

Recovering the parameters underlying the Lorenz-96 chaotic dynamics

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Past and current work

Downscaling

Problem:

Understand local climate change

ML challenge:

Sources of heterogeneity

Paucity of labelled data

Noise, missing values

ML opportunities:

Non-uniform LSTMs (Mouatadid et al., 2017)

Super-resolution CNNs (Vandal et al., 2017)

Seasonal forecasting

Problem:

Seasonal and sub-seasonal forecasts predict weather anomalies at monthly and weekly intervals.

ML challenge:

Long-range dependencies

Non-stationarity of extremes under climate change

ML opportunities:

Wavelet-LSTM for seasonal forecasts of temperature and drought indices. (Mouatadid et al., 2018, 2019a)

Multitask KNN for the sub-seasonal climate forecast rodeo challenge (Hwang et al., 2018)

I will be working on this with Lester this summer

Current work - Parameterization

Problem:

- Climate models need to model relevant physics at fine scales, that are not currently resolved by GCMs.
Exp: cloud formation, ocean turbulence, land surface heterogeneity, etc.
- Climate scientists use physical intuition + calibration data to come up with approximations of the bulk effect: parameterization schemes.

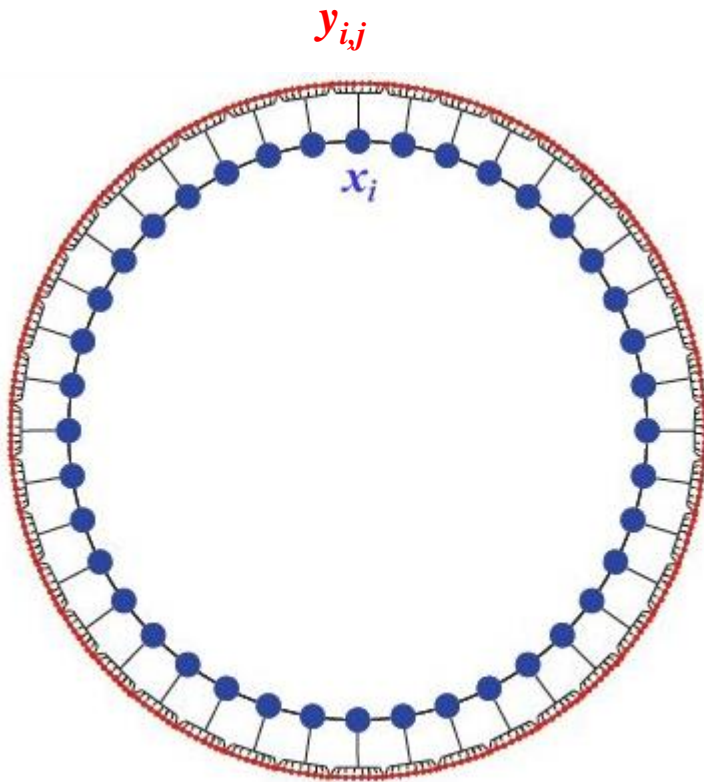
ML challenge:

- Can ML define and automate new parameterization schemes?

ML opportunities:

- NNs to learn from existing schemes (Gentine et al., 2018; Rasp et al., 2018)
- NNs to estimate the underlying parameters of a chaotic system (Mouatadid et al., 2019b)

The Lorenz-96 model



Slow large-scale variables x_i ($i=1,2,\dots,I$):

$$\frac{dX_i}{dt} = -X_{i-1}(X_{i-2} - X_{i+1}) - X_i + F - hc\bar{Y}_i$$

$$\bar{Y}_i = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J Y_{i,j}$$

Fast small-scale variables y_{ij} ($i=1,2,\dots,I; j=1,2,\dots,J$):

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{dY_{i,j}}{dt} = -bY_{i+1,j}(Y_{i+2,j} - Y_{i-1,j}) - Y_{i,j} + \frac{h}{j} X_j$$

