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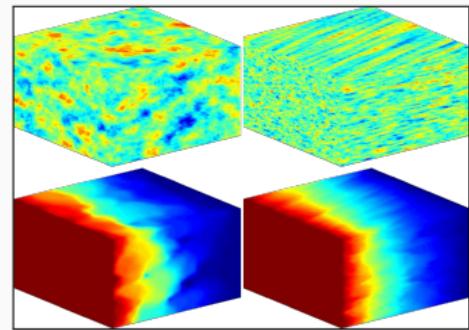
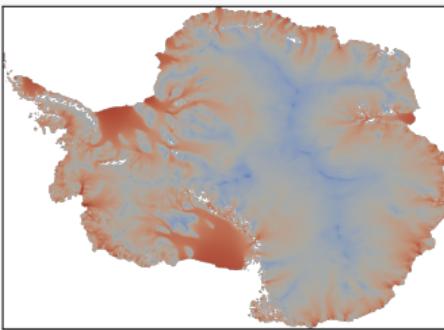
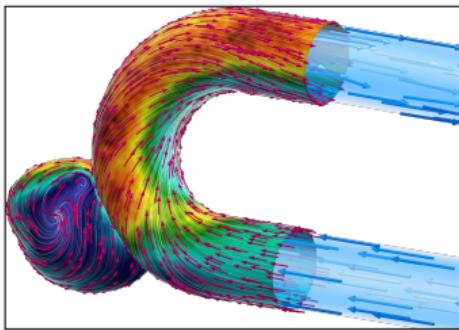
Coarse Spaces for Domain Decomposition Preconditioners and Multilevel Architectures for Neural Networks

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Numerical Analysis and Machine Learning



Numerical methods

Based on physical models

- + Robust and generalizable
- Require availability of mathematical models

Machine learning models

Driven by data

- + Do not require mathematical models
- Sensitive to data, limited extrapolation capabilities

Scientific machine learning (SciML)

Combining the strengths and compensating the weaknesses of the individual approaches:

numerical methods	improve	machine learning techniques
machine learning techniques	assist	numerical methods

Outline

1 The FROSCH Package – Algebraic and Parallel Schwarz Preconditioners in TRILINOS

Based on joint work with

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2 Multilevel domain decomposition-based architectures for physics-informed neural networks

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The FROSch Package – Algebraic and Parallel Schwarz Preconditioners in Trilinos

Solvers for Partial Different Equations

Consider a **diffusion model problem**:

$$\begin{aligned}-\Delta u(x) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2, \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

Discretization using finite elements yields a **sparse** system of linear equations

$$Ku = f.$$

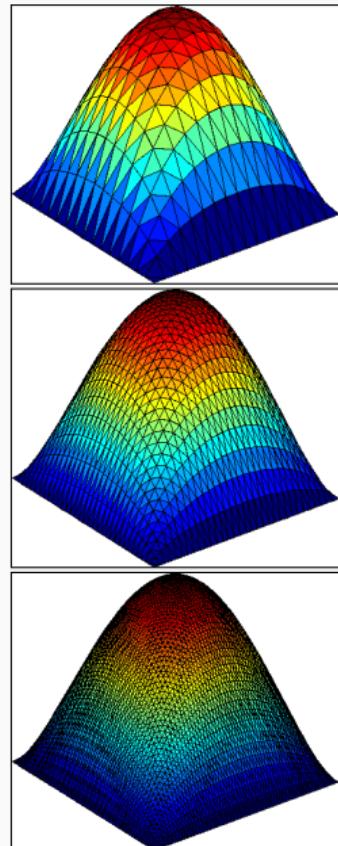
The accuracy of the finite element solution depends on the refinement level of the mesh h : **higher refinement \Rightarrow better accuracy**.

Direct solvers

For fine meshes, solving the system using a direct solver is not feasible due to **superlinear complexity and memory cost**.

Iterative solvers

Iterative solvers are efficient for solving **sparse systems**, however, the **convergence rate depends on the spectral properties of K** .

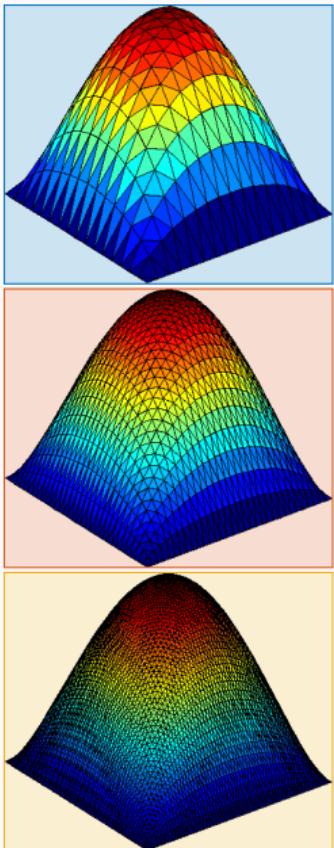
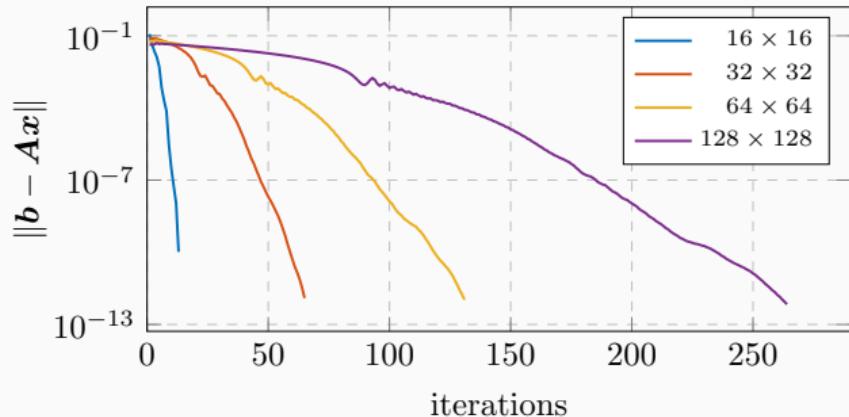


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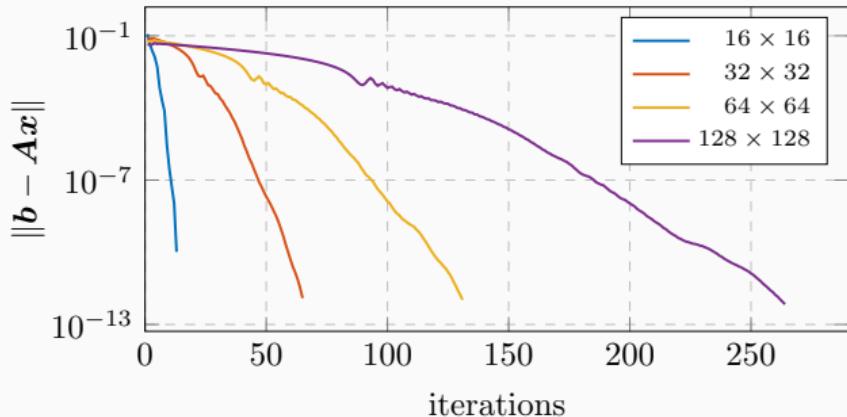


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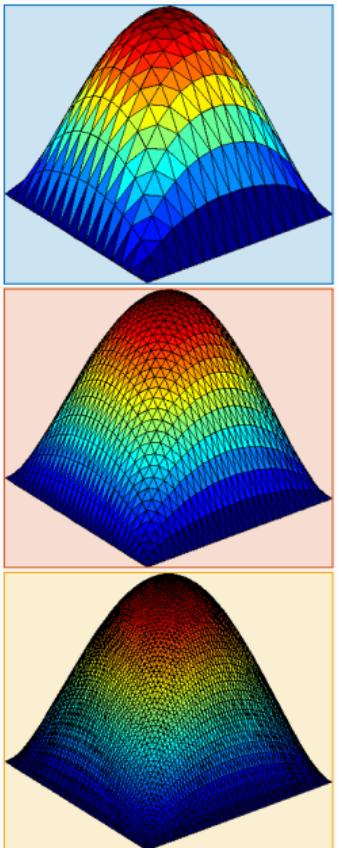
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⇒ Introduce a preconditioner $\mathbf{M}^{-1} \approx \mathbf{K}^{-1}$ to **improve convergence**:

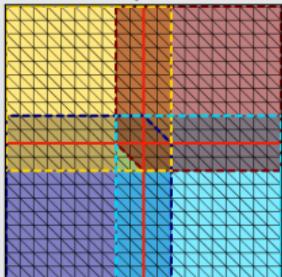
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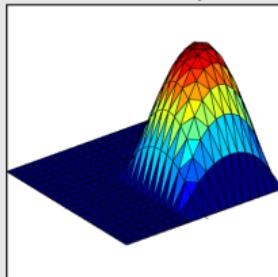
Two-Level Schwarz Preconditioners

One-level Schwarz preconditioner

Overlap $\delta = 1h$



Solution of local problem



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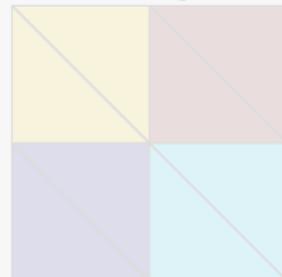
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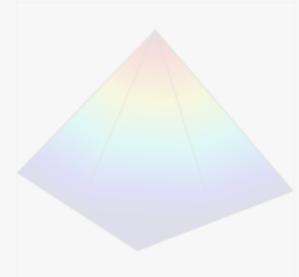
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Lagrangian coarse space

Coarse triangulation



Coarse solution



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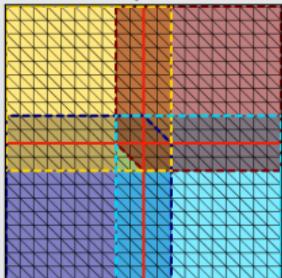
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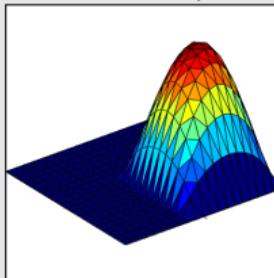
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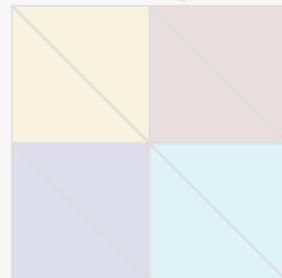


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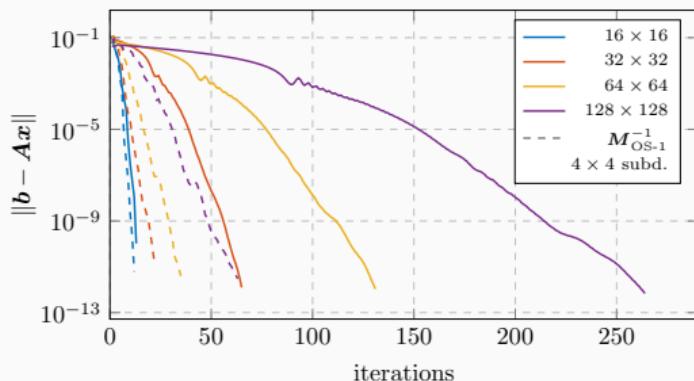


