



# DEEP LEARNING FOR SHORT-TERM TEMPERATURE FORECASTS WITH VIDEO PREDICTION METHODS

MACHINE LEARNING FOR EARTH SYSTEM MODELLING AND ANALYTICS WORKSHOP 2021-05-03

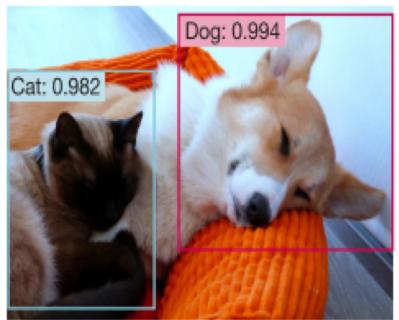
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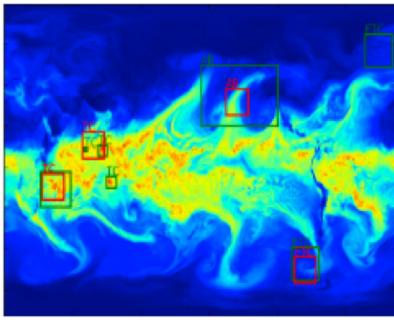
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# MOTIVATION

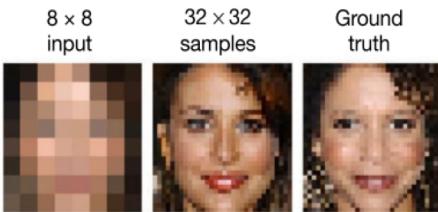
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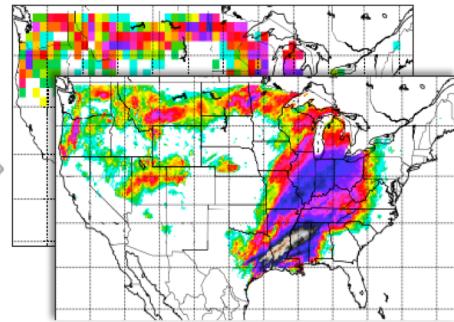
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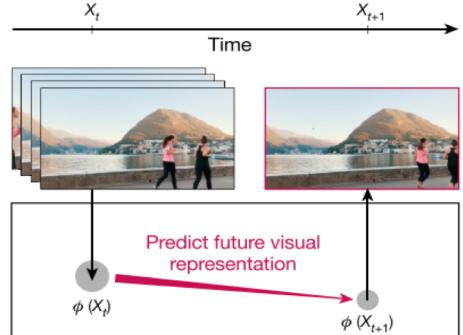
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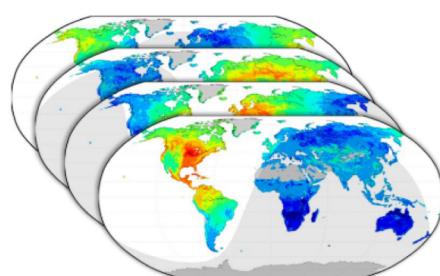
Statistical downscaling and blending



c Video prediction



Short-term forecasting



- Video prediction → **New data-driven approach for weather forecasting**

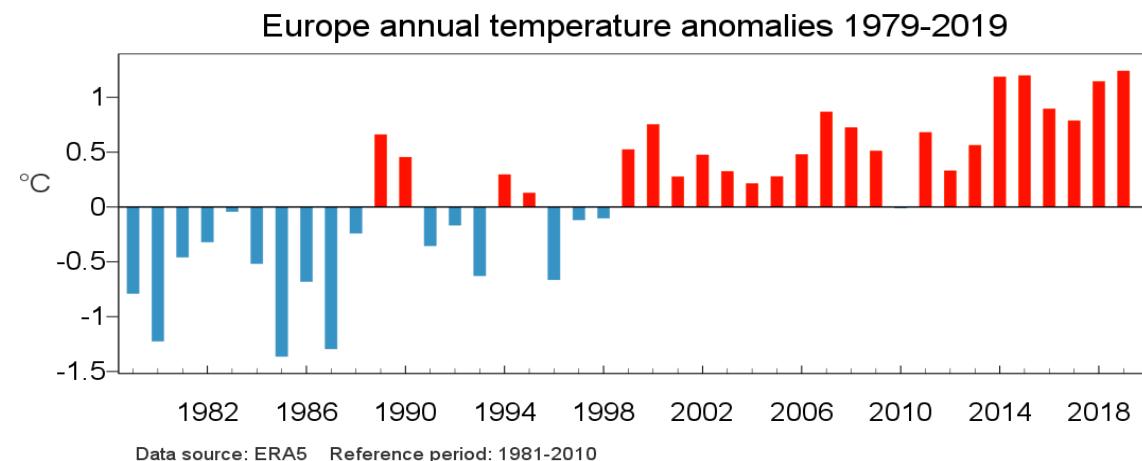
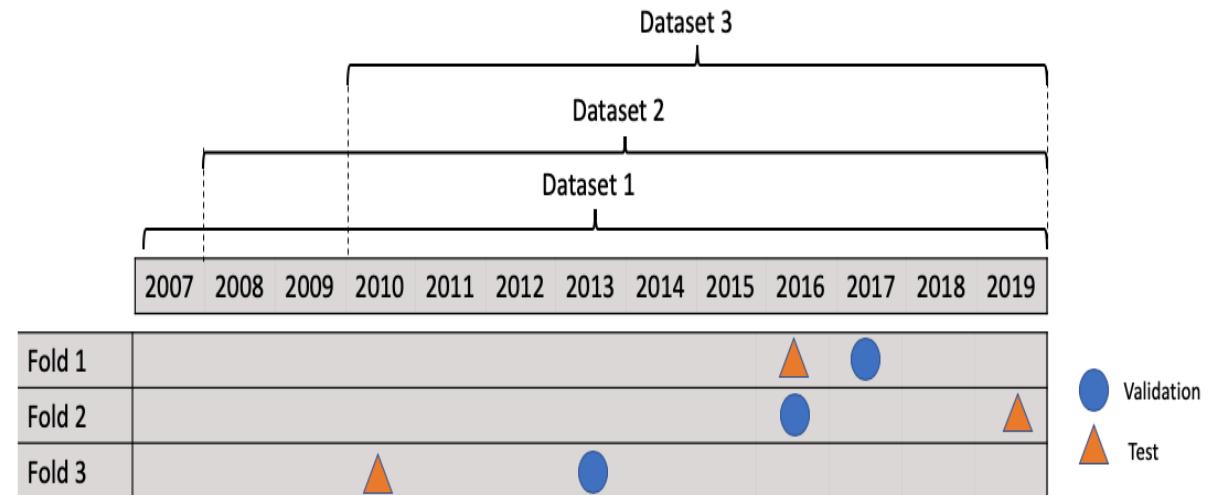
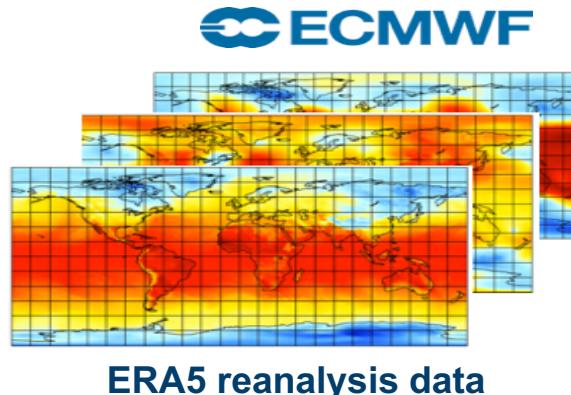
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# MOTIVATION

