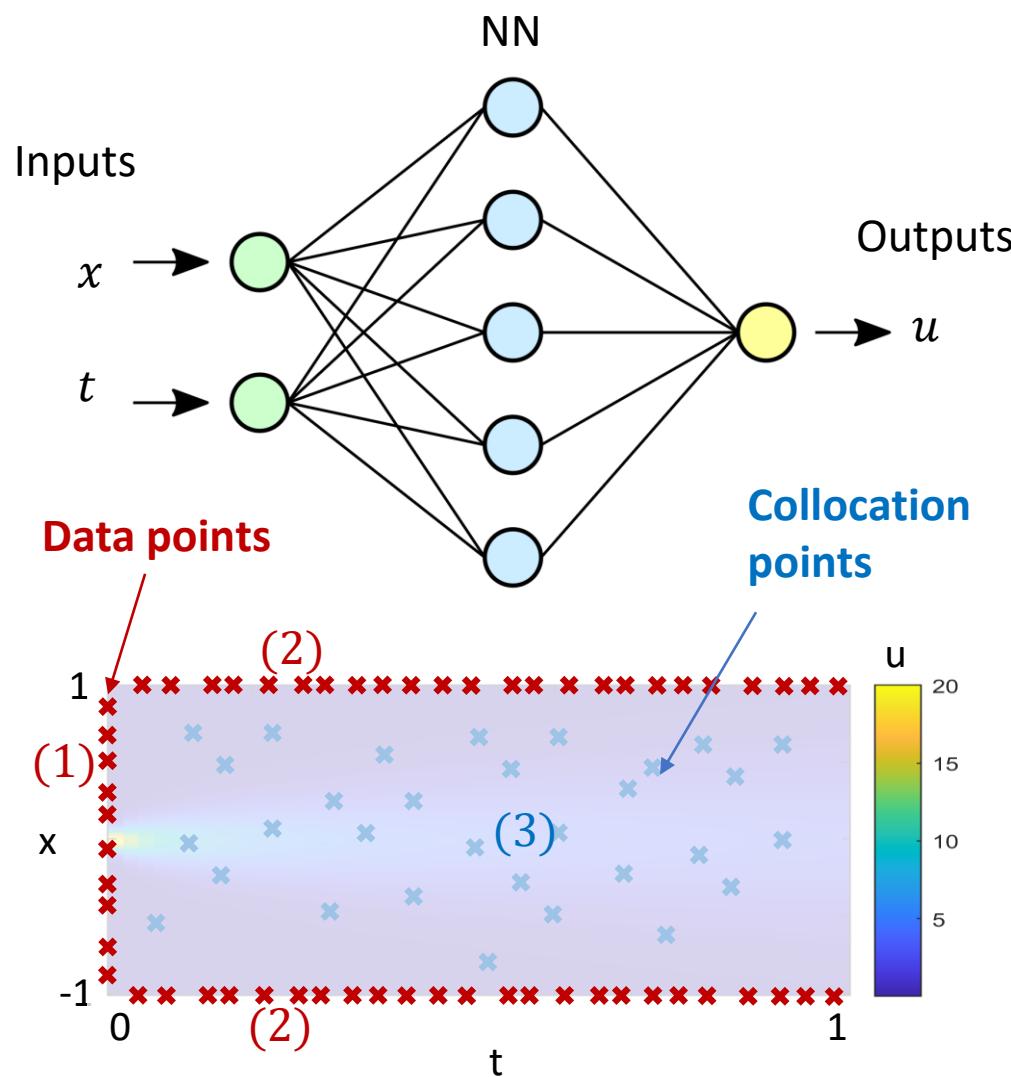
**What would be the loss function?**

$$\text{minimize } \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N |u_0^i - u_{pred}(t = 0, x_i)|^2 \quad (1) \text{ IC}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } & \frac{1}{M} \sum_j^M |u_{lb}^j - u_{pred}(t_j, x = -1)|^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{M} \sum_j^M |u_{ub}^j - u_{pred}(t_j, x = 1)|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2) \text{ BC}$$

**GOAL:** Find NN that minimizes the loss function

# Physics-informed NN



Q: How to incorporate physics equation in the loss function?

$$(3) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \longrightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

Recall:  $NN(x,t) = u(x,t)$  is a smooth, analytical function  
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  can be directly calculated at the collocation points.

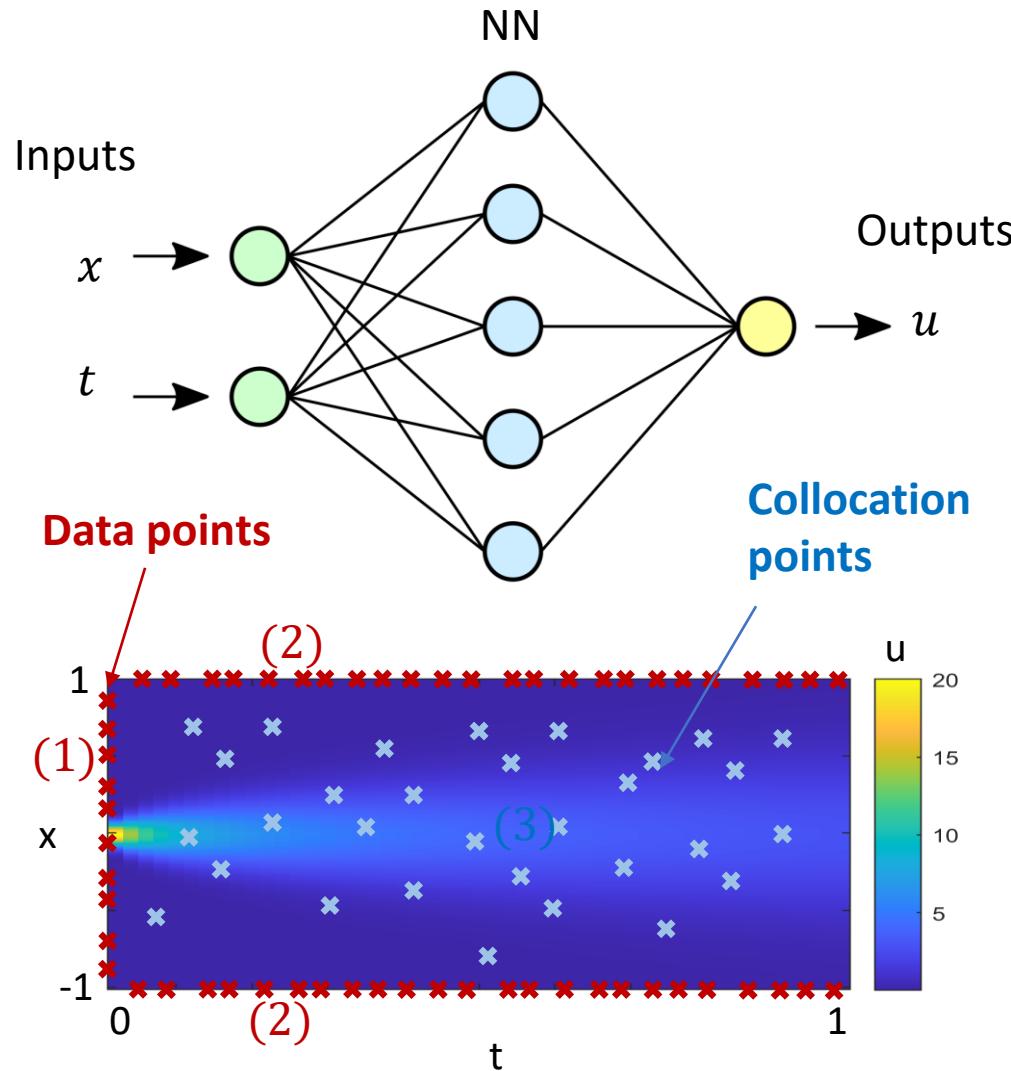
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Equation loss:

$$\text{minimize} \quad \frac{1}{N_f} \sum_k^{N_f} \left| \frac{\partial u_{pred}^k}{\partial t} - a \frac{\partial^2 u_{pred}^k}{\partial x^2} \right|^2 \quad (3) \text{ Eqn}$$

**GOAL:** Find NN that minimizes the loss function  
→ solving for  $u(x,t)$  satisfying (1) ICs + (2) BCs + (3) Eqn

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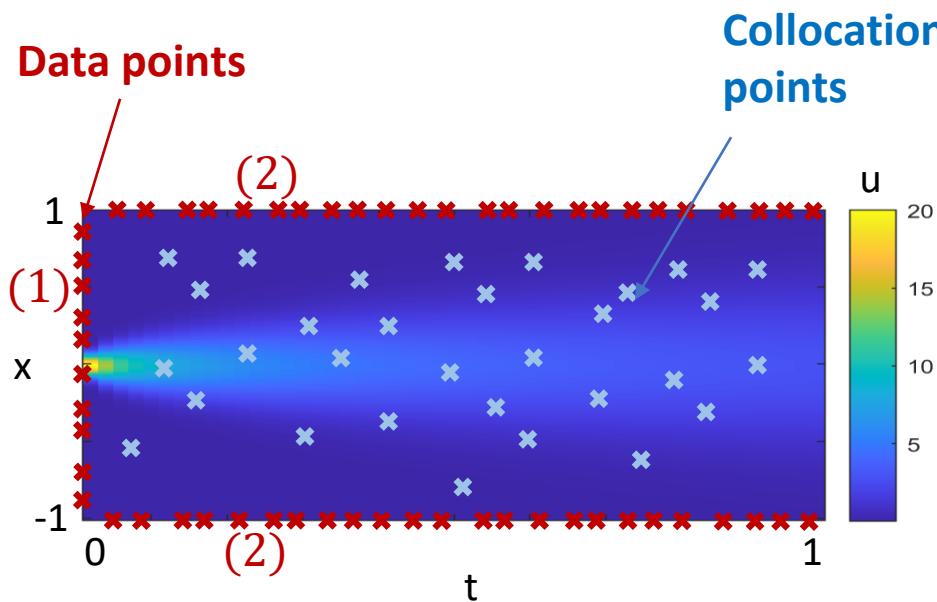
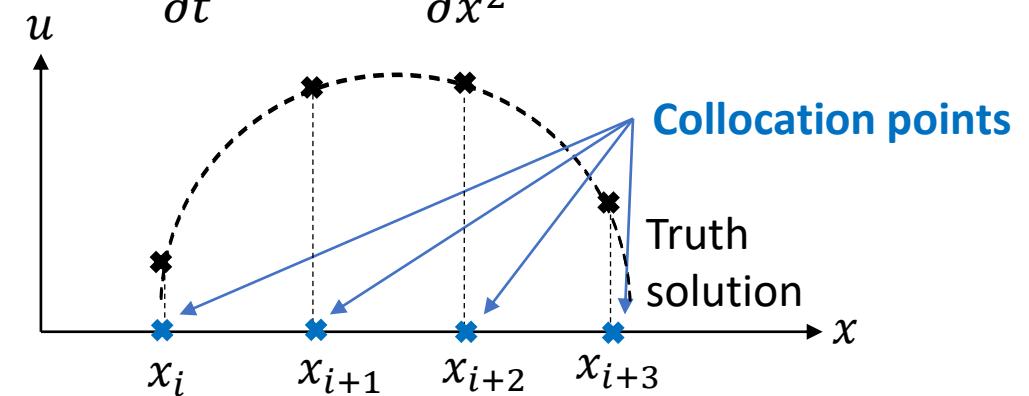
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**PINN:** searches for a curve that satisfies

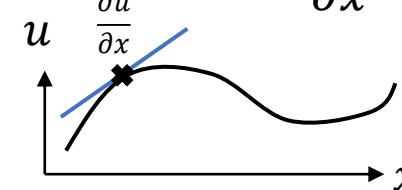
$$\frac{\partial u(x_i)}{\partial t} - a \frac{\partial^2 u(x_i)}{\partial x^2} \approx 0 \text{ at the collocation pts}$$



**Automatic differentiation:** differentiate NN output with respect to their input coordinates.

e.g.  $\text{NN}(x) = u = \sigma(w_2\sigma(w_1x + b_1) + b_2)$ ,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sigma'(z_2)w_2\sigma'(z_1)w_1$$



PINN

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + N(u, \lambda) = 0, \quad x \in [-L, L], \quad t \in [0, T]$$

