

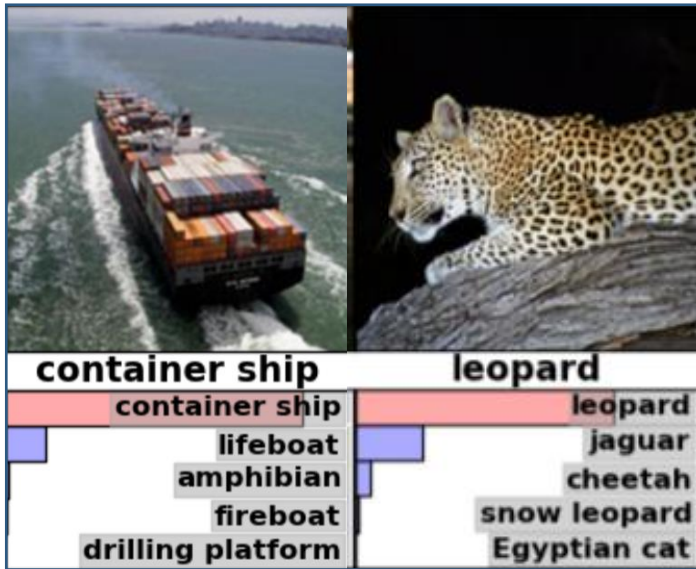
# Parsimonious neural networks learn interpretable physical laws

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# Machine learning models and their applications



Krizhevsky et al., *Advances in neural information processing systems*, (2012)



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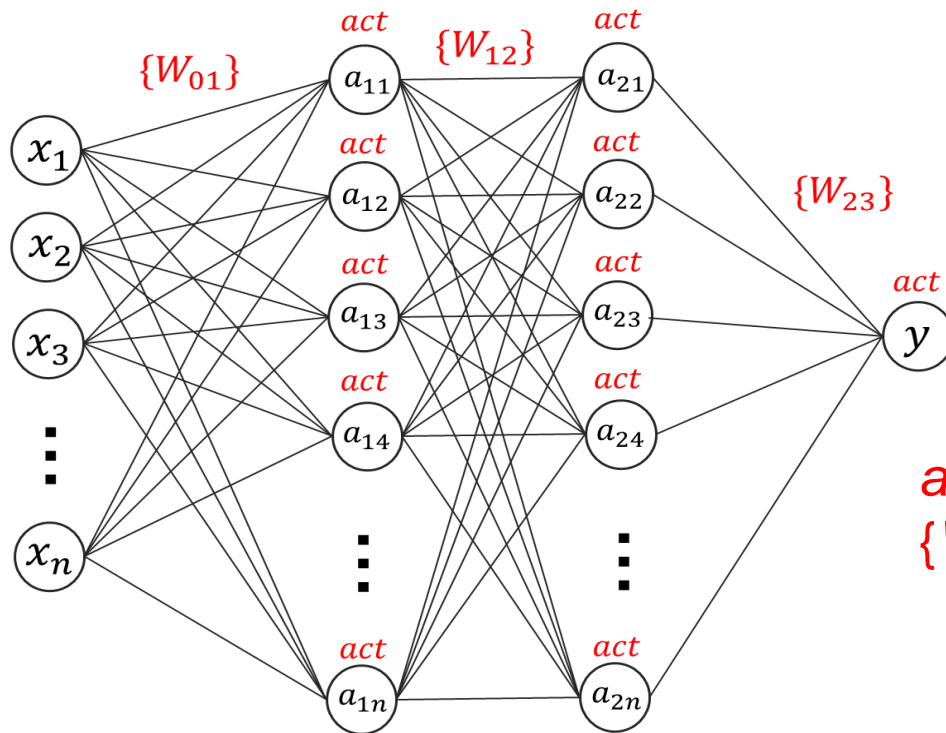


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*Machine learned models excel when data is plentiful*

# Encoding neural networks for genetic algorithms

Couple neural networks with genetic algorithms to balance interpretability and accuracy



Individual  
[1,0,1,2,..., 2]