Lorenz-96 configuration

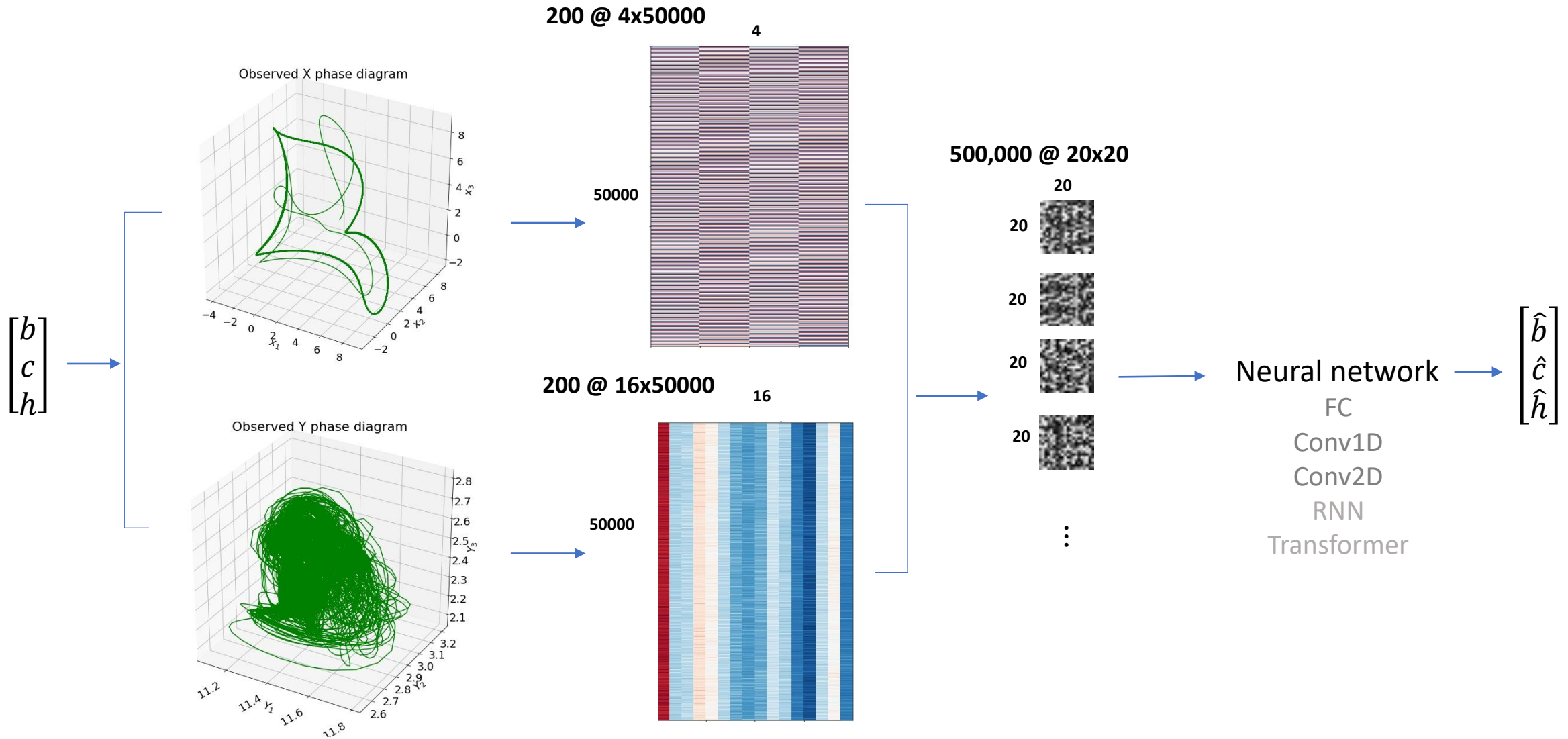
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def generate_L96():
    import numpy as np
    import os

    K = 4
    J = 4
    F = 8
    b = get_truncated_normal(mean=11, sd=5, low=0, upp=22)
    c = get_truncated_normal(mean=11, sd=5, low=0, upp=22)
    h = get_truncated_normal(mean=1, sd=0.1, low=0, upp=2)
    theta_b, theta_c, theta_h = b.rvs(num_images), c.rvs(num_images), h.rvs(num_images)

    time_step = 0.01
    num_steps = 50000
    burn_in=50

    X = np.zeros(K)
    Y = np.zeros(J * K)
    X[0] = 1
    Y[0] = 1
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Recovering b , c and h



Loss function and shared aspects

- Loss function:

$$WMSE = \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{1}{\sigma_b} \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - \hat{b}_i)^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_c} \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i - \hat{c}_i)^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_h} \sum_{i=1}^n (h_i - \hat{h}_i)^2 \right]$$

