

Enriching continuous Lagrange finite element approximation spaces using neural networks

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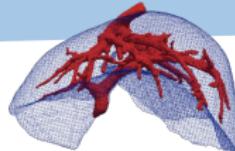
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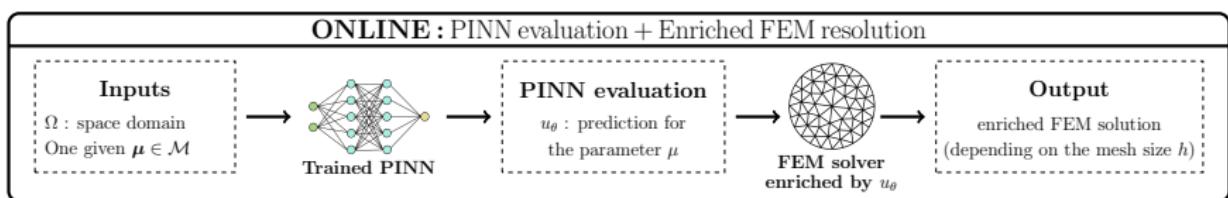
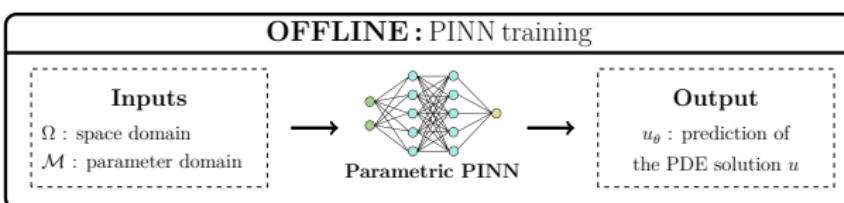


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Scientific context



Context : Create real-time digital twins of an organ (e.g. liver).



Complete ONLINE process : quick + accurate

Heated cavity test case

Stationary incompressible Navier-Stokes equations (with buoyancy and gravity)¹ :

We consider $\Omega = [-1, 1]^2$ a squared domain and $\mathbf{e}_y = (0, 1)$.

Find the velocity $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$, the pressure p and the temperature T such that

$$\begin{cases} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} - g(\beta T + 1) \mathbf{e}_y = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T - k_f \Delta T = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ + \text{suitable BC} \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{P})$$

with $g = 9.81$ the gravity, $\beta = 0.1$ the expansion coefficient, ν the viscosity and k_f the thermal conductivity. [Coulaud et al., 2024]

¹The approach will be shown on this example, but can be extended to other test cases.

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Boundary Conditions:

No-slip BC: $\mathbf{u} = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$

Isothermal BC: $T = 1$ on the left wall ($x = -1$)
 $T = -1$ on the right wall ($x = 1$)

Adiabatic BC: $\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = 0$ on the top and bottom walls ($y = \pm 1$, denoted by Γ_{ad})

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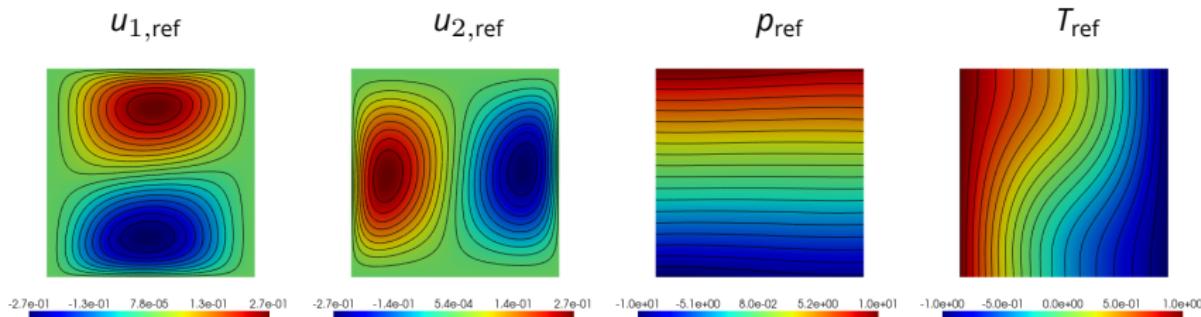
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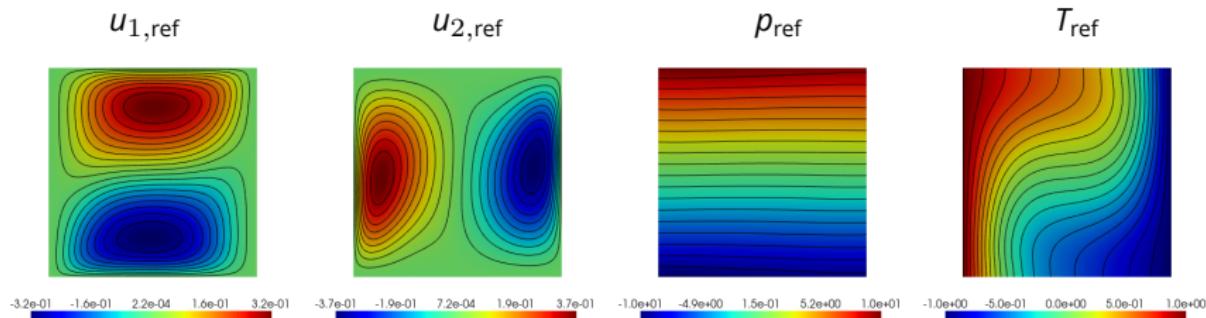
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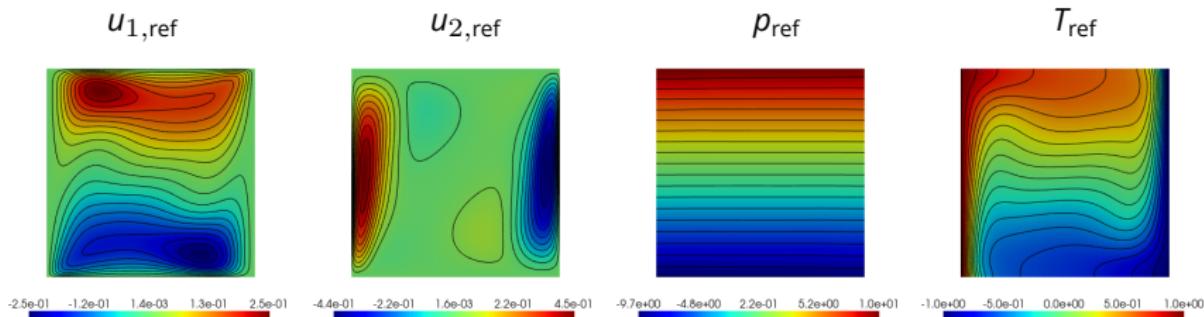
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Parametric PINN

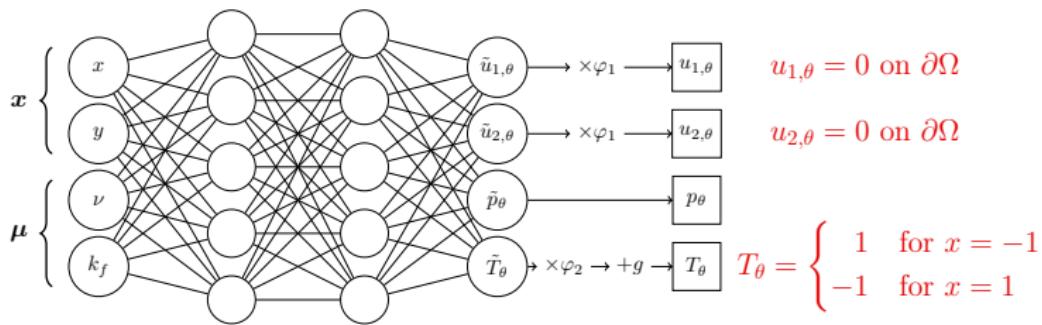
The PINN is parametrized by the μ parameter.

