



# **Solving partial differential equations with TorchPhysics – real and artificial intelligence for science and engineering**

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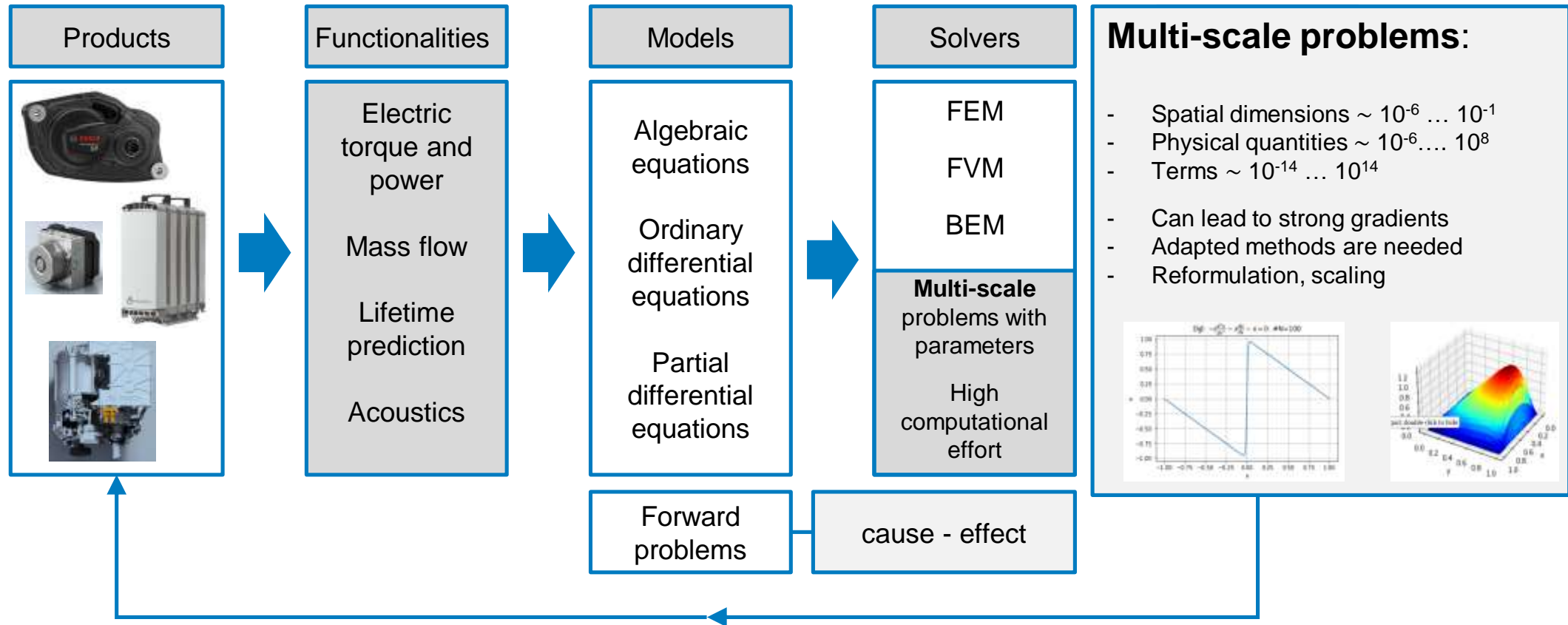
Real intelligence is needed to  
make artificial intelligence work  
(Wil Schilders)

# Agenda:

- ❖ Motivation and Introduction
- ❖ History of TorchPhysics
- ❖ Forward and inverse problems
- ❖ PINN and TorchPhysics
- ❖ Academic test cases and results
- ❖ Discussion on pro and limits of PINNs
- ❖ Conclusion

# Solving PDEs – real and artificial intelligence for science and engineering

## Motivation – our daily tasks and demands



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## History

- **Parametric PDEs in industry:**

- Heat transport equations
- Flow equations
- Electromagnetic equations
- Mechanical equations

- **Demand:**

- Fast and reliable solvers
- Speed up of 10 and greater with respect to existing solvers (commercial or OpenSource)
- Universal approach
- Easy to use with high automatization potential

