



# Using Physics-informed Neural Networks for Inverse Problems

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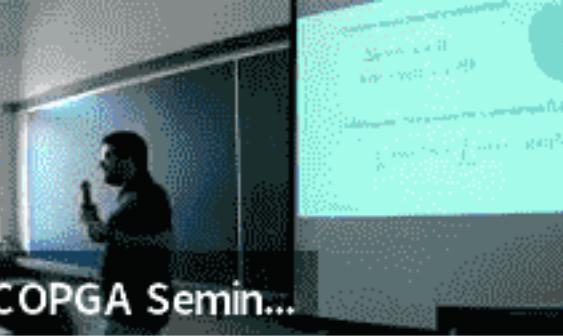
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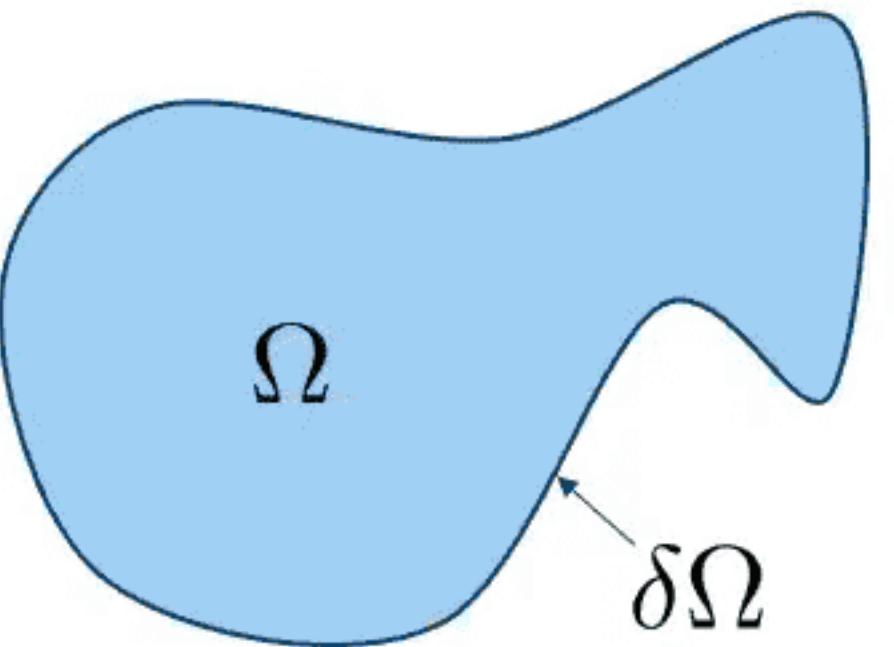
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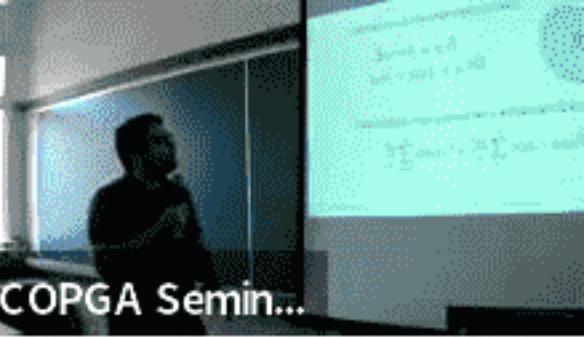


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$$\int_{\Omega} \Delta \hat{u}(x)^2 dx + \int_{\delta\Omega} (\hat{u}(x) - g(x))^2 dx$$



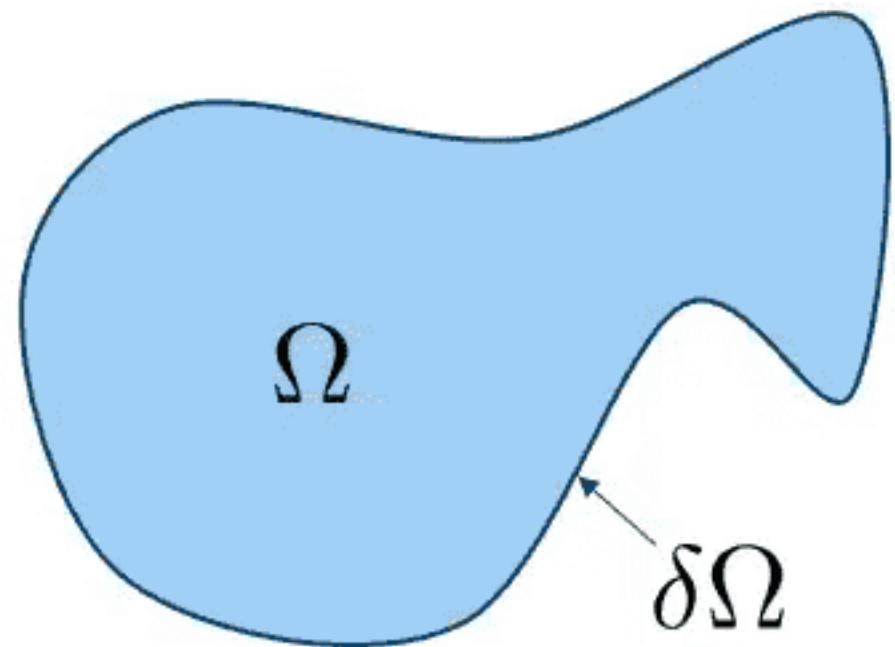
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$$x_1, \dots, x_p \in \Omega$$

$$y_1, \dots, y_s \in \delta\Omega$$

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# Why it works: Universal Approximation Theory



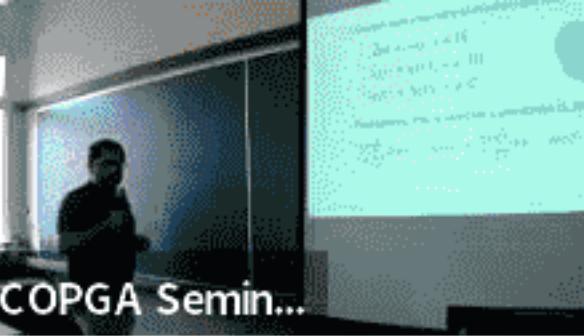
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- Neural networks approximate functions (and derivatives) arbitrarily well
- These are approximately solutions to the PDE
- Evaluate derivatives efficiently with *autograd* implementation
- Train the network to approximate the boundary and solve PDE



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# PINNs and Inverse Problems

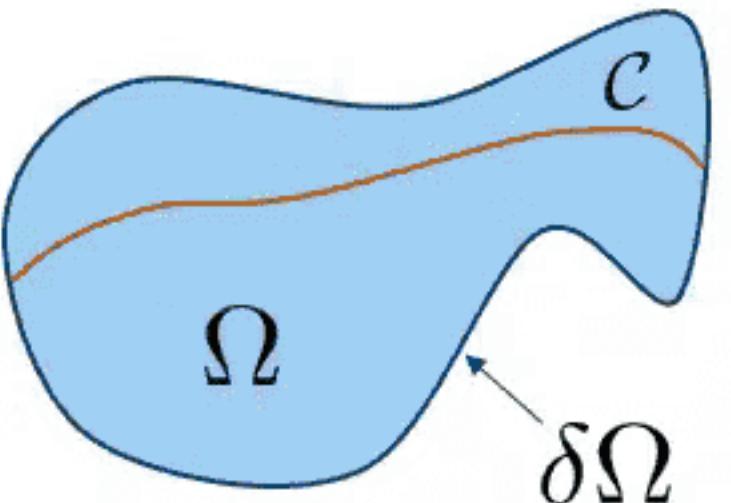


- **Example:** Solve a boundary value problem with unknown parameter  $\alpha$

$$\Delta u = \alpha u, x \in \Omega$$

$$u(x) = g(x), x \in \delta\Omega$$

$$u(x) = h(x), x \in \mathcal{C}$$



- **PINN Solution:** Train a neural net  $\hat{u}$  with domain  $\Omega$ , parameter  $\alpha$  and loss

$$\frac{\lambda_\Omega}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \Delta(\hat{u}(x_i) - \alpha \hat{u}(x))^2 + \frac{\lambda_{\delta\Omega}}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s (\hat{u}(y_i) - g(y_i))^2 + \frac{\lambda_{\mathcal{C}}}{q} \sum_{i=1}^q (\hat{u}(z_i) - h(z_i))^2$$

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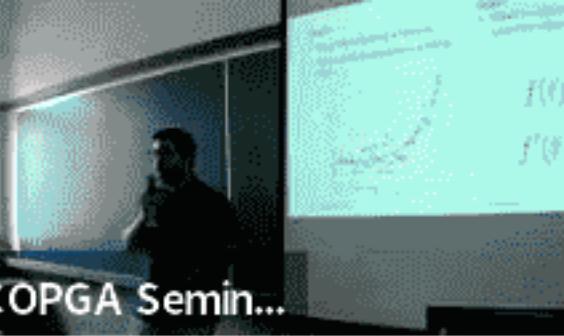
# Talk Overview



- Main papers
  1. A method for learning Partial Differential Equations  
with A. Hasan, R. Ravier, S. Farsiu and V. Tarokh
  2. A method for learning latent Stochastic Differential Equations  
with A. Hasan, S. Farsiu and V. Tarokh
- Extras (work in progress, time permitting)
  - **Neural Conjugate Flows** – a causal and time-reversible architecture for Ordinary Differential Equations  
with A. Bizzi, L. Nissenbaum
  - PINNs for seismic inversion (project with Petrobras)  
with several students and postdocs at IMPA