*act*: {linear, squared, tanh, relu, ...}  
*{W<sub>ij</sub>}*: {0, 1, ½, 2, ..., trainable}

linear: 0  
 relu: 1  
 tanh: 2

0: 0  
 1, ½, 2: 1  
 trainable: 2

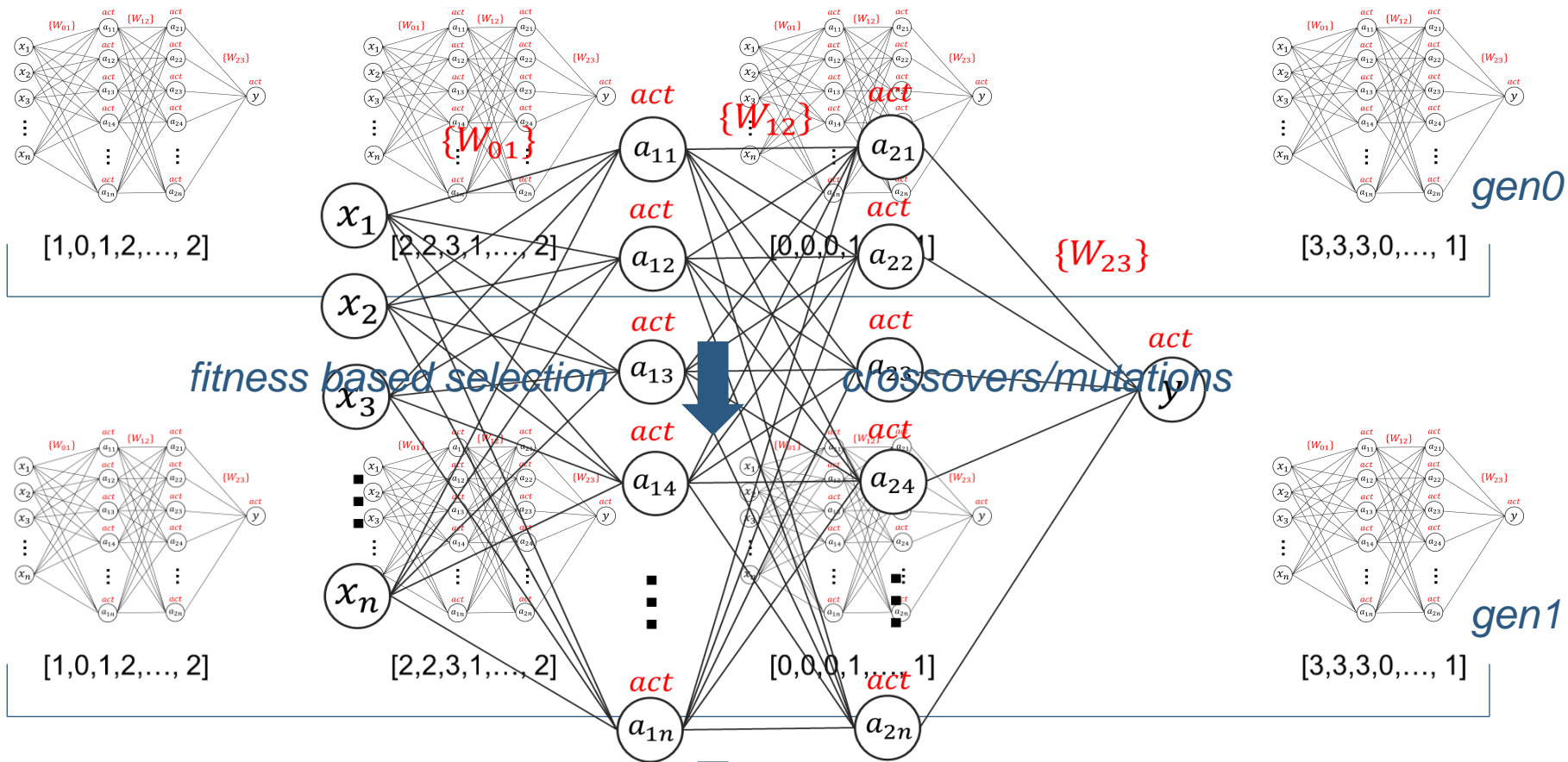


Keras

$$F = f_1(E_{test}) + p \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} w_i^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_w} f_2(w_j) \right)$$