- Non linear activation: LeakyRelu with $\alpha = 0.001$
- Optimizer: Adam

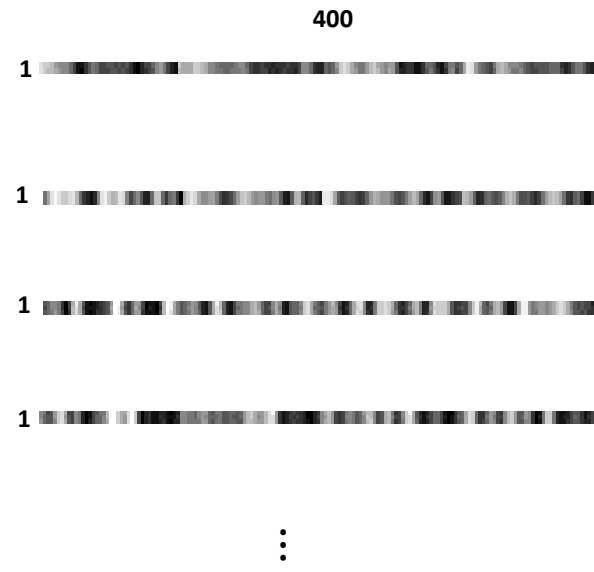
FCNN

500,000 @ 20x20

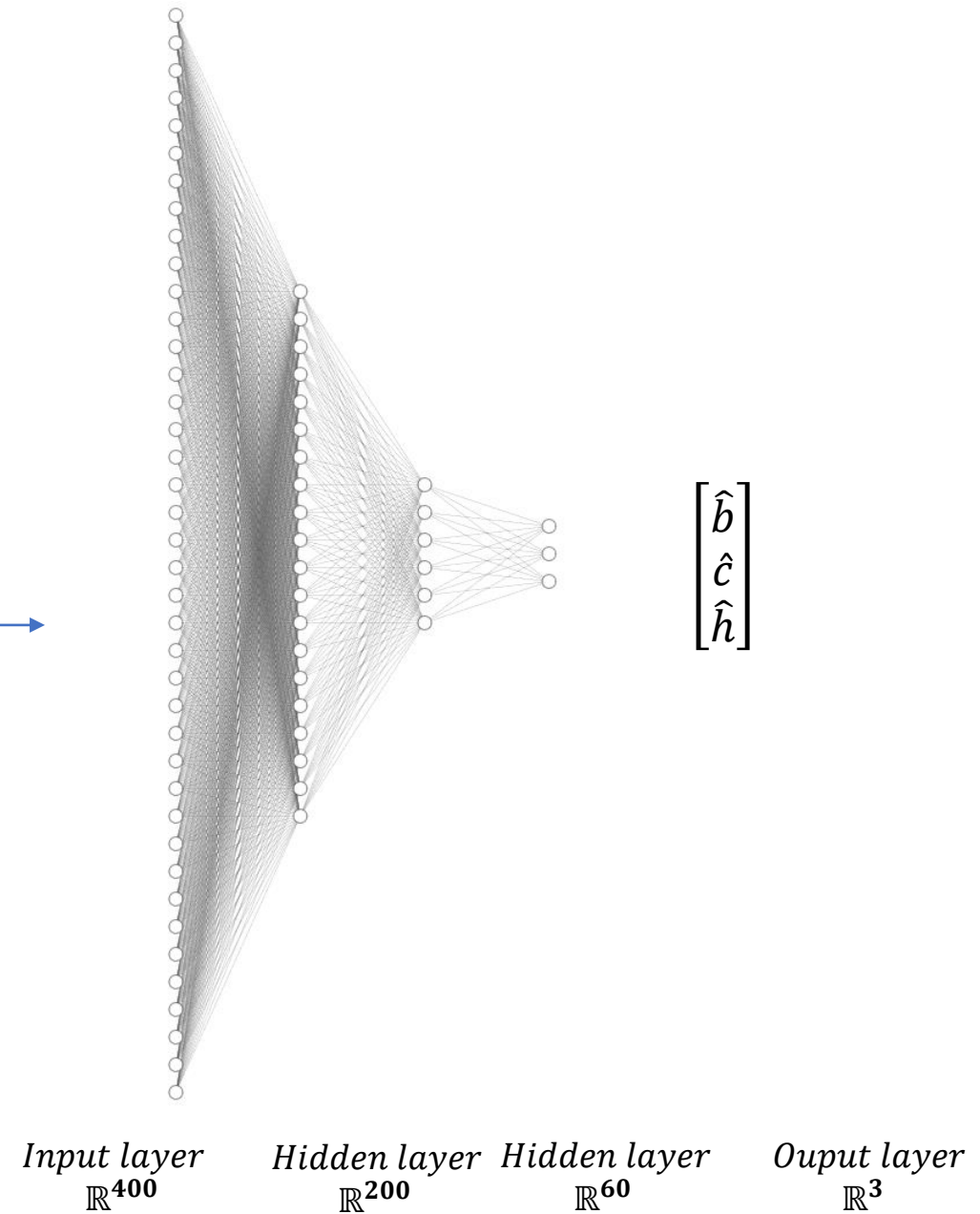


Reshape
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500,000 @ 400x1

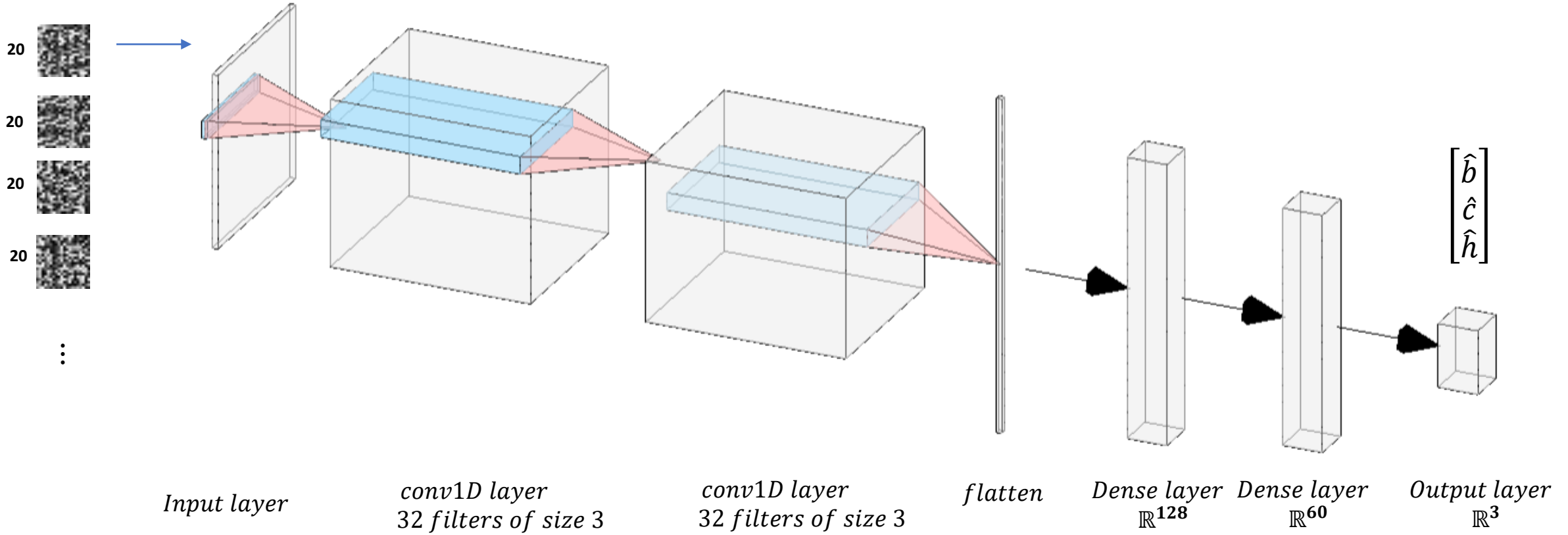


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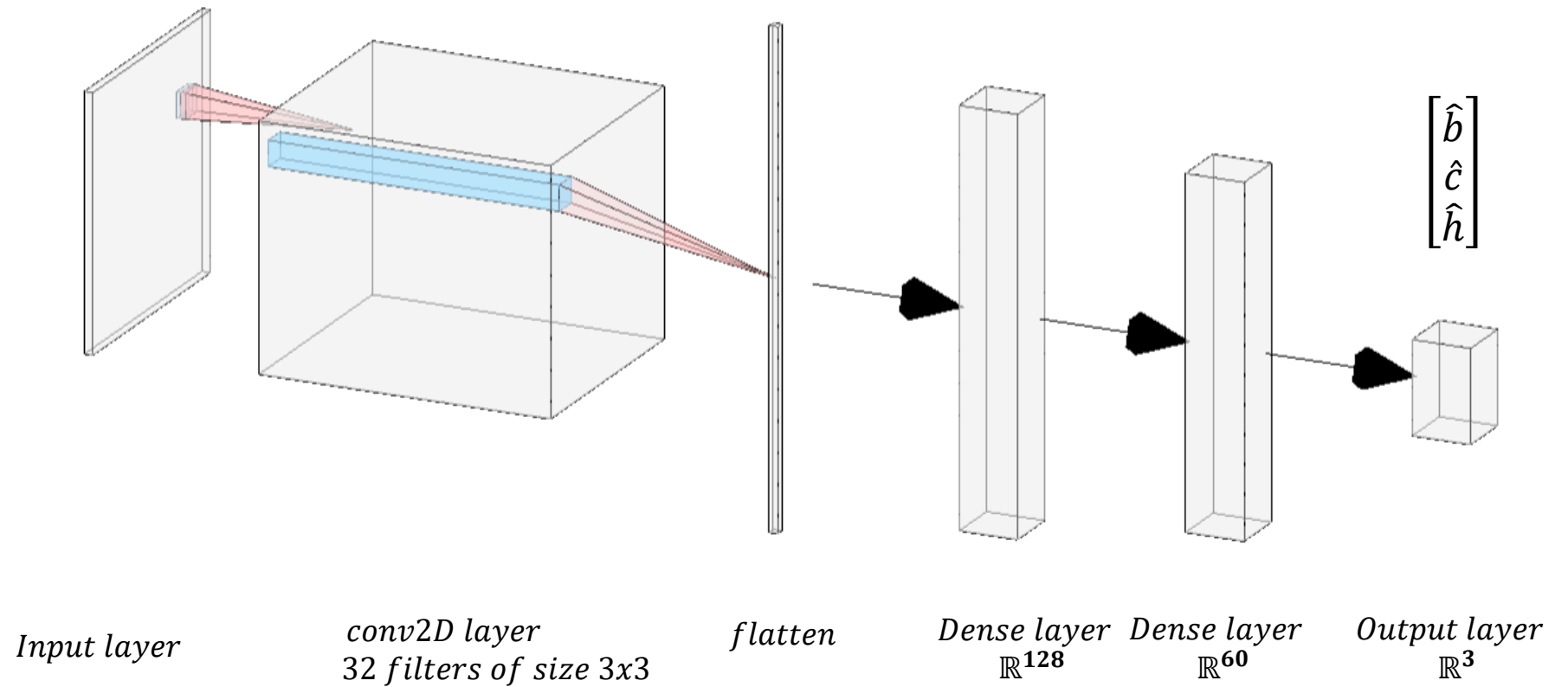
CONV1D

500,000 @ 20x20



