

## Physics-informed graph neural nets

A unification of NN architectures with mimetic PDE discretization



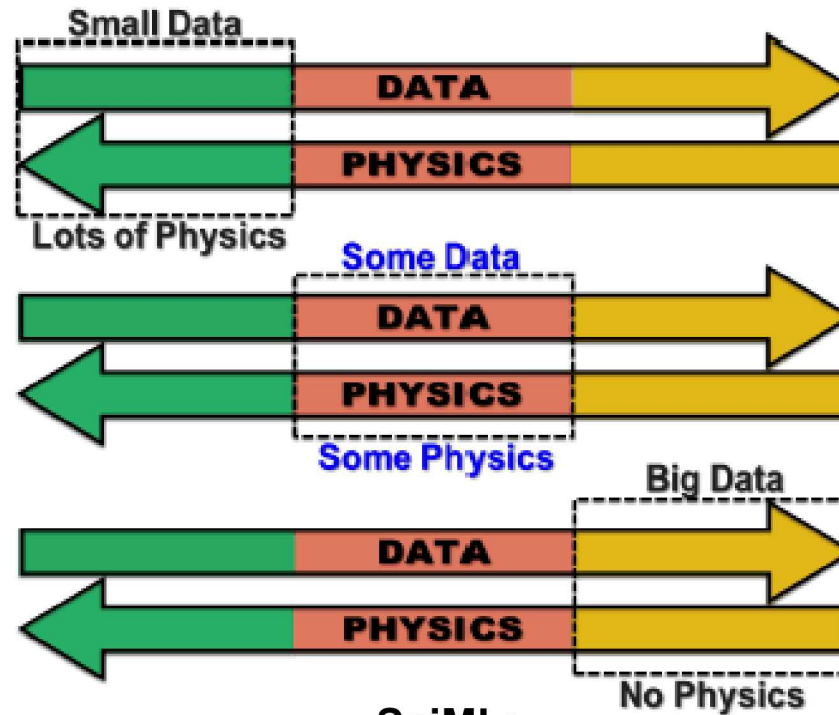
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# What is scientific machine learning?

## Traditional scientific computing:

Known model, known theory leading to good discretization with FEM, data primarily for V+V, parameter estimation



## SciML:

Known model form, unknown constitutive relationships or closures, small amount of high fidelity data

## Traditional machine learning:

No physics, unknown input/output relationship, learn on huge amounts of data + universal approximation

**Objective: Develop ML tools to extract physics preserving data-driven models and learn inexpensive surrogates**

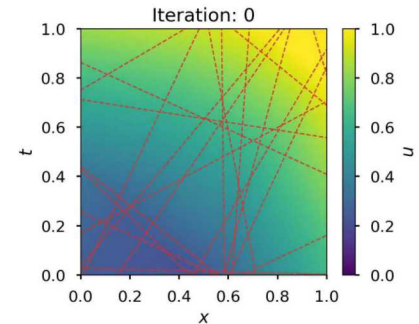
## What's out there right now?

**Most methods pursue some notion of physics regularization to weakly endow network with desirable properties**

Make list of desired features and penalize them after the fact: PDE structure, BC, IC, conservation, etc

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}_{data} + \epsilon \mathbf{L}_{physics}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = ||u_{data} - \mathcal{NN}||_{\ell_2}^2 + \epsilon ||\mathcal{L}[u_{data}] - \mathcal{L}[\mathcal{NN}]||_{\ell_2}^2$$



**The Good....**

It actually works – many first of their kind results in surrogate models, SPDE, inverse problems, etc

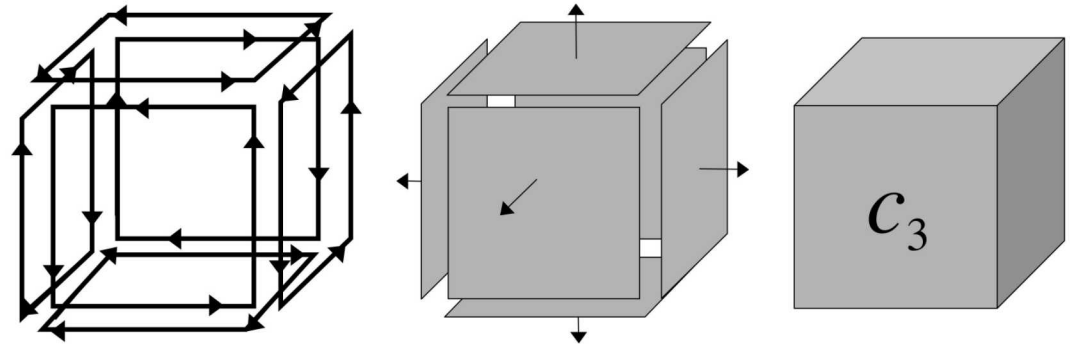
**The Bad....**

Many penalty parameters lead to large numbers of hyperparameters, challenging to train, demonstrate convergence/stability, difficult to handle multiphysics

**Can we use ideas from physics-compatible PDE discretization to do physics-informed machine learning *in a strong sense*?**

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# What are physics compatible discretizations for PDEs?



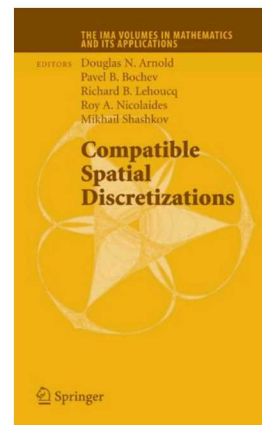
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## Methods for solving PDEs which:

Use generalized Stokes theorems to approximate differential operators

Preserve topological structure in governing equations

Mimic properties of continuum operators  
(thus sometimes called **mimetic discretizations**)



Arnold, D. N., Bochev, P. B., Lehoucq, R. B., Nicolaides, R. A., & Shashkov, M. (Eds.). (2007). *Compatible spatial discretizations* (Vol. 142). Springer Science & Business Media.