Neural Network considered

We consider a parametric NN with 4 inputs and 4 outputs, defined by

$$U_\theta(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = (u_{1,\theta}, u_{2,\theta}, p_\theta, T_\theta)(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\mu}).$$

The Dirichlet boundary conditions are imposed on the outputs of the MLP by a **post-processing** step. [Sukumar and Srivastava, 2022]



We consider two levelsets functions φ_1 and φ_2 , and the linear function g defined by

$$\varphi_1(x, y) = (x - 1)(x + 1)(y - 1)(y + 1),$$

$$\varphi_2(x, y) = (x - 1)(x + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad g(x, y) = 1 - (x + 1).$$

PINN training

Approximate the solution of (\mathcal{P}) by a PINN : Find the optimal weights θ^* , such that

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} (J_{inc}(\theta) + J_{mom}(\theta) + J_{ener}(\theta) + J_{ad}(\theta)), \quad (\mathcal{P}_\theta)$$

where the different cost functions¹ are defined by

adiabatic condition

$$J_{ad}(\theta) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\Gamma_{ad}} \left| \frac{\partial T_\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mu)}{\partial n} \right|^2 d\mathbf{x} d\mu,$$

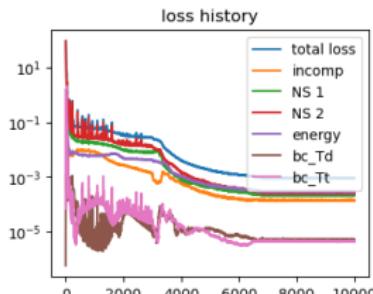
3 residual losses

$$J_{\bullet}(\theta) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\Omega} \left| R_{\bullet}(U_\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mu); \mathbf{x}, \mu) \right|^2 d\mathbf{x} d\mu,$$

with U_θ the parametric NN and \bullet the PDE considered (i.e. *inc*, *mom* or *ener*).

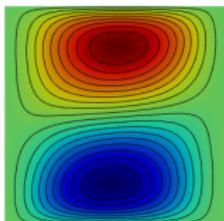
Network - MLP	
layers	40, 60, 60, 60, 40
σ	sine

Training (ADAM / LBFGs)			
lr	7e-3	N_{col}	40000
n_{epochs}	10000	N_{bc}	30000

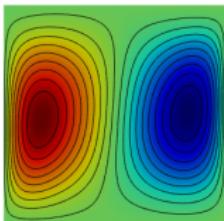


¹Discretized by a random process using Monte-Carlo method.

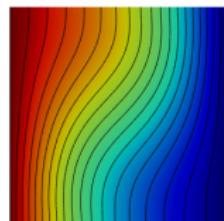
Prediction on $\mu^{(1)} = (0.1, 0.1)$

 $u_{1,\theta}$ 

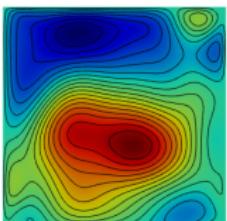
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 $u_{2,\theta}$ 

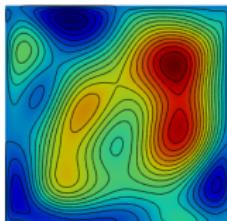
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 T_θ 

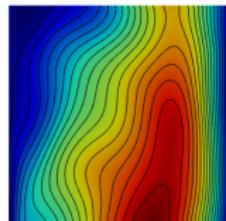
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 $u_{1,\text{ref}} - u_{1,\theta}$ 

-6.1e-03 -2.3e-03 1.6e-03 5.4e-03 9.2e-03

 $u_{2,\text{ref}} - u_{2,\theta}$ 

-3.6e-03 -2.0e-04 3.2e-03 6.6e-03 1.0e-02

 $T_{\text{ref}} - T_\theta$ 

-1.8e-03 8.4e-03 1.9e-02 2.9e-02 3.9e-02

Prediction :

Error map :

**L^2 error :
(relative)**

2.98×10^{-2}

3.17×10^{-2}

3.90×10^{-2}

Finite element method (FEM)

The μ parameter is fixed in the FE resolution.

Discrete weak formulation

We consider a mixed finite element space $M_h = [V_h^0]^2 \times Q_h \times W_h$ and

$$\left. \begin{array}{lcl} \mathbf{u}_h & \in & [V_h^0]^2 \subset [H_0^1(\Omega)]^2 : \mathbb{P}_2 \\ p_h & \in & Q_h \subset L_0^2(\Omega) : \mathbb{P}_1 \\ T_h & \in & W_h \subset W : \mathbb{P}_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{(Taylor-Hood spaces)}$$

with $W = \{w \in H^1(\Omega), w|_{x=-1} = 1, w|_{x=1} = -1\}$.

Weak problem : Find $U_h = (\mathbf{u}_h, p_h, T_h) \in M_h$ s.t., $\forall (\mathbf{v}_h, q_h, w_h) \in M_h^0$,

$$\int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{u}_h \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} + \mu \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\Omega} p_h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} - g \int_{\Omega} (1 + \beta T_h) \mathbf{e}_y \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad \text{(momentum)} \quad (\mathcal{P}_h)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} q_h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h \, d\mathbf{x} + 10^{-4} \int_{\Omega} q_h p_h \, d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad \text{(incompressibility + pressure penalization)}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{u}_h \cdot \nabla T_h) w_h \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} k_f \nabla T_h \cdot \nabla w_h \, d\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad \text{(energy)}$$

where $M_h^0 = [V_h^0]^2 \times Q_h \times W_h^0$ with $W_h^0 \subset \{w \in H^1[\Omega], w|_{x=\pm 1} = 0\}$.

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Denoting N_h the dimension of M_h , we want to solve the non linear system:

$$F(\vec{U}_k) = 0$$

with $F : \mathbb{R}^{N_h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$ a non linear operator and $\vec{U}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$ the unknown vector associated to the k -th parameter $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k)}$ ($k = 1, 2, 3$). Appendix 1

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Initialization step: set $\vec{U}_k^{(0)} = \vec{U}_{k,0}$;

for $n \geq 0$ **do**

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How to initialize the Newton solver?