- **Possible candidates for surrogate models:**

- Physics Informed Neural Networks
- Kernel methods
- Black box neural networks

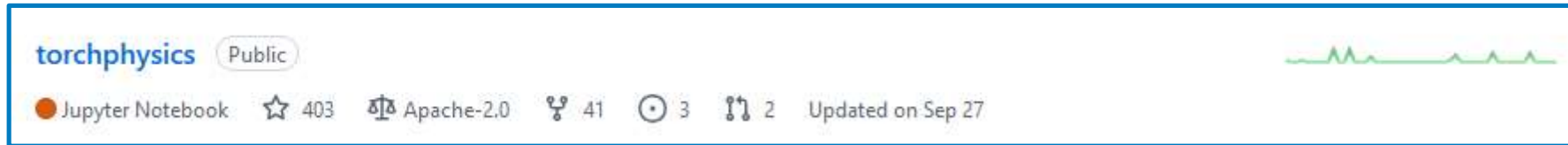
- **How to do a proof of concept?**

- Joint work with Uni Bremen
- Student work
- Development of an OpenSource tool  
TorchPhysics with training documents

# Motivation and Introduction

## History of TorchPhysics

- **2020:**
  - Question: Are there any AI methods available to solve inverse problems in industry?
  - Scouting and study of different approaches
- **05/2021:**
  - Student work of Tom Heilenkötter and Nick Freudenberg (Uni Bremen) – implementation of the PINN approach
  - OpenSource library [TorchPhysics](#)
- **04/2022:**
  - Running library
  - Analysis of academic test cases

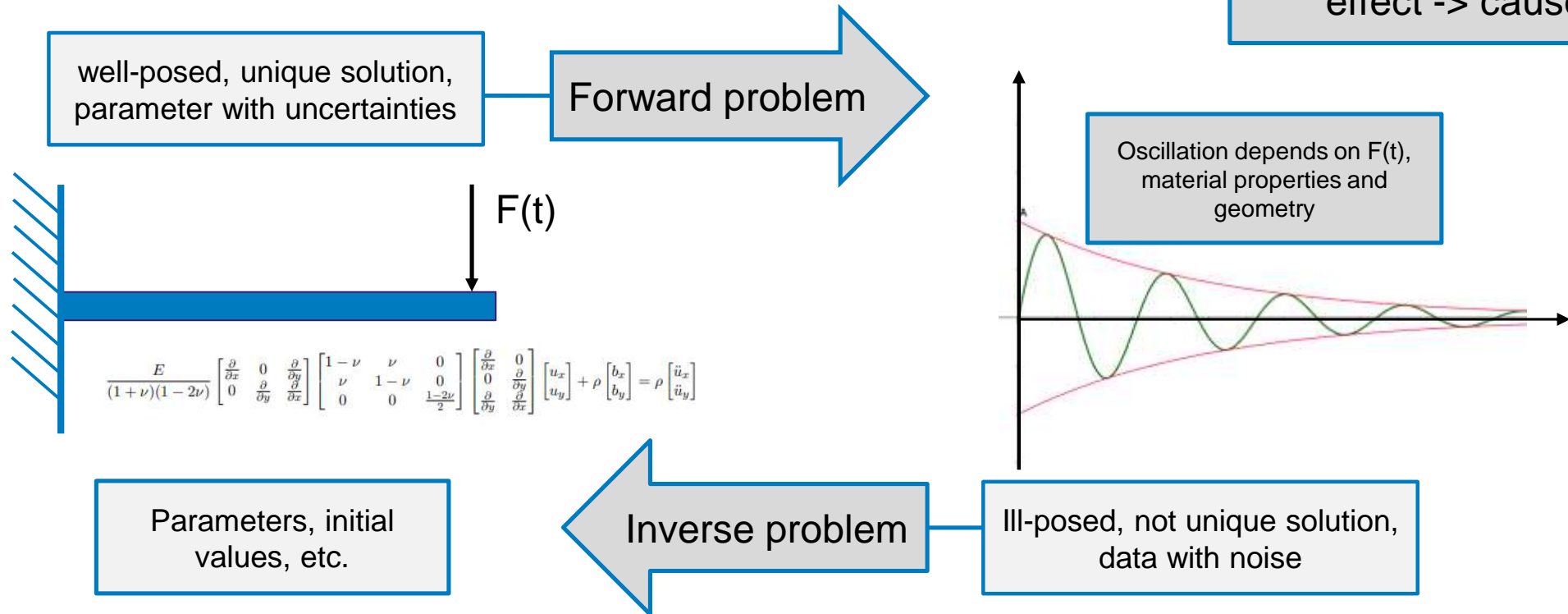


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## Motivation – forward and inverse problems

