

Automatic Differentiation and SciML in Reality

**What can go wrong, and
what to do about it.**

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Outline: Differentiable Simulation requires more than just sticking automatic differentiation on a simulator.

Part 1: Understanding derivatives and their potential issues.

Part 2: How simulators must be modified to improve the fitting process.

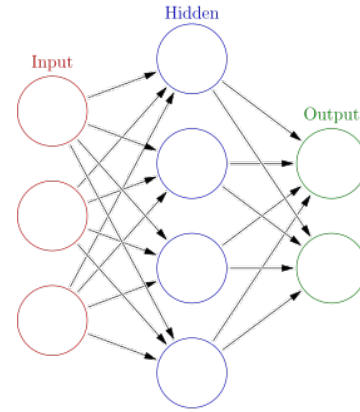
Part 3: Alternatives to direct simulation fitting which may be more robust in some contexts

Part 4: How the performance of simulators and deep learning differ

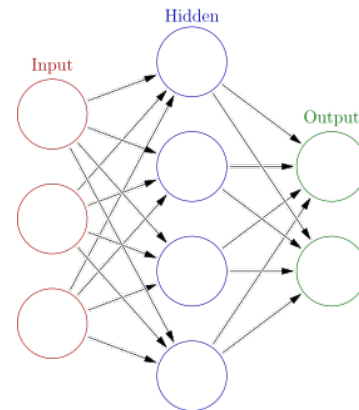
Prologue: Why do Differentiable Simulation?

Universal (Approximator) Differential Equations

$$u' = f(u, \text{Hidden}, t)$$

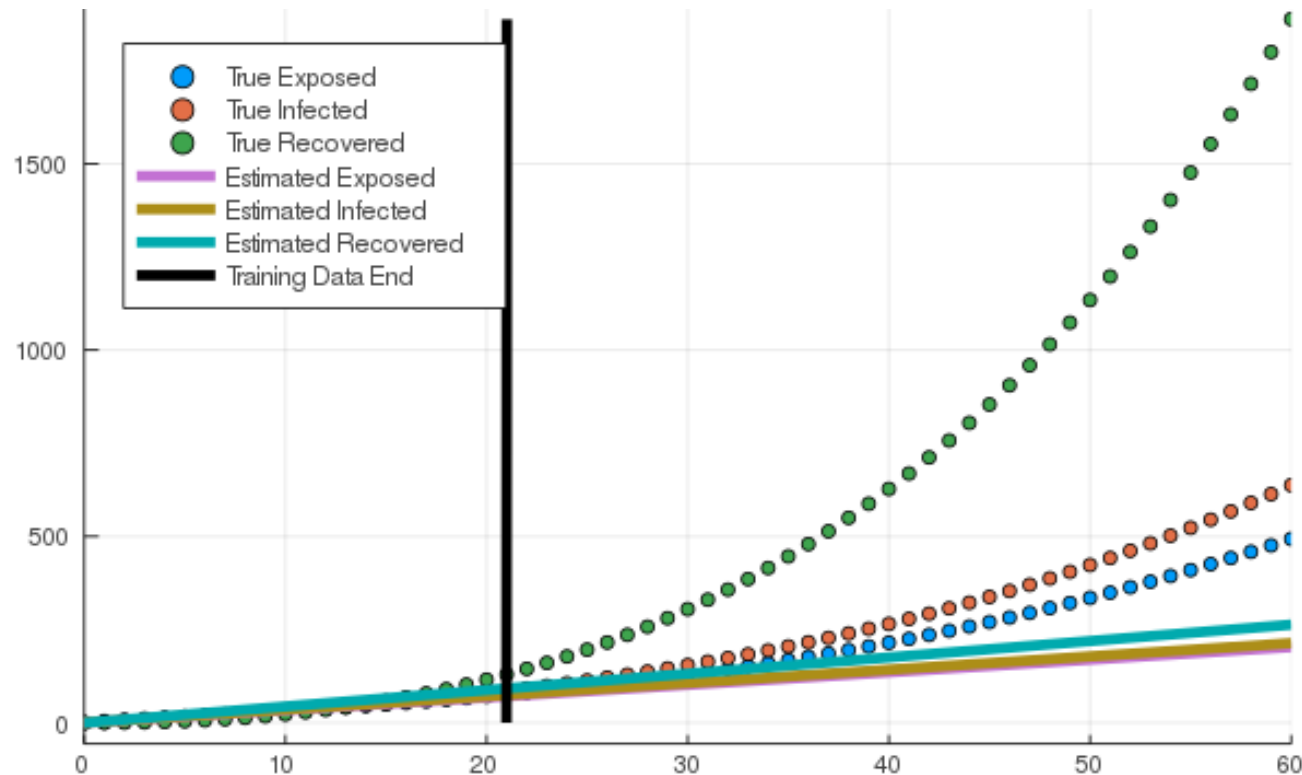


$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \alpha x + \\ y' &= -\beta y + \end{aligned}$$



Let's dive in a bit!

Neural ODE: Learn the whole model

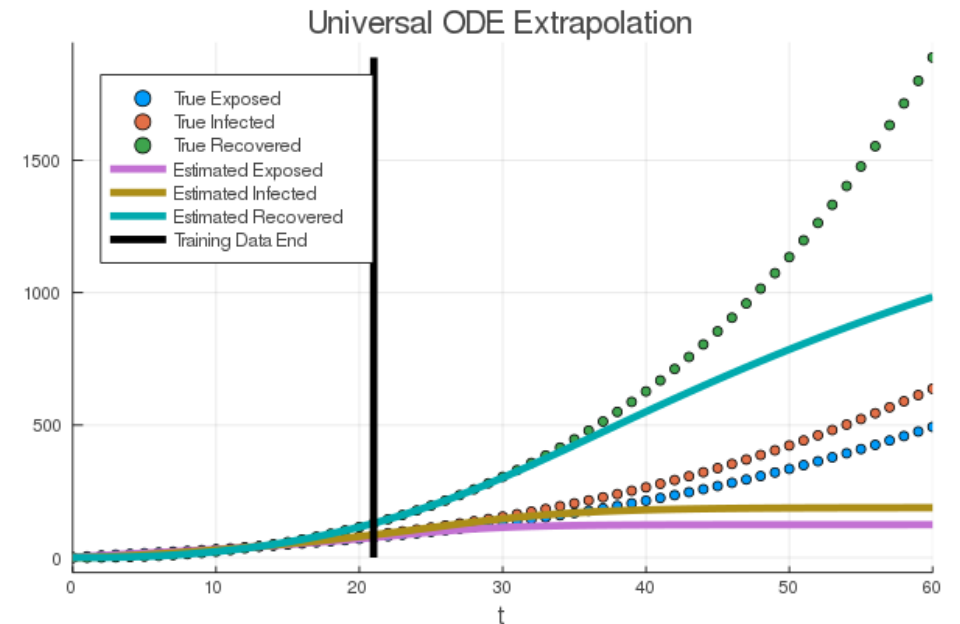
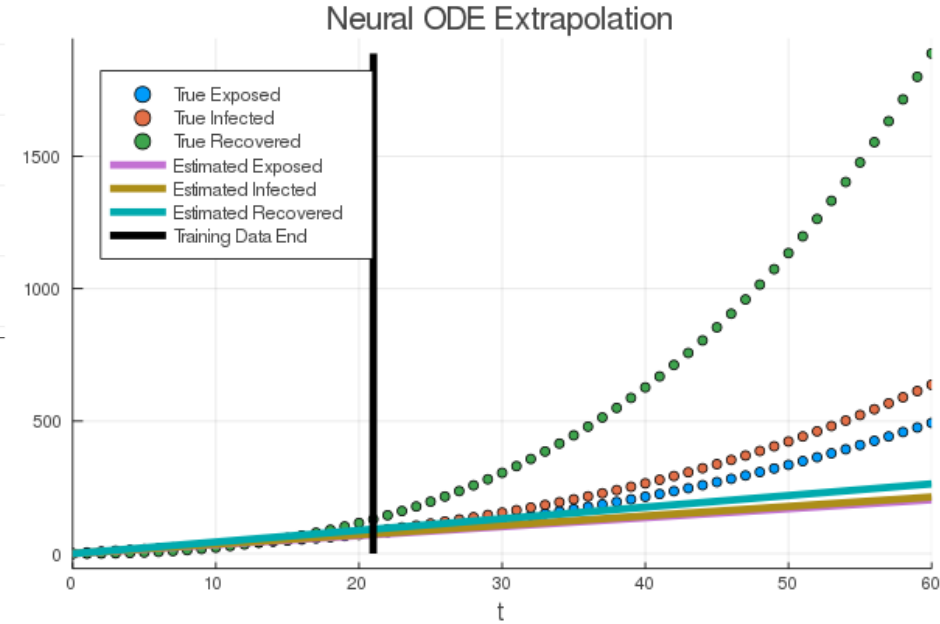
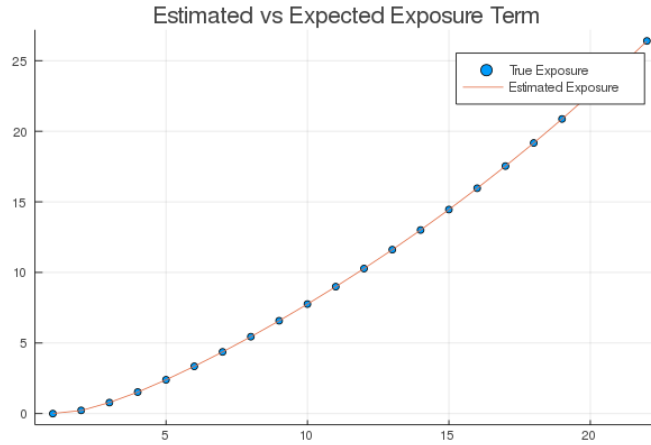


$u' = \text{NN}(u)$ trained on 21 days of data

Can fit, but not enough information to accurately extrapolate

Does not have the correct asymptotic behavior

Universal ODE

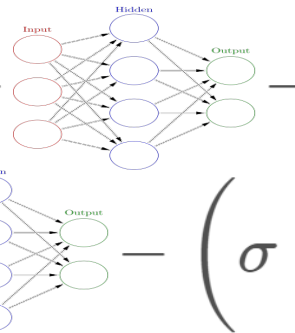


$$\begin{aligned}
 S' &= -\frac{\beta_0 S F}{N} - \mu S, \\
 E' &= \frac{\beta_0 S F}{N} - (\sigma + \mu) E, \\
 I' &= \sigma E - (\gamma + \mu) I, \\
 R' &= \gamma I - \mu R, \\
 N' &= -\mu N, \\
 D' &= d \gamma I - \lambda D, \\
 C' &= \sigma E,
 \end{aligned}$$

Exposure: **Unknown**

Infection rates: known
From disease quantities

and Percentage of cases known to be severe, can be estimated

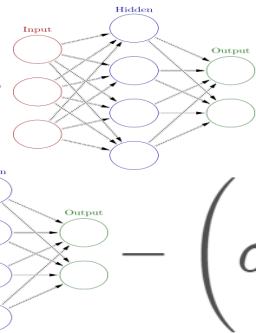


Universal ODE -> Internal Sparse Regression

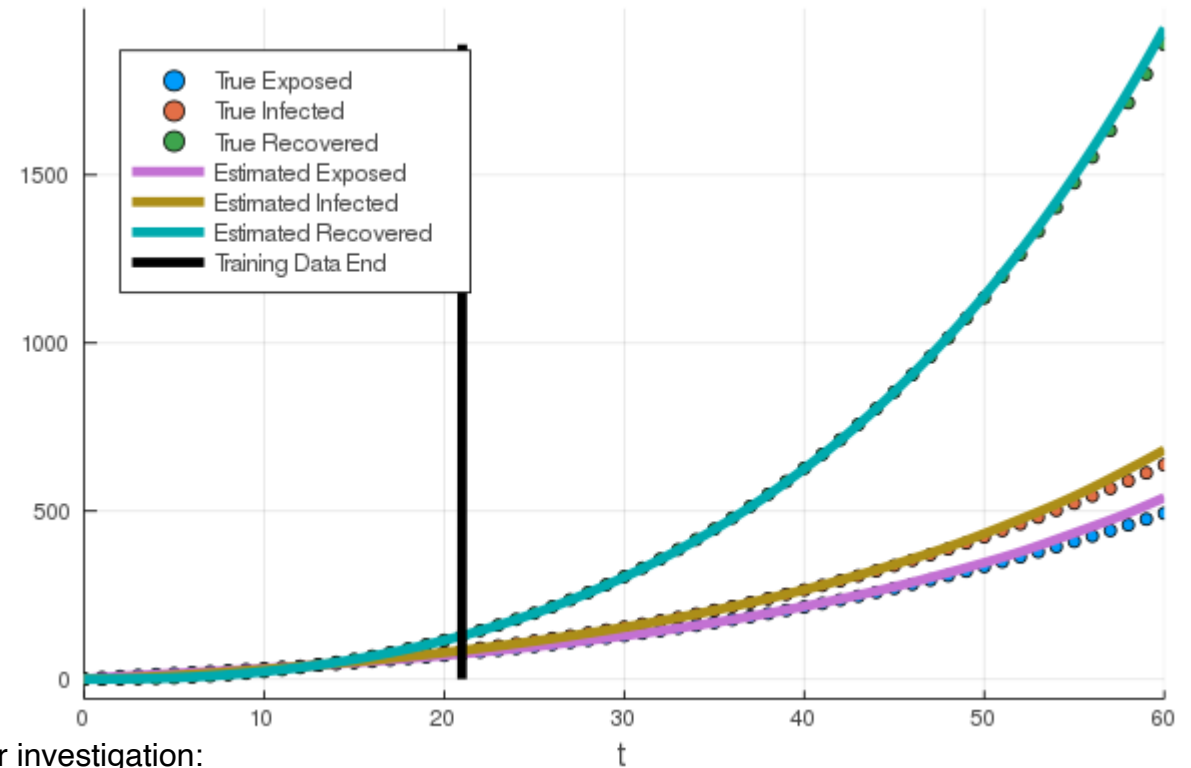
Sparse Identification on only the missing term:

$$I * 0.10234428543435758 + S/N * I * 0.11371750552005416 + (S/N)^2 * I * 0.12635459799855597$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S' &= -\frac{\beta_0 S F}{N} - \text{NN} - \mu S, \\
 E' &= \frac{\beta_0 S F}{N} + \text{NN} - (\sigma + \mu) E, \\
 I' &= \sigma E - (\gamma + \mu) I, \\
 R' &= \gamma I - \mu R, \\
 N' &= -\mu N, \\
 D' &= d \gamma I - \lambda D, \quad \text{and} \\
 C' &= \sigma E,
 \end{aligned}$$



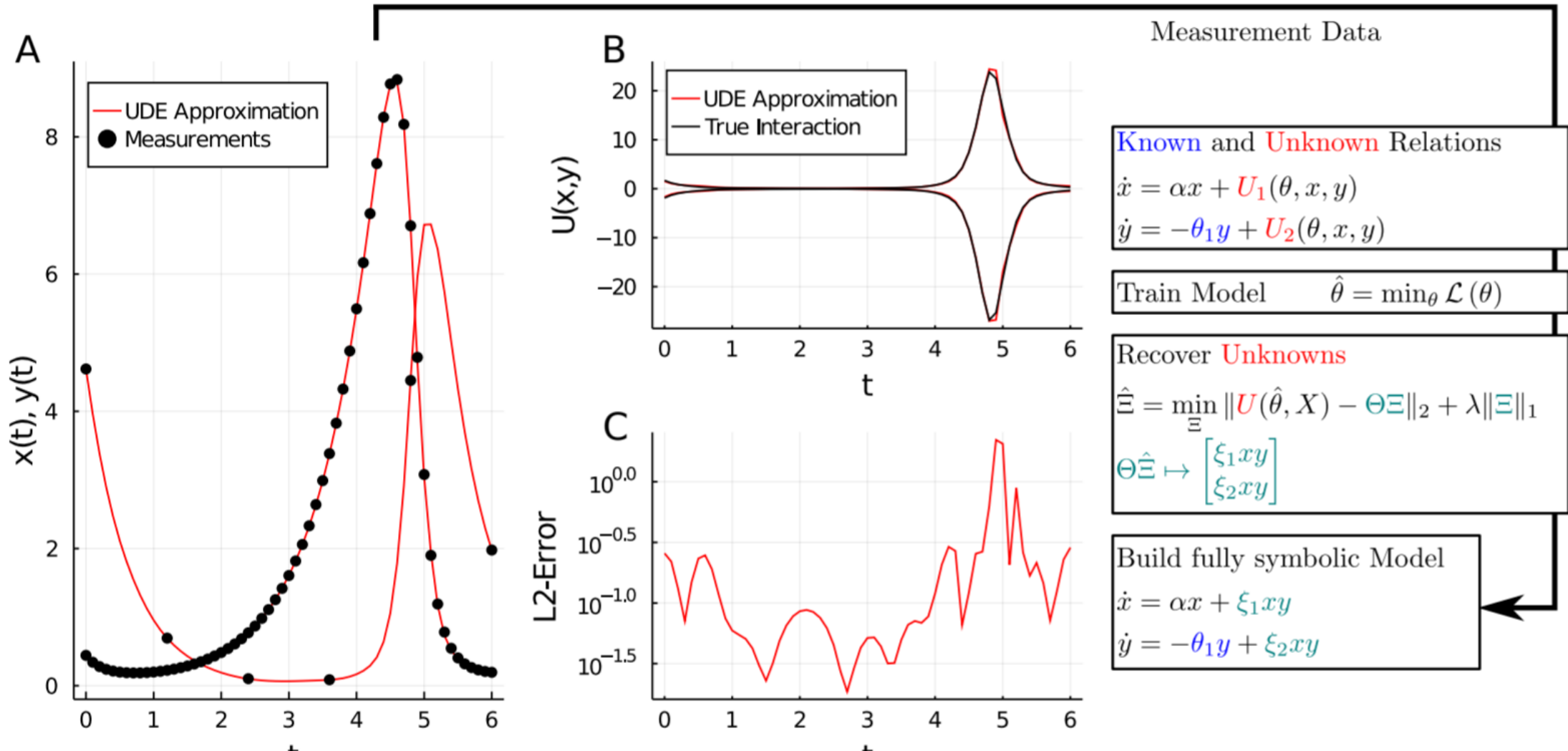
Sparsity improves generalizability!



For further investigation:

Acquesta, Erin, Teresa Portone, Raj Dandekar, Chris Rackauckas, Rileigh Bandy, and Jose Huerta. Model-Form Epistemic Uncertainty Quantification for Modeling with Differential Equations: Application to Epidemiology. No. SAND2022-12823. Sandia National Lab.(SNL-NM), Albuquerque, NM (United States), 2022.

Universal (Approximator) Differential Equations



UODEs show accurate extrapolation and generalization

Run the code yourself!

https://github.com/Astroinformatics/ScientificMachineLearning/blob/main/neuralode_gw.ipynb

Example using binary black hole dynamics with LIGO gravitational wave data

Keith, Brendan, Akshay Khadse, and Scott E. Field. "Learning orbital dynamics of binary black hole systems from gravitational wave measurements." *Physical Review Research* 3, no. 4 (2021): 043101.

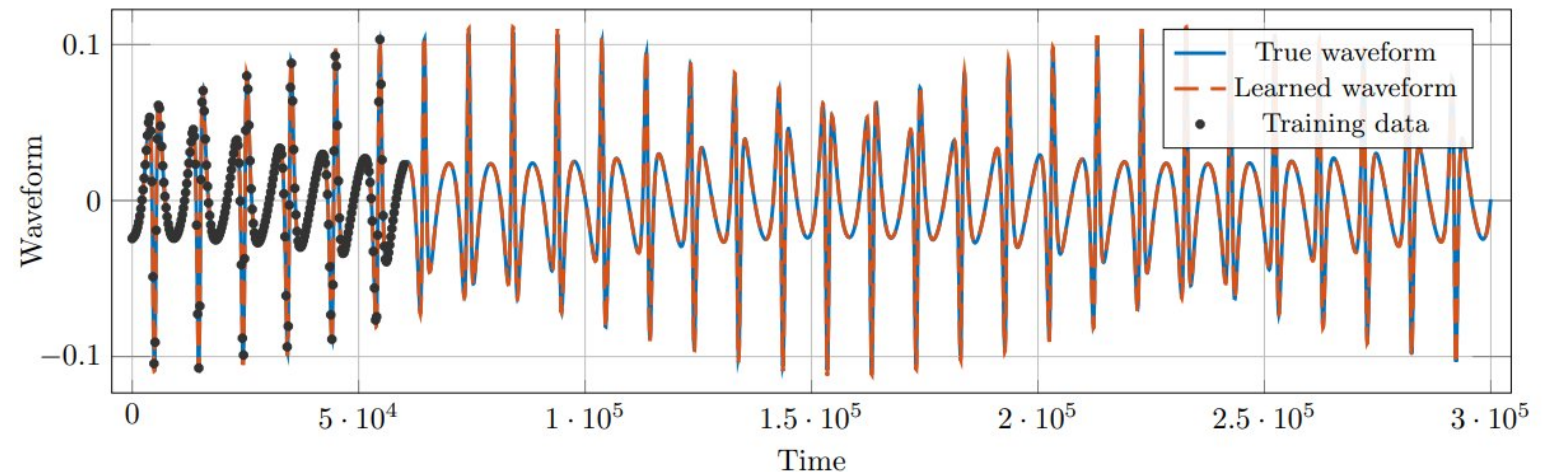
Upon denoting $\mathbf{x} = (\phi, \chi, p, e)$, we propose the following family of UDEs to describe the two-body relativistic dynamics:

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{(1 + e \cos(\chi))^2}{Mp^{3/2}} (1 + \mathcal{F}_1(\cos(\chi), p, e)), \quad (5a)$$

$$\dot{\chi} = \frac{(1 + e \cos(\chi))^2}{Mp^{3/2}} (1 + \mathcal{F}_2(\cos(\chi), p, e)), \quad (5b)$$

$$\dot{p} = \mathcal{F}_3(p, e), \quad (5c)$$

$$\dot{e} = \mathcal{F}_4(p, e), \quad (5d)$$



Universal Differential Equations Predict Chemical Processes

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t^*} = -\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \text{ANN}(q, q^*, \theta) - \frac{\partial c}{\partial x^*} + \frac{1}{Pe} \frac{\partial c^2}{\partial x^{*2}},$$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t^*} = \text{ANN}(q, q^*, \theta),$$

$$\frac{\partial c(x^* = 1, \forall t)}{\partial x^*} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial c(x^* = 0, \forall t)}{\partial x^*} = Pe(c - c_{inlet}),$$

$$c(x^* \in (0, 1), t^* = 0) = c_0,$$

$$q(x^* \in (0, 1), t^* = 0) = q^*(c_0),$$

$$q^* = f(c, p),$$

Santana, V. V., Costa, E., Rebello, C. M., Ribeiro, A. M., Rackauckas, C., & Nogueira, I. B. (2023). Efficient hybrid modeling and sorption model discovery for non-linear advection-diffusion-sorption systems: A systematic scientific machine learning approach. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2303.13555*.