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- **PINN :**
- **Continuation method :**

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Considering a fixed parameter with $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, we can use the following initialization:

$$\vec{U}_{k,0} = (\vec{0}, \vec{0}, \vec{0}, \vec{\tau}_0)$$

where for $i = 1, \dots, \dim(W_h)$,

$$(\vec{\tau}_0)_i = g(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = 1 - (x^{(i)} + 1)$$

with $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = (x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$ the i -th dofs coordinates of W_h .

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with $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = (x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$ the i -th dofs coordinates of M_h and U_θ the PINN.

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- **Continuation method** : Using a coarse FE solution of a simpler parameter.
 - We consider a fixed parameter with $k \in \{2, 3\}$.
 - We consider a coarse grid (16×16 grid) and compute the FE solution of (P_h) for the parameter $\mu^{(k-1)}$.
 - We interpolate the coarse solution to the current mesh.
 - We use it as an initialization for the Newton method, i.e.

$$\vec{U}_{k,0} = (\vec{u}_{k-1}, \vec{v}_{k-1}, \vec{p}_{k-1}, \vec{T}_{k-1})$$

where \vec{u}_{k-1} , \vec{v}_{k-1} , \vec{p}_{k-1} and \vec{T}_{k-1} are the FE solutions for the parameter $\mu^{(k-1)}$.

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Poisson problem (with Dirichlet BC): Find $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

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with the **enriched trial space** V_h^+ defined by

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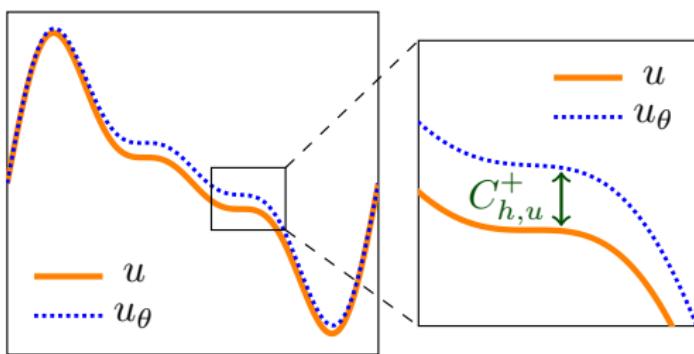
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We hope that the modified problem will give the same results as the standard one on coarser meshes.

Convergence analysis

Theorem 1: Convergence analysis of the standard FEM [Ern and Guermond, 2004]

We denote $u_h \in V_h$ the solution of (\mathcal{P}_h) with V_h the standard trial space. Then,

$$|u - u_h|_{H^1} \leq C_{H^1} h^k |u|_{H^{k+1}},$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_{L^2} \leq C_{L^2} h^{k+1} |u|_{H^{k+1}}.$$

Theorem 2: Convergence analysis of the enriched FEM [F. Lecourtier et al., 2025]

We denote $u_h^+ \in V_h^+$ the solution of (\mathcal{P}_h^+) with V_h^+ the enriched trial space. Then,

$$|u - u_h^+|_{H^1} \leq \boxed{\frac{|u - u_\theta|_{H^{k+1}}}{|u|_{H^{k+1}}}} (C_{H^1} h^k |u|_{H^{k+1}}),$$

$$\|u - u_h^+\|_{L^2} \leq \boxed{\frac{|u - u_\theta|_{H^{k+1}}}{|u|_{H^{k+1}}}} (C_{L^2} h^{k+1} |u|_{H^{k+1}}).$$

Gains of the additive approach.

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Enriched space using PINN

Considering the PINN prior $U_\theta = (\mathbf{u}_\theta, p_\theta, T_\theta)$, we define the **mixed finite element space additively enriched** by the PINN as follows:

$$M_h^+ = \{ U_h^+ = U_\theta + C_h^+, \quad C_h^+ \in M_h^0 \}$$

with $M_h^0 = [V_h^0]^2 \times Q_h \times W_h^0$, $U_h^+ = (\mathbf{u}_h^+, p_h^+, T_h^+) \in M_h^+$ and $C_h^+ = (C_{h,\mathbf{u}}^+, C_{h,p}^+, C_{h,T}^+)$.

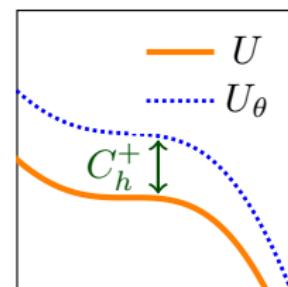
We can then define the three finite element subspaces of M_h^+ as follows:

$$V_h^+ = \{ \mathbf{u}_h^+ = \mathbf{u}_\theta + C_{h,\mathbf{u}}^+, \quad C_{h,\mathbf{u}}^+ \in [V_h^0]^2 \},$$

$$Q_h^+ = \{ p_h^+ = p_\theta + C_{h,p}^+, \quad C_{h,p}^+ \in Q_h \},$$

$$W_h^+ = \{ T_h^+ = T_\theta + C_{h,T}^+, \quad C_{h,T}^+ \in W_h^0 \},$$

where $C_{h,\mathbf{u}}^+$, $C_{h,p}^+$ and $C_{h,T}^+$ becomes the unknowns.



Weak formulation - Additive approach

Weak problem : Find $C_h^+ = (C_{h,u}^+, C_{h,n}^+, C_{h,T}^+) \in M_h^0$ s.t., $\forall (\mathbf{v}_h, q_h, w_h) \in M_h^0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} [(\mathbf{u}_\theta \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_\theta + (\mathbf{u}_\theta \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+ + (\mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+ \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_\theta + (\mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+ \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+] \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & + \mu \left(\int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{u}_\theta : \nabla \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+ : \nabla \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} \right) + \left(\int_{\Omega} \nabla p_\theta \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{c}_{h,p}^+ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \\ & - g \int_{\Omega} (1 + \beta(T_\theta + \mathbf{c}_{h,T}^+)) \mathbf{e}_y \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \, d\mathbf{x} = 0, \text{ (momentum)} \\ & \int_{\Omega} q_h [\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_\theta + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+] \, d\mathbf{x} + 10^{-4} \int_{\Omega} q_h (p_\theta + \mathbf{c}_{h,p}^+) \, d\mathbf{x} = 0, \text{ (incompressibility + penal)} \quad (\mathcal{P}_h^+) \\ & \int_{\Omega} [\mathbf{u}_\theta \cdot \nabla T_\theta + \mathbf{u}_\theta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{c}_{h,T}^+ + \mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+ \cdot \nabla T_\theta + \mathbf{c}_{h,u}^+ \cdot \nabla \mathbf{c}_{h,T}^+] w_h \, d\mathbf{x} \\ & + k_f \left(\int_{\Omega} \nabla T_\theta \cdot \nabla w_h \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{c}_{h,T}^+ \cdot \nabla w_h \, d\mathbf{x} w_h \, ds \right) = 0, \text{ (energy)} \end{aligned}$$

with $\mathcal{U}_\theta = (\mathbf{u}_\theta, p_\theta, T_\theta)$ the PINN prior and some modified boundary conditions.

