

# Introduction to TorchPhysics

Deep Learning Library for Differential Equations

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- 💡 Flexible domain creation in TorchPhysics
- 💡 Implementing basic boundary conditions

## Recall: Neural Networks

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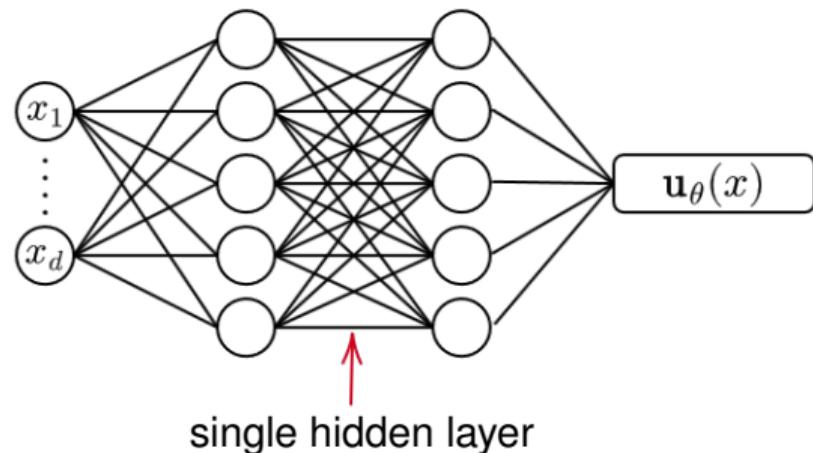
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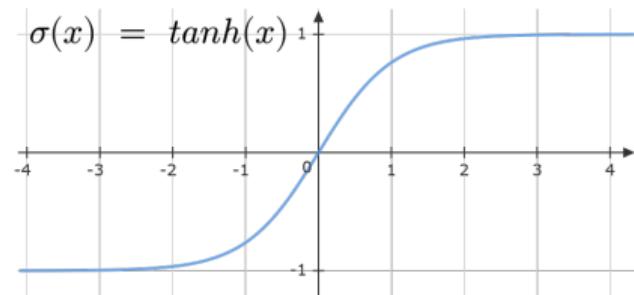


# Typical Layers of NNs

- Layers of  $u_\theta$  are functions of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{R}^I &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \\ y &\longmapsto \sigma(Ay + b)\end{aligned}$$

- Matrix  $A$  and bias  $b$  belong to parameters  $\theta$
- Activation function  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  applied coordinate-wise



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💡 Minimize (data-)loss

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by gradient descent algorithms, e.g.

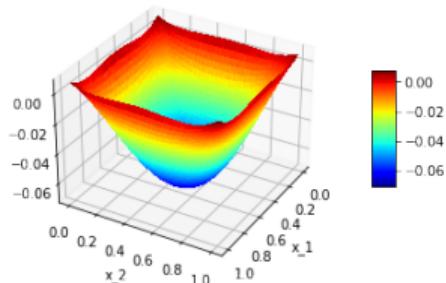
$$\theta_{j+1} = \theta_j - \text{lr} \cdot \nabla \ell(\theta_j), \quad \text{learning rate lr}$$

# Deep Learning for PDEs

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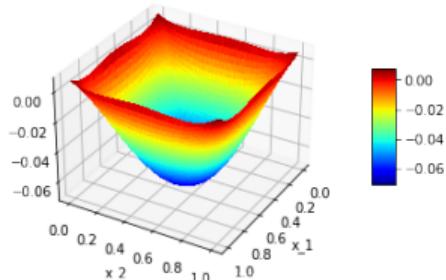


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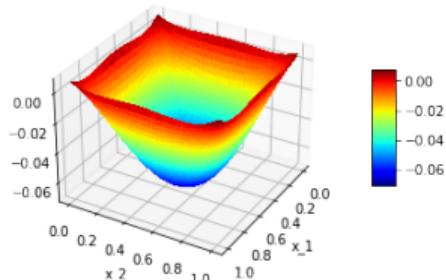


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- 2) Find solutions  $u_{u_0}$  for **all**  $\textcolor{red}{u}_0 \in [a, b]$

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**Problem:** Input of NNs must be from  $\mathbb{R}^n$

→ Considered tomorrow

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- 💡 Get in touch with physics-informed DL

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- "**Physics-Informed**": Include PDE into loss function
- No data is required  
(combination might be beneficial, though)