- Video prediction → **New data-driven approach for weather forecasting**
- Big data in weather forecasting and advanced Deep Learning architecture  
→ **High-Performance Computing (HPC) & Parallelisation**
- Reproducibility → **End-to-end workflow toolkit**

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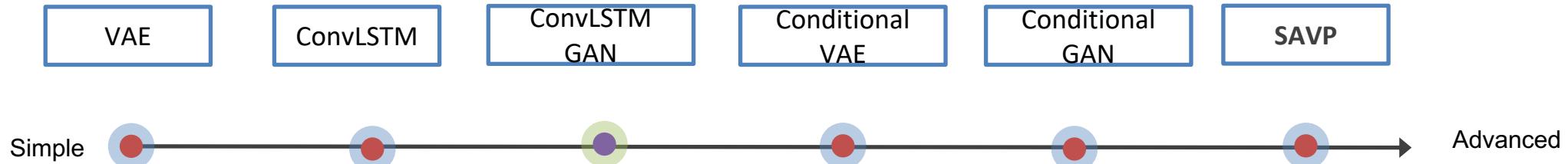
## Dataset preparation



<https://climate.copernicus.eu/ESOTC/2019/european-temperature>

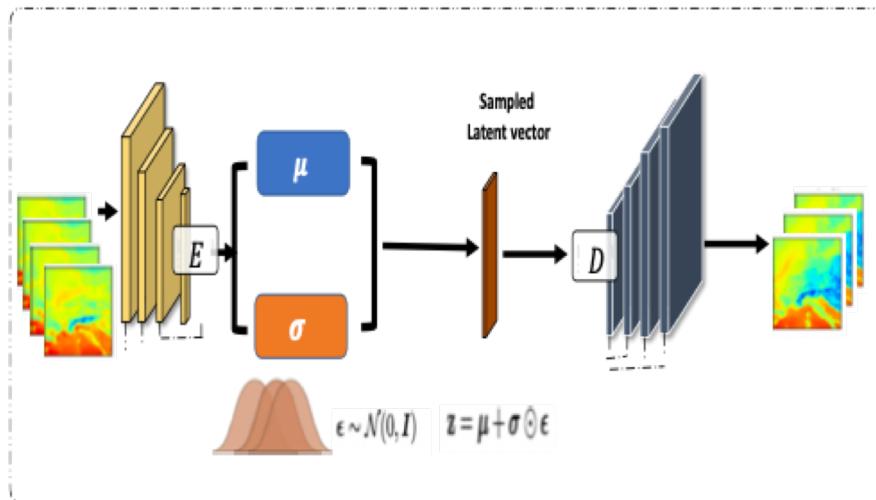
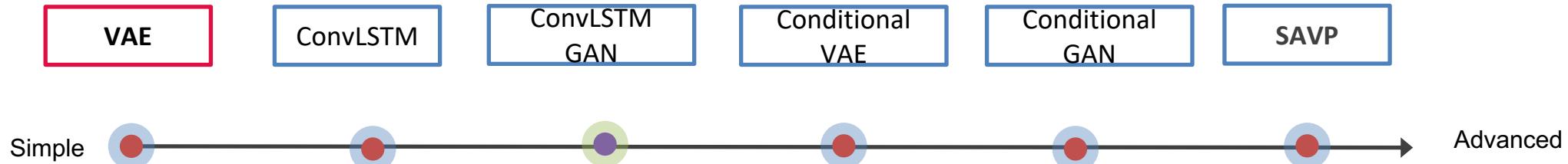
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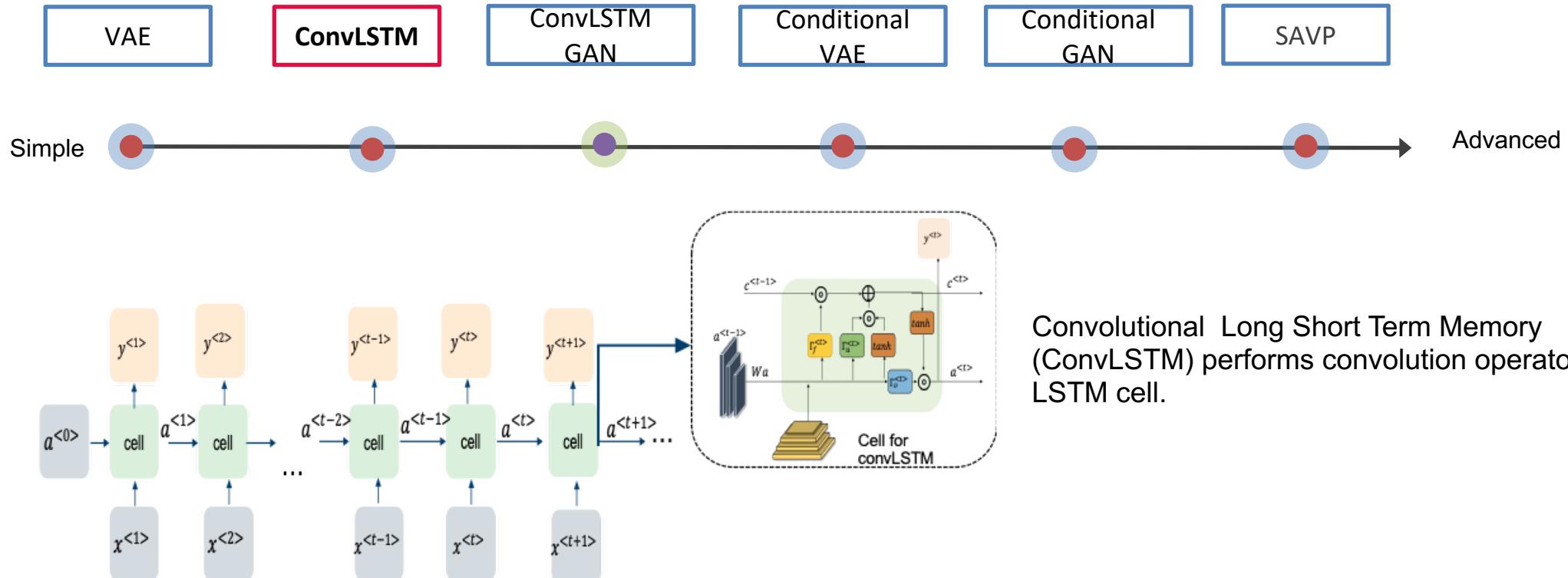
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Variational auto-encoder (VAE)

