

# Optimization with Learning-Informed Differential Equation Constraints and its Applications



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# Data-driven methods of model prediction

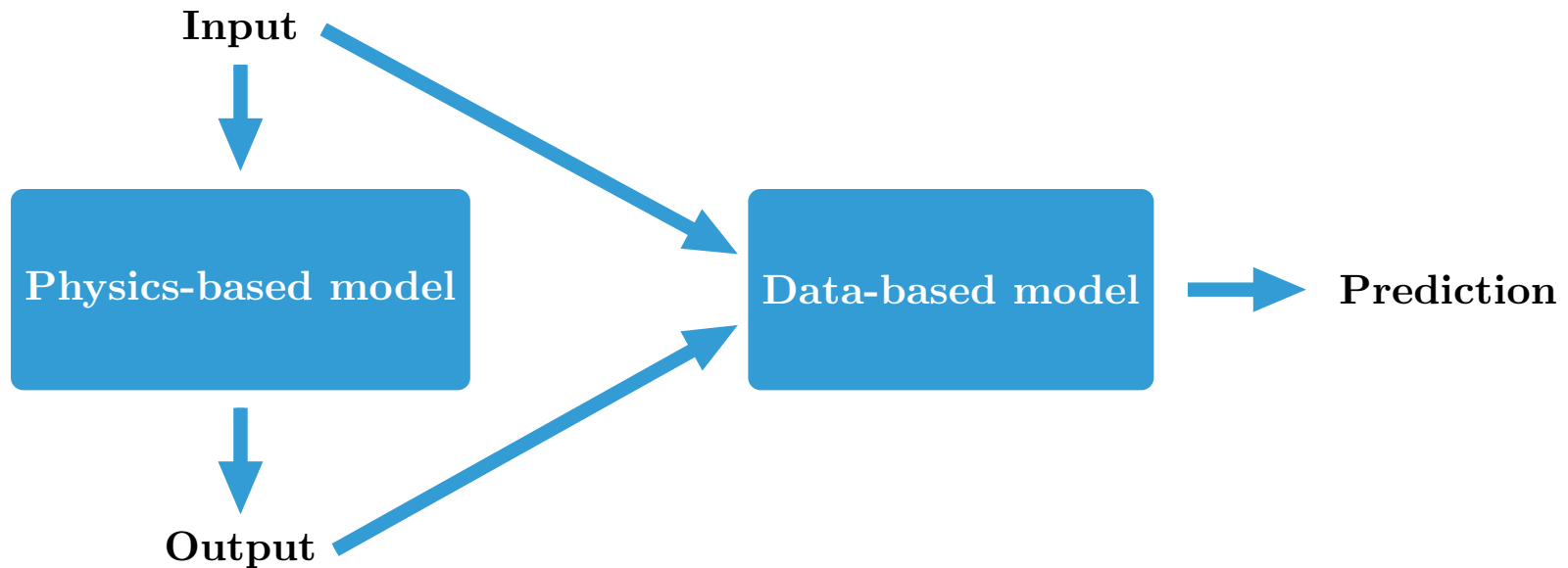


Figure: *Ab initio* models typically used to analyze experimental data and for prediction

- Making the physics model more and more accurate is a continuous challenge.
- Artificial neural networks are efficient tools to learn physical laws from data.
- Taking advantage of ever increasing computational power and data availability.

# A general optimization work flow with learned physics

## Learning-informed models as constraints in optimization

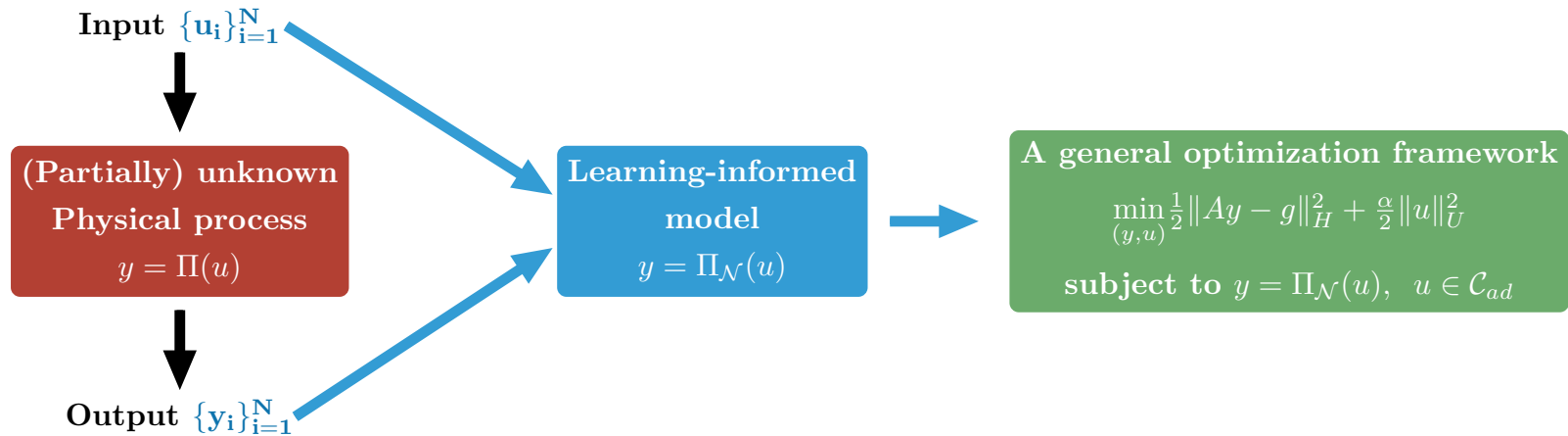
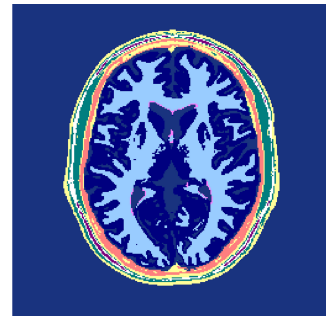


Figure: Work flow of optimization with learning-informed physical constraints

### Phase separation



### Quantitative MRI



- ← skin/muscle
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- ← adipose
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# Mathematics of deep learning and its "current state"

