

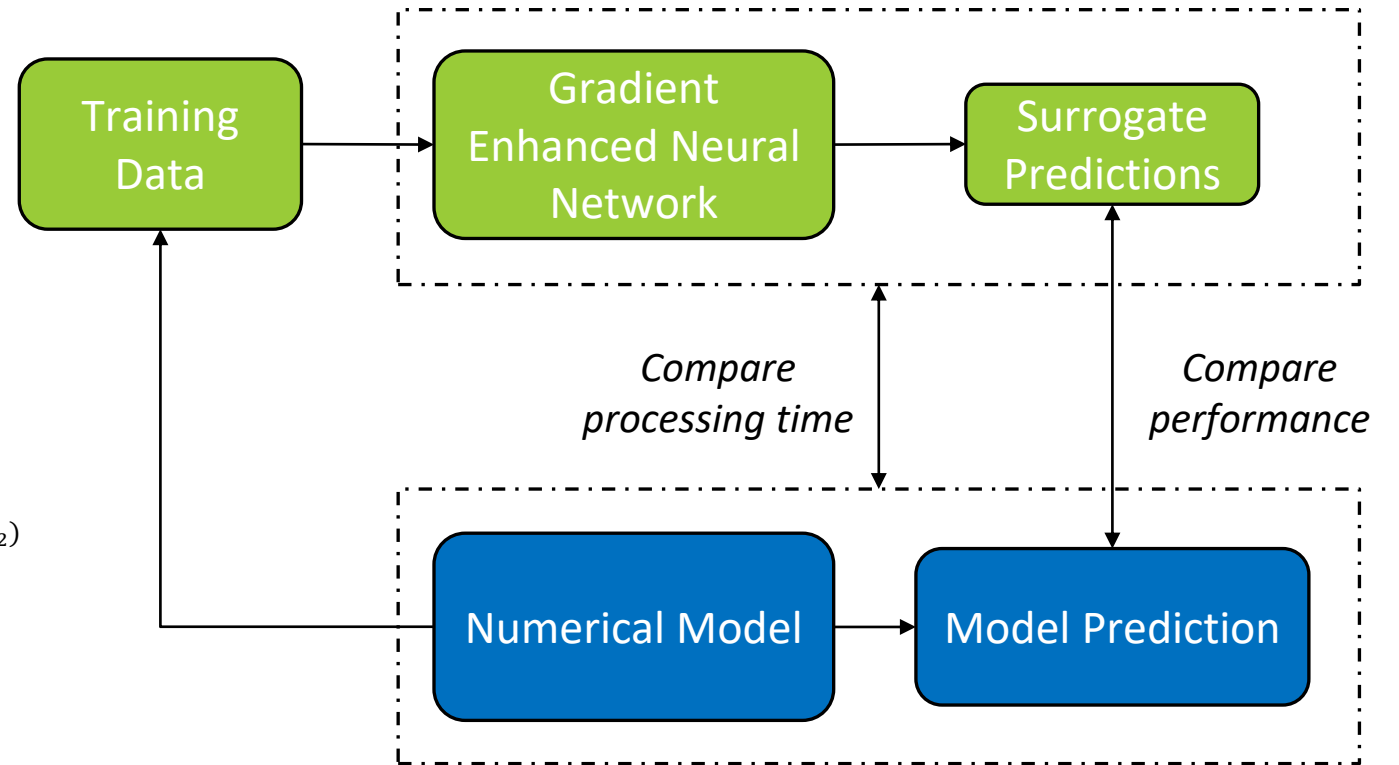
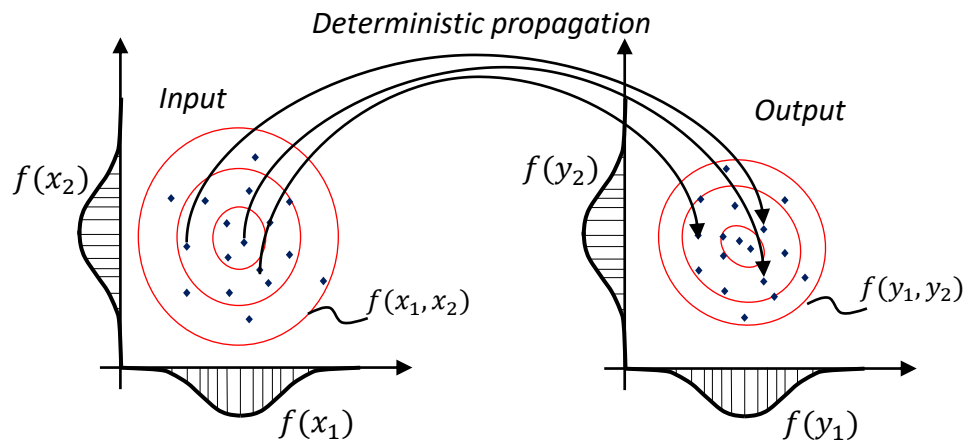
# A Sobolev trained neural network surrogate with residual weighting scheme for computational mechanics

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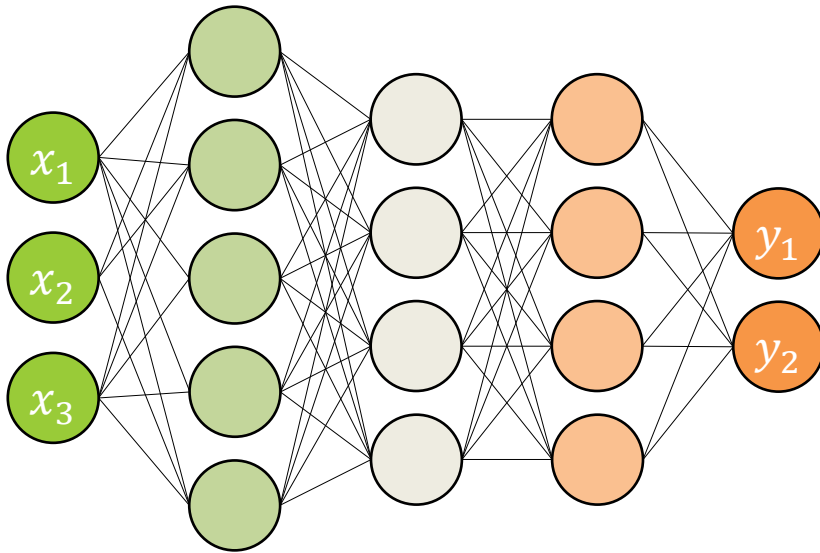
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# General process



# Base neural network



Model parameters  $\theta$  and data  $x_i, y_i$

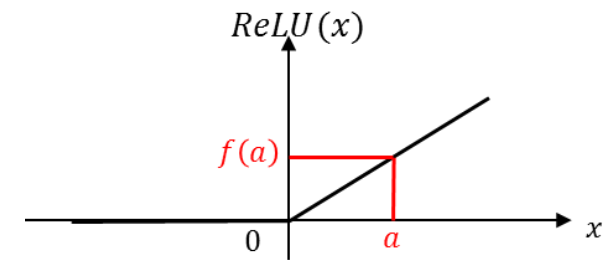
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Loss function  $L$