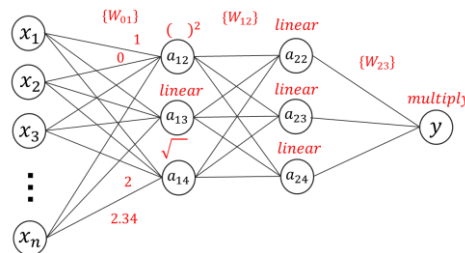
fitness      error on data      parsimony coefficient      simple activations      weight penalty

# How to train a PNN?



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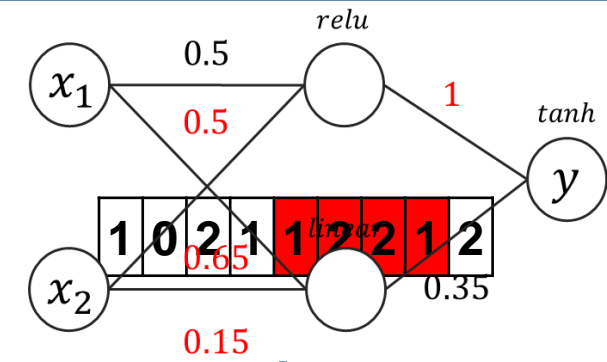
*Fittest  
individual*



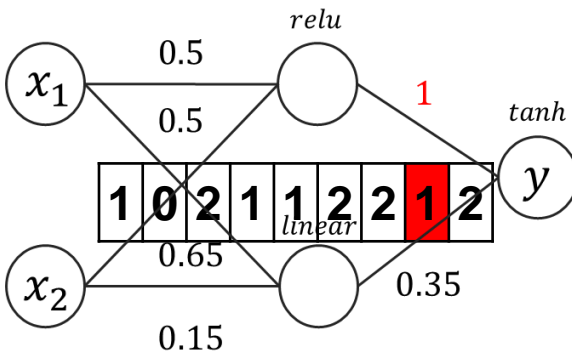
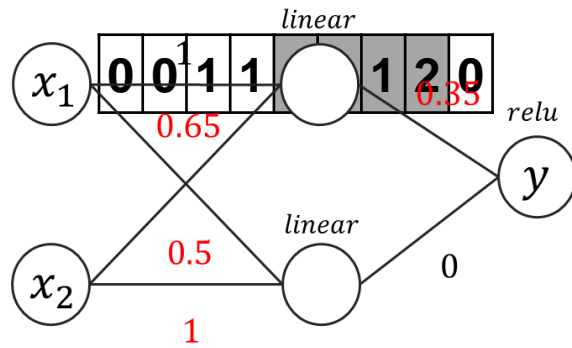
*Interpretable  
equation*