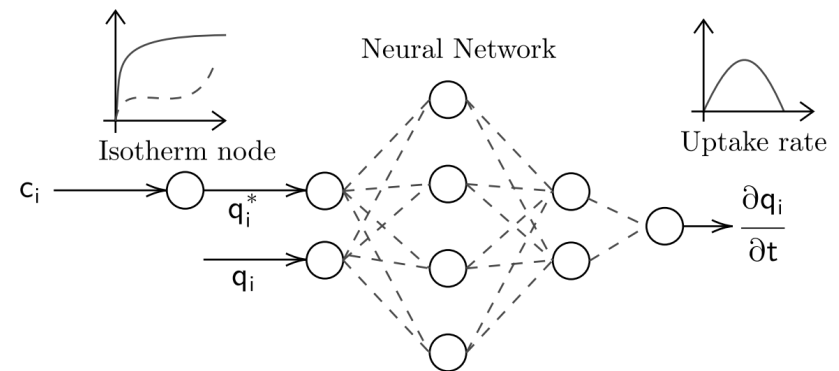
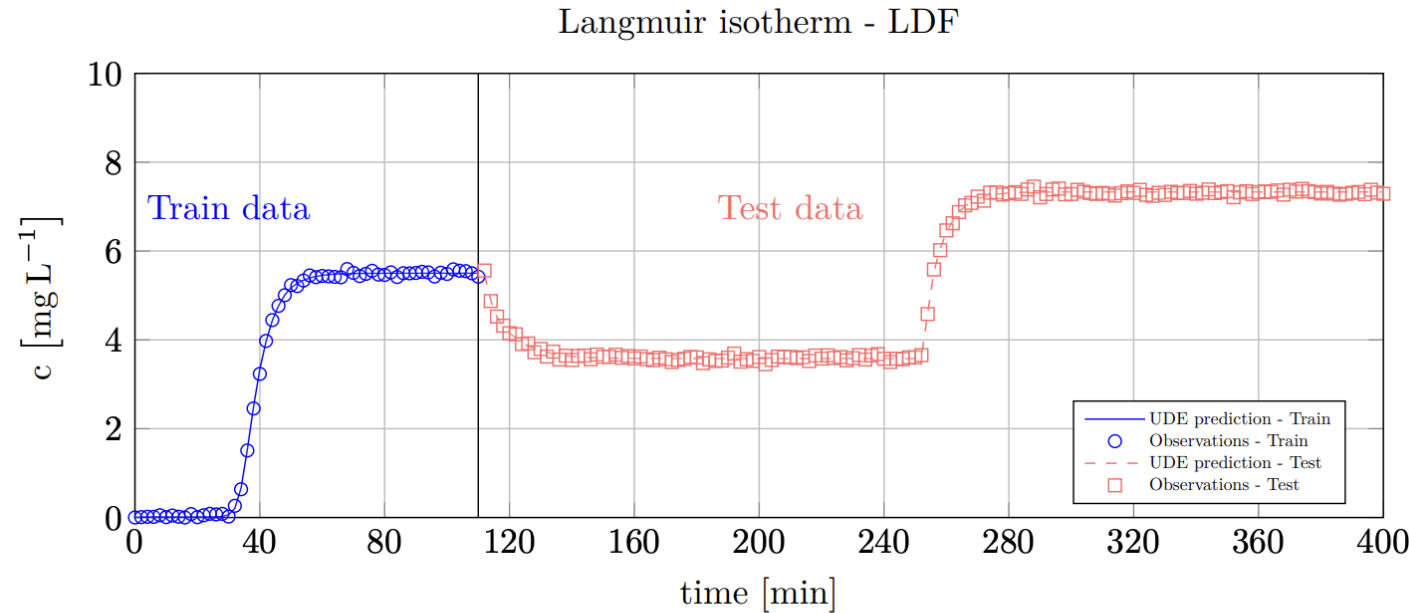


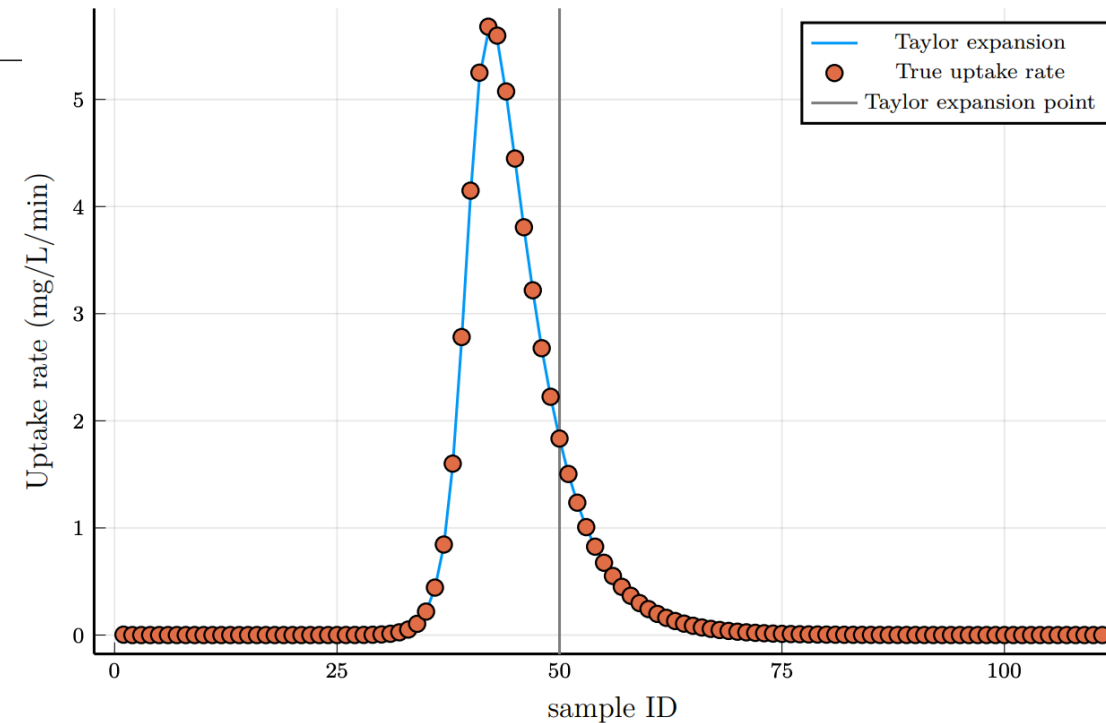
Figure 2: Schematic representation of the proposed hybrid model.

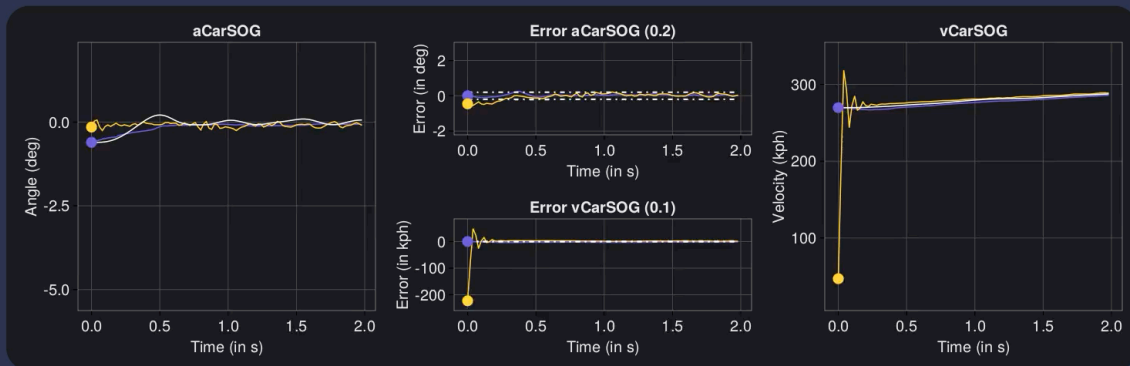
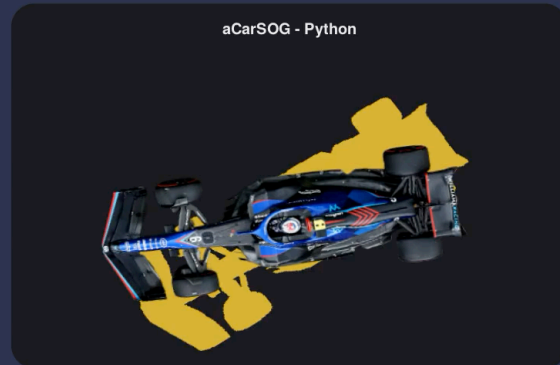
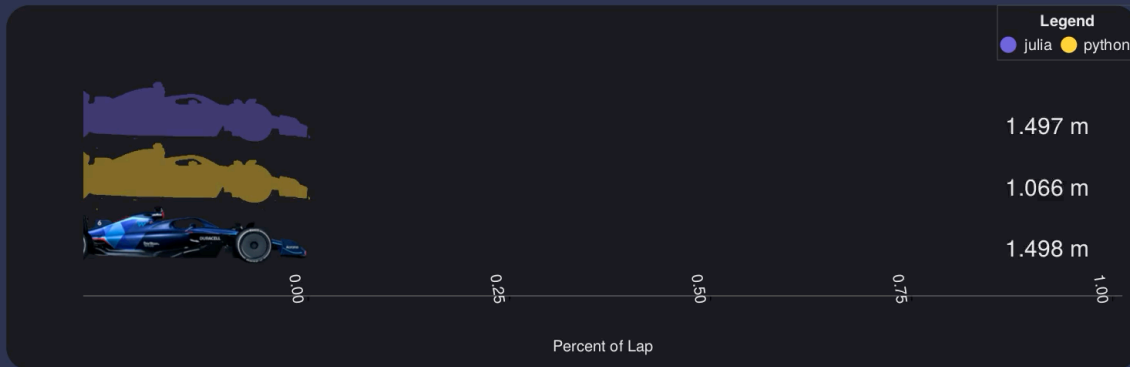
Table 5: Symbolic regression learned polynomials.

Isotherm	Kinetic	True kinetics	Learned kinetics
Langmuir	LDF	$0.22q^* - 0.22q$	$-0.535 - 0.225q + 0.234(q^*)$
Langmuir	improved LDF	$0.22(q^* + 0.2789q^* e^{\frac{-q}{2q^*}} - q)$	$-0.554 - 0.234q + 0.281(q^*)$
Langmuir	Vermeulen's	$0.22 \frac{q^{*2} - q^2}{2.0q}$	$-0.6098 + 0.0122q + 0.263q^*$ $-0.00526qq^*$
Sips	LDF	$0.22q^* - 0.22q$	$0.198q^* - 0.200q$
Sips	improved LDF	$0.22(q^* + 0.2789q^* e^{\frac{-q}{2q^*}} - q)$	$0.277q^* - 0.241q$
Sips	Vermeulen's	$0.22 \frac{q^{*2} - q^2}{2.0q}$	$-0.003557q^{*2} - 0.216q + 0.395q^*$

$$0.22(q^* + 0.2789q^* e^{\frac{-q}{2q^*}} - q)(49.23, 49.22) \approx 1.834 + 0.275q^* - 0.238q + \mathcal{O}(\|x^2\|)$$

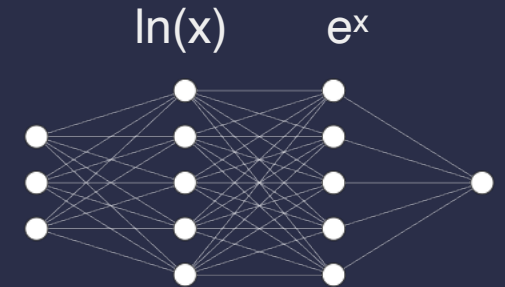
Recovers equations with the same
2nd order Taylor expansion





Physically-Informed Machine Learning

$$\dot{\beta} \approx \frac{a_y}{u} - \frac{a_x}{u} - r$$



Using knowledge of the physical forms as part of the design of the neural networks.

Smoother, more accurate results

For more information, see the case study on the JuliaHub website

SciML Shows how to build Earthquake-Safe Buildings

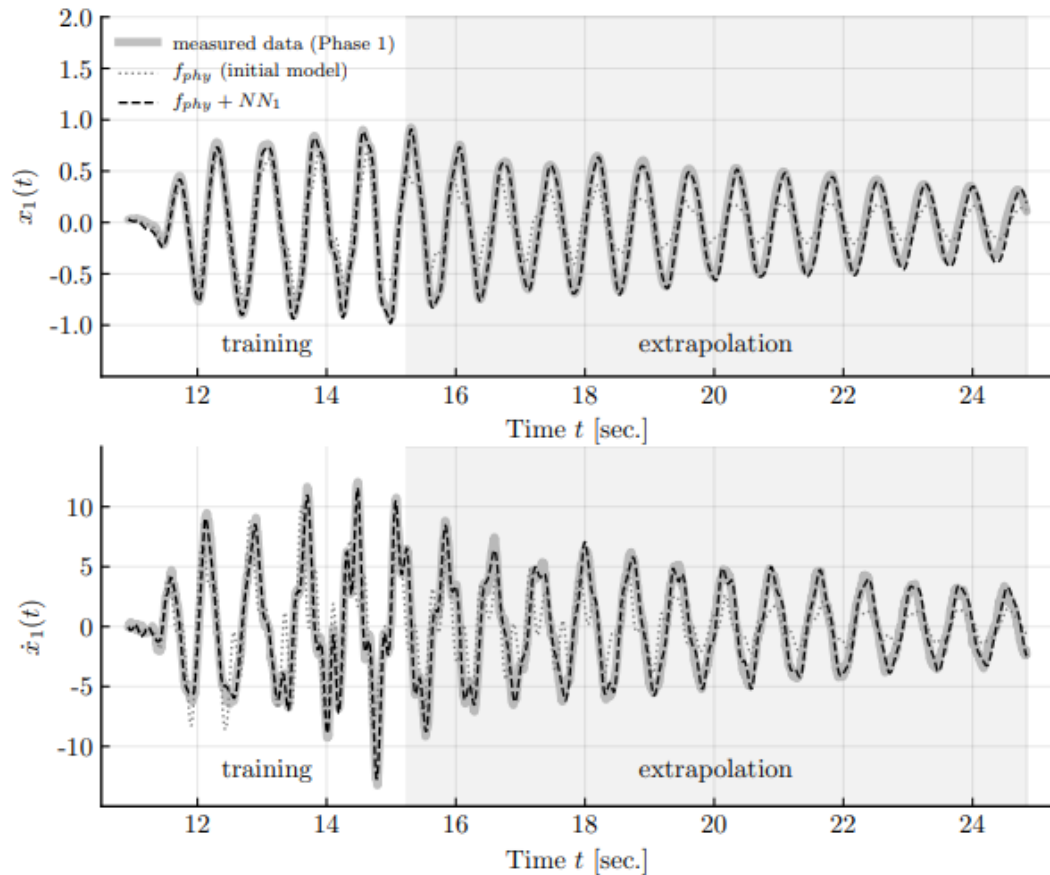


Figure 12: Comparison of time history of the response for displacement $x_1(t)$ and velocity $\dot{x}_1(t)$ for the NSD experiment (Phase 1).

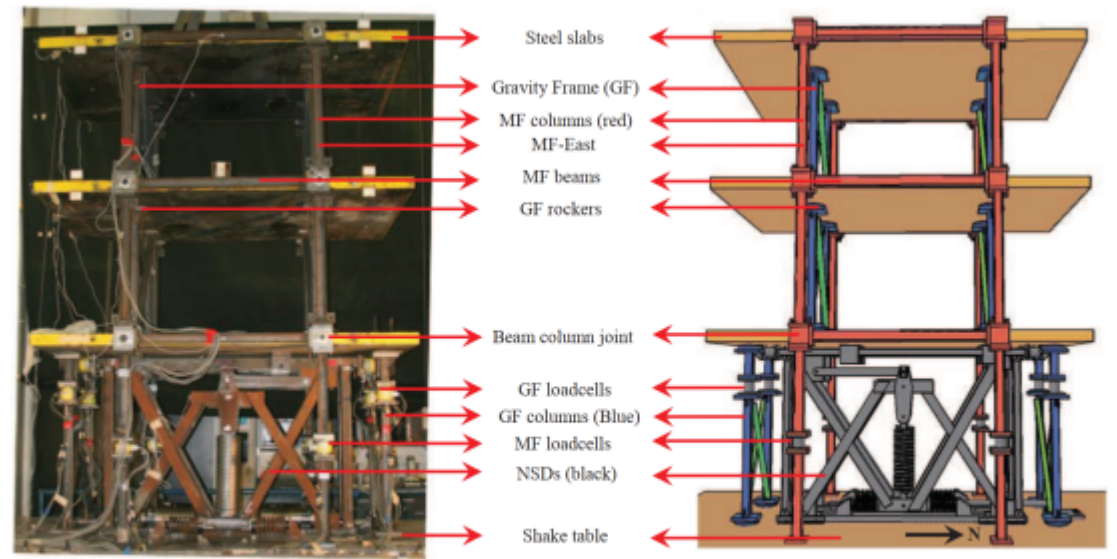


Figure 10: The structural system equipped with a negative stiffness device in between the first floor and the shake table.

Structural identification with physics-informed neural ordinary differential equations
 Lai, Zhilu, Mylonas, Charilaos, Nagarajaiah, Satish, Chatzi, Eleni

For a detailed walkthrough of UDEs and applications watch on Youtube:

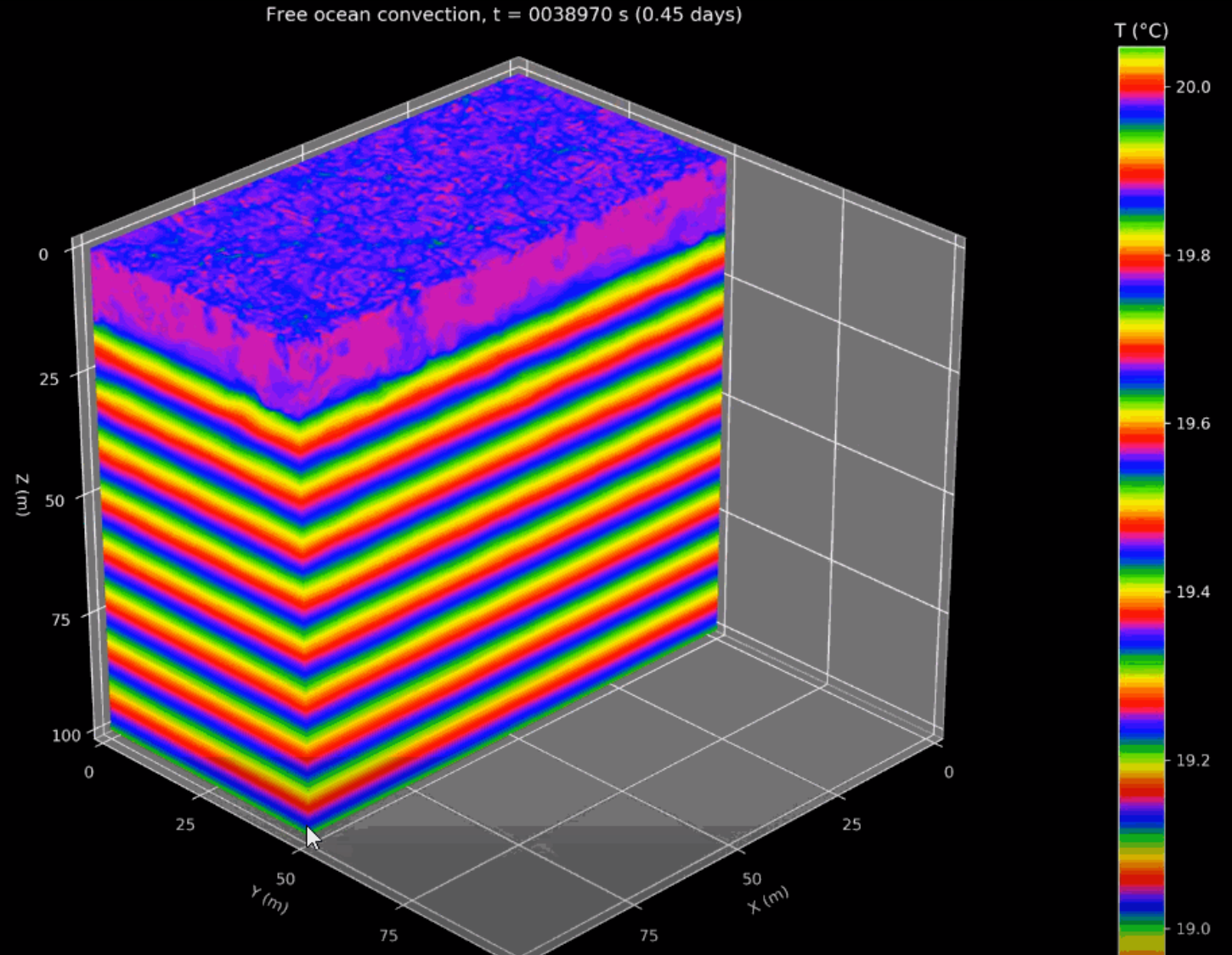
Chris Rackauckas: Accurate and Efficient Physics-Informed Learning Through Differentiable Simulation

**Does doing such methods require
differentiation of the simulator?**

High fidelity surrogates of ocean columns for climate models

3D simulations are high resolution but too expensive.

Can we learn faster models?