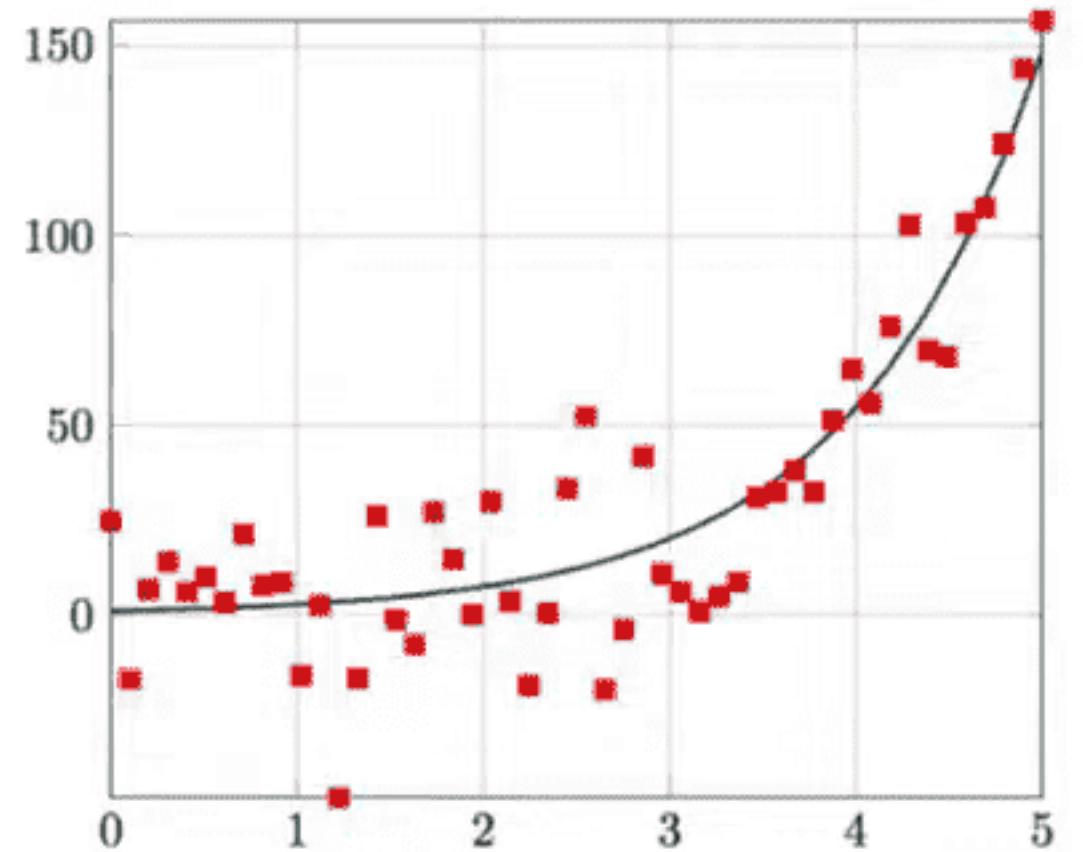


# Learning PDEs



## Given:

- Noisy data points of a function
- Function is the solution to a PDE or ODE



## Goals:

- Obtain an approximation of the function;
- Learn the underlying PDE/ODE

$$f(t) = e^t$$

$$f'(t) = f(t)$$

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# How to recover the PDE?



- PDEs are usually linear combinations of simple derivative terms
- Examples

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Wave equation (1D)

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$$

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Heat equation (1D)

$$u_t - u_{xx} = 0$$

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Helmholtz Equation (2D)

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u = 0$$

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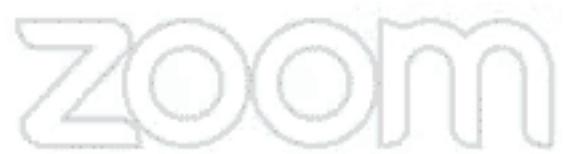
Inviscid Burgers equation

$$u_t + uu_x = 0$$

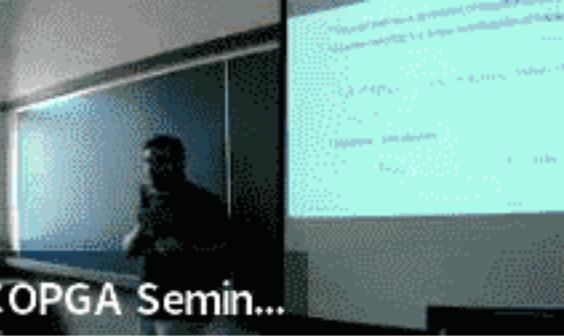
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Korteweg-de Vries equation

$$u_t - 6uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0$$

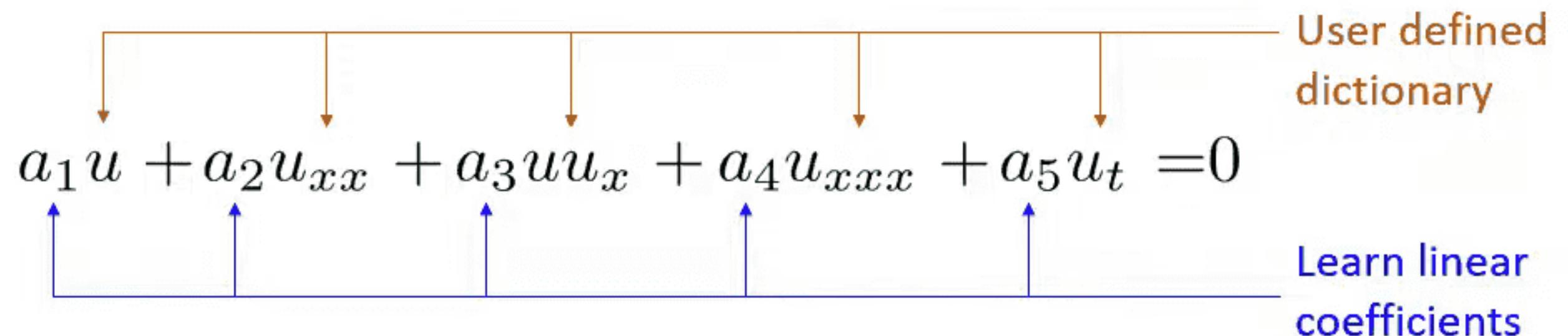


# How to recover the PDE: A dictionary of derivatives



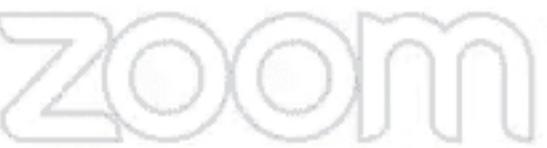
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- The user defines a dictionary of possible derivative terms
- Assume the PDE is a linear combination of these terms



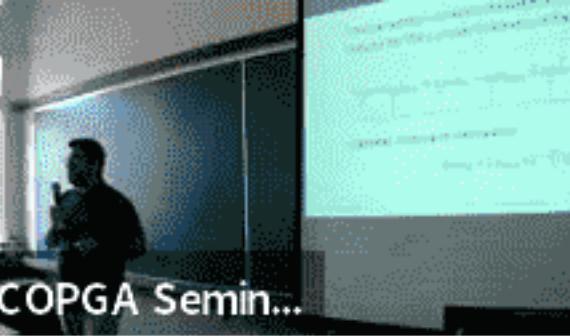
- Example: Heat Equation

$$1u_{xx} \quad + (-1)u_t = 0$$

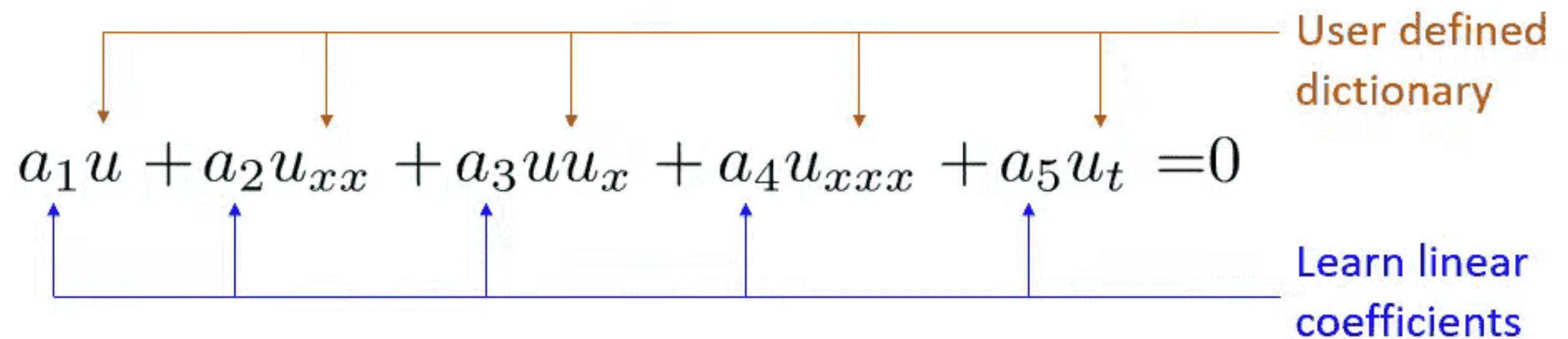


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- Example: Korteweg-de Vries equation

$$-6u u_x + 1u_{xxx} + (-1)u_t = 0$$



# How to recover the PDE from a dictionary of derivatives



- Sample random points in domain  $p_1, \dots, p_K$
- If  $u$  is a solution of the PDE

$$a_1 u + a_2 u_{xx} + a_3 u u_x + a_4 u_{xxx} + a_5 u_t = 0$$

- For all  $p_1, \dots, p_K$

$$a_1 u(p_k) + a_2 u_{xx}(p_k) + a_3 u(p_k)u_x(p_k) + a_4 u_{xxx}(p_k) + a_5 u_t(p_k) = 0$$



# How to recover the PDE from a dictionary of derivatives



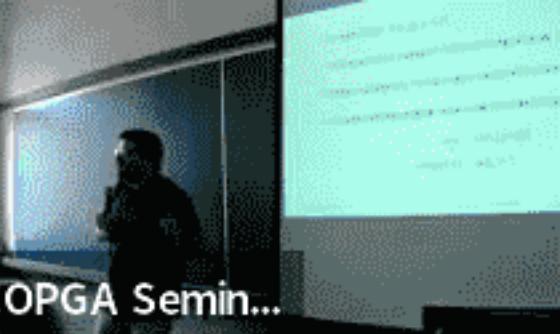
- In matrix form:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} u(p_1) & u_{xx}(p_1) & u(p_1)u_x(p_1) & u_{xxx}(p_1) & u_t(p_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ u(p_K) & u_{xx}(p_K) & u(p_K)u_x(p_K) & u_{xxx}(p_K) & u_t(p_K) \end{array} \right] \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \end{array} \right]}_{\mathcal{M}_u(\mathbf{p})} = 0$$

