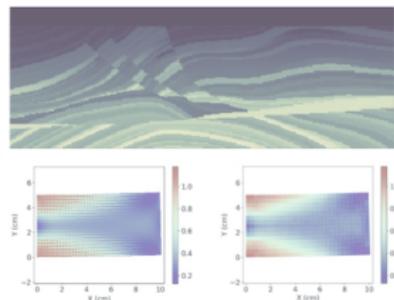
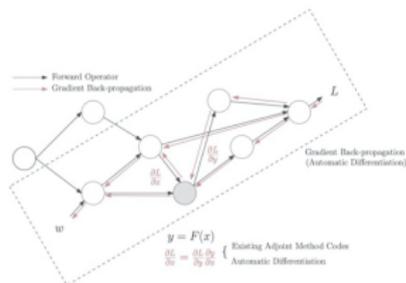
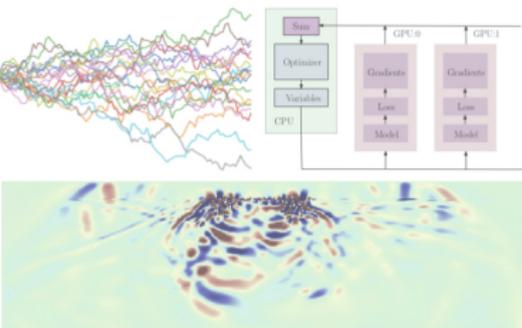


# Machine Learning for Inverse Problems in Computational Engineering

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<https://github.com/kailaix/ADCME.jl>



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- 1 Inverse Modeling
- 2 ADCME: Automatic Differentiation for Computational and Mathematical Engineering
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# Inverse Modeling

## Forward Problem



## Inverse Problem



# Inverse Modeling

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

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

- 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

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

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.
- ...

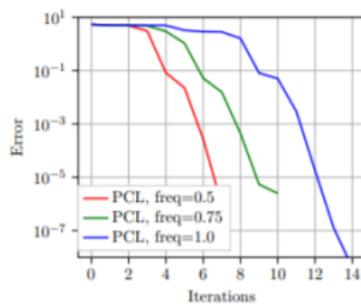
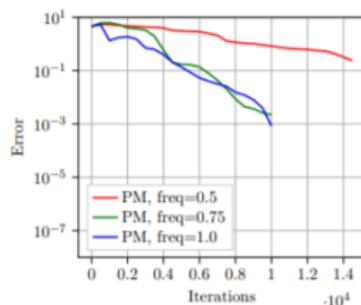
The candidate solution space is **infinite dimensional**.

# Penalty Methods

- Parametrize  $f$  with  $f_\theta$  and incorporate the physical constraint as a **penalty term** (regularization, prior, ...) in the loss function.

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

- May not satisfy physical constraint  $F_h(f_\theta, u_h) = 0$  accurately;
- Slow convergence for **stiff** problems;



- High dimensional optimization problem; both  $\theta$  and  $u_h$  are variables.

# Machine Learning for Computational Engineering

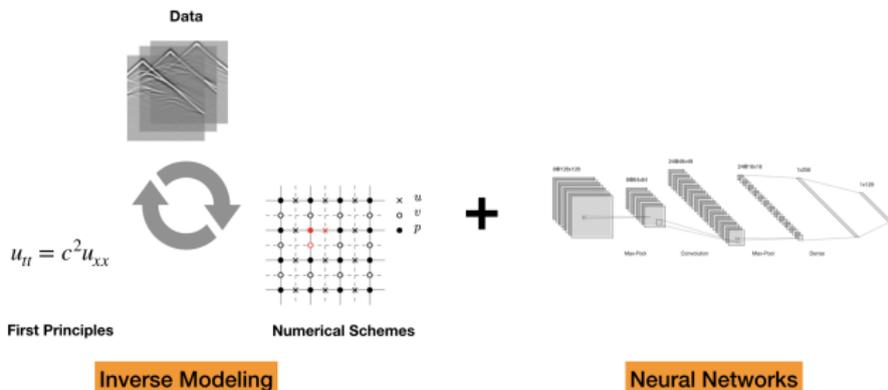
- 1 Approximate the unknown function with a **deep neural network**