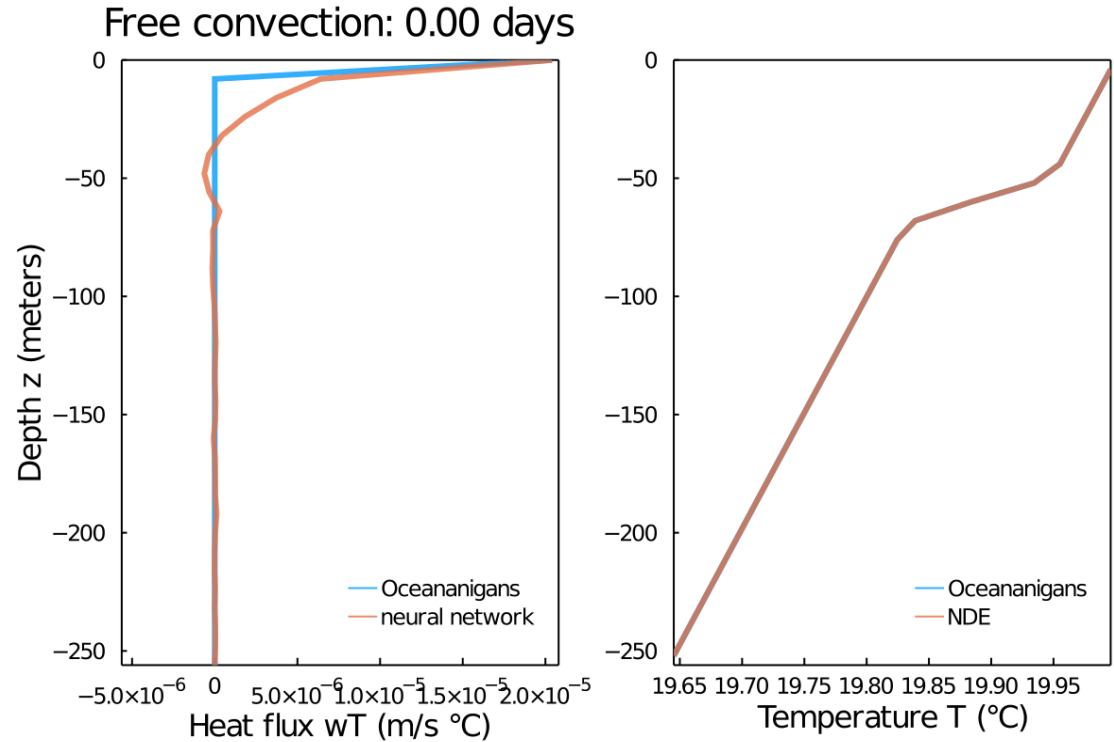
Neural Networks Infused into Known Partial Differential Equations

Derive a 1D approximation to the 3D model

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\underbrace{\left(\text{Neural Network} \right)}_{\overline{w'T'}} - K \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

Incorporate the “convective adjustment”

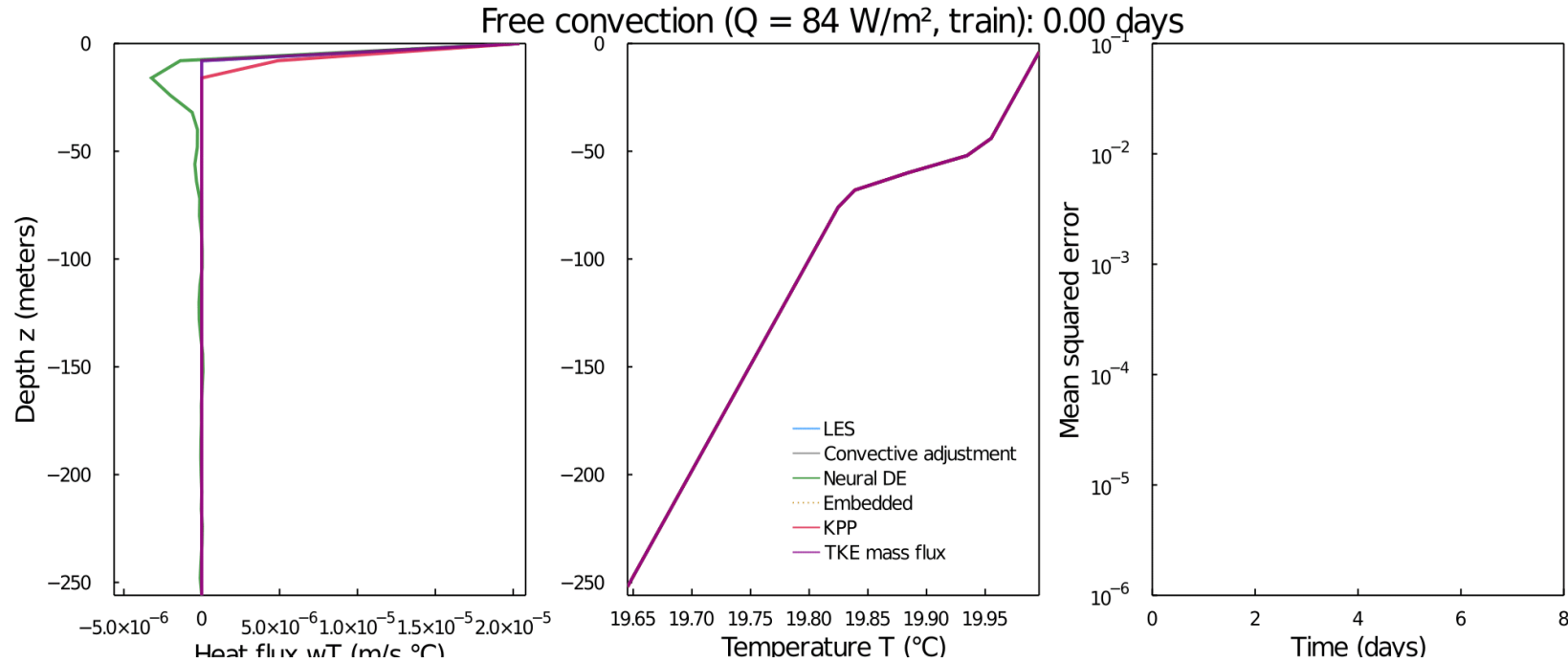
$$K = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \partial_z T > 0 \\ 100 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} & \text{if } \partial_z T < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\text{loss}(T, wT) = |NN(T) - wT|^2$$

Only okay, but why?

Good Engineering Principles: Integral Control!



$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\underbrace{\text{Neural Network}}_{w'T'} - K \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\text{loss}(T_{NN}, T) = |T_{NN}(z, t) - T(z, t)|^2$$

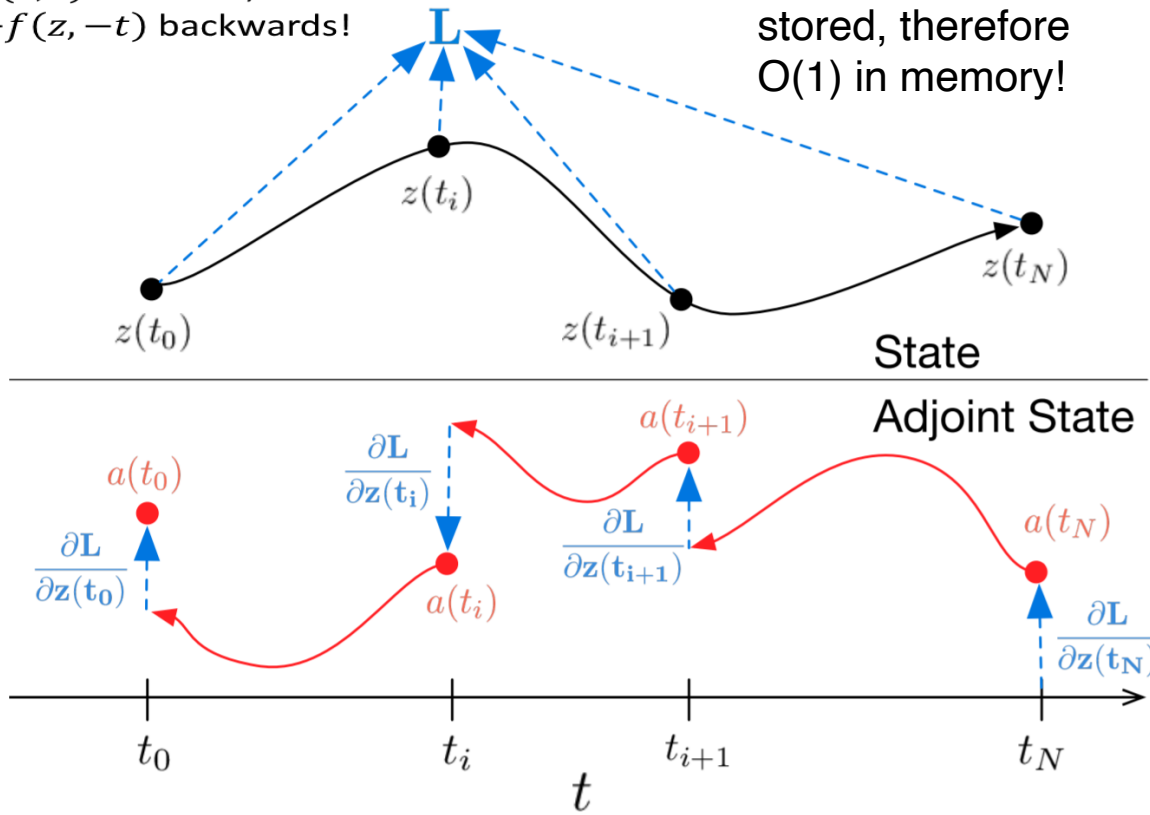
But how do you fit a neural network inside of a simulator?

Part 1: Differentiation of Solvers

Machine Learning Neural Ordinary Differential Equations

$u' = f(z, t)$ forwards, then
 $u' = -f(z, -t)$ backwards!

Timeseries is not
 stored, therefore
 $O(1)$ in memory!



The adjoint equation is an ODE!

$$\frac{da(t)}{dt} = -\mathbf{a}(t)^\top \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{z}(t), t, \theta)}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$$

How do you get $z(t)$? One suggestion:
 Reverse the ODE

$$\frac{d\mathbf{a}_{aug}(t)}{dt} = - [\mathbf{a}(t) \quad \mathbf{a}_\theta(t) \quad \mathbf{a}_t(t)] \frac{\partial f_{aug}}{\partial [\mathbf{z}, \theta, t]}(t)$$

But... really?

Differentiating Ordinary Differential Equations: The Trick

We wish to solve for some cost function $G(u, p)$ evaluated throughout the differential equation, i.e.:

$$G(u, p) = G(u(p)) = \int_{t_0}^T g(u(t, p)) dt$$

To derive this adjoint, introduce the Lagrange multiplier λ to form:

$$I(p) = G(p) - \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^* (u' - f(u, p, t)) dt$$

Since $u' = f(u, p, t)$, this is the mathematician's trick of adding zero, so then we have that

$$s = \frac{du}{dp} \quad \frac{dG}{dp} = \frac{dI}{dp} = \int_{t_0}^T (g_p + g_u s) dt - \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^* (s' - f_u s - f_p) dt$$

Differentiating Ordinary Differential Equations: Integration By Parts

for s being the sensitivity, $s = \frac{du}{dp}$. After applying integration by parts to $\lambda^* s'$, we get that:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{t_0}^T \lambda^* (s' - f_u s - f_p) dt &= \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^* s' dt - \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^* (f_u s - f_p) dt \\ &= |\lambda^*(t)s(t)|_{t_0}^T - \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^{*'} s dt - \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^* (f_u s - f_p) dt\end{aligned}$$

To see where we ended up, let's re-arrange the full expression now:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dG}{dp} &= \int_{t_0}^T (g_p + g_u s) dt + |\lambda^*(t)s(t)|_{t_0}^T - \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^{*'} s dt - \int_{t_0}^T \lambda^* (f_u s - f_p) dt \\ &= \int_{t_0}^T (g_p + \lambda^* f_p) dt + |\lambda^*(t)s(t)|_{t_0}^T - \int_{t_0}^T (\lambda^{*'} + \lambda^* f_u - g_u) s dt\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating Ordinary Differential Equations: The Final Form

$$\frac{dG}{dp} = \int_{t_0}^T (g_p + \lambda^* f_p) dt + [\lambda^*(t) s(t)]_{t_0}^T - \int_{t_0}^T (\lambda^{*'} + \lambda^* f_u - g_u) s dt$$

That was just a re-arrangement. Now, let's require that

$$\lambda' = -\frac{df^*}{du} \lambda - \left(\frac{dg}{du} \right)^*$$

$$\lambda(T) = 0$$

This means that the boundary term of the integration by parts is zero, and also one of those integral terms are perfectly zero. Thus, if λ satisfies that equation, then we get:

$$\frac{dG}{dp} = \lambda^*(t_0) \frac{dG}{du}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^T (g_p + \lambda^* f_p) dt$$

Differentiating Ordinary Differential Equations: Summary

Summary:

1. Solve $u' = f(u, p, t)$

2. Solve $\lambda' = -\frac{df^*}{du} \lambda - \left(\frac{dg}{du}\right)^*$

$$\lambda(T) = 0$$

3. Solve $\frac{dG}{dp} = \lambda^*(t_0) \frac{dG}{du}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^T (g_p + \lambda^* f_p) dt$

Differentiating Ordinary Differential Equations: Step 2 Details

2. Solve $\lambda'(t) = -\frac{df^*}{du^{(t)}} \lambda^{(t)} - \left(\frac{dg}{du^{(t)}}\right)^*$

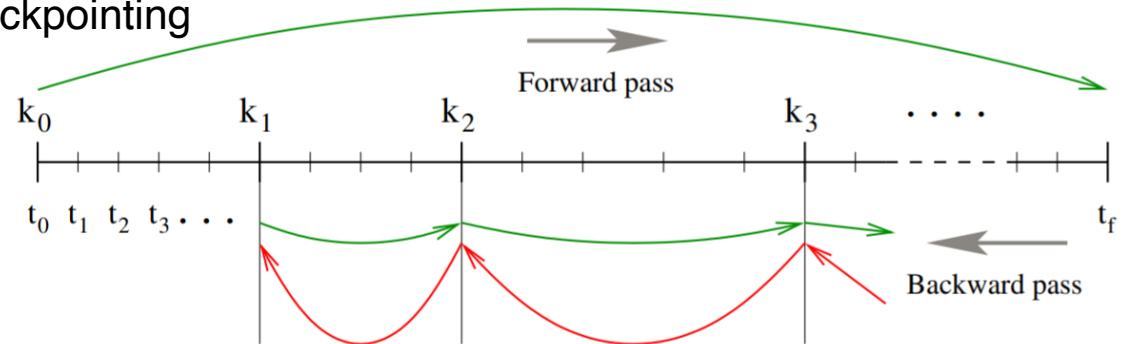
$\lambda(T) = 0$

How do you get $u(t)$ while solving backwards?
3 options!

1. $u' = f(z, t)$ forwards, then
 $u' = -f(z, -t)$ backwards!

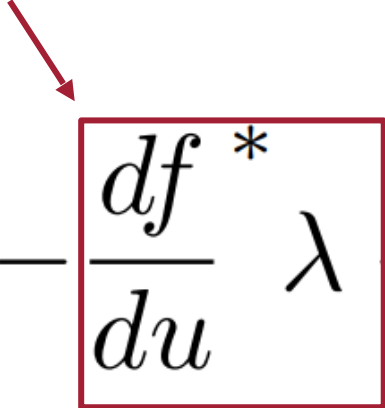
2. Store $u(t)$ while solving forwards (dense output)

3. Checkpointing



How the gradient (adjoint) is calculated also matters!

This term is traditionally computed via differentiation and then multiplied to lambda
Reverse-mode embedded implementation: push-forward $f(u)$ pullback lambda
Computational cost $O(n) \rightarrow O(1)$ f evaluations and automatically uses optimized backpropagation!

$$M^* \lambda' = - \frac{df^*}{du} \lambda - \left(\frac{dg}{du} \right)^*$$


$$\lambda(T) = 0,$$

Adjoint Differential Equation

Six choices for this computation:

- Numerical
- Forward-mode
- Reverse-mode traced compiled graph (ReverseDiffVJP(true))
 - Fast method for scalarized nonlinear equations
 - Requires CPU and no branching (generally used in SciML)
- Reverse-mode static
 - Fastest method when applicable
- Reverse-mode traced
 - Fast but not GPU compatible
- Reverse-mode vector source-to-source
 - Best for embedded neural networks

Differentiating Ordinary Differential Equations: Step 3 Details

3. Solve $\frac{dG}{dp} = \lambda^*(t_0) \frac{dG}{du}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^T (g_p + \lambda^*(t) f_p) dt$

How do you calculate the integral?

1. Store $\lambda(t)$ while solving backwards (dense output)
2. $\mu' = -\lambda^* f_p + g_p$ where $\mu(T) = 0$

What's the trade-off between these ideas?

Cool. Can this go wrong?

“Adjoins by reversing” also is unconditionally unstable on some problems!

Advection Equation:

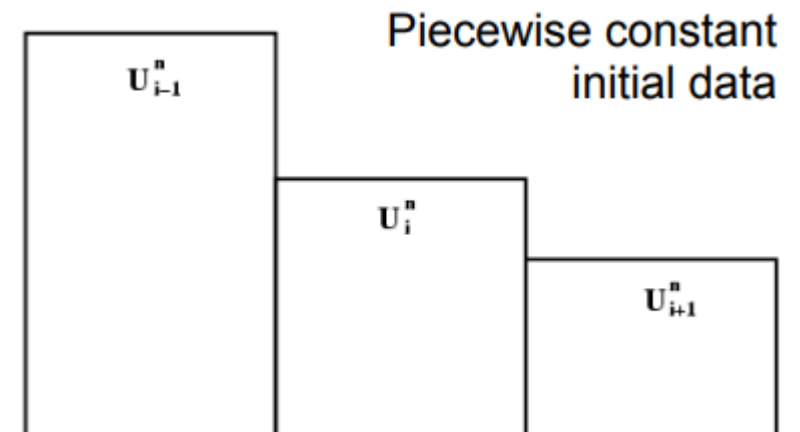
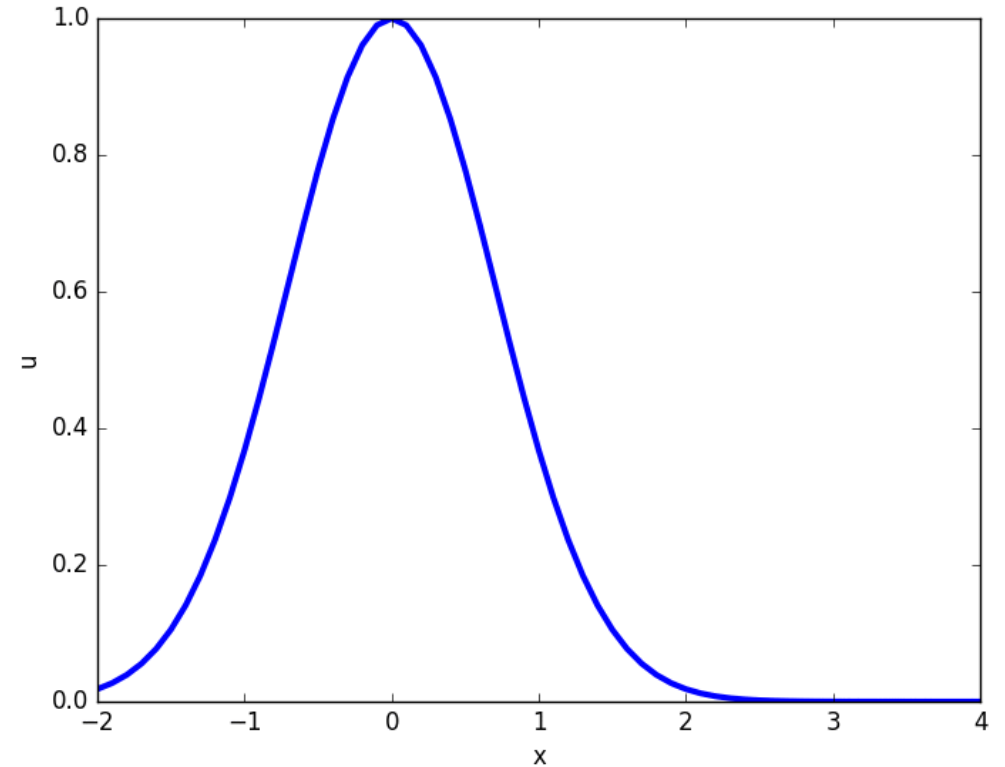
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

Approximating the derivative in X has two choices: forwards or backwards

$$u'_i = -\frac{a(u_i - u_{i-1})}{\Delta x} \text{ or } u'_i = -\frac{a(u_{i+1} - u_i)}{\Delta x}?$$

If you discretize in the wrong direction you get **unconditional instability**

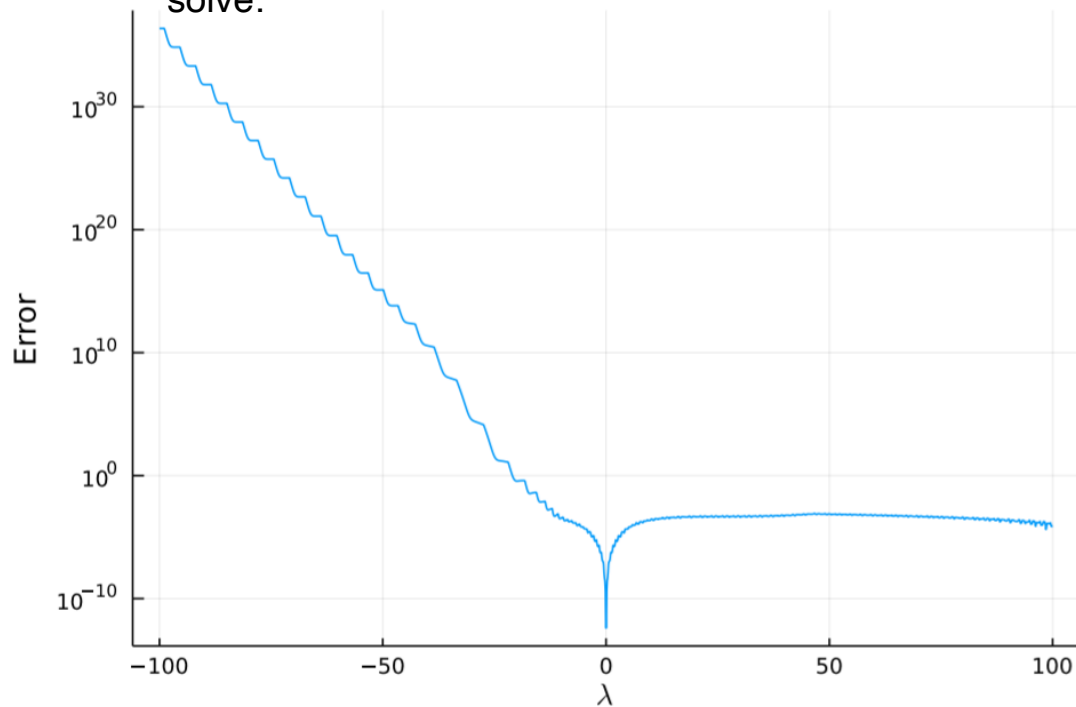
You need to understand the engineering principles and the numerical simulation properties of domain to make ML stable on it.