# Artificial neural networks (ANNs) in brief

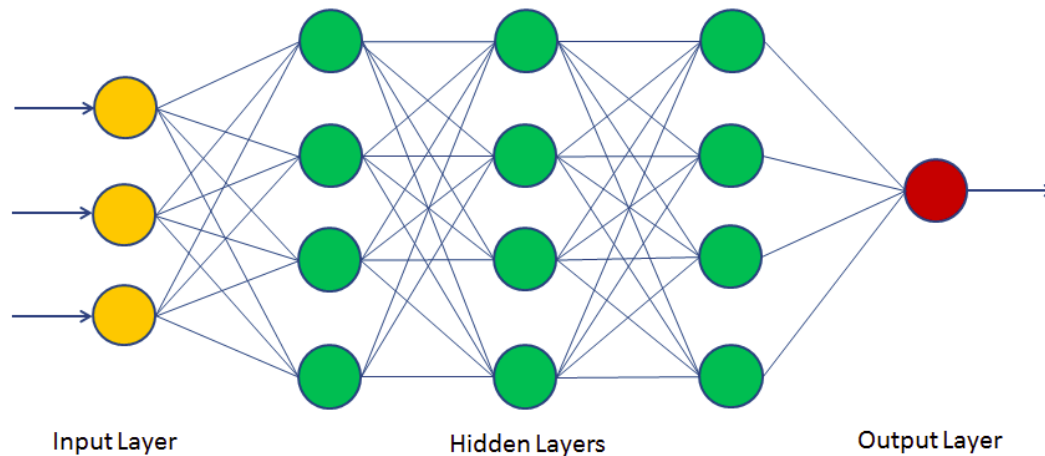


Figure: A diagram of an artificial neural network

## Key components:

- $u$ : input data
- $y$ : output data
- $h^{(l+1)} = \sigma(W_l h^l + b_l)$
- $\sigma$ : activation function
- $W_l$ : weight matrix
- $b_l$ : bias vector
- One hidden-layer case:  
 $\mathcal{N}(u) := W_1 \sigma(W_0 u + b_0) + b_1 \rightarrow y$
- $W_l$  and  $b_l$  are unknowns to be fixed

Supervised learning is about solving the following generic optimization problem:

$$\underset{(W,b) \in \mathcal{F}_{ad}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n \mathfrak{d}(\mathcal{N}(u_j), y_j) + \mathfrak{r}(W, b)$$

for given training data pairs  $(u_j, y_j)_{j=1}^n$ , and  $W := (W_l)_{l=0}^L$ ,  $b := (b_l)_{l=0}^L$ .

# Universal approximation theorem<sup>1</sup>

ANNs have been very successful approximators for functions  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , defined on bounded  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ .

## Theorem (function value approximation)

*A standard multi-layer feedforward network with a continuous activation function can uniformly approximate any continuous function to any degree of accuracy if and only if its activation function is not a polynomial.*

## Theorem (derivative approximation)

*There exists a neural network which can approximate both the function value and the derivatives of  $f$  uniformly to any degree of accuracy if the activation function is continuously differentiable and is not a polynomial.*

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<sup>1</sup>Pinkus, Approximation theory of the MLP model in neural networks. Acta Numerica, 1999.

# Activation functions of ANNs

Examples of **smooth** activation functions:

- Sigmoid: e.g., tansig ( $\sigma(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$ ), logsig ( $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$ ), arctan ( $\sigma(z) = \arctan(z)$ ), etc.
- Probability functions: e.g., softmax ( $\sigma_i(z) = \frac{e^{-z_i}}{\sum_j e^{-z_j}}$ )

Examples of **nonsmooth** activation functions:

- ReLU: Rectified Linear Unit ( $\sigma(z) = \max(0, z)$ )

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**Important:** Choosing **smooth** vs. **nonsmooth** activation functions should respect prior information on to be approximated object and has numerous implications in optimization.



# Current state on ANN's approximation

NNs approximate an objective  $f$  in different settings

Examples

1.  $f : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , with finite  $m$  and  $n$

Universal approximation theorem

2.  $f : \mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{B}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1$  is some Banach space

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3.  $f : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_2$  is some Banach space

Under-development (many different methods)

4.  $f : \mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{B}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2$ ,  $(\mathcal{B}_k)_{k=1}^2$  can be infinite dimensional

Under-development (very few still)

■ (Generalized)  
Regression

■ (Image)  
Classification

■ Solving (partial)  
differential equations

■ Operator learning

Except for case 1, mathematical understanding of cases 2–4 still mostly in progress.

**Main difficulty:** Compactness condition problematic.

# Physics-informed learning<sup>2</sup> vs Learning-informed physics<sup>3</sup>

## Physics-informed learning

- Physical models enter learning and neural networks
- PDE residuals are part of loss function for training
- Usually of type  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2$

## Learning-informed physics

- Using ANNs to predict physical models or their constituents
- Loss function is not necessarily PDE dependent
- Typically of type  $f : \mathcal{B}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2$

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To directly learn operators between Banach spaces using ANNs has been discussed in some limited cases only; e.g., model reduction for Nemytskii operators <sup>a</sup>.

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<sup>a</sup>Bhattacharya, Hosseini, Kovachki and Stuart, Model reduction and neural networks for parametric PDEs, arXiv preprint, 2020.

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<sup>2</sup>Rassi, Perdikaris and Karniadakis, Physics-informed neural networks: A deep learning framework for solving forward and inverse problems involving nonlinear PDEs. J. Comp. Phys. 2019.

<sup>3</sup>Dong, Hintermüller and Papafitsoros, Optimization with learning-informed differential equation constraints and its applications, WIAS preprint 2754, 2020.

# Optimization constrained by learning-informed models

# A general framework involving physics-based models

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## Fundamental questions:

- Conditions for well-posedness of learned physical model and universal approximation property of  $\Pi_{\mathcal{N}} \sim \Pi$ .
- Approximation properties of optimizers associated to learning-informed models vs. those related to original physics-based models.

# Existence of solutions

Let  $Q := A\Pi$  (or  $A\Pi_{\mathcal{N}}$ ).

## Proposition

*Suppose that  $Q$  is weakly-weakly sequentially closed, i.e., if  $u_n \xrightarrow{U} u$  and  $Q(u_n) \xrightarrow{H} \bar{g}$ , then  $\bar{g} = Q(u)$ . Then the optimization problem admits a solution  $\bar{u} \in U$ .*

*In the special case when  $\mathcal{C}_{ad}$  is a bounded set of a subspace  $\hat{U}$  compactly embedded into  $U$ , then strong-weak sequential closedness of  $Q$  is sufficient to guarantee existence of a solution.*

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- In many PDE models, regularity of the resp. solution helps the weak-weak sequential closedness condition of the control-to-state map to be satisfied.
  - While in imaging applications (inverse problems, more generally) regularization usually plays a role similar to  $\hat{U}$ .



# Convergence under operator perturbations

Let  $Q_n := A\Pi_{\mathcal{N}_n}$  be the reduced learning-informed operators.

## Theorem

Let  $Q$  and  $Q_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be weakly sequentially closed operators, and

$$\sup_{u \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}} \|Q(u) - Q_n(u)\|_H \leq \epsilon_n, \quad \text{for } \epsilon_n \downarrow 0.$$

Suppose  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of minimizers associated to the optimization problems with reduced operator  $Q_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then, there is the strong convergence

$$u_n \rightarrow \bar{u} \text{ in } U, \quad \text{and} \quad Q_n(u_n) \rightarrow Q(\bar{u}) \text{ in } H, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\bar{u}$  is a minimizer of the original optimization problem.

# Convergence rates

Denote  $L_0$  and  $L_1$  the Lipschitz constants associated to  $Q$  and  $Q'$ , respectively, where  $Q'$  is the Fréchet derivative of  $Q$ , and  $\eta_n := \|Q' - Q'_n\|_{\mathcal{L}(U,H)}$ .