CONV2D

500,000 @ 20x20



Learning tasks

- Learning from both slow and fast variables
- Learning from fast variables only

- Setting *test_mode* to *False*
- Setting *test_mode* to *True*

Results

TEST MODE	MODEL	TRAIN LOSS	TEST LOSS	TRAIN r^2	TEST r^2
		LEARNING FROM X AND Y			
	FC	0.6583	0.6714	0.9094	0.9074
	CONV1D	0.6682	0.6812	0.9079	0.9060
	CONV2D	0.6502	0.6861	0.9105	0.9054
<i>False</i>		LEARNING FROM Y ONLY			
	FC	0.6647	0.6808	0.9084	0.9061
	CONV1D	0.6968	0.7073	0.9041	0.9024
	CONV2D	0.6744	0.7063	0.9071	0.9026

TEST MODE	MODEL	TRAIN LOSS	TEST LOSS	TRAIN r^2	TEST r^2
		LEARNING FROM X AND Y			
	FC	0.7064	1.3262	0.9028	0.8212
	CONV1D	0.7029	1.2822	0.9031	0.8263
	CONV2D	0.6577	1.3260	0.9070	0.8125
<i>True</i>		LEARNING FROM Y ONLY			
	FC	0.6805	1.3197	0.9063	0.8220
	CONV1D	0.6898	1.2726	0.9050	0.8276
	CONV2D	0.6577	1.3260	0.9094	0.8210