Problems With Naïve Adjoint Approaches On Stiff Equations

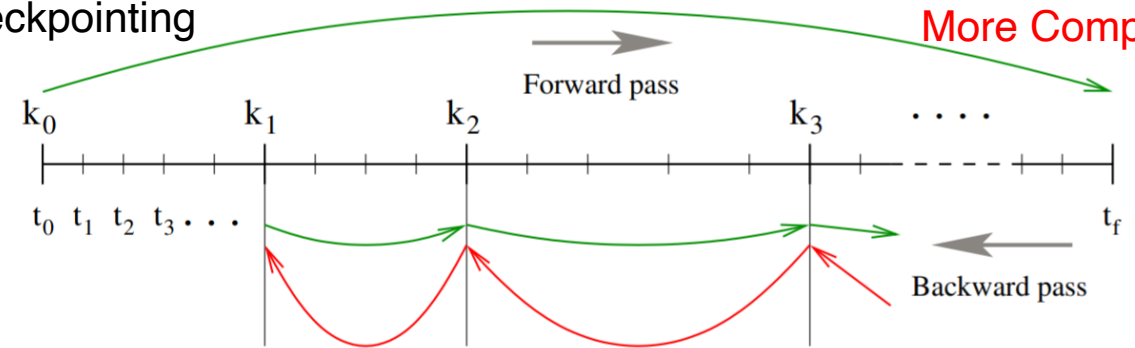
Error grows exponentially...

$u'(t) = \lambda u(t)$, plot the error in the reverse solve:



How do you get $u(t)$ while solving backwards?
3 options!

1. $u' = f(z, t)$ forwards, then $u' = -f(z, -t)$ backwards! **Unstable**
2. Store $u(t)$ while solving forwards (dense output) **High memory**
3. Checkpointing **More Compute**

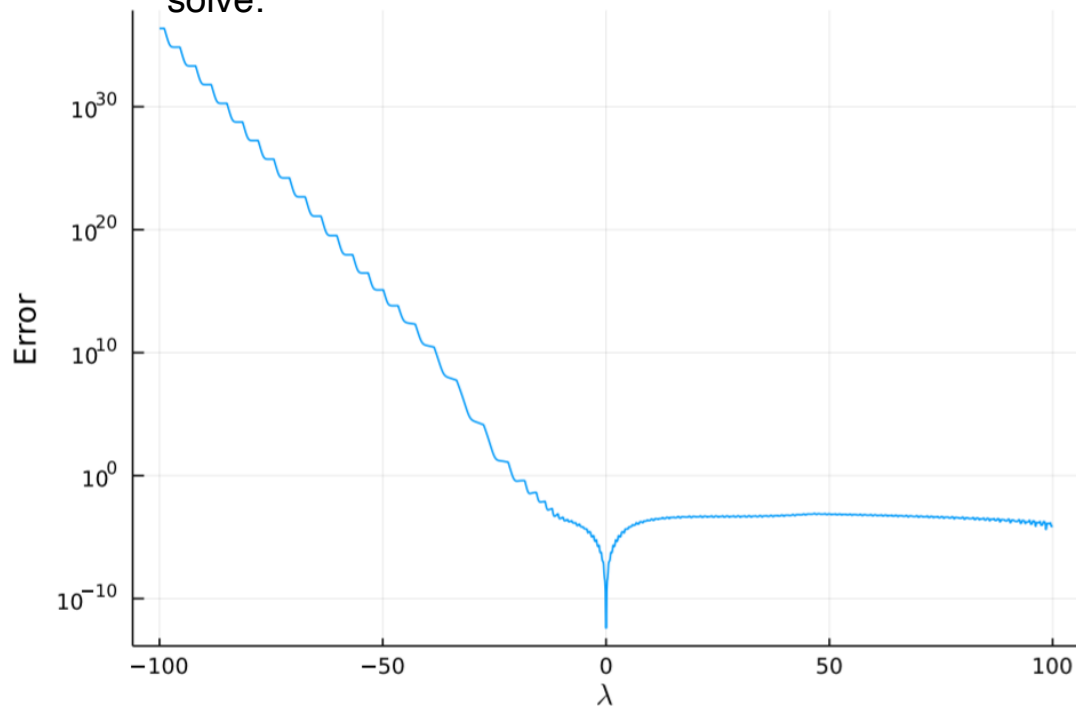


Each choice has an engineering trade-off!

Problems With Naïve Adjoint Approaches On Stiff Equations

Error grows exponentially...

$u'(t) = \lambda u(t)$, plot the error in the reverse solve:



Compute cost is cubic with parameter size when stiff

Size of reverse ODE system is:

$2states + parameters$

Linear solves inside of stiff ODE solvers, \sim cubic

Thus, adjoint cost:


$$O\left((states + parameters)^3\right)$$

Kim, Suyong, Weiqi Ji, Sili Deng, and Christopher Rackauckas. "Stiff neural ordinary differential equations." *Chaos* (2021).

But automatic differentiation


How does it work, and does it fix the problem?

Symbolic Differentiation on Code



Does Zygote differentiate symbolically?

■ Specific Domains ■ Machine Learning question zygote differentiation



```
using Symbolics
@variables x
function f(x)
    out = one(x)
    for i in 1:5
        out *= x^i
    end
    out
end
sin(f(x)) # sin(x^15)
```

Evaluation with symbolic variables completely removes the “non-mathematical” computational expressions, and then we symbolically differentiate in this language:

```
Symbolics.derivative(sin(f(x)),x) # 15(x^14)*cos(x^15)
```


Automatic Differentiation as Differentiation in the Language of Code

On that same example, this looks like:

```
function f(x)
  out = x
  for i in 1:5
    # sin(out) => chain rule sin' = cos
    tmp = (sin(out[1]), out[2] * cos(out[1]))
    # out = out * tmp => product rule
    out = (out[1] * tmp[1], out[1] * tmp[2] + out[2] * tmp[1])
  end
  out
end
function outer(x)
  # sin(x) => chain rule sin' = cos
  out1, out2 = f(x)
  sin(out1), out2 * cos(out1)
end
dsinfx(x) = outer((x,1))[2]

f((1,1)) # (0.01753717849708632, 0.36676042682811677)
dsinfx(1) # 0.3667040292067162
```

**More Details on
the Algorithm,
see the SciML
Book:**

book.sciml.ai

Chapter 10

What does automatic differentiation of an ODE solver give you?

**Are there cases where that is
mathematically correct but numerically
incorrect?**

Wrong gradient for some sensealgs #273

Closed

anhi opened this issue on Jun 8, 2020 · 3 comments · Fixed by SciML/DiffEqBase.jl#529



anhi commented on Jun 8, 2020

We are currently experimenting with time dependent parameters, but the gradients often seem to come out wrong. For instance, this here is an artificially simple example for clarity:

```
using DiffEqSensitivity, OrdinaryDiffEq, Zygote

function get_param(breakpoints, values, t)
    for (i, ti) in enumerate(breakpoints)
        if t <= ti
            return values[i]
        end
    end

    return values[end]
end

function fiip(du, u, p, t)
    a = get_param([1., 2., 3.], p[1:4], t)

    du[1] = dx = a * u[1] - u[1] * u[2]
    du[2] = dy = -a * u[2] + u[1] * u[2]
end

p = [1., 1., 1., 1.]; u0 = [1.0;1.0]
prob = ODEProblem(fiip, u0, (0.0, 4.0), p);

Zygote.gradient(p->sum(concrete_solve(prob, Tsit5(), u0, p, sensealg = ForwardDiffSensitivity(), saveat = 0.1))
Zygote.gradient(p->sum(concrete_solve(prob, Tsit5(), u0, p, sensealg = ForwardSensitivity(), saveat = 0.1)), p)
```

Assignees

No one—assigned

Labels

None yet

Projects

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

Development

Successfully
issue.

Single sig
PumasAI

make dua
SciML/Dif

Notifications

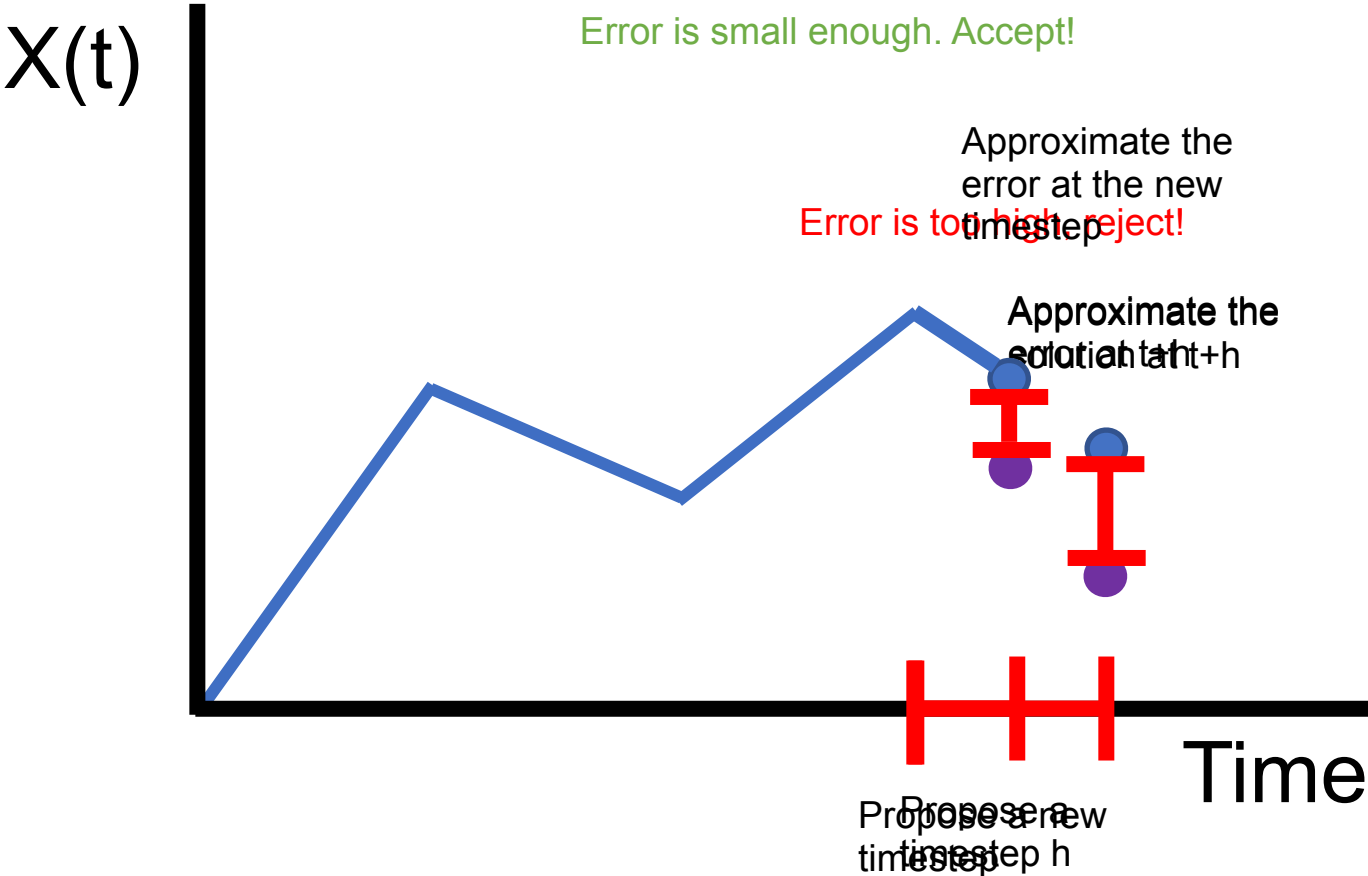
Indeed, AD on its own gives the incorrect answer... but why?

```
# Original AD
Zygote.gradient(p->sum(concrete_solve(prob, Tsit5(), u0, p, sensealg = ForwardDiffSensitivity(), saveat = 0.1, internalnorm = (u,t) -> sum(abs2,u/length(u))), abstol=1e-12, reltol=1e-12)), p
) ([29.755582164326086, 10.206643764088689, 53.37700890093473, 3.5509327396481583],)
```

```
# Forward Sensitivity
Zygote.gradient(p->sum(concrete_solve(prob, Tsit5(), u0, p, sensealg = ForwardSensitivity(), saveat = 0.1, abstol=1e-12, reltol=1e-12)), p
) ([37.607133325673956, 35.92458894240918, 19.601050929858797, 3.6443048514269707],)
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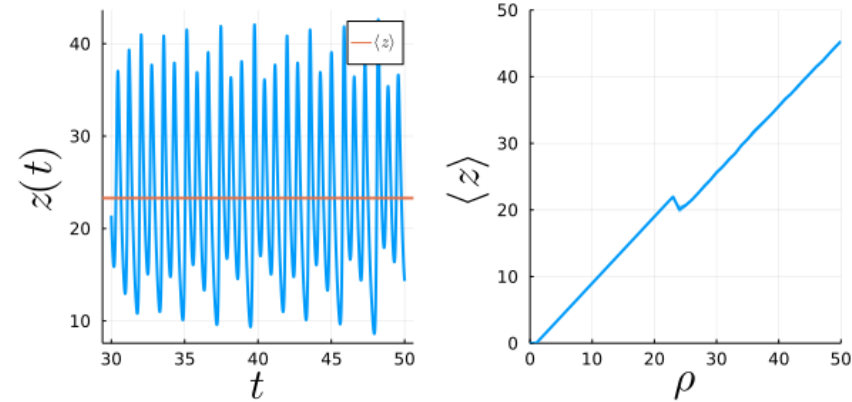
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🔦 Corrected AD
Zygote.gradient(p->sum(concrete_solve(prob, Tsit5(), u0, p, sensealg = ForwardDiffSensitivity(), saveat = 0.1, abstol=1e-12, reltol=1e-12)), p) ([37.607133316972764, 35.92458895352116, 19.601050925013986, 3.644304853859423],)
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How adaptivity works



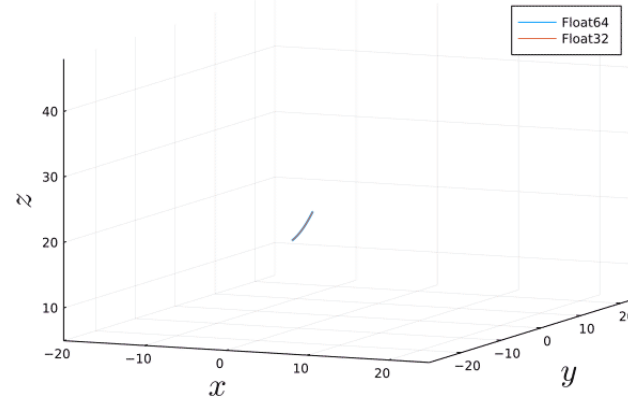
Any more cases where AD is incorrect?

Differentiation of Chaotic Systems: Shadow Adjoints



chaotic systems: trajectories diverge to $o(1)$ error ... but shadowing lemma guarantees that the solution lies on the attractor

$$\frac{d}{d\rho} \langle z \rangle_{\infty} \neq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \langle z \rangle_T$$



- AD and finite differencing fails!

- Shadowing methods in DiffEqSensitivity.jl

$$\left. \frac{d\langle z \rangle_{\infty}}{d\rho} \right|_{\rho=28} \approx -49899 \text{ (ForwardDiff)}$$

$$\left. \frac{d\langle z \rangle_{\infty}}{d\rho} \right|_{\rho=28} \approx 1.028 \text{ (LSS/AdjointLSS)}$$

$$\left. \frac{d\langle z \rangle_{\infty}}{d\rho} \right|_{\rho=28} \approx 472 \text{ (Calculus)}$$

$$\left. \frac{d\langle z \rangle_{\infty}}{d\rho} \right|_{\rho=28} \approx 0.997 \text{ (NILSS)}$$

Conclusion Part 1:

Be careful about how you compute derivatives of equation solvers

Improving Coverage of Automatic Differentiation over Solvers

LinearSolve.jl: Unified Linear Solver Interface

$$A(p)x = b$$

NonlinearSolve.jl: Unified Nonlinear Solver Interface

$$f(u, p) = 0$$

DifferentialEquations.jl: Unified Interface for all
Differential Equations

$$u' = f(u, p, t)$$

$$du = f(u, p, t)dt + g(u, p, t)dW_t$$

⋮

Optimization.jl: Unified Optimization Interface

$$\text{minimize } f(u, p)$$

$$\text{subject to } g(u, p) \leq 0, h(u, p) = 0$$

Integrals.jl: Unified Quadrature Interface

$$\int_{lb}^{ub} f(t, p) dt$$

Unified Partial Differential Equation Interface

$$u_t = u_{xx} + f(u)$$

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} + f(u)$$

⋮



The SciML Common Interface for Julia Equation Solvers

<https://scimlbase.sciml.ai/dev/>

New SciML Docs: Comprehensive Documentation of Differentiable Simulation

The screenshot shows the SciML documentation website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SciML logo on the left and links for HOME, MODELING, SOLVERS, ANALYSIS, MACHINE LEARNING, and DEVELOPER TOOLS. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, the page is organized into a grid of categories. The categories are: EQUATION SOLVERS, THIRD-PARTY EQUATION SOLVERS, INVERSE PROBLEMS / ESTIMATION, PDE SOLVERS, THIRD-PARTY PDE SOLVERS, and ADVANCED SOLVER APIS. Each category lists several sub-modules. At the bottom left, there is a section titled 'Detailed Overview of the SciML Software Ecosystem' with a version dropdown menu set to 'v0.2'. To the right of this section, there are two bullet points providing links to a chat room, forums, and the SciML Github organization. At the bottom, there is a text prompt encouraging users to use the top navigation bar to navigate to specific submodules.

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EQUATION SOLVERS

- LinearSolve
- NonlinearSolve
- DifferentialEquations
- Integrals
- Optimization
- JumpProcesses

THIRD-PARTY EQUATION SOLVERS

- LowRankIntegrators
- FractionalDiffEq
- ManifoldDiffEq

INVERSE PROBLEMS / ESTIMATION

- SciMLSensitivity
- DiffEqParamEstim
- DiffEqBayes

PDE SOLVERS

- MethodOfLines
- NeuralPDE
- NeuralOperators
- FEniCS
- HighDimPDE
- DiffEqOperators

THIRD-PARTY PDE SOLVERS

- Trixi
- Gridap
- ApproxFun
- VoronoiFVM

ADVANCED SOLVER APIS

- OrdinaryDiffEq
- DiffEqGPU

Detailed Overview of the SciML Software Ecosystem

Version v0.2 ▾

- Want to chat with someone? Check out [our chat room](#) and [forums](#).
- Want to see our code? Check out [the SciML Github organization](#).

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Part 2:

**Methods which improve the fitting
process**

Project

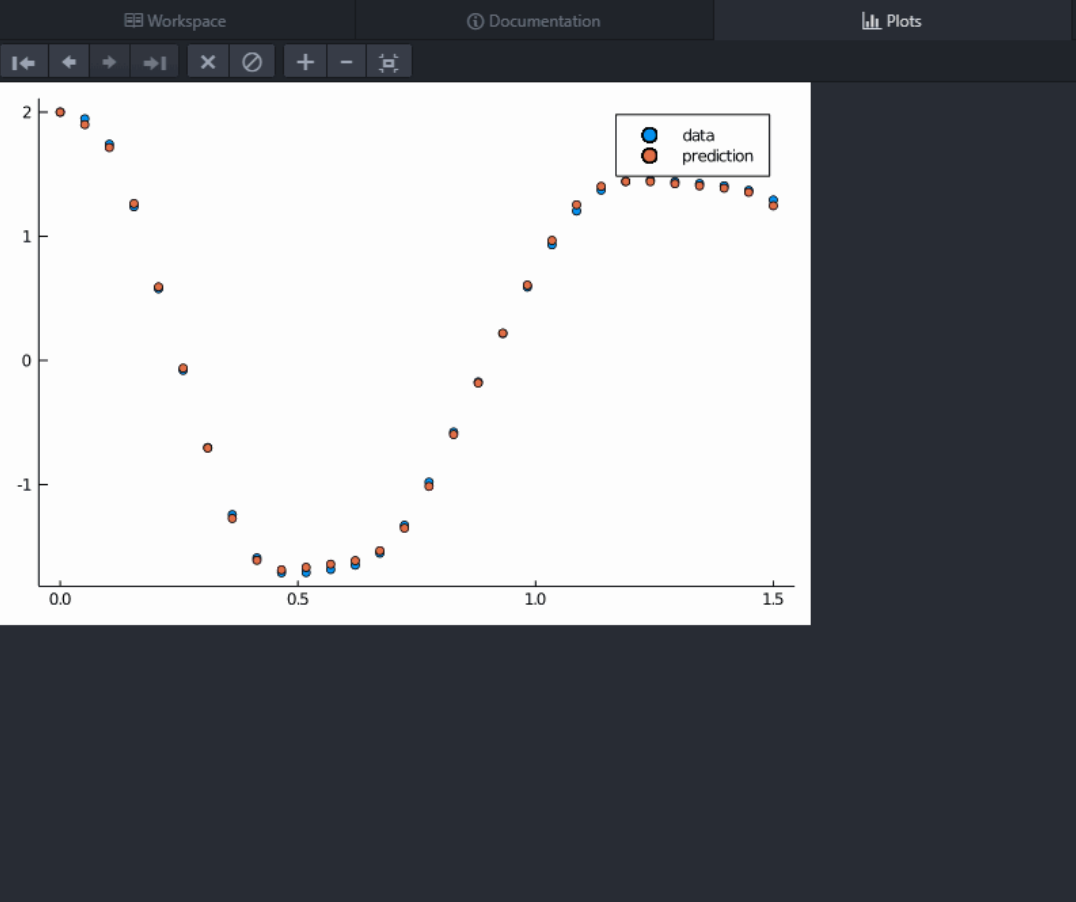
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75 using DiffEqFlux, OrdinaryDiffEq, Flux, Optim, Plots
76
77 u0 = Float32[2.0; 0.0]
78 datasize = 30
79 tspan = (0.0f0, 1.5f0)
80 tsteps = range(tspan[1], tspan[2], length = datasize)
81
82 function trueODEfunc(du, u, p, t)
83     true_A = [-0.1 2.0; -2.0 -0.1]
84     du .= ((u.^3)'true_A)'
85 end
86
87 prob_trueode = ODEProblem(trueODEfunc, u0, tspan)
88 ode_data = Array(solve(prob_trueode, Tsit5(), saveat = tsteps))
89
90 dudt2 = FastChain((x, p) -> x.^3,
91                 FastDense(2, 50, tanh),
92                 FastDense(50, 2)) |> FastChain
93 neural_ode_f(u,p,t) = dudt2(u,p) |> neural_ode_f
94 pinit = initial_params(dudt2) |> Vector{Float32} with 252 elements
95 prob = ODEProblem(neural_ode_f, u0, tspan, pinit) |> ODEProblem with uType Array{Float32,1} and tType
96
97 function predict_neuralode(p)
98     tmp_prob = remake(prob,p=p)
99     Array(solve(tmp_prob,Tsit5(),saveat=tsteps))
100 end |> predict_neuralode
    
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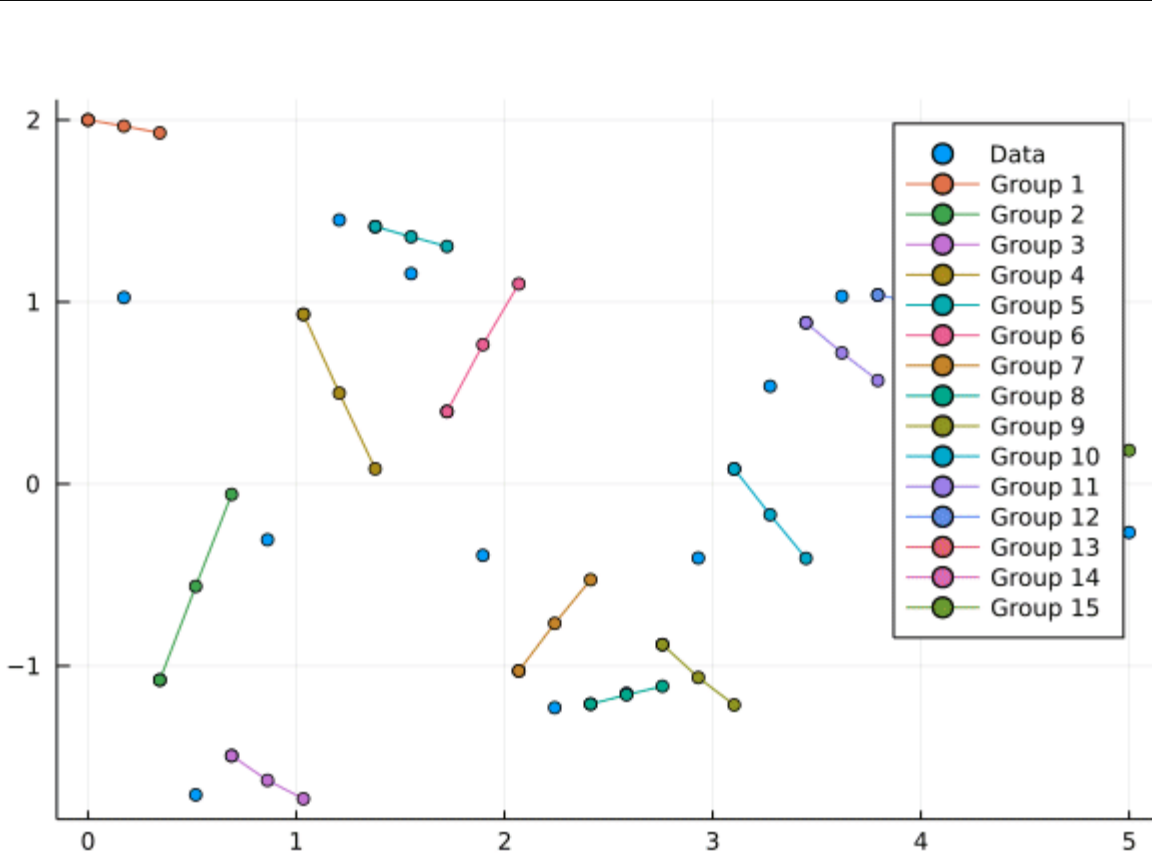
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Fitting by running the simulator and doing gradient-based optimization
= single shooting

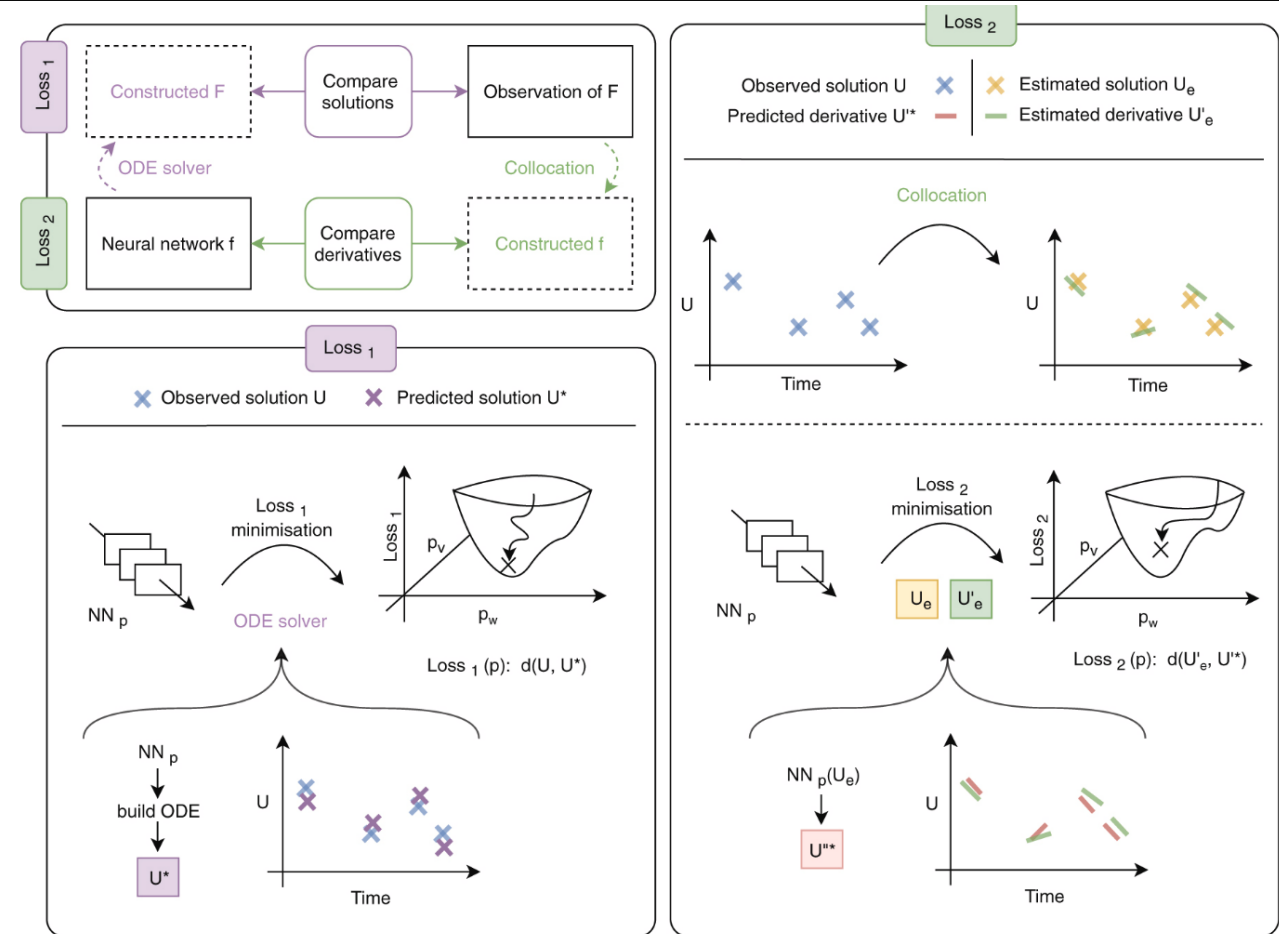
Single shooting is not numerically robust. Other loss functions are required in practice!

Some Alternative Loss Functions: Multiple Shooting and Collocation



Multiple Shooting Methods

Turan, E. M., & Jäschke, J. (2021). Multiple shooting with neural differential equations. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2109.06786*.



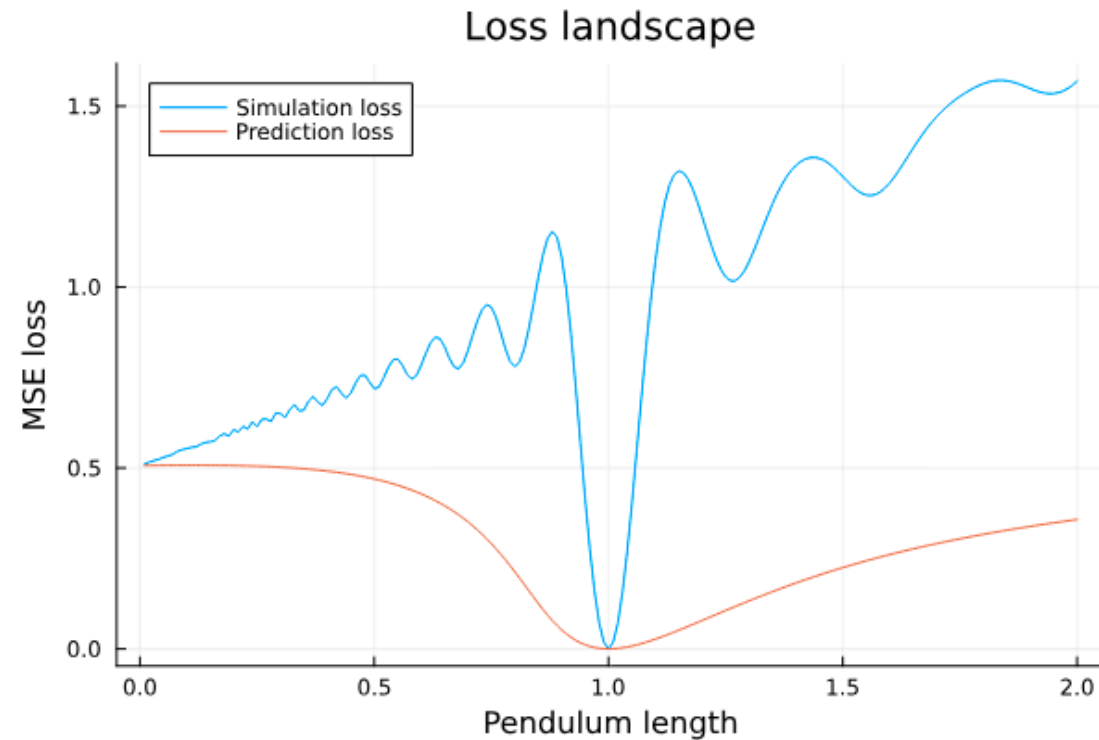
Roesch, Elisabeth, Christopher Rackauckas, and Michael PH Stumpf. "Collocation based training of neural ordinary differential equations." *Statistical Applications in Genetics and Molecular Biology* (2021).

Prediction Error Method (PEM)

