

# Bridging Physics and Learning: application to ocean dynamics

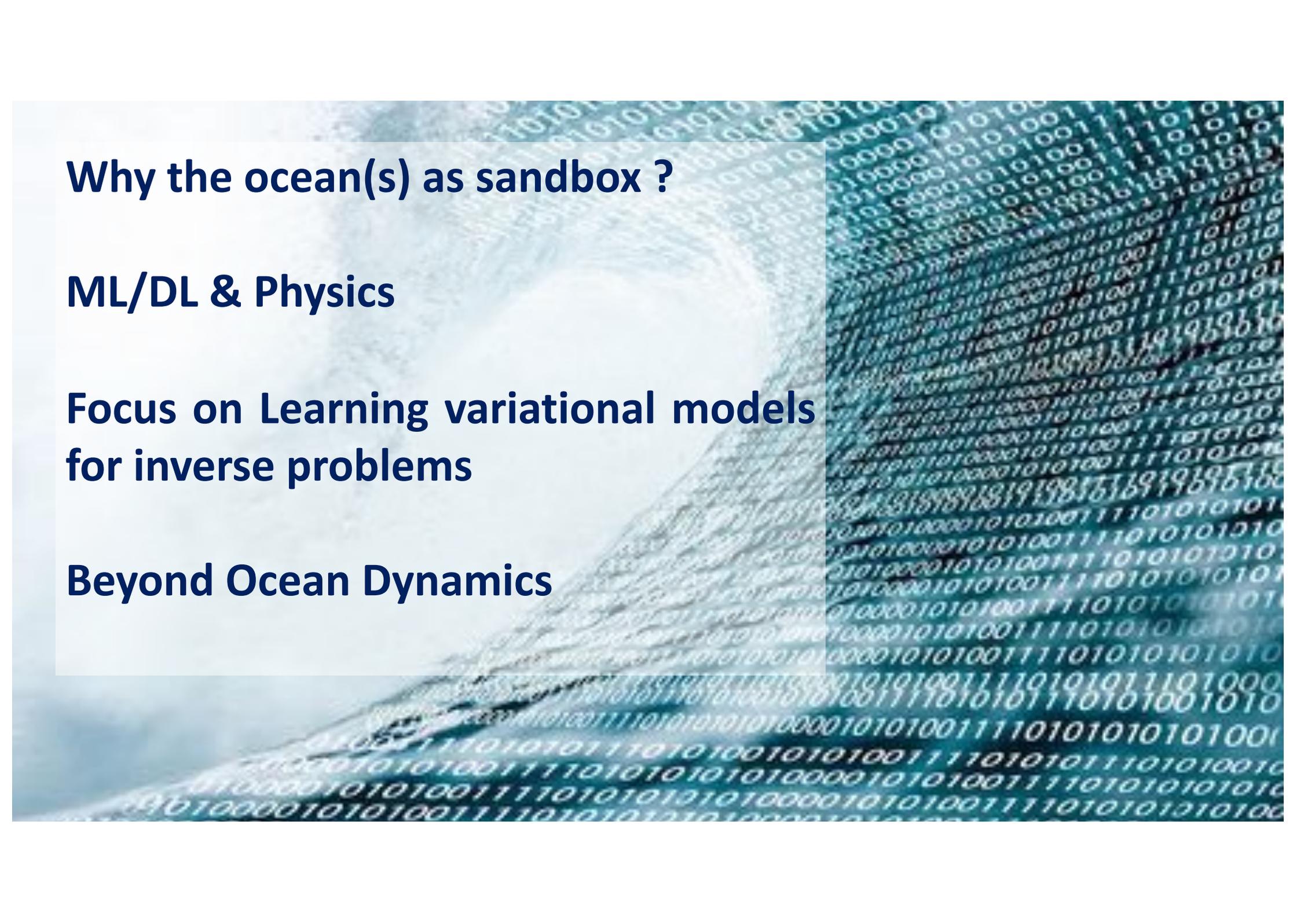
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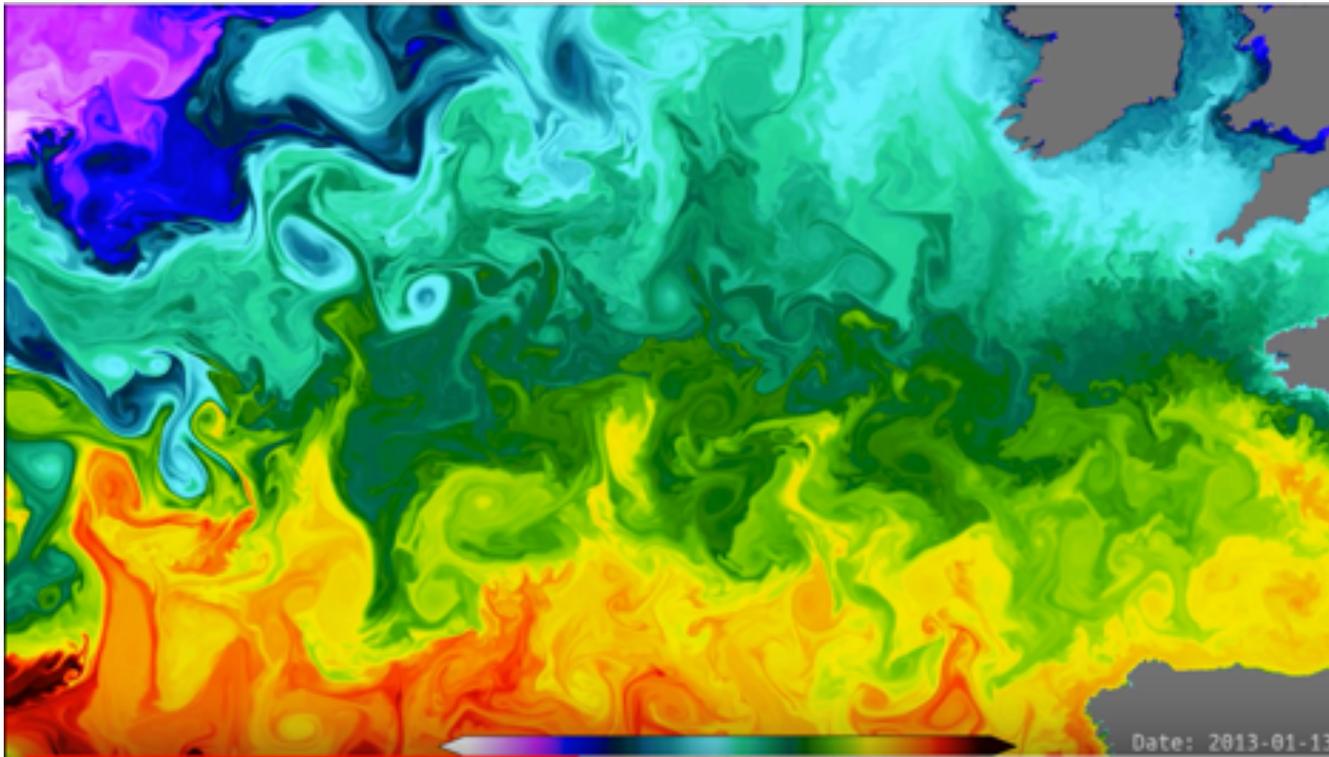
**Why the ocean(s) as sandbox ?**

**ML/DL & Physics**

**Focus on Learning variational models  
for inverse problems**

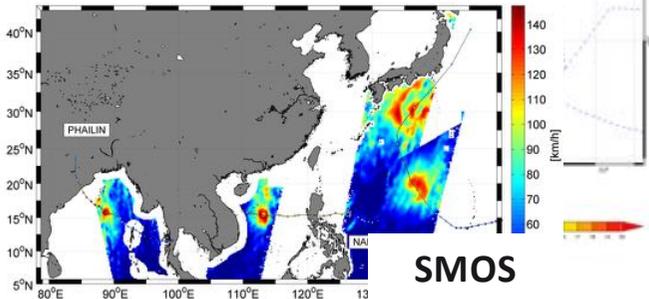
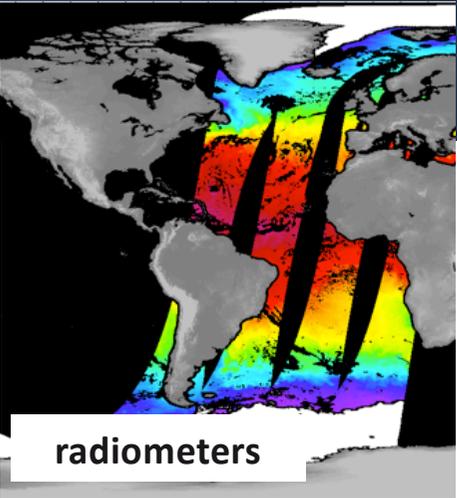
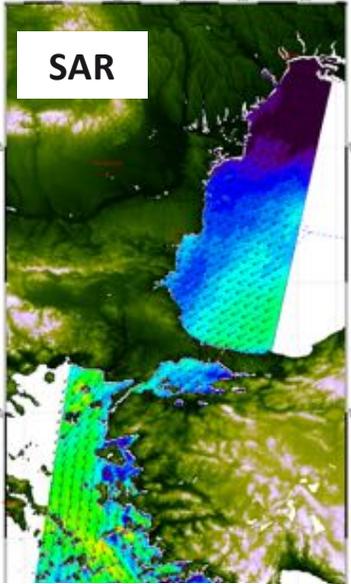
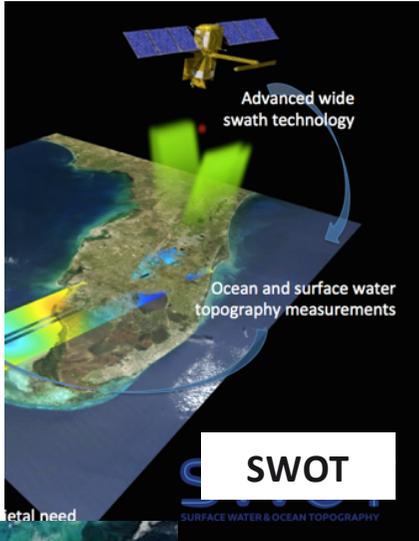
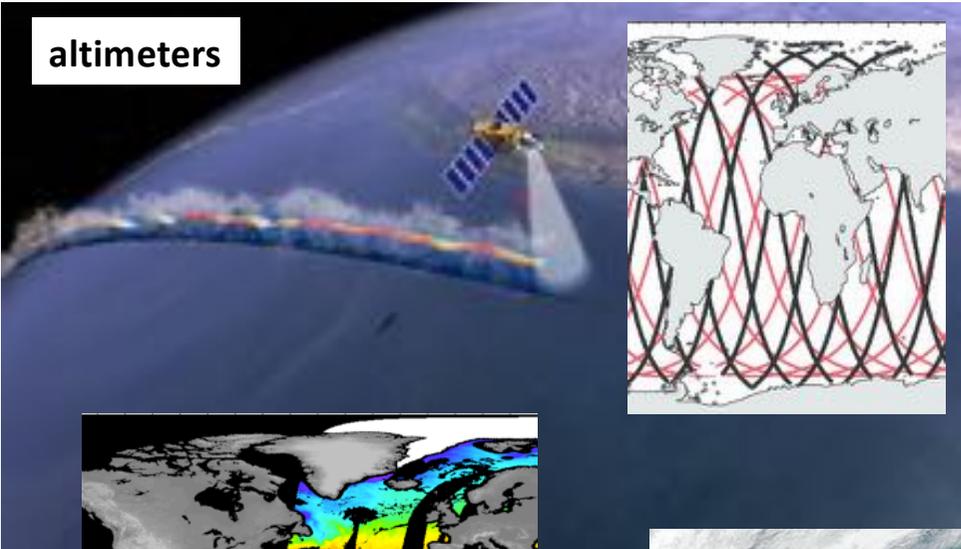
**Beyond Ocean Dynamics**