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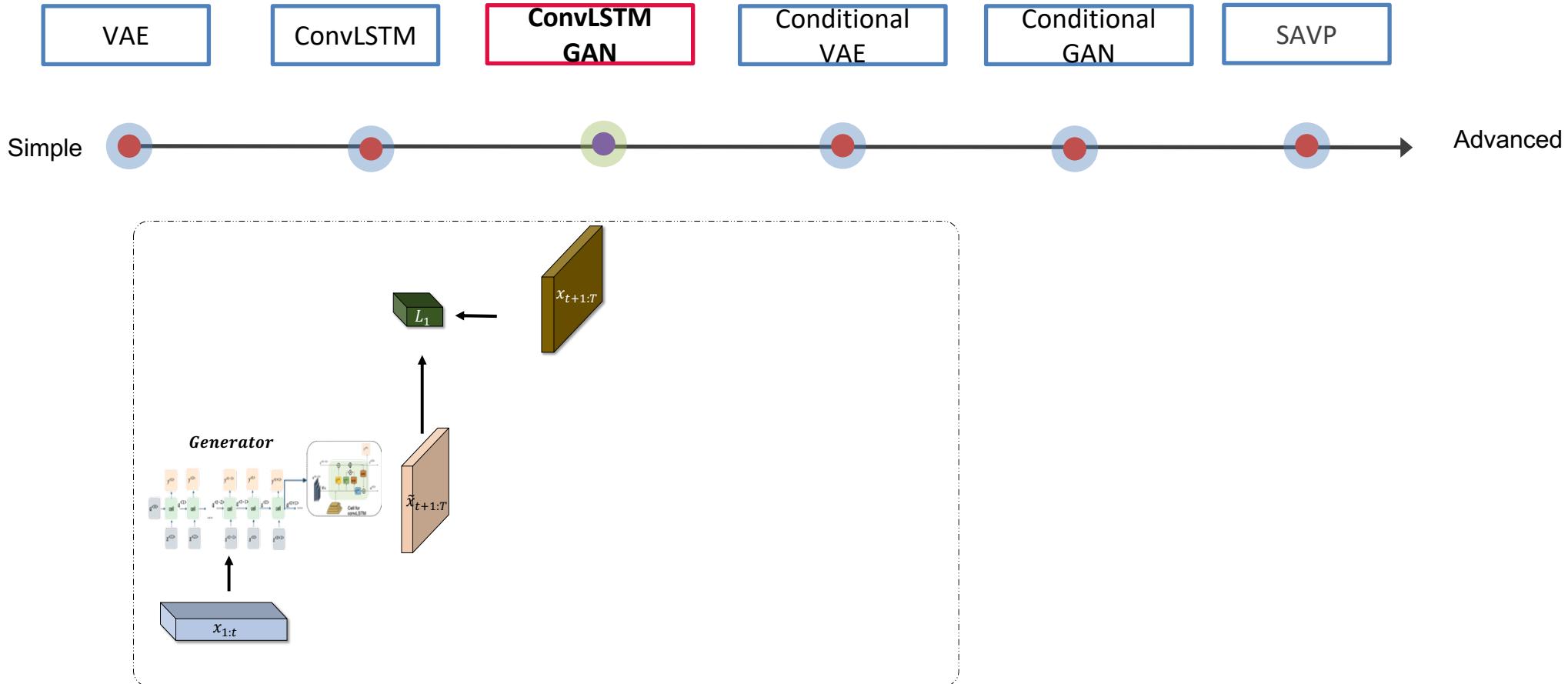
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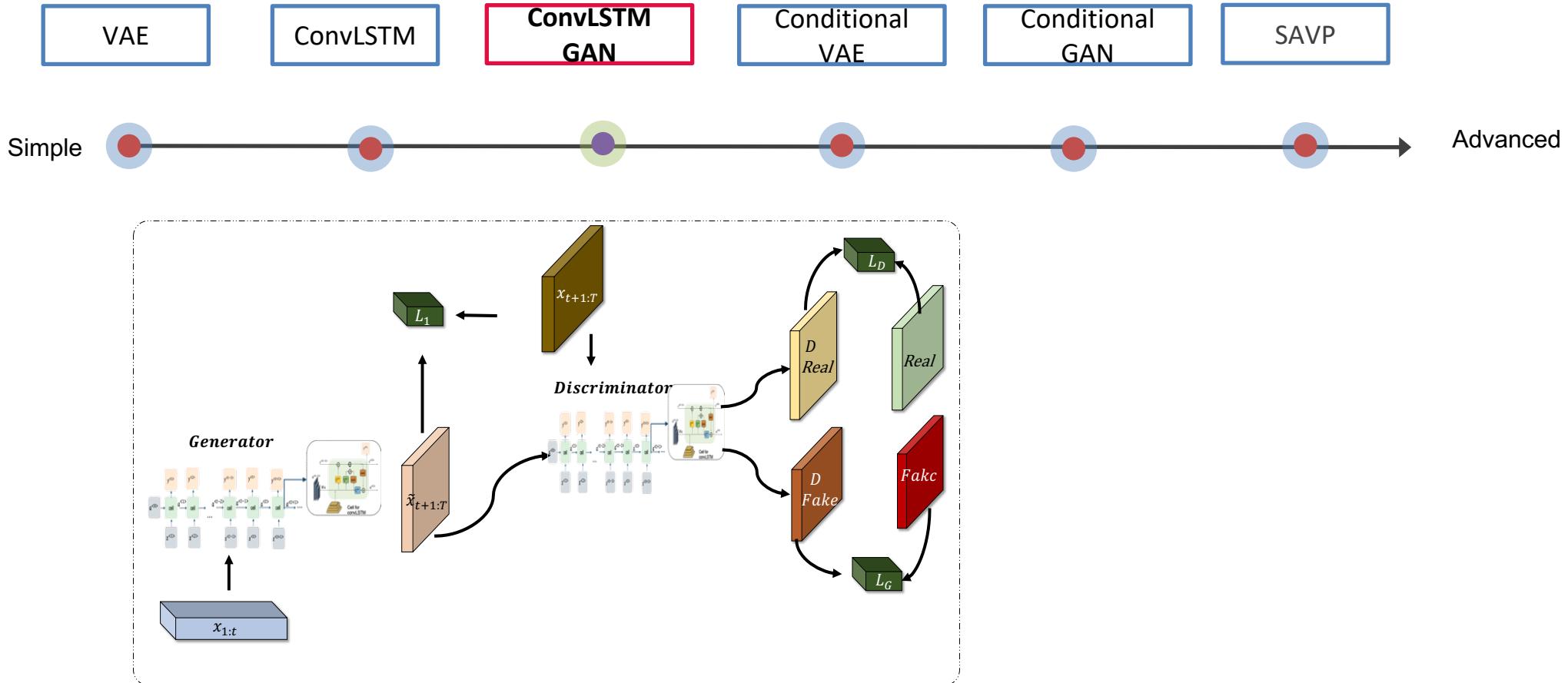
