

# Solving IPDEs on Spiking Neuromorphic Hardware



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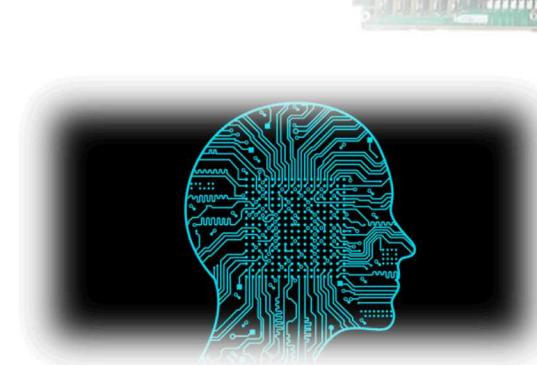
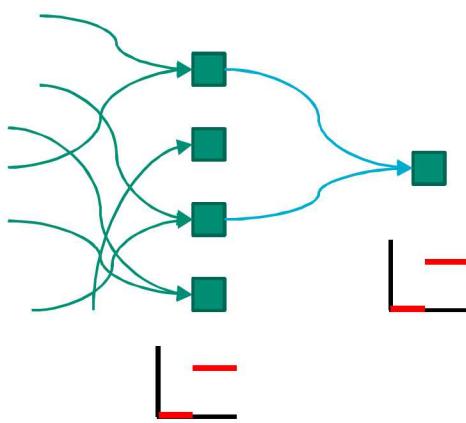
## Overview

- Introduction to Spiking Neuromorphic Hardware
- Connections between SDEs and PDEs
- Generalized Feynman-Kac
- Application to Particle Transport
- Implementation Accuracy
- Conclusions

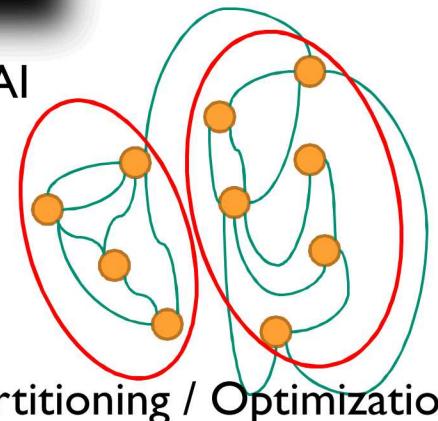
# What is “Spiking Neuromorphic Hardware”?