**Context: No observation / simulation system to resolve all scales and processes simultaneously**

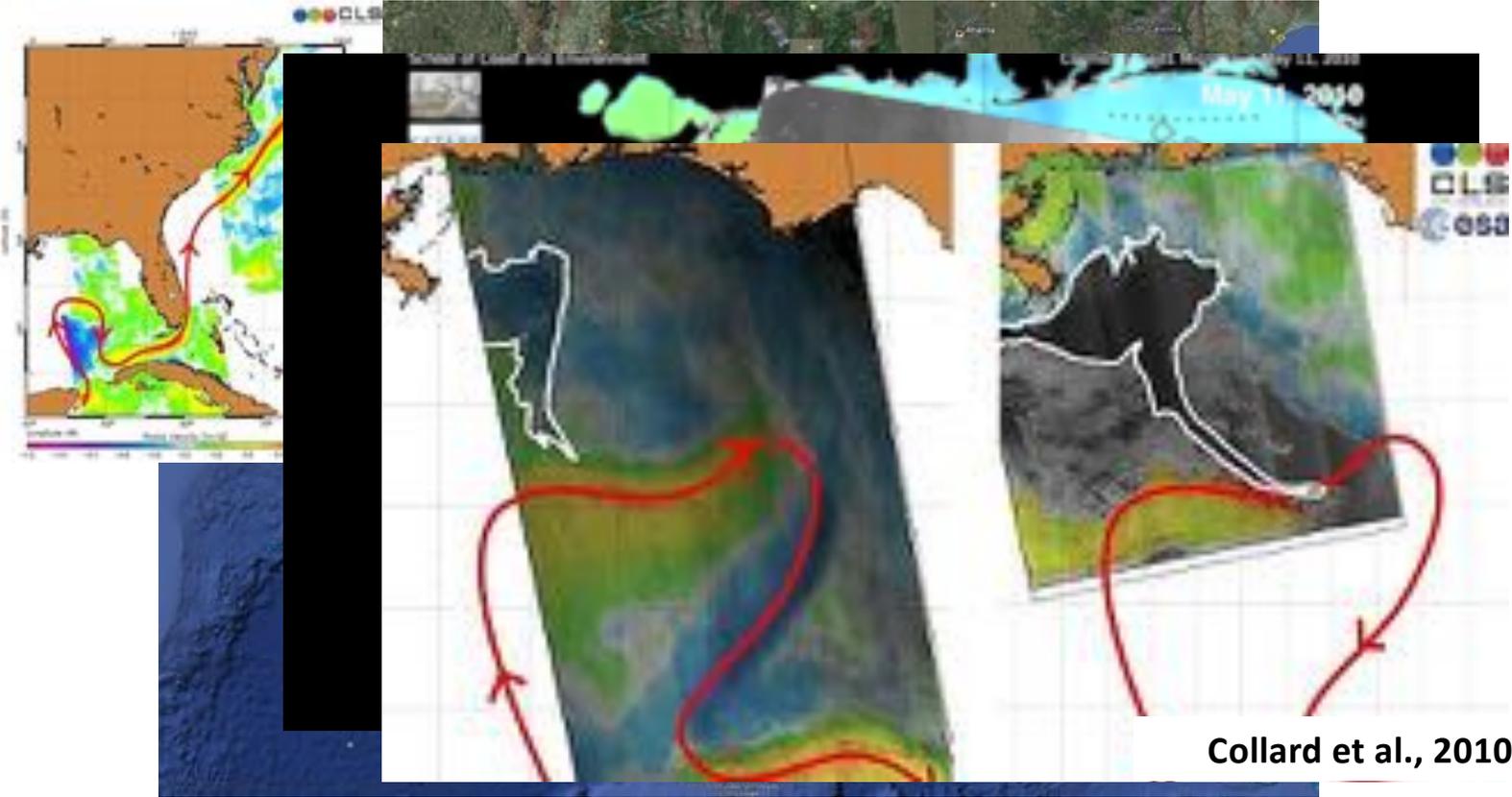


**General question: how could data-driven/learning-based tools contribute to solving sampling gaps and higher-level information ?**

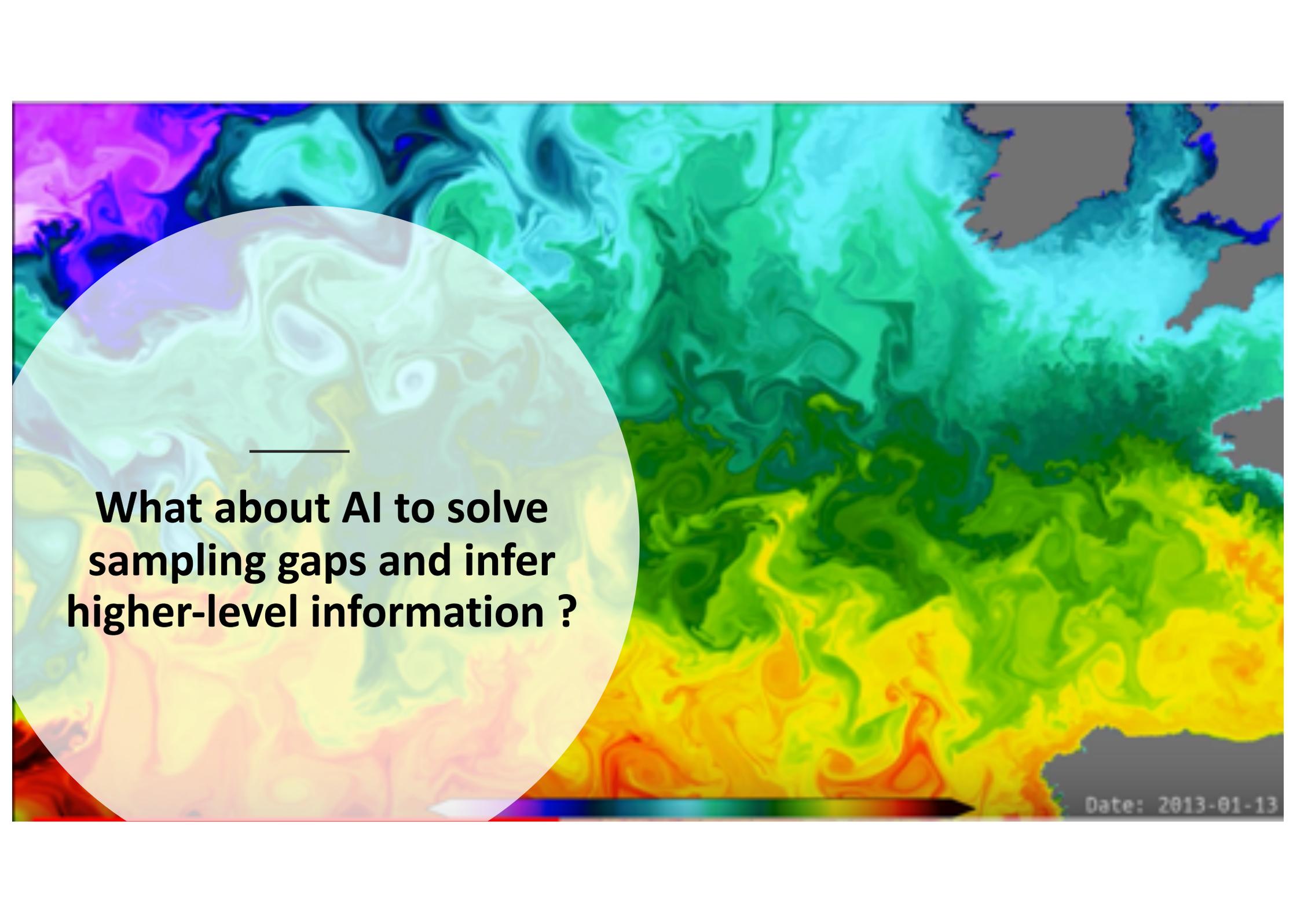
# Illustration of satellite-derived sea surface observations



# Deepwater horizon [2010]



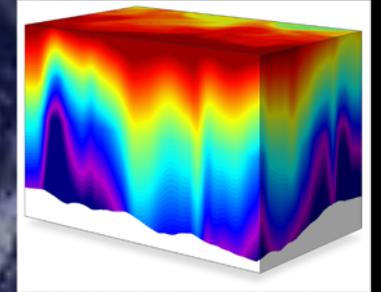
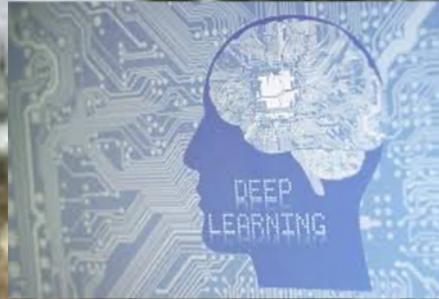
Collard et al., 2010



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**What about AI to solve  
sampling gaps and infer  
higher-level information ?**

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**Context: Data-driven and learning-based approaches for ocean monitoring & surveillance**

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# Learning & Geoscience: Data-driven approaches for data assimilation

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## The Analog Data Assimilation<sup>Ⓢ</sup>