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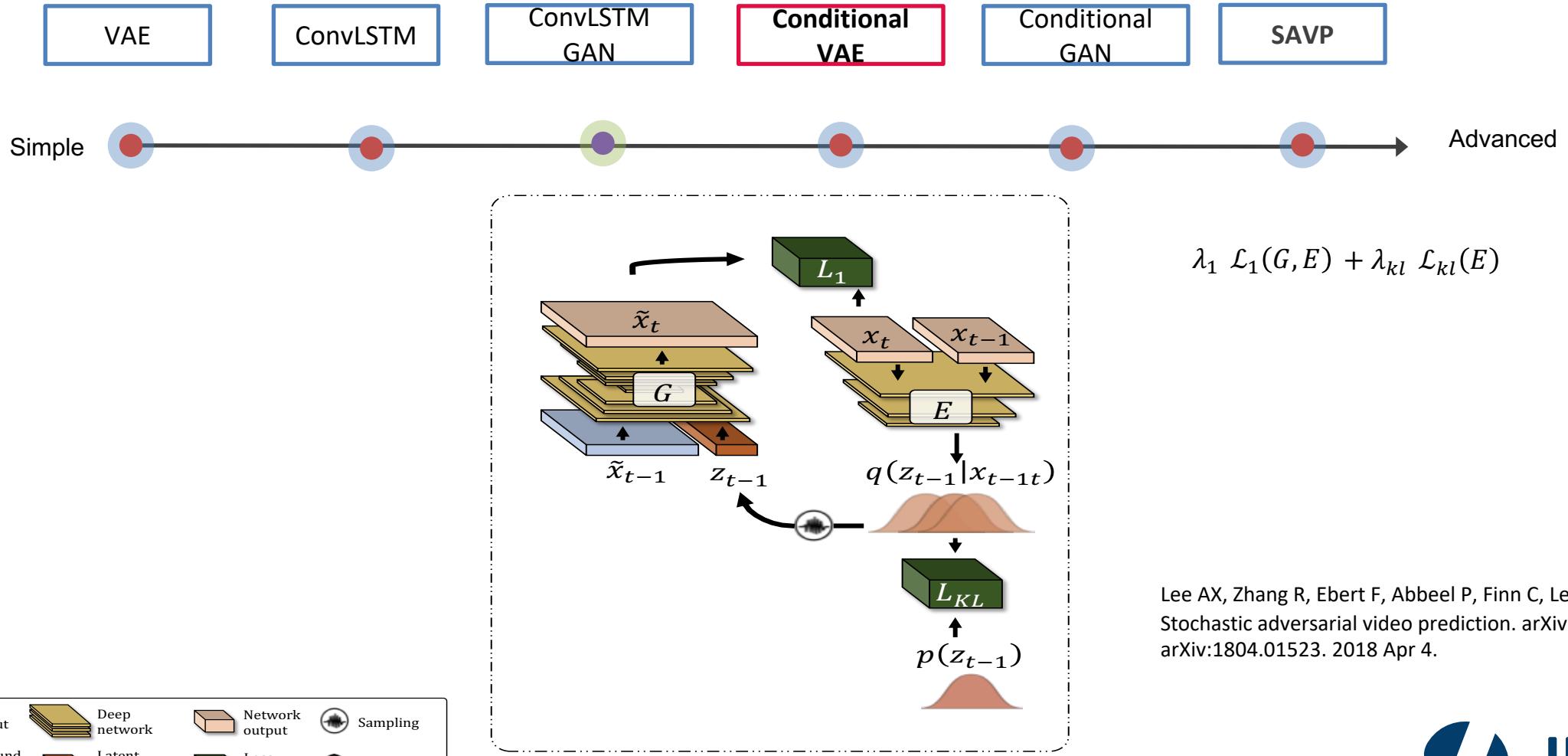
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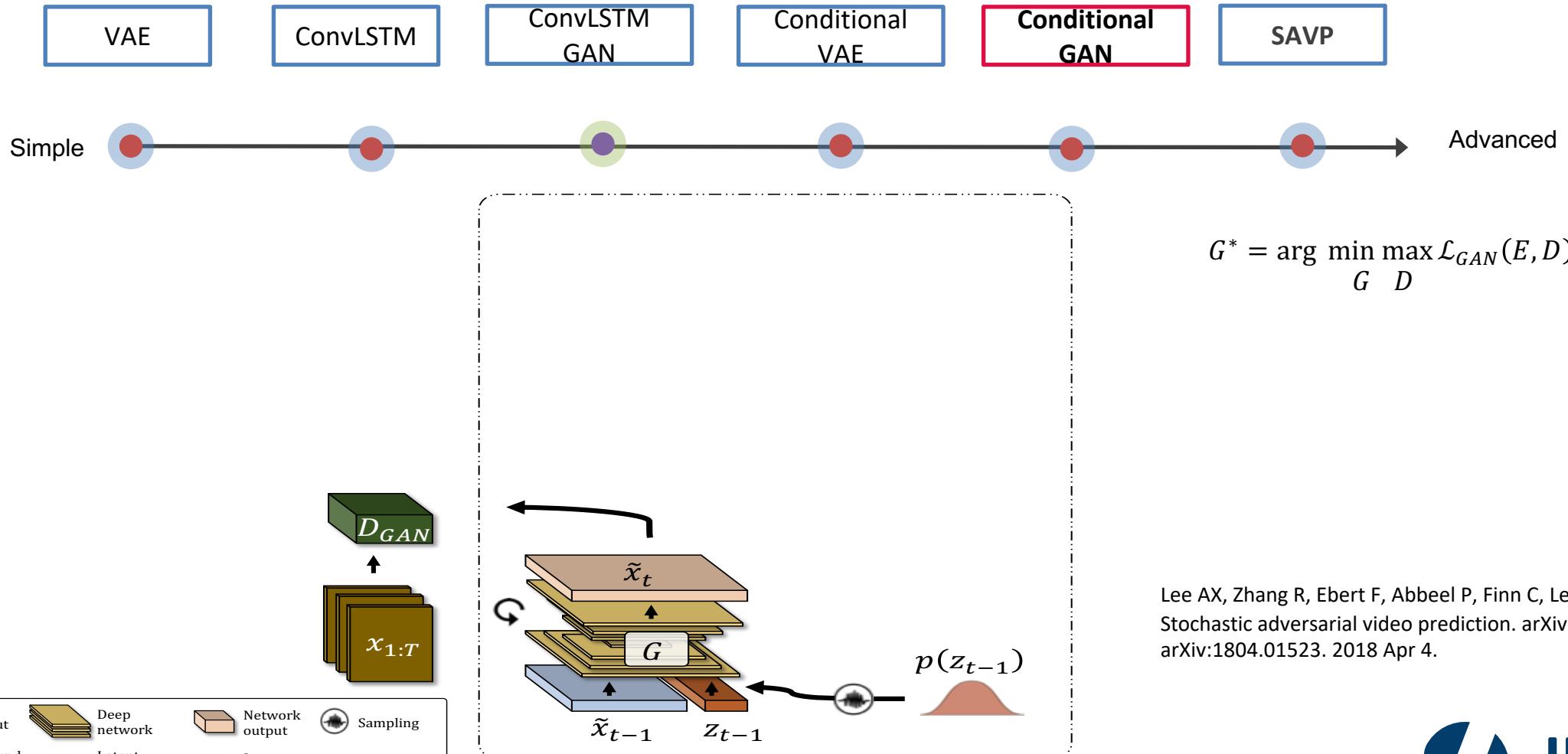
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