```
function simulator(du, u, p, t) # Pendulum dynamics
    g = 9.82 # Gravitational constant
    L = p isa Number ? p : p[1] # Length of the pendulum
    gL = g / L
    θ = u[1]
    dθ = u[2]
    du[1] = dθ
    du[2] = -gL * sin(θ)
end
```



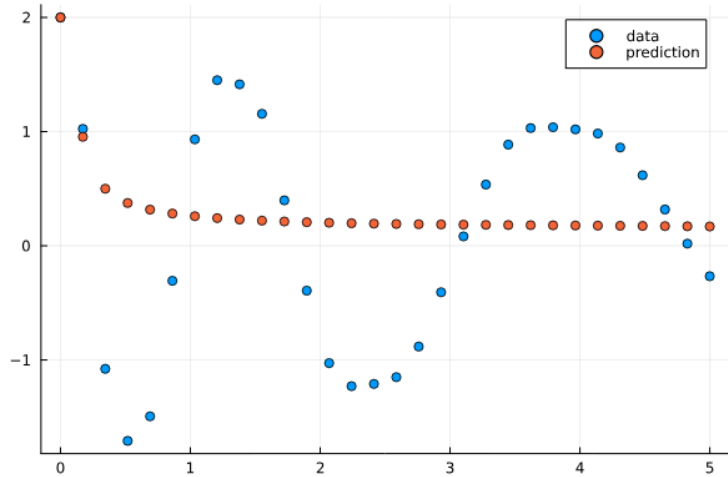
```
function predictor(du, u, p, t)
    g = 9.82
    L, K, y = p # pendulum length, observer gain and measurements
    gL = g / L
    θ = u[1]
    dθ = u[2]
    yt = y(t)
    e = yt - θ
    du[1] = dθ + K * e
    du[2] = -gL * sin(θ)
end
```



Use a modified simulator which is always filtered towards the data points

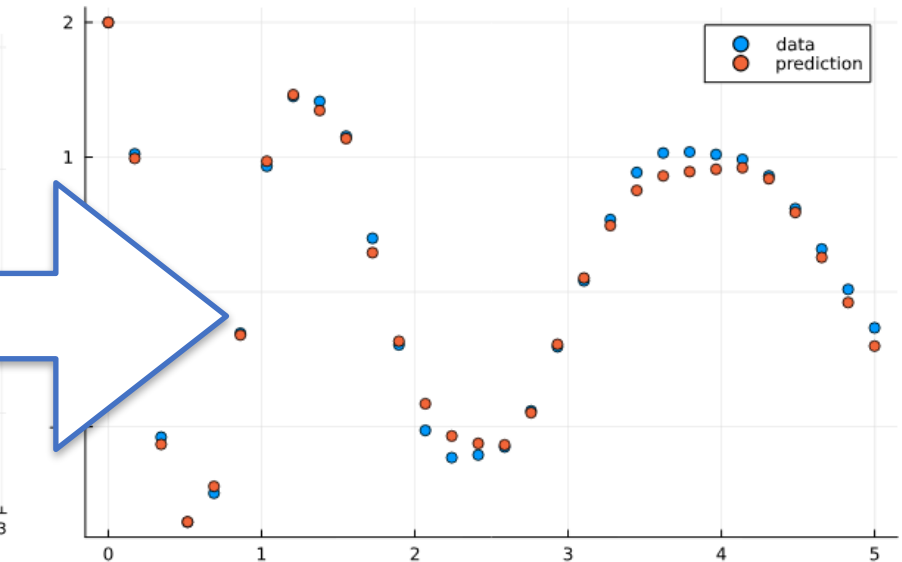
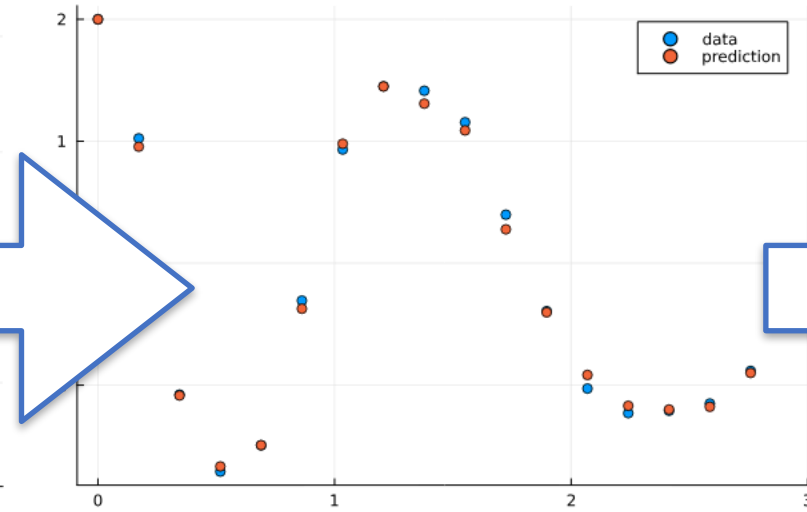
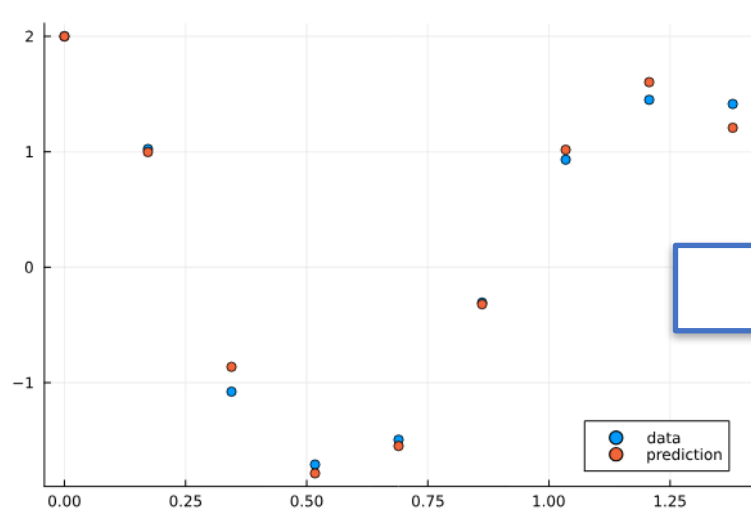
https://docs.sciml.ai/SciMLSensitivity/dev/examples/ode/prediction_error_method/

Simple Tricks: Growing the Time Interval



Doing the optimization in a single pass may not be robust,

Successively grow the interval



Let's go back to this example

Run the code yourself!

https://github.com/Astroinformatics/ScientificMachineLearning/blob/main/neuralode_gw.ipynb

Example using binary black hole dynamics with LIGO gravitational wave data

Keith, Brendan, Akshay Khadse, and Scott E. Field. "Learning orbital dynamics of binary black hole systems from gravitational wave measurements." *Physical Review Research* 3, no. 4 (2021): 043101.

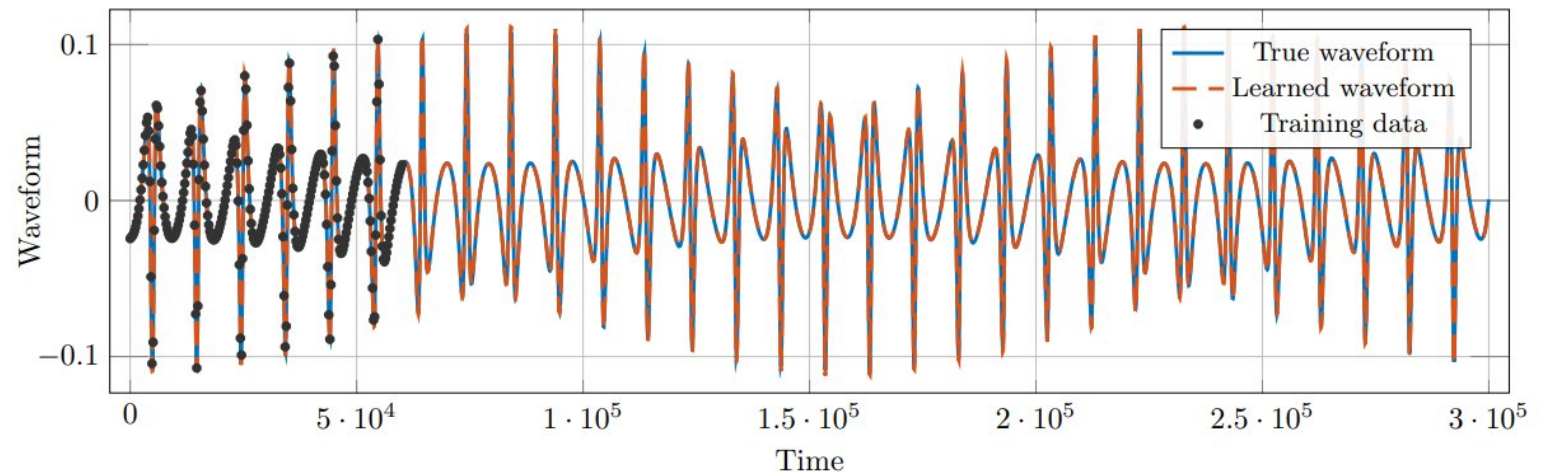
Upon denoting $\mathbf{x} = (\phi, \chi, p, e)$, we propose the following family of UDEs to describe the two-body relativistic dynamics:

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{(1 + e \cos(\chi))^2}{Mp^{3/2}} (1 + \mathcal{F}_1(\cos(\chi), p, e)), \quad (5a)$$

$$\dot{\chi} = \frac{(1 + e \cos(\chi))^2}{Mp^{3/2}} (1 + \mathcal{F}_2(\cos(\chi), p, e)), \quad (5b)$$

$$\dot{p} = \mathcal{F}_3(p, e), \quad (5c)$$

$$\dot{e} = \mathcal{F}_4(p, e), \quad (5d)$$



Let's go back to this example