Newton method - Additive approach

We want to solve the non linear system:

$$F_\theta(\vec{C}) = 0$$

with $F_\theta : \mathbb{R}^{N_h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$ the non linear operator associated to the weak problem (\mathcal{P}_h^+) and $\vec{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$ the **correction vector (unknown)**.

Algorithm 2: Newton algorithm [Aghili et al., 2025]

Initialization step: set $\vec{C}^{(0)} = 0$;

for $n \geq 0$ **do**

Solve the linear system $F_\theta(\vec{C}^{(n)}) + F'_\theta(\vec{C}^{(n)})\delta^{(n+1)} = 0$ for $\delta^{(n+1)}$;

Update $\vec{C}^{(n+1)} = \vec{C}^{(n)} + \delta^{(n+1)}$;

end

Advantage compared to PINN initialization¹:

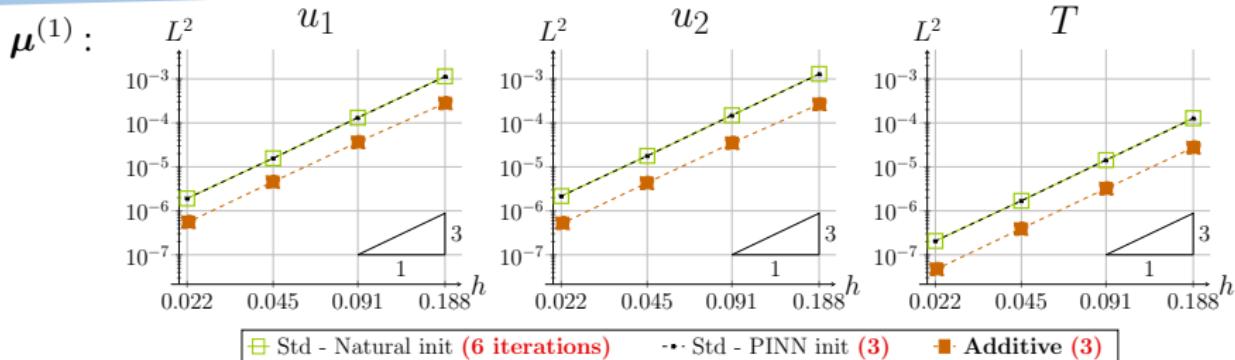
u_θ is not required to live in the same discrete space as C_h^+ .

¹Taking U_θ and C_h^+ in the same space, additive approach is exactly the same as the PINN initialization.

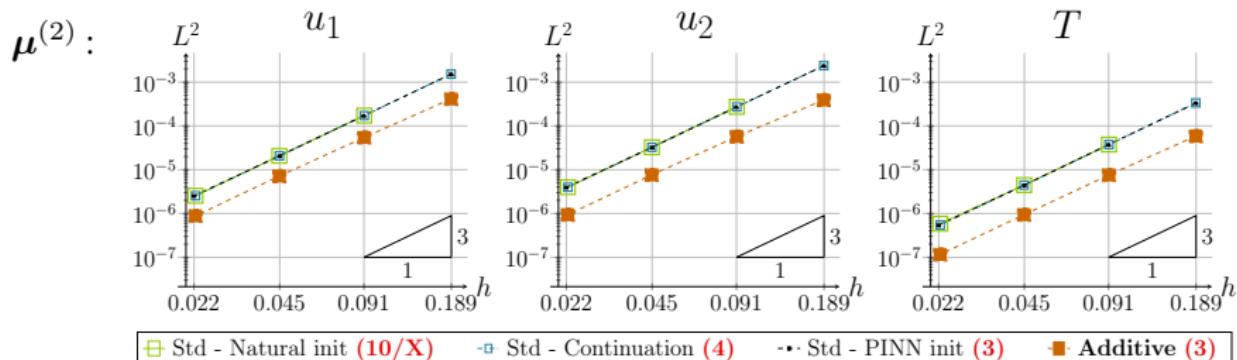
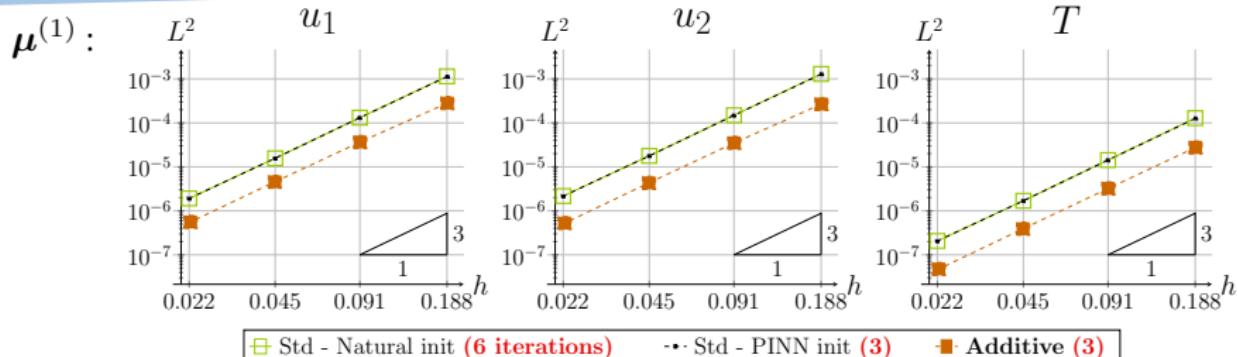
Numerical results

- Results obtained with a laptop GPU.
- The newton solver is the same for all methods ($\text{rtol} = 10^{-10}$, $\text{atol} = 10^{-10}$, $\text{max_it} = 30$).
- Additive approach : we consider u_θ in a $\mathbb{P}_3^2 \times \mathbb{P}_2 \times \mathbb{P}_3$ continuous Lagrange FE space (defined on the current mesh).