## Two key ingredients:

### 1: A topological structure

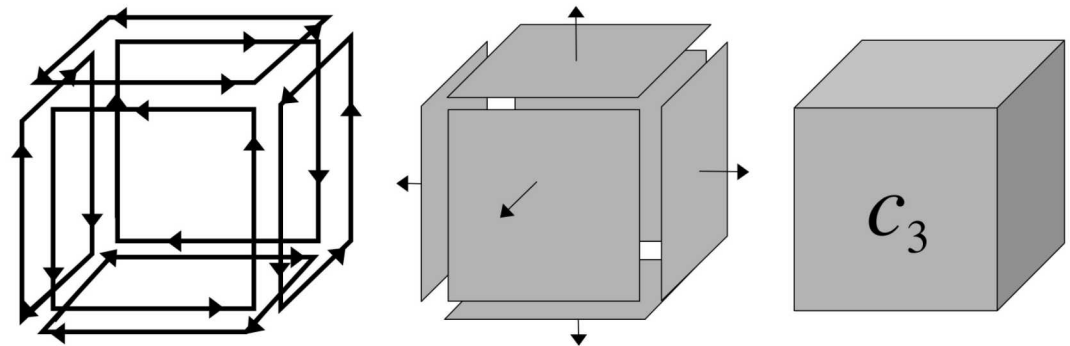
In PDE discretization this is a mesh, with boundary operators linking cells, faces, edges, and nodes

**We will use a graph as an inexpensive low-dimensional mesh surrogate**

### 2: Metric information

Measures associated with mesh entities, ensuring discrete exterior derivatives converge to div/grad/curl

**Graphs are purely topological with no natural metric, we will use ML to extract metric information from data**



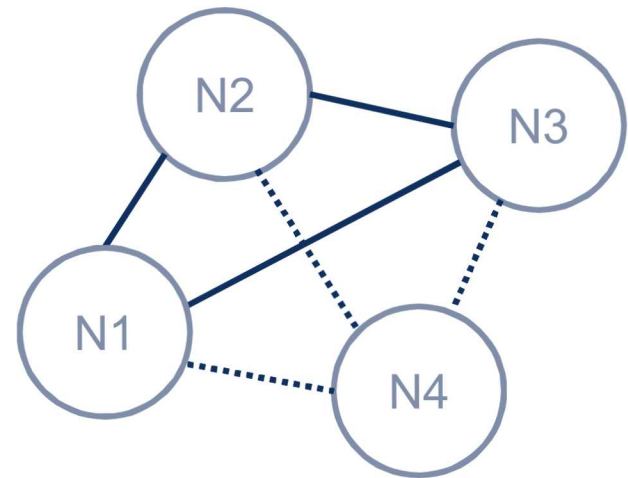
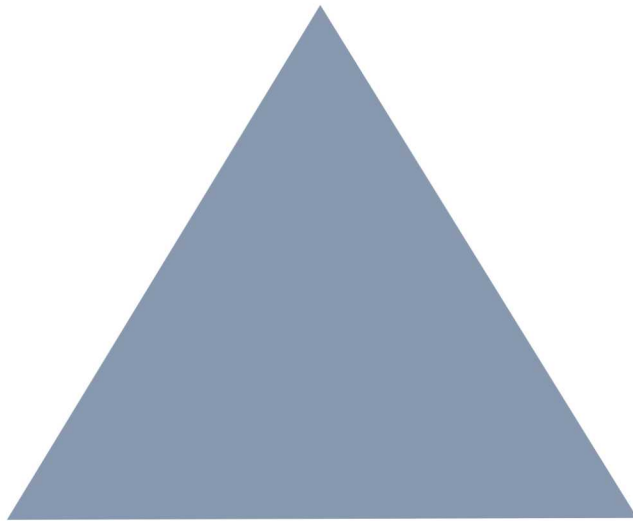
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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\mu(C)} \sum_{f \in \partial C} \int_f \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$



# Exterior calculus preliminaries: chain complex

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**Compat. PDE**

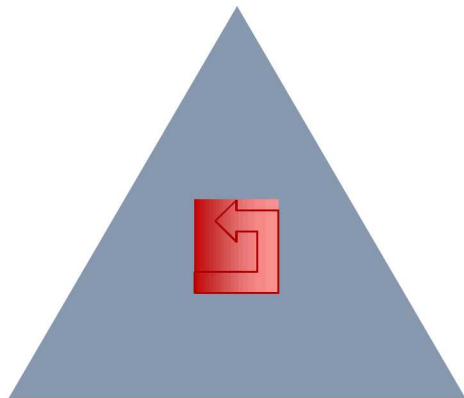
Mesh entities

**Comb. Hodge**

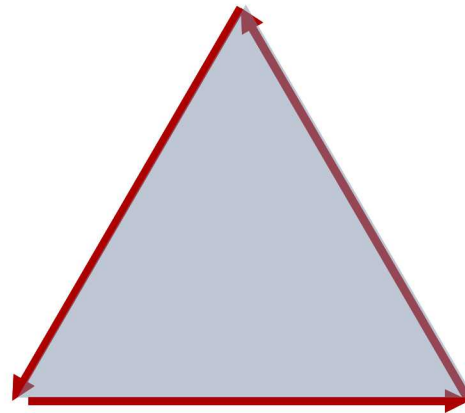
K-cliques

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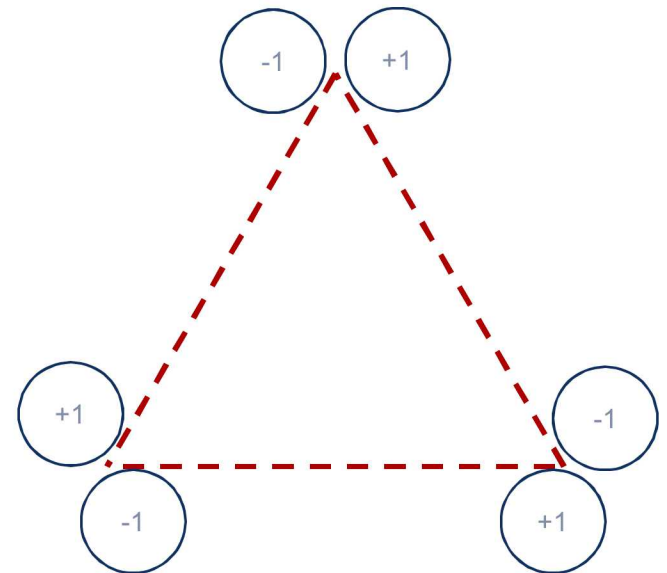
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$$f \in C_2$$