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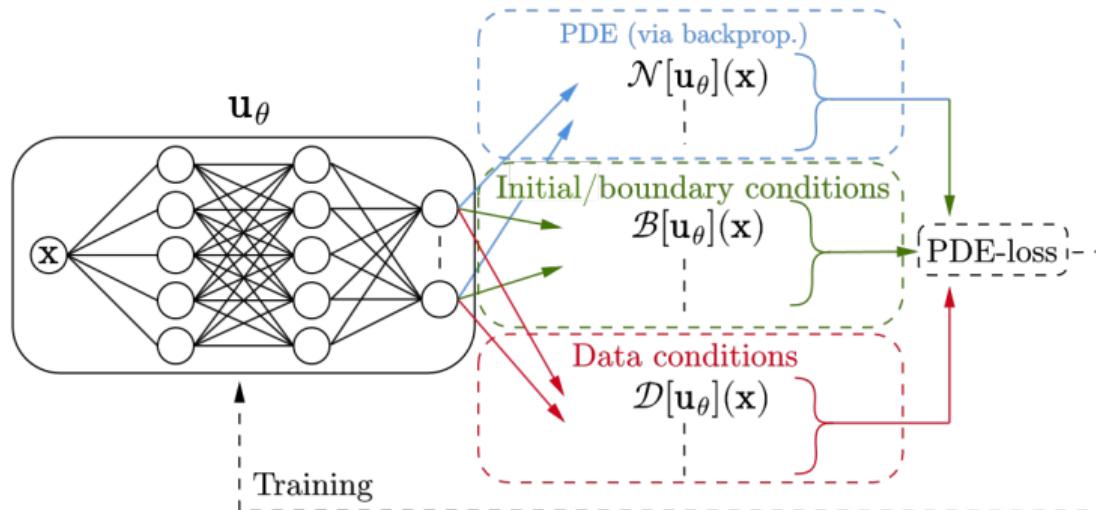
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# PINN-Approach

Schematic depiction



$$u_\theta = \arg \min_u \frac{\omega_{\mathcal{N}}}{N_{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} \|\mathcal{N}[u](x_i^{\mathcal{N}})\|^2 + \frac{\omega_{\mathcal{B}}}{N_{\mathcal{B}}} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\mathcal{B}}} \|\mathcal{B}[u](x_i^{\mathcal{B}})\|^2 + \frac{\omega_{\mathcal{D}}}{N_{\mathcal{D}}} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\mathcal{D}}} \|\mathcal{D}[u](x_i^{\mathcal{D}})\|^2$$

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- 💡 Makes use of PyTorch's autograd functionality

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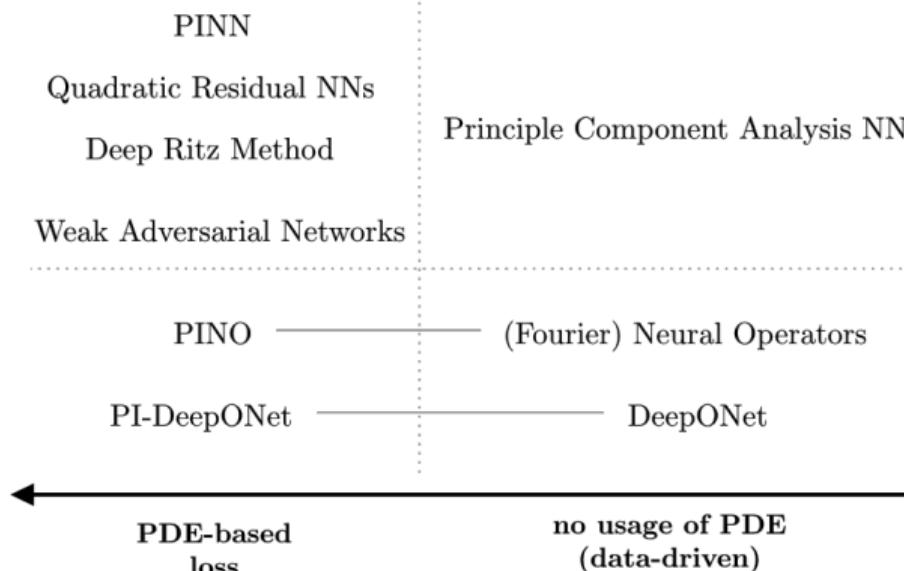
- Grid/mesh independent → more flexible & saving more memory efficient
- General approach for different kinds of differential equations, e.g. nonlinear
- Learning parameter dependencies
- Extension to optimization- & inverse problems easy to implement
- Parallelizable on multiple GPUs