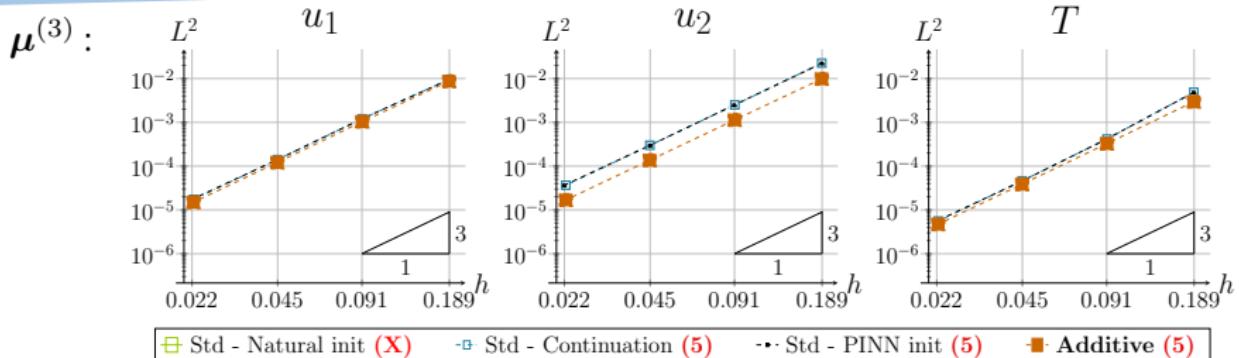
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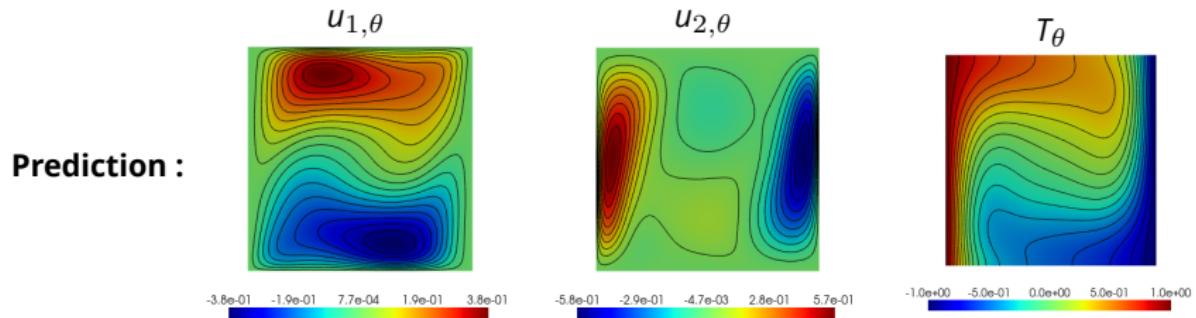
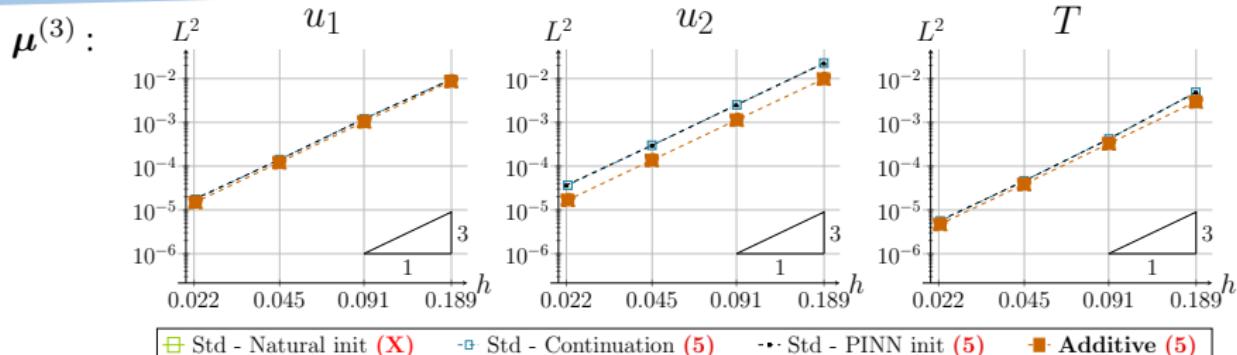
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Error estimates II



Error estimates II

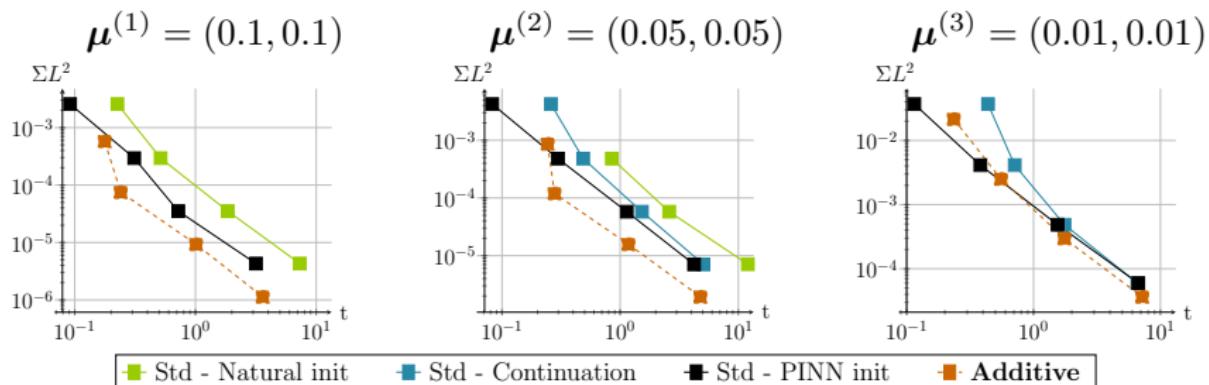


L^2 error : 5.75×10^{-1} 4.89×10^{-1} 2.57×10^{-1}
(relative)

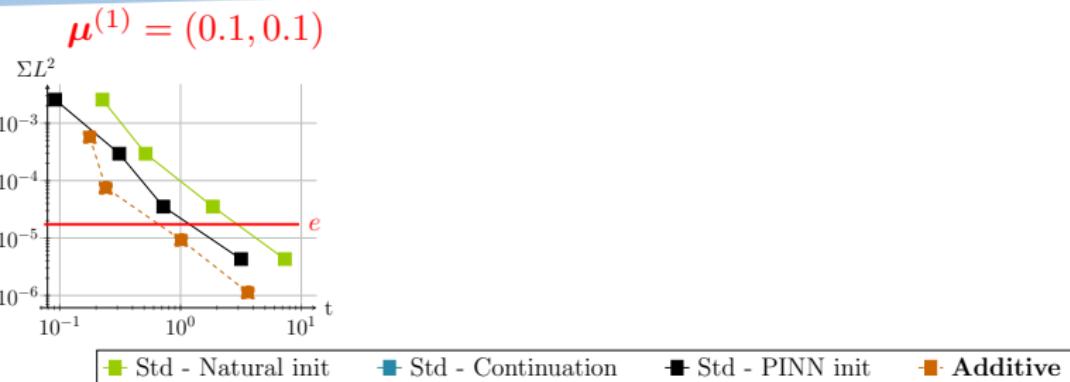
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Numerical costs

Defining the global error as the sum of the L^2 relatives errors on \mathbf{u} and T .