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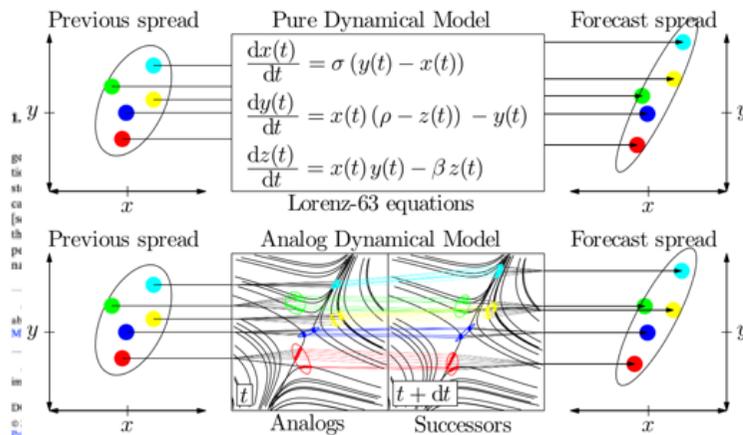
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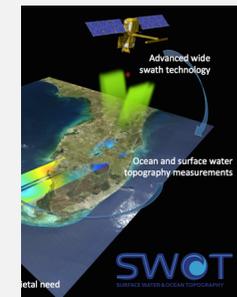
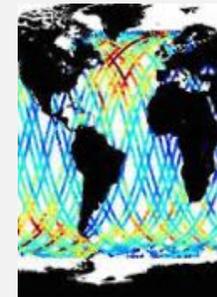
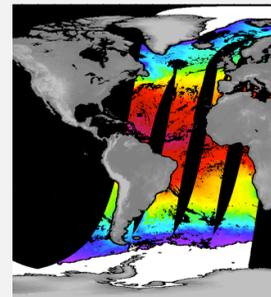
### ABSTRACT

In light of growing interest in data-driven methods for oceanic, atmospheric, and climate sciences, this work focuses on the field of data assimilation and presents the analog data assimilation (AnDA). The proposed framework produces a reconstruction of the system dynamics in a fully data-driven manner where no explicit knowledge of the dynamical model is required. Instead, a representative catalog of trajectories of the system is assumed to be available. Based on this catalog, the analog data assimilation combines the nonparametric



## The analog data assimilation [Lguensat et al., 2017]

- Combination of analog forecasting strategies and EnKF assimilation schemes
- Extension to 2D+t geophysical dynamics

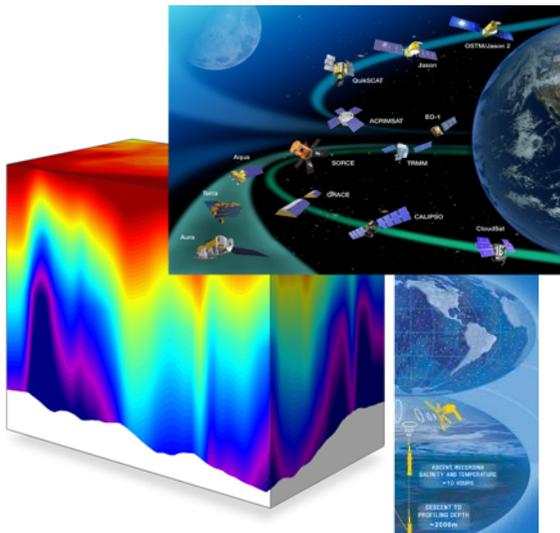


## Open questions

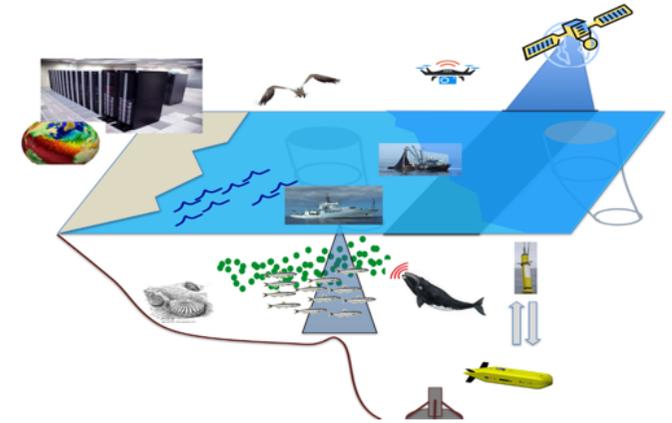
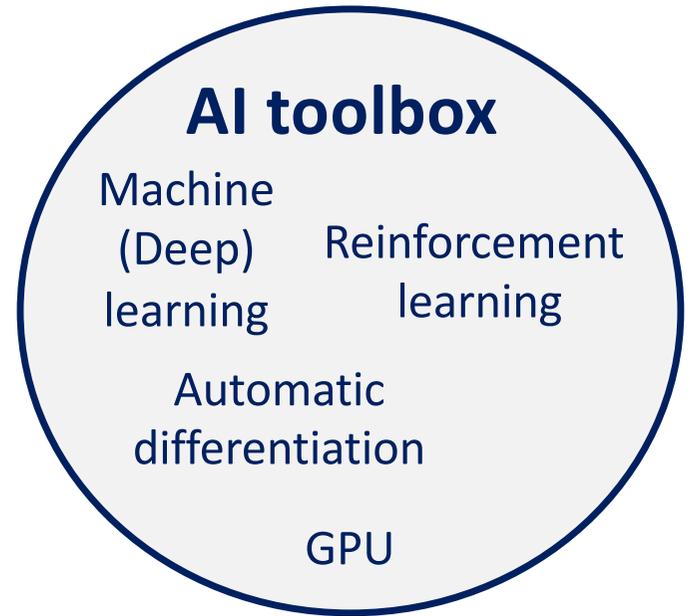
- Bridging model-driven and data-driven paradigms
- Learning data-driven representations from real observation data