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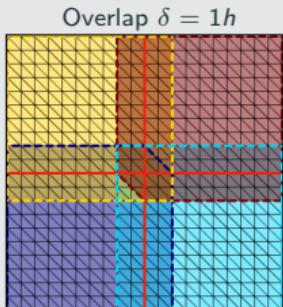
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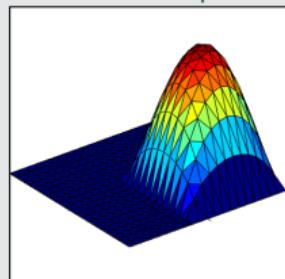
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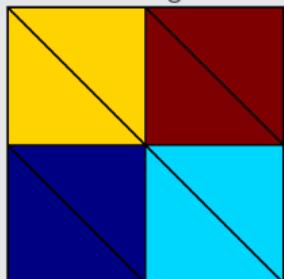
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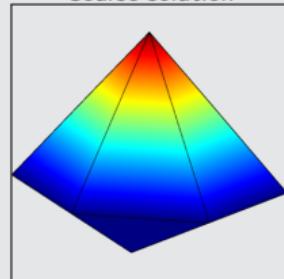
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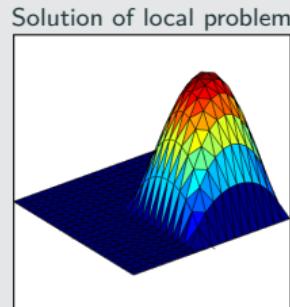
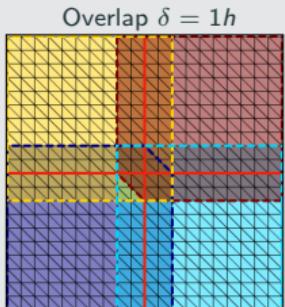
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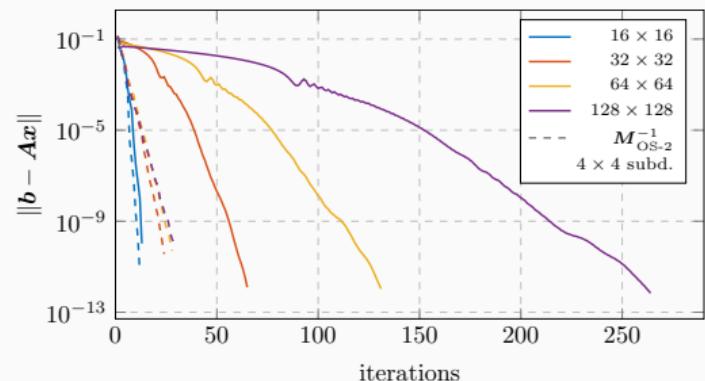
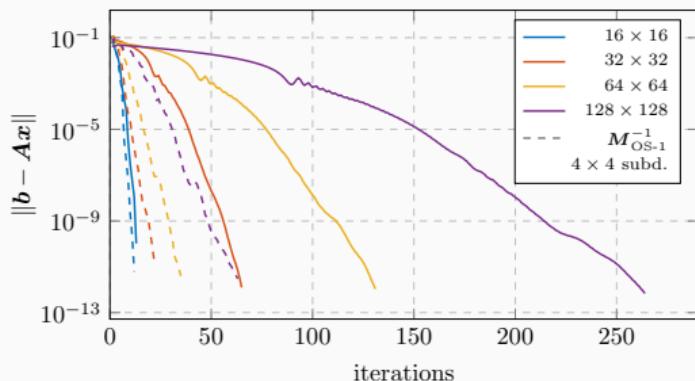
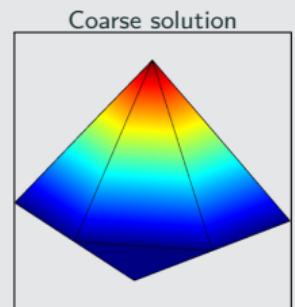
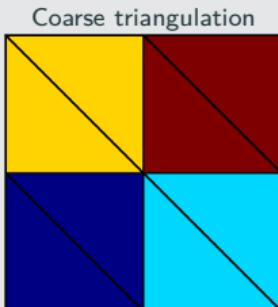
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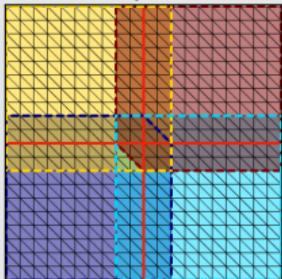
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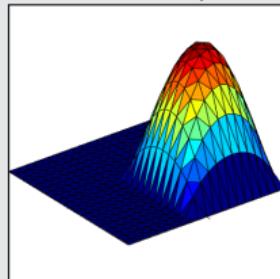
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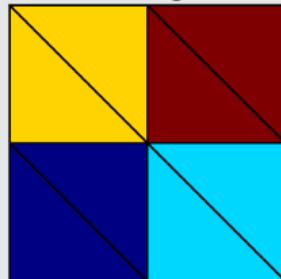


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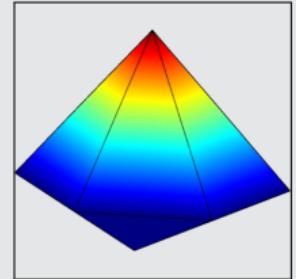


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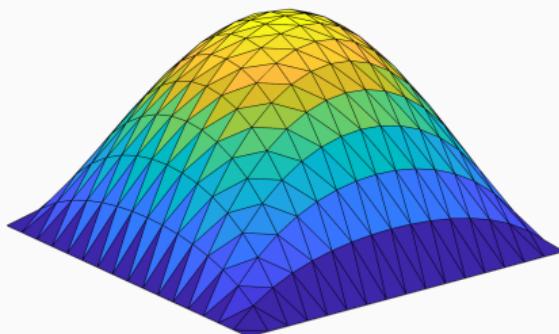
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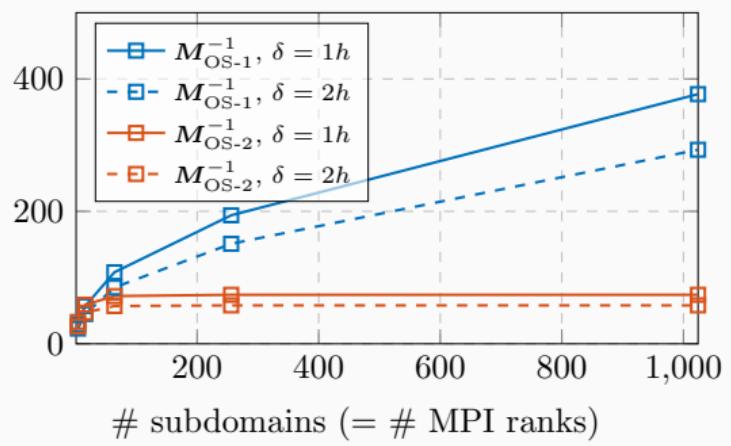
Coarse solution



Diffusion model problem in two dimensions,
 $H/h = 100$



iterations



FROSCh (Fast and Robust Overlapping Schwarz) Framework in Trilinos



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Software

- Object-oriented C++ domain decomposition solver framework with MPI-based distributed memory parallelization
- Part of TRILINOS with support for both parallel linear algebra packages EPETRA and TPETRA
- Node-level parallelization and performance portability on CPU and GPU architectures through KOKKOS and KOKKOSKERNELS
- Accessible through unified TRILINOS solver interface STRATIMIKOS

Methodology

- Parallel scalable multi-level Schwarz domain decomposition preconditioners
- Algebraic construction based on the parallel distributed system matrix
- Extension-based coarse spaces

Team (active)

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Partition of Unity

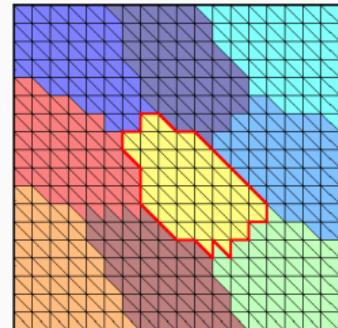
The **energy-minimizing extension** $v_i = H_{\partial\Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_i}(v_{i,\partial\Omega_i})$ solves

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Hence, $v_i = E_{\partial\Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_i}(\mathbb{1}_{\partial\Omega_i}) = \mathbb{1}_i$.

Due to **linearity of the extension operator**, we have

$$\sum_i v_i = \mathbb{1}_{\partial\Omega_i} \Rightarrow \sum_i E_{\partial\Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_i}(\varphi_i) = \mathbb{1}_{\Omega_i}$$



Null space property

Any extension-based coarse space built from a partition of unity on the domain decomposition interface satisfies the **null space property necessary for numerical scalability**:



Algebraicity of the energy-minimizing extension

The computation of energy-minimizing extensions only requires K_{II} and $K_{I\Gamma}$, **submatrices of the fully assembled matrix K_i** .

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -K_{II}^{-1} K_{I\Gamma} \\ I_\Gamma \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_\Gamma,$$

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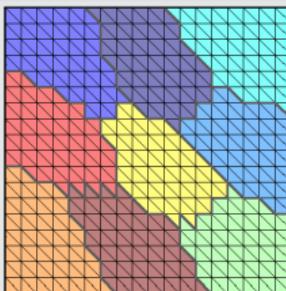
The **overlapping subdomains** are constructed by recursively **adding layers of elements** via the sparsity pattern of K .

The corresponding matrices

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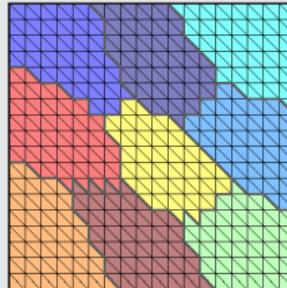
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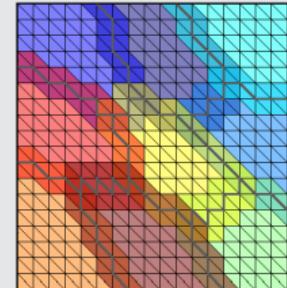
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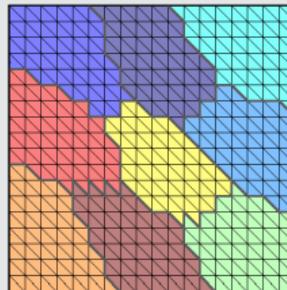
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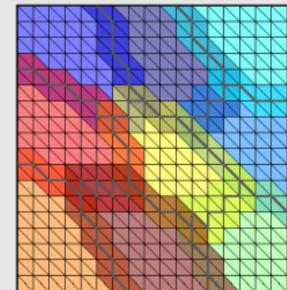
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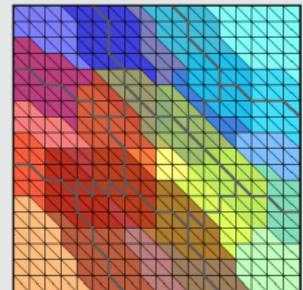
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Algorithmic Framework for FROSch Preconditioners