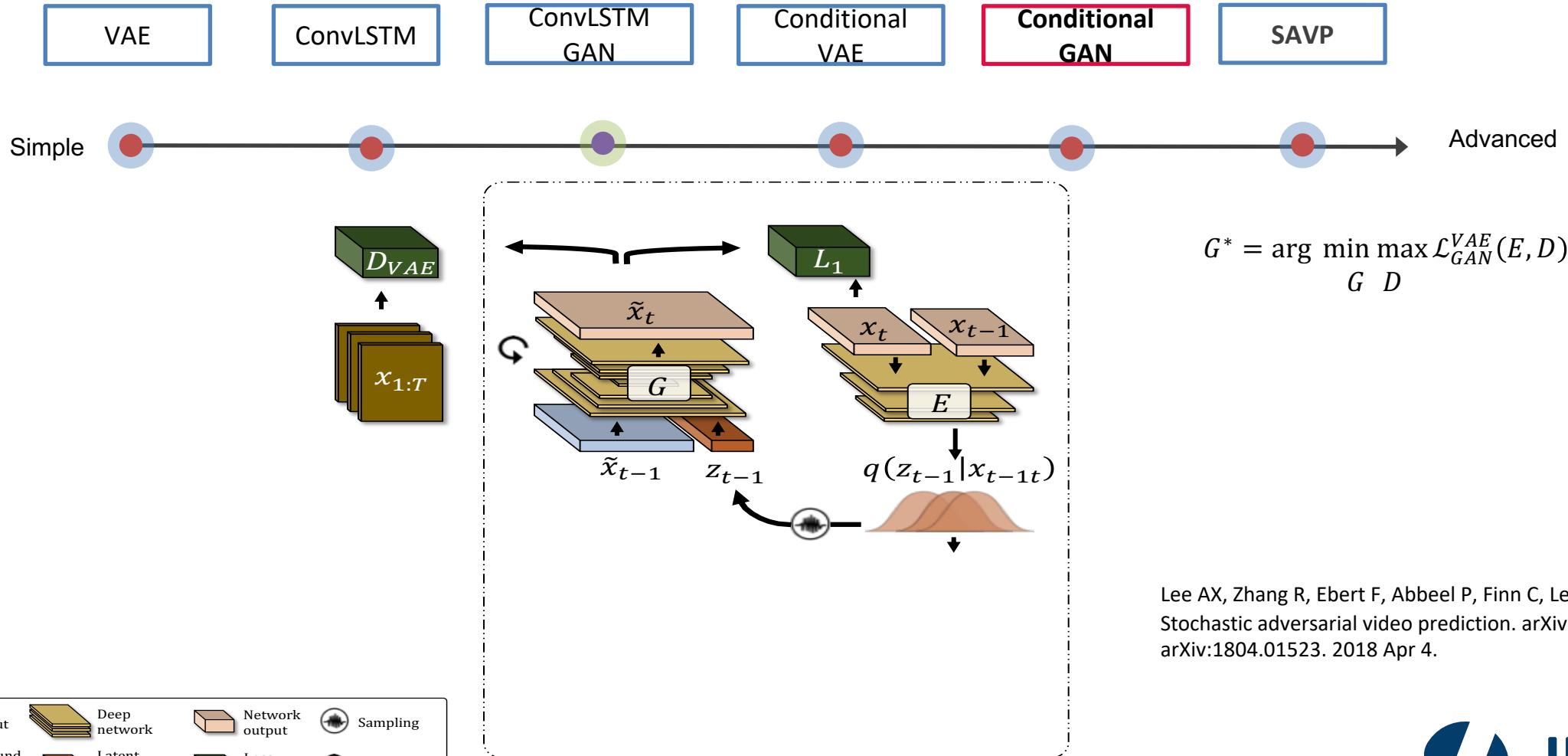
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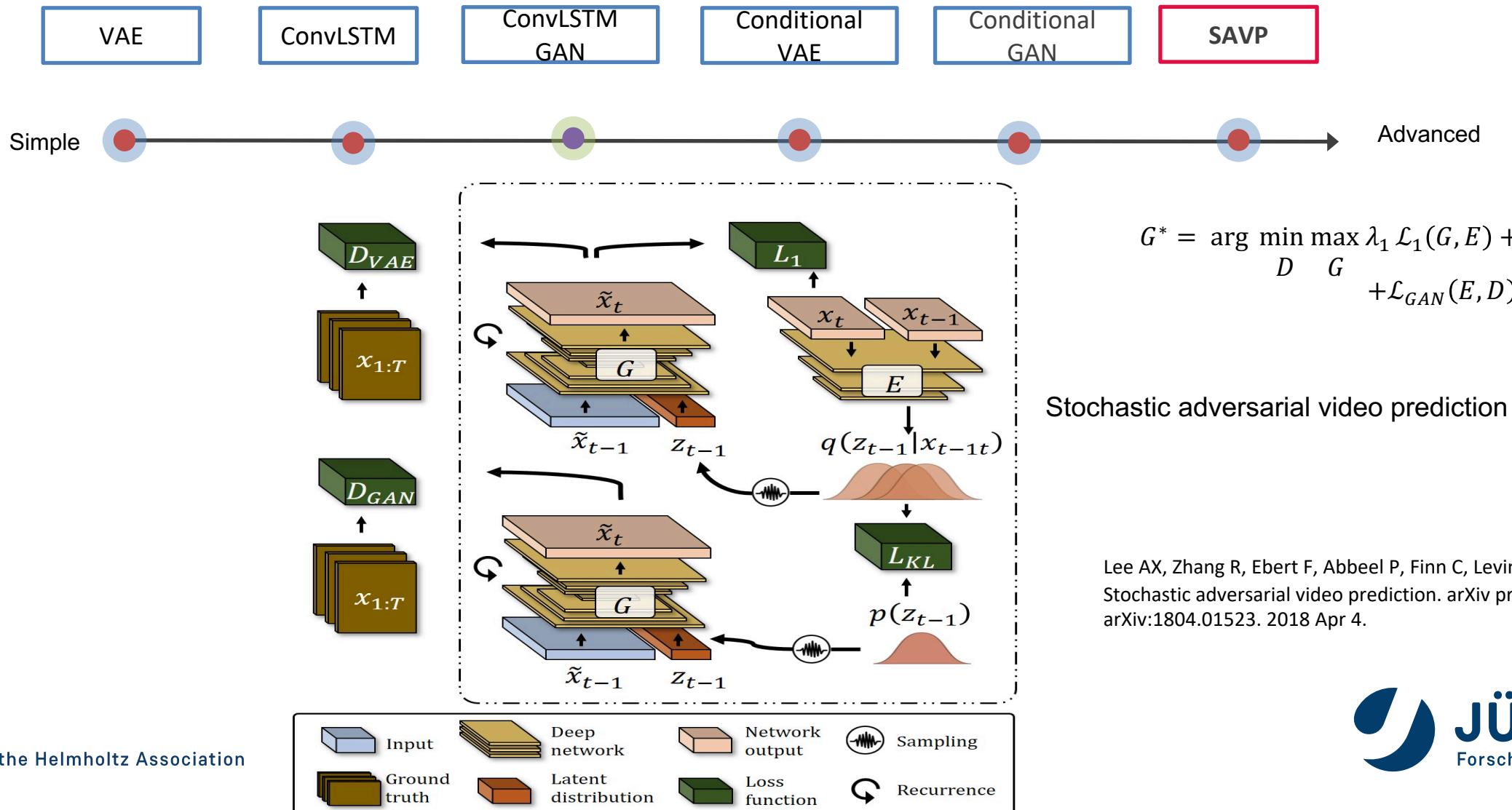
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# RESULTS