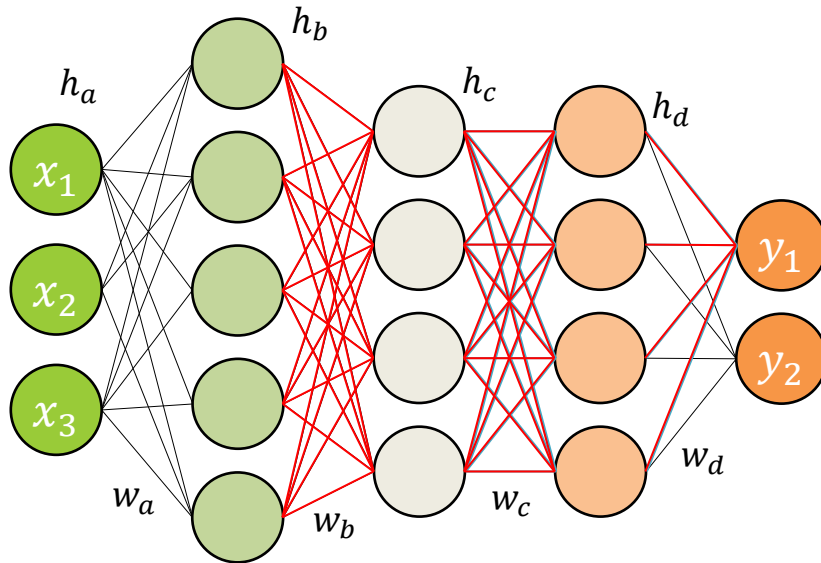
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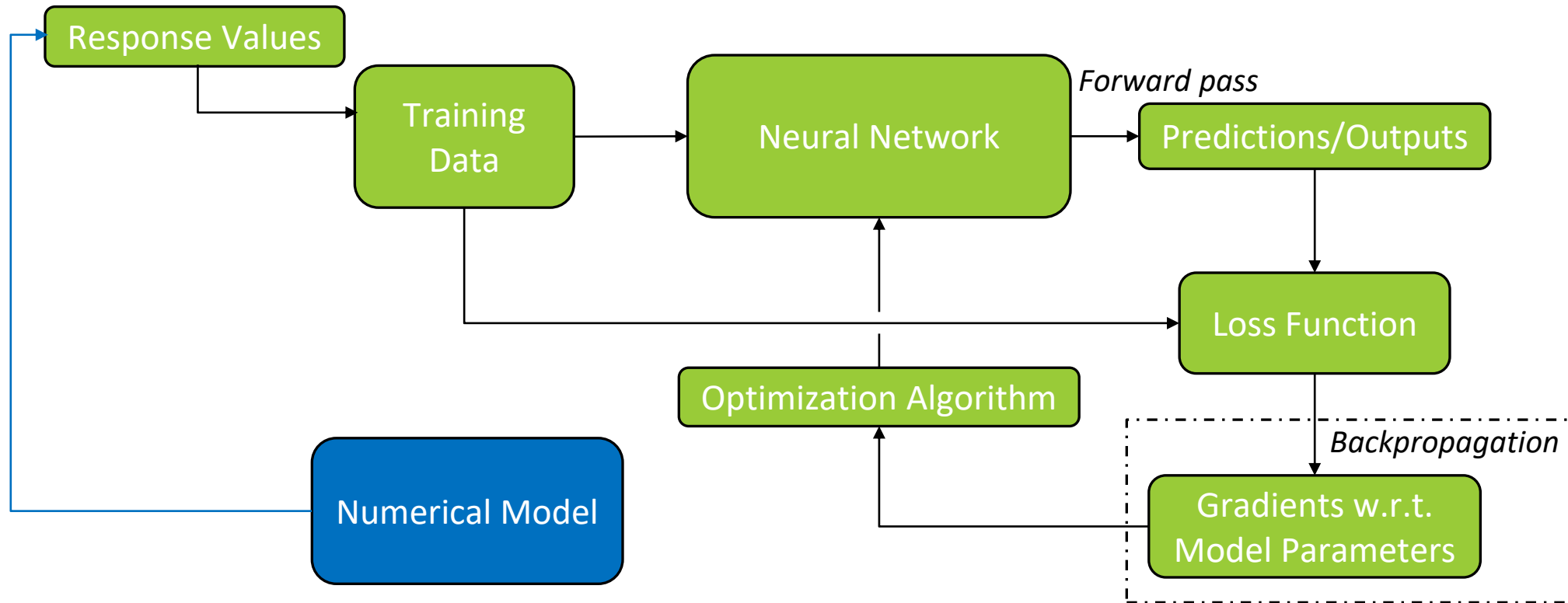
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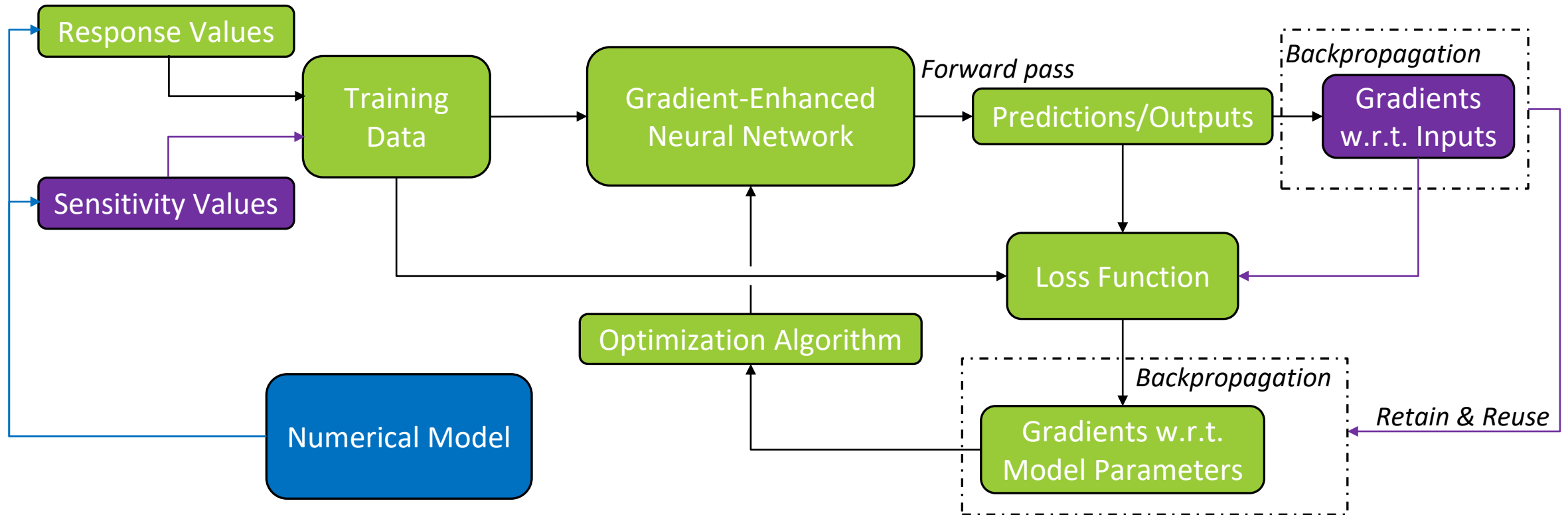
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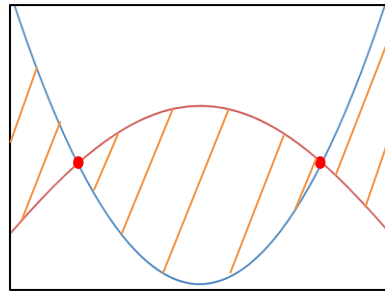
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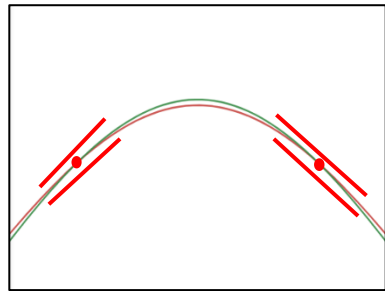
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Basic NN  
Approximation