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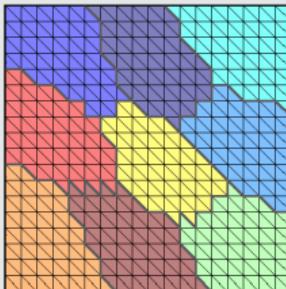
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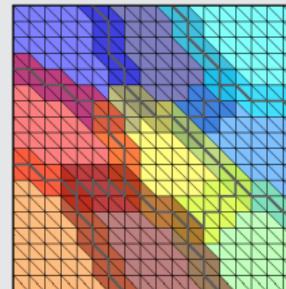
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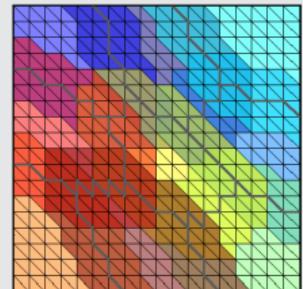
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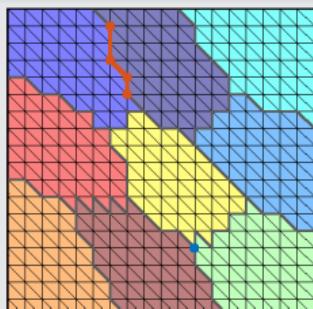


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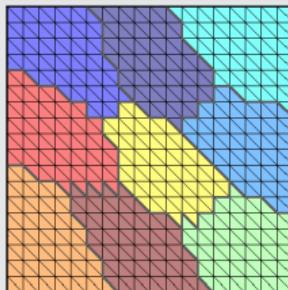
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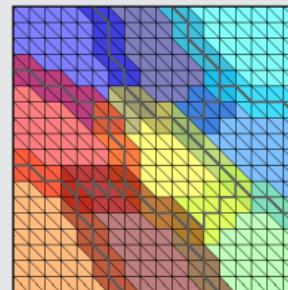
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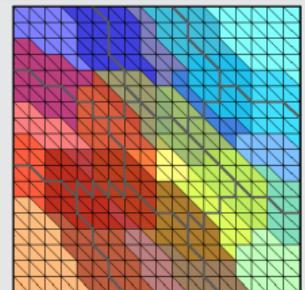
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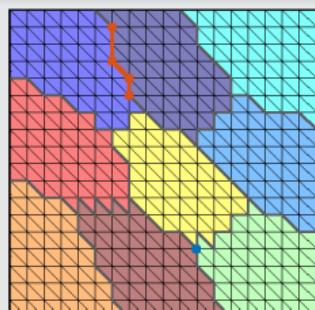


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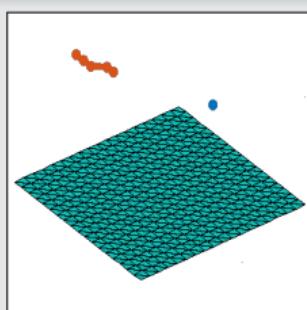


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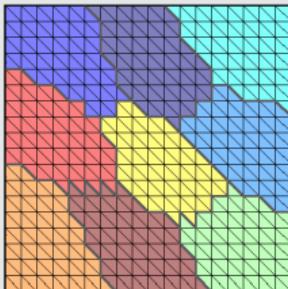
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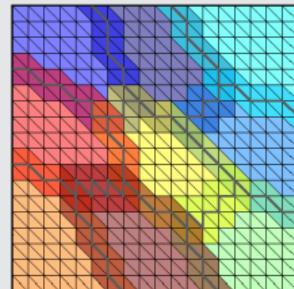
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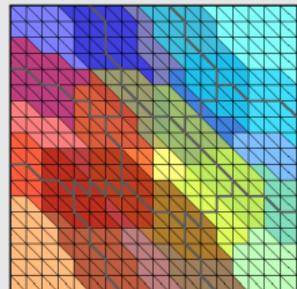
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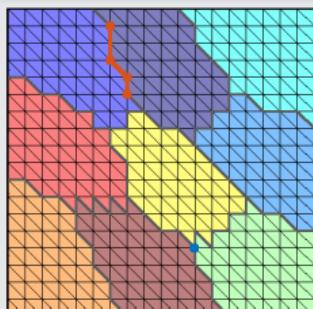


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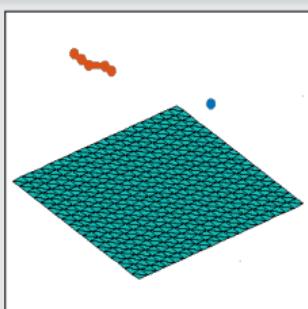


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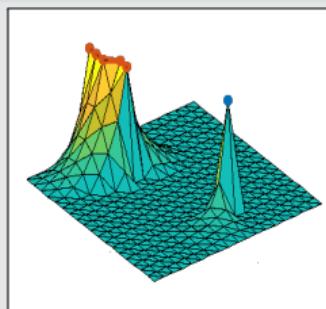


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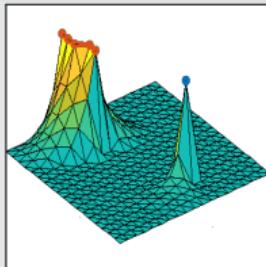
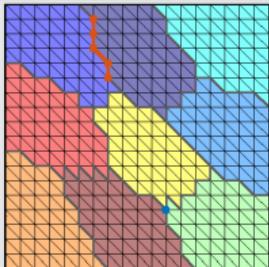
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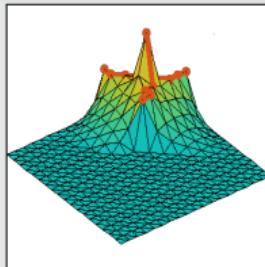
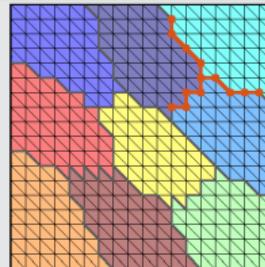
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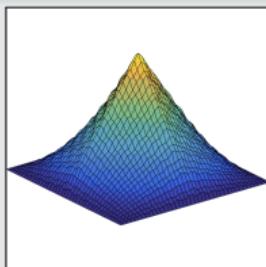
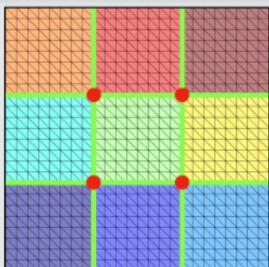
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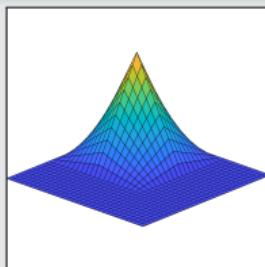
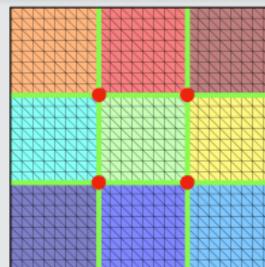
- Dohrmann, Widlund (2017)
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MsFEM (Multiscale Finite Element Method)



- Hou (1997), Efendiev and Hou (2009)
- Buck, Iliev, and Andrä (2013)
- H., Klawonn, Knepper, Rheinbach (2018)

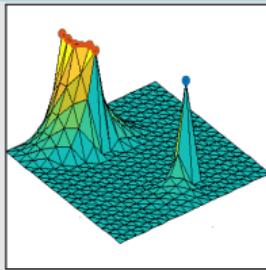
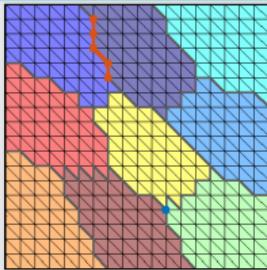
Q1 Lagrangian / piecewise bilinear



Piecewise linear interface partition of unity functions and a structured domain decomposition.

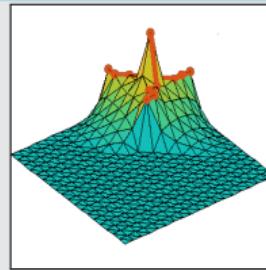
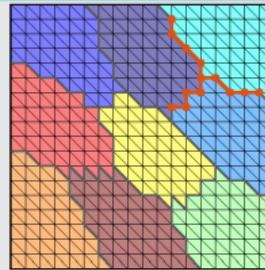
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For elliptic model problems, the **condition number** of the (R)GDSW two-level Schwarz operator is bounded by

$$\kappa \left(\mathbf{M}_{(\text{R})\text{GDSW}}^{-1} \mathbf{K} \right) \leq C \left(1 + \frac{H}{\delta} \right) \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H}{h} \right) \right)^\alpha,$$

where

C constant (does not depend on h , H , or δ),

H subdomain diameter,

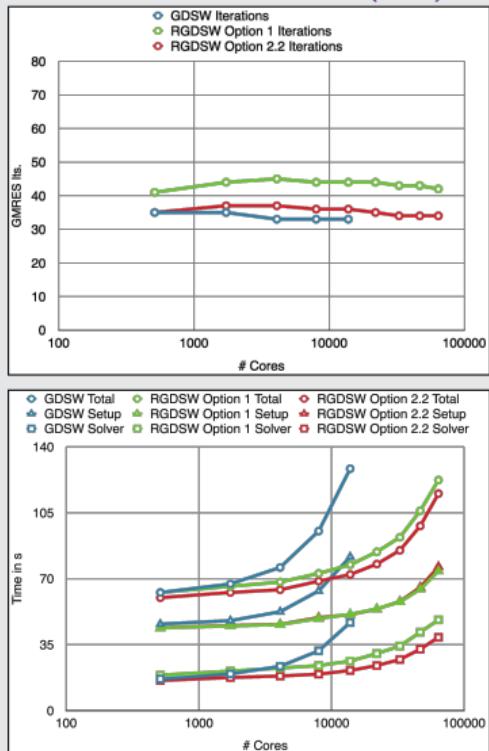
h element size,

δ width of the overlap,

$\alpha \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ power (depends on problem dimension, regularity of the subdomains, and variant of the algorithm).