- The vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$  is in the null space of  $\mathcal{M}_u(\mathbf{p})$



# How to recover the PDE from a dictionary of derivatives

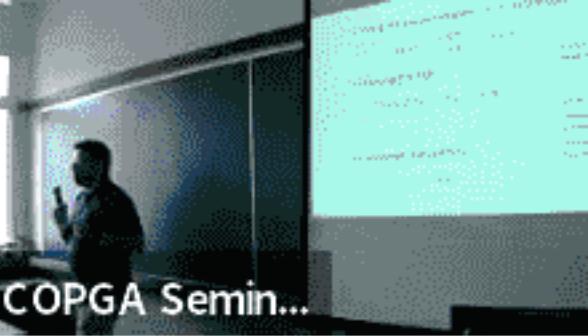


- In matrix form:  $\mathcal{M}_u(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}$
- Null space vector is singular vector with singular value 0
- Obtain null space by finding singular vector with smallest singular value
- Calculate smallest singular value using min-max principle

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{a}} \quad & \|\mathcal{M}_u(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{a}\|_2^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \|\mathbf{a}\|_2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$



# Bringing together the losses



- Fitting the neural network  $\hat{u}(\cdot; \theta)$  to the data

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fit}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\tilde{u}_i - \hat{u}(\tilde{p}_i; \theta))^2$$

- Learning the PDE

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta, \mathbf{a}) = \|\mathcal{M}_{\hat{u}(\cdot; \theta)}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{a}\|_2^2$$

- Encourage law sparsity

$$\mathcal{L}_{\ell_1}(\mathbf{a}) = \|\mathbf{a}\|_1$$

Fit the function at  
sample points  $(\tilde{u}_i, \tilde{p}_i)$

1. Sample random points
2. Evaluate dictionary terms  
to build this matrix
3. Calculate derivatives with  
auto-differentiation

# Bringing together the losses



- Training

$$\min_{\{\theta, \mathbf{a}\}} \quad \lambda_{\text{fit}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{fit}}(\theta) (1 + \lambda_{\text{PDE}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta, \mathbf{a}) + \lambda_{\text{sp}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{sp}}(\mathbf{a}))$$

subject to  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = 1$

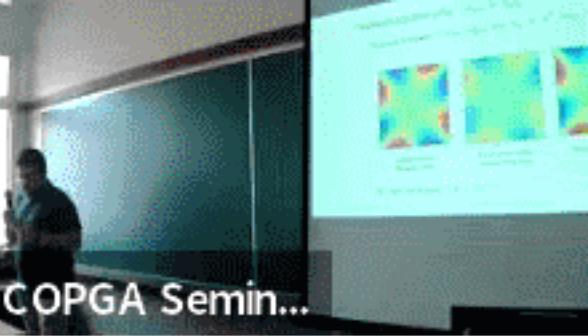
Enforced by

1. projecting gradient after back-propagation
2. rescaling after optimization step

- Additional feature:

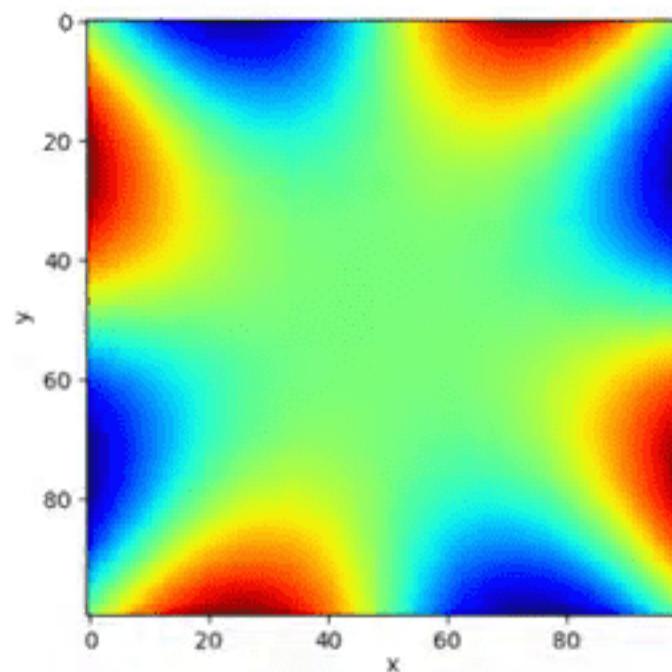
- Minimizing  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta, \mathbf{a})$  in terms of  $\theta$  enforces the neural network to be a solution to learnt PDE
- Learnt function is smoother

# Results

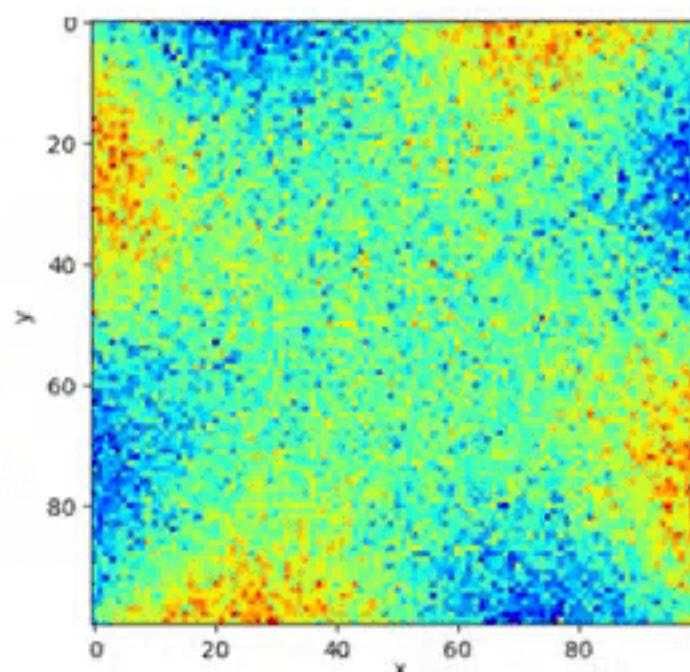


Helmholtz Equation (2D):  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u = 0$

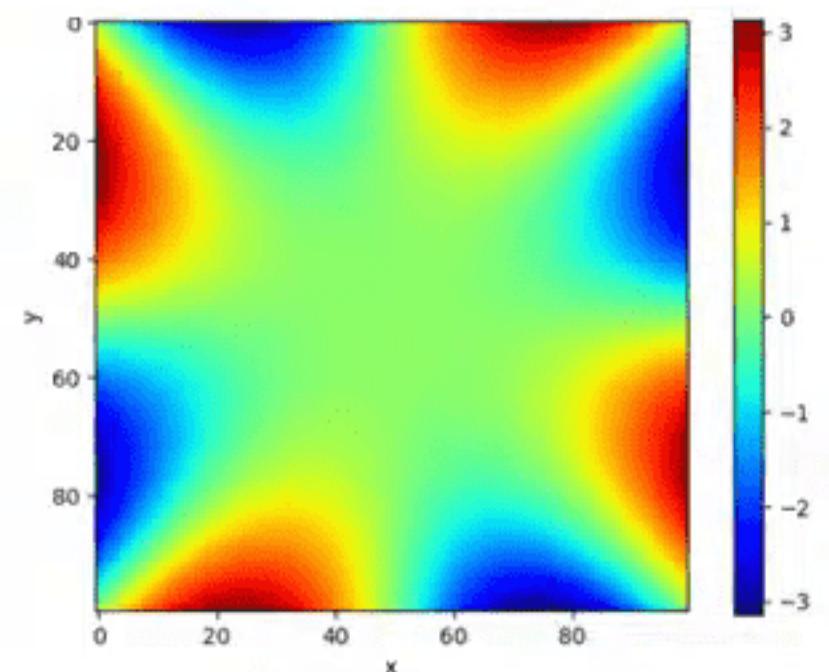
Derivative dictionary:  $(u_{xx}, u_{yy}, u_x, u_y, u, u^2, uu_x, uu_y)$   
 $(1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)$



Original function  
(Solution to PDE)



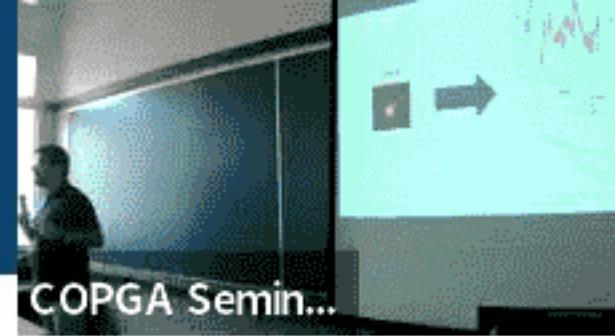
Noisy function values  
(Input/Training Data)