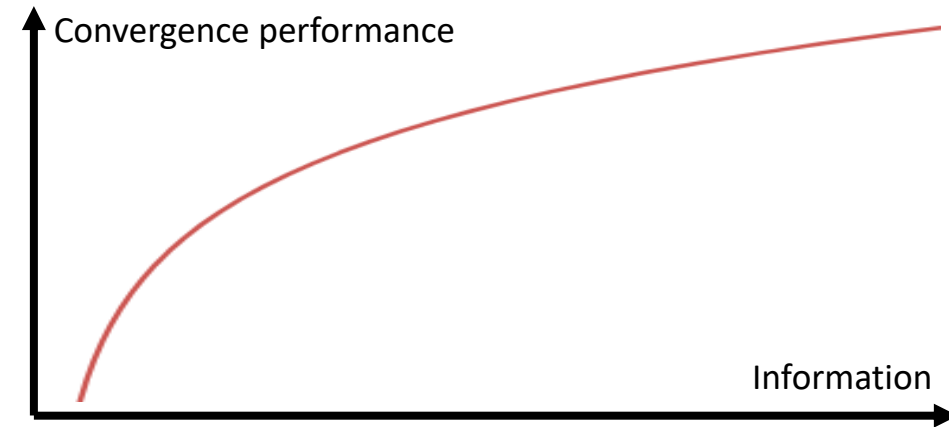


With gradient  
information

— True Output

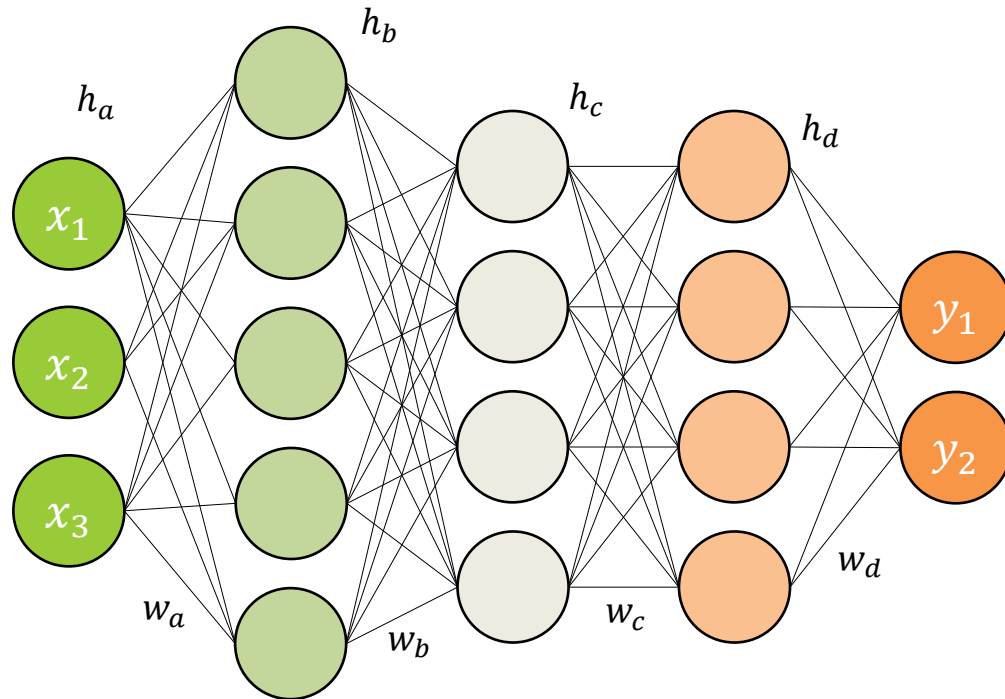
— Basic NN  
Output

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- Sensitivity information decisively influences training convergence
- Sensitivity information is available for low cost (computational, economical, etc.)
- Varying degrees of application

# Gradient enhanced neural network



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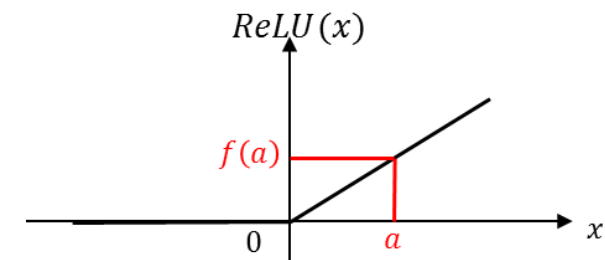
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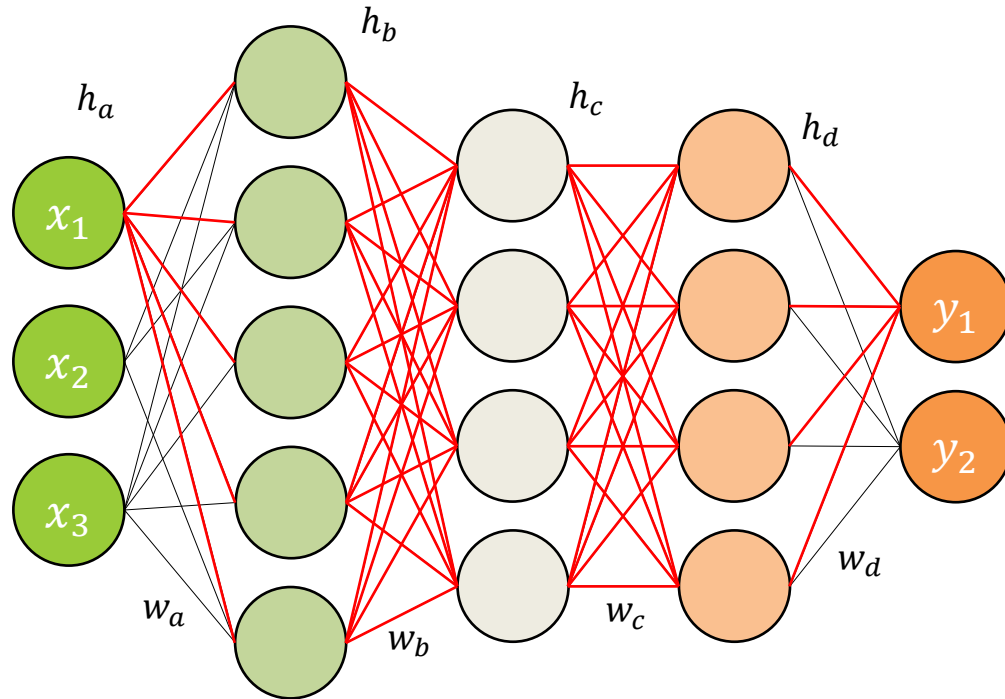
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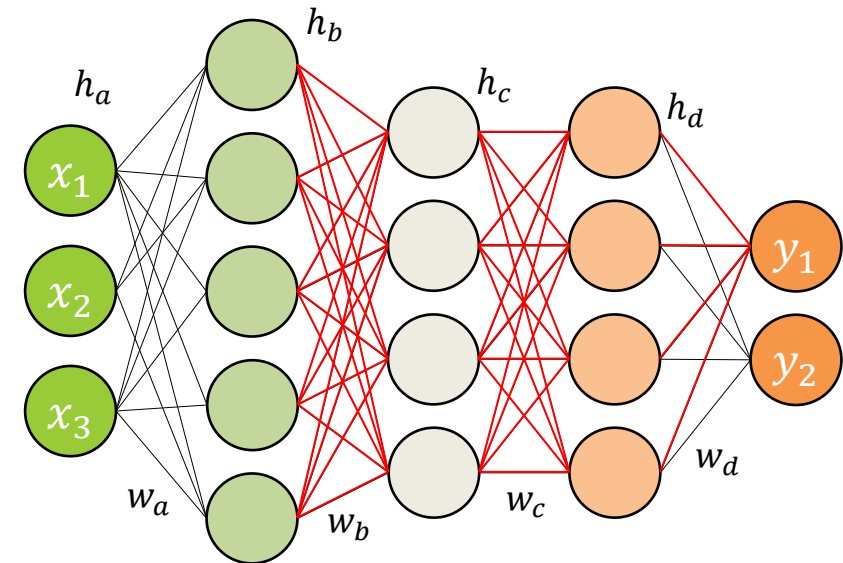