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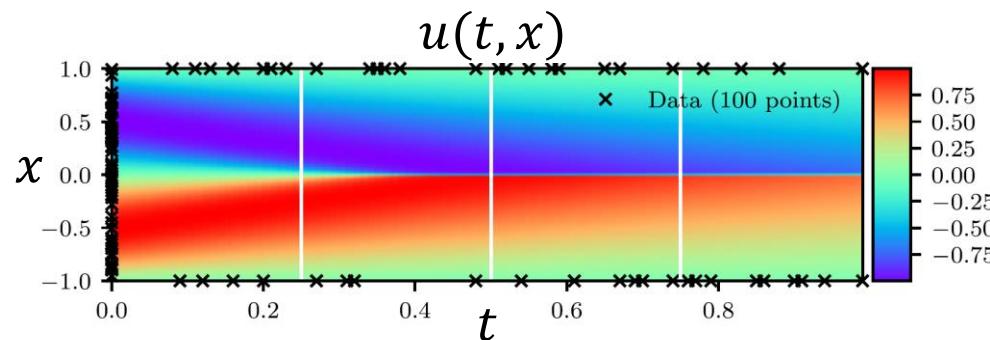
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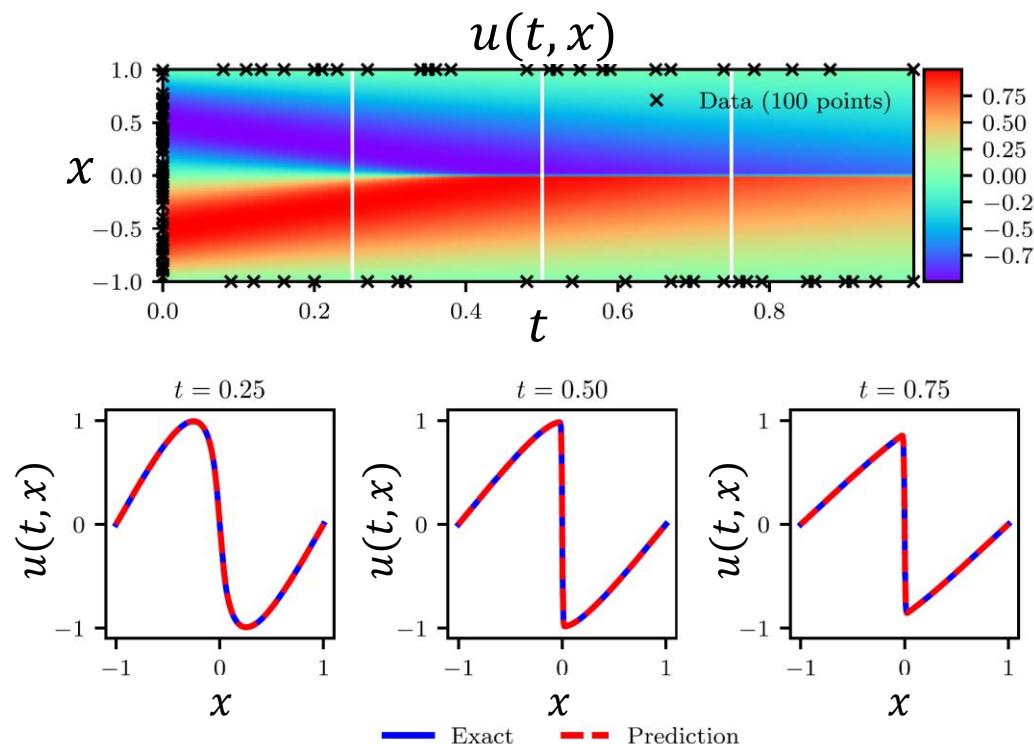
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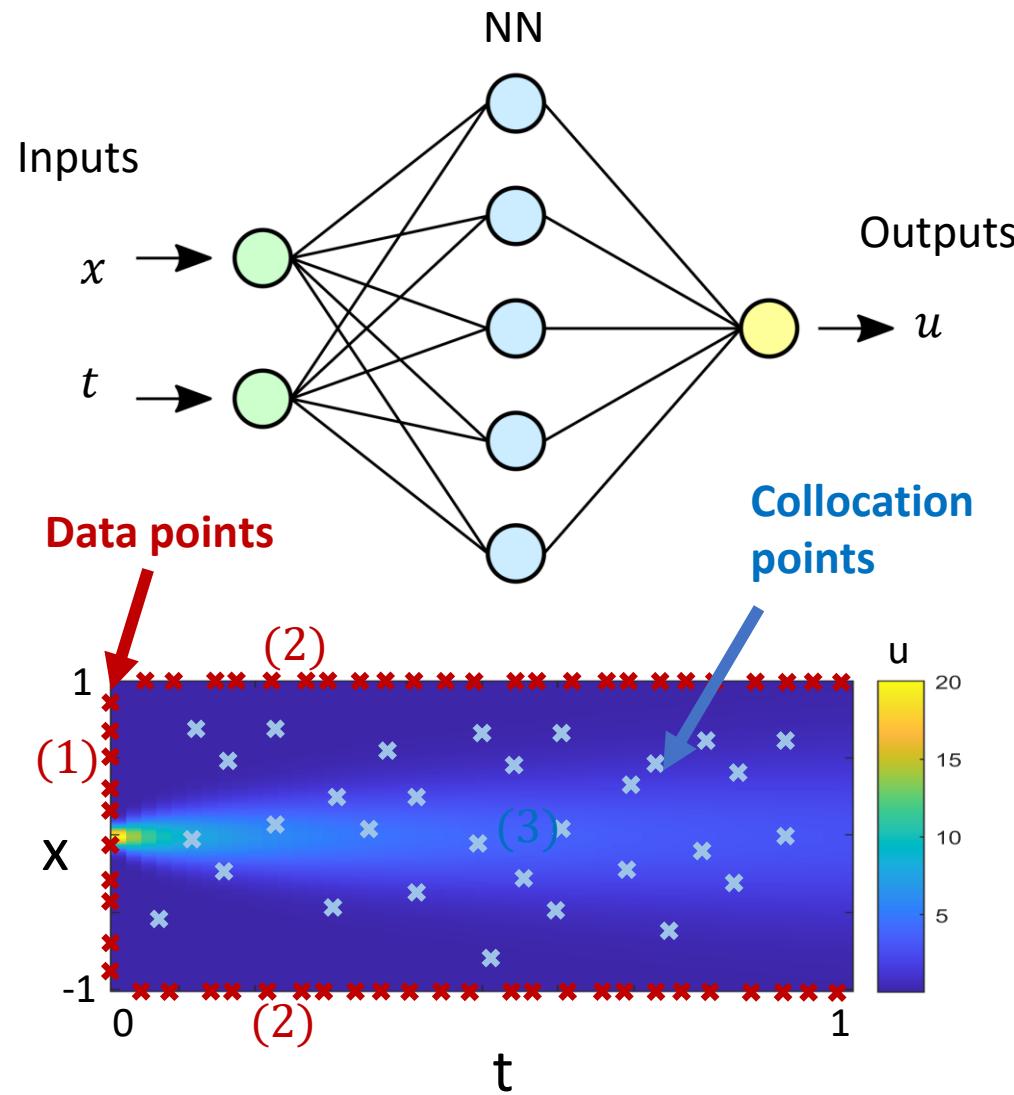
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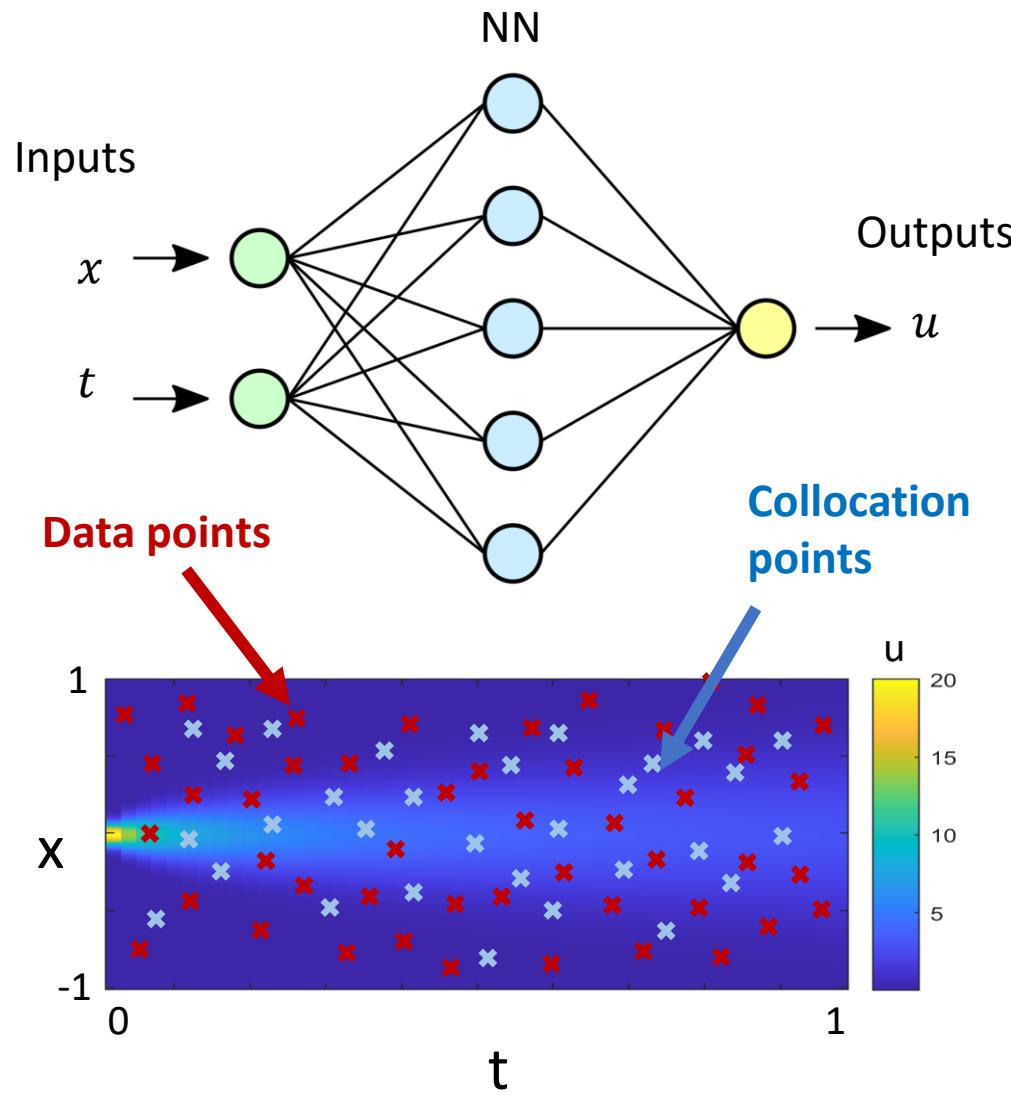
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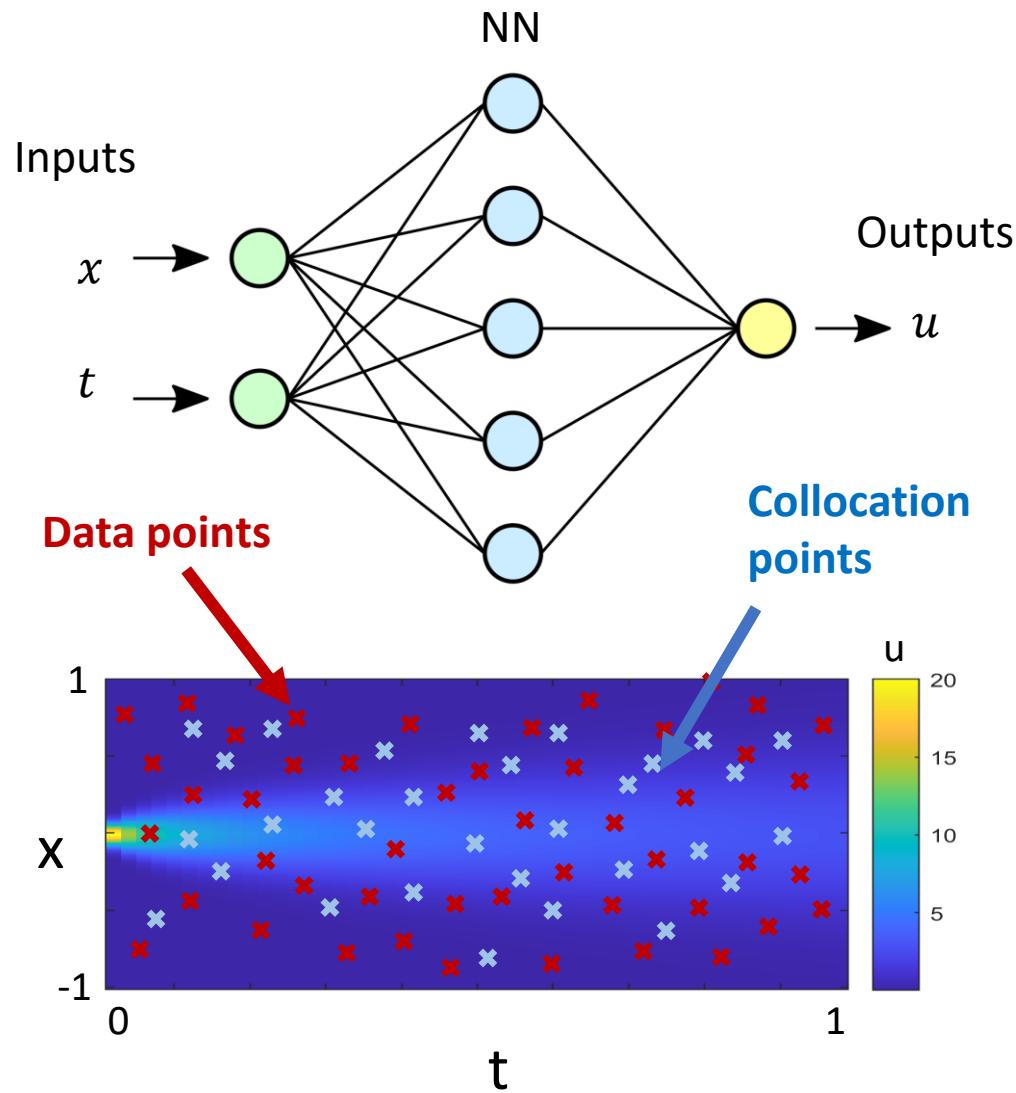
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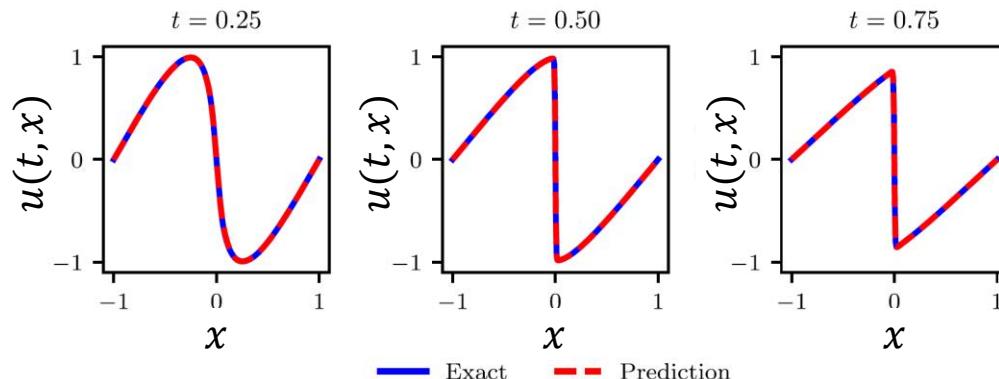
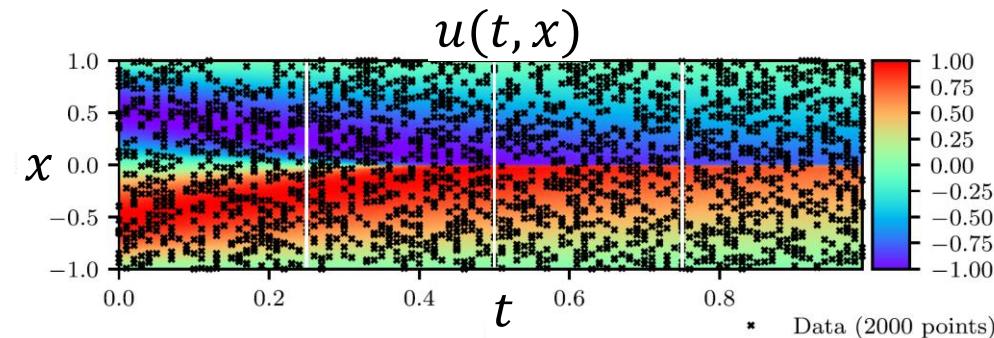
Collocation points

# E.g., Burgers' equation (identification)

Given training data of  $u, t, x$  find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

$$u_t + \lambda_1 u u_x - \lambda_2 u_{xx} = 0 \quad x \in [-1, 1], \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

Correct PDE	$u_t + uu_x - 0.0031831u_{xx} = 0$
Identified PDE (clean data)	$u_t + 0.99915uu_x - 0.0031794u_{xx} = 0$
Identified PDE (1% noise)	$u_t + 1.00042uu_x - 0.0032098u_{xx} = 0$



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# E.g., Navier-Stokes equation

Given training data of  $u, v$ ,  
find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

Problem statement

$$u_t + \lambda_1(uu_x + vu_y) = -p_x + \lambda_2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}),$$

$$v_t + \lambda_1(uv_x + vv_y) = -p_y + \lambda_2(v_{xx} + v_{yy}),$$

$$u_x + v_y = 0 \longrightarrow u = \psi_y, \quad v = -\psi_x$$

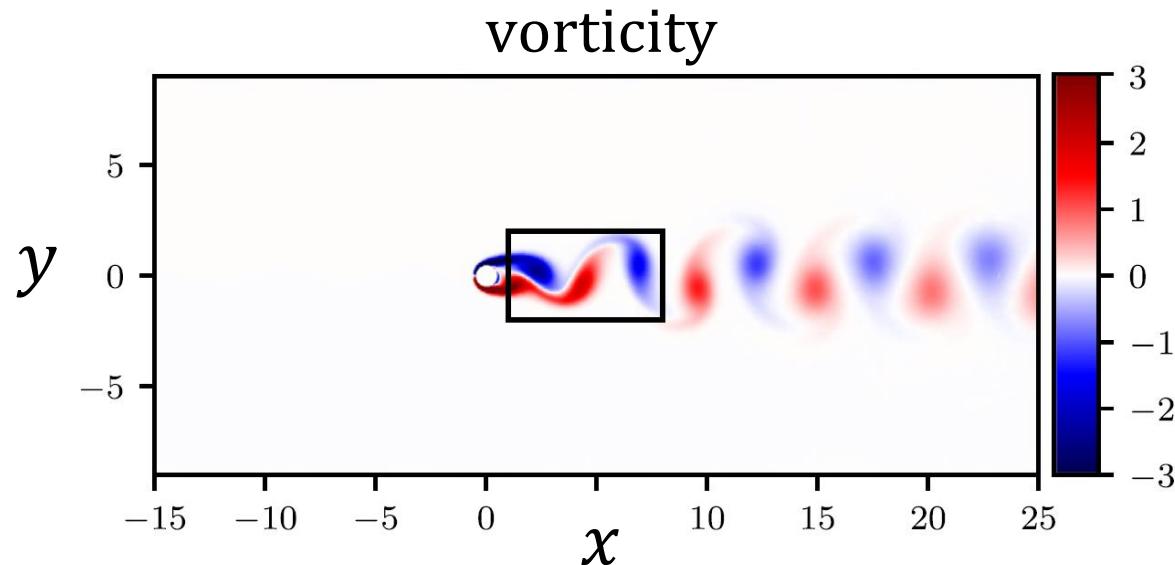
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ : unknown parameters to be identified.