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## Theorem

*Under smallness of  $L_0$ ,  $L_1$ , the solutions  $u_n$  converge to  $\bar{u}$  at the following rate*

$$\|u_n - \bar{u}\|_U = \mathcal{O}(L_0 \epsilon_n + \|Q(\bar{u}) - g\|_H \eta_n).$$

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## Theorem (when $\mathcal{J}'(\bar{u}) = 0$ )

*Suppose the Lipschitz constant  $L_1$  satisfies*

$$L_1 \|Q(\bar{u}) - g\|_H < \alpha.$$

*If  $\mathcal{J}'(\bar{u}) = 0$ , then for sufficiently large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have the following error bound*

$$\|u_n - \bar{u}\|_U = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\epsilon_n^2 + 2 \|Q(\bar{u}) - g\|_H^2}\right).$$

# Case studies

# Learn control-to-state map for semilinear PDEs

We consider the following model problem:

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  - Ideal: learn  $f$  through a neural network  $\mathcal{N}$  via  $f(\cdot, y) = \Delta y + u$
  - The learning-informed PDE with component  $\mathcal{N}$ , induces the C2S map  $\Pi_{\mathcal{N}}$

# Assumptions on the nonlinearity

- **(Regularity)**  $f = f(x, z) : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable in  $x$  and continuous in  $z$ .
- **(Growth-rate)** There is  $F : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so that  $\partial_z F(\cdot, z) = f(\cdot, z)$ , satisfying

$$|f(\cdot, z)| \leq b_1 + c_1 |z|^{p-1} \quad \text{and} \quad -f(\cdot, z)z + F(\cdot, z) \leq b_2,$$

resulting in

$$F(\cdot, z) \leq b_0 + c_0 |z|^p,$$

for some constants  $b_0, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c_0, c_1 > 0$ , and for some  $p$  so that the embedding  $H^1(\Omega) \subset L^p(\Omega)$  holds.

- **(Coercivity)**  $F$  is coercive in the sense that  $\lim_{\|y\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, y) dx}{\|y\|_{L^p(\Omega)}} = \infty$ .
- **(Boundedness)**  $F$  is bounded from below, i.e.,  $F(x, z) \geq F_0$  for some  $F_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# A priori bounds on PDE solutions

A variational problem connected to nonlinear PDE:

$$G(y) := \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla y\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_{\Omega} F(x, y) dx - \int_{\Omega} u y dx \quad \text{over } y \in H^1(\Omega). \quad (3.1)$$

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## Proposition

*Suppose that  $u \in L^r(\Omega)$  for some  $r \geq \frac{p}{p-1}$ . Then the optimization problem (3.1) admits a solution in  $H^1(\Omega)$ , which satisfies the constraint PDE.*

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## Theorem

*Let  $\mathcal{C}_{ad} \subset L^\infty(\Omega)$  be bounded. Then there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that for all solutions  $y$  of the semilinear PDE, it holds*

$$\|y\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \|y\|_{C(\overline{\Omega})} \leq K, \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}.$$

## Proposition

*Let  $f : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $F : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given as before with the extra assumption that  $f \in C(\overline{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R})$ . Then, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a neural network  $\mathcal{N} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R})$  such that*

$$\sup_{\|y\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} < K} \|f(\cdot, y) - \mathcal{N}(\cdot, y)\|_U < \epsilon, \quad (3.2)$$

*with  $K$  the uniform bound. Moreover, the learning-informed PDE*

$$-\Delta y + \mathcal{N}(\cdot, y) = u \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \partial_\nu y = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

*admits a weak solution which satisfies the a priori bound for sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ .*

Only local approximation property  $\|y\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} < K$  is needed in (3.2) .



## Theorem (under constraint on negative part of $\partial_y f(\cdot, y_0)$ )

Suppose  $u_n = u_0 + t_n h$  for a sequence  $t_n \rightarrow 0$ , and suppose there exists  $y_n \in \Pi_{\mathcal{N}}(u_n)$  with  $y_n \rightarrow y_0$  in  $H^1(\Omega)$ . Then, we have

- *Local Lipschitz property:*

$$\|y_n - y_0\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C t_n,$$

for some constant  $C$ .

- *Directional differentiability:* Every weak cluster point of  $\frac{y_n - y_0}{t_n}$ , denoted by  $p$ , solves

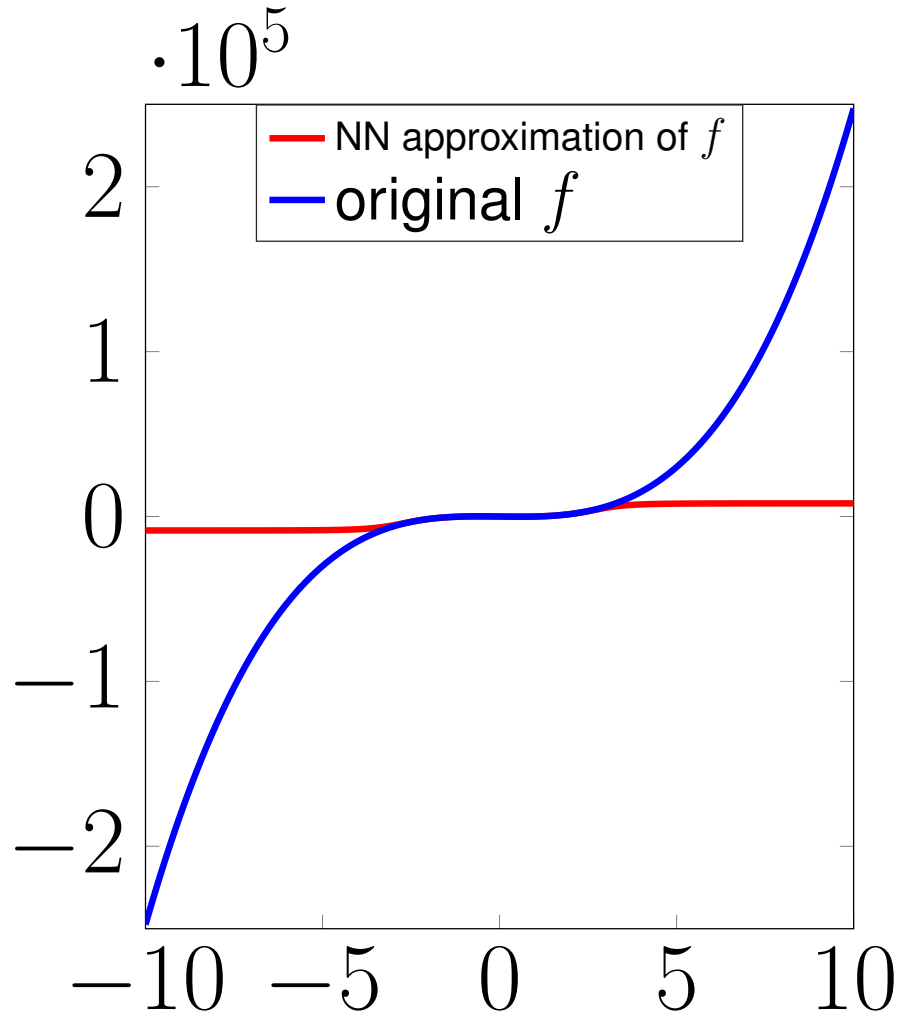
$$-\Delta p + \partial_y \mathcal{N}(\cdot, y_0)p = h \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \partial_\nu p = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

and  $p$  satisfies the energy bounds for every  $h \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,