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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial N_\theta} \frac{\partial N_\theta}{\partial w} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \nabla N_\theta} \frac{\partial \nabla N_\theta}{\partial w}$$

Previously:



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Reusable gradient terms

# Residual weighting

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum (N_{\theta} - y)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum \sum (\nabla N_{\theta} - \nabla y)^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Gradients}} \nabla L = \nabla L_1 + \nabla L_2 + \dots$$

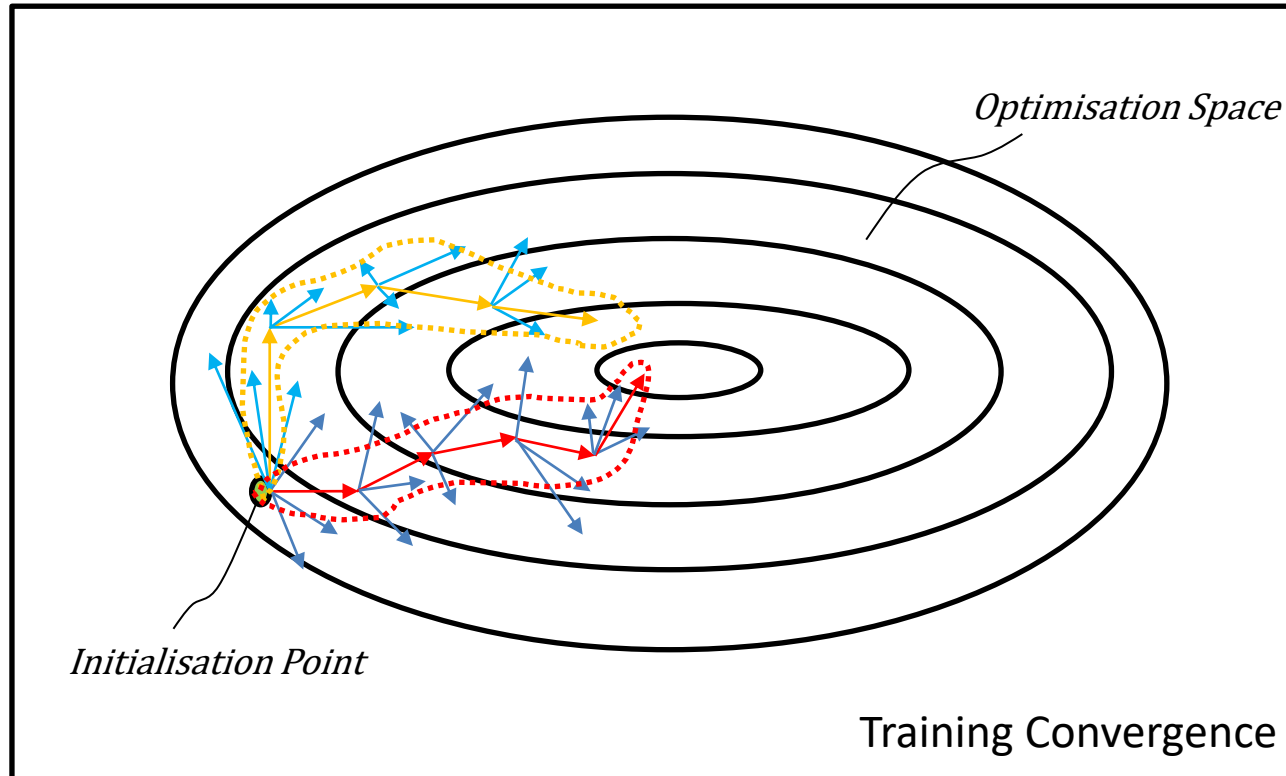
$$\text{MSE: } \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = (N_{\theta} - y) \frac{\partial N_{\theta}}{\partial \theta}$$

- Due MSE definition of loss terms  $\rightarrow$  Magnitude  $|L_i|$  acts as a weight for i-th gradient direction
- The less accurate  $L_i$ , the greater its gradient factor  $|L_i|$
- Varying difficulty  $\rightarrow$  staggered  $|L_i| \rightarrow$  gradient update intuitive to worst  $L_i$ , counterintuitive to best  $L_i$



$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum \lambda_1 (N_{\theta} - y)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum \sum \lambda_2 (\nabla N_{\theta} - \nabla y)^2$$

# Optimal convergence



- Training step split into individual parts of the sum, which are vectors
- Unique composition at each training step
- Optimal convergence path more sophisticated

# Weighting targets

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## Loss maximization

$\max_{\lambda} L$  subject to  $\lambda \geq 1$

- Very straightforward
- Essentially a constant gradient step, but -  
 $\rightarrow |L_i|$  dictate  $\Delta_i$ , decreasing with convergence

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## Loss gradient alignment

$$\min_{\lambda} (1 - \frac{\nabla L \cdot \nabla L_i}{|\nabla L| \cdot |\nabla L_i|}) \text{ subject to } \lambda \geq 1$$