# Bridging ML/DL paradigms and Physics ?

# Bridging Physics & AI: Expected breakthroughs

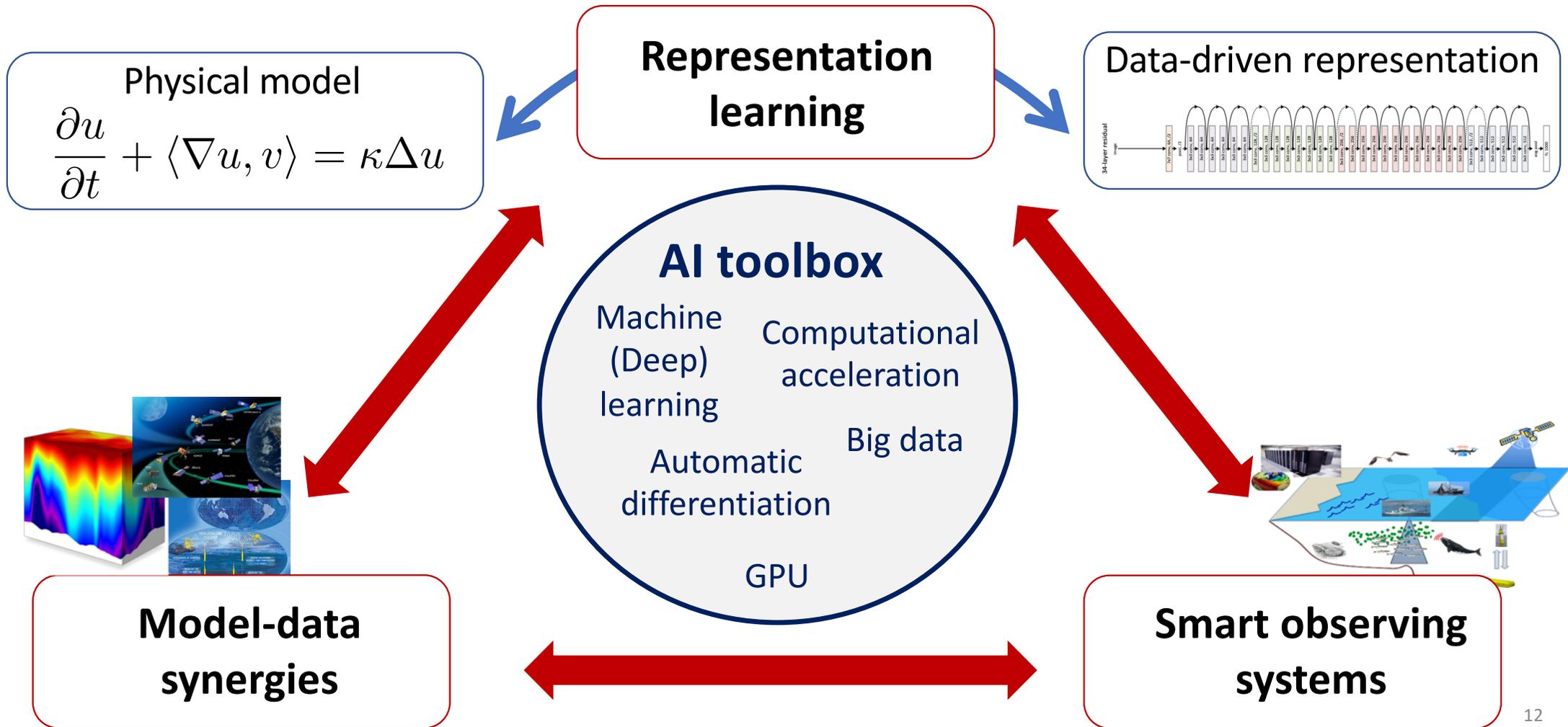


**Model-data synergies**

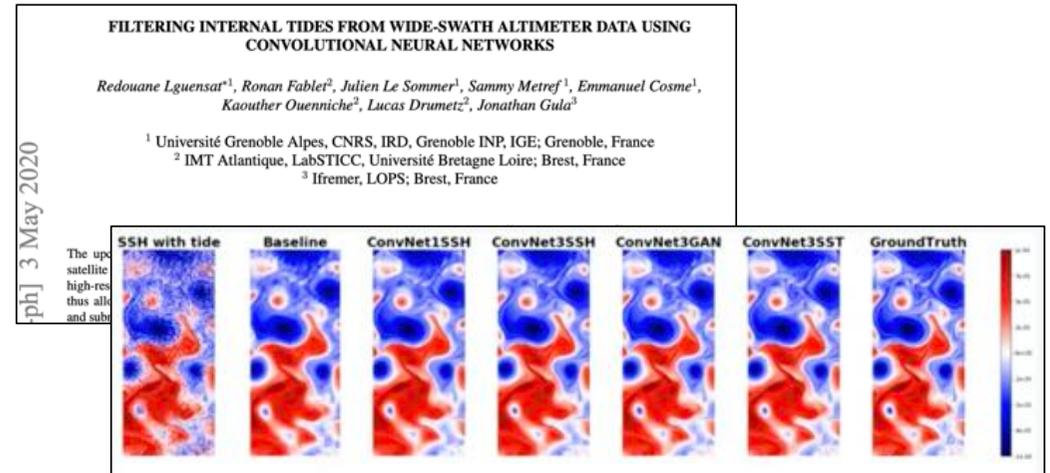
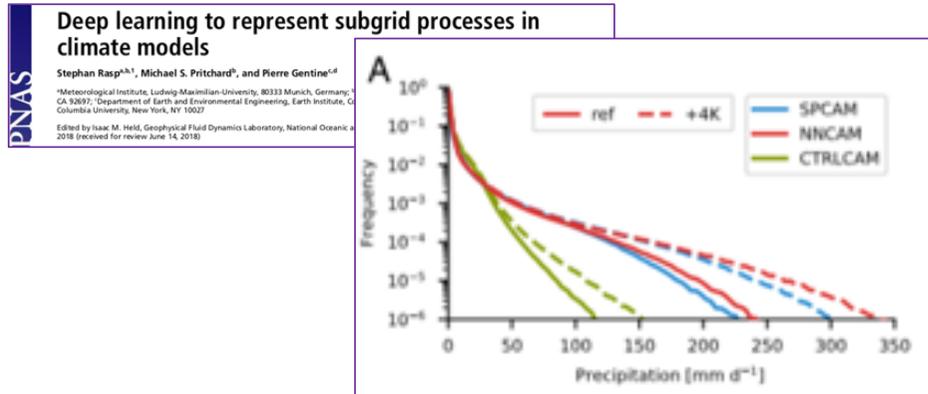
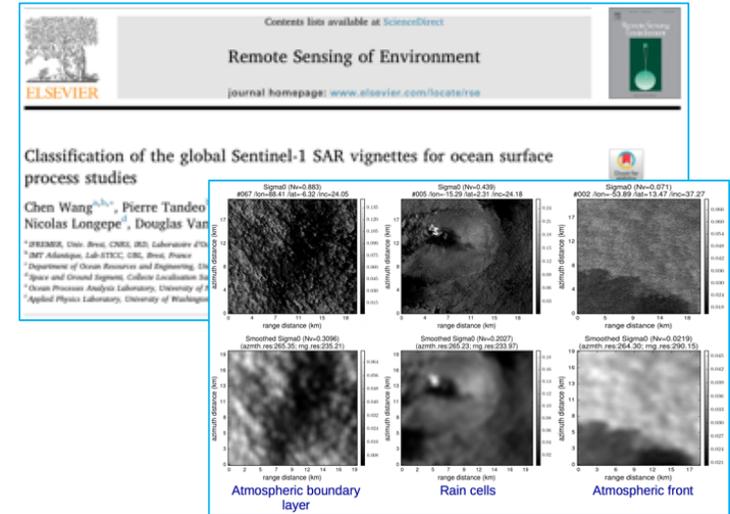
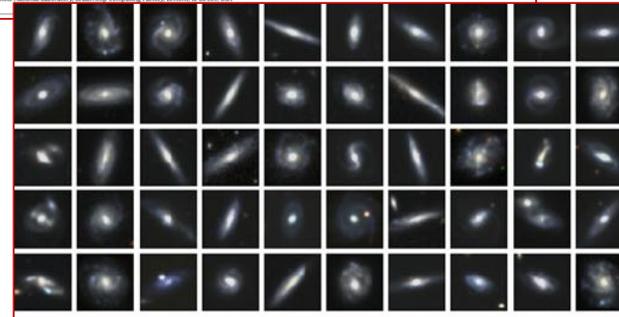
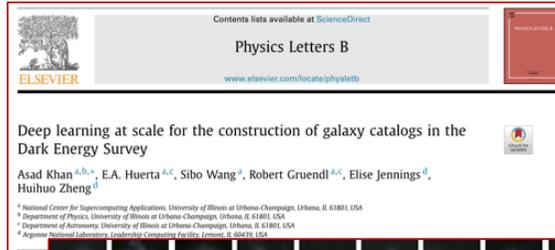
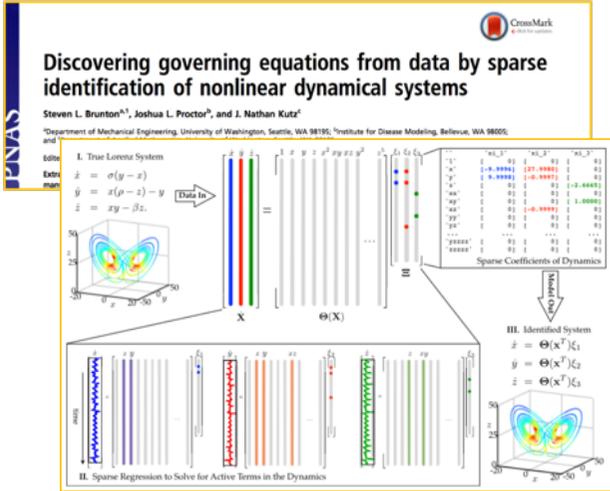


**Smart observing systems**

# Bridging Physics & AI: Expected breakthroughs



# Direct applications of DL schemes to physics-related issues



# Bridging physics & AI: Expected breakthroughs



## Making the most of AI and Physics Theory

- Model-Driven/Theory-Guided & Data-Constrained schemes
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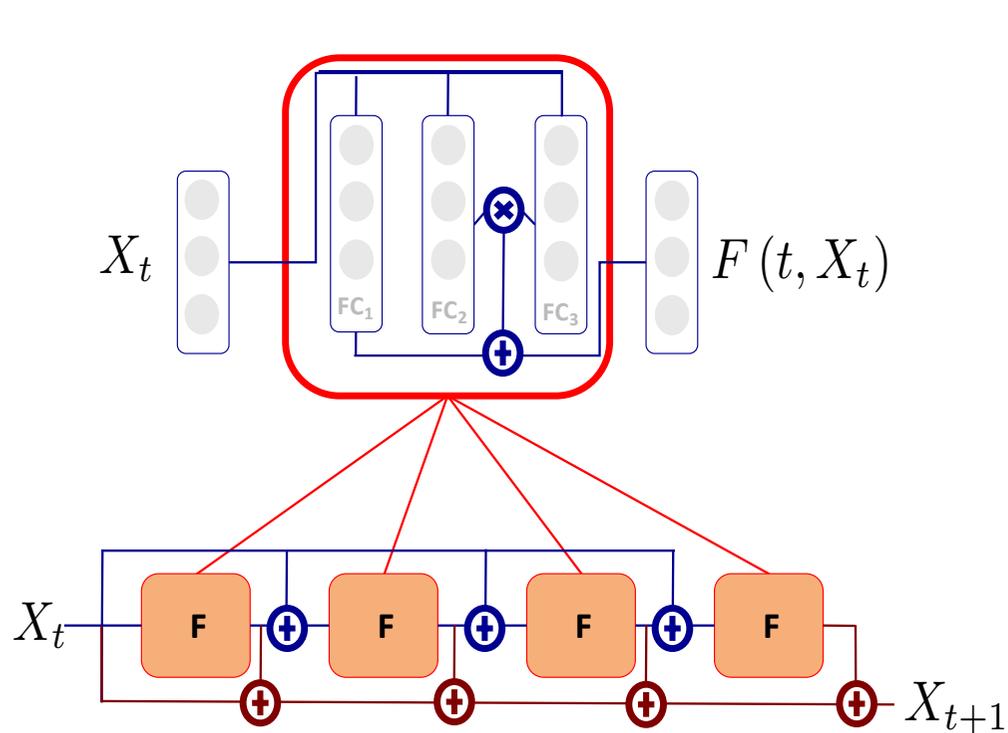


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# DL representations for ODEs/PDEs (Neural ODE)

## An example: Residual RK4 Bilinear Network [Fablet et al., 2018]



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} &= \sigma(y(t) - x(t)) \\ \frac{dy(t)}{dt} &= x(t)(\rho - z(t)) - y(t) \\ \frac{dz(t)}{dt} &= x(t)y(t) - \beta z(t) \end{aligned}$$

Lorenz-63 equations

### Noise-free training data

Forecasting time step	$t_0+h$	$t_0+4h$	$t_0+8h$
Analog forecasting	$<10^{-6}$	0.002	0.005
Sparse regression	$<10^{-6}$	0.002	0.006
MLP	$<10^{-6}$	0.018	0.044
<b>Bi-NN(4)</b>	<b><math>&lt;10^{-6}</math></b>	<b><math>&lt;10^{-6}</math></b>	<b><math>&lt;10^{-6}</math></b>

# NN Generator from Symbolic PDEs (Pannekoucke et al., 2020)

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u = \kappa \partial_x^2 u$$

Symbolic calculus  
(SymPy)

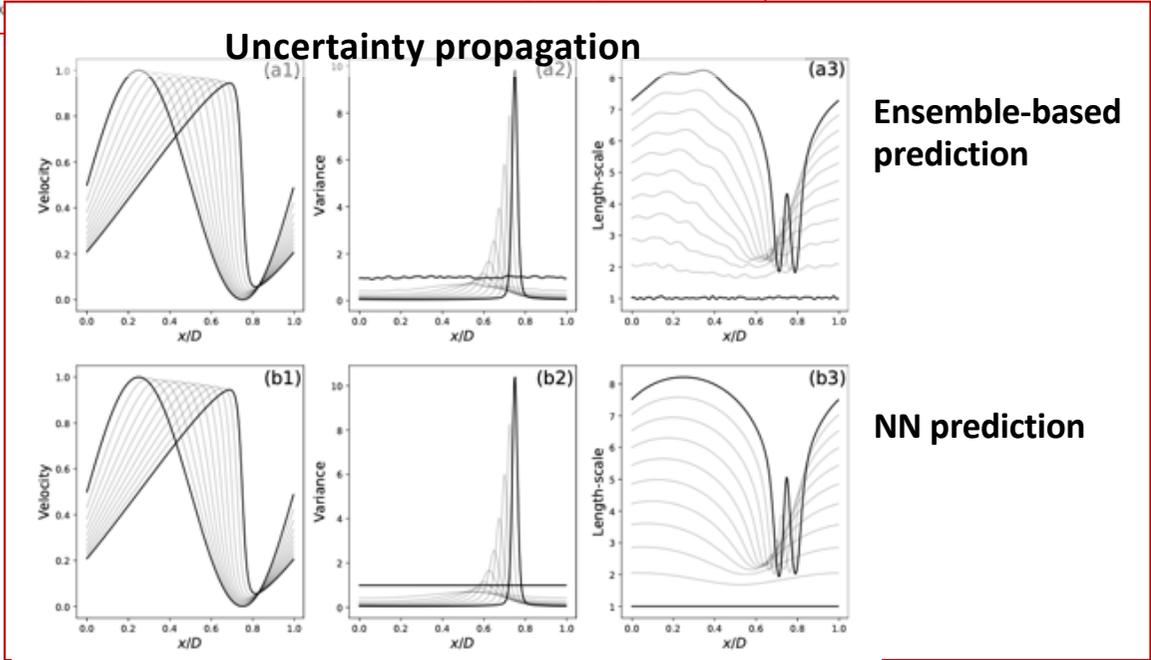
PDE-GenNet  
(keras)



