What is the difference between wired apex methods and imperative apex methods?

Wired Apex	Imperative Apex
Wired Apex methods get called automatically when the component is connected or every time the reactive properties are changed.	Imperative apex methods need to be called explicitly. If you need to call imperative apex when the component is loaded, call that in connectedCallback.
Data returned by wired apex methods are immutable.	Data returned by imperative apex methods is mutable.
You must use cacheable=true to be able to call apex methods. with a wire adapter.	The cacheable=true is optional for the imperative apex methods.
You can perform only read/query operations with wired methods and DML is not allowed as you can't perform DML inside the cached method.	You can perform read, write, update, delete operations with the imperative apex calls. Note: DML operations are not allowed if the apex method is annotated with cacheable=true.
You can @wire a property or a function.	The imperative apex methods are invoked as promises inside a function.

To get the fresh data from the database instead of cache, use refreshApex()