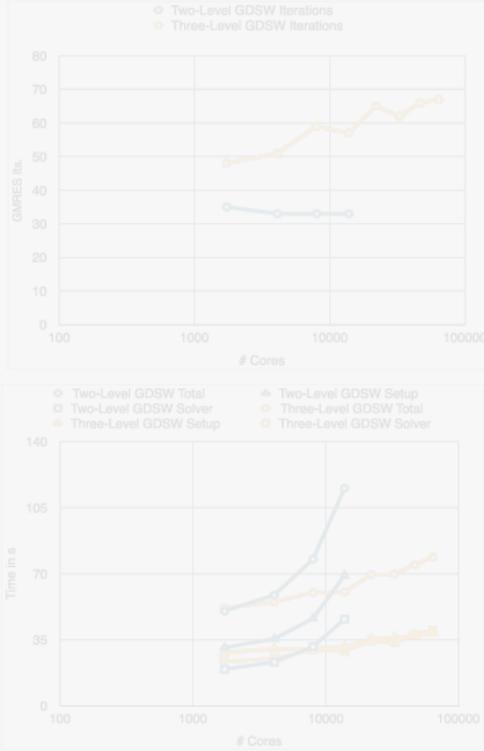
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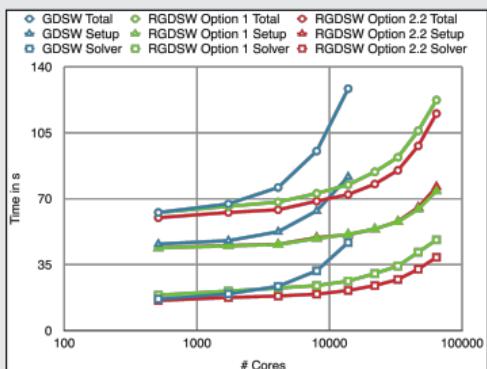
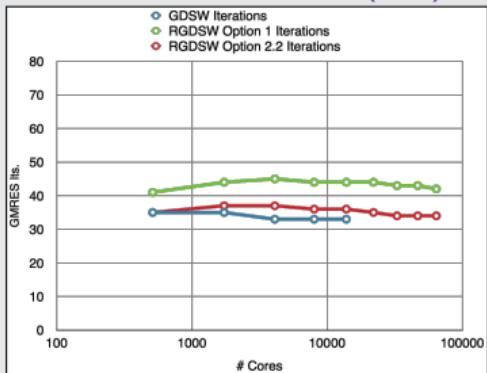
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Weak Scalability up to 64 k MPI Ranks / 1.7 b Unknowns (3D Poisson; Juqueen)

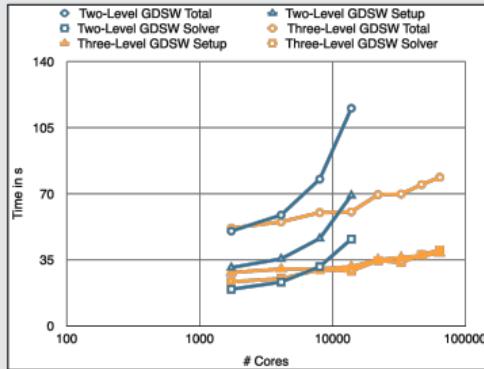
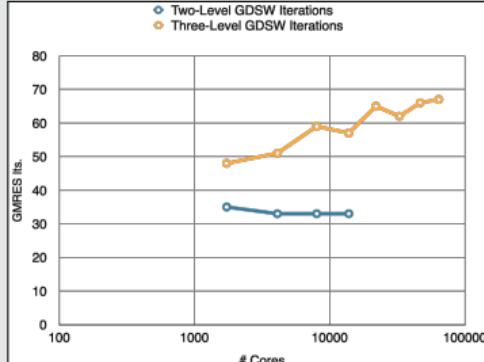
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Monolithic (R)GDSW Preconditioners for CFD Simulations

Consider the discrete saddle point problem

$$\mathcal{A}x = \begin{bmatrix} K & B^\top \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = b.$$

Monolithic GDSW preconditioner

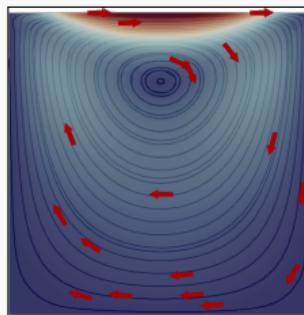
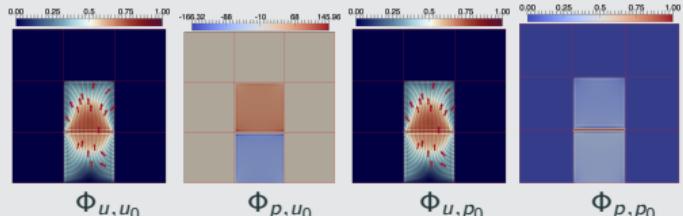
We construct a **monolithic GDSW preconditioner**

$$m_{\text{GDSW}}^{-1} = \phi \mathcal{A}_0^{-1} \phi^\top + \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{R}_i^\top \bar{\mathcal{P}}_i \mathcal{A}_i^{-1} \mathcal{R}_i,$$

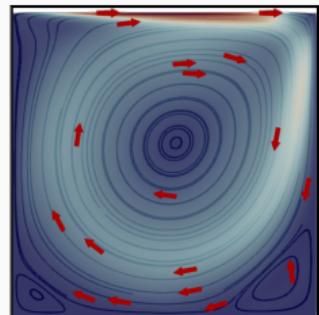
with block matrices $\mathcal{A}_0 = \phi^\top \mathcal{A} \phi$, $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_i \mathcal{A} \mathcal{R}_i^\top$, local pressure projections $\bar{\mathcal{P}}_i$, and

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{R}_{u,i} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{R}_{p,i} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{u,u_0} & \Phi_{u,p_0} \\ \Phi_{p,u_0} & \Phi_{p,p_0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using \mathcal{A} to compute extensions: $\phi_I = -\mathcal{A}_{II}^{-1} \mathcal{A}_{I\Gamma} \phi_\Gamma$; cf. [Heinlein, Hochmuth, Klawonn \(2019, 2020\)](#).



Stokes flow

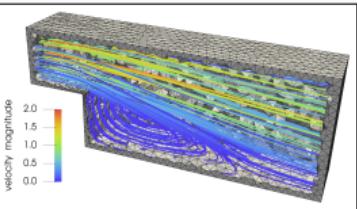
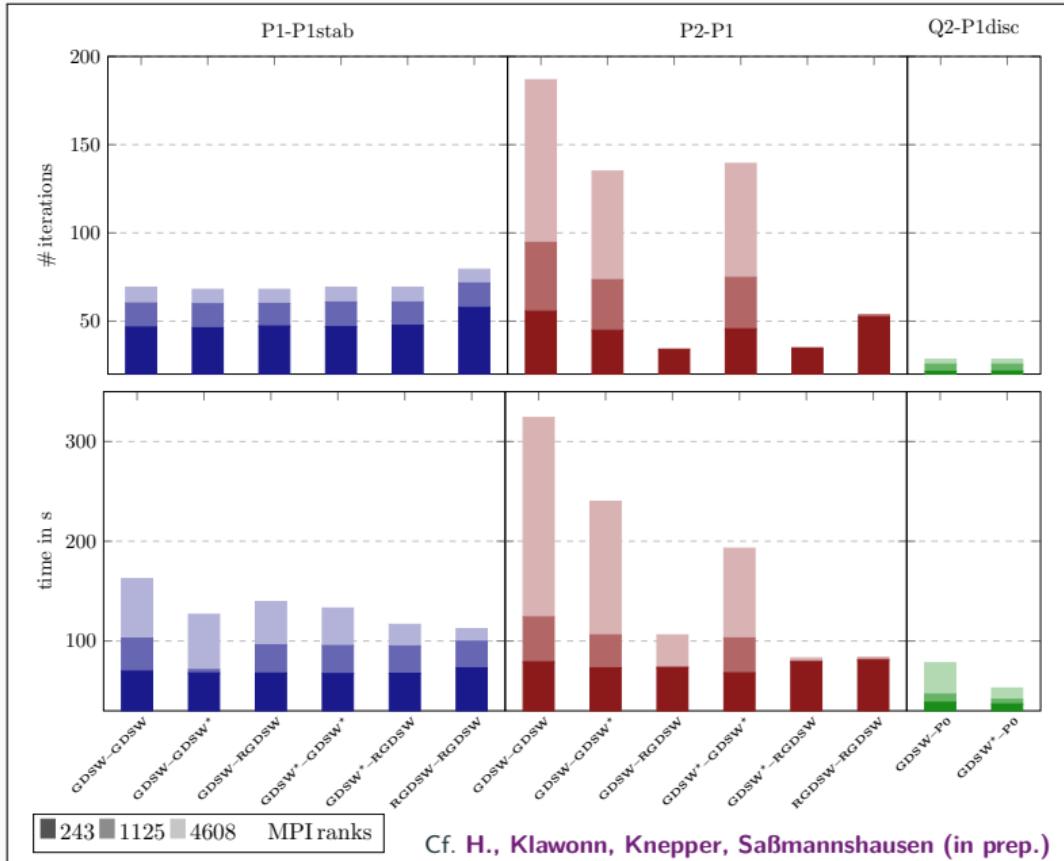


Navier–Stokes flow

Related work:

- Original work on monolithic Schwarz preconditioners: [Klawonn and Pavarino \(1998, 2000\)](#)
- Other publications on monolithic Schwarz preconditioners: e.g., [Hwang and Cai \(2006\)](#), [Barker and Cai \(2010\)](#), [Wu and Cai \(2014\)](#), and the presentation [Dohrmann \(2010\)](#) at the *Workshop on Adaptive Finite Elements and Domain Decomposition Methods* in Milan.

Balancing the Velocity and Pressure Coarse Spaces



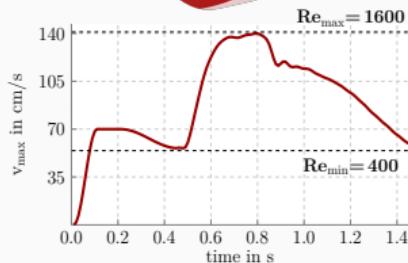
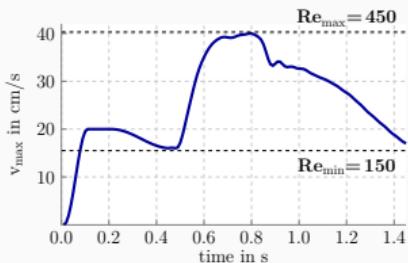
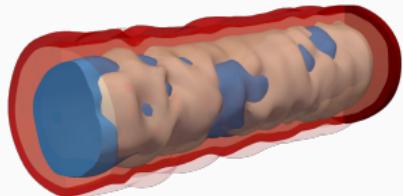
Varying the POU



Cf. H., Klawonn, Knepper, Saßmannshausen (in prep.)

Results for Blood Flow Simulations

- 3D unsteady flow simulation within the **geometry of a realistic artery** (from [Balzani et al. \(2012\)](#)) and kinematic viscosity $\nu = 0.03 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$
- Parabolic inflow profile is prescribed at inlet of geometry
- Time discretization:** BDF-2; **space discretization:** P2-P1 elements



prec.	# MPI ranks	16	64	256
Monolithic RGDSW (FROSCH)	avg. #its.	33	31	30
	setup	4 825 s	1 422 s	701 s
	solve	3 198 s	1 004 s	463 s
	total	8 023 s	2 426 s	1 164 s
SIMPLE RGDSW (TEKO & FROSCH)	avg. #its.	82	82	87
	setup	3 046 s	824 s	428 s
	solve	4 679 s	1 533 s	801 s
	total	7 725 s	2 357 s	1 229 s

prec.	# MPI ranks	16	64	256
Monolithic RGDSW (FROSCH)	avg. #its.	36	36	36
	setup	4 808 s	1 448 s	688 s
	solve	3 490 s	1 186 s	538 s
	total	8 298 s	2 634 s	1 226 s
SIMPLE RGDSW (TEKO & FROSCH)	avg. #its.	157	164	169
	setup	3 071 s	842 s	432 s
	solve	9 541 s	3 210 s	1 585 s
	total	12 612 s	4 052 s	2 017 s

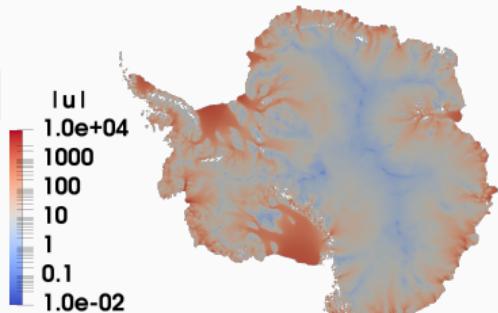
FROSch Preconditioners for Land Ice Simulations



<https://github.com/SNLComputation/Albany>

The velocity of the ice sheet in Antarctica and Greenland is modeled by a **first-order-accurate Stokes approximation model**,

$$-\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_1) + \rho g \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_2) + \rho g \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} = 0,$$



with a **nonlinear viscosity model** (Glen's law); cf., e.g., **Blatter (1995)** and **Pattyn (2003)**.