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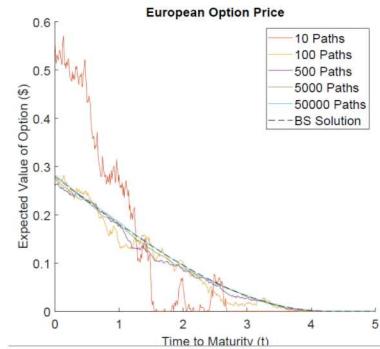
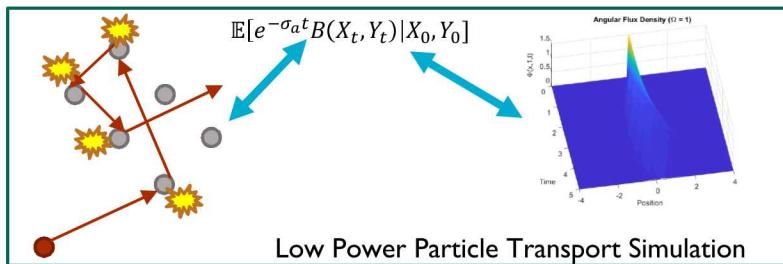
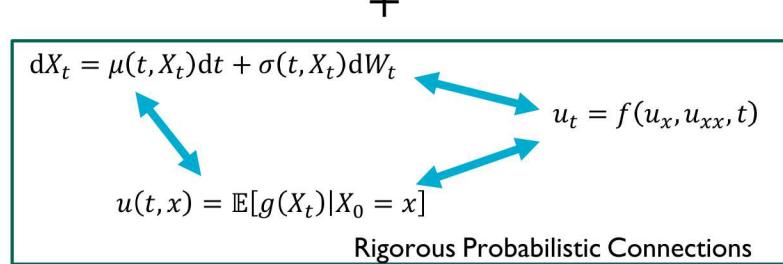
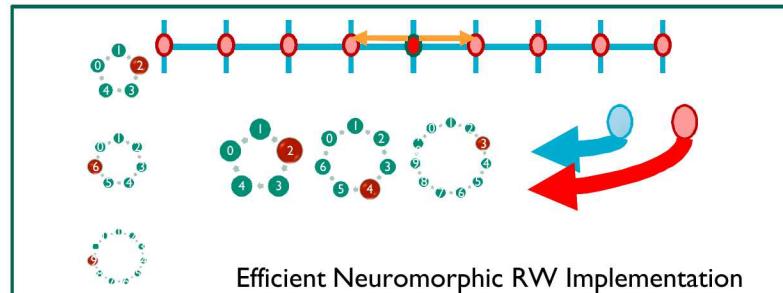
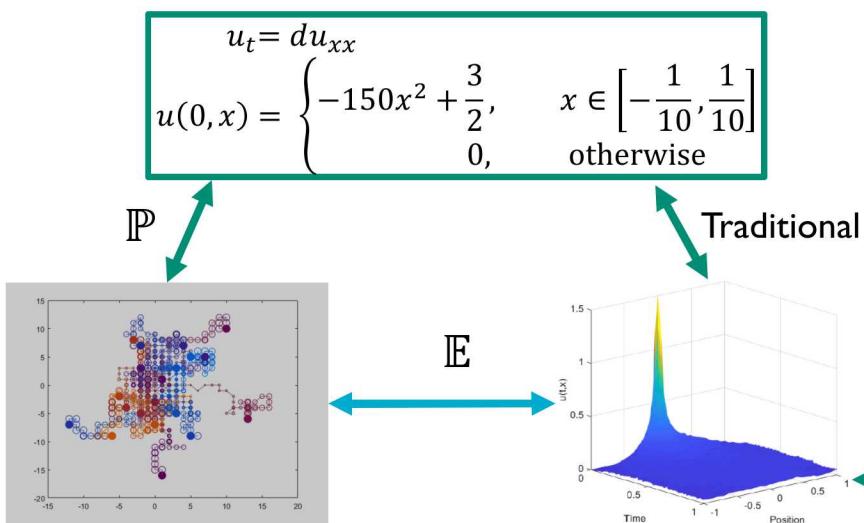


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# Connecting PDEs and Random Walks



## A Class of Integro-PDEs with a Probabilistic Interpretation

The IPDE-IVP

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_t(t, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j}(t, \mathbf{x}) u_{x_i x_j}(t, \mathbf{x}) + \sum_i b_i(t, \mathbf{x}) u_{x_i}(t, \mathbf{x}) \\
 &\quad + \lambda(t, \mathbf{x}) \int (u(t, \mathbf{x} + h(t, \mathbf{x}, q)) - u(t, \mathbf{x})) \phi_Q(q; t, \mathbf{x}) dq \\
 &\quad + c(t, \mathbf{x}) u(t, \mathbf{x}) + f(t, \mathbf{x}) \\
 u(t, \mathbf{x}) &= g(\mathbf{x})
 \end{aligned}$$

has solution

$$u(t, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ g(\mathbf{X}_t) \exp \left( \int_0^t c(s, \mathbf{X}_s) ds \right) + \int_0^t f(s, \mathbf{X}_s) \exp \left( \int_0^s c(u, \mathbf{X}_u) du \right) ds \middle| \mathbf{X}_0 = \mathbf{x} \right]$$

where

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = b(t, \mathbf{X}_t) dt + \sigma(t, \mathbf{X}_t) dW_t + h(t, \mathbf{X}_t, Q) dP_{t;Q,t,\mathbf{X}_t}$$

and  $a, b, c, g, h$ , and  $f$  are all real valued,  $\lambda < 0$ ; further for each  $t$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  that  $\phi_Q \geq 0$  and  $\int \phi_Q(q) dq$  so that  $P(t; Q, t, \mathbf{x})$  is a Poisson process with rate  $-\int_0^t \lambda(s, \mathbf{x}) ds$ . We further require that  $a = \sigma \sigma^\top$ ,  $b$ , and  $h$  are all defined so that the stochastic process  $\mathbf{X}_t$  has a unique solution that belongs almost surely to the domain of  $g$ .