## Persistent, ConvLSTM, SAVP

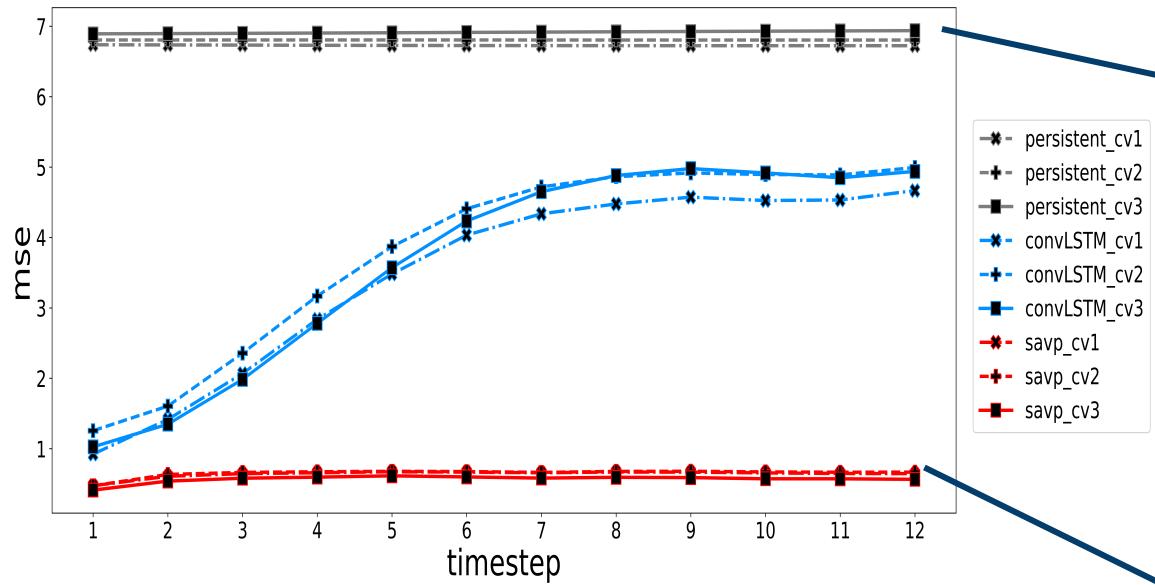
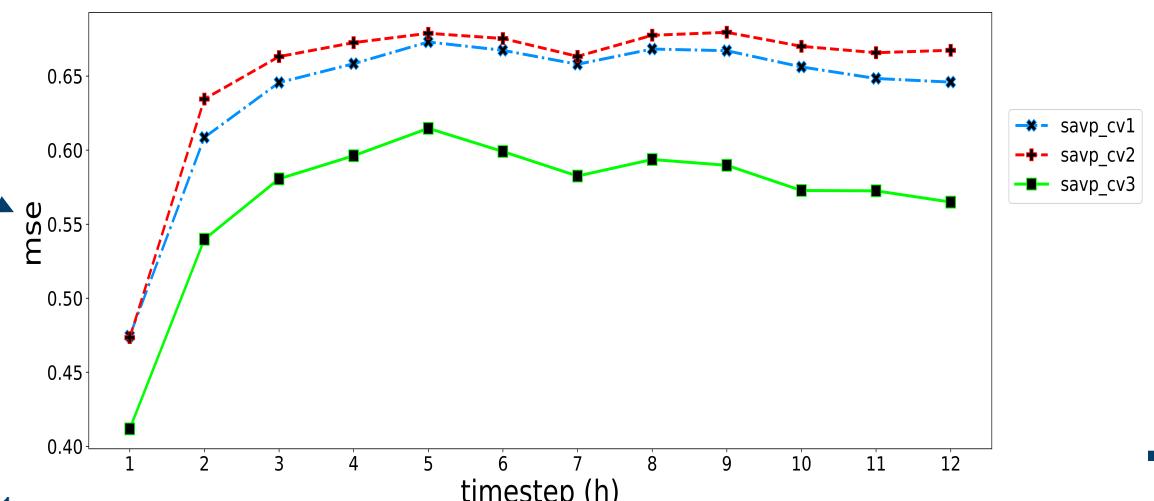
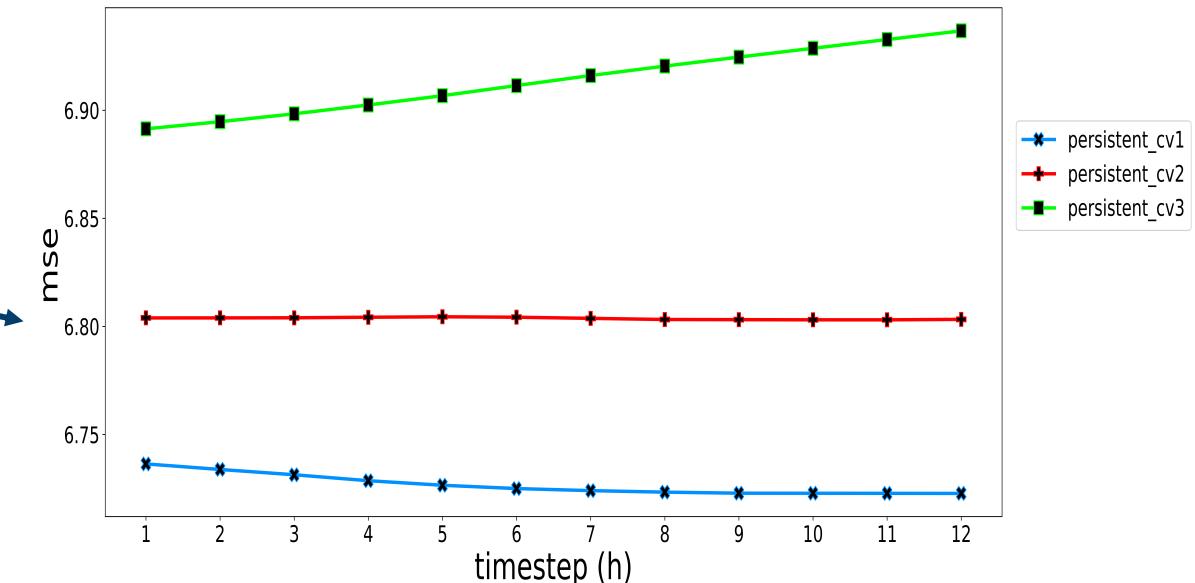


Fig. Mean square error (MSE) for persistent analysis and convLSTM, and stochastic adversarial video prediction architectures on the three-fold test data from Dataset 1