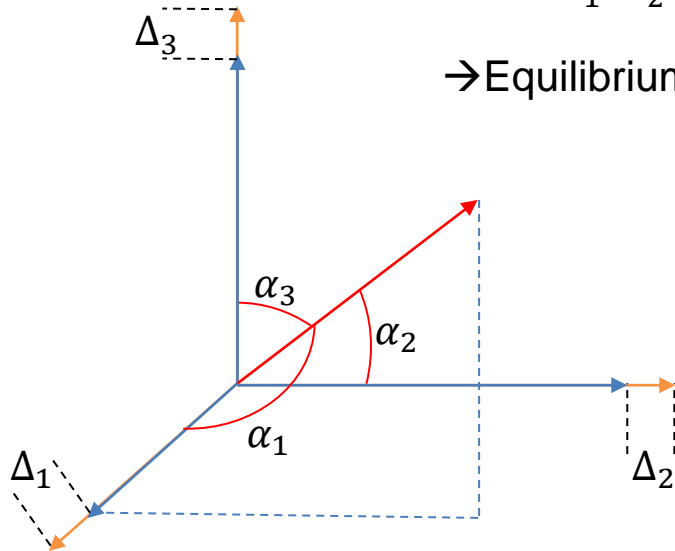
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- When a loss target is dominated, its residual weight increases stronger
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# Weighting targets

For one training step:

$$\alpha_1 : \alpha_2 : \alpha_3 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 : \Delta_2 : \Delta_3$$

→ Equilibrium in residual weight change



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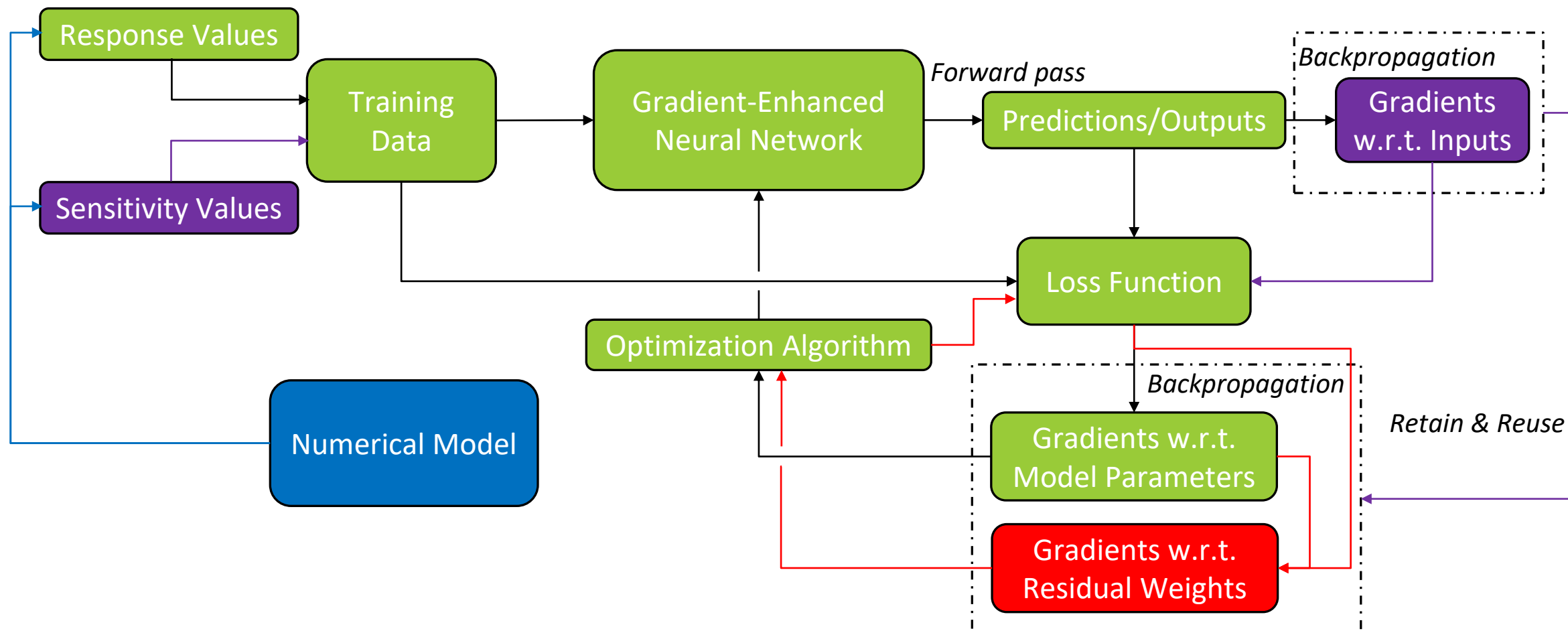
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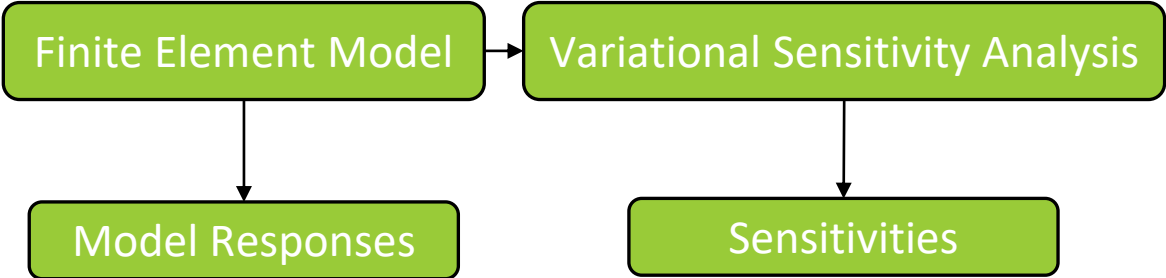
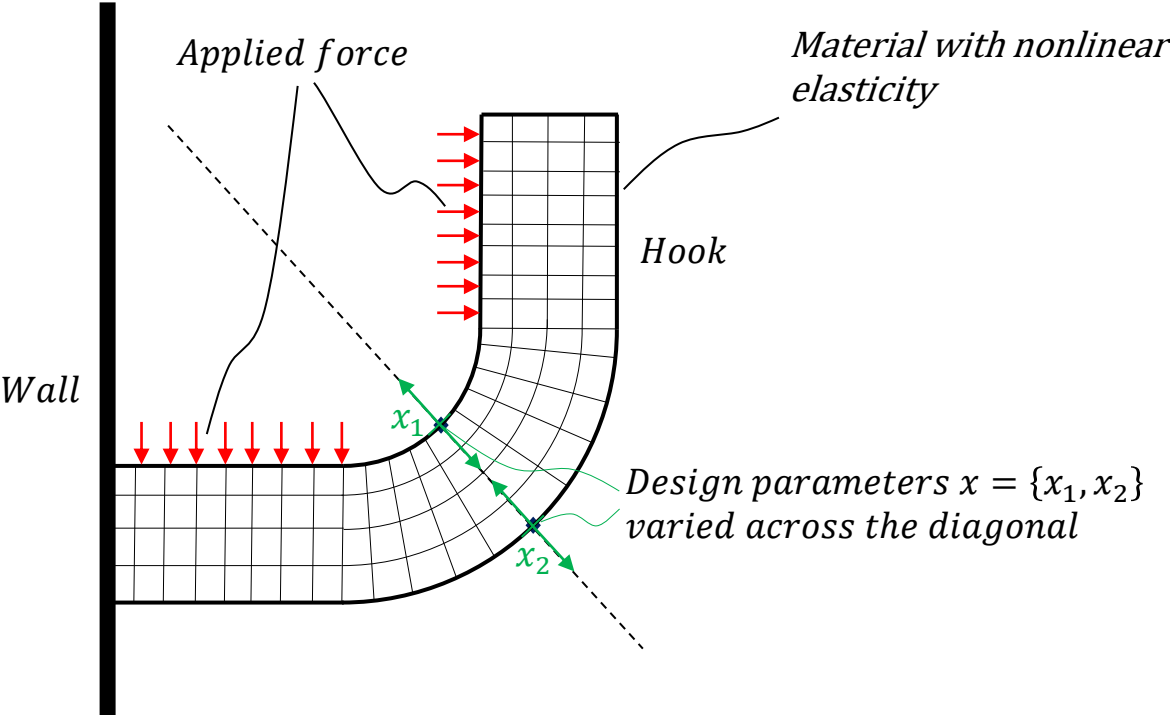
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# Weighted gradient enhanced neural network