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

- 2 Reduce the constrained optimization problem to an **unconstrained** optimization problem by solving the physical constraint numerically

$$\min_{\theta} \tilde{L}_h(\theta) := L_h(u_h(\theta))$$

Satisfy the physics to the largest extent

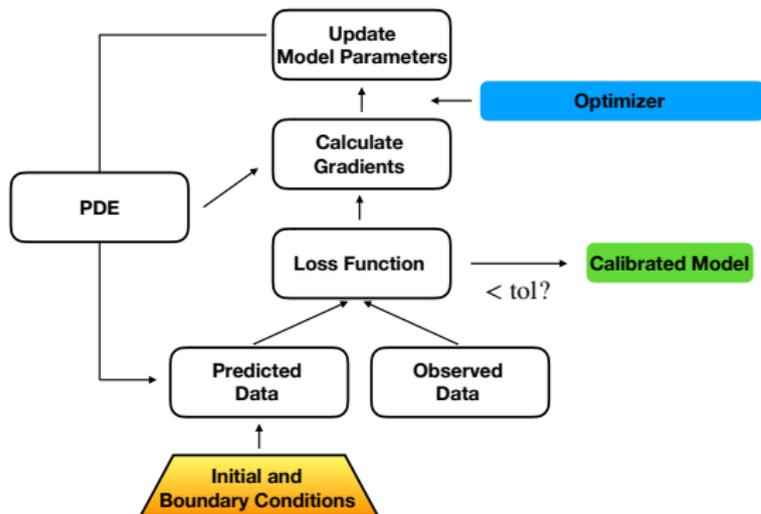


# Gradient Based Optimization

$$\min_{\theta} \tilde{L}_h(\theta) := L_h(u_h(\theta)) \quad (1)$$

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

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



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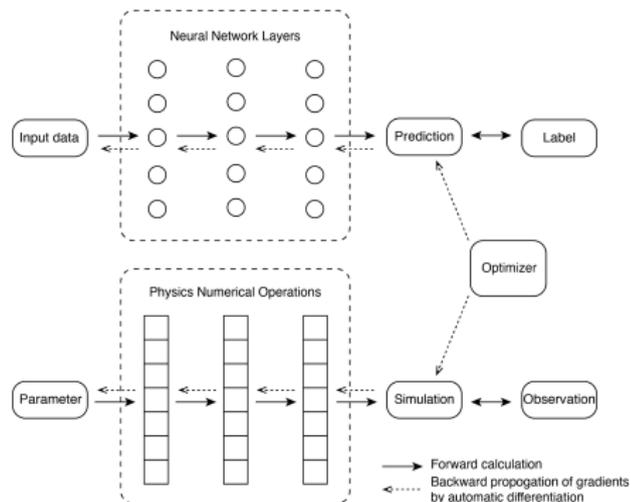
# Automatic Differentiation

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

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

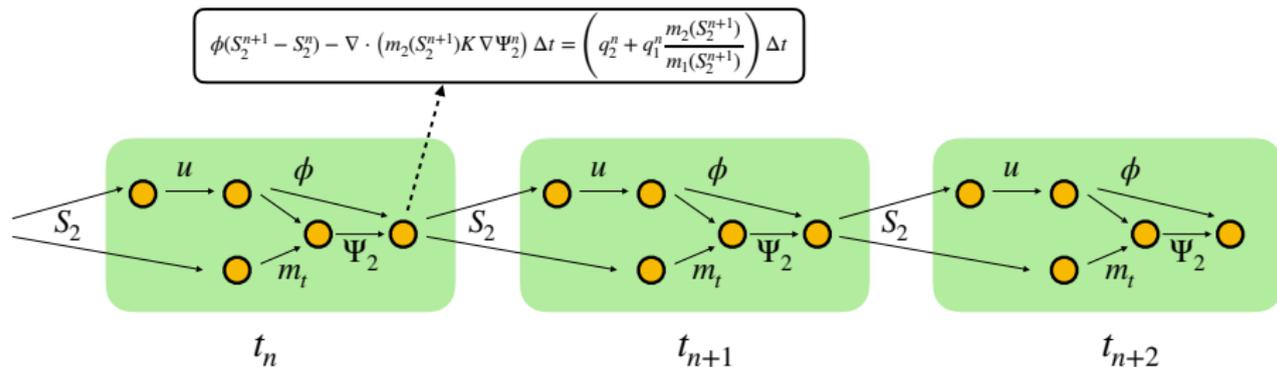
## Mathematical Fact

Back-propagation  
||  
Reverse-mode  
Automatic Differentiation  
||  
Discrete  
Adjoint-State Method