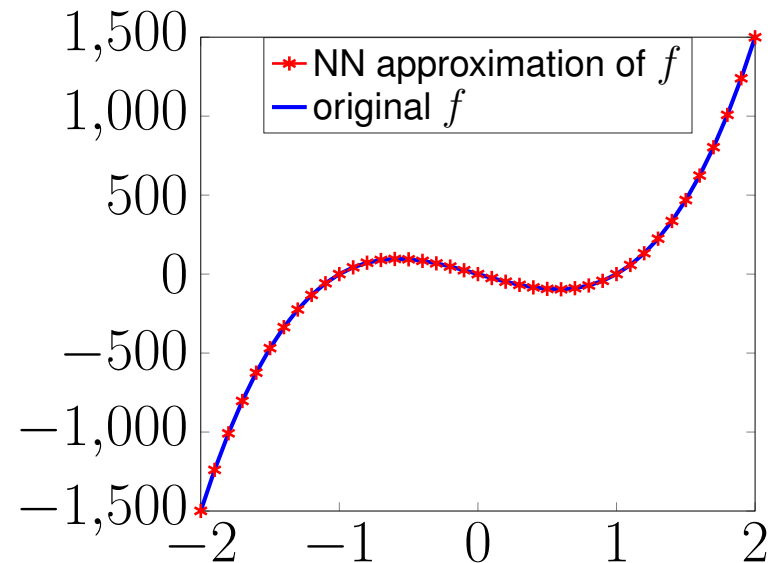
$$\|p\|_{H^1(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})} \leq C \|h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

for some constant  $C$ .

# Learning-informed double-well potential

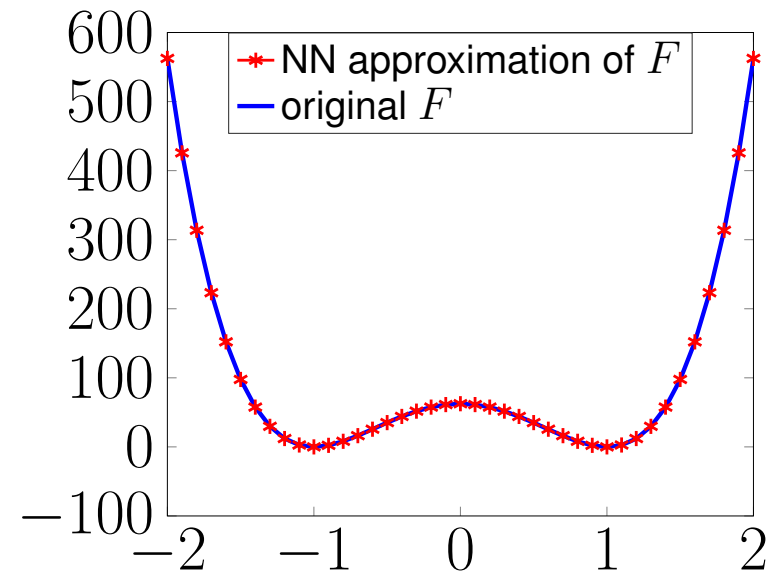
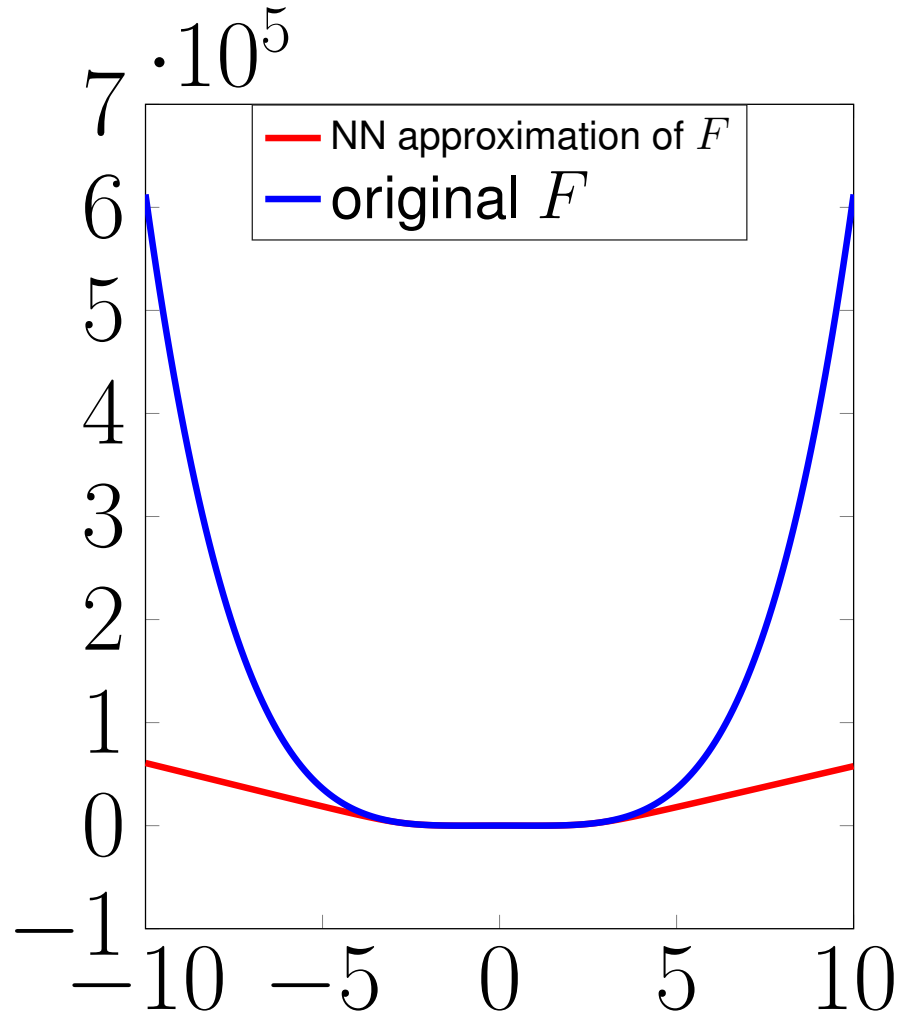


Approximation of  $f(y) = \frac{1}{0.004}(y^3 - y)$  by neural network function.



Details of the left Figure

# Learning-informed double-well potential



Details of the left Figure

The double well potential  $F$  and  $F_N$  reconstructed from  $f$  and  $\mathcal{N}$ , respectively.