$\psi$ : the stream function.

$u, v$ : velocities

p: pressure

Ground truth from numerical simulation:



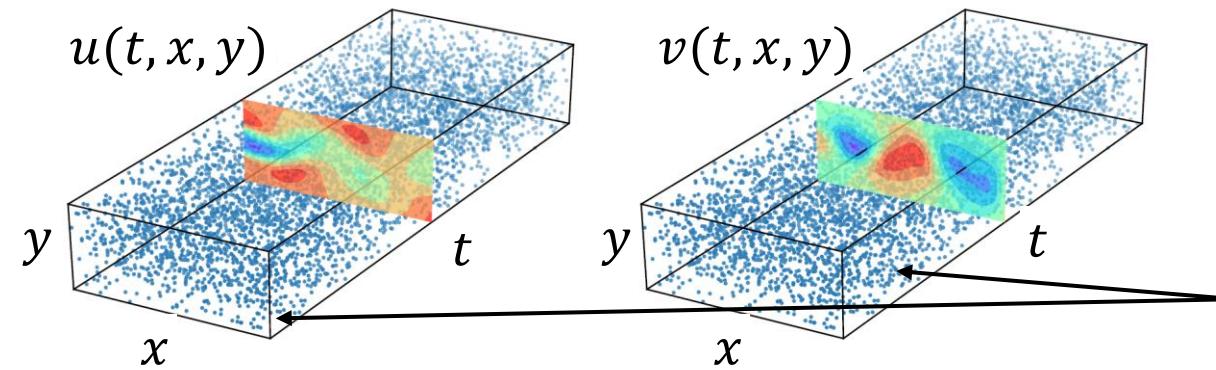
**NN input:**  $x, y, t$

**NN output:**  $\psi, p$

**NN architecture:** 9 layers 20 neurons per layer

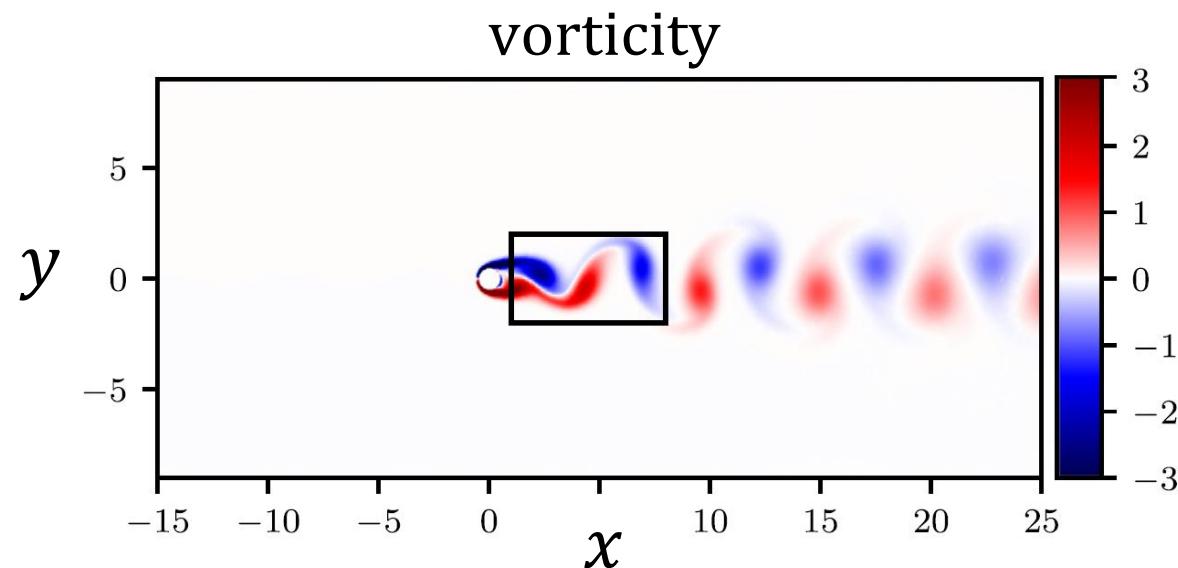
**Training parameters:** weights, biases,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

# E.g., Navier-Stokes equation



Given training data of  $u, v$ ,  
find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

Ground truth from numerical simulation:



**Training data:** 5000 pts of  $u, v$  within the domain  
**Collocation points:** 5000 pts within the domain

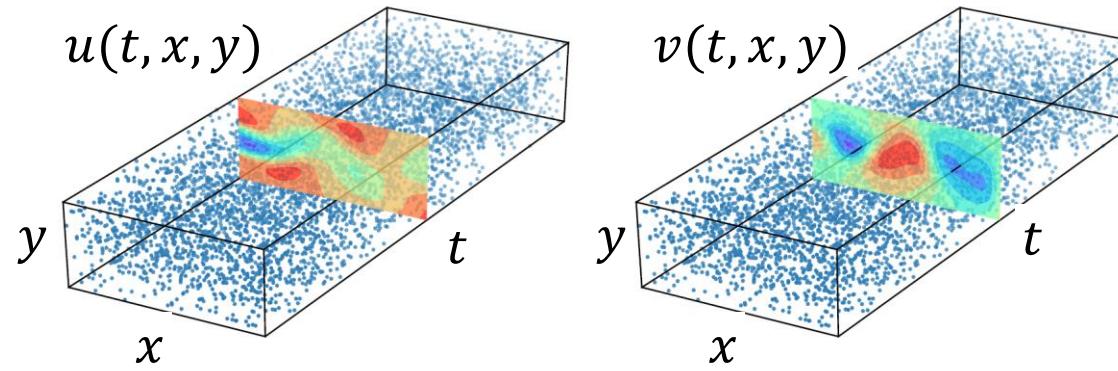
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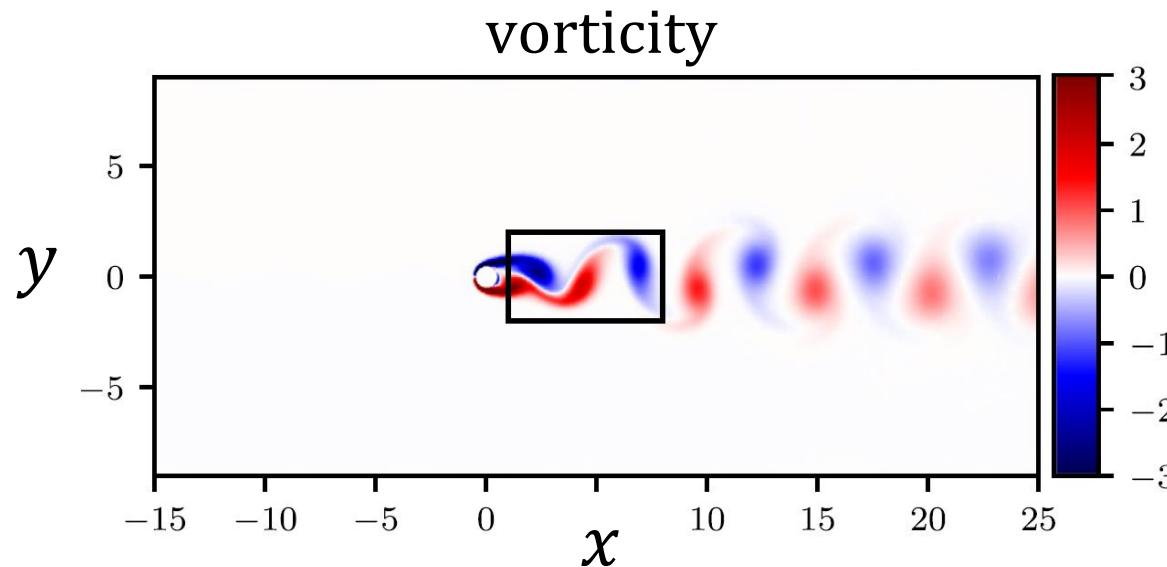
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# E.g., Navier-Stokes equation



Ground truth from numerical simulation:



Given training data of  $u, v$ ,  
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**Training data (from ground truth):**

$$\{t^i, x^i, y^i, u^i, v^i\}_{i=1}^N \quad N = 5,000$$

**Collocation points:**

$$\{t^i, x^i, y^i\}_{i=1}^N \quad N = 5,000$$

**Physics equations:**

$$\begin{aligned} f &:= u_t + \lambda_1(uu_x + vu_y) + p_x - \lambda_2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) \\ g &:= v_t + \lambda_1(uv_x + vv_y) + p_y - \lambda_2(v_{xx} + v_{yy}) \end{aligned}$$

**Loss function:**

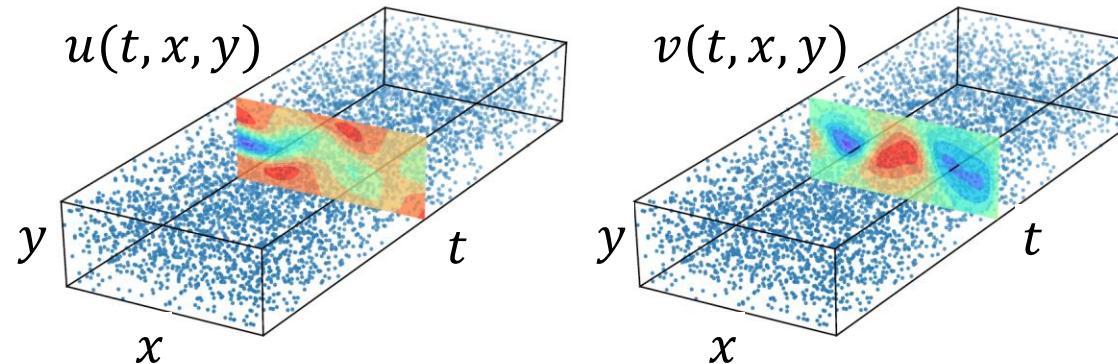
$$MSE := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( |u(t^i, x^i, y^i) - u^i|^2 + |v(t^i, x^i, y^i) - v^i|^2 \right)$$

**Data loss**

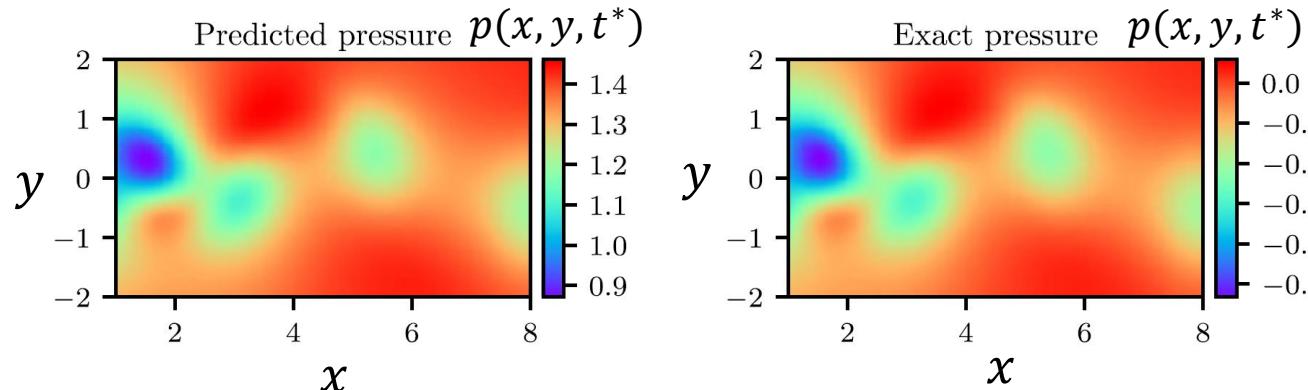
$$+ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( |f(t^i, x^i, y^i)|^2 + |g(t^i, x^i, y^i)|^2 \right)$$

**Equation loss**

# E.g., Navier-Stokes equation



Correct PDE	$u_t + (uu_x + vu_y) = -p_x + 0.01(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$ $v_t + (uv_x + vv_y) = -p_y + 0.01(v_{xx} + v_{yy})$
Identified PDE (clean data)	$u_t + 0.999(uu_x + vu_y) = -p_x + 0.01047(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$ $v_t + 0.999(uv_x + vv_y) = -p_y + 0.01047(v_{xx} + v_{yy})$
Identified PDE (1% noise)	$u_t + 0.998(uu_x + vu_y) = -p_x + 0.01057(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$ $v_t + 0.998(uv_x + vv_y) = -p_y + 0.01057(v_{xx} + v_{yy})$



Given training data of  $u, v$ ,  
find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

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**Physics equations:**

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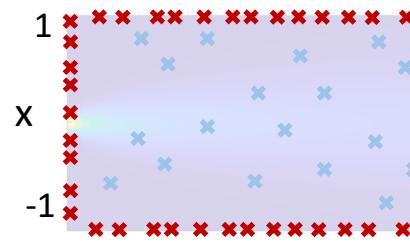
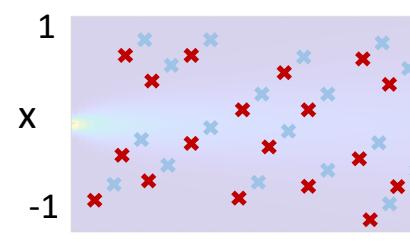
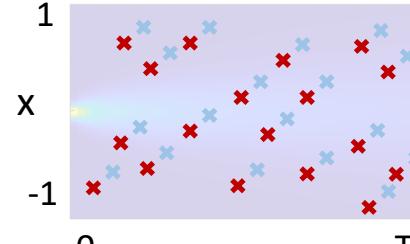
**Data loss**

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**Equation loss**

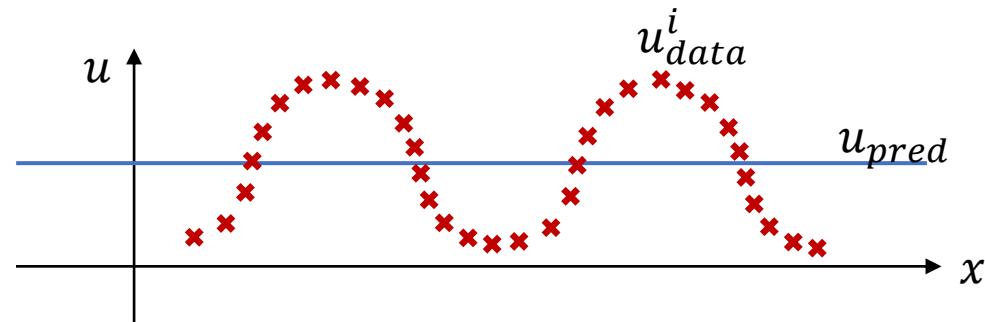
# PINN

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + N(u, \lambda) = 0, \quad x \in [-1, 1], \quad t \in [0, T]$$

Applications	Training data	NN prediction
<p>1. Prediction of solution of a <b>well-posed problem</b>            (this is what a traditional numerical solver can do)</p>	$IC, (BC)$	$u(x, t)$ 
<p>2. Prediction of solution when data is available within the domain but not at the IC, BC            (difficult for a traditional numerical solver)</p>	$t_i, x_i, u_i$ from $i = 0$ to $m$ $x_i \in [-1, 1], t_i \in [0, T]$	$u(x, t)$ 
<p>3. Data-driven discovery of <b>unknown parameters</b>            (difficult for a traditional numerical solver)</p>	$t_i, x_i, u_i$ from $i = 0$ to $m$ $x_i \in [-1, 1], t_i \in [0, T]$	$u(x, t)$ $\lambda$ 

# Pause and Ponder

- Can we replace  $\sum_i^N |u_{data}^i - u_{pred}^i|^2$  with  $\sum_i^N (u_{data}^i - u_{pred}^i)$  in the cost function?