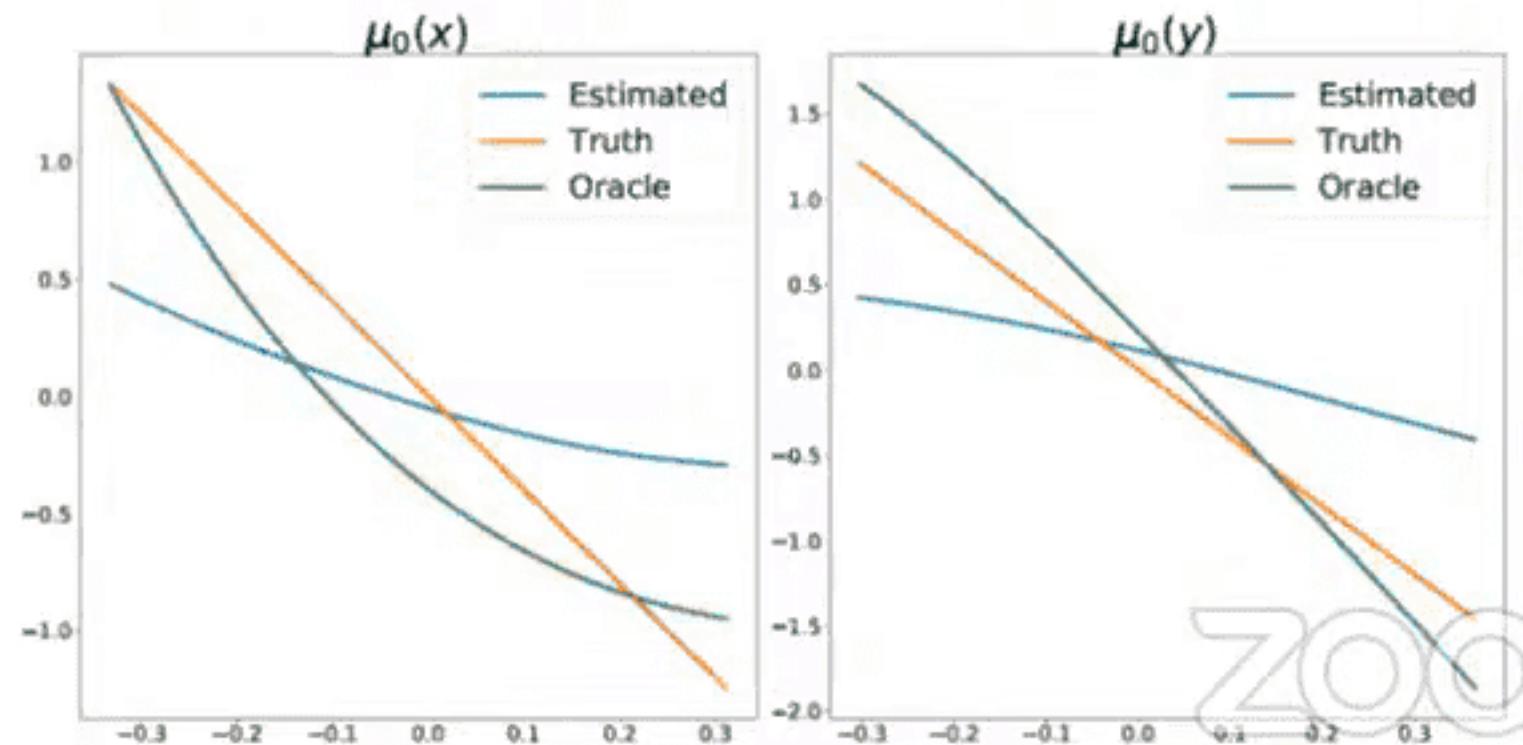
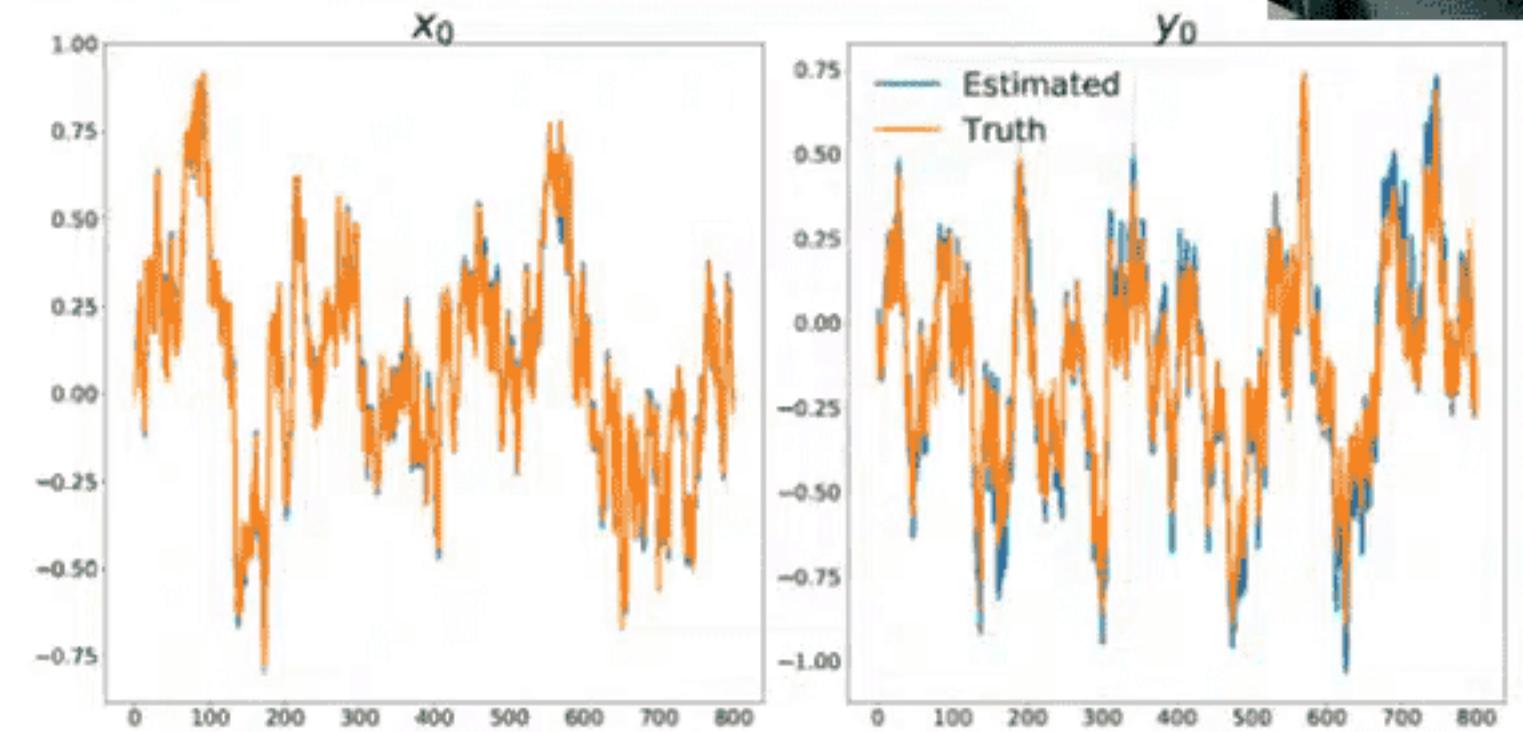
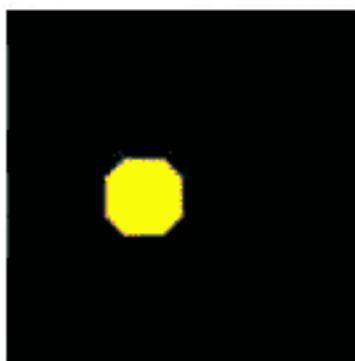
Output of the neural  
network

PDE coefficient error:  $3.6 \times 10^{-2}$

# Second Method: Latent SDEs

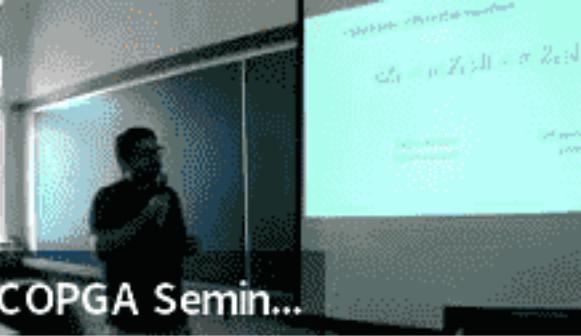


Input



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# Crash course on SDEs



- Stochastic differential equation

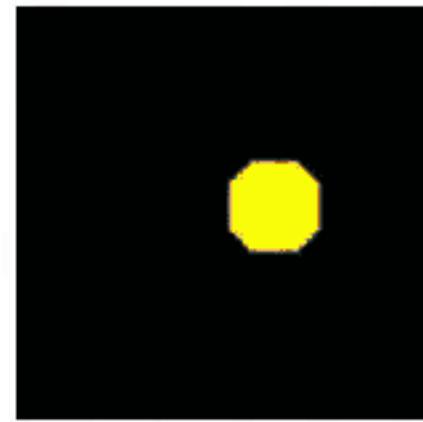
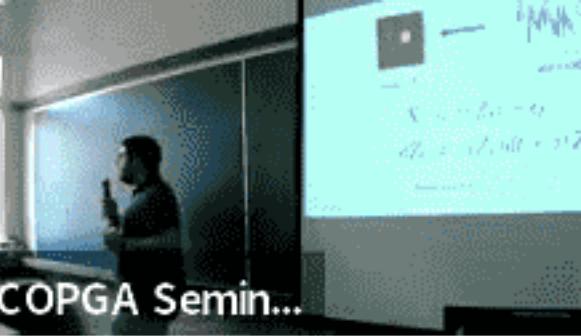
$$dZ_t = \mu(Z_t)dt + \sigma(Z_t)dW_t$$



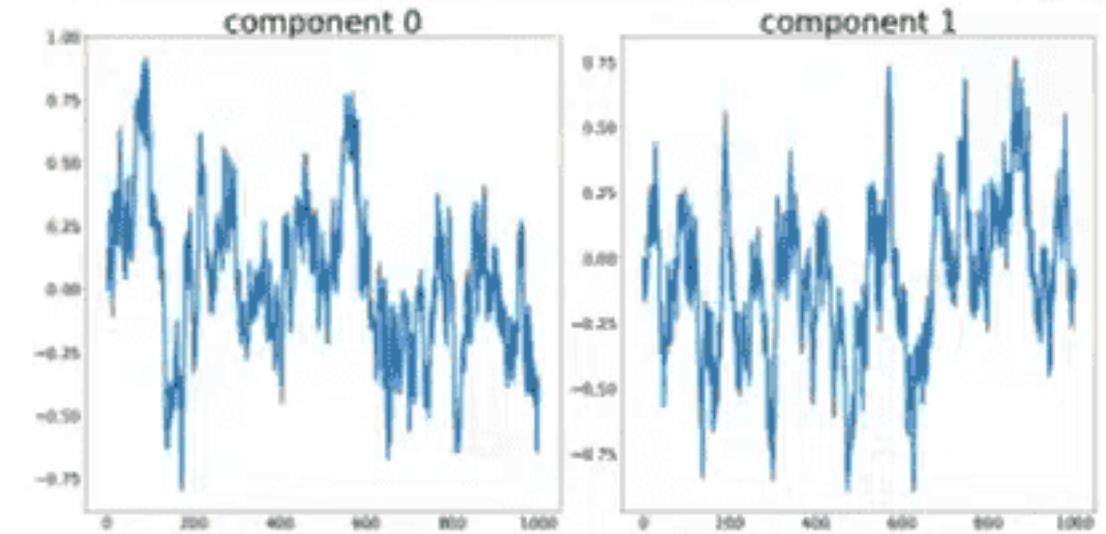
Drift coefficient  
(Deterministic)