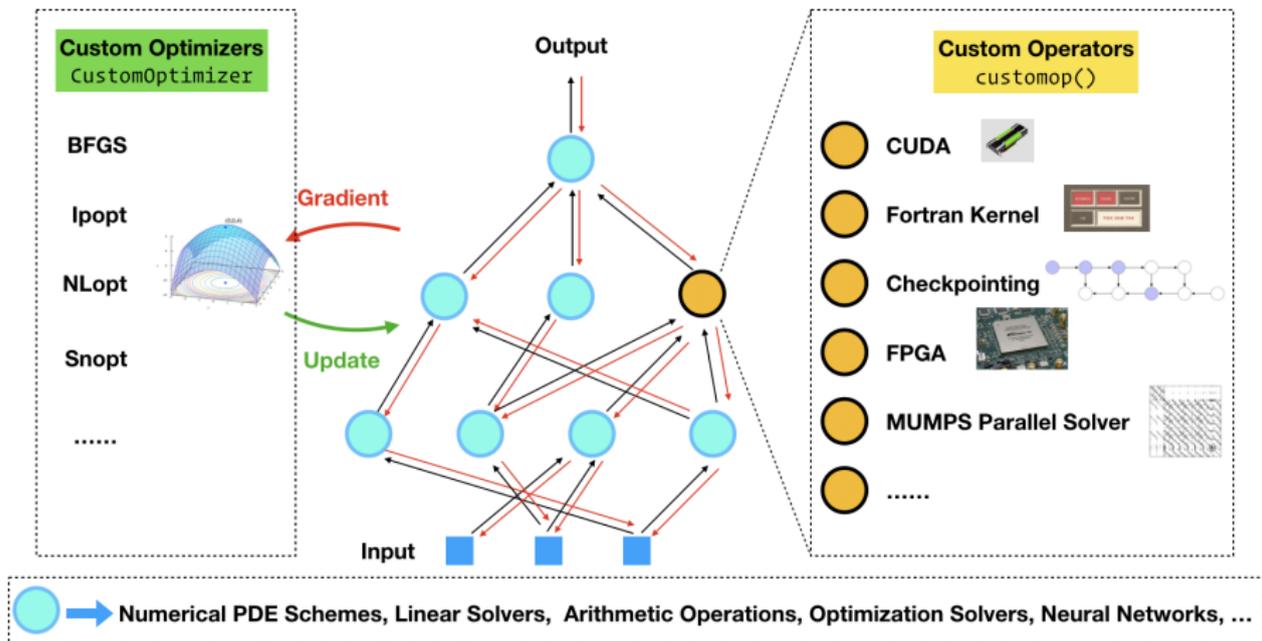
# Computational Graph for Numerical Schemes

- 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

ADCME  
Computational Graph



# 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.

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{div} \sigma(u) &= f(x) & x \in \Omega \\ \sigma(u) &= C \varepsilon(u) \\ u(x) &= u_0(x) & x \in \Gamma_u \\ \sigma(x)n(x) &= t(x) & x \in \Gamma_n\end{aligned}$$

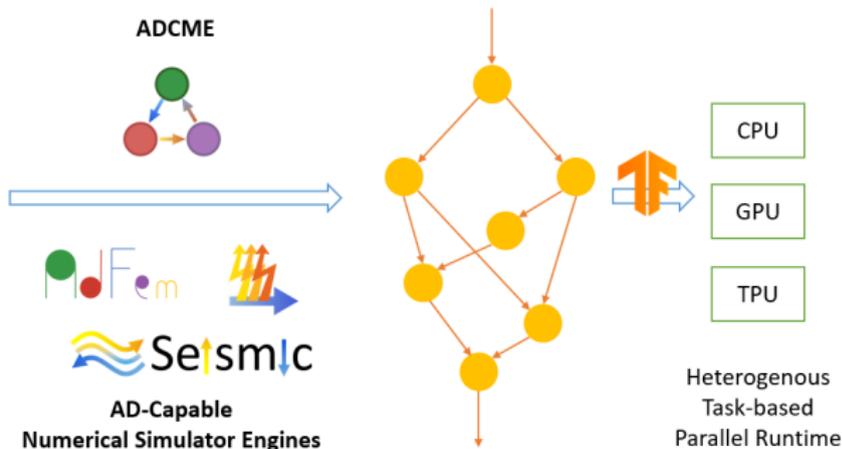
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mmesh = Mesh(50, 50, 1/50, degree=2)
left = bcnode((x,y)->x<1e-5, mmesh)
right = bcnode((x1,y1,x2,y2)->(x1>0.009-1e-5) && (x2>0.009-1e-5), mmesh)