MPI ranks	Antarctica (velocity)			Greenland (multiphysics vel. & temperature)		
	4 km resolution, 20 layers, 35 m dofs			1-10 km resolution, 20 layers, 69 m dofs		
	avg. its	avg. setup	avg. solve	avg. its	avg. setup	avg. solve
512	41.9 (11)	25.10 s	12.29 s	41.3 (36)	18.78 s	4.99 s
1 024	43.3 (11)	9.18 s	5.85 s	53.0 (29)	8.68 s	4.22 s
2 048	41.4 (11)	4.15 s	2.63 s	62.2 (86)	4.47 s	4.23 s
4 096	41.2 (11)	1.66 s	1.49 s	68.9 (40)	2.52 s	2.86 s
8 192	40.2 (11)	1.26 s	1.06 s	-	-	-

Computations performed on Cori (NERSC).

Heinlein, Perego, Rajamanickam (2022)

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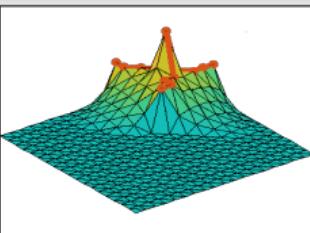
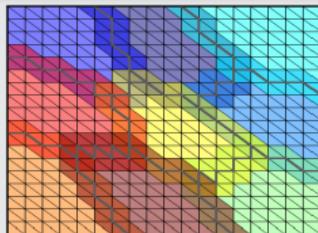
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In additive Schwarz preconditioned (in)exact Newton (ASPEN/ASPIN) (Cai and Keyes (2002)), the nonlinear problem

$$F(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

is reformulated as the equivalent problem

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

with corrections $\mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{u})$ given by nonlinear problems on the overlapping subdomains

$$\mathbf{R}_i F(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{u})) = 0.$$

\mathbf{R}_i restriction; \mathbf{P}_i prolongation.

Results for p -Laplacian model problem

p -Laplacian model problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha \Delta_p u &= 1 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

with $\alpha \Delta_p u := \operatorname{div}(\alpha |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$.

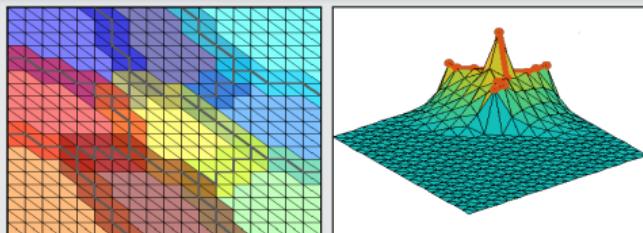
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		outer it.	inner it. (avg.)	GMRES it. (sum)
9	NK-RAS	18	-	272
	RASPEN	5	25.2	89
25	NK-RAS	19	-	488
	RASPEN	6	28.3	172
49	NK-RAS	20	-	691
	RASPEN	6	27.3	232

⇒ Improved nonlinear convergence, but no scalability in the linear iterations.

Cf. Heinlein, Lanser (2020).

Nonlinear Schwarz Methods

Two-level ASPEN & ASPIN methods



In two-level additive Schwarz preconditioned (in)exact Newton (ASPEN/ASPIN) in Heinlein, Langer (2020), we consider

$$R_0^T T_0(\mathbf{u}) + \sum_{i=1}^N P_i T_i(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

with

- corrections $T_i(\mathbf{u})$ as in the one-level case and
- the correction $T_0(\mathbf{u})$ given by a **nonlinear problem** in the **coarse space**

$$R_0 F(\mathbf{u} - R_0^T T_0(\mathbf{u})) = 0;$$

via a **Galerkin projection**.

Results for p -Laplacian model problem

1-lvl One-level RASPEN

2-lvl A Additive two-level RASPEN

2-lvl M Multiplicative two-level RASPEN

RGDSW coarse space: extensions computed using the tangent from the first linearization.

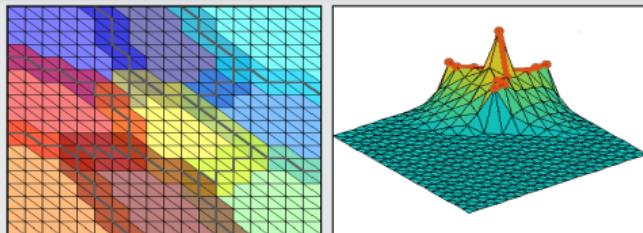
$p = 4; H/h = 16; \text{overlap } \delta = 1$						
N	RASPEN solver	nonlin.			lin.	
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	2-lvl A	6	33.4	27	93	
	2-lvl M	4	17.1	29	52	
49	1-lvl	6	27.3	-	232	
	2-lvl A	6	29.2	28	137	
	2-lvl M	4	12.6	29	80	

⇒ Improved nonlinear convergence and scalability.

Cf. Heinlein, Langer (2020).

Nonlinear Schwarz Methods

Three-level ASPEN & ASPIN methods



In three-level additive Schwarz preconditioned (in)exact Newton (ASPEN/ASPIN), we build the preconditioner recursively and consider

$$\mathbf{P}_{00}^T \mathbf{T}_{00}(\mathbf{u}) + \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbf{P}_{j0}^T \mathbf{T}_{j0}(\mathbf{u}) + \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

with

level	correction	nonlinear problem
1	$\mathbf{T}_0(\mathbf{u})$	$\mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{T}_0(\mathbf{u})) = 0$
2	$\mathbf{T}_{j0}(\mathbf{u})$	$\mathbf{R}_{j0} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{P}_{j0} \mathbf{T}_{j0}(\mathbf{u})) = 0$
3	$\mathbf{T}_{00}(\mathbf{u})$	$\mathbf{R}_{j0} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{P}_{00} \mathbf{T}_{00}(\mathbf{u})) = 0$

Cf. Heinlein, Lanser, Klawonn (in prep.).

Results for p -Laplacian model problem

	additive		multiplicative	
	2-level	3-level	2-level	3-level
linear	\mathbf{M}_A^{-1}	\mathbf{M}_{AA}^{-1}	\mathbf{M}_M^{-1}	\mathbf{M}_{MM}^{-1}
nonlinear	\mathcal{F}_A	\mathcal{F}_{AA}	\mathcal{F}_M	\mathcal{F}_{MM}

$p = 4$; 16^2 subd.; 4^2 subr.; $H/h = 8$; overlap $\delta = 1$

RASPEN solver	nonlin.				lin.
	outer it.	subd. it.	subr. it.	coarse (avg./min/max)	GMRES it. (sum)
\mathcal{F}_A	6	23/16/46	-	36	90
\mathcal{F}_M	5	11/10/25	-	34	60
\mathbf{M}_A^{-1}	24	-	-	-	381
\mathbf{M}_M^{-1}	24	-	-	-	335
\mathcal{F}_{AA}	6	25/17/47	25/20/39	35	108
\mathcal{F}_{MM}	7	17/15/40	19/16/33	34	92
\mathbf{M}_{AA}^{-1}	24	-	-	-	396
\mathbf{M}_{MM}^{-1}	24	-	-	-	338

Multilevel domain decomposition-based architectures for physics-informed neural networks

Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

In the physics-informed neural network (PINN) approach introduced by [Raissi et al. \(2019\)](#), a neural network is employed to discretize a partial differential equation

$$\mathcal{N}[u] = f, \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

PINNs use a **hybrid loss function**:

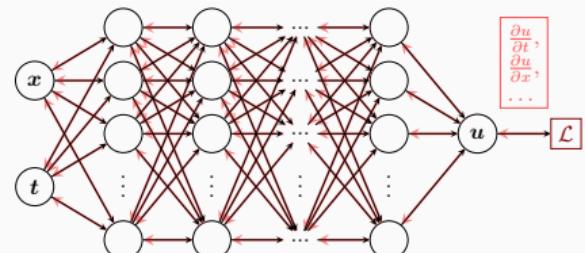
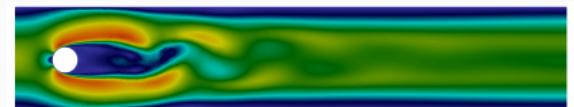
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \omega_{\text{data}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) + \omega_{\text{PDE}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta),$$

where ω_{data} and ω_{PDE} are **weights** and

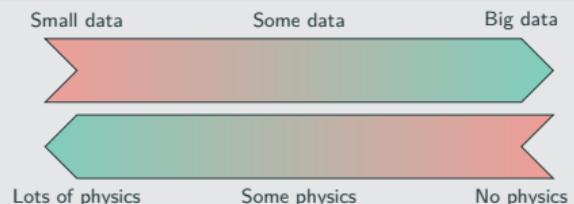
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{data}}} (u(\hat{x}_i, \theta) - u_i)^2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{PDE}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{PDE}}} (\mathcal{N}[u](x_i, \theta) - f(x_i))^2.$$

See also [Dissanayake and Phan-Thien \(1994\)](#); [Lagaris et al. \(1998\)](#).