# PINNs - Disadvantages

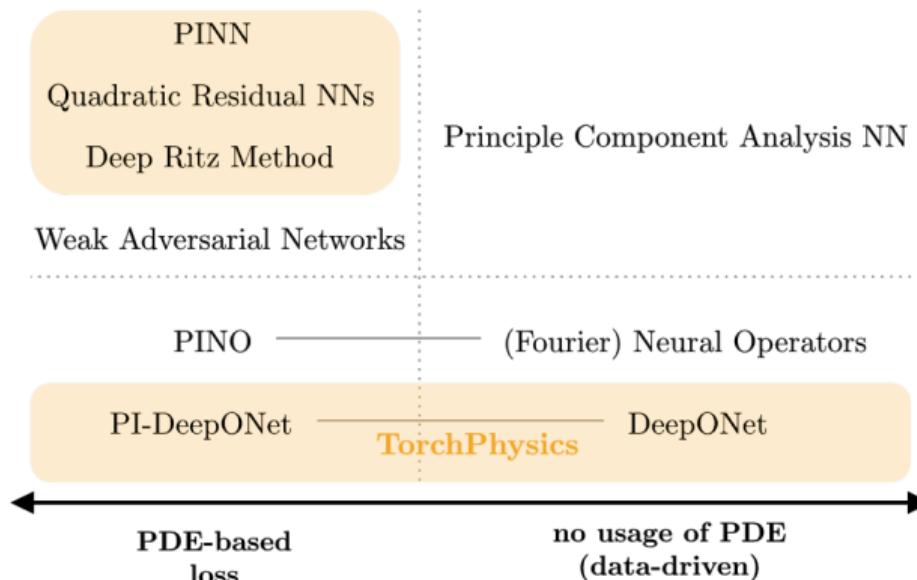
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- No convergence theory
- Error not arbitrarily small
- Sometimes optimal minimum difficult to find, poor convergence
- Much slower for single computation of forward solutions
- Often trial and error for finding good parameters

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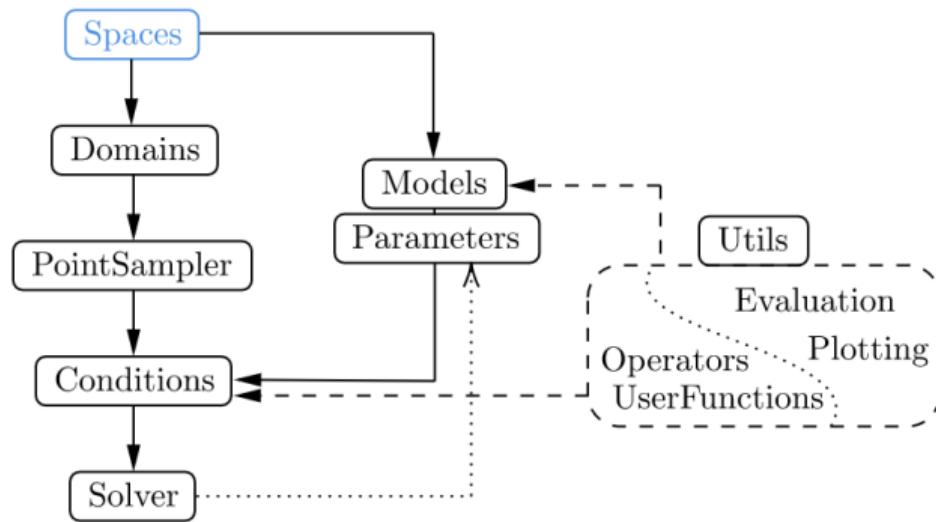
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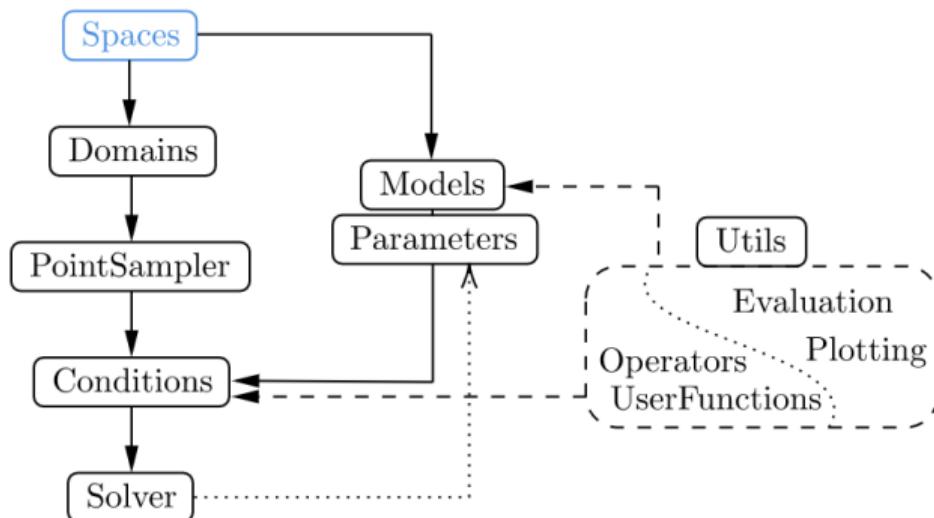
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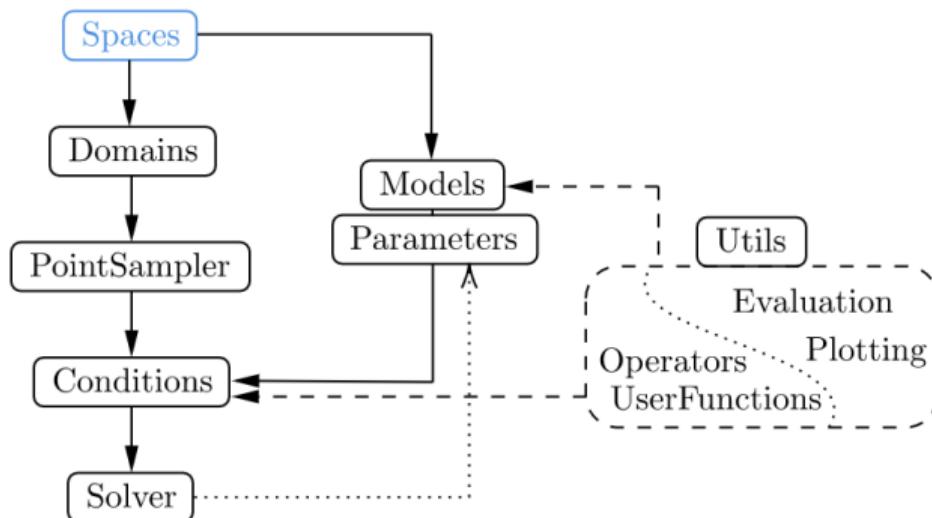
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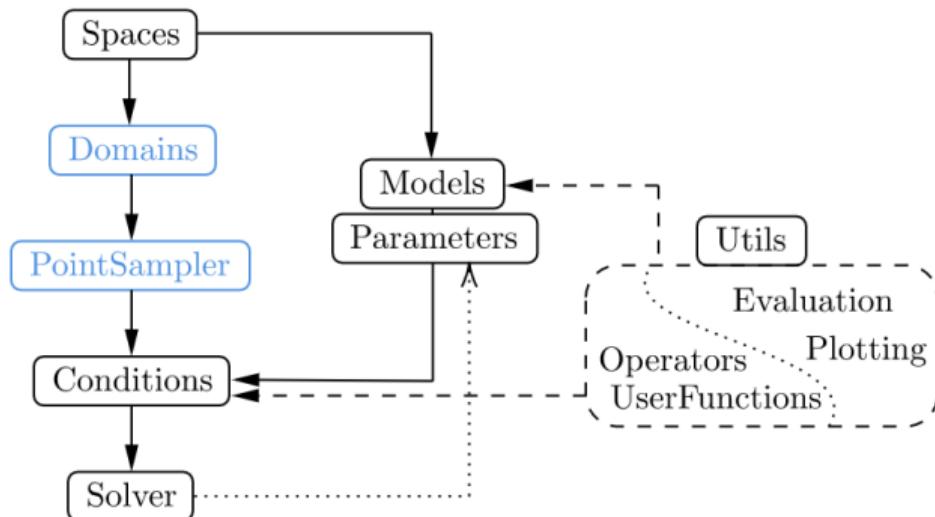
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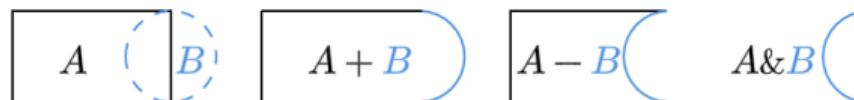
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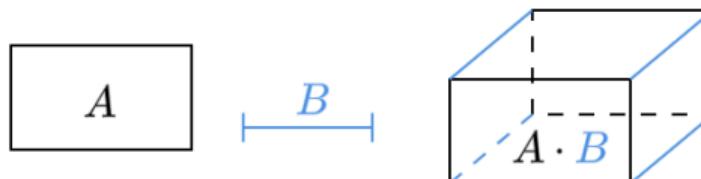