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Non-Zero Terms	Application	SDE Example
$a$	Heat Equation	$dX_t = \sigma dW_t$
$a, b, f$	European Option Pricing	$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$
$b, \lambda, h, c, f$	Particle Transport	$dX_t = -vY_t dt; \quad dY_t = \omega_{Y_t} dP_{t; Y_t}$
$a, f$	Electrostatic Scalar Potential*	$dX_t^{(i)} = \sqrt{\varepsilon} dW_t$
$b, c$	Pollutant Source Deterioration	$dX_t = v dt^{\wedge}$

## Boltzmann Particle Transport Equation

- In one-dimension with constant energy, the **angular flux density**  $\Phi(x, \Omega, t)$  is the product of particle speed  $v$  and the angular density of particles at position  $x$  traveling in direction  $\Omega$  at time  $t$ ,  $N(x, \Omega, t)$ .

- The angular flux density is assumed to satisfy the Boltzmann transport equation:

$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \Omega \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} + (\sigma_s + \sigma_a) \Phi = \int \Phi(x, \Omega', t) \sigma_s(x, t) p(\Omega' \rightarrow \omega) d\Omega' + S.$$

- Traditionally, the method of characteristics is employed to reduce this equation to an integral equation of the second kind:

$$\Phi = \mathbf{K}\Phi + S',$$

where  $\mathbf{K}$  is an integral operator.

- This is then rewritten as the Neumann series

$$\Phi = \sum \Phi_i, \quad \Phi_0 = S', \quad \Phi_i = \mathbf{K}\Phi_{i-1},$$

with the physical interpretation that  $\Phi_i$  is the angular flux of particles that have undergone exactly  $i$  collisions.

## Probabilistic Boltzmann Transport Equation

- The Boltzmann transport equation can be written in the general IPDE form through the change of variable  $\omega = \Omega' - \Omega$ :

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = -v\Omega \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial x} + 0 \cdot \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega} + v\sigma_s(x, t) \int (\Phi(x, \Omega + \omega, t) - \Phi(x, \Omega, t)) p(\omega \rightarrow 0 | \Omega) d\omega - v\sigma_a(x, t)\Phi + vS.$$

- The generalized Feynman-Kac allows us to write the solution to the Boltzmann equation with initial condition  $\Phi(x, \Omega, 0) = B(x, \Omega)$  as

$$\Phi(x, \Omega, t) = \mathbb{E} \left( B(X_t, Y_t) \exp \left( -v \int_0^t \sigma_a(X_s, s) ds \right) \middle| X_0 = x, Y_0 = \Omega \right) + \mathbb{E} \left( v \int_0^t S(X_s, Y_s, s) \exp \left( -v \int_0^t \sigma_a(X_u, u) du \right) ds \middle| X_0 = x, Y_0 = \Omega \right),$$

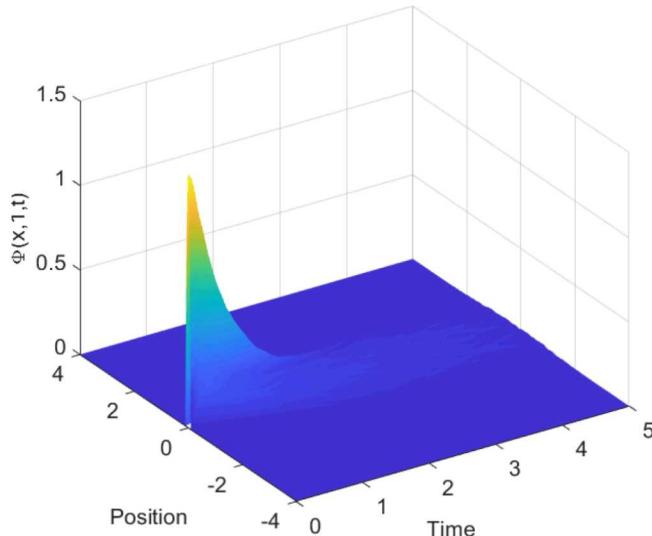
where the underlying stochastic process is given by

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= -vY_t dt \\ dY_t &= \omega_{Y_t} dP_{t;Y_t}. \end{aligned}$$