Hybrid loss



Advantages

- "Meshfree"
- Small data
- Generalization properties
- High-dimensional problems
- Inverse and parameterized problems

Drawbacks

- Training cost and robustness
- Convergence not well-understood
- Difficulties with scalability and multi-scale problems

- Known solution values can be included in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}$
- Initial and boundary conditions are also included in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}$

Error Estimate & Spectral Bias

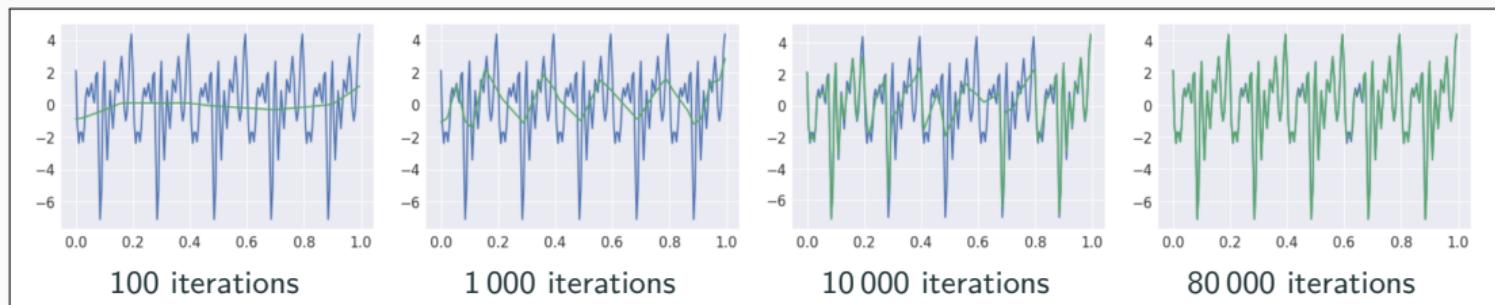
Estimate of the generalization error (Mishra and Molinaro (2022))

The generalization error (or total error) satisfies

$$\mathcal{E}_G \leq C_{\text{PDE}} \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{T}} + C_{\text{PDE}} C_{\text{quad}}^{1/p} N^{-\alpha/p}$$

- $\mathcal{E}_G = \mathcal{E}_G(\mathbf{X}, \theta) := \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*\|_V$ **general. error** (V Sobolev space, \mathbf{X} training data set)
- $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{T}}$ **training error** (l^p loss of the residual of the PDE)
- N **number of the training points** and α **convergence rate of the quadrature**
- C_{PDE} and C_{quad} **constants** depending on the **PDE, quadrature, and neural network**

Rule of thumb: “As long as the PINN is **trained well**, it also **generalizes well**”



Rahaman et al., *On the spectral bias of neural networks*, ICML (2019)

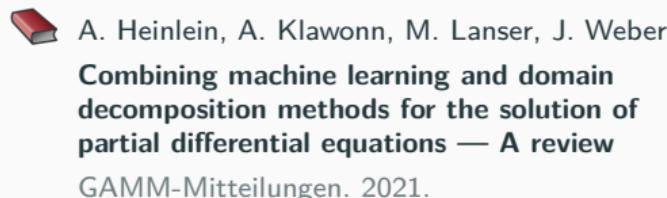
Related works: Cao et al. (2021), Wang, et al. (2022), Hong et al. (arXiv 2022), Xu et al (2024), ...

Domain Decomposition Methods and Machine Learning – Literature

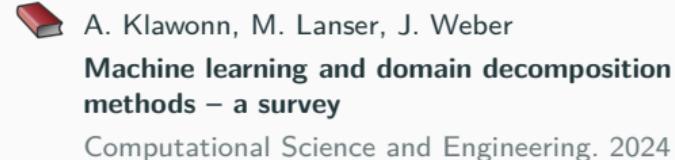
A non-exhaustive literature overview:

- Machine Learning for adaptive BDDC, FETI–DP, and AGDSW: Heinlein, Klawonn, Lanser, Weber (2019, 2020, 2021, 2021, 2021, 2022); Klawonn, Lanser, Weber (2024)
- cPINNs, XPINNs: Jagtap, Kharazmi, Karniadakis (2020); Jagtap, Karniadakis (2020)
- Classical Schwarz iteration for PINNs or DeepRitz (D3M, DeepDDM, etc):: Li, Tang, Wu, and Liao (2019); Li, Xiang, Xu (2020); Mercier, Gratton, Boudier (arXiv 2021); Dolean, Heinlein, Mercier, Gratton (subm. 2024 / arXiv:2408.12198); Li, Wang, Cui, Xiang, Xu (2023); Sun, Xu, Yi (arXiv 2023, 2024); Kim, Yang (2023, 2024, 2024)
- FBPINNs, FBKANs: Moseley, Markham, and Nissen-Meyer (2023); Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024, 2024); Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, Stinis (acc. 2024 / arXiv:2401.07888); Howard, Jacob, Murphy, Heinlein, Stinis (arXiv:2406.19662)
- DDMs for CNNs: Gu, Zhang, Liu, Cai (2022); Lee, Park, Lee (2022); Klawonn, Lanser, Weber (2024); Verburg, Heinlein, Cyr (subm. 2024)

An overview of the state-of-the-art in early 2021:



An overview of the state-of-the-art in mid 2024:



Finite Basis Physics-Informed Neural Networks (FBPINNs)

In the **finite basis physics informed neural network (FBPINNs) method** introduced in **Moseley, Markham, and Nissen-Meyer (2023)**, we employ the **PINN** approach and **hard enforcement of the boundary conditions**; cf. **Lagaris et al. (1998)**.

FBPINNs use the **network architecture**

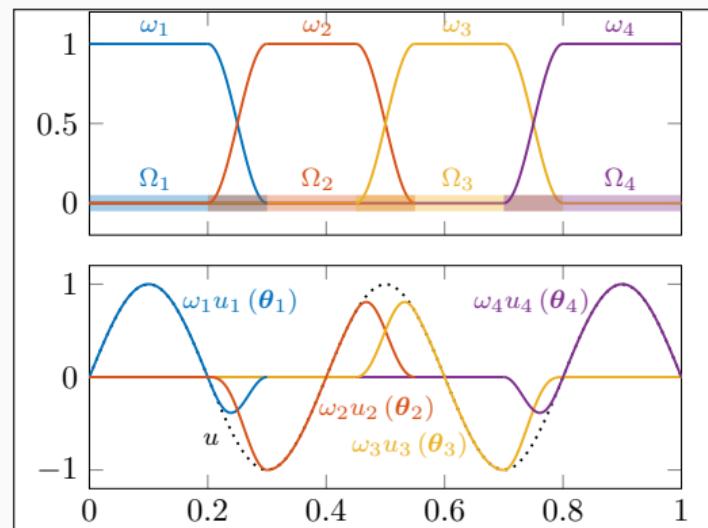
$$u(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_J) = \mathcal{C} \sum_{j=1}^J \omega_j u_j(\theta_j)$$

and the **loss function**

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_J) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(n[\mathcal{C} \sum_{x_i \in \Omega_j} \omega_j u_j](x_i, \theta_j) - f(x_i) \right)^2.$$

Here:

- **Overlapping DD:** $\Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^J \Omega_j$
- **Partition of unity** ω_j with $\text{supp}(\omega_j) \subset \Omega_j$ and $\sum_{j=1}^J \omega_j \equiv 1$ on Ω



Hard enf. of boundary conditions

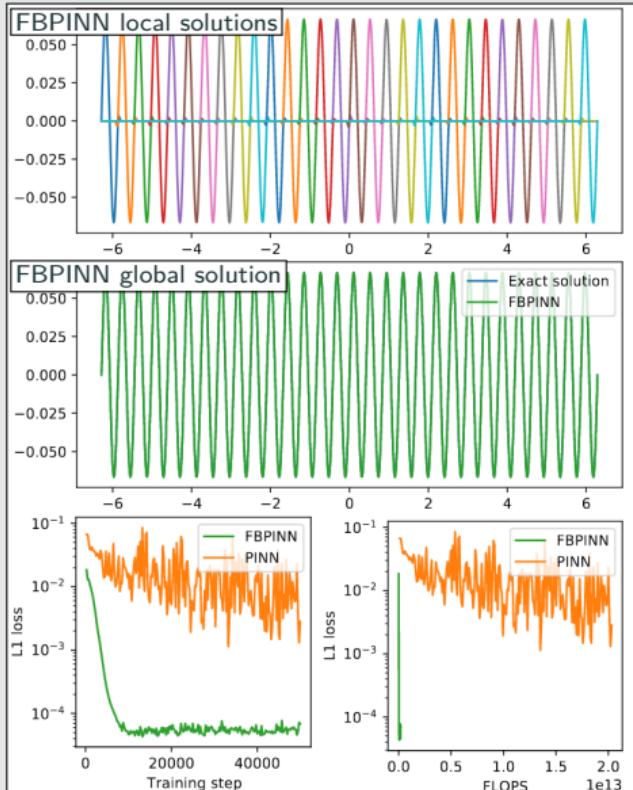
Loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (n[\mathcal{C} u](x_i, \theta) - f(x_i))^2,$$

with constraining operator \mathcal{C} , which **explicitly enforces the boundary conditions**.

Numerical Results for FBPINNs

PINN vs FBPINN (Moseley et al. (2023))



Scalability of FBPINNs

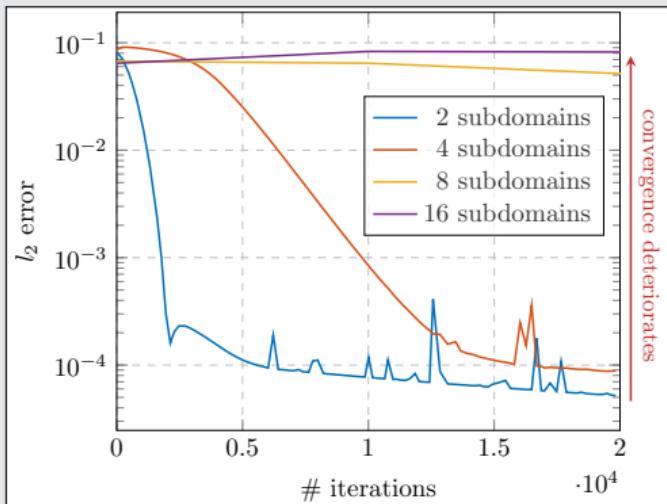
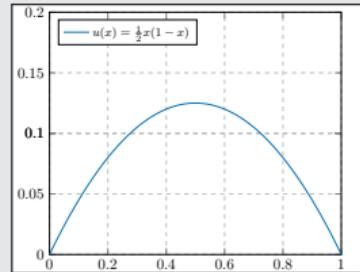
Consider the simple boundary value problem

$$-u'' = 1 \text{ in } [0, 1],$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

which has the solution

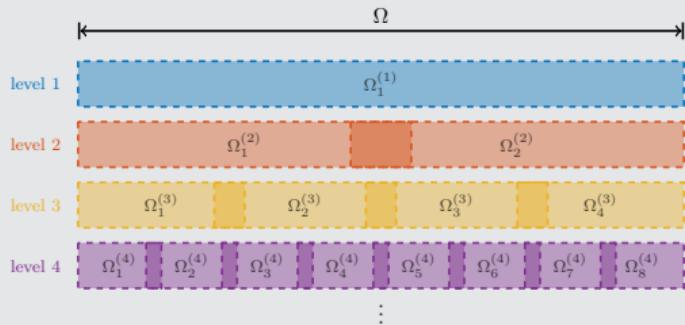
$$u(x) = 1/2x(1 - x).$$



Numerical Results for FBPINNs

Multi-level FBPINNs (ML-FBPINNs)

ML-FBPINNs (Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024)) are based on a **hierarchy of domain decompositions**:



This yields the **network architecture**

$$u(\theta_1^{(1)}, \dots, \theta_{J^{(L)}}^{(L)}) = \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{N^{(l)}} \omega_j^{(l)} u_j^{(l)}(\theta_j^{(l)})$$