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- Basic geometries implemented:
  - Point, Interval, Parallelogram, Circle, ...
- Complex domains via logical operators:

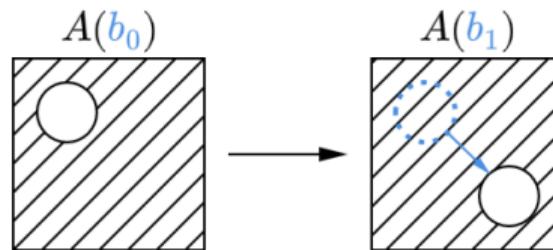


- Higher dimensional domains via Cartesian product:



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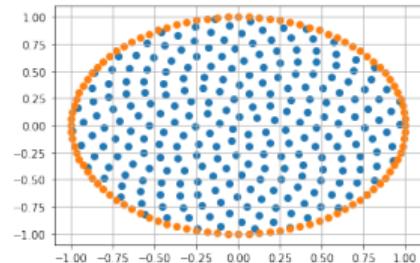
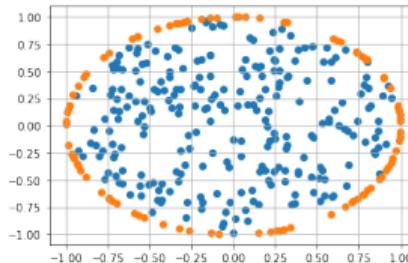
- Domain  $A(b)$  may depend on point  $b$  from domain  $B$   
(e.g. time-dependent)