- Problem formulation: beam vibration

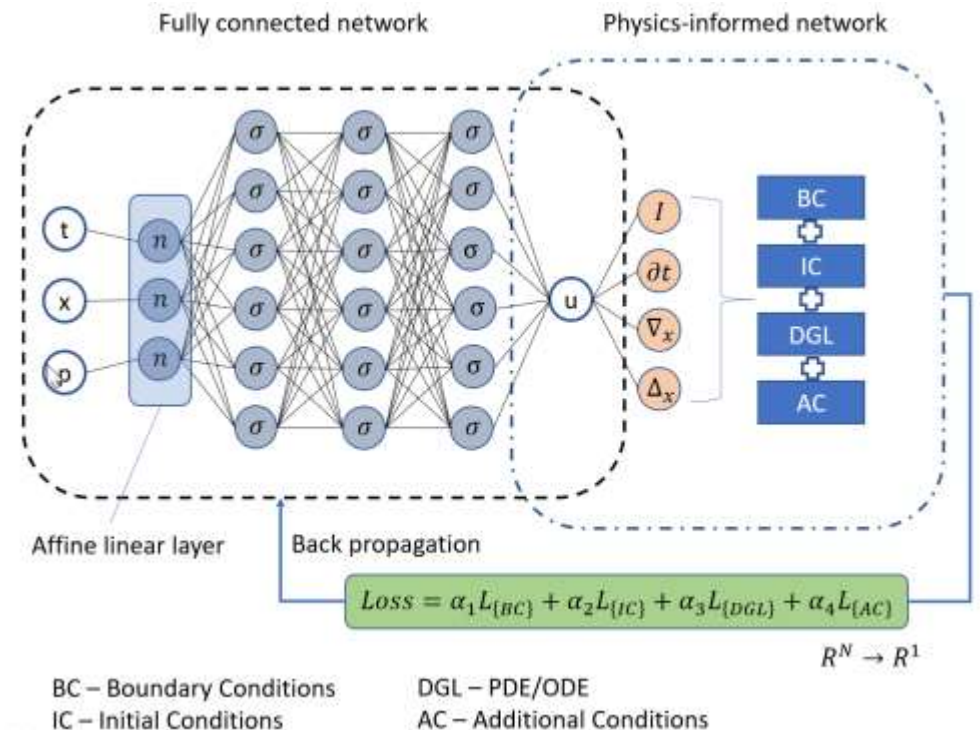
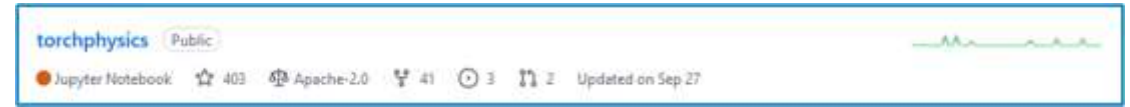
**Forward problem:**  
cause -> effect  
**Inverse problem:**  
effect -> cause



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## How to speed up numerical computations for PDEs?

- Physics Informed Neural Networks
- **Idea:** Using a NN as a function approximator and including data and physics in the training procedure
- **Implementation** of this idea in an OpenSource software in a cooperation the University of Bremen (prof. Peter Maass) called [TorchPhysics](https://github.com/torchphysics/torchphysics)
- Framework can be used for
  - Only meshless solver for PDEs and ODEs
  - Hybrid solver (with data and physics)
  - Only with data (black box)
- Many functionalities: Deep-O-Net, Hidden Physics,....