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

nu = 0.3
x = gauss_nodes(mmesh)
E = abs(fc(x, [20, 20, 20, 1]))*squeeze
alpha = constant(eval_f_on_gauss_pts(f, mmesh))

D = compute_plane_stress_matrix(E, nu*ones(get_n_gauss(mmesh)))
K = compute_fem_stiffness_matrix(D, mmesh)

bdval = [eval_f_on_boundary_node((x,y)->0.0, left, mmesh);
         eval_f_on_boundary_node((x,y)->0.0, left, mmesh)]
DOF = [left:left + mmesh.ndof]
K, rhs = impose_dirichlet_boundary_conditions(K, rhs, DOF, bdval)
u = K\rhs
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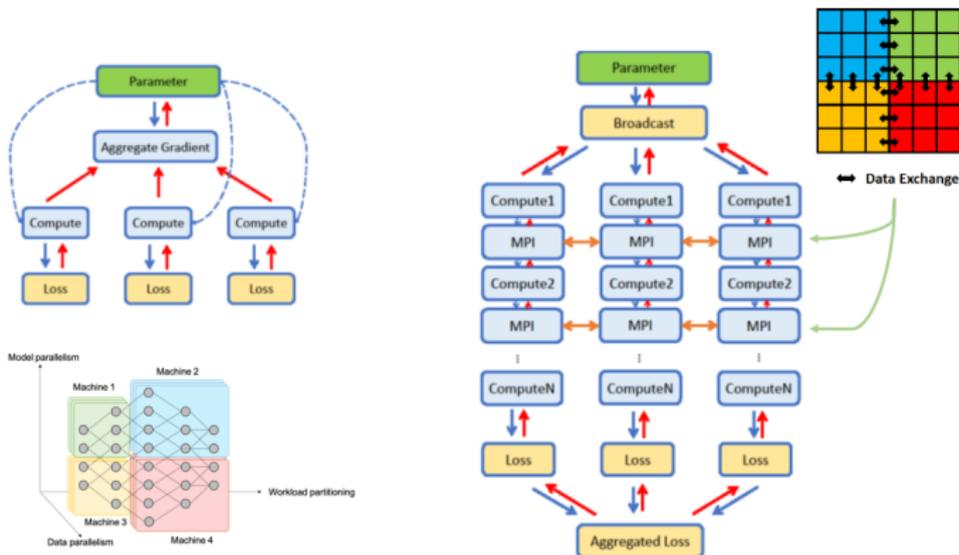


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# Parallel Computing

- Parallel computing is essential for accelerating simulation and satisfying demanding memory requirements.

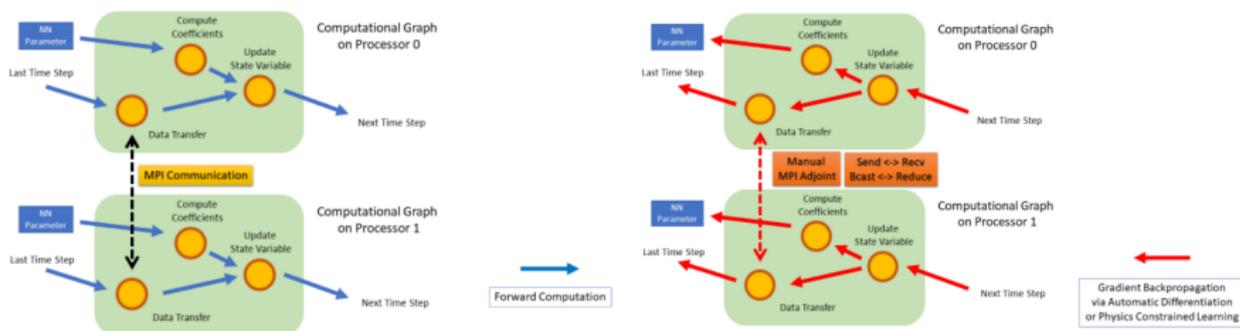


Deep Learning Data/Model Parallelism

Scientific Computing Mixed Parallelism

# Distributed Optimization

- ADCME also supports MPI-based distributed computing. The parallel model is designed specially for scientific computing.