Results

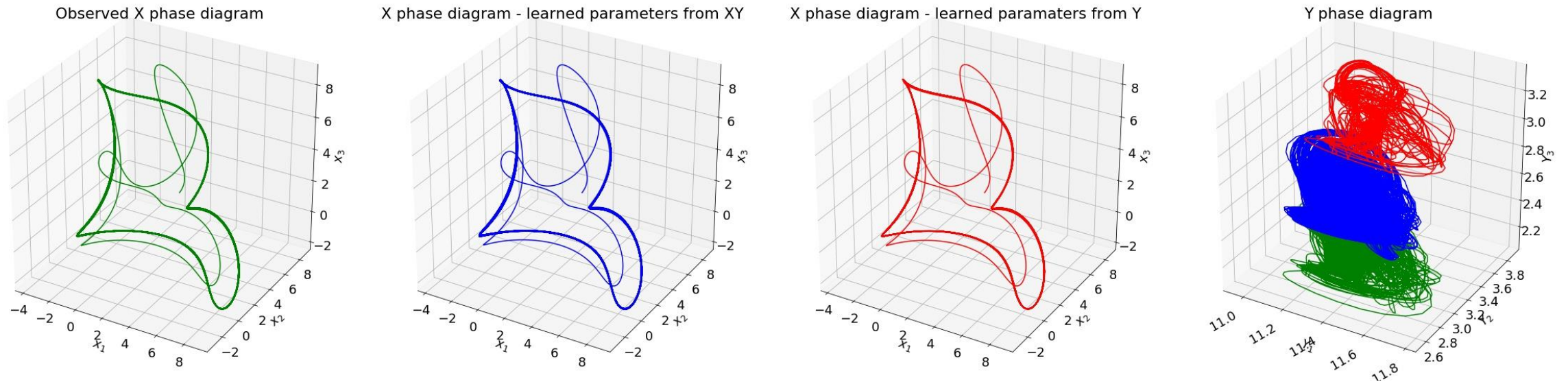


Figure 1. Lorenz-96 phase diagram of the first three slow (X) and fast (Y) variables using observed parameters (green), learned parameters from the X and Y variables (blue) and learned parameters from the Y variables only (red) . The learning algorithm is a fully connected network with *test_mode* set to *False*.

Source: Mouatadid et al., 2019b

Results

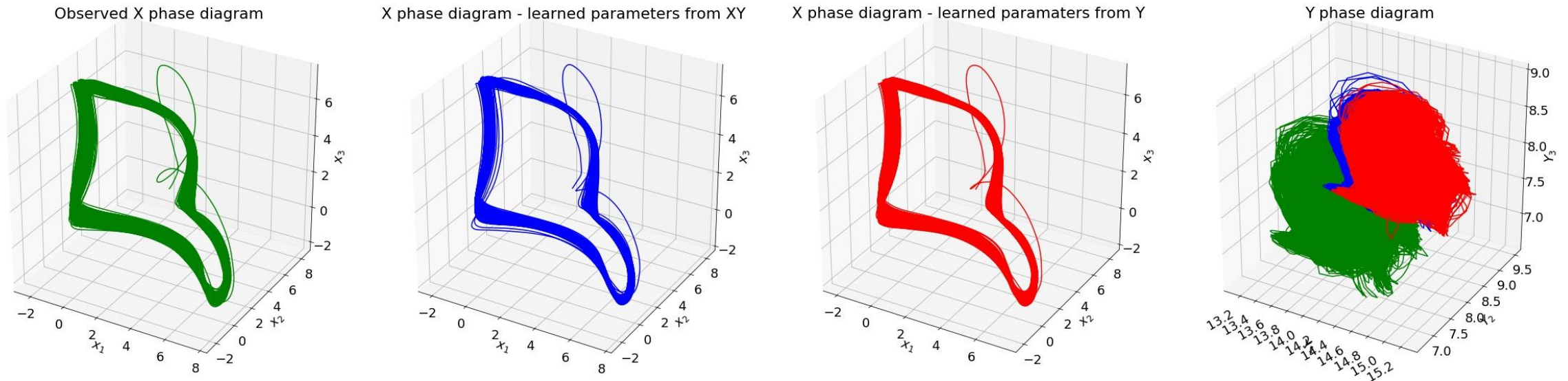


Figure 2. Lorenz-96 phase diagram of the first three slow (X) and fast (Y) variables using observed parameters (green), learned parameters from the X and Y variables (blue) and learned parameters from the Y variables only (red). The learning algorithm is a 1D convolutional model with *test_mode* set to *True*.