# Universal approximation of learning-informed operator

## Proposition

There exists  $\mathcal{N} : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so that

$$\sup_{\|y\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} < M} \|f(\cdot, y) - \mathcal{N}(\cdot, y)\|_U \leq \epsilon,$$

for  $\epsilon > 0$  arbitrarily small. Further, we have the error bounds

$$\|\Pi(u) - \Pi_{\mathcal{N}}(u)\|_H \leq C\epsilon, \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathcal{C}_{ad},$$

where the constant  $C > 0$  depends on  $f$  and  $y_0$ . When  $f$  is locally Lipschitz, there exists also  $\mathcal{N}$  so that

$$\sup_{\|y\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} < M} \|\partial_y f(\cdot, y) - \partial_y \mathcal{N}(\cdot, y)\|_U \leq \epsilon_1,$$

for sufficiently small  $\epsilon_1 > 0$ , and there exist some constants  $C_0 > 0$  and  $C_1 > 0$

$$\|p_0 - p_\epsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})} \leq C_1 \epsilon_1 + C_0 \epsilon, \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}.$$

The adjoint variables  $p_\epsilon, p_0$  are directional derivatives of  $\Pi_{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $\Pi$ , respectively.

# KKT condition and semismooth Newton method

The KKT system of the optimal control problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta y + \mathcal{N}(\cdot, y) - u &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, & \partial_\nu y &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ -\Delta p + \partial_y \mathcal{N}(\cdot, y)p + y &= g \quad \text{in } \Omega, & \partial_\nu p &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ -p + \lambda + \alpha u &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ \lambda - \max(0, \lambda + c(u - \bar{u})) - \min(0, \lambda + c(u - \underline{u})) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

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- We use a semismooth Newton (SSN) method for solving the above system.
- The PDE is only fulfilled in the end of the iteration of the SSN.
- To respect the nature of the reduced problem, a SSN Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) algorithm is considered:

$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{\delta_u \in U}{\text{minimize}} && \langle \mathcal{J}'_{\mathcal{N}}(u_k) + \frac{1}{2}H_k(u_k)\delta_u, \delta_u \rangle_{U^*, U}, \\ &\text{subject to} && \underline{u} \leq u_k + \delta_u \leq \bar{u} \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

# A SSN-SQP algorithm

Define a merit function  $\Phi_k(\mu)$  as

$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(u_k + \mu\delta_{u,k}) + \beta_k(\|(u_k + \mu\delta_{u,k} - \bar{u})^+\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|(u_k + \mu\delta_{u,k} - \underline{u})^-\|_{L^2(\Omega)}).$$

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- Initialization: Using semi-smooth Newton for an initial guess of solutions.
- Key steps of every SQP:

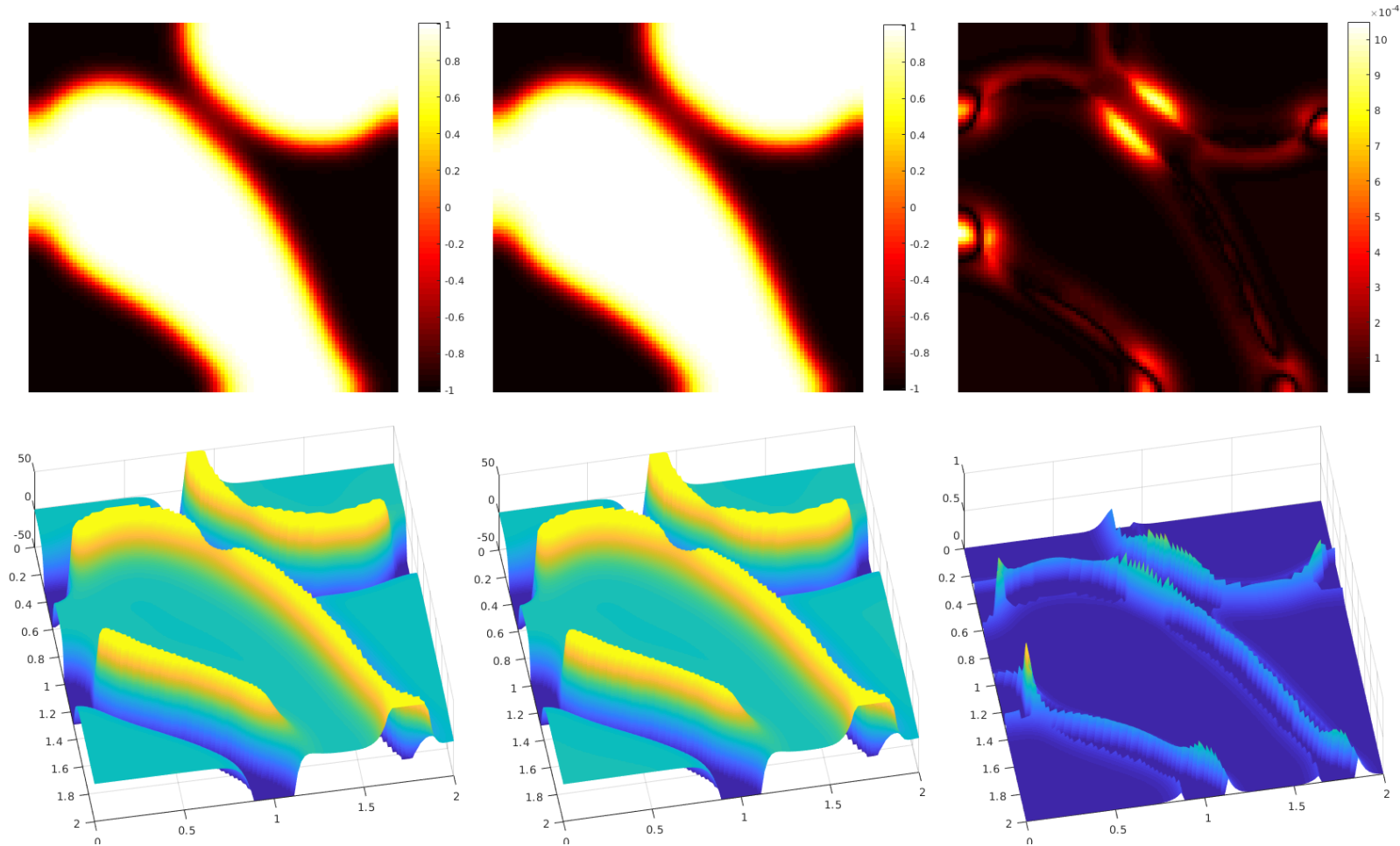
(1) Compute an update direction  $\delta_{u,k}$  using again SSN but to the SQP stationary equation.

(2) Using line search with Armijo condition to adjust step length in every SQP sub-problem.

For every iteration in the line search, to evaluate  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(u_k + \mu_k^l \delta_{u,k})$  we need the solution of the PDE which is obtained by Newton iterations.