```
NN_params = NN_params .* 0 + Float64(1e-4) * randn(StableRNG(2031), eltype(NN_params), size(NN_params))
```

The neural network is a residual, so start the training as a **small** perturbation!

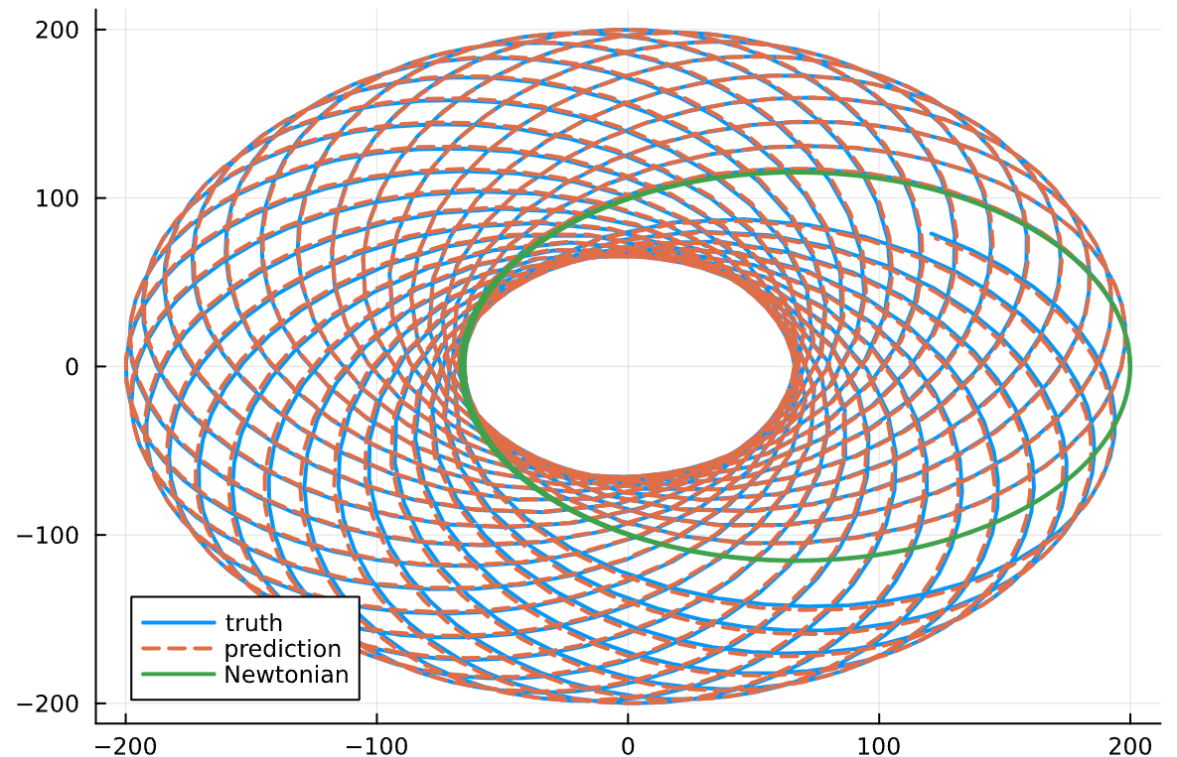
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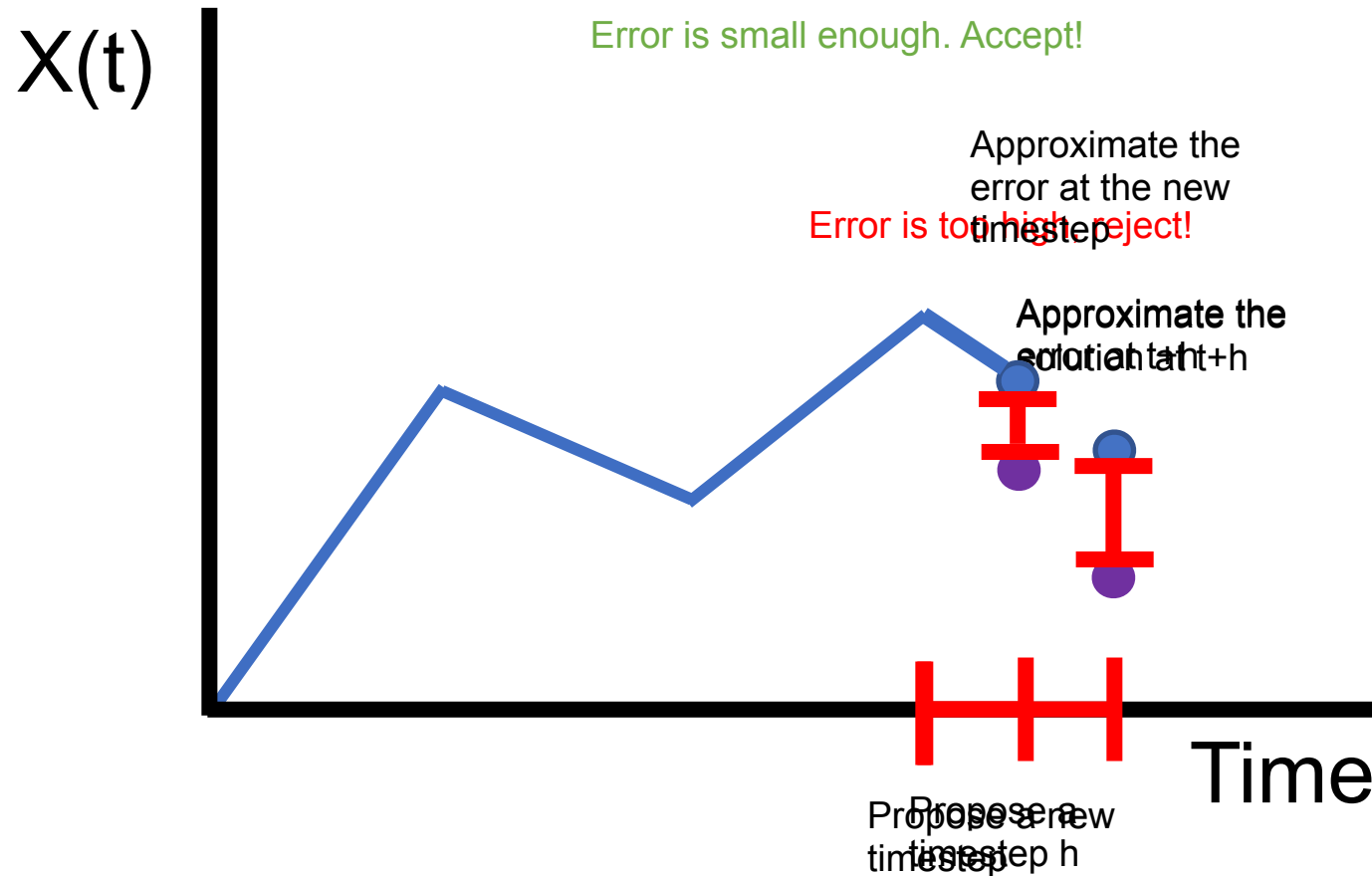


Conclusion Part 2:

Don't use single shooting. Modify the simulation process to improve the fitting.

Sidebar: A note on Neural Network Architectures in ODEs

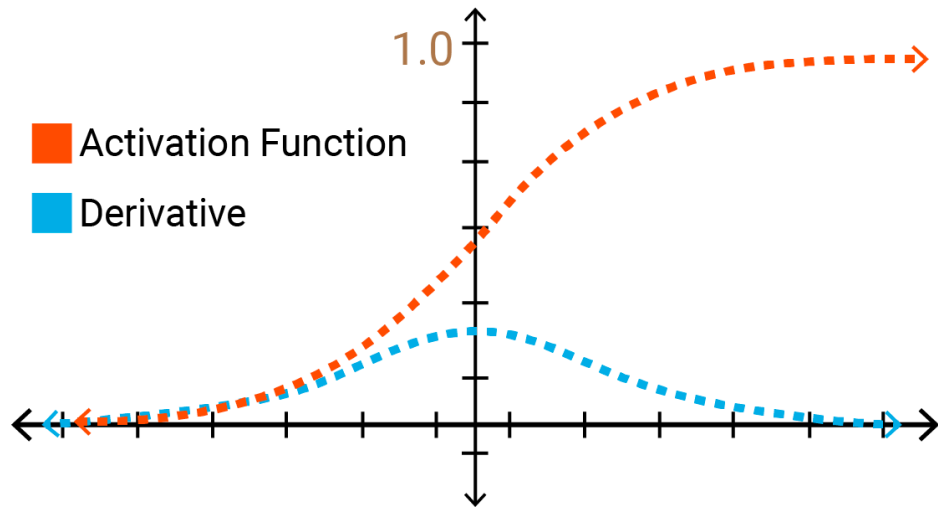
ODE Solvers don't always go forwards!



If you're using an adaptive ODE solver, you cannot assume that the next step will be forward in time from the previous one.

I.e., neural networks with state (RNN, GRU, etc.) do not give a well-defined ODE solution and will fail in adaptivity!

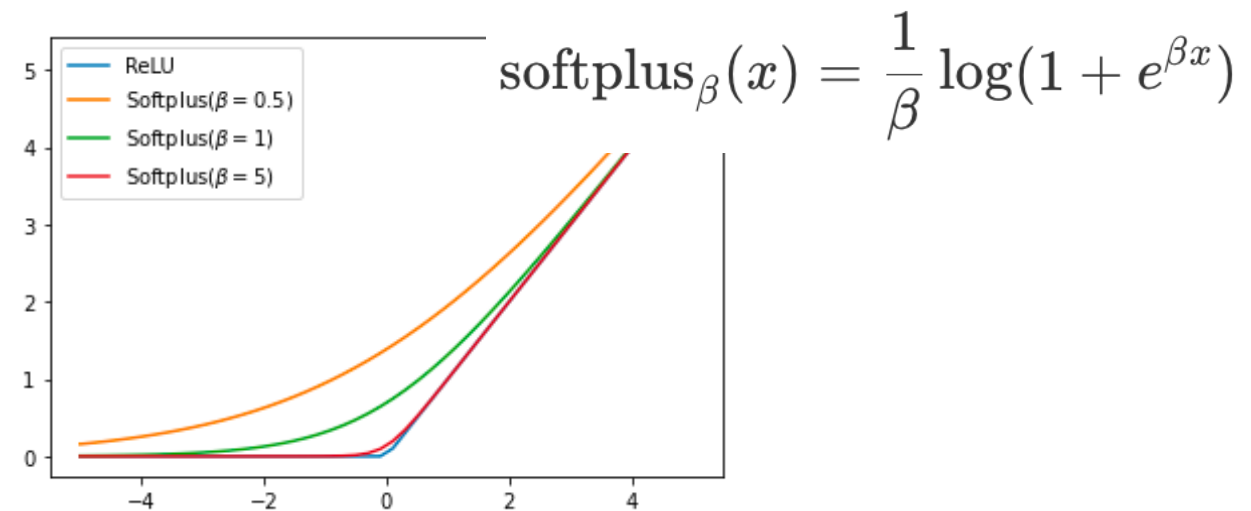
Be Aware of Vanishing Gradients



Solutions:

- * Never train for long intervals (successive interval growth, multiple shooting)
- * Use loss functions which don't saturate (but try and keep them smooth (?))

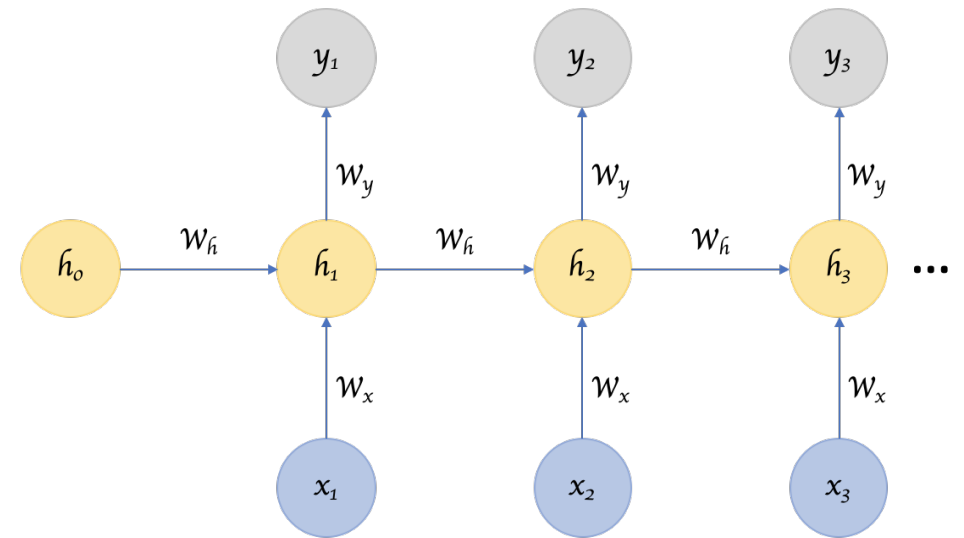
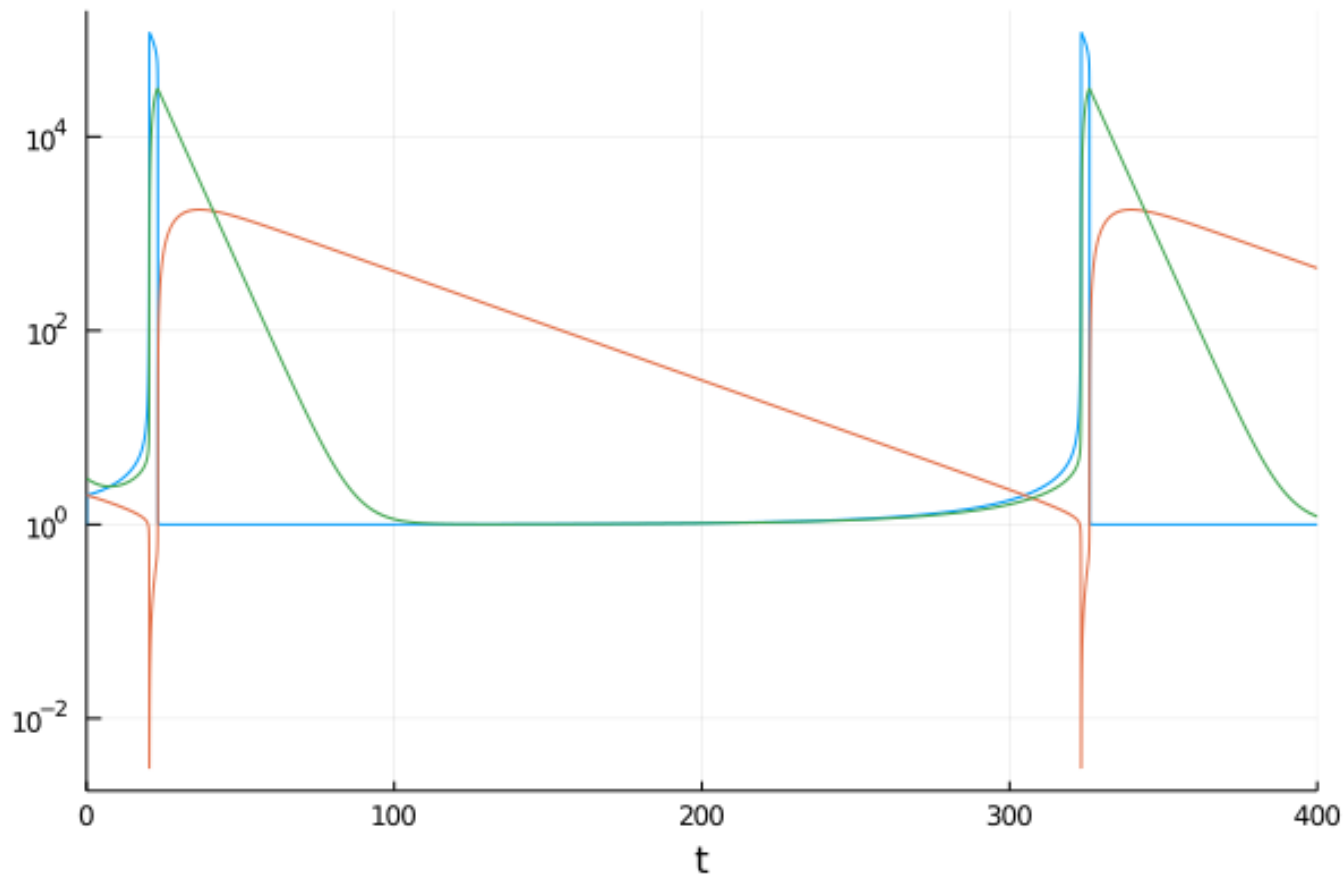
- * Many loss functions have gradients which go to zero when loss functions get extreme.
- * ODEs naturally amplify values (exponentially!) as time gets larger
- * Consequence: gradients can become zero, making training become ineffective



Part 3:

Methods which ignore such derivative issues that could be interesting to explore

Challenge: train a surrogate to accelerate an arbitrary highly stiff system



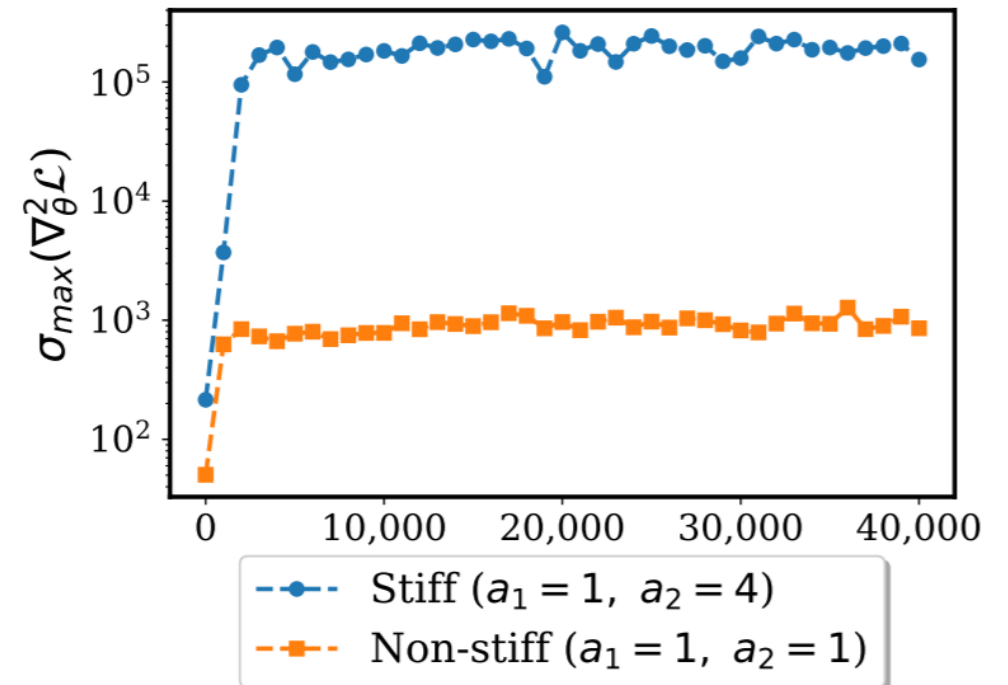
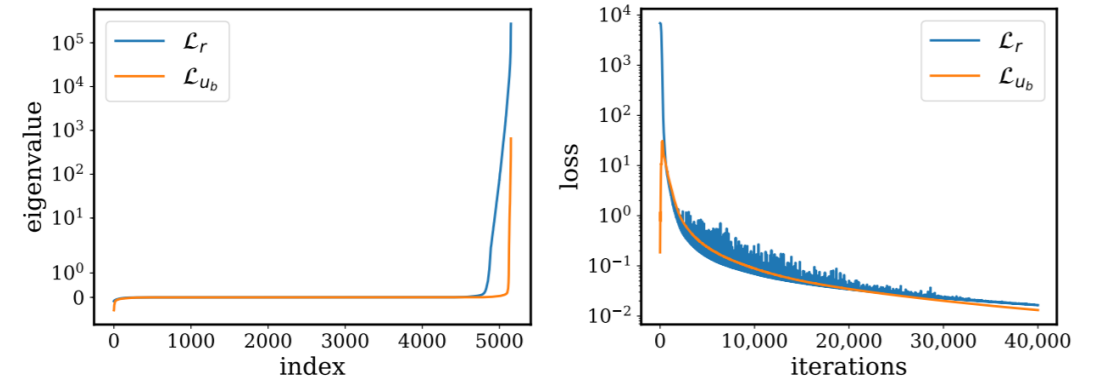
Recurrent neural network? No!

1. It's an explicit method! (Euler's)
2. Uniform steps will not capture the spikes!

Stiffness causes a problem even with many SciML approaches like Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

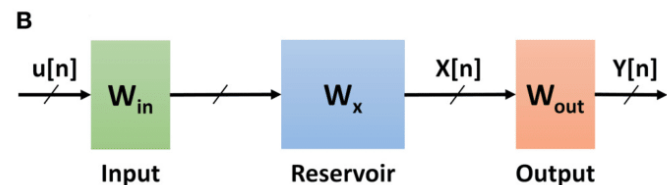
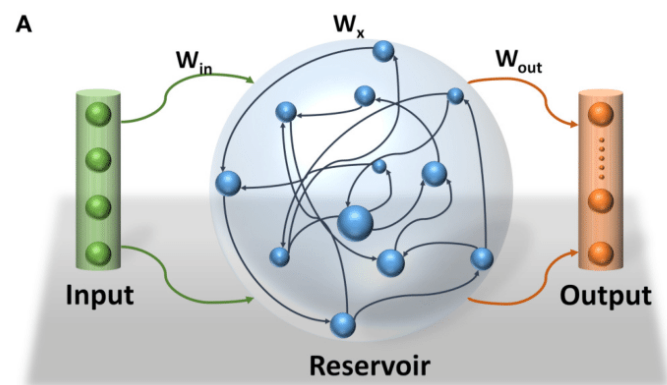
1. Neural networks have difficulties matching highly ill-conditioned systems
2. Optimization techniques like gradient descent are explicit processes attempting to solving a stiff model
3. Stiffness in the model can translate to stiffness in the optimization process as it tries to find a manifold
4. Timescale separations of 10^9 and more are common in real applications

We need to utilized all of the advanced numerical knowledge for handling stiff systems to work in tandem with ML!



Idea: Avoid Gradients and Use an Implicit Fit

Some precedence: echo state networks