**Generated code**

```
# Example of computation of a derivative
kernel_Du_x_o1 = np.asarray([[0.0, 0.0, 0.0],
                             [0.0, 0.0, 0.0],
                             [0.0, 1/(2*self.dx[self.coordinates.index('x')], 0.0)],
                             [0.0, 0.0, 0.0]]).reshape((3, 3)+(1,1))
Du_x_o1 = DerivativeFactory((3, 3), kernel=kernel_Du_x_o1, name='Du_x_o1')(u)

# Computation of trend_u
mul_1 = keras.layers.multiply([Dkappa_11_x_o1, Du_x_o1], name='MulLayer_1')
mul_2 = keras.layers.multiply([Dkappa_12_x_o1, Du_y_o1], name='MulLayer_2')
mul_3 = keras.layers.multiply([Dkappa_12_y_o1, Du_x_o1], name='MulLayer_3')
mul_4 = keras.layers.multiply([Dkappa_22_y_o1, Du_y_o1], name='MulLayer_4')
mul_5 = keras.layers.multiply([Du_x_o2, kappa_11], name='MulLayer_5')
mul_6 = keras.layers.multiply([Du_y_o2, kappa_22], name='MulLayer_6')
mul_7 = keras.layers.multiply([Du_x_o1_y_o1, kappa_12], name='MulLayer_7')
sc_mul_1 = keras.layers.Lambda(lambda x: 2.0*x, name='ScalarMulLayer_1')(mul_7)
trend_u = k
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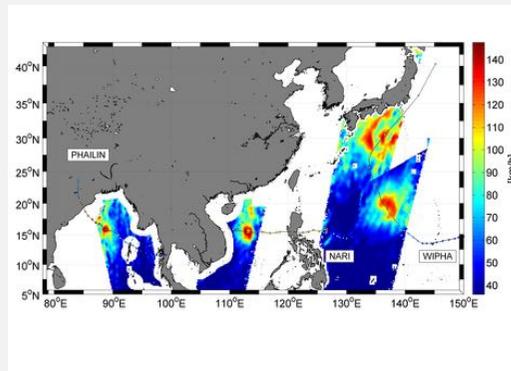
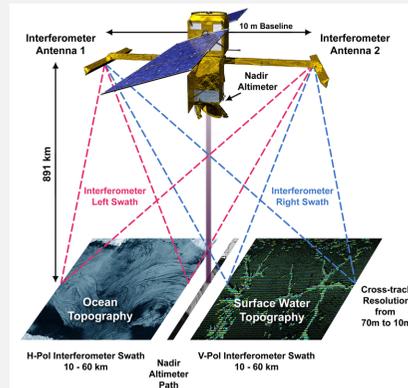
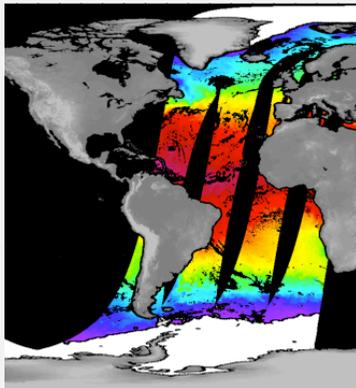
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**Dealing with real systems, including  
Irregularly-sampled, noisy and/or  
partially-observed systems ?**

# End-to-end learning from irregularly-sampled data

[Nguyen et al., 2019; Fablet et al., 2019]

Can we learn directly from observation data ?



**Generic issue:**  
**Joint identification and inversion**

**Dynamical model**

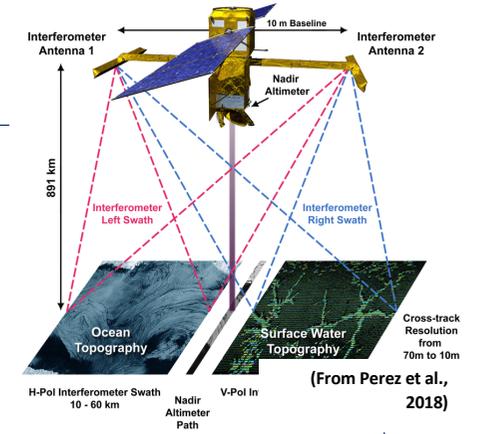
$$X_t \rightarrow \partial_t X = F(X, \xi, t, \theta) \rightarrow X_{t+1}$$

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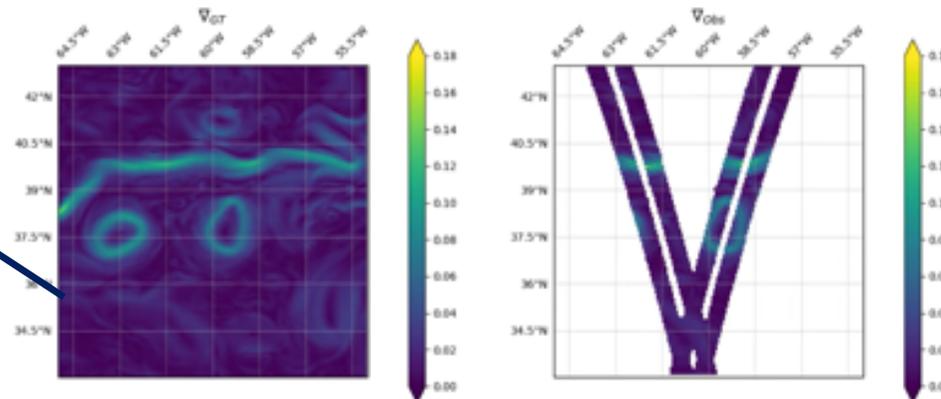
**Observation model**

$$Y_t = H(X, \zeta, t, \phi)$$

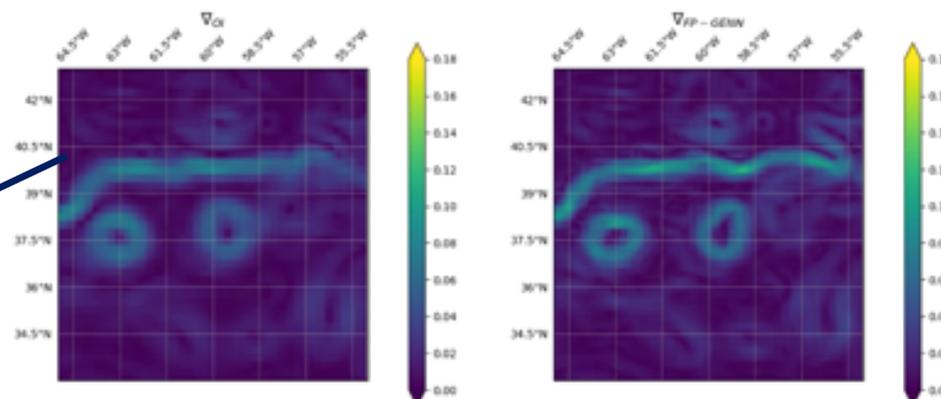
# An example for upcoming SWOT mission



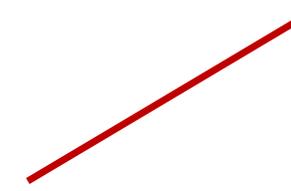