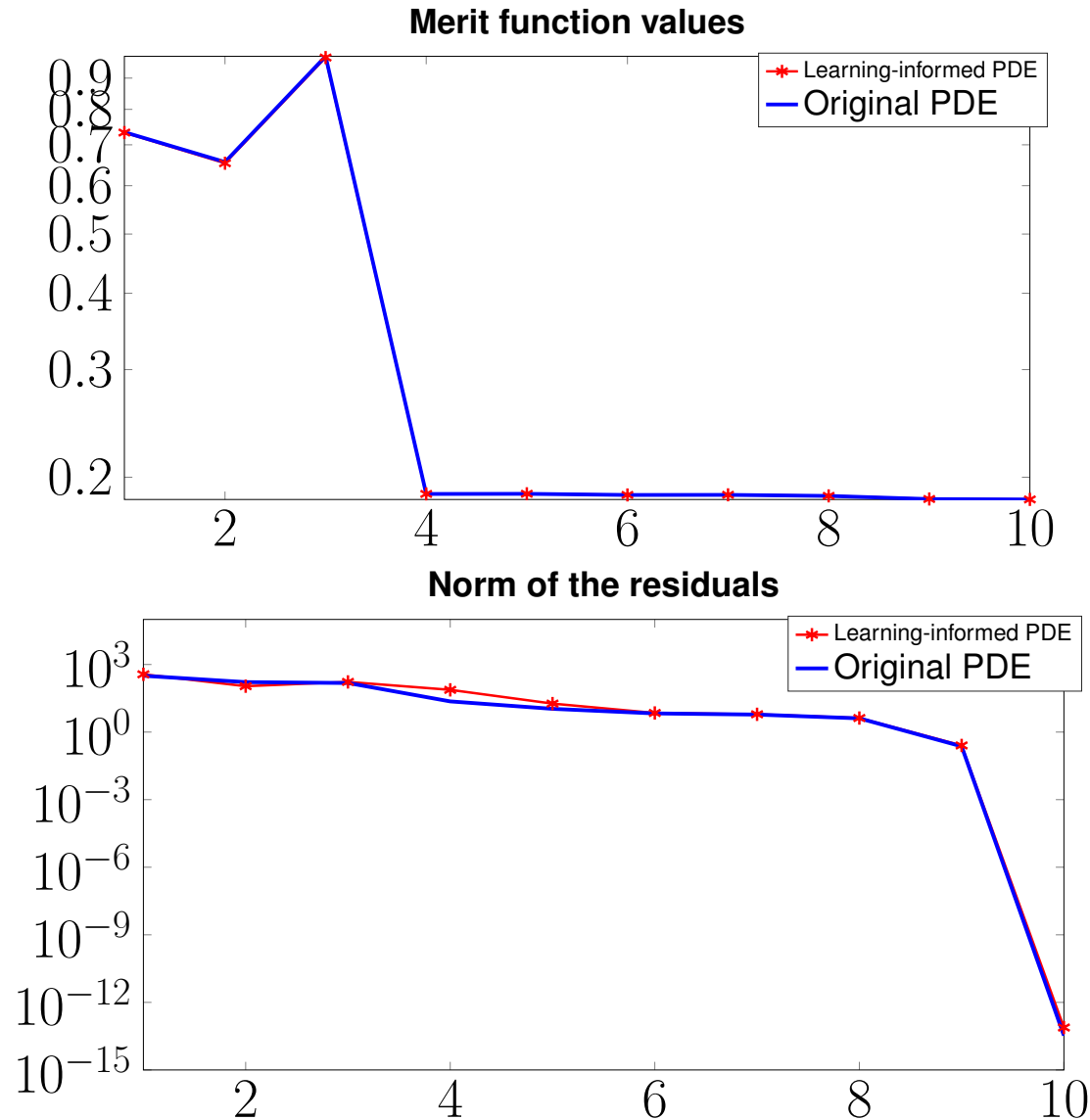
Primal-dual active set strategy (pdAS) is employed as SSN in every SQP sub-problem solve.

# Example of stationary Allen-Cahn equation



Plots of state and control pairs  $(y_{\mathcal{N}}, u_{\mathcal{N}})$  and  $(y^*, u^*)$  by learned (left) and exact (middle) PDEs, respectively, as well as their differences (right)  $|y_{\mathcal{N}} - y^*|$ ,  $|u_{\mathcal{N}} - u^*|$

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# Preliminary on (quantitative) MRI

## Bloch equations describe the physical law behind MRI

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}(t) = y(t) \times \gamma B(t) - \left( \frac{y_1(t)}{T_2}, \frac{y_2(t)}{T_2}, \frac{y_3(t) - \rho m_e}{T_1} \right),$$

where  $B = B_0 + B_1 + G$  denotes magnetic field,  $\rho$  is proton density. MRI experiment consists of three major steps:

- Aligning magnetic nuclear spins in an applied constant magnetic field  $B_0$
- Perturbing this alignment via radio frequency (RF) pulse  $B_1$
- Applying magnetic gradient field  $G$  to distinguish individual contributions