Diffusion coefficient  
(Stochastic)

# Model



Input:  $X_t$



Latent SDE:  $Z_t$

$$X_t = f(Z_t) + \epsilon_t$$

$$dZ_t = \mu(Z_t)dt + \sigma(Z_t)dW_t$$

Model parameters:  $f, \mu, \sigma$

# Itô's lemma



- Suppose  $Z_t$  is a solution of the SDE

$$dZ_t = \mu(Z_t)dt + \sigma(Z_t)dW_t$$

- Then  $Y_t = g(Z_t)$  is a solution of other SDE

$$dY_t = \tilde{\mu}(Y_t)dt + \tilde{\sigma}(Y_t)dW_t$$

- The formula for  $\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\sigma}$  in terms of  $\mu, \sigma, g$  is given by Itô's lemma



# Which model is the true one? Both can be!



$$X_t = f(Z_t) + \epsilon_t$$

$$dZ_t = \mu(Z_t)dt + \sigma(Z_t)dW_t$$

$$Y_t = g(Z_t)$$



$$f = \tilde{f} \circ g$$

$$X_t = \tilde{f}(Y_t) + \epsilon_t$$

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$$X_t = f(Z_t) + \epsilon_t$$

$$dZ_t = \mu(Z_t)dt + \sigma(Z_t)dW_t$$

Can only learn  $f$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  up to a  
one-to-one transformation  
in latent space ( $g$ )

$$X_t = \tilde{f}(Y_t) + \epsilon_t$$

$$dY_t = \tilde{\mu}(Y_t)dt + \tilde{\sigma}(Y_t)dW_t$$



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# No need to learn diffusion coefficient



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## Theorem (Informal)

Suppose that  $(f, \mu, \sigma)$  are the true underlying model parameters of

$$X_t = f(Z_t) + \epsilon_t$$
$$dZ_t = \mu(Z_t)dt + \sigma(Z_t)dW_t$$

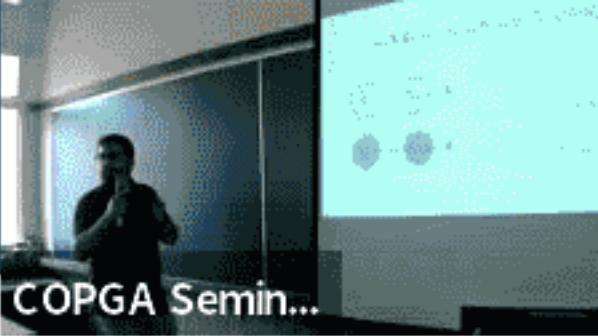
Then under some technical conditions of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , there exists  $(\tilde{f}, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\sigma})$  such that

$$X_t = \tilde{f}(\tilde{Z}_t) + \epsilon_t$$
$$d\tilde{Z}_t = \tilde{\mu}(\tilde{Z}_t)dt + \tilde{\sigma}(\tilde{Z}_t)dW_t$$

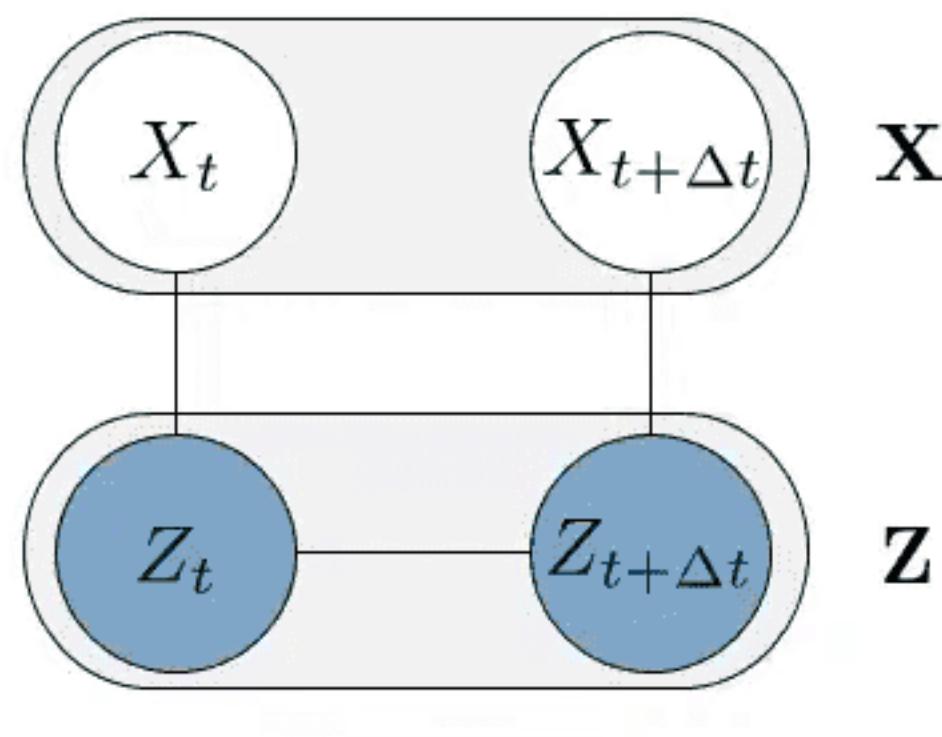
and  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is isotropic, that is,  $\tilde{\sigma}(z) = I_n$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- Can focus on learning SDE with isotropic diffusion coefficient

# Variational Auto-Encoder: Encoder



$$p_{\phi}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = p_f(X_{t+\Delta t} | Z_{t+\Delta t}) p_{\mu}(Z_{t+\Delta t} | Z_t) p_f(X_t | Z_t) p_{\gamma}(Z_t).$$



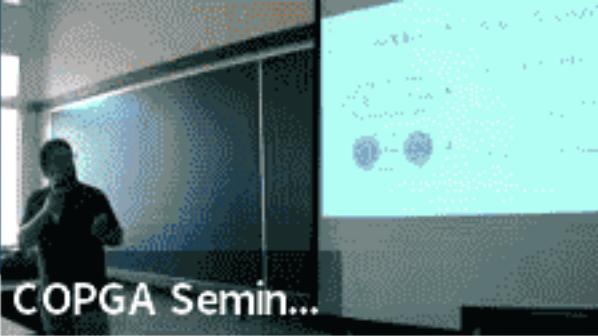
$$X_t = f(Z_t) + \epsilon_t$$

$$Z_{t+\Delta t} - Z_t \approx \mathcal{N}(\mu(z_t)\Delta t, \Delta t I_n)$$

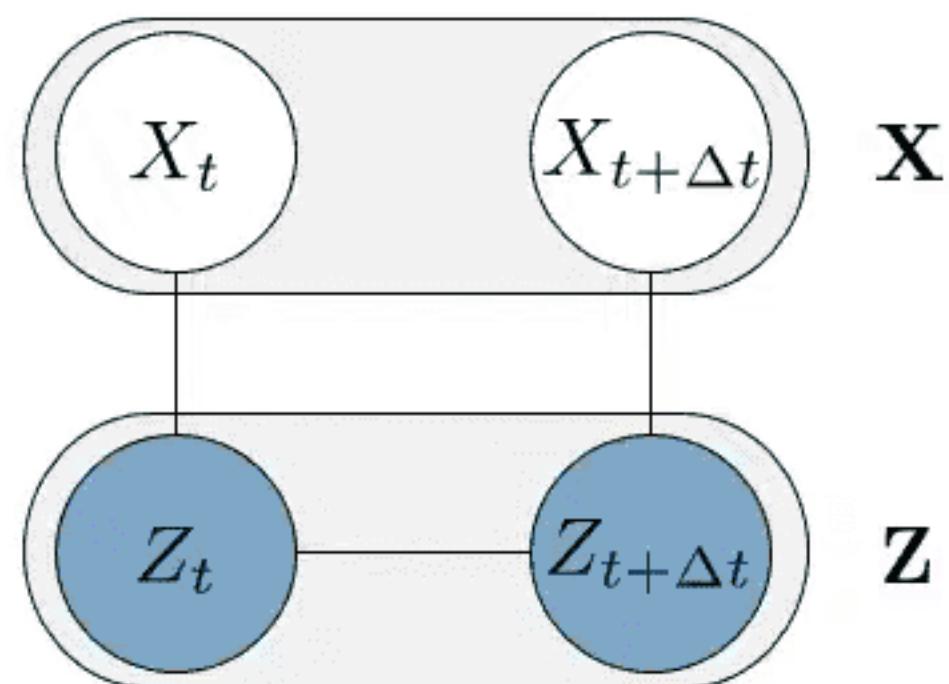
Euler-Maruyama  
Approximation

$$X_{t+\Delta t} = f(Z_{t+\Delta t}) + \epsilon_{t+\Delta t}$$

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$$p_f(X_t|Z_t) = p_{\epsilon}(X_t - f(Z_t))$$

$$p_{\mu}(Z_{t+\Delta t}|Z_t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\Delta t)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{\|Z_{t+\Delta t} - Z_t - \mu(Z_t)\Delta t\|^2}{2\Delta t}\right)$$

$$p_f(X_{t+\Delta t}|Z_{t+\Delta t}) = p_{\epsilon}(X_{t+\Delta t} - f(Z_{t+\Delta t}))$$

# Variational Auto-Encoder: Decoder and Loss



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- Decoder

$$q_{\psi}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}) = q_{\psi_1}(Z_{t+\Delta t}|X_{t+\Delta t}, Z_t)q_{\psi_2}(Z_t|X_t)$$

- Loss

Ensures  $q_{\psi}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})$  approximates  $p_{\phi}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})$