Fix a random process and find a projection
to fit the system



Adapting: continuous-time echo state networks
Build a random non-stiff ODE and find a
projection to the stiff ODE

$$\text{Fix } r' = \sigma(Ar + W_x x)$$
$$\text{Predict } x(t) = W_{out} r(t)$$

Turns into a linear solve
Solve the linear system via SVD
(to manage the growth factor)

Get W_{out} at many parameters of the system

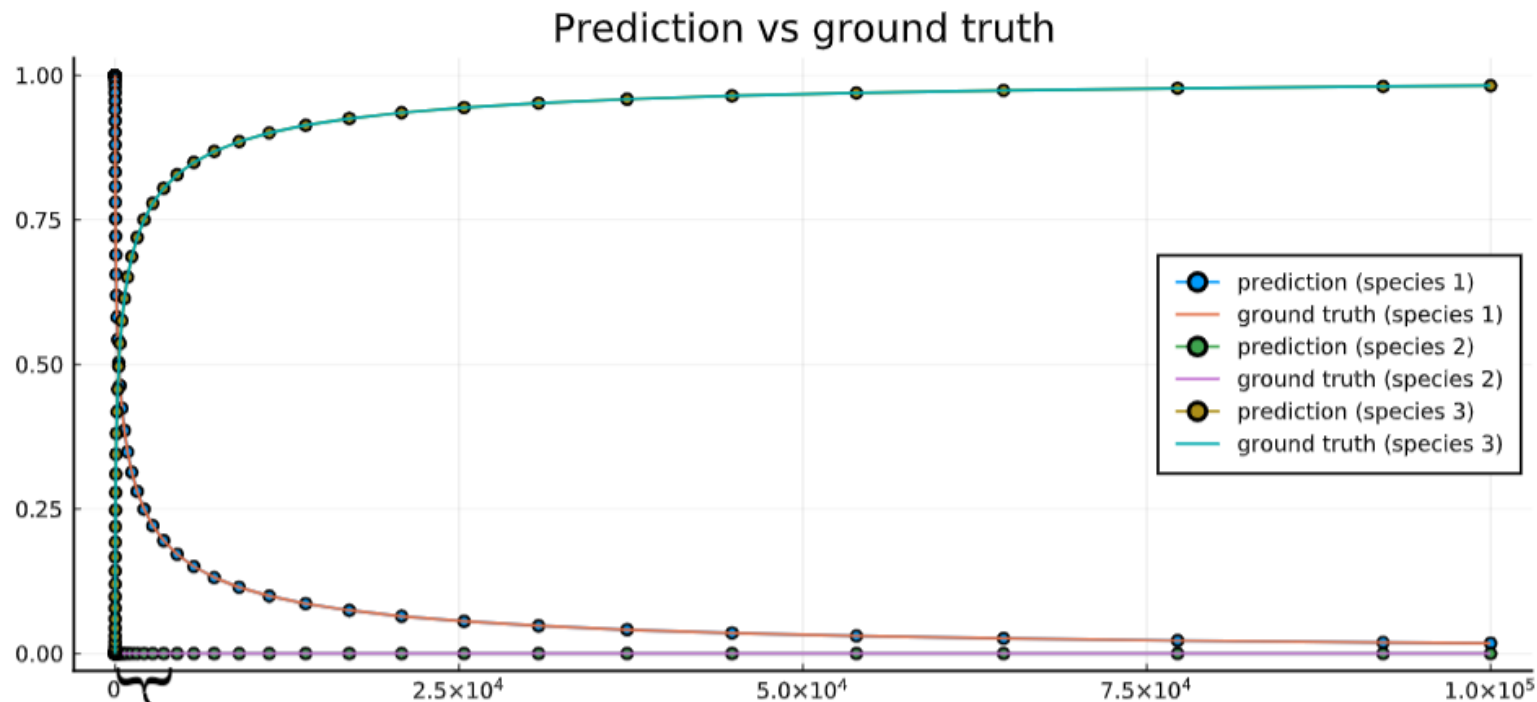
Predict behavior at new parameters via:

$$x(t) = W_{out}(p)r(t)$$

Using a Radial Basis Function constructed
from the W_{out} training data

Continuous-Time Echo State Networks

Handle the stiff equations where current methods fail



Robertson's Equations

Classic stiff ODE
Used to test and break integrators
Volatile early transient

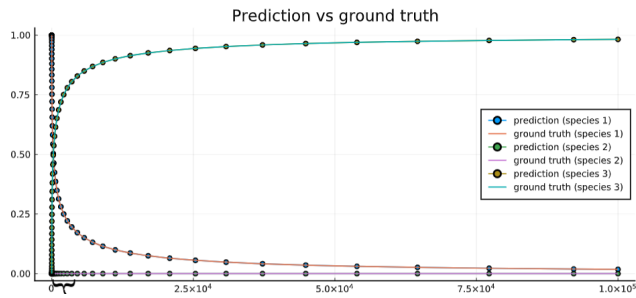
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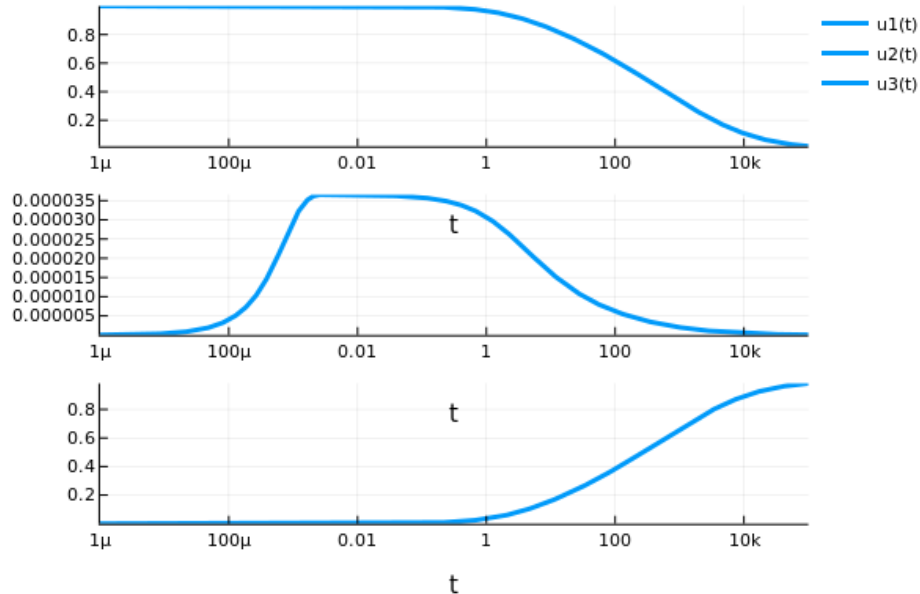
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Log-Scale Fast Changes!

No auto-catalyst,
no dynamics



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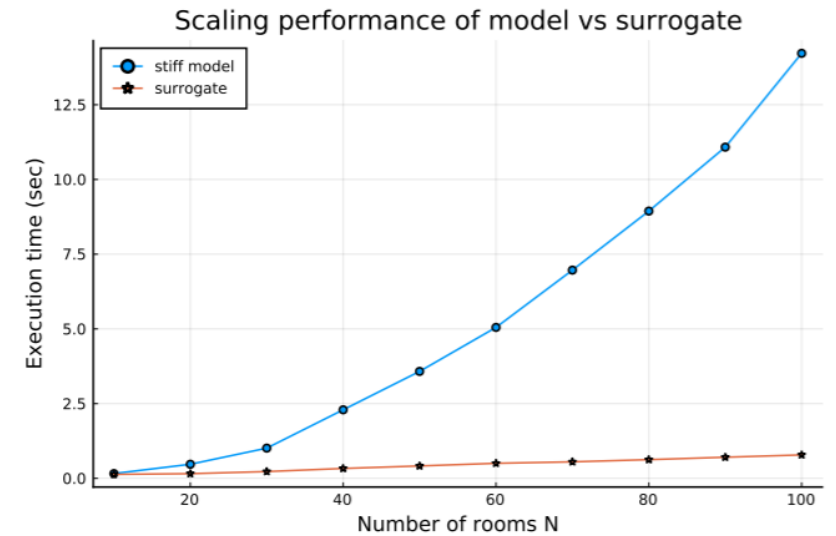
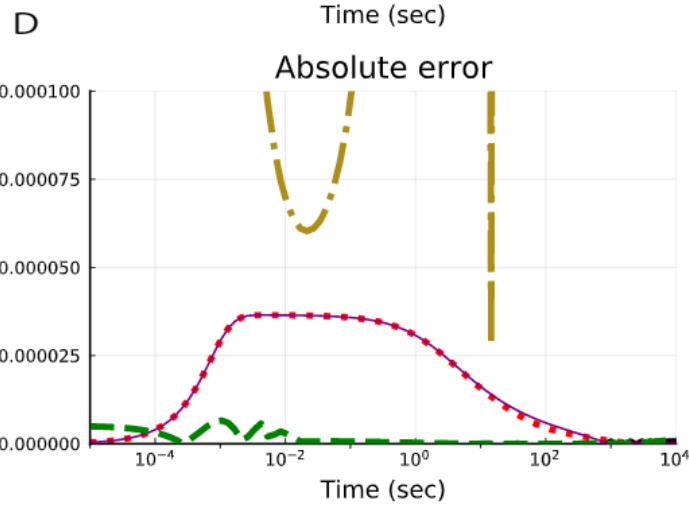
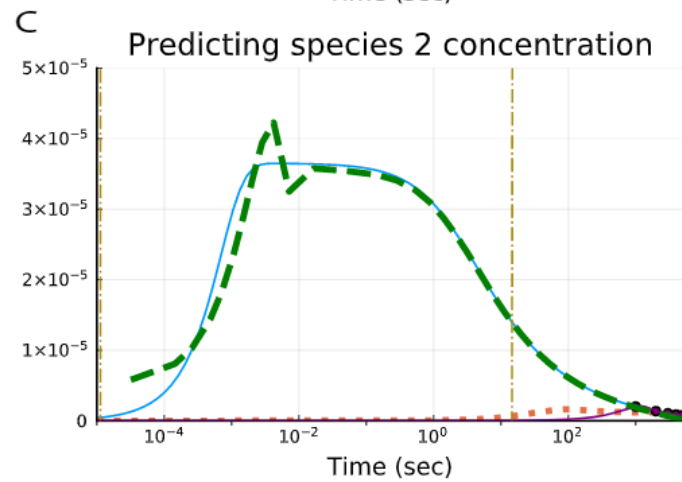
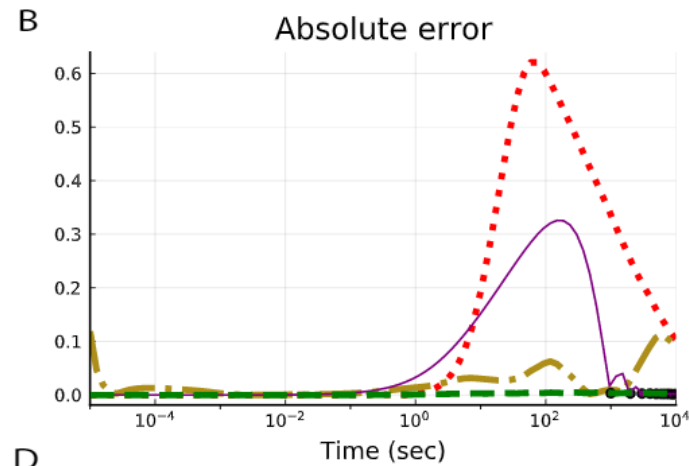
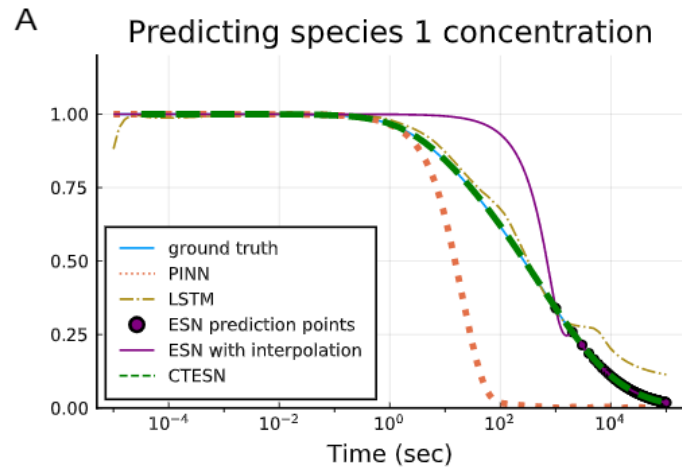
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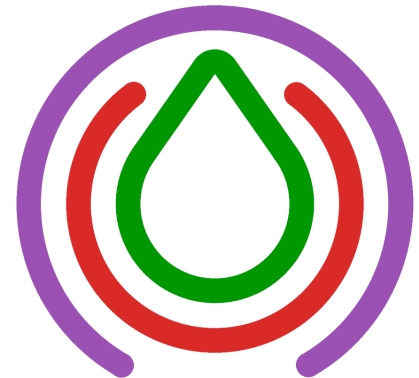
After training, 100x faster than direct simulation!

Only CTESNs Capture the Hard Dynamics

Accelerating Simulation of Stiff Nonlinear Systems using Continuous-Time Echo State Networks

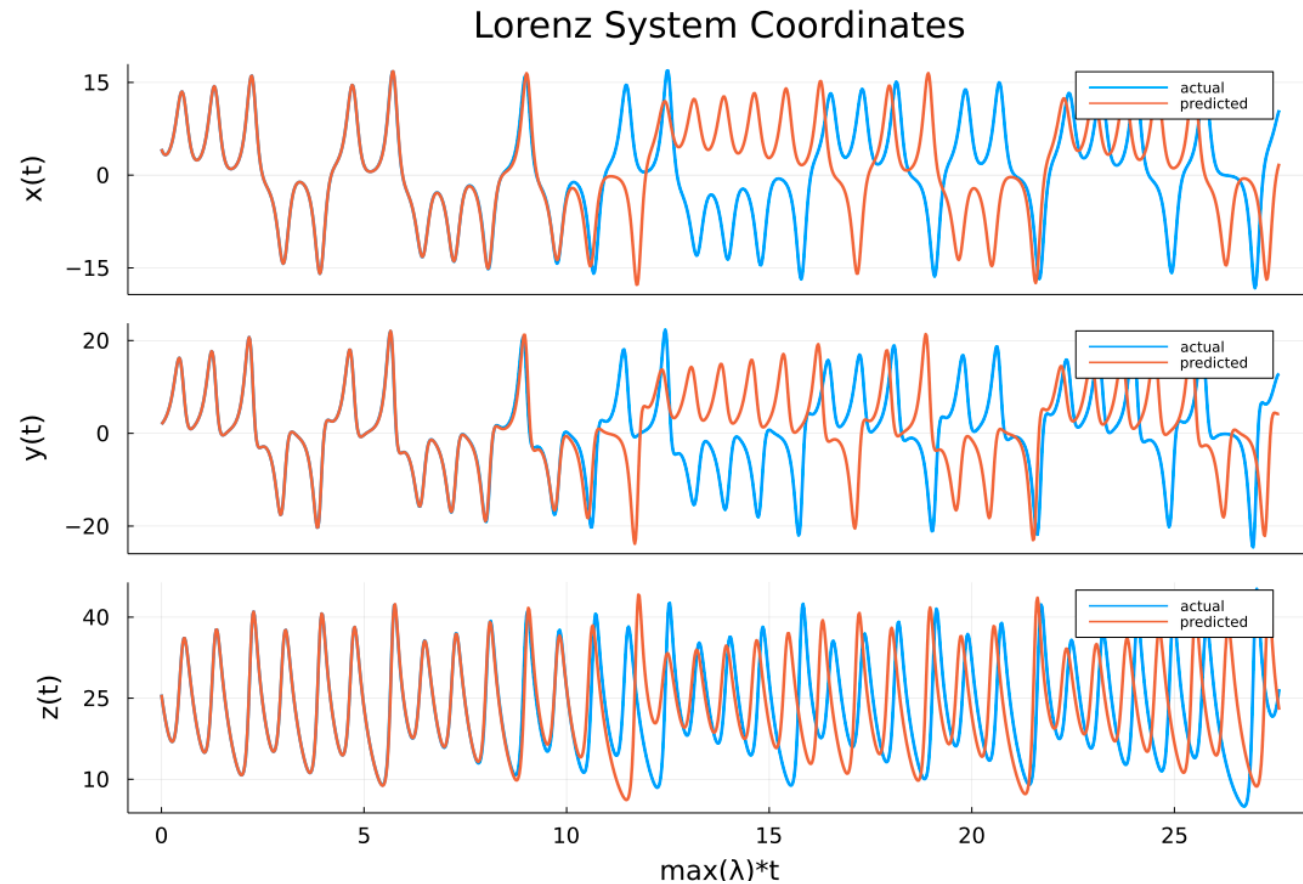
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ReservoirComputing.jl



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output_layer = train(esn, target_data)  
output = esn(Generative(predict_len), output_layer)
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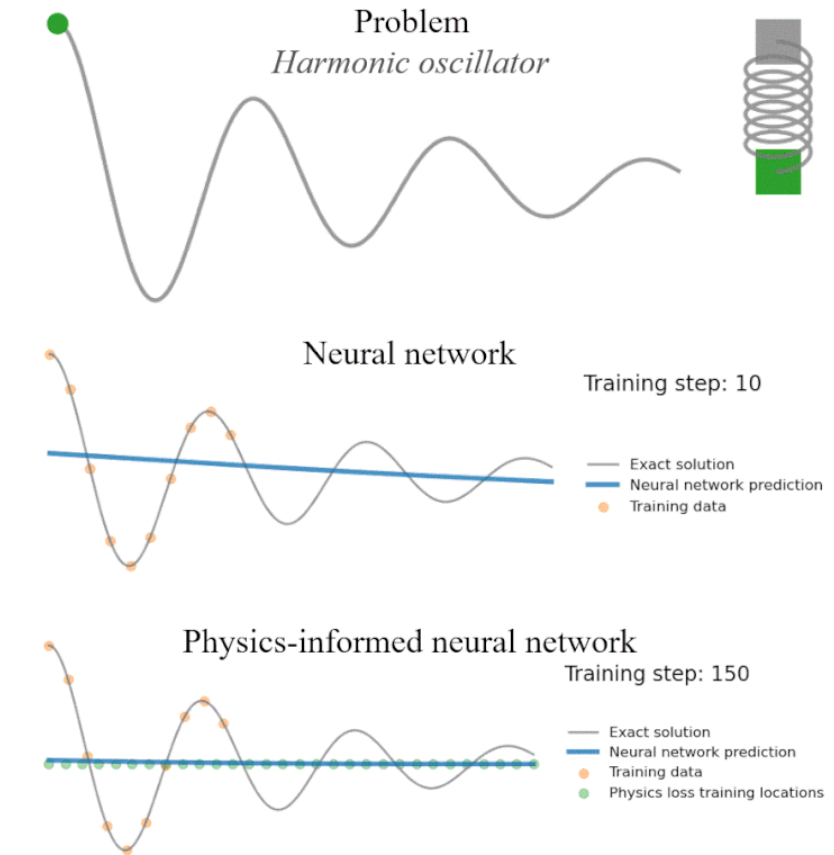
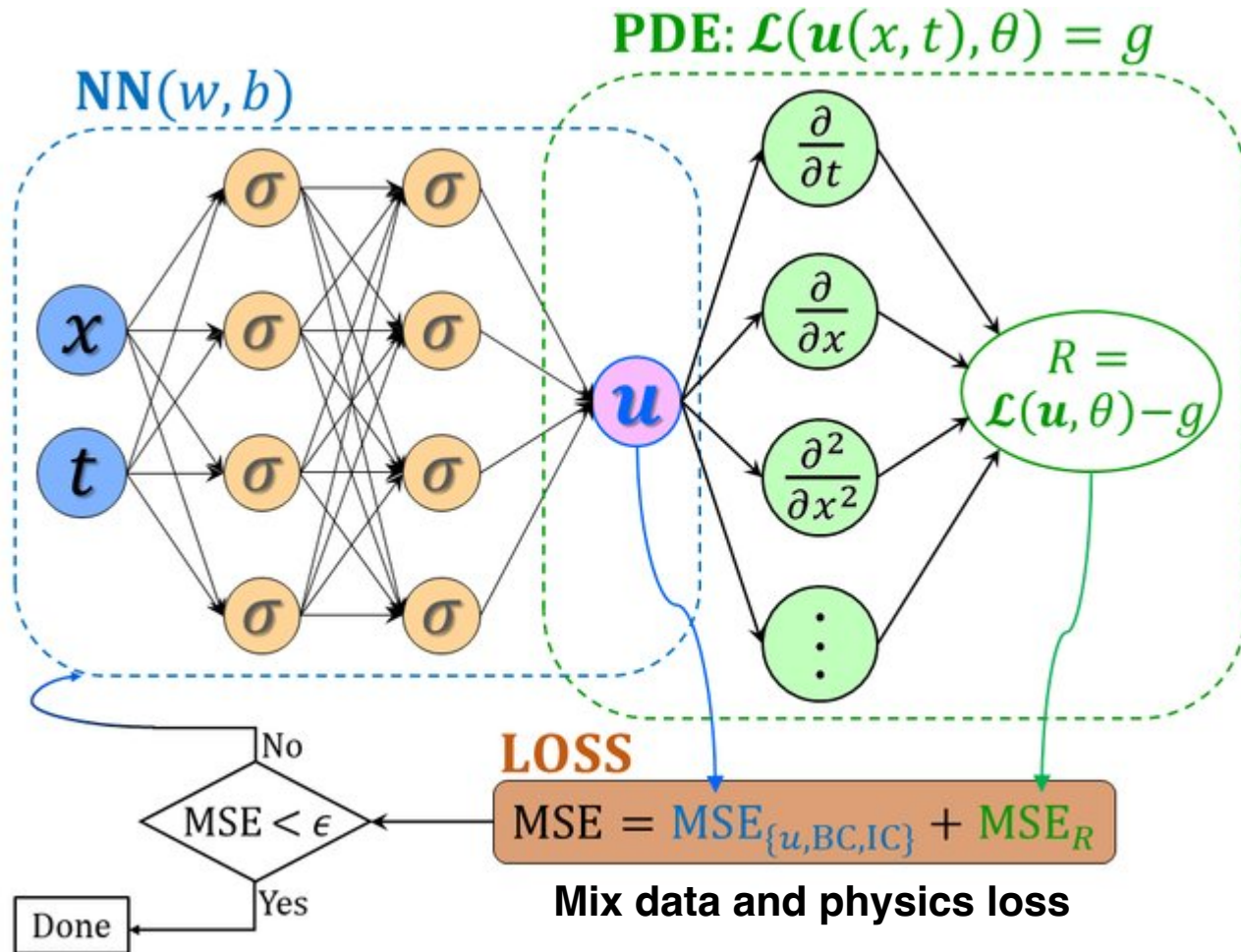


Part 4: Performance

A Deep Dive into how Performance is Different Between Deep Learning and Differentiable Simulation

When/Why should this be preferred over other techniques like physics-informed neural networks (PINNs) and neural operator techniques (DeepONets)?

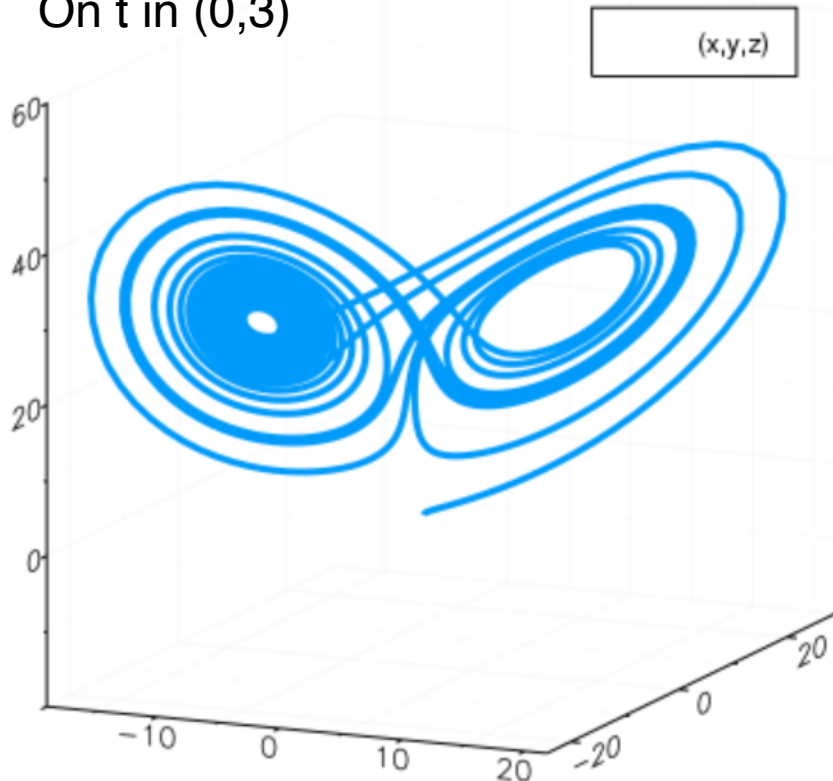
Why Use Physics-Informed Neural Networks?



Outperforms standard machine learning

Keeping Neural Networks Small Keeps Speed For Inverse Problems

Problem: parameter estimation
of Lorenz equation from data
On t in $(0,3)$



DeepXDE (TensorFlow Physics-Informed NN)