*genN*

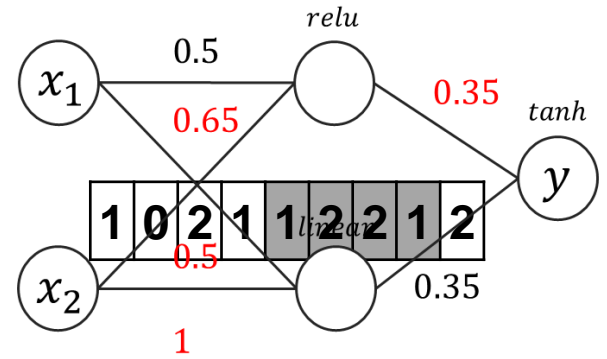
# Genetic operations on neural networks



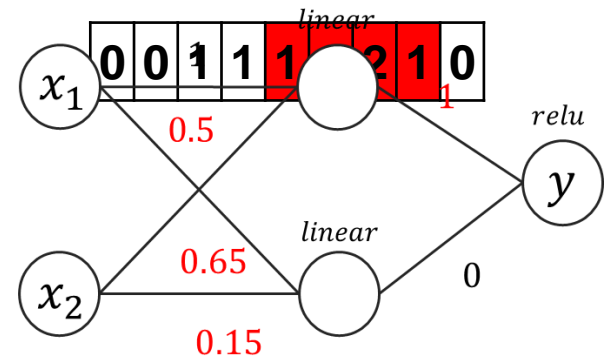
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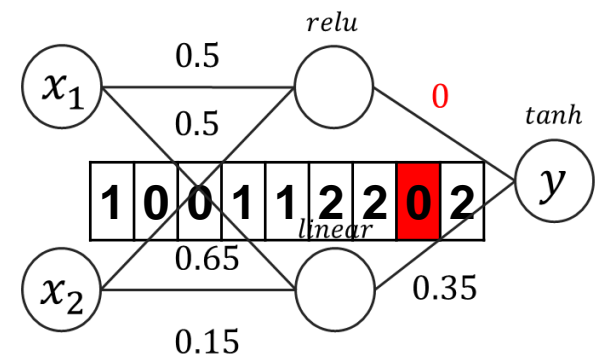
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Mutation



# Parsimonious neural networks – melting point

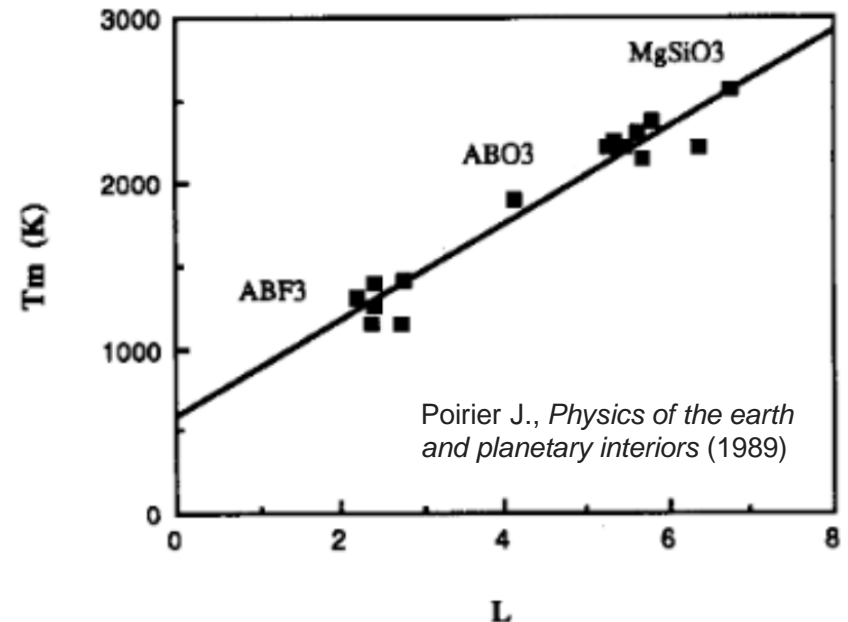
| Material | Volume     | Density  | Bulk modulus | Shear Modulus | Melting temp |
|----------|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| BaZrO3   | 30.700078  | 5.983317 | 143.0        | 88.0          | 2813.15      |
| Nd2O3    | 139.781930 | 6.395583 | 124.0        | 51.0          | 2543.15      |
| BaO2     | 17.382291  | 5.391927 | 67.0         | 35.0          | 723.15       |

Can we predict the melting temp based on fundamental inputs?

$$T_m^{lind} = \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{9h^2} \right) f^2 a^2 m T_D^2$$

fitting constant    mean atomic mass  
interatomic spacing    Debye temperature

Lindemann law developed in 1910



Can PNNs learn improved descriptions of melting from data?

# Dimensional analysis on inputs

$$\theta_0 = \frac{\hbar v_m}{k_b a} \quad \theta_1 = \frac{\hbar^2}{ma^2 k_b} \quad \theta_2 = \frac{a^3 G}{k_b} \quad \theta_3 = \frac{a^3 K}{k_b} \quad \text{Temperature units}$$

$$v_s = \sqrt{\frac{G}{\rho}} \quad v_p = \sqrt{\frac{K + \frac{4}{3}G}{\rho}} \quad v_m = \left[ \frac{3}{\left(\frac{1}{v_p}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{1}{v_s}\right)^3} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