Maximizes the likelihood of  $p_{\phi}(\mathbf{X})$



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\phi, \psi) &= D_{KL} (q_{\psi}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})q_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X}) \parallel p_{\phi}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})q_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})) - \mathbb{E}_{q_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})} [p_{\phi}(\mathbf{X})], \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{q_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbf{X})} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{q_{\psi}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X})} [\log q_{\psi}(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X}) - \log p_{\phi}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})] \right].\end{aligned}$$





## Theorem (Informal)

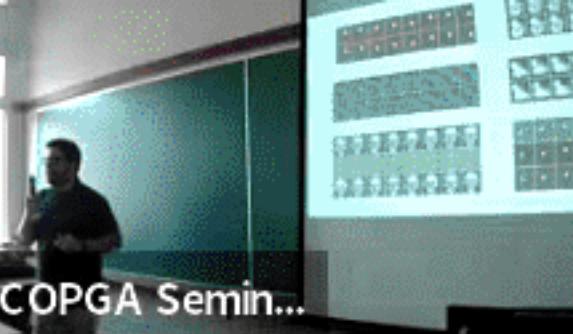
Suppose that the true generative model of  $\mathbf{X}$  has true parameters  $(f^*, \mu^*, \gamma^*)$ . Then, under several technical conditions, and in the limit of infinite data, the proposed variational auto-encoder we obtain the true model up to an isometry. That is, there exist a matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and a vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that the learnt parameters  $(f, \mu, \gamma)$  and the true parameters  $(f^*, \mu^*, \gamma^*)$  are related through:

$$f(z) = f^*(Qz + b), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

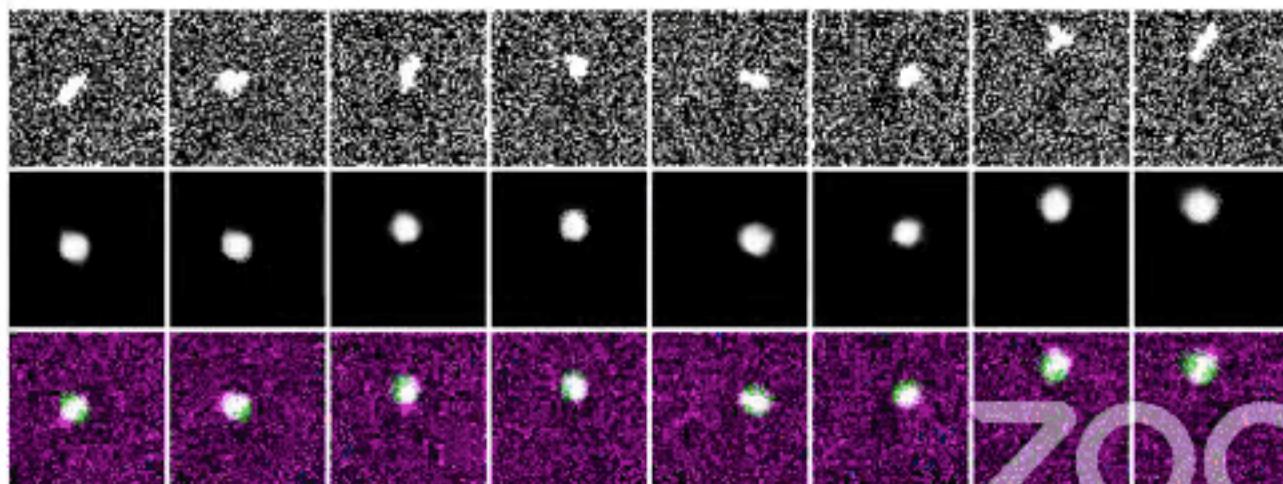
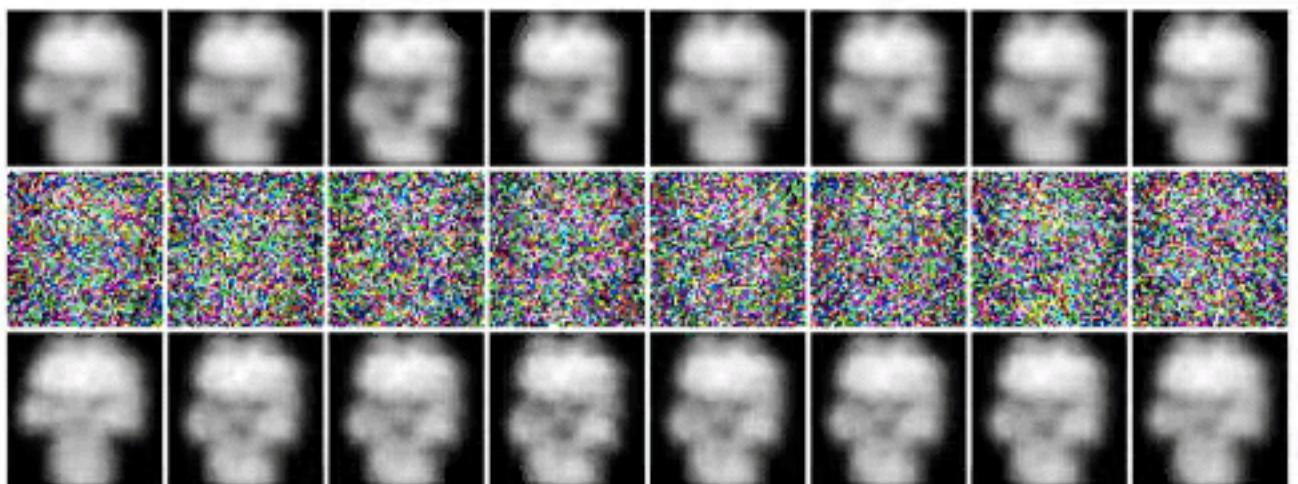
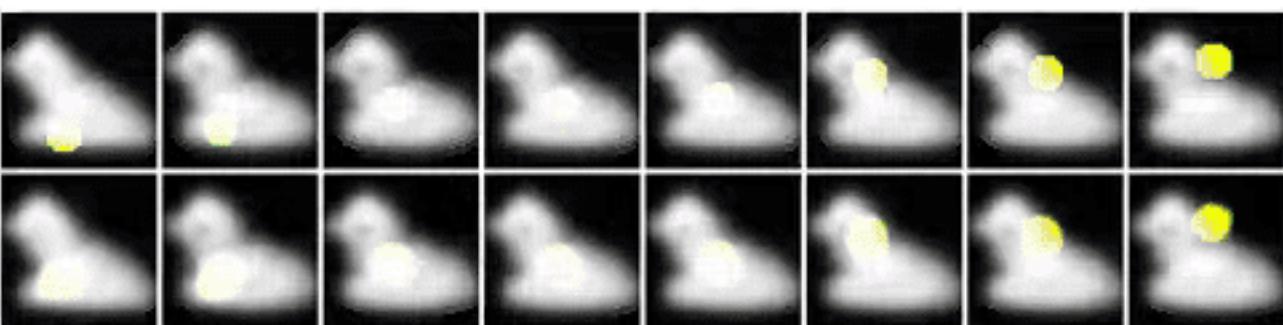
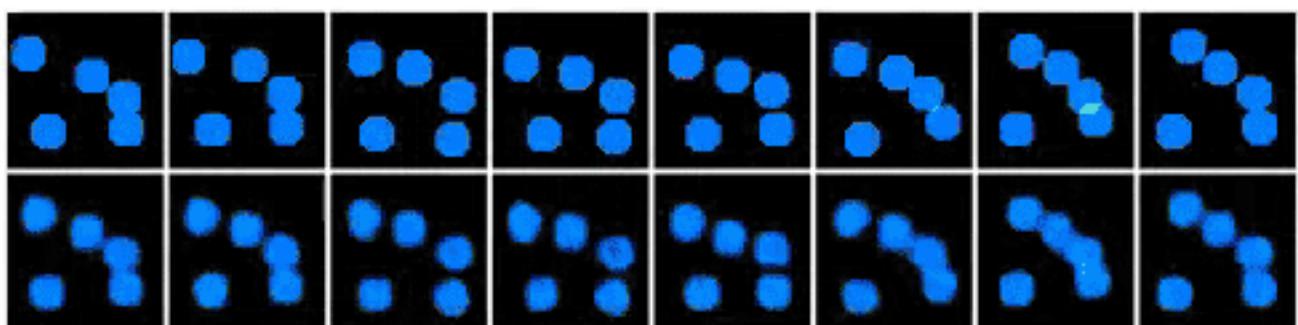
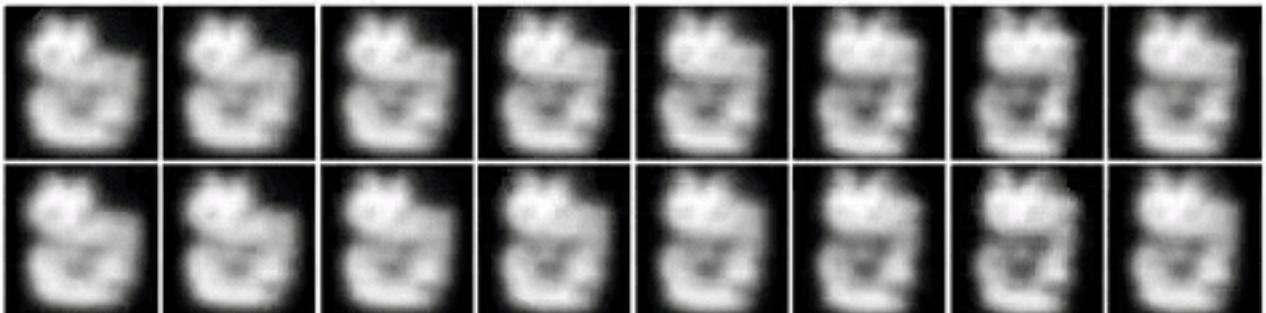
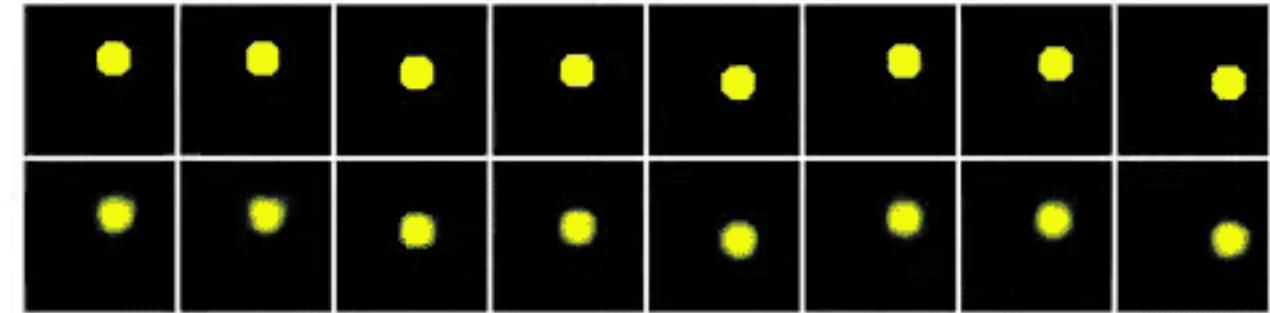
$$\mu(z) = Q^T \mu^*(Qz + b), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$p_\gamma(z) = p_{\gamma^*}(Qz + b), \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