- Property `.boundary` returns the boundary as a new Domain object

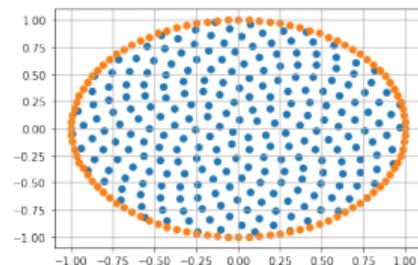
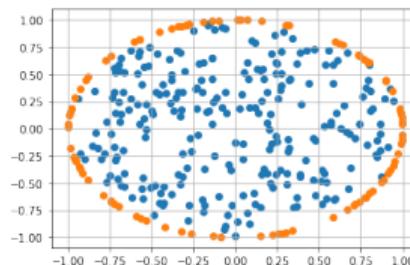
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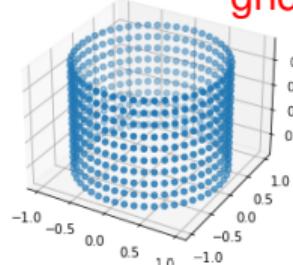
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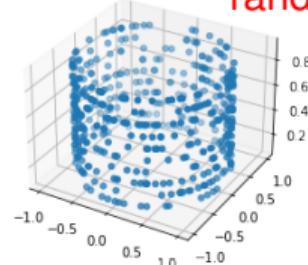
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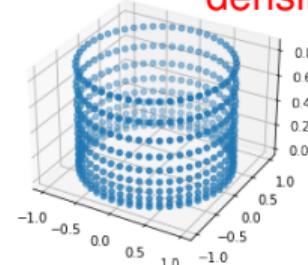
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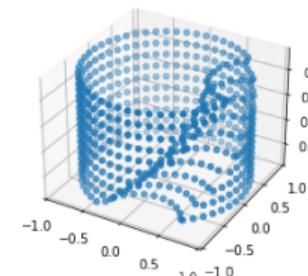
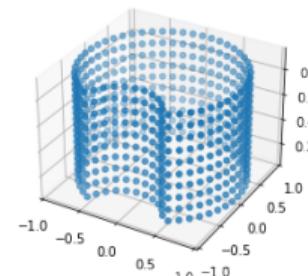
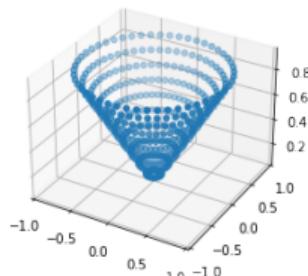
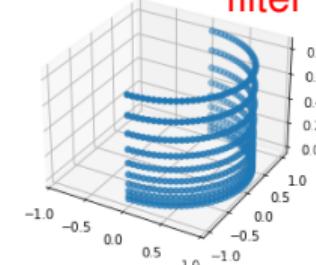
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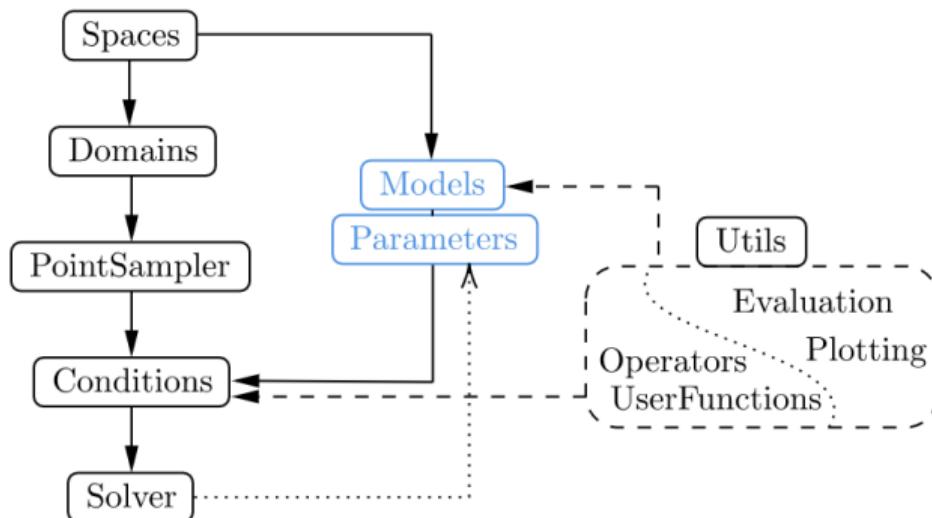
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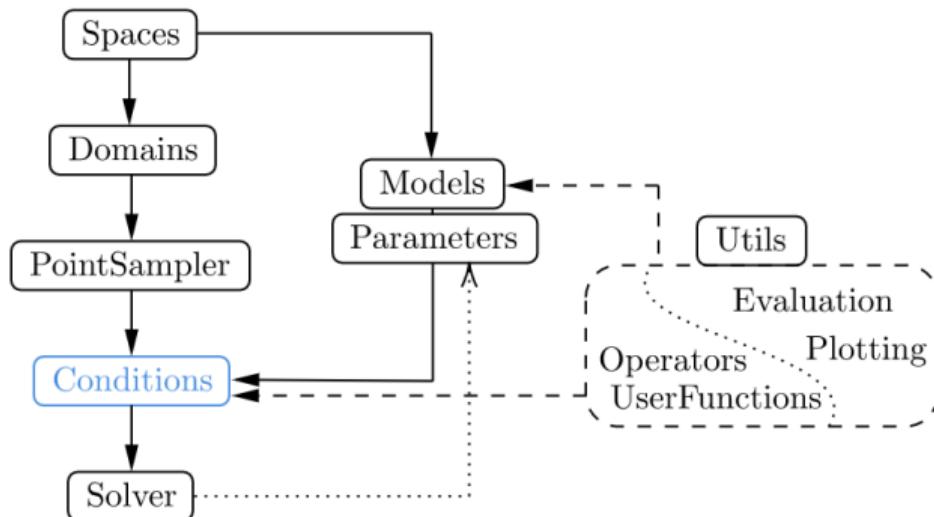
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- Load any PyTorch model
- Pre-implemented architectures: FCN, ResNet, DeepONet,...
- Trainable parameters for parameter identification