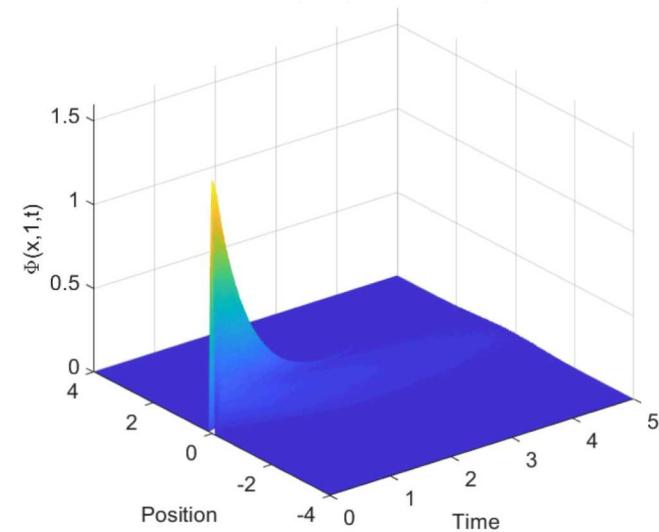
9 Proof of Concept Example

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial x} + \frac{5}{2} \int (\Phi(x, \Omega + \omega, t) - \Phi(x, \Omega, t)) p(\omega \rightarrow 0 | \Omega) d\omega - \frac{1}{4}\Omega$$
$$\Phi(x, \Omega, 0) = B(x, \pm 1) = \begin{cases} -150x^2 + \frac{3}{2} & x \in \left[-\frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{10}\right] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\Phi(x, 1, t)$  using SDE



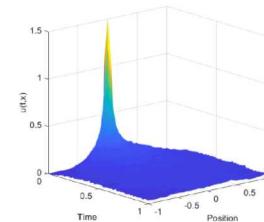
$\Phi(x, 1, t)$  using Neumann Series



# Accuracy Stack for Neuromorphic Implementation

$$u_t = f(t, u, u_x, u_{xx})$$

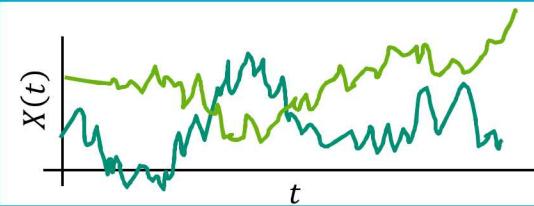
PDE and Solution Ground Truth



$$u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}[g(t, X_t) | X_0 = x]$$

$$u(t, x) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M g(t, X_t^i); \quad X_0^{(i)} = x$$

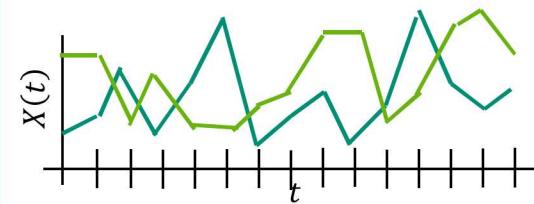
We must sample paths from the stochastic process, incurring sampling error on the order of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}$ .



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}$$

$$u(j\Delta t, x) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M g(j\Delta t, X_{j\Delta t}^i); \quad X_0^{(i)} = x$$

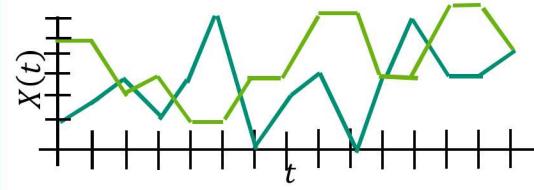
We cannot sample the continuous paths of  $X_t$ , so we approximate by a discretization scheme. We incur error based on this scheme.



$$\sqrt{\Delta t}$$

$$u(j\Delta t, x_k) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M g(j\Delta t, \hat{X}_{j\Delta t}^i); \quad \hat{X}_0^{(i)} = x_k$$