$$\partial_2 f \in C_1$$



$$\partial_1 \partial_2 f \in C_0$$

Exact sequence property:  $\forall k, \partial_k \partial_{k+1} = 0$

# Exterior calculus preliminaries: cochain complex

$$C_0 \xleftarrow{\partial_0} C_1 \xleftarrow{\partial_1} C_2 \xleftarrow{\partial_2} C_3$$

$$C^0 \xrightarrow{d_0} C^1 \xrightarrow{d_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{d_2} C^3$$

*Coboundary operators* define maps  $d_k : C^k \rightarrow C^{k+1}$  satisfying  $d_{k+1}d_k = 0$

Boundary and coboundary operators satisfy the *generalized Stokes theorem*

$$\int_{\omega} du = \int_{\partial\omega} u$$

Comb. Hodge	Compat. PDE
$\text{grad}[s](i, j) = \int_{e_{ij}} \nabla s \cdot d\mathbf{l} = s_j - s_i$	$\text{grad}[s](i, j) = s_j - s_i$
$\text{curl}[X](F) = \int_F \nabla \times X \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \sum_{e \in \partial F} \int_e X \cdot d\mathbf{l}$	$\text{curl}[X](i, j, k) = X_{ij} + X_{jk} + X_{ki}$



$$C_0 \xleftarrow{\partial_1} C_1 \xleftarrow{\partial_2} C_2 \xleftarrow{\partial_3} C_3$$

$$C^0 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_0^*} \end{matrix} C^1 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{d_1} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1^*} \end{matrix} C^2 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{d_2} \\ \xleftarrow{d_2^*} \end{matrix} C^3$$

Introducing inner products  $(\cdot, \cdot)_k$ , we define the *codifferential* operator  $d_k^* : C^{k+1} \rightarrow C^k$  as

$$(v, d_k^* u)_k = (d_k v, u)_{k+1}$$

$$\text{Again, } d_{k-1}^* \circ d_k^* = 0$$

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**How to choose inner-products?**

## PDE context

Covolume methods - Hodge star

Mimetic finite difference – As  
needed to get accuracy

Mixed FEM – L2, but carefully  
design FEM spaces

## Graph context

Purely topological, so no concern with  
consistency

Therefore, classically choose  $\ell_2$  inner  
product so that codifferential is simply  
the adjoint of the coboundary matrix

**Why not use data to bridge  
the gap?**

What does all this give you?

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$$(v, d_k^* u)_k = (d_k v, u)_{k+1}$$

- Differential operators which locally and globally conserve fluxes, circulations, potentials
- Invertible Hodge Laplacians  $\Delta_k = d_{k+1}^* d_{k+1} + d_k d_k^*$
- Exact sequence properties  $d_{k+1} d_k = d_k^* d_{k+1}^* = 0$

### Corollary: Treatment of non-trivial nullspaces

Linear PDE  $\nabla \times \nabla \times u = f$  admit  $\tilde{u} = u + \nabla \phi, \forall \phi$

Can restrict solutions perpendicular to null space by imposing gauge condition

$$d_1^* d_1 u + d_0 \lambda = f$$

$$d_0^* u = 0$$

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For finite dimensional space, defining inner-product amounts to finding SPD matrix  $M_k$ , such that  $(x, y)_k = x^\top M_k y$

## Options for parameterizing inner-product:

- Any SPD matrix can be expressed via Cholesky decomp  $M_k = Q Q^\top$ , upper-triangular  $Q_{ij}$  with trainable weights
- Simpler example,  $M_k = \text{diag}(\xi)$ , with  $\xi_k > 0$  trainable weights

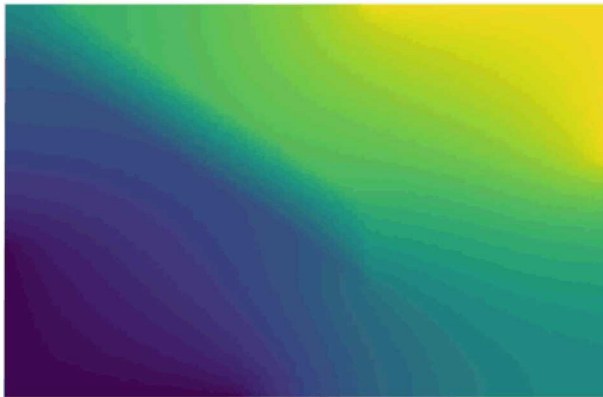
Second choice corresponds to higher-order generalizations of *resistor networks*

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = f$$

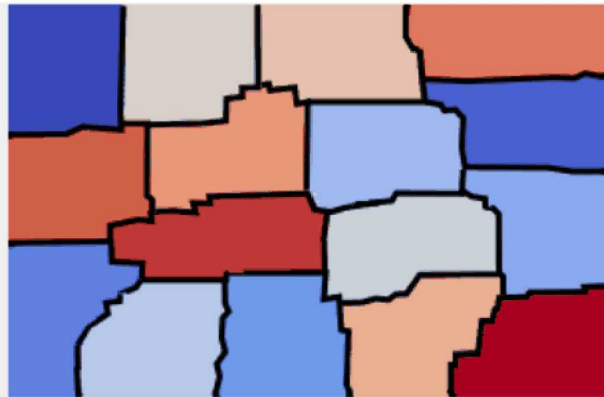
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$$\mathbf{F} + \kappa \nabla \phi = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F} + \xi d_0 \phi + \mathcal{N}_\eta(\phi) = 0$$