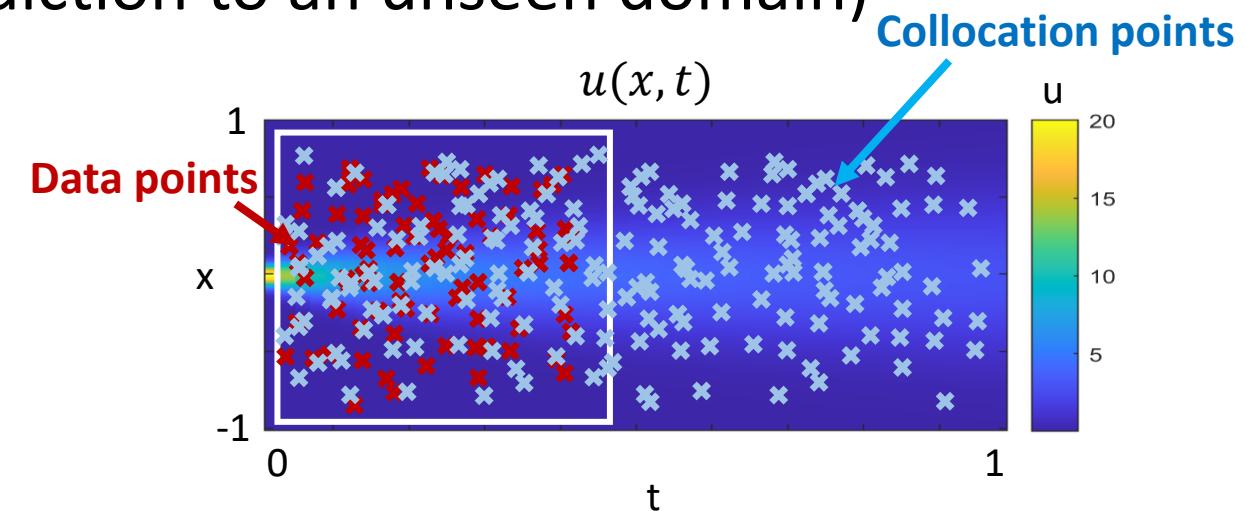
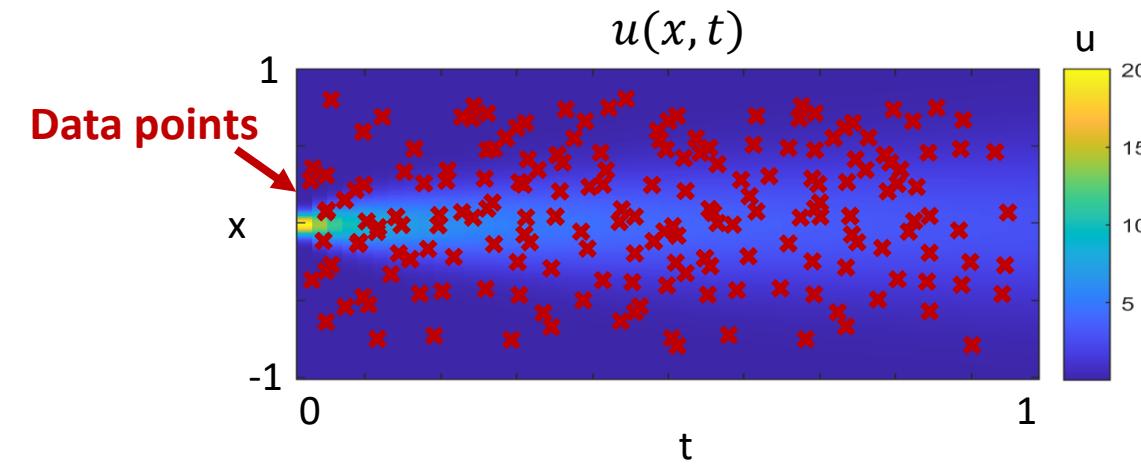
$$\sum_i^N (u_{data}^i - u_{pred}^i) \approx 0$$

$$\sum_i^N |u_{data}^i - u_{pred}^i|^2 \text{ can be large!}$$

- Is PINN using supervised or unsupervised learning?
  - The training at collocation points is unsupervised learning!
  - The training at data points is supervised learning

When can you use only data to train NN without physics loss, and still get a good NN prediction (i.e. consistent with the physics)?

- When the data is perfect without noise and available everywhere (physics emulator)
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- **The point of PINN is that its prediction can be generalized to a domain without observations!**

# Three applications of PINN

- Inferring ice viscosity
- Hurricane data assimilation
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# Ice dynamics and sea-level rise

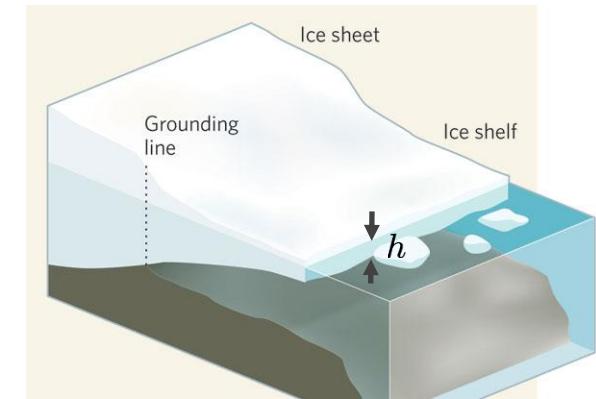
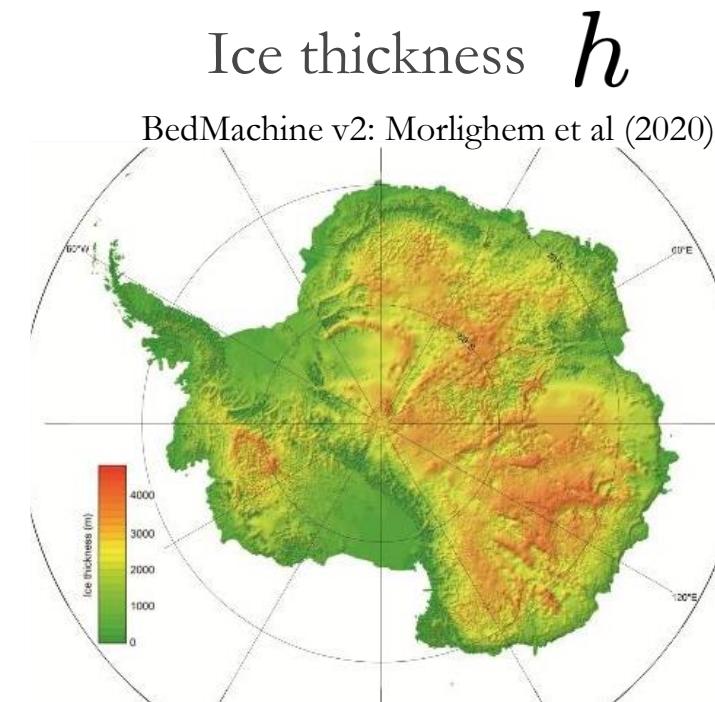
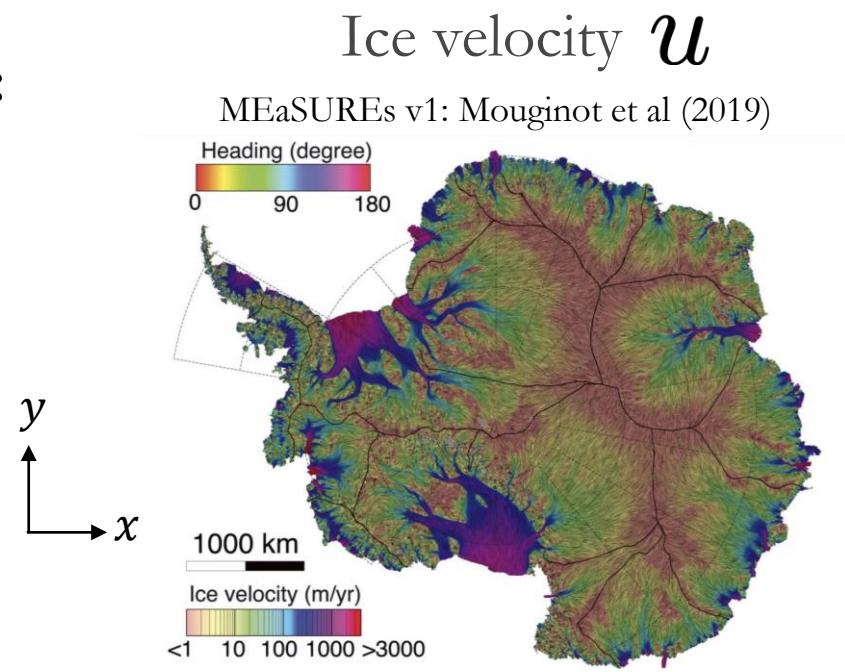


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Prediction of ice dynamics relies on the viscosity structure of ice sheet, which is not easily measurable.

# How to “learn” the ice effective viscosity from data?

**Data:**



**Equation:**

**Ice effective viscosity: impossible to measure**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 4\mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2\mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \boxed{\mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}} + \boxed{\mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}} \right) = \rho_i g \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_w} \right) h \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 4\mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + 2\mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)}_{\text{viscous stress}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \boxed{\mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}} + \boxed{\mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}} \right) = \underbrace{\rho_i g \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_w} \right) h \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}}_{\text{gravity}}$$

Morland (1987), MacAyeal (1989)

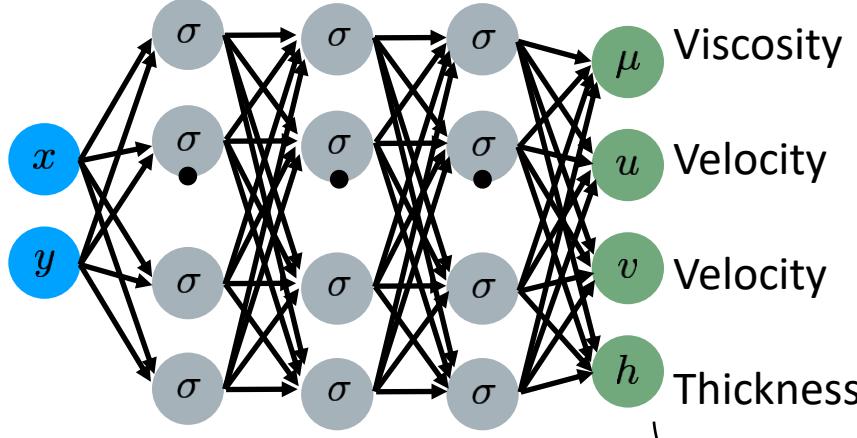
$u, v$ : horizontal velocity  
 $\rho_i$ : ice density  
 $\rho_w$ : sea water density  
 $h$  : ice thickness

measurable

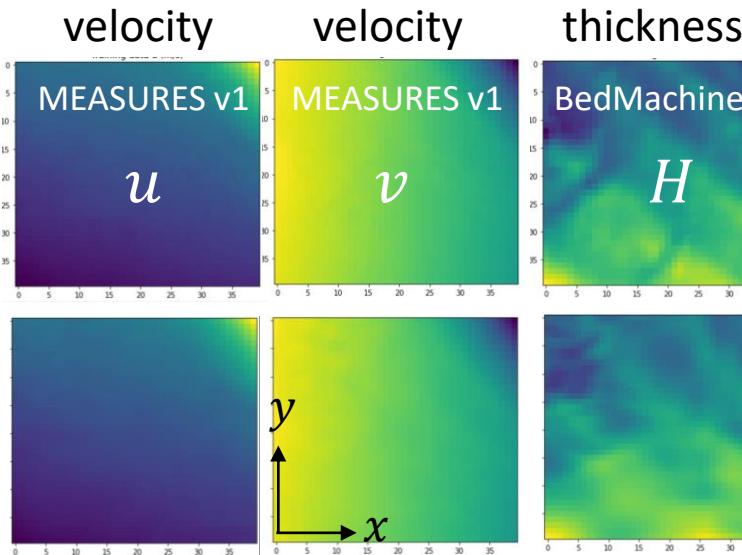
# How to “learn” the ice effective viscosity from data?

Yongji Wang, postdoc

A deep neural network



Training  
data



ML  
Prediction

Governing equations

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 4\mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2\mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) - h \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$
$$e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 4\mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + 2\mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) - h \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}$$

Loss<sub>EQN</sub>

Loss  
function

Update neural  
net parameters

$$\text{Loss} = (1-\gamma)\text{Loss}_{\text{DATA}} + \gamma\text{Loss}_{\text{EQN}} \quad \gamma \in [0, 1]$$

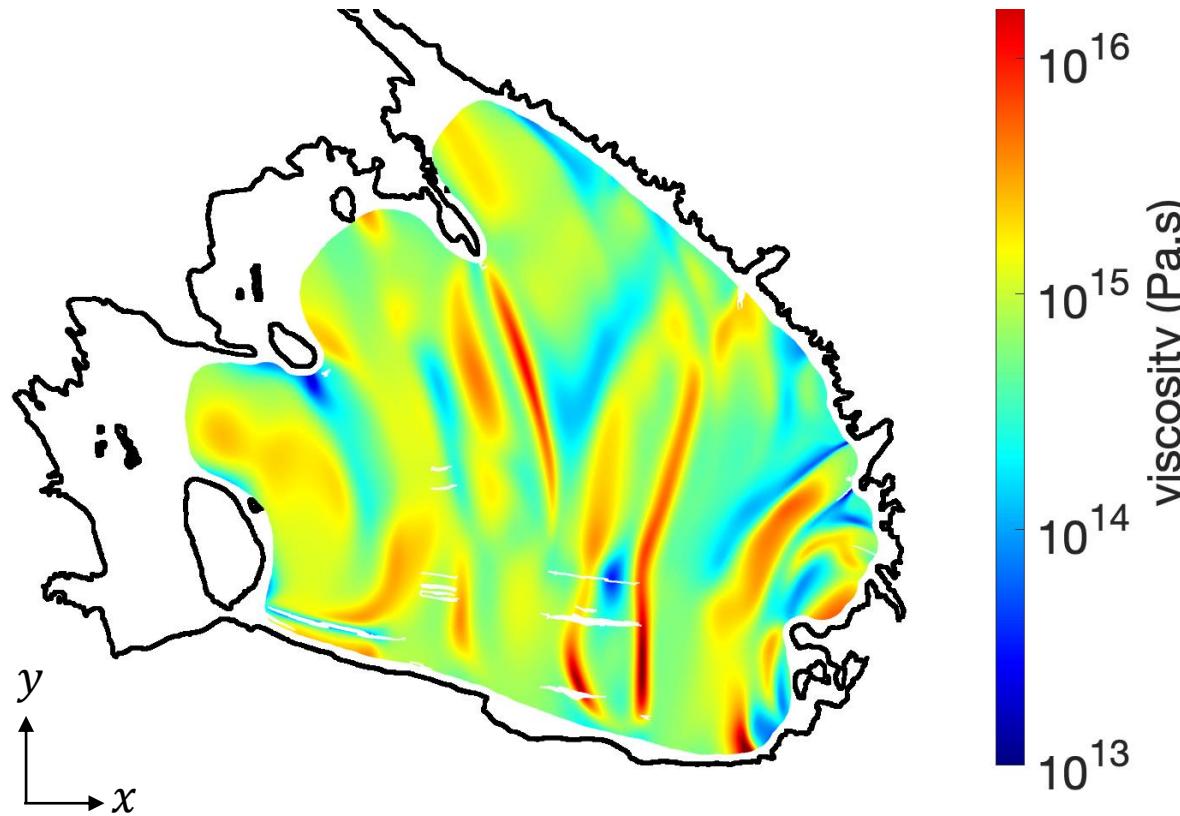
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Wang, Lai, Prior, Cowen-Breen, under review.