Results

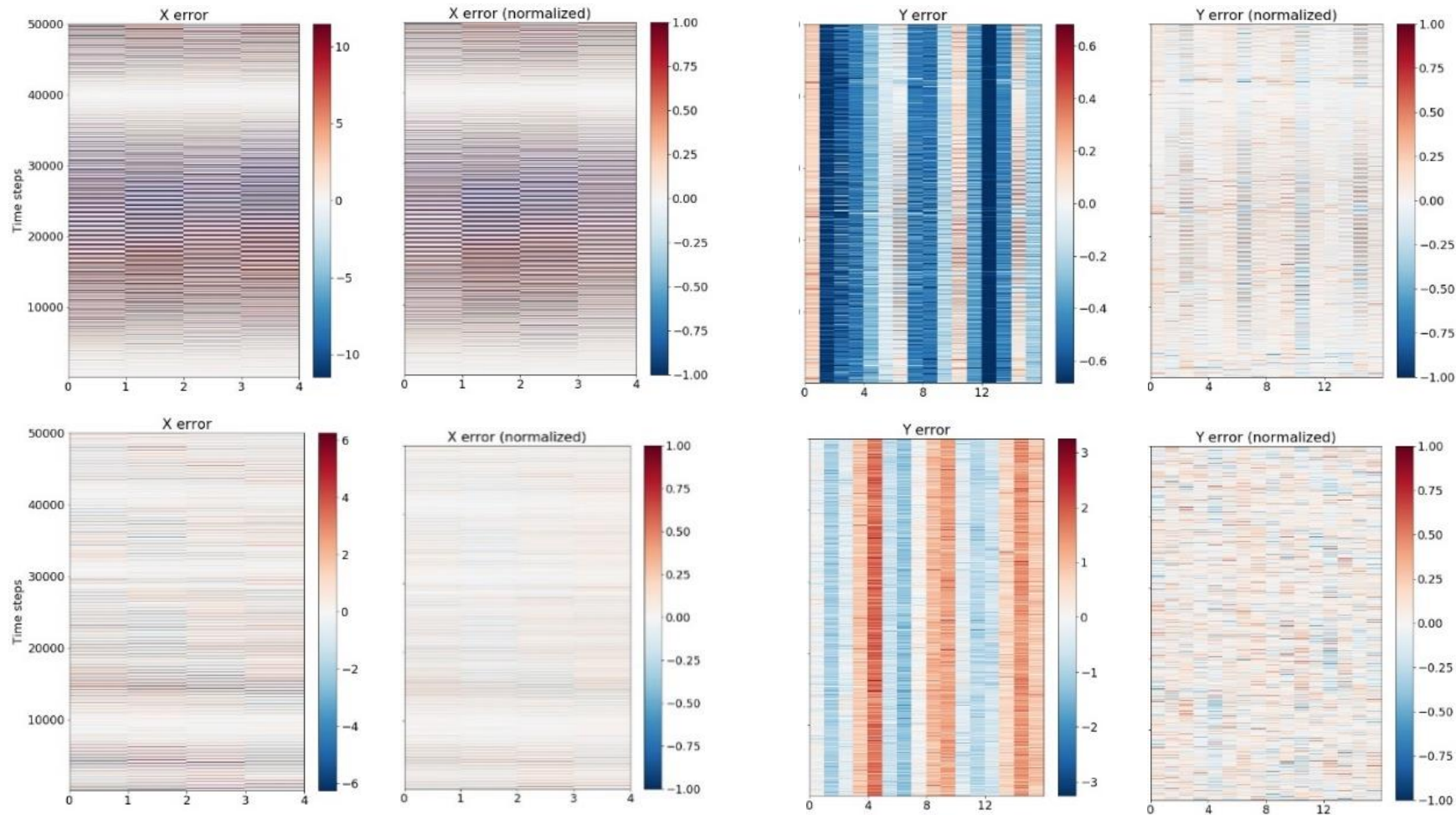


Figure 3.

Errors between the Lorenz-96 slow (X) and fast (Y) variables generated using the observed parameters and the inferred parameters using the FC model trained on the Y variables with *test_mode* set to *False* (top row) and using the Conv1D model trained on Y variables with *test_mode* set to *True* (bottom row).

Discussion/What's next?

- Why do FCs outperform CNNs?
- (20, 20) image shapes

- Spherical CNNs
- Flexible CNN filters
- Assigning weights to different channels
- Making the network invertible

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