High-fidelity PDE  
solution



Apply graph-cut to  
coarse-grain  
chain complex



Average over  
partitions to obtain  
training data



# Ideal optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d_0^* \mathbf{F} = f & \longrightarrow & a_\xi(\phi, v) + N_v^\eta(\phi) = b(v) \\ \mathbf{F} + \xi d_0 \phi + \mathcal{N}_\eta(\phi) = 0 & & \end{array}$$

Invertible bilinear formNonlinear perturbation

Rewriting as variational problem, we have a nonlinear perturbation of a nice elliptic problem. Conservation is encoded **strongly** via codifferential

$$\underset{\xi, \eta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\phi - \phi_{data}\|^2 + \|\xi\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } d_0^* F = 0$$

If we can fit the model to data while imposing equality constraint, then during training we restrict to manifold of solvable models preserving physics

# Optimization problem (PINNs version)

$$\begin{aligned} d_0^* \mathbf{F} &= f \\ \mathbf{F} + \xi d_0 \phi + \mathcal{N}_\eta(\phi) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} a_\xi(\phi, v) &+ N_v^\eta(\phi) = b(v) \end{aligned}$$

Invertible bilinear form                      Nonlinear perturbation

$$\underset{\xi, \eta}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\phi - \phi_{data}||^2 + ||\xi||^2 + \lambda ||d_0^* F||^2$$


Penalty parameter                      Physics residual


An obvious choice to find our desired model is to regularize PINNs style and play with penalty parameter

Wang, Sifan, Yujun Teng, and Paris Perdikaris. "Understanding and mitigating gradient pathologies in physics-informed neural networks." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2001.04536* (2020).

# Optimization problem (“PDE”-constrained)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi,\eta,\lambda} = ||\phi - \phi_{data}||^2 + ||\xi||^2 + \lambda^\top d_0^* F$$

 Vector of  
Lagrange  
multipliers

 Physics  
residual at each  
node

$$\text{s.t. } d_0^* F = 0$$

- *Solve forward problem with current parameters*

$$\phi \leftarrow \nabla_{\lambda} \mathcal{L}_{\xi,\eta,\lambda}(\phi) = 0$$

- *Solve adjoint problem to get Lagrange multipliers*

$$\lambda \leftarrow \nabla_{\phi} \mathcal{L}_{\xi,\eta,\lambda}(\phi) = 0$$

- *Update model coefficients*

$$\xi, \eta \leftarrow \nabla_{\xi,\eta} \mathcal{L}_{\xi,\eta,\lambda}(\phi) = 0$$

An iterative algorithm  
guaranteeing exact  
enforcement of physics  
at each iteration:

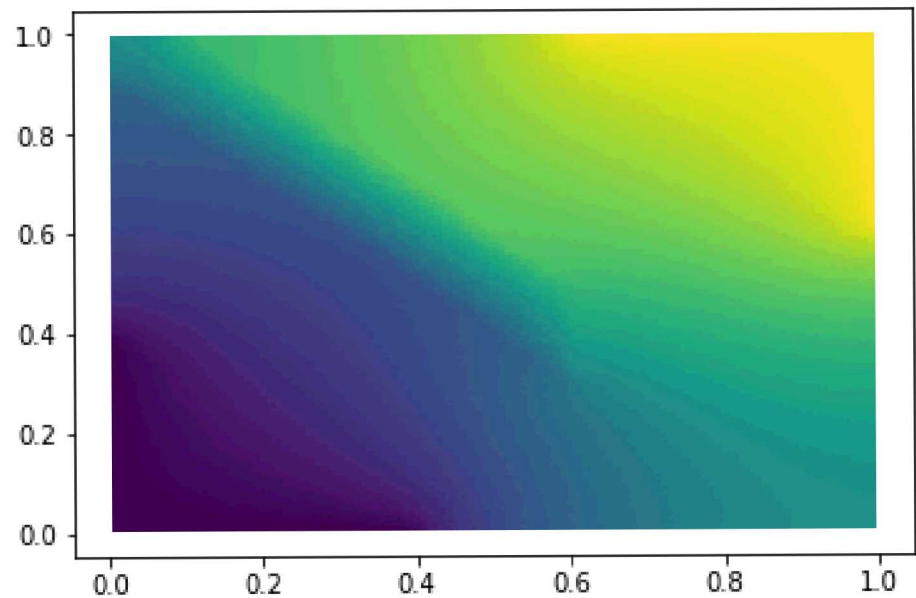
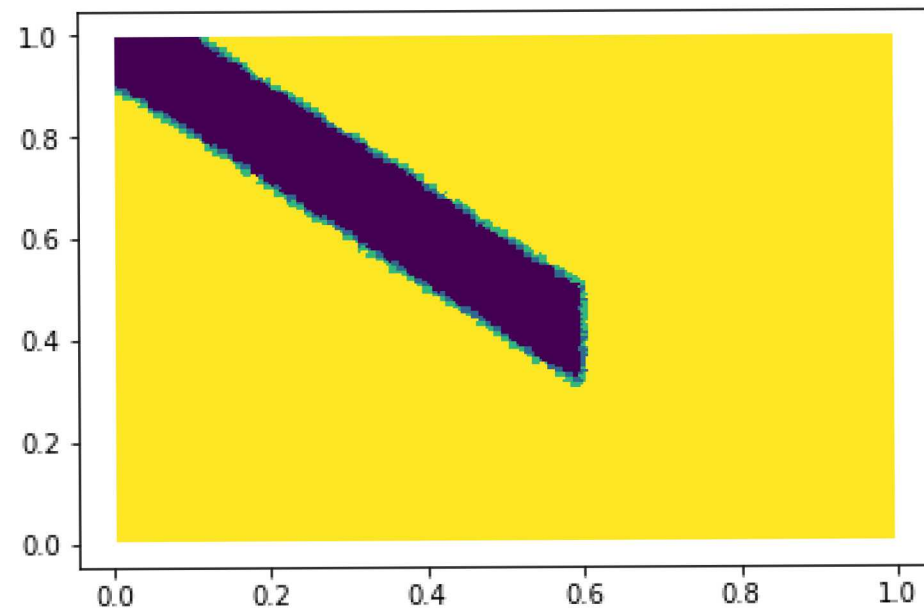
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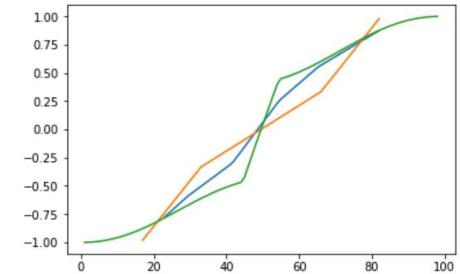
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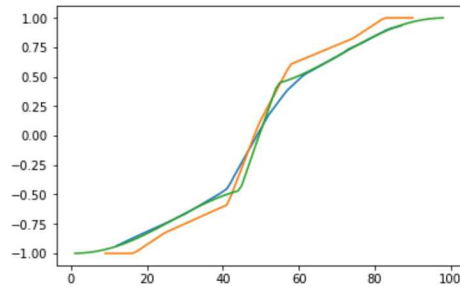
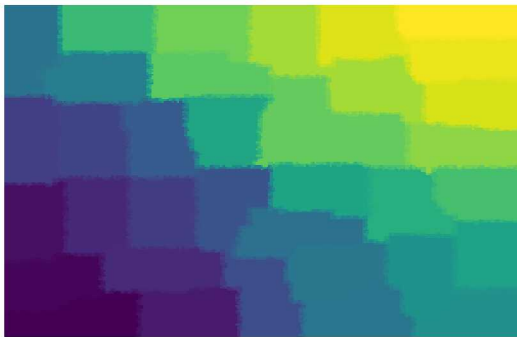
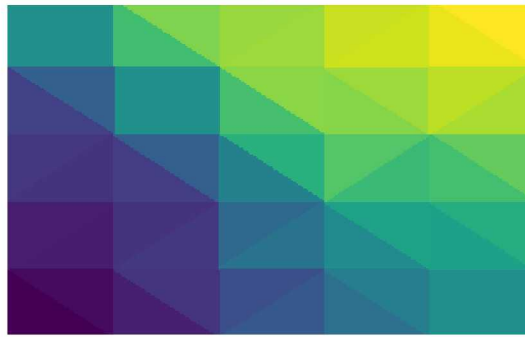