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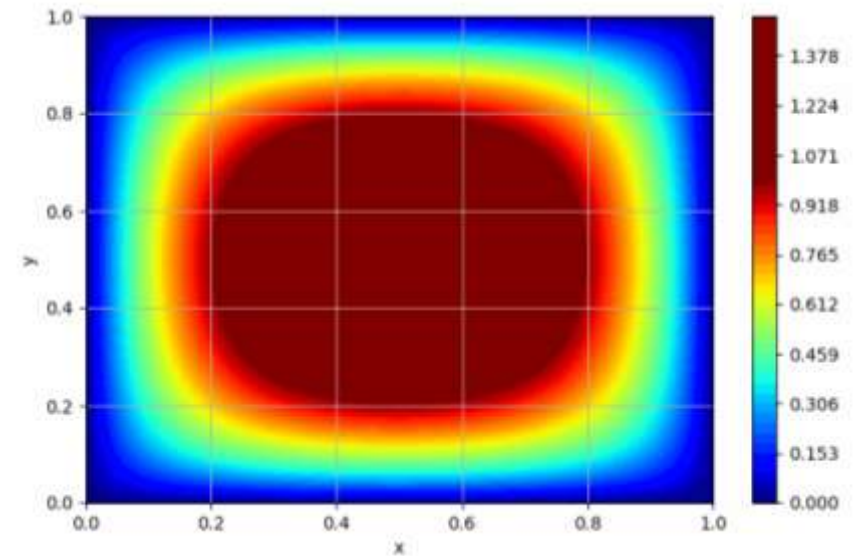
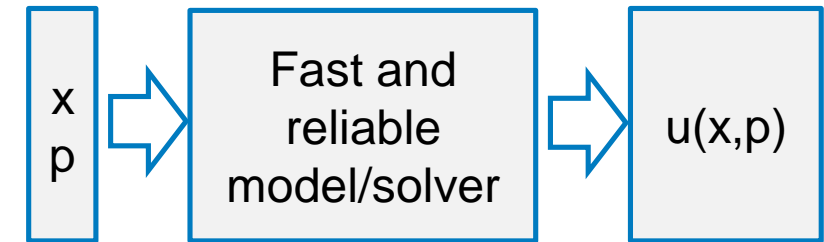
## How to speed up numerical computations for PDEs?

- Parametric PDEs are often given, e.g. fluid flow problems, corrosion problems

- Example:

$$-\epsilon \Delta u - (b_1, b_2) \cdot \nabla(u) = 2 \quad x \in \Omega = [0, 1]^2$$
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega$$

- transport coefficient:  $\vec{b} \in [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$
- Goal: find an approximation for  $u(\vec{x}, \vec{b})$
- Several methods are available for this task (list is not complete):
  - Kernel methods (data driven only)
  - PINNs (physics and data driven)
  - DL-MOR (as used for ODEs)





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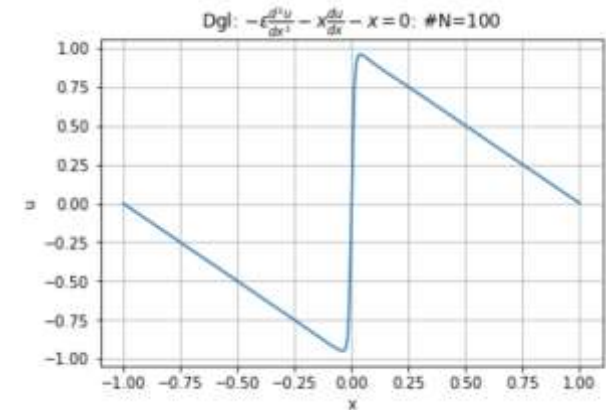
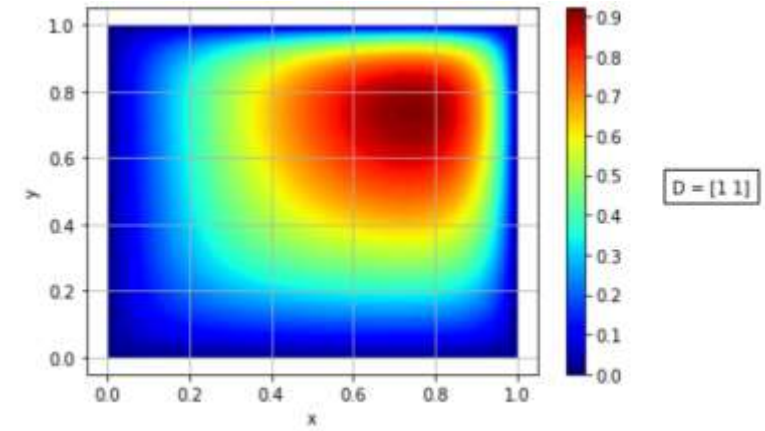
## How to start?