Numerical costs

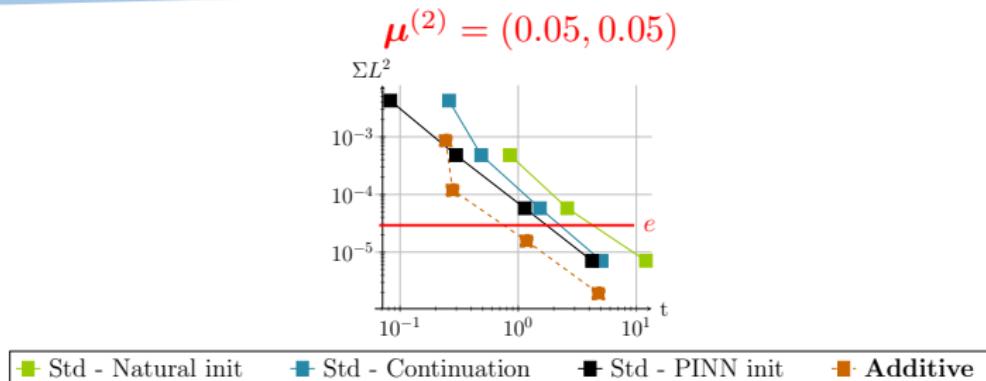


N_{dofs} and execution time required to reach the same global L^2 relative error e :

Std vs Add	Number of DoFs		Execution times		
	Std	Add	(nat)	(PINN)	Add
$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	6,031	2,044	0.32	0.16	0.16
$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	26,959	10,588	0.99	0.48	0.23
$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	121,156	49,231	4.21	1.75	0.96

→ ÷ 2.5
→ ÷ 2
→ ÷ 4

Numerical costs



N_{dofs} and execution time required to reach the same global L^2 relative error e :

Std vs Add	Number of DoFs		Execution times			
	Std	Add	(nat)	(cont)	(PINN)	Add
$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7,828	2,748	0.58	0.39	0.19	0.24
$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	35,884	14,623	1.95	1.14	0.8	0.32
$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	167,583	70,303	9.39	4.16	3.4	1.59

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Numerical costs

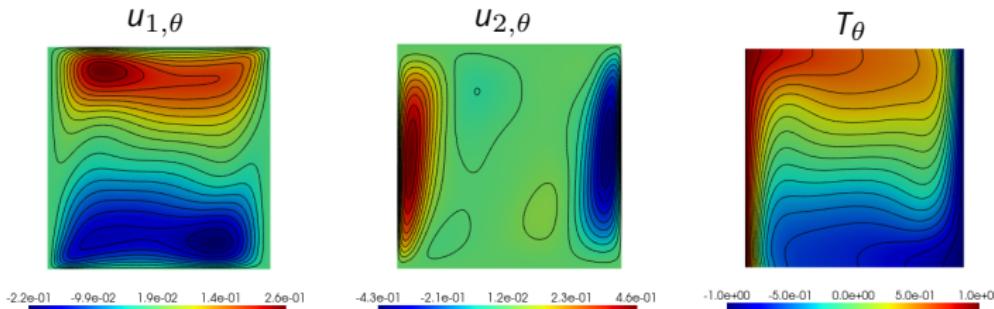


N_{dofs} and execution time required to reach the same global L^2 relative error e :

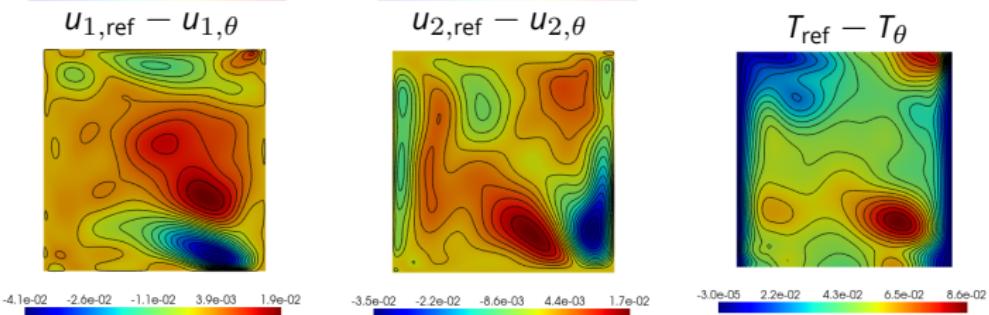
Std vs Add	Number of DoFs		Execution times			
	Std	Add	(nat)	(cont)	(PINN)	Add
$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	33,204	23,524	X	1.29	0.96	0.91
$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	150,339	108,931	X	4.76	4.67	3.65
$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	690,924	502,156	X	20.34	23.3	17.23

Non parametric PINN¹ for $\mu^{(3)}$

Prediction :



Error map :



L^2 error :

(relative)

$$7.60 \times 10^{-2}$$

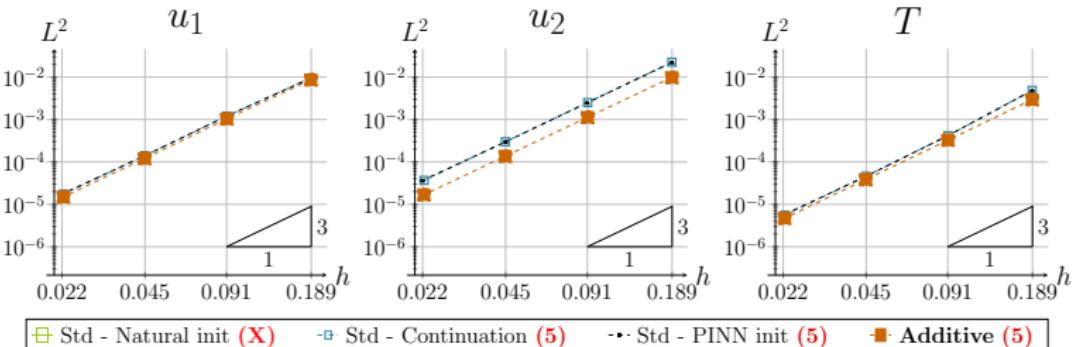
$$5.38 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$9.63 \times 10^{-2}$$

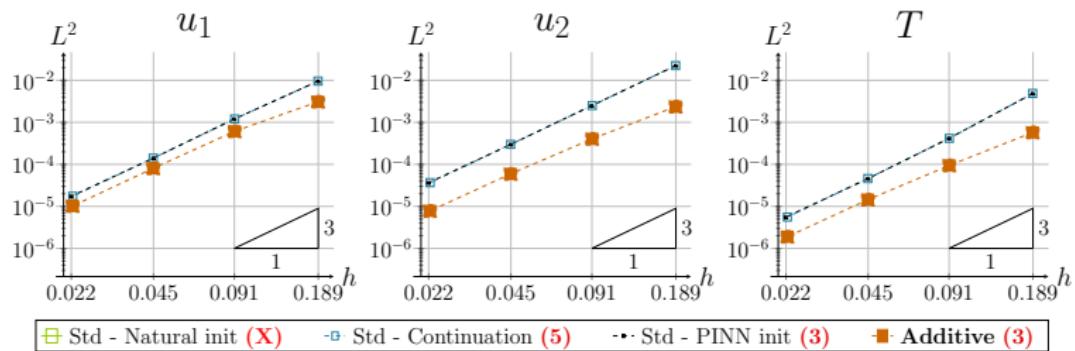
¹We consider exactly the same architecture, but this time we train the PINN non-parametrically.