# Inversion of ice effective viscosity via PINNs



## Ice effective viscosity $\mu$



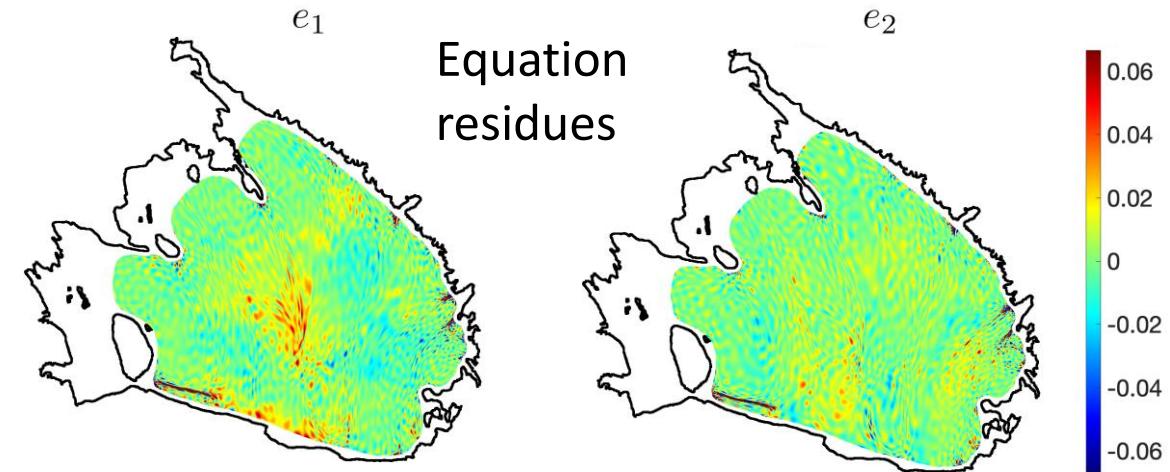
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Difficult to measure. Prediction is only possible due to equations!

Governing ice-shelf equations:

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 4\mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2\mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu h \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \mu h \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) - h \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

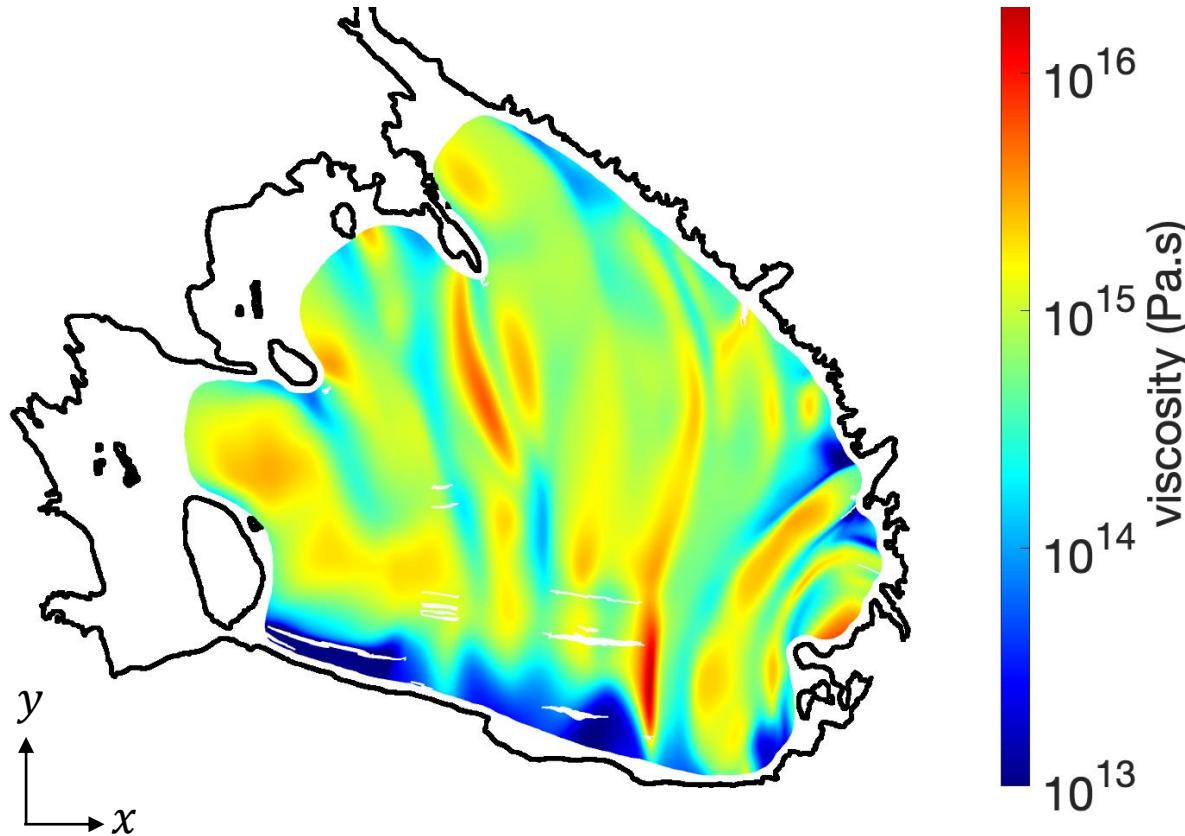
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$e_1$  and  $e_2$  are both 2 orders of magnitude smaller than each term in the equation

# Anisotropic viscosity models fit the data better

Ice effective viscosity  $\mu_h$

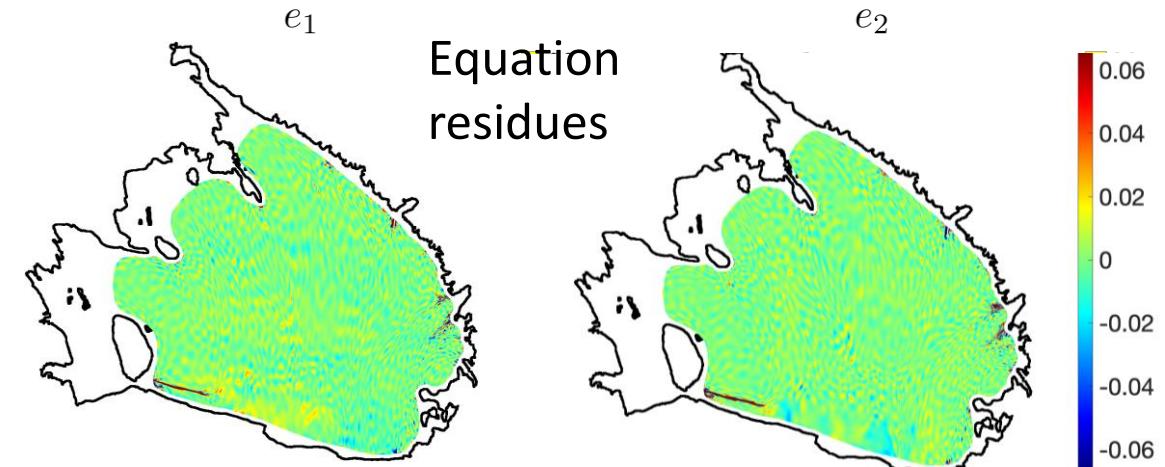


~~Assumption in equation: Isotropic viscosity~~

Anisotropic ice-shelf equations:

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 2\mu_h h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2\mu_v h \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right] \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu_h h \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \right) - \rho_i g \left( 1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_w} \right) h \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

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e1 and e2 are further reduced.

# Three applications of PINN

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# Hurricane data assimilation



Ryan Eusebi '22 (CS)

- **Hurricane Hunter Data**

Horizontal transects through the eye of the storm



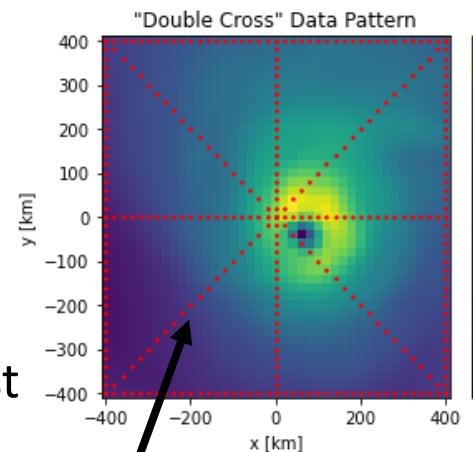
Hurricane track and intensity forecast relies on accurate knowledge of a hurricane's initial state

- **Training data (from climate model)**

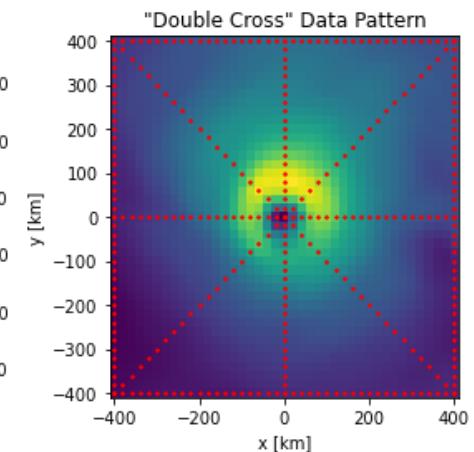
Poorly spatial and temporal resolution!  
3 time stamps, provided at the red dots



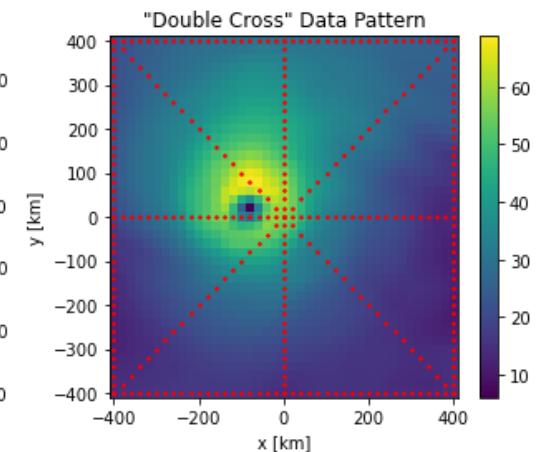
Windspeed (m/s)  
 $t = 0$  hour



Windspeed (m/s)  
 $t = 3$  hour



Windspeed (m/s)  
 $t = 6$  hour



Training data

# Physics-informed loss function

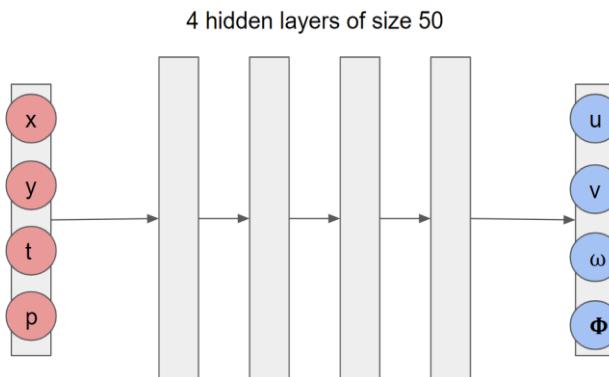


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$$\text{Loss} = (1-\gamma)\text{Loss}_{\text{DATA}} + \gamma\text{Loss}_{\text{EQN}} \quad \gamma \in [0,1]$$

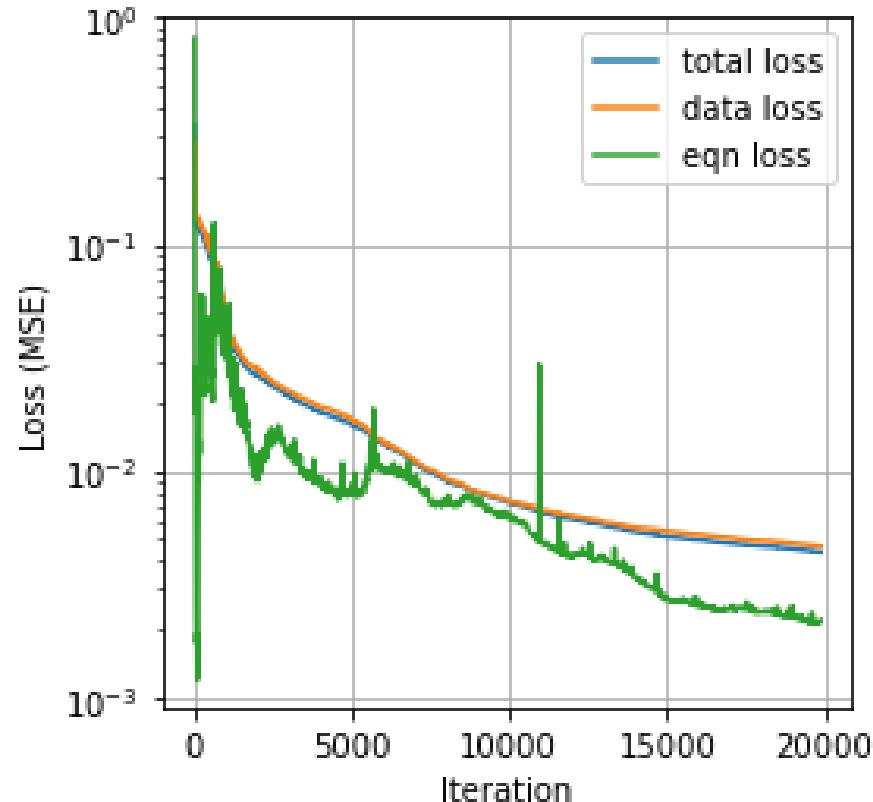
$$\text{Loss}_{\text{DATA}} = (u_{\text{pred}} - u_{\text{actual}})^2 + (v_{\text{pred}} - v_{\text{actual}})^2 + (\Phi_{\text{pred}} - \Phi_{\text{actual}})^2$$

## NN architecture



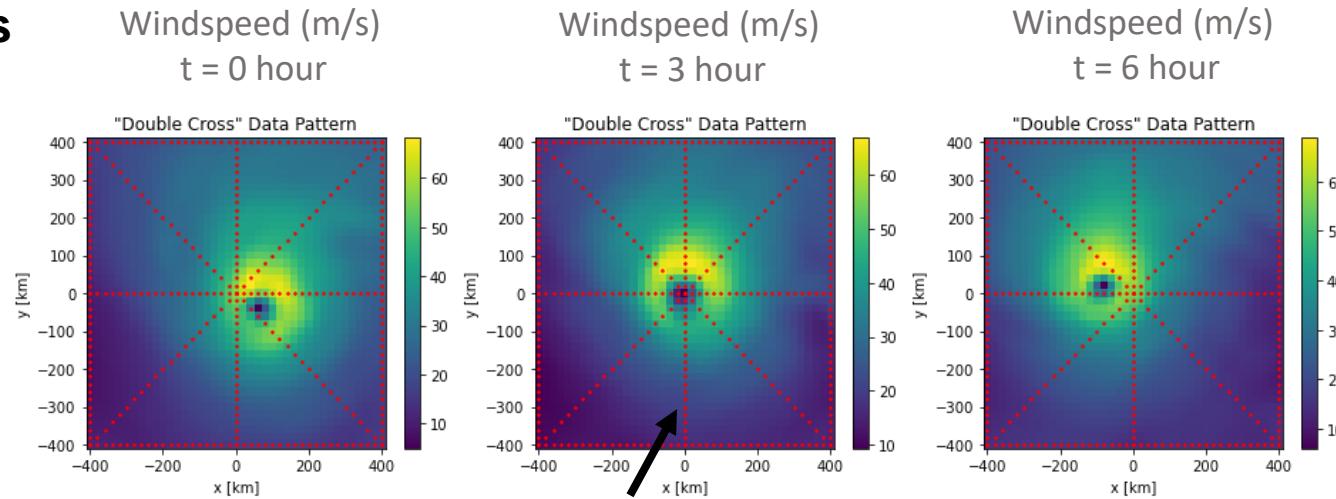
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Loss}_{\text{EQN}} = & \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p} \right)^2 \\ & + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \omega \frac{\partial u}{\partial p} - (f_o + \beta y)v + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)^2 \\ & + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \omega \frac{\partial v}{\partial p} + (f_o + \beta y)u + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Conservation of mass  
Conservation of momentum