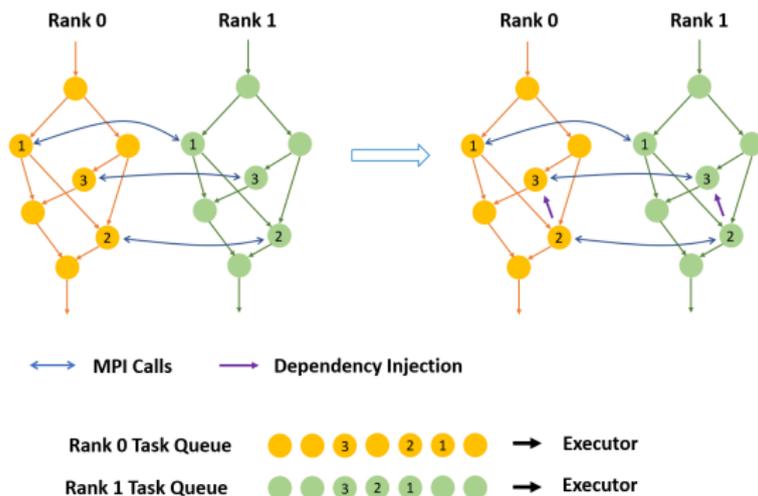


- Key idea: **Everything is an operator**. Computation and communications are converters of data streams (tensors) through the computational graph.

`mpi_bcast`, `mpi_sum`, `mpi_send`, `mpi_recv`, `mpi_halo_exchange`, ...

# Hybrid Parallel Computing

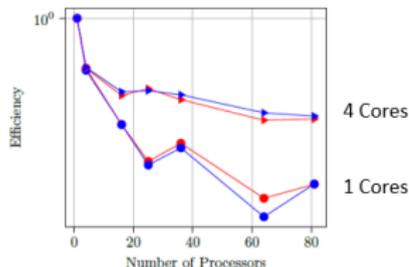
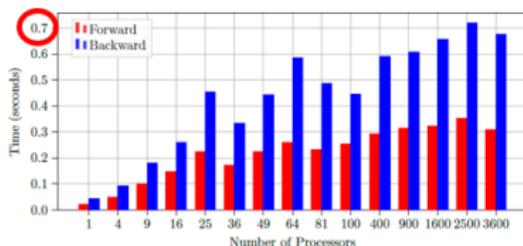
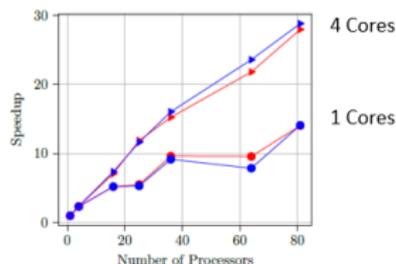
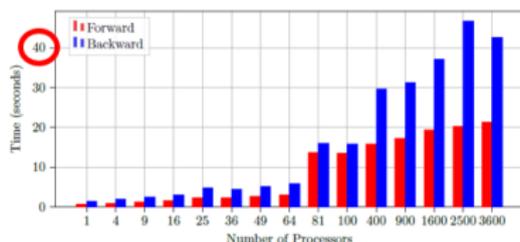
We use **dependency injection** techniques to ensure consistency.



# Interoperability with Hypr

$$\nabla \cdot (NN_{\theta}(x) \nabla u(x)) = f(x) \quad x \in \Omega$$
$$u(x) = 0 \quad x \in \partial\Omega$$

The discretization leads to a linear system, which is solved using Hypr.



Weak Scalability

Strong Scalability

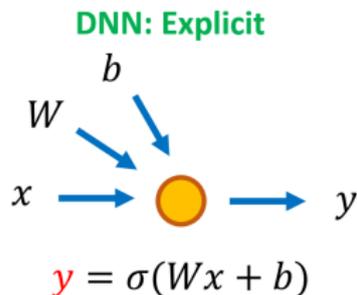
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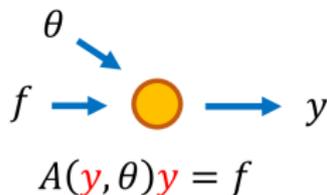
# Challenges in AD

- 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**



# Physics Constrained Learning (PCL)

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

- 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

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

# Theoretical Analysis

- For stiff problems, better to resolve physics using PCL.
- 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*