Error estimates on $\mu^{(3)}$

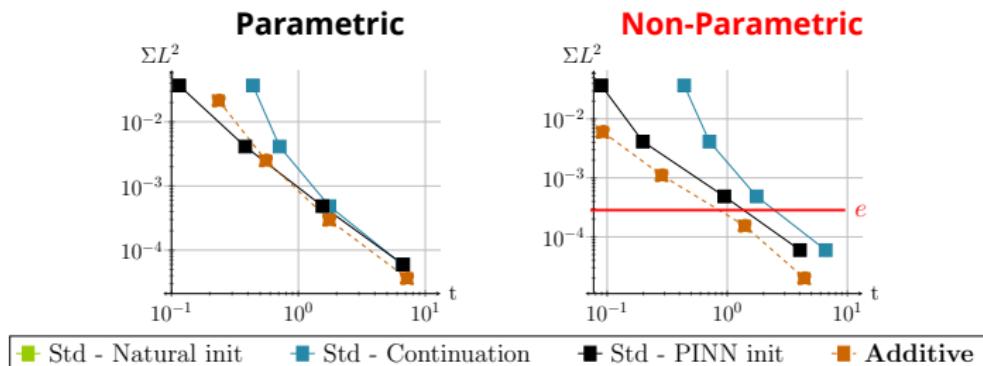
Parametric



Non-Parametric



Numerical costs on $\mu^{(3)}$



N_{dofs} and execution time required to reach the same global L^2 relative error e :

e	Number of DoFs			Execution times			
	(PINN)	Add	Add+	(PINN)	(PINN)+	Add	Add+
$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	33,204	23,524	13,764	0.96	0.56	0.91	0.31
$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	150,339	108,931	70,303	4.67	2.82	3.65	1.78
$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	690,924	502,156	339,231	23.3	13.84	17.23	6.42

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Conclusion

- The enriched approach provides the same results as the standard FEM method, but with **coarser meshes**.
⇒ Reduction of the computational cost : DoFs, iterations, execution times.
- Theory on linear problems shows that it's the **derivatives** of the prior that are the most crucial. [Appendix 4](#)
⇒ PINNs are good candidates for the enriched approach.
- The gains obtained on linear problems were much higher. [Appendix 3](#)
⇒ **Improved training** of parametric PINN (or Neural Operators).

Preprint (linear)



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Appendix 1 : Finite element method (FEM)

A1 – Construction of the unknown vector

Considering $(\phi_i)_{i=1}^{N_u}$, $(\psi_j)_{j=1}^{N_p}$ and $(\eta_k)_{k=1}^{N_T}$ the basis functions of the finite element spaces V_h^0 , Q_h and W_h respectively, we can write the discrete solutions as:

$$\mathbf{u}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_u} \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} \phi_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad p_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} p_j \psi_j(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{and} \quad T_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_T} T_k \eta_k(\mathbf{x}),$$

with the unknown vectors for velocity, pressure and temperature defined by

$$\vec{u} = (u_i)_{i=1}^{N_u} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \quad \vec{v} = (v_i)_{i=1}^{N_u} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u},$$

$$\vec{p} = (p_j)_{j=1}^{N_p} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_p} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{T} = (T_k)_{k=1}^{N_T} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_T}.$$

Considering $N_h = 2N_u + N_p + N_T$, we can define the global vector of unknowns as:

$$\vec{U} = (\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{p}, \vec{T}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N_h}.$$

and $F : \mathbb{R}^{N_h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$ the nonlinear operator associated to the weak formulation (\mathcal{P}_h) .

Appendix 2 : PINN Initialization / Additive approach

A2 – Comparison of the 2 approaches

Taking U_θ and C_h^+ in the same space, we have :

$$F_\theta(\vec{C}) = F(\vec{U}_\theta + \vec{C}),$$

with \vec{C} the correction vector and \vec{U}_θ the PINN vector (PINN evaluation at the dofs), both of size N_h .

The first iteration of the additive approach :

$$F_\theta(\vec{C}^{(0)}) + F'_\theta(\vec{C}^{(0)})\delta^{(1)} = 0$$

becomes (as $C^{(0)} = 0$) :

$$F(\vec{U}_\theta) + F'(\vec{U}_\theta)\delta^{(1)} = 0,$$

which is equivalent as the standard method with the PINN initialization.

Appendix 3 : Results - Linear problem

A3 – Problem considered

Problem statement: Consider the Poisson problem with Dirichlet BC:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathcal{M}, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathcal{M}, \end{cases}$$

with $\Omega = [-0.5\pi, 0.5\pi]^2$ and $\mathcal{M} = [-0.5, 0.5]^2$ ($p = 2$ parameters).

Analytical solution :

$$u(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu_1)^2 + (y - \mu_2)^2}{2}\right) \sin(2x) \sin(2y).$$

PINN training: MLP of 5 layers; LBFGs optimizer (5000 epochs).

Imposing the Dirichlet BC exactly in the PINN with the levelset φ defined by

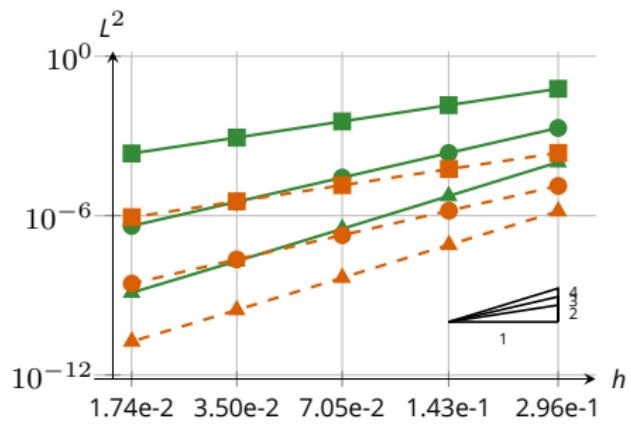
$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = (x + 0.5\pi)(x - 0.5\pi)(y + 0.5\pi)(y - 0.5\pi).$$

Training time : less than 1 hour on a laptop GPU.

A3 – Numerical results

Error estimates : 1 set of parameters.

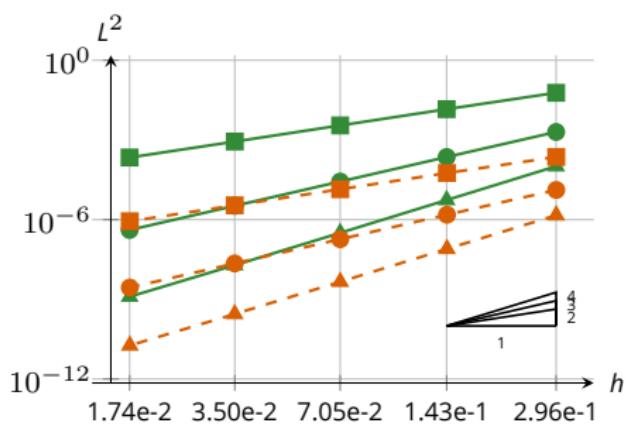
$$\mu^{(1)} = (0.05, 0.22)$$



A3 – Numerical results

Error estimates : 1 set of parameters.

$$\mu^{(1)} = (0.05, 0.22)$$



Gains achieved : $n_p = 50$ sets of parameters.