- Some remarks to the transport-diffusion equation

$$-\Delta u - \frac{(b_1, b_2)}{\epsilon} \cdot \nabla u = \frac{2}{\epsilon}$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} |\nabla u| \rightarrow \infty$$

- Large gradient in one corner or at one boundary

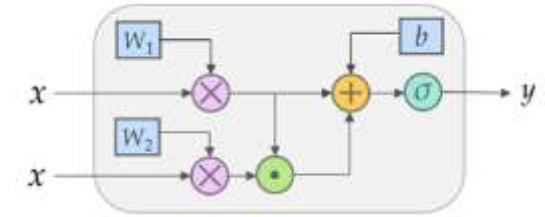
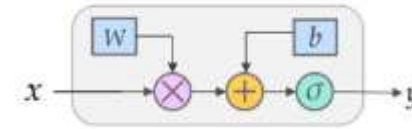


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## Academic test cases and results

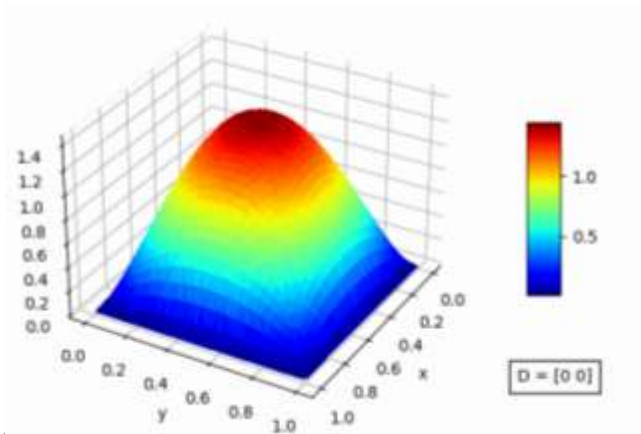
### ■ How to implement the PDE in TorchPhysics?

- Definition of variables ( $x, b, u$ )
- Definition of domain  $\Omega$
- Definition of boundary  $\partial\Omega$
- Definition of PDE
- Definition of NN: FCN or QRES
- Definition of training procedure



### ■ Notebooks:

- SGR\_HC\_NN4
- SGR\_HC\_NN6
- SGR\_HC\_derivative\_adapt\_NN3
- SGR\_HC\_derivative\_adapt\_NN6
- SGR\_HC\_derivative\_adapt\_2\_NN3
- SGR\_HC\_derivative\_adapt\_2\_NN6



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## Academic test cases and results

- Implementation: 
$$-\epsilon \Delta u - (b_1, b_2) \cdot \nabla(u) = 2 \quad x \in \Omega = [0, 1]^2$$
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega$$

$$u_t + N_x(u) = g(x) \quad \text{on} \quad x \in \Omega, t \in [0, T]$$
$$u(t = 0, x) = IC(x)$$
$$u(x, t) = BC(t, x) \quad \text{on} \quad x \in \Gamma, t \in [0, T]$$

$$L_{pde} = \frac{1}{N_{\Omega}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\Omega}} |u_t(x_i, t_i) - N_x(u(x_i, t_i)) - g(x_i, t_i)|^2$$
$$L_{IC} = \frac{1}{N_{IC}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{IC}} |u(0, x_j) - IC(x_j)|^2$$
$$L_{BC} = \frac{1}{N_{BC}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{BC}} |u(t_k, x_k) - BC(x_k, t_k)|^2$$

```
1 X = tp.spaces.R1('x')
2 Y = tp.spaces.R1('y')
3 D = tp.spaces.R2('D')
4 U = tp.spaces.R1('u')
```

$D = (b_1, b_2)$

```
1 def pde_residual(u, x, y, D):
2     u = constrain_fn(u, x, y)
3     u_grad = tp.utils.grad(u, x, y)
4     conv_term = torch.sum(D * tp.utils.grad(u, x, y), dim=1, keepdim=True)
5     lap = tp.utils.laplacian(u, x, y, grad=u_grad)
6     return -eps * lap + conv_term - 2 # dim
7
8 pde_condition = tp.conditions.PINNCondition(module=model,
9                                             sampler=inner_sampler,
10                                            residual_fn=pde_residual,
11                                            name='pde_condition')
```

Simple notations and many predefined functions

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## Academic test cases and results

- Different implementations to get the best results

- Small loss function
- Fast training
- Reliable results

- Options:

- One NN for approximation of  $u$
- Splitting of  $\Delta u$  and one NN
- Splitting of  $\Delta u$  and two NN