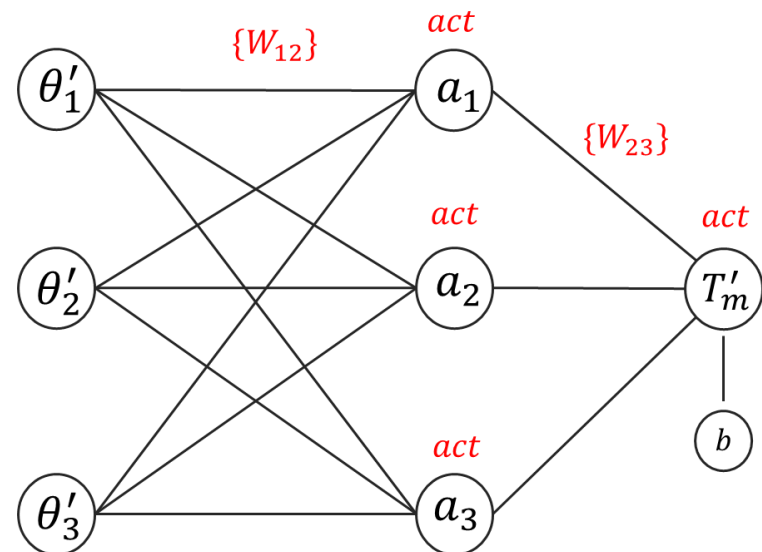
## Dimensionless inputs

$$\theta'_1 = \frac{\hbar}{ma v_m} = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_0}$$

$$\theta'_2 = \frac{a^4 G}{\hbar v_m} = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_0}$$