Groundtruth



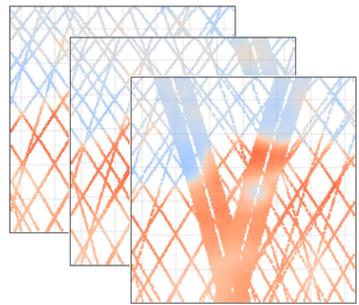
State-of-the-art operational processing



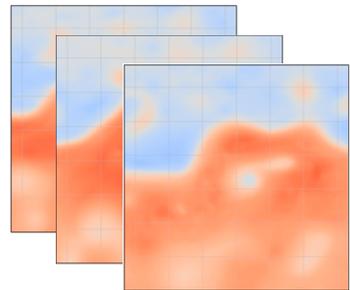
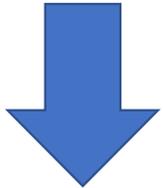
Proposed NN framework (Fablet et al., 2019)



# End-to-end learning for inverse problems (Fablet et al., 2020)



Partial observations  $y$



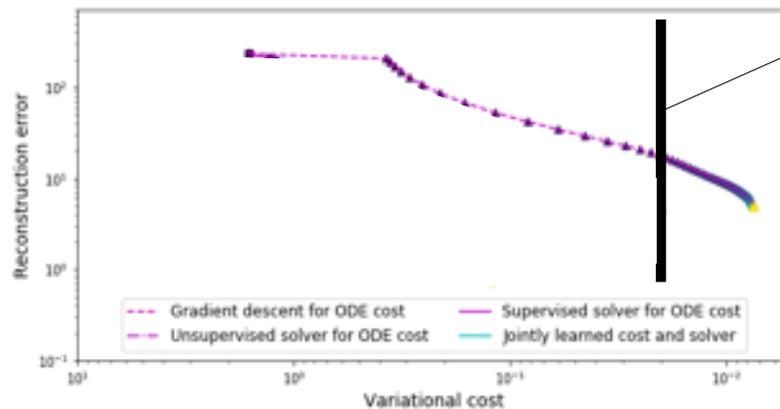
True states  $x$

**Model-driven schemes:**  $\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \underbrace{\lambda_1 \|x - y\|_{\Omega}^2 + \lambda_2 \Phi(x)}_{U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)}$

**Gradient-based solver (adjoint/Euler-Lagrange method):**  $U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \alpha \nabla_x U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$$

**No control on the reconstruction error**  $x^{true} \neq \arg \min_x U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$

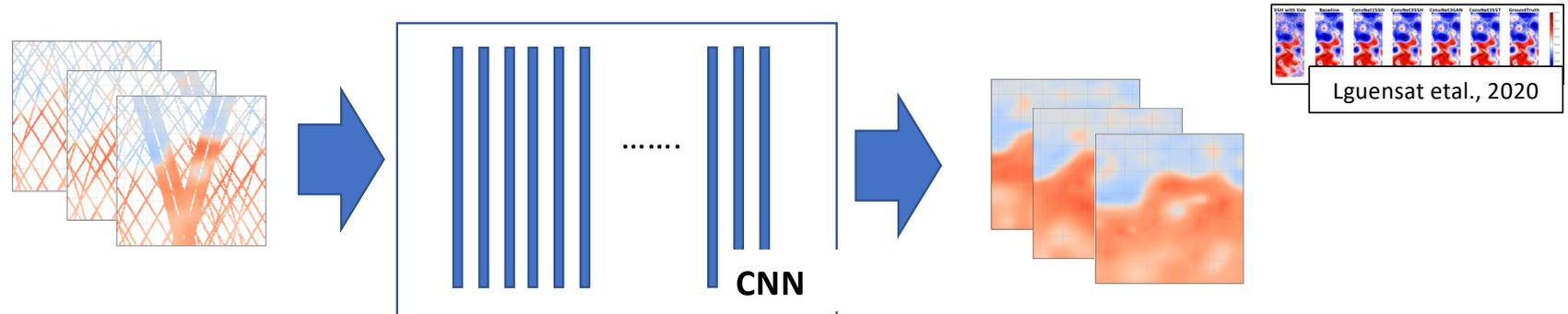
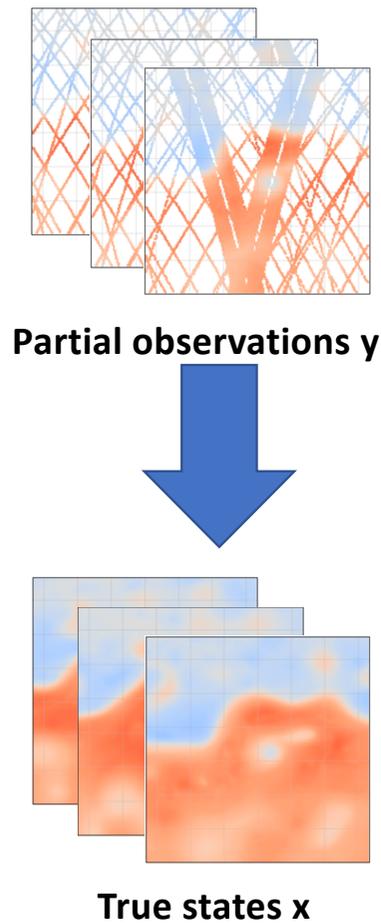


Variational cost for the true state

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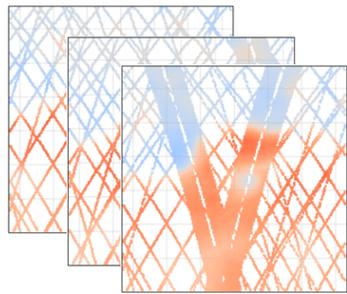
**Direct learning for inverse problems:**  $\hat{x} = \Psi(y)$      $y \rightarrow$  **CNN**  $\rightarrow x$



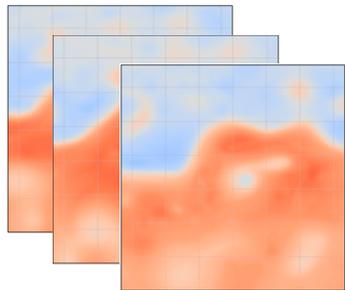
**Examples of CNN architectures:** Reaction-Diffusion architectures, ADMM-inspired architectures,...

**Good performance but possibly weak interpretability/generalization capacities of the solution beyond the training cases**

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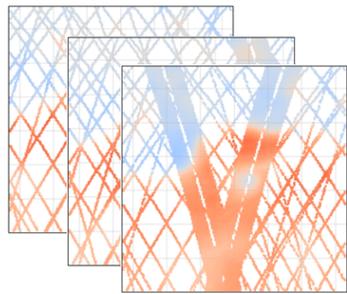
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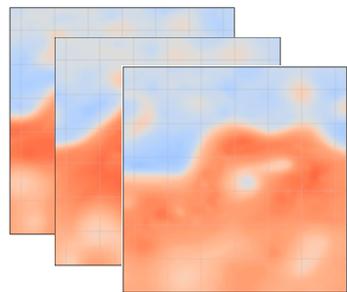
- Theoretical bi-level optimization

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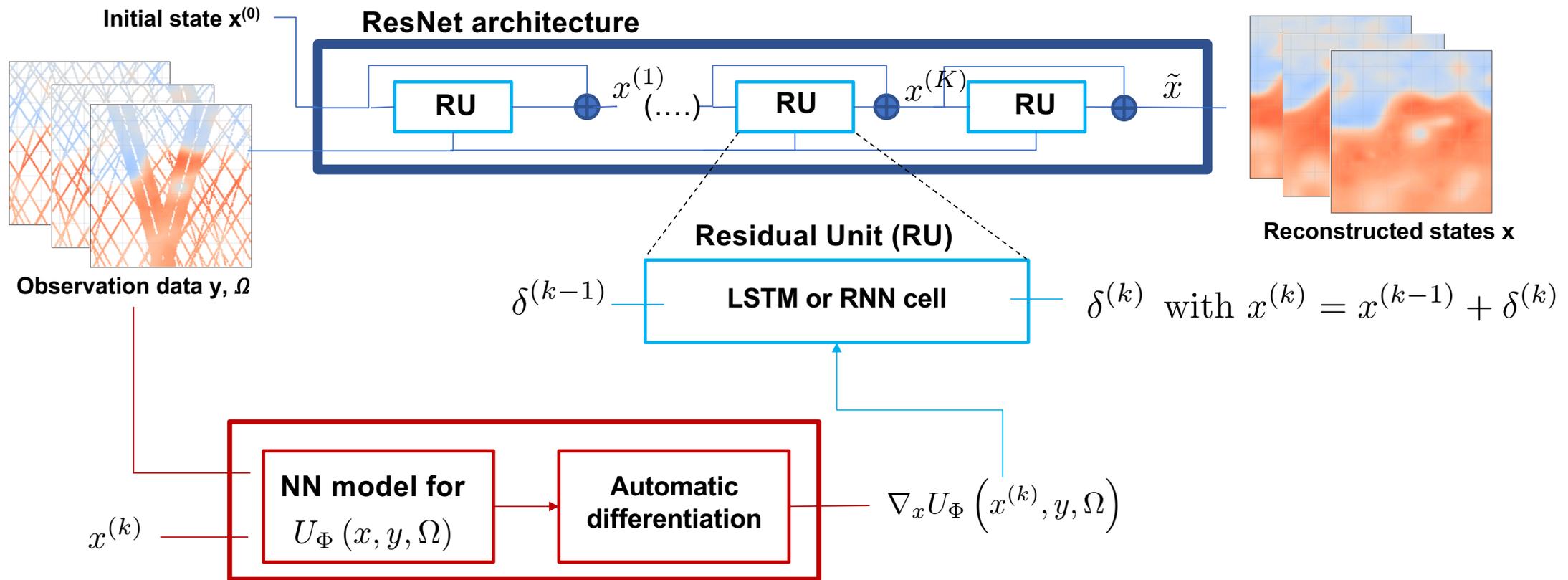
- Restated with a gradient-based NN solver for inner minimization

$$\arg \min_{\Phi, \Gamma} \sum_n \|x_n - \tilde{x}_n\|^2 \text{ s.t. } \tilde{x}_n = \Psi_{\Phi, \Gamma}(x_n^{(0)}, y_n, \Omega_n)$$