# RESULTS

## ConvLSTM and SAVP

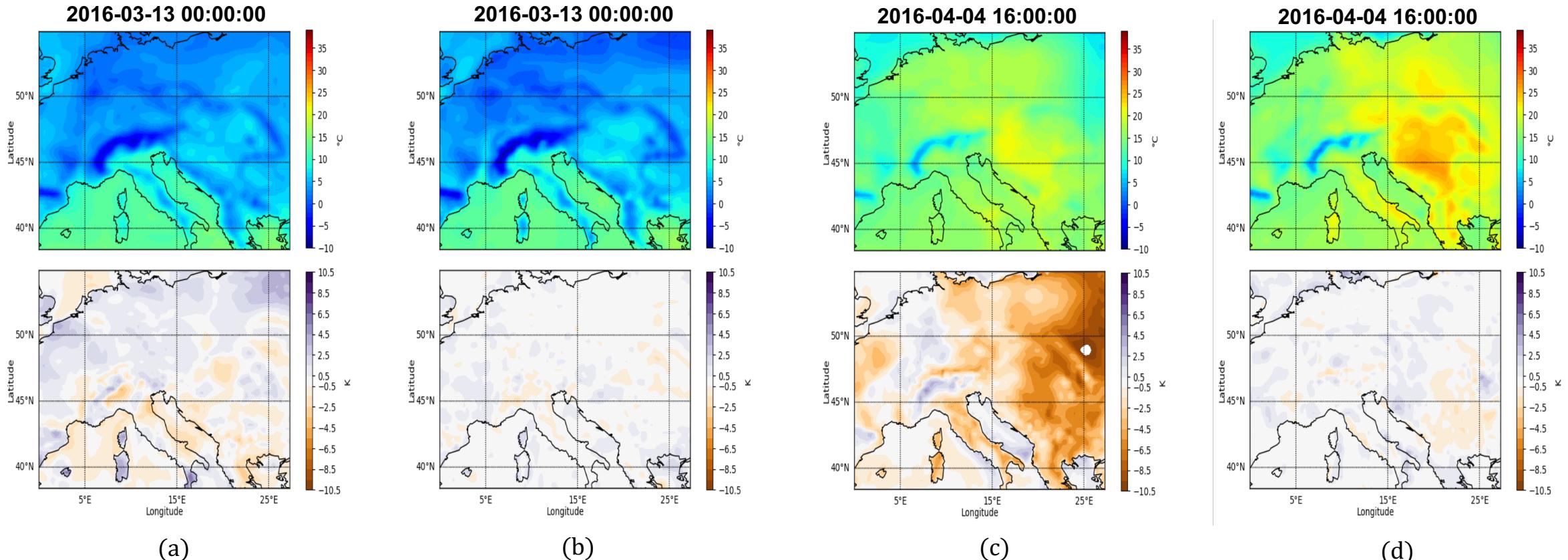
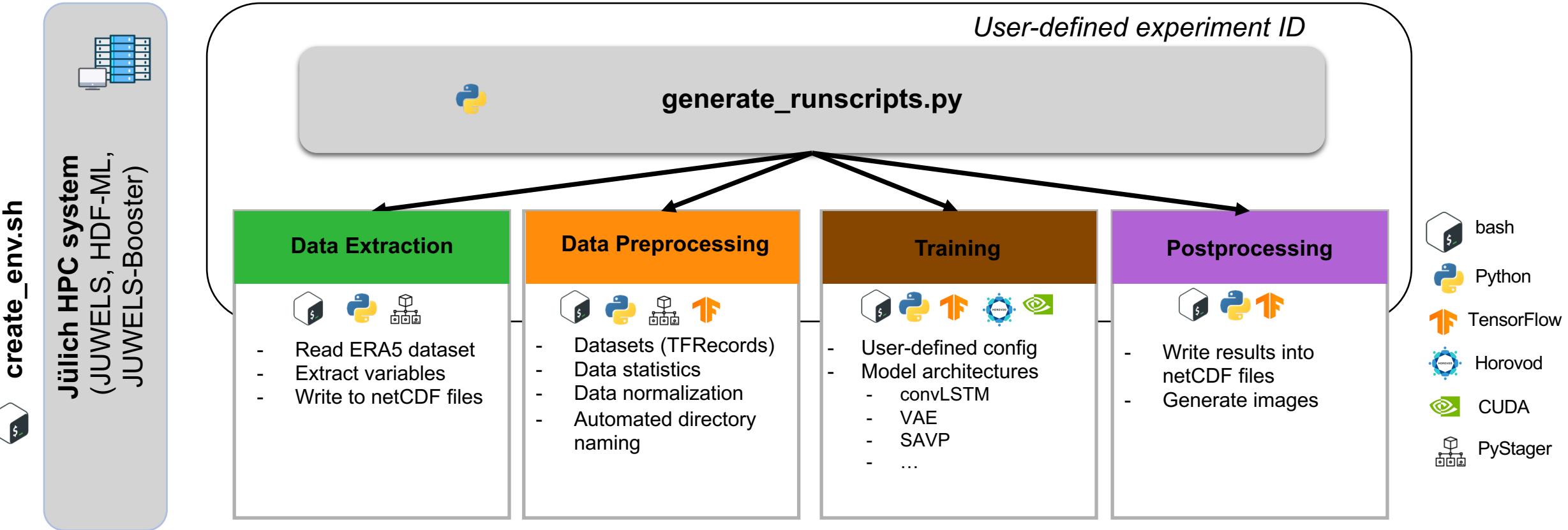


Fig. 2m temperature prediction with the 12<sup>th</sup>-hour lead time (1<sup>st</sup> row) and the temperature differences between forecast and ground truth (2<sup>nd</sup> row)

- (a) The **best** 2m temperature (°C) prediction (2016-03-13 00:00:00) by **ConvLSTM**; (c) The **worst** 2m temperature (°C) prediction (2016-04-04 16:00:00) by **ConvLSTM**  
(b) The 2m temperature (°C) prediction (2016-03-13 00:00:00) by **SAVP**; (d) The 2m temperature (°C) prediction (2016-04-04 16:00:00) by **SAVP**

# STRUCTURE OF AMBS WORKFLOW

Atmospheric Machine learning Benchmarking System (AMBS)