$$\theta'_3 = \frac{a^4 K}{\hbar v_m} = \frac{\theta_3}{\theta_0}$$

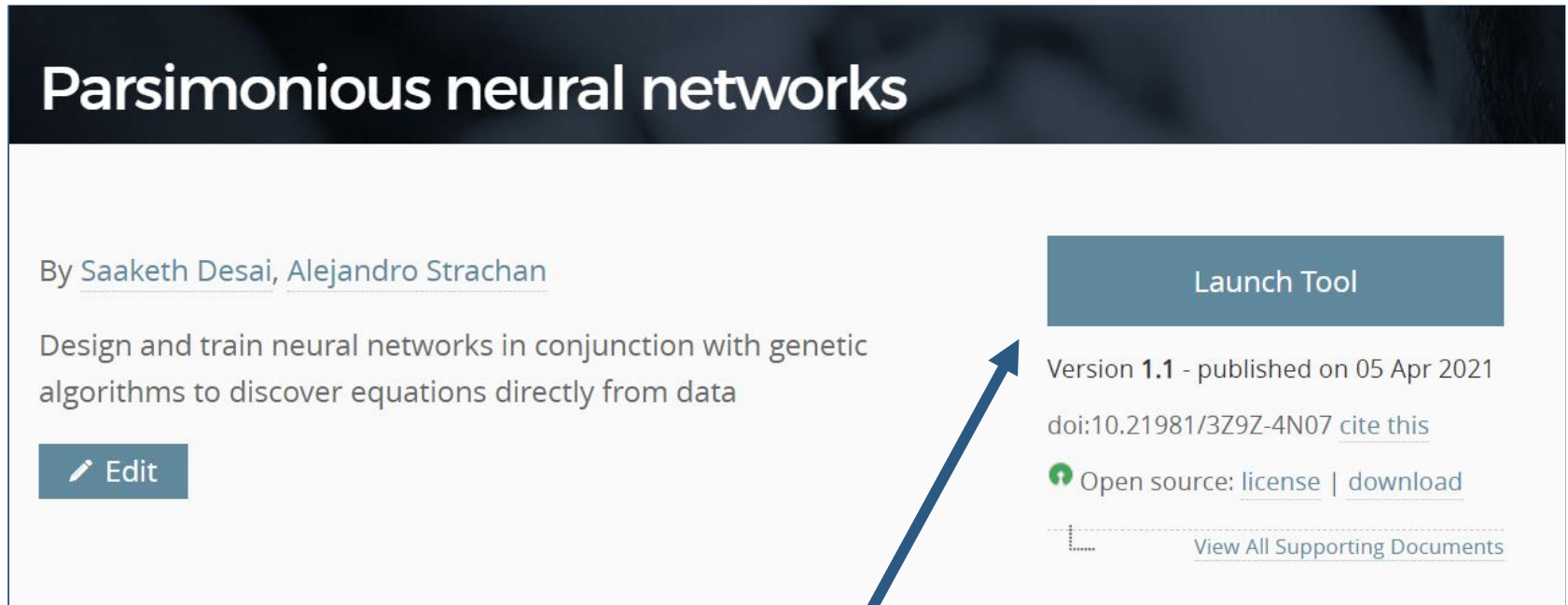
*act.* {linear, multiply, squared, tanh, ...}  
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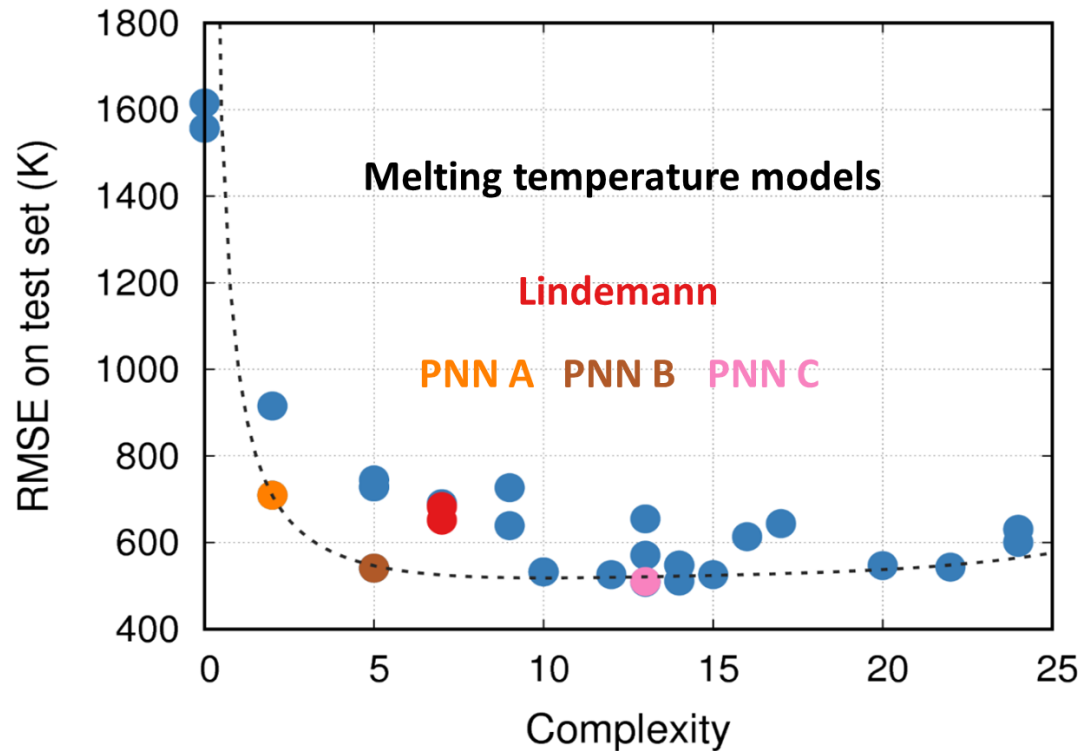
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# Discovering melting point laws