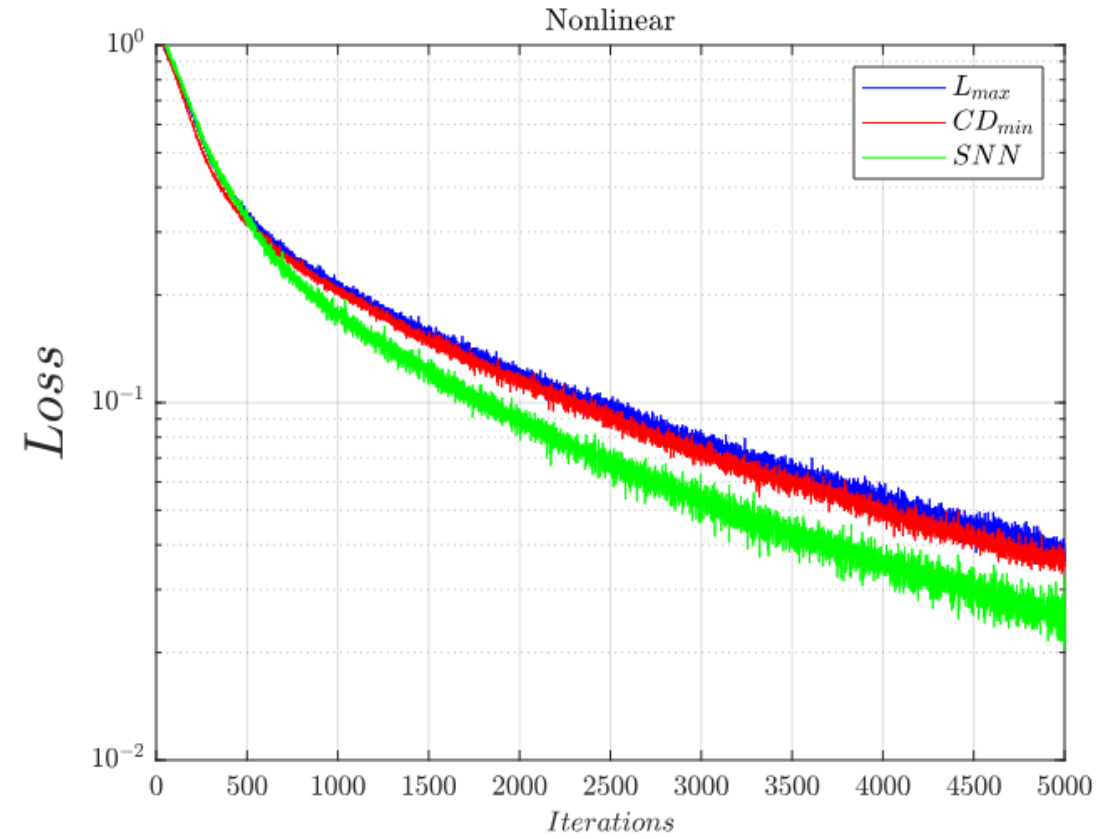
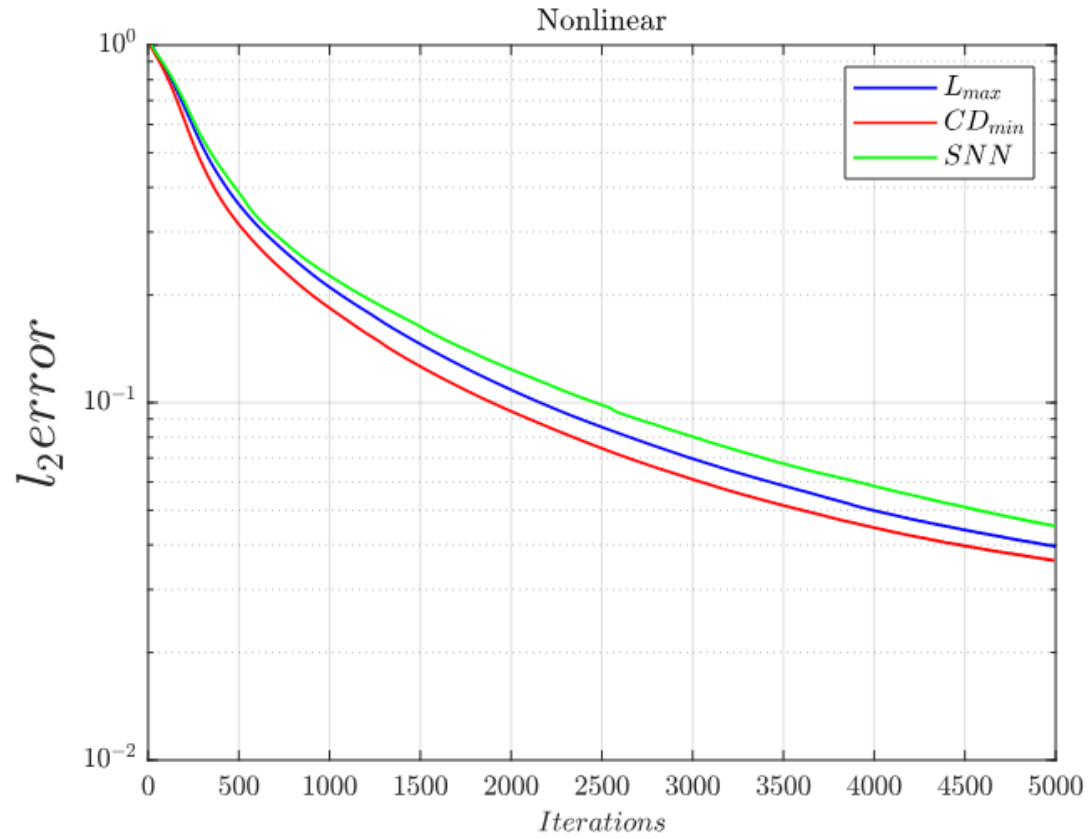
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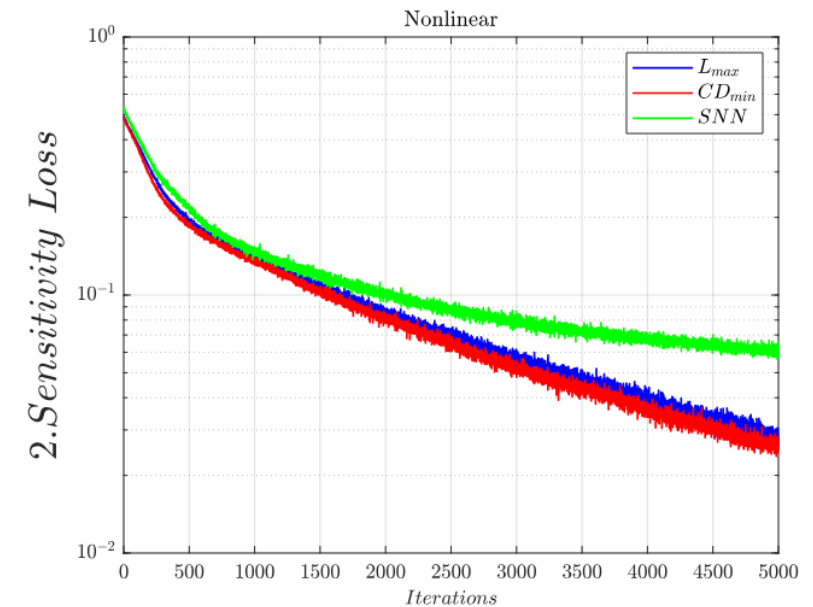
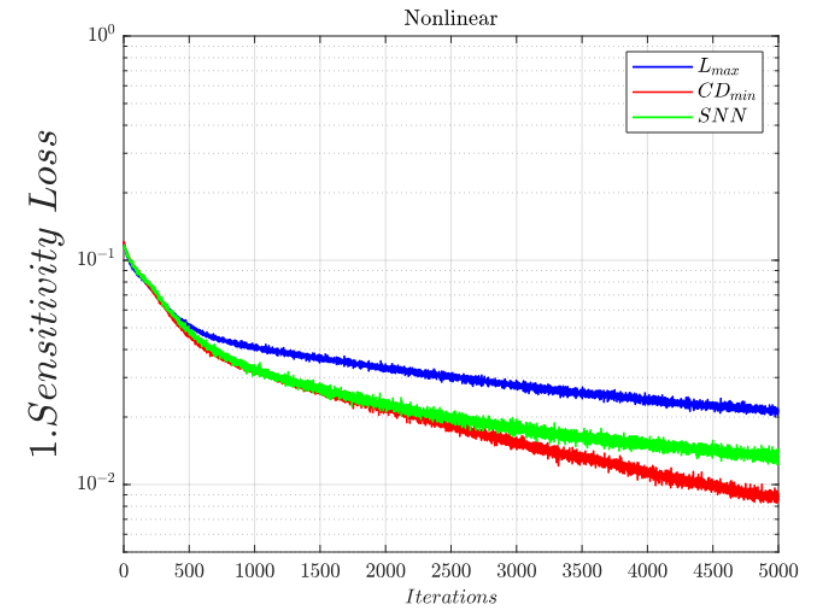