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \mu^{(1)}, \dots, \mu^{(n_p)} \right\}$$

**Gains in L^2 rel error
of our method w.r.t. FEM**

k	min	max	mean
1	134.32	377.36	269.39
2	67.02	164.65	134.85
3	39.52	72.65	61.55

$N = 20$

$$\text{Gain} : \|u - u_h\|_{L^2} / \|u - u_h^+\|_{L^2}$$

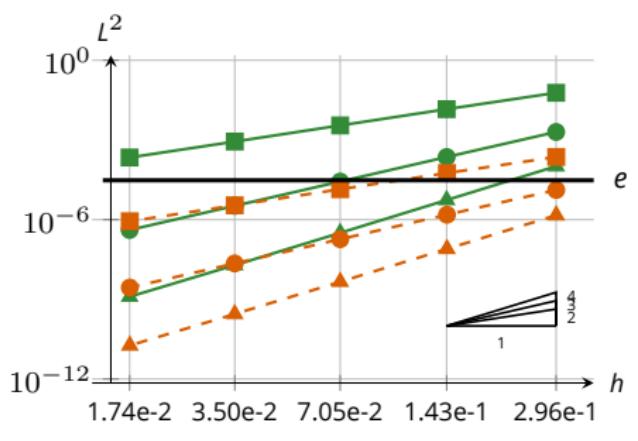
Cartesian mesh : N^2 nodes.

A3 – Numerical results

Error estimates : 1 set of parameters.

N_{dofs} required to reach the same error e :

$$\mu^{(1)} = (0.05, 0.22)$$



k	e	N_{dofs}	
		FEM	Add
1	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	14,161	64
	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	143,641	576
2	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	6,889	225
	$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	31,329	1,089
3	$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	6,724	784
	$1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	20,164	2,704

Appendix 4 : Data-driven vs Physics-Informed training

A4 – Problem considered

Problem statement: Consider the Poisson problem in 1D with Dirichlet BC:

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_{xx}u = f, & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathcal{M}, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathcal{M}, \end{cases}$$

with $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ and $\mathcal{M} = [0, 1]^3$ ($p = 3$ parameters).

Analytical solution : $u(x; \mu) = \mu_1 \sin(2\pi x) + \mu_2 \sin(4\pi x) + \mu_3 \sin(6\pi x)$.

Construction of two priors: MLP of 6 layers; Adam optimizer (10000 epochs).

Imposing the Dirichlet BC exactly in the PINN with $\varphi(x) = x(x - 1)$.

- **Physics-informed training:** $N_{\text{col}} = 5000$ collocation points.

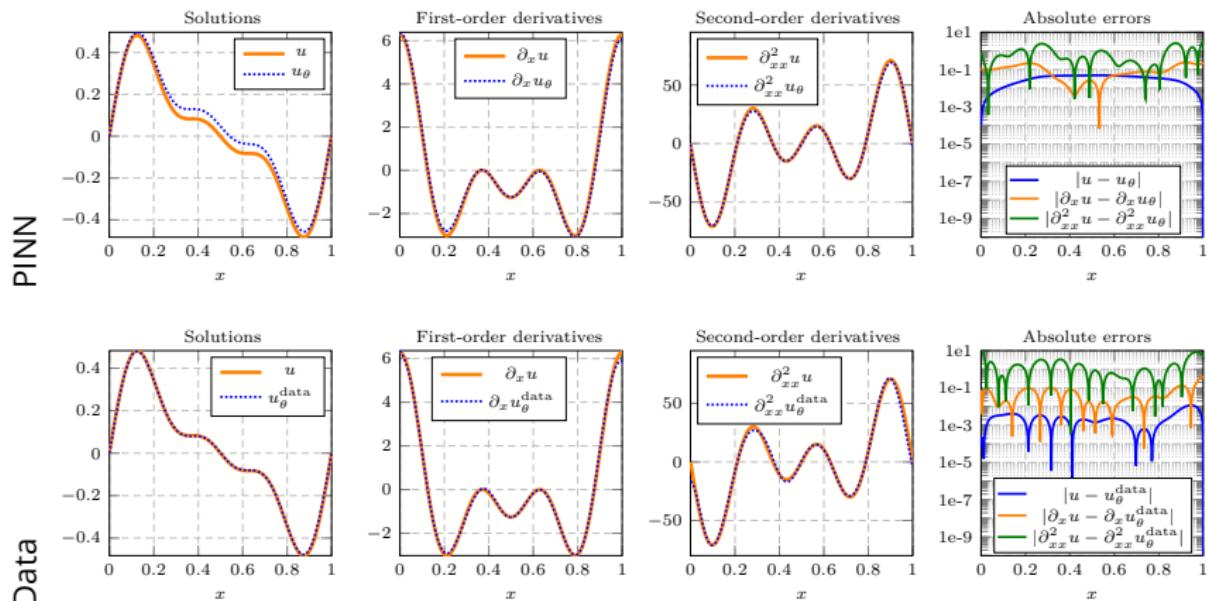
$$J_r(\theta) \simeq \frac{1}{N_{\text{col}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{col}}} \left| \partial_{xx}u_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{\text{col}}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{col}}^{(i)}) + f(\mathbf{x}_{\text{col}}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{col}}^{(i)}) \right|^2.$$

- **Data-driven training:** $N_{\text{data}} = 5000$ data.

$$J_{\text{data}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{data}}} \left| u_\theta^{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{data}}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{data}}^{(i)}) - u(\mathbf{x}_{\text{data}}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{data}}^{(i)}) \right|^2.$$

A4 – Priors derivatives

$$\mu^{(1)} = (0.3, 0.2, 0.1)$$



A4 – Additive approach in \mathbb{P}_1

1 set of parameters: $\mu^{(1)} = (0.3, 0.2, 0.1)$

FEM		PINN prior u_θ			Data prior u_θ^{data}	
N	error	N	error	gain	error	gain
16	$5.18 \cdot 10^{-2}$	16	$1.29 \cdot 10^{-3}$	40.34	$3.51 \cdot 10^{-3}$	14.78
32	$1.24 \cdot 10^{-2}$	32	$3.49 \cdot 10^{-4}$	35.41	$8.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	14.06

50 set of parameters:

Gains in L^2 rel error of our method w.r.t. FEM						
	PINN prior u_θ			Data prior u_θ^{data}		
N	min	max	mean	min	max	mean
20	26.49	271.92	140.74	6.91	60.85	26.12
40	23.4	258.37	134.11	7.13	39.34	20.55

N : Nodes.