# SCALABILITY

## Scale deep learning on JUWELS Booster

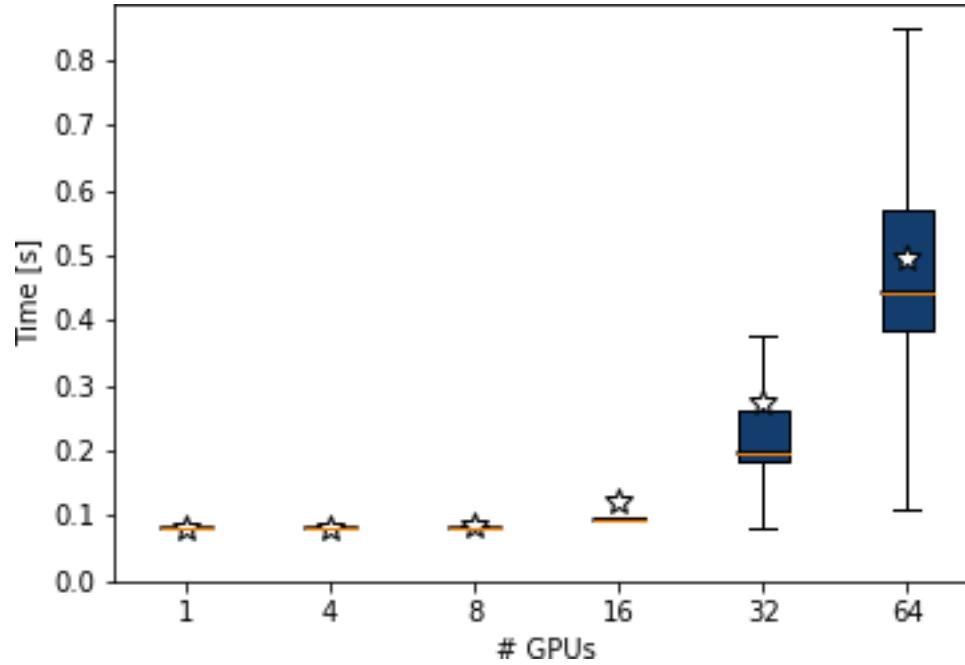
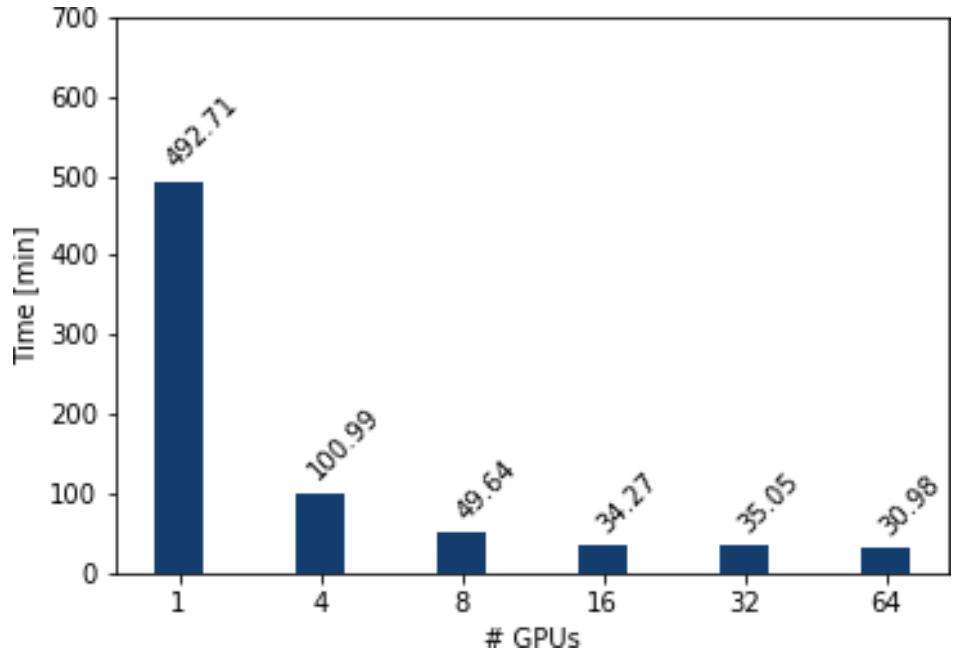


Fig. Total training time on ConvLSTM in minutes (left) and box whisker plot of iteration time in seconds (right). The star in the box whisker plot denotes the averaged iteration time, while its median is highlighted by an orange line.

# CONCLUSIONS

Key results:

1. ConvLSTM performs better than persistent and VAE.
2. Advanced conditional VAE, conditional GAN and SAVP improve the forecasting performance significantly compared to the ConvLSTM.

Current work:

1. Block bootstrap method to estimate the significance of the test statistic.
2. Sensitivity analysis:
  - o Test sensitivity to the size of training data
  - o Test sensitivity to the input variable
  - o Test input regions

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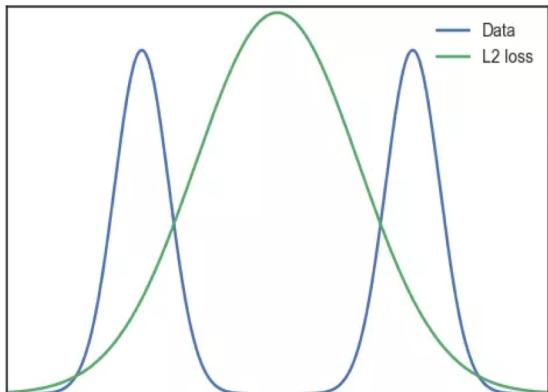
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# DEEP LEARNING ARCHITECTURES

## Downsides of state-of-the-art architectures for video prediction

### Problem 1: Unrealistic images



$$L2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y - \hat{y})^2 \quad L1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |y - \hat{y}|$$



Adversarial loss

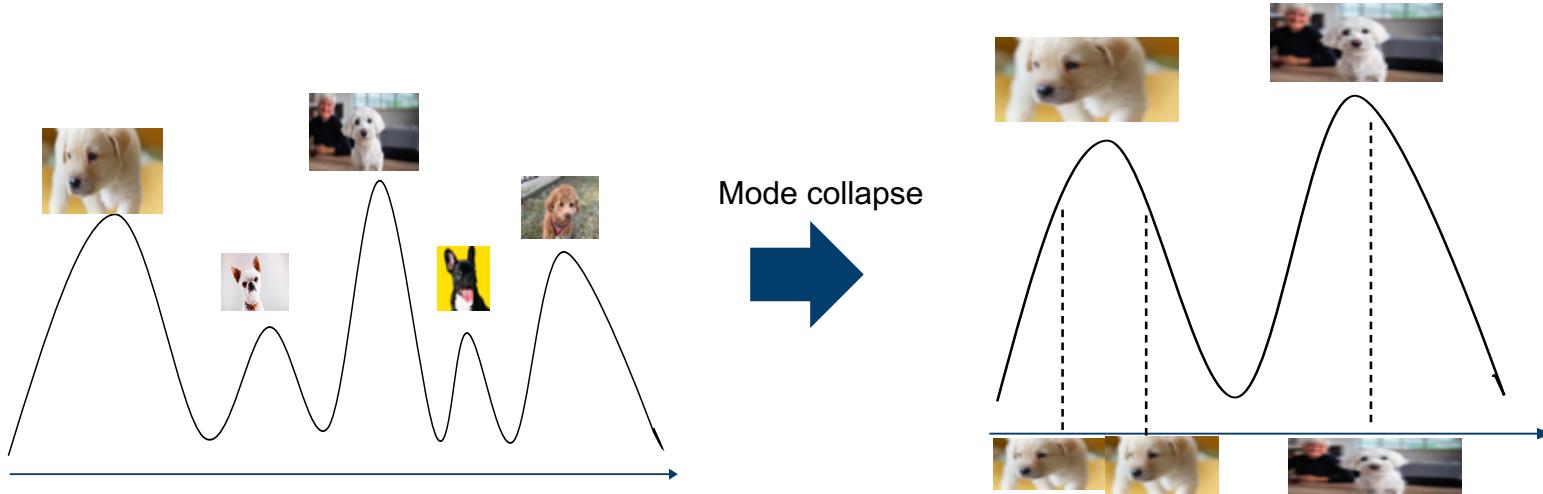
$$\mathcal{L}_{GAN}(G, D) = \mathbb{E}_{x_{1:T}}[\log D(x_{1:T})] + \mathbb{E}_{x_{1:T}, z \sim p(z_t) | t=0}[\log(1 - D(G(x_0, z_{0:T-1})))]$$

- For RNN and VAE, if each pixel follows multi-modal distribution, then using L2 Norm or L1 Norm will average the loss function. It means to produce the mean of image of all possible futures, as the global optimum. This will produce unrealistic prediction images.

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## Downsides of state-of-the-art architectures for video prediction

### Problem 2: Mode collapse



- GAN based on adversarial learning can produce more realistic images than RNN and VAE with L2/L1 loss. On the downside, it potentially only produces a limited diversity of output (e.g. limited number of dog breeds), which is commonly called **mode collapse**.