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Multi-Frequency Problem

Let us now consider the two-dimensional multi-frequency Laplace boundary value problem

$$-\Delta u = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega_i \pi)^2 \sin(\omega_i \pi x) \sin(\omega_i \pi y) \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

$$\text{with } \omega_i = 2^i.$$

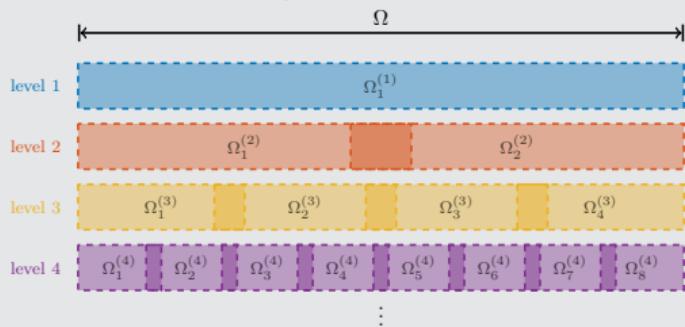
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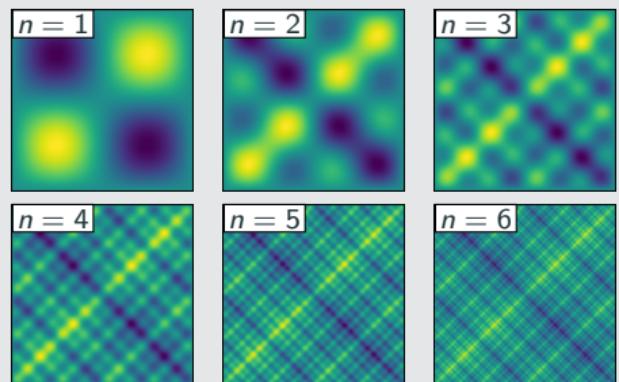
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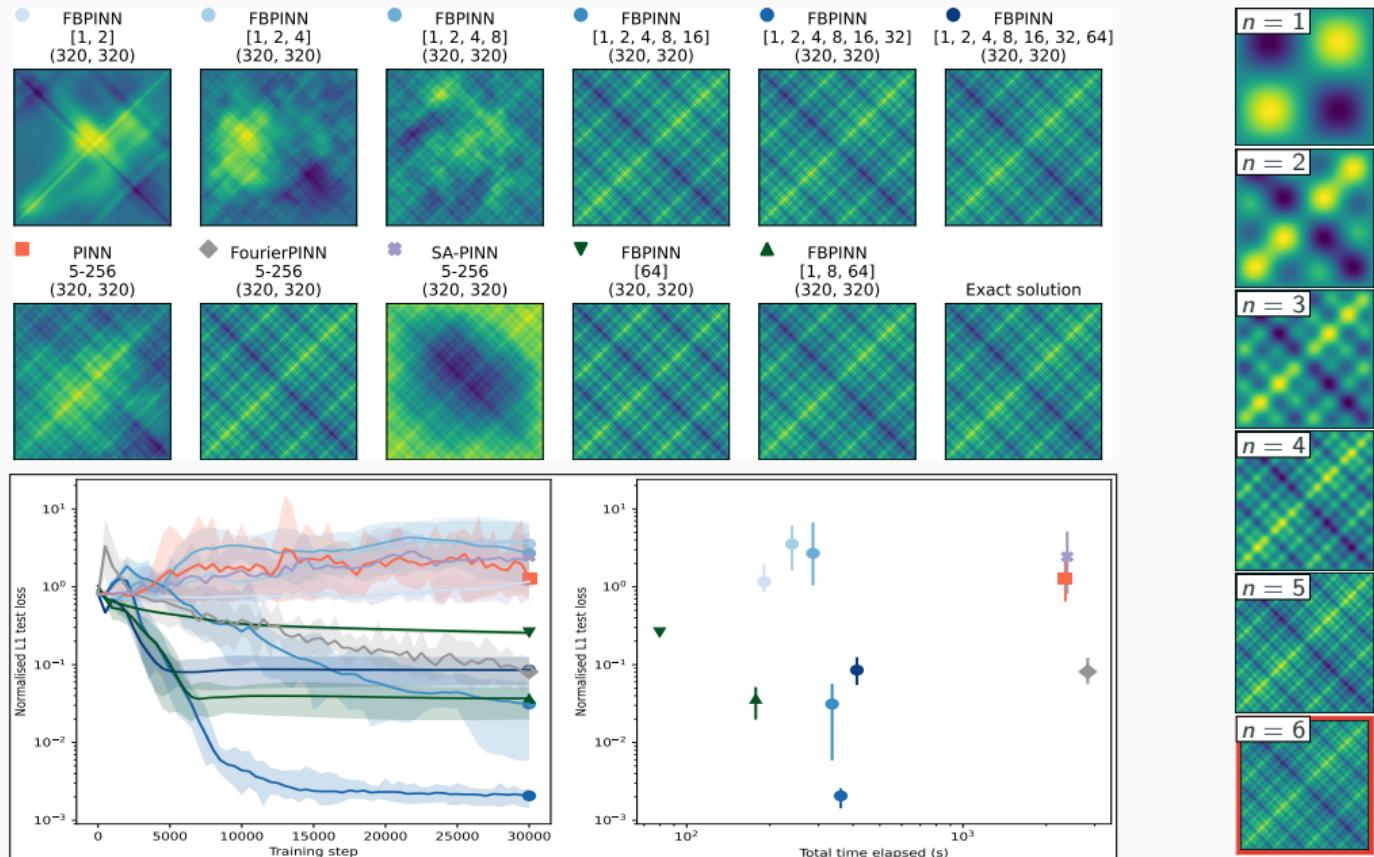
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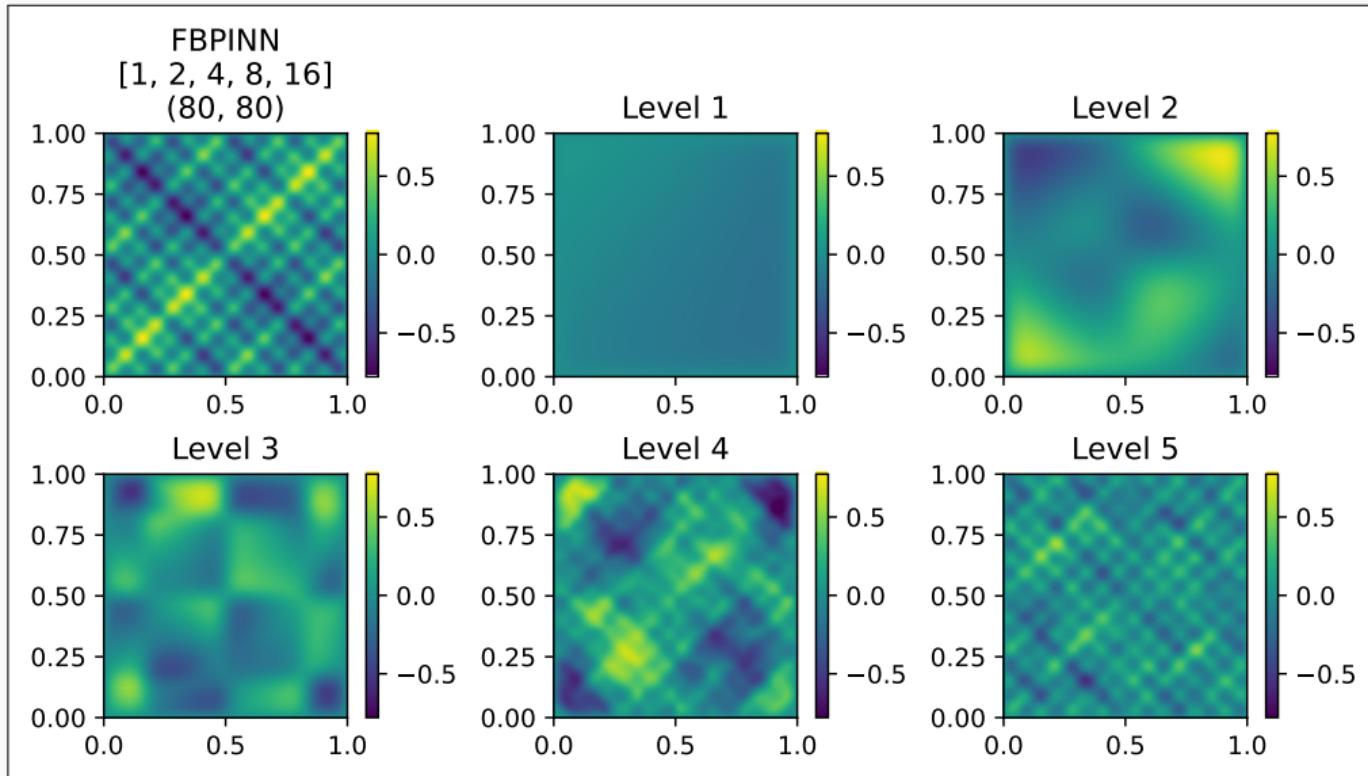
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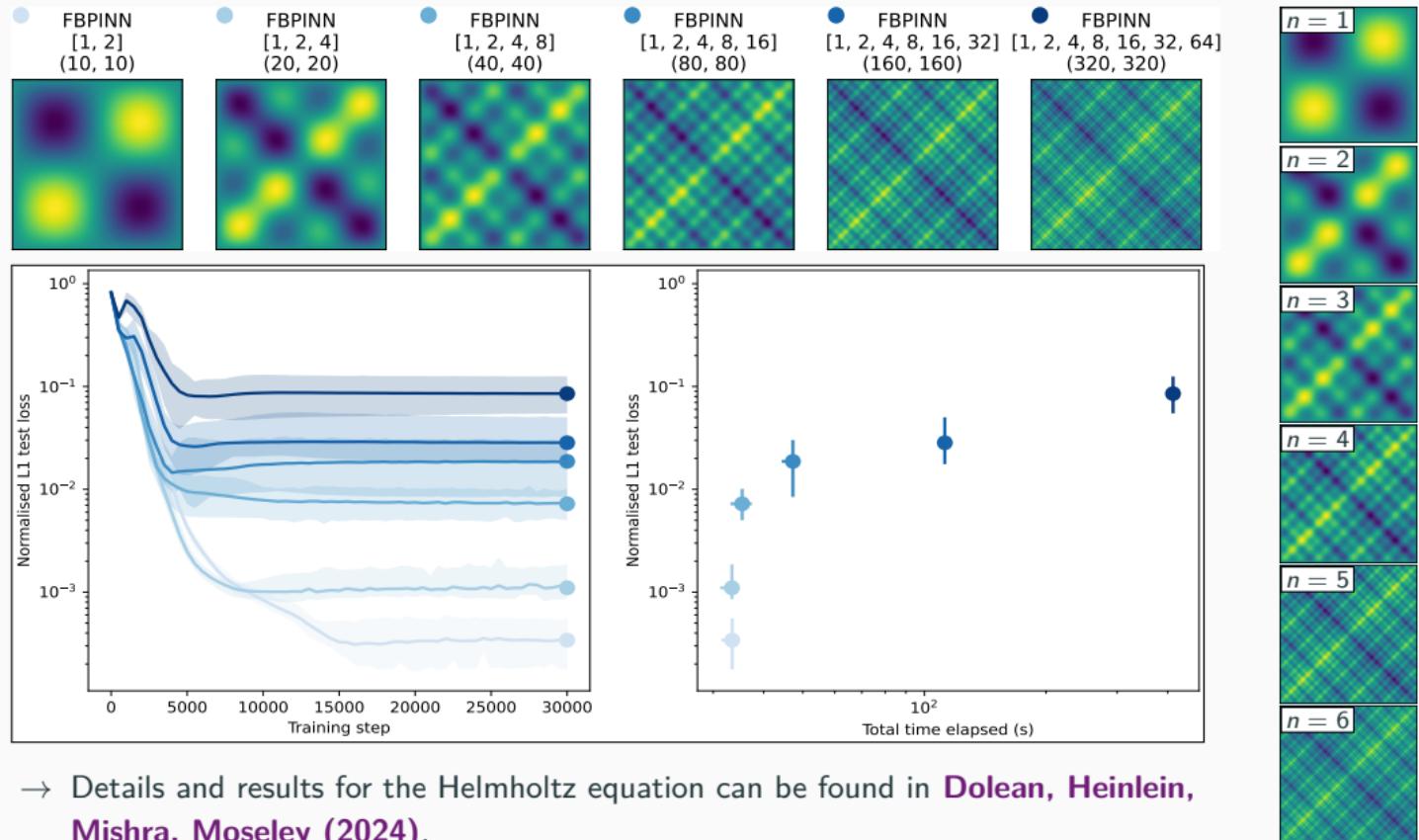


Multi-Frequency Problem – What the FBPINN Learns



Cf. Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024).