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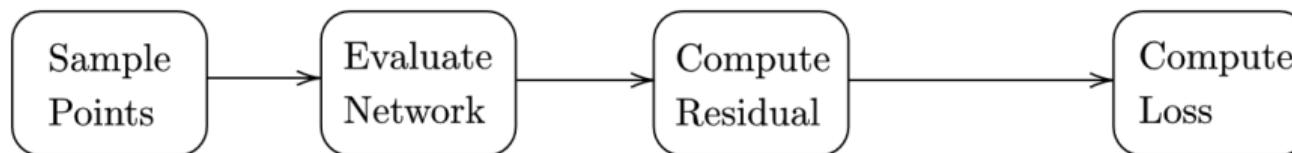
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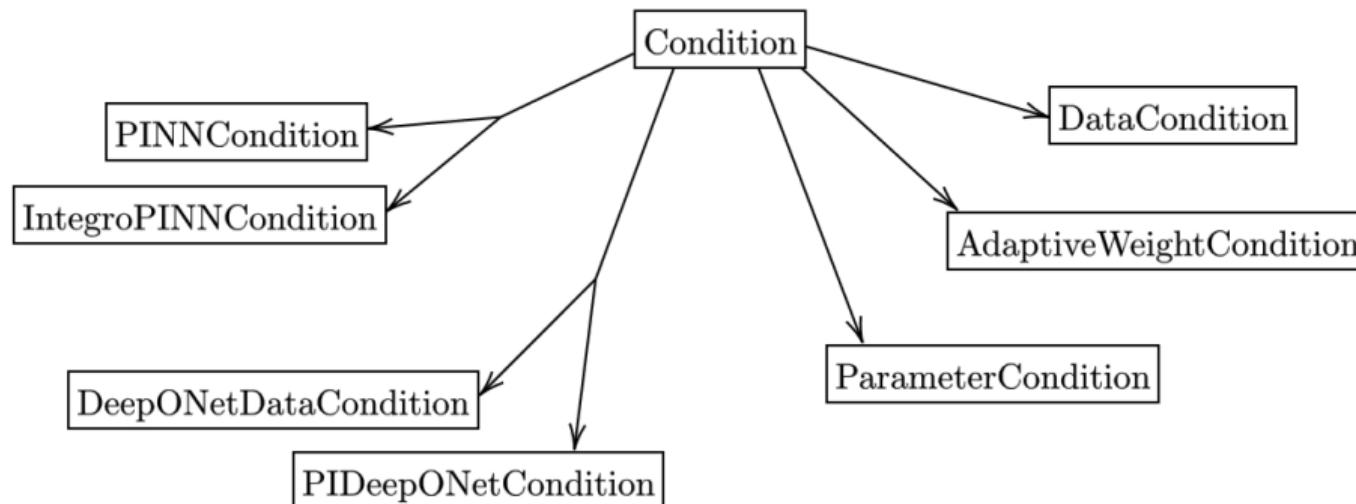
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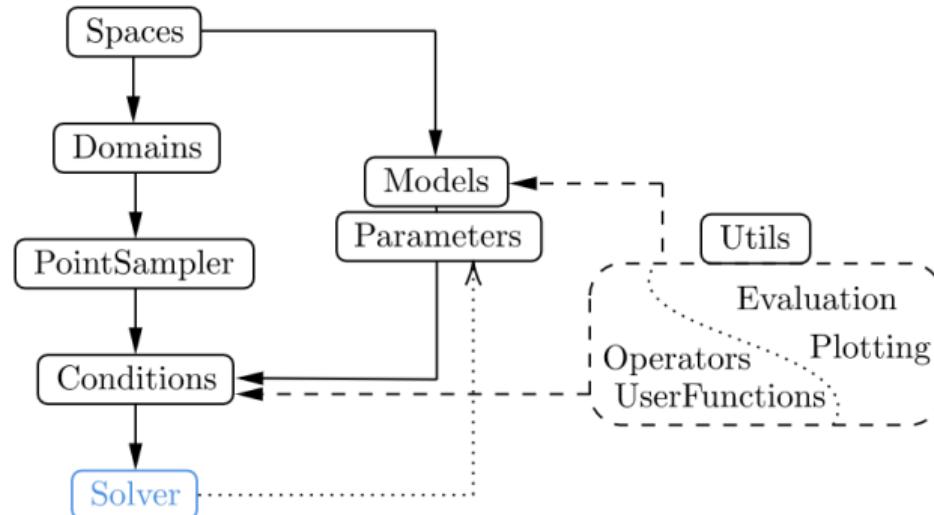
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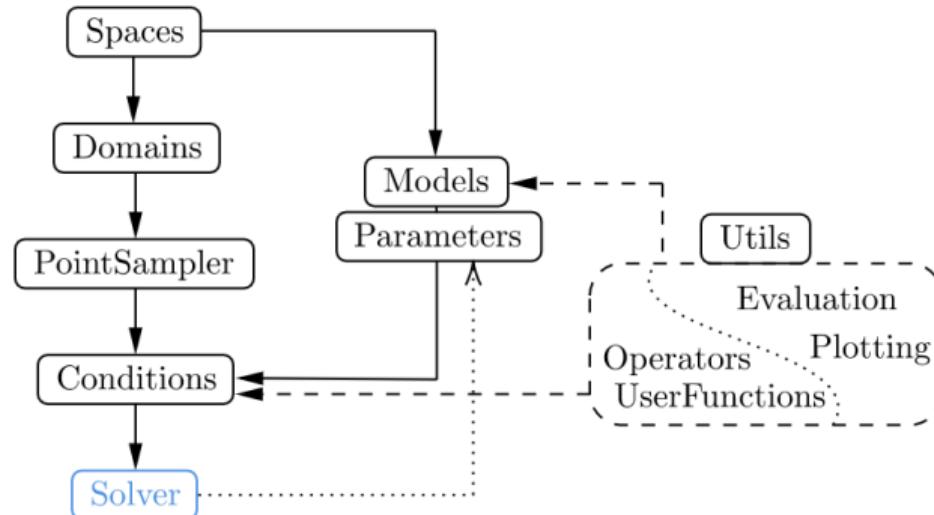