- Splitting of  $\Delta u$ :

$$\sigma = -\epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla u$$

$$\sigma + \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla u = 0$$

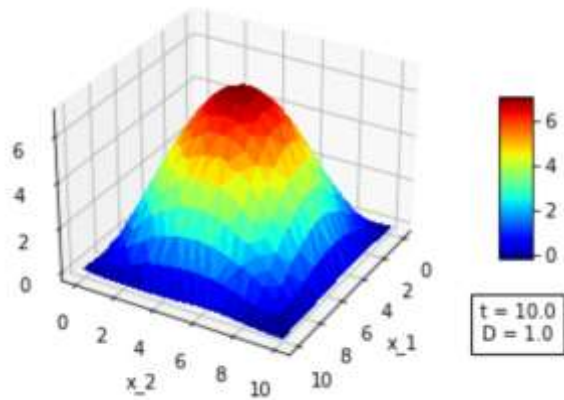
$$E(u) \leq E(v) = \|\sigma + \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla v\|^2 + \|\epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \cdot \sigma - D \cdot \nabla v - R\|^2$$
$$\min_v E(v)$$

```
1 # a entspricht sigma aus den Aufzeichnungen
2 # Hier wird das Residuum der PDE gelernt
3 def pde_residual(u, a, x, y, D):
4     u = constrain_fn(u,x,y)
5     conv_term = torch.sum(D*tp.utils.grad(u, x, y), dim=1, keepdim=True)
6     lap = tp.utils.div(a, x, y)
7     return (eps**0.5)*lap - conv_term + R
8
9 pde_condition = tp.conditions.PINNCondition(module=model,
10                                             sampler=inner_sampler,
11                                             residual_fn=pde_residual,
12                                             name='pde_condition')
13 # Hier wird der Wert von sigma gelernt, was dem Gradienten von u mit
14 # dem Vorfaktor -\sqrt{\epsilon} entspricht
15 def pde2_residual(u, a, x, y, D):
16     u = constrain_fn(u,x,y)
17     return a + (eps**0.5)*tp.utils.grad(u,x,y)
18
19 pde2_condition = tp.conditions.PINNCondition(module=model,
20                                             sampler=inner_sampler,
21                                             residual_fn=pde2_residual,
22                                             name='pde2_condition')
```

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## Academic test cases and results

- Training with data
  - Heat diffusion equation
  - Data generation with FD solver for different parameter D
- Notebook:
  - Notebooks-Training-Heidelberg/Heat-equation/heat-equation.ipynb



```
1 def heat_residual(u, x, t, D):
2     return D*tp.utils.laplacian(u, x) - tp.utils.grad(u, t)
3
4 pde_condition = tp.conditions.PINNCondition(module=model,
5                                             sampler=inner_sampler,
6                                             residual_fn=heat_residual,
7                                             name='pde_condition')
```

```
1 def boundary_v_residual(u):
2     return u
3
4 boundary_v_condition = tp.conditions.PINNCondition(module=model,
5                                                    sampler=boundary_v_sampler,
6                                                    residual_fn=boundary_v_residual,
7                                                    name='boundary_condition')
```

```
1 def f(x):
2     return T_max*torch.sin(math.pi/w*x[:, :1])*torch.sin(math.pi/h*x[:, 1:])
3
4 def initial_v_residual(u, f):
5     return u-f
6
7 initial_v_condition = tp.conditions.PINNCondition(module=model,
8                                                    sampler=initial_v_sampler,
9                                                    residual_fn=initial_v_residual,
10                                                    data_functions={'f': f},
11                                                    name='initial_condition')
```

```
1 optim = tp.solver.OptimizerSetting(torch.optim.Adam, lr=1e-4) #SGD, LBFGS
2 if data:
3     solver = tp.solver.Solver([pde_condition,
4                                boundary_v_condition,
5                                initial_v_condition], [val_condition], optimizer_setting = optim)
6 else:
7     solver = tp.solver.Solver([pde_condition,
8                                boundary_v_condition,
9                                initial_v_condition], optimizer_setting = optim)
10
```



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## Academic test cases and results

- Deep-O-Net – learning of right-hand side of ODEs/PDEs
- Example: ODE with different activations (right-hand side)
  - $u' = f(t)$  with  $u(0) = 0$  and  $f \in P(t)$
  - $P(t)$  polynomial space
- Goal:
  - Learning of solution  $u(t)$  for elements of  $P(t)$
- Notebook: ode.ipynb