Iterative NN solver using automatic differentiation to compute gradient  $\nabla_x U_{\Phi}(x^{(k)}, y, \Omega)$

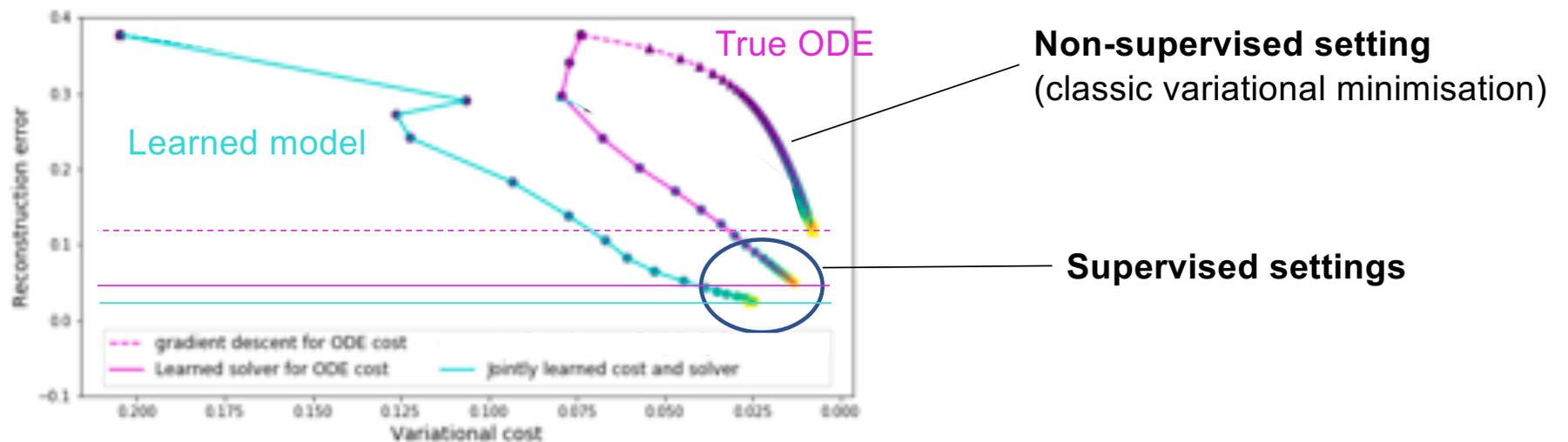
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Proposed scheme: **associated NN architecture**

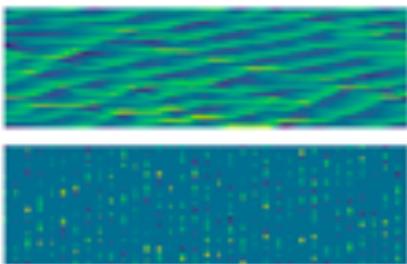


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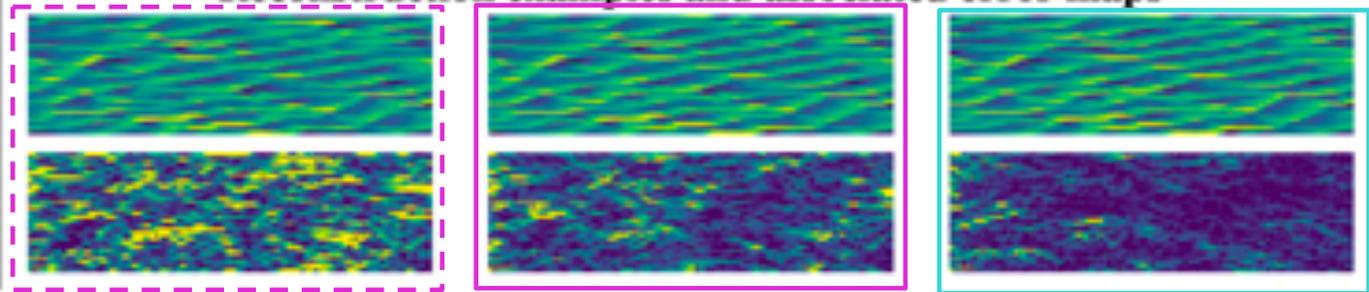
Illustration on Lorenz-96 dynamics (Bilinear ODE)



True and observed states



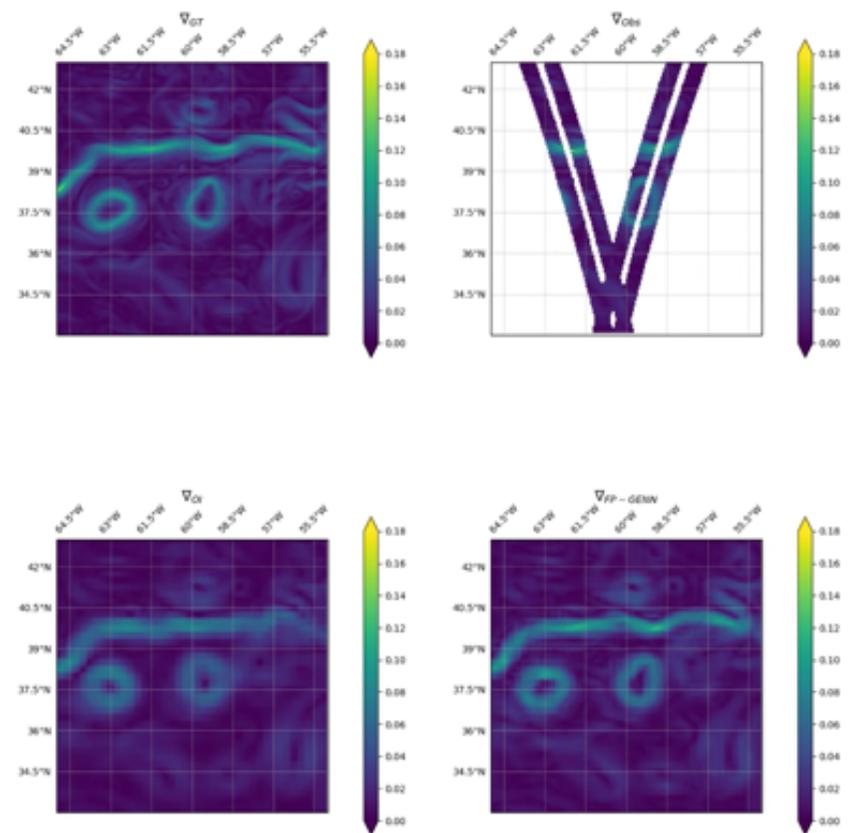
Reconstruction examples and associated error maps



# End-to-end learning for inverse problems (Fablet et al., 2020)

## Applications to the reconstruction of sea surface current from SWOT data

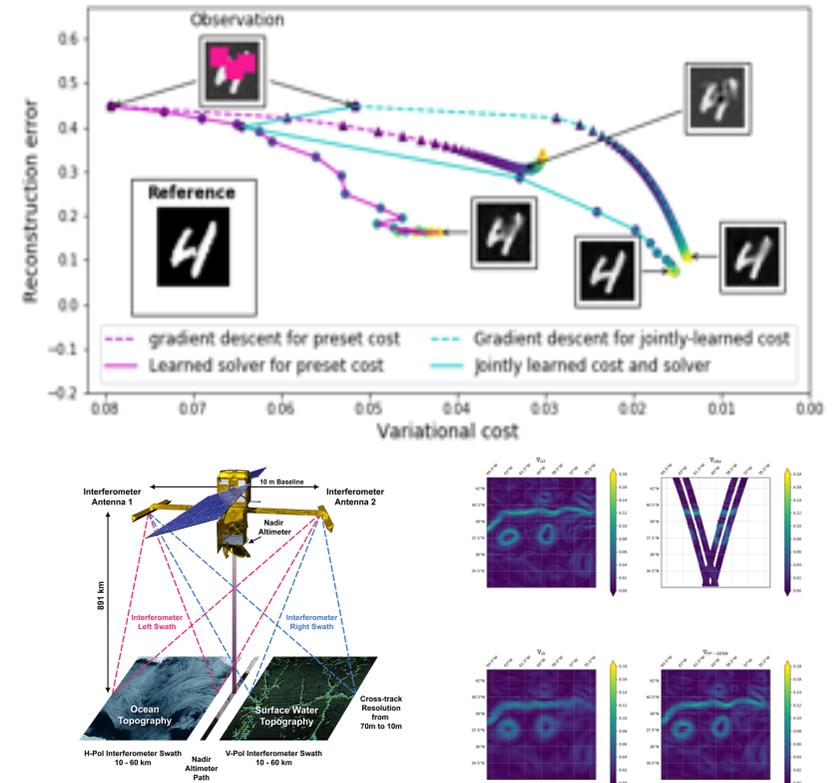
NB: preliminary results with a fixed-point Solver rather than a gradient-based solver



# End-to-end learning for inverse problems (Fablet et al., 2020)

## Key messages

- We can bridge DNN and variational models to solve inverse problems
- Learning both variational priors and solvers using groundtruthed (simulation) or observation-only data
- The best model may not be the TRUE one for inverse problems
- Generic formulation/architecture beyond space-time dynamics

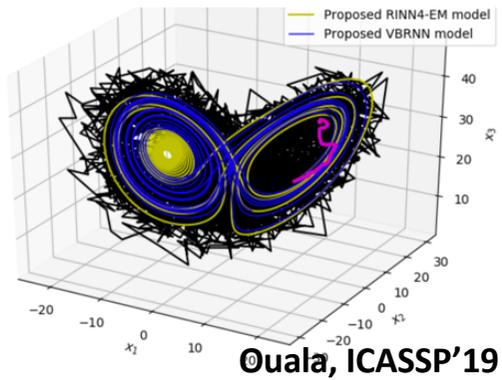


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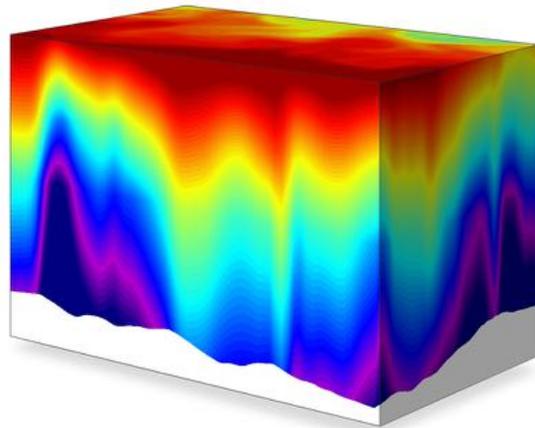
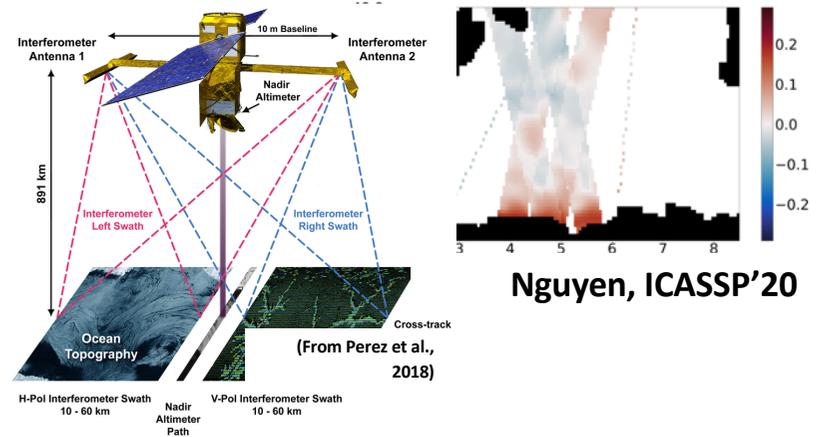
Code: <https://github.com/CIA-Oceanix>

# End-to-end learning from real observation data ?

## Scarce time sampling



## Noisy and irregular sampling



## Partially-observed system

Ouala, preprint 2019

# Summary

- ***NNs as numerical schemes for ODE/PDE/energy-based representations of geophysical flows***
- ***Embedding geophysical priors in NN representations*** (e.g., Lguensat et al., 2019; Ouala et al., 2019)
- ***End-to-end architecture for jointly learning a representation (eg, ODE) and a solver*** (e.g., Fablet et al., 2020)