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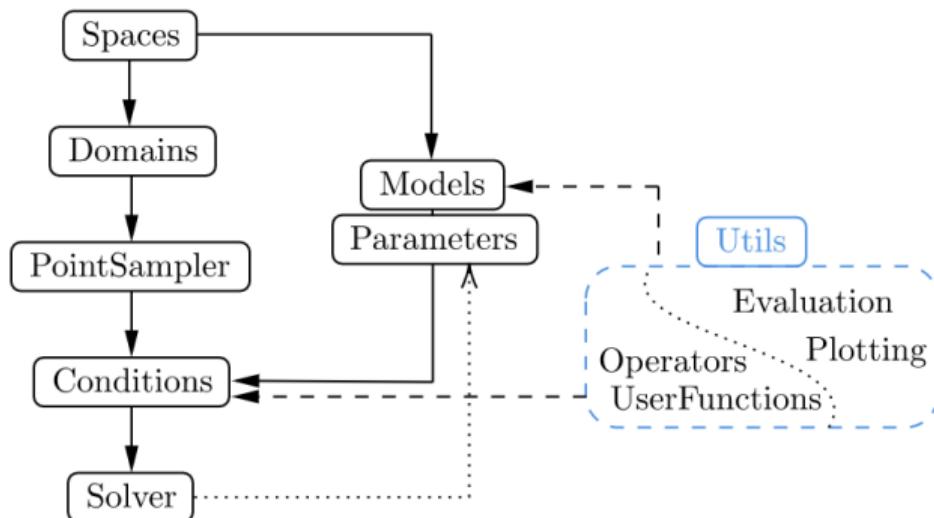


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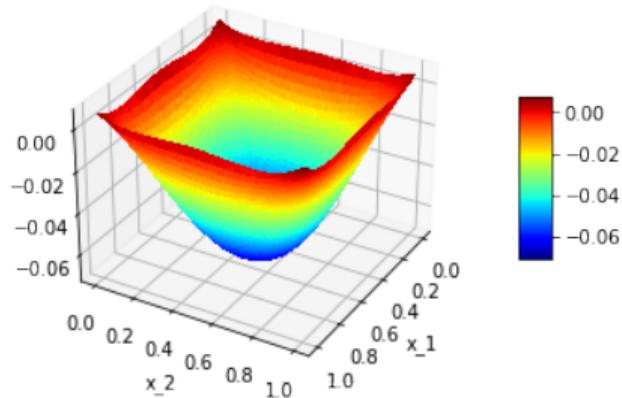