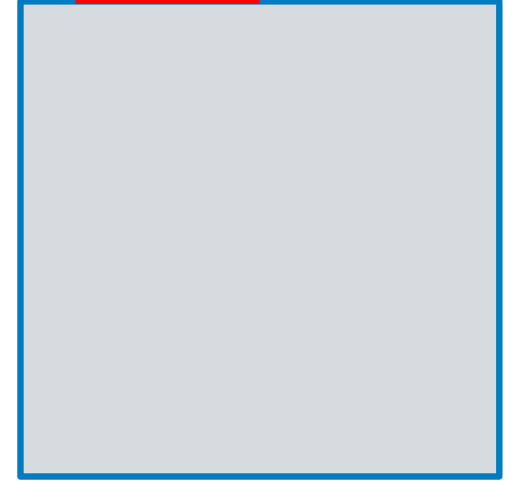
```
1 # Spaces
2 T = tp.spaces.R1('t') # input variable
3 U = tp.spaces.R1('u') # output variable
4 K = tp.spaces.R1('k') # parameter
5 F = tp.spaces.R1('f') # function output space name
6 # Domains
7 T_int = tp.domains.Interval(T, 0, 1)
8 K_int = tp.domains.Interval(K, 0, 6) # Parameters will be scalar values
```

```
1 # Defining function set
2 Fn_space = tp.spaces.FunctionSpace(T_int, F)
3
4 def f0(k, t):
5     return k
6
7 def f1(k, t):
8     return k*t
9
10 def f2(k, t):
11     return k*t**2
12
13 def f3(k, t):
14     return k*t**3
15
16 #def f4(k, t):
17 #    return k*t*torch.cos(k*t)
18
19 param_sampler = tp.samplers.RandomUniformSampler(K_int, n_points=40)
20 Fn_set_0 = tp.domains.CustomFunctionSet(Fn_space, param_sampler, f0)
21 Fn_set_1 = tp.domains.CustomFunctionSet(Fn_space, param_sampler, f1)
22 Fn_set_2 = tp.domains.CustomFunctionSet(Fn_space, param_sampler, f2)
23 Fn_set_3 = tp.domains.CustomFunctionSet(Fn_space, param_sampler, f3)
24 Fn_set = Fn_set_0 + Fn_set_1 + Fn_set_2 + Fn_set_3
```

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## PINN and UQ

- Models include parameters that are not known exactly – include some uncertainties
- Study of the influence of these parameters
- Model problem:
  - 2D heat transfer problem
  - Closed room with a local heater
  - Initial temperature  $T_0$
  - Heat conduction coefficient  $d$



$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) & = d \Delta_x u(x, t) & \text{on } \Omega \times I, \\ u(x, t) & = u^0 & \text{on } \Omega \times \{0\}, \\ u(x, t) & = h(t) & \text{at } \partial\Omega_{\text{heater}} \times I, \\ \nabla_x u(x, t) \cdot \vec{n}(x) & = 0 & \text{at } (\partial\Omega \setminus \partial\Omega_{\text{heater}}) \times I. \end{cases}$$

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## PINN and UQ

- PCE – Polynomial Chaos Expansion

$$\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2) \quad u = u(x, t, \xi) = \sum_{i=0}^P u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi)$$

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$$d = d(\xi_1) = d_0 + d_1 \xi_1, \quad \xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}(-1, 1)$$

$$u^0 = u^0(\xi_2) = u_{00} + u_{01} \xi_2, \quad \xi_2 \sim \mathcal{U}(-1, 1)$$



$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^P \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) &= \sum_{i=0}^P d(\xi_1) \Delta_x u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) & \text{on } \Omega \times I, \\ \sum_{i=0}^P u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) &= u^0(\xi_2) & \text{on } \Omega \times \{0\}, \\ \sum_{i=0}^P u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) &= h(t) & \text{at } \partial\Omega_{heater} \times I, \\ \sum_{i=0}^P \nabla_x u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) \cdot \vec{n}(x) &= 0 & \text{at } (\partial\Omega \setminus \partial\Omega_{heater}) \times I. \end{cases}$$



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## PINN and UQ

- PCE – Polynomial Chaos Expansion



$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^P \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) \psi_k(\xi) &= \sum_{i=0}^P d(\xi_1) \Delta_x u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) \psi_k(\xi) & \text{on } \Omega \times I, \\ \sum_{i=0}^P u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) \psi_k(\xi) &= u^0(\xi_2) \psi_k(\xi) & \text{on } \Omega \times \{0\}, \\ \sum_{i=0}^P u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) \psi_k(\xi) &= h(t) \psi_k(\xi) & \text{at } \partial\Omega_{heater} \times I, \\ \sum_{i=0}^P \nabla_x u_i(x, t) \psi_i(\xi) \psi_k(\xi) \cdot \vec{n}(x) &= 0 & \text{at } (\partial\Omega \setminus \partial\Omega_{heater}) \times I. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \langle \psi_i, \psi_j \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \psi_i(\xi) \psi_j(\xi) d\xi = \delta_{ij} \\ \langle \psi_i, \psi_j, \psi_k \rangle &:= c_{ijk} \end{cases}$$