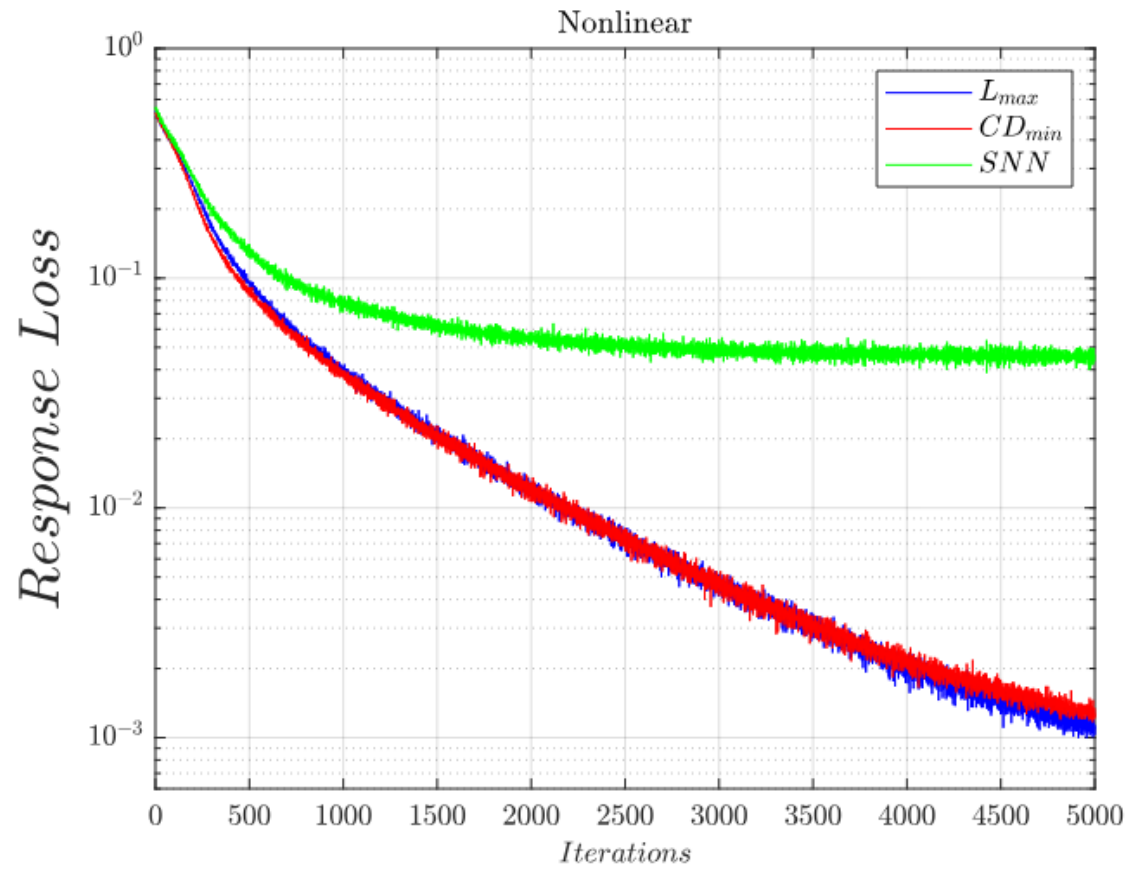
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Degrees of Freedom per Element	2
Elements	512
Design Parameters	2
Nodes per Element	4
Nonlinear material	St Venant, plane stress
System Behaviour	Static