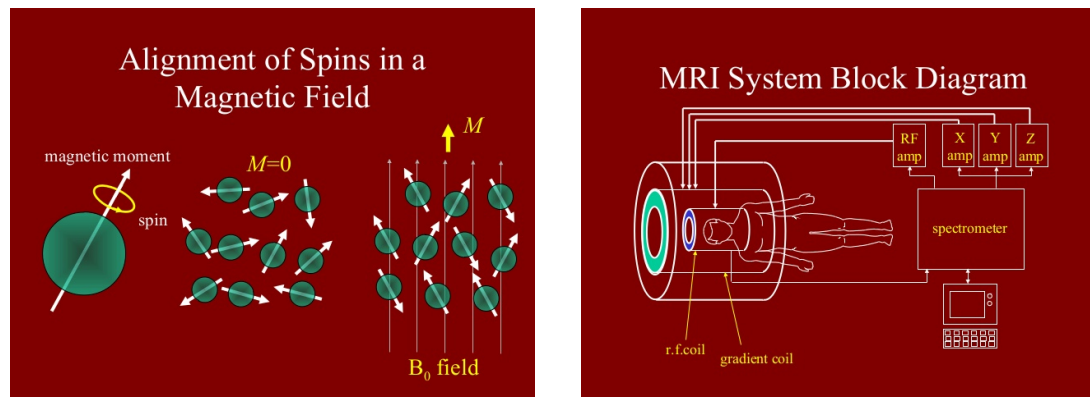


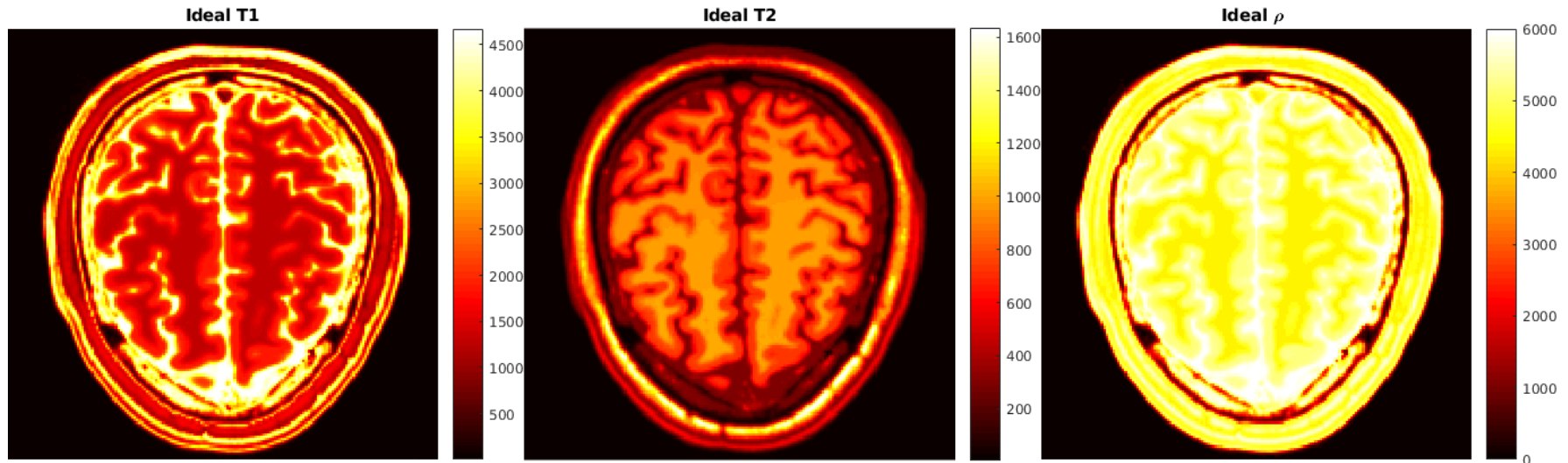
Figure: MRI diagram (Published in Health and Medicine)

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**Figure:** Simulated ideal tissue parameters of a brain phantom.

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$$y(0) = \rho m_0,$$

$$u \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}.$$

- The goal is to estimate the physical parameters  $u = (\rho, T_1, T_2)$

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$$\underset{(y,u)}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|P\mathcal{F}(y) - g^\delta\|_H^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_U^2,$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \mathcal{N}(u), \\ u &\in \mathcal{C}_{ad}. \end{aligned}$$

- The goal is to estimate the physical parameters  $u = (\rho, T_1, T_2)$
- ANNs  $\mathcal{N}$  approximate the parameter-to-solution map (Nemytskii type):

$$(\rho, T_1, T_2) \mapsto (y_{t_1}, \dots, y_{t_L})$$

General ordinary differential dynamical system and its solution map:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}(t) = f[u](y(t); t), \\ y(0) = y_0. \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow y(t) = \Phi_{y_0, t}(u).$$

The nature of the pulse sequence in fact leads to a time series of the above dynamics.

Applying the idea of residual neural network, we use the following architecture to learn the time series:

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{y}(t_k) = \mathfrak{y}(0) + N_k[\Theta_k](u), \\ \mathfrak{y}(0) = y_0. \end{cases} \quad \text{for every } k \in \{1, 2, \dots, L\},$$

$N_k[\Theta_k]$  is a standard fully connected feed-forward network, and the architecture is identical for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$ .

## Proposition

*The operator  $\Pi : \mathcal{C}_{ad} \subset [L^\infty_\epsilon(\Omega)^+]^3 \rightarrow [(L^\infty(\Omega))^3]^L$  is Lipschitz continuous, and Fréchet differentiable with locally Lipschitz derivative.*

Both  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi_{\mathcal{N}} = \mathcal{N}$  are operators of Nemytskii type in the qMRI case.

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## Proposition

*Let  $u = (T_1, T_2, \rho)^\top \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}$ . Then for arbitrary small  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\epsilon_1 > 0$ , there always exist neural network approximations so that*

$$\|\Pi_{\mathcal{N}}(u) - \Pi(u)\|_{[L^\infty(\Omega)^3]^L} \leq \epsilon,$$

*and*

$$\|\Pi'_{\mathcal{N}}(u) - \Pi'(u)\|_{\mathcal{L}([L^2(\Omega)]^3, [L^\infty(\Omega)^3]^L)} \leq \epsilon_1,$$

*are satisfied.*

Define

$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(u) := \frac{1}{2} \|P\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{N}(u)) - g^\delta\|_H^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_U^2.$$

The derivative  $\mathcal{J}'_{\mathcal{N}}(u)$  has an explicit form

$$(\rho(\mathcal{N}'(T_1, T_2))^*, \mathcal{N}(T_1, T_2))^\top \mathcal{F}^*(\mathcal{F}(\rho\mathcal{N}(T_1, T_2)) - g) + \alpha(\text{Id} - \Delta)(T_1, T_2, \rho)^\top.$$

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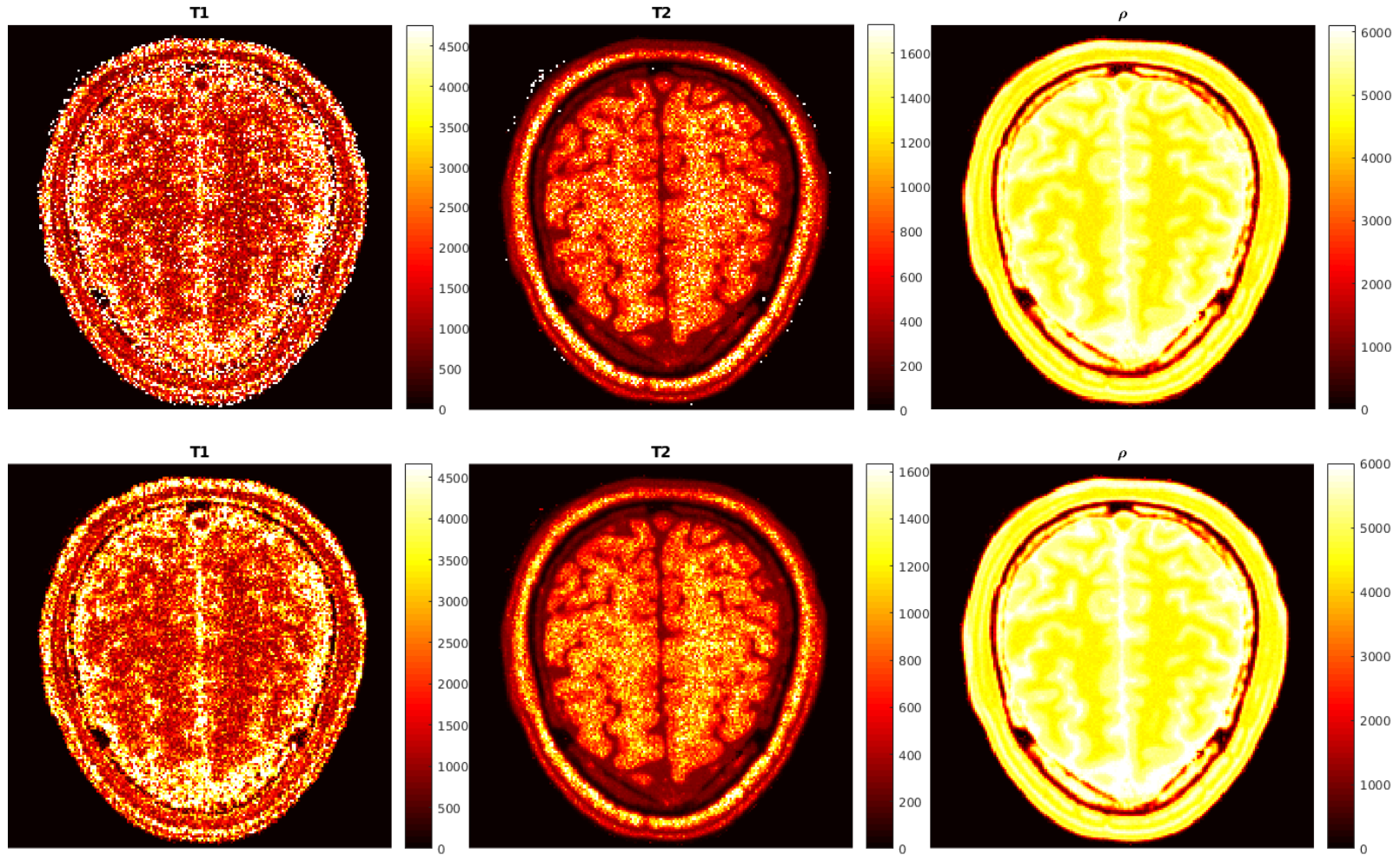
Every QP-step solves