- ***Towards stochastic representations embedded in NN architectures*** (e.g., Pannekoucke et al., 2020, Nguyen et al., 2020)

# Beyond Ocean Dynamics

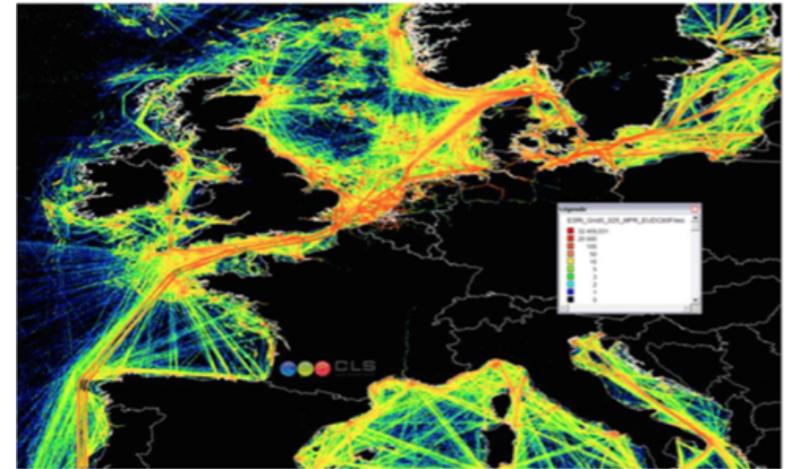
Learning stochastic hidden dynamics

# Learning stochastic hidden dynamics [Nguyen et al., 2018]

## The example of AIS Vessel trajectory data

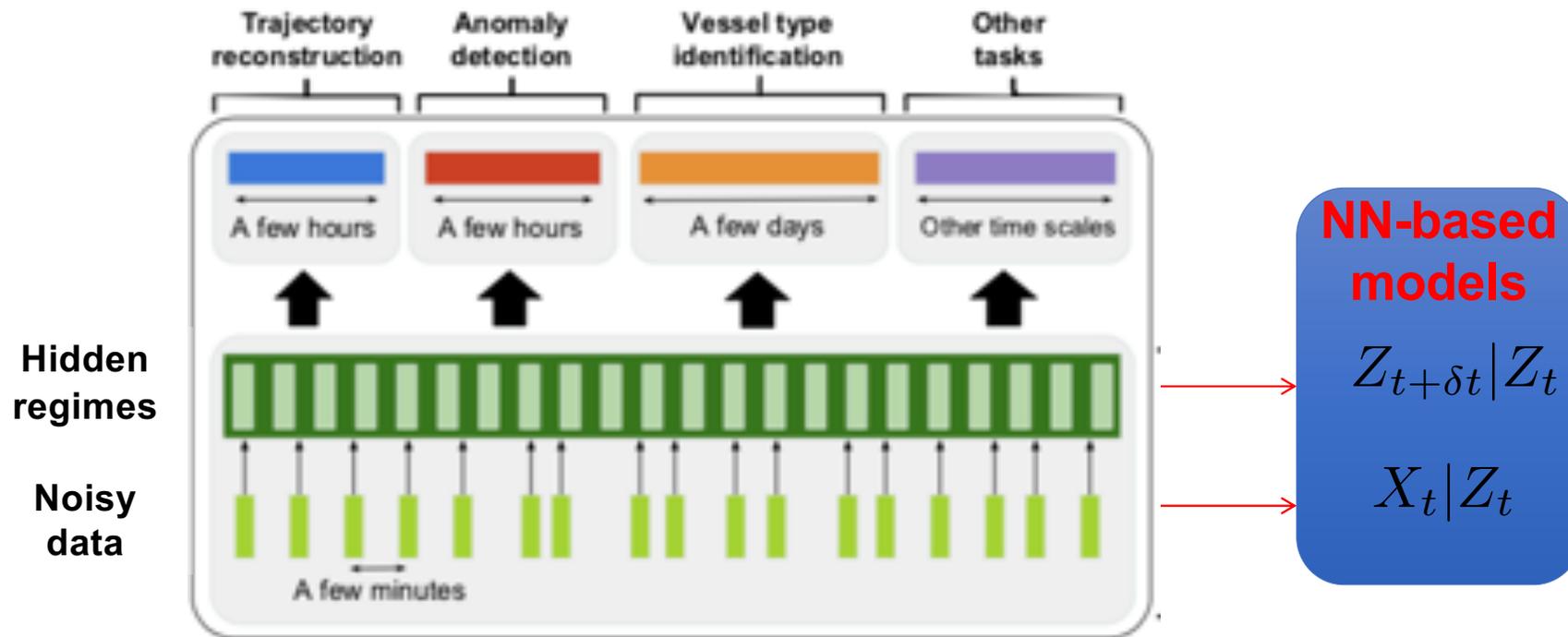


- Millions of AIS positions daily
- Noisy data: irregular sampling, corrupted data



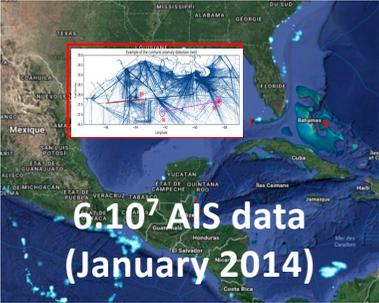
**How can we learn from AIS data streams ?**

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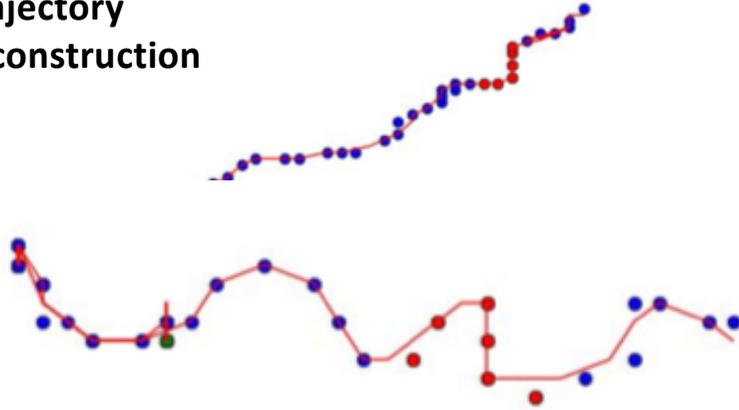
**Model training from noisy AIS streams using variational Bayesian approximation**

# Learning stochastic hidden dynamics [Nguyen et al., 2018]

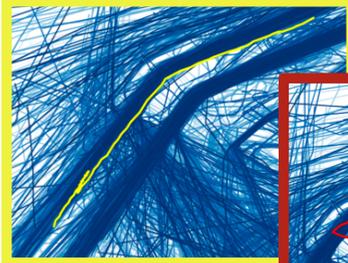
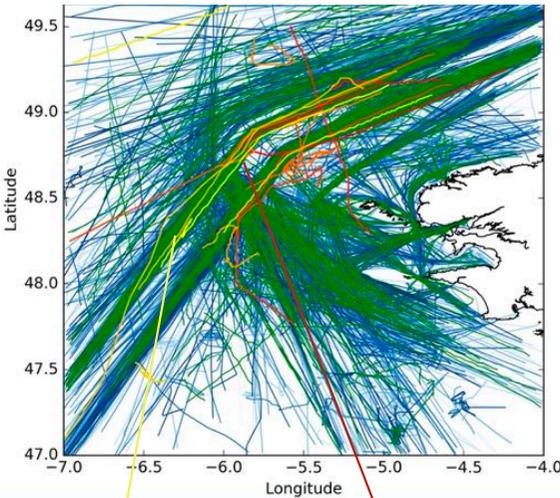


Vessel type recognition  
~88% of correct recognition

Trajectory reconstruction



Abnormal behaviour detection



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## Dynamical System Theory for Deep Learning

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# Understanding DL models ?



88% **tabby cat**

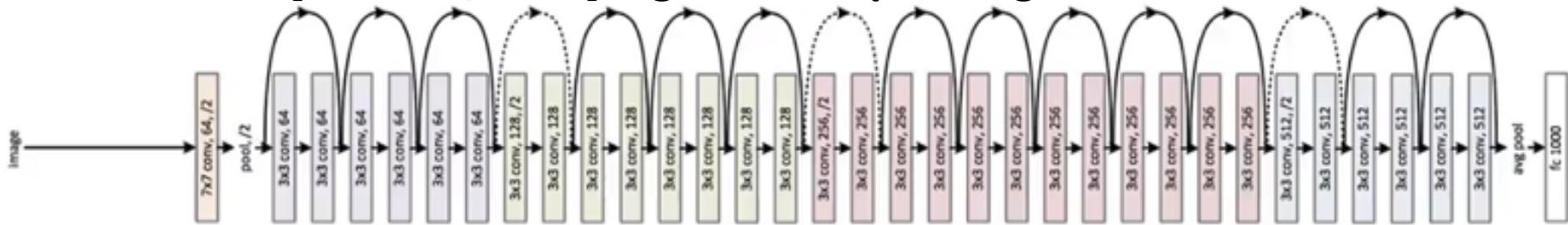
adversarial  
perturbation



99% **guacamole**

# Understanding ResNets [Rousseau et al., 2019]

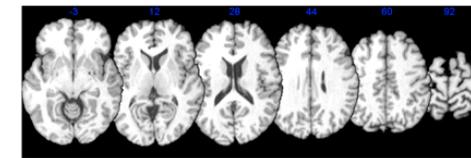
ResNet [He et al., 2015] regarded as space registration machines



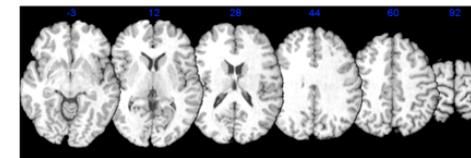
- Image registration examples



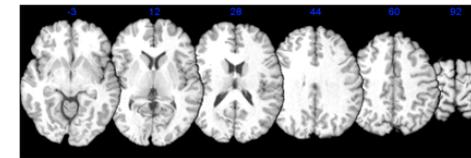
[Matlab tutorial]



a) source image (256x256x124)



b) target image (256\*256\*124)

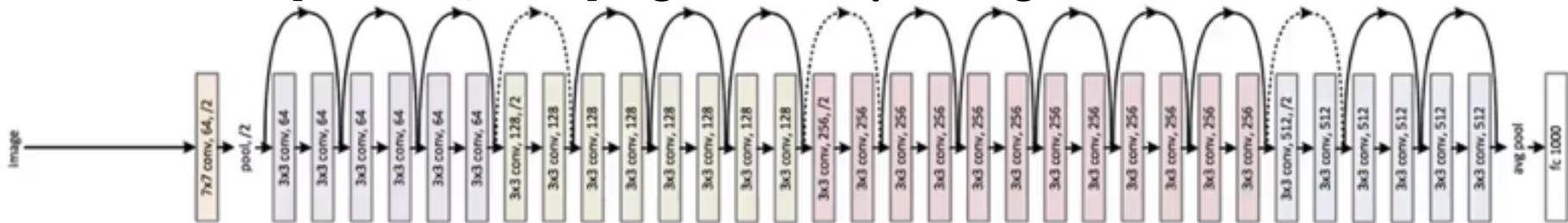


c) registered image (source to target)

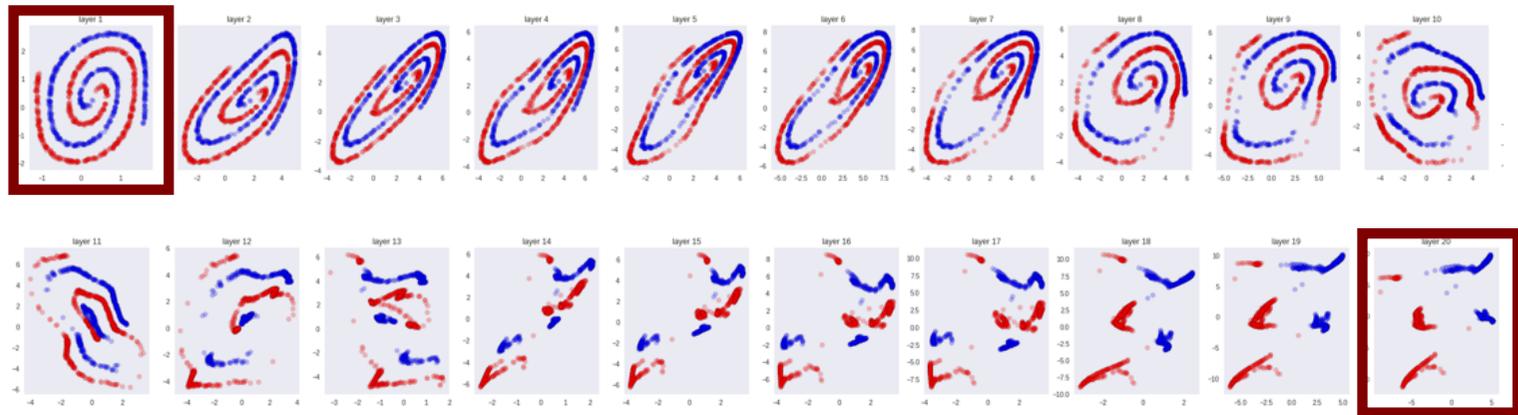
[Dramms tutorial]

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Original feature space



Registered space to make feasible a linear separation between classes

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