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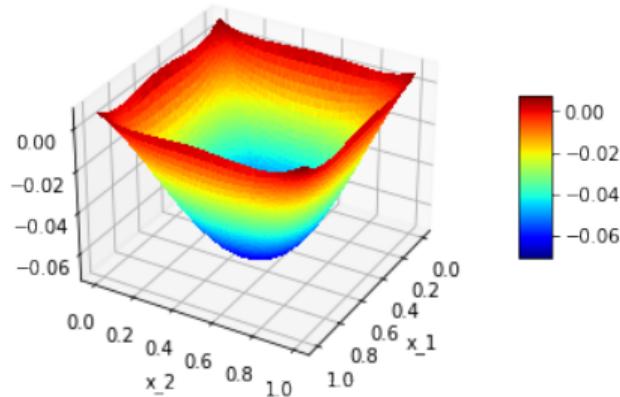
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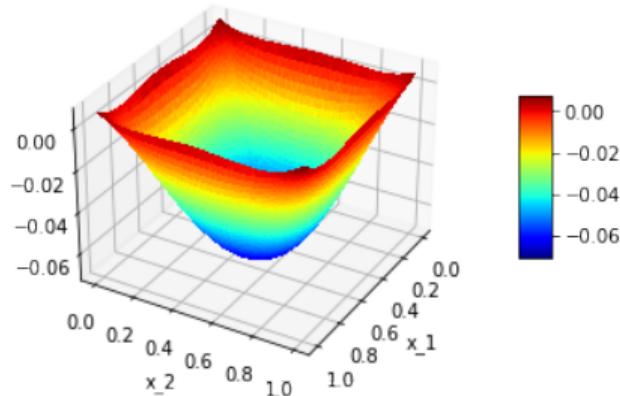


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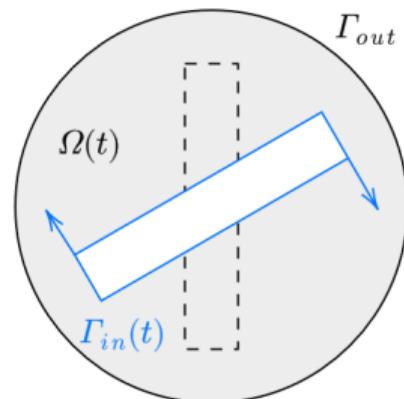
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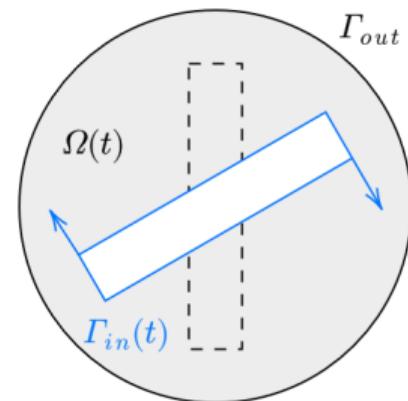
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 \nabla \cdot u &= 0, && \text{in } \Omega(t), \\
 \partial_t T + u \cdot \nabla T &= \lambda \Delta T, && \text{in } \Omega(t), \\
 u(0, \cdot), p(0, \cdot), T(0, \cdot) &= 0, 0, 270 && \text{in } \Omega(0), \\
 u, T &= (0, 0), 270, && \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{out}}, \\
 u, T &= u_{\text{in}}(t), T_{\text{in}}(t), && \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{in}}.
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Learned Temperature Field

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General information

- TORCHPHYSICS, MODULUS based on PyTorch
- DEEPXDE mainly on TensorFlow, also supports PyTorch, JAX, PaddlePaddle
- pip-installable
- Share similar structure/building blocks, like Domain, Conditions, etc. (different names)

# Comparison

Domains and sampling

	TORCHPHYSICS	DEEPXDE	MODULUS
Domain operations $\cup, \cap, \setminus$	✓ Cartesian product	✓	✓
Time-dependent domains	✓	✗	✗
STL geometry	✓	✗	✓
Grid sampling	✓	✓	✗
Random sampling	✓	✓	✓
Adaptive sampling (e.g. loss-dependent)	✓	✓	(✓) Manually

# Comparison

## Pre-Implemented Methods

	TORCHPHYSICS	DEEPXDE	MODULUS
PINN	✓	✓ Extensions	✓
DeepRitz	✓	Manually	Manually
(PI)DeepONet	✓	✓ Extensions	✓
FNO	✗	Fourier- DeepONet	✓
PINO	✗	✗	✓

# Time-Dependent Domain

Implementation inside TORCHPHYSICS

```
1 def corner1(t):
2     return rotation_matrix(t) * start_position_1
3
4 bar      = tp.domains.Parallelogram(X, corner1, corner2, corner3)
5 circle   = tp.domains.Circle(X, center, radius)
6
7 omega   = circle - bar
```