## Melting temperature models

$$T_m^{PNN A} = 21.8671 \theta_0$$

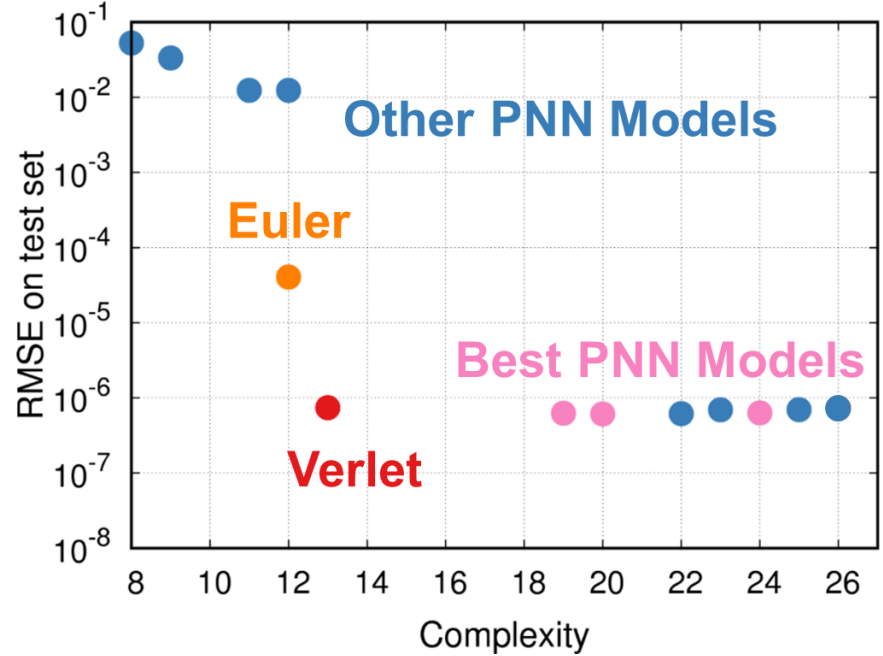
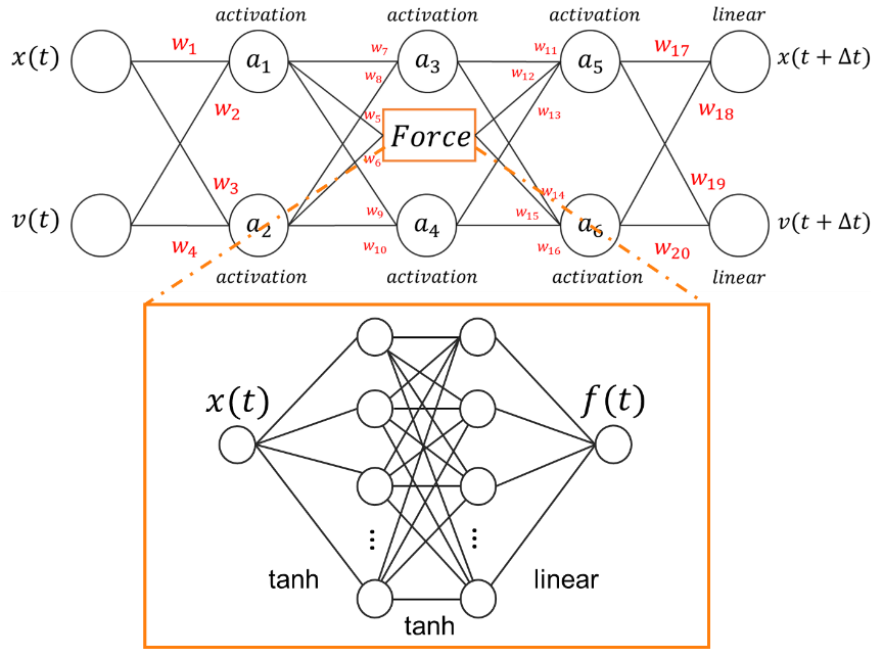
$$T_m^{lind} = \frac{k_b}{9\hbar^2} f^2 a^2 m T_D^2 = C \frac{\theta_0^2}{\theta_1}$$

$$T_m^{PNN B} = 17.553 \theta_0 + 0.00198 \theta_2$$

$$T_m^{PNN C} = 11.903 \theta_0 + 0.0005 \theta_3 + 0.008 \frac{\theta_0^2}{\theta_1}$$

*Parsimonious neural networks learn non-linear interpretable laws*

# Discovering integration schemes from data



$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + 1.0001 v(t)\Delta t + 0.9997 \frac{1}{2} f \left( x(t) + v(t) \frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) \frac{\Delta t^2}{m}$$

$$v(t + \Delta t) = v(t) + 0.9997 f \left( x(t) + v(t) \frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) \frac{\Delta t}{m}$$

*Position Verlet integration scheme*

***Parsimonious neural networks learn underlying physics directly from data***