

Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Enhanced Flow Reactor Modeling and Parameter Estimation

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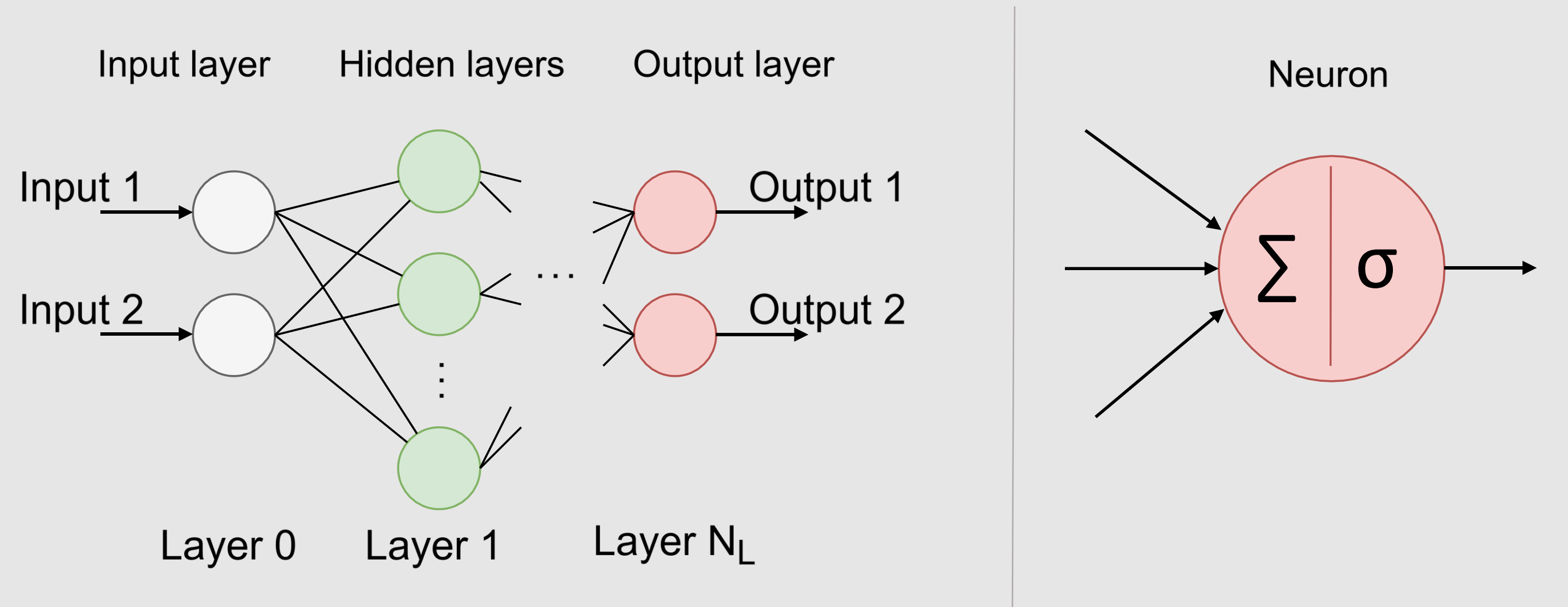
1 Neural Networks (NN)

inspired by the **structure** and **functioning** of the **human brain**

recognize patterns, classify information, make predictions - **predict time-series**

interconnected nodes ("neurons") which are organized into **layers**

universal approximation theorem: shallow NN with parameters Θ sufficient to approximate any continuous function

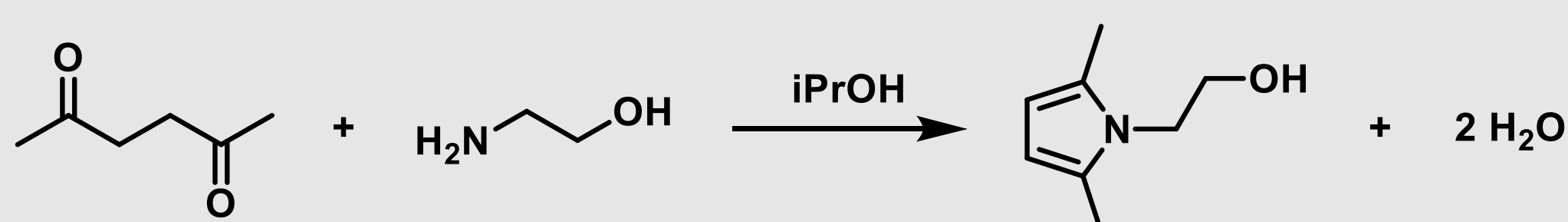


$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}, \Theta) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{N_L-1} \sigma(\dots \sigma(\mathbf{W}^0 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^0)) + \mathbf{b}^{N_L-1})$$