```
Best model at step 57000:  
train loss: 5.91e-03  
test loss: 5.86e-03  
test metric: []
```

```
'train' took 362.351454 s
```

DiffEqFlux.jl (Julia UDEs)

```
opt = Opt(:LN_BOBYQA, 3)  
lower_bounds!(opt, [9.0, 20.0, 2.0])  
upper_bounds!(opt, [11.0, 30.0, 3.0])  
min_objective!(opt, obj_short.cost_function2)  
xtol_rel!(opt, 1e-12)  
maxeval!(opt, 10000)  
@time (minf, minx, ret) = NLOpt.optimize(opt, LocIniPar) # 0.1 seconds
```

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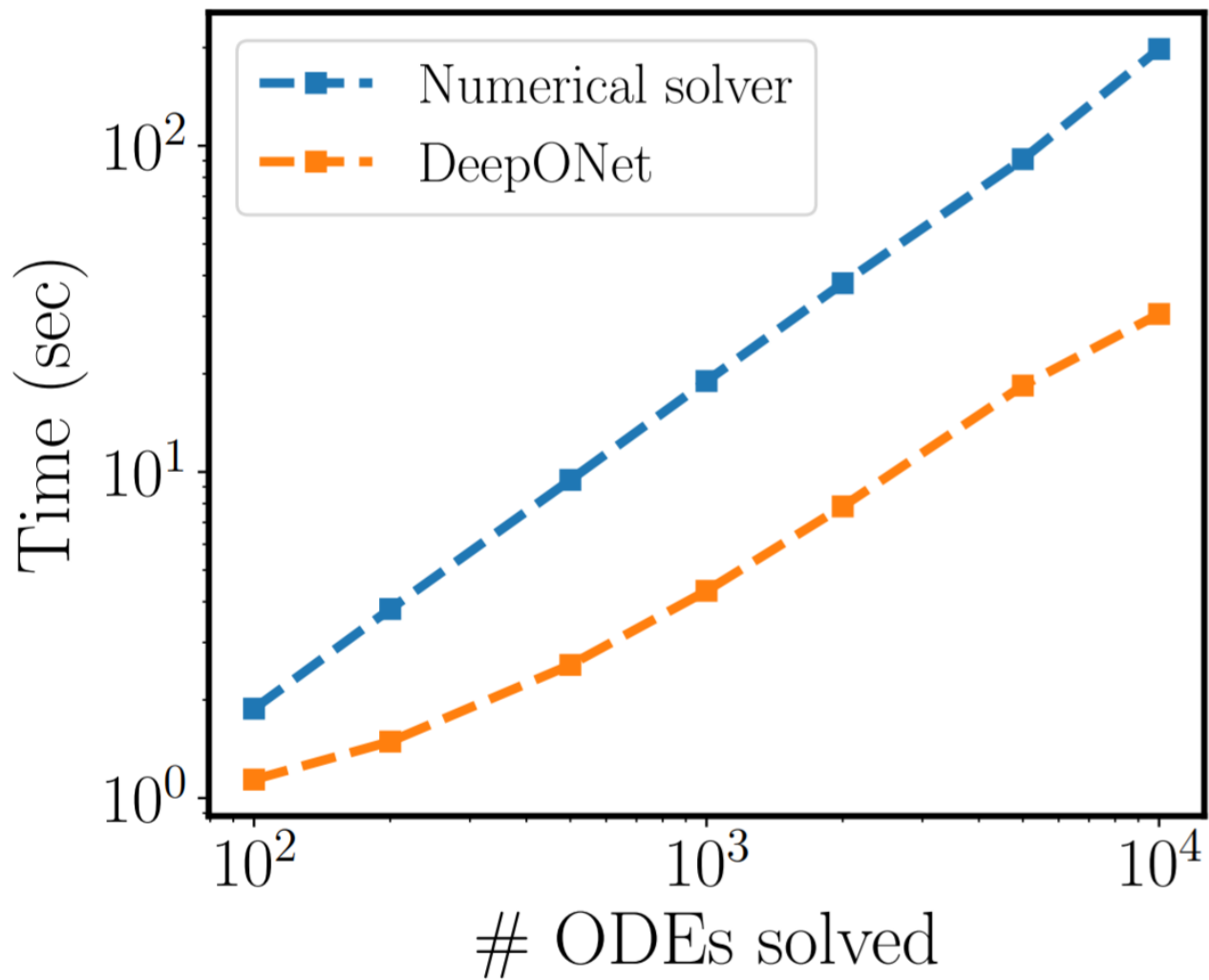
Note on Neural Networks “Outperforming” Classical Solvers

Long-time integration of parametric evolution equations with physics-informed DeepONets

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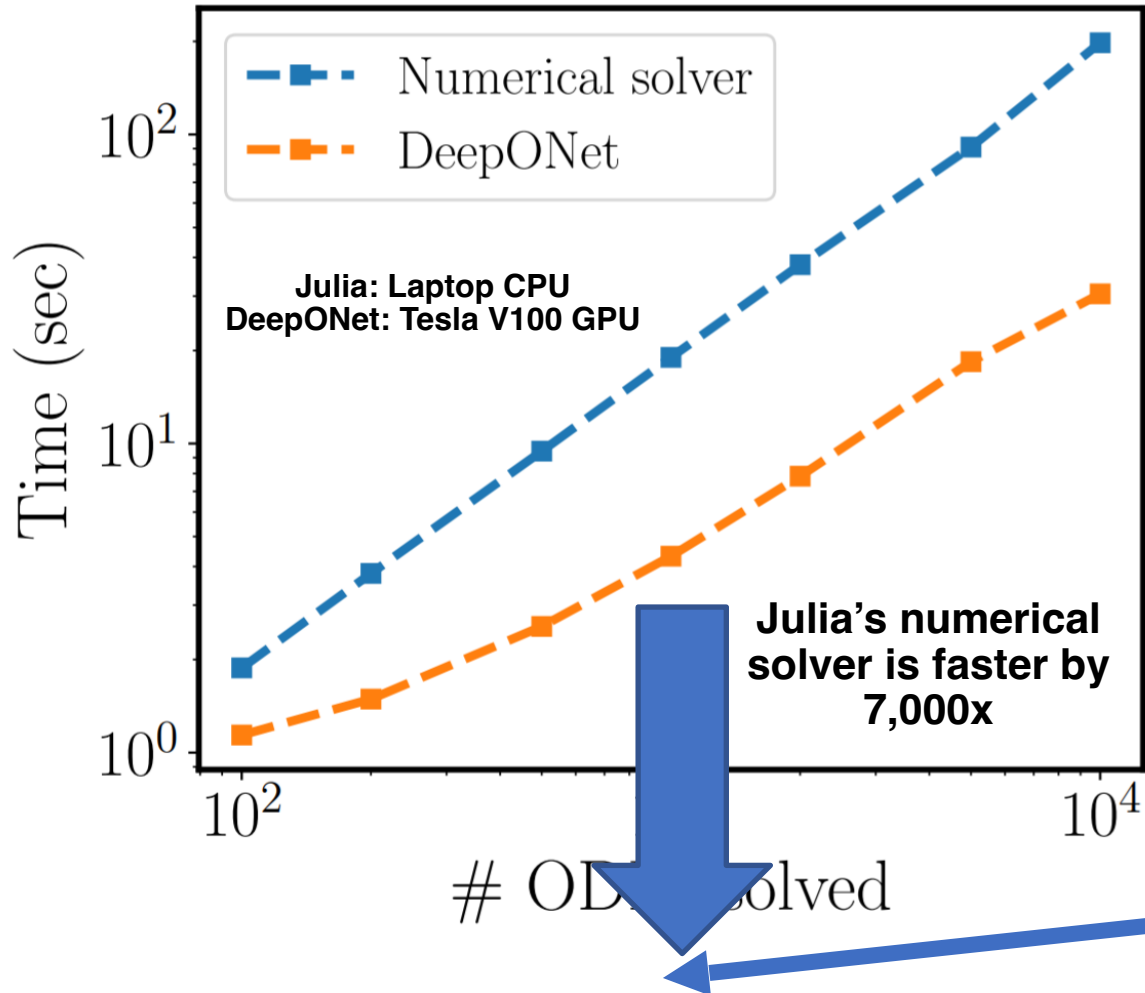
Ordinary and partial differential equations (ODEs/PDEs) play a paramount role in analyzing and simulating complex dynamic processes across all corners of science and engineering. In recent years machine learning tools are aspiring to introduce new effective ways of simulating PDEs, however existing approaches are not able to reliably return stable and accurate predictions across long temporal horizons. We aim to address this challenge by introducing an effective framework for learning infinite-dimensional operators that map random initial conditions to associated PDE solutions within a short time interval. Such latent operators can be parametrized by deep neural networks that are trained in an entirely self-supervised manner without requiring any paired input-output observations. Global long-time predictions across a range of initial conditions can be then obtained by iteratively evaluating the trained model using each prediction as the initial condition for the next evaluation step. This introduces a new approach to temporal domain decomposition that is shown to be effective in performing accurate long-time simulations for a wide range of parametric ODE and PDE systems, from wave propagation, to reaction-diffusion dynamics and stiff chemical kinetics, all at a fraction of the computational cost needed by classical numerical solvers.

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Oh no, we're doomed!

Wait a second?



```
using ModelingToolkit, OrdinaryDiffEq, StaticArrays
```

```
@variables t y1(t) y2(t) y3(t)
```

```
@parameters k1 k2 k3
```

```
D = Differential(t)
```

```
eqs = [D(y1) ~ -k1*y1+k3*y2*y3
```

```
        D(y2) ~ k1*y1-k2*y22-k3*y2*y3
```

```
        D(y3) ~ k2*y22]
```

```
sys = ODESystem(eqs, t)
```

```
prob = ODEProblem{false}(sys, SA[y1=>1f0, y2=>0f0, y3=>0f0], (0f0, 500f0),  
                        SA[k1=>4f-2, k2=>3f7, k3=>1f4], jac=true)
```

```
N = 1000
```

```
y1s = rand(Float32, N)
```

```
y2s = 1f-4 .* rand(Float32, N)
```

```
y3s = rand(Float32, N)
```

```
function prob_func(prob, i, repeat)
```

```
    remake(prob, p=SA[y1s[i], y2s[i], y3s[i]])
```

```
end
```

```
monteprob = EnsembleProblem(prob, prob_func = prob_func, safetycopy=false)  
solve(monteprob, Rodas5(), EnsembleThreads(), trajectories=1000)
```

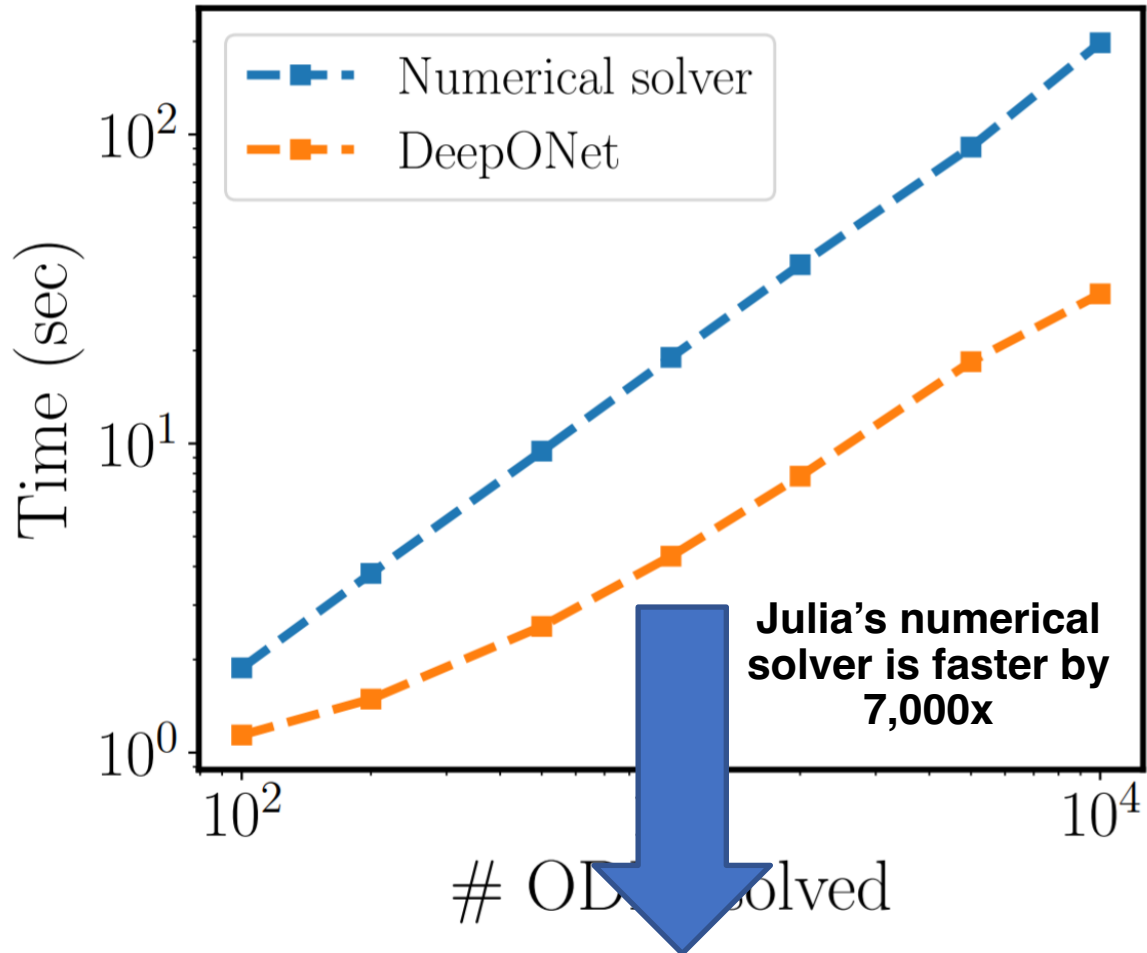
```
@time solve(monteprob, Rodas5(), EnsembleThreads(), trajectories=1000)
```

```
#0.006486 seconds (172.26 k allocations: 16.740 MiB)
```

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#0.006024 seconds (172.26 k allocations: 16.740 MiB)
```

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#0.007074 seconds (172.26 k allocations: 16.740 MiB)
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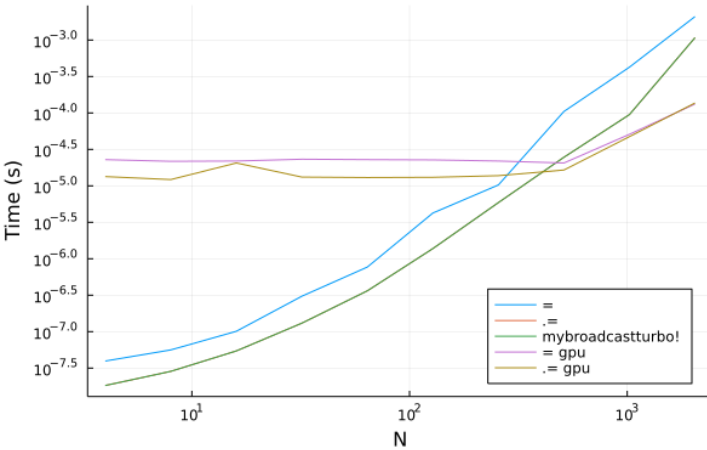
Similar story on Fourier Neural Operator results!

How come so far off?

If Differentiable Simulation techniques are easily $>1000x$ more efficient, then why doesn't everyone "see" that?

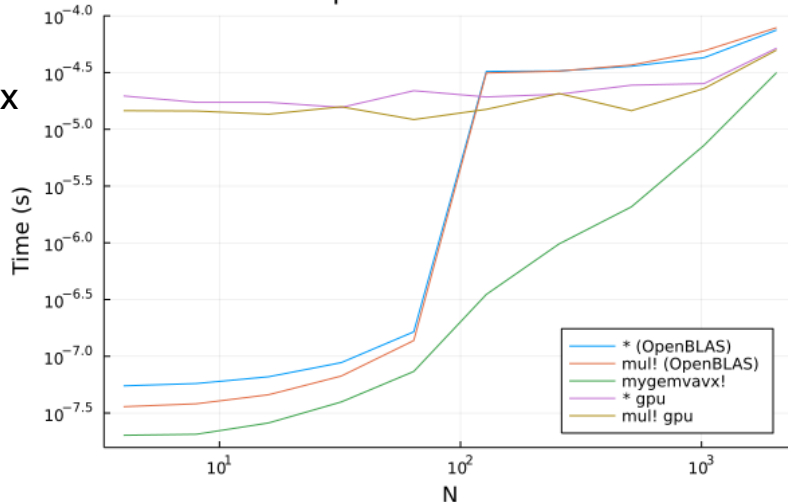
Code Optimization in Machine Learning vs Scientific Computing

Which Micro-optimizations matter for BLAS1?



Scientific codes
 $O(n)$ and $O(n^2)$
 operations

Which Micro-optimizations matter for BLAS2?

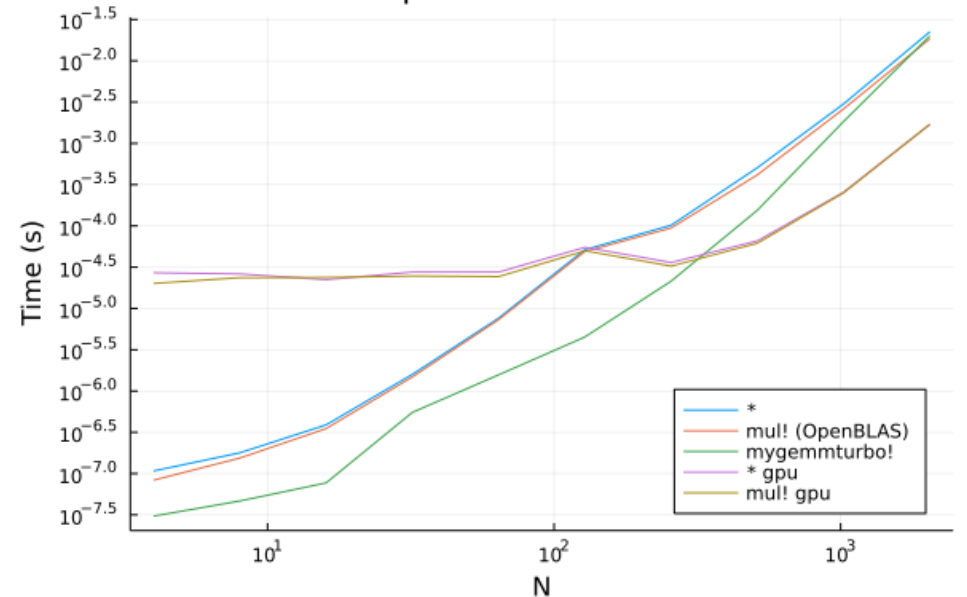


Mutation and
 Memory management: 10x

Manual SIMD: 5x

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Which Micro-optimizations matter for BLAS3?

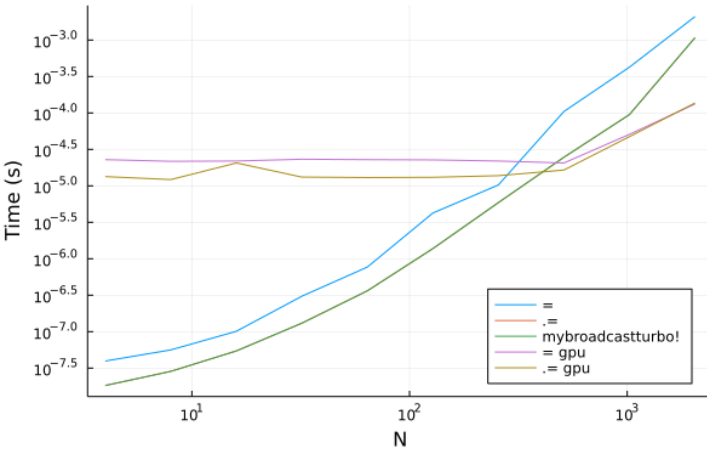


Big $O(n^3)$ operations?
 Just use a GPU
 Don't worry about overhead
 You're fine!

Simplest code is ~3x from optimized

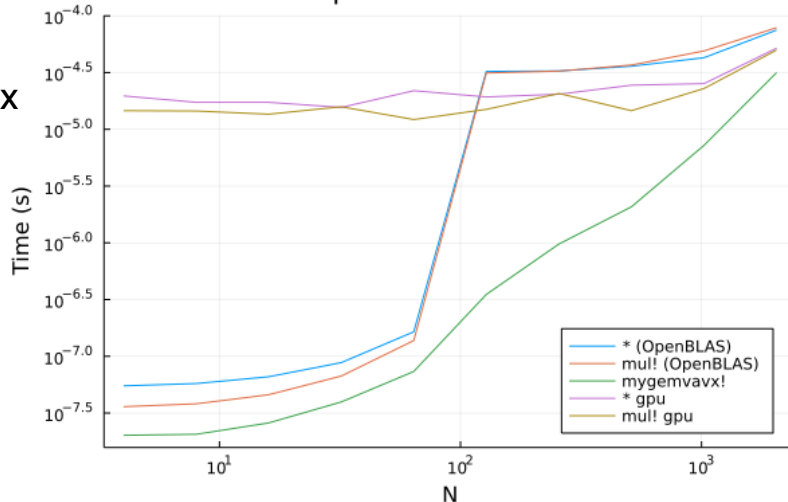
What happens when you specialize computations?

Which Micro-optimizations matter for BLAS1?



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SimpleChains.jl

Doing small network scientific
machine learning in Julia on CPU 5x
faster than PyTorch on GPU

(10x Jax on CPU)

Details in the release blog post

Only for size ~100 layers and below!

SimpleChains + StaticArray Neural ODEs

```
sc = SimpleChain(  
    static(2),  
    Activation(x -> x.^3),  
    TurboDense{true}(tanh, static(50)),  
    TurboDense{true}(identity, static(2))  
)  
  
p_nn = SimpleChains.init_params(sc)  
  
f(u,p,t) = sc(u,p)
```

his function is plugged into an ODE solver and the L2 loss is calculated from the numerical solution and the NeuralODE output.

```
prob_nn = ODEProblem(f, u0, tspan)  
  
function predict_neuralode(p)  
    Array(solve(prob_nn,  
        Tsit5(); p=p, saveat=tsteps, sensealg=QuadratureAdjoint(autojacvec=Zygote  
        VJP())))  
end
```

About a 5x improvement

**~1000x in a nonlinear mixed
effects context**

**Tutorial should be up in a few
days**

**Caveat: Requires
sufficiently small ODEs
(<20)**

Let's dive into some performance optimizations and see what's required in practice on Burger's Equation

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- DifferentialEquations.jl: 2x-10x Sundials, Hairer, ...
- DiffEqFlux.jl: adjoints outperforming Sundials and PETSc-TS
- ModelingToolkit.jl: 15,000x Simulink
- Catalyst.jl: >100x SimBiology, gillespy, Copasi
- DataDrivenDiffEq.jl: >10x pySindy
- NeuralPDE.jl: ~2x DeepXDE* (more optimizations to be done)
- NeuralOperators.jl: ~3x original papers (more optimizations required)
- ReservoirComputing.jl: 2x-10x pytorch-esn, ReservoirPy, PyRCN
- SimpleChains.jl: 5x PyTorch GPU with CPU, 10x Jax (small only!)
- DiffEqGPU.jl: Some wild GPU ODE solve speedups coming soon

And 100 more libraries to mention...

If you work in SciML and think optimized and maintained implementations of your method would be valuable, please let us know and we can add it to the queue.

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