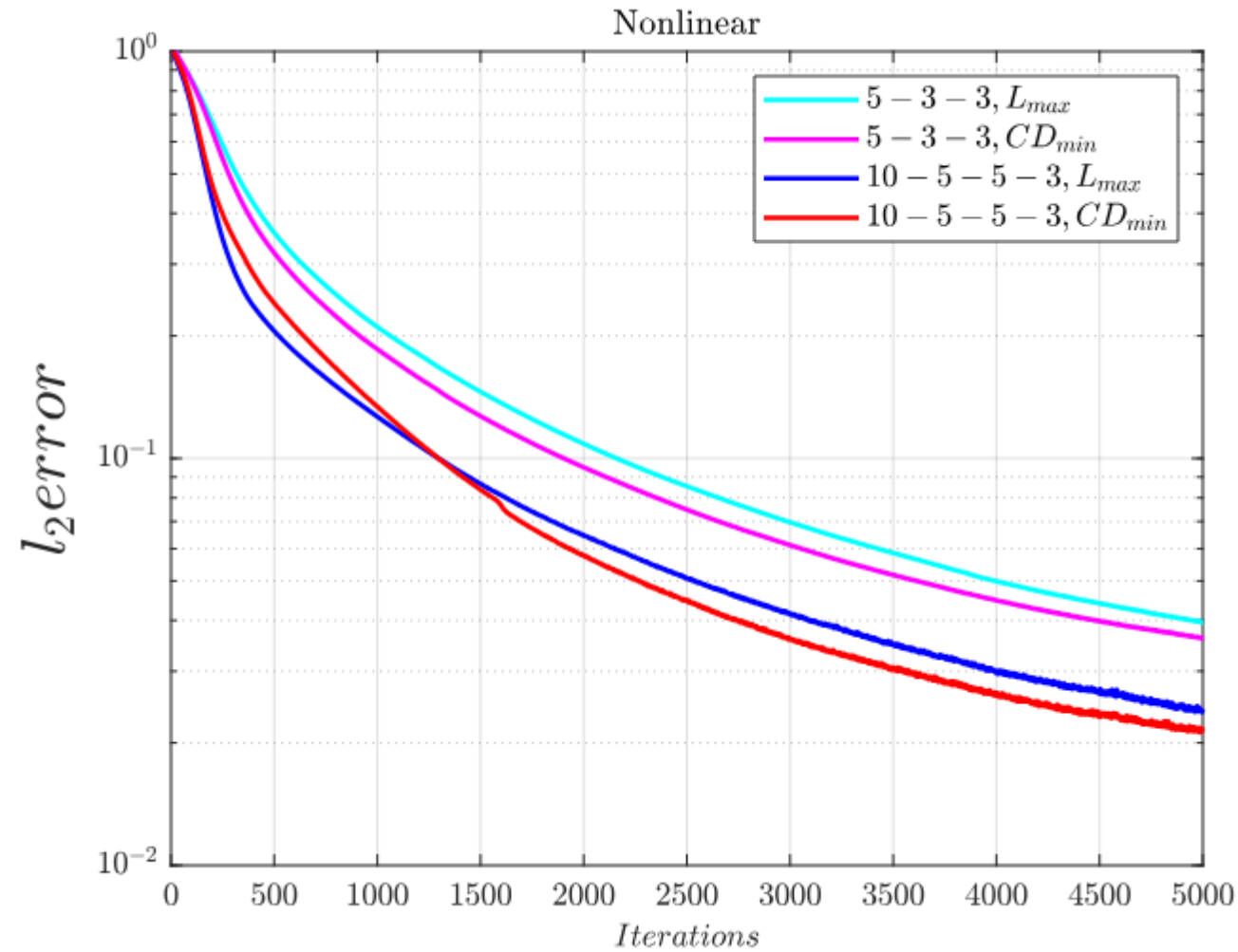
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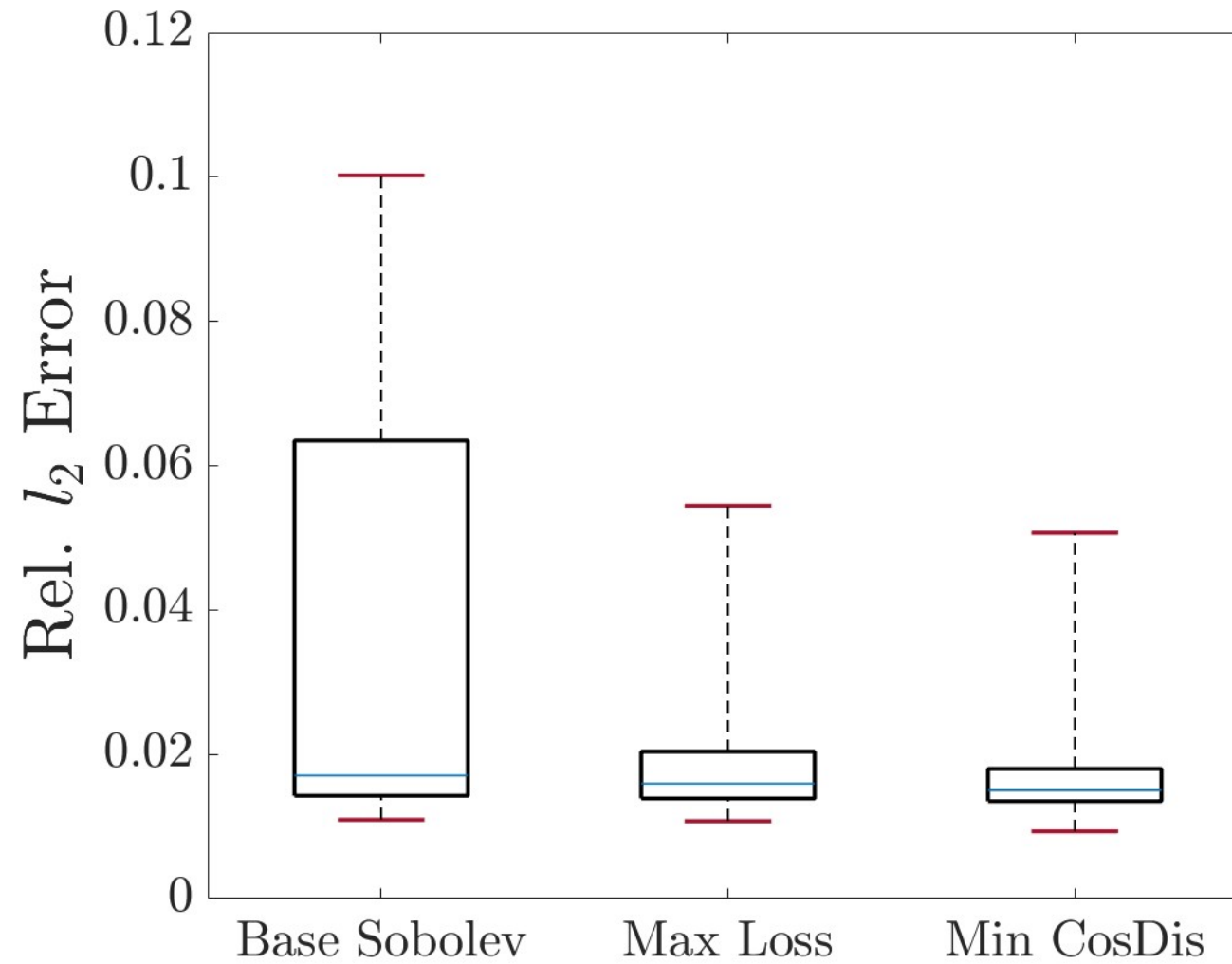
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# Conclusion

- Multiple loss terms lead to staggered training focus
  - potentially counterintuitive at various training steps without priority weighting
- Weighting for improved training convergence
  - dynamic definition to avoid tuning and flexible to current iteration
  - optimization target/function crucial to training convergence
  - Choice: equilibrium between gradient vectors; no domination by residuals
- Mean accuracy improvement small; however training more robust
  - widening gap with increasing model size
- $CD_{min}$  convergence performs well for all residuals
  - more complex case could show increasing performance gap

Thank you!