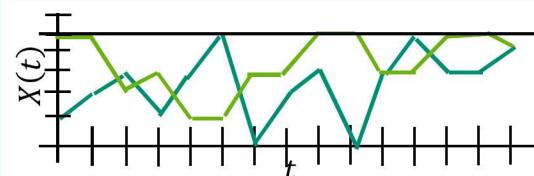
Further we limit the values the walk can take. Denote the process by  $\hat{X}$  which assumes its values on a grid size of  $\Delta s$ . In the best case scenario, the error accrued in each time step is proportional to  $\Delta s/2$



$$\frac{1}{2} j\Delta t \Delta s$$

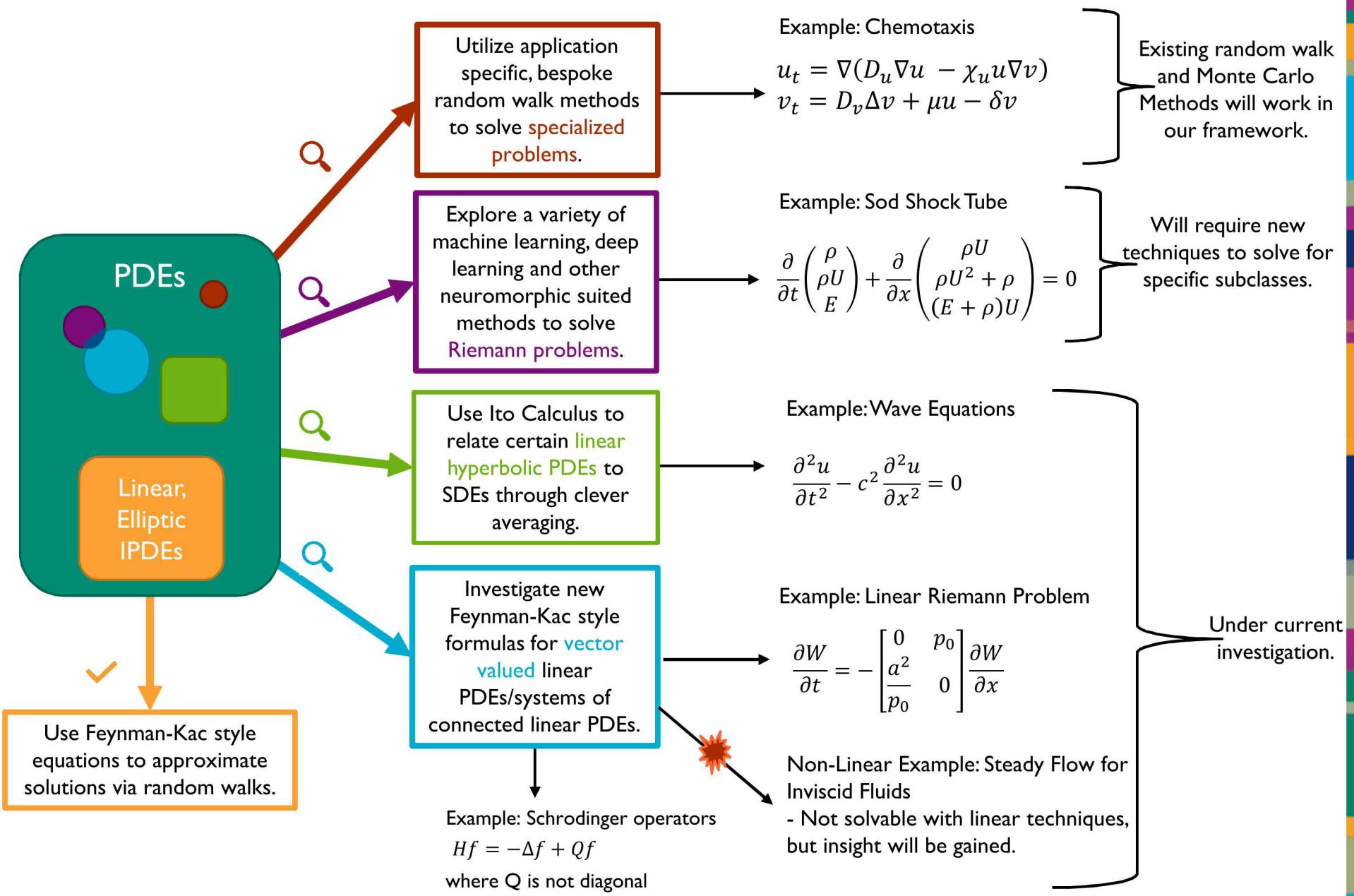
$$u(j\Delta t, x_k) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M g(j\Delta t, \check{X}_{j\Delta t}^i); \quad \check{X}_0^{(i)} = x_k$$

Finally, we may need to set a max value for the process, causing dependent on the function  $g$ , the process, and the max value set.



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# Conclusions and Directions



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