# Comparison to traditional covolume: improved accuracy at low resolution

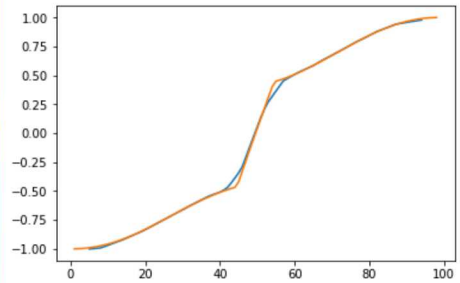
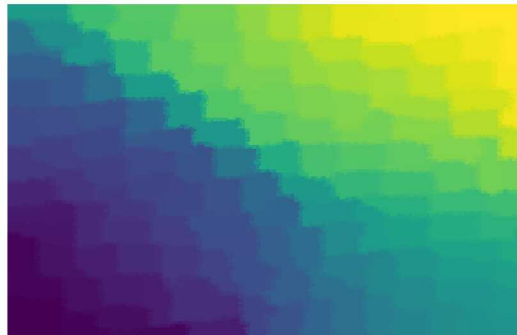
$N = 2^2$



$N = 5^2$



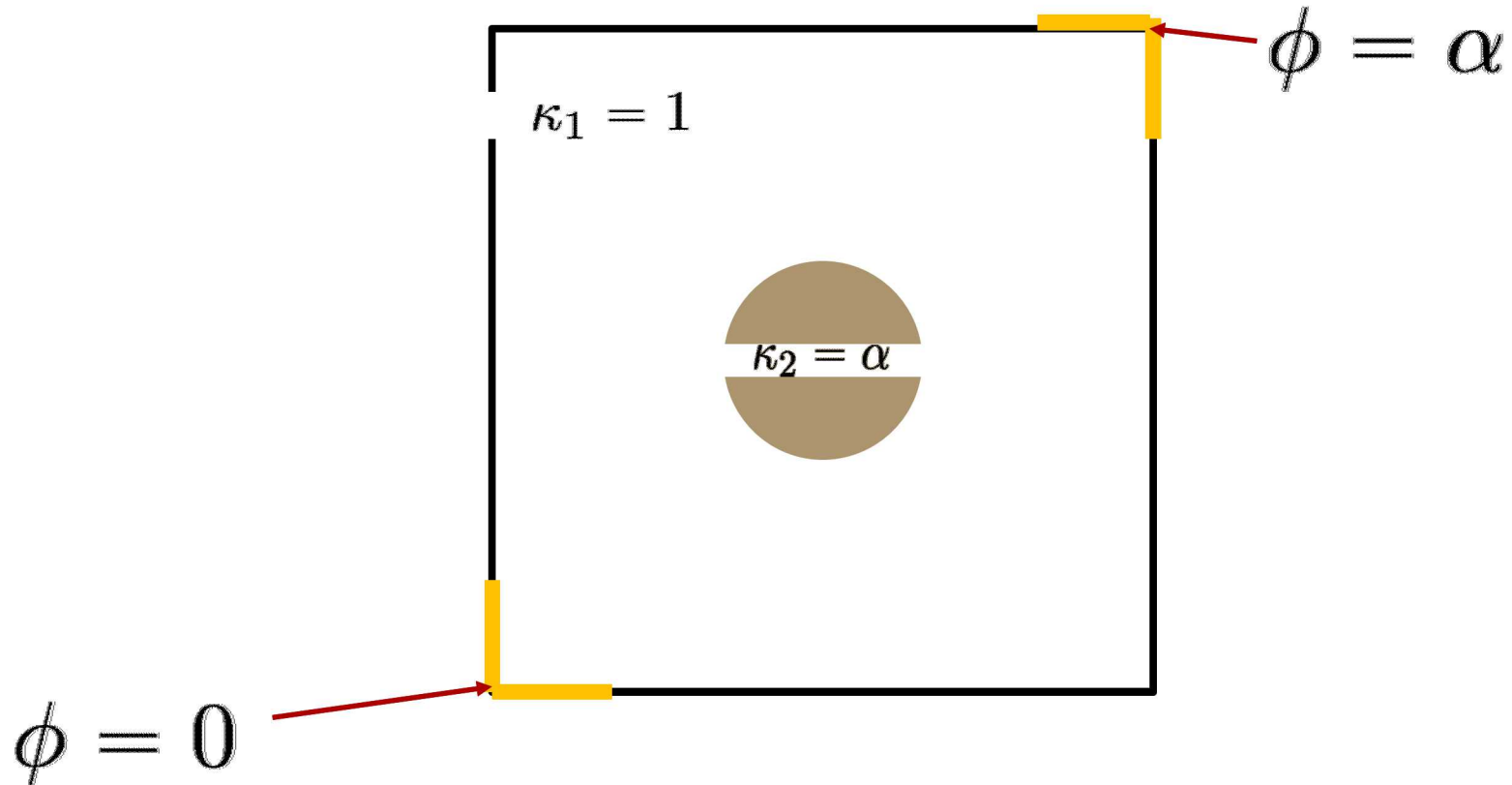
$N = 10^2$