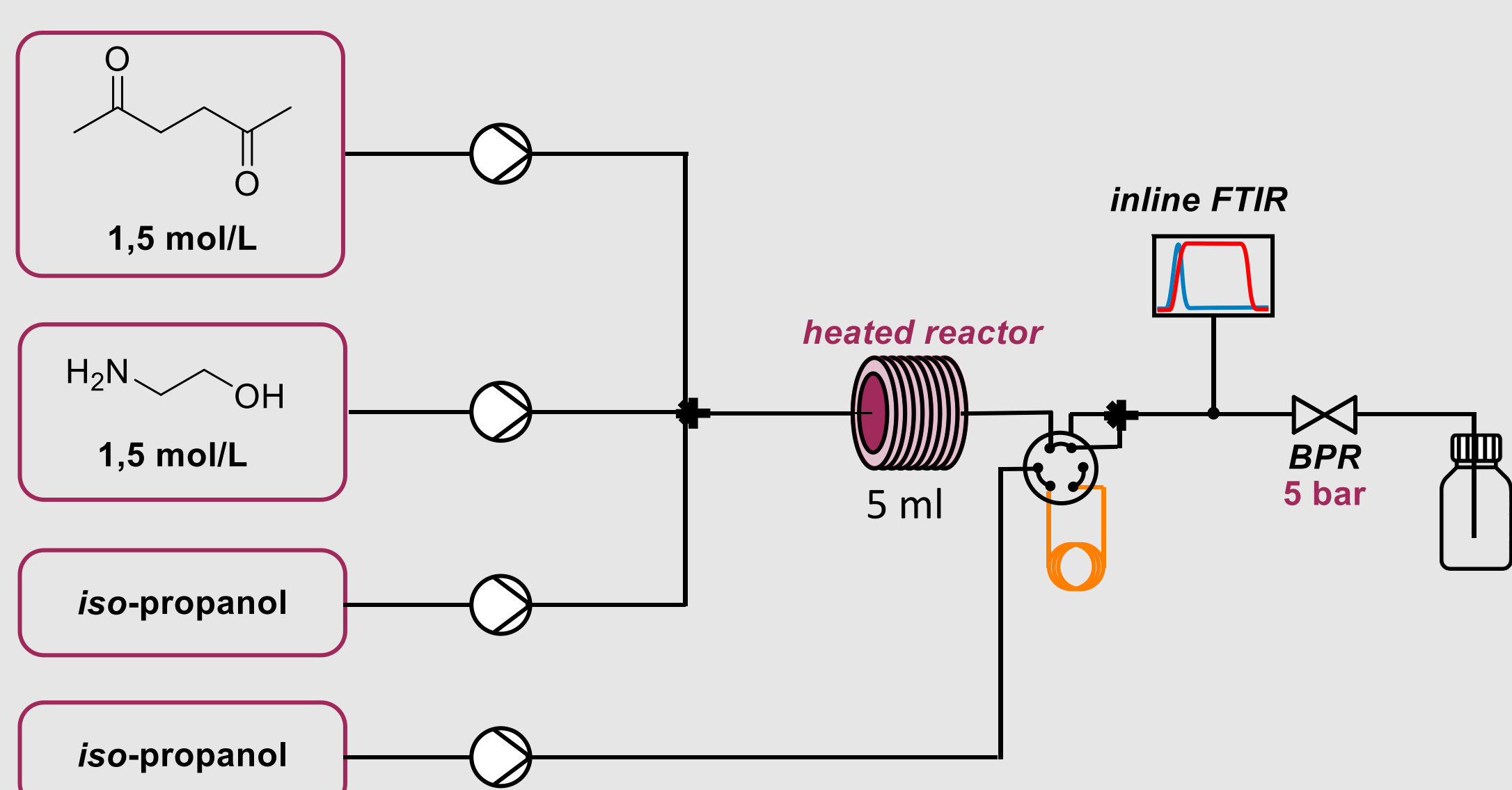
input \mathbf{x} → learnable weights from one layer to the next \mathbf{W}^i → nonlinear activation function σ → bias values \mathbf{b}^i

3 Example: Paal Knorr Reaction (PKR)

Paal Knorr reaction of **2,5-hexanedione** with **ethanolamine** in isopropanol forms **pyrrole** as product



flow reactor setup with a 5 ml heated reactor, an inline FTIR at the outlet, and individual actuation of the flow rates



2 Physics-informed NN (PINN)

integrate physical laws into the training process of the NN and guide the learning of the NN parameters Θ

+ extend the loss function used for training by the residuals of the **incorporated equations**

weight each part of the loss and find a **balance** in learning the data and the **incorporated physical equations**

Obtain **physical parameters** Γ as a side-product of the training process

$$\mathcal{L}_{PINN}(\Theta, \Gamma) = \lambda_D \mathcal{L}_D(\Theta) + \lambda_P \mathcal{L}_P(\Theta, \Gamma) + \lambda_R \mathcal{L}_R(\Theta)$$

loss due to data λ_D , loss due to physical laws λ_P , regularization λ_R

4 Modeling and Parameter Identification

integration of the **axial dispersion model** into a **shallow Neural Network**

$$\frac{\partial C_i(z, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 C_i(z, t)}{\partial z^2} - q(t) \frac{\partial C_i(z, t)}{\partial z} + r_i(\dots)$$

reaction rates r_i follow the **Arrhenius equation** for which the **reaction parameters** A, E_a are unknown

$$r_i = C_{hexa.}(t) C_{ethyl.}(t) A e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT(t)}}$$

train the PINN using **experimental data**, the Adam optimization algorithm, and a **balanced cost function** between penalizing deviations in the data and the incorporated axial dispersion model