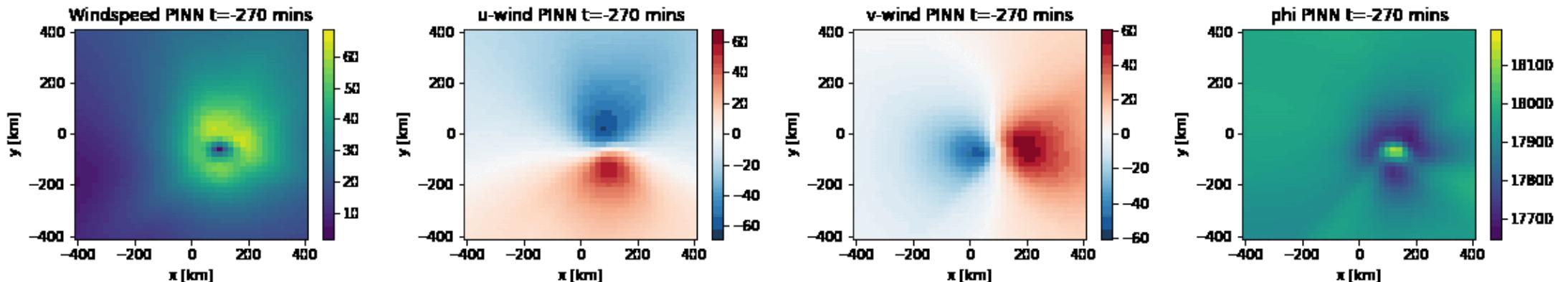


# Hurricane wind fields prediction with sparse data

**Training data- red dots  
(3 hour resolution)**

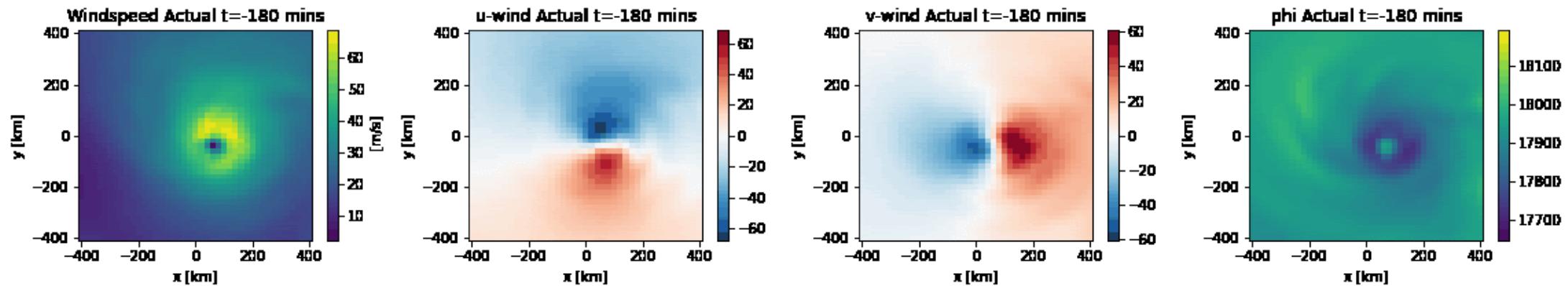


**PINN output (10 min resolution)**

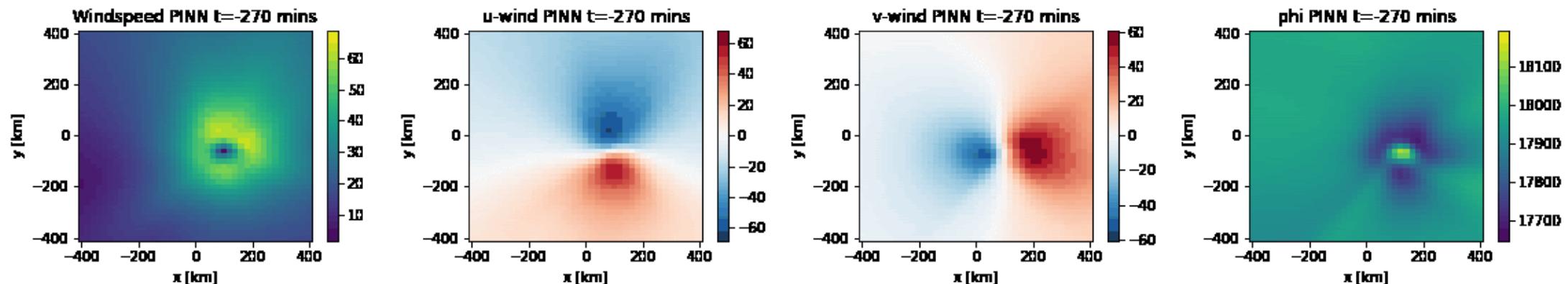


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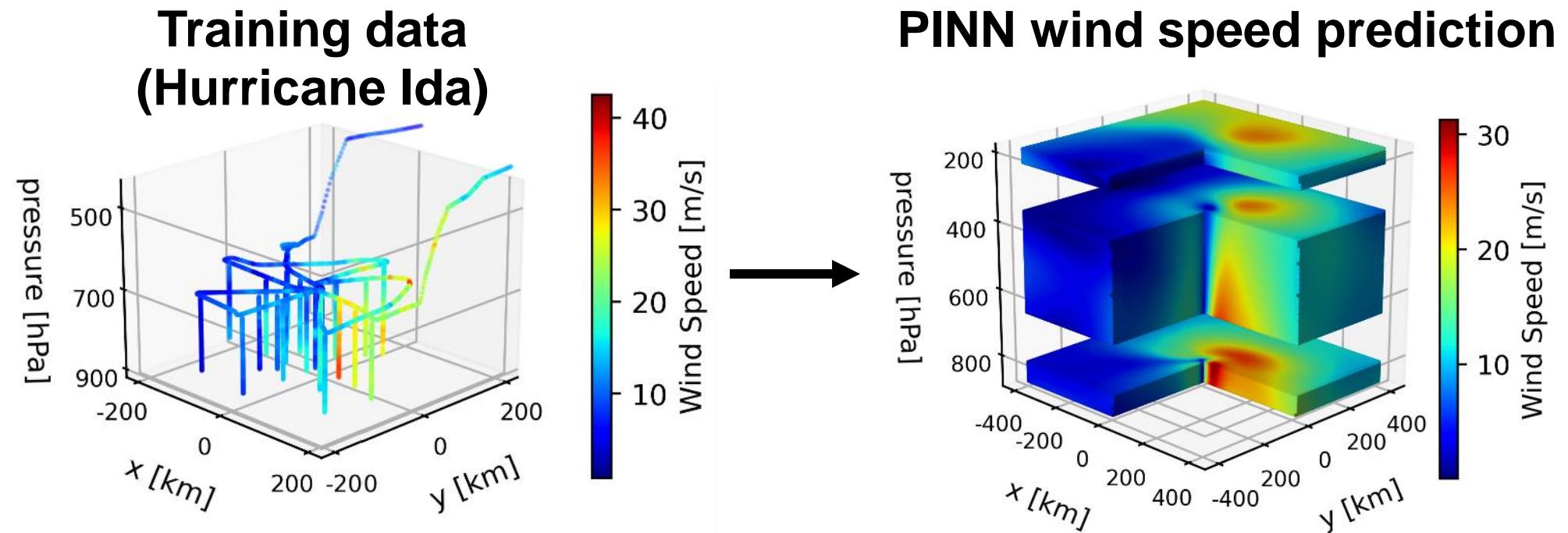
Ground truth (3 hour resolution; climate model)



PINN output (10 min resolution)



# 3D wind reconstruction with real sparse data



- PINN: 50 min on A100 GPU
- Established data assimilation (e.g. HAFS model): 85 hours on CPU

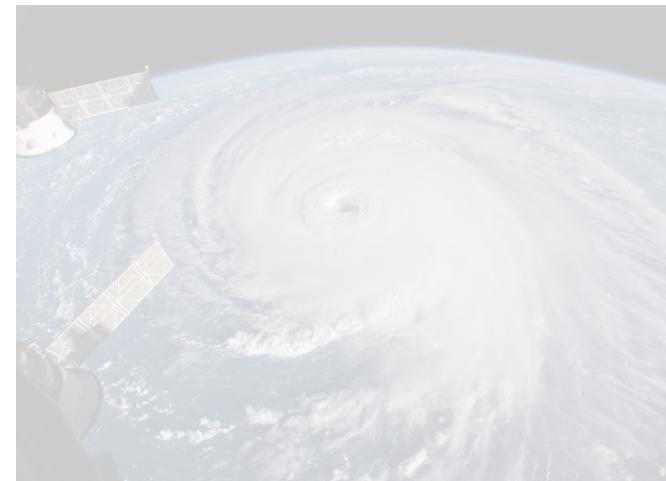
**100 times faster! Similar accuracy.**

# Three applications of PINN

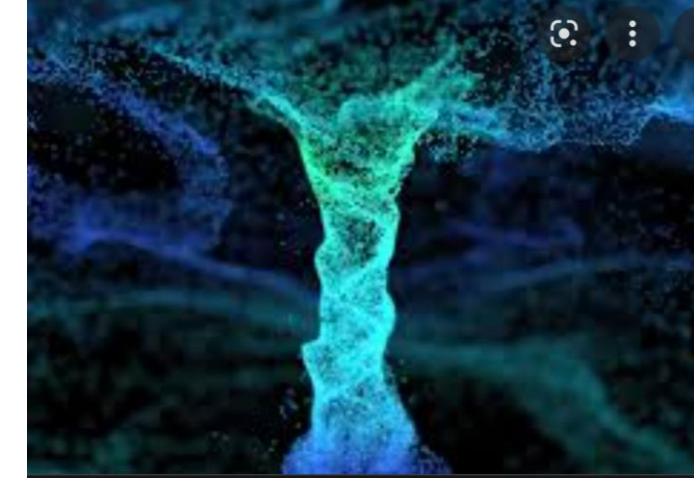
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# A Millennium Prize problem

But there are many unsolved questions concerning the fundamental behavior of the Navier-Stokes equation.

Does the Navier-Stokes equation always exist a unique and smooth (infinitely differentiable) solution at any times?

*Prove or give a counter-example of the following statement:*

*In three space dimensions and time, given an initial velocity field, there exists a vector velocity and a scalar pressure field, which are both smooth and globally defined, that solve the Navier–Stokes equations.*

- One pathway: If we find a solution to the Navier Stokes that “blows up” at finite time, that would be a counter-example of the above statement.

# The Euler equation...

Steady self-similar equations for axisymmetric Euler with boundary

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega + ((1 + \lambda)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{U}) \cdot \nabla \Omega = \Phi \\ (2 + \partial_{y_1} U_1) \Phi + ((1 + \lambda)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{U}) \cdot \nabla \Phi = -\partial_{y_1} U_2 \Psi \\ (2 + \partial_{y_2} U_2) \Psi + ((1 + \lambda)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{U}) \cdot \nabla \Psi = -\partial_{y_2} U_1 \Phi \\ \Omega = \partial_{y_1} U_2 - \partial_{y_2} U_1 \quad \text{div } \mathbf{U} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

In addition, we impose

1.  $U_1, \Phi, \Omega$  are odd in  $y_1$
2.  $U_2, \Psi$  are even in  $y_1$
3.  $U_2(y_1, 0) = 0$



Symmetry of the solutions



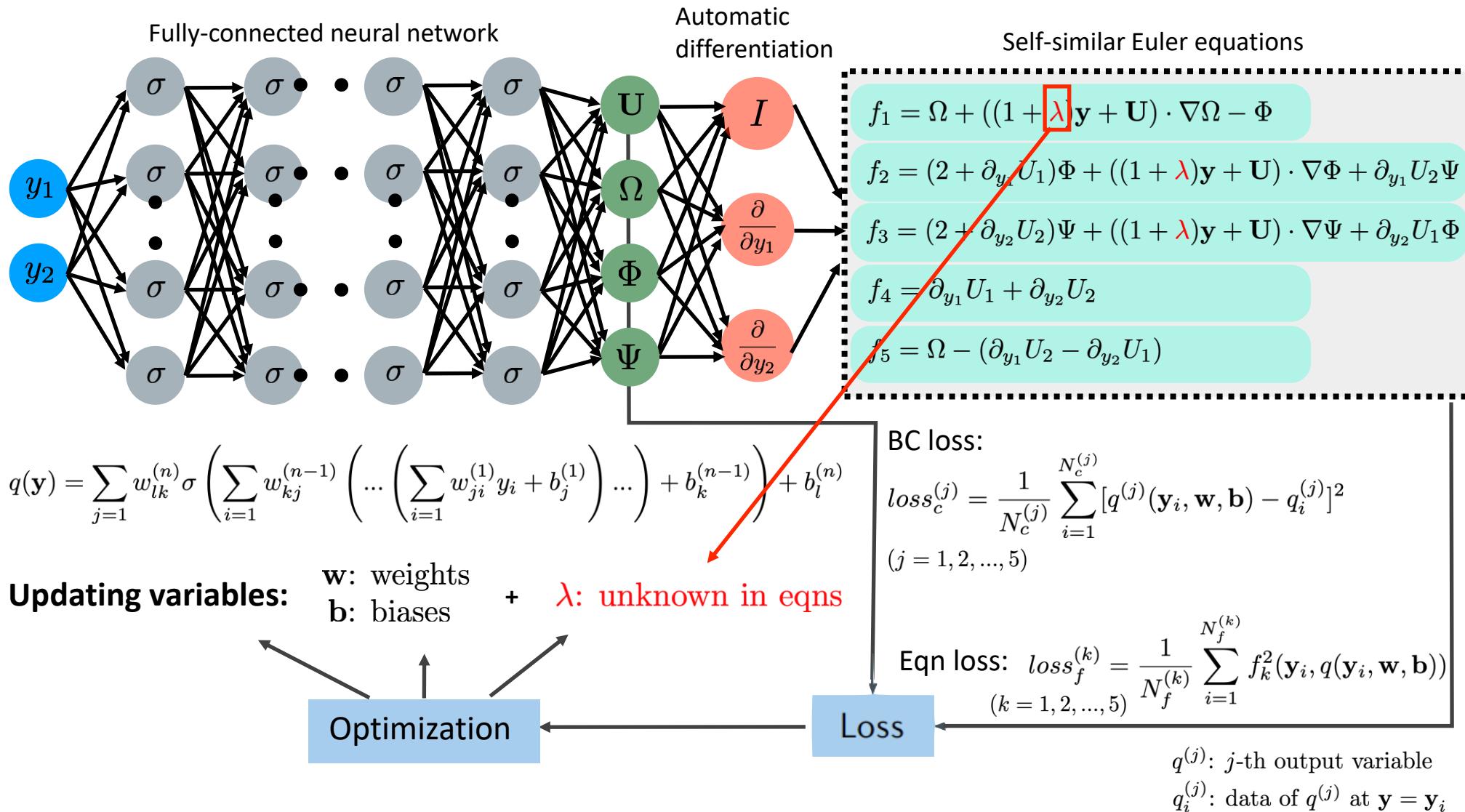
No-penetration condition

The goal for NN:

1. Find the solutions  $\mathbf{U}(y_1, y_2), \Omega(y_1, y_2), \Psi(y_1, y_2), \Phi(y_1, y_2)$
2. Find the self-similar exponent  $\lambda$