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

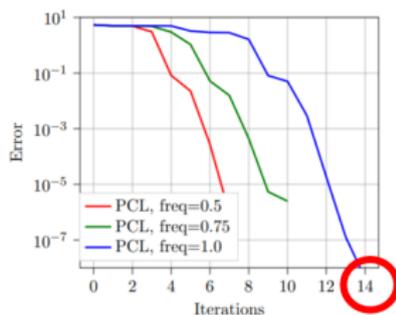
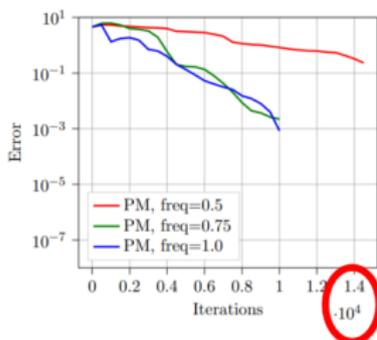
*and therefore, the condition number of the unconstrained optimization problem from the penalty method is equal to the the square of the condition number of the PCL asymptotically.*

# Physics Constrained Learning for Stiff Problems

## Parameter Inverse Problem

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

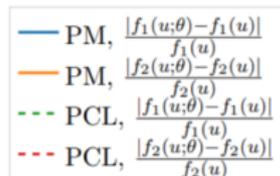
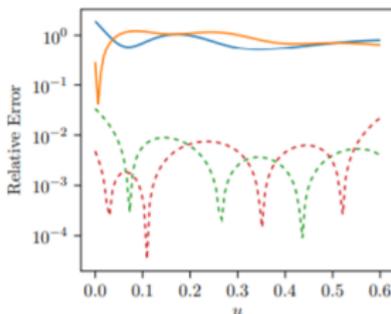
$$g_{\theta}(x) = \theta_1 x^2 + \theta_2 y^2 + \theta_3 xy$$
$$+ \theta_4 x + \theta_5 y + \theta_6$$



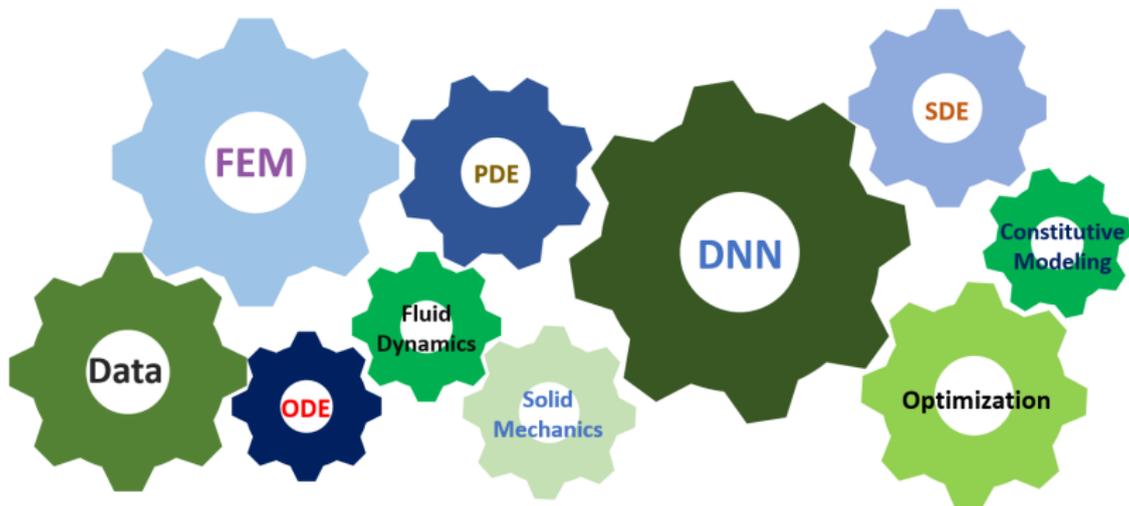
## Approximate Unknown Functions using DNNs

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

$$f(u) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(u) & 0 \\ 0 & f_2(u) \end{bmatrix}$$



# PCL: Backbone of the ADCME Infrastructure



**Automatic Differentiation**



Backend: TensorFlow

**Physics Constrained Learning**

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# Governing Equations

$$\underbrace{\sigma_{ij,j}}_{\text{stress}} + \rho \underbrace{b_i}_{\text{external force}} = \rho \underbrace{\ddot{u}_i}_{\text{velocity}} \quad (2)$$
$$\underbrace{\varepsilon_{ij}}_{\text{strain}} = \frac{1}{2}(u_{j,i} + u_{i,j})$$

- **Observable:** external/body force  $b_i$ , displacements  $u_i$  (strains  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  can be computed from  $u_i$ ); density  $\rho$  is known.
- **Unobservable:** stress  $\sigma_{ij}$ .
- Data-driven Constitutive Relations: modeling the strain-stress relation using a neural network

$$\boxed{\text{stress} = \mathcal{M}_\theta(\text{strain}, \dots)} \quad (3)$$

and the neural network is trained by coupling Eq. 2 and Eq. 3.