Comparison of pressure for same # DOF for FVM (left) and pigNN (center)

Right: profile along diagonal shows better fit to solution (green) by pigNN (blue) vs FVM (orange)

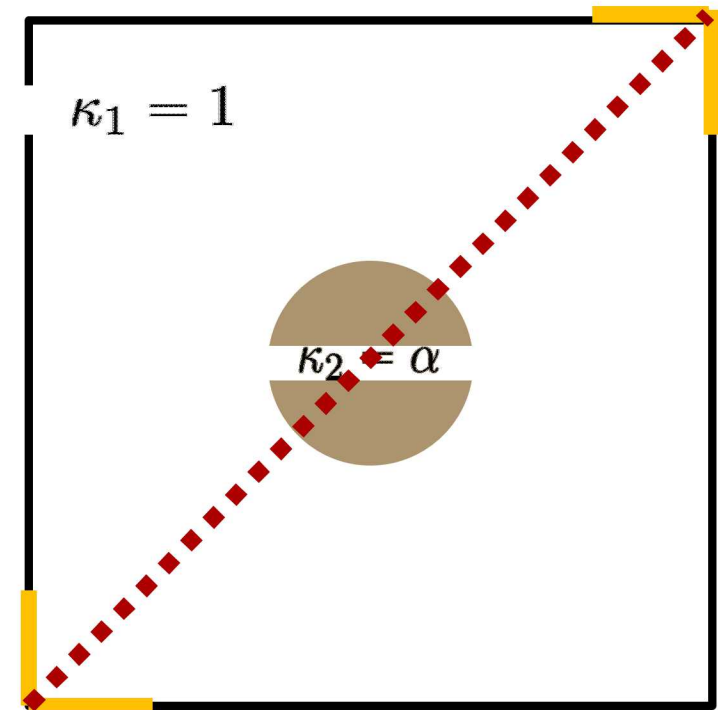
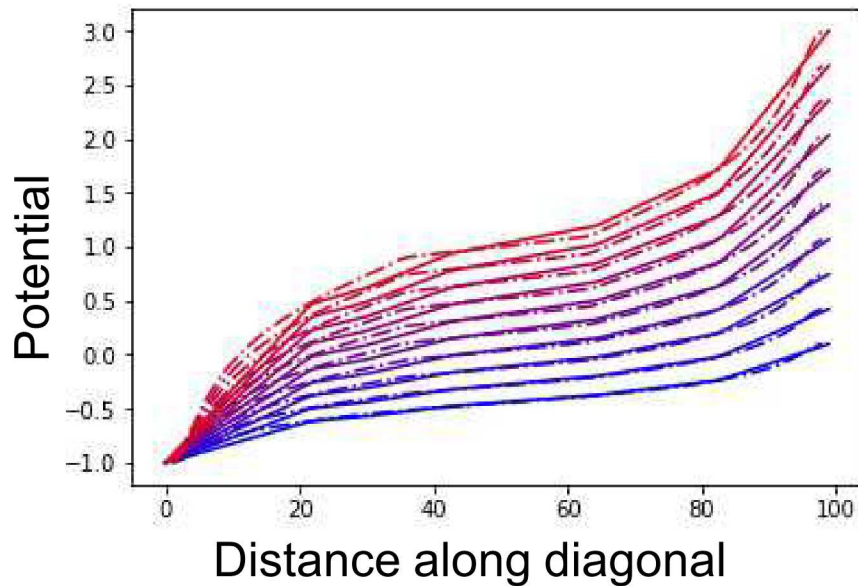
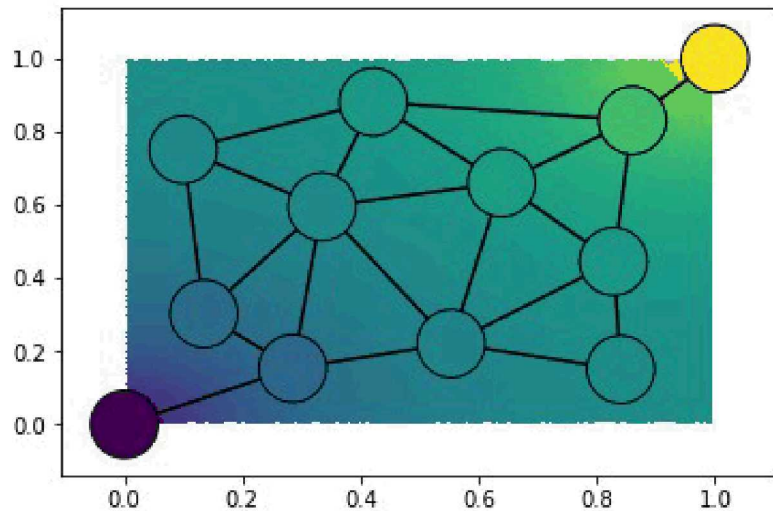