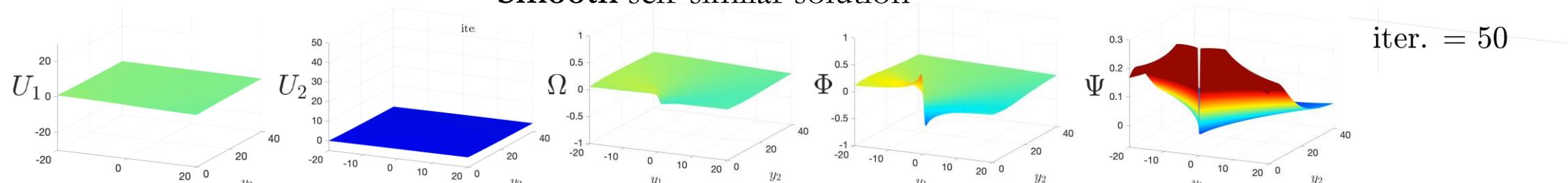
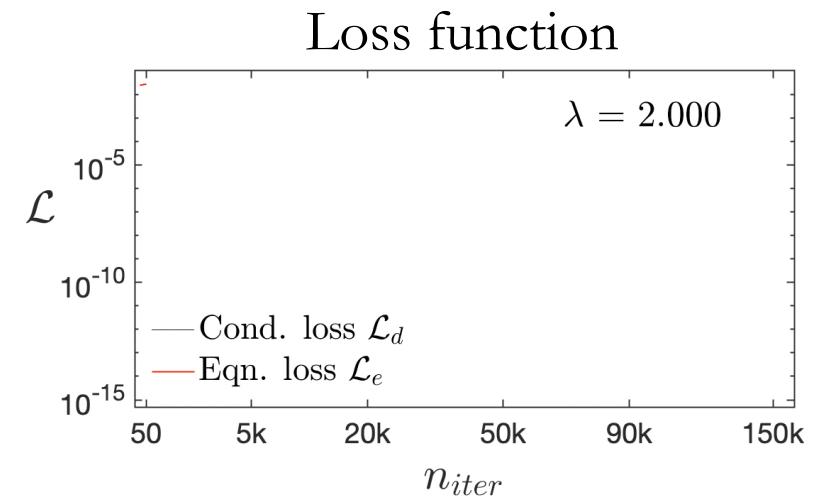
# PDE-constrained NN

6 hidden layer; 30 units per layer

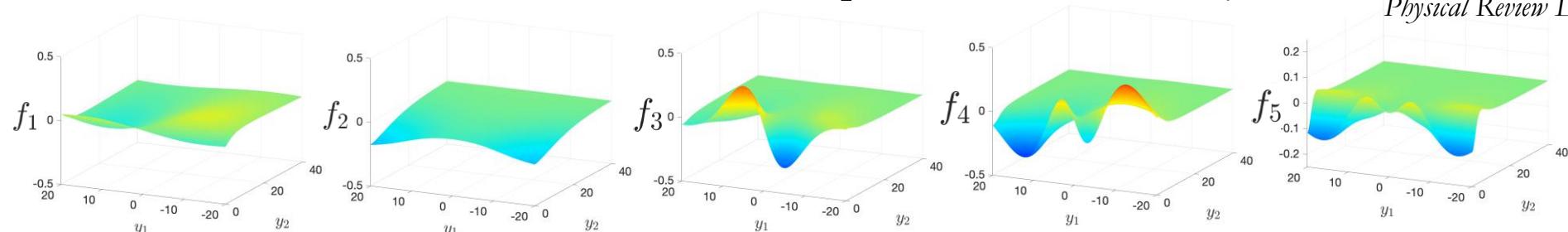


# Self-similar blow-up solution for Luo-Hou scenario

We also need to make  $\lambda$  a free parameter to be determined



Uniform and small equation residues everywhere



Wang-Lai-GómezSerrano-Buckmaster,  
*Physical Review Letters* (2023)



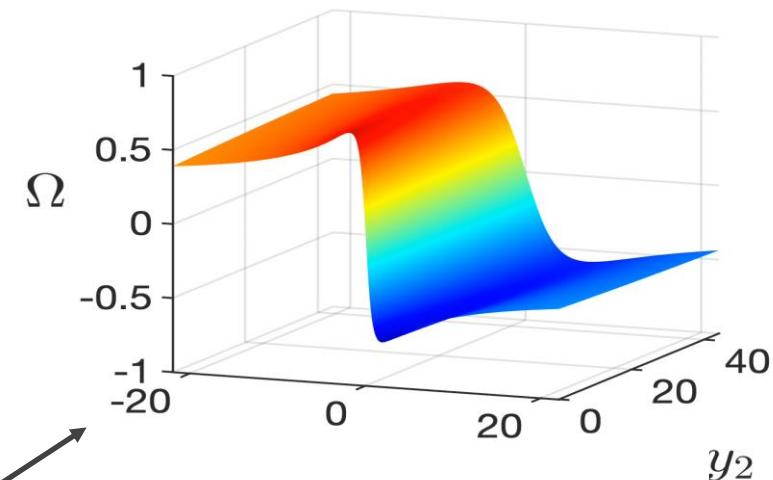
# Self-similar blow-up solution for Luo-Hou scenario

Inferred  $\lambda = 1.917$

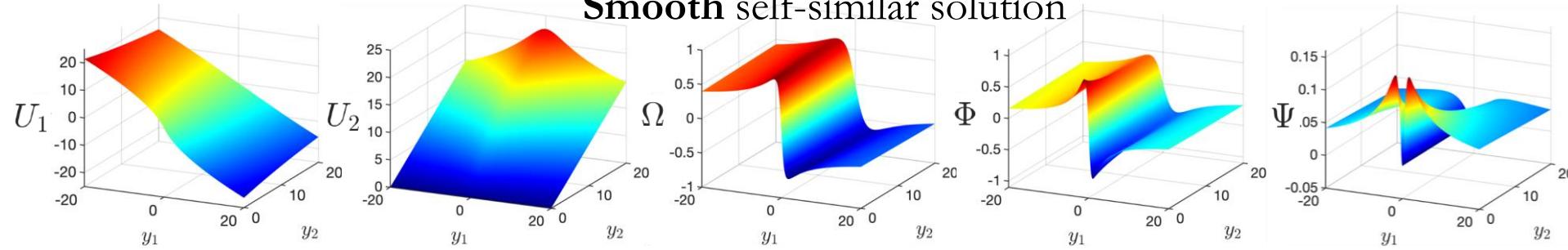
(Luo-Hou  $\lambda = 1.91$ )

~10 hours on  
A100 GPUs

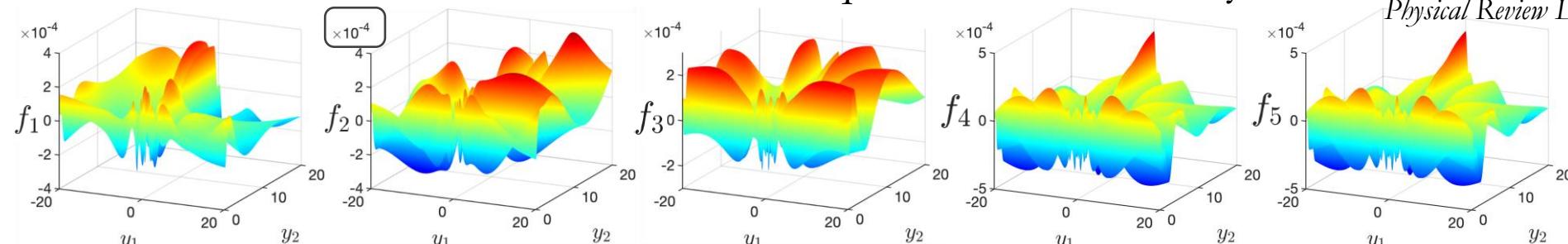
A rigorous proof of blow-up from smooth initial data was proven by Chen and Hou, arXiv:2210.07191



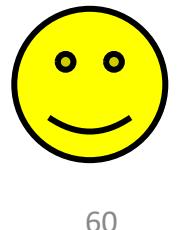
Smooth self-similar solution



Uniform and small equation residues everywhere



Wang-Lai-Gómez-Serrano-Buckmaster,  
*Physical Review Letters* (2023)



# Deep Learning Poised to ‘Blow Up’ Famed Fluid Equations

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*For centuries, mathematicians have tried to prove that Euler’s fluid equations can produce nonsensical answers. A new approach to machine learning has researchers betting that “blowup” is near.*

“[PINN solution] is quantitative and precise and has a much better chance of being made rigorous,”



Wang, Lai, Gómez-Serrano, Buckmaster,  
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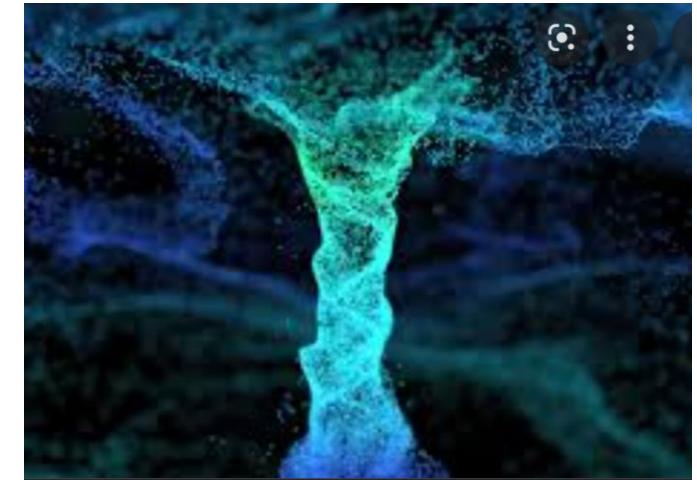
## EXISTENCE AND SMOOTHNESS OF THE NAVIER–STOKES EQUATION

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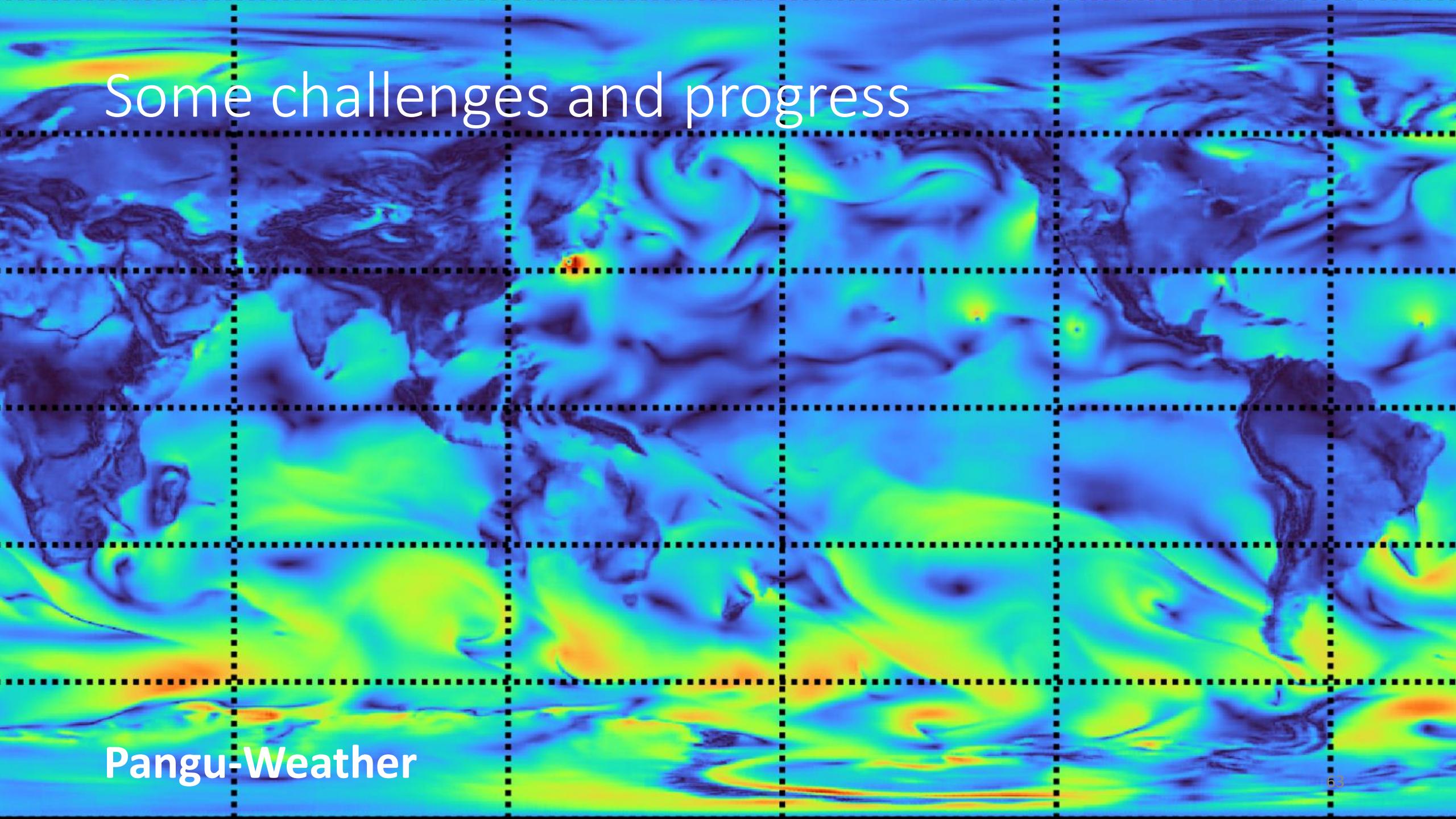
The Euler and Navier–Stokes equations describe the motion of a fluid in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n = 2$  or  $3$ ). These equations are to be solved for an unknown velocity vector  $u(x, t) = (u_i(x, t))_{1 \leq i \leq n} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and pressure  $p(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}$ , defined for position  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and time  $t \geq 0$ . We restrict attention here to incompressible fluids filling all of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The *Navier–Stokes* equations are then given by

# So what have we learned?

- Inferring ice viscosity
- Hurricane data assimilation
- Finding singularities



- Offer new knowledge that we didn't already know!
- It gives you an answer that can take much longer time to figure out with traditional methods.