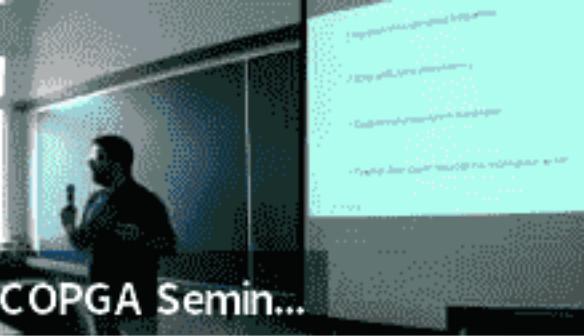
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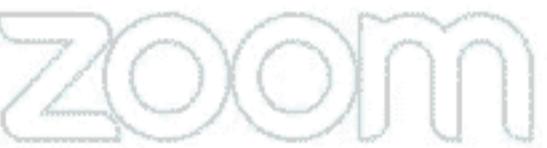
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# Additional results with the paper



- Variable time sampling frequency
- SDEs with time dependency
- Determining the latent dimension
- Cramér-Rao lower bounds for estimation error



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# Extra: Neural Conjugate Flows



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- Consider an Ordinary Differential Equation

$$u_t = F(u), \quad u(0) = u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- The flow operator has a semi-group structure:

$$\Psi_t u_0 := u(t)$$

$$\Psi_0 u_0 = u_0$$

$$\Psi_t \Psi_s = \Psi_{t+s}, \quad \forall t, s > 0$$

- Some ODEs are also reversible

- That happens when the flow operator has a group structure

$$\forall t, s \in \mathbb{R}$$

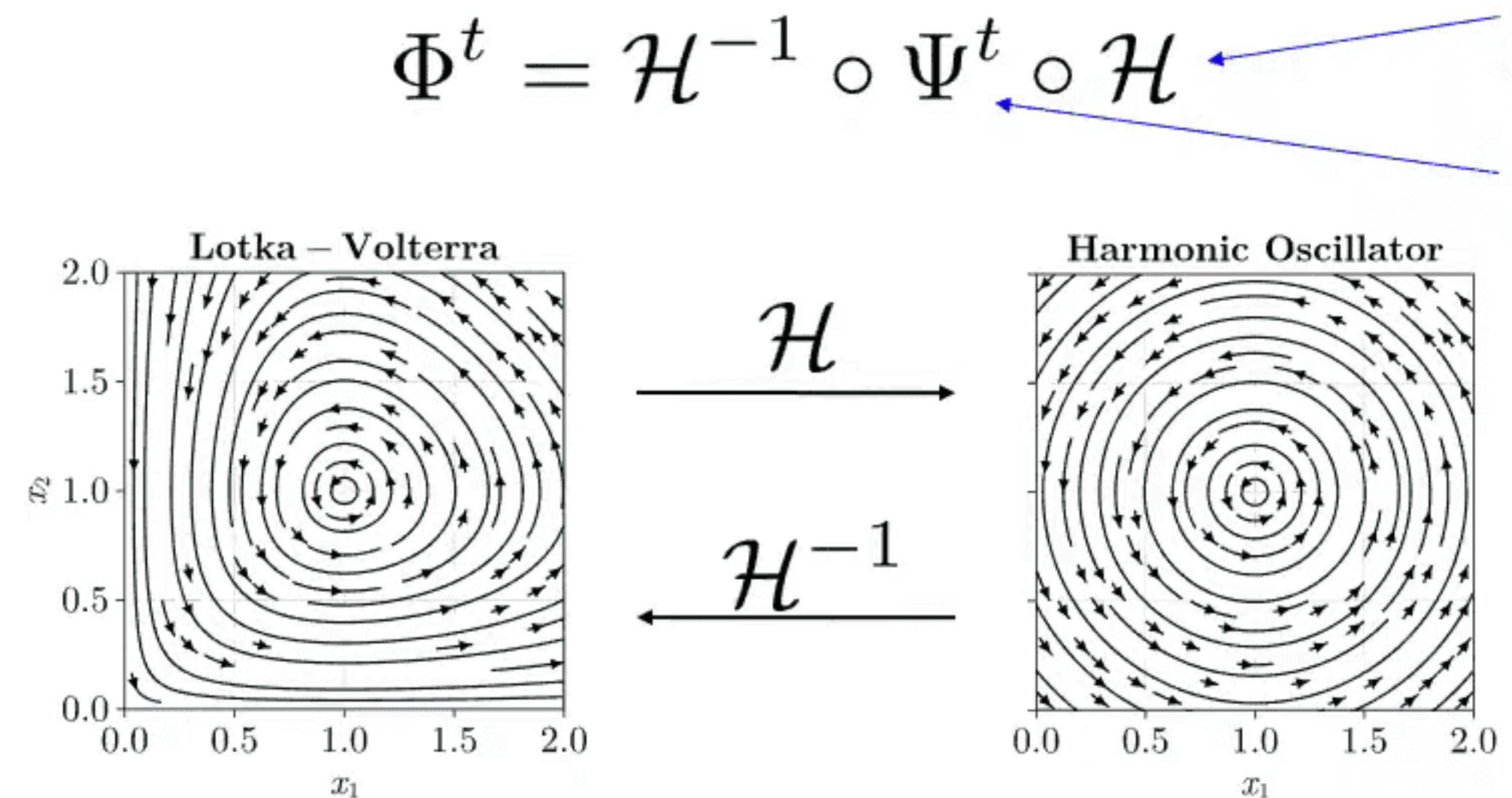


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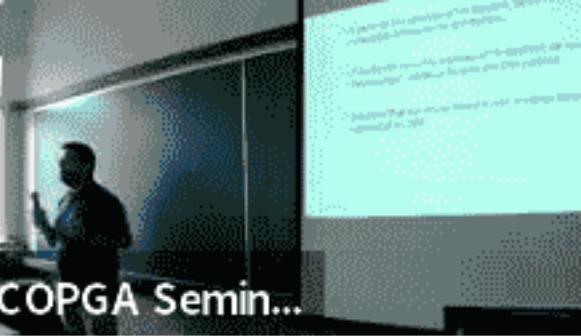
- Our architecture includes this group structure by design!