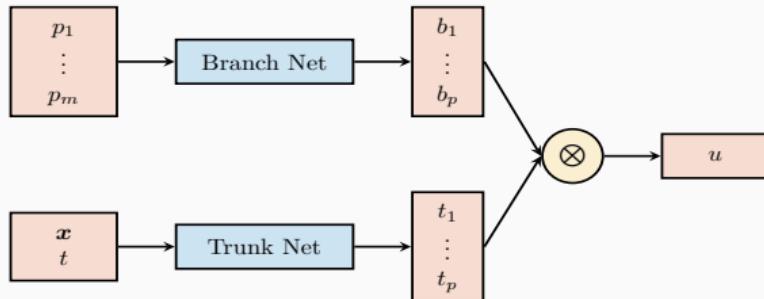
Multi-Level FBPINNs for a Multi-Frequency Problem – Weak Scaling



→ Details and results for the Helmholtz equation can be found in **Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024)**.

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Single-layer case

The DeepONet architecture is based on the **single-layer case** analyzed in [Chen and Chen \(1995\)](#). In particular, the authors show **universal approximation properties for continuous operators**.

The architecture is based on the following ansatz for presenting the parametrized solution

$$u_{(p_1, \dots, p_m)}(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^p \underbrace{b_i(p_1, \dots, p_m)}_{\text{branch}} \cdot \underbrace{t_i(x, t)}_{\text{trunk}}$$

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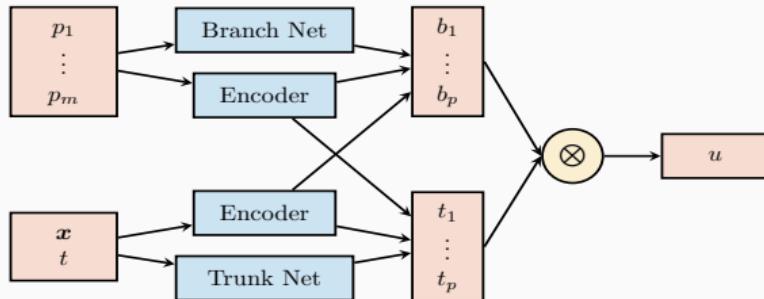
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Modified architecture

In our numerical experiments, we employ the **modified DeepONet architecture** introduced in [Wang, Wang, and Perdikaris \(2022\)](#).

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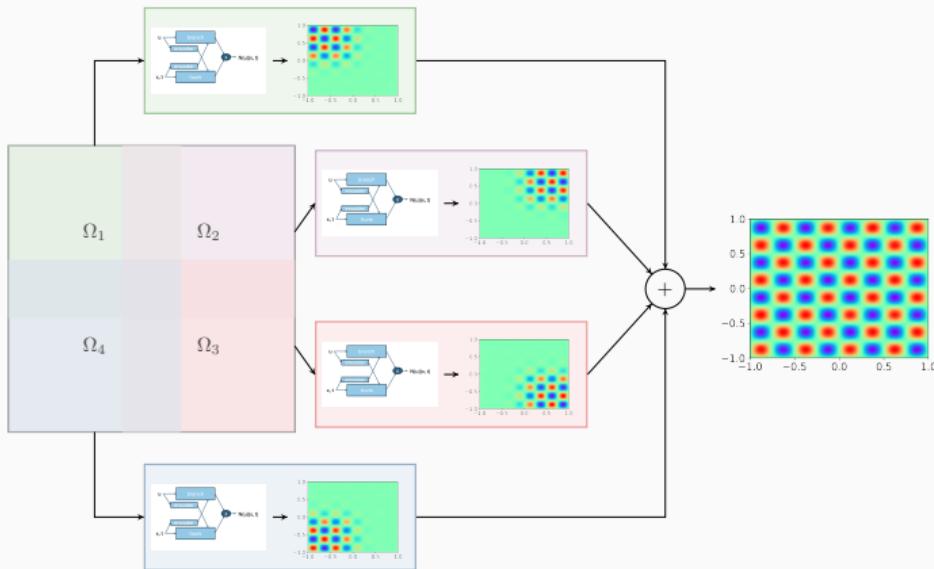
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Finite Basis DeepONets (FBDONs)



Howard, Heinlein, Stinis (in prep.)

Variants:

Shared-trunk FBDONs (ST-FBDONs)

The trunk net learns spatio-temporal basis functions. In ST-FBDONs, we use the **same trunk network for all subdomains**.

Stacking FBDONs

Combination of the **stacking multifidelity approach** with FBDONs.

Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, Stinis (acc. 2024/arXiv:2401.07888)

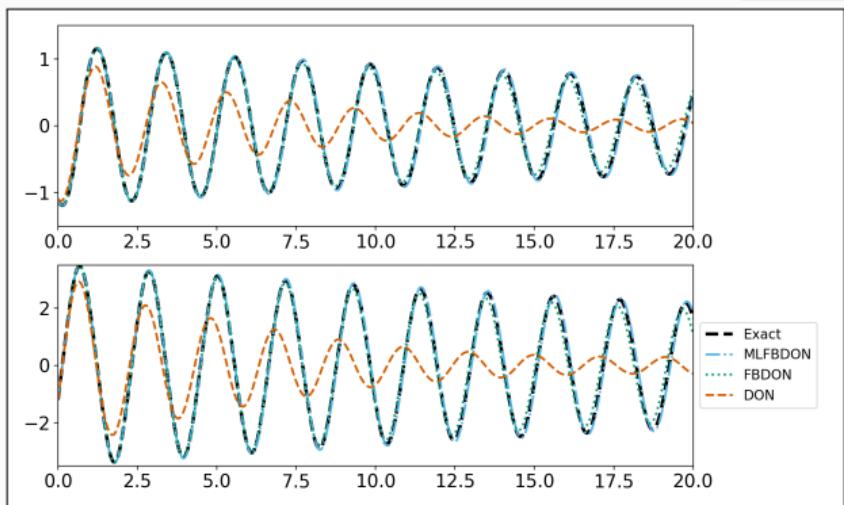
FBDONs – Pendulum

Pendulum problem

$$\frac{ds_1}{dt} = s_2, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

$$\frac{ds_2}{dt} = -\frac{b}{m}s_2 - \frac{g}{L} \sin(s_1), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where $m = L = 1$, $b = 0.05$, $g = 9.81$, and $T = 20$.



Parametrization

Initial conditions:

$$s_1(0) \in [-2, 2] \quad s_2(0) \in [-1.2, 1.2]$$

$s_1(0)$ and $s_2(0)$ are also inputs of the branch network.

Training on 50 k different configurations

Mean rel. l_2 error on 100 config.

DeepONet	0.94
FBDON (32 subd.)	0.84
MLFBDON ([1, 4, 8, 16, 32] subd.)	0.27

Cf. [Howard, Heinlein, Stinis \(in prep.\)](#)

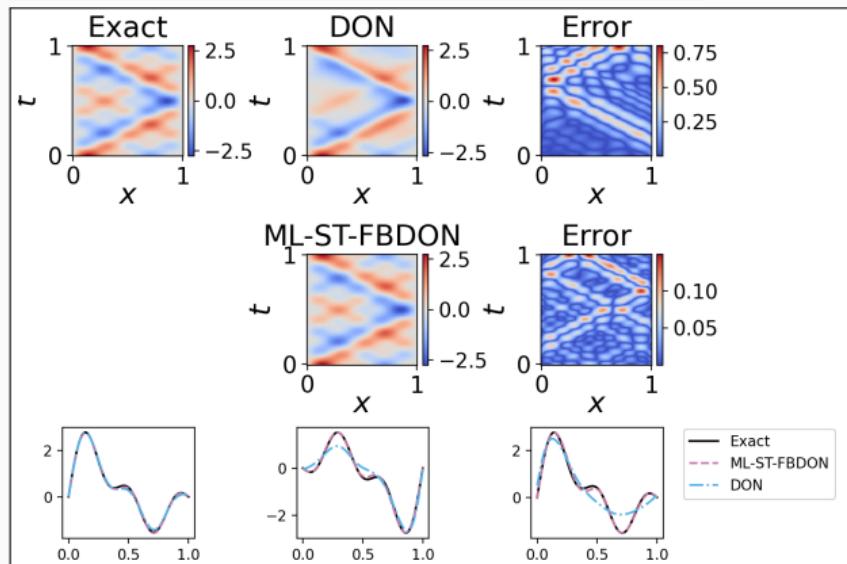
FBDONs – Wave Equation

Wave equation

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = 2 \frac{d^2s}{dx^2}, \quad (x, t) \in [0, 1]^2$$

$$s_t(x, 0) = 0, x \in [0, 1], \quad s(0, t) = s(1, t) = 0,$$

Solution: $s(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^5 b_n \sin(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi\sqrt{2}t)$



Parametrization

Initial conditions for s parametrized by $b = (b_1, \dots, b_5)$ (normally distributed):

$$s(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^5 b_n \sin(n\pi x) \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

Training on 1 000 random configurations.

Mean rel. ℓ_2 error on 100 config.

DeepONet	0.30 ± 0.11
ML-ST-FBDON ([1, 4, 8, 16] subd.)	0.05 ± 0.03
ML-FBDON ([1, 4, 8, 16] subd.)	0.08 ± 0.04

→ Sharing the trunk network does not only save in the number of parameters but even yields **better performance**

Cf. [Howard, Heinlein, Stinis \(in prep.\)](#)

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Multilevel neural network architectures

- Domain decomposition-based architectures improve the scalability of PINNs to large domains / high frequencies, keeping the complexity of the local networks low.
- As classical domain decomposition methods, one-level FBPINNs are not scalable to large numbers of subdomains; multilevel FBPINNs enable scalability.
- The multilevel FBPINN approach can also be extended to operator learning.

Thank you for your attention!



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