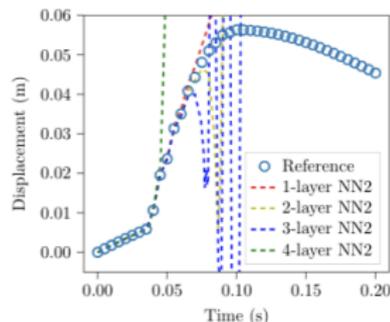
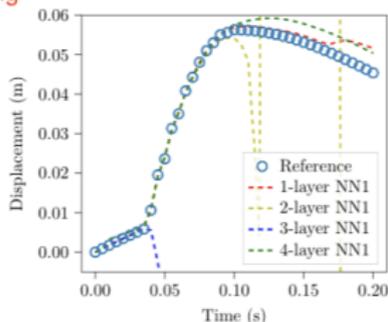
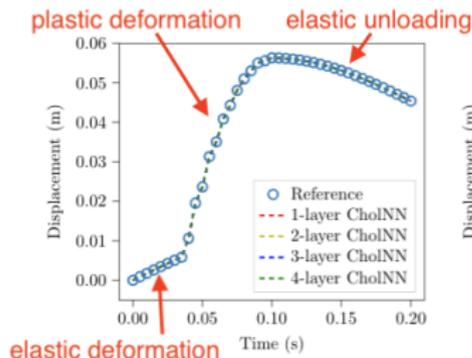
# Modeling Elasto-plasticity

- Comparison of different neural network architectures

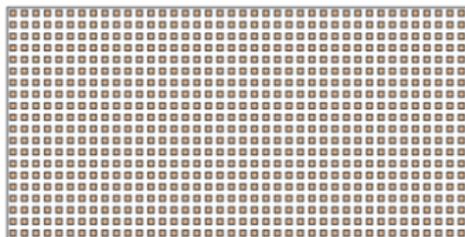
$$\sigma^{n+1} = \mathbf{L}_\theta(\epsilon^{n+1}, \epsilon^n, \sigma^n) \mathbf{L}_\theta(\epsilon^{n+1}, \epsilon^n, \sigma^n)^T (\epsilon^{n+1} - \epsilon^n) + \sigma^n$$

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

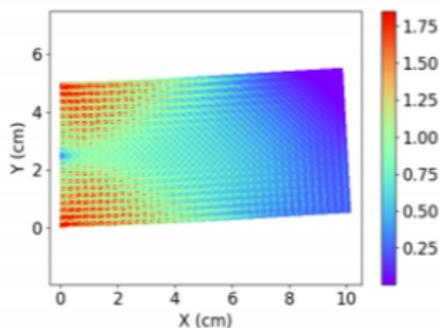
$$\sigma^{n+1} = \text{NN}_\theta(\epsilon^{n+1}, \epsilon^n, \sigma^n) + \sigma^n$$



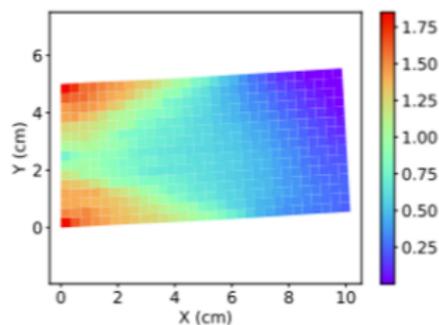
# Modeling Elasto-plasticity: Multi-scale



## Fiber Reinforced Thin Plate



Reference von Mises stress



SPD-NN

## Other Applications

- Time-Lapse Full-Waveform Inversion for Subsurface Flow;
- Seismic Inversion;
- Viscoelasticity Modeling;
- Seismic Inversion;
- Stochastic Differential Equations;
- Navier Stokes Equations;
- ...

See the following slide for more details:

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# A General Approach to Inverse Modeling