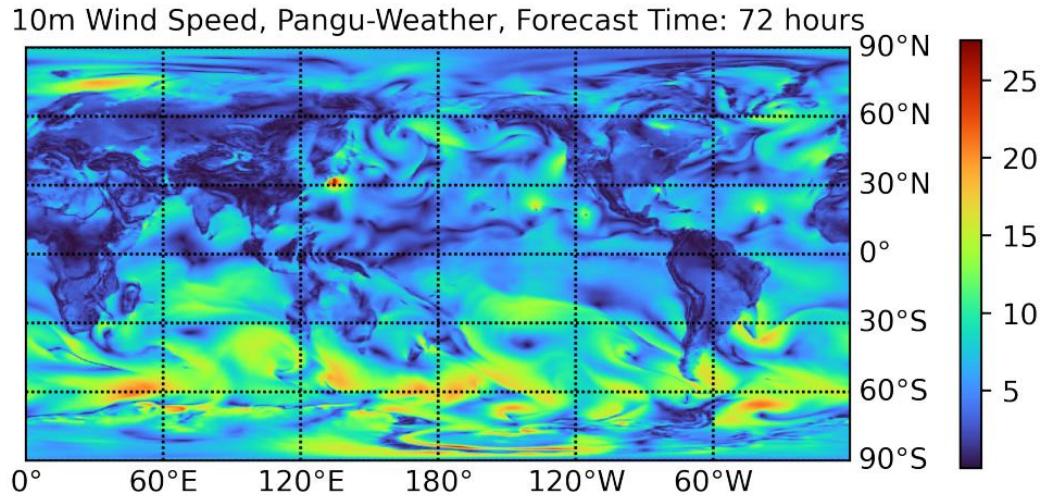


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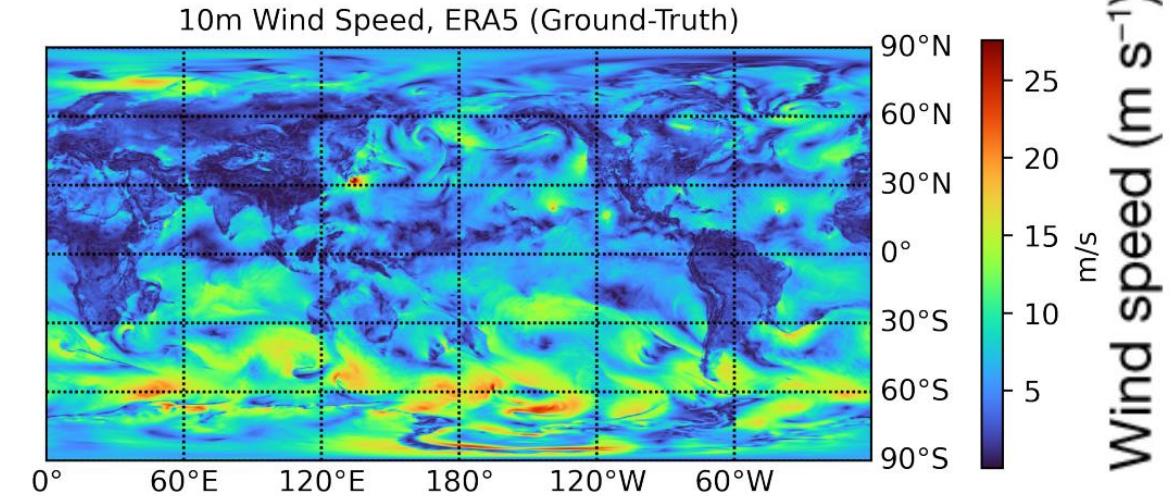
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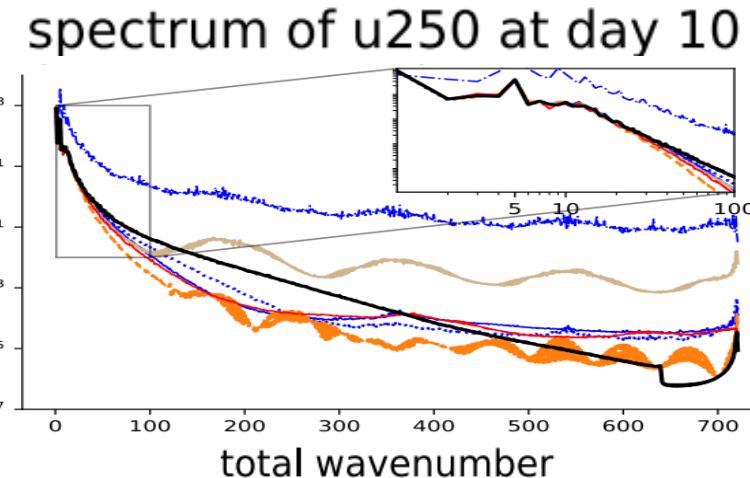
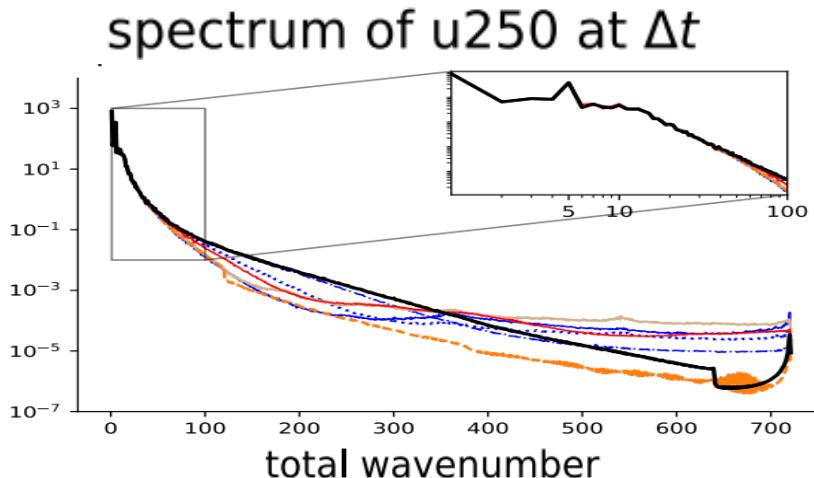
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## Training data (Re-analysis)



- Spectral bias of NN

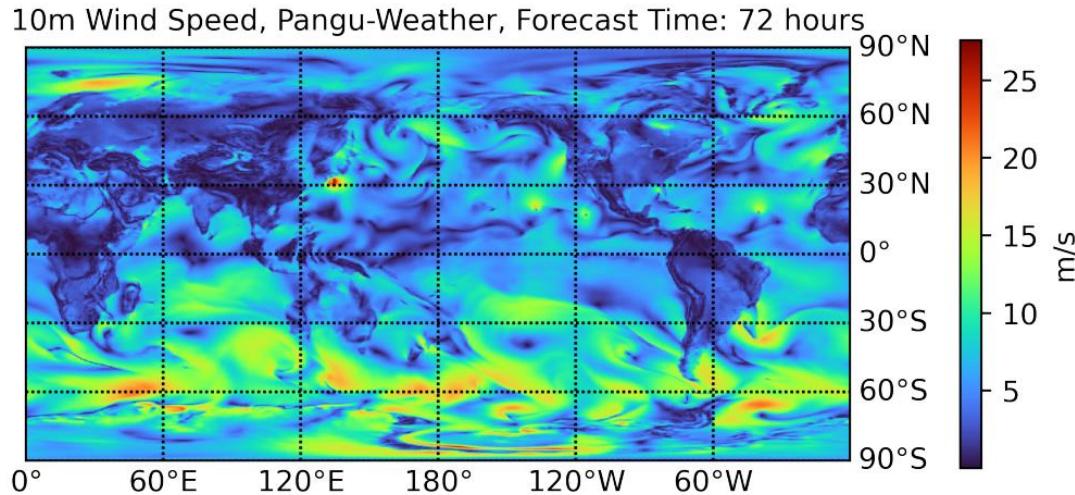


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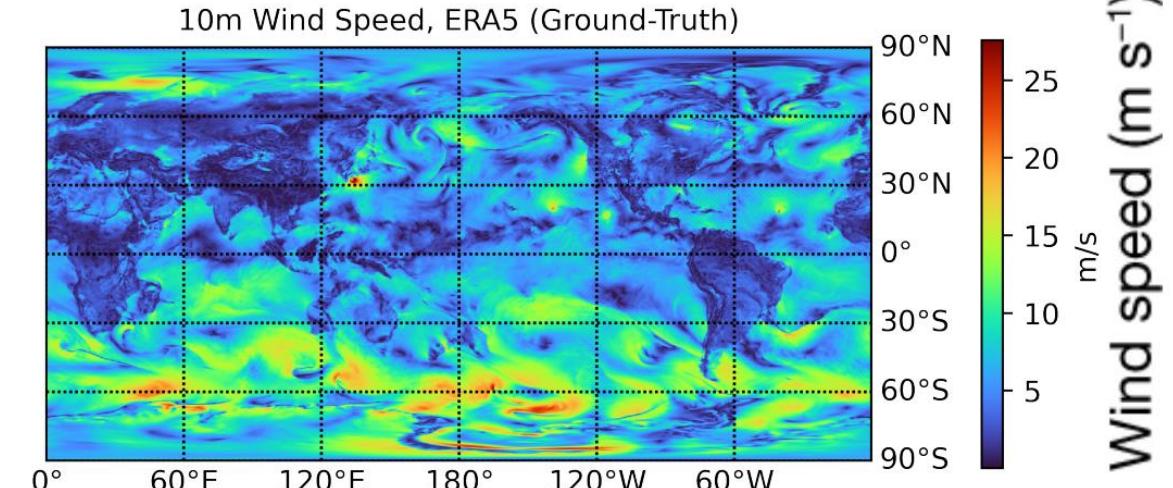
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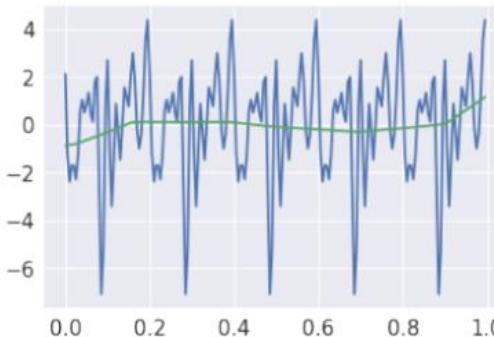
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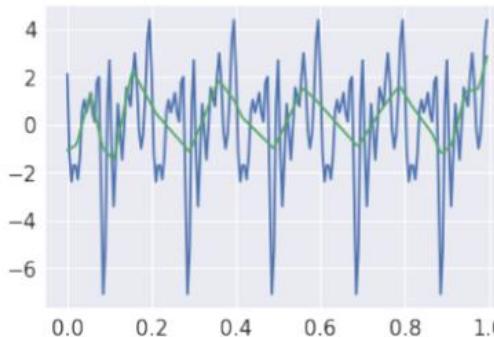
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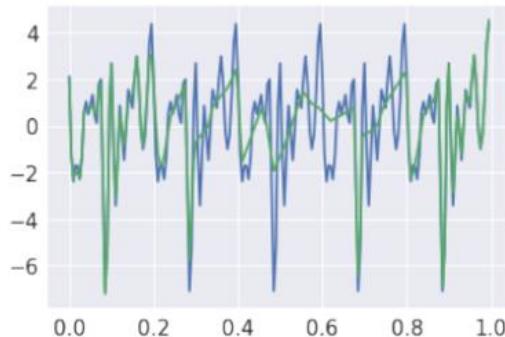
- Spectral bias of NN: Rahaman et al (2019)



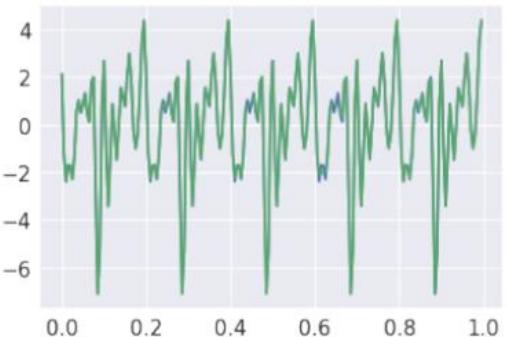
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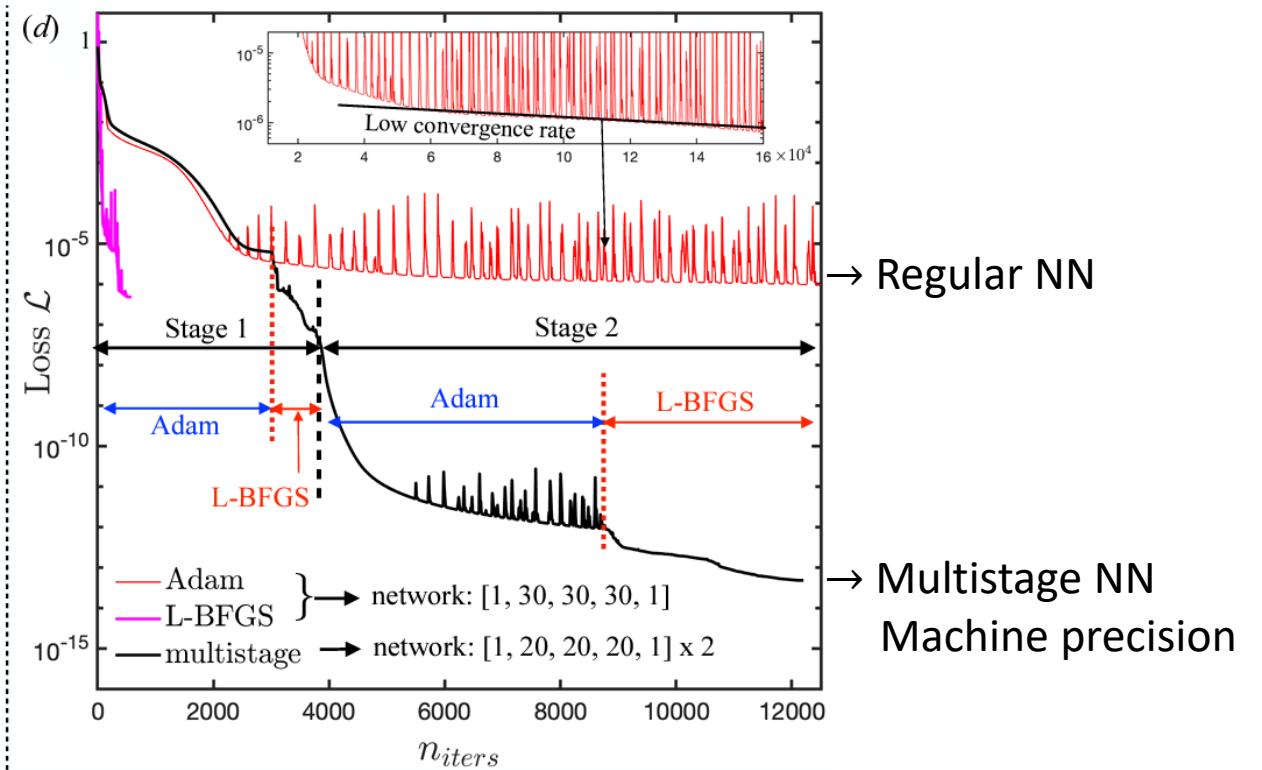
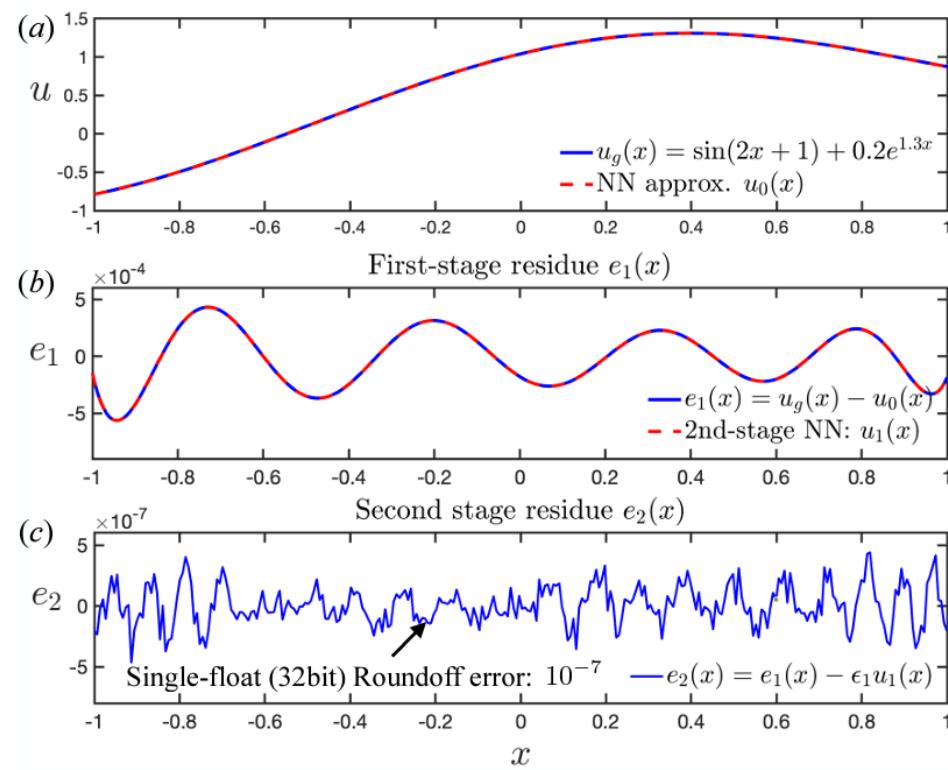
(c) Iteration 10000



(d) Iteration 80000

# Inability capture small-scale processes is a problem

- NN's function approximation errors



# Some other challenges and progress

- NN's function approximation errors → Multistage neural network  
Wang & Lai, J. Comput. Phys. (2024)
- Approximating high-frequency functions → Jagtap et al., JCP (2020)  
Introduce a scaling variable in the activation function, which can be optimized
$$\sigma(a \mathcal{L}_k(z^{k-1})),$$
- Determine the weights for different terms in the cost function  
→ Wang et al. SIAM J. Sci. Comput. (2021), Wang et al., JCP (2022), McCleny & Braga-Neto, SAPINN arXiv:2009.04544
- Error bounds of the PINN solutions → Mishra & Molinaro, IMA J. Numer. Anal. (2023)  
In addition to saying PDE residues are small, we know that the distance between the PINN approximated solution itself with the true solution, which is not available, would be small

# From predicting to understanding

- ML models are powerful tools due to capacity to represent data.
- MLs are just tools. ML model tells us empirical findings from data, but not (yet) reasoning of its finding.
- Our job: reason, interpret, and understand the ML predictions.
- In addition to predicting, the excitement of a data-driven world lies in the possibility of transforming predictions into new understandings..