Bijective Invertible  
function learnt by  
a neural network

Flow operator with  
analytic solution

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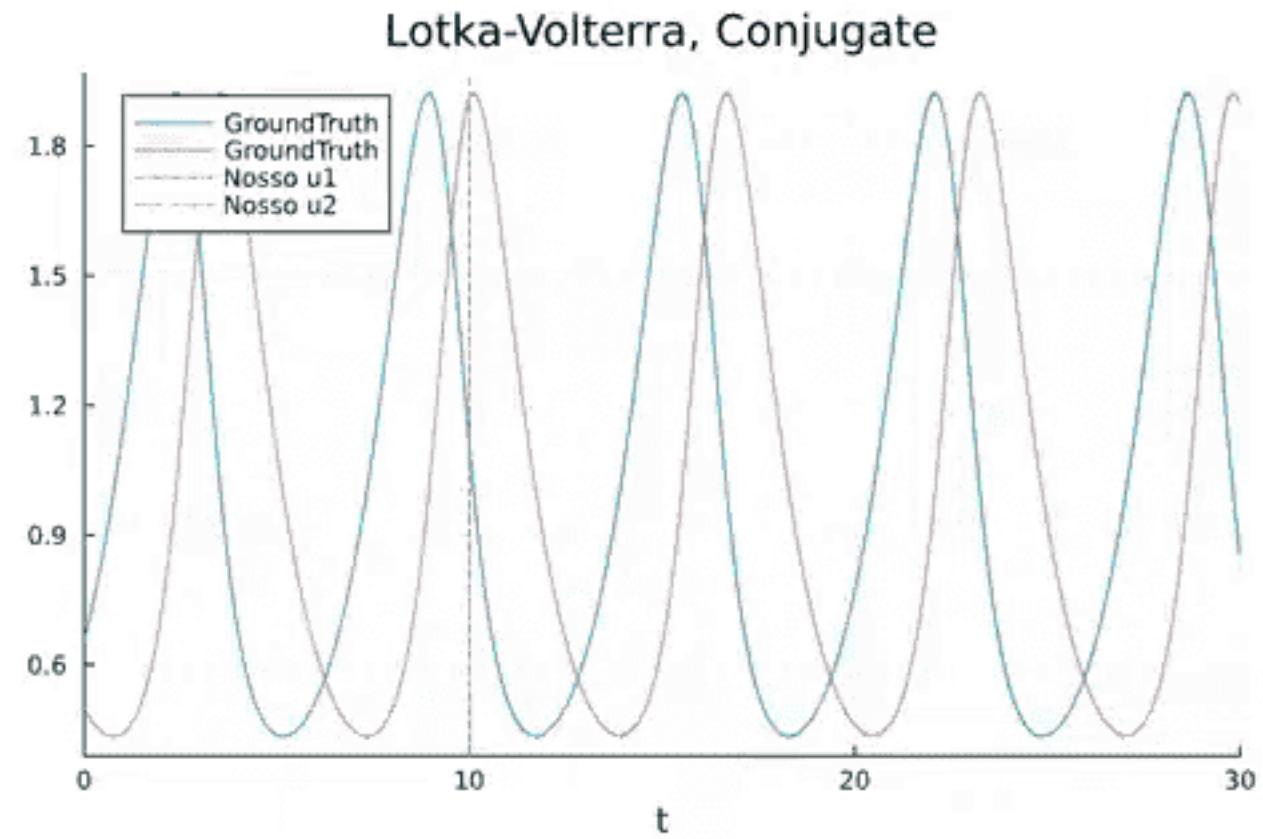
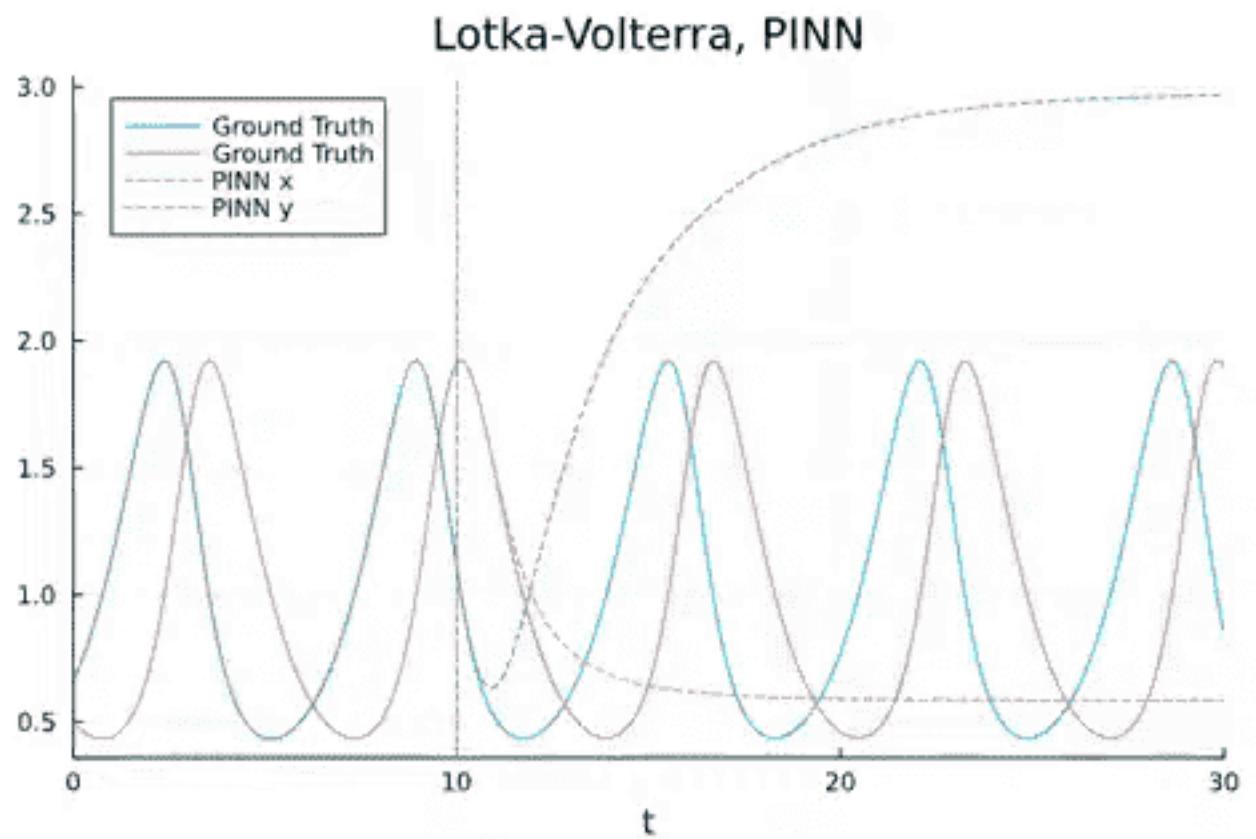


- If we know the topology of the equation, we can incorporate that knowledge directly to the architecture
- If we do not know the topology of the equation, we can always “destroy the topology”: allows us to solve any ODE problem
- We show that our neural network is an Universal Approximator for any solution of an ODE.

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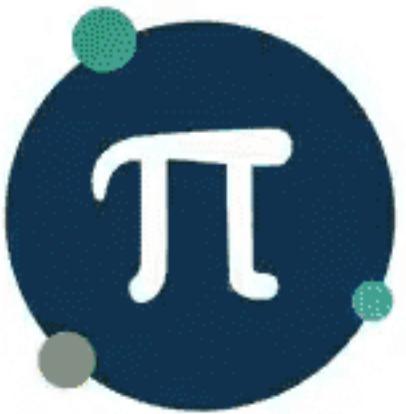
- Extrapolation Power



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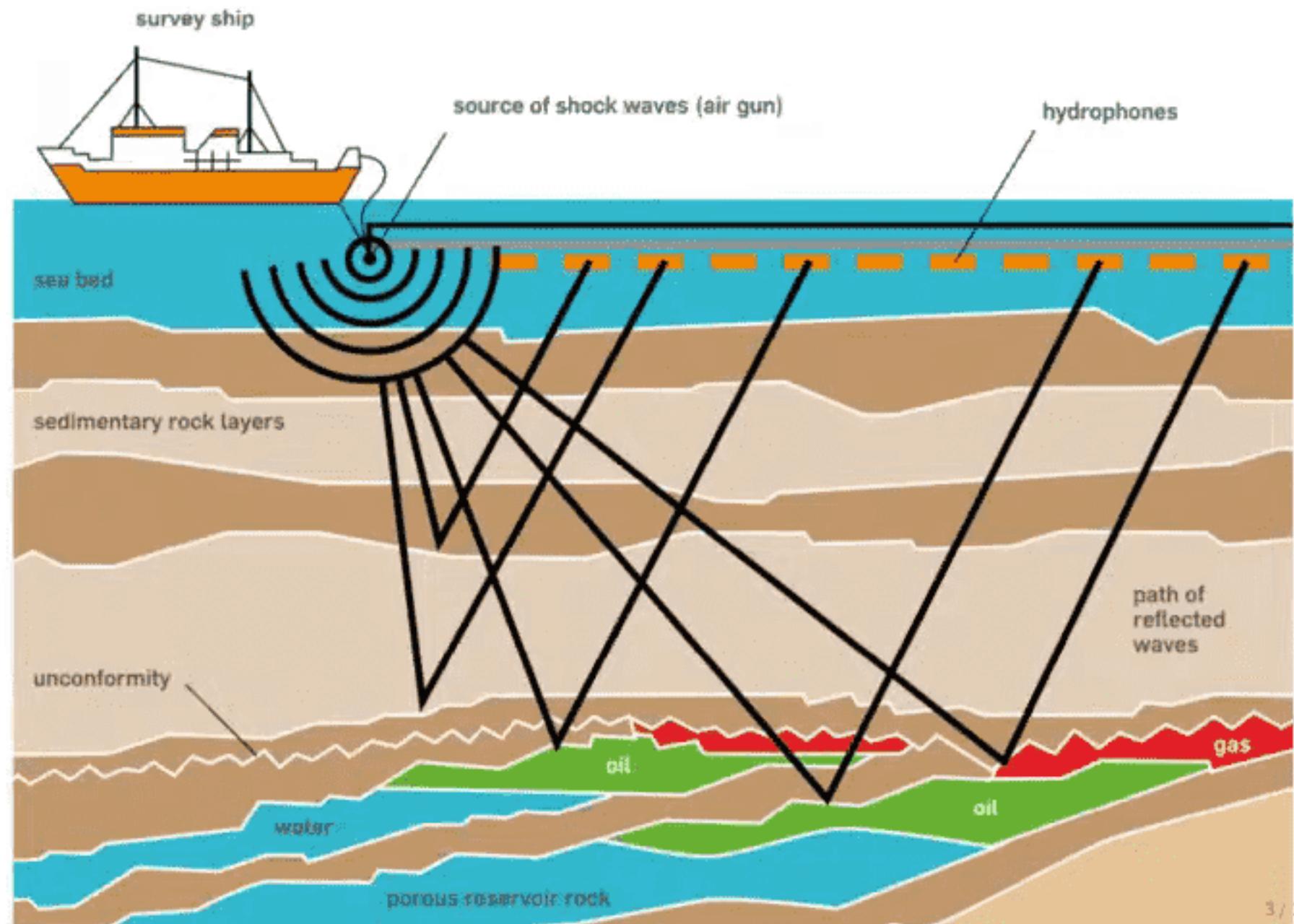
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1 Master student

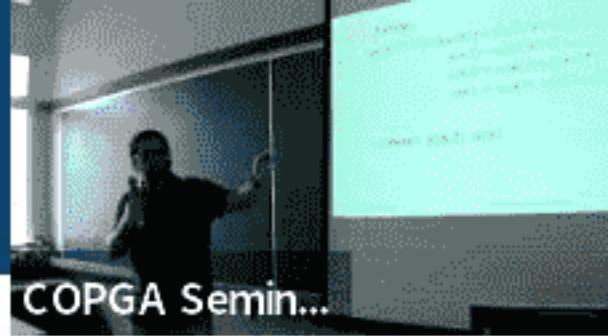
5 Ph.D students

2 Postdocs

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- Equations

$$u_{tt}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \alpha(\mathbf{x})\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}u(\mathbf{x}, t) = f(\mathbf{x}, t), \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, t \in [0, T] \quad \text{← Wave Equation}$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = u_0(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \quad \text{← Initial conditions}$$

$$u_t(\mathbf{x}, 0) = u_1(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \quad \text{← Initial conditions}$$

$$u(\mathbf{z}, t) = u_S(\mathbf{z}, t), \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{S}, t \in [0, T] \quad \text{← Seismogram Measurements}$$

- Unknowns  $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$   $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$

# The end! Questions?



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*Identifying Latent Stochastic Differential Equations with Variational Auto-Encoders*

IEEE Transactions of Signal Processing, 2020.

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*Neural Conjugate Flows: a Physics-Informed Architecture with Differential Flow Structure*

In Preparation

Code: <https://github.com/alluly/pde-estimation>

<https://github.com/alluly/ident-latent-sde>



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