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \langle \mathcal{J}'_{\mathcal{N}}(u_k), h \rangle_{U^*, U} + \frac{1}{2} \langle H_k(u_k)h, h \rangle_{U^*, U} \quad \text{over } h \in U \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & u_k + h \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_k(u_k)$  is a pos.-def. approx. of the Hessian of  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}$  at  $u_k \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}$ :

$$(\rho(\mathcal{N}'(T_1, T_2))^*, \mathcal{N}(T_1, T_2))^\top \mathcal{F}^* \mathcal{F}(\rho(\mathcal{N}'(T_1, T_2)), \mathcal{N}(T_1, T_2)) + \alpha(\text{Id} - \Delta).$$

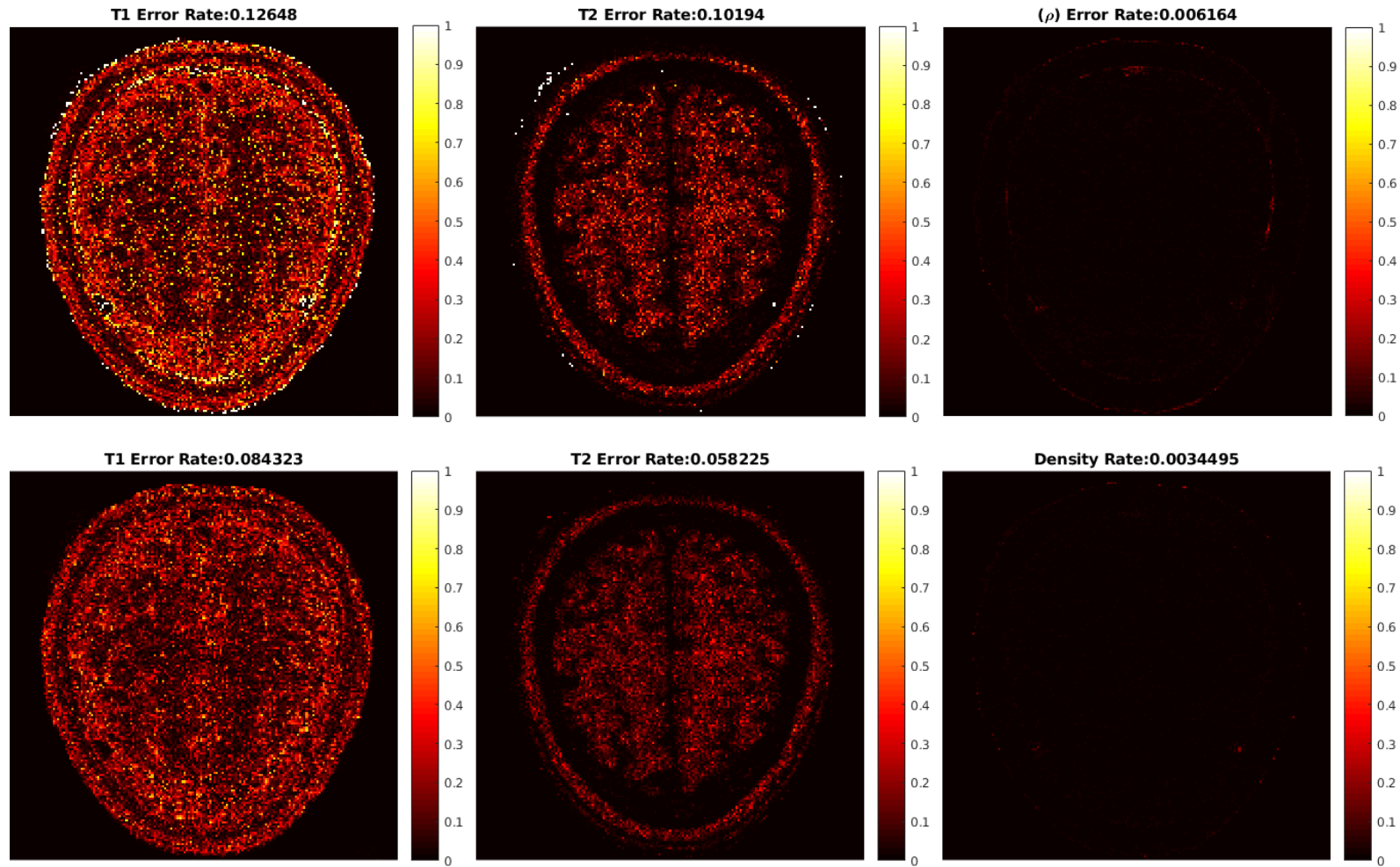
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Learning-based (bottom) compared to ab initio physics-integrated method (above)



# Quantitative magnetic resonance imaging



Learning-based (bottom) compared to a pure physics-integrated method (above)

# Conclusion

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## What we offer:

- A generic optimization framework with learning-informed physical constraints
- Both analysis and numerical algorithms for the overall optimization framework
- Learning specific operators between infinite dimensional spaces
- Universal approximation properties for the learning-informed operators

## On going:

- The framework for learning-informed *nonsmooth* physical models
- More general physical operator learning schemes
- Interplay of operator learning and optimal control
- Hybrid physics-informed NN for multi-scale problems

# Thank you!