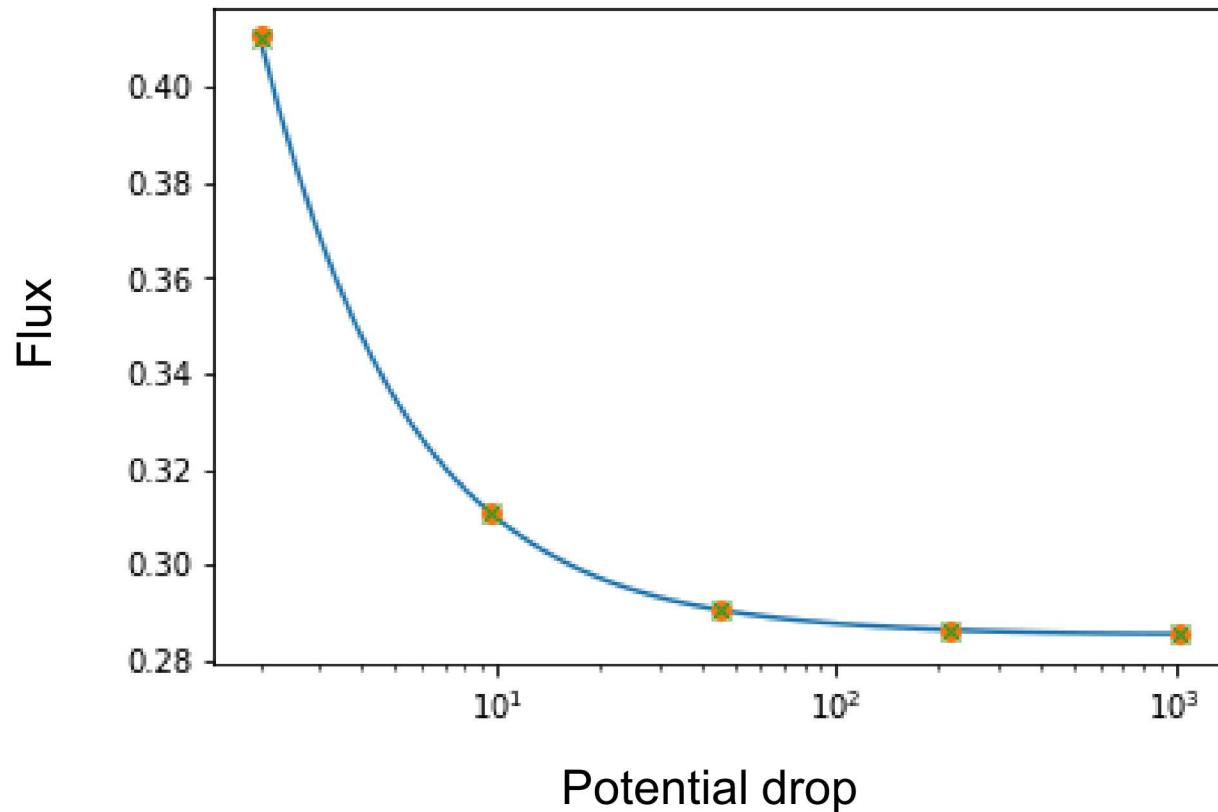
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# Nonlinear Darcy: potential profile across diagonal



# Nonlinear Darcy – Dirichlet2Neumann map

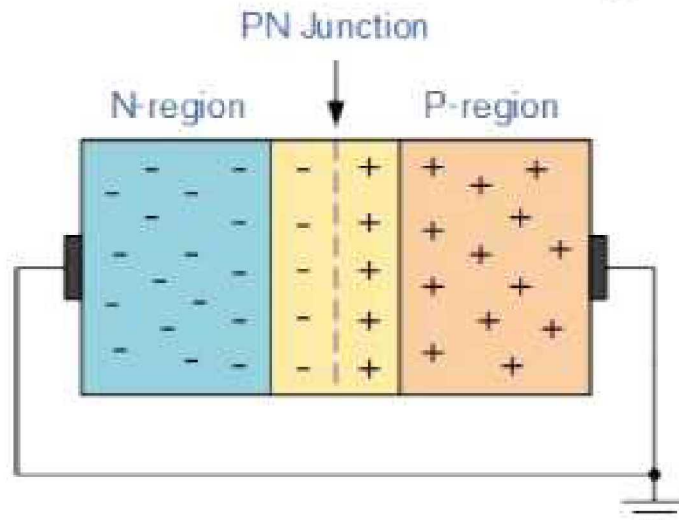


Training on **five** PDE solutions across **three decades** of data

An effective parameterization of D2N map, which may be embedded in other schemes

# Compact models for semiconductors: PN-diode

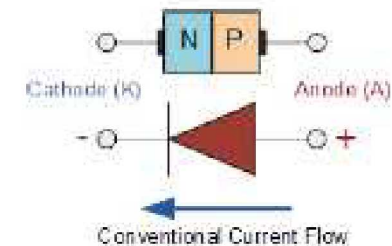
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$$\nabla \cdot \epsilon \nabla \phi = -(p - n + N_D^+ - N_A^-)$$