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## PINN and UQ

- PCE – Polynomial Chaos Expansion



$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_k(x, t) &= d_0 \Delta_x u_k(x, t) + \sum_{i=0}^P d_1 \Delta_x u_i(x, t) c_{1ik} & \text{on } \Omega \times I, \\ u_k(x, t) &= u_{00} \delta_{0k} + u_{01} \delta_{2k} & \text{on } \Omega \times \{0\}, \\ u_k(x, t) &= h(t) \delta_{0k} & \text{at } \partial\Omega_{heater} \times I, \\ \nabla_x u_k(x, t) \cdot \vec{n}(x) &= 0 & \text{at } (\partial\Omega \setminus \partial\Omega_{heater}) \times I \end{cases}$$

P=1

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}(u)(x, t) &= u_0(x, t) \\ \sigma^2(u)(x, t) &= \sum_{i=1}^P u_i^2(x, t) \end{cases}$$

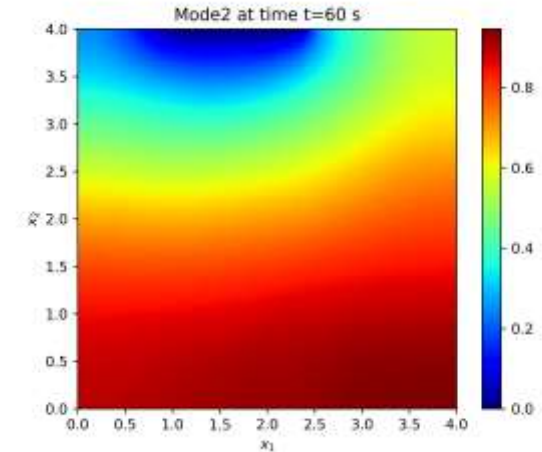
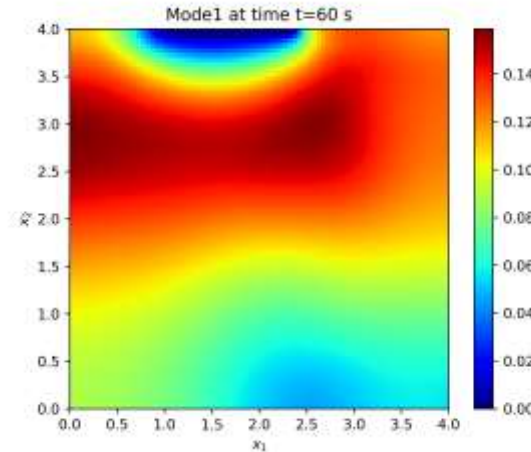
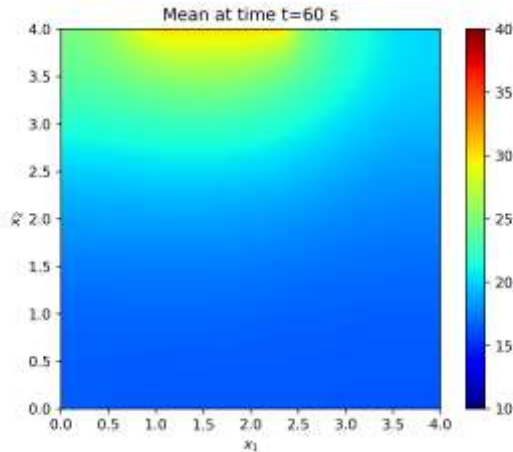
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Three sub-models with  
#Spatial discretisation: 3600  
#Time discretisation: 120  
= 432.000 sampling points  
Training time = 1h 20 min



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## Summary

### ■ Pro of PINNs in TorchPhysics:

- Very flexible meshless method for numerical solution of ODEs, PDEs
- Surrogate solver for repeated usage
- Powerful tool with simple notation
- Fast implementation of additional functionalities

### ■ Cons of PINNs:

- Training can be time-consuming
- Multi-scale problems can lead to a time-consuming pre-definition of the models
- Generation of data can be a time-consuming additional procedure
- Flexibility of PINN approach can be a challenge to find the optimal procedure

Thank you for your attention and successful solution of problems using TorchPhysics