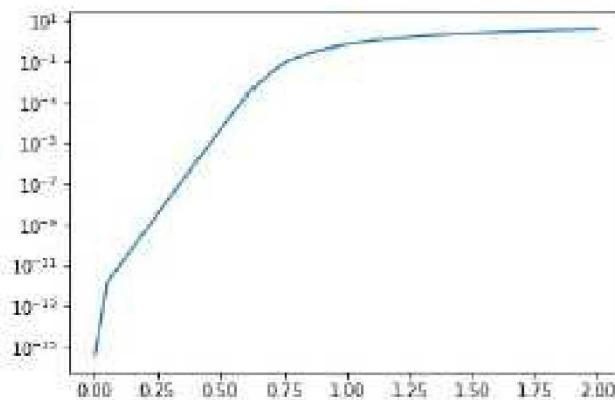
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{q} \nabla \cdot (-\mu_n n E - D_n \nabla n) - R_n(n, p)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{q} \nabla \cdot (\mu_p p E - D_p \nabla p) - R_p(n, p)$$

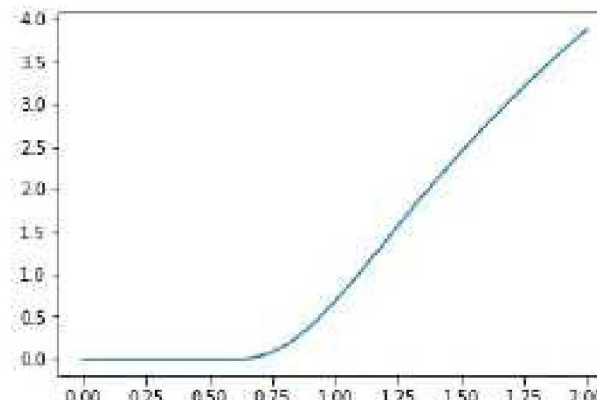


Traditional compact models fit ideal diode + resistor, and can be tuned to match either small or large voltage regimes

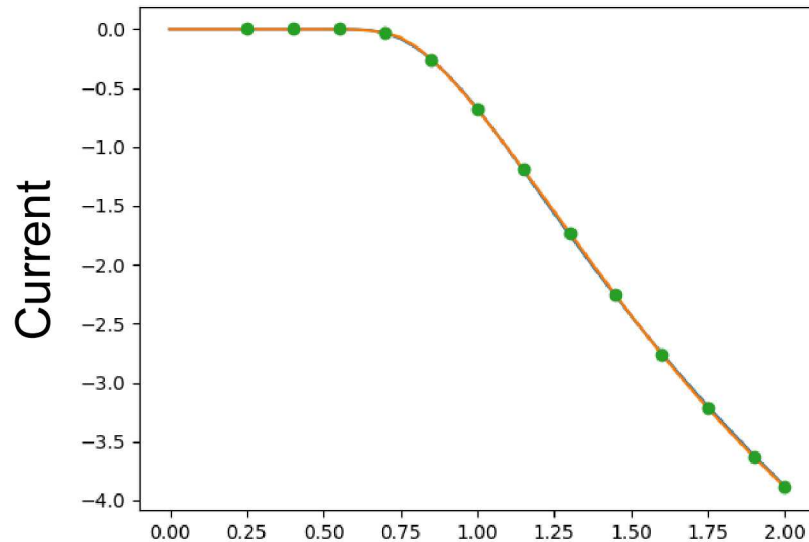
Locally exponential:  
I.D. model



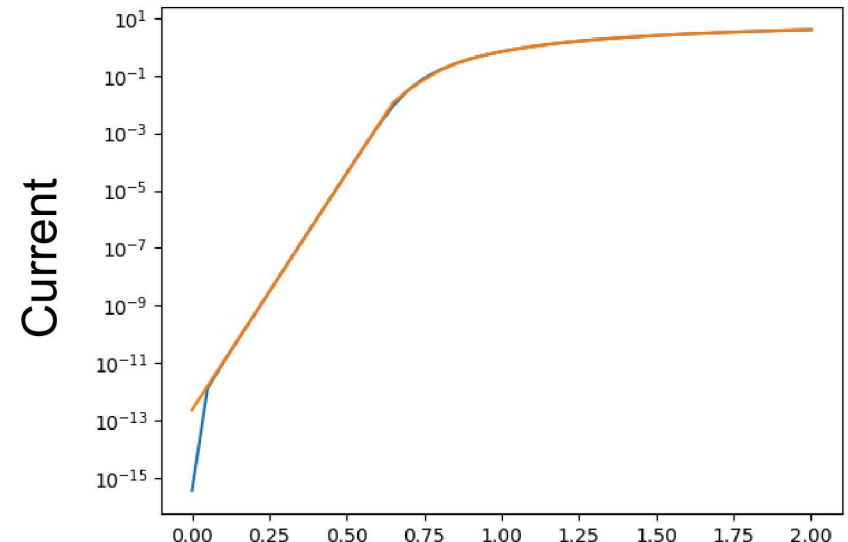
Locally linear:  
resistor model



# Matching IV-curve – linear scale



Voltage drop



Voltage drop

Extract a conservative surrogate accurate over  
**fifteen orders of magnitude**

May be embedded in a circuit simulator (e.g. Xyce) to  
couple coarse-grained high-fidelity PDE model in  
multiscale model w/ millions of components



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## Applications

Non-equilibrium closures for autoignition in turbulent combustion

Pulse shaping for pulsed power fusion applications on Z-machine

Development of surrogate models for radiation modeling of circuits

Fracture mechanics closures for ice sheet models

Multiscale modeling of lithium-ion batteries during failure

Multiscale closure for subsurface flow through fracture networks

Multiscale data-driven closures for kinetic effects and turbulence in plasmas

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